

First alien life forms we encounter could well be robots

[T]he first aliens we encounter are likely to be machines, and they'll be almost unimaginably old. Susan Schneider of the University of Connecticut and the Institute for Advanced Studies at Princeton says that alien AI may already be out there, and could be [billions of years old](#). Schneider says, 'I do not believe that most advanced alien civilizations will be biological. The most sophisticated civilizations will be postbiological, forms of artificial intelligence or alien superintelligence.'

Schneider said in a Daily Galaxy report, 'all lines of evidence converge on the conclusion that the maximum age of extraterrestrial intelligence would be billions of years, specifically ranges from 1.7 billion to 8 billion years.'

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Google's Ray Kurzweil has predicted that man will merge with machine here on Earth in the year 2050.

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Seth Shostak of the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence says, 'Consider the fact that any signal we pick up has to come from a civilization at least as advanced as we are.'

'Now, let's say, conservatively, the average civilization will use radio for 10,000 years. From a purely probabilistic point of view, the chance of encountering a society far older than ourselves is quite high.'

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