immersional wetting

A process in which a solid or liquid, \( \beta \), is covered with a liquid, \( \alpha \), both of which were initially in contact with a gas or liquid, \( \delta \), without changing the area of the \( \alpha\delta \)-interface.

*Source:* PAC, 1972, 31, 577 (Manual of Symbols and Terminology for Physicochemical Quantities and Units, Appendix II: Definitions, Terminology and Symbols in Colloid and Surface Chemistry) on page 598