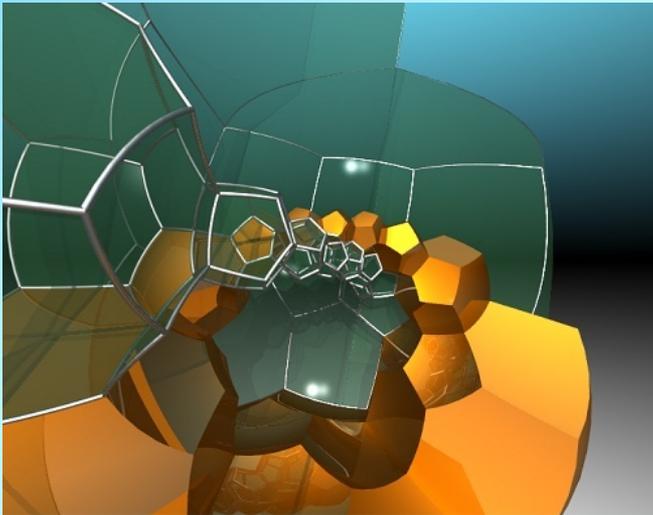


# Le immagini della matematica: esempi a quattro dimensioni



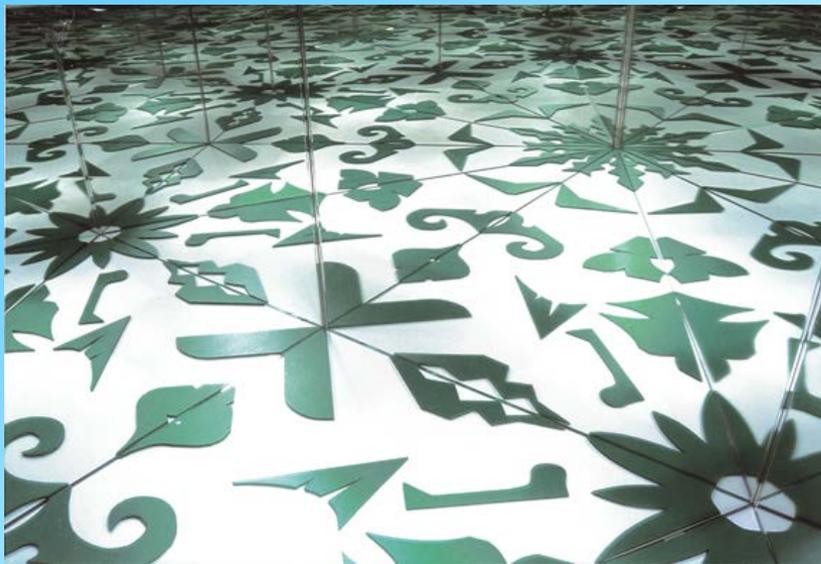
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Da anni il Centro *matematita* riserva una particolare attenzione all'uso delle immagini nella comunicazione (informale) della matematica.

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## Perché?

Immaginazione, visualizzazione, associazione di idee, comunicazione informale...



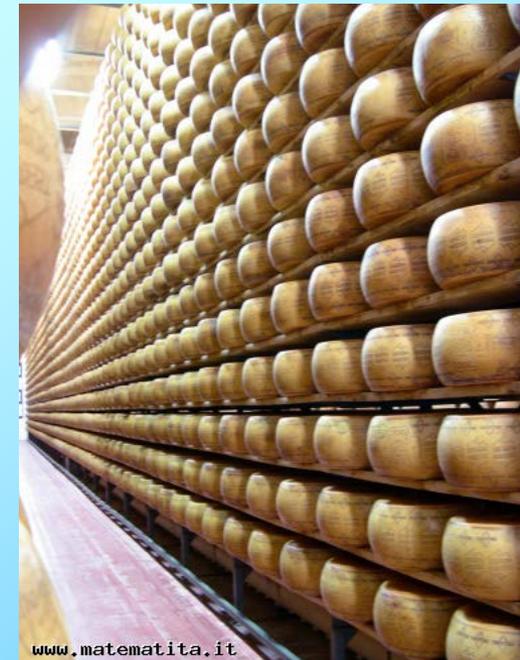
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## Attenzione!

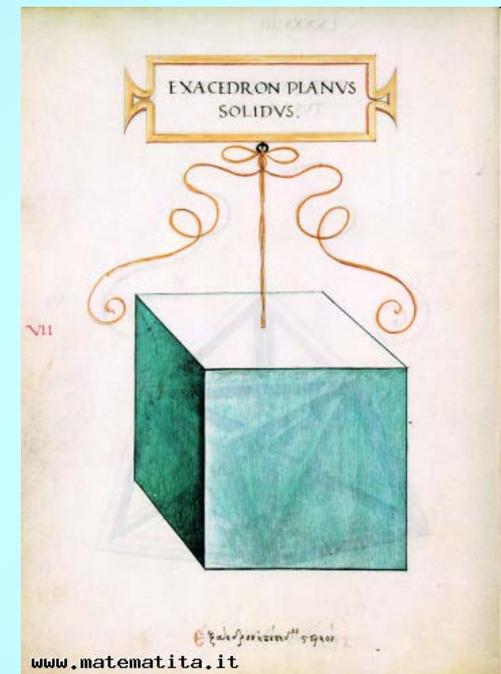
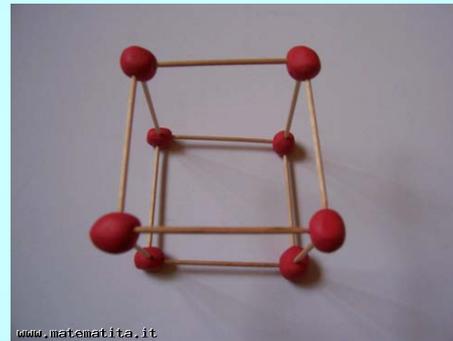
Immagini molto simili possono essere l'una adatta e l'altra no per rappresentare lo stesso concetto matematico



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Immagini e modelli sono **SEMPRE** e necessariamente «un po' falsi»

L'immagine di un cubo non è un cubo  
Il modello di un cubo non è un cubo



Ma allora che cos'è il modello di un cubo?

Riconoscere un'idea astratta in un'immagine o in un modello aiuta la comprensione del concetto, soprattutto quando va di pari passo con il piano formale.

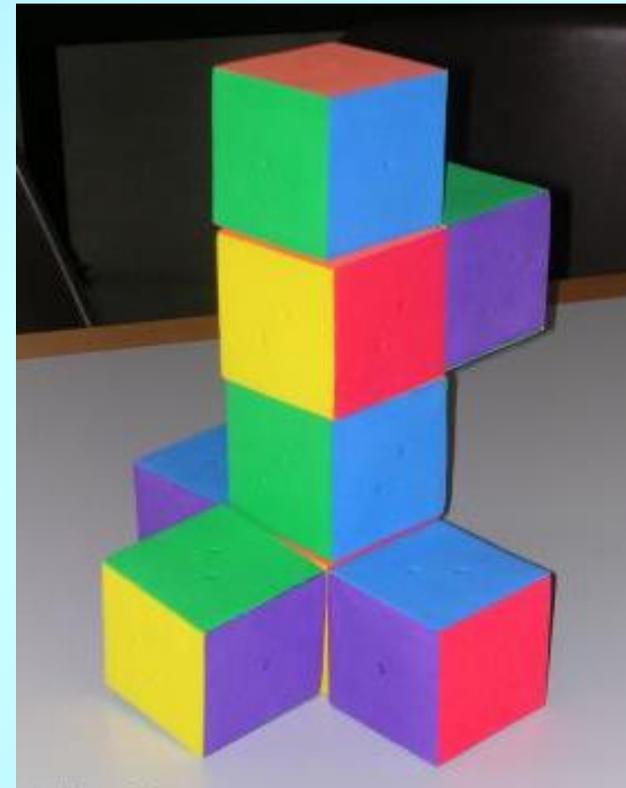
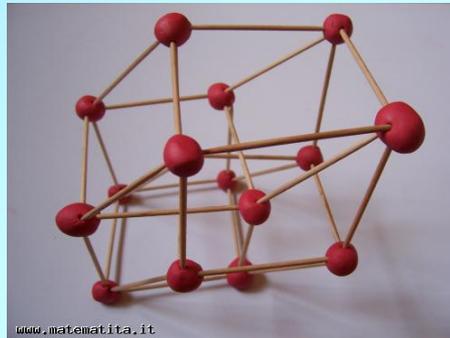


Quando diciamo «*lo vedo!*», a proposito di un concetto astratto, significa che ci siamo costruiti un'immagine mentale.

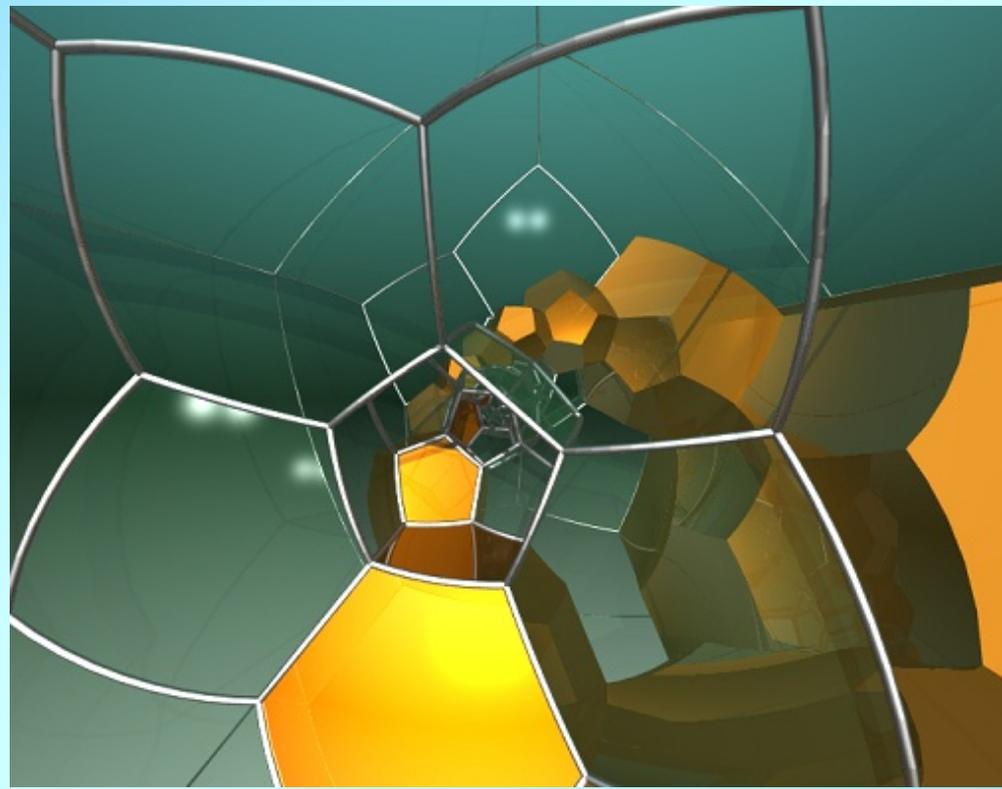
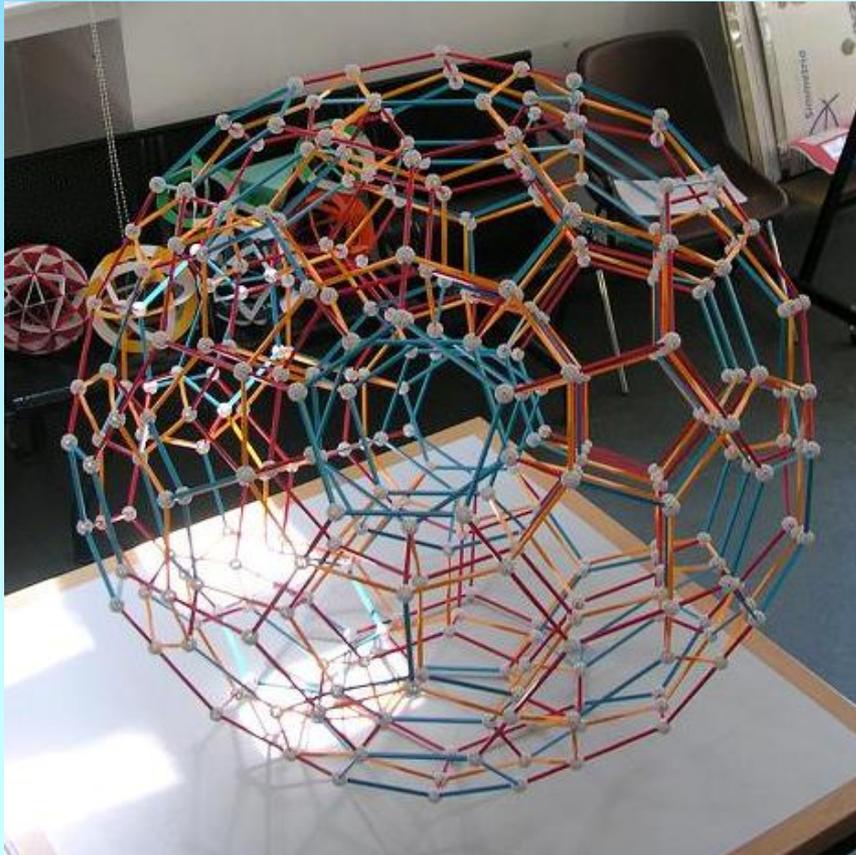


*... ma allora si può provare anche a...*

... vedere un ipercubo!  
(un cubo a 4 dimensioni)!

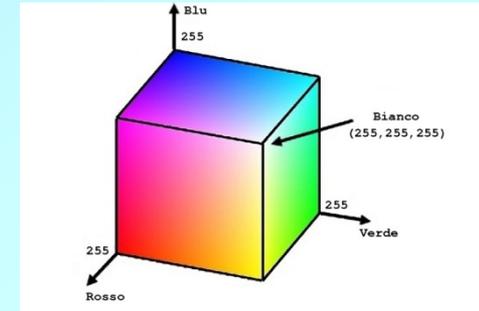


Ma che cos'è la "quarta dimensione"?



Esiste? A cosa serve?  
Come possiamo immaginarla?  
Ha senso immaginarla?

Una qualsiasi situazione in cui un problema può essere descritto da 4 (o 5, o 6, o ...) parametri può essere descritta con un opportuno sottoinsieme dello spazio a 4 (o 5, o 6, o ...) dimensioni

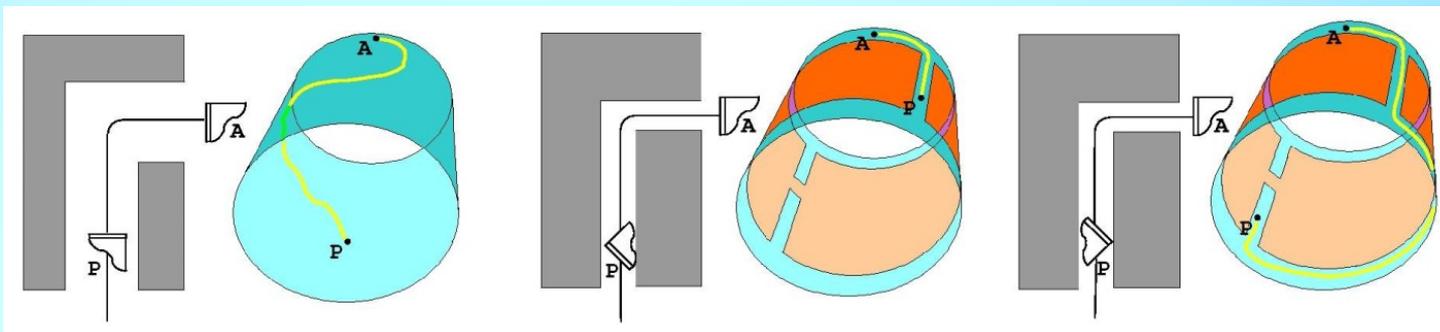


Parametri non spaziali possono essere

- il tempo
- una gradazione di colore
- la temperatura
- ...



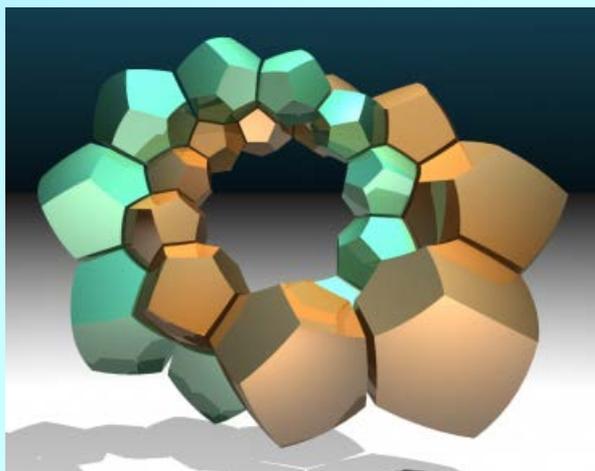
**Astrazione** = prescindere dal possibile significato



# E come si possono immaginare le DUE dimensioni?



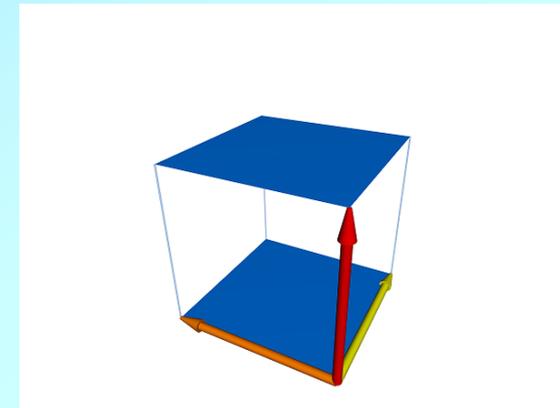
... e un punto?



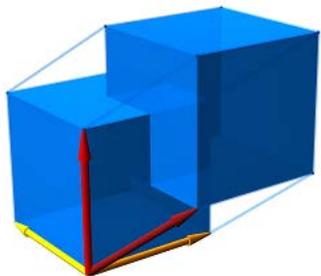
... ma allora possiamo anche immaginare le QUATTRO (o 5,6,...) dimensioni



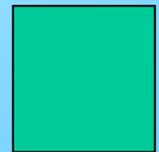
# Ragionare per analogia



Se si capisce come si  
passa da un quadrato a  
un cubo...

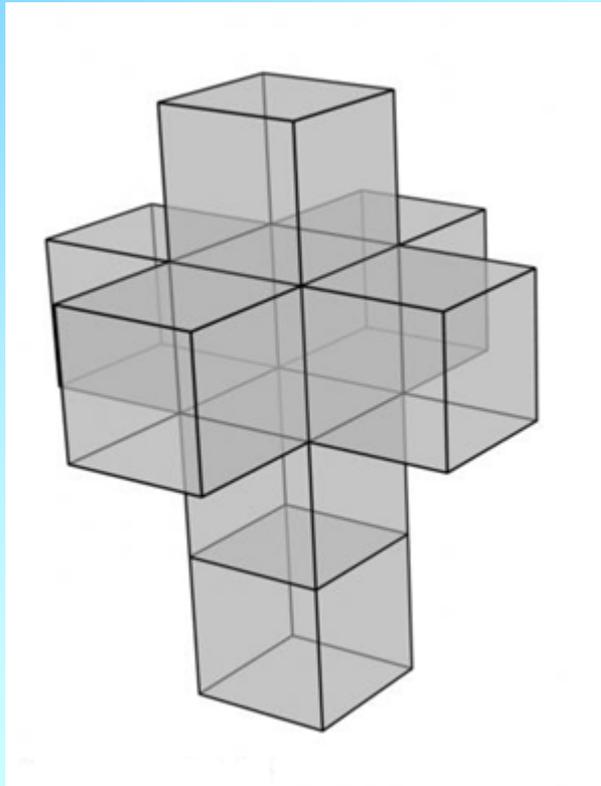


... si può immaginare come passare  
da un cubo a un ipercubo

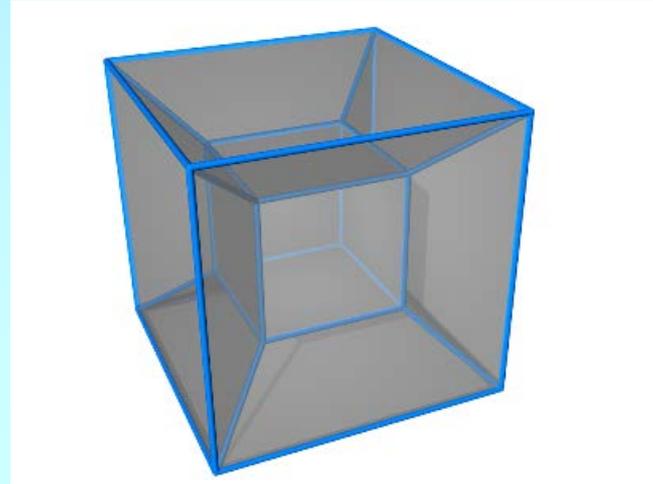


un ipercubo con un modello (3d)

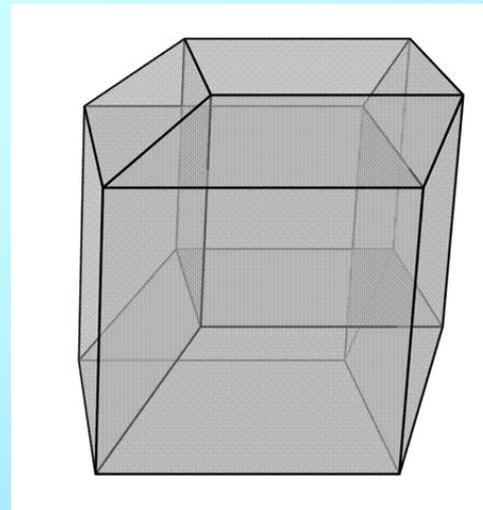
Maniere per rappresentare un cubo con una figura (2d)



*Sviluppo*



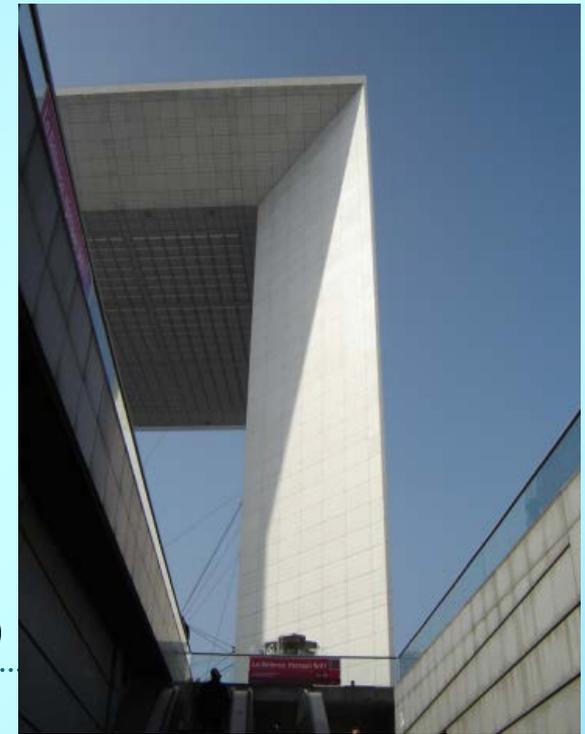
*Diagramma di Schlegel*



*Proiezione*



*Salvador Dalí*  
*Corpus hypercubicus*



*La Grande Arche (Parigi)*

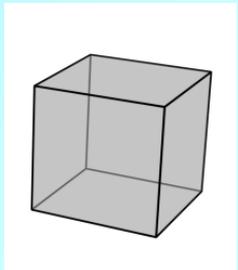
*Attilio Pierelli,*  
*Viterbo*



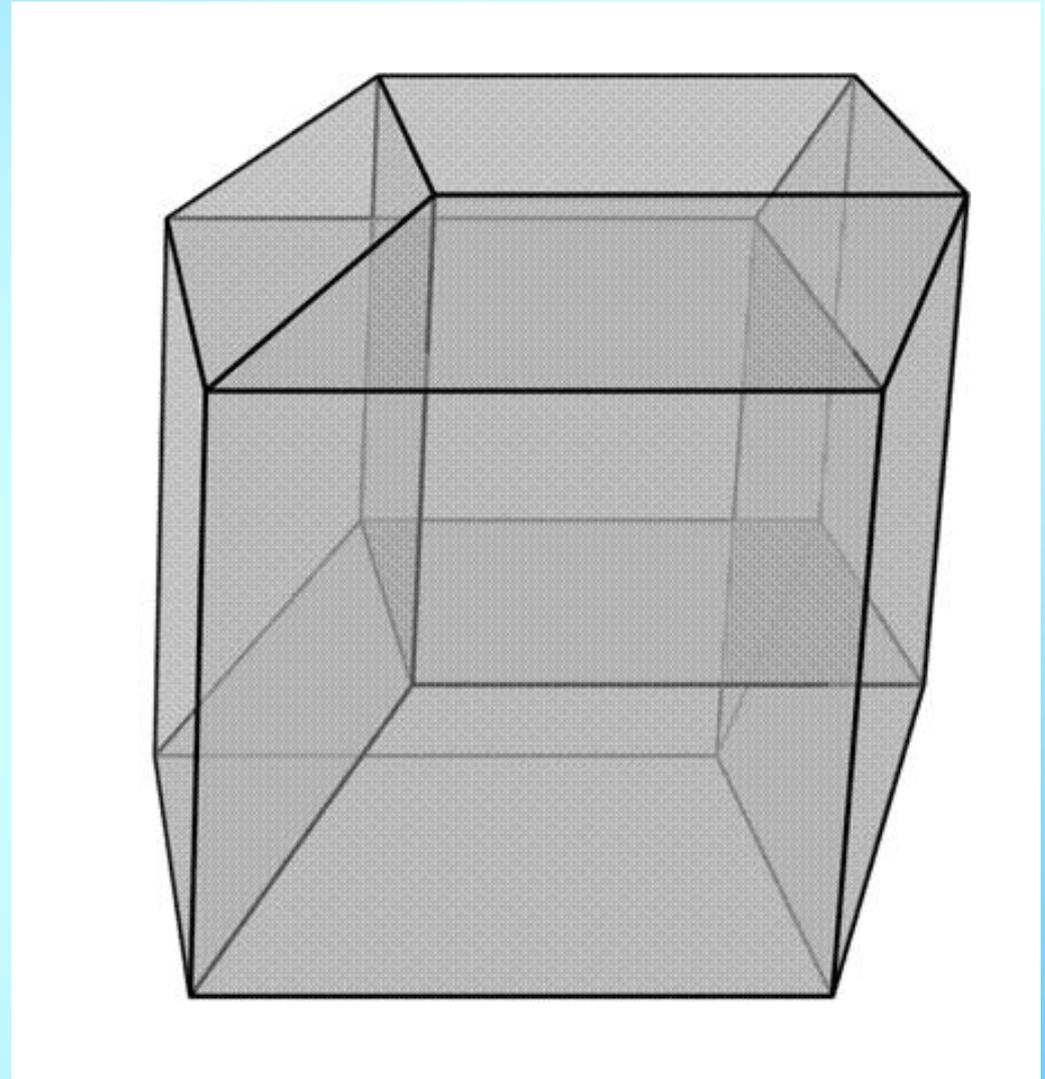
rappresentazioni di  
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e nell'architettura

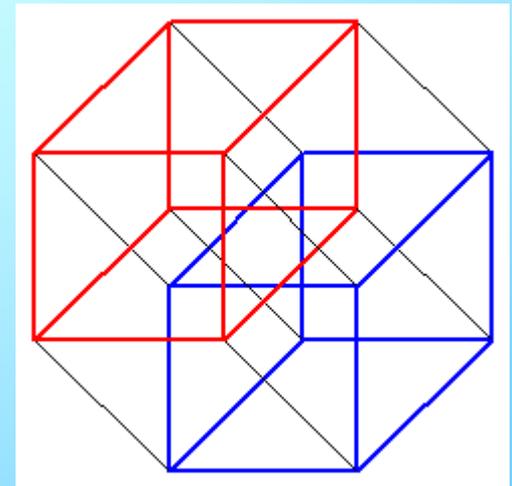
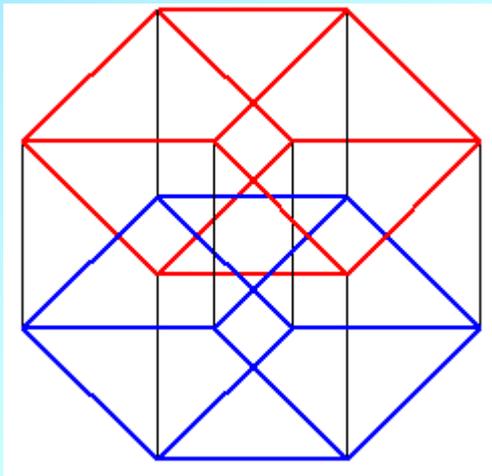
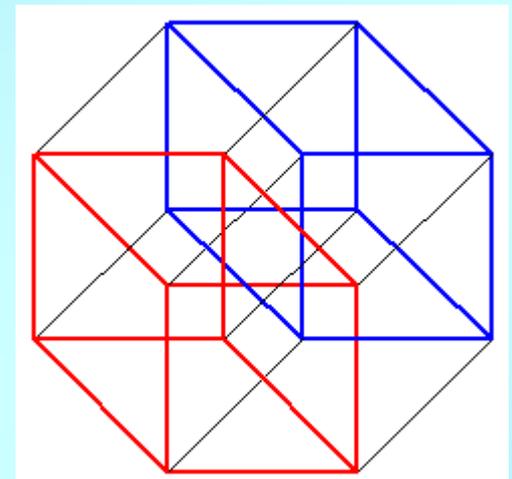
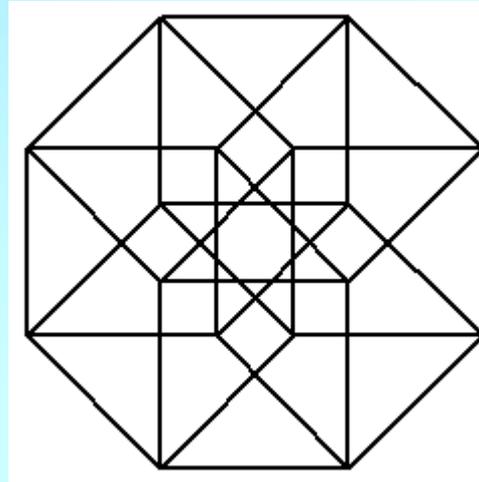
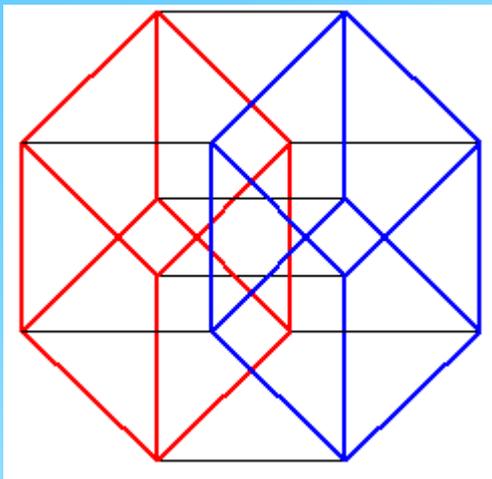
Le 2-facce di un cubo  
sono sei quadrati.  
Le 3-facce di un ipercubo  
sono otto cubi.

Ma dove sono gli 8 cubi?



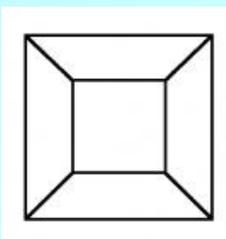
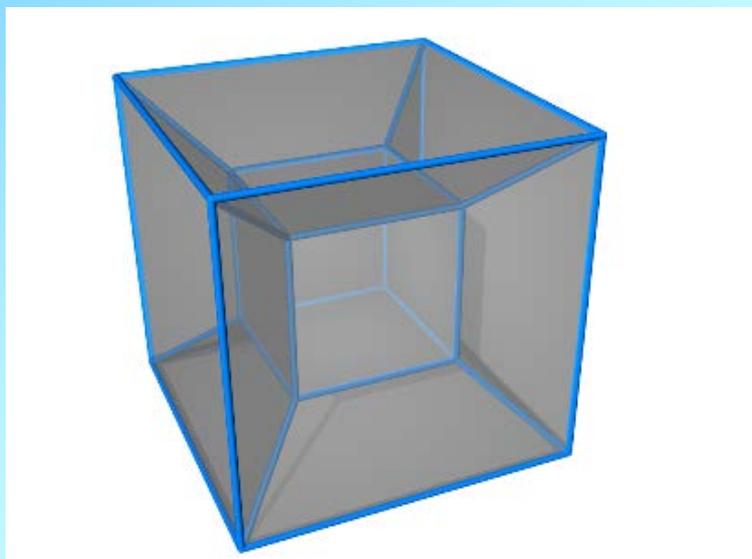
*una proiezione*





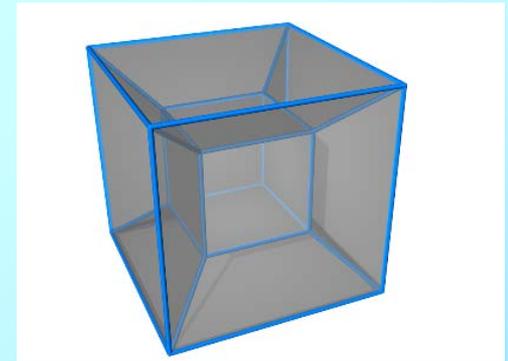
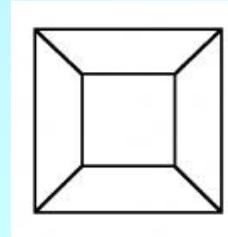
Le otto facce cubiche  
di un ipercubo

# *un diagramma di Schlegel*



# Un po' di conti...

Punto	1					
Segmento	2	1				
Quadrato	4	4	1			
Cubo	8	12	6	1		
Ipercubo	16	32	24	8	1	



$$\begin{aligned}12 &= 4 \times 2 + 4 & 12 \times 2 + 8 &= 32 \\6 &= 1 \times 2 + 4 & 6 \times 2 + 12 &= 24\end{aligned}$$

- 16 vertici
- 32 spigoli
- 24 facce di dimensione 2 (quadrati)
- 8 celle di dimensione 3 (cubi)

*Ma... ha senso?*



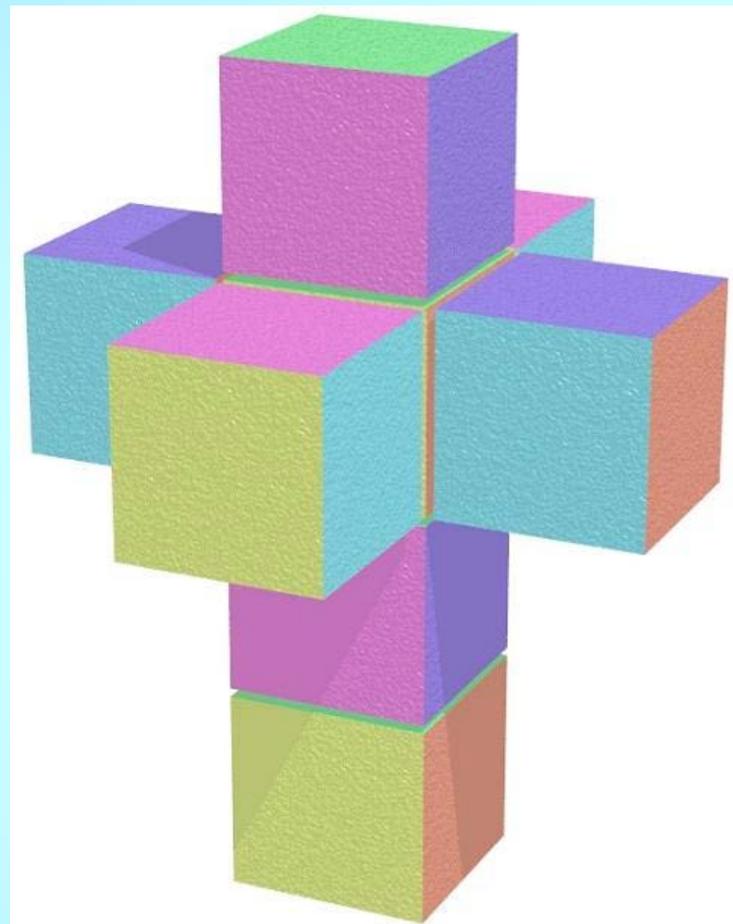
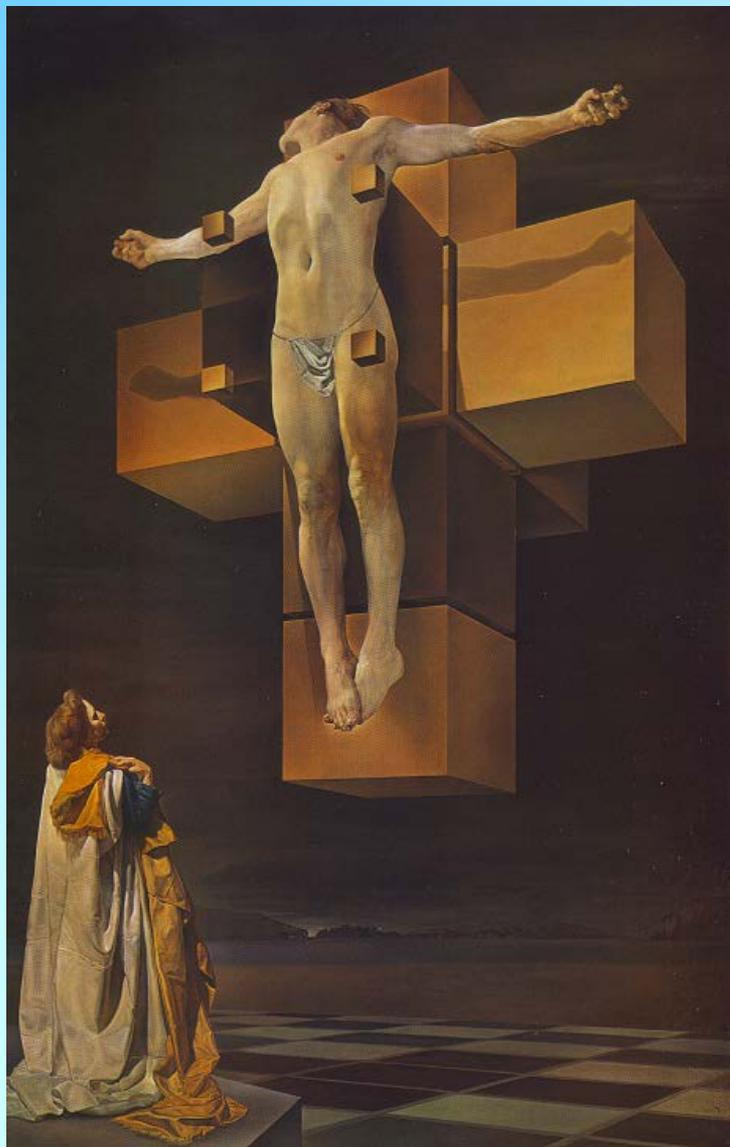
# Usando le coordinate...

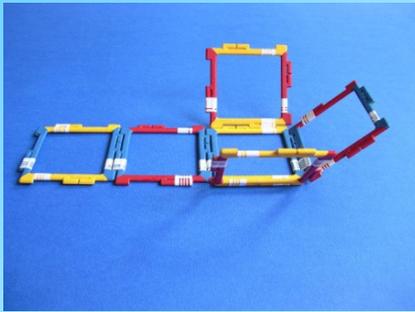
	Cubo	Ipercubo
i vertici	$(\pm 1, \pm 1, \pm 1)$ sono 8	$(\pm 1, \pm 1, \pm 1, \pm 1)$ sono 16
i punti medi degli spigoli	$(0, \pm 1, \pm 1)$ sono $3 \times 4 = 12$	$(0, \pm 1, \pm 1, \pm 1)$ sono $4 \times 8 = 32$
i centri delle facce	$(0, 0, \pm 1)$ sono $3 \times 2 = 6$	$(0, 0, \pm 1, \pm 1)$ sono $6 \times 4 = 24$
i centri delle 3-facce	$(0, 0, 0)$ è 1	$(0, 0, 0, \pm 1)$ sono $4 \times 2 = 8$



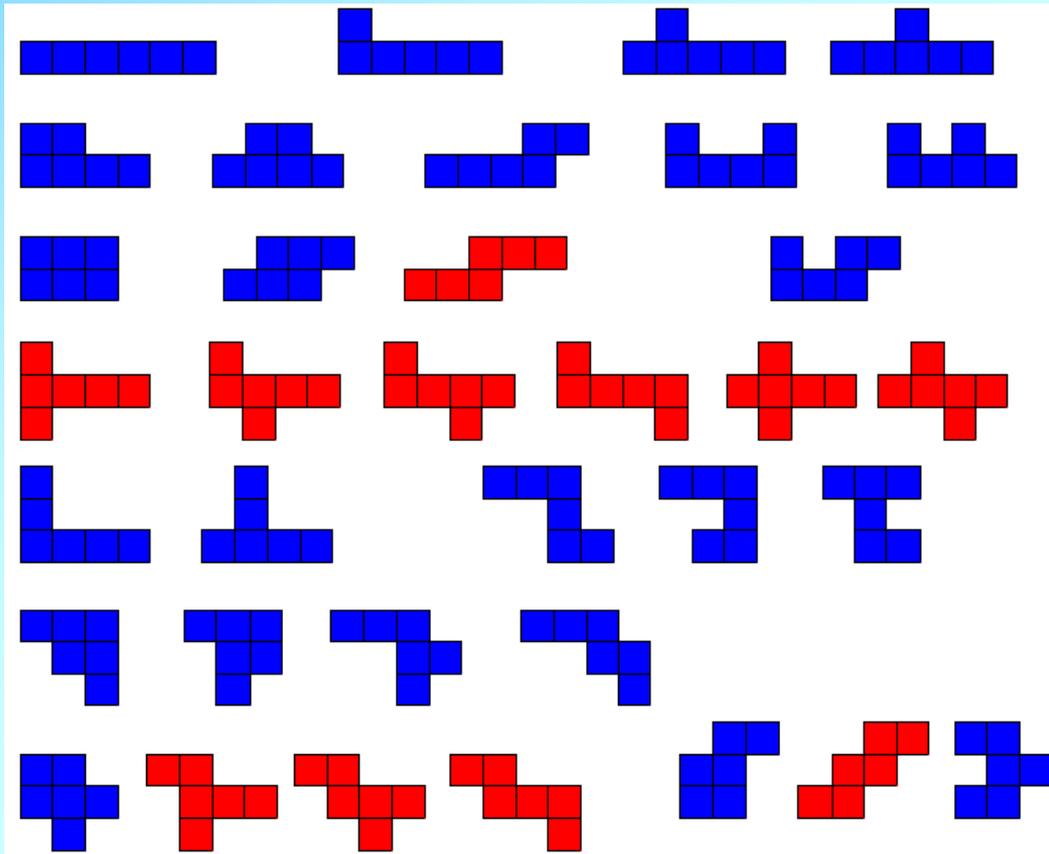
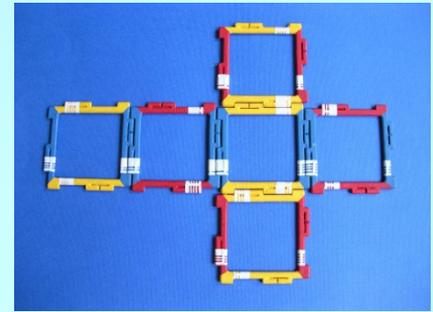
... e si potrebbe continuare...

*uno sviluppo*



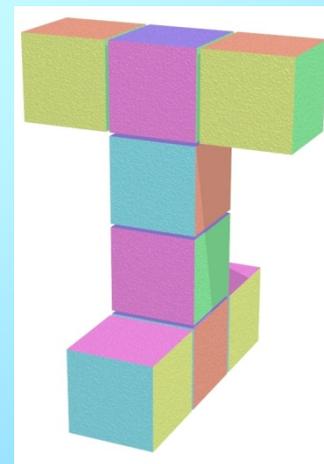
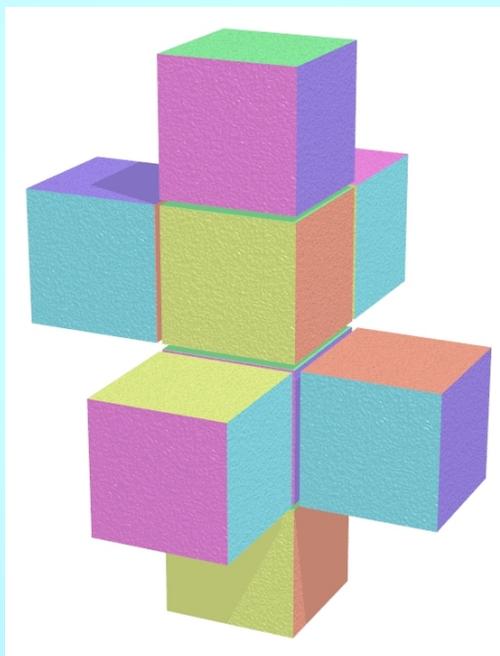
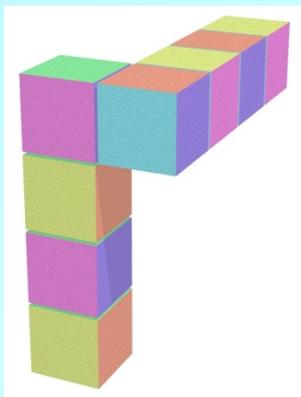
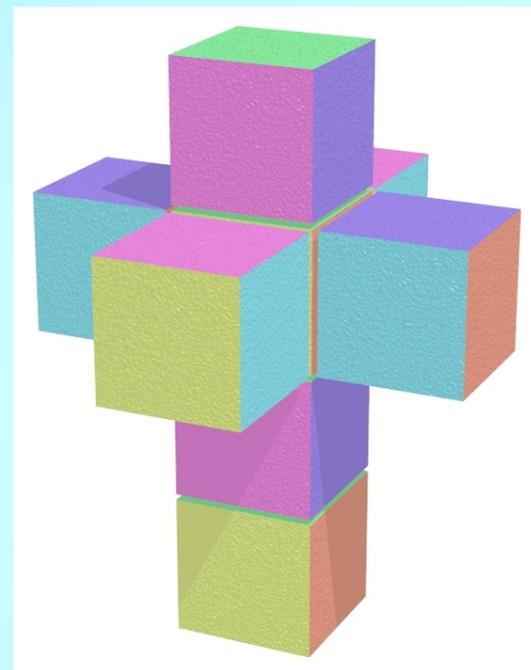
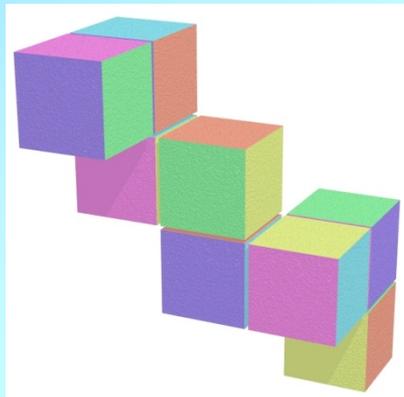
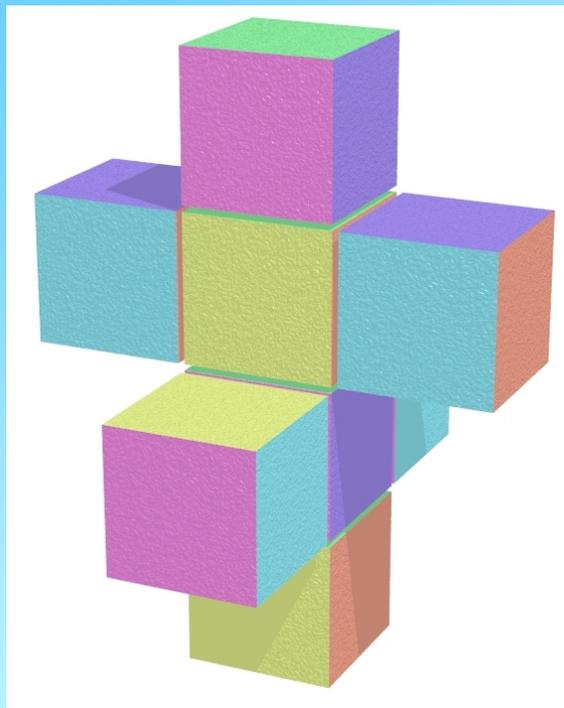


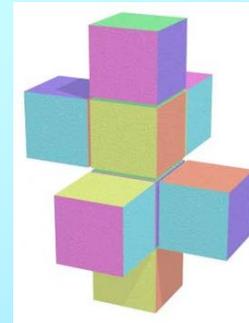
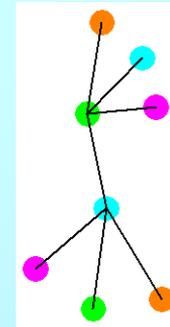
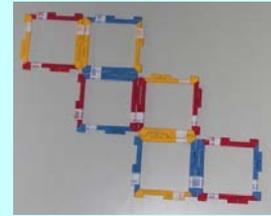
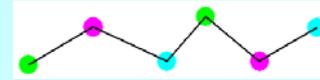
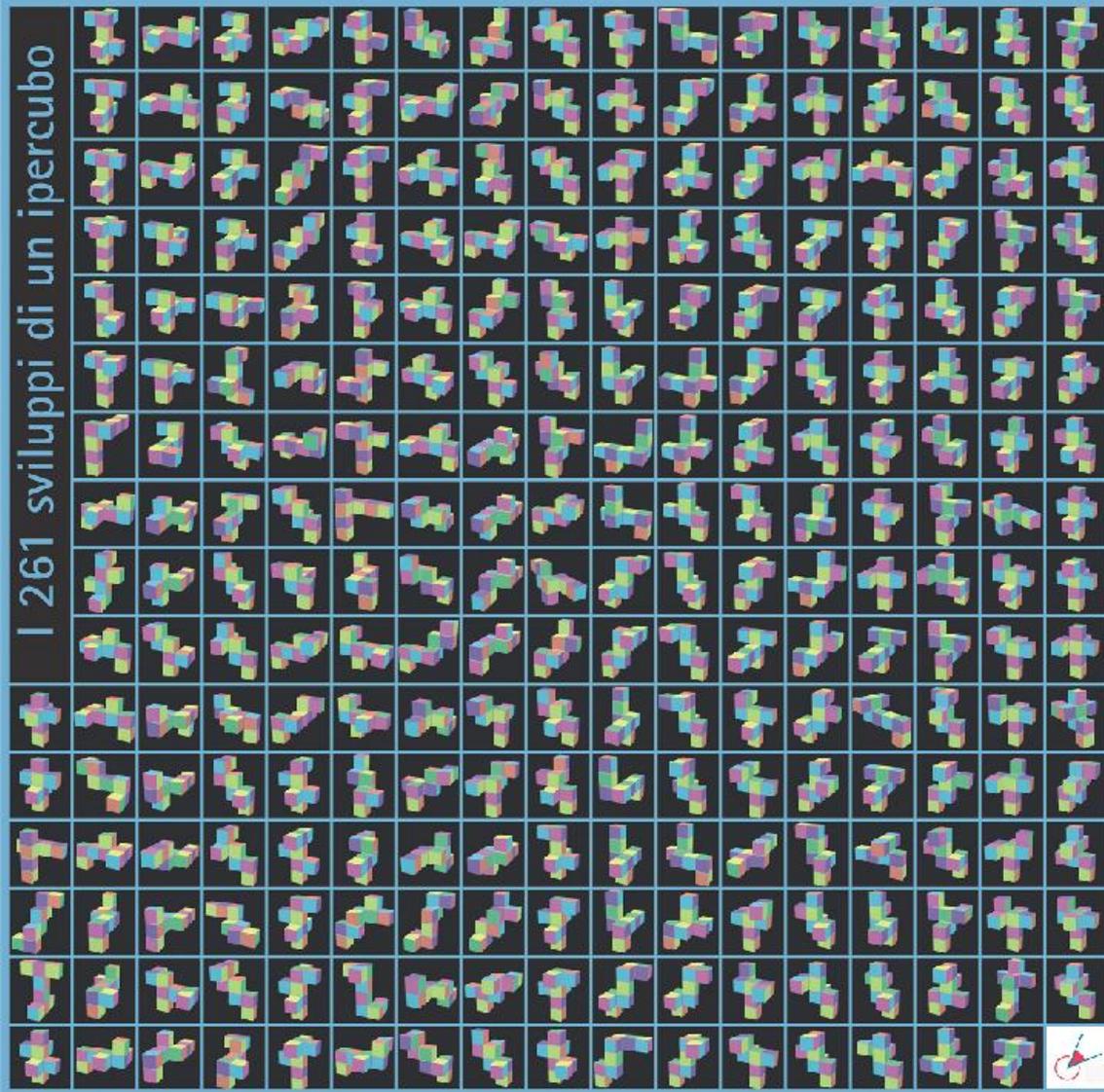
Sviluppi di un cubo



i 35 esamini e gli 11  
sviluppi di un cubo

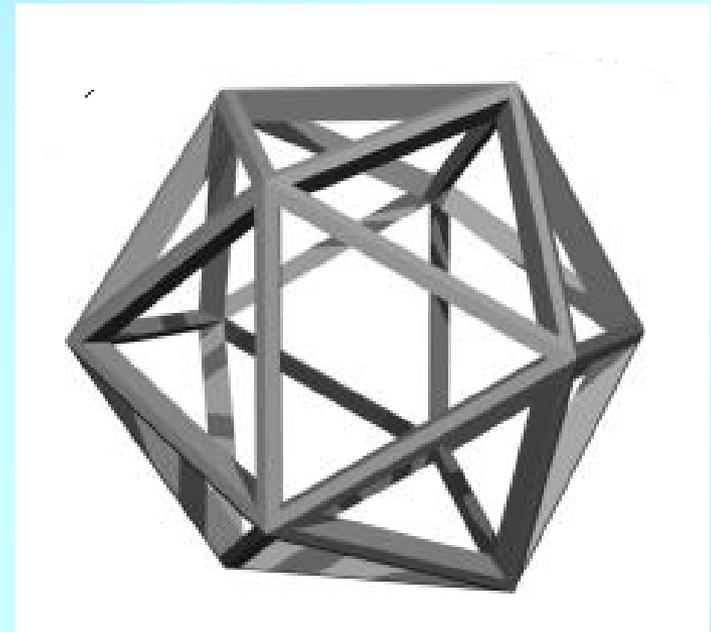
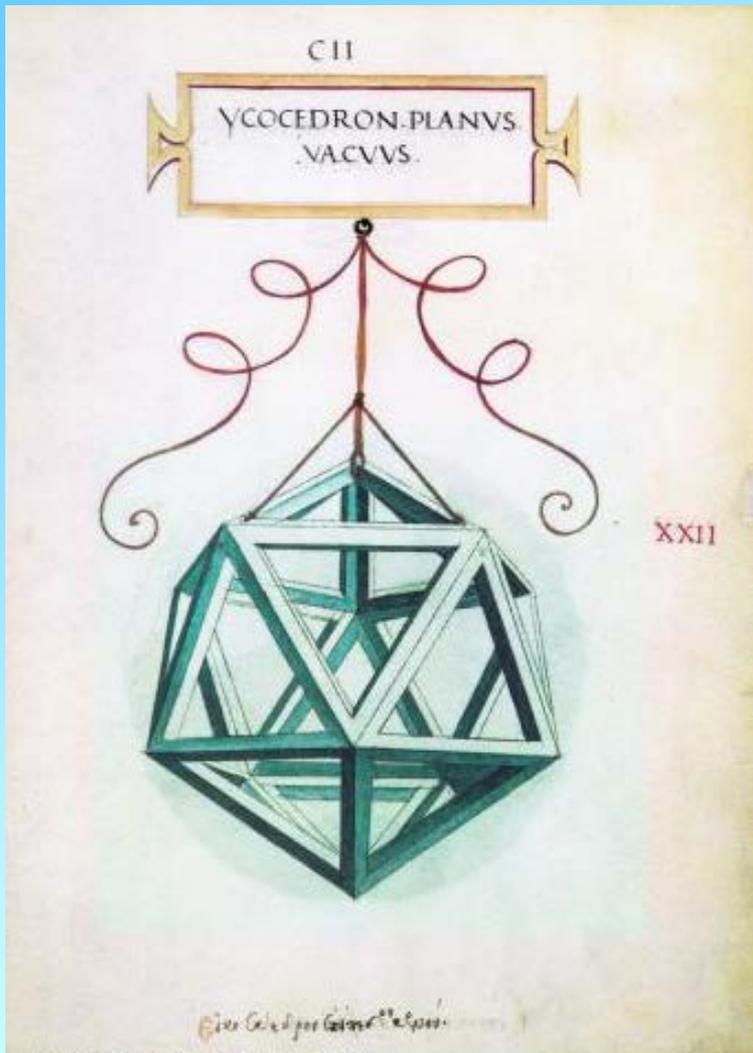
# alcuni sviluppi di un ipercubo...



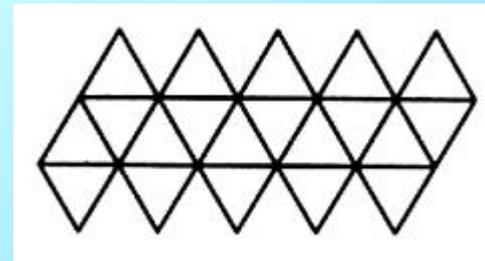


in tutto sono 261

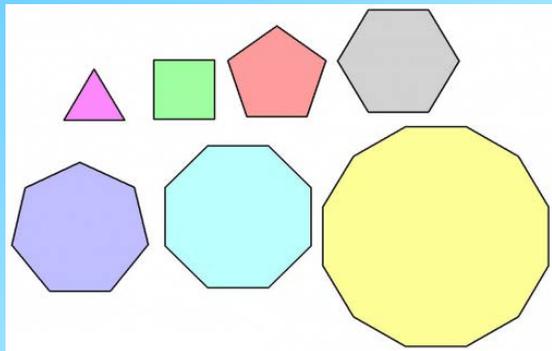
... tanti?



... ma gli sviluppi di un  
icosaedro sono... **43380**



# Ci sono altri oggetti regolari oltre all'ipercubo?



In dimensione due: infiniti poligoni regolari, e 3 tassellazioni regolari



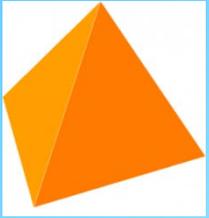
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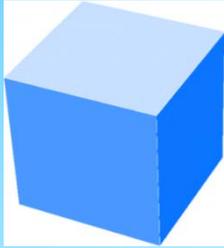
*quadrati (4,4)*



*esagoni (6,3)*



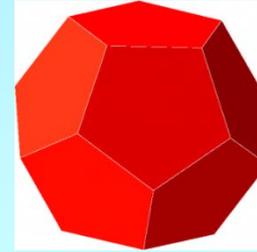
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tetraedro  
triangoli  
3 a 3



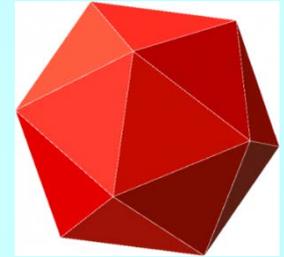
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quadrati  
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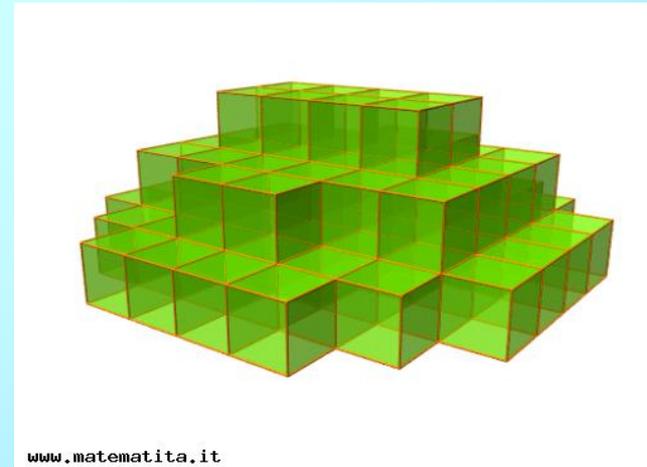
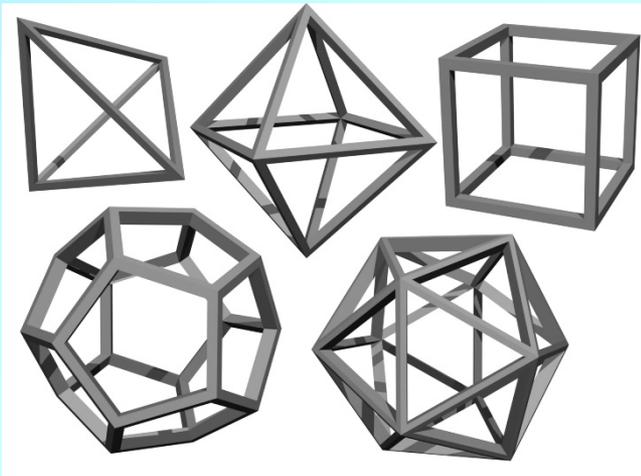
$(3,4)$   
ottaedro  
triangoli  
4 a 4



$(5,3)$   
dodecaedro  
pentagoni  
3 a 3



$(3,5)$   
icosaedro  
triangoli  
5 a 5

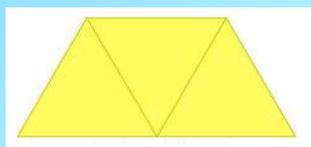


In dimensione tre: 5 poliedri regolari, ma una sola tassellazione regolare

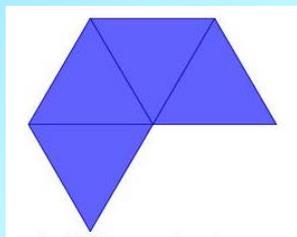
# Perché solo questi 5?



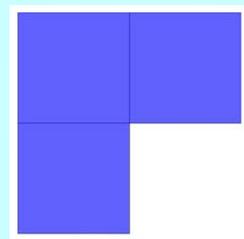
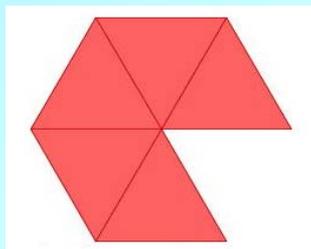
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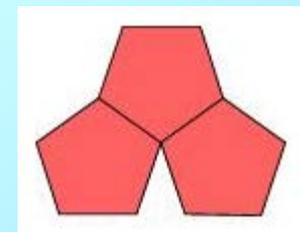
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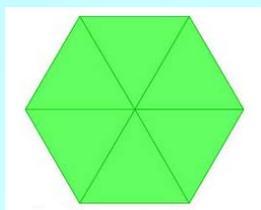
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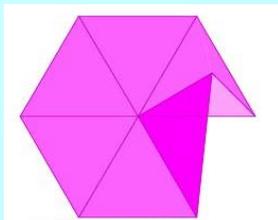
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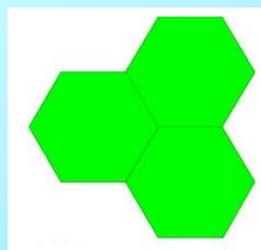
intorno a un vertice la somma degli angoli delle diverse facce deve essere minore di  $360^\circ$



NO!



NO!



NO!

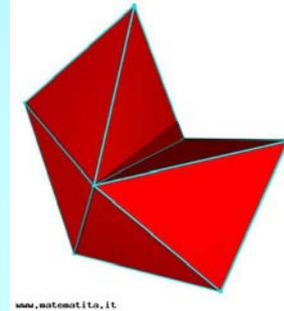
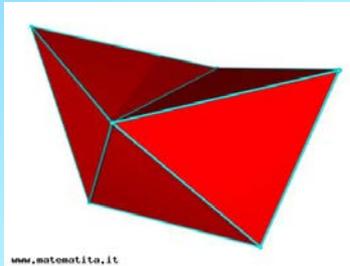
# Analogia:

intorno a uno spigolo la somma degli angoli diedri deve essere minore di  $360^\circ$

a 4 a 4

a 5 a 5

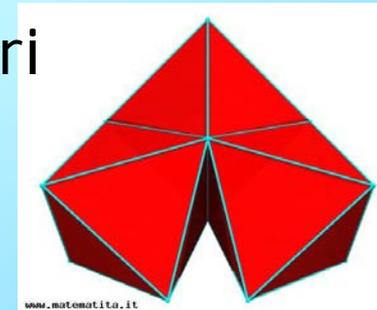
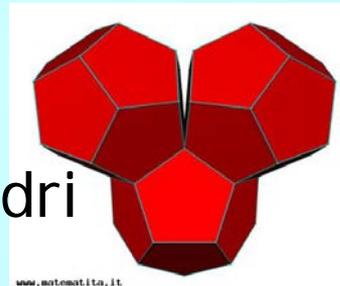
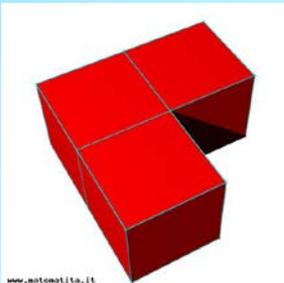
tetraedri  
a 3 a 3



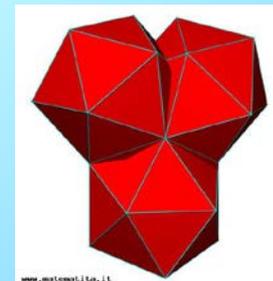
cubi  
3 a 3

dodecaedri  
3 a 3

ottaedri  
3 a 3

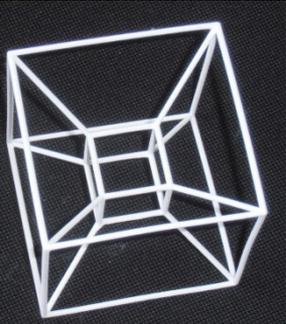


con gli icosaedri NON si può!  
l'angolo diedro è troppo grosso.



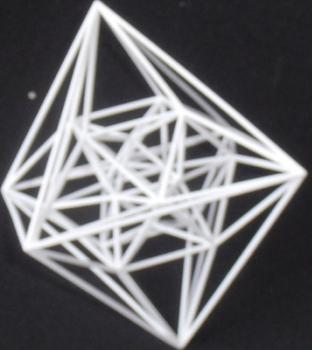
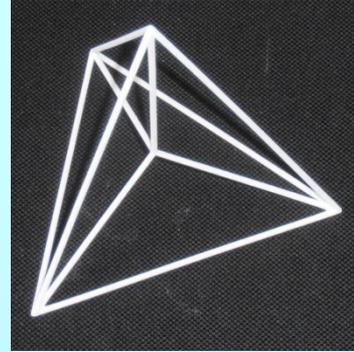
# Oggetti regolari in dimensione 4

I politopi regolari sono sei:



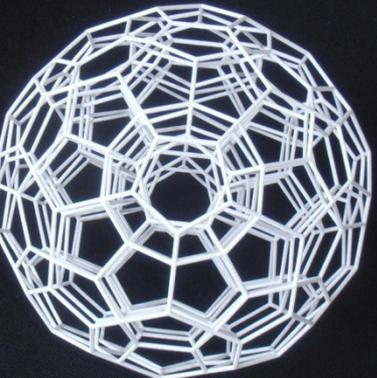
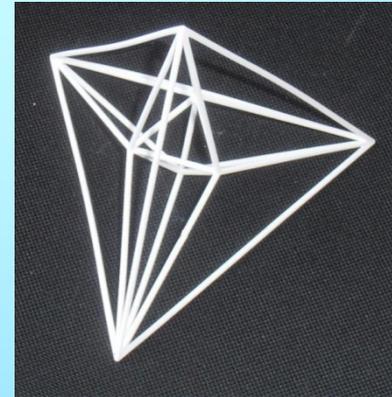
- $(4,3,3)$  ipercubo

- ipertetraedro  $(3,3,3)$



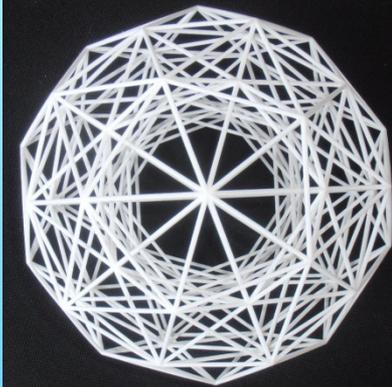
- $(3,4,3)$  24-celle

- iperottaedro  $(3,3,4)$



- $(5,3,3)$  120-celle

- 600-celle  $(3,3,5)$



# Oggetti regolari in dimensione n

dimensione	poli...	tassellazioni
2	infiniti	3
3	5	1
<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>
5	3	1
6	3	1
...	...	...
n	3	1



... la dimensione 4 è proprio strana!

# 120-celle e 600-celle



modelli di una proiezione 3d

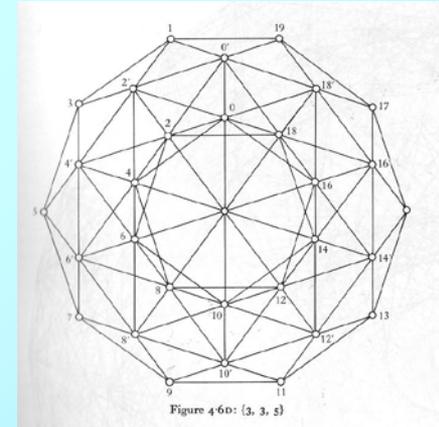
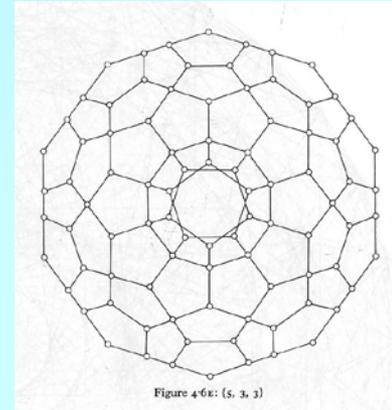
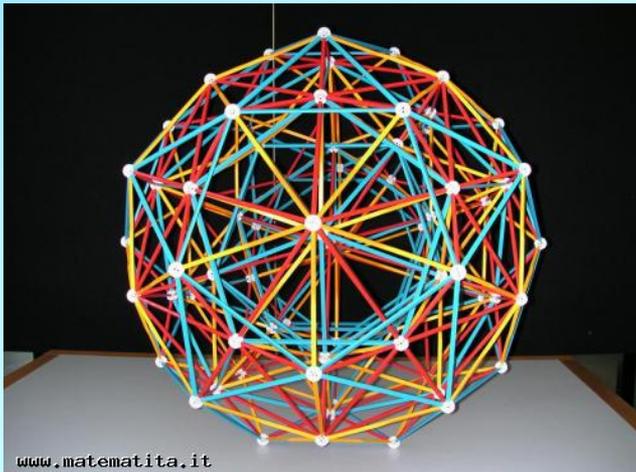
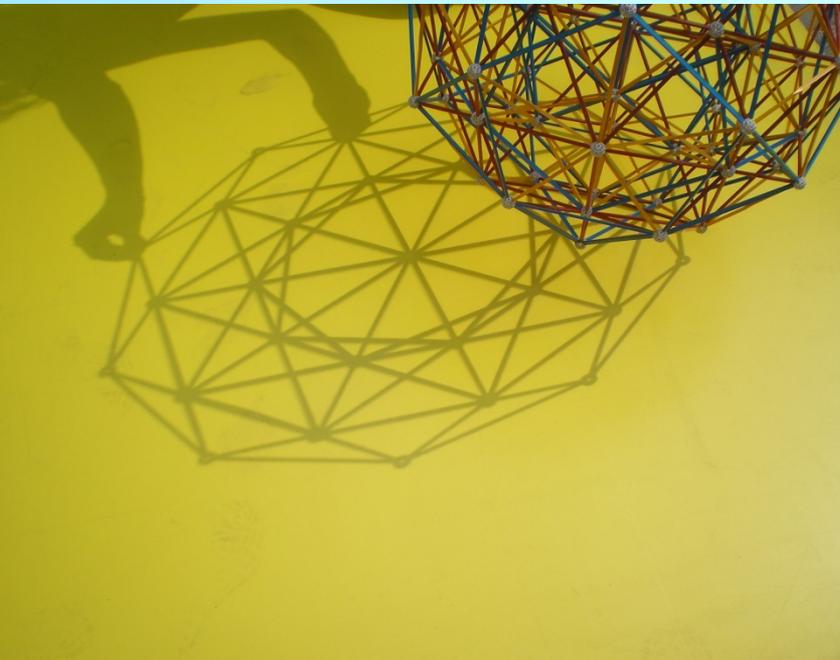
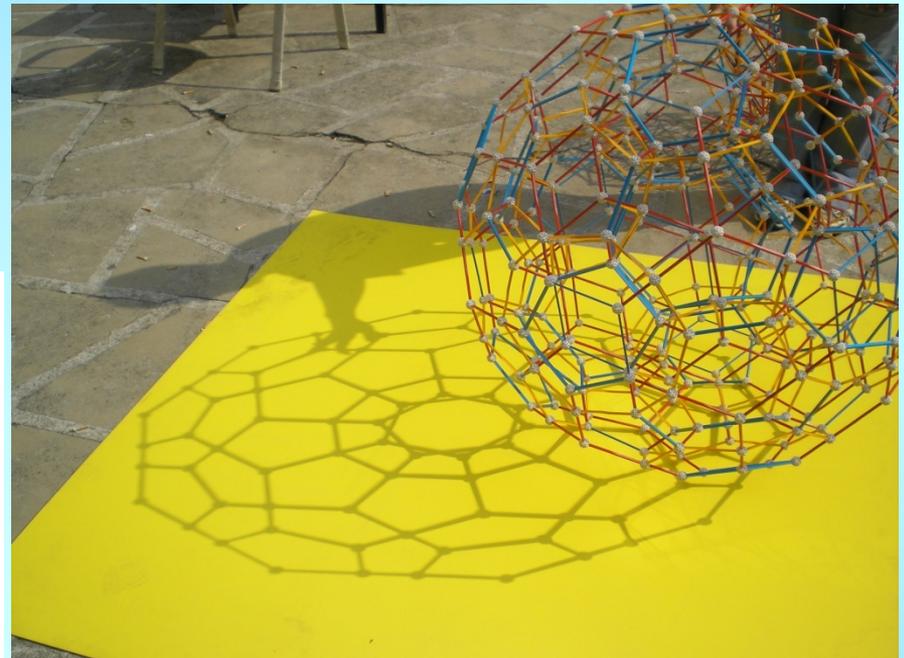
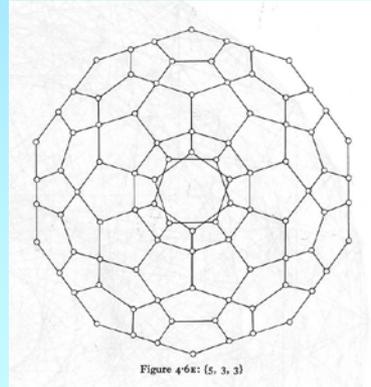


figure dal libro *Complex regular polytopes*  
di H.S.M. Coxeter

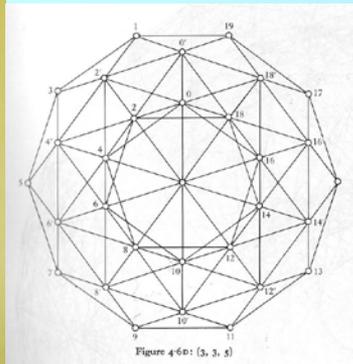
come è possibile che le figure siano così semplici  
quando i modelli sono così complicati?

# Ombre dal 4d...!

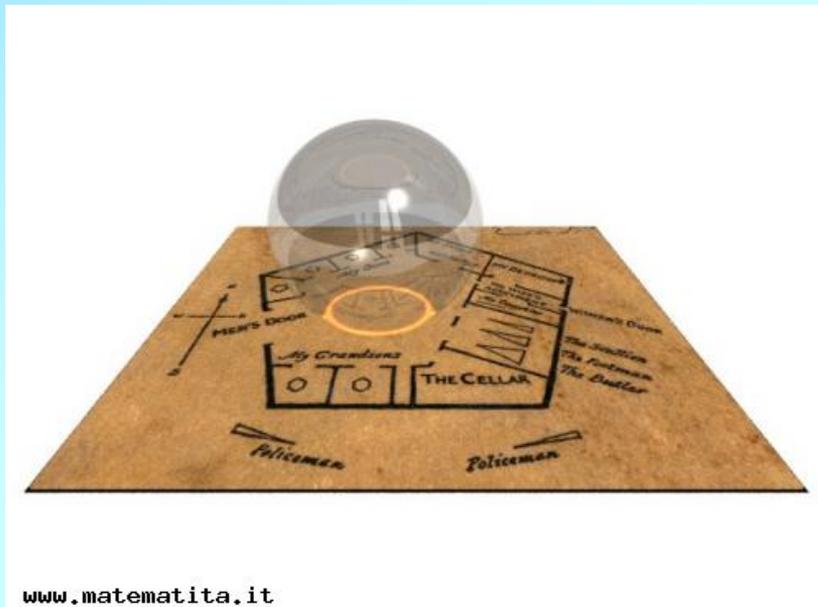
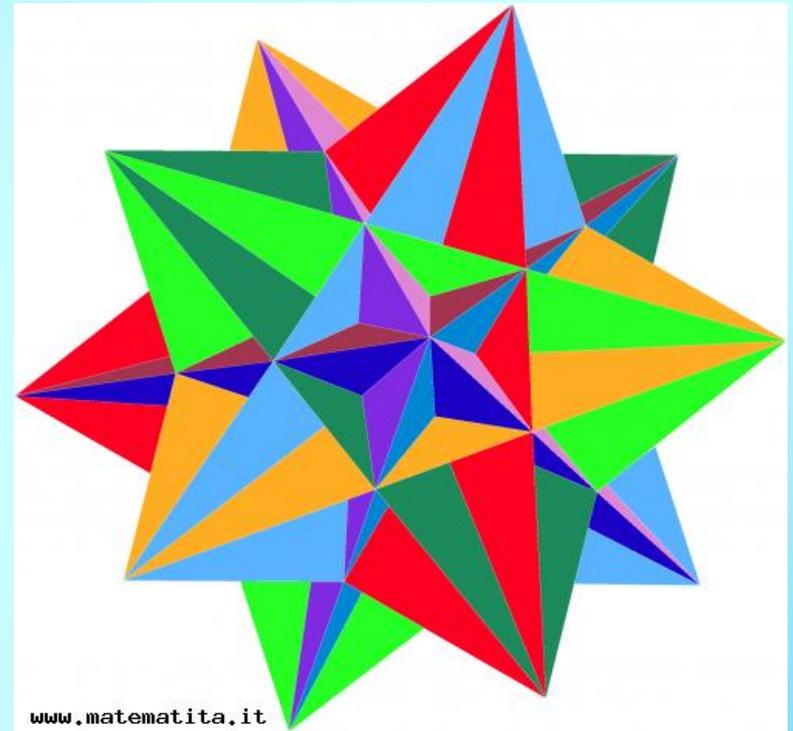
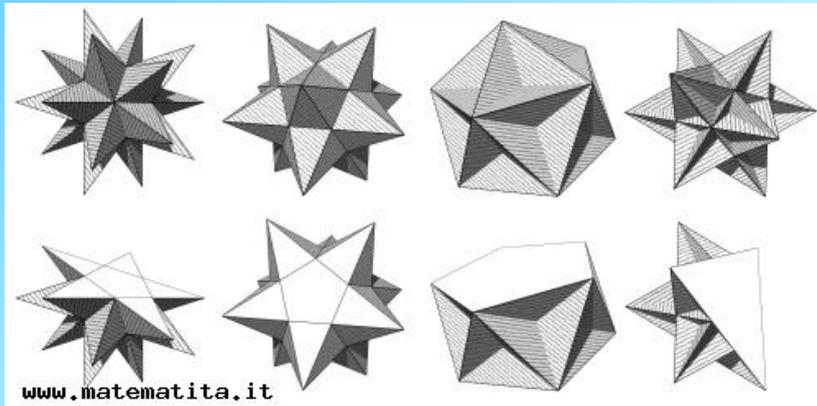
il 120-celle



il 600-celle

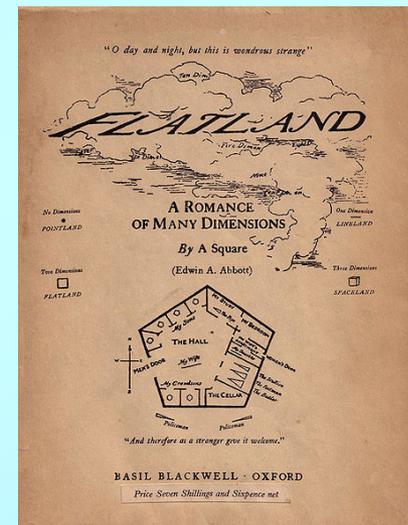


E non ci sono solo gli oggetti regolari...



# Suggerimenti di lettura

- Abbott, *Flatlandia*, ed. Adelphi
- Heinlein, *La casa nuova*, in *Racconti matematici*, a cura di Bartocci, ed. Einaudi
- Dossier 4d su *XlaTangente* (n. 4-5 e n.6)
- Siobhan Roberts, *Il re dello spazio infinito*, Rizzoli



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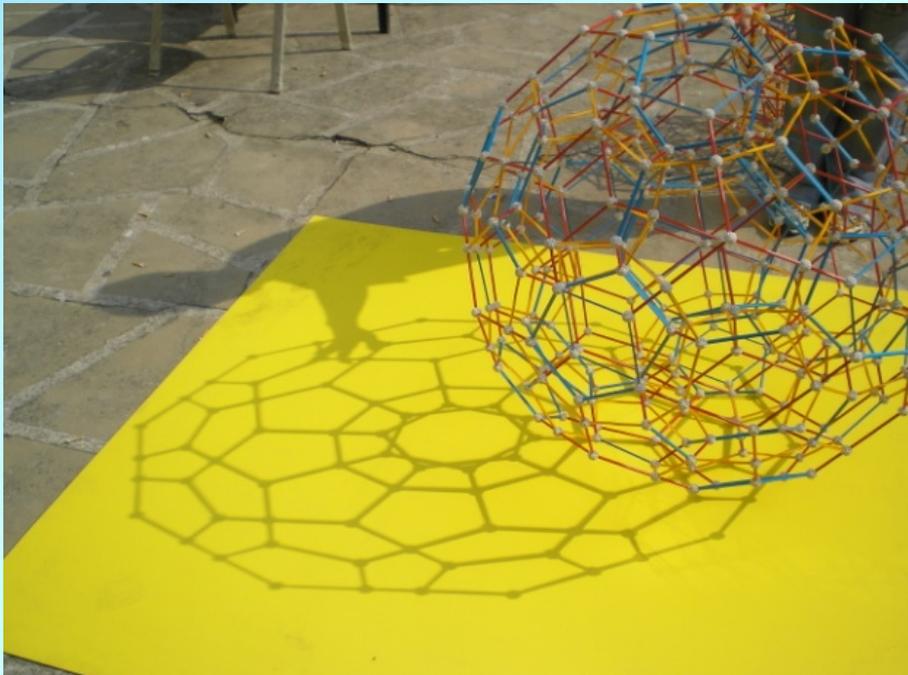
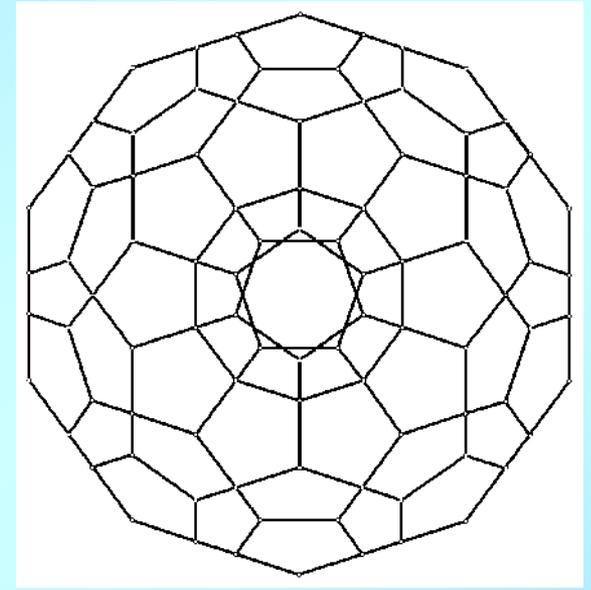
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