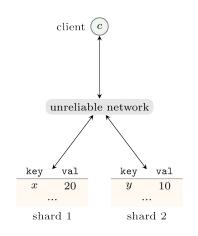
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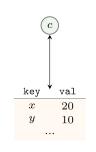


Challenge:

- Distributed databases are foundation of key systems
- Highly non-deterministic
- Optimizations involve handling inconsistent data



distributed environment (impl)



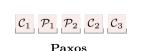
single machine (spec)

Scientific Impact:

- Generalized prophecy variable proof technique
- Proof strategy suggested new protocol and optimizations

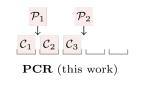
Solution:

- Extending Grove separation logic framework
- Prophecy variables for multiple sources of nondeterminism



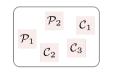
x two round-trips

✓ strong



 \checkmark one round-trip

 \checkmark sufficiently strong



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 \checkmark one round-trip

× weak

Broader Impact and Broader Participation:

- Reducing bugs in distributed databases can prevent outages/data loss
- Developing tutorial and teaching modules on separation logic for distributed systems

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