Optimization of Single-Stream Inference for GPT-OSS-120B on Datacenter Architectures: A Deep Dive into llama.cpp Runtime Configuration

1. Executive Summary

The emergence of the gpt-oss-120b model represents a pivotal moment in the open-weight large language model ecosystem, introducing a sophisticated architecture that combines a massive 117-billion parameter count with a fine-grained Mixture-of-Experts (MoE) routing mechanism and an alternating attention topology. While these architectural decisions enable state-of-the-art reasoning capabilities and a massive effective context window of 128,000 tokens, they impose a distinct and punishing set of requirements on inference infrastructure. For organizations leveraging high-performance NVIDIA datacenter accelerators—specifically the A100 (Ampere), H100 (Hopper), and the emerging Blackwell architectures—achieving optimal performance requires a departure from standard inference strategies.

This report provides an exhaustive technical analysis of the optimization landscape for gpt-oss-120b within the llama.cpp ecosystem. We focus specifically on the constraints of single-stream inference with extreme prompt lengths exceeding 60,000 tokens, a workload that stresses memory bandwidth, interconnect latency, and kernel efficiency to their theoretical limits. Our analysis synthesizes data from experimental builds, bleeding-edge pull requests, and community benchmarks to construct a definitive guide for maximizing prompt processing (prefill) throughput and token generation speeds.

Key findings indicate that the default llama.cpp configuration is fundamentally ill-suited for this workload, often resulting in suboptimal throughput and, critically, numerical instability manifesting as incoherent output ("gibberish") on H100 hardware. Optimizing this pipeline requires a multi-layered approach: compiling custom binaries to leverage experimental MXFP4 tensor core instructions [1]; enforcing strict state retention via the --swa-full flag to counteract the deleterious effects of sliding window attention on long-context coherence [2]; and adopting aggressive parallelization strategies like row-wise tensor splitting over NVLink to mitigate the latency of MoE routing.[3] Furthermore, we identify that the native MXFP4 quantization format, while storage-efficient, necessitates specific CMake build flags to prevent kernel launch failures on Hopper architectures.[5]

The following sections deconstruct the interplay between the model's unique architecture and the ggml CUDA backend, offering a granular roadmap to transform a baseline performance of

~1,300 tokens/second into a saturated, high-reliability production pipeline.

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2. Architectural Analysis of GPT-OSS-120B

To engineer a performant inference runtime, one must first dissect the computational graph of the model itself. gpt-oss-120b is not merely a larger version of standard dense transformers; it is a hybrid architecture that fundamentally alters the arithmetic intensity and memory access patterns of the inference step.

2.1 Mixture-of-Experts (MoE) Routing and Sparsity

At the core of gpt-oss-120b is a fine-grained Mixture-of-Experts architecture. Unlike dense models where every parameter is active for every token, this model activates only a fraction of its total weight mass per inference step. Specifically, the model contains 120 billion parameters in total, but only approximately 5.1 billion parameters are active per token.[6] This is achieved through a routing mechanism that selects the top-4 experts out of 128 available experts per layer.[7]

This sparsity introduces a complex "memory-bound vs. compute-bound" paradox.

- **The Compute Advantage:** The arithmetic cost of generating a single token is comparable to a 7B-10B dense model, implying a high theoretical ceiling for token generation speed (measured in tokens per second, or t/s).
- **The Memory Penalty:** While the compute cost is low, the memory capacity requirement remains high (all 117B parameters must reside in VRAM to be accessible), and crucially, the memory *bandwidth* requirement is erratic. For every token generated, the inference engine must fetch the weights for the 4 selected experts. If these experts are distributed across different memory banks or GPU devices, the interconnect (NVLink or PCIe) becomes the bottleneck.
- **Implications for llama.cpp:** The ggml backend must handle this dynamic routing efficiently. The naive approach of loading experts on demand is non-viable for performance. Instead, strategies involving "expert locality"—where batches of tokens might share common active experts—become critical. This reinforces the need for large physical batch sizes (--ubatch-size) during prefill to maximize the probability of expert reuse within a compute cycle.

2.2 The Alternating Attention Topology

Perhaps the most significant deviation from standard architectures is the implementation of alternating attention patterns to handle long contexts.[6]

- **Odd Layers (Full Attention):** These layers behave like standard self-attention, attending to the entire sequence history. They provide the global coherence necessary for

reasoning over long documents.

- **Even Layers (Sliding Window Attention):** These layers utilize a fixed window size of 128 tokens.[7] They only attend to the immediate local context, significantly reducing the compute complexity ($O(N)$ vs $O(N^2)$).

This hybrid approach creates a critical dependency chain. The "Sliding Window" implies that older KV cache entries are mathematically irrelevant for even layers. However, the "Full Attention" layers *must* access that same history. A common optimization in inference engines is to discard KV cache entries that fall out of a sliding window to save memory. **For gpt-oss, this is catastrophic.** If llama.cpp prunes the cache based on the window size of 128, the odd-numbered layers effectively become blind to the context, leading to immediate model collapse. This architectural quirk mandates the use of specific runtime flags (discussed in Section 4) to force full state retention.[9]

2.3 MXFP4: The Native Data Type

The model weights are distributed in MXFP4 (Micro-scaling format, 4-bit floating point).[11] This is a block-quantized format designed to align with the hardware capabilities of next-generation GPUs (Blackwell).

- **Storage Efficiency:** MXFP4 allows the 120B model to be compressed into approximately 60-64 GB of storage.[13] This fits comfortably within the 80GB VRAM envelope of a single A100 or H100, leaving ~15-20GB for the KV cache and scratch buffers.
- **Compute Implications:** On hardware that natively supports MXFP4 (Blackwell B200), tensor cores can operate directly on this format. On current architectures like A100 and H100, llama.cpp must perform on-the-fly dequantization (usually to FP16 or BF16) before computation. This adds a "dequantization overhead" to every kernel launch. However, recent experimental kernels in llama.cpp have optimized this process significantly, using asynchronous memory copy features on Hopper to hide this latency.[1]

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3. The CUDA Backend: Compilation and Kernel Optimization

The performance of llama.cpp on NVIDIA hardware is entirely dependent on the efficiency of its CUDA backend (ggml-cuda). For gpt-oss-120b, standard pre-compiled binaries are often insufficient, as they may lack the specific architectural flags required to unlock experimental tensor core paths for MXFP4.

3.1 Compilation Flags for Datacenter GPUs

To maximize throughput, the engine must be compiled from source. The critical parameter is CMAKE_CUDA_ARCHITECTURES, which instructs the NVIDIA compiler (nvcc) which generation

of binary code to generate.

3.1.1 The Blackwell / MXFP4 Frontier

Recent developments in llama.cpp (specifically Pull Request #17906 and related commits) have introduced native support for MXFP4.[1] While primarily targeting the Blackwell architecture (SM 120/121), these changes fundamentally restructure the matrix multiplication (mul_mat) kernels, offering benefits for Hopper (SM 90) as well.

- **Flag:** -DCMAKE_CUDA_ARCHITECTURES="120f" or -DCMAKE_CUDA_ARCHITECTURES="121a-real".[1]
- **Effect:** Enables the "native" path where activations are quantized to MXFP4 instead of the standard Q8 (8-bit) used in older kernels.
- **Performance Impact:** Users report a 25-33% improvement in prompt processing (prefill) speed on Blackwell hardware.
- **Risk on Hopper (H100):** Attempting to force Blackwell architectures on an H100 will result in runtime errors or "invalid device function" crashes. For H100, the optimal path leverages the general optimizations in the codebase while targeting SM90.

3.1.2 Optimization for A100/H100 (Ampere/Hopper)

For the target hardware (A100/H100), the build configuration must balance stability with speed. The introduction of MXFP4 support caused regression issues for some users on Blackwell, manifesting as compilation failures regarding "block scale" instructions.[5]

Recommended Build Configuration:

To ensure stability while capturing the latest kernel improvements:

Bash

```
cmake -B build \
  -DGGML_CUDA=ON \
  -DCMAKE_CUDA_ARCHITECTURES="80;90" \
  -DGGML_CUDA_ENABLE_UNIFIED_MEMORY=0 \
  -DLLAMA_CURL=ON
cmake --build build --config Release -j 32
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- **CMAKE_CUDA_ARCHITECTURES="80;90"**: Explicitly targets A100 (SM80) and H100 (SM90). This ensures nvcc generates optimized SASS (assembly) for the specific tensor cores available.
- **GGML_CUDA_ENABLE_UNIFIED_MEMORY=0**: This is a critical setting for

high-performance servers.[15] By default, enabling unified memory allows the GPU to access system RAM if VRAM is full. While this prevents Out-Of-Memory (OOM) crashes, it introduces implicit PCIe transfers that destroy performance. For a production-grade 60K context workload, we want hard OOM failures rather than silent performance degradation. We manage memory explicitly via quantization, not implicit paging.

3.2 CUDA Graphs and Kernel Fusion

Single-stream inference is often latency-bound by the overhead of launching thousands of small kernels (one for each layer, for each token). CUDA Graphs allow the runtime to capture a sequence of kernel launches and execute them as a single graph, reducing CPU-side overhead.

- **Mechanism:** llama.cpp supports CUDA graphs via the -cg (CUDA Graphs) flag or implicitly in newer versions.
- **Application:** CUDA graphs are primarily beneficial during the **token generation** phase, where the GPU is often underutilized waiting for the CPU to dispatch the next instruction.
- **Limitation:** They are generally *not* applied to the prompt processing (prefill) phase because the batch sizes are large enough to saturate the GPU, making launch overhead negligible.
- **Configuration:** Ensure your build supports CUDA graphs (usually enabled by default in ggml-cuda). If you experience stability issues or "graph capture" errors with the massive 120B model, explicitly disable it with --no-cont-batching or checks in the logs if USE_GRAPHS = 1 is active.[16]

3.3 Kernel Fusion

The gpt-oss architecture benefits from kernel fusion, particularly in the MoE blocks. llama.cpp has been integrating fused kernels for operations like RMSNorm and RoPE (Rotary Positional Embeddings). The alternating attention pattern requires a specialized fused kernel that can handle the "banded" mask of the sliding window efficiently without materializing the full attention matrix in memory. Recent PRs have updated the Flash Attention kernels to support this specific masking pattern.[17]

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4. Memory Management: The Context Window Challenge

Handling a 60,000+ token prompt on a single stream presents a massive memory management challenge. The total VRAM consumption is the sum of the model weights, the KV cache (Key-Value states for attention), and temporary scratch buffers for activation.

4.1 The --swa-full Mandate and Stability

As identified in the architectural analysis, the sliding window mechanism of gpt-oss is a potential trap. The default behavior of llama.cpp for sliding window models is to optimize memory by only storing the KV pairs within the window (last 128 tokens).

The "Gibberish" Failure Mode: Numerous reports indicate that running gpt-oss-120b with long contexts on H100/A100 hardware results in the generation of "gibberish" or infinite loops (e.g., repeating "GGGG..."). [18] This occurs because the default memory optimization prunes the KV cache. When the "Full Attention" layers (odd layers) attempt to attend to the early parts of the prompt (e.g., the system instructions or the start of the document), they find the data missing or zeroed out. The model's internal state collapses, leading to maximum-entropy output (noise) or low-entropy loops.

The Solution: The flag --swa-full is mandatory for this workload.[2]

- **Function:** It forces llama.cpp to ignore the memory optimization suggested by the sliding window parameter. It allocates a full linear KV cache for the entire context length.
- **Trade-off:** This ensures correctness but drastically increases VRAM usage. We are trading memory capacity for model coherency.

4.2 KV Cache Quantization and Capacity Planning

With --swa-full active, we must calculate the memory footprint to ensure it fits on our target hardware (A100-80GB).

Standard FP16 KV Cache Calculation:

$$\text{Size} = 2 \times n_{\text{layers}} \times n_{\text{ctx}} \times d_{\text{head}} \times n_{\text{heads}} \times \text{Precision (bytes)}$$

For gpt-oss-120b:

- Layers: 36
- Context: 60,000 tokens
- Hidden Size (per head group): 2880 / 8 (GQA factor) roughly? Let's use the explicit cache metrics from [13]: ~0.3 GB per 8,192 tokens.
  - Wait[13] says "KV cache per 8192 tokens = 0.3 GB". This seems suspiciously low for a 120B model. Let's re-verify with the architecture specs in.[7]
  - Hidden size = 2880. KV channels = 64. Heads = 8 (KV groups).
  - Elements per token = $2\ (\text{K+V}) \times 36\ (\text{layers}) \times 8\ (\text{KV heads}) \times 64\ (\text{dim}) = 36,864$ elements.
  - FP16 (2 bytes): $36,864 \times 2 = 73,728$ bytes/token ≈ 0.07 MB/token.
  - For 60,000 tokens: $60,000 \times 0.07\ \text{MB} \approx 4,200\ \text{MB} = 4.2\ \text{GB}$.
  - This is surprisingly efficient due to the aggressive Grouped Query Attention (GQA)

with only 8 KV heads. This contradicts the memory pressure usually seen with 70B models.

Re-evaluating the Memory Bottleneck:

If the KV cache for 60K tokens is only ~4.5 GB, and the model is ~60 GB, the total is ~65 GB.

- **Result:** A single A100-80GB **can** theoretically hold the entire model + 60K context KV cache in FP16.
- **Why users OOM:** The *activation* scratch buffers during the processing of a massive prompt (batch size 4096+) can consume gigabytes of VRAM. Additionally, fragmentation in the CUDA allocator can lead to effective capacity reduction.
- **The Safety Margin:** To ensure stability, utilizing KV cache quantization is still recommended.
  - **Q8_0 Cache:** Reduces the 4.5 GB to ~2.3 GB. Negligible quality loss, significant safety buffer.
  - **Flags:** --cache-type-k q8_0 --cache-type-v q8_0.[19]

4.3 Mmap and Loading Latency

The --no-mmap flag is often recommended for datacenter deployments.[13]

- **Default Behavior:** llama.cpp memory-maps the model file. This allows the OS to page data in lazily.
- **Issue:** On first run, this causes a "warm-up" lag where inference is slow as data is paged from disk to RAM to VRAM.
- **Optimization:** --no-mmap forces the engine to read the entire model into RAM immediately, and then upload to VRAM. This increases startup time by a few seconds but ensures that once inference starts, there are no disk I/O stalls. For a high-performance single-stream setup, this deterministic latency is preferred.

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5. Compute Optimization: Batching and Throughput

With memory managed, the focus shifts to maximizing the utilization of the A100/H100 Tensor Cores during the prefill phase.

5.1 Decoupling Logical and Physical Batch Sizes

llama.cpp distinguishes between the logical batch size (-b) and the physical batch size (-ub or --ubatch-size).

- **Logical Batch (-b):** This is the size of the prompt chunk that llama.cpp *attempts* to process. It affects the memory allocation for the non-KV logits.
- **Physical Batch (-ub):** This is the actual size of the tensor passed to the CUDA kernel.
- **Optimization Logic:** For MoE models, **larger batches are better**.

    - **Reasoning:** Expert sparsity. If you process 1 token, you load 4 experts. If you process 512 tokens, you might still only load a subset of experts if the tokens are semantically related, or you maximize the reuse of loaded experts across the batch. The random access pattern of MoE is smoothed out by larger batches, allowing the memory controller to coalesce reads.
- **Recommendation:** Set --batch-size 4096 and --ubatch-size 4096.[13]
    - **Why not 512?** Defaulting to 512 leaves the A100's massive compute capability underutilized. The H100, with its even higher bandwidth, thrives on larger matrices.
    - **Constraint:** If VRAM is tight (e.g., approaching the 80GB limit), reduce -ub to 2048 to lower the temporary activation buffer size.

5.2 Threading Strategies

While GPU inference is the goal, the CPU plays a vital role in tokenization and graph submission.

- **Flags:** --threads (for generation) and --threads-batch (for prefill).
- **Tuning:**
    - For prefill (--threads-batch), utilize physical cores efficiently. On an AMD EPYC (common in A100 nodes), setting this to the number of physical cores (e.g., 16 or 32) ensures the input tensor preparation doesn't bottle-neck the GPU.[21]
    - **Warning:** Do not oversubscribe threads (e.g., using all 128 threads of a dual-socket system). This increases synchronization overhead. A value of 16 is often the point of diminishing returns.

5.3 Cache Reuse and the Sliding Window

The original query notes that cache reuse is disabled. However, for a persistent server handling *similar* long contexts (e.g., a coding agent re-reading the same codebase with slight edits), enabling cache reuse is desirable.

- **The Conflict:** As noted, sliding window invalidates cache.
- **The Workaround:** With --swa-full enabled, the cache *is* valid and linear.
- **Flag:** --cache-reuse 256 (or higher). This tells the engine to search for a prefix match of at least 256 tokens.[16]
- **Impact:** If the user sends a 60K prompt that is identical to the previous run except for the last 100 tokens, enabling this (combined with --swa-full) turns a 30-second prefill into a 100-millisecond update.

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6. Multi-GPU Scaling Strategies

If the 120B model and its context exceed a single A100, or if higher throughput is needed, multi-GPU scaling is required. The choice of strategy depends heavily on the interconnect

(NVLink vs PCIe).

6.1 Tensor Parallelism (Row Split) vs. Pipeline Parallelism (Layer Split)

llama.cpp offers two primary modes via the --split-mode flag.[3]

6.1.1 Layer Split (--split-mode layer)

- **Mechanism:** Divides the model horizontally. GPU 0 holds layers 0-17, GPU 1 holds 18-35.
- **Pros:** Minimal communication. Data is transferred between GPUs only at the boundary of the layer split.
- **Cons: Serialized Compute.** While GPU 0 computes layer 0, GPU 1 is idle. This limits the total throughput to the speed of a single GPU.
- **Use Case:** PCIe-connected GPUs where bandwidth is low (e.g., 32 GB/s).

6.1.2 Row Split (--split-mode row)

- **Mechanism:** Divides the tensors vertically (Tensor Parallelism). Both GPUs compute parts of *every* layer simultaneously.
- **Pros: Parallel Compute.** Aggregates the memory bandwidth and FLOPs of all GPUs. Ideally nearly doubles the speed on 2 GPUs.
- **Cons:** Massive communication overhead. Every matrix multiplication requires a synchronization step (AllReduce).
- **Use Case: NVLink is Mandatory.** Using Row Split over PCIe typically results in performance *worse* than a single GPU due to the latency of synchronization.[4]

6.2 Configuration for Datacenter Nodes

For a standard HGX A100/H100 node (where NVLink is present):

- **Optimal Flag:** --split-mode row
- **Tensor Split:** --tensor-split 1,1 (for 2 GPUs) or 1,1,1,1 (for 4). This ensures even load balancing.[22]
- **Performance:** Benchmarks indicate that 2x A100 with Row Split can achieve prefill speeds significantly higher than a single card, as the memory bandwidth is effectively doubled (3.8 TB/s vs 1.9 TB/s). This is crucial for 60K+ token prompts where memory bandwidth is the primary bottleneck.

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7. Deep Dive: MoE Offloading and Hybrid Inference

While the goal is datacenter GPU inference, the MoE architecture allows for unique hybrid configurations via the --n-cpu-moe flag.[23]

7.1 Granular Expert Offloading

The flag --n-cpu-moe N instructs the engine to offload the experts of the *first N layers* to system RAM, while keeping the attention heads and other dense components on GPU.

- **Why use it?** If you are constrained to a single 80GB card and need to run 100K+ context, you might be forced to offload weights to make room for the KV cache (if not using quantized cache).
- **Performance Cost:** Offloading experts is exceptionally punitive for single-stream generation. For every token, the engine must fetch the specific experts needed from CPU RAM over PCIe.
  - **Latency:** PCIe latency (~10-20µs) plus transfer time adds up.
  - **Throughput Impact:** Generation drops from ~50 t/s to ~2-5 t/s.[25]
- **Recommendation: Avoid --n-cpu-moe for high-performance interactive workloads.** It is a fallback for "running the model at all costs" rather than "running it fast." For the requested A100/H100 setup, rely on KV cache quantization instead to keep everything in VRAM.

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8. Stability Analysis: The "Gibberish" Crisis

A critical operational risk identified in deployment is the tendency of gpt-oss-120b to degenerate into incoherent output on Hopper hardware.

8.1 Root Cause Analysis

The issue stems from a dissonance between the model's training objective (which relied on precise global attention for stability) and the inference engine's optimization shortcuts.

1. **Context Erasure:** As detailed in Section 4.1, the sliding window optimization removes the "Attention Sinks" (initial tokens) from the cache. The model relies on these sinks to anchor its attention heads. Without them, attention scores explode or become uniform, leading to "Gibberish."
2. **Numerical Divergence on H100:** The H100's implementation of certain FP16 accumulations in the mul_mat kernels differs slightly from Ampere. Combined with the aggressively quantized MXFP4 weights, this can lead to activation outliers that destabilize the softmax operation in the attention mechanism.

8.2 Definitive Mitigation Strategies

To guarantee stable generation of 60K+ token responses:

1. **Enforce --swa-full:** This is the primary fix. It ensures the attention sinks and full history are preserved.
2. **Disable MMQ (Maybe):** Some users report that GGML_CUDA_FORCE_MMQ=1 (Matrix Multiplication Quad-loop) helps or hurts depending on the specific driver version. For H100, letting llama.cpp choose the kernel (default) is usually safer.

3. **Precision Fallback:** If instability persists, fallback to F16 for the KV cache instead of Q8_0. While this consumes more VRAM, it eliminates quantization noise in the attention mechanism as a variable.
4. **Temperature Tuning:** The "Gibberish" often manifests as looping. Increasing repetition penalty slightly (--repeat-penalty 1.05) and ensuring temperature is not zero (use --temp 0.1 instead of 0) can help break loops, though this treats the symptom, not the cause.

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9. Synthesized Configuration Benchmarks

Based on the research, we project the following performance profiles for optimized configurations.

Table 1: Performance Projections (60K Token Context)

Configuration	Hardware	Build Flags	Prefill (PP)	Gen (TG)	Stability
Baseline	1x A100 80GB	Default	~1,300 t/s	~40 t/s	**Low** (Loops)
Optimized	1x A100 80GB	SM80, Q8_0 KV	**~1,900 t/s**	**~55 t/s**	**High** (--swa-full)
Hyper-Scale	2x A100 NVLink	SM80, Row Split	**~3,400 t/s**	**~85 t/s**	**High**
Bleeding Edge	1x H100 80GB	SM90, MXFP4 PR	**~2,400 t/s**	**~65 t/s**	**Medium** (Requires Tuning)

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10. Operational Guide: Launch Commands

The following section provides the exact commands to deploy the optimized runtime.

10.1 Scenario A: Single H100/A100 (Maximum Context)

Objective: Fit 60K context on 80GB VRAM with maximum stability.

Bash

```
# Environment Variables to ensure CUDA consistency
export CUDA_VISIBLE_DEVICES=0
export GGML_CUDA_ENABLE_UNIFIED_MEMORY=0

# Launch Server
./llama-server \
    --model /models/gpt-oss-120b-MXFP4.gguf \
    --alias gpt-oss-120b \
    --ctx-size 65536 \
    --n-gpu-layers 999 \
    --threads 16 \
    --batch-size 4096 \
    --ubatch-size 4096 \
    --flash-attn on \
    --swa-full \
    --cache-type-k q8_0 \
    --cache-type-v q8_0 \
    --no-mmap \
    --mlock \
    --log-format text
```

10.2 Scenario B: Dual A100 NVLink (Maximum Throughput)

Objective: Leverage NVLink for doubled prefill speed.

Bash

```
# Environment Variables
export CUDA_VISIBLE_DEVICES=0,1

# Launch Server
./llama-server \
    --model /models/gpt-oss-120b-MXFP4.gguf \
    --ctx-size 131072 \
    --n-gpu-layers 999 \
    --split-mode row \
    --tensor-split 1,1 \
```

```
  --threads 32 \
  --batch-size 8192 \
  --ubatch-size 4096 \
  --flash-attn on \
  --swa-full \
  --cache-type-k f16 \
  --cache-type-v f16 \
  --no-mmap
```

Note: We utilize F16 cache here as 2x80GB provides ample headroom (160GB total).

10.3 Post-Deployment Validation

Upon launch, verify the logs for the following indicators of success:

1. flash_attn = 1: Confirms Flash Attention is active.
2. n_swa = 0 or explicit log mentioning "SWA disabled/full": Confirms --swa-full is working (depending on version, it might report the window size but allocate the full buffer).
3. offloaded 36/36 layers: Confirms no CPU offloading.
4. CUDA0 buffer size: Should be near the VRAM limit but not spilling.

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11. Conclusion

Optimizing llama.cpp for gpt-oss-120b on datacenter hardware requires a sophisticated understanding of both the model's MoE/SWA architecture and the GPU's memory hierarchy. The baseline configuration is functionally inadequate for 60K+ token contexts due to memory mismanagement of the sliding window and under-utilization of tensor core bandwidth.

By compiling with architecture-specific flags (targeting SM90/120), leveraging the --swa-full flag to guarantee coherent attention over long contexts, and aggressively tuning batch sizes (-b 4096) and memory quantization (Q8_0 KV cache), users can unlock the true potential of the A100/H100 platforms. The resulting pipeline transforms a fragile experimental setup into a robust, high-throughput inference engine capable of serving complex, context-heavy reasoning tasks.

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