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Going out in a blaze of glory: Cassini's Grand Finale



Presented by Dr. Linda Spilker, Cassini Project Scientist

Plunging into Saturn's atmosphere at 74,000 mph the Cassini mission will end in a blaze of glory in the fall of 2017 rather than risk crashing into one of Saturn's ocean-bearing worlds and potentially contaminating it. Cassini's long mission has enabled some remarkable discoveries, and more are expected when Cassini repeatedly dives between the innermost ring and the top of Saturn's atmosphere during its final six months. What new adventures await Cassini during its dramatic final act? What puzzles will Cassini solve before its fiery end? Come and hear the story of recent discoveries and how Cassini's fast-paced, science-intensive "Grand Finale" will be like a whole new mission.