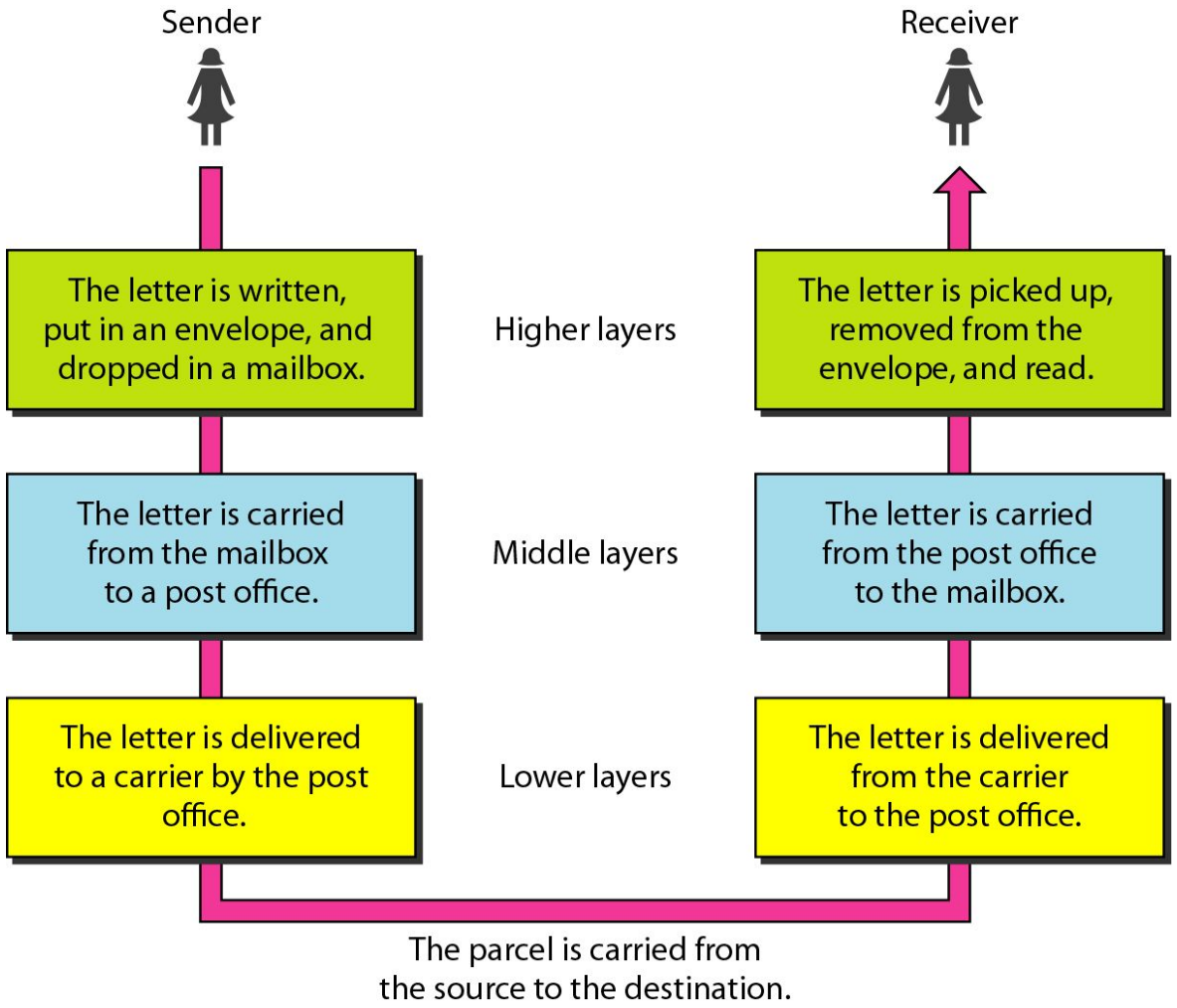
2-1 LAYERED TASKS/ARCHITECTURE

We use the concept of layers in our daily life. As an example, let us consider two friends who communicate through postal mail. The process of sending a letter to a friend would be complex if there were no services available from the post office.

Topics discussed in this section:

Sender, Receiver, and Carrier
Hierarchy

Figure 2.1 Tasks involved in sending a letter

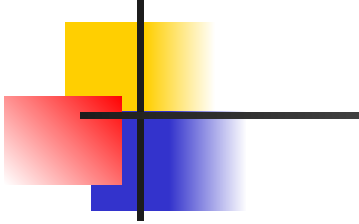


2-2 THE OSI MODEL

Established in 1947, the International Standards Organization (ISO) is a multinational body dedicated to worldwide agreement on international standards. An ISO standard that covers all aspects of network communications is the Open Systems Interconnection (OSI) model. It was first introduced in the late 1970s.

Topics discussed in this section:

Layered Architecture
Peer-to-Peer Processes
Encapsulation



Note

ISO is the organization.
OSI is the model.

Figure 2.2 *Seven layers of the OSI model*

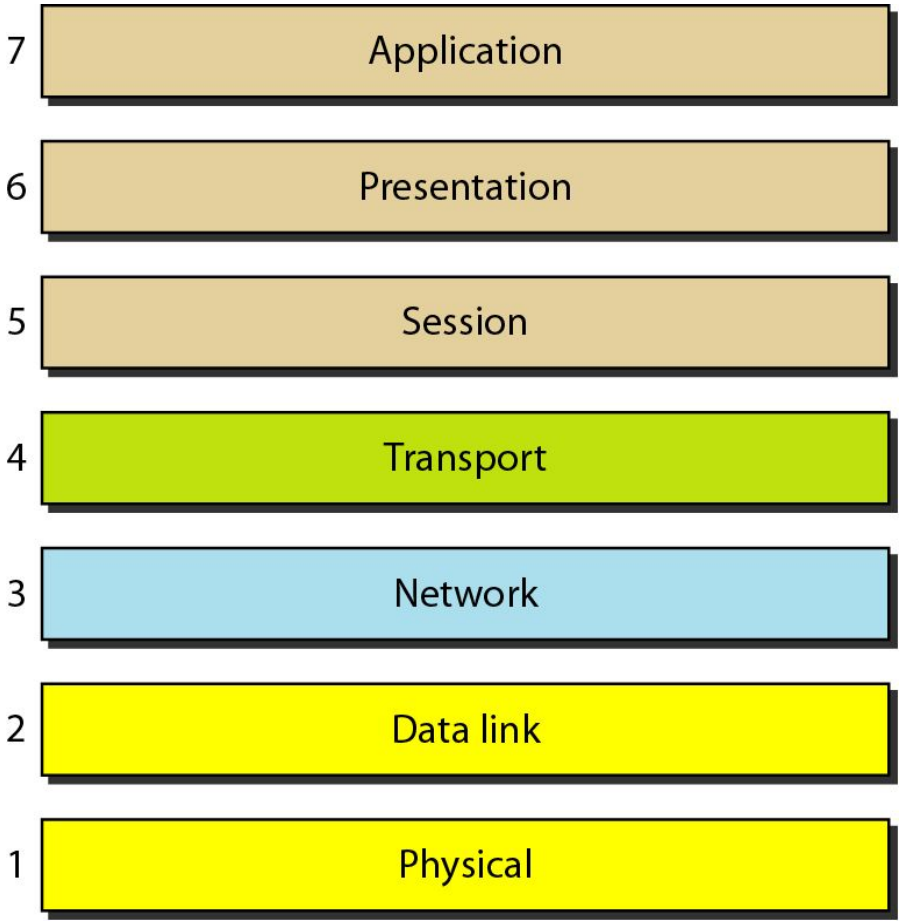


Figure 2.3 *The interaction between layers in the OSI model*

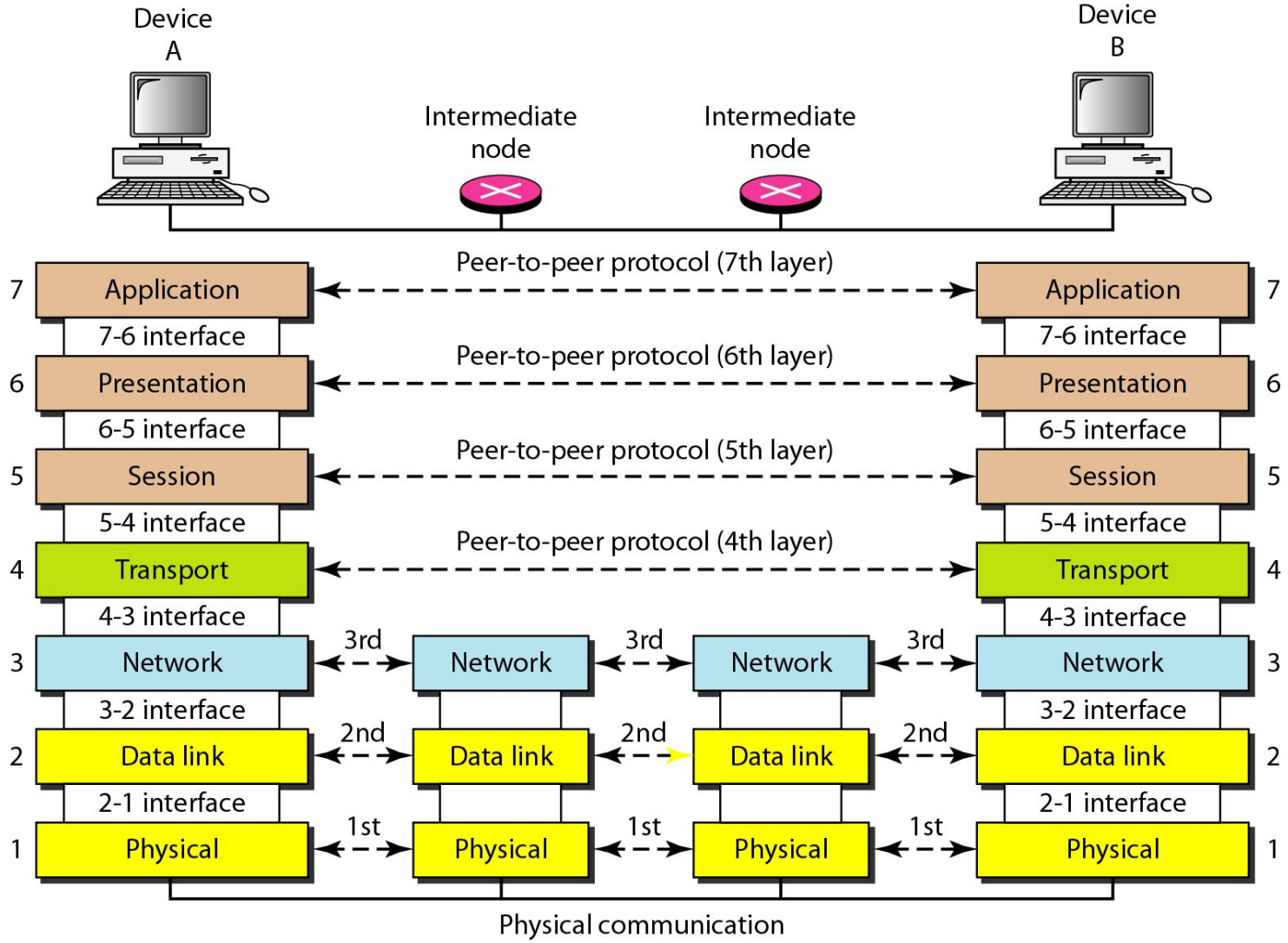
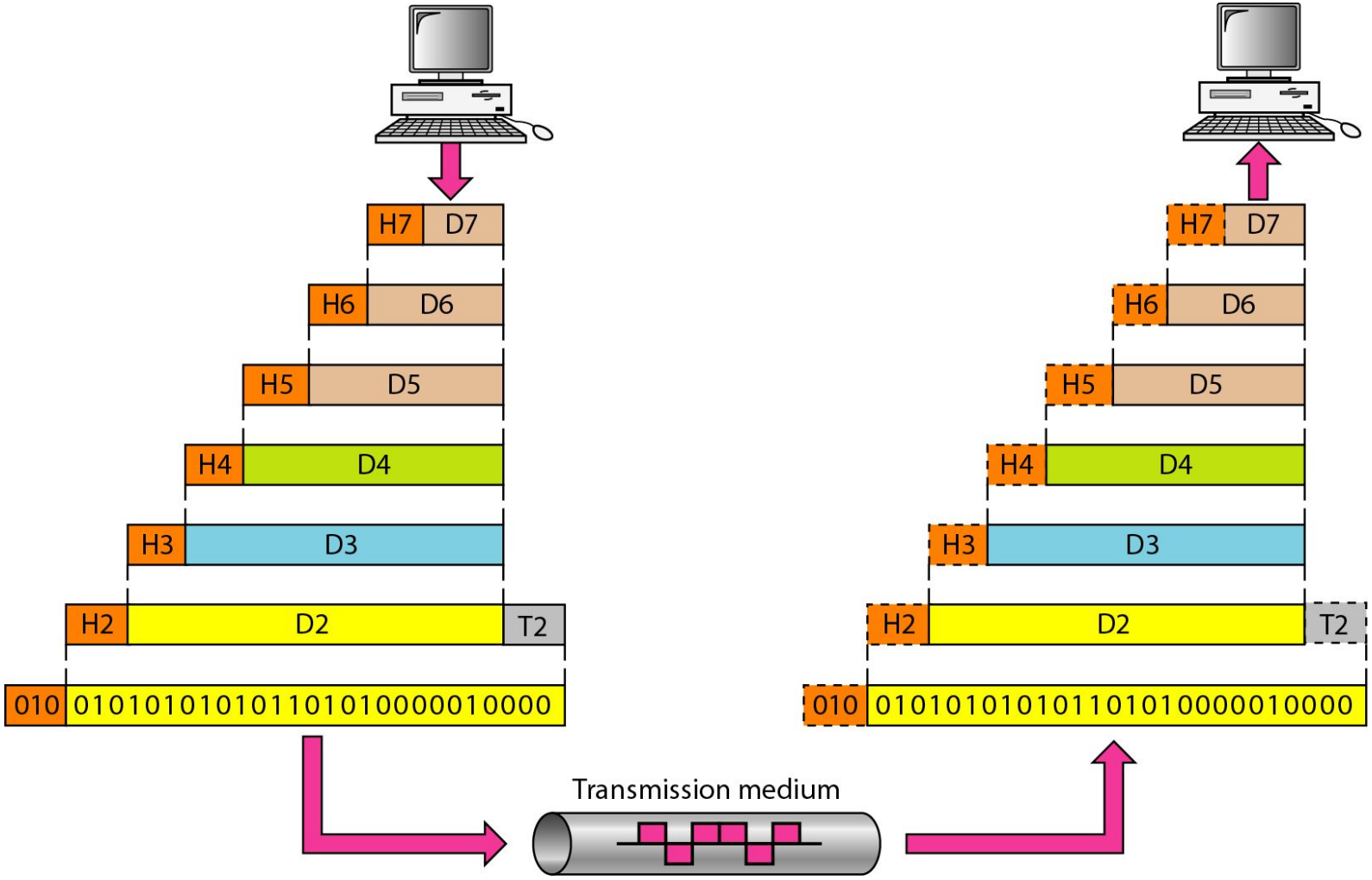


Figure 2.4 *An exchange using the OSI model*



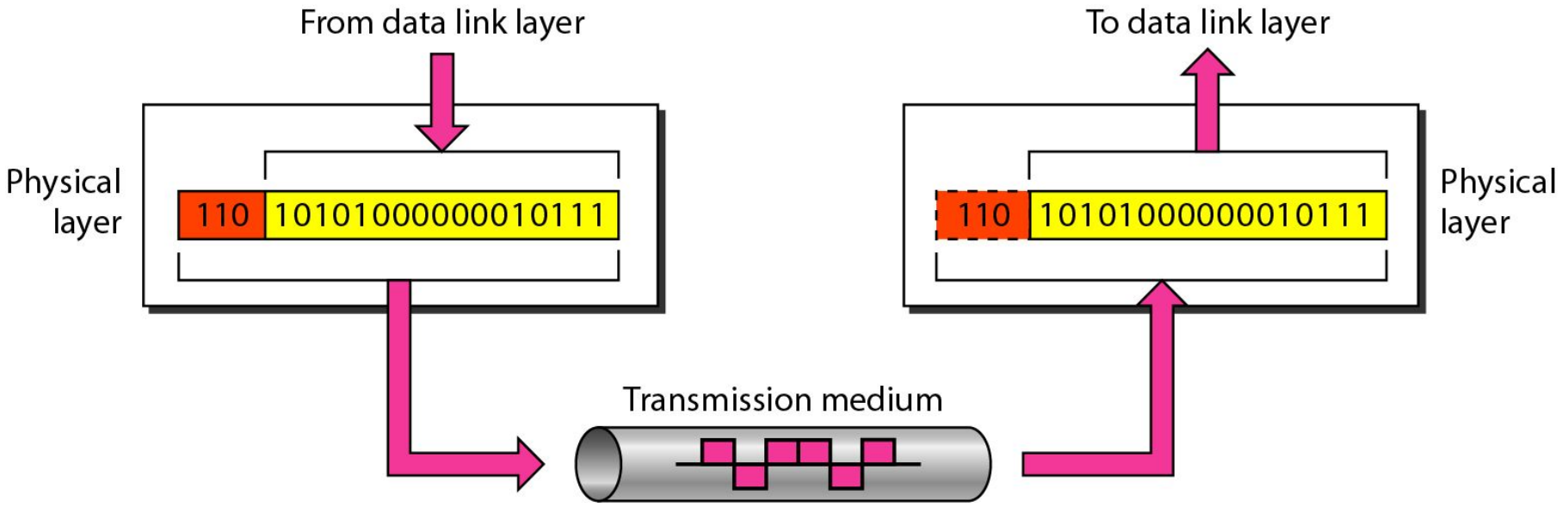
2-3 LAYERS IN THE OSI MODEL

In this section we briefly describe the functions of each layer in the OSI model.

Topics discussed in this section:

Physical Layer
Data Link Layer
Network Layer
Transport Layer
Session Layer
Presentation Layer
Application Layer

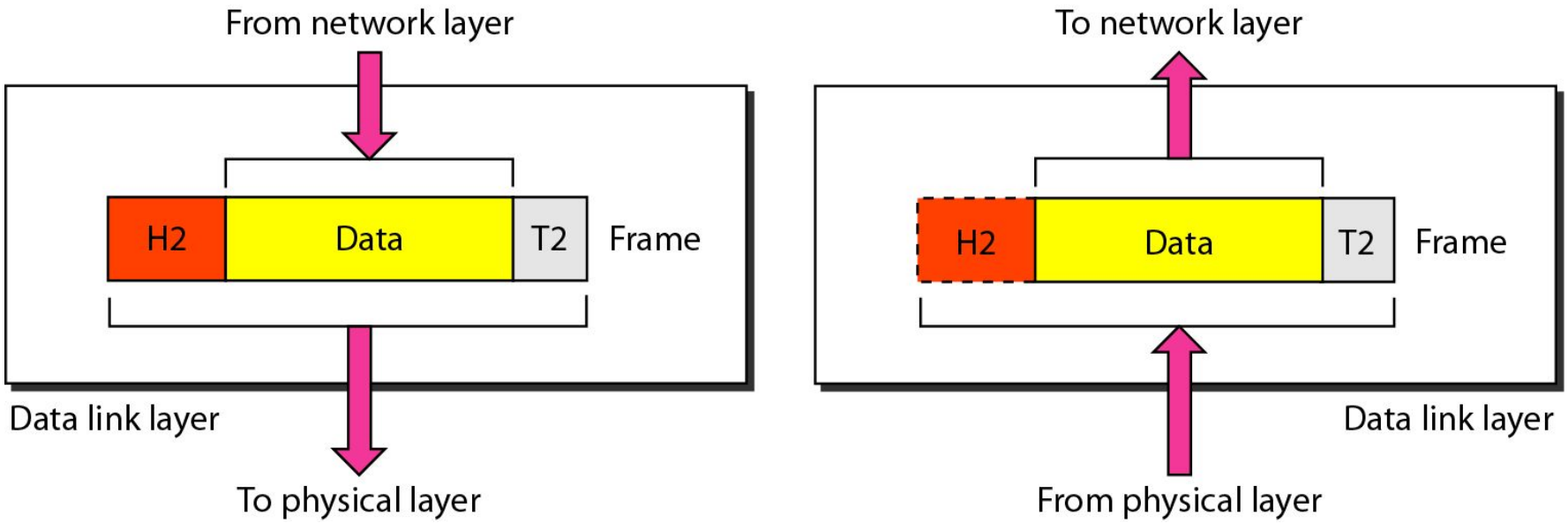
Figure 2.5 *Physical layer*



Note

The physical layer is responsible for movements of individual bits from one hop (node) to the next.

Figure 2.6 *Data link layer*



Note

The data link layer is responsible for moving frames from one hop (node) to the next.

Figure 2.7 *Hop-to-hop delivery*

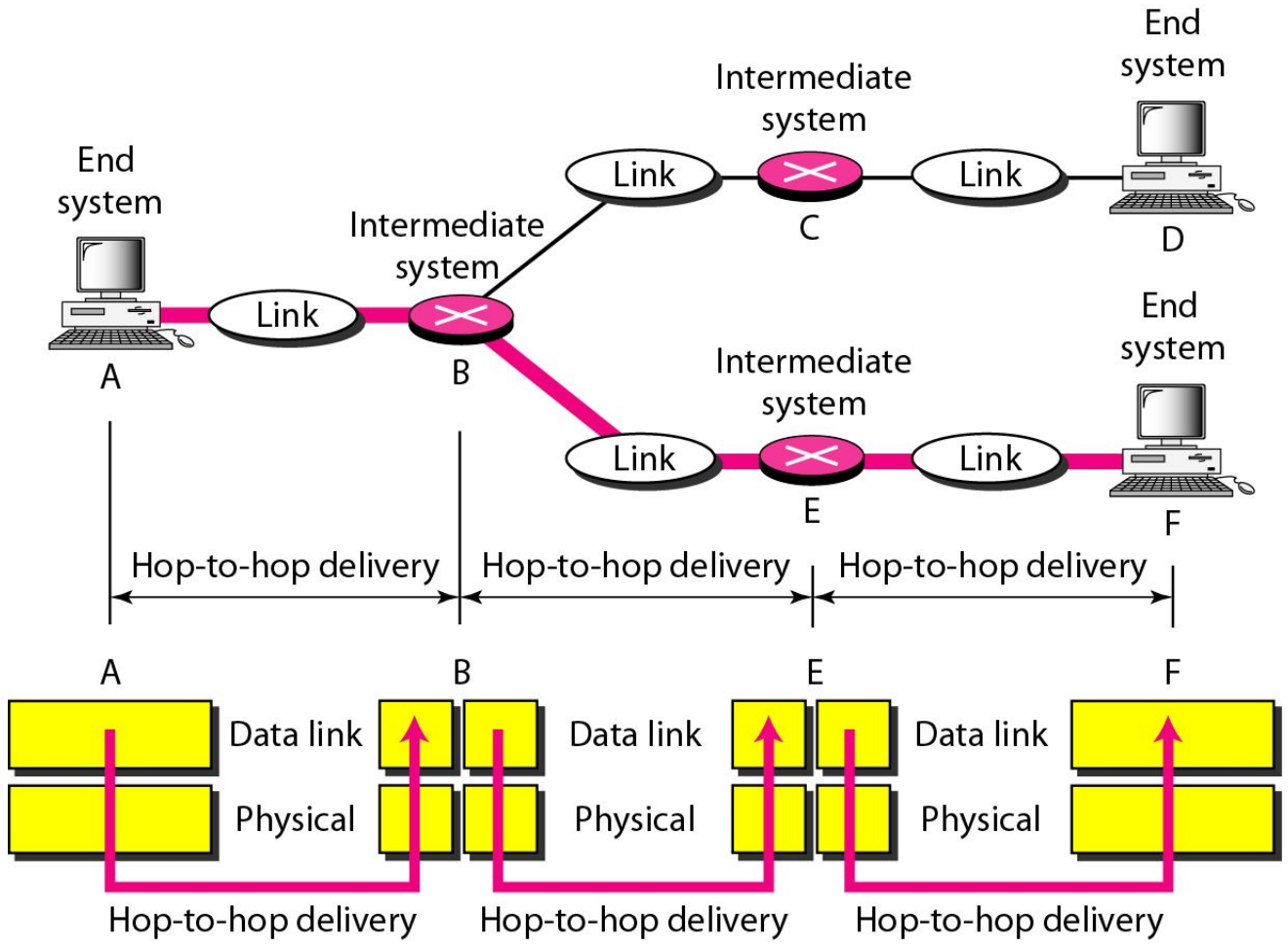
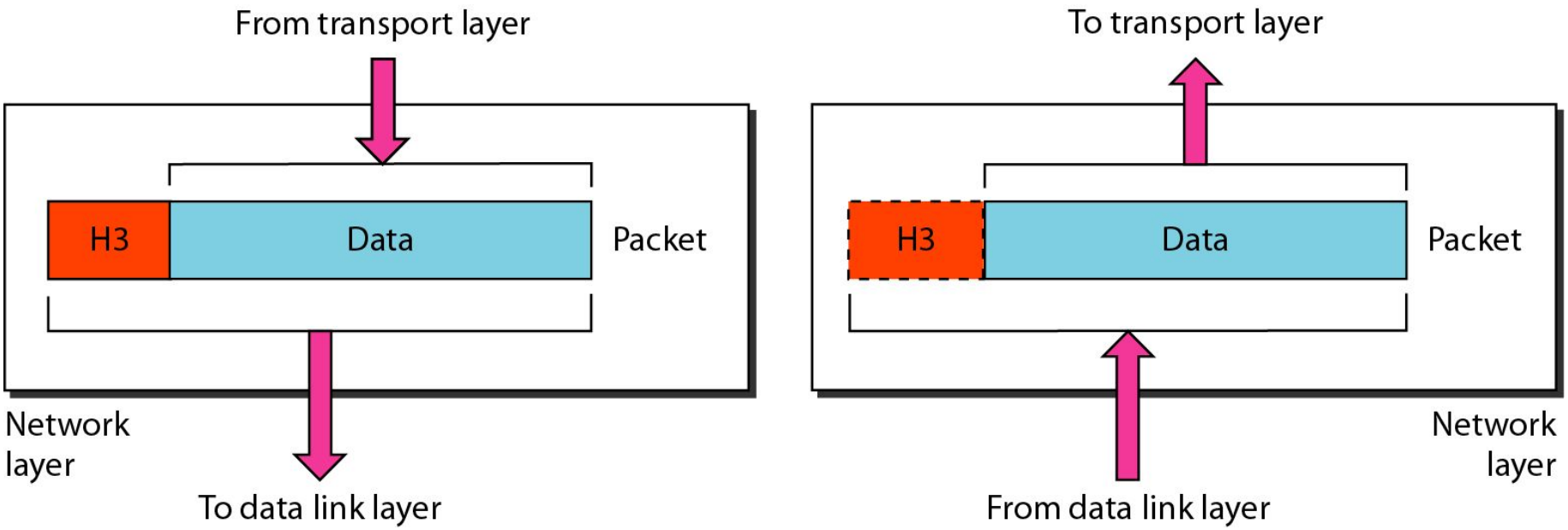


Figure 2.8 *Network layer*



Note

The network layer is responsible for the delivery of individual packets from the source host to the destination host.

Figure 2.9 *Source-to-destination delivery*

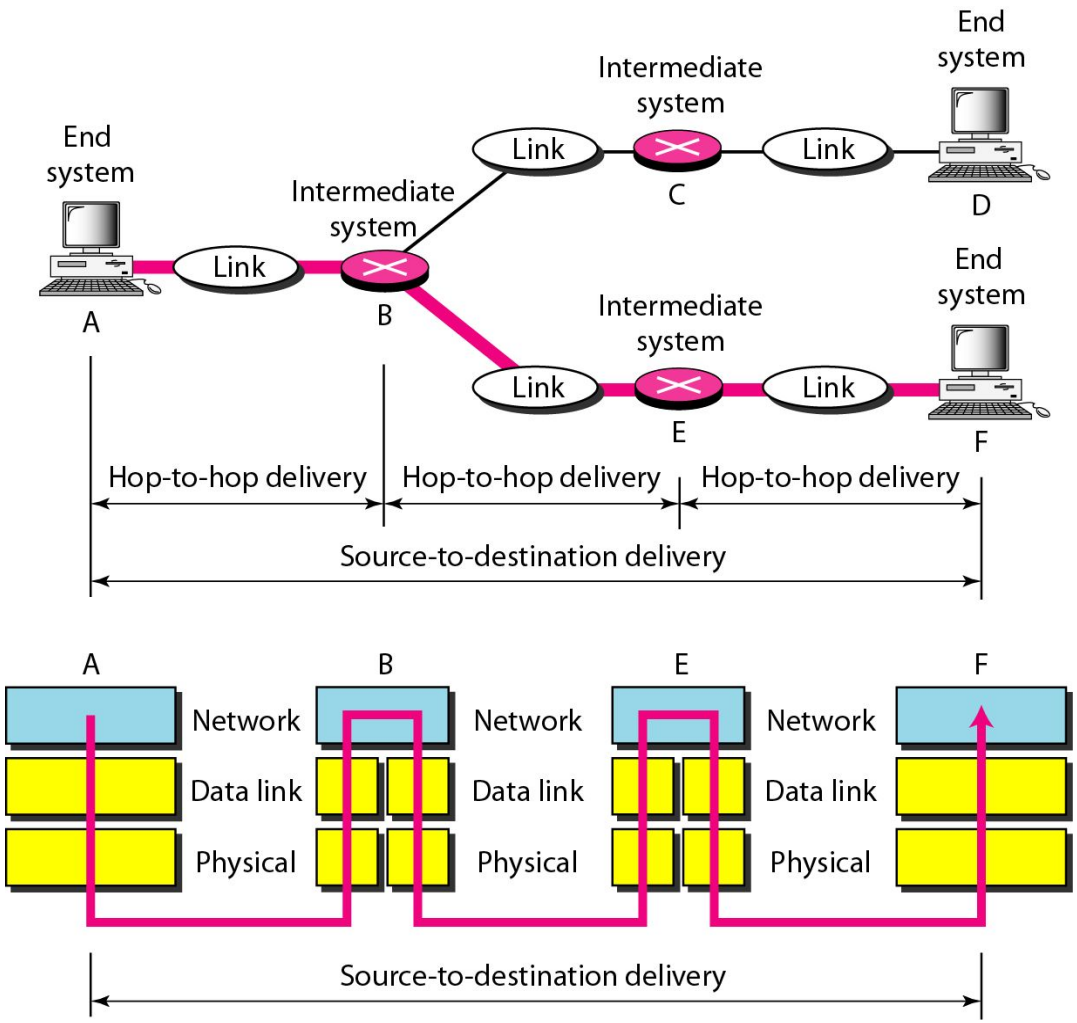
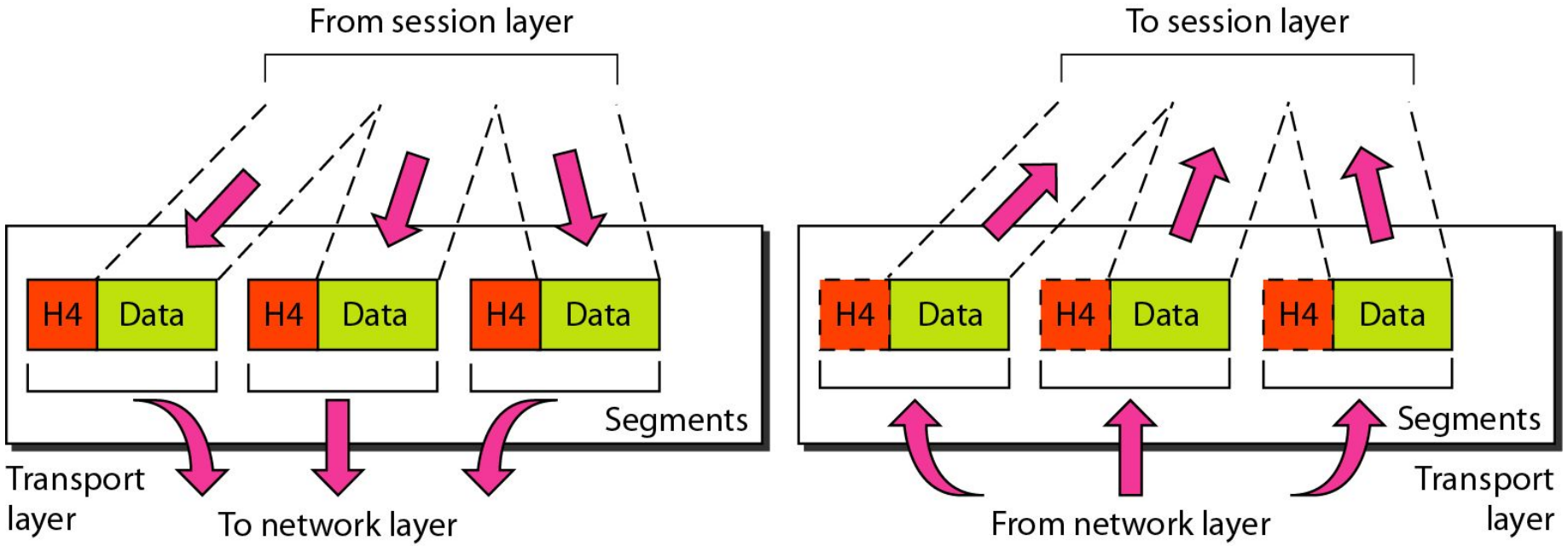


Figure 2.10 *Transport layer*



Note

The transport layer is responsible for the delivery of a message from one process to another.

Figure 2.11 *Reliable process-to-process delivery of a message*

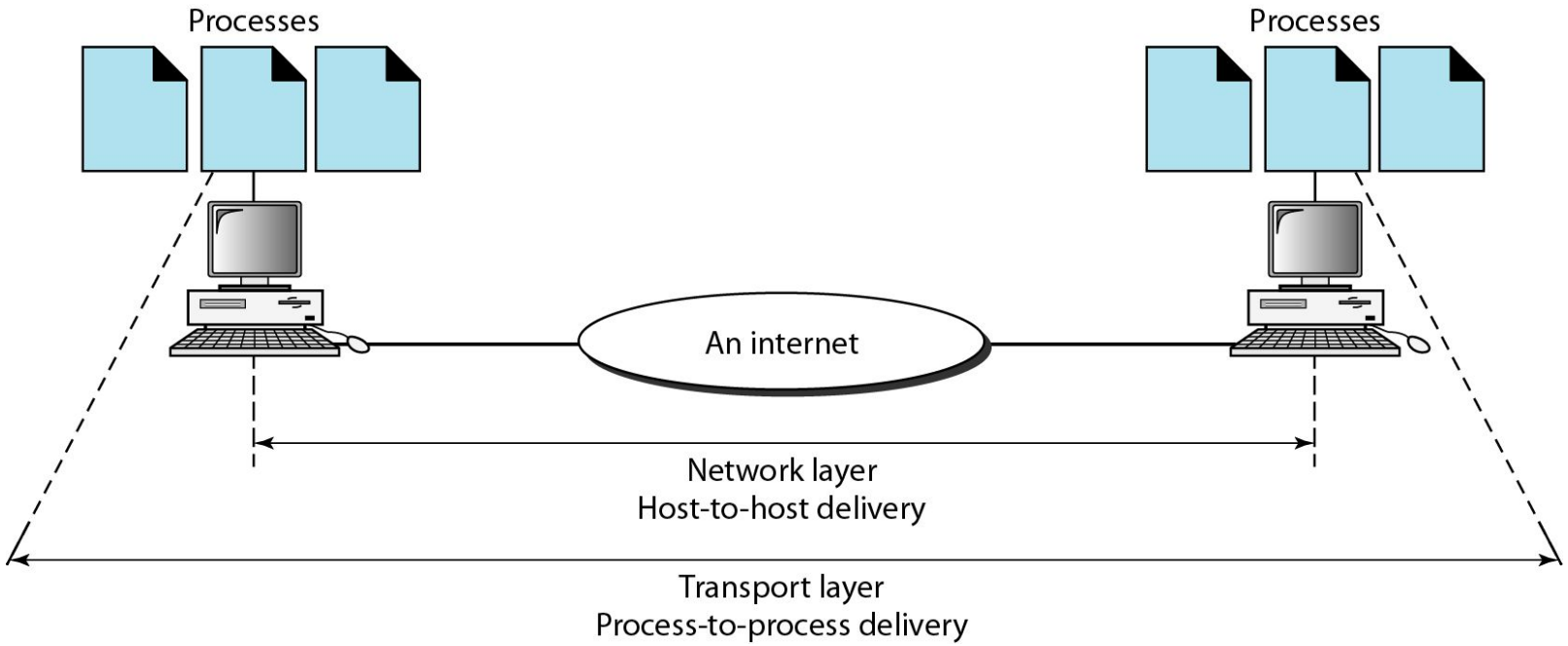
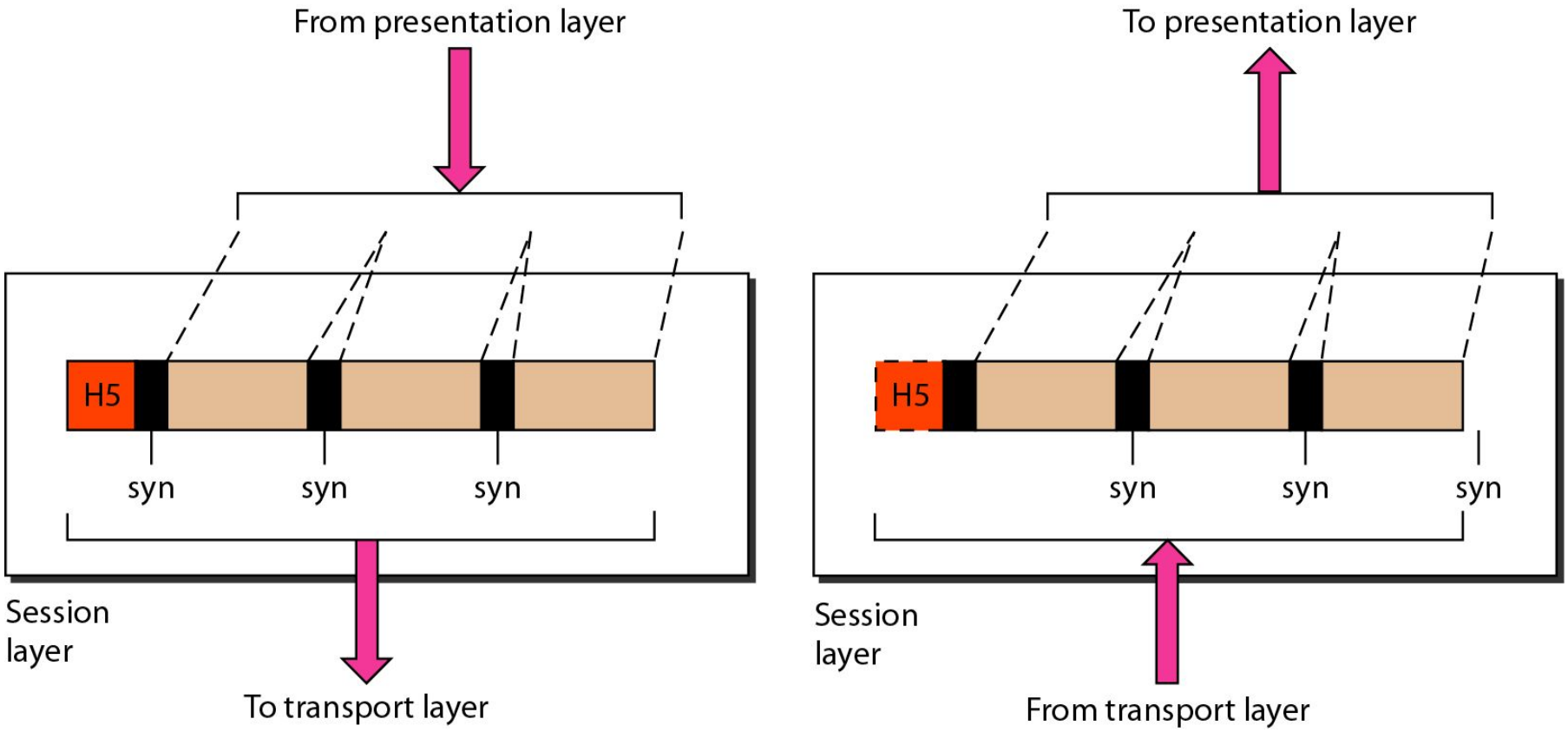


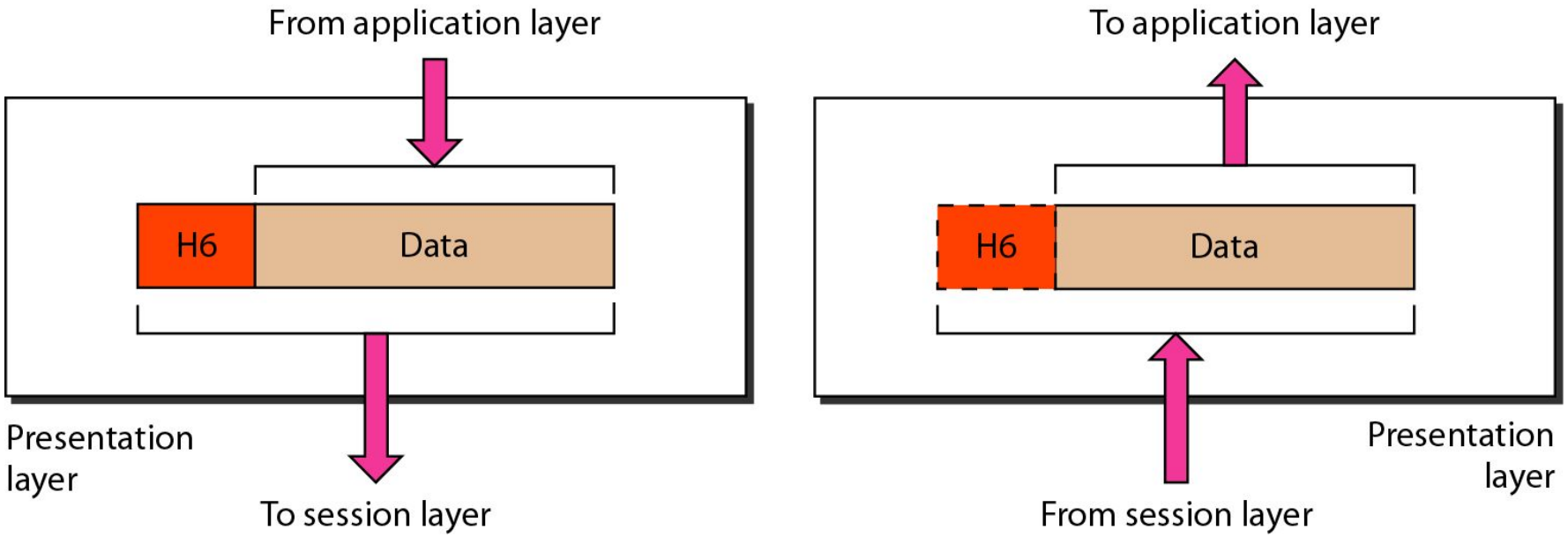
Figure 2.12 *Session layer*



Note

The session layer is responsible for dialog control and synchronization.

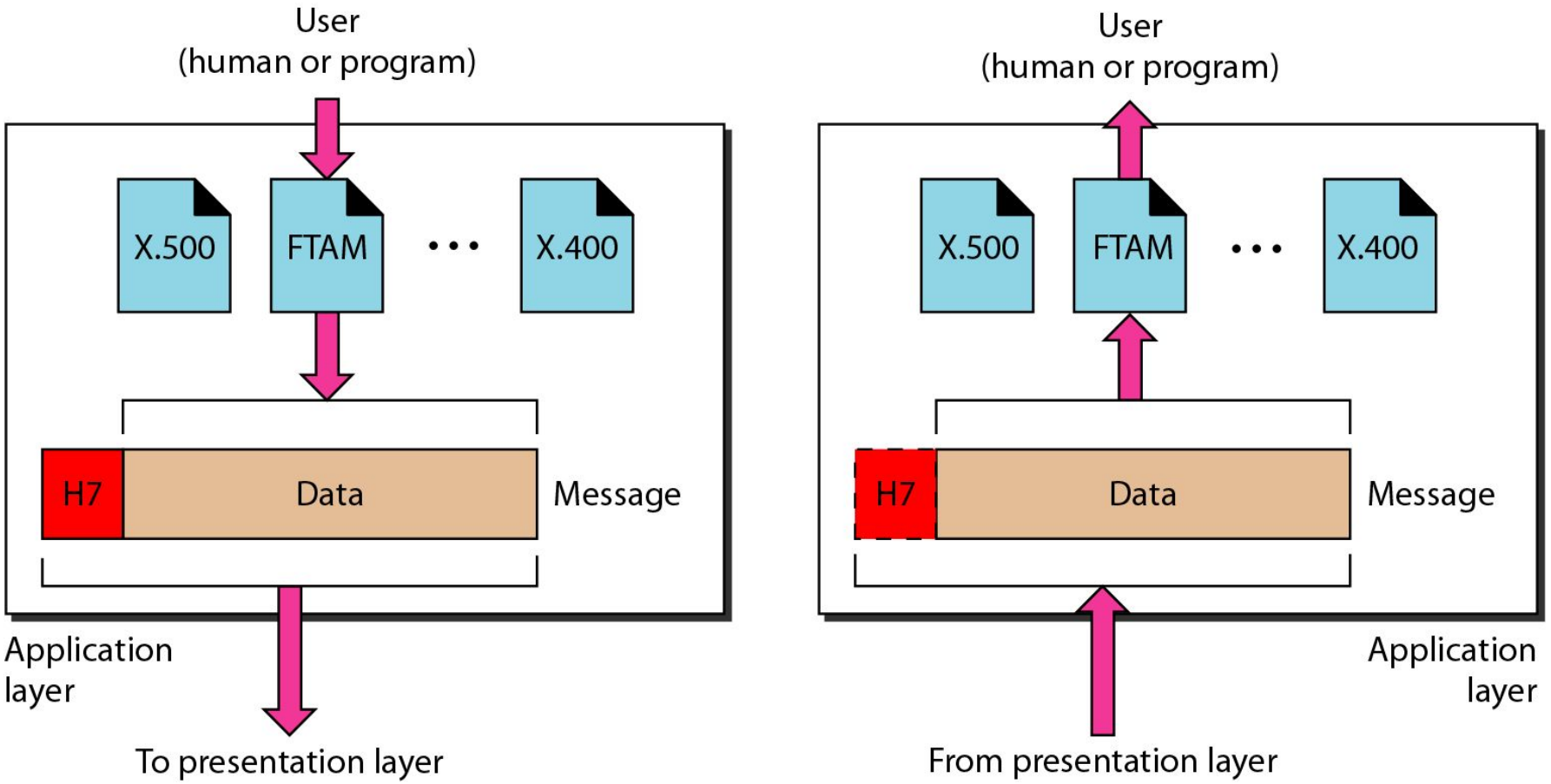
Figure 2.13 *Presentation layer*



Note

The presentation layer is responsible for translation, compression, and encryption.

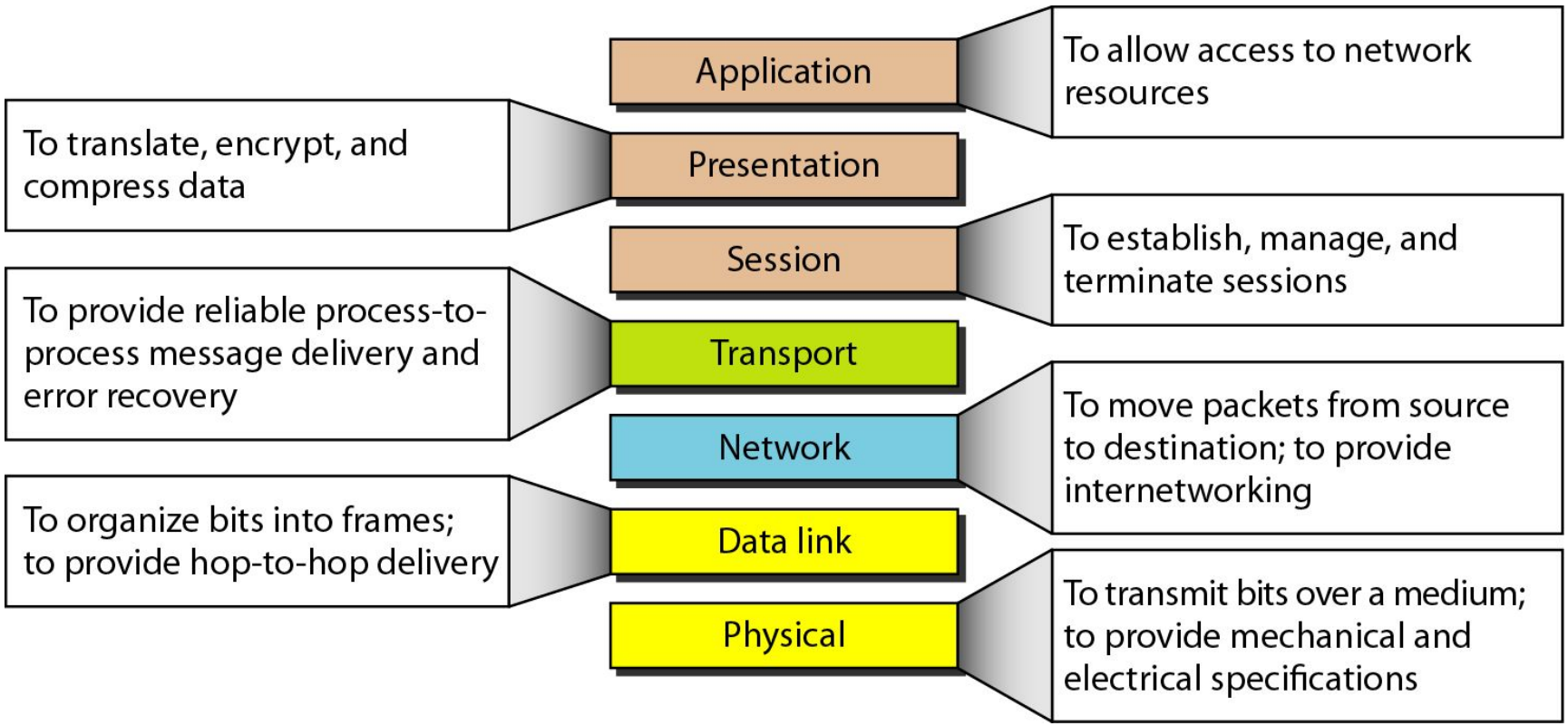
Figure 2.14 *Application layer*



Note

The application layer is responsible for providing services to the user.

Figure 2.15 *Summary of layers*



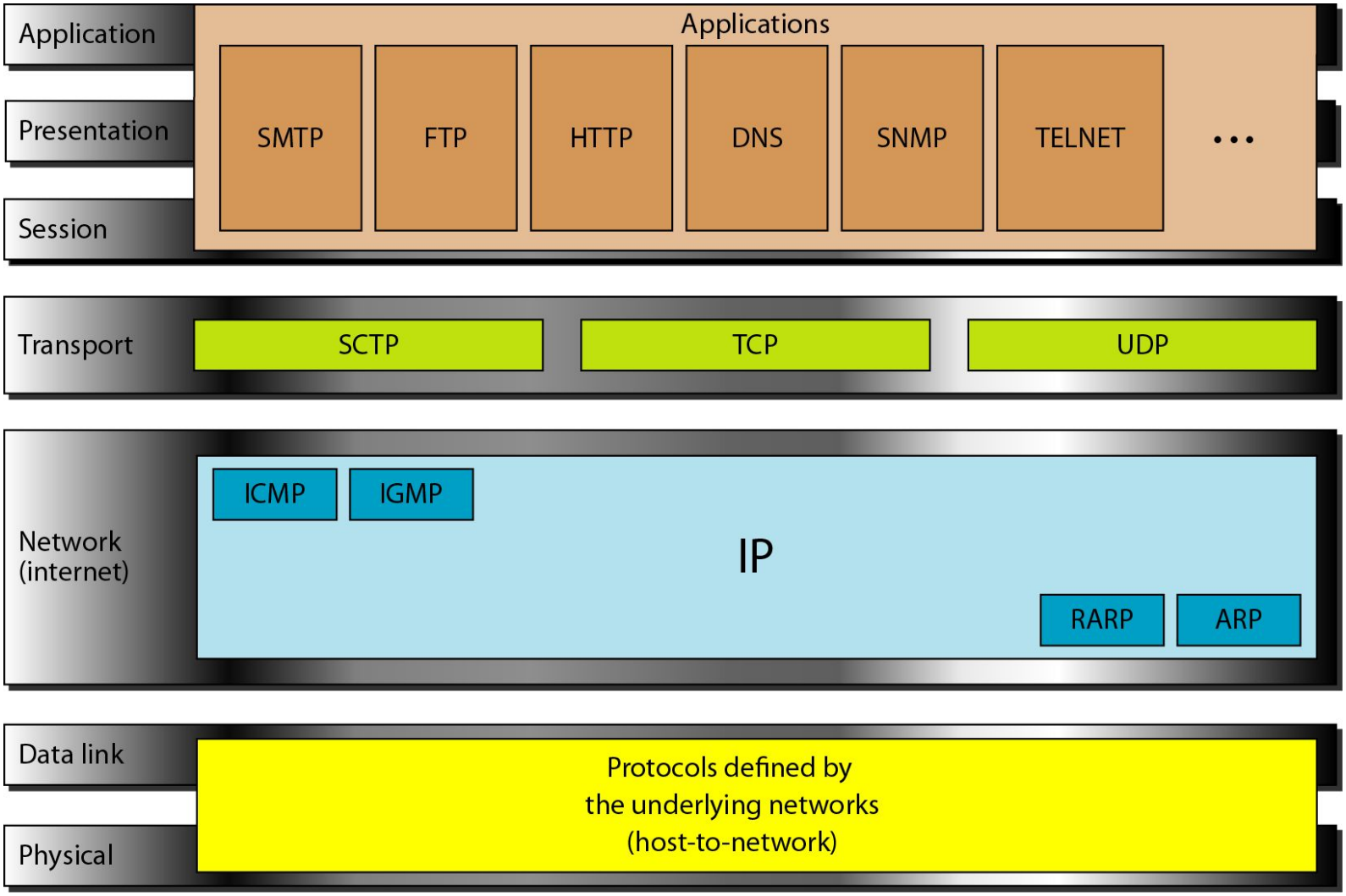
2-4 TCP/IP PROTOCOL SUITE

The layers in the TCP/IP protocol suite do not exactly match those in the OSI model. The original TCP/IP protocol suite was defined as having four layers: host-to-network, internet, transport, and application. However, when TCP/IP is compared to OSI, we can say that the TCP/IP protocol suite is made of five layers: physical, data link, network, transport, and application.

Topics discussed in this section:

Physical and Data Link Layers
Network Layer
Transport Layer
Application Layer

Figure 2.16 *TCP/IP and OSI model*



2-5 ADDRESSING

Four levels of addresses are used in an internet employing the TCP/IP protocols: physical, logical, port, and specific.

Topics discussed in this section:

Physical Addresses
Logical Addresses
Port Addresses
Specific Addresses

Figure 2.17 *Addresses in TCP/IP*

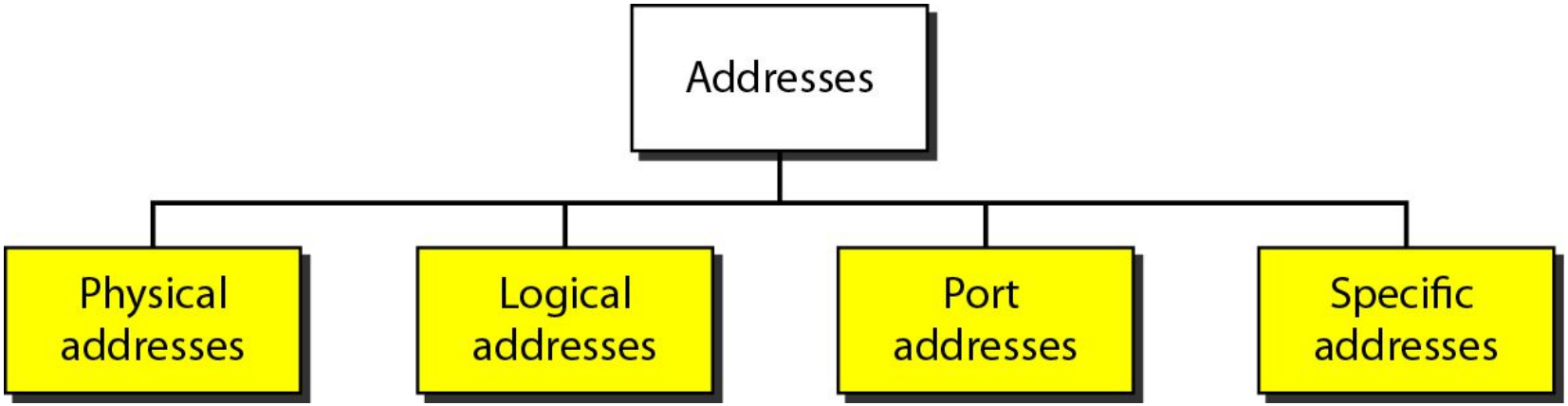


Figure 2.18 *Relationship of layers and addresses in TCP/IP*

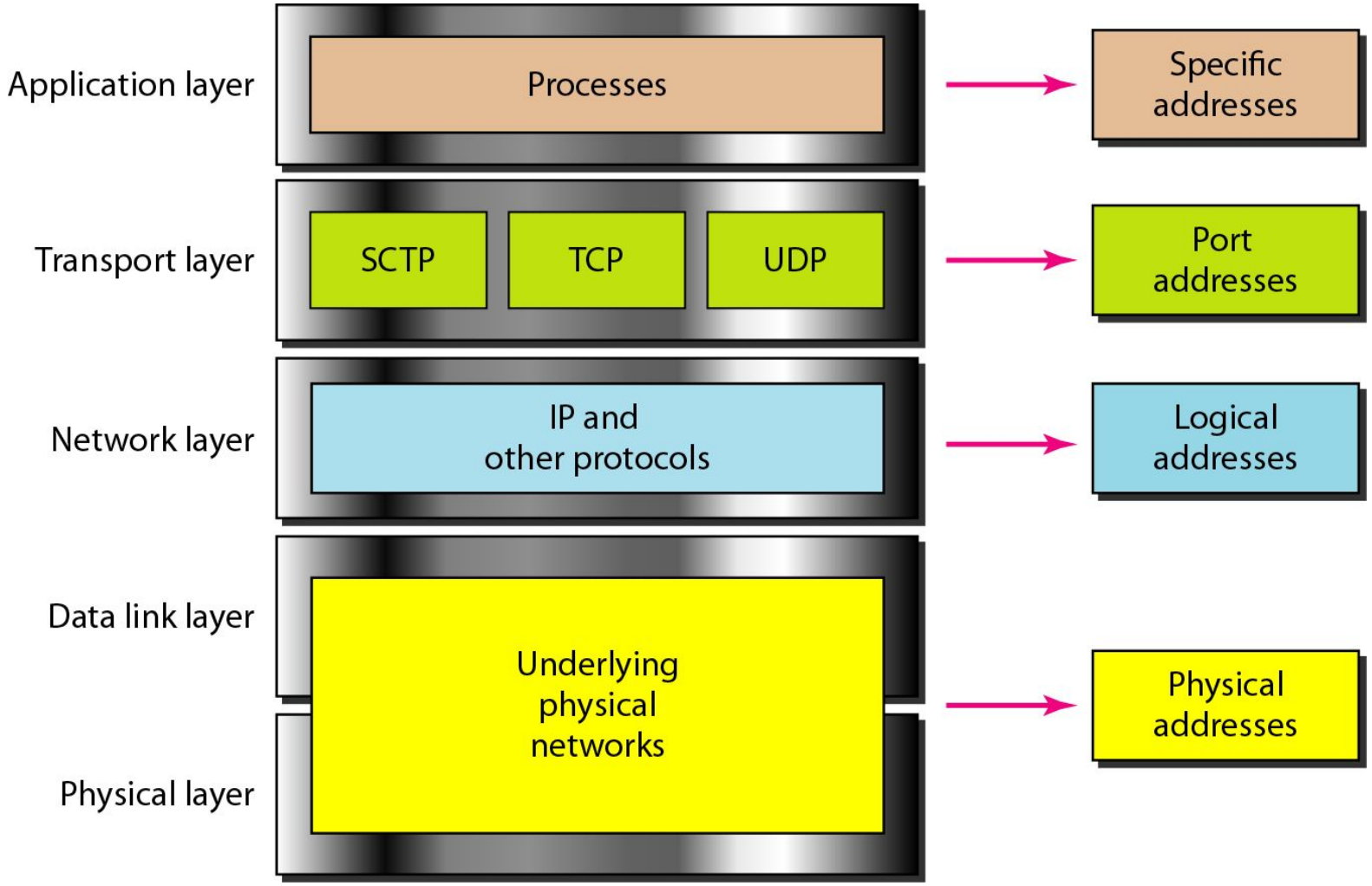


Figure 2.19 *Physical addresses*

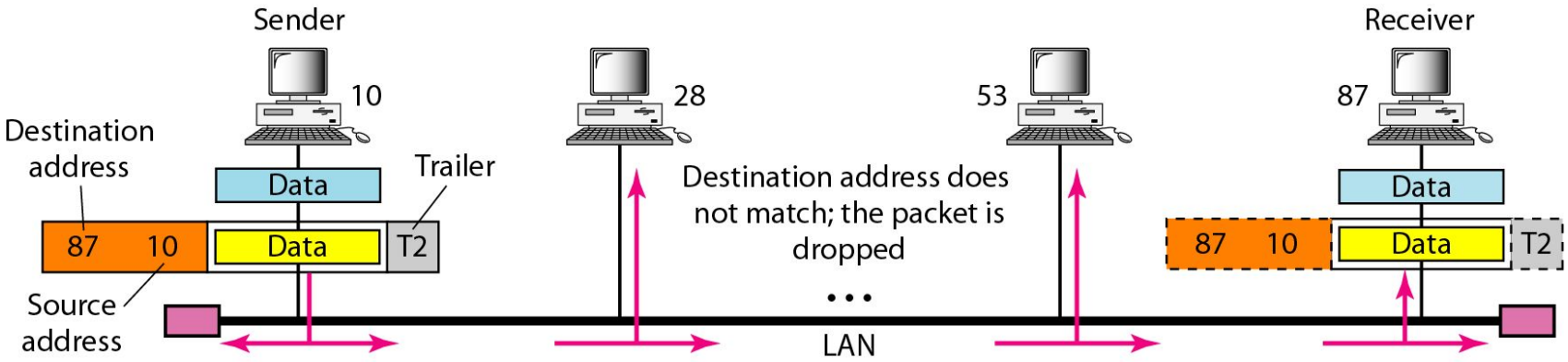


Figure 2.20 *IP addresses*

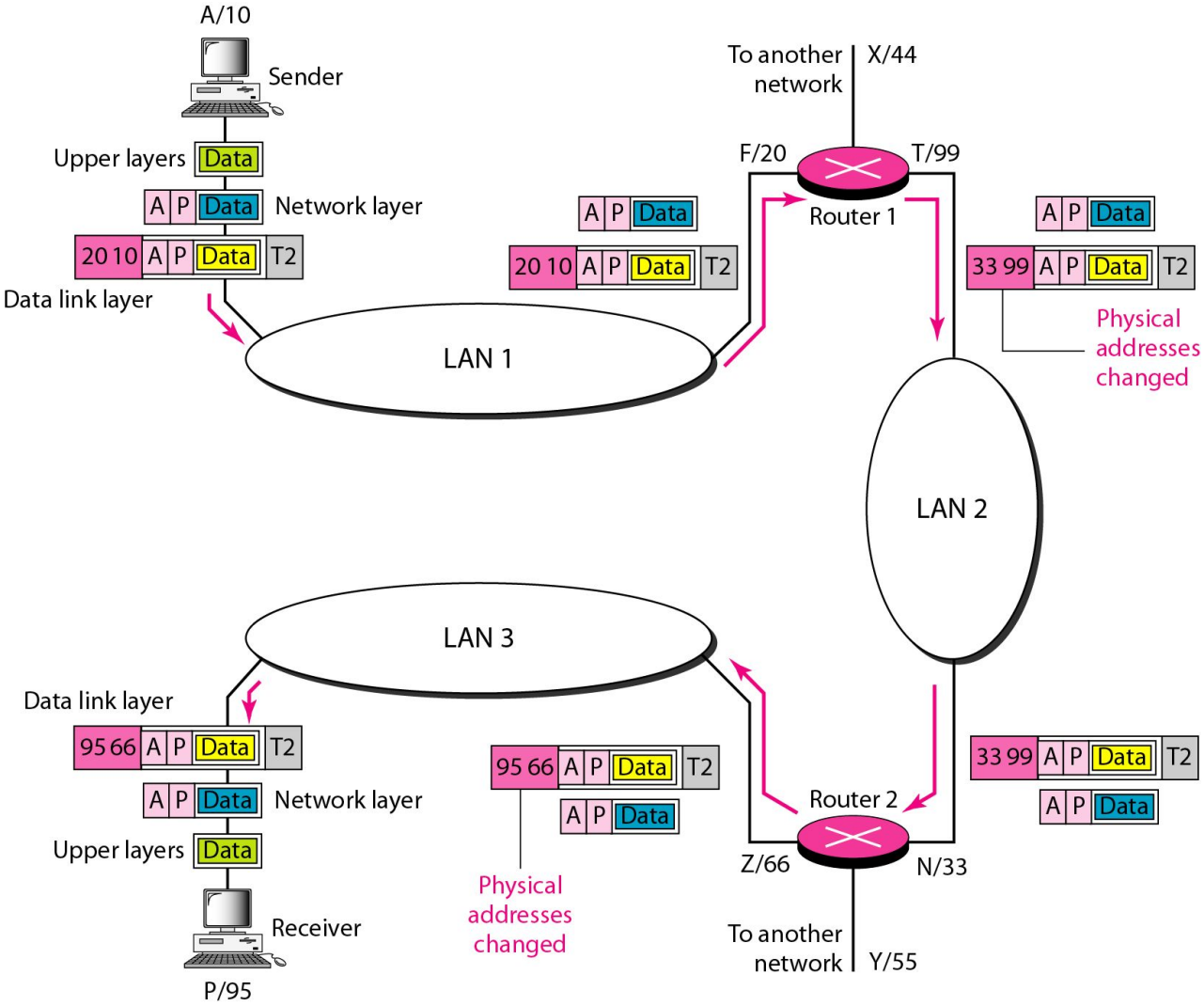
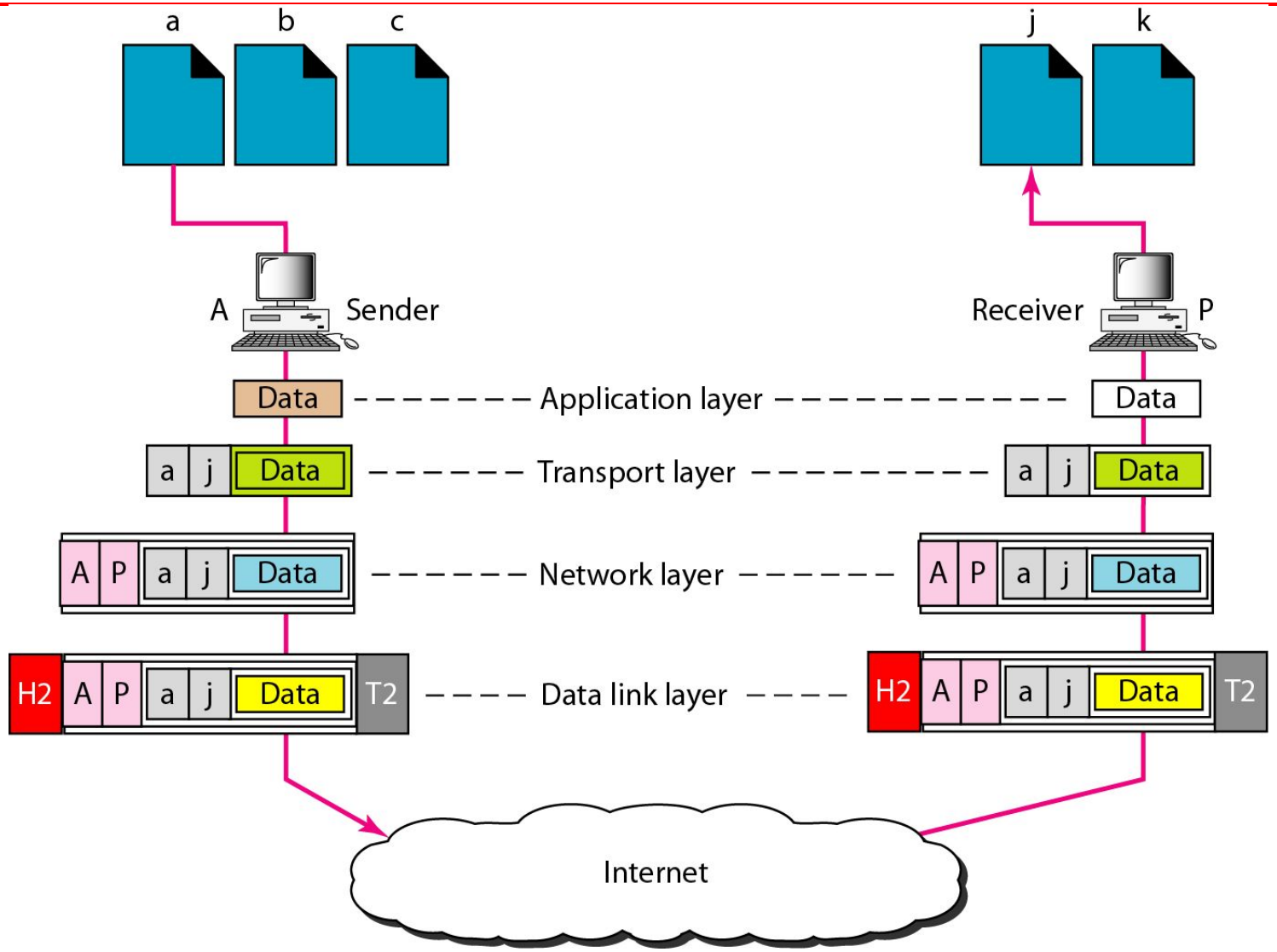
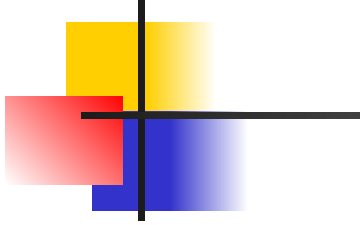


Figure 2.21 *Port addresses*



Note

The physical addresses will change from hop to hop, but the logical addresses usually remain the same.



Note

The physical addresses change from hop to hop, but the logical and port addresses usually remain the same.