

The Complex of Non-separating embedded spheres

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For $n > 2$, we shall show that the group $\text{Aut}(\text{NS}(M))$ of simplicial automorphisms of the complex $\text{NS}(M)$ of non-separating embedded spheres in the manifold M , connected sum of n copies of $S^2 \times S^1$, is isomorphic to the group $\text{Out}(F_n)$ of outer automorphisms of the free group F_n , where F_n is identified with the fundamental group of M up to conjugacy of the base point in M .

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