

## Electronic Supplementary Information

### Second-order nonlinear optical switch with the record-high contrast for a photochromic and thermochromic bistable crystal

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Compound	$G$ / Hartrees			$\Delta G$ /eV	Dipole /Debye		$\Delta D$ /Debye
	Before		After		Before	After	
$\text{MQ}^+$	-534.934551		-535.133826	-5.42	10.36	7.74	-2.62
$\text{CEbpy}$	-723.105620		-723.188514	-2.26	10.10	9.62	-0.48

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	states		Transition dipole moment			Diff. (eV)	Oscillator strengths
	i <sup>a</sup>	j <sup>a</sup>	X	Y	Z		
Before	0	9	-0.0135	0.0102	-0.0008	1.171	0
	0	10	1.0186	-0.21	0.221	1.2629	0.035
	1	9	-0.0098	0.1023	0.029	1.1288	0.0003
	1	10	-0.1676	-0.0201	1.229	1.2207	0.0460
	2	9	-0.0009	-0.1134	-0.0643	1.0424	0.0004
	2	10	-0.2709	-1.521	0.3775	1.1343	0.0702
	3	9	-0.0419	-0.2762	-0.049	1.0074	0.0020
	3	10	0.4593	-0.2279	-0.8622	1.0993	0.0271
After	0	9	-0.0106	-0.0846	-0.0232	1.1978	0.0002
	0	10	-0.0548	-0.0696	0.1042	1.2679	0.0006
	1	9	-0.0029	-0.0045	0.0079	1.1508	0.0000
	1	10	-0.0257	0.076	-0.1584	1.2209	0.0009
	2	9	-0.0021	0.0127	0.0024	1.1016	0.0000
	2	10	-0.087	0.3009	-0.0337	1.1717	0.0028
	3	9	-0.0061	0.0037	-0.0041	0.09874	0.0000
	3	10	0.1785	0.1897	-0.0536	1.0575	0.00183

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moiety in the crystal, calculated at the M06 level with the 6-31+G(d,p) basis set for C, H, N, and Cl and the SDD basis set in conjunction with the SDD pseudopotential for Zn. The molecular structure was not optimized.

Tensor Components	Computed values (au)	
	Before	After
$\beta_{xxx}$	344971	-9306.19
$\beta_{xxy}$	-41242.7	0.56
$\beta_{xyy}$	23104.1	513.09
$\beta_{yyz}$	-460.17	-41.86
$\beta_{yyy}$	-14178.7	327.23
$\beta_{xxz}$	2447.01	-45.28
$\beta_{yyz}$	-945.6	-610.1
$\beta_{xzz}$	3277.1	-62.36
$\beta_{yzz}$	236.62	1.72
$\beta_{zzz}$	2636.7	110.08
<b>Total beta tensor</b>	<b>373868.76</b>	<b>8857.24</b>

**Table S4.** First SHG [ $\beta$  ( $-2\omega; \omega, \omega$ )] hyperpolarizability in atomic unit (au) at  $\lambda = 1800$  nm fundamental wavelength for the isolated Zn3-moiety in the crystal, calculated at the B3LYP level with the 6-31+G(d,p) basis set for C, H, N, and Cl and the SDD basis set in conjunction with the SDD pseudopotential for Zn. The molecular structure was not optimized.

Tensor Components	Computed values (au)	
	Before	After
$\beta_{xxx}$	-752723	-14479.2
$\beta_{yxx}$	25180	-116655
$\beta_{zxx}$	-241715	15291.6
$\beta_{xyx} = \beta_{xxy}$	-8383.5	4235.26
$\beta_{yxz} = \beta_{yxy}$	-7167.3	-71519.7
$\beta_{zyx} = \beta_{zxy}$	-8378.01	-3874.53
$\beta_{xyy}$	-17098.8	5961.39
$\beta_{yyy}$	-3468.76	16364.7
$\beta_{zyy}$	-9888.1	-12219.7
$\beta_{xzx} = \beta_{xxz}$	-48373.4	3790.79
$\beta_{yzx} = \beta_{yxz}$	2047.11	96837.5

$\beta_{zxx} = \beta_{zxz}$	-10298.9	-11597.7
$\beta_{xzy} = \beta_{xyz}$	-4445.98	-4075.37
$\beta_{yzy} = \beta_{yyz}$	-1606.09	-3217.06
$\beta_{zzy} = \beta_{zyz}$	-2816.13	7882.09
$\beta_{xzz}$	1495.69	-818.55
$\beta_{yzz}$	1265.89	19968.4
$\beta_{zzz}$	2836.07	754.5
<b>Total beta tensor</b>	<b>778020.49</b>	<b>68653.68</b>

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Tensor Components	Computed values (au)	
	Before	After
$\beta_{xxx}$	-294930	10904.3
$\beta_{yxx}$	-25811.1	-55882.3
$\beta_{zxx}$	-143942	-38316.5
$\beta_{xyx} = \beta_{xxy}$	-14289	6679.01
$\beta_{yyx} = \beta_{yxy}$	-19055.1	-13325.5
$\beta_{zyx} = \beta_{zxy}$	-23875.2	-9723.24
$\beta_{xyy}$	-13083.6	58873.3
$\beta_{yyy}$	-7538.51	-61192.3
$\beta_{zyy}$	-11776.4	-106871
$\beta_{xzx} = \beta_{xxz}$	63631.3	7713.75
$\beta_{yzx} = \beta_{yxz}$	6519.87	3375.39
$\beta_{zzx} = \beta_{zxz}$	29507	-15881.5
$\beta_{xzy} = \beta_{xyz}$	3231.28	-32183.9
$\beta_{yzy} = \beta_{yyz}$	-4490.34	35880.4
$\beta_{zzy} = \beta_{zyz}$	-3249.91	57622.3
$\beta_{xzz}$	48315.2	-18868
$\beta_{yzz}$	4526.22	30420.6
$\beta_{zzz}$	21564.5	34548.6
<b>Total beta tensor</b>	<b>277618.63</b>	<b>31195.03</b>

**Table S6.** Crystallographic data for **1**.

<b>Empirical formula</b>	<b>ZnC<sub>11</sub>H<sub>11</sub>Cl<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub></b>
<b>Formula weight</b>	342.94
<b>Temperature (K)</b>	293(2)
<b>Crystal system</b>	Monoclinic
<b>Space group</b>	<i>Cc</i>
<b>Flack factor</b>	-0.02(2)
<b>a (Å)</b>	13.791(3)
<b>b (Å)</b>	21.838(4)
<b>c (Å)</b>	14.457(3)
<b>β (°)</b>	107.005(5)
<b>V(Å<sup>3</sup>)</b>	4163.6(15)
<b>Z</b>	12
<b>Crystal size (mm<sup>3</sup>)</b>	0.41 × 0.35 × 0.25
<b>F(000)</b>	2064
<b>θ range for data collection (°)</b>	2.599–27.476
<b>D<sub>calcd</sub> (g cm<sup>-3</sup>)</b>	1.641
<b>μ (mm<sup>-1</sup>)</b>	2.33
<b>GOF on F<sup>2</sup></b>	0.98
<b>R<sub>1</sub><sup>a</sup> [I &gt; 2σ(I)]</b>	0.039
<b>wR<sub>2</sub><sup>b</sup> [I &gt; 2σ(I)]</b>	0.141
<b>Δρ<sub>max</sub>/Δρ<sub>min</sub>(e Å<sup>-3</sup>)</b>	0.40/–0.80

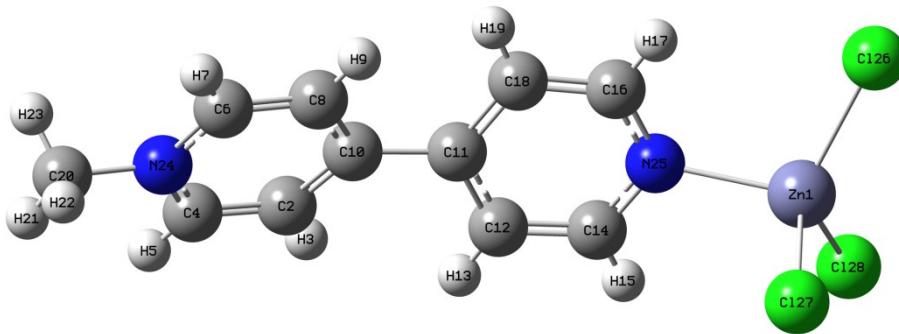
<sup>a</sup> R<sub>1</sub> =  $\sum ||F_o| - |F_c|| / \sum |F_o|$ ; <sup>b</sup> wR<sub>2</sub> =  $\sum [w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2] / \sum [w(F_o^2)^2]^{1/2}$

**Table S7.** Selected bond lengths of **1**.

Label	Distances (Å)	Label	Distances (Å)
<b>Zn1—N12</b>	2.073 (3)	<b>C29—C210</b>	1.388 (6)
<b>Zn1—Cl13</b>	2.2245 (14)	<b>N21—C23</b>	1.337 (6)
<b>Zn1—Cl12</b>	2.2433 (14)	<b>N21—C22</b>	1.331 (6)
<b>Zn1—Cl11</b>	2.2554 (15)	<b>N21—C211</b>	1.480 (6)
<b>N11—C12</b>	1.323 (6)	<b>N22—C29</b>	1.327 (6)
<b>N11—C13</b>	1.339 (6)	<b>N22—C28</b>	1.338 (5)
<b>N11—C111</b>	1.500 (6)	<b>C21—C22</b>	1.367 (6)

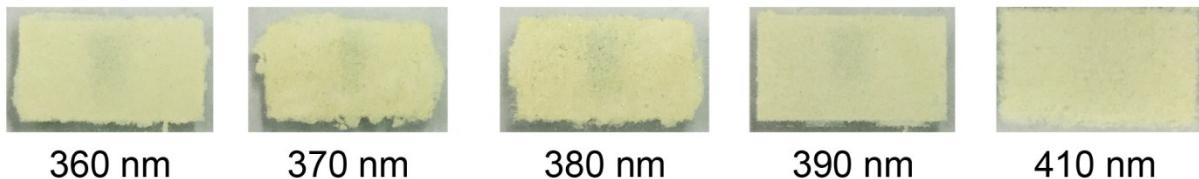
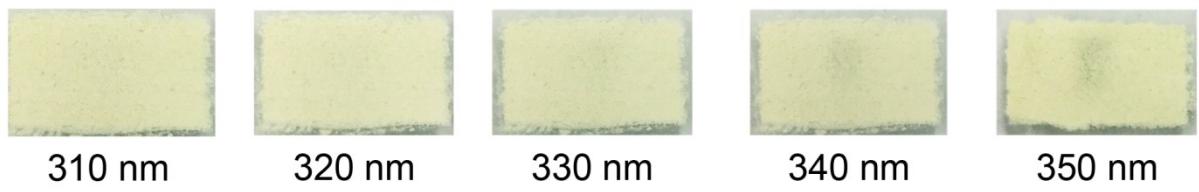
<b>C11—C12</b>	1.367 (7)	<b>C21—C25</b>	1.389 (6)
<b>C11—C15</b>	1.379 (6)	<b>C23—C24</b>	1.361 (6)
<b>N12—C19</b>	1.345 (6)	<b>Zn3—N32</b>	2.080 (3)
<b>N12—C18</b>	1.333 (5)	<b>Zn3—Cl33</b>	2.2298 (16)
<b>C13—C14</b>	1.365 (6)	<b>Zn3—Cl32</b>	2.2277 (15)
<b>C14—C15</b>	1.391 (6)	<b>Zn3—Cl31</b>	2.2608 (13)
<b>C15—C16</b>	1.482 (6)	<b>N31—C33</b>	1.333 (7)
<b>C16—C110</b>	1.382 (6)	<b>N31—C32</b>	1.335 (6)
<b>C16—C17</b>	1.399 (6)	<b>N31—C311</b>	1.476 (7)
<b>C17—C18</b>	1.374 (6)	<b>C31—C32</b>	1.361 (7)
<b>C19—C110</b>	1.375 (6)	<b>C31—C35</b>	1.388 (6)
<b>Zn2—N22</b>	2.076 (4)	<b>N32—C38</b>	1.335 (6)
<b>Zn2—Cl23</b>	2.2090 (15)	<b>N32—C39</b>	1.337 (6)
<b>Zn2—Cl21</b>	2.2261 (14)	<b>C33—C34</b>	1.368 (7)
<b>Zn2—Cl22</b>	2.2619 (15)	<b>C34—C35</b>	1.384 (6)
<b>C24—C25</b>	1.376 (6)	<b>C35—C36</b>	1.492 (6)
<b>C25—C26</b>	1.482 (5)	<b>C36—C310</b>	1.388 (6)
<b>C26—C27</b>	1.385 (6)	<b>C36—C37</b>	1.381 (6)
<b>C26—C210</b>	1.383 (6)	<b>C37—C38</b>	1.380 (6)
<b>C27—C28</b>	1.372 (6)	<b>C39—C310</b>	1.369 (6)

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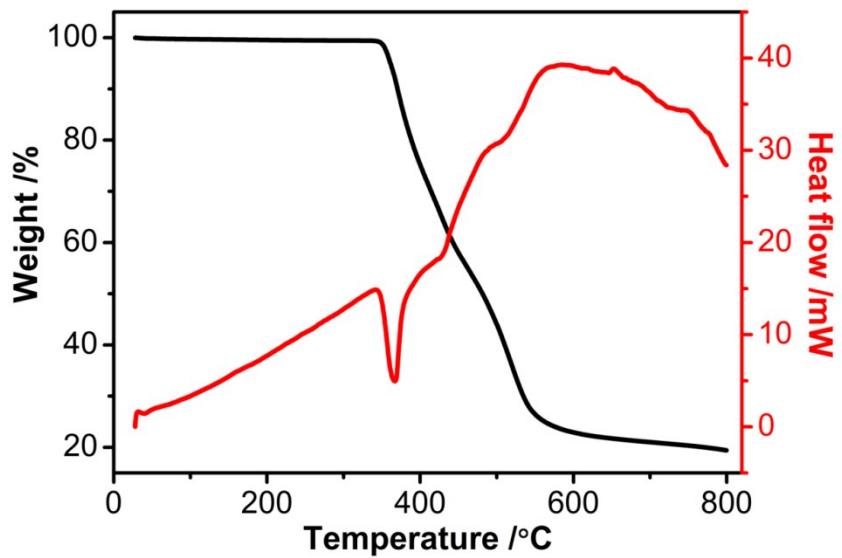


No.	Elements	Spin density	
		Open-shell singlet state	Triplet state
1	Zn	0	-0.067590
2	C	0	0.005913
3	H	0	0.000876
4	C	0	0.185271
5	H	0	-0.006881
6	C	0	0.178472
7	H	0	-0.006387
8	C	0	-0.029245
9	H	0	0.001153
10	C	0	0.274125
11	C	0	-0.044953
12	C	0	0.080234
13	H	0	-0.002736
14	C	0	-0.006800
15	H	0	-0.000061
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17	H	0	-0.000291
18	C	0	0.127825
19	H	0	-0.003054

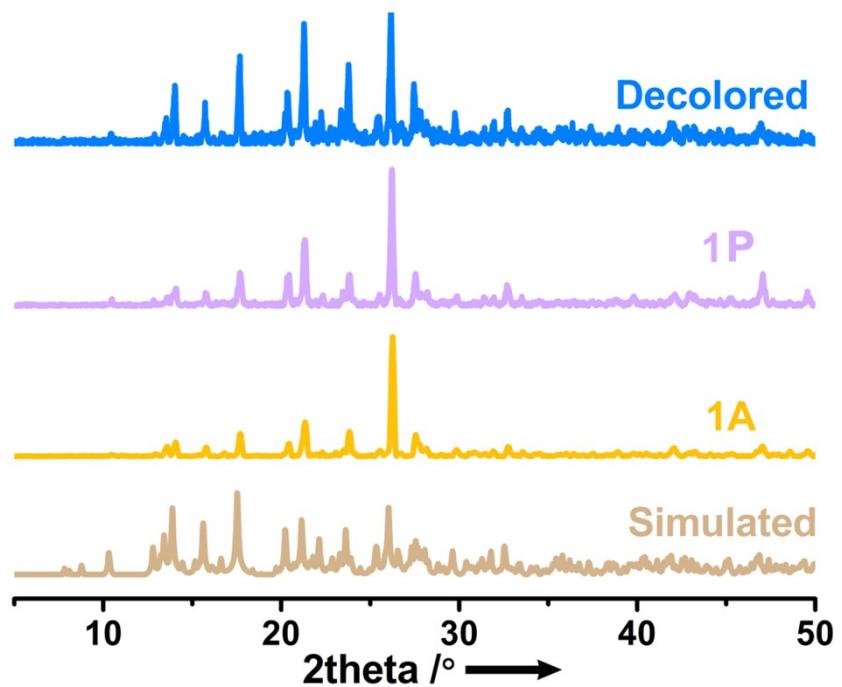
<b>20</b>	<b>C</b>	0	-0.009970
<b>21</b>	<b>H</b>	0	0.000261
<b>22</b>	<b>H</b>	0	0.008138
<b>23</b>	<b>H</b>	0	0.007394
<b>24</b>	<b>N</b>	0	0.160791
<b>25</b>	<b>N</b>	0	0.095216
<b>26</b>	<b>Cl</b>	0	0.277955
<b>27</b>	<b>Cl</b>	0	0.434034
<b>28</b>	<b>Cl</b>	0	0.350633



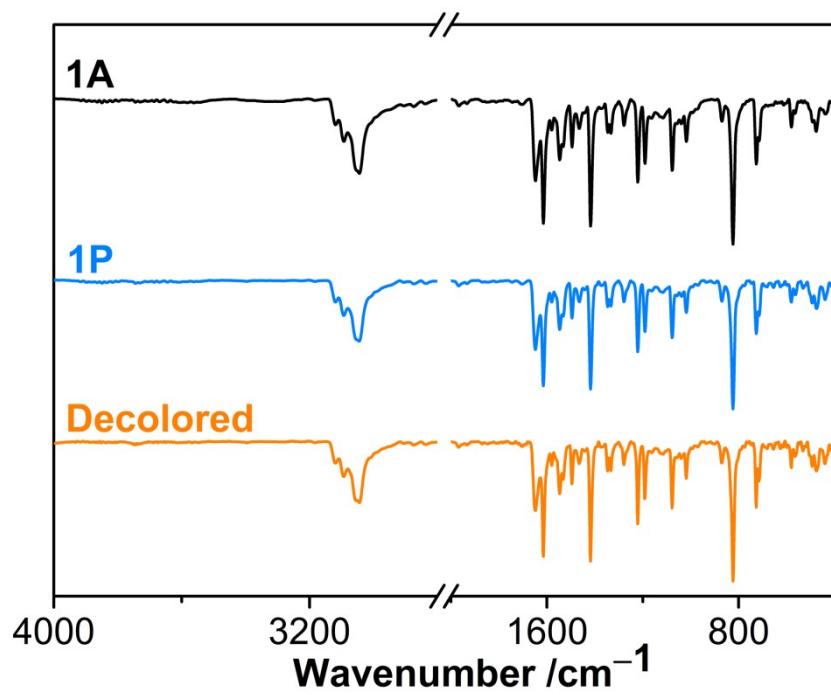
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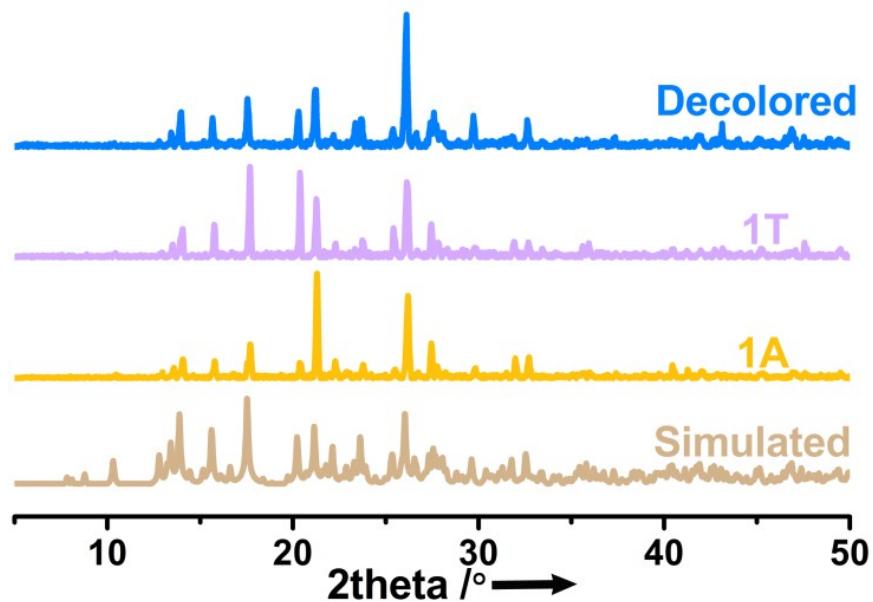
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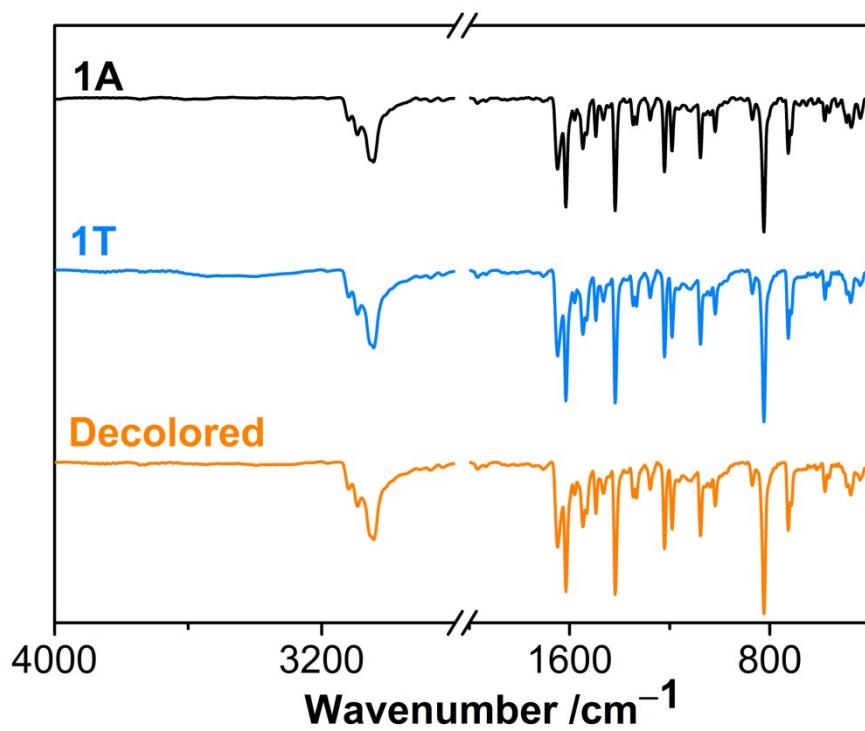
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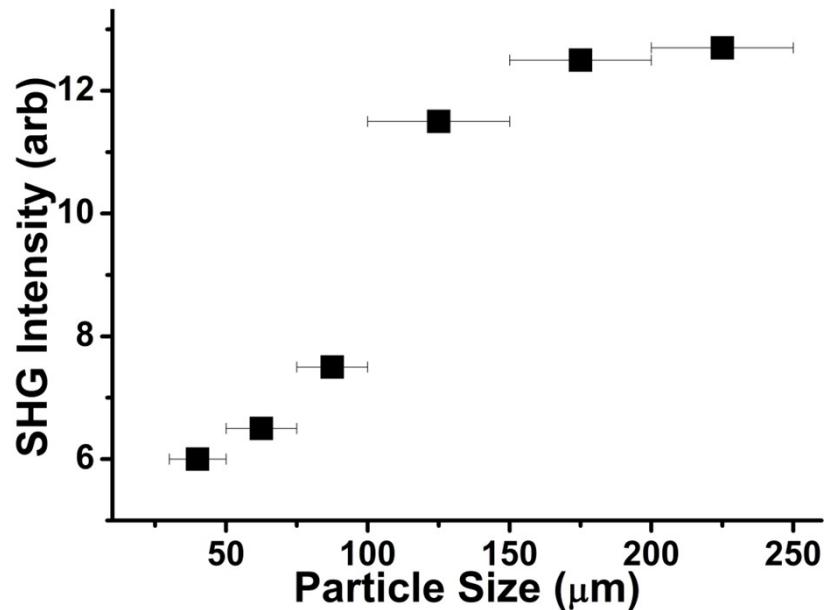
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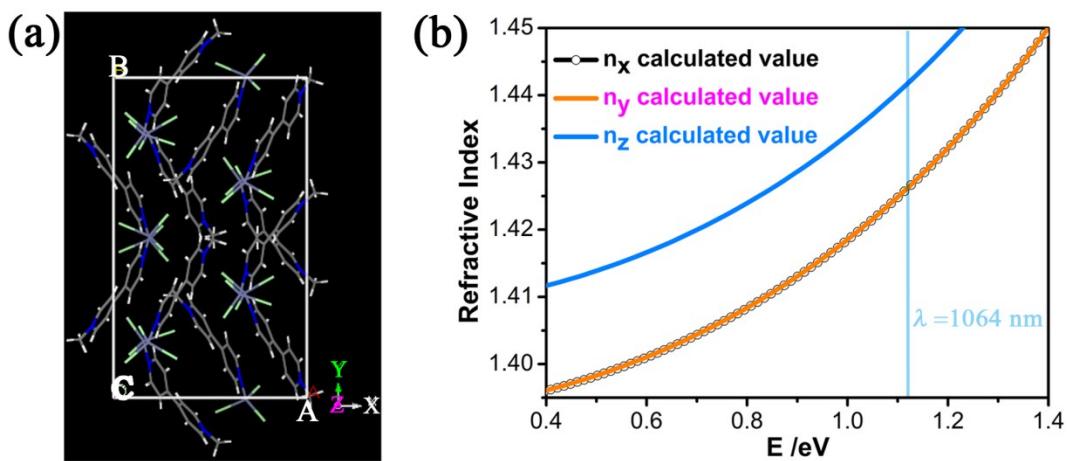
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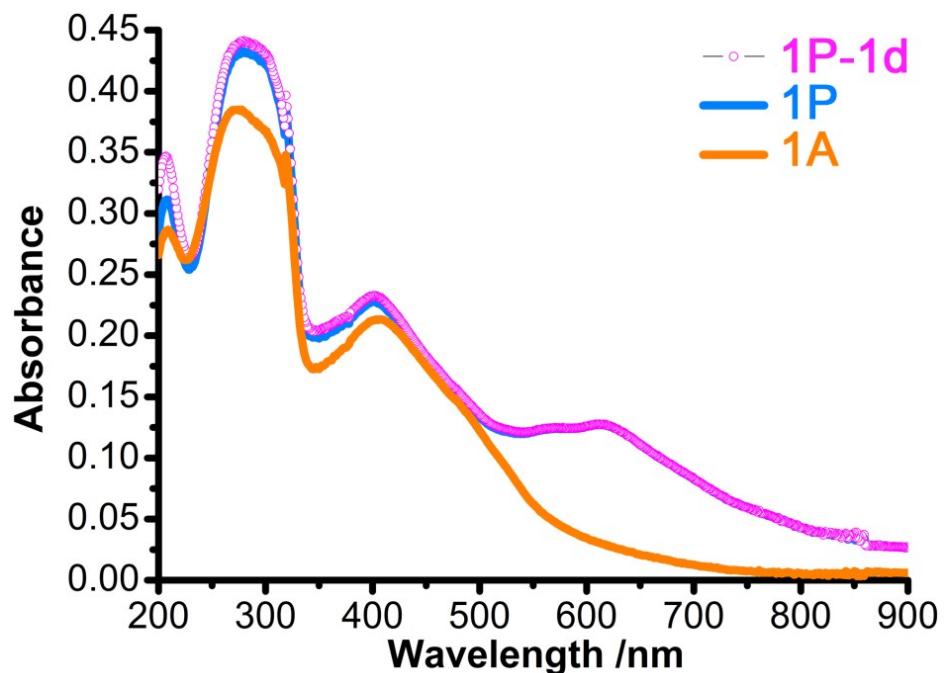
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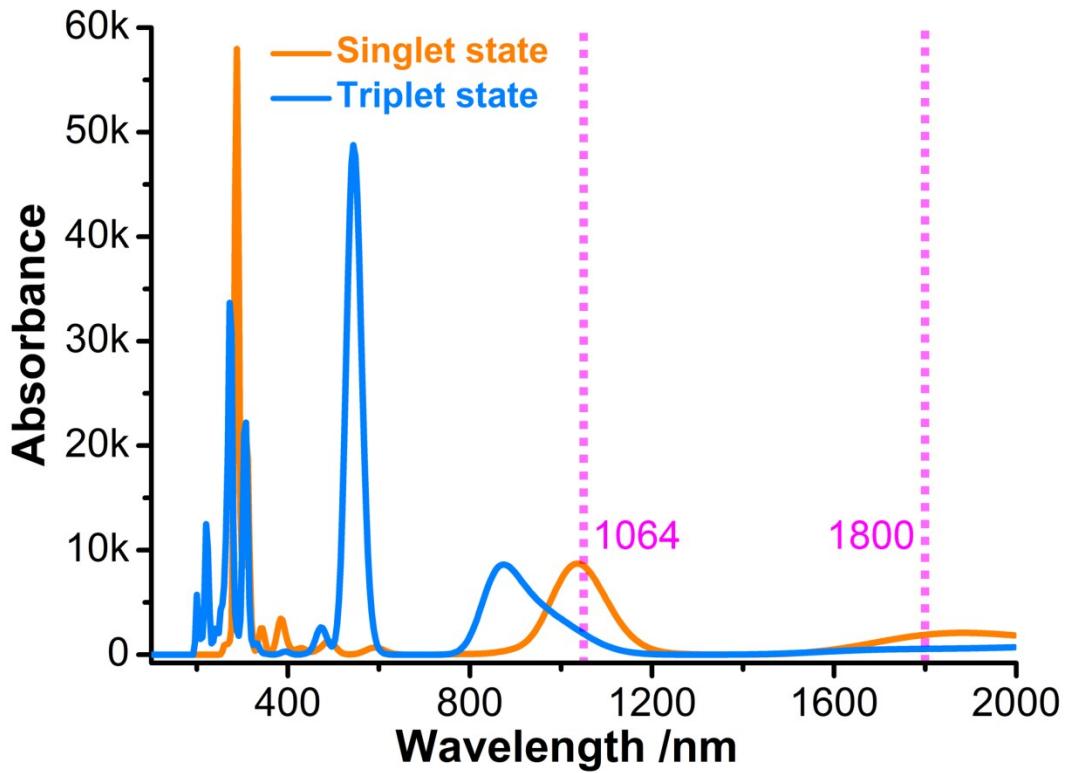
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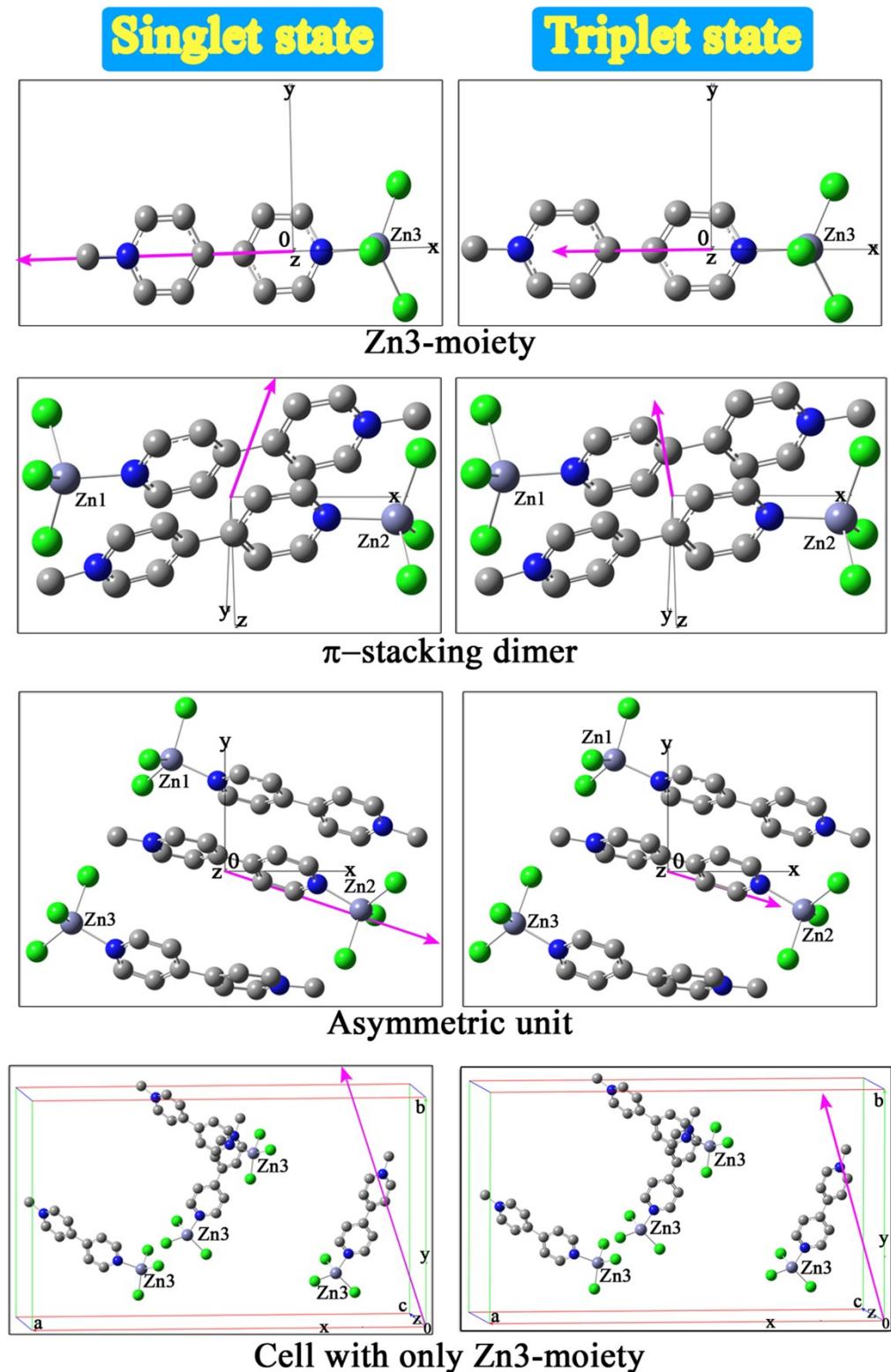
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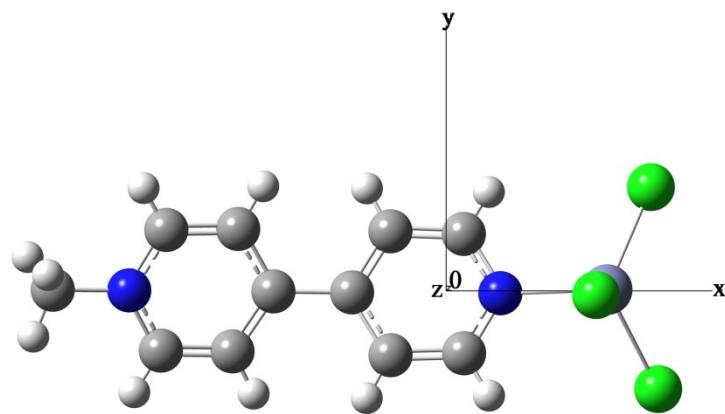
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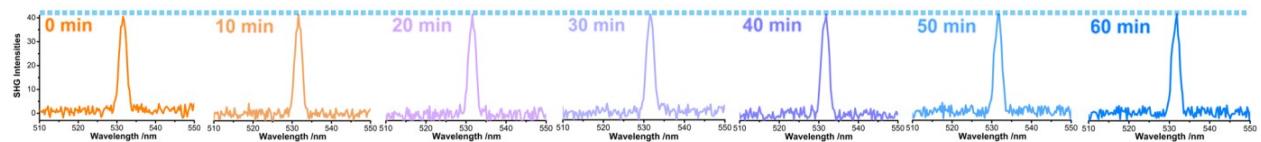
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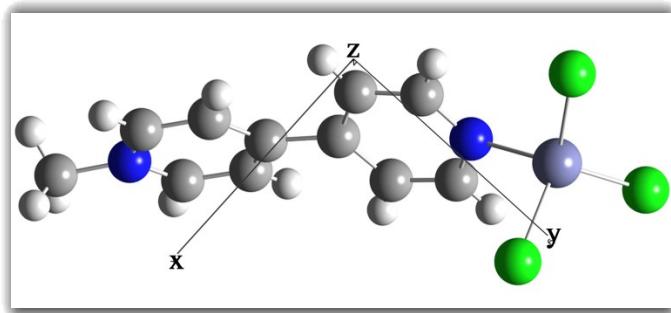


**Fig. S12** Orientation of the Zn<sub>3</sub>-moiety for first hyperpolarizability calculations.

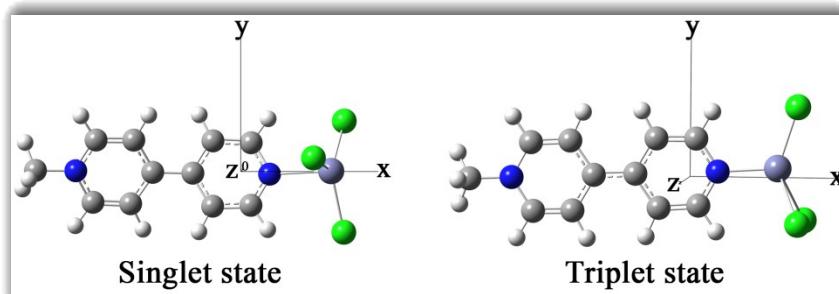


**Fig. S13** SHG intensities of **1P** after irradiation for 0, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60 min by a fundamental laser at 1064 nm with energy of 4 mJ.

**(a) From the crystal**



**(b) From B3LYP calculation**



**Z-matrix for the singlet state:**

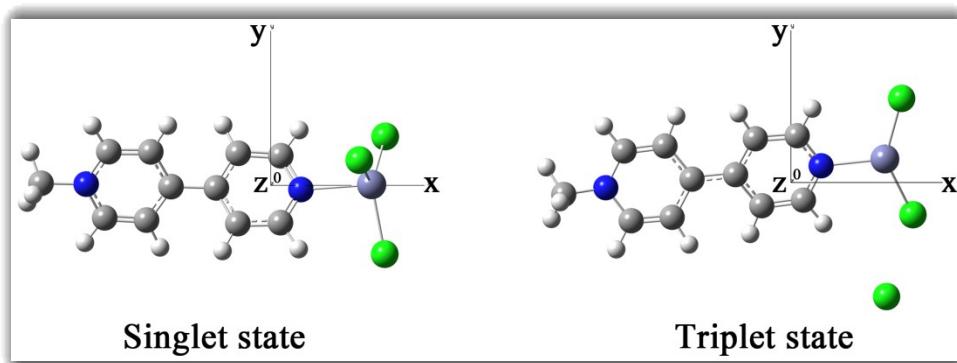
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C	0.70471800	-0.90720200	1.45916800
H	1.13831500	-0.43096800	2.33328900
C	-0.56334400	-1.43584700	1.54841700
H	-1.16023600	-1.38437900	2.45228000
C	-0.48961400	-2.09538500	-0.70426900
H	-1.03989800	-2.53682000	-1.52869800
C	0.78411200	-1.59288800	-0.83741700
H	1.26197900	-1.62517300	-1.81175000
C	1.41148900	-0.97446800	0.25224300
C	2.76910000	-0.42212200	0.13395400
C	3.12133400	0.77252400	0.76551400
H	2.38088100	1.36099500	1.30273200
C	4.42578100	1.23541800	0.62496500
H	4.72222200	2.17334200	1.09300300
C	5.02518800	-0.54180200	-0.67065400
H	5.80973600	-1.04993700	-1.23087600
C	3.74760900	-1.08818400	-0.60763500
H	3.53219700	-2.03256800	-1.10363600
C	-2.51775700	-2.54540200	0.56207700
H	-2.95815400	-2.22539300	1.50673400
H	-3.09136400	-2.10447300	-0.26069900
H	-2.50058500	-3.63603500	0.48843100
N	-1.14110600	-2.02960300	0.47988800
N	5.37018700	0.59744100	-0.06962600
Cl	0.11141600	2.12778800	-0.40209500
Cl	-2.61595200	-0.13370000	-2.02627500
Cl	-2.87546000	0.76666500	1.70308800

**Z-matrix for the triplet state:**

Zn	3.03546100	0.31033700	0.00426700
C	-4.06949200	-1.22633000	-0.01169900
H	-3.55577700	-2.17938400	-0.00671500
C	-5.43326200	-1.26027400	-0.01601000
H	-5.99051900	-2.18947500	-0.01158900
C	-5.52751200	1.11046500	-0.02786200
H	-6.15674200	1.99248000	-0.03340100
C	-4.16537300	1.18491500	-0.02330200
H	-3.72876900	2.17575900	-0.02916700
C	-3.33849100	0.01029400	-0.01568200
C	-1.89932500	0.06759900	-0.01119100
C	-1.08412600	-1.10091000	-0.01020900
H	-1.51759800	-2.09345800	-0.01357800
C	0.29210900	-1.00432900	-0.00583800
H	0.90999300	-1.89700800	-0.00535000

C	0.20188400	1.30824500	-0.00288000
H	0.75442100	2.24362500	0.00048100
C	-1.17825000	1.29613900	-0.00733400
H	-1.68823100	2.25160100	-0.00681600
C	-7.64357400	-0.16046300	0.08183000
H	-8.01503000	-1.06795200	-0.39933900
H	-7.95700300	-0.16089400	1.13356300
H	-8.08709800	0.70229700	-0.42025500
N	-6.19059500	-0.10330900	-0.03976800
N	0.95376300	0.17921500	-0.00205000
Cl	3.72348600	2.43888700	0.01239600
Cl	3.83131700	-1.54605900	1.38293600
Cl	3.83924400	-1.53819000	-1.38015800

**(c) From Hartree–Fock calculation**



**Z-matrix for the singlet state:**

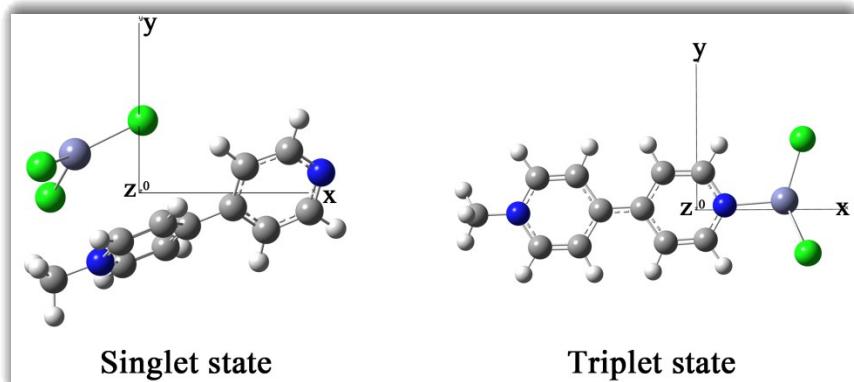
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C	-5.39198700	-1.04973000	-0.41763100
H	-6.03310400	-1.85600100	-0.71664500
C	-5.25752300	1.09233600	0.46536100
H	-5.79407800	1.93162300	0.86331000
C	-3.89375400	1.08526800	0.36797400
H	-3.34099600	1.93790300	0.71075500
C	-3.23740600	-0.04049400	-0.14399900
C	-1.76338800	-0.08196200	-0.25087600
C	-1.06577100	-1.23612500	0.08088600
H	-1.56273700	-2.12308800	0.42767800
C	0.31857300	-1.20699100	0.01725300
H	0.91244700	-2.06081700	0.28682200
C	0.32844900	0.95925800	-0.71133900
H	0.92937600	1.79179300	-1.02772200
C	-1.05371500	1.03919000	-0.66214300

H	-1.54451800	1.94819500	-0.95671000
C	-7.45928500	0.06794600	0.23974000
H	-7.90870300	-0.55501600	-0.51769200
H	-7.72012000	-0.29816200	1.22321100
H	-7.80870800	1.08127400	0.11726700
N	-5.99355400	0.04166900	0.07580300
N	0.98362000	-0.13377200	-0.36667400
Cl	3.72047000	1.58390400	-1.54514700
Cl	2.87957800	0.81776500	2.23412600
Cl	3.70523400	-2.22421700	-0.15705700

**Z-matrix for the triplet state:**

Zn	3.09689600	0.77362000	-0.18663600
C	-3.91177100	-1.14276700	-0.33622900
H	-3.35128700	-2.03587400	-0.52943900
C	-5.26289900	-1.25518000	-0.31591700
H	-5.75120700	-2.19440700	-0.49107200
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H	-6.15831600	1.85206600	0.41931600
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C	-1.82193200	0.25967300	-0.10676900
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H	-7.59892600	-0.64663900	1.31049100
H	-8.05702500	0.50079500	0.04986300
N	-6.09796300	-0.17134800	-0.09864200
N	0.99594200	0.54996100	-0.15232100
Cl	3.64948900	2.76288000	0.61045700
Cl	3.15199700	-3.74585100	1.08136600
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(d) From M06 calculation



**Z-matrix for the singlet state:**

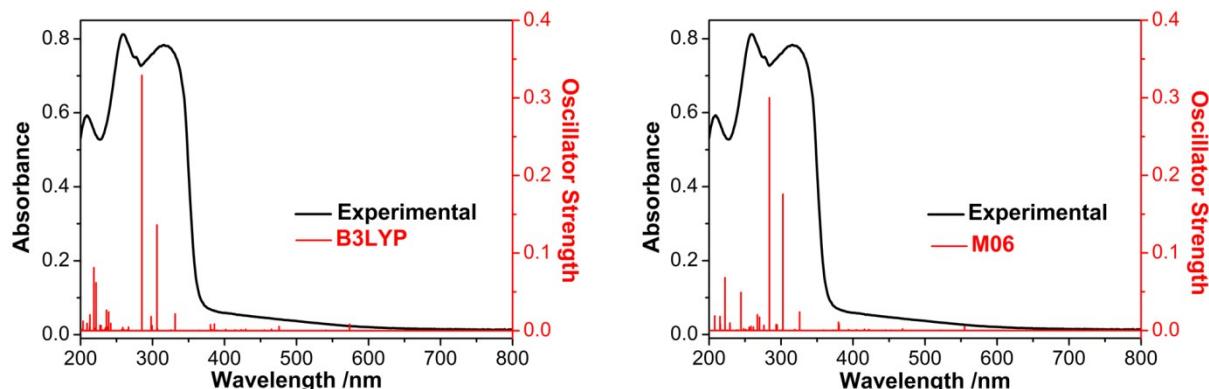
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H	1.13831500	-0.43096800	2.33328900
C	-0.56334400	-1.43584700	1.54841700
H	-1.16023600	-1.38437900	2.45228000
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C	0.78411200	-1.59288800	-0.83741700
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H	2.38088100	1.36099500	1.30273200
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H	-2.95815400	-2.22539300	1.50673400
H	-3.09136400	-2.10447300	-0.26069900
H	-2.50058500	-3.63603500	0.48843100
N	-1.14110600	-2.02960300	0.47988800
N	5.37018700	0.59744100	-0.06962600
Cl	0.11141600	2.12778800	-0.40209500
Cl	-2.61595200	-0.13370000	-2.02627500
Cl	-2.87546000	0.76666500	1.70308800

**Z-matrix for the triplet state:**

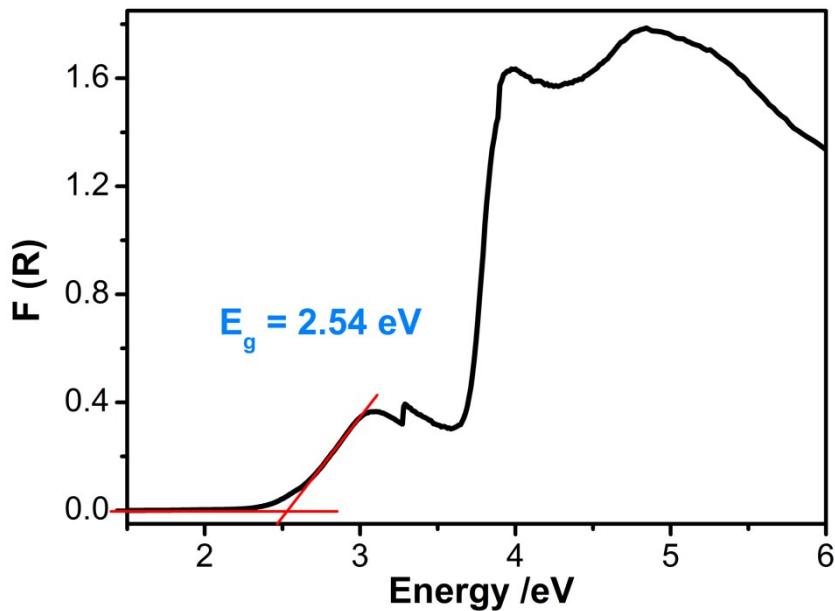
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C	-5.40246600	-1.25353900	-0.01019700

H	-5.96927000	-2.18007000	-0.00072000
C	-5.48354600	1.11180300	-0.03317800
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C	-1.07588200	-1.11520600	-0.01145000
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H	0.91044700	-1.92429400	-0.00748200
C	0.21674200	1.28024300	0.00108700
H	0.77798600	2.21498600	0.00658600
C	-1.15891500	1.27552600	-0.00389200
H	-1.66910100	2.23377900	-0.00046700
C	-7.59380900	-0.14429200	0.07980800
H	-7.96895300	-1.06059500	-0.38475900
H	-7.91379200	-0.12327500	1.12997000
H	-8.03569200	0.70954900	-0.44182900
N	-6.14972000	-0.09559800	-0.03737000
N	0.95867100	0.15179200	-0.00005400
Cl	3.65046600	2.41414400	0.01273900
Cl	3.81564500	-1.50300800	1.37834300
Cl	3.81786500	-1.49469300	-1.38000700

**Fig. S14** Molecular structure from the crystal and optimized geometries (B3LYP/6-31+G\*\*, Hartree-Fock/6-31+G\*\*, and M06/6-31+G\*\*) for the Zn3-moiety before and after ET.



**Fig. S15** Experimental UV–Vis absorption spectra of **1** and calculated oscillator strengths for the Zn3-moiety that is directly truncated from the crystal structure. The calculations were performed with the TD-DFT method using the M06 or B3LYP functional with the 6-31+G(d,p) basis set for C, H, N, and Cl and the SDD basis set in conjunction with the SDD pseudopotential for Zn.



**Fig. S16** Optical absorption spectrum of **1** transformed from the diffuse reflectance data before irradiation.

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