

# KNOSOS and SOLPS-ITER

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# **RGB** Presentation Color Code



#### Bad / Alarm

Good / Improvement



Keyword / Code



## **KNOSOS**

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## KNOSOS

- KiNetic Orbit-averaging Solver for Stellarators
- Related to Plasma in 3-D magnetic confinement
- Multiple particle species being solved on their own surface
- Written in Fortran90, MPI parallelized
- Open source, available at: <u>https://github.com/joseluisvelasco/KNOSOS</u>
- **Problems**: One surface-One MPI, a Notorious process taking much longer, parallel efficiency, others.

#### Basics: Division by Zero

- Pass -fp\_trap flag to PETSc (Portable Extension Toolkit for Scientific Computing)
- srun ./knosos.x -fp\_trap
- Run DDT: ddt ./knosos.x -fp\_trap to locate exact error point
  - All 22 Processes stop in fill\_3dgrid (configuration.f90:1617) with signal SIGFPE (Arithmetic exception).

#### NaN in [A][x] = [vecb] MPI Rank 15

- Linear system of equations Ax = b ...
- Code equivalent [A][vecx] = [vecb]
- But vecb contains a NaN



- vecb has type Vec of PETSc
- Convert to simple array using VecGetArrayReadF90(vecb,xx\_v,ierr) where xx\_v is PetscScalar, pointer :: xx\_v(:)

#### **Before** replacing NaN at vecb(3) with random value



#### After replacing NaN at vecb(3) with random value





#### Attempt Optimization - 1(a), CALCB\_DEL in coefficients.f90

DO nm=1,Nnm		
n=np(nm)	L.	
m=mp(nm)		
IF(STELL_ANTISYMMETRIC) THEN		
<pre>IF(Clag.EQ.0.0R.flag.EQ.2) THEN IF(flag.EQ.0.0R.flag.EQ.2) THEN IB_0=B_0+bnmc0(nm)*cosnm(nm)+bnms0(nm)*sinnm(nm) GS_TEMP_1=GS_TEMP_1+bnmc0(nm)*cosnm(nm)+bnms0(nm)*sinnm IF(flagB1) B_1=B_1+bnmc1(nm)*cosnm(nm)+bnms1(nm)*sinnm IF(flagB1) B_1=B_1+bnmc1(nm)*cosnm(1m)+bnms1(nm)*sinnm IF(TANG_VM.AND.flag.GT.1) dBdpsi=dBdpsi+dbnmcdpsi(nm) IF(TANG_VM.AND.flag.GT.1) dBdpsi=dBdpsi+dbnmcdpsi(nm) IF(TANG_VM.AND.flag.GT.1) dS_TEMP_6=GS_TEMP_6+dbnmcdpsi END IF IF(flag.RE.0) THEN qnmsinnm=bnmc0(nm)*sinnm(nm) IdBdz_0=dBdz_0-qmmsinnm*n*nzperiod IdBdt_0=dBddz_0-qmmsinnm*n*nzperiod</pre>	- original m(nm) m(nm) <original s(nm)*sinnm(nm) *cosnm(nm)+dbnmsdpsi(nm)*sinnm(nm) i(nm)*cosnm(nm)+dbnmsdpsi(nm)*sinnm(nm) 22 Processes (Total time)</original 	Ori
GS_TEWP_10=GS_TEWP_10=qnmsinnmm = < of Aginal gnmcosnm=bnms0(nm)*cosnm(nm) 1dBdz_0=dBdz_0+qnmcosnm*n*nzperiod < original GS_TEWP_8=GS_TEWP_8+qnmcosnm*n*nzperiod		
<pre>idBdt_0=dBdt_0=qnmcosnm*m <original GS_TEMP_10=GS_TEMP_10+qnmcosnm*m IF(flagB1) THEN qnmsinnm=bnmc1(nm)*sinnm(nm) idBdg_1=dBdg_1 qnmcinnmtchorportid <original< pre=""></original<></original </pre>	CALCB_DEL	13
G_TEMP_12=GS_TEMP_12=qnmsinnm*n*nzperiod IdBdt_1=dBdt_1-qnmsinnm*n*nzperiod GS_TEMP_14=GS_TEMP_14-qnmsinnm*m qnmcosnm=bnmc1(nm*cosnm(nm)	Total App Time	194
IBB02_1=B002_1+qnmCoSnm*n^h2period <original G5_TEMP_12=G5_TEMP_12+qnmcoSnm*m^hn2period IdBdt_1=dBdt_1+qnmcoSnm*m <original G5_TEMP_14=G5_TEMP_14+qnmcoSnm*m END IF END IF</original </original 	Spe	ed-up
<pre>ELSE IF(flag.EQ.0.0R.flag.EQ.2) THEN</pre>	*cosnm(nm) <original i(nm)*cosnm(nm)</original 	al Spe

Time recorded for *instance of CALCB\_DEL* taking maximum time

22 Processes (Total time)	Original (NaN)	No NaN (expected behaviour)	Optimized=Vectorized
CALCB_DEL	138.31 sec	126.51 sec	47.28 sec
Total App Time	1941.66 sec	685.77	551.22

Speed-up for CALCB\_DEL = 126.51/47.28 = 2.67x Total Speed-up = 685.77/551.22 = 1.24x

#### Attempt Optimization - 2, DELTA\_PHASE in coefficients.f90

LOOP BEGIN at /gpfs/home/bsc99/bsc99102/KNOSOS/knosos/mn4/Sources/coefficients.f90(354,3)
remark #15388: vectorization support: reference cosnm_temp(:) has aligned access
remark #15389: vectorization support: reference cosnm(:) has unaligned access
remark #15389: vectorization support: reference cosnm_del(:) has unaligned access
remark #15389: vectorization support: reference sinnm(:) has unaligned access [/gpf
<pre>remark #15389: vectorization support: reference sinnm_del(:) has unaligned access [</pre>
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remark #15389: vectorization support: reference cosnm(:) has unaligned access [/gpf
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remark #15389: vectorization support: reference sinnm(:) has unaligned access [/gpf
<pre>remark #15389: vectorization support: reference cosnm_del(:) has unaligned access [</pre>
remark #15381: vectorization support: unaligned access used inside loop body
remark #15305: vectorization support: vector length 4
remark #15399: vectorization support: unroll factor set to 4
remark #15309: vectorization support: normalized vectorization overhead 0.156
remark #15301: FUSED LOOP WAS VECTORIZED
remark #15321: Compiler has chosen to target XMM/YMM vector. Try using -qopt-zmm-usage
remark #15449: unmasked aligned unit stride stores: 1
remark #15450: unmasked unaligned unit stride loads: 4
remark #15451: unmasked unaligned unit stride stores: 1
remark #15475: begin vector cost summary
remark #15476: scalar cost: 23
remark #15477: vector cost: 6.000
remark #15478: estimated potential speedup: 3.410
remark #15488: end vector cost summary
LOOP END

22 Processes	No NaN	Aligned + zmm	
DELTA_PHASE	35.99 sec	29.03 sec	

Speed-up = 1.23x

This is another loop ! Needs vector aligned separately !



#### Add at compile time

-align array64byte -qopt-zmm-usage=high

#### Attempt Optimization - 1(b), CALCB\_DEL in coefficients.f90

n=np(nm)	
m=mp(nm)	
IF(STELL_ANTISYMMETRIC) THEN	
<pre>IF(flag.EQ.0.0R.flag.EQ.2) THEN</pre>	nnm(nm) < original
GS_TEMP_1=GS_TEMP_1+bnmc0(nm)*cosnm(nm)+bn	msO(nm)*sinnm(nm)
<pre>!IF(flagB1) B_1=B_1+bnmc1(nm)*cosnm(nm)+bn</pre>	ms1(nm)*sinnm(nm) <original< td=""></original<>
<pre>IF(flagB1) GS_TEMP_4=GS_TEMP_4+bnmc1(nm)*c</pre>	osnm(nm)+bnms1(nm)*sinnm(nm)
<pre>!IF(TANG_VM.AND.flag.GT.1) dBdpsi=dBdpsi+d</pre>	<pre>bnmcdpsi(nm)*cosnm(nm)+dbnmsdpsi(nm)*sinnm(nm) <original< pre=""></original<></pre>
<pre>IF(TANG_VM.AND.flag.GT.1) GS_TEMP_6=GS_TEM</pre>	<pre>P_6+dbnmcdpsi(nm)*cosnm(nm)+dbnmsdpsi(nm)*sinnm(nm)</pre>
END IF	
IF(flag.NE.O) THEN	
<pre>qnmsinnm=bnmc0(nm)*sinnm(nm)</pre>	
<pre>!dBdz_0=dBdz_0-qnmsinnm*n*nzperiod <ori< pre=""></ori<></pre>	ginal
GS_TEMP_8=GS_TEMP_8-qnmsinnm*n*nzperiod	22 Dressess /Total til
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GS_TEMP_10=GS_TEMP_10-qnmsinnm*m	
qnmcosnm=bnms0(nm)*cosnm(nm)	
!dBdz_0=dBdz_0+qnmcosnm*n*nzperiod < o	riginal
GS_TEMP_8=GS_TEMP_8+qnmcosnm*n*nzper10d	
IdBdt_0=dBdt_0+qnmcosnm*m <original< td=""><td></td></original<>	
US_TEMP_TO=US_TEMP_TO+QTINCOSTIN*M	CALCE DEL
apmsippm=hpmc1(pm)*sippm(pm)	•
IdBdz 1=dBdz 1-gnmsinnm*n*nzneriod <	original
GS_TEMP_12=GS_TEMP_12-gnmsinnm*n*nzperi	od
!dBdt 1=dBdt 1-qnmsinnm*m <original< td=""><td>Total App Time</td></original<>	Total App Time
GS TEMP 14=GS TEMP 14-gnmsinnm*m	
qnmcosnm=bnmc1(nm)*cosnm(nm)	
!dBdz_1=dBdz_1+qnmcosnm*n*nzperiod <	original
GS_TEMP_12=GS_TEMP_12+qnmcosnm*n*nzperi	od
<pre>!dBdt_1=dBdt_1+qnmcosnm*m <original< pre=""></original<></pre>	
GS_TEMP_14=GS_TEMP_14+qnmcosnm*m	
END IF	
END IF	
0.5763	
ELSE	
IF(TIAg.EQ.0.0R.TIAg.EQ.2) THEN	,
<pre>E B_0=B_0+Dhmc0(hm)*coshm(hm) &lt; origina. GS_TEMD_2=GS_TEMD_2+bpmc0(pm)*coshm(hm)</pre>	1
US_TEMP_2=US_TEMP_2+DrimcU(nm)*COSTM(nm)	
IF(IIagB1) B_I=B_I+DrimcI(rim)*COSTIM(rim) <-	-original
ITE(IIABBI) US_IEMP_3=US_IEMP_5+DDMC1(DM)*C	Usimu(imi)
IE (TANG VM AND flag GT 1) GS TEND 7-GS TEM	Dimicupsi(im)*cosim(im) <oilgildi< td=""></oilgildi<>
END TE	"_/.doimedbar(im) cosim(im)

DO nm=1.Nnm

2 Processes (Total time)Original (NaN)No NaN (expected<br/>behaviour)Optimized=Vectorized +<br/>aligned + zmmCALCB\_DEL138.31 sec126.51 sec35.16 secTotal App Time1941.66 sec685.77514.02

Speed-up for CALCB\_DEL = 126.51/35.16 = 3.59x Total Speed-up = 685.77/514.02 = 1.33x Multiple MPI Procs: → Surfaces [Parallelizing COEFFICIENTS\_DKE]

- **COEFFICIENTS\_DKE** takes 41% of total time (after removing NaN)
- **COEFFICIENTS\_DKE** takes 33% of total time in Vectorized code
- COEFFICIENTS\_DKE\_GS new function which divides work between MPI processes (*takes about 13% of total time with 96 processes*)

#### Parallelizing COEFFICIENTS\_DKE\_GS

- MPI processes that collectively handle a surface placed in SURFACE\_COMM\_WORLD
- Execution path:

```
IF (surface_comm_numprocs .GT. 1) THEN
        CALL COEFFICIENTS_DKE_GS(...)
ELSE
        CALL COEFFICIENTS_DKE(...)
END IF
```

• Divides main loop **almost equally** between MPI processes (in SURFACE\_COMM\_WORLD)

```
D0 ipoint=1,npoint <--- original
WRITE(iout,"(a,I7,a,I7)") 'Loop bounds =', 1+cumulative_work(surface_comm_myrank+1), ' to =
D0 ipoint=1+cumulative_work(surface_comm_myrank+1), cumulative_work(surface_comm_myrank+2)</pre>
```

#### Results for 22 surfaces

Processes	-O3 (Round-Robin process assign.)	-O3 (Compact process assign.)	
22	25.984 (base)	24.709 (base)	
44	24.476 (5.8%)	21.482(13.06%)	
48	22.307 (14.15%)	23.348( <u>5.5</u> %)	
66	19.675 (24.28)	21.953(11.15%)	
88 19.133 ( <b>26.36%</b> )		19.053 (22.89%)	
96	19.470 (25.06%)	21.139 (14.44%)	

#### 22 processes Vs 88 processes

- With 22 MPI coefficients\_dke 5.43 sec per process (=119.58/22)
- With 88 MPI coefficients\_dke\_gs takes 1.57 sec per process (=138.69/88)
- Speed-up per process = 5.43/1.57 = 3.45 ( $\approx$  ideal value 4)
- Majority of the difference due to MPI\_Allgatherv ~ 0.15 secs per process (=19.11/88)

## Summary

- Summary
  - Identification of NaN
  - Vectorization + alignment + zmm registers: 33% improvement
  - Parallelization with 88 processes: 25% improvement (only COEFFICIENTS\_DKE parallelized)
  - Total 58% improvement
- Current status: Completed



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## SOLPS-ITER

- Scrape-Off Layer Plasma Simulation (boundary plasma)
- Monte Carlo code Eirene (MPI parallelized)
   Our Focus
- B2.5 Plasma Fluid solver (OpenMP parallelized) bad scaling
- Extremely difficult to install (... but ...courtesy David Vicente Dorca in 6 hours ...)
- Fortran 77 (fixed form), Fortran 90



- Ideally should emulate omp\_get\_num\_threads() (does not)
  - Returns OMP\_NUM\_THREADS when called from a non-OpenMP non-parallel

region (should return 1 because there are no threads).

Returns 1 when called from OpenMP parallel region (should return)

**OMP\_NUM\_THREADS** value, but no nested parallelism hence 1 returned).

## Replace get\_num\_threads()

#### ✤ Why ?

- > Spawning threads expensive.
- Called by every subroutine/function every-time !
- > Not scalable as threads increase
- > Threads wait in barrier at the end of single region AND parallel region i.e. 2 barriers

```
integer function get_num_threads()
logical :: in_parallel
in_parallel = .false.
!$ in_parallel = OMP_IN_PARALLEL()
if(in_parallel) then
!$ get_num_threads = omp_get_num_threads()
else
    get_num_threads = 1
end if
end function
```

```
integer function get_num_threads()
C#ifdef _OPENMP
        if(OMP IN PARALLEL()) then
C
C!$
            get_num_threads = omp_get_num_threads()
C
        else
C!$
            get num threads = omp get max threads()
        end if
C
C#else
        get num threads = 1
C
C#endif
C
        end function
```

#### Version 1

Version 2

#### **Preliminary Experiment**

- Marenostrum 4 (MN4), Intel 2017.4, IMPI 2017.4
- AUG\_16151\_D+C+He/16151\_1.6MW\_2.0e19\_D=0.4\_chi=1.6\_pump=0.90
- MPI + OpenMP coupled version of Eirene + B2.5
- ♦ KMP\_AFFINITY=disabled ►
- b2mndir\_ntim=20, b2mndir\_elapsed=0
  - Each run has 21 Eirene iterations
  - Each Eirene iteration gives its run-time
  - B2.5\_Run\_Time = (Real\_Time) (Total\_Eirene\_Run\_Time)

#### Results

#### Original (LHS) Vs Optimized Version 2 (RHS)

Threads	Eirene (sec)	Real time (sec)	B2.5 (sec)	B2.5 Speed-up (from 1 thread)	Threads	Eirene (sec)	Real Time (sec)	B2.5 (sec)	B2.5 Speed-up (from 1 thread)
48	85.33	259	173.67	1.36	48	82.83	227	144.17	1.73
24	82.46	222	139.54	1.69	24	82.29	222	139.71	1.79
12	83.15	229	145.85	1.62	12	81.31	219	137.69	1.81
6	82.46	235	152.54	1.55	6	81.05	228	146.95	1.70
4	80.02	241	160.98	1.47	4	80.25	239	158.75	1.57
2	80.98	273	192.02	1.23	2	82.98	274	191.02	1.31
1	80.13	316	235.87	1	1	81.51	331	249.49	1.00

- At 48 threads, B2.5 time reduction: (173.67 144.17)/173.67 = 17% (recommended)
- ♦ At 12 threads, B2.5 time reduction: (145.85 137.69)/145.85 = 5.6%

## **Compiler Additional Flags**

FCOPTS = -g -02 -fPIC -assume no2underscore -fp-model precise FCOPTS += -xHost -align array64byte -qopt-zmm-usage=high #added

- -xHost should generate AVX-512 instructions for Intel
- -align array64byte should allocate 64 byte aligned arrays (except COMMON block)
- -qopt-zmm-usage=high maximizes use of zmm register but Intel/2017.4 takes it as an unknown option

ifort: command line warning #10006: ignoring unknown option '-qopt-zmm-usage=higl

 $\Rightarrow$  Warning with Intel/2017.4

⇒ available only with Intel/18.x :

https://www.intel.com/content/www/us/en/developer/articles/technical/the-intel-adv anced-vector-extensions-512-feature-on-intel-xeon-scalable.html

#### Total run-time Vs threads Intel 2018.4, IMPI/2018.4, KMP\_AFFINITY=disabled



#### Final comparison



Intel/2018.4, KMP\_AFFINITY=scatter,verbose,norespec

xHost-talign+zmm

Threads Total (sec)		xHost+align+zmm(sec)	Total(sec)
1	1156	815	816
2	722	701	665
4	900	626	597
8	686	610	583
16	625	573	564
24	908	589	553
48	904	586	575

Lesson of the day: **KMP\_AFFINITY** is extremely important for performance in SOLPS-ITER

#### At 'b2mndr\_ntim' '500'

Threads	Exp. Time (min & sec)	Exp. Time (sec)	ldeal time (sec)	Full B2.5 Speed-up (S <sub>p</sub> )
1	6 m 49 sec	409	_	_
2	4 m 34 sec	274	204.5	1.49
4	3 m 32 sec	212	102.25	1.92
12	2 m 45 sec	165	51.125	2.47
24	2 m 46 sec	166	25.56	2.46
48	2 m 50 sec	170	12.75	2.40

#### b2xpfe.F loops - problems in Vectorization



#### Indirect access

(array index = another array element) E.g. vol(leftix(ix,iy),leftiy(ix,iy))

Substitute:

- leftix(ix,iy) = ix 1
- leftiy(ix,iy) = iy

But does not hold in general !

#### **Vectorization Report**

remark #15415: vectorization support: irregularly indexed load was generated for the variable <vol (leftix (ix,iy), leftiy (ix,iy))>, masked, 64-bit indexed, part remark #15415: vectorization support: irregularly indexed load was generated for the variable <rza>, masked, 64-bit indexed, part of index is read from memory remark #15415: vectorization support: irregularly indexed load was generated for the variable <vol\_(leftix\_(ix,iy), leftiy\_(ix,iy))>, masked, 64-bit indexed, part remark #15415: vectorization support: irregularly indexed load was generated for the variable <vol (bottomix (ix,iy), bottomiy (ix,iy))>, masked, 64-bit indexed, I remark #15415: vectorization support: irregularly indexed load was generated for the variable <rza>, masked, 64-bit indexed, part of index is read from memory remark #15415: vectorization support; irregularly indexed load was generated for the variable <vol (bottomix (ix.iv).bottomiv (ix.iv))>, masked, 64-bit indexed, i remark #15305: vectorization support: vector length 8 remark #15309: vectorization support: normalized vectorization overhead 0.157 remark #15300: LOOP WAS VECTORIZED remark #15450: unmasked unaligned unit stride loads: 2 remark #15456: masked unaligned unit stride loads: 16 remark #15457: masked unaligned unit stride stores: 2 remark #15458: masked indexed (or gather) loads: 6 remark #15475: --- begin vector cost summary --remark #15476: scalar cost: 128 remark #15477: vector cost: 58.250 remark #15478: estimated potential speedup: 2,000 remark #15486: divides: 2 remark #15488: --- end vector cost summary ---OP END

remark #15381: vectorization support: unaligned access used inside loop body remark #15305: vectorization support: vector length 8 remark #15309: vectorization support: unroll factor set to 2 remark #15309: vectorization support: normalized vectorization overhead 0.129 remark #15301: PARTIAL LOOP WAS VECTORIZED remark #15448: unmasked aligned unit stride loads: 1 remark #15449: unmasked aligned unit stride stores: 1 remark #15450: unmasked aligned unit stride loads: 5 remark #15476: scalar cost: 46 remark #15477: vector cost: 12.120 remark #15478: estimated potential speedup: 3.530 remark #15486: divides: 1 remark #15488: --- end vector cost summary ---

#### **Original + Substitution**

Advantage: Estimated Potential Speed = 3.53 instead of 2.00

#### Original

## Hot Cache Effect in b2xpfe.F

[disable n > 16384 condition in sfill(...)]

Threads	Time (original)(s,)	Time (sec) (original + Subs)	Time (original + Subs +    sfill) <mark>(s</mark> _)
1	6.08 (1)	6.05	5.89 (1)
2	3.20 (1.9)	3.21	3.07 (1.91)
4	1.97 (3.08)	1.99	1.86 (3.16)
12	1.16 (5.24)	1.17	1.04 (5.66)
24	1.02 (5.96)	1.00	0.77 (7.65)
48	1.22 (4.98)	1.11	0.92 (6.40)

- ✤ At 24 threads, time reduction ~ 24% (from original)
- ♦ At 48 threads, time reduction ~ 24.5% (from original)
- ✤ Speed-up of OpenMP loop region ~ 7.65 at 24 threads :

## Critical Section: ITER\_2171\_D+He+Be+Ne Scaling

'b2mndr\_ntim' '100', standalone OpenMP, 21 species, #ifndef NO\_OPENMP\_B2SIFRTF, critical sections removed

Threads	Time (sec)		S	p
1	1045	957	1	1.00
2	787	596	1.32	1.60
4	856	388	1.22	2.46
12	848	251	1.23	3.80
24	834	210	1.25	4.55
48	847	215	1.23	4.45

- #ifndef NO\_OPENMP\_B2SIFRTF enables OpenMP
- Removed !\$OMP CRITICAL as no need (Serial or Parallel invocation both)

#### Function fka() in b2sifrtf.F

- With **24 threads**, takes a total of **193 sec**
- Loop in fka() not vectorized as -fp-model=precise used
- We use !\$OMP SIMD reduction(+:fka)
- fka() vectorized (non-unit strides): takes ~ 165 sec with 24 threads
- Finally, 3rd dimensions of arrays rz2(ix,iy,is) and na(ix,iy,is) copied to auxiliary contiguous arrays to remove jumps (unit-stride).

## ITER\_2171\_D+He+Be+Ne Scaling

'b2mndr\_ntim' '100', standalone OpenMP, 21 species, #ifndef NO\_OPENMP\_B2SIFRTF, critical sections removed

Threads	Before Time (sec)	Before S <sub>p</sub>	After Time (sec)	After S <sub>p</sub>	Contig Time	Contig S <sub>p</sub>
1	957	1.00	937	1.00	890	1.00
2	596	1.60	577	1.62	555	1.60
4	388	2.46	373	2.51	367	2.42
12	251	3.80	241	3.88	242	3.67
24	210	4.55	203	4.61	208	4.27
48	215	4.45	208	4.50	211	4.21

After vectorization of loop in function fka() [although non-unit stride]

♦ ACTUAL speed-ups: 957/t, i.e. 1.72, 2.60, 3.95, 4.60 and 4.53

#### Summary: Mail/Meeting minutes (excerpts) from Xavier Bonin

- "Following the presentation from the Barcelona Supercomputing Center Advanced Computing Hub..., several of their recommendations were implemented in the code."
- "...This includes the proper setting on the OMP\_STACKSIZE variable, correcting the get\_num\_threads utility routine to avoid creating unnecessary threads, removing the superfluous critical sections in b2sifrtf, and providing better compiler optimization flags."
- "...some more measurements of code speed-up from the *removal of the b2sifrtf critical regions*, and gave a guide for *optimization flags* for the GCC compiler ... next target for code speed-up is the *fka utility routine*..."
- "...good news is that the BSC ACH team will be able to continue working with us to improve the code performance in 2024, as we have received some renewed EUROfusion funding for this activity."

# Thank you.

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