

Supporting Information:

NMRlipids IV: Headgroup & glycerol backbone structures, and cation binding in bilayers with PE and PG lipids

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S1 R-PDLF and SDROSS experiments



Figure S1: (A) Chemical structure of POPE with the labeling of headgroup and glycerol backbone carbons. (B) INEPT spectra from POPE sample with the headgroup and glycerol backbone peaks labeled. (C) 2D R-PDLF spectra (D) Dipolar sliced from the 2D R-PDLF spectra with the resulting order parameters on top of figures. (E) Experimental S-DROSS curves giving signs of the order parameters.

1.A, B etc. labels to be put in the figure.



Figure S2: (A) Chemical structure of POPG with the labeling of headgroup and glycerol backbone carbons. (B) INEPT spectra from POPG sample with the headgroup and glycerol backbone peaks labeled. (C) 2D R-PDLF spectra (D) Dipolar slices from the 2D R-PDLF spectra with the resulting order parameters on top of figures. (E) Experimental S-DROSS curves giving signs of the order parameters.



Figure S3: Simpson simlaton of S-DROSS curve of β -carbon of POPG.

S2 Comparison of headgroup order parameters from different force fields to experiments

The quality of PE and PG headgroup conformational ensembles in different simulations against NMR experiments is evaluated in figures S4 and S5 using C-H bond order parameters as in our previous studies for PC and PS lipids.^{1,2} Conclusions are the same for all lipids: None of the force fields correctly captures the lipid headgroup conformational ensembles, but CHARMM36 gives results closest to experiments.

The PG headgroup is biologically abundant R enantiomer in all simulations, while our ¹³C NMR experiments has a racemic mixture. Nevertheless, previous ²H NMR experiments comparing results between different enantiomers concluded that the structural differences between these are minor.³

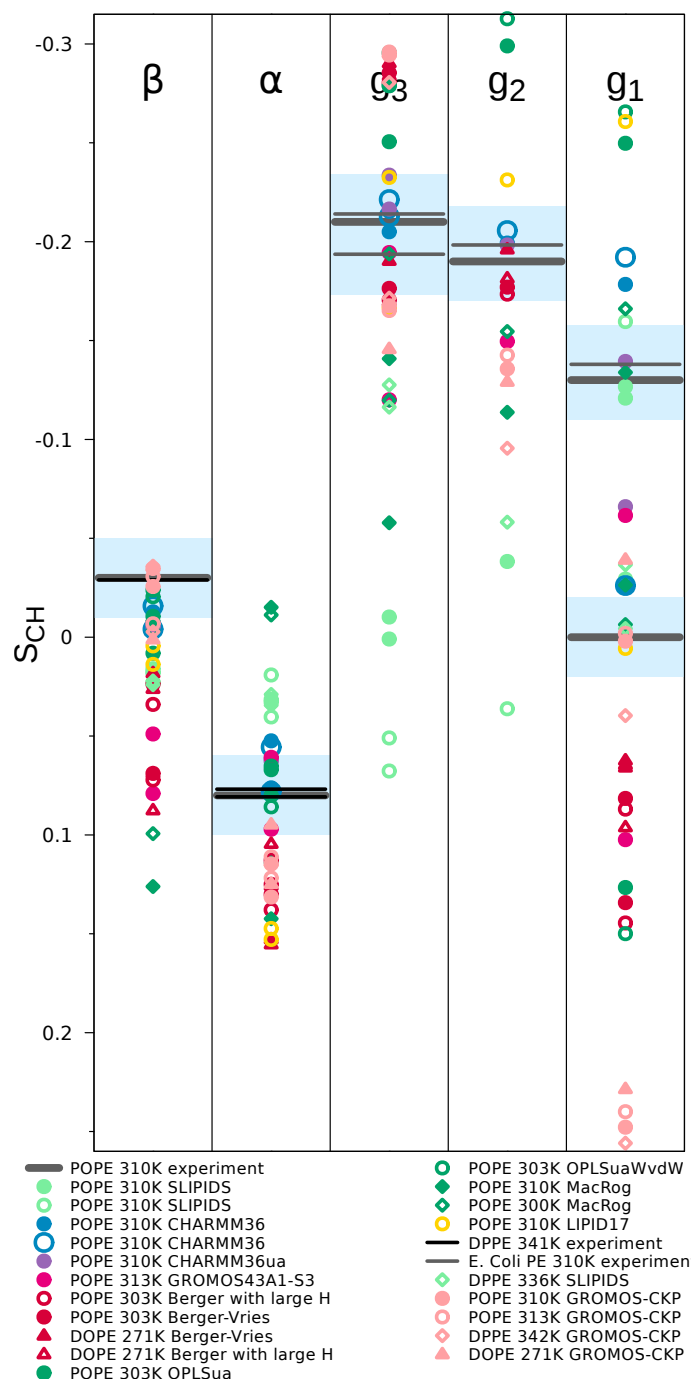


Figure S4: The headgroup and glycerol backbone order parameters of PE lipids from experiments (POPE and signs this work, DPPE from Ref. 4 and E.coliPE from Ref. 5) and simulations with different force fields.

2.This should be clarified as in NMRLipidsI and error bars should be added. Probably larger error bars for united atom models based on the report by Fuchs et al.

3.Lipid17 data should be updated to the one with correct dihedrals reported here

<https://github.com/NMRLipids/NMRLipidsIVPEandPG/issues/12#issuecomment-756641407>

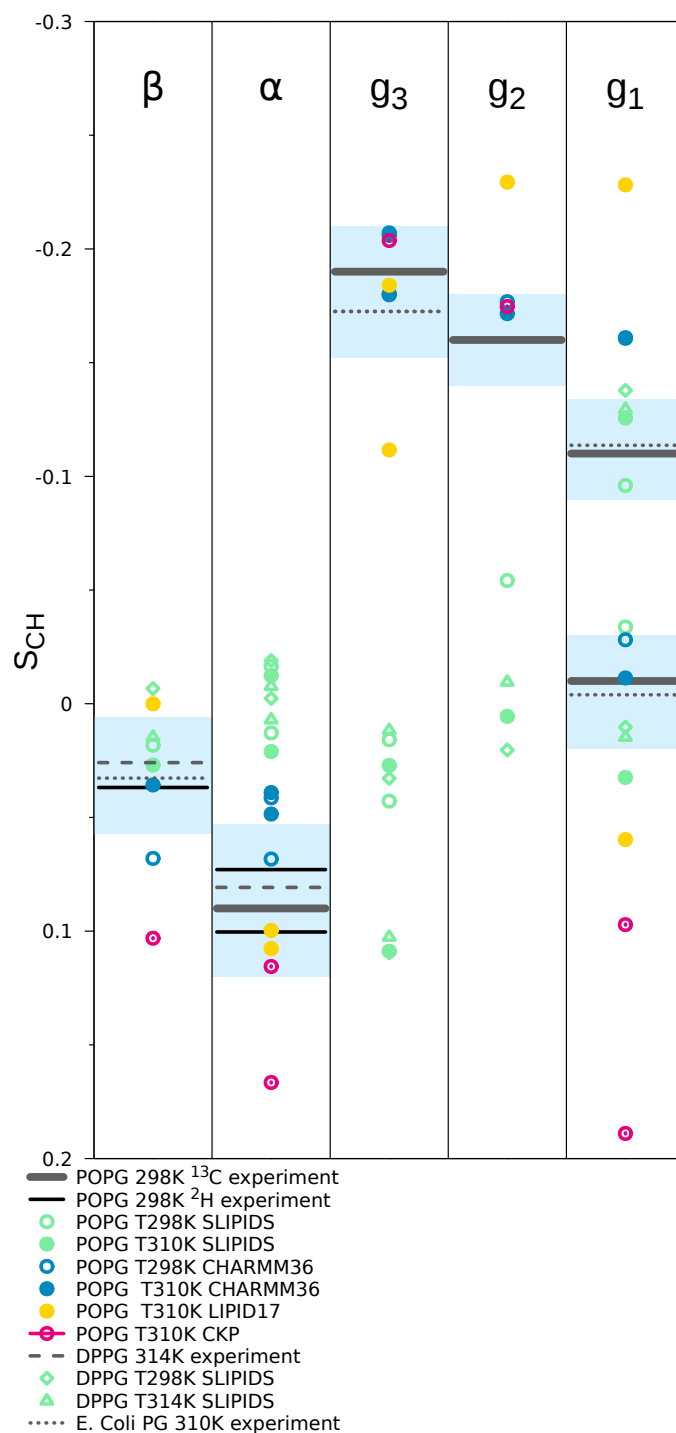


Figure S5: The headgroup and glycerol backbone order parameters of PG lipids from experiments (POPG and signs from this work and from Ref. 6, DPPG with 100mM NaCl from Ref. 3, and E. Coli PG results from Ref. 5) and simulations with different force fields.

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S3 PC headgroup in mixtures with PE or PG lipids

Headgroup order parameters of PC lipids are unchanged upon addition of zwitterionic lipids or cholesterol in experiments, but increase upon addition of negatively charged PG or PS lipids because headgroup dipole tilts more parallel to the membrane plane after incorporation of negative charges into the membrane.^{7,10,11} The response of PC headgroup order parameters to the addition of PE or PG lipids from different simulations is compared with experiments in figure S6. None of the simulations reproduce neither the experimentally observed increase in PC headgroup order parameters with increasing amount of PG nor the related tilting of the headgroup more parallel with the membrane. Similar observations in our previous work for PS lipids were explained by the overestimated counterion binding affinity that neutralizes the effect of added negative charge.² All simulations except Berger-OPLS predict tilting of P-N headgroup outwards from the membrane and decrease of PC headgroup order parameters upon addition of PE lipids. These results are not in line with experiments where the PC headgroup order parameters are not affected by zwitterionic lipids.⁷ The good performance of Berger-OPLS simulations in here is surprising because headgroup conformational ensemble is not very close to experiments in this model and the response of headgroup order parameters to cholesterol was significantly overestimated by the Berger/Höltje force field in our previous work.¹

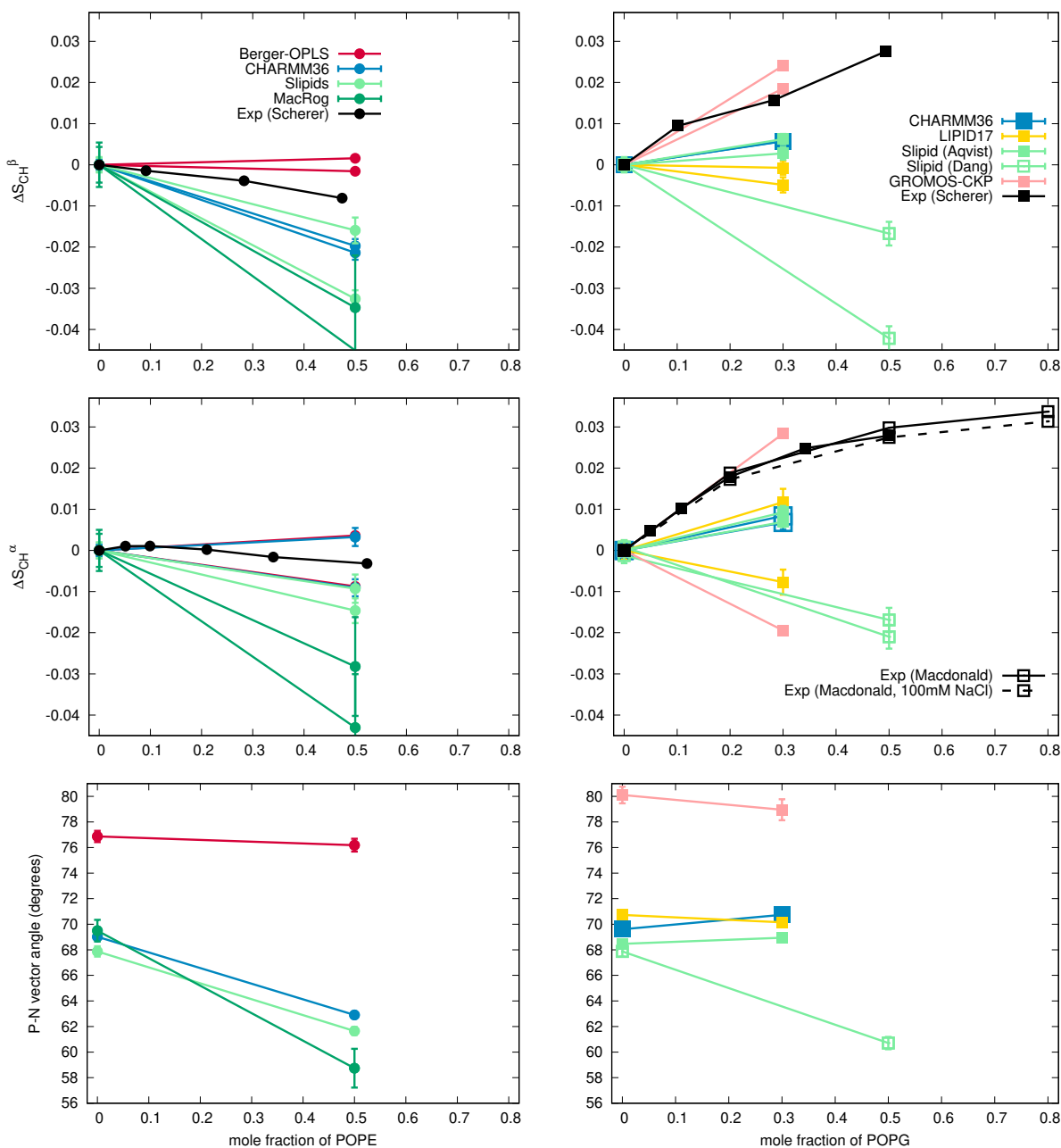


Figure S6: Modulation of POPC headgroup order parameters with increasing amount of POPE (left) and POPG (right) in bilayer from experiments at 298 K^{7,8} and simulations with different force fields (temperatures listed in tables S3 and S4 are between 298-310 K). Signs are determined as discussed in Refs. 1,9.

S4 PG headgroup in mixtures with PC lipids

Changes in other than PC lipid headgroup with changing membrane composition are less extensively characterized in the literature. The β -carbon order parameter in PG headgroup increases mildly⁸ or is unchanged⁶ upon increasing amount of PC lipids (Fig. S7), but experimental data from α -carbon is not available. Also the tested force fields predict very small changes for the β -carbon order parameter, while the P-N vector tilt and its response to the increased amount of PC varies significantly between force fields in figure S7. Therefore, more experimental data and more accurate force fields are still required to resolve the PG conformational ensembles in mixtures with other lipids.

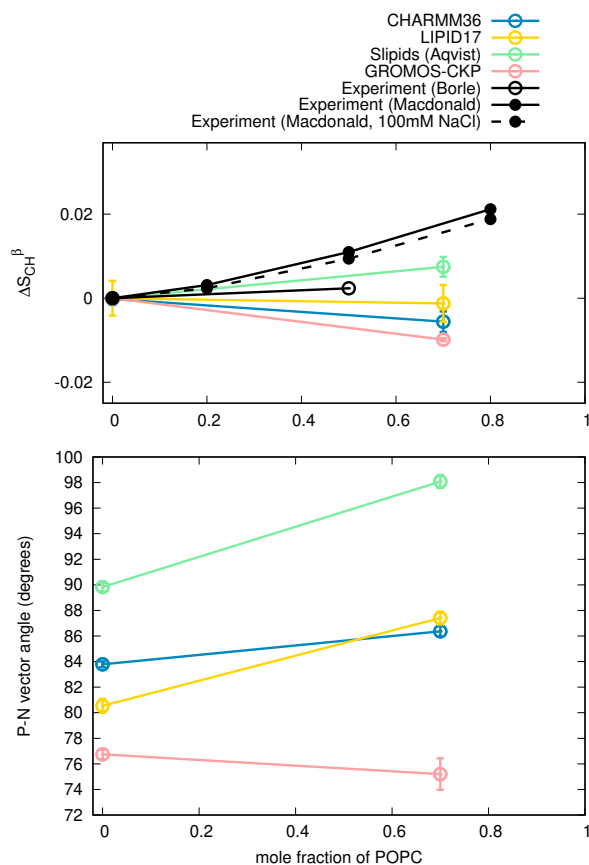


Figure S7: Modulation of PG lipid headgroup order parameters with the increasing amount of PC in lipid bilayer from experiments at 298 K^{6,8} and simulations with different force fields at 310 K.

S5 Calcium binding to POPC:POPG mixtures

The changes of headgroup order parameters in POPC:POPG mixtures upon addition of CaCl_2 between different simulations and experiments^{6,8} are compared in figures S8 (molar ratio 1:1) and S10 (molar ratio 4:1). The results are in line with our previous studies: most force fields overestimate the calcium binding,^{2,12} but CHARMM36 with the NBfix correction underestimates the binding affinity,² and the implicit inclusion of electronic polarizability using the electronic continuum correction (ECC) improves the results.^{13,14}

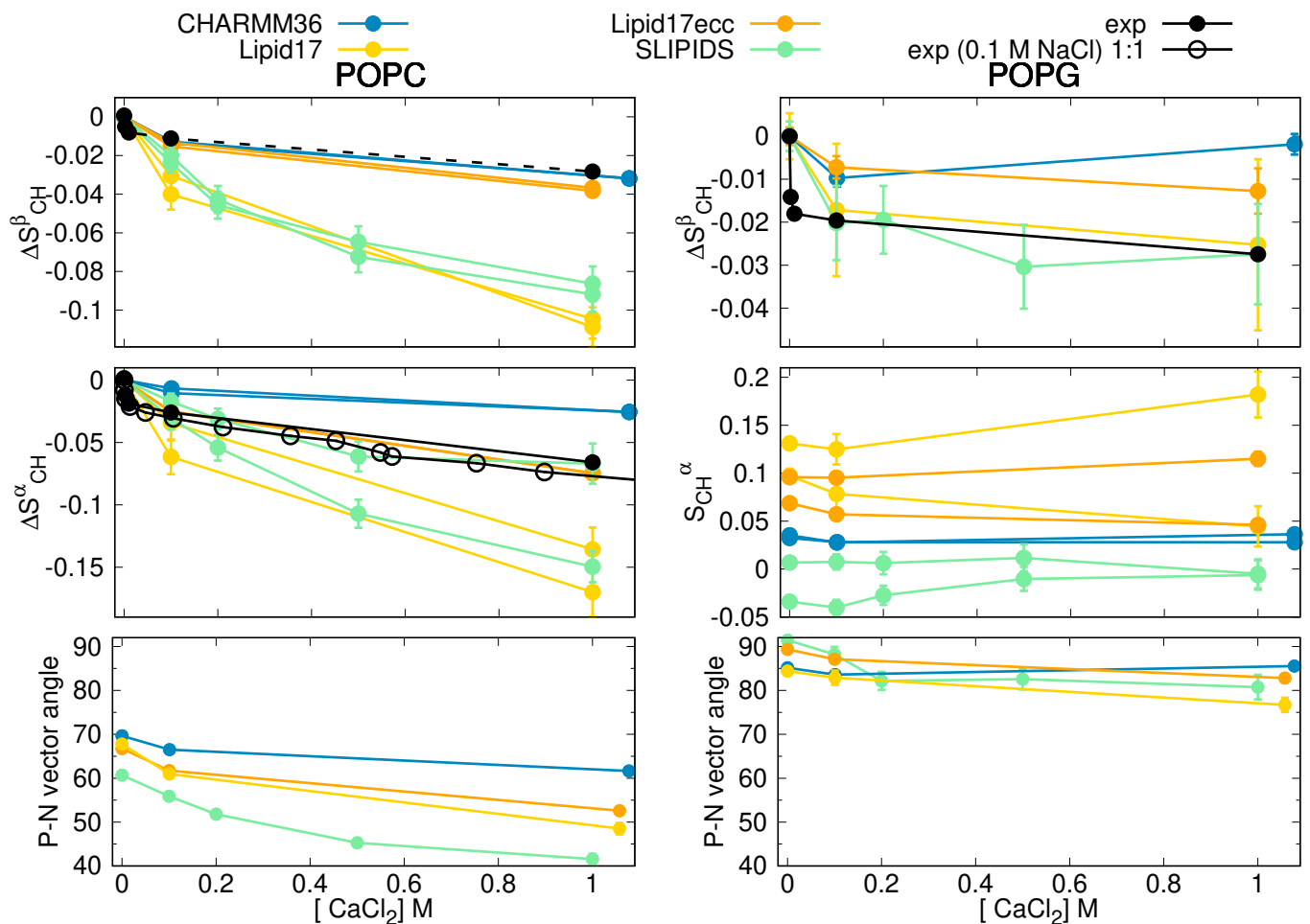


Figure S8: Modulation of headgroup order parameters of POPC (*left*) and POPG (*right*) in POPC:POPG (1:1) mixture upon addition of CaCl_2 in 298 K temperature from experiments^{6,8} and simulations. The β -carbon order parameter of POPC (dashed line on top left) is not directly measured but calculated from empirical relation $\Delta S_\beta = 0.43\Delta S_\alpha$.¹⁵ The changes with respect to the systems without CaCl_2 are shown for other data than for the α -carbon of POPG for which experimental order parameter is not available. Calcium density distributions are shown in figure S9.

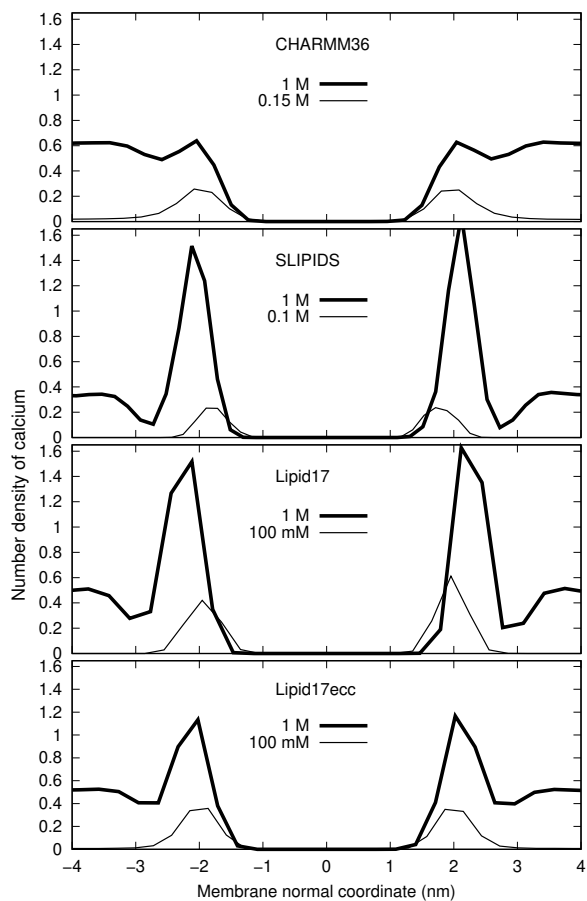


Figure S9: Calcium ion density profiles along membrane normal from simulations of POPC:POPG (1:1) mixtures with different force fields. The changes in the order parameters upon addition of CaCl_2 are compared with experiments in figure S8 in the main text.

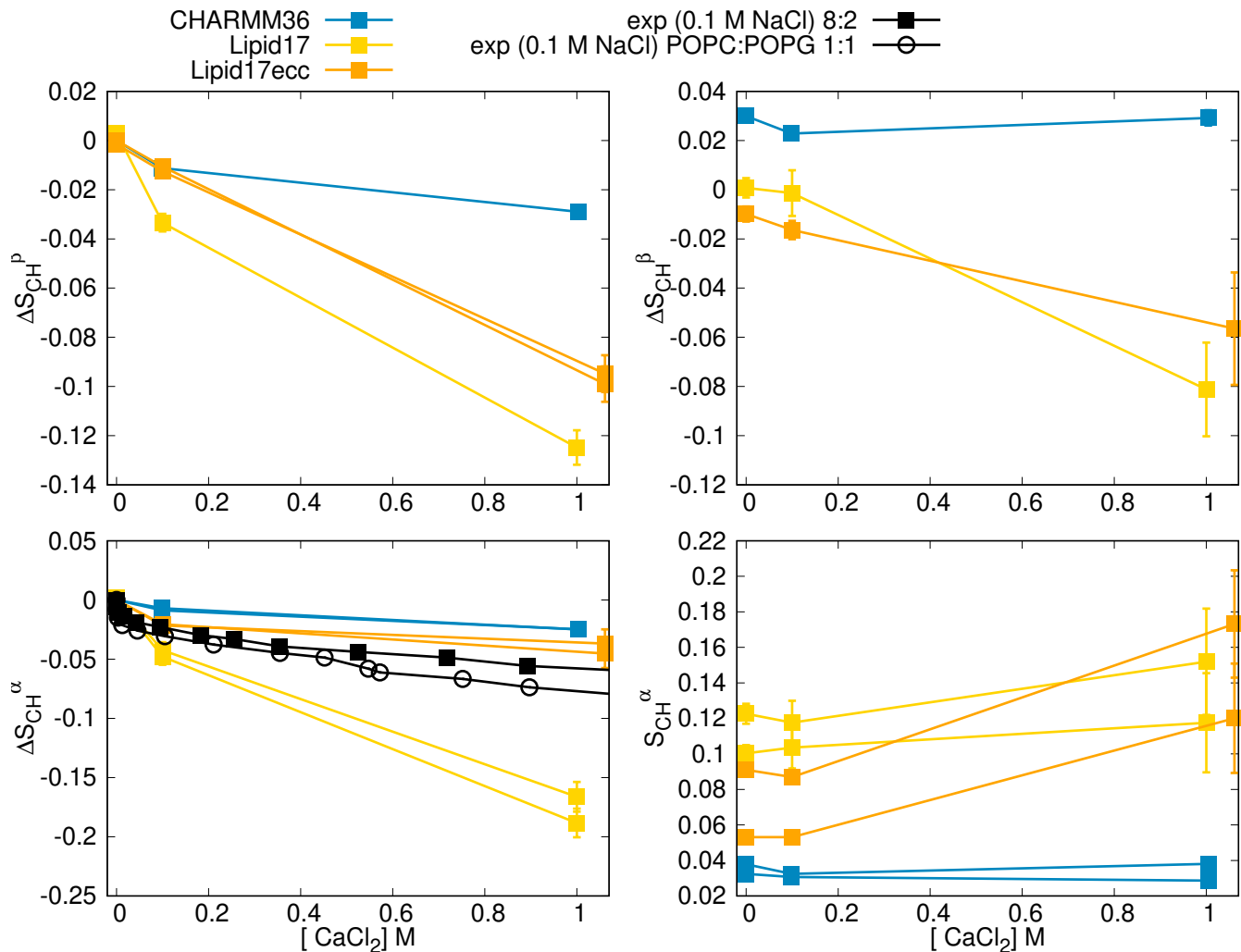


Figure S10: Modulation of headgroup order parameters of POPC (*left*) and POPG (*right*) in POPC:POPG (4:1) mixture upon addition of CaCl_2 in 298 K temperature from experiments⁸ and simulations. The changes with respect to the systems without CaCl_2 are shown for other data than for the α -carbon of POPG for which experimental order parameter is not available.

5. There is something wrong the Lipid17ecc data at 1M, a new simulation is coming.

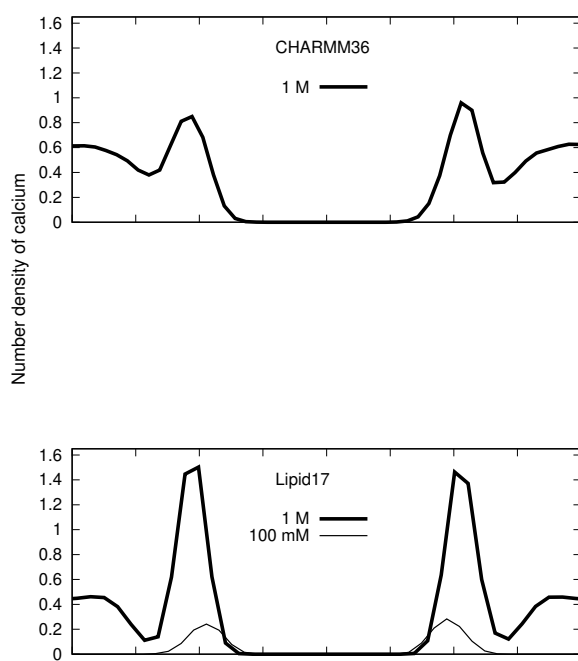


Figure S11: Calcium ion density profiles along membrane normal from simulations of POPC:POPG (4:1) mixtures with different force fields.

6.Density profiles from Lipid17ecc data will be added when we have the new simulations at 1M.

S6 Changes in headgroup conformations upon addition of CaCl_2

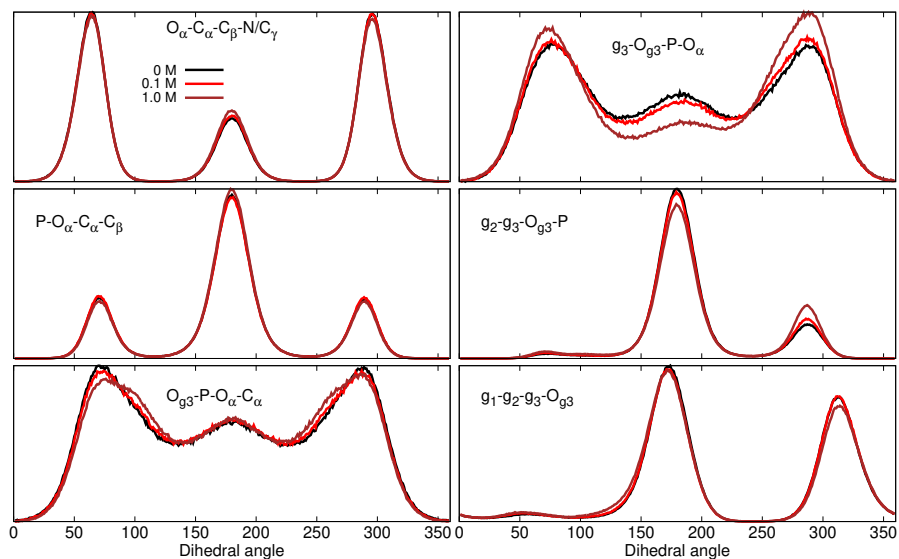


Figure S12: Changes in POPC lipid17ecc dihedrals with increasing amount of CaCl_2 .

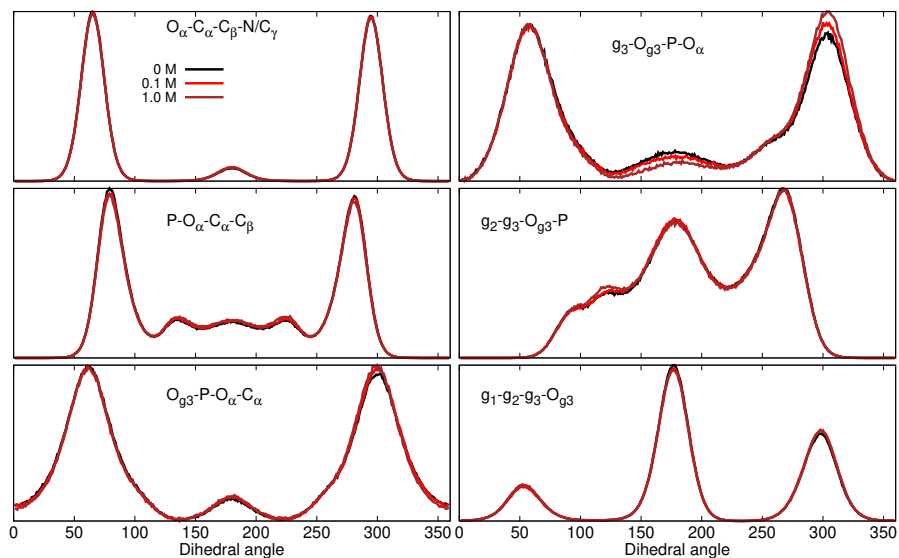


Figure S13: Changes in POPC CHARMM36 dihedrals with increasing amount of CaCl_2 .

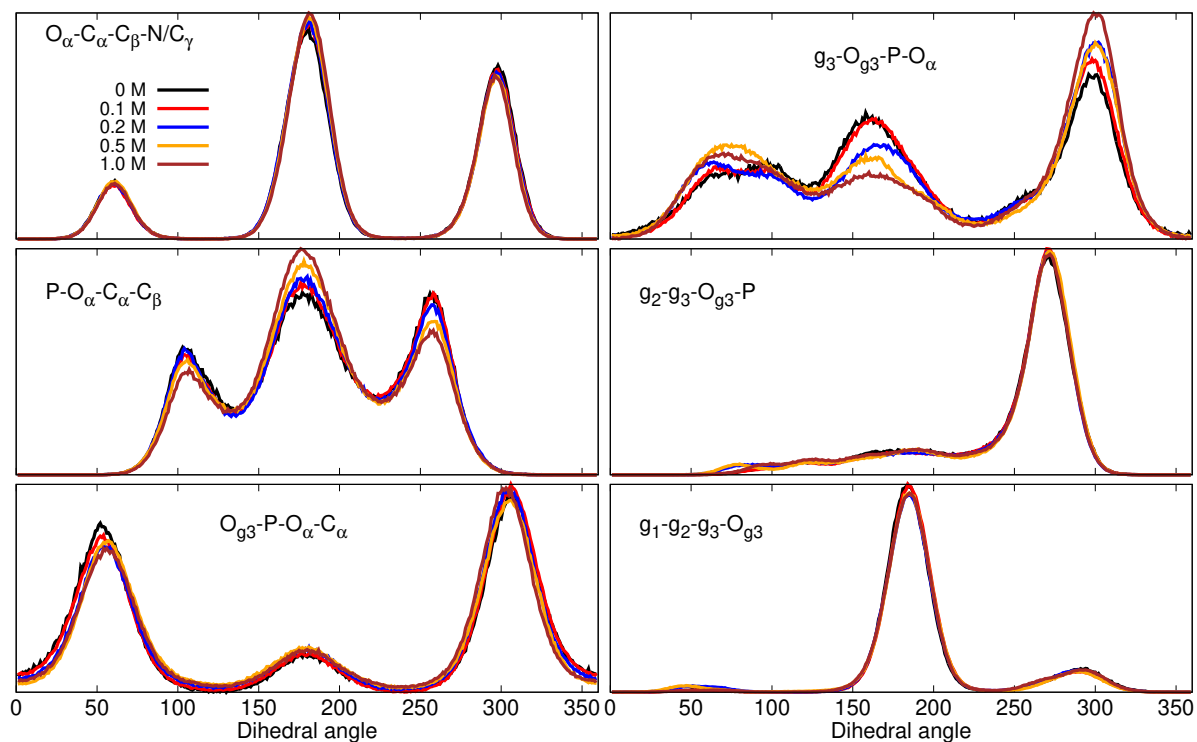


Figure S14: Changes in POPG Slipids dihedrals with increasing amount of CaCl_2 .

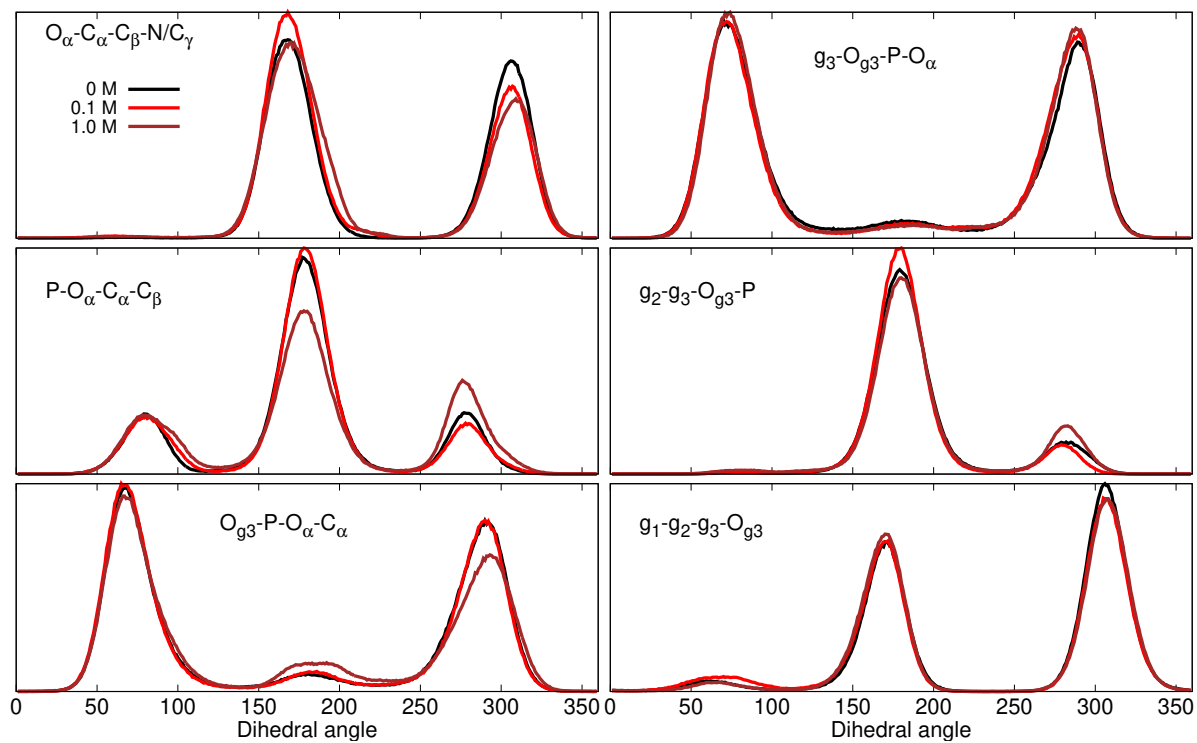


Figure S15: Changes in POPG lipid17 dihedrals with increasing amount of CaCl_2 .

S7 Simulated systems

S7.1 CHARMM36

POPE [29.Simulation details by M. Javanainen.](#)

POPE with additional NaCl [30.Simulation details by A. Peon.](#)

POPG [31.Simulation details by Ollila.](#)

POPG with additional NaCl [32.Simulation details by A. Peon.](#)

POPC:POPE mixtures Data is available at.^{66,67} 300 K with v-rescale ($\tau=0.1$ ps), 1 bar with PR semiisotropic ($\tau=4$ ps, compressibility= $4.5\text{e-}5$ bar⁻¹), PME order 4 and space 0.12, rcoulomb and rvdw 1.0, 128 lipids per leaflet, no ion [33.Full simulation details by Fuchs et al.](#)

POPC:POPG mixture with additional calcium [34.Simulation details by A. Kiirikki.](#)

POPC and POPC:POPG (7:3) mixture [35.Simulation details by A. Peon.](#)

S7.2 CHARMM36ua

POPE Data is available at.¹⁹ [36.Simulation details by T. Piggot.](#)

S7.3 Slipids

POPE Data is available at.²² [37.Simulation details by T. Piggot.](#)

POPE with additional NaCl [38.Simulation details by A. Peon.](#) I have assumed that ion parameters are default Slipids, i.e., Åqvist, please correct if this is not true.

DPPE Data is available at.²¹ [39.Simulation details by F. Favela.](#)

POPG Data is available at.⁴⁸ [40.Simulation details by F. Favela.](#) I have assumed that ion parameters are default Slipids, i.e., Åqvist, please correct if this is not true.

POPG with additional NaCl [41.Simulation details by A. Peon.](#) I have assumed that ion parameters are default Slipids, i.e., Åqvist, please correct if this is not true.

DPPG Data in 298 K is available at⁵⁰ and in 314 K at.⁴⁹ [42.Simulation details by F. Favela.](#) I have assumed that ion parameters are default Slipids, i.e., Åqvist, please correct if this is not true.

Table S1: List of MD simulations with PE lipids.

lipid/counter-ions	force field for lipids / ions	NaCl (M)	^a N _l	^b N _w	^c N _c	^d T (K)	^e t _{sim} (ns)	^f t _{anal} (ns)	^g files
POPE	CHARMM36 [?]	0	144	5760	0	310	500	400	16
POPE	CHARMM36 [?]	0	500	25000	0	310	500	100	17
POPE	CHARMM36 [?]	0.11	500	25000	50	310	500	100	18
POPE	CHARMM36ua [?]	0	336	15254	0	310	2×200	2×100	19
DPPE	Slipids ²⁰	0	288	9386	0	336	200	100	21
POPE	Slipids ²⁰	0	336	?	0	310	2×200	2×100	22
POPE	Slipids ²⁰	0	500	25000	0	310	500	100	23
POPE	Slipids / Åqvist ^{20,24}	0.11	500	25000	50	310	500	100	25
DPPE	GROMOS-CKP [?]	0	128	3655	0	342	2×500	2×400	26
POPE	GROMOS-CKP [?]	0	128	3552	0	313	2×500	2×400	27
POPE	GROMOS-CKP [?]	0	500	25000	0	310	500	100	28
POPE	GROMOS-CKP [?]	0.11	500	25000	50	310	500	100	29
DOPE	GROMOS-CKP [?]	0	128	4789	0	271	2×500	2×400	30
POPE	GROMOS 43A1-S3 [?]	0	128	3552	0	313	2×200	2×100	31
POPE	OPLS-UA vdW on H [?]	0	128	3328	0	303	2×200	2×100	32
POPE	OPLS-UA [?]	0	128	3328	0	303	2×200	2×100	33
POPE	OPLS-MacRog ³⁴	0	144	5760	0	310	500	350	35
POPE	OPLS-MacRog ³⁴	0	128	5120	0	300	500	300	36
POPE	Berger-Vries [?]	0	128	3552	0	303	2×200	2×100	37
POPE	Berger-largeH [?]	0	128	3552	0	303	2×200	2×100	38
DOPE	Berger-Vries [?]	0	128	4789	0	271	2×200	2×100	39
DOPE	Berger-largeH [?]	0	128	4789	0	271	2×300	2×100	40
POPE	LIPID17 ⁴¹	0	500	25000	50	310	500	100	42
POPE	LIPID17 ⁴¹	0.11	500	25000	50	310	500	100	43

^aNumber of lipid molecules with largest mole fraction

^bNumber of water molecules

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^dSimulation temperature

^eTotal simulation time

^fTime used for analysis

^gReference for simulation files

7. Simulations with added NaCl are not currently used here, maybe should be removed from the table?

8. Citation for CHARMM36 PE?

9. Which ion model is used in ¹⁸?

10. Citation for GROMOS-CKP?

11. Citation for GROMOS 43A1-S3?

12. Citation for OPLS-UA models?

13. Citations for Berger-* simulations?

14. LIPID17 simulations with correct dihedrals still coming

Table S2: List of MD simulations with PG lipids.

lipid/counter-ions	force field for lipids / ions	NaCl (M)	^a N _l	^b N _w	^c N _c	^d T (K)	^e t _{sim} (ns)	^f t _{anal} (ns)	^g files
POPG/K ⁺	CHARMM36 [?] 15.	0	118	4110	0	298	100	100	44
POPG	CHARMM36 [?]	0.11	500	25000	49	310	500	100	45
POPG	CHARMM36 [?]	0	500	25000	0	310	500	100	46
POPG/Na ⁺	Slipids / Åqvist ^{24,47}	0	288	10664	0	298	250	100	48
DPPG/Na ⁺	Slipids / Åqvist ^{24,47}	0	288	11232	0	314	200	100	49
DPPG/Na ⁺	Slipids / Åqvist ^{24,47}	0	288	11232	0	298	400	100	50
POPG	Slipids / Åqvist ^{24,47}	0	500	25000	0	310	500	100	51
POPG	Slipids / Åqvist ^{24,47}	0.11	500	25000	49	310	500	100	52
POPG	LIPID17 / Dang ^{41,53}	0	500	25000	0	310	500	100	54
POPG	LIPID17 [?]	0.11	500	25000	49	310	500	100	55
POPG	GROMOS-CKP [?]	0	500	25000	0	310	500	100	56
POPG	GROMOS-CKP [?]	0.11	500	25000	49	310	500	100	57

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17. Citations and ion model for CHARMM36?

18. Lipid17 simulation with ions with correct dihedral potentials still coming?

19. Citation and ion model for GROMOS-CKP?

Table S3: List of MD simulations with PE and PG lipids mixed with PC.

lipid/counter-ions	force field for lipids / ions	NaCl (M)	CaCl ₂ (M)	^a N _l	^b N _w	^c N _c	^d T (K)	^e t _{sim} (ns)	^f t _{anal} (ns)	^g files
POPC	CHARMM36 [?]	0	0	500	25000	0	310	500	100	58
POPC:POPG (7:3)	CHARMM36 [?]	0	0	350	25000	0	310	500	100	59
POPC:POPG (1:1)	CHARMM36 [?]	0	0	150:150	31500	0	298	500	400	60
POPC:POPG (1:1)	CHARMM36 [?]	0	0.1	150:150	31329	57	298	400	300	61
POPC:POPG (1:1)	CHARMM36 [?]	0	1.08	150:150	29766	578	298	500	400	62
POPC:POPG (4:1)	CHARMM36 [?]	0	0	350:88	26280	0	298	500	400	63
POPC:POPG (4:1)	CHARMM36 [?]	0	0.1	350:88	26280	47	298	500	400	64
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POPC	CHARMM36 [?]	0	0	256	8704	0	300	300	250	66
POPC:POPE (1:1)	CHARMM36 [?]	0	0	128	8704	0	300	300	250	67
POPC	OPLS-MacRog ³⁴	0	0	128	5120	0	300	500	300	68
POPC:POPE (1:1)	OPLS-MacRog ³⁴	0	0	128	5120	0	300	500	300	69
POPC	Slipid ²⁰	0	0	512	23943	0	298	170	100	70
POPC:POPE (1:1)	Slipid ²⁰	0	0	128	5120	0	298	500	300	71
POPC	GROMOS-CKP / ?? [?] ?	0	0	500	25000	0	310	500	100	72
POPC:POPG (7:3)	GROMOS-CKP / ?? [?] ?	0	0	350:150	25000	0	310	500	100	73
POPC	Slipid ²⁰	0	0	500	25000	0	310	500	100	74
POPC:POPG (7:3)	Slipid / Åqvist ^{20,24}	0	0	350:150	25000	0	310	500	100	75
POPC:POPG (1:1)	Slipid / Dang ^{20,53,76,77}	0	0	128:128	12800	0	298	500	400	78
POPC:POPG (1:1)	Slipid / Dang ^{20,53,76,77}	0	0.1	128:128	12800	23	298	500	400	78
POPC:POPG (1:1)	Slipid / Dang ^{20,53,76,77}	0	0.2	128:128	12800	46	298	1500	500	78
POPC:POPG (1:1)	Slipid / Dang ^{20,53,76,77}	0	0.5	128:128	12800	115	298	1500	500	78
POPC:POPG (1:1)	Slipid / Dang ^{20,53,76,77}	0	1.0	128:128	12800	230	298	1500	500	78

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POPC:POPG (4:1)	Lipid17 / Dang ^{41,53,77}	0	0	350:88	26265	0	298	400	350	79
POPC:POPG (4:1)	Lipid17 / Dang ^{41,53,77}	0	0.1	350:88	26124	47	298	400	250	80
POPC:POPG (4:1)	Lipid17 / Dang ^{41,53,77}	0	1.0	350:88	24840	475	298	1200	200	81
POPC:POPG (1:1)	Lipid17 / Dang ^{41,53,77}	0	0	150:150	31572	0	298	320	200	82
POPC:POPG (1:1)	Lipid17 / Dang ^{41,53,77}	0	0.1	150:150	31401	57	298	718	198	83
POPC:POPG (1:1)	Lipid17 / Dang ^{41,53,77}	0	1.0	150:150	29865	569	298	720	200	84
POPC:POPG (4:1)	Lipid17ecc / ECC-ions ⁸⁵⁻⁸⁷	0	0	350:88	26265	0	298	400	300	88
POPC:POPG (4:1)	Lipid17ecc / ECC-ions ⁸⁵⁻⁸⁷	0	0.1	350:88	26124	47	298	400	300	89
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POPC:POPG (1:1)	Lipid17ecc / ECC-ions ⁸⁵⁻⁸⁷	0	0	150:150	31572	0	298	347.8	333	91
POPC:POPG (1:1)	Lipid17ecc / ECC-ions ⁸⁵⁻⁸⁷	0	0.1	150:150	29865	54	298	400	300	92
POPC:POPG (1:1)	Lipid17ecc / ECC-ions ⁸⁵⁻⁸⁷	0	1.0	150:150	29865	569	298	600	400	93
POPC	Berger [?] 22.	0	0	256	10240	0	300	300	200	94
POPC:POPE (1:1)	Berger [?] 23.	0	0	128	11008	0	300	300	200	95
POPC:DOPE (1:1)	Berger [?] 24.	0	0	128	10240	0	300	300	200	96
DOPC	Berger [?] 25.	0	0	256	11008	0	300	300	200	97
DOPC:DOPE (1:1)	Berger [?] 26.	0	0	128	11008	0	300	300	200	98

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27. Citation and description for "Berger" model?

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POPC:POPG mixture with additional CaCl 44.Simulation details by M. Javanainen.

S7.4 Berger

POPE Data is available at.^{37,38} 45.Simulation details by T. Piggot.

DOPE Data is available at.^{39,40} 46.Simulation details by T. Piggot.

POPC:POPE, POPC:DOPE and DOPC:DOPE mixtures Data is available at.^{94,95} 300 K with v-rescale (tau=0.1 ps), 1 bar with PR semiisotropic (tau=4 ps, compressibility=4.5e-5 bar⁻¹), PME order 4 and space 0.12, rcoulomb and rvdw 1.0, 128 lipids per leaflet, no ion 47.Simulation details by Fuchs et al.

S7.5 GROMOS 43A1-S3

POPE Data is available at.³¹ 48.Simulation details by T. Piggot.

S7.6 OPLS-UA

POPE Data is available at.³³ 49.Simulation details by T. Piggot.

POPE with vdW interaction in H Data is available at.³² 50.Simulation details by T. Piggot.

S7.7 GROMOS-CKP and GROMOS-CKPM

POPE Data is available at.²⁷ 51.Simulation details by T. Piggot.

DOPE Data is available at.³⁰ 52.Simulation details by T. Piggot.

DPPE Data is available at.²⁶ 53.Simulation details by T. Piggot.

POPG 54.Simulation details by A. Peon.

POPC:POPG mixture 55.Simulation details by A. Peon.

S7.8 OPLS-MacRog

POPE **56.Simulation details by M. Javanainen and P. Fuchs.**

POPC:POPE mixtures **57.Simulation details by P. Fuchs.**

S7.9 Lipid17

POPE **58.Simulation details by A. Peon.**

POPG **59.Simulation details by A. Peon.**

POPC:POPG **60.Simulation details by S. Virtanen or O. H. S. Ollila.**

S7.10 Lipid17ecc

61.This is to be finished and POPC:POPG mixtures to be described In ECC-lipid models, electronic continuum correction (ECC) is applied to implicitly include the missing electronic polarizability into the force field description.^{13?} In practise, this is implemented by scaling the charges and Lennard-Jones σ s of headgroup, glycerol backbone, and carbonyl regions of Amber Lipid14/17 models are scaled by constant factors. Here, we follow the approach that previously improved ion binding to bilayers containing negatively charged PS lipids:[?] ECC-POPC parameters (scaling factors $f_q=0.8$ and $f_\sigma=0.89$ applied to Lipid14 POPC parameters)¹³ were used for POPC and scaling factors of $f_q=0.75$ and $f_\sigma=0.89$ were applied to the charges and Lennard-Jones σ s of headgroup, glycerol backbone, and carbonyl regions of Amber Lipid17 POPG parameters. The Lipid17 parameters (described above) and initial configurations were taken from Ref.⁵⁴ with the correct dihedral type, and the resulting parameters are available from Ref. ? . ECC-ion parameters with the scaled charges,⁸⁵⁻⁸⁷ downloaded from bitbucket.org/hseara/ions/src/master/, were used in these simulations.

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