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capwap-discovery_ipv4_dhcp-opt43.pcapng

DHCP Discover

Transaction ID	0x000013c8
IP	0.0.0.0
Client MAC address	84:b2:61:0e:0c:18
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Hostname	AP84b2.610e.0c18

DHCP Offer

Transaction ID	0x000013c8
IP	10.0.41.99
Client MAC address	84:b2:61:0e:0c:18

DHCP Request

Transaction ID	0x000013c8
IP	0.0.0.0
Client MAC address	84:b2:61:0e:0c:18
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DHCP ACK

Transaction ID	0x000013c8
IP	10.0.41.99
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Type	A (1) (Host Address)

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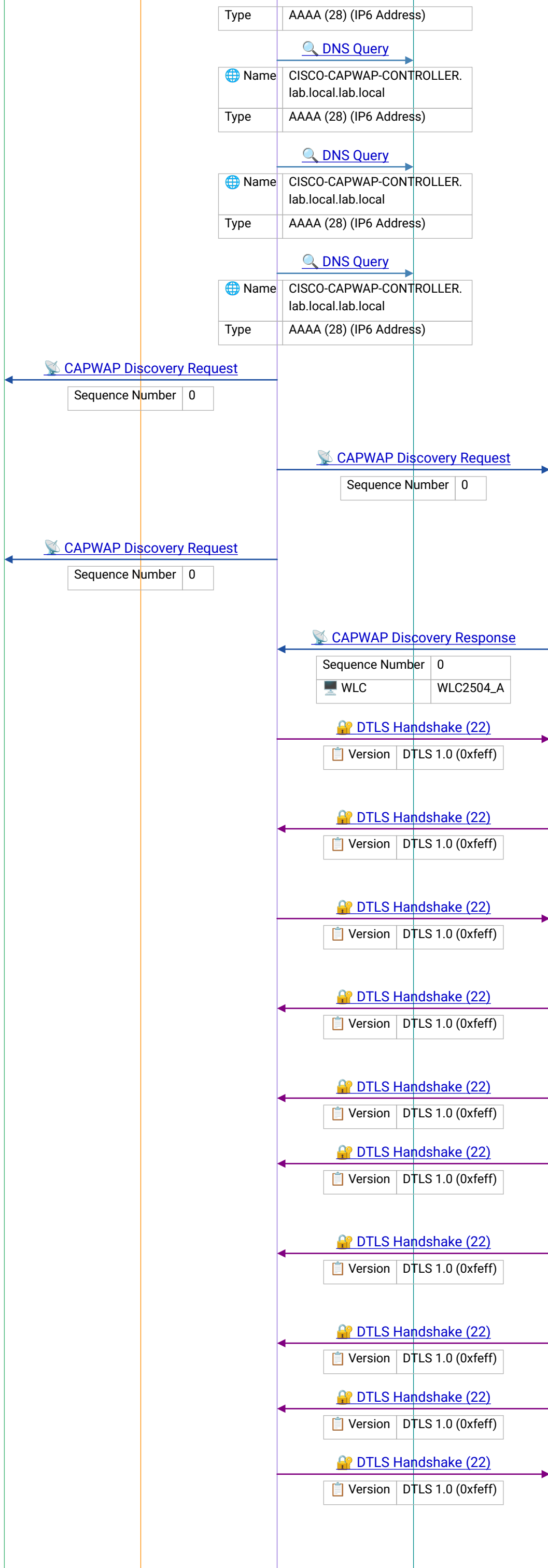
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Frame 73 | 2017-01-14T12:48:01.193368Z

Frame 76 | 2017-01-14T12:48:04.193336Z

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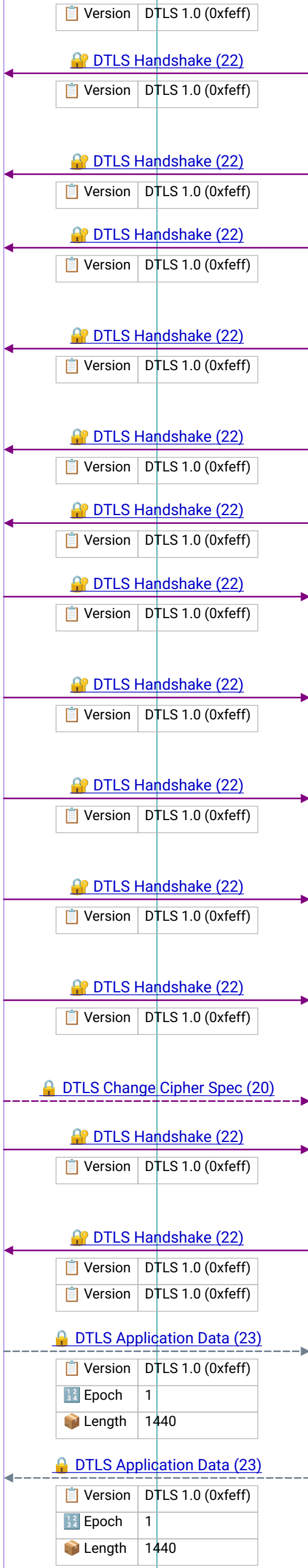
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