

Electronic Supplementary Information for: The role of curvature effects in liquid-liquid extraction: Assessing organic phase mesoscopic properties from MD simulations

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S1 MD simulations

S1.1 Ions and water molecules

12-6 Lennard-Jones (LJ) parameters used for La^{3+} and NO_3^- ions are described elsewhere¹. Water molecules were described by the rigid POL3 model^{2,3}, which takes into account the polarization. All the parameters for La^{3+} , NO_3^- , and H_2O are given in Table S1.

Table S1 Parameters used for describing La^{3+} , NO_3^- and H_2O by molecular dynamics simulations using explicit polarization.

Atom	ϵ_{ii}^a	σ_{ii}^b	q_i^c	α_i^d
La^{3+}	0.272	3.564	+3.000	1.134 ^e
$\text{O}_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}$	0.653	3.204	-0.730	0.528
$\text{H}_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}$	0.000	0.000	+0.365	0.170
$\text{N}_{\text{NO}_3^-}$	0.711	3.250	+0.896	0.530
$\text{O}_{\text{NO}_3^-}$	0.880	3.066	-0.632	0.434

^a in kJ mol^{-1} . ^b in Å. ^c Partial atomic charge (in e). ^d Atomic polarizability (in Å³). ^e From Ref.⁴.

S1.2 DMDOHEMA and *n*-heptane molecule

The polarizable parm99 AMBER force field⁵ was used to model the DMDOHEMA and *n*-heptanemolecules. Atomic partial charges on DMDOHEMA and *n*-heptane have been calculated using the restricted electrostatic potential (RESP) procedure^{6,7}. Atom types and atomic partial charges of DMDOHEMA and *n*-heptane are shown in Figure S1 and Figure S2, respectively. 12-6 LJ parameters and atomic polarizabilities are given in Table S2.

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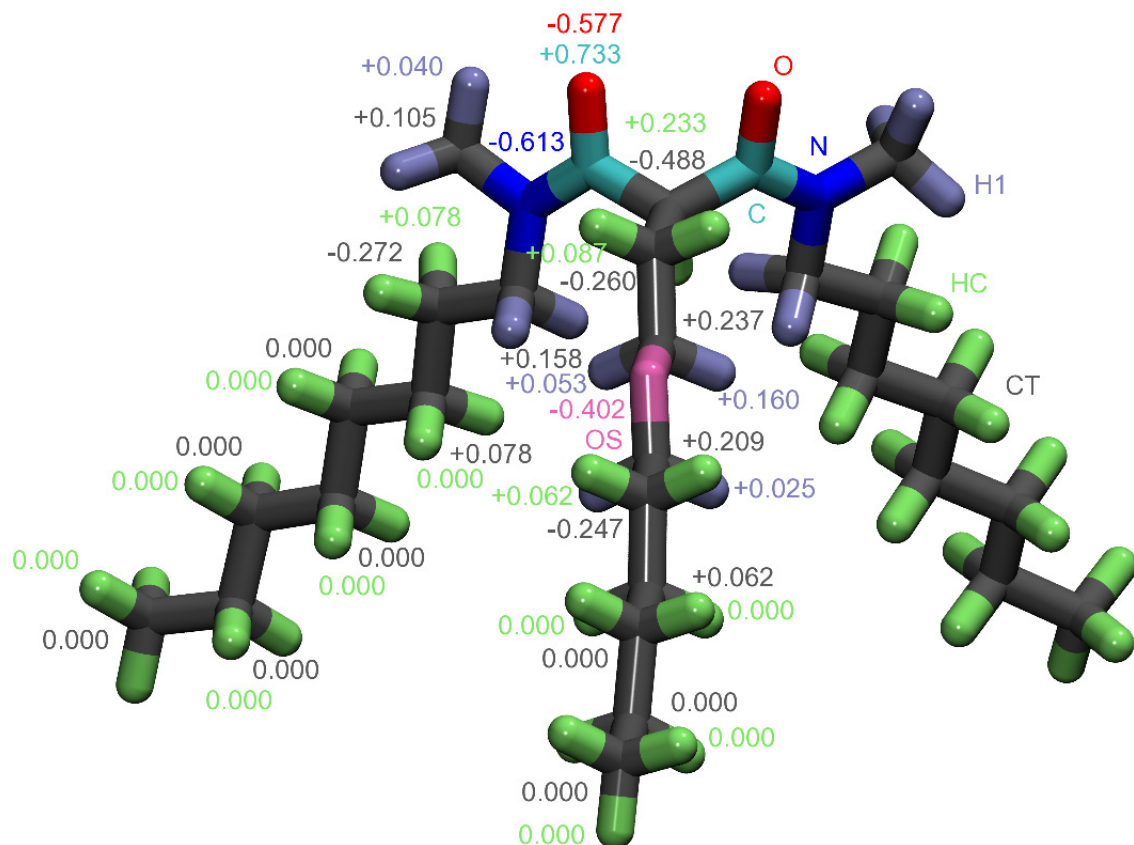


Fig. S1 Atom types and partial atomic charges of the DMDOHEMA molecule. For clarity, partial atomic charges have been written in the same color as the atom type, i.e., C (cyan): sp² C carbonyl group; CT (gray): sp³ aliphatic C; HC (green): H aliphatic bonded to C without electron-withdrawing group; H1 (purple): H aliphatic bonded to C with 1 electron-withdrawing group; N (blue): sp² nitrogen in amide groups; O (red): carbonyl group oxygen; OS (pink): ether oxygen.

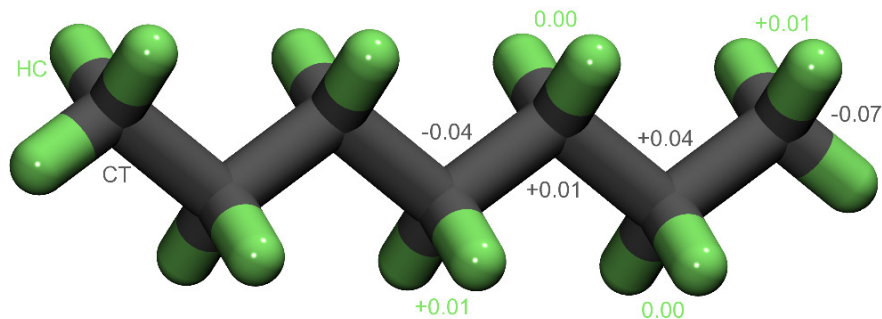


Fig. S2 Atom types and partial atomic charges of the *n*-heptane molecule. For clarity, partial atomic charges have been written in the same color as the atom type, i.e., CT (gray): sp³ aliphatic C; HC (green): H aliphatic bonded to C without electron-withdrawing group.

Table S2 Parameters used for describing the DMDOHEMA and *n*-heptane molecules by molecular dynamics simulations using explicit polarization.

Atom type	ϵ_{ii}^a	σ_{ii}^b	α_i^c
C	0.360	3.400	0.616
CT	0.458	3.400	0.878
HC	0.066	2.650	0.135
H1	0.066	2.471	0.135
N	0.711	3.250	0.530
O	0.879	2.960	0.434
OS	0.711	3.000	0.465

^a in kJ mol⁻¹. ^b in Å. ^c Atomic polarizability (in Å³).

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