

Supporting Information for

Observation of allylic rearrangement in water-rich reaction

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1. General Experimental Section

Unless stated otherwise, all reagents and solvents were purchased commercially and used without further purification. Microanalyses (CHN) were carried out using an Elementar Vario-EL CHNS elemental analyzer.

Methods of Calculation

Full geometry optimization of all stationary points involving the cyclohexene-1,2-dicarboxylic acid, hydroxide ions and water molecules has been carried out using the density functional theory (DFT) method based on the hybrid of Becke's three-parameter exchange functional and the Lee, Yang, and Parr correlation functional (B3LYP) [S1- S3]. The 6-31+g* basis set is selected for hydrogen, carbon and oxygen and LANL2DZ is adopted to describe the metals of Mn and Co [S4]. Analytical frequency calculations are done at the same theoretical level, and the stationary points are distinguished as either energy minima (the number of imaginary frequencies (NIMAG =0) or transition states (NIMAG =1)). Furthermore, the intrinsic reaction coordinate (IRC) calculations [S5] are performed to confirm that the optimized transition states correctly connect the relevant reactants and products. All computations reported here are carried out using the GAUSSIAN 09 program suite [S6] and the electronic energies with the zero point energy correction are used to compute the potential energy surface.

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Optimized structures and 0 K energies (electronic and ZPE) in Fig. 3.

m1

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O	1.82858800	-1.79062700	-1.02457100
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O	0.00381500	0.87166600	0.07628100
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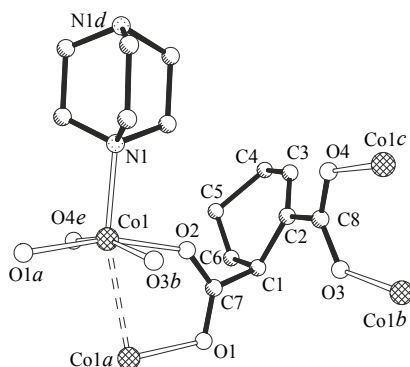
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O	3.32159400	-0.92227500	1.27028600
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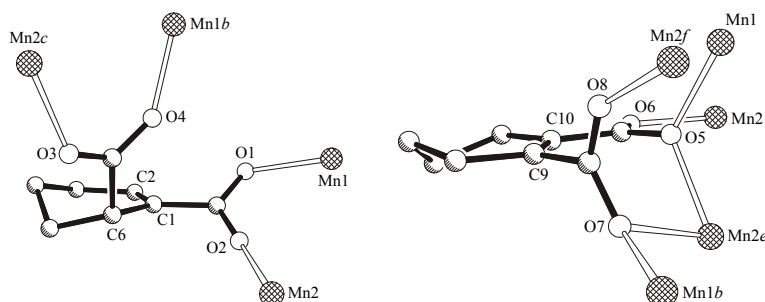
2. Syntheses

2.1 Synthesis of $\frac{2}{3}[\text{Co}^{\text{II}}(2,3\text{-chedc})(\text{DABCO})_{0.5}]$ (**1Co**)



$\text{CoCl}_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (0.237 g, 1 mmol), THPA (0.168 g, 1 mmol), DABCO (0.112 g, 1 mmol) and 10 mL deionized water were mixed and stirred in the air for 10 minutes before transferred to a 15 mL Teflon-lined auto-clave and heated at 170 °C for 72 hrs. The reactants were then cooled to 100 °C in a rate of 5 °C / h. After keeping 12 hrs at 100 °C the bomb was further cooled to room temperature naturally. Dark red block crystals were collected. Yield: 75 % (calculated from $\text{CoCl}_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$ used). Elemental analysis, calcd (%) for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{14}\text{CoNO}_4$: C, 46.66; H, 4.98, N 4.95; Found: C, 46.78; H, 4.85; N, 4.83 %.

2.2 Synthesis of $\frac{2}{3}[\text{Mn}^{\text{II}}_2(1,2\text{-chedc})(2,3\text{-chedc})(\text{H}_2\text{O})]$ (**2Mn**)



A mixture of $\text{MnCl}_2 \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (0.198 g, 1 mmol), THPA (0.168 g, 1 mmol), NaOH (0.080 g, 2.0 mmol) in a molar ratio of 1:1:2 in deionized water (15 ml) was quickly sealed in a 23-ml Teflon-lined autoclave and heated at 170 °C for 72 hrs to give colourless plate-like crystals of **2Mn** (yield 33 % based on THPA). Elemental analysis, $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{22}\text{Mn}_2\text{O}_9$, calcd.: C, 41.04; H, 4.74; found: 41.10; H, 4.69 %.

3. X-Ray Crystallography Data

Crystal data of **1Co** and **2Mn** were collected on a Bruker Apex CCD area-detector diffractometer by using MoK α ($\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ \AA}$) radiation. Absorption corrections were applied by using the multi-scan program SADABS [S7]. The structures were solved using direct methods and refined with a full-matrix least-squares technique with the SHELXTL program package [S8]. Anisotropic thermal parameters were assigned to all non-hydrogen atoms. The hydrogen atoms were generated geometrically. Data collection and structural refinement parameters are given in Table S1 and selected bond distances and angles are given in Table S2. CCDC-907607 and 907608 contains the crystallographic data that can be obtained via www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/conts/retrieving.html (or from the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre, 12, Union Road, Cambridge CB21EZ, UK; fax: (+44) 1223-336-033; or deposit@ccdc.cam.ac.uk).

Table S1. Crystal data and structure refinement for **1Co** and **2Mn**.

	1Co	2Mn
Formula	C ₁₁ H ₁₄ CoNO ₄	C ₁₆ H ₂₂ Mn ₂ O ₉
F.w.	283.16	468.22
T (K)	288(2)	293(2)
Space group	<i>P</i> ₂ ₁ / <i>n</i>	<i>P</i> -1 (No. 2)
<i>a</i> (Å)	6.3144(6)	7.5830(6)
<i>b</i> (Å)	20.2085(19)	9.8009(8)
<i>c</i> (Å)	9.4966(9)	13.5331(10)
α (°)	90	71.8910(10)
β (°)	106.0050(10)	86.0530(10)
γ (°)	90	71.7570(10)
<i>V</i> (Å ³)	1164.84(19)	907.46(12)
<i>Z</i>	4	2
<i>D</i> _c (g cm ⁻³)	1.615	1.714
μ (mm ⁻¹)	1.475	1.439
Data collected/unique	6741 / 2245	9383 / 3555
<i>R</i> ₁ (>2 σ /all data)	0.0506 / 0.0547	0.0346 / 0.0380
<i>wR</i> ₂ (>2 σ /all data)	0.1351 / 0.1385	0.0958 / 0.0982
GOF (all data)	1.060	1.053
Residues (e Å ⁻³)	-0.725 / 0.915	-0.859 / 0.537
CCDC No.	907607	907608

Table S2 Selected bond lengths (Å) and bond angles (°) for **1Co** and **2Mn**.

1Co							
Co(1)-O(4)#1	2.026(2)	Co(1)-O(1)#2	2.029(3)	Co(1)-O(3)#3	2.031(2)	Co(1)-O(2)	2.077(3)
Co(1)-N(1)	2.113(3)	Co(1)#2...O2	2.805(3)	Co1...Co(1)#2	2.7572(9)		

C(1)-C(2)	1.512(4)	C(2)-C(3)	1.313(5)	C(3)-C(4)	1.510(7)	C(4)-C(5)	1.515(7)
C(5)-C(6)	1.512(7)	C(1)-C(6)	1.517(6)	C(1)-C(7)	1.516(5)	C(2)-C(8)	1.493(5)
O(4)#1-Co(1)-O(1)#2	94.64(13)	O(3)#3-Co(1)-O(2)	86.17(13)				

2Mn

Mn(1)-O(4)#1	2.0848(14)	Mn(1)-O(1)	2.0952(14)	Mn(1)-O(5)	2.1232(13)	Mn(1)-O(7)#2	2.1812(13)
Mn(1)-O(1W)	2.2039(16)	Mn(2)-O(3)#3	2.0949(14)	Mn(2)-O(2)	2.1318(14)	Mn(2)-O(8)#4	2.1338(14)
Mn(2)-O(6)	2.1620(14)	Mn(2)-O(5)#5	2.1674(13)	Mn(2)-O(7)#5	2.3843(13)		
C(1)-C(2)	1.323(3)	C(1)-C(7)	1.495(3)	C(1)-C(6)	1.510(3)	C(2)-C(3)	1.499(3)
C(3)-C(4)	1.526(4)	C(4)-C(5)	1.503(4)	C(5)-C(6)	1.536(3)	C(6)-C(8)	1.528(3)
C(9)-C(10)	1.336(3)	C(9)-C(14)	1.510(3)	C(10)-C(15)	1.488(3)	C(10)-C(11)	1.507(3)
O(4)#1-Mn(1)-O(1W)	78.65(6)	O(5)-Mn(1)-O(7)#2	96.66(5)				

Symmetry codes: for **1Co**: #1 $x+1,y,z$; #2 $-x+1,-y,-z$; #3 $-x,-y,-z$; #4 $x-1,y,z$; #5 $-x+1,-y,-z+1$; for **1'Co**: #1 $x,-y,z$; #2 $-x+1,-y,-z+2$; #3 $-x+1,y,-z+2$; #4 $-x,-y,-z+1$; #5 $-x,y,-z+1$; #6 $-x+1,y,-z+3$; for **2Mn**: #1 $-x+2,-y+1,-z$; #2 $-x+1,-y+2,-z$; #3 $-x+3,-y+1,-z$; #4 $x+1,y,z$; #5 $-x+2,-y+2,-z$; #6 $x-1,y,z$.

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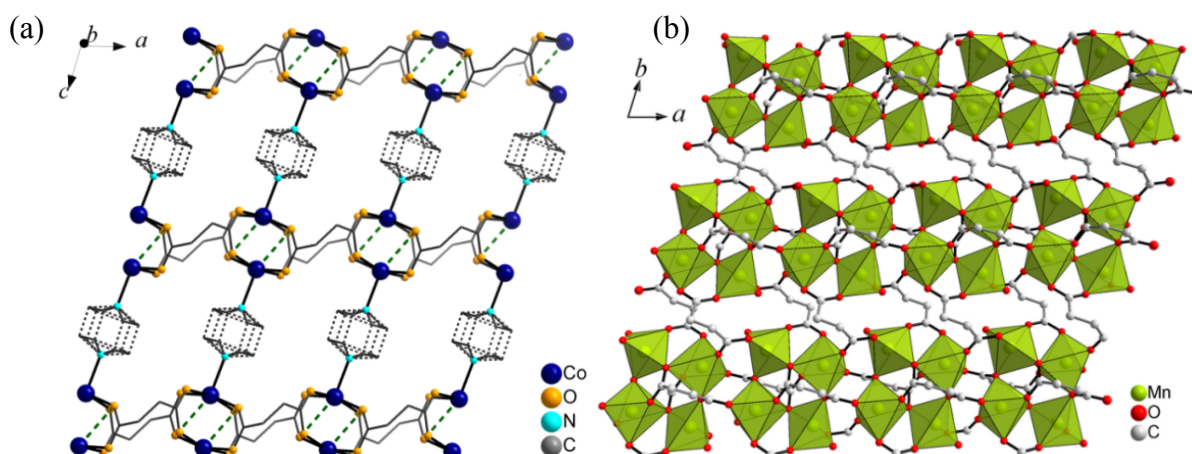


Fig. S1. The layer structures of **1Co** (a) and **2Mn** (b). The carboxylate-free skeleton carbons of the 2,3-chdc ligands were omitted for clarity in (b). Dotted lines: suspected (green) and disordered (grey) coordination bonds.

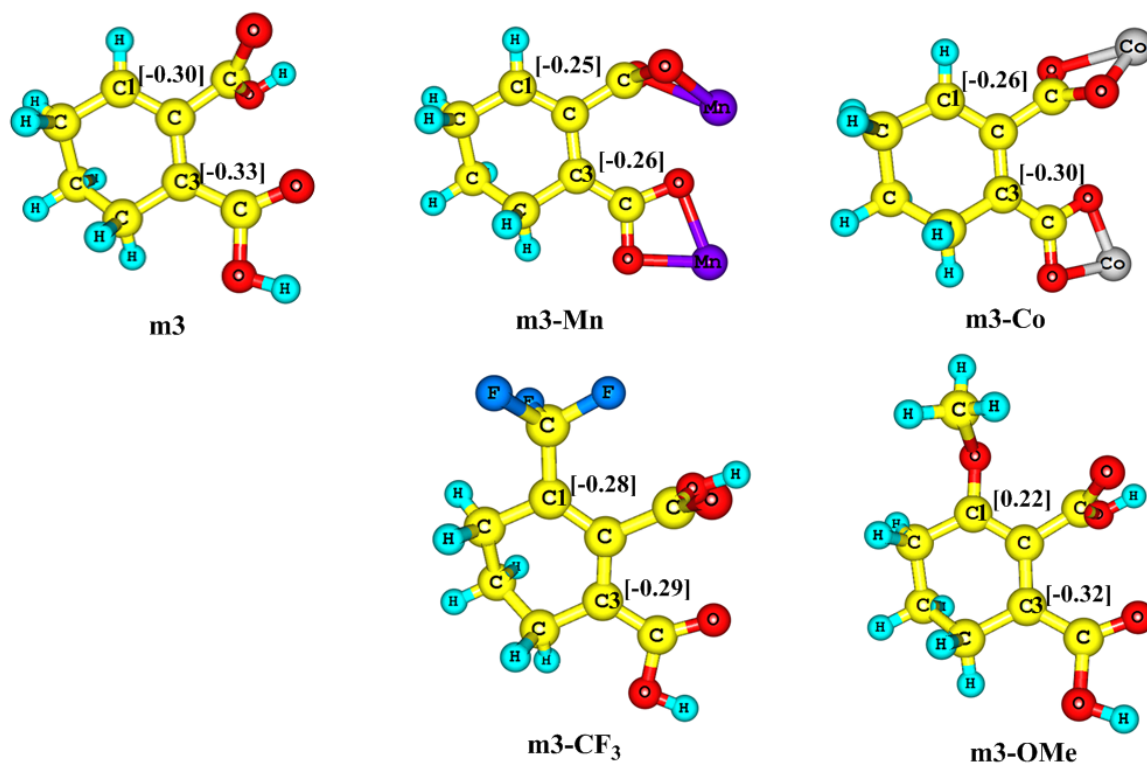


Fig. S2. Deprotonated structure **3** with no-metal (**m3**), **Mn** (**m3-Mn**), **Co** (**m3-Co**), electron withdrawing group substitution (**m3-CF₃**), and electron donating group substitution (**m3-OMe**). The structures are optimized with DFT and the NBO charges are labelled for C1 and C3. The water cluster is not included in the model.

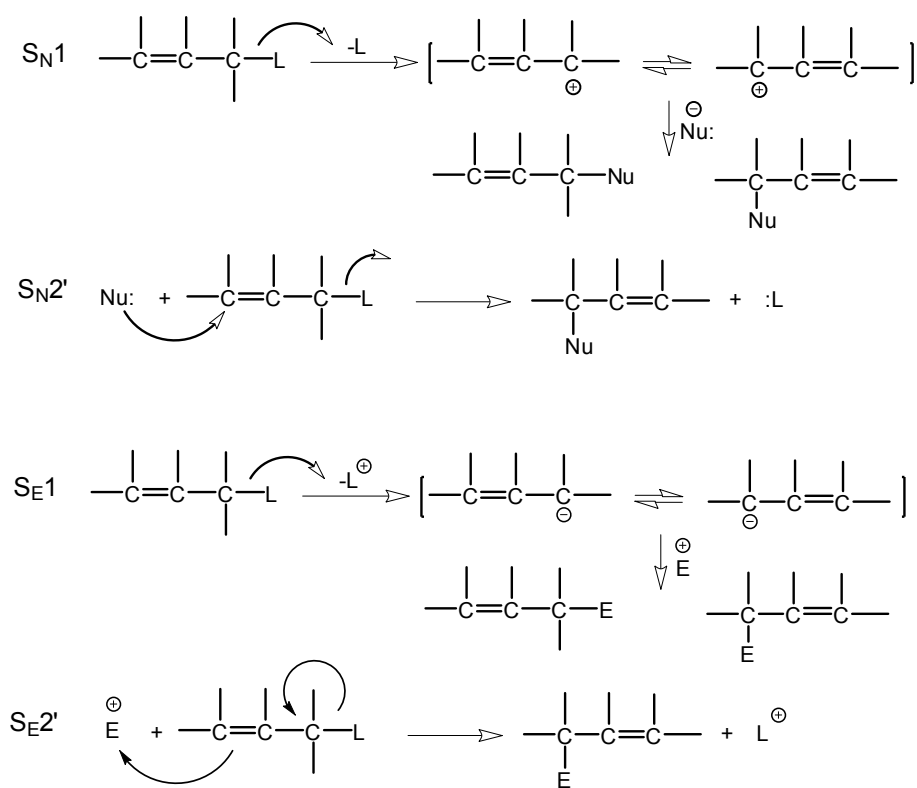
4. Mechanisms

Nucleophilic mechanism

Allylic rearrangements in the presence of nucleophiles can undergo *via* two mechanisms: S_N1 and S_N2' (Scheme S1). In S_N1 mechanism, a leaving atom or group is first removed, giving a resonance-stabilized allylic carbocation, which then attacks a nucleophile, forming two products: the original one and the rearranged one. When it undergoes the S_N2' mechanism, nucleophile attack the γ carbon, and simultaneously, the leaving atom or group is removed, completing the double bond migration, but with just one form.

Electrophilic Mechanism

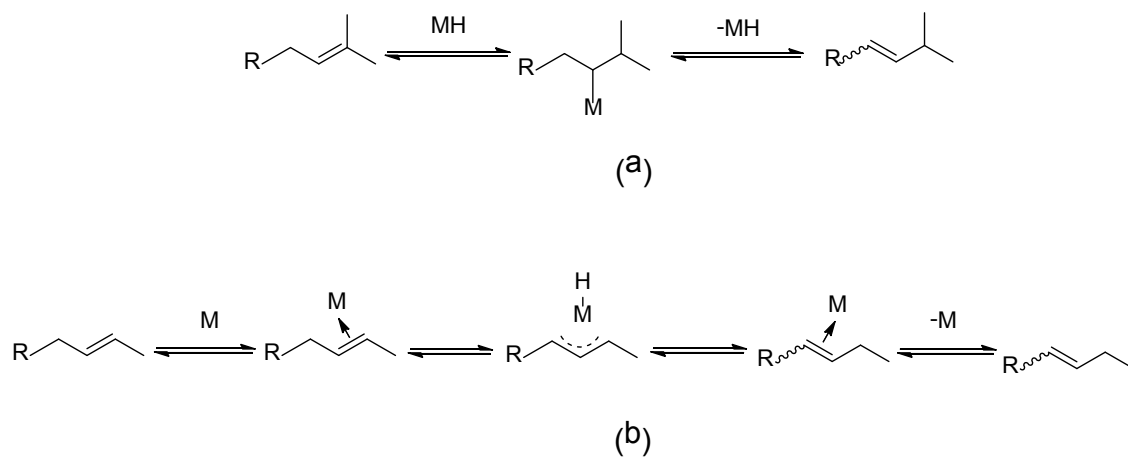
Electrophilic substitution also have two pathways, namely S_E1 and S_E2' . In the S_E1 mechanism, the leaving atom or group is removed to form a resonance-stabilized allylic carboanion. Followed by attacking an electrophile, the reaction eventually generates two resonated products (Scheme S1). Differently, in the S_E2' mechanism the π -bond attacks the electrophile while the leaving atom or group is removed simultaneously, generating only one kind of product.



Scheme S1. nucleophilic and electrophilic pathways of double-bond re-arrangement.

Noble Metal Catalysed Mechanism

In the presence of noble metal catalysts (complexes containing Pt, Rh, or Ru, or metal carbonyl catalysts), the double bond also can be obtained. This mechanism mainly contains two ways which are illustrated in the Scheme S2.



Scheme S2. Two pathways of double-bond re-arrangement catalyzed by noble metal complexes.