

# Supporting Information

## Direct Evidence of Photoinduced Charge Transport Mechanism in 2D Conductive Metal Organic Frameworks

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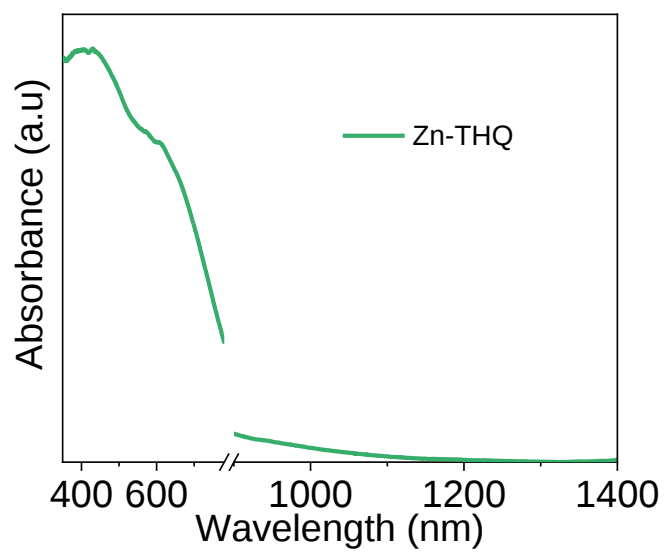
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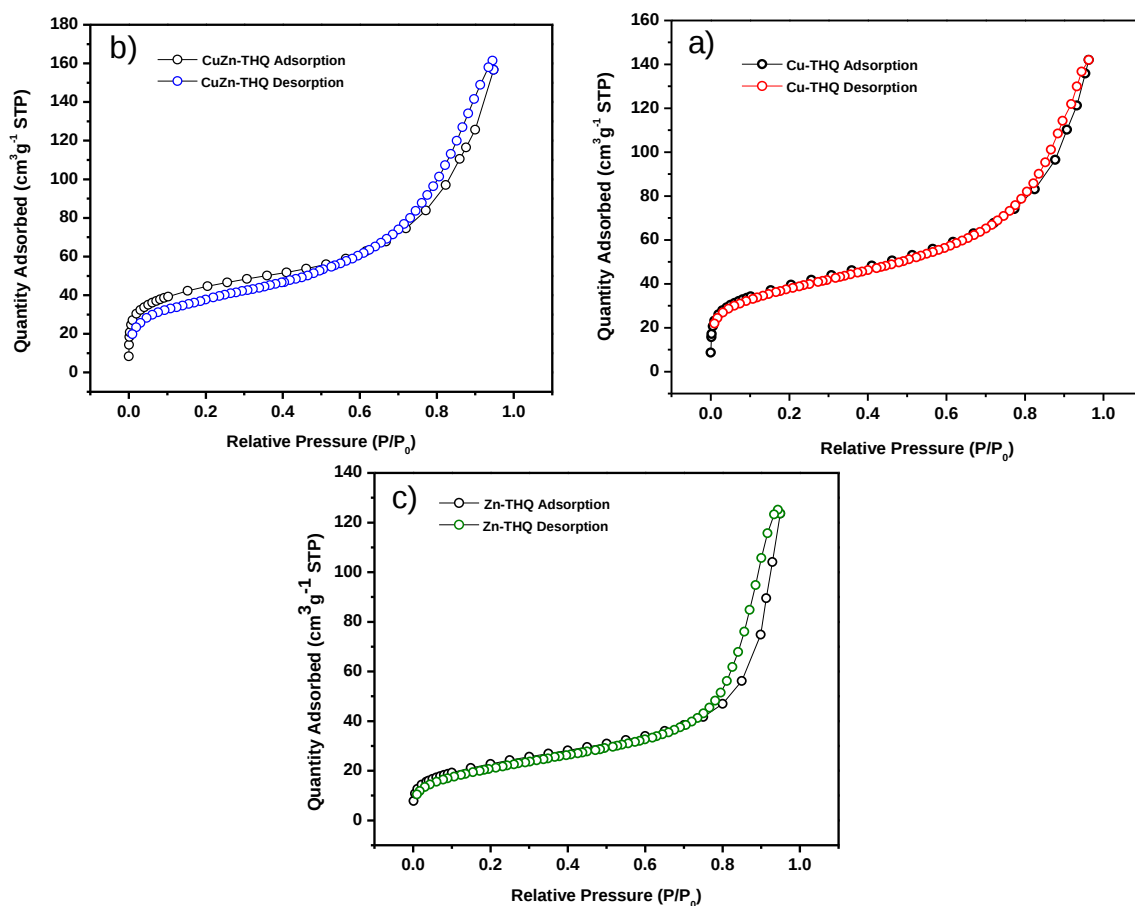
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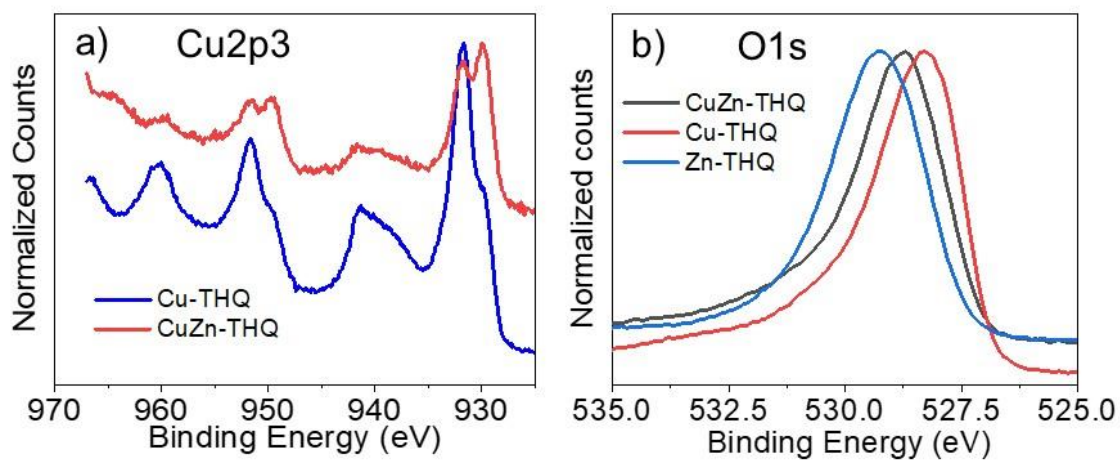
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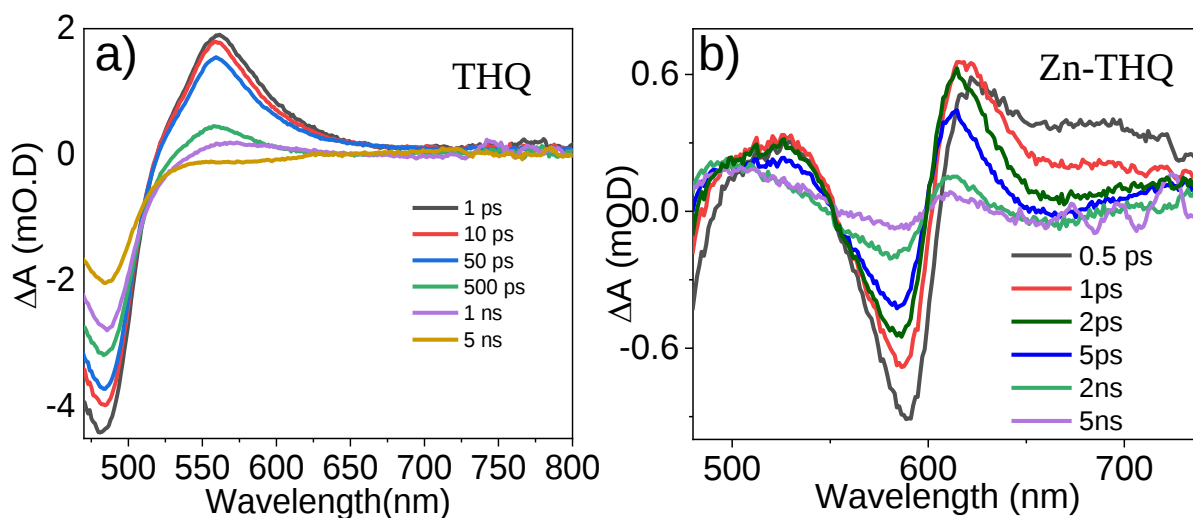
**Figure S1.** a) The diffuse reflectance UV-visible-near IR spectrum of Zn-THQ MOF.



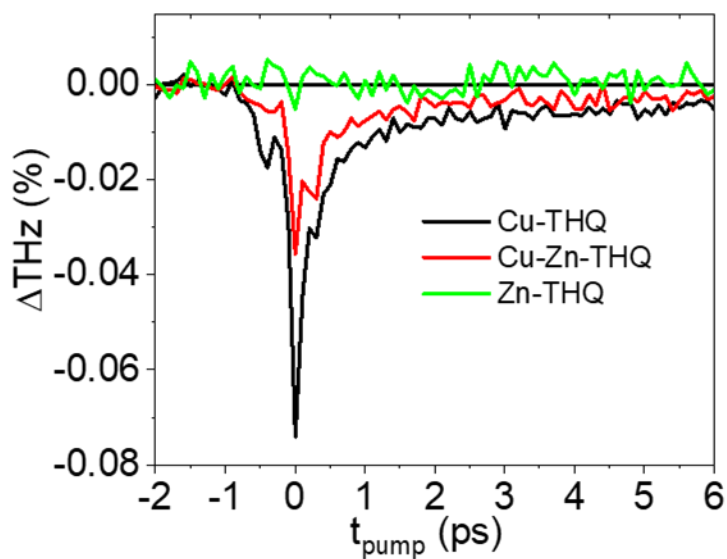
**Figure S2.** a) N<sub>2</sub> sorption isotherms at 77 K for Cu-THQ a), Cu/Zn-THQ (b), and Zn-THQ (c).



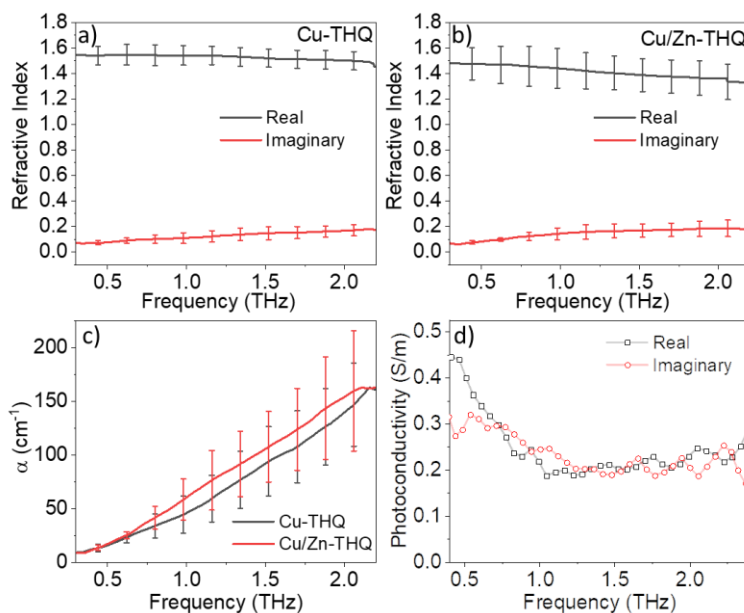
**Figure S3.** XPS spectra for THQ MOFs a) Binding energy comparison for a) Cu2p3 and b) O 1s



**Figure S4.** OTA spectra of THQ ligand in chloroform solution (a) and Zn-THQ following 450 nm excitation.



**Figure S5.** Normalized OPTP traces for all three MOF samples. The solid black baseline indicates that the signal does not return to baseline within the measured time range of 300 ps.



**Figure S6.** Time-domain THz spectroscopy (THz-TDS) for Cu-THQ (a) and Cu/Zn-THQ (b). Comparison of the absorption coefficient  $\alpha$  (c). Frequency-dependent photoconductivity spectrum of Cu-THQ (d). The photoconductivity is estimated to be about 0.2 S/m using the relatively flat photoconductivity signal observed between 1 – 2.2 THz.

**Table S1.** Fitting parameters for OTA kinetic traces of exciton bleach in Cu-THQ and Cu/Zn-THQ.

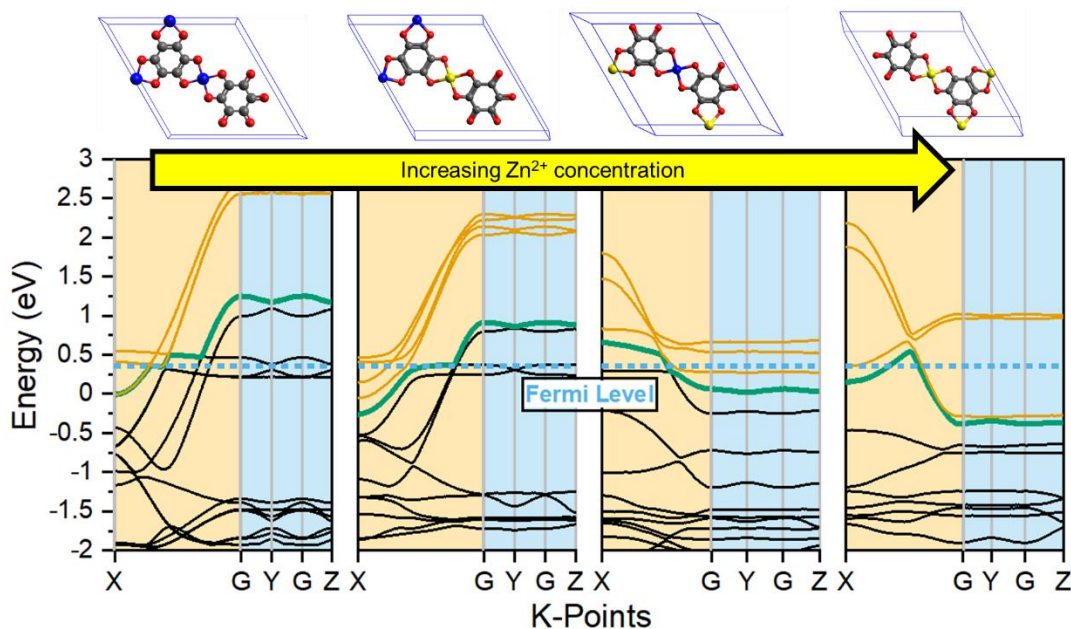
| MOF       | $\tau_1$ (ps) | $A_1$ (%) | $\tau_2$ (ps) | $A_2$ (%) | $\tau_3$ (ns) | $A_3$ (%) |
|-----------|---------------|-----------|---------------|-----------|---------------|-----------|
| Cu-THQ    | 0.4           | 75.4      | 8.2           | 19.4      | $\gg 5$ ns    | 5.2       |
| Cu/Zn-THQ | 0.4           | 77.0      | 17.0          | 14.4      | $\gg 5$ ns    | 8.6       |

**Table S2.** Table of fit parameters that describe the dynamics of the decay in the X.T.A traces.

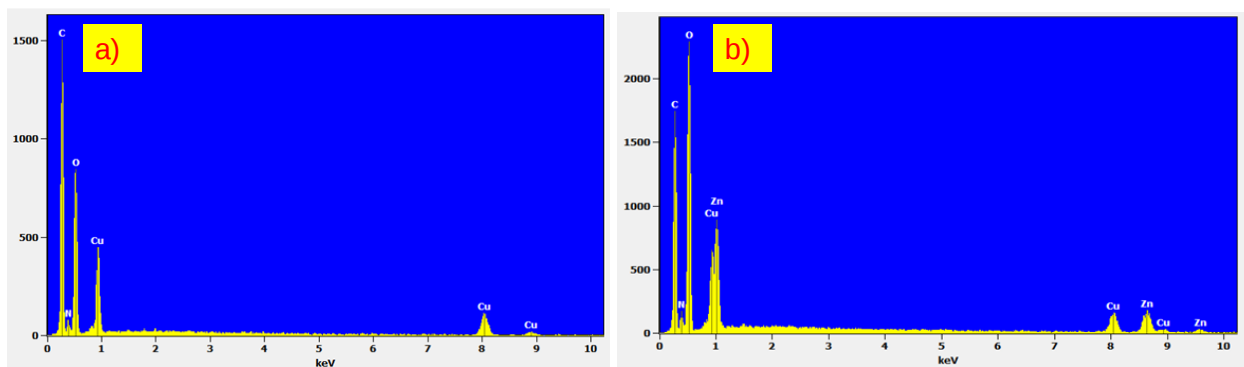
|           | $\tau_1$ (ns) | $A_1$ (%) | $\tau_2$ (ns) | $A_2$ (%) |
|-----------|---------------|-----------|---------------|-----------|
| Cu-THQ    | 0.6           | 67.0      | 33.6          | 33.0      |
| Cu/Zn-THQ | 1.2           | 50.0      | 42.4          | 50.0      |

**Table S3.** Table of fit parameters that describe the dynamics of the decay in the OPTP traces.

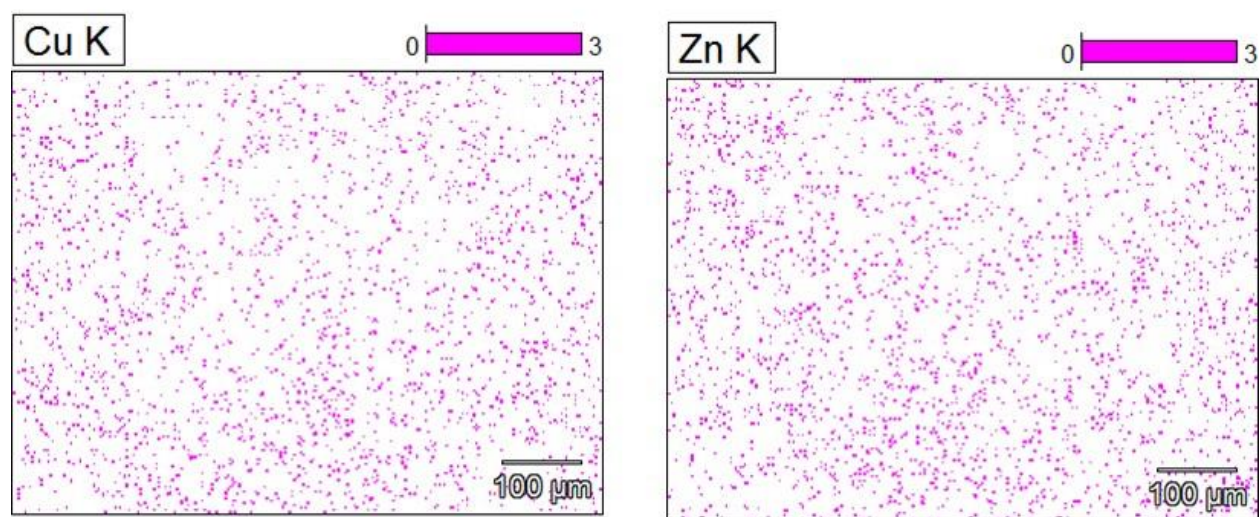
|           | $\tau_1$ (ps) | $A_1$ | $\tau_2$ (ps) | $A_2$   | $\tau_3$ (ps) | $A_3$   |
|-----------|---------------|-------|---------------|---------|---------------|---------|
| Cu-THQ    | 0.4           | 0.060 | 5.65          | 0.00735 | 1000          | 0.00310 |
| Cu-Zn-THQ | 0.4           | 0.035 | 5.24          | 0.00351 | 1000          | 0.00198 |



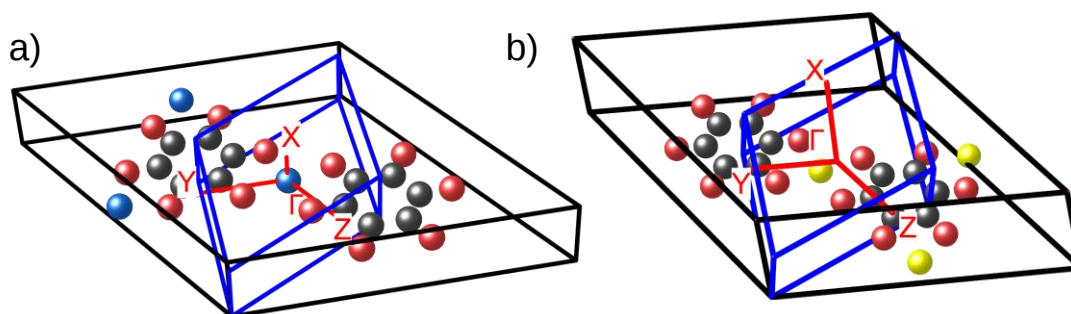
**Figure S7.** Band structure calculations performed on triclinic unit cells of Cu-THQ with increasing concentration of  $\text{Zn}^{2+}$  ions (left to right). Axes aligned to show the effect of  $\text{Zn}^{2+}$  incorporation on Fermi level crossings.



**Figure S8.** EDX spectra showing elemental composition for Cu-THQ (a) and Cu/Zn-THQ (b). The atomic ratio of Cu to Zn is 44:56.



**Figure S9.** EDX spectra showing elemental distribution for Cu (a) and Zn-THQ (b) in Cu/Zn-THQ



**Figure S10.** Cu-THQ and Zn-THQ unit cells with atomic positions and the real-space interpretation of the Brillouin zone.