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Parallel Brute-force Sudoku

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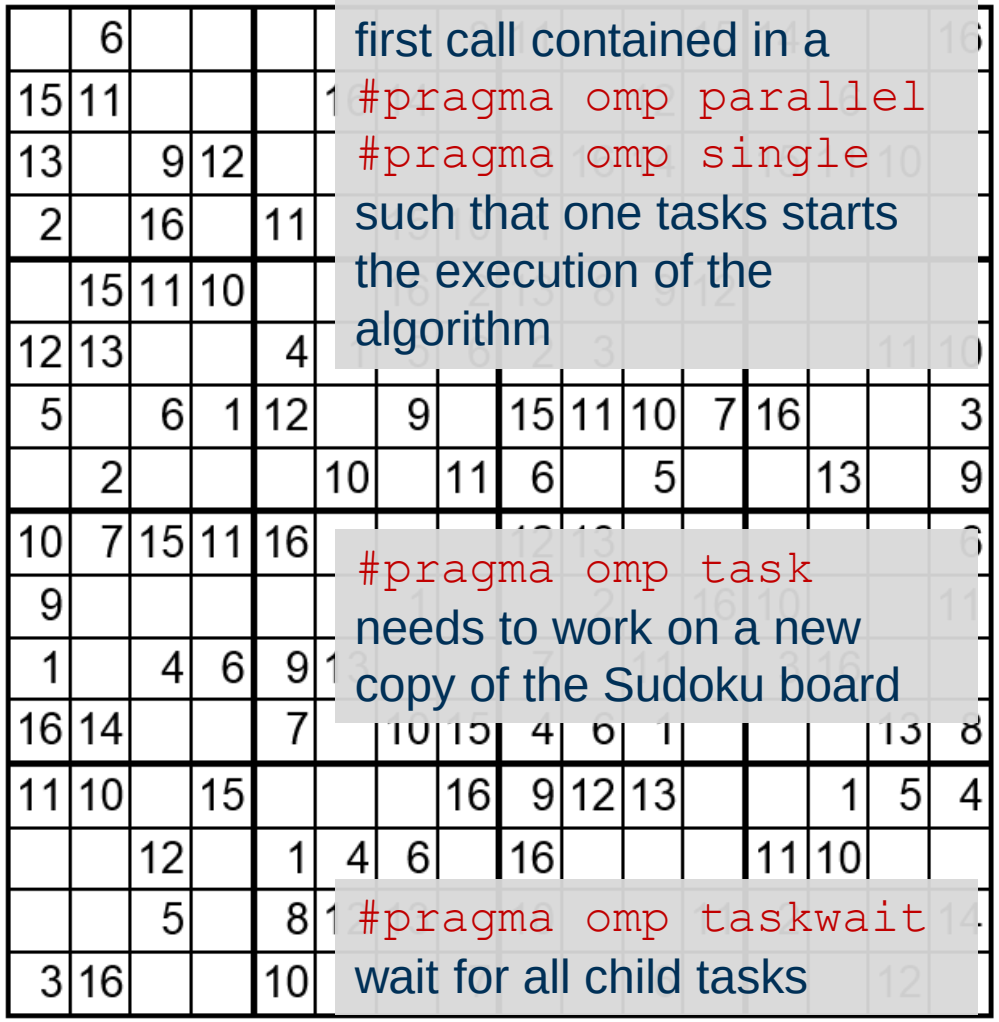

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- OpenMP parallel region creates a team of threads

```
#pragma omp parallel
{
#pragma omp single
   solve_parallel(0, 0, sudoku2,false); ur
} // end omp parallel
```

  - Single construct: One thread enters the execution of `solve_parallel`
  - The other threads wait at the end of the `single` …
    - … and are ready to pick up threads „from the work queue“

- Syntactic sugar (either you like it or you don‘t)

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– The actual implementation

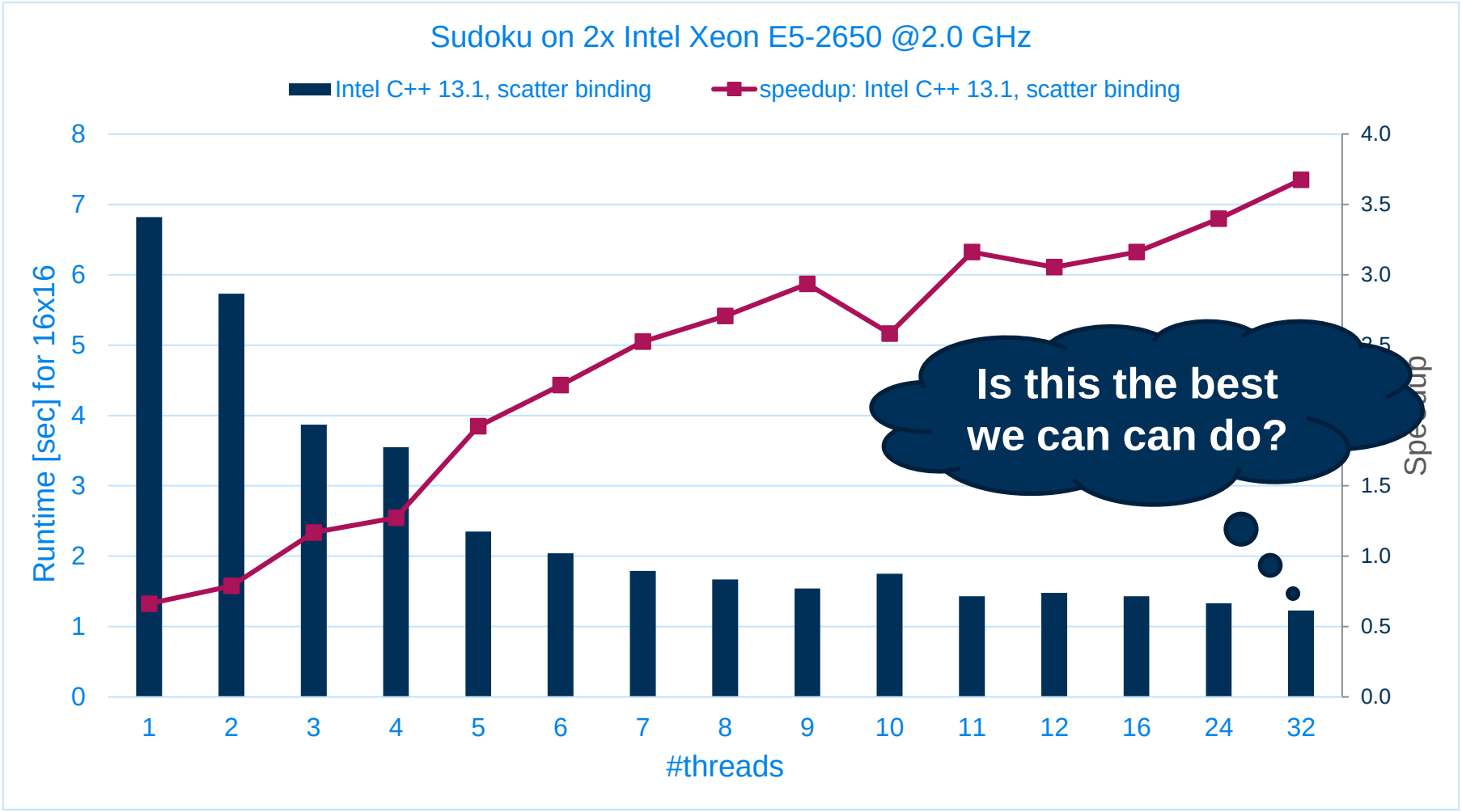
```
for (int i = 1; i <= sudoku->getFieldSize(); i++) {
   if (!sudoku->check(x, y, i)) {
      #pragma omp task firstprivate(i,x,y,sudoku)
      {
         // create from copy constructor
         CSudokuBoard new_sudoku(*sudoku);
         new_sudoku.set(y, x, i);
         if (solve_parallel(x+1, y, &new_sudoku)) {
            new_sudoku.printBoard();
         }
      } // end omp task
   }
}

#pragma omp taskwait
```

#pragma omp task
need to work on a new copy of the Sudoku board

#pragma omp taskwait
wait for all child tasks

Performance Evaluation



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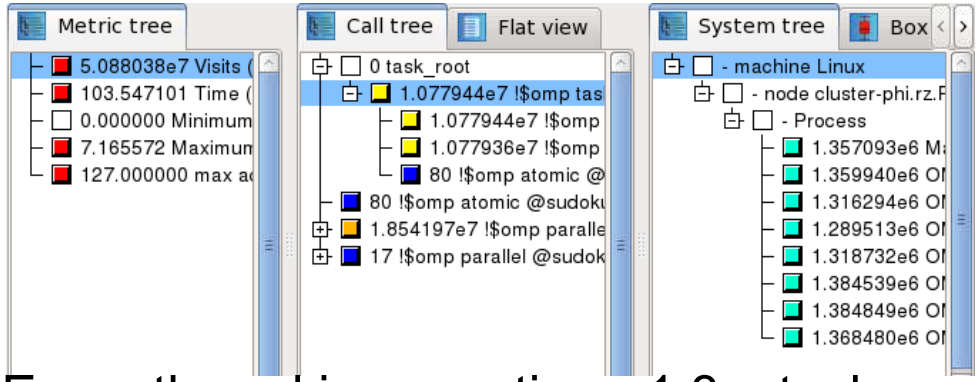
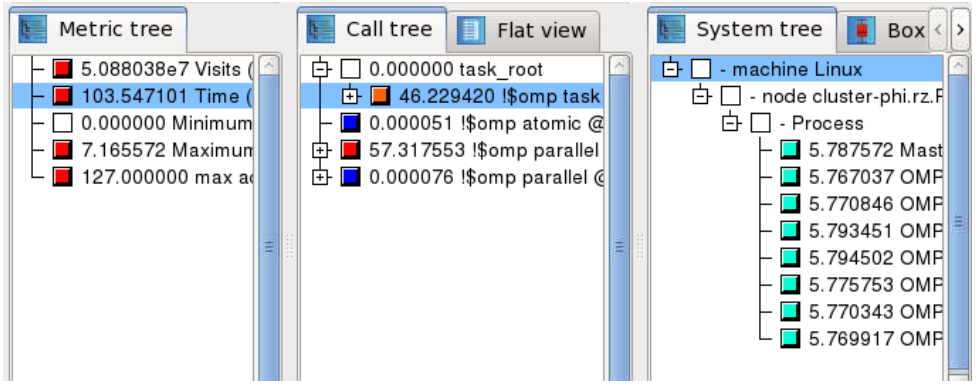


Every thread is executing ~1.3m tasks…



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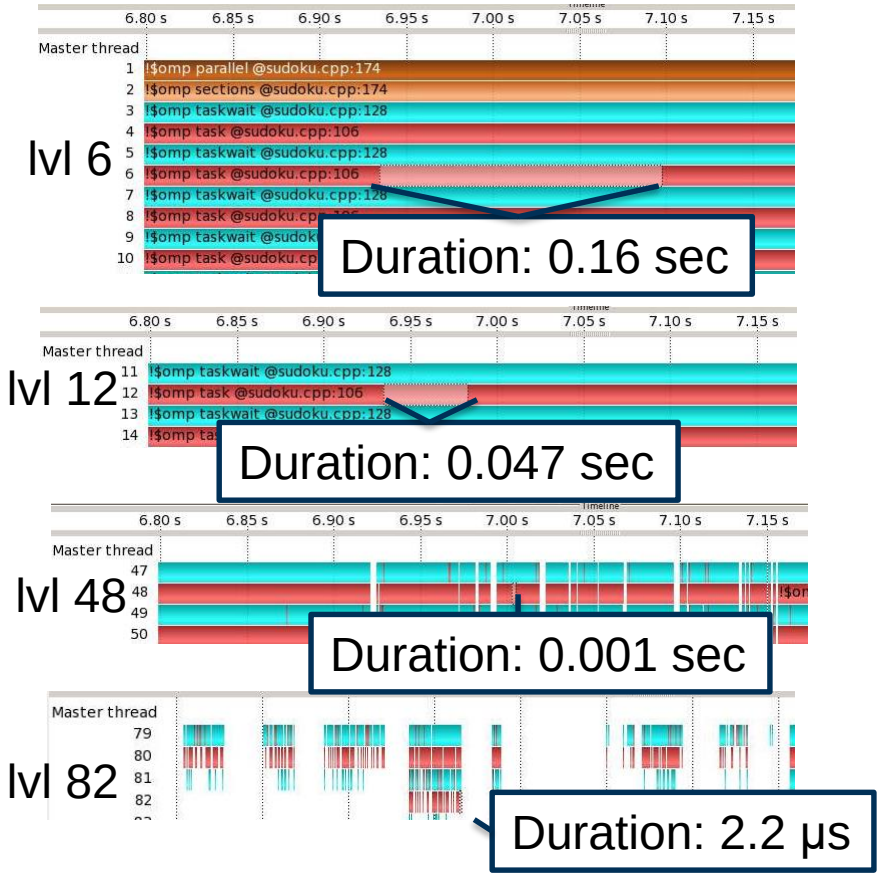

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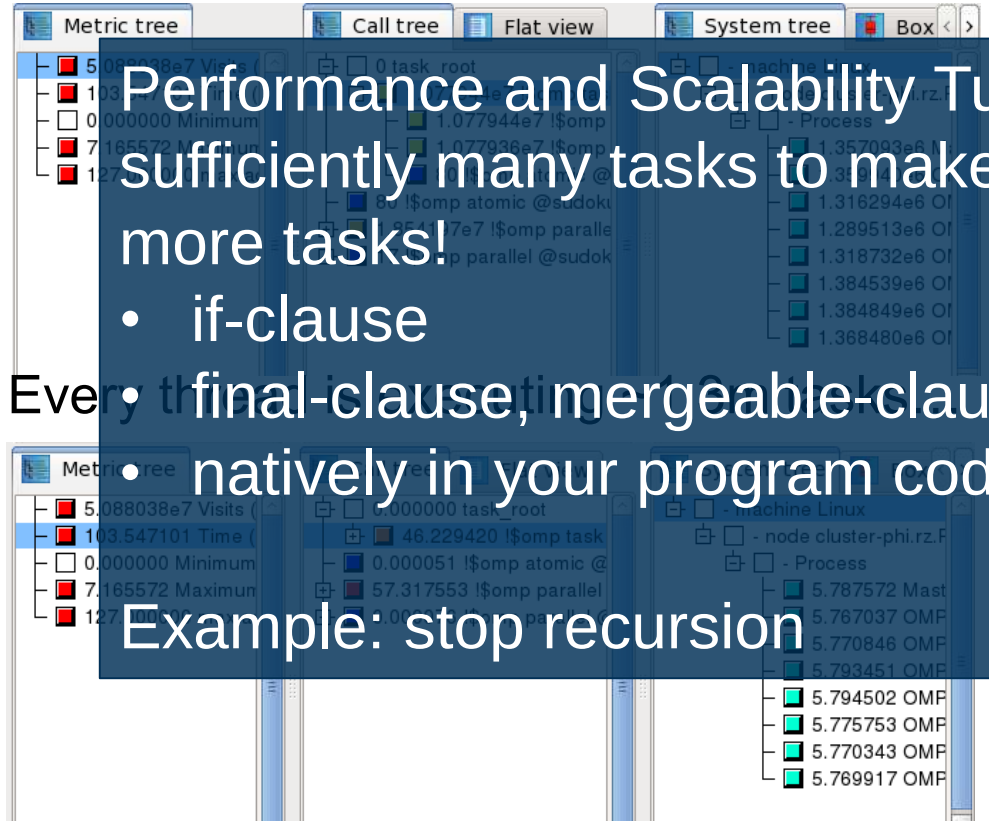

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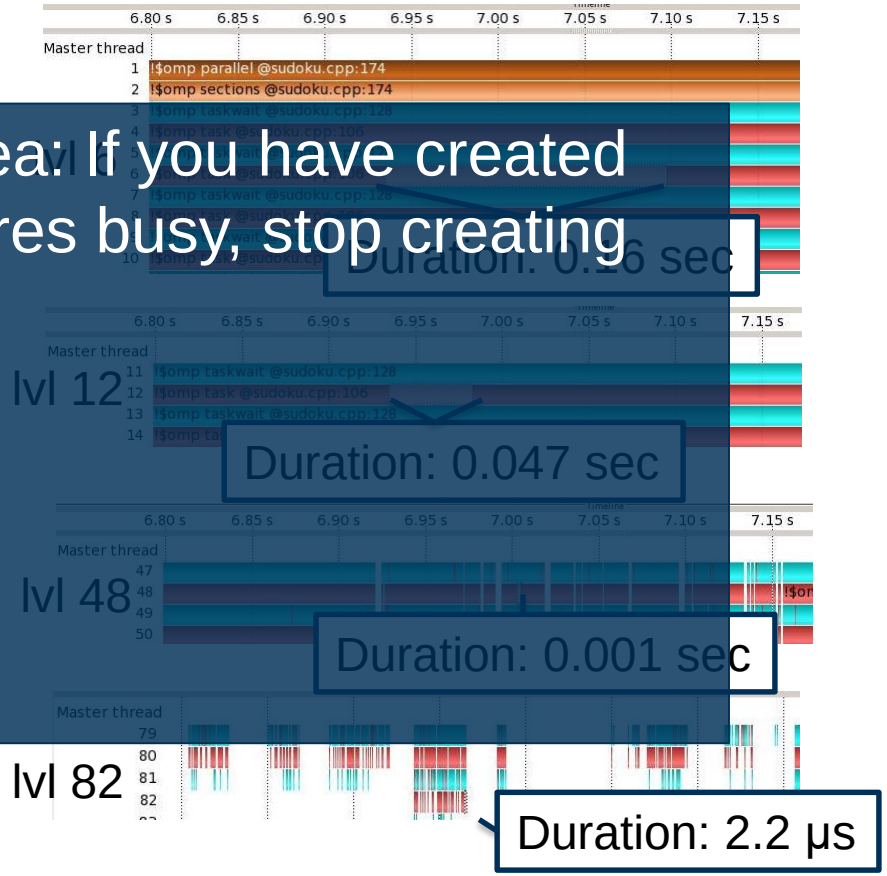

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Performance and Scalability Tuning Idea: If you have created sufficiently many tasks to make you cores busy, stop creating more tasks!

- if-clause
- final-clause, mergeable-clause
- natively in your program code

Example: stop recursion

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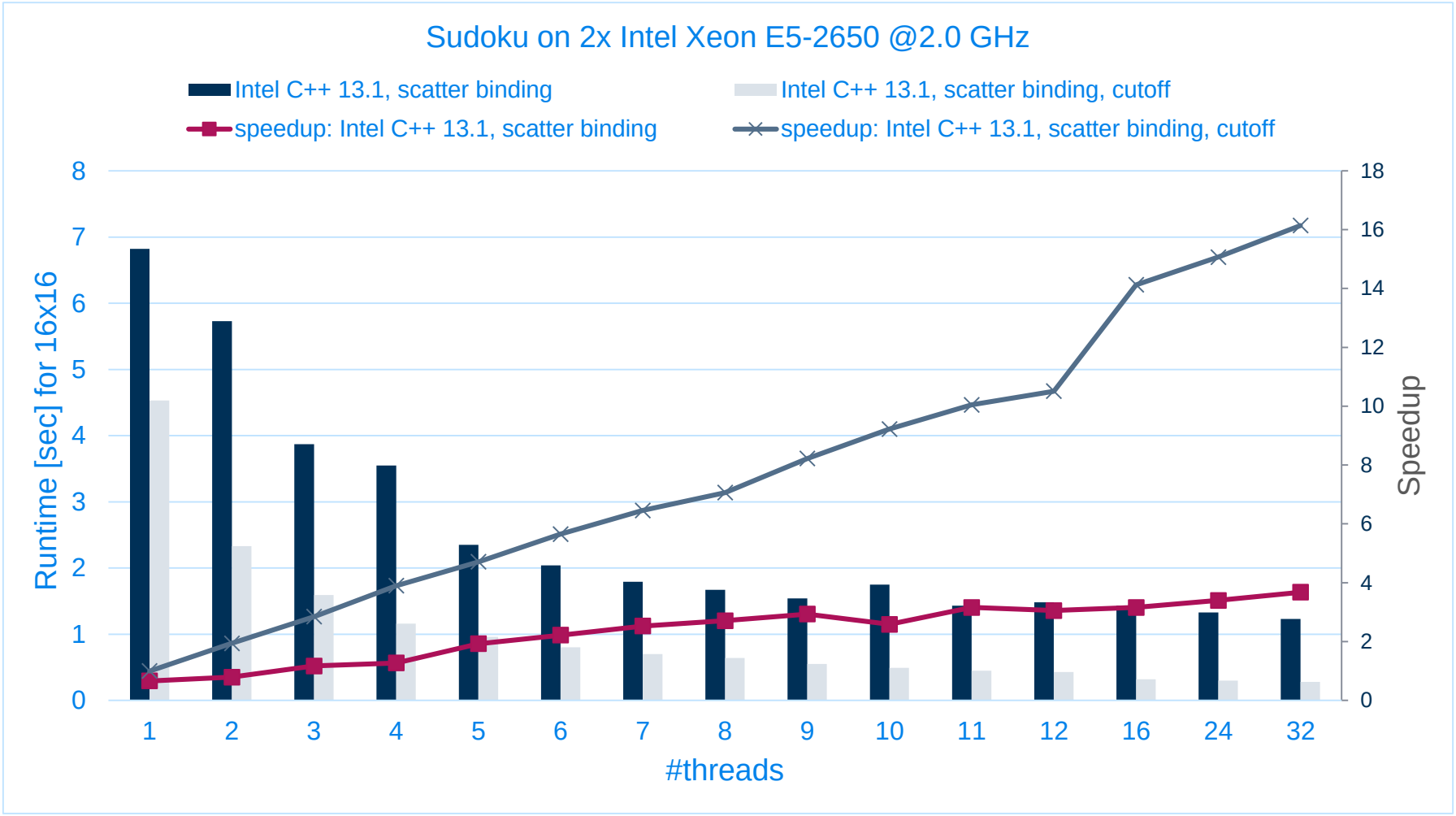

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