Freezing does not work with constraints

Freezing stopped working in version 2018.1!
This is rather critical bug - it is impossible to use frozen groups in this version.

To reproduce:
In attached system SOL residue #1 is frozen completely. If this is run with Gromacs 5.1.2 it stays frozen as expected. In 2018.1 frozen molecule moves freely.

Associated revisions

Revision f0bcda84 - 06/12/2018 09:20 AM - Berk Hess

Remove constraint v correction for frozen atoms

The optimized update routines no longer set the velocities of frozen dimensions to zero, but the constraint code would still correct the velocities of frozen dimensions.

Note that the COM correction can still modify velocities of frozen dimensions, but this is a negligible effect unless there are systematic COM forces.

Fixes #2542

Change-id: i4770d9bd7991a021ce173f219eb7310a91eaf10e

Revision 1645a388 - 06/12/2018 09:21 AM - Berk Hess

Avoid COM removal moving frozen atoms

Fixes #2551

Refs #2542

Change-id: lfd7523661248594cce7329df86e814b78c9c32c

History

#1 - 06/05/2018 08:40 AM - Berk Hess
- Status changed from New to In Progress
- Assignee set to Berk Hess

#2 - 06/05/2018 11:32 AM - Gerrit Code Review Bot
Gerrit received a related patchset '1' for Issue #2542.
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Gerrit URL: https://gerrit.gromacs.org/7974

#3 - 06/05/2018 11:35 AM - Berk Hess
- Status changed from In Progress to Fix uploaded

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applying COM removal to frozen dimensions.

#4 - 06/05/2018 11:35 AM - Berk Hess
- Category set to mdrun
- Target version set to 2018.2

#5 - 06/05/2018 11:35 AM - Berk Hess
- Subject changed from Freezing does not work to Freezing does not work with constraints

#6 - 06/05/2018 12:09 PM - Mark Abraham
Was there a change since 5.1.2 that caused this? Do we need to consider fixing it 2016 branch?

#7 - 06/05/2018 01:57 PM - Semen Yesylevskyy
- File ion.zip added

Berk Hess wrote:

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I need to add that this also happens to the atoms without any constraints on them. See attached system with frozen ion - it also moves a lot. So I wonder if the name "Freezing does not work with constraints" is correct - it seems that freezing just does not work at all :)

#8 - 06/05/2018 11:41 PM - David van der Spoel
This is indeed due to the com_groups = system option. You can circumvent this by using com_groups = water in your mdp file (I tested it). I guess a warning in grompp would be in place if com_groups overlap with freeze_grps.

#9 - 06/06/2018 09:56 AM - Semen Yesylevskyy
David van der Spoel wrote:

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The warning is a good option indeed, however I see few problems:
1) The behavior is fundamentally different between the versions. In 5.x and 2016.x frozen groups were fixed even with com_groups = system. In 2018.x they move. So your old setups no longer run as intended. This is very confusing and frustrating for the user.
2) This is counterintuitive. If I freeze the group I expect it to be, well, frozen :) regardless of other options.
3) Leaving frozen groups out of com_groups produces a warning “Some atoms are not part of any center of mass motion removal group.”
4) What happens in the case if only X dim is frozen and the atom is out of com_groups?

#10 - 06/07/2018 01:54 PM - Berk Hess
1) Could be addressed by detecting such cases and passing them through the non-optimized integrator
2) You are asking for incompatible requirements. But this could be done automatically by excluding frozen atoms from the group.
3) That warning should be fixed.
4) We could pass such cases through the old integrator setup, but to be 100% correct, their mass should not contribute to the COM mass along frozen dimensions.

#11 - 06/07/2018 02:31 PM - Gerrit Code Review Bot
Gerrit received a related patchset ‘1’ for Issue #2542.
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#12 - 06/07/2018 03:11 PM - Berk Hess
I opened a new issue #2551 and uploaded a fix that should replicate the old behavior. Any other changes we discussed should probably go into master.

#13 - 06/12/2018 10:15 AM - Berk Hess
- Status changed from Fix uploaded to Resolved

Applied in changeset 02b0e8a840dd857e8d99c66d1adce95eeb00cc857.
#14 - 06/12/2018 03:10 PM - Mark Abraham
- Status changed from Resolved to Closed

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