

Inter-Layer Communication

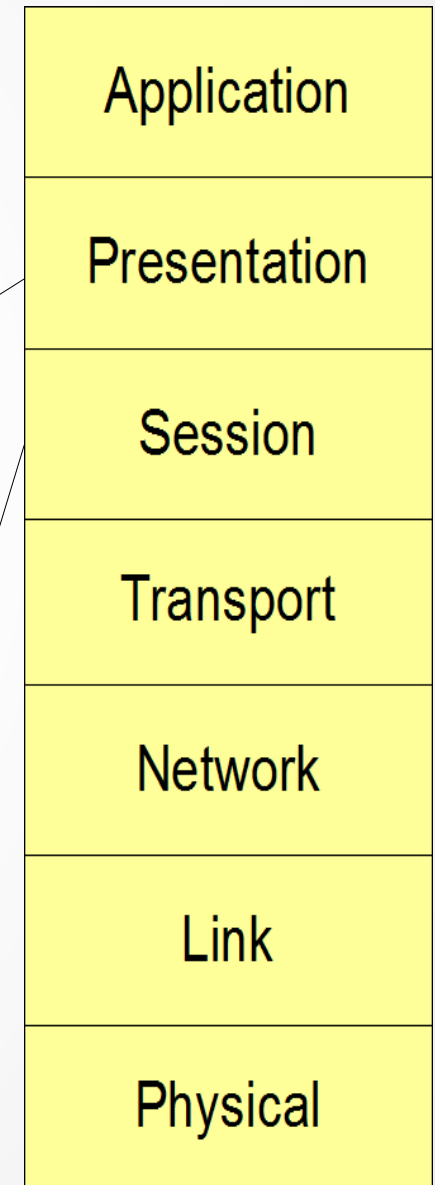
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OSI (Open Systems Interconnection) Stack

- Standard that specifies the functionality of the layers and the interface between them

Presentation: Delivery and formatting of information
E.g. Convert rich text format (RTF) to Ascii

Session: Manages sessions between processes
E.g. combining audio, video streams; authentication



Internet Protocol Stack

- Application
 - Supports application processes which generate messages
 - E.g. Email, Web, File-transfer
- Transport
 - Supervises process to process communication (multiplexing/demultiplexing messages, reliability)
 - E.g. TCP, UDP
- Network
 - Enables end-to-end routing of messages (from source to destination hosts)
 - E.g. IP
- Link
 - Enables hop-to-hop message transfer (between neighbors)
 - E.g. Ethernet, 802.11
- Physical
 - Enables bit transmissions on media (wire/air)
 - E.g. 10Base-T, OFDM

Application

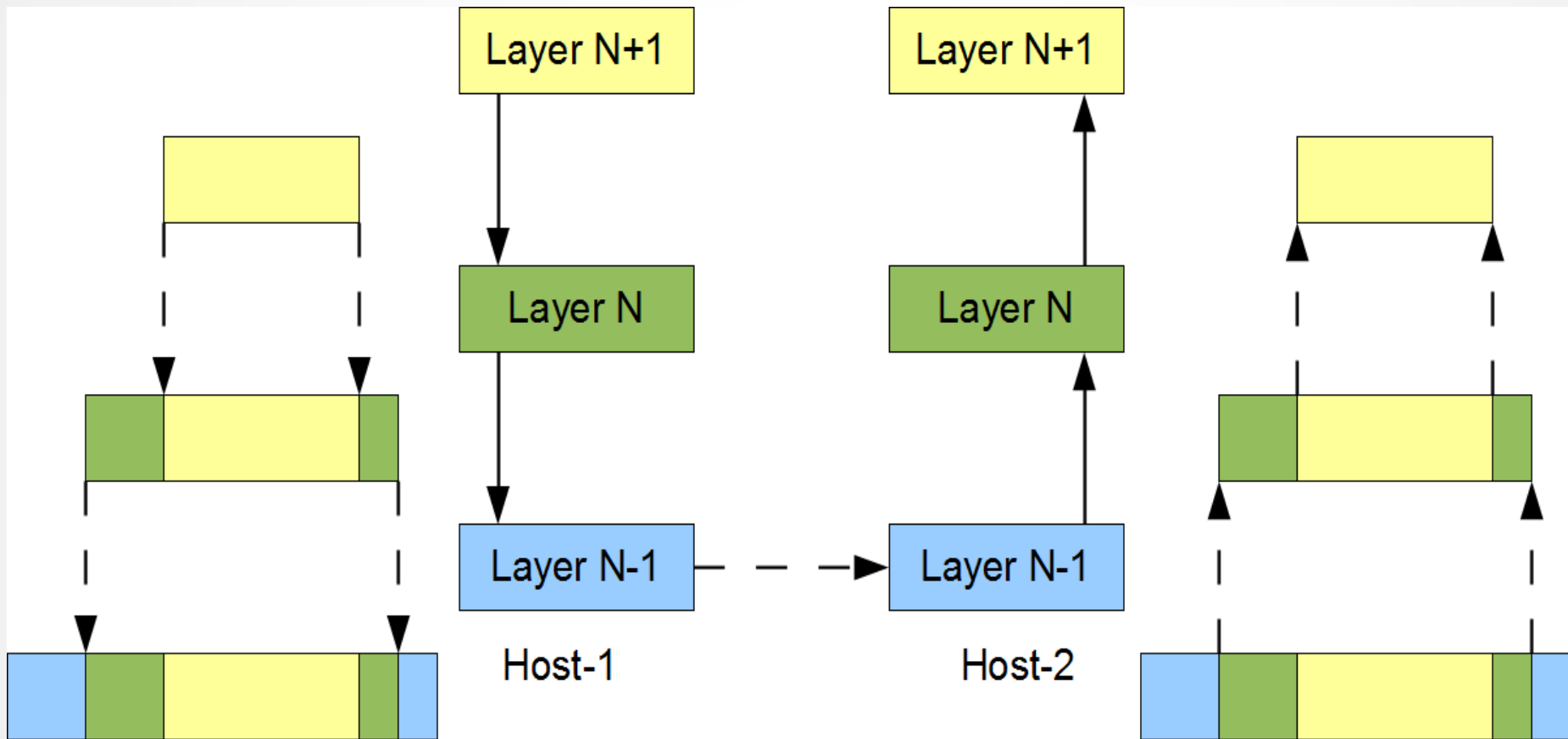
Transport

Network

Link

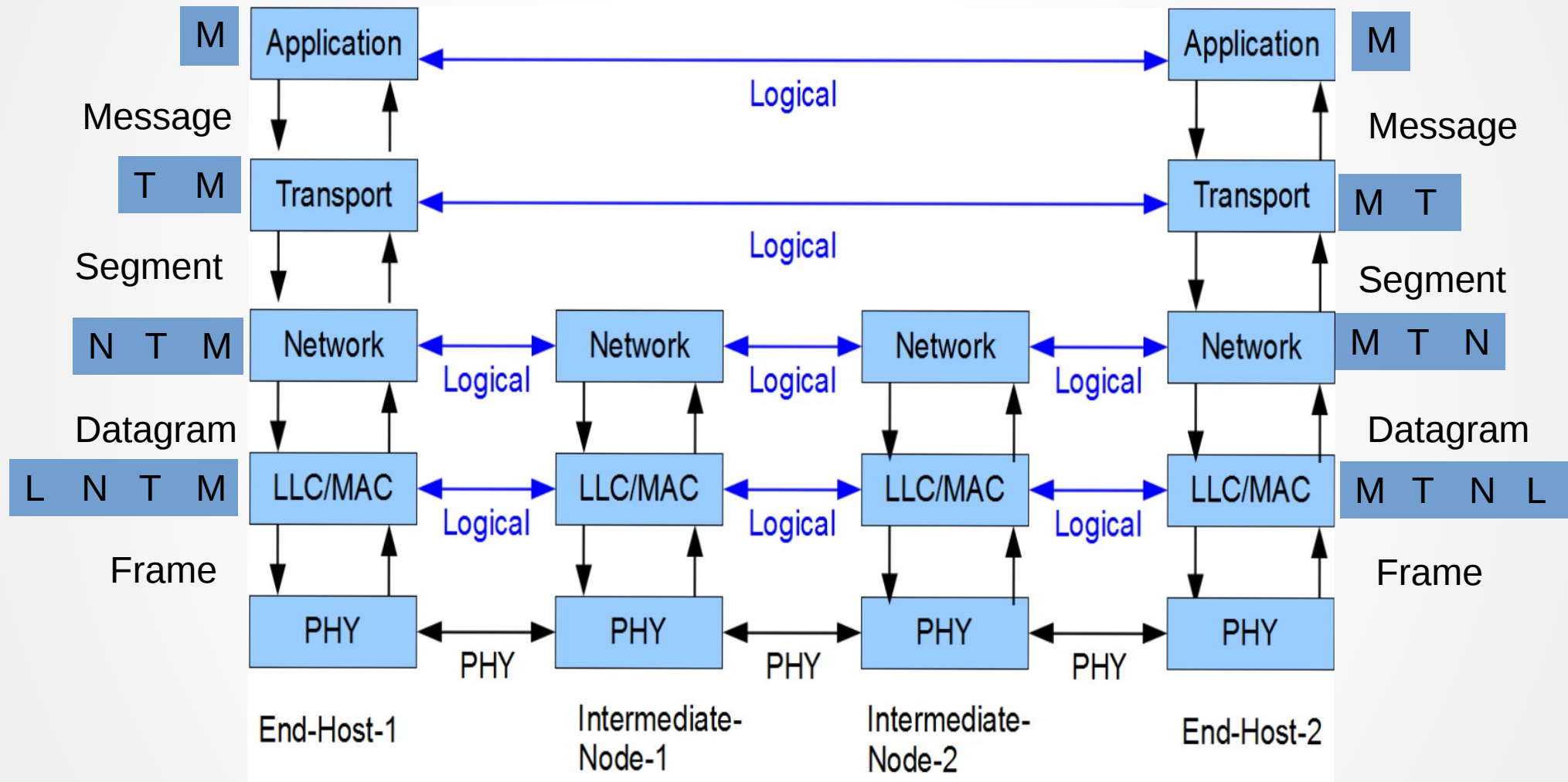
Physical

Encapsulation/Decapsulation



Each layer adds/removes its header

End to End vs Hop to Hop



Protocols in Different Layers

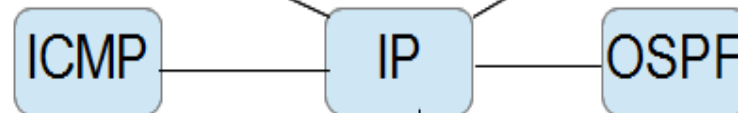
Application Layer



Transport Layer



Network Layer



Link Layer



Multiplexing/Demultiplexing

