

Figure S1. AMBER atom types and atomic charges used to simulate the malonamides and their complexes.



1.5 ns

Figure S2. Demixing simulation of a water / chloroform solution with one L_0 malonamide (initially in its *trans* form). Snapshots at different times, showing the chloroform (left) and water (right) solvents separately instead of superimposed, for clarity.



Figure S3. Demixing simulation of a water / chloroform solution with 27 L malonamides (initially *EE-gauche*). The amide (O)C-N V₂ torsion parameter was set to 2.5 kcal/mol (from 0 to 2 ns) and to 10.5 kcal/mol after 2 ns. Snapshots at different times, showing the chloroform (left) and water (right) solvents separately instead of superimposed, for clarity.



Figure S4: Solutions of 27 L' (analogue of L with central chain replaced by H) at the interface. Sampling simulations with biased torsional C(O)-N potentials starting with *EE gauche* and *EE trans* forms of L', respectively, in a mixing-demixing simulation and at the preformed interface. *Top*: snapshots after 2 ns; *bottom*: statistical distribution of the O=C--C=O angles ($cos(\phi)$) as a function of z (Å)



<u>Figure S5</u>. Mixtures of 26 L ligands (*EE gauche*) and $Eu(NO_3)_3L_2$ or EuL_4^{3+} complexes at the oil / water interface. Distances between Eu^{3+} and the interface as a function of time (ns).



Figure S6. Simulation of a 90:10 chloroform:water "interface" (rectangular box). Snapshots at different times, showing the chloroform (*left*) and water (*right*) solvents separately, instead of superimposed, for clarity.



Figure S7. Demixing simulation of a 90:10 chloroform:water mixture ("cubic box"). Snapshots at different times, showing the chloroform (*left*) and water (*right*) solvents separately instead of superimposed, for clarity.



Figure S8. Final snapshots (after 2 ns) of 26 L ligands + 1 Eu(NO₃)₃L₂ (*left*) or 1 EuL₄³⁺ (*right*) complex (ionic model) in a 95:5 oil:water mixture. *Top*: simulation in a rectangular box starting at a preformed interface. *Bottom*: demixing simulation in a cubic box.



<u>Figure S9.</u> 26 L ligands $+ 1 \text{ Eu}(\text{NO}_3)_3\text{L}_2$ complex (ionic model) in a 95:5 oil:water mixture. Final snapshots after 1.5 ns of simulations performed with the reaction field (*top*) versus Ewald (*bottom*) treatments of electrostatics.



Figure S10. 26 L ligands + 1 Eu(NO₃)₃L₂ (*left*) or 1 EuL₄³⁺ (*right*) complex (ionic model) in a 95:5 oil:water mixture. Final snapshots from simulations which started at a preformed interface (*top*), and obtained from a mixing-demixing simulation (*bottom*). See also Figure S12 for the demixing results.



Figure S11. 26 L ligands + 1 Eu(NO₃)₃L₂ (*left*) or 1 EuL₄³⁺ (*right*) complex (QM model) in a 95:5 oil:water mixture. Final snapshots and zooms after 4 ns of mixing-demixing simulations. *Bottom*: time evolution of the number of water aggregates during the demixing simulation.



Figure S12. 26 L ligands + 1 Eu(NO₃)₃L₂ (*left*) or 1 EuL₄³⁺ (*right*) complex (ionic model) in a 95:5 oil:water mixture. Final snapshots and zooms after 4 ns of mixing-demixing simulations. *Bottom*: time evolution of the number of water aggregates during the demixing simulation.