

# 26. Light Emitting Fluids

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Today: Light emitting fluids (last of dye/molecular techniques)

## Recap, Dye Techniques

Want dye to have strong interaction with light, to create contrast to unseeded fluid.  
How does dye, or any matter interact with light?

- 1) Reflection
- 2) Refraction
- 3) Diffraction
- 4) Absorption

### For maximum absorption:

**Vantablack** is the trademarked name (owned by Surrey NanoSystems Limited)<sup>[1]</sup> for a [chemical substance](#) made of [vertically aligned carbon nanotube arrays](#)<sup>[2]</sup> and is one of the [darkest](#) artificial substances<sup>[3]</sup> known, [absorbing up to 99.965% of radiation in the visible spectrum](#).<sup>[4][5]</sup>

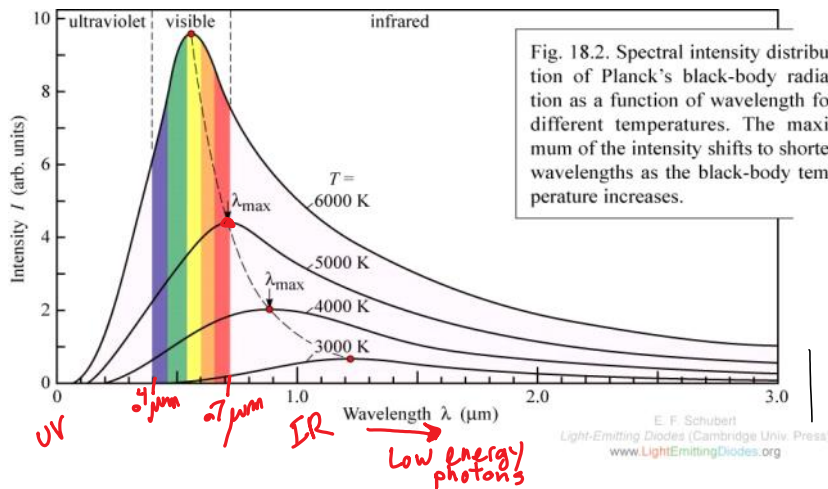
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Vantablack S-VIS, a sprayable paint that uses randomly-aligned carbon nanotubes and only has high absorption in the [visible light](#) band, has been [exclusively licensed](#) to [Anish Kapoor](#)'s studio for artistic use.<sup>[6]</sup> This has caused outrage among some other artists, including [Christian Furr](#) and [Stuart Semple](#).

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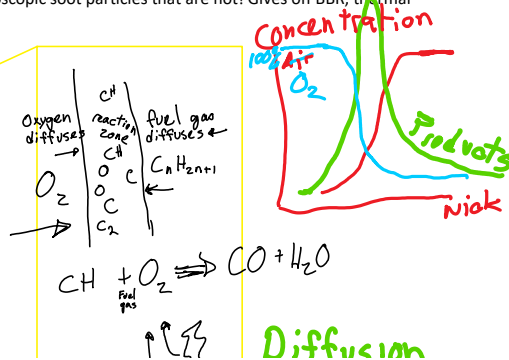
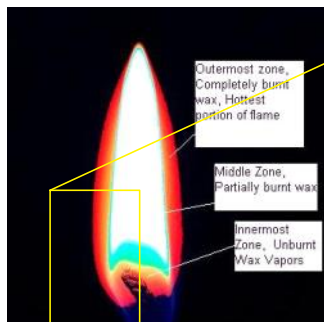
### Light Emitting fluids: Photons are emitted for a range of reasons.

**Black Body Radiation** = yellow flame color, from BBR of soot particles. Random  $\lambda$  (wavelength) photons from thermal energy. Has a peak, but is very broad band.



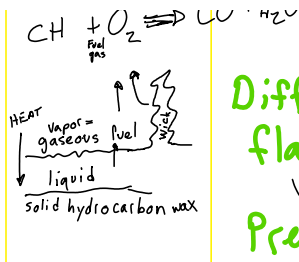
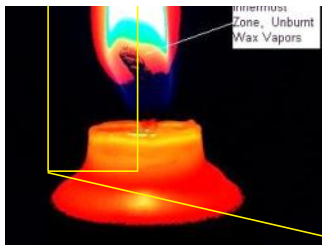
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Yellow flames: candles, wood fires. Happens when fuel and air are **not premixed**, when there is excess carbon. Carbon collects together into microscopic soot particles that are hot! Gives off BBR, thermal photons corresponding to temperature.

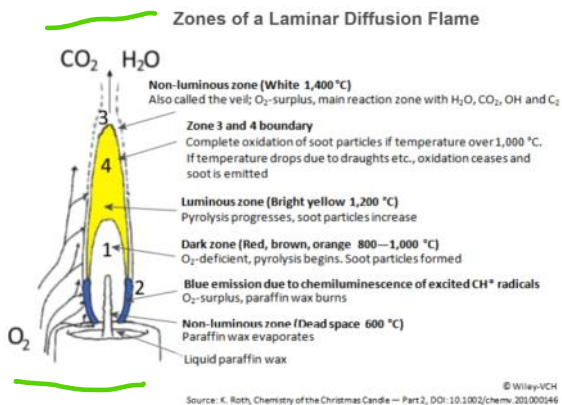
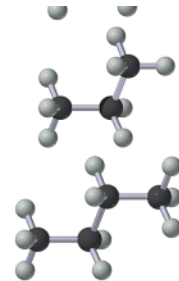
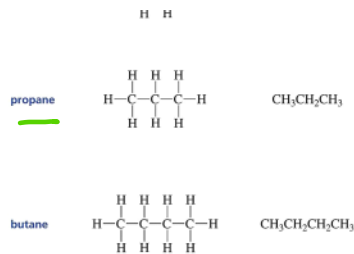


Paraffin wax = Alkane = pure hydrocarbon, hydrogen+carbon =  $C_n H_{2n+2}$ . Wax ~ 20-40 C atoms

name	Kekulé structure	condensed structure	ball-and-stick model
methane		CH <sub>4</sub>	
ethane		CH <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	
propane		CH <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	



Diffusion flame vs. Premixed



Carbon Black = Soot = pure carbon

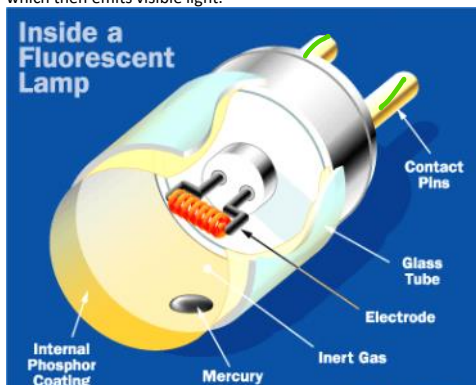
Observed Blue at bottom?  
 A yes  
 B no

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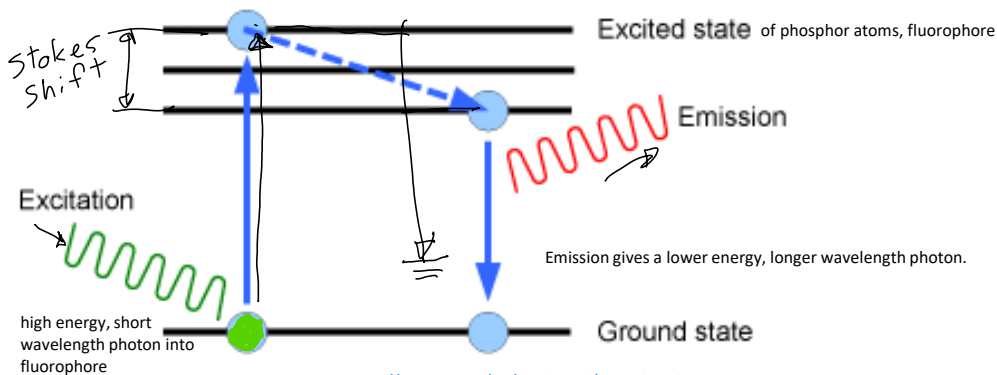
Blue Flames = reaction region.  $\text{C}_2$  and  $\text{CH}$  radicals give off blue, high energy photons. More on this below, in chemiluminescence.

Soot - Thermal emission

**Fluorescence** = absorption of photons at a specific short  $\lambda$ , emits at a longer  $\lambda$ .  
 E.g. some laundry detergents and fabric softeners absorb in the UV, and emit blue or orange  
 Fluorescent bulbs: Current is conducted through mercury vapor, energizes it to emit UV photons which hit a phosphor coating on the inside of the tube, which then emits visible light.



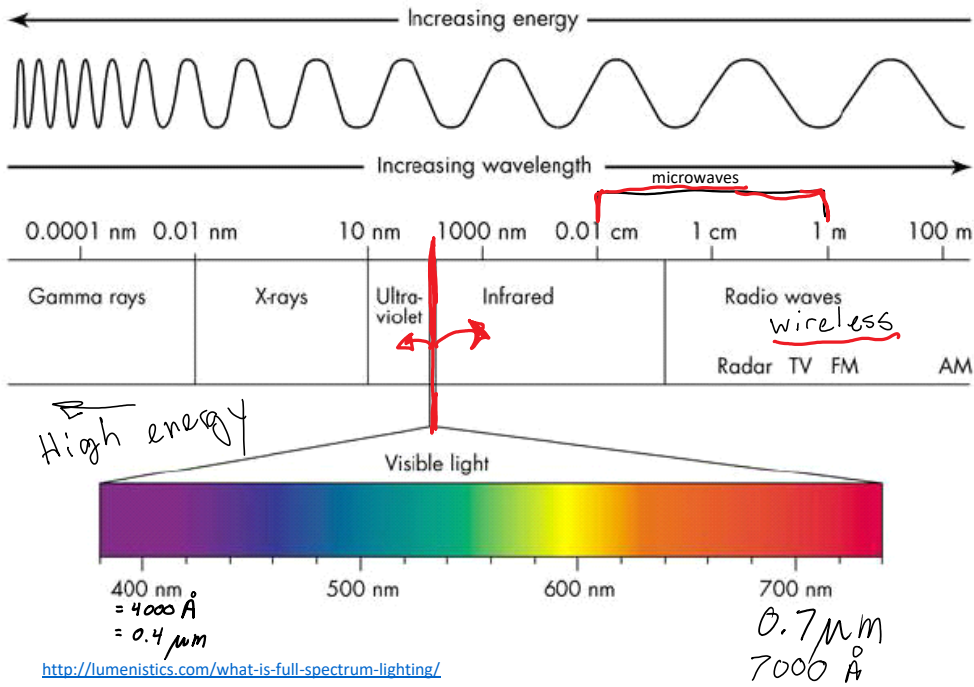
<http://home.howstuffworks.com/fluorescent-lamp.htm/>



<http://www.art.ca/en/preclinical/optical-molecular-imaging/fluorescence.php>

- Wavelength change between absorption and emission = Stokes shift:
- some heat lost from excited state,
  - and/or returns to ground state + highest vibrational mode, not all the way down.

EM spectrum review



We talk about how wavelength = color, but it's really frequency and energy = color

$$c = \lambda f$$

$[\frac{m}{s}] \quad [m] \quad [\frac{1}{s}]$

Speed of light = wavelength x frequency  
 In dense media c decreases, wavelength decreases  
 Frequency and photon energy stays constant, color is constant.

**Luminescence** = cold body emission, usually at specific  $\lambda$ .  
 A general term. More specific: chemiluminescence, bioluminescence, electroluminescence

**Chemoluminescence** - Cyalume, party bracelets: chemical reaction releases photon, which then drives fluorescence. Needs mix of chemicals for reaction, and choice of color.  
 Flames:  $C_2$ ,  $CH^*$ , radicals = highly reactive intermediate molecules (between reactant and product species) that only exist in the thin reaction zone. Excited by reactions, emit blue photons to get to lower energy state.  
 Also, hot soot gives off black body radiation; yellow glow.

<https://www.aldacenter.org/outreach/flame-challenge>



Burner flame

See cyalume party bracelets

8 Inch Triple Wide Glowstick	8 Inch Glowstick Bracelets - 8 ...	1728ct Bright Jelly Bracelet ...
\$0.01	\$0.01	\$41.69
Glow Universe	Glow Universe	Oriental Tradin...
★★★★ (3)	★★★★ (6)	Special offer



Ever seen  
 [noctilucent clouds  
 A = yes  
 B = no



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<https://www.businessinsider.com/what-is-airglow-2014-9>

Airglow:

Molecules of OH, sodium and oxygen in the high (90 km) atmosphere give off characteristic photons when excited by UV light from the sun.

From <<https://www.flowvis.org/Flow%20Vis%20Guide/dye-techniques-3-light-emitting-fluids/>>

— **Bioluminescence** - Fireflies, deep sea fish, worms. Good for flow vis?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fvob6L8q3I8> Red tide, blue waves off San Diego



<https://www.nationalgeographic.com/animals/fish/group/anglerfish/>



**Electroluminescence** - LEDs, sodium vapor, mercury vapor lamps etc. Specific  $\lambda$ .

E.g. electric pickle <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tMhXCG6k6oA>

**Laser**: population inversion, specific  $\lambda$ , resonant cavity with mirrors. Gas dynamic laser: after supersonic expansion, lower vibrational states relax before higher ones = inversion. A type of 'chemical laser'

More combustion examples:

<http://www.flamingtornado.com/> Fire art by Nate Smith

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fTIW1zucWn8&list=UUj7HhOIDAW1fmoXhhPtnTEw&feature=c4-overview>

BLEVE: Boiling Liquid Expanding Vapor Explosion

BLEVE (Boiling Liquid Expanding Vapor Explosion) Demonstration - How It Happens Training Video, 2009. [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UM0jtD\\_OWLU&feature=youtu.be\\_gdata\\_player](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UM0jtD_OWLU&feature=youtu.be_gdata_player).