
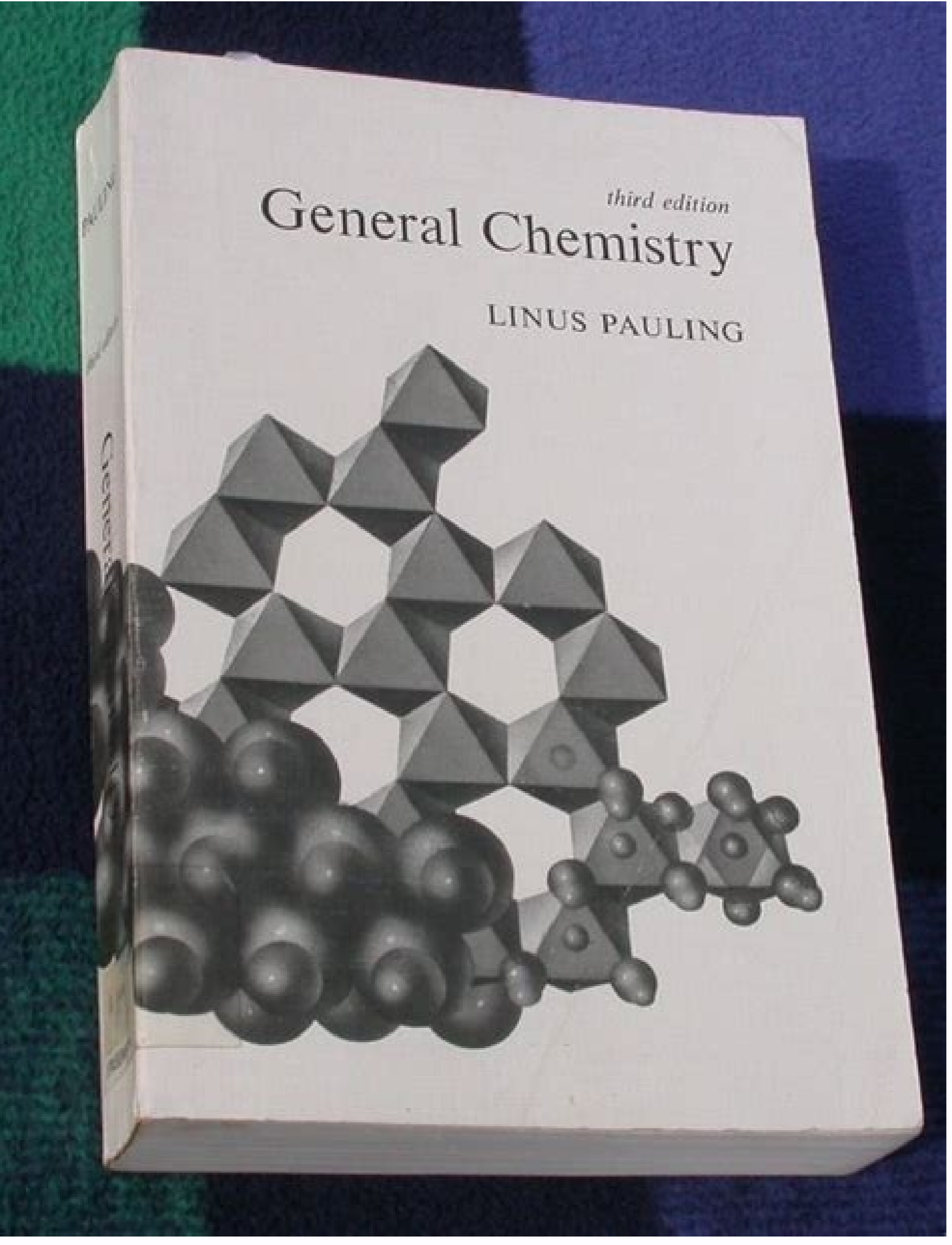
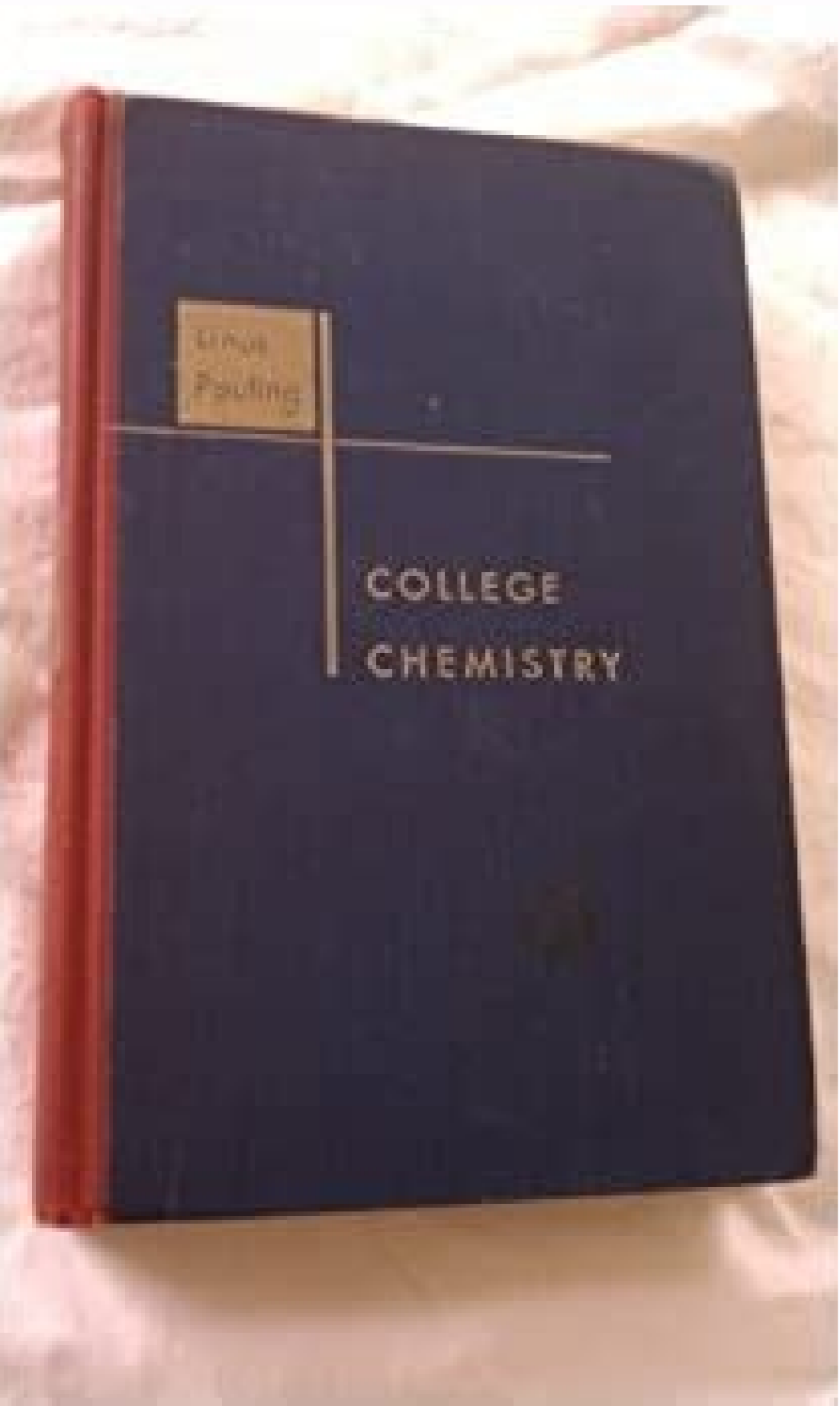


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Both the positive ions and the negative ions can be removed from water by a similar method, illustrated in Figure 15-1. The first tank, A, contains grains which consist of giant organic molecules in the form of a porous framework to which acidic groups are attached. These groups are represented in the figure as carboxyl groups, —COOH:

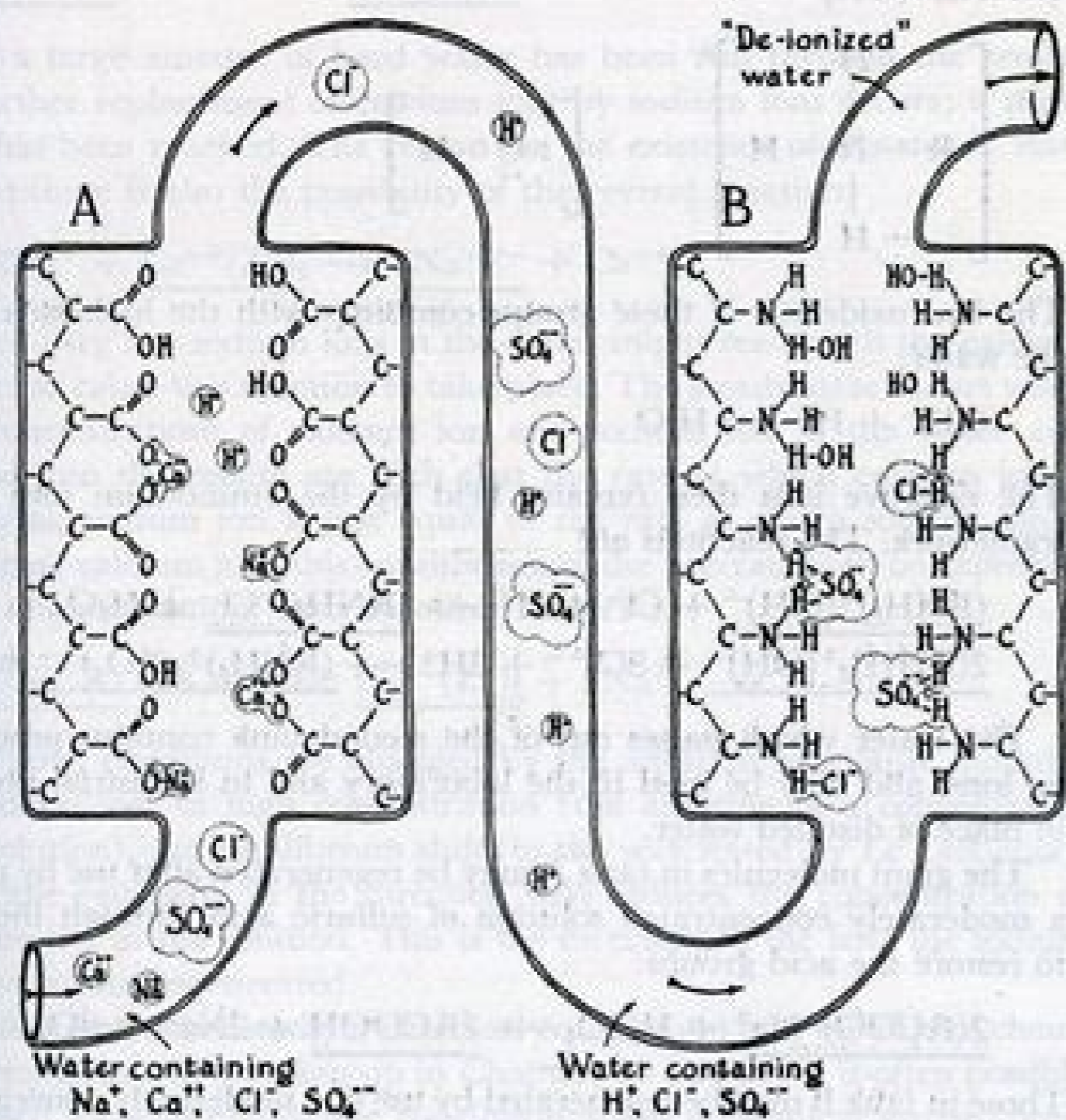
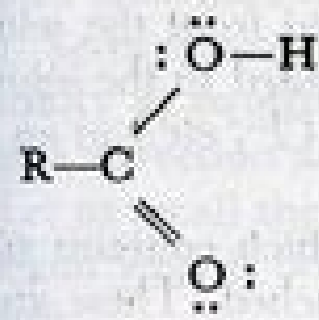


FIG. 15-1 The removal of ions from water by use of giant molecules with attached acidic and basic groups.

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I regret it! Something went wrong Is your network connection unstable or do you have an outdated browser? 1 Nature and properties of matter 1-1. Matter and Chemistry The universe consists of matter and radiant energy. Matter (from the Latin materia, meaning wood or other material) can be defined as any form of matter-energy (see Chapters 1-2) that moves at a speed less than the speed of light, and radiant energy as any form matter. Energy that travels at the speed of light. Different types of substances are called substances. Chemistry is the science of substances - their structure, properties and reactions that transform them into other substances. This definition of chemistry is too narrow and too broad. This is too narrow because a chemist, when studying matter, must also study the energy of radiation as it interacts with matter. He might be interested in the color of substances obtained by absorbing light. Or he may be interested in the atomic structure of substances as determined by X-ray diffraction (Sections 3-7 and Appendix IV) or the absorption or emission of radio waves by substances. On the other hand, this definition is too broad, as it could cover almost all science. Astrophysicists are interested in substances that are present in stars and other celestial bodies or are distributed in very small concentrations in interstellar space. A nuclear physicist studies the substances that make up the nuclei of atoms. A biologist is interested in substances found in living organisms. A geologist is interested in substances called minerals that make up the earth. It is difficult to draw a line between chemistry and other sciences. 1-2. Matter and Energy Matter has mass, and any piece of matter on Earth is attracted to the center of the Earth by the force of gravity; this attraction is called the weight of a piece of matter. For many years, scientists that matter and radiant energy can be distinguished by matter belonging to matter, and non-matter by energy. At the beginning of this century (1905), Albert Einstein (1879-1955) pointed out that energy also has mass and therefore light is attracted to matter by gravity. This has been tested by astronomers who have discovered that a ray of light traveling from a distant star to Earth and passing near the Sun is bent towards the Sun by gravity. The observation of this phenomenon was made during a solar eclipse, when the image of the star was seen near the Sun. The amount of matter associated with a given amount of energy is determined by an important equation, Einstein's equation, which is an essential part of relativity: in this equation, E is the amount of energy (J), m is mass. (kg) c is the speed of light (m s⁻¹). * The speed of light c is one of the fundamental constants of nature; its value is 2.9979 × 10¹⁰ meters per second. Until this century, it was also believed that matter could not be created or destroyed, but only transformed from one form to another. However, in recent years it has been discovered that it is possible to convert matter into radiant energy and turn radiant energy into matter. The mass m of a substance obtained by converting the amount of radiant energy into E or into this amount of radiant energy is given by Einstein's equation. Experimental verification of Einstein's equation was obtained by studying the processes occurring in atomic nuclei. The nature of these processes will be described in later chapters of this book. Until the beginning of this century, scientists used the law of conservation of mass and the law of conservation of energy. These two conservation laws were then combined into one, the law of conservation of matter, where the matter to be conserved includes both the mass of the system and the amount of radiant energy in the system. 1-3 International System of Units The metric system of length, weight,

