# Density Functional Study on the Hydrido Migration to $CO_2$ and $CS_2$ of the $(\eta^5-C_5H_4(CH_2)_3NH_3^+)MH(H_2PCH_2PH_2)$ (M = Fe, Ru, and Os) Complexes Promoted by the Protonated Amine Arm. Which Path Does the Reaction Take, Abstraction or Insertion?

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We have performed theoretical calculations for the hydrido migration to the  $CO_2$  and  $CS_2$  carbon of the Fe, Ru, and Os complexes which have an intramolecular N–H···H–M H-bond by the hybrid density functional method (B3LYP) using the model complexes ( $\eta^{5}$ -C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>4</sub>(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub>-NH<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup>)MH(H<sub>2</sub>PCH<sub>2</sub>PH<sub>2</sub>) (M = Fe, Ru, and Os). In the previous study (Matsubara, T. *Organometallics* **2001**, *20*, 19–24), we investigated the reaction mechanism for the Ru complex assuming the two considered pathways, i.e., (a) the abstraction of the hydrido ligand by an incoming CO<sub>2</sub> without direct coordination of CO<sub>2</sub> to the Ru atom, and (b) the insertion of CO<sub>2</sub> to the Ru–H bond with the  $\eta^2$ -CO precoordination of CO<sub>2</sub> to the Ru atom, and found a quite interesting fact that the generally unlikely path a due to its energetical difficulty is more favorable than path b, which has been considered in most cases. This is because the protonated amine arm effectively functions to promote only the electrophilic attack of CO<sub>2</sub> in path a and remarkably stabilizes the product to make the potential energy surface of the metal and solvent on the reactivity and the mechanism and also the hydrido migration to CS<sub>2</sub>, which is completely different from CO<sub>2</sub> in the charge distribution, to search the other significant factors that determine the reactivity and the reaction path.

#### 1. Introduction

In recent years, a new type of H-bonding, where for example not the nitrogen or oxygen atom but the hydrogen atom is a proton acceptor, has been experimentally discovered in newly synthesized organometallic compounds<sup>1-5</sup> and has intrigued many chemists because of its versatile potential application to the various fields of organic synthesis, catalytic reaction, biological process, and so on.

Lau and co-workers synthesized the novel ruthenium complex with the intramolecular N–H···H–Ru H-bond,  $(\eta^5$ -C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>4</sub>(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>*n*</sub>NMe<sub>2</sub>H<sup>+</sup>)RuH(dppm) (*n* = 2, 3), **2**',<sup>5</sup> and revealed that **2**' has an activity in tetrahydrofuran

(THF) solution for the hydrogenation of carbon dioxide, which is one of the industrially important catalytic reactions.<sup>6</sup> The catalytic cycle proposed on the basis of the experimental results is depicted in Figure 1. The active intermediate  $\mathbf{2}'$  for the CO<sub>2</sub> hydrogenation is quite easily prepared from the precursor complex ( $\eta^5:\eta^1-C_5H_4$ - $(CH_2)_n NMe_2$  Ru(dppm), **1**', by the reaction with H<sub>2</sub>. The N of the pendant amino group (amine arm) coordinated to the Ru in  $\mathbf{1}'$  provides its site for the incoming H<sub>2</sub> by dissociation, and the H<sub>2</sub> is rapidly broken to form the intramolecular N-H···H-Ru H-bond at a relatively low temperature (step 1). Here, the H-H bond is heterolytically cleaved by deprotonation by the amine arm. The formed intermediate  $\mathbf{2}'$  reacts with the next coming  $CO_2$  and produces the transient formate complex ( $\eta^5$ - $C_5H_4(CH_2)_nNMe_2H^+$ Ru(HCOO)(dppm), **3**' (step 2). By the reaction of HCOO<sup>-</sup> with the proton attached to the N atom, formic acid is immediately liberated from **3**' (step 3). Each step has been ascertained to be reproducible by the independent elementary reaction. Since only 2' can be detected in the system of the catalytic reaction, step 2 has been thought to be a slow step.

In the previous paper,<sup>7</sup> we theoretically investigated step 2 of the hydrido migration to  $CO_2$  assuming the two possible completely different pathways presented below, (a) the abstraction of the hydrido ligand by the incoming  $CO_2$  without the coordination of  $CO_2$  to the Ru atom, and (b) the insertion of  $CO_2$  to the Ru–H bond

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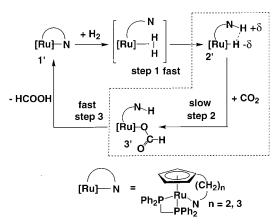
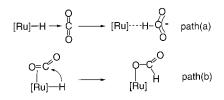


Figure 1. Experimentally proposed cycle for the hydrogenation of CO<sub>2</sub> catalyzed by the  $(\eta^5-C_5H_4(CH_2)_nNMe_2H^+)$ -RuH(dppm) (n = 2, 3) complex **2**'.

with the  $\eta^2$ -CO precoordination of CO<sub>2</sub> to the Ru atom, and clarified a crucial role of the protonated amine arm in step 2. The protonated amine arm effectively functions in only path a and promotes the abstraction, with the interaction of the N-bound proton with one of the  $CO_2$  oxygens. Consequently, unlikely path a becomes more facile than path b. The details of the role of the protonated amine arm and the reaction mechanism are discussed in section 3.1 and compared with the calculation results at the higher level.



In the present study, we further theoretically examined by means of hybrid density functional method (B3LYP) the factors that affect the reaction mechanism other than the effect of the protonated amine arm to provide a new insight from the viewpoint of the molecular design. Using the same type of model complexes  $(\eta^{5}-C_{5}H_{4}(CH_{2})_{3}NH_{3}^{+})MH(H_{2}PCH_{2}PH_{2})$  (M = Fe, Ru, and Os), where the substituents Ph on the P and the Me on the N are replaced by the H atom in the real molecule 2', the effects of the metal and solvent on the reactivity and the mechanism and also the mechanism of the hydrido migration to CS<sub>2</sub>, which has a completely different charge distribution from CO<sub>2</sub>, have been investigated. Following the explanation of the computational details in section 2, the hydrido migration to CO<sub>2</sub> of the Ru complex is reviewed with the calculation results at the higher level in section 3.1. The effects of the metal and solvent on the reactivity and the mechanism are discussed in the subsequent sections 3.2 and 3.3, respectively. The hydrido migration to CS<sub>2</sub> of the Ru complex is discussed in section 3.4 with consideration of the solvent effect, and conclusions are given in the last section.

# 2. Computational Details

All the calculations were performed at the B3LYP level of density functional theory, which consists of a hybrid Becke + Hartree-Fock exchange and Lee-Yang-Parr correlation

functional with nonlocal corrections,<sup>8</sup> using the Gaussian 98 program.9 Two kinds of basis sets, BSI and BSII, were used for the geometry optimizations and the energetics, respectively. The basis functions in BSI are the lanl2dz<sup>10,11</sup> implemented by the Gaussian98 program for S, P, O, N, C, and H atoms and a valence double- $\zeta$  (5s5p5d)/[3s3p2d] for Fe, (5s5p4d)/ [3s3p2d] for Ru, and (5s6p3d)/[3s3p2d] for Os with the relativistic effective core potential (ECP) replacing the core electrons without the 16 valence electrons determined by Hay and Wadt.12 BSII is the higher quality basis set with the polarization functions to obtain the more reliable energies by single-point calculations for the optimized structures. The valence basis functions for the three metals have the triple- $\zeta$ construction, i.e., (5s5p5d1f)/[3s3p3d1f] for Fe, (5s5p4d1f)/ [3s3p3d1f] for Ru, and (5s6p3d1f)/[3s3p3d1f] for Os, which is augmented by a single set of f polarization functions<sup>13</sup> with the exponent of 2.462 for Fe, 1.235 for Ru, and 0.886 for Os. For the other atoms, the 6-31G(d,p)<sup>14,15</sup> was used. The Mulliken atomic charge and the bond population as well as energy are calculated at the higher B3LYP/BSII level, and their values are discussed unless otherwise indicated.

All equilibrium structures and transitions states were optimized without any symmetry restrictions and identified by the number of imaginary frequencies calculated from the analytical Hessian matrix.<sup>16</sup> The reaction coordinates were followed from the transition state to the reactant and the product using the intrinsic reaction coordinate (IRC) technique.<sup>17</sup> The effect of the solvent was also taken into account by the polarized-continuum-model (PCM) approximation.<sup>18</sup> The calculations were performed for the B3LYP/BSI-optimized geometries at the PCM-B3LYP/BSII level in heptane ( $\epsilon$  = 1.92), tetrahydrofuran (THF) ( $\epsilon = 7.58$ ), acetone ( $\epsilon = 20.7$ ), methanol ( $\epsilon$  = 32.63), and water ( $\epsilon$  = 78.39) ( $\epsilon$  is the dielectric constant).

The  $(\eta^5$ -C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>4</sub>(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub>NH<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup>)RuH(H<sub>2</sub>PCH<sub>2</sub>PH<sub>2</sub>) complex, where the methyl substituents on the N atom and the phenyl substituents on the P atom are replaced by the H atom and the chain of the ammonium group connected to the cyclopentadienyl (Cp) ring consists of three carbon, was used as a model of the N-H---H-Ru H-bonded complex. The Fe and Os

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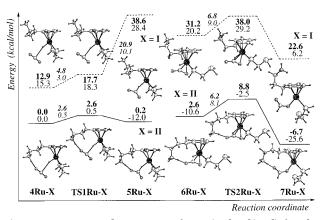
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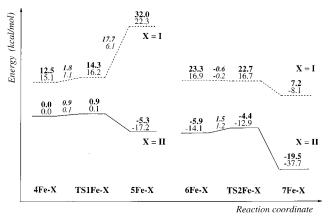
**Figure 2.** Potential energy surfaces (in kcal/mol) for the hydrido migration to  $CO_2$  of the ( $\eta^{5}$ - $C_5H_4(CH_2)_3NH_3^+$ )-RuH(H<sub>2</sub>PCH<sub>2</sub>PH<sub>2</sub>) complex by paths a (left-hand side) and b (right-hand side) with (normal line) and without (dotted line) the contribution of the protonated amine arm at the B3LYP/BSI (plain type) and B3LYP/BSII (boldface) levels together with the structures.

analogues were also used for the examination of the effect of the metal. The optimized structures and the energetics for the Ru complex reported in the previous paper<sup>7</sup> are presented in sections 3.1 and 3.2 for comparison with those for the Fe and Os complexes. The atomic charge and bond population for Ru are, however, recalculated with the higher quality basis set BSII, and the energetics for path b-I is also recalculated with the artificially created structures. All the structures of the reactants, transition states, and products involved in both paths a-I and b-I for the three metals, Fe, Ru, and Os, without the contribution of the protonated amine arm were artificially obtained from the corresponding optimized structures with the contribution of the protonated amine arm by the modification of only the dihedral angle  $\angle C - C - C - C(Cp)$  of the protonated amine arm; that is, the dihedral angle  $\angle C - C - C - C(Cp)$  is changed to 72.8°.19 The transition state and the product were not found in path a-I, which suggests that this path is uphill. Although the structures of path b-I are also artificially created with this dihedral angle in the present study, the trend in the energetics for Ru was nearly the same as that for the optimized structures presented in the previous paper.<sup>7</sup>

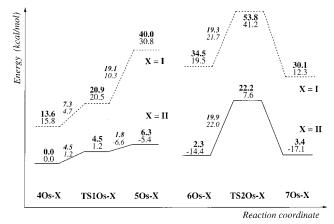
The structures of the reactants, transition states, and products of paths a and b with and without the contribution of the protonated amine arm were displayed only for Ru in Figure 2, and those for Fe and Os are omitted in Figures 3 and 4 for clarity, because the structural feature is quite similar among the three metals aside from the values of the geometrical parameters. The geometrical parameters for each metal are compiled together in Table 1. In each metal system, the energies relative to the reactant of path a-II are presented, and the important energy differences between the two states are displayed in the figures in italic type for convenience. The reactants, transition states, and products for Fe, Ru, and Os and those of paths I and II are labeled by **Fe**, **Ru**, and **Os**, and the suffix I and II, respectively. The numbering of the atoms is indicated in Scheme 1.

## 3. Results and Discussion

**3.1. Hydrido Migration to CO**<sub>2</sub>. The B3LYP/BSIoptimized structures of the reactants, transition states, and products for the Ru complex of (a) the abstraction of the hydrido ligand by the incoming CO<sub>2</sub> without the coordination of CO<sub>2</sub> to the Ru atom and (b) the insertion of CO<sub>2</sub> to the Ru–H bond with the  $\eta^2$ -CO precoordina-



**Figure 3.** Potential energy surfaces (in kcal/mol) for the hydrido migration to CO<sub>2</sub> of the ( $\eta^5$ -C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>4</sub>(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub>NH<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup>)-FeH(H<sub>2</sub>PCH<sub>2</sub>PH<sub>2</sub>) complex by paths a (left-hand side) and b (right-hand side) with (normal line) and without (dotted line) the contribution of the protonated amine arm at the B3LYP/BSI (plain type) and B3LYP/BSII (boldface) levels.



**Figure 4.** Potential energy surfaces (in kcal/mol) for the hydrido migration to CO<sub>2</sub> of the ( $\eta^5$ -C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>4</sub>(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub>NH<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup>)-OsH(H<sub>2</sub>PCH<sub>2</sub>PH<sub>2</sub>) complex by paths a (left-hand side) and b (right-hand side) with (normal line) and without (dotted line) the contribution of the protonated amine arm at the B3LYP/BSI (plain type) and B3LYP/BSII (boldface) levels.

tion of  $CO_2$  to the Ru atom, and their energies at the B3LYP/BSII level, are presented in Figure 2.

Here, the two pathways for each path a and b, i.e., (I) one without the contribution of the protonated amine arm, and (II) another one with the contribution of the protonated amine arm, are shown together to clearly display the difference in the function of the protonated amine arm between paths a and b. The protonated amine arm completely turns up, avoiding any interaction with  $CO_2$  throughout the reaction in path I, as similar structural features have been observed in the experimentally isolated Ru complex.<sup>20</sup> To the contrary, in path II, the protonated amine arm is directed toward CO<sub>2</sub> and the N-bound proton forms a H-bonding with an oxygen of CO<sub>2</sub>, which is retained during the reaction. The structures of path I are artificially created from the corresponding structures of path II (see Computational Details for the details) because the stationary point was located only at the reactant in path a-I, suggesting that this path is uphill.

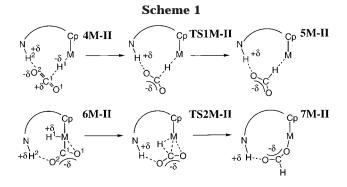
<sup>(19)</sup> The dihedral angle of 72.8° was extracted from the optimized geometrical parameters of the reactant of path a-I.

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Table 1. Selected Important Parameters of the Optimized Structures at the B3LYP/BSI Level of the Reactants, Transition States, and Products of Paths A-II (4M-II  $\rightarrow$  TS1M-II  $\rightarrow$  5M-II) and b-II (6M-II  $\rightarrow$  TS2M-II  $\rightarrow$  7M-II) for the Hydrido Migration to CO<sub>2</sub> of the ( $\eta^5$ -C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>4</sub>(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub>NH<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup>)MH(H<sub>2</sub>PCH<sub>2</sub>PH<sub>2</sub>) (M = Fe, Ru, and Os) Complexes<sup>a</sup>

	4M-II	TS1M-II	5M-II	6M-II	TS2M-II	7M-II
M = Fe						
Fe-H <sup>1</sup>	1.565	1.571	1.780	1.507	1.554	
Fe-C <sup>1</sup>				1.906	1.936	
Fe-O <sup>1</sup>				2.064	2.080	1.899
$C^{1}-H^{1}$	2.414	2.221	1.179	2.008	1.577	1.100
$C^{1}-O^{1}$	1.184	1.187	1.253	1.285	1.286	1.300
$C^{1-}O^{2}$	1.199	1.202	1.283	1.255	1.257	1.272
$O^2 - H^2$	1.758	1.735	1.427	1.497	1.500	1.498
$N-H^2$	1.040	1.042	1.109	1.093	1.087	1.082
$\angle 0^1 - C^1 - O^2$	173.4	168.8	131.5	135.6	134.4	126.4
$M = Ru^b$						
Ru–H <sup>1</sup>	1.644	1.659	1.858	1.601	1.728	
$Ru-C^1$				2.034	2.116	
Ru–O <sup>1</sup>				2.244	2.306	2.098
$C^1-H^1$	2.510	2.045	1.197	2.279	1.430	1.100
$C^{1}-O^{1}$	1.184	1.191	1.248	1.290	1.287	1.296
$C^{1-}O^{2}$	1.198	1.208	1.282	1.256	1.264	1.274
$O^2 - H^2$	1.771	1.709	1.422	1.484	1.483	1.466
$N-H^2$	1.040	1.045	1.111	1.092	1.091	1.089
$\angle 0^1 - C^1 - O^2$	175.8	164.4	132.4	134.1	133.1	125.7
M = Os						
Os-H <sup>1</sup>	1.661	1.678	1.818	1.622	2.213	
$Os-C^1$				2.018	2.406	
$Os-O^1$				2.242	2.246	2.060
$C^1-H^1$	2.556	1.916	1.242	2.407	1.157	1.099
$C^{1}-O^{1}$	1.183	1.194	1.239	1.319	1.304	1.303
$C^{1-}O^{2}$	1.198	1.212	1.271	1.261	1.275	1.268
$O^2 - H^2$	1.767	1.684	1.465	1.453	1.461	1.492
N-H <sup>2</sup>	1.040	1.047	1.094	1.104	1.100	1.081
$\angle O^{1}-C^{1}-O^{2}$	176.8	160.9	135.5	130.4	128.2	125.8

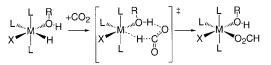
 $^a$  The C–O distance of the free CO<sub>2</sub> optimized at the B3LYP/BSI level was 1.193 Å.  $^b$  Ref 7.



In path a, at first, the carbon of the incoming  $CO_2$ , which is positively charged, weakly binds to the negatively charged hydrido hydrogen by the electrostatic interaction. The electrophilic CO<sub>2</sub> carbon abstracts the hydrido hydrogen as H<sup>-</sup> to form the HCOO<sup>-</sup> anion in the product. The hydrogen of the formed HCOO<sup>-</sup> has an interaction with the Ru without dissociation by the electron donation from the HCOO<sup>-</sup> anion to the unoccupied d $\sigma$  orbital of the Ru through the C-H-Ru linkage. By the bonding of the N-bound proton with one of the CO<sub>2</sub> oxygens, the potential energy surface is shifted down, because the reactant, transition state, and the product are stabilized, respectively. The stabilization energy is especially large for the product (38.4 kcal/mol), where the unstable HCOO<sup>-</sup> anion forms an ion pair with the proton attached to the amine arm (see Scheme 1). In addition, the electrophilicity of the  $CO_2$  carbon is remarkably enhanced in the reactant to increase the reactivity by the support of the protonated amine arm. Therefore, the uphill potential energy surface with the sharp slope is drastically changed and becomes quite smooth, requiring an energy barrier of only 2.6 kcal/ mol.

On the other hand, in path b, the incoming  $CO_2$ coordinates by the  $\eta^2$ -mode to an empty site of the Ru atom provided by the dissociation of one of phosphine ligands, such ligand dissociation being well-known in the solution.<sup>21</sup> Similar structural features have been reported by Dedieu et al. for the Rh complex system of the hydrogenation of CO2.22 The C=O double bond is already activated by the strong interaction with the Ru by the electron donation from the C=O  $\pi$  orbital to the unoccupied Ru d orbital and the back-donation from the occupied Ru d orbital to the C=O  $\pi^*$  orbital. As illustrated in Scheme 1, the coordinated CO<sub>2</sub> becomes anion forming the Ru-C bond in the reactant, while the hydrido ligand becomes protonic by electron transmission from the hydrido to the CO<sub>2</sub> through the H-Ru-C linkage. Therefore, the hydrido ligand is transferred from the Ru to the  $CO_2$  carbon as a proton to form the HCOO<sup>-</sup> in the product. The Ru-O interaction in the reactant is further strengthened in the product by structural rearrangement. Even if the negatively charged oxygen has an interaction with the N-bound proton of the amine arm, the potential energy surface is only stabilized and its shape (exothermic) is not changed, requiring nearly the same energy barrier of 6.2 kcal/  $mol^{23}$  as presented in Figure 2. Because the O-C-O part is sufficiently negatively charged to receive the protonic hydrido forming a RuCOO<sup>-</sup> in the reactant even without the support of the protonated amine arm, it is kept throughout the reaction. As a result, unlikely path a is more favorable than path b due to the electronic effect of the protonated amine arm, which effectively functions only for path a.

Our calculation results also support the experimental observation that the hydrogenation of  $CO_2$  with the transition metal complex catalysts is enhanced by the addition of  $H_2O$  or  $CH_3OH$ .<sup>24,25</sup> Assuming that the added ROH plays a role similar to that of the protonated amine arm in the present case, this phenomenon is interpreted in the same manner by proposing not the insertion mechanism but the abstraction mechanism in the step of hydrido migration to  $CO_2$ , as presented below as experimentalists predicted:



The added ROH occupies a site of the complex by coordination of its oxygen to the metal, and thereby the

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<sup>(22)</sup> Hutschka, F.; Dedieu, A.; Eichberger, M.; Fornika, R.; Leitner, W. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1997**, *119*, 4432.

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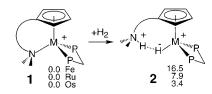
 <sup>(24)</sup> ISal, J.-C.; INCHORAS, K. M. J. AM. Chem. Soc. 1992, 114, 5117.
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positive charge at the ROH hydrogen increases. The approaching  $CO_2$  forms a H-bond with the hydrogen of the coordinated ROH without the coordination to the metal. The electrophilic  $CO_2$  carbon enhanced by the positively charged ROH hydrogen attacks the hydrido ligand to abstract it.

**3.2. Effect of the Metal.** To investigate the effect of the metal, Fe and Os as well as Ru in the same group in the periodic table were used. In this section, the geometry, charge distribution, and energetics are discussed in turn, comparing among the three metals.

Geometry. The selected optimized parameters for the reactants, transition states, and products of both paths a and b for the three metals, Fe, Ru, and Os, are compiled in Table 1. In the reactant **4Ru-II** of path a, the  $CO_2$  is bound to the hydirdo  $H^1$  with a  $C^1-H^1$ distance of 2.510 Å by an electrostatic interaction between the positively charged  $C^1$  and the anionic hydrido ligand. By this interaction, the angle  $\angle O^1 - C^1 -$ O<sup>2</sup> is reduced to 175.8°. Both C<sup>1</sup>–O<sup>2</sup> and N–H<sup>2</sup> bonds are only slightly weakened by the mutual electrostatic contact with the  $O^2 - H^2$  distance of 1.771 Å. The stretch of the  $C^1-O^2$  bond by this interaction induces the  $C^1$ ---H<sup>1</sup> electrostatic interaction because the C<sup>1</sup>–O<sup>2</sup> bond is more polarized (see below). The Ru-H<sup>1</sup> distance is elongated by only 1% in the transition state TS1Ru-II, suggesting that the abstraction virtually occurs after the transition state. Accordingly, after the transition state, the C<sup>1</sup>–H<sup>1</sup> distance is substantially shortened and the  $\angle O^1 - C^1 - O^2$  angle is decreased. The difference in the bond length between the C<sup>1</sup>–O<sup>1</sup> and C<sup>1</sup>–O<sup>2</sup> enlarges by the formation of HCOO<sup>-</sup>, where the C<sup>1</sup>–O<sup>1</sup> is shorter than the C<sup>1</sup>–O<sup>2</sup> by localization of the  $\pi$  electron on the  $C^{1}-O^{1}$ . The N-H<sup>2</sup> distance increases with the decrease in the  $O^2 - H^2$  distance.

When the Ru atom is replaced by the other atoms, Fe and Os, some tendencies obviously appear in the geometrical parameters. In the reactant, both the  $C^{1-}$  $H^1$  distance and  $\angle O^1 - C^1 - O^2$  angle decrease in the order Os > Ru > Fe, which suggests that the attractive interaction between the electrophilic  $CO_2$  carbon and the negatively charged hydrido ligand increases in the opposite order. This would be explained by the hydridic character, which increases in the order Fe > Ru > Os. In fact, a trend in the hydridic character was found in the N-H- - -H-M H-bonded complex 2, which is readily formed from the complex 1 by the heterolytic cleavage of H<sub>2</sub> as experimentally reported (see Introduction). Here, one of hydrogens binds as a H<sup>+</sup> to the N of the amine arm and another hydrogen coordinates as a Hto the Ru. The strength of the N-H- - -H-M H-bond, as a matter of course, depends on the strength of the hydridic character of the hydrido ligand. The stability of the complex 2 relative to 1 gave the sequence Fe (16.5 kcal/mol) > Ru (7.9 kcal/mol) > Os (3.4 kcal/mol), reflecting the strength of the H-bonding. The length of the H-H bond was also consistently shorter with the order Os (1.771 Å) > Ru (1.561 Å) > Fe (1.300 Å) (see Figure S-1 in the Supporting Information). The N-H---H-Ru H-bond distance of 1.561 Å excellently reproduces the experimentally observed one of 1.52 Å in  $\mathbf{2}'$ .<sup>20</sup> The strength of the hydridic character would also control the release of the hydrido ligand as a H<sup>-</sup> and the stability of the product HCOO<sup>-</sup>. The C<sup>1</sup>-H<sup>1</sup> distance and the  $\angle O^1-C^1-O^2$  angle with the order Os > Ru > Fe and the C<sup>1</sup>-O<sup>1</sup> and C<sup>1</sup>-O<sup>2</sup> distances with the reversed order in the product exhibit that the formation of the HCOO<sup>-</sup> is more facile in the order Fe > Ru > Os.



In path b, the reactant **6M-II** already has the short  $M-C^1$  distance forming the MCOO<sup>-</sup>. Both  $C^1-O^1$  and  $C^{1}-O^{2}$  distances are long, and the  $\angle O^{1}-C^{1}-O^{2}$  angle is small enough. The O<sup>2</sup>-H<sup>2</sup> distance is also shortened to 1.45-1.50 Å, while the N-H<sup>2</sup> distance is lengthened to 1.09-1.10 Å. The values in these parameters do not change so much throughout the reaction. The strongly negatively charged O<sup>1</sup> interacts with the Ru, and this interaction by the electron donation from the O<sup>1</sup> to the Ru is strengthened in the product by the rotation of the formed HCOO<sup>-</sup> as shown by the Ru-O<sup>1</sup> distance being shortened after the transition state. The C1-O1 and C1- $O^2$  distances are longer in the order Os > Ru > Fe, and the  $\angle O^1 - C^1 - O^2$  angle is smaller in the reversed order in the reactant. This means that the formation of  $MCOO^{-}$  becomes easier in the order Os > Ru > Fe, but this trend disappears in the product.

**Charge and Population.** The charge distribution and the bond population are the important clues to know the mechanism and the reactivity of the reaction initiated by electrophilic or nucleophilic attack. The selected Mulliken atomic charges and the bond populations for the reactants, transition states, and products of paths a and b are collected in Tables 2 and 3, respectively.

In the reactant of path a, the electrophilic CO<sub>2</sub> carbon is largely positively charged. When the protonated amine arm incorporates into the reaction, the positive charge at the CO<sub>2</sub> carbon further increases and its electrophilicity is enhanced. Also, the negative charge at the O<sup>2</sup> is increased by the electrostatic contact with the N-bound proton, while the negative charge at the O<sup>1</sup> without the contact with the N-bound proton decreases. These results indicate that the abstraction of the hydrido ligand by CO<sub>2</sub> is incipiently induced in the reactant by the protonated amine arm. By the transfer of the hydrido ligand to the CO<sub>2</sub>, the negative charge of the  $O^1 - C^1 - O^2$  part largely increases. Although there is no substantial difference among the three metals, Fe, Ru, and Os, in the charge distribution on the  $CO_2$  of the reactant, the negative charge decreases in the  $O^{1-}$  $C^{1}-O^{2}$  part in the order Fe > Ru > Os, while it increases at the H<sup>1</sup> in the opposite order in the product, indicating that the electron of the abstracted H<sup>-</sup> tends to localize at the  $H^1$  in the order Os > Ru > Fe.

The promotion effect of the protonated amine arm on path a of the hydrido abstraction by  $CO_2$  can also be found in the bond population. In the reactant, transition state, and product for each metal, the bond population decreases in the M–H<sup>1</sup> and increases in the C<sup>1</sup>–H<sup>1</sup> by the participation of the protonated amine arm except in a few cases for Fe. Simultaneously, the bond population increases in the C<sup>1</sup>–O<sup>1</sup> and decreases in the C<sup>1</sup>–

Table 2. Mulliken Atomic Charges Calculated at the B3LYP/BSII Level for the Reactants, Transition States, and Products of Paths a (4M-X  $\rightarrow$  TS1M-X  $\rightarrow$  5M-X) and b (6M-X  $\rightarrow$  TS2M-X  $\rightarrow$  7M-X) for the Hydrido Migration to CO<sub>2</sub> of the ( $\eta^{5}$ -C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>4</sub>(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub>NH<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup>)MH(H<sub>2</sub>PCH<sub>2</sub>PH<sub>2</sub>) (M = Fe, Ru, and Os) Complexes with (X = II) and without (X = I) the Contribution of the Protonated Amine Arm<sup>a</sup>

	4M-X	TS1M-X	5M-X	6M-X	TS2M-X	7M-X
M = Fe						
Fe	-0.54/-0.57	-0.53/-0.55	-0.50/-0.52	-0.41/-0.42	-0.33/-0.34	0.11/0.09
$H^1$	-0.04/-0.08	-0.05/-0.09	-0.01/0.00	0.06/0.06	0.10/0.09	0.09/0.12
$C^1$	0.68/0.70	0.67/0.69	0.54/0.56	0.55/0.58	0.49/0.52	0.42/0.45
$O^1$	-0.32/-0.28	-0.33/-0.28	-0.48/-0.45	-0.38/-0.37	-0.39/-0.37	-0.53/-0.52
$O^2$	-0.35/-0.38	-0.35/-0.39	-0.50/-0.57	-0.45/-0.52	-0.45/-0.52	-0.49/-0.54
N	0.56/0.55	-0.53/-0.55	-0.54/-0.58	-0.54/-0.58	-0.54/-0.58	-0.53/-0.57
$H^2$	0.37/0.39	0.37/0.39	0.37/0.43	0.37/0.42	0.37/0.42	0.37/0.42
M = Ru						
Ru	-0.36/-0.36	-0.33/-0.34	-0.28/-0.30	-0.20/-0.25	-0.05/-0.07	0.26/0.19
$H^1$	-0.05/-0.10	-0.09/-0.13	-0.05/-0.05	0.08/0.06	0.09/0.07	0.11/0.11
$C^1$	0.68/0.71	0.66/0.68	0.54/0.56	0.49/0.49	0.43/0.42	0.45/0.45
$O^1$	-0.32/-0.27	-0.33/-0.29	-0.47/-0.44	-0.41/-0.39	-0.42/-0.38	-0.57/-0.52
$O^2$	-0.34/-0.38	-0.36/-0.40	-0.50/-0.56	-0.43/-0.53	-0.43/-0.53	-0.47/-0.54
Ν	-0.53/-0.55	-0.53/-0.56	-0.54/-0.58	-0.53/-0.58	-0.53/-0.58	-0.54/-0.53
$H^2$	0.36/0.39	0.36/0.39	0.37/0.42	0.36/0.42	0.36/0.42	0.37/0.42
M = Os						
Os	-0.49/-0.48	-0.45/-0.45	-0.37/-0.39	-0.27/-0.29	-0.11/-0.13	0.17/0.13
$H^1$	-0.05/-0.12	-0.12/-0.16	-0.15/-0.16	0.10/0.10	0.11/0.12	0.10/0.12
$C^1$	0.68/0.71	0.66/0.68	0.59/0.62	0.37/0.40	0.44/0.46	0.43/0.46
$O^1$	-0.32/-0.27	-0.33/-0.30	-0.44/-0.41	-0.42/-0.41	-0.46/-0.44	-0.56/-0.55
$O^2$	-0.34/-0.38	-0.37/-0.42	-0.48/-0.55	-0.48/-0.55	-0.47/-0.54	-0.49/-0.53
Ν	-0.53/-0.55	-0.53/-0.56	-0.54/-0.58	-0.54/-0.58	-0.54/-0.58	-0.54/-0.57
$H^2$	0.36/0.39	0.36/0.35	0.37/0.42	0.37/0.42	0.37/0.42	0.37/0.42

<sup>*a*</sup> The atomic charges for the free CO<sub>2</sub> at the B3LYP/BSII level were as follows. C: 0.66; O: -0.33. The numbers on the left- and right-hand side of the slash are for **X** = **I** and **II**, respectively.

Table 3. Selected Important Bond Populations at the B3LYP/BSII Level in the Reactants, Transition States, and Products of Path a  $(4M-X \rightarrow TS1M-X \rightarrow 5M-X)$  for the Hydrido Migration to CO<sub>2</sub> of the  $(\eta^5-C_5H_4(CH_2)_3NH_3^+)MH(H_2PCH_2PH_2)$  (M = Fe, Ru, and Os) Complexes with (X = II) and without (X = I) the Contribution of the Protonated Amine Arm<sup>a</sup>

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	4M-X	TS1M-X	5M-X
M = Fe			
Fe-H <sup>1</sup>	0.363/0.369	0.355/0.357	0.201/0.157
$C^1-H^1$	0.015/0.023	0.024/0.036	0.147/0.202
$C^{1}-O^{1}$	0.571/0.579	0.563/0.572	0.469/0.501
$C^{1-}O^2$	0.572/0.524	0.564/0.513	0.508/0.424
M = Ru			
Ru-H <sup>1</sup>	0.286/0.284	0.265/0.254	0.171/0.128
$C^1-H^1$	0.012/0.017	0.030/0.048	0.129/0.184
$C^{1}-O^{1}$	0.578/0.586	0.560/0.569	0.488/0.518
$C^{1}-O^{2}$	0.571/0.527	0.554/0.502	0.508/0.424
M = Os			
Os-H <sup>1</sup>	0.319/0.304	0.299/0.275	0.217/0.162
$C^1-H^1$	0.010/0.014	0.028/0.047	0.035/0.086
$C^{1}-O^{1}$	0.579/0.588	0.554/0.564	0.516/0.542
$C^{1}-O^{2}$	0.571/0.528	0.549/0.494	0.521/0.446

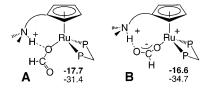
<sup>*a*</sup> The numbers on the left- and right-hand side of the slash are for  $\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{I}$  and  $\mathbf{II}$ , respectively.

 $O^2.$  One can also predict the easiness of the  $HCOO^-$  formation with the sequence Fe > Ru > Os from the bond population of the HCOO part in the product; the  $C^1-H^1$  has the sequence Fe > Ru > Os, while the  $O^1-C^1$  and  $C^1-O^2$  have the opposite sequence, Os > Ru > Fe.

In path b, the two oxygens of the  $CO_2$  already have a large negative charge by the formation of the MCOO<sup>-</sup> in the reactant as mentioned above. The hydrido ligand which provides the electron to the coordinated  $CO_2$  through the H<sup>1</sup>-M-C<sup>1</sup> linkage has a positive charge. The total charge of the O<sup>1</sup>-C<sup>1</sup>-O<sup>2</sup> part is negative for all three metals, but its value is reduced in the order Os > Ru > Fe because the hydridic character increases in the opposite order to depress the electron flow from

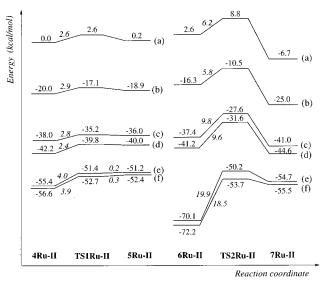
the hydrido to the  $O^1-C^1-O^2$  part. However, the charge distribution of the HCOO<sup>-</sup> in the product is nearly the same among the three metals.

**Energy.** As displayed in Figures 3 and 4, path a is uphill without the contribution of the protonated amine arm for the three metals, Fe, Os, and Ru. When the protonated amine arm contributes, the potential energy surface is stabilized and its shape is drastically changed in each metal. The obvious differences among the three metals were found in the energy barrier and in the heat of the reaction. Compared with the case of Ru (Figure 2), the energy barrier is reduced to 0.9 kcal/mol and the reaction becomes 5.3 kcal/mol exothermic in the case of Fe. In contrast to this, in the case of Os, the energy required to arrive at the transition state TS1Os-II from the reactant 4Os-II increases to 4.5 kcal/mol and the product 5Os-II lies higher by 1.8 kcal/mol than TS1Os-**II**, indicating that the reaction remains slightly uphill. However, the reaction would proceed over a highest point around 50s-II to form the stable Os analogue of **A** or **B** presented below (see Figure S-2 in the Supporting Information for the geometry of A and B) because the slope of the potential energy surface is quite gentle.



These tendencies depending on the metal would be consistently understood by the aforementioned hydridic character of the hydrido ligand with the sequence Fe > Ru > Os, which is closely related to the ability of the metal to release the hydrido ligand as H<sup>-</sup>.

Although the potential energy surface is largely shifted down by the participation of the protonated



**Figure 5.** Potential energy surfaces (in kcal/mol) for the hydrido migration to CO<sub>2</sub> of the ( $\eta^{5}$ -C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>4</sub>(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub>NH<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup>)-RuH(H<sub>2</sub>PCH<sub>2</sub>PH<sub>2</sub>) complex by paths a (left-hand side) and b (right-hand side) with the contribution of the protonated amine arm at the PCM-B3LYP/BSII level in the solvent, heptane ( $\epsilon = 1.92$ ) (b), THF ( $\epsilon = 7.58$ ) (c), acetone ( $\epsilon = 20.7$ ) (d), methanol ( $\epsilon = 32.63$ ) (e), and water ( $\epsilon = 78.39$ ) (f). The potential energy surfaces for the gas phase (a) are also presented for comparison.

amine arm, its features are not changed in path b. The large exothermicity of 13.6 kcal/mol for Fe, which is ascribed to the energetically stable product 7Fe-II, reduces the energy barrier to only 1.5 kcal/mol. This is as small as that of path a. As far as we compare the energetics of paths a and b for Fe, the insertion (path b) seems to be more facile than abstraction (path a), since each point of the reactant, transition state, and product of path b is lower in energy than the corresponding stationary point of path a. The strong electron donation of the anionic HCOO<sup>-</sup> oxygen to the unoccupied d orbital, which is much lower in energy for Fe than for Ru and Os, would emphasize the difference in the stability of the product among the metals. Since the electron transmission from the hydrido H<sup>1</sup> to CO<sub>2</sub> along the  $H^1-M-C^1$  linkage in the reactant is especially easy for Os due to the weak hydridic character as mentioned above, the Os–C<sup>1</sup> bond is strengthened forming OsCOO<sup>–</sup>. The energy barrier for Os therefore enlarges up to 19.9 kcal/mol because the strong Os-C1 bond has to be cleaved in the transition state.

**3.3. Effect of the Solvent.** The effect of the solvent on the potential energy surface was systematically examined for the Ru complex by the polarized-continuum-model (PCM) approximation calculation using various solvents with different dielectric constants (THF is used as a solvent in experiment). The potential energy surfaces of paths a and b with the contribution of the protonated amine arm in heptane ( $\epsilon = 1.92$ ), THF ( $\epsilon = 7.58$ ), acetone ( $\epsilon = 20.7$ ), methanol ( $\epsilon = 32.63$ ), and water ( $\epsilon = 78.39$ ) ( $\epsilon$  is dielectric constant) are presented in Figure 5 together with those for the gas phase.

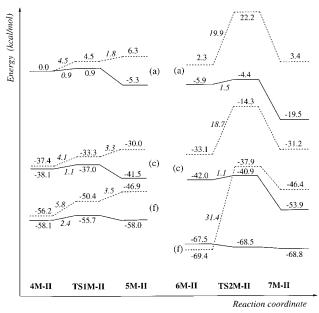
The potential energy surfaces are shifted down by the solavtion in both paths a and b, the solvation energy increasing with the increase in the dielectric constant. In each system, the products of paths a and b, where the charge is uniformly distributed in the HCOO- - -H-

Table 4. Mulliken Atomic Charges Calculated at the PCM-B3LYP/BSII Level for the Reactants, Transition States, and Products of Paths a-II (4Ru-II  $\rightarrow$  TS1Ru-II  $\rightarrow$  5Ru-II) and b-II (6Ru-II  $\rightarrow$ TS2Ru-II  $\rightarrow$  7Ru-II) for the Hydrido Migration to CO<sub>2</sub> of the ( $\eta^{5}$ -C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>4</sub>(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub>NH<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup>)RuH(H<sub>2</sub>PCH<sub>2</sub>PH<sub>2</sub>) Complex in Heptane ( $\epsilon$  = 1.92), Tetrahydrofuran (THF) ( $\epsilon$  = 7.58), and Water ( $\epsilon$  = 78.39)'

	4Ru-II	TS1Ru-II	5Ru-II	6Ru-II	TS2Ru-II	7Ru-II	
Heptane ( $\epsilon = 1.92$ )							
Ru	-0.36	-0.33	-0.29	-0.25	-0.08	0.19	
$H^1$	-0.10	-0.13	-0.05	0.08	0.08	0.11	
$C^1$	0.71	0.68	0.56	0.48	0.41	0.44	
$O^1$	-0.28	-0.30	-0.45	-0.40	-0.39	-0.53	
$O^2$	-0.38	-0.39	-0.56	-0.53	-0.53	-0.54	
Ν	-0.55	-0.56	-0.59	-0.58	-0.58	-0.58	
$H^2$	0.39	0.39	0.42	0.42	0.42	0.41	
		]	THF ( $\epsilon =$	7.58)			
Ru	-0.35	-0.27	-0.29	-0.20	-0.08	0.18	
$H^1$	-0.09	-0.07	-0.05	0.13	0.11	0.11	
$C^1$	0.71	0.37	0.55	0.47	0.40	0.44	
$O^1$	-0.29	-0.17	-0.47	-0.40	-0.41	-0.53	
$O^2$	-0.37	-0.24	-0.56	-0.52	-0.53	-0.53	
Ν	-0.56	-0.68	-0.59	-0.58	-0.58	-0.58	
$H^2$	0.38	0.44	0.42	0.42	0.42	0.41	
		W	$tater (\epsilon =$	78.39)			
Ru	-0.35	-0.31	-0.28	-0.34	-0.09	0.18	
$H^1$	-0.06	-0.11	-0.03	0.46	0.33	0.14	
$C^1$	0.71	0.69	0.55	0.45	0.35	0.42	
$O^1$	-0.31	-0.32	-0.48	-0.44	-0.44	-0.54	
$O^2$	-0.36	-0.37	-0.56	-0.54	-0.54	-0.53	
Ν	-0.56	-0.56	-0.60	-0.58	-0.58	-0.58	
$H^2$	0.38	0.38	0.41	0.42	0.42	0.41	

N region, are destabilized, while the reactants of paths a and b, where the charges are strongly localized on the M-H and the CO2- - -H-N parts, are stabilized (see Scheme 1). The endothermicity in path a increases to 4.2 kcal/mol with the increase in the dielectric constant of the solvent, and the abstraction reaction becomes somewhat uphill in methanol and water, although the energy barrier is not changed so much. On the other hand, path b is exothermic even in heptane, THF, and acetone, but it becomes endothermic in methanol and water. The energy barrier of path b also gradually increases with the increase in the dielectric constant and becomes 19.9 kcal/mol in methanol. Thus, the energy barrier of both paths a and b is influenced by the solvent and increases with the increase in the dielectric constant. Here, it should be noted that the entire potential energy surface becomes completely lower in energy for path b than for path a in methanol and water in contrast to the case of gas phase.

The charge distribution in the CO<sub>2</sub>-coordinated Ru complexes is also affected by the solvent, which well explains the energetical changes in paths a and b. The atomic charges of the reactants, transition states, and products of paths a and b with the contribution of the protonated amine arm in the selected solvents, heptane, THF, and water, are presented in Table 4. The local part, which is strongly charged in the reactants of paths a and b, tends to be induced to increase the solvation energy as follows. With the increase in the dielectric constant, the negative charge decreases at the H<sup>1</sup> and increases at the O<sup>1</sup>, while it decreases at the O<sup>2</sup> in the reactant of path a. But the positive charge at the C<sup>1</sup> does not change. In the reactant of path b, the positive charge at the H<sup>1</sup> is more enhanced and the negative charge of the  $O^1-C^1-O^2$  part becomes larger as the



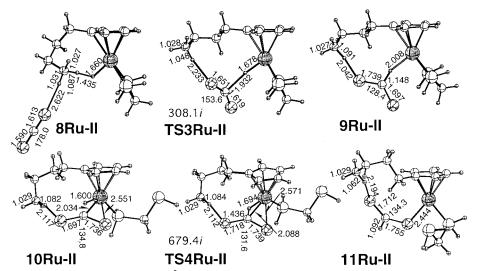
**Figure 6.** Potential energy surfaces (in kcal/mol) for the hydrido migration to CO<sub>2</sub> of the ( $\eta^{5}$ -C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>4</sub>(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub>NH<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup>)MH(H<sub>2</sub>-PCH<sub>2</sub>PH<sub>2</sub>) (M = Fe and Os) complexes by paths a (left-hand side) and b (right-hand side) with the contribution of the protonated amine arm at the PCM-B3LYP/BSII level in the solvent, THF ( $\epsilon$  = 7.58) (c) and water ( $\epsilon$  = 78.39) (f). The potential energy surfaces for the gas phase (a) are also presented for comparison. The normal and dotted lines are for Fe and Os, respectively.

dielectric constant increases. These changes in the charge are thought to stabilize the reactants of paths a and b to increase the energy barrier of each reaction.

We also calculated the solvent effect on the potential energy surfaces of both paths a and b with the contribution of the amine arm for Fe and Os, selecting the solvents THF and water (Figure 6). Although the potential energy surfaces were shifted down and their shape changed (the exothermicity decreased for Fe and the edothermicity increased for Os with the increase in the dielectric constant), the specific tendency for each metal, i.e., the preference of the insertion for Fe and the difficulty of the insertion for Os, did not change even in the strong polar solvent water.

3.4. Hydrido Migration to CS<sub>2</sub>. The migration of the hydrido ligand to CS<sub>2</sub> of the Ru complex similarly takes place in THF solution in the experiment.<sup>5</sup> We therefore examined paths a and b for CS<sub>2</sub> using the Ru complex, with a prediction that the charge distribution of CS<sub>2</sub> different from CO<sub>2</sub> would affect the reaction mechanism. The B3LYP/BSI-optimized structures of the reactants, transition state, and products involved in paths a and b are presented in Figure 7. The structural features are quite similar to those for CO<sub>2</sub> except 8Ru-II. The structure such as 4Ru-II found for CO<sub>2</sub> does not exist as an equilibrium structure. Even if the optimization is performed with an initial geometry corresponding to 4Ru-II, the  $CS_2$  is excluded out from the area between the N-bound proton and the hydrido ligand, because the electrophilicity of the CS<sub>2</sub> carbon is much smaller than the CO<sub>2</sub> carbon, as mentioned below. The intramolecular N-H- - -H-Ru H-bond is thence formed, and the  $CS_2$  is weakly bound to the one of the NH hydrogens in **8Ru-II**. The rotation of the NH<sub>3</sub> group around the C-N axis breaks the N-H- - -H-Ru H-bond and leads the  $CS_2$  toward the hydrido ligand. The Ru-H<sup>1</sup> distance in the transition state **TS3Ru-II** is longer by 0.019 Å than that in the corresponding TS1Ru-II for CO<sub>2</sub>, suggesting that the transition state shifts to the product side, and its difference in the Ru-H<sup>1</sup> distance enlarges up to 0.150 Å in the product **9Ru-II**. On the other hand, the  $Ru-H^1$  distance in the transition state **TS4Ru-II** of path b is shorter by 0.034 Å than that in the corresponding transition state TS2Ru-II for CO<sub>2</sub>. That is, the transition state is more reactant-like. The protonated amine arm attached to the S<sup>2</sup> is pushed up in the product **11Ru-II** by the formed HCSS<sup>-</sup> requiring the large space, which would destabilize the structure.

As presented in Figure 8, path a, i.e.,  $8Ru \rightarrow TS3Ru \rightarrow 9Ru$ , shows a large endothermicity of 14.6 kcal/mol even with the participation of the protonated amine

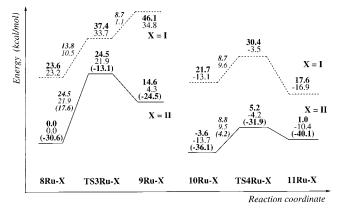


**Figure 7.** B3LYP/BSI-optimized structures (in Å and deg) of the reactants, transition states, and products with selected important parameters of paths a-II (**8Ru-II**  $\rightarrow$  **TS3Ru-II**  $\rightarrow$  **9Ru-II**) and b-II (**10Ru-II**  $\rightarrow$  **TS4Ru-II**  $\rightarrow$  **11Ru-II**) for the hydrido migration to CS<sub>2</sub> of the ( $\eta^5$ -C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>4</sub>(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub>NH<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup>)RuH(H<sub>2</sub>PCH<sub>2</sub>PH<sub>2</sub>) complex. The imaginary frequencies for the transition states, **TS3Ru-II** and **TS4Ru-II**, are presented. The C–S distance of the free CS<sub>2</sub> optimized at the B3LYP/BSI was 1.601 Å.

Table 5. Mulliken Atomic Charges Calculated at the B3LYP/BSII Level for the Reactants, Transition States, and Products of Paths a (8Ru-X  $\rightarrow$  TS3Ru-X  $\rightarrow$  9Ru-X) and b (10Ru-X  $\rightarrow$  TS4Ru-X  $\rightarrow$  11Ru-X) for the Hydrido Migration to CS<sub>2</sub> of the ( $\eta^{5}$ -C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>4</sub>(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub>NH<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup>)RuH(H<sub>2</sub>PCH<sub>2</sub>PH<sub>2</sub>) Complex with (X = II) and without (X = I) the Contribution of the Protonated Amine Arm<sup>a</sup>

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-0.38/-0.42	-0.31/-0.30	-0.24/-0.25	-0.31/-0.31	-0.26/-0.24	-0.04/-0.04
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-0.06/-0.05	-0.11/-0.10	-0.23/-0.22	-0.26/-0.24	-0.33/-0.32	-0.28/-0.26
0.05/0.13	0.01/0.07	-0.18/-0.13	0.10/0.12	0.11/0.13	-0.00/0.01
0.01/-0.04	0.00 / -0.07	-0.20/-0.21	-0.15/-0.16	-0.16/-0.16	-0.18/-0.24
-0.54/-0.54	-0.53/-0.53	-0.54/-0.53	-0.54/-0.52	-0.54/-0.53	-0.53/-0.53
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<sup>*a*</sup> The atomic charges for the free CS<sub>2</sub> at the B3LYP/BSII level were as follows. C: -0.06; S: 0.03. The numbers on the left- and righthand side of the slash are for **X** = **I** and **II**, respectively.



**Figure 8.** Potential energy surfaces (in kcal/mol) for the hydrido migration to CS<sub>2</sub> of the ( $\eta^5$ -C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>4</sub>(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub>NH<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup>)-RuH(H<sub>2</sub>PCH<sub>2</sub>PH<sub>2</sub>) complex by paths a (left-hand side) and b (right-hand side) with (normal line) and without (dotted line) the contribution of the protonated amine arm at the B3LYP/BSI (plain type) and B3LYP/BSII (boldface) levels. The numbers in parentheses are calculated at the PCM-B3LYP/BSII level in THF solvent with the dielectric constant  $\epsilon = 7.58$ .

arm, although the entire potential energy surface is stabilized by the attractive interaction between one of the CS<sub>2</sub> sulfurs and the protonated amine arm. Therefore, the abstraction reaction (path a) requires the large energy barrier of 24.5 kcal/mol. When the effect of the THF solvent which is used in the experiment is taken into account in the calculations, the entire potential energy surface is further shifted down by the solvation, but the trend in the potential energy surface did not change. Although the energy barrier is reduced to 17.6 kcal/mol, it is still large. The potential energy surface of path b  $(10Ru \rightarrow TS4Ru \rightarrow 11Ru)$  is also presented together in Figure 8. As well as path a, path b is endothermic. However, the endothermicity (4.6 kcal/ mol) is small so that the energy barrier is only 8.8 kcal/ mol. The energy barrier becomes even smaller (4.2 kcal/ mol) in THF solution. The entire potential energy surfaces with and without THF solvent are lower in energy compared with those for path a. Judging from the potential energy surfaces of paths a and b, it is obvious that the insertion (path b) is more favorable than the abstraction (path a). This path preference is completely reversed in contrast to the case of CO<sub>2</sub>.

To give an insight into the difference between  $CO_2$ and  $CS_2$  in the reactivity and the mechanism, we analyzed the charge distribution. Table 5 shows the Mulliken atomic charges of the reactants, transitions states, and products of paths a and b. The atomic charges for the free  $CS_2$  (C: -0.06 e; S: 0.03 e) is completely different from those for the free CO<sub>2</sub> (C: 0.66 e; O: -0.33 e), which originates from the larger electronegativity for the O atom (3.44) than for the S atom (2.58).<sup>26</sup> The polarization of CS<sub>2</sub> is quite small compared to CO<sub>2</sub>, and the CS<sub>2</sub> carbon is not positively but slightly negatively charged, which largely reduces the electrophilicity of the  $CS_2$  carbon. The negative charge at the C<sup>1</sup> of the Ru complex becomes larger as the reaction proceeds in path a, since the negative charge of the formed HCSS<sup>-</sup> anion is accumulated at the C<sup>1</sup> due to the small electronegativity of S. No difference in the charge distribution between that with and that without the contribution of the protonated amine arm suggests that the protonated amine arm is not effective at all even on path a, which differs from the case for CO<sub>2</sub>. This is because the function of the protonated amine arm is too weak to enhance the electrophilicity of the negatively charged  $CS_2$  carbon. In path b, the  $CS_2$  is already largely negatively charged in the reactant for the same reason for the case of CO<sub>2</sub> forming RuCSS<sup>-</sup>, where the negative charge is again accumulated at the  $C^1$ . By electron transmission from the hydrido  $H^1$  to  $CS_2$  via Ru, the hydrido ligand is positively charged. Therefore, as mentioned above for CO<sub>2</sub>, there is no advantage in the proton transfer in path b even if the protonated amine arm participates. The charge distribution in the  $S^{1}$ - $C^{1}-S^{2}$  part does not change very much during the reaction.

## 4. Concluding Remarks

We have theoretically examined using the hybrid density functional method (B3LYP) the effects of the metal and solvent on the hydrido migration to CO2 of the  $(\eta^5 - C_5 H_4 (CH_2)_3 NH_3^+) MH (H_2 PCH_2 PH_2)$  (M = Fe, Ru, and Os) complexes to form the HCOO<sup>-</sup> anion and the reaction mechanism for CS<sub>2</sub>. Even if the Ru atom of the complex is replaced by other metals in the same group, Fe or Os, the protonated amine arm similarly functions only in path a (abstraction) to promote the reaction. However, in the case of Fe, path b (insertion) was favorable rather than path a, although its preference is reversed in the case of Ru and Os. The reactivity was reduced in the order Fe > Ru > Os on both paths a and b, depending on the hydridic character of the hydrido ligand. The PCM calculations showed that the solvent also affects the reactivity. The energy barrier and the endothermicity of the reaction increased with more

<sup>(26)</sup> Pauling's values are presented. For example, see: *The Elements*, 2nd ed.; Emsley, J., Ed.; Oxford University Press: New York, 1991.

polar solvent in both paths a and b, and the entire potential energy surface of path b became lower in energy than that of path a for Ru. But the specific tendency for Fe and Os, i.e., the preference of the insertion for Fe and the difficulty of the insertion for Os, did not change even in the strong polar solvent water. In the migration of the hydrido ligand to  $CS_2$  for the Ru complex, it was found that the reaction evidently takes the energetically favorable path b in contrast to the case of  $CO_2$ . This is ascribed to the electronic nature of  $CS_2$ , which completely differs from  $CO_2$ . Thus, we could successfully indicate that the reactivity depends on the metal, solvent, and substrate, and the favorable path, abstraction or insertion, can mutually be switched by those effects. **Acknowledgment.** Part of the calculations were carried out at the Computer Center of the Institute for Molecular Science, Japan. T.M. was partly supported by the Grants-in-Aid from the Ministry of Education, Science, Sports, and Culture, Japan.

**Supporting Information Available:** Listings giving the optimized Cartesian coordinates of all equilibrium structures and transition states presented in this paper, and the optimized structures and the relative energies of  $(\eta^5:\eta^1-C_5H_4(CH_2)_3-NH_2)Ru^+(H_2PCH_2PH_2)$  (1) and  $(\eta^5-C_5H_4(CH_2)_3NH_3^+)RuH(H_2-PCH_2PH_2)$  (2) (Figure S-1) and of the  $(\eta^5-C_5H_4(CH_2)_3NH_3^+)-Ru(HCOO)(H_2PCH_2PH_2)$  isomers, **A** and **B** (Figure S-2). This material is available free of charge via the Internet at http://pubs.acs.org.

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