

# User's Guide of the Program UNIMOVIB

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# 1 About UNIMOVIB

UNIMOVIB is a Unified interface for MOlecular VIBrational harmonic frequency calculations. It was initially written in Fortran 77 during 2014 and 2015 when I was in Dallas, US and in Tianjin, China, and worked as a front-end interface for the LOCALMODES program developed in the CATCO group in SMU, but its ancient predecessor has been started since 2009 when I was in UT Austin. After being rewritten in Fortran 90 recently, UNIMOVIB is released as a stand-alone program.

## 1.1 Features

- Calculate harmonic vibrational frequencies and (optional) I.R. intensities from Hessian, coordinates, and other related data generated by quantum chemistry programs or by the user manually.  
Nearly 30 quantum chemistry programs have been supported (see Section 3.1), although some of them can do these calculations much better.
- Analyze point group of geometry and irreducible representations (*irreps.*) of normal modes in full symmetry (for *irreps.*: closed-shell molecule only).  
Symmetry analysis is based on the symmetry subroutines from MOPAC 7.1, which is fully in the public domain (at [openmopac.net](http://openmopac.net) and [sourceforge.net](http://sourceforge.net)).
- Thermochemistry calculation uses the point group in full symmetry, and the results are printed in Gaussian-style (for detailed explanations, see Foresman and Frisch, *Exploring Chemistry With Electronic Structure Methods*, Ed.2, Gaussian Inc., Pittsburgh, PA, **1996**, pp.66).
- Save a MOLDEN file for animation of normal modes.
- Set up isotopic masses, temperature, pressure, scale factor and/or experimental frequencies, and so on.
- Can be used as a third party module for frequency and thermochemistry calculations in a quantum chemistry program, especially when non-Abelian group is not supported therein.

## 1.2 Symmetry

The point group symmetries supported are listed in Table 1.

Table 1: Available Point Groups.

$C_n$	$n = 1 \dots 8$
$C_s, C_{nv}$	$n = 2 \dots 8$
$C_i, C_{nh}$	$n = 2 \dots 8$
$D_n$	$n = 2 \dots 8$
$D_{nd}$	$n = 2 \dots 7$
$D_{nh}$	$n = 2 \dots 8$
$S_n$	$n = 4, 6, 8$
Others	$R_3, T, T_d, T_h, O, O_h, I, I_h, C_{\infty v}, D_{\infty h}$

Two point groups will be printed by the program, *i.e.* "Point Group (Z)" and "Point Group (Z+M)". Point Group (Z) is independent of isotopic masses whereas Point Group (Z+M) is. Isotopes may lead to lower symmetry of vibrational normal modes, so the latter point group should be used to analyze vibrations and do thermochemistry calculations. However, some quantum chemistry programs use the former symmetry, which is not correct, and the *irreps.* cannot be correctly analyzed. A extreme case is the fullerene  $^{12}\text{C}_{59}^{13}\text{C}$ , which has  $I_h$  symmetry for geometry and electronic structures, but  $C_1$  for vibration and rotation. If  $I_h$  is used for thermochemistry calculations, the error in Gibbs free energy will be as large as 2.5 kcal/mol!

## 2 Compiling and Running

### 2.1 Compiling the program

```
$ cd $UniMoVib/src  
$ make
```

A Fortran90 compiler is required, which is defined in Makefile.

### 2.2 Running the program

Double-click the binary program `unimovib.exe`, and type in the name of input file (MS-Windows only),

or

in the terminal, type in

```
$ ./unimovib.exe
```

and then type in the name of input file (if no input file name provided, the default name `job.inp` will be assumed),

or

in the terminal, type in

```
$ ./unimovib.exe -b < input > output
```

In the last way, one can prepare a batch script to perform a series of calculations.

## 3 Input description

The input options are grouped by namelists, which are ended by \$END. These groups may be given in any order as desired. Before each \$ symbol there should be at least one space.

The input file is case-insensitive except the data file names specified in the \$QCData group (section 3.2).

### 3.1 \$Contrl group

This group specifies the type of calculation. Keywords:

QCProg="XXXX": XXXX is the name of quantum chemistry program that is used to calculate the molecular Hessian matrix and vibrational frequencies. The following programs are supported:

- Gaussian (default).
- GAMESS (GAMESS-US and GAMESSUS are synonyms).
- Firefly (PCGameess and PC-Gameess are synonyms).
- GAMESS-UK (GAMESSUK is synonym).
- ORCA.
- Molpro.
- QChem (Q-Chem is synonym).
- NWChem.
- CFour.
- Turbomole.
- deMon2k (deMon is synonym).
- PQS.
- OpenMOPAC (MOPAC is synonym). MOPAC 6 and MOPAC 7 are also supported, but the closely related FUJITSU MOPAC 200x (now MO-G in SCIGRESS) has not been tested.
- AMSOL (AMPAC is synonym). AMPAC 2.x is also supported, but the higher versions of AMPAC have not been tested.
- Dalton.
- FHI-AIMS (FHIAIMS and AIMS are synonyms).
- CP2k. The QUICKSTEP module.
- Hyperchem.

- Jaguar. A quantum chemistry module in SCHRÖDINGER SUITE.
- ADF. Only the molecular ADF module was tested.
- MOLDEN, which was generated by a frequency calculation and there should be at least three sections: [FREQ], [FR-COORD], and [FR-NORM-COORD] in it. Through the MOLDEN file, ACES-II, COLUMBUS, DALTON (analytic frequency calculation), MOLCAS, and so on may be supported by the program.
- Crystal. Molecular harmonic frequency is supported and CRYSTAL 14 has been tested.
- Spartan.
- PSI. Only PSI 4 has been tested.
- DMOL3 (DMOL is synonym). Molecular harmonic frequency is supported.
- ACES. Both ACES-II and ACES-III have been tested.
- UniMoVib (ALM is synonym). A plain text file generated by the UNIMOVIB program. See Appendix A.1.

In addition, QCProg="AtomCalc" will do an atomic thermochemistry calculation (see section 3.6).

IFConc: (.True./.False.) Concise output of frequencies or not. Default: .False.

Isotop: Sets up isotopic masses.

- = 0: (default) all the atomic masses will be read from the data file of frequency calculation; if there was none, then the masses are taken from the library (the most abundant isotopic masses will be used except for several quantum chemistry programs).
- = 1: all the atomic masses will be read from library or the data file of frequency calculation (same as 0), and then the masses of a list of isotopes will be replaced by the values provided after the \$IsoMas group (section 3.3).
- = 2: all the atomic masses are provided after the \$IsoMas group (section 3.3).

ISyTol = MN: the symmetry tolerance is defined by  $M * 10^{N-3}$  where M is always positive and the sign of ISyTol will pass to N. So ISyTol = 21 means 0.02 whereas -21 means 0.0002. Default: 10, *i.e.* the tolerance is 0.001.

IFExp: (.True./.False.) Correct the Hessian matrix using experimental vibrational frequencies which are provided after the \$ExpFrq group (section 3.4). Default: .False.

IFSAVE: (.True./.False.) Save the atomic masses (affected by Isotop), Cartesian coordinates, Hessian matrix (affected by IFExp), and the APT matrix into a plain text data file \*.umv. This option doesn't work with QCProg="AtomCalc" or "UniMoVib". Default: .False. See Appendix A.1 for the format.

IFMOLDEN: (.True./.False.) Save a MOLDEN file except when QCProg="AtomCalc" or "MOLDEN", which may be opened by the MOLDEN or GABEDIT program to view geometry and normal vibration modes. Default: .False.

## 3.2 \$QCData group

This group specifies data file(s) enclosed by quotes, where the data (atomic masses, coordinates, APT, and Hessian) are obtained. In general, only one data file is required, which is defined by the option FCHK. However for some programs, multiple data files should be defined separately by the keywords HESS, DDIP, and/or GEOM.

- GAUSSIAN: \*.fchk. By default, the atomic masses are not included in the fchk file, so the most abundant isotopic masses are assumed, but for GAUSSIAN 09 (and maybe higher versions in the future), one can also use FREQ(SaveNormalModes) instead to save atomic masses automatically.
- GAMESS: \*.dat (by FCHK) + \*.out (by GEOM).
- FIREFLY: data file (by FCHK; default name: PUNCH) + \*.out (by GEOM).
- GAMESS-UK: \*.out file. Use RUNTYPE INFRARED in the frequency calculation to print APT if you are interested in the IR intensities.
- ORCA: \*.hess.
- MOLPRO: \*.out file. Use the following commands to print Hessian and APT:  
{frequencies,print=1;print,hessian}
- Q-CHEM: \*.fchk. In your Q-CHEM frequency calculation, use GUI=2 to generate the \*.fchk file. The atomic masses are not included in the fchk file, so the most abundant isotopic masses are assumed.
- NWCHEM: \*.out file (by FCHK) + \*.fd\_ddipole (by DDIP) + \*.hess (by HESS), where DDIP is optional and can be neglected if you are not interested in the IR intensities.
- CFOUR

For analytical frequency (VIB=ANALYTIC): \*.out file (by FCHK) + GRD (by GEOM).

For both numerical frequency and analytical frequency: Use the MOLDEN file. However, no IR intensities. See also MOLDEN below.

- TURBOMOLE: \*.out file of aoforce (by FCHK; default: aoforce.out) + dipgrad (by DDIP), where DDIP is optional and can be neglected if you are not interested in the IR intensities.



- DEMON2K: \*.out file (by FCHK; default: deMon.out). DEMON2K can print Hessian by PRINT DE2.
- PQS: \*.coord file (by FCHK) + \*.deriv (by DDIP)+ \*.hess (by HESS), where DDIP is optional and can be neglected if you are not interested in the IR intensities.
- OPENMOPAC: \*.out file (by FCHK). Use FORCE DFORCE or FORCE=DFORCE to print Hessian. The averaged isotopic masses are used, which may be not consistent with some very old versions of MOPAC.
- AMSOL: \*.out file (by FCHK). Use FORCE DFORCE to print Hessian. The averaged isotopic masses are used, which may be not consistent with some very old versions of AMSOL/AM-PAC.
- DALTON: \*.out file (by FCHK). Since DALTON doesn't print nuclear charges and element symbols, the standard element symbols have to be specified in the input file of DALTON's frequency calculation (*ie.*, Mg is okay, but Mg01 and Mgxx don't work).
- FHI-AIMS: masses\*.dat file (by FCHK) + grad\_dipole\*.dat (by DDIP) + hessian\*.dat (by HESS), where DDIP is optional and can be neglected if you are not interested in the IR intensities.
- CP2K: the output file of frequency calculation (by FCHK) using the QUICKSTEP module.
- HYPERCHEM: the log file of frequency calculation (by FCHK). HYPERCHEM doesn't generate the log file by default. Before doing a frequency calculation, go to the **File** menu and select **Save log** with print level = 9 to save a log file.
- JAGUAR: the output file of frequency calculation (by FCHK).
- ADF: the formatted TAPE21 or TAPE13 data file (by FCHK). There are some problems in the case of numerical frequency calculation of ADF. See the Known problems section (5).
- MOLDEN: a data file (by FCHK), which contains [FREQ], [FR-COORD], and [FR-NORM-COORD] sections. See the Known problems section (5).
- CRYSTAL: the output file from molecular harmonic frequency calculation (by FCHK).
- SPARTAN: the \*.smol archive file (by FCHK). The most abundant isotopic masses are assumed.
- PSI: the output file (by FCHK). In your PSI 4 frequency calculation, use `set print 3` to print Hessian matrix.
- DMOL3: the output file (by FCHK).
- ACES: the output file (by FCHK). But using the MOLDEN file can achieve higher accuracy. See the Known problems section (5).
- UNIMOVIB: an ASCII data file (by FCHK), which was generated by UNIMOVIB with the option `IFSAVE=.TRUE.`, or created manually (see Appendix A.1).
- XYZ: a standard XYZ data file (by FCHK). For debugging only.

See the examples in \$UniMoVib/test.

### 3.3 \$IsoMas group

This group is required when `Isotop = 1` or `2`. There is no option in this group. After this group, the isotopic masses are provided.

If `Isotop = 1`, one atom per line, including the atom index and its mass. The program will read isotopic masses until a blank line or the end is encountered. For example,

```
$IsoMas $End
2 15.99491
4 2.01410
```

It means that the masses of the second and the forth atoms are 15.99491 and 2.01410, respectively.

If `Isotop = 2`, all the `N` atomic masses are defined in free format. For example,

```
$IsoMas $End
12.0 1.0 1.0
1.0
1.0
```

5 atomic masses are defined for  $\text{CH}_4$  in the above example.

### 3.4 \$ExpFrq group

This group is required when `IFExp=.True.` There is only one option `MODE` in this group. After this group, the experimental vibrational frequencies are provided.

If `MODE = 0` (default), all the  $N_{\text{Vib}}$  vibrational frequency values, which MUST have been correctly ordered according to the calculated frequencies, are defined in free format. For example,

```
$ExpFrq $End
835.0248 835.3904 926.0930 926.2148
2160.9759
```

If `MODE = 1`, a list of theoretical frequencies will be replaced by the provided experimental ones. One frequency per line, including the frequency index and its experimental value. The program will read experimental frequencies until a blank line or the end is encountered. For example,

```
$ExpFrq MODE=1 $End
3 926.0930
5 2160.9759
```

### 3.5 \$Thermo group

This group controls the thermochemistry calculation. Keywords:

Eel: total energy taken from quantum chemistry calculation (in Hartree). Default: 0.

NDeg: degeneracy of the (spin-orbit) electronic state, which affects the entropy and Gibbs free energy. Default: 1.

Temp: temperature (in K). Default: 298.15.

Press: pressure (in atm). Default: 1.0.

Scale: frequency scale factor. Default: 1.0. Experimental frequencies defined in the \$ExpFrq group will not be scaled.

PG: specify the name of point group to calculate rotational entropy. It may affect the entropy and Gibbs free energy, so the correct point group name must be provided.

= 0: (default) 2.

= 1: use the isotope independent point group. If isotope leads to lower symmetry, this option may reproduce the results of other quantum chemistry programs, but unfortunately this is not correct.

= 2: use the isotope dependent point group.

= "XXXX": specify the name of point group, which is useful for the high symmetry not supported by the program, for example, "D10h". Don't forget the quotes.

### 3.6 Atomic thermochemistry calculation

Atomic thermochemistry data can also be calculated using the UNIMOVIB program, which are useful to study some atom related chemical reactions, for example,  $CH_3 + H_2 \rightarrow CH_4 + H$ . The atomic thermochemistry calculation does not require any data and files from quantum chemistry calculations except the optional total energy. Three groups of keywords may be provided:

\$Contr1 group (section 3.1): qcprog="atomcalc" should be specified.

\$IsoMas group (section 3.3): the atomic mass should be specified (Isotop in the \$Contr1 group is always 2).

\$Thermo group (section 3.5): Eel, NDeg, Temp, and Press can be specified, which are optional.

The other namelists and keywords do not make sense and will be ignored. See Example 4.1.

## 4 Examples

### 4.1 Atomic thermochemistry calculation

example

```
1 Atomic thermochemistry calculation (Ne atom)
2 The total energy was calculated at the HF/STO-3G level
3
4 $contrl
5   qcprog="atomcalc"
6 $end
7
8 $Thermo
9   Eel=-127.8038245 Temp=500 Press=10
10 $end
11
12 $IsoMas $End
13 19.99244
```

### 4.2 Frequency calculation by GAUSSIAN

example

```
1 a test job
2
3 $contrl
4   qcprog="gaussian"
5 $end
6
7 $qcdata
8   fchk="xef6.fchk"
9 $end
```

### 4.3 Frequency calculation by MOLPRO

MOLPRO cannot handle non-Abelian point group symmetries, like  $T_d$  in  $\text{CH}_4$ . Using UNIMOVIB, you can get *irreps.* of normal vibrational modes in full symmetry.

example

```
1 a test job
2
3 $contrl
4   qcprog="molpro"
5 $end
6
7 $qcdata
8   fchk="ch4.out"
9 $end
```

### 4.4 Calculate “experimental” frequencies of HDO

One can estimate frequencies of HDO from experimental frequencies of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ .

example

Step 1.  
Save data file using experimental frequencies of H2O.  
The normal modes should be calculated at high level of theory.

```
$contrl
  qcprog="cfour"
  ifsave=.true.
  ifexp=.true.
$end

$qcdata
  fchk="h2o.out"
  geom="GRD"
$end

$expfrq mode=1 $end
1   1595
2   3657
3   3756   B2
```

example

Step 2.  
Calculate "experimental" frequencies of HDO using the experimental frequencies of H2O.  
CCSD(T)/cc-pVTZ frequencies:       1463   2828   3895 cm-1  
"experimental" frequencies:       1398   2692   3708 cm-1  
real experimental frequencies:   1402   2727   3707 cm-1

```
$contrl
  qcprog="unimovib"
  isotop=1
$end

$qcdata
  fchk="step1.umv"
$end

$IsoMas $End
2  2.01410
```

## 5 Known problems

- Open-shell molecule.

Because of (pseudo-)Jahn-Teller effects, maybe the *irreps.* cannot be recognized by the program.

- ADF

For a numerical frequency calculation (for example, by two-component ZORA): if symmetry is used by ADF, and if there are symmetry-equivalent atoms, the IR intensities cannot be calculated correctly since some elements in the APT matrix are missing. The correct values can be obtained from ADF output if you are interested in the IR intensities.

- MOLDEN

1. If there are imaginary frequencies, some program may print positive frequency values by mistake (for example, CFour), then the results will be wrong. So you have to check the imaginary frequencies in the MOLDEN file, and correct them manually if the negative sign is missing.
2. Since there is no isotopic mass information in the MOLDEN file, the most abundant isotopic masses are assumed. If this is not true, however, the results will be totally wrong. So you have to use the most abundant isotopic masses in your frequency calculation to generate a MOLDEN file.

- ACES

Since there is no isotopic mass information in ACES output, the most abundant isotopic masses are assumed. If this is not true, however, the results will be totally wrong. So you have to use the most abundant isotopic masses in your frequency calculation (this is default in ACES) to generate a ACES output file.

# A Appendix

## A.1 Format of the UniMoVib data file

The UniMoVib data file is an ASCII one in free format.

Format

```
(One title line)
NATM
  (An positive integer)
AMASS
  (NATM number of atomic masses)
ZA
  (NATM number of nuclear charge numbers)
XYZ
  (3*NATM elements, Cartesian coordinates in a.u.; Use XYZANG instead if in Angstrom)
APT
  (3*3NATM elements, APT data values; Use NOAPT instead if no APT data provided)
FFX
  (3NATM*3NATM elements, Hessian matrix elements; Use FFXLT instead for L.T. matrix)
```

Raman intensities are not supported at present.

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