## **Supporting Information**

## A neutron scattering and modelling study of aqueous solutions of tetramethylammonium and tetrapropylammonium bromide

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*Figure S1*: Radial distributions of the bromide and water for both the TMABr (solid blue line) and TPABr (dot-dashed red line) in water.



Figure S2: Radial distributions of the three different carbons in TPABr in water.

pair- correlation	R <sub>min</sub>	R <sub>max</sub>	Number of atoms	Standard error
N – N	4.5	7.5	0.94	±1.2
	4.5	10.5	1.9	±1.8
N – C <sub>1</sub>	3.6	6.0	1.4	±2.0
	3.6	8.5	4.8	±5.3
N – Br	3.4	6.5	0.48	±0.65
$N - O_W$	3.0	6.0	23	±3.8
$N - H_W$	3.0	6.4	7.3	±16
C <sub>1</sub> – C <sub>1</sub>	3.0	4.7	0.36	±0.80
	3.0	9.1	5.5	±5.8
	3.0	12.5	11	±9.0
C <sub>1</sub> – Br	3.0	5.0	0.19	±0.41
Br – O <sub>W</sub>	2.7	3.3	1.8	±1.0
Br – O <sub>W</sub>	2.7	4.6	11	±2.2
Br – H <sub>w</sub> Br – Br	1.5	3.0	4.6	±1.3
	3.5	5.9	0.079	±0.28
Br – Br	3.5	10.5	1.0	±0.99
$O_W - O_W$	2.3	3.3	4.3	±1.2
Hw-Hw	1.2	3.0	6.3	±1.6
$O_W - H_W$	1.3	2.4	2.0	±0.87

Table S1: Coordination number for 0.4 M TMABr in water, between R<sub>min</sub> and R<sub>max</sub>.

pair-	D	D	Number of	Standard
correlation	<b>R</b> min	Rmax	atoms	error
N – N	5.0	10.6	2.0	±1.3
N C	3.9	8.3	4.1	±2.8
$N - C_3$	3.9	12.6	9.6	±5.7
N – C1	3.9	11.3	8.3	±5.4
N – C <sub>2</sub>	3.9	12.0	8.9	±5.5
N Dr	3.9	5.8	0.15	±0.38
N - DI	3.9	8.6	0.66	±0.76
N O	3.5	7.4	31	±6.1
N – Ow	3.5	10.4	0.00	±0.00
NU	3.2	7.9	0.52	±4.8
$N - \Pi_W$	3.2	9.5	0.00	±0.00
C C	3.1	5.9	3.1	±1.6
$C_3 - C_3$	3.1	13.8	13.9	±6.1
C <sub>1</sub> – C <sub>1</sub>	3.1	11.7	8.7	±5.5
	3.1	6.0	3.6	±1.4
$L_2 - L_2$	3.1	13.3	13	±6.0
C Dr	3.2	4.9	0.085	±0.29
$C_3 - DI$	3.2	6.0	0.20	±0.43
C Dm	3.2	4.7	0.040	±0.20
$C_1 - D\Gamma$	3.2	9.5	0.85	±0.86
C Pr	3.2	4.8	0.066	±0.25
$C_2 - DI$	3.2	6.2	0.22	±0.45
Br – H <sub>W</sub>	1.5	3.0	4.3	±1.3
	5.7	2.0	0.0	±0.00
Br – Br	3.5	8.5	0.39	±0.60
	3.5	10.8	0.98	±0.92
$O_W - O_W$	2.3	3.3	4.4	±1.2
$H_W - H_W$	1.2	3.0	6.44	±1.7
Ow – Hw	1.3	2.4	1.98	±0.88
Br - Ow	2.7	3.3	1.76	±1.0
Br – Ow	2.7	4.6	10	±2.4

Table S2: Coordination numbers for 0.4 M TPABr in water, between  $R_{\text{min}}$  and  $R_{\text{max}}.$ 



**Figure S3**: Internal partial radial distribution functions for nitrogen and carbons within the same TPA+ molecule.



*Figure S4*: *RDFs for bromide-water and the corresponding coordination number. N*(*r*)*.*