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SUMMARY

As a seasoned Celestial Mechanics Scientist with over 8 years of experience in the aerospace industry, I have a deep understanding of orbital dynamics and celestial navigation. My expertise lies in applying mathematical models to real-world scenarios, such as satellite trajectory optimization and planetary mission planning. I have worked on several high-profile projects for government agencies, contributing to missions that have expanded our understanding of outer space.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Senior Astrodynamics Engineer NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory   *Jan 2023 - Present*

- Developed and validated algorithms for spacecraft trajectory optimization, improving mission efficiency by 15%.
- Conducted simulations for planetary probe missions, ensuring adherence to strict budget and timeline constraints.
- Collaborated with interdisciplinary teams to refine spacecraft navigation systems, enhancing accuracy of positioning.
- Presented findings at international aerospace conferences, increasing the visibility of ongoing projects.
- Mentored junior engineers, fostering a culture of knowledge sharing and innovation.
- Utilized advanced software tools for orbital analysis, leading to significant cost savings in mission planning.

Research Scientist European Space Agency   *Jan 2020 - Dec 2022*

- Conducted research on gravitational assists and their implications for deep-space missions.
- Developed software for real-time analysis of celestial data, increasing response times to orbital anomalies.
- Led a project team in the design of a new simulation tool for lunar landing trajectories.
- Published research in peer-reviewed journals, contributing to the scientific community's understanding of orbital mechanics.
- Engaged in outreach programs to promote STEM education among young students.
- Analyzed mission data post-launch to assess performance against initial models.

EDUCATION

PhD in Astrophysics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology   *Sep 2019 - Oct 2020*

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- **Technical Skills:** Orbital mechanics, Python, MATLAB, Data analysis, Simulation software, Project management
- **Awards/Activities:** Recipient of the NASA Space Act Award for innovative contributions to spacecraft navigation.
- **Awards/Activities:** Co-authored a groundbreaking paper on planetary motion that was cited over 200 times.
- **Awards/Activities:** Developed a machine learning model that predicted satellite failures with 90% accuracy.
- **Languages:** English, Spanish, French