

# Polarizable AMOEBA force field predicts thin and dense hydration layer around monosaccharides.

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## MD input file availability

Polype 2 and Tinker 9 input with parameters files are available at  
<https://github.com/WelbornGroup/>.

## Average bond, angle and dihedrals for monosaccharides in water

Table 1: Bond lengths reported in Å as averages over 145 ns of MD in the NPT ensemble (after 5 ns equilibration). The error is the standard deviation.

	$\beta$ -Glc		$\beta$ -GlcN		$\beta$ -GlcNAc		Exp
Bond	mutual pol.	no pol.	mutual pol.	no pol.	mutual pol.	no pol	
C1-C2	1.54 ± 0.04	1.53 ± 0.03	1.53 ± 0.04	1.53 ± 0.04	1.56 ± 0.04	1.56 ± 0.04	1.52
C2-C3	1.55 ± 0.04	1.54 ± 0.03	1.56 ± 0.04	1.56 ± 0.04	1.53 ± 0.04	1.53 ± 0.04	1.53
C3-C4	1.55 ± 0.04	1.55 ± 0.03	1.53 ± 0.04	1.53 ± 0.04	1.56 ± 0.04	1.56 ± 0.04	1.52
C4-C5	1.57 ± 0.04	1.57 ± 0.03	1.56 ± 0.04	1.57 ± 0.04	1.56 ± 0.04	1.56 ± 0.04	1.53
C5-C6	1.54 ± 0.04	1.53 ± 0.04	1.54 ± 0.04	1.55 ± 0.04	1.54 ± 0.04	1.55 ± 0.04	1.51
C1-O1	1.41 ± 0.03	1.41 ± 0.03	1.42 ± 0.03	1.42 ± 0.03	1.40 ± 0.03	1.40 ± 0.03	1.40
C2-O2	1.45 ± 0.04	1.44 ± 0.03	1.48 ± 0.03	1.49 ± 0.03	1.47 ± 0.03	1.47 ± 0.03	1.43
C3-O3	1.45 ± 0.04	1.43 ± 0.03	1.47 ± 0.04	1.46 ± 0.04	1.45 ± 0.04	1.45 ± 0.04	1.43

C4-O4	1.45 ± 0.04	1.44 ± 0.03	1.45 ± 0.04	1.45 ± 0.04	1.46 ± 0.04	1.46 ± 0.04	1.43
C5-O5	1.44 ± 0.04	1.46 ± 0.05	1.44 ± 0.04	1.44 ± 0.04	1.46 ± 0.04	1.46 ± 0.04	1.45
C6-O6	1.45 ± 0.04	1.43 ± 0.03	1.45 ± 0.04	1.44 ± 0.04	1.44 ± 0.04	1.44 ± 0.04	1.42
O5-C1	1.45 ± 0.04	1.43 ± 0.04	1.45 ± 0.04	1.45 ± 0.04	1.46 ± 0.04	1.46 ± 0.04	1.43

Table 2: Bond lengths reported in Å as averages over 145 ns of MD in the NPT ensemble (after 5 ns equilibration). The error is the standard deviation.

	$\beta$ -Gal		$\beta$ -GaN		$\beta$ -GalNAc		Exp
Bond	mutual pol.	no pol.	mutual pol.	no pol.	mutual pol.	no pol	
C1-C2	1.54 ± 0.04	1.55 ± 0.04	1.53 ± 0.04	1.55 ± 0.04	1.56 ± 0.04	1.57 ± 0.04	1.52
C2-C3	1.55 ± 0.04	1.55 ± 0.04	1.56 ± 0.04	1.54 ± 0.04	1.54 ± 0.04	1.54 ± 0.04	1.53
C3-C4	1.56 ± 0.04	1.57 ± 0.04	1.53 ± 0.04	1.57 ± 0.04	1.56 ± 0.04	1.57 ± 0.04	1.52
C4-C5	1.56 ± 0.04	1.56 ± 0.04	1.56 ± 0.04	1.53 ± 0.04	1.55 ± 0.04	1.55 ± 0.04	1.53
C5-C6	1.54 ± 0.04	1.55 ± 0.04	1.54 ± 0.04	1.55 ± 0.04	1.55 ± 0.04	1.55 ± 0.04	1.51
C1-O1	1.41 ± 0.03	1.41 ± 0.03	1.42 ± 0.03	1.41 ± 0.03	1.40 ± 0.03	1.41 ± 0.03	1.40
C2-O2	1.45 ± 0.04	1.45 ± 0.04	1.48 ± 0.03	1.48 ± 0.03	1.47 ± 0.04	1.47 ± 0.03	1.43
C3-O3	1.45 ± 0.04	1.44 ± 0.04	1.47 ± 0.04	1.44 ± 0.04	1.45 ± 0.04	1.45 ± 0.04	1.43
C4-O4	1.45 ± 0.04	1.45 ± 0.04	1.45 ± 0.04	1.45 ± 0.04	1.45 ± 0.04	1.45 ± 0.04	1.43
C5-O5	1.44 ± 0.04	1.44 ± 0.04	1.44 ± 0.04	1.43 ± 0.04	1.43 ± 0.04	1.43 ± 0.04	1.45
C6-O6	1.45 ± 0.04	1.44 ± 0.04	1.45 ± 0.04	1.44 ± 0.04	1.45 ± 0.04	1.44 ± 0.04	1.42
O5-C1	1.45 ± 0.04	1.45 ± 0.04	1.45 ± 0.04	1.45 ± 0.04	1.45 ± 0.04	1.45 ± 0.04	1.43

Table 3: Bond lengths reported in Å as averages over 145 ns of MD in the NPT ensemble (after 5 ns equilibration). The error is the standard deviation.

	$\alpha$ -Glc		$\alpha$ -GlcN		$\alpha$ -GlcNAc		Exp
Bond	mutual pol.	no pol.	mutual pol.	no pol.	mutual pol.	no pol	
C1-C2	1.56 ± 0.04	1.57 ± 0.04	1.53 ± 0.04	1.53 ± 0.04	1.55 ± 0.04	1.56 ± 0.04	1.52

C2-C3	1.52 ± 0.04	1.53 ± 0.04	1.54 ± 0.04	1.54 ± 0.04	1.54 ± 0.04	1.54 ± 0.04	1.53
C3-C4	1.56 ± 0.04	1.56 ± 0.04	1.56 ± 0.04	1.56 ± 0.04	1.56 ± 0.04	1.56 ± 0.04	1.52
C4-C5	1.58 ± 0.04	1.58 ± 0.04	1.58 ± 0.04	1.58 ± 0.04	1.57 ± 0.04	1.57 ± 0.04	1.53
C5-C6	1.54 ± 0.04	1.55 ± 0.04	1.55 ± 0.04	1.55 ± 0.04	1.55 ± 0.04	1.55 ± 0.04	1.51
C1-O1	1.41 ± 0.03	1.41 ± 0.03	1.41 ± 0.03	1.41 ± 0.03	1.43 ± 0.03	1.43 ± 0.03	1.40
C2-O2	1.44 ± 0.04	1.45 ± 0.04	1.49 ± 0.03	1.49 ± 0.03	1.48 ± 0.03	1.48 ± 0.03	1.43
C3-O3	1.45 ± 0.04	1.44 ± 0.04	1.44 ± 0.04	1.44 ± 0.04	1.45 ± 0.04	1.45 ± 0.04	1.43
C4-O4	1.45 ± 0.04	1.45 ± 0.04	1.45 ± 0.04	1.45 ± 0.04	1.46 ± 0.04	1.45 ± 0.04	1.43
C5-O5	1.48 ± 0.04	1.48 ± 0.04	1.45 ± 0.04	1.45 ± 0.04	1.45 ± 0.04	1.44 ± 0.04	1.45
C6-O6	1.44 ± 0.04	1.44 ± 0.04	1.44 ± 0.04	1.44 ± 0.04	1.45 ± 0.04	1.44 ± 0.04	1.42
O5-C1	1.45 ± 0.04	1.45 ± 0.04	1.46 ± 0.04	1.45 ± 0.04	1.45 ± 0.04	1.45 ± 0.04	1.43

Table 4: Bond lengths reported in Å as averages over 145 ns of MD in the NPT ensemble (after 5 ns equilibration). The error is the standard deviation.

	$\alpha$ -Gal		$\alpha$ -GalN		$\alpha$ -GalNAc		Exp
Bond	mutual pol.	no pol.	mutual pol.	no pol.	mutual pol.	no pol	
C1-C2	1.56 ± 0.04	1.56 ± 0.04	1.56 ± 0.04	1.56 ± 0.04	1.56 ± 0.04	1.57 ± 0.04	1.52
C2-C3	1.55 ± 0.04	1.55 ± 0.04	1.54 ± 0.04	1.54 ± 0.04	1.53 ± 0.04	1.54 ± 0.04	1.53
C3-C4	1.56 ± 0.04	1.56 ± 0.04	1.52 ± 0.04	1.53 ± 0.04	1.56 ± 0.04	1.57 ± 0.04	1.52
C4-C5	1.55 ± 0.04	1.55 ± 0.04	1.57 ± 0.04	1.58 ± 0.04	1.55 ± 0.04	1.55 ± 0.04	1.53
C5-C6	1.54 ± 0.04	1.55 ± 0.04	1.55 ± 0.04	1.55 ± 0.04	1.55 ± 0.04	1.55 ± 0.04	1.51
C1-O1	1.43 ± 0.03	1.43 ± 0.03	1.41 ± 0.03	1.41 ± 0.03	1.43 ± 0.03	1.43 ± 0.03	1.40
C2-O2	1.45 ± 0.04	1.45 ± 0.04	1.49 ± 0.04	1.49 ± 0.04	1.47 ± 0.04	1.48 ± 0.03	1.43
C3-O3	1.46 ± 0.04	1.45 ± 0.04	1.46 ± 0.04	1.46 ± 0.04	1.46 ± 0.04	1.46 ± 0.04	1.43
C4-O4	1.46 ± 0.04	1.45 ± 0.04	1.47 ± 0.04	1.46 ± 0.04	1.45 ± 0.04	1.45 ± 0.04	1.43
C5-O5	1.44 ± 0.04	1.44 ± 0.04	1.45 ± 0.04	1.45 ± 0.04	1.48 ± 0.04	1.48 ± 0.04	1.45
C6-O6	1.45 ± 0.04	1.44 ± 0.04	1.45 ± 0.04	1.45 ± 0.04	1.45 ± 0.04	1.44 ± 0.04	1.42

O5-C1	$1.46 \pm 0.04$	$1.45 \pm 0.04$	$1.48 \pm 0.04$	$1.48 \pm 0.04$	$1.44 \pm 0.04$	$1.45 \pm 0.04$	$1.43$
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Table 5: Angle values reported in  $^\circ$  as averages over 145 ns of MD in the NPT ensemble (after 5 ns equilibration). The error is the standard deviation.

	$\beta$ -Glc		$\beta$ -GlcN		$\beta$ -GlcNAc		Exp
Angle	mutual pol.	no pol.	mutual pol.	no pol.	mutual pol.	no pol	
C1-C2-C3	$109 \pm 3$	$109 \pm 3$	$108 \pm 2$	$109 \pm 3$	$109 \pm 3$	$110 \pm 3$	110
C2-C3-C4	$110 \pm 3$	$112 \pm 3$	$111 \pm 3$	$112 \pm 3$	$111 \pm 3$	$111 \pm 3$	110
C3-C4-C5	$110 \pm 3$	$109 \pm 3$	$109 \pm 3$	$109 \pm 3$	$110 \pm 3$	$110 \pm 3$	110
C4-C5-C6	$114 \pm 3$	$115 \pm 3$	$114 \pm 3$	$114 \pm 3$	$114 \pm 3$	$114 \pm 3$	113
C4-C5-O5	$109 \pm 3$	$103 \pm 3$	$109 \pm 3$	$109 \pm 3$	$109 \pm 3$	$108 \pm 3$	109
C5-O5-C1	$113 \pm 3$	$109 \pm 3$	$113 \pm 3$	$113 \pm 3$	$113 \pm 3$	$114 \pm 3$	113
C5-C6-O6	$108 \pm 3$	$110 \pm 3$	$109 \pm 3$	$109 \pm 3$	$114 \pm 3$	$114 \pm 3$	111
O5-C1-C2	$109 \pm 3$	$104 \pm 3$	$109 \pm 3$	$110 \pm 3$	$110 \pm 3$	$110 \pm 3$	110
O5-C5-C6	$107 \pm 3$	$104 \pm 3$	$107 \pm 3$	$107 \pm 3$	$107 \pm 3$	$107 \pm 3$	107
O5-C1-O1	$107 \pm 3$	$108 \pm 3$	$105 \pm 3$	$106 \pm 3$	$105 \pm 3$	$105 \pm 3$	109
C2-C1-O1	$108 \pm 3$	$108 \pm 3$	$109 \pm 3$	$109 \pm 3$	$109 \pm 3$	$110 \pm 3$	110
C1-C2-O2	$112 \pm 3$	$112 \pm 3$	$110 \pm 2$	$110 \pm 3$	$112 \pm 3$	$112 \pm 3$	109
C3-C2-O2	$107 \pm 3$	$108 \pm 3$	$110 \pm 2$	$110 \pm 3$	$111 \pm 3$	$111 \pm 3$	111
C2-C3-O3	$110 \pm 3$	$112 \pm 3$	$112 \pm 3$	$112 \pm 3$	$109 \pm 3$	$109 \pm 3$	108
C4-C3-O3	$107 \pm 3$	$107 \pm 3$	$107 \pm 3$	$107 \pm 3$	$111 \pm 3$	$111 \pm 3$	111
C3-C4-O4	$110 \pm 3$	$109 \pm 3$	$110 \pm 3$	$110 \pm 3$	$105 \pm 3$	$105 \pm 3$	110
C5-C4-O4	$110 \pm 3$	$111 \pm 3$	$110 \pm 3$	$109 \pm 3$	$113 \pm 3$	$113 \pm 3$	110

Table 6: Angle values reported in  $^\circ$  as averages over 145 ns of MD in the NPT ensemble (after 5 ns equilibration). The error is the standard deviation.

	$\beta$ -Gal	$\beta$ -GalN	$\beta$ -GalNAc	Exp
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Angle	mutual pol.	no pol.	mutual pol.	no pol.	mutual pol.	no pol	
C1-C2-C3	110 $\pm$ 3	110 $\pm$ 3	109 $\pm$ 2	109 $\pm$ 2	109 $\pm$ 3	110 $\pm$ 3	110
C2-C3-C4	109 $\pm$ 3	110 $\pm$ 3	110 $\pm$ 2	111 $\pm$ 3	110 $\pm$ 3	110 $\pm$ 3	110
C3-C4-C5	109 $\pm$ 3	109 $\pm$ 3	110				
C4-C5-C6	113 $\pm$ 3	113 $\pm$ 3	114 $\pm$ 3	114 $\pm$ 3	115 $\pm$ 3	115 $\pm$ 3	113
C4-C5-O5	110 $\pm$ 3	110 $\pm$ 3	110 $\pm$ 3	110 $\pm$ 3	109 $\pm$ 3	109 $\pm$ 3	109
C5-O5-C1	112 $\pm$ 3	113 $\pm$ 3	113 $\pm$ 3	113 $\pm$ 3	114 $\pm$ 3	114 $\pm$ 3	113
C5-C6-O6	108 $\pm$ 3	109 $\pm$ 3	109 $\pm$ 3	109 $\pm$ 3	111 $\pm$ 3	112 $\pm$ 3	111
O5-C1-C2	109 $\pm$ 3	110					
O5-C5-C6	108 $\pm$ 3	108 $\pm$ 3	108 $\pm$ 3	108 $\pm$ 3	106 $\pm$ 3	107 $\pm$ 3	107
O5-C1-O1	107 $\pm$ 3	107 $\pm$ 3	106 $\pm$ 3	106 $\pm$ 3	105 $\pm$ 3	105 $\pm$ 3	109
C2-C1-O1	108 $\pm$ 3	108 $\pm$ 3	109 $\pm$ 3	109 $\pm$ 3	109 $\pm$ 3	109 $\pm$ 3	110
C1-C2-O2	112 $\pm$ 3	112 $\pm$ 3	116 $\pm$ 3	116 $\pm$ 3	111 $\pm$ 3	112 $\pm$ 3	109
C3-C2-O2	107 $\pm$ 3	107 $\pm$ 3	109 $\pm$ 2	109 $\pm$ 2	112 $\pm$ 3	113 $\pm$ 3	111
C2-C3-O3	112 $\pm$ 3	112 $\pm$ 3	112 $\pm$ 3	112 $\pm$ 3	109 $\pm$ 3	109 $\pm$ 3	108
C4-C3-O3	108 $\pm$ 3	108 $\pm$ 3	108 $\pm$ 3	108 $\pm$ 3	110 $\pm$ 3	110 $\pm$ 3	111
C3-C4-O4	110 $\pm$ 3	110					
C5-C4-O4	109 $\pm$ 3	109 $\pm$ 3	108 $\pm$ 3	108 $\pm$ 3	109 $\pm$ 3	109 $\pm$ 3	110

Table 7: Angle values reported in  $^{\circ}$  as averages over 145 ns of MD in the NPT ensemble (after 5 ns equilibration). The error is the standard deviation.

	$\alpha$ -Glc		$\alpha$ -GlcN		$\alpha$ -GlcNAc		Exp
Angle	mutual pol.	no pol.	mutual pol.	no pol.	mutual pol.	no pol	
C1-C2-C3	111 $\pm$ 3	111 $\pm$ 3	110 $\pm$ 2	110 $\pm$ 2	110 $\pm$ 3	111 $\pm$ 3	110
C2-C3-C4	110 $\pm$ 3	110 $\pm$ 3	111 $\pm$ 3	112 $\pm$ 2	111 $\pm$ 2	111 $\pm$ 3	110
C3-C4-C5	109 $\pm$ 3	109 $\pm$ 3	109 $\pm$ 3	110 $\pm$ 3	112 $\pm$ 2	110 $\pm$ 3	110

C4-C5-C6	112 $\pm$ 3	112 $\pm$ 3	113 $\pm$ 3	114 $\pm$ 3	113 $\pm$ 3	112 $\pm$ 3	113
C4-C5-O5	113 $\pm$ 3	113 $\pm$ 3	112 $\pm$ 3	112 $\pm$ 3	112 $\pm$ 3	110 $\pm$ 3	109
C5-O5-C1	115 $\pm$ 3	115 $\pm$ 3	114 $\pm$ 3	114 $\pm$ 3	117 $\pm$ 3	115 $\pm$ 3	113
C5-C6-O6	109 $\pm$ 3	109 $\pm$ 3	108 $\pm$ 3	108 $\pm$ 3	108 $\pm$ 3	108 $\pm$ 3	111
O5-C1-C2	112 $\pm$ 3	112 $\pm$ 3	110				
O5-C5-C6	111 $\pm$ 3	111 $\pm$ 3	113 $\pm$ 3	114 $\pm$ 3	110 $\pm$ 3	107 $\pm$ 3	107
O5-C1-O1	110 $\pm$ 3	109 $\pm$ 3	107 $\pm$ 4	107 $\pm$ 3	110 $\pm$ 3	113 $\pm$ 3	109
C2-C1-O1	109 $\pm$ 3	109 $\pm$ 3	110 $\pm$ 3	110 $\pm$ 3	107 $\pm$ 3	108 $\pm$ 3	110
C1-C2-O2	111 $\pm$ 3	111 $\pm$ 3	116 $\pm$ 3	116 $\pm$ 2	114 $\pm$ 3	113 $\pm$ 3	109
C3-C2-O2	108 $\pm$ 3	108 $\pm$ 3	108 $\pm$ 2	108 $\pm$ 2	110 $\pm$ 3	110 $\pm$ 3	111
C2-C3-O3	112 $\pm$ 3	112 $\pm$ 3	111 $\pm$ 3	111 $\pm$ 3	111 $\pm$ 3	111 $\pm$ 3	108
C4-C3-O3	109 $\pm$ 3	109 $\pm$ 3	111 $\pm$ 3	111 $\pm$ 3	110 $\pm$ 3	109 $\pm$ 3	111
C3-C4-O4	114 $\pm$ 3	114 $\pm$ 3	114 $\pm$ 3	114 $\pm$ 3	112 $\pm$ 3	111 $\pm$ 3	110
C5-C4-O4	111 $\pm$ 3	111 $\pm$ 3	110 $\pm$ 3	110 $\pm$ 3	110 $\pm$ 3	112 $\pm$ 3	110

Table 8: Angle values reported in  $^{\circ}$  as averages over 145 ns of MD in the NPT ensemble (after 5 ns equilibration). The error is the standard deviation.

Angle	$\alpha$ -Gal		$\alpha$ -GalN		$\alpha$ -GalNAc		Exp
	mutual pol.	no pol.	mutual pol.	no pol.	mutual pol.	no pol	
C1-C2-C3	110 $\pm$ 3	110 $\pm$ 3	111 $\pm$ 2	111 $\pm$ 2	110 $\pm$ 3	111 $\pm$ 3	110
C2-C3-C4	109 $\pm$ 3	110 $\pm$ 3	110 $\pm$ 3	110 $\pm$ 3	110 $\pm$ 3	110 $\pm$ 3	110
C3-C4-C5	109 $\pm$ 3	109 $\pm$ 3	110 $\pm$ 3	109 $\pm$ 3	110 $\pm$ 3	110 $\pm$ 3	110
C4-C5-C6	113 $\pm$ 3	113 $\pm$ 3	112 $\pm$ 3	112 $\pm$ 3	115 $\pm$ 3	115 $\pm$ 3	113
C4-C5-O5	111 $\pm$ 3	111 $\pm$ 3	112 $\pm$ 3	111 $\pm$ 3	110 $\pm$ 3	110 $\pm$ 3	109
C5-O5-C1	114 $\pm$ 3	114 $\pm$ 3	113 $\pm$ 3	113 $\pm$ 3	115 $\pm$ 3	115 $\pm$ 3	113
C5-C6-O6	108 $\pm$ 3	109 $\pm$ 3	107 $\pm$ 3	108 $\pm$ 3	111 $\pm$ 3	111 $\pm$ 3	111
O5-C1-C2	110 $\pm$ 3	110 $\pm$ 3	112 $\pm$ 3	112 $\pm$ 3	111 $\pm$ 3	111 $\pm$ 3	110

O5-C5-C6	$108 \pm 3$	$108 \pm 3$	$110 \pm 3$	$110 \pm 3$	$105 \pm 3$	$106 \pm 3$	107
O5-C1-O1	$113 \pm 3$	$113 \pm 3$	$109 \pm 3$	$108 \pm 3$	$112 \pm 3$	$112 \pm 3$	109
C2-C1-O1	$109 \pm 3$	$109 \pm 3$	$112 \pm 3$	$112 \pm 3$	$109 \pm 3$	$109 \pm 3$	110
C1-C2-O2	$114 \pm 3$	$114 \pm 3$	$111 \pm 2$	$111 \pm 2$	$113 \pm 3$	$113 \pm 3$	109
C3-C2-O2	$107 \pm 3$	$107 \pm 3$	$109 \pm 2$	$109 \pm 2$	$110 \pm 3$	$110 \pm 3$	111
C2-C3-O3	$111 \pm 3$	$111 \pm 3$	$111 \pm 3$	$112 \pm 3$	$110 \pm 3$	$110 \pm 3$	108
C4-C3-O3	$107 \pm 3$	$107 \pm 3$	$110 \pm 3$	$107 \pm 3$	$108 \pm 3$	$108 \pm 3$	111
C3-C4-O4	$109 \pm 3$	$110 \pm 3$	$107 \pm 3$	$111 \pm 3$	$110 \pm 3$	$110 \pm 3$	110
C5-C4-O4	$109 \pm 3$	$109 \pm 3$	$114 \pm 3$	$114 \pm 3$	$110 \pm 3$	$109 \pm 3$	110

Table 9: Torsion values reported in  $^\circ$  as averages over 145 ns of MD in the NPT ensemble (after 5 ns equilibration). The error is the standard deviation.

	$\beta$ -Glc		$\beta$ -GlcN		$\beta$ -GlcNAc		Exp
Torsion	mutual pol.	no pol.	mutual pol.	no pol.	mutual pol.	no pol.	
C1-C2-C3-C4	$-55 \pm 6$	$-50 \pm 6$	$-55 \pm 5$	$-55 \pm 6$	$-54 \pm 6$	$-52 \pm 6$	-54
C2-C3-C4-C5	$53 \pm 6$	$50 \pm 6$	$54 \pm 5$	$53 \pm 6$	$54 \pm 6$	$53 \pm 6$	55
C3-C4-C5-O5	$-55 \pm 6$	$-58 \pm 6$	$-55 \pm 4$	$-55 \pm 6$	$-55 \pm 6$	$-56 \pm 6$	-57
C4-C5-O5-C1	$62 \pm 5$	$75 \pm 6$	$62 \pm 5$	$62 \pm 6$	$61 \pm 6$	$62 \pm 6$	62
C5-O5-C1-C2	$-65 \pm 6$	$-77 \pm 6$	$-65 \pm 5$	$-64 \pm 6$	$-63 \pm 5$	$-62 \pm 6$	-62
O5-C1-C2-C3	$59 \pm 6$	$61 \pm 6$	$58 \pm 5$	$57 \pm 6$	$57 \pm 6$	$55 \pm 6$	57
O1-C1-O5-C5	$178 \pm 6$	$168 \pm 6$	$178 \pm 6$	$178 \pm 7$	$180 \pm 7$	$180 \pm 7$	N/A
O2-C2-C1-O5	$178 \pm 6$	$180 \pm 6$	$179 \pm 5$	$178 \pm 7$	$180 \pm 7$	$180 \pm 7$	N/A
O3-C3-C2-C1	$-174 \pm 6$	$-170 \pm 6$	$-175 \pm 6$	$-174 \pm 6$	$-177 \pm 6$	$-175 \pm 6$	N/A
O4-C4-C3-C2	$174 \pm 6$	$170 \pm 6$	$174 \pm 6$	$174 \pm 6$	$176 \pm 6$	$176 \pm 6$	N/A

Table 10: Torsion values reported in  $^\circ$  as averages over 145 ns of MD in the NPT ensemble (after 5 ns equilibration). The error is the standard deviation.

	$\beta$ -Gal		$\beta$ -GalN		$\beta$ -GalNAc		Exp
Torsion	mutual pol.	no pol.	mutual pol.	no pol.	mutual pol.	no pol	
C1-C2-C3-C4	-55 $\pm$ 5	-54 $\pm$ 5	-53 $\pm$ 5	-52 $\pm$ 5	-53 $\pm$ 5	-52 $\pm$ 6	-54
C2-C3-C4-C5	53 $\pm$ 5	53 $\pm$ 5	54 $\pm$ 5	53 $\pm$ 5	54 $\pm$ 5	54 $\pm$ 5	55
C3-C4-C5-O5	-57 $\pm$ 5	-57 $\pm$ 5	-57 $\pm$ 5	-57 $\pm$ 5	-57 $\pm$ 5	-57 $\pm$ 5	-57
C4-C5-O5-C1	63 $\pm$ 6	63 $\pm$ 6	63 $\pm$ 6	63 $\pm$ 6	62 $\pm$ 6	62 $\pm$ 5	62
C5-O5-C1-C2	-64 $\pm$ 6	-63 $\pm$ 6	-62 $\pm$ 6	-61 $\pm$ 6	-62 $\pm$ 5	-61 $\pm$ 6	-62
O5-C1-C2-C3	59 $\pm$ 6	57 $\pm$ 6	56 $\pm$ 6	55 $\pm$ 6	56 $\pm$ 6	54 $\pm$ 6	57
O1-C1-O5-C5	179 $\pm$ 6	180 $\pm$ 6	180 $\pm$ 6	-179 $\pm$ 6	-179 $\pm$ 6	-179 $\pm$ 6	N/A
O2-C2-C1-O5	178 $\pm$ 6	176 $\pm$ 6	180 $\pm$ 6	178 $\pm$ 6	180 $\pm$ 6	-179 $\pm$ 6	N/A
O3-C3-C2-C1	-175 $\pm$ 6	-174 $\pm$ 6	-173 $\pm$ 6	-172 $\pm$ 6	-174 $\pm$ 6	-173 $\pm$ 6	N/A
O4-C4-C3-C2	-66 $\pm$ 6	-66 $\pm$ 6	-66 $\pm$ 6	-66 $\pm$ 6	-66 $\pm$ 6	-66 $\pm$ 6	N/A

Table 11: Torsion values reported in  $^{\circ}$  as averages over 145 ns of MD in the NPT ensemble (after 5 ns equilibration). The error is the standard deviation.

	$\alpha$ -Glc		$\alpha$ -GlcN		$\alpha$ -GlcNAc		Exp
Torsion	mutual pol.	no pol.	mutual pol.	no pol.	mutual pol.	no pol	
C1-C2-C3-C4	-57 $\pm$ 9	-52 $\pm$ 13	13 $\pm$ 52	52 $\pm$ 13	55 $\pm$ 5	-52 $\pm$ 6	-54
C2-C3-C4-C5	56 $\pm$ 8	57 $\pm$ 7	-8 $\pm$ 52	-46 $\pm$ 17	-49 $\pm$ 5	52 $\pm$ 6	55
C3-C4-C5-O5	-49 $\pm$ 15	-48 $\pm$ 14	11 $\pm$ 48	47 $\pm$ 13	45 $\pm$ 6	-54 $\pm$ 6	-57
C4-C5-O5-C1	43 $\pm$ 29	35 $\pm$ 36	-21 $\pm$ 51	-57 $\pm$ 7	-51 $\pm$ 6	59 $\pm$ 7	62
C5-O5-C1-C2	-42 $\pm$ 33	-28 $\pm$ 47	27 $\pm$ 54	61 $\pm$ 6	58 $\pm$ 6	-59 $\pm$ 6	-62
O5-C1-C2-C3	49 $\pm$ 22	37 $\pm$ 34	-22 $\pm$ 51	-58 $\pm$ 7	-58 $\pm$ 5	54 $\pm$ 6	57
O1-C1-O5-C5	80 $\pm$ 33	94 $\pm$ 46	147 $\pm$ 51	-179 $\pm$ 6	176 $\pm$ 6	62 $\pm$ 7	N/A
O2-C2-C1-O5	170 $\pm$ 22	158 $\pm$ 35	102 $\pm$ 51	66 $\pm$ 7	66 $\pm$ 6	178 $\pm$ 6	N/A
O3-C3-C2-C1	-178 $\pm$ 9	-173 $\pm$ 13	-111 $\pm$ 51	-73 $\pm$ 13	-68 $\pm$ 6	-174 $\pm$ 6	N/A

O4-C4-C3-C2	-179 $\pm$ 8	-179 $\pm$ 7	116 $\pm$ 53	77 $\pm$ 17	75 $\pm$ 6	176 $\pm$ 7	N/A
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Table 12: Torsion values reported in  $^{\circ}$  as averages over 145 ns of MD in the NPT ensemble (after 5 ns equilibration). The error is the standard deviation.

	$\alpha$ -Gal		$\alpha$ -GalN		$\alpha$ -GalNAc		Exp
Torsion	mutual pol.	no pol.	mutual pol.	no pol.	mutual pol.	no pol	
C1-C2-C3-C4	-55 $\pm$ 5	-54 $\pm$ 5	-52 $\pm$ 10	-54 $\pm$ 5	-55 $\pm$ 5	-54 $\pm$ 5	-54
C2-C3-C4-C5	55 $\pm$ 5	54 $\pm$ 5	55 $\pm$ 6	55 $\pm$ 5	55 $\pm$ 5	55 $\pm$ 5	55
C3-C4-C5-O5	-56 $\pm$ 6	-56 $\pm$ 5	-56 $\pm$ 8	-57 $\pm$ 6	-55 $\pm$ 6	-56 $\pm$ 5	-57
C4-C5-O5-C1	59 $\pm$ 6	60 $\pm$ 6	54 $\pm$ 15	57 $\pm$ 6	57 $\pm$ 6	58 $\pm$ 6	62
C5-O5-C1-C2	-57 $\pm$ 7	-58 $\pm$ 6	-50 $\pm$ 20	-55 $\pm$ 6	-56 $\pm$ 6	-57 $\pm$ 6	-62
O5-C1-C2-C3	55 $\pm$ 6	54 $\pm$ 6	49 $\pm$ 18	53 $\pm$ 6	55 $\pm$ 6	54 $\pm$ 6	57
O1-C1-O5-C5	65 $\pm$ 8	64 $\pm$ 7	71 $\pm$ 9	68 $\pm$ 7	65 $\pm$ 7	65 $\pm$ 7	N/A
O2-C2-C1-O5	175 $\pm$ 7	175 $\pm$ 6	172 $\pm$ 6	174 $\pm$ 6	178 $\pm$ 6	177 $\pm$ 6	N/A
O3-C3-C2-C1	-173 $\pm$ 6	-172 $\pm$ 6	-173 $\pm$ 6	-177 $\pm$ 6	-174 $\pm$ 6	-173 $\pm$ 6	N/A
O4-C4-C3-C2	-65 $\pm$ 6	-65 $\pm$ 6	-66 $\pm$ 6	-69 $\pm$ 6	-65 $\pm$ 6	-65 $\pm$ 6	N/A

### Radial distribution function for $\alpha$ anomers

Table 13: First peak position ( $r_0$ ), first minimum position ( $r_{\min}$ ) and coordination number (CN) for hydroxyl-water radial distribution function of  $\alpha$ -Glc with and without mutual polarization.

Oxygen	Mutual pol.			No pol.		
	$r_0$ (Å)	$r_{\min}$ (Å)	CN	$r_0$ (Å)	$r_{\min}$ (Å)	CN
O <sub>1</sub>	2.85	3.65	4.07	3.05	3.95	4.41
O <sub>2</sub>	2.85	3.35	3.33	3.05	4.05	4.84
O <sub>3</sub>	2.85	3.65	4.42	3.05	3.95	4.63
O <sub>4</sub>	2.85	3.45	3.39	3.05	3.85	3.93
Average	2.85	3.45	3.51	3.05	4.05	4.82
O <sub>6</sub>	2.85	3.35	3.33	3.05	3.95	4.73

### Mean square displacement of $\beta$ -Glc center-of-mass as a function of concentration

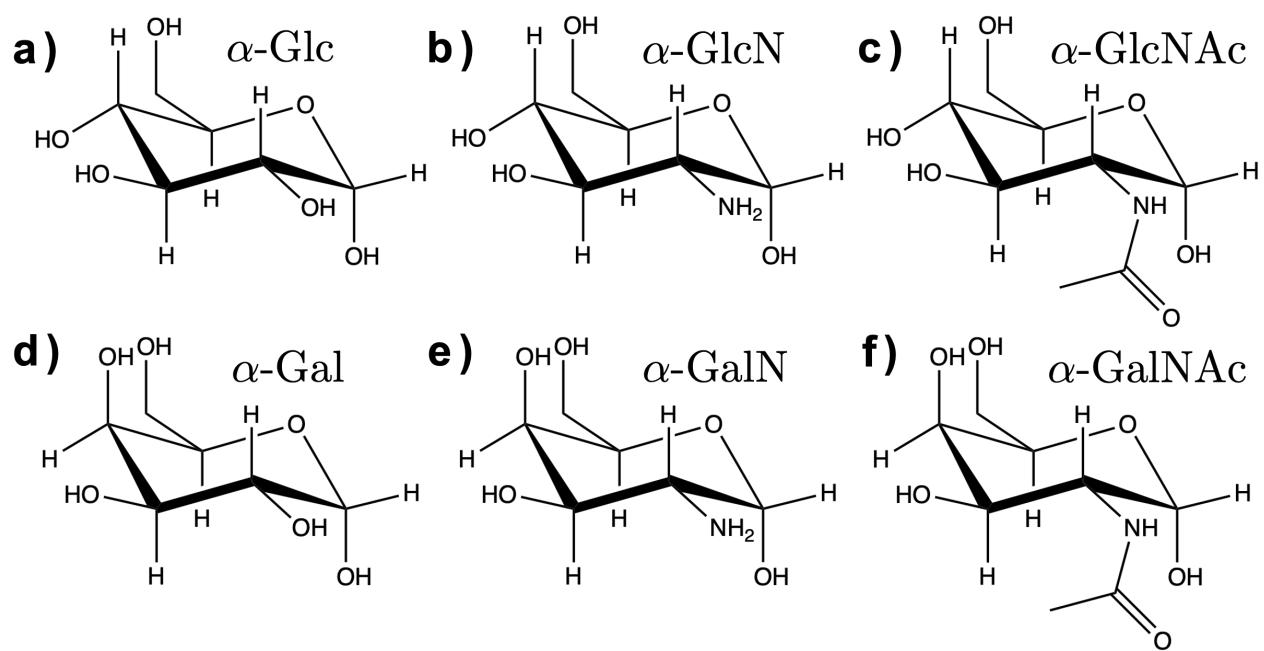


Figure S1: Chemical structure of the  $\alpha$  anomers of the six monosaccharides studied here. a) Glc, b) GlcN, c) GlcNAc, d) Gal, e) GalN, f) GalNAc.

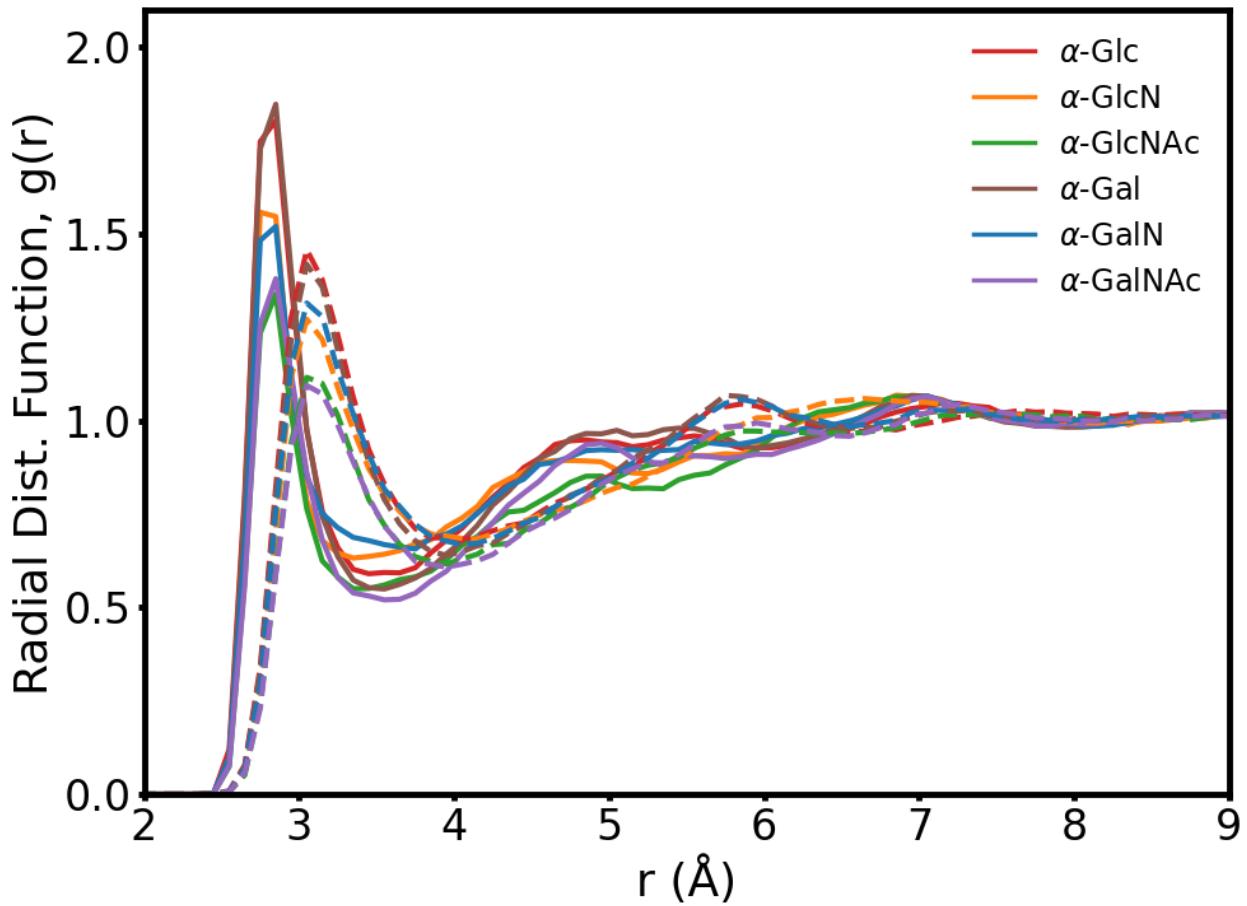


Figure S2: Carbohydrate-water radial distribution function for the six  $\alpha$  anomers, with (solid lines) and without (dotted lines) mutual polarization. Each curve is an average of the  $\text{O}_1 - \text{O}_w$ ,  $\text{O}_2/\text{N}_2 - \text{O}_w$ ,  $\text{O}_3 - \text{O}_w$  and  $\text{O}_4 - \text{O}_w$  distribution functions, where  $\text{O}_w$  is the water oxygen.

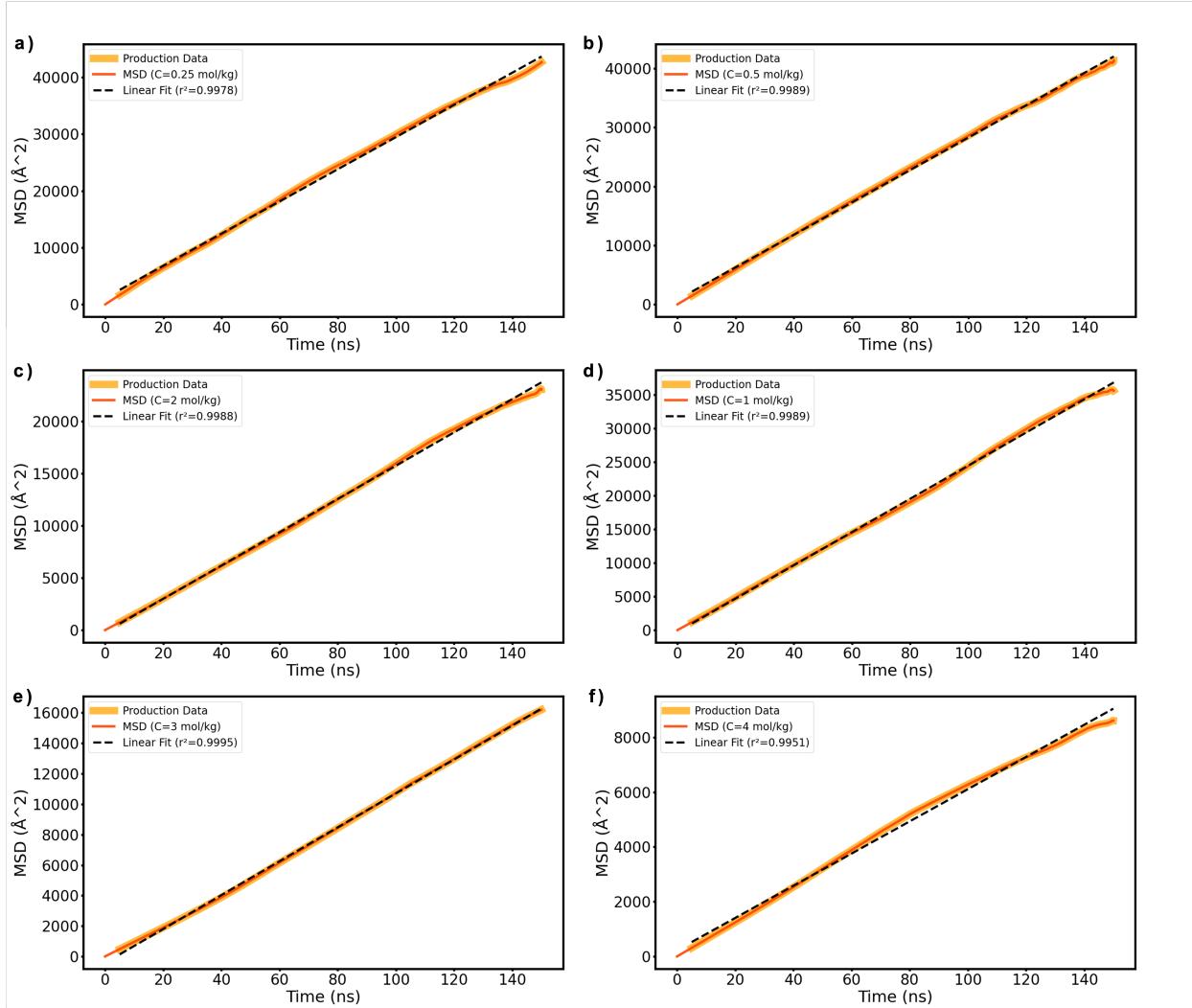


Figure S3: Mean square displacement of  $\beta$ -Glc center-of-mass as a function of MD time and linear fit a)  $c=0.25 \text{ mol/kg}$  (29  $\beta$ -Glc molecules), b)  $c=0.5 \text{ mol/kg}$  (56  $\beta$ -Glc molecules), c)  $c=1 \text{ mol/kg}$  (105  $\beta$ -Glc molecules), d)  $c=2 \text{ mol/kg}$  (188  $\beta$ -Glc molecules), e)  $c=3 \text{ mol/kg}$  (255  $\beta$ -Glc molecules), f)  $c=4 \text{ mol/kg}$  (305  $\beta$ -Glc molecules).

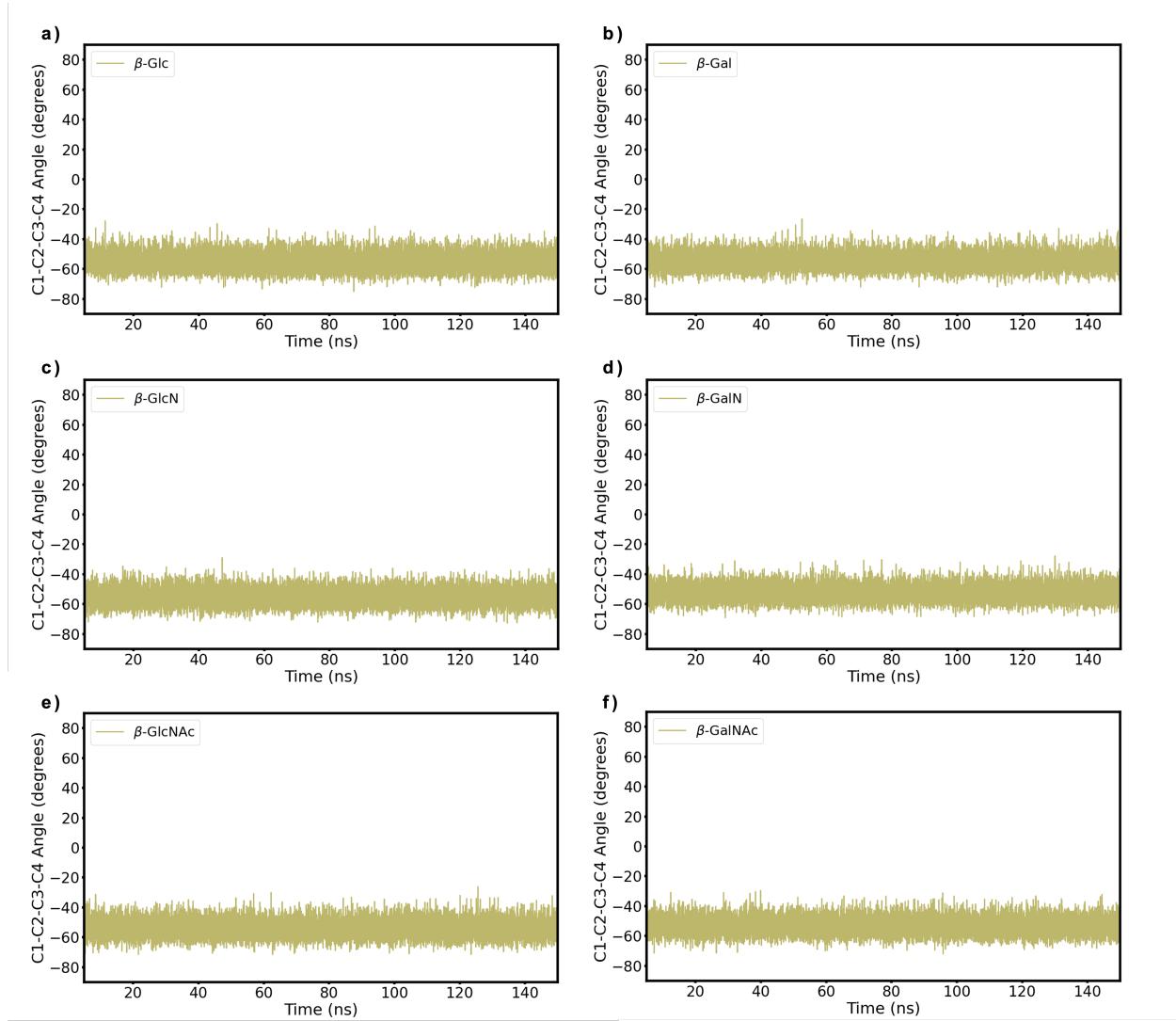


Figure S4: Time evolution of the torsion angle C<sub>1</sub> – C<sub>2</sub> – C<sub>3</sub> – C<sub>4</sub> in  $\beta\text{-}$  anomers during 145 ns production MD with AMOEBA (mutual polarization,  $\beta$  parameters). C<sub>1</sub> – C<sub>2</sub> – C<sub>3</sub> – C<sub>4</sub> is -55° when in chair conformation. a)  $\beta\text{-Glc}$ , b)  $\beta\text{-GlcN}$ , c)  $\beta\text{-GlcNAc}$ , d)  $\beta\text{-Gal}$ , e)  $\beta\text{-GalN}$ , f)  $\beta\text{-GalNAc}$ .

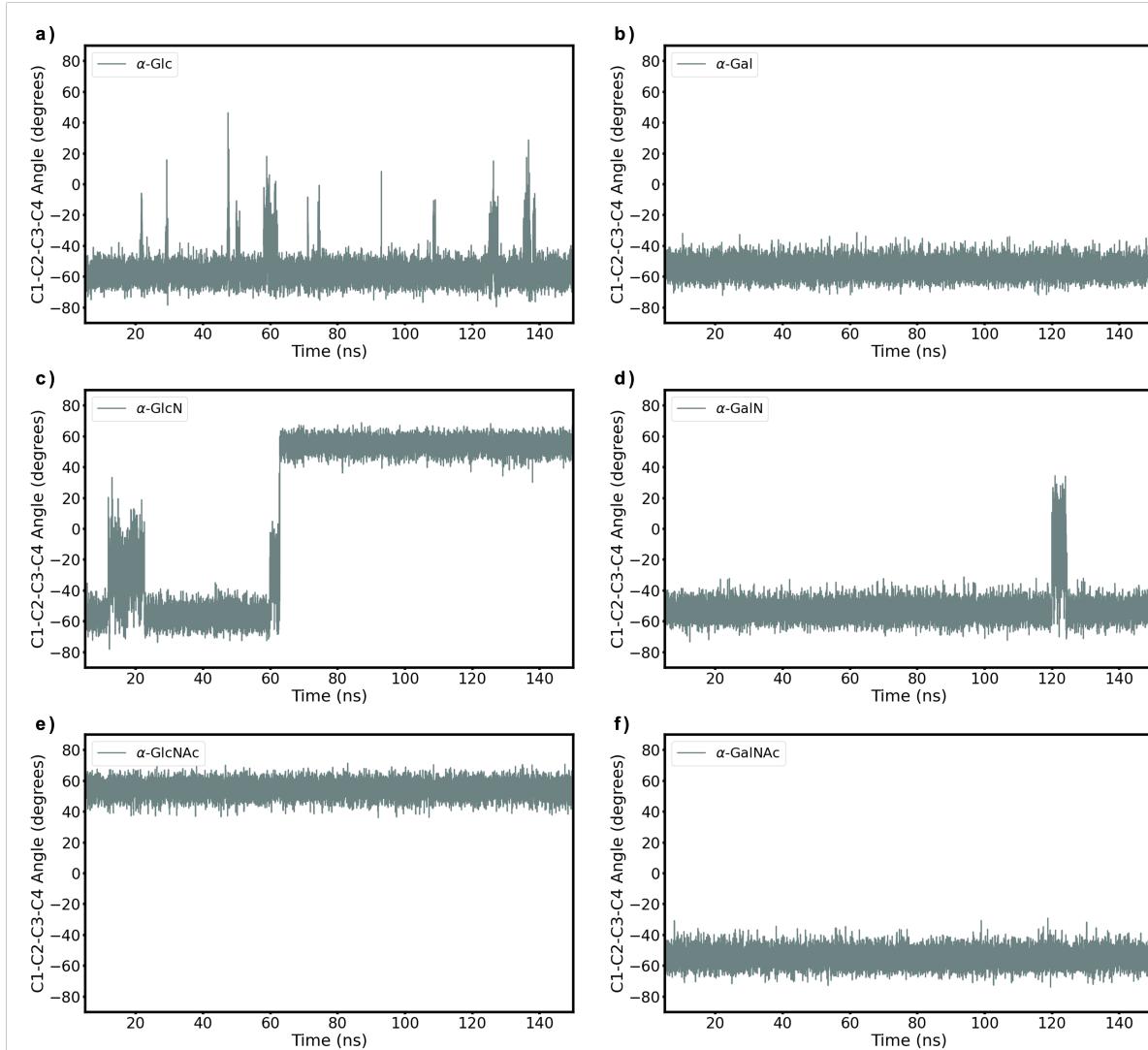


Figure S5: Time evolution of the torsion angle C<sub>1</sub> – C<sub>2</sub> – C<sub>3</sub> – C<sub>4</sub> in  $\alpha$ - anomers during 145 ns production MD with AMOEBA (mutual polarization,  $\alpha$  parameters). C<sub>1</sub> – C<sub>2</sub> – C<sub>3</sub> – C<sub>4</sub> is -55° when in chair conformation. a)  $\alpha$ -Glc, b)  $\alpha$ -GlcN, c)  $\alpha$ -GlcNAc, d)  $\alpha$ -Gal, e)  $\alpha$ -GalN, f)  $\alpha$ -GalNAc. Overall,  $\alpha$ -Glc,  $\alpha$ -GlcN,  $\alpha$ -GlcNAc,  $\alpha$ -Gal,  $\alpha$ -GalN and  $\alpha$ -GalNAc spends 2.9, 7.4, 0.09, 0.07, 2.6 and 0.05% of the time, respectively, in a conformation other than chair.

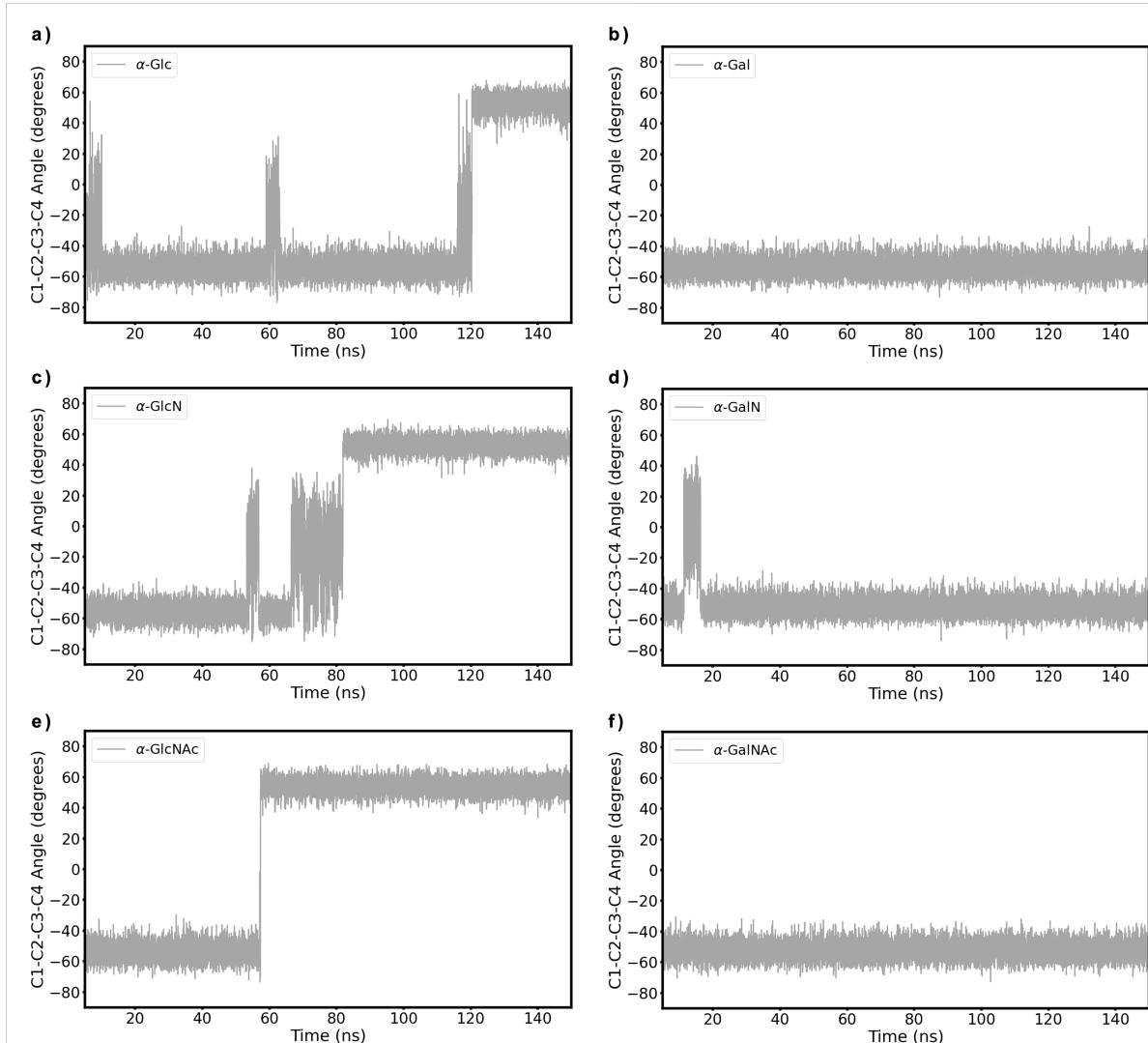


Figure S6: Time evolution of the torsion angle C<sub>1</sub> – C<sub>2</sub> – C<sub>3</sub> – C<sub>4</sub> in  $\alpha$ - anomers during 145 ns production MD with AMOEBA (mutual polarization,  $\beta$  parameters). C<sub>1</sub> – C<sub>2</sub> – C<sub>3</sub> – C<sub>4</sub> is -55° when in chair conformation. a)  $\alpha$ -Glc, b)  $\alpha$ -GlcN, c)  $\alpha$ -GlcNAc, d)  $\alpha$ -Gal, e)  $\alpha$ -GalN, f)  $\alpha$ -GalNAc. Overall,  $\alpha$ -Glc,  $\alpha$ -GlcN,  $\alpha$ -GlcNAc,  $\alpha$ -Gal,  $\alpha$ -GalN and  $\alpha$ -GalNAc spends 7.6, 10.9, 0.1, 0.1, 4.1 and 0.2% of the time, respectively, in a conformation other than chair.

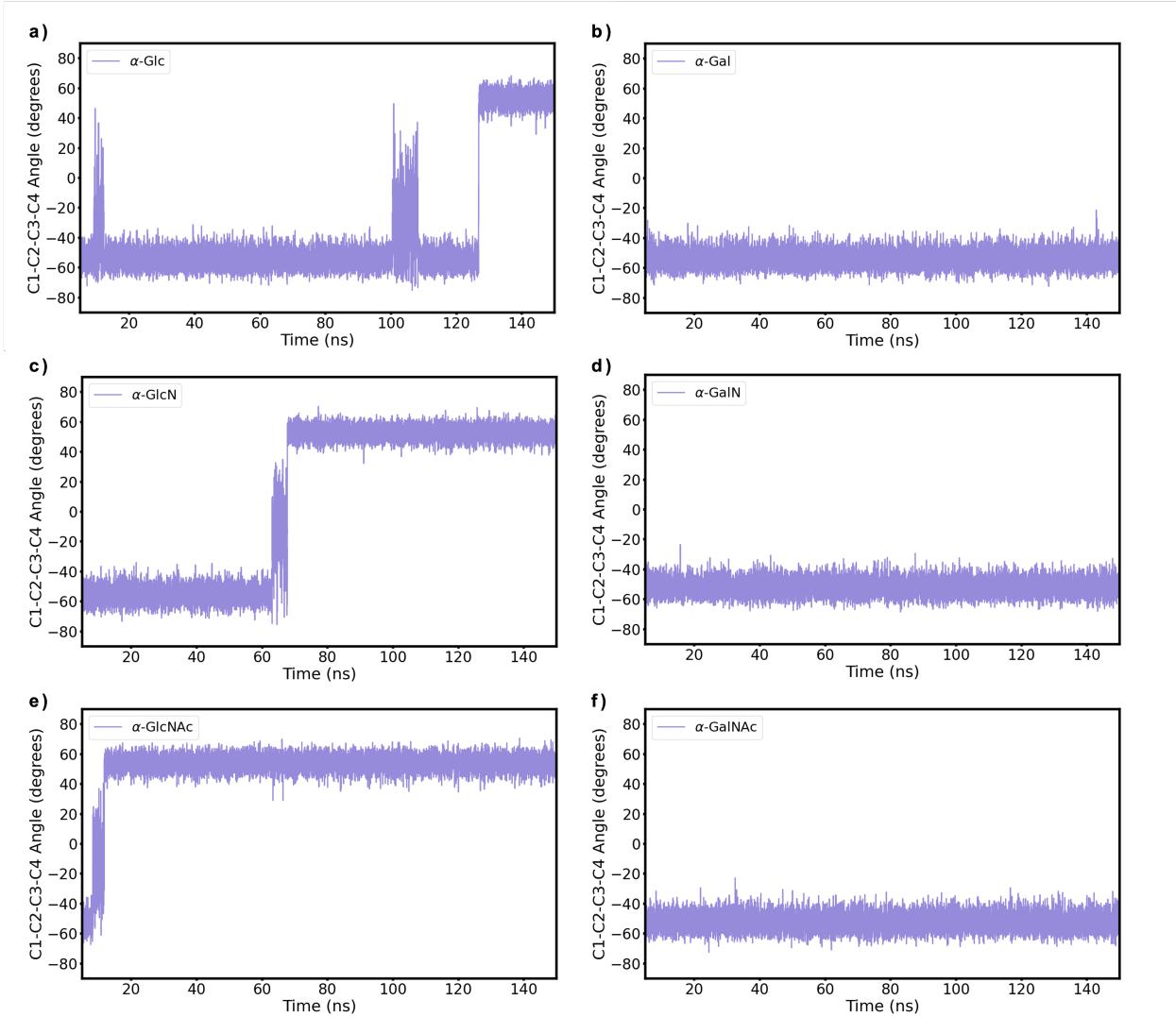


Figure S7: Time evolution of the torsion angle C<sub>1</sub>–C<sub>2</sub>–C<sub>3</sub>–C<sub>4</sub> in  $\alpha$ -anomers during 145 ns production MD with AMOEBA (mutual polarization,  $\alpha$  parameters, no energy minimization prior to MD). C<sub>1</sub>–C<sub>2</sub>–C<sub>3</sub>–C<sub>4</sub> is  $-55^\circ$  when in chair conformation. a)  $\alpha$ -Glc, b)  $\alpha$ -GlcN, c)  $\alpha$ -GlcNAc, d)  $\alpha$ -Gal, e)  $\alpha$ -GalN, f)  $\alpha$ -GalNAc. Overall,  $\alpha$ -Glc,  $\alpha$ -GlcN,  $\alpha$ -GlcNAc,  $\alpha$ -Gal,  $\alpha$ -GalN and  $\alpha$ -GalNAc spends 4.9, 2.7, 2.4, 0.1, 0.2 and 0.2% of the time, respectively, in a conformation other than chair.

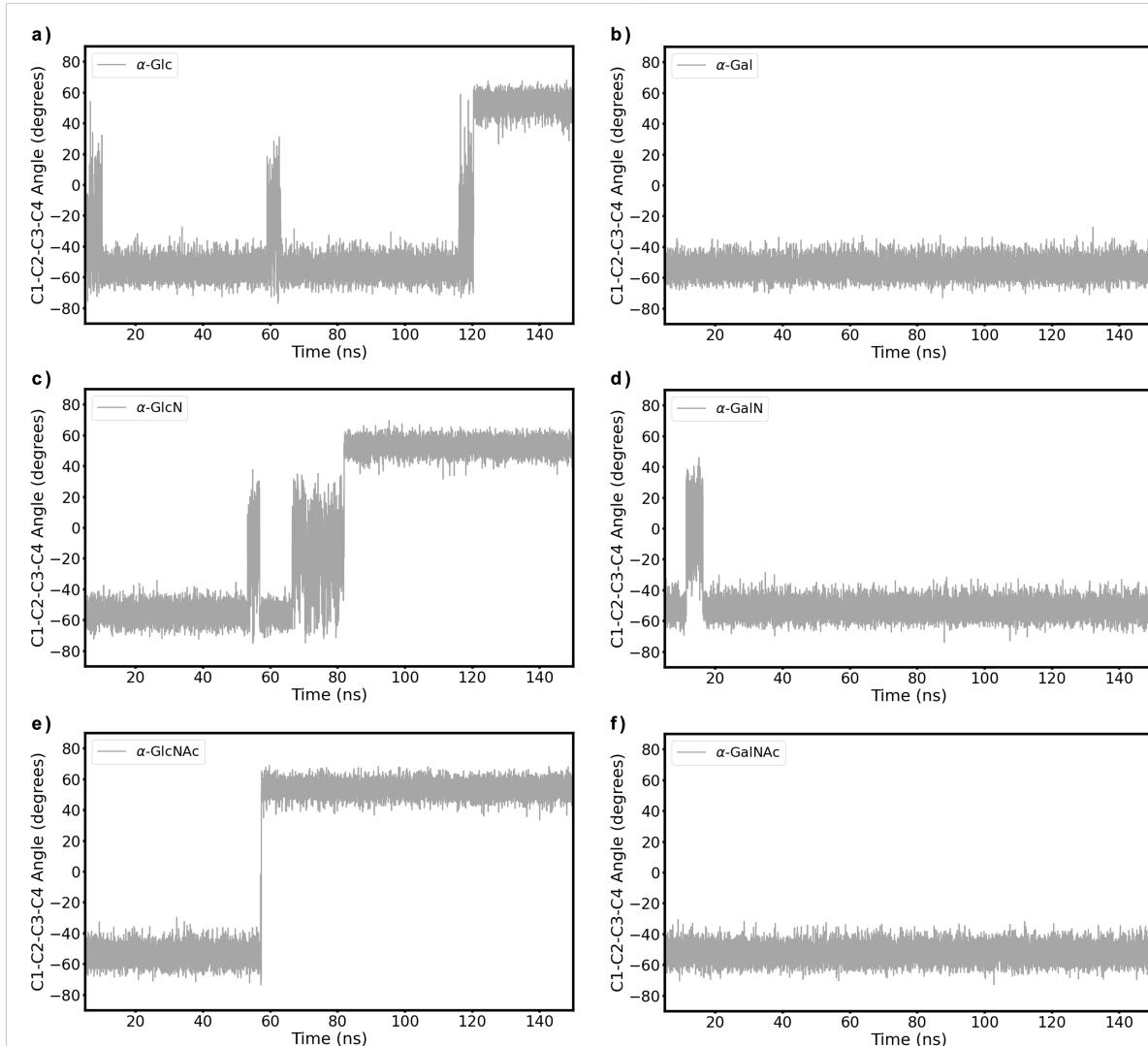


Figure S8: Time evolution of the torsion angle C<sub>1</sub> – C<sub>2</sub> – C<sub>3</sub> – C<sub>4</sub> in  $\alpha$ - anomers during 145 ns production MD with AMOEBA (mutual polarization,  $\beta$  parameters). C<sub>1</sub> – C<sub>2</sub> – C<sub>3</sub> – C<sub>4</sub> is -55° when in chair conformation. a)  $\alpha$ -Glc, b)  $\alpha$ -GlcN, c)  $\alpha$ -GlcNAc, d)  $\alpha$ -Gal, e)  $\alpha$ -GalN, f)  $\alpha$ -GalNAc. Overall,  $\alpha$ -Glc,  $\alpha$ -GlcN,  $\alpha$ -GlcNAc,  $\alpha$ -Gal,  $\alpha$ -GalN and  $\alpha$ -GalNAc spends 7.6, 10.9, 0.1, 0.1, 4.1 and 0.2% of the time, respectively, in a conformation other than chair.

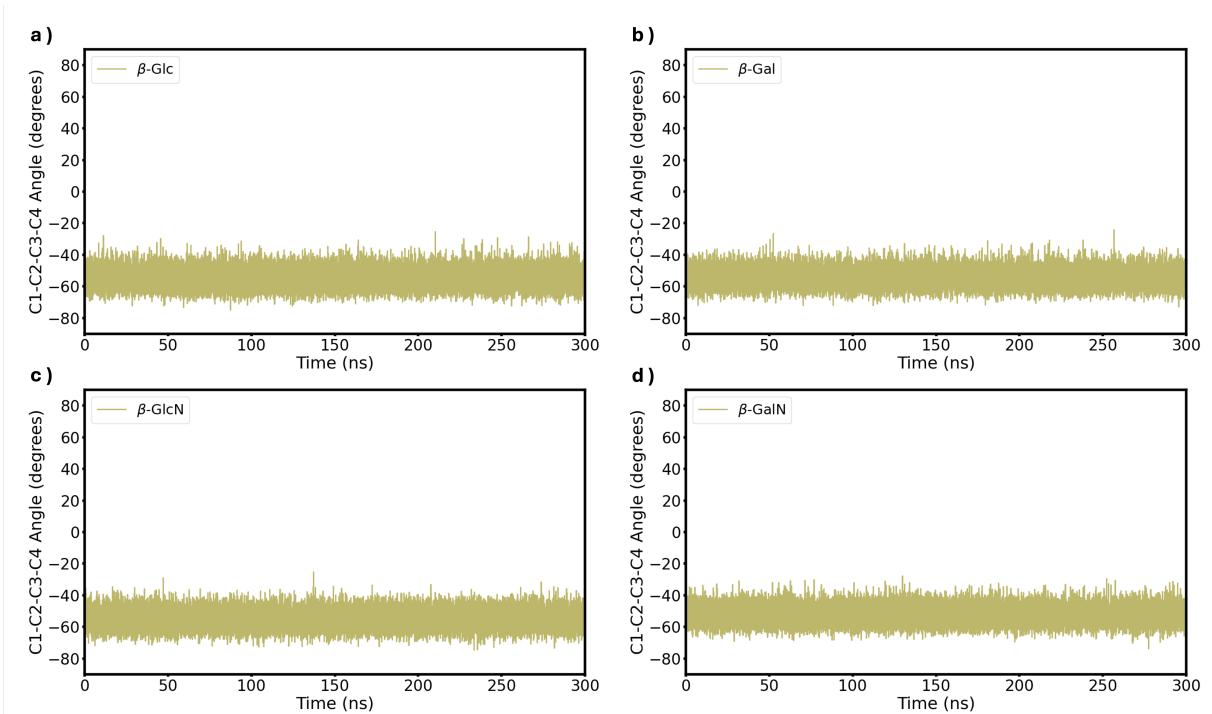


Figure S9: Time evolution of the torsion angle  $C_1 - C_2 - C_3 - C_4$  in  $\beta$ -Glc, GlcN, Gal, and GalN during 300 ns (extension of the previous 145 ns presented in Figure S4), first replicate.  $C_1 - C_2 - C_3 - C_4$  is  $-55^\circ$  when in chair conformation. a)  $\beta$ -Glc, b)  $\beta$ -GlcN, c)  $\beta$ -GlcNAc, d)  $\beta$ -Gal.

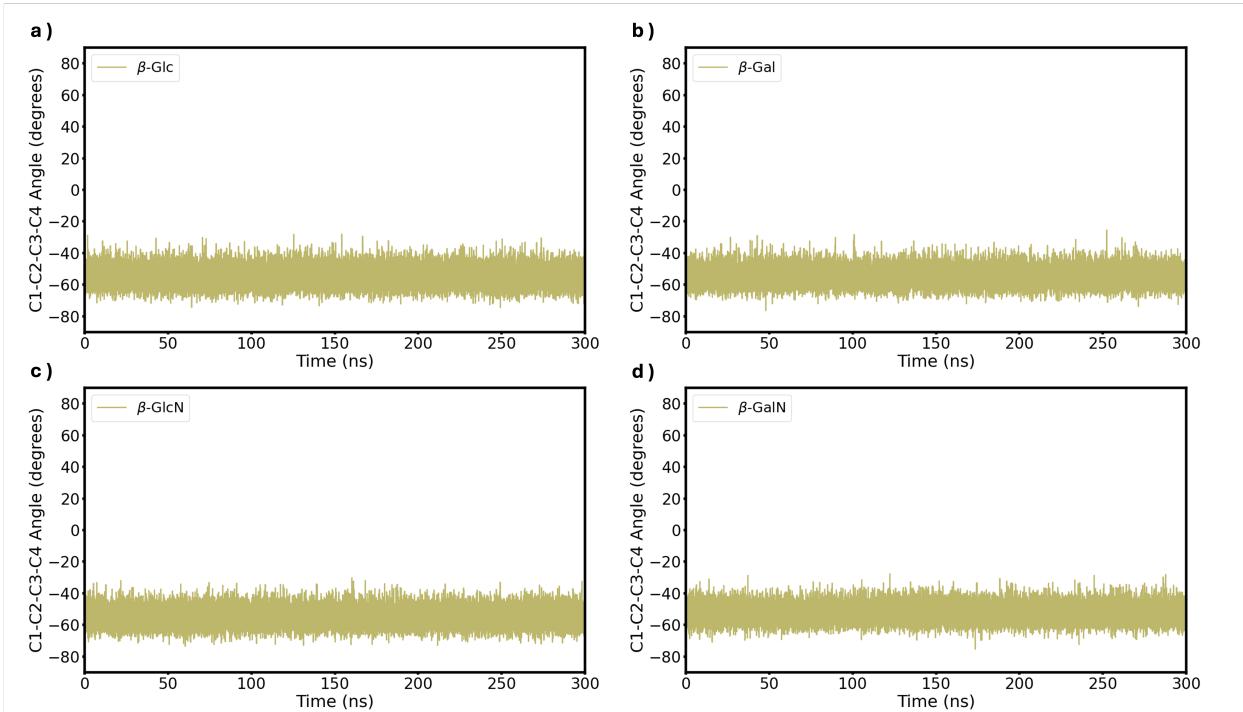


Figure S10: Time evolution of the torsion angle  $C_1 - C_2 - C_3 - C_4$  in  $\beta$ -Glc, GlcN, Gal, and GalN during 300 ns, second replicate.  $C_1 - C_2 - C_3 - C_4$  is  $-55^\circ$  when in chair conformation. a)  $\beta$ -Glc, b)  $\beta$ -GlcN, c)  $\beta$ -GlcNAc, d)  $\beta$ -Gal.

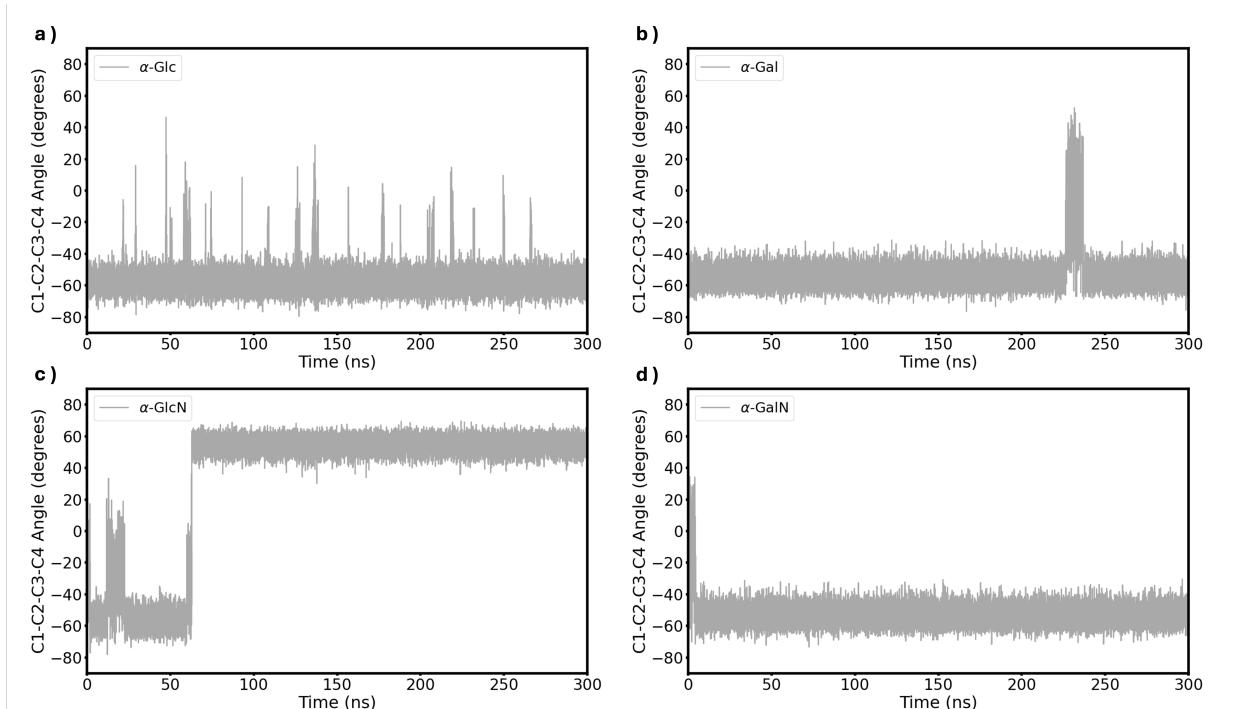


Figure S11: Time evolution of the torsion angle  $C_1 - C_2 - C_3 - C_4$  in  $\alpha$ -Glc, GlcN, Gal, and GalN during 300 ns (extension of the previous 145 ns presented in Figure S5), first replicate.  $C_1 - C_2 - C_3 - C_4$  is  $-55^\circ$  when in chair conformation. a)  $\alpha$ -Glc, b)  $\alpha$ -GlcN, c)  $\alpha$ -GlcNAc, d)  $\alpha$ -Gal. Overall,  $\alpha$ -Glc,  $\alpha$ -GlcN,  $\alpha$ -Gal, and  $\alpha$ -GalN spends 2.3, 3.7, 3.1, 1.3% of the time, respectively, in a conformation other than chair.

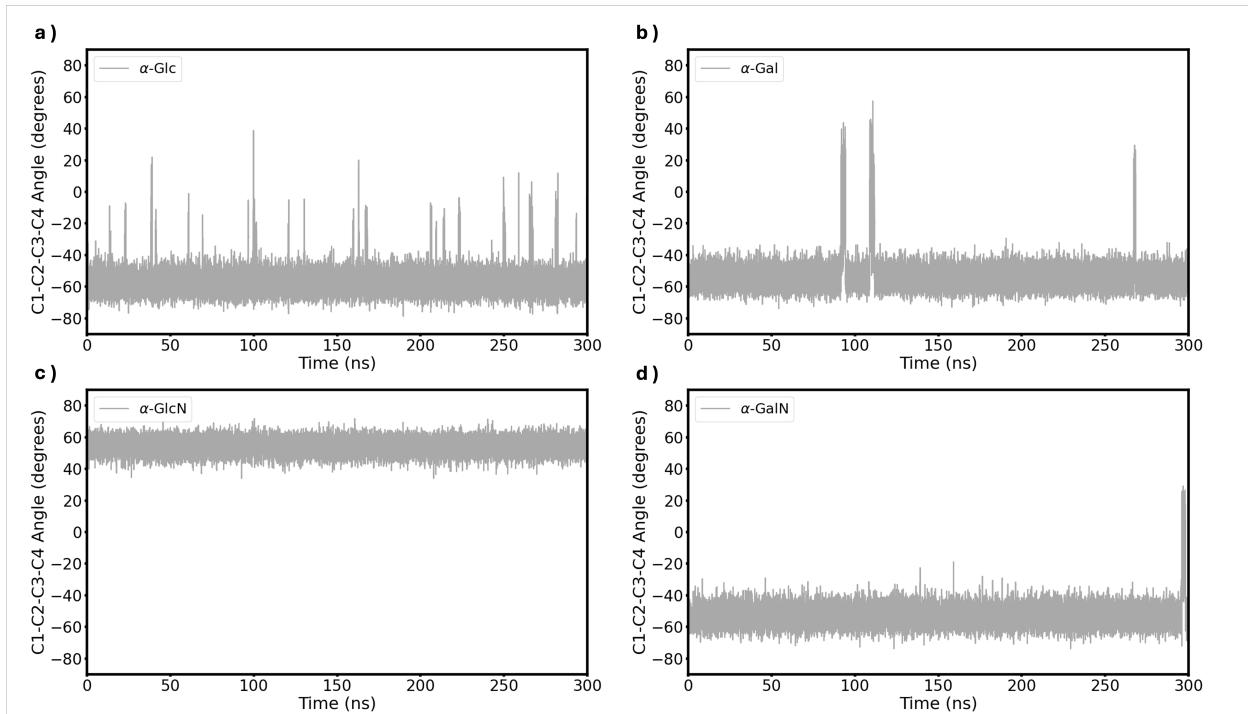


Figure S12: Time evolution of the torsion angle  $C_1 - C_2 - C_3 - C_4$  in  $\alpha$ -Glc, GlcN, Gal, and GalN during 300 ns, second replicate.  $C_1 - C_2 - C_3 - C_4$  is  $-55^\circ$  when in chair conformation. a)  $\alpha$ -Glc, b)  $\alpha$ -GlcN, c)  $\alpha$ -GlcNAc, d)  $\alpha$ -Gal. Overall,  $\alpha$ -Glc,  $\alpha$ -GlcN,  $\alpha$ -Gal, and  $\alpha$ -GalN spends 1.7, 0.01, 2.0, 0.8% of the time, respectively, in a conformation other than chair.