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# Supplementary information

## Molecular motion in the nanospace of MOFs upon gas adsorption investigated by in situ Raman spectroscopy

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#### **General Procedures and Materials**

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The powder X-ray diffraction patterns (PXRD) measurements were carried out on a Rigaku MiniFlex600 using a Cu K $\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda = 1.5406$  Å) with a scan rate of 10 degree/min at room temperature.

Simulated powder patterns from single-crystal X-ray diffraction data were generated using Mercury 1.4.1 software.

 $N_2$  adsorption measurements at 77 K were performed with BELSORP-mini (MicrotracBEL corp.). A sample was heated at 120 °C under vacuum for 6 h prior to the measurements.

#### Materials

 $Cu(HCOO)_2 \cdot 4H_2O$  and toluene were purchased from FUJIFILM Wako Pure Chemical Corp., 1,4benzenedicarboxylic acid (H<sub>2</sub>bdc) and 1,4-diazabicyclo[2.2.2]octane (dabco) were from Tokyo Chemical Industry, methanol (MeOH) was from Nacalai Tesque and formic acid was from Kanto Chemical Co., Inc..



Fig. S1. PXRD patterns of MIL-140A (black: simulated, red: experimental)



Fig. S2. PXRD patterns of Cu-JAST-1 (black: simulated, red: experimental), Cu-JAST-1D (blue: experimental) and Cu-JAST-5 (green: experimental)



**Fig. S3**. Thermogravimetric analysis curves for Cu-JAST-1 (red), Cu-JAST-1D (blue) and Cu-JAST-5 (green)



Fig. S4. Raman spectrum of MIL-140A.



**Figure S5.** Temperature dependent Raman spectra of MIL-140 A of low frequency region under (a) He (b) Ar (c)  $N_2$  (d) CO<sub>2</sub> at 100 K. The peak intensity was normalized using the peak at 800 cm<sup>-1</sup> as the standard.



**gure S6**. Temperature dependent Raman spectra of Cu-JAST-1 of low frequency region under (a) He (b) Ar (c)  $N_2$  (d)  $O_2$  (e)  $CO_2$  at 100 KPa. The peak intensity was normalized using the peak at 450 cm<sup>-1</sup> as the standard.



Fig. S7. Temperature dependent Raman peak intensity for the libration mode in MIL-140A



Fig. S8. Temperature dependent Raman peak intensity for the libration mode in Cu-JAST-1



Fig. S9. Raman spectra for CO<sub>2</sub> in (a) solid and (b) gas phases.



Fig. S10. Raman spectra of (a) MIL-140A and (b) Cu-JAST-1 under each gas at 100 kPa

	Reported	This work
N <sub>2</sub>	1.998 <sup>S1</sup>	1.987
O <sub>2</sub>	1.438 <sup>S2</sup>	1.436
CO <sub>2</sub>	0.3915 <sup>83</sup>	0.3896

**Table S1**. Experimental values of rotational constants for each gas.

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