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Benjamin H. Bratton: The Black Stack

- This model is of a Stack that both does and does not exist as such
- Chaotic de-lamination of (practical) sovereignty
- The Black Stack, then, is to the Stack what the shadow of the future is to the form of the present.

This reading started out really understandable and clear, I understood what Bratton was trying to say on the network infrastructure of the cosmos. Once Bratton goes into detail of what is the stack in the cloud and user, the things he writes about becomes less clear. I did enjoy what he wrote about networks and the geography and territory of the Cloud. The incongruity of international companies claiming Cloud “Territory” which doesn’t necessarily live in one location but putting the hardware servers in foreign countries does add serious complexity on country borders and social territory lines. The idea that human governments are too large and lumbering to police the Cloud territory also holds true, but also false in this day in age. In the Cloud, online users have formed networks in Cloud Nodes (Websites) where they become citizens of that network, Netizens, you can say. That seems to be the link between Cloud and User that Bratton speaks of, though he refers to this concept as merely Users of a Platform.