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Can you go a little bit deeper for me re: meaning of "encryption methods are used in biological systems". Are you talking about scientists examining/revealing that there are natural biological encryption system that we are discovering, or is it more about synthetic biology where scientists are designing encryption for, say, the genomes they create? It matters because it's a different category of people to look for. ie, am I looking for a Venter or Mullis, or would it be the kind of people Steve Levy wrote about in Crypto (<http://www.stevenlevy.com/index.php/other-books/crypto>) or that Markoff is reporting on now in his NYT cyber-security series, or, say, someone who works for Microsoft or Google.

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