

The vanishing of the simplicial volume and the Euler characteristic

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Abstract: A well-known open question of Gromov asks whether the vanishing of the simplicial volume of an aspherical manifold implies the vanishing of its Euler characteristic. In this talk, I will discuss several approaches to relate these two fundamental invariants and present some recent partial results in connection with Gromov's question.

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