

Master in Cellular and Molecular Biology

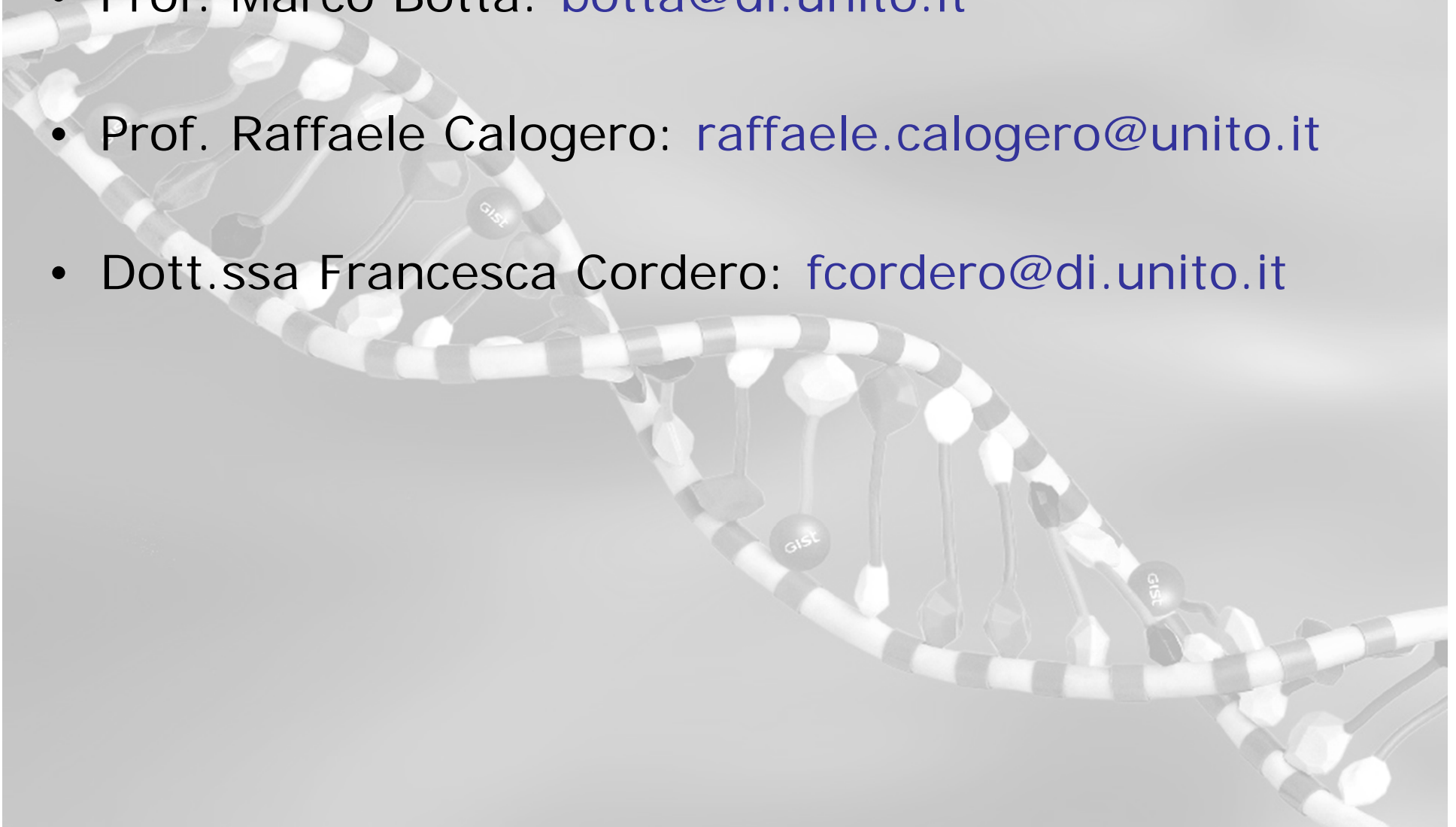
Bioinformatics

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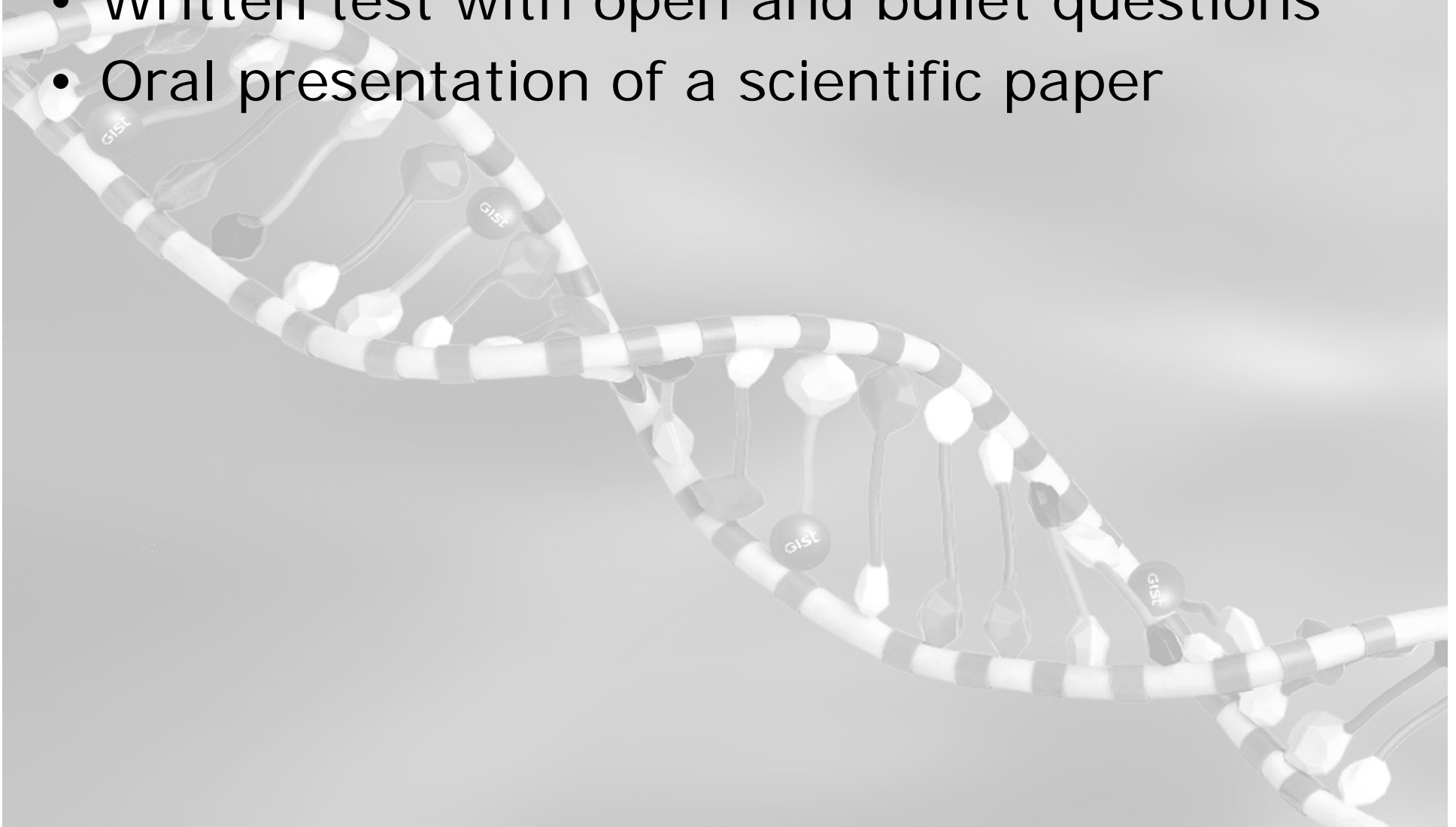
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Lecture schedule

- From today
 - Mondays 11-13
 - Tuesdays 9-11
 - Wednesdays 11-13
 - From October 31
 - Mondays 9-11
 - Tuesdays 9-11
 - Wednesdays 11-13
 - Aula B – Fisiologia, Corso M. D'Azeglio 50
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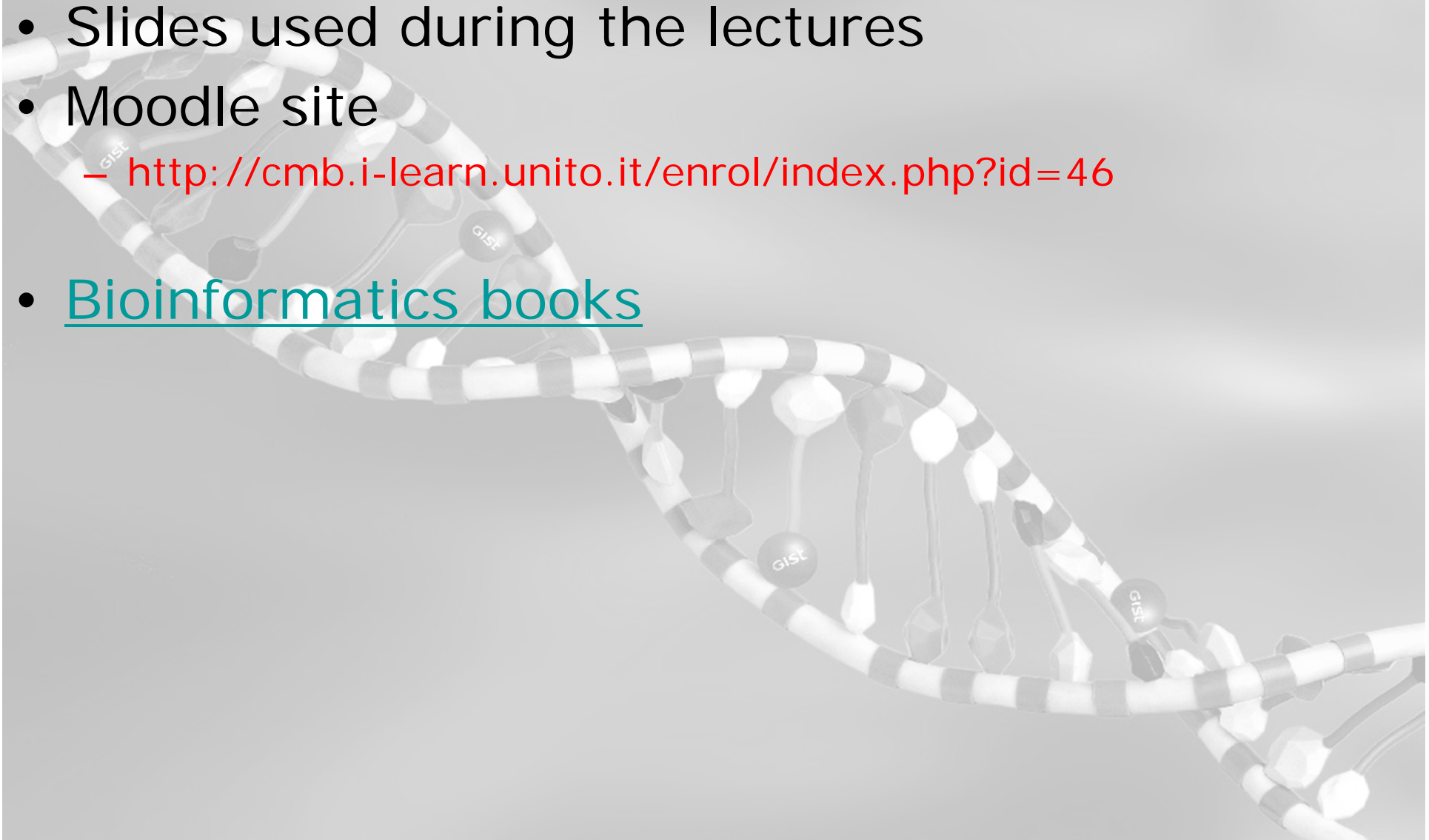
Learning Assessment

- Written test with open and bullet questions
- Oral presentation of a scientific paper



Study Material

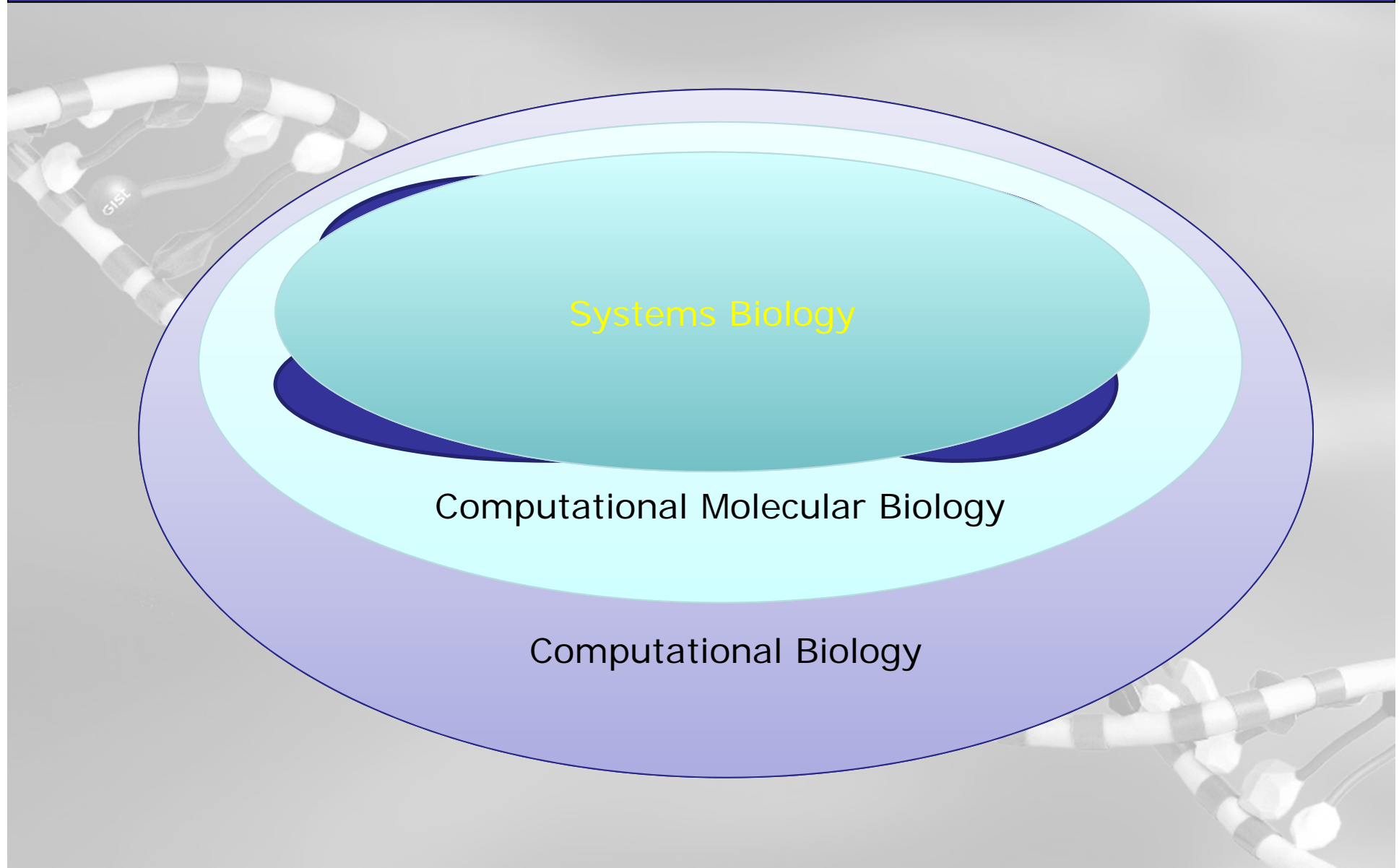
- Slides used during the lectures
- Moodle site
 - <http://cmb.i-learn.unito.it/enrol/index.php?id=46>
- [Bioinformatics books](#)



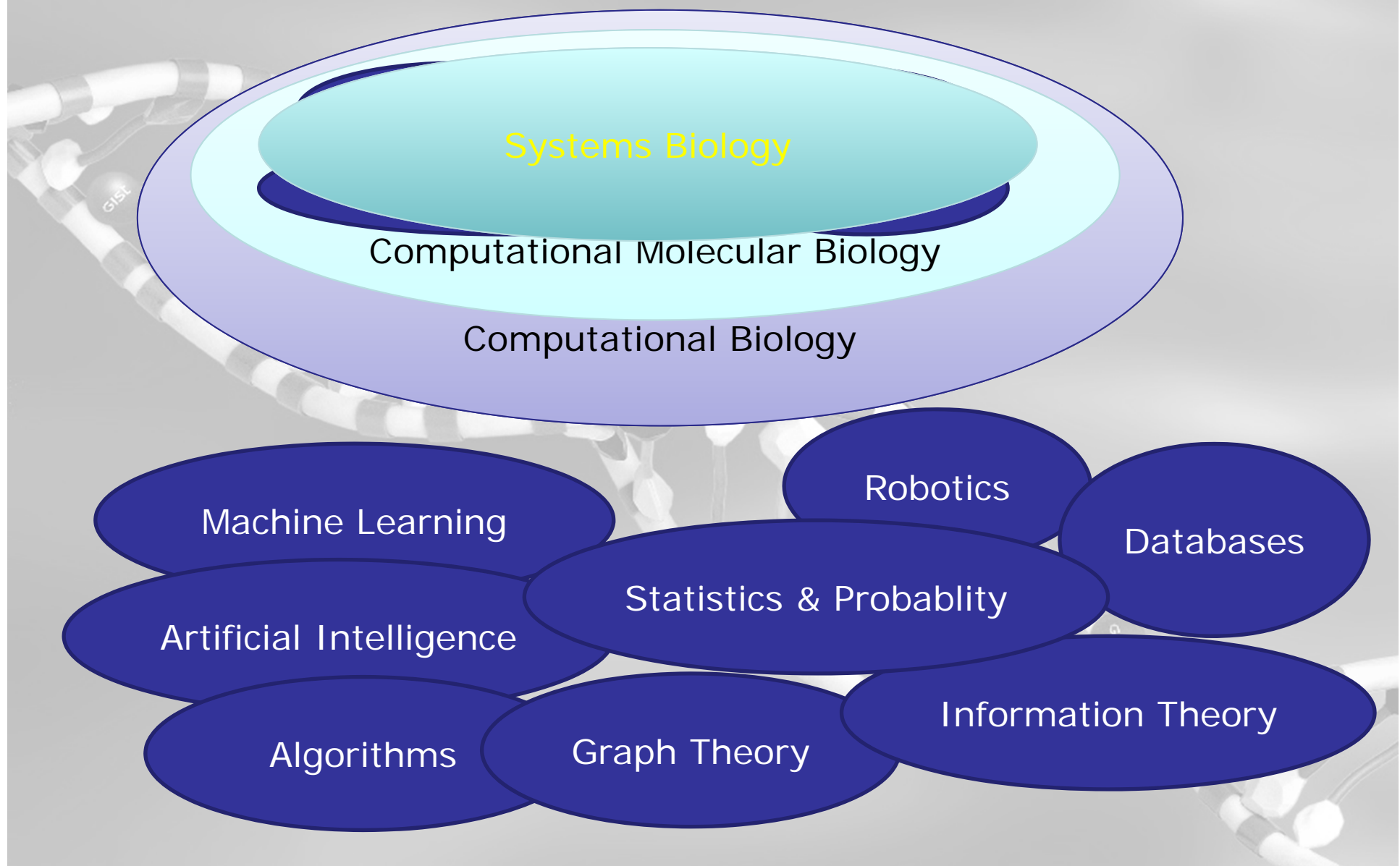
Program

- Introduction to Bioinformatics (today)
- Sequence Alignment
- Multiple Sequence Alignment and Profiles
- Clustering Algorithms and Phylogenesis
- Classification and Prediction Algorithms
- (Introduction to Databases)
- Introduction to Graph Theory (Biological Networks)
- Microarray data analysis
- Representation and Identification Techniques of TFBS
- CpG Islands Identification
- ...

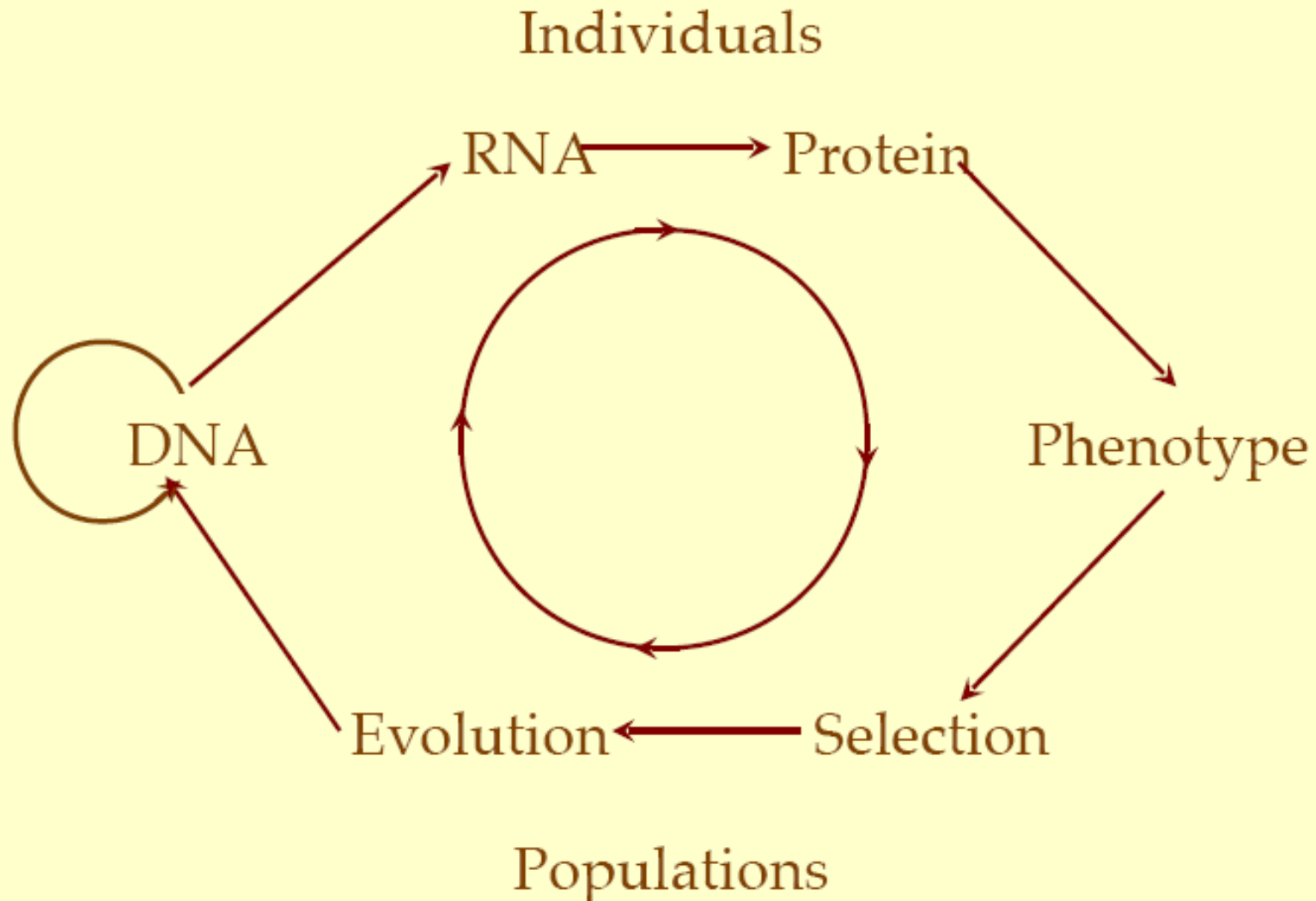
Genomics, Bioinformatics & Computational Biology



Computational Biology & Computer Science



Central Paradigm of Molecular Biology



Central Paradigm of Bioinformatics

Genetic Information

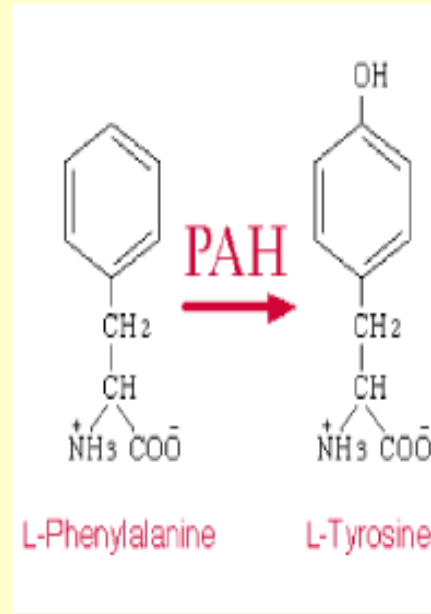
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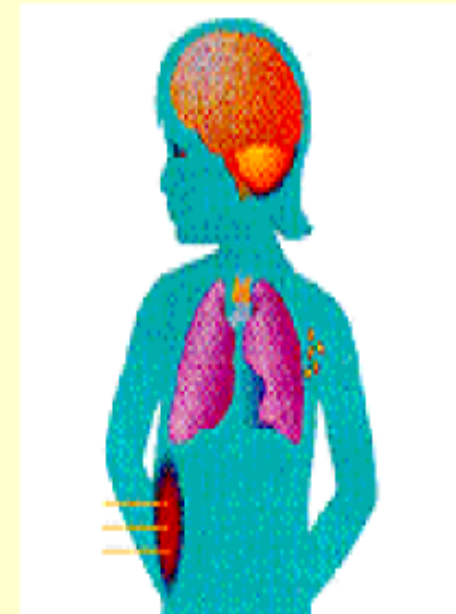
Molecular Structure



Biochemical Function



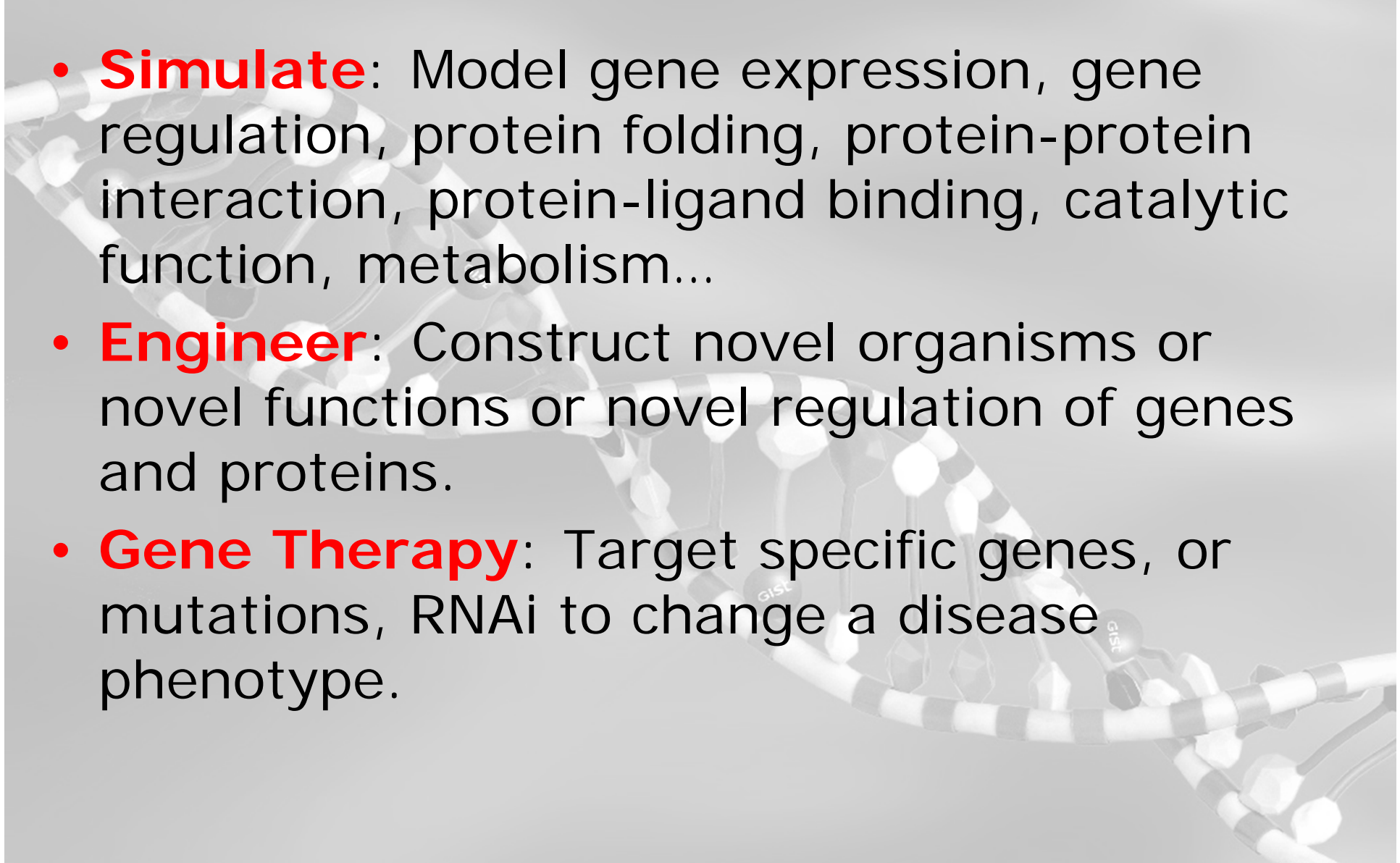
Phenotype (Symptoms)



Computational Goals of Bioinformatics

- **Learn & Generalize**: Discover conserved patterns (models) of sequences, structures, interactions, metabolism & chemistries from well-studied examples.
- **Prediction**: Infer function or structure of newly sequenced genes, genomes, proteins or proteomes from these generalizations.
- **Organize & Integrate**: Develop a systematic and genomic approach to molecular interactions, metabolism, cell signaling, gene expression...

Computational Goals of Bioinformatics

- **Simulate**: Model gene expression, gene regulation, protein folding, protein-protein interaction, protein-ligand binding, catalytic function, metabolism...
 - **Engineer**: Construct novel organisms or novel functions or novel regulation of genes and proteins.
 - **Gene Therapy**: Target specific genes, or mutations, RNAi to change a disease phenotype.
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Challenges Understanding Genetic Information



- Genetic information is **redundant**
- Structural information is **redundant**
- Genes and proteins are **meta-stable**
- Single genes have **multiple functions**
- Genes are **one dimensional** but function depends on **three-dimensional** structure

Redundancy in Genomic & Protein Sequences

- DNA is double-stranded
 - Genetic code
 - Acceptable amino-acid replacements
 - Intron-exon variation
 - Alternative splicing
 - Strain variations (SNPs)
 - Sequencing errors
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