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## The adsorbate structure of ferrocene inside [Al( a powder X-ray diffraction study<sup>†</sup>

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Ferrocene is strongly adsorbed by the highly porous metalorganic framework compound  $[Al(OH)(bdc)]_x$  (MIL-53; bdc = 1,4-benzenedicarboxylate). The structure of the crystalline phase { $[Fe(\eta^5-C_5H_5)_2][Al(OH)(bdc)]_2$ }<sub>x</sub> was determined by X-

5 ray powder diffraction and Rietveld methods. The ferrocene molecules are arranged in a 1D chain-like fashion and their cyclopentadienyl rings are oriented almost parallel to the  $O_3AI$  faces of the  $\{AIO_6\}$  octahedra without  $\pi$ -stacking to the bdc.

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