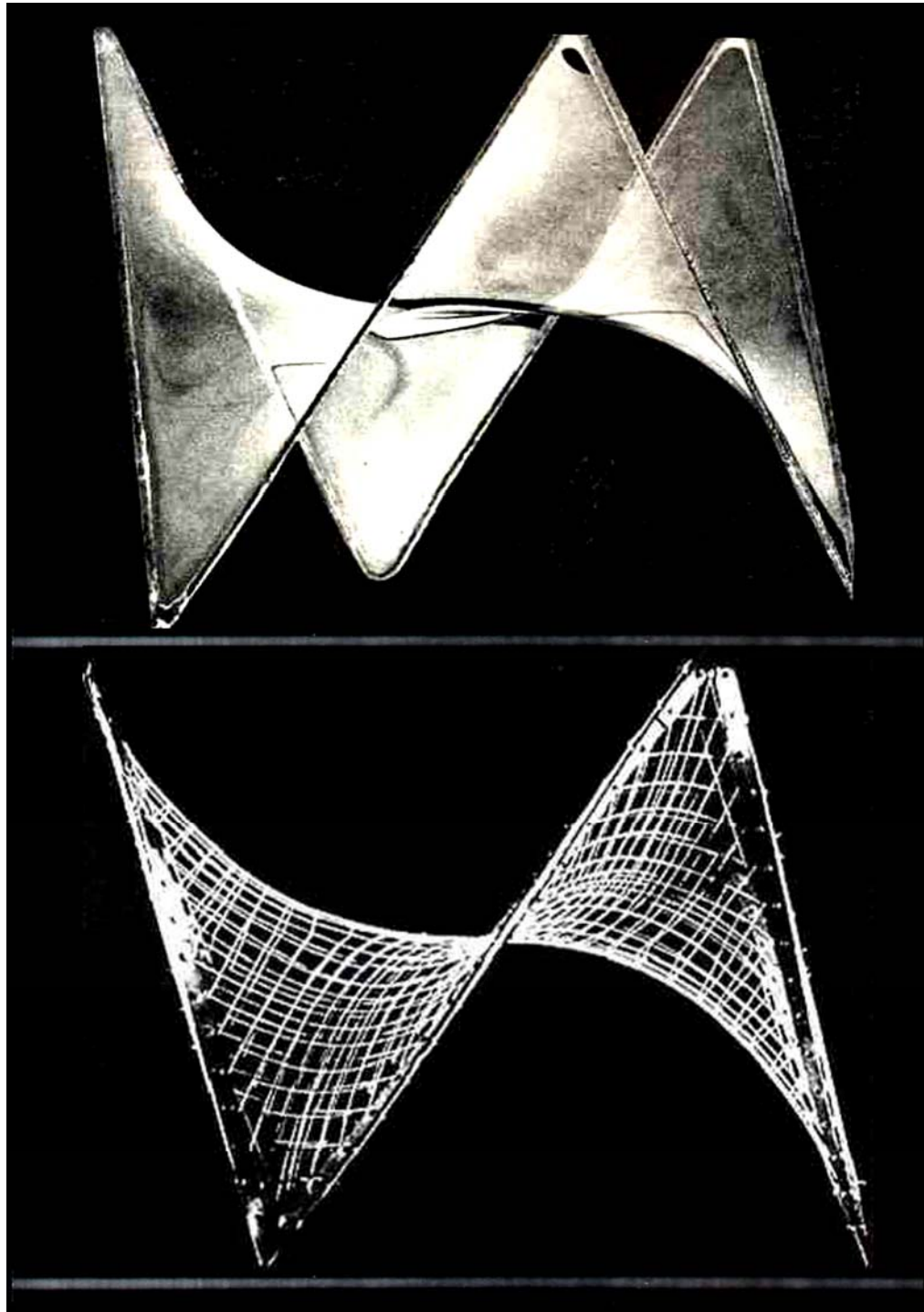


# Uniform 3-D networks and related sponge surfaces & polyhedra, as inspiration to innovative space structures

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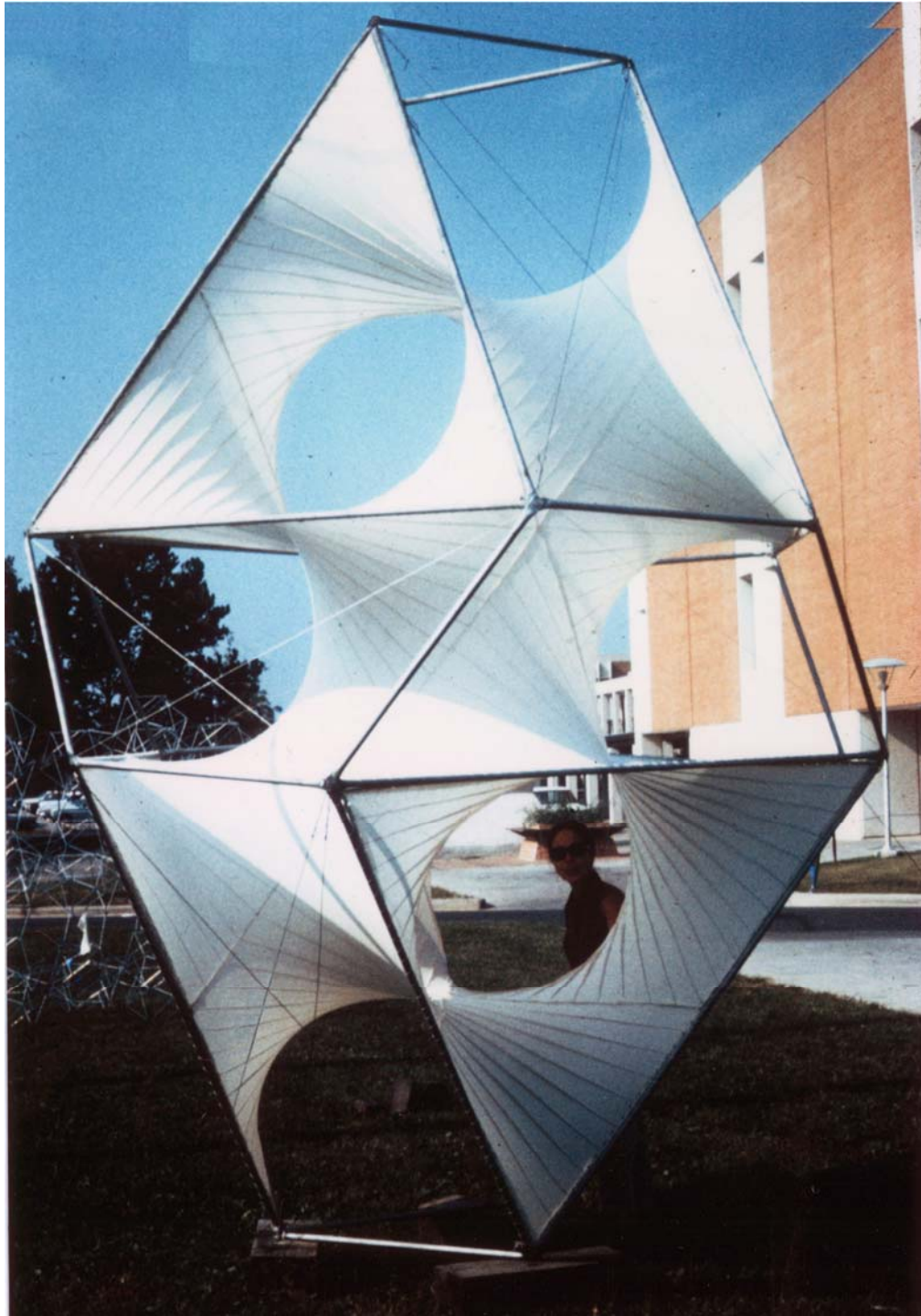
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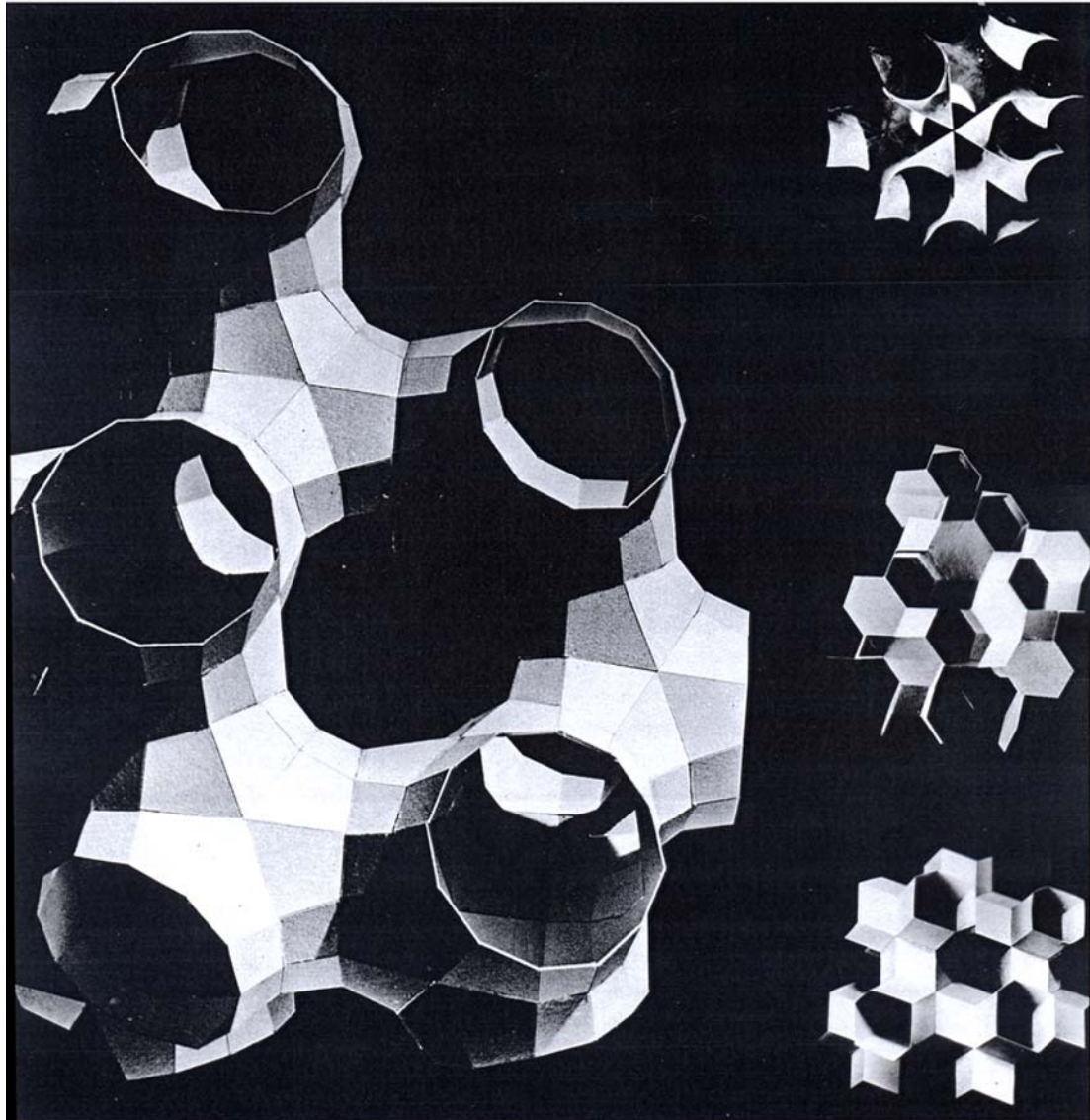




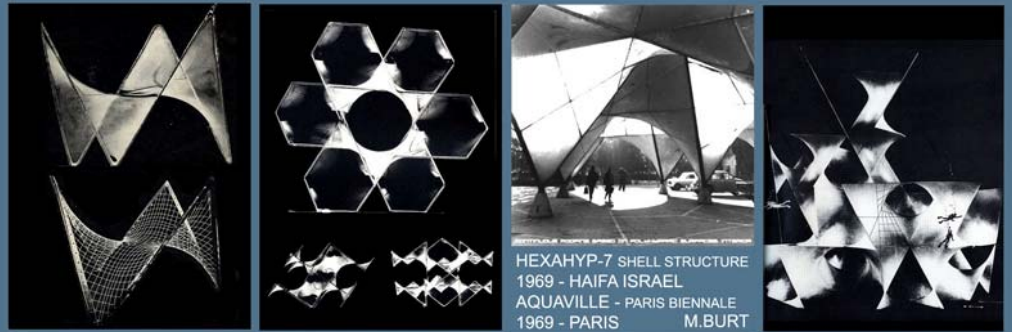
Periodic minimal and polyharmonic surfaces of genus 3 , subdividing space between two cubic lattices into two identical subspaces.



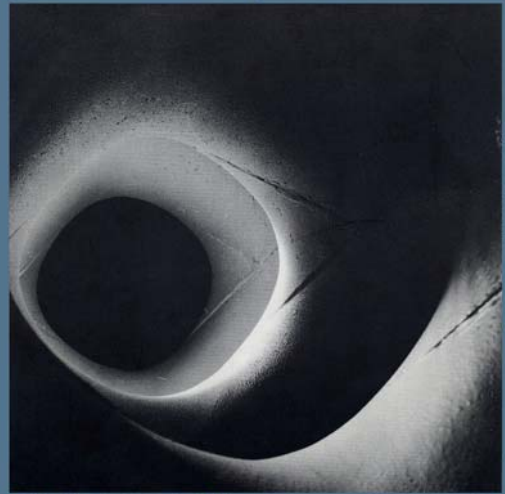




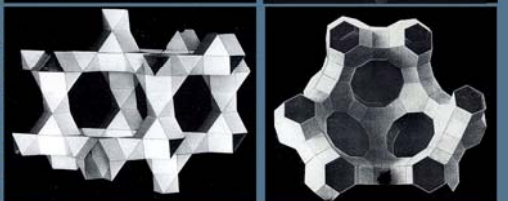
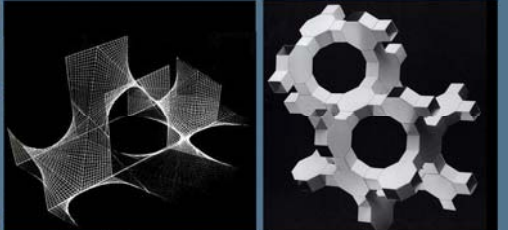
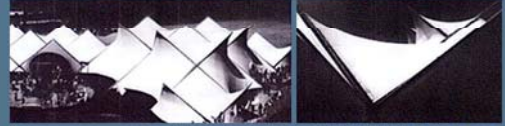
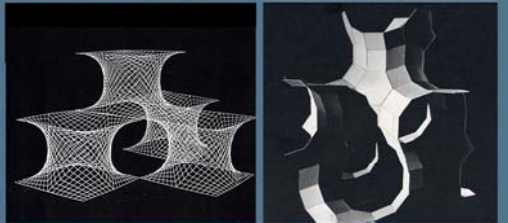
Periodic, uniform and non-uniform infinite sponge polyhedra related to a minimal (hyperbolic) surface of  $g = 3$  which subdivides space between two diamond lattices.



HEXAHYP-7 SHELL STRUCTURE  
1969 - HAIFA ISRAEL  
AQUAVILLE - PARIS BIENNALE  
1969 - PARIS M.BURT



PREVIOUS RESEARCH EFFORTS ON THE THEME OF  
HYPERBOLIC SURFACES AND INFINITE POLYHEDRA  
AND APPLICATIONS TO LIGHT-WEIGHT STRUCTURES



FLORIS - 1980, HYPERBOLIC MEMBRANES - INTERNATIONAL FLOWER EXHIBITION PAVILLIONS, HAIFA - ISRAEL.

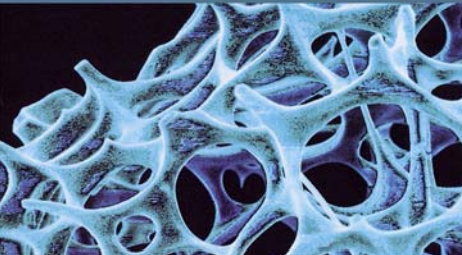
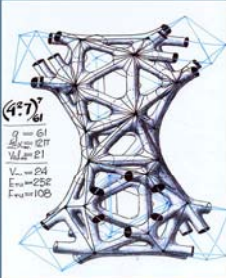
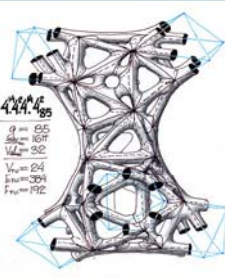
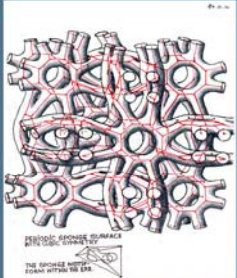
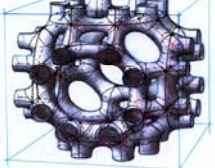






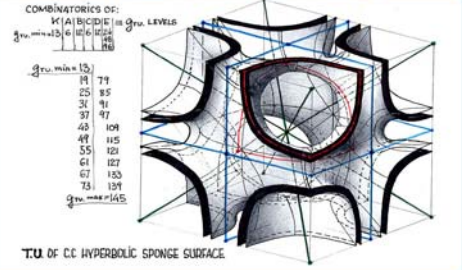


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 PERIODIC-UNIFORM SPONGE  
 POLYHEDRON - CUBIC SYMMETRY

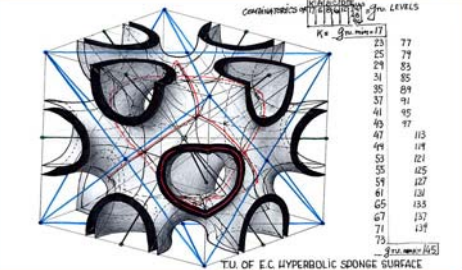


UNIFORM HYPERBOLIC SPONGE POLYHEDRA

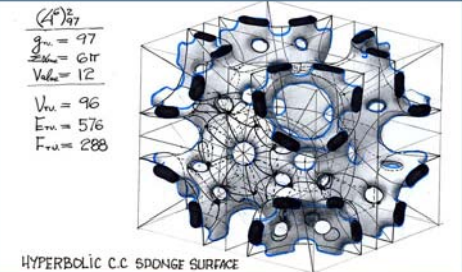
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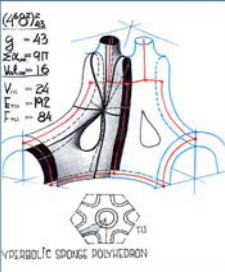
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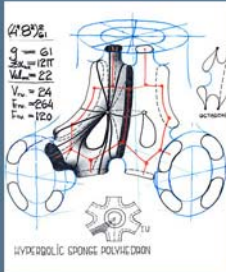
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HYPERBOLIC SPONGE POLYHEDRON



HYPERBOLIC SPONGE POLYHEDRON



LATTICE-A

LATTICE-B

$$g = T - N + 1 = H \cdot 2g_{\text{cell}} - 1$$

The subject of uniform 3D space networks is inseparable from that of the hyperbolic sponge surfaces and their tessellations as uniform sponge polyhedra. The statement by A.F. Wells, in his monumental work: **'Structural Inorganic Chemistry' (1962)** that **"The theory of these nets does not appear to be known"**, challenged the author into this recent research effort, resulting, so far, in more-than 250 distinct space networks, including some sets with an infinite number of members, each.

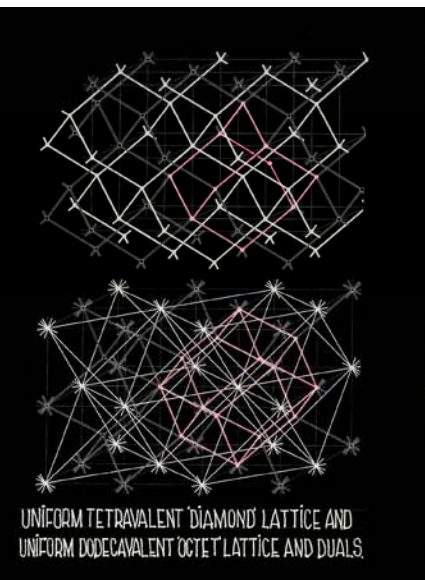
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**networks come in dual pairs.** Each network is uniquely determined and is a reciprocal of its dual (complementary) companion.

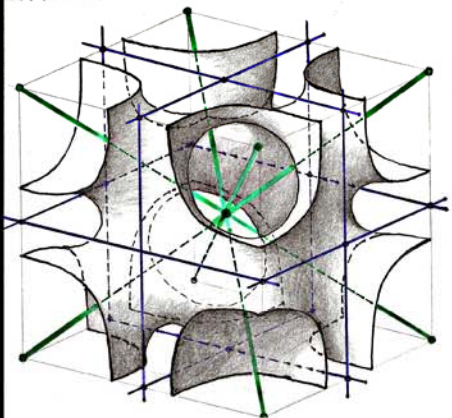
**Every dual pair of networks is associated with a continuous hyperbolical sponge surface** which subdivides the space between the two, into two complementary sub-spaces.

**This trinity of the dual pair and the associated-reciprocal sponge surface is the most conspicuous, all pervading geometric-topological phenomenon of our 3-D space,** associated with its order and organization and more than anything else determines the way we perceive and comprehend its structure

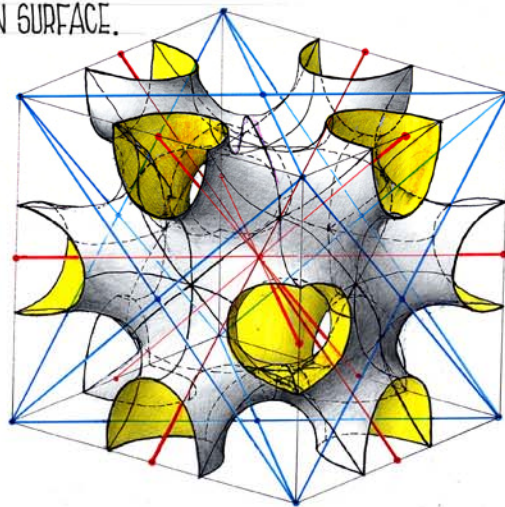




THE TRINITY: TWO DUAL-COMPLEMENTARY  
NETWORKS AND THE RECIPROCAL SURFACE-  
PARTITION, SUBDIVIDING THE SPACE BETWEEN  
THE TWO.

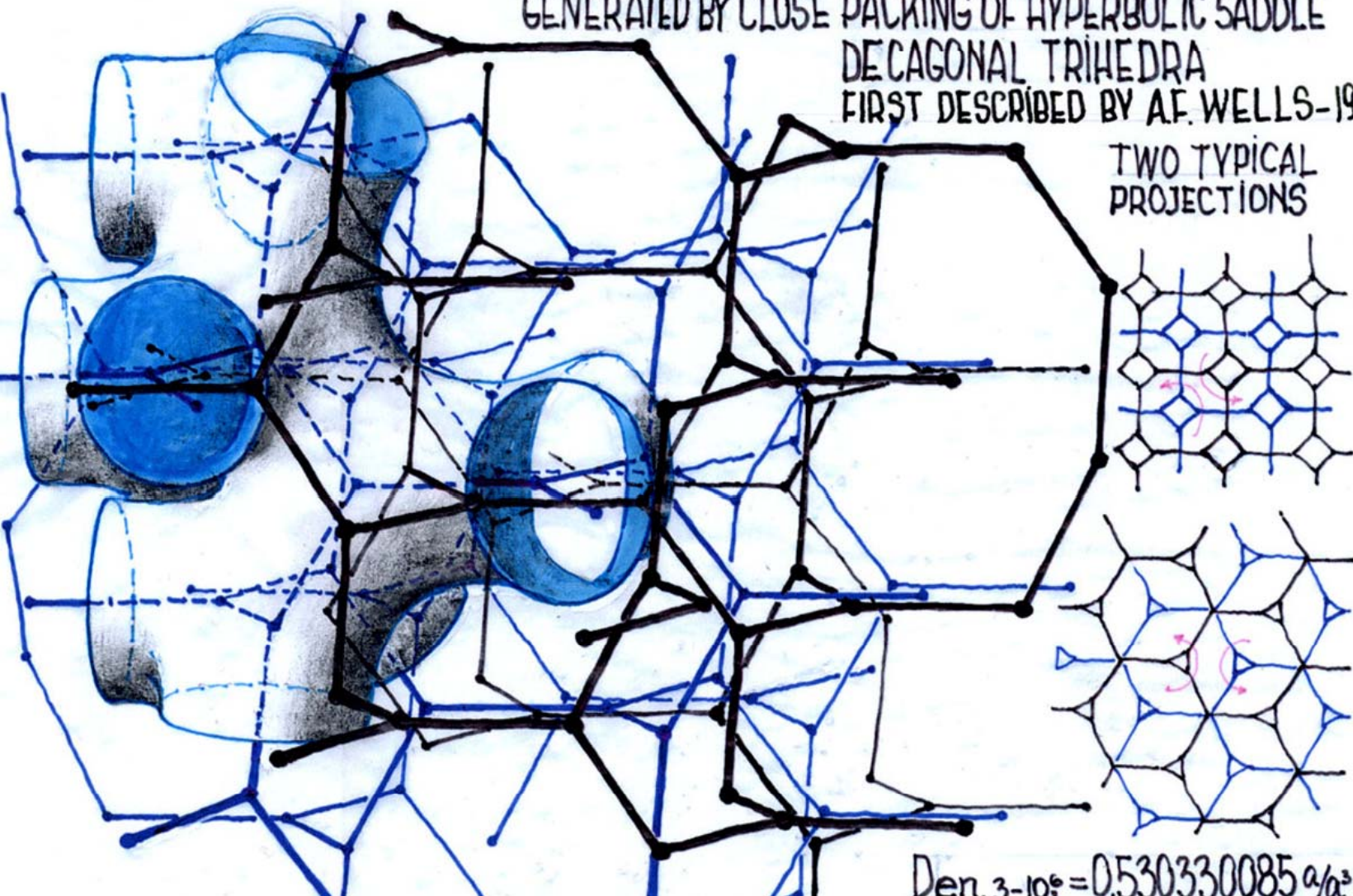


THE TRINITY OF THE DUAL PAIR OF NETWORKS AND THE ASSOCIATED  
PARTITION SURFACE.



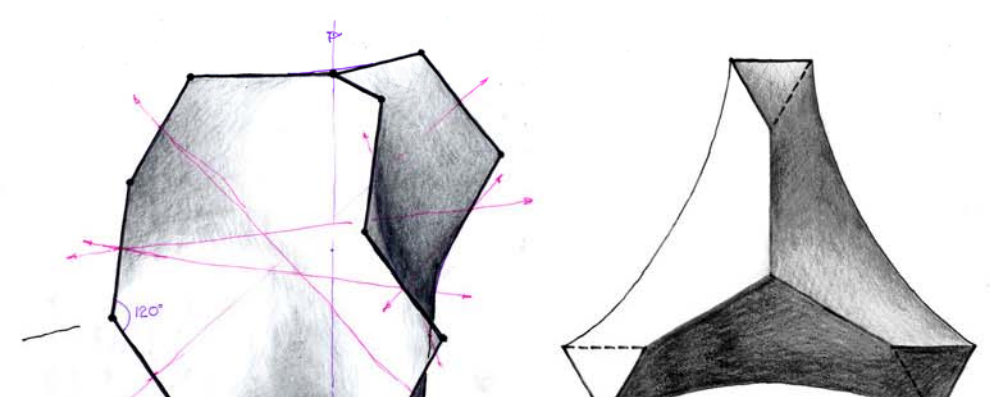
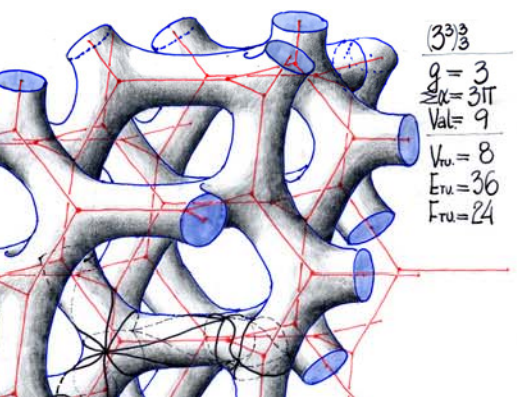
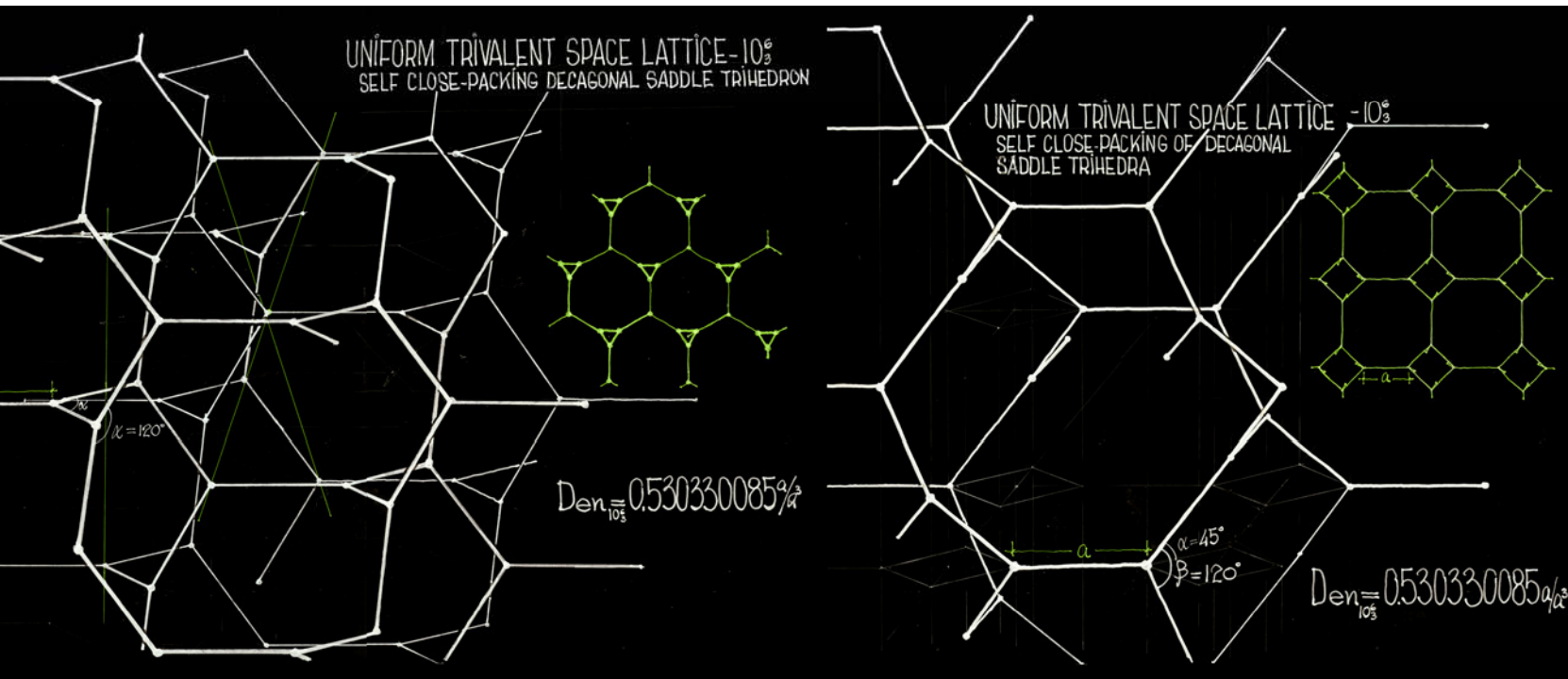
THE UNIFORM TRIVALENT (SELF-DUAL)  $P3-10_6$  LATTICE,  
GENERATED BY CLOSE PACKING OF HYPERBOLIC SADDLE  
DECAGONAL TRIHEDRA  
FIRST DESCRIBED BY AF. WELLS-1962

TWO TYPICAL  
PROJECTIONS

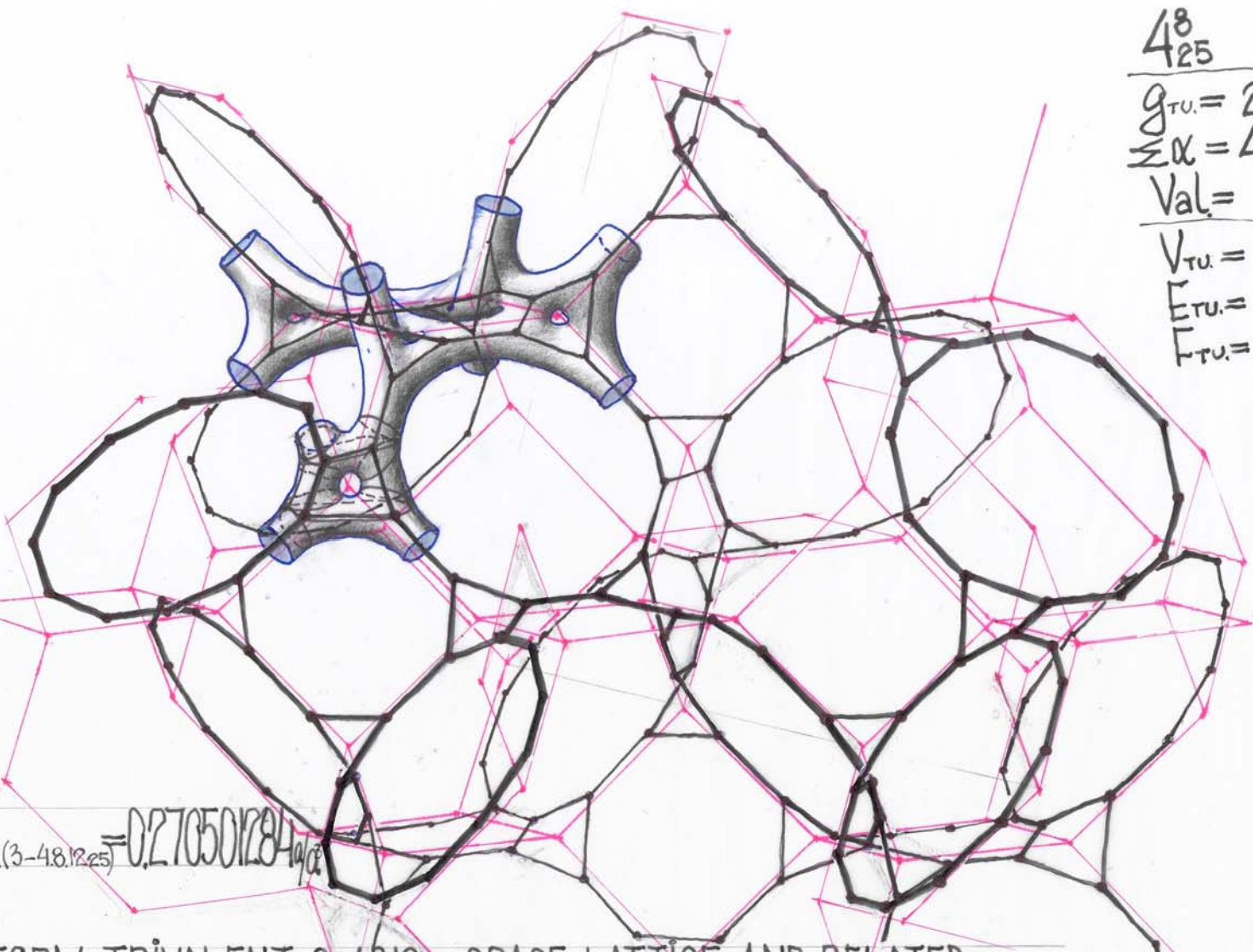


$$\text{Den. } 3-10_6 = 0.530330085 a/a^3$$









$$\begin{array}{r}
 48 \\
 \hline
 4_{25} \\
 \hline
 g_{TU.} = 25 \\
 \Sigma \alpha = 4\pi \\
 \text{Val.} = 8 \\
 \hline
 V_{TU.} = 48 \\
 E_{TU.} = 192 \\
 F_{TU.} = 96
 \end{array}$$

$$(3-4.8.12.25) = 0.270501284 \dots$$

networks, as polyhedral tessellation configurations,  
give rise to some familiar binding relations:

$$2E = gT.U. = LT.U. - NT.U. + 1,$$

(where E & NT.U. stand for edge lines and vertex  
numbers, respectively).

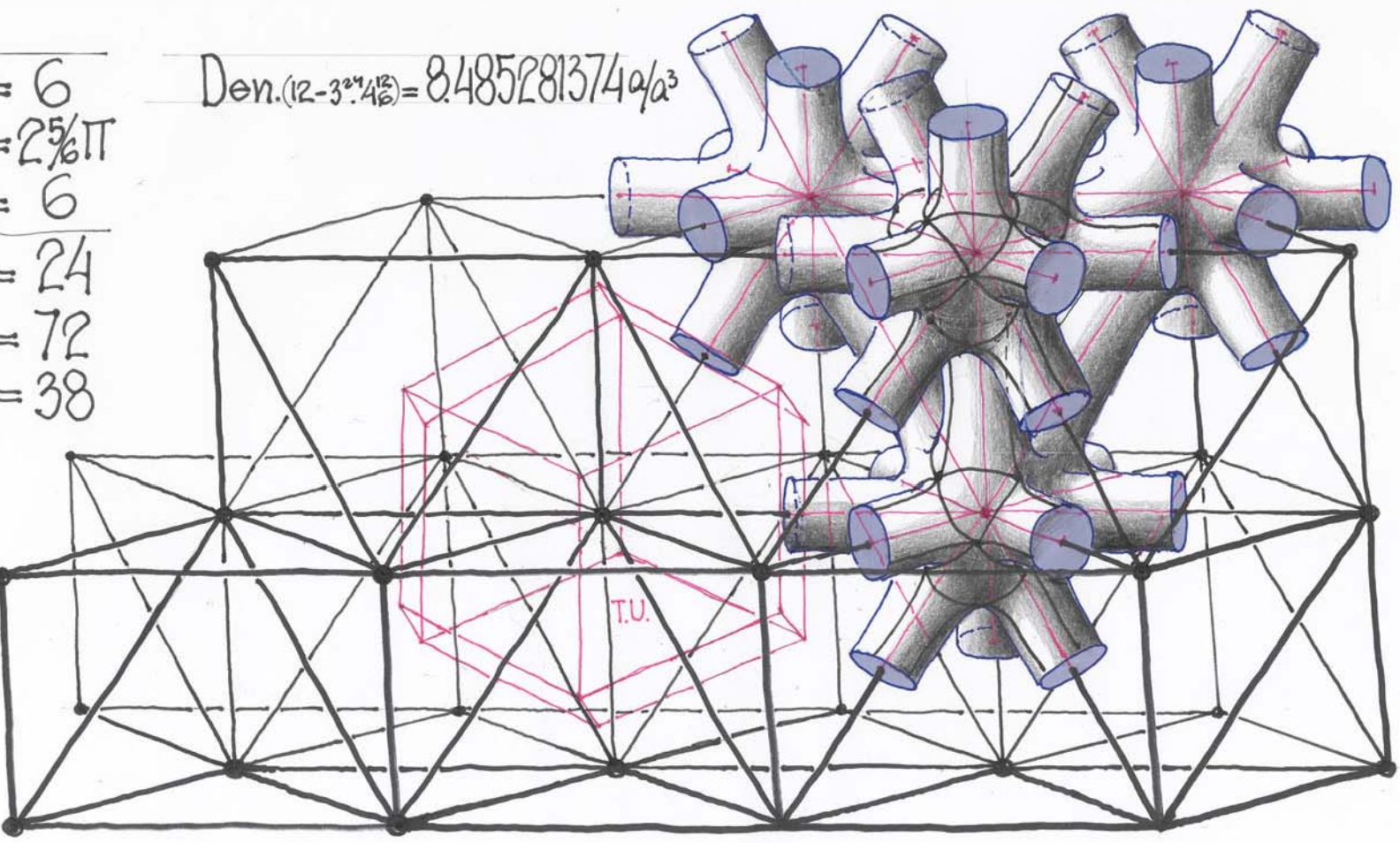
$$P_{av.} F = 2E = V \cdot Val_{av.};$$

$$V (2\pi - \sum \alpha_{av.}) = 4\pi(1 - g) \quad - \text{Descartes's theorem}$$

$$V - E + F = 2(1 - g) \quad - \text{Euler's theorem};$$

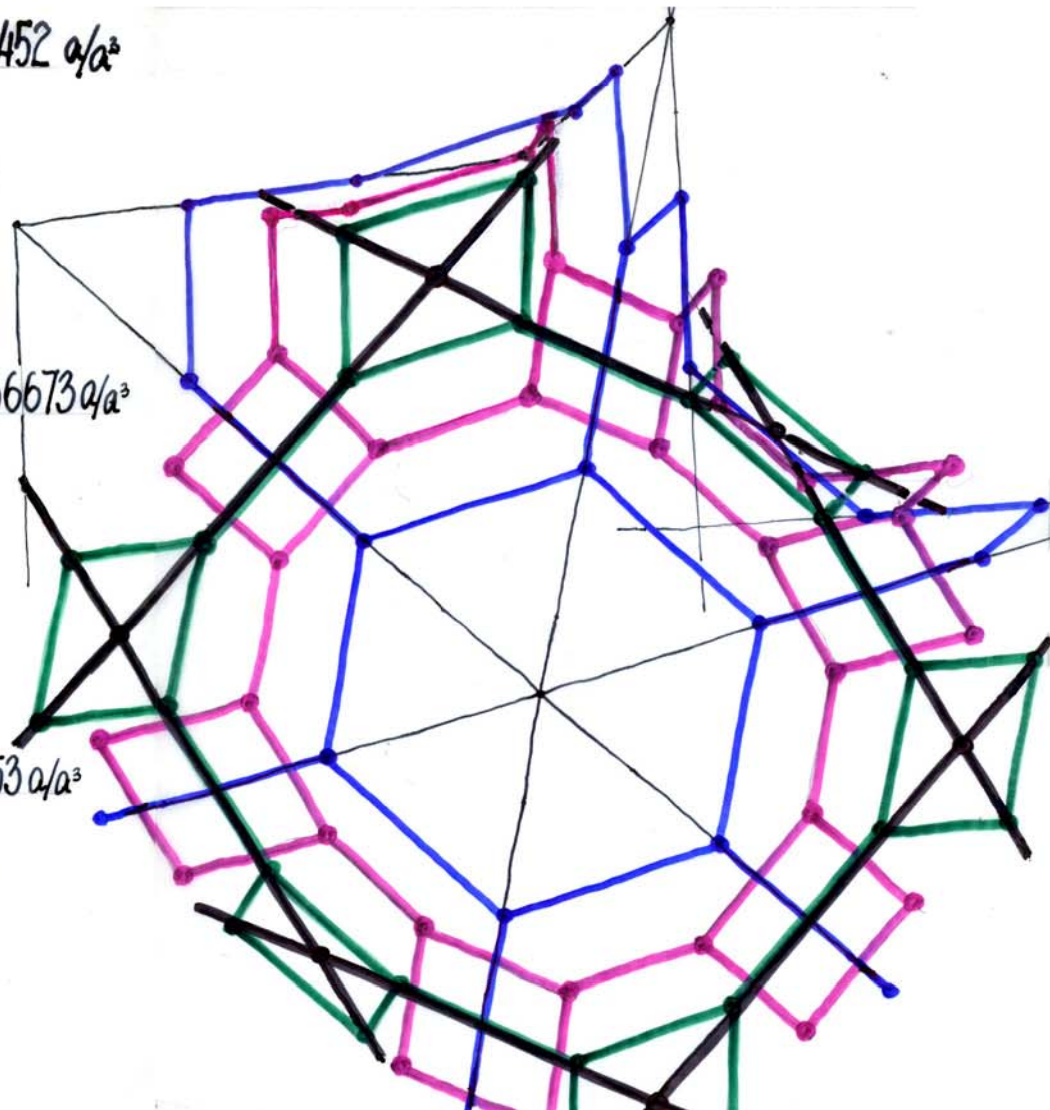
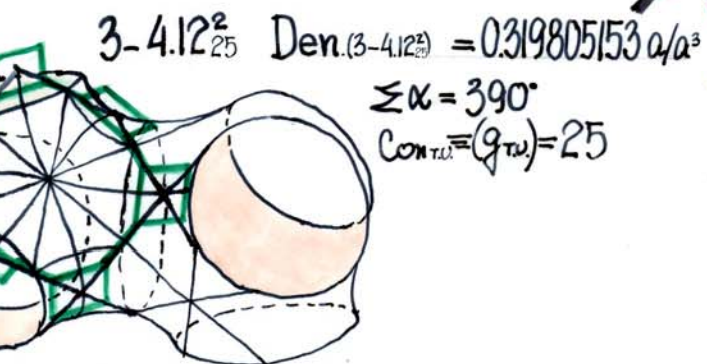
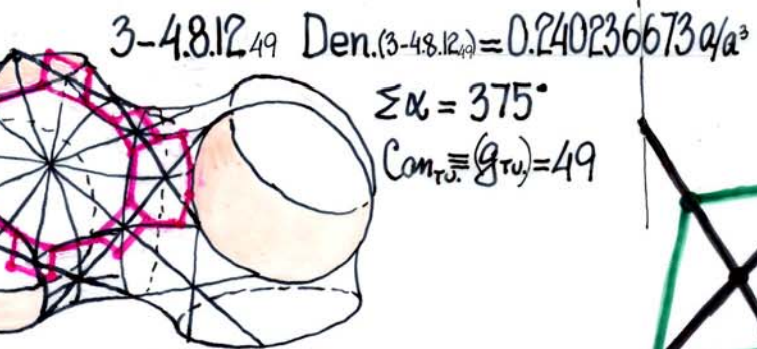
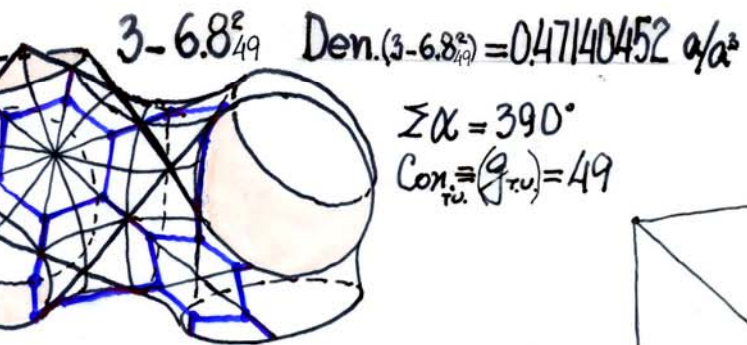
= 6  
 =  $2\frac{5}{6}\pi$   
 = 6  
 = 24  
 = 72  
 = 38

Den.  $(12 - 3 \cdot 4 \frac{1}{2}) = 8.485281374 a/a^3$



FORM REPRESENTATIVE IS 2% 1/2 SPACE LATTICE (NOTET LATTICE)





## CATEGORIES OF UNIFORM NETWORKS

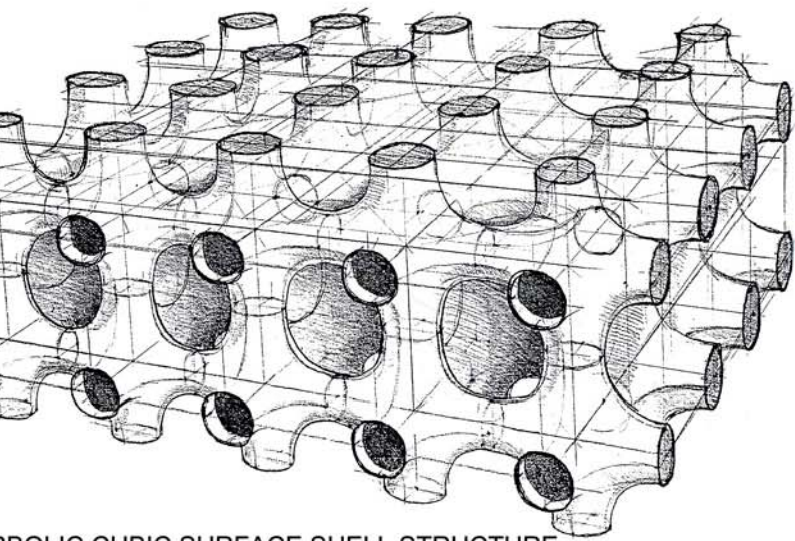
Number of networks  
Found so far

Centroid related networks	5+13
Axis related networks	33
Plane related (Double Layer) networks	57
Centro-Axial-Plane related networks	5
Multi Layer Space networks	} ~160
Poly-vectorial Space networks	
Translation networks	→ ∞

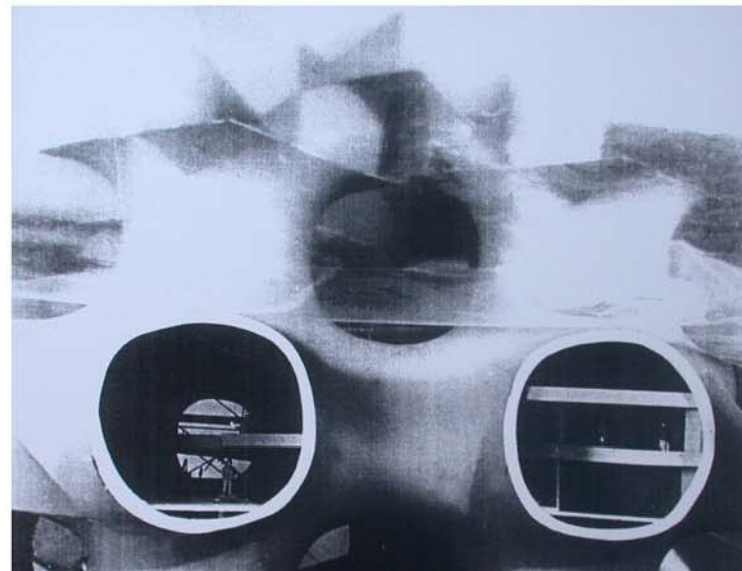
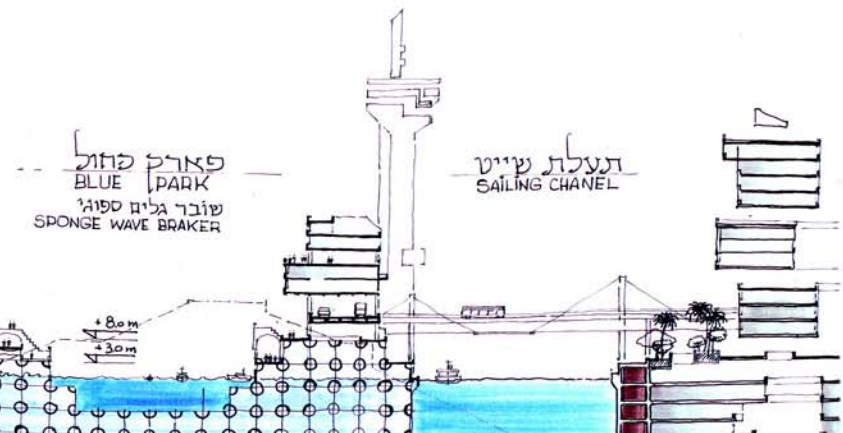
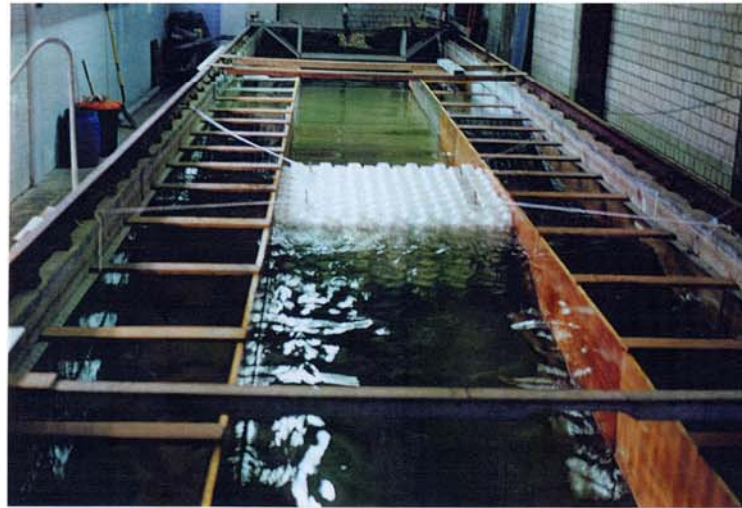
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An assumption is formed that we are dealing with probably not more than few **hundreds of uniform space lattices in 3-D space and in view of the valency limiting values and symmetry constraints it seems that an exhaustive systematic search of these configurations is tenable.**



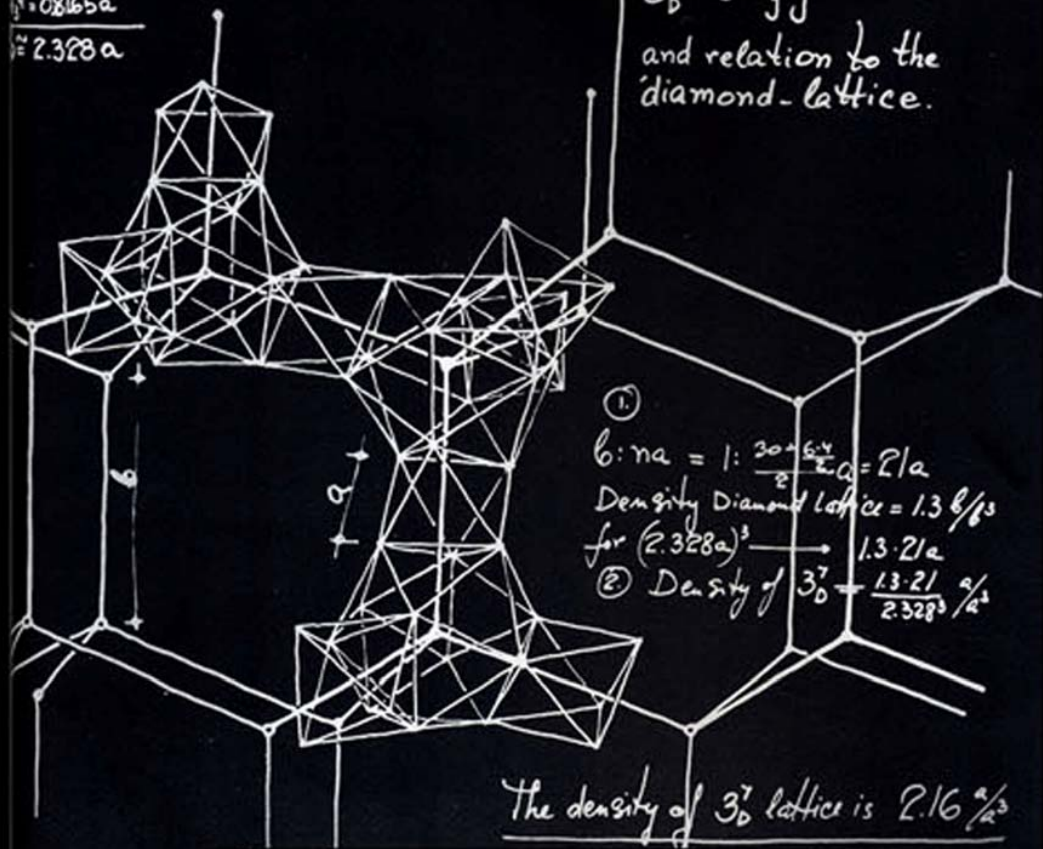


PARABOLIC CUBIC SURFACE SHELL STRUCTURE



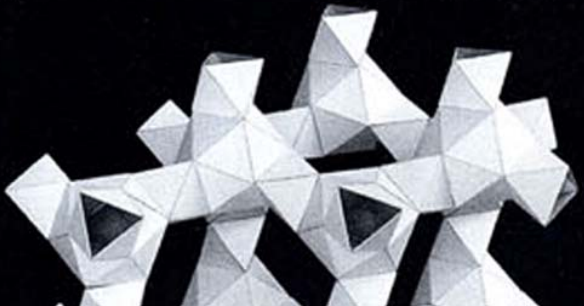
$$\begin{aligned} &= 1.5116a \\ &= 0.8165a \\ \hline &= 2.328a \end{aligned}$$

$3_0^7$ - configuration  
and relation to the  
diamond-lattice.



①  
 $b:na = 1: \frac{20 \cdot 6^4}{2} \cdot a = 21a$   
 Density Diamond lattice =  $1.3 \frac{g}{cm^3}$   
 for  $(2.328a)^3 \rightarrow 1.3 \cdot 21a$   
 ② Density of  $3_0^7 = \frac{1.3 \cdot 21}{2.328^3} \frac{g}{a^3}$

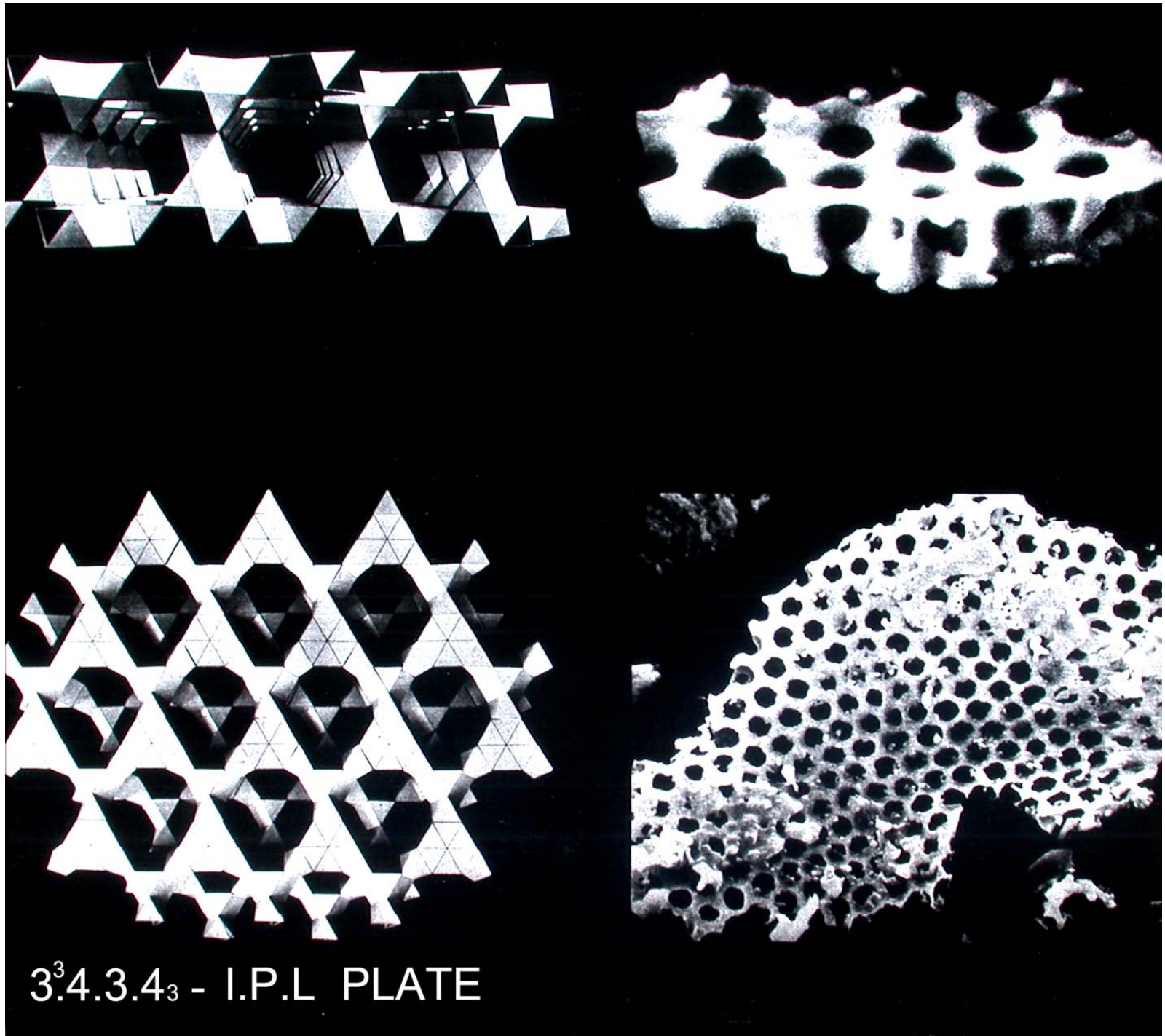
The density of  $3_0^7$  lattice is  $2.16 \frac{g}{a^3}$





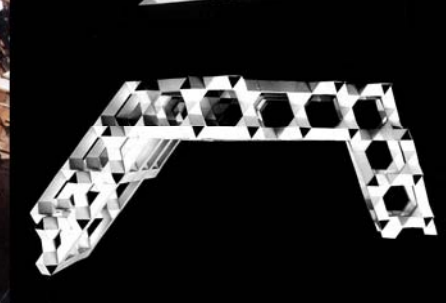
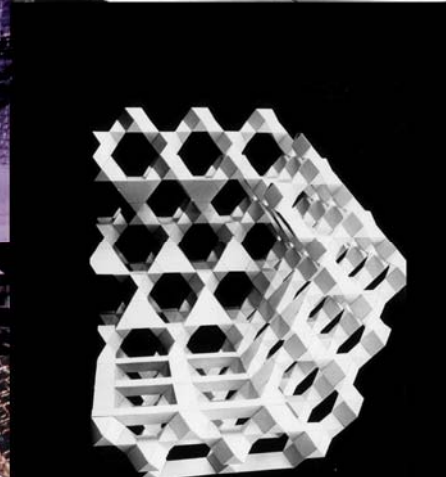
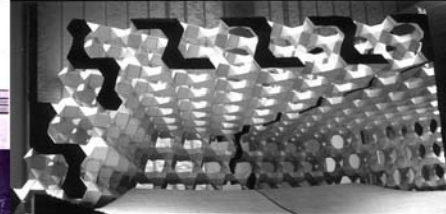
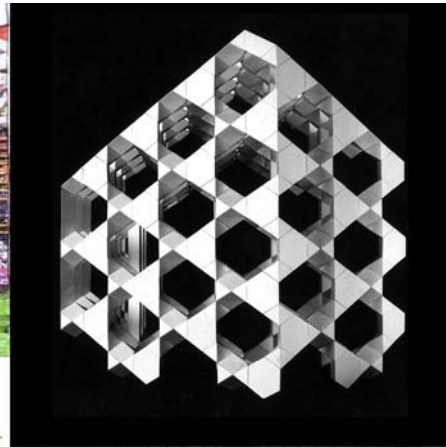
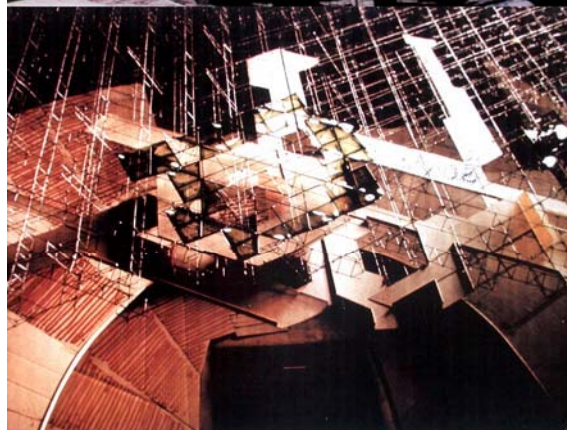
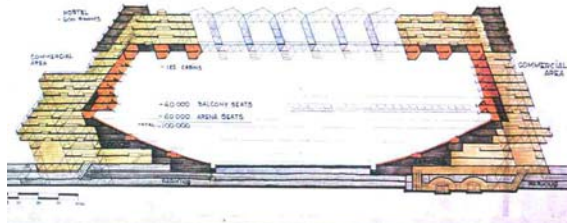
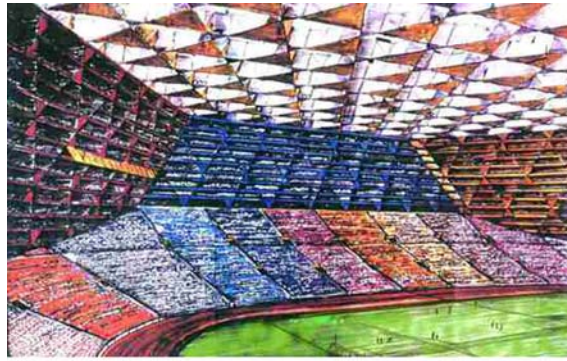






$3^3.4.3.4_3$  - I.P.L PLATE



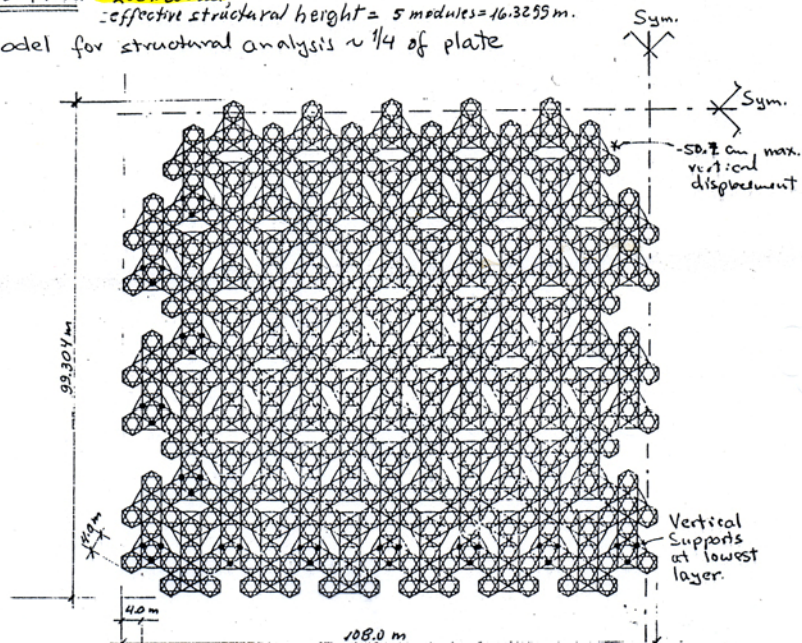




I.P.L. Plate **200 x 200 mm**

effective structural height = 5 modules = 16.3255 m.

Model for structural analysis ~ 1/4 of plate



Significant quantities for structural analysis model (~ 1/4 system):

Number of nodes: 2145

Number of members: 7023, 2 lengths: **4.0 m** for modules sides and

Material properties: of steel  $14 \times \sqrt{2} = 5.6568 \text{ m}$  to diagonalise cuboctahedron-sg

Imposed load: uniform: **1.0 kN/m<sup>2</sup> (= 100 kg/m<sup>2</sup>)**, dead weight of structure include

Supports: vertical, at the sides of plate (+ symmetry constraints at sym.axes).

Maximum vertical displacement = **-50.7 cm** at the middle of the plate,

e.i. ~ 1/60 of span.

(Additional horizontal displacements up to 10.0 cm)

Maximum forces: -167 Tons (compression), 130 Tons (Tension)

Dimensioning results (for the whole plate with sides **200 mm x 200 mm = 40 000 m<sup>2</sup>**)

Tubes: 28 092, total length: 119 009.3 m weight = 1343.44 T

Nodes: 8580 weight = 124.04 T

$\Sigma 1467.48 \text{ T} \rightarrow 1500 \text{ Tons} \rightarrow 37.5 \text{ kg/m}^2$

Tube size distribution

φ 88.9 x 3.6	57%
108 x 3.6	17.2%
127 x 3.6	8.8%
139.7 x 4.0	6%
159 x 4.3	0.7%
168.3 x 8.0	2%
219.1 x 6.3	~ 1%
... 889/11.1/16 ...	~ 1%

Node size distribution

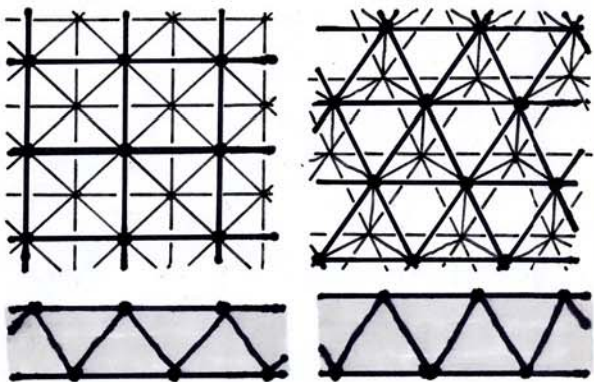
φ 110/58	22.5%
132/118	20.0%
155/138	32.1%
180/158	10.3%
198/178	8.2%
220/208	4%
250/228	~ 3%
310/268	~ 3%
350/288	~ 3%

Notes: W134 w = 2.0 kN/m<sup>2</sup> tubes weight = 1443.3 T + nodes weight = 158.24 T = 1600 T → 40 kg/m<sup>2</sup>  
 W144 w = 1.0 kN/m<sup>2</sup> tubes weight = 1175.4 T + nodes weight = 124.12 T = 1300 T → 37.5 kg/m<sup>2</sup>  
 but starting dimensioning with φ 60.3 x 2.9 and A 76.2 ...

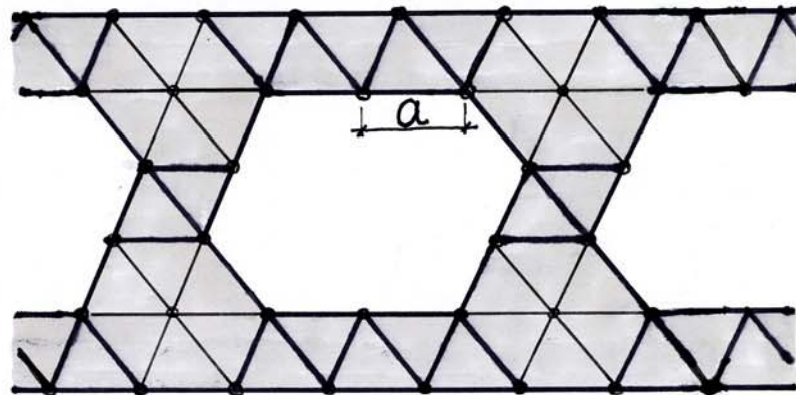
# COMPARATIVE MORPHOLOGICAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE OCTET DOUBLE-LAYER AND THE INFINITE SPONGE POLYHEDRAL LATTICE SPACE TRUSS STRUCTURES.

STATE OF THE ART SPACE TRUSS SOLUTIONS WITH A SPAN-RECORD OF 108m (OSAKA EXPO, 1969-1970), AND ~ 200 kg/sqm OF DEAD-WEIGHT. THE OCTATRUSS SPACE FRAME

OCTET-LATTICE DERIVATIVES DOUBLE LAYERED



INFINITE POLYHEDRAL SPONGE LATTICE SIX LAYERED - 3<sup>3</sup>.4.3.4<sub>3</sub> I.P.L TRUSS



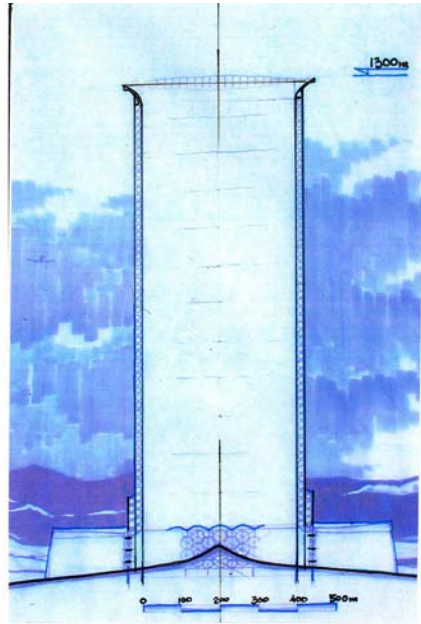
- STRUCTURAL DEPTH
- EDGE VALENCY
- SPATIAL DENSITY
- PROJECTED DENSITY
- STRUT MATERIAL IN THE NEUTRAL ZONE
- STRUT-SPAN RATIO

$h = 0.7071a$	$h = 0.8165a$
Val. = 8	Val. = 9
$D_s = 8.4852a/a^3$	
$D_p = 8.000a/a^2$	$D_p = 10.392a/a^2$
50%	33%
$l = 13 \div 16a$	$l = 15 \div 18a$

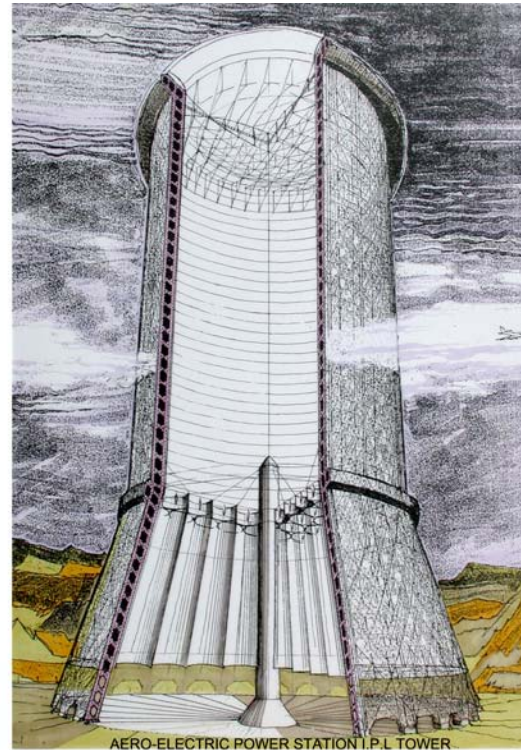
$H = 4.0825a$
Val. = 6
$D_s = 1.5922a/a^3$
$D_p = 8.6603a/a^2$
20%
$L = 50 \div 60a$

THE I.P.L. 3<sup>3</sup>.4.3.4<sub>3</sub> SPACE FRAME, CAPABLE OF SOLVING FREE SPANS OF UP TO 200-300m WITHIN THE PREVAILING STRUCTURAL-ECONOMICAL CONSTRAINTS.





AERO-ELECTRIC POWER STATION, UTILIZING HOT-DRY DESERT AIR (BY DAN ZASLAVSKI) WITH IPL STRUCTURE OF 1300m HIGH.



AERO-ELECTRIC POWER STATION I.P.L TOWER

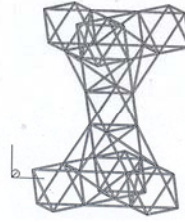
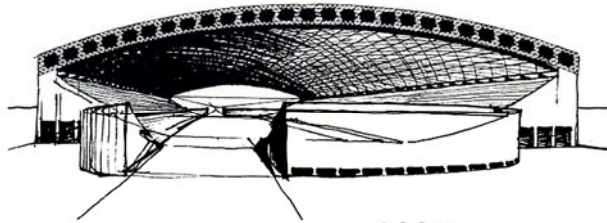
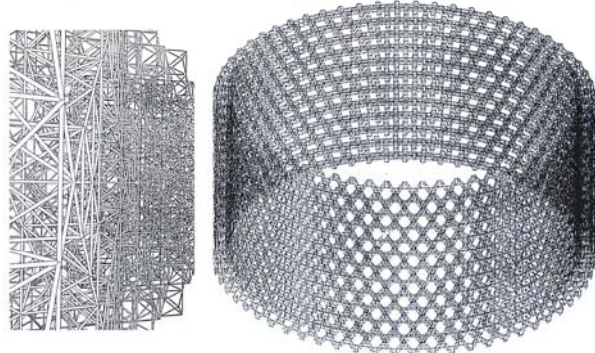


Figure 2. Basic repetitive "column" substructure



CYLINDRIC 3<sup>3</sup>.4.3.4<sub>3</sub>-IPL SPACE TRUSS

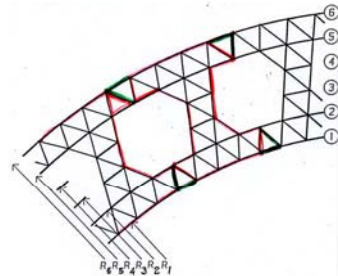
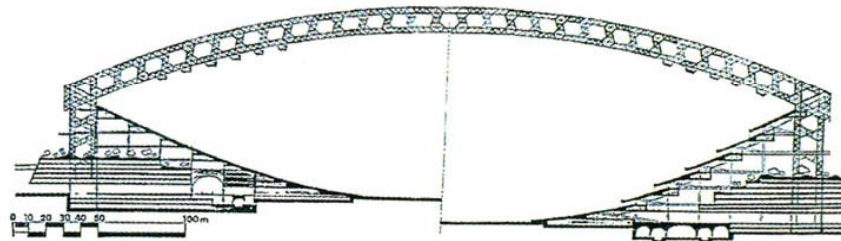
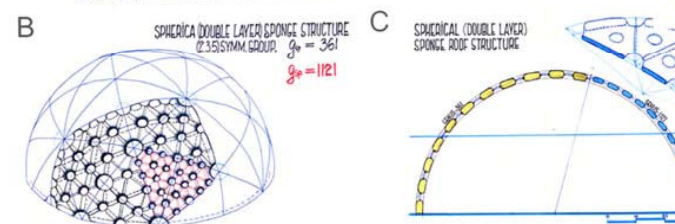
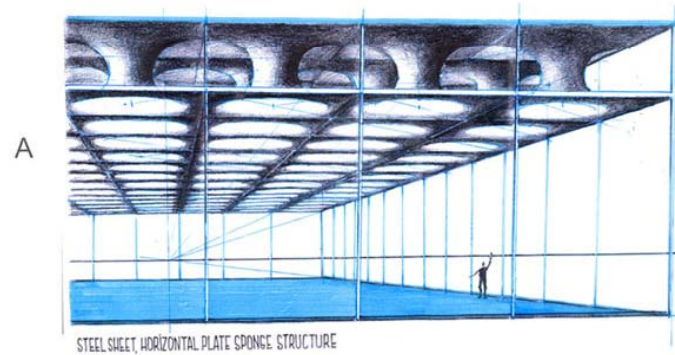
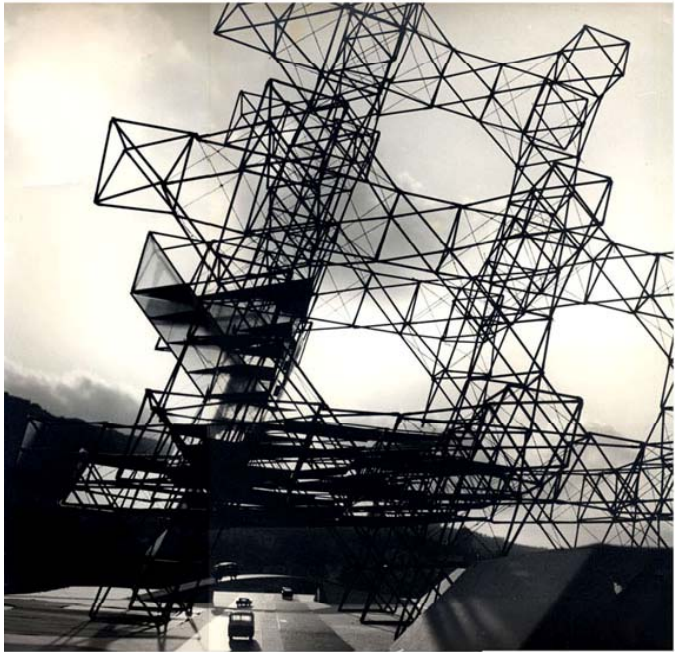
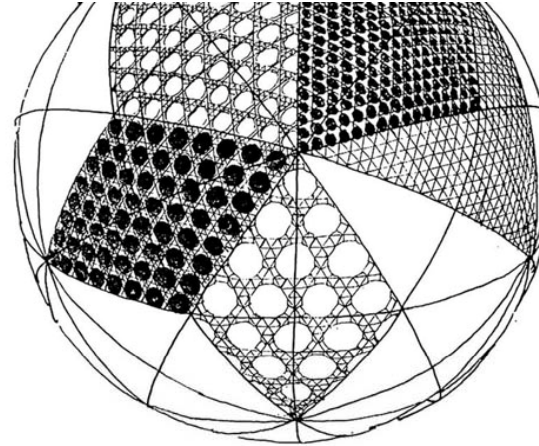
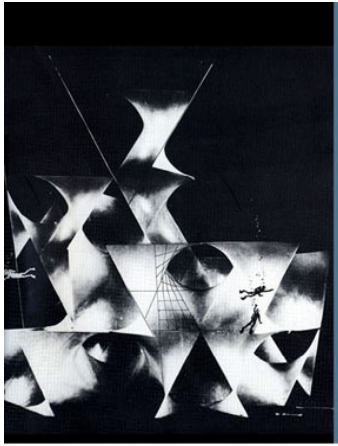


Figure 3. Six layered cylindrical IPL shell showing the different radii and the resulting variations in the typical rod lengths;  $R_6 > R_1$





*3D networks and the associated hyperbolic sponge surfaces seem to pose a critical aspect in all 'material sciences' and as an extension of graph-theory, dealing geometrically with any plurality that may exist, of focal entities and their inter-relations.*

*After investing in the systematic research of the topic, the author claims enumerating, categorizing and graphically describing, **so far**, about 270 uniform 3D space networks and related hyperbolic sponge surface configurations.*

*The effort is meant to support an evolution of new imagery which might influence scientific exploration and inspire art, architecture and innovative space structures.*



