

Hydro-chemical solitary wave inBZ-solution: the riddle of spec acceleration of the big wave

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162 A Big Chemical-Wave: Accelerating Propagation and Surface Deformation Induced by a Spontaneous Convection

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An acceleration of the propagation of a chemical wave accompanied with a remarkable hydrodynamic effects is observed in a thin solution layer of the Belousov–Zhabotinsky reaction. The quantitive measurements of surface deformation and induced convective flow are carried out by the Mach–Zehnder inter– ferometer and by the sequencial image processing, respectively.



2. Convection induced by chemical wave propagation
A single chemical wave induces convective flow in a shallow layer of BZ-solution. The mechanism of the flow is regarded as a surface tension driven convection caused by concentration gradients of the reaction materials and catalysts.



































