

## GROMACS - Bug #337

### generating pairs causing trouble when other nonbond\_params are available

06/24/2009 05:04 PM - Sascha Hempel

<b>Status:</b> Closed	
<b>Priority:</b> Normal	
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<b>Category:</b> mdrun	
<b>Target version:</b> 4.0	
<b>Affected version - extra info:</b>	<b>Difficulty:</b> uncategorized
<b>Affected version:</b>	

#### Description

If there are any nonbond\_params are given in the topology file and setting gen-pairs to yes. Gromacs is messing around with these values.

Given the following topology file:

```
[ defaults ]
; nbfunc  comb-rule  gen-pairs  fudgeLJ  fudgeQQ
  1         3         yes         0.5     0.5

[ atomtypes ]
;name  mass  charge  ptype  c6  c12
ow      16.00000  -0.84760  A     0.31656  0.65019
hw       1.00000   0.42380  A     0.00000  0.00000
c3_1    15.02400   0.25000  A     0.37500  0.81482
o_2     16.00000  -0.50000  A     0.28000  0.45730
c2_3    14.01600   0.25000  A     0.39500  0.38247

[ nonbond_params ]
; i      j      func      c6      c12
hw      ow      1      0.000000E+00  0.000000E+00
hw      c3_1    1      0.000000E+00  0.000000E+00
hw      o_2     1      0.000000E+00  0.000000E+00
hw      c2_3    1      0.000000E+00  0.000000E+00
ow      c3_1    1      0.497636E-02  0.850573E-05
ow      c2_3    1      0.404546E-02  0.820460E-05
c3_1    o_2     1      0.301272E-02  0.371729E-05
o_2     c2_3    1      0.247229E-02  0.365378E-05
c3_1    c2_3    1      0.727198E-02  0.236819E-04
ow      o_2     1      0.153612E-02  0.108186E-05

[ moleculetype ]
; molname  nrexcl
SOL        1

[ atoms ]
; nr  type  resnr  residue  atom  cgnr  charge  mass
  1  ow    1     SOL    ow    1     -0.8476  15.99940
  2  hw    1     SOL    hw    1      0.4238  1.00800
  3  hw    1     SOL    hw    1      0.4238  1.00800

[ settles ]
; ow  funct  doh  dhh
  1   1     0.1  0.16333

[ exclusions ]
  1  2  3
  2  1  3
  3  1  2
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[ moleculetype ]
; Name          nrexcl
poe3           3

[ atoms ]
;  nr  type  resnr residue  atom  cgnr charge  mass
  1 c3_1      1 poe3    c3_1      1    0.2500  15.0240
  2 o_2      1 poe3    o_2       2   -0.5000  16.0000
  3 c2_3      1 poe3    c2_3      3    0.2500  14.0160
  4 c2_3      1 poe3    c2_3      4    0.2500  14.0160
  5 o_2      1 poe3    o_2       5   -0.5000  16.0000
  6 c2_3      1 poe3    c2_3      6    0.2500  14.0160
  7 c2_3      1 poe3    c2_3      7    0.2500  14.0160
  8 o_2      1 poe3    o_2       8   -0.5000  16.0000
  9 c3_1      1 poe3    c3_1      9    0.2500  15.0240

[ constraints ]
;  ai  aj
  2   1   1  0.141000E+00
  3   2   1  0.141000E+00
  4   3   1  0.154000E+00
  5   4   1  0.141000E+00
  6   5   1  0.141000E+00
  7   6   1  0.154000E+00
  8   7   1  0.141000E+00
  9   8   1  0.141000E+00

[ angles ]
;  ai  aj  ak
  1   2   3   1  0.112000E+03  0.519600E+03
  2   3   4   1  0.112000E+03  0.418200E+03
  3   4   5   1  0.112000E+03  0.418200E+03
  4   5   6   1  0.112000E+03  0.519600E+03
  5   6   7   1  0.112000E+03  0.418200E+03
  6   7   8   1  0.112000E+03  0.418200E+03
  7   8   9   1  0.112000E+03  0.519600E+03

[ pairs ]
;  ai  aj
  4   1   1 ;  0.363599E-02  0.118410E-04  0.500000E+00
  5   2   1 ;  0.440735E-03  0.212386E-06  0.500000E+00
  6   3   1 ;  0.290541E-02  0.110354E-04  0.500000E+00
  7   4   1 ;  0.290541E-02  0.110354E-04  0.500000E+00
  8   5   1 ;  0.440735E-03  0.212386E-06  0.500000E+00
  9   6   1 ;  0.363599E-02  0.118410E-04  0.500000E+00

[ dihedrals ]
;  ai  aj  ak  al
  4   3   2   1   1  0.0000  -5.1600  1
  4   3   2   1   1  0.0000  -0.6971  2
  4   3   2   1   1  0.0000   5.3501  3
  4   3   2   1   1  0.0000   0.8031  4
  4   3   2   1   1  0.0000   0.2831  5
  4   3   2   1   1  0.0000   0.0953  6
  4   3   2   1   1  0.0000  -0.0580  7
  5   4   3   2   1  0.0000   7.5853  1
  5   4   3   2   1  0.0000   6.7052  2
  5   4   3   2   1  0.0000   8.4007  3
  5   4   3   2   1  0.0000   0.6322  4
  5   4   3   2   1  0.0000   0.1106  5
  5   4   3   2   1  0.0000   0.3596  6
  5   4   3   2   1  0.0000   0.0168  7
  6   5   4   3   1  0.0000  -5.1600  1
  6   5   4   3   1  0.0000  -0.6971  2
  6   5   4   3   1  0.0000   5.3501  3
  6   5   4   3   1  0.0000   0.8031  4
  6   5   4   3   1  0.0000   0.2831  5

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6	5	4	3	1	0.0000	0.0953	6
6	5	4	3	1	0.0000	-0.0580	7
7	6	5	4	1	0.0000	-5.1600	1
7	6	5	4	1	0.0000	-0.6971	2
7	6	5	4	1	0.0000	5.3501	3
7	6	5	4	1	0.0000	0.8031	4
7	6	5	4	1	0.0000	0.2831	5
7	6	5	4	1	0.0000	0.0953	6
7	6	5	4	1	0.0000	-0.0580	7
8	7	6	5	1	0.0000	7.5853	1
8	7	6	5	1	0.0000	6.7052	2
8	7	6	5	1	0.0000	8.4007	3
8	7	6	5	1	0.0000	0.6322	4
8	7	6	5	1	0.0000	0.1106	5
8	7	6	5	1	0.0000	0.3596	6
8	7	6	5	1	0.0000	0.0168	7
9	8	7	6	1	0.0000	-5.1600	1
9	8	7	6	1	0.0000	-0.6971	2
9	8	7	6	1	0.0000	5.3501	3
9	8	7	6	1	0.0000	0.8031	4
9	8	7	6	1	0.0000	0.2831	5
9	8	7	6	1	0.0000	0.0953	6
9	8	7	6	1	0.0000	-0.0580	7

[ exclusions ]

```
; ai aj
2 1
3 2
4 3
5 4
6 5
7 6
8 7
9 8
1 3
2 4
3 5
4 6
5 7
6 8
7 9
4 1
5 2
6 3
7 4
8 5
9 6
```

[ system ]

```
; Name
TEST
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[ molecules ]

```
; Compound #mols
SOL 924
poe3 76
```

gmxdump gives following results

[snip]

ffparams:

atnr=5

ntypes=47

functype[0]=LJ\_SR, c6= 2.61719758e-03, c12= 2.63373886e-06

functype[1]=LJ\_SR, c6= 0.00000000e+00, c12= 0.00000000e+00

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functype[2]=LJ_SR, c6= 5.16704677e-19, c12= 7.84717270e-33
functype[3]=LJ_SR, c6= 5.68567269e-23, c12= 7.47021001e-40
functype[4]=LJ_SR, c6= 1.43854954e-19, c12= 6.30568414e-34
functype[5]=LJ_SR, c6= 0.00000000e+00, c12= 0.00000000e+00
functype[6]=LJ_SR, c6= 0.00000000e+00, c12= 0.00000000e+00
functype[7]=LJ_SR, c6= 0.00000000e+00, c12= 0.00000000e+00
functype[8]=LJ_SR, c6= 0.00000000e+00, c12= 0.00000000e+00
functype[9]=LJ_SR, c6= 0.00000000e+00, c12= 0.00000000e+00
functype[10]=LJ_SR, c6= 5.16704677e-19, c12= 7.84717270e-33
functype[11]=LJ_SR, c6= 0.00000000e+00, c12= 0.00000000e+00
functype[12]=LJ_SR, c6= 9.06377845e-03, c12= 2.52055906e-05
functype[13]=LJ_SR, c6= 1.11183180e-20, c12= 8.31365008e-36
functype[14]=LJ_SR, c6= 1.40085303e-17, c12= 2.07161281e-30
functype[15]=LJ_SR, c6= 5.68567269e-23, c12= 7.47021001e-40
functype[16]=LJ_SR, c6= 0.00000000e+00, c12= 0.00000000e+00
functype[17]=LJ_SR, c6= 1.11183180e-20, c12= 8.31365008e-36
functype[18]=LJ_SR, c6= 8.81473767e-04, c12= 4.24773674e-07
functype[19]=LJ_SR, c6= 3.33732824e-21, c12= 7.62071036e-37
functype[20]=LJ_SR, c6= 1.43854954e-19, c12= 6.30568414e-34
functype[21]=LJ_SR, c6= 0.00000000e+00, c12= 0.00000000e+00
functype[22]=LJ_SR, c6= 1.40085303e-17, c12= 2.07161281e-30
functype[23]=LJ_SR, c6= 3.33732824e-21, c12= 7.62071036e-37
functype[24]=LJ_SR, c6= 5.81085496e-03, c12= 2.20710335e-05
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[snip]

whereas setting the gen-pair option to know results in something completely different :

[snip]

ffparams:

atnr=5

ntypes=47

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functype0=LJ_SR, c6= 2.61719758e-03, c12= 2.63373886e-06
functype1=LJ_SR, c6= 0.00000000e+00, c12= 0.00000000e+00
functype2=LJ_SR, c6= 4.87049343e-03, c12= 8.14769919e-06
functype3=LJ_SR, c6= 1.51887815e-03, c12= 1.05770641e-06
functype4=LJ_SR, c6= 3.89976287e-03, c12= 7.62425771e-06
functype5=LJ_SR, c6= 0.00000000e+00, c12= 0.00000000e+00
functype6=LJ_SR, c6= 0.00000000e+00, c12= 0.00000000e+00
functype7=LJ_SR, c6= 0.00000000e+00, c12= 0.00000000e+00
functype8=LJ_SR, c6= 0.00000000e+00, c12= 0.00000000e+00
functype9=LJ_SR, c6= 0.00000000e+00, c12= 0.00000000e+00
functype10=LJ_SR, c6= 4.87049343e-03, c12= 8.14769919e-06
functype11=LJ_SR, c6= 0.00000000e+00, c12= 0.00000000e+00
functype12=LJ_SR, c6= 9.06377845e-03, c12= 2.52055906e-05
functype13=LJ_SR, c6= 2.82656797e-03, c12= 3.27210637e-06
functype14=LJ_SR, c6= 7.25729251e-03, c12= 2.35862972e-05
functype15=LJ_SR, c6= 1.51887815e-03, c12= 1.05770641e-06
functype16=LJ_SR, c6= 0.00000000e+00, c12= 0.00000000e+00
functype17=LJ_SR, c6= 2.82656797e-03, c12= 3.27210637e-06
functype18=LJ_SR, c6= 8.81473767e-04, c12= 4.24773674e-07
functype19=LJ_SR, c6= 2.26320908e-03, c12= 3.06189349e-06
functype20=LJ_SR, c6= 3.89976287e-03, c12= 7.62425771e-06
functype21=LJ_SR, c6= 0.00000000e+00, c12= 0.00000000e+00
functype22=LJ_SR, c6= 7.25729251e-03, c12= 2.35862972e-05
functype23=LJ_SR, c6= 2.26320908e-03, c12= 3.06189349e-06
functype24=LJ_SR, c6= 5.81085496e-03, c12= 2.20710335e-05
functype25=SETTLE, doh= 1.00000001e-01, dhh= 1.63330004e-01
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[snip]

Diff between the two files:

184,186c184,186

```
< functype2=LJ_SR, c6= 4.87049343e-03, c12= 8.14769919e-06
< functype3=LJ_SR, c6= 1.51887815e-03, c12= 1.05770641e-06
< functype4=LJ_SR, c6= 3.89976287e-03, c12= 7.62425771e-06
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```

```
functype2=LJ_SR, c6= 5.16704677e-19, c12= 7.84717270e-33
functype3=LJ_SR, c6= 5.68567269e-23, c12= 7.47021001e-40
functype4=LJ_SR, c6= 1.43854954e-19, c12= 6.30568414e-34
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192c192

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< functype10=LJ_SR, c6= 4.87049343e-03, c12= 8.14769919e-06
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functype10=LJ_SR, c6= 5.16704677e-19, c12= 7.84717270e-33
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195,197c195,197

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< functype13=LJ_SR, c6= 2.82656797e-03, c12= 3.27210637e-06
```

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< functype14=LJ_SR, c6= 7.25729251e-03, c12= 2.35862972e-05
```

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< functype15=LJ_SR, c6= 1.51887815e-03, c12= 1.05770641e-06
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```
functype13=LJ_SR, c6= 1.11183180e-20, c12= 8.31365008e-36
```

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functype14=LJ_SR, c6= 1.40085303e-17, c12= 2.07161281e-30
```

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functype15=LJ_SR, c6= 5.68567269e-23, c12= 7.47021001e-40
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199c199

```
< functype17=LJ_SR, c6= 2.82656797e-03, c12= 3.27210637e-06
```

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```
functype17=LJ_SR, c6= 1.11183180e-20, c12= 8.31365008e-36
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201,202c201,202

```
< functype19=LJ_SR, c6= 2.26320908e-03, c12= 3.06189349e-06
```

```
< functype20=LJ_SR, c6= 3.89976287e-03, c12= 7.62425771e-06
```

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```
functype19=LJ_SR, c6= 3.33732824e-21, c12= 7.62071036e-37
```

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functype20=LJ_SR, c6= 1.43854954e-19, c12= 6.30568414e-34
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204,205c204,205

```
< functype22=LJ_SR, c6= 7.25729251e-03, c12= 2.35862972e-05
```

```
< functype23=LJ_SR, c6= 2.26320908e-03, c12= 3.06189349e-06
```

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```
functype22=LJ_SR, c6= 1.40085303e-17, c12= 2.07161281e-30
```

```
functype23=LJ_SR, c6= 3.33732824e-21, c12= 7.62071036e-37
```

224c224

```
< functype42=LJ14, c6A= 3.62864626e-03, c12A= 1.17931486e-05, c6B= 3.62864626e-03, c12B= 1.17931486e-05
```

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```
functype42=LJ14, c6A= 7.00426516e-18, c12A= 1.03580641e-30, c6B= 7.00426516e-18, c12B= 1.03580641e-30
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taking out the nonbond sections and letting do gromacs all the work the .tpr file is identical to the one with gen-pairs set to no and given C6 and C12 Values

## History

#1 - 06/25/2009 09:48 AM - Berk Hess

Could you attach all the input files required to reproduce this?

BTW I don't know what the three commented out parameters are in your pairs section, but with comb. rule you should have sigma and epsilon.

Berk

**#2 - 06/25/2009 10:35 AM - Sascha Hempel**

Created an attachment (id=381)  
.mdp file

**#3 - 06/25/2009 10:35 AM - Sascha Hempel**

Created an attachment (id=382)  
input .gro file

**#4 - 06/25/2009 10:36 AM - Sascha Hempel**

Created an attachment (id=383)  
input .top file

**#5 - 06/25/2009 10:50 AM - Berk Hess**

I can't reproduce this.  
I get identical tpr files with and without gen-pairs.  
Are you really using Gromacs 4.0?

Berk

**#6 - 06/25/2009 11:16 AM - Sascha Hempel**

First of all thanks for noticing my mistake in the pairs sections. I was messing around a little to much with my files :)  
Shouldn't there be an error created by grompp if the wrong number of parameters is given?  
The values in the pairs section are sigma and epsilon and the last value is just the fudge factor.

If done several tests of possible combinations of parameters. Lets say the first gmxdump i posted gives bad results (with the e-33) and the second one gives good results.

X means commented out (or no in case of gen-pairs)  
O means the opposite

gen-pairs | nonbond-section | pairs-section (with top file from the attachment)

- |    |   |   |   |                                 |
|----|---|---|---|---------------------------------|
| 1. | X | O | X | bad results                     |
| 2. | X | O | O | bad results                     |
| 3. | O | O | X | bad results                     |
| 4. | O | O | O | bad results                     |
| 5. | X | X | X | good results                    |
| 6. | O | X | X | good results                    |
| 7. | O | X | O | good results - Additional Terms |
| 8. | X | X | O | good results - Additional Terms |

To further complicate the situation:  
diff between #5 & #6 shows that they are identical, as well as #7 & #8. between #5 & #7 there some differences.  
When pairs is active some additional terms are generated

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diff gen\_no-nonbond\_no-pairs\_yes gen\_no-nonbond\_no-pairs\_no

181c181

< ntypes=47

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ntypes=44

224,228c224,225

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<    functype42=LJ14, c6A= 1.09442095e-19, c12A= 2.52883503e-34, c6B= 1.09442095e-19, c12B= 2.52883503e-34
<    functype43=LJ14, c6A= 6.22660161e-27, c12A= 0.00000000e+00, c6B= 6.22660161e-27, c12B= 0.00000000e+00
<    functype44=LJ14, c6A= 2.65517206e-20, c12A= 1.59711886e-35, c6B= 2.65517206e-20, c12B= 1.59711886e-35
<    functype45=CONSTR, dA= 1.41000003e-01, dB= 1.41000003e-01
<    functype46=CONSTR, dA= 1.53999999e-01, dB= 1.53999999e-01
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    functype42=CONSTR, dA= 1.41000003e-01, dB= 1.41000003e-01
    functype43=CONSTR, dA= 1.53999999e-01, dB= 1.53999999e-01
```

379,387d375

```
< LJ-14:
<   nr: 18
<   iatoms:
<     0 type=42 (LJ14) 3 0
<     1 type=43 (LJ14) 4 1
<     2 type=44 (LJ14) 5 2
<     3 type=44 (LJ14) 6 3
<     4 type=43 (LJ14) 7 4
<     5 type=42 (LJ14) 8 5
391,398c379,386
<     0 type=45 (CONSTR) 1 0
<     1 type=45 (CONSTR) 2 1
<     2 type=46 (CONSTR) 3 2
<     3 type=45 (CONSTR) 4 3
<     4 type=45 (CONSTR) 5 4
<     5 type=46 (CONSTR) 6 5
<     6 type=45 (CONSTR) 7 6
<     7 type=45 (CONSTR) 8 7
---
```

```
0 type=42 (CONSTR) 1 0
1 type=42 (CONSTR) 2 1
2 type=43 (CONSTR) 3 2
3 type=42 (CONSTR) 4 3
4 type=42 (CONSTR) 5 4
5 type=43 (CONSTR) 6 5
6 type=42 (CONSTR) 7 6
7 type=42 (CONSTR) 8 7
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At this moment i am getting lost totally in a bunch of numbers... I hope you understand what i am trying to explain here.

So long,  
Sascha

**#7 - 06/25/2009 11:22 AM - Berk Hess**

Now we seem to be talking about something completely different.  
Looking at your nonbond\_params section,  
you also seem to have entered C6 and C12 iso sigma and epsilon.

Berk

**#8 - 07/15/2009 09:46 AM - Berk Hess**

I assume your problem has been resolved.  
Can we close this bug?

Berk

**#9 - 07/15/2009 09:49 AM - Sascha Hempel**

Of course,

I am sorry for the inconveniences i caused. I promise to look up my data better next time.

Thanks for the help anyway

Sascha

**#10 - 07/15/2009 10:02 AM - Berk Hess**

This was not a bug, but the result of an incorrect interpretation  
of the topology file format.

Berk

**Files**

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EQ4.mdp	2.31 KB	06/25/2009	Sascha Hempel
start.gro	233 KB	06/25/2009	Sascha Hempel
topol.top	6.22 KB	06/25/2009	Sascha Hempel