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Offline Energy-Optimal LLM Serving: Workload-Based Energy Models for LLM Inference on Heterogeneous Systems

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Our Solution: Workload-Based Models



Don't look in aggregate, look at the node/device-level energy usage.

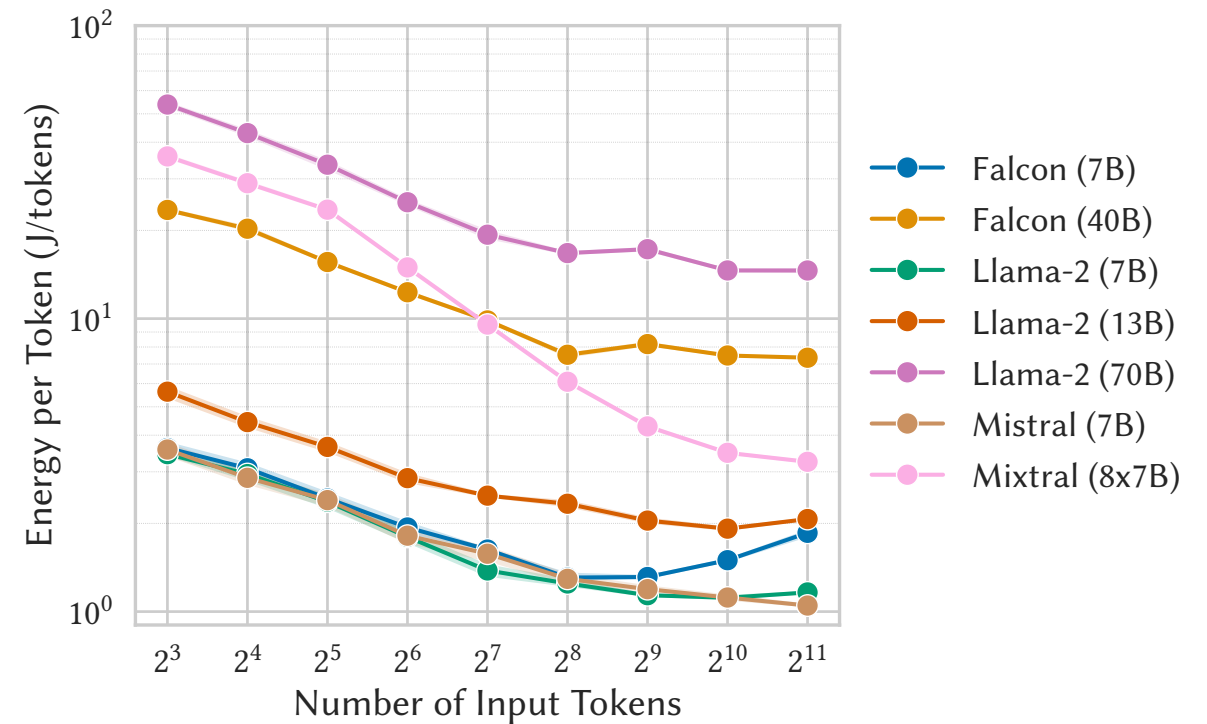
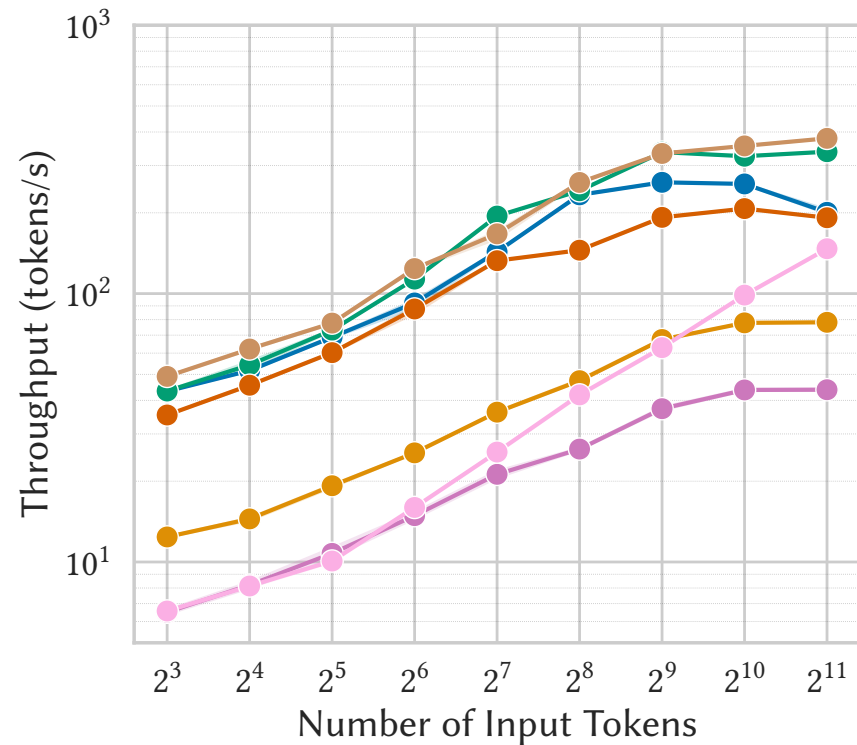


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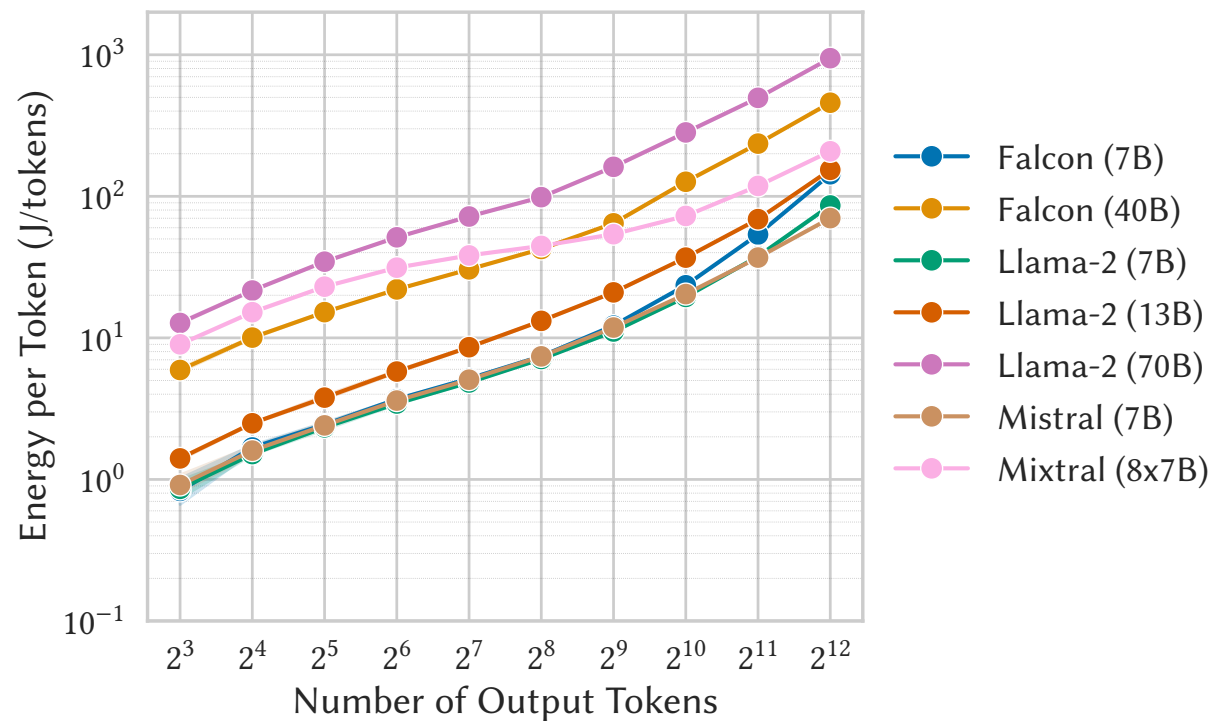
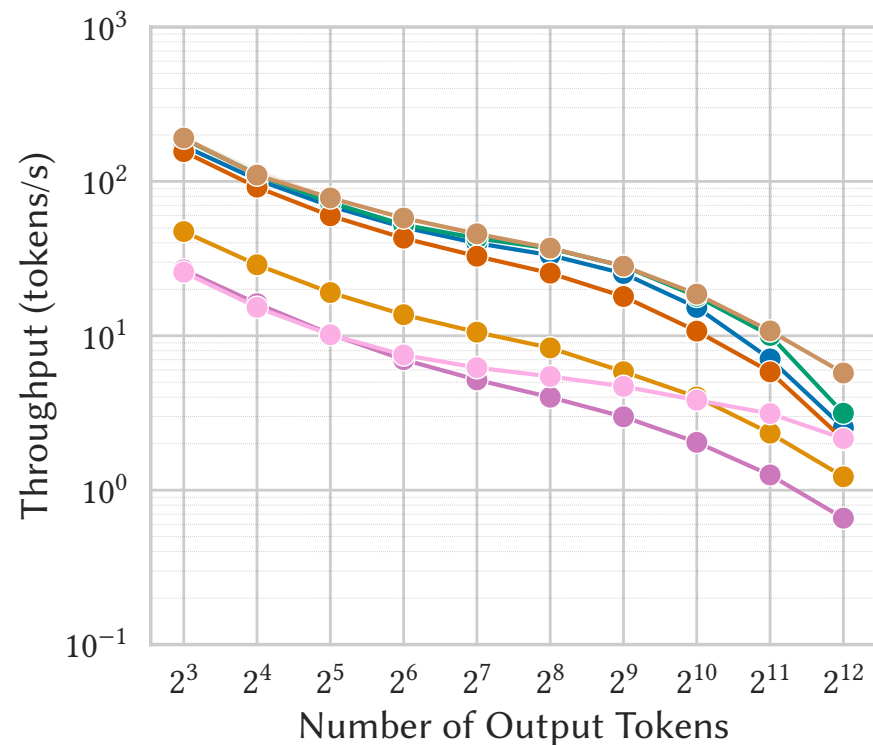
1. Quantified energy usage of multiple open-source LLMs
2. Developed multiple workload-based models for energy consumption / runtime
3. Demonstrated offline routing with operational tuning
4. Open-source energy profiling tools



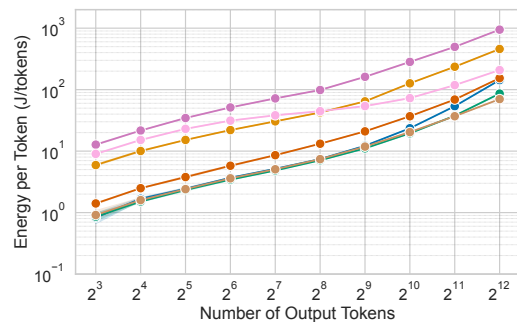
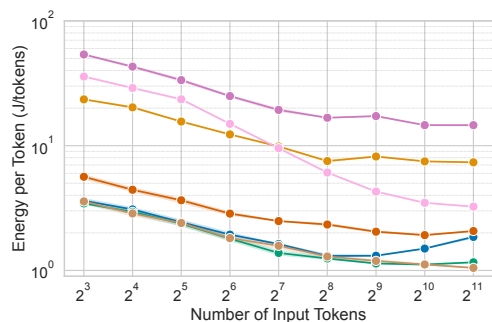
Energy Efficiency and Throughput: Input Tokens



Energy Efficiency and Throughput: Output Tokens



Workload-Based Models



Data

$$e_K(\tau_{in}, \tau_{out}) = \alpha_{K,0}\tau_{in} + \alpha_{K,1}\tau_{out} + \alpha_{K,2}\tau_{in}\tau_{out}$$

LLM (# Params)	Energy Model (e_K)		
	R^2	F-statistic	p-value
Falcon (7B)	0.964	681.2	2.53e-55
Falcon (40B)	0.972	904.5	1.78e-60
Llama-2 (7B)	0.973	942.3	3.76e-61
Llama-2 (13B)	0.972	887.8	3.60e-60
Llama-2 (70B)	0.976	1022	6.66e-62
Mistral (7B)	0.975	997.0	1.70e-61
Mixtral (8x7B)	0.980	1238	4.97e-65

Models

$$\min_{Q_K \in Q} \sum_{K \in \mathcal{K}} \sum_{(\tau_{in}, \tau_{out}) \in Q_K} \zeta \widehat{e_K}(\tau_{in}, \tau_{out}) - (1 - \zeta) \widehat{a_K}(\tau_{in}, \tau_{out}) \quad (2)$$

$$\text{s.t., } 0 < \frac{|Q_K|}{|Q|} < 1 \quad (3)$$

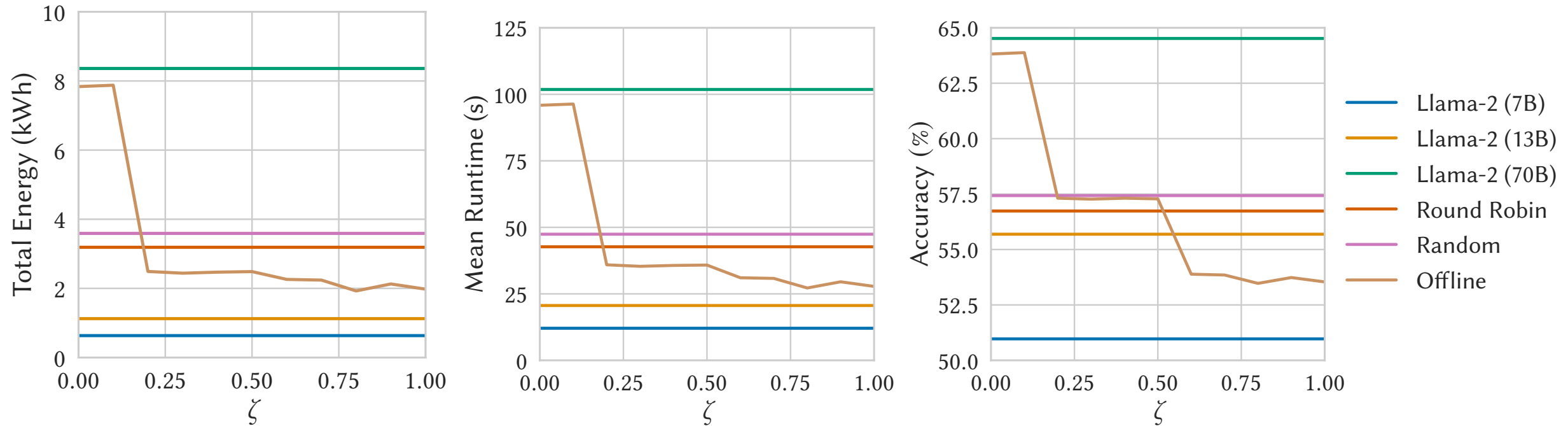
$$Q = \bigcup_{K \in \mathcal{K}} Q_K \quad (4)$$

$$Q_I \cap Q_J = \emptyset, I \neq J, \forall I, J \in \mathcal{K}, \quad (5)$$

Optimization



Offline Routing



Limitations

1. No optimizations for inference (e.g. DeepSpeed or vLLM)
2. Zeta parameter tuning is not automated
3. No current extension to online setting



Takeaway

We can profile a system and rapidly create accurate models of energy consumption that can be used to make informed scheduling decisions.

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