

List of conversion factors for neutron scattering

The table is read horizontally, e.g. $l = 1 \text{ \AA}$ corresponds to $v = 3956 \text{ m/s}$ or to $E = 81.807 \text{ meV}$, etc.

		l	k	v	T	ν	ω	v/c	E	
		\AA	$1/\text{\AA}$	m/s	K	THz	rad/s	$1/\text{cm}$	meV	kJ/mol
Wave-length l	1 \AA	1	6.28318	3956	949.3	19.78	1.243×10^{14}	659.8	81.805	7.893
Wave-vector k	$1/\text{\AA}$	6.28318	1	629.6	24.046	0.5010	3.148×10^{12}	16.71	2.072	0.1999
Velocity v	1 m/s	3956	1.589×10^{-3}	1	6.066×10^5	1.265×10^{-6}	7.948×10^6	4.216×10^{-5}	5.227×10^{-6}	5.044×10^{-7}
Temperature T	1 K	30.81	0.2039	128.4	1	0.02084	1.309×10^{11}	0.6950	8.617×10^{-2}	8.314×10^{-3}
Frequency ν	1 THz	4.4475	1.4127	889.5	48.00	1	6.283×10^{12}	33.36	4.136	0.3990
Angul. frequ. ω	1 rad/s	11.15×10^6	5.64×10^{-7}	3.549×10^{-4}	7.64×10^{-12}	0.1592×10^{-12}	1	5.309×10^{-12}	6.582×10^{-13}	6.351×10^{-14}
Wave-number ν/c	$1/\text{cm}$	25.69	0.2446	154.01	1.439	0.02998	1.884×10^{11}	1	0.1240	1.196×10^{-2}
Energy E	1 meV	9.045	0.6947	437.4	11.604	0.2418	1.519×10^{12}	8.0655	1	0.0965
	1 kJ/mol	2.809	2.237	1.408×10^3	120.3	2.506	1.575×10^{13}	83.59	10.36	1

Wavelength: l ; $E = h^2/2ml^2$ $l \sim 1/\text{sqrt}(E)$

Temperature T ; $E = kB T$ $T \sim E$

Velocity: v ; $E = \frac{1}{2} mv^2$ $v \sim \text{sqrt}(E)$

Frequency ν ; $\nu = \omega/2\pi$ $\nu \sim E$

n Wavevector: k ; $k = 2\pi/l$ $k \sim \text{sqrt}(E)$

Angular frequency ω ; $E = H \omega$ $\omega \sim E$

$m = 1.674954 \cdot 10^{-24} \text{ g}$; $H = h/2\pi$, $h = 6.626176 \cdot 10^{-34} \text{ Js}$

Optical wavenumber ν/c $\nu/c \sim E$

(source: M. Bée, "Quasielastic Neutron scattering", Adam Hilger, Bristol and Philadelphia, 1988)

Typical values for cold and thermal neutron ranges

	Energy	Wavelength	n-Wavevector	Velocity	Frequency
cold neutrons:	$E = 1 \text{ meV}$	$l = 9.0446 \text{ \AA}$	$k = 0.6947 \text{ 1/\AA}$	$v = 437 \text{ m/s}$	$\nu = 0.2418 \text{ THz}$
	$E = 5 \text{ meV}$	$l = 4.0449 \text{ \AA}$	$k = 1.5534 \text{ 1/\AA}$	$v = 978 \text{ m/s}$	$\nu = 1.2090 \text{ THz}$
thermal neutrons:	$E = 25 \text{ meV}$	$l = 1.8089 \text{ \AA}$	$k = 3.4734 \text{ 1/\AA}$	$v = 2187 \text{ m/s}$	$\nu = 6.045 \text{ THz}$
	$E = 50 \text{ meV}$	$l = 1.2791 \text{ \AA}$	$k = 4.9122 \text{ 1/\AA}$	$v = 3093 \text{ m/s}$	$\nu = 12.090 \text{ THz}$

Monochromator d-spacings

Monochromator	$dhkl$
Germanium (311)	1.71 \AA
Copper (220)	1.28 \AA
Graphite (002)	3.35 \AA
Heussler (Cu ₂ MnAl) (111)	3.43 \AA
Fe ₃ Si (111)	3.27 \AA