



Summing up the process

In this section, we've seen that the real process of science is not much like The Scientific Method often portrayed in textbooks. As opposed to the simple recipe of the linear scientific method, the *real* process of science is exciting, iterative, nonlinear, nuanced, depends upon the scientific community, and is intertwined with the society at large. The *real* process of science proceeds at multiple levels and sorts through many ideas, retaining and building upon those that work. However, despite all these complications, the core of that process, checking ideas against evidence from the natural world, is straightforward.

