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Spectrum and Dynamics of Luminescence from Laser-created Bubbles in Pressurized Water<sup>1</sup> FRANK LEE, DAVID HECHT, EMIL A. BRU-JAN, GARY A. WILLIAMS, UCLA — The properties of the luminescence pulse from laser-created bubbles in pressurized water are studied for pressures between 0.25 and 15 bars. The duration of the light pulse is linear in the maximum bubble size, but for a given bubble size it increases with pressure. The spectrum of the light is blackbody in form, with a temperature that increases somewhat with pressure, from 8100 K at 1 bar to 9400 K at 10 bars. At higher pressures the blackbody temperature drops, but this is primarily due to the rapid onset above 10 bars of a fission instability, where the bubbles split into two just before the collapse point.

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