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# The iDASH Competition : Progress of Homomorphic Encryption for Genomic Privacy

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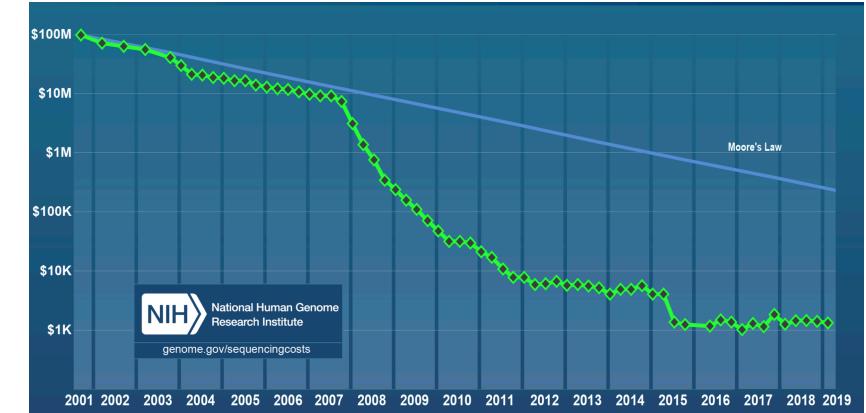
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# Genome Revolution

- Whole Genome Sequencing is getting cheaper.
  - 2000: \$3 billion
  - 2014: \$1,000
- **Data sharing** is very important for biomedicine to speedup discovery and promote research.
- NIH Genomic Data Sharing policy allows the use of cloud computing services for storage and analysis of controlled-access data (2014).



<https://www.genome.gov/about-genomics/factsheets/Sequencing-Human-Genome-cost>

# Human Genomic Data Sharing

- But genomic data are highly sensitive.
  - Re-identification leak privacy
    - Lin et al. (2004 Science): SNPs  $\geq 75$  can identify a single person
    - Gymrek et al. (2013 Science): surnames can be recovered from personal genomes
  - Genetic discrimination, Genetic disease disclosure
  - A great fear of unknown
- Privacy Protection Law
  - HIPPA (US): Health information regulation law, de-identification
  - GDPR (EU): General Data Protection Regulation



President Obama Speaks on the Precision Medicine Initiative

# Community Effort in Promoting Genomic Privacy

2014-2019 iDASH genomic data privacy and security protection competition <http://www.humangenomeprivacy.com>

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SECURE GENOME ANALYSIS COMPETITION

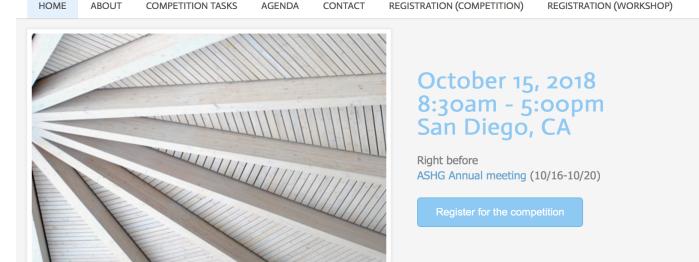
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- secure genome analysis competition

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# iDASH Privacy Workshop

- Motivated by real-world biomedical challenges and with participation of crypto experts and biomedical researchers
- Developed practical yet rigorous solutions for privacy preserving genomic data analysis
- Demonstrate the feasibility of secure genome data analysis using HE, differential privacy, multi-party computation, SGX
- Reported in the media (iDASH'15)
  - e.g., Nature News, GenomeWeb, Donga, Microsoft Research News

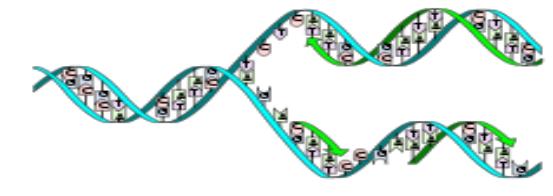


# Summary of Challenges and Tasks

2015	12 Teams	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• HE-based genome analysis (DNA sequence comparison)</li><li>• MPC-based genome analysis</li></ul>
2016	50 Teams	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Testing for genetic disease on homomorphically encrypted genomes</li><li>• MPC-based privacy-preserving search of similar cancer patients across organizations</li><li>• Protecting queries in Beacon service</li></ul>
2017	65 Teams	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Homomorphic Logistic Regression Training</li><li>• Secure record de-duplication</li><li>• Secure GWAS using SGX</li></ul>
2018	64 Teams	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Secure Parallel Genome Wide Association Studies using Homomorphic Encryption</li><li>• Blockchain-based immutable logging and querying for cross-site genomic dataset access audit trail</li><li>• MPC-based secure search of DNA segments in large genome databases</li></ul>
2019	105 Teams	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Secure Genotype Imputation using Homomorphic Encryption (54 teams)</li><li>• Distributed Gene-Drug Interaction Data Sharing based on Blockchain and Smart Contracts</li><li>• Privacy-preserving Machine Learning as a Service on SGX</li><li>• MPC-based Secure Collaborative Training of Machine Learning Model</li></ul>

# iDASH'15&16

- $p$ : plaintext modulus
  - [ $p = \text{Prime}$ ]:  $\text{equal}(a, b) = 1 - (a - b)^{p-1} \in \mathbb{Z}_p$
  - [ $p = 2$ ]:  $\text{equal}(a, b) = 1 \oplus a \oplus b \in \mathbb{Z}_2$  where  $a, b$ : one-bit.  
So,  $\text{equal}(a, b) = \prod_{i=1}^l (1 \oplus a_i \oplus b_i)$  when  $a, b$ :  $l$ -bits.

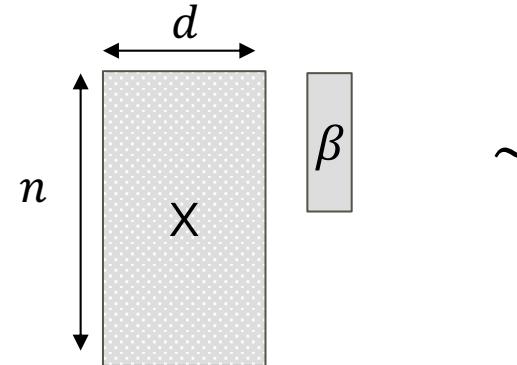


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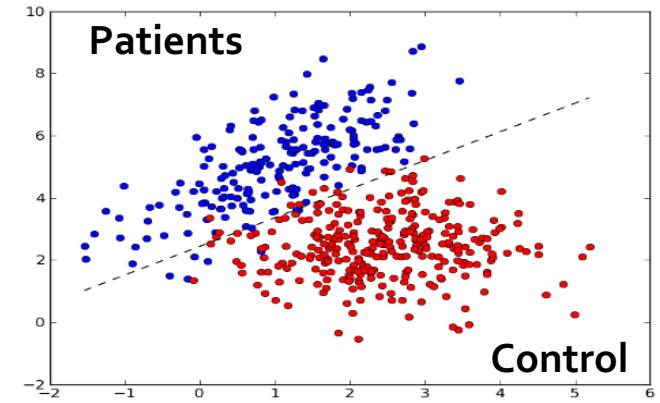
Year	Task	Scheme	Dataset	Time	Memory
2015	Hamming Distance	BGV	100K sequences	8 min	2.2 GB
	Approximate Edit Distance	BGV	10K sequences	3 min	1.3 GB
2016	Genetic testing	BFV	1 query (1 genetic variant) in 50 VCF files (100K)	1 min	83 MB

# iDASH'17: Logistic Regression Training (1)

- Build a machine learning model to predict a disease
  - Given phenotype  $y_i \in \{\pm 1\}$ , genotype  $X_i \in \mathbb{R}^d$ ,
  - Goal: find  $\beta \in \mathbb{R}^d$  s.t.



$$p_i = \Pr[y_i = 1]$$
$$Z_i = \log \frac{p_i}{1 - p_i}$$

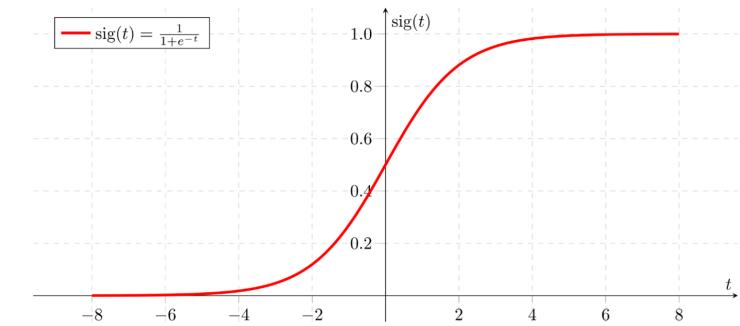


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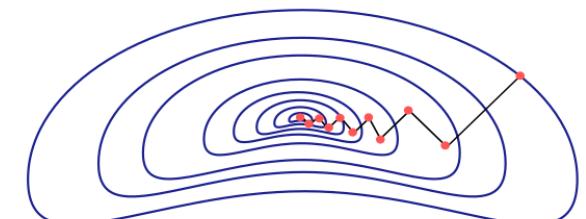
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$$\sigma \left( \begin{array}{c|c|c} n & \xrightarrow{d} & X \\ \hline & \beta & \end{array} \right) \sim p_i \quad p_i = \Pr[y_i = 1]$$



$$\text{logistic: } \sigma(x) = 1/(1 + e^{-x})$$

- Machine-learning approach
  - Problem: Minimize the loss  $J(\beta) = -\sum_i \log [1 + \exp(-y_i X_i \beta)]$
  - Gradient decent method : Update  $\beta \leftarrow \beta - \alpha \cdot \nabla_{\beta} J$   
where  $p = (p_i) = \sigma(X_i \beta)$ ,  $\nabla_{\beta} J = X^T(y - p)$
  - Newton method:  $\alpha = (\nabla_{\beta}^2 J)^{-1}$  where  $\nabla_{\beta}^2 J = -X^T \cdot \text{diag}(p(1 - p)) \cdot X$



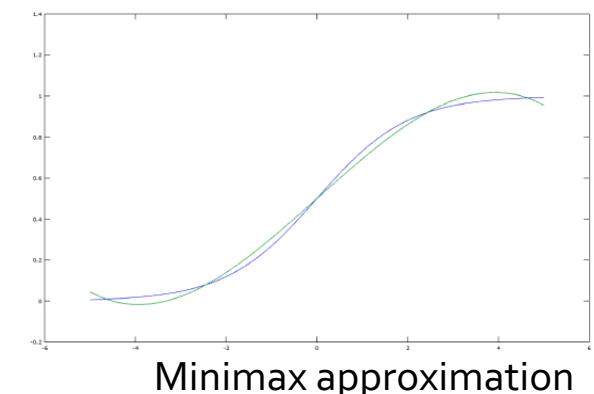
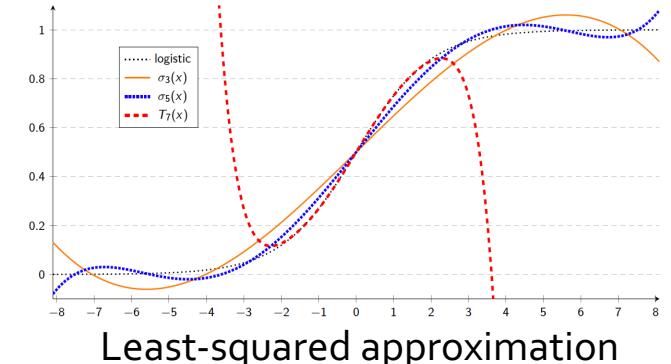
# iDASH'17: Logistic Regression Training (2)

- **Challenge**

- Non-polynomial functions
- Real number arithmetic
- Training algorithms are recursive: depth =  $O(\text{num iteration})$

- Polynomial Approximation

- Taylor series expansion
- Bernstein expansion:  $B_n(f)(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n f\left(\frac{k}{n}\right) b_{k,n}(x)$  where  $b_{k,n}(x) = \binom{n}{k} x^k (1-x)^{n-k}$
- Least-squared approximation: minimize  $\frac{1}{|I|} \int \int_I (f(x) - g(x))^2 dx$
- Minimax approximation: minimize  $\inf\{\|f(x) - g(x): x \in I\|\}$



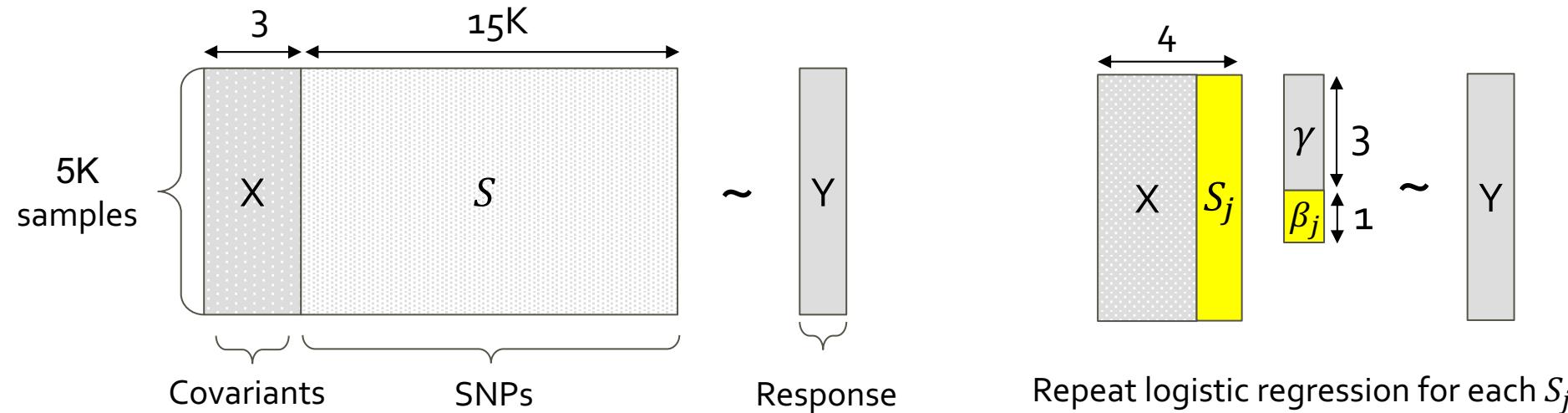
# iDASH'17: Logistic Regression Training (3)

- 1422 records + 18 features for training/ 8o-bit security

Team	Scheme	Approach	Encryption		Secure learning		Decryption		Total time (min)	AUC (0.7136)
			Time (min)	Size (MB)	Time (min)	Size (MB)	Time (min)	Size (MB)		
CEA LIST	-	-	1.30	53	2206	238	0.003	0.350	2207	0.6930
EPFL	BFV	Bernstein expansion 1-iter. of GD	1.63	1011	15	1498	0.017	7	17	0.6584
KU Leuven	BFV	Taylor series expansion 1-iter. of Newton's method $(\nabla^2 L(\beta) \sim \frac{1}{4} X^T X)$	4.30	4904	155	7266	0.913	10	161	0.6722
Microsoft	BFV	Minimax approximation 17-iters of GD Homomorphic floor ( $\lfloor m/p \rfloor$ ) inside bootstrapping	11.34	1945	385	26299	0.033	76	396	0.6574
Saarland	-	-	1.63	65536	48	29752	7.355	65536	57	N/A
SNU&UCSD	CKKS	Least-squared approximation 7-iters of Nesterov's GD Built-in rescaling in CKKS	0.06	537	10	2775	0.050	64	10	0.6934

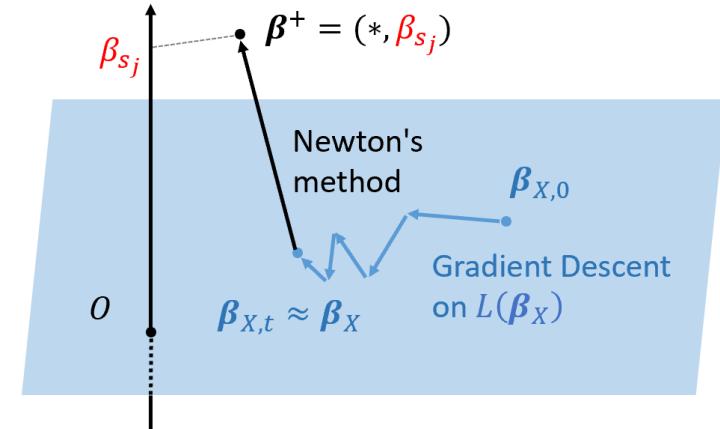
# iDASH'18: Genome Wide Association Studies (GWAS)

- Task: **test the associations between genotypes and phenotypes**
  - Given phenotype  $y_i \in \{\pm 1\}$ , covariate  $X_i \in \mathbb{R}^d$ , genotype  $s_{ij} \in \{0,1\}$ ,  
find  $\beta_j \in \mathbb{R}$  s.t.  $\Pr[y_i = 1] = \sigma(X_i\gamma + S_j\beta)$ .
  - 5K samples \* (3 covariates : age, weight, height + 15K SNPs)
  - Naïve solution: repeat logistic regression model training 15K times  
(one SNP at a time is too costly)



# iDASH'18: Genome Wide Association Studies (GWAS)

- Main Idea : Semi-parallel logistic regression [SLGE13]
  - Assume the parameters for covariants will stay nearly the same for all SNPs.
  - Strategy
    - Step-1: Pre-train a model on covariates  $X$  (only one time)
    - Step-2: Parallelize regression on all SNPs (one-step of Newton's method)
  - Challenge:  $(\nabla_{\beta}^2 J)^{-1} = (-X^T \cdot W \cdot X)^{-1}$   
where  $p = \sigma(X^T \beta)$ ,  $W = \text{diag}(p(1 - p))$



[SLGE13] Sikorska K, Lesaffre E, Groenen PFJ, Eilers PHC. GWAS on your notebook: fast semi-parallel linear and logistic regression for genome-wide association studies. BMC Bioinformatics 2013 May 28;14:166. PMID:23711206

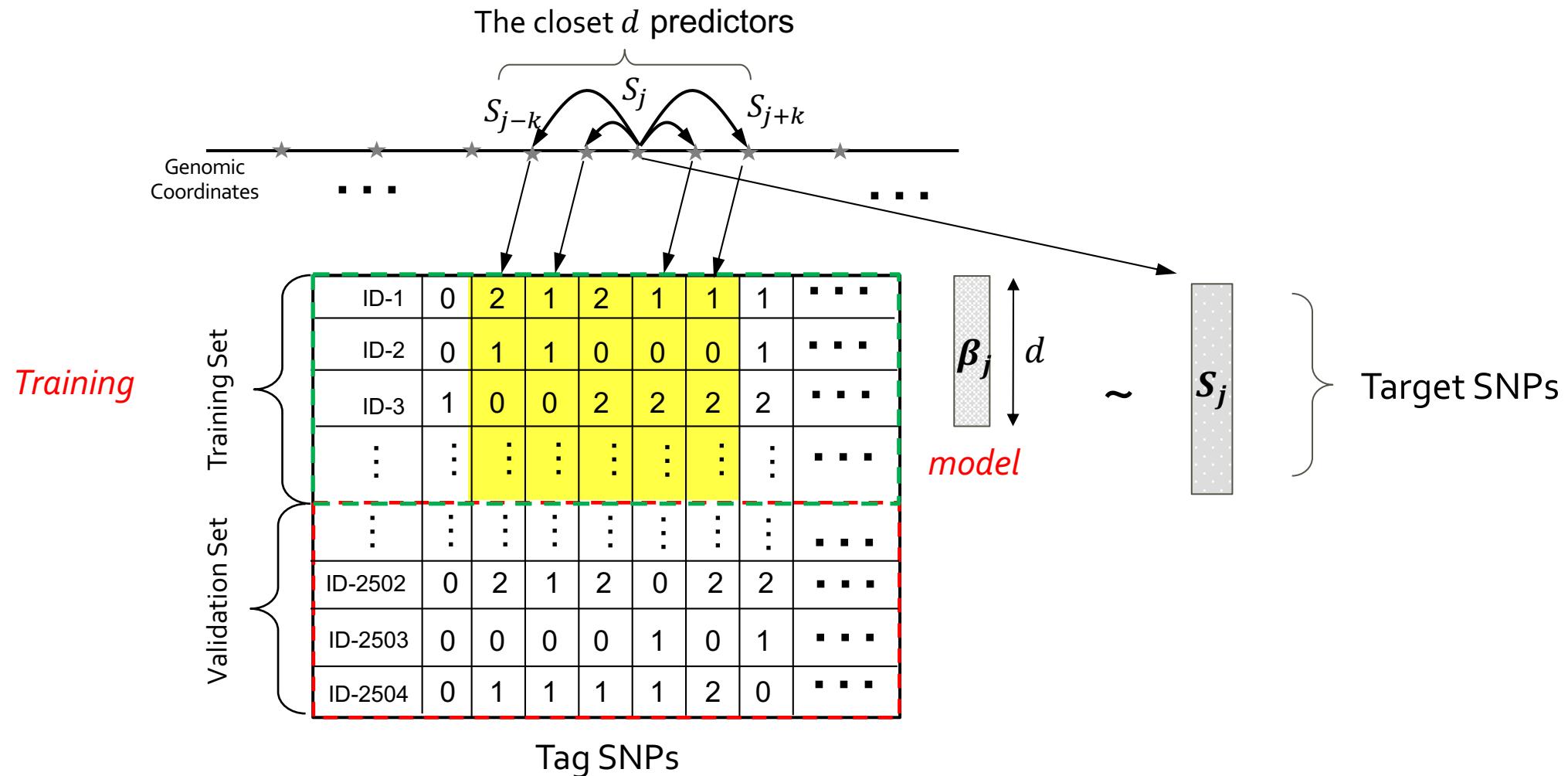
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Team	Scheme	Approach	Enc-to-end performance		Evaluation result ( F1- Score )			
			Time	Memory	1E-2		1E-5	
					Gold	Semi	Gold	Semi
A*FHE	CKKS	Encrypt $(X^T X)^{-1}$ and compute $W^{-1}$ using Newton method	15.3 h	3.7 GB	0.977	0.999	0.966	0.998
Chimera	TFHE & CKKS	LogReg: Gate bootstrapping + sigmoid evaluation $X^T W X \sim \frac{1}{4} \text{Id}$ (assuming $X$ : orthogonal)	3.3 h	10.1 GB	0.979	0.993	0.982	0.974
Delft Blue	CKKS	-	31 h	10.6 GB	0.965	0.969	0.884	0.849
Duality Inc	RNS-CKKS	Chebyshev approximation of the sigmoid Adjugate & determinant	3.8 min	10.0 GB	0.982	0.993	0.990	0.973
IBM	CKKS	CKKS-complex	23 min	14.8 GB	0.913	0.911	0.053	0.06
SNU	CKKS	Adjugate & determinant	52 min	14.8 GB	0.975	0.984	0.932	0.905
UCSD	RNS-CKKS	Adjugate & determinant	1.7 min	14.5 GB	0.983	0.993	0.995	0.967

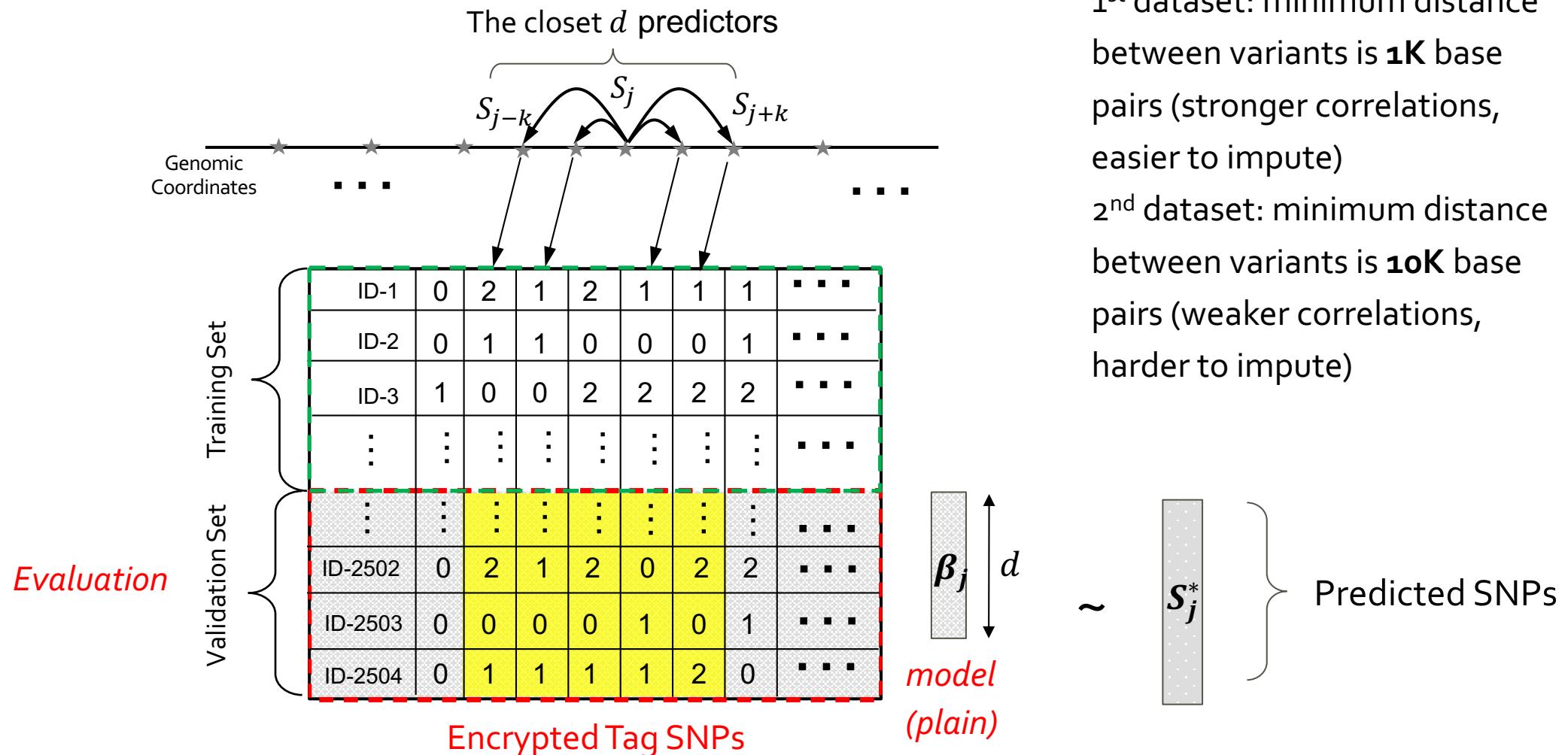
# iDASH'19: Genotype Imputation

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- Tag-SNPs for testing: 250 samples \* 9500 SNPs
- Target-SNPs for testing: 250 sample \* 500 SNPs

Teams	Scheme	Approach	Performance					
			1K			10K		
			Time	Memory	Accuracy	Time	Memory	Accuracy
A*FHE	CKKS	Logistic regression	8.5 min	1.1 GB	0.9956	4.6 min	0.6 GB	0.9609
CodeHopper/ Temple	CKKS	Convolutional neural networks (2 conv + 1 fc)	9.1 min	2.7 GB	0.9959	7.6 min	2.7 GB	0.9435
EPFL	CKKS	Logistic regression (d=32)	22 sec	4.3 GB	0.9936	23 sec	4.3 GB	0.9705
Gerstner-MoMA Labs (Yale)	BFV	-	2.1 min	0.8 GB	0.9803	2 min	0.9 GB	0.9521
SNU	CKKS	1-hidden layer neural network (d=101,38)	2.6 min	0.9 GB	0.9966	51 sec	0.6 GB	0.9750
TFHE- Chimera	TFHE & CKKS	Logistic regression (d=50, 35) Coefficient packing strategy	3.5 sec	0.2 GB	0.9971	0.8 sec	0.03 GB	0.9763

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