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## How Do Ion Specific Effects Operate in Ionic Liquids?

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Recent work has found that the identity of a surfactant's counter-ion can affect the critical micelle concentration, and the size and shape of resultant micelles in ionic liquid (IL) and choline-based deep eutectic solvents.[1,2] This indicates the presence of ion specific effects for micellisation in these neoteric solvents despite their high ionic strength.[3] This project examines this phenomenon further, by investigating a range of choline salts (chloride, bromide, and nitrate) in different nitrate-based ILs (ethylammonium, propylammonium, and ethanolanmonium nitrate) *via* measurements taken on the Small Angle Neutron Diffractometer for Amorphous and Liquid Samples (SANDALS) beamline at ISIS. These results bring new insight into how ion specific effects can exist in high ionic strength neoteric solvents, and the parameters involved in controlling this surprising phenomenon.

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