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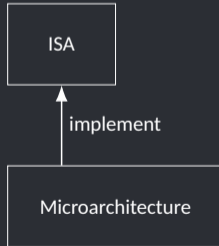
Automatic Inference of Hardware-Software Contracts for Open-Source Processors

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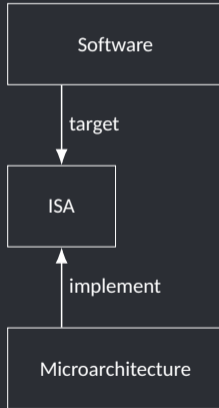
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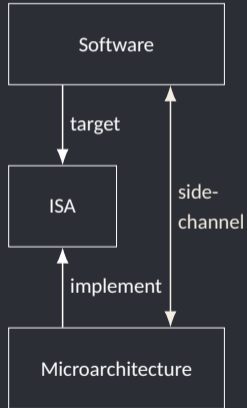
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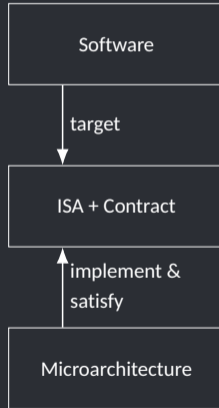
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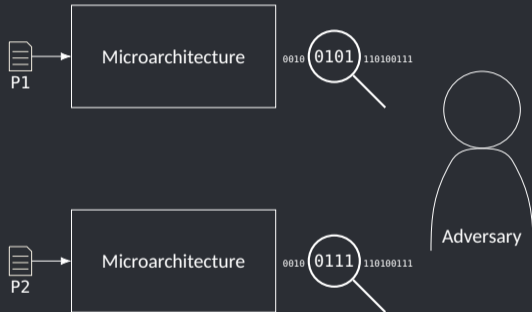


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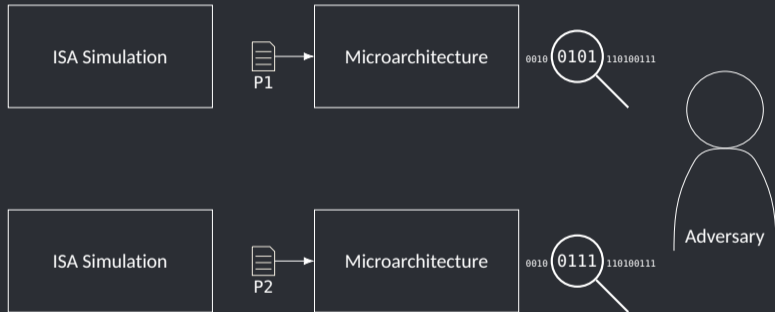
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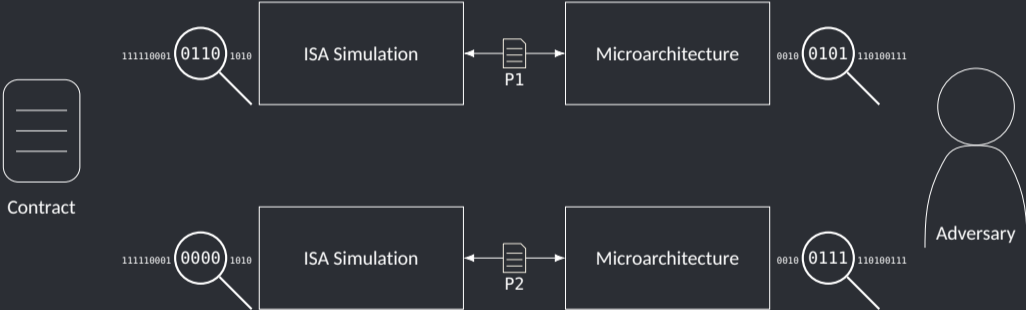
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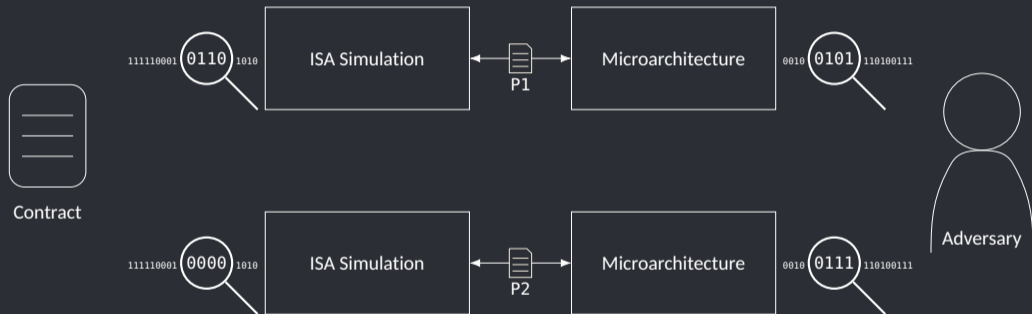
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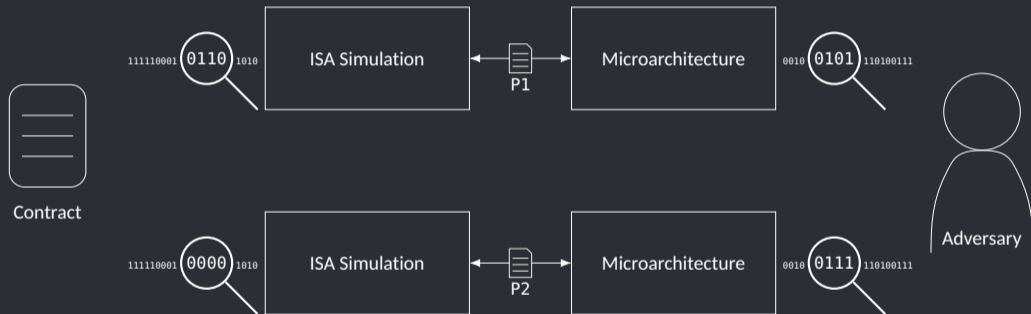


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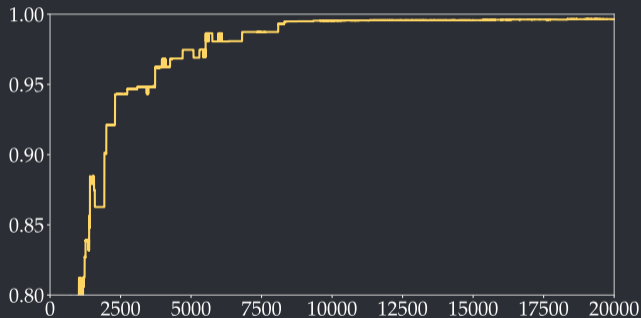
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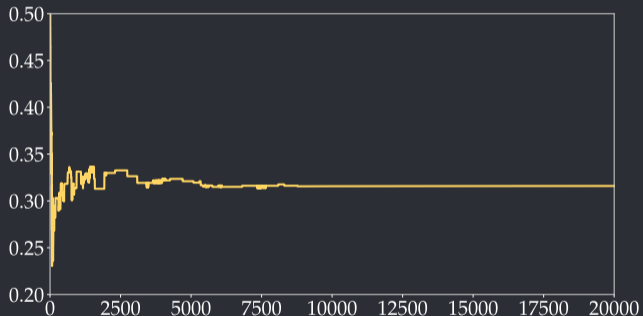
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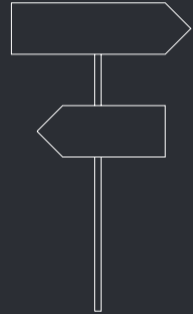
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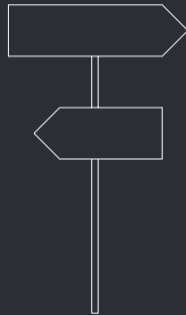
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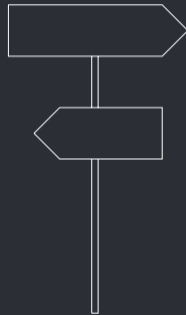
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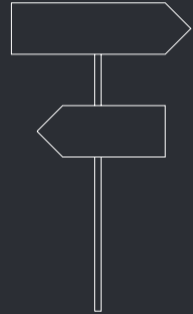


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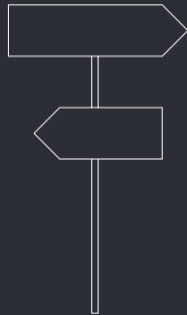


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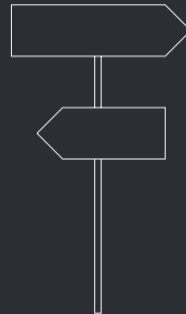
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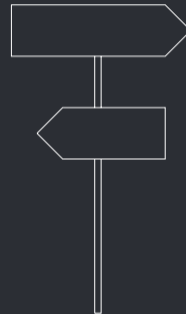
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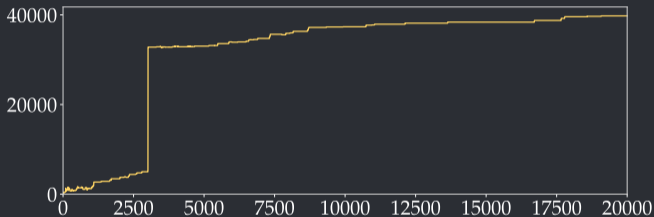
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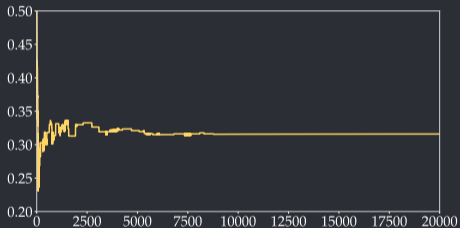
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Precision & Accuracy

	Size	Adversary Distinguishable			
		Ibex		CVA6	
Training Set	20,000	1421	7.1%	1055	5.2%
Evaluation Set	100,000	7035	7.0%	5573	5.5%



$$\text{Precision} = \frac{\text{True Positive}}{\text{Predicted Positive}}$$



$$\text{Accuracy} = \frac{\text{Correctly Predicted}}{\text{Total}}$$