## **Supporting Information to**

## Experimental and Molecular Dynamics Characterization of Dense Microemulsion Systems: Morphology, Conductivity and SAXS

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Table S1 Compositions, unit cell dimensions, and morphological classifications of the system containing 20% water obtained with AA, Standard CG and Refined CG.  $n_w$ ,  $n_s$  and  $n_o$  are the number of water, surfactant and oil molecules, respectively. For CG models,  $n_w$ , is calculated by associating each W bead with 4 water molecules and each Na<sup>+</sup>-ion bead with 3 water molecules.

|             | Box Size / nm <sup>3</sup> | n <sub>w</sub> | ns  | n <sub>o</sub> | t / ns | Continuity | Structure |
|-------------|----------------------------|----------------|-----|----------------|--------|------------|-----------|
| AA          | 14x8x9                     | 7320           | 800 | 1776           | 400    | XYZ        | BME       |
| Standard CG | 10x10x10                   | 7424           | 800 | 1776           | 1000   | XY         | L         |
| Refined CG  | 10x10x10                   | 7424           | 800 | 1776           | 1000   | XYZ        | BME       |

Table S2 The compositions, unit cell dimensions, and morphological classifications of the systems corresponding to compositions a-m depicted in Figure 2, CG standard was used. (See also Table S1.)

| Water %            | Box Size / nm <sup>3</sup> | n <sub>w</sub> | n <sub>s</sub> | n <sub>o</sub> | Continuity | Structure |
|--------------------|----------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------|-----------|
| 10                 | 10x12x10                   | 3296           | 800            | 1776           | YZ         | L         |
| 15 <sup>a</sup>    | 11x11x11                   | 5216           | 800            | 1776           | YZ         | L         |
| 20 <sup>a</sup>    | 11x11x11                   | 7424           | 800            | 1776           | YZ         | L         |
| 25                 | 13x8x13                    | 9888           | 800            | 1776           | YZ         | L         |
| b30                | 12x7x15                    | 12704          | 800            | 1776           | YZ         | L         |
| 40                 | 10x12x14                   | 19744          | 800            | 1776           | -          | W         |
| 50                 | 8x12x21                    | 29632          | 800            | 1776           | Y          | НС        |
| 60 <sup>a, b</sup> | 27x27x27                   | 355584         | 6400           | 14208          | XYZ        | IL-M      |

<sup>a</sup> Isotropic pressure coupling <sup>b</sup> Anisotropic pressure coupling

Table S3 The compositions, unit cell dimensions, and morphological classifications of the systems corresponding to compositions a-c-d-g depicted in Figure 2. AA simulations were carried out for at least 40 ns. (See also Table S1.)

| Water % | Box Size / nm <sup>3</sup> | n <sub>w</sub> | ns  | n <sub>o</sub> | Continuity | Structure |
|---------|----------------------------|----------------|-----|----------------|------------|-----------|
| 10      | 15x8x9                     | 3296           | 800 | 1776           | XYZ        | BME       |
| 20      | 11x11x11                   | 7424           | 800 | 1776           | XYZ        | BME       |
| 25      | 11x9x12                    | 9888           | 800 | 1776           | YZ         | IC/L      |
| 40      | 10x10x16                   | 19744          | 800 | 1776           | -          | FCC/IRM   |

Table S4 The compositions, unit cell dimensions, of the systems corresponding to compositions a-m depicted in Figure 2, when system was enlarged 8 times compared to simulations described in Table 1. Simulation time is 200 ns. (See also Table S1.)

| Water %            | Box Size / nm <sup>3</sup> | n <sub>w</sub> | n <sub>s</sub> | n <sub>o</sub> |
|--------------------|----------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| 10                 | 29x16x17                   | 26368          | 6400           | 14208          |
| 15 <sup>a</sup>    | 20x20x20                   | 41728          | 6400           | 14208          |
| 20 <sup>a</sup>    | 21x21x20                   | 59392          | 6400           | 14208          |
| 25                 | 22x18x23                   | 79104          | 6400           | 14208          |
| 30                 | 22x20x23                   | 101632         | 6400           | 14208          |
| 35                 | 17x19x33                   | 127744         | 6400           | 14208          |
| 40                 | 20x20x30                   | 157952         | 6400           | 14208          |
| 45                 | 24x24x23                   | 194048         | 6400           | 14208          |
| 50                 | 25x22x25                   | 237056         | 6400           | 14208          |
| 55                 | 28x17x33                   | 289792         | 6400           | 14208          |
| 60 <sup>a, b</sup> | 52x52x52                   | 2844672        | 51200          | 113664         |

Table S5 The compositions, unit cell dimensions, of the systems corresponding to compositions g-i depicted in Figure 2, when system was enlarged 64 times compared to simulations described in Table 1. (See also Table S1.)

| Water % | Box Size / nm <sup>3</sup> | n <sub>w</sub> | n <sub>s</sub> | n <sub>o</sub> |
|---------|----------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| 40      | 40x40x59                   | 157952         | 51200          | 113664         |
| 50      | 52x43x50                   | 237056         | 51200          | 113664         |



Figure S1. Slices of last frame of the 20% CG Standard simulation of planes perpendicular to a) x axis, b) y axis, c) z axis. Just hydrophilic beads are represented, water,  $Na^+$  and AOT head-group. Distribution of coordinates for d) hydrophilic beads, water,  $Na^+$  and AOT head group, e) hydrophobic beads, AOT apolar tail and n-heptane.



Figure S2 Bond Angle distributions for CG Standard, CG Refined and Mapped AA. Bonds refers to beads depicted in Figure 1. AOT: a) 1-2-4, b) 3-2-4, c) 3-6-7, d) 3-4-5, e) 2-3-6.



Figure S3 Bond length distributions for CG Standard, CG Refined and Mapped AA. Bonds refers to beads depicted in Figure 1. AOT: a) 1-2, b) 2-3, c) 3-6, d) 4-5, e) 6-7, n-heptane: f) 1-2



Figure S4 Dihedral Angle Distributions for CG Standard, CG Refined and Mapped AA. Bonds refers to beads depicted in Figure 1. AOT: a) 1-2-4-5, b) 1-2-3-6, c) 4-2-3-6, d) 2-3-6-7, e) 3-2-4-5, f) 2-1-3-4.



Figure S5. Slices of last frame of the 20% AA Mapped simulation of planes perpendicular to a) x axis, b) y axis, c) z axis. Just hydrophilic beads are represented, water,  $Na^+$  and AOT head-group. Distribution of coordinates for d) hydrophilic beads, water,  $Na^+$  and AOT head group, e) hydrophobic beads, AOT apolar tail and n-heptane



Figure S6. Slices of last frame of the 10% CG simulation of planes perpendicular to a) x axis, b) y axis, c) z axis. Just hydrophilic beads are represented, water,  $Na^+$  and AOT head-group. Distribution of coordinates for d) hydrophilic beads, water,  $Na^+$  and AOT head group, e) hydrophobic beads, AOT apolar tail and n-heptane



Figure S7. Slices of last frame of the 15% CG simulation of planes perpendicular to a) x axis, b) y axis, c) z axis. Just hydrophilic beads are represented, water,  $Na^+$  and AOT head-group. Distribution of coordinates for d) hydrophilic beads, water,  $Na^+$  and AOT head group, e) hydrophobic beads, AOT apolar tail and n-heptane



Figure S8. Slices of last frame of the 25% CG simulation of planes perpendicular to a) x axis, b) y axis, c) z axis. Just hydrophilic beads are represented, water,  $Na^+$  and AOT head-group. Distribution of coordinates for d) hydrophilic beads, water,  $Na^+$  and AOT head group, e) hydrophobic beads, AOT apolar tail and n-heptane.



Figure S9. Slices of last frame of the 30% CG simulation of planes perpendicular to a) x axis, b) y axis, c) z axis. Just hydrophilic beads are represented, water,  $Na^+$  and AOT head-group. Distribution of coordinates for d) hydrophilic beads, water,  $Na^+$  and AOT head group, e) hydrophobic beads, AOT apolar tail and n-heptane



Figure S10. Slices of last frame of the35 % CG simulation of planes perpendicular to a) x axis, b) y axis, c) z axis. Just hydrophilic beads are represented, water, Na+ and AOT head-group. Distribution of coordinates for d) hydrophilic beads, water, Na+ and AOT head group, e) hydrophobic beads, AOT apolar tail and n-heptane



Figure S11. Slices of last frame of the 40% CG simulation of planes perpendicular to a) x axis, b) y axis, c) z axis. Just hydrophilic beads are represented, water, Na+ and AOT head-group. Distribution of coordinates for d) hydrophilic beads, water, Na+ and AOT head group, e) hydrophobic beads, AOT apolar tail and n-heptane



Figure S12. Slices of last frame of the 45% CG simulation of planes perpendicular to a) x axis, b) y axis, c) z axis. Just hydrophilic beads are represented, water, Na+ and AOT head-group. Distribution of coordinates for d) hydrophilic beads, water, Na+ and AOT head group, e) hydrophobic beads, AOT apolar tail and n-heptane



Figure S13. Slices of last frame of the 50% CG simulation of planes perpendicular to a) x axis, b) y axis, c) z axis. Just hydrophilic beads are represented, water, Na+ and AOT head-group. Distribution of coordinates for d) hydrophilic beads, water, Na+ and AOT head group, e) hydrophobic beads, AOT apolar tail and n-heptane



Figure S14. Slices of last frame of the 55% CG simulation of planes perpendicular to a) x axis, b) y axis, c) z axis. Just hydrophilic beads are represented, water, Na+ and AOT head-group. Distribution of coordinates for d) hydrophilic beads, water, Na+ and AOT head group, e) hydrophobic beads, AOT apolar tail and n-heptane



Figure S15. Slices of last frame of the 60% CG simulation of planes perpendicular to a) x axis, b) y axis, c) z axis. Just hydrophilic beads are represented, water, Na+ and AOT head-group. Distribution of coordinates for d) hydrophilic beads, water, Na+ and AOT head group, e) hydrophobic beads, AOT apolar tail and n-heptane



Figure S16. Slices of last frame of the 60\*% CG simulation of planes perpendicular to a) x axis, b) y axis, c) z axis. Just hydrophilic beads are represented, water, Na+ and AOT head-group. Distribution of coordinates for d) hydrophilic beads, water, Na+ and AOT head group, e) hydrophobic beads, AOT apolar tail and n-heptane



Figure S17. Snapshot at the end of 1 $\mu$ s simulations for the system water /Na-AOT/n-heptane using the Standard CG model. Water – Light blue, n-Heptane – yellow, Na<sup>+</sup> - blue, AOT head group – purple, AOT tail – orange. Compositions corresponding to points depicted in Figure 2. Details of the simulation are reported in Table S2.



Figure S18. MSD curves for 100 Na<sup>+</sup> beads for the system containing a) 10%, b) 15%, c) 25%, d) 30%, e) 35% water.



Figure S19. MSD curves for 100  $Na^+$  beads for the system containing a) 45% b) 55%, c) 60%, simulation m, d) 60%, simulation m\*, water.



Figure S20. MSD calculated for a) AOT<sup>-</sup>, b) n-heptane, c) Na<sup>+</sup> and d) water.



Figure S21. MSD curves for all the species for the simulation containing 60% water, with different starting point. From a random distribution, system m, and from adding water to 55% final snapshot of simulation.



Figure S22. Diffusion coefficients calculated with CG refined and standard simulations.



Figure S23. SAXS of 60% water content microemulsion changing with time



Figure S24. a) Peak position calculated from the scattering function with the simplified and exact approach. B) Peak position calculated from the scattering function for different box sizes.



Figure S25. Scattering function for end-configuration of CG simulations of different box size (single, 8 times and 64 times) for system g, containing 40% water.