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Experts copy Captain Kirk cloning beam

COMPUTER experts said today they have "recreated" an episode of Star Trek in which Captain Kirk is cloned as he is "beamed" aboard the Starship Enterprise by using a ray of light.

In the classic sci-fi episode Kirk is shocked to find an identical copy of himself when he rematerialises.

Professor Sam Braunstein, of York University, said although the idea of teleporting humans remains science fiction, researchers have been able to move light particles in the same manner.

He said in theory people could be "beamed" in the same way but the complexity of the human body would take more than 100 million centuries to perform even a small movement. Now Professor Braunstein's team says it has developed a technique where the "teleported" particle is a replica of the original which remains in place.

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