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As my EVC colleague and cyberfriend, Danilo Cuellar said recently on his podcast, “there are no warp zones in the real world.” In my academic world, we called the phenomenon “hand waving.” Most people know A, and they would like to connect it to C. Why? Because.

But they have no idea of how to get to B, through it, or from it.

Instead they posit A', B', and C'. Those are fictional and they can be whatever the handwaver wants.

Then they formulate a trip,

$$A \rightarrow A' \rightarrow B' \rightarrow C' \rightarrow C$$

and declare B to have been navigated. Logic-Math-Science Fiction!

— Kilgore Forelle