

GEOM theoretical performance and scalability limits

Based on ZERO GEOM class.

```
# kldload geom_zero
# sysctl kern.geom.zero.clear=0
# diskinfo -v /dev/gzero
/dev/gzero
    512                # sectorsize
 1152921504606846976 # mediasize in bytes (1.0E)
 2251799813685248    # mediasize in sectors
```

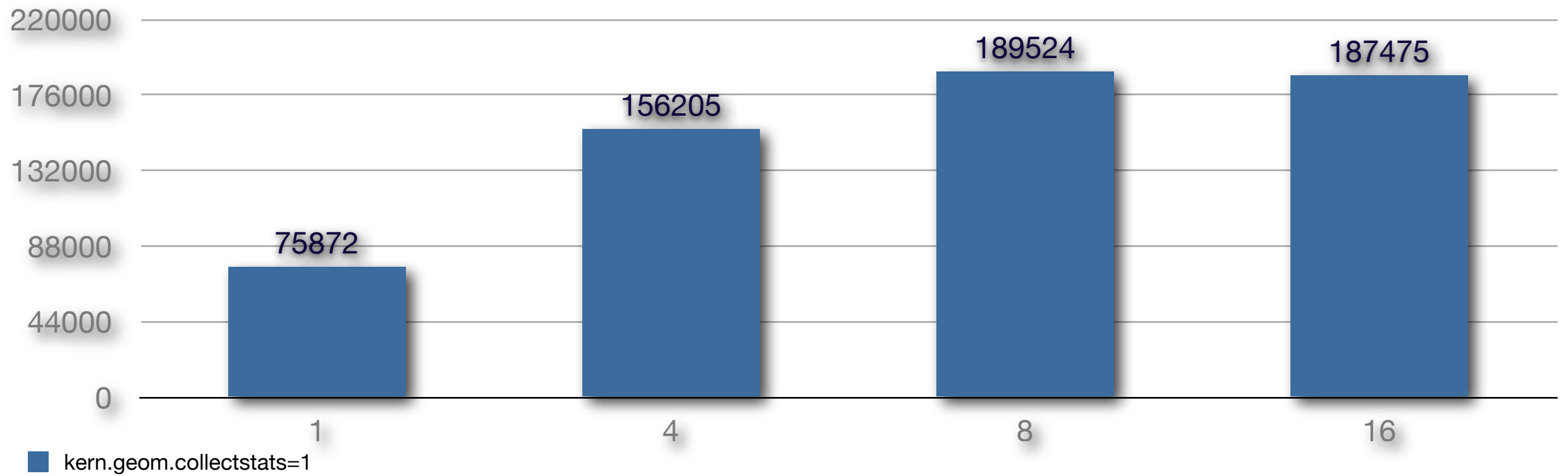
```
CPU Intel(R) Xeon(R) CPU X5272 @ 3.40GHz
FreeBSD/SMP: Multiprocessor System Detected: 4 CPUs
FreeBSD/SMP: 2 package(s) x 2 core(s)
real memory = 8589934592 (8192 MB)
```

```
static void
g_zero_start(struct bio *bp)
{
    int error;

    switch (bp->bio_cmd) {
    case BIO_READ:
        if (g_zero_clear)
            memset(bp->bio_data, g_zero_byte, bp->bio_length);
        /* FALLTHROUGH */
    case BIO_WRITE:
    case BIO_DELETE:
        bp->bio_completed = bp->bio_length;
        error = 0;
        break;
    default:
        error = EOPNOTSUPP;
        break;
    }
    g_io_deliver(bp, error);
}
```

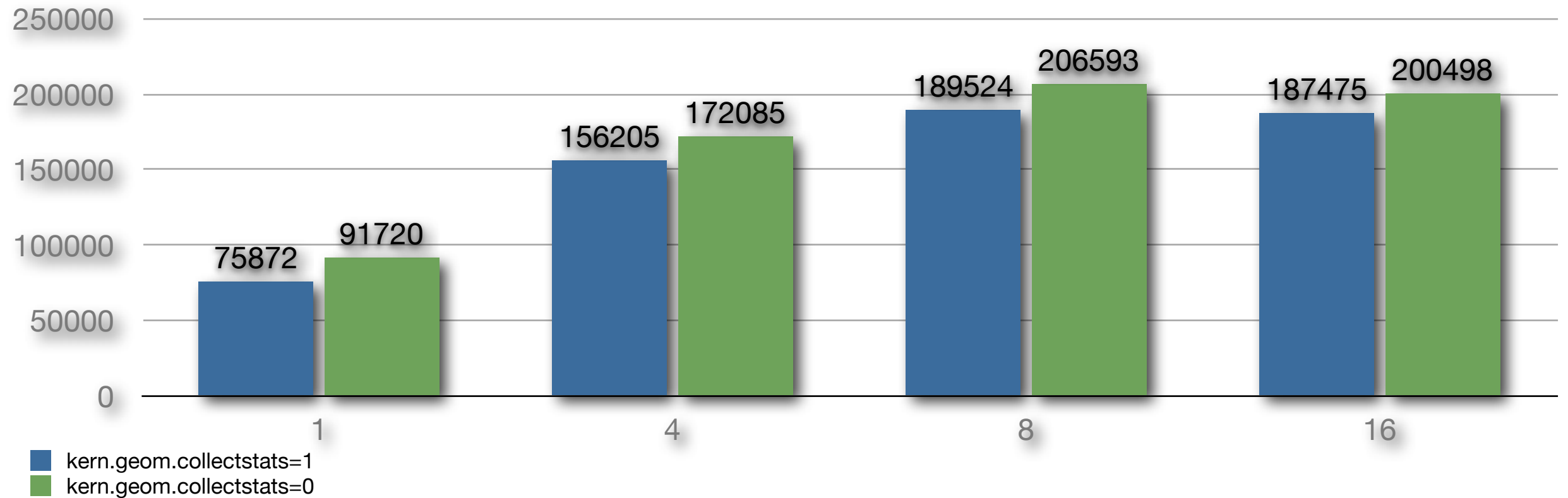
kern.geom.collectstats=1

raidtest test -r -d /dev/gzero -n <NPROC>



kern.geom.collectstats=0

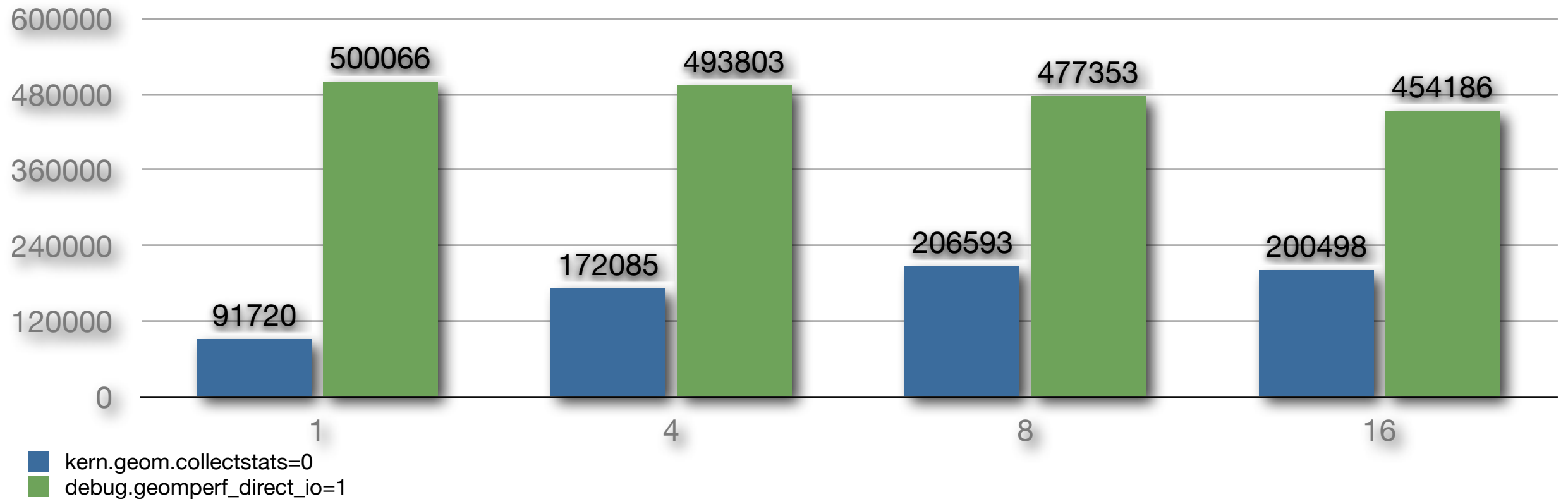
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debug.geomperf_direct_io=1

Eliminates the g_up/g_down threads and passes the I/O requests directly in both directions.

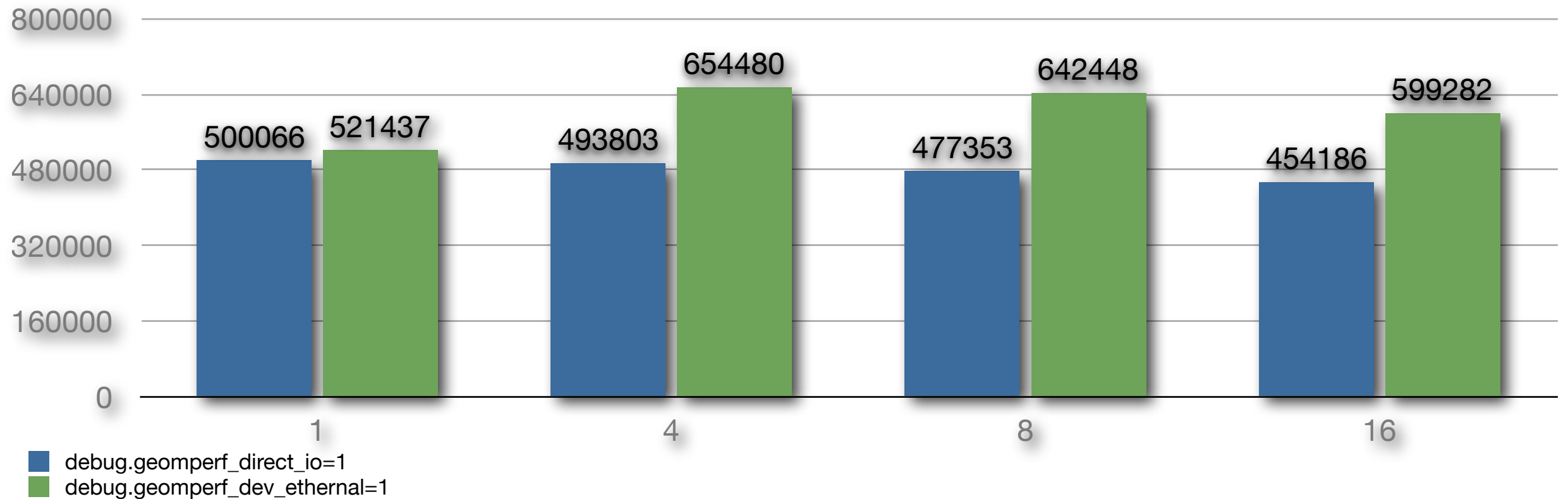
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debug.geomperf_dev_eternal=1

Adds the MAKEDEV_ETERNAL flag to make_dev_p() call in GEOM DEV class.
This avoids contentions on the global devmtx mutex.

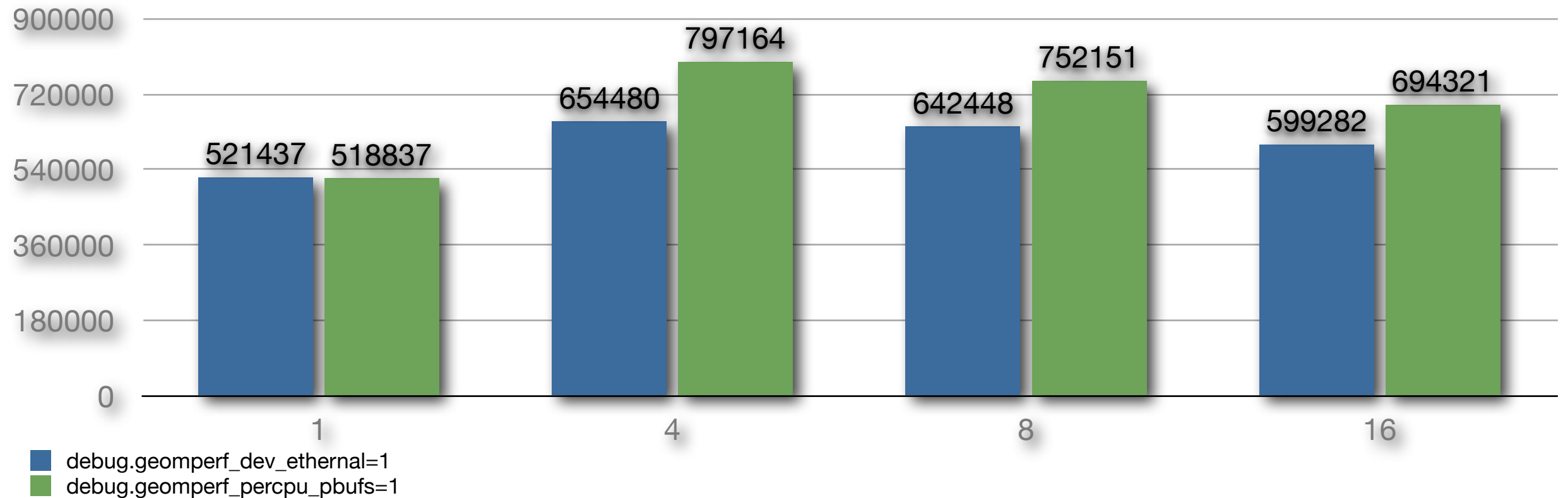
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debug.geomperf_percpu_pbufs=1

Uses per-CPU pbufs.
This avoids contentions on the global pbuf_mtx mutex.

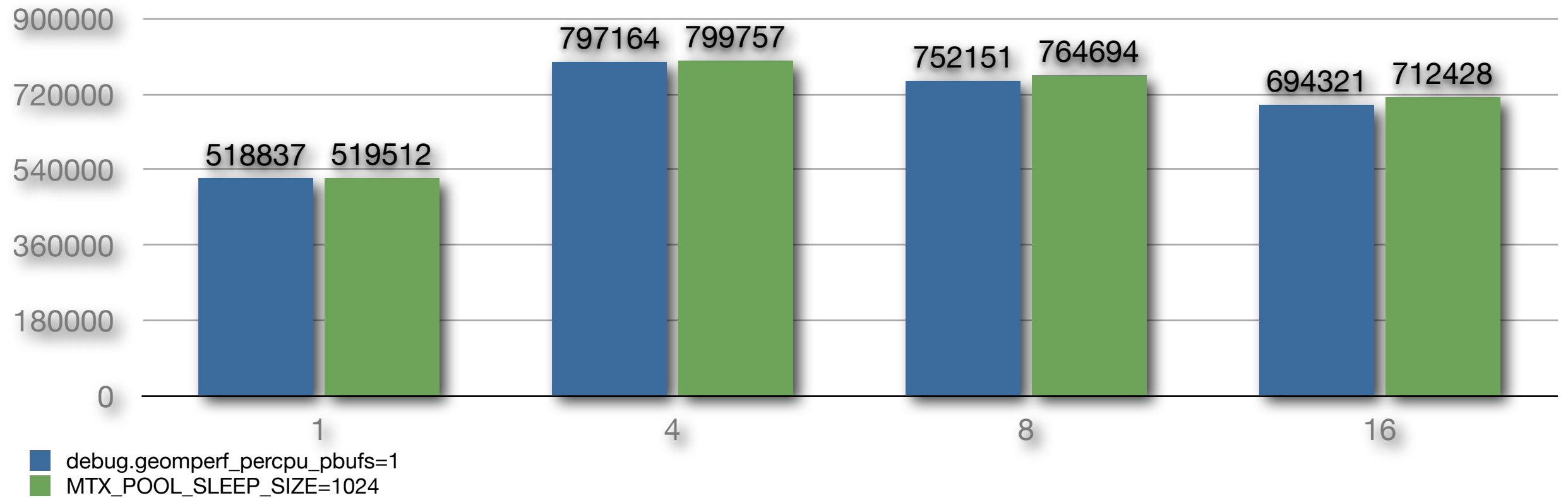
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```
-#define MAX_POOL_SLEEP_SIZE 128
+#define MAX_POOL_SLEEP_SIZE 1024
```

This reduces contention on mtxpool.

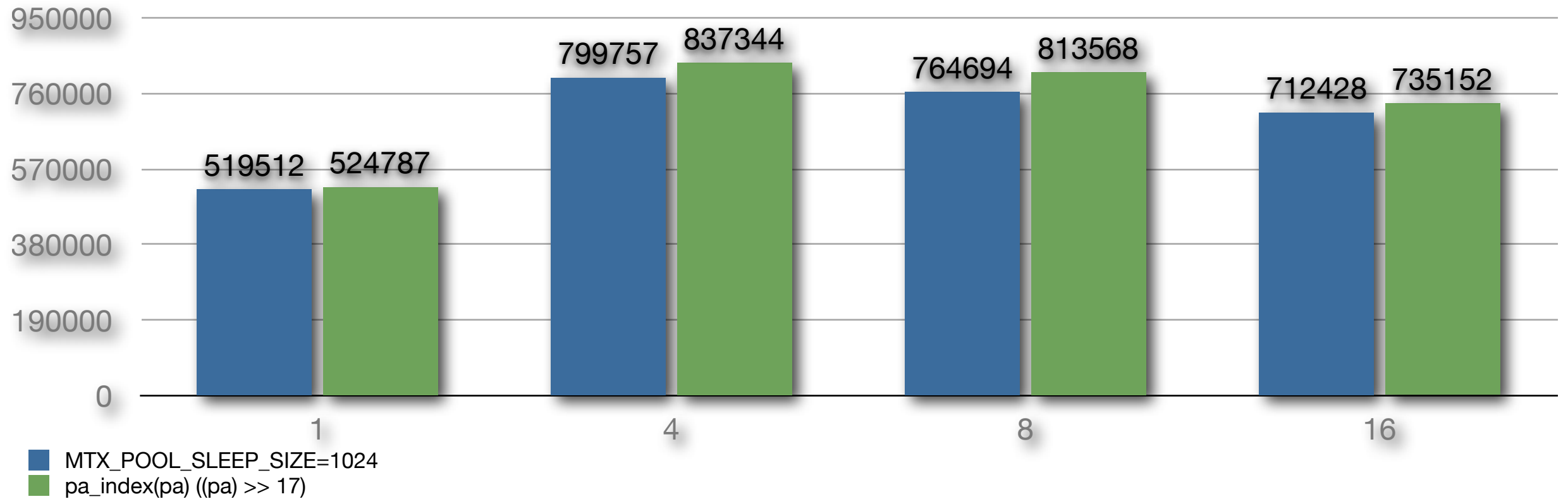
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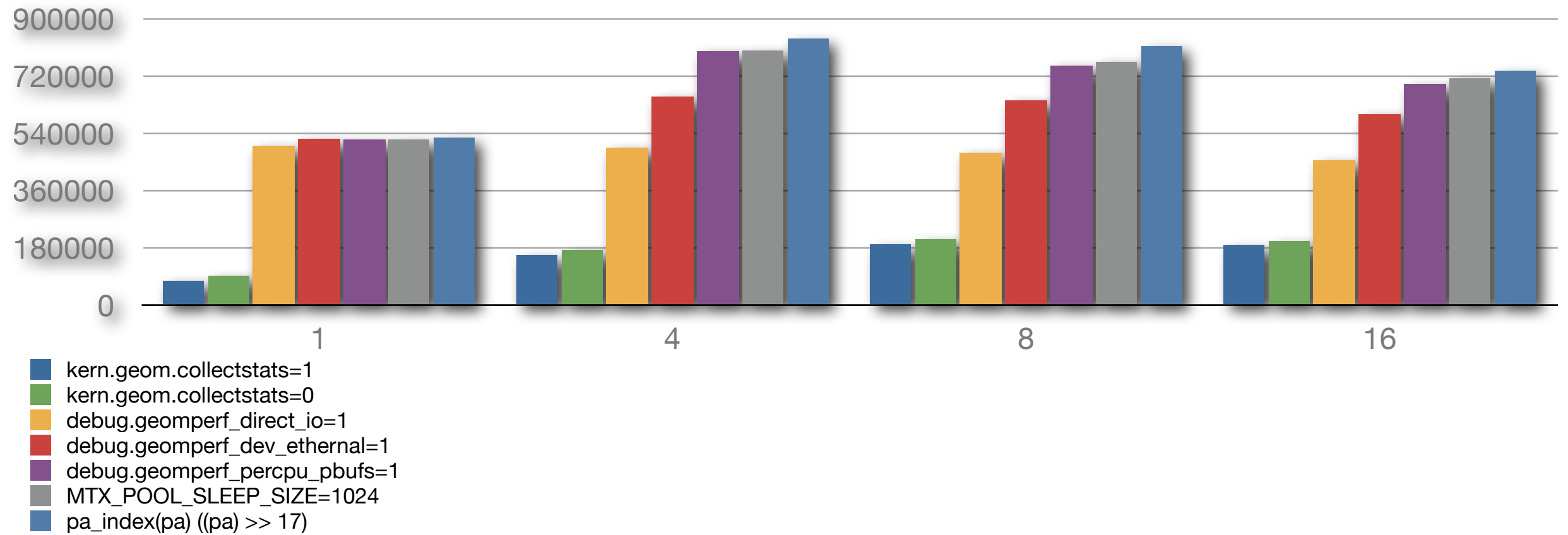
```
-#define pa_index(pa) ((pa) >> PDRSHIFT)
+#define pa_index(pa) ((pa) >> 17)
```

This reduces contention on vm_page lock.

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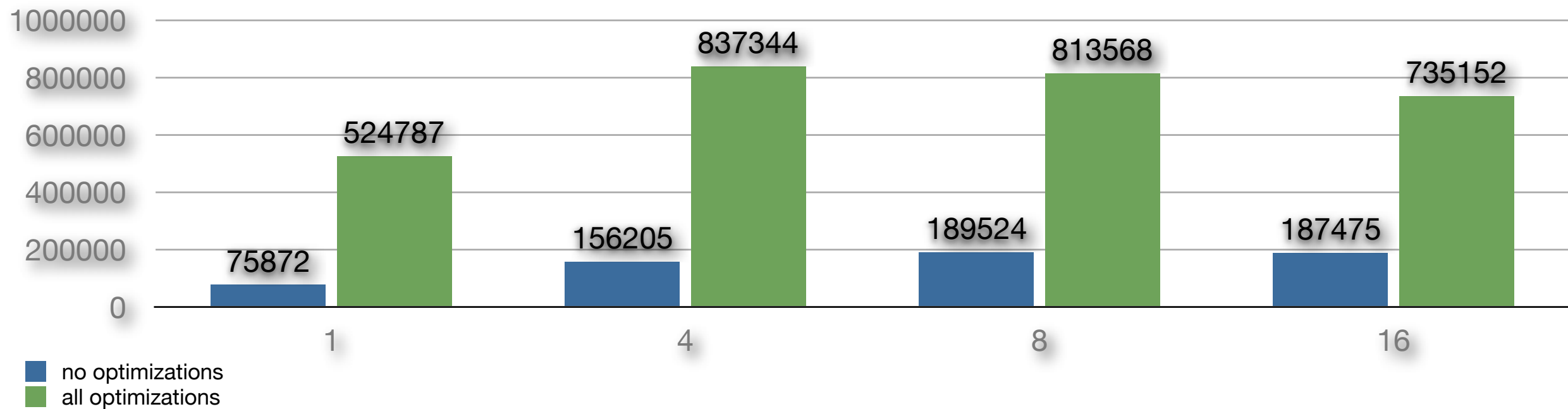



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Difference at 95.0% confidence
681139 +/- 13138.2
436.055% +/- 8.41088%
(Student's t, pooled s = 5796.45)



	1	4	8	16
kern.geom.collectstats=1	75872	156205	189524	187475
kern.geom.collectstats=0	91720	172085	206593	200498
debug.geomperf_direct_io=1	500066	493803	477353	454186
debug.geomperf_dev_etalernal=1	521437	654480	642448	599282
debug.geomperf_percpu_pbufs=1	518837	797164	752151	694321
MTX_POOL_SLEEP_SIZE=1024	519512	799757	764694	712428
pa_index(pa) ((pa) >> 17)	524787	837344	813568	735152
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