

Abstract Submitted  
for the OSS19 Meeting of  
The American Physical Society

**Effect of match types on the fire propagation speeds in a match stick array** ABIGAIL AMBROSE, NIKLAS MANZ, College of Wooster — We investigated the slope effect on the propagation speed of fire fronts, using 3D-printed match stick array models with angles between  $0^\circ$  and  $45^\circ$ , different conditions for the distance between neighboring match heads, and several match types of the same brand. We discovered different fire front propagation speeds for the planar, horizontal case with  $\theta = 0^\circ$  for different match types (same dimensions but different chemical composition of the match head). These correlations also had an effect on the slope-speed relationship when testing the fire propagation in our three models: i) constant distance between the match heads along the horizontal axis ( $x$ -model), ii) constant distance between the match heads along the vertical axis ( $z$ -model), and iii) constant distance between the match heads along the slope ( $r$ -model).

Abigail Ambrose  
College of Wooster

Date submitted: 11 Mar 2019

Electronic form version 1.4