

Hyperledger

- Collaborative blockchain effort hosted by Linux Foundation
- Mission
 - Create enterprise grade, open source distributed ledger frameworks
- Launched in 2016 with Fabric and Sawtooth
 - Currently 5 frameworks and 5 tools
- Companies contribute code under Apache License
 - Does not require modifications to be distributed under the same license

Hyperledger Fabric

- Permissioned distributed ledger framework with smart contracts
- Originated in IBM in mid-2015 as Open Blockchain (OBC) project
- Initial implementation completed in Dec 2015
 - 40K lines of Go code, smart contracts, PBFT consensus
- IBM joined Hyperledger in Feb 2016 and donated OBC code
- Main features
 - Members of a Fabric network enroll through a Membership Service Provider
 - A group of participants can create a channel (shared ledger)
 - Copies of the channel ledger present only with channel participants
 - Each ledger contains world state and transaction log
 - Transactions are used to update state
 - Smart contracts (called chaincode) are written in Go
 - Client SDKs available in Node.js and Java
 - Querying ledger for transactions or blocks
 - Installing chaincode in peer nodes
 - Creating transactions calling chaincode functions
 - Pluggable consensus mechanism

Ledger

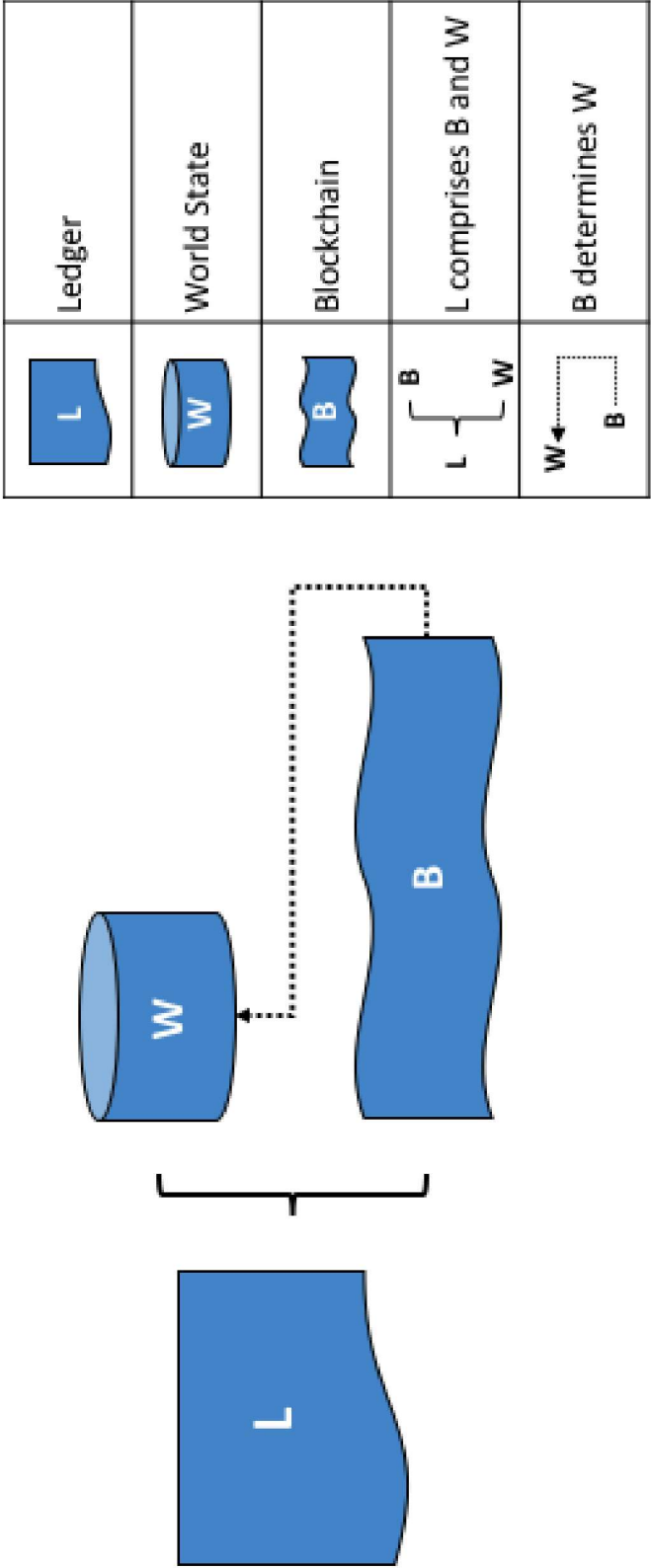
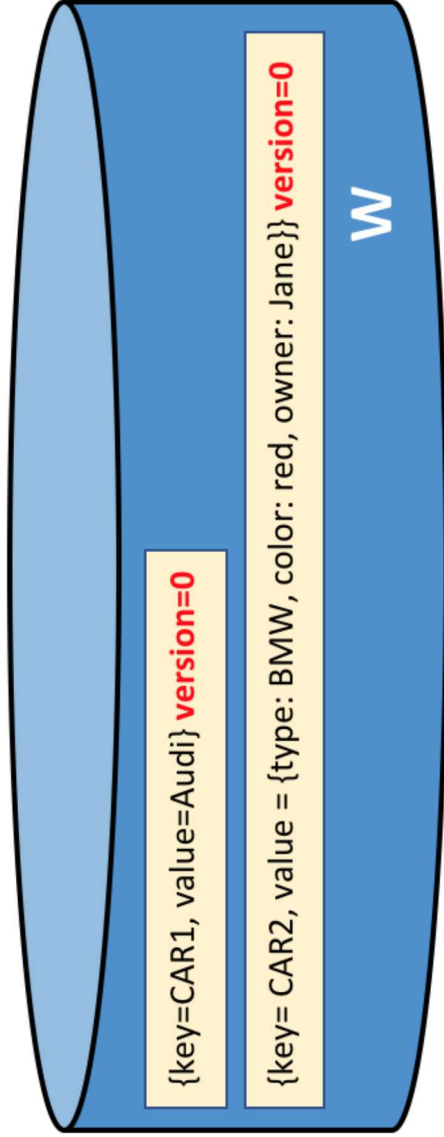


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World State



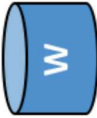
	Ledger world state
<code>{key=K, value = V } version=0</code>	A ledger state with key=K . It contains a set of facts expressed as a simple value, V . The state is at version 0.
<code>{key=K, value = {KV} } version=0</code>	A ledger state with key=K . It contains a set of facts expressed as a set of key-value pairs {KV} . The state is at version 0.

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Blockchain

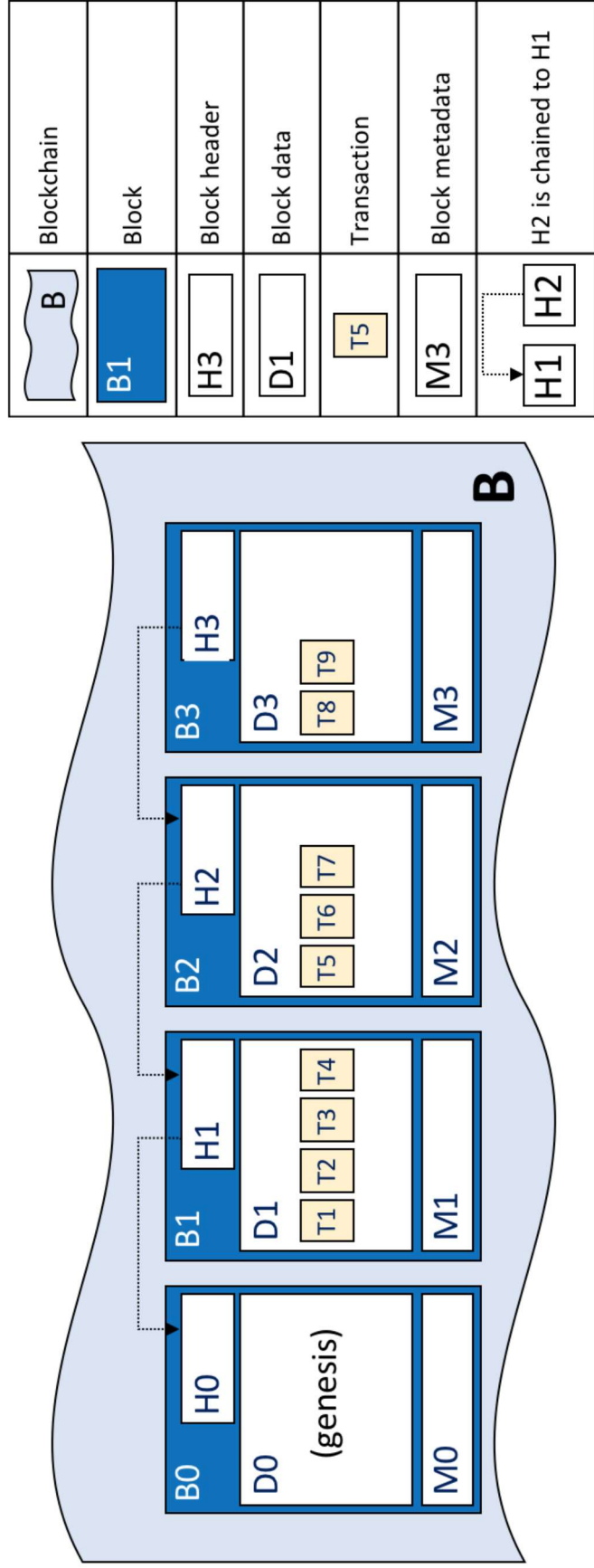


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Blocks

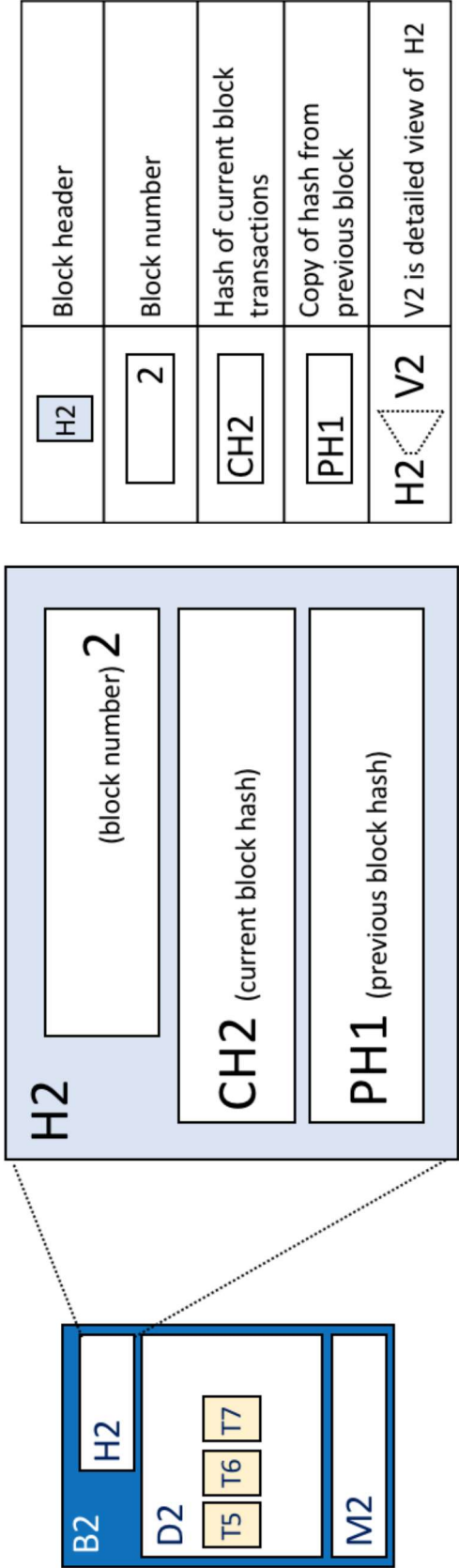


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Peers

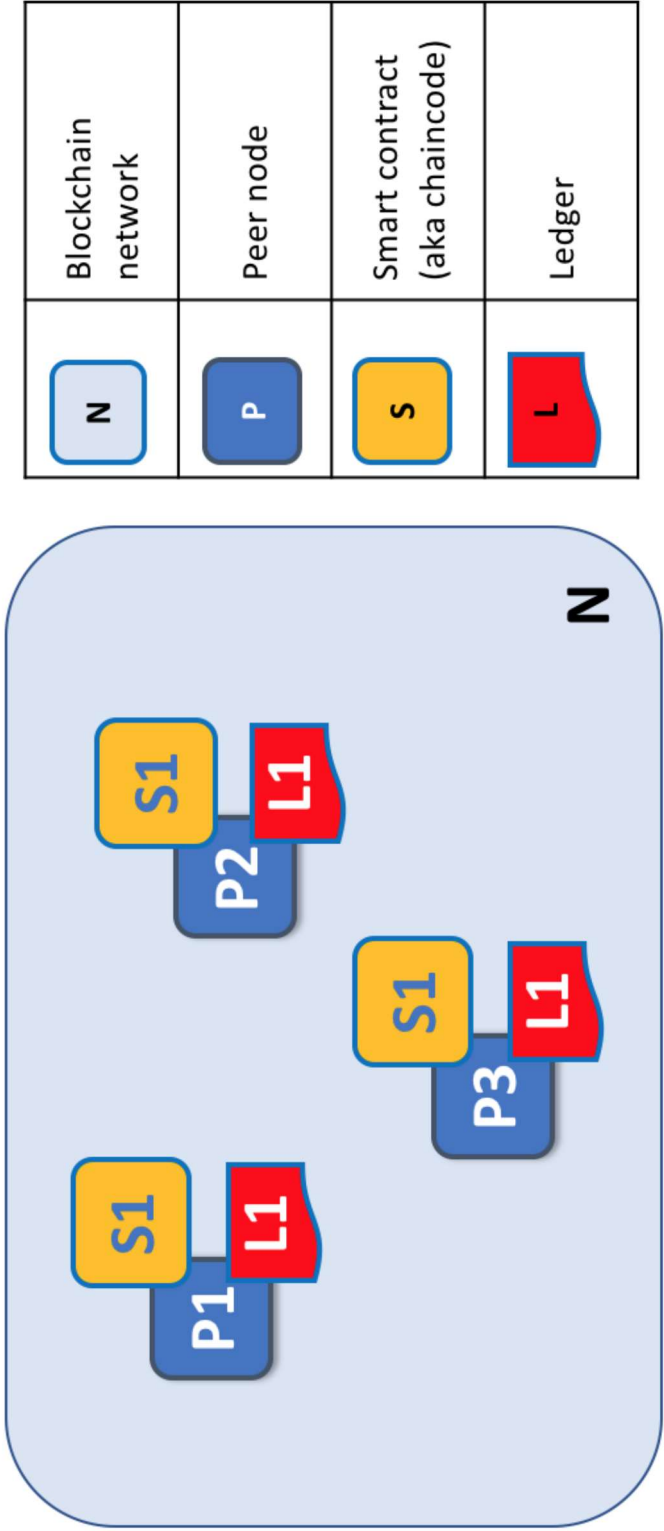


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Multiple Ledgers and Chaincodes

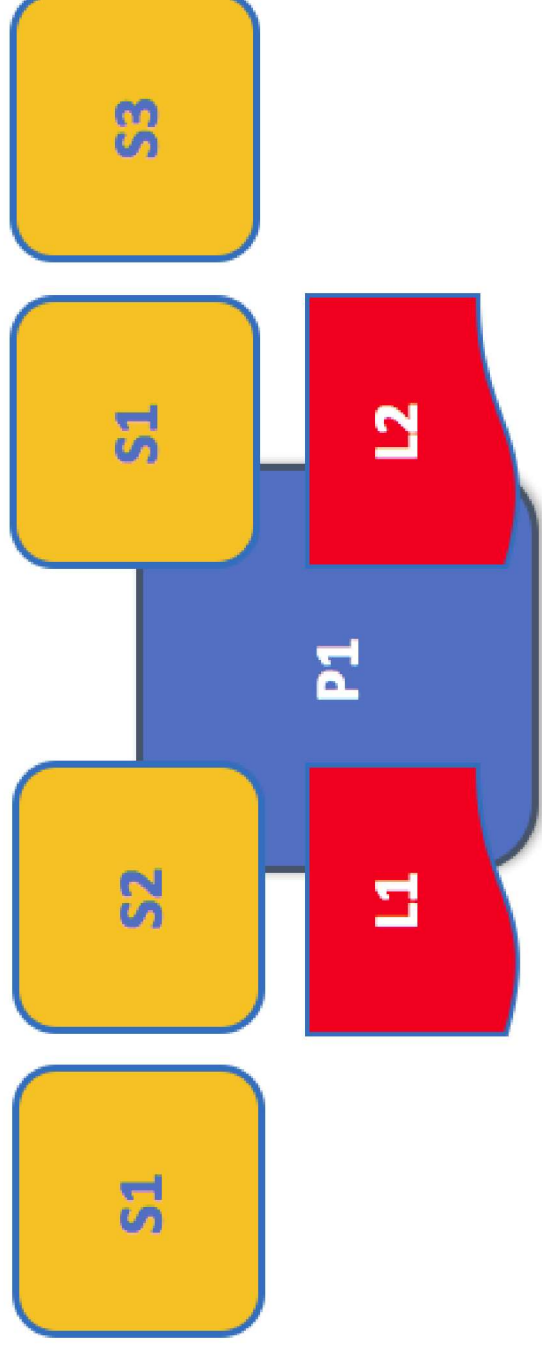


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Application-Peer Interaction

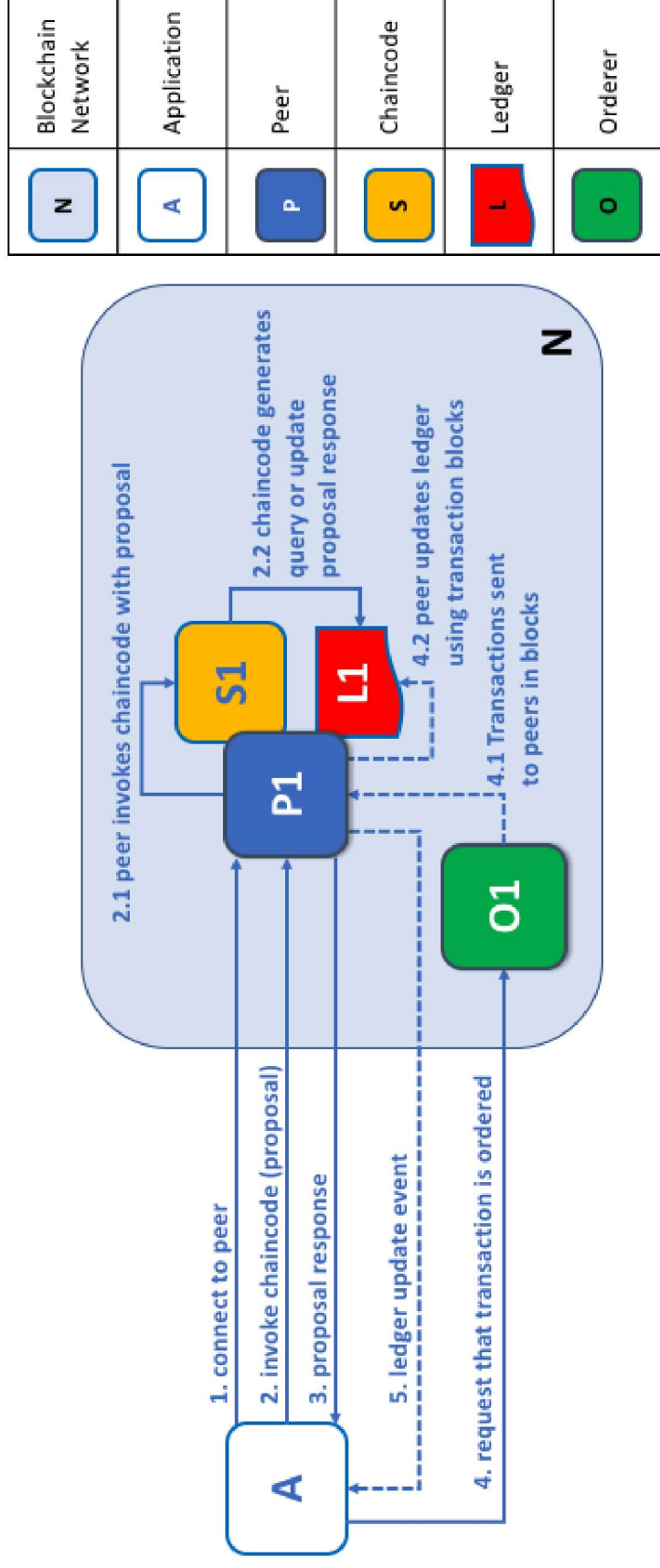


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- Ledger queries involve only first three steps
- Ledger updates involve all five steps
- Application needs to send proposed updates to several peers

Channels

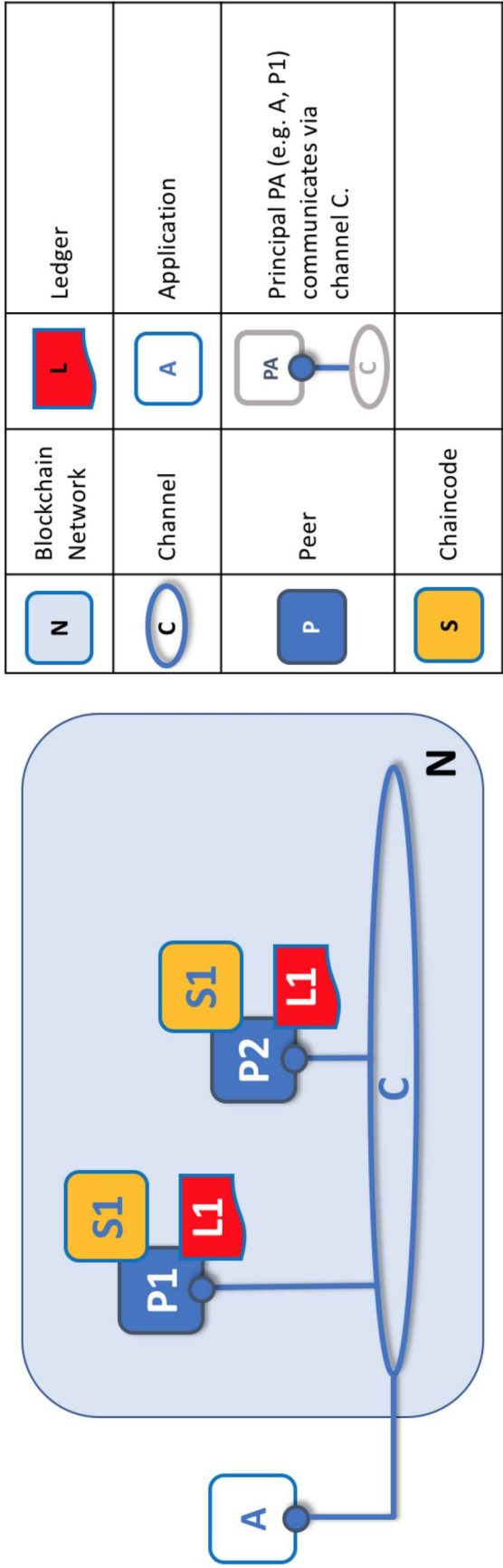


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Ledger Updates

Phase 1: Proposal

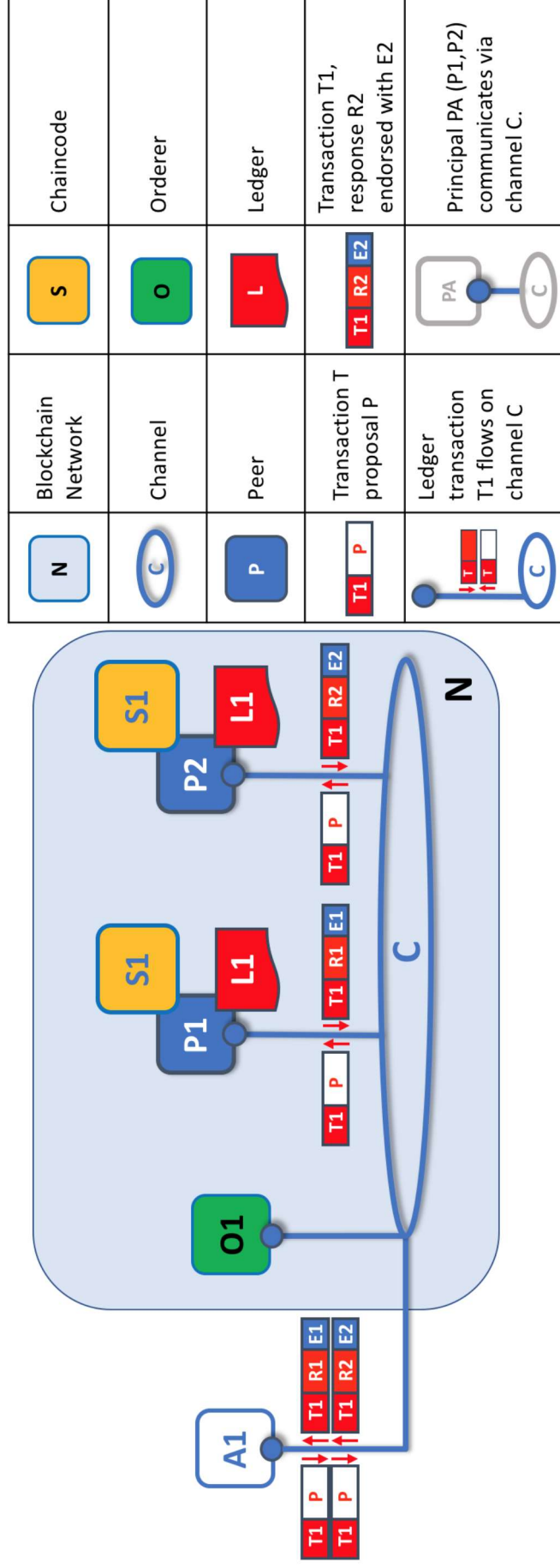


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- Application sends transaction proposal to some peers for endorsement
- Peers execute the transaction and append signatures endorsing the proposal
- Phase 1 ends when application receives sufficient responses

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Phase 2: Packaging

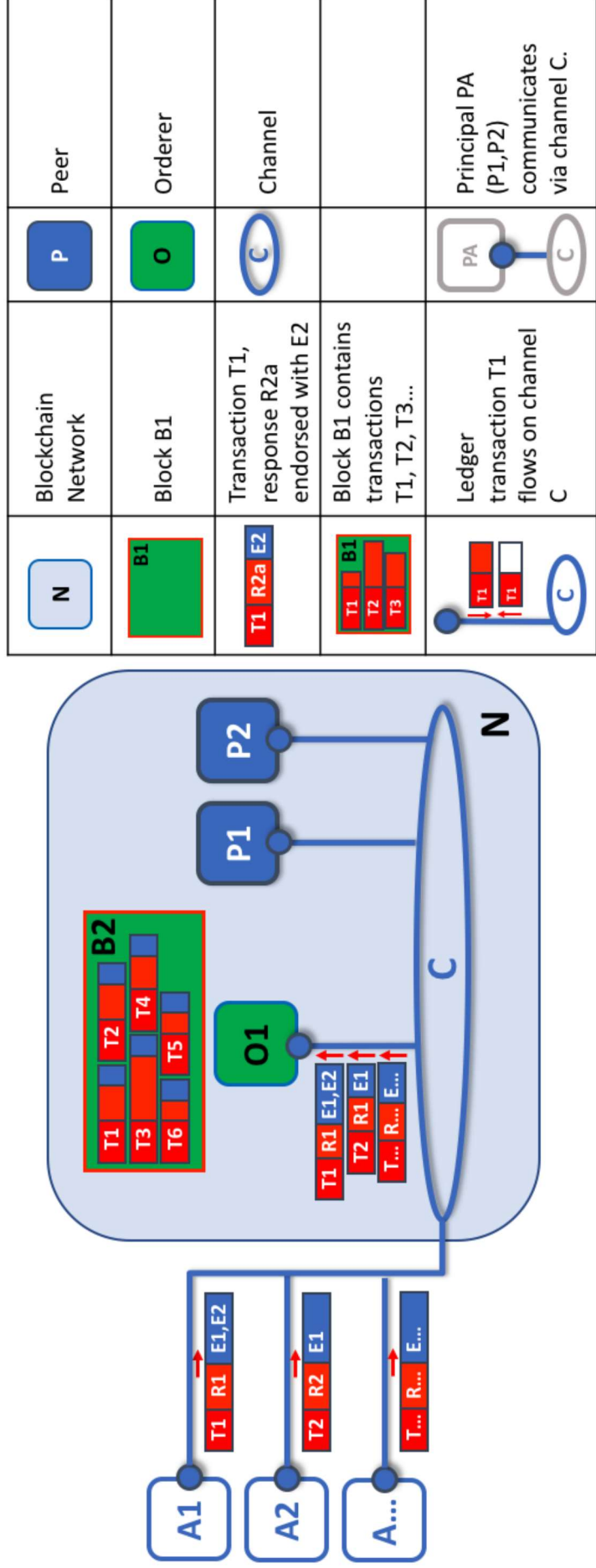
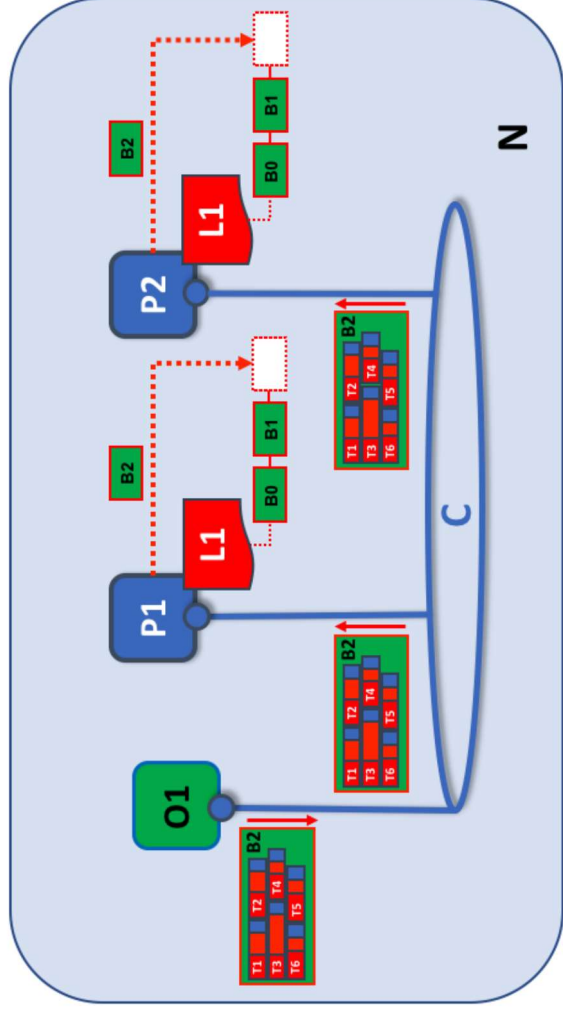


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- Endorsed transaction proposals are packaged into a block by the orderer

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Phase 3: Validation



Blockchain Network	Peer
N	P
Channel	Orderer
L	B
L1	Block B1 contains transactions T1, T2, T3...
B1	Principal PA (P1, P2) communicates via channel C.

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- Orderer distributes blocks to all peers
- Each peer checks that a block satisfies the organizational endorsement policy and applies to ledger

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