

CONCEPT: THE ENERGY OF LIGHT

- Physicists Max Planck and Albert Einstein theorized light was made of “packets or particles” of electromagnetic radiation.
 - This light “particle” or “packet” was referred to as a _____ (quantum).
 - To calculate its energy we use *Planck’s constant*, symbolized by _____ and equal to _____ J•s.

Photon Energy Formulas

This version is used when we deal with **energy & frequency**.

Photon Energy Formula (Frequency)

$$\Delta E = \text{_____} \cdot \text{_____}$$

☐ ΔE = Energy of a photon in $\frac{\text{J}}{\text{photon}}$
☐ _____ = Planck’s constant
☐ _____ = Frequency in s^{-1} or Hz.

This version is used when we deal with **energy & wavelength**.

Photon Energy Formula (Wavelength)

$$\Delta E = \text{_____} \cdot \text{_____}$$

☐ ΔE = Energy of a photon in $\frac{\text{J}}{\text{photon}}$
☐ _____ = Planck’s constant
☐ _____ = Speed of Light
☐ _____ = Wavelength in meters

- ☐ From the equations, energy is _____ proportional to frequency and _____ proportional to wavelength.

EXAMPLE: Calculate the energy of a photon with a wavelength of 293.7 m.

Moles and Energy

- In order to find the energy for a *mole of photons* we can use a **conversion factor** with _____ number.
 - The **conversion factor** is *1 mole of photons* = _____ *photons*.

EXAMPLE: Calculate the energy for a mole of photons with a frequency of $4.29 \times 10^{15} \text{ s}^{-1}$.

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PRACTICE: Calculate the energy (in nJ) of a photon emitted by a mercury lamp with a frequency of 6.88×10^{14} Hz.

PRACTICE: A light ray has a wavelength that is $835 \mu\text{m}$ contains 6.32×10^{-3} J of energy. How many photons does this light ray have?

PRACTICE: How much energy (in kJ) do 4.50 moles of photons contain at a wavelength of 705 nm?