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**"Infinite-Dimensional Symmetries: The Key to Understanding Gravity?"**

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It is well known that the description of the non-gravitational interactions (electromagnetism, weak and strong nuclear forces) relies on finite-dimensional Lie groups and algebras (e.g.,  $SU(3) \times SU(2) \times U(1)$ ). Recently, it has been argued by many research teams that the description of the gravitational interaction should involve infinite-dimensional Lie algebras of hyperbolic Kac-Moody type, such as  $E(10)$ . The talk will provide a brief, pedagogical introduction to these mathematical structures and present some of the evidence for their relevance to gravity.

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