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New Related-Tweakey Boomerang Attacks and Distinguishers on Deoxys-BC

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with time/data/memory complexities of $2^{218.6}/2^{125.7}/2^{125.7}$, and give another attack with the less time complexity of $2^{215.8}$ and memory complexity of 2^{120} when the adversary has access to the full codebook. For 13-round Deoxys-BC-384, we give a related-tweakey boomerang attack with time/data/memory complexities of $2^{k-96} + 2^{157.5}/2^{120.4}/2^{113}$. For the key size $k = 256$, it reduces the time complexity by a factor of 2^{31} compared with the previous 13-round boomerang **Abstract —** Deoxys-BC is the primitive tweakable block cipher of the Deoxys family of authenticated encryption schemes. Based on existing related-tweakey boomerang distinguishers, this paper improves the boomerang attacks on 11 round Deoxys-BC-256 and 13-round Deoxys-BC-384 by the optimized key guessing and the precomputation technique. It transfers a part of subtweakey guess in the key-recovery phase to the precomputation resulting in a significant reduction of the overall time complexity. For 11-round Deoxys-BC-256, we give a related-tweakey boomerang attack attack. In addition, we present two new related-tweakey boomerang distinguishers on 11-round Deoxys-BC-384 with the same probability as the best previous distinguisher.

Keywords — Block cipher, Tweakable block cipher, Boomerang attack, Related-tweakey.

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I. Introduction

Authenticated encryption (AE) is an encryption approach that addresses confidentiality and authenticity at the same time. During recent years, AE have attracted increasing attention of the cryptography associations, such as CAESAR Competition [1] and NIST Lightweight Cryptography AEAD (authenticated encryption with associated data) Project [2]. Tweakable block cipher was proposed by Liskov *et al.* in [3]. Besides the inputs of plaintext and key, it takes an additional input called tweak. In [4], a new TWEAKEY framework was proposed to design tweakable block ciphers, which uses a unified view of the key and tweak denoted as tweakey. The tweakable block cipher Deoxys-BC is designed following the TWEAKEY framework and uses the AES round function. Deoxys-BC is the primitive of the AE scheme Deoxys [5], in which Deoxys-II was selected as the primary choice in the final portfolio of the CAESAR Competition for the "Defense in depth" category.

Boomerang attack $[6]$ is an extension of the differential attack. It allows the adversary to concatenate two short differential paths to get a longer distinguisher. The boomerang attack can be converted to the amplified boomerang attack [7] and rectangle attack [8]. The related-key boomerang and rectangle attacks were proposed in [9], which are powerful for cryptanalysis of many block ciphers such as KASUMI [10], [11], AES [12], SKINNY [13], [14], GIFT [15] and Deoxys-BC [16]–[21]. In [16], Cid *et al.* gave the first third-party analysis of Deoxys-BC. They proposed a method to search the related-tweakey (RK) boomerang distinguishers, and attacked 10-round Deoxys-BC-256 and 13-round Deoxys-BC-384. In [17], Sasaki reduced the complexities of the boomerang attacks by a structural technique. In [18], Cid *et al.* proposed a tool named Boomerang Connectivity Table (BCT) to evaluate the boomerang probability of S-box, and improved the probability of the boomerang distinguisher on 10-round Deoxys-BC-384. In [19], a new tool named Boomerang Difference Table (BDT) was proposed, which was used to increase the probability of the 9-round boomerang distinguisher on Deoxys-BC-256. In [20], Zhao *et al.* improved the related-tweakey boomerang and rectangle attacks on round-reduced Deoxys-BC, which were improved

by themselves in [21]. In [13], Dong *et al.* improved the key guessing strategies in the rectangle attacks on the linear key-schedule ciphers and improved the relatedtweakey rectangle attack on 14-round Deoxys-BC-384. Later, Song *et al.* [22] proposed a unified and generic framework for optimizing rectangle attack, and improved related-key boomerang and rectangle attacks on 11-round Deoxys-BC-256. Besides, these are some security evaluations of Deoxys-BC against the impossible differential attacks [23], [24] and meet-in-the-middle (MITM) attacks $[25]$ – $[27]$.

In this paper, we improve the related-tweakey boomerang attacks on 11-round Deoxys-BC-256 and 13-round Deoxys-BC-384 by the optimized key guessing and the precomputation technique. It transfers a part of subtweakey guess in the key-recovery phase to the precomputation resulting in a significant reduction of the overall time complexity. In addition, we present two new related-tweakey boomerang distinguishers on 11-round Deoxys-BC-384 with the same probability as the best previous distinguisher in [21]. The summary of main cryptanalysis results of Deoxys-BC is listed in Table 1.

Version	Rounds	Approach	Time	Data	Memory	Key size	Ref.	
256	9	MITM	2113.6	2^{108}	2^{102}	k > 113	$\vert 25 \vert$	
	10	Impossible differential	2173.1	2135	264	k > 173	$[24]$	
	10	RK boomerang	2170	298	298	k > 170	$[17]$	
	10	RK boomerang	2109.1	298.4	288	$k=128$	[20]	
	11	RK rectangle	2249.9	9122.1	2128.2	k>252	[20]	
	11	RK rectangle	222.49	9126.78	2^{128}	k>222	[22]	
	11	RK boomerang	$222.5*$	$2^{126.2*}$	2^{128}	k > 222	$\left 22\right $	
	11	RK boomerang	2218.6	2125.7	2125.7	k>218	Sect. III.2	
	11	RK boomerang	2215.8	2130	2120	k > 215	Sect. III.3	
	11	MITM	2^{251}	2^{113}	226	k>256	$[26]$	
	12	RK boomerang	2148	2100	2100	$k=256$	$[17]$	
384	12	RK boomerang	298	298	264	$k=128$	[20]	
	13	RK rectangle	2^{270}	2^{127}	2^{144}	k > 270	$[16]$	
	13	RK rectangle	2186.7	2125.2	2136	$k=256$	$[21]$	
	13	RK boomerang	2191.3	2^{125}	2136	$k=256$	$\left[20\right]$	
	13	RK boomerang	$2^{157.5}+2^{k-96}$	2120.4	2^{113}	k > 157	Sect. IV	
	14	RK rectangle	260	2125.2	2140	k > 260	$[13]$	

Table 1 Summary of main cryptanalysis results of Deoxys-BC (MITM denotes meet-in-the-middle; RK denotes related-tweakey)

Note: $*$ The time and data complexities are corrected from $2^{218.65}$ and $2^{122.4}$, respectively. In [22], the calculation of the number of ciphertext pairs is wrong when the number of structures $y < 1$. In this case, the parameter $r_f = 128$. From $y \cdot 2^{128}$ ciphertexts, there are $y^2 \cdot 2^{256}$ pairs obtained, which is less than $y \cdot 2^{256}$ given in [22] for $y < 1$. For one expected right quartet, the parameters are corrected by $y = 2^{-3.8}$ and $D = 2^{124.2}$, which are used for the complexity computation in [22].

The organization of this paper is as follows. In Section II, we recall the specification of Deoxys-BC and the boomerang attacks. In Section III, two related-tweakey boomerang attacks on 11-round Deoxys-BC-256 are given. In Section IV, the improved related-tweakey boomerang attack on 13-round Deoxys-BC-384 is given. In Section V, we present two new related-tweakey boomerang distinguishers on 11-round Deoxys-BC-384, and conclude this paper in Section VI.

II. Preliminaries

1. Description of Deoxys-BC

 $KT = K \parallel T$ is used to provide a unified view of the key K and the tweak T for Deoxys-BC. Deoxys-BC- n has 128-Deoxys-BC is an AES-based tweakable block cipher. According to the TWEAKEY framework [4], the tweakey

bit block and *n*-bit tweakey, $n = 256, 384$. The key size and tweak size can vary as long as the key size $k \geq 128$. The number round r is 14 for Deoxys-BC-256 and 16 for 4×4 matrix of bytes where the index is as Deoxys-BC-384. The state of Deoxys-BC is viewed as a

Deoxys-BC uses the AES round function [28], consisting of the following four operations.

• AddRoundTweakey (AK): XOR an 128-bit round subtweakey to the internal state.

• SubBytes (SB): Apply the 8-bit S-box to each of the 16 bytes of the internal state separately.

• ShiftRows (SR) : Rotate the *i*-th row left by *i* posi-

t ions, $i = 0, 1, 2, 3$.

the 4×4 MDS matrix over the finite field GF(2^8). • MixColumns (MC): Multiply the internal state by

are generated from the tweakey KT by a special key After the last round, an additional AK operation is performed to produce the ciphertext. The subtweakeys schedule algorithm. For more details on Deoxys-BC, readers can refer to [5].

Notations STK_i : the *i*-th round subtweakey;

IK_{*i*}: the equivalent subtweakey of STK_i , that is IK_{*i*} = $\text{SR}^{-1} \circ \text{MC}^{-1}(\text{STK}_i);$

 X_i : the state before SB operation in the *i*-th round;

Yi : the state after SB operation in the *i* -th round; *Zi* : the state after adding the equivalent sub-

tweakey IK_{i+1} in the *i*-th round;

 W_i : the state after SR operation in the *i*-th round; *X*[*j*]: the *j*-th byte of the state $X, 0 \le j \le 15$.

Then internal states propagation in the *i*-th round can be represented as follows:

$$
X_i \xrightarrow{\text{SB}} Y_i \xrightarrow[\text{IK}_{i+1}]{} X_i \xrightarrow{\text{SR}} W_i \xrightarrow{\text{MC}} X_{i+1}
$$

2. Boomerang attacks

pose the function E into two parts $E = E_1 \circ E_0$. There exits a differential $\alpha \to \beta$ with probability p for E_0 and a differential $\gamma \rightarrow \delta$ with probability q for E_1 . Then the tinguisher on E . The probability of the boomerang dis-Boomerang attack proposed by Wagner [6] is an extension of differential attack in the adaptive chosen plaintext and ciphertext setting. The adversary decomtwo differentials can be combined into a boomerang distinguisher can be estimated by

$$
Pr[E^{-1}(E(x) \oplus \delta) \oplus E^{-1}(E(x \oplus \alpha) \oplus \delta) = \alpha] = p^2 q^2
$$

As it was pointed out in [7] and [8], when α and δ are fixed, β and γ can be any possible values as long as $\beta \neq \gamma$. Then the probability of the boomerang distinguisher can be increased to $\hat{p}^2 \hat{q}^2$, where

$$
\hat{p} = \sqrt{\sum_{i} \Pr^{2}(\alpha \to \beta_{i})}, \quad \hat{q} = \sqrt{\sum_{j} \Pr^{2}(\gamma_{j} \to \delta)}
$$

key differential $\alpha \to \beta$ over E_0 under a key difference ΔK with a probability p and another related-key differential $\gamma \rightarrow \delta$ over E_1 under a key difference ∇K with a probability q. Let K_1, K_2, K_3 and K_4 be four related $K_2 = K_1 \oplus \Delta K, K_3 = K_1 \oplus \nabla K, K_4 = K_1 \oplus$ ∆*K ⊕ ∇K* . The related-key boomerang distinguisher is The related-key boomerang attack was proposed by Biham *et al.* [9], as Figure 1. Assume one has a relatedused as follows:

1) Randomly choose a plaintext pair (P_1, P_2) statisfied $P_1 \oplus P_2 = \alpha$, and query the encryption oracle under the keys K_1, K_2 to get the corresponding ciphertext pair (C_1, C_2) .

Figure 1 Related-key boomerang distinguisher.

2) Compute (C_3, C_4) by $C_3 = C_1 \oplus \delta$ and $C_4 = C_2 \oplus \delta$ δ , and query the decryption oracle under the keys K_3, K_4 to obtain the corresponding palintext pair (P_3, P_4) .

3) Check whether $P_3 \oplus P_4 = \alpha$ or not. If yes, a right quartet (P_1, P_2, P_3, P_4) is obtained, otherwise return to step 1).

the probability of $2^{-n} \hat{p}^2 \hat{q}^2$, where *n* is the block size of a A boomerang distinguisher can be converted to a distinguisher in the chosen plaintext or ciphertext setting, the amplified boomerang [7] and rectangle [8], with cipher.

boomerang attack with an *h*-bit advantage is evaluated Success probability The success probability of as [20] and [29] by

$$
P_s = \Phi\left(\frac{\sqrt{sS_N} - \Phi^{-1}(1 - 2^{-h})}{\sqrt{S_N + 1}}\right)
$$

where $S_N = \hat{p}^2 \hat{q}^2 / 2^{-n}$ is the signal-to-noise ratio and *s* is the expected number of right quartets.

III. Boomerange Attacks on 11-Round Deoxys-BC-256

guisher on Deoxys-BC-256 with the probability $2^{-120.4}$, where $\alpha = (00 \text{ b}0 \text{ }00 \text{ }00 \text{ }00 \text{ }00 \text{ }00 \text{ }00 \text{ }7b \text{ }00 \text{ }at \text{ }0000 \text{ }00 \text{ }00 \text{ }c2)$, *δ*= (00 00 00 00 f2 0d ff f2 8f 7b 8a 05 00 0084 00) . They atwith the time complexity of $2^{218.6}$. The details of the difsis, for simplicity, we denote $SR^{-1} \circ MC^{-1}(C)$ by the In [20], Zhao *et al.* gave a 9-round boomerang distintacked 11-round Deoxys-BC-256 by using the first 8 round path of the 9-round distinguisher. In this section, we use the 9-round distinguisher to present an 11-round related-tweakey attack on Deoxys-BC-256 as Figure 2, ferential characteristic of the boomerang distinguisher can refer to [20]. In addition, when the adversary has access to full codebook, we present another 11-round boomerang attack on Deoxys-BC-256 with less time complexity. Since MC and SR do not impact the cryptanaly-

Figure 2 Related-tweakey boomerang attack on 11-round Deoxys-BC-256.

ciphertext *C* in the last round.

1. Precomputation

table T_1 of size 2^{112} is constructed as follows. We precompute two tables. The first precomputed

1) For each of 2^{48} values of $IK_{11}[8, 9, 10, 11]$ and IK10[7*,* 8] ,

2) For each of 2^{32} values of $X_9[7,8]$ and $W_9[9,10]$, compute the values of the third column of Z_{10} under the related keys K_1, K_2 , denoted by z_1, z_2 . Then compute the corresponding z_3 , z_4 under K_3 , K_4 after XORing the k nown differences $\Delta X_9[7, 8] = (f2, 8f), \Delta W_9[9, 10] = (7f, ef).$ Then store (z_1, z_3) and (z_2, z_4) in the sets L_1 and L_2 , respectively.

3) For each (z_1, z_3) in L_1 and each (z_2, z_4) in L_2 , store the value of $IK_{11}[8, 9, 10, 11]$ and $IK_{10}[7, 8]$ in the table T_1 indexed by (z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) .

To prepare the table T_1 , it needs memory complexity of $2^{48+64} = 2^{112}$ and time complexity of 2^{112} memory accesses. For any (z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) , there are $2^{112-128} = 2^{-16}$ key candidates on average suggested by T_1 .

The second precomputed table T_2 of size 2^{120} is constructed similarly.

1) For each of 2^{56} values of $IK_{11}[4, 5, 6, 7]$ and IK10[4*,* 9*,* 14] ,

2) For each of 2^{32} values of $X_9[4, 9, 14]$ and $W_9[7]$, compute the values of the second column of Z_{10} under the related keys K_1, K_2 , denoted by z_1, z_2 . Then compute the corresponding z_3, z_4 under K_3, K_4 after XORing the known differences $\Delta X_9[4, 9, 14] = (12, 7b, 84)$, $\Delta W_9[7] = 0$. Then, store (z_1, z_3) and (z_2, z_4) in the sets L_1 and L_2 respectively.

3) For each (z_1, z_3) in L_1 and each (z_2, z_4) in L_2 , store the value of $IK_{11}[4, 5, 6, 7]$ and $IK_{10}[4, 9, 14]$ in the table T_2 indexed by (z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) .

To prepare the table T_2 , it needs memory complexity of $2^{56+64} = 2^{120}$ and time complexity of 2^{120} memory accesses. For any (z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) , there are $2^{120-128} = 2^{-8}$ key candidates on average suggested by T_2 .

2. Attack on 11-round Deoxys-BC-256

After preparing the two precomputed tables T_1 and *T*2 , we give the detail of the key recovery attack on 11 round Deoxys-BC-256.

Data collection Choose 2^t plaintext pairs (P_1, P_2) satisfying $P_1 \oplus P_2 = \alpha$, denoted by the set *S*. Query the K_1, K_2, K_3 and K_4 , and construct the following two sets of size 2^t . corresponding ciphertexts under the four related keys

$$
S_1 = \{ (P_1, C_1, P_2, C_2) | (P_1, P_2) \in S, C_1 = E_{K_1}(P_1), C_2 = E_{K_2}(P_2) \}
$$

$$
S_2 = \{ (P_3, C_3, P_4, C_4) | (P_3, P_4) \in S, C_3 = E_{K_3}(P_3), C_4 = E_{K_4}(P_4) \}
$$

Key recovery Guess 12-byte $IK_{11}[0, 1, 2, 3, 12, 13,$ 14, 15] and $IK_{10}[5, 6, 10, 11]$, then carry out the following process.

1) Initialize a list of 2^{104} counters, each of with corresponding to a 13-byte $IK_{11}[4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11]$ and IK10[4*,* 7*,* 8*,* 9*,* 14] .

2) For each $(P_1, C_1, P_2, C_2) \in S_1$, partially decrypt (C_1, C_2) to obtain the values of $W_9[0, 3, 12, 13]$ and $X_9[5, 6, 10, 11]$, denoted by (w_1, x_1, w_2, x_2) . Then store (P_1, C_1, P_2, C_2) into a hash table H indexed by $(w_1, x_1,$ w_2, x_2).

3) For each $(P_3, C_3, P_4, C_4) \in S_2$, partially decrypt (C_3, C_4) to obtain the corresponding (w_3, x_3, w_4, x_4) . Since $\Delta W_9[0, 3, 12, 13] = 0$ and $\Delta X_9[5, 6, 10, 11] = (0d, ff, 8a, 05)$, we construct the quartets (C_1, C_2, C_3, C_4) by looking up the hash table *H* with the index $(w_3, x_3 \oplus (0d, ff, 8a, 05))$, $w_4, x_4 \oplus (0d, ff, 8a, 05)$. There are about 2^{2t-128} quartets.

4) For each of 2^{2t-128} quartets, lookup the precomputed table T_1 to find the candidates of $IK_{11}[8, 9, 10, 11]$

and $IK_{10}[7, 8]$. Since T_1 provides a filter of 2^{-16} , there are about 2^{2t-144} quartets remaining. Then lookup T_2 to find the candidates of $IK_{11}[4, 5, 6, 7]$ and $IK_{10}[4, 9, 14]$. If an the corresponding counter by 1. Since T_2 provides a filter of 2^{-8} , there are about 2^{2t-152} suggestions. 104-bit key candidate involved is suggested, then increase

5) Select the higher 2^{104-h} count values to be the ing $k - 200$ unknown key bits and verify them. candidate subkeys. Then exhaustively search the remain-

For the collected data, there are 2^{2t} quartets satisfying the input difference α in two sides of the 9-round boomerang distinguisher. We regard the difference in X_9 probability $\Delta X_9 = \delta$ in one side of the boomerang distinguisher is 2^{-127} . The probability of the 9-round boomerang distinguisher is $2^{-120.4}$, so there are $2^{2t-247.4}$ exis $2^{2t-247.4}$ for the right key, while it is 2^{2t-256} for the wrong keys. The complexity in data collection is $4 \cdot 2^t$. The time and memory complexities both are 2^{120} in prebytes, the time complexity of step 2) and step 3) is 2^{t+2} one-round decryptions and 2^t table lookups. In step 4), the time complexity is about 2^{2t-128} table lookups. Rethe overall time complexity is about $4 \cdot 2^t + 2^{120} + 2^{96}$. $(5 \cdot 2^t + 2^{2t-128})/11 + 2^{k-h}$ encryptions. Take $t = 123.7$ for the expected $s = 2^{2t-247.4} = 1$ right quartet, and take $h = 40$ for the success probability $P_s = 68.8\%$. The overall time complexity is $2^{218.6}$, the data and memory complexities both are $2^{125.7}$. as random after decrypting ciphertext quartets. Then the pected right quartets. The expected value of the counter computation. In key recovery phase, for each guess of 12 garding one table lookup as one-round encryption [30], and Eq. (2) Structure. The mainlange of $\Phi = 0.7$ ($\Phi = 0.7$) $\Phi = 0.7$ $\Phi = 0.7$ ($\Phi = 0.7$) $\Phi = 0.7$ (

3. Attack on 11-round Deoxys-BC-256 with full codebook

structures in the internal state W_9 such that $\Delta W_9[0,3,1]$ $[12, 13] = 0$ for the ciphertext pairs (C_1, C_3) . Then there are 4 bytes of ΔX_9 matching the difference δ in the end of the boomerang distinguisher, that is $\Delta X_9[0,1,12,$ 15 = 0. So, the probability of (C_1, C_3) satisfying $\Delta X_9 = \delta$ is increased to 2^{-96} . The detailed attack process is given In this subsection, we will give another 11-round boomerang attack on Deoxys-BC-256 with less time complexity than the attack in Section III.2, at the cost of full codebook under four related keys. We construct the as follows.

Key recovery Construct y structures at the first and last columns of W_9 . Each structure consists of 2^{32} elements taking all the possible values on $W_9[1, 2, 14, 15]$ while $W_9[0, 3, 12, 13]$ fixed to constants.

1) Guess 8-byte $IK_{11}[0, 1, 2, 3, 12, 13, 14, 15]$. For each columns of the ciphertexts C_1, C_3 under the keys K_1, K_3 . Traverse all the 2^{64} possible values of the second and third columns of C_1 , and query their plaintexts P_1 under the key K_1 . Compute all $P_2 = P_1 \oplus \alpha$ and query their ciphertexts C_2 under the key K_2 . Do the same operations for C_3 . Then we obtain the following two sets of size 2^{96} element in each structure, compute the first and last

$$
S_1 = \{ (P_1, C_1, P_2, C_2) | P_1 = E_{K_1}^{-1}(C_1),
$$

\n
$$
P_2 = P_1 \oplus \alpha, C_2 = E_{K_2}(P_2) \}
$$

\n
$$
S_2 = \{ (P_3, C_3, P_4, C_4) | P_3 = E_{K_3}^{-1}(C_3),
$$

\n
$$
P_4 = P_3 \oplus \alpha, C_4 = E_{K_4}(P_3) \}
$$

2) Guess 4-byte subtweakey $IK_{10}[5, 6, 10, 11]$. Initialize a list of 2^{104} counters corresponding to 13-byte $IK_{11}[4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11]$ and $IK_{10}[4, 7, 8, 9, 14]$.

3) For each $(P_1, C_1, P_2, C_2) \in S_1$, partially decrypt (C_1, C_2) to obtain the values of $W_9[0, 3, 12, 13]$ and $X_9[5, 12, 13]$ 6, 10, 11], denoted by (w_1, x_1, w_2, x_2) . Store (P_1, C_1, P_2, C_2) into a hash table H indexed by (x_1, w_2, x_2) .

4) For each $(P_3, C_3, P_4, C_4) \in S_2$, partially decrypt (C_3, C_4) to obtain the corresponding (w_3, x_3, w_4, x_4) . Then we construct the quartets (C_1, C_2, C_3, C_4) by looking up the hash table *H* with the index $(x_3 \oplus (0d, ff, 8a, 05))$, $w_4, x_4 \oplus (0d, ff, 8a, 05)$. There are about $2^{96+96-96} = 2^{96}$ quartets obtained for each structure.

5) For all the $y2^{96}$ quartets, execute the step 4) and step 5) of the key recovery in Section III.2.

Since the probability of $\Delta X_9 = \delta$ is 2^{-96} and the 2 *−*120*.*4 $y2^{96 \times 2 - 96 - 120.4} = y2^{-24.4}$ expected value of the counter for the right key is $y2^{-24.4}$, while it is $y2^{-32}$ for the wrong keys. The time complexity of step 1) is about $4 \cdot y^{2^{96}}$. The time complexity in step 3) and step 4) both are $2^{96} \cdot 2 \cdot y2^{96}$ one-round decryptions and $2^{96} \cdot y^{2^{96}}$ table lookups. In step 5), the time complexity is about $2^{96}y2^{96}$ table lookups. There- $4 \cdot y^{2^{96}} + 7 \cdot 2^{96}y^{2^{96}} / 11 + 2^{k-h}$. Take $y = 2^{24.4}$ for one right quartet and $h = 46$ for the success probability $P_s = 67.4\%$. The overall time complexity is $2^{215.8}$ encryptweakeys, the data complexity is $4 \times 2^{128} = 2^{130}$. The $2^{112} + 2^{120}$, and in the key recovery phase, the memory complexity is 3×2^{96} . So, the overall memory complexity is about 2^{120} . 9-round boomerang distinguisher is $2^{-120.4}$, there are expected right quartets. The fore, the overall time complexity is about tions. Due to the full codebook under four relatedmemory complexity in the precomputation phase is

IV. Boomerang Attack on 13-Round Deoxys-BC-384

probability $2^{-118.4}$, where $\alpha = (00\ 00\ 00\ 00\ 00\ 00\ 85\ 00$ 00 9a 00 0050 32 00 e9) and $\delta = (00\ 00\ 00\ 00\ 00\ 04\ 83\ 04$ da 00 00 f200 00 00 00) . The details of the differentials of the boomerang distinguisher refer to [21]. Denote SR⁻¹^o $MC^{-1}(C)$ by the ciphertext C in the last round for sim-In this section, we improve the 13-round relatedtweakey boomerang attack on Deoxys-BC-384 using the precomputation technique. As shown in Figure 3, we use the 11-round boomerang distinguisher in [21] with the plicity.

Section III.1, we precompute two tables T_3 and T_4 . The table T_3 of size 2^{112} is constructed as follows. Precomputation Similar to the precomputation in

1) For each of 2^{48} values of $IK_{13}[8, 9, 10, 11]$ and

Figure 3 Related-tweakey boomerang attack on 13-round Deoxys-BC-384.

IK12[7*,* 8],

2) For each of 2^{32} values of $X_{11}[7,8]$ and $W_{11}[9,10]$, compute the values of the third column of Z_{12} under the related keys K_1, K_2 , denoted by z_1, z_2 . Then compute the corresponding z_3, z_4 under K_3, K_4 after XORing the λ_{N_1} differences $\Delta X_{11}[7, 8] = (a4, da), \Delta W_{11}[9, 10] = 0.$ Then store (z_1, z_3) and (z_2, z_4) in the sets L_1 and L_2 , respectively. For each of 2²³ values of $X_{11}[7,8]$ and $W_{11}[9,10]$, $S_1 = (F_1C_1, F_2, C_2) [P_1 - E_1C_2]$

related by the third column of Z_{12} under the $P_2 = (F_3C_2, P_1, C_1) [P_2 - E_2C_2]$

related by K_1, K_2 , denoted by z_1, z_2

3) For each (z_1, z_3) in L_1 and each (z_2, z_4) in L_2 , store the value of $IK_{13}[8, 9, 10, 11]$ and $IK_{12}[7, 8]$ in the table T_3 indexed by (z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) .

The second precomputed table T_4 of size 2^{112} is constructed similarly.

1) For each of 2^{48} values of $IK_{13}[12, 13, 14, 15]$ and IK12[6*,* 11] .

2) For each of 2^{32} values of $X_{11}[6, 11]$ and $W_{11}[12, 13]$, compute the values of the last column of Z_{12} under the related keys K_1, K_2 , denoted by z_1, z_2 . Then compute the corresponding z_3, z_4 under K_3, K_4 after $XORing$ the known differences $\Delta X_{11}[6, 11] = (83, \text{f2}),$ $\Delta W_{11}[12, 13] = (81, \text{cf})$. Then store (z_1, z_3) and (z_2, z_4) in the sets L_1 and L_2 , respectively.

3) For each (z_1, z_3) in L_1 and each (z_2, z_4) in L_2 , store the value of $IK_{13}[12, 13, 14, 15]$ and $IK_{12}[6, 11]$ in the table T_4 indexed by (z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) .

To prepare the table T_3 and T_4 , it needs memory complexity of 2^{113} and time complexity of 2^{113} memory access totally. For any (z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) , T_3 and T_4 both sug $gest 2^{-16}$ key candidates on average.

Data collection Construct y structures of cipher-*Z*12[0*,* 1*,* 2*,* 3*,* 8*,* 9*,* 10*,* 11*,* 12*,* 13*,* 14*,* 15] with the other 4 *S*, choose another ciphertext structure S' such that the difference of the 4-byte constants between S and S' is equal to (bc, 00, 82, 00). texts, each traversing all possible values on 12-byte bytes fixed to appropriate constants. For each structure

Then construct the following two sets of the size 2^{96}

$$
S_1 = \{ (P_1, C_1, P_2, C_2) | P_1 = E_{K_1}^{-1}(C_1),
$$

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$$
P_2 = P_1 \oplus \alpha, C_2 = E_{K_2}(P_2), C_1 \in S \}
$$

\n
$$
S_2 = \{ (P_3, C_3, P_4, C_4) | P_3 = E_{K_3}^{-1}(C_3),
$$

\n
$$
P_4 = P_3 \oplus \alpha, C_4 = E_{K_4}(P_3), C_3 \in S' \}
$$

Key recovery Guess 5-byte $IK_{13}[0, 1, 2, 3]$ and $IK_{12}[5]$, then carry out the following process.

1) Initialize a list of 2^{96} counters corresponding to 12byte $IK_{12}[6, 7, 8, 11]$ and $IK_{13}[8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15]$.

(*P*₁, C_1 , P_2 , C_2) $\in S_1$, partially decrypt (C_1, C_2) to obtain the values of $W_{11}[0, 2, 3]$ and $X_{11}[5]$, denoted by (w_1, x_1, w_2, x_2) . Store (P_1, C_1, P_2, C_2) into a hash table *H* indexed by 96-bit $(w_1, x_1, w_2, x_2, C_2[4, 5,$ 6*,* 7]) .

3) For each $(P_3, C_3, P_4, C_4) \in S_2$, partially decrypt (C_3, C_4) to obtain the corresponding (w_3, x_3, w_4, x_4) . Since $\Delta X_{11}[5] = a4, \ \Delta W_{11}[0, 2, 3] = (ae, 1e, 3d) \text{ and } \Delta Z_{12}[0, 2, 3]$ $=(bc, 00, 82, 00)$, we construct the quartets (C_1, C_2, C_3, C_4) by looking up *H* with the index $(w_3 \oplus (ae, 1e, 3d), x_3 \oplus a4,$ *w*⁴ *⊕* (ae*,* 1e*,* 3d)*, x*⁴ *⊕* a4*, C*4[4*,* 5*,* 6*,* 7] *⊕* (bc*,* 00*,* 82*,* 00)) . There are about $2^{96+96-96} = 2^{96}$ quartets obtained for each structure.

4) For all the $y2^{96}$ quartets, lookup the precomputed table T_3 to find the candidates of $IK_{13}[8, 9, 10, 11]$ and IK₁₂[7,8]. Since T_3 provides a filter of 2^{-16} , there are about $y2^{80}$ quartets remaining. Then lookup T_4 to find the candidates of $IK_{13}[12, 13, 14, 15]$ and $IK_{12}[6, 11]$. If a the corresponding counter by 1. Since T_3 provides a filter of 2^{-16} , there are about $y2^{64}$ suggestions. 96-bit key candidate involved is suggested, then increase

5) Select the higher 2^{96-h} counter values to be the ing $k - 136$ unknown key bits and verify them. candidate subkeys. Then exhaustively search the remain-

For the collected data, since the pairs (C_1, C_3) satisfy the difference $\Delta X_{11}[3, 4, 9, 14] = 0$ after partial decryption, the probability of $\Delta X_{11} = \delta$ is 2^{-96} . The probability of the 11-round boomerang distinguisher is $2^{-118.4}$, so there are $y2^{96 \times 2 - 96 - 118.4} = y2^{-22.4}$ expected right quartets. The expected value of the counter for the right key

is $y2^{-22.4}$, while it is $y2^{-32}$ for the wrong keys. The data and time complexities of data collection both are $4 \cdot y2^{96}$. ities both are 2^{113} . In key recovery phase, the time complexity in step 2) and step 3) both are $2^{40} \cdot 2 \cdot y2^{96}$ oneround decryptions and $2^{40} \cdot y2^{96}$ table lookups. The time complexity in step 4) is about $2^{40} \cdot y2^{96}$ table lookups. Thus, the overall time complexity is $4 \cdot y^{2^{96}} + 2^{113} +$ $2^{40} \cdot 7 \cdot y^{296}/13 + 2^{k-h}$. Take $y = 2^{22.4}$ for one right quar $h = 96$ for the success probability $P_s = 54.2\%$ $2^{157.5} + 2^{k-96}$ complexity is $2^{120.4}$ and the memory complexity is 2^{113} bounded by the precomputation. For $k = 256$, the time complexity is $2^{160.3}$, reducing by a factor of 2^{31} com-In precomputation phase, the time and memory complextet and $h = 96$ for the success probability $P_s = 54.2\%$. The overall time complexity is $2^{157.5} + 2^{k-96}$, the data pared with the previous attack in [20].

V. New Boomerang Distinguishers on 11-Round Deoxys-BC-384

ability $2^{-118.4}$. The tools of BDT and BDT' $[19]$ are used switch with the probabilities 2^{-13} and 2^{-14} , respectively. is $2^{-13} + 2^{-14} = 2^{-12.4}$. Whether there are the other only one differential path having the probability 2^{-41} for tials with the same probability $2^{-12.4}$, which both consist of two differential characteristics of probabilities 2^{-13} and 2^{-14} . Then deducing the appropriate lower differenwith the same probability $2^{-118.4}$. The distinguisher I is In [21], Zhao *et al.* gave the best known boomerang distinguisher on 11-round Deoxys-BC-384 with the probto compute the accurate probability in the middle tworound boomerang switch. They found two differential characteristics in the middle two-round boomerang Then the boomerang probability of the middle two-round boomerang differential characteristics with the same or higher probability? Based on the same truncated differential as [21], we search all the differentials of the tworound boomerang switch. As mentioned in [21], there are the upper part. Keeping the same differential trail for the upper part as $[21]$, we find two new boomerang differential trails from the obtained middle two-round boomerang differentials, we give two new related-tweakey boomerang distinguishers on 11-round Deoxys-BC-384

difference Δ STK₀ is equal to $(00, 85, 00, 00, 9a, 00, 00, 00, 00)$ 32*,* 00*,* e9*,* 50*,* 00*,* 00*,* 00*,* 00) in the first round of the two is the same as Δ STK₀, we omit the AK operation in the listed in Table A-1 in Appendix A, and its another differential in the middle two-round boomerang switch is presented in Table A-2. The distinguisher II is listed in Table A-3 and its another differential in the middle tworound boomerang switch is presented in Table A-4. The distinguishers. The initial difference of the distinguishers first round in the tables.

VI. Conclusions

with time/data/memory complexities of $2^{218.6}/2^{125.7}/$ 2 125*.*7 , and give another 11-round attack with the less For the key size $k = 256$, it reduces the time complexity by a factor of 2^{31} compared with the previous 13-round In this paper, utilizing the precomputation technique, we improve the related-tweakey boomerang attacks on round-reduced Deoxys-BC based on the existing boomerang distinguishers. We give a better relatedtweakey boomerang attack on 11-round Deoxys-BC-256 time and memory complexities when the adversary has access to the full codebook. We also improve the relatedtweakey boomerang attack on 13-round Deoxys-BC-384. boomerang attack. In addition, we present two new relatedtweakey boomerang distinguishers on 11-round Deoxys-BC-384 with the same probability as the best previous distinguisher. The precomputation technique used in this paper transfers a part of subtweakey guess in the keyrecovery phase to the precomputation phase, resulting in a significant reduction of the overall attack complexity. The precomputation technique could be applied to improve the key recovery attack on other block ciphers.

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Appendix A. New Boomerang Distinguishers on 11-Round Deoxys-BC-384

Table A-1 (Continued)

$\mathbf R$	ΔX			ΔY						ΔIK			pr				
$\,6$	9a	34	$00\,$	$00\,$	17		00	$00\,$	bd	8 _b	9 _b	$00\,$	aa		9 _b	$00\,$	2^{-7} ⁺
	$00\,$	$00\,$	85	$00\,$	$00\,$	$00\,$		$00\,$	$00\,$	46	c7	d6	$00\,$	46		d6	
	$00\,$	$00\,$	$00\,$	b9	$00\,$	$00\,$	$00\,$		b4	$00\,$	4d	ad	b4	$00\,$	4d		
	$00\,$	$00\,$	$00\,$	$00\,$	00	$00\,$	$00\,$	$00\,$	$\rm{f}2$	e3	$00\,$	e ₆	f2	e ₃	$00\,$	e ₆	
$\overline{7}$	2e		1 _b	$00\,$				$00\,$				b7				b7	1
	17		08	$00\,$				$00\,$				52				$52\,$	
	47		$00\,$	$00\,$			00	$00\,$			5 _b	$00\,$			5 _b	$00\,$	
	39		09	$00\,$				$00\,$				fb				fb	
		$00\,$			17	$00\,$			2a	$00\,$			3d	$00\,$			$\mathbf{1}$
			$00\,$			c8	$00\,$			66	$00\,$			ae	$00\,$		
6				$00\,$			80	$00\,$			55	$00\,$			d5	$00\,$	
	$00\,$				$00\,$			b5	$00\,$			ab	$00\,$			1e	
$\overline{7}$	58	$00\,$	$00\,$	$00\,$	09	$00\,$	$00\,$	$00\,$	09	$00\,$	$00\,$	$00\,$	$00\,$	$00\,$	$00\,$	$00\,$	2^{-6} ⁺
	$00\,$	$00\,$	$00\,$	$00\,$	$00\,$	$00\,$	$00\,$	$00\,$	$00\,$	$00\,$	$00\,$	$00\,$	$00\,$	$00\,$	$00\,$	$00\,$	
	$00\,$	$00\,$		$00\,$	$00\,$	$00\,$	06	$00\,$	$00\,$	$00\,$	06	$00\,$	$00\,$	$00\,$	$00\,$	$00\,$	
	$00\,$	$00\,$	$00\,$		00	00	00	03	$00\,$	$00\,$	$00\,$	03	$00\,$	$00\,$	$00\,$	$00\,$	

Table A-2 Another 2-round boomerang switch of distinguisher I (The probabilities marked with \dagger are counted once)

Table A-3 Distinguisher II of 11-round Deoxys-BC-384 (The probabilities marked with \dagger are only counted once)

Table A-3 (Continued)

6	9a	34	$00\,$	00	db		$00\,$	$00\,$	bd	8b	9 _b	00	66		9 _b	00	2^{-6} ⁺
	00	$00\,$	85	00	00	$00\,$		$00\,$	$00\,$	46	c7	d6	$00\,$	46		d6	
	00	$00\,$	$00\,$	b9	00	$00\,$	$00\,$		b ₄	00	4d	ad	b ₄	$00\,$	4d		
	00	$00\,$	$00\,$	00	$00\,$	$00\,$	$00\,$	$00\,$	f2	e3	00	e ₆	f2	e3	00	e ₆	
$\overline{7}$	ad		1 _b	00				$00\,$				b7				b7	$\mathbf{1}$
	db		08	00				$00\,$				52				52	
	8 _b		$00\,$	00			00	$00\,$			5 _b	00			5 _b	00	
	76		09	00				$00\,$				fb				fb	
		$00\,$			$00\,$	$00\,$			$_{\rm dc}$	00			d c	$00\,$			
			$00\,$			79	$00\,$			cb	$00\,$			b2	$00\,$		
$\,6\,$				00			13	$00\,$			23	$00\,$			30	00	$\mathbf{1}$
	$00\,$				$00\,$			35	$00\,$			c6	$00\,$			f3	
	ad	$00\,$	$00\,$	00	2c	$00\,$	$00\,$	$00\,$	2c	00	00	00	$00\,$	$00\,$	00	00	2^{-7} ⁺
$\overline{7}$	00	$00\,$	$00\,$	00	00	$00\,$	$00\,$	$00\,$	$00\,$	00	00	00	00	00	$00\,$	$00\,$	
	0 ₀	$00\,$		00	00	$00\,$	a7	$00\,$	$00\,$	$00\,$	a7	00	00	0 ₀	$00\,$	$00\,$	
	00	$00\,$	$00\,$		00	$00\,$	$00\,$	$\mathrm{d}\mathrm{e}$	00	00	$00\,$	$_{\rm de}$	$00\,$	$00\,$	00	00	
	$00\,$	$00\,$	$00\,$	$00\,$	00	$00\,$	$00\,$	$00\,$	$00\,$	00	00	00	00	00	$00\,$	$00\,$	$\,1$
	00	$00\,$	$00\,$	00	00	$00\,$	$00\,$	$00\,$	$00\,$	$00\,$	$00\,$	00	$00\,$	$00\,$	$00\,$	$00\,$	
8	00	$00\,$	$00\,$	$00\,$	00	$00\,$	$00\,$	$00\,$	$00\,$	00	$00\,$	00	$00\,$	$00\,$	00	$00\,$	
	00	$00\,$	$00\,$	$00\,$	00	$00\,$	00	$00\,$	$00\,$	00	00	00	00	00	$00\,$	00	
	00	$00\,$	$00\,$	00	00	$00\,$	$00\,$	$00\,$	$00\,$	00	$00\,$	00	00	$00\,$	$00\,$	00	$\mathbf{1}$
	00	$00\,$	$00\,$	00	00	$00\,$	$00\,$	$00\,$	$00\,$	00	$00\,$	00	$00\,$	$00\,$	00	$00\,$	
9	00	$00\,$	$00\,$	00	00	$00\,$	$00\,$	$00\,$	$00\,$	00	00	00	00	$00\,$	$00\,$	$00\,$	
	00	$00\,$	$00\,$	00	00	$00\,$	$00\,$	$00\,$	00	$00\,$	$00\,$	00	00	$00\,$	00	00	
10	00	$00\,$	$00\,$	$00\,$	$00\,$	$00\,$	$00\,$	$00\,$	$00\,$	ae	70	00	$00\,$	ae	70	$00\,$	$\mathbf{1}$
	00	$00\,$	$00\,$	$00\,$	00	$00\,$	$00\,$	$00\,$	$00\,$	00	f9	d5	00	$00\,$	f9	d5	
	00	$00\,$	$00\,$	$00\,$	00	$00\,$	$00\,$	$00\,$	32	$00\,$	00	32	32	$00\,$	00	32	
	00	$00\,$	$00\,$	00	00	$00\,$	$00\,$	$00\,$	11	b ₆	$00\,$	00	11	b ₆	00	00	
11	00	74	$00\,$	00	00	f1	$00\,$	$00\,$	$00\,$	00	$_{\rm cf}$	00	00	f1	$_{\rm cf}$	00	
	00	$00\,$	21	$00\,$	00	$00\,$	9e	$00\,$	$00\,$	00	00	bb	00	$00\,$	9e	bb	2^{-12}
	00	$00\,$	$00\,$	00	00	$00\,$	$00\,$	$00\,$	8 _c	00	00	00	8c	$00\,$	00	$00\,$	
	00	$00\,$	$00\,$	00	00	00	$00\,$	$00\,$	00	2d	00	00	00	2d	00	00	

Table A-4 Another 2-round boomerang switch of distinguisher II (The probabilities marked with \dagger are counted once)

Table A-4 (Continued)

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