

Supplementary Material for “Constant Chemical
Potential-Quantum Mechanical-Molecular Dynamics simulations of
the Graphene-electrolyte double layer”

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S.1 Numerical Integration of the Equations

The integration of the Equation 3 and Equation 5 of the main text is performed numerically. Data are first smoothed by applying the Savitzky-Golay [1] finite impulse response smoothing filter of order 3 with a window width of 5 points, implemented in Matlab. The smoothed curves obtained are then integrated using the trapezoidal rule. Error bars are computed by error propagation through the integration procedure.

	KCl	LiCl	NaCl
concentration	$\Delta\psi^0$	$\Delta\psi^0$	$\Delta\psi^0$
0.5	0.359	0.385	0.383
2.0	0.341	0.399	0.402
3.0	0.312	0.418	0.404
4.0	0.286	0.436	0.416
4.4	0.267	0.428	0.406
6.0	–	0.471	0.420

Table S.1: Electrostatic potential drop ($\Delta\psi^0$) across the interface (in V) for the neutral electrode at each ionic system and concentration considered (in M).

	KCl	LiCl	NaCl
concentration	$\Delta\psi^-$	$\Delta\psi^-$	$\Delta\psi^-$
0.5	-0.672	-0.661	-0.664
2.0	-0.668	-0.607	-0.613
3.0	-0.688	-0.584	-0.593
4.0	-0.698	-0.565	-0.580
4.4	-0.721	-0.664	-0.580
6.0	–	-0.548	-0.583

Table S.2: Electrostatic potential drop ($\Delta\psi^-$) across the interface (in V) for the charges electrode at each ionic system and concentration considered (in M).

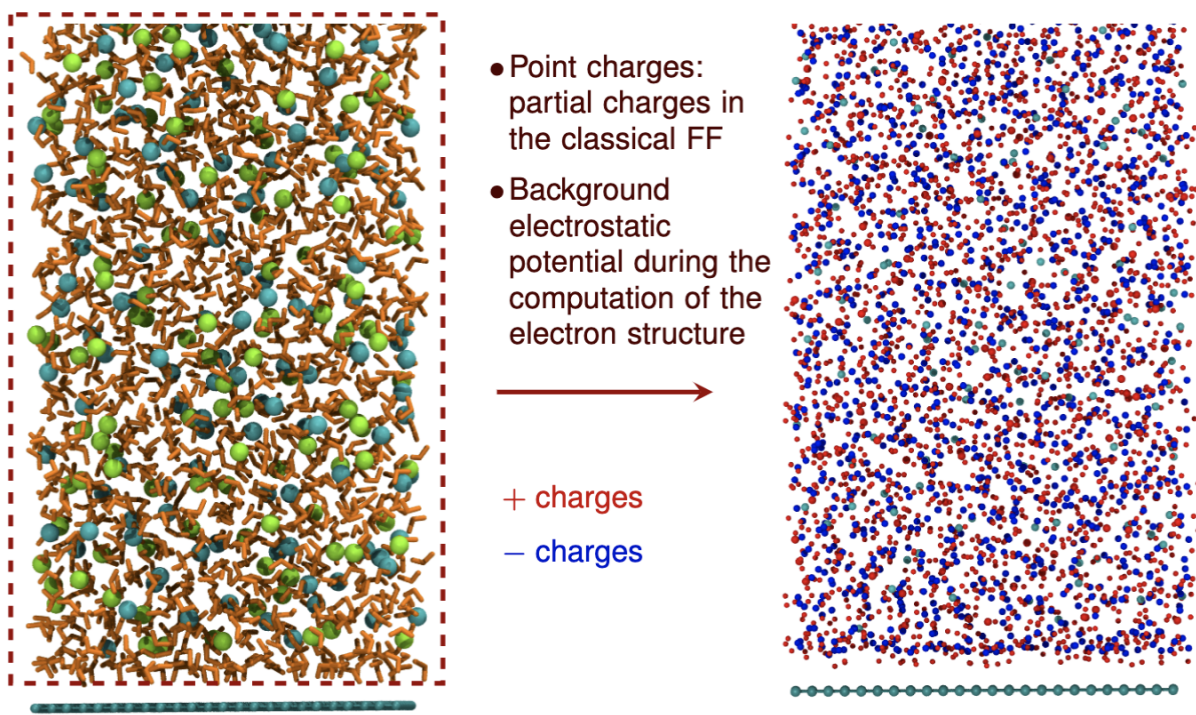


Figure S.1: Schematic of the QMMD part of the loop (represented in Figure 1 of the main paper) described in Section 2.2 of the main paper.

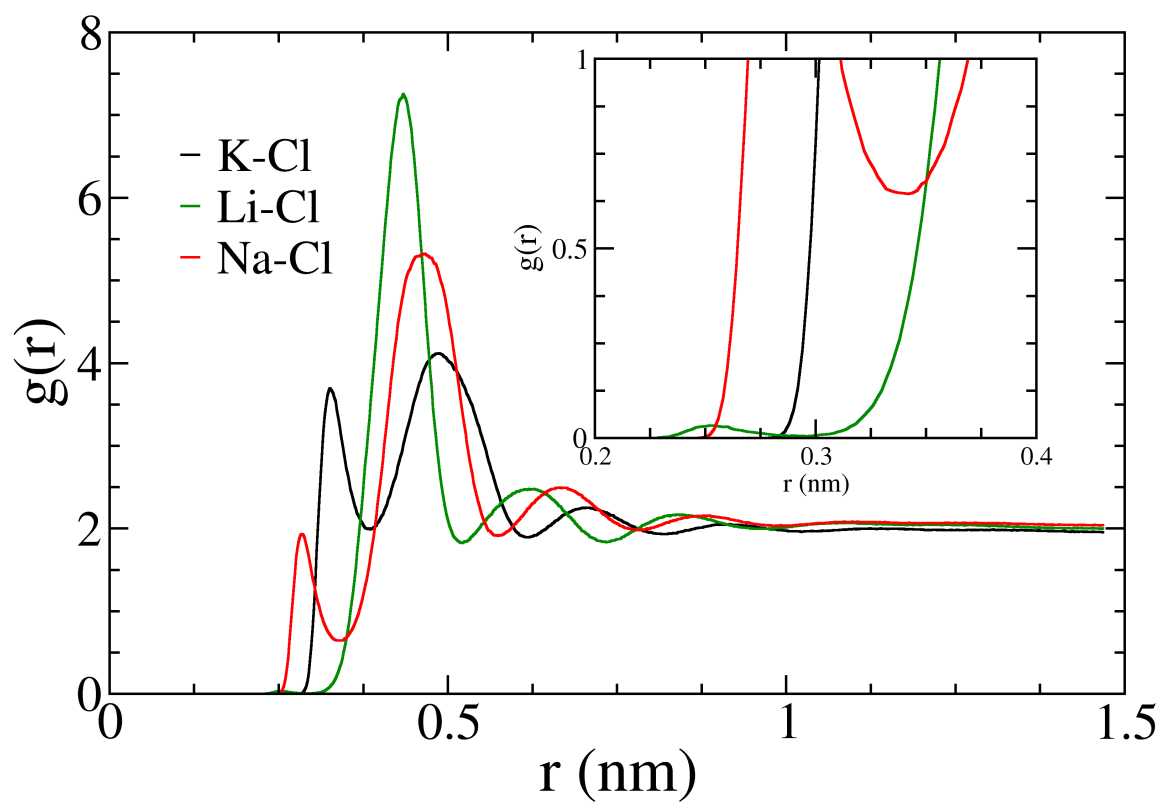


Figure S.2: Radial Distribution Function for the three systems considered. In the inset, particular of the initial region of the RDF.

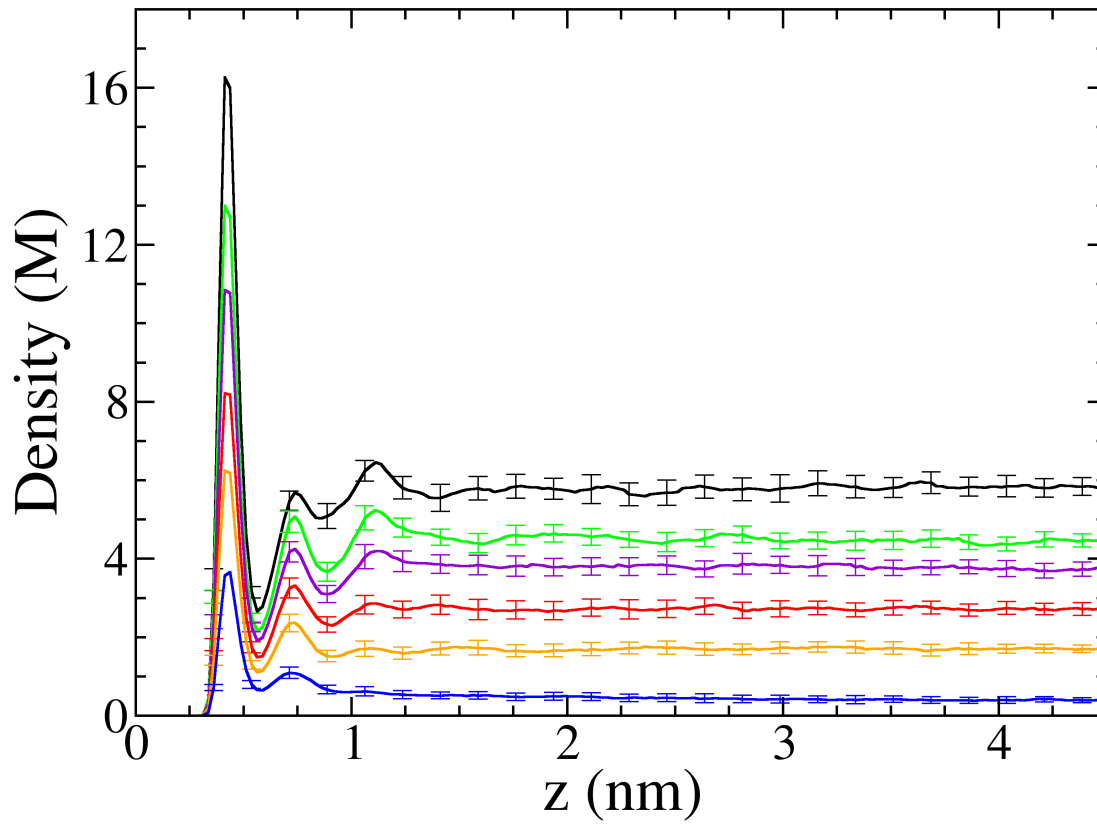


Figure S.3: Molar (M) density of Li^+ in the $\text{LiCl}(\text{aq})$ system for all the concentrations considered in this work. Blue, orange, red, magenta, green, black, curves correspond to bulk solution concentrations 0.5, 2, 3, 4, 4.4 and 6 M, respectively.

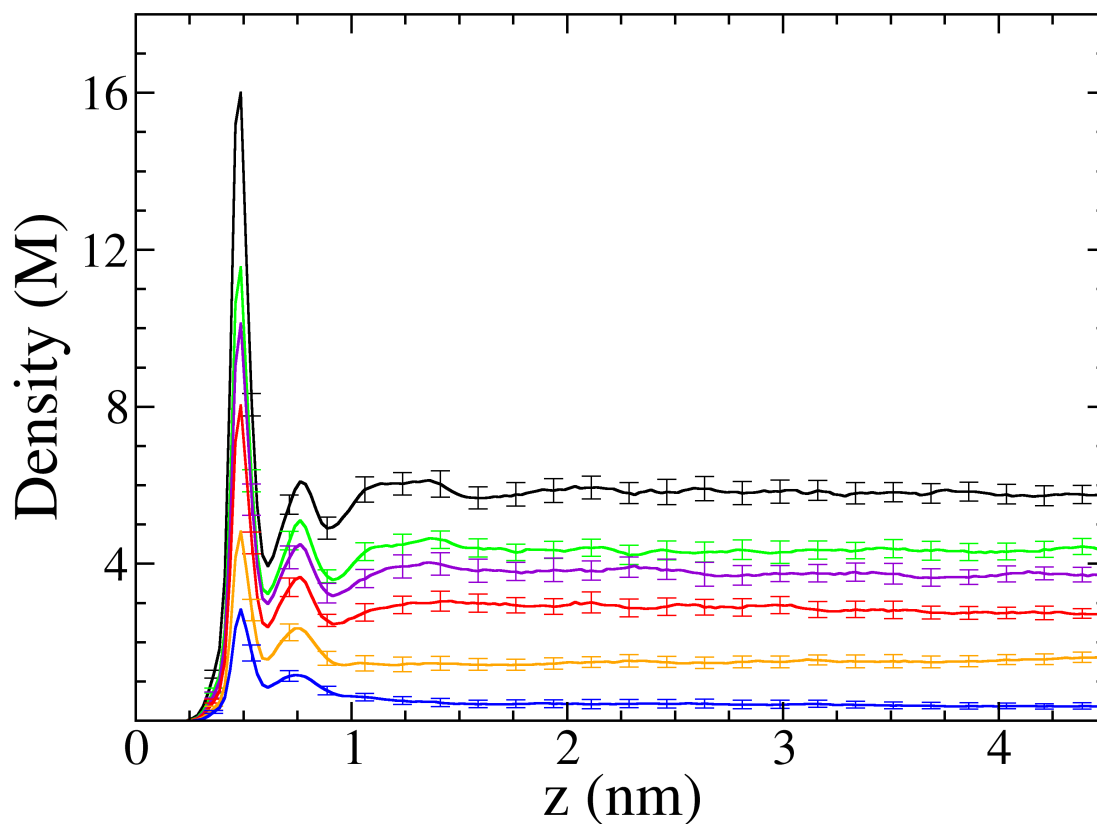


Figure S.4: Molar (M) density of the Na^+ in the $\text{NaCl}(\text{aq})$ system for all the concentrations considered in this work. Blue, orange, red, magenta, green, black, curves correspond to bulk solution concentrations 0.5, 2, 3, 4, 4.4 and 6 M, respectively.

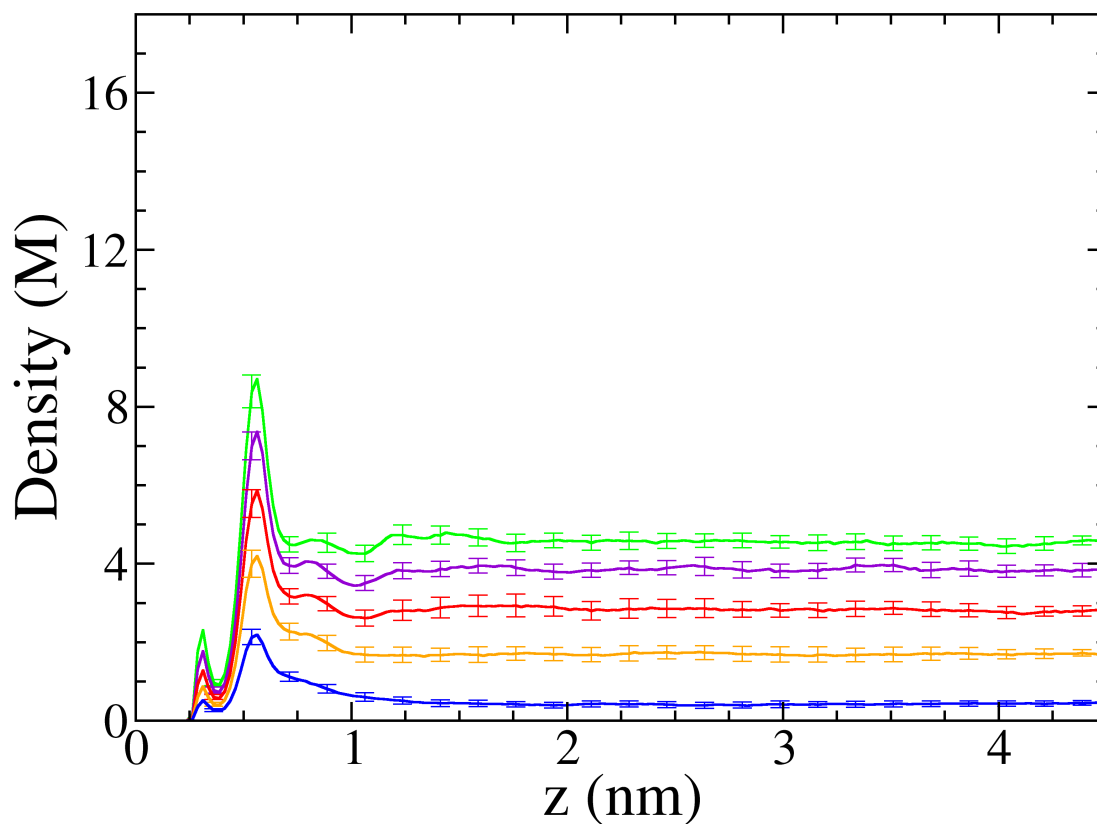


Figure S.5: Molar (M) density of K^+ in the $KCl(aq)$ system for all the concentrations considered in this work. Blue, orange, red, magenta, green, black, curves correspond to bulk solution concentrations 0.5, 2, 3, 4, 4.4 and 6 M, respectively.

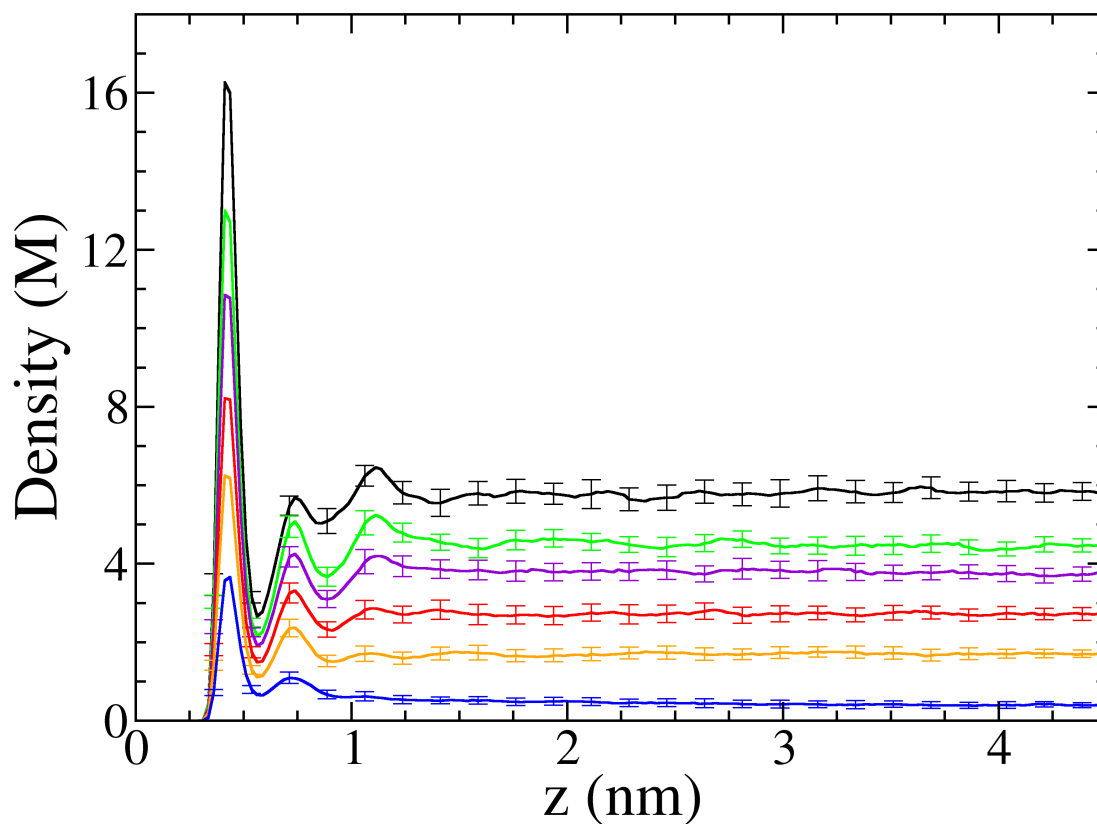


Figure S.6: Molar (M) density of the Cl^- ion in the $\text{LiCl}(\text{aq})$ system for all the concentrations considered in this work. Blue, orange, red, magenta, green, black, curves correspond to bulk solution concentrations 0.5, 2, 3, 4, 4.4 and 6 M, respectively.

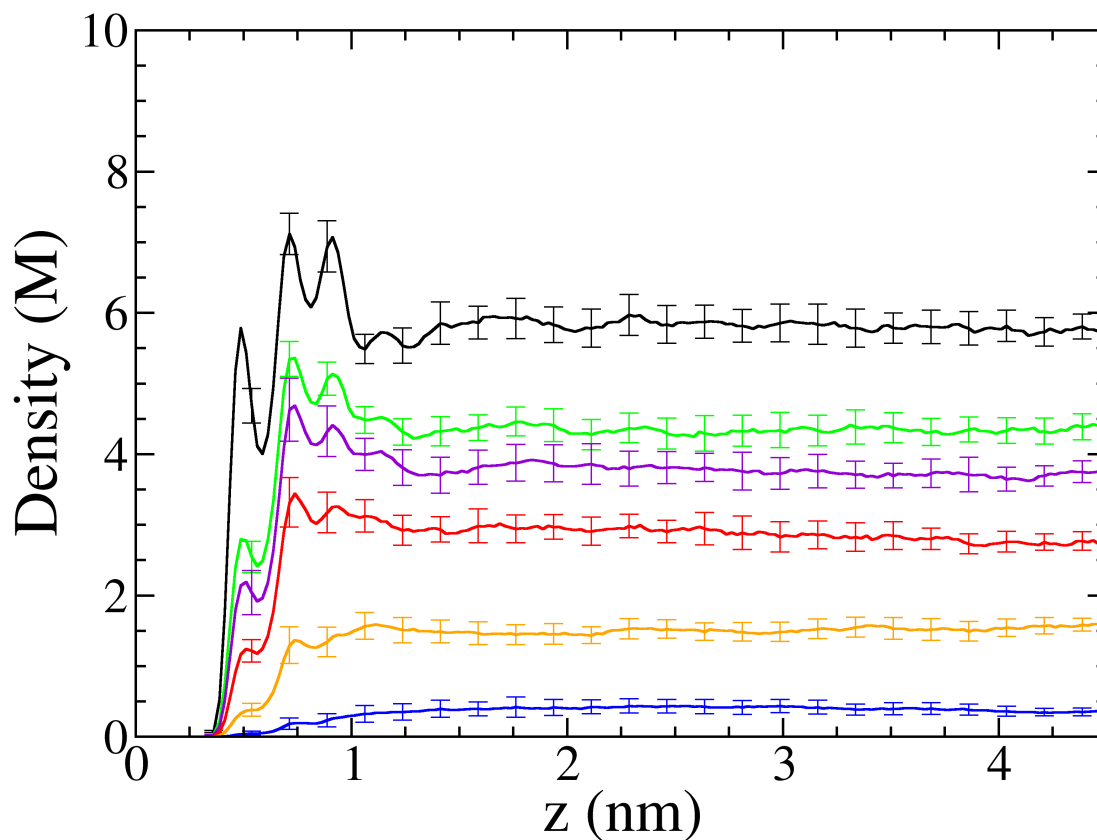


Figure S.7: Molar (M) density of the Cl^- ion in the $\text{NaCl}(\text{aq})$ system for all the concentrations considered in this work. Blue, orange, red, magenta, green, black, curves correspond to bulk solution concentrations 0.5, 2, 3, 4, 4.4 and 6 M, respectively.

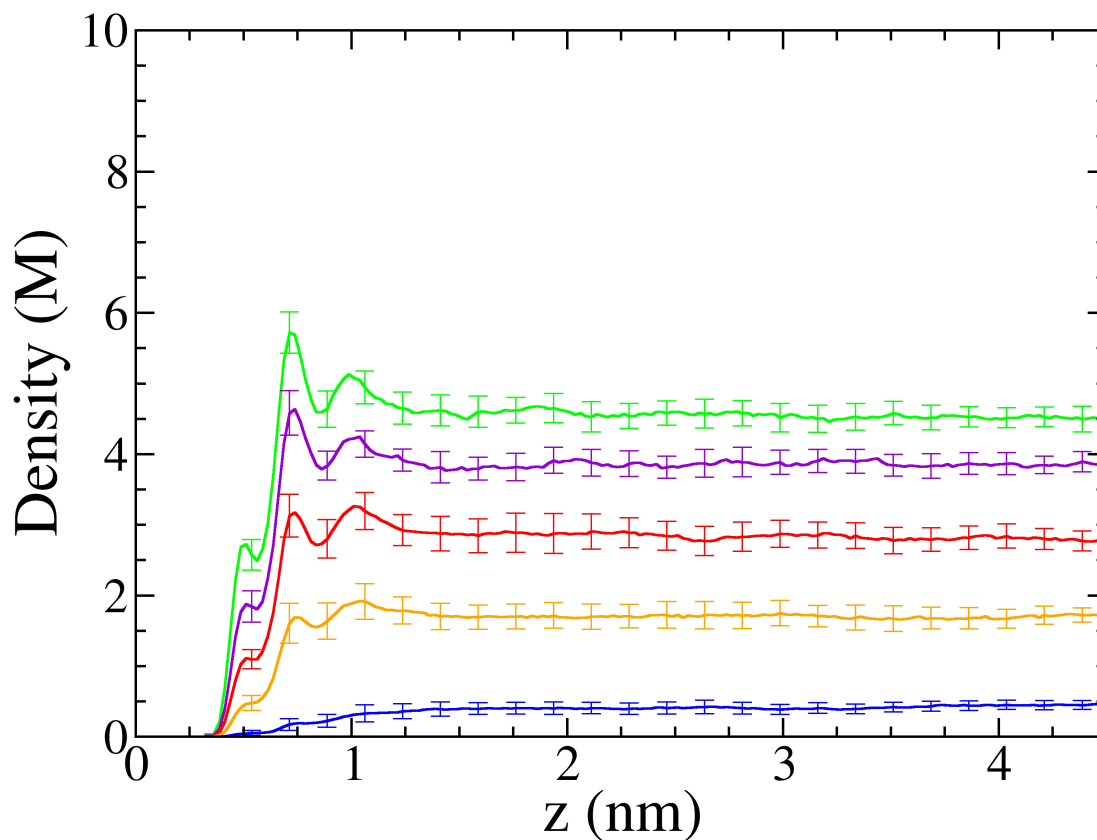


Figure S.8: Molar (M) density of the Cl^- ion in the $\text{KCl}(\text{aq})$ system for all the concentrations considered in this work. Blue, orange, red, magenta, green, black, curves correspond to bulk solution concentrations 0.5, 2, 3, 4, 4.4 and 6 M, respectively.

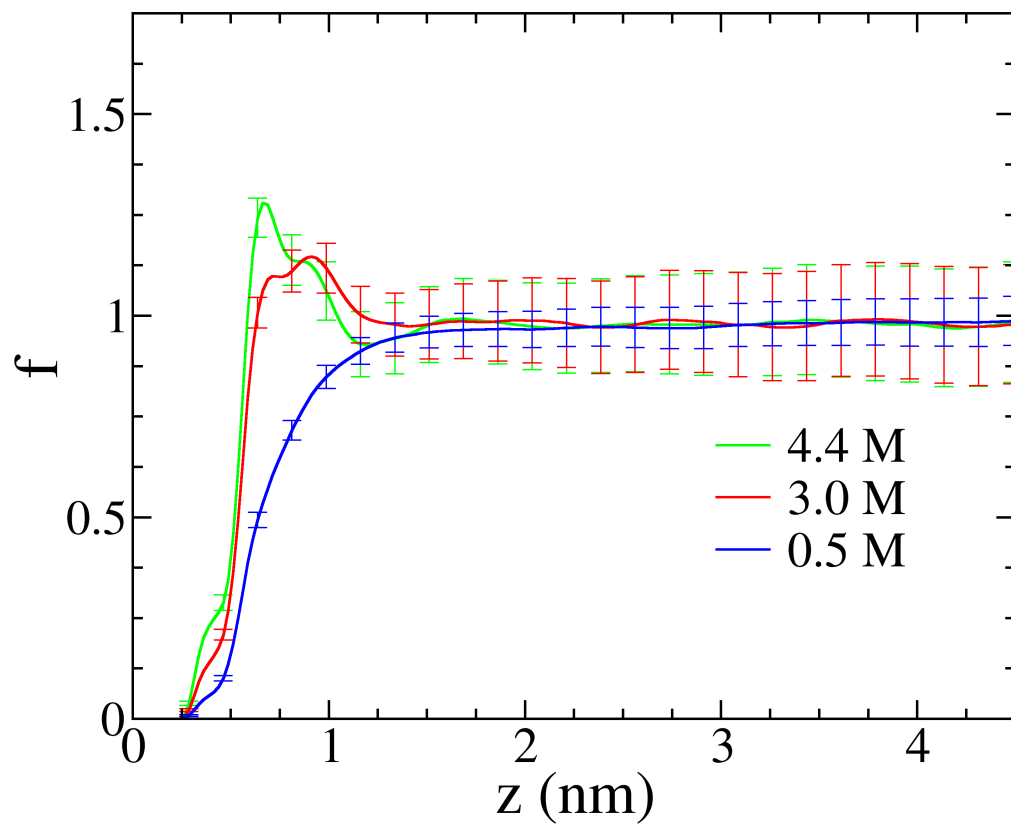


Figure S.9: Screening factor as defined in Equation 5 of the main text for the KCl(aq) system and all concentrations considered.

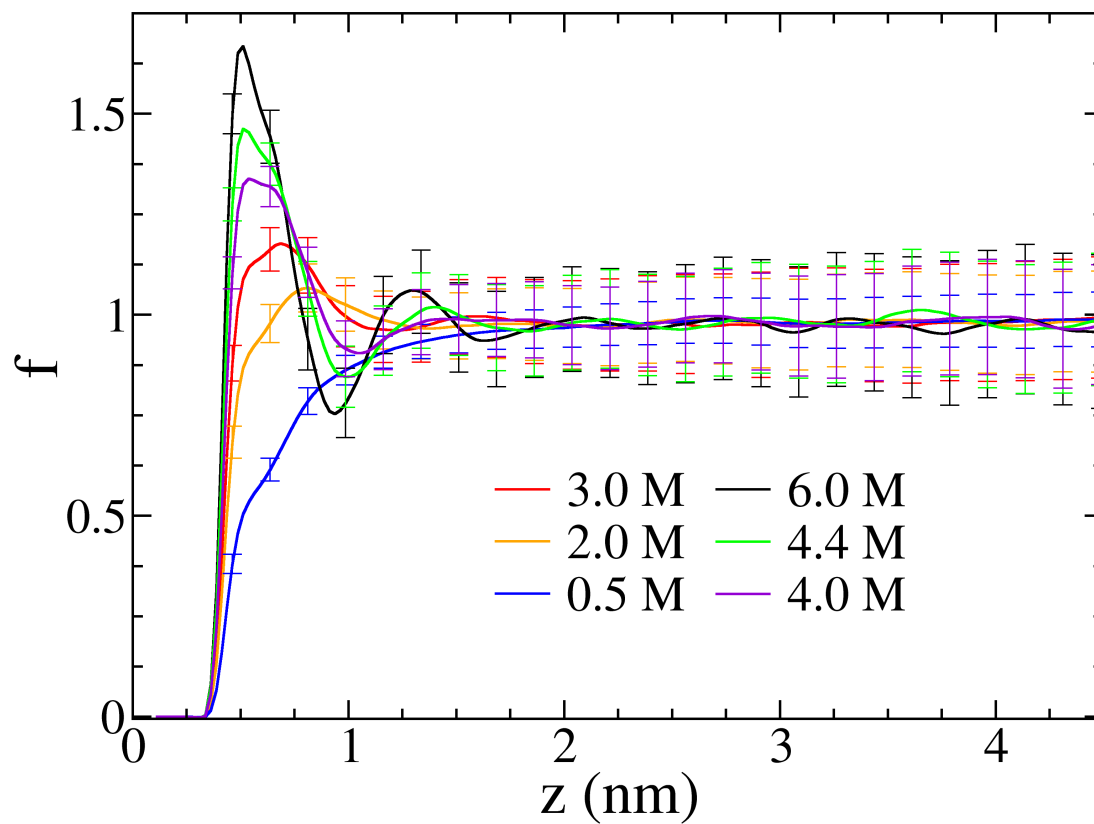


Figure S.10: Screening factor as defined in Equation 5 of the main text for the LiCl(aq) system and all concentrations considered.

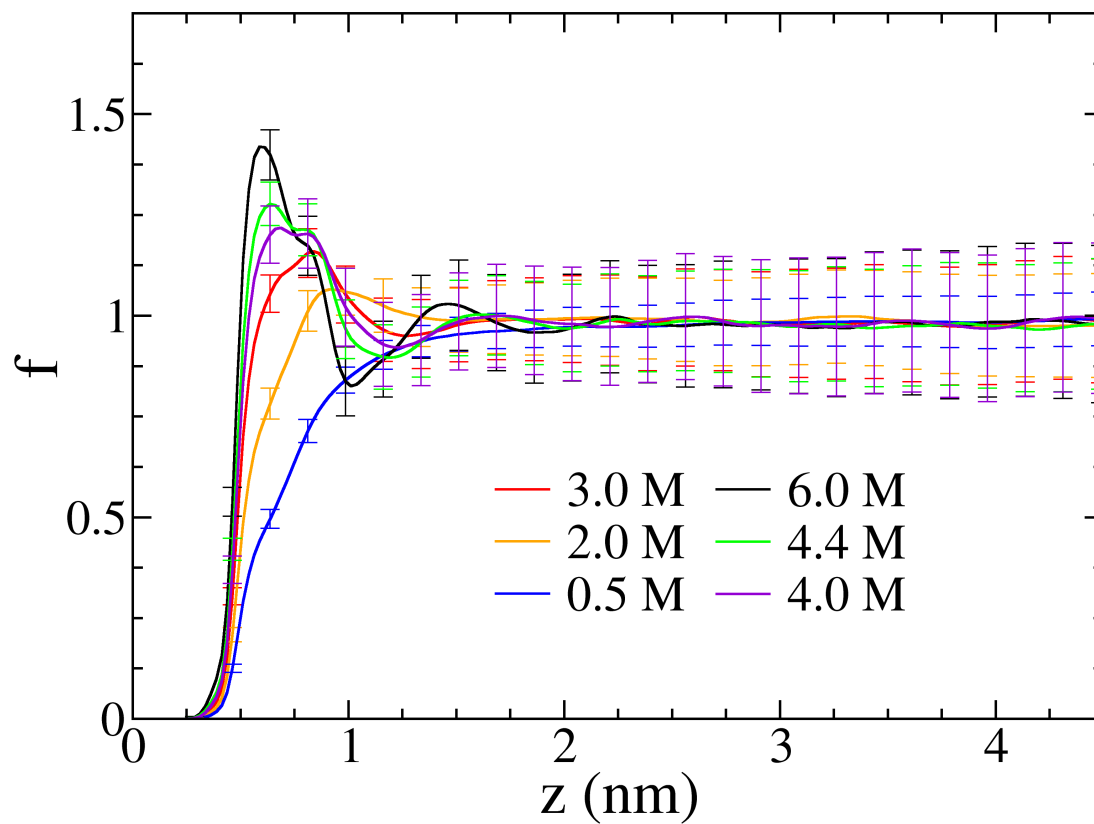


Figure S.11: Screening factor as defined in Equation 5 of the main text for the NaCl(aq) system and all concentrations considered.

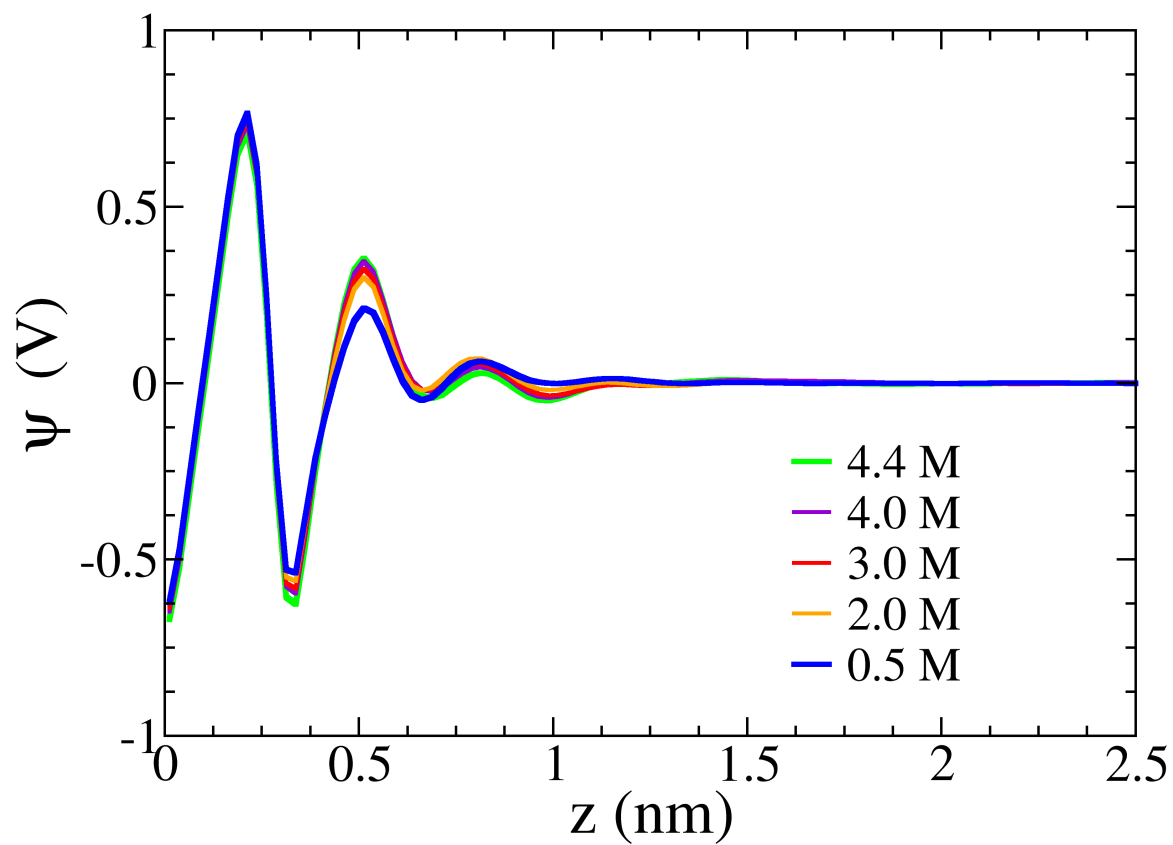


Figure S.12: Electrostatic potential as defined in Equation 4 of the main paper for the charged electrode, for the KCl(aq) system and all the concentrations considered.

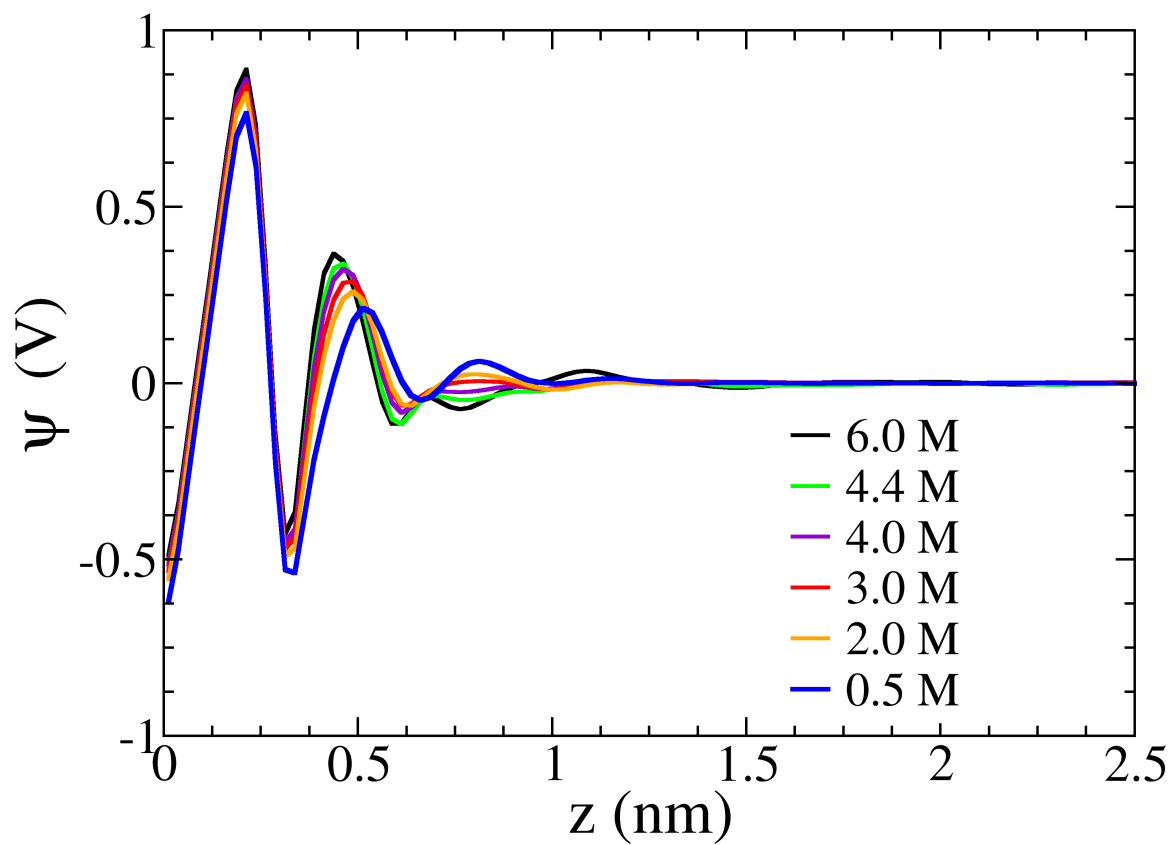


Figure S.13: Electrostatic potential as defined in Equation 4 of the main paper for the charged electrode, for the LiCl(aq) system and all the concentrations considered.

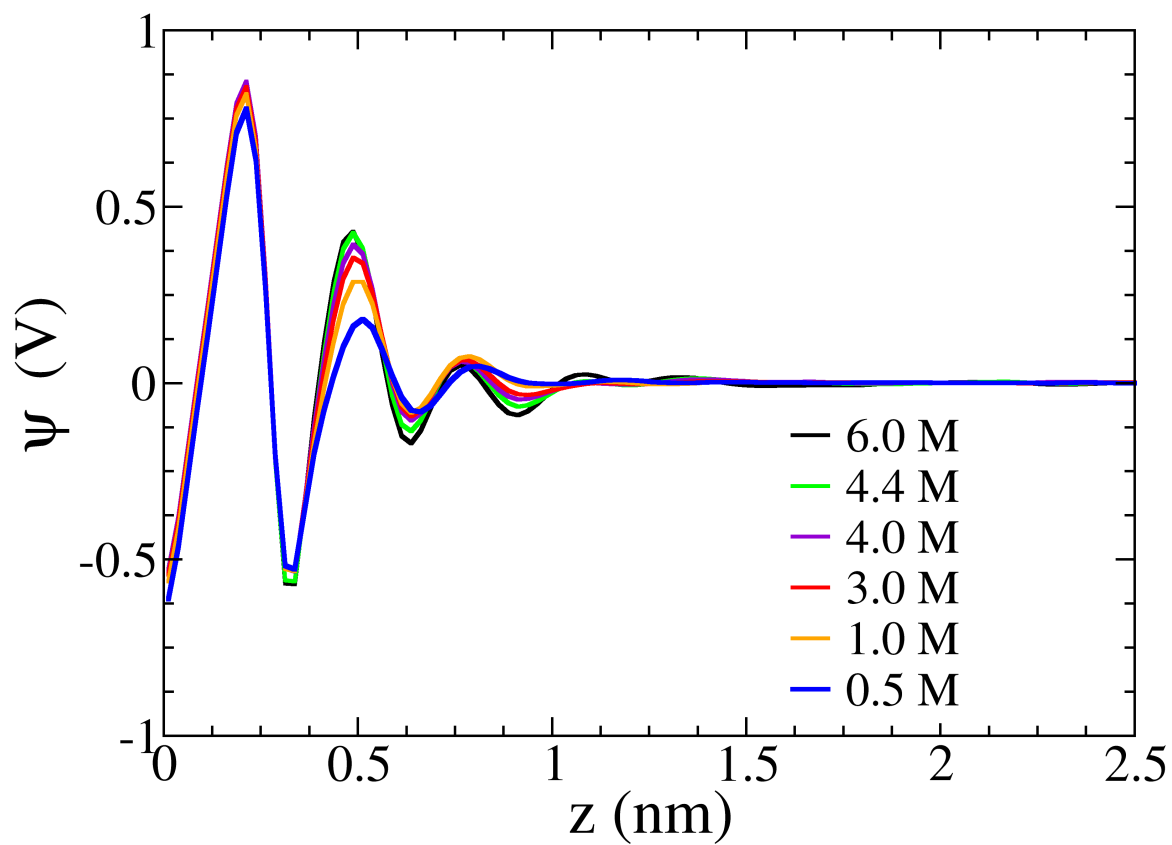


Figure S.14: Electrostatic potential as defined in Equation 4 of the main paper for the charged electrode, for the NaCl(aq) system and all the concentrations considered.

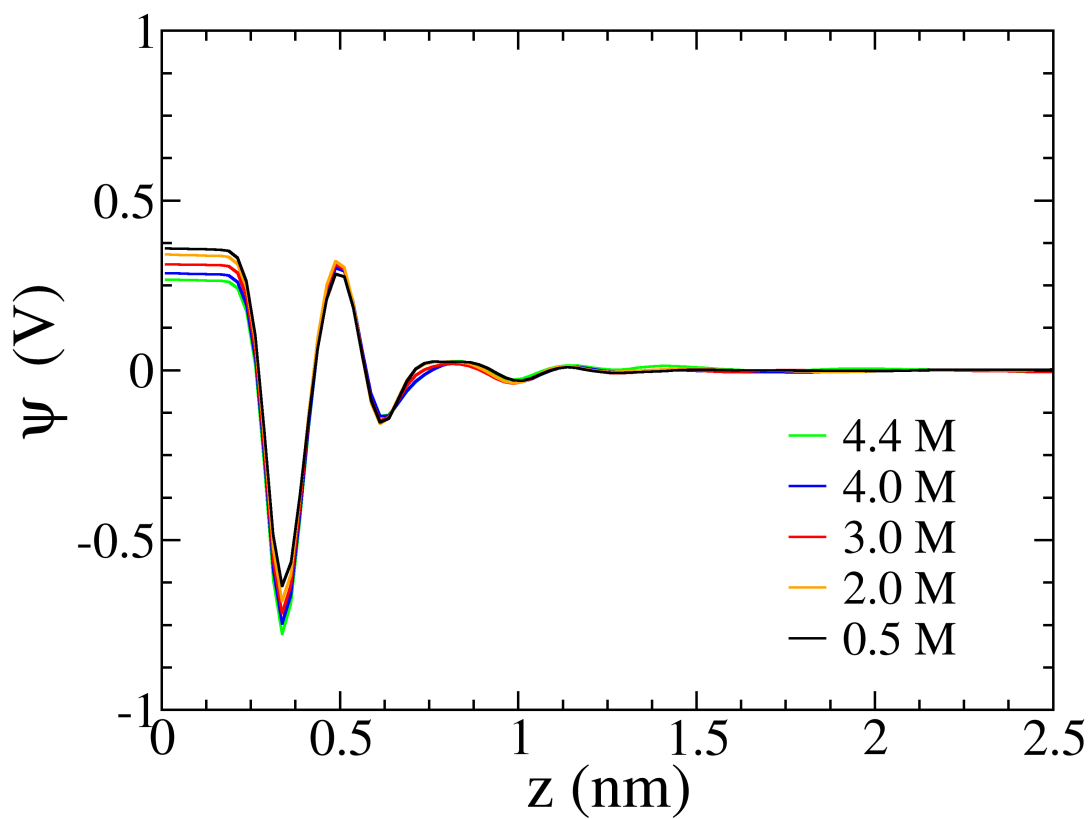


Figure S.15: Electrostatic potential as defined in Equation 4 in the main paper for the neutral electrode in the KCl(aq) system and all concentrations considered.

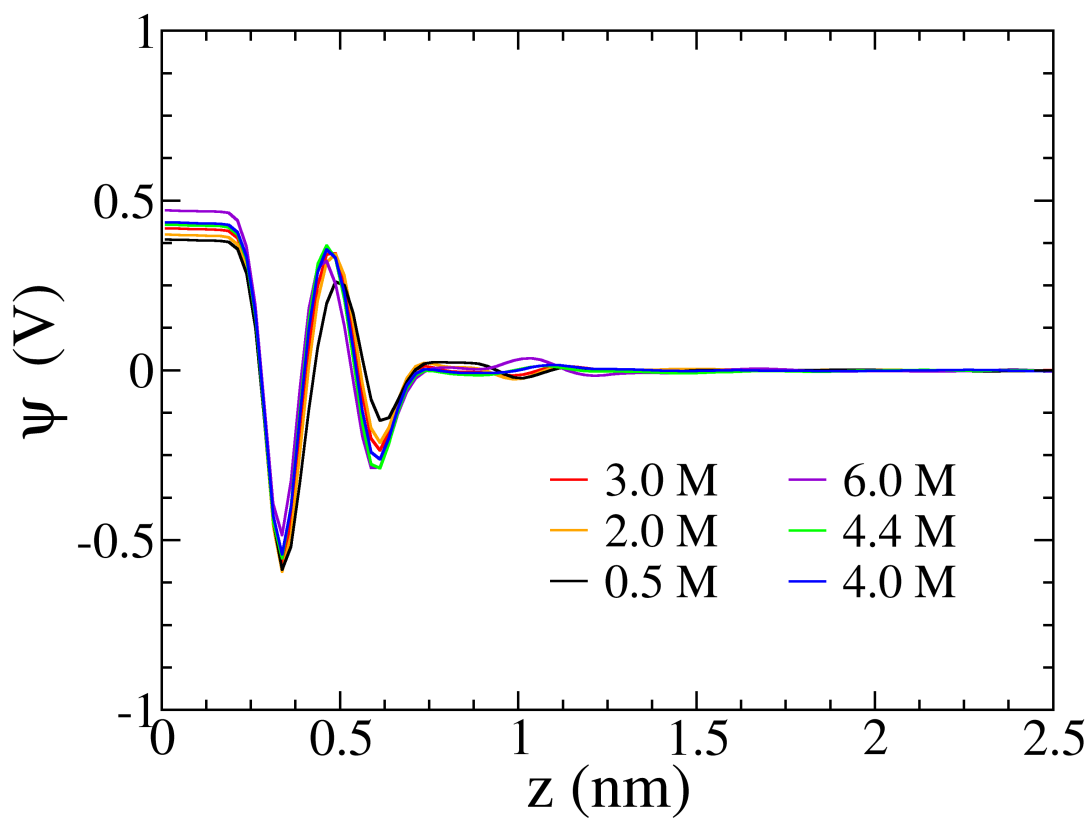


Figure S.16: Electrostatic potential as defined in Equation 4 in the main paper for the neutral electrode in the LiCl(aq) system and all concentrations considered.

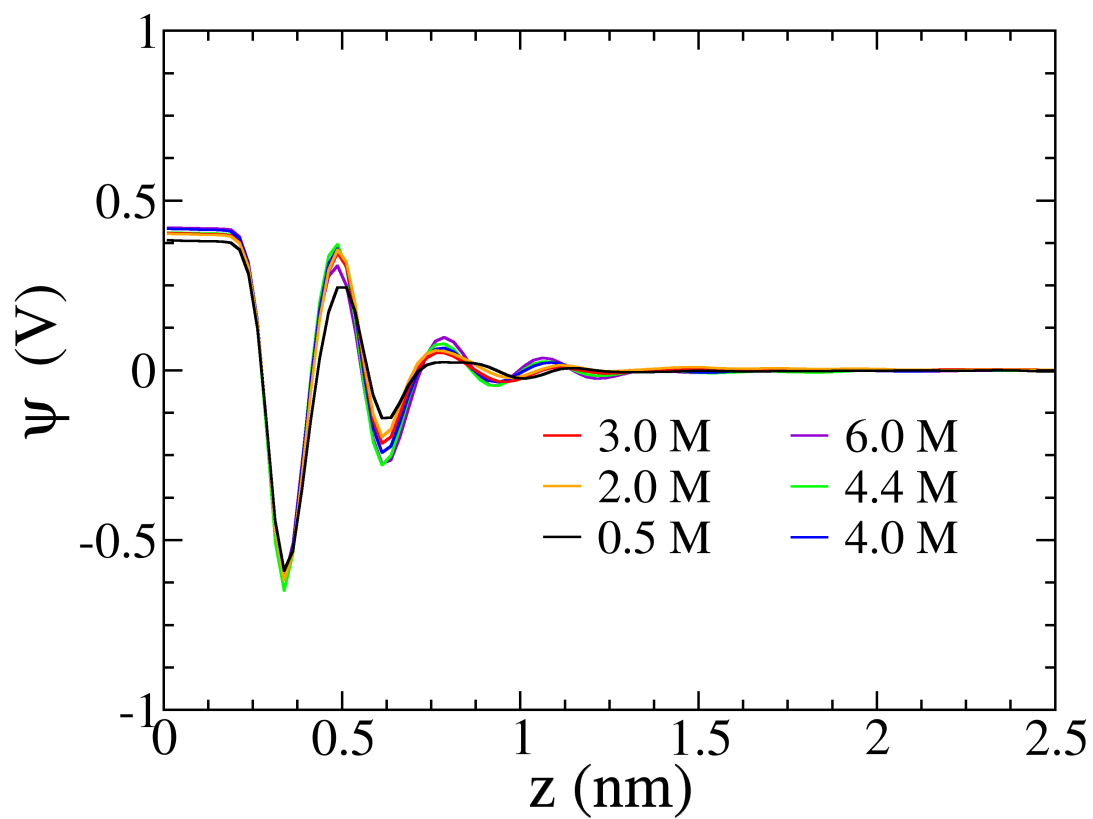


Figure S.17: Electrostatic potential as defined in Equation 4 in the main paper for the neutral electrode in the NaCl(aq) system and all concentrations considered.

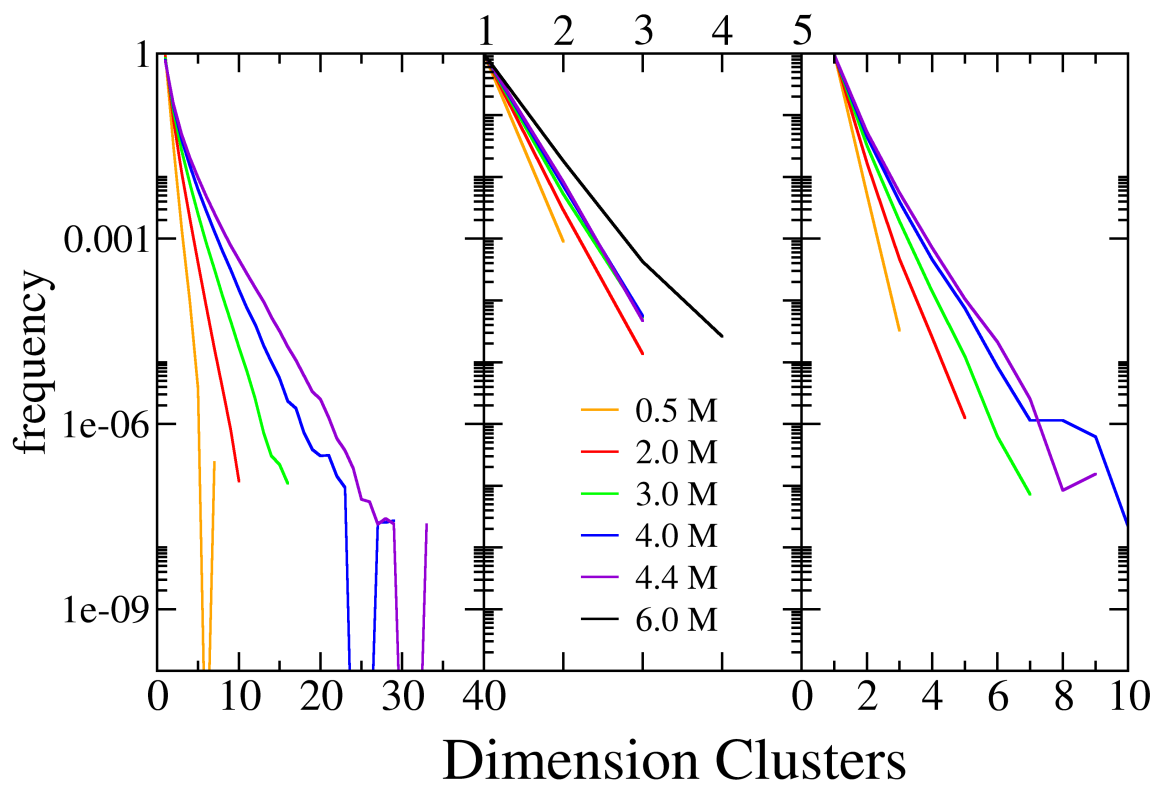


Figure S.18: Histogram of the relative frequency of the cluster of different sizes for all the systems: (from left to right) KCl, LiCl, NaCl and all the concentrations considered.

S.2 Electrode Charge Screening

We report here the screening factor f calculated using the total charge of all the atoms in the electrolyte $\rho_{el}(z')$, defines as [2]:

$$f(z) = - \int_0^z \frac{\rho_{el}(z')}{\sigma} dz' \quad (\text{S.1})$$

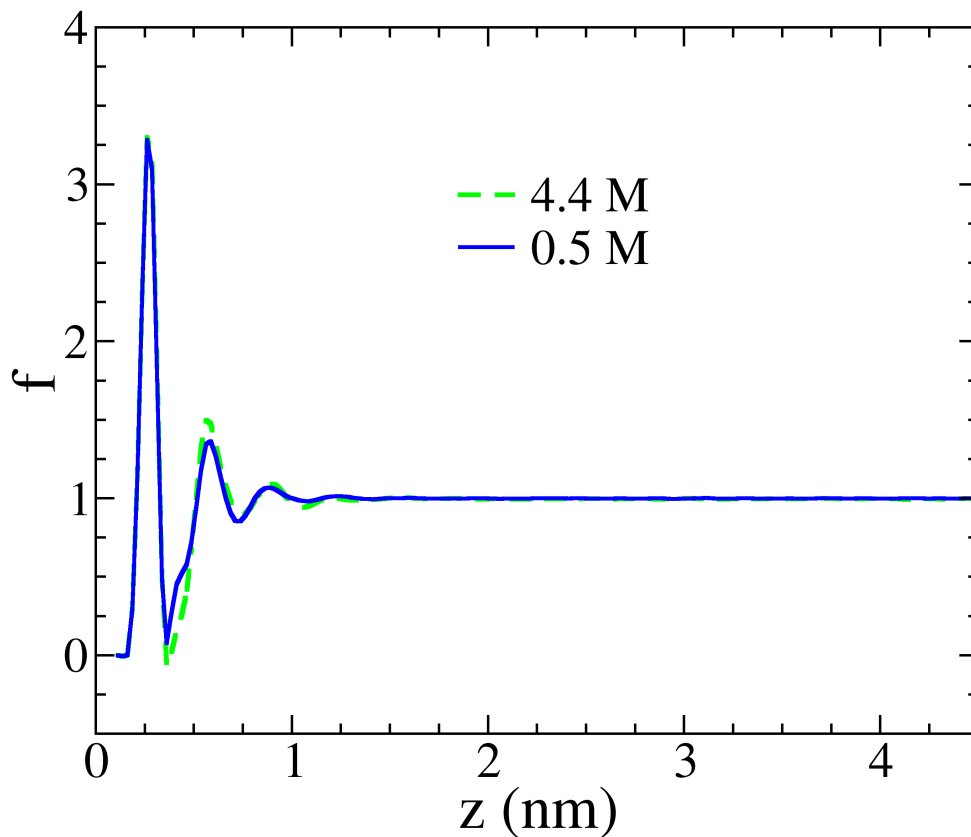


Figure S.19: Screening factor as defined in eq. (S.1) for the KCl(aq) system using total charge of the electrolyte atoms (ions plus water molecules) We included only a subset of the concentrations without error bars for clarity.

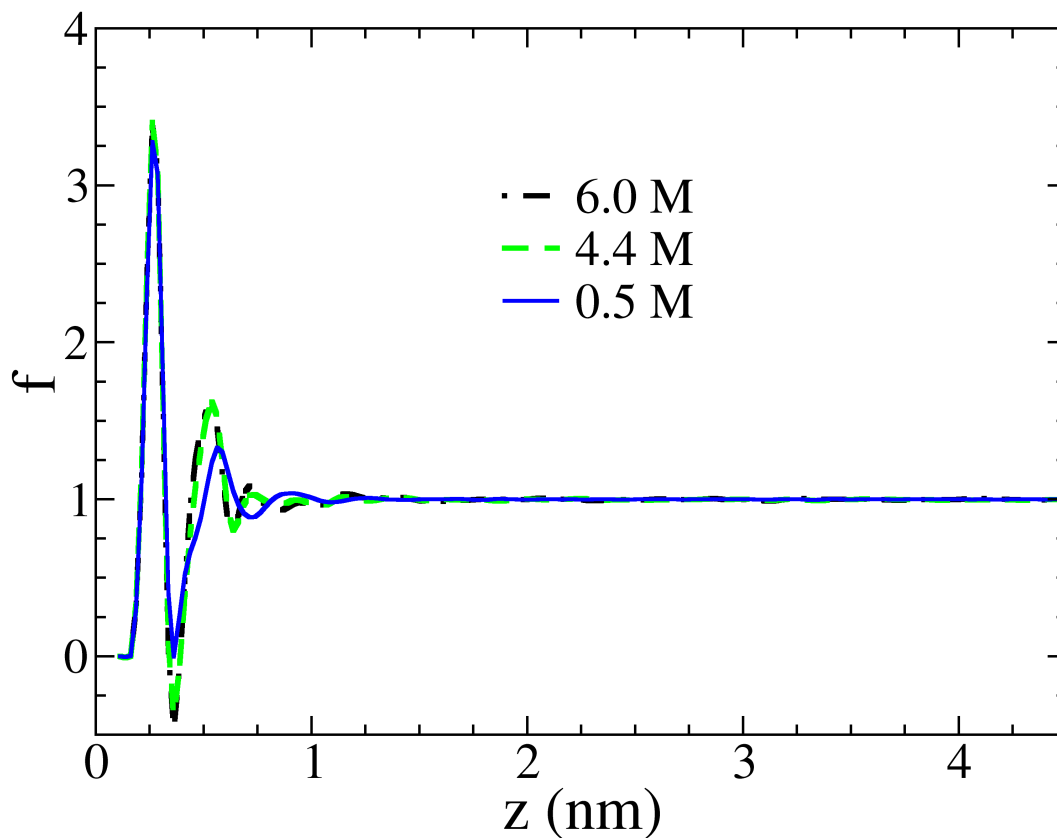


Figure S.20: Screening factor as defined in eq. (S.1) for the LiCl(aq) system using total charge of the electrolyte atoms (ions plus water molecules) We included only a subset of the concentrations without error bars for clarity.

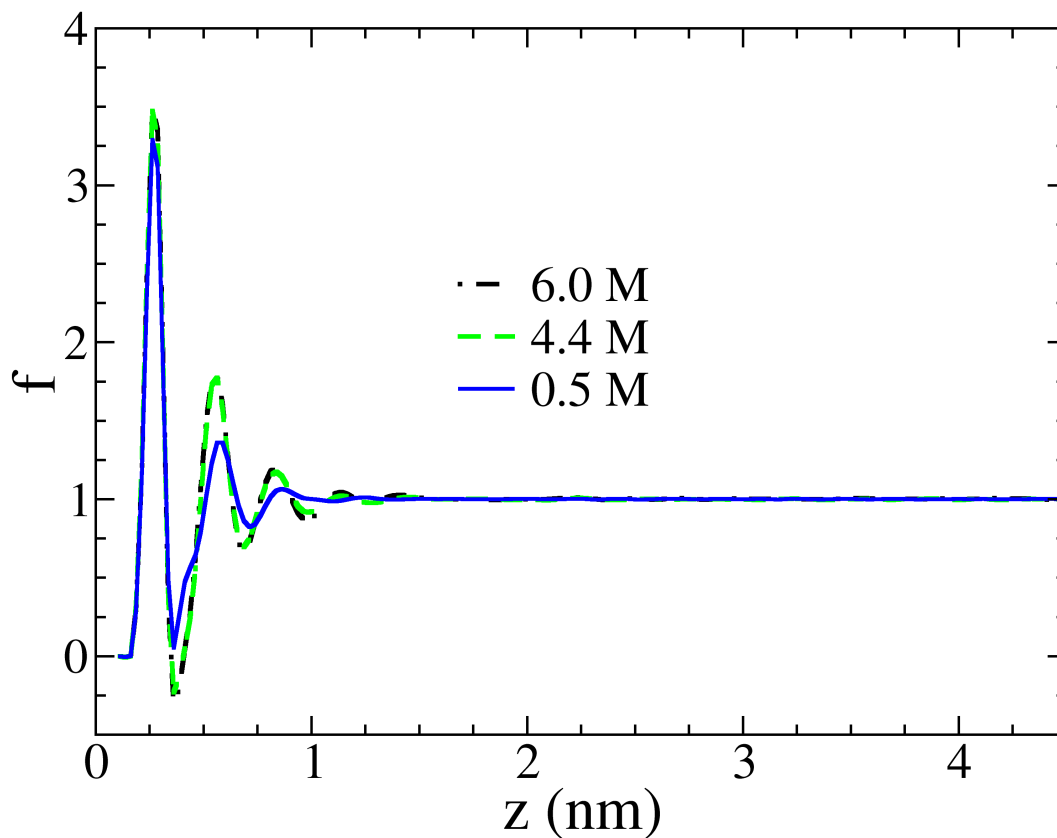


Figure S.21: Screening factor as defined in eq. (S.1) for the NaCl(aq) system using total charge of the electrolyte atoms (ions plus water molecules) We included only a subset of the concentrations without error bars for clarity.

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