

Supporting Information for  
Modulated Synthesis and Isostructural Expansion of Th-MOFs with  
Record High Pore Volume and Surface Area for Iodine Adsorption

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## S1. EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

### S1.1 Synthesis

**Materials and Synthesis.**  $\text{Th}(\text{NO}_3)_4 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (99%, Changchun Institute of Applied Chemistry, Chinese Academy of Sciences), formic acid ( $\text{HCOOH}$ , 98%+, Adamas), concentrated  $\text{HCl}$  (36.0~38.0%, Sinopharm Chemical Reagent Co.,Ltd), concentrated  $\text{HNO}_3$  (65.0~68.0%, Sinopharm Chemical Reagent Co.,Ltd),  $\text{CF}_3\text{COOH}$  (99%, Adamas), terephthalic acid (99%, Adamas), biphenyldicarboxylic acid (99%, Adamas), fumaric acid (99%, Adamas), 4-carboxycinnamic acid (99%, Adamas), 1,4-phenylenediacrylic acid (99%, Adamas), 4,4'-azobenzene-1,2-dicarboxylic acid (98%, Jilin Chinese Academy of Sciences - Yanshen Technology Co., Ltd), 4,4'-stilbenedicarboxylic acid (99%, Adamas), *N,N'*-Dimethylformamide (DMF, 99%, Adamas), dichloromethane (DCM, 99.5%, Greagent), tetrahydrofuran (THF, 99.5%, Adamas), acetonitrile ( $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$ ,  $\geq 99.0\%$ , Greagent), acetone (99.5%, Sinopharm Chemical Reagent Co.,Ltd), n-hexane (97%, SafeDry, Adamas), diethyl ether (99%, Sinopharm Chemical Reagent Co.,Ltd), cyclohexane (99%+, Adamas), and iodine ( $\text{I}_2$ , 99%, Adamas) were used as received and without further purification.

*Caution!*  $^{232}\text{Th}$  used in this study is an  $\alpha$  emitter with the daughter of radioactive Ra-228. All thorium compounds used and investigated were operated in an authorized laboratory designed for actinide element studies. Standard precautions for handling radioactive materials should be followed.

**Th-SINAP-9.** A mixture of  $\text{Th}(\text{NO}_3)_4 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (4.7 mg, 0.008 mmol), fumaric acid ( $\text{H}_2\text{FUM}$ , 0.46 mg, 0.004 mmol), DMF (0.37 mL),  $\text{HCOOH}$  (0.04 mL) in a capped vial was heated at 120 °C for 24 h. Colourless octahedral crystals were filtered, washed with MeOH and  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$ , and dried at room temperature. The pH values before and after reaction are 2.07 and 5.09, respectively. Yield, 36% based on  $\text{H}_2\text{FUM}$ . Anal. Calcd for  $\text{Th}_6(\mu_3\text{-O})_4(\mu_3\text{-OH})_4(\text{FUM})_6(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6(\text{C}_3\text{H}_7\text{NO})_{11}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_{19}$ ,  $\text{C}_{57}\text{H}_{143}\text{N}_{11}\text{Th}_6\text{O}_{68}$ , C, 19.77; H, 4.16; N, 4.45. Found: C, 19.78; H, 4.39; N, 4.53%. IR: 1655 (s), 1574(s), 1386 (vs), 1201 (w), 1103 (w), 798 (w), 666 (m), 600 (m), 529 (s)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . Microcrystalline powder can be obtained as followed: A mixture of  $\text{Th}(\text{NO}_3)_4 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (23.5 mg, 0.04 mmol), fumaric acid (2.3 mg, 0.02 mmol), DMF (0.69 mL),  $\text{HCOOH}$  (0.02 mL),  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (0.15 mL) in a capped vial was heated at 120 °C for 24 h. Colourless microcrystals were filtered, washed with MeOH and  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$ , and dried at room temperature.

**Th-SINAP-10.** A mixture of  $\text{Th}(\text{NO}_3)_4 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (4.7 mg, 0.008 mmol), terephthalic acid ( $\text{H}_2\text{BDC}$ , 0.66 mg, 0.004 mmol), DMF (0.38 mL),  $\text{HCOOH}$  (0.045 mL) or concentrated  $\text{HNO}_3$  (0.035 mL) or  $\text{CF}_3\text{COOH}$  (0.03 mL) in a capped vial was heated at 120 °C for 24 h. Colourless octahedral crystals were filtered, washed with MeOH and  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$ , and dried at room temperature. The pH values before and after reaction for  $\text{HCOOH}$ ,  $\text{CF}_3\text{COOH}$ , and conc.  $\text{HNO}_3$  are 2.12/5.04, 1.34/5.52, and 0.63/5.09, respectively. Yield, 36% based on  $\text{H}_2\text{BDC}$ . Anal. Calcd for  $\text{Th}_6(\mu_3\text{-O})_4(\mu_3\text{-OH})_4(\text{BDC})_{12}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6(\text{C}_3\text{H}_7\text{NO})_{11}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_9$ ,  $\text{C}_{81}\text{H}_{135}\text{N}_{11}\text{Th}_6\text{O}_{58}$ , C, 27.15; H, 3.80; N, 4.30. Found: C, 27.46; H, 3.69; N, 4.23%. IR: 1651 (s), 1583 (vs), 1502 (m), 1382 (vs), 1201 (w), 1096 (w), 747 (m), 506 (m)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . Microcrystalline powder can be obtained

as followed: A mixture of  $\text{Th}(\text{NO}_3)_4 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (23.5 mg, 0.04 mmol), terephthalic acid (3.3 mg, 0.02 mmol), DMF (0.69 mL),  $\text{CF}_3\text{COOH}$  (0.06 mL),  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (0.06 mL) in a capped vial was heated at 120 °C for 48 h. Colourless microcrystals were filtered, washed with MeOH and  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$ , and dried at room temperature.

**Th-SINAP-11.** A mixture of  $\text{Th}(\text{NO}_3)_4 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (4.7 mg, 0.008 mmol), 4-carboxycinnamic acid, *predominantly trans* ( $\text{H}_2\text{CCN}$ , 0.77 mg, 0.004 mmol), DMF (0.42 mL),  $\text{CF}_3\text{COOH}$  (0.015 mL) or concentrated  $\text{HNO}_3$  (0.035 mL) or concentrated HCl (0.07 mL), in a capped vial was heated at 120 °C for 24 h. The pH values before and after reaction for  $\text{CF}_3\text{COOH}$ , conc.  $\text{HNO}_3$ , and conc. HCl are 1.74/7.16, 1.01/5.29, and 0.56/4.58, respectively. Colourless octahedral crystals were filtered, washed with MeOH and  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$ , and dried at room temperature. Yield, 36% based on  $\text{H}_2\text{CCN}$ . Anal. Calcd for  $\text{Th}_6(\mu_3\text{-O})_4(\mu_3\text{-OH})_4(\text{CCN})_{12}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6(\text{DMF})_{18}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_{16}$ ,  $\text{C}_{114}\text{H}_{210}\text{N}_{18}\text{Th}_6\text{O}_{72}$ , C, 31.28; H, 4.84; N, 5.76. Found: C, 31.21; H, 4.72; N, 5.42%. IR: 1651 (s), 1593 (w), 1430 (w), 1382 (s), 1098 (w), 789 (s), 576 (m), 456 (w)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . Microcrystals can be obtained as followed: A mixture of  $\text{Th}(\text{NO}_3)_4 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (23.5 mg, 0.04 mmol), 4-carboxycinnamic acid, *predominantly trans* (3.8 mg, 0.02 mmol), DMF (0.9 mL),  $\text{CF}_3\text{COOH}$  (0.045 mL) in a capped vial was heated at 120 °C for 24 h. Colourless octahedral crystals were filtered, washed with MeOH and  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$ , and dried at room temperature.

**Th-SINAP-12.** A mixture of  $\text{Th}(\text{NO}_3)_4 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (4.7 mg, 0.008 mmol), 1,4-phenylenediacrylic acid ( $\text{H}_2\text{PEDA}$ , 0.87 mg, 0.004 mmol), DMF (0.42 mL),  $\text{HCOOH}$  (0.05 mL)/ $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (0.03 mL) or  $\text{CF}_3\text{COOH}$  (0.05 mL)/ $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (0.03 mL) in a capped vial was heated at 120 °C for 24 h. The pH values before and after reaction for  $\text{HCOOH}$  and  $\text{CF}_3\text{COOH}$  are 2.10/5.68 and 1.35/6.75, respectively. Colourless octahedral crystals were filtered, washed with MeOH and  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$ , and dried at room temperature. Yield, 36% based on  $\text{H}_2\text{PEDA}$ . Anal. Calcd for  $\text{Th}_6(\mu_3\text{-O})_4(\mu_3\text{-OH})_4(\text{PEDA})_6(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6(\text{DMF})_{16}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_{25}$ ,  $\text{C}_{120}\text{H}_{226}\text{N}_{16}\text{Th}_6\text{O}_{79}$ , C, 31.68; H, 5.01; N, 4.93. Found: C, 31.36; H, 4.87; N, 5.22%. IR: 1651 (s), 1428 (w), 1382 (s), 981 (w), 835 (s), 696 (m), 556 (s)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . Microcrystals can be obtained as followed: A mixture of  $\text{Th}(\text{NO}_3)_4 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (23.5 mg, 0.04 mmol), 1,4-phenylenediacrylic acid (4.4 mg, 0.02 mmol), DMF (1.8 mL), concentrated  $\text{HNO}_3$  (0.05 mL),  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (0.03 mL) in a capped vial was heated at 120 °C for 48 h. Colourless crystals were filtered, washed with MeOH and  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$ , and dried at room temperature.

**Th-SINAP-13.** A mixture of  $\text{Th}(\text{NO}_3)_4 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (4.7 mg, 0.008 mmol), biphenyldicarboxylic acid ( $\text{H}_2\text{BPDC}$ , 0.97 mg, 0.004 mmol), DMF (0.38 mL),  $\text{HCOOH}$  (0.015 mL) or  $\text{CF}_3\text{COOH}$  (0.015 mL) or concentrated  $\text{HNO}_3$  (0.03 mL) or concentrated HCl (0.06 mL) in a capped vial was heated at 120 °C for 24 h. The pH values before and after reaction for  $\text{HCOOH}$ ,  $\text{CF}_3\text{COOH}$ , conc.  $\text{HNO}_3$ , and conc. HCl are 2.50/6.07, 1.64/7.42, 0.96/5.38, and 0.52/4.60, respectively. Colourless octahedral crystals were filtered, washed with MeOH and  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$ , and dried at room temperature. Yield, 36% based on  $\text{H}_2\text{BPDC}$ . Anal. Calcd for  $\text{Th}_6(\mu_3\text{-O})_4(\mu_3\text{-OH})_4(\text{BPDC})_6(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6(\text{DMF})_{12}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2$ ,  $\text{C}_{120}\text{H}_{152}\text{N}_{12}\text{Th}_6\text{O}_{52}$ , C, 36.15; H, 3.85; N, 4.22. Found: C, 36.08; H, 4.06; N, 4.52%. IR: 1653 (s), 1595 (s), 1384 (vs), 1312 (w), 1091 (m), 770 (m), 576 (m), 515 (w)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . Microcrystalline powder can be obtained as

followed: A mixture of  $\text{Th}(\text{NO}_3)_4 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (23.5 mg, 0.04 mmol), biphenyldicarboxylic acid (4.8 mg, 0.02 mmol), DMF (0.79 mL), concentrated HCl (0.05 mL) in a capped vial was heated at 120 °C for 24 h. Colourless microcrystals were filtered, washed with MeOH and  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$ , and dried at room temperature.

**Th-SINAP-14.** A mixture of  $\text{Th}(\text{NO}_3)_4 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (4.7 mg, 0.008 mmol), 4,4'-azobenzene dicarboxylic acid ( $\text{H}_2\text{ABDC}$ , 1.1 mg, 0.004 mol), DMF (0.38 mL),  $\text{HCOOH}$  (0.03 mL) or concentrated  $\text{HNO}_3$  (0.03 mL) or concentrated HCl (0.045 mL) in a capped vial was heated at 120 °C for 24 h. The pH values before and after reaction for  $\text{HCOOH}$ , conc.  $\text{HNO}_3$ , and conc. HCl are 2.25/5.16, 0.93/5.19, and 0.63/4.92, respectively. Red octahedral crystals were filtered, washed with MeOH and  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$ , and dried at room temperature. Yield, 54% based on  $\text{H}_2\text{ABDC}$ . Anal. Calcd for  $\text{Th}_6(\mu_3\text{-O})_4(\mu_3\text{-OH})_4(\text{ABDC})_6(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6(\text{DMF})_3(\text{H}_2\text{O})_{27}$ ,  $\text{C}_{93}\text{H}_{139}\text{N}_{15}\text{Th}_6\text{O}_{68}$ , C, 28.30; H, 3.55; N, 5.32. Found: C, 28.12; H, 3.08; N, 5.32%. IR: 1594 (s), 1556 (s), 1387 (vs), 1096 (w), 1011 (m), 875 (w), 792 (s), 706 (w), 578 (w), 533 (w)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

**Th-SINAP-15.** A mixture of  $\text{Th}(\text{NO}_3)_4 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (4.7 mg, 0.008 mmol), 4,4'-stilbenedicarboxylic acid ( $\text{H}_2\text{SBDC}$ , 1.1 mg, 0.004 mmol), DMF (0.42 mL),  $\text{HCOOH}$  (0.03 mL) or  $\text{CF}_3\text{COOH}$  (0.045 mL) or concentrated  $\text{HNO}_3$  (0.03 mL) or concentrated HCl (0.06 mL) in a capped vial was heated at 120 °C for 24 h. The pH values before and after reaction for  $\text{HCOOH}$ ,  $\text{CF}_3\text{COOH}$ , conc.  $\text{HNO}_3$ , and conc. HCl are 2.13/5.37, 1.37/6.84, 0.97/5.39, and 0.73/4.59, respectively. Colourless octahedral crystals were filtered, washed with MeOH and  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$ , and dried at room temperature. Yield, 36% based on  $\text{H}_2\text{SBDC}$ . Anal. Calcd for  $\text{Th}_6(\mu_3\text{-O})_4(\mu_3\text{-OH})_4(\text{SBDC})_6(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6(\text{DMF})_5(\text{H}_2\text{O})_{20}$ ,  $\text{C}_{111}\text{H}_{151}\text{N}_5\text{Th}_6\text{O}_{63}$ , C, 33.70; H, 3.85; N, 1.77. Found: C, 33.92; H, 3.39; N, 1.83%. IR: 1652 (s), 1497 (w), 1382 (w), 788 (m), 707 (w), 574 (m), 513 (w)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . Microcrystalline powder can be obtained as followed: A mixture of  $\text{Th}(\text{NO}_3)_4 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (23.5 mg, 0.04 mmol), 4,4'-stilbenedicarboxylic acid (5.4 mg, 0.02 mmol), DMF (1.8 mL), concentrated  $\text{HNO}_3$  (0.05 mL) and  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (0.05 mL) in a capped vial was heated at 120 °C for 48 h. Colourless microcrystalline powder were filtered, washed with MeOH and  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$ , and dried at room temperature.

## S1.2 Characterizations

*X-ray Crystallography.* Single-crystal XRD data was collected on a Bruker D8-Venture single-crystal X-ray diffractometer equipped with a Turbo X-ray source (Mo  $\text{K}\alpha$  radiation,  $\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ \AA}$ ) adopting the direct-drive rotating-anode technique and a CMOS detector. The data frames were collected using the APEX3 program and processed using the *SAINT* routine. The empirical absorption correction was applied using the SADABS program.<sup>1</sup> The structure was solved by Intrinsic Phasing with *ShelXT*<sup>2</sup> and refined with *ShelXL*<sup>3</sup> using *OLEX2*<sup>4</sup>. All the non-H atoms were subjected to anisotropic refinement by full-matrix program. Contributions to scattering due to these highly disordered solvent molecules were removed using the *SQUEEZE* routine of *PLATON*<sup>5</sup>; Structures were then refined again using the data generated. Crystal data and details of the data collection are given in Table S3.

Powder X-ray diffraction (PXRD) data were collected on were collected from 2 to 40 ° with a step of 0.02 ° on a Bruker D8 Advance diffractometer with Cu  $\text{K}\alpha$

radiation ( $\lambda = 1.54178 \text{ \AA}$ ). The calculated PXRD pattern was produced from the CIFs using the SHELXTL-XPOW program.

*N<sub>2</sub> adsorption and Brunauer-Emmett-Teller (BET) Analysis.* The N<sub>2</sub> adsorption isotherms were recorded at 77 K by using a micromeritics ASAP 2020 surface area and porosity analyser. Before the adsorption measurements, the freshly prepared samples of **Th-SINAP-10/12/13**, **Th-SINAP-9**, and **Th-SINAP-11** were repeatedly exchanged with MeOH, THF, and DCM for 24 h, respectively. Then the crystals were activated with the “degas” port under the vacuum at 120 °C for 6 h. **Th-SINAP-14** was soaked in 20 mL of DCM three times over 1 h (20 min each) and subsequently immersed in 20 mL n-hexane three times over 1h (20 min each).<sup>6</sup> Then the crystals were activated with the “degas” port under the vacuum under room temperature.

*Thermogravimetric Analysis (TGA).* TGA was carried out in an N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere with a heating rate of 10 °C/min from 40 °C to 900 °C on a NETZSCH STA 449 F3 Jupiter instrument. TGA indicated that the solvent species were removed gradually from room temperature in all cases (Fig. S3). **Th-SINAP-13** exhibits the highest thermal stability (ca.540 °C). The initial weight loss from RT to 540 °C was 25.3%, corresponding to the loss of DMF, lattice, and coordinating water molecules (*calcd* 25.6%). **Th-SINAP-9**, **Th-SINAP-10**, **Th-SINAP-11**, **Th-SINAP-12**, **Th-SINAP-14**, and **Th-SINAP-15** are thermally stable up to *ca.*380, 470, 470, 420, 460, and 430 °C, respectively. The initial weight loss from RT to those temperatures were 34.5%, 29.3%, 38.4%, 33.3%, 24.9%, and 26.5%, respectively, which can be attributed to the removal of the guest species (*calcd* 36.2%, 30.0%, 39.1%, 38.0%, 20.6%, and 21.1%).

*X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy (XPS).* The XPS data of iodine adsorbed samples were recorded on a Thermo Scientific ESCALAB 250Xi using monochromatic Al K $\alpha$  (1486.8 eV) X-ray source with a spot size of 500  $\mu\text{m}$ . The anode was operated at 15 kV and 10 mA.

### S1.3 Adsorption Studies

Stable isotope (<sup>127</sup>I) was used as a surrogate for the radioactive ones (<sup>129</sup>I and <sup>131</sup>I) as their chemical properties are nearly identical.

*Iodine/Cyclohexane Adsorption Measurement.* Adsorption studies were performed by immersing 20 mg sample in 8 mL of a 200 mg·L<sup>-1</sup> iodine/cyclohexane solution. The supernatant solution was used for each UV–vis absorbance measurement (UV-2600, SHIMADZU) periodically. After each measurement, the solution was dispensed back into the respective vial to keep the volume constant. The absorbance at maximum wavelength of iodine ( $\lambda_{\text{max}} = 522 \text{ nm}$ ) was chosen to calculate the iodine content, and the absorbance value for the original solution was normalized to 100%. The removal ratios (*R*) of iodine were calculated using  $R = (C_0 - C_t)/C_0 \times 100\%$  (where  $C_0$  and  $C_t$  represent the initial concentration and concentration at time  $t$ , respectively). Sorption kinetics of iodine in **Th-SINAP-10** and **Th-SINAP-12** were fitted to a pseudo-second-order kinetics model, respectively,  $t/q_t = 1/h + t/q_e$  (where  $q_t$ ,  $q_e$  represent the amounts of adsorbate at certain time  $t$  or at equilibrium time,  $h$  is the

initial adsorption rate,  $h = kq_e^2$ , and  $k$  is the rate constant) (Table S4).

The sorption isotherms of iodine in **Th-SINAP-10** and **Th-SINAP-12** were determined by adding 20 mg solid samples into 8 mL solutions with various iodine concentrations and the Langmuir and Freundlich models were used to interpret the experimental data. The linear equation of the Langmuir isotherm model is expressed as followed:

$$\frac{C_e}{q_e} = \frac{1}{q_m k_L} + \frac{C_e}{q_m}$$

Where  $q_m$  is the maximum sorption capacity corresponding to complete monolayer coverage (mg/g) and  $k_L$  is a constant indirectly related to sorption capacity and energy of sorption (L/mg), which characterizes the affinity of the adsorbate with the adsorbent. The linearized plot was obtained when we plotted  $C_e/q_e$  against  $C_e$  and  $q_m$  and  $k_L$  could be calculated from the slope and intercept.

The linear equation of Freundlich isotherm model can be expressed by:

$$\ln q_e = \ln k_F + \frac{1}{n} \ln C_e$$

Where  $k_F$  and  $n$  are the Freundlich constants related to the sorption capacity and the sorption intensity, respectively. The linear plot was obtained by plotting  $\ln q_e$  against  $\ln C_e$ , and the values of  $k_F$  and  $n$  were calculated from the slope and intercept of the straight line. Table S5 shows the fitting results from the Langmuir and Freundlich models.

*Iodine Vapour Adsorption Measurement.* An open vial (20 mL) containing 50 mg samples was accurately weighted ( $m_0$ ) and introduced into a glass vessel (150 mL) containing 1 g iodine. The vessel was sealed and kept in an oven at 80 °C. After certain time intervals, the vial containing the sample was weighed periodically ( $m_t$ ) until the mass of it did not change. The iodine adsorption capacity can be calculated as:  $\text{wt}\% = (m_t - m_0)/m_0$ .

## S2. FIG.S AND TABLES

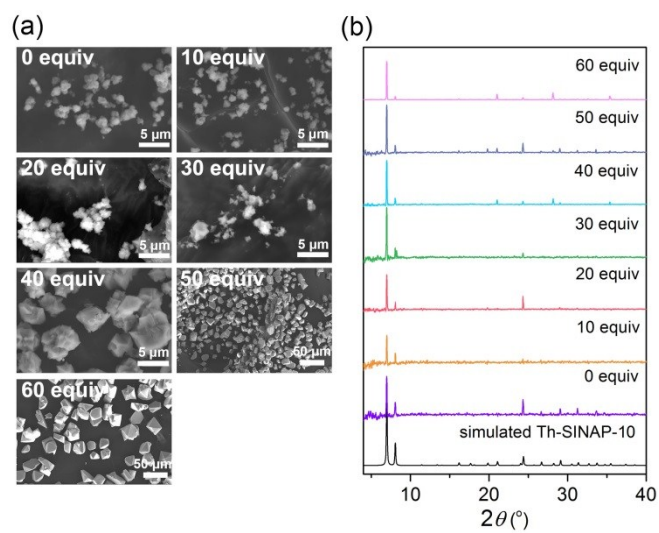


Fig. S1 SEM images and (b) PXRD patterns of **Th-SINAP-10** samples synthesized in the presence of 0, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, and 60 equivalents of concentrated HNO<sub>3</sub>.



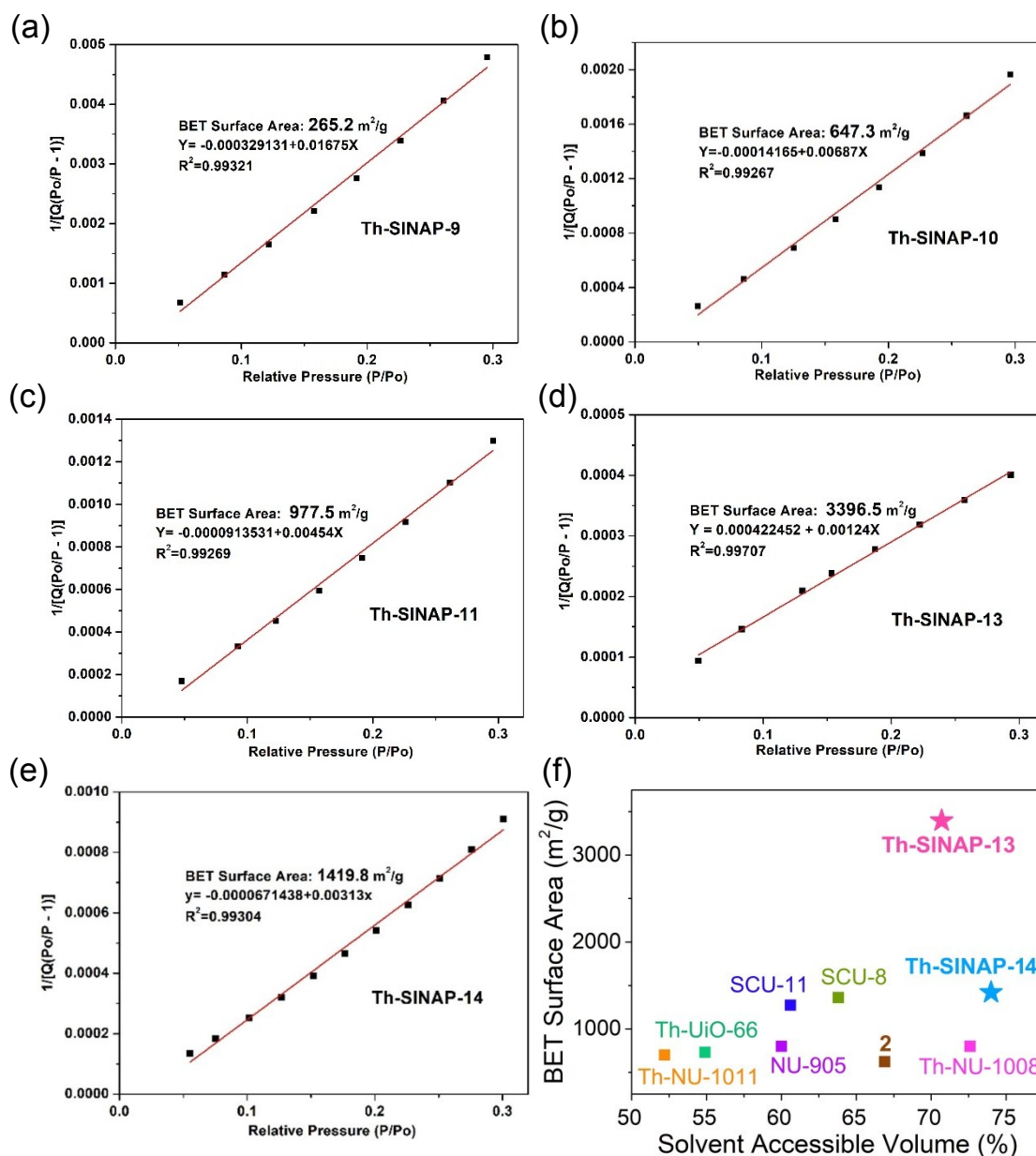


Fig. S2 BET Surface area plots of (a) **Th-SINAP-9**, (b) **Th-SINAP-10**, (c) **Th-SINAP-11**, (d) **Th-SINAP-13**, and (e) **Th-SINAP-14**. (f) Comparison of the BET surface areas and solvent accessible volumes of **Th-SINAP-13** and **Th-SINAP-14** with those of other reported thorium materials.<sup>7-14</sup>

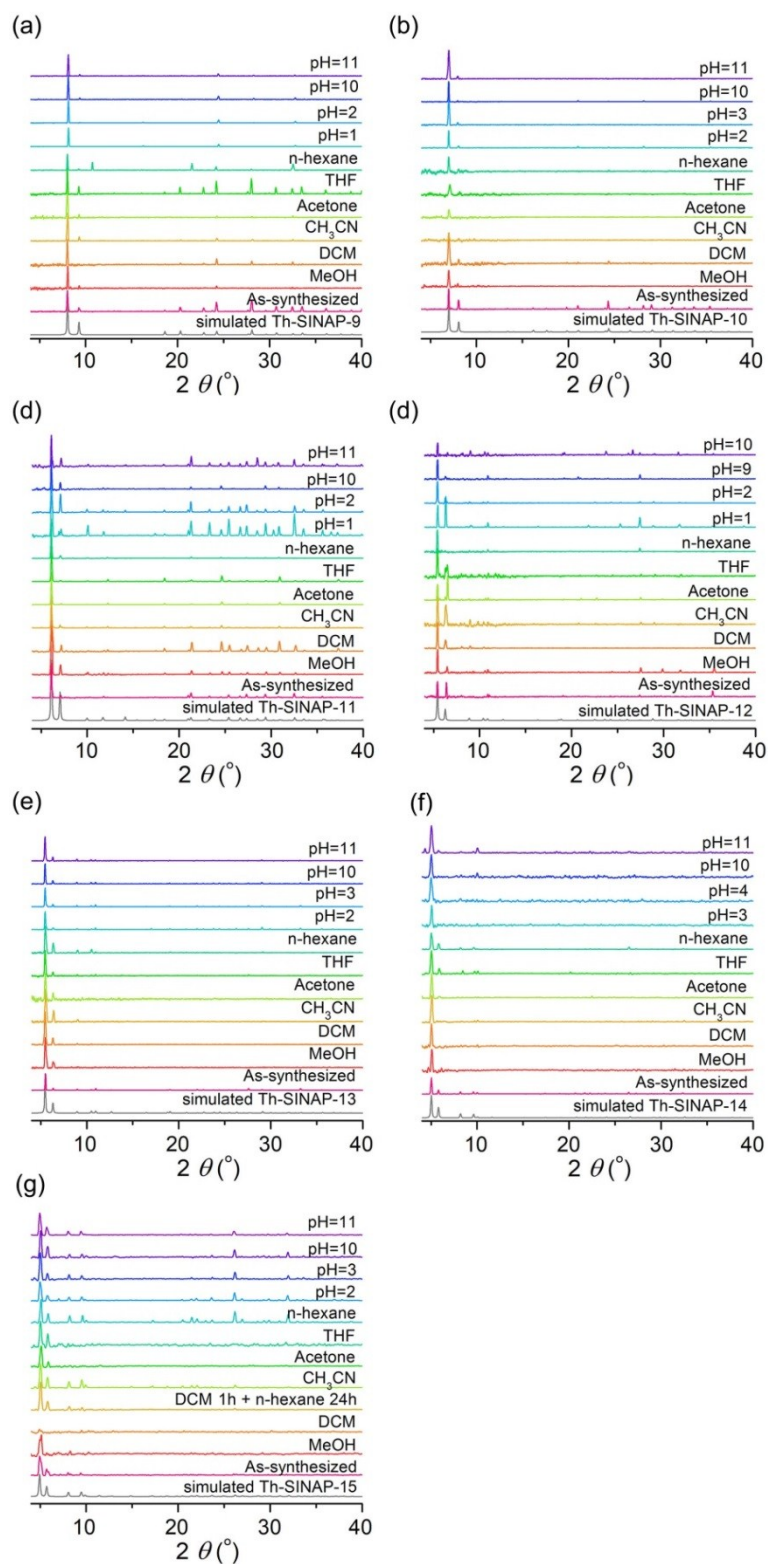


Fig. S3 PXRD patterns of (a) **Th-SINAP-9**, (b) **Th-SINAP-10**, (c) **Th-SINAP-11**, (d) **Th-SINAP-12**, (e) **Th-SINAP-13**, (f) **Th-SINAP-14**, and (g) **Th-SINAP-15** treated under various conditions. Exposing **Th-SINAP-15** to DCM for 1h resulted in the loss of its crystallinity, which however can be fully restored after soaking in hexane for 24 h.

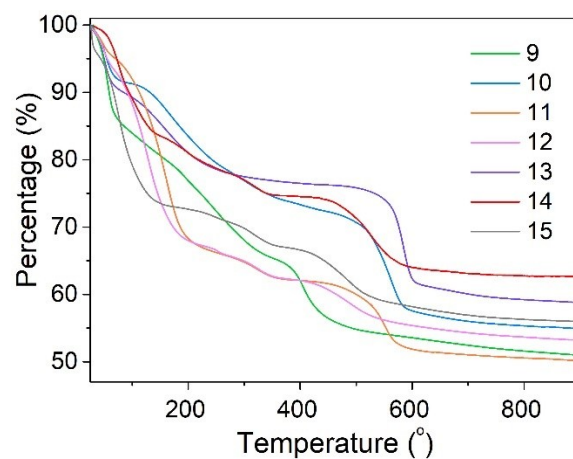


Fig. S4 The TGA plots of **Th-SINAP-n** (n = 9-15).

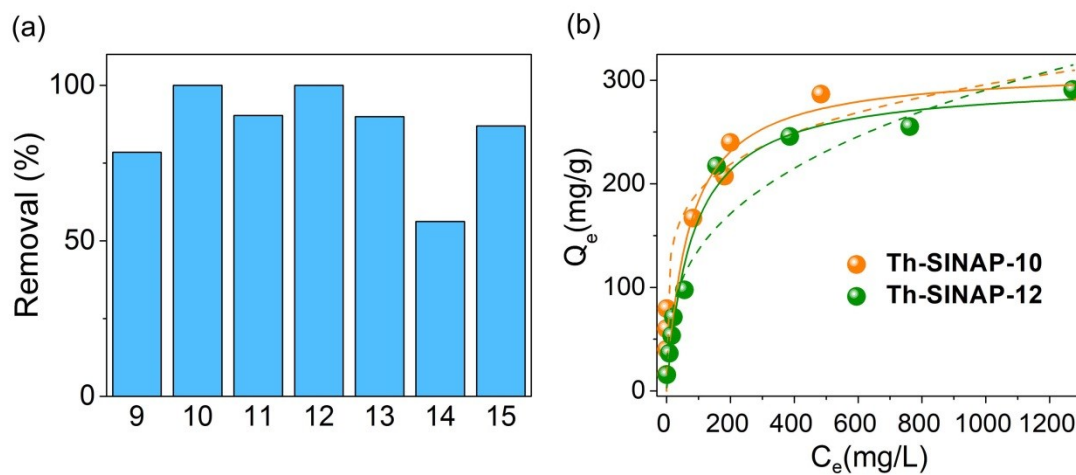


Fig. S5 (a) Removal rate of iodine from cyclohexane solutions by **Th-SINAP-n**. (b) Iodine adsorption isotherms of **Th-SINAP-10** and **Th-SINAP-12**. Solid line: Langmuir fitting; dash line: Freundlich fitting.

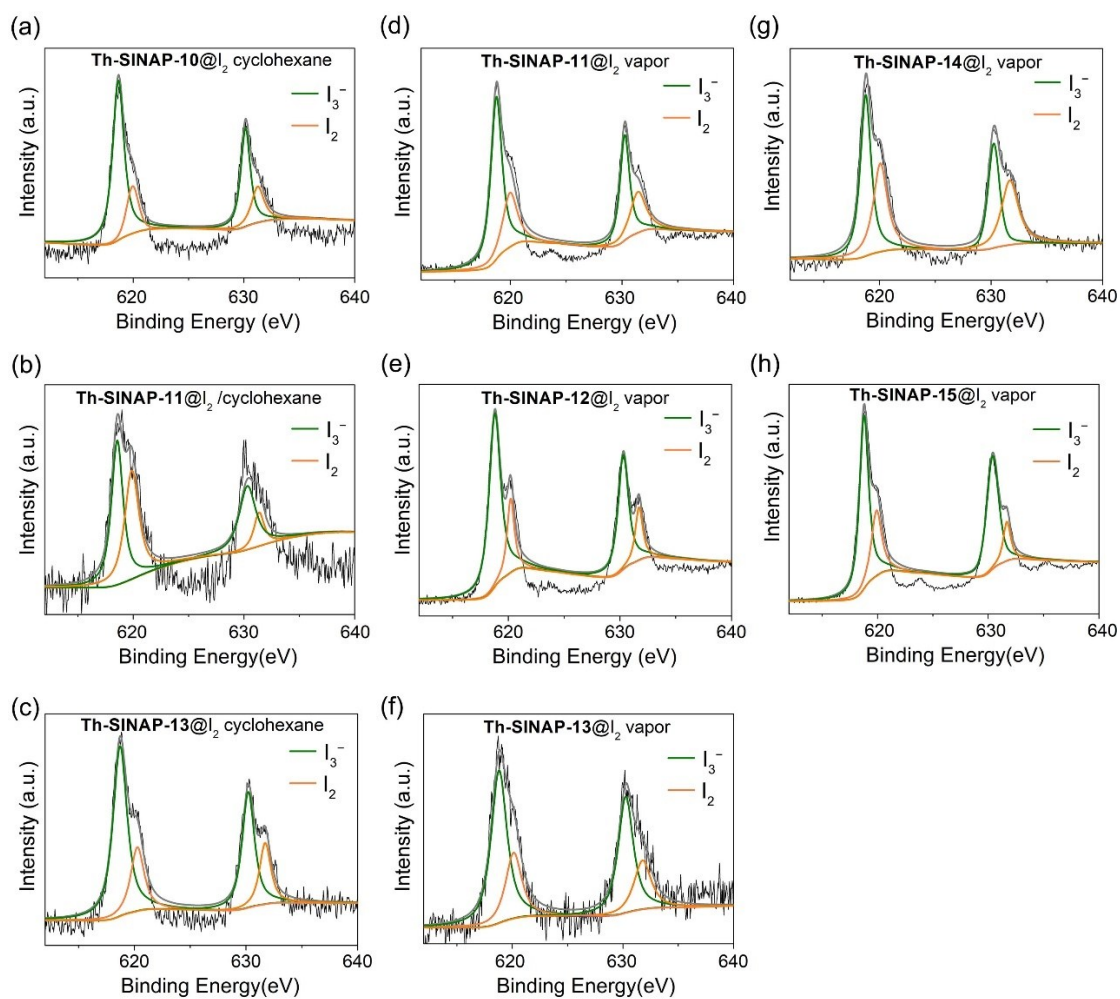


Fig. S6 XPS spectra of  $I_2$ /cyclohexane and  $I_2$  vapour adsorbed **Th-SINAP-n**.

Table S1. Synthetic details to obtain the large single crystals of **Th-SINAP-n** (n=9-15).

Product	Metal	Ligand	Solvent	Modulator			
Code	Th(NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> (mmol)	H <sub>2</sub> L (mmol)	DMF (mL)	HCOOH (mL)	CF <sub>3</sub> COOH (mL)	conc. HNO <sub>3</sub> (mL)	conc. HCl (mL)
<b>Th-SINAP-9</b>	0.008	0.004	0.37	0.04 pH 2.07/5.09	/	/	/
<b>Th-SINAP-10</b>	0.008	0.004	0.38	0.045 pH 2.12/5.04	0.03 pH 1.34/5.52	0.035 pH 0.63/5.09	/
<b>Th-SINAP-11</b>	0.008	0.004	0.42	/	0.015 pH 1.74/7.16	0.035 pH 1.01/5.29	0.07 pH 0.56/4.58
<b>Th-SINAP-12</b>	0.008	0.004	0.42	0.05 (0.03 mL H <sub>2</sub> O) pH 2.10/5.68	/	/	/
<b>Th-SINAP-13</b>	0.008	0.004	0.38	0.015 pH 2.50/6.07	0.015 pH 1.64/7.42	0.03 pH 0.96/5.38	0.06 pH 0.52/4.60
<b>Th-SINAP-14</b>	0.008	0.004	0.38	0.03 pH 2.25/5.16	/	0.03 pH 0.93/5.19	0.045 pH 0.63/4.92
<b>Th-SINAP-15</b>	0.008	0.004	0.42	0.03 pH 2.13/5.37	0.045 pH 1.37/6.84	0.03 pH 0.97/5.39	0.06 pH 0.73/4.59

Table S2. Performance of HCOOH, CF<sub>3</sub>COOH, concentrated HNO<sub>3</sub>, and concentrated HCl as modulators for Th-MOFs synthesis.

Ligand							
Code	Th-SINAP-9	Th-SINAP-10	Th-SINAP-11	Th-SINAP-12	Th-SINAP-13	Th-SINAP-14	Th-SINAP-15
HCOOH							
CF <sub>3</sub> COOH							
Conc. HNO <sub>3</sub>							
Conc. HCl							

Table S3. Crystallographic Data for **Th-SINAP-n** (n=9-15).

Code	Th-SINAP-9	Th-SINAP-10	Th-SINAP-11	Th-SINAP-12	Th-SINAP-13	Th-SINAP-14	Th-SINAP-15
CCDC number	1981554	1981555	1981556	1981557	1981558	1981560	1981559
formula	C <sub>48</sub> H <sub>24</sub> O <sub>78</sub> Th <sub>12</sub>	C <sub>24</sub> H <sub>12</sub> O <sub>19</sub> Th <sub>3</sub>	C <sub>60</sub> H <sub>36</sub> O <sub>38</sub> Th <sub>6</sub>	C <sub>144</sub> H <sub>96</sub> O <sub>76</sub> Th <sub>12</sub>	C <sub>42</sub> H <sub>24</sub> O <sub>19</sub> Th <sub>3</sub>	C <sub>84</sub> H <sub>48</sub> N <sub>12</sub> O <sub>38</sub> Th <sub>6</sub>	C <sub>400</sub> H <sub>250</sub> O <sub>156</sub> Th <sub>24</sub>
formula weight	4633.15	1300.46	2757.13	5826.68	1528.73	3225.58	13110.29
habit	octahedral	octahedral	octahedral	octahedral	octahedral	octahedral	octahedral
space Group	<i>Fm-3m</i>	<i>Fm-3m</i>	<i>Fm-3m</i>	<i>Fm-3m</i>	<i>Fm-3m</i>	<i>Fm-3m</i>	<i>Fm-3m</i>
a (Å)	19.0604(13)	21.9026(4)	25.0520(7)	28.2063(13)	27.9387(4)	30.4822(15)	30.976(4)
V (Å <sup>3</sup> )	6924.6(8)	10507.2(6)	15722.7(13)	22440.8(18)	21808.1(9)	28323(4)	29722(10)
Z	2	8	4	2	8	4	1
T (K)	120	120	120	120	120	120	120
λ (Å)	0.71073	0.71073	0.71073	0.71073	0.71073	0.71073	0.71073
Max. 2θ (°)	54.934	59.066	54.898	41.534	68.622	54.890	50.996
ρ <sub>calcd</sub> (g cm <sup>-3</sup> )	2.222	1.644	1.165	0.862	0.931	0.756	0.732
μ (mm <sup>-1</sup> )	12.913	8.520	5.697	3.994	4.113	3.170	3.021
GoF on F <sup>2</sup>	1.097	1.066	1.051	1.140	1.057	1.109	1.234
$wR_2 [I > 2\sigma(I)]$	$\frac{R_I}{0.0840},$ 0.2042	$\frac{R_I}{0.0234},$ 0.0482	$\frac{R_I}{0.0651},$ 0.1827	$\frac{R_I}{0.0765},$ 0.2128	$\frac{R_I}{0.0274},$ 0.0600	$\frac{R_I}{0.0855},$ 0.2293	$\frac{R_I}{0.0573},$ 0.1568
$wR_2$ (all data)	$\frac{R_I}{0.1043},$ 0.2303	$\frac{R_I}{0.0338},$ 0.0514	$\frac{R_I}{0.0812},$ 0.2054	$\frac{R_I}{0.0826},$ 0.2203	$\frac{R_I}{0.0419},$ 0.0661	$\frac{R_I}{0.1527},$ 0.3077	$\frac{R_I}{0.0864},$ 0.2038
$\frac{(\Delta\rho)_{\max}}{(\Delta\rho)_{\min}}/e$ (Å <sup>-3</sup> )	6.84/ -4.17	1.02/ -1.10	2.22/ 2.10	3.73/ -2.02	1.41/ -1.41	1.87/ -2.30	2.02/ -1.06

Table S4. Iodine adsorption capacities of selected MOFs.

Materials	Iodine uptake (wt%)	Iodine uptake (I <sub>2</sub> per metal atom)	Ref.
Zr <sub>6</sub> O <sub>4</sub> (OH) <sub>4</sub> (sdc) <sub>6</sub>	279 <sup>a</sup>	<b>1.98</b>	15
Th-TTHA	53 <sup>b</sup>	<b>0.96</b>	16
ZIF-8	125 <sup>c</sup>	<b>1.75</b>	17
HKUST-1	175 <sup>c</sup>	<b>1.08</b>	18
Th-SINAP-8	47 <sup>c</sup>	<b>1.22</b>	19
MOF-808	218 <sup>c</sup>	<b>1.94</b>	20
NU-1000	145 <sup>c</sup>	<b>2.40</b>	20

Test conditions: <sup>a</sup> Iodine vapor adsorption, room temperature. <sup>b</sup> Iodine adsorption from cyclohexane solution, room temperature. <sup>c</sup> Iodine vapor adsorption, 75–80 °C.



Table S5. Kinetic parameters of the pseudo-second-order model for iodine adsorption toward **Th-SINAP-10** and **Th-SINAP-12**.

	$c_0$	M/V	$q_0$	Removal	Second-order kinetic model			
	(mg·kg <sup>-1</sup> )	(mg·g <sup>-1</sup> )	(mg·g <sup>-1</sup> )	(%)	$q_e$	$h$	$k$	$R^2$
					(mg·g <sup>-1</sup> )	(mg·g <sup>-1</sup> ·h <sup>-1</sup> )	(g·mg <sup>-1</sup> ·h <sup>-1</sup> )	
<b>Th-SINAP-10</b>	200	2.5	80	99.83	76.3	228.79	0.0393	0.970
<b>Th-SINAP-12</b>	200	2.5	80	97.32	82.93	47.45	0.0069	0.997

Table S6. Fitting results of the sorption isotherms according to the Langmuir and Freundlich equations

Sample	Langmuir			Freundlich		
	$Q_m$	$K_L$	$R^2$	$k_F$	$n$	$R^2$
	(mg/g)	(L/mg)		(L <sup>n</sup> /mol <sup>n-1</sup> g)		
<b>Th-SINAP-10</b>	292.4	0.04288	0.99438	76.18694	5.05076	0.96204
<b>Th-SINAP-12</b>	298.5	0.01391	0.99273	16.80422	2.32035	0.96185

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