

MSRI/Evans Talk

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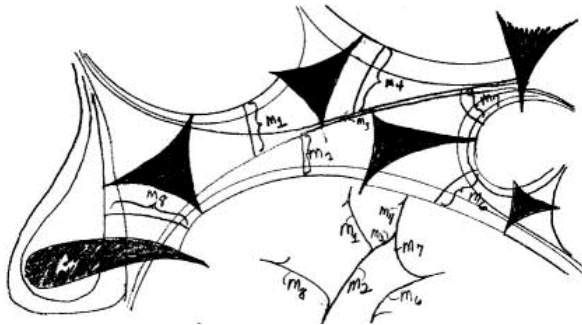
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“Geometry of the mapping class group”

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The mapping class group of a closed oriented surface S is the group of isotopy classes of diffeomorphisms of S . Simple closed curves and train tracks can be used to gain insight into the geometry of this group.

Refreshments at a nearby establishment immediately following the talk!

*The purpose of these lectures is to introduce the present year's research programs at MSRI to the mathematical sciences community in Berkeley. The talks will be **expository and nontechnical**, providing some of the flavor of ongoing research at MSRI.*

Graduate students and Postdoctoral Fellows are particularly invited to attend these lectures.

Further information and links to the MSRI program and workshop web pages are available at:

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