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Low pressure sodium lamps.

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Lampes à sodium à basse pression.

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Abstract (en)  
A low-pressure vapour electric discharge lamp (L) has a discharge tube filling consisting of neon alone and is connected to a circuit capable of supplying a high frequency current to the lamp. Using a high frequency current means that the lamp can be ignited, even though there is no argon in the discharge tube, contrary to convention. Thus the lamp can be operated a point closer to that of maximum efficacy.

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