

## Supplementary Information For:

### Highly mesoporous SAPO-11 molecular sieves with tunable acidity: facile synthesis, formation mechanism and catalytic performance in hydroisomerization of *n*-dodecane

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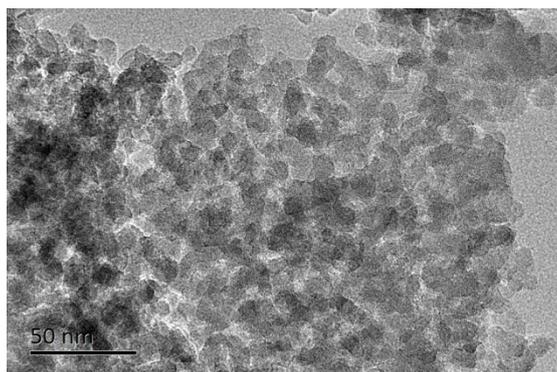
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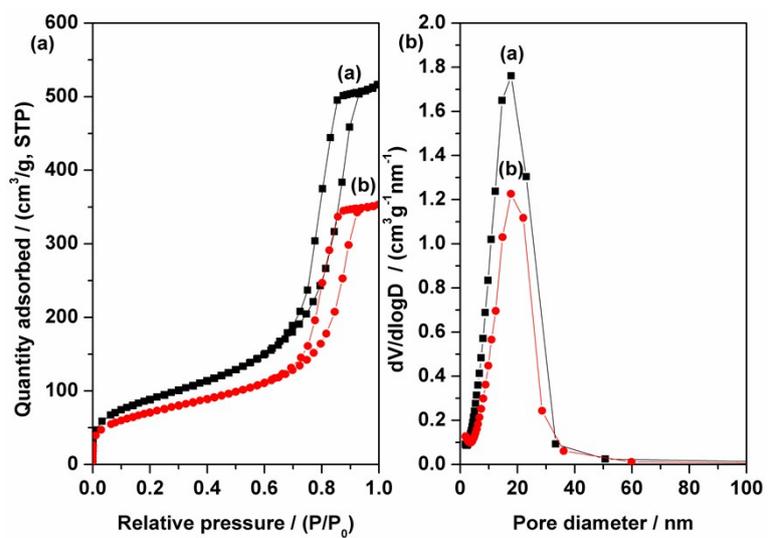
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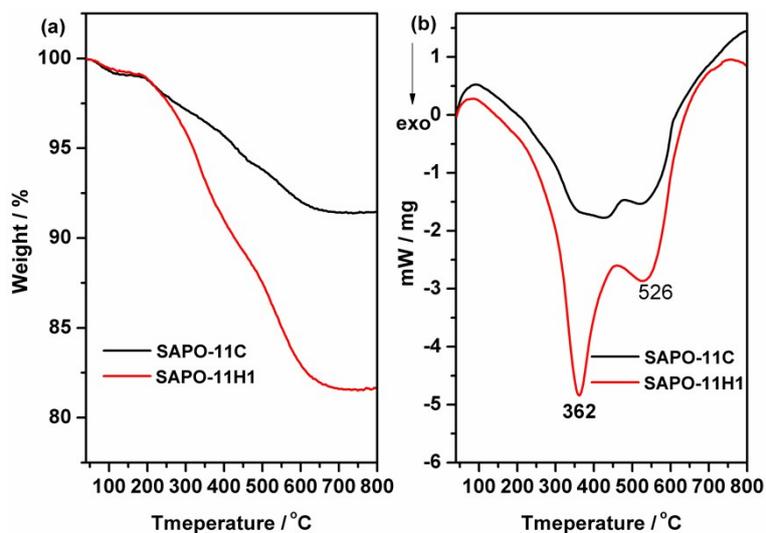


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Sample	Surface area /(m <sup>2</sup> /g)			Pore volume /(cm <sup>3</sup> /g)	
	S <sub>BET</sub> <sup>a</sup>	S <sub>micro</sub> <sup>b</sup>	S <sub>ext</sub> <sup>c</sup>	V <sub>total</sub>	V <sub>micro</sub> <sup>d</sup>
SAP	324	27	296	0.80	0.01
SOC	253	38	215	0.53	0.02

<sup>a</sup> BET surface area, <sup>b</sup> t-plot micropore surface area, <sup>c</sup> t-plot external surface area, <sup>d</sup> t-plot micropore volume.

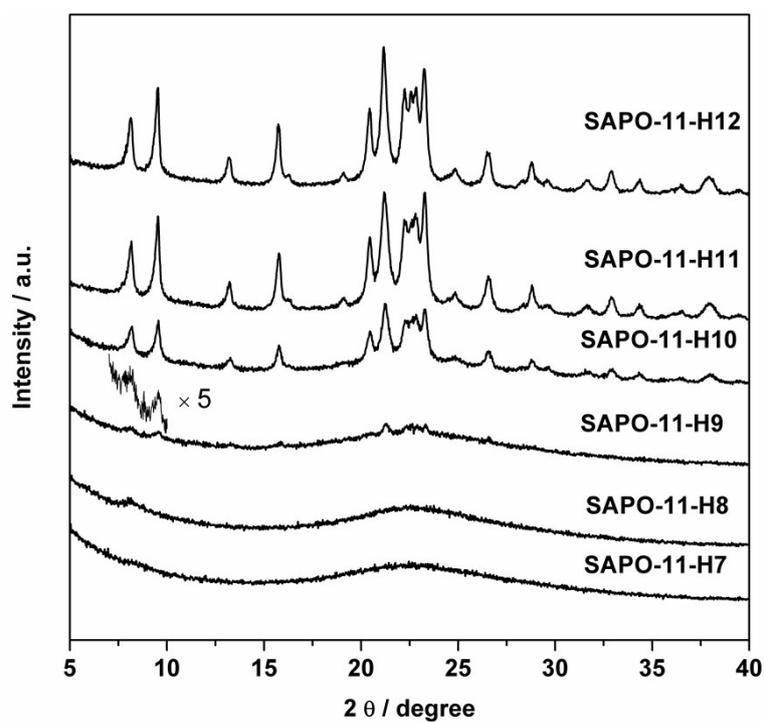


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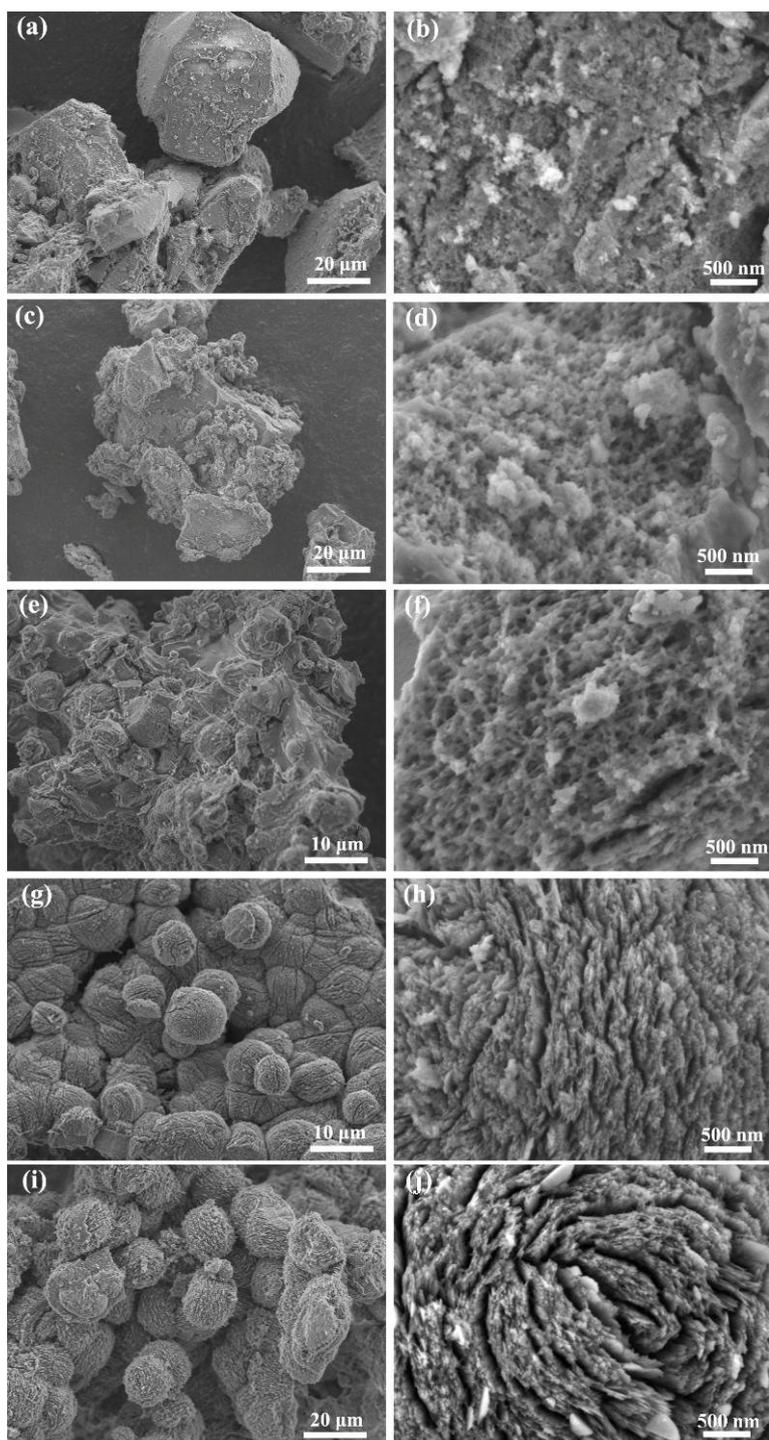
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SAPO-11 acidity measurement by Py-IR at different temperatures.

Sample	Brønsted ( $\mu\text{mol Py/g}$ )			Lewis ( $\mu\text{mol Py/g}$ )		
	150 °C	250 °C	350 °C	150 °C	250 °C	350 °C
SAPO-11-C	59.2	45.3	28.9	20.1	11.8	11.6
SAPO-11-H3	29.9	12.8	2.9	18.6	6.4	3.5
SAPO-11-H4	39.5	24.1	12.6	12.1	7.8	5.3
SAPO-11-H1	50.4	28.3	14.5	23.5	9.2	6.9
SAPO-11-H5	57.4	30.3	15.1	15.6	12.7	10.0
SAPO-11-H6	58.8	36.0	19.3	19.2	9.1	8.5

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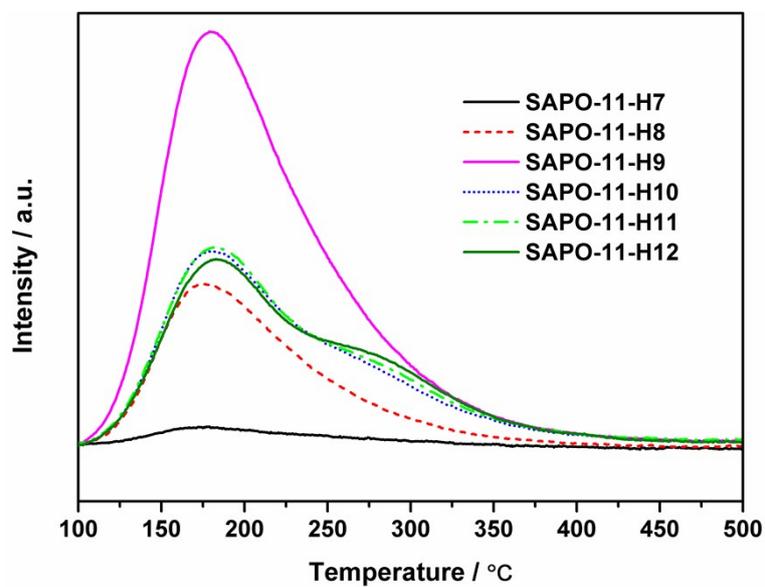
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Texture properties of the calcined samples prepared with different reaction times.

Sample	Surface area /(m <sup>2</sup> /g)			Pore volume /(cm <sup>3</sup> /g)	
	S <sub>BET</sub> <sup>a</sup>	S <sub>micro</sub> <sup>b</sup>	S <sub>ext</sub> <sup>c</sup>	V <sub>total</sub>	V <sub>micro</sub> <sup>d</sup>
SAPO-11-H7	7.4	0.42	7.0	0	0
SAPO-11-H8	79	0	79	0.12	0
SAPO-11-H9	355	0	355	0.36	0
SAPO-11-H10	345	57	288	0.37	0.02
SAPO-11-H11	352	160	192	0.30	0.07
SAPO-11-H12	358	165	193	0.31	0.07

<sup>a</sup> BET surface area, <sup>b</sup> t-plot micropore surface area, <sup>c</sup> t-plot external surface area, <sup>d</sup> t-plot micropore volume.

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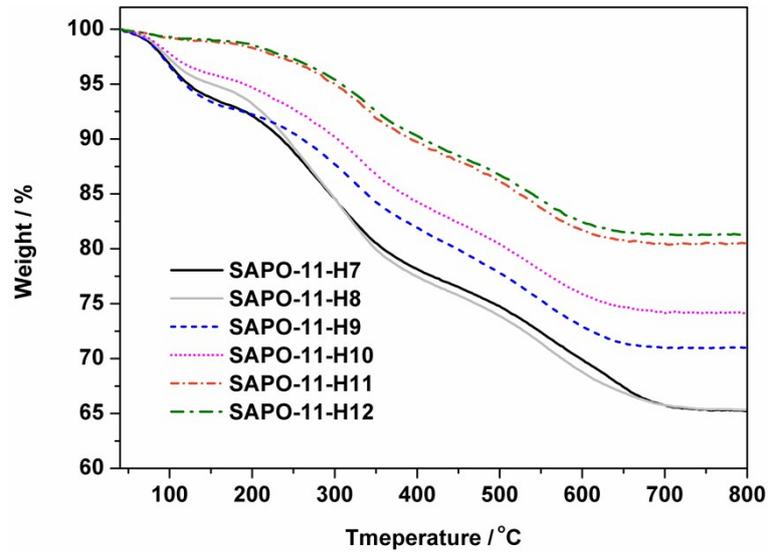


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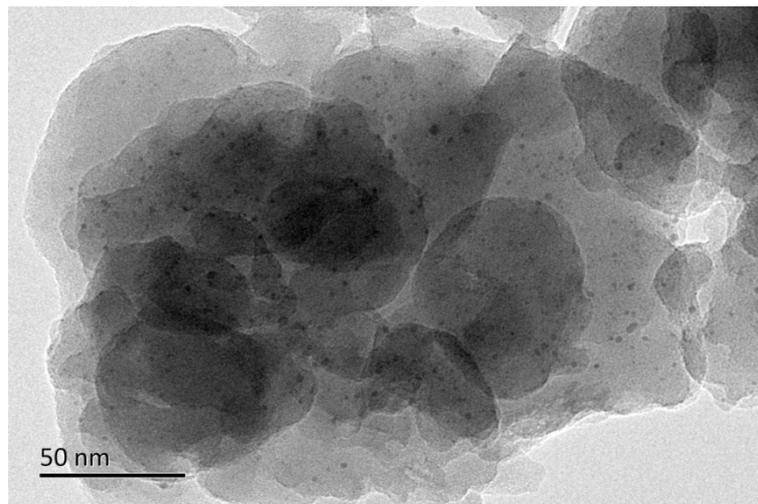


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