

Relation between wavelength and energy for X-ray

This is a rule of thumb to calculate easily the wavelength from energy, because energies are usually used in X-ray range rather than wavelengths

!!! The sign = here means conversion not = mathematically

Because the dimension [keV nm] of the denominator is neglected

$$\lambda \text{ [nm]} = 1.24 / E \text{ [keV]}$$

Explanation

Notations, constants, units:

λ - the wavelength of the wave in [nm]

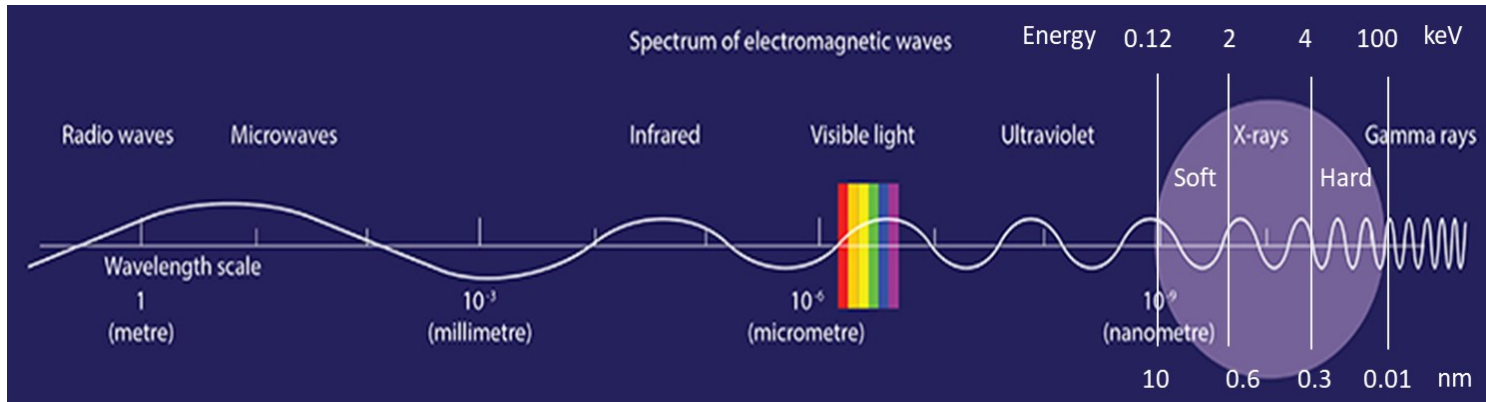
ν - frequency of the wave in [Hz]

c - speed of light in vacuum [m/s]

E - energy of the photon in Joule [J] : $E = h\nu$;

$1\text{eV} = 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ [J]}$

h - Planck constant, $h = 6.62607015 \times 10^{-34} \text{ [J s]}$



$$\lambda = hc / E$$

$$hc \approx 2 \times 10^{-26} \text{ [J m]}$$

$$E \text{ [J]} = E \text{ [eV]} \times 1.6 \times 10^{-19}$$

$$\lambda \text{ [m]} = \lambda \text{ [nm]} \times 10^{-9}$$

Relations:

$$\lambda \text{ [nm]} \times 10^{-9} = 1.984 \times 10^{-25} / E \text{ [keV]} \times 1.6 \times 10^{-16}$$



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