

Supplementary Materials

**Enhanced hydroformylation of 1-Octene in *n*-butane expanded solvents
with Co-based Complexes**

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S1. Volumetric expansion simulation.

The volumetric expansion data are predicted by Peng-Robinson equation of state (PR-EoS) with van der Waals' mixing rules embedded in Aspen Plus® software (see Equation S1). The critical parameters and acentric factor are taken from NIST Standard Reference Database.¹ Since experimental VLE data for 1-octene+*n*-butane binary system is not available in the literature, we use published VLE data on 1-octane+*n*-butane binary² to estimate the binary interaction parameters for $k_{1\text{-octene}/n\text{-butane}}$ as an approximation (Table S1). The simulation method used here has been previously demonstrated to satisfactorily predict the volumetric expansion as well as VLE data for CO₂- and propane-expanded solvent systems.^{3,4,5}

$$P = \frac{RT}{(V-b)} - \frac{a(T)}{V(V+b) + b(V-b)} \quad (\text{Equation S1})$$

where the variables a and b are defined for pure components as follows:

$$a(T) = a_c \alpha$$

$$a_c = 0.45723553 \frac{R^2 T_c^2}{P_c}$$

$$\alpha = [1 + (0.37464 + 1.54226\omega - 0.26993\omega^2)(1 - \sqrt{T_r})]^2$$

$$b = 0.07779607 R \frac{T_c}{P_c}$$

$$T_r = \frac{T}{T_c}$$

where T_c , P_c and ω represents the critical temperature, critical pressure and acentric factor, respectively

For multicomponents system, the van der Waals' mixing rules and binary interaction parameters are used for the mixtures as follows.

$$a = \sum_i \sum_j x_i x_j a_{ij}$$

$$b = \sum_i x_i b_i$$

where $a_{ij} = \sqrt{a_i a_j} (1 - k_{ij})$

and k_{ij} is the binary interaction parameter.

Table S1: Critical temperature T_c , critical pressure P_c , acentric factor ω and binary interaction parameters of the binary components

Substance	T_c (°C)	P_c (MPa)	ω	k_{ij}
n-butane	152.01	3.794	0.199	-0.088
1-Octene	293.43	2.675	0.395	

S2. Calculation of carbon and hydrogen balance deficit

The carbon balance deficit is estimated by calculating the moles of syngas consumed (from the observed pressure drop in the syngas reservoir) and comparing the value with the moles of hydrogen and carbon added in the products. Each mole of nonanol formed consumes 2 moles of hydrogen and 1 mole of carbon monoxide. Each mole of nonanal formed consumes 1 mole of hydrogen and 1 mole of carbon monoxide. Each mole of octane formed consumes 1 mole of hydrogen. A sample calculation for carbon and hydrogen balances at 180°C and 6.0 MPa (Table 3, Entry #6) is shown below.

The moles of syngas depletion were calculated from the pressure decrease (ΔP) in the reservoir and the reservoir temperature. The volume of the external reservoir (V_{res}) is 300 ml. The reservoir exists at room temperature (T_{res}). R is the gas constant.

$$N_{syngas} = \frac{\Delta P * V_{res}}{R * T_{res}} = \frac{1573 \text{ kPa} * 0.3 \text{ L}}{8.314 \text{ (L}\cdot\text{kPa}\cdot\text{K}^{-1}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}) * 293.15\text{K}} = 193.6 \text{ mmol}$$

Table S2: Sample calculation of carbon and hydrogen balance deficit

Compound	Measured value	CO	H ₂
Syngas depletion from reservoir / mmol	193.6	-	-
Measured nonanal formation/ mmol	0	0	0
Measured nonanol fotation/ mmol	58.2	58.2	116.4
Measured octane formation / mmol	11.2	0	11.2
H ₂ and CO addition to the product / mmol	CO	58.2	
	H ₂		127.6
	H ₂ + CO	185.8	

carbon and hydrogen balance deficit:

$$n_{deficit} = \frac{193.6 - 185.8}{193.6} * 100\% = 3.99 \%$$

T=180°C, P = 6.0 MPa, H₂/CO = 2:1; [Co] = 1000 ppm,

The carbon and hydrogen balance deficit for all the runs are summarized in Table S3.

System	H ₂ and CO addition to the product, mmol	Syngas depletion from reservoir, mmol	$n_{deficit}$, %
Table 2 in Main Text			
Entry 1	184.6	189.4	2.55
Table 3 in Main Text			
Entry 1	73.6	75.1	1.95
Entry 2	182.7	187.8	2.76
Entry 3	184.9	191.0	3.20
Entry 4	127.3	129.0	1.38
Entry 5	165.3	167.7	1.43
Entry 6	185.9	193.6	3.99
Entry 7	118.0	122.4	3.57
Entry 8	183.8	189.8	3.19
Entry 9	147.5	153.6	3.92
Entry 10	182.8	187.7	2.62
Entry 11	190.2	194.9	2.44
Table 4 in Main Text			
Entry 1	186.7	192.4	2.98
Entry 2	189.5	196.1	3.35
Entry 3	191.6	195.5	1.95
Entry 4	136.7	139.9	2.28
Table 5 in Main Text			
Entry 1	205.0	207.2	1.08
Entry 2	206.8	211.3	2.13
Entry 3	203.3	208.1	2.30
Entry 4	202.8	209.3	3.10
Entry 5	173.1	176.2	1.75

Table S3. Carbon and hydrogen balance deficits for various runs

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