

# STEVE: Security Testing Framework for EV Charging Environments

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# ISO 15118: Road Vehicles – Vehicle-to-Grid Communication Interface

Specification about the communication between,

Electric Vehicle(EV)  $\leftrightarrow$  Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment (EVSE)

Electric Vehicle Communication Controller (EVCC)  $\leftrightarrow$  Supply Equipment Communication Controller (SECC)

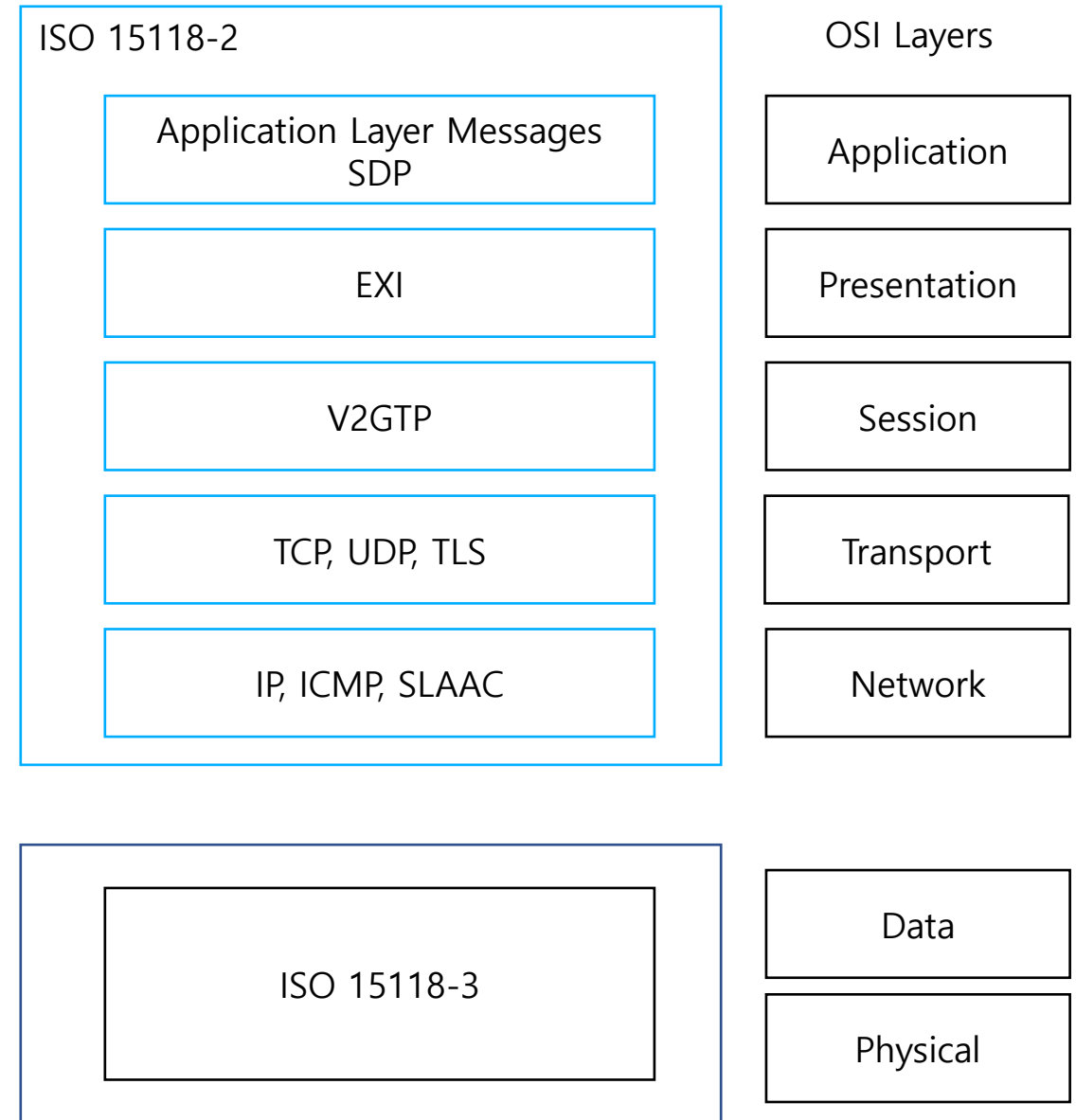
- ISO 15118-1
  - General information and use-case definition
- **ISO 15118-2**
  - **Network and application protocol requirements**
- ISO 15118-3
  - Physical and data link layer requirements
- ISO 15118-4 (under preparation)
  - Network and application protocol conformance test
- ISO 15118-5 (under preparation)
  - Physical layer and data link layer conformance test

# V2G Communication Overview

**SDP** → SECC Discovery Protocol  
An EVCC uses the SDP to get the IP, port of the SECC.

**EXI** → Efficient XML Interchange  
Encode XML in a binary format

**V2GTP** → V2G Transfer Protocol  
Transfer protocol between the EVCC and SECC





## Cybersecurity Attacks in ISO 15118-2

- Eavesdropping
  - Private data could be leaked
- Manipulation of charging data
  - Charging more than you paid
- Masquerading
  - Pass the fee to another user

Type	Name
Identification	EVCCID, EVSEID, SessionID
Charge	MeterInfo, EVMaxVoltage
Tariff	SalesTariffID

< Examples of sensitive parameters in ISO 15118-2 >

# Cybersecurity Attacks in ISO 15118-2

- Denial of Service Attack
  - Traditional network DOS attacks could be possible.  
e.g., SYN flooding
- XML Injection Attack
  - Traditional XML injection attacks may be possible.  
e.g., XXE injection attack
- Invalid Data Attack
  - Malformed XMLs could crash the parser.

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8" standalone="yes"?>
<ns6:V2G_Message xmlns:ns6="urn:iso:15118:2:2013:MsgDef"
xmlns:ns5="http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#"
xmlns:ns7="urn:iso:15118:2:2013:MsgBody"
xmlns:ns2="urn:iso:15118:2:2010:AppProtocol"
xmlns:ns4="urn:iso:15118:2:2013:MsgDataTypes"
xmlns:ns3="urn:iso:15118:2:2013:MsgHeader">
  <ns6:Header>
    <ns3:SessionID>3CEFDB85233A321EF</ns3:SessionID>
  </ns6:Header>
  <ns6:Body>
    <ns7:ChargingStatusRes>
      <ns7:ResponseCode>OK</ns7:ResponseCode>
      <ns7:EVSEID>KR*V2G*K12345</ns7:EVSEID>
      <ns7:SAScheduleTupleID>1</ns7:SAScheduleTupleID>
      <ns7:MeterInfo>
        <ns4:MeterID>1</ns4:MeterID>
        <ns4:MeterReading>32000</ns4:MeterReading>
        <ns4:TMeter>1654232745</ns4:TMeter>
      </ns7:MeterInfo>
      <ns7:ReceiptRequired>false</ns7:ReceiptRequired>
      <ns7:AC_EVSEStatus>
        <ns4:NotificationMaxDelay>0</ns4:NotificationMaxDelay>
        <ns4:EVSENotification>None</ns4:EVSENotification>
        <ns4:RCD>false</ns4:RCD>
      </ns7:AC_EVSEStatus>
    </ns7:ChargingStatusRes>
  </ns6:Body>
</ns6:V2G_Message>
```

<XML message example in ISO 15118-2>

## How to prevent the attacks??

SECC/EVCC should implement countermeasures for each attack.

We need to verify that the countermeasures are implemented correctly.

How??

# Countermeasures

1. Correct use of TLS
2. Validation on charging parameters
3. Validation on identification parameters
4. DoS attacks prevention
5. XML injection prevention
6. Data validation

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STEVE checks whether the all countermeasures are correctly implemented on SECC/EVCC.

How?

Run the real attacks

Check whether the attacks are successful or not

- Contributions
  - Define potential cybersecurity threats in ISO 15118
  - Propose the countermeasures for each attack
  - Provide methods to check whether SECC/EVCC can prevent the attacks



## Countermeasure 1. Correct Use of TLS

- It is most important to make sure that TLS is being used properly.
- STEVE checks,
  1. TLS is available? → SECC/EVCC should support TLS.
  2. Latest TLS version is being used? → TLS v1.2/v1.3 should be used.
  3. Certificate is not expired? → Expired certificate should not be used.

## OpenSSL commands help us to check TLS

```
jhsong@jhsong-macbook:~$ openssl s_client -connect fe80:0:0:0:485:2a30:b42e:5d20%en0:64872
CONNECTED(00000003)
```

```
depth=2 CN = CP0SubCA1, O = RISE V2G Project, C = DE, DC = V2G
verify error:num=20:unable to get local issuer certificate
verify return:0
```

Certificate chain

```

0 s:/CN=SECCert/0=RISE V2G Project/C=DE/DC=CP0
i:/CN=CPOSSubCA2/0=RISE V2G Project/C=DE/DC=V2G
1 s:/CN=CPOSSubCA2/0=RISE V2G Project/C=DE/DC=V2G
i:/CN=CPOSSubCA1/0=RISE V2G Project/C=DE/DC=V2G
2 s:/CN=CPOSSubCA1/0=RISE V2G Project/C=DE/DC=V2G
i:/CN=V2GRootCA/0=RISE V2G Project/C=DE/DC=V2G

```

# Certificate

## Server certificate

-----BEGIN CERTIFICATE-----

MIIBzjCCAXWgAwIBAgICMDRkwCQYHKoZiZjOEATBRMR1wEAYDVQDDA1DUE9TdWJ3Q  
QTIXtGTXABgNBVAOMEFJJU0UgVjJHIFBib2p1Y3QxZCZABGVBAYTAKRFRMRmEYQW  
KZImiZpYLGOBGRYDvJjHMB4XDTIyMDYwMzA0Mzgj10FoXDTIyMDgwMAjA0BAiUA0A0  
UDERMA8GA1UEAwWIU0VDQ0N1cnQxGTXABgNBVAOMEFJJU0UgVjJHIFBib2p1Y3Qx  
ZCZABGVBAYTAKRFRMRmEYQWYKZImiZpYLGOBGRYDQ1BPMFkwEwYHkoZiZj0CAQYI  
koZiZj0DAQxQDQGAEmvUtxAigGGdcP2mQYBEE45mhcn8Cdm0fsWCRr1xsLJj6r  
LIU/vZLj3R84eMhhuNwy5Wo0gRZfdT/3LzP6c6M/MD0wAgVDVR0TAQH/BAiUA0A0  
BgNVHQ8BAf8EBAMCA4gHQHVDVR00BBYEF0/H2xrR3Yx0G4Z3whksJj40HGTQMAK6  
ByqGSMA49BAEDSAARQIGp2JWvR/4ZYmcfIR41y33LP834D2x8Sdxms2pWffGWzwC  
IQDH0Zk8YsVsjn7x++s7iubEr36H2j/jb0YDm1YpUmQB3g==  
-----END CERTIFICATE-----

```
subject=/CN=SECCert/0=RISE V2G Project/C=DE/DC=CP0
issuer=/CN=CP0SubCA2/0=RISE V2G Project/C=DE/DC=V2G
```

```
No client certificate CA names sent
Server Temp Key: ECDH, X25519, 253 bits
```

```
SSL handshake has read 1738 bytes and written 329 bytes
```

```
New, TLSv1/SSLv3, Cipher is ECDHE-ECDSA-AES128-SHA256
```

Server public key is 256 bit

Secure Renegotiation IS supported

```
Compression: NONE
```

Expansion: NONE

No ALPN negotiated

SSL-Session:

Protocol : TLSv1.2

Cipher : ECDHE-ECDSA-AES128-SHA256

Session-ID: C814616477A434CA4CD6BCEB495066FD78EA5C152866EDE47ADC5F291EC1FAF8

Session-ID-ctx:

Master-Key: CA48BF83A3A

Start Time: 1654677366

```
Timeout      : 7200 (sec)
```

```
Verify return code: 20 (unable to get local issuer certificate)
```

## TLS version info

```
$ openssl s_client -connect [IP]:[port]
```

```
jhsong@jhsong-macbook:~$ openssl s_client -connect fe80::0:0:0:485:2a30:b42e:5d20%en0:52979
CONNECTED(00000003)
```

If TLS is unavailable, TLS/certificate information is not printed.

## OpenSSL commands help us to check TLS

```
jhsong@jhsong-macbook:~$ openssl x509 -enddate -noout -in cert.pem  
notAfter=Aug  2 04:38:58 2022 GMT
```

Expiration date

- OpenSSL can check certificate expiration date.

## Countermeasure 2. Validation on Charging Parameters

SECC/EVCC should validate charging parameters.

To check the validation,

STEVE transmits the parameters that violates the types, or the restrictions defined in ISO 15118-2.

Parameter Name	Type (restriction)
VersionNumberMajor	unsignedInt
SchemaID	unsignedByte
ServiceScope	String (max length: 64)
SelectedPaymentOption	Enumeration (Contract, ExternalPayment)
RequestedEnergyTransferMode	Enumeration (AC_single_phase_core, AC_three_phase_core, DC_core, DC_combo_core, ...)
ChargeProgress	Enumeration (Start, Stop, Renegotiate)

< Example of charging parameters in ISO 15118-2 >

## Countermeasure 3. Validation on Identification Parameters

Identification parameters also should be validated.

Parameter Name	Type (restriction)
SessionID	hexBinary (length <=8)
EVCCID	hexBinary (length <=6)
EVSEID	String (3 <= length<= 7)
ServiceID	unsignedShort

< Example of identification parameters in ISO 15118-2 >

# Malicious Values

Sample malicious values transmitted by STEVE

→ (null), "A"\*1024, 0, -1, 4294967296 (unsigned int max+1), 18,446,744,073,709,551,616 (unsigned long max+1), ...

```
<ns0:V2G_Message xmlns:ns0="urn:iso:15118:2:2013:MsgDef"
xmlns:ns1="urn:iso:15118:2:2013:MsgHeader" xmlns:ns2="urn:iso:15118:2:2013:MsgBody">
<ns0:Header>
<ns1:SessionID>
AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
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AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
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AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
AAAA
</ns1:SessionID>
</ns0:Header>
<ns0:Body>
<ns2:SessionSetupReq>
<ns2:EVCCID>A07817A65779</ns2:EVCCID>
</ns2:SessionSetupReq>
</ns0:Body>
</ns0:V2G_Message>
```

\* Example of normal SessionID: C3917A55A2BA8118

```
<ns0:V2G_Message xmlns:ns0="urn:iso:15118:2:2013:MsgDef" xmlns:ns1="urn:iso:15118:2:2013:MsgHeader"
xmlns:ns2="urn:iso:15118:2:2013:MsgBody" xmlns:ns3="urn:iso:15118:2:2013:MsgDataTypes">
<ns0:Header>
<ns1:SessionID>74F18B6F1F222CA5</ns1:SessionID>
</ns0:Header>
<ns0:Body>
<ns2:PowerDeliveryReq>
<ns2:ChargeProgress>-1</ns2:ChargeProgress>
<ns2:SAScheduleTupleID>1</ns2:SAScheduleTupleID>
<ns2:ChargingProfile>
<ns3:ProfileEntry>
<ns3:ChargingProfileEntryStart>0</ns3:ChargingProfileEntryStart>
<ns3:ChargingProfileEntryMaxPower>
<ns3:Multiplier>3</ns3:Multiplier>
<ns3:Unit>W</ns3:Unit>
<ns3:Value>11</ns3:Value>
</ns3:ChargingProfileEntryMaxPower>
<ns3:ChargingProfileEntryMaxNumberOfPhasesInUse>3</ns3:ChargingProfileEntryMaxNumberOfPhasesInUse>
</ns3:ProfileEntry>
</ns2:ChargingProfile>
</ns2:PowerDeliveryReq>
</ns0:Body>
</ns0:V2G_Message>
```

\* Example of ChargeProgress: "Start" or "Stop"



## Countermeasure 4. DoS Attack Prevention

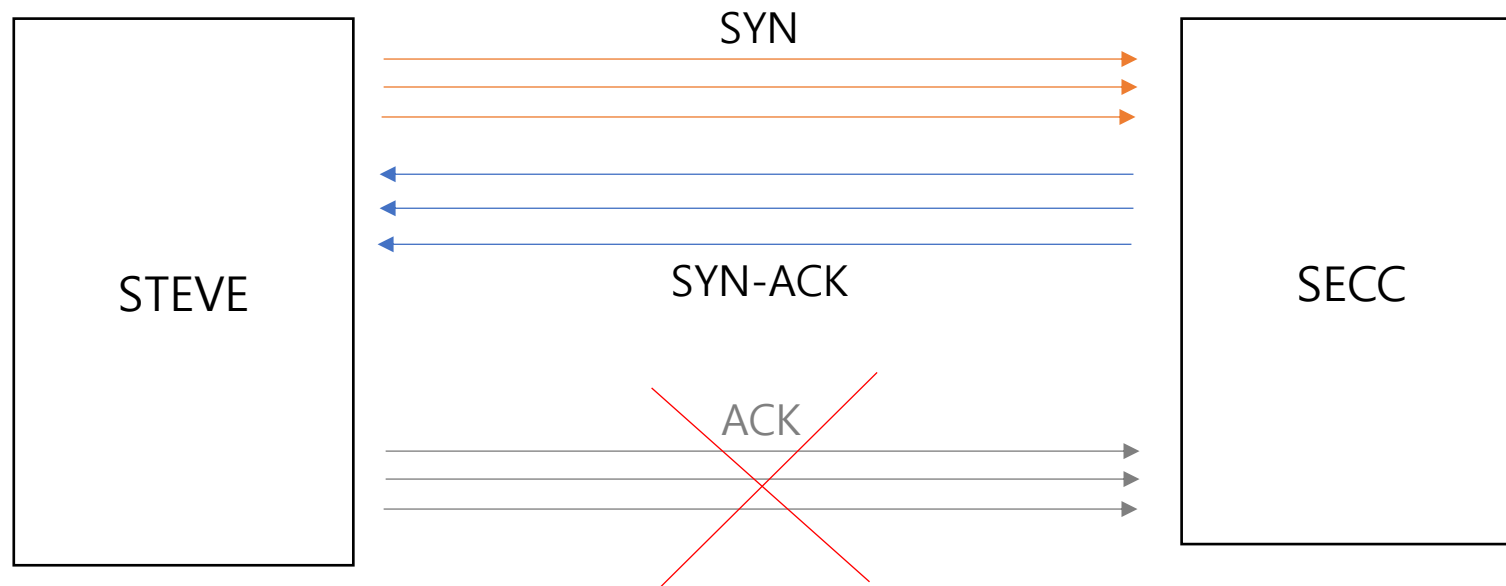
ISO 15118-2 is based on TCP/IP, so traditional DoS could be possible.

STEVE performs flooding attacks to check DoS attack prevention.

We had to convert flooding attack codes to IPv6. (ISO 15118-2 is based on IPv6)

One of the example traditional DoS → SYN flooding attack

Attackers send a large number of "SYN" packets to the server but does not send "ACK" back to the server.



## Countermeasure 5. XML Injection Prevention

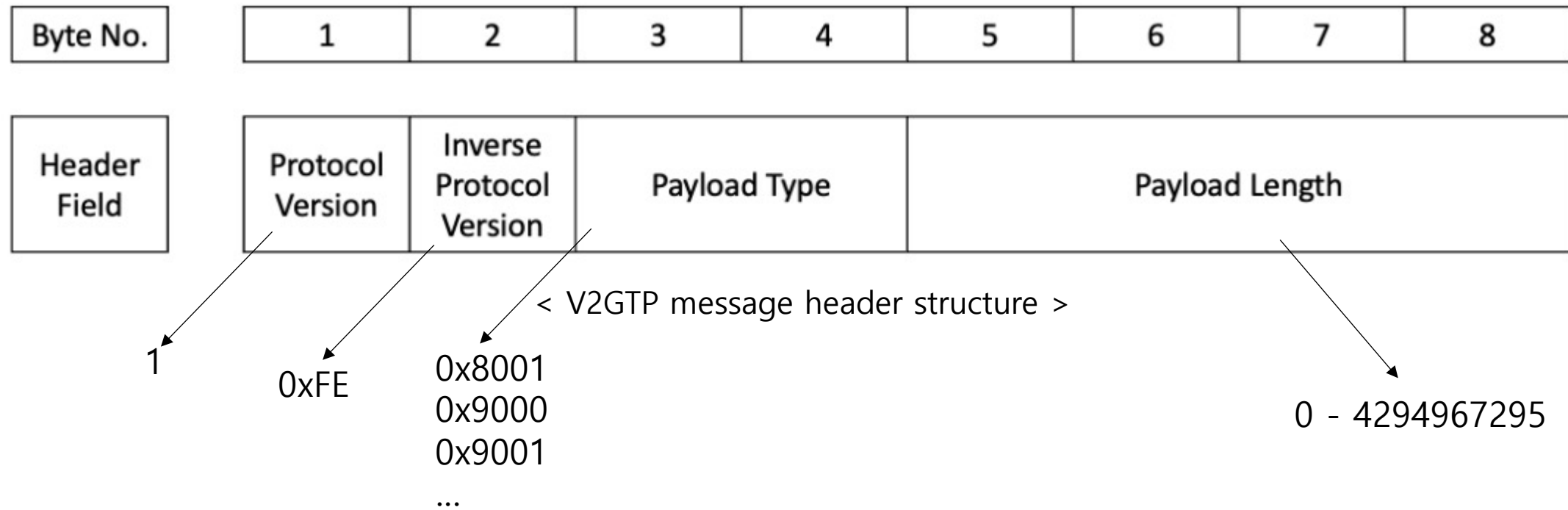
STEVE transmits malicious XML data to check that XML injection is possible.

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="ISO-8859-1"?>  
<!DOCTYPE foo [  
<!ELEMENT foo ANY >  
<!ENTITY xxe SYSTEM "file:///etc/passwd" >]>  
<foo>&xxe;</foo>
```

< Example of XXE injection attack payload>

## Countermeasure 6. Data Validation

STEVE transmits invalid V2GTP messages to check whether the SECC/EVCC handle exceptions properly.



# Test Procedures

## 1. Preparation process

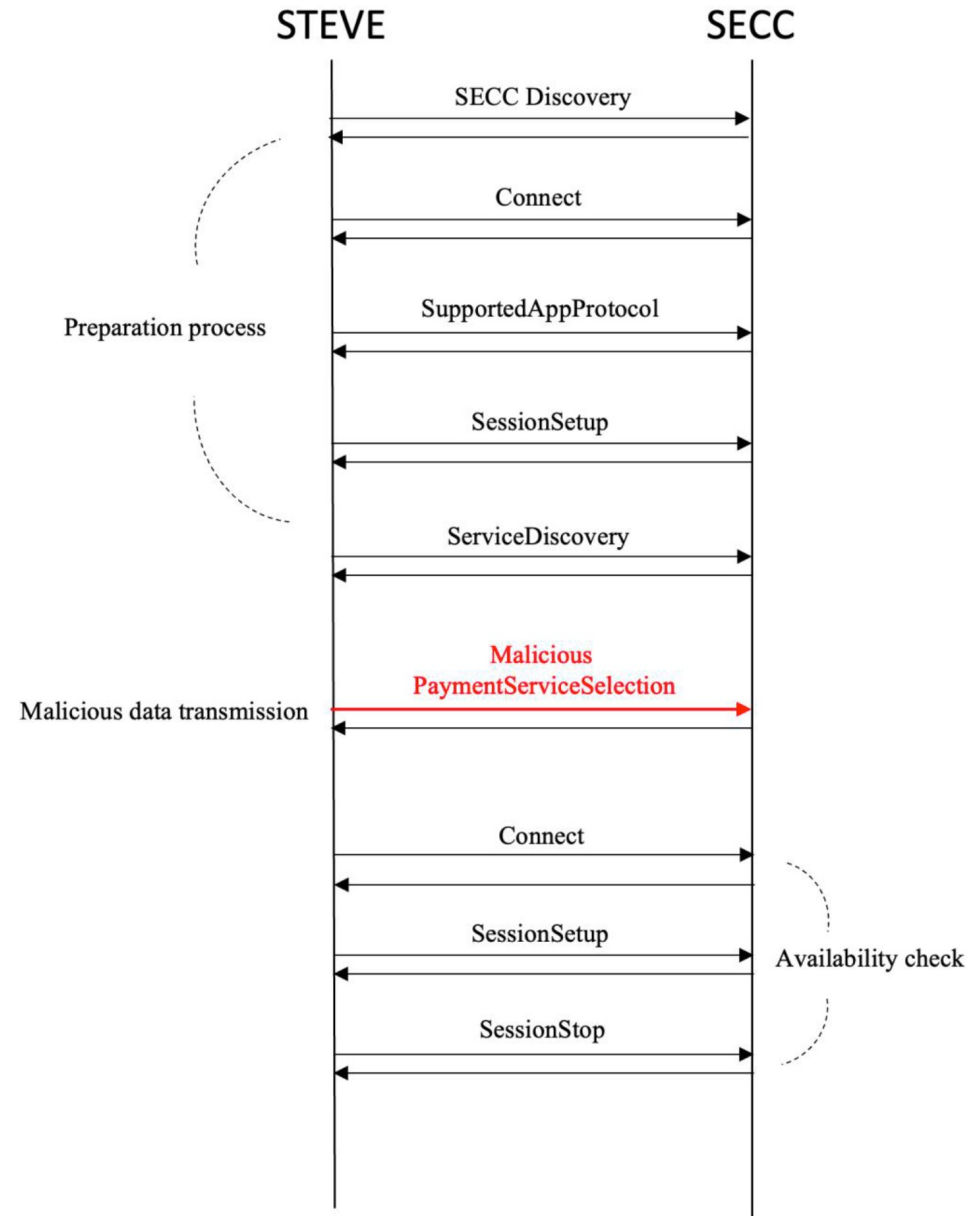
Proceed normal communication

## 2. Malicious data transmission

Send malicious data

## 3. Check

Check the availability of the target



# Results

## Implementation

STEVE is implemented in Python3 and Java.

## Experiments

STEVE found several exceptions in RISE-V2G.  
After the exceptions occurred, RISE-V2G-SECC cannot accept the normal connection from normal EVCC.

Exceptions	Description
java.lang.IllegalArgumentException	hexBinary needs to be even-length: 0
	contains illegal character for hexBinary: -1
java.lang.NumberFormatException	Not a Number: <
	For input string: "18446744073709551617"
java.lang.NullPointerException	-

< Exceptions in RISE-V2G founded by STEVE >

# Exception examples

```
2022-06-10T13:47:18,836 DEBUG [ConnectionThread fe80:0:0:0:485:2a30:b42e:5d20%14] ConnectionHandler: Message received
2022-06-10T13:47:18,836 DEBUG [ConnectionThread fe80:0:0:0:485:2a30:b42e:5d20%14] EXIficientCodec: Received EXI stream: 8098004011D70216988000
2022-06-10T13:47:18,837 ERROR [ConnectionThread fe80:0:0:0:485:2a30:b42e:5d20%14] EXIficientCodec: RuntimeException occurred while trying to unmarshall
java.lang.RuntimeException: java.lang.IllegalArgumentException: contains illegal character for hexBinary: -1
    at com.v2gclarity.risev2g.shared.messagehandling.MessageHandler$1.handleEvent(MessageHandler.java:321) ~[rise-v2g-secc-1.2.6.jar:?]
    at com.sun.xml.bind.v2.runtime.unmarshaller.UnmarshallingContext.handleEvent(UnmarshallingContext.java:702) ~[rise-v2g-secc-1.2.6.jar:?]
    at com.sun.xml.bind.v2.runtime.unmarshaller.Loader.reportError(Loader.java:232) ~[rise-v2g-secc-1.2.6.jar:?]
    at com.sun.xml.bind.v2.runtime.unmarshaller.Loader.handleGenericException(Loader.java:219) ~[rise-v2g-secc-1.2.6.jar:?]
    at com.sun.xml.bind.v2.runtime.unmarshaller.LeafPropertyLoader.text(LeafPropertyLoader.java:37) ~[rise-v2g-secc-1.2.6.jar:?]
    at com.sun.xml.bind.v2.runtime.unmarshaller.UnmarshallingContext.text(UnmarshallingContext.java:558) ~[rise-v2g-secc-1.2.6.jar:?]
    at com.sun.xml.bind.v2.runtime.unmarshaller.SAXConnector.processText(SAXConnector.java:182) ~[rise-v2g-secc-1.2.6.jar:?]
```

```
<iso:15118:2:2010:AppProtocol" xmlns:ns4="urn:iso:15118:2:2013:MsgDataTypes" xmlns:ns3="urn:iso:15118:2:2013:MsgHeader"><ns6:Header><ns3:SessionID>1</ns3:SessionID><ns3:PowerDeliveryReq><ns7:SAScheduleTupleID>1</ns7:SAScheduleTupleID><ns7:ChargingProfile><ns4:ProfileEntry><ns4:ChargingProfileEntryStart>0</ns4:ChargingProfileEntryStart><ns4:Multiplier><ns4:Unit>W</ns4:Unit><ns4:Value>11</ns4:Value></ns4:ChargingProfileEntryMaxPower><ns4:ChargingProfileEntryMaxNumberOfPhasesIn</ns7:ChargingProfile></ns7:PowerDeliveryReq></ns6:Body></ns6:V2G_Message>
```

```
2022-06-10T13:35:40,149 DEBUG [ConnectionThread fe80:0:0:0:485:2a30:b42e:5d20%14] WaitForPowerDeliveryReq: PowerDeliveryReq received
```

```
Exception in thread "ConnectionThread fe80:0:0:0:485:2a30:b42e:5d20%14" java.lang.NullPointerException
```

```
    at com.v2gclarity.risev2g.secc.states.WaitForPowerDeliveryReq.isResponseCodeOK(WaitForPowerDeliveryReq.java:115)
    at com.v2gclarity.risev2g.secc.states.WaitForPowerDeliveryReq.processIncomingMessage(WaitForPowerDeliveryReq.java:65)
    at com.v2gclarity.risev2g.secc.session.V2GCommunicationSessionSECC.processIncomingMessage(V2GCommunicationSessionSECC.java:184)
    at com.v2gclarity.risev2g.secc.session.V2GCommunicationSessionSECC.update(V2GCommunicationSessionSECC.java:162)
    at java.base/java.util.Observable.notifyObservers(Observable.java:173)
    at com.v2gclarity.risev2g.secc.transportLayer.ConnectionHandler.run(ConnectionHandler.java:136)
    at java.base/java.lang.Thread.run(Thread.java:829)
```

```
2022-06-10T13:35:45,151 DEBUG [UDPServerThread] UDPServer: Message received
```

```
2022-06-10T13:35:45,152 DEBUG [UDPServerThread] V2GCommunicationSessionHandlerSECC: SECCDiscoveryReq received
```



## Conclusions

SECC/EVCC supporting ISO 15118 could be exposed to several cyber attacks

To check if SECC/EVCC are vulnerable to the attacks,  
STEVE performs the attacks and checks whether SECC/EVCC prevent them.



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