



University of Minho
uminho.pt

UMINHO
RESEARCH &
INNOVATION
OPEN DAYS

JANUARY 30/31 - 2024
University of Minho
Gualtar Campus
BRAGA



How Sustainable Is Your Programming Language? Analyzing the Impact of Power Cap on Energy Efficiency of Programming Languages



HASLab
INESC TEC

Simão Cunha
simaopscunha@outlook.pt
University of Minho, Portugal

Luís Silva
luis.m.peixoto@gmail.com
University of Minho, Portugal

João Saraiva
saraiva@di.uminho.pt
University of Minho, Portugal



Analysis of programming languages' performance when running various CLBG problems.



The Computer Language 23.03 Benchmarks Game

fannkuch-redux

fasta

n-body

k-nucleotide

spectral-norm

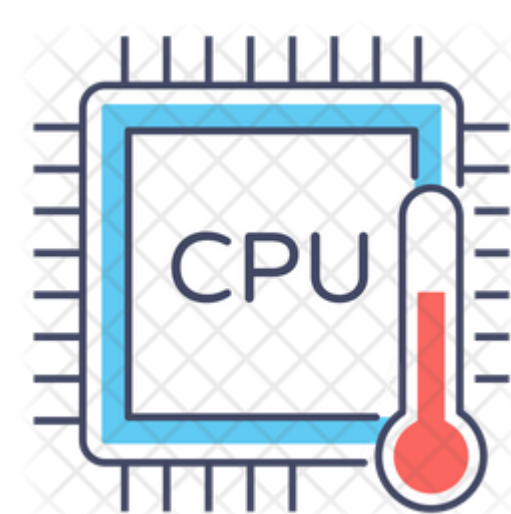
reverse-complement

mandelbrot

binary-trees

regex-redux

Temperature sensors & PowerCap



lm - sensors



Reads CPU temperature

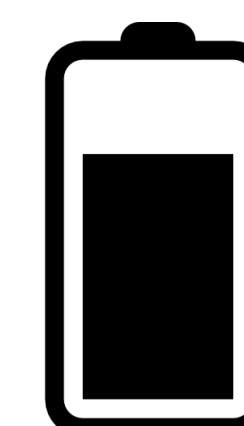
Guarantee that all programs execute at the same (CPU) temperature



raplcap/powercap



Limits CPU power

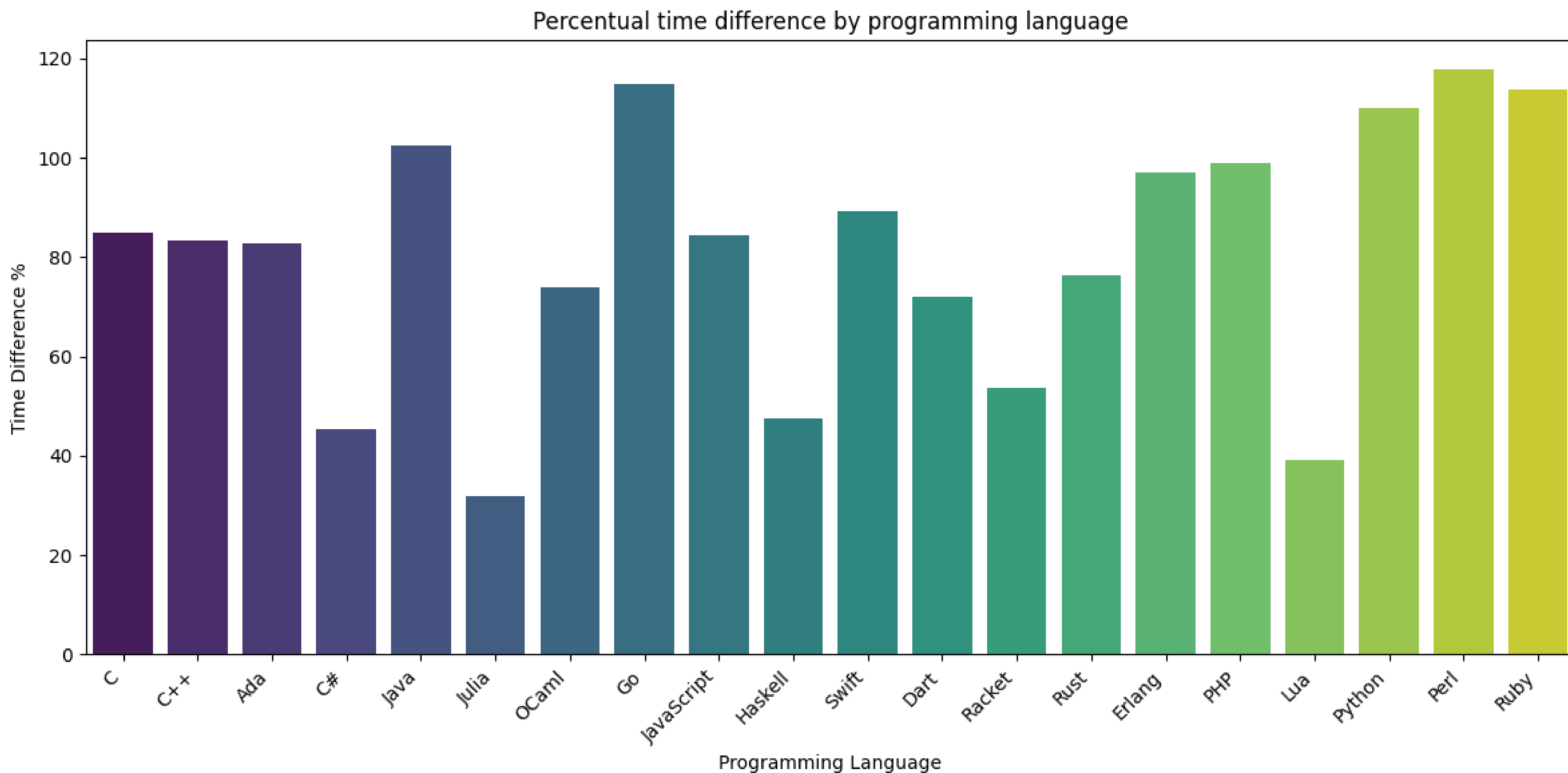


Consumes less energy



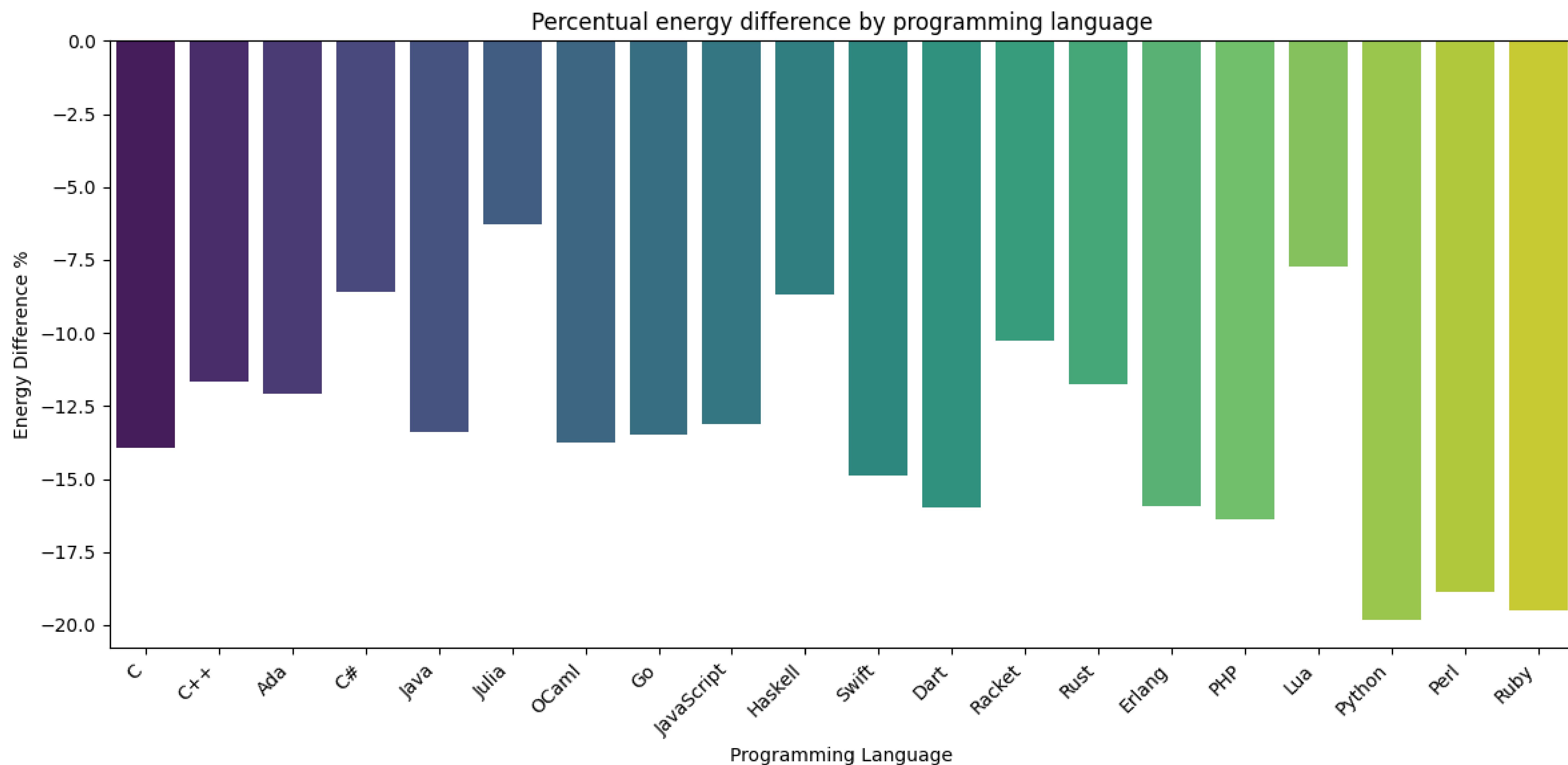
Longer execution time

Results – Execution time





Results – Energy consumption



Conclusions

- **C and C++ are the faster and greener programming languages.**
- **Ruby and Perl are the slowest and least greener programming languages.**
- **PowerCap reduces energy consumption, while increasing runtime in all the programming languages.**
- **Python reduces 19.80% its energy consumption by limiting the power of the CPU but is one of the most energy inefficient languages.**



Next steps



8th International Workshop on Green and Sustainable Software (GREENS'24)

Official website of the International Workshop on Green and Sustainable Software (GREENS)



Co-Located with:
ICSA24



Date:
June 4-5



Submission:
February 18