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Blackhat Ethereum



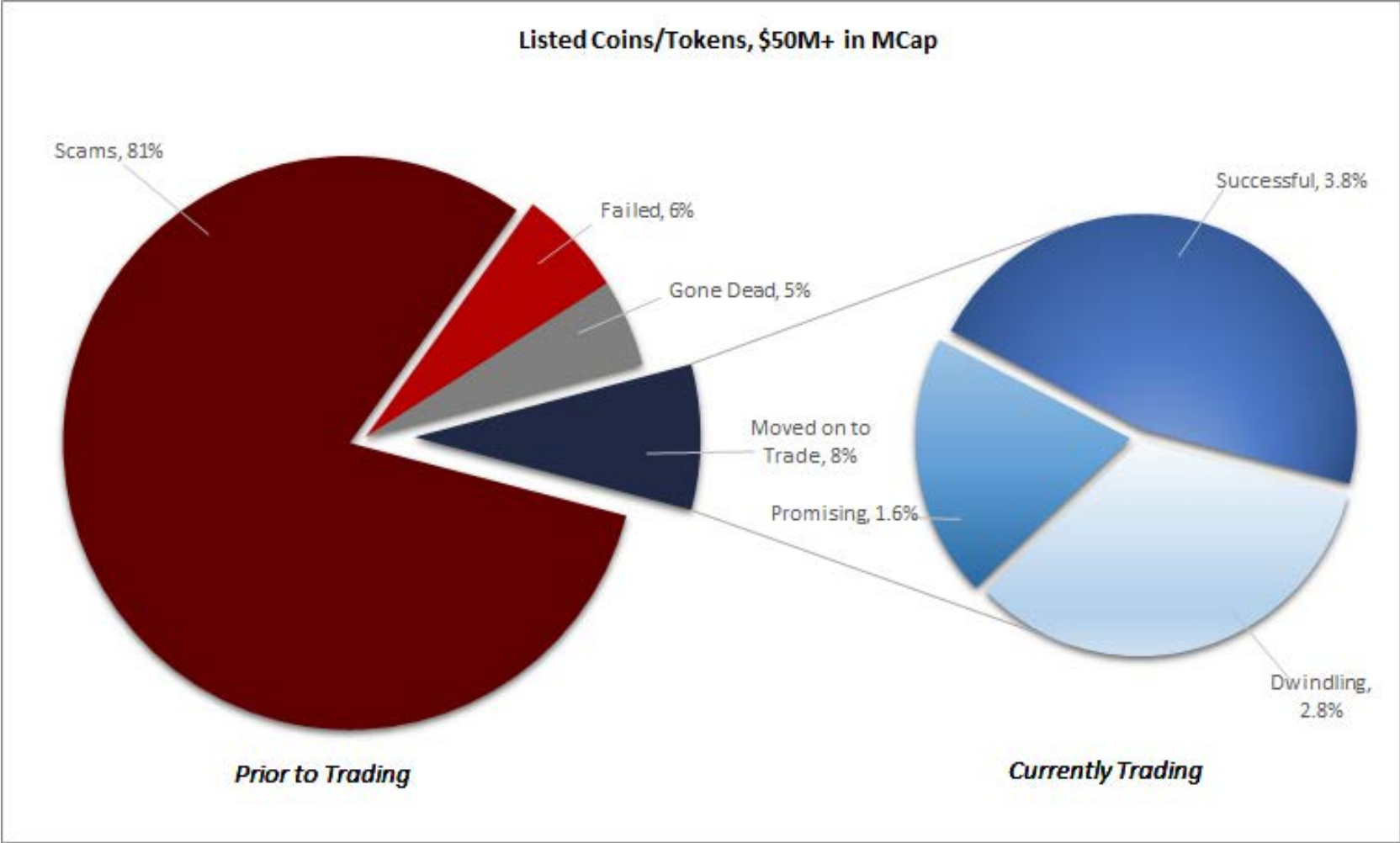
Ethereum Smart Contracts

Initial Coin Offerings



```
1 contract ERC20Interface {
2     function totalSupply() public constant returns (uint);
3     function balanceOf(address tokenOwner) public constant returns (uint balance);
4     function allowance(address tokenOwner, address spender) public constant returns (uint remaining);
5     function transfer(address to, uint tokens) public returns (bool success);
6     function approve(address spender, uint tokens) public returns (bool success);
7     function transferFrom(address from, address to, uint tokens) public returns (bool success);
8
9     event Transfer(address indexed from, address indexed to, uint tokens);
10    event Approval(address indexed tokenOwner, address indexed spender, uint tokens);
11 }
```

ICOs are scams



<https://medium.com/satis-group/ico-quality-development-trading-e4fef28df04f>

Ethereum VM Internals



- Stack machine
- EVM is a Harvard architecture!
- There are ~6 address spaces
 - Code, Stack, Call data, Storage, Memory, Return Data
- Native data width is 256 bits / 32 bytes
- ~181 opcodes, many are duplicates
 - PUSH1 – PUSH32, DUP1 – DUP16, SWAP1 – SWAP16
- All execution enters at PC 0x0 and functions are dispatched based on call data

Stack Machine



Code	Stack
PUSH1 0x2	0x2
PUSH1 0x3	
ADD	
PUSH1 0x8	
MUL	

Code	Stack
PUSH1 0x2	0x2
PUSH1 0x3	0x3
ADD	
PUSH1 0x8	
MUL	

Code	Stack
PUSH1 0x2	0x5
PUSH1 0x3	
ADD	
PUSH1 0x8	
MUL	

Code	Stack
PUSH1 0x2	0x5
PUSH1 0x3	0x8
ADD	
PUSH1 0x8	
MUL	

Code	Stack
PUSH1 0x2	0x28
PUSH1 0x3	
ADD	
PUSH1 0x8	
MUL	

EVM Opcodes (the good ones)



Opcode	Purpose
JUMPI, JUMP, RETURN	These instructions define control flow
REVERT, INVALID	Exception causing opcodes
CALLVALUE	Transaction Ether (in Wei)
CALLDATASIZE, CALLDATALOAD	Transaction Arguments
SSTORE, SLOAD	Load and store to persistent storage
CALL, CALLCODE, DELEGATECALL	External Calls, can send Ether
SELFDESTRUCT	Destroy the contract and return its value

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Single Static Assignment form



- Values are assigned once
- Values get implicitly “versioned”
- Values can be used multiple times

%1 = ADD(**%0**, #1)

%2 = SUB(**%0**, #1)

%3 = CMP(**%1**, **%2**)

Simple and Efficient Construction of Static Single Assignment Form

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Abstract. We present a simple SSA construction algorithm, which allows *direct* translation from an abstract syntax tree or bytecode into an SSA-based intermediate representation. The algorithm requires no prior analysis and ensures that even during construction the intermediate representation is in SSA form. This allows the application of SSA-based optimizations during construction. After completion, the intermediate representation is in minimal and pruned SSA form. In spite of its simplicity, the runtime of our algorithm is on par with Cytron et al.’s algorithm.

1 Introduction

Many modern compilers feature intermediate representations (IR) based on the static single assignment form (SSA form). SSA was conceived to make program analyses more efficient by compactly representing use-def chains. Over the last years, it turned out that the SSA form not only helps to make analyses more

Block Identification



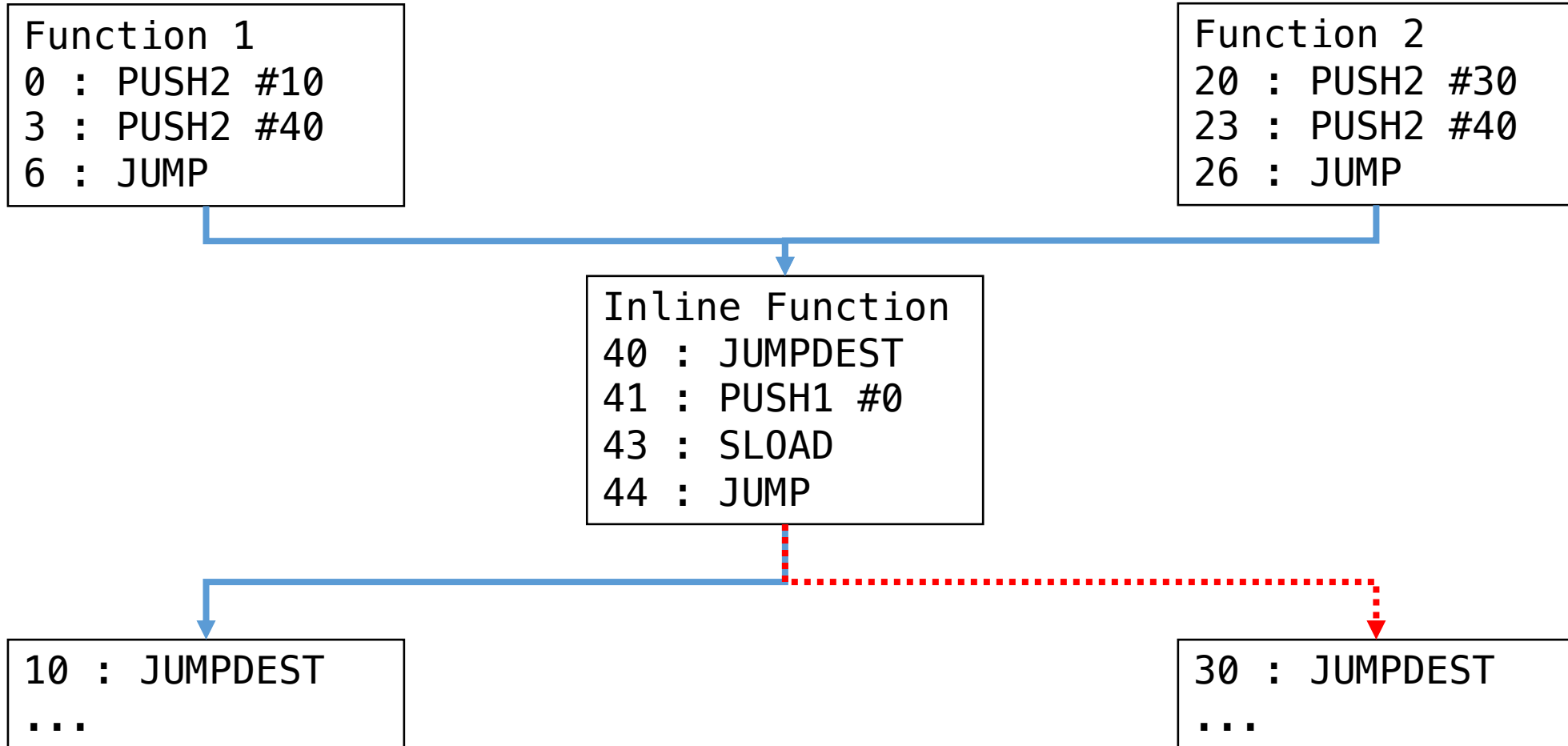
```
640 def identify_blocks(self):
641     worklist = []
642
643     worklist.append(BasicBlock(offset=0))
644
645     while len(worklist) > 0:
646         workitem = worklist.pop(0)
647
648         workitem.disassemble()
649         terminator = workitem.terminator()
650         if terminator.name == 'JUMP' and terminator.target != None:
651             worklist.append(BasicBlock(offset=terminator.target))
652
653         elif terminator.name == 'JUMPI':
654             worklist.append(BasicBlock(offset=worklist.end + 1))
655             if terminator.target != None:
656                 worklist.append(BasicBlock(offset=terminator.target))
```

Control Flow Graph Recovery



1. Identify blocks
2. Link blocks
3. Trace stack
4. Replace EVM Instructions with SSA Instructions
5. Skip DUP, SWAP, POP, PUSH -- but perform their stack actions
6. Success!

Internal Calls

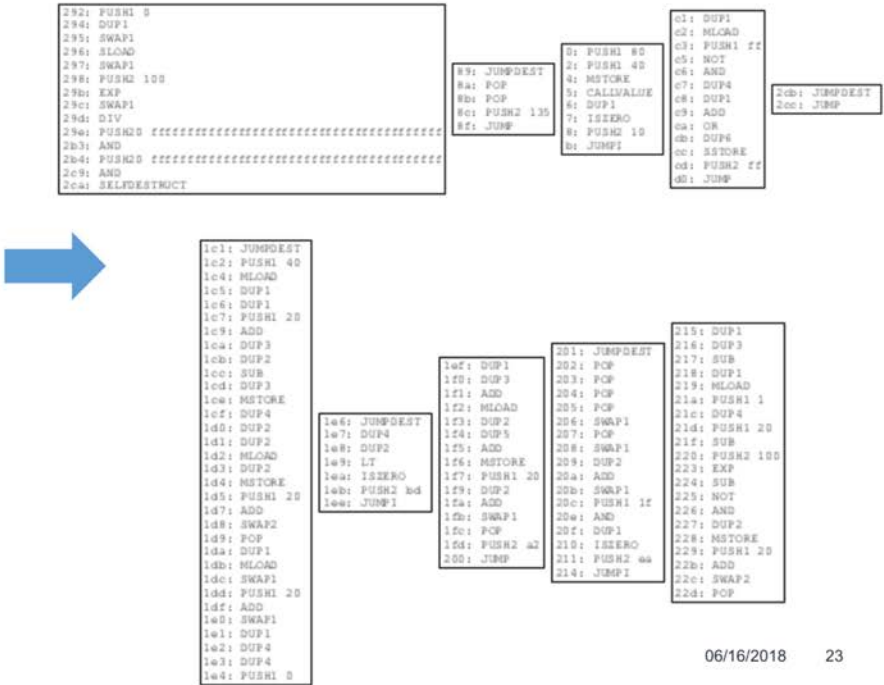


Take 2 (or really 5)

Decomposition into basic blocks

```
[1] PUSH1 0x80
[3] PUSH1 0x40
[4] MSTORE
[6] PUSH1 0x04
[7] CALLDATASIZE
[8] LT
[11] PUSH2 0x004c
[12] JUMPI
[14] PUSH1 0x00
[15] CALLDATALOAD
[45] PUSH29 0x0100000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000
[46] SWAP1
[47] DIV
[52] PUSH4 0xffffffff
[53] AND
[54] DUP1
[59] PUSH4 0x41c0e1b5
[60] EQ
[63] PUSH2 0x0051
[64] JUMPI
[65] DUP1
[70] PUSH4 0xcfae3217
[71] EQ
[74] PUSH2 0x0068
[75] JUMPI
[76] JUMPDEST
[78] PUSH1 0x00
[79] DUP1
```

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Third (9th) and final attempt

- Use Linear Sweep
- Pre-fill the stack
- Process blocks in isolation
- Keep discovered edges out of band, restart when new edges are discovered

SSA Recovery




```
JUMPDEST  
CALLER  
DUP2  
PUSH1 #0  
ADD  
PUSH1 #0  
PUSH2 #100  
EXP  
DUP2  
SLOAD  
DUP2  
PUSH20 #ffffffff..ffffffff  
MUL  
NOT  
AND  
SWAP1  
DUP4
```



```
0: <Unresolved SP: -1>  
1: <Unresolved SP: -2>  
2: <Unresolved SP: -3>  
3: <Unresolved SP: -4>  
4: <Unresolved SP: -5>  
5: <Unresolved SP: -6>  
6: <Unresolved SP: -7>  
7: <Unresolved SP: -8>  
8: <Unresolved SP: -9>
```

SSA Recovery




```
JUMPDEST  
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DUP2  
PUSH1 #0  
ADD  
PUSH1 #0  
PUSH2 #100  
EXP  
DUP2  
SLOAD  
DUP2  
PUSH20 #ffffffff..ffffffff  
MUL  
NOT  
AND  
SWAP1  
DUP4
```

```
%0 = CALLER()
```

```
0: %0  
1: <Unresolved SP: -1>  
2: <Unresolved SP: -2>  
3: <Unresolved SP: -3>  
4: <Unresolved SP: -4>  
5: <Unresolved SP: -5>  
6: <Unresolved SP: -6>  
7: <Unresolved SP: -7>  
8: <Unresolved SP: -8>  
9: <Unresolved SP: -9>
```

SSA Recovery




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MUL  
NOT  
AND  
SWAP1  
DUP4
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```
%0 = CALLER()
```

```
0: <Unresolved SP: -1>  
1: %0  
2: <Unresolved SP: -1>  
3: <Unresolved SP: -2>  
4: <Unresolved SP: -3>  
5: <Unresolved SP: -4>  
6: <Unresolved SP: -5>  
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9: <Unresolved SP: -8>
```

SSA Recovery




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EXP  
DUP2  
SLOAD  
DUP2  
PUSH20 #ffffffff..ffffffff  
MUL  
NOT  
AND  
SWAP1  
DUP4
```

```
%0 = CALLER()  
%1 = PUSH(#0)
```

```
0: %1  
1: <Unresolved SP: -1>  
2: %0  
3: <Unresolved SP: -1>  
4: <Unresolved SP: -2>  
5: <Unresolved SP: -3>  
6: <Unresolved SP: -4>  
7: <Unresolved SP: -5>  
8: <Unresolved SP: -6>  
9: <Unresolved SP: -7>
```

SSA Recovery



```
JUMPDEST  
CALLER  
DUP2  
PUSH1 #0  
ADD  
PUSH1 #0  
PUSH2 #100  
EXP  
DUP2  
SLOAD  
DUP2  
PUSH20 #ffffffff..ffffffff  
MUL  
NOT  
AND  
SWAP1  
DUP4
```

```
%0 = CALLER()  
%1 = PUSH(#0)  
%2 = ADD(<Unresolved SP: -1>, %1)
```

```
0: %5  
1: %0  
2: <Unresolved SP: -1>  
3: <Unresolved SP: -2>  
4: <Unresolved SP: -3>  
5: <Unresolved SP: -4>  
6: <Unresolved SP: -5>  
7: <Unresolved SP: -6>  
8: <Unresolved SP: -7>  
9: <Unresolved SP: -8>
```

SSA Recovery

```
JUMPDEST
CALLER
DUP2
PUSH1 #0
ADD
PUSH1 #0
PUSH2 #100
EXP
DUP2
SLOAD
DUP2
PUSH20 #ffffffff..ffffffff
MUL
NOT
AND
SWAP1
DUP4
```

```
%0 = CALLER()
%1 = PUSH(#0)
%2 = ADD(<Unresolved SP: -1>, %1)
%3 = PUSH(#0)
%4 = PUSH(#100)
%5 = EXP(%4, %3)
```

```
0: %5
1: %0
2: <Unresolved SP: -1>
3: <Unresolved SP: -2>
4: <Unresolved SP: -3>
5: <Unresolved SP: -4>
6: <Unresolved SP: -5>
7: <Unresolved SP: -6>
8: <Unresolved SP: -7>
9: <Unresolved SP: -8>
```


SSA Recovery

```

JUMPDEST
CALLER
DUP2
PUSH1 #0
ADD
PUSH1 #0
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DUP2
PUSH20 #ffffffff..ffffffff
MUL
NOT
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SWAP1
DUP4
  
```

```

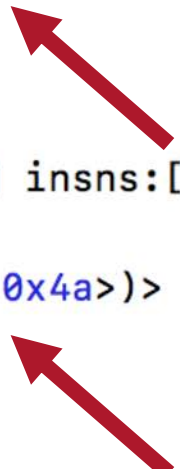
%0 = CALLER()
%1 = PUSH(#0)
%2 = ADD(<Unresolved SP: -1>, %1)
%3 = PUSH(#0)
%4 = PUSH(#100)
%5 = EXP(%4, %3)
%6 = SLOAD(%2)
%7 = PUSH(#ffffffff..ffffffff)
%8 = MUL(%7, %5)
%9 = NOT(%8)
%10 = AND(%9, %8)
  
```

```

0: %10
1: %0
2: <Unresolved SP: -1>
3: <Unresolved SP: -2>
4: <Unresolved SP: -3>
5: <Unresolved SP: -4>
6: <Unresolved SP: -5>
7: <Unresolved SP: -6>
8: <Unresolved SP: -7>
9: <Unresolved SP: -8>
  
```

Lift to SSA

```
1 <SSABasicBlock offset:0x3f num_insns:4 in: [0xb] insns:[
2   <0x40: %14 = PUSH4(#2df05a3e)>
3   <0x45: %15 = EQ(%14, <Unresolved sp:-1 block:0x3f>)>
4   <0x46: %16 = PUSH2(#43d)>
5   <0x49: JUMPI(%16, %15)>
6 ] fallthrough:0x4a jumps:[0x43d]>
7 <SSABasicBlock offset:0x4a num_insns:4 in: [0x3f] insns:[
8   <0x4b: %17 = PUSH4(#392c6238)>
9   <0x50: %18 = EQ(%17, <Unresolved sp:-1 block:0x4a>)>
10  <0x51: %19 = PUSH2(#466)>
11  <0x54: JUMPI(%19, %18)>
12 ] fallthrough:0x55 jumps:[0x466]>
```



```
1 while function.dirty():
2     function.resolve_phis()
```

```
446 def constant_folder(self) -> None:
447     worklist : List[ConcreteStackValue] = copy.copy(concrete_values)
448
449     two_concrete_arguments = {
450         'EXP' : lambda x, y : x ** y,
451         'ADD' : lambda x, y : x + y,
452         'SUB' : lambda x, y : x - y,
453         'DIV' : lambda x, y : x / y,
454         'MUL' : lambda x, y : x * y,
455         'AND' : lambda x, y : x & y,
456         'XOR' : lambda x, y : x ^ y,
457         'OR'  : lambda x, y : x | y,
458     }
459
460     while len(worklist) > 0:
461         item : ConcreteStackValue = worklist.pop()
462
463         for reader in list(item.readers()):
464
465             def do_replace(v: StackValue) -> None:
466                 logger.debug(f"Replacing {reader} with {v}")
467                 reader.replace_uses_with(v)
468                 if isinstance(v, ConcreteStackValue):
469                     worklist.append(v)
470
471             if len(reader.arguments) == 2:
472                 # 2 Arguments
473                 if all([isinstance(x, ConcreteStackValue) for x in reader.arguments]):
474                     # 2 Arguments, all concrete
475                     x: int = cast(ConcreteStackValue, reader.arguments[0]).concrete_value
476                     y: int = cast(ConcreteStackValue, reader.arguments[1]).concrete_value
477
478                     op = two_concrete_arguments.get(reader.insn.name, None)
479                     if op is not None:
480                         do_replace(ConcreteStackValue(op(x, y)))
```

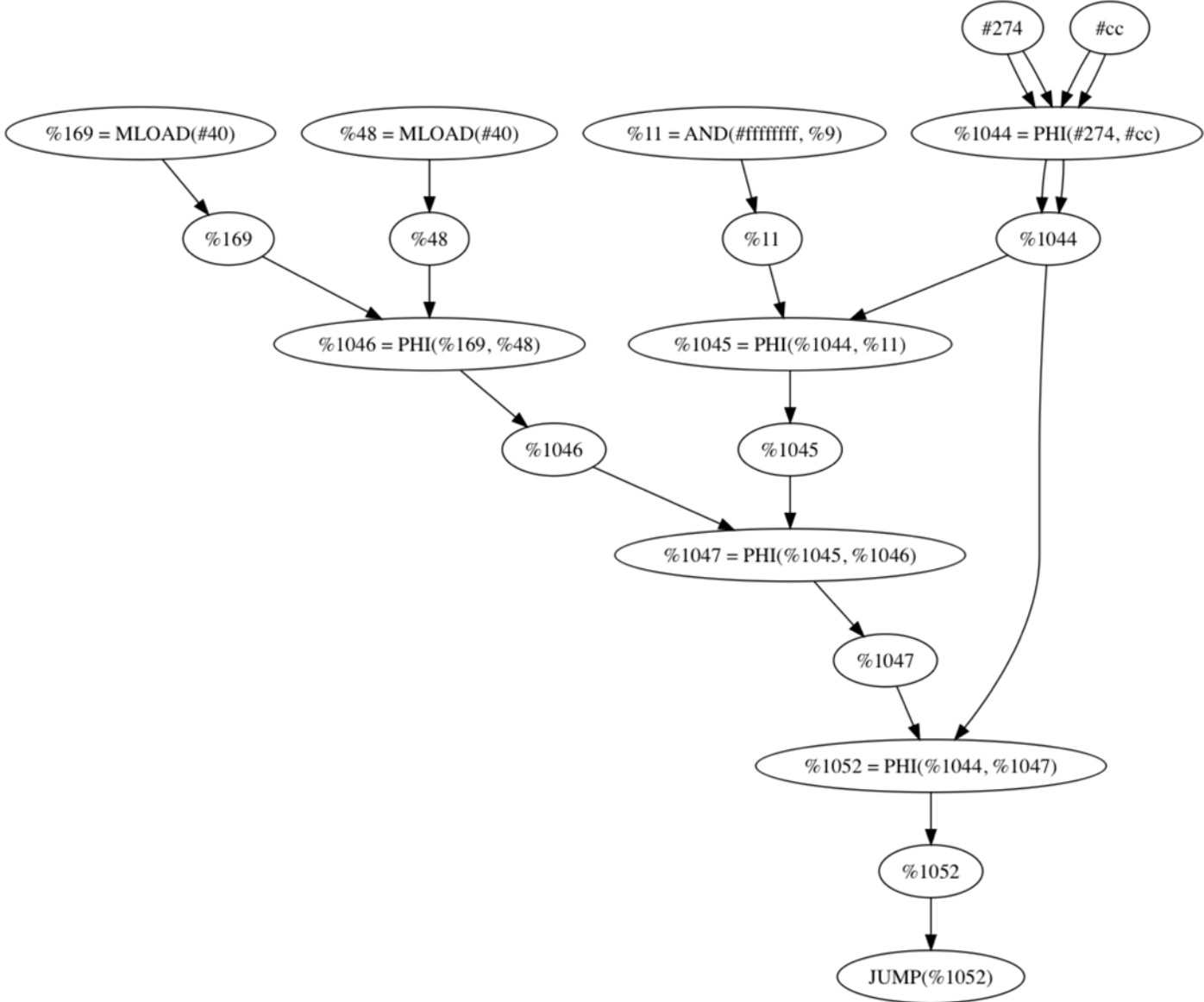
SSA Optimized

```
1 <SSABasicBlock offset:0x24c num_insns:30 in: [0x24b] insns:[
2   <0x24c: %14 = SLOAD(#3)>
3   <0x24d: %15 = EXP(#100, #0)>
4   <0x24e: %16 = DIV(%14, %15)>
5   <0x24f: %17 = EXP(#2, #a0)>
6   <0x250: %18 = SUB(%17, #1)>
```



```
1 <SSABasicBlock offset:0x24c num_insns:30 in: [0x24b] insns:[
2   <0x24c: %14 = SLOAD(#3)>
3   <0x251: %19 = AND(#ffffffffffffffffffffffffffffffffffffffffffffffff, %14)>
```

Def Use and Use Def Graphs



Memory and Storage Recovery



```
$ python3 rattle-cli.py -0 --input inputs/kingofether/KingOfTheEtherThrone.bin
```

```
Storage Locations: [0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6]
```

```
Memory Locations: [0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17,  
18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 64]
```

```
...
```

```
Function pastMonarchs(uint256) storage:
```

```
  Analyzing Storage Location: 6
```

```
    0x54f: %365 = SLOAD(#6)
```

```
    0x553: SSTORE(#6, %366)
```

```
    0xa42: %695 = SLOAD(#6)
```

```
    0xb3a: %790 = SLOAD(#6)
```

[+] Contract can send ether from following functions:

- _dispatch

```
%53 = CALL(%46, %42, %44, %51, %52, %51, #0)
```

```
  To:    %42 = AND(#ffffffffffffffffffffffffffffffffffffffff, %40)
```

```
  Value: %44 = CALLVALUE()
```

```
%75 = CALL(%68, %64, #de0b6b3a7640000, %73, %74, %73, #0)
```

```
  To:    %64 = AND(#ffffffffffffffffffffffffffffffffffffffff, %62)
```

```
  Value: #de0b6b3a7640000 1.0ETH
```

```
%262 = CALL(%255, %251, #8ac7230489e80000, %260, %261, %260, #0)
```

```
  To:    %251 = AND(#ffffffffffffffffffffffffffffffffffffffff, %249)
```

```
  Value: #8ac7230489e80000 10.0ETH
```

Function Identification



Identified Functions:

```
_dispatch
    argument offsets: [(0, 32)]

balance()
    argument offsets: []

_unknown_0xf8626af8()
    argument offsets: [(4, 36)]

kill()
    argument offsets: []

_unknown_0xa840dda9()
    argument offsets: []

_fallthrough
    argument offsets: []
```


Demo

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Releasing Rattle

- If you do smart-contract work and would like early access, we have a form:
<https://trailofbits.wufoo.com/forms/m1qfujq31qyj9ee/>
- Watch our **GitHub** (github.com/trailofbits) or our **Twitter** (@trailofbits) for its release!

Questions?



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