

Supporting Information

Stabilized photoemission from organic molecules in zero-dimensional hybrid Zn and Cd halides

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Table S1. Selected single crystal data and structure refinement parameters for R₂CdCl₄.

| Formula | (C ₁₃ H ₁₂ N) ₂ CdCl ₄ |
|---|--|
| Formula weight (g/mol) | 618.67 |
| Temperature (K) | 295(2) |
| Radiation, wavelength (Å) | Mo Kα, 0.71073 |
| Crystal system | Monoclinic |
| Space group | C2/c |
| Z | 4 |
| Unit cell parameters | <i>a</i> = 14.909(3) Å |
| | <i>b</i> = 12.1382(17) Å |
| | <i>c</i> = 15.403(8) Å |
| | β = 104.058(4)° |
| Volume (Å ³) | 2704.0(8) |
| Density (ρ _{calc}) (g/cm ³) | 1.520 |
| Absorption coefficient (μ) (mm ⁻¹) | 1.220 |
| θ _{min} – θ _{max} (°) | 2.190 – 24.711 |
| Reflections collected | 24977 |
| Independent reflections | 2302 |
| <i>R</i> ^a indices (<i>I</i> > 2σ(<i>I</i>)) | <i>R</i> ₁ = 0.0413 |
| | <i>wR</i> ₂ = 0.0791 |
| Goodness-of-fit on <i>F</i> ² | 1.224 |
| Largest diff. peak and hole (e ⁻ /Å ³) | 0.440 and -0.235 |

$${}^aR_1 = \sum ||F_0| - |F_c|| / \sum |F_0|; WR_2 = |\Sigma|w(F_0^2 - F_c^2)^2| / \sum |wF_0^{22}|_{1/2}$$

where $w = 1/|\sigma^2F_0^2 + (AP)^2 + BP|$, with $P = (F_0^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$ and weight coefficients *A* and *B*

Table S2. Atomic coordinates and equivalent isotropic displacement parameters (U_{eq}^a) for R_2CdCl_4 .

| Atom | <i>x</i> | <i>y</i> | <i>z</i> | $U_{\text{eq}}, \text{\AA}^2$ |
|-------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------------------------|
| Cd(1) | 0.000000 | 0.29030(5) | 0.250000 | 0.0934(2) |
| Cl(1) | 0.09694(8) | 0.39169(13) | 0.17127(9) | 0.1058(5) |
| Cl(2) | 0.11555(8) | 0.16940(13) | 0.34604(11) | 0.1256(6) |
| N(1) | 0.2897(3) | 0.3416(6) | 0.3283(4) | 0.136(2) |
| C(1) | 0.3335(4) | 0.2750(6) | 0.3920(5) | 0.161(3) |
| C(2) | 0.4240(4) | 0.2909(6) | 0.4311(4) | 0.131(2) |
| C(3) | 0.4705(3) | 0.3769(5) | 0.4052(3) | 0.0922(15) |
| C(4) | 0.4220(4) | 0.4415(5) | 0.3388(4) | 0.1076(17) |
| C(5) | 0.3319(4) | 0.4247(6) | 0.2998(4) | 0.123(2) |
| C(6) | 0.5683(4) | 0.4017(5) | 0.4445(4) | 0.1087(18) |
| C(7) | 0.6233(4) | 0.3556(5) | 0.5085(4) | 0.1125(18) |
| C(8) | 0.7215(3) | 0.3805(5) | 0.5484(4) | 0.0939(15) |
| C(9) | 0.7653(4) | 0.3261(5) | 0.6239(4) | 0.1171(19) |
| C(10) | 0.8554(4) | 0.3452(5) | 0.6636(4) | 0.130(2) |
| C(11) | 0.9051(4) | 0.4194(5) | 0.6293(4) | 0.1062(17) |
| C(12) | 0.8643(4) | 0.4745(5) | 0.5549(4) | 0.118(2) |
| C(13) | 0.7720(4) | 0.4557(5) | 0.5133(4) | 0.1116(18) |

^a U_{eq} is defined as one-third of the trace of the orthogonalized U_{ij} tensor.

Table S3. A comparison of bond distances and angles within the $[CdCl_4]^{2-}$ tetrahedra in R_2CdCl_4 .

| Atom pair | Distance (Å) | Label | Angle (°) |
|------------------|---------------------|---------------|------------------|
| Cd – Cl1 | 2.4343(14) | Cl1-Cd-Cl1 | 119.26(7) |
| Cd – Cl2 | 2.4641(14) | Cl1-Cd-Cl2 ×2 | 100.78(5) |
| | | Cl1-Cd-Cl2 ×2 | 114.53(6) |
| | | Cl2-Cd-Cl2 | 106.90 |

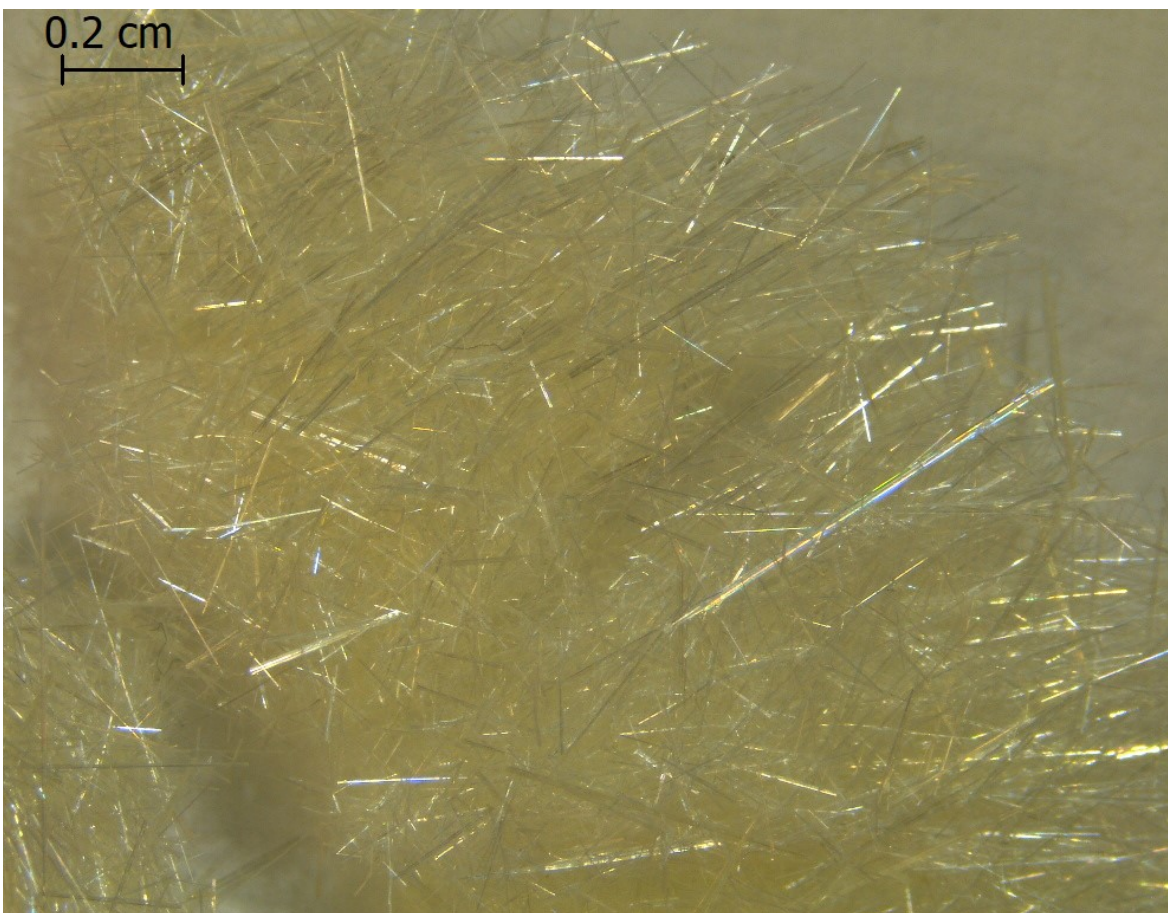


Fig. S1. Picture of RCl single crystals synthesized from slow evaporation.

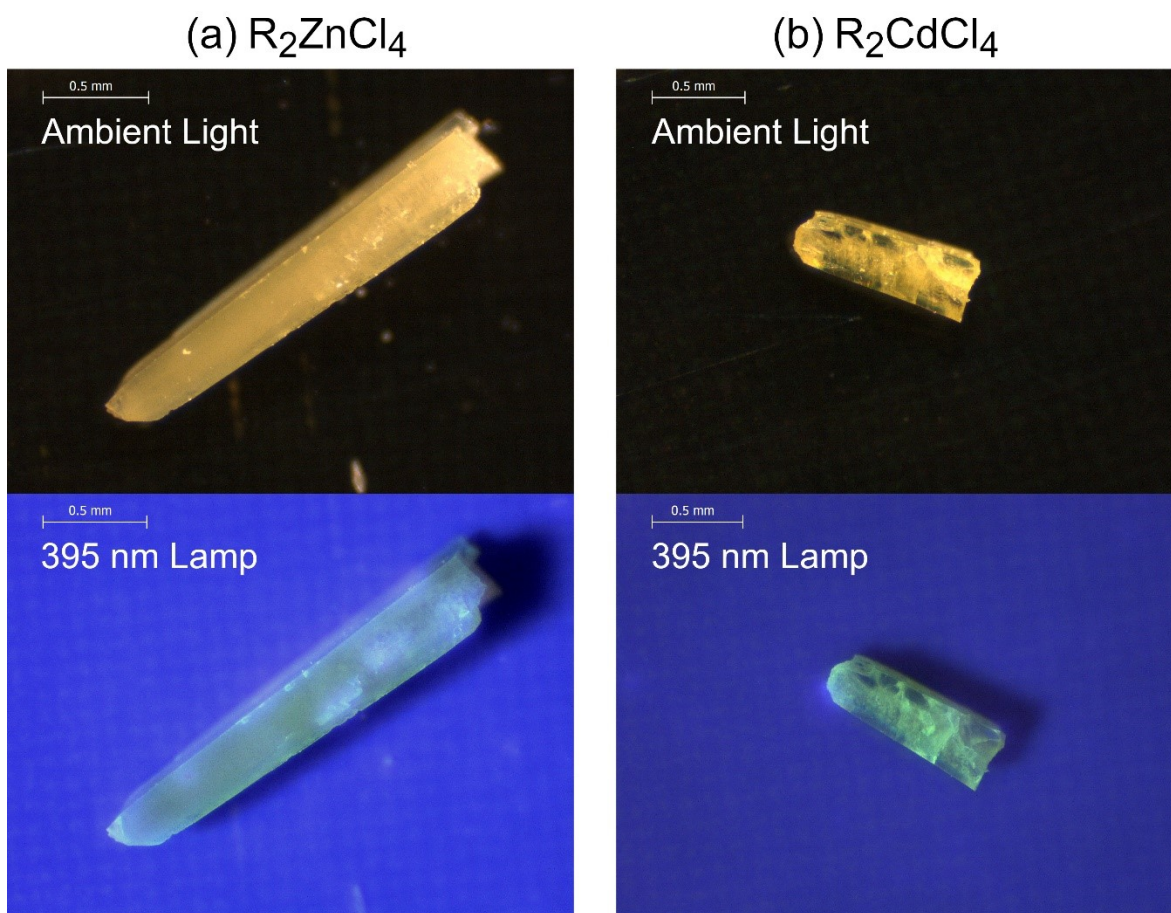


Fig. S2. Pictures of (a) R_2ZnCl_4 and (b) R_2CdCl_4 single crystals under (top) ambient light and (bottom) a 395 nm lamp.

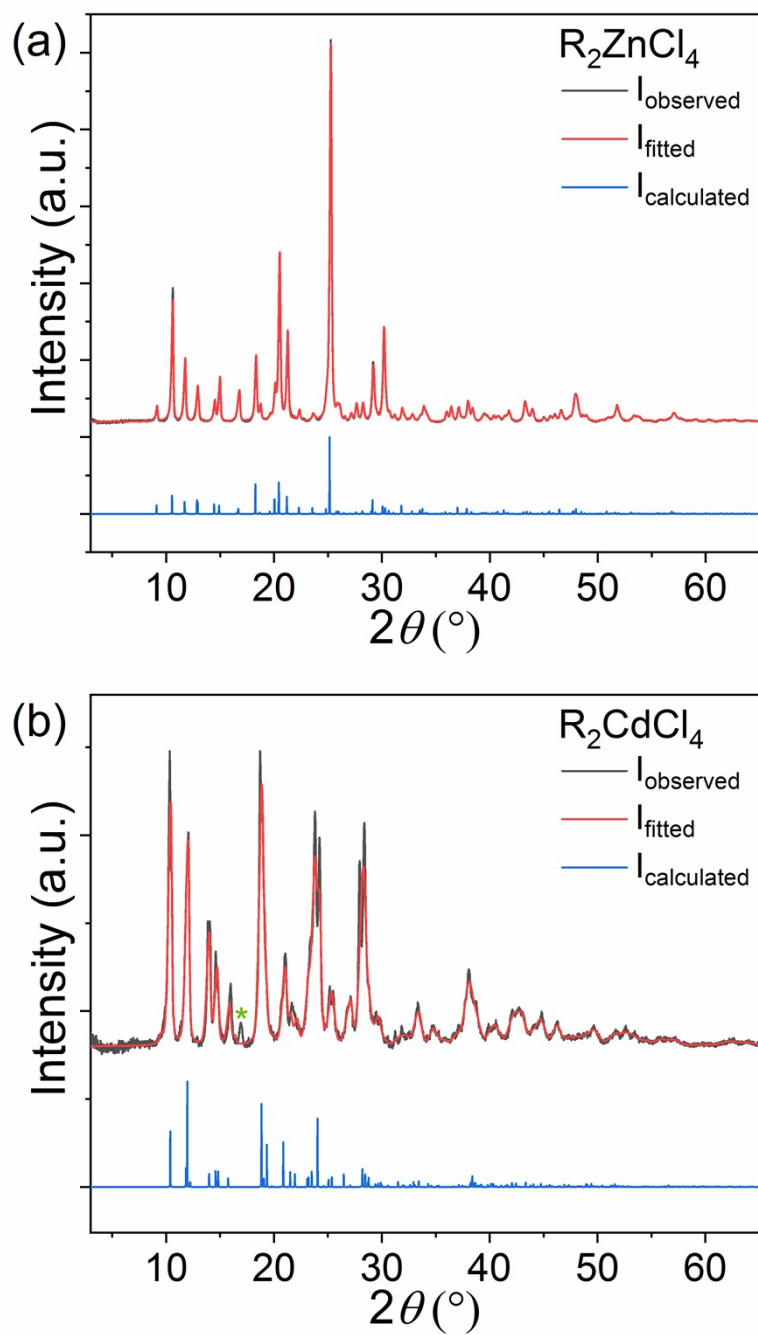


Fig. S3. Room temperature powder X-ray diffraction (PXRD) patterns of (a) R_2ZnCl_4 and (b) R_2CdCl_4 . The green asterisk represents a small impurity of RCl that forms when grinding R_2CdCl_4 .

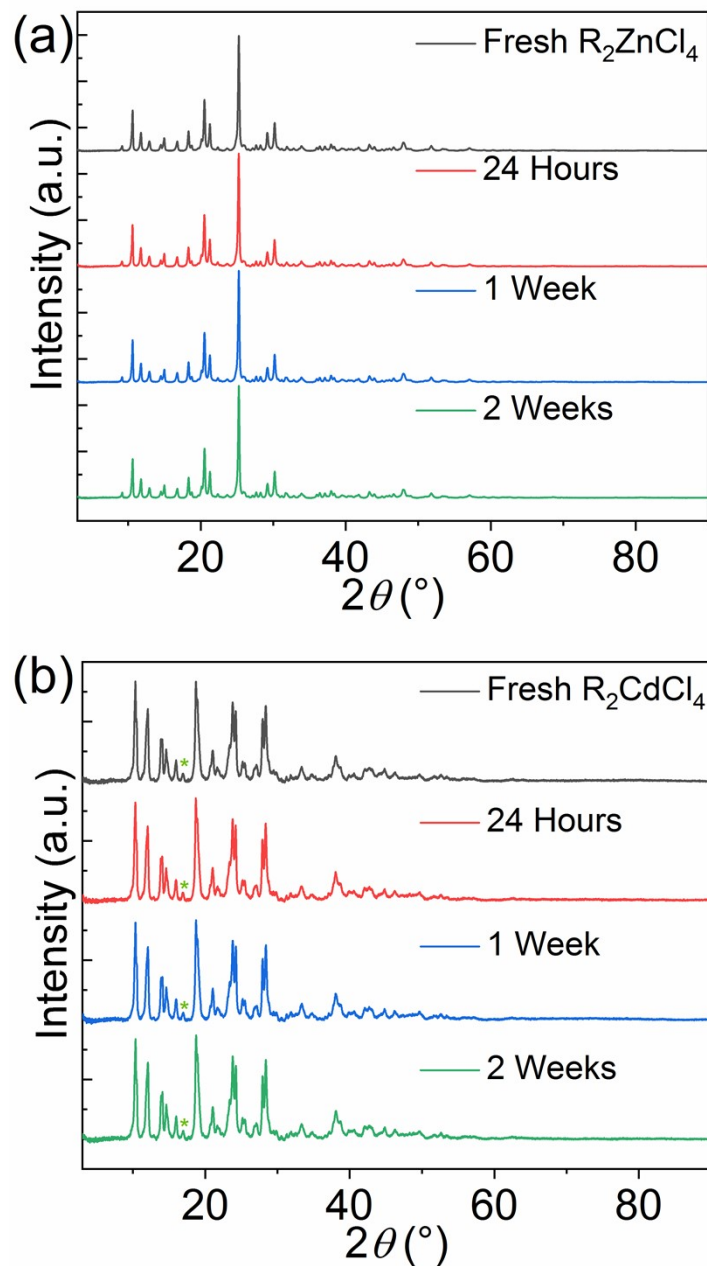


Fig. S4. PXR D measured over a 2-week period for (a) R_2ZnCl_4 and (b) R_2CdCl_4 . When left in ambient air, neither sample demonstrates noticeable degradation. The green asterisk indicates the presence of RCl impurity formed during the PXR D sample preparation.

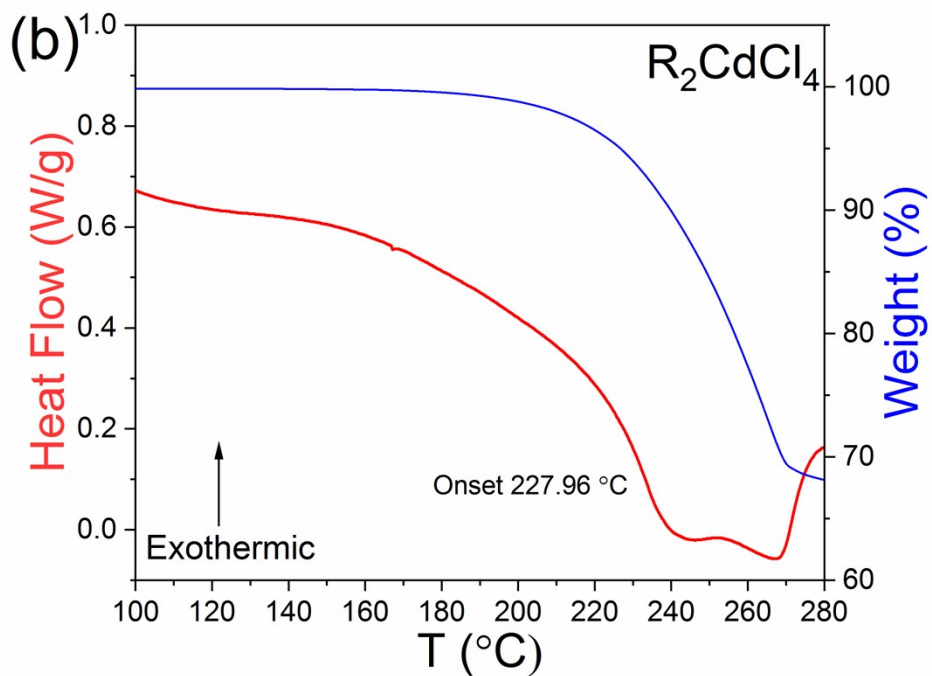
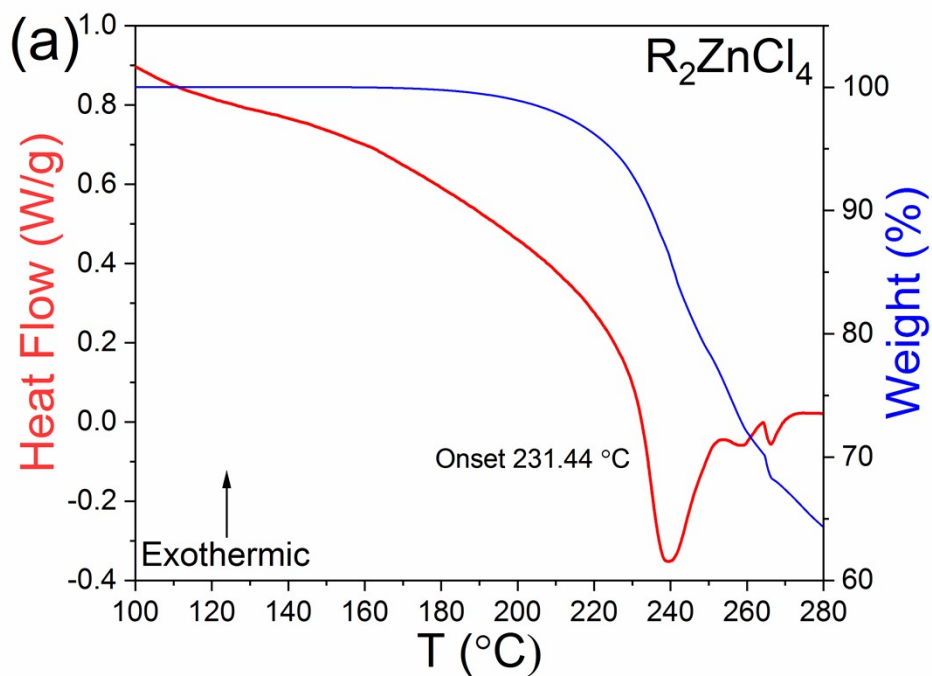


Fig. S5. Thermogravimetric analysis (TGA, in blue) and differential scanning calorimetry (DSC, in red) plots for (a) R_2ZnCl_4 and (b) R_2CdCl_4 .

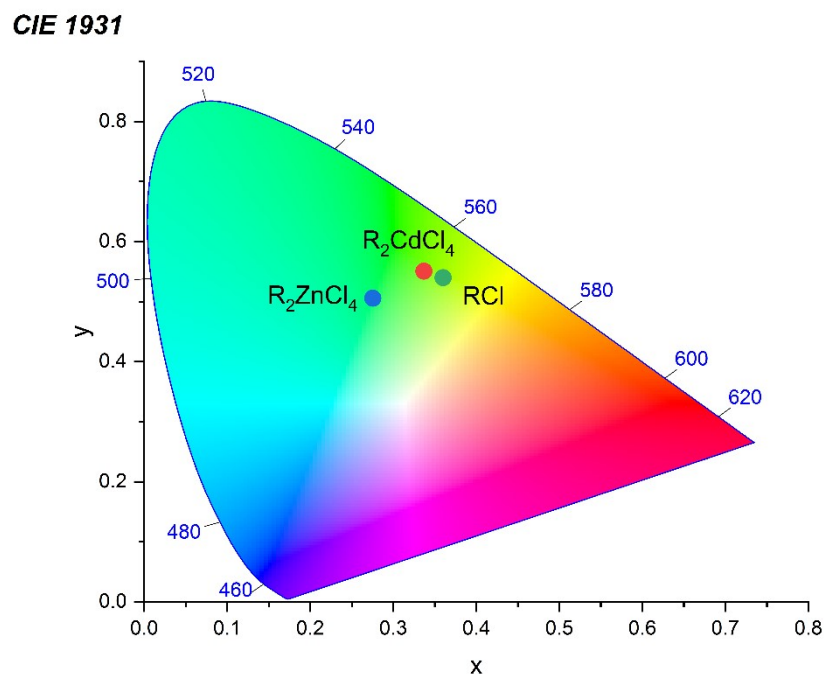


Fig. S6. The Commission Internationale de l'Eclairage (CIE) emission color coordinates for R_2ZnCl_4 (blue dot), R_2CdCl_4 (red dot), and RCl (green dot).

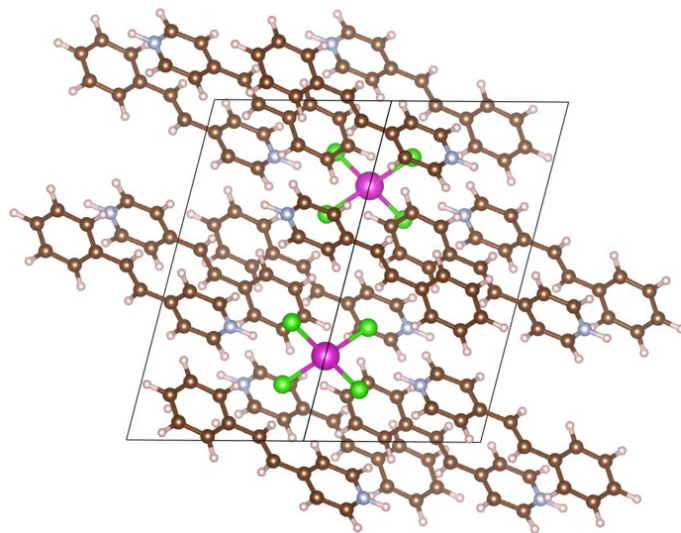


Fig. S7. DFT-optimized (PBE functional) primitive unit cell for R₂CdCl₄

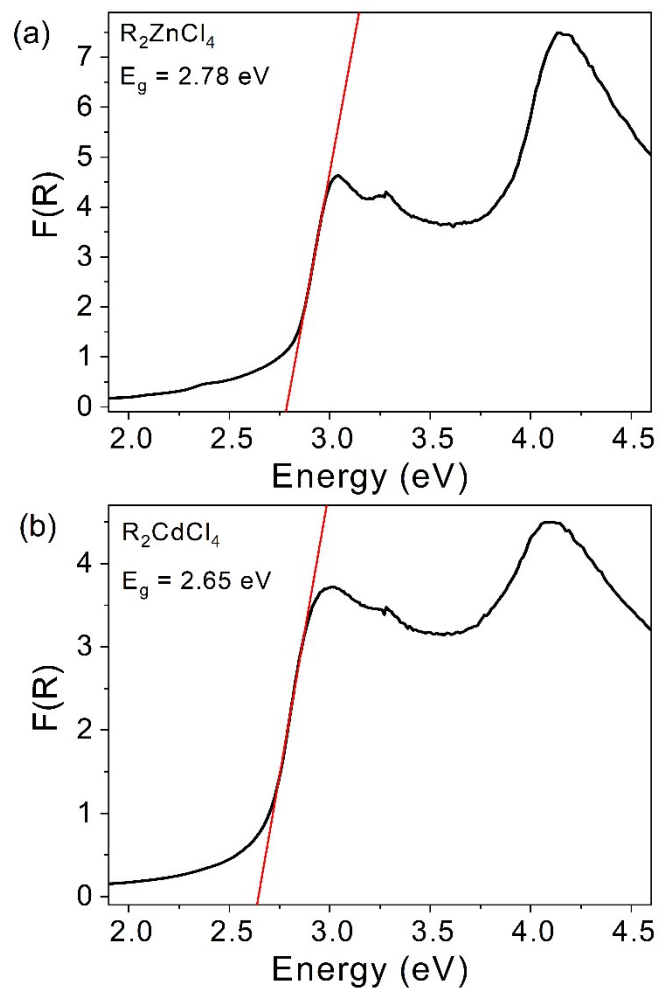


Fig. S8. The Kubelka-Munk pseudoabsorbance plots for (a) R_2ZnCl_4 and (b) R_2CdCl_4 .