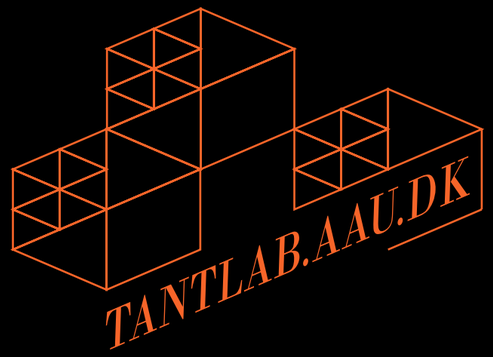

About the web

Things to know as a scholar

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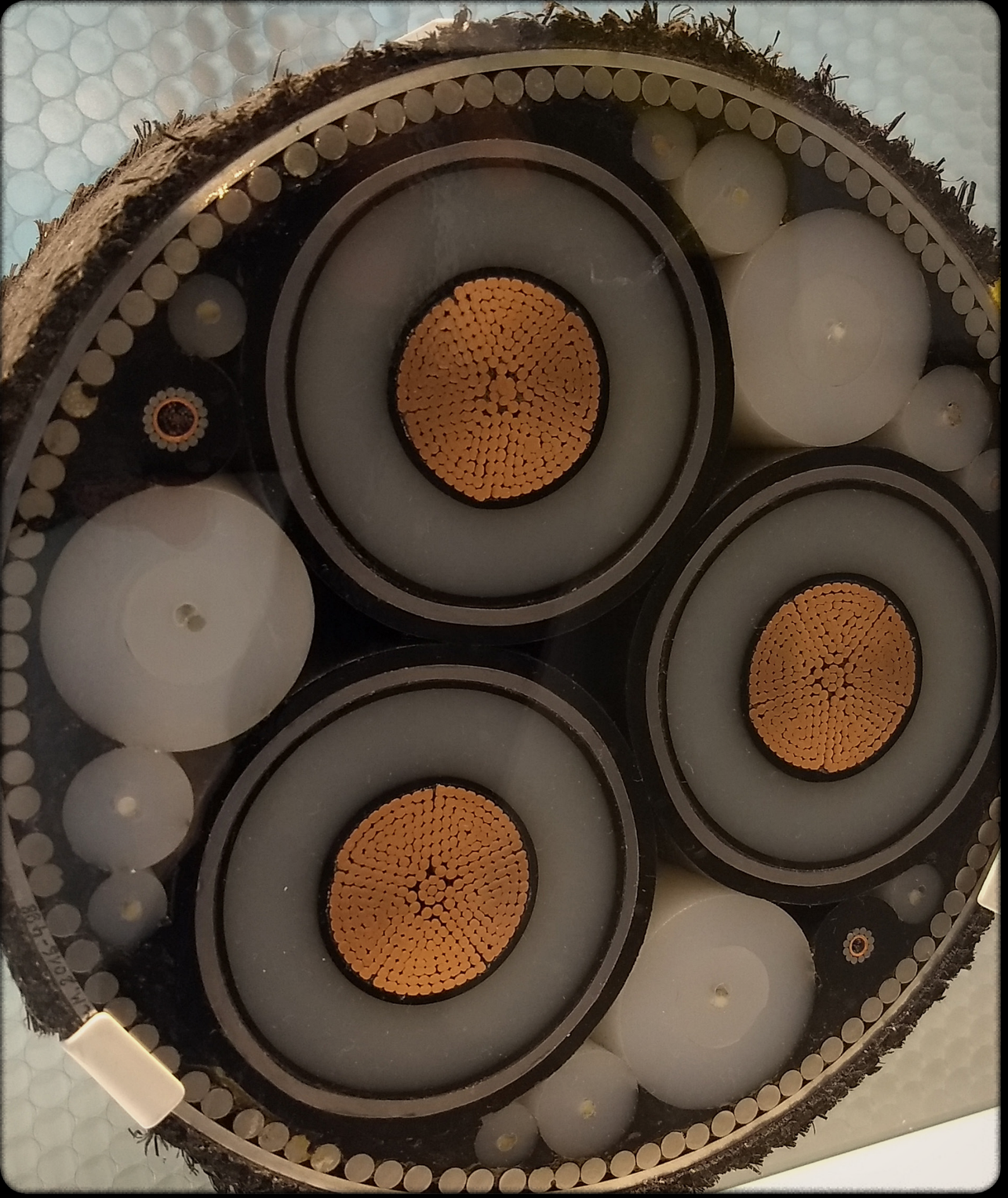

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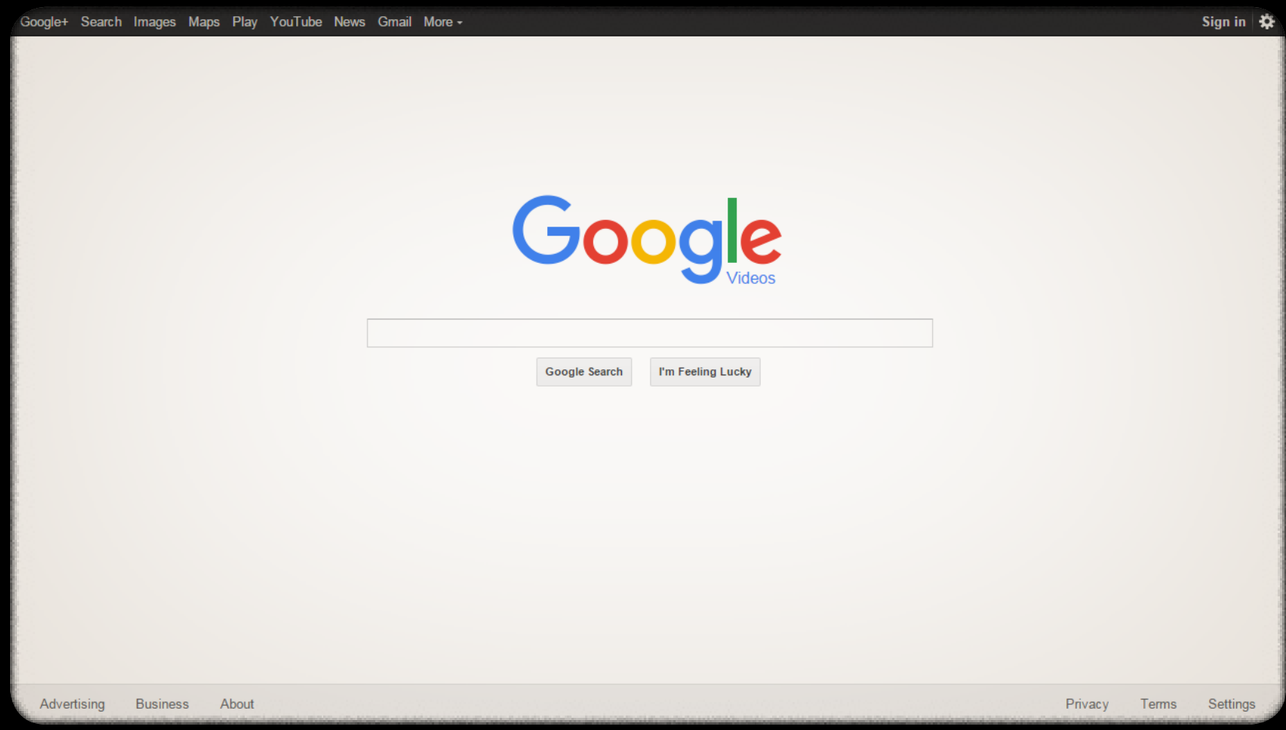

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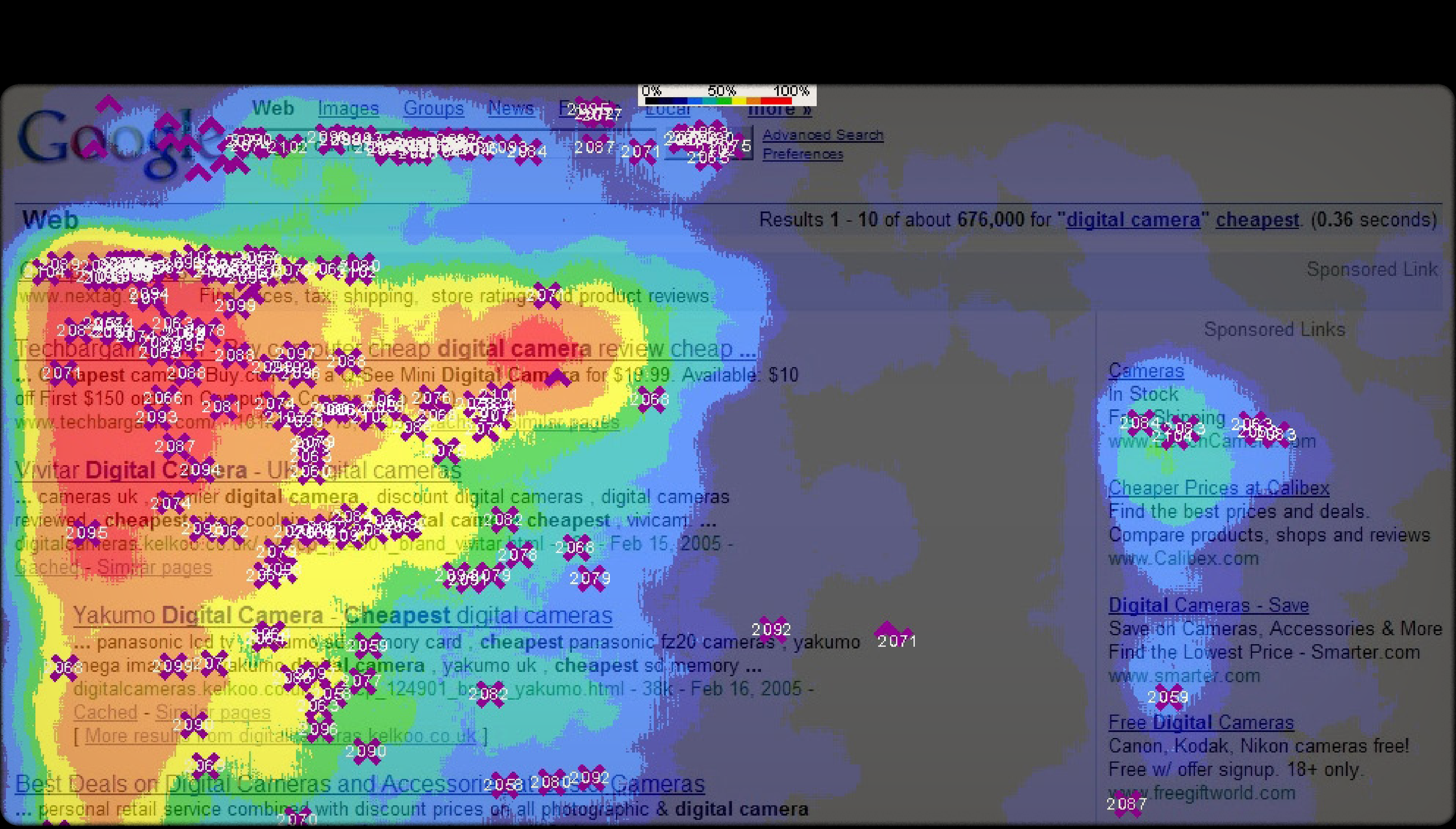
Things to know about web “pages”

HTML
- Rendered vs. source code
- Elements called from other adresses
- Dynamic rendering (AJAX)

Non-HTML
- Media (images, videos…)
- Documents (PDF)
- API points
- More (streaming…)

II. The web as a documentary space

Beyond everyday browsing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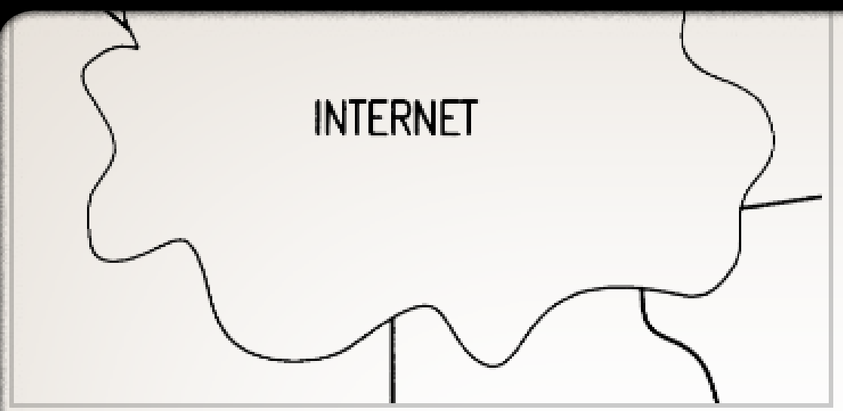
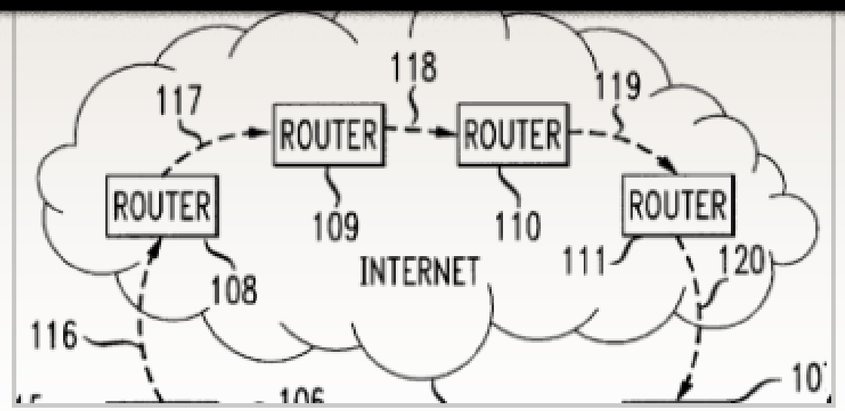
Our navigation (browsing) pattern

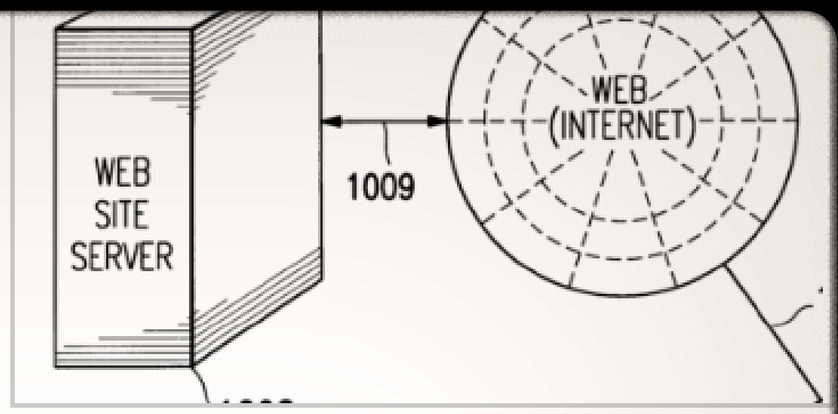
- We adopt landmarks
- We have a known territory
- We *slowly* expand of the known territory
- We experience disorientation
- We constantly backtrack

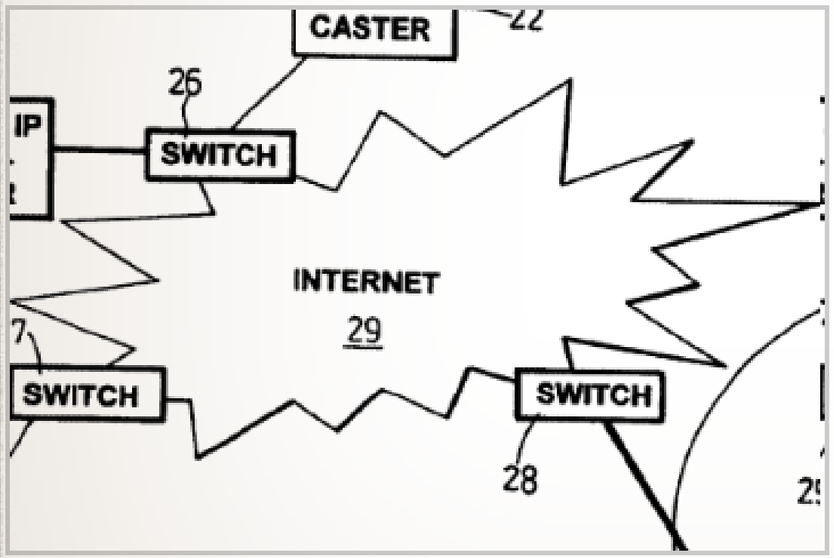
III. The web as a space

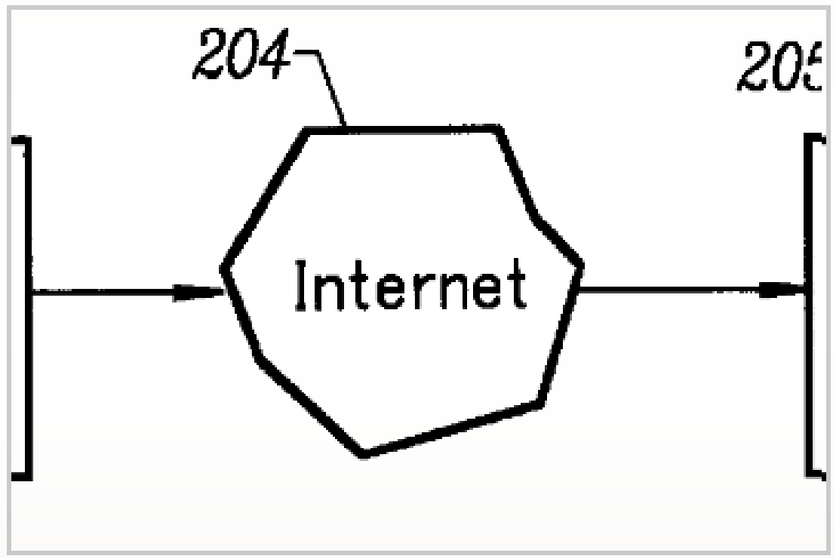
The shape of the web

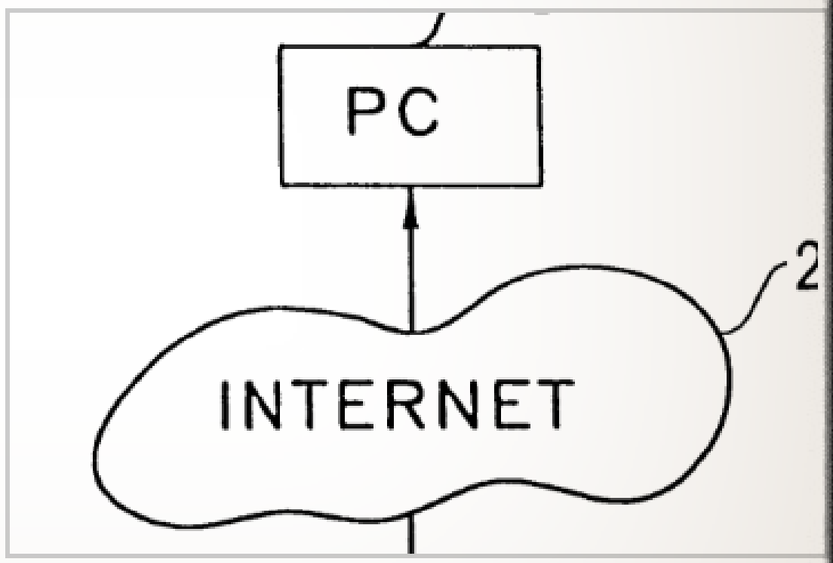


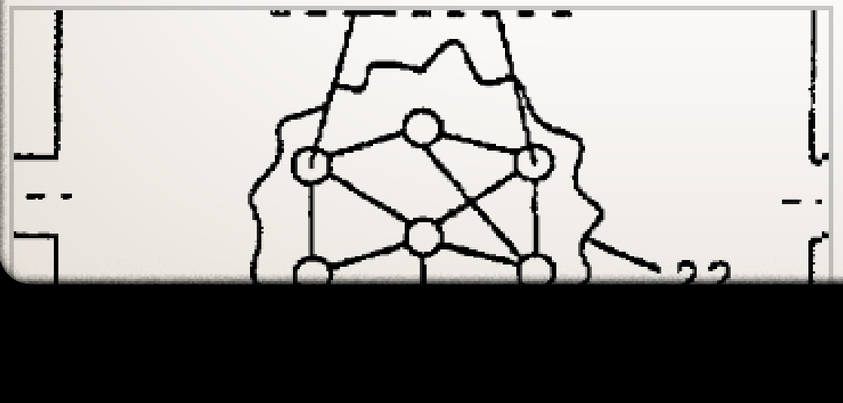












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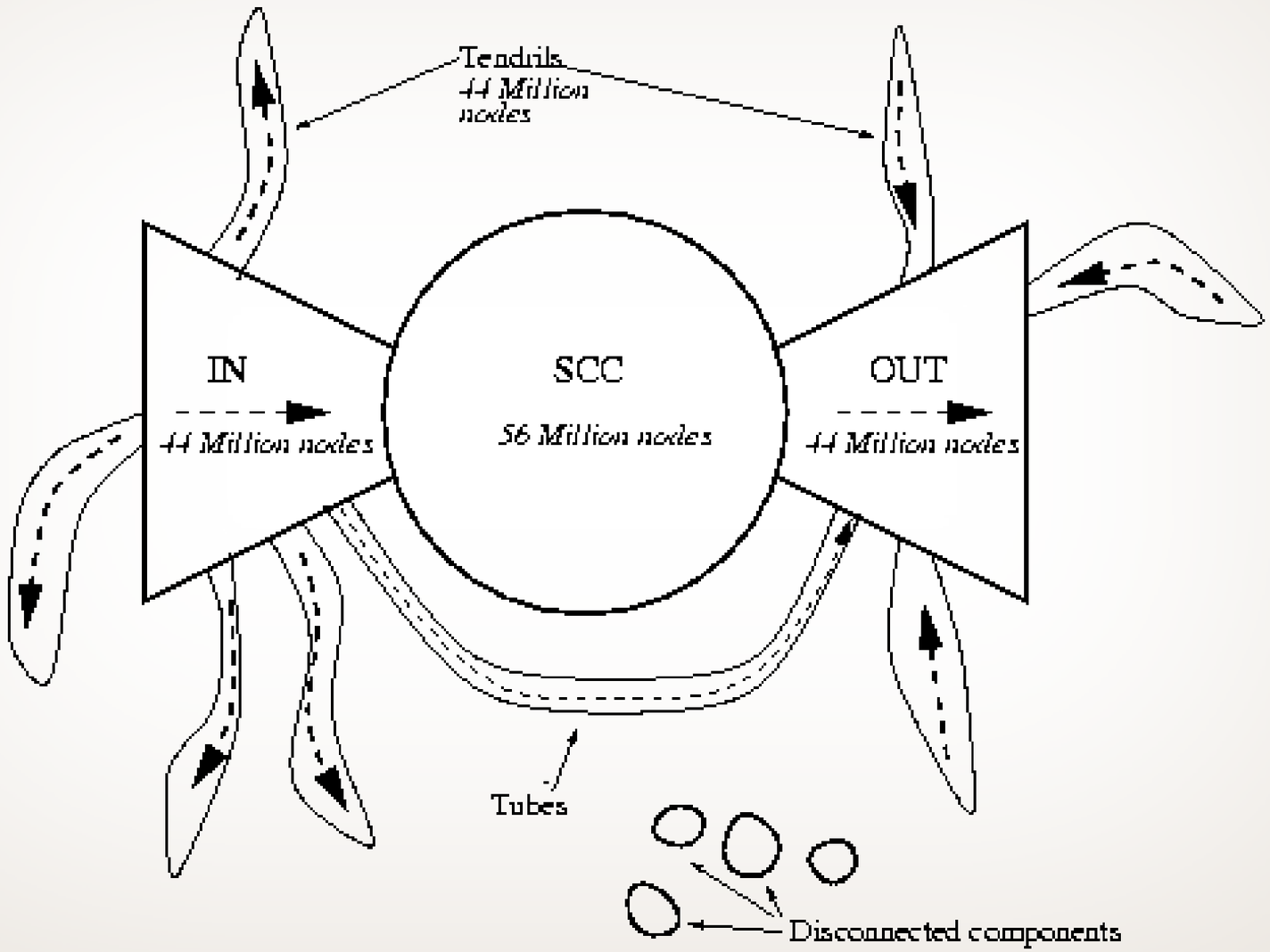

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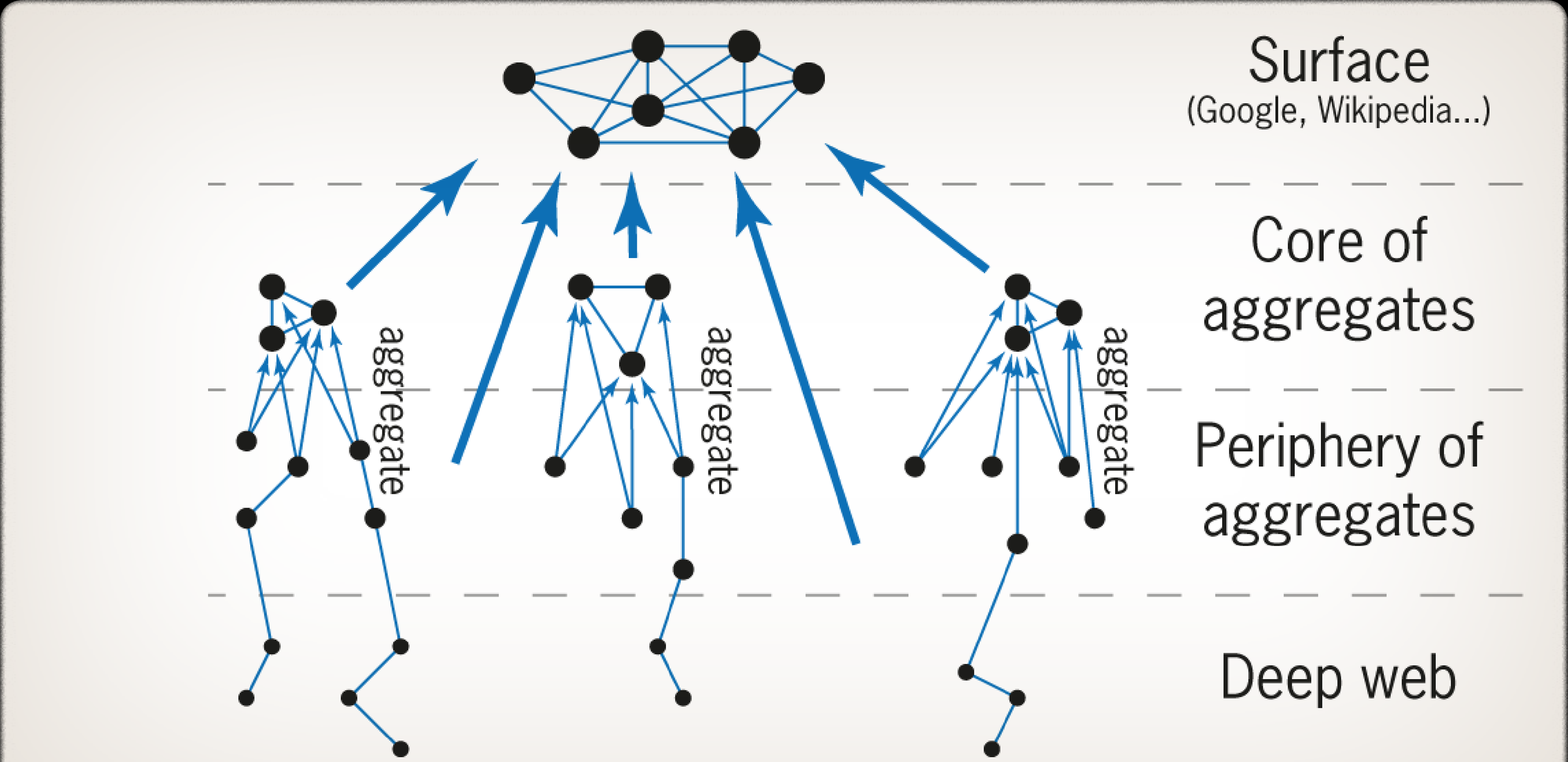

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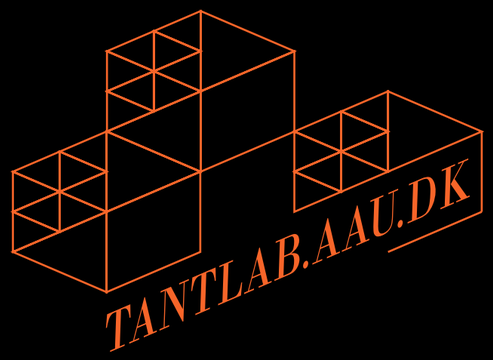
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