

## SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL

### High-pressure polymorphism in L-threonine between ambient pressure and 22 GPa

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**Table S1** High Pressure Structures in the Cambridge Structural Database (v 5.40, Nov 2018)

| Compound Name  | Refcode                | Pressure (GPa) | 3D Coords? | Molecular ? | Complex ? | R-factor (%) | Method |
|--|------------------------|----------------|------------|-------------|-----------|--------------|--------|
| Carbon dioxide   | SACBAA <sup>1</sup>    | 28.00          | Yes        | Yes         | No        | 20.5         | powder |
| Benzene  | BENZEN09 <sup>2</sup>  | 24.00          | No         | Yes         | Yes       | n/a          | powder |
| L-threonine  | n/a*                   | 22.31          | Yes        | Yes         | Yes       | 7.9          | SC     |
| benzene-1,4-diol acetonitrile clathrate                                  | HQUACN20 <sup>3</sup>  | 14.10          | Yes        | Yes         | Yes       | 20.94        | SC     |
| Perdeutero-L-alanine   | LALNIN51 <sup>4</sup>  | 13.60          | Yes        | Yes         | Yes       | 4.92         | powder |
| dichloro-(1,4,7-oxadithionane)-palladium(ii)                             | NONWES30 <sup>5</sup>  | 13.56          | Yes        | Yes         | Yes       | 6.92         | SC     |
| 4-oxo-3H,4H-benzo[1,2-d:5,4-d']bis[1,2,3]dithiazol-3-yl radical          | LILRIJ06 <sup>6</sup>  | 13.00          | Yes        | Yes         | Yes       | 0.56         | powder |
| pyrazinium tetrachloro-gold(iii)   | BIHXIC18 <sup>7</sup>  | 12.68          | Yes        | Yes         | Yes       | 8.22         | SC     |
| Dibromo-(1,4,7-trithionane)-palladium(ii)                                | FAPBIH12 <sup>6</sup>  | 11.69          | Yes        | Yes         | Yes       | 7.1          | SC     |
| 5-Amino-1H-tetrazole   | EJIQEU02 <sup>8</sup>  | 11.60          | Yes        | Yes         | Yes       | 0.6          | powder |
| bis(cyclopentadienyl)-iron   | FEROCE38 <sup>9</sup>  | 11.60          | Yes        | Yes         | Yes       | 3.52         | SC     |
| pyrazinium tetrachloro-gold(iii)   | BIJBUU <sup>7</sup>    | 10.67          | Yes        | Yes         | Yes       | 6.98         | SC     |
| 4,8-dioxo-4,8-dihydrobenzo[1,2-d:5,4-d']bis[1,2,3]dithiazol-6-ium-3-ide  | GEHMAK05 <sup>10</sup> | 10.50          | Yes        | Yes         | Yes       | 0.84         | powder |
| α-D-mannopyranose  | ADMANN25 <sup>11</sup> | 10.13          | No         | Yes         | Yes       | n/a          | SC     |
| 4-Oxo-8-phenyl-3H,4H-benzo[1,2-d:5,4-d']bis[1,2,3]dithiazol-3-yl radical | EPIVEF04 <sup>12</sup> | 10.10          | Yes        | Yes         | Yes       | 2.9          | powder |

SC=Single Crystal, \*=this study.

**Table S2** Crystallographic information for all structures

|   |  |  |  |  |
|---|--|--|--|--|
| Pressure  | 0.00 GPa   | 1.26 GPa   | 2.05 GPa   | 3.23 GPa   |
| Phase   | I  | I  | I  | I'   |
| Crystal data  |  |  |  |  |
| Temperature (K)   | 298  | 296  | 296  | 296  |
| Crystal system,<br>space group  | Orthorhombic,<br><i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub> |
| <i>a</i> , <i>b</i> , <i>c</i> (Å)  | 5.1481 (1),<br>13.6138 (2),<br>7.7426 (1)                              | 5.0694 (10),<br>13.492 (6),<br>7.403 (4)                               | 5.0359 (6),<br>13.462 (3),<br>7.2375 (16)                              | 5.0055 (2),<br>13.4104 (9),<br>7.1162 (4)                              |
| <i>V</i> (Å <sup>3</sup> )  | 542.64 (2)   | 506.4 (3)  | 490.67 (16)  | 477.68 (5)   |
| Radiation type  | Mo <i>K</i> α  | Synchrotron, $\lambda$ = 0.478 Å                                       | Synchrotron, $\lambda$ = 0.478 Å                                       | Synchrotron, $\lambda$ = 0.478 Å                                       |
| $\mu$ (mm <sup>-1</sup> )   | 0.12   | 0.06   | 0.07   | 0.07   |
| Crystal size (mm)   | 0.20 × 0.10 × 0.10   | 0.10 × 0.10 × 0.10   | 0.10 × 0.10 × 0.10   | 0.10 × 0.10 × 0.10   |
| Data collection   |  |  |  |  |
| Diffractometer  | Bruker APEX-II<br>CCD  | Bruker-Nonius<br>APEX II   | Bruker-Nonius<br>APEX II'  | Bruker-Nonius<br>APEX II   |
| <i>T</i> <sub>min</sub> , <i>T</i> <sub>max</sub>                                       | 0.676, 0.745   | 0.248, 0.744   | 0.604, 0.744   | 0.629, 0.744   |
| No. of measured,<br>independent and<br>observed [ $ I  > 2\sigma( I )$ ]<br>reflections | 5775, 1123,<br>1065  | 2231, 645, 398   | 2455, 627, 542   | 2848, 738, 684   |
| <i>R</i> <sub>int</sub>   | 0.025  | 0.121  | 0.055  | 0.041  |
| (sinθ/λ)max (Å <sup>-1</sup> )  | 0.625  | 0.627  | 0.628  | 0.625  |
| Refinement  |  |  |  |  |
| <i>R</i> [ $F_2 > 2\sigma(F_2)$ ],<br><i>wR</i> ( $F_2$ ), <i>S</i>                     | 0.026, 0.070,<br>0.82  | 0.088, 0.234,<br>1.00  | 0.064, 0.151,<br>1.09  | 0.062, 0.152,<br>1.05  |
| No. of parameters   | 76   | 33   | 33   | 33   |
| No. of restraints   | 0  | 17   | 17   | 17   |
| Δρ <sub>max</sub> , Δρ <sub>min</sub> (e Å <sup>-3</sup> )                              | 0.18, -0.13  | 0.48, -0.48  | 0.33, -0.27  | 0.42, -0.31  |

|   |  |  |  |  |
|---|--|--|--|--|
| Pressure  | 3.97 GPa   | 4.02 GPa   | 5.20 GPa   | 5.91 GPa   |
| Phase   | I'   | I'   | I'   | I'   |
| Crystal data  |  |  |  |  |
| Temperature (K)   | 298  | 296  | 296  | 298  |
| Crystal system,<br>space group  | Orthorhombic,<br><i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub> |
| <i>a</i> , <i>b</i> , <i>c</i> (Å)  | 4.9715 (14),<br>13.236 (7),<br>7.042 (2)                               | 4.9824 (6),<br>13.353 (3),<br>7.0029 (14)                              | 4.9556 (9),<br>13.322 (4),<br>6.874 (2)                                | 4.933 (2),<br>13.248 (9),<br>6.841 (3)                                 |
| <i>V</i> (Å <sup>3</sup> )  | 463.4 (3)  | 465.89 (15)  | 453.8 (2)  | 447.1 (4)  |
| Radiation type  | Synchrotron, $\lambda$<br>= 0.4959 Å                                   | Synchrotron, $\lambda$<br>= 0.478 Å                                    | Synchrotron, $\lambda$<br>= 0.478 Å                                    | Synchrotron, $\lambda$<br>= 0.4959 Å                                   |
| $\mu$ (mm <sup>-1</sup> )   | 0.07   | 0.07   | 0.07   | 0.07   |
| Crystal size (mm)   | 0.06 × 0.04 ×<br>0.02  | 0.10 × 0.10 ×<br>0.10  | 0.10 × 0.10 ×<br>0.10  | 0.06 × 0.04 ×<br>0.02  |
| Data collection   |  |  |  |  |
| Diffractometer  | Perkin-Elmer a-Si Detector   | Bruker-Nonius APEX II  | Bruker-Nonius APEX II  | Perkin-Elmer a-Si Detector   |
| <i>T</i> <sub>min</sub> , <i>T</i> <sub>max</sub>                                   | 0.424, 0.744   | 0.615, 0.744   | 0.599, 0.744   | 0.581, 0.744   |
| No. of measured,<br>independent and<br>observed [ $I > 2\sigma(I)$ ]<br>reflections | 1670, 453, 318   | 2494, 618, 546   | 2295, 594, 503   | 1638, 465, 357   |
| <i>R</i> <sub>int</sub>   | 0.117  | 0.055  | 0.069  | 0.079  |
| (sinθ/λ)max (Å <sup>-1</sup> )  | 0.624  | 0.625  | 0.627  | 0.625  |
| Refinement  |  |  |  |  |
| <i>R</i> [ $F_2 > 2\sigma(F_2)$ ],<br><i>wR</i> ( $F_2$ ), <i>S</i>                 | 0.057, 0.145,<br>1.01  | 0.062, 0.172,<br>1.12  | 0.059, 0.155,<br>1.07  | 0.057, 0.156,<br>1.13  |
| No. of parameters   | 34   | 33   | 33   | 34   |
| No. of restraints   | 17   | 17   | 17   | 17   |
| Δρ <sub>max</sub> , Δρ <sub>min</sub> (e Å <sup>-3</sup> )                          | 0.35, -0.27  | 0.42, -0.31  | 0.38, -0.25  | 0.40, -0.28  |

|   |                                    |                                     |
|---|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Pressure  | 6.12 GPa                           | 6.67 GPa                            |
| Phase   | I'                                 | I'                                  |
| Crystal data  |                                    |                                     |
| Temperature (K)   | 298                                | 296                                 |
| Crystal system,<br>space group  | Orthorhombic, $P2_12_12_1$         | Orthorhombic, $P2_12_12_1$          |
| $a, b, c$ (Å)   | 4.9383 (19), 13.250 (5), 6.841 (3) | 4.9154 (9), 13.230 (5), 6.7665 (14) |
| $V$ (Å <sup>3</sup> )   | 447.6 (3)                          | 440.04 (19)                         |
| Radiation type  | Synchrotron, $\lambda = 0.4959$ Å  | Synchrotron, $\lambda = 0.478$ Å    |
| $\mu$ (mm <sup>-1</sup> )   | 0.07                               | 0.07                                |
| Crystal size (mm)   | 0.06 × 0.05 × 0.04                 | 0.10 × 0.10 × 0.10                  |
| Data collection   |                                    |                                     |
| Diffractometer  | Perkin-Elmer a-Si Detector         | Bruker-Nonius APEX II               |
| $T_{\min}, T_{\max}$  | 0.549, 0.744                       | 0.560, 0.744                        |
| No. of measured,<br>independent and<br>observed [ $ I  > 2\sigma(I)$ ]<br>reflections | 1687, 486, 367                     | 2302, 561, 431                      |
| $R_{\text{int}}$  | 0.087                              | 0.094                               |
| $(\sin\theta/\lambda)\text{max}$ (Å <sup>-1</sup> )                                   | 0.625                              | 0.627                               |
| Refinement  |                                    |                                     |
| $R[F2 > 2\sigma(F2)]$ ,<br>$wR(F2)$ , $S$   | 0.064, 0.161, 1.04                 | 0.067, 0.158, 1.11                  |
| No. of parameters   | 34                                 | 33                                  |
| No. of restraints   | 17                                 | 17                                  |
| $\Delta\rho_{\max}, \Delta\rho_{\min}$ (e Å <sup>-3</sup> )                           | 0.30, -0.24                        | 0.30, -0.28                         |

|   |  |  |  |  |  |
|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| Pressure  | 8.50 GPa   | 9.82 GPa   | 11.19 GPa  | 13.00 GPa*   | 13.94 GPa  |
| Phase   | I'   | II   | II   | II   | II   |
| Crystal data  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Temperature (K)   | 298  | 298  | 298  | 298  | 298  |
| Crystal system,<br>space group  | Orthorhombic,<br><i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub> |
| <i>a</i> , <i>b</i> , <i>c</i> (Å)  | 4.879 (3),<br>13.135 (8),<br>6.658 (6)                                 | 4.842 (6),<br>13.025 (17),<br>6.589 (12)                               | 4.823 (4),<br>13.027 (10),<br>6.481 (7)                                | 4.823 (5),<br>13.025 (12),<br>6.457 (8)                                | 4.799 (2),<br>12.972 (5),<br>6.432 (3)                                 |
| α, β, γ (°)   | 90, 90, 90   | 90, 90, 90   | 90, 90, 90   | 90, 90, 90   | 90, 90, 90   |
| <i>V</i> (Å <sup>3</sup> )  | 426.7 (5)  | 415.5 (11)   | 407.2 (7)  | 405.7 (7)  | 400.4 (3)  |
| Radiation type  | Synchrotron, λ<br>= 0.4959 Å   | Synchrotron, λ<br>= 0.478 Å  | Synchrotron, λ<br>= 0.478 Å  | Synchrotron, λ<br>= 0.478 Å  | Synchrotron, λ<br>= 0.4959 Å   |
| μ (mm <sup>-1</sup> )   | 0.08   | 0.08   | 0.08   | 0.08   | 0.08   |
| Crystal size (mm)   | 0.06 × 0.05 ×<br>0.04  |
| Data collection   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Diffractometer  | Perkin-Elmer a-Si Detector   |
| <i>T</i> <sub>min</sub> , <i>T</i> <sub>max</sub>   | 0.453, 0.744   | 0.555, 0.744   | 0.561, 0.744   | 0.486, 0.744   | 0.529, 0.744   |
| No. of measured,<br>independent and<br>observed [ <i>I</i> > 2σ( <i>I</i> )]<br>reflections | 766, 227, 192  | 711, 329, 194  | 831, 341, 279  | 836, 220, 199  | 737, 281, 249  |
| <i>R</i> <sub>int</sub>   | 0.089  | 0.100  | 0.067  | 0.050  | 0.042  |
| θ <sub>max</sub> (°)  | 14.4   | 18.1   | 18.1   | 14.4   | 16.4   |
| (sinθ/λ)max (Å <sup>-1</sup> )  | 0.500  | 0.625  | 0.628  | 0.500  | 0.568  |
| Refinement  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <i>R</i> [ <i>F</i> > 2σ( <i>F</i> )],<br><i>wR</i> ( <i>F</i> ), <i>S</i>                  | 0.062, 0.142,<br>1.08  | 0.091, 0.245,<br>1.05  | 0.053, 0.142,<br>1.04  | 0.058, 0.156,<br>1.27  | 0.055, 0.140,<br>1.04  |
| No. of parameters   | 34   | 34   | 34   | 33   | 33   |
| No. of restraints   | 17   | 17   | 17   | 17   | 17   |
| Δρ <sub>max</sub> , Δρ <sub>min</sub> (e Å <sup>-3</sup> )                                  | 0.26, -0.23  | 0.36, -0.36  | 0.23, -0.21  | 0.30, -0.22  | 0.25, -0.23  |

\*decompression

|   |  |  |  |   |
|---|--|--|--|---|
| Pressure  | 15.20 GPa  | 15.78 GPa  | 17.05 GPa  | 18.20 GPa                               |
| Phase   | II   | II   | II   | III                                     |
| Crystal data  |  |  |  |   |
| Temperature (K)   | 298  | 298  | 298  | 298                                     |
| Crystal system,<br>space group  | Orthorhombic,<br><i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub> | Orthorhombic,<br><i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub> | Orthorhombic,<br><i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub> | Monoclinic, <i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub>     |
| <i>a</i> , <i>b</i> , <i>c</i> (Å)  | 4.771 (3),<br>12.903 (6),<br>6.361 (4)                                 | 4.773 (3),<br>12.910 (8),<br>6.363 (6)                                 | 4.768 (4),<br>12.883 (10),<br>6.353 (7)                                | 4.735 (5),<br>12.823 (13),<br>6.275 (8) |
| $\alpha$ , $\beta$ , $\gamma$ (°)   | 90, 90, 90   | 90, 90, 90   | 90, 90, 90   | 90, 91.14 (3),<br>90                    |
| <i>V</i> (Å <sup>3</sup> )  | 391.6 (4)  | 392.0 (5)  | 390.2 (6)  | 380.9 (8)                               |
| Radiation type  | Synchrotron, $\lambda$<br>= 0.4959 Å                                   | Synchrotron, $\lambda$<br>= 0.478 Å                                    | Synchrotron, $\lambda$<br>= 0.478 Å                                    | Synchrotron, $\lambda$<br>= 0.4959 Å    |
| $\mu$ (mm <sup>-1</sup> )   | 0.08   | 0.08   | 0.09   | 0.09                                    |
| Crystal size (mm)   | 0.06 × 0.05 ×<br>0.04  | 0.06 × 0.05 ×<br>0.04  | 0.06 × 0.05 ×<br>0.04  | 0.06 × 0.05 ×<br>0.04                   |
| Data collection   |  |  |  |   |
| Diffractometer  | Perkin-Elmer a-Si Detector   | Perkin-Elmer a-Si Detector   | Perkin-Elmer a-Si Detector   | Perkin-Elmer a-Si Detector              |
| <i>T</i> <sub>min</sub> , <i>T</i> <sub>max</sub>                                   | 0.283, 0.744   | 0.445, 0.744   | 0.408, 0.744   | 0.463, 0.744                            |
| No. of measured,<br>independent and<br>observed [ $I > 2\sigma(I)$ ]<br>reflections | 1196, 370, 246   | 1245, 366, 253   | 1101, 331, 208   | 901, 378, 305                           |
| <i>R</i> <sub>int</sub>   | 0.066  | 0.062  | 0.070  | 0.055                                   |
| $\theta$ max (°)  | 18.1   | 18.1   | 18.1   | 16.1                                    |
| (sin $\theta$ / $\lambda$ )max (Å <sup>-1</sup> )                                   | 0.628  | 0.627  | 0.627  | 0.558                                   |
| Refinement  |  |  |  |   |
| $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)]$ ,<br><i>wR</i> ( <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup> ), <i>S</i>          | 0.065, 0.161,<br>0.95  | 0.067, 0.176,<br>1.00  | 0.086, 0.228,<br>1.11  | 0.078, 0.192,<br>1.05                   |
| No. of parameters   | 34   | 33   | 33   | 67                                      |
| No. of restraints   | 17   | 17   | 17   | 51                                      |

|   |             |             |             |             |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| $\Delta\rho_{\max}, \Delta\rho_{\min}$ (e Å <sup>-3</sup> ) | 0.28, -0.31 | 0.36, -0.27 | 0.31, -0.34 | 0.30, -0.27 |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|

|   |                                     |                                     |
|---|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Pressure  | 20.62 GPa                           | 22.31 GPa                           |
| Phase   | III                                 | III                                 |
| Crystal data  |                                     |                                     |
| Temperature (K)   | 298                                 | 298                                 |
| Crystal system,<br>space group  | Monoclinic, <i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> | Monoclinic, <i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> |
| <i>a</i> , <i>b</i> , <i>c</i> (Å)  | 4.679 (6), 12.659 (13), 6.143 (9)   | 4.620 (9), 12.52 (2), 6.037 (14)    |
| $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$ (°)   | 90, 91.42 (3), 90                   | 90, 92.54 (4), 90                   |
| <i>V</i> (Å <sup>3</sup> )  | 363.7 (8)                           | 348.9 (12)                          |
| Radiation type  | Synchrotron, $\lambda = 0.4959$ Å   | Synchrotron, $\lambda = 0.478$ Å    |
| $\mu$ (mm <sup>-1</sup> )   | 0.09                                | 0.10                                |
| Crystal size (mm)   | 0.06 × 0.05 × 0.04                  | 0.06 × 0.05 × 0.04                  |
| Data collection   |                                     |                                     |
| Diffractometer  | Perkin-Elmer a-Si Detector          | Perkin-Elmer a-Si Detector          |
| <i>T</i> <sub>min</sub> , <i>T</i> <sub>max</sub>                                     | 0.253, 0.744                        | 0.610, 0.744                        |
| No. of measured,<br>independent and<br>observed [ $I >$<br>$2\sigma(I)$ ] reflections | 649, 310, 205                       | 334, 183, 156                       |
| <i>R</i> <sub>int</sub>   | 0.093                               | 0.061                               |
| $\Theta$ max (°)  | 17.0                                | 14.3                                |
| (sin $\theta$ /λ)max (Å <sup>-1</sup> )   | 0.589                               | 0.499                               |
| Refinement  |                                     |                                     |
| <i>R</i> [ $F_2 > 2\sigma(F_2)$ ],<br><i>wR</i> ( $F_2$ ), <i>S</i>                   | 0.112, 0.295, 1.18                  | 0.079, 0.196, 1.15                  |
| No. of parameters   | 67                                  | 66                                  |
| No. of restraints   | 51                                  | 51                                  |
| $\Delta\rho_{\max}, \Delta\rho_{\min}$ (e Å <sup>-3</sup> )                           | 0.43, -0.46                         | 0.24, -0.30                         |

**Table S3** PIXEL calculated lattice energies and their breakdown into component terms

| Pressure (GPa) | Coulombic (kJ/mol) | Polarisation (kJ/mol) | Dispersion (kJ/mol) | Repulsion (kJ/mol) | Total Energy (kJ/mol) |
|----------------|--------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| 0.00           | -254.7             | -90.6                 | -97.6               | 191.0              | -252.0                |
| 1.26*          | -288.9             | -103.1                | -114.8              | 249.5              | -257.2                |
| 2.05*          | -301.6             | -108.4                | -123.4              | 277.7              | -255.7                |
| 3.23*          | -311.7             | -114.9                | -131.5              | 307.1              | -251.0                |
| 3.97           | -323.1             | -124.2                | -141.0              | 339.6              | -248.6                |
| 4.02*          | -320.1             | -118.5                | -139.3              | 335.6              | -242.4                |
| 5.20*          | -335.8             | -125.3                | -148.0              | 373.2              | -235.9                |
| 5.91           | -343.3             | -133.7                | -154.6              | 399.7              | -231.8                |
| 6.12           | -340.1             | -132.4                | -154.2              | 394.0              | -232.7                |
| 6.67*          | -357.9             | -138.7                | -159.7              | 433.5              | -222.8                |
| 8.50           | -372.4             | -150.7                | -172.3              | 482.7              | -212.7                |
| 9.82           | -396.3             | -166.5                | -181.8              | 549.4              | -195.1                |
| 11.19          | -418.6             | -176.7                | -190.1              | 600.5              | -184.8                |
| 13.94          | -430.2             | -186.3                | -198.6              | 646.7              | -168.4                |
| 15.20          | -455.2             | -199.9                | -208.5              | 714.2              | -149.4                |
| 15.78          | -450.5             | -197.3                | -208.6              | 707.5              | -148.8                |
| 17.05          | -465.1             | -204.0                | -211.0              | 728.7              | -151.4                |
| 18.20          | -463.9             | -205.8                | -231.5              | 776.4              | -124.9                |
| 20.62          | -539.4             | -252.3                | -256.5              | 995.4              | -52.9                 |
| 22.31          | -620.8             | -300.7                | -281.5              | 1247.7             | 44.6                  |

\* indicates diffraction data collected on Beamline 9.8. Other data were collected on Beamline 12.2.2 at ALS.

**Table S4** PIXEL and DFT calculated crystal lattice enthalpies

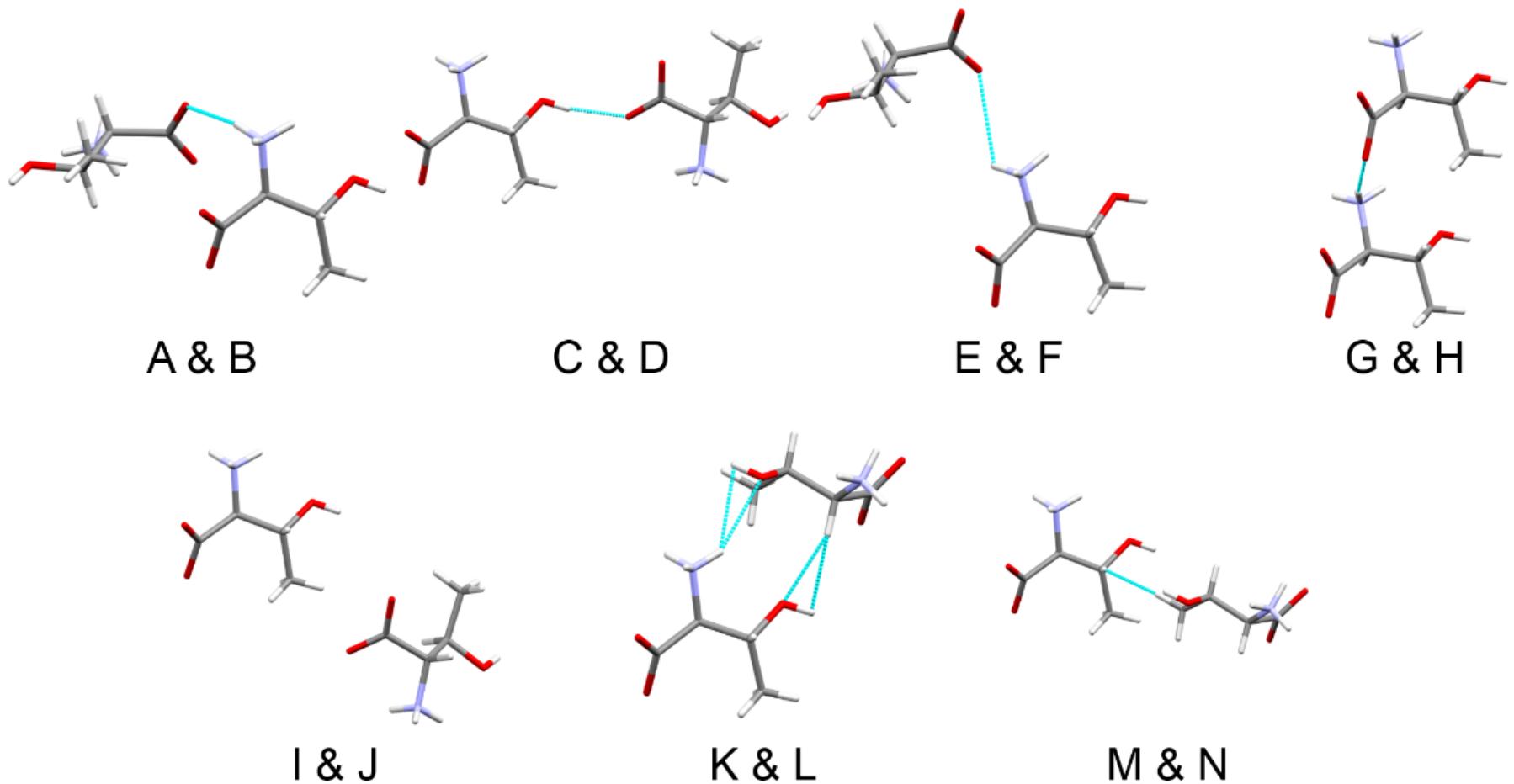
| Pressure<br>(GPa) | DFT Dispersion corrected energy (eV) | DFT U <sub>rel</sub> (eV) | DFT U <sub>rel</sub> (kJ mol <sup>-1</sup> ) | PIXEL Total (kJ mol <sup>-1</sup> ) | PIXEL U <sub>rel</sub> (kJ mol <sup>-1</sup> ) |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|--|
| 0.00              | -9493.620531                         | 0.169778908               | 0  | -252.0                              | 0  |
| 3.97              | -9492.941415                         | 0.293205396               | 16.381                                       | -248.6                              | 3.4  |
| 5.91              | -9492.447709                         | 0.288365751               | 28.290                                       | -231.8                              | 20.2   |
| 6.12              | -9492.467068                         | 0.520823162               | 27.823                                       | -232.7                              | 19.3   |
| 8.50              | -9491.537238                         | 0.687574378               | 50.252                                       | -212.7                              | 39.3   |
| 9.82              | -9490.870233                         | 0.831784605               | 66.341                                       | -195.1                              | 56.9   |
| 11.19             | -9490.293392                         | 0.964681887               | 80.255                                       | -184.8                              | 67.2   |
| 13.94             | -9489.761803                         | 1.157547977               | 93.077                                       | -168.4                              | 83.6   |
| 15.20             | -9488.990339                         | 1.145929923               | 111.686                                      | -149.4                              | 102.6  |
| 15.78             | -9489.036811                         | 1.188910624               | 110.565                                      | -148.8                              | 103.2  |
| 17.05             | -9488.864888                         | 1.424269783               | 114.712                                      | -151.4                              | 100.6  |
| 18.20             | -9487.923452                         | 1.953744444               | 137.421                                      | -124.9                              | 127.1  |
| 20.62             | -9485.805553                         | 2.533769554               | 188.507                                      | -52.9                               | 199.1  |
| 22.31             | -9483.485453                         | 0.169778908               | 244.471                                      | 44.6                                | 296.6  |

**Table S5** Breakdown of contact energies at 18.2 GPa with molecule A set as the central reference molecule. All energies are in kJ mol<sup>-1</sup>.

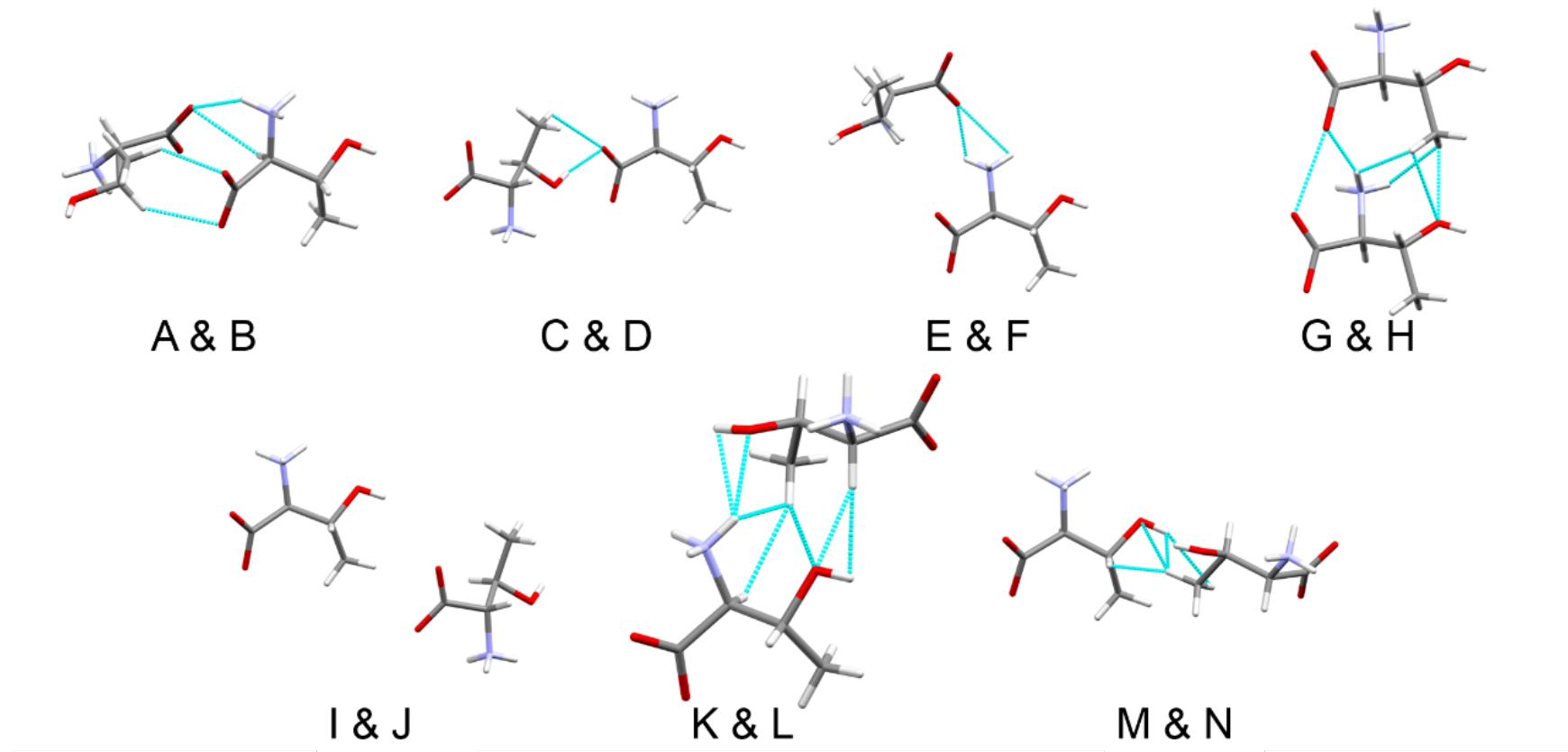
| Label | Centroid Distance (Å) | Symmetry         | PIXEL     |              |            |           |        | Contacts   |
|-------|-----------------------|------------------|-----------|--------------|------------|-----------|--------|--|
|       |                       |                  | Coulombic | Polarization | Dispersion | Repulsion | Total  |  |
| A     | 4.960                 | x, y, z          | -151.3    | -59.8        | -46.2      | 156.0     | -101.3 | O2···H3N1/H4(C2) = 1.98/2.41 Å<br>C4H8···O1 = 2.02 Å<br>C3H5···O2 = 2.32 Å                                   |
| B     | 4.915                 | x, y, 1+z        | -158.3    | -63.7        | -48.8      | 179.9     | -90.9  | O2···H3N1/H4(C2) = 2.06/2.26 Å<br>C4H8···O1 = 1.97 Å<br>C3H5···O2 = 2.27 Å                                   |
| C     | 6.562                 | 2-x, -1/2+y, 1-z | -99.4     | -44.7        | -18.4      | 124.0     | -38.6  | O3H6···O1/O2= 1.77/2.70 Å  |
| D     |                       | 2-x, 1/2+y, 1-z  |           |              |            |           |        | C4H7···O1 = 2.63 Å   |
| E     | 5.625                 | 1+x, y, z        | -104.6    | -36.5        | -24.0      | 73.1      | -92.0  | O1···H3(N1)/H2(N1) = 1.92/2.52 Å   |
| F     | 5.478                 | -1+x, y, -1+z    | -40.7     | -27.6        | 76.7       | 76.7      | -99.5  | O1···H3(N1)/H2(N1) = 1.93/2.50 Å<br>C2H5···O1 = 2.60 Å   |
| G     | 4.735                 | -1+x, y, z       | -52.1     | -63.1        | -50.6      | 178.2     | 12.4   | N1H1···O2/H8(C4) = 1.84/2.13 Å   |
| H     |                       | 1+x, y, z        |           |              |            |           |        | C4H9···H2(N1)/O3 = 2.19/2.25 Å<br>O1···O2 = 2.68(2) Å<br>C4H8···O3 = 2.57 Å                                  |
| I     | 7.625                 | 1-x, -1/2+y, 1-z | -8.1      | -4.5         | -4.2       | 2.4       | -14.5  | long contact<br>C4H9···O2 = 2.89 Å   |
| J     |                       | 1-x, 1/2+y, 1-z  |           |              |            |           |        |  |
| K     | 4.346                 | 2-x, 1/2+y, 1-z  | -62.8     | -46.7        | -45.5      | 151.7     | -3.4   | C2H4···H6(O3)/H6 = 2.07/1.99 Å<br>C4H9···O3/H4(C2)/H2(N1)= 2.47/2.27/1.85 Å<br>N1H2···O3 = 2.04 Å            |
| L     | 4.311                 | 1-x, 1/2+y, 1-z  | -60.5     | -57.9        | -50.9      | 184.0     | 14.7   | C2H4···H6(O3)/H6 = 2.08/2.01 Å<br>C4H9···O3/H4(C2)/H2(N1)= 2.37/2.17/1.76 Å<br>N1H2···O3/H6(O3)= 2.00/2.15 Å |
| M     | 5.635                 | 1-x, 1/2+y, -z   | -17.9     | -29.4        | -29.6      | 99.0      | 22.2   | C4H7···H6(O3)/O3/H5(C3) = 1.94/2.45/1.83 Å<br>C4H8···H6(O3)/H7(C4) = 2.38/2.34 Å                             |
| N     | 5.765                 | 2-x, 1/2+y, -z   | -19.1     | -20.9        | -23.9      | 76.9      | 13.0   | C4H7···H6(O3)/O3/(H5)C3 = 1.98/2.39/1.91 Å<br>C4H8···H6(O3) = 2.22 Å   |

**Table S6** Breakdown of contact energies at 18.2 GPa with molecule B set as the central reference molecule. All energies are in kJ mol<sup>-1</sup>.

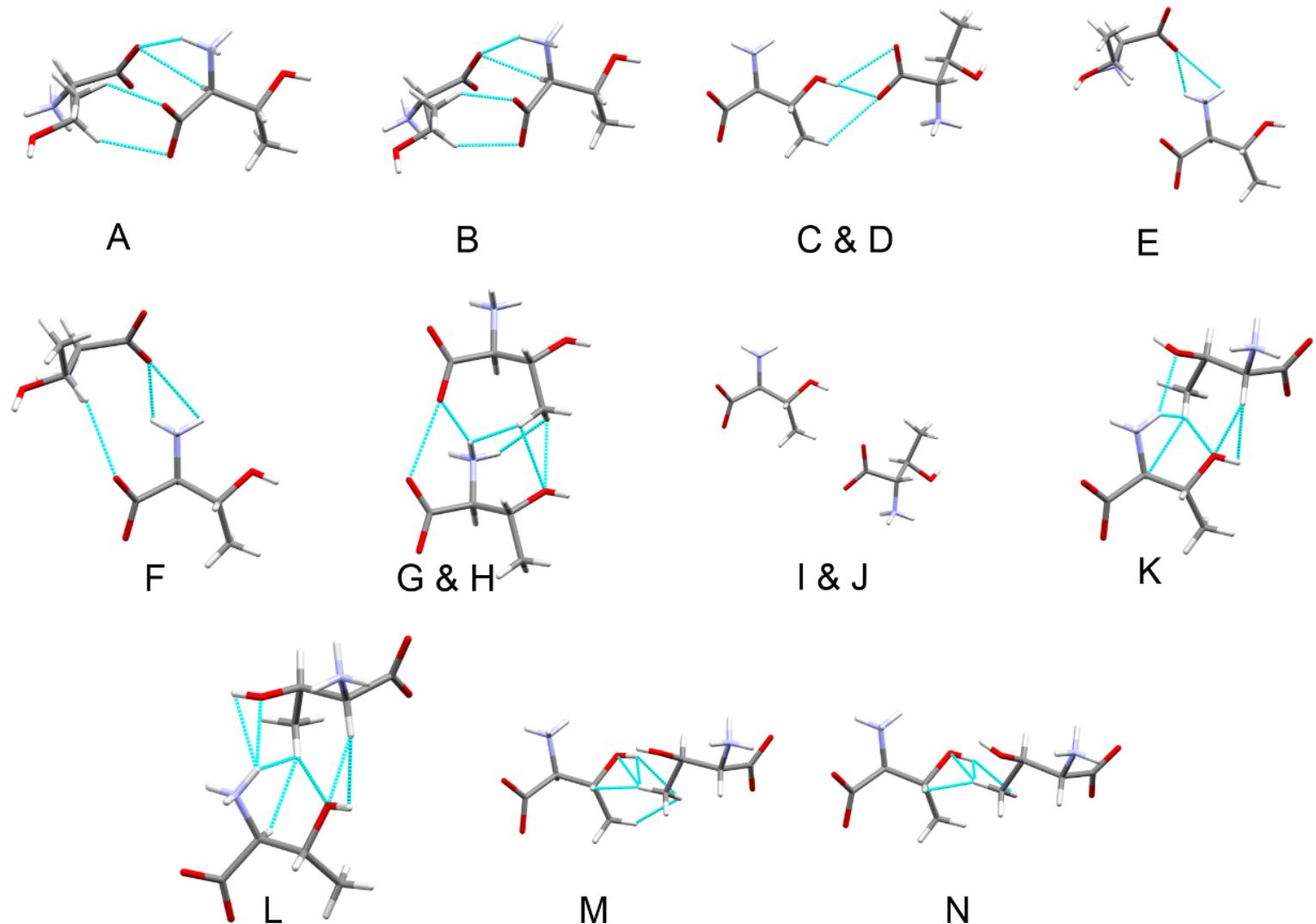
| Label | Centroid Distance (Å) | Symmetry         | PIXEL     |              |            |           |        | Contacts   |
|-------|-----------------------|------------------|-----------|--------------|------------|-----------|--------|--|
|       |                       |                  | Coulombic | Polarization | Dispersion | Repulsion | Total  |  |
| A     | 4.915                 | x, y, -1+z       | -158.3    | -63.7        | -48.8      | 179.9     | -90.9  | O2···H3N1/H4(C2) = 2.06/2.26 Å<br>C4H8···O1 = 1.97 Å<br>C3H5···O2 = 2.27 Å                                   |
| B     | 4.960                 | x, y, z          | -151.3    | -59.8        | -46.2      | 156.0     | -101.3 | O2···H3N1/H4(C2) = 1.98/2.41 Å<br>C4H8···O1 = 2.02 Å<br>C3H5···O2 = 2.32 Å                                   |
| C     | 6.519                 | 1-x, 1/2+y, -z   | -67.2     | -27.7        | -18.4      | 83.8      | -29.6  | O3H6···O1/O2= 1.97/2.62 Å  |
| D     |                       | 1-x, -1/2+y, -z  |           |              |            |           |        | C4H7···O1 = 2.57 Å   |
| E     | 5.478                 | -1+x, y, -1+z    | -108.0    | -40.7        | -27.6      | 76.7      | -99.5  | O1···H3(N1)/H2(N1) = 1.93/2.50 Å<br>C2H5···O1 = 2.60 Å   |
| F     | 5.625                 | -1+x, y, z       | -104.6    | -36.5        | -24.0      | 73.1      | -92.0  | O1···H3(N1)/H2(N1) = 1.92/2.52 Å   |
| G     | 4.735                 | 1+x, y, z        | -57.1     | -61.8        | -48.6      | 165.6     | -1.8   | N1H1···O2/H8(C4) = 1.82/2.27 Å   |
| H     |                       | -1+x, y, z       |           |              |            |           |        | C4H9···H2(N1)/O3/H6 = 2.29/2.24/2.23 Å<br>O1···O2 = 2.74(2) Å<br>C4H8···O3 = 2.67 Å                          |
| I     | 7.706                 | 2-x, 1/2+y, -z   | -3.5      | -3.9         | -3.5       | 1.3       | -9.5   | long contact   |
| J     |                       | 2-x, -1/2+y, -z  |           |              |            |           |        | C4H9···O2 = 3.07 Å   |
| K     | 4.311                 | 1-x, -1/2+y, 1-z | -60.5     | -57.9        | -50.9      | 184.0     | 14.7   | C2H4···H6(O3)/H6 = 2.08/2.01 Å<br>C4H9···O3/H4(C2)/H2(N1)= 2.37/2.17/1.76 Å<br>N1H2···O3/H6(O3)= 2.00/2.15 Å |
| L     | 4.346                 | 2-x, -1/2+y, 1-z | -62.8     | -46.7        | -45.5      | 151.7     | -3.4   | C2H4···H6(O3)/H6 = 2.07/1.99 Å<br>C4H9···O3/H4(C2) /H2(N1)= 2.47/2.27/1.85 Å<br>N1H2···O3 = 2.04 Å           |
| M     | 5.765                 | 2-x, -1/2+y, -z  | -19.1     | -20.9        | -23.9      | 76.9      | 13.0   | C4H7···H6(O3)/O3/(H5)C3 = 1.98/2.39/1.91 Å<br>C4H8···H6(O3) = 2.22 Å   |
| N     | 5.635                 | 1-x, -1/2+y, -z  | -17.9     | -29.4        | -29.6      | 99.1      | 22.2   | C4H7···H6(O3)/O3/H5(C3) = 1.94/2.45/1.83 Å<br>C4H8···H6(O3)/H7(C4) = 2.38/2.34 Å                             |



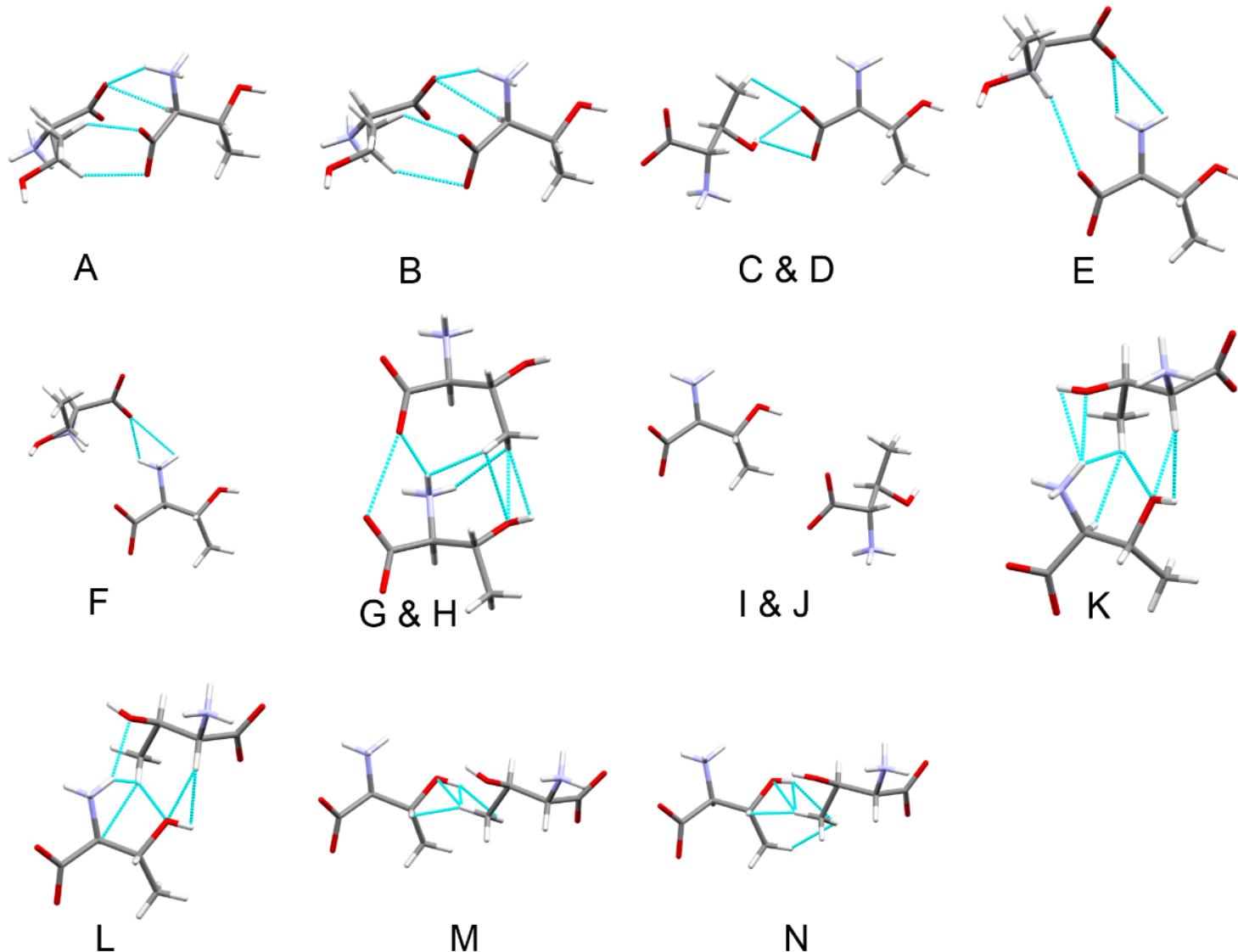
**Figure S1** The most energetically significant contacts in phase I at ambient pressure.



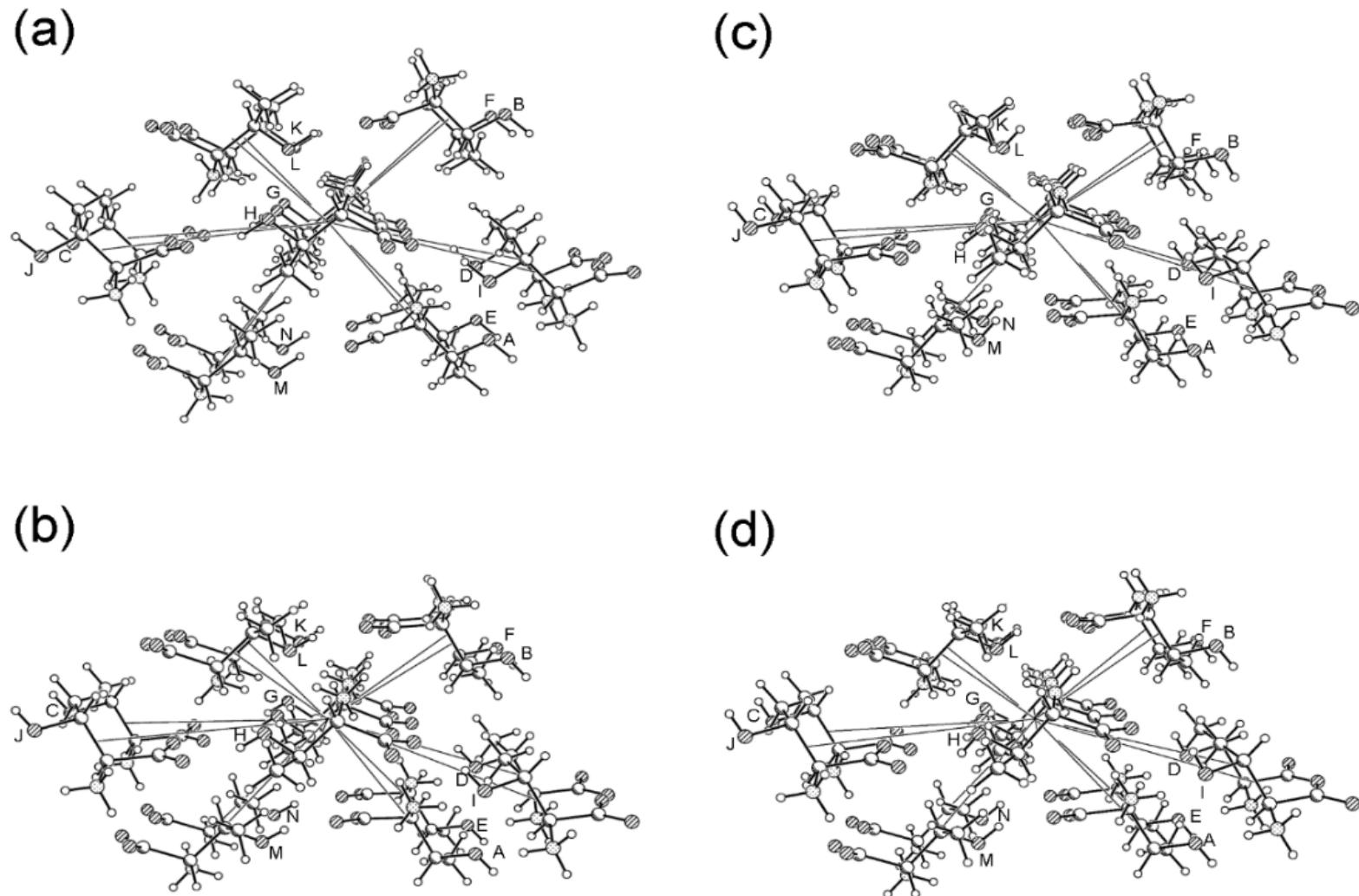
**Figure S2** The most energetically significant contacts in phase II just below the phase transition at 17.1 GPa



**Figure S3** The most energetically significant contacts in phase III (central reference molecule 1) just above the phase transition at 18.2 GPa.



**Figure S4** The most energetically significant contacts in phase III (central reference molecule 2) just above the phase transition at 18.2 GPa.



**Figure S5** The first coordination spheres of at (a) 0.0 GPa, (b) 17.1 GPa; and (c) 18.2 GPa, with molecule 1 as the central reference molecule and (d) at 18.2 GPa with molecule 2 as the central reference molecule.

**Table S7** Structural differences in the DFT geometry optimised structures

| Bond Distances (Å) |        |                     |                     |                |        |
|--------------------|--------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------|--------|
| Bond               | 0 GPa  | Molecule 1 22.3 GPa | Molecule 2 22.3 GPa | Difference (Å) |        |
| C1-O1              | 1.2592 | 1.2609              | 1.261               | 0.002          | 0.002  |
| C1-O2              | 1.2689 | 1.248               | 1.2516              | -0.021         | -0.017 |
| C1-C2              | 1.5396 | 1.4683              | 1.4757              | -0.071         | -0.064 |
| C2-N1              | 1.4923 | 1.4375              | 1.4362              | -0.055         | -0.056 |
| C2-C3              | 1.540  | 1.4964              | 1.4935              | -0.044         | -0.047 |
| C3-C4              | 1.5215 | 1.4785              | 1.4753              | -0.043         | -0.046 |
| C3-O3              | 1.4317 | 1.4034              | 1.4074              | -0.028         | -0.028 |

| Valence Angles (°) |        |                     |                     |                |        |
|--------------------|--------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------|--------|
| Bond               | 0 GPa  | Molecule 1 22.3 GPa | Molecule 2 22.3 GPa | Difference (°) |        |
| O1-C1-O2           | 127.12 | 124.10              | 123.40              | -3.020         | -3.720 |
| N1-C2-C1           | 110.47 | 107.28              | 107.02              | -3.190         | -3.450 |
| O3-C3-C2           | 104.18 | 103.56              | 106.08              | -0.620         | 1.900  |
| O1-C1-C2           | 116.63 | 114.56              | 114.87              | -2.070         | -1.760 |
| N1-C2-C3           | 109.35 | 111.44              | 110.77              | 2.090          | 1.420  |
| O3-C3-C4           | 111.03 | 107.63              | 107.92              | -3.400         | -3.110 |
| O2-C1-C2           | 116.25 | 121.33              | 121.68              | 5.080          | 5.430  |
| C1-C2-C3           | 113.94 | 114.23              | 112.82              | 0.290          | -1.120 |
| C2-C3-C4           | 113.76 | 106.68              | 108.38              | -7.080         | -5.380 |

| Dihedral Angles (°) |         |                     |                     |                |       |
|---------------------|---------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------|-------|
| Bond                | 0 GPa   | Molecule 1 22.3 GPa | Molecule 2 22.3 GPa | Difference (°) |       |
| O1-C1-C2-N1         | -24.55  | -10.05              | -5.88               | 14.50          | 18.67 |
| O2-C1-C2-C3         | -80.19  | -64.92              | -61.36              | 15.27          | 18.83 |
| C1-C2-C3-O3         | -178.47 | -162.69             | -163.55             | 15.78          | 14.92 |
| O1-C1-C2-C3         | 99.00   | 113.99              | 116.20              | 14.99          | 17.20 |
| N1-C2-C3-O3         | -54.32  | -40.90              | -43.60              | 13.42          | 10.72 |
| C1-C2-C3-C4         | 60.48   | 83.88               | 80.78               | 23.40          | 20.30 |
| O2-C1-C2-N1         | 156.26  | 171.04              | 176.55              | 14.78          | 20.29 |
| N1-C2-C3-C4         | -175.36 | -154.33             | -159.27             | 21.03          | 16.09 |

**Table S8** Similarity statistics of the DFT optimised ambient pressure and 22.3 GPa molecules

|              | Molecule 1   |              | Molecule 2   |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|              | 22.3 GPa     |              | 22.3 GPa     |
|              | RMSD (Å)     |              | RMSD (Å)     |
| N1A          | 0.145        | N1B          | 0.126        |
| C2A          | 0.097        | C2B          | 0.064        |
| C1A          | 0.052        | C1B          | 0.053        |
| O1A          | 0.339        | O1B          | 0.349        |
| O2A          | 0.368        | O2B          | 0.412        |
| C3A          | 0.118        | C3B          | 0.107        |
| O3A          | 0.31         | O3B          | 0.29         |
| C4A          | 0.458        | C4B          | 0.435        |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>0.275</b> | <b>Total</b> | <b>0.274</b> |

**Table S9** Similarity statistics of the experimental and DFT geometry optimised structures at 0.0 GPa

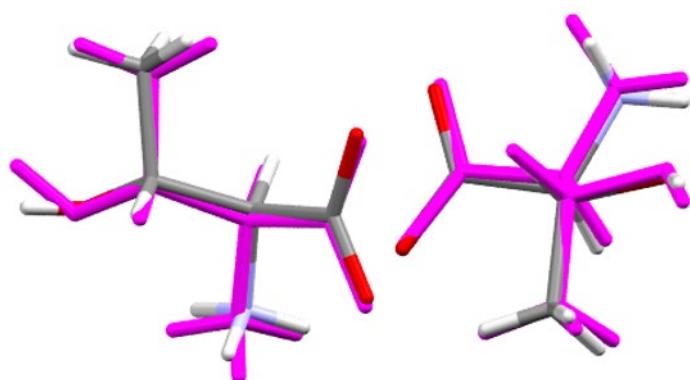
| Atom 1      | Atom 2 | Distance (Å) |
|-------------|--------|--------------|
| O3          | O3     | 0.026        |
| N1          | N1     | 0.018        |
| O1          | O1     | 0.055        |
| C4          | C4     | 0.022        |
| O2          | O2     | 0.027        |
| C3          | C3     | 0.02         |
| C2          | C2     | 0.025        |
| C1          | C1     | 0.011        |
| <b>RMSD</b> |        | 0.0284       |



**Figure S6** Structure overlay of the experimental (coloured by element) and DFT geometry optimised (pink) structure at 0.0 GPa.

**Table S10** Similarity statistics of the experimental and DFT geometry optimised structures at 22.3 GPa

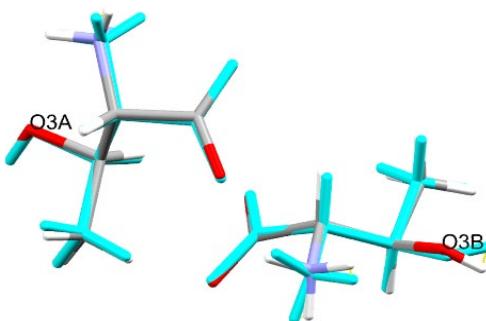
| Atom 1      | Atom 2 | Distance (Å) |
|-------------|--------|--------------|
| O3B         | O3B    | 0.221        |
| N1B         | N1B    | 0.209        |
| O1B         | O1B    | 0.075        |
| C4B         | C4B    | 0.179        |
| O2B         | O2B    | 0.145        |
| C3B         | C3B    | 0.048        |
| C2B         | C2B    | 0.115        |
| C1B         | C1B    | 0.134        |
|             |        |              |
| O2A         | O2A    | 0.037        |
| O1A         | O1A    | 0.18         |
| C1A         | C1A    | 0.082        |
| C2A         | C2A    | 0.133        |
| N1A         | N1A    | 0.078        |
| C3A         | C3A    | 0.072        |
| C4A         | C4A    | 0.119        |
| O3A         | O3A    | 0.088        |
| <b>RMSD</b> |        | 0.131        |



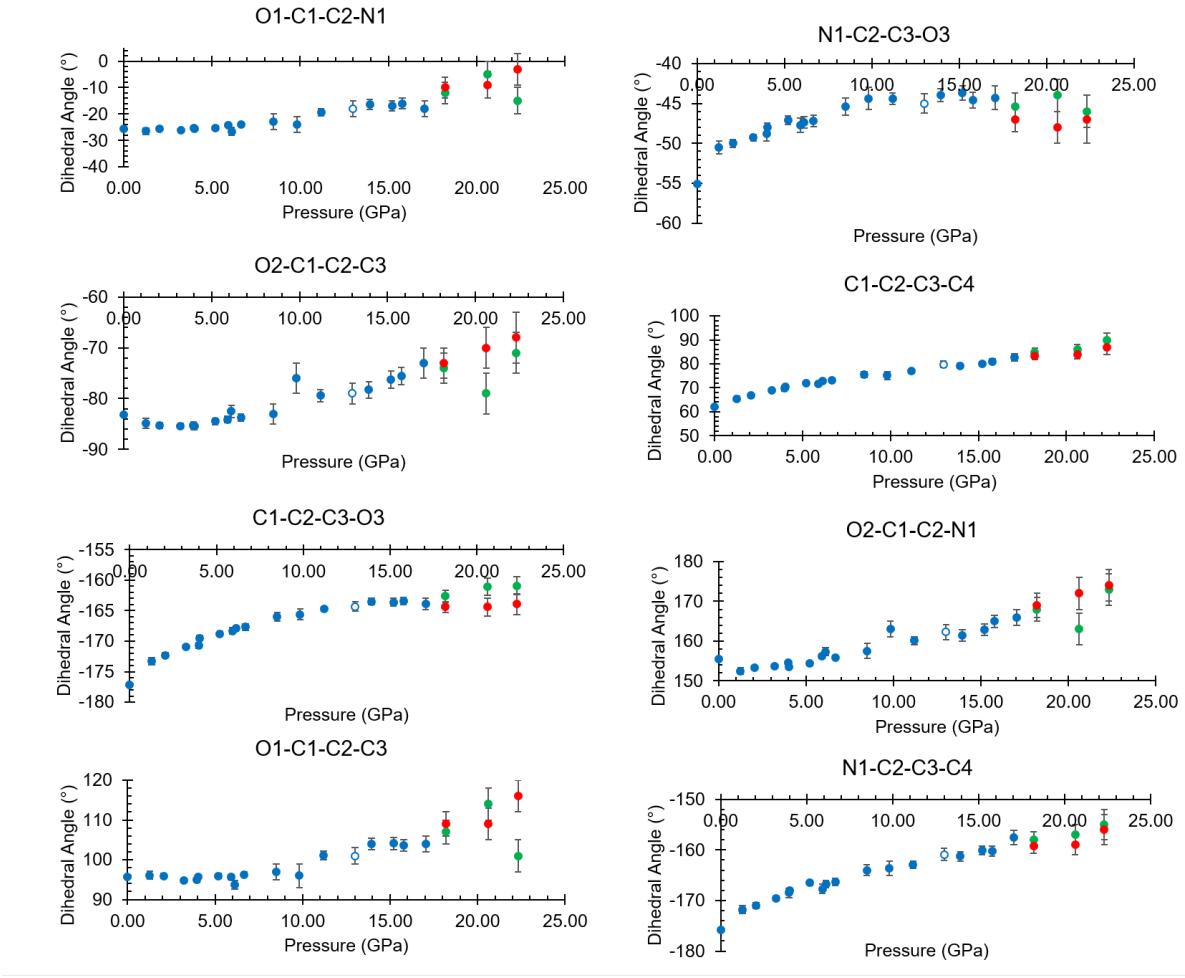
**Figure S7** Structure overlay of the experimental (coloured by element) and DFT geometry optimised (pink) structures at 22.3 GPa.

**Table S11** Similarity statistics of the structures at 22.3 GPa obtained using geometry optimised distance restraints, and that of the structure obtained by traditional SHELX treatment (calculated H positions and ambient pressure distance restraints).

| Atom 1    | Atom 2 | Distance (Å) | Atom 1         | Atom 2 | Distance (Å) |
|-----------|--------|--------------|----------------|--------|--------------|
| C1A       | C1A    | 0.103        | C1B            | C1B    | 0.114        |
| C2A       | C2A    | 0.155        | C2B            | C2B    | 0.066        |
| C3A       | C3A    | 0.081        | C3B            | C3B    | 0.039        |
| C4A       | C4A    | 0.093        | C4B            | C4B    | 0.097        |
| H1A       | H1A    | 0.328        | H1B            | H1B    | 0.264        |
| H2A       | H2A    | 0.377        | H2B            | H2B    | 0.301        |
| H3A       | H3A    | 0.252        | H3B            | H3B    | 0.167        |
| H4A       | H4A    | 0.151        | H4B            | H4B    | 0.139        |
| H5A       | H5A    | 0.13         | H5B            | H5B    | 0.048        |
| H6A       | H6A    | 0.183        | H6B            | H6B    | 0.448        |
| H7A       | H7A    | 0.189        | H7B            | H7B    | 0.110        |
| H8A       | H8A    | 0.150        | H8B            | H8B    | 0.244        |
| H9A       | H9A    | 0.208        | H9B            | H9B    | 0.144        |
| N1A       | N1A    | 0.122        | N1B            | N1B    | 0.089        |
| O1A       | O1A    | 0.119        | O1B            | O1B    | 0.037        |
| O2A       | O2A    | 0.066        | O2B            | O2B    | 0.052        |
| O3A       | O3A    | 0.103        | O3B            | O3B    | 0.165        |
| RMS Total |        |              | <b>0.185 Å</b> |        |              |



**Figure S8** Overlay of the geometry optimisation restrained model (blue) and SHELXL derived experimental model (coloured by element) at 22.3 GPa



**Figure S9** Torsion angles as a function of pressure from 0.0 to 22.3 GPa. Blue markers represent the  $P_{21}2_12_1$  phases. Green and red markers represent molecules A and B, respectively, in the  $P_{21}$  phase. The open blue marker represents the decompression measurement.

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