

## **escape depth (for surface analysis techniques)**

The distance into the sample measured from the physical surface from which all but a fraction  $\frac{1}{e}$  of the particles or radiation detected have originated.

**Source:**

PAC, 1979, 51, 2243 (*General aspects of trace analytical methods - IV. Recommendations for nomenclature, standard procedures and reporting of experimental data for surface analysis techniques*) on page 2247