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# Talk - 'Science Cafe: The Science of Star Wars'

Tuesday, November 15, 2016 - 6:00pm

Series Title: "The Science of Science Fiction"

Which came first, science or science fiction? From Jules Verne to H.G. Wells, from Star Trek to Star Wars, science fiction has propelled our thirst for knowledge and technology. The human imagination builds on what we know, and science seeks answers to worlds that we don't understand but can only imagine. So many scientists were inspired by science fiction stories, and in this series, we invite top UA researchers to look at what is fact and fiction in the marvelous stories that captivate our science-centric world.



Presenter: Wolfgang Fink, associate professor of electrical and computer engineering

The original series of the Star Wars movies in the 70's and 80's dazzled audiences with an array of fictional technologies, and many of those technologies are now part of our daily lives. Machines like space ships and space stations, powerful energy weapons, intelligent robotics, and sophisticated human prosthetics all seemed incredible when they appeared in the Star Wars stories. This interactive talk will explore the connection between science fiction and science fact, map the technological landscape of where we stand currently, and look to where we might be going in the (not so) distant future "in a galaxy far, far away....".

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