

Supporting Information

Predicting the thermal behavior in the design of type V deep eutectic solvents: the combined role of polarity and steric asymmetry

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Table S1. Prepared samples for the 4-Met/MEN mixture. The composition is reported as molar fraction of the 4-Met component ($x_{4\text{-Met}}$) and correspondent MEN molar fraction (x_{MEN}).

$x_{4\text{-Met}}$	x_{MEN}	T_m (K)
0.12	0.88	305.8 ^a
0.22	0.78	297.8 ^b
0.30	0.70	290.3 ^b
0.41	0.59	278.0 ^b
0.50	0.50	274.9 ^b
0.59	0.41	298.7 ^b
0.70	0.30	306.6 ^b
0.79	0.21	308.2 ^b
0.90	0.10	316.8 ^b

^a Visual Method; ^b DSC (Hitachi DSC7000X)

Table S2. Prepared samples for the BHA/MEN mixture. The composition is reported as molar fraction of the BHA component (x_{BHA}) and correspondent x_{MEN} .

x_{BHA}	x_{MEN}	T_m (K)
0.10	0.90	310.6 ^a
0.23	0.77	293.6 ^b
0.29	0.71	287.2 ^b
0.38	0.62	277.3 ^b
0.46	0.54	278.8 ^b
0.51	0.49	281.5 ^b
0.59	0.41	297.9 ^b
0.69	0.31	306.9 ^b
0.80	0.20	315.8 ^b
0.90	0.10	322.9 ^a

^a Visual Method; ^b DSC (Hitachi DSC7000X)

Table S3. Prepared samples for the TBEP/MEN mixture. The composition is reported as molar fraction of the TBEP component (x_{TBEP}) and correspondent x_{MEN} .

x_{TBEP}	x_{MEN}	T_m (K)
0.12	0.88	301.8 ^a
0.21	0.79	291.1 ^a
0.81	0.19	288.3 ^a
0.90	0.10	294.5 ^a

^a DSC (Hitachi DSC7000X)

Table S4. Prepared samples for the TBHQ/MEN mixture. The composition is reported as molar fraction of the TBHQ component (x_{TBHQ}) and correspondent x_{MEN} .

x_{TBHQ}	x_{MEN}	T_m (K)
0.11	0.89	304.5 ^a
0.29	0.71	340.2 ^b
0.41	0.59	342.4 ^b
0.49	0.51	359.6 ^b
0.59	0.41	371.3 ^b
0.69	0.31	384.2 ^c
0.90	0.10	394.8 ^c

^a DSC (Hitachi DSC7000X); ^b DSC (Mettler-Toledo DSC 821); ^c Visual Method

Table S5. Melting point temperature (T_m), enthalpy of fusion (ΔH_i), and molecular weight (MW) of the pure components.

Compound	T_m (K)	ΔH_i (kJ mol ⁻¹)	MW (g/mol)	Ref
4-Met	328.30	18.30	124.14	[1]
BHA	327.18	14.58	180.24	Experimental
TBEP	301.89	17.07	178.27	Experimental
TBHQ	400.15	27.74	166.22	[2]
MEN	315.60	13.47	156.27	[3]

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[2] Verevkin, Sergey P. "Substituent effects on the benzene ring. Prediction of the thermochemical properties of alkyl substituted hydroquinones." *Physical Chemistry Chemical Physics* 1.1 (1999): 127-131.

[3] Štejfa, Vojtěch, et al. "Polymorphism and thermophysical properties of L-and DL-menthol." *The Journal of chemical thermodynamics* 131 (2019): 524-543.

Table S6. Weight factors (wf) employed to obtain the conformers percentage yield from the DFTB-MD simulations.

Compound	wf (transoid)	wf (cisoid)
BHA	0.4	5.6
TBEP	0.4	5.5
TBHQ	0.4	4.7

Table S7. Number of molecules, box dimensions, densities, and employed temperatures for the density functional tight-binding molecular dynamics (DFTB-MD) simulated systems.

System	Number of molecules	Box edge (Å)	Density (g cm ⁻³)	Temperature (K)
BHA	36	22.0314	1.008*	333
TBEP	34	21.9965	0.946*	308
TBHQ	37	22.0919	0.947 [†]	408

*experimental density

[†] density estimated from classical molecular dynamics (MD) simulations.

Table S8. Melting point temperatures (T_m) at the eutectic composition for the 4-Met/MEN, BHA/MEN, TBEP/MEN, and TBHQ/MEN mixtures for the ideal and COSMO-calculated phase diagrams, and difference between the two values (ΔT_m).

System	$T_{m, ideal}$ (K)	$T_{m, COSMO}$ (K)	ΔT_m (K)
4-Met/MEN	287.9	283.9	4.0
BHA/MEN	283.7	274.9	8.8
TBEP/MEN	276.1	256.8	19.3
TBHQ/MEN	309.9	301.7	8.2

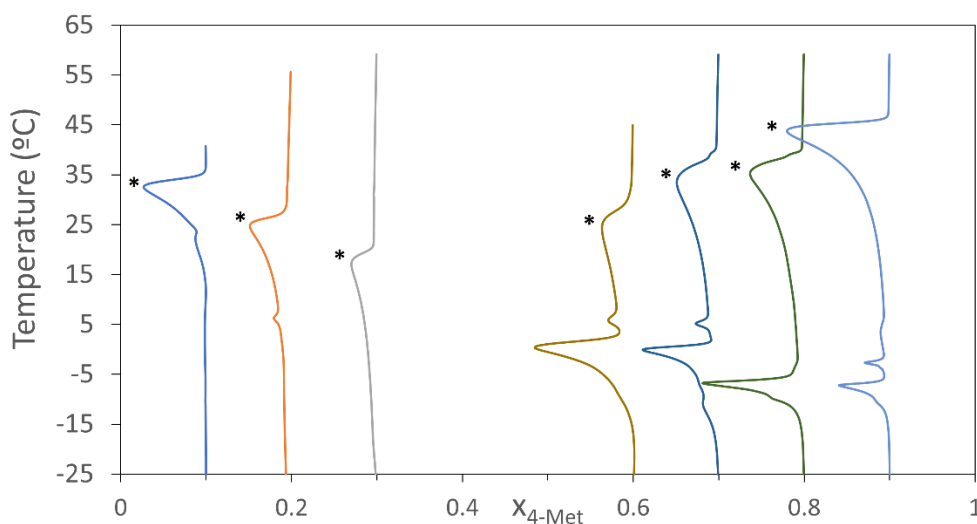


Figure S1. Selected DSC curves for the 4-Met/MEN system. The maximum values of the melting peaks are evidenced (*).

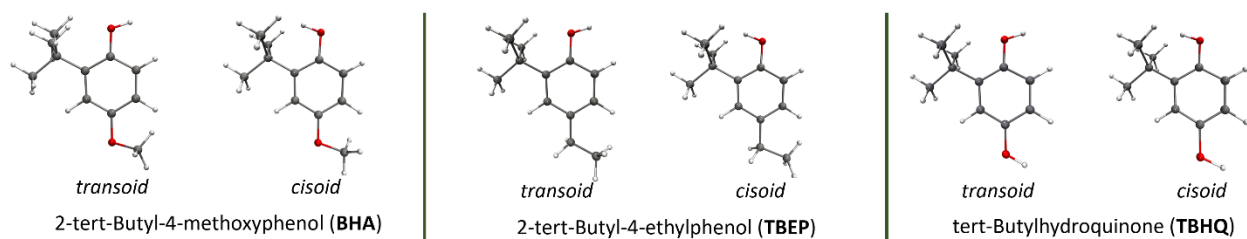


Figure S2. Molecular structures of the BHA, TBEP, and TBHQ rotational conformers.

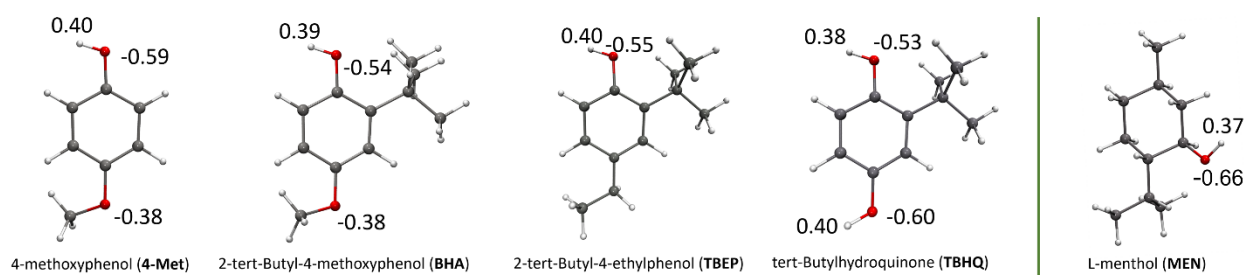


Figure S3. Partial charges calculated with the CHELPG scheme for the hydroxyl and methoxy functional groups of the 4-Met, BHA, TBEP, TBHQ, and MEN molecules from gas phase DFT optimizations at the B3LYP/def2TZVP level of theory.

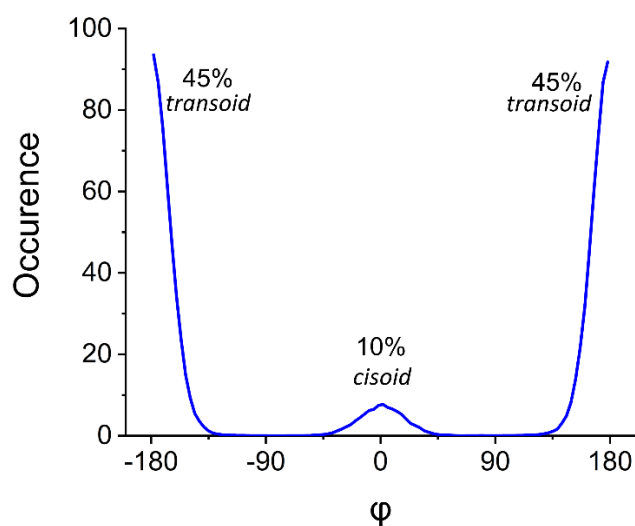


Figure S4. Dihedral distribution function calculated from the DFTB-MD simulations for the pure TBEP system.

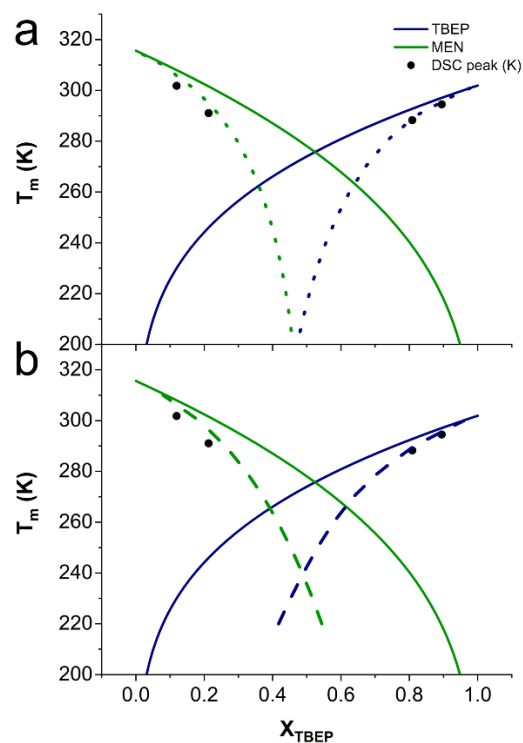


Figure S5. Experimental SLE phase diagram for the TBEP/MEN system measured using the DSC (black circle). Predictions obtained by the ideal liquid phase model (full lines) and COSMO-RS theoretical curves calculated using the BP_TZVP_21 (dot lines) (a) and BP_TZVPD_FINE_21 (dash lines) (b) parametrizations.

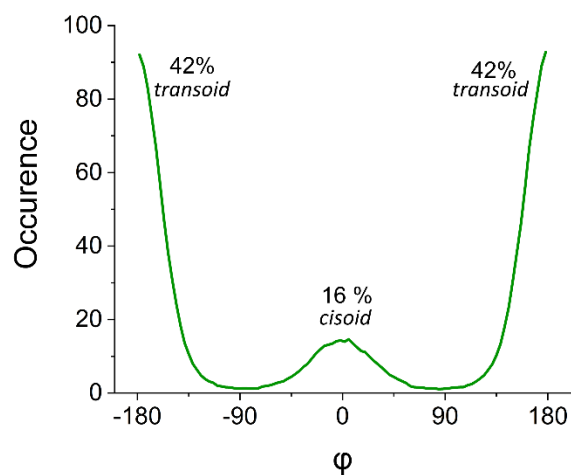


Figure S6. Dihedral distribution function calculated from the DFTB-MD simulations for the pure TBHQ system.

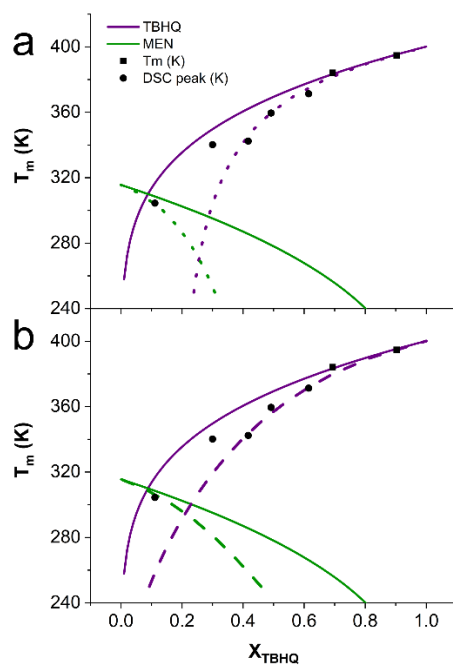


Figure S7. Experimental SLE phase diagram for the TBHQ/MEN system measured using the DSC (black circle) and the visual method. Predictions obtained by the ideal liquid phase model (full lines) and COSMO-RS theoretical curves calculated using the BP_TZVP_21 (dot lines) (a) and BP_TZVPD_FINE_21 (dash lines) (b) parametrizations.