

**When electromagnetic radiation of wavelength 300 nm falls on the surface of sodium, electrons are emitted with a kinetic energy of  $1.68 \times 10^5 \text{ Jmol}^{-1}$ . What is the minimum energy needed to remove an electron from sodium? What is the maximum wavelength that will cause a photoelectron to be emitted?**

The energy (E) associated with 300 nanometre photon is given by:

$$E = \frac{hc}{\lambda}$$

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$$= (6.626 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}) \times (6.022 \times 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1})$$

$$= 3.9 \times 10^5 \text{ Jmol}^{-1}$$

Now, we will find minimum energy needed to remove a mole of electrons from sodium

$$= 3.9 \times 10^5 \text{ Jmol}^{-1} - 1.68 \times 10^5 \text{ Jmol}^{-1}$$

$$= (3.99 - 1.68) \times 10^5 \text{ Jmol}^{-1}$$

$$= 2.31 \times 10^5 \text{ Jmol}^{-1}$$

We will find the minimum energy for one mole of electron

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{2.31 \times 10^5 \text{ J mol}^{-1}}{6.022 \times 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1}} \\ &= 3.84 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J} \end{aligned}$$

Now, by using this we will find the wavelength.

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda &= \frac{hc}{E} \\ &= \frac{(6.626 \times 10^{-34})(3.0 \times 10^8 \text{ ms}^{-1})}{3.84 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}} \\ &= 517 \text{ nm} \end{aligned}$$

This wavelength falls in the region of green light.

So, this is the maximum wavelength that will cause the emission of a photoelectron.