

 winmostar tutorial

GAMESS

Redox Potential Calculation

V11.6.5

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About This Manual

- This manual is a tutorial demonstrating use cases for Winmostar V11.
- For those using Winmostar V11 for the first time, please consult [Beginner's Guide](#).
- For those who wish to explore the details of each feature, please refer to [Winmostar User Manual](#).
- Those who wish to practice the contents of this manual are encouraged to attend a training session.
 - [Winmostar Introductory Training Session](#): This guide only introduces the operation methods of the Basic Tutorial.
 - [Winmostar Basic Training Session](#): We will cover the theoretical background, explanations on interpreting results, operational methods of the Basic Tutorial, and procedures for some tutorials beyond the basic level.
 - [Individual Training Session](#): You can freely customize the training content according to your preferences.
- If you are unable to proceed with the operations as outlined in this manual, please first consult [Frequently asked questions](#).
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Overview

Using GAMESS with the SMD method to include solvent effects, this tutorial calculates the redox potential of C_6H_6 (benzene)/ $C_6H_6^+$ in acetonitrile solution at 25°C, referencing the Ag/AgCl electrode, at the R3LYP/6-311G* level. The SMD method, applied to the optimized structure in vacuum, first involves structure optimization in vacuum, followed by vibrational calculations including solvent effects to compute the free energy. The redox potential is then determined based on Nernst's equation.

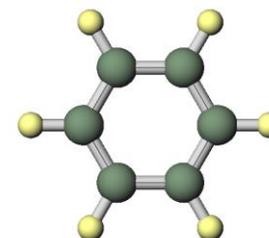
$$E_{0/1} = - \left(\frac{G(\text{reduced}) - G(\text{oxidized})}{n_e F} \right) - E_{ABS}(\text{REF})$$

$G(\text{reduced})$: Gibbs Free Energy of C_6H_6

$G(\text{oxidized})$: Gibbs Free Energy of $C_6H_6^+$

$E_{ABS}(\text{REF})$: Reference Electrode Potential (Ag/AgCl) (Using Experimental Values)

n_e : Total Number of Transferred Electrons F : Faraday's Constant



Note:

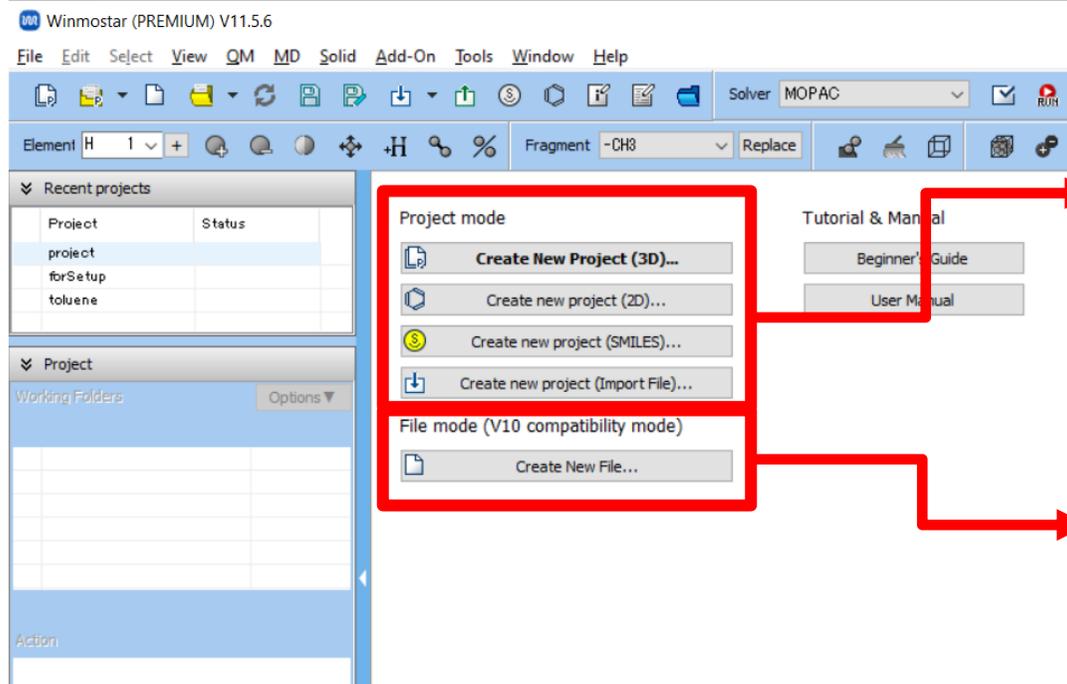
- The calculated redox potential values are influenced by the choice of functional, basis set, and solvent model.
- The calculation formula and the sign of terms may differ according to the literature.
- Attention must be paid to the measurement method and uncertainties of the experimental redox potential values used for comparison.

Operating Modes of Winmostar V11

V11 offers two operating modes: **Project Mode** and **File Mode**.

This manual focuses on operations in Project Mode.

For operations in File Mode, please refer to [tutorial for version 10](#).



Project Mode **New Features in V11**

Users can manage jobs without having to manage individual files.

We generally recommend using this mode.

File Mode

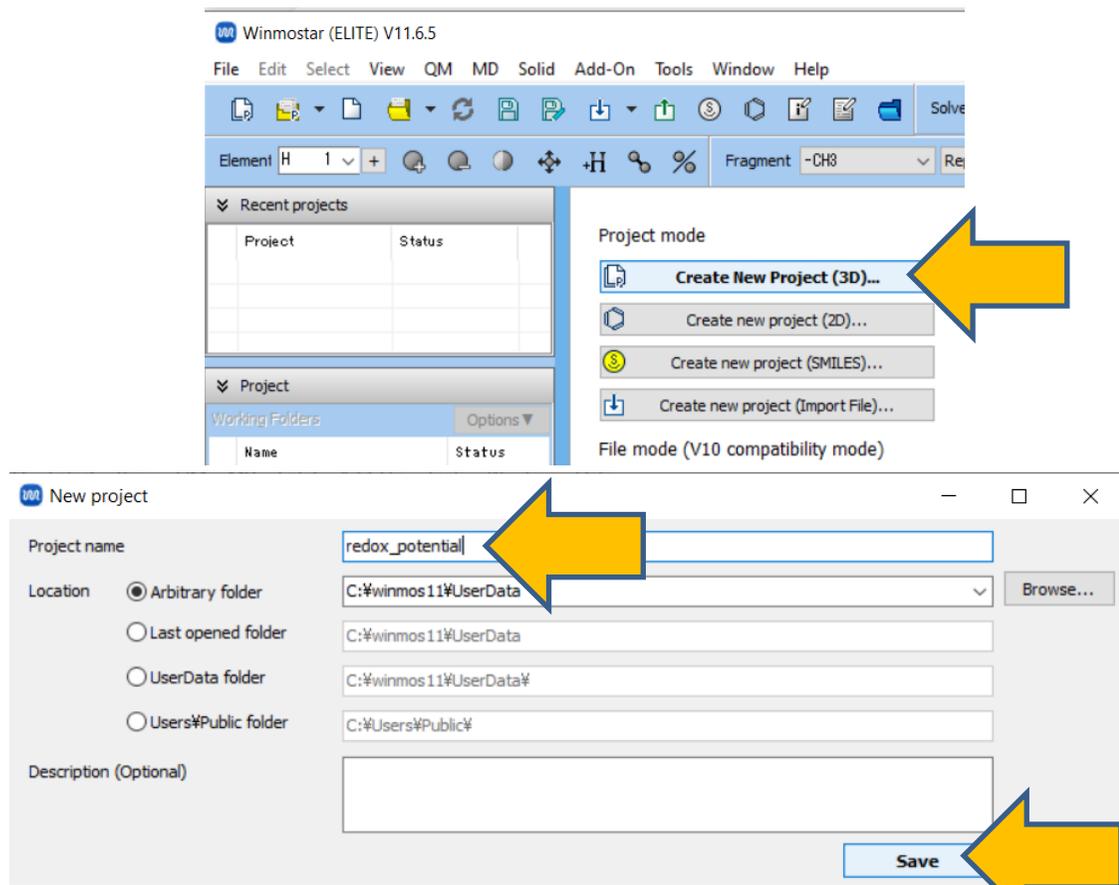
Users explicitly create and manage individual files.

The operational procedure is the same as from V10 and earlier versions.

When creating a continuation job, in file mode or versions prior to V10, it is necessary to display the final structure of the original job each time. However, in project mode, the final structure is automatically carried over.

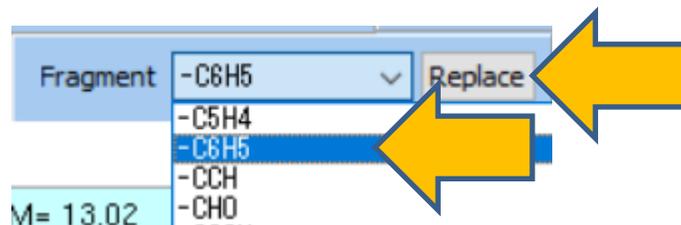
A. Modeling of the System

- A. Launch Winmostar and click **Create New Project (3D)**. If Winmostar is already open, click on **File | Close** first.
- B. Enter 'redox_potential' as **Project name** and click **Save**.



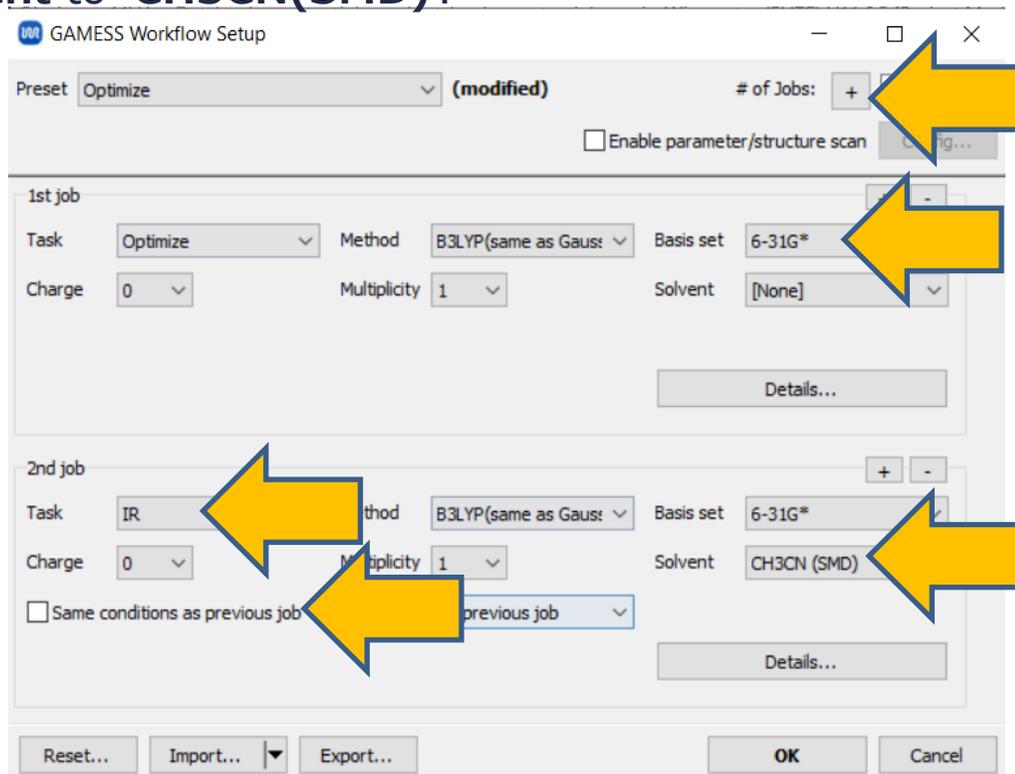
A. Modeling of the System

A. Select **-C6H5** from **Fragment** at the top of Main Window, and click **Replace** once



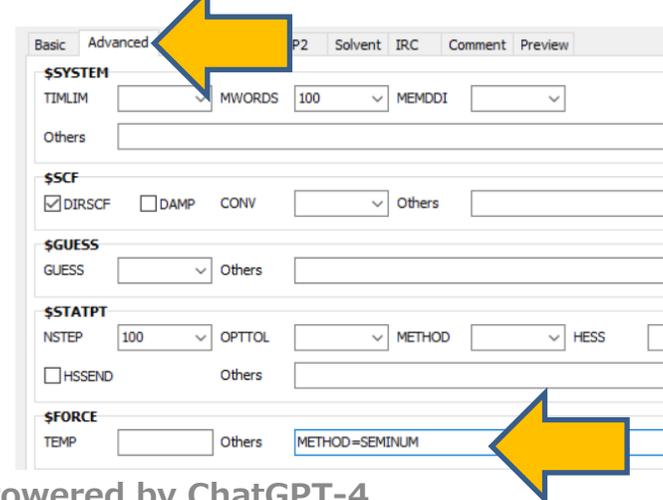
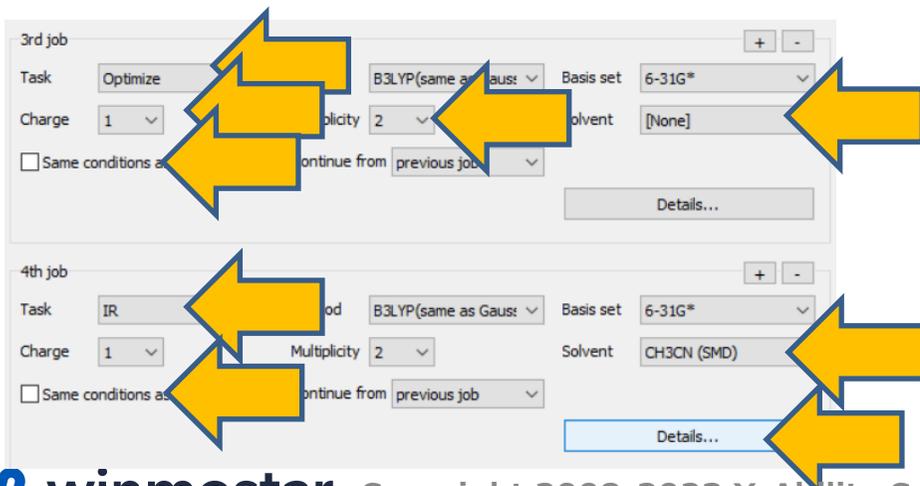
B. Calculation Settings (Structure Optimization + Free Energy Calculation: Zero-valent)

- Select **GAMESS** from **Solver**, and click **Workflow Setup** button.
- Change **Basis set** of **1st job** to '**6-311G***', and click **+** button next to **# of jobs** to add **2nd job**.
- Change **Task** of **2nd job** to '**IR**', uncheck '**Same conditions as previous jobs**', and change **Solvent** to '**CH3CN(SMD)**'.



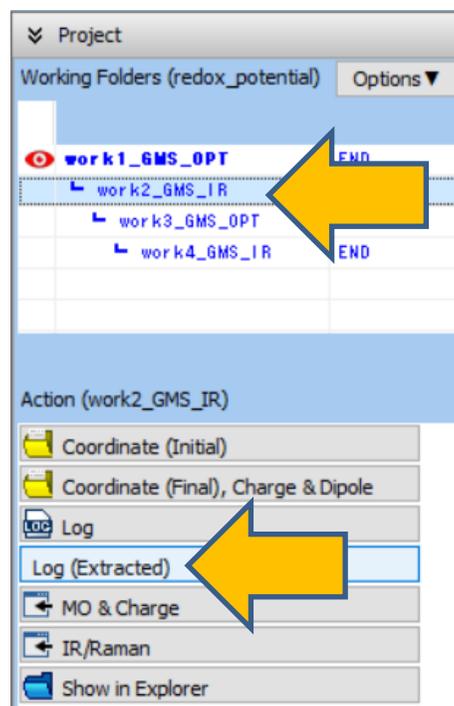
C. Calculation Settings (Structure Optimization + Free Energy Calculation: Monovalent)

- Click **+** button next to **# of jobs** to add **3rd job**, and change **Task** of **3rd job** to **'Optimize'**. Uncheck **'Same conditions as previous jobs'**, change **Charge** to **'1'**, **Multiplicity** to **'2'**, and **Solvent** to **'[None]'**.
- Click **+** button next to **# of jobs** to add **4th job**, and change **Task** of **4th job** to **'IR'**. Uncheck **'Same conditions as previous jobs'**, and change **Solvent** to **'CH3CN(SMD)'**. Click **Details** button and in **GAMESS Keyword Setup** window's **Advanced tab**, under **\$FORCE**, enter **'METHOD=SEMINUM'** in **Others** (since analytic second derivatives are not supported for open-shell systems), and click **OK** button at the bottom right.
- Click **OK** button in **GAMESS Workflow Setup** window, set **# of Threads/MPI Proc** according to the computation machine in **Job Setting** window, and click **Run** button.



D. Results Analysis (Calculation of Redox Potential)

- A. After the status of work folders **work1** to **work4** changes to **END**, click **work2_GMS_IR** in **Working Folders**, and click **Log(Extracted)** in **Action** (click on **Log** for the Professional Economy version). Extract the energy value starting with 'FINAL R-B3LYPV1R ENERGY IS' (the enthalpy at 0K, in Hartree units), and the value under column G for TOTAL (the correction value for Gibbs free energy at 25°C (=298.15K), in units of kJ/mol).



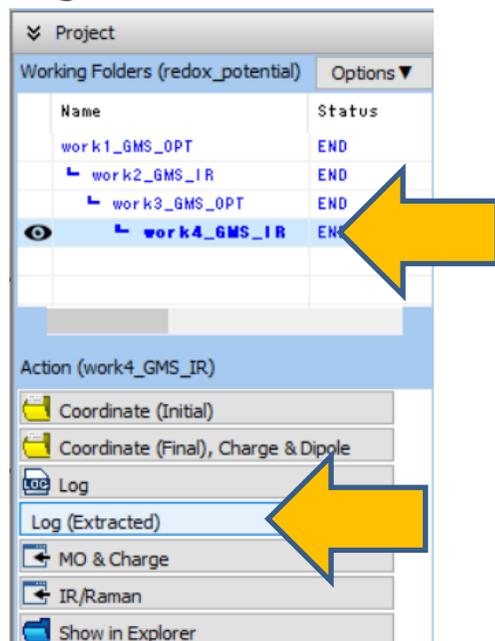
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Extracted Log (C:\winmos11\UserData\redox_potential.wmpjdata\work2_GMS_IR\gms.out)

*          GAMESS VERSION = 30 JUN 2023 (R1)          *
EXECUTION OF GAMESS BEGUN 07:36:15 14-MAR-2024
  GBASIS=N31          IGAUSS=          6          POLAR=POPN31
  NDFUNC=          1          NFFUNC=          0          DIFFSP=          F
  NPFUNC=          0          DIFFS=          F          BASNAM=
NUMBER OF CARTESIAN GAUSSIAN BASIS FUNCTIONS = 102
NUMBER OF ELECTRONS = 42
CHARGE OF MOLECULE = 0
SPIN MULTIPLICITY = 1
NUMBER OF OCCUPIED ORBITALS (ALPHA) = 21
NUMBER OF OCCUPIED ORBITALS (BETA ) = 21
TOTAL NUMBER OF ATOMS = 12
SCFTYP=RHF          RUNTYP=HESSIAN          EXETYP=RUN          VBTP =NONE
MPLEVL=          0          CITYP =NONE          CCTYP =NONE
DFTTYP=B3LYPV1R          TDDFT =NONE
FINAL R-B3LYPV1R ENERGY IS -232.2559342782 AFTER 12 ITERATIONS

THE HARMONIC ZERO POINT ENERGY IS (SCALED BY 1.000)
0.100738 HARTREE/MOLECULE          22109.359735 CM**-1/MOLECULE
63.213895 KCAL/MOL          264.486937 KJ/MOL
      E          H          G          CV          CP          S
      KJ/MOL    KJ/MOL    KJ/MOL    J/MOL-K    J/MOL-K    J/MOL-K
ELEC.    0.000    0.000    0.000    0.000    0.000    0.000
TRANS.   3.718    6.197   -42.427    12.472    20.786    163.088
ROT.     3.718    3.718   -28.293    12.472    12.472    107.365
VIB.    268.588   268.588   263.092    46.799    46.799    18.435
TOTAL    276.025   278.504   192.372    71.743    80.057    288.889
VIB. THERMAL CORRECTION E(T)-E(0) = H(T)-H(0) =          4101.231 J/MOL
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D. Results Analysis (Calculation of Redox Potential)

- A. Click **work4_GMS_IR** in **Working Folders** and click **Log(Extracted)** in **Action** (click **Log** for the Professional Economy version). Extract the energy value starting with the first 'FINAL U-B3LYPV1R ENERGY IS' (the enthalpy at 0K, in Hartree units) and the value under column G for TOTAL (the correction value for Gibbs free energy at 25°C (=298.15K), in units of kJ/mol). Since METHOD=SEMINUM is specified in \$FORCE, the structure is numerically altered slightly to compute the second derivative numerically. As a result, numerous lines of energy values will be displayed, but the energy of the original structure is the first value.



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Extracted Log (C:\winmos11\UserData\redox_potential.wmpjdata\work4_GMS_IR\gms.out)
SCFTYP=UHF          RUNTYP=HESSIAN      EXETYP=RUN          |
MPLEVL= 0          CITYP =NONE         CCTYP =NONE         |      VBTYP =NONE
DFTTYP=B3LYPV1R   TDDFT =NONE
FINAL U-B3LYPV1R ENERGY IS -232.0147827274 AFTER 16 ITERATIONS
FINAL U-B3LYPV1R ENERGY IS -232.0147361041 AFTER 6 ITERATIONS
FINAL U-B3LYPV1R ENERGY IS -232.0147636694 AFTER 12 ITERATIONS
FINAL U-B3LYPV1R ENERGY IS -232.0147850316 AFTER 6 ITERATIONS
FINAL U-B3LYPV1R ENERGY IS -232.0147653779 AFTER 6 ITERATIONS
FINAL U-B3LYPV1R ENERGY IS -232.0147798363 AFTER 6 ITERATIONS
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[Omitted]

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FINAL U-B3LYPV1R ENERGY IS -232.0147010721 AFTER 6 ITERATIONS
THE HARMONIC ZERO POINT ENERGY IS (SCALED BY 1.000)
0.097269 HARTREE/MOLECULE      21348.177406 CM**-1/MOLECULE
61.037563 KCAL/MOL             255.381165 KJ/MOL
      E           H           G           CV           CP           S
      KJ/MOL      KJ/MOL      KJ/MOL      J/MOL-K       J/MOL-K       J/MOL-K
ELEC.  0.000      0.000      -1.718      0.000         0.000         5.763
TRANS.  3.718      6.197      -42.427     12.472        20.786        163.088
ROT.    3.718      3.718      -28.365     12.472        12.472        107.610
VIB.    260.246    260.246    253.366     49.008        49.008        23.076
TOTAL   267.683    270.162    180.855     73.951        82.265        299.537
VIB. THERMAL CORRECTION E(T)-E(0) = H(T)-H(0) =
      F           H           G           CV           CP           S
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D. Results Analysis (Calculation of Redox Potential)

- Following the procedure in this book, the redox potential is calculated to be 2.00 V from the formula below. Notably, an experimental value of 2.00 V is reported in reference [1]. **Tools | Unit Converter** was used for unit conversion.

$$E_{0/1} = - \left(\frac{G(\text{reduced}) - G(\text{oxidized})}{n_e F} \right) - E_{\text{ABS}}(\text{REF})$$

	Interpretation	In the Context of This tutorial
G(reduced)	Zero-valent 'Enthalpy at 0K + Gibbs Free Energy Correction at 25°C (298.15K)'	-232.236582 [hartree] = -6.097370623E+005 [kJ/mol] = -6.097370623E+008 [J/mol]
G(oxidized)	Monovalent 'Enthalpy at 0K + Gibbs Free Energy Correction at 25°C (298.15K)'	-231.992531 [hartree] = -6.090963065E+005 [kJ/mol] = -6.090963065E+008 [J/mol]
n_e	Total number of transferred electrons	1
F	Faraday constant	96485.33289 [C mol⁻¹]
$E_{\text{ABS}}(\text{REF})$	Ag/AgCl Reference electrode (+0.199V (vs. SHE, 25°C))	4.639 [V] (25°C) [1]
$E_{0/1}$	Redox Potential	2.00 [V]

Supplement:

Basis Set Dependency and Reference Electrodes

- In addition to B3LYP/6-311G*, calculations at the B3LYP/6-31G* level yielded potentials as follows, which slightly deviated from the experimental values using the commonly employed 6-31G* basis set.

	Redox Potential [V]
Experimental Value [1]	2.00
Calculated Value [B3LYP/6-31G*]	1.85
Calculated Value [B3LYP/6-311G*]	2.00

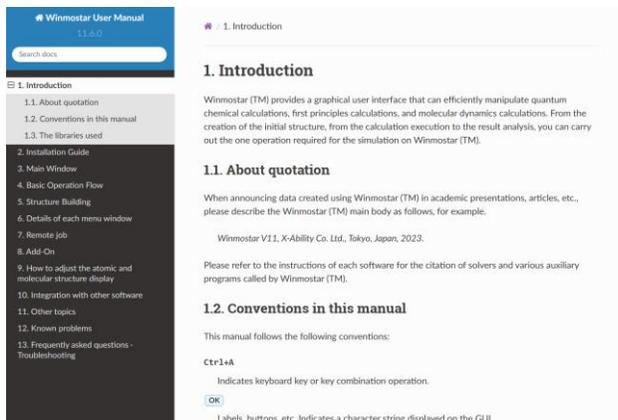
- This tutorial used the Ag/AgCl reference electrode for the experimental values of $C_6H_6/C_6H_6^+$, but if you wish to calculate values for other reference electrodes, use the following values at 25°C from reference [1].

Reference Electrode	Redox Potential [V]
SHE	4.44
SCE	4.6844
Ag/AgCl	4.639

[1] Handbook of Electrochemistry, 6th Edition

Finally

- For detailed information on each feature, please refer to [Winmostar User Manual](#).



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