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Dative versus electron-sharing bonding in the isoelectronic argon compounds $\mathrm{ArR}^{+}\left(\mathrm{R}=\mathbf{C H}_{3}, \mathbf{N H}_{2}, \mathbf{O H}, \mathrm{~F}\right)$<br>Zhiling Liu*, Jing He, Ya Li, Yan Bai, Qingyang Lin, Yurong Guo ${ }^{\S}$, Fuqiang Zhang, Haishun Wu, and Jianfeng Jia

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11-T, $\mathrm{C}_{2 \mathrm{v}}$
175.95
$\mathbf{A r N H}_{2}{ }^{+}$


6-S, C
101.12
1-T, C 0.00
5.17
$\mathbf{A r F}^{+}$
1-S, C 0.00 0.00


2-T, $\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{s}}$ 0.84
2.26

7-S, $\mathrm{C}_{2 \mathrm{v}}$
145.98

## $\mathrm{ArOH}^{+}$

 .2-S, C 5.01 0.00


2-T, $\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{ov}}$
16.54
31.46


3-T, $\mathrm{C}_{\text {cov }}$
6.99
8.74

Figure S1. Optimized low-lying geometries of $\mathrm{ArR}^{+}$cations $\left(\mathrm{R}=\mathrm{CH}_{3}, \mathrm{NH}_{2}, \mathrm{OH}, \mathrm{F}\right)$ at the B3LYP-D3(BJ)/aug-cc-pVTZ level. The symmetries and relative energies (in $\mathrm{kcal} \cdot \mathrm{mol}^{-1}$ ) relative to the ground-state anion are indicated. The numbers in italic are the relative energies calculated at $\operatorname{CCSD}(\mathrm{T}) / \mathrm{CBS} / / \mathrm{B} 3 \mathrm{LYP}-\mathrm{D} 3(\mathrm{BJ}) /$ aug-cc-pVTZ level. The letters $\mathbf{S}$ and $\mathbf{T}$ behind the serial number stand for the singlet and triplet electronic states, respectively.

$1 \times 1 \mathrm{c}-2 \mathrm{e}$ lone pair on $\mathrm{N} 2 \times 2 \mathrm{c}-2 \mathrm{e} \mathrm{N}-\mathrm{H} \sigma$ bond


Figure S2. The NLMO analysis for the lowest singlet $\mathrm{ArR}^{+}$cations ( $\mathrm{R}=\mathrm{CH}_{3}, \mathrm{NH}_{2}, \mathrm{OH}$, F) at the B3LYP-D3(BJ)/aug-cc-pVTZ level. (isosurface $=0.08$ a.u.)

The cartesian coordinates of the lowest singlet $\mathrm{ArR}^{+}\left(\mathrm{R}=\mathrm{F}, \mathrm{OH}, \mathrm{NH}_{2}, \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)$ complexes at the B3LYP-D3(BJ)/aug-cc-pVTZ level of theory.

## $\mathrm{ArCH}_{3}{ }^{+}$

| Ar | 0.000000000000 | 0.000000000000 | 0.702254000000 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| C | 0.000000000000 | 0.000000000000 | -1.354393000000 |
| H | 0.000000000000 | 1.072941000000 | -1.504737000000 |
| H | 0.929194000000 | -0.536471000000 | -1.504737000000 |
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$\mathrm{ArNH}_{2}{ }^{+}$

| Ar | -0.044788000000 | -0.646804000000 | 0.000000000000 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| N | -0.044788000000 | 1.264386000000 | 0.000000000000 |
| H | 0.559849000000 | 1.395884000000 | 0.829016000000 |
| H | 0.559849000000 | 1.395884000000 | -0.829016000000 |

$\mathrm{ArOH}^{+}$

| Ar | 0.036063000000 | -0.589928000000 | 0.000000000000 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| O | 0.036063000000 | 1.158332000000 | 0.000000000000 |
| H | -0.937647000000 | 1.352049000000 | 0.000000000000 |

$\mathrm{ArF}^{+}$
$\begin{array}{lll}\mathrm{Ar} & 0.000000000000 & 0.000000000000 \\ \mathrm{~F} & 0.544661000000\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{llll}\mathrm{F} & 0.000000000000 & 0.000000000000 & -1.089322000000\end{array}$


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