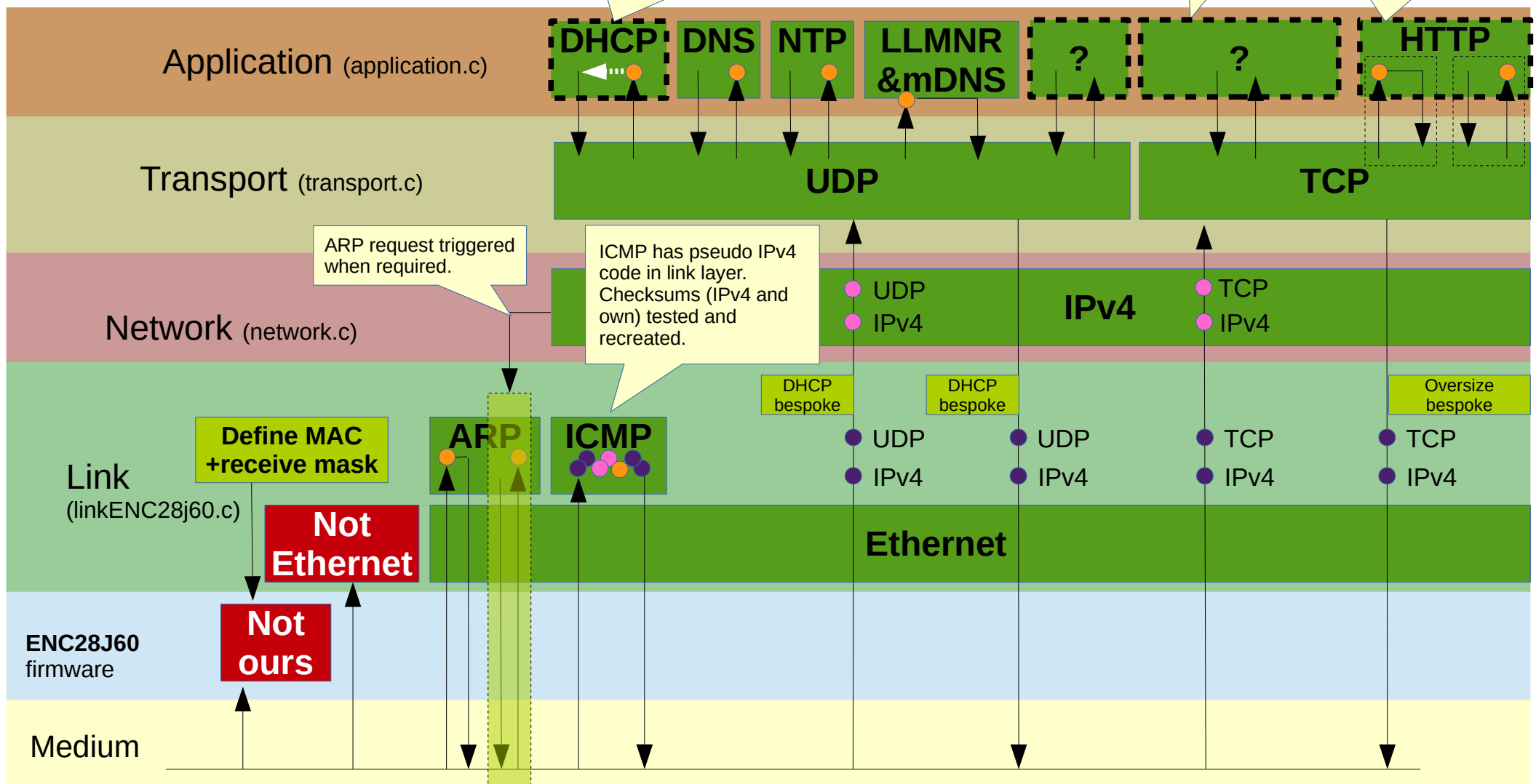


TCPIP stack, with adaptations to suit low memory – specifically offering stream access to packets.

DHCP has 'checksum' (based on magic number) calculated in link layer. Also special case of non-linear payload address space (from extension options) used in stream access.

Other TCP protocols to follow (FTP etc)

HTTP can be server or client



Key :

Ignore

Process

...with stream access

Server

Client

Message handling

Checksum calculation

Checksum testing

Design Issue	Solution
Packets read can be larger than available memory.	Read packets as a stream from network card memory.
Checksum requires access to whole packet, yet packet is read as a stream.	Checksum determined first in link layer, and flag of result passed up the stack.
DHCP packets do not have a linear address space (can pack data into three different fields, indicated by options)	Code in application layer knows link layer stream addresses and calls the correct one, one after another, as indicated by application layer flags.
Packets to be written can be larger than available memory.	Write packet as a stream, or embed stock packets (e.g. constant icons) directly in the link layer.