

Robotic exploration of the solar system. Part 3 : wows and woes, 1997-2003

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Abstrak

Paolo Ulivi and David Harland provide in Robotic exploration of the solar system a detailed history of unmanned missions of exploration of our solar system. The subject is treated from an engineering and scientific standpoint. Technical descriptions of the spacecraft, of their mission designs and of instrumentations are provided. Scientific results are discussed in considerable depth, together with details of mission management.

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