1. **Understanding Model Parameters**:
   - A model's **parameters** are the weights (e.g., matrices, vectors) that the model learns during training.
   - For a model with n parameters, the memory required depends on the precision used to store these parameters.
2. **Precision Formats**:
   - **FP32 (Single Precision)**: Each parameter uses 4 bytes.
   - **FP16 (Half Precision)**: Each parameter uses 2 bytes.
     - FP16 is commonly used in deep learning inference to reduce memory usage and computational requirements without significant loss in accuracy.
3. **Memory Requirement Formula**:
   - Memory required for model parameters = $\text{Number of parameters} \times \text{Bytes per parameter}$.
4. **Application to LLaVA-Video-72B-Qwen2**:
   - This model has **72 billion parameters**:
   $$n = 72 \times 10^9$$
   - In FP16 format, each parameter requires 2 bytes.
   - Total memory required for parameters in FP16:
   $$\text{Memory (FP16)} = n \times 2 = 72 \times 10^9 \times 2 \,\text{bytes}$$
5. **Convert to Gigabytes (GB)**:
   - 1 GB = 1024^3 bytes = $1,073,741,824$ bytes.
   - Converting memory from bytes to GB:
   $$\text{Memory (GB)} = \frac{\text{Memory (bytes)}}{1,073,741,824}$$
   - Substituting the values:
   $$\text{Memory (GB)} = \frac{72 \times 10^9 \times 2}{1,073,741,824} \approx 144 \,\text{GB}.$$
6. **Additional Memory for Activations**:
   - The activations (intermediate computations like attention maps) during inference also require memory.
   - These activations typically add **20-30% of the model size**:
   $$\text{Total VRAM (FP16)} = 144 \,\text{GB} + (30\% \times 144 \,\text{GB}) \approx 180 \,\text{GB}.$$

Final Breakdown:

- **Model Parameters (FP16)**: $72\,\text{B} \times 2\,\text{bytes} \approx 144\,\text{GB}$.
- **Additional Activations**: ~30% of model size → **~180 GB** total memory required for inference.

This calculation helps determine the number of GPUs needed, as you must split this memory requirement across GPUs with limited VRAM.

can we reduce it to further down to FP16?

If you're already using **FP16 (half-precision)** for inference with **LLaVA-Video-72B-Qwen2**, the model parameters are already stored in the most commonly used efficient precision format for deep learning. However, there are additional methods to **further reduce memory requirements** without significantly impacting performance.

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1. Use Quantization (Lower than FP16)

Quantization is a technique to reduce the precision of model parameters further while maintaining accuracy.

a. Int8 Quantization

- Converts parameters from FP16 (16 bits) to **Int8 (8 bits)**, halving memory usage.
- Int8 parameters require only **1 byte per parameter**.
- **Memory Savings**:

$$72 \times 10^9 \times 1\,\text{byte} = 72\,\text{GB} \quad (\text{parameters only}).$$

- Tools like **Hugging Face's** `bitsandbytes` or **DeepSpeed** can handle Int8 quantization during inference.
- Example with Hugging Face:

```python
from transformers import AutoModelForCausalLM

model = AutoModelForCausalLM.from_pretrained(
    "lmms-lab/LLaVA-Video-72B-Qwen2",
    load_in_8bit=True,
    device_map="auto"
)
```

b. 4-Bit Quantization (FP4 or Int4)

- Reduces precision even further to **4 bits (half of Int8)**.
- Parameters require only **0.5 bytes per parameter**.
- **Memory Savings**:

$$72 \times 10^9 \times 0.5\,\text{byte} = 36\,\text{GB}.$$

- Note: Int4 quantization may impact model accuracy, but it's suitable for certain use cases.

Example:

- Using `bitsandbytes` for 4-bit quantization:

```python
from transformers import AutoModelForCausalLM

model = AutoModelForCausalLM.from_pretrained(
    "lmms-lab/LLaVA-Video-72B-Qwen2",
    load_in_4bit=True,
    device_map="auto"
)
```

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2. Layer Offloading

- **Offload less active model layers to CPU or disk** while keeping critical layers on the GPU.
- Tools like **DeepSpeed** or Hugging Face's `device_map` can offload parts of the model to reduce GPU memory usage.
- Example:

```python
from transformers import AutoModelForCausalLM

model = AutoModelForCausalLM.from_pretrained(
    "lmms-lab/LLaVA-Video-72B-Qwen2",
    device_map={"transformer.layers.0-23": "cpu", "transformer.layers.24-47": '
    torch_dtype=torch.float16
)
```

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3. Use Activation Checkpointing

- Saves memory by recomputing intermediate activations during backpropagation, rather than storing them.
- While this increases compute time, it drastically reduces GPU memory usage.

Example with Hugging Face:

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```python
from transformers import AutoModelForCausalLM

model = AutoModelForCausalLM.from_pretrained(
    "lmms-lab/LLaVA-Video-72B-Qwen2",
    device_map="auto",
    torch_dtype=torch.float16
).eval()

model.gradient_checkpointing_enable()
```

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4. Distributed Model Parallelism

- Split the model parameters across multiple GPUs (e.g., using **DeepSpeed**, **Tensor Parallelism**, or **Accelerate**).
- This reduces the memory load on a single GPU.

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5. Sparse Attention

- Use sparse attention mechanisms to reduce the memory footprint of attention layers.
- Many transformer-based models allow replacing dense attention with sparse approximations, reducing activation memory.

Summary of Techniques:

Method	Precision	Memory per Parameter	Total Parameter Memory	Pros	Cons
FP16	16 bits	2 bytes	144 GB	High accuracy	Already optimized.
Int8 Quantization	8 bits	1 byte	72 GB	Halves memory usage	Slight accuracy drop.
4-bit Quantization	4 bits	0.5 byte	36 GB	Drastically reduces memory usage	Potential accuracy loss.
Layer Offloading	Mixed	Dependent	Varies	Reduces GPU memory requirements	Slower inference.
Activation Checkpointing	16 bits	N/A	Varies	Significant memory savings	Increases compute time.

Conclusion

- For maximum memory reduction, use **Int8 or 4-bit quantization**.
- Combine with techniques like **offloading** and **model parallelism** to handle large models like LLaVA-Video-72B-Qwen2 on limited hardware.
- If extreme memory savings are needed, prioritize **4-bit quantization** and distributed inference setups.