external surface

When a porous solid consists of discrete particles it is inconvenient to describe the outer boundary of the particles as the external surface.

Source:

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