

OBSERVING, MEASURING AND MODELLING IN SCIENCE

✓ **Methods in Science**

- Scientific reasoning
- Measuring and uncertainty
- Modelling and data fitting

✓ **Energy in Science**

- Structure and **properties of matter**
- **Physical and chemical transformations**
- **Force and motion**
- **Energy transformation**
- **Energy matter interaction**

✓ **Living organism**

- Cell
- Human body
- Animal and **plant life**
- Biosphere
- Ecosystems

✓ **Earth Science**

- **Earthquakes** and energy of the **earth**
- **Water in rocks**
- **Earth modifications**
- Earth history
- Earth in the space

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| 1. Methods in Science: | Scientific reasoning
Measuring and uncertainty
Quantitative modelling and data fitting |
| 2. Optics | Reflection law
Refraction law
Imaging and lenses
Diffraction and Interference |
| 3. Earth Science: | Water in rocks and soils
Earthquakes (3 chapters) |
| 4. Energy in Science | Mechanics
Chemistry |

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Methods in Science

Scientific reasoning:

✓Lesson 0: Introduction

“Believe, Know, Understand”

✓Lesson 1: Mirrors and reflectivity

“A look into the mirrors”

“Observing and Measuring reflection”

“The reflection law”

✓Lesson 2: Plant reproduction →

“Thermogenesis and Sexual Reproduction in plant species: *Arum italicum*:
an example of scientific reasoning in Biology”

✓Lesson 3: The mole concept

“Quantity of matter: Mole concept from microscopic to macroscopic”

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Methods in Science

Measuring and uncertainty:

- ✓ Direct Measurement uncertainty: [sheet](#), [xls](#) :
“measure of the height of a person standing up and lying down”
- ✓ Error propagation: MonteCarlo Method: [sheet](#), [xls](#)
“Monte Carlo method as a way to estimate the errors quickly ”

Modelling and data fitting

- ✓ The snell law: [Sheet](#), [xls](#)
“measure of the refraction law”
- ✓ Gas dilatation (Gay Lussac Law): [sheet](#), [xls](#)
“measure the gas expansion coefficient and evaluate the absolute zero temperature by estrapolation”
- ✓ Parabolic fall: [sheet](#)
“the free fall of a real object, as a basket ball, is quantitatively investigated using Tracker software”

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Optics

Reflection and Refraction law

✓ Sheet 01: [sheet](#), [xls](#)

“verify the Snell’s second law using graph paper, compass and pencil”

✓ Sheet 02: [Sheet](#), [xls](#)

✓ Sheet 03: [sheet](#), [xls](#)

✓ Sheet 04: [sheet](#)

“verify the Snell’s second law using graph paper, compass and pencil”

Imaging and lenses

✓ Thick lenses: [sheet](#), [xls](#)

“effect of approximations and optical aberrations”

Diffraction

✓ Diffraction by a slit: [sheet](#)

✓ Diffraction by a hair: [sheet](#)

Energy in Science

Mechanics

- ✓ Energy conservation 1: [sheet](#), [xls](#)
“rotational contribution to the total energy in case of an extended body”
- ✓ Energy conservation 2: [sheet](#)
“extension of the previous to account for the friction”

Chemistry

- ✓ Food: [pdf](#)
“how junk food can be used to update approach to calorimetric measurements and thermodynamic laws”
5 chapters: Heat of combustion, Project and construction, Measure of M_c , Heat of combustion, data analysis and results”

Energy in Science

- Batteries (1 chapter, 2 experiments; under development, 15 march)
- Electrochemistry (1 chapter, 3 experiments; under development, 15 march)
- Photosynthesis (under development, 15 march)

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Earth Science

Earthquake: pdf file;

3 chapters

- ✓WHAT IS AN EARTHQUAKE?
- ✓IS AN EARTHQUAKE PREDICTABLE?
- ✓CONSEQUENCES OF AN EARTHQUAKE

Water in rocks (under development, 15 March)