

## SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL

### Mass partitioning effects in diffusion transport

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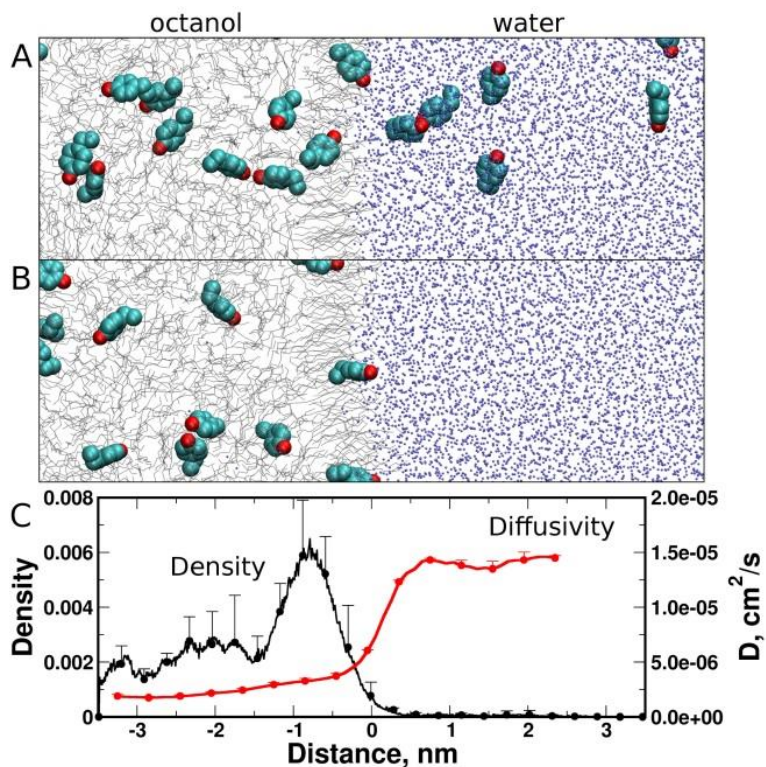
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#### I. Nanoparticle characteristics

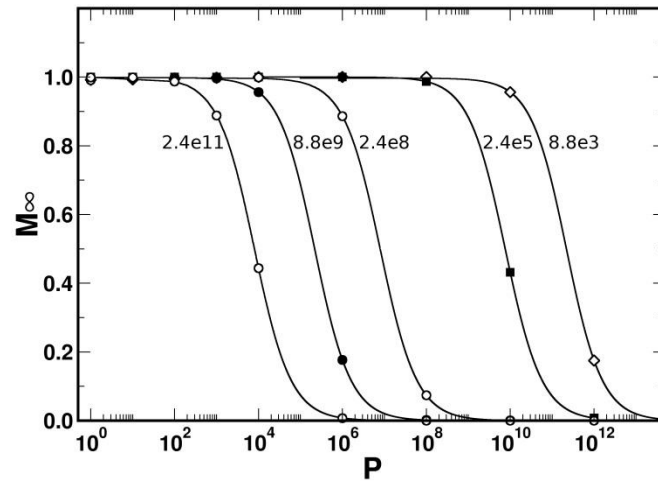
Full characterization of the polymer nanoparticles, including average size, size distribution, and zeta potential, can be found in the previously published work [1]. Briefly, resulting nanoparticles were monodisperse, averaging 105 nm in thickness with a shell approximating 40 nm. The average zeta potential of the nanoparticles was found to be approximately 25 mV.

## II. General model.



**Figure S1.** Interplay of diffusivity and partitioning in mass distribution. The redistribution of a hydrophobic molecule (*p*-ethylphenol) across octanol/water system; the representative snapshots of the initial (A) and final (B) configurations after 20 ns from MD simulations. The calculated density and diffusivity distributions of *p*-ethylphenol across octanol/water phases (C).

### III. Parameter space



**Figure S2.** Dependence of maximum released mass on partitioning at different concentrations of nanoparticles (*number in in the figure, units  $mL^{-1}$* ) in logarithmic scale.

#### References:

- [1] G. U. Ruiz-Esparza, S. Wu, V. Segura-Ibarra, F. E. Cara, K. W. Evans, M. Milosevic, A. Ziemys, M. Kojic, F. Meric-Bernstam, and M. Ferrari, *Adv. Funct. Mater.* (2014).