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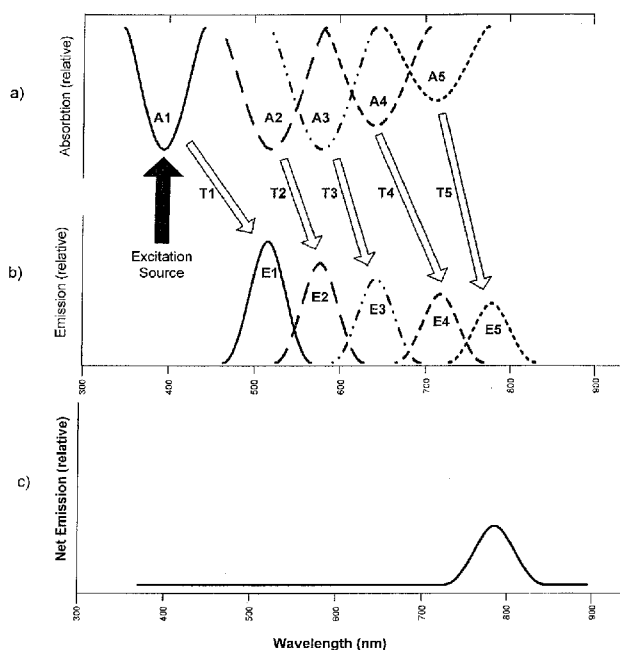


FIGURE 1

(57) Abstract: Provided are photoluminescent markings that contain a photoluminescent layer (12) and one or more functional overlays (14) (18) (22) wherein the photoluminescent marking has an emission signature that lies partly or fully in the infrared region of the electromagnetic spectrum. One functional overlay conceals the photoluminescent layer and blends into the background or blends with marks that are normally present, without significantly reducing the luminescent intensity of the photoluminescent layer. Another functional overlay provides photolytic stability to the underlying photoluminescent layer. The invention also includes functional overlays that enhance the daytime observability of the infrared emissions. A further functional overlay prevents the observability of a printed message with the naked eye. A combination of functional overlays each providing a different function is also included. As well, the present invention includes a multi-functional overlay. The present invention also relates to methods of creating and using the inventive photoluminescent markings as well as objects containing the inventive photoluminescent markings.



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