

Supplementary Information for

Topological control of metal–organic frameworks towards highly sensitive and selective detection of chromate and dichromate

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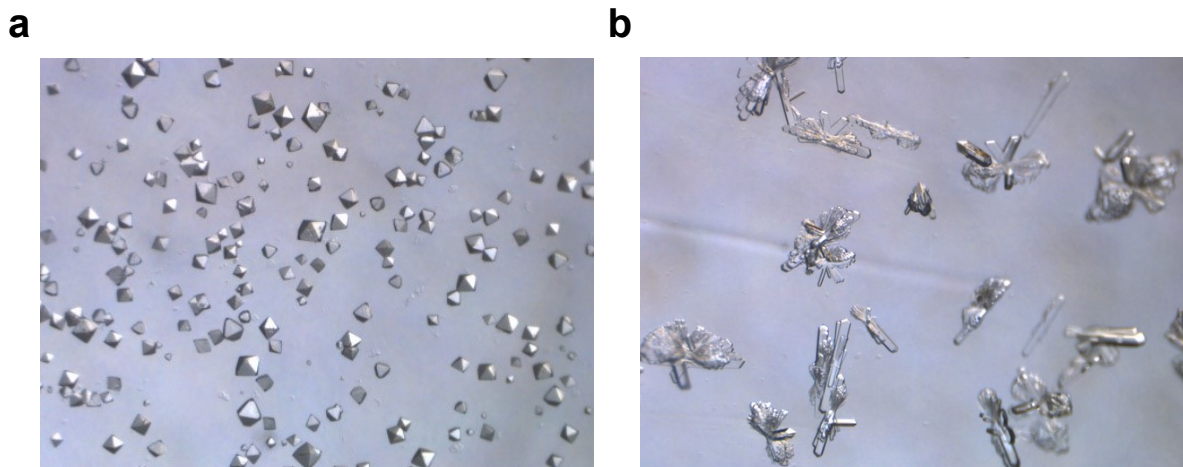


Fig. S1 Crystal images of (a) Th-BCTPE-1 and (b) Th-BCTPE-2.

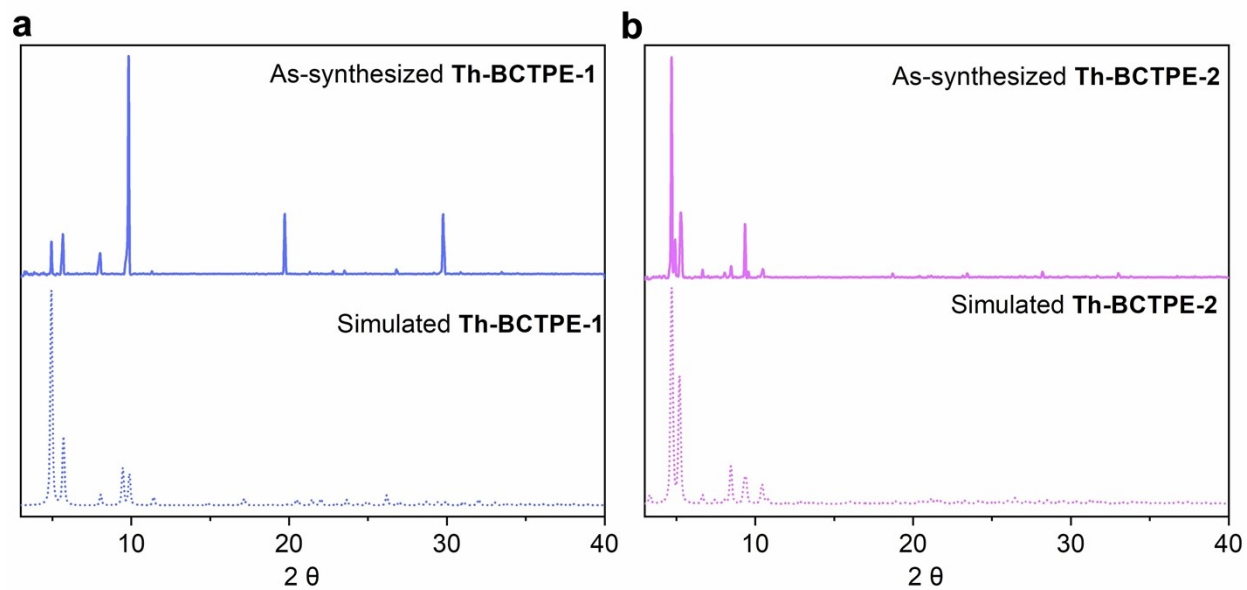


Fig. S2 Powder X-ray diffraction patterns of as-synthesized and simulated (a) Th-BCTPE-1 and (b) Th-BCTPE-2.

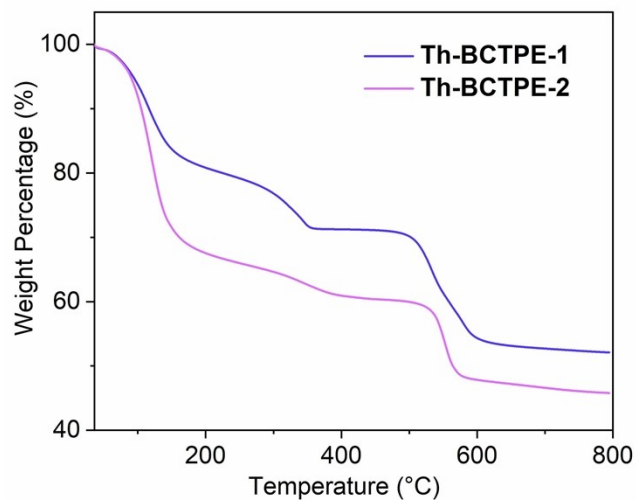


Fig. S3 Thermogravimetric analysis (TGA) curves of **Th-BCTPE-1** and **Th-BCTPE-2**.

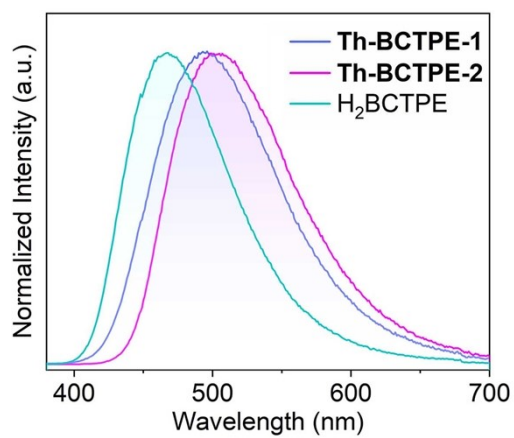


Fig. S4 Photoluminescence spectra of **Th-BCTPE-1**, **Th-BCTPE-2**, and **H₂BCTPE** under 365 UV excitation.

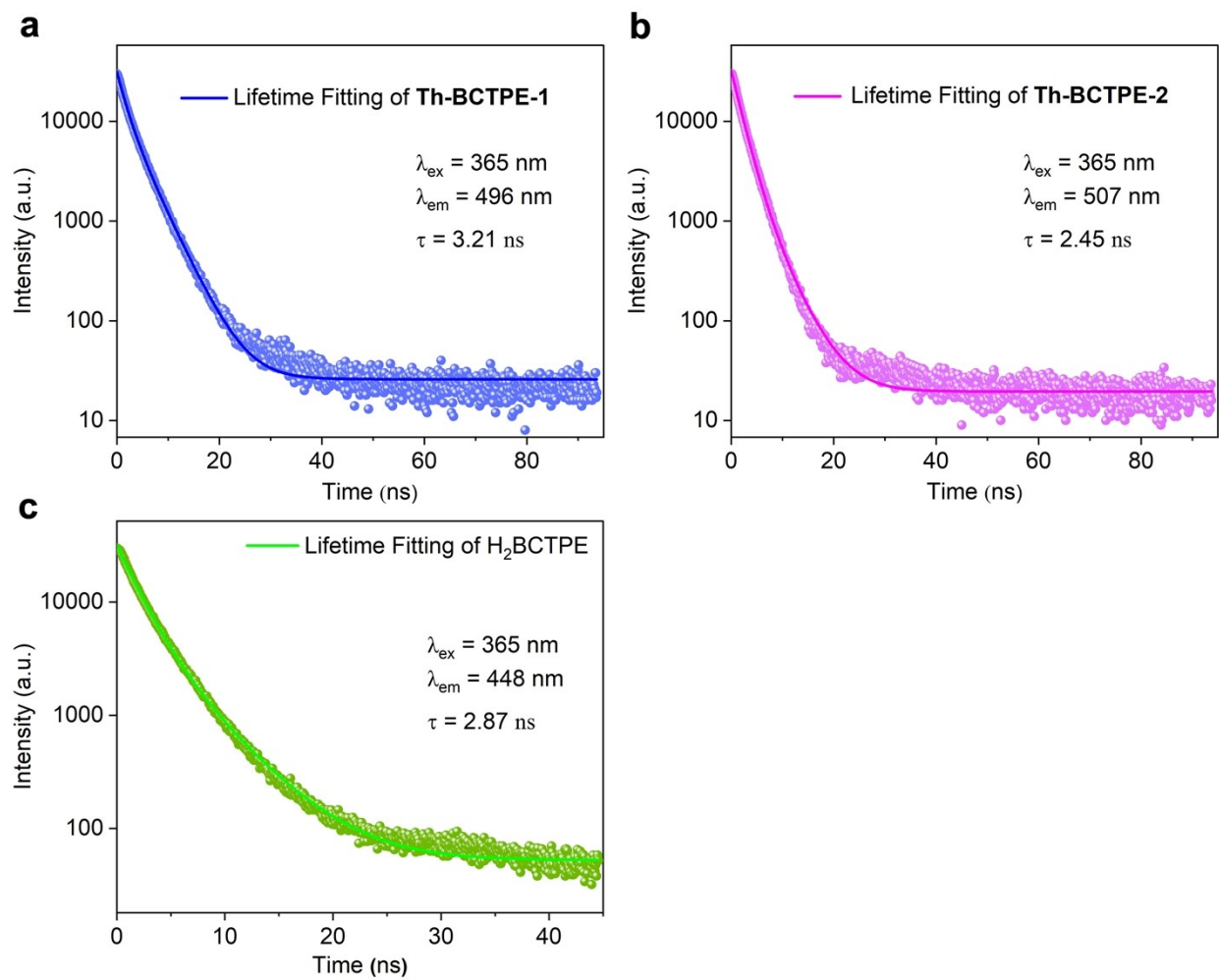


Fig. S5 Photoluminescence lifetimes of Th-BCTPE-1, Th-BCTPE-2, and H₂BCTPE.

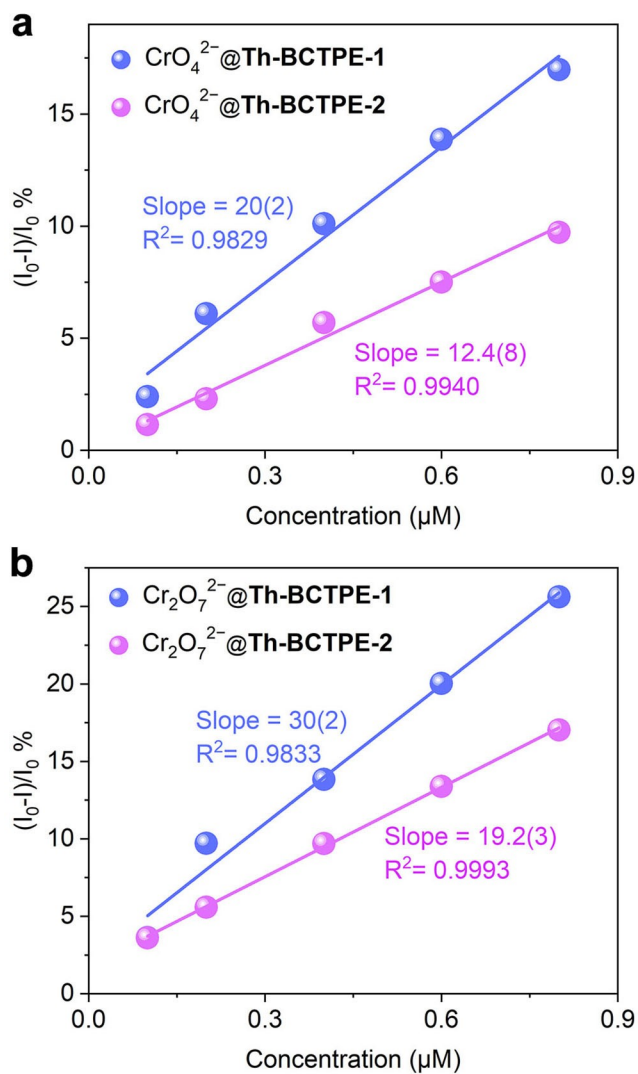


Fig. S6 The quenching rates of Th-BCTPE-1 and Th-BCTPE-2 as a function of (a) CrO_4^{2-} and (b) $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-}$ concentration (0.1 – 0.9 μM).

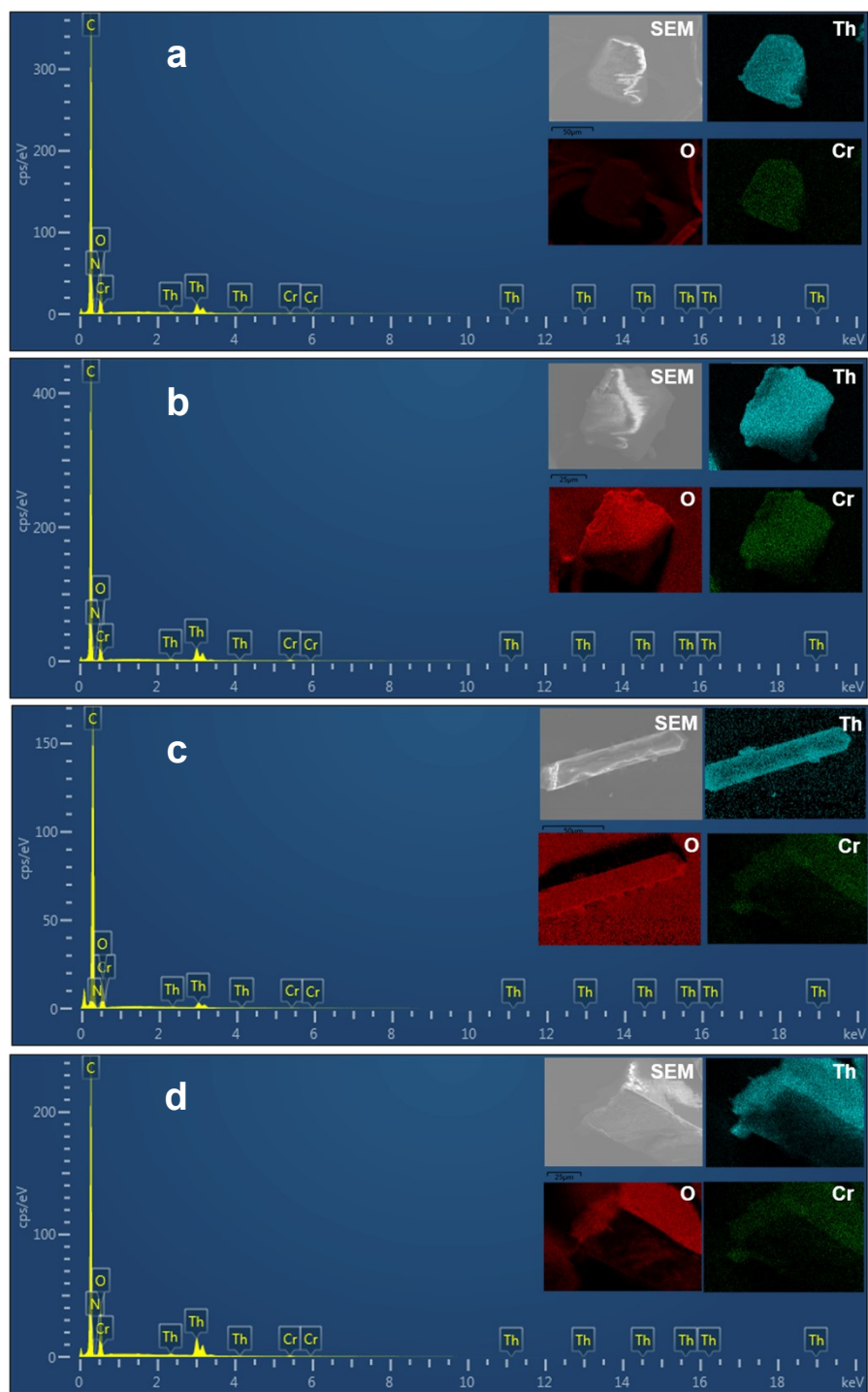


Fig. S7 (a) SEM–EDS mapping and spectrum of CrO_4^{2-} soaked **Th-BCTPE-1**. (b) SEM–EDS mapping and spectrum of $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-}$ soaked **Th-BCTPE-1**. (c) SEM–EDS mapping and spectrum of CrO_4^{2-} soaked **Th-BCTPE-2**. (d) SEM–EDS mapping and spectrum of $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-}$ soaked **Th-BCTPE-2**.

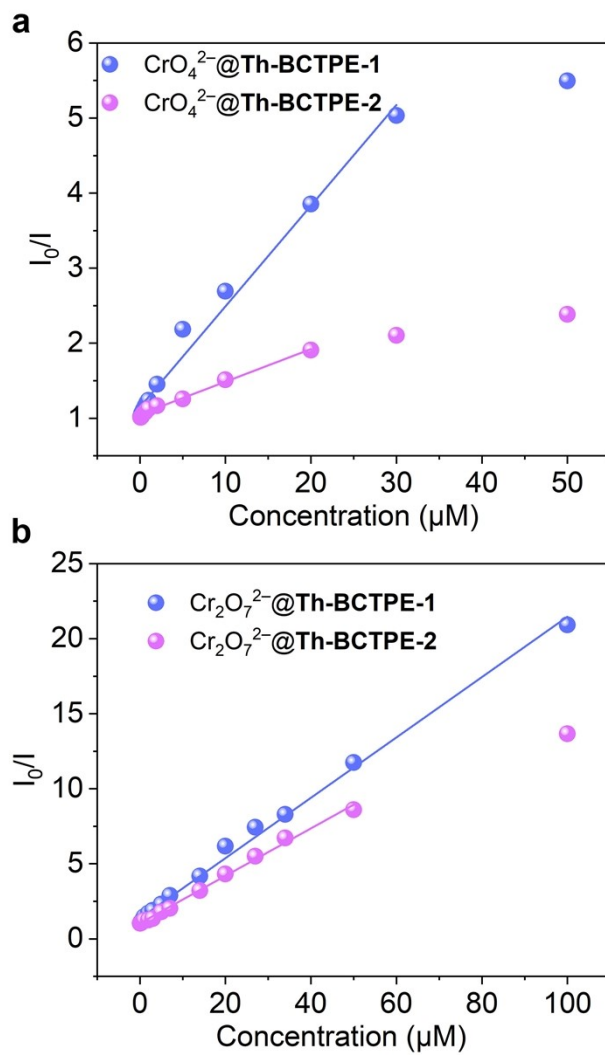


Fig. S8 The correlations of I_0/I as a function of (a) CrO_4^{2-} and (b) $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-}$ concentrations at high concentration region.

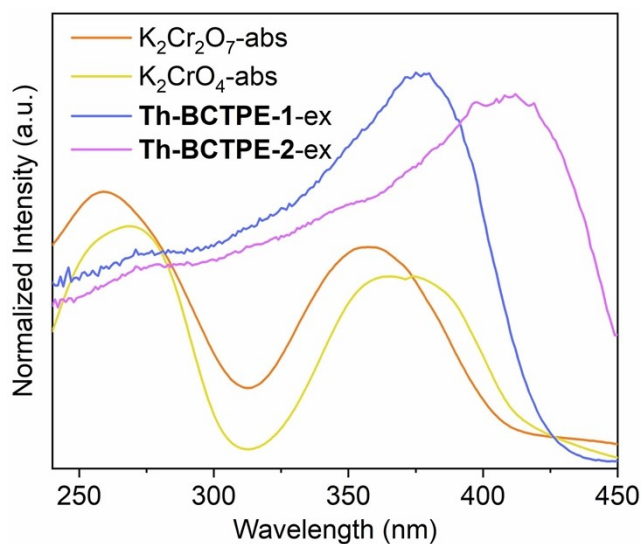


Fig. S9 The absorption spectra of K_2CrO_4 / $\text{K}_2\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7$ solution and the excitation spectra of **Th-BCTPE-1** and **Th-BCTPE-2**.

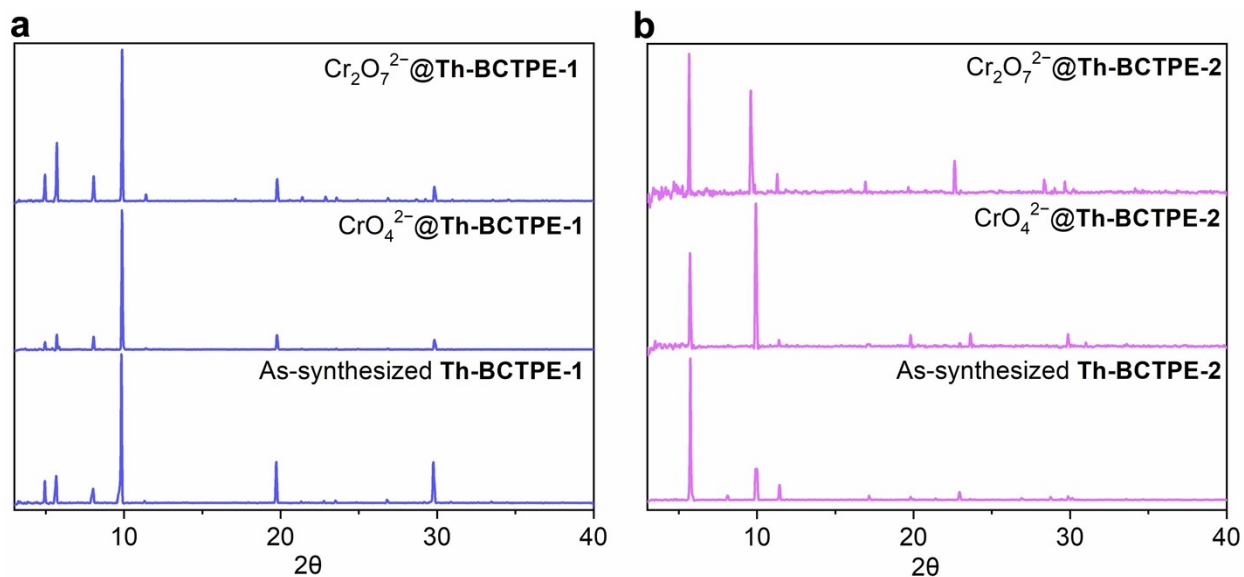


Fig. S10 Powder X-ray diffraction patterns of as-synthesized, CrO_4^{2-} soaked, and $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-}$ soaked (a) **Th-BCTPE-1** and (b) **Th-BCTPE-2**.

Table S1 Crystallographic data for **Th-BCTPE-1** and **Th-BCTPE-2**.

Code	Th-BCTPE-1	Th-BCTPE-2
CCDC No.	2213561	2213562
formula	C ₃₃₆ H ₂₁₆ O ₇₆ Th ₁₂	C ₁₄₁ H ₉₁ O ₃₆ Th ₆
formula weight	8253.55	3753.37
habit	octahedron	needle
space Group	<i>Fm-3m</i>	<i>P4₂/mmc</i>
<i>a</i> (Å)	31.000(5)	26.574(3)
<i>b</i> (Å)	31.000(5)	26.574(3)
<i>c</i> (Å)	31.000(5)	22.081(2)
<i>α</i>	90	90
<i>β</i>	90	90
<i>γ</i>	90	90
<i>V</i> (Å ³)	29790(13)	15593(3)
<i>Z</i>	2	2
T (K)	120	120
<i>λ</i> (Å)	0.71073	0.71073
Max. 2 <i>θ</i> (°)	62.958	63.11
<i>ρ</i> _{calcd} (g cm ⁻³)	0.920	0.799
<i>μ</i> (mm ⁻¹)	3.024	2.884
<i>GoF</i> on F ²	1.081	1.025
<i>R</i> ₁ , <i>wR</i> ₂ [<i>I</i> > 2σ(<i>I</i>)]	0.0944, 0.2532	0.0977, 0.2678
<i>R</i> ₁ , <i>wR</i> ₂ (all data)	0.1373, 0.2845	0.1477, 0.2971
(<i>Δρ</i>) _{max} , (<i>Δρ</i>) _{min} /e (Å ⁻³)	1.59/-2.10	4.79, -5.02

Table S2 Fitting results of the Cr(VI) sorption isotherms of **Th-BCTPE-1** and **Th-BCTPE-2** according to the Langmuir and Freundlich models.

Sample	Langmuir model			Freundlich model		
	Q_m (mol/mol)	K_L (mM ⁻¹)	R ²	k_F (mol/mol)	n	R ²
CrO ₄ ²⁻ @ Th-BCTPE-1	1.5830	276.07	0.9977	1.7055	17.43	0.8781
Cr ₂ O ₇ ²⁻ @ Th-BCTPE-1	1.2199	43.90	0.9655	1.3564	5.53	0.6778
CrO ₄ ²⁻ @ Th-BCTPE-2	1.0493	60.05	0.9907	1.1671	7.05	0.8500
Cr ₂ O ₇ ²⁻ @ Th-BCTPE-2	0.9267	81.77	0.9635	1.1495	5.18	0.8178

Table S3 The K_{SV} and LODs of selected MOF based sensors for chromate or dichromate.

MOFs	analyte	K_{SV} (M^{-1})	LOD (M)
[Zn ₂ (tpeb) ₂ (2,3-ndc) ₂] \cdot H ₂ O ¹	CrO ₄ ²⁻	N/A	7.23 \times 10 ⁻⁹
	Cr ₂ O ₇ ²⁻	N/A	8.58 \times 10 ⁻⁹
Cd(TPA)(BIYB) ¹	Cr ₂ O ₇ ²⁻	1.4 \times 10 ⁷	2.4 \times 10 ⁻⁷
	CrO ₄ ²⁻		1.3 \times 10 ⁻⁷
Zn ₂ (H ₂ BCA) ₂ (o-bimb) ₂ (H ₂ O) ₂ ¹	Cr ₂ O ₇ ²⁻	6.6 \times 10 ⁴	7.0 \times 10 ⁻⁸
	CrO ₄ ²⁻		1.4 \times 10 ⁻⁷
[Zn(H ₂ BCA)(m-bib)] \cdot H ₂ O ¹	Cr ₂ O ₇ ²⁻	5.3 \times 10 ⁴	7.0 \times 10 ⁻⁸
	CrO ₄ ²⁻	6.1 \times 10 ⁵	3.0 \times 10 ⁻⁸
[Zn ₂ (BDC) _{1.5} (L ₁₆)(DMF)] \cdot 1.5DMF ¹	Cr ₂ O ₇ ²⁻	1.0 \times 10 ⁶	2.0 \times 10 ⁻⁸
	CrO ₄ ²⁻		
Hf-MOF-1 ²	Cr ₂ O ₇ ²⁻	7.1 \times 10 ⁴	1.38 \times 10 ⁻⁷
Hf-MOF-2 ²	Cr ₂ O ₇ ²⁻	4.6 \times 10 ⁴	1.38 \times 10 ⁻⁷
Hf-MOF-3 ²	Cr ₂ O ₇ ²⁻	4.5 \times 10 ⁵	1.3 \times 10 ⁻⁸
[Zn ₂ (tpeb)(bpdc) ₂] ³	CrO ₄ ²⁻	1.085 \times 10 ⁴	1.07 \times 10 ⁻⁶
	Cr ₂ O ₇ ²⁻	1.122 \times 10 ⁴	1.04 \times 10 ⁻⁶
[Zr ₆ O ₄ (OH) ₈ (H ₂ O) ₄ (sbtc) ₂](BUT-28) ⁴	Cr ₂ O ₇ ²⁻	1.122 \times 10 ⁵	1.7 \times 10 ⁻⁶
Zr ₆ (OH) ₁₆ (TBAPy) ₂ (NU-1000) ⁵	Cr ₂ O ₇ ²⁻	1.34 \times 10 ⁴	1.8 \times 10 ⁻⁶
Zr ₆ O ₄ (OH) ₇ (H ₂ O) ₃ (BTBA) ₃ (BUT-39) ⁶	Cr ₂ O ₇ ²⁻	1.57 \times 10 ⁴	1.5 \times 10 ⁻⁶
Th-BCTPE-1	CrO ₄ ²⁻	2.4(1) \times 10 ⁵	9.0 \times 10 ⁻⁹
	Cr ₂ O ₇ ²⁻	4.63(3) \times 10 ⁵	1.59 \times 10 ⁻⁷
Th-BCTPE-2	CrO ₄ ²⁻	1.30(7) \times 10 ⁵	4.6 \times 10 ⁻⁹
	Cr ₂ O ₇ ²⁻	2.222(9) \times 10 ⁵	9.4 \times 10 ⁻⁸

Table S4 Calculations of LOD of **Th-BCTPE-1** and **Th-BCTPE-2**.

Sample	k_{SV} (M^{-1})	σ	LOD = $3\sigma/\text{slope}$ (nM)
CrO_4^{2-} @ Th-BCTPE-1	2.4×10^5	0.00071	9.0
$Cr_2O_7^{2-}$ @ Th-BCTPE-1	4.6×10^5	0.00071	4.6
CrO_4^{2-} @ Th-BCTPE-2	1.30×10^5	0.0069	159
$Cr_2O_7^{2-}$ @ Th-BCTPE-2	2.222×10^5	0.0069	94

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