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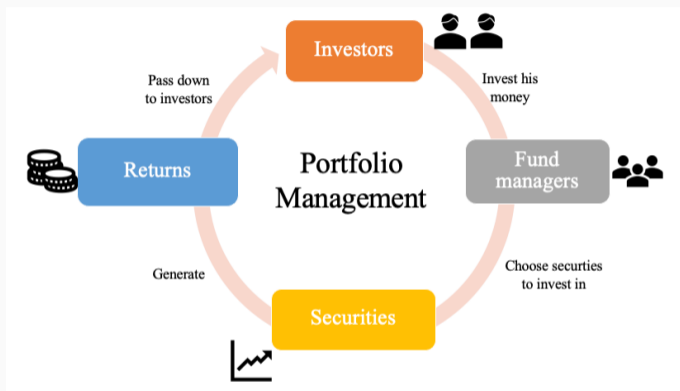
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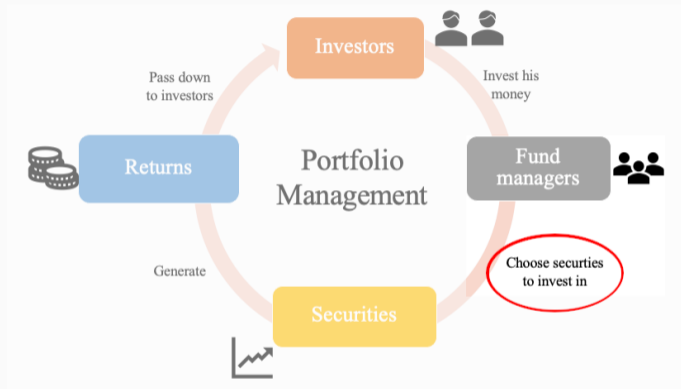
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- **reservation** and **lack of documentation** of the decision-making process of investments
- legislators declare investors **right to check the relevant activities** in order to give₂ / 26

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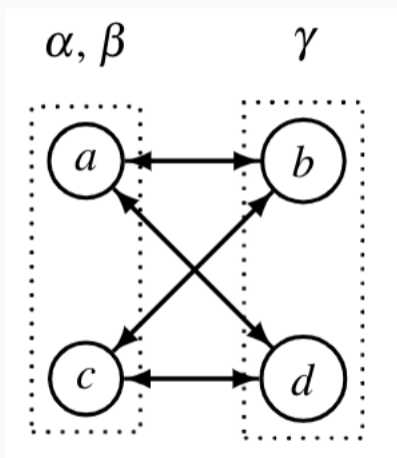
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Portfolio Management Example



- $\{\alpha, \beta, \gamma\}$ = fund managers' agents
- a : **Buy** the stocks, since the company just donated to **charities**
- b : **Sell** the stocks, since the company has **poor sales** performance.
- c : **Buy** the stocks, since the company is going to adopt a **new technology** which will bring huge benefit.
- d : **Sell** the stocks, since there is evidence of **charity fraud**

Figure 1: Agent Argumentation Framework

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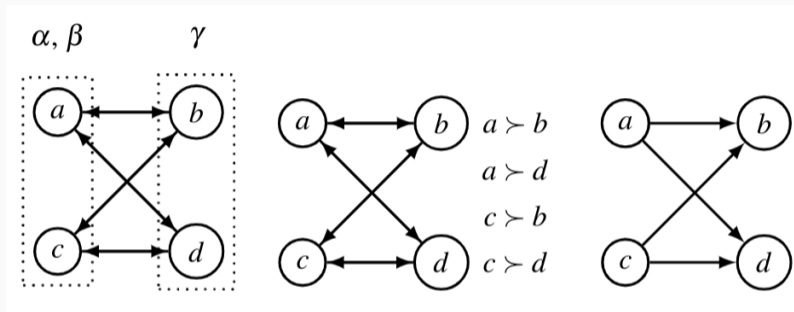


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Then we can calculate the only acceptable set $\{a, c\}$.
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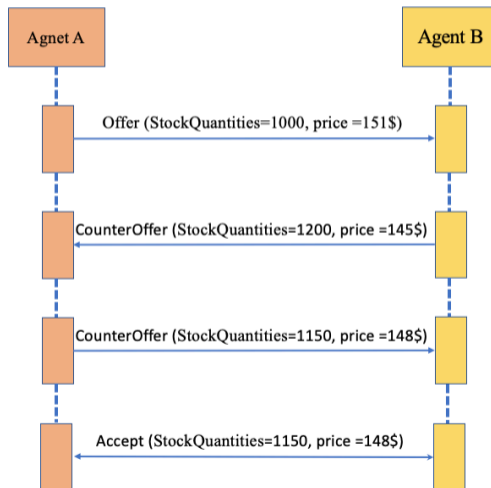
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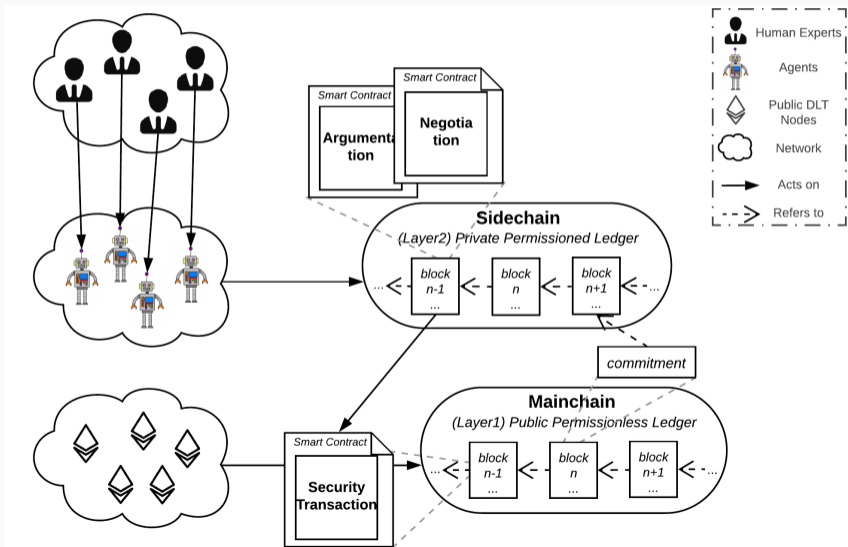
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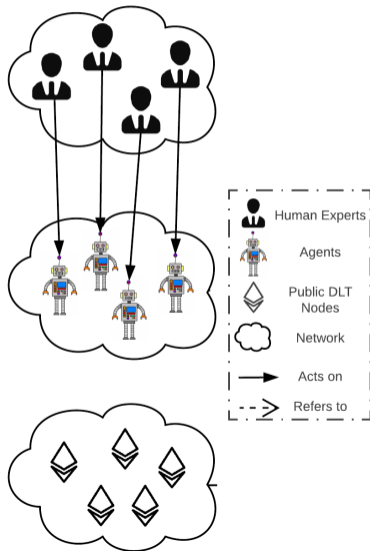
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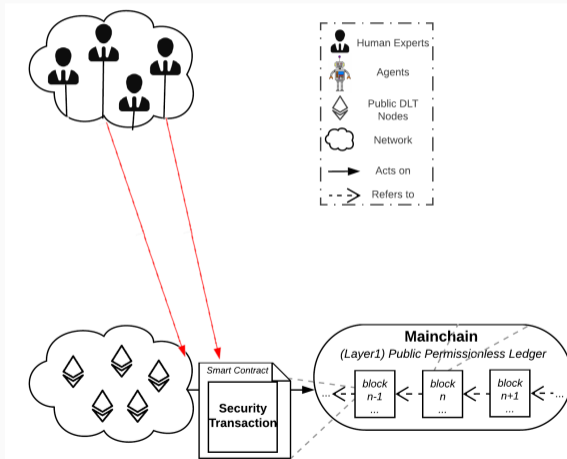


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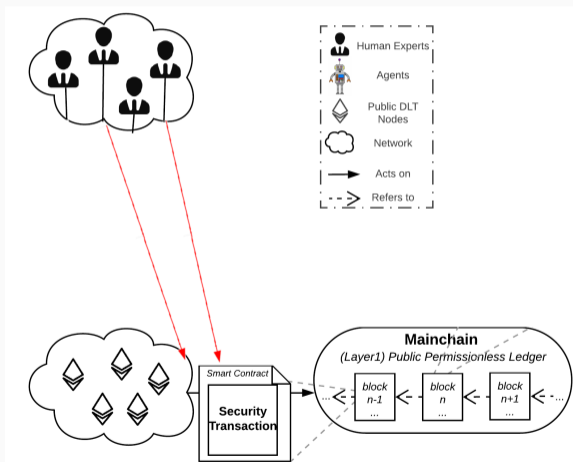
- **Human Expert**, the one who takes most of the decisions and that gives inputs to the agent;
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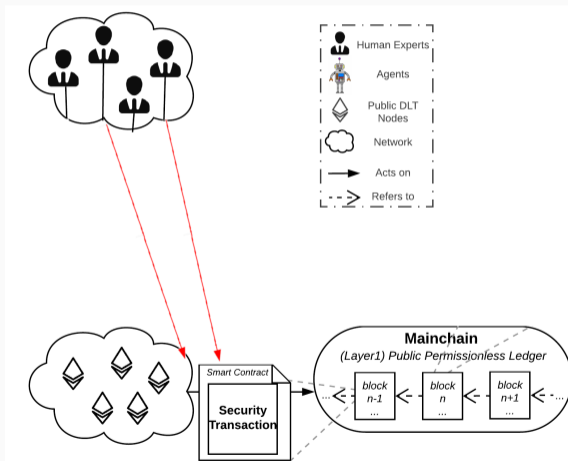
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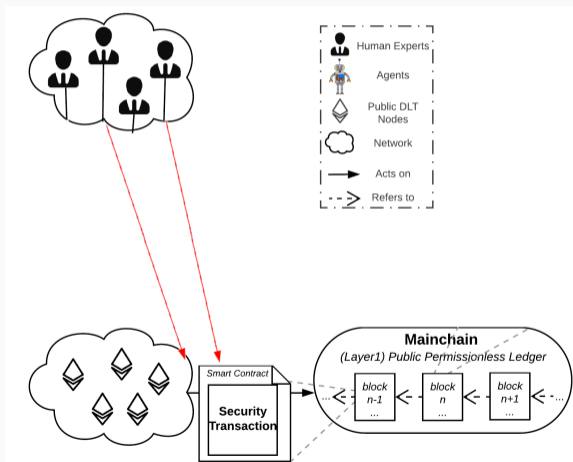
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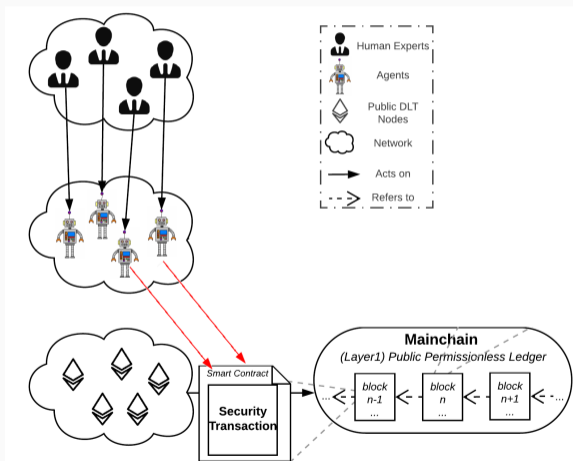
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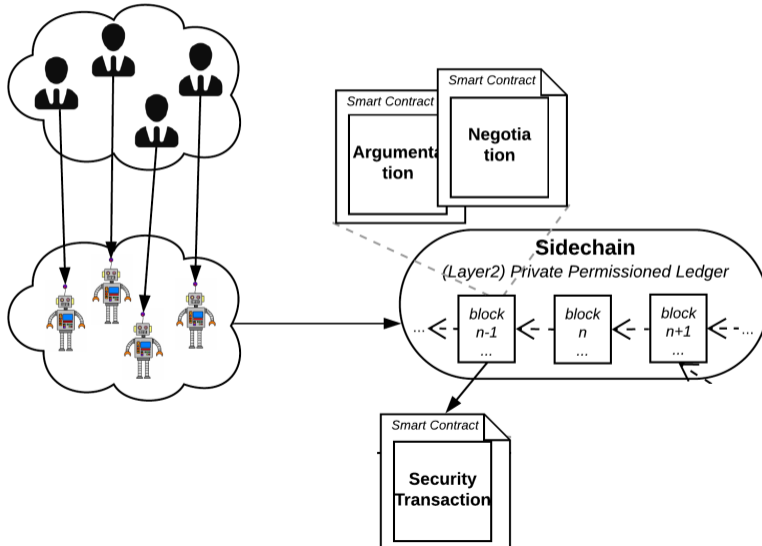
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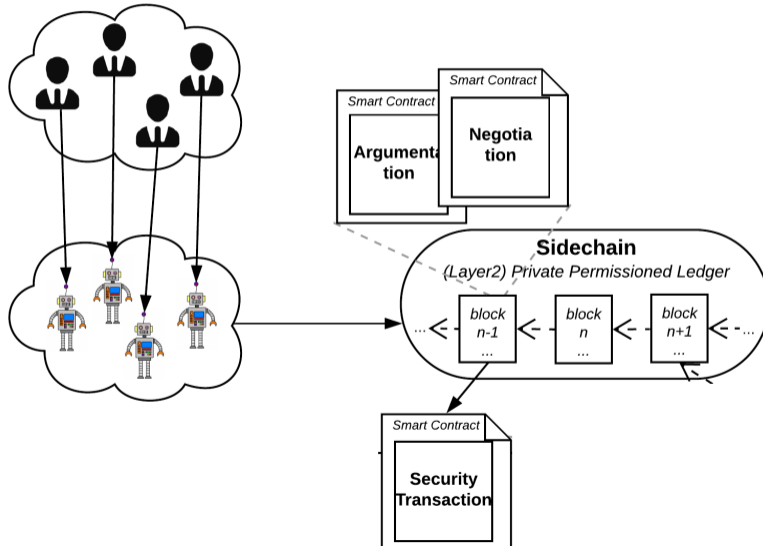
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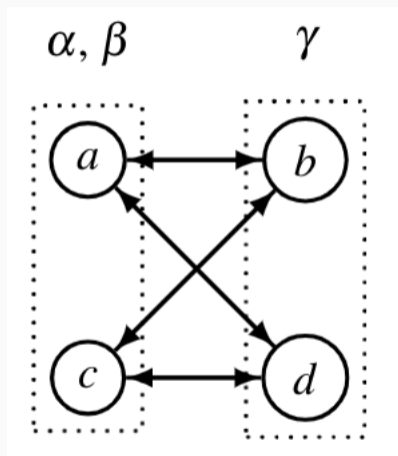
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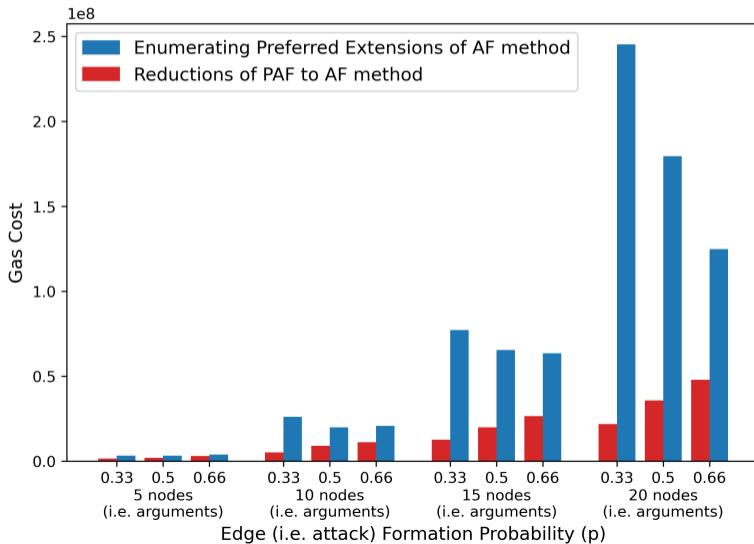
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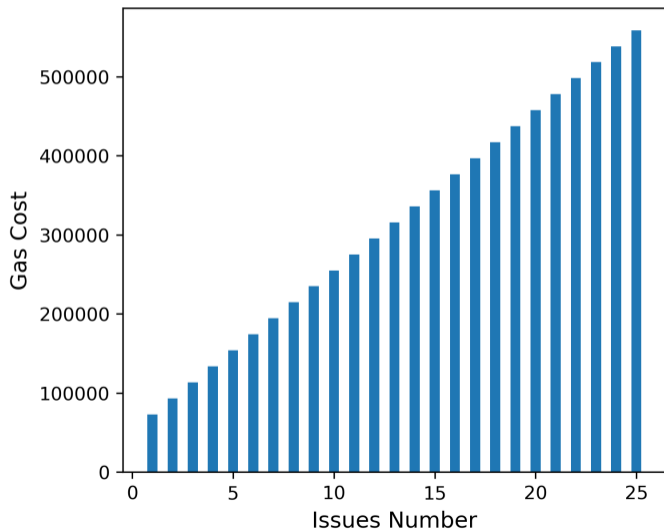
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Argumentation	<code>enumeratingPreferred Extensions()</code>	1	1 412 065
Negotiation	<code>newNegotiation()</code>	1	104 961
Negotiation	<code>newOffer()</code>	t	52 438
Negotiation	<code>accept()</code>	1	64 211

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