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# THE JOURNEY OF BUILDING GLOBAL-SCALE RESILIENTDB BLOCKCHAIN FABRIC

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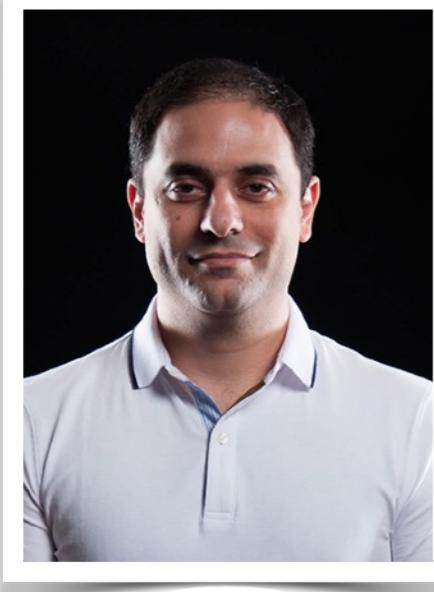
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*(Distributed & Coordination-free Concurrency)*



**Jelle Hellings, PostDoc**  
*(Fault-tolerant Complexity Analysis)*



**Suyash Gupta, PhD**  
*(Scalable Consensus Meta-Protocols)*



**Sajjad Rahnama, PhD**  
*(Global Scale Consensus)*



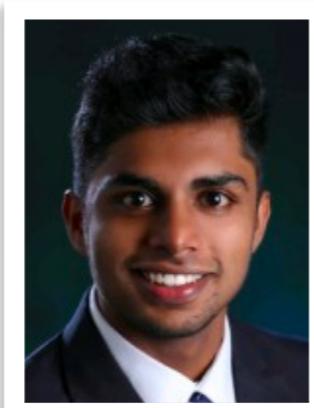
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*(Re-Configurable Consensus Protocols)*



**Alejandro Armas, BSc**  
*(Re-engineering ResilientDB Toolkits)*



**Dakai Kang, BSc**  
*(View-change-less Protocols)*



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*(Scaling Fabric via Sharding)*



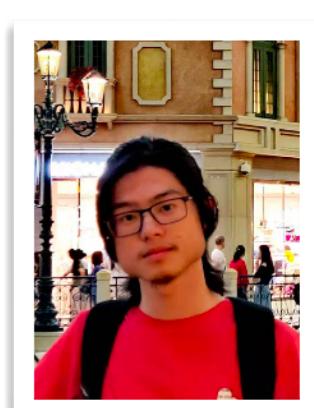
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**Shubham Pandey, MSc**  
*(Scaling Fabric via RDMA)*

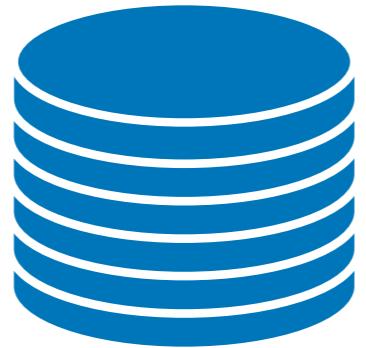


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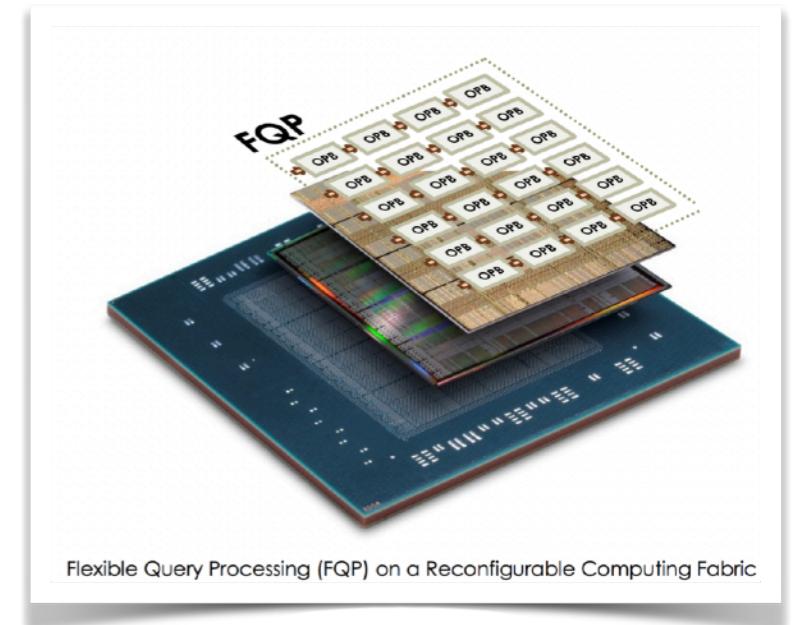


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# Resilient Journey...



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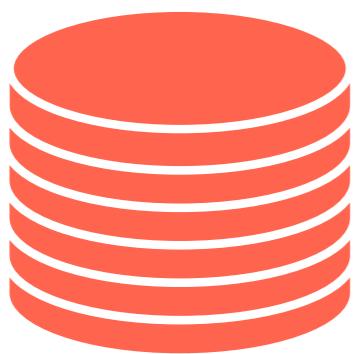


Flexible Query Processing (FQP) on a Reconfigurable Computing Fabric

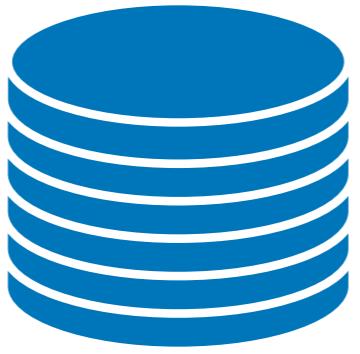
**FPGA Acceleration: FQP (Flexible Query Processor)**

**[VLDB'10, ICDE'12, VLDB'13, ICDE'15, SIGMOD Record'15, ICDE'16, USENIX ATC'16, ICDCS'17, ICDE'18, TKDE'19]**

# *Resilient Journey...*



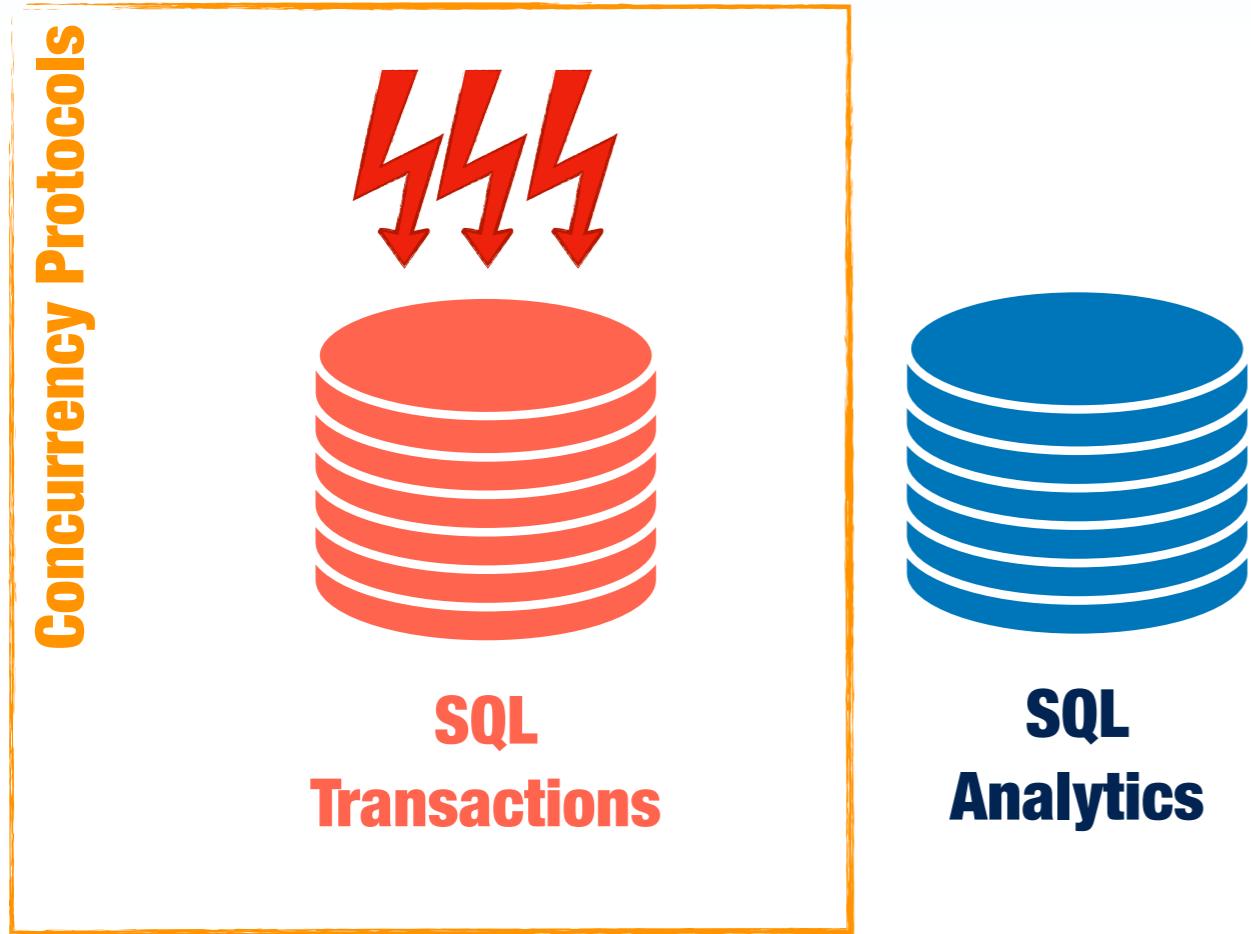
**SQL**  
**Transactions**



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**High-dimensional Indexing: (e.g., BE-Tree, BE-topK)**  
**[SIGMOD'11, ICDE'12, TODS'13, ICDCS'13, ICDE'14, ICDCS'17, Middleware'17]**

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Concurrency Control Protocols: (e.g., 2VCC, QueCC - Best Paper Award)  
[VLDB'13, VLDB'14, VLDBJ'16, Middleware'16, TDKE'15, SIGMOD'15, ICDE'16, Middleware'18]

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QueCC: Queue-Oriented Planning and Execution Architecture

Concurrency Protocols

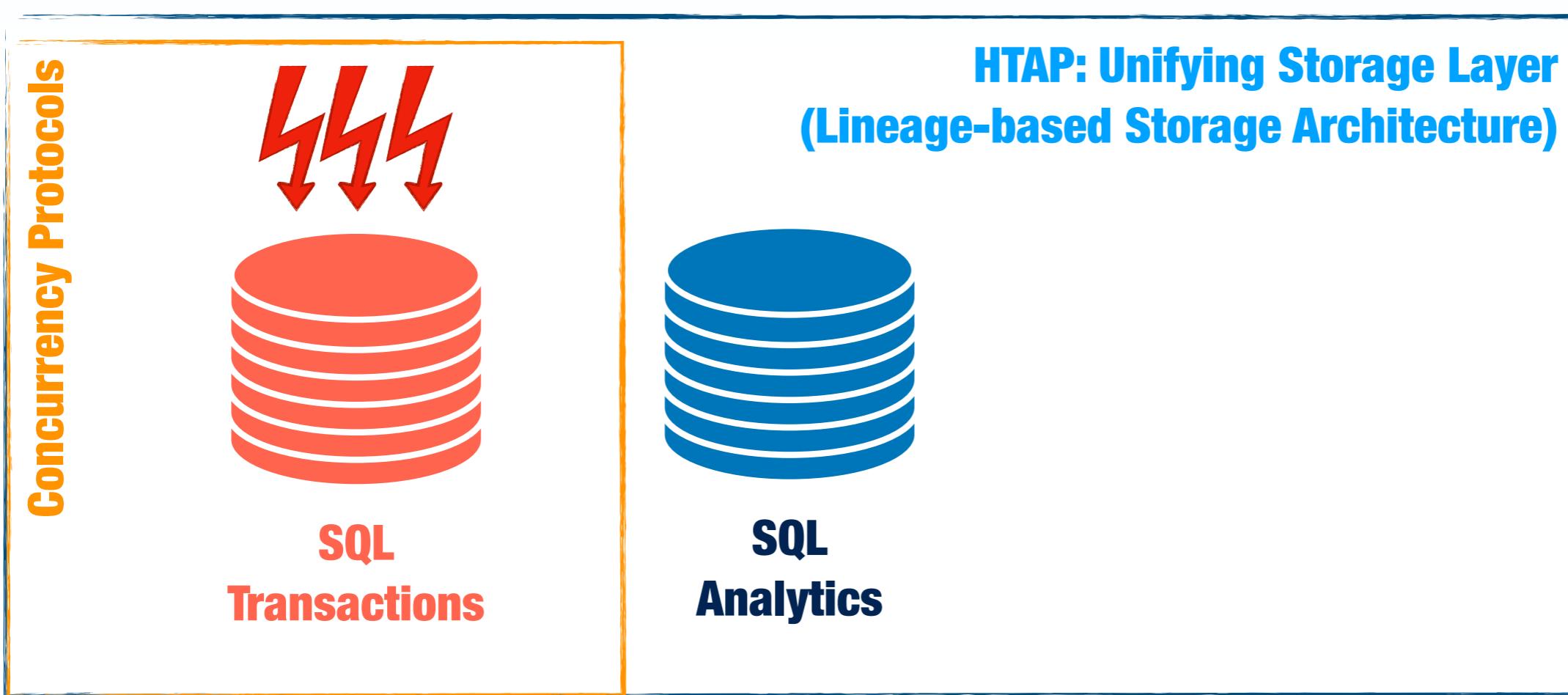


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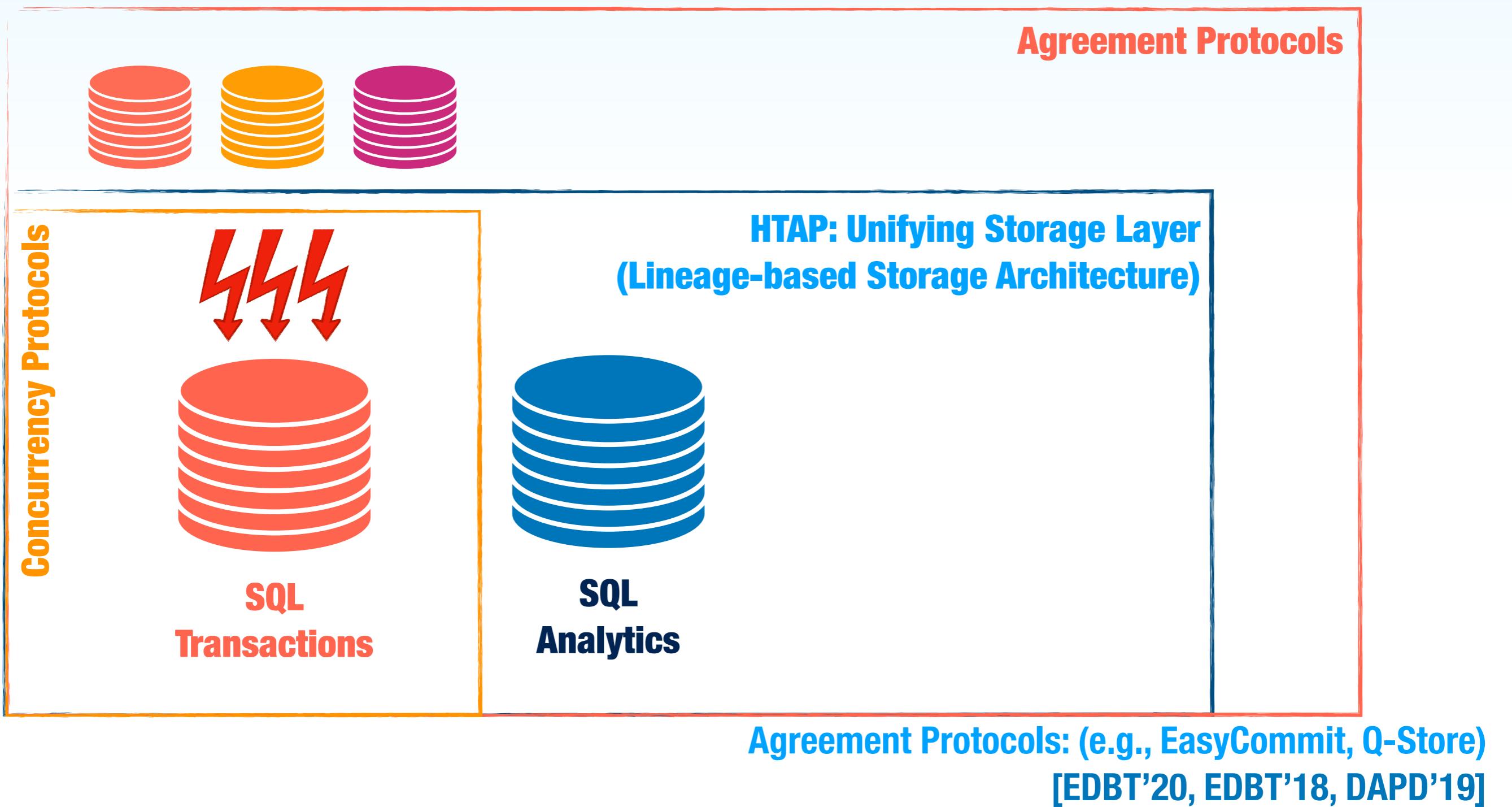
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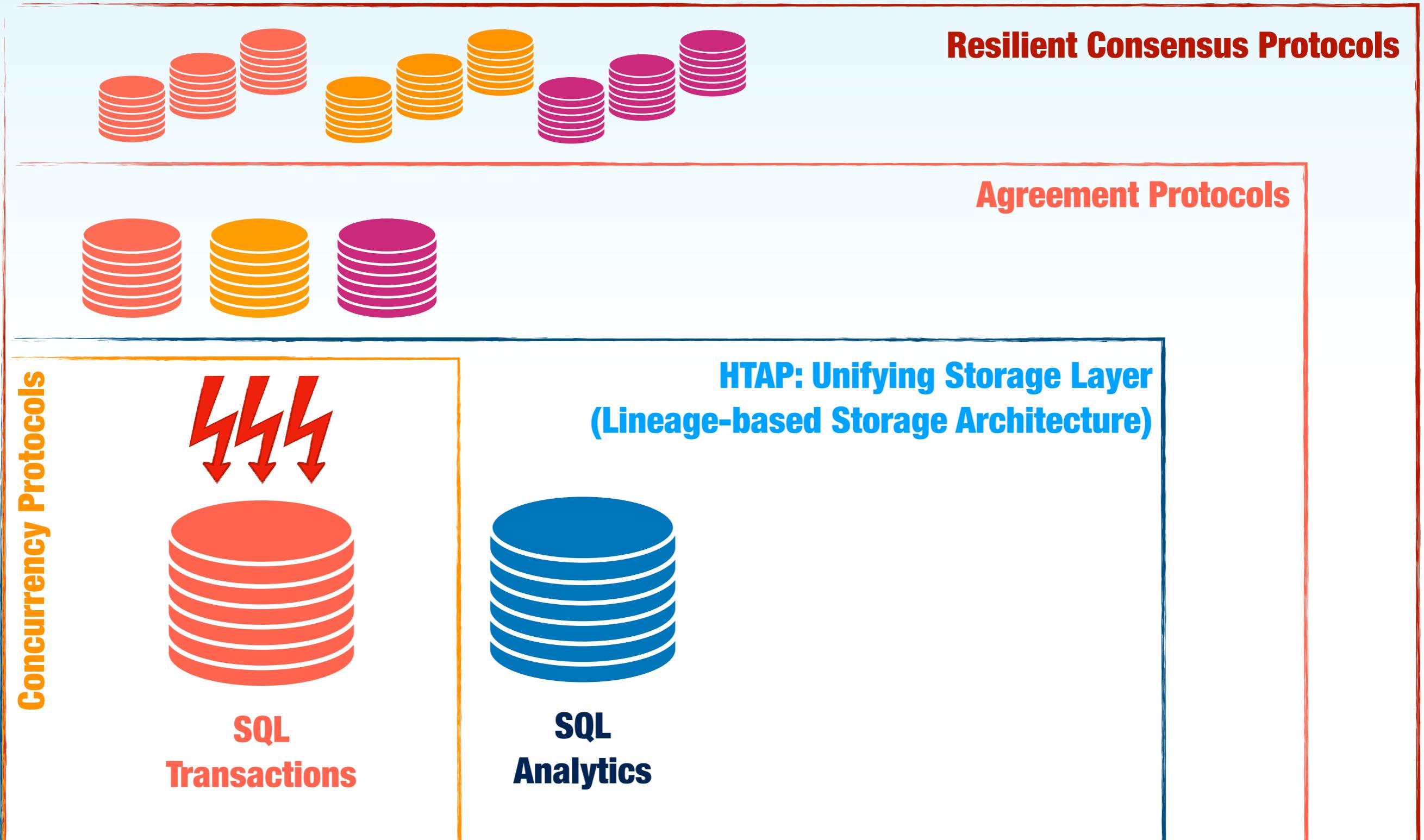
**HTAP Column-store: L-Store (Lineage-based Data Store)**  
**[VLDB'12, ICDE'14, ICDCS'16, EDBT'18, TKDE'20 (2x) 34 filed US patents]**

Graphs on SQL: (e.g., GRFusion) [SIGMOD'18, EDBT'18] 7

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Consensus Protocols: (e.g., GeoBFT, PoE, RCC, ByShard, RingBFT, Delayed Replication, CSP, Blockplane)  
[VLDB'21, ICDE'21, EDTB'21, VLDB'20, ICDCS'20, ICDT'20, DISC'19 (2x), SC'19, ICDE'19, arXiv'19 (8x)]

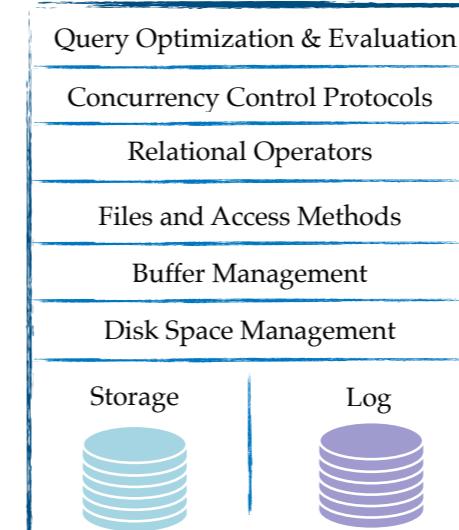
Layer 1 (e.g., Proof-of-Work)

Layer 2 (e.g., PBFT, Po<sup>\*</sup>)

Chain Management (off-chain, on-chain)

Database Stack

Analytics  
(Read-only)



Waif-free BFT [DISC'19]

Resilient Concurrent Consensus [ICDE'21]

AHL [SIGMOD'19]

Cerberus [arXiv'20]

SharPer [SIGMOD'21]

Cluster Sending Primitive [DISC'19]

Resilient Replication

Sharding (Isolation Semantics, Consistency Levels)

Cross-chain Network

Global Distribution

Reconfigurable Network

Recovery (View-change)

Identity Management

BlockBench [SIGMOD'17]

Applications: DeFi, Smart Contracts, IoT, Serverless

Delayed Replication [ICDT'20]

Proof-of-Execution [EDBT'21]

ByShard [VLDB'21]

RingBFT [arXiv'21]

Atomic Commitment [VLDB'20]

Cross-chain Deals [VLDB'20]

GeoBFT [VLDB'20]

Permisioned

Permissionless

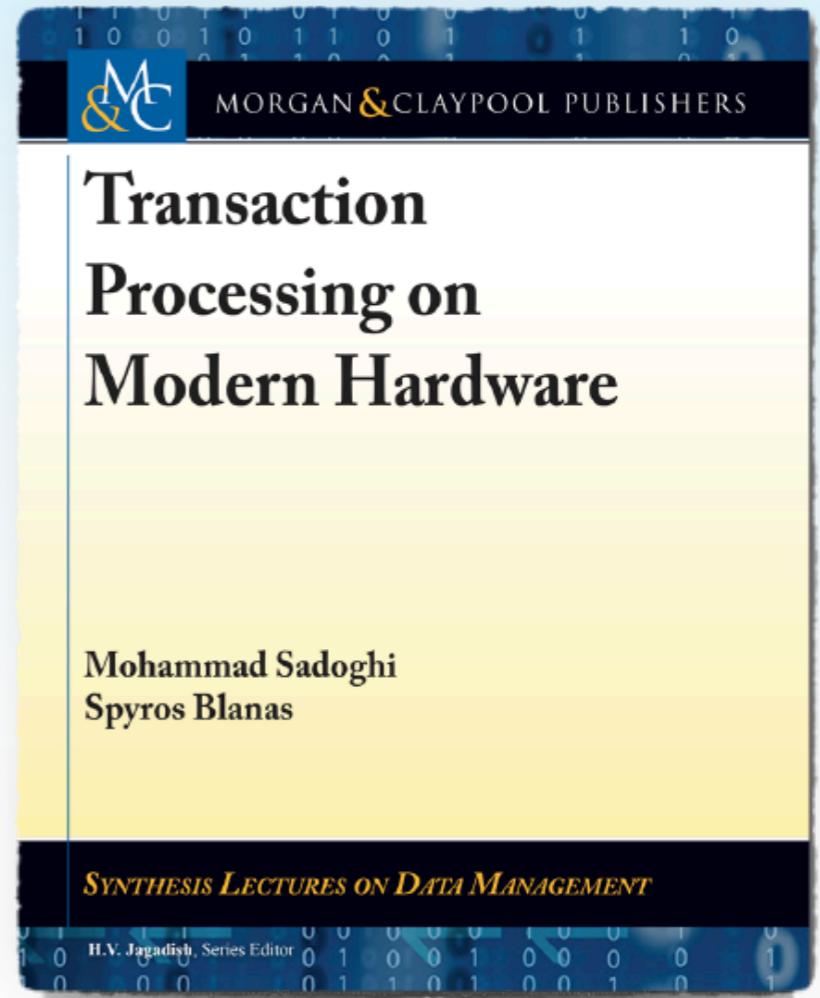
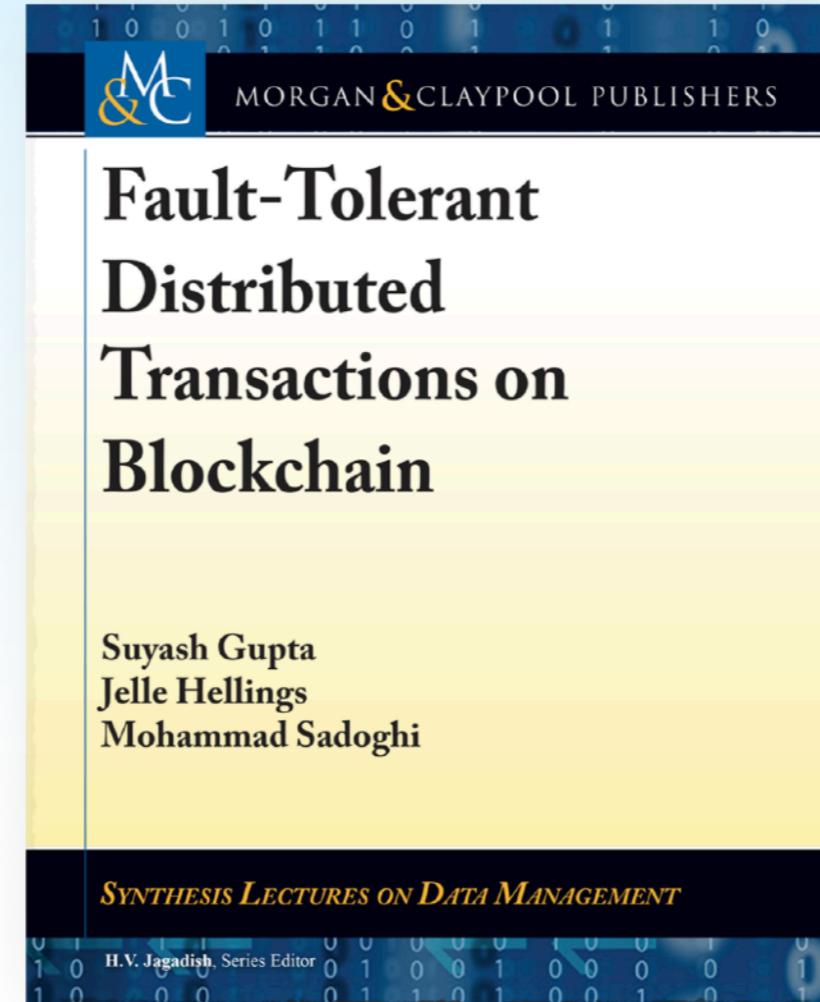
Blockplane [ICDE'19]



# Books

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# Press

**Advancements TV With Ted Danson - CNBC, CityAM, Medium, Yahoo! Finance, Market Insider, CoinDesk, Crypto Media, Davis Enterprise, Times Union, WBOC TV/Radio**

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# **Quantifiable Resiliency (Graduate Student Experiments)**

**Aloha Lake, Desolation Wilderness**  
**15 Miles Long**  
**2,500 Feet Elevation Gain**  
**(8,700 Feet at Summit)**



# **Tomales Point Trail, Point Reyes National Seashore**

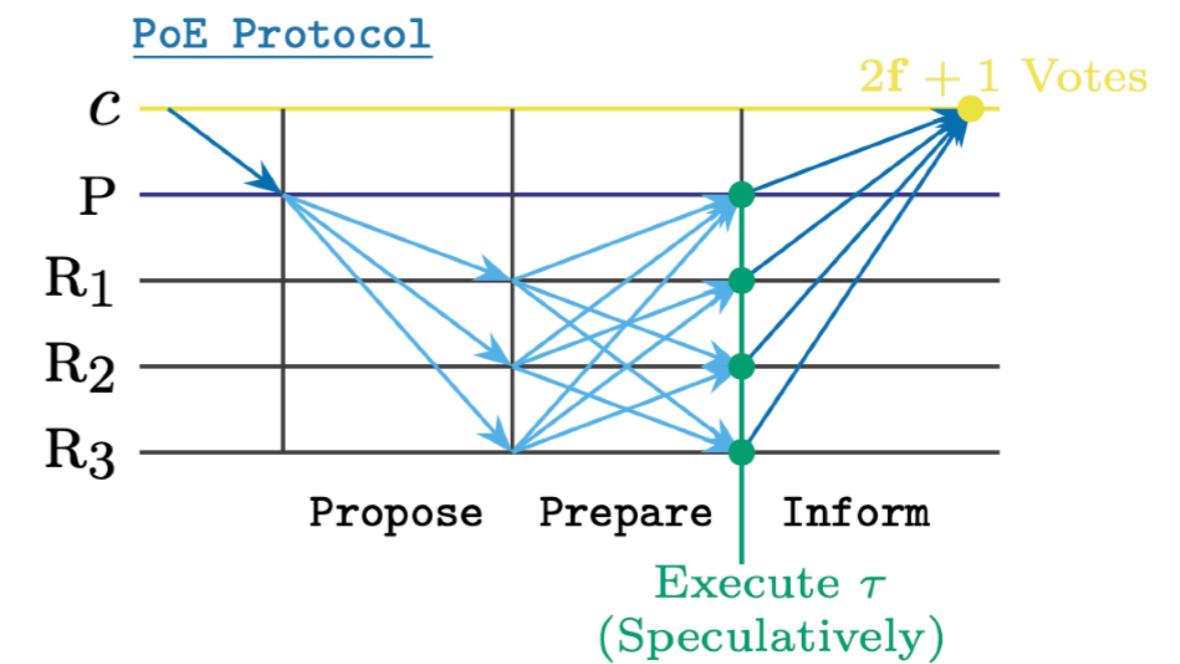
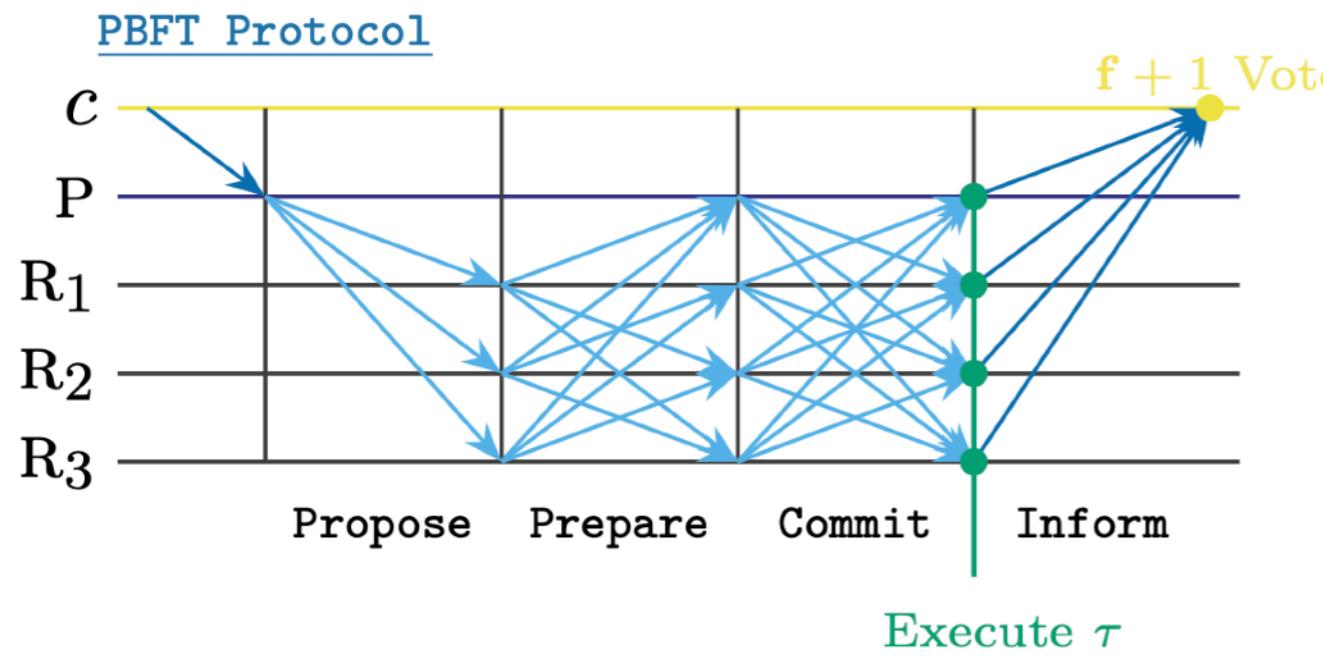
**9.4 Miles Long  
1,579 Feet Elevation Gain**



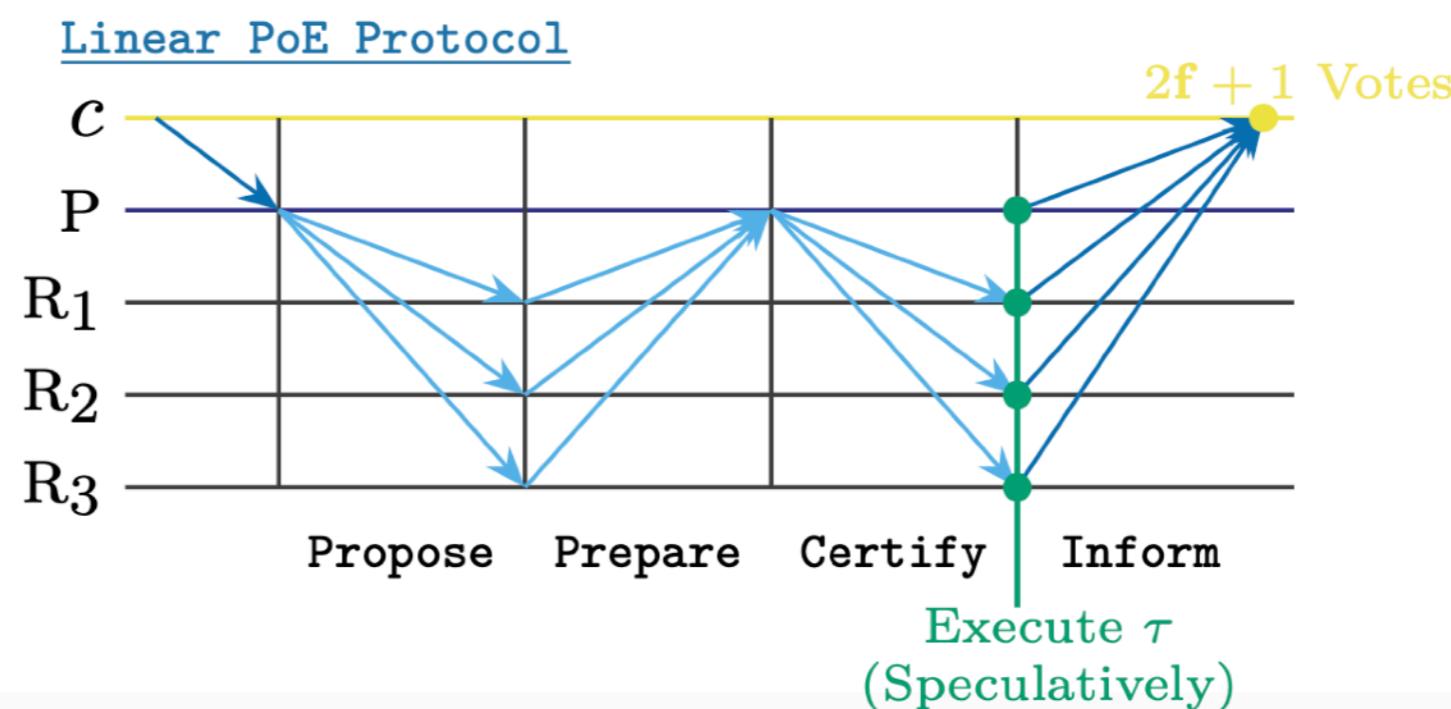
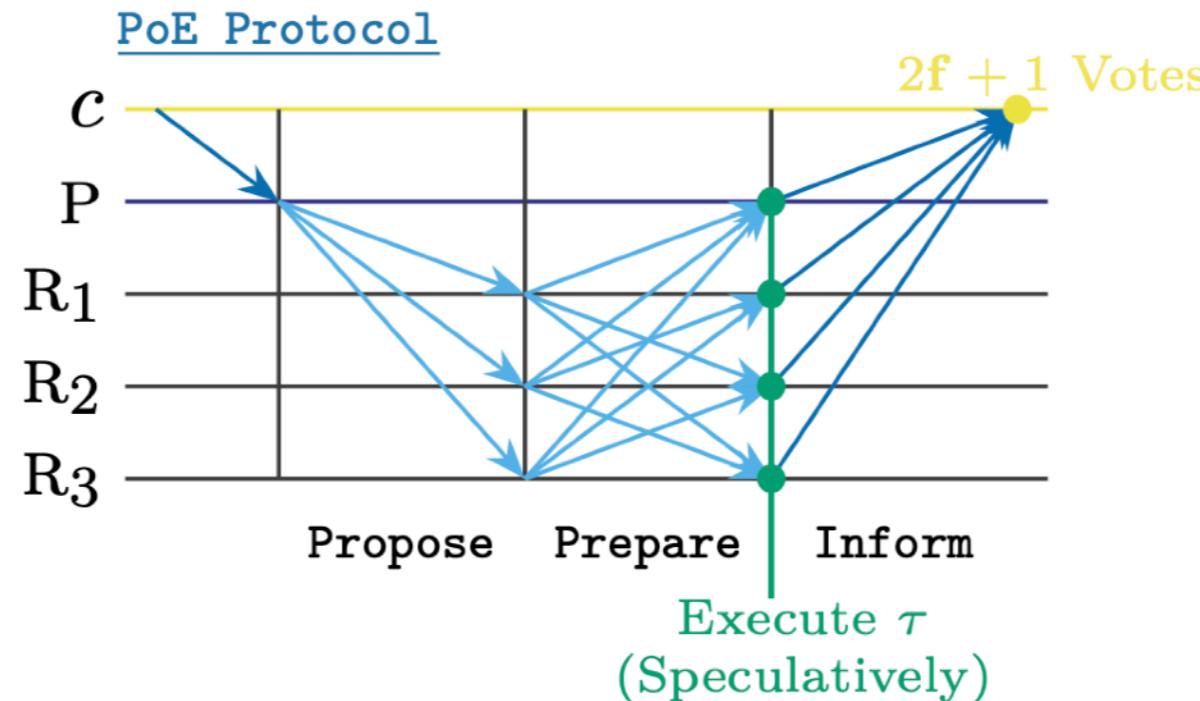
# **Non-Quantifiable Resiliency**

# Proof-of-Execution: Reaching Consensus Through Fault-Tolerant Speculation [EDBT'21]

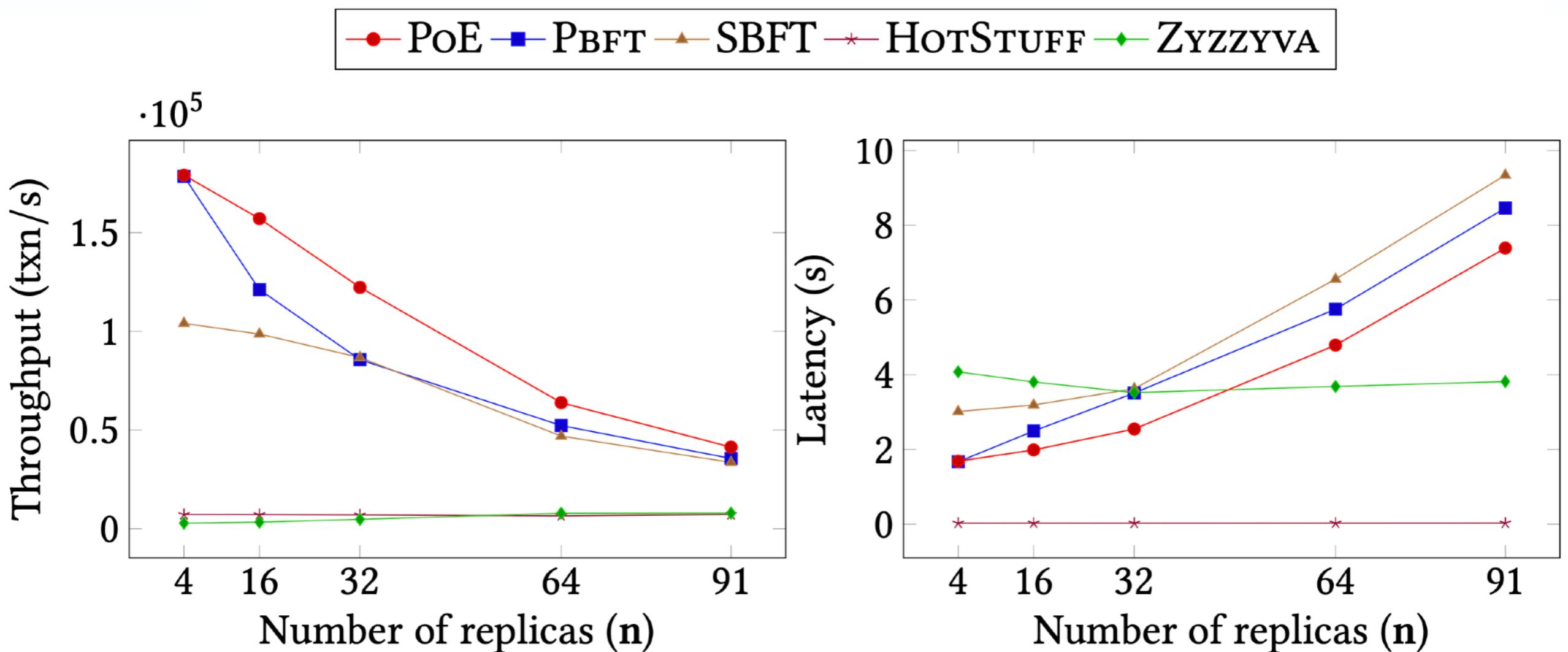
Out-of-Order message processing to reduce replica idleness  
Speculative Execution with revertible/divergent replicas &  
eager/irrevertible client commit  
introducing linear message complexity



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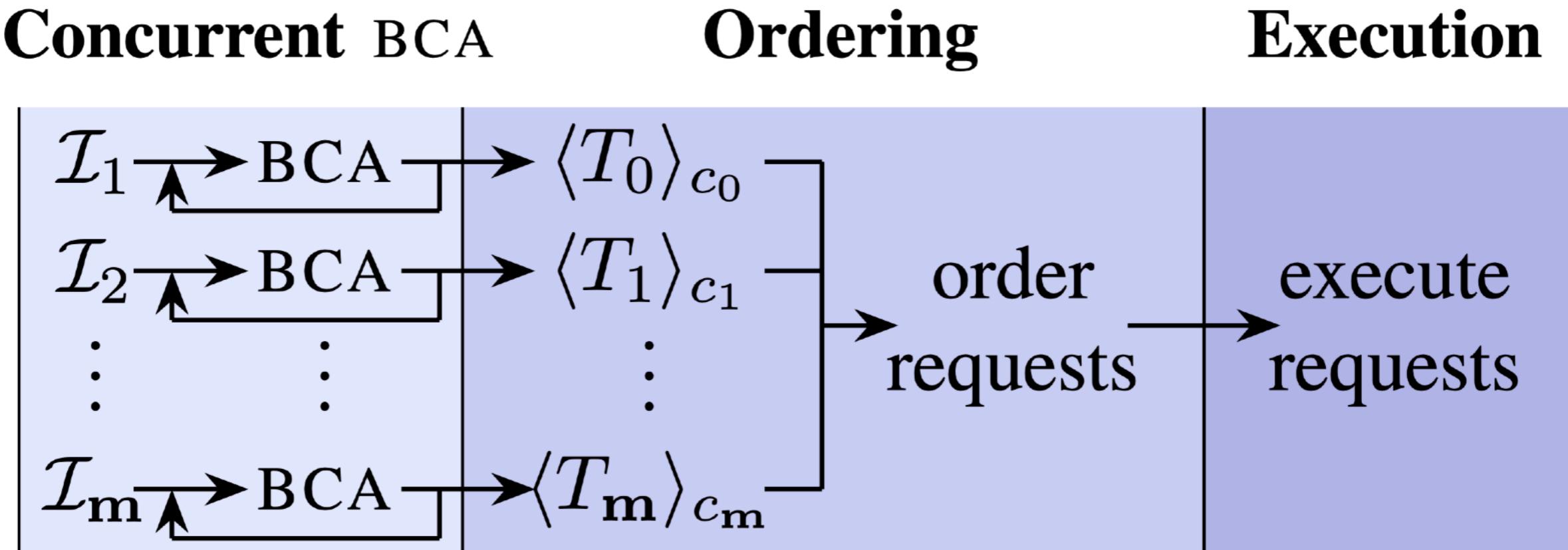
PoE scales beyond 91 replicas, in presence  
of failures, outperforms PBFT up to 43%

# RCC: Resilient Concurrent Consensus Paradigm [ICDE'21]

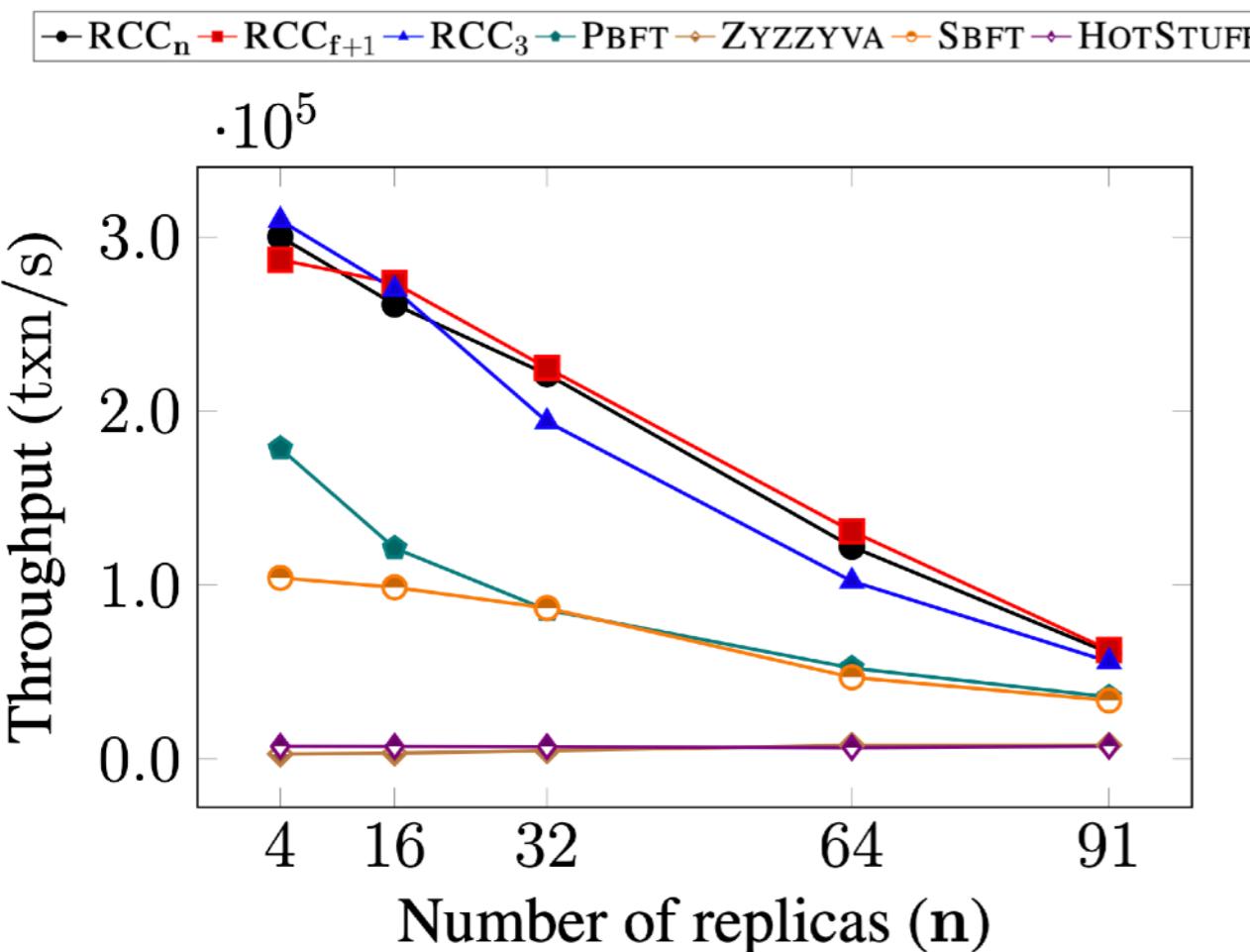
A wait-free meta-protocol...

Designate multiple replicas as primaries!

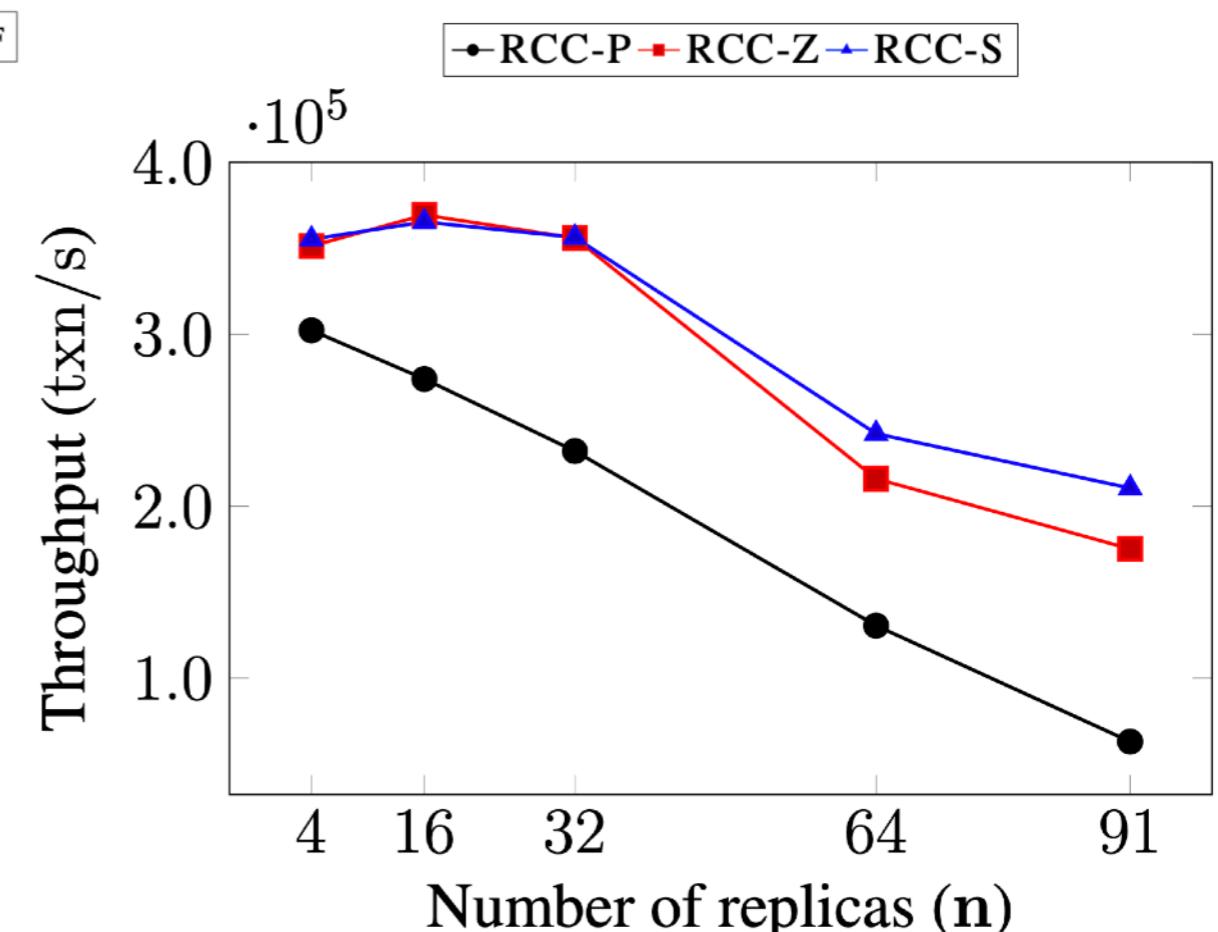
Run multiple parallel consensuses on each replica independently



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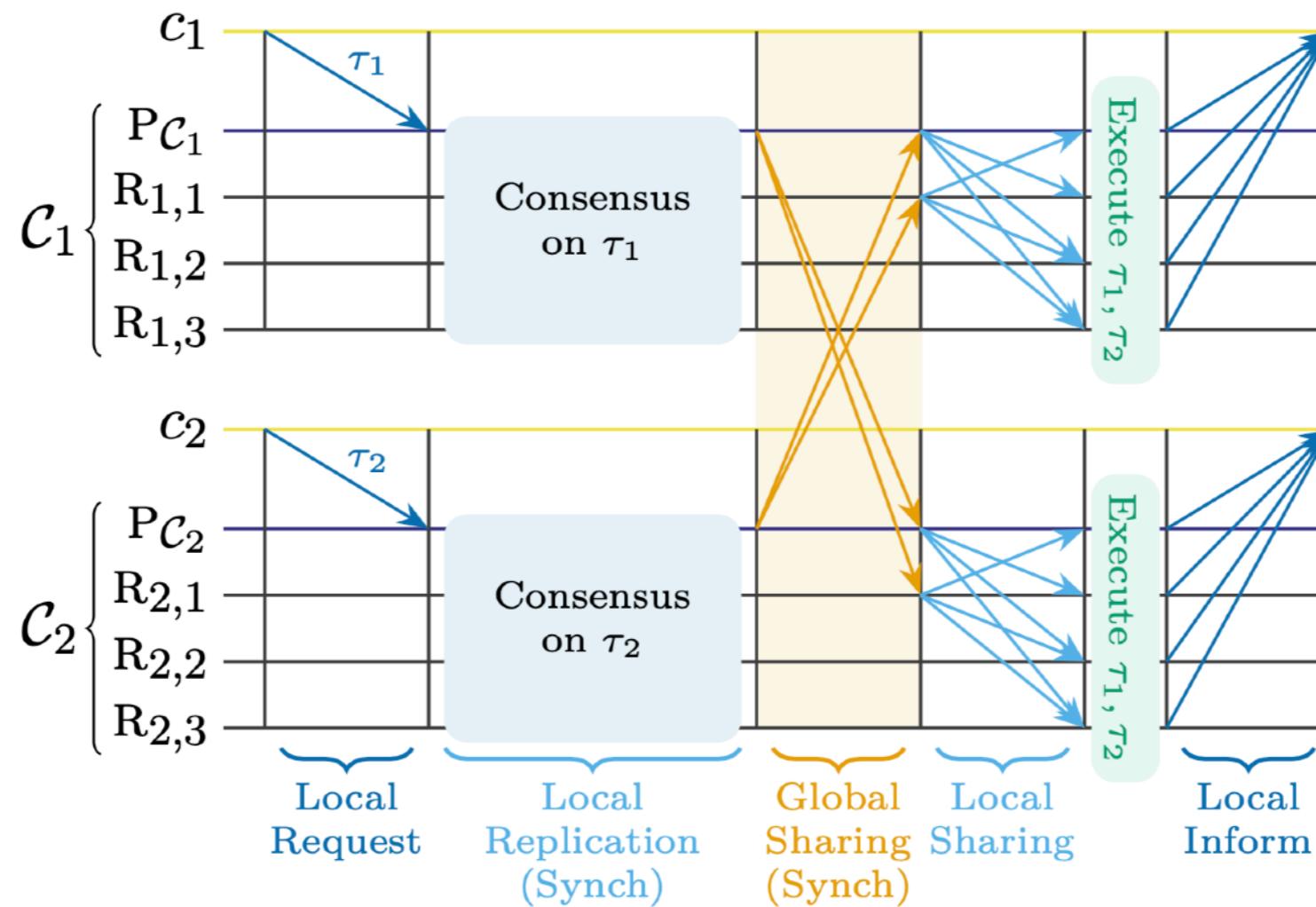


Throughput up to 400,000 txns/s  
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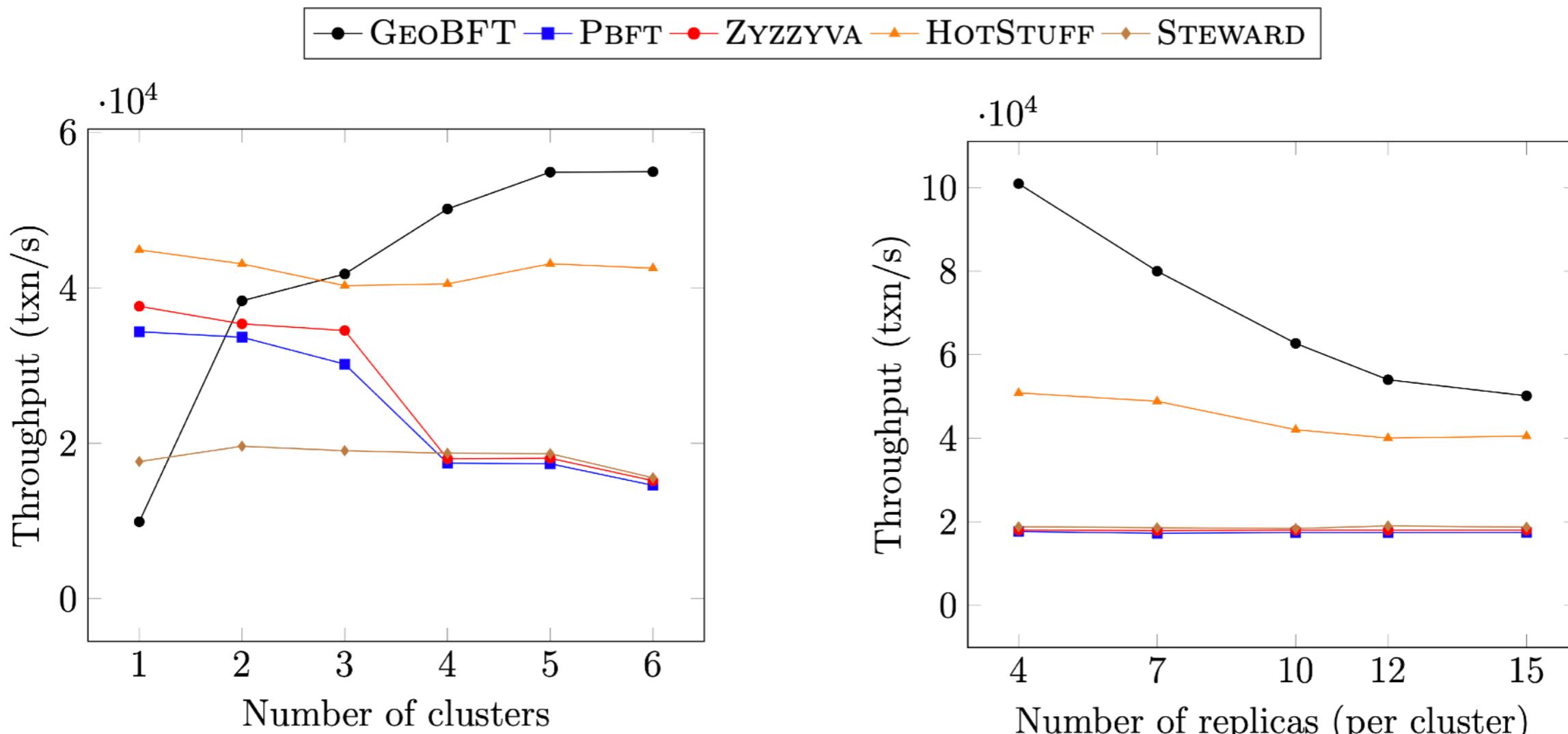
# GeoBFT: Global Scale Resilient Consensus [VLDB'20]

A meta-protocol, locally running any BFT in parallel and independently  
Global ordering provably requires only linear communication

Provably sufficient for primary to send a certificate to at most  $f+1$  replicas,  
malicious primary is detectable and replaceable



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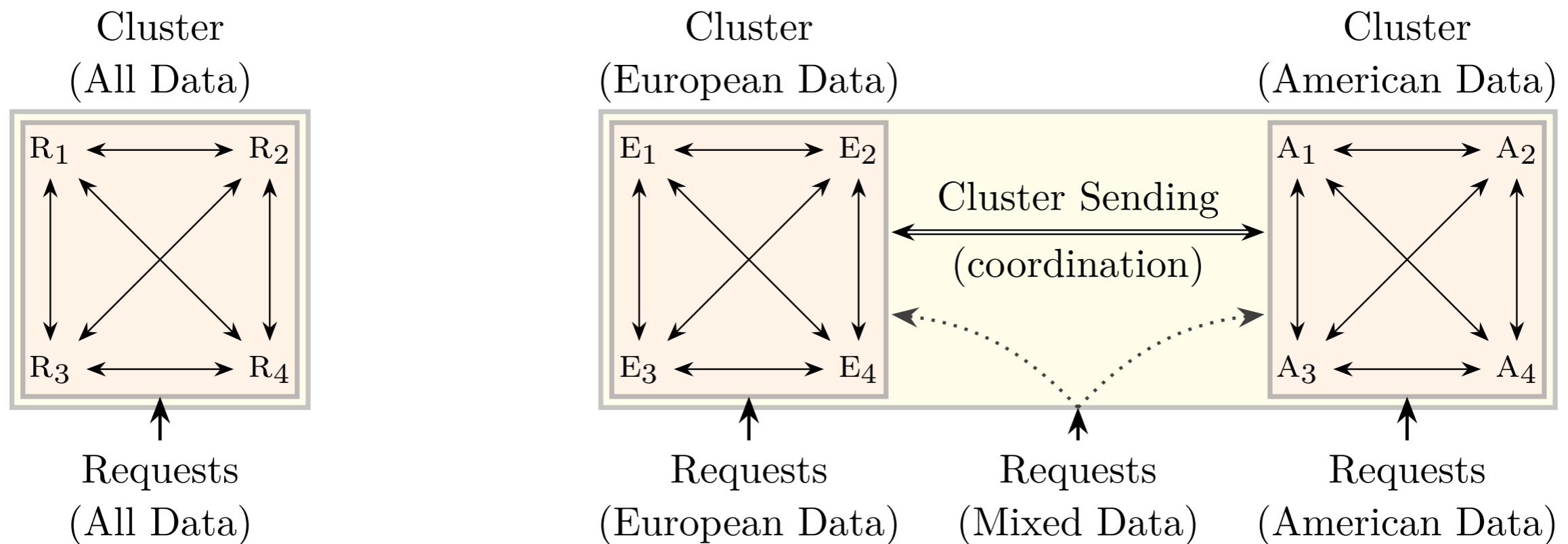


GeoBFT easily scales across 6 countries in 4 continents due to GeoBFT protocol.

GeoBFT scales a permissioned blockchain up to 60 replicas globally.

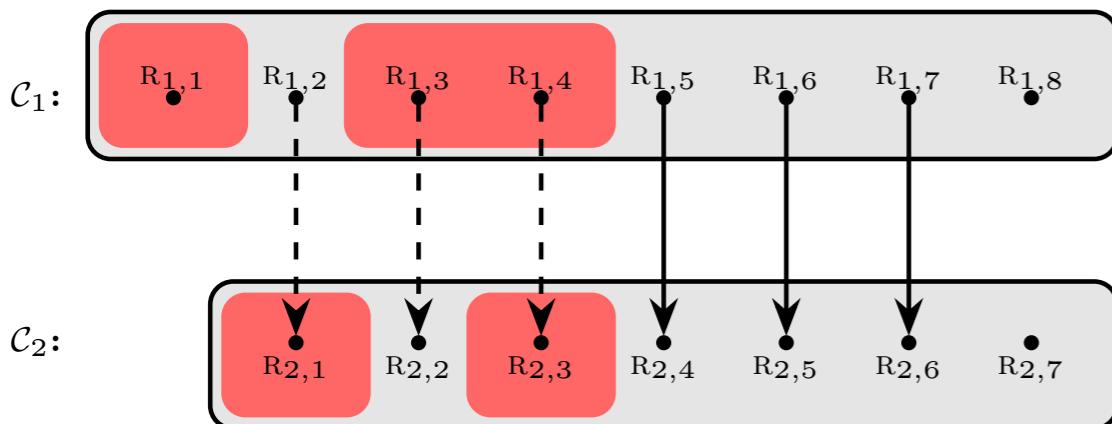
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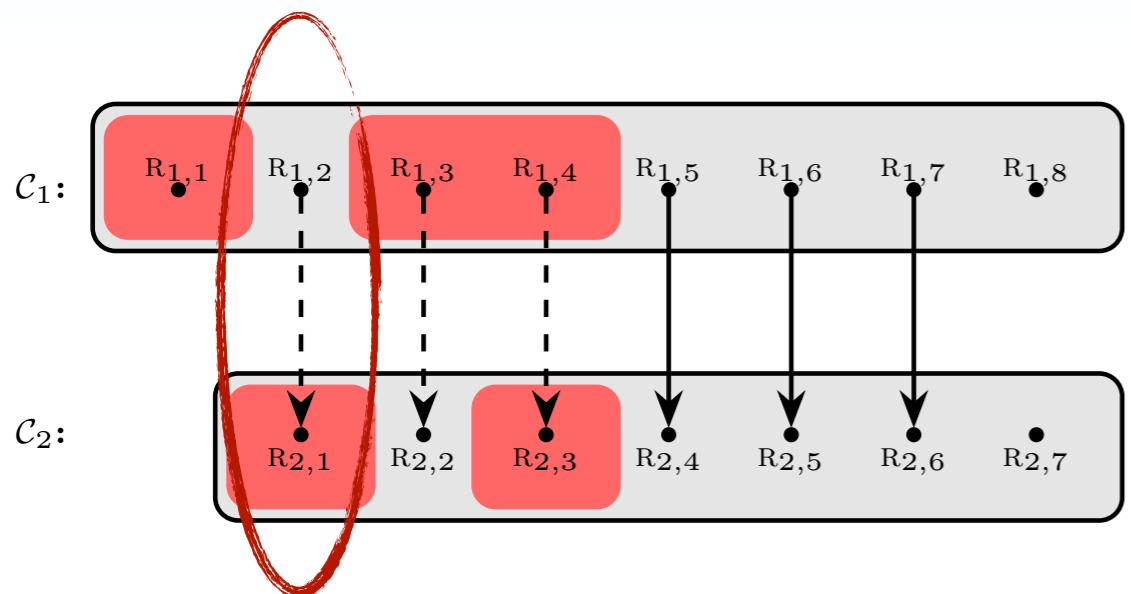
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	RB-brs	Byzantine, RS	$n_{C_1} > 2f_{C_1}$ , $n_{C_2} > f_{C_2}$	$(2f_{C_1} + 1) \cdot (f_{C_2} + 1)$	$\mathcal{O}(\ v\ )$
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linear	PBS-bcs	Omit	$n_{C_1} > 3f_{C_1}$ , $n_{C_2} > 3f_{C_2}$	$\mathcal{O}(\max(n_{C_1}, n_{C_2}))$ (optimal)	$\mathcal{O}(\ v\ )$
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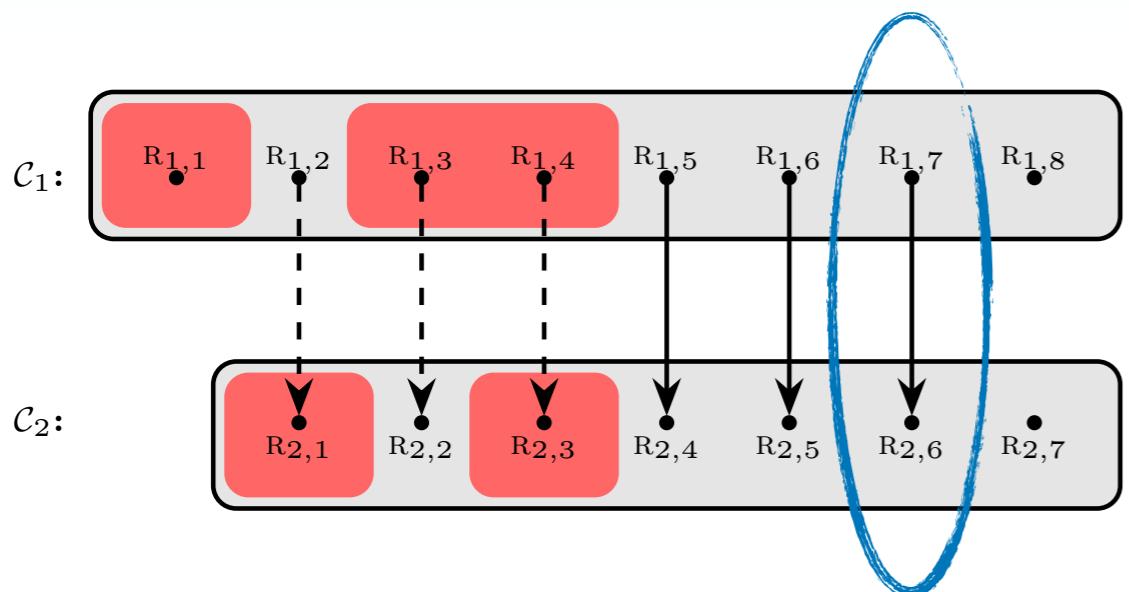
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		(expected)	(worst)		
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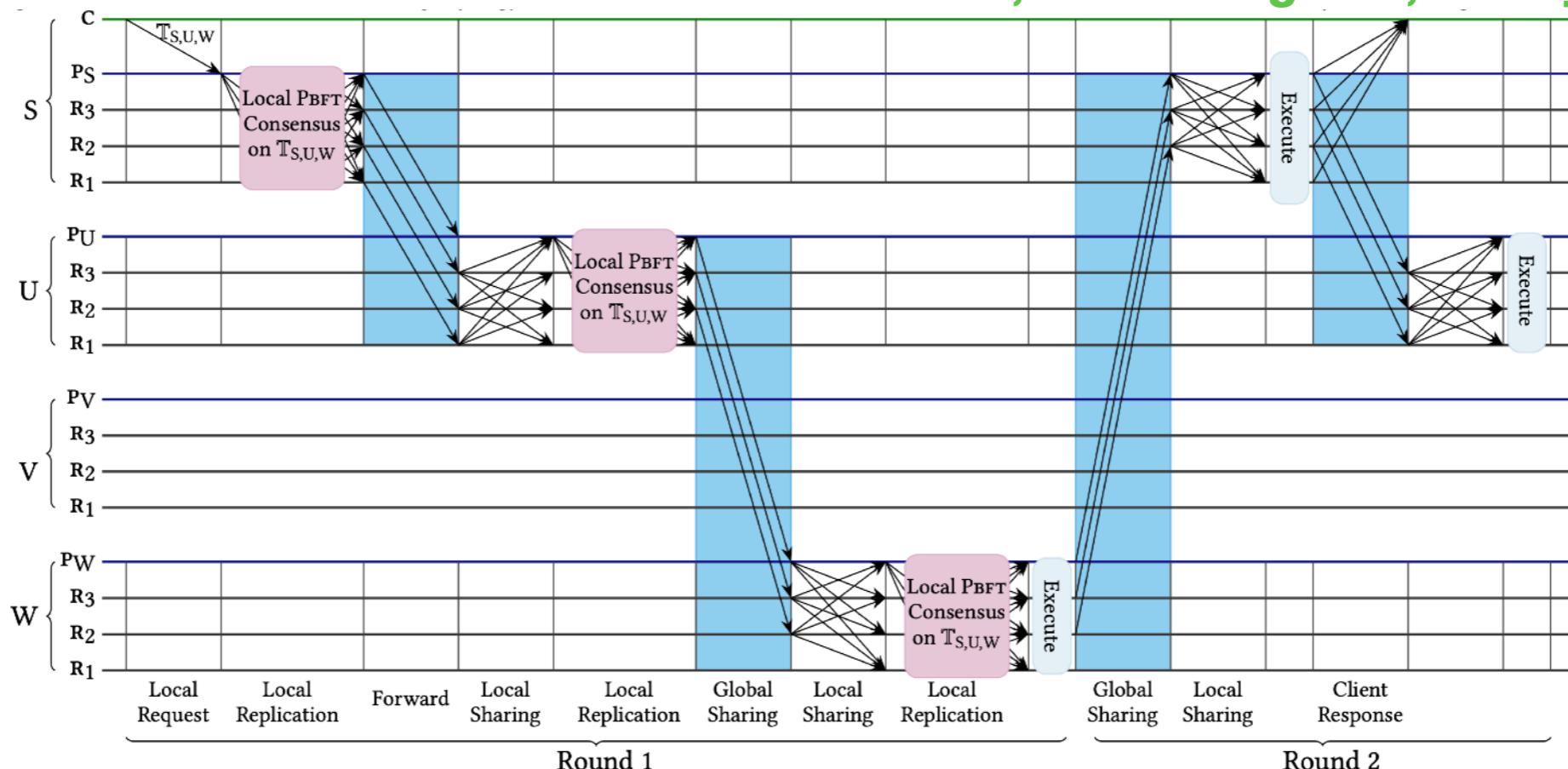
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# RingBFT: Resilient Consensus Over Sharded Ring Topology [arXiv'21]

A meta-protocol adhering to the ring order, and follow the principle of process, forward, and re-transmit

Guarantees consensus for each cross-shard transaction in at most two rotations around the ring

Sustaining over 1,200,000 transactions per second when deployed globally spanning ten countries, fifteen regions, nearly 500 replicas.



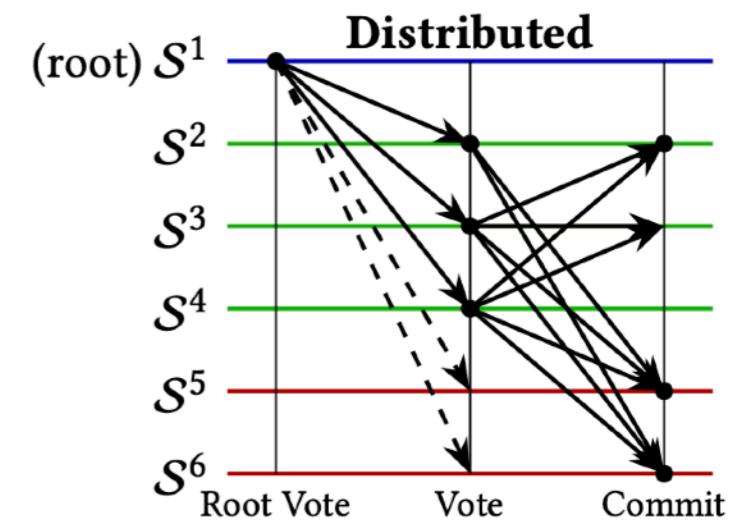
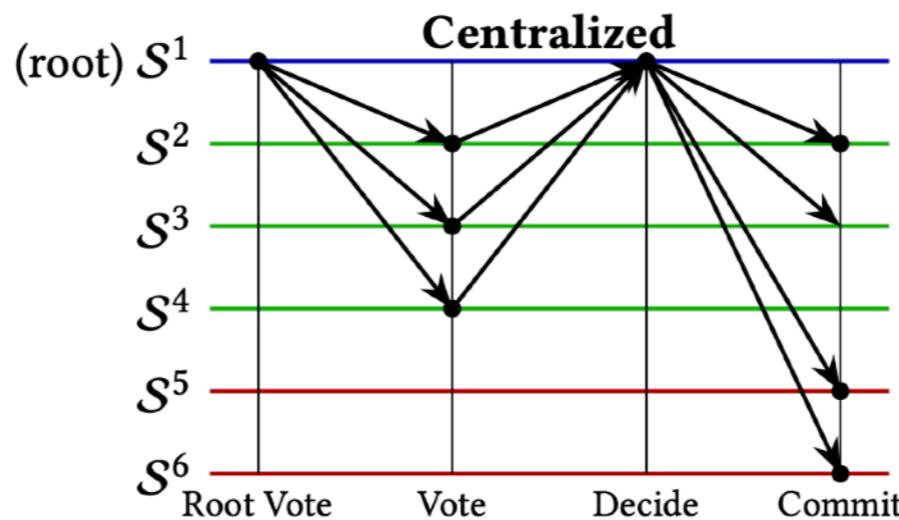
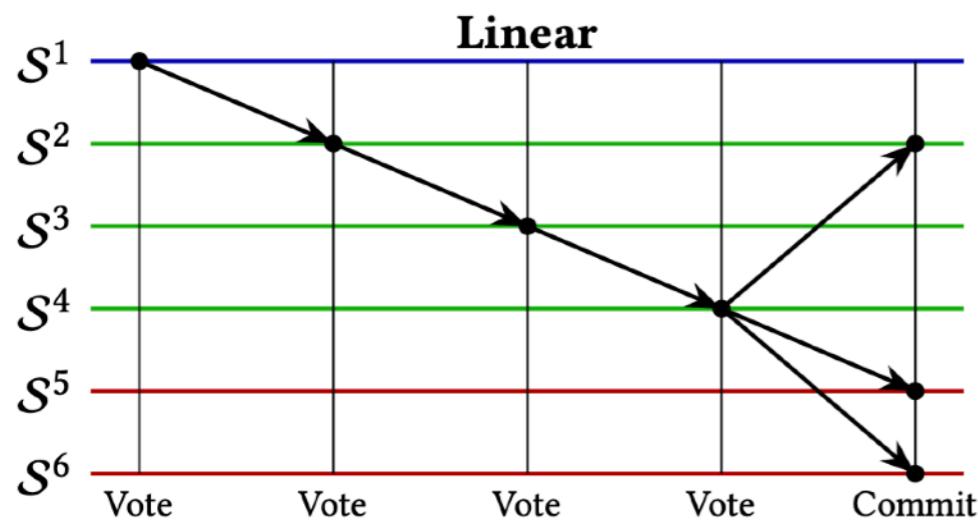
# ByShard: Sharding in a Byzantine Environment [VLDB'21]

Processing multi-shard transaction via the orchestrate-execute model

Processing is broken down into three types of shard-steps: **vote**, **commit**, and **abort**

Each shard-step is performed via one consensus step

Steps are communicated via cluster-sending

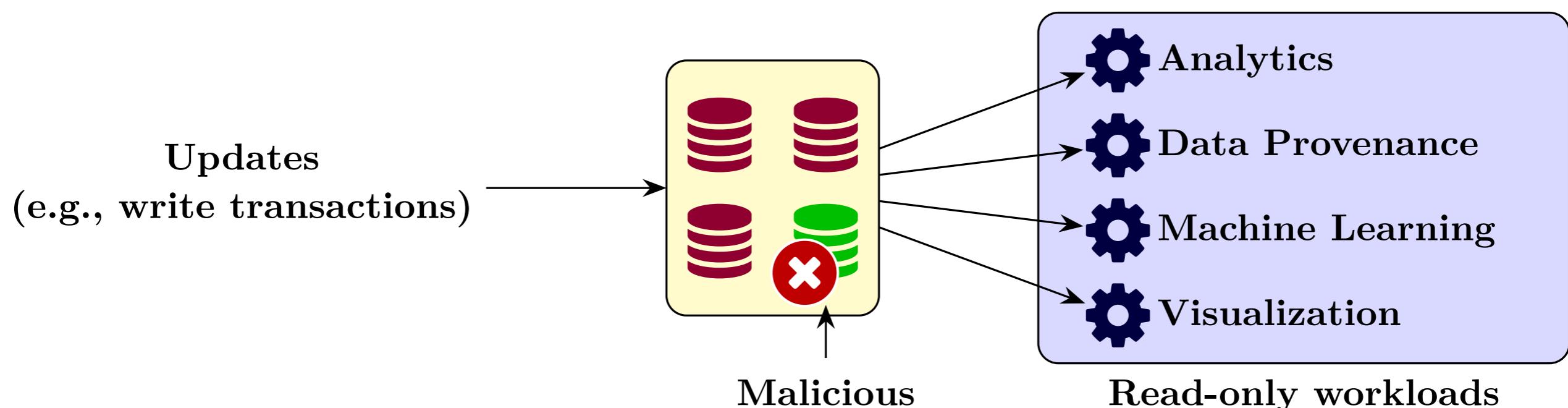


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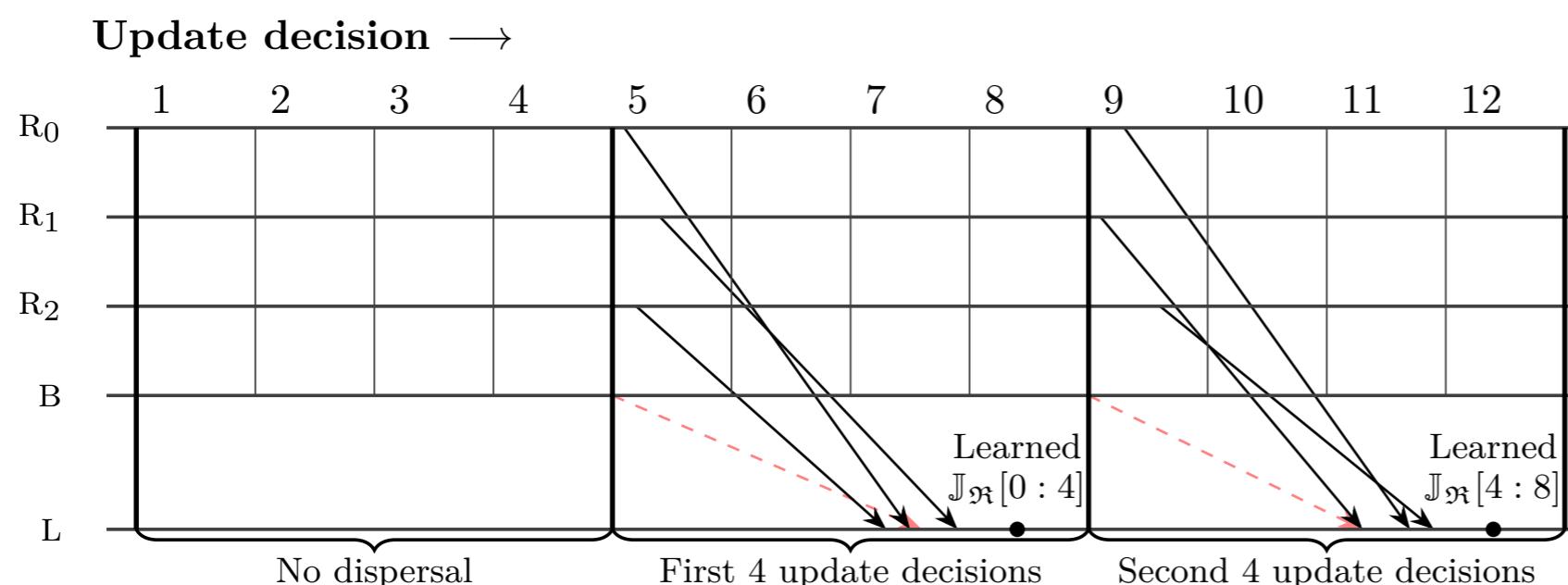
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System	Checksum	Complexity for the learner		
		Data sent per replica	Data received	Decode steps
$b = 0$	None	$\mathcal{O}(s/g)$	$\mathcal{O}(s(n/g))$	$u/n$
$b < g$	Simple	$\mathcal{O}(s/g)$	$\mathcal{O}(s(n/g))$	$\binom{g+b}{g}(u/n)$
$b < g$	Tree	$\mathcal{O}(s/g + (u/n)\log(n))$	$\mathcal{O}(s(n/g) + u\log(n))$	$u/n$

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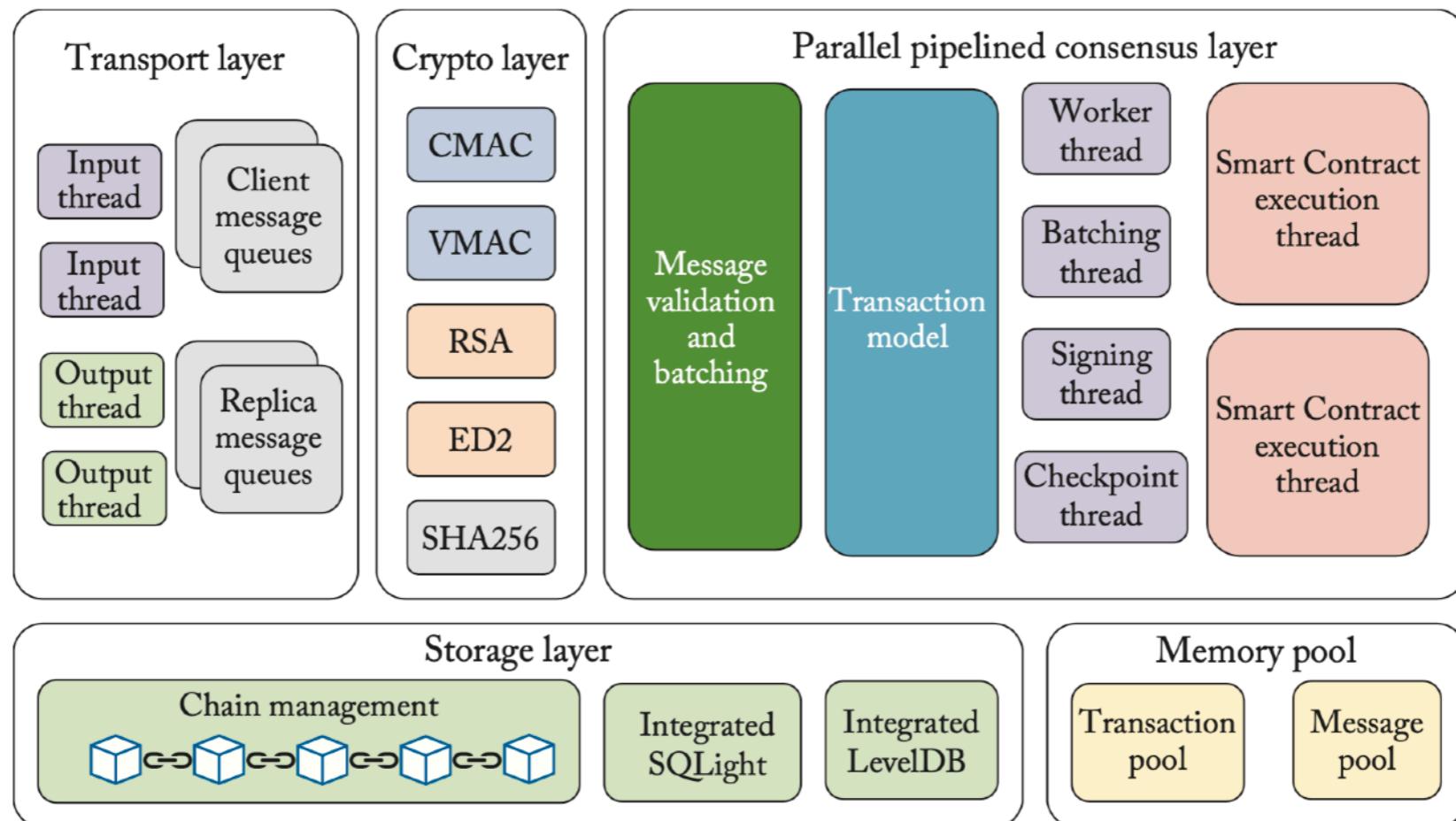
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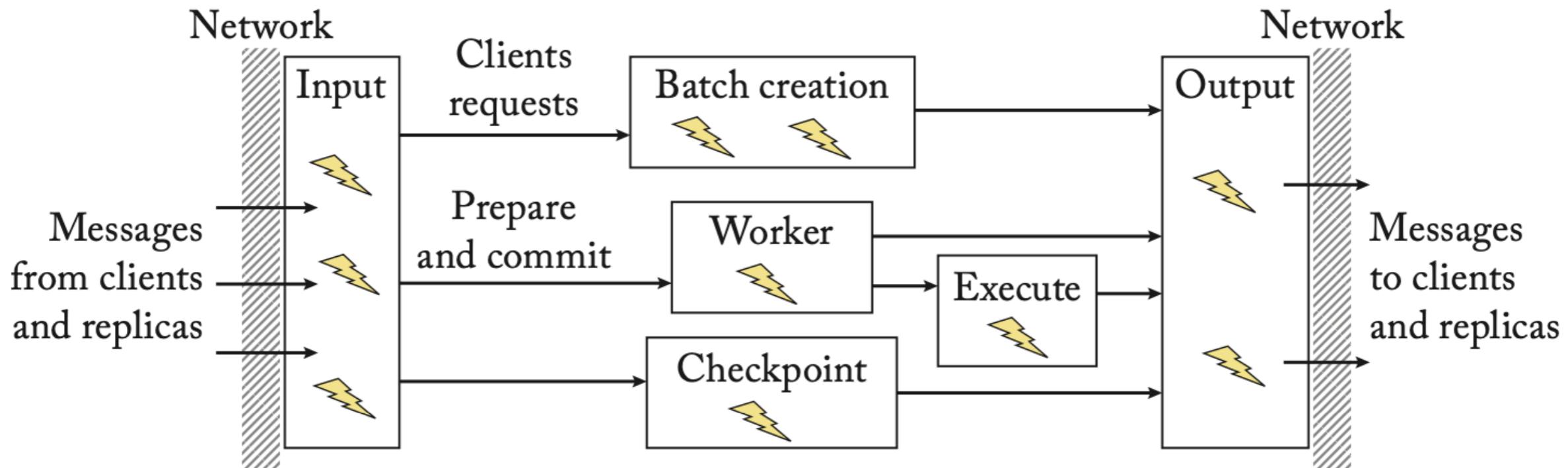
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Multi-Threaded Deep Pipeline

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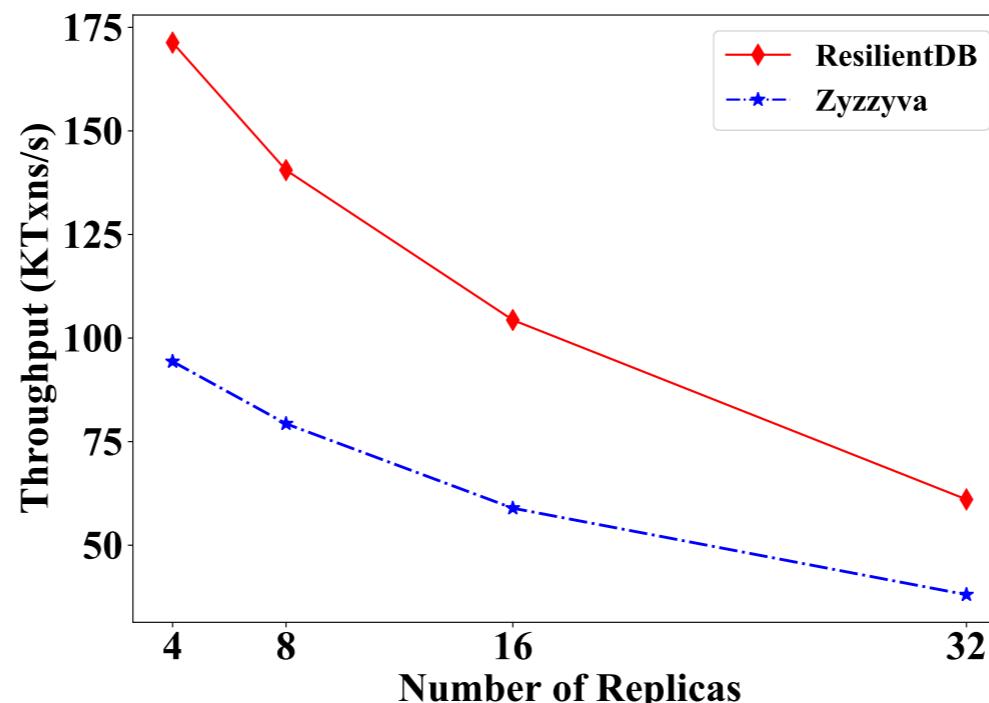
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Can a well-crafted system based on a  
classical BFT protocol outperform a modern protocol?

# **Revisit Resiliency**

## **(Graduate Student Experiment Continues)**

**Mount Tallac, Lake Tahoe**  
**12.1 Miles Long**  
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**(9,738 Feet at Summit)**



# Fostering Resiliency

(Offering Stress Management and Well-Being Courses at UC Davis)



*Release Tension  
Increase Focus*

**Days:** Wednesdays

**Time:** 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

**Location:** Zoom (Live Online Class)

**INSTRUCTORS:**

Mohammad Sadoghi, Ph.D.  
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Dress Code:  
Loose comfortable clothing,  
sweat shirts and pants with socks.



**Becoming an  
EXTRAORDINARY  
Human**

**Spring 2020**

**Days:** Thursdays

**Time:** 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

**Location:** Zoom

**CRN:** 57877

**INSTRUCTORS:** Mohammad Sadoghi, Ph.D.  
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No one wants to be ordinary. This course focuses on the personal development of the characteristics of human beings deemed extraordinary. Outcomes include enhanced concentration for higher-level cognition, increased capacity to handle stress, development of increased self-confidence, increased mastery of emotional and mental processes, development of physical awareness and control, and development of positive personal characteristics. Physical activities include movements and visualizations.

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**Reduce Stress**

**First-year Seminar (FYS):  
Undergraduate Survival Kit**

Learn the foundation & working knowledge of stress reduction based on a unique heart-centered meditation method referred to as Tamarkoz®.

The M.T.O. Tamarkoz® method is the art of self-knowledge through concentration and meditation.

**Spring 2020**

**Time:** Tuesdays from 7:00pm-8:00pm

**Location:** UCDAVIS Zoom (CRN: 66553)

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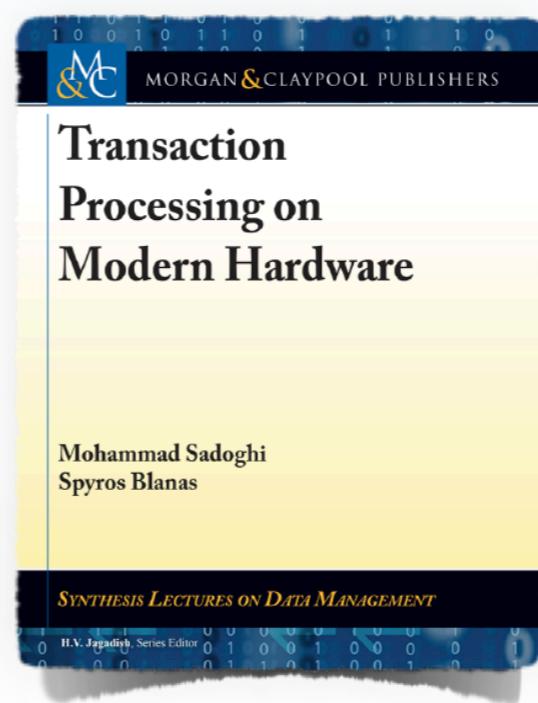
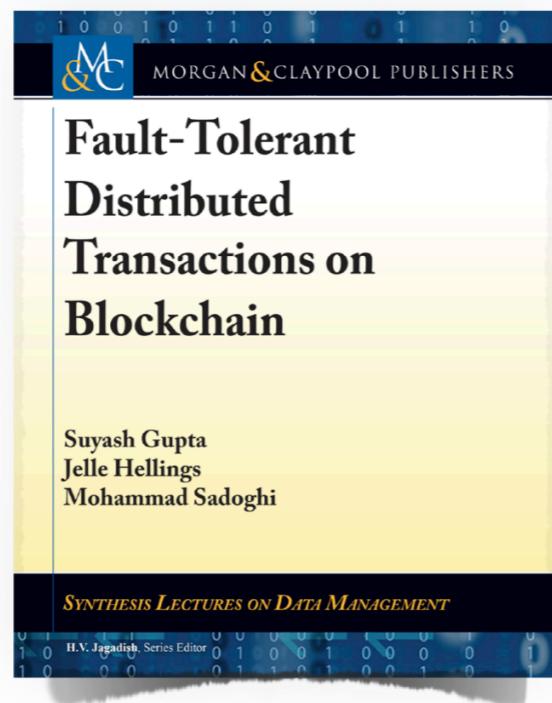
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Seminar spotlight: "Becoming an Extraordinary Human"  
The California Aggie, April 6, 2020





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## FOR COMPLETE REFERENCES

