

Dear prospective scientist(s)

Subject: Request for help in conducting experiments to confirm the generalized form of Newton's third law of motion, I freely **Falling and Rebounding** bodies as

Reaction (F_{BA}) = - Action (F_{AB})[$K_{\text{shape}} \times K_{\text{composition}} \times K_{\text{target}} \times K_{\text{other}}$]
 K_i 's takes into account the effects of shape, composition, nature of target, and other factors in account.

1.0 Introduction

I am an independent researcher based in Shimla, India in the past, about 45 years I have published papers on the Generalization of Newton's Third Law of Motion.

Now I am retired and have no facilities to conduct experiments to quantitatively confirm the inadequacy of Newton's third law in falling and rebounding bodies.

Kindly help or collaborate to confirm the generalized form of Newton's Third Law. These experiments have been recommended by reputed scientists and editors, and have an impact on fundamental science.

2.0 Theme

Newton's original law

$$\text{Reaction} = -\text{Action} \quad (1)$$

It is unstudied in the case of freely falling and rebounding bodies of mass and composition but of different shapes (*spherical, hemispherical, triangular, hexagonal, polygonal, conical, cylindrical, flat, irregular, needle-like, asymmetrical, or sheet-like (e.g., cardboard)*).

2.1 Qualitative observations:

The falling bodies of the same mass and composition have

$$\text{action} = \text{force} = \text{weight} = mg \quad (9.8 \text{ newtons}) \quad (2)$$

When they strike the surface, they have the same reaction but in the opposite direction

$$\text{Reaction} = -\text{Action} = 9.8 \text{ newtons (opposite in direction)}. \quad (3)$$

The spherical body rebounds to its original height under certain conditions, so Newton's law as in Eq.(1) is obeyed.

But bodies of different shapes (*spherical, hemispherical, triangular, hexagonal, polygonal, conical, cylindrical, flat, irregular, needle-like, asymmetrical, or sheet-like (e.g., cardboard)*) rebound to different heights and varying angles.

Thus, Eq.(1) is not obeyed.

2.2 Role of shape

As bodies have the same mass and composition, only shape is different. They rebound to different heights due to different shapes, so the EFFECT OF SHAPE must be taken in account in Eq.(1)

3.0 Generalized form of Newton's Third Law

$$\text{Reaction} (F_{BA}) = -\text{Action} (F_{AB})[K_{\text{shape}} \times K_{\text{composition}} \times K_{\text{target}} \times K_{\text{other}}]$$

K_i 's takes into account the effects of shape, composition, nature of target, and other factors in account.

3.1 Aim

We aim to calculate the values of K_i 's experimentally, hence confirm the generalized form of Newton's third law. It requires simple but sensitive experiments.

4.0 Key References:

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EARLIEST publication

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Proceedings of 107th Indian Science Congress, Physical Sciences, p 106-107, ISC, Bengaluru (2020)
15. **Ajay Sharma "Three Questions: How and Why Newton's Third Law Must be Extended/Generalized?"**
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<https://actascientific.com/ASPC/pdf/ASPC-02-0150.pdf>
16. **Ajay Sharma** Qualitative and Quantitative Observations about Newton's Third Law of Motion
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22. Few more publications on the topic i.e. generalization of Newton's third law as

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5.0 Humble Request

I need your kind help in getting the experiments conducted, in your laboratory to confirm shape-based inadequacy in Newton's third law of motion i.e., Reaction (F_{BA})

$$= - \text{Action (F}_{AB})[K_{\text{shape}} \times K_{\text{composition}} \times K_{\text{target}} \times K_{\text{other}}]$$

Even though I am retired, I am deeply interested in seeing this law **experimentally validated** and contributing to the physics community.

Thank you very much for your consideration. I look forward to the possibility of collaboration.

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