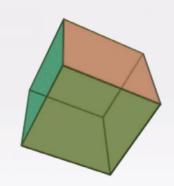


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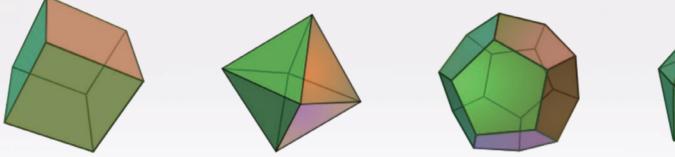






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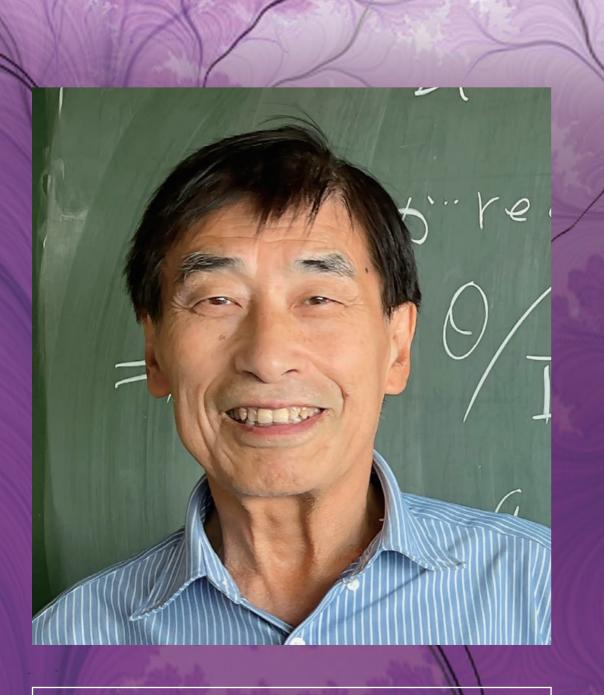
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Humankind has long been attracted by symmetric figures. Already in 4000-years-old prehistoric remains found in Scotland, some "Platonic Solids" appeared (why these objects were made is a mystery). In the present talk, I want to show how Platonic Symmetry appeared in the history of mathematics in several different styles, and show how they appear even in modern mathematics, playing important roles even today.

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