

**Hydrogen Bond Mediated Stabilization of the Salt Bridge Structure for the Glycine  
Dimer Anion**

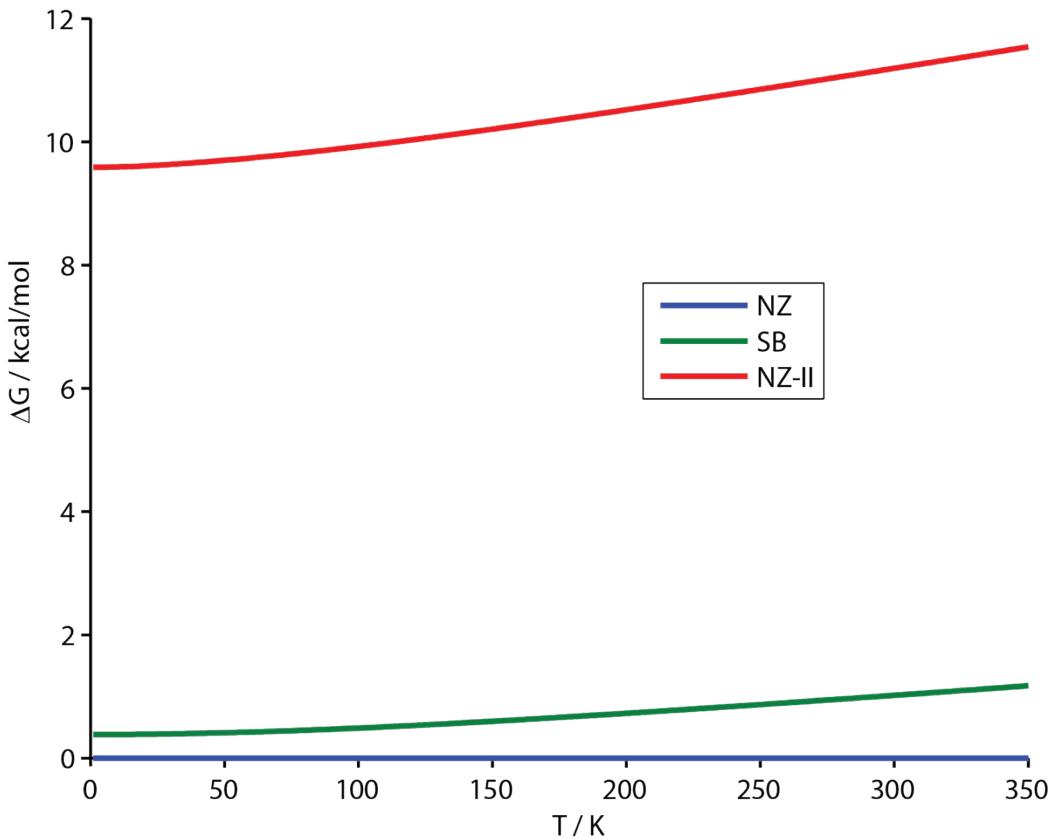
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**Supporting Information**

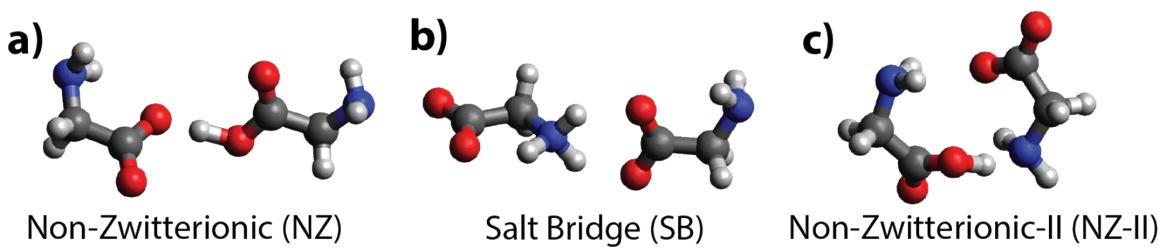


**Figure S1.**  $\Delta G$  in kcal/mol for the isomers NZ, SB and NZ-II at the B3LYP/6-311++G\*\* level of theory with respect to NZ as a function of temperature.

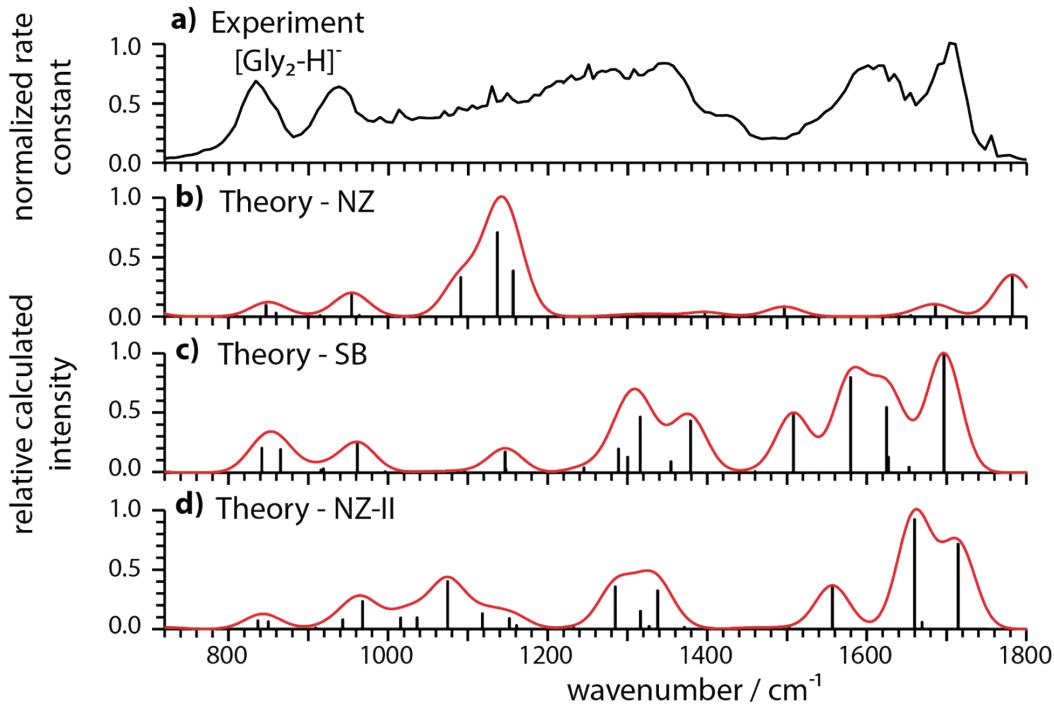
**Table S1.** Comparison of the most intense experimental IRMPD transitions with the B3LYP/6-311++G\*\* most intense predicted harmonic vibrations scaled by 0.985 for  $[\text{Gly}_2\text{-H}]^-$  and the possible peak assignment.

Experiment / cm <sup>-1</sup>	Vibration (SB)	Wavenumber / cm <sup>-1</sup>	Vibration (NZ)	Wavenumber / cm <sup>-1</sup>
1704	"Free" $\nu_{\text{asymm}}$	1697	$\nu_{\text{asymm}} \text{COOH}$	1782
1622	$\text{NH}_3^+$ stretch, $\nu_{\text{asymm}}, \text{NH}_3^+$ umbrella	1624, 1579, 1508	$\nu_{\text{asymm}} \text{COO}^-$	1685
			H–O bending	1496
1404	$\nu_{\text{symm}}$	1379	$\nu_{\text{symm}} \text{COO}^-$	1397
1345	"Free" $\nu_{\text{symm}}$	1316	$\nu_{\text{symm}} \text{COOH}$	1339
1000-1300	$\text{NH}_3^+, \text{NH}_2,$ $\text{CH}_2$ wagging	1146	O···H–O stretch	1157, 1137, 1091

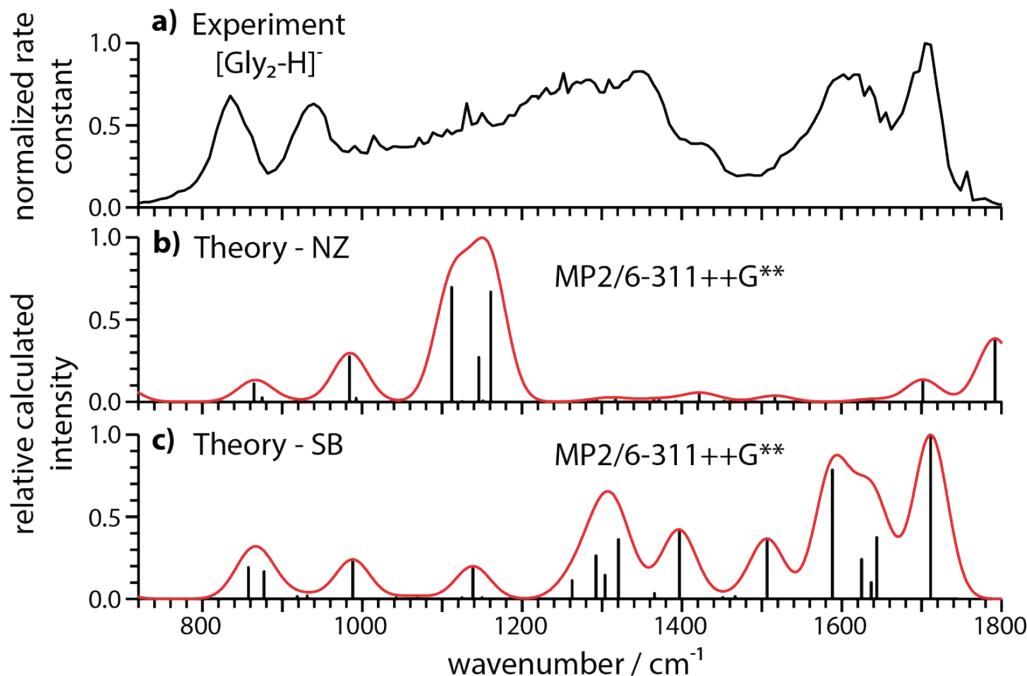
			combined with NH <sub>2</sub> , CH <sub>2</sub> wagging	
940	NH <sub>2</sub> , CH <sub>2</sub> wagging	962	NH <sub>2</sub> , CH <sub>2</sub> wagging	955
835	NH <sub>2</sub> , CH <sub>2</sub> wagging, NH <sub>3</sub> <sup>+</sup> , CH <sub>2</sub> wagging	865, 842	NH <sub>2</sub> , CH <sub>2</sub> wagging	847



**Figure S2.** Structural isomers for [Gly<sub>2</sub>-H]<sup>-</sup> with non-zwitterionic (NZ + NZ-II) a)+c) and salt bridge (SB) structure b) computed at the B3LYP/6-311++G\*\* level of theory. Oxygen, nitrogen, carbon and hydrogen atoms are represented by red, blue, gray and white spheres, respectively.

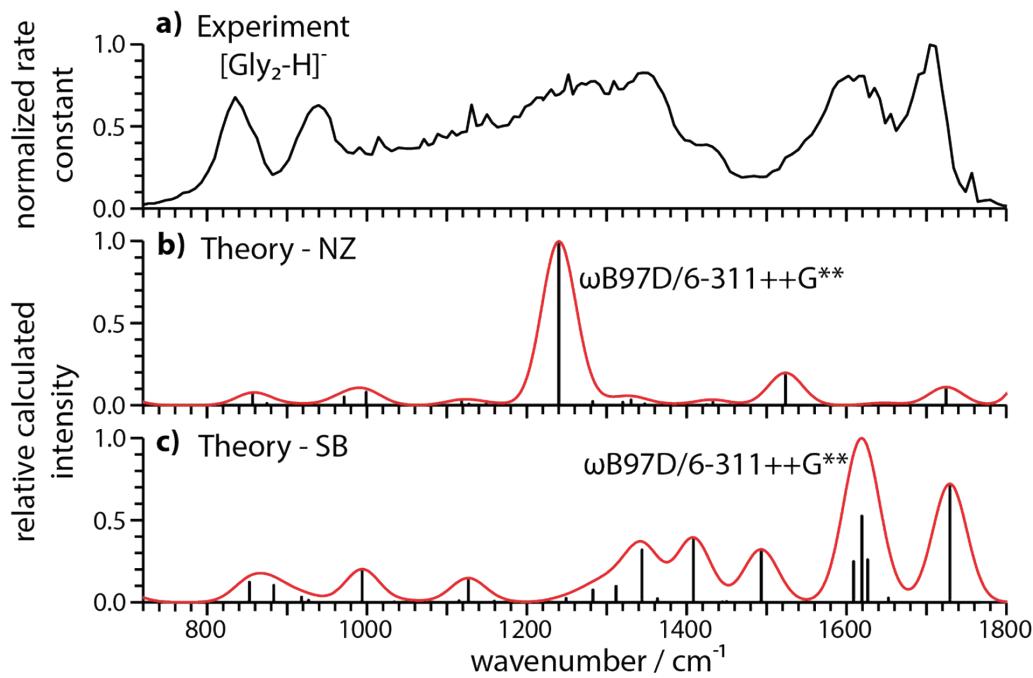


**Figure S3.** Comparison of the a) experimental IRMPD spectrum of  $[\text{Gly}_2\text{-H}]^-$  with the harmonic vibrational spectra for b) NZ, c) SB and d) NZ-II. The theoretical IR spectra were computed employing the B3LYP/6-311++G\*\* level of theory and using a uniform scaling factor of 0.985.

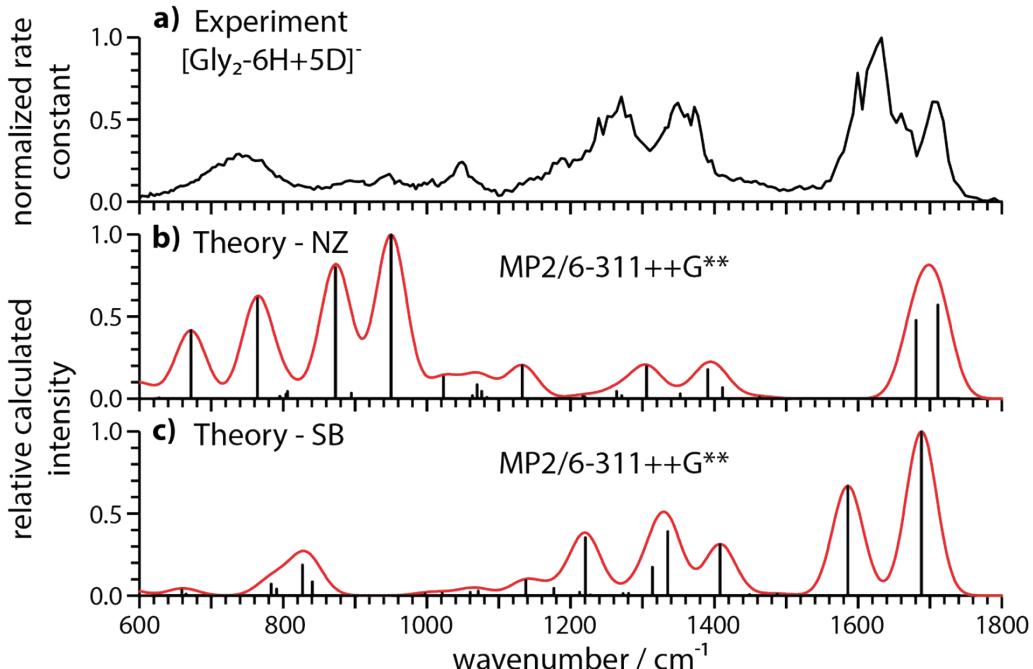


**Figure S4.** Comparison of the a) experimental IRMPD spectrum of  $[\text{Gly}_2\text{-H}]^-$  with the harmonic vibrational spectra for b) NZ and c) SB. The theoretical IR spectra were

computed employing the MP2/6-311++G\*\* level of theory and using a uniform scaling factor of 0.980.



**Figure S5.** Comparison of the a) experimental IRMPD spectrum of  $[\text{Gly}_2\text{-H}]^-$  with the harmonic vibrational spectra for b) NZ and c) SB. The theoretical IR spectra were computed employing the  $\omega\text{B97D}/6\text{-}311\text{++G}^{**}$  level of theory and using a uniform scaling factor of 0.975.



**Figure S6.** Comparison of the a) experimental IRMPD spectrum of  $[\text{Gly}_2\text{-}6\text{H}+\text{5D}]^-$  with the harmonic vibrational spectra for b) NZ and c) SB. The theoretical IR spectra were computed employing the MP2/6-311++G\*\* level of theory and using a uniform scaling factor of 0.980.

**Table S2.** Comparison of the most intense experimental IRMPD transitions with the B3LYP/6-311++G\*\* most intense predicted harmonic vibrations scaled by 0.985 for  $[\text{Gly}_2\text{-}6\text{H}+\text{5D}]^-$  and a possible peak assignment.

Experiment / $\text{cm}^{-1}$	Vibration (SB)	Wavenumber / $\text{cm}^{-1}$	Vibration (NZ)	Wavenumber / $\text{cm}^{-1}$
1703	"Free" $\nu_{\text{antisymm}}$	1688	$\nu_{\text{antisymm}}$ COOH	1710
1632	$\nu_{\text{antisymm}}$	1579	$\nu_{\text{antisymm}}$ COO $^-$	1676
1484-1401	$\nu_{\text{symm}}$	1382		
1349	"Free" $\nu_{\text{symm}}$	1320	NH $_2$ , CH $_2$ wagging, $\nu_{\text{symm}}$ COO $^-$	1360
1270	NH $_3^+$ stretch	1196	NH $_2$ , CH $_2$ wagging, $\nu_{\text{symm}}$ COOH	1285
1198-1104	NH $_3^+$ umbrella	1130	H-O bending	1135
1049	N-C stretch	1038	NH $_2$ , CH $_2$ wagging	1048
948	N-C stretch	972	O...H-O stretch	946

739	$\text{NH}_3^+$ , $\text{NH}_2$ , $\text{CH}_2$ wagging	819, 800, 776, 749	$\text{NH}_2$ , $\text{CH}_2$ wagging and $\text{O}\cdots\text{H}-\text{O}$ stretch	868, 752, 652
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**xyz coordinates at the B3LYP/6-311++G\*\* level of theory**

**[Gly<sub>2</sub>-2H+Na]<sup>-</sup>**

7	4.867234442	-0.918239369	0.388686134
6	4.187188515	0.215587824	-0.252645961
6	2.644791335	0.223440453	-0.166279568
8	2.035675744	1.042619032	-0.905031770
8	2.100726437	-0.564975030	0.656217080
1	4.350920548	-1.117373841	1.244008677
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**NZ - [Gly<sub>2</sub>-H]<sup>-</sup>**

6	2.164341650	0.586312683	0.116041486
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**SB - [Gly<sub>2</sub>-H]<sup>-</sup>**

6	2.100968683	0.325909720	0.029901071
8	1.425175968	1.273636133	0.519387391
8	1.658228822	-0.657986947	-0.625450339
1	3.829937200	0.722645129	1.258517723
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1	-0.219863742	-0.455753304	-0.661046142
6	3.631857258	0.409752426	0.230334930
7	4.397650118	-0.804565123	-0.075864874
1	3.974752231	-1.216047309	-0.906133055
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**NZ-II - [Gly<sub>2</sub>-H]<sup>-</sup>**

6	-1.941279832	-0.486805350	0.063991252
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1	1.273765641	-2.748266642	-0.113876855

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