

# 2018 PRIMES COMPUTER SCIENCE CONFERENCE

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for High School Students

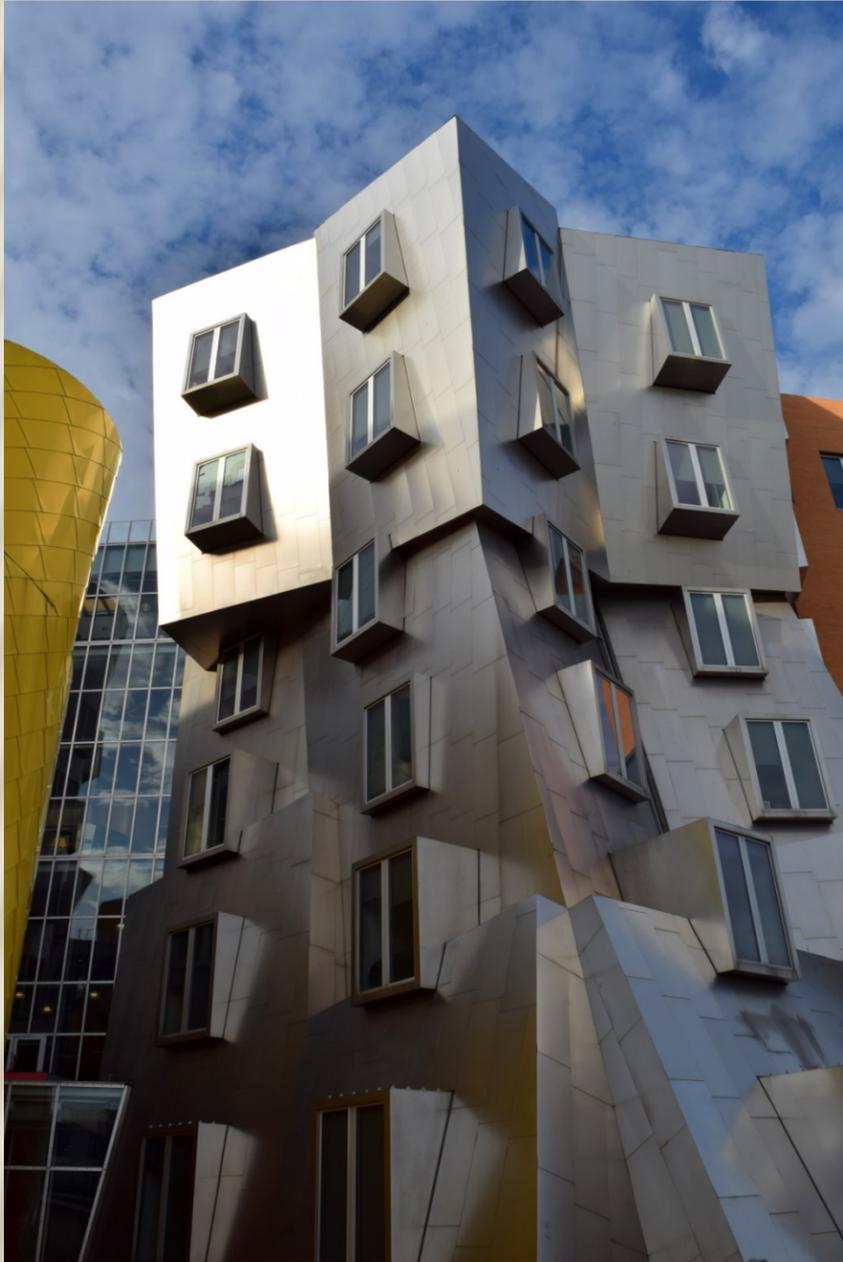


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**Saturday, October 13**

**2:00 pm Welcoming remarks**

Dr. Slava Gerovitch, PRIMES Program  
Director

Prof. Srinivasa Devadas, MIT EECS Department

**2:10 pm Session 1**

Sanath Govindarajan and Walden Yan,  
*Secure image classification with lattice-  
based fully homomorphic encryption*  
(mentor William Moses)

John Kuszmaul, *Verkle trees: Ver(y short  
Mer)kle trees* (mentor Alin Tomescu)

Yiming Zheng, *Scaling transaction  
verifications in cryptocurrencies* (mentor  
Alin Tomescu)

Robert Chen, *Aleator: Random beacon via  
scalable threshold signatures* (mentor  
Alin Tomescu)

**3:30 pm Session 2**

David Lu, *XRD: A Scalable messaging  
system with cryptographic privacy*  
(mentor Albert Kwon)

Ethan Mendes and Patrick Zhang,  
*Maintaining the anonymity of direct  
anonymous attestations with subverted  
platforms* (mentor Kyle Hogan)

Shashvat Srivastava, *AnonStake: An  
Anonymous proof-of-stake  
cryptocurrency via zero-knowledge  
proofs and Algorand* (mentor Kyle  
Hogan)

**4:30 pm Session 3**

Michael Gerovitch, Neil Malur, and Hari Narayanan, *The Second Opinion Project: Leveraging  
external knowledge databases for additional patient medical options* (mentor Dr. Gil  
Alterovitz)

Yingtong Zhao, *Server and interface for genetic risk assessment* (mentor Dr. Gil Alterovitz)

Leo Dong, *Novel feature learning method of gene expression data based on an optimized  
denoising autoencoder* (mentor Dr. Gil Alterovitz)

Andrew Zhang, *Antimicrobial resistance prediction using deep convolutional neural networks on  
whole genome sequence data* (mentor Dr. Gil Alterovitz)

**5:45 pm Session 4**

Anusha Murali, *A Semi-Supervised dimensionality reduction method to reduce batch effects in  
genomic data* (mentor Dr. Mahmoud Ghandi, Broad Institute)

Sanjit Bhat, *Towards efficient methods for training robust deep neural networks* (mentor Dimitris  
Tsipras)

Aditya Saligrama and Andrew Shen, *A Practical analysis of Rust's concurrency story* (mentor  
Jon Gjengset)

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