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## Supplementary Information Debye screening, over-screening and specific adsorption in solutions of organic ions †

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**Table 1** Force field parameters for the DCE molecule. Refer to Figure 1 in the main paper for definitions of atom types.

Atom type	$\sigma$ (nm)	$\epsilon$ (kJ/mol)	q (e)
Cl	0.34	1.2552	-0.27
CH <sub>2</sub>	0.38	0.493712	0.27

**Table 2** Intramolecular interactions between atoms in the DCE molecule.  $r_b$  is the bond length between pairs of atoms.  $\theta_0$  and  $k_\theta$  the equilibrium angle and the force constant of the three body angle potential,  $U(\theta_{ijk}) = k_\theta/2(\theta - \theta_0)^2$ . The dihedral angle is defined as,  $U(\phi_{ijkl}) = k_\phi(1 + \cos(n\phi - \phi_0))$ . Refer to Figure 1 in the main paper for definitions of atom types.

Atoms	$r_b$ (nm)
Cl-CH <sub>2</sub>	0.178
CH <sub>2</sub> -CH <sub>2</sub>	0.153

  

Atoms	$k_\theta$ (kJ/(mol rad <sup>2</sup> ))	$\theta_0$ (deg)
Cl-CH <sub>2</sub> -CH <sub>2</sub>	520	108.2

  

Atoms	$k_\phi$ (kJ/(mol rad <sup>2</sup> ))	$n$	$\phi_0$ (deg)
Cl-CH <sub>2</sub> -CH <sub>2</sub> -Cl	5.9	3	0

**Table 3** Force field parameters for the TBA cation:  $\sigma$  in nm,  $\epsilon$  in kJ/mol, charge in  $e$ . Refer to Figure 1 in the main paper for definitions of atom types.

Atom type	$\sigma$	$\epsilon$	q
C44, C34, C24, C14	3.74792e-01	8.67150e-01	0.041
C43, C33, C23, C13	4.07038e-01	4.10542e-01	0.033
C12, C22, C32, C42	4.07038e-01	4.10542e-01	0.020
C41, C11, C31, C21	4.07038e-01	4.10542e-01	0.015
N1	3.13647e-01	6.39795e-01	0.564

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**Table 4** Intramolecular interactions for TBA cation.  $r_b$  represents the bond length between pairs of atoms.  $\theta_0$   $k_\theta$  the equilibrium angle and the force constant of the three body angle potential,  $U(\theta_{ijk}) = k_\theta/2(\theta - \theta_0)^2$ . The dihedral angle is defined by the potential,  $U(\phi_{ijkl}) = k_\phi(1 + \cos(n\phi - \phi_0))$ . Refer to Figure 1 in the main paper for definitions of atom types.

Atoms	$r_b$ (nm)		
N1-C11, N1-C31, N1-C21, N1-C41	0.1530		
C31-C32, C21-C22, C11-C12, C42-C41	0.1530		
C12-C13, C32-C33, C33-C34	0.1520		
C22-C23, C23-C24, C13-C14	0.1520		
C44-C43, C43-C42	0.1540		
Atoms	$k_\theta$ (kJ/(mol rad <sup>2</sup> ))	$\theta_0$ (deg)	
C44-C43-C42, C43-C42-C41, C42-C41-N1	111.00	530.00	
N1-C11-C12, C11-C12-C13, N1-C31-C32	111.00	530.00	
C31-C32-C33, C32-C33-C34, N1-C21-C22	111.00	530.00	
C21-C22-C23, C22-C23-C24, C12-C13-C14	111.00	530.00	
C41-N1-C11, C41-N1-C31, C41-N1-C21	109.00	1680.51	
C11-N1-C31, C11-N1-C21, C31-N1-C21	109.00	1680.51	
Atoms	$k_\phi$ (kJ/(mol rad <sup>2</sup> ))	$n$	$\phi_0$ (deg)
C44-C43-C42-C41, C43-C42-C41-N1, N1-C11-C12-C13	5.92	3	0
C11-C12-C13-C14, N1-C31-C32-C33, C31-C32-C33-C34	5.92	3	0
N1-C21-C22-C23, C21-C22-C23-C24	5.92	3	0
C42-C41-N1-C11, C21-N1-C11-C12	1.05	3	0
C11-N1-C31-C32, C11-N1-C21-C22	1.05	3	0

**Table 5** Force field parameters for TPB anion:  $\sigma$  in nm,  $\epsilon$  in kJ/mol, charge in  $e$ . Refer to Figure 1 in the main paper for definitions of atom types.

Atom type	$\sigma$	$\epsilon$	q
C1, C4, C11, C15	5.01918e-01	9.48893e-02	-0.047
C19, C9, C23, C22	5.01918e-01	9.48893e-02	-0.047
C25, C16, C18, C8	5.01918e-01	9.48893e-02	-0.034
C5, C20, C12, C6	5.01918e-01	9.48893e-02	-0.034
C21, C3, C10, C14	3.58118e-01	2.77406e-01	0.565
C17, C7, C13, C24	5.01918e-01	9.48893e-02	0.007
B1	3.58118e-01	2.774057e-01	-2.640

**Table 6** Intramolecular interactions for the TPB anion.  $r_b$  represents the bond length between pairs of atoms.  $\theta_0$ ,  $k_\theta$  the equilibrium angle and the force constant of the three body angle potential,  $U(\theta_{ijk}) = k_\theta/2(\theta - \theta_0)^2$ . The dihedral angle is defined by the potential,  $U(\phi_{ijkl}) = k_\phi(1 + \cos(n\phi - \phi_0))$ . Improper dihedrals,  $U(\xi_{ijkl}) = k_\xi/2(1 + \cos(\xi_{ijkl} - \xi_0))$ . Refer to Figure 1 in the main paper for definitions of atom types.

Atoms	$r_b$ (nm)		
C1-C25, C25-C24, C4-C5, C11-C12	0.1390		
C15-C16, C16-C17, C19-C18, C18-C17	0.1390		
C9-C8, C8-C7, C7-C5, C23-C20	0.1390		
C20-C13, C13-C12, C22-C6, C6-C24	0.1390		
C1-C21, C21-C22, C3-C4, C3-C9	0.14		
C10-C11, C10-C23, C14-C15, C14-C19	0.14		
C21-B1, B1-C3, B1-C10, B1-C14	0.1560		
Atoms	$k_\theta$ (kJ/(mol rad <sup>2</sup> ))	$\theta_0$ (deg)	
C25-C1-C21, C1-C25-C24, C1-C21-B1	560	120	
C1-C21-C22, B1-C21-C22	560	120	
C21-B1-C3, C21-B1-C10, C21-B1-C14, C3-B1-C10	540	111	
C3-B1-C14, C10-B1-C14	560	120	
B1-C3-C4, B1-C3-C9, C4-C3-C9, C3-C4-C5	560	120	
B1-C10-C11, B1-C10-C23, C11-C10-C23, C10-C11-C12	560	120	
B1-C14-C15, B1-C14-C19, C15-C14-C19, C14-C15-C16	560	120	
C15-C16-C17, C14-C19-C18, C19-C18-C17, C16-C17-C18	560	120	
C3-C9-C8, C9-C8-C7, C8-C7-C5, C4-C5-C7	560	120	
C10-C23-C20, C23-C20-C13, C20-C13-C12, C11-C12-C13	560	120	
C21-C22-C6, C22-C6-C24, C25-C24-C6	560	120	
Atoms	$k_\xi$ (kJ/(mol rad <sup>2</sup> ))	$\xi_0$ (deg)	
C3-B1-C4-C9	167.36	0	
C10-B1-C11-C23	167.36	0	
C14-B1-C15-C19	167.36	0	
C21-C1-B1-C22	167.36	0	
Atoms	$k_\phi$ (kJ/(mol rad <sup>2</sup> ))	n	$\phi_0$ (deg)
C21-C1-C25-C24, C25-C1-C21-C22, C1-C25-C24-C6	41.80	2	180
C1-C21-B1-C3, C3-B1-C10-C11	1	6	180
C10-B1-C3-C4, C3-B1-C14-C15	1	6	0
C1-C21-C22-C6, C9-C3-C4-C5, C4-C3-C9-C8, C3-C4-C5-C7	41.80	2	180
C23-C10-C11-C12, C11-C10-C23-C20	41.80	2	180
C10-C11-C12-C13, C19-C14-C15-C16	41.80	2	180
C15-C14-C19-C18, C14-C15-C16-C17	41.80	2	180
C15-C16-C17-C18, C14-C19-C18-C17	41.80	2	180
C19-C18-C17-C16, C3-C9-C8-C7	41.80	2	180
C9-C8-C7-C5, C8-C7-C5-C4	41.80	2	180
C10-C23-C20-C13, C23-C20-C13-C12, C20-C13-C12-C11	41.80	2	180
C21-C22-C6-C24, C22-C6-C24-C25	41.80	2	180