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

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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 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 $2^{215.6}$, it reduces the time complexity by a factor of 2^{31} compared with the previous 13-round boomerang 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 related-tweakey 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.
	9	MITM	$2^{113.6}$	2^{108}	2^{102}	k > 113	[25]
	10	Impossible differential	$2^{173.1}$	2^{135}	2^{64}	k > 173	[24]
	10	RK boomerang	2^{170}	298	298	k > 170	[17]
	10	RK boomerang	$2^{109.1}$	298.4	2^{88}	k = 128	[20]
256	11	RK rectangle	$2^{249.9}$	$2^{122.1}$	$2^{128.2}$	k > 252	[20]
	11	RK rectangle	$2^{222.49}$	$2^{126.78}$	2^{128}	k > 222	[22]
	11	RK boomerang	$2^{222.5*}$	$2^{126.2*}$	2^{128}	k > 222	[22]
	11	RK boomerang	$2^{218.6}$	$2^{125.7}$	$2^{125.7}$	k > 218	Sect. III.2
	11	RK boomerang	$2^{215.8}$	2^{130}	2^{120}	k > 215	Sect. III.3
	11	MITM	2^{251}	2^{113}	2^{226}	k > 256	[26]
	12	RK boomerang	2^{148}	2^{100}	2^{100}	k = 256	[17]
	12	RK boomerang	298	298	264	k = 128	[20]
204	13	RK rectangle	2^{270}	2^{127}	2^{144}	k > 270	[16]
384	13	RK rectangle	$2^{186.7}$	$2^{125.2}$	2^{136}	k = 256	[21]
-	13	RK boomerang	$2^{191.3}$	2^{125}	2^{136}	k = 256	[20]
	13	RK boomerang	$2^{157.5} + 2^{k-96}$	$2^{120.4}$	2^{113}	k > 157	Sect. IV
	14	RK rectangle	2 ²⁶⁰	$2^{125.2}$	2^{140}	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

Deoxys-BC is an AES-based tweakable block cipher. According to the TWEAKEY framework [4], the tweakey $KT = K \parallel T$ is used to provide a unified view of the key K and the tweak T for Deoxys-BC. Deoxys-BC-n has 128bit block and *n*-bit tweakey, n = 256, 384. The key size and tweak size can vary as long as the key size $k \ge 128$. The number round *r* is 14 for Deoxys-BC-256 and 16 for Deoxys-BC-384. The state of Deoxys-BC is viewed as a 4×4 matrix of bytes where the index is as

1	0	4	8	12	
	1	5	9	13	
	2	6	10	14	
ĺ	3	7	11	15	

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-

tions, i = 0, 1, 2, 3.

• MixColumns (MC): Multiply the internal state by the 4×4 MDS matrix over the finite field GF(2⁸).

After the last round, an additional AK operation is performed to produce the ciphertext. The subtweakeys are generated from the tweakey KT by a special key 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 = $SR^{-1} \circ MC^{-1}(STK_i)$;

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

 Y_i : the state after SB operation in the *i*-th round;

 Z_i : the state after adding the equivalent subtweakey 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:

$$X_i \xrightarrow{\mathrm{SB}} Y_i \xrightarrow{AK} Z_i \xrightarrow{\mathrm{SR}} W_i \xrightarrow{\mathrm{MC}} X_{i+1}$$

2. Boomerang attacks

Boomerang attack proposed by Wagner [6] is an extension of differential attack in the adaptive chosen plaintext and ciphertext setting. The adversary decompose 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 $\gamma \to \delta$ with probability q for E_1 . Then the two differentials can be combined into a boomerang distinguisher on E. The probability of the boomerang distinguisher can be estimated by

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

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

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

The related-key boomerang attack was proposed by Biham *et al.* [9], as Figure 1. Assume one has a relatedkey differential $\alpha \to \beta$ over E_0 under a key difference ΔK with a probability p and another related-key differential $\gamma \to \delta$ 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 keys, where $K_2 = K_1 \oplus \Delta K, K_3 = K_1 \oplus \nabla K, K_4 = K_1 \oplus$ $\Delta K \oplus \nabla K$. The related-key boomerang distinguisher is used 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 $C_4 = C_2 \oplus \delta$, 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).

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

Success probability The success probability of boomerang attack with an h-bit advantage is evaluated 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

In [20], Zhao *et al.* gave a 9-round boomerang distinguisher on Deoxys-BC-256 with the probability $2^{-120.4}$, where $\alpha = (00 \text{ b0 } 00 00 00 \text{ c0 } 00 00 7b 00 \text{ af } 0000 00 00 \text{ c2})$, $\delta = (00 00 00 00 \text{ f2 } 0d \text{ ff } 28 \text{ f7 } 8a 05 00 0084 00)$. They attacked 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, with the time complexity of $2^{218.6}$. The details of the differential 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 cryptanalysis, for simplicity, we denote $SR^{-1} \circ MC^{-1}(C)$ by the



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

ciphertext C in the last round.

1. Precomputation

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

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

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 known 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 IK₁₁[8,9,10,11] and IK₁₀[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 $IK_{10}[4, 9, 14]$,

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 $\Delta X_9[4, 9, 14] = (f_2, 7b, 84)$, $\Delta W_9[7] = 0$. 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 corresponding ciphertexts under the four related keys K_1, K_2, K_3 and K_4 , and construct the following two sets of size 2^t .

$$\begin{split} S_1 &= \{ (P_1, C_1, P_2, C_2) \mid (P_1, P_2) \in S, \\ C_1 &= E_{K_1}(P_1), C_2 = E_{K_2}(P_2) \} \\ S_2 &= \{ (P_3, C_3, P_4, C_4) \mid (P_3, P_4) \in S, \\ C_3 &= E_{K_3}(P_3), C_4 = E_{K_4}(P_4) \} \end{split}$$

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 IK₁₁[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 $\Delta X_9[5, 6, 10, 11] = (0d, \text{ff}, 8a, 05)$, we construct the quartets (C_1, C_2, C_3, C_4) by looking up the hash table H with the index $(w_3, x_3 \oplus (0d, \text{ff}, 8a, 05), w_4, x_4 \oplus (0d, \text{ff}, 8a, 05))$. 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 IK₁₁[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 104-bit key candidate involved is suggested, then increase the corresponding counter by 1. Since T_2 provides a filter of 2^{-8} , there are about 2^{2t-152} suggestions.

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

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 as random after decrypting ciphertext quartets. Then the 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 $2^{2t-247.4}$ expected right quartets. The expected value of the counter is $2^{2t-247.4}$ 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 precomputation. In key recovery phase, for each guess of 12 bytes, 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. Regarding one table lookup as one-round encryption [30], the 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 = 123.7for the expected $s = 2^{2t-247.4} = 1$ right quartet, and take h = 40 for the success probability $P_{\rm s} = 68.8\%$. The overall time complexity is $2^{218.6}$, the data and memory complexities both are $2^{125.7}$.

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

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 structures in the internal state W_9 such that $\Delta W_9[0,3,$ 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 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 IK₁₁[0, 1, 2, 3, 12, 13, 14, 15]. For each element in each structure, compute the first and last columns of the ciphertexts C_1, C_3 under the keys K_1, K_3 . Traverse all the 2⁶⁴ 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 2⁹⁶ for each structure.

$$S_{1} = \{ (P_{1}, C_{1}, P_{2}, C_{2}) \mid P_{1} = E_{K_{1}}^{-1}(C_{1}), P_{2} = P_{1} \oplus \alpha, C_{2} = E_{K_{2}}(P_{2}) \}$$
$$S_{2} = \{ (P_{3}, C_{3}, P_{4}, C_{4}) \mid P_{3} = E_{K_{3}}^{-1}(C_{3}), P_{4} = P_{3} \oplus \alpha, C_{4} = E_{K_{4}}(P_{3}) \}$$

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 $X_9[5, 6, 10, 11]$, 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 $(x_3 \oplus (0d, \text{ff}, 8a, 05))$, $w_4, x_4 \oplus (0d, \text{ff}, 8a, 05)$). 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 9-round boomerang distinguisher is $2^{-120.4}$, there are $y2^{96\times 2-96-120.4} = y2^{-24.4}$ expected right quartets. The 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 $2^{96} \cdot 2 \cdot y 2^{96}$ 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. Therethe overall time complexity is fore. about $4 \cdot y 2^{96} + 7 \cdot 2^{96} y 2^{96} / 11 + 2^{k-h}$. 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 $2^{215.8}$ encryptions. Due to the full codebook under four relatedtweakeys, the data complexity is $4 \times 2^{128} = 2^{130}$. The memory complexity in the precomputation phase is $2^{112} + 2^{120}$, and in the key recovery phase, the memory complexity is 3×2^{96} . So, the overall memory complexity is about 2^{120} .

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

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 probability $2^{-118.4}$, where $\alpha = (00\ 00\ 00\ 00\ 00\ 00\ 85\ 00\ 00\ 9a\ 00\ 0050\ 32\ 00\ e9)$ and $\delta = (00\ 00\ 00\ 00\ 00\ 00\ a4\ 83\ a4\ da\ 00\ 00\ f200\ 00\ 00\ 00)$. The details of the differentials of the boomerang distinguisher refer to [21]. Denote $\mathrm{SR}^{-1} \circ$ $\mathrm{MC}^{-1}(C)$ by the ciphertext C in the last round for simplicity.

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

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.

 $IK_{12}[7, 8],$

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 known 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.

3) For each (z_1, z_3) in L_1 and each (z_2, z_4) in L_2 , store the value of IK₁₃[8,9,10,11] and IK₁₂[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 $IK_{12}[6, 11]$.

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 $\Delta X_{11}[6,11] = (83, f2)$, $\Delta W_{11}[12,13] = (81, cf)$. 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 IK₁₃[12, 13, 14, 15] and IK₁₂[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 suggest 2^{-16} key candidates on average.

Data collection Construct y structures of ciphertexts, each traversing all possible values on 12-byte $Z_{12}[0, 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15]$ with the other 4 bytes fixed to appropriate constants. For each structure 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).

Then construct the following two sets of the size 2^{96} for each structure.

$$S_{1} = \{ (P_{1}, C_{1}, P_{2}, C_{2}) \mid P_{1} = E_{K_{1}}^{-1}(C_{1}), P_{2} = P_{1} \oplus \alpha, C_{2} = E_{K_{2}}(P_{2}), C_{1} \in S \} S_{2} = \{ (P_{3}, C_{3}, P_{4}, C_{4}) \mid P_{3} = E_{K_{3}}^{-1}(C_{3}), P_{4} = P_{3} \oplus \alpha, C_{4} = E_{K_{4}}(P_{3}), C_{3} \in S' \}$$

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 IK₁₂[6, 7, 8, 11] and IK₁₃[8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15].

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 $W_{11}[0, 2, 3]$ 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 $\Delta X_{11}[5] = a4$, $\Delta W_{11}[0, 2, 3] = (ae, 1e, 3d)$ 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 $(w_3 \oplus (ae, 1e, 3d), x_3 \oplus a4, w_4 \oplus (ae, 1e, 3d), x_4 \oplus a4, C_4[4, 5, 6, 7] \oplus (bc, 00, 82, 00))$. 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 IK₁₃[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 IK₁₃[12, 13, 14, 15] and IK₁₂[6, 11]. If a 96-bit key candidate involved is suggested, then increase the corresponding counter by 1. Since T_3 provides a filter of 2^{-16} , there are about $y2^{64}$ suggestions.

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

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 $4 \cdot y2^{96}$. In precomputation phase, the time and memory complexities 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 $4 \cdot y2^{96} + 2^{113} + 2^{40} \cdot 7 \cdot y2^{96}/13 + 2^{k-h}$. Take $y = 2^{22.4}$ for one right quartet and h = 96 for the success probability $P_s = 54.2\%$. The overall time complexity is $2^{157.5} + 2^{k-96}$, the data 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} compared with the previous attack in [20].

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

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

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 difference Δ STK₀ is equal to (00, 85, 00, 00, 9a, 00, 00, 00, 32, 00, e9, 50, 00, 00, 00, 00) in the first round of the two distinguishers. The initial difference of the distinguishers is the same as Δ STK₀, we omit the AK operation in the first round in the tables.

VI. Conclusions

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 with time/data/memory complexities of $2^{218.6}/2^{125.7}/$ $2^{125.7}$, and give another 11-round attack with the less 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. For the key size k = 256, it reduces the time complexity by a factor of 2^{31} compared with the previous 13-round 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 Distinguisher I of 11-round Deoxys-BC-384	(The probabilities marked with † are only counted of	once)
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					ΔTK	$X_0^1:00\ 0$	0 00 00	00 00 8	ь 00 00	c4 00 00) a6 7a (00 c5					
					ΔTK	$a_0^2:00\ 0$	0 00 00	00 00 a	d 00 00 b	c4 00 00) d8 73 (00 21					
					ΔTK	$x_0^3:00\ 0$	0 00 00	00 00 a	3 00 00	9a 00 00) 2e 3b (00 0d					
					$\nabla T \mathbf{k}$	$X_0^1:00\ 0$	00 00 00	00 00 0	0 f6 00	00 0e 00	00 00 0	00 00					
					$\nabla T F$	$X_0^2:00\ 0$	00 00 00	00 00 0	0 ef 00 (00 cd 00	00 00 0	00 00					
					∇TK	$x_0^3:00\ 0$	0 00 00	00 00 00	0 34 00	00 24 00	00 00 00 0	00 00					
R		Δ	X			Δ	Y			Δ	IK			Δ	Ζ		\mathbf{pr}
	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																
1	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	

Table A-1 (Continued)

	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	e0	00	26	38	e0	00	26	38	
	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	d1	ad	00	9f	d1	ad	00	9f	1
2	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	f7	c1	ed	00	f7	c1	ed	00	
	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	01	d9	8d	00	01	d9	8d	
	57	00	00	00	6b	00	00	00	49	be	00	00	22	be	00	00	
	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	e0	e1	00	00	e0	e1	00	
3	00	00	4f	00	00	00	2a	00	00	00	69	4f	00	00	43	4f	2^{-28}
	7a	00	00	f1	a6	00	00	15	7a	00	00	29	b6	00	00	3c	
	00	a6	00	00	00	2b	00	00	00	2b	00	00	00	00	00	00	
	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	- 12
4	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	2^{-13}
	bd	00	00	00	19	00	00	00	19	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	
	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	cd	03	d0	d4	cd	03	d0	d4	
-	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	bf	26	8f	77	bf	26	8f	77	1
5	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	c1	04	78	5f	c1	04	78	5f	1
	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	e7	e3	06	09	e7	e3	06	09	
	9a	34	00	00	8e		00	00	bd	8b	9b	00	33		9b	00	
	00	00	85	00	00	00		00	00	46	c7	d6	00	46		d6	0-71
6	00	00	00	b9	00	00	00		b4	00	4d	ad	b4	00	4d		2-11
	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	f2	e3	00	e6	f2	e3	00	e6	
	07		1b	00				00				b7				b7	
_	8e		08	00				00				52				52	
7	8e		00	00			00	00			5b	00			5b	00	1
	89		09	00				00				fb				fb	
		00			00	00			2a	00			2a	00			
			00			59	00			66	00			3f	00		
6				00			76	00			55	00			23	00	1
	00				00			9a	00			ab	00			31	
	07	00	00	00	09	00	00	00	09	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	
-	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	0-71
· ·	00	00		00	00	00	06	00	00	00	06	00	00	00	00	00	2 1
	00	00	00		00	00	00	03	00	00	00	03	00	00	00	00	
	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	
0	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	1
8	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	
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	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	1
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	
	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	82	81	00	00	82	81	00	
10	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	c3	ca	00	00	c3	ca	
10	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	af	00	00	af	af	00	00	af	1
	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	f5	f3	00	00	f5	f3	00	00	1
	00	1b	00	00	00	сс	00	00	00	00	b1	00	00	сс	b1	00	
	00	00	17	00	00	00	93	00	00	00	00	34	00	00	93	34	1
11	00	00							07			0.0				1	2^{-12}
	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	27	00	00	00	27	00	00	00	_
	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	27 00	00 b0	00	00	27 00	00 b0	00	00	

R		Δ	X			Δ	Y			Δ	IK		ΔZ aa 9b 00				pr
	9a	34	00	00	17		00	00	bd	8b	9b	00	aa		9b	00	
C	00	00	85	00	00	00		00	00	46	c7	d6	00	46		d6	0-7+
0	00	00	00	b9	00	00	00		b4	00	4d	ad	b4	00	4d		2 7
	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	f2	e3	00	e6	f2	e3	00	e6	
	2e		1b	00				00				b7				b7	
7	17		08	00				00				52				52	1
(47		00	00			00	00			5b	00			5b	00	
	39		09	00				00				fb				fb	
		00			17	00			2a	00			3d	00			
C			00			c8	00			66	00			ae	00		1
0				00			80	00			55	00			d5	00	
	00				00			b5	00			ab	00			1e	•
	58	00	00	00	09	00	00	00	09	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	
7	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	2-6+
(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 † are counted once)

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

					$\Delta T K$	$X_0^1:00\ 0$	0 00 00	00 00 8	ь 00 00	c4 00 0	0 a6 7a	00 c5					
					ΔTK	$x_0^2:00\ 0$	0 00 00	00 00 a	d 00 00	c4 00 00) d8 73	00 21					
					ΔTK	$x_0^3:00\ 0$	0 00 00	00 00 a	3 00 00	9a 00 00) 2e 3b (00 0d					
					∇TF	$\frac{1}{X_0^1}:000$	0 00 00	00 00 0	0 f6 00	00 0e 00	00 00 0	00 00					
					∇T	$\frac{0}{(2^2 \cdot 00)}$			0 of 00 1	00 cd 00		0.00					
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1	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	
	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	
	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	e0	00	26	38	e0	00	26	38	
2	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	d1	ad	00	9f	d1	ad	00	9f	1
	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	f7	c1	ed	00	f7	c1	ed	00	
	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	01	d9	8d	00	01	d9	8d	
	57	00	00	00	6b	00	00	00	49	be	00	00	22	be	00	00	
	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	e0	e1	00	00	e0	e1	00	
3	00	00	4f	00	00	00	2a	00	00	00	69	4f	00	00	43	4f	2-28
	7a	00	00	f1	a6	00	00	15	7a	00	00	29	b6	00	00	3c	
	00	a6	00	00	00	2b	00	00	00	2b	00	00	00	00	00	00	
	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	- 19
4	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	2^{-13}
	bd	00	00	00	19	00	00	00	19	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	1
	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	cd	03	d0	d4	cd	03	d0	d4	
-	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	bf	26	8f	77	bf	26	8f	77	- 1
Э	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	c1	04	78	5f	c1	04	78	5f	
	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	e7	e3	06	09	e7	e3	06	09	1

Table A-3 (Continued)

	9a	34	00	00	db		00	00	bd	8b	9b	00	66		9b	00	
6	00	00	85	00	00	00		00	00	46	c7	d6	00	46		d6	0-61
6	00	00	00	b9	00	00	00		b4	00	4d	ad	b4	00	4d		2 7
	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	f2	e3	00	e6	f2	e3	00	e6	
	ad		1b	00				00				b7				b7	
7	db		08	00				00				52				52	1
(8b		00	00			00	00			5b	00			5b	00	
	76		09	00				00				fb				fb	
		00			00	00			dc	00			dc	00			
6			00			79	00			$^{\rm cb}$	00			b2	00		1
0				00			13	00			23	00			30	00	1 I
	00				00			35	00			c6	00			f3	
	ad	00	00	00	2c	00	00	00	2c	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	
7	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	2-7+
'	00	00		00	00	00	a7	00	00	00	a7	00	00	00	00	00	2 1
	00	00	00		00	00	00	de	00	00	00	de	00	00	00	00	
	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	
Q	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	1
0	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	
	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	
0	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	1
9	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	
	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	ae	70	00	00	ae	70	00	_
10	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	f9	d5	00	00	f9	d5	1
10	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	32	00	00	32	32	00	00	32	1
	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	11	b6	00	00	11	b6	00	00	
	00	74	00	00	00	f1	00	00	00	00	cf	00	00	f1	cf	00	
11	00	00	21	00	00	00	9e	00	00	00	00	bb	00	00	9e	bb	2^{-12}
11	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	8c	00	00	00	8c	00	00	00	2
	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 † are counted once)

R										Δ	IK				pr		
	9a	34	00	00	a7		00	00	bd	8b	9b	00	1a		9b	00	
C	00	00	85	00	00	00		00	00	46	c7	d6	00	46		d6	0-7+
0	00	00	00	b9	00	00	00		b4	00	4d	ad	b4	00	4d		2 7
	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	f2	e3	00	e6	f2	e3	00	e6	
	55		1b	00				00				b7				b7	
-	a7		08	00				00				52				52	-
1	f7		00	00			00	00			5b	00			5b	00	
	f2		09	00				00				fb				fb	•
		00			a7	00			dc	00			7b	00			
C			00			00	00			cb	00			cb	00		1
6				00			a7	00			23	00			84	00	
	00				00			a7	00			c6	00			61	

Table A-4 (Continued)

R	ΔX ΔY								Δ	IK				\mathbf{pr}			
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