

- In 2008: [Aumasson et al.](#) reported different attacks on Salsa and ChaCha Cipher with complexity:
  - a  $2^{251}$  on Salsa20/8,
  - a  $2^{248}$  on ChaCha7,
  - a  $2^{151}$  on Salsa20/7, and
  - a  $2^{139}$  on ChaCha6.

In this the authors introduced the concept of Probabilistic Neutral Bits (PNBs). Using this idea authors divided the key bits into two types *significant key bits* and *non-significant key bits* based on the amount of influence which each bit of the key has on the output function.

- In 2012: [Shi et al.](#) reported an attack on Salsa and ChaCha by improving the time complexity
  - by  $2^2$  on Salsa20/8 reducing the time complexity to  $2^{250}$
  - by  $2^{1.5}$  ChaCha7 reducing the time complexity to  $2^{246.5}$ ,
  - by  $2^3$  Salsa20/7 (time complexity is  $2^{148}$ )
  - by  $2^3$  on ChaCha6 (time complexity is  $2^{136}$ ).

The authors introduced the concept of Column Chaining Distinguisher.

- In 2015: [Maitra et al.](#) reported an improvement of
  - $2^{2.8}$  on Salsa20/8 reducing the time complexity to  $2^{247.2}$ .
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- In 2015: [Maitra](#) further improved the time complexity
  - on Salsa20/8 by  $2^{1.7}$  reducing the time complexity to  $2^{245.5}$  and
  - on ChaCha7 by  $2^{7.5}$  reducing the time complexity to  $2^{239}$ .

In this the author introduced the idea of choosing proper Initialization vector (IV) corresponding to the keys.

- In 2016: [Choudhuri et al.](#) improved the time complexity
  - to  $2^{244}$  on Salsa20/8,
  - to  $2^{233}$  on ChaCha7,
  - to  $2^{137}$  on Salsa20/7,
  - to  $2^{127.5}$  on ChaCha6, and
  - to  $2^{32}$  on Salsa20/6.

The authors provided the extension of suitable single-bit differentials with linear approximations, which is essentially a differential-linear attack.

- In 2017: [Dey et al.](#) reduced the complexity to
  - $2^{243.67}$  on Salsa20/8, and
  - $2^{235.22}$  on ChaCha7.

In this author provided the improved algorithm to find probabilistic neutral bits.

- In 2019: [Dey et al.](#) reduced the complexity to
  - $2^{243.23}$  on Salsa20/8, and
  - $2^{234.78}$  on ChaCha7.
- In 2020: [Coutinho et al.](#) reduced the complexity to
  - to  $2^{102}$  on ChaCha6,
  - to  $2^{231.9}$  on ChaCha7.

The authors provided the new linear approximation for the ChaCha cipher.

- In 2020: [Beierle et al.](#) improved the time complexity
  - to  $2^{77.4}$  on ChaCha6, and
  - to  $2^{230.86}$  on ChaCha7.

In this they discovered a single bit distinguisher in the 3.5 round of ChaCha.

- In 2021: [Coutinho et al.](#) improved the time complexity
  - on ChaCha6 by  $2^{26.4}$  reducing the time complexity to  $2^{51}$ .
  - on ChaCha7 by  $2^{6.86}$  reducing the time complexity to  $2^{224}$ .
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- In 2021: [Dey et al.](#) re-analyzed the attack by Coutinho et al. and concluded that the time complexity is  $2^{232.83}$  for ChaCha7.
- In 2022: [Dey et al.](#) reported
  - a  $2^{81.58}$ -time complexity attack on ChaCha6 with a 128-bit key,
  - a  $2^{123.04}$ -time complexity attack on 6.5 rounds with a 128-bit key, and
  - a  $2^{221.95}$ -time complexity attack on ChaCha7.

In this author portioned the key bits into memory and non-memory key bits.

- In 2022: [Coutinho et al.](#) reported
  - a  $2^{214}$  distinguishing attack on ChaCha7,
  - a  $2^{215.62}$  key recovery attack on Salsa20/8, and
  - a  $2^{217.62}$  distinguishing attack on Salsa20/8.
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- In 2023: [Dey et al.](#) reported
  - a  $2^{99.48}$ -time complexity attack on ChaCha6,

The authors claimed that the previous attacks on 6 rounds from 2008, 2012, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2020, 2020 used  $2^{147}$ ,  $2^{139}$ ,  $2^{159}$ ,  $2^{161}$ ,  $2^{166}$ ,  $2^{210}$ ,  $2^{212}$  operations (to search for probabilistic neutral bits) rather than the reported  $2^{139}$ ,  $2^{136}$ ,  $2^{131.40}$ ,  $2^{129.53}$ ,  $2^{127.5}$ ,  $2^{102.2}$ ,  $2^{104.68}$  operations.