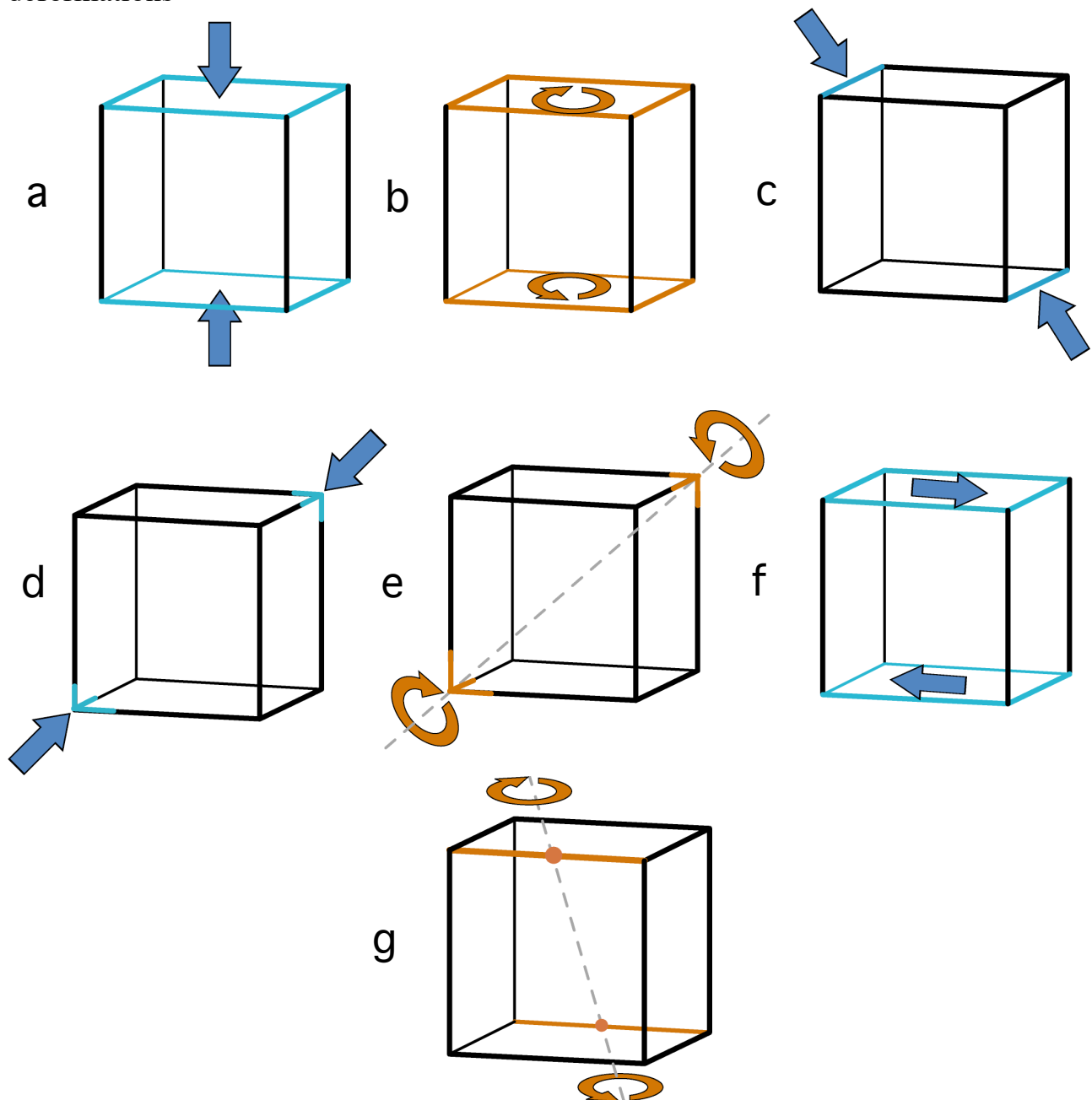


## What are the possible deformations of the cube and their corresponding symmetries?

Below are a few possible deformations resulting from compressions and shear deformations



The symmetry of the undeformed cube is  $m\bar{3}m$  or more completely  $4/m\bar{3}2/m$  and the resulting deformations give the following point groups

a	b	c	d	e	f	g
$4/mmm$	$422$	$mmm$	$\bar{3}m$	$32$	$2/m$	$222$

It is interesting to note that all those symmetry groups are subgroups of  $m\bar{3}m$ .