Hertzian Space

What is the conversation between your cordless phone and a wireless network?

Hertzian Space

Fundamental to Modern Life

Mobile Phones
Radio/TV
Satellite Communications
Wireless Networking

Problem: Electronic Garbage (RFI)

Radio Frequency Interference: unintentional emission of electromagnetic energy

Why does anyone care?

As long as RFI doesn't bother anyone, it's no big deal, right?

It's fun.

Archeologists turn garbage into history. Muckrakers turn garbage into news.

It's fun x 2

Hackers turn discarded information into power.

Garbage is very valuable.

Hold that thought....

How Do We Perceive the World?

Active, direct, intentional
vs.
Passive, indirect, reflexive
vs.
philosophies of perception

Situational Awareness

"Show, don't tell."



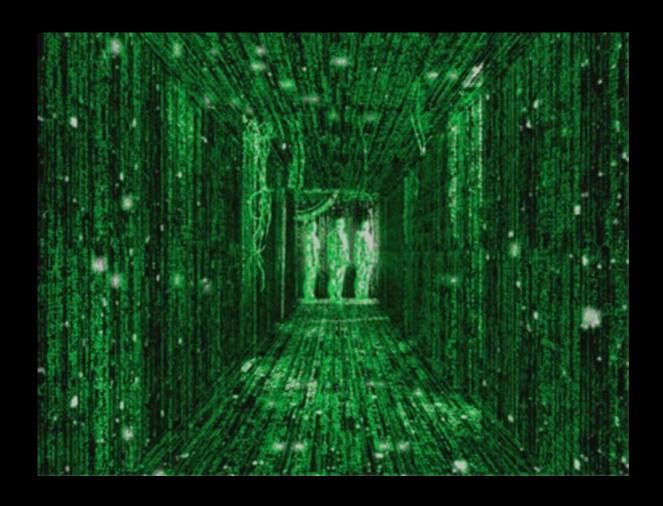
What Just Happened?

You already do this. And you're good at it.

Garbage is valuable

What if you could perceive the garbage in Hertzian Space?

The Matrix is Revealed



(this would suck after about 3 minutes)

Perceptual Options

Sight
Hearing
Taste
Smell
Touch

(thank you, philosophers)

Haptic Paths

Mechanical

- buzz
- pinch
- poke
- tap
- stroke

Environmental

- temperature
- textures

Touch You Where?

Hands

Neck

Waist

Wrist

Fingers

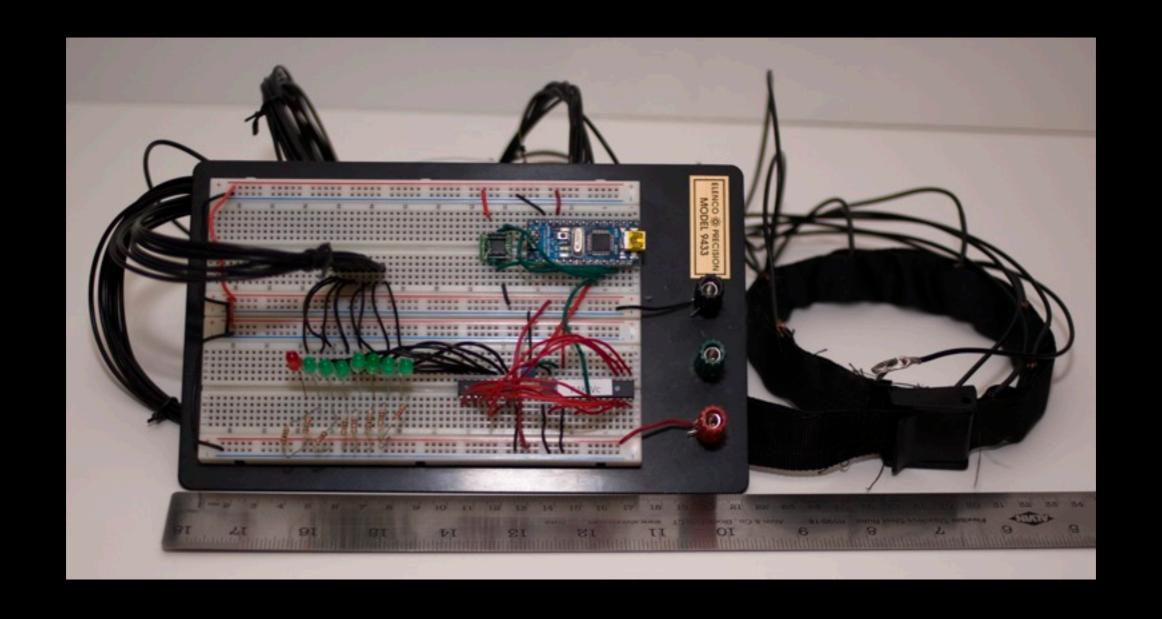
Prior Work

Keio's belt Pathfinding shoes Nav belt in Make

Belts and Bands







Perceptual Tools

software defined radios public networks

What About Garbage?

cameras are a baseline

way cooler than leaky microwaves

The FUTURE!

develop language for touch divide notification and data look for real garbage