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Solar system probes

Overview

This is a list of space probes that have left Earth orbit (or were launched with that intention but failed), organized by their planned destination. It includes planetary probes, solar probes, and probes to asteroids and comets, but excludes lunar missions, which are listed separately at List of lunar probes and List.

Colour key:• means "tentatively identified", as classified by NASA. These are Cold War-era Soviet missions.

See List of Earth flybysIn addition, several planetary probes have sent back observations of the Earth-Moon system shortly after.

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See List of lunar probes .

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This is a list of active space probes which have escaped . It includes , but does not include orbiting at the Sun–Earth (for these, see). A craft is deemed "active" if it is still able to transmit usable data to Earth (whether or not it can receive commands).

What is the Solar Terrestrial Probes program?

The Solar Terrestrial Probes (STP) Program is part of NASA’s Science Mission Directorate Heliophysics Division. It addresses fundamental science questions about the very nature of space itself, and the flow of material and energy throughout the solar system-- from the Sun to Earth to other planets to the interstellar boundary.

What is NASA's Parker Solar Probe?

NASA's Parker Solar Probe is diving into the Sun’s atmosphere, facing brutal heat and radiation, on a mission to give humanity its first-ever sampling of a star’s atmosphere. On Dec. 14, 2021, NASA announced that Parker had flown through the Sun’s upper atmosphere – the corona – and sampled particles and

magnetic fields there.

Will NASA's Parker Solar Probe 'touch the Sun'?

On a mission to “touch the Sun,” NASA's Parker Solar Probe became the first spacecraft to fly through the corona – the Sun’s upper atmosphere – in 2021. With every orbit bringing it closer, the probe faces brutal heat and radiation to provide humanity with unprecedented observations, visiting the only star we can study up close.

Why is Solar Probe important?

Moreover, by making direct, in-situ measurements of the region where some of the most hazardous solar energetic particles are energized, Solar Probe will make a fundamental contribution to our ability to characterize and forecast the radiation environment in which future space explorers will work and live.

How many times will the Parker Solar Probe pass by the Sun?

The Parker Solar Probe will pass close by the Sun 24 times, looping ever closer to its surface. Credit: NASA/Johns Hopkins APL A NASA spacecraft has entered a previously unexplored region of the Solar System — the Sun’s outer atmosphere, or corona.

When did NASA's Parker Solar Probe launch to space?

View and download multimedia for the Dec. 4, 2019, media teleconference associated with this story. In August 2018, NASA’s Parker Solar Probe launched to space, soon becoming the closest-ever spacecraft to the Sun.

Solar system probes

[List of active Solar System probes]

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Space Probes

Use this form to visualize the position of Solar System objects at given date and time on an interactive sky map. Time: : UTC Space Probes Detailed information about some of the most famous interplanetary probes designed for Solar ...

Sun: Exploration

NASA's Parker Solar Probe is studying our star from closer than any previous spacecraft. On Dec. 14, 2021, Voyager 2 set a course to exit our solar system, reaching interstellar space on Dec. 10, 2018, as a speedy, silent messenger ...

NASA spacecraft 'touches' the Sun for the first time ever

14 December 2021. NASA spacecraft 'touches' the Sun for the first time ever. The Parker Solar Probe has passed through a boundary and into the Sun's atmosphere, gathering data that will ...

Parker Solar Probe Science

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List of Solar System probes

Solar Probes (List) Spacecraft Organization Date Type Status Notes Image Ref Pioneer 5 NASA/ DOD March-April 1960 orbiter success measured magnetic field phenomena, solar flare particles, and ionization in the interplanetary region 50px Pioneer 6 NASA

NASA's Parker Solar Probe Sheds New Light on the Sun

In August 2018, NASA's Parker Solar Probe launched to space, soon becoming the closest-ever spacecraft to the Sun. With cutting-edge scientific instruments to measure the ...

[List of proposed Solar System probes]

Launched probes are in the List of Solar System probes and the List of active Solar System probes. Planned or scheduled missions Mission name Launch date Description Ref(s) Hakuto-R Mission 2 December 2024 Private lunar lander and rover [1] Venus Life []

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StarChild: Space Probes

Some space probes, such as Pioneer 10, fly out of our solar system and never come back. Other space probes, like the Hubble Space Telescope, stay in orbit around the same planet their whole life. Space probes are made to conduct science

[3D Solar System Viewer , TheSkyLive]

Visualize orbits, relative positions and movements of the Solar System objects in an interactive 3D Solar System viewer and simulator. We use cookies to deliver essential features and to measure their performance.

[NASA: 60 Years and Counting]

The Moon, the closest celestial body to Earth, was the logical first target. Subsequent fleets of space probes started exploring other planets--those relatively close and those in the more distant reaches of our solar system--as well as comets,

Solar Terrestrial Probes

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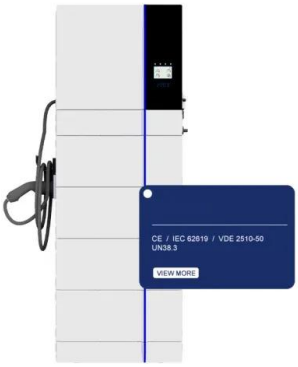
Probes to the Outer Planets , Historic Spacecraft

Outer Planet Exploration In 1973, Pioneer 10 became the first spacecraft to visit one of the outer planets. Pioneer 10 would be the first of many spacecraft to journey beyond the asteroid belt. Eight missions have flown to the outer planets, including Pioneer 10 & 11, Voyager 1 & 2, Ulysses, Galileo, Cassini, and the New Horizons probe to Pluto.

Parker Solar Probe makes historic pass through Sun's atmosphere

The Parker Solar Probe is one of the most audacious missions ever mounted by the agency. Launched three years ago, its goal is to make repeated, and ever closer, ...



Solar System , Center for Astrophysics , Harvard & Smithsonian

The Solar System provides the only known example of a habitable planet, the only star we can observe close-up, and the only worlds we can visit with space probes. Solar System research is essential for understanding the origin and evolution of planets, along with the conditions necessary for life.

NASA's Parker Solar Probe Sheds New Light on the Sun

Closer to the solar wind's source, Parker Solar Probe saw a much different picture: a complicated, active system. "The complexity was mind-blowing when we first started looking at the data," said Stuart Bale, the University of California, Berkeley, lead for Parker Solar Probe's FIELDS instrument suite, which studies the scale and shape of electric and magnetic ...

Meet the Spacecraft Exploring the Solar System , Space

A veritable fleet of spacecraft is exploring the solar system today. Here's a brief rundown of the intrepid spacecraft currently plying deep space, from Mercury to Pluto and beyond.

Space Probes , Exploring The Solar System!

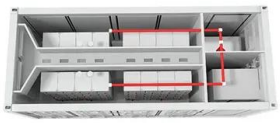
Space Probes Dispatched To Explore The Solar System & Beyond!! To study a body in the solar system or universe beyond, a space probe (also referred to as a spacecraft) maybe launched by a powerful rocket and sent on any one of a number of different

Parker Solar Probe

The Parker Solar Probe (PSP; previously Solar Probe, Solar Probe Plus or Solar Probe+) [6] is a NASA space probe launched in 2018 with the mission of making observations of the outer corona of the Sun will approach to within 9.86 solar radii (6.9 million km or 4.3 million miles) [7] [8] from the center of the Sun, and by 2025 will travel, at closest approach, as fast as 690,000 km/h

How Do Scientists Explore the Solar System?

In the meantime, scientists have continued to push forward. They've built many machines to seek out the deepest corners of our solar system. Probes, such as NASA's Cassini probe, have been sent to explore other planets. If you've seen a spectacular picture .



Discovery and exploration of the Solar System

The first successful probe to fly by another Solar System body was Luna 1, which sped past the Moon in 1959. Originally meant to impact with the Moon, it instead missed its target and became the first artificial object to orbit the Sun. Mariner 2 was the first The

Interstellar Mission

The Voyager Interstellar Mission (VIM)'s primary goals are to characterize the outer solar system environment, search for the heliopause (the outer edge of the heliosphere), and study interstellar space, the space beyond the heliosphere. The probes achieved the first

[List of proposed Solar System probes]

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[Timeline of Solar System exploration]

Space probes leaving Earth orbit that are not concerned with Solar System exploration (such as space telescopes targeted at distant galaxies, cosmic background radiation observatories, and so on). Probes that failed at launch.

What Are Space Probes?

These space probes advance our understanding of the solar system and the universe. Unlike crewed missions, space probes operate in extreme conditions and are used for long-term exploration. Notable examples include Voyager 1 and 2, contributing valuable insights into outer planets and interstellar space.

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From the edge of the Solar System, Voyager probes ...

The Voyager space probes sent back some amazing images of the planets in the outer Solar System, and they're still talking to Earth every day via Australia's tracking station.

Observations Around Solar System With Parker Solar Probe's 7th Solar

During Parker Solar Probe's seventh swing by the Sun, culminating in its closest solar approach, or perihelion, on Jan. 17, 2021, celestial geometry posed a special opportunity. The configuration of this particular orbit placed Parker Solar Probe on the same side of

[Huygens Probe , Spacecraft]

The European Space Agency's Huygens Probe was a unique, advanced spacecraft and a crucial part of the overall Cassini mission to explore Saturn. The probe was about 9 feet wide (2.7 meters) and weighed roughly 700 pounds (318 kilograms). It was built like a

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