| Questions | Answers and comments |  |
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| Exercise I: 4 points |  |  |
| 1. | Population : <br> Atoms A: $(8 \times 1 / 8+6 \times 1 / 2)=4$ <br> Atoms B: $(12 \times 1 / 4+1)=4$ | Globally well answered. <br> (even if some of you have not considered the $B$ atom located at the very centre of the cube...) |
| 2. | APF : fraction or percentage of the volume really occupied by the atoms then assimilated to spheres compared to the total volume of the cell $\text { APF value }=\frac{4 \times \frac{4}{3} \pi\left(r_{A}{ }^{3}+r_{B}{ }^{3}\right)}{a^{3}}=\frac{4 \times \frac{4}{3} \pi \times\left(1.81^{3}+0.97^{3}\right)}{5,56^{3}}=67 \%$ | Definition is important : atoms are considered as hard spheres (otherwise how to express the volume of the atoms?) <br> And careful with the expression of the volume of a sphere!! (many errors here!!) <br> Moreover some of you have computed the value of the cell parameter considering that the atoms of A were tangent <br> - Value a was provided in the text!! <br> - It is not said that the A atoms are tangent in a ny direction, or that the A atoms organize in a close-packed structure : you can't consider the tangency condition then! <br> Some of you got an APF value bigger than 1. Considering the definition, is that logical??? |


| 3. | $\text { Definition of density } \rho=\frac{m}{V}=\frac{n A \times M A+n A \times M A}{V}$ <br> with : $n_{A}$ and $n_{B}=$ population of atoms $A$ and $B$ in the cell, respectively $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{M}_{\mathrm{A}} \text { and } \mathrm{M}_{\mathrm{B}}=\text { molar mass of } \mathrm{A} \text { and } \mathrm{B} \text { in } \mathrm{g} / \mathrm{mol} \\ & \mathrm{~N}_{\mathrm{A}}=\text { Avogadro's number }=6.02210^{23} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1} \\ & \mathrm{~V} \text { = volume of the cell }=\mathrm{a}^{3} \\ & \qquad \rho=\frac{4 \times\left(M_{A}+M_{B}\right)}{N_{A} \times(a)^{3}}=\frac{4 \times(23+35,5)}{6,02210^{23} \times\left(5,56 \times 10^{-8}\right)^{3}}=2,26 \mathrm{~g} . \mathrm{cm}^{-3} \end{aligned}$ | Many errors found here! <br> Just to make sure : there are 4 atoms of $A$ and 4 atoms of B. It is true that there is a total of 8 atoms in the cell. <br> HOWEVER: $\left(4 M_{A}+4 M_{B}\right) \neq 8\left(M_{A}+M_{B}\right)$ |
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| Exercise II: 15 points |  |  |
| 1. | $Z=37: 1 s^{2} 2 s^{2} 2 p^{6} 3 s^{2} 3 p^{6} 3 d^{10} 4 s^{2} 4 p^{6} 5 s^{1}$ <br> the highest layer of $n(5 s)$ contains only 1 electron so it is an alkaline ( $n s^{1}$ ) |  |
| 2. | Let $x$ and $y$ be the relative abundance of the ${ }^{85} \mathrm{Rb}$ and ${ }^{87} \mathrm{Rb}$ isotopes, respectively <br> We have a set of two equations such that : $x+y=1$ $84.9118 x+86.9092 y=85.4678$ <br> The mathematical solution of are such that: $x=0.7216 \text { and } y=1-x=0.2784$ <br> Natural rubidium is thus made up to $72.16 \%$ of ${ }^{85} \mathrm{Rb}$ and $27.84 \%$ of ${ }^{87} \mathrm{Rb}$ |  |
| 3. | By definition, ionization is the transition of one outermost electron to infinite. Because there is only one electron that occupies the 5 s level, the resulting ionization energy is: <br> $E_{i}=E_{\infty}-E_{5 S_{\frac{1}{2}}}=-E_{5 S_{\frac{1}{2}}}$ as $E_{\infty}=0$ by convention | Here, part of the answer consists in remembering that ionization energy, as for any transition, is the difference of energy between 2 levels. |


|  | As $E_{i}=4.177 \mathrm{eV}=-E_{5 S_{\frac{1}{2}}}$, we confirm that $E_{5 S_{\frac{1}{2}}}=-4.177 \mathrm{eV}$ <br>  <br> Thus $5 \mathrm{~S}_{1 / 2}: \frac{E_{5 S_{\frac{1}{2}}}}{h c}=\frac{1}{\lambda_{5 S_{\frac{1}{2}}}}$ Using the correct units, we find back that $1 / \lambda=33685 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ | The relationship between $\lambda$ and E was only part of the answer!! |
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| 4. | The Sr , located to the right of the Rb in the same period, will have an ionization energy greater than this one because : <br> - it owns one more proton in its core that Rb , it will exert a stronger attraction on its most distant electrons and <br> - the electron which it has in more in its electronic cloud will have a weaker screening constant (because it is located on the same layer: cf Slater) <br> The Cs is located below Rb so its electronic configuration will be terminated by $6 \mathrm{~s}^{1}$. It will have a whole layer of electrons more compared to Rb ; all the extra electrons of the $5^{\text {th }}$ layer will have a high screen constant. <br> Thus $\mathrm{E}_{\mathrm{i}}(\mathrm{Cs})=3.894 \mathrm{eV}<\mathrm{E}_{\mathrm{i}}(\mathrm{Rb})=4.177 \mathrm{eV}<\mathrm{E}_{\mathrm{i}} \mathrm{Sr}=5.695 \mathrm{eV}$ |  |
| 5. | Some levels are doubled because of the spin orbit coupling, defined by the fifth quantum number j . $j=\left\|l \pm \frac{1}{2}\right\|$ <br> For $S$ levels $(I=0)$ there is only one possible value for $j=1 / 2$, while for any other value levels, there are 2 possible values. Ex: for $P$ levels, as $I=1, j=1 / 2$ or $j=3 / 2$. The levels is thus doubled, defined as $5 P_{1 / 2}$ and $5 P_{3 / 2}$ <br> All the transitions are not possible as only the ones that verify the selection rules (provided!!!!) may exist |  |


| 6. | At this stage the accessible data are those which $1 / \lambda$ is provided. Moreover, it is possible to express the energy as a function of the reciprocal of the wavelength $E(\mathrm{eV})=12400 \cdot \frac{1}{\lambda\left(\mathrm{~cm}^{-1}\right)} \cdot 10^{-8}$ : |  |
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| 7. | Here it is asked to give the lines that would appear on the absorption spectrum for Rb. Absorption is associated to a transition from the energy level where the outermost electron is located (for Rb it is in the $5 S_{1 / 2}$ level) to a furthest subshell such that the selection rules will apply ( such that $\Delta l= \pm 1$ AND $\Delta j=(0 \text { or } \pm 1)$ <br> Thus, the only possible transitions in the absorption spectrum are the following: $5 S_{1 / 2}-5 P_{1 / 2}:$ <br> $5 S_{1 / 2}-5 P_{3 / 2}:$ $5 S_{1 / 2}-6 \mathrm{P}_{1 / 2}:$ $5 \mathrm{~S}_{1 / 2}-6 \mathrm{P}_{3 / 2}:$ | It is always important to read carefully what is asked. Here the question was NOT about all the possible lines that will be observed considering only the levels listed in the table, but rather "all the possible lines that will be observed in the absorption spectrum considering only the levels listed in the table. <br> And this was in bold in the text... |


| 8. |  | Because the levels were ordered in increasing energies in the table, it was possible to order them in the corresponding energy level diagram. <br> To be complete, the energy scale should be provided with the origin level (infinite). At this stage it was possible to provide the values in black in the table. <br> Transitions on the absorption spectrum all started from level $5 \mathrm{~S}_{1 / 2}$ according to question 7 . |
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| 9. | According to the selection rules, only 4 lines can be found in the absorption spectrum involving the levels gathered in the table. <br> As we know how the energy levels order between them (as compared to $5 \mathrm{~S}_{1 / 2}, 6 \mathrm{P}_{3 / 2}$ is the furthest then comes $6 \mathrm{P}_{1 / 2}$ then $5 \mathrm{P}_{3 / 2}$ then $5 \mathrm{P}_{1 / 2}$ ) we can order the transitions between each other in terms of energy: $\mathrm{E}\left(5 \mathrm{~S}_{1 / 2}, 6 \mathrm{P}_{3 / 2}\right)>\mathrm{E}\left(5 \mathrm{~S}_{1 / 2}, 6 \mathrm{P}_{1 / 2}\right)>\mathrm{E}\left(5 \mathrm{~S}_{1 / 2}, 5 \mathrm{P}_{3 / 2}\right)>\mathrm{E}\left(5 \mathrm{~S}_{1 / 2}, 5 \mathrm{P}_{1 / 2}\right)$ <br> This means that the wavelengths associated to the transitions can be ordered according to : $\left[\lambda_{5 \mathrm{~S}_{1 / 2} \rightarrow 6 \mathrm{P}_{3 / 2}}\right]<\left[\lambda_{5 \mathrm{~S}_{1 / 2} \rightarrow 6 \mathrm{P}_{1 / 2}}\right]<\left[\lambda_{5 \mathrm{~S}_{1 / 2} \rightarrow 5 \mathrm{P}_{3 / 2}}\right]<\left[\lambda_{5 \mathrm{~S}_{1 / 2} \rightarrow 5 \mathrm{P}_{1 / 2}}\right]$ | It is true that in the table, as a data, 3 levels were described with their values of $1 / \lambda$. This means that applying $\mathrm{E}(\mathrm{eV})=12400 / \lambda$ will provide directly the absolute value of the associated energy level. <br> But to answer question 9, what was provided were the wavelength of an absorption line, which corresponds to a transition from one energy level to another one. As a consequence, when applying $\mathrm{E}(\mathrm{eV})=12400 / \lambda$, you do not get |

The values for the transitions are provided in the text we can thus ascribe them to the associated transitions:
$\left[\lambda_{5 \mathrm{~S}_{1 / 2} \rightarrow 6 \mathrm{P}_{3 / 2}}=420 \mathrm{~nm}\right]<\left[\lambda_{5 \mathrm{~S}_{1 / 2} \rightarrow 6 \mathrm{P}_{1 / 2}}=421 \mathrm{~nm}\right]<\left[\lambda_{5 \mathrm{~S}_{1 / 2} \rightarrow 5 \mathrm{P}_{3 / 2}}=780 \mathrm{~nm}\right]<\left[\lambda_{5 \mathrm{~S}_{1 / 2} \rightarrow 5 \mathrm{P}_{1 / 2}}=794 \mathrm{~nm}\right]$
Finally, the energy of a transition is nothing but the exact difference between the two energy levels involved. As an example:

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\Delta \mathrm{E}_{5 \mathrm{~S}_{1 / 2} \rightarrow 6 \mathrm{P}_{3 / 2}}=\mathrm{E}_{6 \mathrm{P}_{3 / 2}}-\mathrm{E}_{S_{\frac{1}{2}}}=\frac{12400}{\lambda_{5 \mathrm{~S}_{\frac{1}{2}} \rightarrow 6 \mathrm{P}_{\frac{3}{2}}}}=\frac{12400}{4200}=2.952 \mathrm{eV}
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Thus : $\mathrm{E}_{6 \mathrm{P}_{3 / 2}}=\frac{12400}{\lambda_{5 \mathrm{~S}_{1 / 2} \rightarrow 6 \mathrm{P}_{3 / 2}}}+\mathrm{E}_{S_{\frac{1}{2}}}=\frac{12400}{4200}-4.177=-1.225 \mathrm{eV}$
Same reasoning is applied to the other levels:
$\mathrm{E}_{6 \mathrm{P}_{\frac{1}{2}}}=\frac{12400}{\lambda_{5 \mathrm{~S}_{\frac{1}{2}} \rightarrow 6 \mathrm{P}_{\frac{1}{2}}}}+\mathrm{E}_{S_{\frac{1}{2}}}=\frac{12400}{4210}-4.177=-1.231 \mathrm{eV}$
$\mathrm{E}_{5 \mathrm{P}_{\frac{3}{2}}}=\frac{12400}{\lambda_{5 \mathrm{~S}_{\frac{1}{2}} \rightarrow 5 \mathrm{P}_{\frac{3}{2}}}}+\mathrm{E}_{\frac{S_{2}^{2}}{}}=\frac{12400}{7800}-4.177=-2.587 \mathrm{eV}$
$\mathrm{E}_{5 \mathrm{P}_{\frac{1}{2}}}=\frac{12400}{\lambda_{5 \mathrm{~S}_{\frac{1}{2}}-5 \mathrm{P}_{\frac{1}{2}}}}+\mathrm{E}_{S_{\frac{1}{2}}}=\frac{12400}{7940}-4.177=-2.615 \mathrm{eV}$
Then the energy level values could be added to the Grotrian's diagram (question 8) values were added in blue color.

To fill the table, once we have the energy of each level, we can then compute $1 / \lambda$ for each level
the value of the energy level but the difference between the two energy levels!!!

Around $10 \%$ of you have remembered this and thus answered properly this question (while this was the topic of the tutorials made on: spectroscopy of hydrogen, spectroscopy of hydrogen-like systems, and obviously spectroscopy of alkaline metals that has been the topics of 4 or 5 sessions)


|  | d) <br> e) Correct : aluminium is on the same group as Boron and owns the same Lewis structure (3 valence electrons and own empty box), 6 electrons after bonding, octet for F , no charge. <br> f) Correct : duet rule for H , octet rule for $\mathrm{C}, \mathrm{S}, \mathrm{O}$, charges correctly ascribed to S and O (O more electronegative than $S$ ) but still not the most representative. Indeed, $S$ belongs to the same column as O but is in the 3rd period, can thus sustain more than 8 electrons. Extension of the octet rule, that leads to a $\mathrm{S}=\mathrm{O}$ double bond, will lower the number of formal charges that is to be preferred. <br> g) Wrong : absence of charges on N (4 electrons to make single bonds while N owns 5 valence electrons: should own a positive charge) and $B$ (4 electrons to make single bonds while $B$ owns 3 valence electrons: should own a negative charge). <br> g) |  |
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| 3. | As Cl belongs to the same column as F , it owns 7 valence electrons ; as it is in a period which ( $\mathrm{n}>2$ ), it can sustain more than 8 electrons (extension of the octet rule). <br> Because O is more electronegative than $\mathrm{Cl}, \mathrm{O}$ should own the negative charge. As the global ion owns one negative charge only, it is on the oxygen atom that thus make a single bond with Cl . The following ions can thus be considered : <br> No superior ions that would own one negative charge only. |  |
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|  | b) For the 2 nd ion : $\mathrm{AX}_{2} \mathrm{E}_{2}$ : bent ; $\alpha<109^{\circ}$ <br> For the $3^{\text {rd }}$ ion, $\mathrm{AX}_{3} \mathrm{E}_{1}$ : trigonal pyramidal $\alpha<109$ <br> For the $4^{\text {th }}$ ion, $\mathrm{AX}_{4}$ : tetrahedral $\alpha=109$ <br> c) Mesomeric forms exist <br> for the $2^{\text {nd }}$ ion: 2 <br> for the $3^{\text {rd }}: 3$ <br> for the $4^{\text {th }}, 4$ | When you have a diatomic assembly, stop talking about the shape!!!! |
| 4. | In a given ion, the bond length are all equal due to mesomeric formulas <br> Between ions, the bond length are not equal: <br> The longest one is the single bond, found in ion 1. <br> Because of mesomeric formulas, the bond lengths in the other ions are a mix between a single bond and double bond but they are again different: <br> - In the $2^{\text {nd }}$ ion, the real bond length is the exact average between 1 single bond and 1 double bond |  |


|  | - In the $3^{\text {rd }}$ ion, the real bond length is the exact average between 1 single bond and 2 doubles bonds; because a double bond is shorther than a single bond, the averaged value for $\mathrm{ClO}_{3}$-has to be lower than for $\mathrm{ClO}_{2}^{-}$ <br> Thus, the shortest one is for the $4^{\text {th }}$ ion, which is the closest one to a full double bond (average between 1 single bond and 3 double bonds). |  |
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|  | 5 points |  |
| 1. | Hybridization state for Carbons from (a) to (f): $\mathrm{sp}^{2}$ <br> Hybridization state for Carbon in the $\mathrm{CH}_{3}$ group: $\mathrm{sp}^{3}$ |  |
| 2. | Hybridization state $s p^{2}$ : result of mixong and recombination of $2 s, 2 p_{x}$ and $2 p_{y}$ (for example) to form 3 hybridized orbitals $s p^{2}$ in the ( $x, y$ ) plane (as $2 p_{x}$ and $2 p_{y}$ were involved) <br> There is one unhybridized $2 p_{z}$ orbital on each related carbon <br> The unhybridized $p_{z}$ orbitals of the 6 Carbons (a to f) organizes such that they are parallel to have a lateral overlap; all these carbons and the H they are bonded to are thus co-planar. <br> Regarding the C of the methyl groups; the frontal overlap between their $\mathrm{sp}^{3}$ orbital and one $\mathrm{sp}^{2}$ orbital of carbons (a) and (f) necessarily implies that these C of the methyl are also coplanar to all the other carbons. |  |


|  | However, for the methyl groups, C is hybridized $\mathrm{sp}^{3}$, thus this carbon is at the center of tetrahedron-shaped geometry. Thus the Hydrogens can not all be in the same plane as the other atoms. There is still free rotation between $\mathrm{C}(\mathrm{a})$ and $\mathrm{C}($ methyl), which makes it possible to have at best 1 hydrogen in the same plane. <br> As a conclusion : all the atoms highlighted in green on the Figure are coplanar except at least 2 of the 3 H of the methyl groups |  |
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| 3. | The free rotation around the $\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{b}}-\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{c}}$ bond is impossible because this rotation would lead to the breaking of the lateral overlap represented previously ( $\pi$ bond). <br> The free rotation around the bond $\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{f}}-\mathrm{CH}_{3}$ is possible because it does not break the axial overlap of hybrid orbitals involved in this bond. | Orbital representation not required in this second case |
| 4. | Let write the mesomeric formulas involving the delocalization of three $\pi$-bonds <br> This was enough to justify that the molecule owns 3 conjugated double bonds | Instead of the scheme, it was also possible to describe with words the delocalization of the $6 \pi$ electrons |
| 5. | These 5 bonds are in fact identical contrary to what the formula represented in the text suggested (alternating single and double bonds). <br> The resulting bond length is greater than that of a double bond but lower than that of a single bond. |  |
| 6. | Some double bonds are not conjugated in each of the molecule!! <br> We count the number of double bonds involved in an exact alternation of double/single bonds. <br> Phytoene: 3/Phytofluene 5/Carotene: 7 / Lycopene : 11 | No representation of any mesomeric formula was expected as the justification |
| 7. | Energy gap between the highest occupied molecular orbital (HOMO) and the lowest unoccupied molecular orbital (LUMO). |  |
| 8. | Litteral formula : $\lambda_{a b s}=\frac{h c}{\Delta E_{\text {HOMO-LUMO }}}$ <br> Phytoene : $287 \mathrm{~nm} /$ Phytofluene : $348 \mathrm{~nm} /$ Carotene : $395 \mathrm{~nm} /$ Lycopene : 502 nm |  |


|  | It can be seen that as the energy difference HOMO-LUMO decreases, the absorption wavelength increases and shifts into the visible range (for carotene and lycopene). It can also be related to the number of conjugated double bonds... |  |
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| 9. | Calculation of the lycopene concentration in the commercial sample : $C_{\text {Lycopène }}=\frac{w_{\text {Lycopene }} \times m_{\text {total }}}{M_{\text {Lycopene }} \times V_{\text {total }}}=\frac{0.05 * 0.600}{536.9 \times 1}=5,59 \times 10^{-5} \mathrm{~mol} . \mathrm{L}^{-1}$ <br> Let F be the dilution factor to be applied such that $A_{\text {Lycopene }}^{502 n m}=\varepsilon_{\text {Lycopene }}^{502 n m}=0.633$ <br> The diluted solution (which concentration is noted $C_{\text {Lycopene }}$ ) should then verify both equations: $\begin{array}{ll} - & C_{\text {Lycopene }}^{\prime}=\frac{C_{\text {Lycopene }}}{F} \\ - & A_{\text {Lycopene }}^{502 n m}= \\ =\varepsilon_{\text {Lycopene }}^{502 n m} \times l \times C_{\text {Lycopene }}^{\prime} \end{array}$ <br> Thus $F=\frac{\varepsilon_{\text {Lycopene }}^{502} \times l \times C_{\text {Lycopene }}}{A_{\text {Lyconpene }}^{502 n}}=15$ |  |

