



# ZOOMING into CHROMA spaces

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Regularity through Incompatibility

# **PILING TETRACHORDS**

# Animation

Demo: [Tetrachords](#)

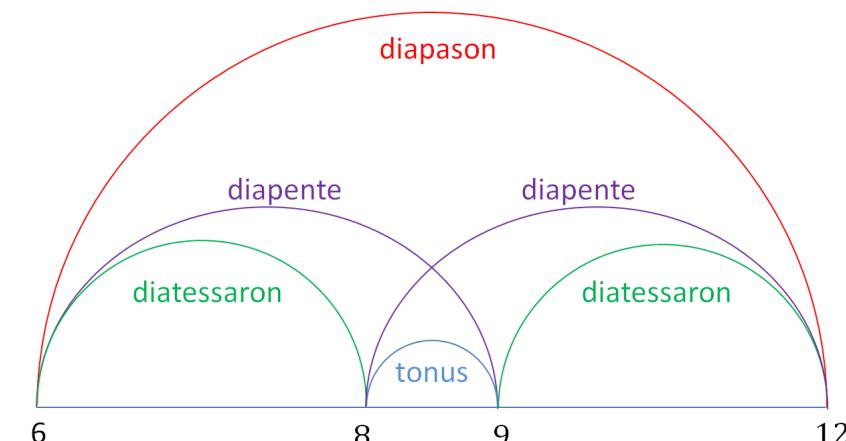
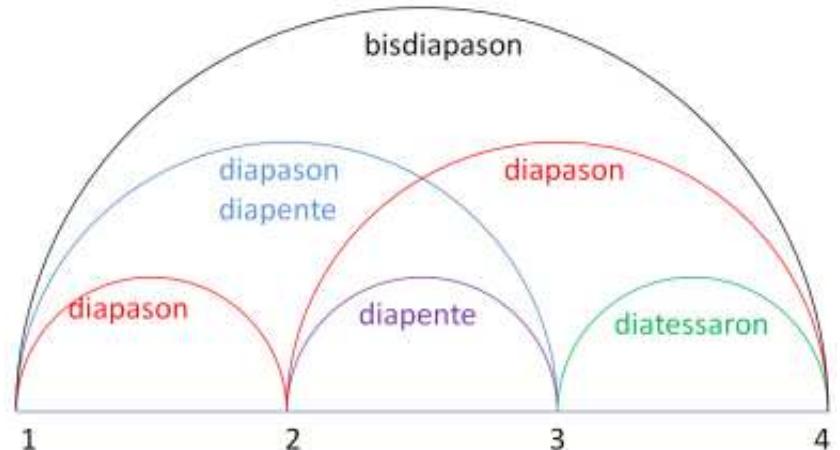
Sequences of octave periodic joined tetrachords revealing illuminating patterns.

Extended Uses in the 14th Century

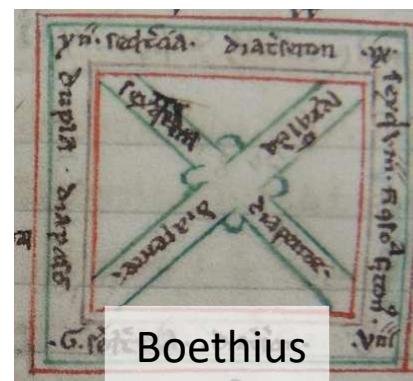
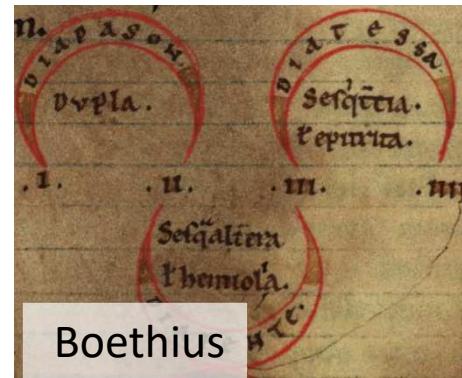
# **TETRAKTYS DIAGRAMS**

# Tetrakty

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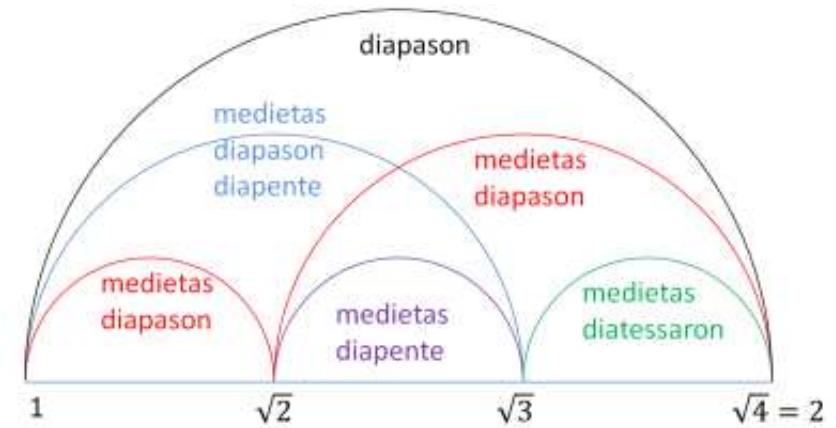
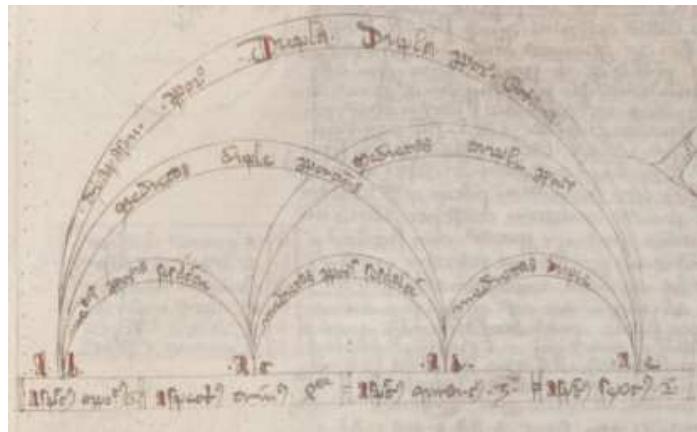
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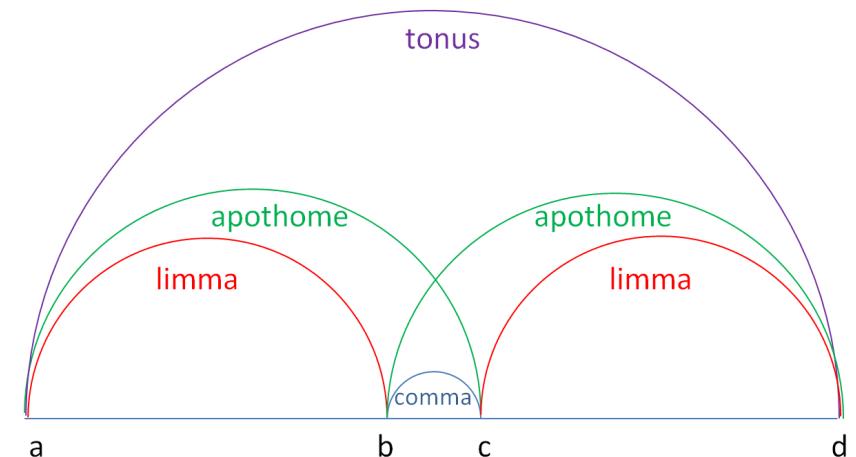
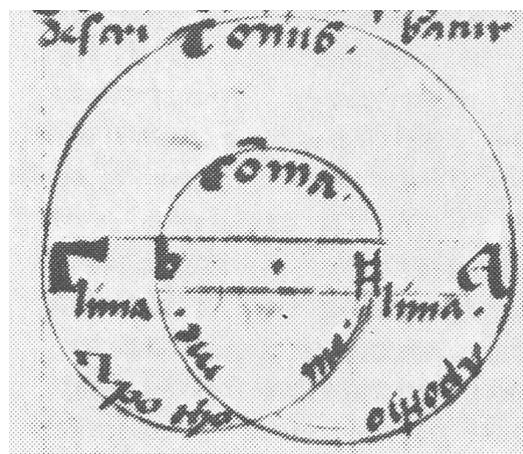
# Tetrakty transformations

[3]

Nicole  
Oresme



Jacobus  
Leodiensis

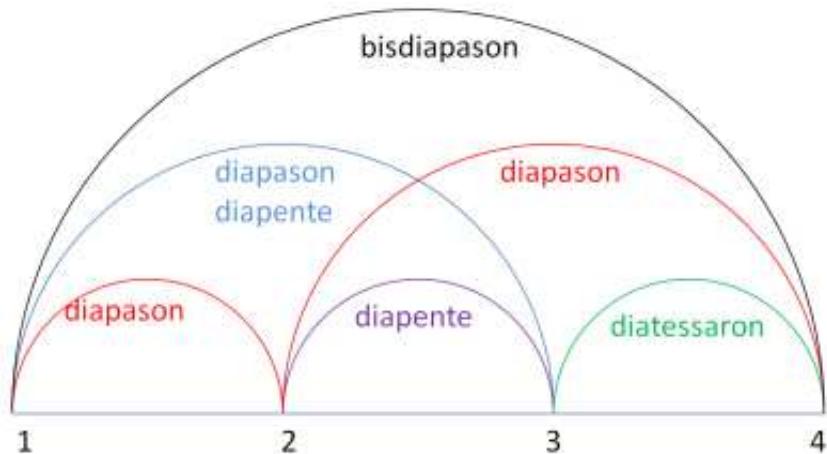


14th century extensions

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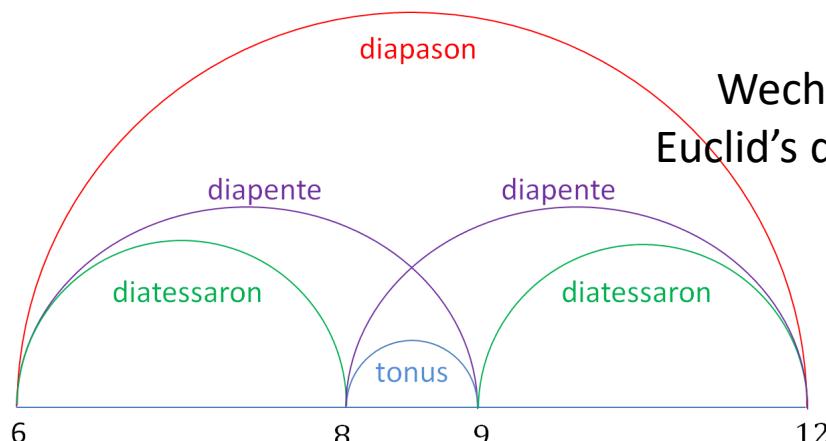
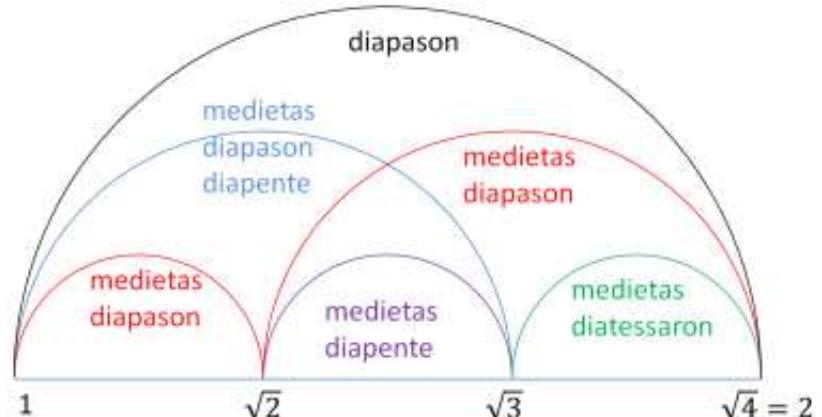
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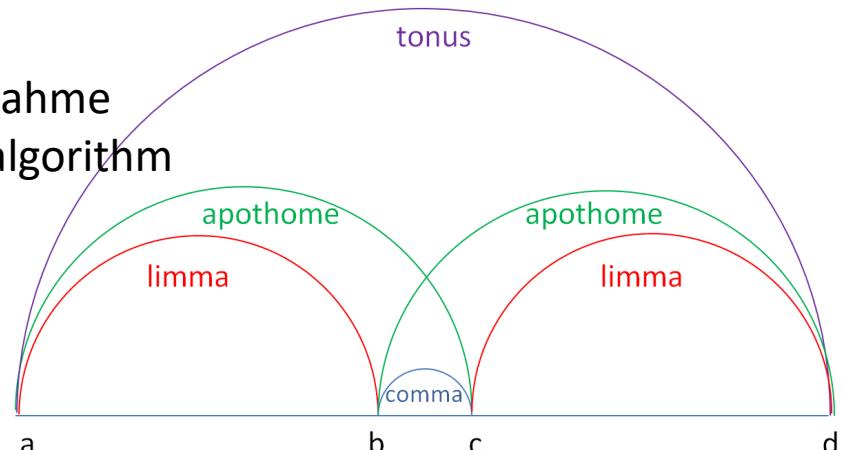


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Euclid's division algorithm



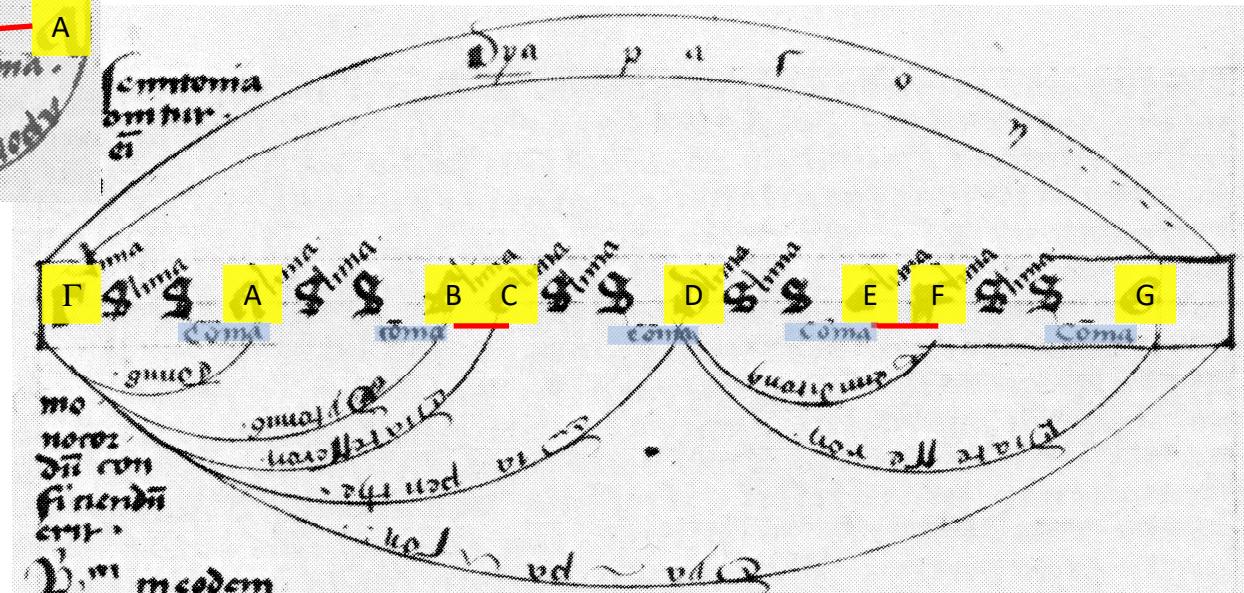
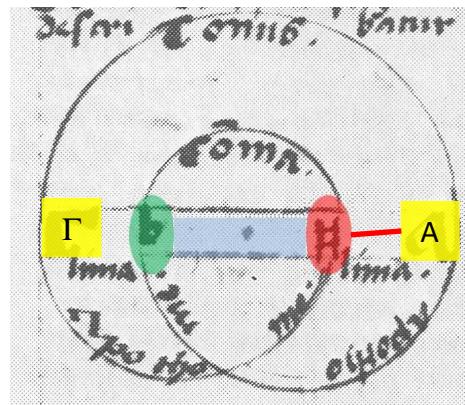
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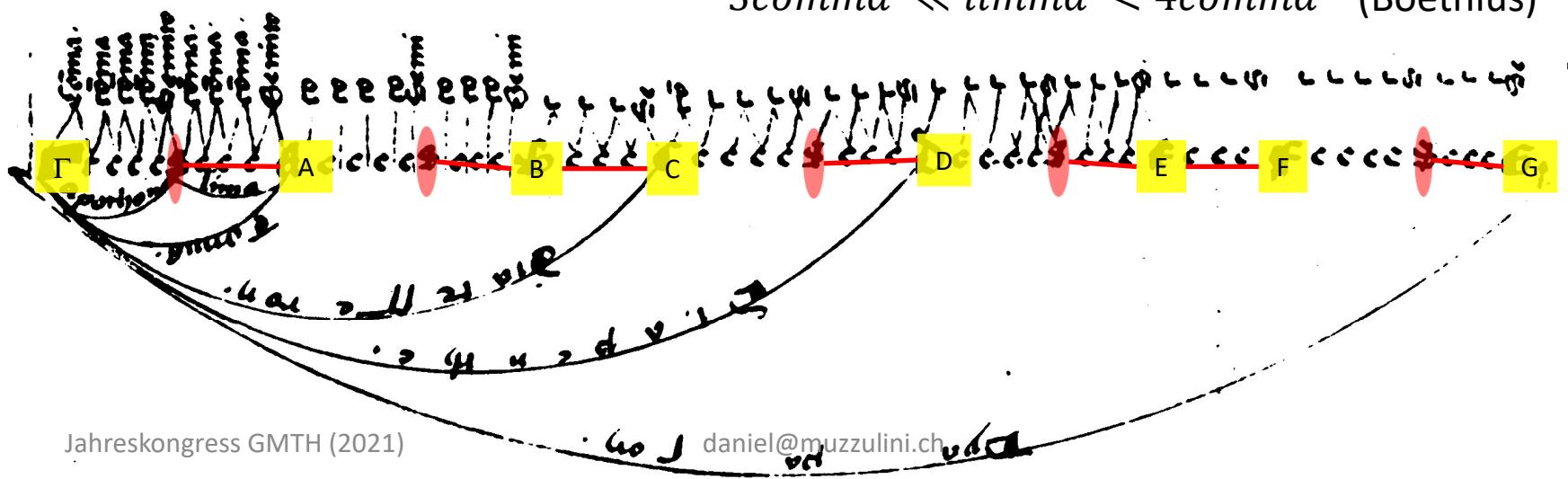
Enharmonic scale – comma scale

# **JACOBUS LEODIENSIS**

# Jacobus Leodiensis



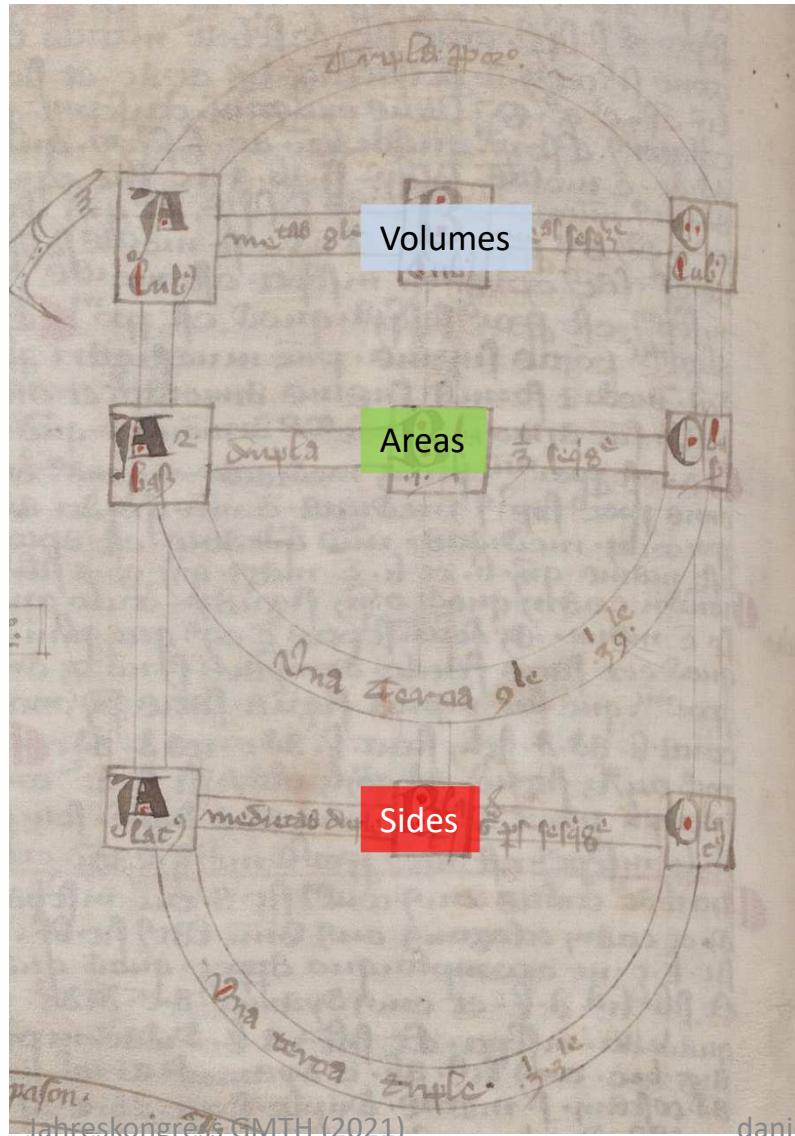
*3comma << limma < 4comma* (Boethius)



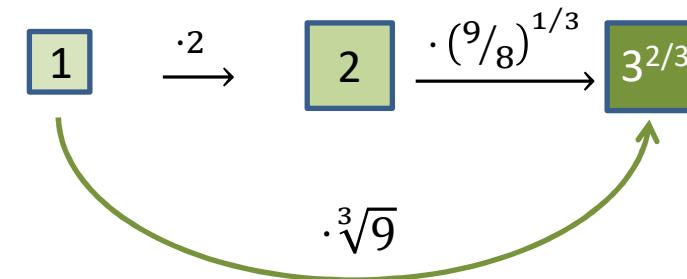
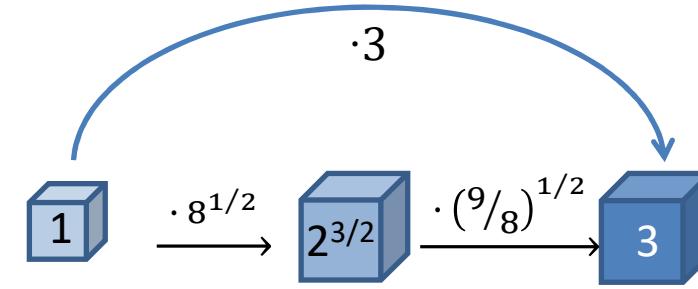
Enriched Pythagorean Harmonics: Fractional Powers

# **NICOLE ORESME**

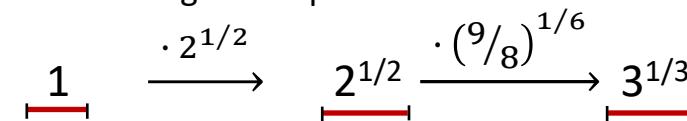
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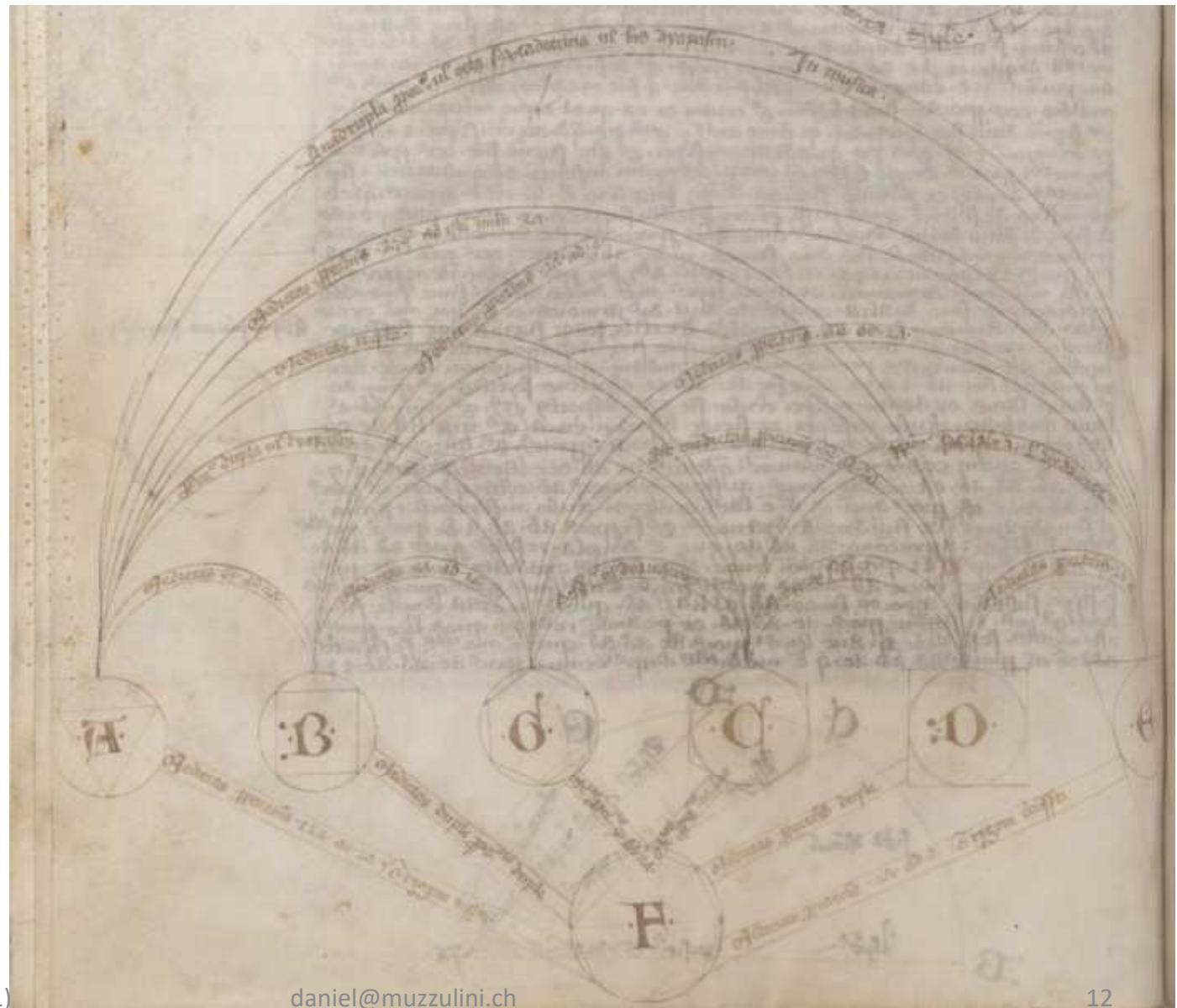
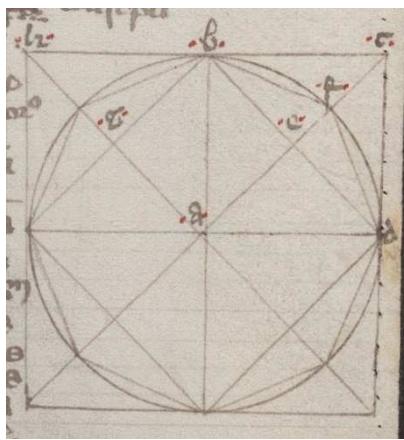
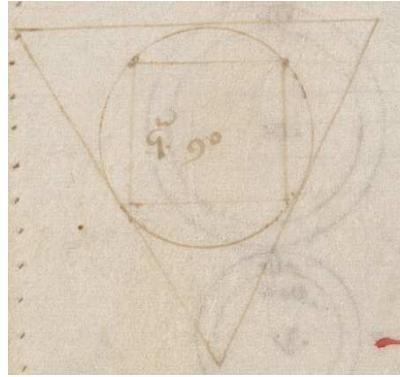
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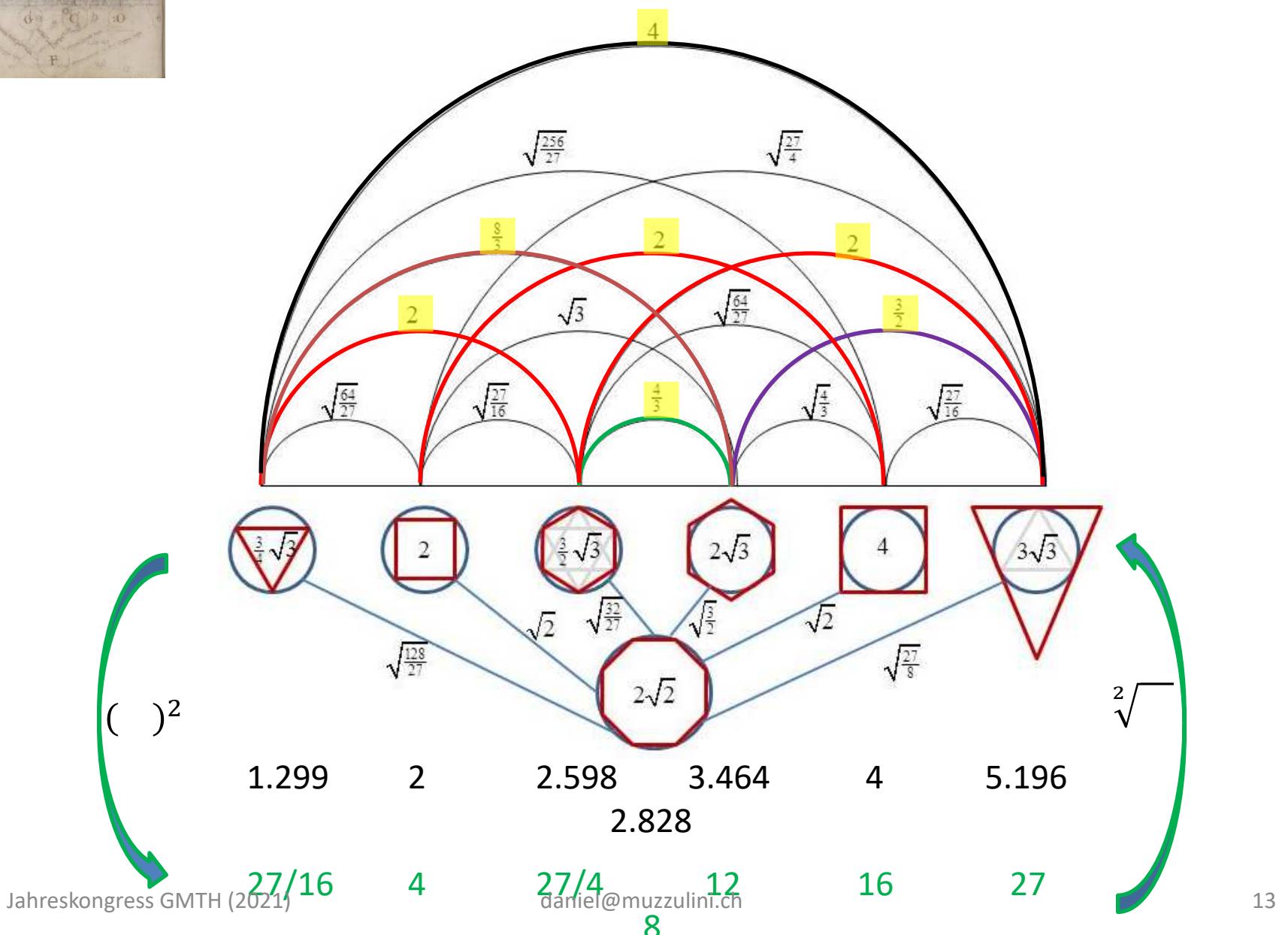


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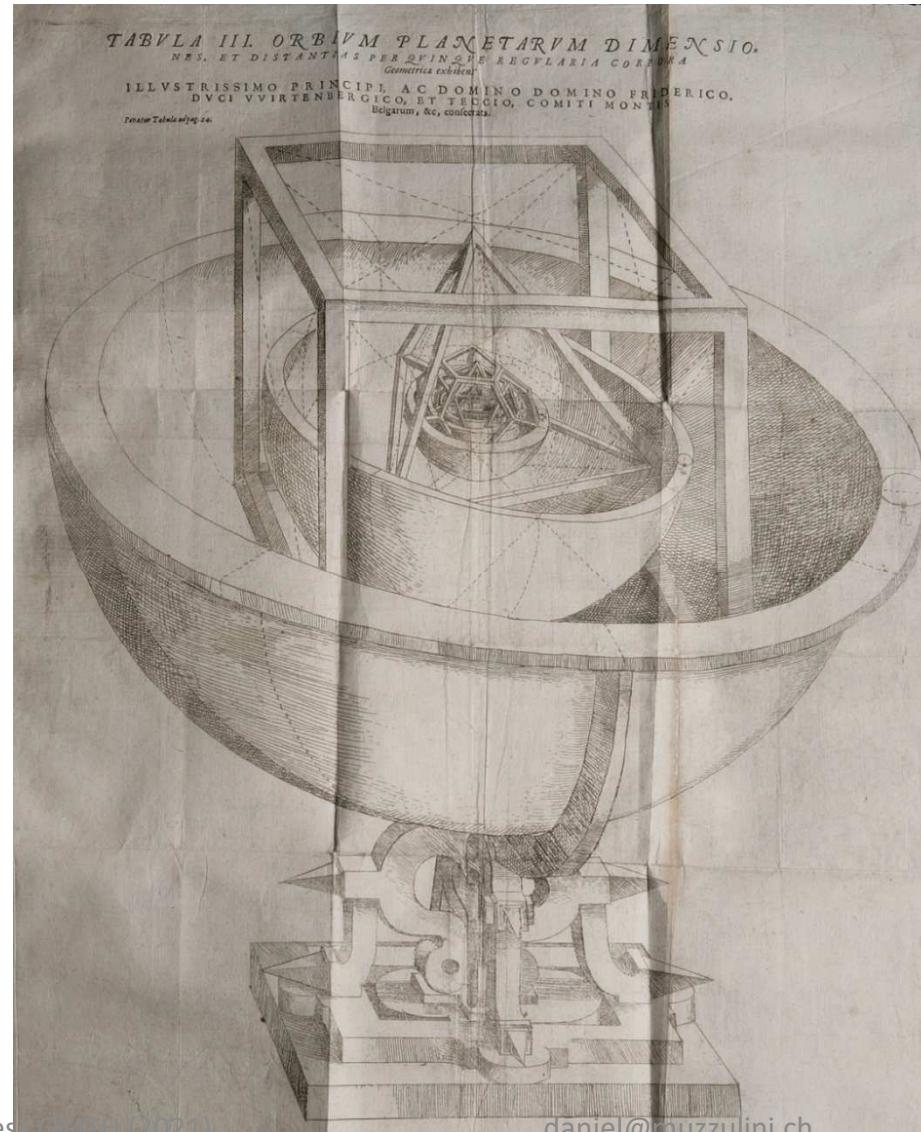




# Oresme: Harmony of the Polygons



# Johannes Kepler (1596)



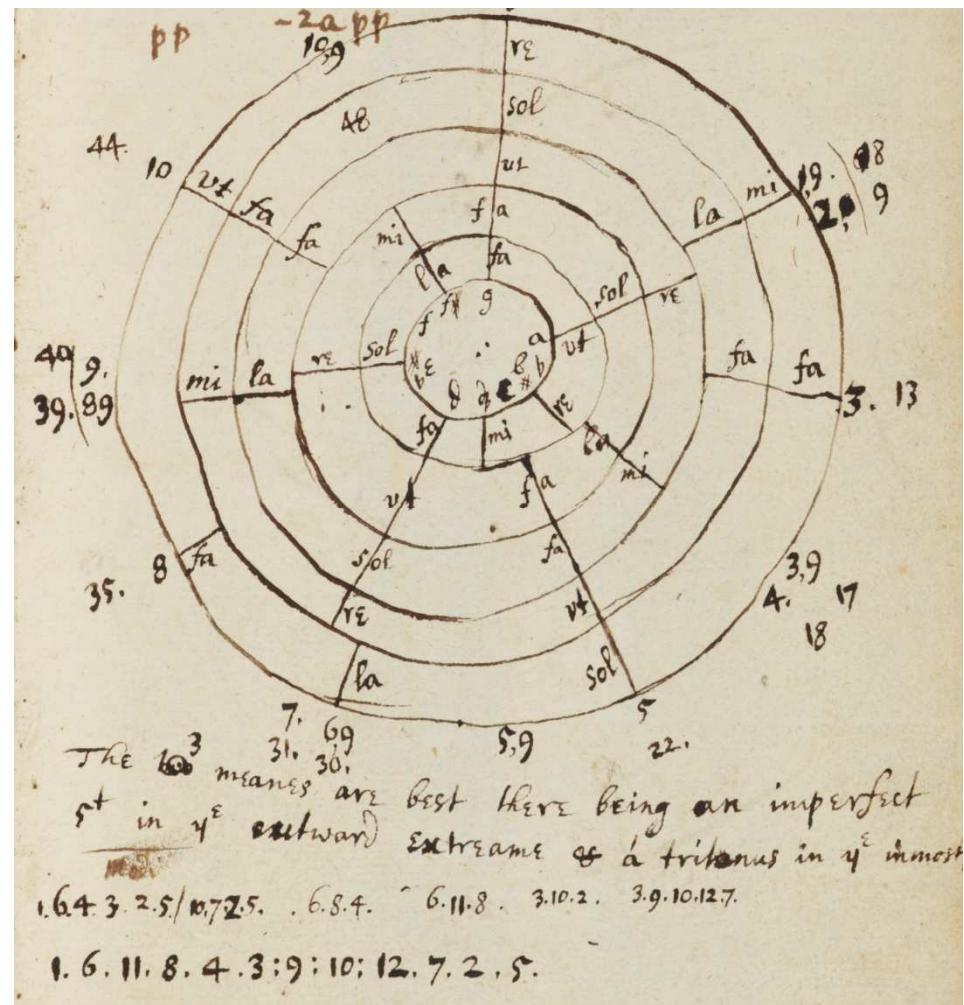
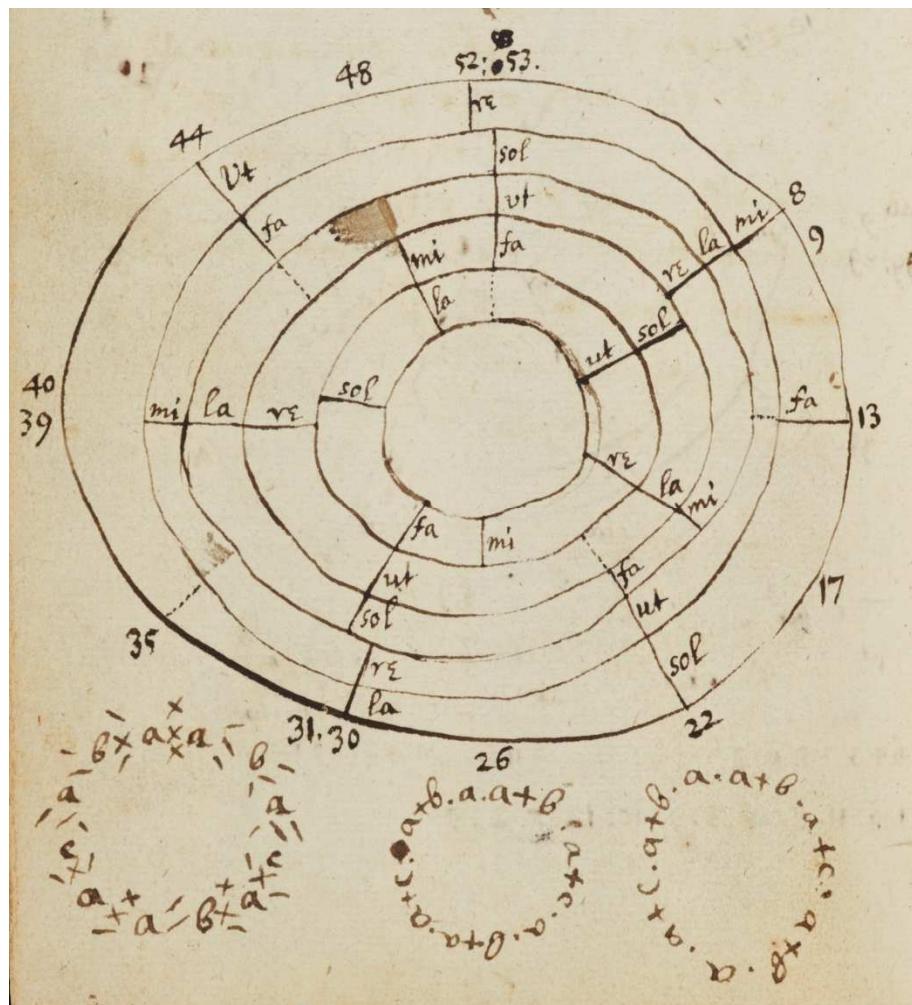
Orbium Planetarum Dimensio.

Harmony of the Spheres  
through Platonic Solids  
(nested regular polyhedrons)

Syntonic chromatic scale and EDOs

# **NEWTON**

# Generalizing Descartes's Hexachords



# Logarithms and EDOs

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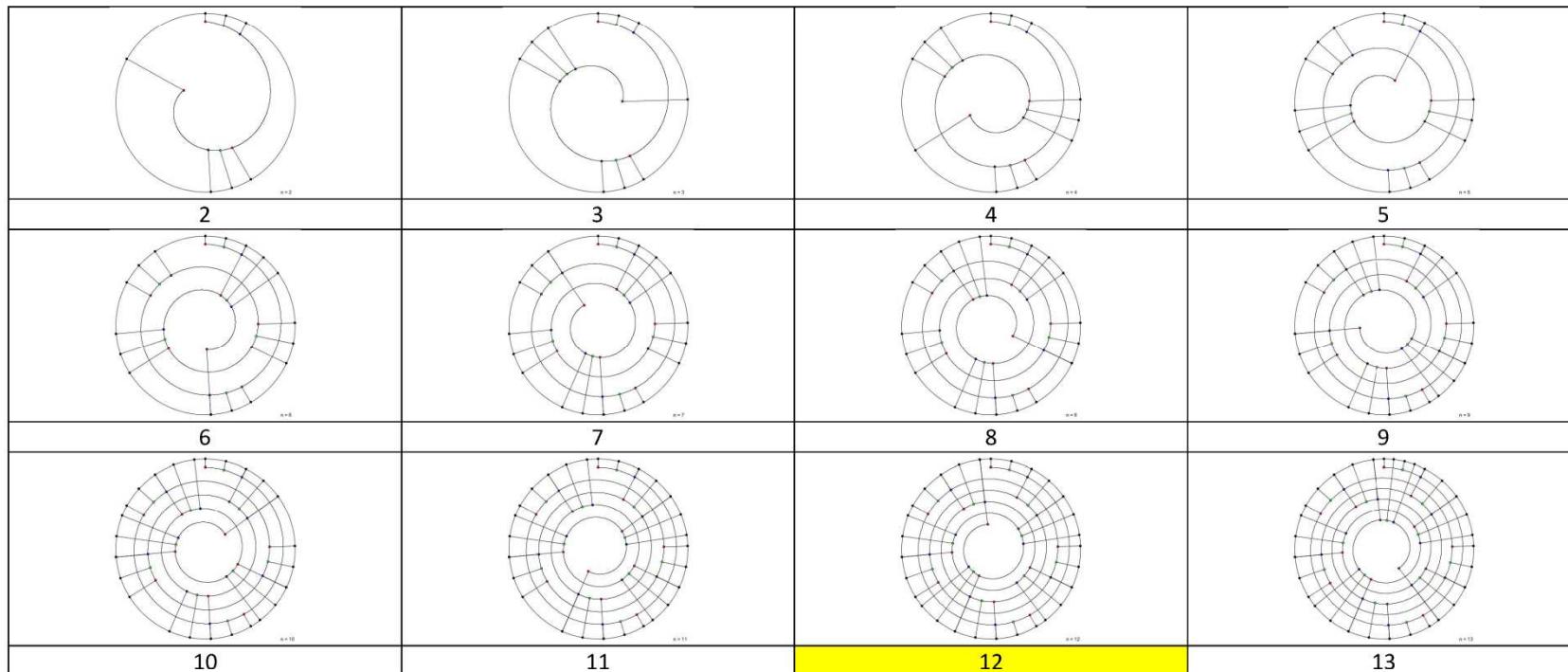
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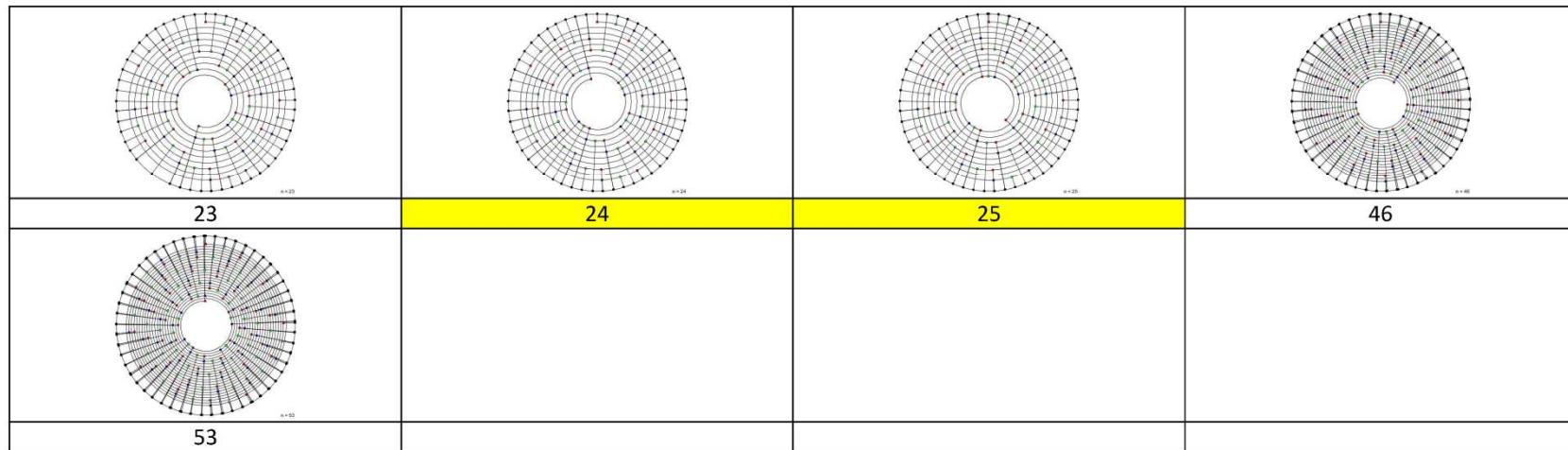
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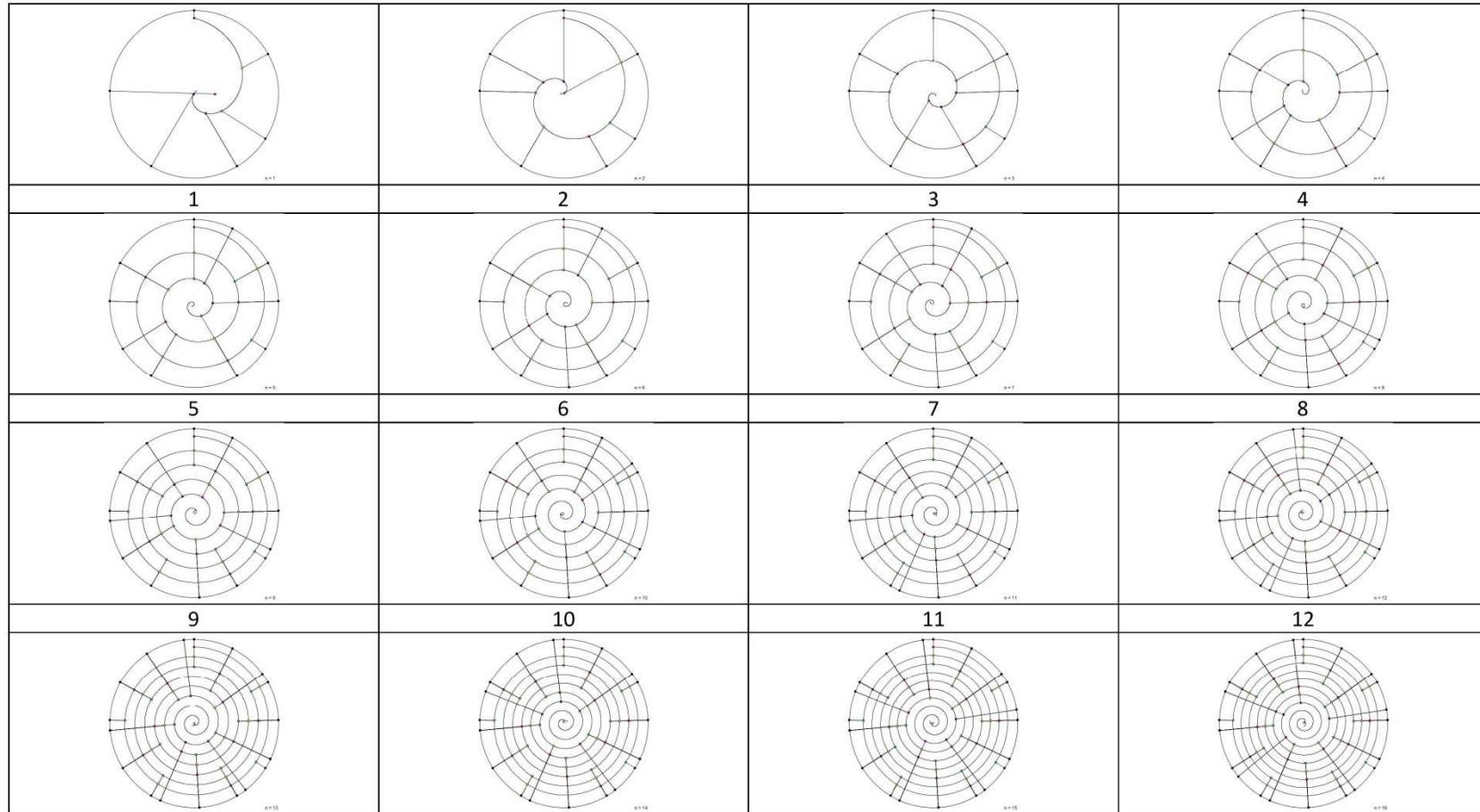
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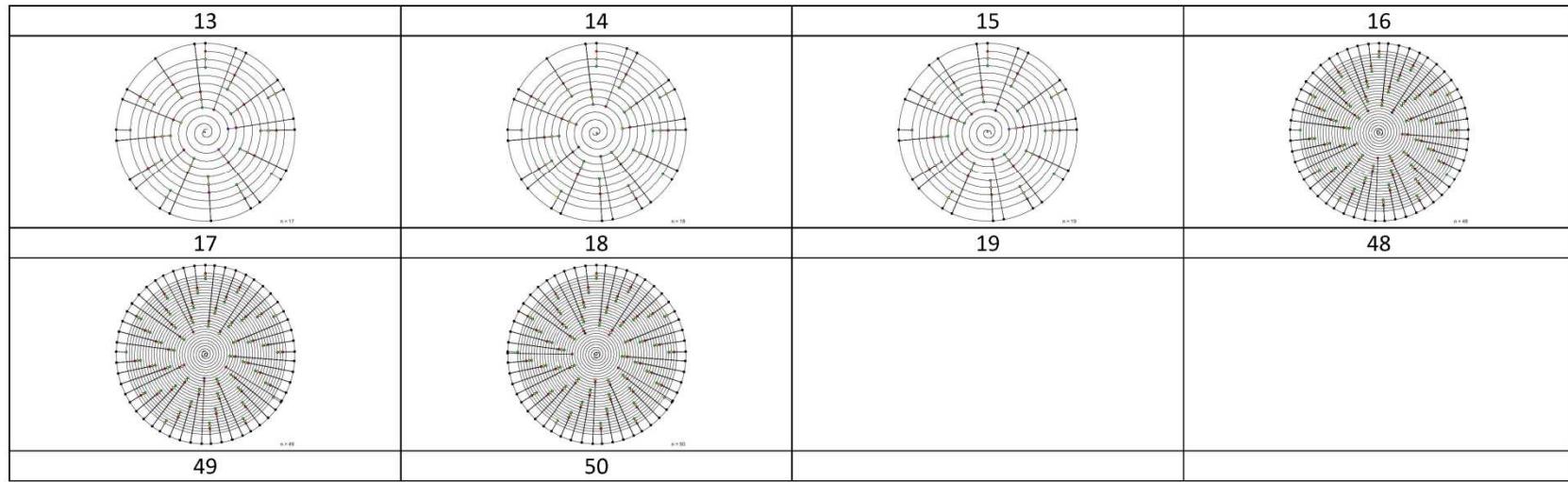
## Piling Pythagorean Enharmonic Tetrachords





## Piling Pythagorean Hexachords





### Piles of Diatonic Tetrachords (Archytas)

