

Comparing quasistatic and dynamic models in heart mechanics

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The front page depicts a section of the root system of the exceptional Lie group E_8 , projected into the plane. Lie groups were invented by the Norwegian mathematician Sophus Lie (1842–1899) to express symmetries in differential equations and today they play a central role in various parts of mathematics.