

Thermo Manual  
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## Chapter 1

# Thermo

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## Chapter 2

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If you use the Thermo software in scientific publications, please cite [1]

S. Haar, A. Ciesielski, J. Clough, H. Yang, R. Mazzaro, F. Richard, S. Conti, N. Merstorf, M. Cecchini, V. Morandi, C. Casiraghi, and P. Samorì. "A supramolecular strategy to leverage the liquid-phase exfoliation of graphene in presence of surfactants: unraveling the role of the length of fatty acids.", *Small*, 2015, 11(14), pp. 1736–1736

If you use the quantum correction of the free energy difference, please cite [2]

M. Cecchini, "Quantum Corrections to the Free Energy Difference between Peptides and Proteins Conformers", *Journal of Chemical Theory and Computation*, 2015 ASAP

## Chapter 3

# Install instructions

The last version of the code can be downloaded from git via:

```
git clone https://github.com/SimoneCnt/thermo.git thermo
```

which will copy the latest available version inside the `thermo` directory. If you do not have git installed and

- you want to install it, take a look at <http://git-scm.com>
- you do not want to install it, you can get the code as a zip archive directly from the git project page at <https://github.com/SimoneCnt/thermo>

Once downloaded the installation is straightforward. The code is written in standard C and the compilation is managed by a CMake script. So to compile the code the following list of commands will easily do the work:

```
mkdir build
cd build
cmake ..
make
```

If you are missing CMake, you can get it from <http://www.cmake.org>.

Once the compilation finishes, you can find the `thermo` binary inside the `build` directory.

This procedure has been tested on Linux (Ubuntu) and MacOSX machines. On Ubuntu, and probably also in other Linux distributions, you can find both CMake and git on the standard packaging tools. So in Ubuntu this line should smoothly install both applications:

```
sudo apt-get install git cmake
```

No test has been performed on Windows machines.

## Chapter 4

# Theory

This part is still a draft. Please, see the McQuarrie "Statistical Mechanics" book [3] for more information.

### Partition Function

$$Q = \frac{q^N}{N!} \quad (4.1)$$

$$\ln Q = N \ln q - N \ln N + N = N \ln \frac{qe}{N} \quad (4.2)$$

$$q = q_{tr} q_{rot} q_{vib} q_{elec} \quad (4.3)$$

Translational degrees of freedom:

$$q_{tr} = \left( \frac{2\pi m k_B T}{h^2} \right)^{t/2} V \quad (4.4)$$

$$\ln q_{tr} = \frac{t}{2} \ln \left( \frac{2\pi m k_B T}{h^2} \right) + \ln V \quad (4.5)$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial T} \ln q_{tr} = \frac{t}{2} \frac{1}{T} \quad (4.6)$$

Rotational:

$$q_{rot} = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{\sigma} \left( \frac{8\pi^2 k_B T}{h^2} \right)^{r/2} \left( \prod_{i=1}^r I_i \right)^{1/2} \quad (4.7)$$

$$\ln q_{rot} = \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{\pi}{\sigma^2} + \frac{r}{2} \ln \frac{8\pi^2 k_B T}{h^2} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^r \ln I_i \quad (4.8)$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial T} \ln q_{rot} = \frac{r}{2} \frac{1}{T} \quad (4.9)$$

Vibrational (classical limit):

$$q_{vib,cl} = \prod_{i=1}^f \frac{k_B T}{h \nu_i} \quad (4.10)$$

$$\ln q_{vib,cl} = \sum_{i=1}^f \ln \frac{k_B T}{h \nu_i} \quad (4.11)$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial T} \ln q_{vib,cl} = f \frac{1}{T} \quad (4.12)$$

Vibrational (quantum):

$$q_{vib,qm} = \prod_{i=1}^f \frac{\exp \frac{h\nu}{2k_B T}}{1 - \exp \frac{h\nu}{k_B T}} = \prod_{i=1}^f \left[ 2 \sinh \left( \frac{h\nu}{2k_B T} \right) \right]^{-1} \quad (4.13)$$

$$\ln q_{vib,qm} = - \sum_{i=1}^f \ln \left[ 2 \sinh \left( \frac{h\nu}{2k_B T} \right) \right] \quad (4.14)$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial T} \ln q_{vib,qm} = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{i=1}^f \frac{\frac{h\nu}{2k_B T}}{\tanh \left( \frac{h\nu}{2k_B T} \right)} \quad (4.15)$$

Electronic:

$$q_{elec} = \exp \left( - \frac{E_m}{k_B T} \right) \quad (4.16)$$

$$\ln q_{elec} = - \frac{E_m}{k_B T} \quad (4.17)$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial T} \ln q_{elec} = \frac{E_m}{k_B T} \frac{1}{T} \quad (4.18)$$

### Helmholtz Free energy

$$F = U - TS \quad (4.19)$$

$$F = -Nk_B T \ln Q = -Nk_B T \ln \frac{q^e}{N} \quad (4.20)$$

$$= -Nk_B T \ln \frac{q_{tr}^e}{N} - Nk_B T \ln q_{rot} - Nk_B T \ln q_{vib} - Nk_B T \ln q_{elec} \quad (4.21)$$

$$= F_{tr} + F_{rot} + F_{vib} + F_{elec} \quad (4.22)$$

$$F_{tr} = -Nk_B T \ln \frac{q_{tr}^e}{N} = -Nk_B T \ln \left[ \left( \frac{2\pi m k_B T}{h^2} \right)^{t/2} \frac{V e}{N} \right] \quad (4.23)$$

$$= -Nk_B T \left( \frac{t}{2} \ln \frac{2\pi m k_B T}{h^2} + 1 - \ln \frac{N}{V} \right) \quad (4.24)$$

$$F_{rot} = -Nk_B T \ln q_{rot} = -Nk_B T \left[ \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{\pi}{\sigma^2} + \frac{r}{2} \ln \frac{8\pi^2 k_B T}{h^2} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^r I_i \right] \quad (4.25)$$

$$F_{vib,cl} = -Nk_B T \ln q_{vib,cl} = -Nk_B T \sum_{i=1}^f \ln \frac{k_B T}{h\nu_i} \quad (4.26)$$

$$F_{vib,qm} = -Nk_B T \ln q_{vib,qm} = Nk_B T \sum_{i=1}^f \ln \left[ 2 \sinh \left( \frac{h\nu}{2k_B T} \right) \right] \quad (4.27)$$

$$F_{elec} = -Nk_B T \ln q_{elec} = NE_m \quad (4.28)$$

### Molar Helmholtz free energy

$$\mu = F_m = \frac{\partial F}{\partial N} \quad (4.29)$$

$$= \frac{\partial F_{tr}}{\partial N} + \frac{\partial F_{rot}}{\partial N} + \frac{\partial F_{vib}}{\partial N} + \frac{\partial F_{elec}}{\partial N} \quad (4.30)$$

$$= \mu_{tr} + \mu_{rot} + \mu_{vib} + \mu_{elec} \quad (4.31)$$

$$\mu_{tr} = \frac{\partial F_{tr}}{\partial N} = -k_B T \frac{t}{2} \ln \frac{2\pi m k_B T}{h^2} + k_B T \ln \frac{N}{V} = \frac{F_{tr}}{N} + k_B T \quad (4.32)$$

$$\mu_{rot} = \frac{\partial F_{rot}}{\partial N} = -k_B T \left[ \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{\pi}{\sigma^2} + \frac{r}{2} \ln \frac{8\pi^2 k_B T}{h^2} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^r I_i \right] = \frac{F_{rot}}{N} \quad (4.33)$$

$$\mu_{vib,cl} = \frac{\partial F_{vib,cl}}{\partial N} = -k_B T \sum_{i=1}^f \ln \frac{k_B T}{h\nu_i} = \frac{F_{vib,cl}}{N} \quad (4.34)$$

$$\mu_{vib,qm} = \frac{\partial F_{vib,qm}}{\partial N} = k_B T \sum_{i=1}^f \ln \left[ 2 \sinh \left( \frac{h\nu}{2k_B T} \right) \right] = \frac{F_{vib,qm}}{N} \quad (4.35)$$

$$\mu_{elec} = \frac{\partial F_{elec}}{\partial N} = E_m = \frac{F_{elec}}{N} \quad (4.36)$$

### Internal energy

$$U = k_B T^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial T} \ln Q = N k_B T^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial T} \ln q \quad (4.37)$$

$$= N k_B T^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial T} \ln q_{tr} + N k_B T^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial T} \ln q_{rot} + N k_B T^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial T} \ln q_{vib} + N k_B T^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial T} \ln q_{elec} \quad (4.38)$$

$$= U_{tr} + U_{rot} + U_{vib} + U_{elec} \quad (4.39)$$

$$U_{tr} = N k_B T^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial T} \ln q_{tr} = N k_B T \frac{t}{2} \quad (4.40)$$

$$U_{rot} = N k_B T^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial T} \ln q_{rot} = N k_B T \frac{r}{2} \quad (4.41)$$

$$U_{vib,cl} = N k_B T^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial T} \ln q_{vib,cl} = N k_B T f \quad (4.42)$$

$$U_{vib,qm} = N k_B T^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial T} \ln q_{vib,qm} = N k_B T \sum_{i=1}^f \frac{\frac{h\nu}{2k_B T}}{\tanh \left( \frac{h\nu}{2k_B T} \right)} \quad (4.43)$$

$$U_{elec} = N k_B T^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial T} \ln q_{elec} = N E_m \quad (4.44)$$

### Molar internal energy

$$U_m = \frac{\partial U}{\partial N} = \frac{\partial U_{tr}}{\partial N} + \frac{\partial U_{rot}}{\partial N} + \frac{\partial U_{vib}}{\partial N} + \frac{\partial U_{elec}}{\partial N} = U_{m,tr} + U_{m,rot} + U_{m,vib} + U_{m,elec} \quad (4.45)$$

$$U_{m,tr} = \frac{\partial U_{tr}}{\partial N} = k_B T \frac{t}{2} = \frac{U_{tr}}{N} \quad (4.46)$$

$$U_{m,rot} = \frac{\partial U_{rot}}{\partial N} = k_B T \frac{r}{2} = \frac{U_{rot}}{N} \quad (4.47)$$

$$U_{m,vib,cl} = \frac{\partial U_{vib,cl}}{\partial N} = k_B T f = \frac{U_{vib,cl}}{N} \quad (4.48)$$

$$U_{m,vib,qm} = \frac{\partial U_{vib,qm}}{\partial N} = k_B T \sum_{i=1}^f \frac{\frac{h\nu}{2k_B T}}{\tanh\left(\frac{h\nu}{2k_B T}\right)} = \frac{U_{vib,qm}}{N} \quad (4.49)$$

$$U_{m,elec} = \frac{\partial U_{elec}}{\partial N} = E_m = \frac{U_{elec}}{N} \quad (4.50)$$

### Entropy

$$S = \frac{\partial}{\partial T} (k_B T \ln Q) = k_B \ln Q + k_B T \frac{\partial}{\partial T} \ln Q = N k_B \ln \frac{q_e}{N} + N k_B T \frac{\partial}{\partial T} \ln q \quad (4.51)$$

$$= \left( N k_B \ln \frac{q_{tr,e}}{N} + N k_B T \frac{\partial}{\partial T} \ln q_{tr} \right) + \left( N k_B \ln q_{rot} + N k_B T \frac{\partial}{\partial T} \ln q_{rot} \right) \\ + \left( N k_B \ln q_{vib} + N k_B T \frac{\partial}{\partial T} \ln q_{vib} \right) + \left( N k_B \ln q_{elec} + N k_B T \frac{\partial}{\partial T} \ln q_{elec} \right) \quad (4.52)$$

$$= S_{tr} + S_{rot} + S_{vib} + S_{elec} \quad (4.53)$$

$$S_{tr} = N k_B \ln \frac{q_{tr,e}}{N} + N k_B T \frac{\partial}{\partial T} \ln q_{tr} = N k_B \left( \frac{t}{2} \ln \frac{2\pi m k_B T}{h^2} + \frac{t+2}{2} - \ln \frac{N}{V} \right) \quad (4.54)$$

$$S_{rot} = N k_B \ln q_{rot} + N k_B T \frac{\partial}{\partial T} \ln q_{rot} = N k_B \left( \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{\pi}{\sigma^2} + \frac{r}{2} \ln \frac{8\pi^2 k_B T}{h^2} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^r I_i + \frac{r}{2} \right) \quad (4.55)$$

$$S_{vib,cl} = N k_B \ln q_{vib,cl} + N k_B T \frac{\partial}{\partial T} \ln q_{vib,cl} = N k_B \left( f + \sum_{i=1}^f \ln \frac{k_B T}{h\nu_i} \right) \quad (4.56)$$

$$S_{vib,qm} = N k_B \ln q_{vib,qm} + N k_B T \frac{\partial}{\partial T} \ln q_{vib,qm} = N k_B \sum_{i=1}^f \left[ \frac{\frac{h\nu}{2k_B T}}{\tanh \frac{h\nu}{2k_B T}} - \ln \left( 2 \sinh \frac{h\nu}{2k_B T} \right) \right] \quad (4.57)$$

$$S_{elec} = N k_B \ln q_{elec} + N k_B T \frac{\partial}{\partial T} \ln q_{elec} = 0 \quad (4.58)$$



## Molar Entropy

$$S_m = \frac{\partial S}{\partial N} = \frac{\partial S_{tr}}{\partial N} + \frac{\partial S_{rot}}{\partial N} + \frac{\partial S_{vib}}{\partial N} + \frac{\partial S_{elec}}{\partial N} = S_{m,tr} + S_{m,rot} + S_{m,vib} + S_{m,elec} \quad (4.59)$$

$$S_{m,tr} = \frac{\partial S_{tr}}{\partial N} = k_B \left( \frac{t}{2} \ln \frac{2\pi m k_B T}{h^2} + \frac{t}{2} - \ln \frac{N}{V} \right) = \frac{S_{tr}}{N} - k_B \quad (4.60)$$

$$S_{m,rot} = \frac{\partial S_{rot}}{\partial N} = k_B \left( \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{\pi}{\sigma^2} + \frac{r}{2} \ln \frac{8\pi^2 k_B T}{h^2} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^r I_i + \frac{r}{2} \right) = \frac{S_{rot}}{N} \quad (4.61)$$

$$S_{m,vib,cl} = \frac{\partial S_{vib,cl}}{\partial N} = k_B \left( f + \sum_{i=1}^f \ln \frac{k_B T}{h\nu_i} \right) = \frac{S_{vib,cl}}{N} \quad (4.62)$$

$$S_{m,vib,qm} = \frac{\partial S_{vib,qm}}{\partial N} = k_B \sum_{i=1}^f \left[ \frac{\frac{h\nu}{2k_B T}}{\tanh \frac{h\nu}{2k_B T}} - \ln \left( 2 \sinh \frac{h\nu}{2k_B T} \right) \right] = \frac{S_{vib,qm}}{N} \quad (4.63)$$

$$S_{m,elec} = \frac{\partial S_{elec}}{\partial N} = 0 \quad (4.64)$$

## Chapter 5

# Examples

Inside the `examples` directory it is possible to find some ready to use input files for some published applications. A reference output is present.

### Dimerization of Insulin

This first example is based on the reference paper by B. Tidor and M. Karplus [4], published in 1994:

B. Tidor and M. Karplus, "The Contribution of Vibrational Entropy to Molecular Association: The Dimerization of Insulin", *Journal of Molecular Biology*, 238(3) 1994 pp. 405-414

In this work the effect of vibrations in the stabilization of the insulin dimer is discussed as an example of how the vibrational entropy can partially counterbalance the net loss in translational and rotational degrees of freedom. Translational and rotational contributions are calculated in good agreement with the data reported in the paper, while the vibrational ones are incorrect due to the limited number of frequencies reported in the main text.

The input files are inside the `insulin` subdirectory. They can be run with:

```
thermo -A monomer.inp -B dimer.inp --stechio 2:1 > insulin.out
```

The reference output is `insulin.out.ref`

### Free Energy Difference between Peptides and Proteins Conformers

Three examples are included to study the difference in free energy between peptides and proteins conformers:

- alanine dipeptide (`diala` directory) in its  $c7$  equatorial (`c7eq`) and  $c7$  axial (`c7ax`) conformations;
- beta hairpin from protein G (`bhp`) in the native beta-hairpin (`bhp1`) and in a three-stranded beta sheet (`bhp2`) conformations;
- the converter of the biomolecular motor myosin VI (`conv`) in the pre-powerstroke (`pps`) and rigor-like (`rig`) conformations.

These examples, see Fig. 5.1, are taken from the work of M. Cecchini, *JCTC* 2015 [2], where they were used to develop a quantum correction to the classical conformational free energy difference.

M. Cecchini, "Quantum Corrections to the Free Energy Difference between Peptides and Proteins Conformers", *Journal of Chemical Theory and Computation*, 2015 ASAP

The quantum correction is by default calculated by Thermo; for example, for the myosin converter

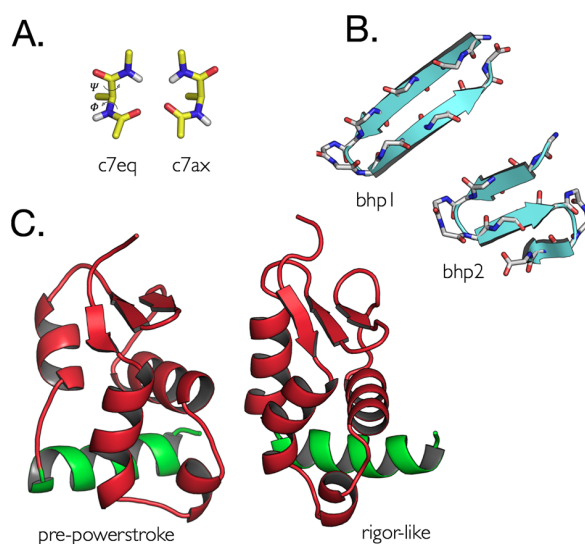


Figure 5.1: Representation of the three examples to study the quantum correction to the conformational free energy difference: the alanine dipeptide, the beta hairpin of protein G and the converter of myosin VI. Reproduced from [2].

```
thermo -A rig.inp -B pps.inp --stechio 1:1
```

Thermo calculates a quantum correction of  $1.09 \text{ kcal mol}^{-1}$ , in perfect agreement with the Cecchini paper.

## Chapter 6

# Module Documentation

### 6.1 Thermo Module

Calculate thermodynamic quantities based on the canonical partition function.

#### Functions

- void `thermo_calcthermo` (Thermo \*A)  
*Calculate all thermodynamic quantities based on partition function.*
- void `thermo_cumulvib` (const Thermo \*A, const char \*fname)  
*Print the vibrational free energy in a cumulative way as a function of the vibrational frequencies.*
- void `thermo_delete` (Thermo \*A)  
*Delete all allocated memory inside a Thermo structure.*
- void `thermo_diffthermo` (const Thermo \*A, const Thermo \*B, int nA, int nB, Thermo \*D)  
*Calculate the thermodynamic quantities for a chemical reaction.*
- void `thermo_init` (Thermo \*A)  
*Initialize to default values a Thermo structure.*
- void `thermo_printconfig` (const Thermo \*A)  
*Print to stdout the parsed quantities from a Thermo input file.*
- void `thermo_printthermo` (const Thermo \*A, int onlyInt)  
*Print to stdout the evaluated internal energy, entropy and free energy.*
- int `thermo_readthermo` (Thermo \*A, const char \*fname)  
*Read a thermo file and save all quantities inside a Thermo structure.*
- void `thermo_vdos` (Thermo \*A, const char \*fname)  
*Evaluate the vibrational density of states (VDOS) starting from the vibrational frequencies.*

#### 6.1.1 Detailed Description

Calculate thermodynamic quantities based on the canonical partition function.

#### 6.1.2 Function Documentation

##### 6.1.2.1 void `thermo_calcthermo` ( Thermo \* A )

Calculate all thermodynamic quantities based on partition function.

Taken an initialized `Thermo` structure, evaluates the translational, rotational, vibrational and electronic contributions to the partition function. From that, the internal energy, entropy and free energy are evaluated.

## Parameters

in, out	A	Pointer to an initialized <code>Thermo</code> structure
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## 6.1.2.2 void thermo\_cumulvib ( const Thermo \* A, const char \* fname )

Print the vibrational free energy in a cumulative way as a function of the vibrational frequencies.

This function generates two file called `fname.k.dat` and `fname.f.dat`. Both contain the cumulative vibrational free energy: the first as a function of the number of modes, the second as a function of the frequency.

## Parameters

in	A	Pointer to an initialized <code>Thermo</code> structure
in	fname	Base filename to save the cumulative vibrational free energy

## 6.1.2.3 void thermo\_delete ( Thermo \* A )

Delete all allocated memory inside a `Thermo` structure.

## Parameters

in, out	A	Pointer to an initialized <code>Thermo</code> structure
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## 6.1.2.4 void thermo\_diffthermo ( const Thermo \* A, const Thermo \* B, int nA, int nB, Thermo \* D )

Calculate the thermodynamic quantities for a chemical reaction.

Given two systems and the stoichiometric coefficients calculates the thermodynamic quantities for the reaction  $aA \rightleftharpoons bB$ . Evaluates  $D = nB \cdot B - nA \cdot A$ . For all energy, entropy and free energy.

## Parameters

in	A	Pointer to an initialized <code>Thermo</code> structure
in	B	Pointer to an initialized <code>Thermo</code> structure
in	nA	Stoichiometric coefficient for structure A
in	nB	Stoichiometric coefficient for structure B
out	D	Pointer to an initialized <code>Thermo</code> structure

## 6.1.2.5 void thermo\_init ( Thermo \* A )

Initialize to default values a `Thermo` structure.

In particular: temperature sets to 300K, number of moles to 1, volume to 1 liter, and accuracy in vibrational to  $1\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

## Parameters

in, out	A	Pointer to an initialized <code>Thermo</code> structure
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## 6.1.2.6 void thermo\_printconfig ( const Thermo \* A )

Print to stdout the parsed quantities from a `Thermo` input file.

## Parameters

in	A	Pointer to an initialized <code>Thermo</code> structure
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6.1.2.7 void thermo\_printthermo ( const `Thermo` \* *A*, int *onlyInt* )

Print to stdout the evaluated internal energy, entropy and free energy.

## Parameters

in	A	Pointer to an initialized <code>Thermo</code> structure
in	<i>onlyInt</i>	If set to one, only the intensive quantities are printed

6.1.2.8 int thermo\_readthermo ( `Thermo` \* *A*, const char \* *fname* )

Read a thermo file and save all quantities inside a `Thermo` structure.

## Parameters

in, out	A	Pointer to an initialized <code>Thermo</code> structure
in	<i>fname</i>	Input thermo filename

## Return values

<code>EXIT_SUCCESS</code>	if everything is ok, <code>EXIT_FAILURE</code> otherwise
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6.1.2.9 void thermo\_vdos ( `Thermo` \* *A*, const char \* *fname* )

Evaluate the vibrational density of states (VDOS) starting from the vibrational frequencies.

The free energy is vibrational free energy is also evaluated as integral over the VDOS (see Theory). In the output file, the VDOS, the free energy at each point, and the cumulative free energy is printed as a function of the frequency. To change the resolution of the calculated VDOS, use the `-n`, `-dnu` command line option.

## Parameters

in	A	Pointer to an initialized <code>Thermo</code> structure
in	<i>fname</i>	Filename where to print the VDOS and the free energy.

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