

■ **“Electrical Walks Basel” is a work in HEK’s collection. The walk was developed in 2012 as number 41 of the internationally realised “Electrical Walks” by Christina Kubisch. It has been redesigned in 2015 and in 2022.**

■ **Christina Kubisch’s “Electrical Walks” guide you to various electro-magnetic hotspots and enable you to perceive a new world of hidden electro-magnetic fields.**

■ **Equipped with a map of the area and custom designed headphones that translate electro-magnetic waves into acoustic signals, visitors can explore the city space and experience an auditive adventure.**

■ The route on the map is a proposal, you are always welcome to explore the area further. The hotspots on the map may sound differently during the day and may not be present at certain times. We invite you to take your time doing the walk and try to listen in areas that don’t seem to present sound at first.

Wearing the headphones does not present health risks. Some highlighted spots, especially security systems, can be very loud. Please approach slowly and do not pass a security barrier with mounted headphones. Be careful when crossing streets, please.

Electro-magnetic fields can appear suddenly and your perception of them may change even with slight movements of the head. Please try to save battery by turning the headphones off when you aren’t using them.

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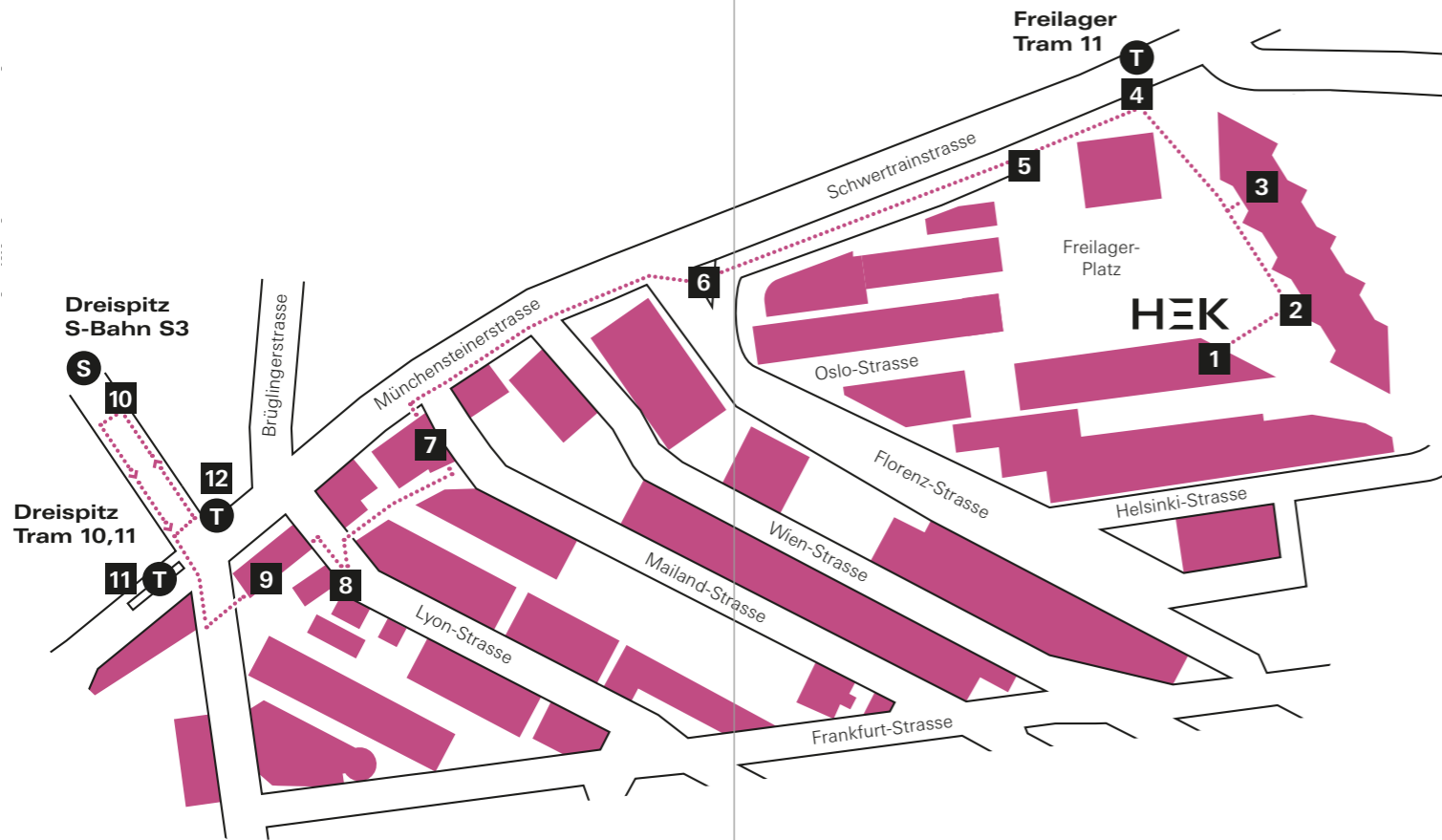
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### 1 HEK reception desk

Electromagnetic headphones are issued at the HEK reception desk. Their loan for the tour is free of charge. You will be asked to leave an ID card as a deposit.

### Info monitor at HEK

Approach the screen in the entrance with the HEK programme and listen to the electronic signals on the screen. Take the stairs down to the mezzanine and experience the intensity of the neon lights and magnetic fields of the installation by fabric | ch. Caution, this might be rather loud. Exit the building.

### 2 Transitlager

Walk up the steps and pass slowly beside the entrances No. 3 and 4. Move the headphones close to the displays with the image of a bell at the entrances. Depending on the time of day, you may receive various other signals.

### 3 Bibliothek für Gestaltung SfG

Enter the library (open Tue–Fri 10:00–18:00 and Sat 10:00–14:00). As you approach the security barrier the rhythmic signals will change depending on your position. Not too closely, please. To the right of the entrance there is a scanner marked *book-eye*; hold your head beneath it. Exit the library.

### 4 Tram stop

Explore Freilager-Platz and the tram stop. Now and again, stop and turn your head. Not only are you in motion, electromagnetic waves also come and go. Then head down Schwertrainstrasse.

### 5 Electric car park barrier

Between FHNW Pavillon C and the street, you will see a car park barrier. Walk up to the central post with the square display.

### 6 Porsche electric charging station

Listen to the power chargers from different positions. Active chargers pulsate differently than inactive ones. You might hear techno-like beats. Walk along Münchensteinerstrasse to Gate 11, Mailandstrasse.

### 7 Electric silence

Step under the covered forecourt with the benches on the corner building. Enjoy the electric silence. Continue by following the former railway tracks.

### 8 Signals

Take a moment on Lyon-Strasse near no. 5 in front of Center-Carrosserie, looking toward the tall Landi building. Depending on your position you will receive different signals.

### 9 Transformer station

Enter the courtyard of the building at the corner of Lyon-Strasse (Gate 10). Follow the grey posts until you reach a small transformer station on your left marked with the warning "Vorsicht Lebensgefahr". Walk slowly back and forth beside the three doors. Continue until you reach the neon sign at the tracks and listen to its sounds. Then cross Münchensteinerstrasse and head towards the S-Bahn.

### 10 S-Bahn station

Take the stairs to the S-Bahn platform, where you can wander back and forth. The minimalist signals are constantly changing. If possible, wait until an S-Bahn arrives. Return to street level using the lift.

### 11 Option return to HEK

Take a ride on the tram no. 11 towards Aesch Dorf for one stop to return to the HEK. Depending on the tram model and your position in the carriage, the signals will vary. In any case, be prepared for them to be intense.

### 12 More options

You are now free to either continue exploring or end the walk.

*Shopping:* Take tram no. 11 to Barfüsserplatz and investigate the electromagnetic fields created by security gates, neon signs and ATMs in the city centre.

*SBB:* Take tram no. 11 to SBB Basel railway station and wander around the area and ticket halls, listening to trains arriving and departing.

*Please return the headphones (ensure they are switched off) to the HEK reception desk at the end of your tour.*