

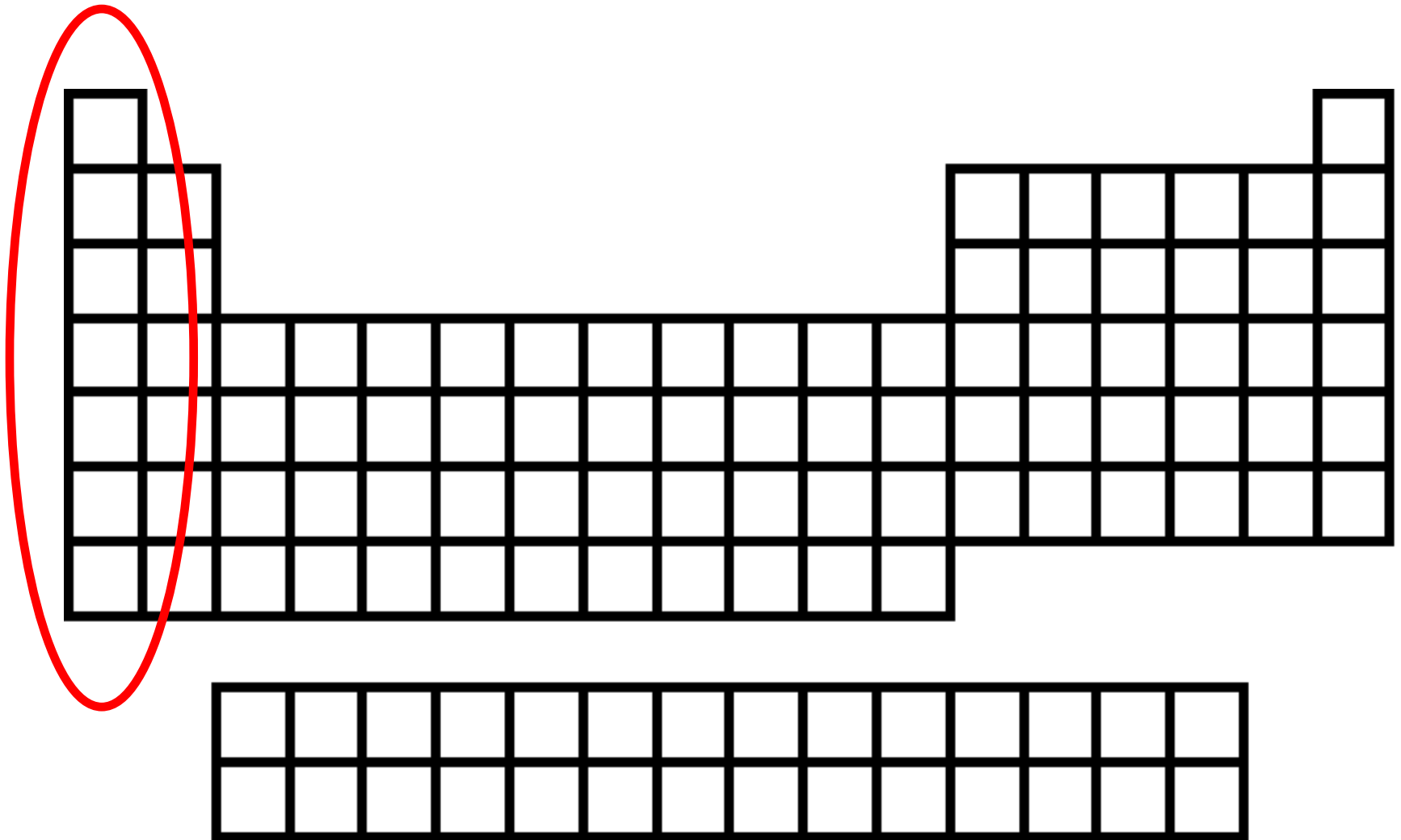
One Electron Multi-Level Atoms

Electronic structure of Alkali elements

Outline

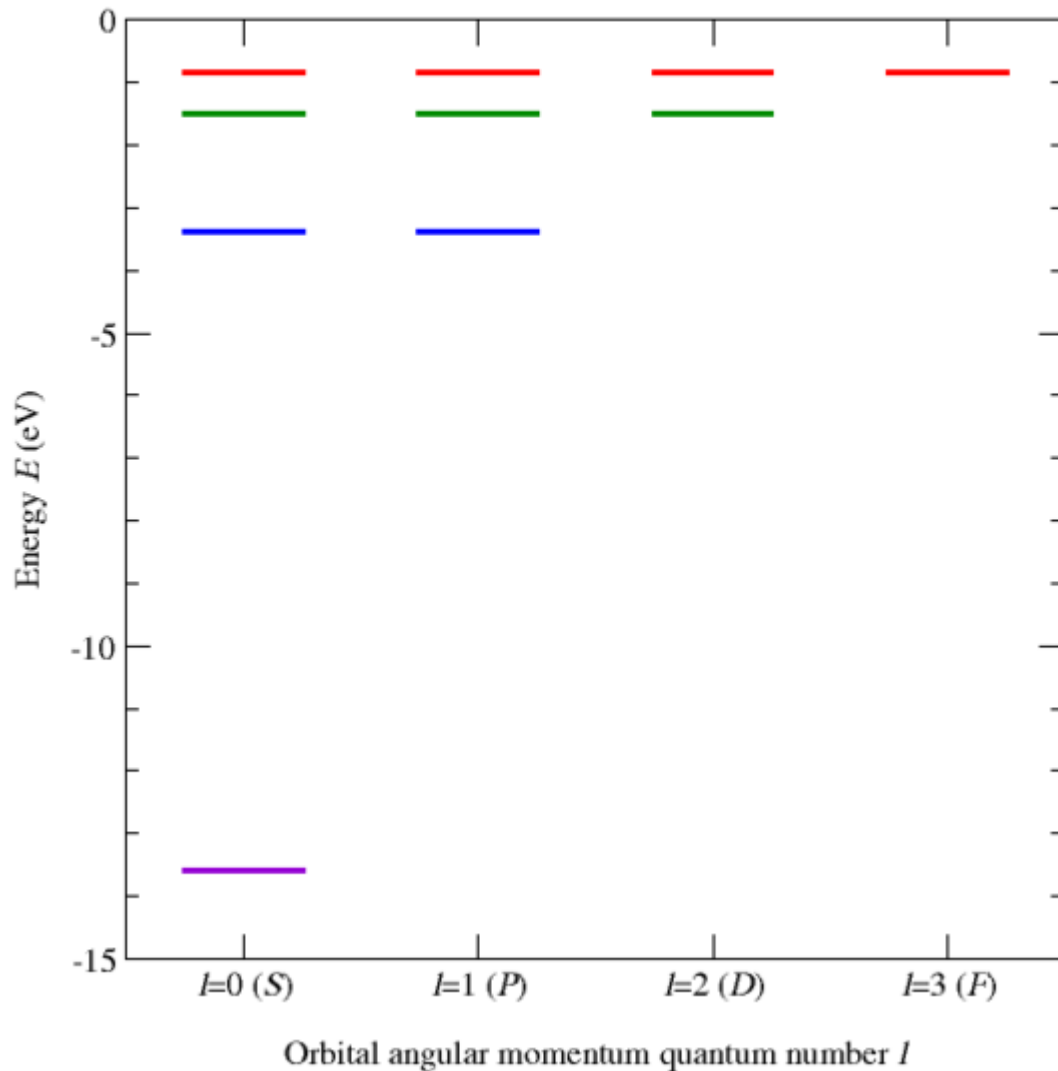
1. Basic structure
2. Fine structure
3. Hyperfine Structure
4. Zeeman splittings in a DC magnetic field.
5. Selection for rules for E-M transitions.

The Alkali Elements



Basic Energy Levels

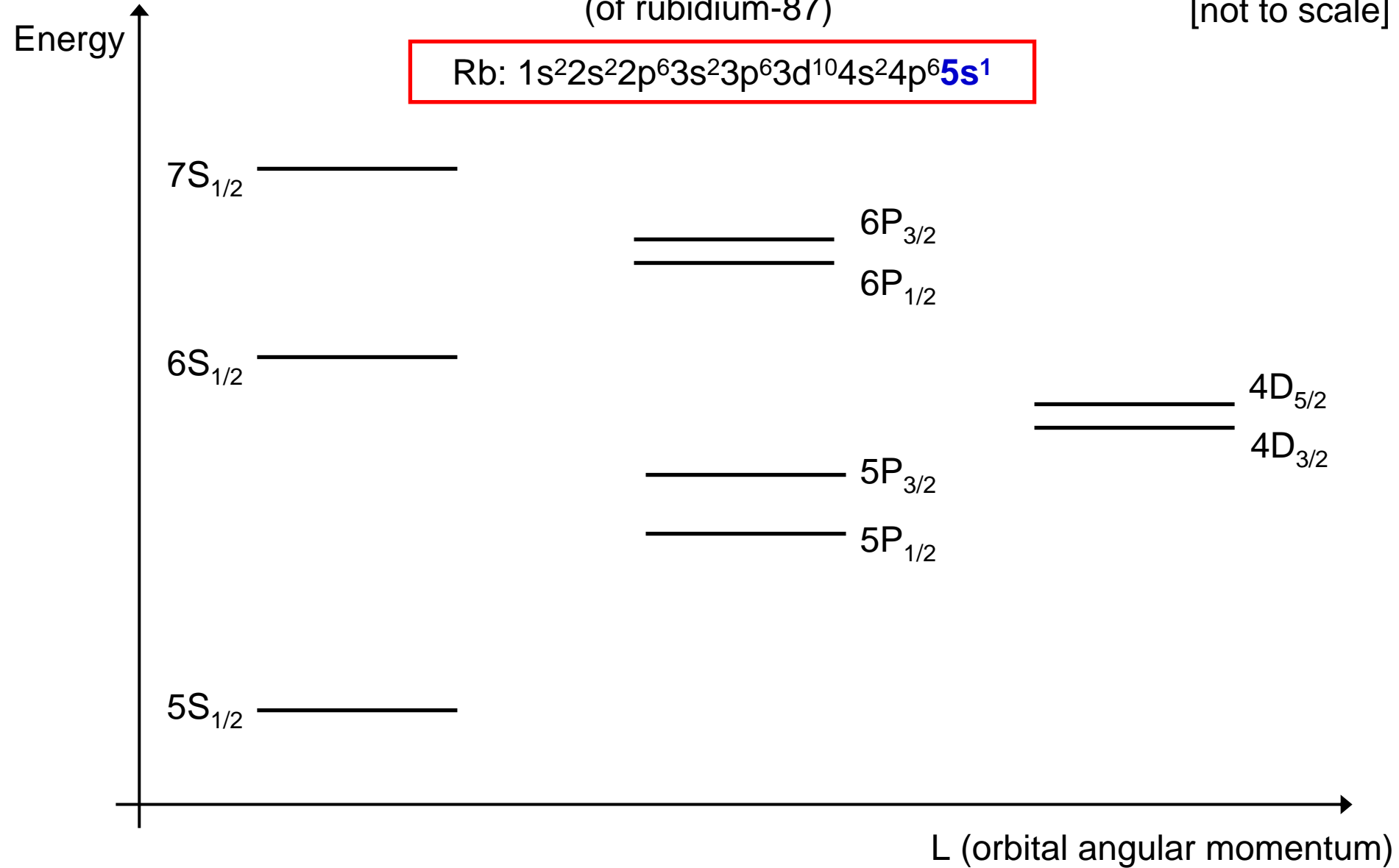
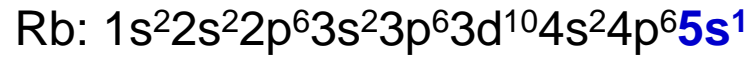
Energy Levels of Hydrogen ($n=1-4$)



Fine Structure

(of rubidium-87)

[not to scale]



Fine Structure: Notation

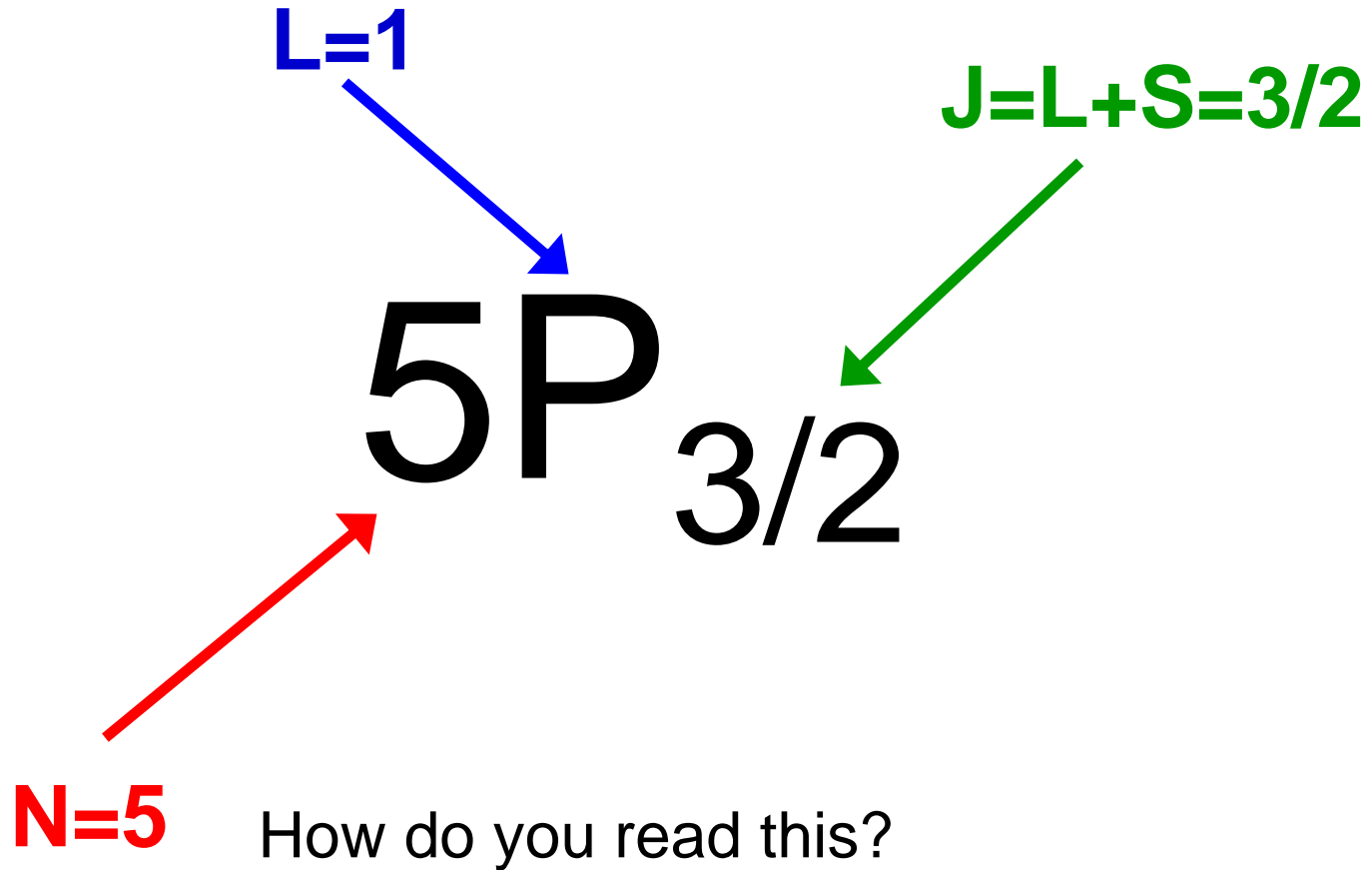
[Russell-Saunders notation]

$5P_{3/2}$

How do you read this?

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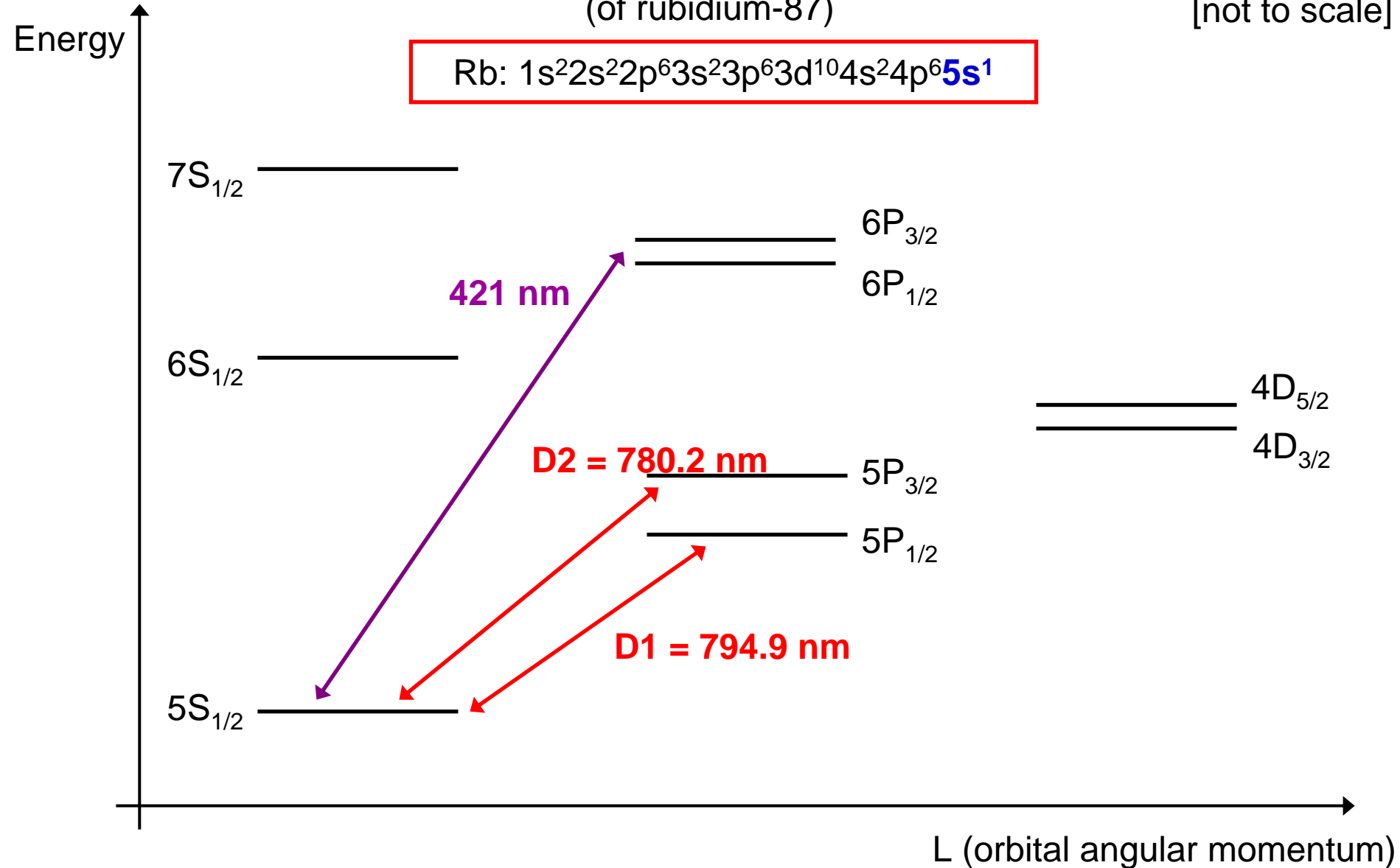
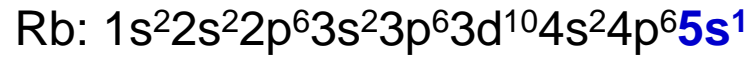
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Fine Structure

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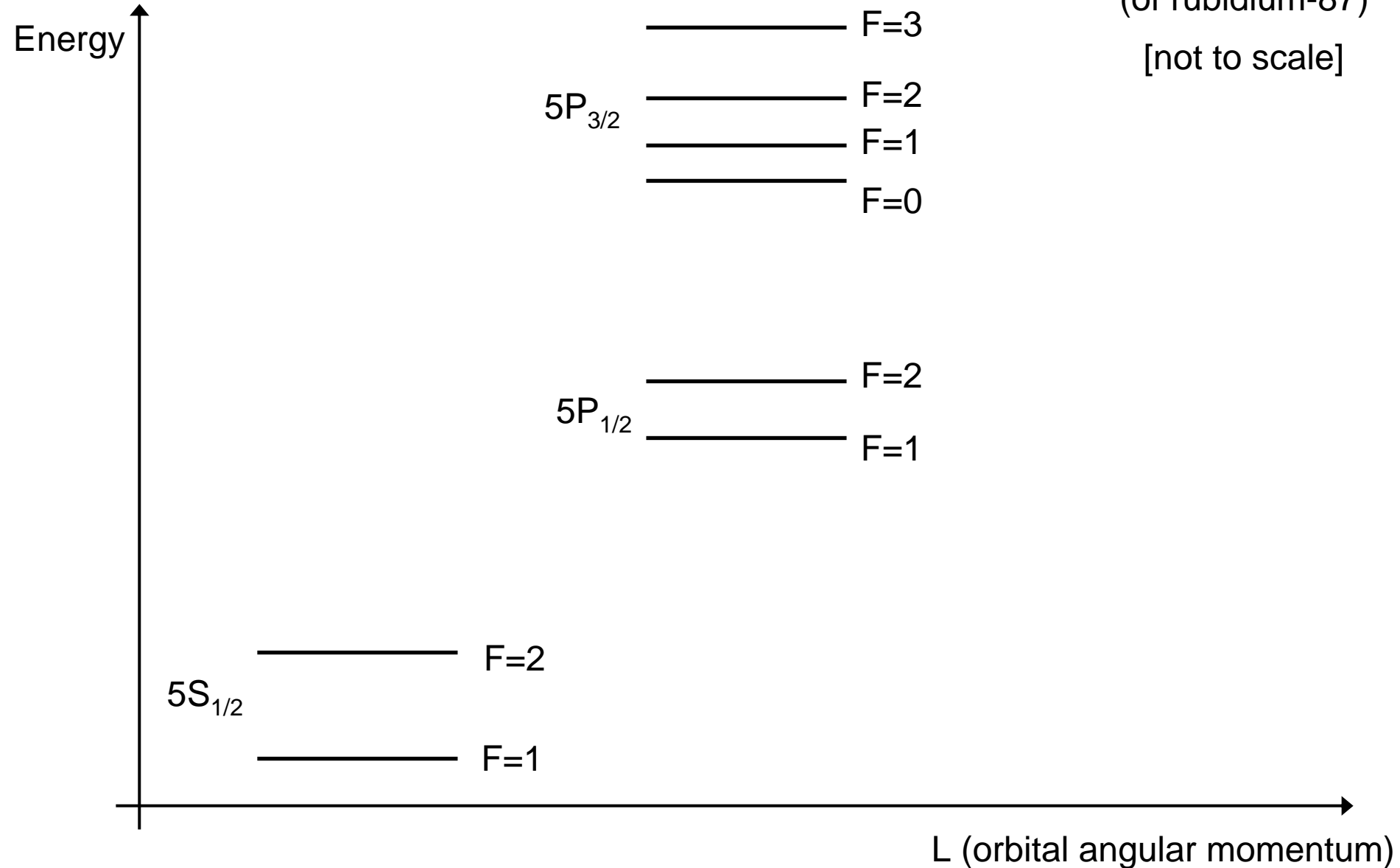
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Hyperfine Structure

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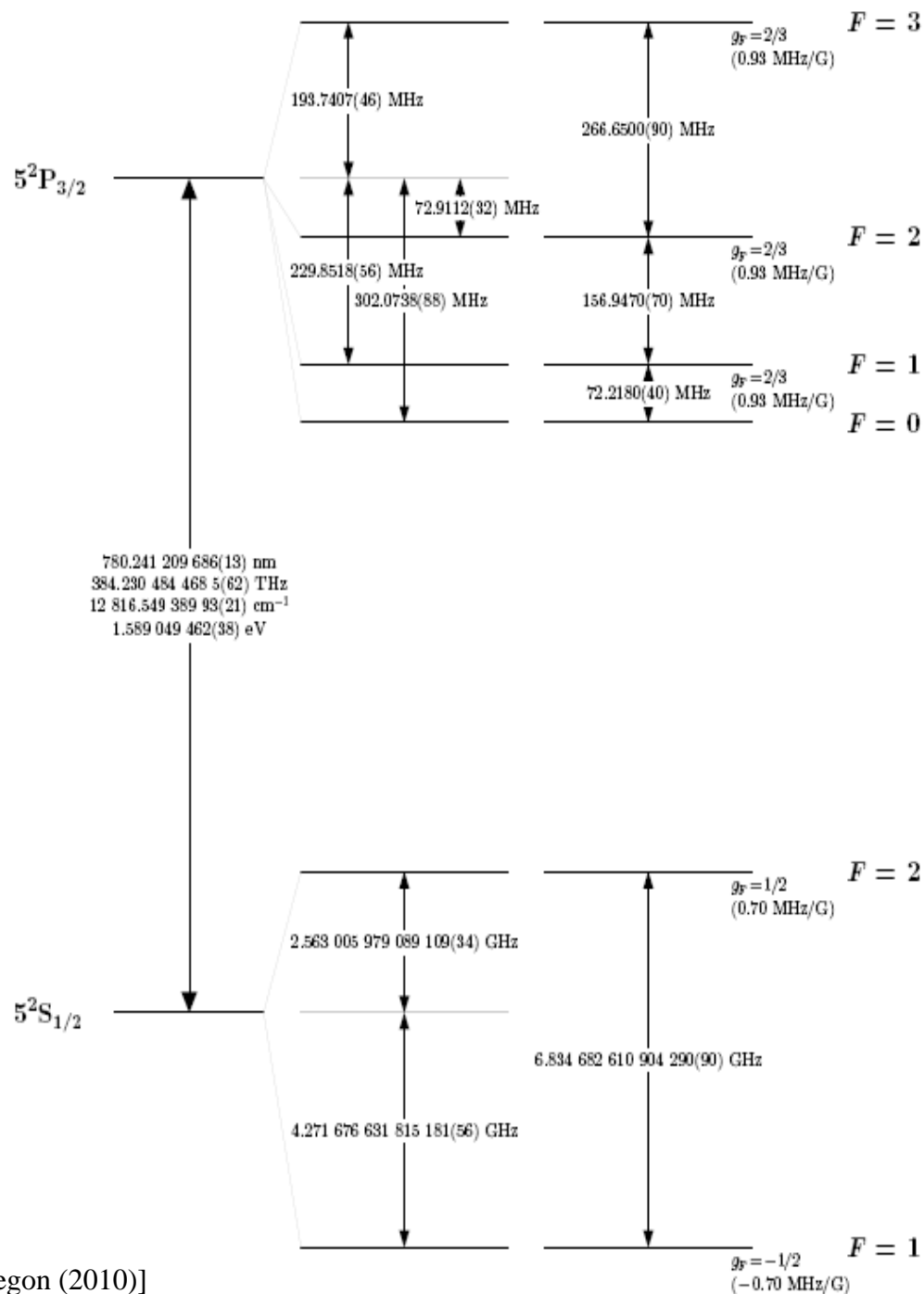
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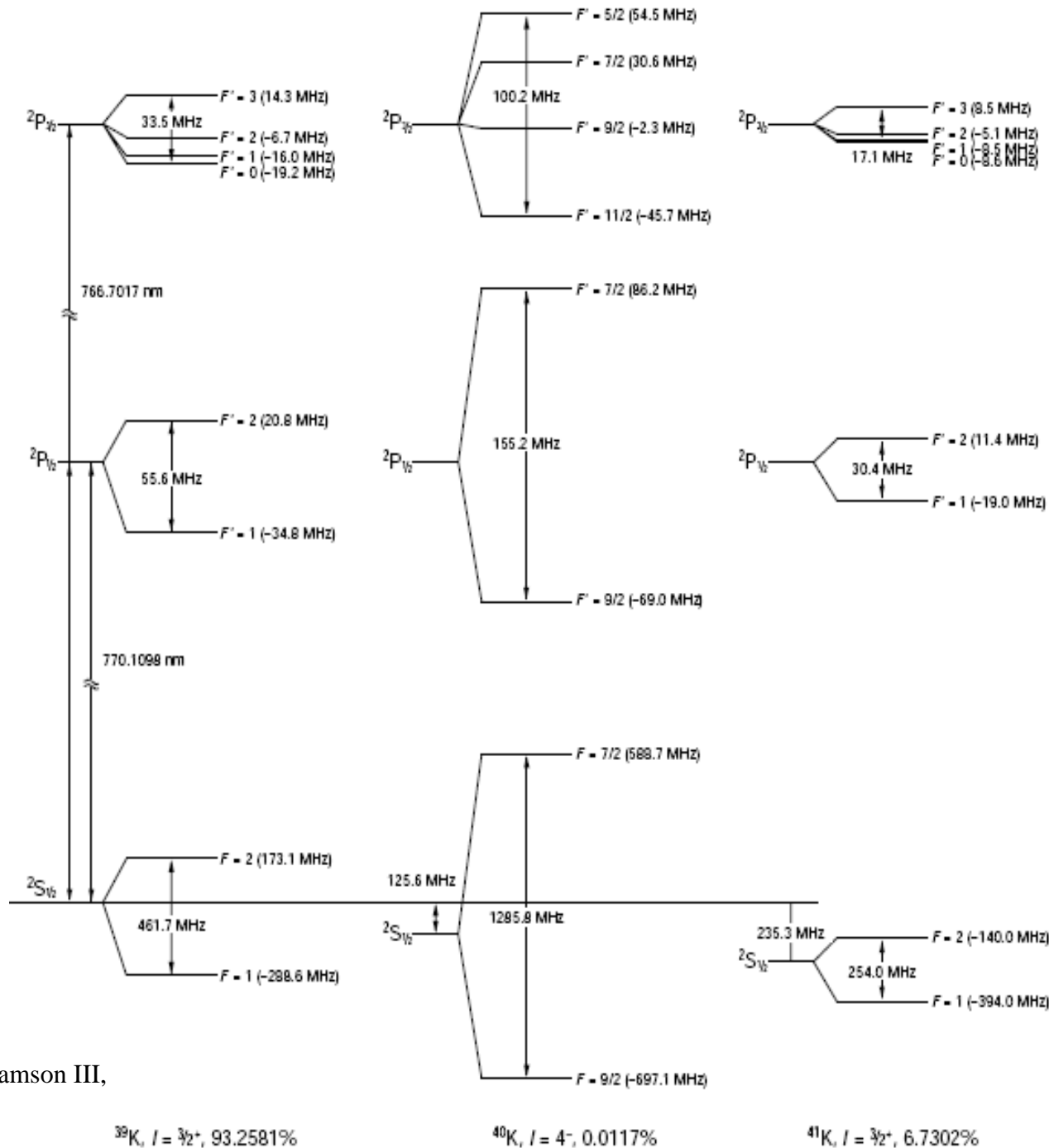
Rubidium-87:

D2 line

Nuclear Spin:
I=3/2

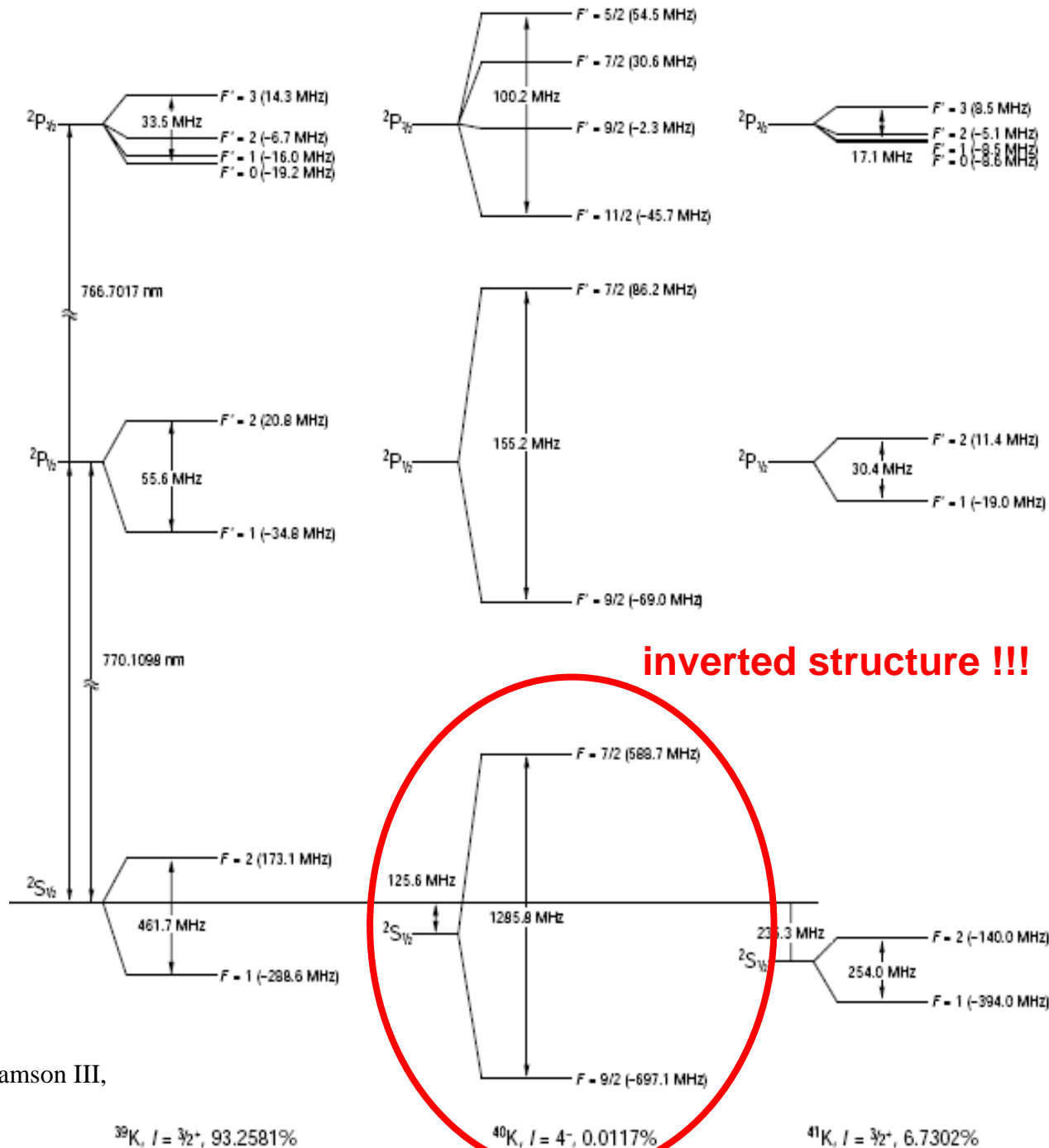


Potassium: D1 and D2 lines



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