

Adapting a solver for bioelectromagnetics to the DEEP-ER architecture

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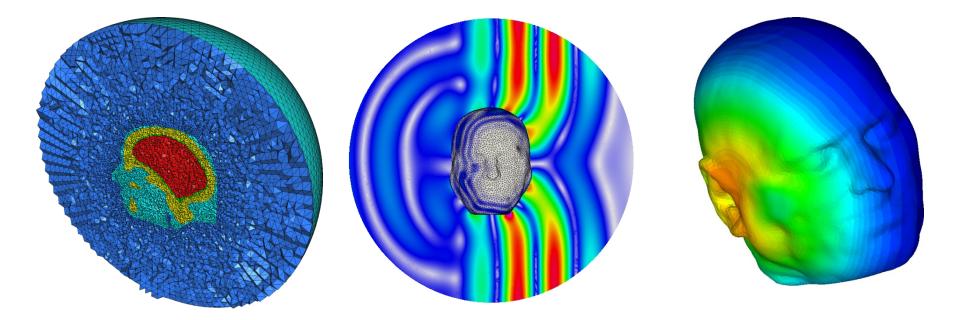
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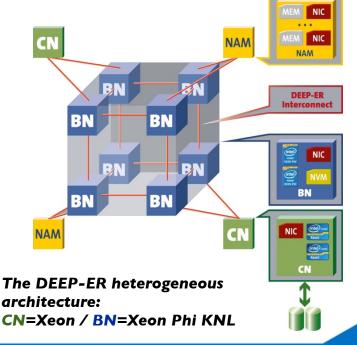
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Adaptation to DEEP-ER (booth #1039)

- > Execution model: Native
- Baseline version: MPI
- Recent work: MPI / OpenMP

Used tools

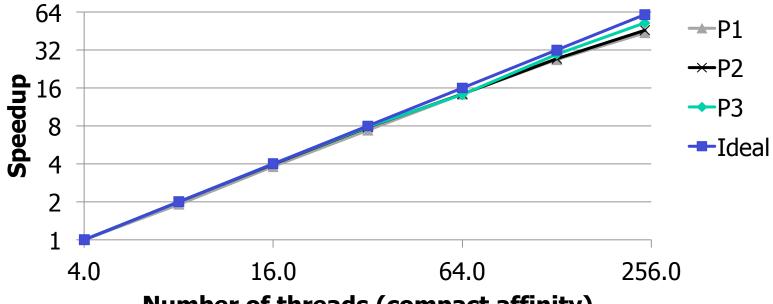
- > Extrae/Paraver
- Scalasca
- > Vtune



Performance (1/2)

Just compiling the OMP version with -mmic...

Xeon Phi OpenMP speedup



Number of threads (compact affinity)

	SNB 8 threads	SNB 16 threads	KNC 244 threads
P1	8.24s	4.51s	4.54s
P2	18.56s	9.81s	11.28s
P3	34.63	18.66s	24.56s

Walltime to reach 20 iterations

Performance on one KNC

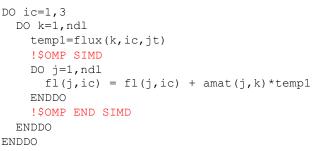
- Slightly superior to 8 SNB cores (chip to chip comparison)
- Slightly inferior to 16 SNB cores (box to box comparison)

Performance (2/2)

Working on vectorization and data locality

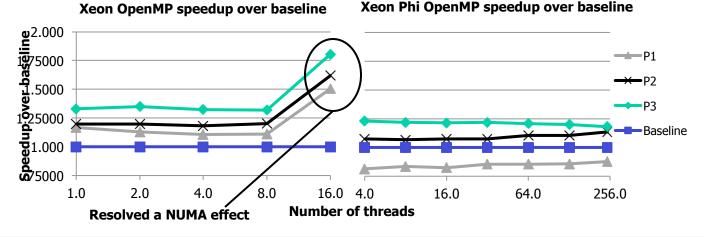
- Loops on cells cell local (small) linear algebra
- Linear algebra: updated to BLAS implementation
- Array splitting, loop reordering...

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Old
DO k=1,ndl
flx(k) = 0.0d0
fly(k) = 0.0d0
flz(k) = 0.0d0
DO j=1,ndl
flx(k) = flx(k) + amat(k,j)*flux(1,j,jt)
fly(k) = fly(k) + amat(k,j)*flux(2,j,jt)
flz(k) = flz(k) + amat(k,j)*flux(3,j,jt)
ENDDO
ENDDO
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New

- Good improvement on SB!
- Not so good on KNC
- We are investigating



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Insights

- Still a work in progress at early stages
- Surprisingly good speedup results on 1 KNC!
 - > OMP and hybrid MPI/OMP can still be refined
- Not clear why some modifications hurt on KNC
 - > Vtune will help to find out which hotspots are concerned

How will this impact development workflow?

- Should we keep a hope to preserve a unified Xeon / Xeon Phi version of the code?
- > Should we create a Xeon Phi-specific branch straight away?