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# Cognitive Capitalism

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### All that is solid melts into air...

	Feudalism	Capitalism	Vectoralism?
Primary source of wealth	Land (rents)	Labour (surplus value)	Information (interest/ surplus data)
Class relations (dominant and subordinate)	<b>Landlords</b> (lords) vs. <b>Farmers</b> (serfs)	Capitalists (bourgeoisie) vs. Workers (proletariat)	Vectoralists (tech giants) vs. Hackers (info producers)
Material form	<b>Solid</b> (earth, soil, land, agriculture)	Liquid (water, steam, canals, molten iron, capital fixity and flow)	Gas ( <b>air</b> , telecoms, internet, data, digital vectors)
Formation process	Forming topos (fixed sites of agriculture)	Transforming topography (agglomerated industry)	Informing topology (abstracted vectors of information)
Forms of capture and resistance	Enclosure of the commons Land occupations, crop destruction	Dispossession <b>Mass strikes</b> , blockage of production choke points	Commodification Open access/source movements for free information

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#### Implications for smart cities

A democratic smart city = taking collective control over the means to transmit, store and process data and information to ensure its open access, open source and free for all citizens

1. Taking control of the stacks (the vectors and digital feedback infrastructure currently controlled by Amazon and Walmart etc.)

...But incredibly difficult to do when:

- this infrastructure is highly dispersed among multiple users and across urban environments (embedded in phones and sensors)
- Tech companies are not legally present within city jurisdictions

#### 2. Technological Sovereignty:

- Build alternative digital infrastructure (community broadband, free public wifi, federated clouds, distributed data management systems, open data repositories...)
- Incubate digital social innovation and develop platform cooperative ecosystems

#### ... Hackers of the smart city have nothing to lose but their (digital supply) chains!