

Supplementary Information

Passive Fractionating Mechanism for Oil Spill Using Shear-Wettability Modulation

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SI. Force field equations and parameters

The force field equations are mathematically expressed using the set of equations S1-S5 which are as follows:

$$U(\mathbf{r}) = U_{non-bonded}(\mathbf{r}) + U_{bond}(\mathbf{r}) + U_{angle}(\mathbf{r}) + U_{dihedral}(\mathbf{r}) \quad (S1)$$

where,

$$U_{non-bonded}(\mathbf{r}) = f_{ij} \left[\frac{q_i q_j}{r_{ij}^2} + 4\varepsilon_{ij} \left[\left(\frac{\sigma_{ij}}{r_{ij}} \right)^{12} - \left(\frac{\sigma_{ij}}{r_{ij}} \right)^6 \right] \right] \quad (S2)$$

$$U_{bond} = k_b (r - r_0)^2 \quad (S3)$$

$$U_{angle} = k_\theta (\theta - \theta_0)^2 \quad (S4)$$

$$U_{dihedral} = 0.5k_1 (1 + \cos(\phi)) + 0.5k_2 (1 + \cos(2\phi)) + 0.5k_3 (1 + \cos(3\phi)) + 0.5k_4 (1 + \cos(4\phi)) \quad (S5)$$

Moreover, Table S1 indicates the parameters used for the simulations performed.

Table S1. Interaction parameters in the simulations¹

Non-bonded interaction parameters (used in Equation 2)			
	ε (eV)	σ (nm)	Charge

Graphene C	0.07	0.355	0
Terminal alkane C	0.002862	0.35	-0.18
Other carbons in alkanes	0.002862	0.35	-0.12
Hydrogen atoms	0.001301	0.25	0.06
Bond interaction parameters (used in Equation 3)			
Bonds	$k_b (eV)$	$r_0 (nm)$	
C-C	11.6216	0.1529	
C-H	14.7438	0.1090	
Angle Interaction parameters (used in Equation 4)			
Angles	$k_\theta (eV)$	$\theta_0 (^\circ)$	
C-C-C	2.5303	112.7	
H-C-C	1.6262	110.7	
H-C-H	1.4310	107.8	
Dihedral Interaction parameters (used in Equation 5)			
Dihedrals	$k_1 (eV)$	$k_2 (eV)$	$k_3 (eV)$
C-C-C-C	0.07545	-0.00681	0.01210
H-C-C-C	0	0	0.01587
H-C-C-H	0	0	0.01379

SII. Results from $NPzT$ simulations

Table S2. Number of water (N_{water}) and n -dodecane (N_{D12}) molecules for different n -dodecane mass percentages (DMP) and wall wettability (ε) values obtained from $NPzT$ simulations

DMP	Number of Molecules		
	$\varepsilon = 0.2 \text{ kJ/mol}$	$\varepsilon = 0.5 \text{ kJ/mol}$	$\varepsilon = 1 \text{ kJ/mol}$
Pure water	$N_{water}: 12869$	$N_{water}: 13090$	$N_{water}: 13253$
5%	$N_{D12}: 67$ $N_{water}: 12019$	$N_{D12}: 68$ $N_{water}: 12248$	$N_{D12}: 69$ $N_{water}: 12425$
10%	$N_{D12}: 132$ $N_{water}: 11222$	$N_{D12}: 135$ $N_{water}: 11441$	$N_{D12}: 136$ $N_{water}: 11585$
15%	$N_{D12}: 195$ $N_{water}: 10456$	$N_{D12}: 198$ $N_{water}: 10630$	$N_{D12}: 201$ $N_{water}: 10776$
20%	$N_{D12}: 256$ $N_{water}: 9683$	$N_{D12}: 261$ $N_{water}: 9860$	$N_{D12}: 264$ $N_{water}: 9994$
40%	$N_{D12}: 487$ $N_{water}: 6912$	$N_{D12}: 496$ $N_{water}: 7029$	$N_{D12}: 499$ $N_{water}: 7071$
60%	$N_{D12}: 696$ $N_{water}: 4384$	$N_{D12}: 703$ $N_{water}: 4427$	$N_{D12}: 711$ $N_{water}: 4480$
80%	$N_{D12}: 886$ $N_{water}: 2092$	$N_{D12}: 899$ $N_{water}: 2122$	$N_{D12}: 904$ $N_{water}: 2135$
Pure n -dodecane	$N_{D12}: 1066$	$N_{D12}: 1085$	$N_{D12}: 1092$

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