

superficial work

in surface chemistry

The reversible work of formation of unit area of new surface by cleavage. It has previously been called specific surface work, surface energy, surface tension or surface free energy. The symbol recommended is γ_{π} in preference to σ because of the confusion with surface charge density. The superficial work γ_{π} is a scalar quantity and consequently is isotropic.

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