



The scenario

Subject	Mechanics / Moments of inertia: tube, sphere and cylinder
Length	3:07
Main goals	Introduce moment of inertia
Detailed goals	To understand that the rotational motion depends not on the mass and radius of the object but also on the specific arrangement of the mass inside the body.
Structure and description of experiments:	
1. Introduction	Is mass only all that one need to know the acceleration of rotating body?
2. Main subject	Moments of inertia: tube, sphere and cylinder
Experiments	First we show that three bodies have the same outer radius and the same mass, all made of steel.
	The question may be stated: which of these bodies will roll fastest and which slowest on the same inclined plane? The one with smallest moment of inertia (ball, 0.4 mR2), then cylinder (0.5 mR2), then hollow tube (mR2).
3. Summary, evaluation and remarks	The object with greater moment of inertia will accelerate slower.
	Level: secondary school