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

**Unit 8: OpenACC**

**Lesson 4: Solving the Heat Equation via Jacobi's Method**

**Exercise Instructions for Students**

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•Investigate how the problem scales with size:

•if the number of bodies increases does the speedup increase or decrease? How does the code scale for a problem 2 times larger?

•If you know OpenMP, parallelize the code with OpenMP and get timing data – compare the performance as a function of wattage (you’ll need to look this up for the hardware in your machine).