**electron spectroscopy for chemical analysis (ESCA)**

Type of spectroscopy involving the measurement of the kinetic energy of electrons emitted by chemical substances usually as a result of excitation by monochromatic X-rays.

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