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Multiplexes and braxtopes are polytopes that generalize simplices. Among simplicial polytopes, cyclic polytopes play a special role. In particular they have the largest number of faces of each dimension among polytopes with a fixed dimension and number of vertices. Bisztriczky discovered two classes of polytopes that share several properties of cyclic polytopes: ordinary polytopes, which are multiplicial; and Gale and braxial polytopes, all of whose faces are braxtopes. This talk will discuss these polytopes, with an emphasis on number of faces, flag vectors, and h -vectors. (Received January 04, 2007)