

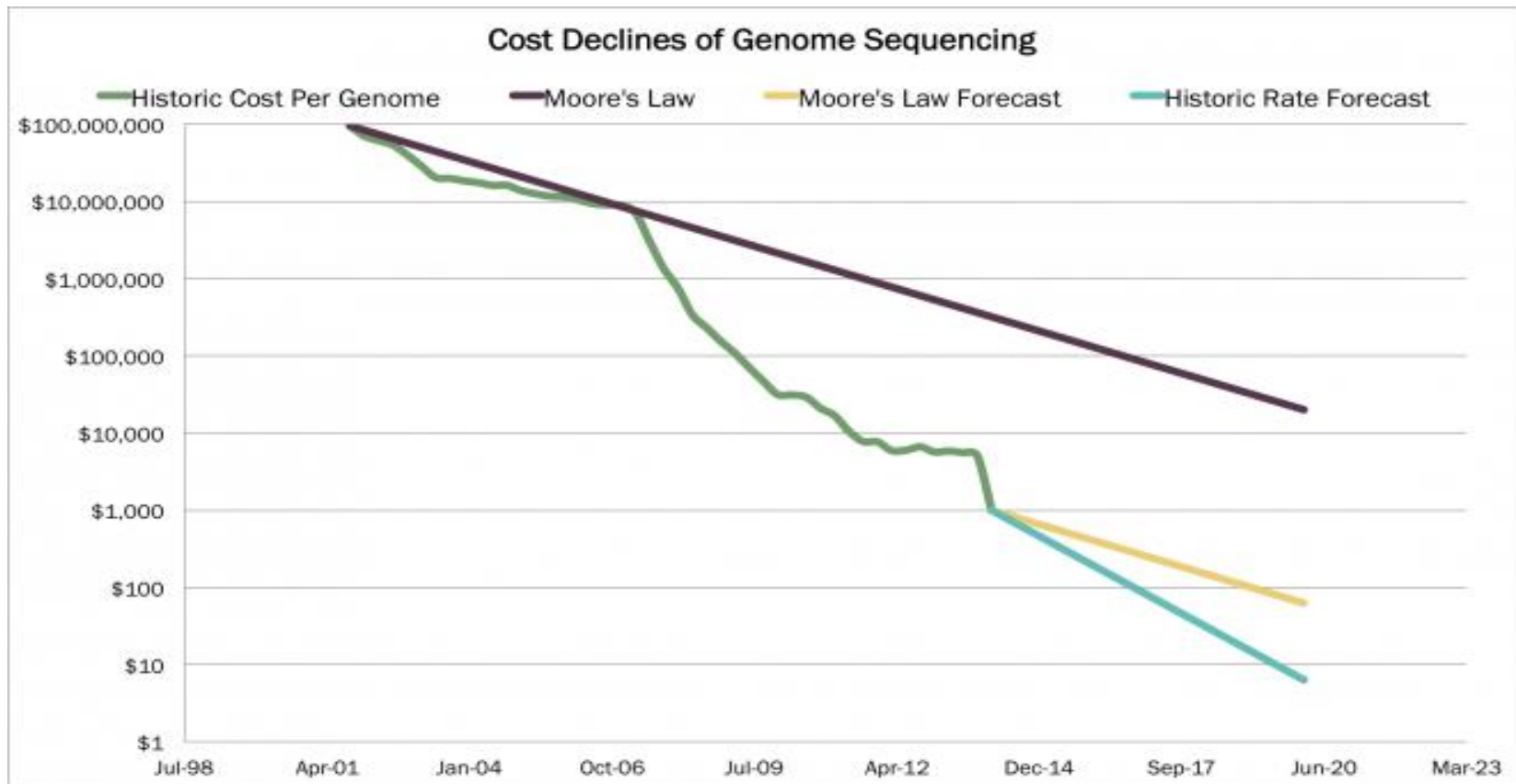
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# **The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly**

## **(The Privacy Edition)**

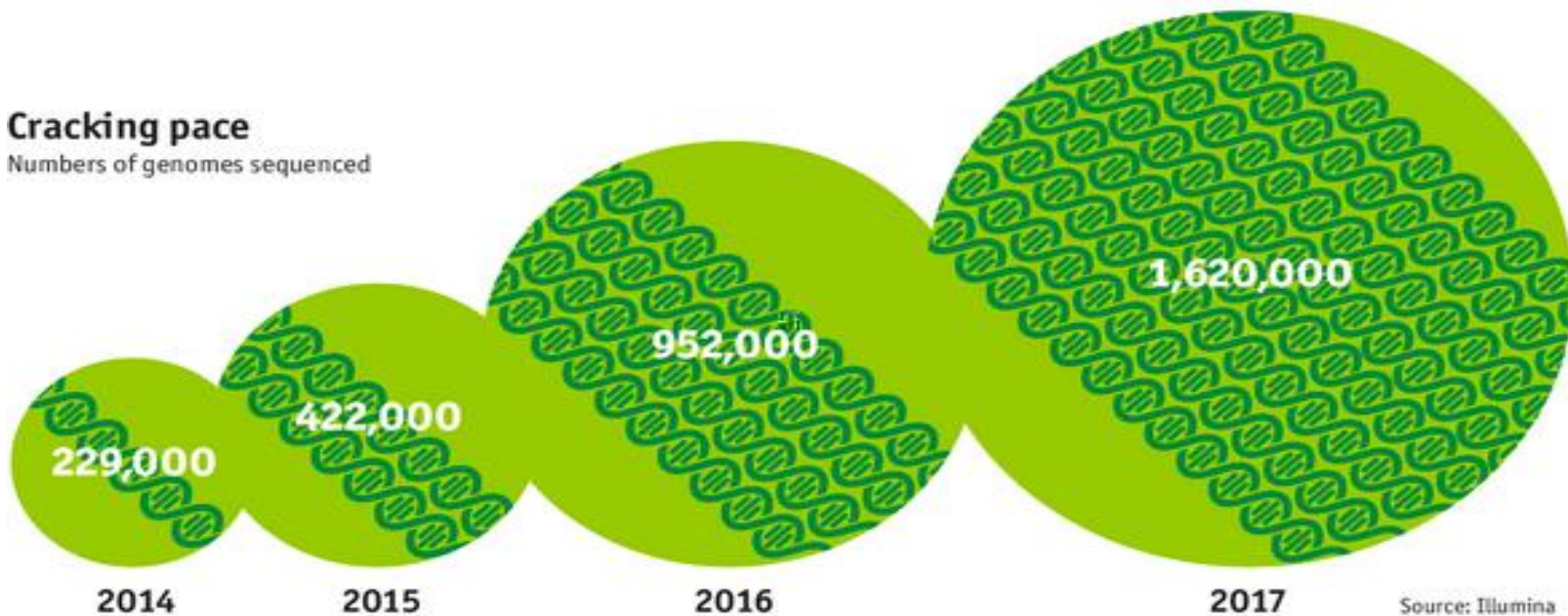
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From: James Bannon, ARK

## Cracking pace

Numbers of genomes sequenced



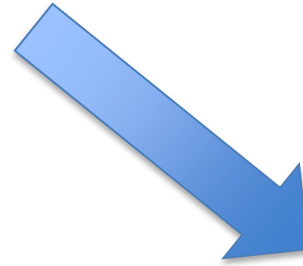
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# How to read the genome?



## Genotyping

Testing for genetic differences using a set of markers



## Sequencing

Determining the full nucleotide order of an organism's genome

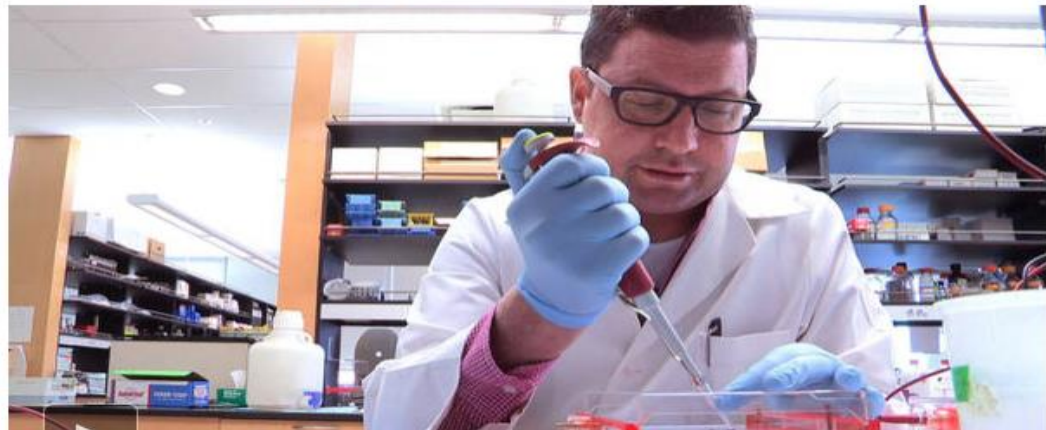


## The First Child Saved By DNA Sequencing

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## In Treatment for Leukemia, Glimpses of the Future



# LETTER

doi:10.1038/nature13394

## Genome sequencing identifies major causes of severe intellectual disability

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# THE ANGELINA EFFECT

Angelina Jolie's double mastectomy puts genetic testing in the spotlight. What her choice reveals about calculating risk, cost and peace of mind

BY JEFFREY KLUGER & ALICE PARK

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## Genetic Risk Factors (11) ?

REPORT	RESULT
<a href="#">Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency</a>	Variant Absent; Typical Risk
<a href="#">Alzheimer's Disease (APOE Variants)</a>	ε4 Variant Absent
<a href="#">Early-Onset Primary Dystonia (DYT1-TOR1A-Related)</a>	Variant Absent; Typical Risk
<a href="#">Factor XI Deficiency</a>	Variant Absent; Typical Risk
<a href="#">Familial Hypercholesterolemia Type B (APOB-Related)</a>	Variant Absent; Typical Risk

[See all 11 genetic risk factors...](#)

## Traits (41) ?

REPORT	RESULT
<a href="#">Alcohol Flush Reaction</a>	Does Not Flush
<a href="#">Bitter Taste Perception</a>	Can Taste
<a href="#">Blond Hair</a>	28% Chance
<a href="#">Earwax Type</a>	Wet
<a href="#">Eye Color</a>	Likely Brown

[See all 41 traits...](#)

## Inherited Conditions (43) ?

REPORT	RESULT
<a href="#">Beta Thalassemia</a>	Variant Present
<a href="#">ARSACS</a>	Variant Absent
<a href="#">Agenesis of the Corpus Callosum with Peripheral Neuropathy (ACCPN)</a>	Variant Absent
<a href="#">Autosomal Recessive Polycystic Kidney Disease</a>	Variant Absent
<a href="#">Bloom's Syndrome</a>	Variant Absent

[See all 43 carrier status...](#)

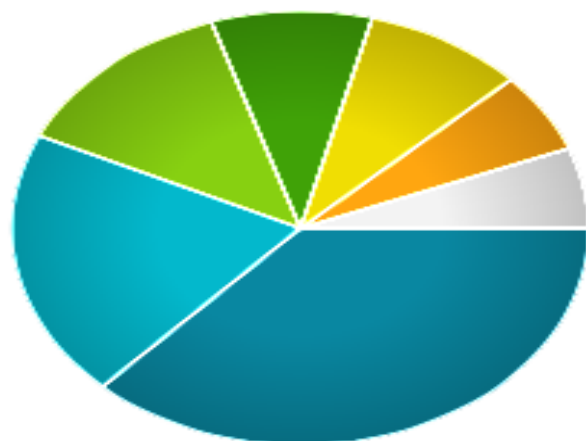
## Drug Response (12) ?

REPORT	RESULT
<a href="#">Proton Pump Inhibitor (PPI) Metabolism (CYP2C19-related)</a>	Rapid
<a href="#">Warfarin (Coumadin®) Sensitivity</a>	Increased
<a href="#">Phenytoin Sensitivity (Epilepsy Drug)</a>	Increased
<a href="#">Sulfonylurea Metabolism</a>	Greatly reduced
<a href="#">Abacavir Hypersensitivity</a>	Typical

[See all 12 drug response...](#)



## Genetic Ethnicity



	<b>Southern European</b>	<b>37%</b>
	<b>West African</b>	<b>20%</b>
	<b>British Isles</b>	<b>13%</b>
	<b>Native South American</b>	<b>9%</b>
	<b>Finnish/Volga-Ural</b>	<b>9%</b>
	<b>Eastern European</b>	<b>6%</b>
	<b>Uncertain</b>	<b>6%</b>

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Male

You

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Female

2nd to 3rd  
Cousin  
1.68% shared, 5  
segments

J2a2

Send an Introduction



Female

3rd to 4th  
Cousin  
1.30% shared, 3  
segmentsUnited States Alsace-Lorraine (Strasbourg), Fr... Paternal  
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Male

3rd to 4th  
Cousin  
1.03% shared, 2  
segments

H13a1a R1b1b2

Send an Introduction



Female

3rd to 5th  
Cousin  
0.45% shared, 2  
segments

H7

Send an Introduction



Female

3rd to 5th  
Cousin  
0.42% shared, 2  
segments

H1

Send an Introduction



Male

3rd to 5th  
Cousin  
0.40% shared, 2  
segmentsUnited States Reno, Nevada San Diego, California  
Tucker Littlefield Warga 4 more H1c G2aPublic Match  
Send a Message

Male

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Cousin  
0.37% shared, 2  
segmentsUnited States fathers father prince Edward isla...  
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R1b1b2a1aPublic Match  
Send a Message

Male, b. 1978

3rd to 6th  
Cousin  
0.40% shared, 1  
segmentUnited States New Jersey Utah California  
Northern Europe U3b1 T

Send an Introduction



# Privacy Researcher's Perspective

## Treasure trove of **sensitive** information

Ethnic heritage, predisposition to diseases

## Genome = the ultimate **identifier**

Hard to anonymize / de-identify

## Sensitivity is **perpetual**

Cannot be “revoked”

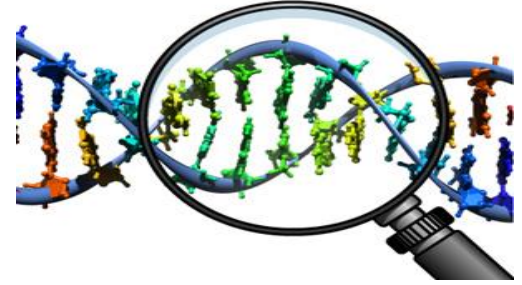
Leaking one's genome  $\approx$  leaking relatives' genome

***The Greater Good***  
**vs**  
***Privacy?***



# A New Research Community

Studying privacy issues



Crypto tools to protect privacy



<http://genomeprivacy.org>

# De-Anonymization

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## Harvard Professor Re-Identifies Anonymous Volunteers In DNA Study

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A Harvard professor has re-identified the names of more than 40% of a sample of anonymous participants in a high-profile DNA study, highlighting the dangers that ever greater amounts of personal data available in the Internet era could unravel personal secrets.



Harvard Professor Latanya Sweeney

From the onset, the Personal Genome Project,

Melissa Gymrek et al. *"Identifying Personal Genomes by Surname Inference."*  
Science Vol. 339, No. 6117, 2013

# Aggregation

## Re-identification of aggregated data

Statistics from allele frequencies can be used to identify genetic trial participants [1]

Presence of an individual in a group can be determined by using allele frequencies and his DNA profile [2]

[1] R. Wang et al. “Learning Your Identity and Disease from Research Papers: Information Leaks in Genome Wide Association Study.” CCS, 2009

[2] N. Homer et al. Resolving individuals contributing trace amounts of DNA to highly complex mixtures using high-density SNP genotyping microarrays. PLoS Genetics, 2008

# Kin Privacy

Quantifying how much privacy do relatives lose when one's genome is leaked?



**Also read:** Ayday, De Cristofaro, Hubaux, Tsudik. “Whole Genome Sequencing: Revolutionary Medicine or Privacy Nightmare?”

M. Humbert et al., “Addressing the Concerns of the Lacks Family: Quantification of Kin Genomic Privacy.” Proceedings of ACM CCS, 2013

# With genetic testing, I gave my parents the gift of divorce

Updated by *George Doe* on September 9, 2014, 7:50 a.m. ET

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## Most Read

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Read the Iranian foreign minister's passive aggressive response to Tom

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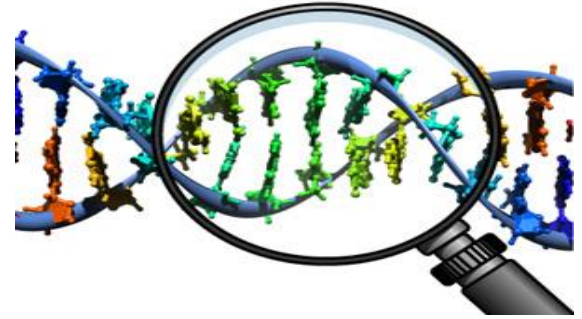
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# The rise of a new research community

Studying privacy issues

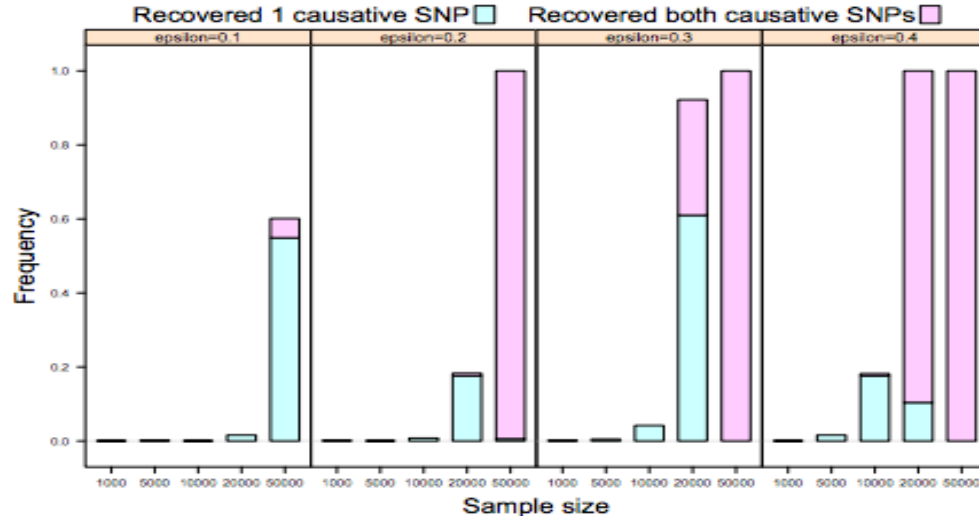


Exploring techniques to protect privacy



# Differential Privacy

## Genome Wide Association Studies (GWAS)



Computing number/location of SNPs associated to disease  
Significance/correlation between a SNP and a disease

A. Johnson and V. Shmatikov. "Privacy-Preserving Data Exploration in Genome-Wide Association Studies." Proceedings of KDD, 2013

# Computing on Encrypted Genomes

Genomic datasets often used for association studies

Encrypt data & outsource to the cloud

- Perform private computation over encrypted data

- Using partial & fully homomorphic encryption

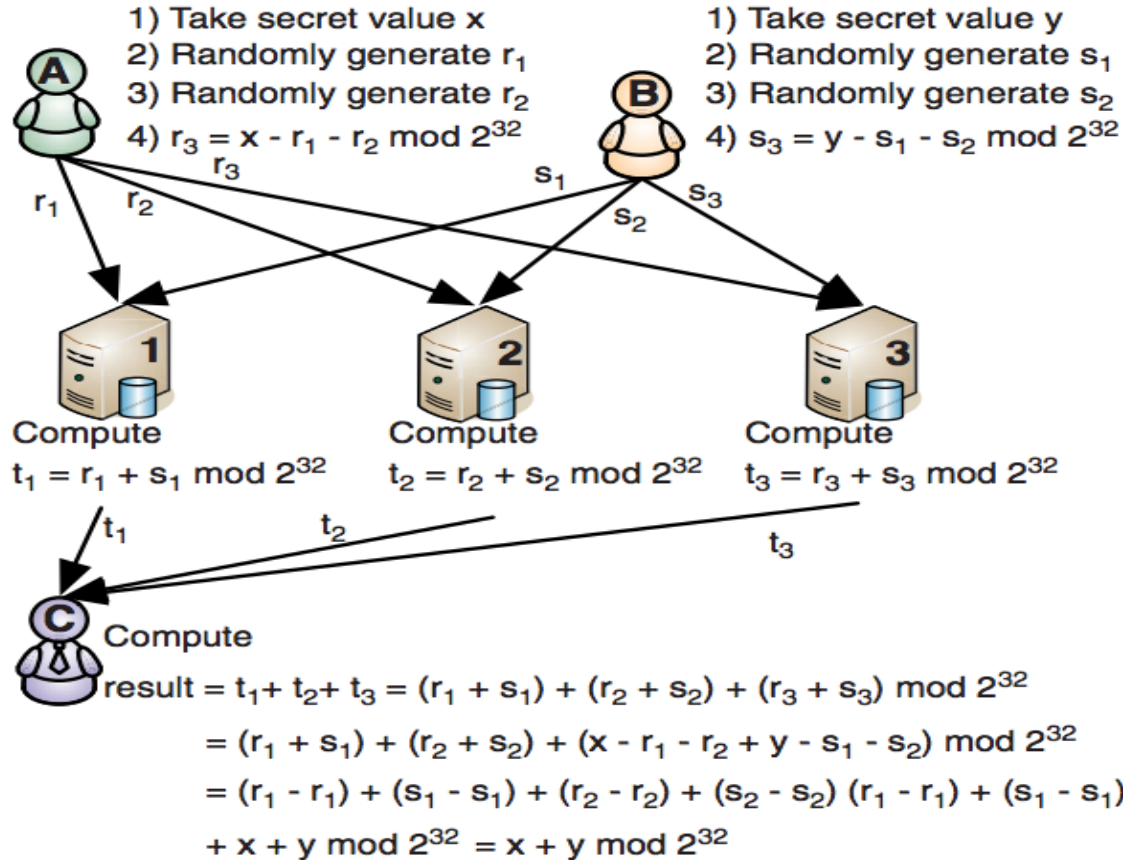
Examples:

- Pearson Goodness-of-Fit test, linkage disequilibrium

- Estimation Maximization, Cochran-Armitage TT, etc.

K. Lauter, A. Lopez-Alt, M. Naehrig. Private Computation on Encrypted Genomic Data

# Computing on Encrypted Genomes



L. Kamm, D. Bogdanov,  
S. Laur, J. Vilo.

A new way to protect  
privacy in large- scale  
genome-wide  
association studies.

Bioinformatics 29 (7):  
886-893, 2013.

# Private Personal Genomic Tests

Individuals retain **control** of their sequenced genome

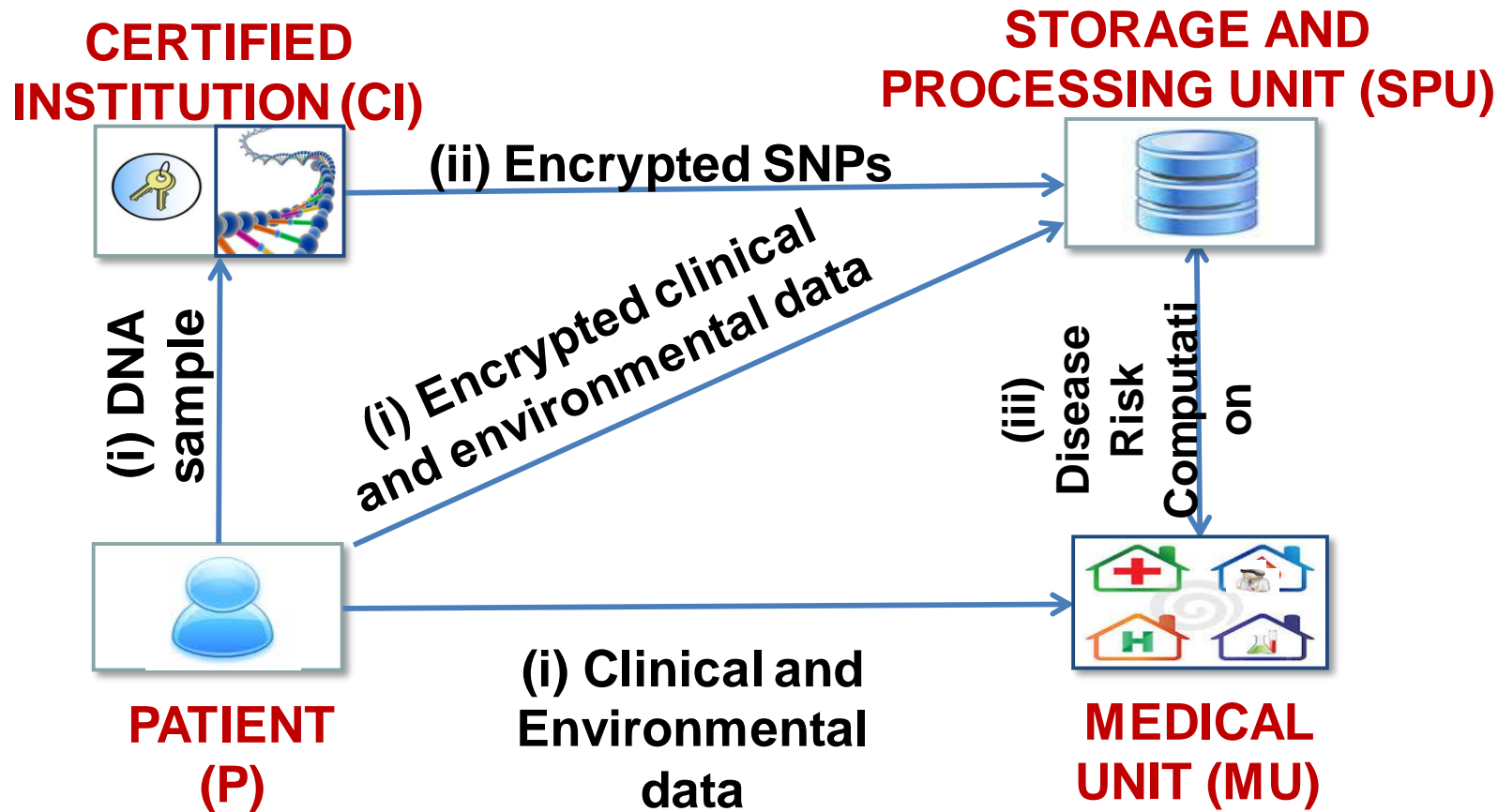
**Allow doctors/labs to run genetics tests, but:**

1. Genome never disclosed, only test output is
2. Pharmas can keep test specifics confidential

**... two main approaches ...**



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## **Ayday et al. (WPES'13)**

Data is encrypted and stored at a “Storage Process Unit”  
Disease susceptibility testing

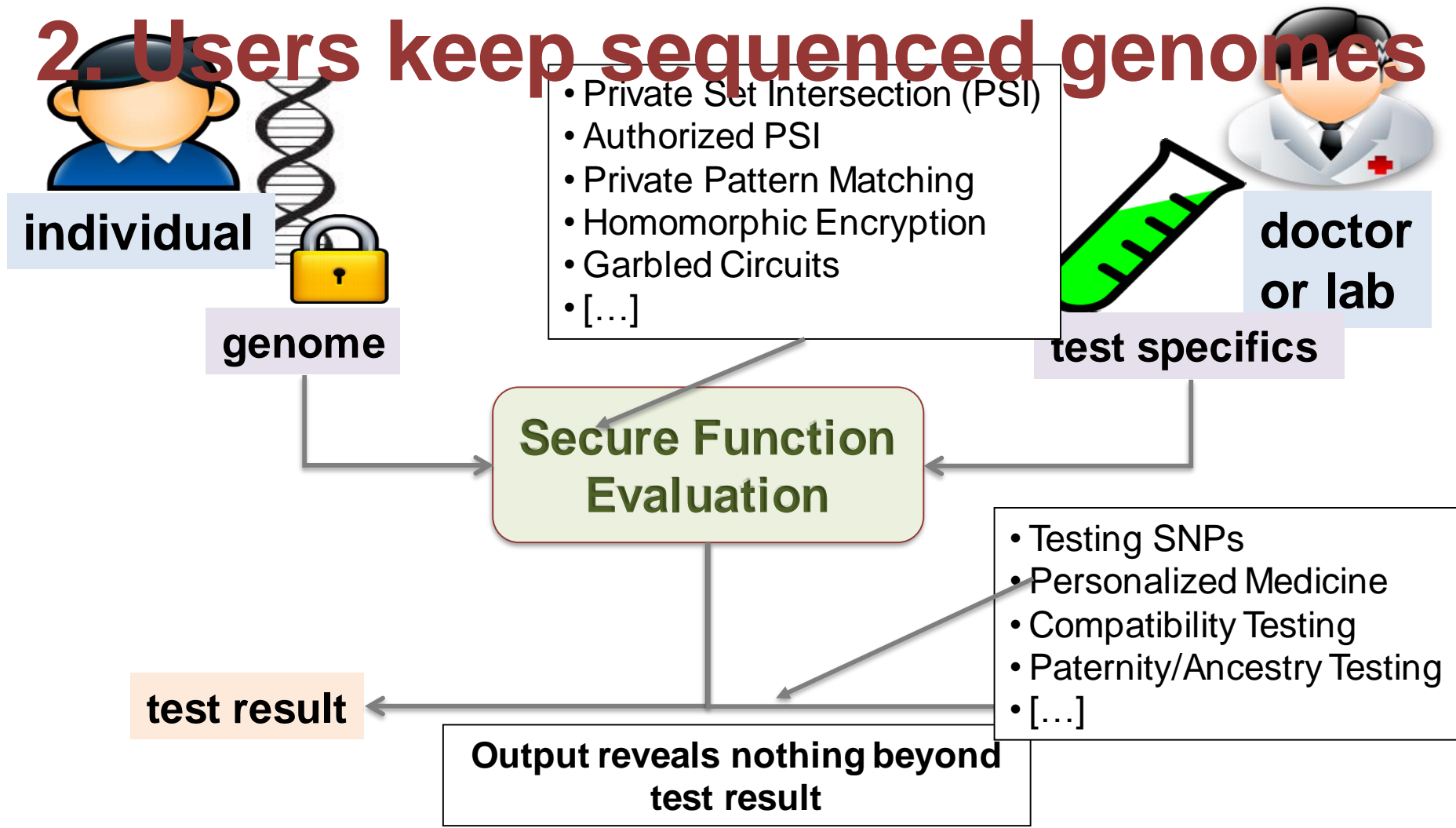
## **Ayday et al. (DPM'13)**

Encrypting raw genomic data (short reads)  
Allowing medical unit to privately retrieve them

## **Danezis and De Cristofaro (WPES'14)**

Regression for disease susceptibility

# 2. Users keep sequenced genomes



## 2. Users keep sequenced genomes

### Baldi et al. (CCS'11)

**Privacy-preserving version** of a few genetic tests, based on private set operations

Paternity test, Personalized Medicine, Compatibility Tests  
(First work to consider fully sequenced genomes)

### De Cristofaro et al. (WPES'12), extends the above

Framework and prototype deployment on **Android**

Adds Ancestry/Genealogy Testing

# Open Problems

## Where do we store genomes?

Encryption can't guarantee security past 30-50 yrs

Reliability and availability issues?

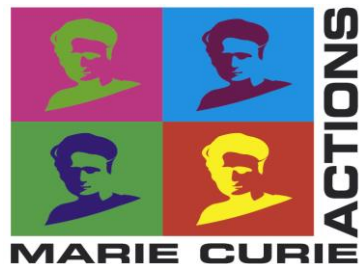
## Cryptography

Efficiency overhead

Dealing with sequencing errors

How much understanding required from users?





*Thank you!*

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E. Ayday, P. Baldi, R. Baronio, G. Danezis, S. Faber,  
P. Gasti, J-P. Hubaux, B. Malin, G. Tsudik

# Why do we even care about genome privacy?

**We all leave biological cells behind...**

Hair, saliva, etc., can be collected and sequenced?

**Compare this “attack” to re-identifying millions of DNA donors or hacking into a DTC’s DB...**

The former: expensive, prone to mistakes, only works against a handful of targeted victims

The latter: cheaper, more *scalable*

# Milestones

- 1970s: DNA sequencing starts
- 1990: The “Human Genome Project” starts
- 2003: First human genome fully sequenced
- 2012: UK announces sequencing of 100K genomes
- 2015: USA announces sequencing of 1M genomes

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- \$3B: Human Genome Project
- \$250K: Illumina (2008)
- \$5K: Complete Genomics (2009), Illumina (2011)
- \$1K: Illumina (2014)