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Status Report

Crew Manifest	
Total Assigned:	13
Officers:	4
Enlisted:	7
Cadets:	2
Citizens:	0

This month we had several crew members get together, play games, and attend events and conventions.

Lan All Night Convention



Sherwood Forrest



Harker Heights Star Watching Party



ACHIEVEMENTS



Academic Achievement

This month a single individual completed classes in the academy. When a member of the crew achieves a score of 90 or better (Honors) or a perfect score of 100 (Distinction) in a course, they will be acknowledged here.

- Dustin Freeman - Honors: 3	- Floyd Gage - Distinction: 8 Honors: 5	- Rachel Mock - Distinction: 12 Honors: 3
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Challenge Takers

Floyd Gage – Reading Challenge

Rachel Mock – Reading Challenge

Amber Freeman – Reading Challenge

Dustin Freeman – SFSO Cryptography & Map Reconnaissance / Reading Challenge

Awards

Dustin Freeman – General Martok Service Award, 1 Year (SFSO)

Promotions

– Floyd Gage PROMOTED TO Crewman –

– Rachel Mock PROMOTED TO Crewman–

Crew Promotion Points

Rank	Name	Temporary Points	Permanent Points	Award Points	Total Points
CAPT	Freeman , Dustin Gene	97	135	17	249
CMDR	Fitch , Bryan	21	70	0	91
LT	Freeman , Elijah Gabriel	7	60	2	69
LT	Sturgeon , William Arthur	2	95	12	109
CDT 3C	Freeman , Lucas Alexander	46	0	0	46
CRMN	Gage , Floyd	0	0	0	0
CRMN	Mock , Christopher	11	10	0	21
CRA	Quinn , Richard Michael	15	0	0	15
CRR	Mock , Hannah	19	0	0	19
CRMN	Mock , Rachel	0	10	0	10
CRR	Garneaux , Margaret Ann	5	0	0	5
CRR	Freeman , Amber Nicole	13	0	0	13
CDT4	Freeman , Azrael Josiah	9	0	0	9

CAPTAINS LOG

Hello crew! March has been an exciting month for the Veritas. Several of you have really stepped up and gotten more involved and I love to see it! I'm getting a regular stream of notifications on academy courses being completed, articles being offered for the newsletter, reading challenges being logged, and reports on away missions being submitted. As we continue to grow as a chapter, I look forward to seeing specialty groups form and do even more together.

With all those activities, I get the distinct privilege of watching the promotions point rise as I track them. STARFLEET is at the end of the day a community of Star Trek fans, getting together and talking about and doing things they enjoy as a group.

This Saturday we have the chance to share with the public at large some of the fun things we do as a fan club as well as some of the things we hope to do as we grow. It's an excellent opportunity to recruit new members and hopefully open new opportunities for our crew in general. I hope to see as many of you as possible for the First Contact Day Watch Party at the Harker Heights Public Library this weekend.

If these last two months are any indication of the health of our crew and ship, then the future looks bright indeed.

-CAPT Freeman, Dustin
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FIRST OFFICERS LOG

Hello Crew

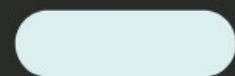
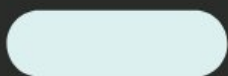
I hope everyone has had a good month! I personally have been doing good! I spent 2.5 weeks in Michigan with a close friend helping him get his new house ready for the move from Texas to Michigan. I had a great time. I visited the Kalamazoo Air Zoo. They had some amazing aircraft. They also had a great exhibit hall on space, space travel and Sci-Fi films and props. To include an exhibit on Star Trek, Star War's, and list in space. Unfortunately, I forgot to take photos of the Star Trek exhibit. Or any of the exhibits. Oops. It was a very good experience. If you're ever in Kalamazoo, MI, I'd recommend visiting the Air Zoo.

I want to talk about a couple things this month. The first is one of the things I keep bringing up, recruiting. The next is again helping the captain and myself on things that YOU as the crew would like to do or see happen. The last thing is writing articles for the newsletter.

So on that note! Yes, I know! I keep repeating this but we can't grow and survive without recruiting. Like I've said before, if you have any friends or family members who may be interested in participating in our crew please try and get them to join us! Also if you happen to come across someone that is talking about Star Trek let them know about the group. We can't grow if we don't recruit. I'm going to keep bringing this up because it's very important and it's everyone's responsibility to help the crew grow.

The next thing I want to talk about is helping the captain with ideas of things to do as a crew! If you have any ideas or things that you'd like to do let us know. The staff can't wait to hear from everyone on ideas. I understand that everyone has a real life and priorities. However, it's ideas from everyone that helps the crew be successful Just remember that the more you put into the crew the more enjoyable it will be. So let us know what you would like to see or do and we'll try and make it happen.

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The last item is writing an article for the newsletter. It would be great to see some of the crew submitting articles to the captain to post. I would encourage everyone to think of something that involves Starfleet, Star Trek, Sci-Fi, or space in general. It could even be about props that are Star Trek related.

One more item, is something I purchased a few months ago on a pre-order Star Trek prop. It's a set of 4 Picard tea cups! They were used in STNG, Voyager, DS9, and Picard. They are from a company in the UK called Master Replicas. I received them and they are awesome. They come in a really nice box with a form fitted spot for each cup. The cups look really nice and are very well made. They are made by the same company that made the original movie props. I'm adding a few photos to show how nice they are. I even drank my coffee in one. Just a really cool usable prop.

As always, If anyone hears of an event that we could possibly attend and have the dates please contact the CO or myself so we can add it to the list.

I'm looking forward to meeting you all at some point. So if you have any questions, concerns, requests, or comments. Please feel free to contact me at texascautrooper@gmail.com

Or text me at (254)258-5066

I will do my best to help you in any way I can.

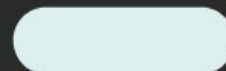
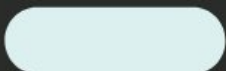
Ok keep on trekking.

Fair Wind and Following Seas

CMDR Bryan Fitch



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Away Team Commander's log, Stardate 202503.15 Lieutenant Sturgeon reporting:

Myself, Crewman Jodi Sturgeon and a civilian consultant completed a cultural index survey on Sherwood Forrest. My away team, wearing appropriate apparel were able to rendezvous with Region 3 CO, Major General Jeremy Carsten & Region 3 Chief Communications Officer Captain Sarit Carsten.

Initial impression of the Sherwood society has them firmly placed at an "E" on the cultural index scale. The area we inspected was partaking in a sort of festival, as they appeared to be a large celebration, likely to acknowledge having survived the local winter. There were multiple artisans and vendors selling goods and many culinary experiences. There were examples of local martial customs both mounted and dismounted and reports at the end of the survey indicate there was a minor uprising at the building of power I.E the castle. The civilian consultant in my crew had received a minor injury and with our low level of armament, due to Starfleet Command recommendations, I ordered my crew to return to our shuttle craft so we could depart the surface and return to the Veritas. End of log.

(RP off)

My family and I attended the Renaissance Faire, "Sherwood Forest" near Austin. We've only ever attended a handful of Ren Faires over the years, I say this only for context, but we enjoy this Faire, so my assessment is slightly biased.

Most of my geek tendencies have been going to conventions and generally having a good time but the experiences are always, only so immersive due to the venues but not the case with a Ren Faire. And for me, that's what makes them special.

They're are plenty of shops selling swords, corsets, hats, leather work, jewelry etc. etc. and of course FOOD but the people watching are the best!! Personally I'd only ever want to go in some attempt at a costume BUT, like most cons, it isn't necessary, but it adds to the experience. I'm unaware of any costuming or apparel guidelines as I saw anything from Captain Hook to Frodo The Hobbit and my own attempt at War Duke from D&D. For the most part I thought everything I saw was in Fairly good taste with a few risque exceptions but they were equivalent to a tiny bikini top. I say this only in case you wish to attend with your family, be aware you may want to divert tiny eyes briefly at times but there's plenty to look at so it shouldn't be too hard to divert their attention if needed.

I'd say the shop prices are moderate, as many items are part of a niche market but I only saw good quality merchandise. Of course it does become a little bit of a vicious circle to buy the Ren Faire stuff to wear, but you only wear it at Ren Faire so you'll end up coming back to wear the stuff you bought at Ren Faire. But it's actually fairly easy to cobble together a passable ensemble to get in the spirit of things for very little money, just do some YouTube research.

There are quite a few shows to take in from comedy to folk songs, belly dancing but I personally enjoy the jousting the most.

Towards the end of the day, the castle is attacked, a performance I've yet to see but I understand to be a fun show.

In conclusion I definitely recommend this event, it's 8 weekends long in March & April, the weather tends to be a great temperature and it is a rain or shine event (an outdoor event, always check the expected forecast to know what to expect) so don't refunds aren't a thing as THEY don't get rained out.

There is still time to take in and enjoy Sherwood this year. They are open on Saturdays and Sundays thru April 20th, 2025 Tickets are \$30 or less for one day Adult General Admission 13 and up (plus taxes and online fees, if you buy online). If you go I hope you have as a good a time as we had, and ENSURE you get a pineapple with pineapple soft serve from Robin's Kitchen it is AWESOME!!

LT Bill Sturgeon
Chief Intelligence Officer
USS Veritas

CLOAKING DEVICES: AN ANALYSIS

There is no piece of technology more emblematic of the fundamental divide between Klingon and Romulan philosophy than the cloaking device. It is a marvel of engineering, a tool that allows a ship to vanish from sight, to lurk in the shadows, to strike from nowhere and retreat into the void. And yet, despite the superficial similarity in its usage by the Klingon Empire and the Romulan Star Empire, the ways in which these two warrior cultures wield the cloak could not be more different. For the Romulans, the cloak is an extension of their very identity: a civilization of shadows, of deception, of power wielded not through brute force but through calculated misdirection. They do not engage in reckless battle; they orchestrate conflicts from a distance, moving unseen, striking only when victory is assured. The cloak is not merely a tool—it is a philosophy. Romulans do not seek honor on the battlefield; they seek dominion through cunning. Their ships, often lacking the sheer firepower of Klingon or Federation designs, are built for precision, using the cloak as an instrument of psychological warfare. Think of the D'deridex-class Warbird, its vast and ominous silhouette disappearing into nothingness—waiting, watching, gathering intelligence.



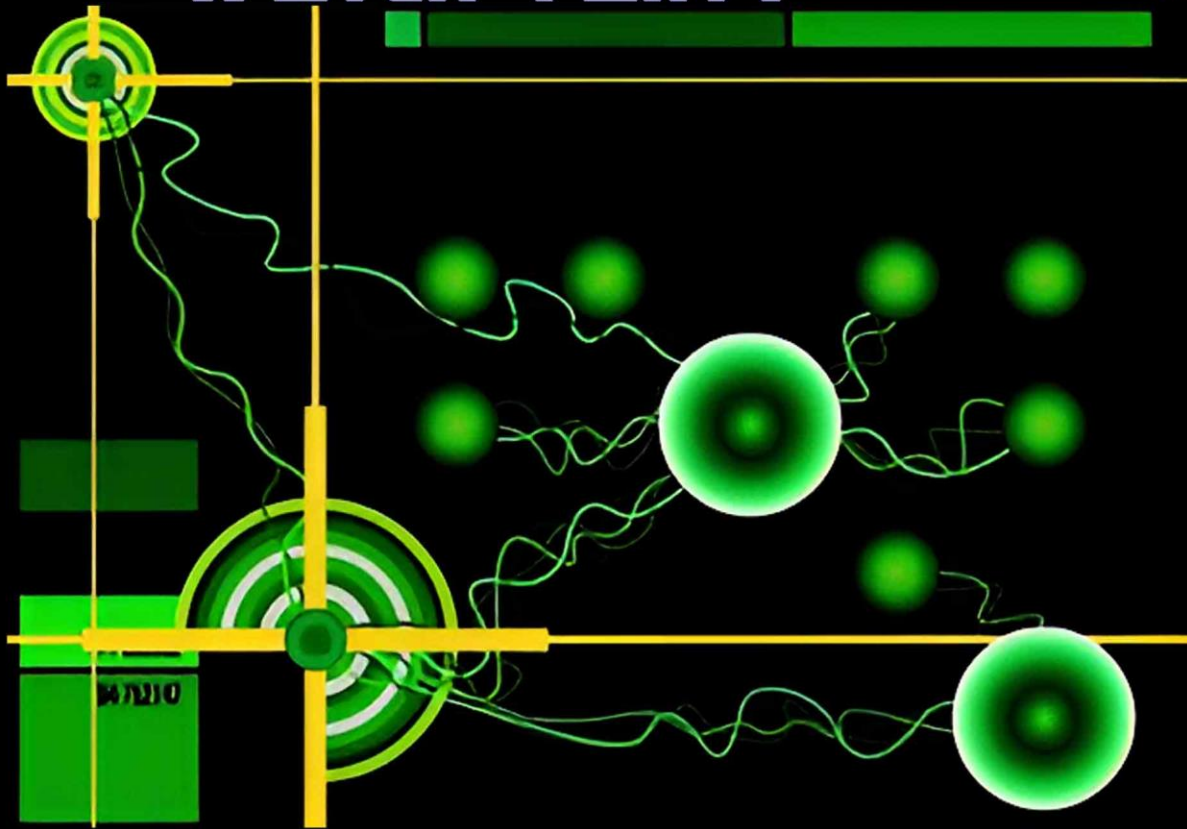
Romulan Cloaking Device

The Romulans do not charge headlong into battle because war is not about the fight; it is about control. The perfect Romulan battle is one that never happens—one where the enemy is manipulated, where victory is assured before the first disruptor is ever fired. Contrast this with the Klingons, who embrace honor, bloodshed, and the visceral thrill of combat. The Klingon cloaking device is not used to avoid conflict—it is used to close the gap between hunter and prey, to ensure the fight is personal, immediate, and decisive. For all their warrior bluster, the Klingons do not see the cloak as an instrument of deception but as a tool of the hunt. Their ideal battle is not one waged from a distance; it is one where they appear from nowhere, strike with fury, and announce their presence with fire and steel. Consider the Bird-of-Prey, a ship whose very name evokes the image of a raptor diving upon its target. The Klingon use of the cloaking device is not about hiding—it is about waiting for the right moment to be seen. A cloaked Bird-of-Prey is not skulking in fear; it is circling, poised, waiting for the moment to emerge with disruptors blazing, tearing into its enemy at close range. The moment the battle begins, the cloak is irrelevant—because a true Klingon warrior does not fight from the shadows. They fight face to face, with bat'leth in hand and fire in their hearts. And yet, despite these profound differences, there is a poetic irony in how these two cultures intertwine through this very technology. Because the Klingons? They did not invent the cloak. They stole it from the Romulans. In the tumultuous Cold War politics of the Alpha Quadrant, the Klingons and Romulans were once uneasy allies—before treachery and betrayal severed their bond. And in that time, the Klingons took the Romulans' greatest tool of subterfuge and bent it to their own warrior ethos. They took a device meant for secrecy and patience and turned it into an instrument of aggression and ambush. And that is the brilliance of Star Trek: the way it uses something as simple as a cloaking device to highlight the profound contrasts in philosophy between two cultures that, on the surface, seem so alike. The Romulans, ever the schemers, ever the puppeteers, use the cloak to control the battlefield before it begins. The Klingons, warriors to their core, use it to strike at the heart of their foes before they can react. One fights a battle already won. The other fights a battle worth dying for. And between them, the Federation watches, the only power in the galaxy that refuses to vanish into the darkness—a force that, for all its flaws, stands in the open, its shields raised, daring the shadows to try.

- Gabriel Hughes



STAR TREK FIRST CONTACT DAY WATCH PARTY



Engage in Star Trek fun with the Harker Heights Public Library & USS Veritas!



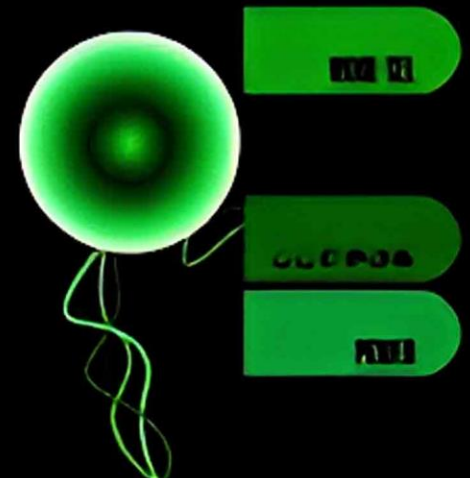
Join us for an out-of-this-world screening!

What: Star Trek: First Contact (1996)
When: Saturday, April 5th, 2:00–5:00 PM
Where: Harker Heights Library
Hosted by: USS Veritas & Harker Heights Library



Wear your Starfleet uniform—popcorn provided!

"Resistance is futile—beam in for free!
Open to all Trekkies of all ages!"



CARDASSIAN CASE STUDY

- CRMN Floyd Gage

This observer has been asked to present a paper on which Cardassian would be the best to use as a Case Study in studies at the Starfleet Academy. This observer will accomplish this task by examining three well known Cardassians to Starfleet and showing why one is a better case study of typical Cardassian behavior than the other two.

The first Cardassian is Gul Dukat. He is well known to Star Fleet because of his many interactions with Captain Sisko and the personnel of Deep Space Nine. Dukat was also the main liaison between the Dominion and the Cardassian Union. With all of these interactions, there is a great deal of information on Dukat. Even with this amount of data, this observer does not believe that Gul Dukat would be the best-case study on typical Cardassian behavior. Dukat has shown himself more self-driven than Union-driven. What is meant by this is that Gul Dukat seems to be more concerned about himself than he is about the Union. His leading of the Union into Dominion control exhibits this. It also seems that Dukat has used his Vesala connections more for himself than for the Union. The final and penultimate consideration is Gul Dukat's alliance with the Pah Wraiths, which had no value to Cardassia or the Union at all. It was all about what furthered his aspirations with no consideration about how it would affect his people. Wanting self-recognition and personal promotion is not against what we know of Cardassians, but the willingness to achieve that self-recognition and personal promotion at the expense of the Cardassian Union and people seems to set Dukat apart from most Cardassians. Even Enabran Tain, though self-driven, did what he did feeling it was best for the Cardassian people as a whole, even though they might not realize what was best for them in his reasoning. This is common Obsidian Order thinking: that they know what is best for Cardassia even if the populace is not aware of this. With these considerations, this observer would not use Gul Dukat as a case study on typical Cardassian behavior.

Another case study possibility would be Garak of Deep Space Nine. Much is known of him, at least what can be known, from his interactions with personnel on Deep Space Nine and his efforts with Captain Sisko to defeat the Dominion on Cardassia and free the Cardassian people. The considerations with Garak take one to the reality that Garak has been isolated from Cardassia as a whole for a great amount of time. This has removed him from the things that make most Cardassians thrive. If this observer is correct, this is the reason that Garak was left on Deep Space Nine in isolation. The worst thing for a Cardassian is to be separated from his people and forced to live among aliens. This is what has happened to Garak. It is what has molded and shaped him in ways that few if any other Cardassians have experienced. It makes him a good Case Study in and of himself, but not for the typical Cardassian. The only way to be able to use him would be to talk to him about the nuances of his experiences and how they caused him to develop differently from other Cardassians. With Garak's Obsidian Order training and innate obfuscation this would be very difficult and at times counterproductive. This would make him less than nominal for a Case Study.

The third candidate is Legate Damar. Damar in all of his interactions with Deep Space Nine, the Dominion, and his ultimate decisions where Cardassia and the Dominion are concerned would seem to make him the best Case Study on typical Cardassian behavior. All that he did for Gul Dukat was as an obedient soldier. Even his murdering of Siyal, Dukat's daughter, was an act of obedience that Damar felt was better for the Cardassian Union because of her effect upon Dukat. Damar's decision to rebel against the Founders and the Dominion was also a decision based on what he felt was best for the Union and the Cardassian people. Damar could be ruthless and determined as any Cardassian, but it was always to serve what he felt was the greater good of Cardassia. Because of these motivations and the consequent actions these motivations brought about, it is this observer's opinion that an in-depth study of Legate Damar would by far reap the best benefits for a general understanding of Cardassians and their motivation and reasons for what they do.

Breakthrough in Space-Based Solar Power

The advancement of energy transmission technology has taken a significant leap forward with recent developments on Earth. Scientists at the California Institute of Technology (Caltech) have successfully demonstrated the wireless transmission of power in space, marking a crucial step toward sustainable and efficient energy solutions. As Starfleet engineers, we recognize the vast potential of this technology for planetary energy grids, space stations, and deep-space exploration.

The Experiment: Space Solar Power in Action

The experiment, conducted through Caltech's Space Solar Power Demonstrator (SSPD), successfully transmitted power wirelessly from an orbiting satellite. Utilizing microwave beaming technology, the system directed energy to a receiving station on Earth, proving that solar energy can be collected in space and delivered to planetary surfaces without the need for physical connections.

Unlike traditional solar power, which is affected by atmospheric interference and planetary rotation, space-based solar power operates continuously, gathering and transmitting energy regardless of local environmental conditions. The successful demonstration opens the door to a new era of clean, reliable, and uninterrupted energy.

Applications for Starfleet and Federation Technology

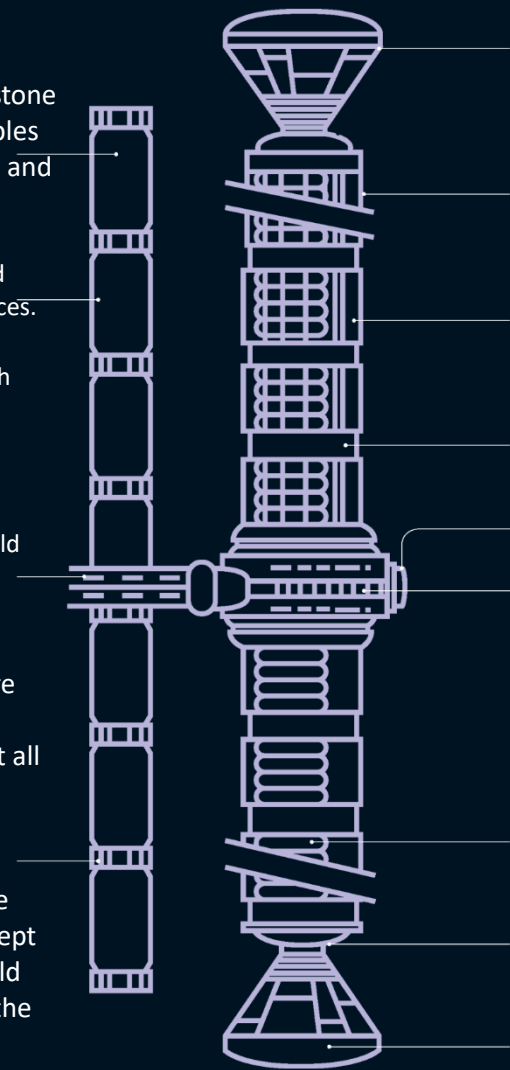
For Starfleet engineers, this breakthrough represents an important milestone in energy distribution. Power transmission without the constraints of cables or fuel-based generators could revolutionize the way Starfleet structures and vessels receive energy. Future applications could include:

- **Enhanced Starbase Operations:** Starbases and planetary outposts could harness power from orbiting solar arrays, reducing reliance on planetary resources.
- **Deep-Space Exploration:** Long-range exploratory vessels could replenish energy reserves from strategically placed solar relay stations, extending mission durations without the need for refueling.
- **Disaster Relief and Emergency Power:** In emergency scenarios, such as planetary crises or compromised infrastructure, power beaming technology could provide immediate energy to affected areas.

Challenges and Future Developments

While this experiment is a groundbreaking step, challenges remain before large-scale implementation is feasible. Energy loss during transmission, efficiency of conversion systems, and precise targeting mechanisms must all be refined before the technology can be integrated into Federation-level infrastructure.

Nonetheless, the potential is undeniable. This achievement brings us one step closer to realizing large-scale, space-based energy networks, a concept long theorized by scientists and engineers. Continued research in this field will shape the future of power distribution not only on Earth but across the Federation.



Starfleet Science Briefing: The Mind-Bending Speed of Quantum Entanglement

The universe is full of mysteries, and quantum entanglement remains one of the most perplexing phenomena known to science. Recent research conducted on Earth has now provided an astonishing new insight: scientists have measured the speed at which entanglement occurs, and the results defy human comprehension. This breakthrough not only deepens our understanding of quantum mechanics but also has potential applications for advanced technologies, including computing and secure communication—concepts that would no doubt intrigue the greatest minds in Starfleet.

The Science of Instantaneous Connection

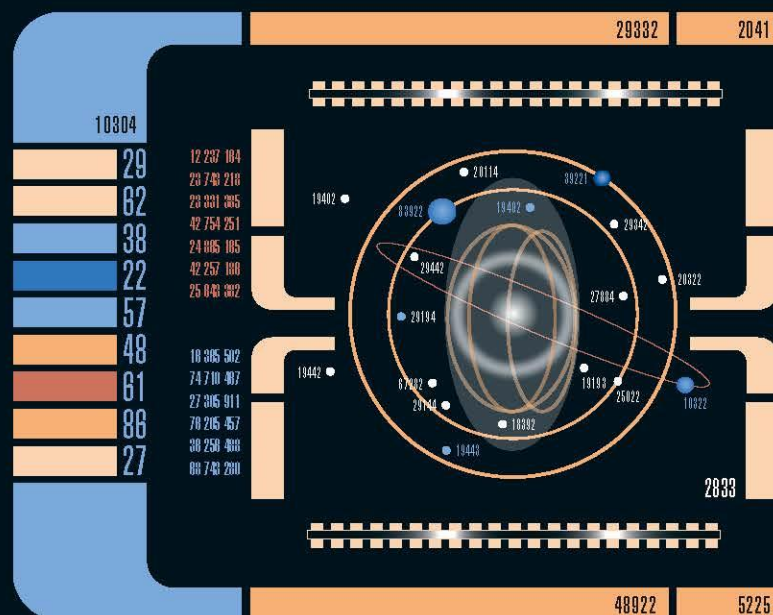
Quantum entanglement is the process by which two particles become so intrinsically linked that the state of one instantly affects the other, regardless of the distance between them. While this concept has long been a foundation of quantum mechanics, researchers have now taken a critical step in understanding just how quickly this connection forms.

Utilizing high-powered laser pulses, scientists excited atoms, forcing one electron to be ejected while another moved to a higher energy state within the atom. They observed that these two electrons became entangled at the moment of excitation, and—remarkably—this process occurred at speeds measured in attoseconds. To put this into perspective, an attosecond is one-billionth of a billionth of a second, a timescale so minuscule that even subspace transmissions pale in comparison.

Implications for Federation Science and Technology

The ability to measure entanglement at such rapid timescales has profound implications for quantum technologies. Understanding how quickly entanglement forms could lead to improved control of quantum systems, which in turn could revolutionize computational power and the security of interstellar communications. With further advancements, Starfleet could one day develop even more secure methods of subspace communication, ensuring that encrypted messages remain impervious to interception.

Additionally, this research has exciting implications for Federation science. If entanglement occurs instantaneously, it may provide insight into the nature of spacetime itself. Could this phenomenon be harnessed for near-instantaneous data transfer across vast distances, circumventing traditional speed-of-light limitations? The potential applications are as vast as the galaxy itself.



Final Thoughts

While quantum mechanics remains an enigma even to the most brilliant minds, this recent breakthrough offers a glimpse into the fundamental workings of the universe. As Federation scientists and engineers continue to explore the implications of entanglement, we may be on the verge of unlocking new capabilities in computing, security, and perhaps even interstellar communication.

For now, the discovery serves as yet another reminder that, despite our vast knowledge of the cosmos, we have only just begun to scratch the surface of its wonders. The final frontier still holds many secrets, and quantum entanglement is proving to be one of its most tantalizing mysteries.

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Upcoming Events

- **First Contact Day!**

April 5, 2025 @ 2:00pm-5:00pm
Harker Heights Public Library

Come help us recruit others to our ship followed by a showing of Star Trek: First Contact as we have a great time at the Harker Heights Public Library!

- **USS Veritas Awards & Promotions Ceremony**

May 3rd, 2025 @ 1:00pm
Galaxy Burger, Killeen, TX

We will hold our Quarterly Awards and Promotions Ceremony and enjoy some great food and company!

- **STARFLEET IC 2025**

Fri, Aug 1st – Sun Aug 3rd
Hilton Houston NASA Clear Lake hotel

Mission Control for STARFLEET IC 2025 is in Houston, TX! We'll be right up the street from NASA's Johnson Space Center and Space Center Houston. A tour is on the schedule! Registration and all the details will be coming soon to the SFI website. I can tell you now though that registration will be \$50.00 and the two banquet meals will be \$60.00 each. The Hilton guest room special price for us is \$139.00 plus taxes. Space center tour tickets are \$22.00 (half the regular admission price with this advance group purchase). The countdown to launch has begun! Save the dates and watch for an announcement when registration opens.

