

# Supporting Information

## Impact of the metal center and functionalization on the mechanical behavior of the MIL-53 Metal Organic Frameworks

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### **1. Synchrotron powder X-ray diffraction**

#### **1.1. Experiments at the Swiss Norwegian Beamline at ESRF**

Diffraction patterns were collected using MAR345 image plate detector, a monochromatic beam with the wavelength of 0.694120 Å. Pressures were generated a DAC with flat culets of diameter 600 μm. The beam was slit collimated to 100x100 μm<sup>2</sup>. The sample to-detector distance (350 mm) and parameters of the detector were calibrated using NIST standard LaB<sub>6</sub>.

#### **1.2. Experiments at the ID27 High Pressure Beamline at ESRF**

High energy 2-D images were collected on a MARCCD 165 using a wavelength  $\lambda=0.37380$  Å and the sample to detector distance (d=450.14 mm) was determined after calibration using NIST standard LaB<sub>6</sub>. Beam size of 20x20 μm<sup>2</sup> was used during the experiment. Pressures were generated using Membrane Diamond Anvill Cells.

#### **1.3. Experiments at the CRISTAL beamline at Synchrotron Soleil**

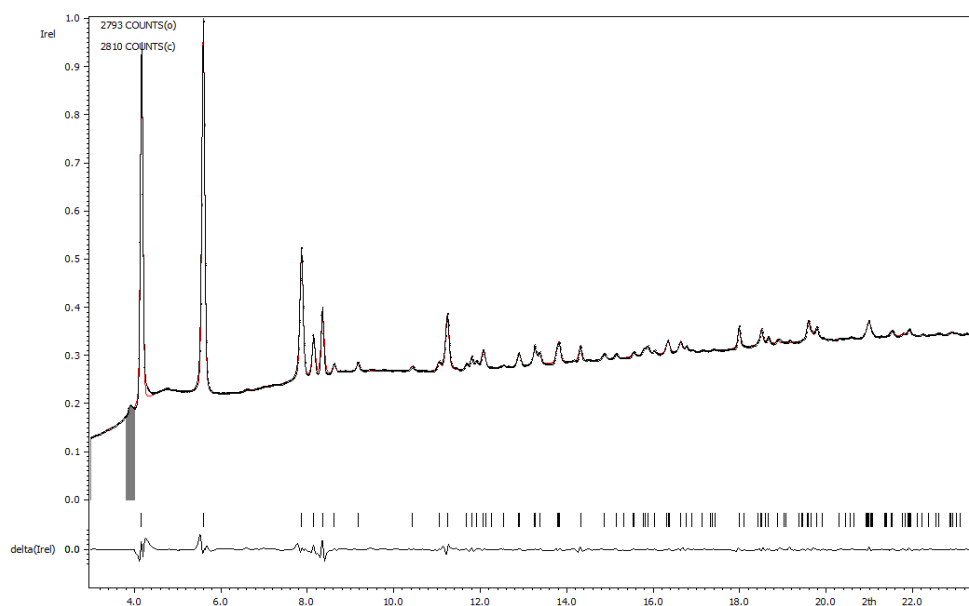
All the two dimensional images collected by a RayoniX SX-165 CCD detector. Wavelength  $\lambda=0.5100$  Å and sample to detector (d=302.56 mm) sample were determined using NIST standard LaB<sub>6</sub>. The beam size used was 50x50 μm<sup>2</sup> was selected by a pair of slits located 800 mm upstream the sample.

Two-dimensional diffraction images were integrated using FIT2D software [1]. Quasi-hydrostatic conditions were provided by Silicone oil (AP100, Fluka). Pressures were measured from the shift of the ruby R1 fluorescence line [2]. All diffraction measurements were performed increasing the pressure in the range  $10^{-7}$ -3 GPa. The unit-cell parameters were determined by indexing the X-ray powder diffraction patterns, using DICVOL6 [3] followed by a Le Bail fit using Jana 2006 software [4].

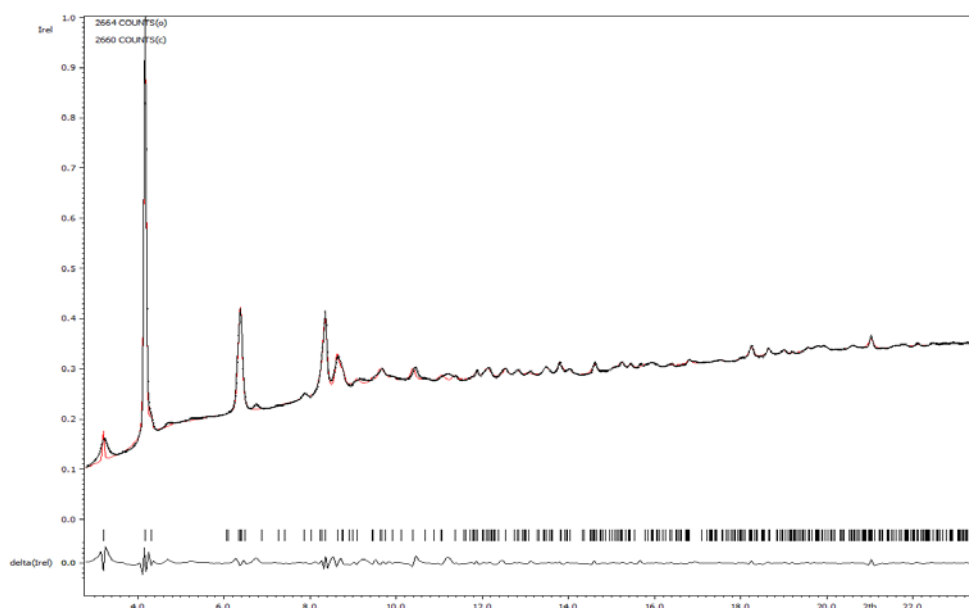
**Table S1.** Unit cell parameters obtained for all the hydrated MIL-53(M)\_X forms with M=Al, Cr, Sc and X=NO<sub>2</sub>, Cl, CH<sub>3</sub>.

Pressure	S. G.	a (Å)	b (Å)	c (Å)	$\alpha$ (°)	$\beta$ (°)	$\gamma$ (°)	V (Å <sup>3</sup> )
<b>MIL-53(Al)</b>								
Atm.	<i>C2/c</i>	19.446(2)	7.599(2)	6.558(8)		104.17(1)		851.6(3)
1.36 GPa	<i>P-1</i>	6.554(3)	10.245(1)	13.136(3)	108.05(3)	90.77(3)	105.62(5)	804.5(2)
<b>MIL-53(Al)_NO<sub>2</sub></b>								
Atm.	<i>C2/c</i>	19.743(3)	8.243(8)	6.647(7)		106.71(1)		1036.7(1)
<b>MIL-53(Cr)</b>								
Atm.	<i>C2/c</i>	19.645(2)	7.627(5)	6.776(5)		104.37(1)		983.4(2)
0.51 GPa	<i>P-1</i>	6.775(2)	10.435(3)	13.204(3)	108.38(2)	92.81(3)	104.00(3)	939.6(2)
<b>MIL-53(Cr)_Cl</b>								
Atm.	<i>C2/c</i>	20.017(4)	7.883(8)	6.824(8)		106.67(2)		1031.5(4)
<b>MIL-53(Cr)_CH<sub>3</sub></b>								
Atm.	<i>C2/c</i>	20.062(2)	7.937(1)	6.820(1)		106.80(1)		1039.6(1)
<b>MIL-53(Fe)</b>								
Atm.	<i>C2/c</i>	19.758(4)	7.519(1)	6.831(1)		103.80(2)		985.3(3)
0.40 GPa	<i>P-1</i>	7.072(1)	10.844(1)	13.512(2)	110.52(1)	88.47(1)	103.31(1)	942.7(5)
<b>MIL-53(Sc)</b>								
Atm.	<i>P-1</i>	19.766(4)	7.609(2)	12.778(2)	88.27(2)	92.05(2)	91.46(2)	1917.5(2) (958.6(2))

#### 1.4. MIL-53(Cr)

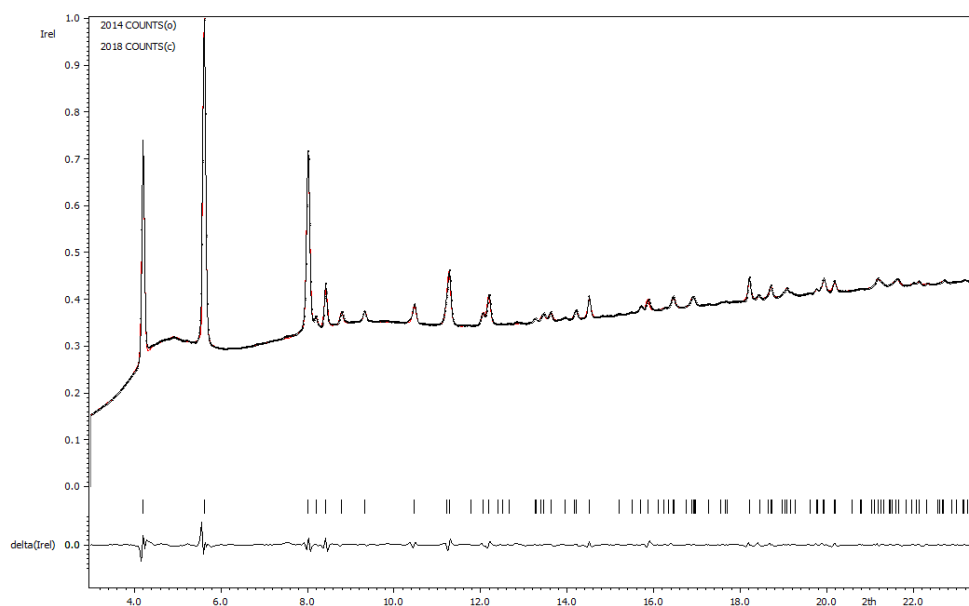


**Figure S1.** Structure-independent refinement of the unit-cell of the diffraction pattern obtained for the MIL-53(Cr), space group  $C2/c$  :  $a=19.645(2)$  Å,  $b=7.627(5)$  Å,  $c=6.776(5)$  Å,  $\beta=104.37(1)^\circ$   $V=983.4(2)\text{Å}^3$  (Rp: 0.57, Rwp: 0.84,  $\lambda=0.69412$  Å) at atmospheric pressure (first step of the experiment).

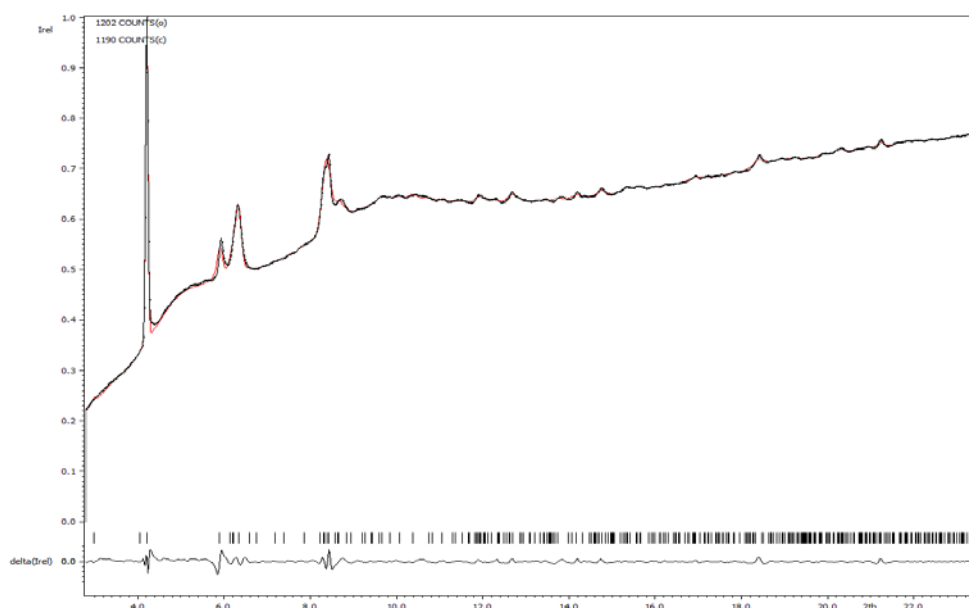


**Figure S2.** Structure-independent refinement of the unit-cell of the diffraction pattern obtained for the MIL-53(Cr), space group  $P-1$ :  $a=6.775(2)$  Å,  $b=10.435(3)$  Å,  $c=13.204(3)$  Å,  $\alpha=108.38(2)^\circ$ ,  $\beta=92.81(3)^\circ$ ,  $\gamma=104.00(3)^\circ$   $V=939.6(2)\text{Å}^3$  (Rp: 0.43, Rwp: 0.69,  $\lambda=0.69412$  Å) at atmospheric pressure (first step of the experiment).

### 1.5. MIL-53(Al)

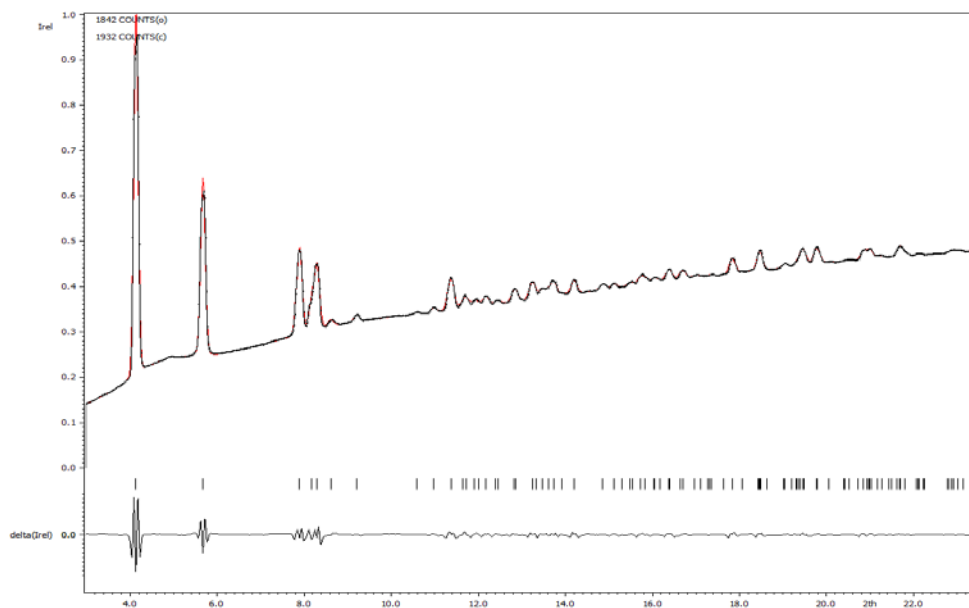


**Figure S3.** Structure-independent refinement of the unit-cell of the diffraction pattern obtained for the MIL-53(Al), space group  $C2/c$  :  $a=19.446(2)$  Å,  $b=7.599(6)$  Å,  $c=6.558(8)$  Å,  $\beta=104.17(1)^\circ$   $V=851.6(3)$  Å<sup>3</sup> (Rp: 0.74, Rwp: 0.99,  $\lambda=0.69412$  Å) at atmospheric pressure (first step of the experiment).

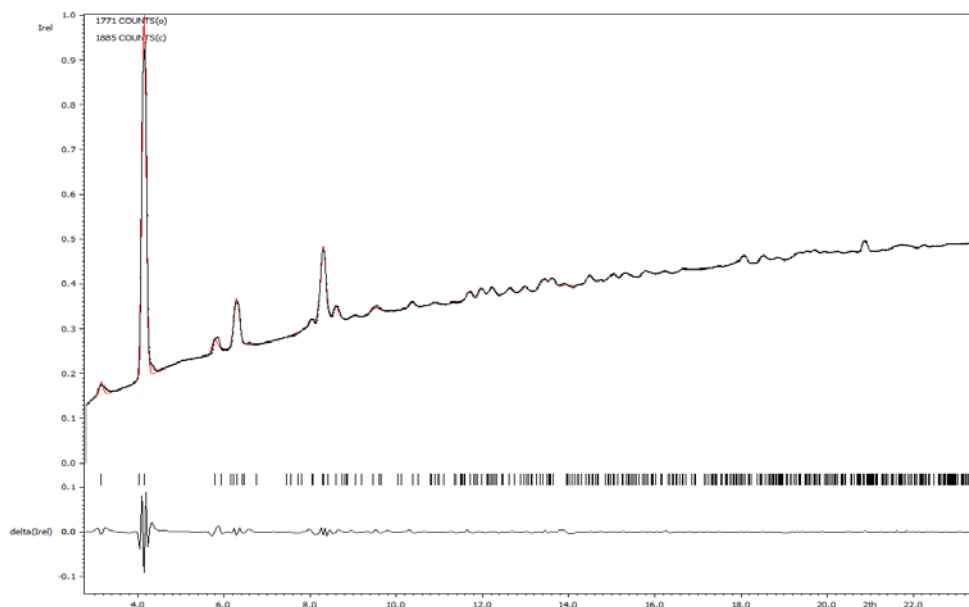


**Figure S4.** Structure-independent refinement of the unit-cell of the diffraction pattern obtained for the MIL-53(Al), space group  $P-1$  :  $a=6.554(3)$  Å,  $b=10.245(1)$  Å,  $c=13.136(3)$  Å,  $\alpha=108.05(3)^\circ$ ,  $\beta=90.77(3)^\circ$ ,  $\gamma=105.62(5)^\circ$   $V=804.5(2)$  Å<sup>3</sup> (Rp: 0.32, Rwp: 1.50,  $\lambda=0.69412$  Å) at atmospheric pressure (first step of the experiment).

## 1.6. MIL-53(Fe)

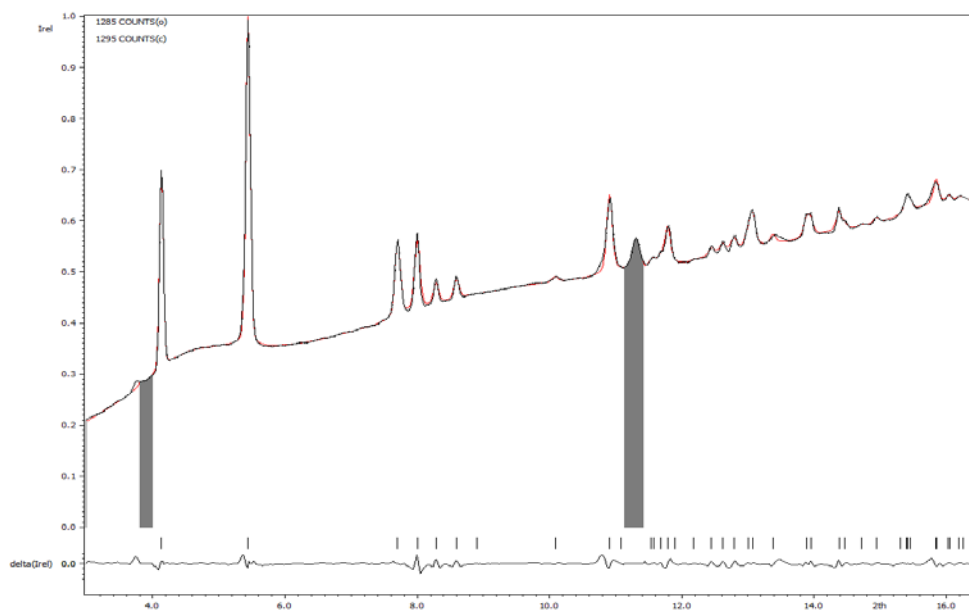


**Figure S5.** Structure-independent refinement of the unit-cell of the diffraction pattern obtained for the MIL-53(Fe), space group  $C2/c$  :  $a=19.758(4)$  Å,  $b=7.519(1)$  Å,  $c=6.831(1)$  Å,  $\beta=103.80(2)^\circ$   $V=985.3(3)\text{Å}^3$  (Rp: 0.60, Rwp: 0.95,  $\lambda=0.69412$  Å) at atmospheric pressure (first step of the experiment).



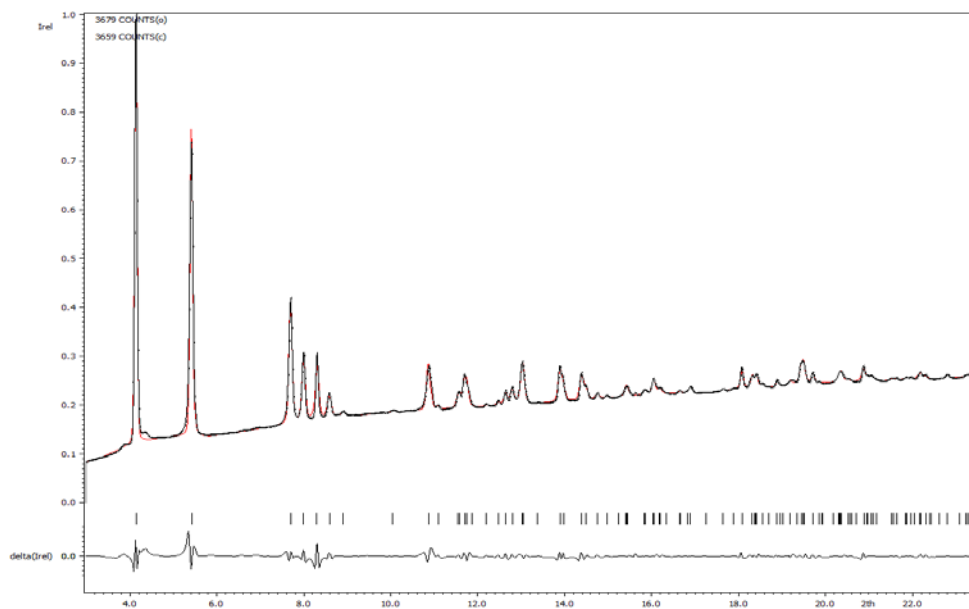
**Figure S6.** Structure-independent refinement of the unit-cell of the diffraction pattern obtained for the MIL-53(Fe), space group  $P-1$  :  $a=7.072(1)$  Å,  $b=10.844(1)$  Å,  $c=13.512(2)$  Å,  $\alpha=110.52(1)^\circ$ ,  $\beta=88.47(1)^\circ$ ,  $\gamma=103.31(1)^\circ$   $V=942.7(5)\text{Å}^3$  (Rp: 0.46, Rwp: 0.78,  $\lambda=0.51000$  Å) at atmospheric pressure (first step of the experiment).

### 1.7. MIL-53(Cr) Cl



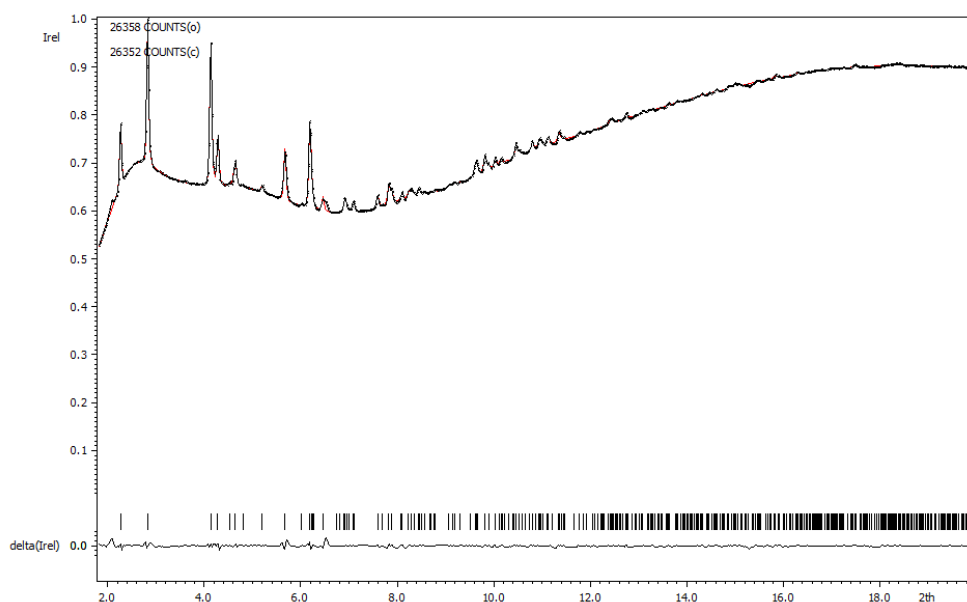
**Figure S7.** Structure-independent refinement of the unit-cell of the diffraction pattern obtained for the MIL-53(Cr)<sub>Cl</sub>, space group  $C2/c$  :  $a=20.017(4)$  Å,  $b=7.883(8)$  Å,  $c=6.824(8)$  Å,  $\beta=106.67(2)^\circ$   $V=1031.5(4)\text{Å}^3$  (Rp: 0.47, Rwp: 0.69,  $\lambda=0.69412$  Å) at atmospheric pressure (first step of the experiment).

### 1.8. MIL-53(Cr) CH<sub>3</sub>



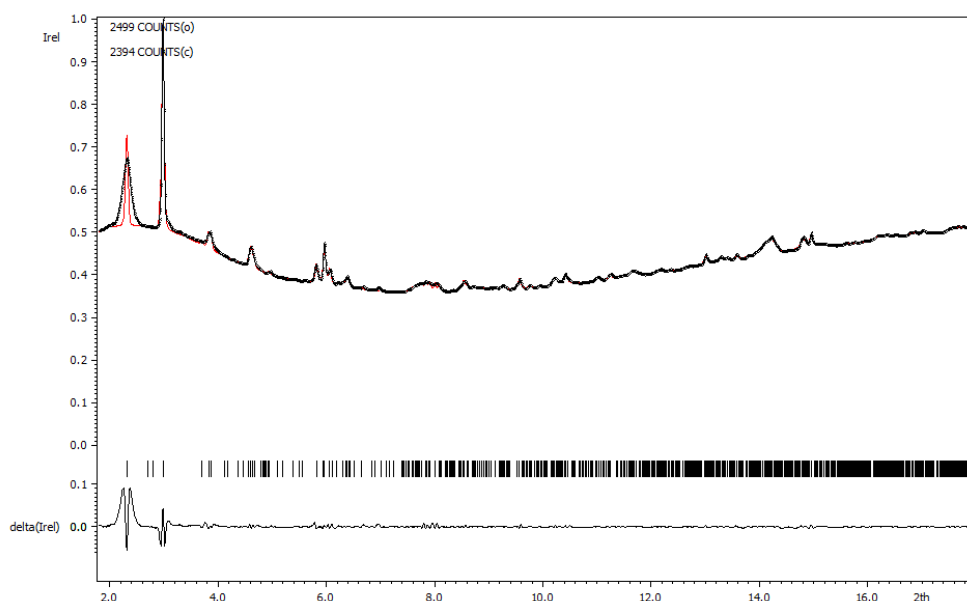
**Figure S8.** Structure-independent refinement of the unit-cell of the diffraction pattern obtained for the MIL-53(Cr)<sub>CH<sub>3</sub></sub>, space group  $C2/c$  :  $a=20.062(2)$  Å,  $b=7.937(1)$  Å,  $c=6.820(1)$  Å,  $\beta=106.80(1)^\circ$   $V=1039.6(1)\text{Å}^3$  (Rp: 1.12, Rwp: 1.57,  $\lambda=0.69412$  Å) at atmospheric pressure (first step of the experiment).

### 1.9. MIL-53(Al) NO<sub>2</sub>

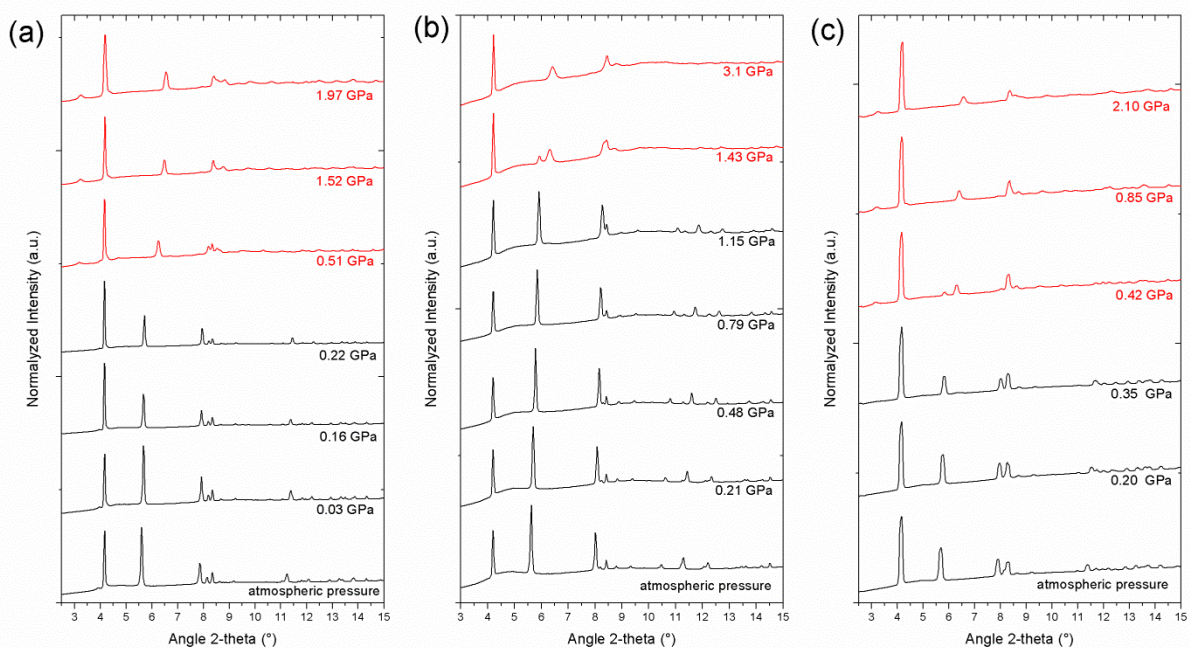


**Figure S9.** Structure-independent refinement of the unit-cell of the diffraction pattern obtained for the MIL-53(Al)NO<sub>2</sub>, space group *C2/c* : a=19.743(3) Å, b=8.243(8) Å, c=6.647(7) Å, β=106.71(1)° V=1036.0(1) Å<sup>3</sup> (Rp: 0.18, Rwp: 0.31, λ=0.37380 Å) at atmospheric pressure (first step of the experiment).

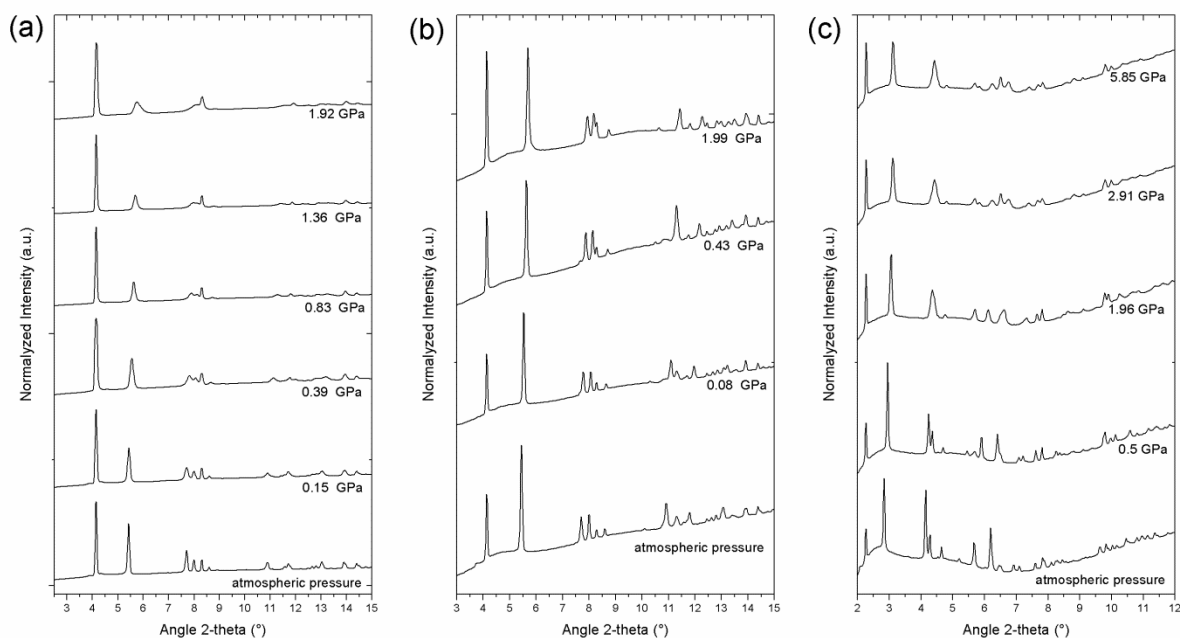
### 1.10. MIL-53(Sc)



**Figure S10.** Structure-independent refinement of the unit-cell of the diffraction pattern obtained for the MIL-53(Sc), space group *P-1* : a=19.766(4) Å, b=7.609(2) Å, c=12.778(2) Å, α=88.27(2)°, β=92.05(2)°, γ=91.46(2)° V=1917.5(2)Å<sup>3</sup> (Rp: 0.60, Rwp: 0.92, λ=0.5100 Å) at atmospheric pressure (first step of the experiment).



**Figure S11.** Powder X-ray patterns obtained for the (a) MIL-53(Cr), (b) MIL-53(Al) and (c) MIL-53(Fe) as a function of the applied pressure at room temperature. Patterns in black line correspond to the monoclinic (S.G.  $C2/c$ ) hydrated Narrow Pore form and in red line to the triclinic (S.G.  $P-1$ ) Very Narrow Pore form.

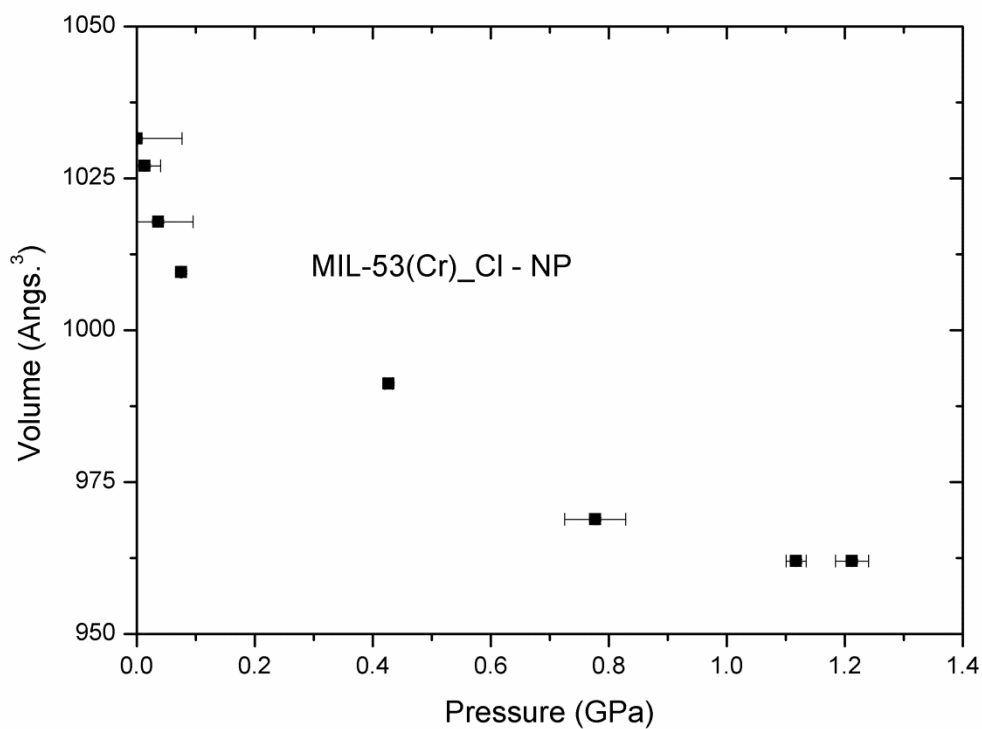


**Figure S12.** Powder X-ray patterns obtained for the (a) MIL-53(Cr)<sub>Cl</sub>, (b) MIL-53(Cr)<sub>CH<sub>3</sub></sub> and (c) MIL-53(Al)<sub>NO<sub>2</sub></sub>, as a function of the applied pressure at room temperature.

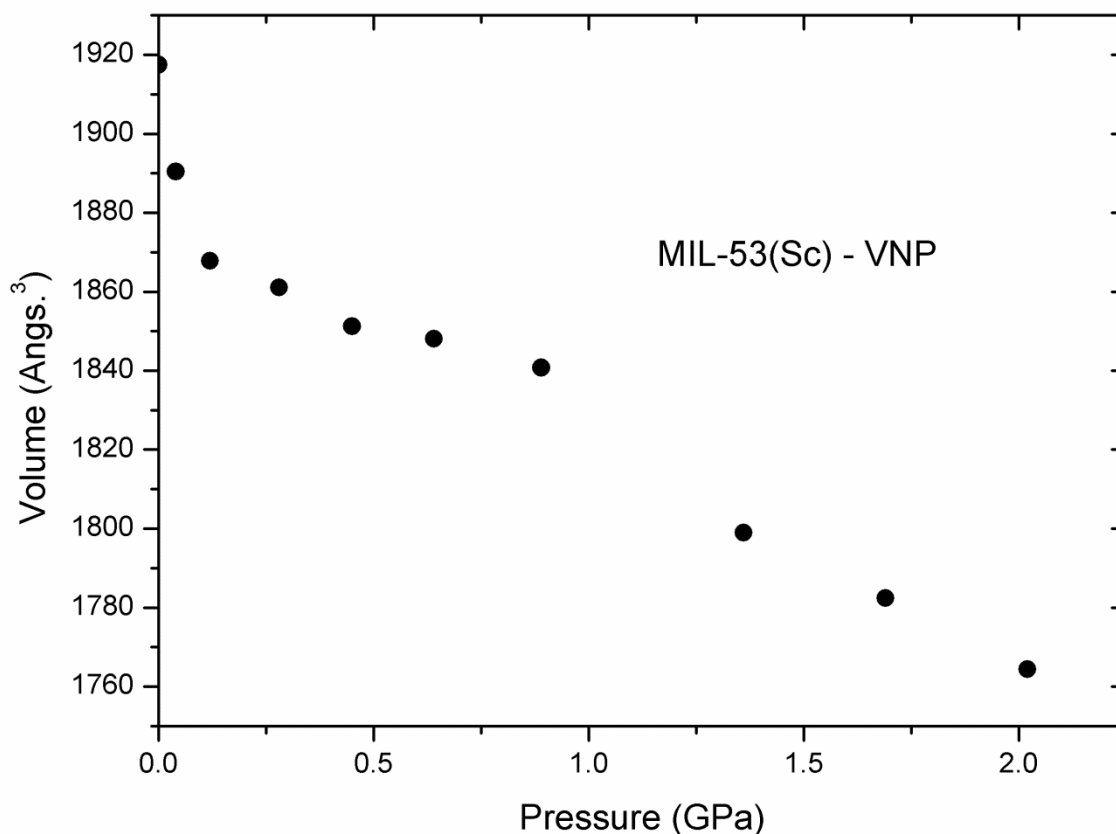


### **3. Bulk modulus determination**

All the equations of state parameters were determined using EosFit7c software from R. J. Angel [5] using Murnaghan model [6].



**Figure S13.** Evolution of the unit cell volume of the air-hydrated Narrow Pore form (S.G. *C2/c*) of MIL-53(Cr)<sub>Cl</sub>.



**Figure S14.** Evolution of the pressure-induced unit cell volume of the Very Narrow pore form of MIL-53(Sc).

**Table S2.** Equation of state parameters obtained using the Murnagham model for all the air hydrated MIL-53(M)\_X forms with M=Al, Cr, Sc and X=NO<sub>2</sub>, Cl, CH<sub>3</sub>.

Compound	S.G.	V <sub>0</sub> (Å <sup>3</sup> )	K <sub>0</sub> (GPa)	Kp	Density
MIL-53(Al)	<i>C2/c</i>	939.92(1)	10.7(1)	12.4(1)	1.47
MIL-53(Al)_NO <sub>2</sub>	<i>C2/c</i>	1036.5(1)	7.3(1)	16.5(1)	1.52
MIL-53(Cr)	<i>C2/c</i>	987.2(1)	4.29(1)	2.1(1)	1.57
	<i>P-1</i>	909.2(1)	3.4(1)	9.6(1)	1.82
MIL-53(Cr)_Cl	<i>C2/c</i>	1016.7(1)	12.4(1)	18.6(1)	1.72
MIL-53(Cr)_CH <sub>3</sub>	<i>C2/c</i>	1052.9(1)	3.7(1)	31.8(1)	1.58
MIL-53(Fe)	<i>C2/c</i>	986.1(1)	10.1(1)	1.5(1)	1.60
	<i>P-1</i>	946.8(1)	7.4(1)	106.7(1)	1.67
MIL-53(Sc)	<i>P-1</i>	1902.5(1)	10.3(1)	23.6(1)	1.57

The data reported in Table S2 shows that a correlation can be hardly found between the crystal density of the MIL-53s series and their bulk moduli since the variability of these solids in terms of density is too small to establish a reliable structure property relation.

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