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Asymptotic cones of groups

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I am going to talk about asymptotic geometry of groups, specifically about asymptotic cones and their applications. Here are few of the topics I will talk about :

- 1. Asymptotic cones, applications to Dehn functions, divergence of geodesics, and equations over groups.
 - 2. A characterization of relatively hyperbolic groups. Tree-graded spaces.
 - 3. The asymptotic cones of the mapping class groups of surfaces.