

**diagram level (in X-ray spectroscopy)**

A level described by the removal of one electron from the configuration of the neutral ground state. These levels form a spectrum similar to that of a one-electron or hydrogen-like atom but, being single-valency levels, have the energy scale reversed relative to that of single-electron levels. Diagram levels may be divided into valence levels and core levels according to the nature of the electron vacancy. Diagram levels with orbital angular momentum different from zero occur in pairs and form spin doublets.

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