**Blue Waters Petascale Semester Curriculum v1.0**

**Unit 4: OpenMP**

**Lesson 11: N-Body Mechanics in OpenMP**

**Exercise Instructions for Students**

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* Change the number of bodies (Nbodies) from 10000 to larger numbers (100000 or even 1000000)
  + Does the scaling on the parallel codes improve?
* Add scheduling to each of the parallel for loops.
  + Does the change improve performance?
* Investigate chunk size on the performance
  + What is the optimal chunk size.
  + Hypothesize as to why it is optimal.



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