

# ReST-KV Robustness to Attention Redistribution in Long-Context Retrieval Benchmarks

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## Abstract

This report synthesises findings from 14 peer-reviewed papers addressing the following research question: How does ReST-KV's robustness to attention redistribution compare to memory-optimized inference methods like SmootherMem or Memoize when evaluated on the Needle-in-a-Haystack benchmark at context. 13 claims were extracted from source literature; 0 were independently verified against retrieved documents. An automated multi-reviewer quality assessment produced a score of 3.6/10. This report is a machine-generated literature synthesis and does not constitute original research.

## 1 Introduction

This paper examines: ReST-KV: Robust KV Cache Eviction with Layerwise Output Reconstruction and Spatial-Temporal Smoothing. Research question: How does ReST-KV's robustness to attention redistribution compare to memory-optimized inference methods like SmootherMem or Memoize when evaluated on the Needle-in-a-Haystack benchmark at context lengths of 128k+ tokens, measured by retrieval accuracy and perplexity?.

## 2 Methodology

Systematic literature search across multiple databases yielded 14 papers. Claims were extracted from source material and verified against retrieved documents. An independent multi-reviewer assessment produced a quality score of 3.6/10.

## 3 Results

14 papers retrieved. 13 claims extracted; 0 independently verified. Quality review score: 3.6/10.

## 4 Limitations

This report is a machine-generated literature synthesis and does not constitute original research. Automated retrieval and verification may introduce errors or omissions. Review scores reflect automated assessment, not human peer review. Readers should consult primary sources for authoritative information.

## 5 Extracted Claims

Claim	Verified	Confidence
ReST-KV was evaluated on five open-source LLMs: Llama2-Chat, Gemma-Instruct, Llama3-Instruct, Mistral-Instruct-v0.3, and	×	0.03
Llama2-Chat and Gemma-Instruct utilize Multi-head attention architecture.	×	0.03
Llama3-Instruct, Mistral-Instruct-v0.3, and Qwen2.5-Instruct utilize Grouped-query attention architecture.	×	0.02
ReST-KV was compared against five baseline methods: StreamingLLM, H2O, TOVA, SnapKV, and LaCache.	×	0.04
ReST-KV was evaluated on the LongBench benchmark, which covers 16 datasets across six categories.	×	0.05
ReST-KV was evaluated on the RULER benchmark, consisting of 4 categories and 13 complex tasks.	×	0.04
ReST-KV was evaluated on the Needle-in-a-Haystack benchmark.	×	0.09
ReST-KV was evaluated on the InfiniteBench benchmark, which includes 10 tasks.	×	0.06
ReST-KV achieves approximately a 36.0% reduction in peak memory usage compared to full cache at a context length of 128k	×	0.11
ReST-KV achieves an approximate 10.61 $\times$ speedup in decoding latency over the full cache method at a 128K context length.	×	0.12
ReST-KV yields a Time-To-First-Token (TTFT) speedup of up to 3.42 $\times$ when compatible with prefill sparse attention approach	×	0.05
ReST-KV has a computational complexity comparable to that of SnapKV.	×	0.04
KV cache reduces redundant computation in LLMs by storing previously computed keys and values.	×	0.07

## References

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