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It is well known that virtual knots have easily computable polynomial invariants that detect non-invertibility. We use this observation to prove that some multi-component links in \mathbb{S}^3 are non-invertible. The connection between multi-component links and one-component virtual knots is made through virtual covers. Briefly, a virtual cover associates a virtual knot v to a knot K in a 3-manifold N that possesses a regular covering by a thickened surface (under certain hypotheses on K). Virtual covers of links in \mathbb{S}^3 come from taking K to be a knot in the complement of a fibered link J . It will be shown that if $J \sqcup K$ is invertible, then v satisfies a certain symmetry condition to which some virtual knot polynomials are sensitive. (Received September 19, 2015)