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The Cassini Mission Comes to an End

The Cassini-Huygens mission, a joint collaboration between NASA, ESA and the Italian Space Agency, has been in orbit at Saturn since 2004, and is now in the Grand Finale phase of its tour. Throughout its journey, instruments on Cassini have discovered and studied Enceladus' surprising plume activity and have investigated the mysterious Earth-like world of Titan, the bizarre variety of other Saturnian moons, the magnificent ring system, as well as the remarkable planet itself. As it plunges into Saturn's atmosphere on 15 September 2017, Cassini will send back its final bits of unique data. In this presentation, mission science highlights and science results from Cassini's final orbits will be discussed

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