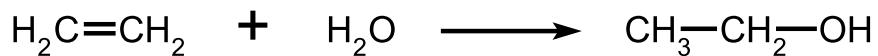


## hydration

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

*Source:*

PAC, 1994, 66, 1077 (*Glossary of terms used in physical organic chemistry (IUPAC Recommendations 1994)*) on page 1122