## Supplementary information for:

## Metal-Organic Frameworks Based on Tri- and Penta-nuclear Manganese(II) Secondary Building Units Self-assembled by a V-Shaped Silicon-containing Dicarboxylate

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Figure S1. Comparative FTIR spectra of the carboxylic acid (H<sub>2</sub>cpdps) and manganese(II) complexes 1 and 2.



**Figure S2**. Deconvoluted FTIR spectra in the range 1470-1340 cm<sup>-1</sup> for  $H_2$ cpdps – (a) and manganese(II) complexes 1 - (b) and 2 - (c).



Figure S3. Crystal structure packing of 1 viewed along *b* axis. Non-relevant h-atoms are omitted for clarity.



**Figure S4.** View of the crystal structure of **2** along the crystallographic axis *b*. H-atoms and solvate molecules are omitted for clarity.



**Figure S5.**  $\chi$ T versus T plots in logarithmic scale for 1 and 2. The solid lines correspond to the simulation according the Hamiltonians (eq. 1 and 2) with parameters described in the main text.



Figure S6. Field dependence of magnetization for 1 at 2.0, 3.0, 4.0 and 5.0 K. The solid lines correspond to the simulation according to the Hamiltonians given in eq. (1 main text) with  $J_a = -0.65$  cm<sup>-1</sup>;  $J_b = -1.3$  cm<sup>-1</sup>; g = 1.98.



**Figure S7.** Simultaneous field dependence of magnetization for **2** at temperature indicated in legend. The solid lines correspond to simulation according the Brillouin function with S=5/2; g = 2.0



**Figure S8.** FTIR spectra of the gases evolved during the heating of **2** and comparison with model compounds spectra.



Figure S9. Selected FTIR spectra of the gases evolved during the heating of 1 at indicated temperature.



Figure S10. IR spectra of compounds 1 and 2 before and after heating activation.

Guest compound (R, Å)	Contact surface area				Solvent accessible surface			
	% of unit cell volume		Void volume (Å <sup>3</sup> )		% of unit cell volume		Void volume (Å <sup>3</sup> )	
Compound	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2
N <sub>2</sub> (0.750)	35.7	36.4	1275.17	4654.59	18.0	19.5	642.67	2497.89
Ar (0.940)	31.1	31.8	1110.83	4063.19	12.8	14.6	457.43	1868.18
CO <sub>2</sub> (1.935)	17.9	19.2	640.97	2454.79	1.6	1.9	57.04	243.03

**Table S1.** Theoretically estimated void volume values of the crystalline compounds accessible to different guests molecules after removal of disordered crystallization solvents by activation process