



The final year of Venus Express

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The Venus Express mission ended in December 2014 after having run out of fuel after 8.5 years of continuous operation in orbit around our sister planet. The last year in operation was characterised by a number of dedicated science campaigns and the aerobraking in June-July, and the subsequent special operations in the new 22.5 hour orbit post aerobraking. This talk will summarise the activities and the main results of the last year in operation, including the aerobraking, and discuss the events leading up to the declaration of end of mission following the end of fuel condition.