

## planar chromatography

A separation technique in which the stationary phase is present as or on a plane. The plane can be a paper, serving as such or impregnated by a substrate as the stationary bed (paper chromatography, PC) or a layer of solid particles spread on a support e.g. a glass plate (thin layer chromatography, TLC). Sometimes planar chromatography is also termed open-bed chromatography.

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