

## **Supplementary Material**

Table S1: Comparison of bond topological properties in the main chain of eight tripeptides derived from experiment, units:  $[\varrho_{bcp}] = 1 \text{ e\AA}^{-5}$ ,  $[\nabla^2 \varrho_{bcp}] = 1 \text{ e\AA}^{-5}$

bond type	bond	$\varrho_{bcp}$	AHA	AFA	AAA [1]	AYA [2]	APA	$\nabla^2 \varrho_{bcp}$	$\nabla^2 \varrho_{bcp}$	$\varrho_{bcp}$	$\nabla^2 \varrho_{bcp}$	$\nabla^2 \varrho_{bcp}$
N <sub>amm</sub> -C <sub>α</sub>	N1-C1	1.56(2)	-9.4(1)	1.80(2)	-11.1(8)	1.83(4)	-14.2(2)	1.70(3)	-8.9(1)	1.75(2)	-9.9(1)	1.79(3)
(N <sub>amm</sub> -)C <sub>α</sub> -C <sub>pep</sub>	C1-C2	1.65(2)	-10.2(4)	1.74(2)	-13.3(1)	1.69(4)	-8.3(2)	1.71(3)	-9.3(1)	1.75(1)	-12.1(1)	1.74(3)
(N <sub>pep</sub> -)C <sub>α</sub> -C <sub>pep</sub>	C3-C4	1.70(2)	-11.5(7)	1.73(2)	-11.5(1)	1.76(4)	-11.7(2)	1.75(3)	-13.6(1)	1.64(3)	-7.8(1)	1.74(1)
(N <sub>amm</sub> -C <sub>α</sub> -)C <sub>pep</sub> -O <sub>pep</sub>	C2-O1	2.84(4)	-36.6(2)	2.80(3)	-29.1(2)	2.92(5)	-30.4(3)	2.95(4)	-25.6(2)	2.96(2)	-31.4(2)	3.00(5)
(N <sub>pep</sub> -C <sub>α</sub> -)C <sub>pep</sub> -O <sub>pep</sub>	C4-O2	2.66(4)	-27.0(3)	2.75(3)	-24.4(2)	2.88(5)	-32.4(3)	2.99(4)	-28.8(3)	2.90(2)	-31.8(2)	2.95(5)
(N <sub>amm</sub> -C <sub>α</sub> -)C <sub>pep</sub> -N <sub>pep</sub>	C2-N2	2.43(3)	-28.2(2)	2.45(2)	-23.4(1)	2.86(5)	-30.5(3)	2.98(5)	-42.8(3)			
(N <sub>pep</sub> -C <sub>α</sub> -)C <sub>pep</sub> -N <sub>pep</sub>	C4-N3	2.30(3)	-29.2(2)	2.44(3)	-22.8(1)	2.43(4)	-22.0(2)	2.39(4)	-19.2(2)	2.45(2)	-23.1(1)	2.51(3)
N <sub>pep</sub> -C <sub>α</sub> (-C <sub>pep</sub> )	N2-C3	1.67(2)	-7.8(1)	1.80(2)	-12.3(9)	1.82(4)	-9.4(2)	2.44(4)	-20.6(2)	2.43(2)	-22.1(1)	2.49(4)
N <sub>pep</sub> -C <sub>α</sub> (-C <sub>carbox</sub> )	N3-C5	1.72(3)	-14.0(1)	1.85(2)	-13.0(1)	1.80(4)	-10.7(2)	1.81(3)	-12.5(1)	2.44(2)	-24.4(2)	-20.9(2)
C <sub>α</sub> -C <sub>carbox</sub>	C5-C6	1.62(2)	-11.1(7)	1.69(2)	-10.3(1)	1.80(4)	-10.9(2)	1.88(3)	-14.4(1)	2.53(3)	-27.0(2)	
C <sub>carbox</sub> -O <sub>carbox</sub> (short)	C6-O3	2.58(4)	-31.7(2)	2.61(4)	-37.2(3)	1.79(4)	-11.5(2)	1.59(3)	-9.4(1)	1.81(2)	-11.6(1)	1.94(4)
C <sub>carbox</sub> -O <sub>carbox</sub> (long)	C6-O4	2.62(4)	-34.0(3)	2.66(3)	-31.0(2)	2.76(5)	-32.6(3)	1.77(3)	-12.5(1)	1.72(1)	-12.2(1)	1.79(3)

[1] first/ second line: two independent molecules in the asymmetric unit; [2] first/ second line: two modifications (AYA-EtOH/ AYA·H<sub>2</sub>O); considered equal in nearest neighbor approximation: C1-C2=C3-C4, C2-O1=C4-O2, C2-N2=C4-N3, N2-C3=N3-C5, C6-O3=C6-O4

Table S2: Mean values and standard deviations of bond topological properties in nearest neighbor approximation in the main chain from eight tripeptides AHA, AFA, two independent molecules in the asymmetric unit of AAA, two modifications of AYA, APA and AGA derived from experiment; units:  $[\varrho_{bcp}] = 1 \text{ e\AA}^{-3}$ ,  $[\nabla^2 \varrho_{bcp}] = 1 \text{ e\AA}^{-5}$

bond type	bond	$\overline{\varrho_{bcp}}$	$\sigma(\varrho_{bcp})$	$\nabla^2 \overline{\varrho_{bcp}}$	$\sigma(\nabla^2 \varrho_{bcp})$
N <sub>amm</sub> -C <sub>α</sub>	N1-C1	1.73	0.09	-10.3	1.9
C <sub>α</sub> -C <sub>pep</sub>	C1-C2 and C3-C4	1.72	0.05	-11.3	1.7
C <sub>pep</sub> -O <sub>pep</sub>	C2-O1 and C4-O2	2.88	0.10	-31.3	4.9
C <sub>pep</sub> -N <sub>pep</sub>	C2-N2 [1] and C4-N3	2.44	0.05	-23.3	2.8
N <sub>pep</sub> -C <sub>α</sub>	N2-C3 [1] and N3-C5	1.82	0.07	-11.8	2.0
C <sub>α</sub> -C <sub>carbox</sub>	C5-C6	1.72	0.08	-11.0	2.1
C <sub>carbox</sub> -O <sub>carbox</sub>	C6-O3 and C6-O4	2.75	0.11	-31.6	3.5

$\overline{\sigma}_{trans,exp}(\varrho_{bcp})=0.08$        $\overline{\sigma}_{trans,exp}(\nabla^2 \varrho_{bcp})=2.7$

[1] Bonds in APA that incorporate N2 are left out because N2 is in a different chemical environment.

Table S3: Comparison of atomic properties in the main chain of eight tripeptides derived from experiment, units: [V<sub>001</sub>]=1 Å<sup>3</sup>, [Q<sub>001</sub>]=1 e

atom type	atom label	AHA			AFA			AAA [1]			AYA [2]			AGA		
		V <sub>001</sub>	Q <sub>001</sub>													
N <sub>amm</sub>	N1	14.3	-1.14	15.0	-1.33	13.9	-1.12	16.3	-1.51	11.8	-0.97	14.8	-1.38			
(N <sub>amm</sub> -)C <sub>α</sub>	C1	7.3	0.14	6.6	0.29	7.3	0.07	6.7	0.24	6.9	0.15	6.8	0.18			
(N <sub>pep</sub> -)C <sub>α</sub> (-C <sub>pep</sub> )	C3	6.8	0.10	6.6	0.22	7.0	0.17	6.5	0.25	6.6	0.24	8.5	0.14			
C <sub>α</sub> (-C <sub>carbox</sub> )	C5	6.6	0.50	6.9	0.24	7.1	0.21	7.0	0.26	7.0	0.24	6.9	0.18			
(N <sub>amm</sub> -C <sub>α</sub> -)C <sub>pep</sub>	C2	6.2	1.00	5.9	1.09	5.8	1.05	6.6	0.88	6.1	0.97	5.6	1.09			
(N <sub>pep</sub> -C <sub>α</sub> -)C <sub>pep</sub>	C4	6.3	1.33	5.8	1.09	6.0	1.11	6.8	0.83	6.0	1.02	6.5	0.91			
(N <sub>amm</sub> -C <sub>α</sub> -C <sub>pep</sub> -)O <sub>pep</sub>	O1	15.9	-0.85	15.3	-1.07	16.2	-1.09	15.9	-1.06	17.9	-1.01	16.5	-1.13			
(N <sub>pep</sub> -C <sub>α</sub> -C <sub>pep</sub> -)O <sub>pep</sub>	O2	17.4	-0.90	16.4	-1.02	16.0	-1.09	16.1	-0.99	17.2	-1.05	14.8	-1.01			
N <sub>pep</sub> (-C <sub>α</sub> -C <sub>pep</sub> )	N2	13.4	-1.13	13.2	-1.10	12.5	-1.04	12.5	-0.93	10.7	-0.93	13.4	-1.14			
N <sub>pep</sub> (-C <sub>α</sub> -C <sub>carbox</sub> )	N3	12.9	-0.92	12.3	-1.18	12.6	-1.06	12.2	-0.91	12.7	-0.95	13.7	-1.11			
C <sub>carbox</sub>	C6	5.8	1.47	6.1	1.29	6.1	1.13	5.1	1.36	5.6	1.27	5.7	1.26			
O <sub>carbox</sub> (in shorter bond)	O3	15.7	-0.86	17.8	-1.07	16.5	-1.01	16.0	-1.09	15.4	-1.06	16.7	-1.04			
O <sub>carbox</sub> (in longer bond)	O4	15.3	-0.81	15.3	-1.02	15.3	-1.03	14.8	-0.96	16.1	-1.11	15.3	-1.06			

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Table S4: Mean values and standard deviations of atomic properties in nearest neighbor approximation in the main chain from eight tripeptides AHA, AFA, two independent molecules in the asymmetric unit of AAA, two modifications of AYA, APA and AGA derived from experiment; units:  $[V_{001}] = 1 \text{ \AA}^3$ ,  $[Q_{001}] = 1 \text{ e}$

atom type	atom	$\bar{V}_{001}$	$\sigma(V_{001})$	$\bar{Q}_{001}$	$\sigma(Q_{001})$
$N_{amm}$	N1	14.4	1.3	-1.28	0.19
$C_\alpha$	C1, C3 and C5	7.0	0.4	0.20	0.09
$C_{pep}$	C2 and C4	6.2	0.4	1.04	0.12
$O_{pep}$	O1 and O2	16.1	0.9	-1.04	0.09
$N_{pep}[1]$	N2 and N3	12.8	0.4	-1.03	0.09
$C_{carbox}$	C6	5.8	0.4	1.28	0.10
$O_{carbox}$	O3 and O4	15.9	0.8	-1.01	0.08
$\bar{\sigma}_{trans,exp}(V_{001})=0.7$				$\bar{\sigma}_{trans,exp}(Q_{001})=0.11$	

[1] N2 in APA left out because it is in a different chemical environment.

Table S5a: Comparison of bond topological properties in the main chain of 20 tripeptides of the type AXA derived from theory (AMBER optimization, wavefunction at B3LYP/6-311++g(2d,2p) level of theory), units:  $[\varrho_{bcp}] = 1 \text{ e\AA}^{-3}$ ,  $[\nabla^2 \varrho_{bcp}] = 1 \text{ e\AA}^{-5}$

bond type	bond	AAA	ACA	ADA	AEA	AFA
		$\varrho_{bcp}$	$\nabla^2 \varrho_{bcp}$	$\varrho_{bcp}$	$\nabla^2 \varrho_{bcp}$	$\varrho_{bcp}$
N <sub>amm</sub> -C <sub>α</sub>	N1-C1	1.6367	-14.573	1.6375	-14.596	1.6376
(N <sub>amm</sub> -)C <sub>α</sub> -C <sub>pep</sub>	C1-C2	1.6855	-13.445	1.6868	-13.465	1.6884
(N <sub>pep</sub> -)C <sub>α</sub> -C <sub>pep</sub>	C3-C4	1.6747	-13.246	1.6738	-13.201	1.6721
(N <sub>amm</sub> -C <sub>α</sub> -)C <sub>pep</sub> -O <sub>pep</sub>	C2-O1	2.7475	-18.478	2.7509	-18.633	2.7507
(N <sub>pep</sub> -C <sub>α</sub> -)C <sub>pep</sub> -O <sub>pep</sub>	C4-O2	2.7340	-17.803	2.7353	-17.857	2.7354
(N <sub>amm</sub> -C <sub>α</sub> -)C <sub>pep</sub> -N <sub>pep</sub>	C2-N2	2.2945	-26.628	2.2906	-26.636	2.2909
(N <sub>pep</sub> -C <sub>α</sub> -)C <sub>pep</sub> -N <sub>pep</sub>	C4-N3	2.2979	-26.620	2.2982	-26.590	2.2996
N <sub>pep</sub> -C <sub>α</sub> -(-C <sub>pep</sub> )	N2-C3	1.7046	-15.927	1.7035	-15.848	1.7098
N <sub>pep</sub> -C <sub>α</sub> -(-C <sub>carbox</sub> )	N3-C5	1.6911	-15.548	1.6890	-15.491	1.6876
C <sub>α</sub> -C <sub>carbox</sub>	C5-C6	1.6785	-13.378	1.6776	-13.364	1.6767
C <sub>carbox</sub> -O <sub>carbox</sub> (short)	C6-O3	2.6305	-19.051	2.6309	-19.085	2.6310
C <sub>carbox</sub> -O <sub>carbox</sub> (long)	C6-O4	2.6182	-18.873	2.6186	-18.885	2.6192

considered equal in nearest neighbor approximation: C1-C2=C3-C4, C2-O1=C4-O2, C2-N2=C4-N3, N2-C3=N3-C5, C6-O3=C6-O4

Table S5b: Comparison of bond topological properties in the main chain of 20 tripeptides of the type AXA derived from theory (AMBER optimization, wavefunction at B3LYP/6-311++g(2d,2p) level of theory), units:  $[\varrho_{bcp}] = 1 \text{ e\AA}^{-3}$ ,  $[\nabla^2 \varrho_{bcp}] = 1 \text{ e\AA}^{-5}$

bond type	bond	AGA	AHA	AI A	AKA	ALA
		$\varrho_{bcp}$	$\nabla^2 \varrho_{bcp}$	$\varrho_{bcp}$	$\nabla^2 \varrho_{bcp}$	$\varrho_{bcp}$
N <sub>amm</sub> -C <sub>α</sub>	N1-C1	1.6384	-14.630	1.6358	-14.544	1.6355
(N <sub>amm</sub> )-C <sub>α</sub> -C <sub>pep</sub>	C1-C2	1.6845	-13.432	1.6884	-13.511	1.6866
(N <sub>pep</sub> )-C <sub>α</sub> -C <sub>pep</sub>	C3-C4	1.6651	-13.157	1.6741	-13.231	1.6710
(N <sub>amm</sub> -C <sub>α</sub> )-C <sub>pep</sub> -O <sub>pep</sub>	C2-O1	2.7471	-18.378	2.7497	-18.609	2.7477
(N <sub>pep</sub> -C <sub>α</sub> )-C <sub>pep</sub> -O <sub>pep</sub>	C4-O2	2.7362	-17.987	2.7341	-17.775	2.7352
(N <sub>amm</sub> -C <sub>α</sub> )-C <sub>pep</sub> -N <sub>pep</sub>	C2-N2	2.3015	-26.818	2.2916	-26.650	2.2928
(N <sub>pep</sub> -C <sub>α</sub> )-C <sub>pep</sub> -N <sub>pep</sub>	C4-N3	2.3047	-26.735	2.2983	-26.609	2.2957
N <sub>pep</sub> -C <sub>α</sub> -(C <sub>pep</sub> -N <sub>pep</sub> )	N2-C3	1.7149	-16.122	1.7033	-15.820	1.6900
N <sub>pep</sub> -C <sub>α</sub> (-C <sub>carbox</sub> )	N3-C5	1.6863	-15.459	1.6923	-15.571	1.6969
C <sub>α</sub> -C <sub>carbox</sub>	C5-C6	1.6786	-13.383	1.6786	-13.380	1.6785
C <sub>carbox</sub> -O <sub>carbox</sub> (short)	C6-O3	2.6308	-19.109	2.6300	-19.011	2.6311
C <sub>carbox</sub> -O <sub>carbox</sub> (long)	C6-O4	2.6182	-18.840	2.6185	-18.895	2.6179

considered equal in nearest neighbor approximation: C1-C2=C3-C4, C2-O1=C4-O2, C2-N2=C4-N3, N2-C3=N3-C5, C6-O3=C6-O4

Table S5c: Comparison of bond topological properties in the main chain of 20 tripeptides of the type AXA derived from theory (AMBER optimization, wavefunction at B3LYP/6-311++g(2d,2p) level of theory), units:  $[\varrho_{bcp}] = 1 \text{ e\AA}^{-3}$ ,  $[\nabla^2 \varrho_{bcp}] = 1 \text{ e\AA}^{-5}$

bond type	bond	AMA	ANA	APA	AQA	ARA
		$\varrho_{bcp}$	$\nabla^2 \varrho_{bcp}$	$\varrho_{bcp}$	$\nabla^2 \varrho_{bcp}$	$\varrho_{bcp}$
				$\varrho_{bcp}$	$\nabla^2 \varrho_{bcp}$	$\nabla^2 \varrho_{bcp}$
N <sub>amm</sub> -C <sub>α</sub>	N1-C1	1.6366	-14.570	1.6373	-14.381	1.6373
(N <sub>amm</sub> )-C <sub>α</sub> -C <sub>pep</sub>	C1-C2	1.6861	-13.465	1.6877	-13.490	1.6579
(N <sub>pep</sub> )-C <sub>α</sub> -C <sub>pep</sub>	C3-C4	1.6601	-12.992	1.6738	-13.228	1.6639
(N <sub>amm</sub> -C <sub>α</sub> )-C <sub>pep</sub> -O <sub>pep</sub>	C2-O1	2.7472	-18.444	2.7522	-18.722	2.7472
(N <sub>pep</sub> -C <sub>α</sub> )-C <sub>pep</sub> -O <sub>pep</sub>	C4-O2	2.7359	-18.023	2.7345	-17.793	2.7357
(N <sub>amm</sub> -C <sub>α</sub> )-C <sub>pep</sub> -N <sub>pep</sub>	C2-N2	2.2963	-26.666	2.2900	-26.634	2.2377
(N <sub>pep</sub> -C <sub>α</sub> )-C <sub>pep</sub> -N <sub>pep</sub>	C4-N3	2.2990	-26.635	2.2989	-26.592	2.3000
N <sub>pep</sub> -C <sub>α</sub> -C <sub>pep</sub> -N <sub>pep</sub>	N2-C3	1.7076	-15.885	1.7061	-15.888	1.7160
N <sub>pep</sub> -C <sub>α</sub> (-C <sub>pep</sub> )	N3-C5	1.6882	-15.491	1.6903	-15.523	1.6979
C <sub>α</sub> -C <sub>carbox</sub>	C5-C6	1.6790	-13.385	1.6780	-13.369	1.6818
C <sub>carbox</sub> -O <sub>carbox</sub> (short)	C6-O3	2.6304	-19.044	2.6301	-18.991	2.6297
C <sub>carbox</sub> -O <sub>carbox</sub> (long)	C6-O4	2.6179	-18.855	2.6191	-18.936	2.6167

considered equal in nearest neighbor approximation: C1-C2=C3-C4, C2-O1=C4-O2, C2-N2=C4-N3, N2-C3=N3-C5, C6-O3=C6-O4

Table S5d: Comparison of bond topological properties in the main chain of 20 triptides of the type AXA derived from theory (AMBER optimization, wavefunction at B3LYP/6-311++g(2d,2p) level of theory), units:  $[\varrho_{bcp}] = 1 \text{ e\AA}^{-3}$ ,  $[\nabla^2 \varrho_{bcp}] = 1 \text{ e\AA}^{-5}$

bond type	bond	ASA	ATA	AVA	AWA	AYA
		$\varrho_{bcp}$	$\nabla^2 \varrho_{bcp}$	$\varrho_{bcp}$	$\nabla^2 \varrho_{bcp}$	$\varrho_{bcp}$
N <sub>amm</sub> -C <sub>α</sub>	N1-C1	1.6366	-14.570	1.6358	-14.549	1.6359
(N <sub>amm</sub> -)C <sub>α</sub> -C <sub>pep</sub>	C1-C2	1.6861	-13.465	1.6869	-13.482	1.6865
(N <sub>pep</sub> -)C <sub>α</sub> -C <sub>pep</sub>	C3-C4	1.6601	-12.992	1.6634	-12.972	1.6717
(N <sub>amm</sub> -C <sub>α</sub> -)C <sub>pep</sub> -O <sub>pep</sub>	C2-O1	2.7472	-18.444	2.7480	-18.480	2.7478
(N <sub>pep</sub> -C <sub>α</sub> -)C <sub>pep</sub> -O <sub>pep</sub>	C4-O2	2.7359	-18.023	2.7325	-17.758	2.7352
(N <sub>amm</sub> -C <sub>α</sub> -)C <sub>pep</sub> -N <sub>pep</sub>	C2-N2	2.2963	-26.664	2.2933	-26.614	2.2927
(N <sub>pep</sub> -C <sub>α</sub> -)C <sub>pep</sub> -N <sub>pep</sub>	C4-N3	2.2990	-26.635	2.2997	-26.581	2.2960
N <sub>pep</sub> -C <sub>α</sub> -(-C <sub>pep</sub> )	N2-C3	1.7076	-15.885	1.6948	-15.568	1.6921
N <sub>pep</sub> -C <sub>α</sub> -(-C <sub>carbox</sub> )	N3-C5	1.6882	-15.491	1.6865	-15.435	1.6959
C <sub>α</sub> -C <sub>carbox</sub>	C5-C6	1.6790	-13.385	1.6773	-13.364	1.6784
C <sub>carbox</sub> -O <sub>carbox</sub> (short)	C6-O3	2.6304	-19.044	2.6316	-19.194	2.6310
C <sub>carbox</sub> -O <sub>carbox</sub> (long)	C6-O4	2.6179	-18.855	2.6186	-19.194	2.6181

considered equal in nearest neighbor approximation: C1-C2=C3-C4, C2-O1=C4-O2, C2-N2=C4-N3, N2-C3=N3-C5, C6-O3=C6-O4

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bond type	bond	$\overline{\varrho_{bcp}}$	$\sigma(\varrho_{bcp})$	$\overline{\nabla^2 \varrho_{bcp}}$	$\sigma(\nabla^2 \varrho_{bcp})$
N <sub>amm</sub> -C <sub>α</sub>	N1-C1	1.637	0.002	-14.57	0.05
C <sub>α</sub> -C <sub>pep</sub>	C1-C2 and C3-C4	1.678	0.010	-13.31	0.19
C <sub>pep</sub> -O <sub>pep</sub>	C2-O1 and C4-O2	2.742	0.007	-18.18	0.35
C <sub>pep</sub> -N <sub>pep</sub>	C2-N2 [1] and C4-N3	2.296	0.004	-26.63	0.05
N <sub>pep</sub> -C <sub>α</sub>	N2-C3 [1] and N3-C5	1.696	0.008	-15.66	0.18
C <sub>α</sub> -C <sub>carbox</sub>	C5-C6	1.678	0.001	-13.38	0.02
C <sub>carbox</sub> -O <sub>carbox</sub>	C6-O3 and C6-O4	2.625	0.007	-18.99	0.15
			$\overline{\sigma}_{trans, theo}(\varrho_{bcp}) = 0.005$	$\overline{\sigma}_{trans, theo}(\nabla^2 \varrho_{bcp}) = 0.14$	

[1] Bonds in APA that incorporate N2 are left out because N2 is in a different chemical environment.

Table S7a: Comparison of atomic properties in the main chain of 20 tripeptides of the type AXA derived from theory (AMBER optimization, wavefunction at B3LYP/6-311+g(2d,2p) level of theory), units: [V<sub>001</sub>]=1 Å<sup>3</sup>, [Q<sub>001</sub>]=1 e

atom type	atom label	V <sub>001</sub>	Q <sub>001</sub>								
	AAA	ACA	ADA			AEA			AFA		
N <sub>amm</sub>	N1	12.623	-0.9288	12.620	-0.9274	12.739	-0.9353	12.629	-0.9265	12.610	-0.9198
(N <sub>amm</sub> -)C <sub>α</sub>	C1	6.790	0.2799	7.160	0.2613	6.924	0.2806	6.961	0.2805	7.215	0.2713
(N <sub>pep</sub> -)C <sub>α</sub> (-C <sub>pep</sub> )	C3	6.721	0.3280	6.665	0.3194	7.031	0.3116	6.718	0.3191	7.747	0.2851
C <sub>α</sub> (-C <sub>carbox</sub> )	C5	6.775	0.3266	6.751	0.3253	6.754	0.3250	6.721	0.3268	6.830	0.3237
(N <sub>amm</sub> -C <sub>α</sub> -)C <sub>pep</sub>	C2	5.899	1.3428	6.078	1.3072	6.028	1.3110	6.255	1.2962	6.698	1.2946
(N <sub>pep</sub> -C <sub>α</sub> -)C <sub>pep</sub>	C4	5.853	1.3358	5.821	1.3342	5.858	1.3349	5.798	1.3393	5.829	1.3370
(N <sub>amm</sub> -C <sub>α</sub> -C <sub>pep</sub> -)O <sub>pep</sub>	O1	20.092	-1.1245	19.410	-1.1095	19.558	-1.1071	19.625	-1.1193	19.372	-1.1079
(N <sub>pep</sub> -C <sub>α</sub> -C <sub>pep</sub> -)O <sub>pep</sub>	O2	20.409	-1.1709	20.357	-1.1662	20.336	-1.1647	20.332	-1.1657	20.382	-1.1682
N <sub>pep</sub> (-C <sub>α</sub> -C <sub>pep</sub> )	N2	13.433	-1.0335	14.517	-1.1079	13.564	-1.0413	14.279	-1.0809	14.194	-1.0311
N <sub>pep</sub> (-C <sub>α</sub> -C <sub>carbox</sub> )	N3	13.366	-1.0274	13.412	-1.0305	13.395	-1.0282	13.350	-1.0262	13.394	-1.0280
C <sub>carbox</sub>	C6	5.192	1.6234	5.179	1.6230	5.123	1.6285	5.191	1.6247	5.154	1.6261
O <sub>carbox</sub> (in shorter bond)	O3	21.960	-1.1855	21.987	-1.1851	21.988	-1.1878	21.968	-1.1897	22.157	-1.2044
O <sub>carbox</sub> (in longer bond)	O4	21.765	-1.2203	21.745	-1.2184	21.748	-1.2196	21.810	-1.2202	21.791	-1.2231

considered equal in nearest neighbor approximation: C1=C3=C5, C2=C4, O1=O2, N2=N3, O3=O4

Table S7b: Comparison of atomic properties in the main chain of 20 tripeptides of the type AXA derived from theory (AMBER optimization, wavefunction at B3LYP/6-311++g(2d,2p) level of theory), units: [V<sub>001</sub>]=1 Å<sup>3</sup>, [Q<sub>001</sub>]=1 e

atom type	atom label	AGA	AHA	ALA					
		V <sub>001</sub>	Q <sub>001</sub>						
N <sub>amm</sub>	N1	12.612	-0.9264	12.712	-0.9250	12.573	-0.9251	12.730	-0.9284
(N <sub>amm</sub> -)C <sub>α</sub>	C1	6.904	0.2824	7.154	0.2748	6.896	0.2822	6.932	0.2806
(N <sub>pep</sub> )C <sub>α</sub> (-C <sub>pep</sub> )	C3	8.054	0.3239	7.353	0.2865	7.230	0.2916	6.760	0.3121
C <sub>α</sub> (-C <sub>carbox</sub> )	C5	6.716	0.3270	6.742	0.3261	6.791	0.3238	6.704	0.3291
(N <sub>amm</sub> -C <sub>α</sub> -)C <sub>pep</sub>	C2	5.826	1.3454	5.806	1.3213	6.072	1.3027	6.050	1.3283
(N <sub>pep</sub> -C <sub>α</sub> -)C <sub>pep</sub>	C4	6.100	1.3426	5.850	1.3369	5.717	1.3298	5.773	1.3375
(N <sub>amm</sub> -C <sub>α</sub> -C <sub>pep</sub> -)O <sub>pep</sub>	O1	20.218	-1.1217	19.503	-1.1094	19.877	-1.1216	19.598	-1.1185
(N <sub>pep</sub> -C <sub>α</sub> -C <sub>pep</sub> -)O <sub>pep</sub>	O2	20.381	-1.1693	20.332	-1.1690	20.330	-1.1688	20.394	-1.1703
N <sub>pep</sub> (-C <sub>α</sub> -C <sub>pep</sub> )	N2	13.990	-1.0434	13.044	-1.0304	14.136	-1.0767	15.185	-1.1439
N <sub>pep</sub> (-C <sub>α</sub> -C <sub>carbox</sub> )	N3	13.372	-1.0238	13.387	-1.0285	13.321	-1.0353	13.456	-1.0330
C <sub>carbox</sub>	C6	5.136	1.6270	5.133	1.6268	5.166	1.6276	5.157	1.6257
O <sub>carbox</sub> (in shorter bond)	O3	21.990	-1.1877	21.988	-1.1850	22.289	-1.1917	22.117	-1.1879
O <sub>carbox</sub> (in longer bond)	O4	21.759	-1.2185	21.757	-1.2173	21.784	-1.2219	21.815	-1.2200

considered equal in nearest neighbor approximation: C1=C3=C5, C2=C4, O1=O2, N2=N3, O3=O4

Table S7c: Comparison of atomic properties in the main chain of 20 tripeptides of the type AXA derived from theory (AMBER optimization, wavefunction at B3LYP/6-311++g(2d,2p) level of theory), units: [V<sub>001</sub>]=1 Å<sup>3</sup>, [Q<sub>001</sub>]=1 e

atom type	atom label	AMA	ANA	APA	AQA	ARA	Q <sub>001</sub>
		V <sub>001</sub>	Q <sub>001</sub>	V <sub>001</sub>	Q <sub>001</sub>	V <sub>001</sub>	Q <sub>001</sub>
N <sub>amm</sub>	N1	12.618	-0.9325	12.640	-0.9243	12.594	-0.9240
(N <sub>amm</sub> -)C <sub>α</sub>	C1	7.025	0.2887	6.916	0.2596	7.951	0.2331
(N <sub>pep</sub> -)C <sub>α</sub> (-C <sub>pep</sub> )	C3	7.239	0.2945	6.867	0.3134	8.892	0.2451
C <sub>α</sub> (-C <sub>carbox</sub> )	C5	6.871	0.3271	6.841	0.3228	7.139	0.2715
(N <sub>amm</sub> -C <sub>α</sub> -)C <sub>pep</sub>	C2	6.131	1.3085	6.012	1.3151	5.942	1.3247
(N <sub>pep</sub> -C <sub>α</sub> -)C <sub>pep</sub>	C4	5.705	1.3325	5.871	1.3331	5.711	1.3445
(N <sub>amm</sub> -C <sub>α</sub> -C <sub>pep</sub> -)O <sub>pep</sub>	O1	19.954	-1.1229	19.465	-1.0988	20.142	-1.0988
(N <sub>pep</sub> -C <sub>α</sub> -C <sub>pep</sub> -)O <sub>pep</sub>	O2	20.381	-1.1728	20.375	-1.1590	20.526	-1.1603
N <sub>pep</sub> (-C <sub>α</sub> -C <sub>pep</sub> )	N2	14.179	-1.0875	16.264	-1.2367	10.955	-0.9853
N <sub>pep</sub> (-C <sub>α</sub> -C <sub>carbox</sub> )	N3	13.395	-1.0447	13.394	-1.0293	13.508	-1.0298
C <sub>carbox</sub>	C6	5.233	1.6361	5.136	1.6256	5.191	1.6192
O <sub>carbox</sub> (in shorter bond)	O3	22.303	-1.1900	21.926	-1.1802	21.960	-1.1844
O <sub>carbox</sub> (in longer bond)	O4	21.815	-1.2275	21.685	-1.2134	21.785	-1.2182

considered equal in nearest neighbor approximation: C1=C3=C5, C2=C4, O1=O2, N2=N3, O3=O4

Table S7d: Comparison of atomic properties in the main chain of 20 tripeptides of the type AXA derived from theory (AMBER optimization, wavefunction at B3LYP/6-311++g(2d,2p) level of theory), units: [V<sub>001</sub>]=1 Å<sup>3</sup>, [Q<sub>001</sub>]=1 e

atom type	atom label	ASA	ATA	AVAA	V <sub>001</sub>	Q <sub>001</sub>						
N <sub>amm</sub>	N1	12.626	-0.9298	12.575	-0.9264	12.575	-0.9230	12.738	-0.9209	12.595	-0.9194	
(N <sub>amm</sub> -)C <sub>α</sub>	C1	6.879	0.2826	6.873	0.2830	6.839	0.2828	7.136	0.2754	7.290	0.2700	
(N <sub>pep</sub> )C <sub>α</sub> (-C <sub>pep</sub> )	C3	6.782	0.3157	7.455	0.2730	7.797	0.2670	7.804	0.2753	7.373	0.2819	
C <sub>α</sub> (-C <sub>carbox</sub> )	C5	6.846	0.3235	6.686	0.3267	6.769	0.3232	6.876	0.3223	6.804	0.3256	
(N <sub>amm</sub> -C <sub>α</sub> -)C <sub>pep</sub>	C2	5.850	1.3440	6.200	1.3187	6.130	1.3036	5.902	1.3352	5.905	1.3117	
(N <sub>pep</sub> -C <sub>α</sub> -)C <sub>pep</sub>	C4	5.887	1.3375	6.046	1.2943	5.681	1.3333	5.799	1.3387	5.813	1.3385	
(N <sub>amm</sub> -C <sub>α</sub> -C <sub>pep</sub> -)O <sub>pep</sub>	O1	20.123	-1.1294	19.647	-1.1212	19.884	-1.1226	18.325	-1.0836	19.146	-1.1057	
(N <sub>pep</sub> -C <sub>α</sub> -C <sub>pep</sub> -)O <sub>pep</sub>	O2	20.181	-1.1564	20.095	-1.1720	20.354	-1.1688	20.490	-1.1785	20.339	-1.1676	
N <sub>pep</sub> (-C <sub>α</sub> -C <sub>pep</sub> )	N2	13.256	-1.0256	14.047	-1.0772	14.175	-1.0650	13.108	-1.0299	13.122	-1.0318	
N <sub>pep</sub> (-C <sub>α</sub> -C <sub>carbox</sub> )	N3	13.323	-1.0328	13.238	-1.0302	13.268	-1.0321	13.320	-1.0324	13.370	-1.0323	
C <sub>carbox</sub>	C6	5.151	1.6257	5.118	1.6281	5.167	1.6274	5.187	1.6301	5.149	1.6251	
O <sub>carbox</sub> (in shorter bond)	O3	22.018	-1.1872	22.116	-1.1976	22.289	-1.1910	22.275	-1.1985	22.177	-1.2059	
O <sub>carbox</sub> (in longer bond)	O4	21.791	-1.2231	21.834	-1.2265	21.808	-1.2226	21.821	-1.2281	21.968	-1.2337	

considered equal in nearest neighbor approximation: C1=C3=C5, C2=C4, O1=O2, N2=N3, O3=O4

Table S8: Mean values and standard deviations of atomic properties in nearest neighbor approximation in the main chain from 20 tripeptides of the type AXA derived from theory (AMBER optimization, wavefunction at B3LYP/6-311++g(2d,2p) level of theory); units:  $[V_{001}] = 1 \text{ \AA}^3$ ,  $[Q_{001}] = 1 \text{ e}$

atom type	atom	$\bar{V}_{001}$	$\sigma(V_{001})$	$\bar{Q}_{001}$	$\sigma(Q_{001})$
$N_{amm}$	N1	12.64	0.06	-0.926	0.004
$C_\alpha$	C1, C3 and C5	7.02	0.41	0.298	0.025
$C_{pep}$	C2 and C4	5.95	0.20	1.326	0.016
$O_{pep}$	O1 and O2	19.99	0.47	-1.141	0.029
$N_{pep}[1]$	N2 and N3	13.72	0.65	-1.051	0.042
$C_{carbox}$	C6	5.16	0.03	1.627	0.004
$O_{carbox}$	O3 and O4	21.95	0.18	-1.207	0.017

$$\bar{\sigma}_{trans, theo}(V_{001}) = 0.29 \quad \bar{\sigma}_{trans, theo}(Q_{001}) = 0.019$$

[1] N2 in APA left out because it is in a different chemical environment.

Table S9: Comparison of bond topological properties in the main chain of eight tripeptides derived from theory (experimental geometries, wavefunction at B3LYP/6-311+g(2d,2p) level of theory); units:  $[\varrho_{bcp}] = \text{e\AA}^{-3}$ ,  $[\nabla^2 \varrho_{bcp}] = \text{e\AA}^{-5}$

bond type	bond	$\varrho_{bcp}$	$\nabla^2 \varrho_{bcp}$	$\partial_{bcp}$	$\nabla^2 \partial_{bcp}$	AFA	AAA [1]	AYA [2]	APA	AGA
N <sub>amm</sub> -C <sub>α</sub>	N1-C1	1.59	-13.6	1.56	-12.8	1.69	-15.1	1.57	-13.2	1.57
(N <sub>amm</sub> -)C <sub>α</sub> -C <sub>pep</sub>	C1-C2	1.68	-13.3	1.71	-13.8	1.64	-14.5	1.57	-13.4	1.60
(N <sub>pep</sub> -)C <sub>α</sub> -C <sub>pep</sub>	C3-C4	1.66	-12.9	1.70	-13.6	1.70	-13.7	1.69	-13.5	1.66
(N <sub>amm</sub> -C <sub>α</sub> -)C <sub>pep</sub> -O <sub>pep</sub>	C2-O1	2.67	-19.7	2.72	-19.1	2.72	-17.9	2.69	-13.3	1.69
(N <sub>pep</sub> -C <sub>α</sub> -)C <sub>pep</sub> -O <sub>pep</sub>	C4-O2	2.68	-19.0	2.70	-18.9	2.69	-17.9	2.68	-13.1	1.69
(N <sub>amm</sub> -C <sub>α</sub> -)C <sub>pep</sub> -N <sub>pep</sub>	C2-N2	2.29	-26.6	2.32	-27.2	2.70	-17.9	2.68	-13.2	1.66
(N <sub>pep</sub> -C <sub>α</sub> -)C <sub>pep</sub> -N <sub>pep</sub>	C4-N3	2.30	-26.8	2.38	-28.4	2.32	-27.4	2.30	-19.4	2.68
N <sub>pep</sub> -C <sub>α</sub> -(-C <sub>pep</sub> )	N2-C3	1.72	-16.1	1.72	-16.1	1.75	-16.6	1.71	-19.5	1.65
N <sub>pep</sub> -C <sub>α</sub> -(-C <sub>carbox</sub> )	N3-C5	1.68	-15.5	1.69	-15.3	1.75	-16.4	1.73	-19.1	1.65
C <sub>α</sub> -C <sub>carbox</sub>	C5-C6	1.64	-12.5	1.64	-12.6	1.68	-16.0	1.70	-13.3	1.67
C <sub>carbox</sub> -O <sub>carbox</sub> (short)	C6-O3	2.53	-20.5	2.50	-22.2	2.51	-17.6	2.56	-19.0	2.54
C <sub>carbox</sub> -O <sub>carbox</sub> (long)	C6-O4	2.56	-20.8	2.65	-17.5	2.62	-19.4	2.50	-22.5	2.54

[1] first/ second line: two independent molecules in the asymmetric unit; [2] first/ second line: two modifications (AYA-EtOH/ AYA-H<sub>2</sub>O); considered equal in nearest neighbor approximation: C1-C2=C3-C4, C2-O1=C4-O2, C2-N2=C4-N3, N2-C3=N3-C5, C6-O3=C6-O4

Table S10: Mean values and standard deviations of bond topological properties in nearest neighbor approximation in the main chain from eight tripeptides AHA, AFA, two independent molecules in the asymmetric unit of AAA, two modifications of AYA, APA and AGA derived from theory (experimental geometries, wavefunction at B3LYP/6-311+g(2d,2p) level of theory) ; units:  $[\varrho_{bcp}] = 1 \text{ e\AA}^{-5}$ ,

bond type	bond	$\overline{\varrho_{bcp}}$	$\sigma(\varrho_{bcp})$	$\overline{\nabla^2 \varrho_{bcp}}$	$\sigma(\nabla^2 \varrho_{bcp})$
N <sub>amino</sub> -C <sub>α</sub>	N1-C1	1.60	0.04	-13.8	0.7
C <sub>α</sub> -C <sub>pep</sub>	C1-C2 and C3-C4	1.68	0.02	-13.4	0.3
C <sub>pep</sub> -O <sub>pep</sub>	C2-O1 and C4-O2	2.69	0.02	-18.9	0.5
C <sub>pep</sub> -N <sub>pep</sub>	C2-N2 [1] and C4-N3	2.31	0.03	-27.1	0.7
N <sub>pep</sub> -C <sub>α</sub>	N2-C3 [1] and N3-C5	1.72	0.03	-16.0	0.5
C <sub>α</sub> -C <sub>carbox</sub>	C5-C6	1.65	0.03	-12.8	0.5
C <sub>carbox</sub> -O <sub>carbox</sub>	C6-O3 and C6-O4	2.56	0.05	-19.9	1.7

$\overline{\sigma}_{trans, theo exp}(\varrho_{bcp}) = 0.03$        $\overline{\sigma}_{trans, theo zp}(\nabla^2 \varrho_{bcp}) = 0.7$

[1] Bonds in APA that incorporate N2 are left out because N2 is in a different chemical environment.

Table S11: Comparison of atomic properties in the main chain of eight tripeptides derived from theory (experimental geometries, wavefunction at B3LYP/6-311++g(2d,2p) level of theory); units: [V<sub>001</sub>]=1 Å<sup>3</sup>, [Q<sub>001</sub>]=1 e

atom type	atom label	AHA				AAA [1]				AYA [2]				APA				AGA			
		V <sub>001</sub>	Q <sub>001</sub>																		
N <sub>amm</sub>	N1	12.6	-0.91	12.3	-0.89	12.3	-0.93	12.3	-0.87	12.4	-0.89	12.4	-0.90								
(N <sub>amm</sub> -)C <sub>α</sub>	C1	7.0	0.26	6.3	0.46	6.9	0.27	7.1	0.26	7.5	0.24	9.7	0.09								
(N <sub>pep</sub> -)C <sub>α</sub> (-C <sub>pep</sub> )	C3	6.6	0.32	6.1	0.44	6.7	0.32	6.7	0.32	6.7	0.32	6.7	0.32								
C <sub>α</sub> (-C <sub>carbox</sub> )	C5	6.8	0.32	6.5	0.40	7.3	0.28	7.0	0.31	9.1	0.15	9.3	0.13								
(N <sub>amm</sub> -C <sub>α</sub> -)C <sub>pep</sub>	C2	5.7	1.31	5.8	1.33	5.7	1.34	5.9	1.31	6.2	1.29	6.1	1.36								
(N <sub>pep</sub> -C <sub>α</sub> -)C <sub>pep</sub>	C4	5.9	1.32	5.5	1.34	5.7	1.35	5.6	1.33	6.1	1.27	6.1	1.32								
(N <sub>amm</sub> -C <sub>α</sub> -C <sub>pep</sub> -)O <sub>pep</sub>	O1	19.6	-1.09	20.0	-1.09	17.7	-1.14	19.8	-1.09	19.8	-1.10	19.6	-1.12								
(N <sub>pep</sub> -C <sub>α</sub> -C <sub>pep</sub> -)O <sub>pep</sub>	O2	20.1	-1.10	19.9	-1.12	20.1	-1.10	19.5	-1.11	19.7	-1.09	19.0	-1.17								
N <sub>pep</sub> (-C <sub>α</sub> -C <sub>pep</sub> )	N2	13.0	-1.00	13.1	-1.08	13.2	-1.01	13.0	-1.00	16.8	-1.58	15.7	-1.31								
N <sub>pep</sub> (-C <sub>α</sub> -C <sub>carbox</sub> )	N3	13.2	-0.99	12.0	-1.09	13.0	-1.05	12.7	-1.00	13.7	-1.02	13.8	-1.05								
C <sub>carbox</sub>	C6	5.4	1.57	5.4	1.59	5.3	1.58	5.5	1.56	5.4	1.56	5.4	1.60								
O <sub>carbox</sub> (in shorter bond)	O3	22.7	-1.16	21.4	-1.20	20.6	-1.02	21.2	-1.11	21.4	-1.21	21.5	-1.18								
O <sub>carbox</sub> (in longer bond)	O4	22.2	-1.13	22.2	-1.12	17.4	-1.17	19.1	-1.20	22.1	-1.17	21.7	-1.21								

[1] first/ second line: two independent molecules in the asymmetric unit; [2] first/ second line: two modifications (AYA-EtOH/ AYA·H<sub>2</sub>O); considered equal in nearest neighbor approximation: C1=C3=C5, C2=C4, O1=O2, N2=N3, O3=O4

Table S12: Mean values and standard deviations of atomic properties in nearest neighbor approximation in the main chain from eight tripeptides AHA, AFA, two independent molecules in the asymmetric unit of AAA, two modifications of AYA, APA and AGA derived from theory (experimental geometries, wavefunction at B3LYP/6-311++g(2d,2p) level of theory); units:  $[V_{001}] = 1 \text{ \AA}^3$ ,  $[Q_{001}] = 1 \text{ e}$

atom type	atom	$\bar{V}_{001}$	$\sigma(V_{001})$	$\bar{Q}_{001}$	$\sigma(Q_{001})$
$N_{amm}$	N1	12.4	0.1	-0.90	0.02
$C_\alpha$	C1, C3 and C5	7.2	0.9	0.29	0.08
$C_{pep}$	C2 and C4	5.8	0.2	1.32	0.02
$O_{pep}$	O1 and O2	19.4	0.8	-1.12	0.03
$N_{pep}[1]$	N2 and N3	13.2	0.8	-1.04	0.08
$C_{carbox}$	C6	5.4	0.1	1.58	0.02
$O_{carbox}$	O3 and O4	21.1	1.4	-1.14	0.07

$$\bar{\sigma}_{trans, theoexp}(V_{001}) = 0.6$$

$$\bar{\sigma}_{trans, theoexp}(Q_{001}) = 0.05$$

[1] N2 in APA left out because it is in a different chemical environment.