

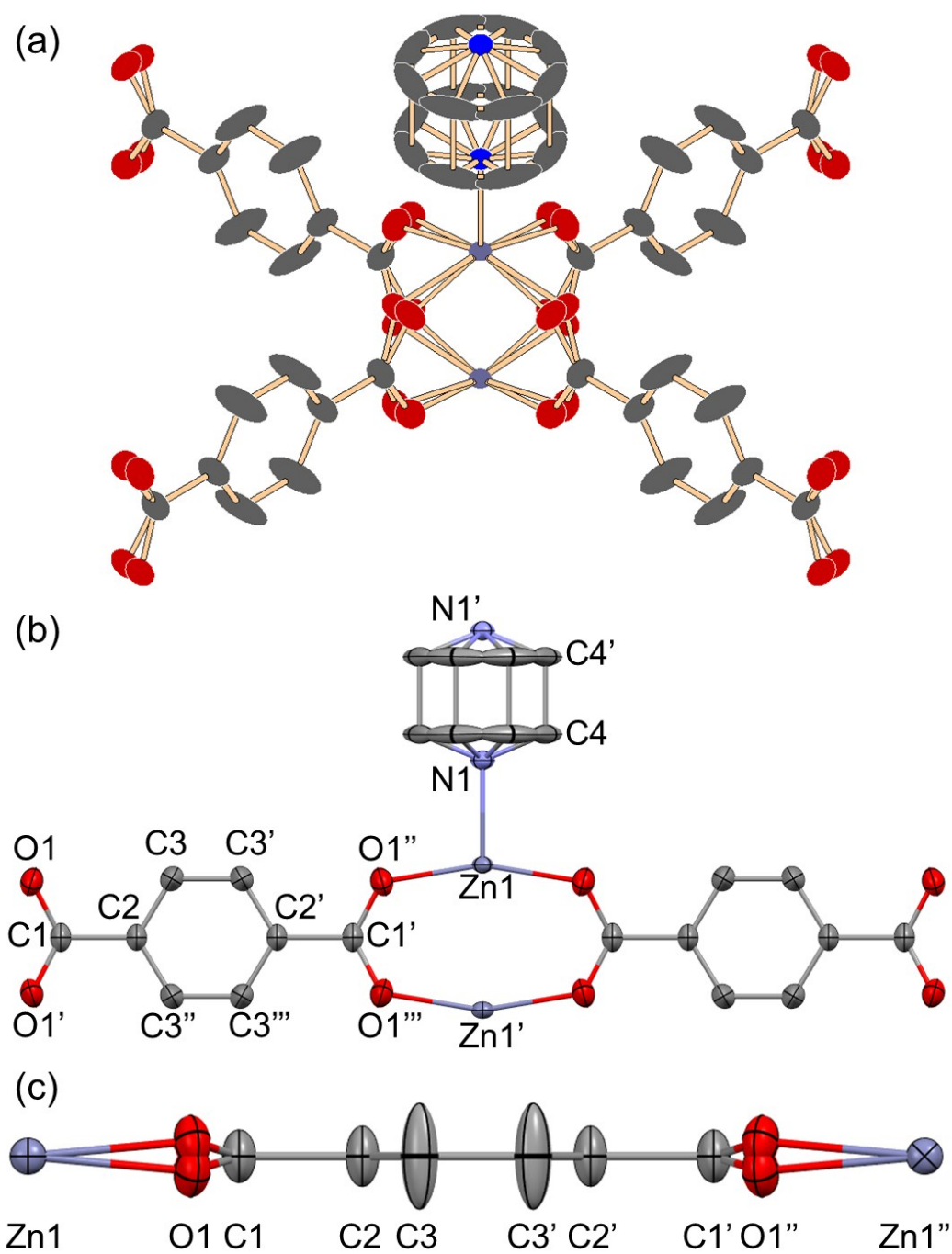
## Supporting Information

### Guest-Dependent Thermal Response of the Flexible MOF $\text{Zn}_2(\text{BDC})_2(\text{DABCO})$

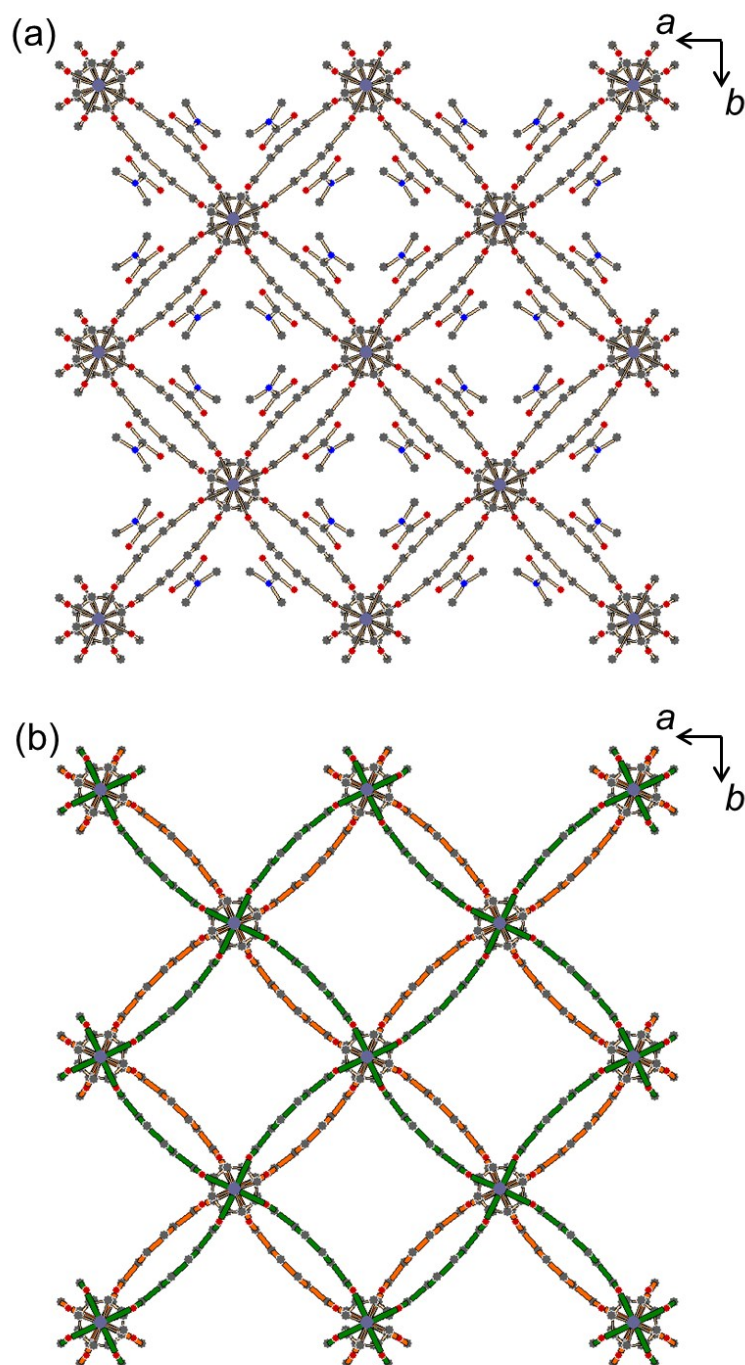
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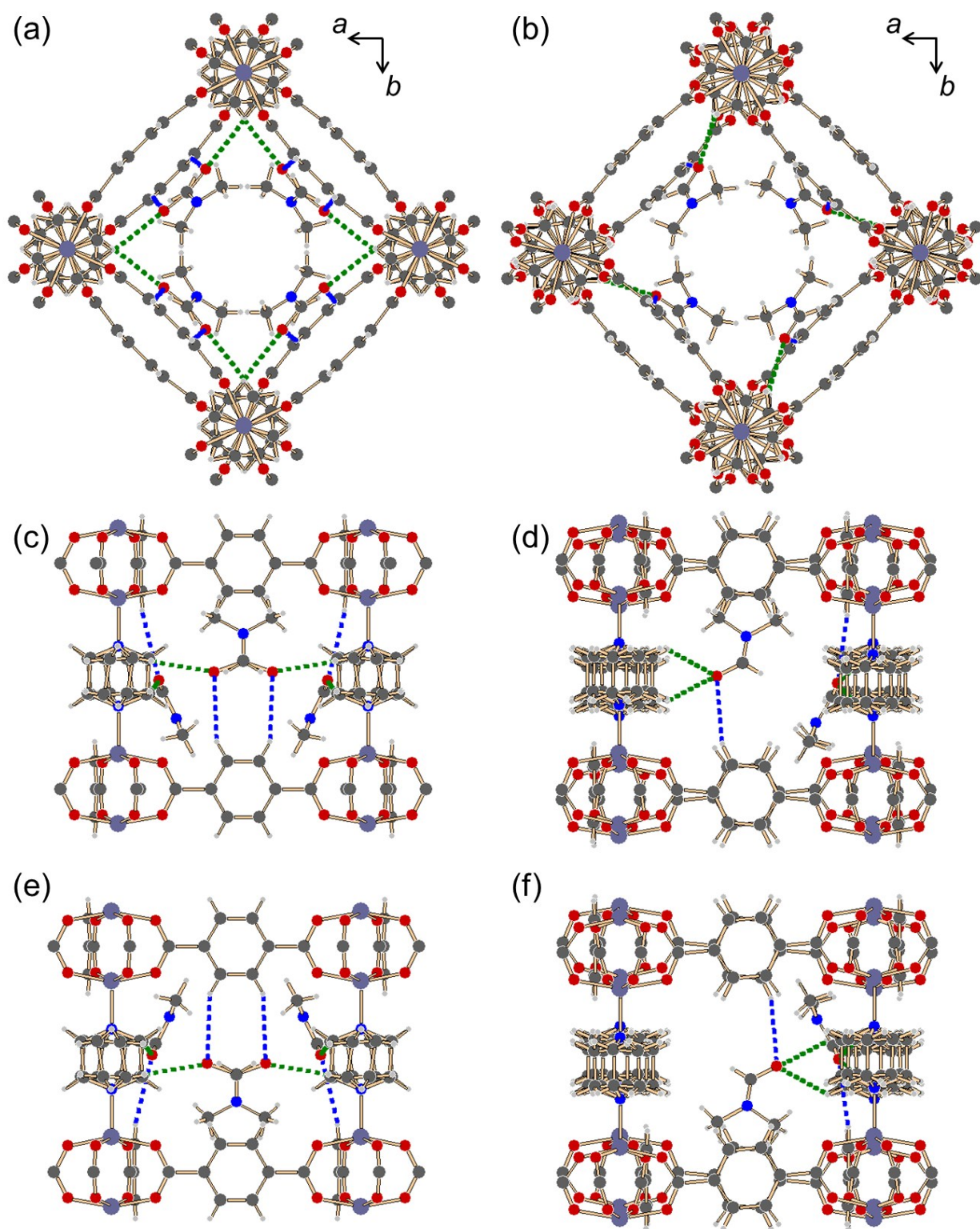
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**Figure S1.** Crystal structure of  $\text{Zn}_2(\text{BDC})_2(\text{DABCO})$  (**1**) at 298K. Ellipsoids are drawn at a 50% probability level and H atoms have been omitted for clarity.



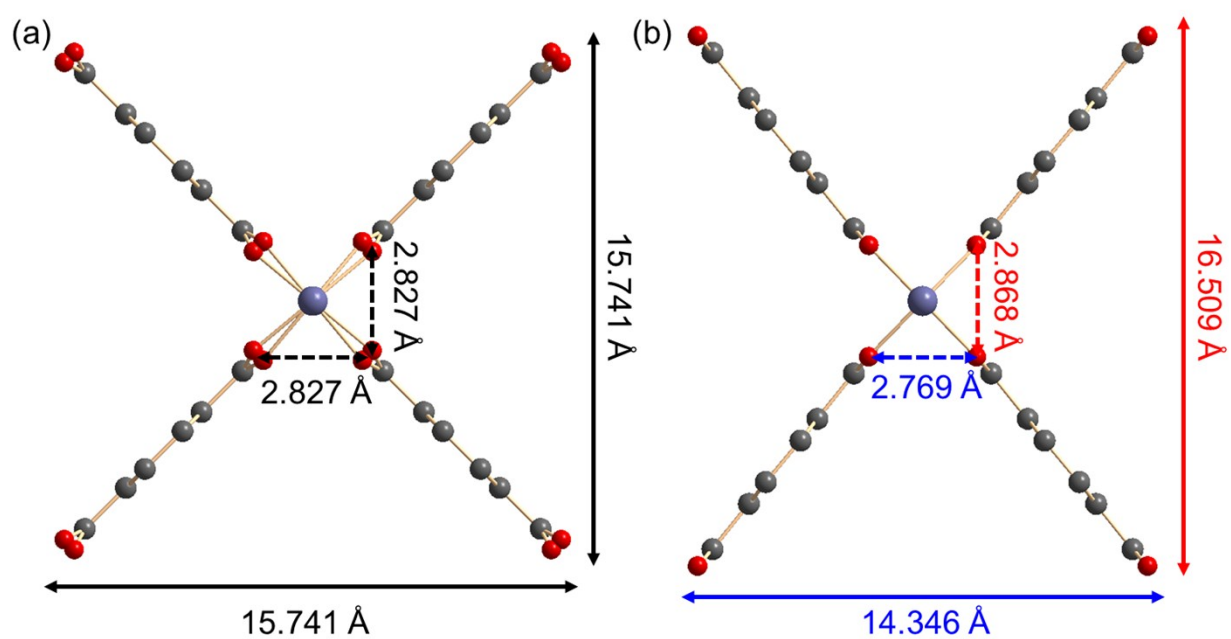
**Figure S2.** Crystal Structure of 1·4DMF at 298K. Green and orange colored thick bonds in (b) are presenting the BDC linkers at different layers along the *c*-axis.



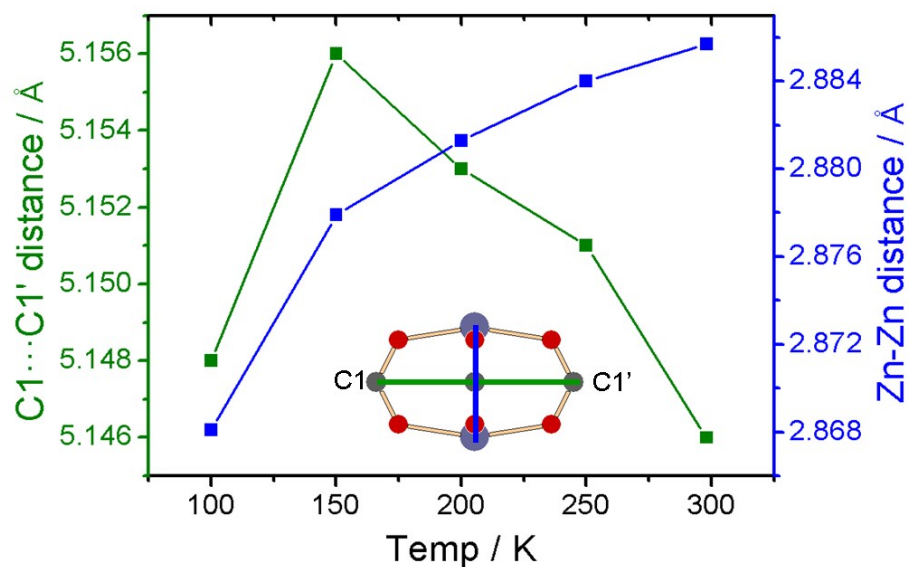
**Figure S3.** Crystal Structures of 1·4DMF at 298K (a, c, e), and 100K (b, d, f). Green and blue dashed lines indicate the CH $\cdots$ O interactions of DMF with DABCO and BDC, respectively.

**Table S1.** List of CH $\cdots$ O distances between DMF, and DABCO and BDC in **1**·4DMF.

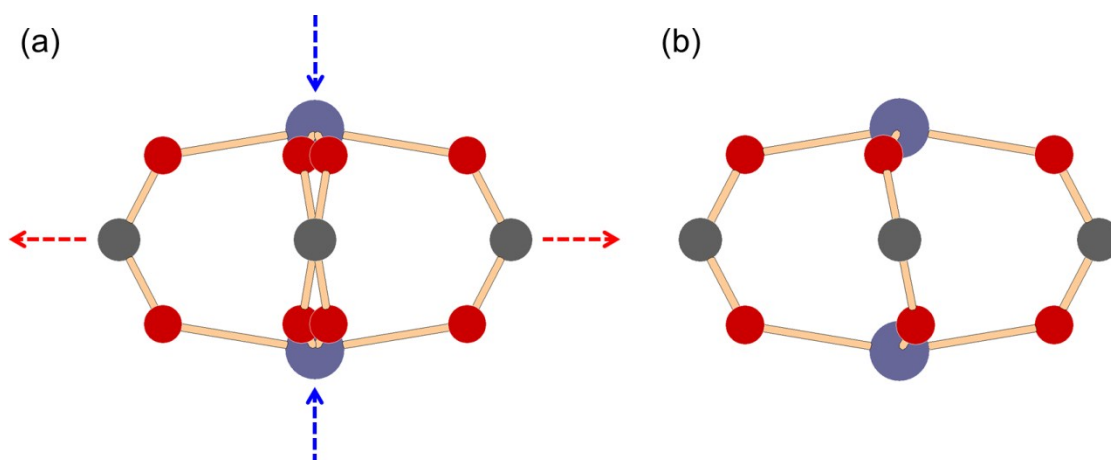
| Temperature | CH $\cdots$ O distance between DABCO and DMF (Å) | CH $\cdots$ O distance between BDC and DMF (Å) |
|-------------|--------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| RT          | 2.806                                            | 3.101                                          |
| 250K        | 2.784                                            | 3.073                                          |
| 200K        | 2.540                                            | 2.953                                          |
| 150K        | 2.552                                            | 2.921                                          |
| 100K        | 2.552                                            | 2.885                                          |



**Figure S4.** Framework structures of **1** and **1**·3benzene at 298K.

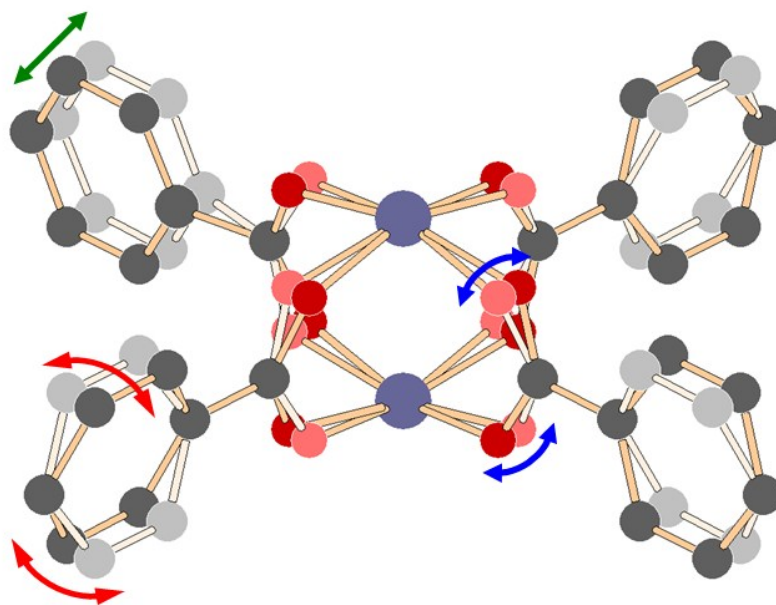


**Figure S5.** Interatomic distances for selected atoms in the  $\text{Zn}_2$  paddle wheel unit in **1** at different temperatures.

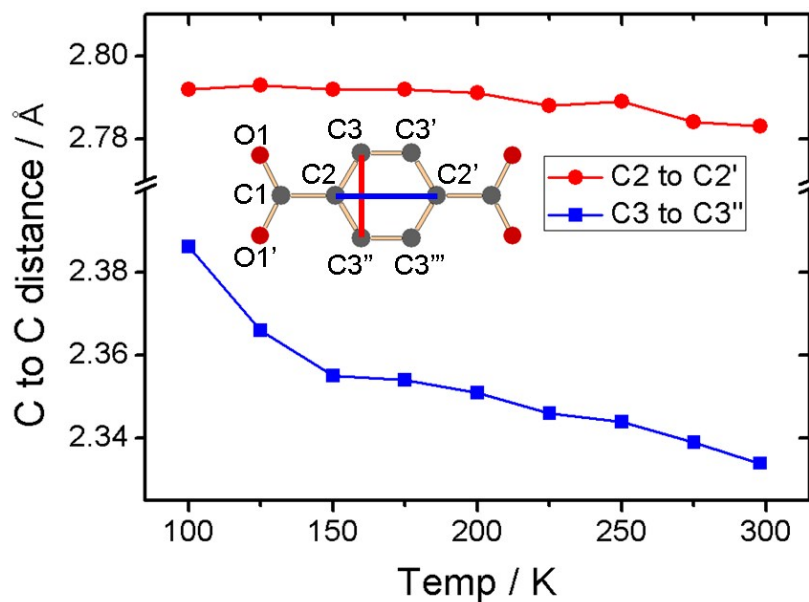


**Figure S6.**  $\text{Zn}_2$  paddle wheel structures of  $\text{Zn}_2(\text{BDC})_2(\text{DABCO})$  at 298K (a) and 100K (b,c,d), respectively. The arrows are representing the directions of thermal responses upon cooling.

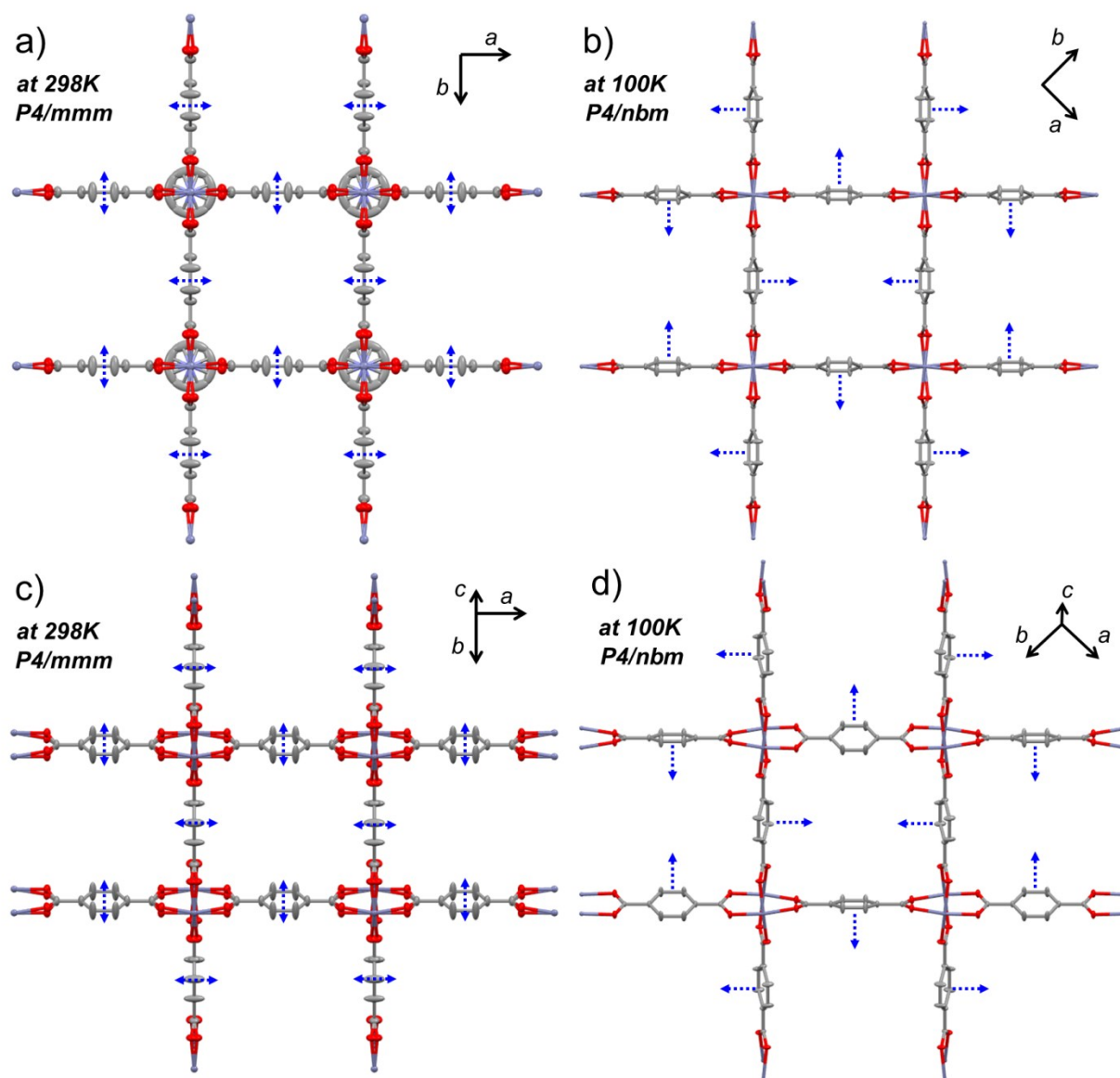




**Figure S7.** Three major vibration motions, contributing to the transverse vibration in  $\text{Zn}_2(\text{BDC})_2(\text{DABCO})$ : libration (red arrows) and translation (green arrow) of the aromatic ring, and twisting of the paddle wheel unit (blue arrows).

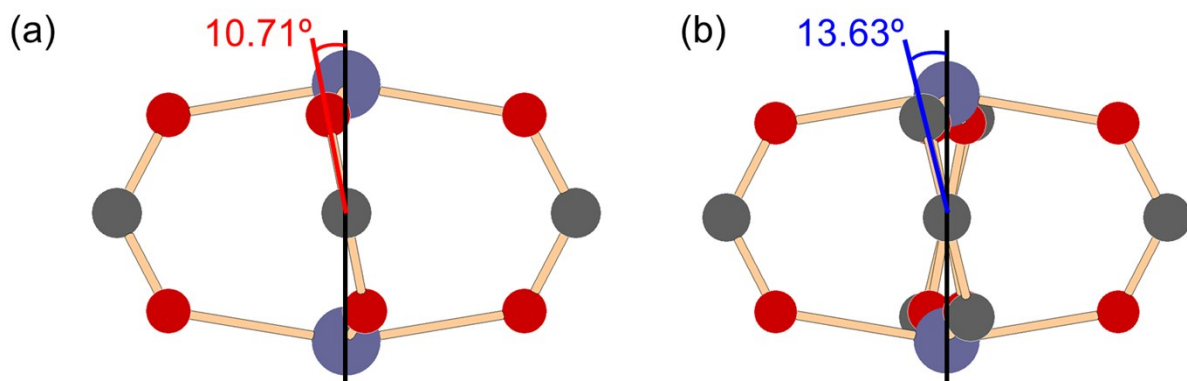


**Figure S8.** Interatomic distances for selected carbon atoms at the aromatic ring of BDC in **1**.

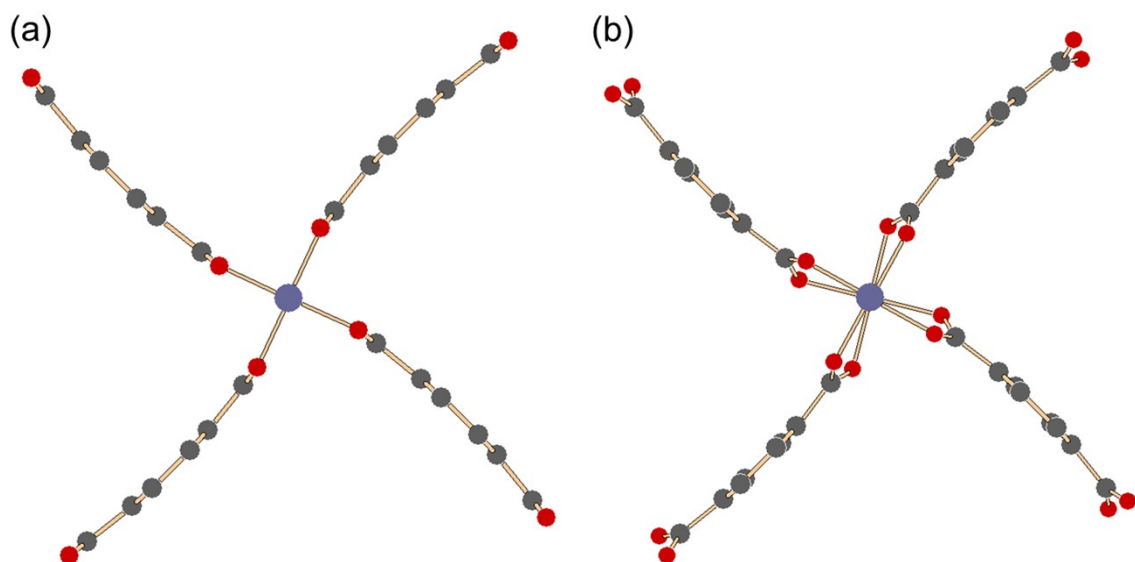


**Figure S9.** Crystal Structures of  $\text{Zn}_2(\text{BDC})_2(\text{DABCO})$  at 298K (a and c), and 100K (b and d). Blue arrows indicate the rotational direction of BDC ligands. Ellipsoids are drawn at a 50% probability level and H atoms have been omitted for clarity.

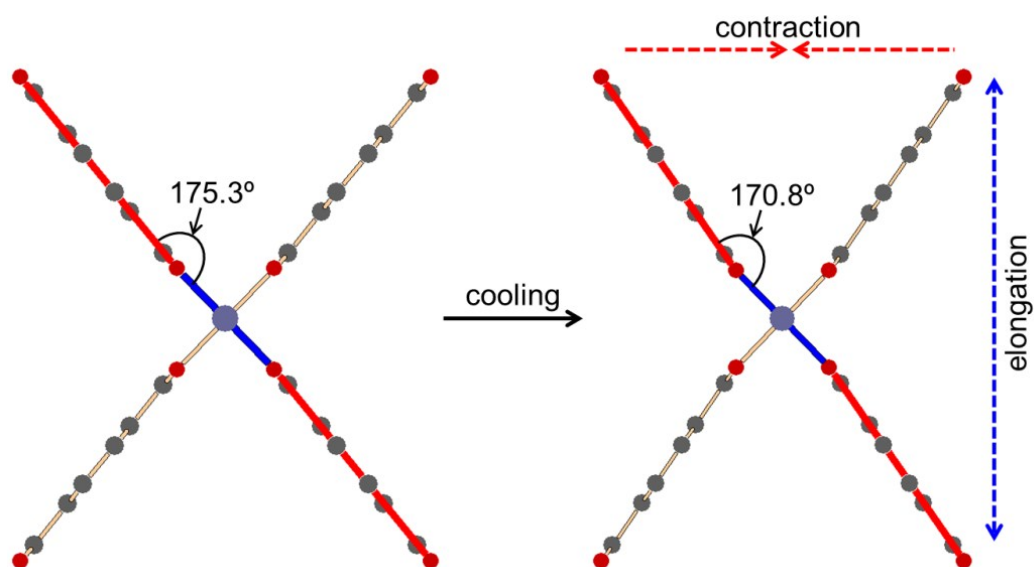




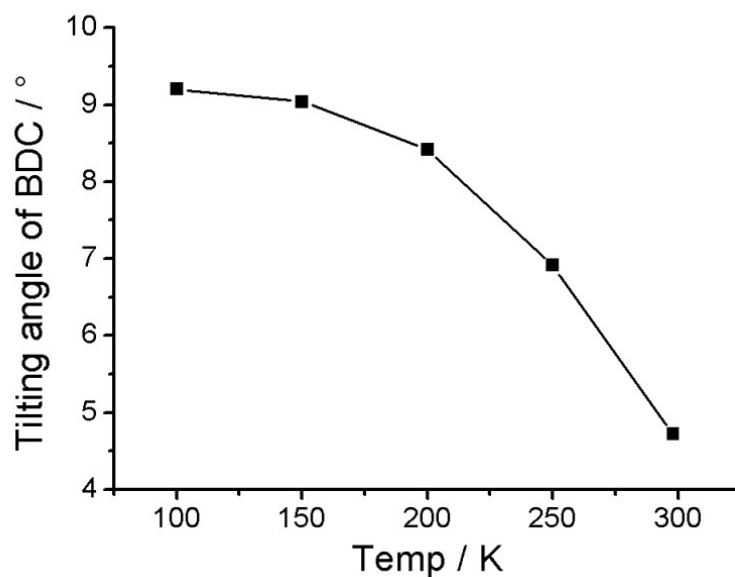
**Figure S10.** The  $\text{Zn}_2$  paddle wheel structures of  $\text{Zn}_2(\text{BDC})_2(\text{DABCO})$  at 100K. The tilting angles of BDC are indicated for the aromatic rings (a) and carboxylates (b), respectively.



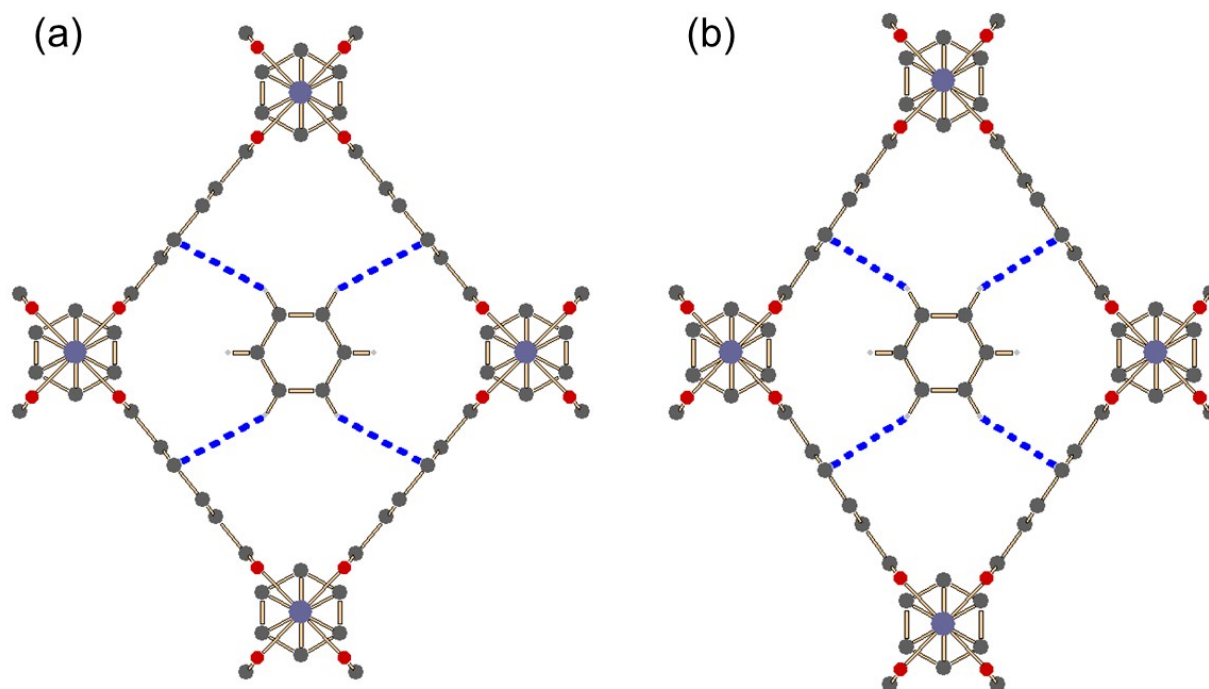
**Figure S11.** The local structures around the paddle wheel unit of  $[\text{Zn}_2(\text{BDC})_2(\text{DABCO})] \cdot 4\text{DMF}$  at 298 (a) and 100K (b), respectively.



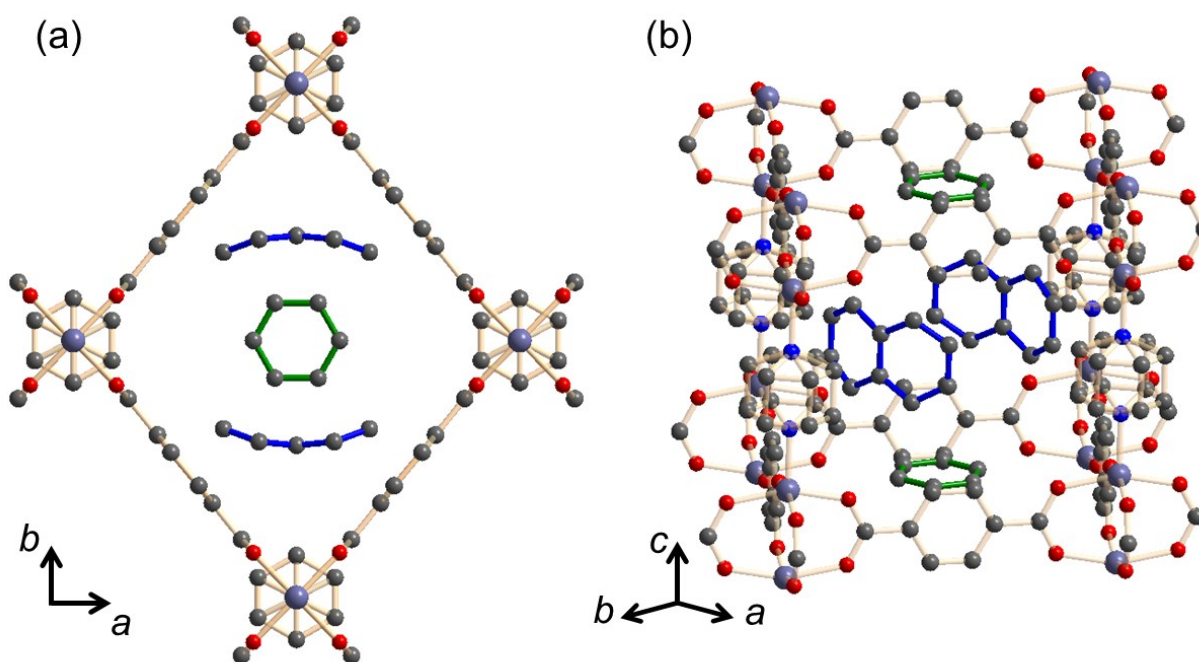
**Figure S12.** The local structures around the paddle wheel unit of  $[\text{Zn}_2(\text{BDC})_2(\text{DABCO})] \cdot 3\text{benzene}$  at 298 (left) and 100K (right), respectively.



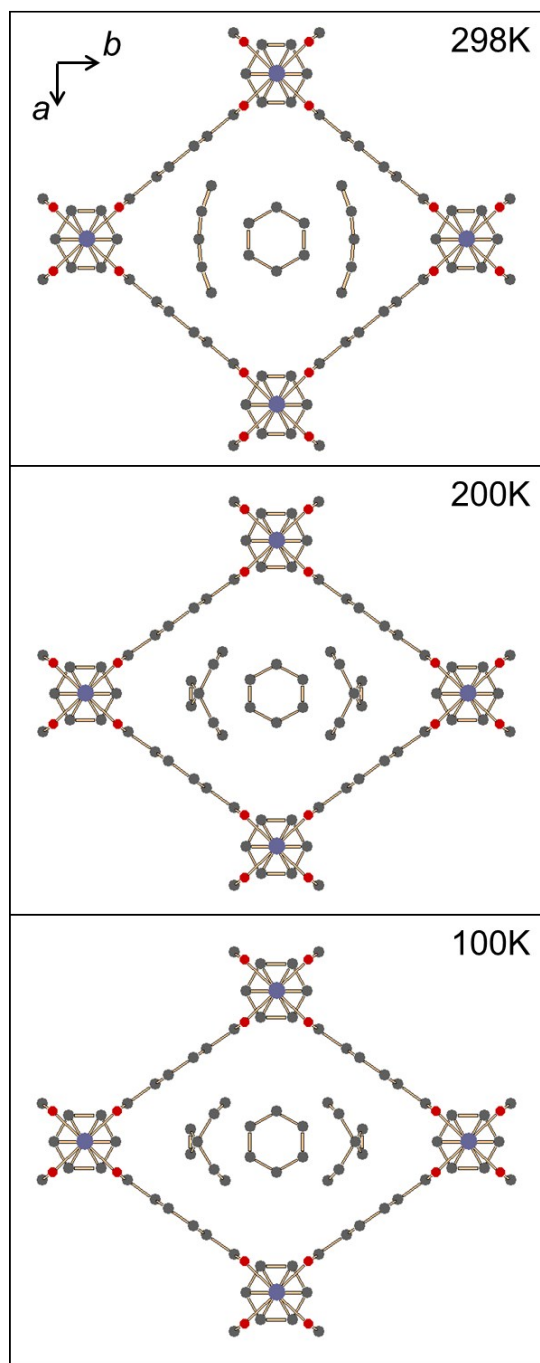
**Figure S13.** The tilting angle profile of BDC from the paddle wheel unit at different temperature.



**Figure S14.** The structures of  $[\text{Zn}_2(\text{BDC})_2(\text{DABCO})]\cdot 3\text{benzene}$  at 298K (a) and 100K (b). Blue dash lines represent  $\text{CH}\cdots\pi$  interactions between BDC and benzene.



**Figure S15.** The structures of  $[\text{Zn}_2(\text{BDC})_2(\text{DABCO})]\cdot 3\text{benzene}$  at 298K. Guest benzene molecules are highlighted in green and blue.



**Figure S16.** The structural changes of  $[\text{Zn}_2(\text{BDC})_2(\text{DABCO})] \cdot 3\text{benzene}$  upon cooling from RT to 100K.