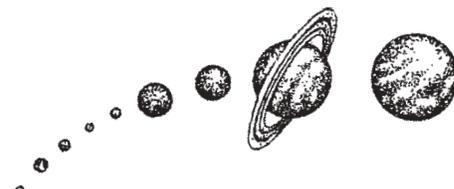


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ALL GOOD SPACECRAFT DON'T GO TO HEAVEN

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It's a very well kept secret, but there actually are missions at JPL that never get off the drawing board. Until very recently, this was especially true for missions to comets. This talk will recount some past efforts to start comet missions, only to see them canceled for a wide variety of reasons. Among the missions are Halley Rendezvous (solar sail and solar electric), the solar-electric Halley Flyby/Tempel 2 Rendezvous, the ballistic Comet Rendezvous/Asteroid Flyby, and the Deep Space 4/Champion comet lander. The story includes good guys, bad guys, and the totally inept (you know who they are). Names will not be changed to protect the guilty!

Everyone is welcome.

