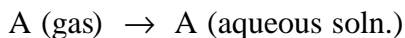


hydration

Addition of water or of the elements of water (i.e. H and OH) to a *molecular entity*. For example, hydration of ethene:



The term is also used in a more restricted sense for the process:



cf. the use of the term in inorganic/physical chemistry to describe the state of the ions of an electrolyte in aqueous solution.

See also *aquation*, *solvation*.

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