fronting

_in chromatography_

Asymmetry of a peak such that, relative to the baseline, the front is less steep than the rear. In paper chromatography and thin-layer chromatography, it refers to the distortion of a spot showing a diffuse region in front of the spot in the direction of flow.

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PAC, 1993, 65, 819 (Nomenclature for chromatography (IUPAC Recommendations 1993)) on page 837
Orange Book, p. 96