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The most common resolution of the Fermi paradox (we are the first in our galaxy) means success in our own galaxy seems tremendously unlikely.

However, physical travel between galaxies may be more challenging – so the same logic does not rule out life in other galaxies.

If so, it seems possible that there may be living systems electromagnetically beaming their genes at other galaxies – as in the story "A for Andromeda".

In which case, we might have some chance of detecting their signals – and the results would benefit us.

So, we should probably attempt to determine which galaxies to look at by using spectroscopy:

<http://news.softpedia.com/news/Life-Could-be-Present-all-Over-the-Universe-70749.shtml>

Then we should scan them carefully.

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