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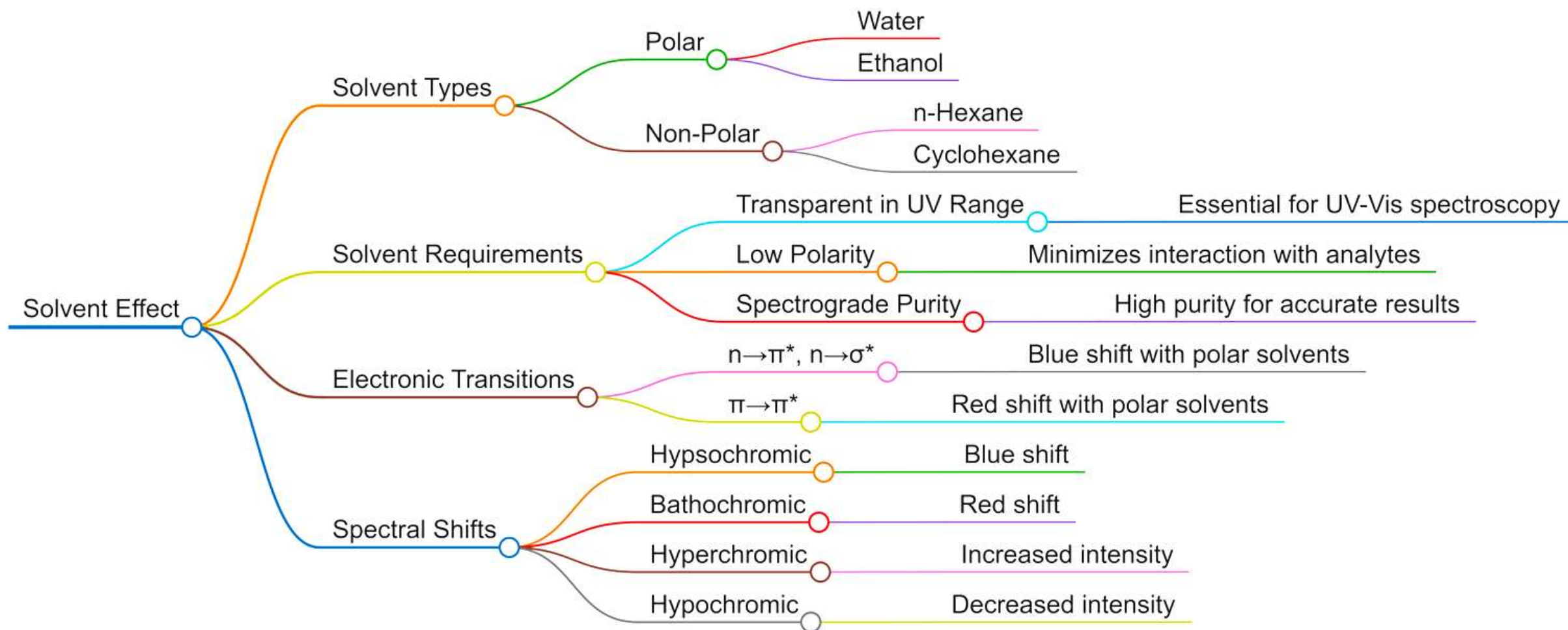
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COURSE NAME: INSTRUMENTAL METHODS OF ANALYSIS (BP 701 T)

VII SEM/ IV YEAR

TOPIC 3: Solvent effect on absorption spectra

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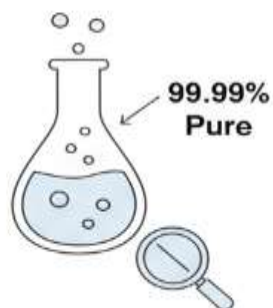


What is solvent?

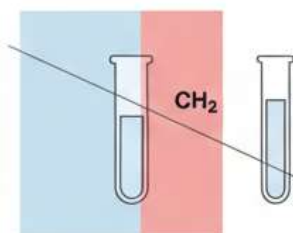
A liquid that dissolves a solute to form a solution at a specified temperature.

Requirements for UV solvents:

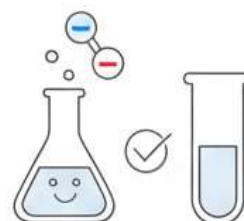
1. High Purity (Spectrograde)



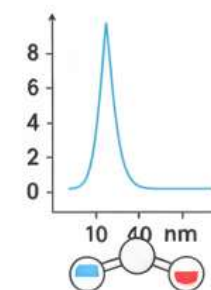
2. UV Transparency



3. Non-Reactive



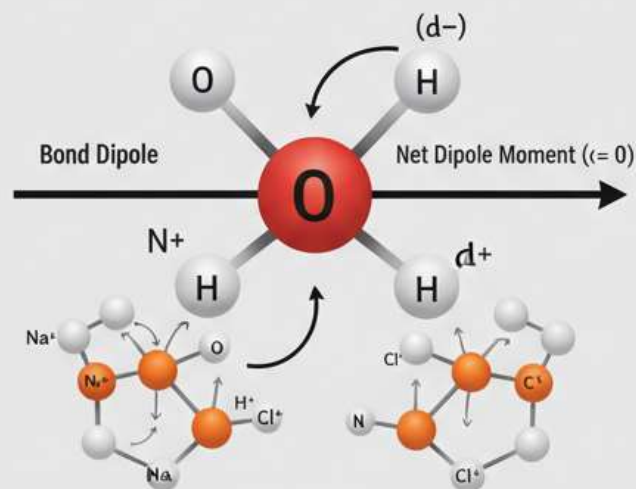
4. Low Dipole Moment



Non-Polar Solvent

Classification of solvents based on polarity:

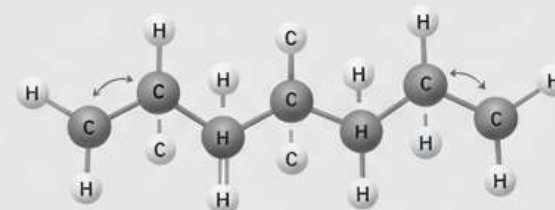
POLAR SOLVENT: WATER (H_2O)



Asymmetric structure.
Unequal sharing of electrons.

Dissolves polar/ionic substances
"like dissolves like".

NONPOLAR SOLVENT: HEXANE (C_6H_{14})



Net Dipole Moment (= 0)

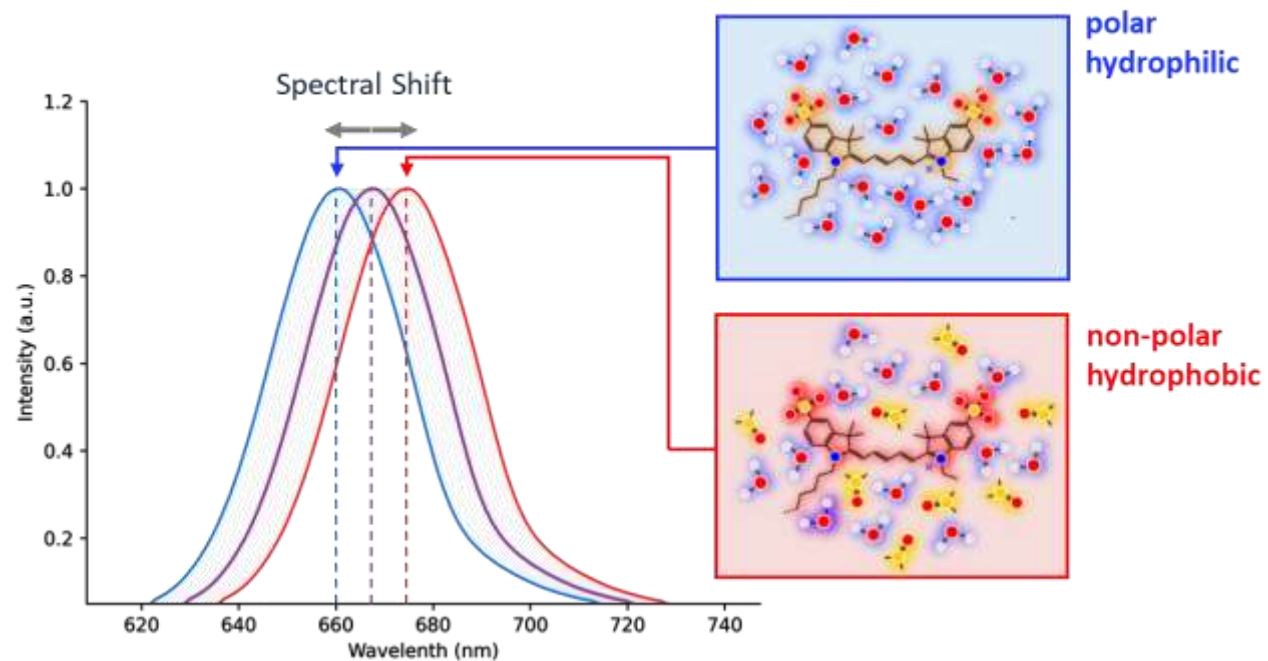


Symmetric structure.
Equal sharing of electrons.

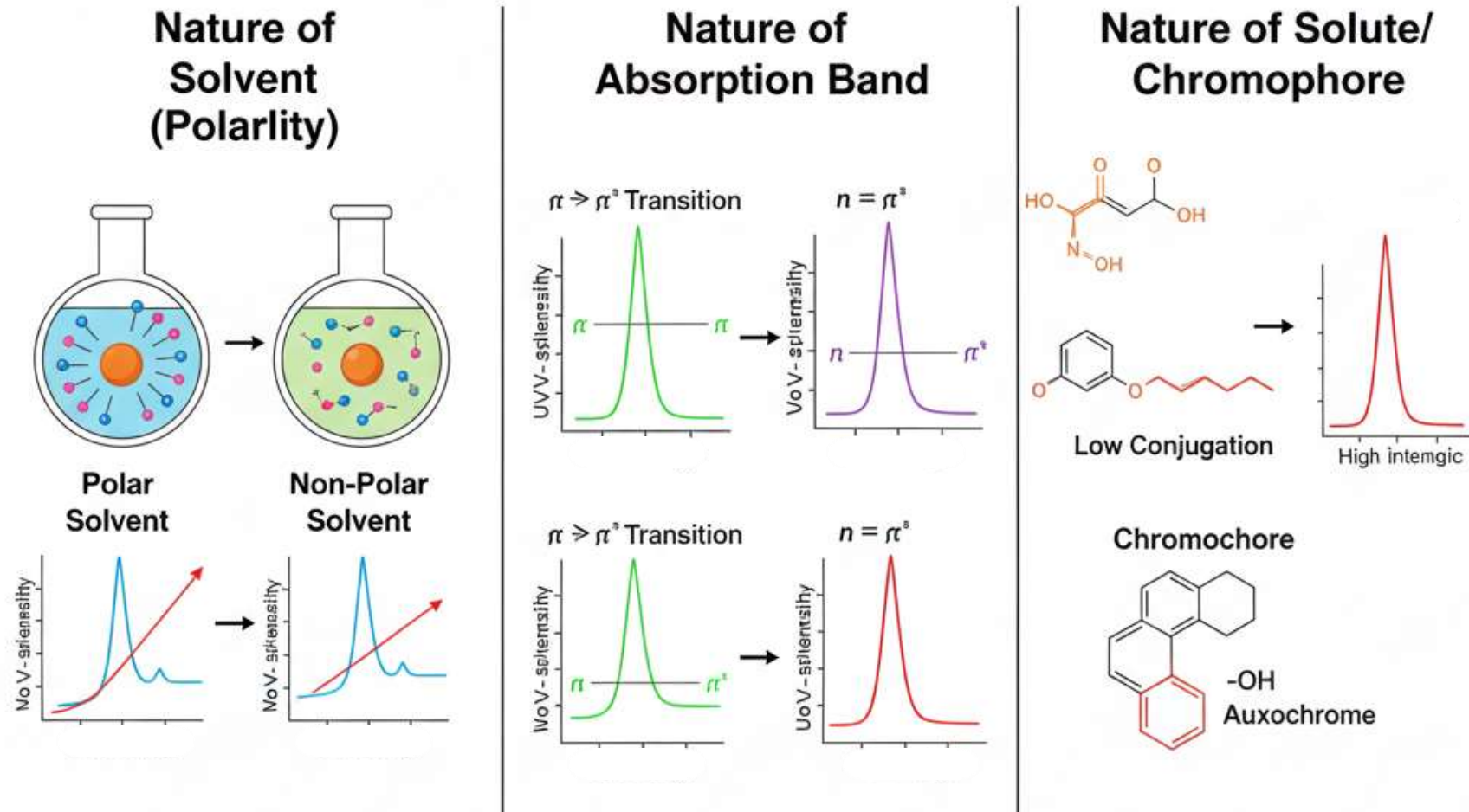
Dissolves nonpolar
substances (oils, fats).

Solvent effect

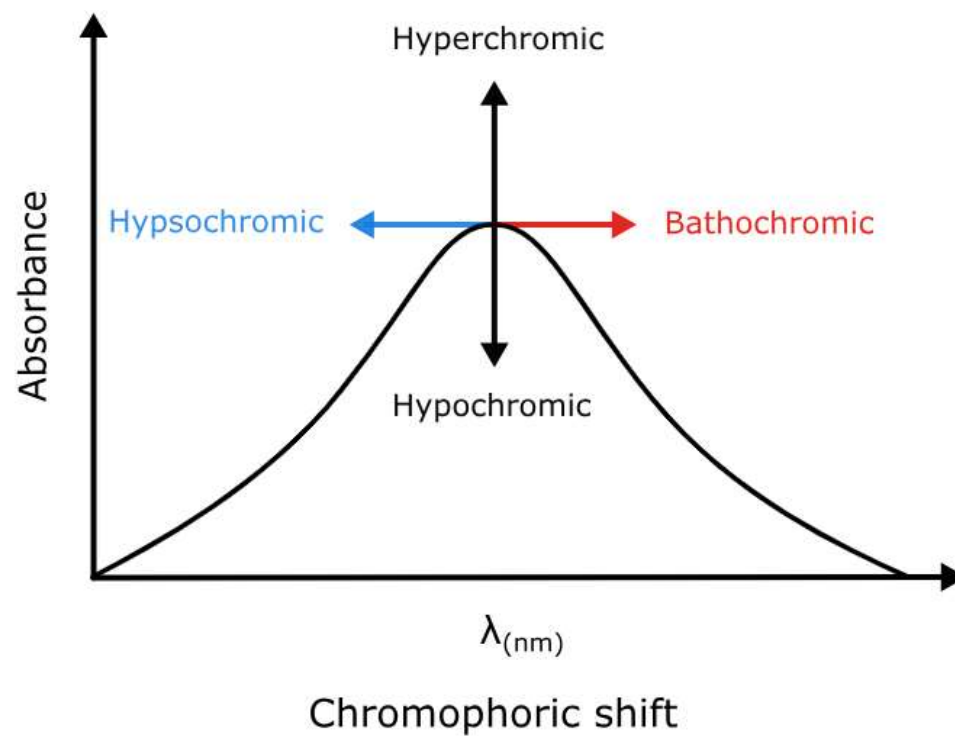
Unexpected shifts in λ_{max} due to solvent choice.



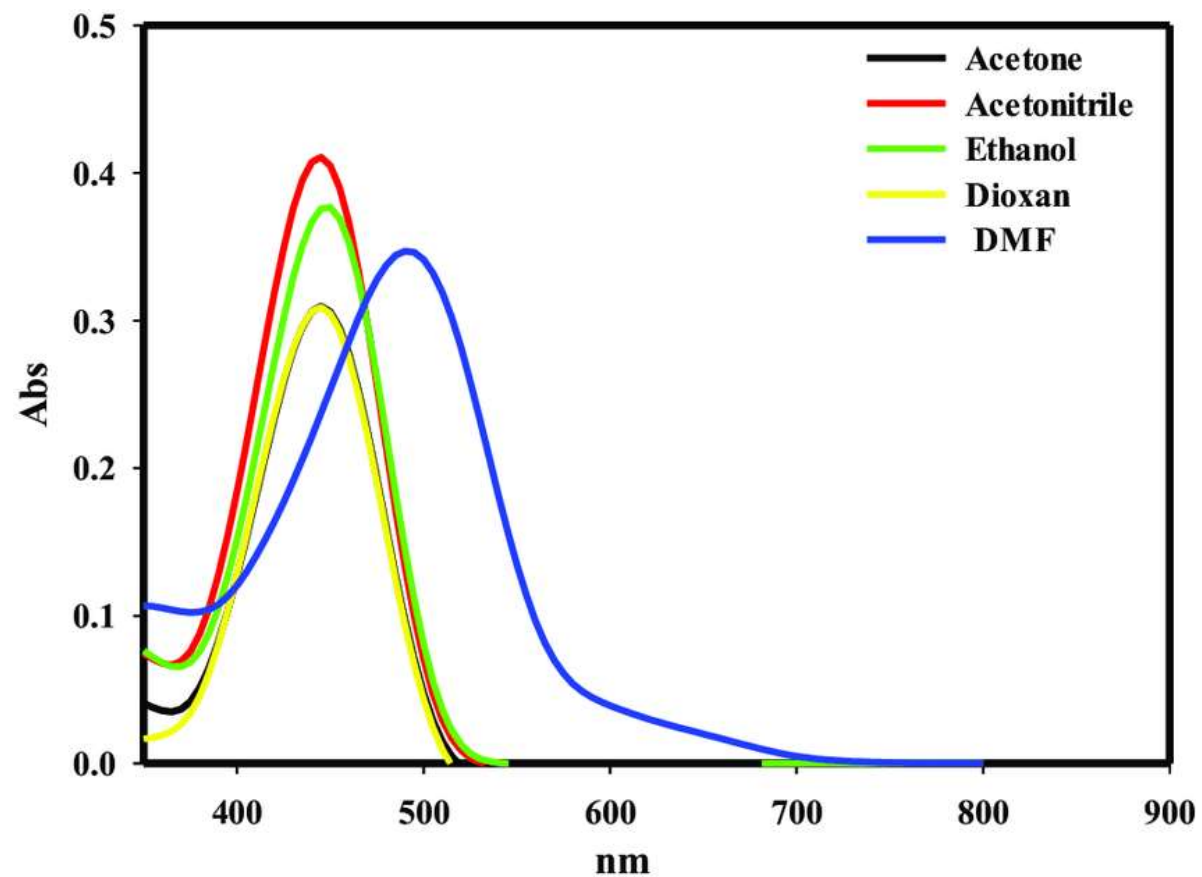
Key factors influencing the problem



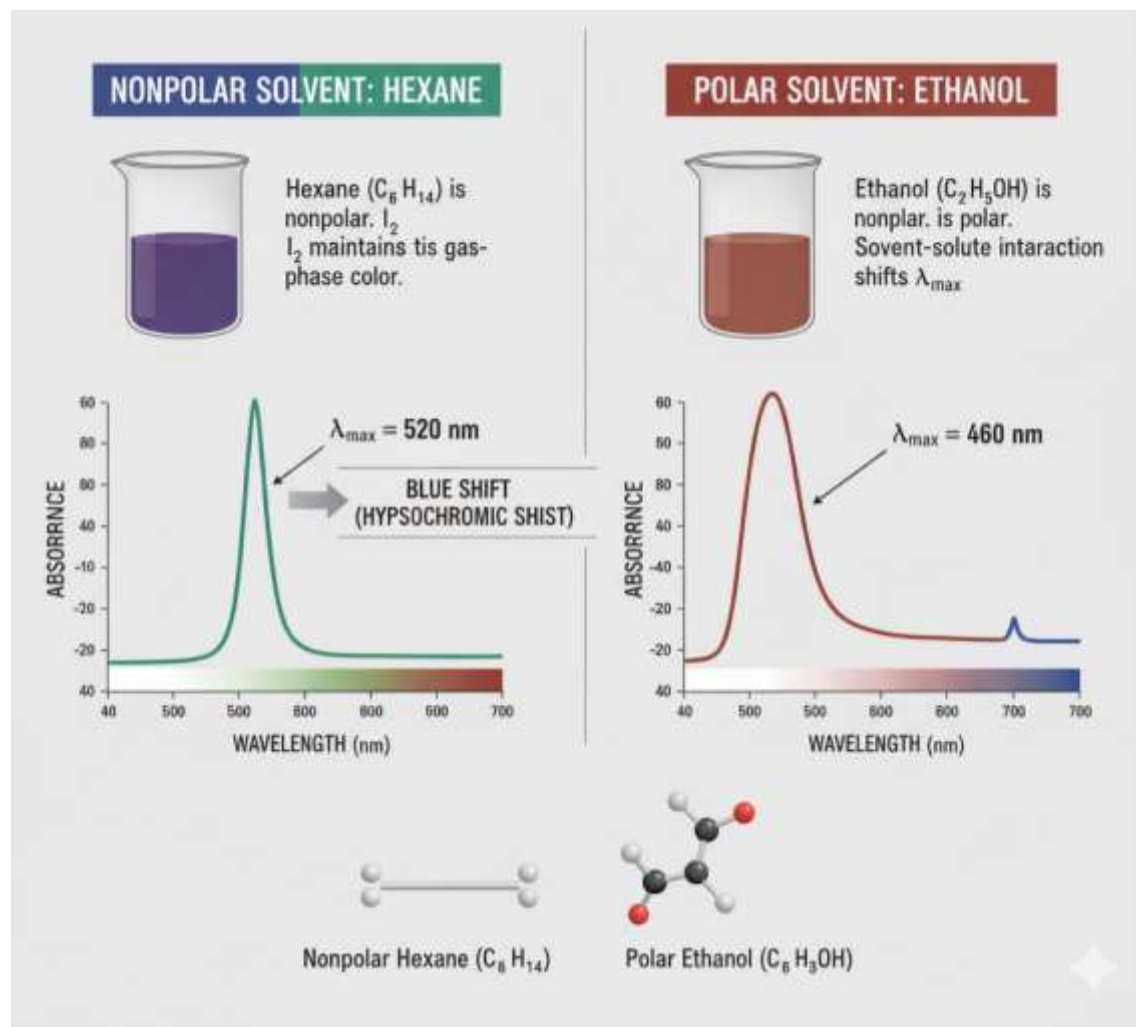
Solvent effects can cause spectral shifts



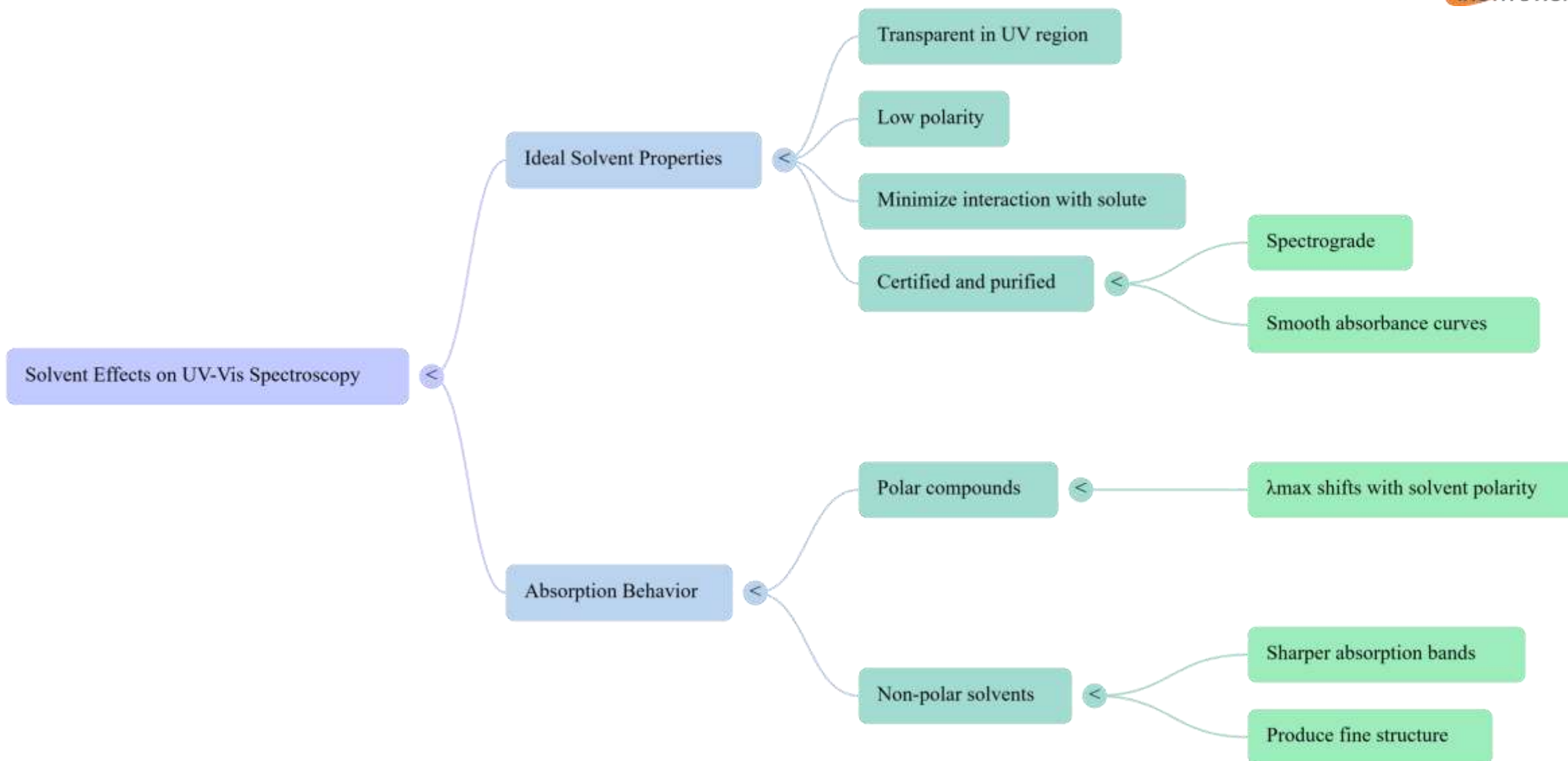
Solvent Effects on λ_{max}



Solvent Effects on $\lambda_{\max}$: Example

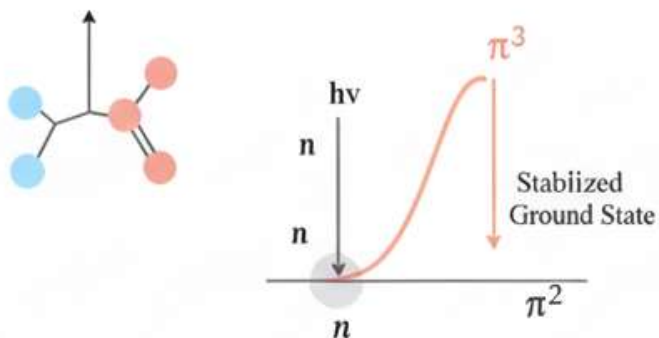


Requirements for UV Spectroscopy Solvents

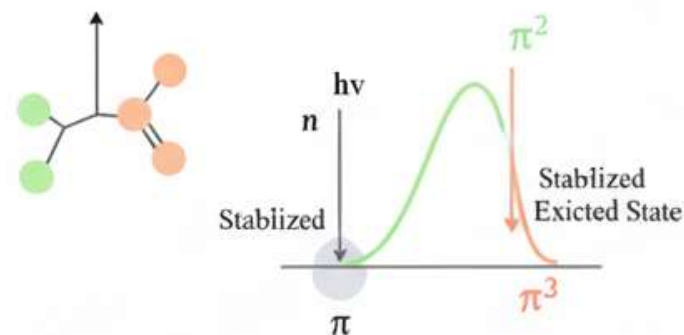


Solvent Polarity and Electronic Transitions

$n \rightarrow \pi^*$ and $n \rightarrow \sigma^*$ Transitions



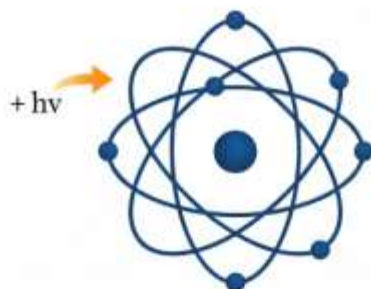
$\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ Transitions:



Solvent Stabilization Mechanisms

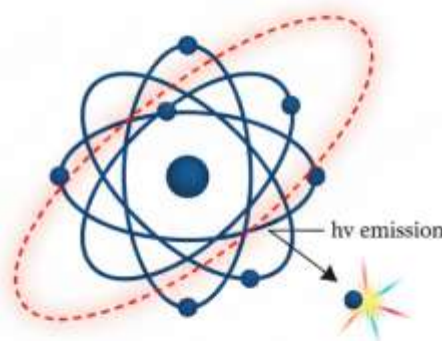
Ground vs. Excited State

GROUND STATE

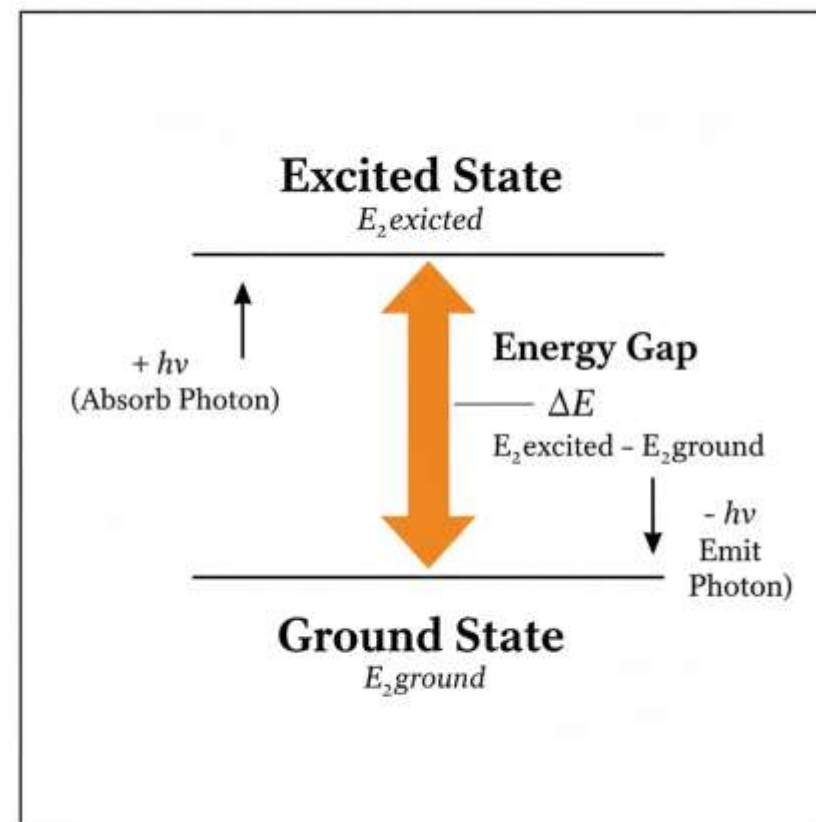


- Lowest Energy
- Stable Orbitals
- Electrons Close to Nucleus

EXCITED STATE



- Higher Energy
- Unstable Orbitals
- Electron Jumps Farther
- Emits Light (Photon)

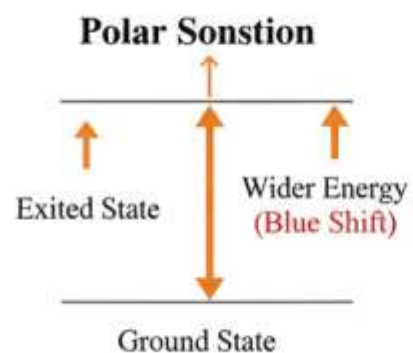
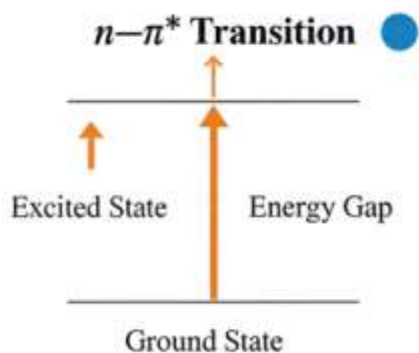


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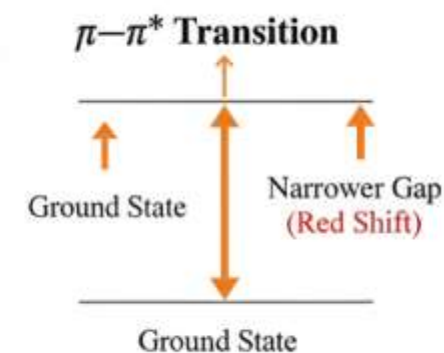
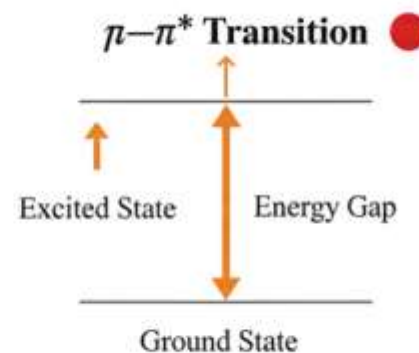
Energy Gap Changes

Solvent Polarity Effects on Electronic Transitions

➤ Increased solvent polarity widens energy gap for $n \rightarrow \pi^*$ (blue shift).



➤ Decreased energy gap for $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ (blue shift).



Common Solvents and their λ_{max}

Solvent	λ_{max} (nm)
 Water	191
 Methanal	215
 Ethanol	204
 Chloroform	237
 Benzene	260
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 Tetrahydrofuran	220

SOLVENT EFFECTS ON UV SPECTROSCOPY

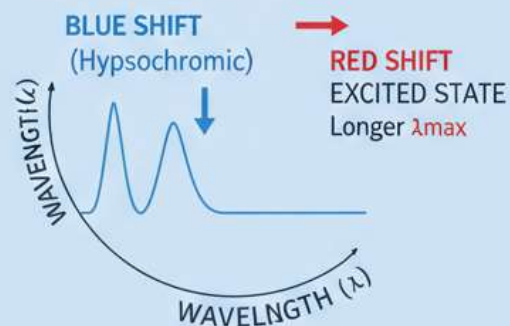


POLAR SOLVENTS

$n = \pi^*$ TRANSITION (e.g. $C=O$)



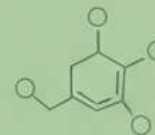
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Examples: Water, Ethanol, Methanol

NON-POLAR SOLVENTS

MINIMAL INTERACTION



RED SHIFT (Bathochromic)



SHARPER SPECTRUM

Examples: n-Hexane, Cyclohexane, Toluene
Enhanced Resolution

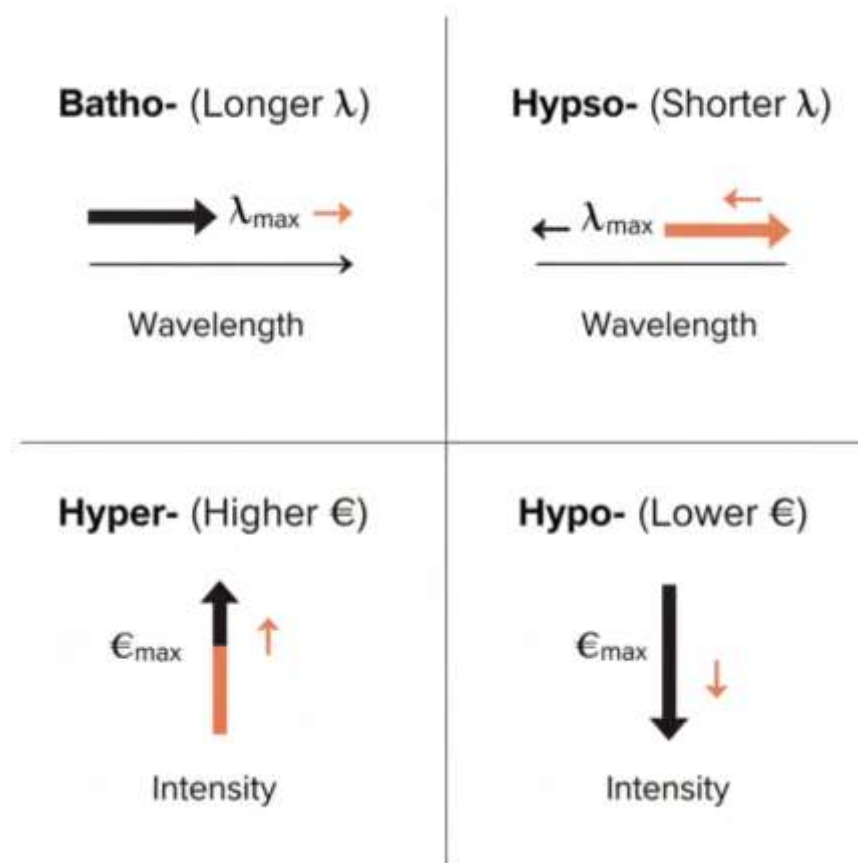
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3. What is meant by solvatochromism?



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A) Change in color due to pH



B) Fluorescence quenching by solvent



C) Change in absorption due to solvent polarity



D) Temperature-dependent absorption

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