

HiPE Technical Reference
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Abstract

This manual is still in a beta state, please report any errors to the author (happi@csd.uu.se). I would also like to know if there is something that is missing or unclear in the presentation. The best source of information beside this manual is the source files, see the appendix for a description of the files.

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1 Introduction

The HiPE system is intended as an experimental platform for research in language implementation and compiler techniques as applied to ERLANG. One goal with this system is that it should be a complete ERLANG implementation. This can also be stated as the two subgoals that all ERLANG programs should execute in HiPE and that the system and compiler should be bug-free.

We in the HiPE development group have tried hard to achieve these goals and we think that we have reached the first subgoal, and we are constantly working on the second subgoal.

Another goal with the system is that it should be modular and easy to use for experimental research. How we have succeeded in this area we let you judge for yourself. Your comments and suggestions are welcome.

This document is a step in the direction of making the system easy to use. We hope that you, with the help of this document, will be able to add your own optimizations to any stage of the compiler and to understand and be able to modify the runtime system.

This document is not about ERLANG, if you want to learn ERLANG we recommend the documentation that can be found at:
<http://www.erlang.org/>

This document is not about how to install and run a HiPE system, for that kind of information and information about how to use the HiPE compiler please refer to the "HiPE User's Manual". (Although we briefly touch these subjects in Section 2.

→ Section 2

This document is about the internal structure of the HiPE runtime system and the HiPE compiler, it is intended for those of you that want to add your own optimizations to the compiler.

1.1 What's new in this document?

- Version 0.99: Major rewrite bringing the manual from HiPE version 0.97 to HiPE version 1.0.2.
- Version 0.9: Major rewrite bringing the manual from HiPE version 0.91 to HiPE version 0.97.
- Version 0.8: RTL almost finished. Introduction added.
- Version 0.7: RTL updated and RTL(1)-RTL(2) instructions are put in separate sections. All common RTL instructions are described. Most RTL(2) instructions are described.
- Version 0.6: Description of catches in Icode. Correct description of apply in Icode.

1.2 The History of HiPE

The first HiPE compiler (code name Jerico) was written entirely in C and based on the ERLANG runtime system version 4.3 provided by Ericsson/OTP. The Jerico compiler compiled JAM byte-code to SPARC machine code. The last stable version of this HiPE system is version 0.28. Since it is based on a commercial version of ERLANG it is not distributed freely.

The HiPE compiler was then completely rewritten in ERLANG itself, and the runtime system was ported to version 4.5.3 of the runtime system provided by Ericsson/OTP. The last stable version of this system is HiPE version 0.90. This system is also a JAM to SPARC compiler and not freely distributed.

The runtime system was then ported to the JAM version of Open Source ERLANG version 4.7.3, and the compiler have been updated to, for example, use low bit tags. This system is now released under the OSE (Open Source ERLANG) licens as HiPE version 0.92.0.

Since Ericsson dropped support for JAM in their ERLANG system we had to follow suite and port HiPE to OTP-R7 and include BEAM support. This system is available as a stable but incomplete extension as HiPE 0.96.5.

To be able to make the HiPE system complete some changes in the runtime system where needed and Ericsson agreed to implement these in OTP-R8. HiPE versions 0.97.0 to 0.99.x were based on a prerelease (OTP-P8) of the upcoming OTP release.

HiPE 1.0.0 was released together with OTP-R8 in the fall of 2001.

The current version of HiPE (1.0.2) is based on a prerelease of OTP-R9.

2 The HiPE system

The HiPE ERLANG system is made up of four parts: a runtime system, an emulator, a compiler for the emulator, and a native code compiler. The current emulator is BEAM written by Ericsson. The compiler for the emulator is hence the BEAM compiler provided by Ericsson. The native code compiler is called HiPE and it can compile BEAM files to SPARC or IA32 native code.

2.1 Starting a HiPE system

You start a HiPE system just as you start an ordinary ERLANG system by typing `erl` (assuming you have built the system with `--enable_hipe`). At startup a HiPE system should say something like:

```
Erlang (BEAM) emulator version 2002.01.09 [source] [hipe]

Eshell V2002.01.09 (abort with ^G)
1>
```

And the call `erlang:info(system_version)` should return something like:

```
"Erlang (BEAM) emulator version 2002.01.09 [source] [hipe]\n"
```

The HiPE version number, given by `hipe:version()` should be at least 1.0.0.

2.2 Using the HiPE native code compiler

The HiPE compiler is defined in the ERLANG module `hipe`. For a more thorough description of how to use the compiler see the HiPE User's Manual. The following functions are defined:

`c c{Mod, Fun, Arity}` - Compiles the function `Mod:Fun/Arity` with the default options.

`c c(Module)` - Compiles the entire module `Module` with the default options.

`c c({Mod, Fun, Arity}, Options)` - Compiles `Mod:Fun/Arity` with the options `Options`. (For options see below.)

`c c(Module, Options)` - Compiles the entire module `Module` with the options `Options`. (For options see below.)

`version version()` - Returns the version of HiPE.

The argument `Options` is a list of options (for example `[o2, pp_sparc]`). Some options are:

- `safe` - Only really trusted optimizations.
- `o1` - Some optimizations.
- `o2` - Several optimizations.
- `o3` - Hard (experimental) optimizations.

- `pp_all` - Pretty Print All.

For a full and up to date list of options call `hipe:help_options()` in the shell.

You can also write `{no,Option}` to turn the `Option` off. In that case, it will look to the system as if you haven't specified the option (and it won't be used as a default option either)

- ! → NOTE: the options are processed in the order they appear; an early option will 'shadow' a later one.
(E.g., `has_option([cse,{no,cse}]) = true`)

2.3 Overview of the compilation process

The compiler has four intermediate representations; an internal representation of BEAM code, a high level intermediate code called Icode, a general register transfer language called RTL (with two flavors RTL(1) and RTL(2)), and a machine-specific assembly language, either SPARC or x86; see Fig. 2.1.

ICode, RTL, and SPARC are all represented as control flow graphs of basic blocks. The BEAM code is translated to symbolic form by a straightforward process. Internal atom numbers are converted to real atoms, and branches to local functions are translated to call instructions with symbolic function names.

ICode is based on a register-oriented virtual machine for Erlang. Arguments and temporaries are located in an infinite number of registers, and all values are proper Erlang terms. The call stack is implicit, and calls preserve registers. Bookkeeping operations, such as heap overflow checks, context switching, and time-slice decrements, are implicit.

The Icode is then optimized with copy and constant propagation, and constant folding. This is done in one pass over all extended basic blocks. Dead code removal is then performed to remove assignments to dead temporaries.

Unreachable code is removed by the translation to RTL, since only reachable basic blocks are inserted in the RTL control flow graph. Operations on Erlang values are expanded to make data tagging and untagging explicit.

The same optimisations that were performed on Icode are then applied to the RTL code. Heap overflow tests, call stack management, and the saving and restoring of registers around calls are made explicit, and the standard optimisations are applied again. In order to limit the number of heap overflow tests, they are propagated backwards as far as possible, and adjacent tests are merged.

The RTL code then is translated to abstract SPARC code, and registers are assigned using a simple graph-colouring register allocator. Finally, symbolic references to atoms and functions are replaced by their values in the running system, memory is allocated for the code, and the code is linked into the system.

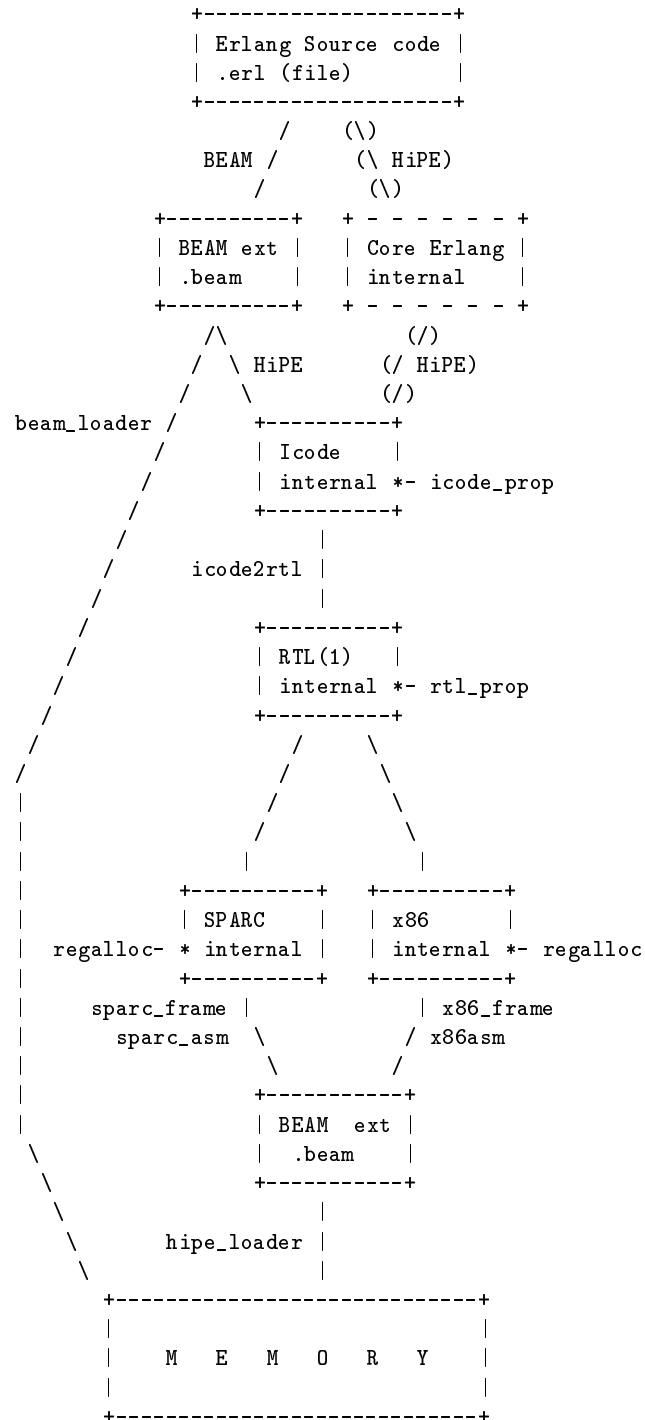


Figure 2.1: Intermediate representations in HiPE.

2.4 Handling of exceptions

2.5 Handling of closures

This section describes how *closures* are handled in HiPE. Some knowledge about the internals of the BEAM system is needed to fully understand the whole description, but the general principle is quite simple. There are three parts to a closure: 1) the code of the

closure, 2) a fun-entry with a pointer to the code created at load time, and 3) a closure created at runtime. The closure contains the free variable and a pointer to the code (direct for native code and indirect via the fun-entry for emulated code). When a closure is called the closure itself is passed as the last argument giving the code access to the values in these variables. The design is complicated since the BEAM code expects to get the free variables as arguments, and since there has to be support for hot code loading.

The following paragraphs describes the implementation in detail.

2.5.1 Closure structures

There are two structures that keeps the information about a closure, the `erl_fun_entry` (contains pointers to code) and the `erl_fun_thing` (contains free variables, the actual closure).

```
typedef struct erl_fun_entry {
    HashBucket bucket;
#ifdef 0
    /* XXX Not yet */
    byte mod_id[16]; /* MD5 for module. */
    int index; /* New style index. */
#endif
    int old_uniq; /* Unique number (old_style) */
    int old_index; /* Old style index */
    Eterm* address; /* Pointer to code for fun */
#ifdef HIPE
    Eterm* native_address; /* Native code for the fun. */
#endif
    Eterm module; /* Tagged atom for module. */
    int refc; /* Reference count: One for code
              + one for each
              fun object in each process. */
} ErlFunEntry;

/*
 * This structure represents a 'fun' (lambda).
 * It is stored on process heaps.
 * It has variable size depending on the size
 * of the environment.
 */

typedef struct erl_fun_thing {
    Eterm thing_word; /* Subtag FUN_SUBTAG. */
    struct erl_fun_thing* next; /* Next fun in mso list. */
    Eterm creator; /* Pid of creator process
                  (contains node). */
    ErlFunEntry* fe; /* Pointer to fun entry. */
#ifdef HIPE
    Eterm* native_address; /* Native code for the fun. */
    Uint real_arity; /* Arity of the native fun. */
#endif
    Uint num_free; /* Number of free variables
                  (in env). */
    Eterm env[1]; /* Environment
                  (free variables). */
}
```

```
} ErlFunThing;
```

2.5.2 Creation of a closure

Assume a module *M* with a function *F/A* containing a fun of arity *A'* with *FV* free variables.

BEAM handles creation of the closure as follows:

Compile time A new local function *F'* (actually named *F/A-fun-I-*, where *I* is the index of the fun within the function) with the code for the fun is created. This function assumes that the free variables of the fun are passed in as arguments to the function. The instruction `make_fun(L, Magic, FreeVariables)`, where *L* is the address of *F'*, is inserted into the BEAM code for *F*.

Load time A function entry (`ErlFunEntry fe`) for the fun *F'* is created. The fun name in the `make_fun` instruction is patched with a pointer to the function entry (`&fe`). A pointer to a native code stub of the right arity is inserted in `fe->native_address`. To get this address the arity of the fun is needed, this is calculated as:

```
arity = ((int)(fe->address[-1])) - num_free;
```

For this `num_free` is needed, but `num_free` and `fe->address` are not known at the same time in the beam loader. HACK: `num.free` is stored in the Lambda structure of the BEAM loader when `fe` is created. ...

Runtime When the BEAM executes the instruction `make_fun` a closure (`ErlFunThing`) is created as follows: Space is allocated on the heap for the closure

```
unsigned needed = ERL_FUN_SIZE + num_free;
ErlFunThing* funp =
    (ErlFunThing *) HALloc(p, needed);
funp->thing_word = HEADER_FUN;
```

The reference counter of the function entry is increased

```
fe->refc++;
```

The closure is linked in to the list of closures in the current process.

```
funp->next = p->off_heap.funs;
p->off_heap.funs = funp;
```

The fields in the closure are initialized

```
funp->num_free = num_free;
funp->creator = p->id;
funp->fe = fe;
```

The free variables are copied from the BEAM register file (`reg`) to the closure

```
Eterm* hp = funp->env;
int i;
for (i = 0; i < num_free; i++) {
    *hp++ = reg[i];
}
```

Then the closure is tagged

```
make_fun(funp);
```

HiPE handles creation of the closure as follows:

Compile time The BEAM instruction
`make_fun(F', Magic, FreeVariables)`
 is patched to

```
Fun :=
  patched_make_fun(M, F', A+FV, UNIQUE, FV,
                  MODINDEX, [FreeVars])
```

this is then translated to code that creates the closure.

Given: ($FV = \text{length}(\text{FreeVars})$) in translation to rtl, `make_fun` is translated to:

```
%% set funp to point to the closure
funp := heaptop
%% copy free vars to the closure
x0 := funp + ?EFT_ENV
[x0+0] = FreeVar1
...
[x0+FV*4] = FreeVarFV

%% Get the address to the fun-entry of F'
x1 := load_address(F', 'closure')
%% Store fe in funp->fe
[funp+?EFT_FE] := x1
%% Cache the native address and arity in
%% funp->native_address
%% funp->real_arity
x2 := [x1+?EFE_NATIVE_ADDRESS]
[funp+?EFT_NATIVE_ADDRESS] := x2
x3 := ARITY-FV
[funp+?EFT_REAL_ARITY] := x3

%% Increase the reference count in fe->refc
x4 := [x1+?EFE_REFC]
x5 := x4 + 1
[x1+?EFE_REFC] := x5

%% Store number of free vars in funp->num_free
[funp+?EFT_NUM_FREE] := FV
%% Store the pid in funp->creator
x6 := [p+?P_ID]
[funp+?EFT_CREATOR] := x6
[funp+?EFT_THING] := ?HEADER_FUN

%% Link funp to list in p->off_heap.funs
x7 := [p+?P_OFF_HEAP_FUNS]
[funp+?EFT_NEXT] := x7
[p+?P_OFF_HEAP_FUNS] := funp

%% Tag funp and allocate space on the heap
fun := tag_fun(funp)
```

```

heaptop :=
  heaptop + ((?ERL_FUN_SIZE + FV) *4)

```

The BEAM code for the closure is patched with a prelude:

```

F'(Arg_1, ..., Arg_A, FreeV_1, ..., FreeV_FV, Closure) ->
  L1: Instr1
  ...

```

Is patched to:

```

F'(Arg_1, ..., ArgA, Closure) ->
  L0: FreeV_FV := hipeclosure_element(FV, Closure),
  ...
  FreeV_1 := hipeclosure_element(1, Closure),
  Goto L1
  L1: Instr1
  ...

```

Load time A function entry (*fe*) is created for the closure. A pointer to an emulator stub is inserted into *fe->address*. (If there existed BEAM code for the closure, then that code is used as the stub.) The BEAM code for the sub is patched so that calls are redirected to *hipeclosure-switch-call-closure*.

For SPARC six stubs are needed (*nbif_ccallemu0* to *nbif_ccallemu5*), they look as:

```

nbif_ccallemu0:
ba .ccall
st ARG0,[P+P_CLOSURE]
nbif_ccallemu1:
ba .args0
st ARG1,[P+P_CLOSURE]
...
nbif_ccallemu5:
ld TEMP, [NSP-4]
ba .args4
st TEMP,[P+P_CLOSURE]
.global nbif_ccallemu4

args4: st ARG4,[P+P_ARG4]
args3: st ARG3,[P+P_ARG3]
args2: st ARG2,[P+P_ARG2]
args1: st ARG1,[P+P_ARG1]
args0: st ARG0,[P+P_ARG0]
ccall: st RA,[P+P_NRA] ! native return address
ba .flush_exit
mov HIPE_MODE_SWITCH_RES_CLOSURE,TEMP

```

The last stub works as long as the calling convention puts the last argument on the top of the stack (true for SPARC). For other calling conventions one can get the closure in a special stub created for each arity as needed.

The instruction

```

x1 := load_address(F', 'closure')

```

is patched to

```

x1 := load(&fe)

```

Runtime At runtime a test is performed to ensure that enough room is available on the heap, then the code to create the closure that was described above is executed.

2.5.3 Calls to a closure

BEAM calls a closure The address to the closure is found at `funp->fe->address`. The free variables are copied from `funp->env` to `reg[arity...arity+num_free-1]`. The last argument `reg[arity+num_free]` is initialized to the closure (`funp`). If the number of arguments is equal to the arity of the closure execution continues at the given address.

If the closure is compiled to native code then the address points to a stub. The stub code traps to `hipe-mode-switch` which puts actuals and closure in native regs (and on the stack if needed) then it makes a normal native call to `funp->native_address`.

Native call to a closure `C(A1, ..., AN)` First the type of `C` is checked to ensure it is a closure, otherwise `{'EXIT', badfun}` is thrown. Then the arity of `C` is found by

```
funp = UNTAG(C)
arity = funp->real_arity
```

Then a check ensures that `arity == N` (`== length(Args)`) (`{'EXIT', badarity}` is thrown otherwise).

The call passes actuals and closure as normal parameters and jumps to `funp->native_address`. If the function is not compiled to native code `funp->native_address` points to a stub (as described above).

2.5.4 Closures and hot code loading

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2.5.5 Closures in a distributed environment

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2.6 Primitive operators in HiPE

Where the primop can be one of the operator described in Table 2.1.

→ Table 2.1

Some primops can be created with a shortcut:

```
mk_gctest mk_gctest() - - mk_primop([],gc_test,[])
mk_redtest mk_redtest() - - mk_primop([],redtest,[])
```


Op	Dest	Arg	Description
Arithmetic			
'+'	[Dst]	[Arg1, Arg2]	Dst := Arg1 + Arg2
'-'	[Dst]	[Arg1, Arg2]	Dst := Arg1 - Arg2
'*'	[Dst]	[Arg1, Arg2]	Dst := Arg1 * Arg2
'/'	[Dst]	[Arg1, Arg2]	Dst := Arg1 / Arg2 fp.
'div'	[Dst]	[Arg1, Arg2]	Dst := Arg1 / Arg2 int.
'rem'	[Dst]	[Arg1, Arg2]	Dst := remainder(Arg1 / Arg2)
Bitwise operations			
'band'	[Dst]	[Arg1, Arg2]	
'bor'	[Dst]	[Arg1, Arg2]	
'bxor'	[Dst]	[Arg1, Arg2]	
'bsl'	[Dst]	[Arg1, Arg2]	
'bsr'	[Dst]	[Arg1, Arg2]	
'bnot'	[Dst]	[Arg]	
Lists and tuples ^a			
cons	[Dst]	[Car, Cdr]	Cons the car and cdr.
unsafe_hd	[Dst]	[Arg]	Get the head of the cons Arg
unsafe_tl	[Dst]	[Arg]	Get the tail of the cons Arg
mktuple	[Dst]	Elements	Make a tuple of the Elements.
{unsafe_element, N}	[Dst]	[Tuple]	Nth element of Tuple
Other			
self	[Dst]	[]	Get the PID
gc_test	[]	[]	Do a GC test.
redtest	[]	[]	Do a reduction test.
send	[Dst]	[To, Mess]	To ! Mess, Dst := Mess
get_msg	[Dst]	[]	Look at next message.
next_msg	[]	[]	Advance message ptr.
join	[]	[]	Remove selected mess.
set_timeout	[]	Time	Set timeout.
BIFs			
<bif_NAME_ARITY>	[Dst, F]	Args	F is used to test for success.

Table 2.1: Primitive operators.

^a The *unsafe* operations do no type test nor any range check.

The following operators and arguments can be used as guardops:

Op	Dest	Arg	Description
Arithmetic			
'+'	[Dst]	[Arg1, Arg2]	Dst:=Arg1+Arg2
'-'	[Dst]	[Arg1, Arg2]	Dst:=Arg1-Arg2
'*'	[Dst]	[Arg1, Arg2]	Dst:=Arg1*Arg2
'/'	[Dst]	[Arg1, Arg2]	Dst:=Arg1/Arg2 fp.
'div'	[Dst]	[Arg1, Arg2]	Dst:=Arg1/Arg2 int.
'rem'	[Dst]	[Arg1, Arg2]	Dst :=remainder(Arg1/Arg2)
Bitwise operations			
'band'	[Dst]	[Arg1, Arg2]	
'bor'	[Dst]	[Arg1, Arg2]	
'bxor'	[Dst]	[Arg1, Arg2]	
'bsl'	[Dst]	[Arg1, Arg2]	
'bsr'	[Dst]	[Arg1, Arg2]	
'bnot'	[Dst]	[Arg]	
Other			
self	[Dst]	[]	Get the PID
{unsafe_element, N}	[Dst]	[Arg]	Nth element of Arg
unsafe_hd	[Dst]	[Arg]	Get the head of the cons Arg
unsafe_tl	[Dst]	[Arg]	Get the tail of the cons Arg

The word unsafe in the last three operators means that no type checking or range checking is done. Be sure to only use these when Arg can be guaranteed to have the right type.

3 New BIFs (in module `hipe_bifs`)

3.1 Compiler and linker support

3.1.1 `address_to_fun(Address)`

Returns the name of the ERLANG function who's JAM code starts at address `Address`.

3.1.2 `alloc_code(SizeInBytes)`

Allocates a block of memory of size `SizeInBytes` bytes at a memory address that fits in an ERLANG fixnum. The address is returned as a fixnum.

3.1.3 `alloc_constant(SizeInBytes)`

The function `alloc_constant/1` is like `alloc_code/1`, except it returns memory suitable for storing constant Erlang values.

These constants must not be forwarded by the gc. Therefore, the gc needs to be able to distinguish between collectible objects and constants. Unfortunately, an Erlang process' collectible objects are scattered around in two heaps and a list of message buffers, so testing "is X a collectible object?" can be expensive.

Instead, constants are placed in a single contiguous area, which allows for an inexpensive "is X a constant?" test.

3.1.4 `array(Size, InitVal)`

Creates a mutable array of `Size` immediates (small integers or atoms) and fills it with `InitVal`.

3.1.5 `array_length(Array)`

Returns the size of the array.

3.1.6 `array_sub(Array, Offset)`

Returns the element at position `Offset` in the array.

3.1.7 `array_update(Array, Offset, Value)`

Sets the element at position `Offset` in the array to `Value`.

3.1.8 `atom_to_word(Atom)`

Returns the atom number of `Atom`.

3.1.9 `bif_address(Mod, Fun, Arity)`

Returns the native address of a built-in-function (of `false` if the function is not implemented in native code (or C)).

3.1.10 `catch_index_to_word(CatchIndex)`

3.1.11 `catch_table_nil()`

3.1.12 `catch_table_insert(Table, Catch)`

3.1.13 `catch_table_remove(?,?,?)`

3.1.14 `copy_term(Term, Address, Size)`

Copies the ERLANG term `Term` of size `Size` to the address `Address`.

3.1.15 `emu_stub(Mod, Fun, Arity)`

Creates a BEAM-code stub for the function `Mod:Fun/Arity` and returns the address to this stub.

3.1.16 `fun_to_address(MFA)`

`MFA` is a tuple: `{Module, Function, Arity}`. Returns the address to the BEAM-code of the function `MFA`.

3.1.17 `get_funinfo(MFA)`

Returns native code information about the function `MFA`.

3.1.18 `make_fe(NativeAddress, Module, BEAMAddress)`

Creates a `ErlFunEntry` for the function with code at address `NativeAddress`. (See Section 2.5.)

3.1.19 `primop_address(Op)`

Returns the address to the primop `Op`.

3.1.20 `read_u8(Address)`

Returns the (unsigned) byte at `Address`.

3.1.21 `read_s32(Address)`

Returns the (signed) 32-bit word at `Address`.

3.1.22 `read_u32(Address)`

Returns the (unsigned) 32-bit word at `Address`.

3.1.23 `ref(Value)`

Creates a mutable reference to the immediate value `Value`.

3.1.24 `ref_get(Ref)`

Returns the value of the reference `Ref`.

3.1.25 `ref_set(Ref, NewValue)`

Mutates the reference `Ref`, by setting te value to `NewValue`.

3.1.26 set_funinfo(Key)

Key should be of the form {MFA, Value}. Sets the native information about the fun MFA to Value.

3.1.27 set_native_address(MFA, Address, IsClosure)

Sets the address for native code for the function MFA to Address, if IsClosure is the atom true then the BEAM-code is patched to call a closure otherwise the beam code is patched to call an ordinary function.

3.1.28 term_size(Term)

Calculates the size of an ERLANG term.

3.1.29 write_u8(Address, Value)

Writes the (unsigned) byte Value to Address.

3.1.30 write_s32(Address, Value)

Writes the (unsigned) 32-bit word Value to Address.

3.1.31 write_u32(Address, Value)

Writes the (unsigned) 32-bit word Value to Address.

3.2 Measurements**3.2.1 call_count_on(MFA)**

Turns on emulator profiling (counting of calls to) for the function MFA.

3.2.2 call_count_off(MFA)

Turns off emulator profiling (counting of calls to) for the function MFA.

3.2.3 call_count_get(MFA)

Returns the number of times the emulated function MFA has been called since call count was turned on (or cleared).

3.2.4 call_count_clear(MFA)

Clears the call counter for the function MFA.

3.3 Miscellaneous add-ons**3.3.1 Debugging**

`show_estack show_estack(PID)` - Prints the emulator stack for the process PID to stdout.

`show_heap show_heap(PID)` - Prints the heap of the process PID to stdout.

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- `show_nstack` `show_nstack (PID)` - Prints the native stack for the process `PID` to `stdout`.
 - `show_p_struct` `show_p_struct (PID)` - Prints the process-struct of the process `PID` to `stdout`.
 - `show_term` `show_term (Term)` - Prints the hexadecimal value of the representation of the term `Term`, the term itself is also printed.

4 Intermediate code in HiPE

There are three levels of intermediate code in HiPE: Icode - imperative code with high level instructions and primitive operations inherited from ERLANG, RTL - a generic RISC three address code, and SPARC - specific assembler code for SPARC (level 9), or X86 - specific assembler code for IA32.

All three comes in two different layouts: *CFG* - *control flow graph*, and *linear*. In CFG the code is divided into *Basic Blocks* with predecessors and successors. The linear code is just a list of instructions with some meta information added to it.

4.1 Initializing

To get a dense numbering of labels and still get unique labels, we use our own gensym. To make this work you need to initialize the gensym server. If you for example want to be able to work with an "old" rtl-cfg you need to do the following:

```
{LLow, LHigh} = rtl_cfg:label_range(CFG),
gensym:set_label(LHigh),
{VLow, VHigh} = rtl_cfg:var_range(CFG),
gensym:set_var(VHigh),
Start = rtl_cfg:start_label(CFG)
```

4.2 Control Flow Graphs

There are functions for constructing and manipulating the control flow graph of a function. A unique label identifies each Basic Block in the CFG, all labels in the CFG is within the label range of the CFG. All variables (temporaries) are within the variable range of the CFG.

There is a module for each one of the codes:

`icode_cfg.erl`, `rtl_cfg.erl`, and `sparc_cfg.erl`. Each module contains the following functions:

- `init(Code)`- Makes a CFG out of `Code` (See the chapters on Icode, RTL and SPARC for descriptions on the format of `Code`).
- `bb(CFG, Label)`- Returns the basic block associated with `Label`.
- `bb_update(CFG, Label, NewBB)`- Makes `NewBB` the basic block associated with `Label`.
- `succ_map(CFG)`- Returns a mapping from labels to successors.
- `succ(Map, Label)`- Returns a list of successors of the basic block with the associated with `Label`.
- `pred_map(CFG)`- Returns a mapping from labels to predecessors.

- `pred(Map, Label)`- Returns the predecessors of the basic block associated with `Label`.
- `fallthrough(CFG, Label)`- Returns fall-through successor of the basic block associated with `Label` (or the atom `none`).
- `cond(CFG, Label)`- Returns conditional successor (or the atom `none`).
- `start(CFG)`- Returns the label of the entry basic block.
- `fail_entrypoints(CFG)`- Returns a list of labels that are fail entry points. Execution of a catch can start at all of these points.
- `params(CFG)`- Returns the list of parameter names.
- `labels(CFG)`- Returns a list of labels of all basic blocks in `CFG`.
- `postorder(CFG)`- Returns a list of labels in postorder.
- `reverse_postorder(CFG)`- Returns a list of labels in reverse postorder.
- `linearize(CFG)`- Converts `CFG` to linear code.
- `var_range(CFG)`- Returns the variable range as a tuple: `{Min, Max}`.
- `label_range(CFG)`- Returns the label range as a tuple: `{Min, Max}`.

*The following functions are also available...
... a description will be added soon.*

```
add_fail_entrypoint/2,
is_entry/2,
info/1,
info_update/2,
start_label/1,
start_label_update/2,
preorder/1,
reverse_preorder/1,
bb_add/3,
bb_remove/2,
redirect/4,
var_range_update/2,
label_range_update/2,
info/1,
info_add/2,
info_update/2,
pp/1
```

4.3 Basic Blocks

The functions for manipulating basic blocks can be found in the module `bb`.

- `mk_bb(Code)`- Creates a basic block from the list of instructions `Code`.
- `mk_bb(Code, Annot)`- Creates a basic block from the list of instructions `Code` and annotates it with `Annot`.

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- `code(BB)`- Returns the code in the basic block.
 - `annot(BB)`- Returns the annotations for the basic block.
 - `code_update(BB, NewCode)`- Replaces the code in BB with `NewCode`.
 - `last(BB)`- Returns the last instruction in the BB.
 - `butlast(BB)`- Returns the code except for the last instruction.

5 Icode

The module `icode` contains all functions necessary to work with Icode. Linear Icode consists of:

- The name of a function (as a MFA $\{M, F, A\}$).
- A list of parameters (as Icode variables).
- A list of Icode instructions.
- A variable range.
- A label range.
- And optional additional information.

The following functions can be used to handle linear Icode:

`mk_icode` `mk_icode(Fun, Params, CodeList, VarRange, LabelRange)`
- Creates linear Icode from the given components.

`icode_fun` `icode_fun(Icode)` - Returns the function as a MFA.

`icode_params` `icode_params(Icode)` - Returns the list of parameters.

`icode_code` `icode_code(Icode)` - Returns the list of instructions.

`icode_var_range` `icode_var_range(Icode)` - Returns the "var range".

`icode_label_range` `icode_label_range(Icode)` - Returns the "label range".

`icode_info` `icode_info(Icode)` - Returns additional information about the code.

`icode_info_add` `icode_info_add(Icode, Info)` - Add some additional information to the code.

`icode_info_update` `icode_info_update(Icode, Info)` - Replace the additional information about the code.

`pp` `pp(Icode)` - Pretty-print the code.

`pp_exit` `pp_exit(Icode)` - Pretty-print the code, exit with the exception `{'EXIT', {pp, Instr}}` if anything goes wrong.

`remove_empty_bbs` `remove_empty_bbsT` - rim the code.

`is_leaf` `is_leaf(Icode)` - True if the function is a leaf function.

All instructions has an information field and these functions works on all Icode instructions:

`info_add` `info_add(Instr, Info)` - Adds extra information to an instruction.

`info_update` `info_update(Instr, NewInfo)` - Replaces the information for the instruction.

`info` `info(Instr)` - Returns the information.

The following instructions also work on all Icode instructions:

- `type` `type(Instr)` - Return the type of the Icode instruction as an atom.
- `is_branch` `is_branch(Instr)` - True if the instruction is a branch.
- `is_uncond` `is_uncond(Instr)` - True if the instruction is an unconditional branch.
- `successors` `successors(Instr)` - Returns a list of successors to a branch instruction.
- `is_pure` `is_pure(Instr)` - True only if the instruction can not fail. (Can still be false for some instructions that can not fail.)
- `uses` `uses(Instr)` - Returns a list of variables that the instruction uses (reads from).
- `defines` `defines(Instr)` - Returns a list of variables that the instruction defines (writes to).
- `pp_instr` `pp_instr(Instr)` - Pretty print the instruction.
- `subst` `subst(Substs, Instr)` - `Substs` is a list of the form `[{NewVar, OldVar}, ...]`. Replaces all occurrences of `OldVar` in the instructions with `NewVar`.
- `subst_uses` `subst_uses(Substs, Instr)` - `Subst` as above. Replaces all uses of `OldVar` in the instructions with `NewVar`.
- `subst_defines` `subst_defines(Substs, Instr)` - `Subst` as above. Replaces all definitions of `OldVar` in the instructions with `NewVar`.
- `redirect_jump` `redirect_jump(Instr, ToOld, ToNew)` - Makes `ToNew` the destination of any destinations that previously was `ToOld`.

In the following sections all Icode instruction are described. They all come with their own constructor functions, selector functions, and recognition functions. These are on the forms `mk_INSTR(Parts)`, `INSTR_PART(Instr)`, and `is_INSTR(Instr)` respectively.

The *icode instructions* are:

Instruction	Arguments
<code>'if'</code>	<code>cond, args, true_label, false_label</code>
<code>switch_val</code>	<code>arg, fail_label, length, [cases]</code>
<code>switch_tuple_arity</code>	<code>arg, fail_label, length, [cases]</code>
<code>type</code>	<code>typ_expr, arg, true_label, false_label</code>
<code>goto</code>	<code>label</code>
<code>label</code>	<code>name</code>
<code>mov</code>	<code>dst, src</code>
<code>call</code>	<code>[dsts], fun, [args], type, continuation, fail, in_guard, code_change</code>
<code>enter</code>	<code>fun, [arg], type, code_change</code>
<code>return</code>	<code>[var]</code>
<code>pushcatch</code>	<code>label</code>
<code>restore_catch</code>	<code>dst, label</code>
<code>remove_catch</code>	<code>label</code>
<code>fail</code>	<code>reason, type</code>
<code>comment</code>	<code>text</code>

5.1 Control flow instructions

5.1.1 label(Label)

Names a point in the code.

`mk_label mk_label(Label)` - Creates a label with name `Label`.

`mk_new_label mk_new_label()` - Creates a new unique label. (If you have initialized gensym correctly.)

`label_name label_name(Instr)` - Returns the name of the label.

`is_label is_label(Instr)` - True if `Instr` is a label.

5.1.2 goto(Label)

Unconditional branch to a label.

`mk_goto mk_goto(Label)` - Creates a goto instruction.

`goto_label goto_label(Instr)` - Returns the label name.

`is_goto is_goto(Instr)` - True if the instruction is a goto.

5.1.3 type(test, argument, true_label, false_label, prediction)

Where `test` is one of the tests described below. If the type expression applied to `argument` is true then go to the true label else go to the false label. The prediction is a number between 0.0 and 1.0 indicating the probability that the test will succeed.

`mk_type mk_type(Arg, TypeExpr, TrueLbl, FalseLbl)` - Create a type test with prediction 0.5.

`mk_type mk_type(Arg, TypeExpr, TrueLbl, FalseLbl, Prediction)` - Create a type test with the given prediction.

`type_var type_var(Instr)` - Return the argument.

`type_type type_type(Instr)` - Return the type expression.

`type_true_label type_true_label(Instr)` - Return the true label.

`type_false_label type_false_label(Instr)` - Return the false label.

`type_pred type_pred(Instr)` - Return the prediction.

`is_type is_type(Instr)` - True if the instruction is a type test instruction.

The following type tests are available:

Type Expr	Meaning
list	nil or cons
nil	[]
cons	cons
tuple	tuple of any arity
{tuple, N}	tuple of arity N
atom	Any atom
{atom, Atom}	the atom Atom
constant	any constant
number	any number
integer	any integer
{integer, N}	the integer N
fixnum	any fixnum
bignum	any bignum
float	any float
pid	is pid
port	is port
reference	is reference
binary	is binary
function	is function

5.1.4 'if'(condition, args, true_label, false_label, prediction)

Where condition is one of the operators described below. If the condition applied to the arguments is true then go to the true label else go to the false label. The optional prediction is a number between 0 and 1 predicting the chance of success.

mk_if mk_if(Op, Args, TrueLbl, FalseLbl) - Constructor, the prediction defaults to 0.5.

mk_if mk_if(Op, Args, TrueLbl, FalseLbl, P) - Constructor.

if_op if_op(Instr) -

if_true_label if_true_label(Instr) -

if_false_label if_false_label(Instr) -

if_args if_args(Instr) -

if_pred if_pred(Instr) -

is_if is_if(Instr) -

The following *binary operators* can be used:

>, <, >=, <=, ==, /=, :=, /=

5.2 Operations

5.2.1 mov(dst, src)

Copy the source to the destination. A constant can only show up on the right hand side (as the source).

mk_mov mk_mov(Dst, Src) -

mk_movs mk_movs(DstList, SrcList) -

mov_dst mov_dst(Instr) -

```

mov_src mov_src(Instr) -
mov_src_update mov_src_update(Instr, NewSrc) -
is_mov is_mov(Instr) -

```

5.3 Function application

Here 'fun' is a tuple: Module, Function, Arity.

5.3.1 call([dst], fun, [arg], type, continuation, fail)

Call the function fun with the arguments and store the results in the destinations (multiple return values are partly supported). The call is also annotated with information about whether it is a local or remote call (in the type field).

After the call execution continues at `continuation`. If the call fails and `fail` is not nil then the exception will be caught at `fail`.

```

mk_call mk_call(Dst, Mod, Fun, Args, Type, Continuation, Fail)
-
call_dst call_dst(Instr) -
call_args call_args(Instr) -
call_fun call_fun(Instr) -
call_type call_type(Instr) -
is_call is_call(Instr) -

```

5.3.2 enter(fun, [arg], type)

A tail recursive call. (No return values.)

```

mk_enter mk_enter(Mod, Fun, Args, Type) -
enter_fun enter_fun(Instr) -
enter_args enter_args(Instr) -
enter_type enter_type(Instr) -
is_enter is_enter(Instr) -

```

5.3.3 return([var])

Return from the function possibly with multiple return values.

```

mk_return mk_return(Vars) -
is_return is_return(Instr) -
return_vars return_vars(Instr) -

```

5.4 Error handling

A catch sequence in Icode is built as follows:

```

pushcatch('catchlblx')
'CODE TO CATCH... '
remove_catch('catchlblx')
goto 'catchend'
'catchlblx':
restore_catch(Vi, 'catchlblx')
goto 'catchend'
'catchend':

```

5.4.1 pushcatch(Label)

Make a catch frame on the stack. The `Label` is a label where execution should continue if an exception is catch.

```

mk_pushcatch mk_pushcatch(Label) -
pushcatch_label pushcatch_label(Instr) -
is_pushcatch is_pushcatch(Instr) -

```

5.4.2 restore_catch(Dst, Label)

Restores the saved variables in the list `var` from a catch frame and moves the thrown (or exit) value to the variable `dst`. The `id` identifies the catch to restore, it should be the same as the `id` for the corresponding `push_catch`.

```

mk_restore_catch mk_restore_catch(Dst, Id) -
is_restore_catch is_restore_catch(Instr) -
restore_catch_dst restore_catch_dst(Instr) -
restore_catch_id restore_catch_id(Instr) | -

```

5.4.3 remove_catch(type, id)

Removes the catch-frame `id` where `size` variables are stored. If the `type` is `not_taken` then it handles the case where there where no exit or throw. The `type taken` handles the case where there where an exit or throw.

```

mk_remove_catch mk_remove_catch(Type, Id) -
is_remove_catch is_remove_catch(Instr) -
remove_catch_type remove_catch_type(Instr) -
remove_catch_id remove_catch_id(Instr) -

```

5.4.4 fail(Reason, Type)

Fail with reason `Reason`, `Type` is either `exit` or `throw`.

```

mk_fail mk_fail(Reason, Type) -
is_fail is_fail(Instr) -
fail_reason fail_reason(Instr) -
fail_type fail_type(Instr) -

```

5.5 Comments

5.5.1 `comment(text)`

A comment

```
mk_comment mk_comment(Text) -  
is_comment is_comment(Instr) -  
comment_text comment_text(Instr) -
```

5.6 Arguments

5.6.1 Constants

```
mk_const mk_const(Const) -  
is_const is_const(Instr) -  
const_value const_value(Instr) -
```

5.6.2 Variables

```
mk_var mk_var(Id) -  
mk_new_var mk_new_var() -  
var_name var_name(Instr) -  
is_var is_var(Instr) -
```

6 RTL- register transfer language

The module `rtl` contains all functions necessary to work with RTL. Linear RTL consists of:

- The name of a function (as a MFA $\{M, F, A\}$).
- A list of parameters (as RTL variables).
- A list of RTL instructions.
- A variable range.
- A label range.
- And optional additional information.

The following functions can be used to handle linear RTL:

```
mk_rtl : mk_rtl(Fun, Args, Code, VarRange, LabelRange) -
rtl_fun : rtl_fun(RTLcode) -
rtl_params : rtl_params(RTL) -
rtl_code : rtl_code(RTL) -
rtl_code_update : rtl_code_update(RTL, Code) -
rtl_var_range : rtl_var_range(RTL) -
rtl_var_range_update : rtl_var_range_update(RTL, NewVarRange) -
rtl_label_range : rtl_label_range(RTL) -
rtl_label_range_update : rtl_label_range_update(RTL,NewLabelRange) -
rtl_info : rtl_info(RTL) -
rtl_info_update : rtl_info_update(RTL, Info) -
remove_empty_bbs : remove_empty_bbs(RTL) -
pp : pp(RTL) -
pp : pp(Dev, RTL) -
```

All instructions has an information field and these functions works on all RTL instructions:

```
info(Instr) :
info_add(Instr, Info) :
info_update(Instr, NewInfo) :
```

The following instructions also work on all RTL instructions:

```
type(Instr) :
uses(Instr) :
defines(Instr) :
redirect_jump(Instr, ToOld, ToNew) :
```

`is_pure(Instr) :`

6.1 Variables

There are three kinds of *variables* in RTL. Variables containing tagged data that are traced by the GC. Registers that are ignored by the GC. Floating point registers.

`mk_var(Name)`
`mk_new_var()`
`is_var(Val)`
`var_name(Val)`

`mk_reg(Name)`
`mk_new_reg()`
`is_reg(Val)`
`reg_name(Val)`

`mk_fpreg(Name)`
`is_fpreg(Val)`
`fpreg_name(Val)`

6.2 Immediates

`mk_imm(Imm)`
`is_imm(Val)`
`imm_value(Val)`

6.3 RTL-Instructions

The *RTL instructions* are:

Instruction	Arguments
label	Name
branch	Src1, RelOp, Src2, TrueLabel, FalseLabel, Prediction
alu_branch	Dst, Src1, Op, Src2, Cond, TrueLabel, FalseLabel, Prediction
goto	Label
move	Dst, Src
alu	Dst, Src1, Op, Src2
<i>fp</i>	Dst, Src1, Op, Src2
load	Dst, Src, Off
load_atom	Dst, Atom
load_address	Dst, Addr, Type
store	Dst, Off, Src
comment	Text
call	Dst, Fun, Args, Continuation, Fail, Type
enter	Fun, Args, Continuation, Type
return	Vars
gctest	Words

6.4 Control flow instructions

6.4.1 label(Name, Info)

Gives this point in the code the name `Name` so that branches can jump to this point.

`mk_label(Name)` : Make a new label named `Name`

`mk_new_label()` : If gensym is initialized correctly this instruction generates a new label that is unique for the function being compiled.

`label_name(Instr)` : Returns the name of a label.

`is_label(Instr)` : True if the instruction is a label.

6.4.2 branch(Src1, RelOp, Src2, TrueLabel, FalseLabel, Prediction, Info)

→ Table 6.1

Conditional branch. Compares the arguments `Src1` and `Src2` with regards to the relation operation `RelOp` (See Table 6.1. The arguments can be variables, immediates or registers. If the comparison succeeds the execution continues at `TrueLabel` otherwise the execution continues at `FalseLabel`.

The `Prediction` can be used to indicate the predicted direction of the branch. The number is a float between 0.0 and 1.0 indicating the likelihood of the destination being the `TrueLabel`.

`mk_branch(Src1, RelOp, Src2, TrueLabel, FalseLabel)` : Makes a conditional branch with prediction 0.5.

`mk_branch(Src1, RelOp, Src2, TrueLabel, FalseLabel, Prediction)` : Makes a conditional branch with the given prediction.

`branch_src1(Instr)` : Returns `Src1`.

`branch_src2(Instr)` : Returns `Src2`.

`branch_cond(Instr)` : Returns `RelOp`.

`branch_true_label(Instr)` : Returns `TrueLabel`.

`branch_false_label(Instr)` : Returns `FalseLabel`.

`branch_pred(Instr)` : Returns `Prediction`.

`is_branch(Instr)` : Returns `true` if the instruction is a brach instruction, and `false` otherwise.

`branch_true_label_update(Instr, NewLabel)` : Replaces the destination of a successful comparison (`TrueLabel`) with `NewLabel`.

`branch_false_label_update(Instr, NewLabel)` : Replaces the destination of an unsuccessful comparison (`FalseLabel`) with `NewLabel`.

6.4.3 alu_branch(Dst, Src1, Op, Src2, Cond, TrueLabel, FalseLabel, Prediction, Info)

→ Table 6.2

→ Table 6.1

The arithmetic-logic branch calculates `Dst := Src1 Op Src2` to generate a condition code. Then depending on the condition `Cond` the execution continues at `TrueLabel` or `FalseLabel`. The operation (`Op`) can be one of the operations described in Table 6.2 . The condition can be one of de relational operator described in Table 6.1. The destination `Dst` have to be a register or a variable, the

RelOp	Src1 Type	Operation	Src2 Type
eq	sw	equal	sw
ne	sw	not equal	sw
gt	sw	greater	sw
gtu	uw	unsigned greater	uw
ge	sw	greater or equal	sw
geu	uw	unsigned greater or equal	uw
lt	sw	less	sw
ltu	uw	unsigned less	uw
le	sw	less or equal	sw
leu	sw	unsigned less or equal	sw
overflow	sw	overflow	sw
not_overflow	sw	not overflow	sw

Table 6.1: Valid relational operators in conditional branches.

sources can also be immediates. The prediction is a number between 0.0 and 1.0 indicating the probability that the condition holds.

`mk_alub(Dst, Src1, Op, Src2, Cond, True, False)` : Generate an arithmetic-logic branch with prediction 0.5.

`mk_alub(Dst, Src1, Op, Src2, Cond, True, False, P)` : Generate an arithmetic-logic branch with the prediction P.

`alub_dst(Instr)` : Return the register `Dst`.

`alub_src1(Instr)` : Return `Src1`.

`alub_op(Instr)` : Return the operation `Op`.

`alub_src2(Instr)` : Return `Src2`.

`alub_cond(Instr)` : Return the condition `Cond`.

`alub_true_label(Instr)` : Return `TrueLabel`.

`alub_true_label_update(Instr, NewLabel)` : Set the new success destination (`TrueLabel`) to `NewLabel`.

`alub_false_label(Instr)` : Return `FalseLabel`.

`alub_false_label_update(Instr, NewLabel)` : Set the new destination for an unsuccessful comparison (`FalseLabel`) to `NewLabel`.

`alub_pred(Instr)` : Return the prediction.

`alub_info(Instr)` : Return additional information.

`is_alub(Instr)` : Returns `true` if the instruction is an arithmetic-logic branch and `false` otherwise.

6.4.4 goto(Label, Info)

Continue execution at the label `Label`.

`mk_goto(Label)` : Create a goto instruction.

`goto_label(Instr)` : Return the destination label.

`is_goto(Instr)` : `true` if the instruction is a goto, `false` otherwise.

RelOp	Src1 Type	Operation	Src2 Type
add	sw	+	sw
sub	sw	-	sw
'or'	uw	or	uw
'and'	uw	and	uw
'xor'	uw	xor	uw
'xornot'	uw	xnor	uw
andnot	uw	and not	uw
sll	uw	shift left logical	uw
sllx	udw (64b)	shift left logical	udw (64b)
srl	uw	shift right logical	uw
srlx	udw (64b)	shift right logical	udw (64b)
sra	sw	shift right arithmetic	uw
srax	sdw (64b)	shift right arithmetic	udw (64b)

Table 6.2: Valid operators in alu operations and alu branches.

`goto_label_update(Instr, Label)` : Update the destination of a goto instruction.

6.5 Operations

6.5.1 `move(Dst, Src, Info)`

Move the immediate value, or the contents of the register/variable `Src` to the register/variable `Dst`.

`mk_move(Dst, Src)` : Create a move instruction.

`move_dst(Instr)` : Return the move destination `Dst`.

`move_src(Instr)` : Return the move source `Src`.

`move_src_update(Instr, NewSrc)` : Updates the source of the move.

`is_move(Instr)` : True if the instruction is a move instruction and false otherwise.

6.5.2 `alu(Dst, Src1, Op, Src2, Info)`

Calculates `Dst := Src1 Op Src2`. Where `Dst` is a register/variable and `Src1` and `Src2` are immediates, registers or variables. The operation `Op` can be one of the operations given in Table 6.2.

→ Table 6.2

`mk_alu(Dst, Src1, Op, Src2)` : Create an arithmetic-logic operation.

`alu_dst(Instr)` : Return `Dst`.

`alu_src1(Instr)` : Return `Src1`.

`alu_src1_update(Instr, NewSrc)` : Replaces `Src1` with `NewSrc`.

`alu_src2(Instr)` : Return `Srs2`.

`alu_src2_update(Instr, NewSrc)` : Replaces `Src2` with `NewSrc`.

`alu_op(Instr)` : Return `Op`.

`is_alu_op(Instr)` : true if the instruction is an arithmetic-logic operation.

6.5.3 *(fp(Dst, Src1, Op, Src2, Info))*

! → *This instruction is not fully supported yet...*

6.5.4 **load(Dst, Src, Off, Info)**

Loads an unsigned word from the address `Src+Off` into `Dst` (`Dst := [Src+Off]`).

```
mk_load(Dst, Src, Info) : Create a load instruction.
load_dst(Instr) : Return Dst.
load_src(Instr) : Return Src.
load_offset(Instr) : Return Off.
```

6.5.5 **load_atom(Dst, Atom, Info)**

Moves the atom index for the atom `Atom` into `Dst`. This is used to keep a symbolic representation of atoms.

```
mk_load_atom(Dst, Atom) : Creates a load-atom instruction.
load_atom_dst(Instr) : Return Dst.
load_atom_atom(Instr) : Return Atom.
```

6.5.6 **load_address(Dst, Addr, Type, Info)**

Loads the address of `Addr` into `Dst`. There are three types of addresses that can be loaded: addresses of labels (`Type = label`), addresses of functions (`Type = function`), or addresses of constants (`Type = constant`). If the address is a label then that label has to exist somewhere in the code that is linked together with the instruction. If the address is a function it can either be an atom that denotes the name and arity of a bif or it can be a MFA (`{Module, Function, Arity}`). If the type is a constant then the address should be the name of a constant that is stored in the constant table.

```
mk_load_address(Dst, Addr, Type) : Create a load-address instruction.
load_address_dst(Instr) : Return Dst.
load_address_dst_update(Instr, NewDst) : Updates the destination to NewDst.
load_address_address(Instr) : Return Address.
load_address_type(Instr) : Return Type.
load_address_type_update(Instr, NewType) : Updates the type to NewType.
```

6.5.7 **store(Dst, Off, Src, Info)**

Writes the immediate or the register/variable `Src` to the memory address `Dst+Off`, where `Dst` is a register or a variable and `Off` is an immediate or a register/variable. (`[Dst+Off] := Src`)

```
mk_store(Dst, Off, Src) : Create a new store instruction.
store_dst(Instr) : Return Dst.
store_src(Instr) : Return Src.
store_offset(Instr) : Return Off.
```

6.6 Comments

6.6.1 `comment(Text, Info)`

`mk_comment(Text)` : Creates a comment.
`comment_text(Instr)` : Returns the text in the comment.
`is_comment(Instr)` : True if the instruction is a comment.

6.7 Function application

6.7.1 `call(Dst, Fun, Args, Type, Info)`

Calls the function `Fun` (`={Mod, Fun, Arity}`) with the list of arguments `Args`. The result of the call is stored in the registers in the list of destinations `Dst`. The call type is either `local` or `remote`.

`mk_call(Dst, Fun, Args, Type)` : Creates a call instruction.
`call_fun(Instr)` : Returns the MFA.
`call_args(Instr)` : Returns the list of arguments.
`call_dst(Instr)` : Returns the list of destinations.
`call_type(Instr)` : Returns the type of the call.
`call_args_update(Instr, NewArgs)` : Replaces the list of arguments with `NewArgs`.

6.7.2 `enter(Fun, Args, Type, Info)`

The `enter` instruction does a tail-call to the `Fun` (`={Mod, Fun, Arity}`) with the arguments in the list `Arg`. The type is either `local` or `remote`. There is no return value destination since this call will not return.

`mk_enter(Fun, Args, Type)` : Creates an enter instruction.
`enter_fun(Instr)` : Returns the MFA.
`enter_args(Instr)` : Returns the list of arguments.
`enter_type(Instr)` : Returns the type of the call.
`enter_args_update(Instr, NewArgs)` : Replaces the list of arguments with `NewArgs`.

6.7.3 `return(Vars, Info)`

Returns the list of variables `Vars` to the calling function.

`mk_return(Vars)` : Create a return instruction.
`return_vars(Instr)` : Return the list of return variables.

6.7.4 `gctest(Words, Info)`

Ensures that there is space for `Words` words on the heap.

`mk_gctest(Words)` : Creates a gctest instruction.
`gctest_words(Instr)` : Returns the number of words.
`gctest_info(Instr)` :
`gctest_info_update(Instr, NewInfo)` :

7 SPARC

```
mk_sparc(Fun, Code, VarRange, LabelRange)
sparc_fun(Sparc)
sparc_code(Sparc)
sparc_code_update(Sparc, Code)
sparc_var_range(Sparc)
sparc_var_range_update(Sparc, NewVarRange)
sparc_label_range(Sparc)
sparc_label_range_update(Sparc, NewLabelRange)
sparc_size(Sparc)
```

7.1 Control flow instructions

7.1.1 label(Name, Info)

```
label_create(Name, Info)
label_create_new()
label_name(Instr)
label_name_update(Instr, NewName)
```

7.1.2 branch(Cond, TrueLabel, FalseLabel, Prediction, Annul, Info)

```
b_create(Cond, TrueLabel, FalseLabel, Prediction, Annul, Info)
b_annul(Instr)
b_annul_update(Instr, NewAnnul)
b_cond(Instr)
b_cond_update(Instr, Cond)
b_label(Instr)
b_label_update(Instr, Label)
b_true_label(Instr)
b_true_label_update(Instr, NewLabel)
b_false_label(Instr)
b_false_label_update(Instr, NewLabel)
b_pred(Instr)
b_pred_update(Instr, NewPred)
b_taken(Instr)
```

7.1.3 branch_on_reg(Reg, RegCond, TrueLabel, FalseLabel, Prediction, Annul, Info)

```
br_create(Reg, RegCond, TrueLabel, FalseLabel, Prediction, Annul, Info)
br_annul(Instr)
br_annul_update(Instr, NewAnnul)
br_label(Instr)
br_label_update(Instr, NewLabel)
br_true_label(Instr)
br_true_label_update(Instr, NewLabel)
br_false_label(Instr)
```



```

br_false_label_update(Instr, NewLabel)
br_pred(Instr)
br_pred_update(Instr, NewPrediction)
br_taken(Instr)
br_reg(Instr)
br_reg_update(Instr, NewReg)
br_regcond(Instr)
br_regcond_update(Instr, NewCond)

```

7.1.4 goto(Label, Info)

```

goto_create(Label, Info)
goto_label(Instr)
goto_label_update(Instr, Label)

```

7.2 Operations

7.2.1 alu_cc(Dest, Src1, Op, Src2, Info)

```

alu_cc_create(Dest, Src1, Op, Src2, Info)
alu_cc_dest(Instr)
alu_cc_dest_update(Instr, Dest)
alu_cc_operator(Instr)
alu_cc_operator_update(Instr, NewOp)
alu_cc_src1(Instr)
alu_cc_src1_update(Instr, NewSrc1)
alu_cc_src2(Instr)
alu_cc_src2_update(Instr, NewSrc2)

```

7.2.2 alu(Dest, Src1, Op, Src2, Info)

```

alu_create(Dest, Src1, Op, Src2, Info)
alu_dest(Instr)
alu_dest_update(Instr, NewDest)
alu_operator(Instr)
alu_operator_update(Instr, NewOp)
alu_src1(Instr)
alu_src1_update(Instr, NewSrc1)
alu_src2(Instr)
alu_src2_update(Instr, NewSrc2)

```

7.2.3 load_atom(Dest, Atom, Info)

```

load_atom_create(Dest, Atom, Info)
load_atom_dest(Instr)
load_atom_dest_update(Instr, NewDest)
load_atom_atom(Instr)
load_address(Dst, Addr, Type, Info)
load_address_create(Dst, Addr, Type, Info)
load_address_dest(Instr)
load_address_address(Instr)
load_address_type(Instr)

```

load_address_type_update(Instr, NewType)

7.2.4 load(Dest, Type, Source, Off, Info)

load_create(Dest, Type, Source, Off, Info)
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 load_dest_update(Instr, Dest)
 load_off(Instr)
 load_off_update(Instr, NewOff)
 load_src(Instr)
 load_src_update(Instr, NewSrc)
 load_type(Instr)
 load_type_update(Instr, NewType)

7.2.5 move(Dest, Source, Info)

move_create(Dest, Source, Info)
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 move_dest_update(Instr, NewDest)
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 move_src_update(Instr, NewSrc)

7.2.6 cmov_cc(Dest, Source, Cond, Info)

cmov_cc_cond(Instr)
 cmov_cc_cond_update(Instr, NewCond)
 cmov_cc_create(Dest, Source, Cond, Info)
 cmov_cc_dest(Instr)
 cmov_cc_dest_update(Instr, NewDest)
 cmov_cc_src(Instr)
 cmov_cc_src_update(Instr, NewSrc)

7.2.7 cmov_on_reg(Dest, Source, Reg, RegCond, Info)

cmov_r_create(Dest, Source, Reg, RegCond, Info)
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 cmov_r_dest_update(Instr, NewDest)
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 cmov_r_reg_update(Instr, NewReg)
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 store_src(Instr)

```
store_src_update(Instr, NewSrc)
store_type(Instr)
store_type_update(Instr, NewType)
```

7.2.9 sethi(Dest,Const,Info)

```
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sethi_create(Dest,Const,Info)
sethi_dest(Instr)
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```

7.3 Function application

7.3.1 jmp_link()

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jmp_link_link_update/2,
```

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