

### Supporting information for

#### **Deciphering the Stimuli-Responsive Behavior of TPPE-Incorporated Flexible Metal-Organic Frameworks**

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# 1. Methods

## Synthesis of D-MOF

All reagents and solvents were commercially obtained and used without further purification. D-(+)-camphoric acid (D-H<sub>2</sub>Cam, 98%, Energy Chemical), (TPPE, 98%, Extension), cadmium nitrate tetrahydrate (Cd(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>·4H<sub>2</sub>O, 99%, Energy Chemical), N,N'-dimethylformamide (DMF, 99.9%, Energy Chemical), methanol (99.5%, Beijing Chemical Works), ethanol (99.5%, Beijing Chemical Works), deionized water (Mini Q, 18.2 MΩ·cm). D-H<sub>2</sub>Cam (20 mg, 10 mmol) and TPPE (32 mg, 5 mmol) were dissolved in 8 mL of DMF/ethanol (6:2 mL) and sonicated for 10 min to ensure homogeneous dispersion. Cd(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>·4H<sub>2</sub>O (30.8 mg) was dissolved in deionized water (2 mL) prior to use, and the resulting aqueous solution was added into the above dispersion and then the mixture was sonicated for an additional 15 min. The resulting solution was transferred into a 15 mL glass vial and heated at 95 °C for 24 h in an oil bath. After completion of the reaction, the glass vial was cooled to room temperature, and the resulting crystals were collected, washed with DMF, and vacuum-dried for 12 h to yield of colorless transparent D-MOF crystals (29.2 mg, 46% based on Cd). Element analysis: calculated C, 62.86%; H, 4.76%; N, 4.44%; found C, 62.93%; H, 4.72%; N, 4.41%.

## High pressure generation

High pressure was applied using a diamond anvil cell (DAC) equipped with a pair of type-IIa symmetric diamond anvils in 300 μm culet size. A T301 stainless steel gasket was pre-indented to ~40 μm in thickness, and a ~150 μm hole was laser-drilled at its

center to form the sample chamber. KBr was selected as the pressure transmission medium (PTM) for infrared measurements, whereas silicone oil was used in all other in-situ high-pressure experiments. Pressure was calibrated using the ruby fluorescence method.<sup>1</sup> All measurements were conducted at ambient temperature.

### **In-situ high-pressure measurements**

In-situ high-pressure fluorescence spectra were carried out on a multifunctional optical platform, employing a 360 nm laser (1 mW) as the excitation source, with a laser spot size of approximately 10  $\mu\text{m}$ .

Time-resolved photoluminescence (TRPL) measurements were performed using a 405 nm laser with a pulse width of 20 ps and a repetition rate of 4 MHz.

In-situ high-pressure UV-Vis absorption spectra were acquired on a custom-designed micro-area spectroscopic system (Gora-UVN-FL, assembled by Ideaoptics) equipped with a Mitutoyo 20 $\times$  NUV objective, using a deuterium/halogen light source covering 300 nm – 1100 nm.

In-situ high-pressure infrared spectra were collected on a Bruker Vertex 70 v FT-IR spectrometer (Bruker Optik GmbH, Germany) equipped with a nitrogen-cooled mercury cadmium telluride (MCT) detector.

In-situ high-pressure Raman spectra were recorded on a laser confocal scanning Raman/luminescence microscope (HORIBA Jobin Yvon) using an 830 nm excitation source and a 1200  $\text{g}\cdot\text{mm}^{-1}$  grating.

### **Element Analysis**

Elemental analysis for C/H/N was performed in a Euro Vector EA3000 element

analyzer.

### **Powder X-ray structural determination**

The MOF crystals were directly put onto a single-crystal silicon wafer (zero-background holder) to record the X-ray diffraction spectra on Malvern Panalytical Empyrean X-ray diffractometer with Cu/K  $\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda = 1.5406 \text{ \AA}$ , 40 KV, 40 mA).

### **Single crystal X-ray structural determination**

Single-crystal X-ray diffraction (SCXRD) data were collected at beamline BL17B of the National Facility for Protein Science in Shanghai (NFPS) and Shanghai Advanced Research Institute, CAS, using a wavelength of  $0.6888 \text{ \AA}$ . The crystal structures were solved by direct methods and refined by full-matrix least-squares refinements based on  $F^2$  using the SHELXTL program.<sup>2-4</sup> Non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically, while the hydrogen atoms were placed in their geometrically ideal positions and refined isotropically. Except for hydrogen atoms of water molecules, all others were generated geometrically and refined isotropically using the riding model.

### **Methods of Calculation**

Density functional theory (DFT) calculations were performed using the Dmol3 package in Materials Studio 8.0.<sup>5,6</sup> Exchange energy and correlation energy were treated with the nonlocal generalized gradient approximation (GGA) of the Perdew-Burke-Ernzerhof (PBE) correlation functional.<sup>7</sup> The convergence thresholds for geometry optimization were set as follows:  $2.0 \times 10^{-5}$  Ha for energy,  $0.004 \text{ Ha/\AA}$  for maximum force,  $0.005 \text{ \AA}$  for maximum displacement, and  $1.0 \times 10^{-6}$  Ha for self-consistent field (SCF) for all atoms. A cutoff energy of 400 eV was applied to the plane-

wave basis set. The excited-state calculations were performed using time-dependent density functional theory (TD-DFT)<sup>8</sup> as implemented in the CP2K package<sup>9</sup> based on the optimized structures. The first 20 excited states were calculated using the B3LYP functional with the 6-311G(d,p) basis set, together with the D3 dispersion correction. The resulting wavefunction files were further analyzed using Multiwfn 3.6<sup>10,11</sup> to extract the relevant electronic structure information and perform electron–hole analysis. The electron and hole distributions as well as charge density difference maps were visualized and rendered using VESTA<sup>12</sup>.

## 2. Supplemental Tables

**Table S1.** Fitted time-resolved PL decay curves of D-MOF during the compression and decompression. D for decompression.

Function name		ExpDec2				
Formula		$y = y_0 + A_1 \times \exp(-x/t_1) + A_2 \times \exp(-x/t_2)$				
Pressure (GPa)	$y_0$	$A_1$	$t_1$	$A_2$	$t_2$	$R^2$ (COD)
1 atm	$1.76 \times 10^{-3}$	0.6071	0.70528	0.40617	2.27732	0.99974
0.5	$3.11 \times 10^{-4}$	0.53614	0.49529	0.48395	1.94468	0.99957
0.7	$3.37 \times 10^{-4}$	0.59087	0.37713	0.44319	1.71474	0.99945
2.0	$4.13 \times 10^{-4}$	0.70573	0.31483	0.34441	1.59751	0.99919
3.3	$4.60 \times 10^{-4}$	0.77335	0.27085	0.2773	1.44418	0.99899
4.0	$5.14 \times 10^{-4}$	0.8603	0.26349	0.22685	1.43679	0.99831
6.5	$7.55 \times 10^{-4}$	0.99581	0.21281	0.13463	1.38908	0.9969
7.8	$8.90 \times 10^{-4}$	1.00933	0.20129	0.11699	1.38523	0.99658
9.2	$1.11 \times 10^{-3}$	0.9964	0.17952	0.10855	1.30057	0.99714
D 8.4	$1.81 \times 10^{-3}$	1.10332	0.17228	0.08103	1.37942	0.99479
D 6.2	$1.74 \times 10^{-3}$	1.04072	0.1779	0.08905	1.39615	0.99567
D 4.1	$1.88 \times 10^{-3}$	1.0034	0.18912	0.11524	1.51948	0.99639
D 1.9	$2.81 \times 10^{-3}$	0.80344	0.27027	0.27415	1.90373	0.99837
D 1.2	$2.86 \times 10^{-3}$	0.72756	0.29339	0.31994	1.93602	0.99888
D 0.3	$2.56 \times 10^{-3}$	0.54936	0.46493	0.47529	2.24123	0.99947
D 1 atm	$2.71 \times 10^{-3}$	0.337	0.94764	0.65925	3.26143	0.99981

**Table S2.** Comparison of crystallographic parameters for D-MOF single-crystal before and after pressure treatment.

	Original	Released
Formula	C <sub>33</sub> H <sub>30</sub> CdN <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	C <sub>66</sub> H <sub>96</sub> Cd <sub>2</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>26</sub>
Crystal system	hexagonal	trigonal
Space group	P6 <sub>2</sub> 22	P3 <sub>2</sub> 21
<i>a</i> (Å)	16.5556 (2)	16.657 (4)
<i>b</i> (Å)	16.5556 (2)	16.657 (4)
<i>c</i> (Å)	47.8604 (9)	47.635 (16)
<i>α</i> (°)	90	90
<i>β</i> (°)	90	90
<i>γ</i> (°)	120	120
<i>V</i> (Å <sup>3</sup> )	11360.5 (3)	11446 (6)
<i>Z</i>	/	6
<i>D<sub>c</sub></i> , g·cm <sup>-3</sup>	/	1.381
<i>μ</i> , mm <sup>-1</sup>	/	0.634
<i>F</i> (000)	/	4944.0
<i>R</i> <sub>int</sub>	/	0.0843
<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> <sup>a</sup> ( <i>I</i> > 2σ( <i>I</i> ))	/	0.0598
<i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> <sup>b</sup> (all data)	/	0.1397
<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> (all data)	/	0.0782
<i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> (all data)	/	0.1492
<i>GOF</i>	/	1.059

$$R_1 = \frac{\sum |F_o| - |F_c|}{\sum |F_o|}, \quad wR_2 = \frac{\sum w(|F_o|^2 - |F_c|^2)}{\sum w(F_o)^2}^{1/2}.$$

**Table S3.** Selected Bond length (Å) and bond angles (°) for **D-MOF** after pressure.

Cd1—N1	2.308 (11)	Cd1—O6	2.412 (10)
Cd1—O1	2.247 (11)	Cd1—O5	2.237 (11)
Cd1—O2	2.401 (10)	Cd1—N2 <sup>1</sup>	2.296 (11)
Cd2—O3 <sup>2</sup>	2.352 (9)	Cd2—O4 <sup>2</sup>	2.302 (10)
Cd2—O7	2.295 (10)	Cd2—O8	2.323 (9)
Cd2—N3	2.309 (10)	Cd2—N4 <sup>3</sup>	2.291 (10)
N1—Cd1—O2	85.7 (4)	N1—Cd1—O6	112.3 (4)
O1—Cd1—N1	139.6 (4)	O1—Cd1—O2	55.2 (3)
O1—Cd1—O6	108.0 (4)	O1—Cd1—N2 <sup>1</sup>	96.7 (6)
O2—Cd1—O6	155.5 (4)	O5—Cd1—N1	98.0 (4)
O5—Cd1—O1	103.1 (4)	O5—Cd1—O2	108.0 (4)
O5—Cd1—O6	54.9 (4)	O5—Cd1—N2 <sup>1</sup>	138.3 (5)
N2 <sup>1</sup> —Cd1—N1	89.5 (6)	N2 <sup>1</sup> —Cd1—O2	113.5 (5)
N2 <sup>1</sup> —Cd1—O6	84.2 (5)	O3 <sup>2</sup> —Cd2—O8	97.4 (3)
O4 <sup>2</sup> —Cd2—O3 <sup>2</sup>	55.4 (3)	O4 <sup>2</sup> —Cd2—O8	99.7 (4)
O4 <sup>2</sup> —Cd2—N3	113.9 (4)	O7—Cd2—O3 <sup>2</sup>	99.3 (4)
O7—Cd2—O4 <sup>2</sup>	144.2 (3)	O7—Cd2—O8	54.9 (3)
O7—Cd2—N3	90.1 (4)	N3—Cd2—O3 <sup>2</sup>	93.1 (3)
N3—Cd2—O8	144.7 (4)	N4 <sup>3</sup> —Cd2—O3 <sup>2</sup>	145.6 (4)
N4 <sup>3</sup> —Cd2—O4 <sup>2</sup>	90.5 (3)	N4 <sup>3</sup> —Cd2—O7	113.4 (4)
N4 <sup>3</sup> —Cd2—O8	92.9 (3)	N4 <sup>3</sup> —Cd2—N3	97.2 (3)
Symmetry codes: <sup>1</sup> <i>I</i> + <i>X</i> , <i>I</i> + <i>Y</i> ,+ <i>Z</i> ; <sup>2</sup> <i>I</i> - <i>X</i> ,- <i>X</i> + <i>Y</i> ,2/3- <i>Z</i> ; <sup>3</sup> <i>I</i> + <i>X</i> ,+ <i>Y</i> ,+ <i>Z</i> .			

**Table S4.** The dihedral angles of TPPE in D-MOF before and after pressure treatment.

	Original		Released	
	P1-P2 (deg)	P2-P3 (deg)	P1-P2 (deg)	P2-P3 (deg)
1	56.12	27.64	55.32	25.66
2	56.12	27.64	55.32	25.66
3	56.20	27.64	56.66	26.45
4	56.20	27.64	56.66	26.45
Average	56.16	27.64	55.99	26.06

### 3. Supplemental Figures

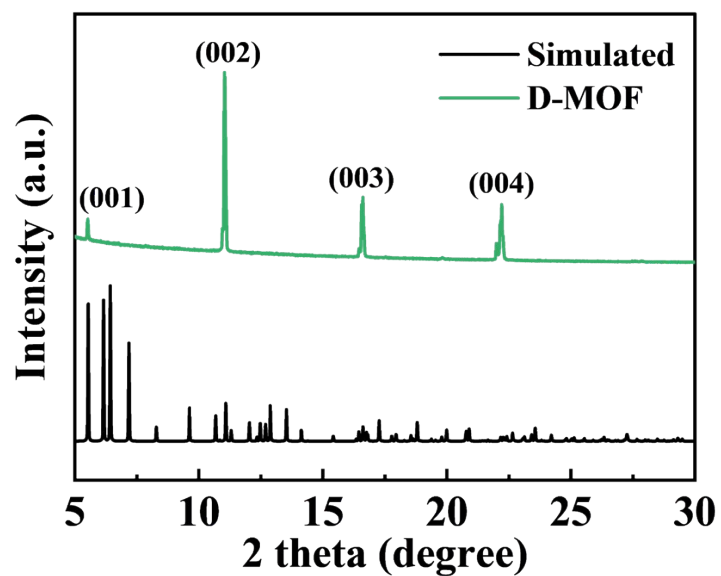


Figure S1 The powder XRD spectra and the simulated powder XRD spectra from the single crystal of D-MOF

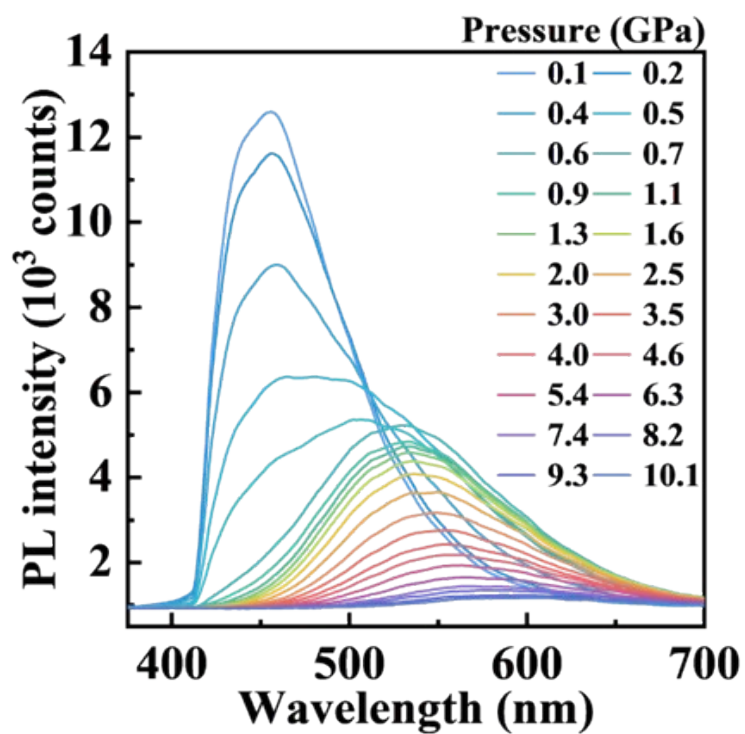
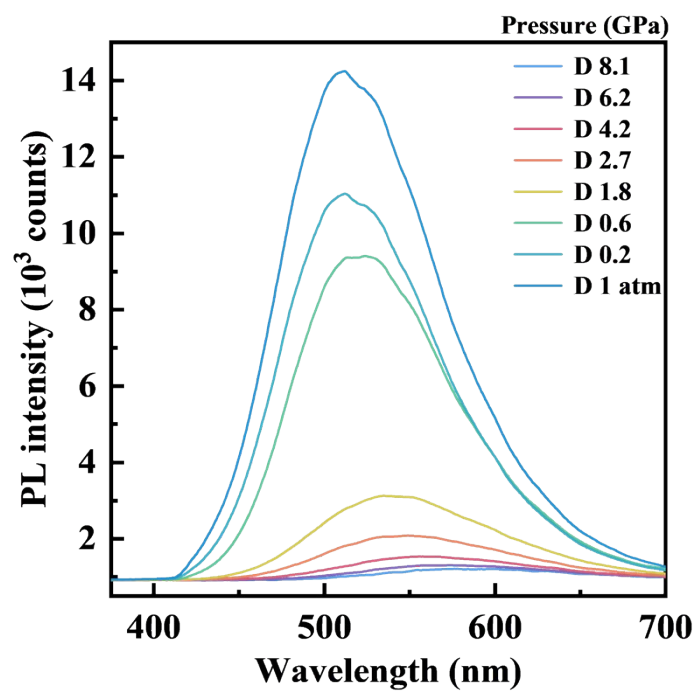
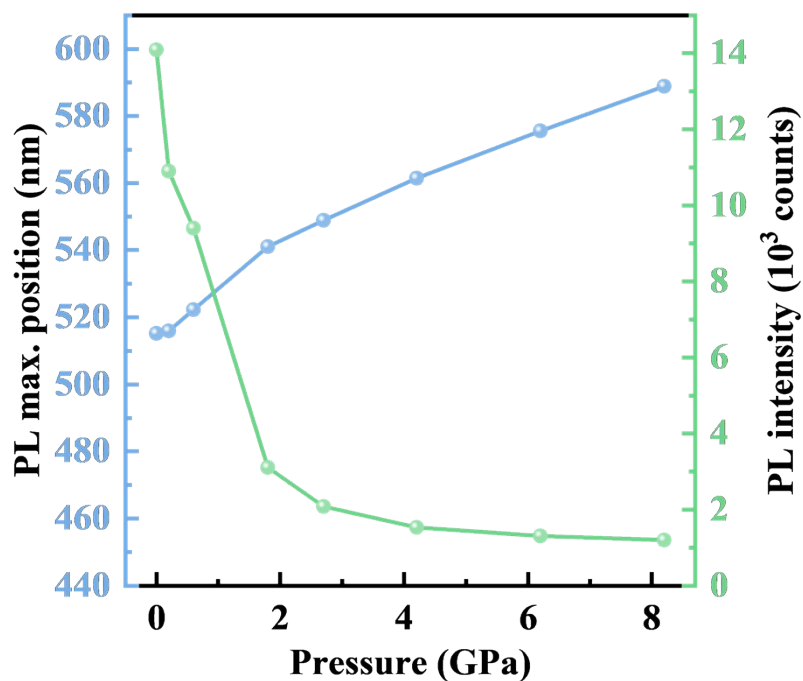


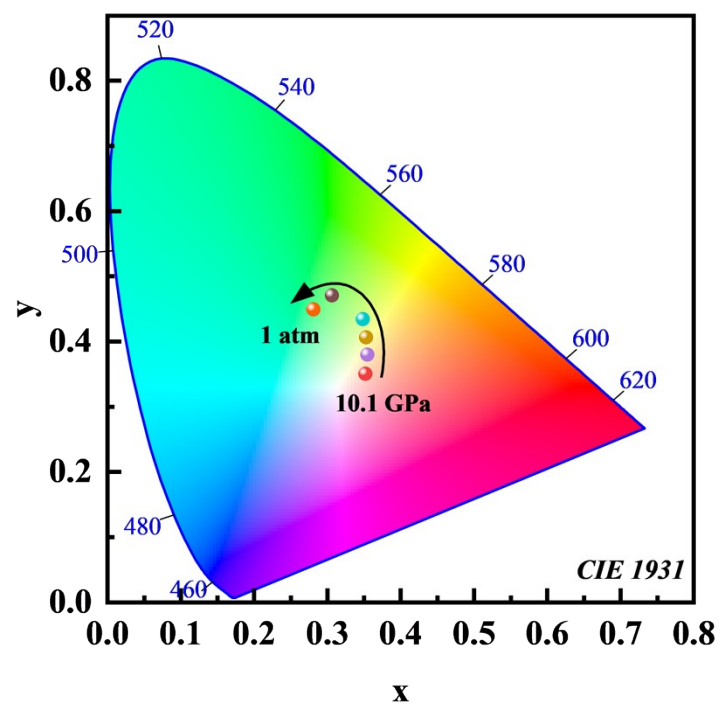
Figure S2 In-situ high-pressure PL spectra of D-MOF during compression.



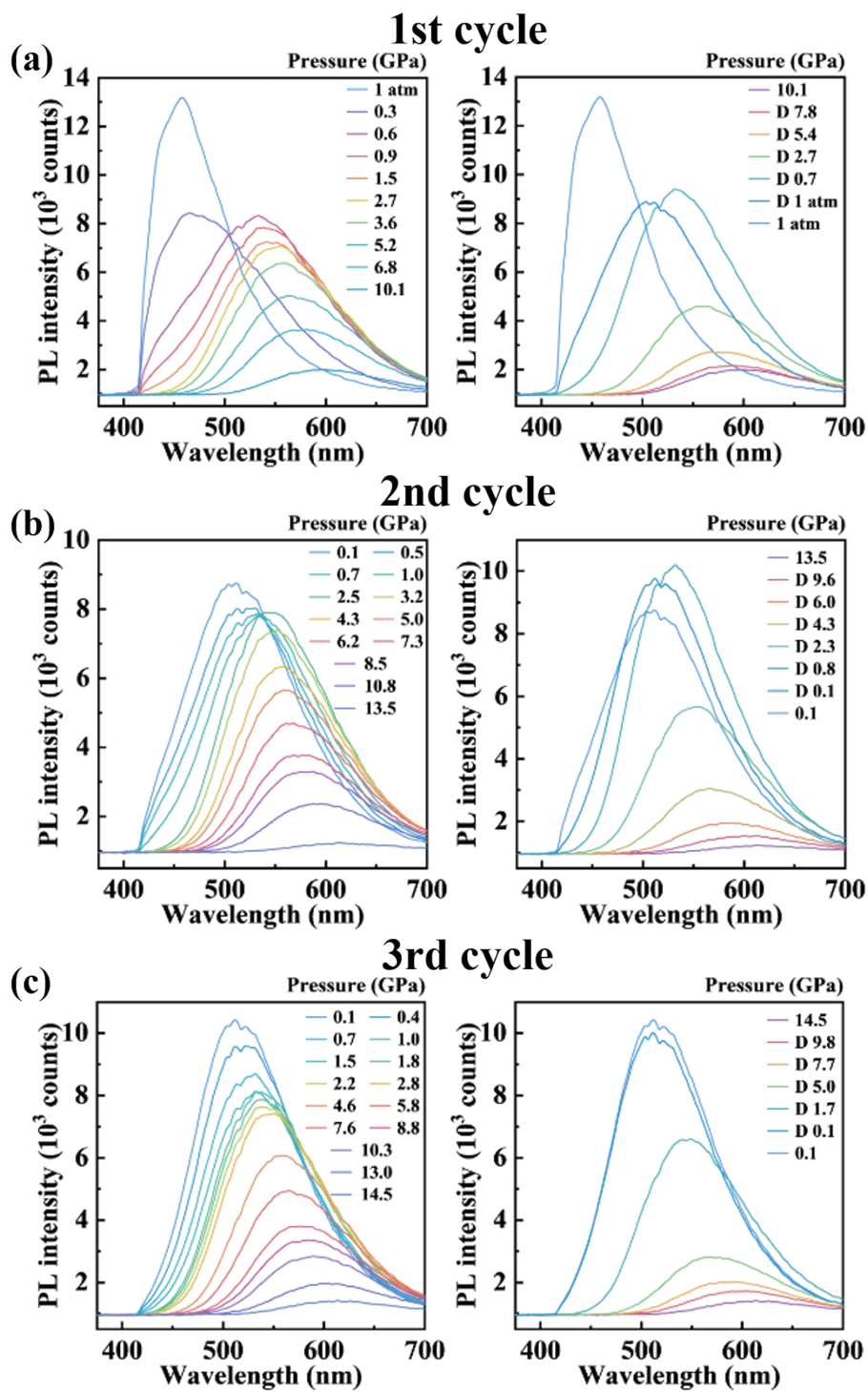
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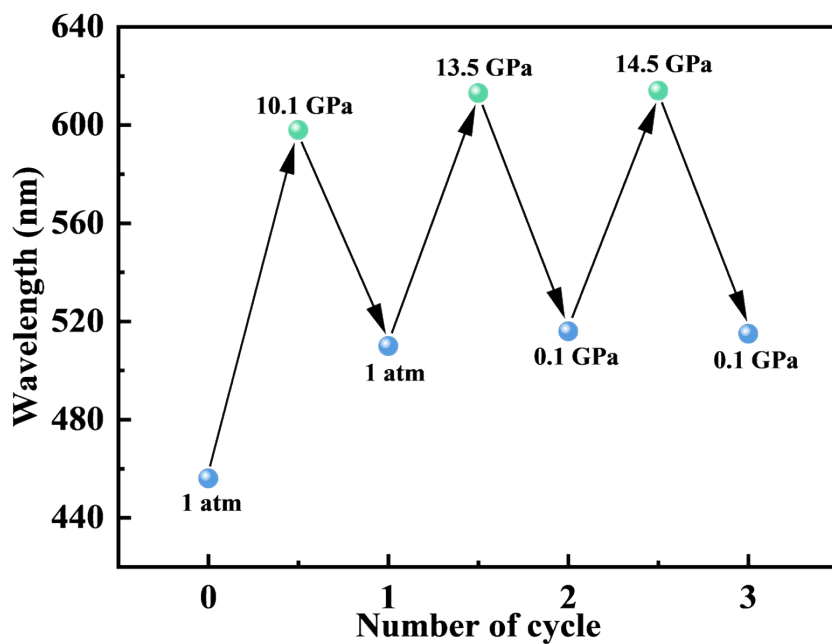
**Figure S4.** Pressure-dependent evolution of PL intensity and emission wavelength of D-MOF released from 10.1 GPa.



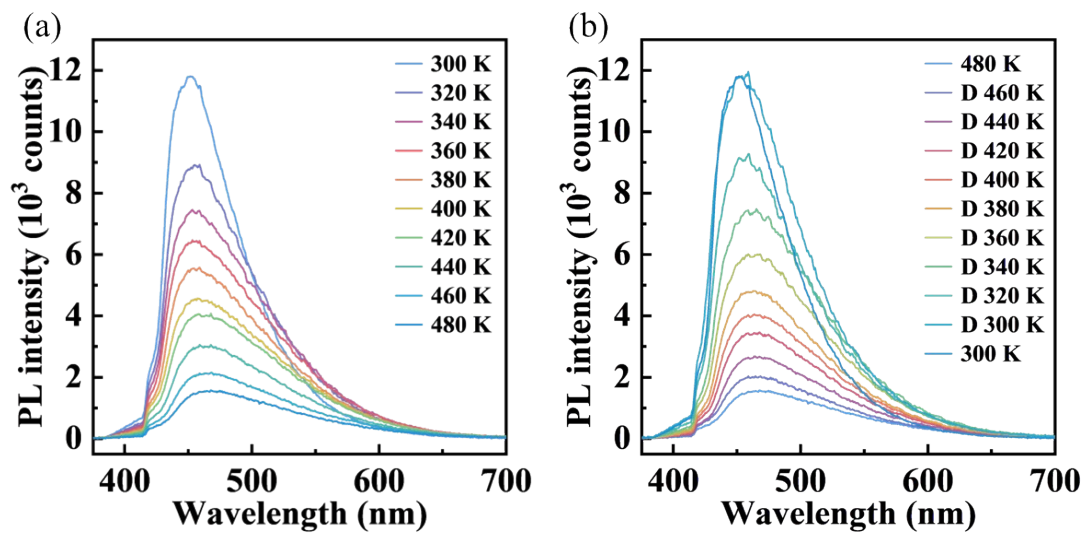
**Figure S5.** CIE chromaticity diagram of D-MOF during decompression.



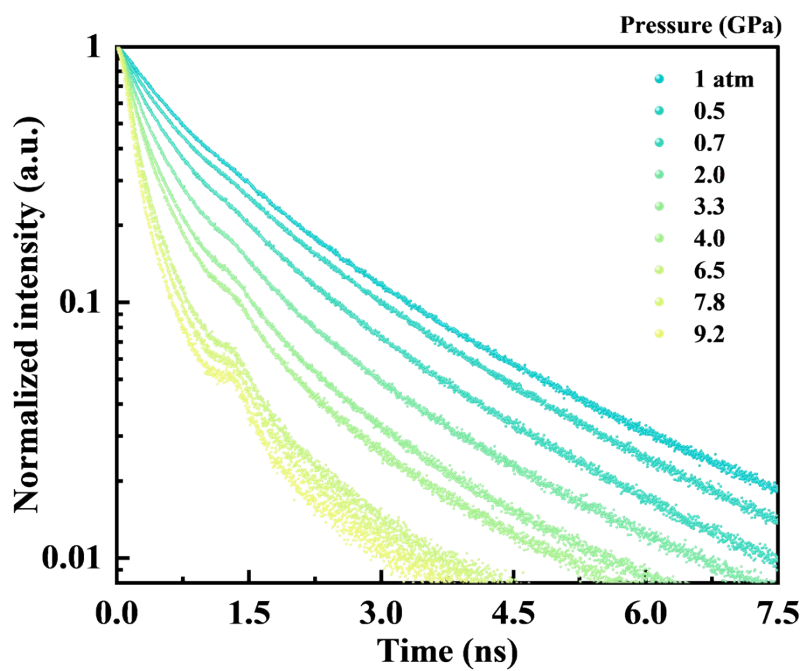
**Figure S6.** In-situ high-pressure PL spectra of D-MOF during three consecutive compression-decompression cycles.



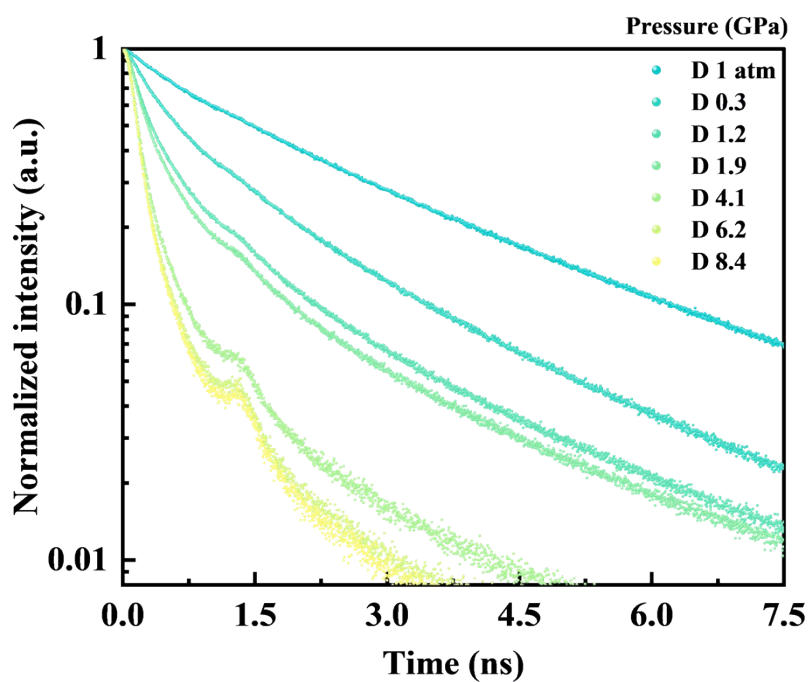
**Figure S7.** Evolution of the fluorescence emission wavelength of D-MOF over three compression-decompression cycles.



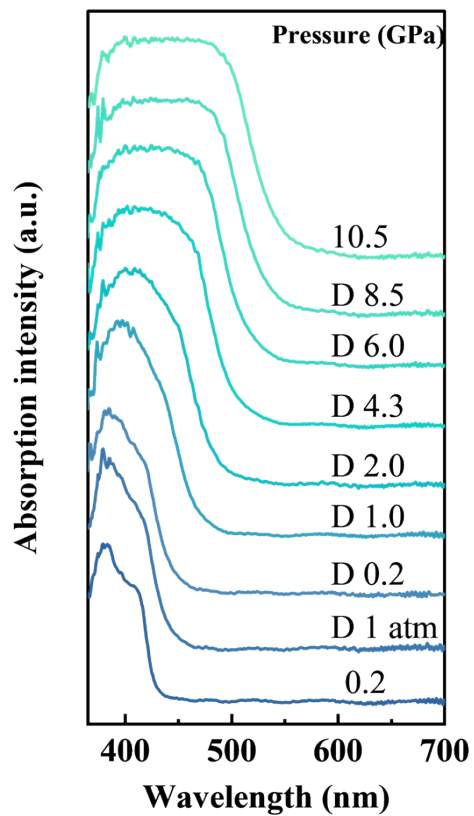
**Figure S8.** Temperature-dependent PL spectra of D-MOF during heating (a) and cooling (b).



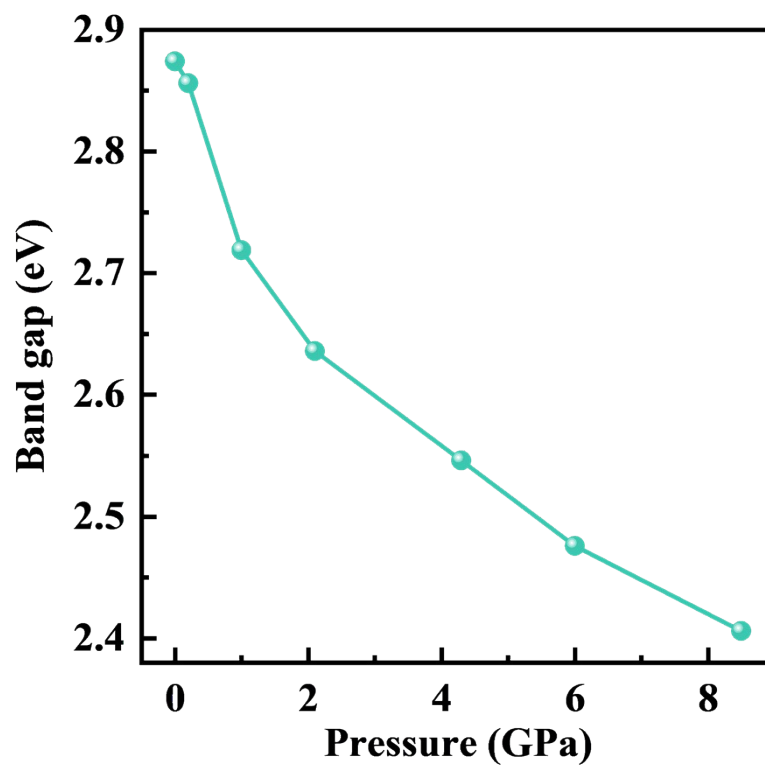
**Figure S9.** Normalized time-resolved PL decay curves of D-MOF upon compression



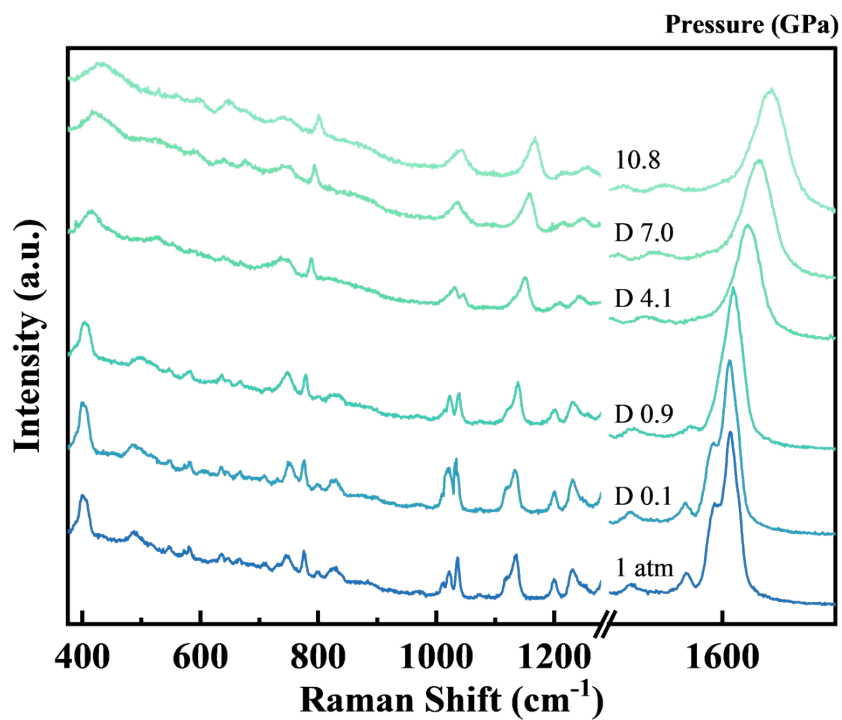
**Figure S10.** Normalized time-resolved PL decay curves of D-MOF during decompression.



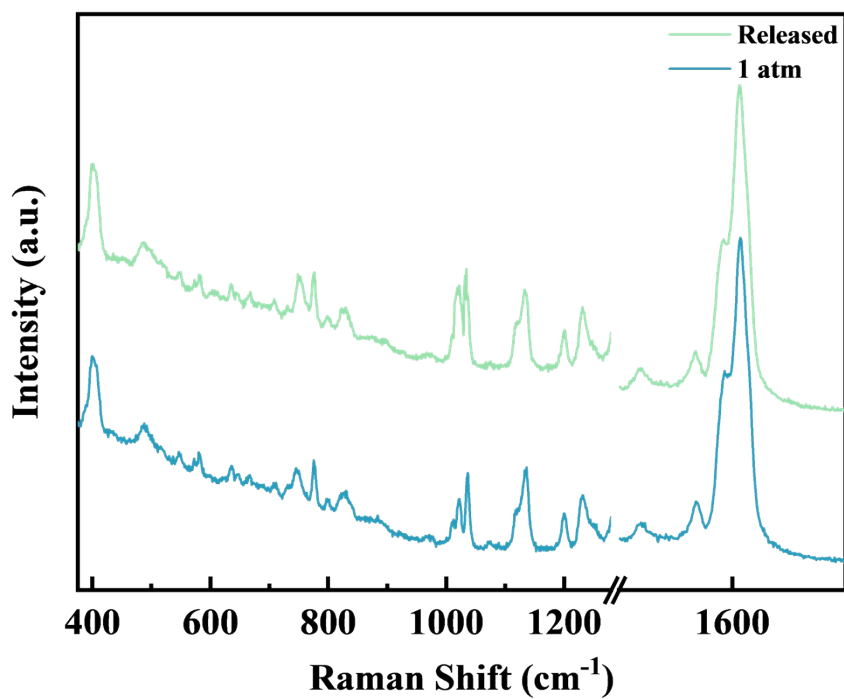
**Figure S11.** In-situ high-pressure UV-Vis absorption spectra of D-MOF during decompression.



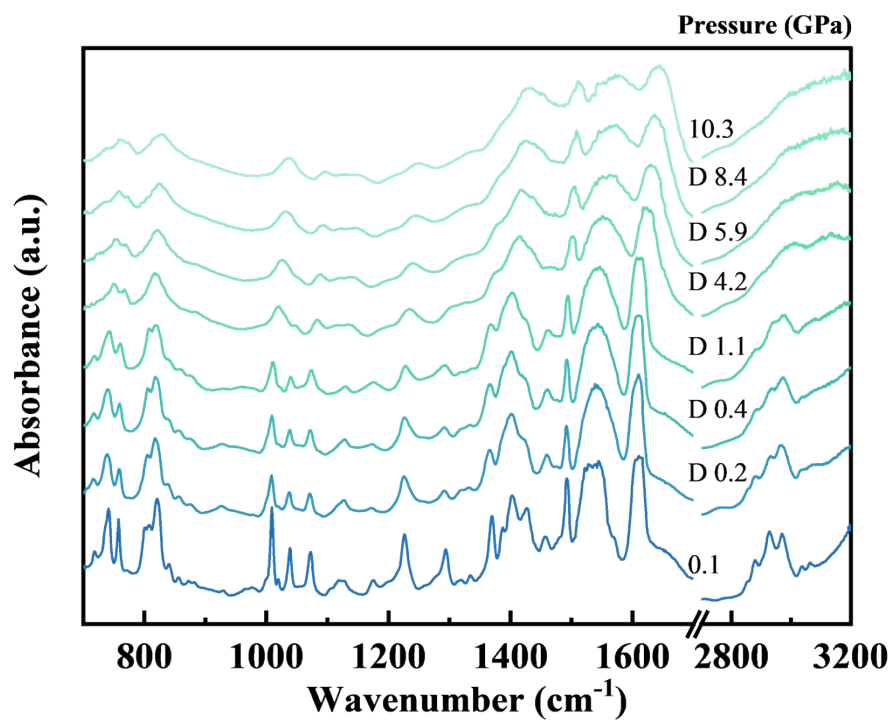
**Figure S12.** Pressure-dependent variation of the optical band gap of D-MOF upon decompression.



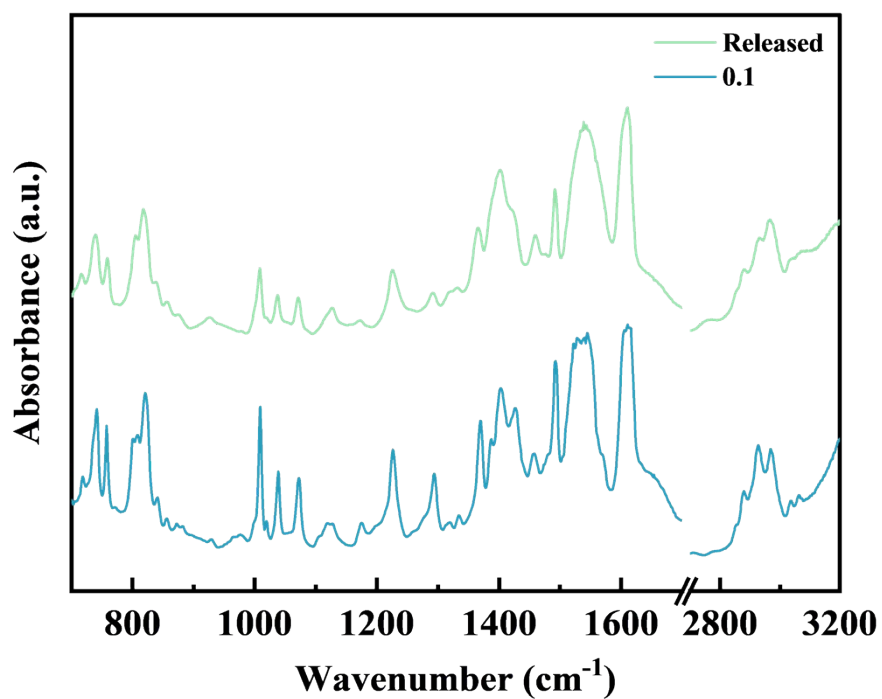
**Figure S13.** In-situ high-pressure Raman spectra of D-MOF during decompression.



**Figure S14.** Comparison of in-situ Raman spectra of D-MOF at 1 atm and released from 10.8 GPa



**Figure S15.** In-situ high-pressure IR spectra of D-MOF upon decompression.



**Figure S16.** Comparison of in-situ IR spectra of D-MOF at 0.1 GPa and released from 10.3 GPa

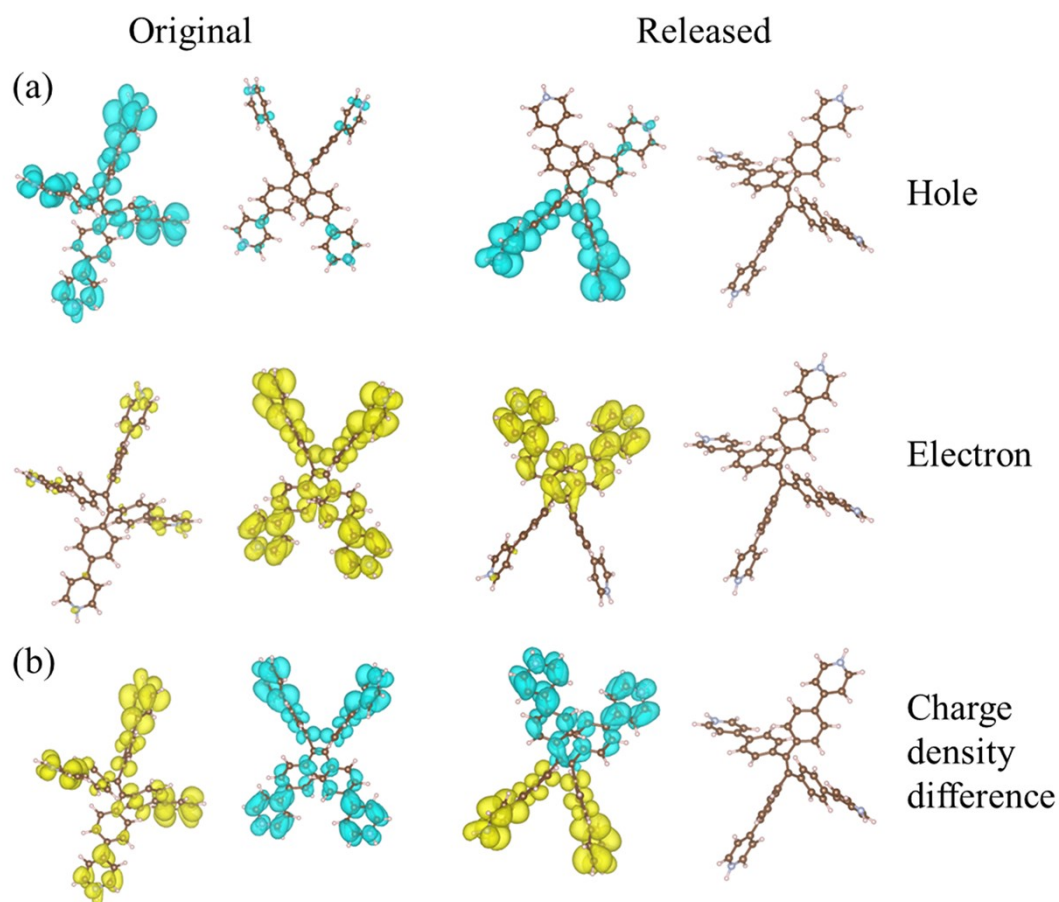


Figure S17. (a) Real space representation of hole and electron distributions of the TPPE in D-MOF under the excited state of  $S_0 \rightarrow S_1$ . The cyan and yellow regions denote the hole and electron distributions, respectively. (b) The difference between the charge density of excited state  $S_1$  minus the charge density of ground state  $S_0$ . The yellow region represents the area where the charge density increases during the excitation process, while the cyan region represents the area where it decreases. The iso-value is set as 0.002.

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