

Supplementary information:

Insights into the thermal conductivity of MOF-5 from first principles

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The phonon lifetime τ_λ is calculated based on a perturbation to the non-interacting harmonic modes $\lambda = (q, s)$. We focus our attention on the three-phonon processes whose scattering rate $1/\tau_\lambda$ in the single-mode relaxation time approximation can be computed via

$$\frac{1}{\tau_\lambda} = \pi \sum_{q', s', q'', s''} |V_3(s, -q; s', q'; s'', q'')|^2 \\ \times \left[(1 + n_{s'q'} + n_{s''q''}) \delta(\omega_{s'q'} + \omega_{s''q''} - \omega_{s,-q}) + 2(n_{s''q''} - n_{s'q'}) \delta(\omega_{s'q'} - \omega_{s''q''} - \omega_{s,-q}) \right]$$

where $V_3(s, -q; s', q'; s'', q'')$ are the three-phonon coupling matrix elements.

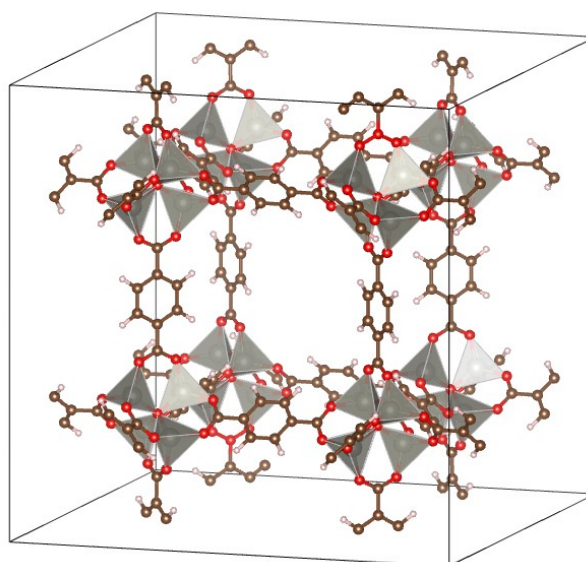


Fig. S1 The optimized crystal structure of MOF-5 in consist of organic linkers and ZnO₄ metal clusters.

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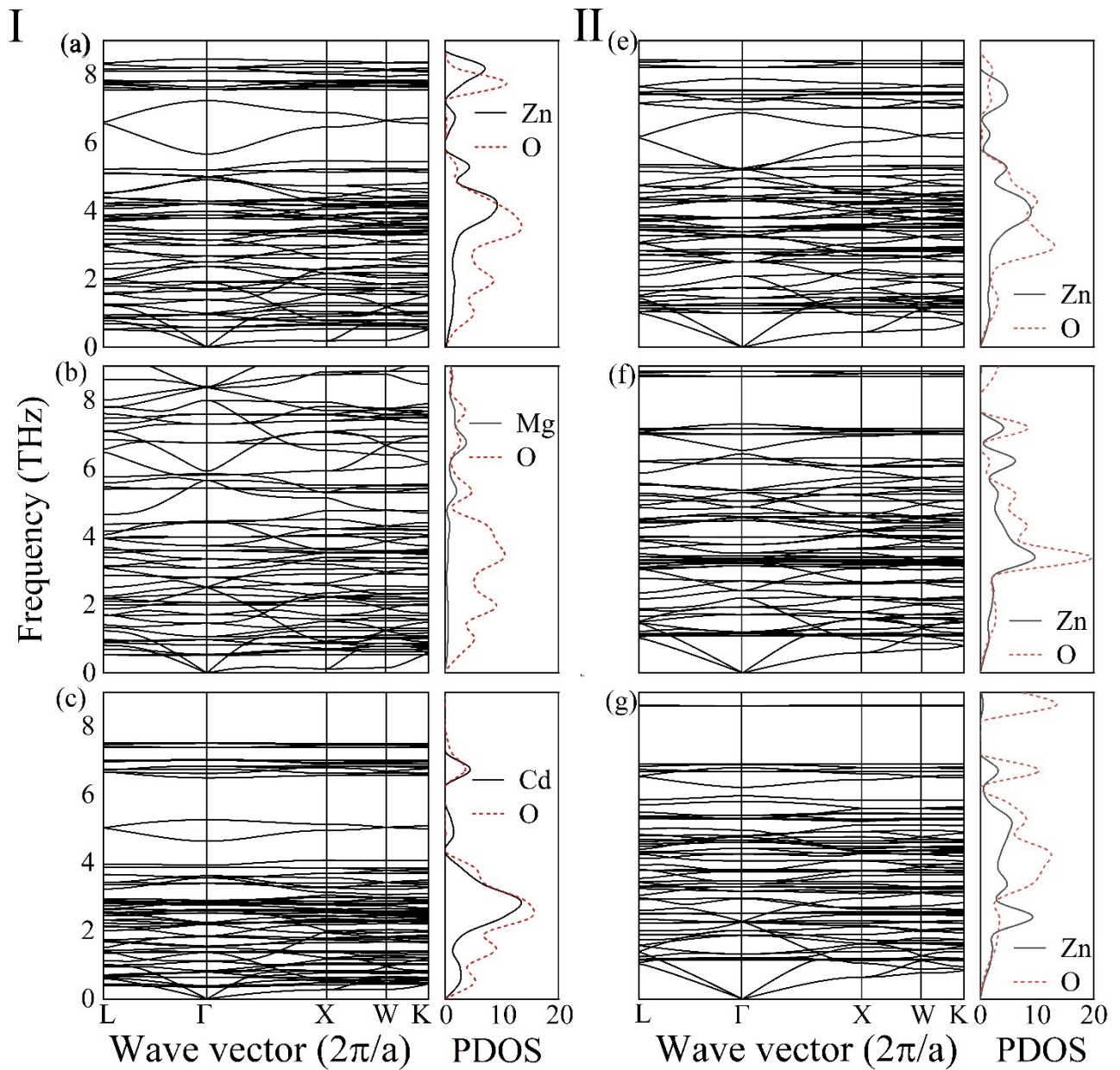


Fig. S2. (I). The phonon dispersion curves and phonon PDOS of MOF-5 with different metals (a) Zn, (b) Mg, and (c) Cd. (II). The phonon dispersion curves and phonon PDOS of MOF-5 under ϵ of (e) 2%, (f) 4%, and (g) 6%. For clarity, only the low-frequency phonon bands are shown, since phonon dispersion curves above 8 THz are rather flat.