

# Research in Security and Privacy

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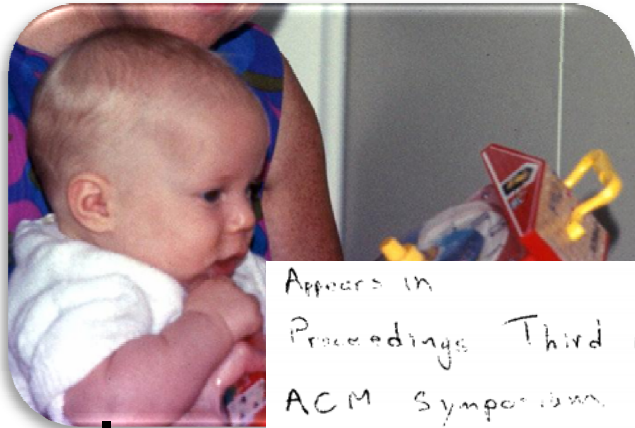
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# My Life Story!



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Appears in  
Proceedings Third Annual  
ACM Symposium  
The Complexity of Theorem-Proving Procedures  
Theory of Computing  
May, 1971

The Complexity of Theorem-Proving Procedures

Stephen A. Cook

University of Toronto

Summary

It is shown that any recognition problem solved by a polynomial time-bounded nondeterministic Turing machine can be "reduced" to the problem of determining whether a given propositional formula is satisfiable. Here "reduced" means that the problem is solved in polynomial time using only a polynomial amount of available resources. From this result it follows that any polynomially defined, problem has the property that if the problem is first-order definable in a morphic structure, then it is also first-order definable in a morphic structure. Other examples are given. The method of proof is based on the calculus of relations.

certain recursive set of strings on this alphabet, and we are interested in the problem of finding a good lower bound on its possible recognition times. We provide no such lower bound here, but theorem 1 will give evidence that it is difficult to find a good lower bound. The problem is solved in polynomial time using only a polynomial amount of available resources. From this result it follows that any polynomially defined, problem has the property that if the problem is first-order definable in a morphic structure, then it is also first-order definable in a morphic structure. Other examples are given. The method of proof is based on the calculus of relations.

May 3, 1971  
(Shaker Heights)



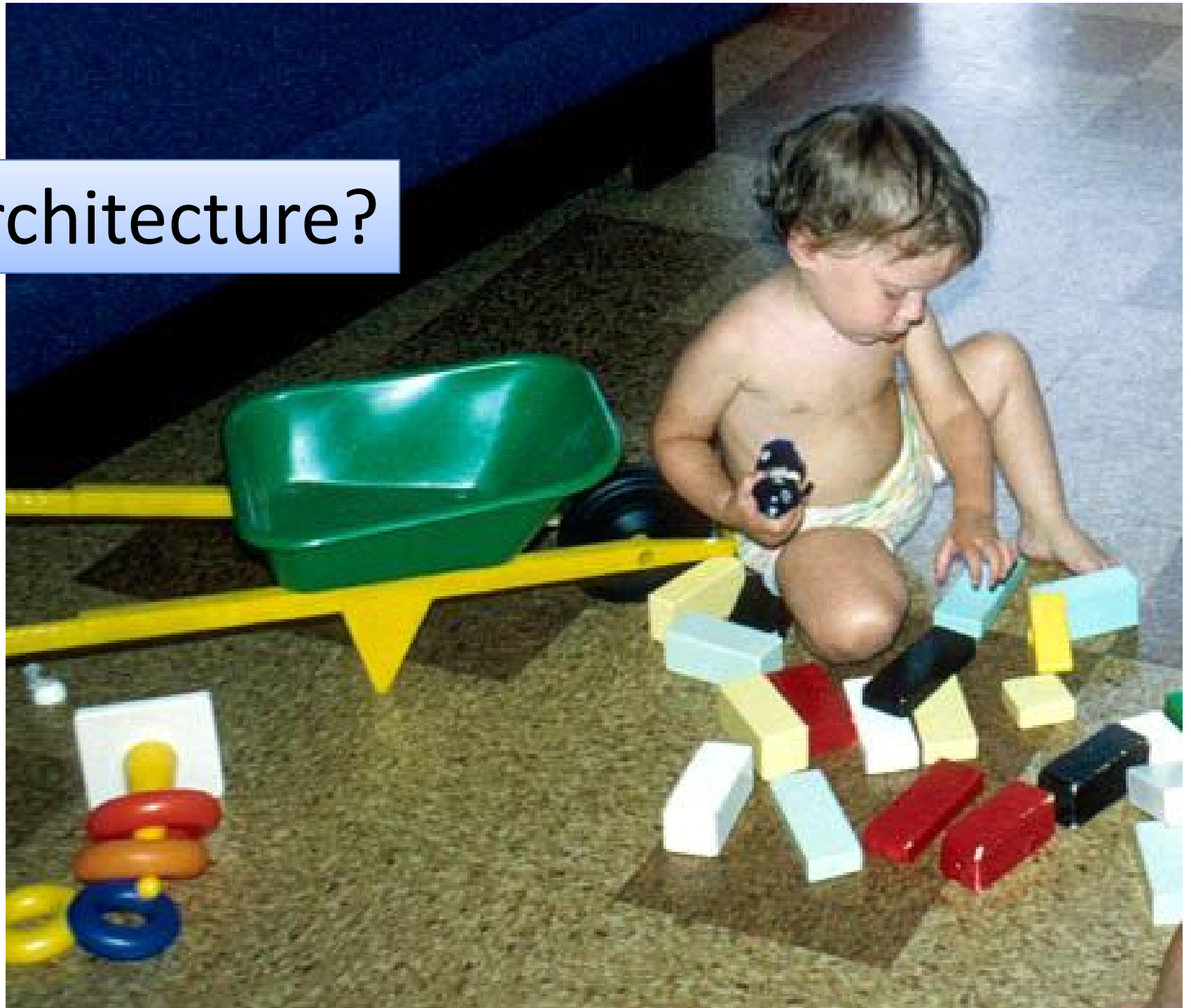
# Finding a Research Area





**Semiconductor Design?**

Architecture?



A photograph of a young child with light brown hair and blue eyes, wearing a white sweater with a colorful train pattern. The child is peeking out from under a large, blue, textured sofa. The scene is dimly lit, with the child's face and sweater being the primary light source. A white text box with a blue border is overlaid on the right side of the image.

Softwear Engineering?



Programming Languages?

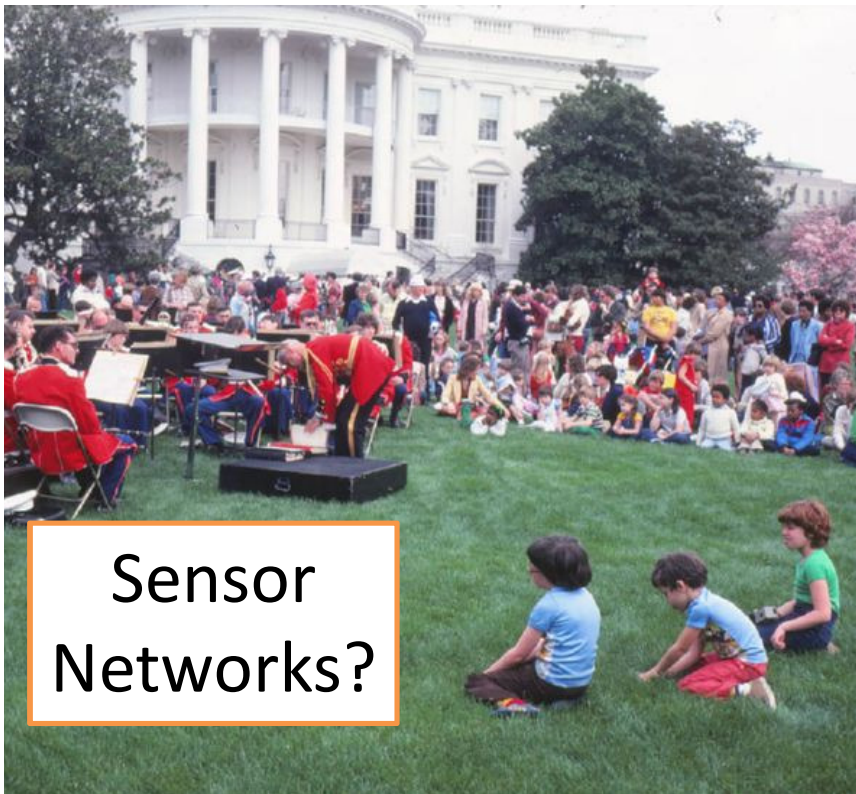




Networking?



Temperature-Aware Computing?



Sensor  
Networks?



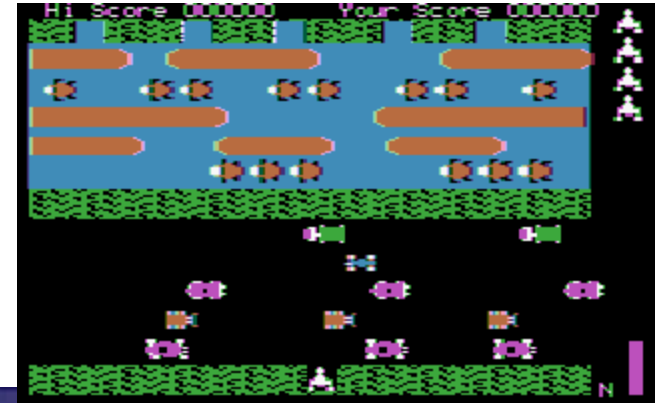
Information Retrieval?

MAY 5 1978

**Simplicity  
is the  
ultimate  
sophistication.**



**Introducing  
Apple II,  
the personal  
computer.**



Eureka! Graphics!



1978

1989

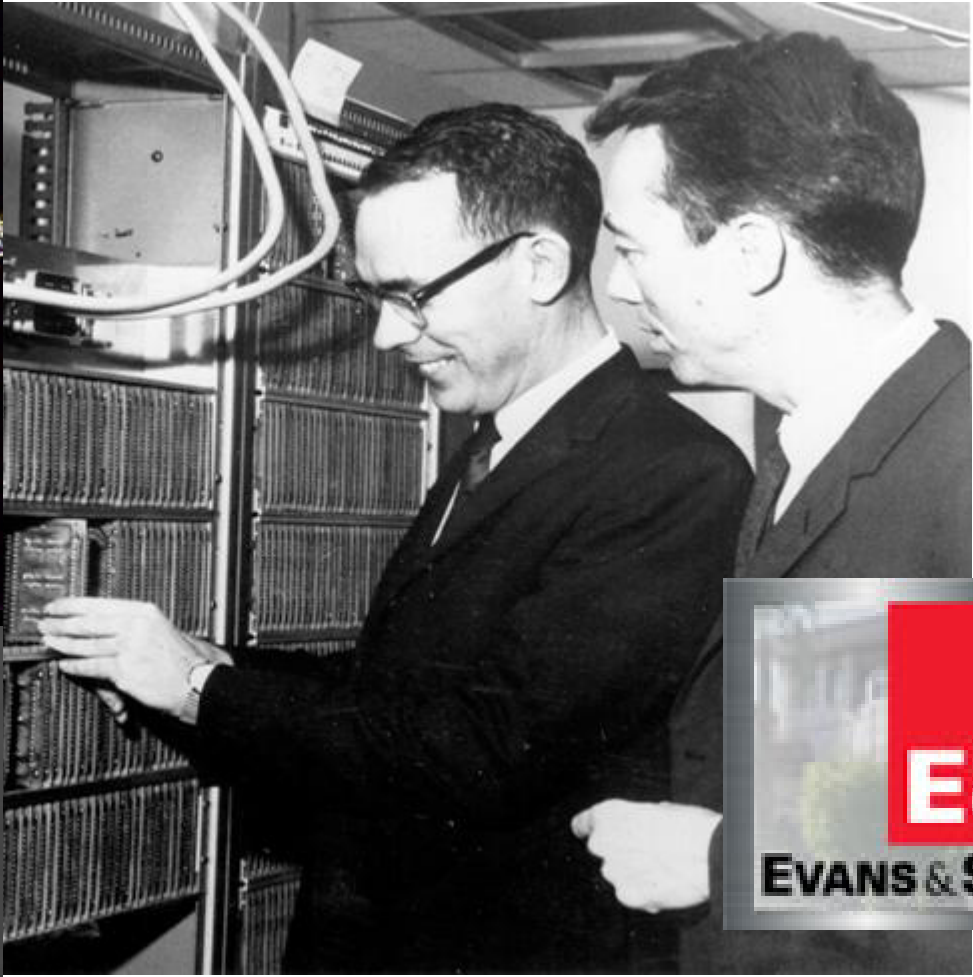
1990



Marc Raibert

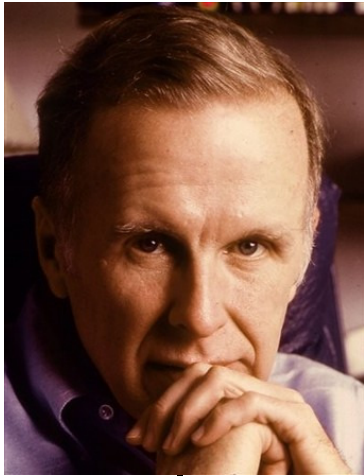


David (H.) Evans  
(aka, "The Edge")



**David (C.) Evans (and Ivan Sutherland)**  
Computer Graphics Pioneer

John Backus  
(IBM Almaden)



John Guttag (MIT)



Idea for PhD topic

Finished PhD

Joined Uva

Someone noticed I hadn't  
passed quals yet

1991

1994

1999

2000

Programming Languages

Software Engineering

[splint.org](http://splint.org)

Security





2000

2011

Programming Languages

Software Engineering

Networking, Sensor Networks

Applied Cryptography

Operating Systems

**Security**

# Computer Security



Study of computing  
systems in the presence  
of *adversaries*

about what happens when  
people don't follow the rules



# Security Research Group



At *USENIX Security Symposium*, San Francisco, August 2011

# Main Active Projects

## **DHOSA: End-to-end Security for Web and Smartphone Applications**

(MURI with UC Berkeley, Harvard, UIUC, Stonybrook)

## **Secure Computation** ([www.securecomputation.org](http://www.securecomputation.org))

(NSF with abhi shelat, UMd, Indiana)

## **Resilient Clouds**

(DARPA with JHU, Purdue)

I am looking for 1-3 students for each of these, but will only talk about Secure Computation today.

# Secure Computation with Garbled Circuits



**Yan Huang**

(UVa Computer Science PhD Student)



**Peter Chapman**

(UVa BACS 2012)



**Jonathan Katz**

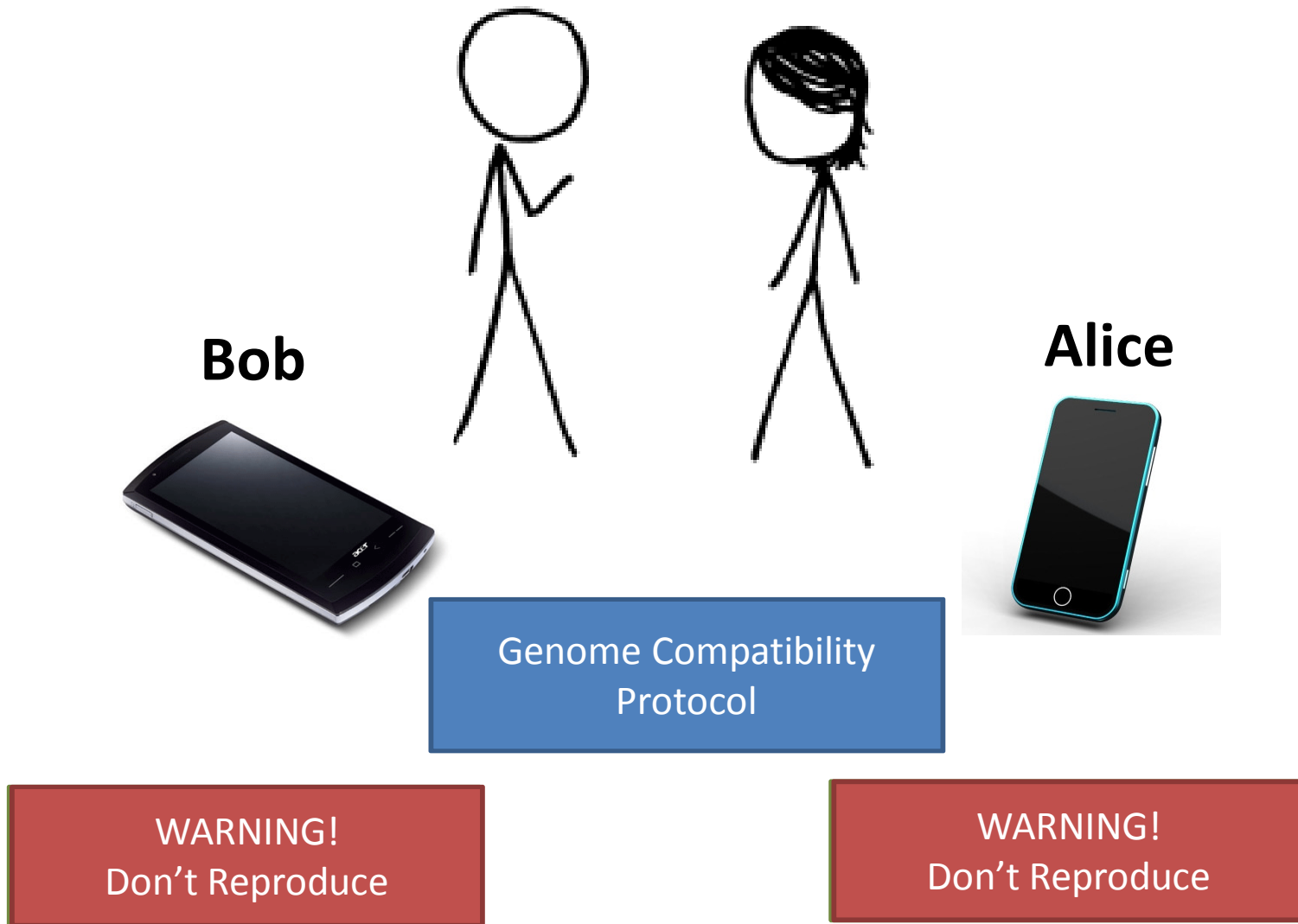
(University of Maryland)



**Aaron Mackey**

(UVa Public Health Genomics)

# “Genetic Dating”





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By **Kerry Grens**

## Forget mistletoe - what about DNA?

A new dating service matches singles using major histocompatibility complex genes



**ScientificMatch.com**  
"The Science of Love"

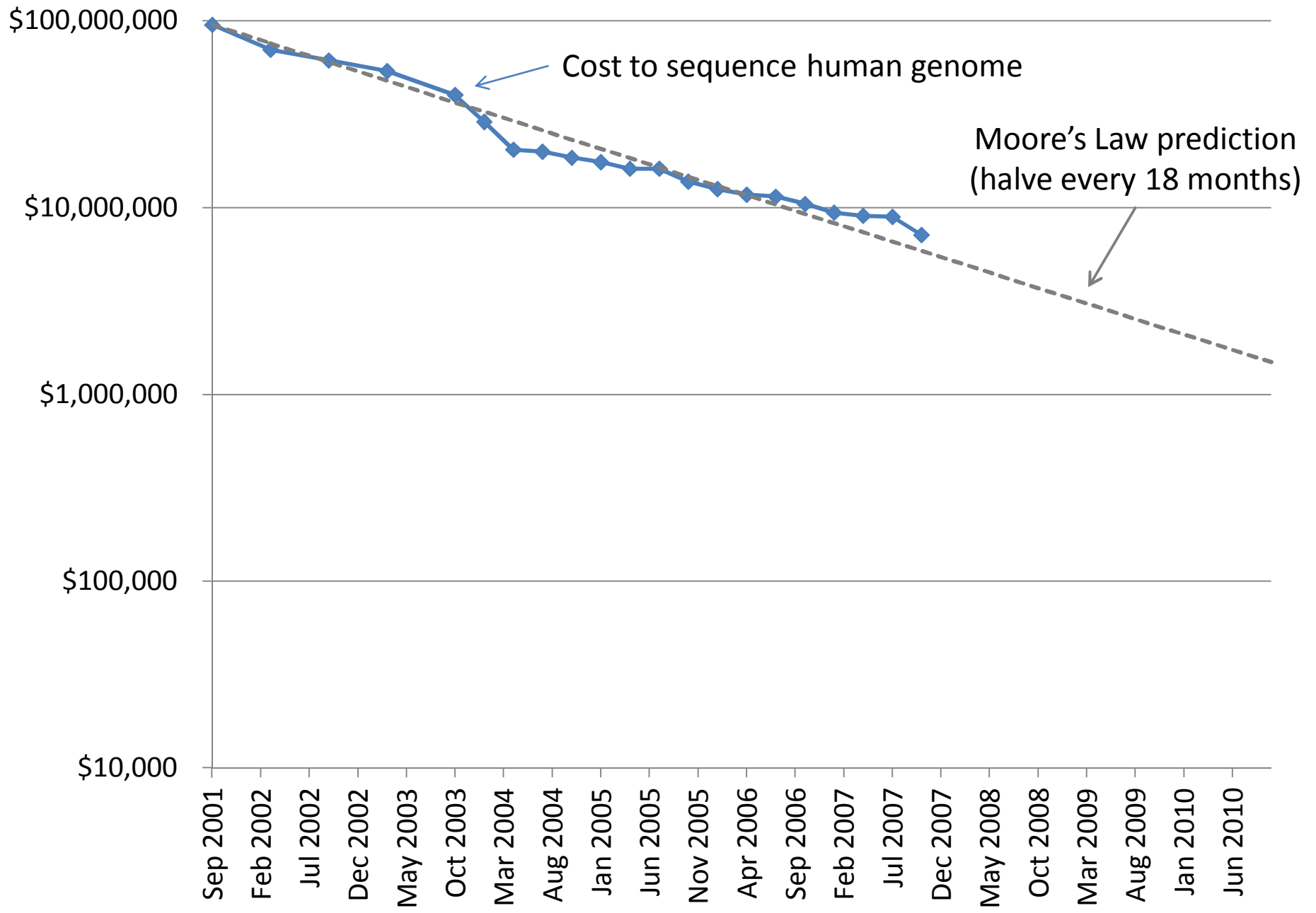
# Genome Sequencing

1990: Human Genome Project starts, estimate \$3B to sequence one genome (\$0.50/base)

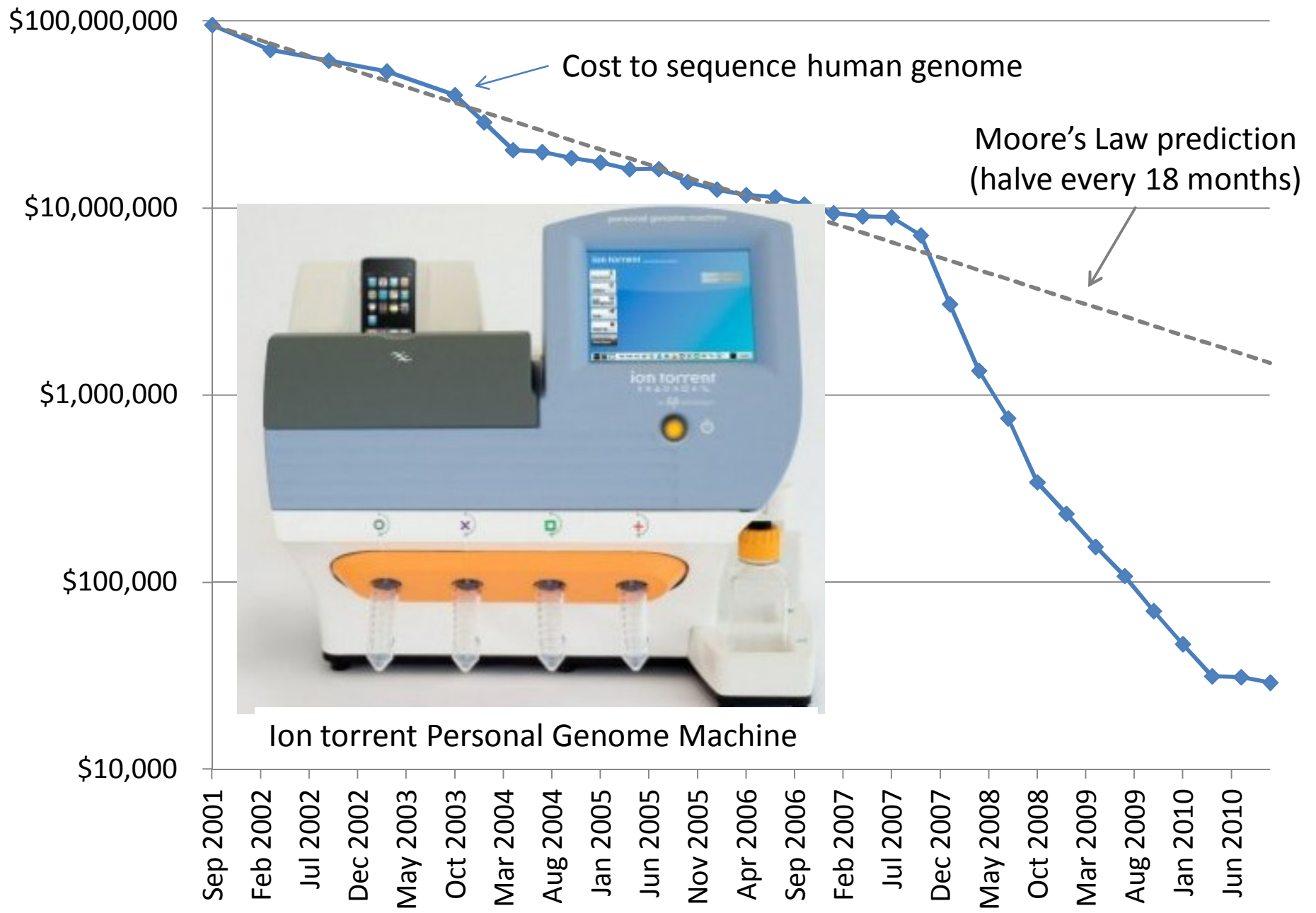
2000: Human Genome Project declared complete, cost ~\$300M



Whitehead Institute, MIT



Data from National Human Genome Research Institute: <http://www.genome.gov/sequencingcosts>



Ion torrent Personal Genome Machine

Data from National Human Genome Research Institute: <http://www.genome.gov/sequencingcosts>



| Year | reference | Technology   | Sample  | Average Reported Coverage depth (fold) | Reported sequencing consumables cost | Estimated cost per 40-fold coverage |
|------|-----------|--------------|---------|--|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
|      | S4        | Sanger (ABI) | JCV     | 7                                      | \$10,000,000                         | \$57,000,000                        |
|      | S5        | Roche(454)   | JDW     | 7                                      | \$1,000,000                          | \$5,700,000                         |
|      | S6        | Illumina     | NA18507 | 30                                     | \$250,000                            | \$330,000                           |
|      | S7        | Helicos      | SRQ     | 28                                     | \$48,000                             | \$69,000                            |
| 2009 | this work | this work    | NA07022 | 87                                     | \$8,005                              | \$3,700                             |
| 2009 | this work | this work    | NA19240 | 63                                     | \$3,451                              | \$2,200                             |
| 2009 | this work | this work    | NA20431 | 45                                     | \$1,726                              | \$1,500                             |

[Human Genome Sequencing Using Unchained Base Reads on Self-Assembling DNA Nanoarrays.](#) Radoje Drmanac, Andrew B. Sparks, Matthew J. Callow, Aaron L. Halpern, Norman L. Burns, Bahram G. Kermani, Paolo Carnevali, Igor Nazarenko, Geoffrey B. Nilsen, George Yeung, Fredrik Dahl, Andres Fernandez, Bryan Staker, Krishna P. Pant, Jonathan Baccash, Adam P. Borcharding, Anushka Brownley, Ryan Cedeno, Linsu Chen, Dan Chernikoff, Alex Cheung, Razvan Chirita, Benjamin Curson, Jessica C. Ebert, Coleen R. Hacker, Robert Hartlage, Brian Hauser, Steve Huang, Yuan Jiang, Vitali Karpinchyk, Mark Koenig, Calvin Kong, Tom Landers, Catherine Le, Jia Liu, Celeste E. McBride, Matt Morenzoni, Robert E. Morey, Karl Mutch, Helena Perazich, Kimberly Perry, Brock A. Peters, Joe Peterson, Charit L. Pethiyagoda, Kaliprasad Pothuraju, Claudia Richter, Abraham M. Rosenbaum, Shaunak Roy, Jay Shafto, Uladzislau Sharanovich, Karen W. Shannon, Conrad G. Sheppy, Michel Sun, Joseph V. Thakuria, Anne Tran, Dylan Vu, Alexander Wait Zaranek, Xiaodi Wu, Snezana Drmanac, Arnold R. Oliphant, William C. Banyai, Bruce Martin, Dennis G. Ballinger, George M. Church, Clifford A. Reid. **Science, January 2010.**

# Dystopia

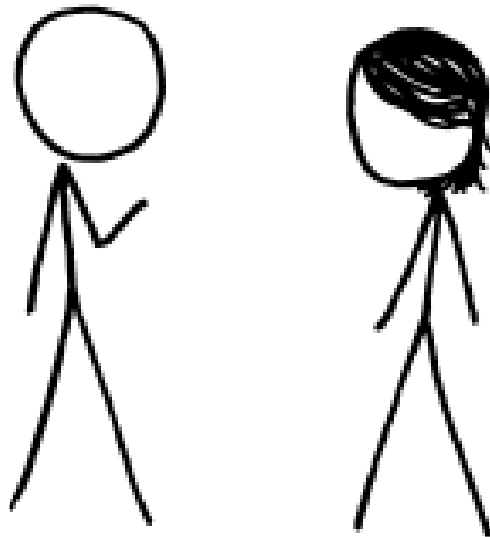


Personalized Medicine

# Secure Two-Party Computation

Bob's Genome: ACTG...  
Markers (~1000): [0,1, ..., 0]

**Bob**



Alice's Genome: ACTG...  
Markers (~1000): [0, 0, ..., 1]

**Alice**



$$x = f(g_A, g_B)$$

Can Alice and Bob compute a function of their private data, without exposing anything about their data besides the result?

# Secure Function Evaluation

**Alice (circuit generator)**

Picks  $a \in \{0, 1\}^s$

**Bob (circuit evaluator)**

Picks  $b \in \{0, 1\}^t$

Agree on

$f(a, b) \rightarrow x$

Garbled Circuit Protocol

Outputs  $x = f(a, b)$   
without revealing  $a$   
to Bob or  $b$  to Alice.

Andrew Yao, 1982/1986

# Yao's Garbled Circuits

AND

| Inputs             |                    | Output             |
|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| $a$                | $b$                | $x$                |
| <del>0</del> $a_0$ | <del>0</del> $b_0$ | 0 $c_0$            |
| <del>0</del> $a_0$ | <del>1</del> $b_1$ | <del>0</del> $c_0$ |
| <del>1</del> $a_1$ | <del>0</del> $b_0$ | 0 $c_0$            |
| <del>1</del> $a_1$ | <del>1</del> $b_1$ | 1 $c_1$            |

$$\text{Enc}_k(m) \rightarrow c$$

$$\text{Enc}_k(c) \rightarrow m$$

$$c = \text{Enc}_{k=a_0 b_0}(0_0)$$

$$\text{Enc}_{a_1 b_1}(0_1)$$

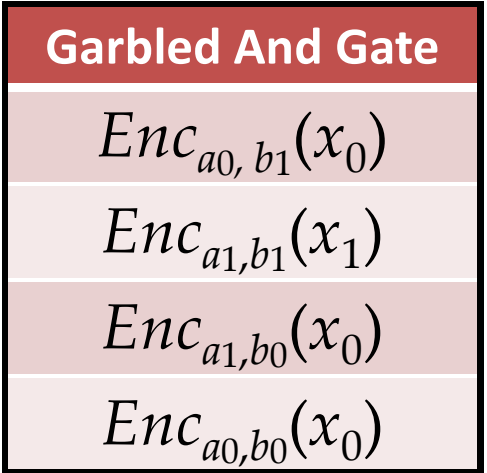
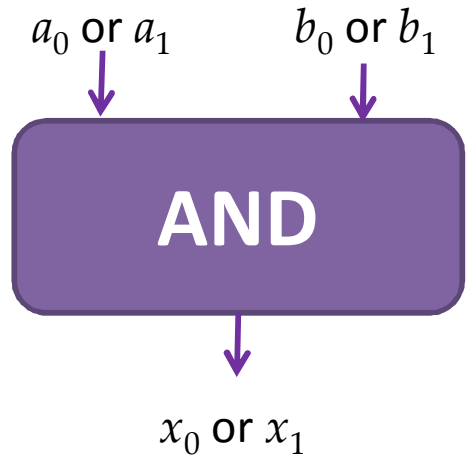
$\text{Enc}_{a_0}(0_1)$

# Computing with Garbled Tables

| Inputs |       | Output               |
|--------|-------|----------------------|
| $a$    | $b$   | $x$                  |
| $a_0$  | $b_0$ | $Enc_{a_0,b_0}(x_0)$ |
| $a_0$  | $b_1$ | $Enc_{a_0,b_1}(x_0)$ |
| $a_1$  | $b_0$ | $Enc_{a_1,b_0}(x_0)$ |
| $a_1$  | $b_1$ | $Enc_{a_1,b_1}(x_1)$ |

Bob can only decrypt  
**one** of these!

$a_i, b_i, x_i$  are **random** values, chosen by the **circuit generator** but **meaningless** to the **circuit evaluator**.



# Garbled Circuit Protocol

**Alice (circuit generator)**

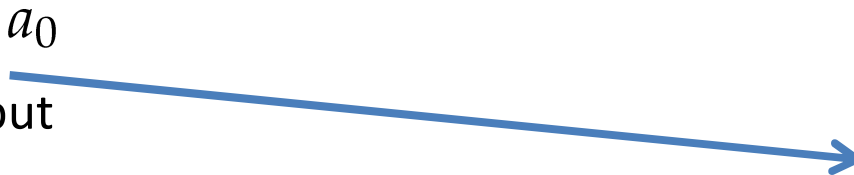
Creates random keys:  $a_0, a_1, \underline{b_0}, \underline{b_1}, x_0, x_1$

**Bob (circuit evaluator)**

| And Gate              |
|-----------------------|
| $Enc_{a_0, b_1}(x_0)$ |
| $Enc_{a_1, b_1}(x_1)$ |
| $Enc_{a_1, b_0}(x_0)$ |
| $Enc_{a_0, b_0}(x_0)$ |



Sends  $a_i$  to Bob based on her input value



How does the Bob learn his own input wires?

# Primitive: Oblivious Transfer

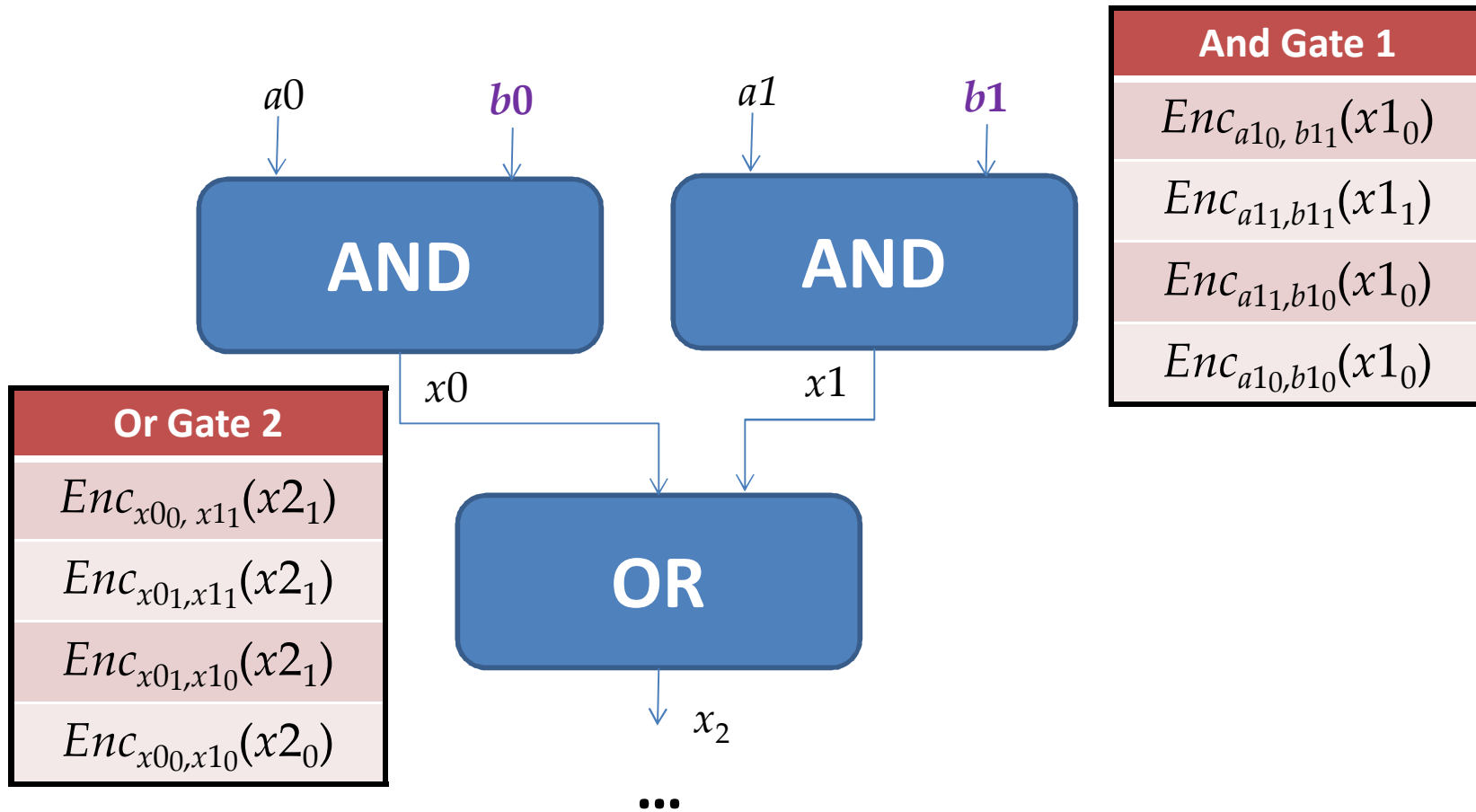


**Oblivious:** Alice doesn't learn which secret Bob obtains  
**Transfer:** Bob learns one of Alice's secrets

Rabin, 1981; Even, Goldreich, and Lempel, 1985; many subsequent papers

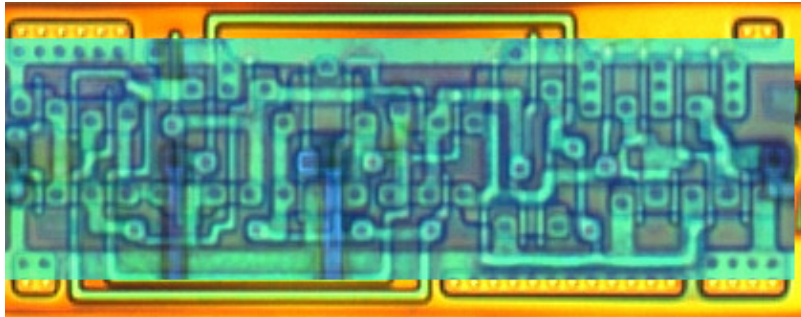


# Chaining Garbled Circuits



We can do *any* computation privately this way!

# Building Computing Systems



|                                 |
|---------------------------------|
| $Enc_{x_{00}, x_{11}}(x_{2_1})$ |
| $Enc_{x_{01}, x_{11}}(x_{2_1})$ |
| $Enc_{x_{01}, x_{10}}(x_{2_1})$ |
| $Enc_{x_{00}, x_{10}}(x_{2_0})$ |

| Digital Electronic Circuits   | Garbled Circuits   |
|---|--|
| Operate on <b>known data</b>  | Operate on <b>encrypted wire labels</b>  |
| One-bit logical operation requires moving a few electrons a few nanometers<br>(hundreds of Billions per second) | One-bit logical operation requires performing (up to) 4 encryption operations<br>(~100,000 gates per second) |
| Reuse is great!   | Reuse is not allowed!  |
| All basic operations have similar cost  | Some logical operations “free” (XOR, NOT)  |

# Fairplay

```
program Millionaires {  
  type int = Int<4>; // 4-bit integer  
  type AliceInput = int;  
  type BobInput = int;  
  type AliceOutput = Boolean;  
  type BobOutput = Boolean;  
  type Output = struct {  
    AliceOutput alice, BobOutput bob};  
  type Input = struct {  
    AliceInput alice, BobInput bob};  
  
  function Output out(Input inp) {  
    out.alice = inp.alice > inp.bob;  
    out.bob = inp.bob > inp.alice;  
  }  
}
```

SFDL Program

SFDL  
Compiler

Circuit  
(SHDL)

Alice

Garbled Tables  
Generator

Bob

Garbled Tables  
Evaluator

Garbled Tables

Dahlia Malkhi, Noam Nisan,  
Benny Pinkas and Yaron Sella  
[USENIX Security 2004]

# Problems?

An alternative approach ... would have been to apply Yao's generic secure two-party protocol.... This would have required expressing the algorithm as a circuit ... and then sending and computing that circuit.... **[We] believe that the performance of our protocols is significantly better than that of applying generic protocols.**

Margarita Osadchy, Benny Pinkas, Ayman Jarrous, Boaz Moskovich.  
*SCiFI – A System for Secure Face Identification*. Oakland 2010.

[Generic SFE] is very fast ... but the circuit size is extremely large.... Our prototype circuit compiler can compile circuits for problems of size (200, 200) but uses almost 2 GB of memory to do so.... **larger circuits would be constrained by available memory for constructing their garbled versions.**

Somesh Jha, Louis Kruger, Vitaly Shmatikov.  
*Towards Practical Privacy for Genomic Computation*. Oakland 2008.

# The Fallacy

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}
```

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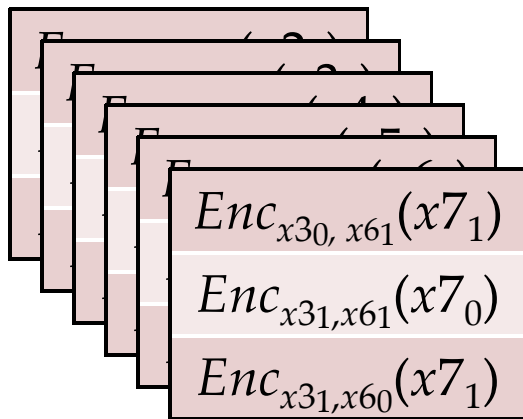
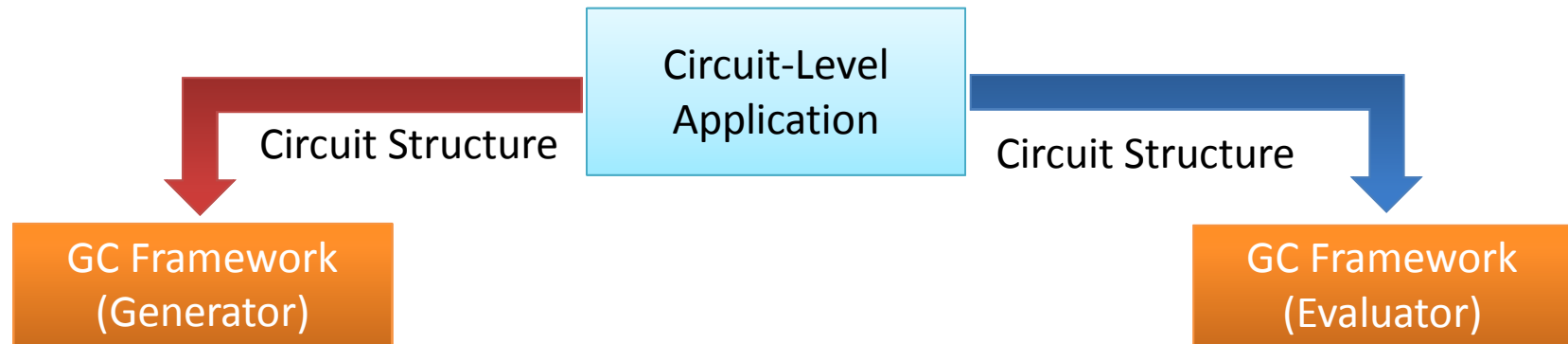
Bob

Garbled Tables

Garbled Tables  
Evaluator

The *entire* circuit is  
prepared and stored  
on both sides

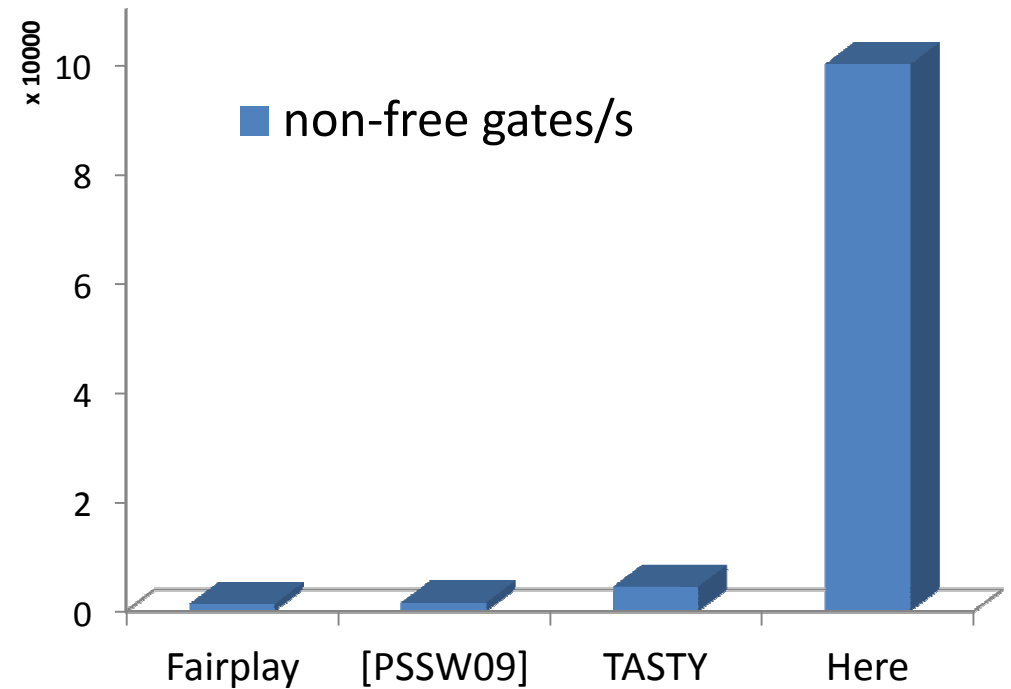
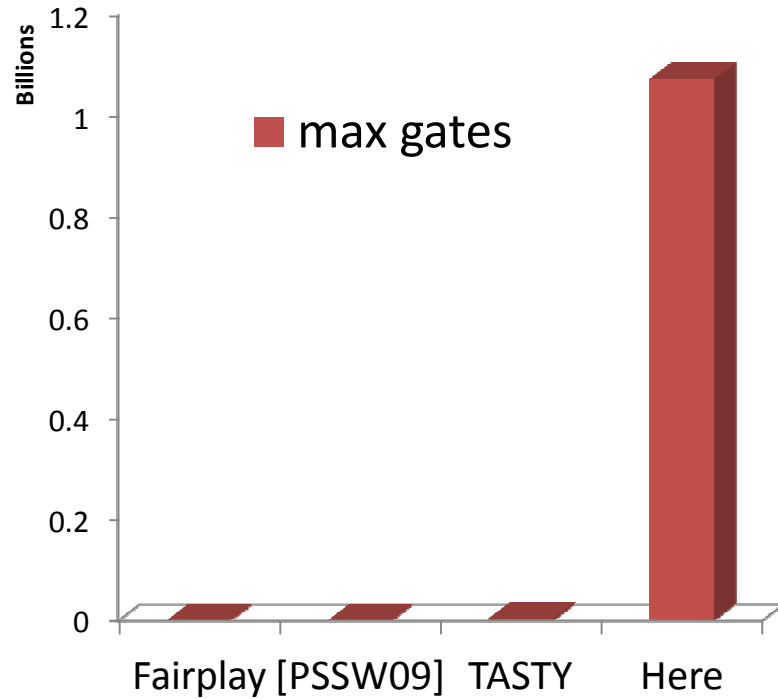
# Faster Garbled Circuits



$x_{2_1}$   
 $x_{3_1}$   
 $x_{4_1}$   
 $x_{5_1}$   
 $x_{6_0}$   
 $x_{7_1}$

Gates can be evaluated as they are generated: **pipelining**

# Results



**Scalability**

**Performance**



Privacy-Preserving  
Biometric Matching

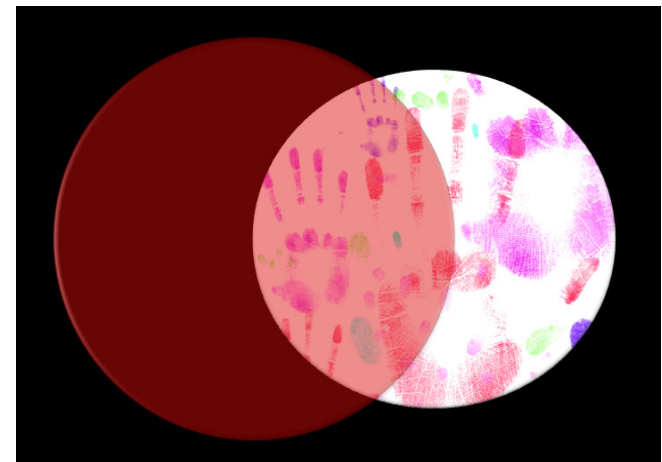


Private AES  
Encryption

Private  
Personal  
Genomics



# Applications



Private Set Intersection



# Heterozygous Recessive Risk



|     |   | Alice |                      |
|-----|---|-------|----------------------|
|     |   | A     | a                    |
| Bob | A | AA    | Aa → carrier         |
|     | a | aA    | aa → cystic fibrosis |

Alice's Heterozygous Recessive genes: { 5283423, 1425236, 839523, ... }

Bob's Heterozygous Recessive genes: { 5823527, 839523, 169325, ... }

**Goal: find the intersection of A and B**

# Bit Vector Intersection

Alice's Recessive genes:  
{ 5283423, 1425236, 839523, ... }

Bob's Recessive genes:  
{ 5823527, 839523, 169325, ... }

[ PAH, PKU, **CF**, ... ]

[ 0, 0, **1**, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 1, 0 ]

[ 0, 0, **1**, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0 ]

...

AND

AND

AND

...

Bitwise AND

# Scaling

What if there are millions of possible diseases?

Length of bit vector:

number of possible values

( $2^L$  where  $L$  is number of bits for each value)

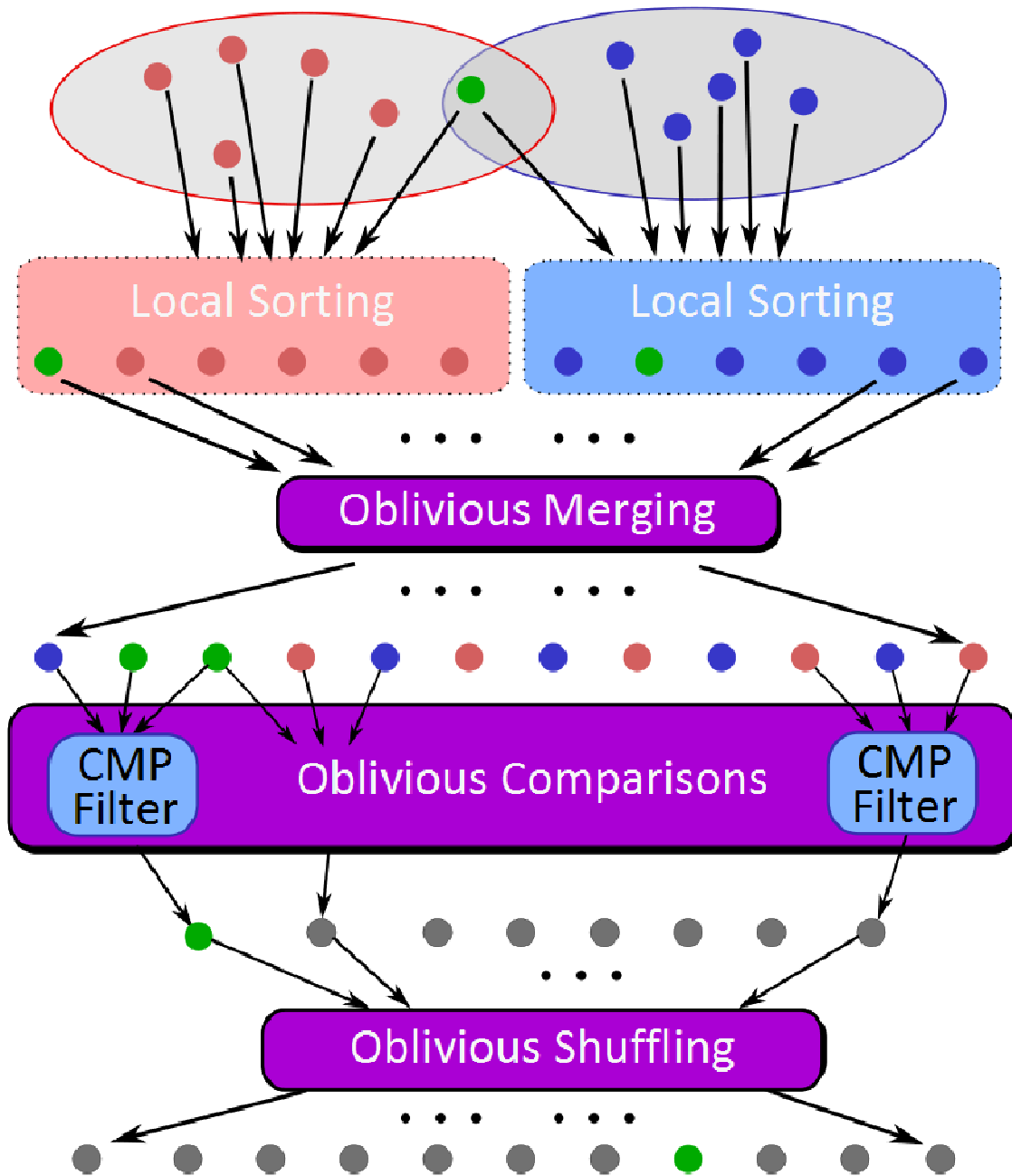
Other private set intersection problems:

Do Alice and Bob have any common address book contacts?

Data mining problems: combine medical records across hospitals

Two companies want to do joint marketing to common customers

# Sort-Compare-Shuffle



**Sort:** Take advantage of total order of elements

**Compare** adjacent elements


**Shuffle** to hide positions

|                      | Problem  | Best Previous Result    | Our Result    | Speedup     |
|----------------------|--|-------------------------|---------------|-------------|
| USENIX Security 2011 | <b>Hamming Distance</b> (Face Recognition, <b>Genetic Dating</b> ) – two 900-bit vectors | 213s<br>[SCiFI, 2010]   | <b>0.051s</b> | <b>4176</b> |
|                      | <b>Levenshtein Distance</b> (genome, text comparison) – two 200-character inputs         | 534s<br>[Jha+, 2008]    | <b>18.4s</b>  | <b>29</b>   |
|                      | <b>Smith-Waterman</b> (genome alignment) – two 60-nucleotide sequences                   | [Not Implementable]     | <b>447s</b>   | -           |
|                      | <b>AES Encryption</b>  | 3.3s<br>[Henecka, 2010] | <b>0.2s</b>   | <b>16.5</b> |
| NDSS 2011            | <b>Fingerprint Matching</b> (1024-entry database, 640x8bit vectors)                      | ~83s<br>[Barni, 2010]   | <b>18s</b>    | <b>4.6</b>  |

Scalable: 1 Billion gates evaluated at ~100,000 gates/second on laptop

## CommonContacts





UVa Secure Computation





★★★★★ (2)

**INSTALL**

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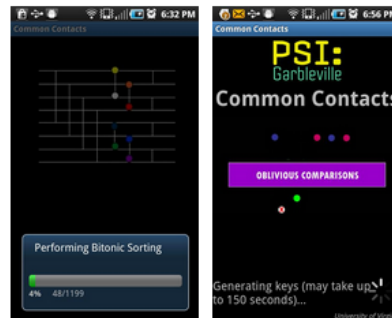
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## Description

CommonContacts allows two users to collaboratively discover common entries in their address books without disclosing any other information about their contacts. The application uses a secure computation framework built using Yao's garbled circuit technique. All computation involving private data is performed on encrypted data so no information is released to the other party (other than what can be inferred from the result).

[Visit Developer's Website >](#)

## App Screenshots



## User Reviews

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| 5 star | 2 |
| 4 star | 0 |
| 3 star | 0 |
| 2 star | 0 |
| 1 star | 0 |

Average rating:

**5.0**

★★★★★

2

**useful app**  
★★★★★ by Yan – August 25, 2011  
good



### ABOUT THIS APP

RATING:  
★★★★★  
(2)

UPDATED:  
August 9, 2011

CURRENT VERSION:  
1.3

REQUIRES ANDROID:  
2.2 and up

CATEGORY:  
Productivity

INSTALLS:  
10 - 50

SIZE:  
5.8M

PRICE:  
Free

CONTENT RATING:  
Everyone

# Current Projects

**Genomics Applications** (Aaron Mackey)

Taking advantage of **third-party randomness**  
(Peter Chapman, Yan Huang)

Using **Partial Evaluation** (PL) (Samee Zahur)

**Auditing Leakage**: when is it safe to reveal  
result? (Yikan Chen)

**Stronger threat model** (Yan Huang, students in  
abhi's group)

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