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# Geometry and Topology Seminar

Title

*Thurston norm and the geometry of surfaces*

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**Abstract:** For closed hyperbolic 3-manifolds  $M$ , Brock and Dunfield prove an inequality on the first cohomology bounding the ratio of the geometric  $L^2$ -norm to the topological Thurston norm. Motivated by Dehn fillings, they conjecture that as the injectivity radius tends to 0, the ratio is big  $O$  of the square root of the log of the injectivity radius. We prove this conjecture for all sequences of manifolds which geometrically converge. Tools involve circle-valued maps and minimal surfaces.