

## GROMACS - Bug #284

### couple-intramol not detected in .tpr files by gmxccheck or gmxdump

01/29/2009 04:21 AM - Chris Neale

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<b>Affected version - extra info:</b>	<b>Difficulty:</b> uncategorized
<b>Affected version:</b>	
<b>Description</b>	
<p>When free_energy=yes and two .tpr files are created with the following difference:</p> <p>couple-intramol = yes vs. couple-intramol = no</p> <p>This couple-intramol parameter difference is not picked up by gmxccheck -s1 -s2</p> <p>Further, gmxdump -s outputs a list of .mdp parameters that does not include couple-intramol:</p> <pre>... sa_surface_tension = 2.092 DispCorr           = EnerPres free_energy        = yes init_lambda        = 1 sc_alpha           = 0 sc_power           = 1 sc_sigma           = 0.3 delta_lambda       = 0 nwall              = 0 ...</pre> <p>At this point it appears to be a trivial case, as long as this is simply an output issue and not something that doesn't make it into the .tpr file.</p> <p>Thanks, Chris.</p>	

#### History

##### #1 - 01/30/2009 01:18 AM - Berk Hess

couple-intramol is a grompp processing parameter that functions similar to the constraint option. It modifies your bonded and non-bonded interactions and mdrun does not need to know about couple-intramol, so it is not stored in the tpr file.

This might be slightly inconvenient for checking your tpr files, but it is not a bug.

You will see a lot of differences in interactions between couple-intramol on and off.

Berk

##### #2 - 01/30/2009 02:29 AM - Chris Neale

Thanks Berk,

The fact that the flag itself doesn't make it into the .tpr file doesn't concern me too much. I am more concerned about the fact that in fact I do not see any differences in interactions between couple-intramol on and off, even for lambda=1.0

That the couple-intramol flag does not make it into the .tpr file is not even inconvenient. That the differing interactions are not picked up by

While using:

```
; Free energy control stuff
free_energy      = yes
init_lambda      = 1.00
delta_lambda     = 0
sc_alpha         = 0.0
sc-power         = 1.0
sc-sigma        = 0.3
couple-moltype   =
couple-lambda0   = vdw-q
couple-lambda1   = vdw-q
```

And:

- A) couple-intramol = no; to generate nocoupleintramol.tpr
- B) couple-intramol = yes; to generate yescoupleintramol.tpr

```
$ gmxccheck -s1 nocoupleintramol.tpr -s2 yescoupleintramol.tpr
```

...

```
Reading file nocoupleintramol.tpr, VERSION 4.0.3 (double precision)
```

```
Reading file yescoupleintramol.tpr, VERSION 4.0.3 (double precision)
```

```
comparing inputrec
```

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comparing top
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comparing ideof
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comparing ilist BONDS
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comparing ilist G96BONDS
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comparing ilist MORSE
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comparing ilist CUBICBONDS
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comparing ilist CONNBONDS
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comparing ilist HARMONIC
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comparing ilist FENEBONDS
```

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comparing ilist TABBONDS
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comparing ilist TABBONDSNC
```

```
comparing ilist ANGLES
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comparing ilist G96ANGLES
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comparing ilist CROSS_BOND_BOND
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comparing ilist CROSS_BOND_ANGLE
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comparing ilist UREY_BRADLEY
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comparing ilist QANGLES
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comparing ilist TABANGLES
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comparing ilist PDIHS
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comparing ilist RBDIHS
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comparing ilist FOURDIHS
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comparing ilist IDIHS
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comparing ilist PIDIHS
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comparing ilist TABDIHS
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```
comparing ilist LJ14
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```
comparing ilist COUL14
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```
comparing ilist LJC14_Q
```

```
comparing ilist LJC_NB
```

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comparing ilist LJ_SR
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comparing ilist BHAM
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comparing ilist LJ_LR
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comparing ilist BHAM_LR
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comparing ilist DISPCORR
```

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comparing ilist COUL_SR
```

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comparing ilist COUL_LR
```

```
comparing ilist RF_EXCL
```

```
comparing ilist COUL_RECIP
```

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comparing ilist DPD
```

```
comparing ilist POLARIZATION
```

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comparing ilist WATERPOL
```

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comparing ilist THOLE
```

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comparing ilist POSRES
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comparing ilist DISRES
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comparing ilist DRVIOL
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comparing ilist ORIRES
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comparing ilist ORDEV
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comparing ilist ANGRES
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comparing ilist ANGRESZ
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comparing ilist DIHRES
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comparing ilist DIHVIOL
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comparing ilist CONSTR
```

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comparing ilist CONSTRNC
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comparing ilist SETTLE  
comparing ilist VSITE2  
comparing ilist VSITE3  
comparing ilist VSITE3FD  
comparing ilist VSITE3FAD  
comparing ilist VSITE3OUT  
comparing ilist VSITE4FD  
comparing ilist VSITE4FDN  
comparing ilist VSITEN  
comparing ilist COM\_PULL  
comparing ilist EQM  
comparing ilist EPOT  
comparing ilist EKIN  
comparing ilist ETOT  
comparing ilist ECONS  
comparing ilist TEMP  
comparing ilist PRES  
comparing ilist DV/DL  
comparing ilist DK/DL  
comparing ilist DG/DL\_CON  
comparing atoms  
comparing block cgs  
comparing block mols  
comparing blocka excl  
comparing flags  
comparing box  
comparing box\_rel  
comparing boxv  
comparing x  
comparing v

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#####

```
$ gmxdump -s nocoupleintra.mol.tpr > no.dump  
$ gmxdump -s yescoupleintra.mol.tpr > yes.dump
```

```
$ diff no.dump yes.dump
```

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1c1
```

```
< nocoupleintra.mol.tpr:
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```

```
    yescoupleintra.mol.tpr:
```

#####

And then also note that this segment of the gmxdump output appears to confirm to me that there is indeed a difference between the A and B state charge value that makes it into the .tpr

...

```
moltype (0):  
name="DPN"
```

```
atoms:
```

```
atom (23):
```

```
atom[ 0]={type= 0, typeB= 0, ptype= Atom, m= 1.50350e+01, q= 4.00000e-01, mB= 1.50350e+01, qB= 0.00000e+00, resnr= 0, atomnumber= 1}
```

```
atom[ 1]={type= 0, typeB= 0, ptype= Atom, m= 1.50350e+01, q= 4.00000e-01, mB= 1.50350e+01, qB= 0.00000e+00, resnr= 0, atomnumber= 1}
```

```
atom[ 2]={type= 0, typeB= 0, ptype= Atom, m= 1.50350e+01, q= 4.00000e-01, mB=
```

```
...
```

where this difference does extend to atoms that are separated by more than 3 bonds.

#####

However, I do see that the lambda term makes it into the .tpr file based on this output from gmxdump:

...

```
header:
```

```
bIrr = present
```

```
bBox = present
```

```
bTop = present
```

```
bX = present
```

bV = present  
bF = not present  
natoms = 29870  
step = 0  
t = 0.000000e+00  
lambda = 1.000000e+00  
...

#####

And here is the most worrying thing for me:

```
$diff nocoupleintra.mol.tpr yescoupleintra.mol.tpr  
(it returns no difference)
```

```
while 'diff' picks up a difference when I set free_energy=no:  
$ diff nofreeenergy.tpr yescoupleintra.mol.tpr  
Files nofreeenergy.tpr and yescoupleintra.mol.tpr differ
```

#####

Given that the .tpr files are identical (notwithstanding the fact that the mdout.mdp files generated by grompp differ), it is perhaps not surprising that the energies from mdrun are also identical from couple-intra=yes or =no.

#####

Perhaps I am misunderstanding something about

```
couple-moltype      =  
couple-lambda0      = vdw-q  
couple-lambda1      = vdw-q
```

which I actually did not include in my .mdp files, but copied from the generated mdout.mdp for the same of completeness.

From the manual it appears to me that these options might be used instead of directly modifying a topology and adding a B-state that has, for example, no charges.

Thanks again,  
Chris.

### #3 - 01/30/2009 02:31 AM - Chris Neale

Here are the energy values to which I was referring:

```
couple-intra=no; init_lambda=1.0  
Energies (kJ/mol)  
Angle Proper Dih. Ryckaert-Bell. LJ-14 Coulomb-14  
2.91166e+03 5.90834e+02 1.07820e+03 7.70226e+02 6.09619e+03  
LJ (SR) LJ (LR) Disper. corr. Coulomb (SR) Coul. recip.  
4.94951e+04 -1.84944e+03 -6.38472e+02 -3.22179e+05 -7.03149e+04  
Potential Kinetic En. Total Energy Temperature Pressure (bar)  
-3.34039e+05 5.67730e+04 -2.77266e+05 3.00622e+02 6.78592e+01  
dVpot/dlambda dEkin/dlambda dG/dl constr. Cons. rmsd ( ) Cons.2 rmsd ( )  
1.29828e+03 0.00000e+00 0.00000e+00 0.00000e+00 0.00000e+00
```

```
couple-intra=yes; init_lambda=1.0  
Energies (kJ/mol)  
Angle Proper Dih. Ryckaert-Bell. LJ-14 Coulomb-14  
2.91166e+03 5.90834e+02 1.07820e+03 7.70226e+02 6.09619e+03  
LJ (SR) LJ (LR) Disper. corr. Coulomb (SR) Coul. recip.  
4.94951e+04 -1.84944e+03 -6.38472e+02 -3.22179e+05 -7.03149e+04  
Potential Kinetic En. Total Energy Temperature Pressure (bar)  
-3.34039e+05 5.67730e+04 -2.77266e+05 3.00622e+02 6.78654e+01  
dVpot/dlambda dEkin/dlambda dG/dl constr. Cons. rmsd ( ) Cons.2 rmsd ( )  
1.29828e+03 0.00000e+00 0.00000e+00 0.00000e+00 0.00000e+00
```

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```
couple-intra=no; init_lambda=0.5  
Energies (kJ/mol)  
Angle Proper Dih. Ryckaert-Bell. LJ-14 Coulomb-14  
2.91166e+03 5.90834e+02 1.07820e+03 7.70226e+02 6.15951e+03  
LJ (SR) LJ (LR) Disper. corr. Coulomb (SR) Coul. recip.  
4.94951e+04 -1.84944e+03 -6.38472e+02 -3.22416e+05 -7.07897e+04  
Potential Kinetic En. Total Energy Temperature Pressure (bar)
```

-3.34688e+05 5.67662e+04 -2.77922e+05 3.00586e+02 3.49030e+01  
dVpot/dlambda dEkin/dlambda dG/dl constr. Cons. rmsd () Cons.2 rmsd ()  
1.29828e+03 0.00000e+00 0.00000e+00 0.00000e+00 0.00000e+00

couple-intramol=yes; init\_lambda=0.5

Energies (kJ/mol)

Angle Proper Dih. Ryckaert-Bell. LJ-14 Coulomb-14  
2.91166e+03 5.90834e+02 1.07820e+03 7.70226e+02 6.15951e+03  
LJ (SR) LJ (LR) Disper. corr. Coulomb (SR) Coul. recip.  
4.94951e+04 -1.84944e+03 -6.38472e+02 -3.22416e+05 -7.07897e+04  
Potential Kinetic En. Total Energy Temperature Pressure (bar)  
-3.34688e+05 5.67662e+04 -2.77922e+05 3.00586e+02 3.49066e+01  
dVpot/dlambda dEkin/dlambda dG/dl constr. Cons. rmsd () Cons.2 rmsd ()  
1.29828e+03 0.00000e+00 0.00000e+00 0.00000e+00 0.00000e+00

#### #4 - 01/30/2009 02:55 AM - Chris Neale

Note that when I create a DPN molecule that is identical to DPC (no defined B-state) and utilize "couple-moltype = DPN", I do see the type of difference from "gmxcheck -s1 nocoupleintramol.tpr -s2 yescoupleintramol.tpr" that I expect.

Could it be that couple-intramol is nonfunctional when the user explicitly defines the B-state in the .itp file and then does not utilize couple-moltype?

Thanks,  
Chris.

#### #5 - 01/30/2009 03:03 AM - Chris Neale

Oops, I see that this is actually explained in the manual, which I did read but obviously not closely enough.

"All intra-molecular non-bonded interactions for moleculetype couple-moltype are replaced by exclusions and explicit pair interactions. In this manner the decoupled state of the molecule corresponds to the proper vacuum state without periodicity effects."

You can close this ticket again.

Sorry for wasting your time.  
Chris.

#### #6 - 01/30/2009 06:15 AM - Chris Neale

I suggest that grompp throw a fatal error upon the explicit declaration of couple-intramol when couple-moltype is undefined.

I realize that this may not be possible, but if it is, it would help users avoid thinking that they are getting couple-intramol=no when really they are not since they specified the B-state explicitly in the itp file.

Chris.

#### #7 - 01/30/2009 09:28 AM - Berk Hess

I agree that it would be nice if grompp could give a fatal error.  
But on the other hand I like the feature for these mdp parameters "blocks" that if you a block off, couple-moltype=no, all parameters are ignored and you do not get a fatal error.

Also the mdp manual clearly states that couple-intramol is linked to couple-moltype.

Berk