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Light-sensitive reaction-diffusion waves in a checkerboard-like illumination system. SPENCER KIRN, NIKLAS MANZ, College of Wooster — We will report about a set-up to experimentally investigate the propagation behavior of excitation waves traveling through an inhomogeneously illuminated reaction-diffusion medium, including preliminary results. Schebesch and Engel (I. Schebesch and H. Engel, Wave propagation in heterogeneous excitable media, Phys. Rev. E, 57(4), 3905–3910, 1998) calculated numerically the propagation behavior of light-sensitive excitation waves in a pure checkerboard-like illuminated system. We are using the model system of excitable media, the chemical Belousov-Zhabotinsky (BZ) reaction, to verify their one-dimensional and two-dimensional results.

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