## **Crossing the Crossings**

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A splash description of Zhe. What's the domain? What's the target? Why should I care?

Virtual knot = the algebraic structure underlying the Reidemeister presentation of ordinary knots, without the topology = "locally a knot diagram, globally who cares"

Ordinary knots, also algebraically ... virtual knots are even more natural than ordinary knots...

The flying pogs picture.

Prejudice / deeply held belief: the planar algebra description is "wrong".

Evidence that prejudice is wrong:

- 1. Boden's pi 1,
- 2. Manturov's "Artin rep".

w-knots

Back to Zhe - well definededness, vanishing on u.

Claim: Zhe dominates Manturov and Boden and probably Brandenbursky.

A box on the wheels invariant.

Prejudices are to be questioned - a rainbow box.