

Practical guide to designing safer ionic liquids for cellulose dissolution using a tiered computational framework

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Table S1. Electrostatic (Coulomb, Coul) and van der Waals (Lennard Jones, LJ) interactions computed between selected ionic liquids (ILs) and glucose from PM7/OPLS-AA/MC simulations as well as between glucose and glucose, using scaled CM3 charges. All energies are reported in kcal/mol. "IL" = IL pair used as solute; "CAT" = IL cation used as solute; "AN" = IL anion used as solute; "SOL" = apparent exptl. solubility values (obtained from Ref 20). Calculated coefficients of determination, R^2 , are reported below solute-solvent/solvent-solvent energetics for each species. IL name abbreviations correspond to Table 2 in the main text.

	SOL (wt%)	SOL (g/mol)	Coul	LJ	# weak	# strong	
EmimAc	27	46	-68.82	-19.81	8.53	6.83	CAT
AmimCl	<17	<26	-63.57	-22.58	6.59	5.27	
EmimDEP	15	40	-68.82	-19.81	8.53	6.83	
ApyCl	15	23	-69.30	-22.08	7.53	6.71	
HOEtMimBr	9.1	19	-76.67	-20.87	7.63	6.05	
HOEtpyBr	9.1	18	-79.42	-21.60	9.84	8.03	
EtOMmimCl	8.3	15	-68.20	-25.02	7.53	5.82	
R^2			0.23	0.57	0.04	0.03	
EmimAc	27	46	-93.91	-8.83	7.79	7.34	AN
AmimCl	<17	<26	-108.89	-1.40	5.30	4.25	
EmimDEP	15	40	-87.95	-24.57	6.41	4.60	
ApyCl	15	23	-108.89	-1.40	5.30	4.25	
HOEtMimBr	9.1	19	-101.08	-0.57	3.79	2.34	
HOEtpyBr	9.1	18	-101.08	-0.57	3.79	2.34	
EtOMmimCl	8.3	15	-108.89	-1.40	5.30	4.25	
R^2			0.66	0.56	0.77	0.65	
EmimAc	27	46	-135.03	-17.61	4.45	3.28	IL
AmimCl	<17	<26	-135.59	-5.62	1.25	1.10	
EmimDEP	15	40	-134.41	-15.03	1.98	1.26	
ApyCl	15	23	-143.85	-7.71	4.13	3.20	
HOEtMimBr	9.1	19	-165.15	-5.61	4.82	3.80	
HOEtpyBr	9.1	18	-134.78	-9.77	4.16	3.37	
EtOMmimCl	8.3	15	-168.03	-7.04	3.81	2.72	
R^2			0.43	0.89	0.14	0.18	

			Coul	LJ	Total	Coul	GLU- GLU
EmimAc	27	46	-4004.6	-2780.2	-6784.8	-4004.6	
AmimCl	<17	<26	-4083.6	-2790.6	-6874.2	-4083.6	
EmimDEP	15	40	-4041.8	-2693.3	-6735.1	-4041.8	
ApyCl	15	23	-4152.4	-2791.9	-6944.3	-4152.4	
HOEtMimBr	9.1	19	-4218.8	-2740.4	-6959.2	-4218.8	
HOEtpyBr	9.1	18	-4266.2	-2755.3	-7021.5	-4266.2	
EtOMMiomCl	8.3	15	-4091.5	-2781.3	-6872.9	-	
R^2			0.60	0.08	0.66	0.95	

Table S2. Physicochemical properties calculated or predicted from QM/MM/MC simulations in BOSS 4.9 and corresponding coefficients of determination, R^2 , with computed Lennard Jones interaction energies in kcal/mol, ΔE_{LJ} , between ILs and glucose medium. MW = molecular weight, SASA = solvent accessible surface area ($\text{\AA}^2$), FOSA = hydrophobic SASA, FISA = hydrophilic SASA, PISA = π -carbon SASA, WPSA = weakly polar SASA, donorHB = solute as hydrogen-bond donor, accptHB = solute as hydrogen-bond acceptor, dip^2/V = dipole²/volume, glob = globularity, polrz = polarizability ($\text{\AA}^3$), logPC16 = log P for hexadecane/gas, logPOct = log P for octanol/gas, logPw = log P for water/gas, logPo/w = log P for octanol/water, logSw = aqueous solubility.

	ΔE_{LJ}	MW	dipole	SASA	FOSA	FISA
EmimAc	-17.61	170.21	17.12	433.95	253.11	49.23
AmimCl	-5.62	158.63	15.43	592.74	286.14	0.00
EmimDEP	-15.03	264.26	16.10	401.43	268.65	26.05
ApyCl	-7.706	155.63	15.95	500.29	151.29	0.00
HOEtMimBr	-5.612	207.07	18.37	552.59	211.79	76.21
HOEtpyBr	-9.774	204.07	17.97	380.19	24.54	59.55
EtOMMiomCl	-7.038	176.65	16.01	652.26	386.77	0.00
34MpyC4Br	-11.75	244.17	18.65	316.27	131.52	0.00
C2mimNO3	-10.9	173.17	20.90	513.20	203.46	154.02
C4mimBr	-9.241	219.12	27.27	529.46	243.10	0.28
C4mimCl	-7.938	174.67	24.26	503.32	240.53	0.28
C4mimNO3	-9.88	201.23	23.86	449.64	135.33	185.86
ChAla	-12.82	192.26	28.80	681.74	386.30	295.44
ChGly	-5.708	164.20	34.22	719.70	337.53	382.18
ChLeu	-18.32	234.34	44.80	578.01	360.35	217.66
ChSer	-16.58	208.26	45.54	738.49	352.48	386.01
ChVal	-17.12	220.31	40.50	702.71	406.31	296.40
C4pyBr	n.a.	216.12	18.12	319.27	16.60	0.31
2CAm2CNCO2	-4.177	134.18	23.49	626.67	465.57	161.10
35MpyC4Br	-21.71	244.17	24.07	394.46	186.03	0.37

3MpyC4Br	-17.31	230.15	18.03	351.19	118.37	0.32
3MpyC6Br	-11.66	258.20	34.29	477.80	102.72	0.37
4C4AmBr	-24.6	322.37	25.42	246.49	150.01	0.00
4C4PhosBr	-24.15	339.34	52.95	278.06	62.45	0.00
C2mimOTs	-17.43	282.36	23.67	694.83	303.78	163.14
C4pyrrTf2N	-37.58	422.40	25.12	536.81	91.08	136.99
C6mimBr	-7.019	247.18	36.23	475.61	94.14	0.22
C6mimCl	-10.6	202.73	34.33	469.64	97.41	0.20
C6mimNO3	-23.79	229.28	24.33	473.98	132.35	209.80
C4pyCl	-7.88	171.67	31.05	400.00	15.93	0.37
C4pyTf2N	-38.17	416.35	27.20	595.30	33.96	112.46
R^2		0.76	0.04	0.02	0.10	0.01

	dELJ	PISA	WPSA	volume	donorHB	accptHB	dip²/V
EmimAc	-17.61	131.61	0.00	1272.26	0.00	4.89	0.23
AmimCl	-5.62	203.62	102.98	1428.23	0.00	0.00	0.17
EmimDEP	-15.03	106.72	0.00	1491.36	0.00	4.83	0.17
ApyCl	-7.706	231.07	117.94	1269.25	0.00	0.00	0.20
HOEtMimBr	-5.612	136.63	127.96	1352.08	0.37	0.36	0.25
HOEtpyBr	-9.774	182.51	113.58	1070.87	0.89	0.86	0.30
EtOMMiomCl	-7.038	145.83	119.66	1570.15	0.00	1.10	0.16
34MpyC4BR	-11.75	59.30	125.45	1189.63	0.00	0.00	0.29
C2mimNO3	-10.9	155.73	0.00	1345.44	0.00	6.98	0.32
C4mimBr	-9.241	130.21	155.87	1439.96	0.00	0.05	0.52
C4mimCl	-7.938	129.09	133.42	1382.88	0.00	0.00	0.43
C4mimNO3	-9.88	128.45	0.00	1391.50	0.00	8.43	0.41
ChAla	-12.82	0.00	0.00	1768.46	2.75	4.73	0.47
ChGly	-5.708	0.00	0.00	1734.70	2.51	10.02	0.68
ChLeu	-18.32	0.00	0.00	1755.51	1.21	8.48	1.14
ChSer	-16.58	0.00	0.00	1850.77	2.70	6.40	1.12
ChVal	-17.12	0.00	0.00	1975.53	1.16	6.52	0.83
C4pyBr	n.a.	193.08	109.29	1071.82	0.00	0.01	0.31
2CAm2CNCO2	-4.177	0.00	0.00	1441.66	2.74	5.41	0.38
35MpyC4Br	-21.71	76.39	131.68	1360.20	0.00	0.00	0.43
3MpyC4Br	-17.31	133.49	99.01	1182.00	0.00	0.00	0.27
3MpyC6Br	-11.66	161.66	213.04	1586.85	0.00	0.00	0.74
4C4AmBr	-24.6	0.00	96.49	1529.95	0.00	0.00	0.42
4C4PhosBr	-24.15	0.00	215.61	1692.18	0.00	0.00	1.66
C2mimOTs	-17.43	227.23	0.68	1886.63	0.00	5.61	0.30
C4pyrrTf2N	-37.58	0.00	308.74	1900.53	0.00	2.41	0.33

C6mimBr	-7.019	175.60	205.65	1487.90	0.00	0.01	0.88
C6mimCl	-10.6	177.51	194.52	1468.81	0.00	0.00	0.80
C6mimNO3	-23.79	131.83	0.00	1536.72	0.00	8.34	0.39
C4pyCl	-7.88	185.53	198.17	1223.57	0.00	0.00	0.79
C4pyTf2N	-38.17	134.18	314.70	1935.70	0.00	3.85	0.38
R^2		0.11	0.12	0.26	0.04	0.01	0.01

	dELJ	glob	polrz	logPC16	logPoct	logPw	logPo/w	logSw
EmimAc	-17.61	1.31	21.22	14.98	23.97	45.35	-1.31	-1.88
AmimCl	-5.62	1.03	20.92	17.74	30.09	59.26	4.60	-1.07
EmimDEP	-15.03	1.57	29.76	12.27	29.08	50.77	0.76	-1.11
ApyCl	-7.706	1.13	20.08	16.80	28.43	56.12	4.22	-1.77
HOEtMimBr	-5.612	1.07	18.30	16.04	28.96	56.17	3.29	-0.17
HOEtpyBr	-9.774	1.33	19.44	35.90	36.16	72.26	3.76	-1.46
EtOMmimCl	-7.038	1.00	19.00	12.78	26.01	51.29	3.43	-0.24
34MpyC4BR	-11.75	1.72	24.77	11.83	24.88	44.44	5.35	-3.12
C2mimNO3	-10.9	1.15	22.06	23.40	29.83	55.22	-2.27	-0.51
C4mimBr	-9.241	1.16	23.17	19.35	30.26	57.70	5.27	-1.37
C4mimCl	-7.938	1.19	23.84	17.40	29.33	55.22	5.31	-0.98
C4mimNO3	-9.88	1.34	25.01	18.28	28.72	50.25	-1.38	0.43
ChAla	-12.82	1.04	22.45	24.70	36.66	71.25	-3.70	-1.97
ChGly	-5.708	0.97	20.75	23.24	36.93	69.18	-3.08	1.11
ChLeu	-18.32	1.22	27.35	41.07	44.00	87.55	-2.37	-2.66
ChSer	-16.58	0.99	22.95	43.11	43.09	86.50	-3.80	-2.77
ChVal	-17.12	1.08	27.30	39.83	44.36	87.23	-2.65	-2.33
C4pyBr	n.a.	1.59	22.66	28.38	33.58	66.23	5.00	n.a.
2CAm2CNCO2	-4.177	0.98	17.15	17.03	29.86	57.52	-2.04	0.63
35MpyC4Br	-21.71	1.51	26.62	16.55	28.61	51.83	5.86	-5.23
3MpyC4Br	-17.31	1.54	24.58	28.81	34.32	67.03	5.40	-3.87
3MpyC6Br	-11.66	1.38	30.12	20.71	33.57	59.90	6.96	-2.13
4C4AmBr	-24.6	2.61	32.26	16.11	30.58	50.88	7.73	-7.42
4C4PhosBr	-24.15	2.47	36.50	32.51	44.79	81.49	9.02	-7.27
C2mimOTs	-17.43	1.06	31.76	16.21	27.85	49.63	0.06	-1.51
C4pyrrTf2N	-37.58	1.38	34.09	16.45	27.00	43.77	2.41	-9.09
C6mimBr	-7.019	1.33	26.58	22.58	33.49	62.36	6.22	-0.70
C6mimCl	-10.6	1.33	26.35	22.08	34.26	64.30	6.20	-1.80
C6mimNO3	-23.79	1.36	28.47	17.89	29.16	48.02	-0.21	-3.90
C4pyCl	-7.88	1.38	22.90	20.47	31.02	59.62	5.11	-0.97
C4pyTf2N	-38.17	1.26	36.21	22.71	31.17	51.44	2.86	-8.65
R^2		0.17	0.65	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.85

Table S3. Physicochemical properties calculated and predicted for side chain (R groups) in the IL set by Liu et al. using QikProp 2.2. Corresponding coefficients of determination, R^2 , are provided for univariate correlations with computed Lennard Jones interaction energies in kcal/mol, ΔE_{LJ} , between ILs and glucose medium. MW = molecular weight, SASA = solvent accessible surface area ($\text{\AA}^2$), FOSA = hydrophobic SASA, FISA = hydrophilic SASA, PISA = π -carbon SASA, WPSA = weakly polar SASA, donorHB = solute as hydrogen-bond donor, accptHB = solute as hydrogen-bond acceptor, dip^2/V = dipole²/volume, glob = globularity, polrz = polarizability ($\text{\AA}^3$), logPC16 = log P for hexadecane/gas, logPoct = log P for octanol/gas, logPw = log P for water/gas, logPo/w = log P for octanol/water, logSw = aqueous solubility, CllogSw = conformation-independent aqueous solubility, IP = ionization potential, EA = electron affinity.

IL	EmimAc	AmimCl	EmimDEP	ApyCl	HOEmimBr	HOEtpyBr	EtOMmimCl	R^2
MW	30.07	56.11	30.07	56.11	46.07	46.07	60.10	0.11
dipole	0.00	0.29	0.00	0.29	2.03	2.03	1.54	0.29
SASA	202.39	258.46	202.39	258.46	215.20	215.20	246.85	0.53
FOSA	202.39	214.09	202.39	214.09	158.99	158.99	246.85	0.00
FISA	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	56.20	56.20	0.00	0.09
PISA	0.00	44.37	0.00	44.37	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.20
WPSA	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	n.a.
volume	256.84	360.93	256.84	360.93	280.12	280.12	341.06	0.52
donorHB	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.09
accptHB	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.70	1.70	1.70	0.20
dip²/V	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.17
glob	0.97	0.95	0.97	0.95	0.96	0.96	0.96	0.47
polrz	4.13	8.07	4.13	8.07	4.41	4.41	6.85	0.39
logPC16	0.51	1.91	0.51	1.91	1.39	1.39	1.46	0.81
logPoct	-0.02	1.35	-0.02	1.35	2.89	2.89	1.88	0.57
logPw	-1.38	-1.12	-1.38	-1.12	3.54	3.54	1.77	0.21
logPo/w	1.81	1.94	1.81	1.94	-0.31	-0.31	0.21	0.16
logSw	-1.36	-1.79	-1.36	-1.79	1.04	1.04	0.54	0.11
CllogSw	-1.36	-1.57	-1.36	-1.57	0.04	0.04	0.09	0.13
IP(eV)	11.97	10.15	11.97	10.15	10.90	10.90	10.57	0.81
EA(eV)	-3.89	-1.18	-3.89	-1.18	-3.34	-3.34	-3.02	0.42

Table S4. ILs ordered by increasing solubility in octanol, $\log S_o = \log S_w + \log P_{o/w}$.

	$\log S_w$	$\log P_{o/w}$	$\log S_w + \log P_{o/w}$
C4pyrrTf2N	-9.09	2.41	-6.68
ChSer	-2.77	-3.80	-6.57
C4pyTf2N	-8.65	2.86	-5.79
ChAla	-1.97	-3.70	-5.66
ChLeu	-2.66	-2.37	-5.03
ChVal	-2.33	-2.65	-4.98
C6mimNO3	-3.90	-0.21	-4.11
EmimAc	-1.88	-1.31	-3.19
C2mimNO3	-0.51	-2.27	-2.78
ChGly	1.11	-3.08	-1.97
C2mimOTs	-1.51	0.06	-1.46
2CAm2CNCO2	0.63	-2.04	-1.42
C4mimNO3	0.43	-1.38	-0.96
EmimDEP	-1.11	0.76	-0.35
4C4AmBr	-7.42	7.73	0.31
35MpyC4Br	-5.23	5.86	0.63
3MpyC4Br	-3.87	5.40	1.53
4C4PhosBr	-7.27	9.02	1.75
34MpyC4BR	-3.12	5.35	2.23
HOEtpyBr	-1.46	3.76	2.30
ApyCl	-1.77	4.22	2.44
HOEtmmimBr	-0.17	3.29	3.13
EtOMmimCl	-0.24	3.43	3.19
AmimCl	-1.07	4.60	3.53
C4mimBr	-1.37	5.27	3.90
C4pyCl	-0.97	5.11	4.15
C4mimCl	-0.98	5.31	4.33
C6mimCl	-1.80	6.20	4.40
3MpyC6Br	-2.13	6.96	4.82
C4pyBr	n.a.	5.00	n.a.
C6mimBr	-0.70	6.22	5.52

Figure S1. IL cations and anions explored in this study with corresponding abbreviations.

