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C maximum number of neighbours in group II
      M2 = NEARM2(II + 1)
C loop 2 is over the number of neighbours
      DO 2I = 1, M2
C loop 3 is over the particles
      DO 3J = N1, N2
C if the Ith particle in the bloc of J is close enough to J then it is the
C (NNEIB + 1)th true neighbour
      KT = ITBLOC(J, I)
      IF (R(J, I).LT.H(KT)) THEN
      NNEIB(J) = NNEIB(J) + 1
      K = NNEIB(J)
      ITNEIB(J, K) = KT
      ENDIF
3      CONTINUE
2      CONTINUE
1      CONTINUE

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$NNEIB(J)$  is the number of neighbours of particle  $J$ , and  $ITNEIB(J, K)$  is the label of the  $K$ th neighbour of particle  $J$ .

The particles are then sorted into new groups according to the real number of neighbours. After this the number of particles per group lies between 6 and 40 with a mean value of 21 for the two density distributions.

#### Discussion

The three sorting steps are necessary but play different roles. Without the first ordering the external loop in the blocks calculation would be performed over the maximum number of particles in a cell. Both other sortings are used because the calculations of the inter-particle distances and the comparison with the particle size can be penalizing if the calculations are carried out over too many particles. The second sorting also reduces the number of particles used to carry out the third ordering. The third sorting groups have the same order as the first sorting ones and use the NINTG3 and NEARM3 arrays, but NEARM3 here is the maximum number of neighbours in the  $(II - 1)$ th group. The structure of a vectorisable and optimized loop for the density calculation is then:

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C loop 10 is over the group number
      DO 10II = 1, NGROUP
C definition of the first and last particles in the group
      N1 = NINTG3(II) + 1
      N2 = NINTG3(II + 1)
C maximum number of real neighbours in the group
      M2 = NEARM3(II + 1)
C loop 20 is over the number of real neighbours
      DO 20I = 1, M2, 2

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