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(mangahas@math.brown.edu). *The geometry of right angled Artin subgroups of mapping class groups.*

We describe sufficient conditions which guarantee that a finite set of mapping classes generate a right-angled Artin group quasi-isometrically embedded in the mapping class group. Moreover, under these conditions, the orbit map to Teichmüller space is a quasi-isometric embedding for both of the standard metrics. As a consequence, we produce infinitely many genus  $h$  surfaces (for any  $h$  at least 2) in the moduli space of genus  $g$  surfaces (for any  $g$  at least 3) for which the universal covers are quasi-isometrically embedded in the Teichmüller space. (Received January 18, 2011)