Trellis: A Domain-Specific Language for Hidden Markov Models with Sparse Transitions

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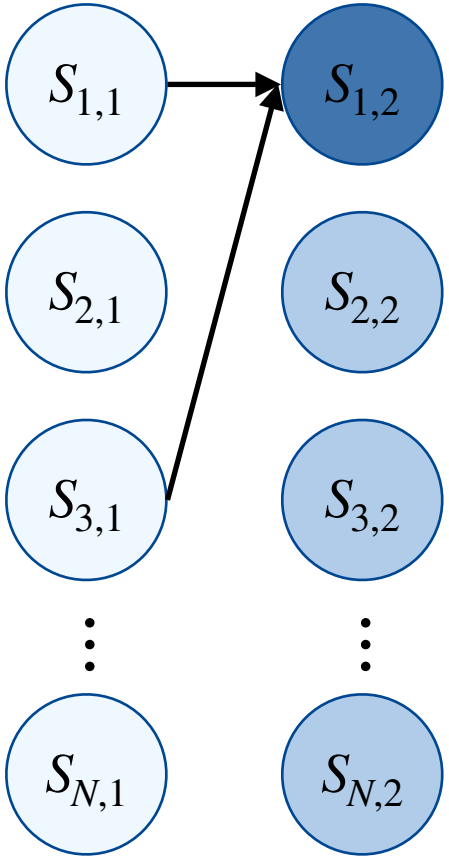
Introduction

Motivation

- Hidden Markov Models (HMMs) are used in many different fields
  - Bioinformatics
  - Signal processing
  - Pattern recognition

Problem

- Sparse HMMs with many states
- Model separation



Related Work

- **Problem**: Focused on dense HMMs

HMMoC (Lunter, 2007)

HMMConverter (Lam & Meyer, 2009)

zipHMM (Sand et. al., 2013)

StochHMM (Lott & Korf, 2014)

pomegranate (Schreiber, 2018)

Contributions

- Trellis DSL for sparse HMMs
- Trellis compiler producing efficient GPU code
- Predecessor computation

```
let merlength = 3
let maxduration = 16
type Nucleotide = {A, C, G, T}
alias Kmer = Nucleotide[merlength]
alias Duration = 1 .. maxduration
alias ObsType = 0 .. 100
model {
  state = (Duration, Kmer)
  output = ObsType
  table initialProb(Duration, Kmer)
  table outputProb(ObsType, Kmer)
  table trans1(Kmer, Nucleotide)
  table trans2(Duration)
  table gamma()
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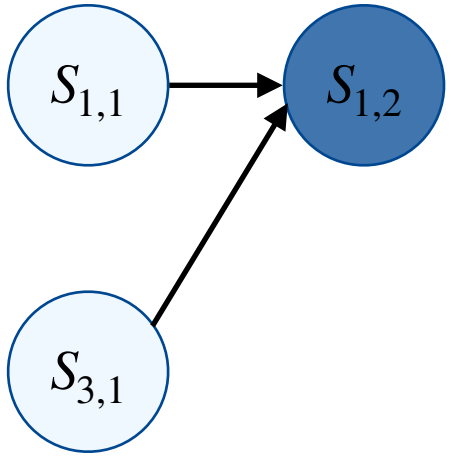

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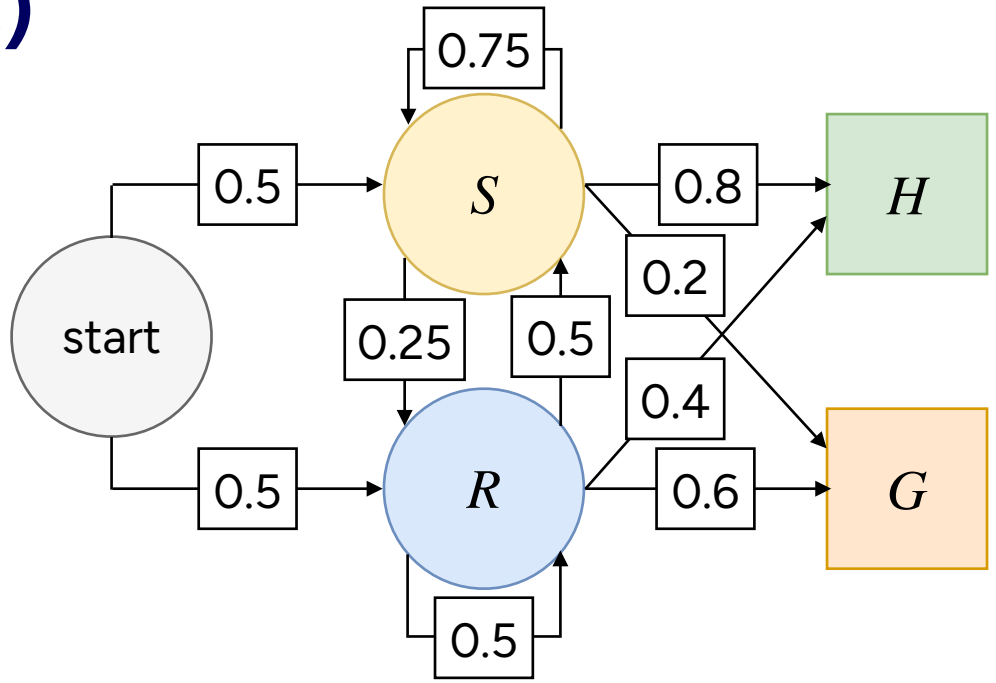
Hidden Markov Models

Hidden Markov Models (HMMs)

- Hidden states (S = sunny, R = rainy)
- Outputs (H = happy, G = grumpy)
- Initial probability
- Output probability
- Transition probability



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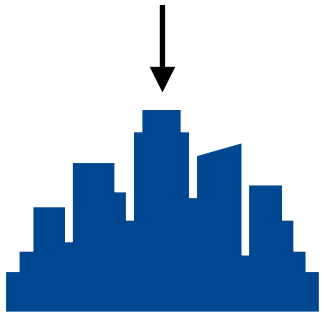

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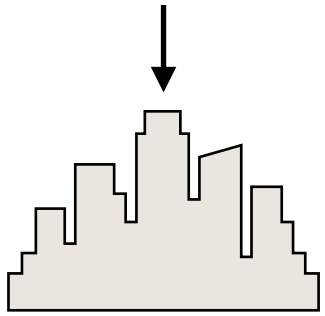

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Trellis Language

- Declarative HMM language
- Sparse model example
- Transition cases

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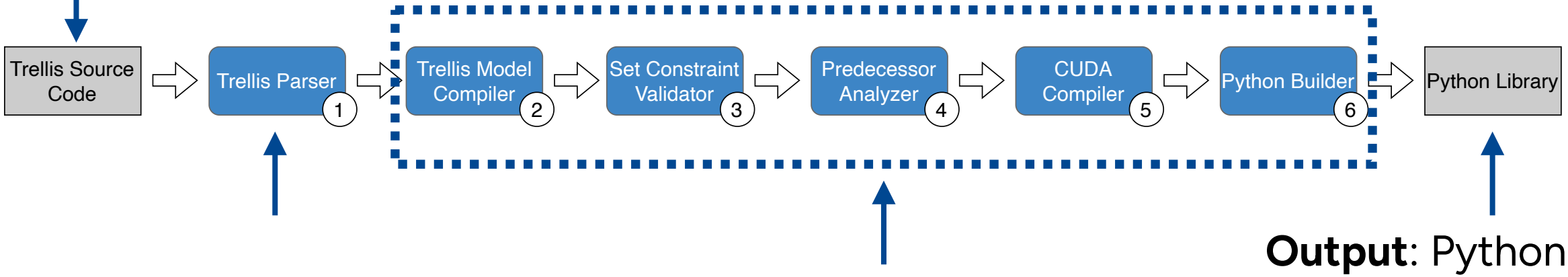
Compiler Overview

Input: Trellis model



Output: Python library performing GPU calls

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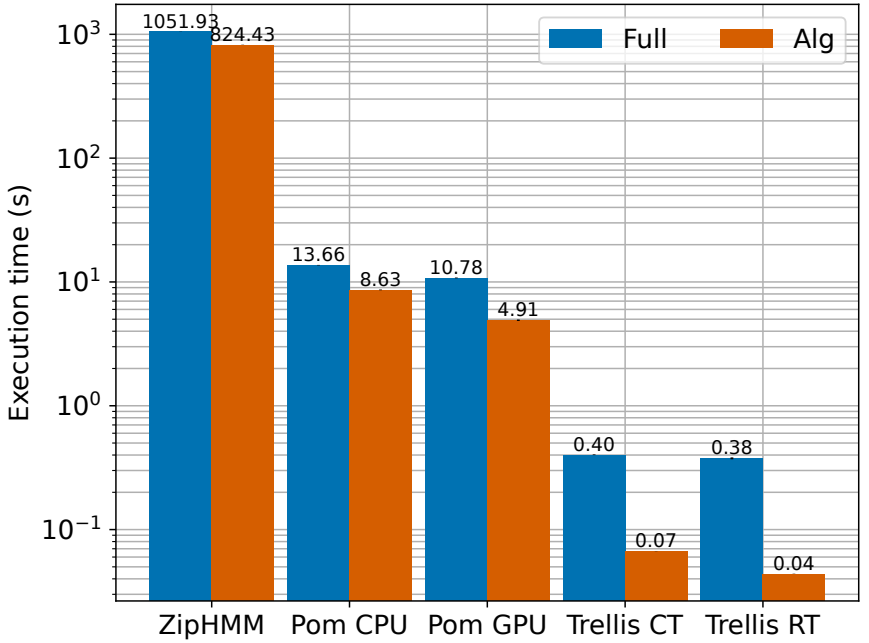
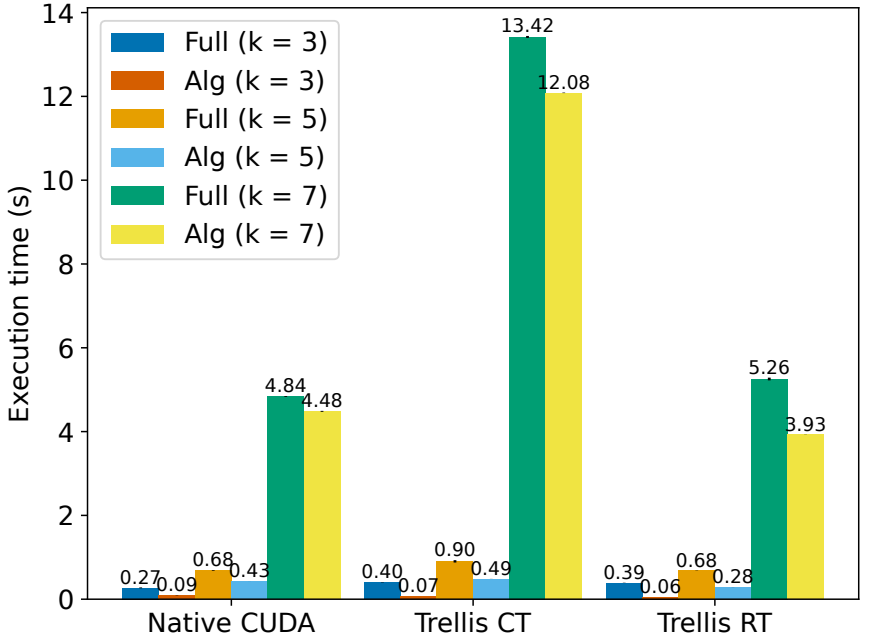
- Trellis outperforms previous work
- Matches performance of hand-written CUDA





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- Trellis is a DSL designed for sparse HMMs
- Implemented in Miking

https://github.com/miking-lang/trellis-dsl

Thank you for listening!

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