The spear to break the security wall of S7CommPlus

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Related Work

- Dillon Beresford. Exploiting Siemens Simatic S7 PLCs. Black Hat 2011 USA.

  S7Comm protocol

- Ralf Spenneberg et. al.

  PLC-Blaster: A Worm Living Solely in the PLC. Black Hat

  2016 USA

  Early S7CommPlus protocol

- This talk mainly focus on the current encrypted S7CommPlus protocol

What is PLC

Programmable Logic Controllers (PLC) is responsible for process control in industrial control system. A PLC contains a Central Processing Unit (CPU), some digital/analog inputs and outputs modules, communication module and some process modules like PID.

Siemens PLCs

S7-300

- S7-200,S7-300,S7-400 using the S7Comm protocol

S7-1200

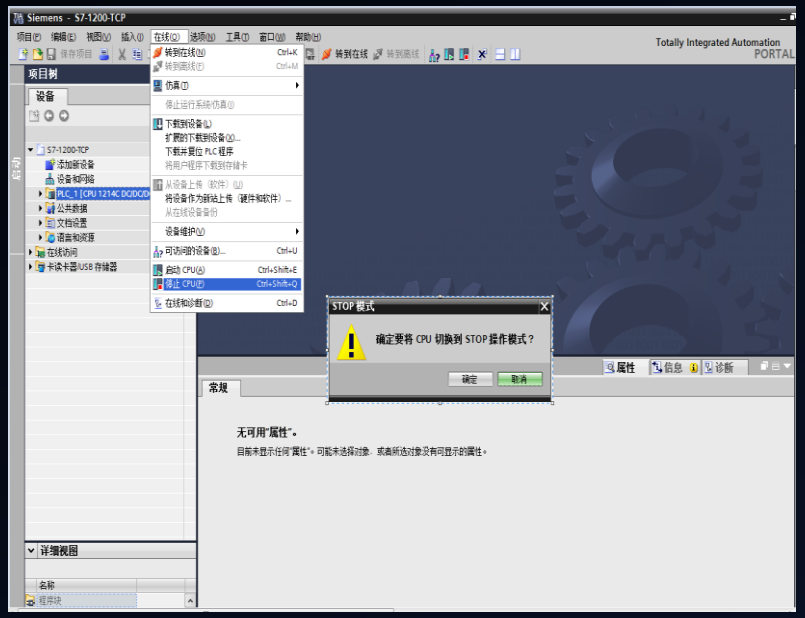
- S7-1200v3.0 using the early S7CommPlus protocol

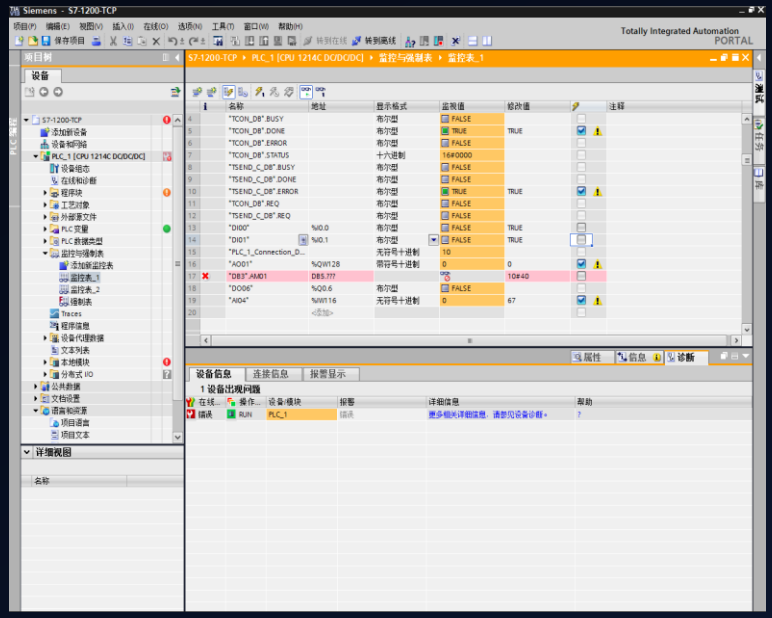
S7-1500

- S7-1200v4.0, S7-1500 using the current encrypted S7CommPlus protocol

TIA Portal

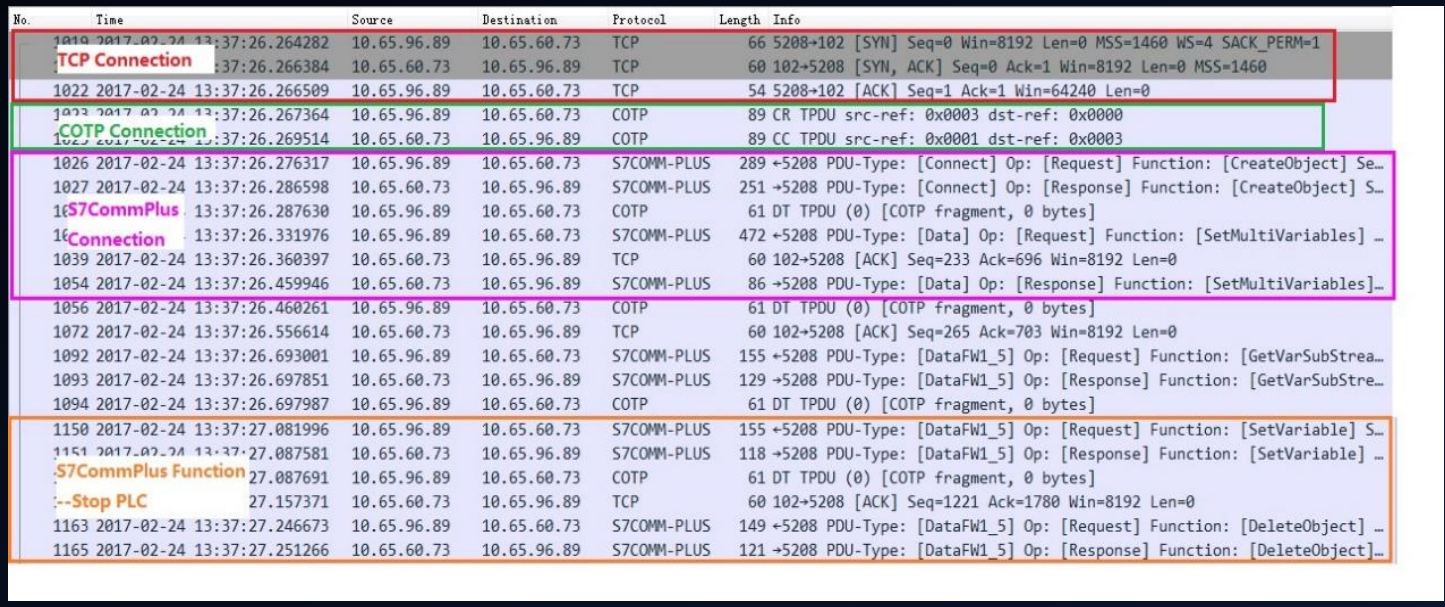
TIA Portal is the configuration and programming software for Siemens PLCs.





Replay Attack

- Replay attacks have been widely used in PLC attacks.
- Get the communication sequence packets with the help of Wireshark



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1020	2017-02-24 13:37:26.266384	10.65.60.73	10.65.96.89	TCP	60	102→5208 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=8192 Len=0 MSS=1460
1022	2017-02-24 13:37:26.266509	10.65.96.89	10.65.60.73	TCP	54	5208→102 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=64240 Len=0
1023	2017-02-24 13:37:26.267364	10.65.96.89	10.65.60.73	COTP	89	CR TPDU src-ref: 0x0003 dst-ref: 0x0000
1025	2017-02-24 13:37:26.269514	10.65.60.73	10.65.96.89	COTP	89	CC TPDU src-ref: 0x0001 dst-ref: 0x0003
1026	2017-02-24 13:37:26.276317	10.65.96.89	10.65.60.73	S7COMM-PLUS	289	←5208 PDU-Type: [Connect] Op: [Request] Function: [CreateObject] Se…
1027	2017-02-24 13:37:26.286598	10.65.60.73	10.65.96.89	S7COMM-PLUS	251	→5208 PDU-Type: [Connect] Op: [Response] Function: [CreateObject] S…
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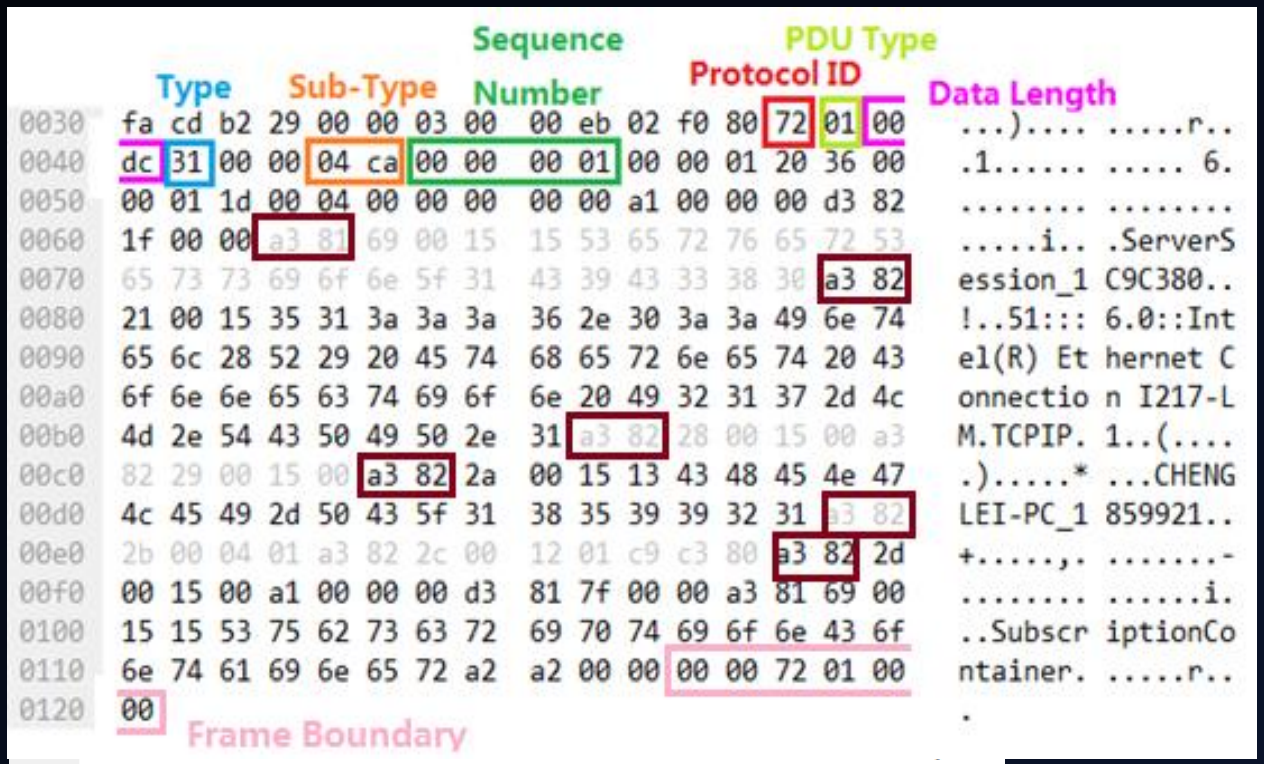
S7CommPlus Protocol

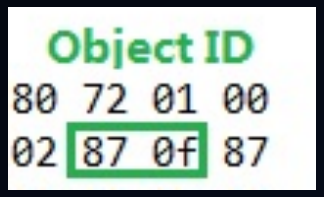
- The current S7CommPlus protocol including the S7CommPlus Connection packets and S7CommPlus Function packets has a similar structure.
- 1. First Connection Packet – Set Up Request
  2. First Connection Packet – Set Up Response
  3. Second Connection Packet – Set Up Request
  4. Second Connection Packet – Set Up Response

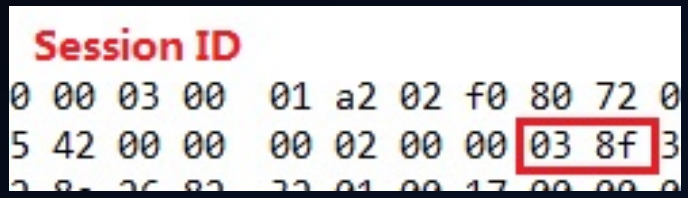


S7CommPlus Protocol

- Session ID :

Session ID = Object ID+0x80



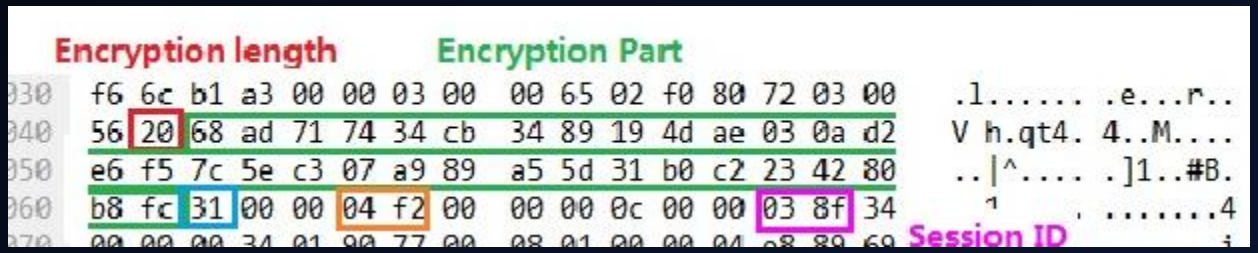


S7CommPlus Protocol

- Encryption Part：

1. The second connection packet has two encryptions

2. The function packet has one encryption (Integrity Part)

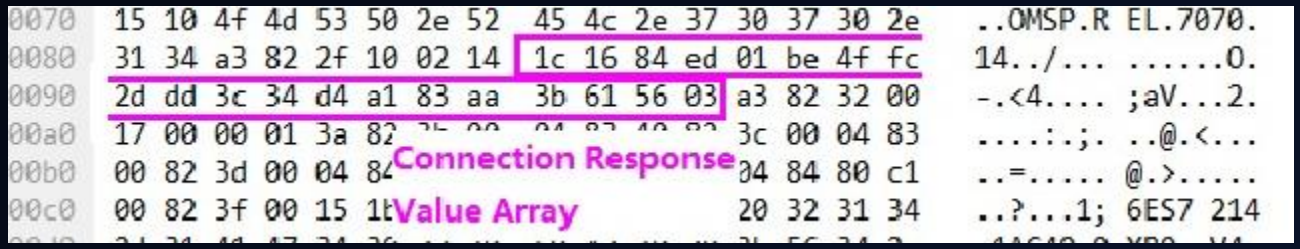


Fun with the Encryption

- Using reverse debugging techniques, we found these encryption is calculated by TIA Portal through a file named OMSp_core_managed.dll

1. **Connection packet encryption**

Input parameter for this encryption is a random value array generated by the PLC in the first connection response packet.



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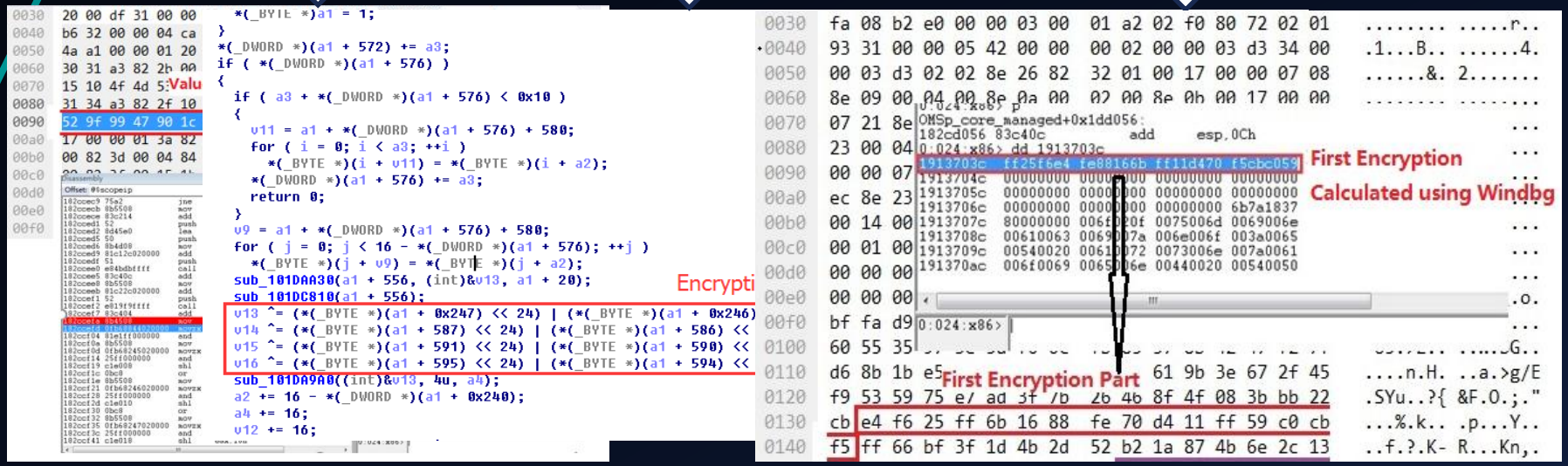
（1） First encryption in the connection packet

Using XOR (we call this Encryption1), the first encryption can be calculated with the input parameter Value Array.

Value Array +Encryption1 = First Encryption



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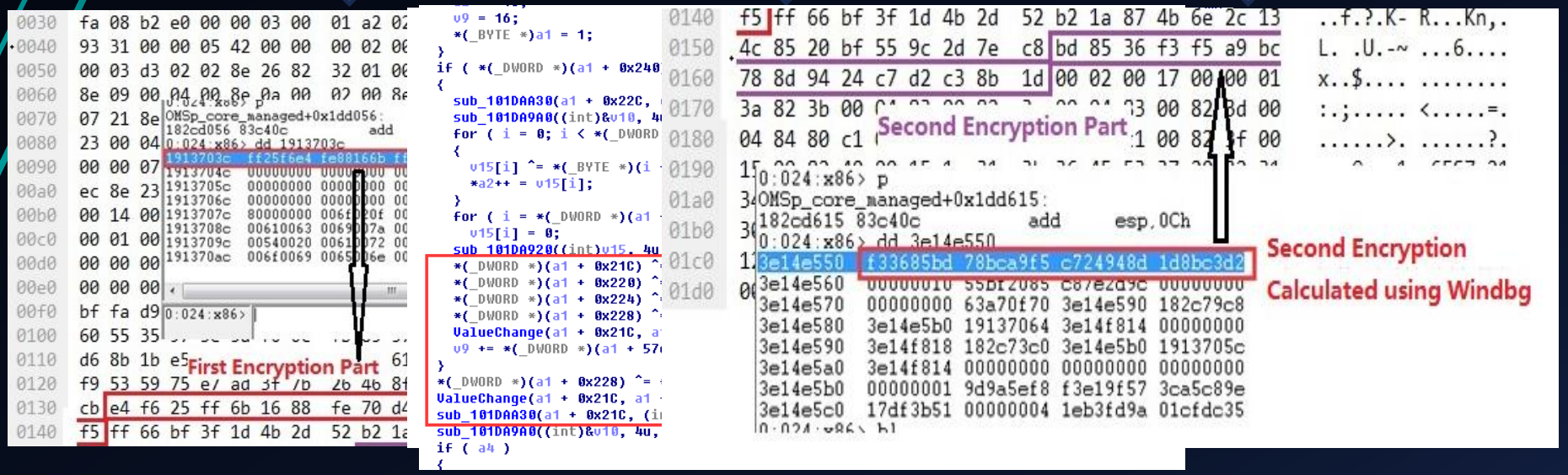
（2）Second encryption in the connection packet

Using the result of the first encryption as input parameter, the second encryption is calculated through a more complex Siemens-private algorithm.

First Encryption +Encryption2 = Second Encryption



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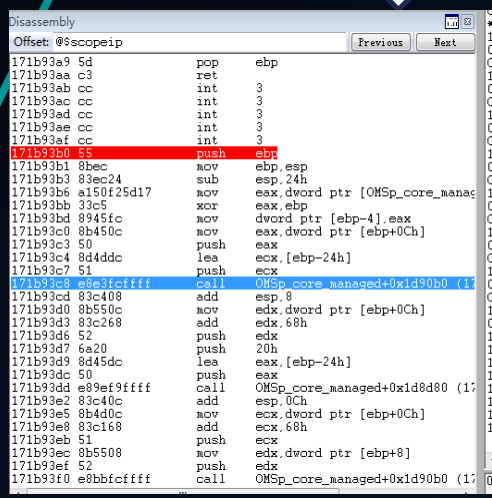
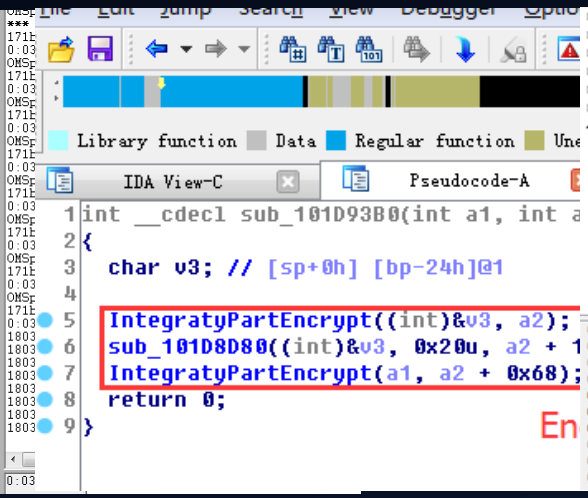
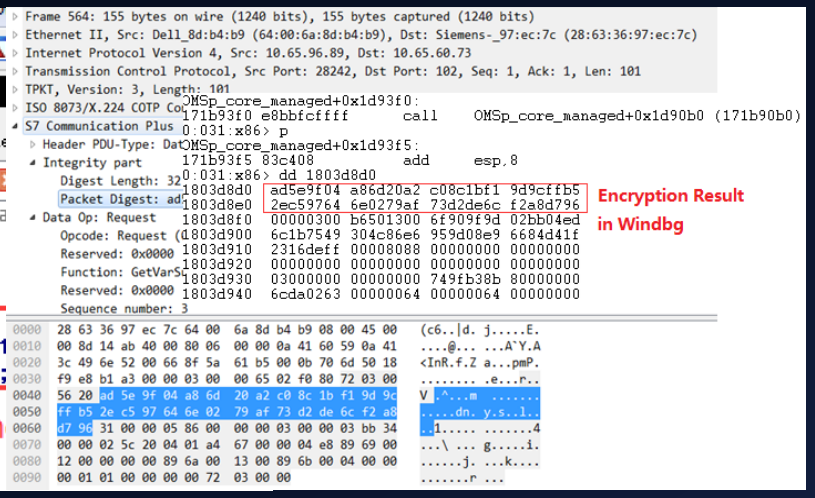
2. **Function packet encryption**

A fixed field array with Session ID is the input parameter. A complex algorithm (we call this Encryption3) is used to calculated the encryption result as follow:

ConstanArray +Encryption3 = Function Encryption (with Session ID)







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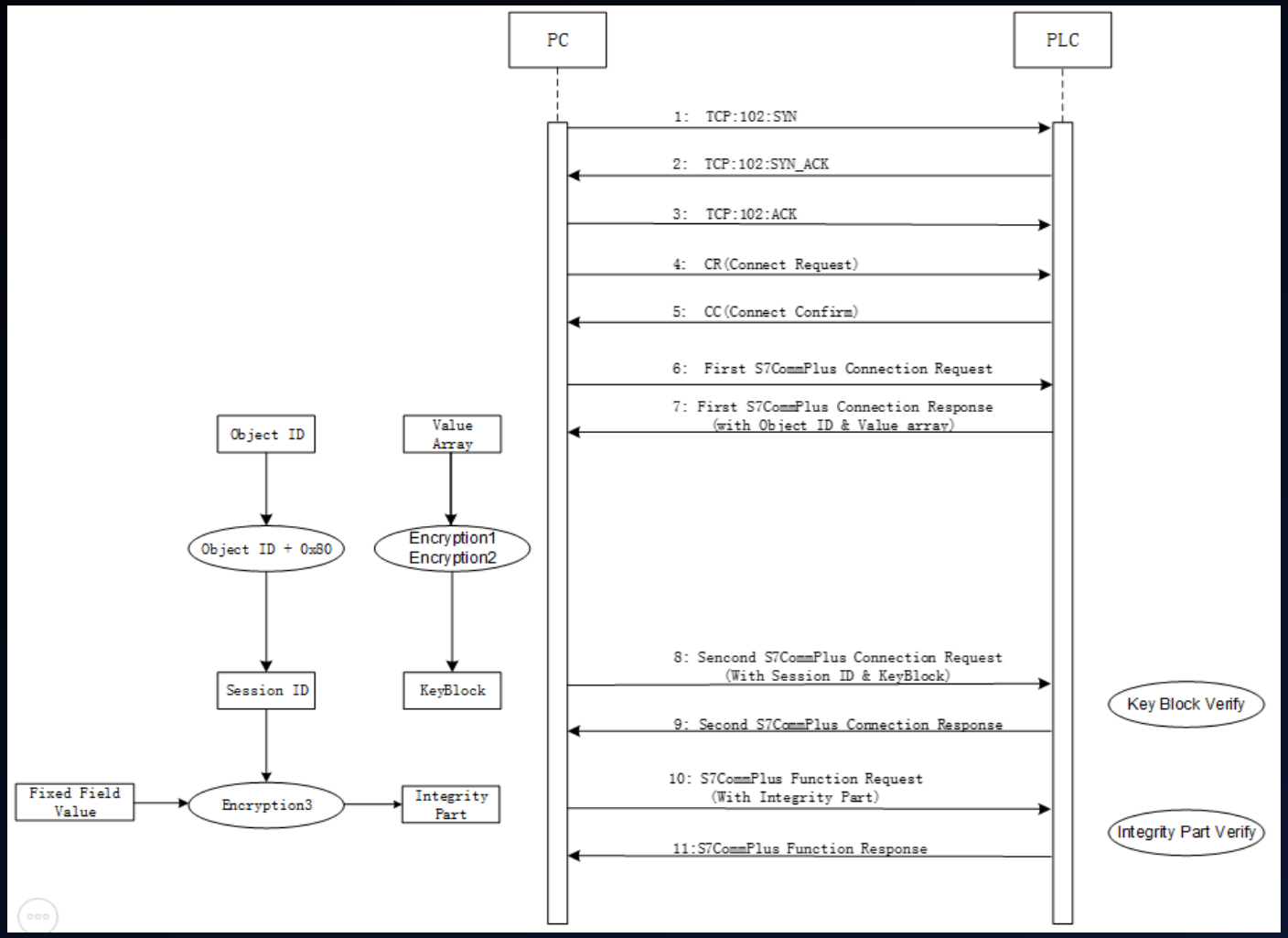
3. **S7CommPlus Communication with Encryption**



Protections

- **Code level**:

  -- Use code confusion techniques and anti-Debug techniques for the key DLL files

- **Design level**

  -- use a private key as an input parameter for encryption algorithm in the communication between Siemens software and PLCs.

- **Protocol level**

  -- Encrypt the whole packets instead of the key byte encryption

Thank You!

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