

## TENNIS BALL IMPULSE LAB

• Two measurements:

– Force sensor (somewhere in the 25N – 45N range)

– Motion sensor + calculations

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○  $v_{1i} = 0 \text{ m/s}$

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$\Delta x_1 = -0. \dots \text{m}$

$a = -9.81 \text{ m/s}^2$

$v_{1f} = ?$

$$v_f^2 = v_{1i}^2 + 2a\Delta x_1$$

$$v_{1f} = -\sqrt{2a\Delta x_1}$$

$v_{2f} = 0 \text{ m/s}$

$a = -9.81 \text{ m/s}^2$

$\Delta x_2 = +0. \dots$

↑

○  $v_{2i} = ?$

$$v_{2f}^2 = v_{2i}^2 + 2a\Delta x_2$$

$$v_{2i} = +\sqrt{-2a\Delta x_2}$$

$$F = \frac{m \Delta v}{\Delta t} = \frac{m(v_{2i} - v_{1f})}{\Delta t}$$

↑ from motion detector/photogate

## CONSERVATION OF MOMENTUM

- If two objects interact, momentum can be conserved.
- Types of collisions:
  - Perfectly Elastic
    - momentum conserved
    - energy conserved
  - Inelastic
    - momentum NOT conserved
    - energy NOT conserved
  - Perfectly Inelastic
    - momentum conserved
    - energy NOT conserved

• Collisions :

- Hit-and-Bounce
- Hit-and-Stick
- Explosion

Is  $\bar{p}$  conserved?  
Use mathematics  
to show if it  
is/is not

H/B  $\bar{p}_{1i} + \bar{p}_{2i} = \bar{p}_{1f} + \bar{p}_{2f}$

H/S  $\bar{p}_{1i} + \bar{p}_{2i} = m_{\text{Total}} \bar{v}_f$

E  $m_{\text{Total}} \bar{v}_i = \bar{p}_{1f} + \bar{p}_{2f}$