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A Jones polynomial for curves on surfaces

In a recent work, T. Koberda et R.Santharoubane have studied representations of surface groups with the following property: every simple curve has an image of finite order. These representations come from topological quantum field theory (TQFT) and depend on an integer k called level. I will explain that when k goes to infinity, these representations are controlled by a sort of Jones polynomial which may distinguish simple curves from the others. This is joint work with R. Santharoubane.