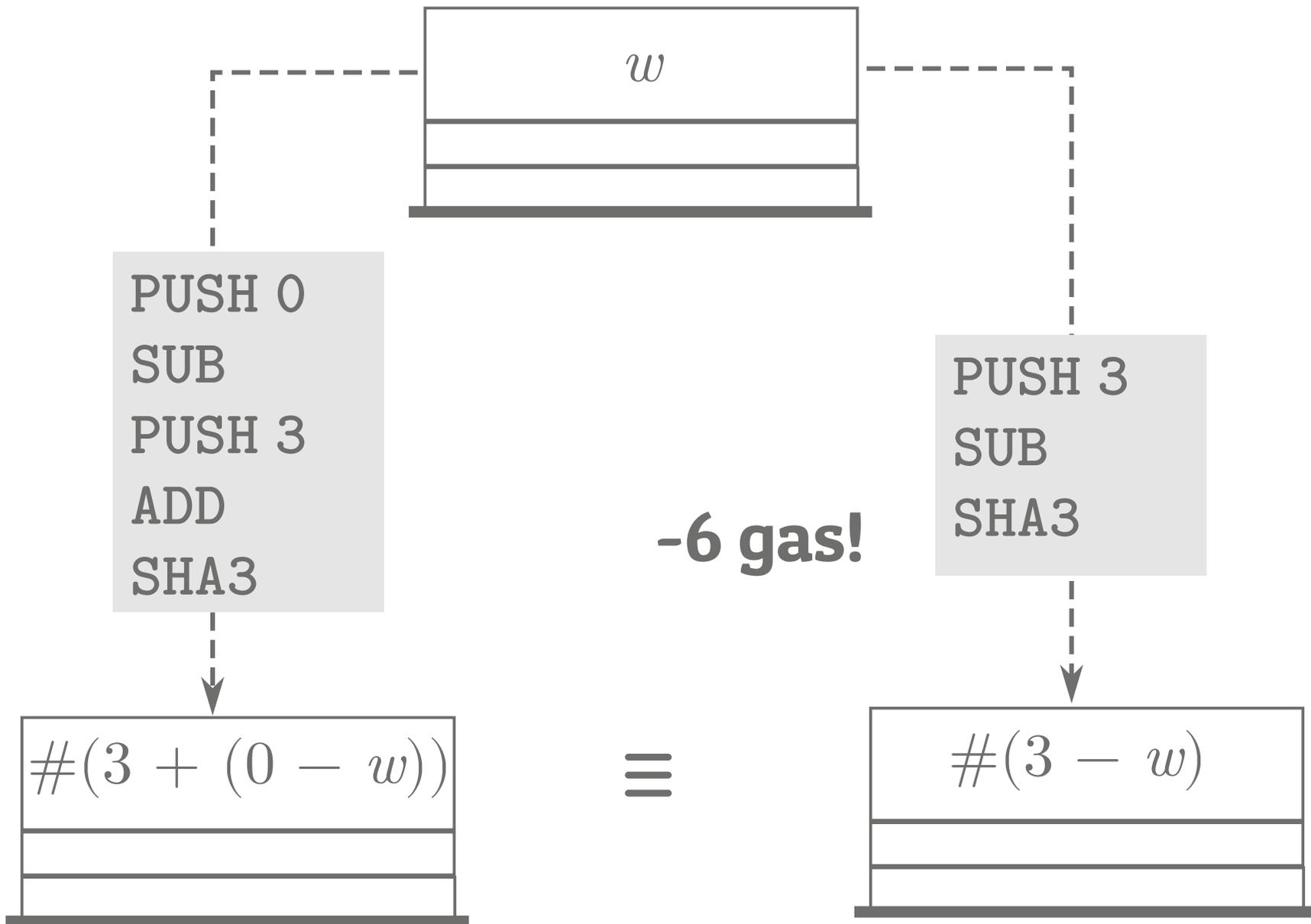


# Populating the Peephole Optimizer of a Smart Contract Compiler

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SUB  
PUSH 3  
ADD  
**SHA3**

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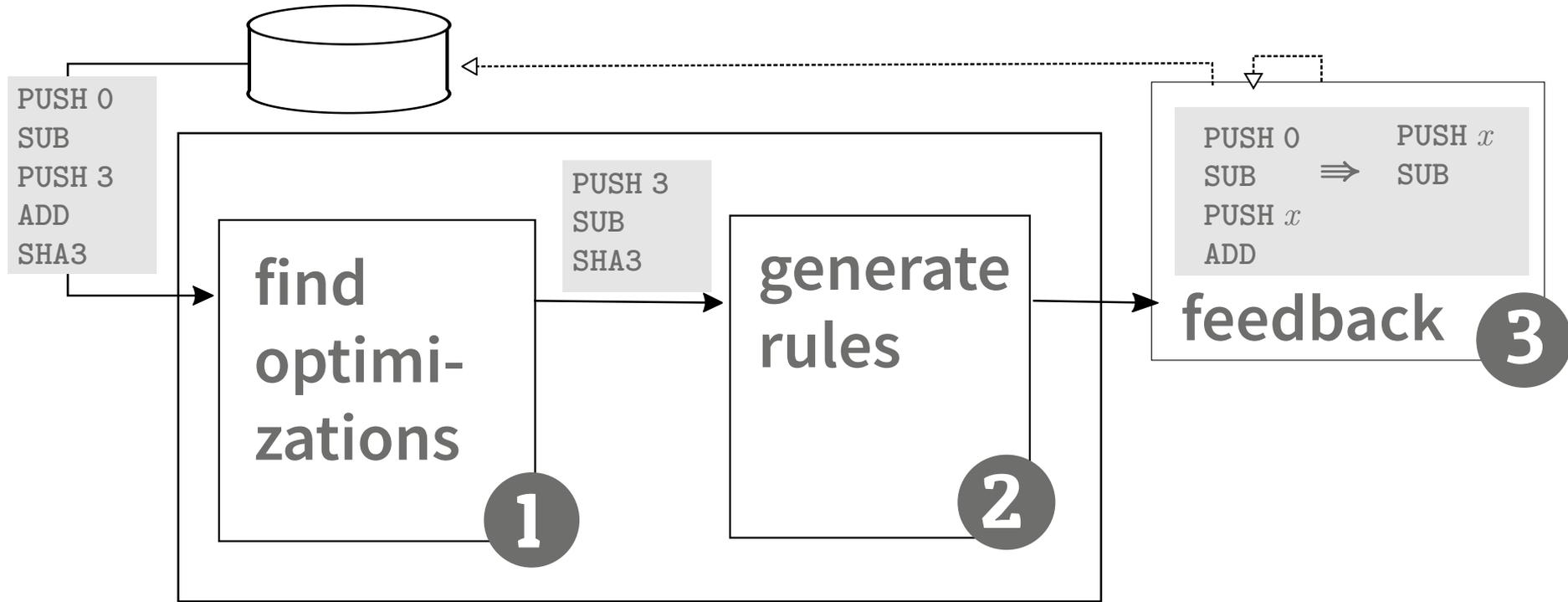
generate **peephole optimization rule**

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SUB       $\Rightarrow$       SUB  
PUSH  $x$   
ADD

**automatically!**

# How?

code base



case study for **Ethereum** bytecode

# Why?

for 1000 most-called contracts on Ethereum

## We could save

# 56 500 \$ of execution cost\*

## ~4.5 % of space

\* assuming avg. cost of 27.6 gwei, 200.2\$/ETH,  
10% of contract is executed

# 1 find optimizations

for a program  $\rho$  find an  
observationally equivalent program  $\tau$   
where cost of  $\tau <$  cost of  $\rho$

## Ingredients

- constraint solver **Z3**
- unbounded superoptimization\*

\* Jangda & Yorsh, Onward! 2017

# 1 find optimizations

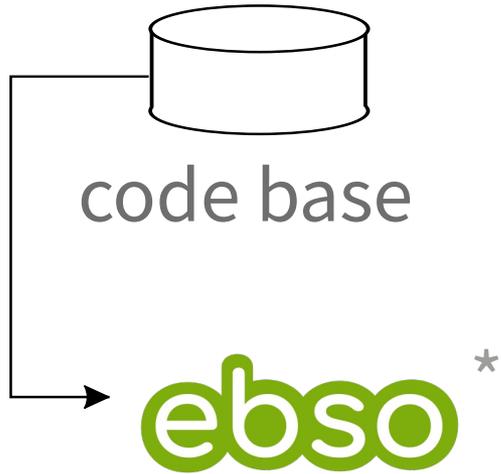
$$\exists n, \exists \tau, \forall \vec{x}. \text{init}(\vec{x}, \sigma_0) \wedge \sigma_0 \xrightarrow{\rho} \sigma_{|\rho|+1} \wedge$$

$$\sigma_0 \equiv \sigma'_0 \wedge \sigma_{|\rho|+1} \equiv \sigma'_n \wedge$$

$$\forall j < n. \bigwedge_{\iota \in \mathcal{I}} \tau(j) = \iota \implies \sigma'_j \xrightarrow{\iota} \sigma'_{j+1} \wedge \bigvee_{\iota \in \mathcal{I}} \tau(j) = \iota \wedge$$

$$\text{cost}(\rho, \sigma_0) > \text{cost}(\tau, \sigma'_0)$$

# 1 find optimizations



250 most-called smart contracts

106 798 "basic+" blocks

split to blocks of 6 instructions

54 301 blocks

on a cluster w/ 15 min/2 GB

## 1580 optimizations

\* Nagele & Schett, pre-proc. LOPSTR'19

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**i** generalize

**ii** strip

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ADD

## 2 generate rules

i generalize

≈ finding a substitution

ii strip

≈ finding a context



exhaustive search with pruning

$$\exists \vec{x}. \text{init}(\vec{x}, \sigma_0) \wedge \sigma_0 \equiv \sigma'_0 \wedge$$

$$\sigma_0 \xrightarrow{\rho} \sigma_{|\rho|+1} \wedge \sigma'_0 \xrightarrow{\tau} \sigma'_{|\tau|+1} \wedge$$

$$\sigma_{|\rho|+1} \not\equiv \sigma'_{|\tau|+1}$$

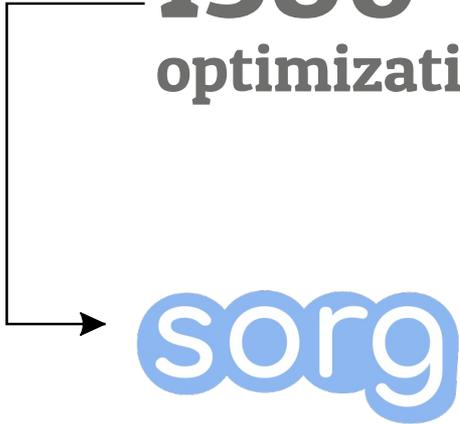
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**1580**  
optimizations

generalize & strip

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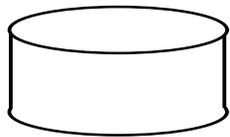
remove **duplicate** rules



**758 rules**

### 3 feedback

758  
rules

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code base

**a** apply to rules  
reduced 4 rules

**b** apply to code base  
changed 17 255 blocks  
repeat: **1** & **2** to 435 rules

**993 rules**

**mariaschett** Add final right reduced rules

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1	rule lhs	rule rhs
2	DUP1 SWAP3 SWAP2 POP POP	SWAP1 POP SWAP1
3	PUSH cw_2 DUP1 SWAP2 PUSH cw_2 SWAP1 DUP2	PUSH cw_2 DUP1 DUP1 SWAP3 DUP3
4	DUP3 MLOAD DUP4 SWAP1	DUP3 DUP4 MLOAD
5	DUP1 MLOAD SWAP3 SWAP2 SWAP1 POP	MLOAD SWAP2 SWAP1
6	DUP2 DUP1 DUP4 SUB DUP2	DUP2 PUSH 0x00 DUP4
7	SWAP2 SWAP1 PUSH cw_2 DUP1 DUP5 SWAP3	PUSH cw_2 PUSH cw_2 DUP3 SWAP5 SWAP4
8	DUP1 MLOAD SWAP2 LT POP	SWAP1 POP MLOAD
9	DUP2 SWAP1 PUSH cw_1 SHA3 SSTORE POP	PUSH cw_1 SHA3 SSTORE

ISZERO  
ISZERO  $\Rightarrow$  ISZERO  
ISZERO

PUSH  $x$                     PUSH  $y$   
PUSH  $y$                      $\Rightarrow$     PUSH  $x$   
SWAP1

CALLVALUE                     $\Rightarrow$     CALLVALUE  
DUP1                            CALLVALUE

each applied  $\times 7700+$  in 1000 most-called smart contracts

**PUSH 0**

DUP6

DUP5

SUB

**LT**

ISZERO



PUSH 1

saves **15 g** and **5 instructions**

# Rewriting

can rules just be applied exhaustively?

yes, termination prover **WANDA** shows termination

does result depend on which rules are applied?

yes, confluence prover **CSI** shows non-confluence

PUSH 1  
PUSH 1

vs

PUSH 1  
DUP1

can conflicts between rules be resolved?

future work: apply **completion**

# Outlook

how do we get these rules into a compiler?

use a peephole optimizer **DSL** like GCC,

or have **pptr** generate code

how can we apply this to Michelson/Move/...?

encode operational semantics in SMT

use existing code base to start

# Advertisement

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... available on **github!**

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