**partial isotherm (or individual isotherm)**

*in surface chemistry*

The function relating, at constant temperature and pressure, the amount of a particular component in the interfacial layer per unit area (or per unit mass of adsorbent) with its mole fraction (or concentration) in the liquid phase. This function can be evaluated only when the location and the thickness of the interfacial layer have been defined.

**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 594