Analyzing and Predicting LBUG's with a Hidden Markov Model

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Overview

- Brief overview of latest Lustre deployment.
- `LBUG`'s in Lustre and implications.
- Process Lustre log data with log stash.
- Markov Model (MM).
- Hidden Markov Model (HMM).
- Example (from text processing) what HMM's can analyze.
- Frequency distributions of function calls.
- Visualized MM transition and HMM emission matrices.
- Sampling and predicting LBUG's in future time windows.

Nyx Storage Cluster (6.7 PByte)

MDT's

- Consists of 2 MDT machines (lxmds[12,13].gsi.de) with modified Redhat kernel 2.6.32-lustre-2.5.3-90-gsi and `ldiskfs` file system backend for fast meta data performance (compared to ZFS).
- Fail-over setup RAID-1 via fiberchannel, lxmds[15,16].gsi.de.

OSS's

- Consists of 45 OSS machines (lxfs[331-375].gsi.de) each having 7 OSTs, and each OST contains $10 + 1$ disks within a ZFS pool.
- In total: Each OSS has 150 TB $\times$ 45 gives 6.7 PByte.
- Each OSS runs unmodified Debian Wheezy 3.2 and SPL/ZFS 0.6.3-1.3 and Lustre 2.5.3.

Clients

- Lustre client 2.6.92 with integrated LU-6222 patch, ported by GSI to work with Jessie 3.16 Kernel.

LBUG's and Implications

- Lustre is a large project with complex code base.
- Lustre is prone to critical software bugs called (LBUG's).
- LBUG is a software behavior that causes freeze of kernel thread and subsequent reboot.

```
void lbug_with_loc(struct libcfs_debug_msg_data *) __attribute__((noreturn));

#define LBUG()                                                          \
do {                                                                    \
        LIBCFS_DEBUG_MSG_DATA_DECL(msgdata, D_EMERG, NULL);             \
        lbug_with_loc(&msgdata);                                        \
} while(0)

#define LIBCFS_DEBUG_MSG_DATA_DECL(dataname, mask, cdls)     \
        static struct libcfs_debug_msg_data dataname = {     \
                .msg_subsys = DEBUG_SUBSYSTEM,               \
                .msg_file   = __FILE__,                      \
                .msg_fn     = __FUNCTION__,                  \
                .msg_line   = __LINE__,                      \
                .msg_cdls   = (cdls)          };             \
        dataname.msg_mask   = (mask);
```

"Note - LBUG freezes the thread to allow capture of the panic stack. A system reboot is needed to clear the thread."

From: http://wiki.lustre.org/manual/LustreManual20_HTML/LustreTroubleshooting.html

LBUG's in Lustre Code Example

```
int mdt_getxattr(struct mdt_thread_info *info)
{
        struct ptlrpc_request   *req = mdt_info_req(info);
        struct mdt_export_data  *med = mdt_req2med(req);
        struct lu_ucred         *uc  = lu_ucred(info->mti_env);
        ...
        ...
        valid = info->mti_body->valid & (OBD_MD_FLXATTR | OBD_MD_FLXATTRLS);

        if (valid == OBD_MD_FLXATTR) {
                char *xattr_name = req_capsule_client_get(info->mti_pill,
                                                          &RMF_NAME);
                rc = mdt_getxattr_one(info, xattr_name, next, buf, med, uc);
        } else if (valid == OBD_MD_FLXATTRLS) {
                CDEBUG(D_INODE, "listxattr\n");

                rc = mo_xattr_list(info->mti_env, next, buf);
                if (rc < 0)
                        CDEBUG(D_INFO, "listxattr failed: %d\n", rc);
        } else if (valid == OBD_MD_FLXATTRALL) {
                rc = mdt_getxattr_all(info, reqbody, repbody,
                                      buf, next);
        } else
                LBUG();
```

Lustre Log Data Pre-Processing Steps

1. Fetching entire log data from archive tape.
2. Resulting in "giant" log data.

```
drwxr-sr-x 14 root staff   114 Mai   2 11:37 ..
-rw-r-----  1 root adm    2,5G Feb   2  2012 syslog-20120201
-rw-r-----  1 root adm    2,0G Feb   3  2012 syslog-20120202
-rw-r-----  1 root adm    2,2G Feb   4  2012 syslog-20120203
-rw-r-----  1 root adm    2,0G Feb   5  2012 syslog-20120204
-rw-r-----  1 root adm    1,9G Feb   6  2012 syslog-20120205
-rw-r-----  1 root adm    1,9G Feb   7  2012 syslog-20120206
(...)

du -sh 2012/02/
57G     02/
```

- Total amount of Lustre log data for 2012 is $\approx$ 2.1 GByte.

Processed Lustre Logs

Logstash: CSV exported data to be analyzed:

Example 1:

```
Mar 26 20:05:28,lxfs290,LustreError,filter.c,2732,__filter_oa2dentry,testlust-
    OST001f: filter_preprw_read on non-existent object: 10
Mar 26 20:05:28,lxfs290,LustreError,filter_io.c,488,filter_preprw_read,ASSERTION
    (PageLocked(lnb->page)) failed
Mar 26 20:05:28,lxfs290,LustreError,filter_io.c,488,filter_preprw_read,LBUG
```

Example 2:

```
May 27 22:56:01,lxfs124,LustreError,events.c,381,server_bulk_callback,"event
    type 4, status -5, desc ffff8800c791c000"
May 28 00:15:50,lxmds11,LustreError,client.c,178,ptlrpc_free_bulk,ASSERTION(
    atomic_read(&(desc->bd_export)->exp_refcount) < 0x5a5a5a) failed
May 28 00:15:50,lxmds11,LustreError,service.c,1426,ptlrpc_server_handle_request,
    ASSERTION(atomic_read(&(export)->exp_refcount) < 0x5a5a5a) failed
May 28 00:15:50,lxmds11,LustreError,service.c,1426,ptlrpc_server_handle_request,
    LBUG
May 28 00:15:50,lxmds11,LustreError,client.c,178,ptlrpc_free_bulk,LBUG
```

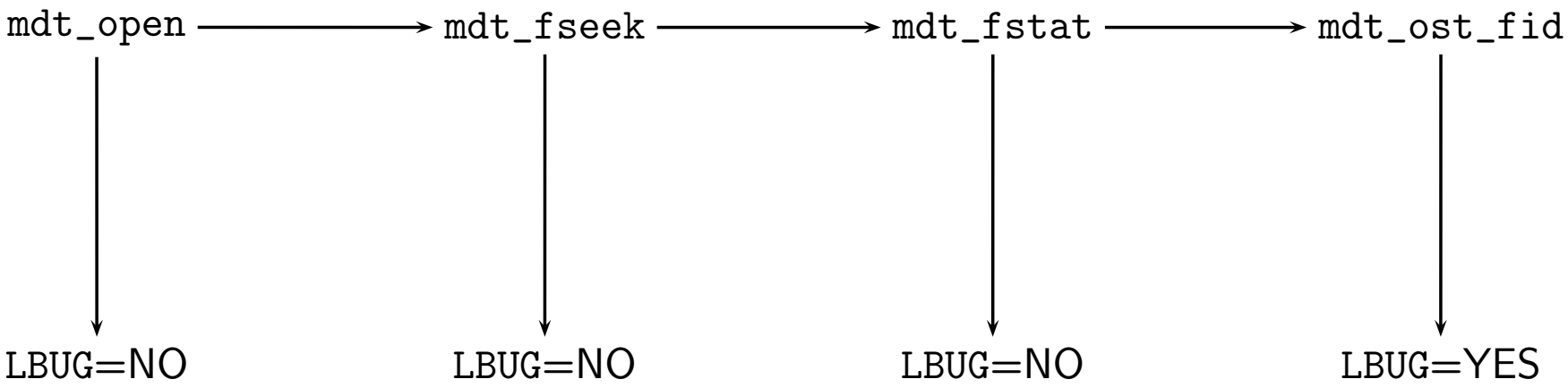
Note: Patch exists for Example 2

Lustre / LU-919

Multiple wrong LBUGs checking cfs_atomic_t vars/fields with inacurate poison value of 0x5a5a5a

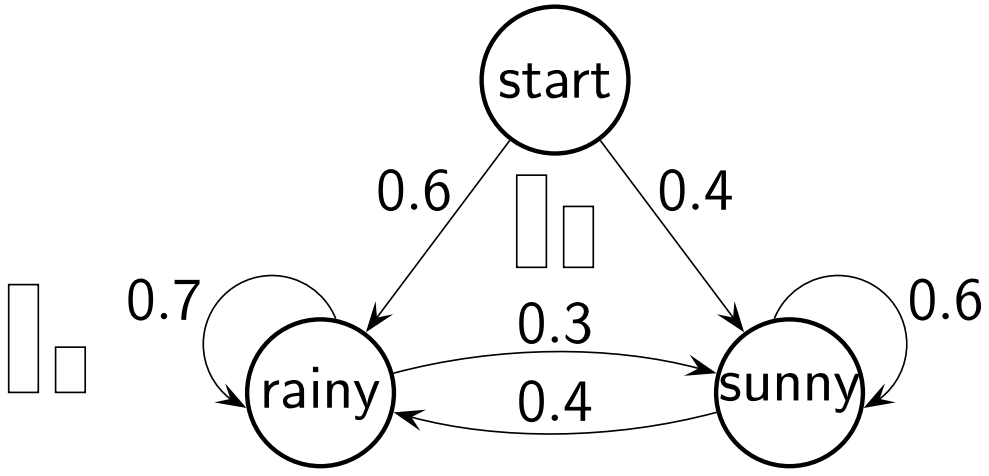
Can we predict LBUG's in Lustre?

Consider this simple approach for modeling Lustre *function calls* and corresponding LBUG occurrence:



This looks like the familiarized Hidden Markov model.

Markov Model Weather Example



$$\mathbf{s} = \begin{array}{c} \begin{array}{cc} \text{rainy} & \text{sunny} \end{array} \\ \begin{pmatrix} 0.6 & 0.4 \end{pmatrix} \end{array}$$

$$\mathbf{H} = \begin{array}{c} \\ \text{rainy} \\ \text{sunny} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \begin{array}{cc} \text{rainy} & \text{sunny} \end{array} \\ \begin{pmatrix} 0.7 & 0.3 \\ 0.4 & 0.6 \end{pmatrix} \end{array}$$

T	:	Length of observation sequence.
N_Q	:	Number of states in the model.
$\mathbf{s}$	:	Initial state distribution.
$\mathbf{H}$	:	Transition matrix.
$\{Q_1, Q_2, \ldots, Q_T\}$	:	Set of time indexed random variables for states.
$\mathfrak{M} = (\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{H})$	:	Markov model parameters.

Joint distribution for *sequence* of T observations
$\Pr(Q_1, Q_2, \ldots, Q_T) = \Pr(Q_1) \prod_{t=2}^{T} \Pr(Q_t | Q_1, \ldots, Q_{t-1})$

Joint distribution under *first-order* Markov assumption:
$\Pr(Q_1, Q_2, \ldots, Q_T) = \Pr(Q_1) \prod_{t=2}^{T} \Pr(Q_t | Q_{t-1})$

Markov Model Weather Example (cont.)

Given that weather on day 1 ($t = 1$) is sunny.

- What is the probability for the next 3 days weather will be $\mathcal{O}$ ="sunny→rainy→rainy"?

$$
\begin{aligned}
\Pr(\mathcal{O}|\mathfrak{M}) &= \Pr(Q_1 = \text{sunny}, Q_2 = \text{sunny}, Q_3 = \text{rainy}, Q_4 = \text{rainy}) \\
&= \Pr(Q_1 = \text{sunny}) \cdot \Pr(Q_2 = \text{sunny} \,|\, Q_1 = \text{sunny}) \\
&\quad \cdot \Pr(Q_3 = \text{rainy} \,|\, Q_2 = \text{sunny}) \\
&\quad \cdot \Pr(Q_4 = \text{rainy} \,|\, Q_3 = \text{rainy}) \\
&= \mathbf{s}_2 \cdot \mathbf{H}_{22} \cdot \mathbf{H}_{21} \cdot \mathbf{H}_{11} \\
&= 0.4 \cdot 0.6 \cdot 0.4 \cdot 0.7 = 0.0672
\end{aligned}
$$

Note: Entries in matrix $\mathbf{H}$ can be interpreted as follows:

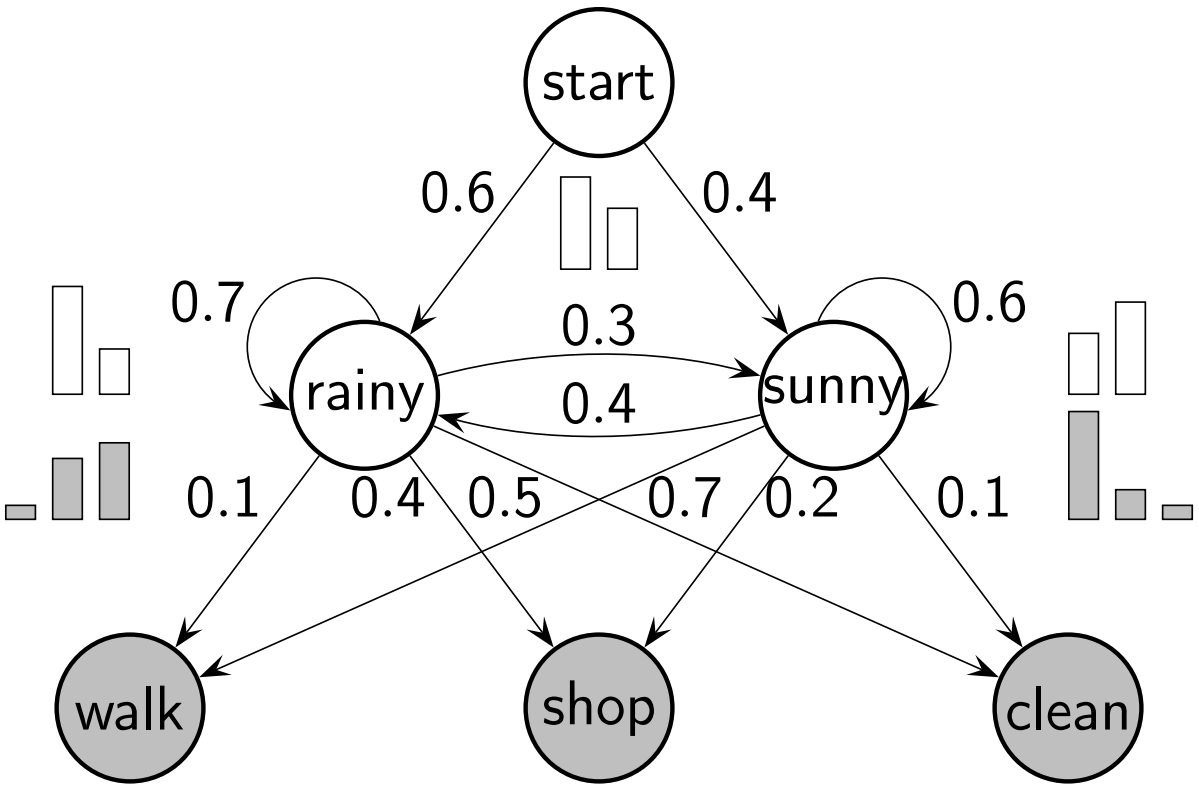
$$\mathbf{H}_{ij} = \Pr(Q_{t+1} = j \,|\, Q_t = i)$$

where for the sake of simplicity states are from set $\{1, 2, \ldots, N_Q\}$

Hidden Markov models

Suppose we are locked in room without windows, and somebody is telling us the following observations and ask us to tell him what weather is outside:

$$\mathcal{O} = \text{walk} \rightarrow \text{clean} \rightarrow \text{shop} \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow \text{shop}$$



$$\mathbf{s} = \begin{matrix} \text{rainy} & \text{sunny} \end{matrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0.6 & 0.4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{H} = \begin{matrix} \\ \text{rainy} \\ \text{sunny} \end{matrix} \begin{matrix} \begin{matrix} \text{rainy} & \text{sunny} \end{matrix} \\ \begin{pmatrix} 0.7 & 0.3 \\ 0.4 & 0.6 \end{pmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

$$\mathbf{E} = \begin{matrix} \\ \text{rainy} \\ \text{sunny} \end{matrix} \begin{matrix} \begin{matrix} \text{walk} & \text{shop} & \text{clean} \end{matrix} \\ \begin{pmatrix} 0.1 & 0.4 & 0.5 \\ 0.7 & 0.2 & 0.1 \end{pmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

Hidden Markov models (cont.)

T	:	Length of observation sequence.
N_Q	:	Number of states in the model.
$\mathbf{s}$	:	Initial state distribution.
$\mathbf{H}$	:	Transition matrix.
$\mathbf{E}$	:	Emission probability matrix.
$\{Q_1, Q_2, \ldots, Q_T\}$	:	Set of time indexed random variables for states.
$\{O_1, O_2, \ldots, O_T\}$	:	Set of time indexed random variables for observable symbols.
$\mathfrak{M} = (\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{H}, \mathbf{E})$	:	Hidden Markov model parameters.

Problem 1: Calculate probability of observation sequence $\mathcal{O}$, given model $\mathfrak{M}$, that is $\Pr(\mathcal{O} \,|\, \mathfrak{M}) = ?$

Problem 2: Given HMM and observation sequence $\mathcal{O}$, find most likely hidden state sequence.

Problem 3: How do we estimate model parameters $\mathfrak{M} = (\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{H}, \mathbf{E})$ to maximize $\Pr(\mathcal{O} \,|\, \mathfrak{M})$. Loosely speaking, how do we estimate $\mathfrak{M}$ that "best" fits our data $\mathcal{O}$.

For further details see paper:

- *Lawrence R. Rabiner*: A Tutorial on Hidden Markov Models and Selected Applications in Speech Recognition. Proceedings of the IEEE, 1989, pages 257-286.

Hidden Markov models (cont.)

Consider a state hidden sequence $\mathbf{Q} = Q_1, Q_2, \ldots, Q_T$ where Q_1 is initial state, we assume statistical independence of observations and thus get

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr(\mathbf{O} \,|\mathbf{Q}, \mathfrak{M}) &= \prod_{t=1}^{T} \Pr(O_t \mid Q_t, \mathfrak{M}) \\ &= \mathbf{E}_{Q_1,O_1} \cdot \mathbf{E}_{Q_2,O_2} \cdots \mathbf{E}_{Q_T,O_T}. \end{aligned}$$

Probability of hidden state sequence:

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr(\mathbf{Q} \,|\, \mathfrak{M}) &= \Pr(Q_1) \prod_{t=2}^{T} \Pr(Q_t \,|Q_{t-1}) \\ &= \mathbf{s}_{Q_1} \cdot \mathbf{H}_{Q_1 Q_2} \cdots \mathbf{H}_{Q_{T-1} Q_T}. \end{aligned}$$

Then the joint probability distribution is

$$\Pr(\mathbf{O}, \mathbf{Q} \,|\, \mathfrak{M}) = \Pr(Q_1) \prod_{t=2}^{T} \Pr(Q_t \,|Q_{t-1}) \prod_{t=1}^{T} \Pr(O_t \mid Q_t)$$

Analyze Novel Flatland with a HMM

Example from Sec. 1 *Of the Nature of Flatland:* by Edwin A. Abbott

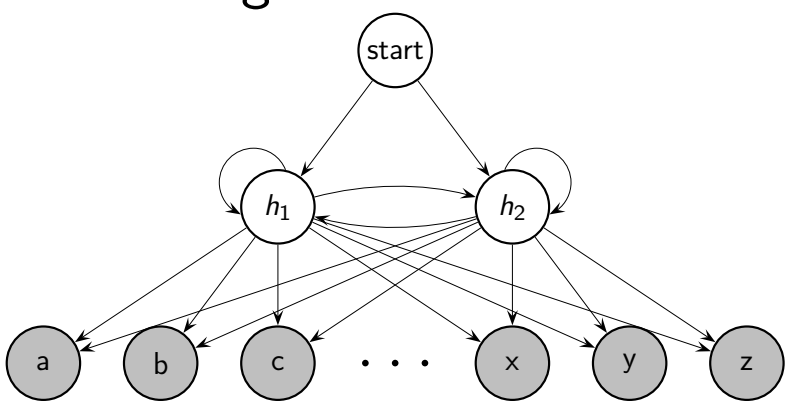
```
I call our world Flatland, not because we call it so, but to make its
nature clearer to you, my happy readers, who are privileged to live in
Space.

Imagine a vast sheet of paper on which straight Lines, Triangles,
Squares, Pentagons, Hexagons, and other figures, ...
```

Process and convert text into:

```
i c a l l o u r w o r l d f l a t l a n d n o t b e c a u s e w e c a l l i t
s o b u t t o m a k e i t s n a t u r e c l e a r e r t o y o u m y h a p p y
r e a d e r s w h o a r e p r i v i l e g e d t o l i v e i n s p a c e i m a
g i n e a v a s t s h e e t o f p a p e r o n w h i c h s t r a i g h t l i n
e s t r i a n g l e s s q u a r e s p e n t a g o n s h e x a g o n s a n d o
t h e r f i g u r e s
```

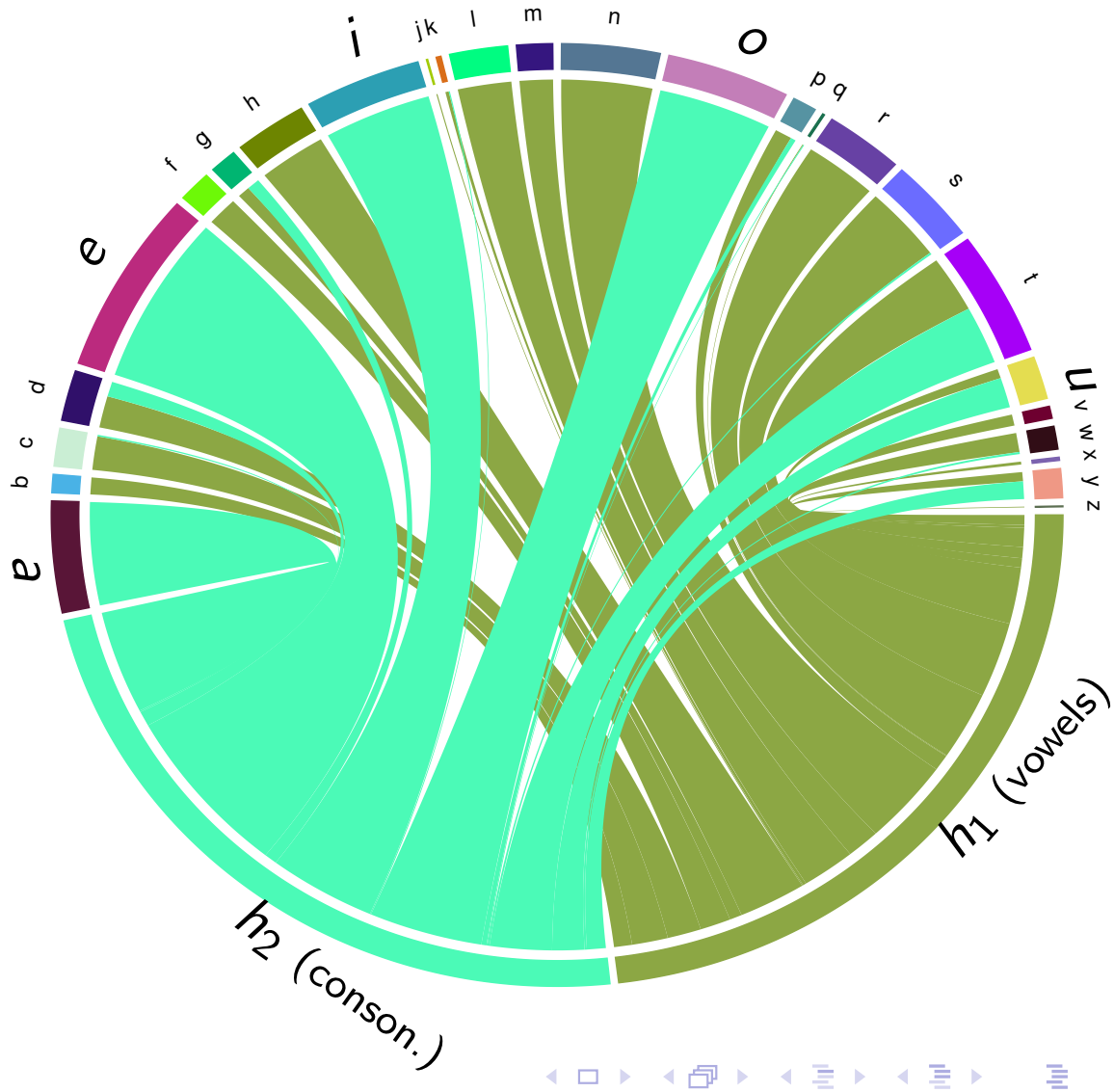
Train HMM of following form:



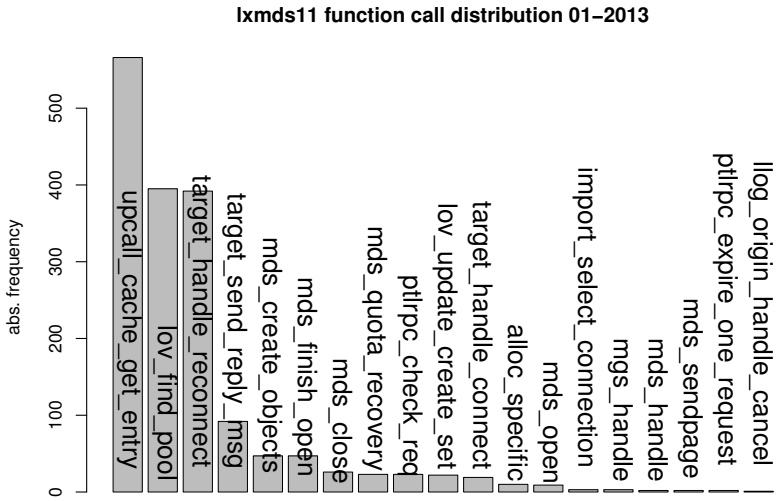
Analyze Novel Flatland with a HMM (cont.)

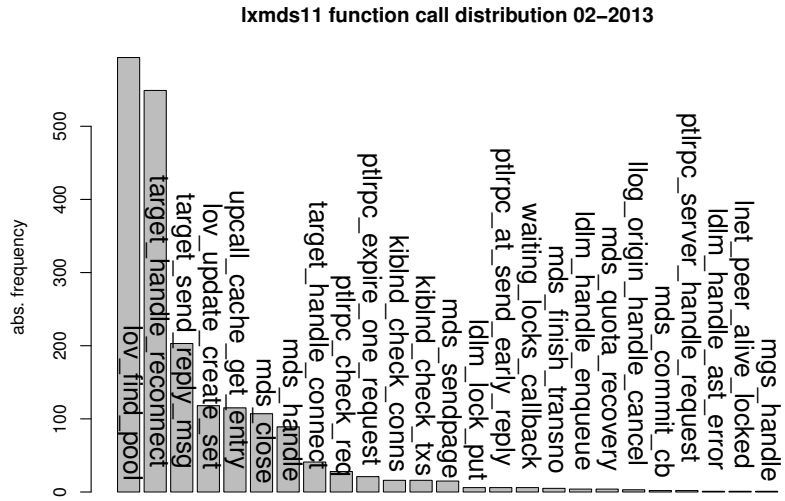
letter	h_1	h_2
a	0.00	16.51
b	2.70	0.00
c	5.37	0.24
d	5.06	2.39
e	0.00	27.10
f	4.59	0.00
g	1.84	1.92
h	10.10	0.00
i	0.00	16.14
j	0.16	0.00
k	0.50	0.16
l	8.02	0.00
m	4.97	0.00
n	13.58	0.00
o	0.00	17.03
p	2.55	0.77
q	0.13	0.13
r	10.90	0.00
s	12.06	0.30
t	9.03	9.29
u	1.49	4.80
v	1.78	0.00
w	3.04	0.34
x	0.46	0.00
y	1.46	2.82
z	0.11	0.00

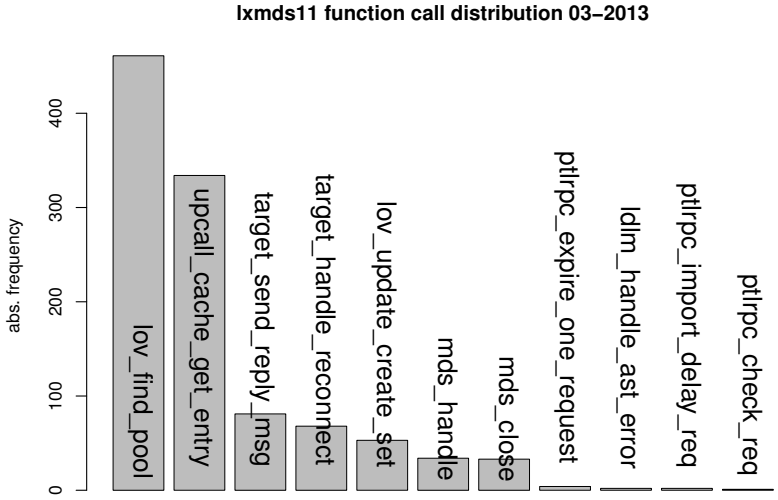
$\times 100$

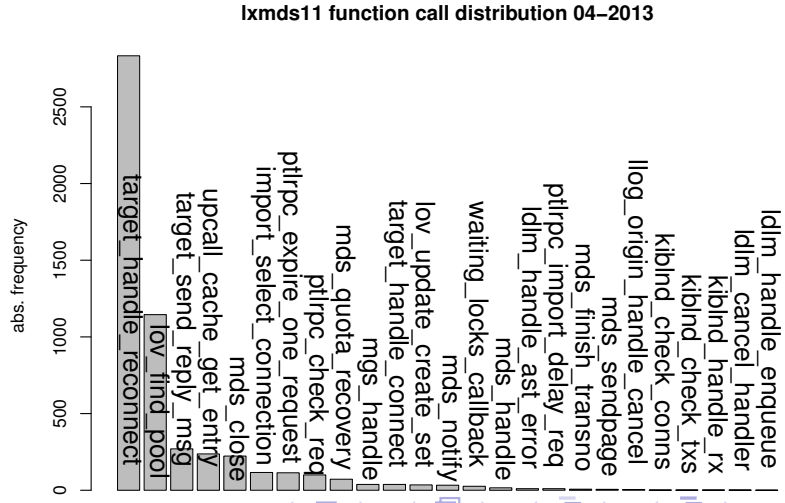


Frequency Distribution of Function Calls (1-Gram Seq.)









Frequency Distribution of Func. Calls (1-Gram Seq.) (cont.)

Visualize Markov Model (2-Gram Sequence) of Fnc. Calls

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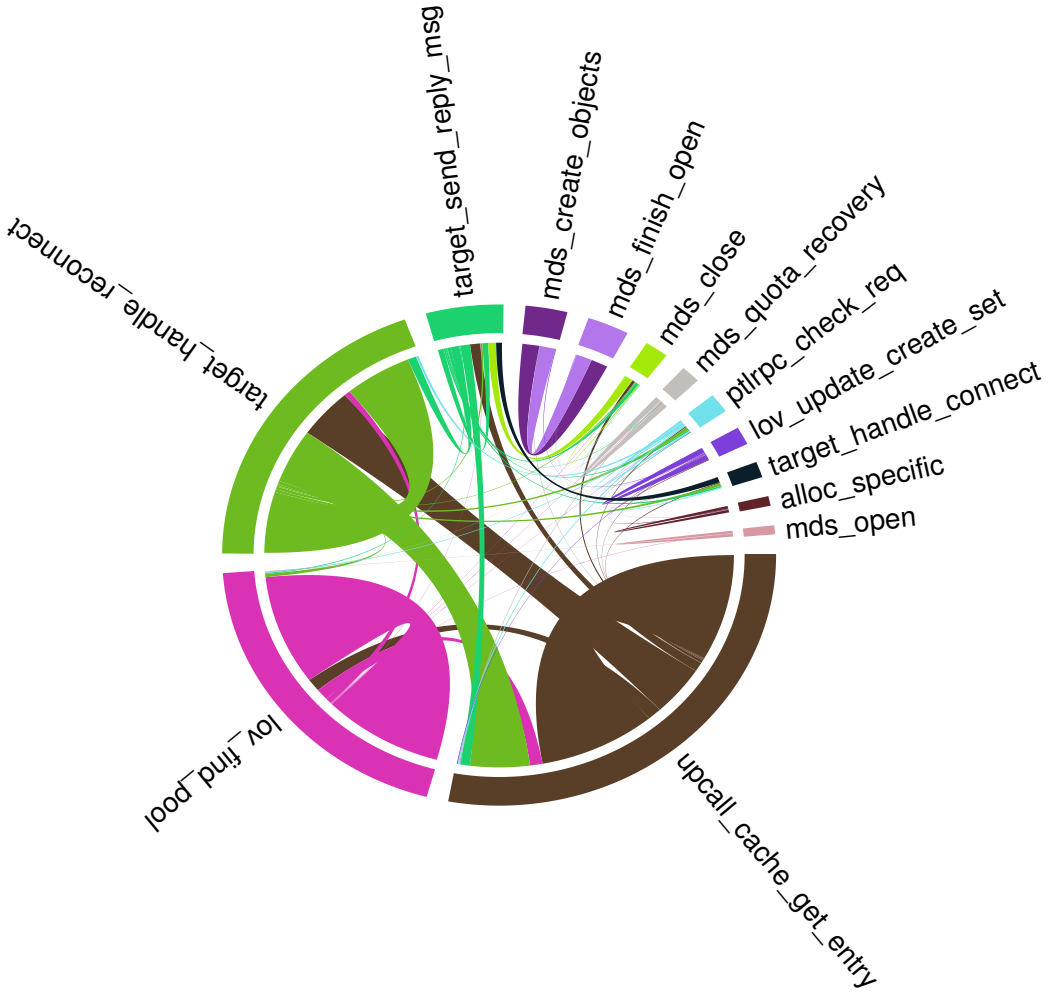

Visualize Markov M. (2-Gram Seq.) of Fnc. Calls (cont.)

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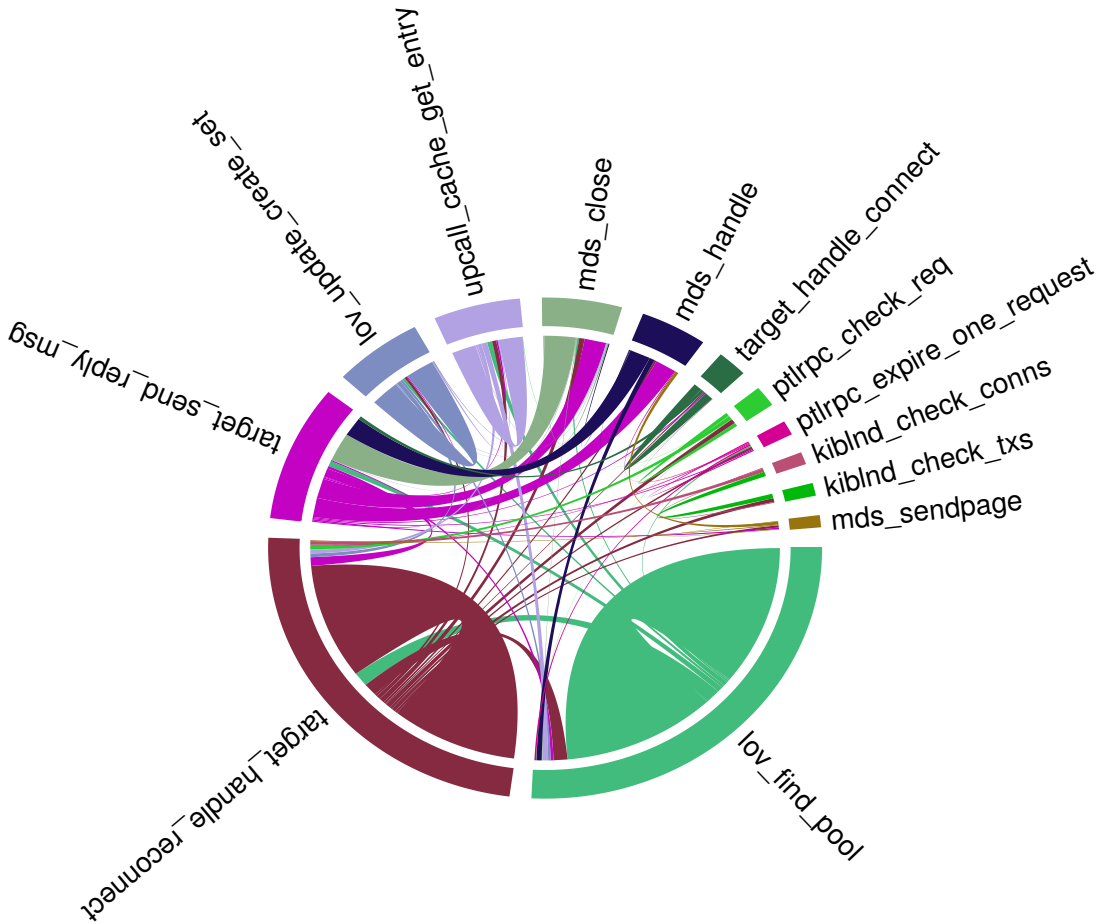

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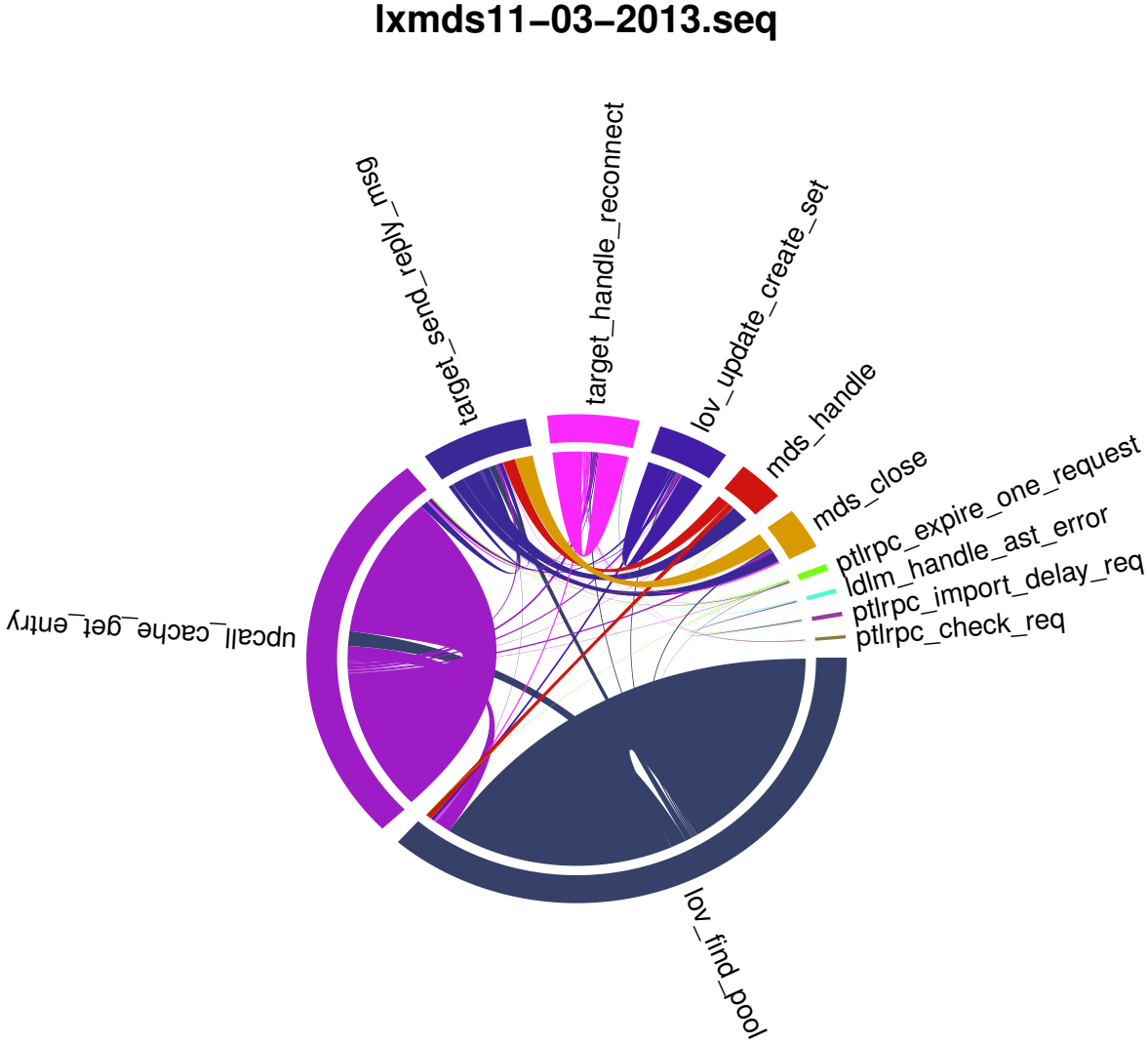

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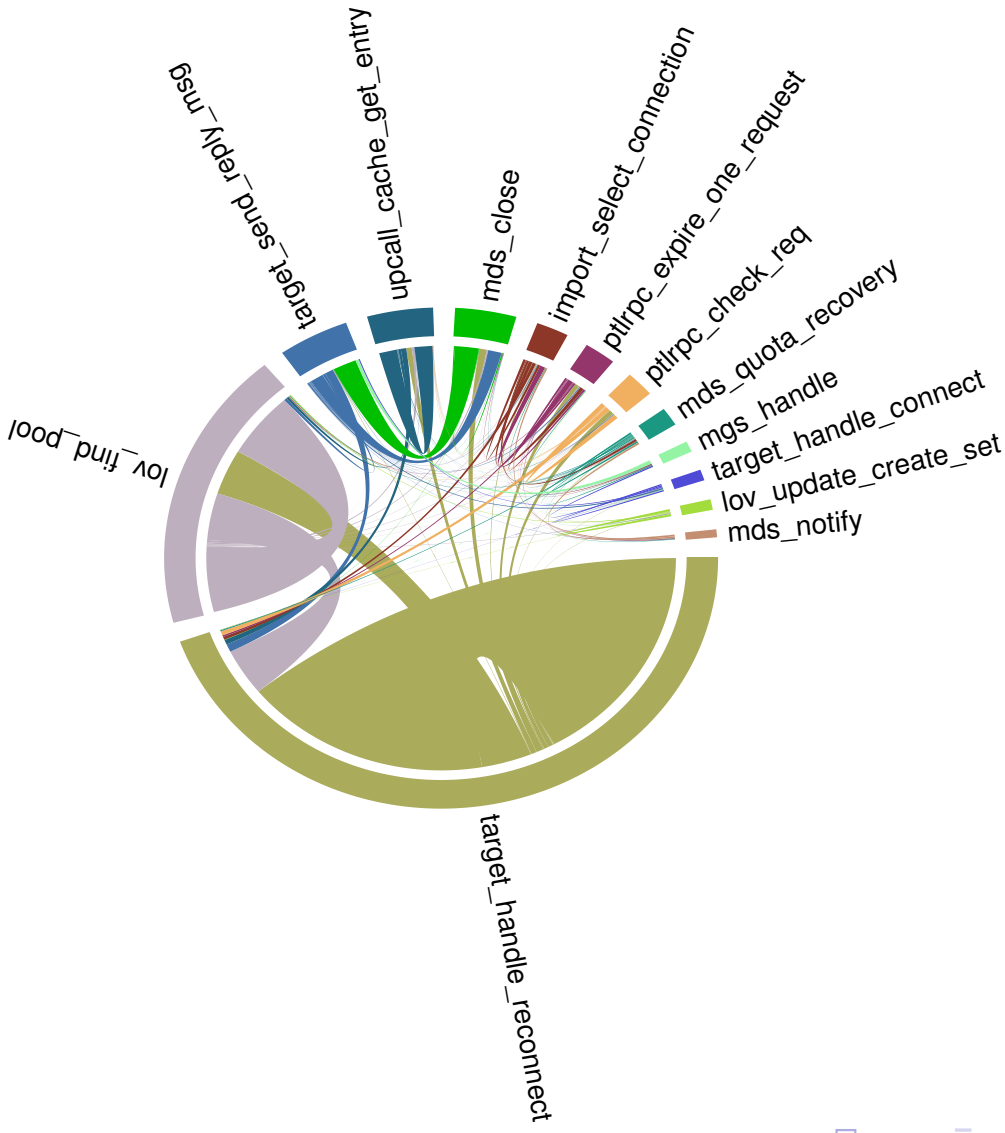

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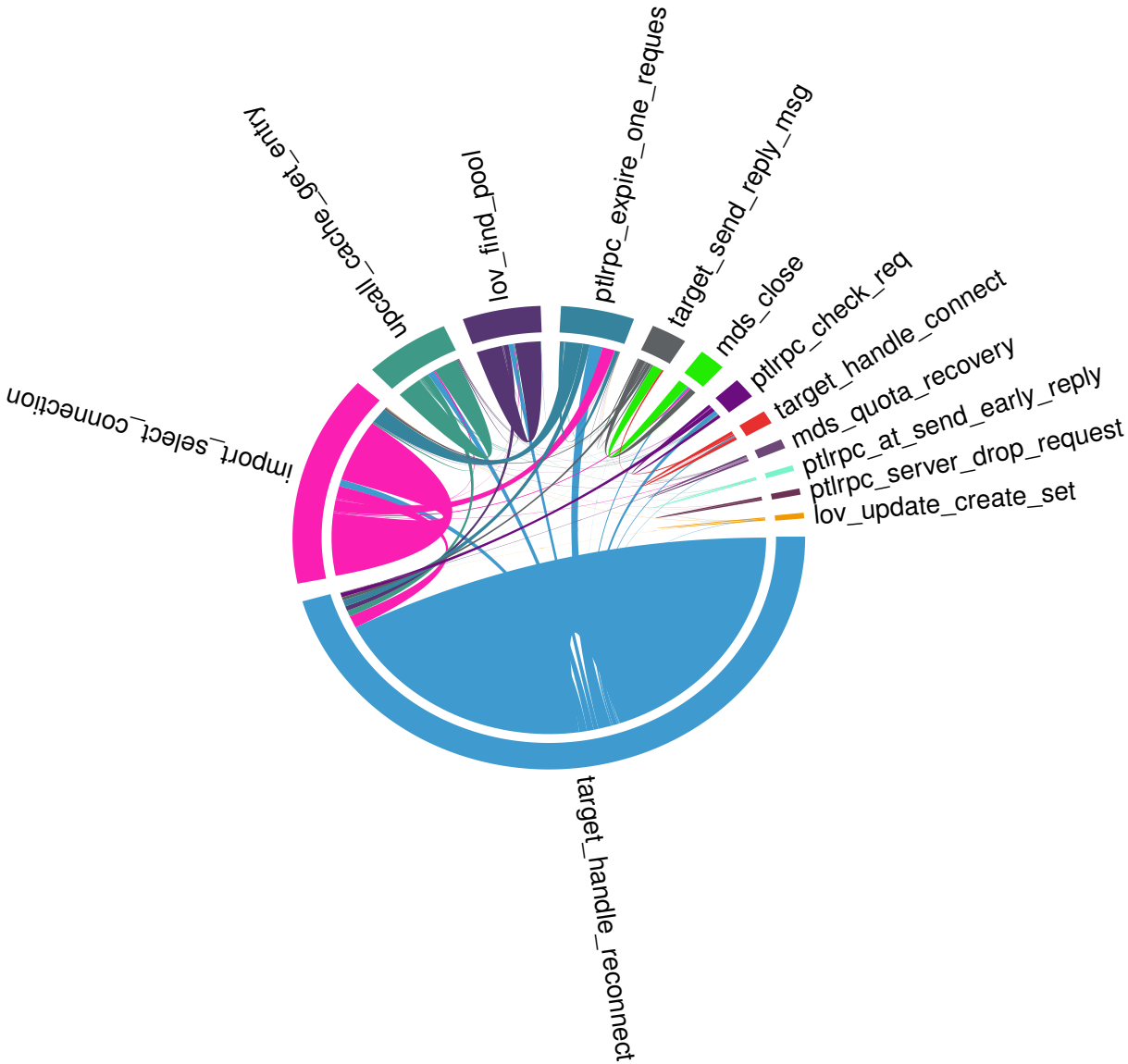

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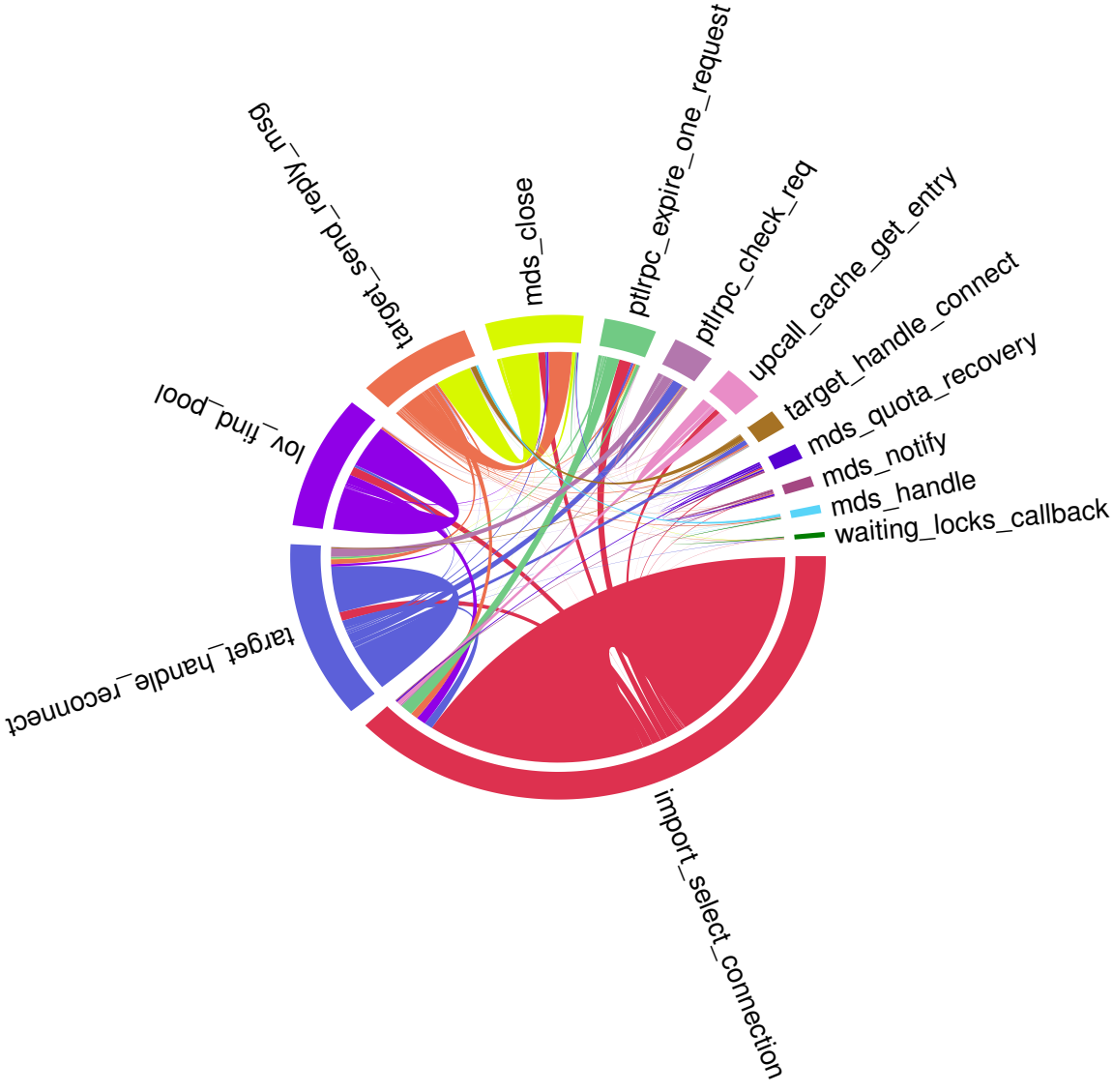

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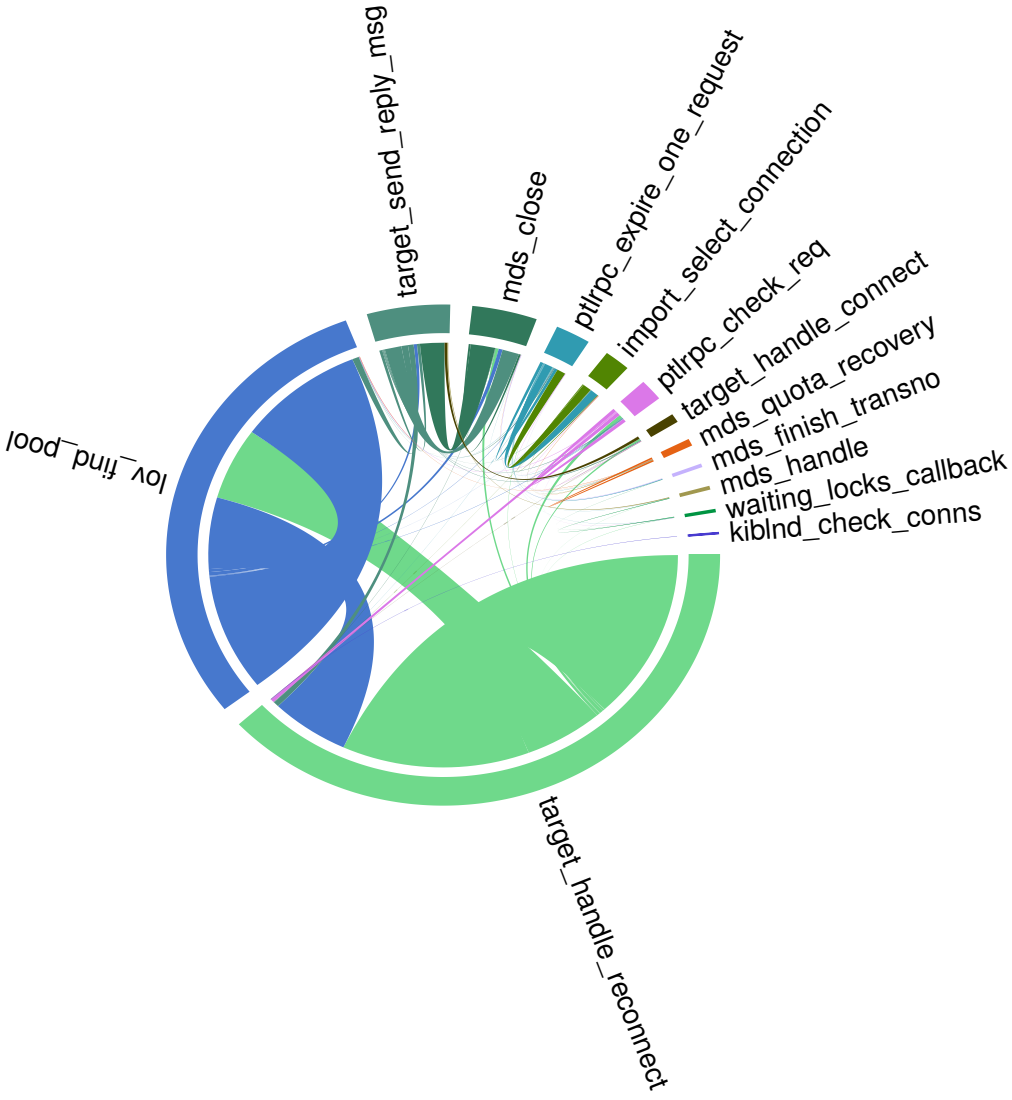

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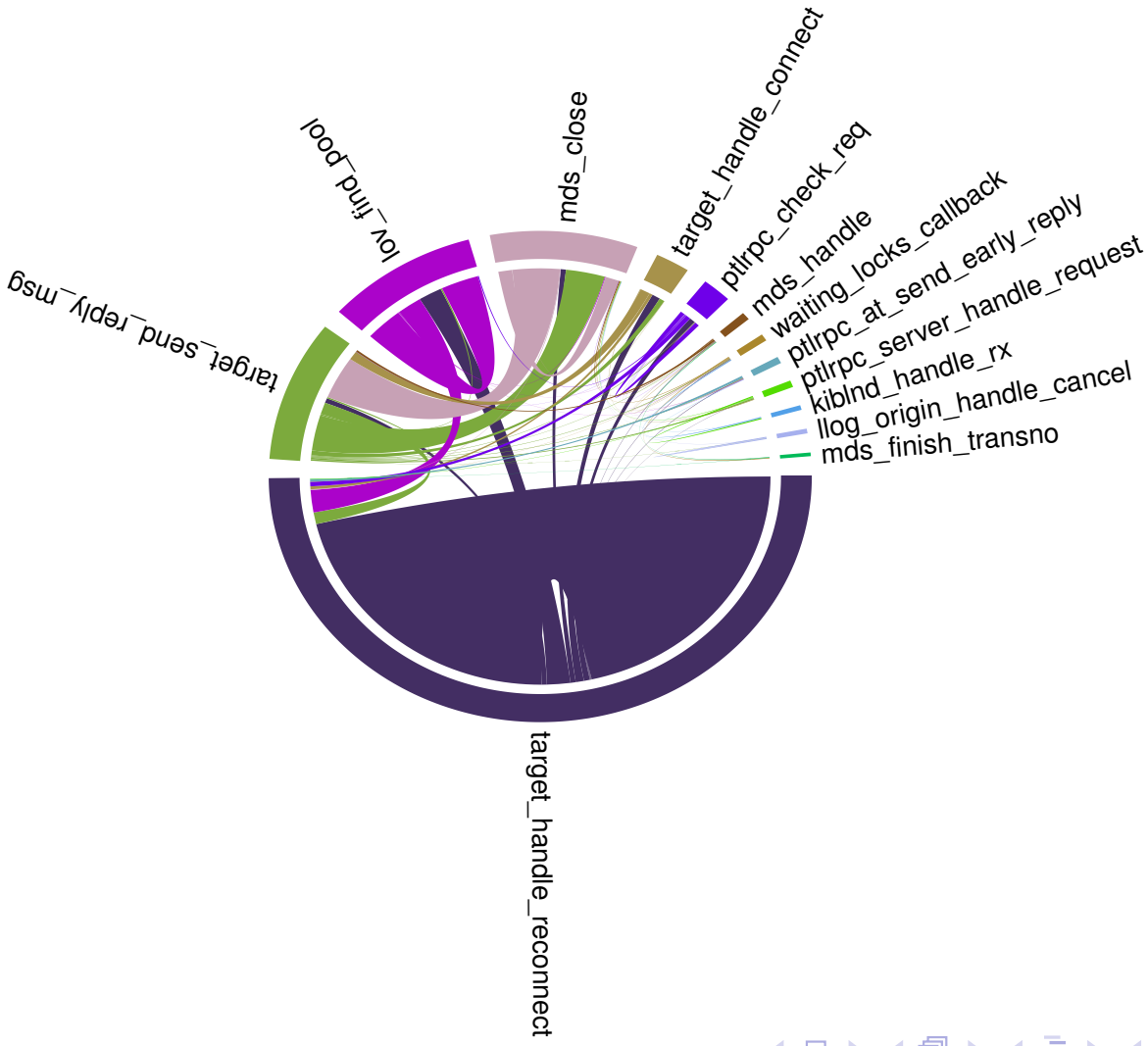
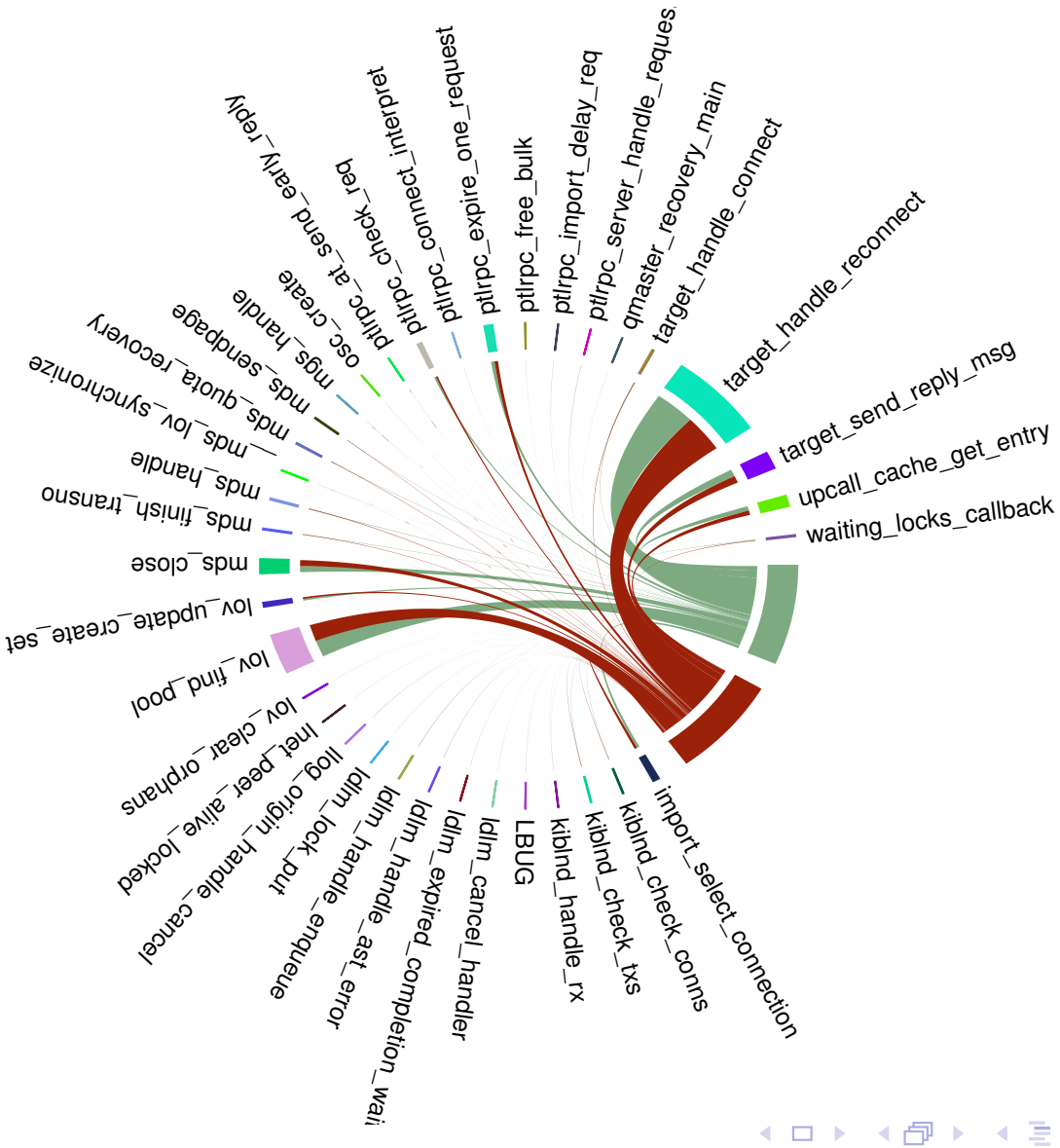


Visualize HMM of Functions Calls



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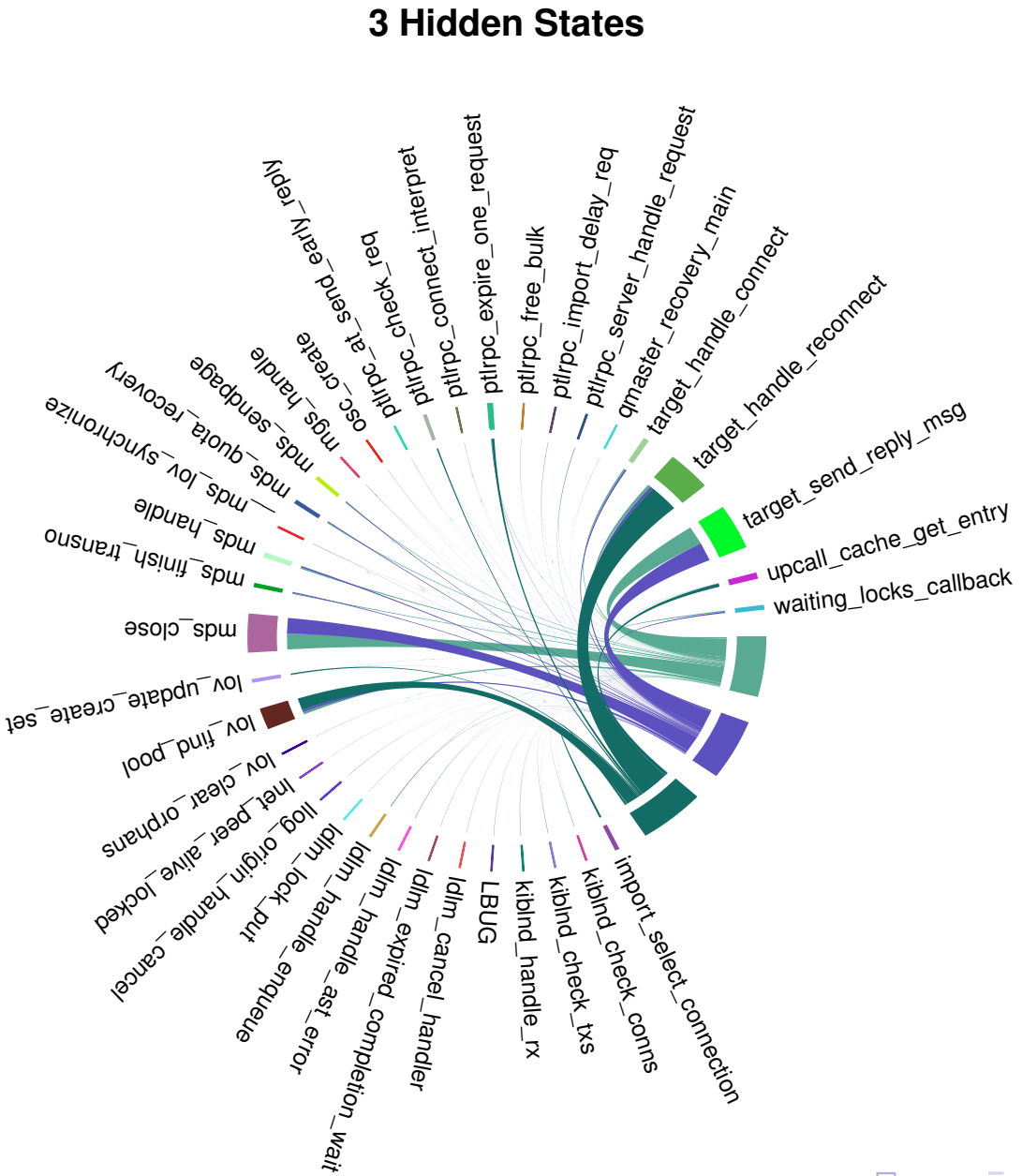

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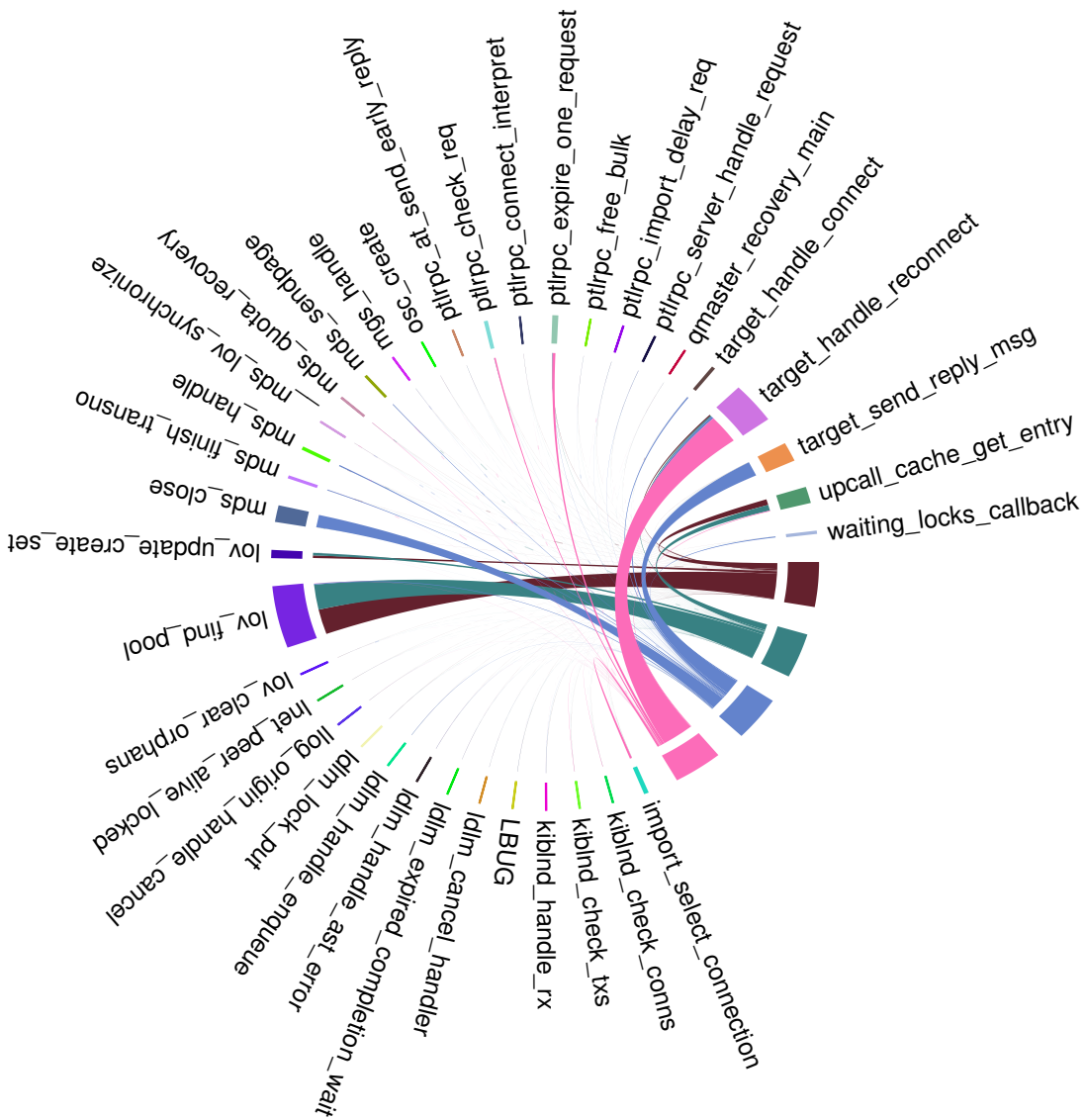
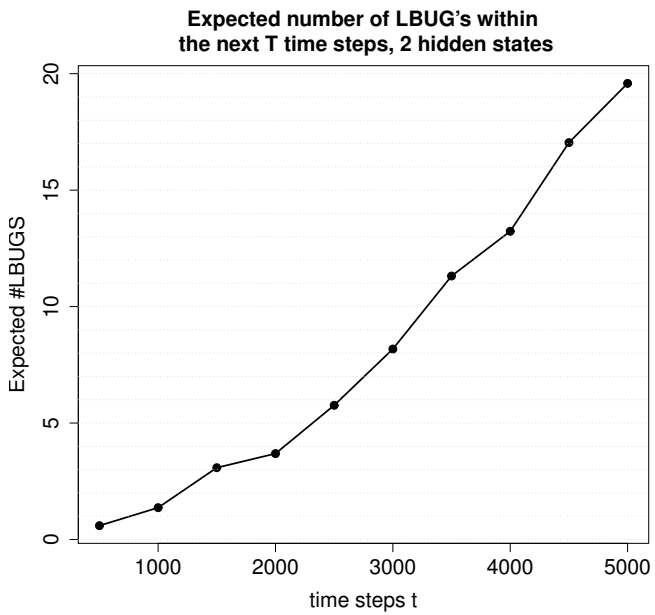


LBUG Prediction with HMM

- Train HMM on Lustre logs (function calls, LBUGs)
- Sample function call sequences from HMM.

Example: Sample from trained HMM (2 hidden states, 36 emitting states (function calls))

```
ldlm_handle_enqueue, lov_find_pool, target_handle_connect,
target_handle_reconnect, target_handle_reconnect, target_handle_reconnect,
lov_find_pool, target_send_reply_msg, mds_close,
lov_clear_orphans, ...., target_handle_reconnect, target_handle_reconnect,
target_handle_reconnect, LBUG
```



Summary & Outlook

Analyzing Lustre log files with (Hidden) Markov Models for:

- visualizing and analyzing problems,
- recover latent structures and relations,
- predicting future problems (`LBUG`'s), by sampling from the model.

HMM implementation (in `C`) and `R` scripts (for generating chord diagrams) will be available soon at https://bitbucket.org/tstibor

Many thanks to Matteo Dessalvi for providing Lustre log data and great discussions on machine learning.

Questions ?