

## Re: Titan's paradox

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[snip]

> *But I don't understand your reference to Titan's atmosphere – it's not  
like  
> the Martian atmosphere killed the failed Martian probes. \_Unless\_ you  
> consider burning up in the atmosphere due to incorrect trajectory caused  
by  
> other failures, which could still happen to Huygens, for example, if  
it's  
> parachutes fail to deploy.  
>  
> So I fail to see your point. Do you want to rephrase you statement?  
>  
> Jim*

[snip]

If I may interject ...

It is arguable that Beagle 2 may have died and Spirit nearly did so  
because the atmosphere was not sufficiently characterized so that the  
landers would not impact at too high of a velocity.

– Anthony