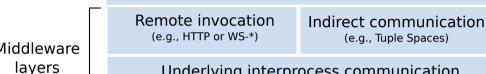
Applications, services Remote invocation (e.g., HTTP or WS-*) (e.g., Tuple Spaces) Middleware



Underlying interprocess communication (sockets, message passing, multicast support, overlay networks)

Platform (operating system + hardware)