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In the farthest reaches of deep space, an 8000 kg spaceship, including contents, is drifting at 50 m/s relative to a space station. The spaceship is brought to rest, relative to the space station, by the recoil from launching a 600 kg scientific probe.

Free-Body Diagrams

Mathematical Analysis

spaceship

probe

Event 1:

Event 2:



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