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“What we know about prehistoric humans comes mostly from their things”



“Trash is always our premier cultural export to the future”



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“We don’t consume waste”



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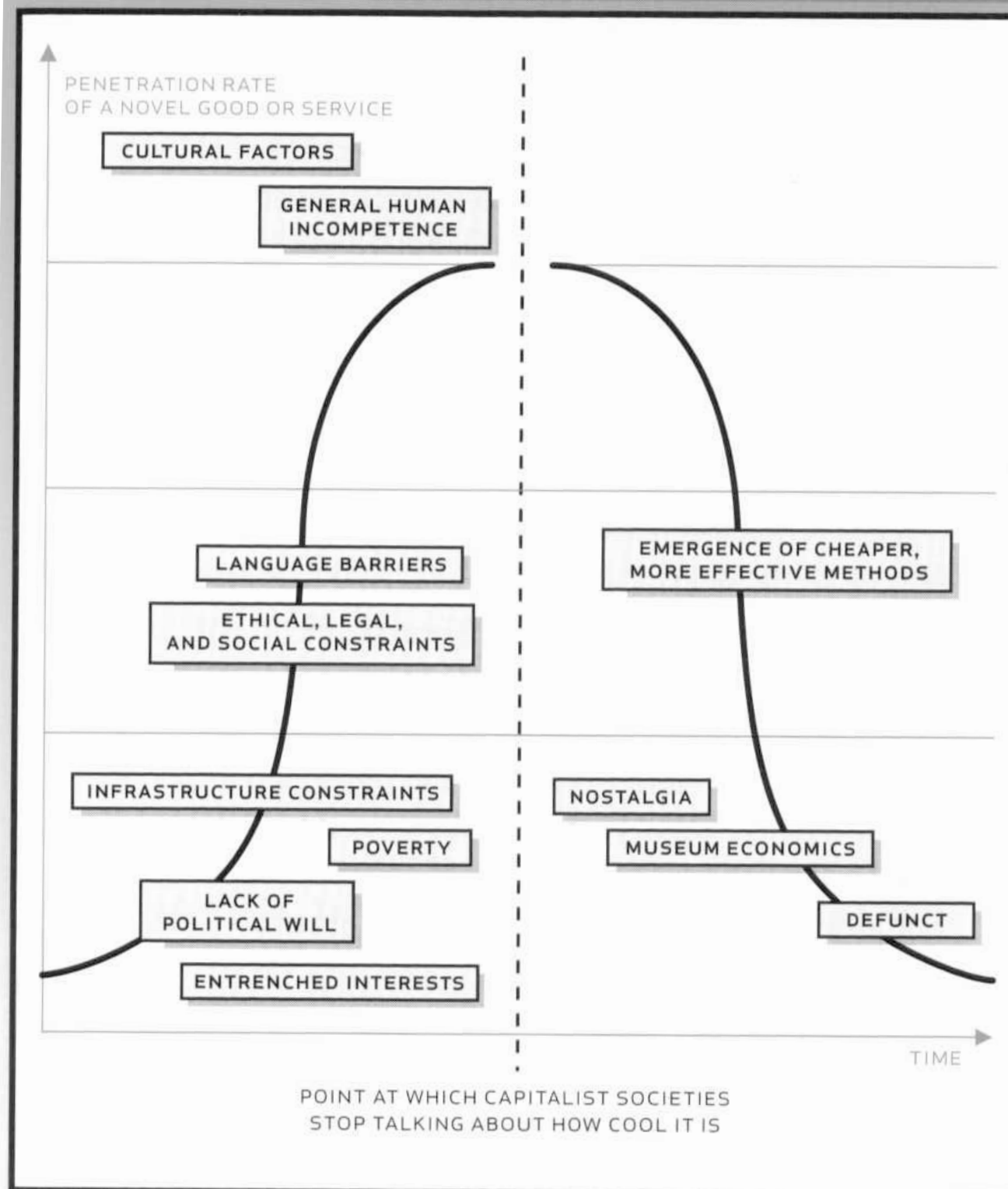
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## OBSOLESCENCE IS INNOVATION IN REVERSE

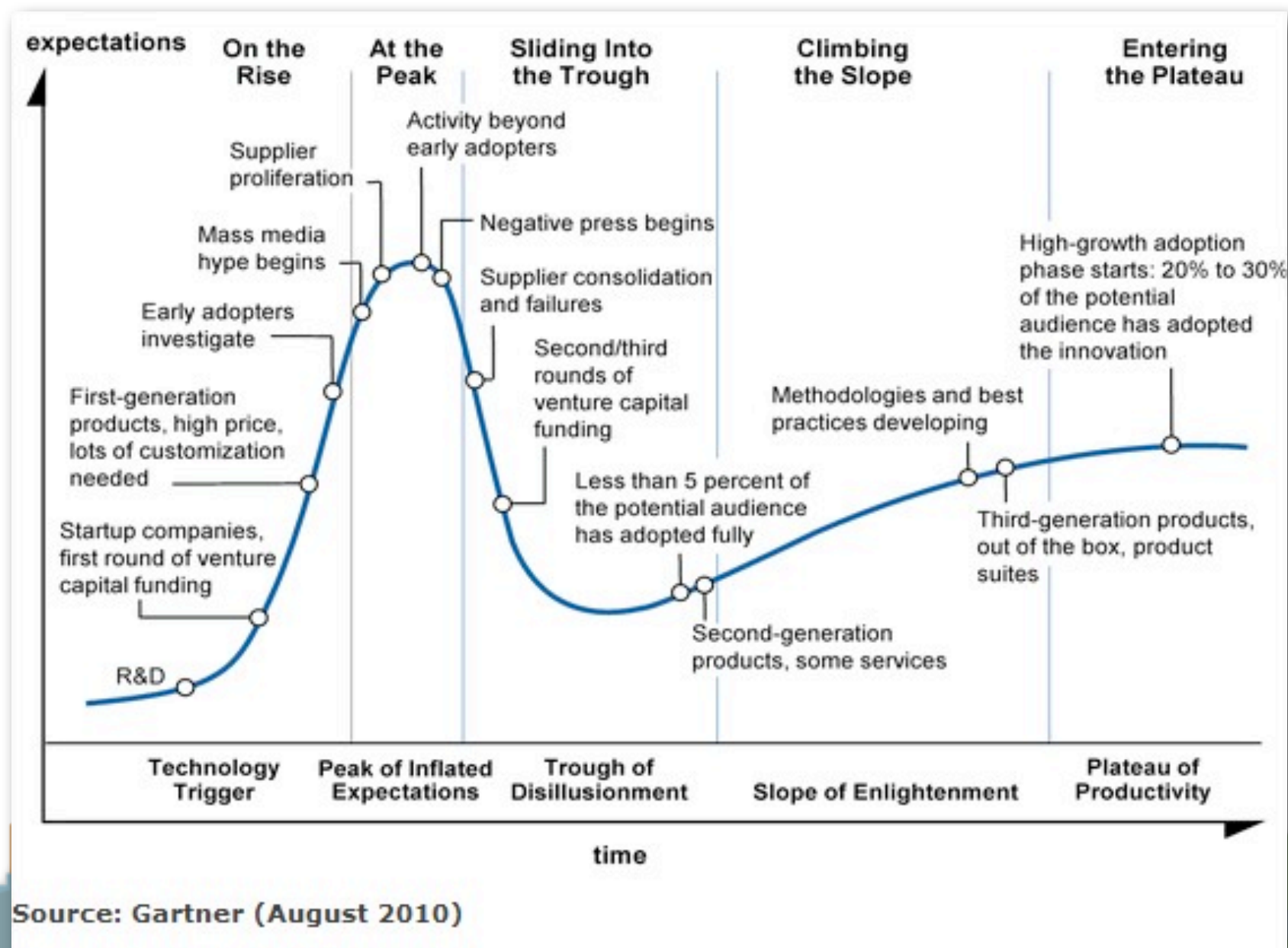
"The Mirrored S-Curve of Technological Adaption"





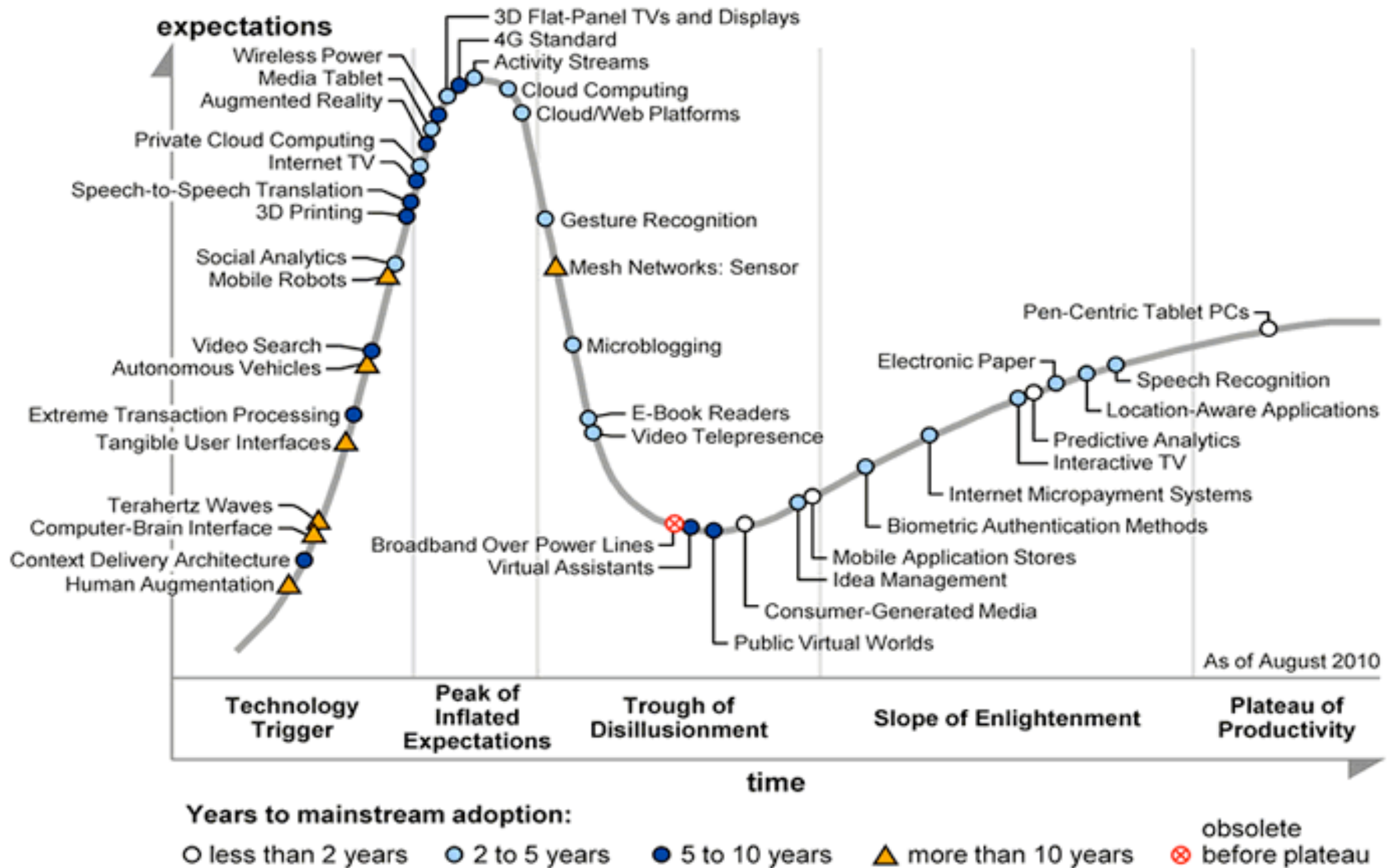
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“Gartner’s Hype Cycle characterizes the typical progression of an emerging technology, from over-enthusiasm through a period of disillusionment to an eventual understanding of the technology’s relevance and role in a market or domain. Each phase is characterized by distinct indicators of market, investment and adoption activities.”





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<http://www.gartner.com/it/page.jsp?id=1447613>

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“Most Advanced, Yet Acceptable”



“being designery”





“an absolutely acceptable object would be invisible”

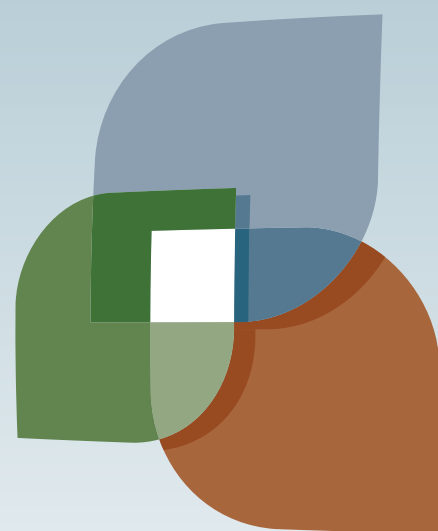


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“a thing is not merely a material object, but a frozen technosocial relationship.”







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META-HISTORY

THINKS:

FROZEN TECHNO SOCIAL  
RELATIONSHIPS  
IN OBJECT





SPICES  
RUBBISH

TECHNOCULTURE  
META HISTORY

LINE OF NO RETURN  
" " EMPIRE

COGNITIVE LOAD  
OPPORTUNITY COST





"TRASH IS ALWAYS OUR PREMIER  
CULTURAL EXPORT TO THE  
FUTURE"

POLLUTION  
TRASH

PROVIDES INFO

ABOUT PEOPLE

ABOUT OUR CULTURE

TRASH SURVIVES

LOTS OF IT

NON-TRASH WEARS OUT

DIAPERS  
ATOMIC WASTE  
SATELLITES





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