

Clue #2

At one point on 11 May 2018, an elongated, woven cluster of cables appeared. Or rather, we thought they were electrical cables but this turned out to be something rather different.

Apparently, this plait is made of metallic energies and liquorice - a material that is rather similar to the sort of pod-shaped objects that have been discovered recently. We don't know yet. But it was an example of that moment when you experience a kind of visceral joy, because this provides a clue to the bewildering number of messages we'd been receiving from Par-Bexia over the last few days. This coiled tangle is surprisingly resilient. We attempted to cut portions of this with our laser surgical tools to get a closer look at the metallic energies under the microscope but we were unable to.



In the midst of the 'vasty deep' of this major discovery, our principle investigator, Sally Mackey, reminded us of the importance of cherishing these tiny critical moments: such moments are important breakthroughs! We are in that fragile stage of finally decoding the messages that we have been receiving from Par-Bexia for decades. We had guessed at some mention of a pod-shaped object - what would they look like? What are they made of? What are they for? Might they offer some insight into how we might create vehicles capable of intergalactic travel into parallel universes? Now we are on the cusp of discovering these answers.

Such moments of discovery exceed our wildest expectations. I don't mean an 'excess' (although 'excess' is perhaps part of it); it's how it *exceeds*. It is 'more'. These moments add, enhance and invoke brand new directions for research, exciting and jostling an emerging narrative understanding of Par-Bexia. It takes the essence of an idea and grows an extraordinary palimpsest beyond it, exceeding all you had thought of so far.

In the midst of this long history of Bexley's interactions with Par-Bexia, a tiny moment of exceeding provoked deep pleasure. There is the anticipation of a boundlessness, perhaps brought about by transgression - who would have thought that liquorice could be used in such a way? And there is something of that momentary heightening of emotion that happens, in the process of discovery. All combined in this most welcome and timely moment at the height of our communications with Par-Bexia.