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LLM Serving on Heterogeneous Hardware KTransformers Part

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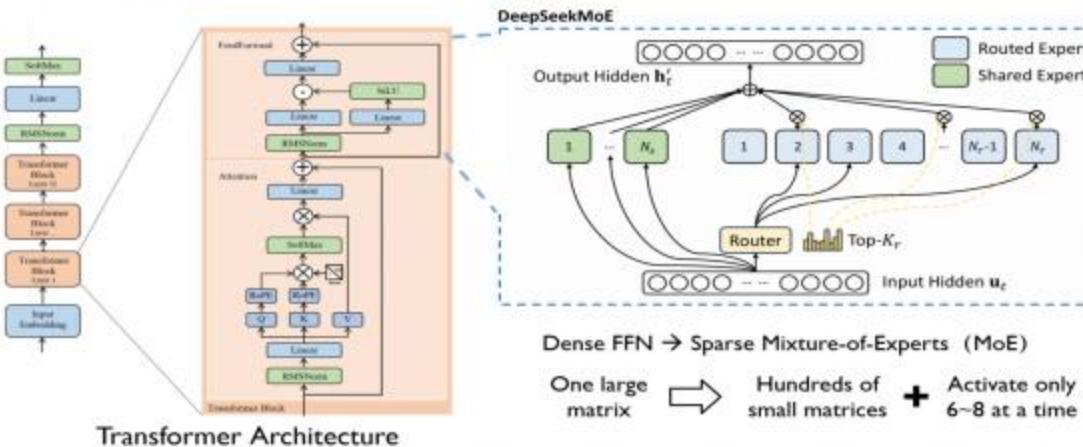
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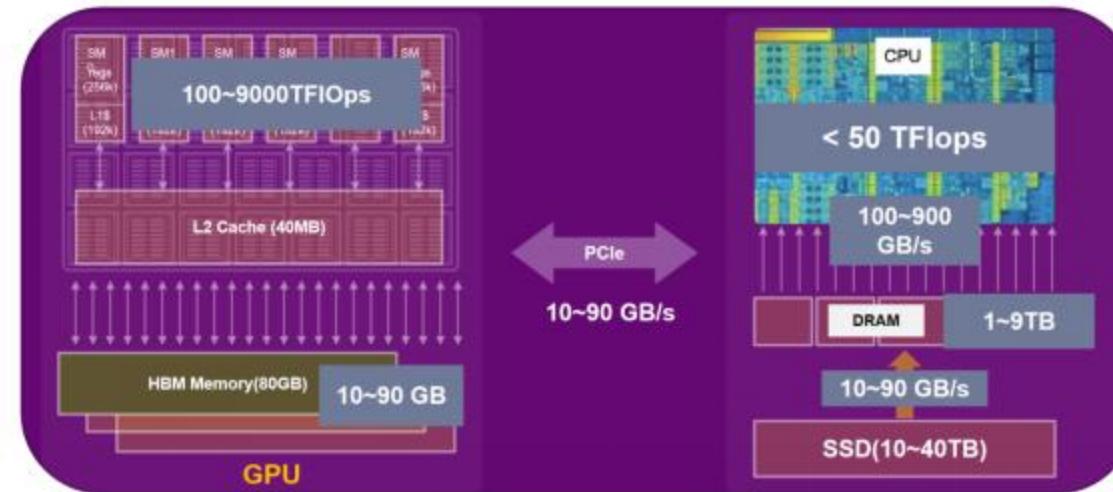
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Attention + MoE



GPU + CPU



Background and Observation of LLM and Sparse Mixture-of-Experts (MoE)

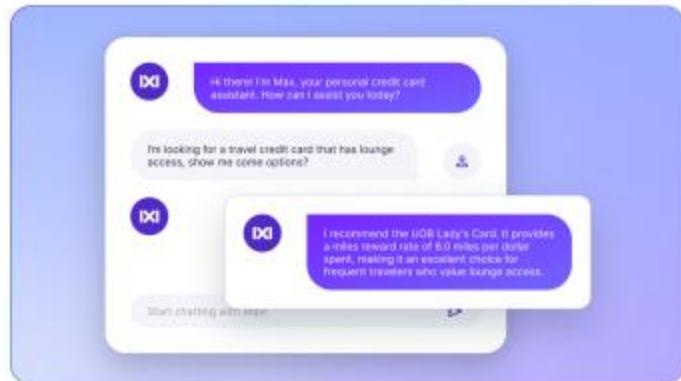
I Motivation for Heterogeneous LLM Serving



Background: Large Language Models (LLMs)



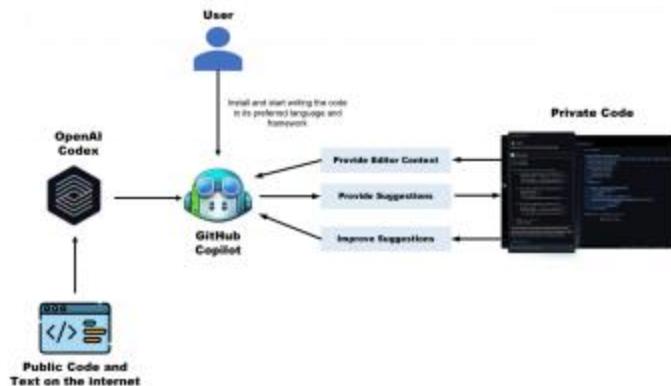
Large Language Models (LLMs) are widely applied in industry and researched in academia.



Knowledge Q&A



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Background: Sparsification Trends in LLMs



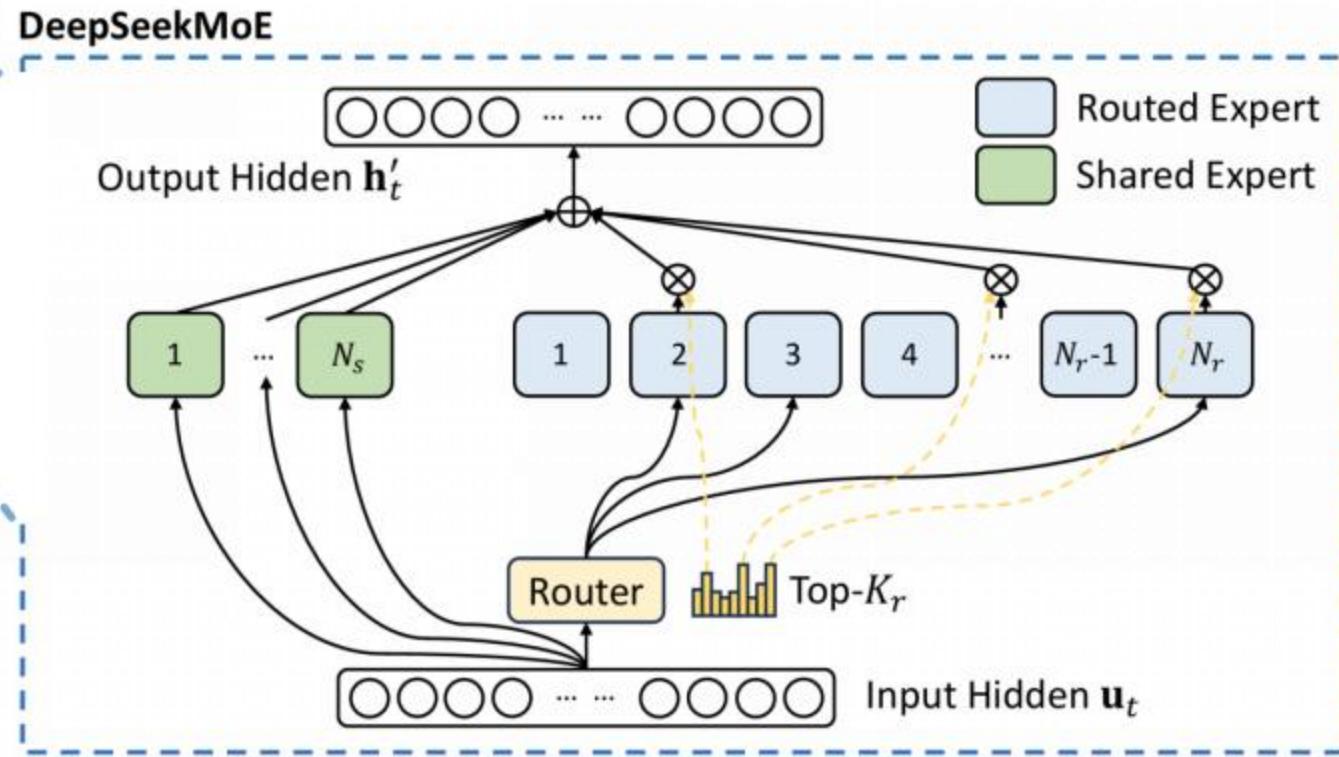
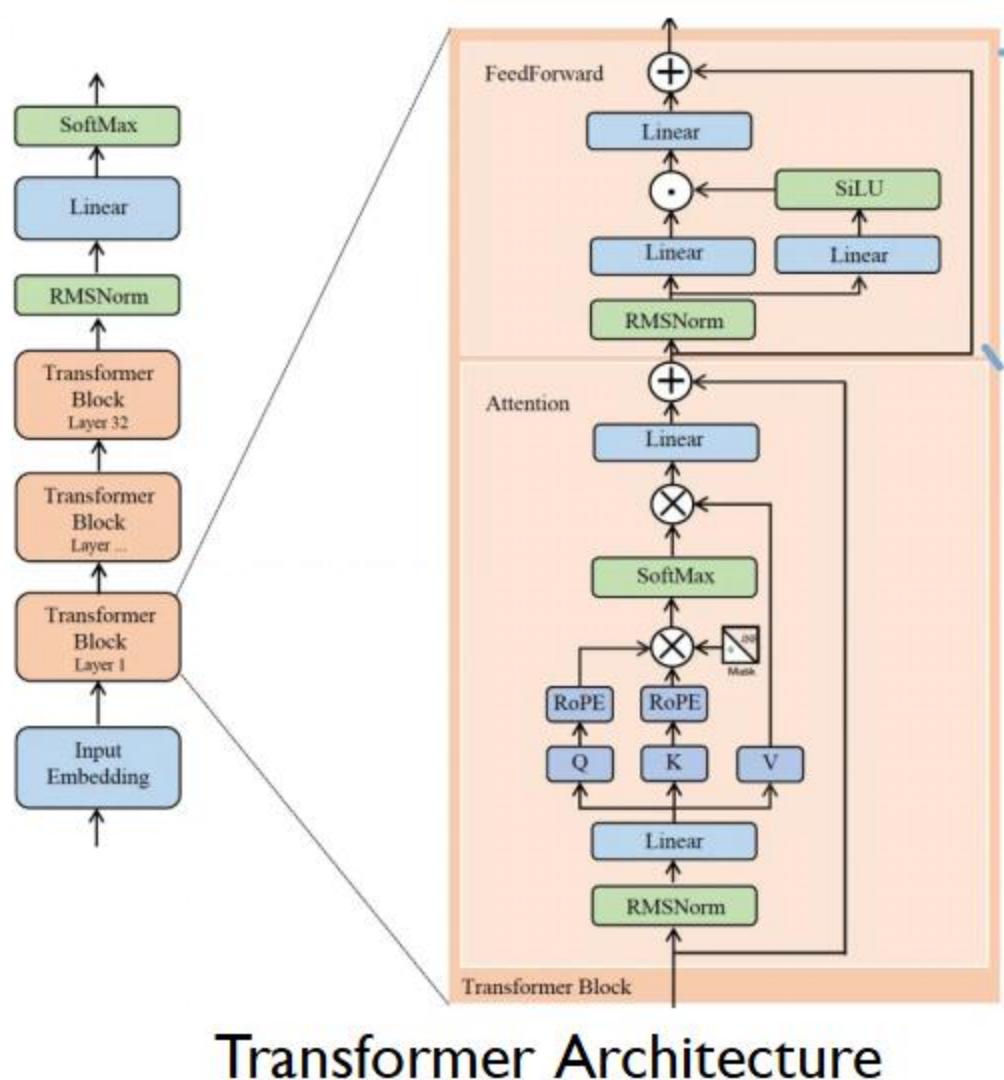
| CompassBench LLM Leaderboard Official Closed Benchmark 24-07▼ | | | | | | |
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| 1 | Mistral-Large-Instruct-2... | Chat | 2024/7/24 updated: 2024/8/2 | 123B | 62.5 | |
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| 7 | MiniMax-M1-80k Open Source - MiniMax | Chat | 2025/6/17 updated: 2025/8/12 | 456B | 55 | |
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| 9 | Hunyuan-A13B-Instruct Open Source - Tencent | Chat | 2025/6/27 updated: 2025/8/12 | 80B | 51.9 | |
| 10 | ERNIE-4.5-Turbo-128K Open Source - Baidu | Chat | 2025/6/30 updated: 2025/8/12 | 300B | 49.4 | |

2 out of top 10 open-source models are MoE

All top 10 open-source models are MoE

Background: Sparse Mixture-of-Experts (MoE)



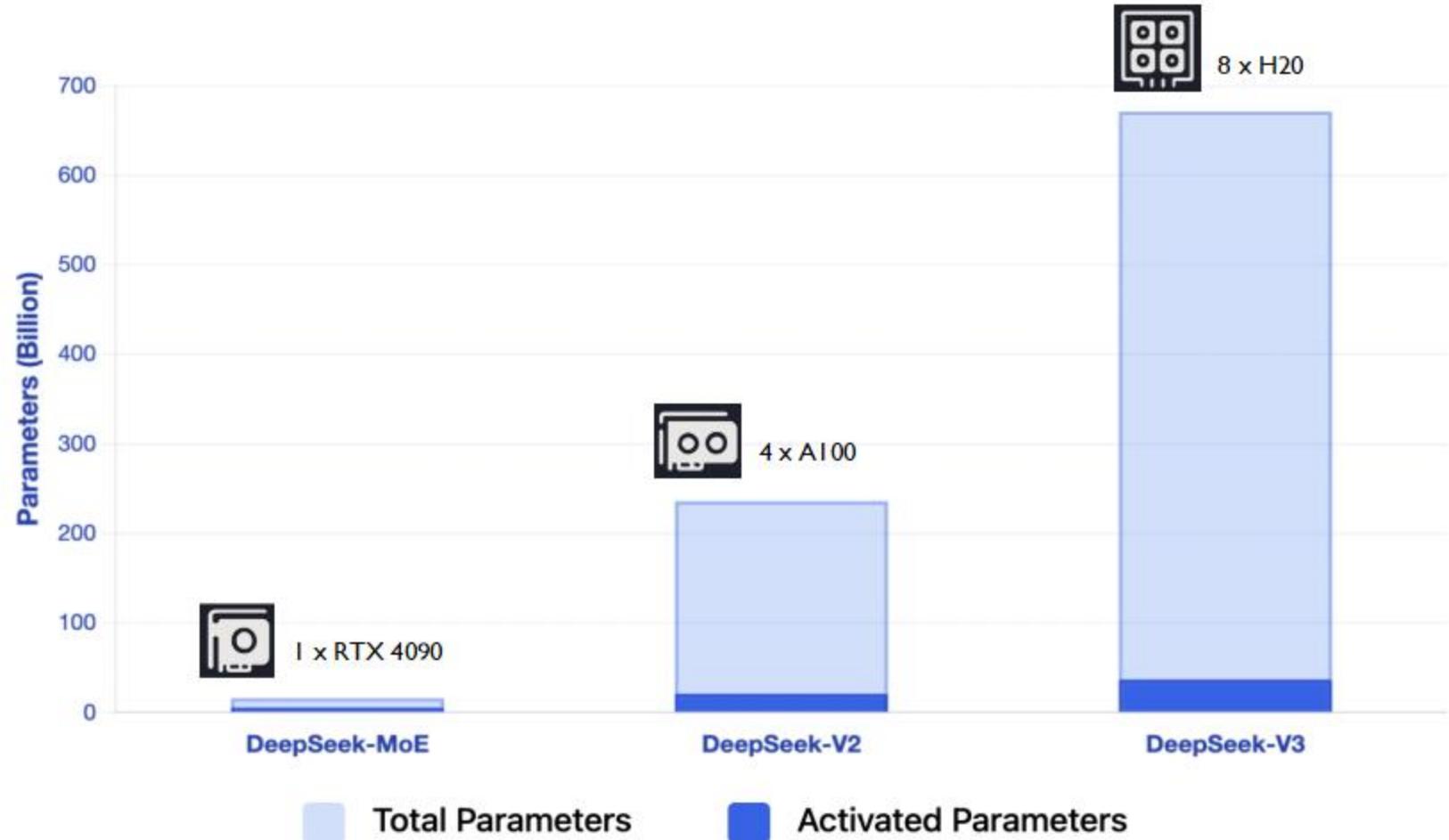
Dense FFN → Sparse Mixture-of-Experts (MoE)

One large matrix → Hundreds of small matrices + Activate only 6~8 at a time

Background: New Challenge in local deployment

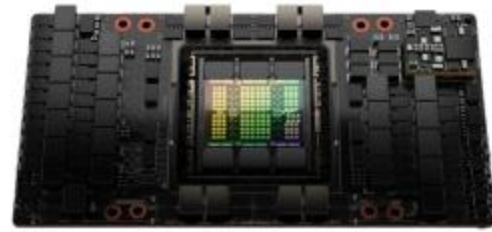


As model sizes grow, traditional GPU-only solutions demand increasingly expensive hardware.





AI00



Xeon SPR + 8 * DDR5-4800



Hardware Spec 80GB VRAM, 2 TBps
 > \$ 15,000

8*64GB DRAM, 8*40GB/s
 ~ \$ 8,000

Bandwidth Cost \$ 7.5 per GBps

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\$ 25 per GBps

Capacity Cost \$ 187 per GB

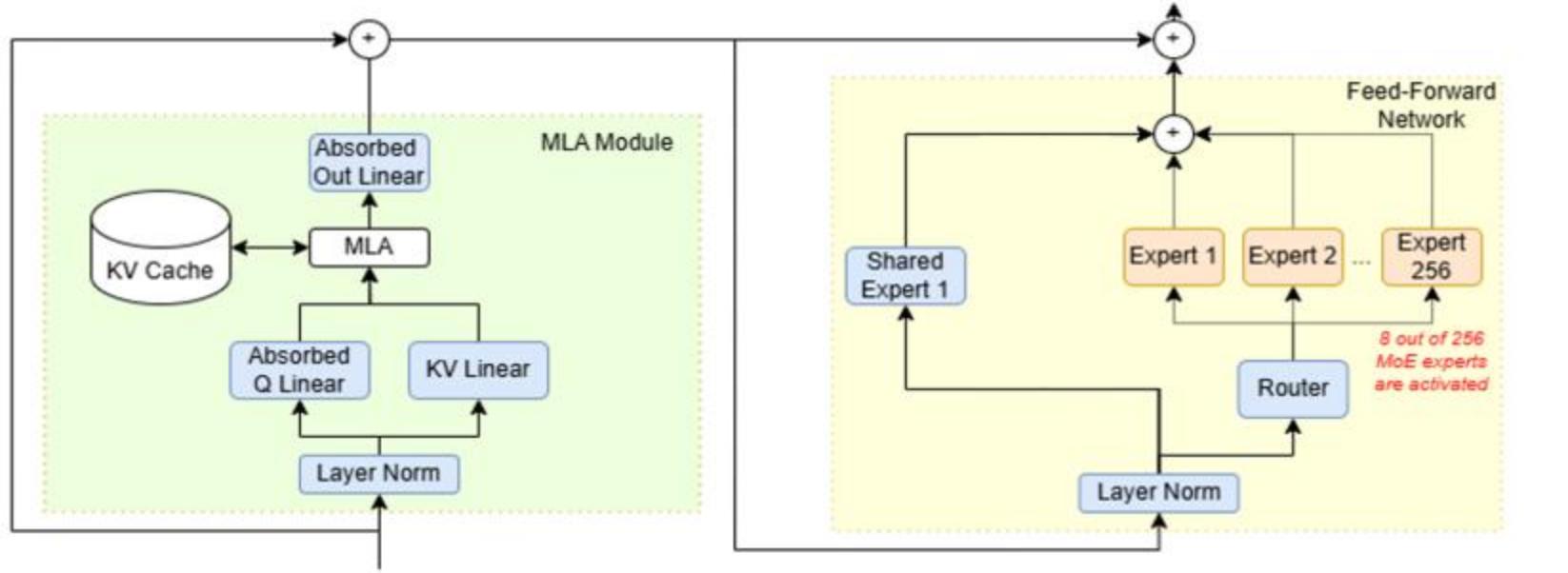
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\$ 15.6 per GB

Well Suited for Sparsity

The price numbers are not accurate, just a demonstration!

KTransformers: Arithmetic Intensity-Aware Offloading Strategy



Operator
Total Size
Arithmetic
Intensity

MLA Attention

~ 5B for 128K Context

High

Norm & Linear &
Shared Experts

~17B

Medium

Routed Experts

~654B

Low

On a Single GPU

Offloaded to CPUs

Offload Priority:

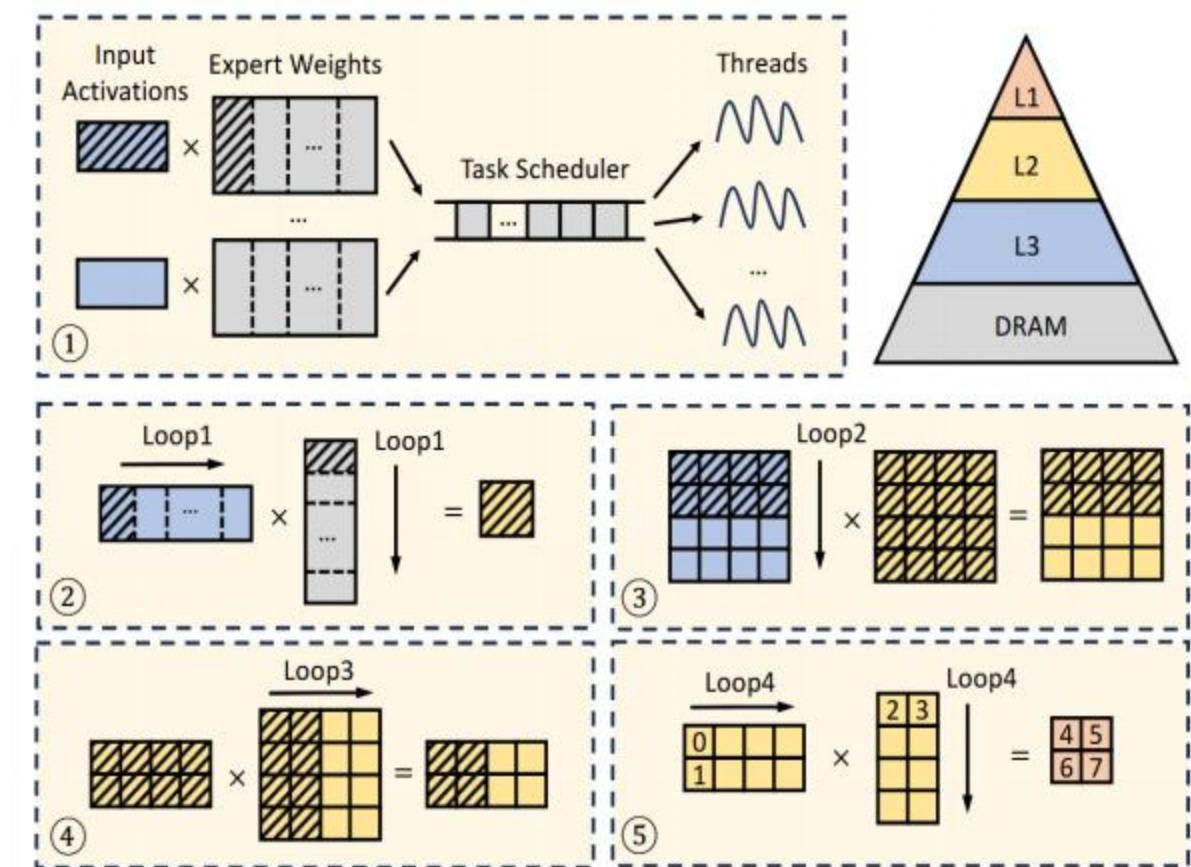
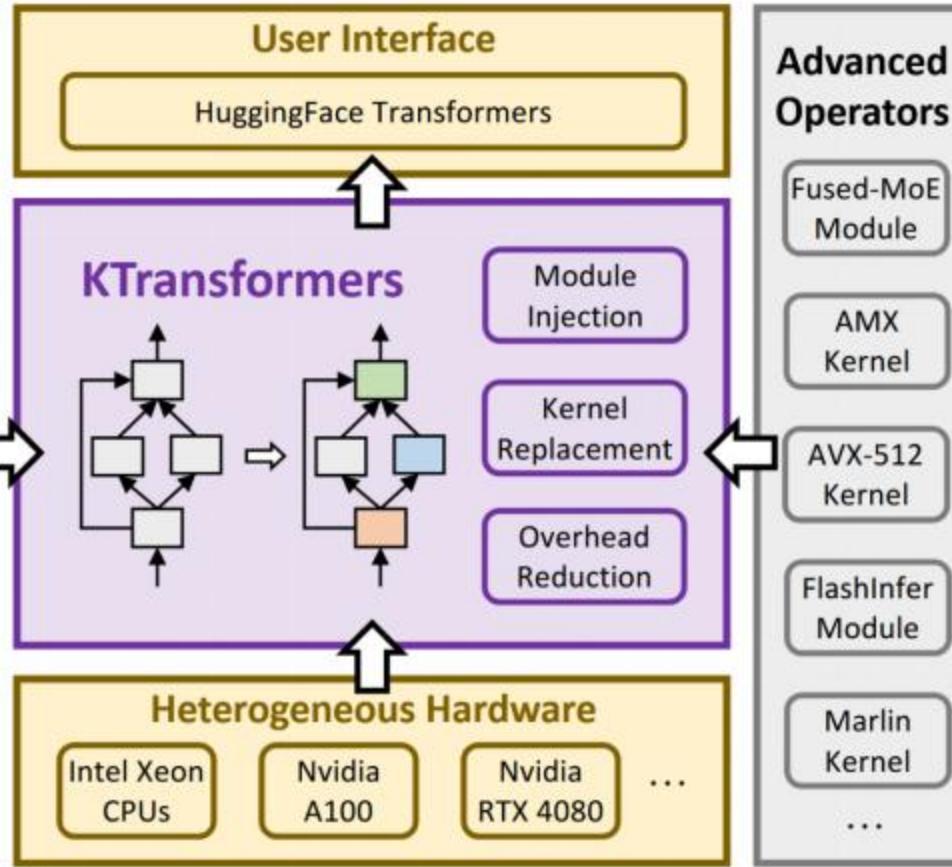
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Shared Experts

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MLA Attention



Overall KT-System and Optimize in Prefill & Decode

2 Core Technologies of KTransformers





Challenges

Prefill

CPU is the Bottleneck for
Intense Computation

Solutions

Advanced CPU Instructions:
Intel AMX

Decode

Latency of CPU/GPU Coordination
Poor CPU/GPU Overlap

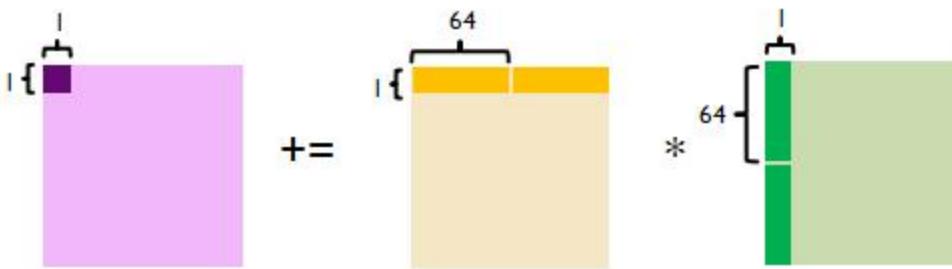
CUDA Graph

Numa-aware Tensor Parallel
Expert Deferral

Prefill: Intel Advanced Matrix Extensions (Intel AMX)

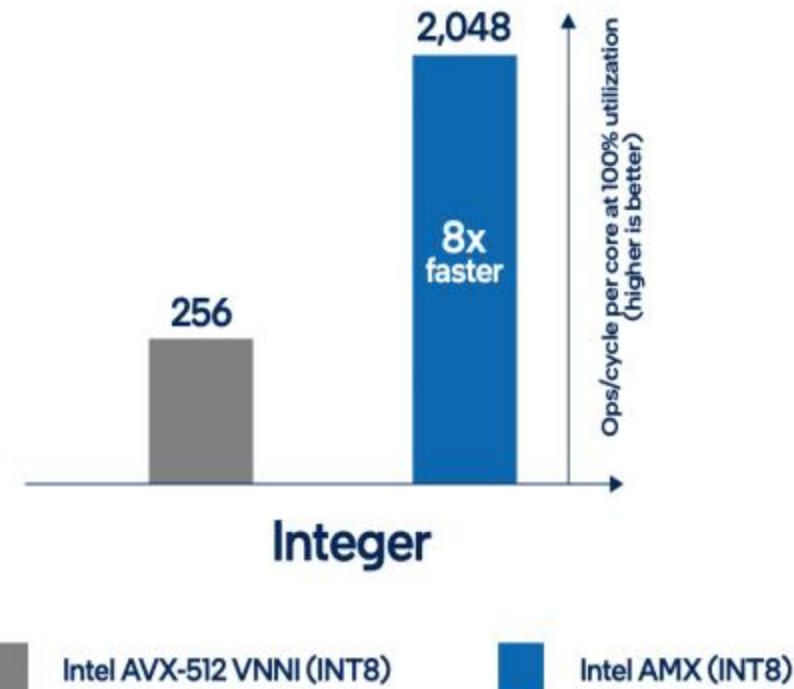


How AVX-512 solves INT8 matrix multiplication problems

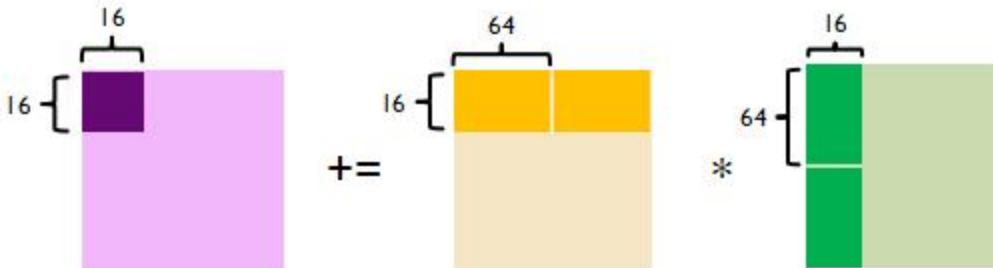


128OPS/cycle/FMA. 256OPS/cycle/core

AMX is 8x faster than AVX-512



How AMX solves INT8 matrix multiplication problems

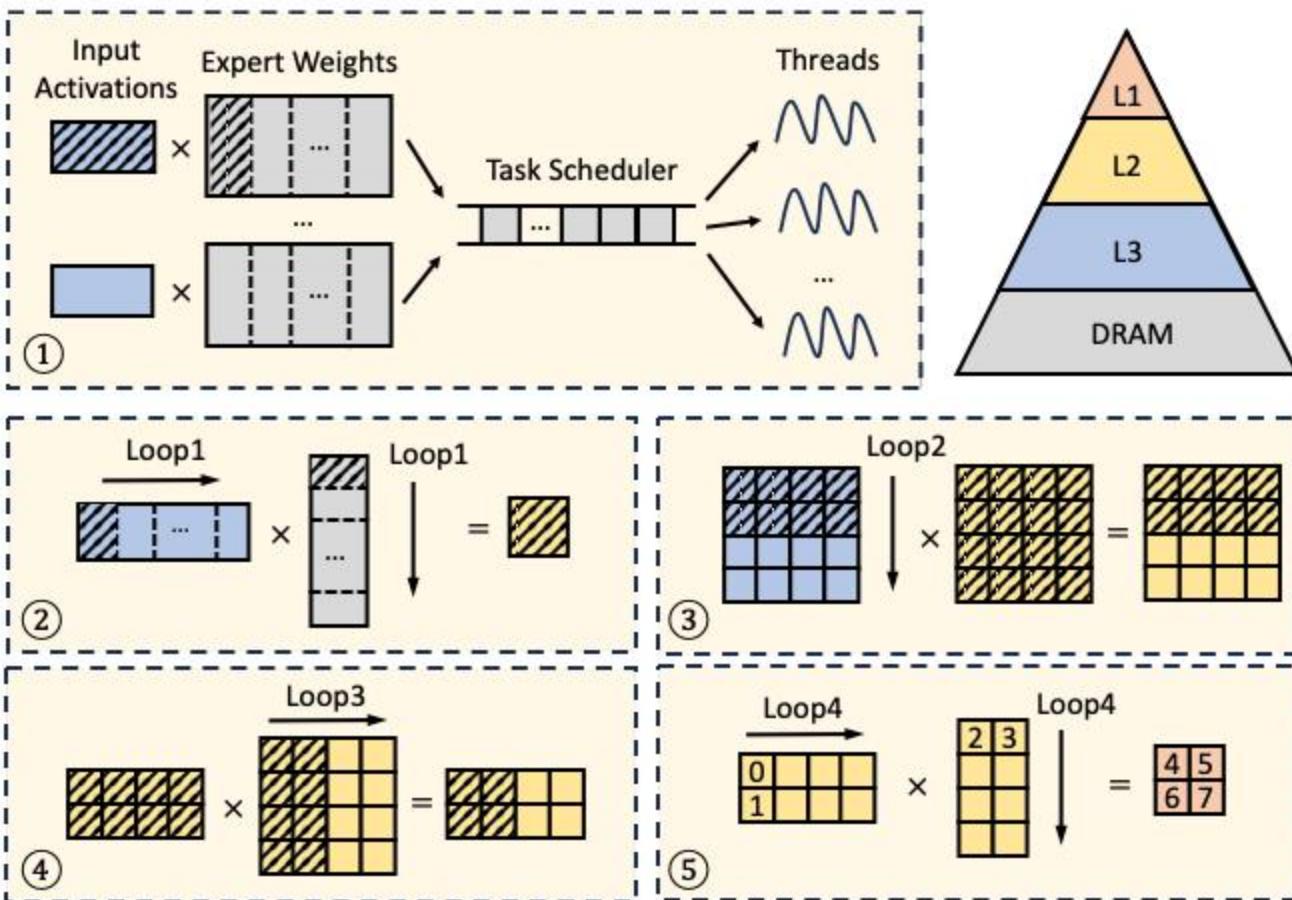


32768OPS/16cycle/core. 2048OPS/cycle/core

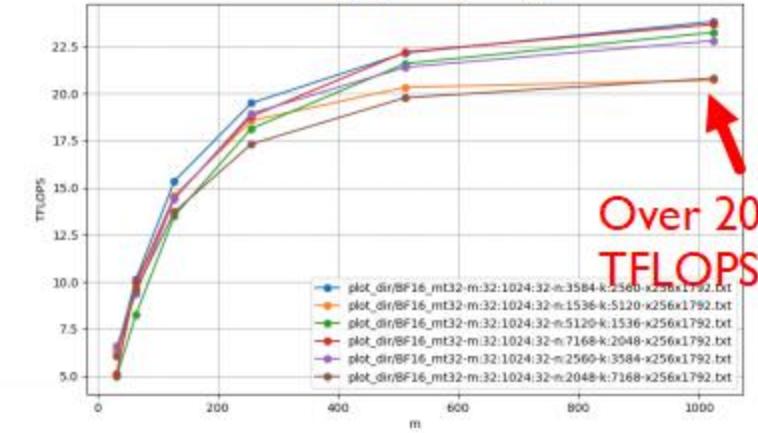
Prefill:AMX Tiling-aware GEMM Kernel



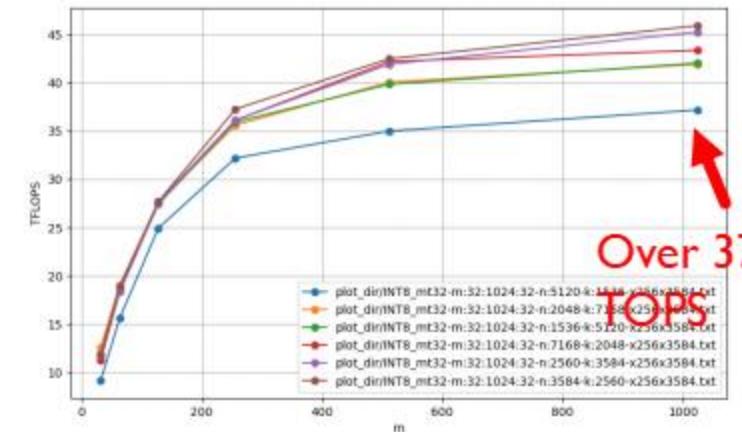
Carefully designed memory layouts and cache-optimized kernels.



BF16 GEMM Throughput (Single Xeon4 CPU).



INT8/INT4 GEMM Throughput (Single Xeon4 CPU).

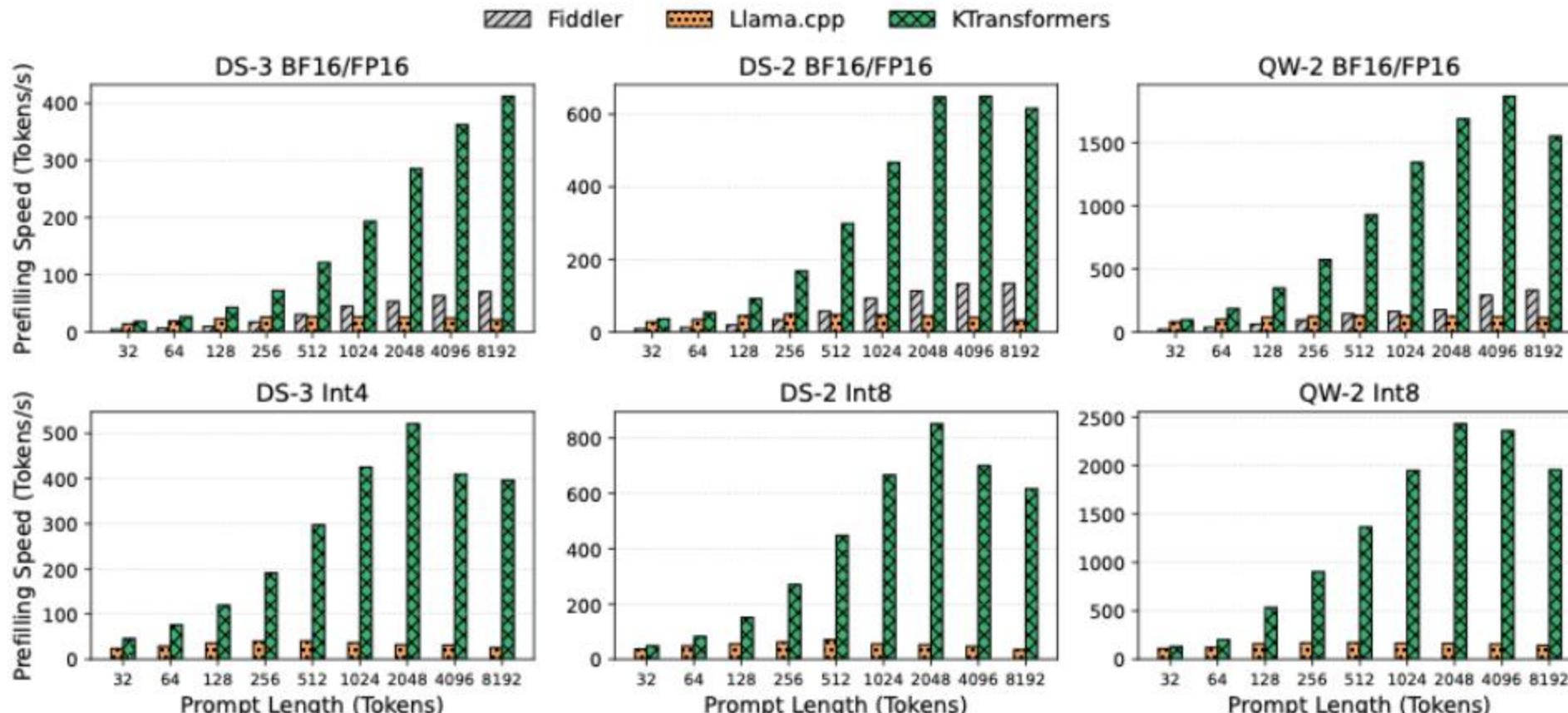


Prefill: End-to-end Performance



Up to **19.74×** faster than Llama.cpp (which does not use AMX kernel)

Up to **5.88×** faster than Fiddler (which uses Torch's native AMX kernel, sub-optimal)

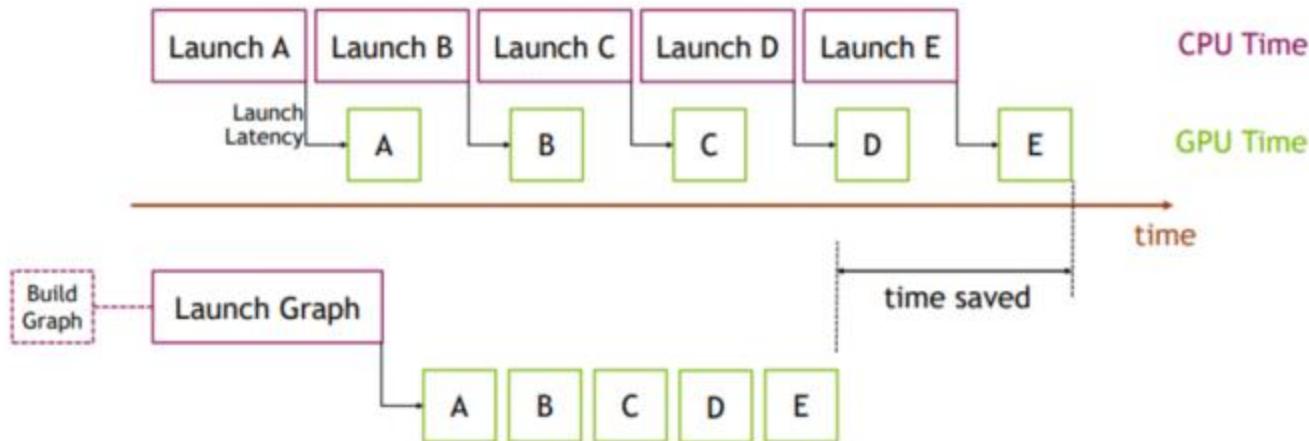
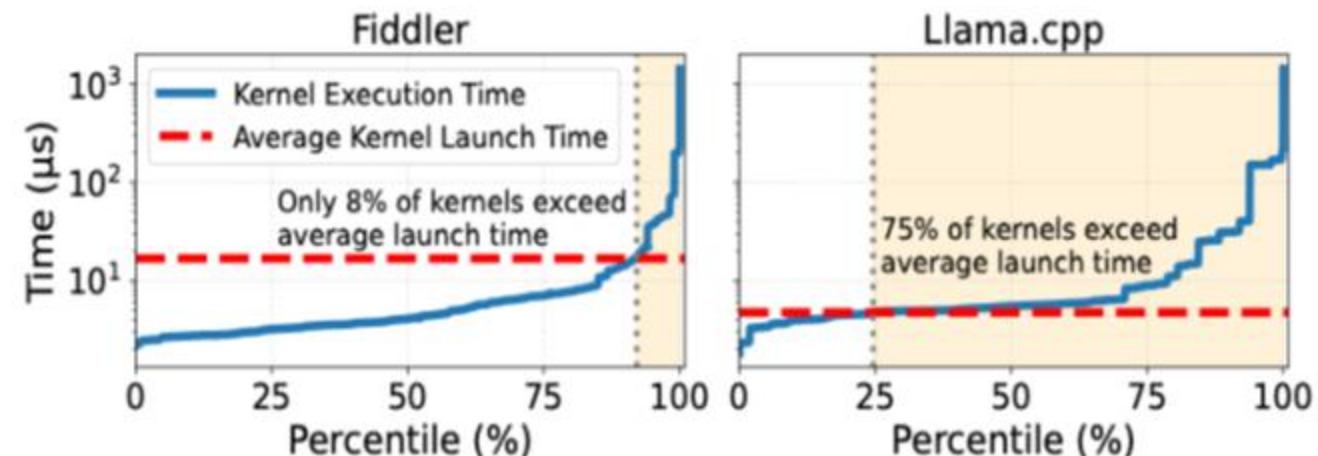


Decode: CUDA Graph



Challenge: Inefficient CPU-GPU coordination

Fiddler/Llama.cpp forward (a single token) requires ~**7000/3000** CUDA kernels, with launch time taking **73%/21%** of total.



Solution: CUDA Graph

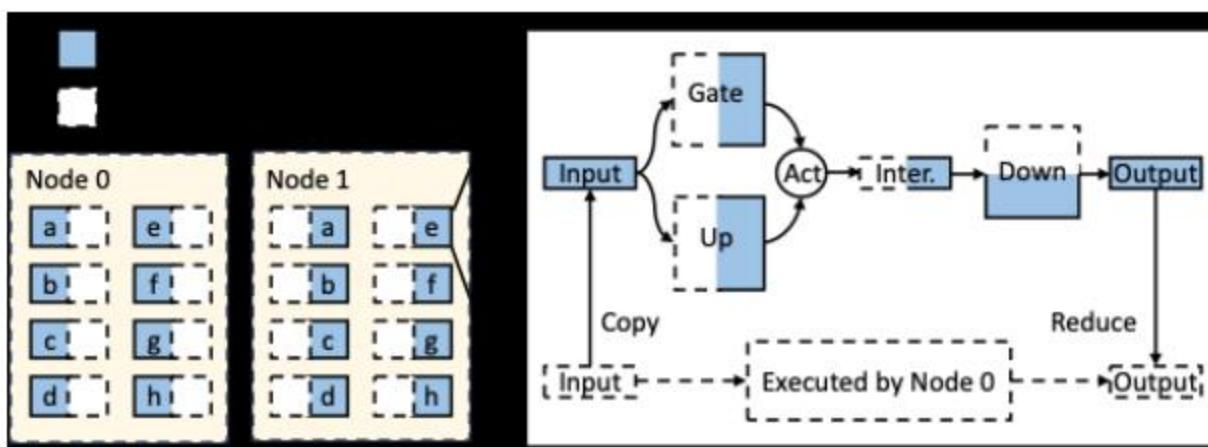
Capture the **full forward** in a CUDA Graph to remove launch overhead, while carefully avoiding CPU-based operations that introduce breakpoints.

Decode: Numa-aware Tensor Parallel

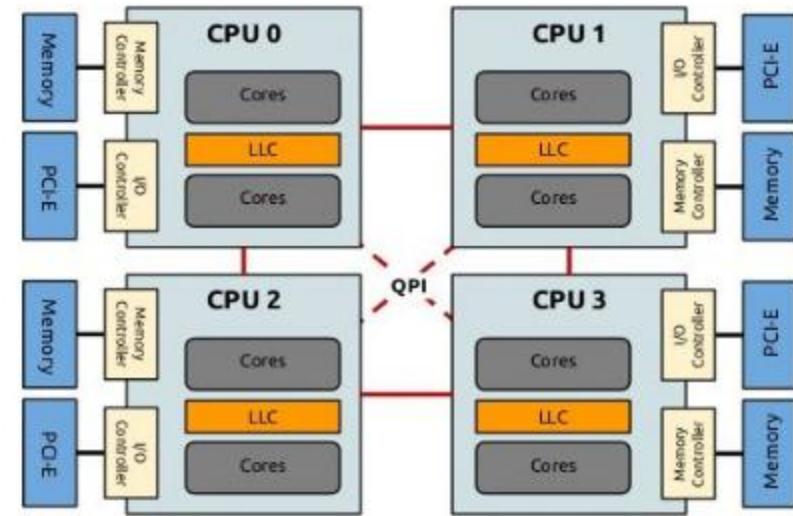


Challenge: Inefficient CPU-CPU coordination

Modern systems span multiple NUMA nodes, **cross-NUMA** memory access has worse **latency/bandwidth**.



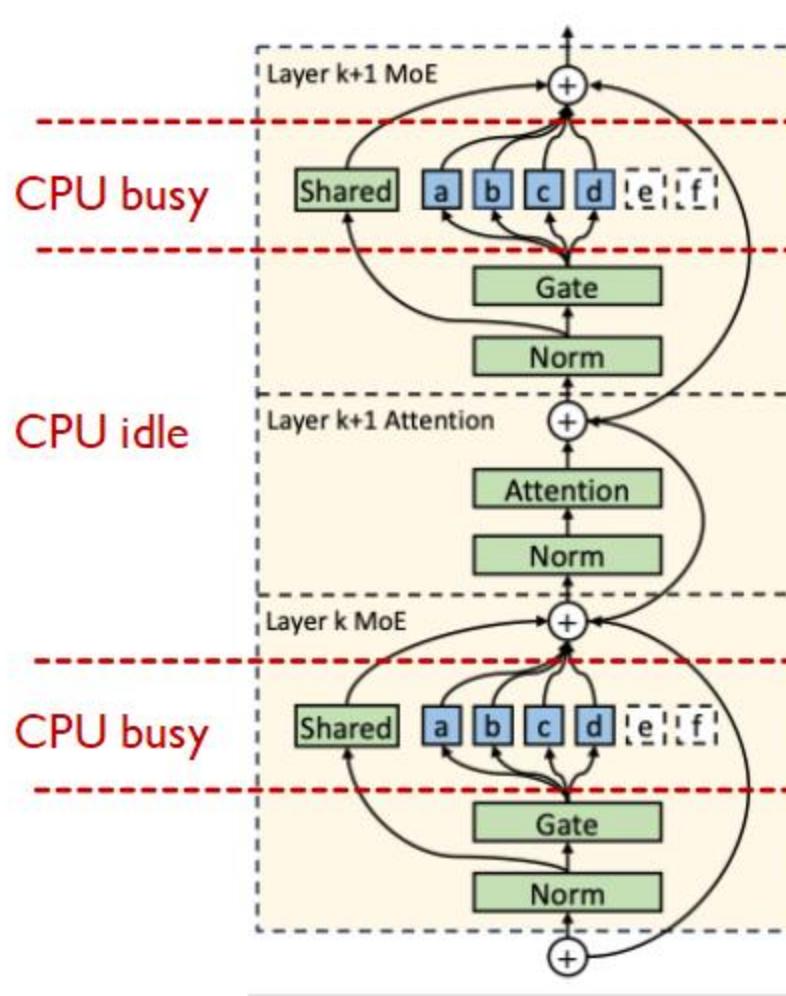
CPU architecture



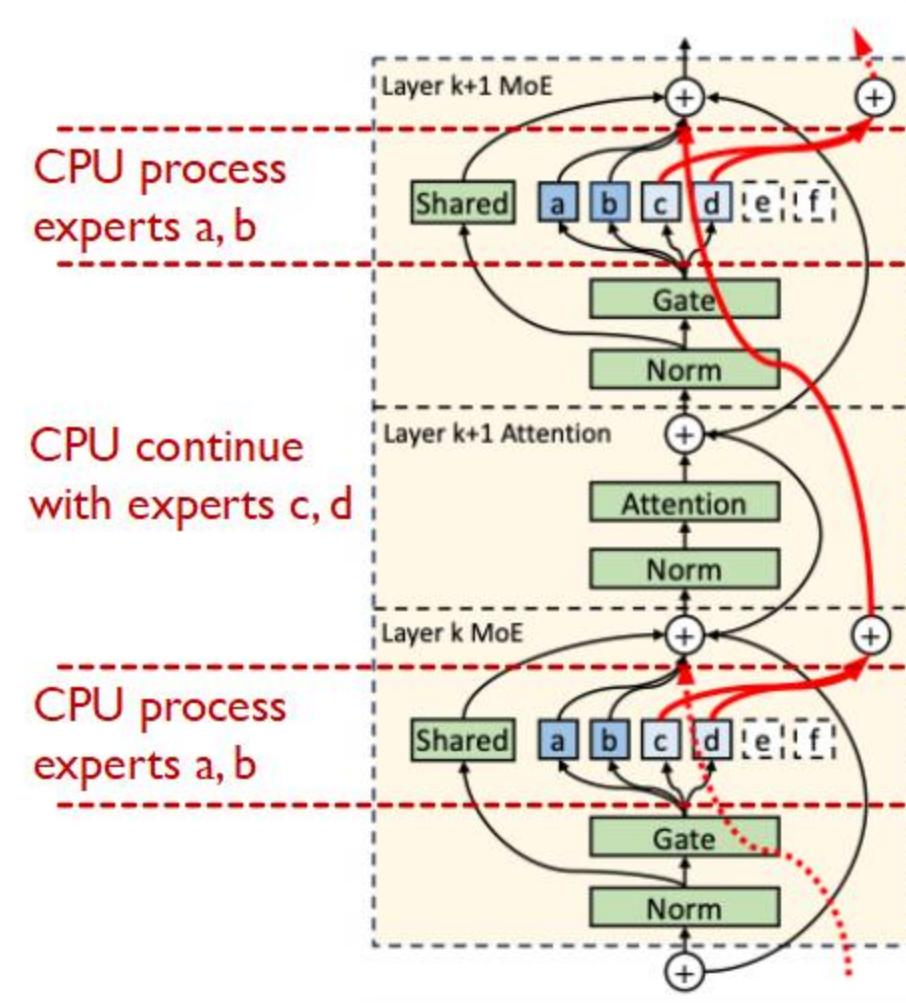
Solution: Numa-aware Tensor Parallel

Place expert weight slices in the **local memory** of each NUMA node so that memory access is mostly local, avoiding expensive cross-NUMA memory traffic.

Decode: Expert Deferral Mechanism



CPU and GPU work alternately

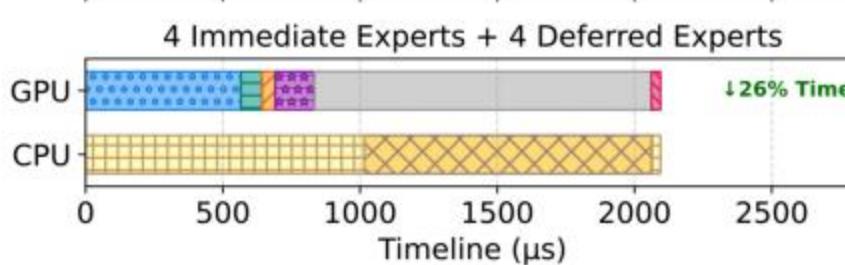
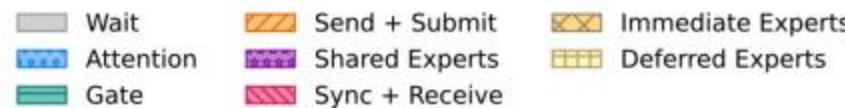


CPU and GPU work concurrently

Decode: Determining the Number of Deferred Experts



Concern 1: Decoding Speedup



Concern 2: Model Accuracy Drop

| | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
|-----------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|
| Average | 66.4 | +0.2% | +0.1% | +0.2% | +0.2% | +0.1% | -0.5% | -1.9% | -6.7% |
| Reasoning | 71.5 | +0.4% | -0.2% | -0.4% | -0.3% | -0.9% | -1.6% | -2.2% | -9.4% |
| Math | 71.7 | +0.2% | +0.4% | +0.1% | -0.1% | -0.2% | -1.6% | -4.7% | -13.4% |
| Language | 82.6 | +0.3% | -0.0% | +0.2% | -0.2% | +0.1% | -0.2% | -0.5% | -1.8% |
| Analysis | 57.8 | +0.2% | +0.3% | +0.4% | +0.0% | +0.6% | +1.0% | +1.0% | -2.4% |
| Coding | 68.8 | -0.1% | +0.1% | +0.4% | +1.1% | +0.7% | -0.6% | -4.7% | -11.2% |

Balanced Configuration:

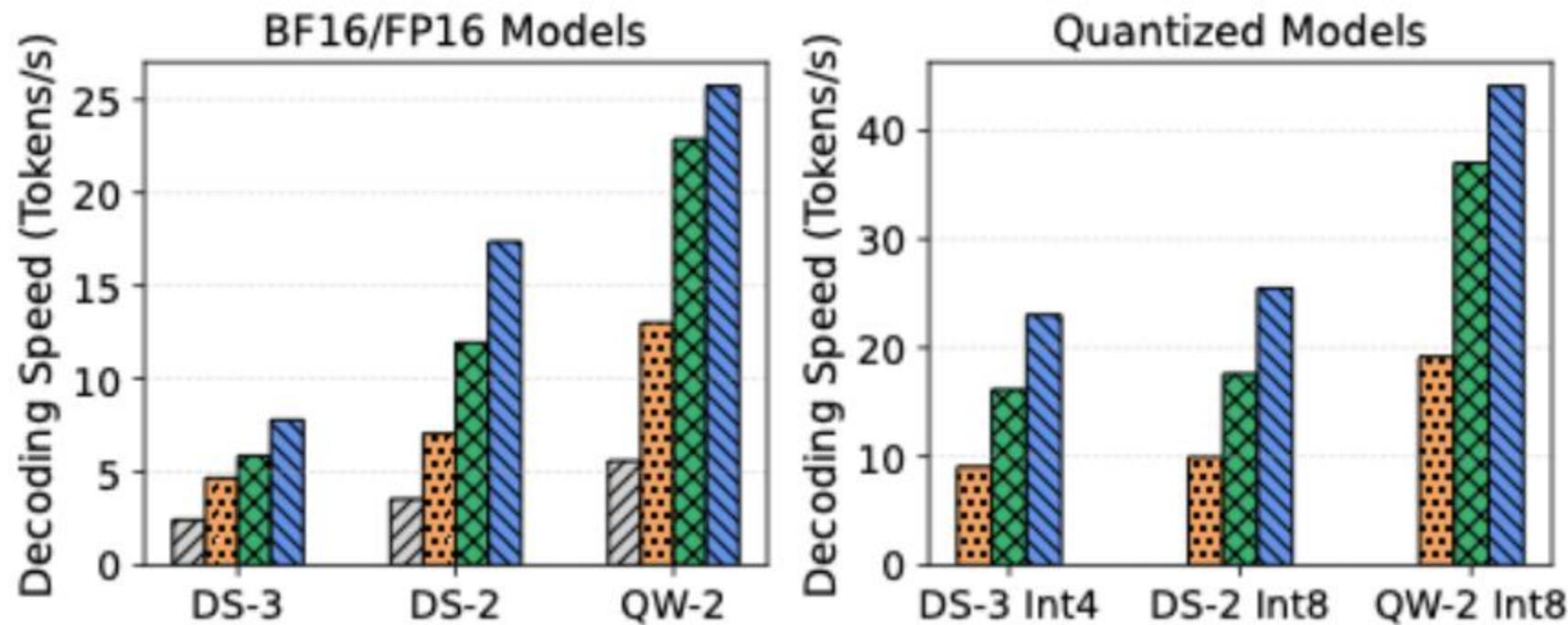
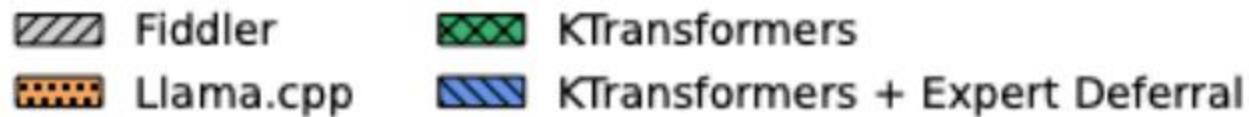
defer as few experts as needed to **saturate the CPU**, while keep at least 2 non-deferred experts per layer to **protect model accuracy**.

Decode: End-to-end Performance



Full-accuracy implementation is up to **1.92×** faster than Llama.cpp and up to **4.09×** faster than Fiddler.

Expert Deferral provides up to **1.45×** additional speedups.



Open Source: KTransformers High-performance Heterogeneous Inference System



趋境科技
APPROACHING.JS

Exploratory Open-Source Framework

Jul. 2024. First open release. DeepSeek-V2
with Single GPU + 136GB DRAM

Feb. 2025. DeepSeek-V3/R1 with
Single GPU + 382GB DRAM

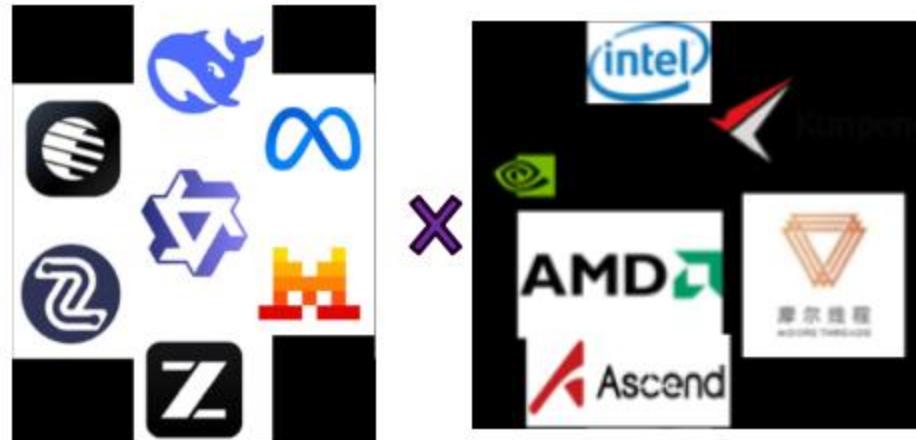
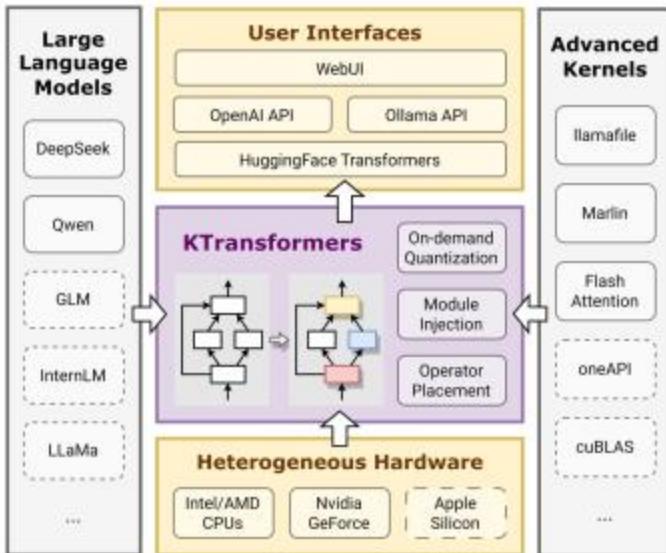
May. 2025. Release
AMX-based CPU kernel.

Future. Integrating more features.
Supporting more hardware and models.

Aug. 2024. Support 1M-level long context.

Apr. 2025. Support multiple batch size.

Oct. 2025. Integrating into SGL



(a) Flexible Framework

(b) Top 0.01% on Github

(c) Various models and hardware supported

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Before Fine-Tuning Model Output

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Styled with a CatGirl tone



After Fine-Tuning Model Output

KTransformers × LLaMaFactory & SGLang

3 Tutorial: Fine-Tune and Chat with Customized Model





[Roadmap] Integration of KTransformers as a LoRA Fine-Tuning Backend for
LLaMA-Factory #9266 <https://github.com/hiyoga/LLaMA-Factory/issues/9266>

FineTuning – Integrated into LLaMA-Factory for local fine-tuning

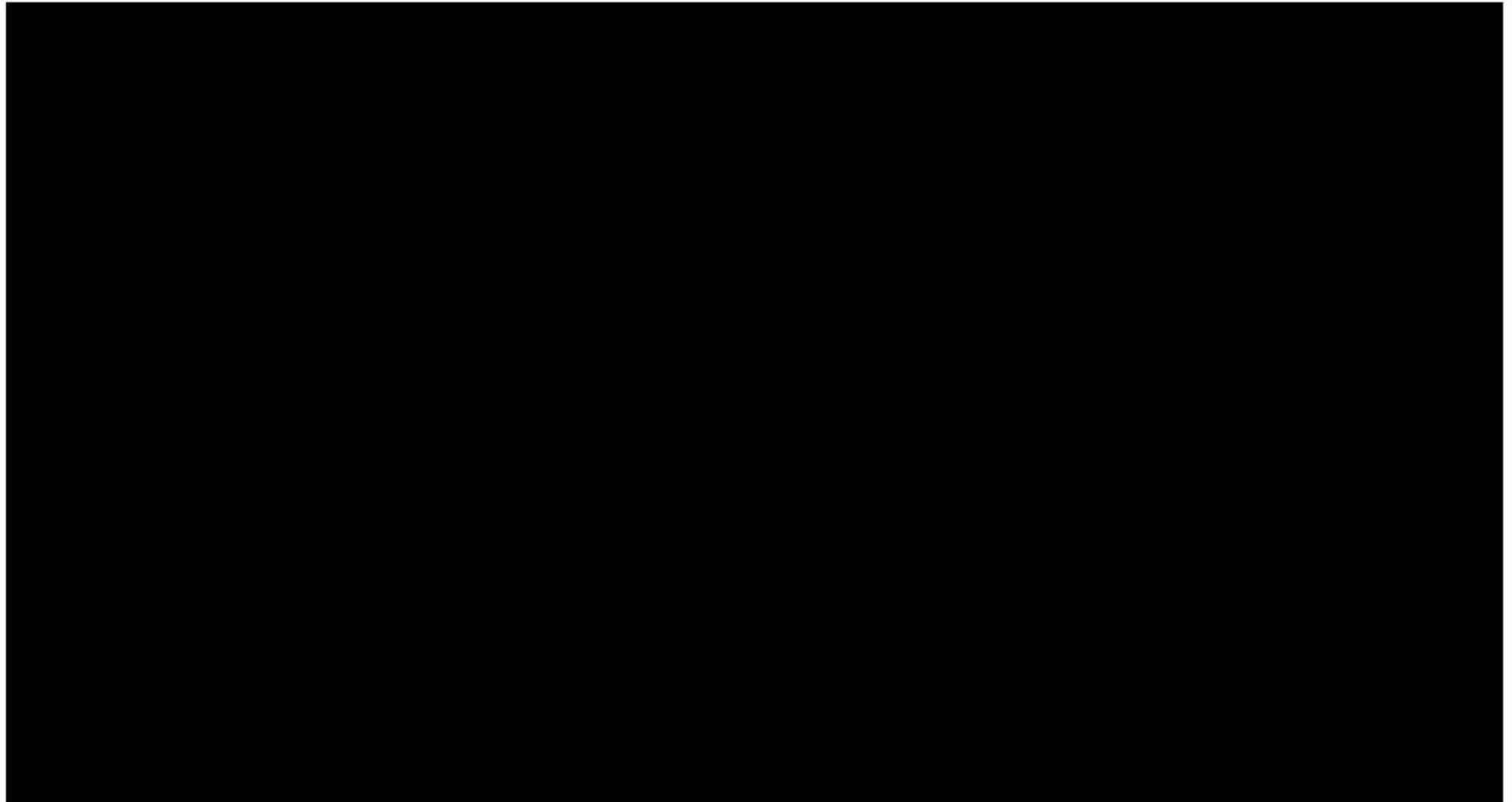


[Feature] KTransformers Integration to Support CPU/GPU Hybrid Inference
for MoE Models #11425 <https://github.com/sgl-project/sglang/issues/11425>

Inference – Integrated into SGLang for wider model support and multi-GPU acceleration

You will be able to fine-tuning and inference 671B DeepSeek
and 1TB Kimi K2 locally with consumer GPUs + server CPUs!

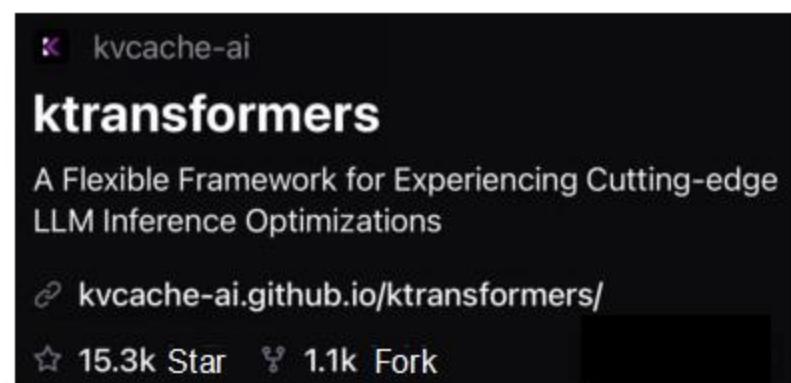
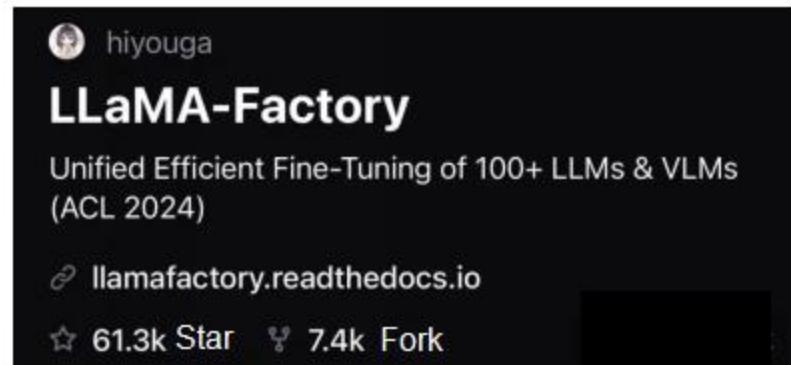
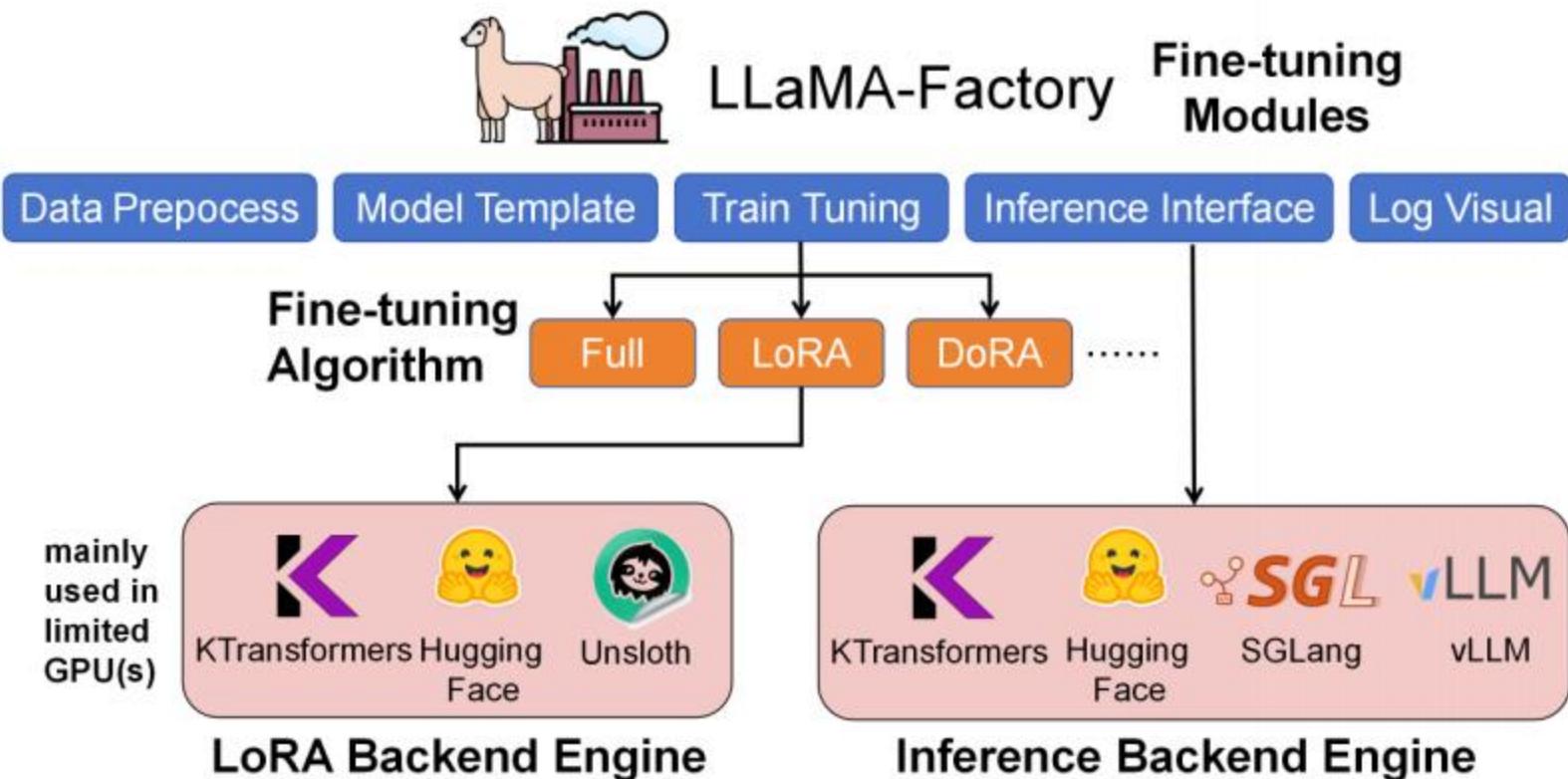
KTransformers LoRA SFT: Demo



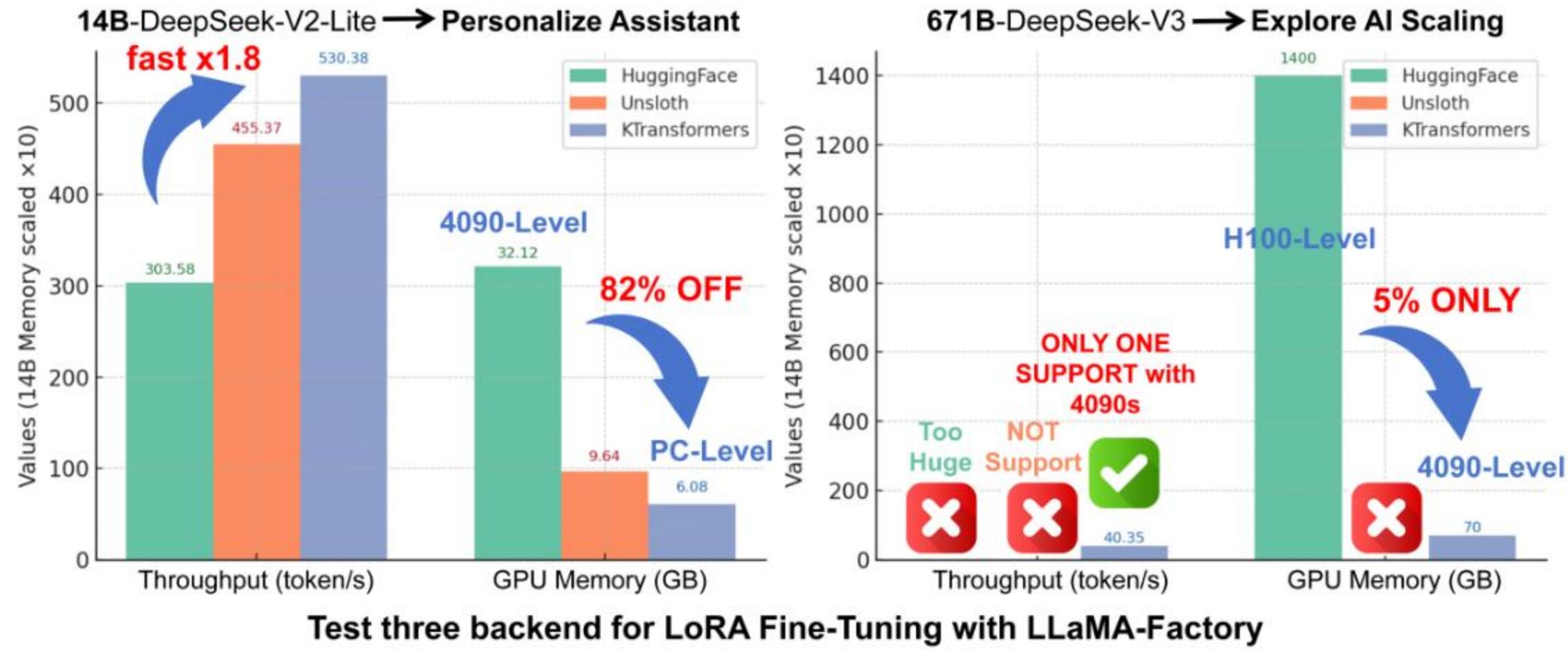
KTransformers LoRA SFT: Overview Framework



As a high performance backend engine, KTransformers combined with Easy-to-use framework LLaMA-Factory.



KTransformers LoRA SFT: Performance





DeepSeek-V2-Lite-14B

- 5GB GPU VRAM
- 30GB CPU RAM
- End-to-End 227.6 token/s

DeepSeek-V3/R1-67IB

- 70GB GPU VRAM
- 1.2TB CPU RAM
- End-to-End 40.35 token/s

Kimi-K2-1T

- 81GB GPU VRAM
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- End-to-End 36.55 token/s

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Before Fine-Tuning Model Output

After Fine-Tuning Model Output

| AfriMed-QA (SAQ) | BLEU-1 | BLEU-2 | BLEU-3 | BLEU-4 | ROUGE-1 | ROUGE-2 | ROUGE-L |
|----------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| V2-Lite (no LoRA) | 13.58 | 11.12 | 9.10 | 7.23 | 22.48 | 7.81 | 11.73 |
| KT-LoRA fine-tuned V2-Lite | 35.90 | 27.63 | 22.99 | 19.15 | 35.25 | 17.50 | 28.44 |
| V3 base (no LoRA) | 12.75 | 10.27 | 8.05 | 5.99 | 20.33 | 5.65 | 10.11 |
| KT-LoRA fine-tuned V3 | 42.42 | 34.12 | 28.95 | 24.54 | 41.97 | 22.37 | 33.28 |

Customize your KTransformers-FT: Customize model



model_name_or_path: must be BF16 model

A screenshot of the DeepSeek-V3 GitHub repository. It shows three safetensors files: model-00001-of-000163.safetensors (5.23 GB), model-00002-of-000163.safetensors (4.3 GB), and model-00003-of-000163.safetensors (4.3 GB). A purple box highlights the text "≈ 689G, 671B => FP8". Below the files, a note says "msr2000 Small fix e815299".

A screenshot of the DeepSeek-V2-Lite GitHub repository. It shows three safetensors files: model-00001-of-000163.safetensors (5.23 GB), model-00002-of-000163.safetensors (4.3 GB), and model-00003-of-000163.safetensors (4.3 GB). A purple box highlights the text "≈ 32G, 14B => BF16". Below the files, a note says "mashirong Update modeling_deepseek.py 604d566".

```
### model
model_name_or_path: opensourcerelease/DeepSeek-V3-bf16
trust_remote_code: true

### method
stage: sft
do_train: true
finetuning_type: lora
lora_rank: 8
lora_target: all
```

Put the model path after convert

6. How to Run Locally

DeepSeek-V3 can be deployed locally using the following hardware and open-source community software:

<https://github.com/deepseek-ai/DeepSeek-V3>

7. AMD GPU: Enables running the DeepSeek-V3 model on AMD GPUs via SGLang in both BF16 and FP8 modes.
8. Huawei Ascend NPU: Supports running DeepSeek-V3 on Huawei Ascend devices in both INT8 and BF16.

Since FP8 training is natively adopted in our framework, we only provide FP8 weights. If you require BF16 weights for experimentation, you can use the provided conversion script to perform the transformation.

Here is an example of converting FP8 weights to BF16:

```
cd Inference
python FP8_to_BF16.py --input-fp8-hf-path /path/to/fp8_weights --output-bf16-hf-path /path/to/bf16_weights
```

Similarly,
Kimi-K2 is INT4 format,
need convert to BF16,
then fine-tuning with KT.



| Settings | What it does | Code Snippet |
|------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| lora_rank | range in [4, 8, 16, 32] high -- more memory, more fit to big scale data | <pre>### method stage: sft do_train: true finetuning_type: lora lora_rank: 8 lora_target: all ### train per_device_train_batch_size: 1 gradient_accumulation_steps: 8 learning_rate: 1.0e-4 num_train_epochs: 3.0 lr_scheduler_type: cosine warmup_ratio: 0.1 bf16: true ddp_timeout: 1800000000 resume_from_checkpoint: null</pre> |
| Challenge | How to Adjust | |
| GPU memory tight | Set per_device_train_batch_size=1 + gradient_accumulation_steps=16 | |
| Model overfits | Add lora_dropout: 0.1 + reduce `num_train_epochs` to 2 | |

Customize your KTransformers-FT: Customize Dataset



Step1: Construct your own data, fit with the format as follows

LLaMA-Factory / data / alpaca_en_demo.json

```
Code Blame 4997 lines (4997 loc) · 800 KB
1 [
2   {
3     "instruction": "Describe a process of making crepes.",
4     "input": "",
5     "output": "Making crepes is an easy and delicious process! Here are step-by-step instructions."
6   },
7   {
8     "instruction": "Transform the following sentence using a synonym: the car sped quickly.",
9     "input": "",
10    "output": "The car accelerated rapidly."
11  },
```

Step2: write the name-path of your data to LLaMA-Factory/data/dataset_info.json

LLaMA-Factory / data / dataset_info.json

```
Code Blame 734 lines (734 loc) · 17 KB
1 [
2   {
3     "identity": {
4       "file_name": "identity.json"
5     }
6   },
7   {
8     "alpaca_en_demo": {
9       "file_name": "alpaca_en_demo.json"
10    },
11   },
12   {
13     "alpaca_zh_demo": {
14       "file_name": "alpaca_zh_demo.json"
15     },
16   },
17 ],
```

Step3:

```
### dataset
dataset: identity
template: deepseek
cutoff_len: 2048
max_samples: 100000
overwrite_cache: true
preprocessing_num_workers: 16
dataloader_num_workers: 4

### output
output_dir: saves/Kllama_deepseekV3
logging_steps: 10
save_steps: 500
plot_loss: true
overwrite_output_dir: true
save_only_model: false
report_to: none # choices: [none, wandb, tensorboard, swanlab, mlflow]
```

template: must fit the pre-trained model

cutoff_len: truncates long texts

max_samples: set 100 for debug, None for full training

| Supported Models | | | |
|----------------------|----------------------------|----------|-----------|
| Model | Model size | Template | |
| Baichuan 2 | 7B/13B | - | baiChuan2 |
| BLQW/BLOOMZ | 560M/1.1B/1.7B/3B/7.1B/17B | - | - |
| ChatGLM3 | 6B | - | chatglm3 |
| Command-8 | 35B/104B | - | cohere |
| DeepSeek (CodeModel) | 7B/16B/67B/236B | - | deepseek |
| DeepSeek 2.5/7 | 236B/671B | - | deepseek3 |

Customize your KTransformers-FT: Customize KT-Optimize



What is KT Optimize Rule?

Take a example,

```
match:  
    name: "^model\\.layers\\.(0|[1-9]|12)[0-9])\\.mlp\\.experts$"  
replace:  
    class: ktransformers.operators.experts.KTransformersExperts      # cust  
    kwargs:  
        prefill_device: "cuda:0"          Expert-Parallel  
        prefill_op: "KExpertsTorch"       Operator with SFT  
        generate_device: "cpu"  
        generate_op: "KSFTExpertsCPU"  
        out_device: "cuda:0"  
        backend: "AMXInt8" # or "AMXBF16" or "llamafile" (default)  
        recursive: False # don't recursively inject submodules of this module
```

Different layer place on different cuda device

```
match:  
    name: "^model\\.layers\\.(3456)[0-9])\\.mlp\\.experts$"  
    out_device: "cuda:1"
```

KTransformers offers **high-performance operators**,
which **replace** the original model operators **following**
our optimization rules.

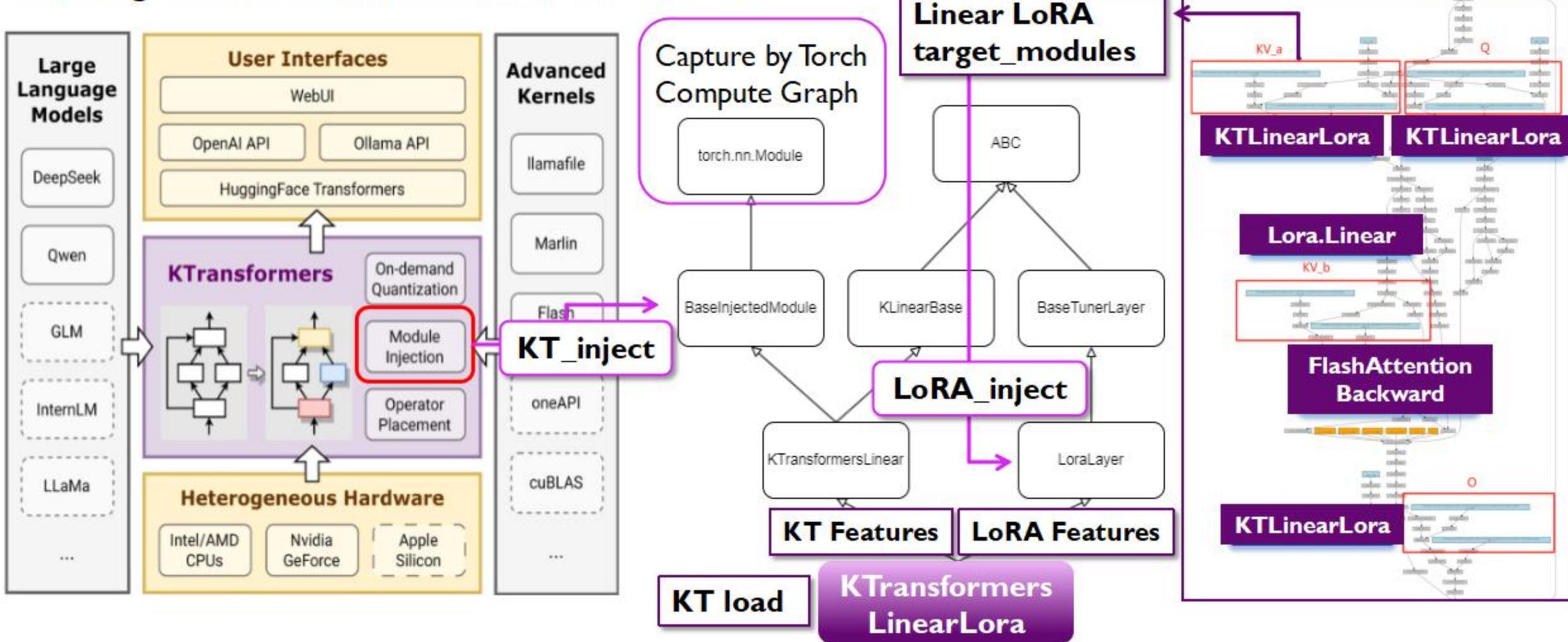
```
### ktransformers  
use_kt: true # use KTransformers as LoRA:sft backend  
kt_optimize_rule: examples/kt_optimize_rules/DeepSeek-V3-Chat-sft-amx-multi-gpu.yaml  
cpu_infer: 32  
chunk_size: 8192
```

KT Support Operators (Partly)

| match | replace | backends | descriptions |
|-----------|------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Linear | KTransformersLinear | KLinearMarlin | Marlin as backend |
| | | KLinearTorch | pytorch as backend |
| | | KLinearCPUInfer | llamafile as backend |
| | | KLinearFP8 | Triton fp8_gemm kernel. Requires GPU be able to calculate fp8 data |
| experts | KTransformersExperts | KExpertsTorch | pytorch as backend |
| | | KExpertsMarlin | Marlin as backend |
| | | KExpertsCPU | llamafile as backend |
| Attention | KDeepseekV2Attention | KDeepseekV2Attention | MLA implementation |
| MoE | KMistralSparseMoEBlock | KQwen2MoeSparseMoeBlock | MoE for Qwen2 |
| | KDeepseekV2MoE | KDeepseekV2MoE | MoE for DeepseekV2 |
| Model | KQwen2MoeModel | KQwen2MoeModel | Model for Qwen2 |
| | KDeepseekV2Model | KDeepseekV2Model | Model for DeepseekV2 |
| RoPE | RotaryEmbedding | RotaryEmbedding | RoPE module |
| | YarnRotaryEmbedding | YarnRotaryEmbedding | RoPE module |

KT-FT Tech Part I: KT-Attention (KTLineralLora)

Retaining the inserted features of both KT and LoRA

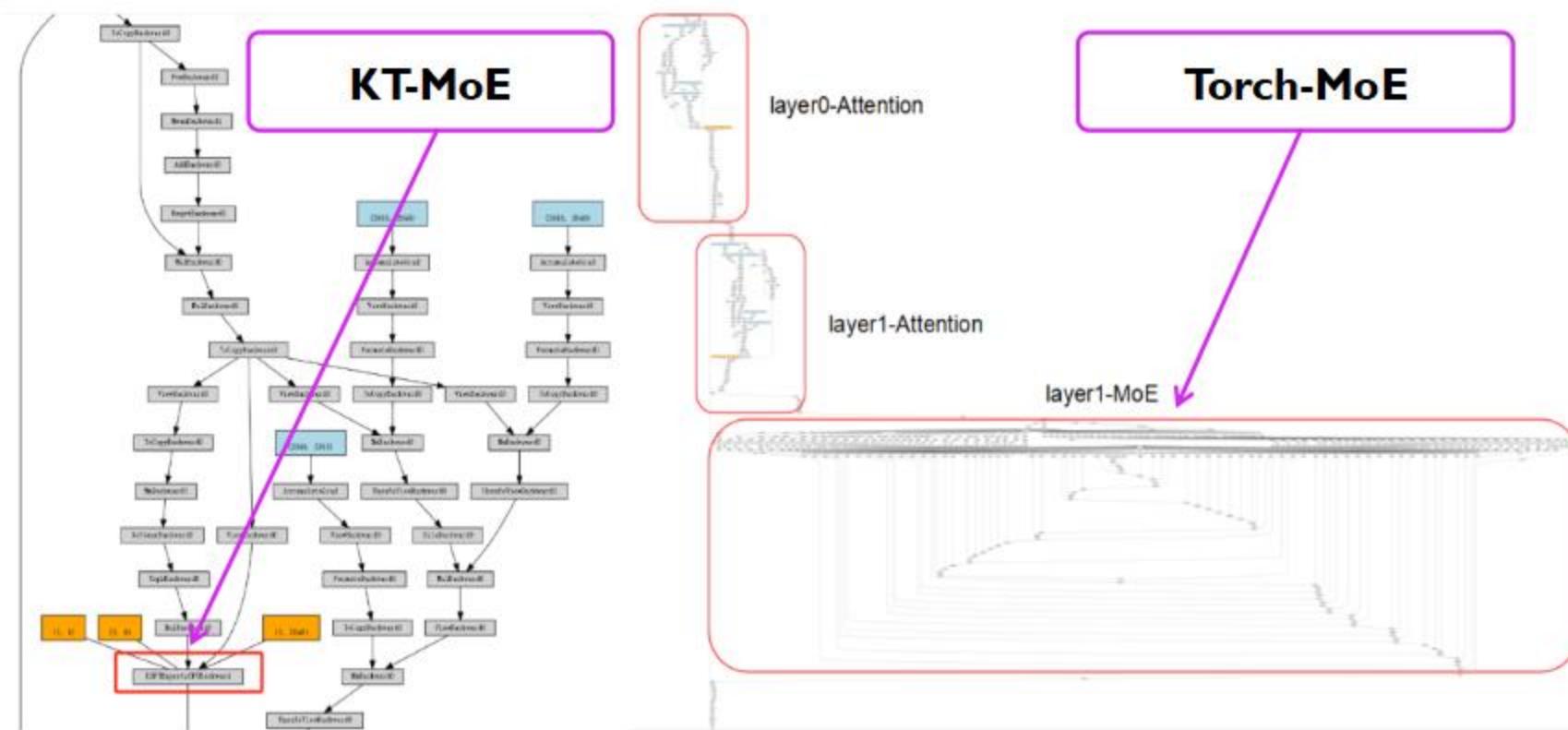


KT-FT Tech Part II: KT-MoE (backward)



In torch compute graph:

Compute the backward of MoE in CPU, not seen in torch compute graph.



MoE: AMX+Intel(R) Xeon(R)
Platinum 8488C
+2 RTX4090 (48G VRAM)

| | TFLOPS | Time/layer |
|----------|--------|------------|
| Forward | 9.53 | 50.6ms |
| Backward | 11.09 | 67.4ms |

- Support AMX/llamafile
- Support NUMA
- Support forward cache



Motivation: DeepSeek-V3-67IB requires 70G VRAM in KT, needs to place on 2 or more RTX 4090

Construct Class KTrainer & KAccelerate

Avoid transformers carry model to single-gpu, keep KT placement

KTrainer: Use ModelParallel, forbid DataParallel for multi-gpu

KAccelerate: loss move to cuda:0, other tensor remain in multi-gpu

Test Result

Qwen3MoE-235B 16G GPU VRAM+455G CPU DRAM
target_module: QKVO+shared experts+FFN
End-to-end speed: $512 * 8 / 119 = 34.4$ token/s

Kimi-K2-1000B 81G GPU+1.9T CPU+200G swap
target_module: QKVO+shared experts+FFN
End-to-end speed: $512 * 8 / 115 = 35.6$ token/s

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KTransformers Inference: Demo



A screenshot of the Visual Studio Code (VS Code) interface. The main area shows a terminal window with the following command:

```
CUDA_VISIBLE_DEVICES=1,2 python -m sglang.launch_server \
--host 0.0.0.0 \
--port 8080 \
--model /mnt/data/models/Qwen3-235B-A22B-Instruct-256T \
--kt-weight-path /mnt/data/models/Qwen3-235B-A22B-Instruct-256T-INT8 \
--kt-method ARKINTE \
--kt-counter 64 \
--kt-threadpool-count 2 \
--kt-num-experts 1 \
--kt-max-deferred-experts-per-token 2 \
--non-fraction-static 0.92 \
--chunked-prefills-size 2048 \
--server-model-name Qwen3-235B-A22B \
--enable-sized-chunk \
--max-running-requests 4 \
--max-total-tokens 512 \
--tensor-parallel-size 2

python scripts/convert_cpo_weights.py \
--input-path /mnt/data/models/Qwen3-235B-A22B-Instruct-256T \
--input-type Bf16 \
--output /mnt/data/models/Qwen3-235B-A22B-Instruct-256T-INT8 \
--quant-method set8

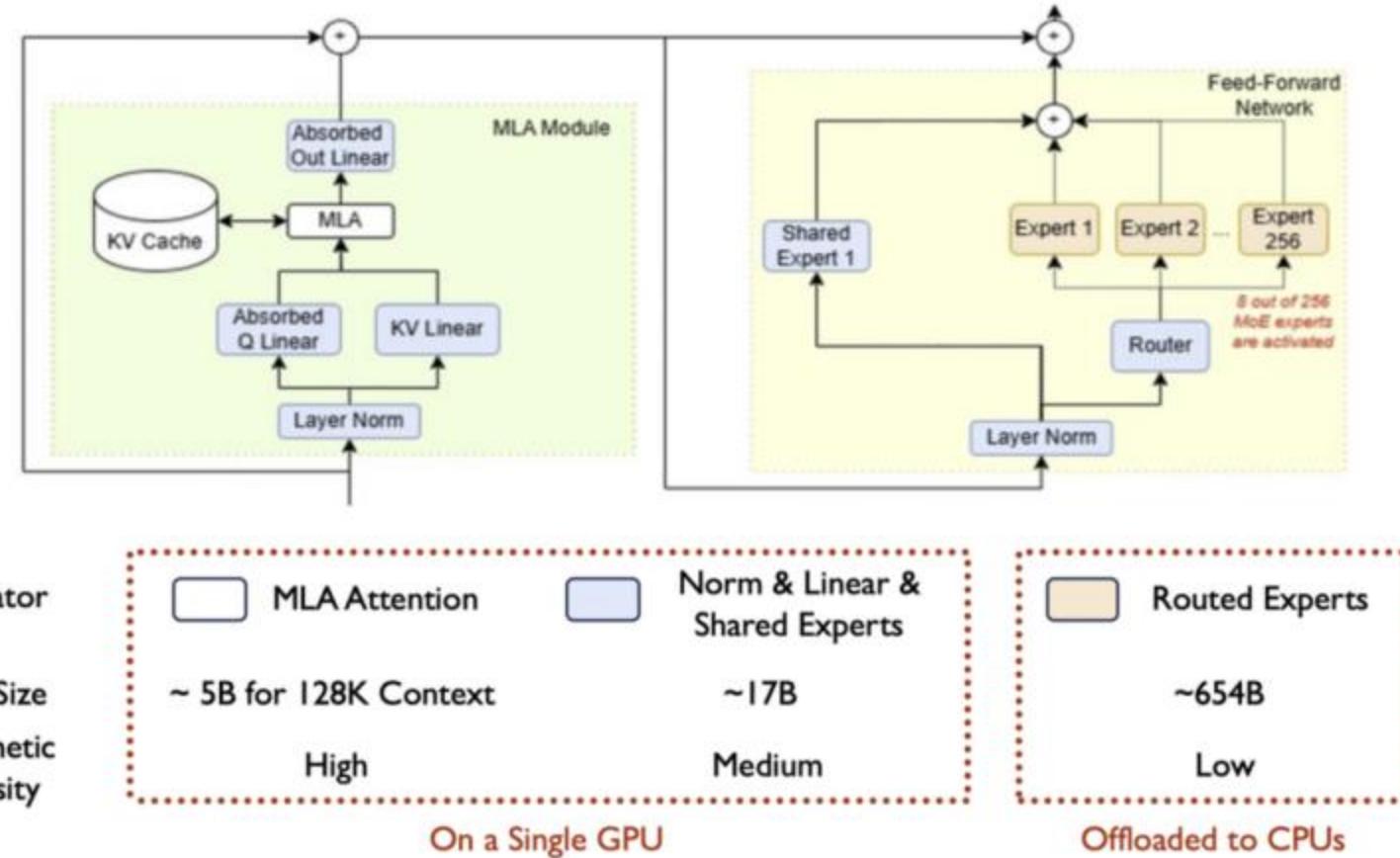
CUDA_VISIBLE_DEVICES=1,2 python -m sglang.launch_server \
--host 0.0.0.0 \
--port 10103 \
--model /mnt/data/models/KT1K-K2-Thinking/ \
--kt-weight-path /mnt/data/models/KT1K-K2-Thinking/ \
--kt-counter 96 \
--kt-threadpool-count 2 \
--kt-num-experts 1 \
--kt-ams-method RMSRMSA \
--kt-ams-momentum 0.95
```

The status bar at the bottom indicates the terminal is running on "ipl@sapphire2:/~sglLang\$".

The Explorer sidebar on the right lists the project files and folders:

- OPEN EDITORS:
 - Welcome
 - kt_rsh
 - kt_rpy
- SGLANG (SSH: SAPPHIRE2)
 - > devcontainer
 - > .github
 - > 3rdparty
 - > assets
 - > benchmark
 - > docker
 - > docs
 - > examples
 - > python
 - > scripts
 - > sgl-kernel
 - > sgl-router
 - > test
 - > .clang-formatignore
 - > .editorconfig
 - > .gitignore
 - > .isort.cfg
 - > .pre-commit-config.yaml
 - CODE_OF_CONDUCT.md
 - kt_rpy
 - kt_rsh
- LICENSE
- Makefile
- package-lock.json
- README.md
- sglLang_1117_10.sharepoint.json

Motivation: more experts placed on GPUs → fewer CPU memory accesses under bandwidth bottleneck



Hybrid Expert Backend:
 AMX-optimized CPU kernels + CPU/
 GPU Hybrid Expert Parallelism for MoE

KTransformers
 +
 SGL

Multi-GPU Hybrid Serving Engine:
 Multi-GPU Tensor Parallelism + Mixes
 different backends under one API

KTransformers Inference: Performance

Native KTransformers: single-GPU+CPU

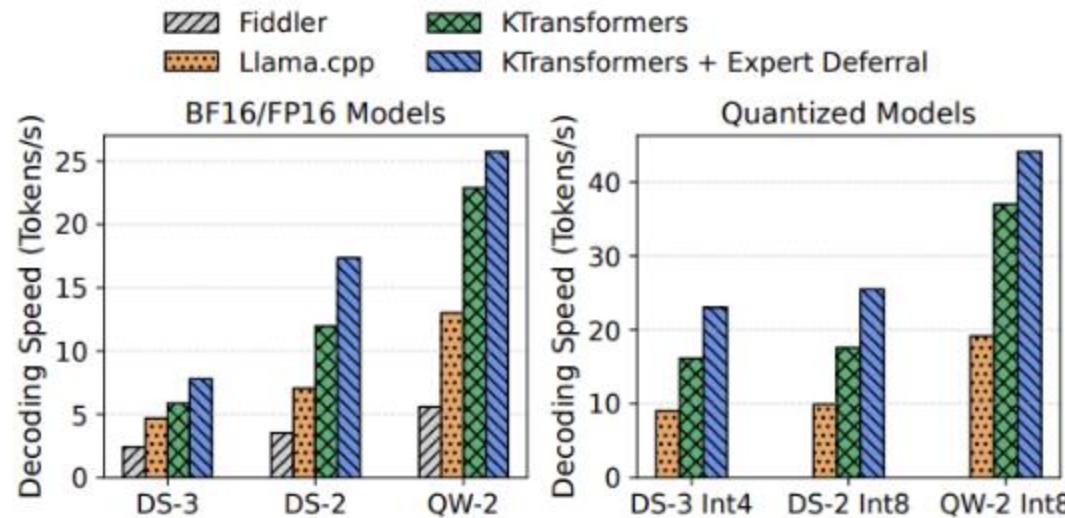


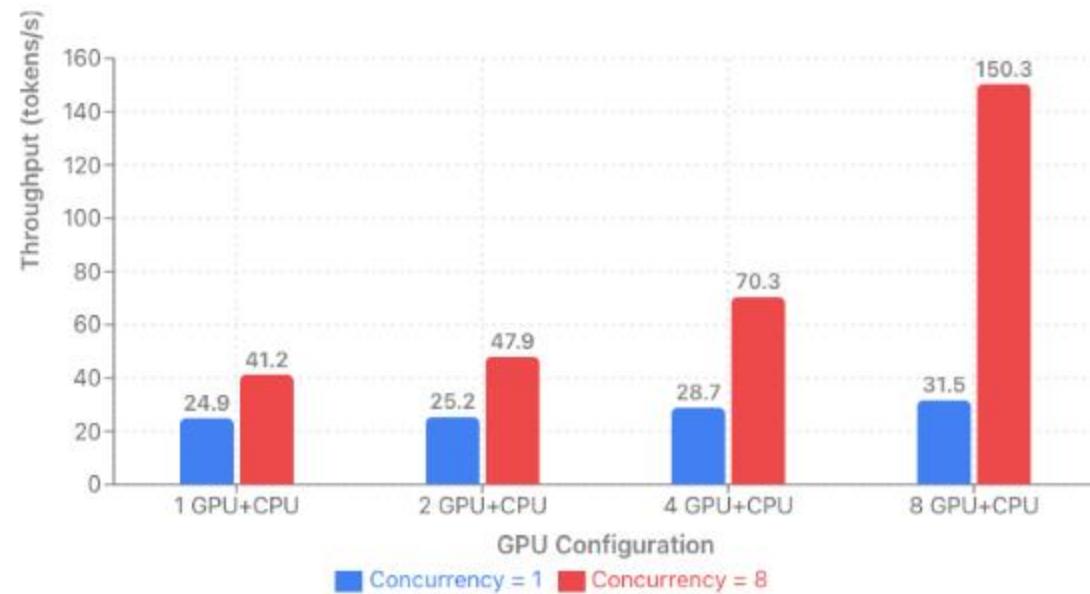
Figure 12. Comparison of decoding speed between KTRANSFORMERS and the state-of-the-art baselines.

KTransformers gains to reduced CPU/GPU coordination overhead, reaching up to **4x speedup**.

SGLang+KTransformers: multi-GPU+CPU

Multi-GPU + CPU Hybrid Inference Throughput

DeepSeek-V3 (int4) on 8x L20 GPUs + Dual Intel Xeon Gold 6454S | Input: 128 tokens, Output: 512 tokens



The same 8-GPU configuration achieves a **264% throughput** gain compared to 1 GPU.

KTransformers Inference: Practice Tutorial



Step 1: Prepare the model weights

Method1: Download the quantized model from
<https://modelscope.cn/profile/ApproachingAI2024>

A screenshot of the ModelScope website. It shows the user profile for 'ApproachingAI2024' with 1622 downloads and 2 followers. Below the profile, there are two listed models: 'ApproachingAI2024/bge-m3-FP16' and 'ApproachingAI2024/DeepSeek-R1-NextN'. Both models have their details and download links visible.

OR

Method2: Download the origin model from Huggingface, and convert by https://github.com/kvcache-ai/ktransformers/blob/main/kt-kernel/scripts/convert_cpu_weights.py

A screenshot of a GitHub repository page for 'ktransformers'. It shows the file 'scripts/convert_cpu_weights.py' with a brief description: 'AMXMoEWrapper -> KTMoEWrapper (#1604)'. Below the file, there are links to 'convert_cpu_weights.py' and 'convert_gpu_weights.py'.

```
CUDA_VISIBLE_DEVICES=1,2 python -m sclang.launch_server \
--host 0.0.0.0 \
--port 8000 \
--model /mnt/data/models/Qwen3-235B-A22B-Instruct-2507 \
--kt-weight-path /mnt/data/models/Qwen3-235B-A22B-Instruct-2507-INT8 \
--kt-method AMXINT8 \
--kt-cpuinfer 64 \
--kt-threadpool-count 2 \
--kt-num-gpu-experts 1 \
--kt-max-deferred-experts-per-token 2 \
--mem-fraction-static 0.92 \
--chunked-prefill-size 2048 \
--served-model-name Qwen3-235B-A22B \
--enable-mixed-chunk \
--max-running-requests 4 \
--max-total-tokens 512 \
--tensor-parallel-size 2 \
--enable-p2p-check \
--disable-shared-experts-fusion \
```

```
python scripts/convert_cpu_weights.py \
--input-path /mnt/data/models/Qwen3-235B-A22B-Instruct-2507 \
--input-type bf16 \
--output /mnt/data/models/Qwen3-235B-A22B-Instruct-2507-INT8 \
--quant-method int8
```



Step2: Launch the SGLang server

```
CUDA_VISIBLE_DEVICES=1,2 python -m sglang.launch_server \
--host 0.0.0.0 \
--port 8000 \
--model /mnt/data/models/Qwen3-235B-A22B-Instruct-2507 \
--kt-weight-path /mnt/data/models/Qwen3-235B-A22B-Instruct-2507-INT8 \
--kt-method AMXINT8 \
--kt-cpuinfer 64 \
--kt-threadpool-count 2 \
--kt-num-gpu-experts 1 \
--kt-max-deferred-experts-per-token 2 \
```

More original SGL settings refer to
<https://docs.sglang.ai/references/faq.html>

```
--mem-fraction-static 0.92 \
--chunked-prefill-size 2048 \
--served-model-name Qwen3-235B-A22B \
--enable-mixed-chunk \
--max-running-requests 4 \
--max-total-tokens 512 \
--tensor-parallel-size 2 \
--enable-p2p-check \
--disable-shared-experts-fusion \
```

KT settings about run faster/ more precise:

- kt-method: more throughput with AMXINT4, more precise with AMXINT8; without AMX, you can choose LLAMAFILE
- kt-cpuinfer: More CPU cores → **higher MoE throughput**
- kt-threadpool-count: The number of NUMA nodes
- kt-num-gpu-experts: More gpu-experts → faster calculation, but **higher GPU VRAM needs**

SGL settings if you deal with CUDA OOM:

- mem-fraction: If OOM, small to decrease KV Cache memory
- chunked-prefill-size: If OOM in prefill, reduce it to 2048/4096
- max-running-requests: If OOM in decoding, lower it
- max-total-tokens: If not long prompt, lower to prevent OOM

KTransformers Inference: Practice Tutorial



After launch the sglang server, the model exposes an OpenAI-compatible Chat Completions API

Just send HTTP requests to call the server by POST:

```
import requests

server_host_address = "http://127.0.0.1:8000"
chat_completion_endpoint = f"{server_host_address}/v1/chat/completions"

request_headers = {
    "Content-Type": "application/json"
}

request_payload = {
    "model": "Qwen3-235B-A22B",
    "messages": [
        {"role": "system", "content": "You are a helpful assistant."},
        {"role": "user", "content": "Please introduce KTransformers."}
    ],
    "max_tokens": 256,
    "temperature": 0.7,
    "stream": False
}

http_response = requests.post(chat_completion_endpoint, headers=request_headers, json=request_payload)
http_response.raise_for_status()

response_json_content = http_response.json()
assistant_message_content = response_json_content["choices"][0]["message"]["content"]

print(assistant_message_content)
```

Use the bench_serving in sglang:

```
python -m
sglang.bench_serving \
--backend sglang \
--host 127.0.0.1 \
--port 30000 \
--num-prompts 1000 \
--model
models/DeepSeek-RI-
0528-GPU-weight
```

```
===== Serving Benchmark Result =====
Backend: sglang
Traffic request rate: inf
Max request concurrency: not set
Successful requests: 10
Benchmark duration (s): 177.11
Total input tokens: 1997
Total input text tokens: 1997
Total input vision tokens: 0
Total generated tokens: 2354
Total generated tokens (retokenized): 2349
Request throughput (req/s): 0.06
Input token throughput (tok/s): 11.28
Output token throughput (tok/s): 13.29
Total token throughput (tok/s): 24.57
Concurrency: 5.86
-----End-to-End Latency-----
Mean E2E Latency (ms): 103867.77
Median E2E Latency (ms): 116207.86
-----Time to First Token-----
Mean TTFT (ms): 73474.43
Median TTFT (ms): 68896.86
P99 TTFT (ms): 148945.34
-----Time per Output Token (excl. 1st token)-----
Mean TPOT (ms): 129.39
Median TPOT (ms): 70.35
P99 TPOT (ms): 513.43
-----Inter-Token Latency-----
Mean ITL (ms): 129.66
Median ITL (ms): 70.04
P95 ITL (ms): 125.38
P99 ITL (ms): 140.76
Max ITL (ms): 111682.53
=====
```

Thanks!



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