

Electronic supplementary information

**Effect of cations on condensation of a mesogenic  
amphiphilic molecule at air-aqueous electrolyte interface**

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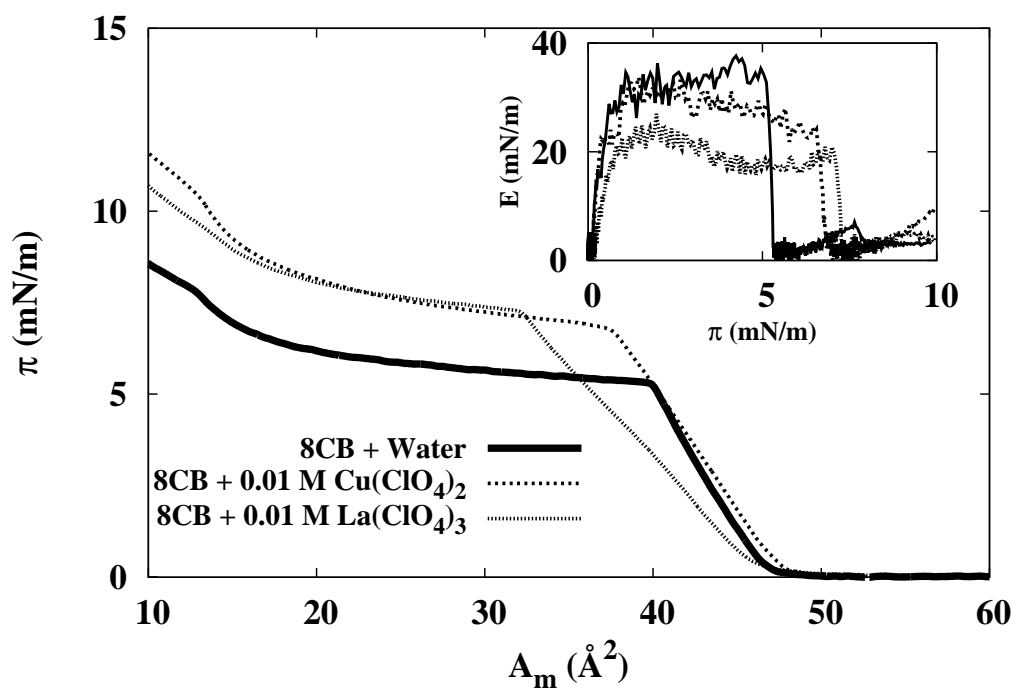


Figure S1: Surface pressure ( $\pi$ ) - area per molecule ( $A_m$ ) isotherm of 8CB monolayer for ion-free and ion-enriched subphase at 298 K. Inset shows the corresponding compression elastic modulus ( $E$ ) with surface pressure ( $\pi$ ).

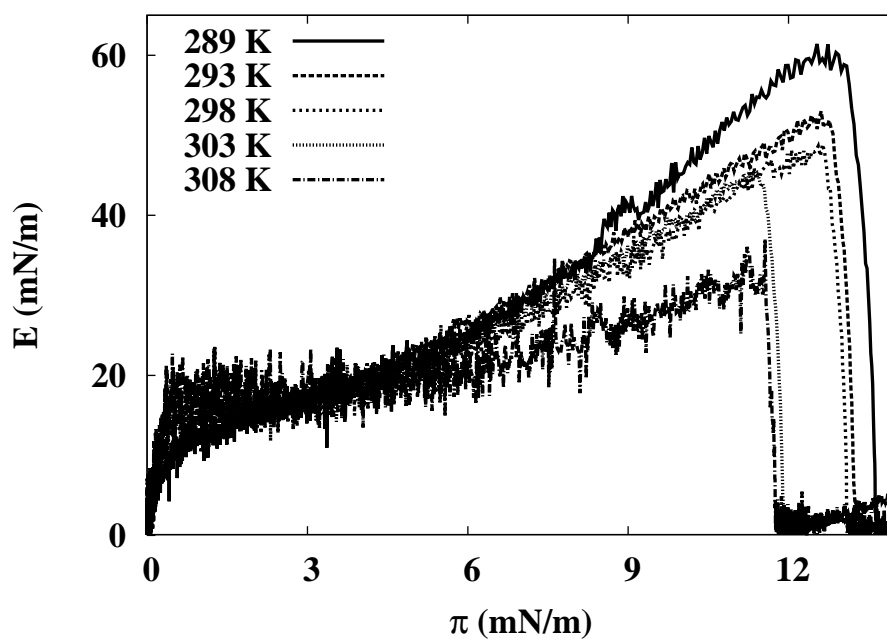


Figure S2: Variation of the elastic modulus,  $E$  with the surface pressure,  $\pi$  for 8CB monolayer with 0.1 M aluminum perchlorate solution as subphase at different temperatures.

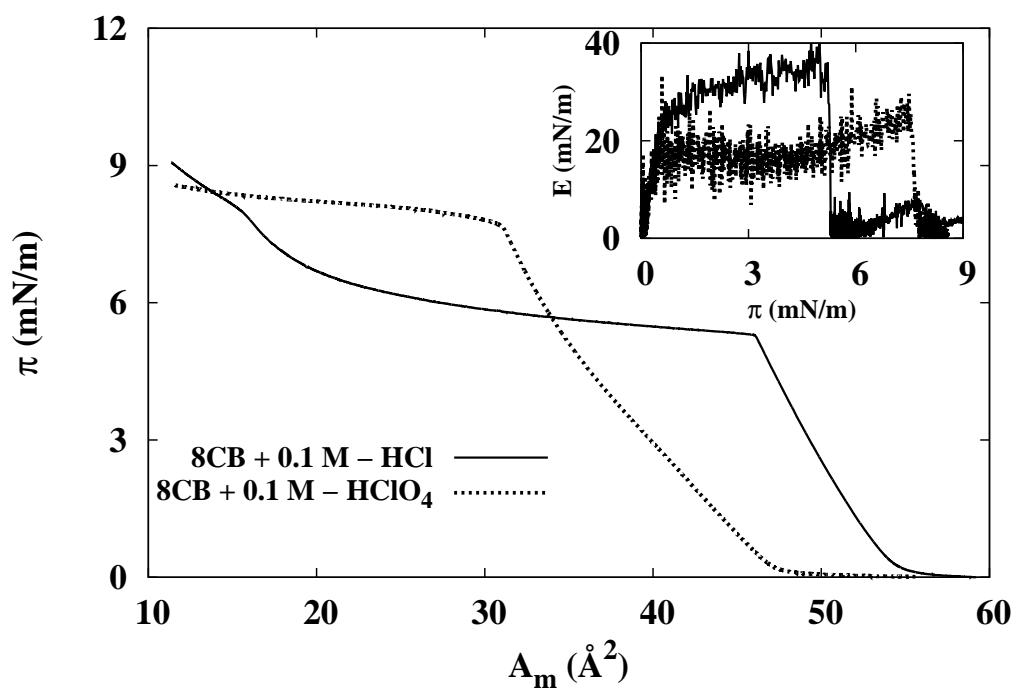


Figure S3: Surface pressure ( $\pi$ ) - area per molecule ( $A_m$ ) isotherm (298 K) of 8CB monolayer on aqueous subphase containing the acids at 0.1 M concentration. Inset shows the variation of compression elastic modulus ( $E$ ) with surface pressure ( $\pi$ ).