

## GROMACS - Bug #2032

### Nose-Hoover multiple time stepping issue

08/15/2016 09:15 PM - Berk Hess

<b>Status:</b> Closed	
<b>Priority:</b> Normal	
<b>Assignee:</b> Berk Hess	
<b>Category:</b> mdrun	
<b>Target version:</b> 2018	
<b>Affected version - extra info:</b>	<b>Difficulty:</b> uncategorized
<b>Affected version:</b> 4.5.1	
<b>Description</b>	
With leap-frog, Nose-Hoover and $nsttcouple > 1$ , the same velocity scaling is applied for $nsttcouple$ steps in a row, instead of applying a larger correction at a single step, as was intended with the reversible integrator. Since $\tau_t$ should be large compared with $nsttcouple * dt$ , the effect of this bug is very small (the conserved energy quantity still seems to be conserved well).	
<b>Related issues:</b>	
Related to GROMACS - Bug #2749: Strange Fluctuations with NH+PR coupling in G...	<b>Closed</b>

#### Associated revisions

##### Revision 69470fc4 - 10/12/2016 09:07 AM - Berk Hess

Restructure leap-frog integrators

There are now 2 template function for MD leap-frog integration instead of 4 branches in multiple functions.

In addition to `invmass`, `mdatoms` now contains `invMassPerDim`.

`invMassPerDim` is set to zero for encode frozen dimensions, so LF update functions no longer need to check the freeze groups.

Also removed the conditionals for `vsites` and `shells` in the LF update functions. Their velocities are now set to zero at startup.

A template function for the most common leap-frog integrator setups allows for full SIMD acceleration, at least for AVX with gcc5.

Changed `dt` from double to real in the update, since we need far less than real precision.

Changed calculation of `alpha` for VV to real, as it is passed as real.

Fixed multiple time stepping with Parrinello-Rahman and Nose-Hoover.

Fixes #2031.

Fixes #2032.

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#### History

##### #1 - 08/16/2016 02:59 PM - Gerrit Code Review Bot

Gerrit received a related patchset '8' for Issue [#2032](#).

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Gerrit URL: <https://gerrit.gromacs.org/6110>

##### #2 - 08/16/2016 10:37 PM - Berk Hess

- Status changed from In Progress to Fix uploaded

- Target version changed from 2016.1 to 2018

##### #3 - 10/12/2016 02:04 PM - Berk Hess

- Status changed from Fix uploaded to Resolved

Applied in changeset [69470fc4e9fd990eb53b22c17dc7a699c583d126](#).

**#4 - 11/01/2016 06:12 PM - David van der Spoel**

- *Status changed from Resolved to Closed*

I have some indication to think this effect is not small.

**#5 - 11/01/2016 08:33 PM - David van der Spoel**

- *Status changed from Closed to Resolved*

Moving back to resolved. Coming back with more information tomorrow, but this (and possibly [#2031](#)) may be the cause of poorly reproducible simulations of liquids.

**#6 - 03/14/2017 02:26 PM - Mark Abraham**

Where are we at with this?

**#7 - 03/14/2017 03:19 PM - David van der Spoel**

- *Status changed from Resolved to Closed*

Let's close this. I have not been able to see a difference due to this fix as Berk indicates.

**#8 - 11/16/2018 10:18 AM - Berk Hess**

- *Related to Bug #2749: Strange Fluctuations with NH+PR coupling in GROMACS 2018.3 added*