

- **Hensel, Sebastian: Geometry of handlebody groups (SR 0)**

Mapping class groups of surfaces have been studied intensively by geometric group theorists over the last years, and their large-scale geometry is by now fairly well understood. Mapping class groups of 3-dimensional handlebodies are much less understood, and show behavior more akin to that of outer automorphism groups of free groups. In this talk, we present some recent results (partly joint with Ursula Hamenstädt) that begin to shed some light on geometric properties of these groups.