

surface contamination

in surface analysis

Material in the experimental surface which is either not characteristic of the sample or which would not be present if the sample had been prepared in an absolute vacuum by methods not contacting other substances to the sample.

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