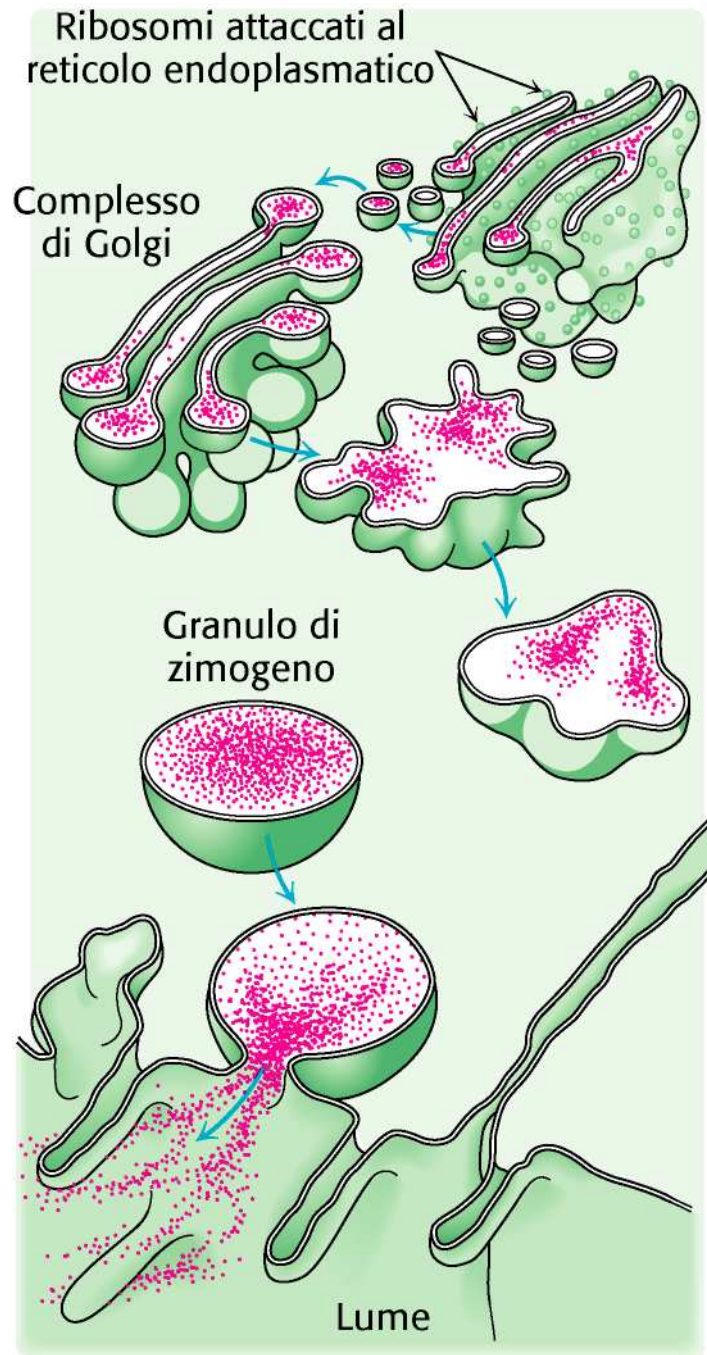
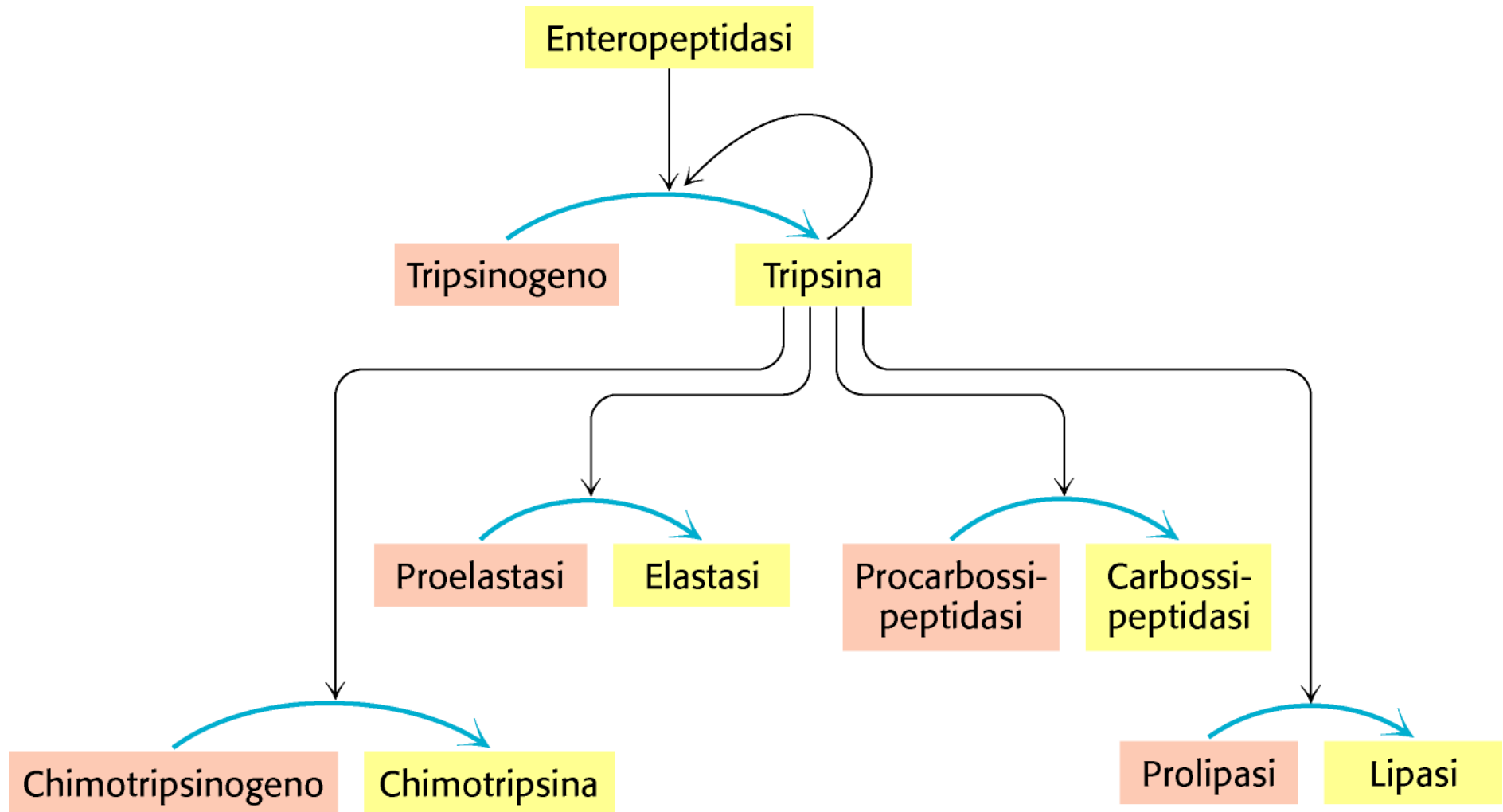


Meccanismi alla base dell'attivazione



Qual è il meccanismo che previene l'attività delle proteasi quando non ce n'è bisogno?



Proteases Are Synthesized as Zymogens

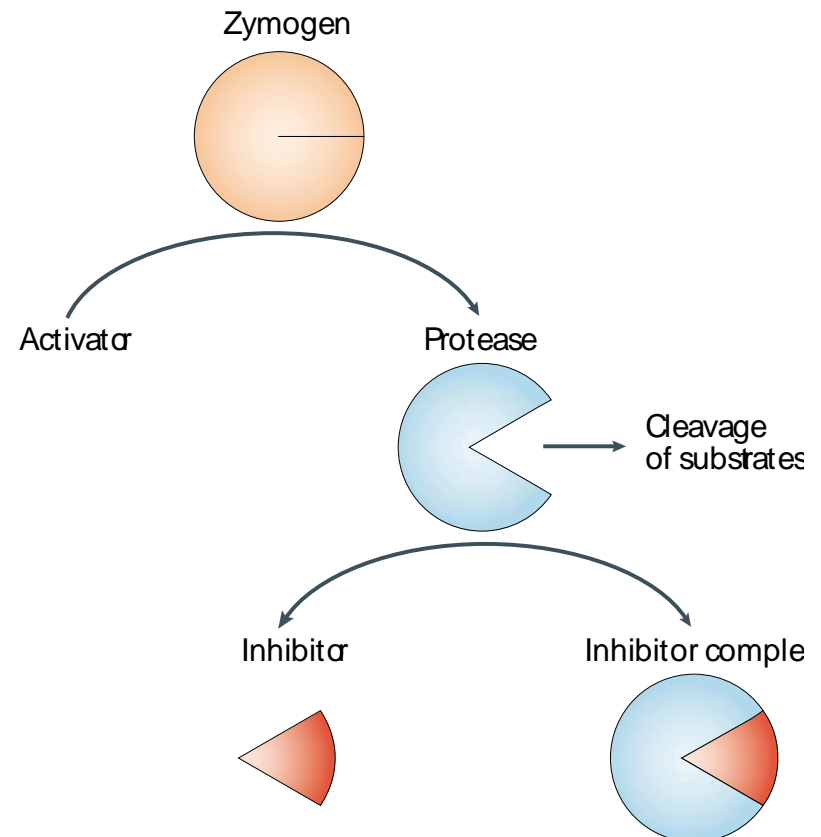
Zymogen:

A proenzyme or inactive enzyme. It requires a biochemical change to reveal the active site for it to become an active enzyme.

Zymogens lack the structural attributes required for formation of the enzyme-substrate complex.

Why Synthesize as a Zymogen?

- prevent unwanted protein degradation
- enable spatial and temporal regulation
- tightly controlled



Serine Proteases: Mechanism of Control

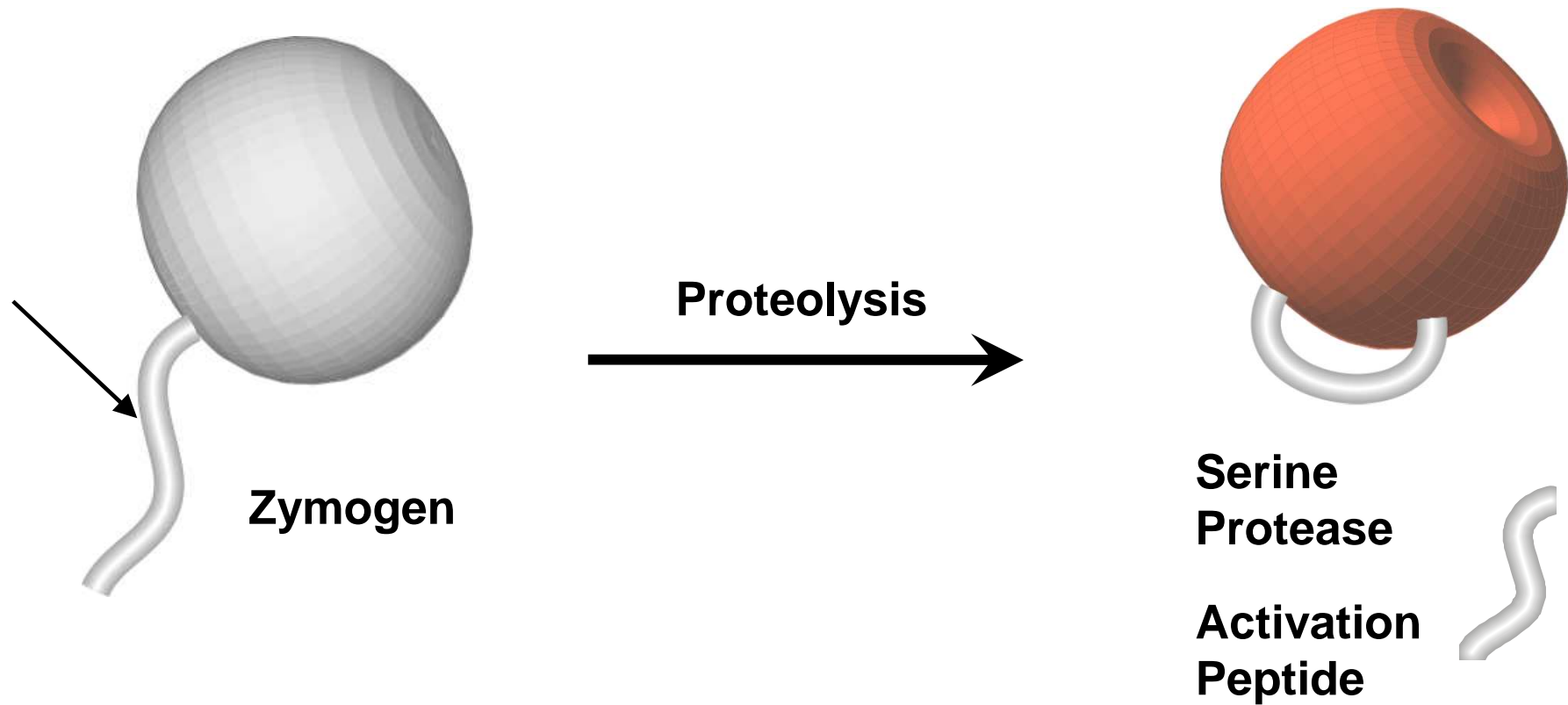


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	II(15-16)	I	D	G	R		I	V	E	G
VIIa/TF, IXa/VIIIa	X(15-16)	N	L	T	R		I	V	G	G
VIIa/TF, XIa	IX	K	L	T	R		A	E	A	V
	IX(15-16)	D	F	T	R		V	V	G	G
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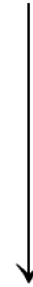
New N-terminus

Chimotripsinogeno (inattivo)



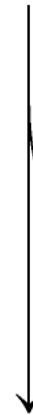
π -Chimotripsina
(attiva)

Tripsina



α -Chimotripsina
(attiva)

π -Chimotripsina



Due dipeptidi

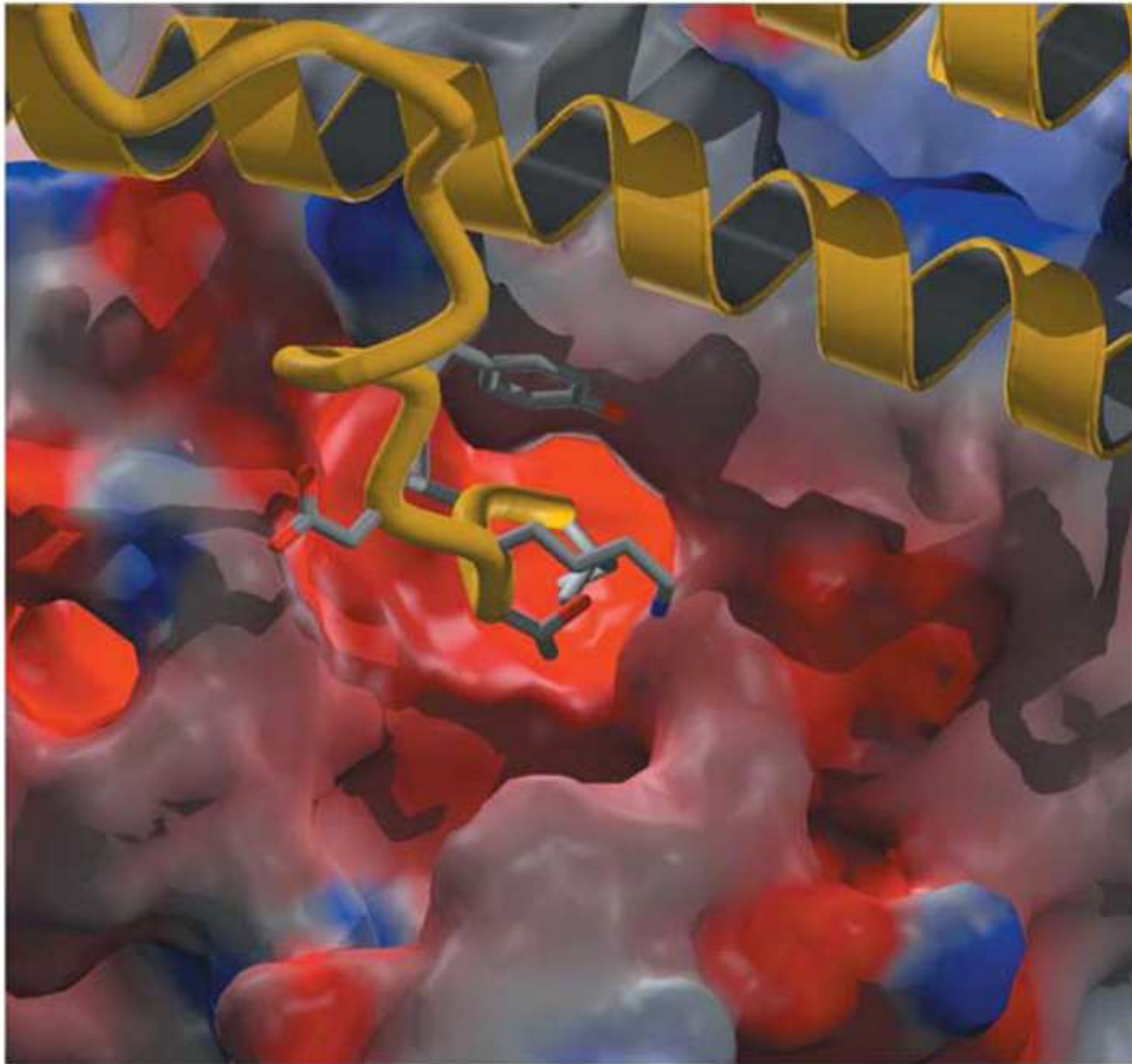


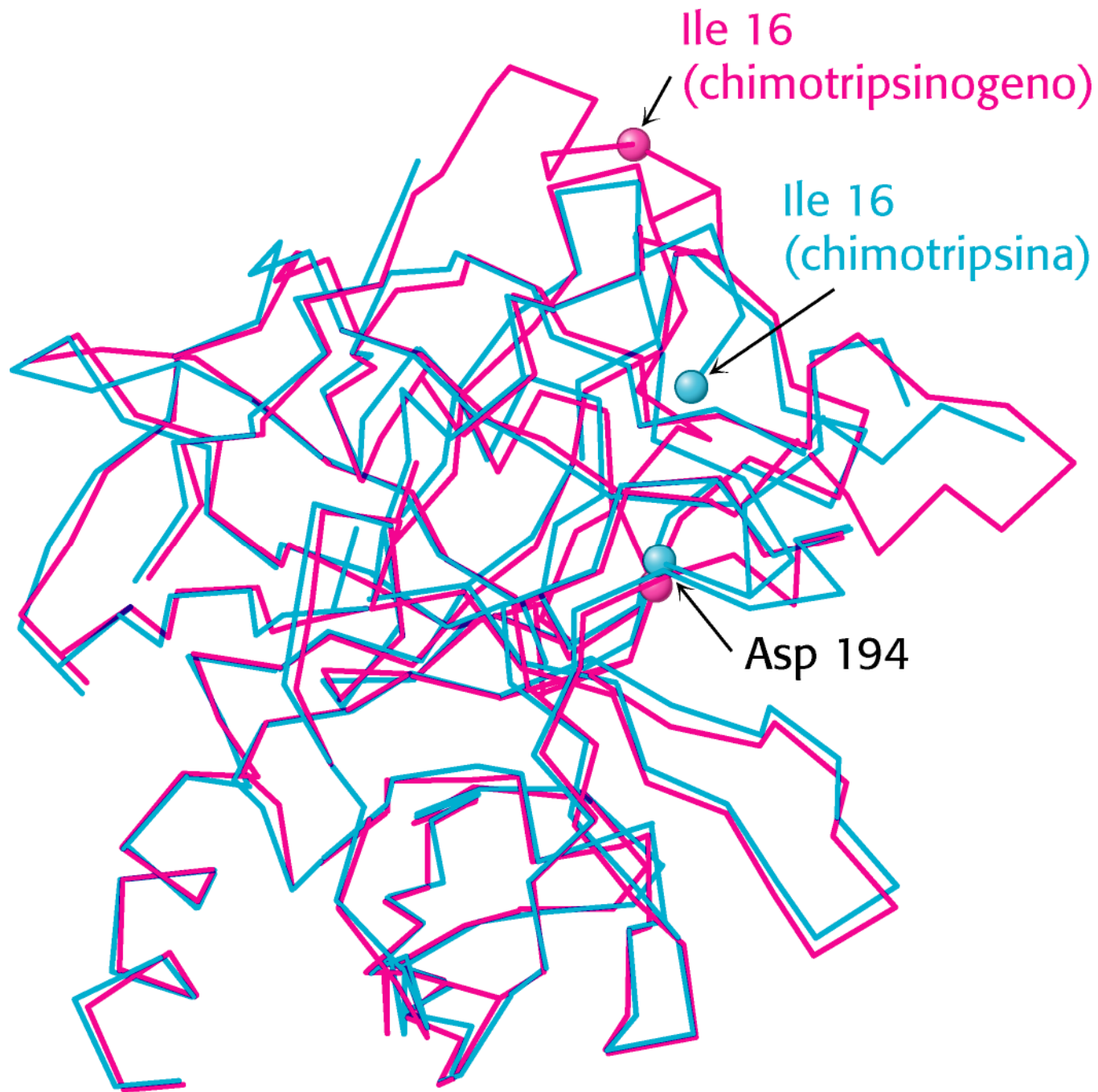
Catena A

Catena B

Catena C

The Key Step: the salt bridge formation



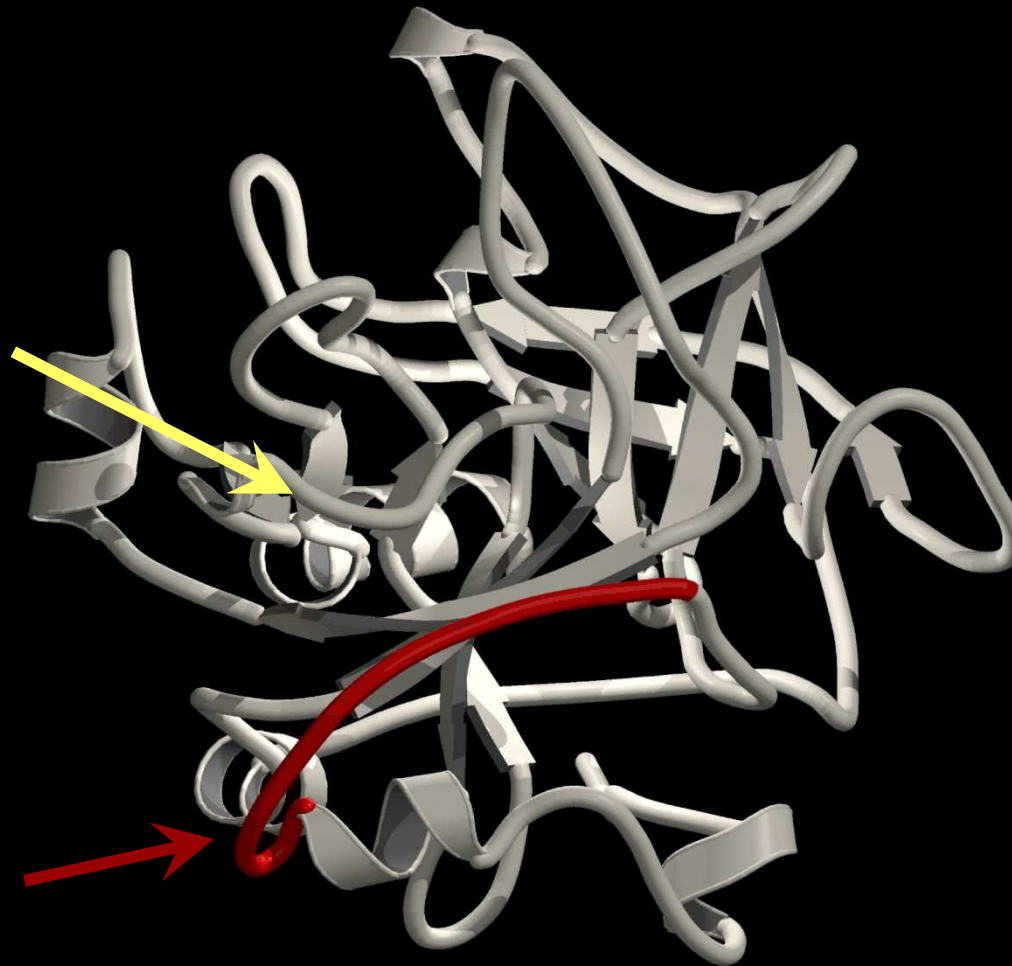


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Serine Proteases: Conversion Pathway

- Cleavage between Arg¹⁵-Ile¹⁶ → Exposure of new N-terminus
- New N-terminus (IVGG) forms salt bridge with Asp¹⁹⁴
- N-terminal insertion leads to a conformational change in the “activation domain”

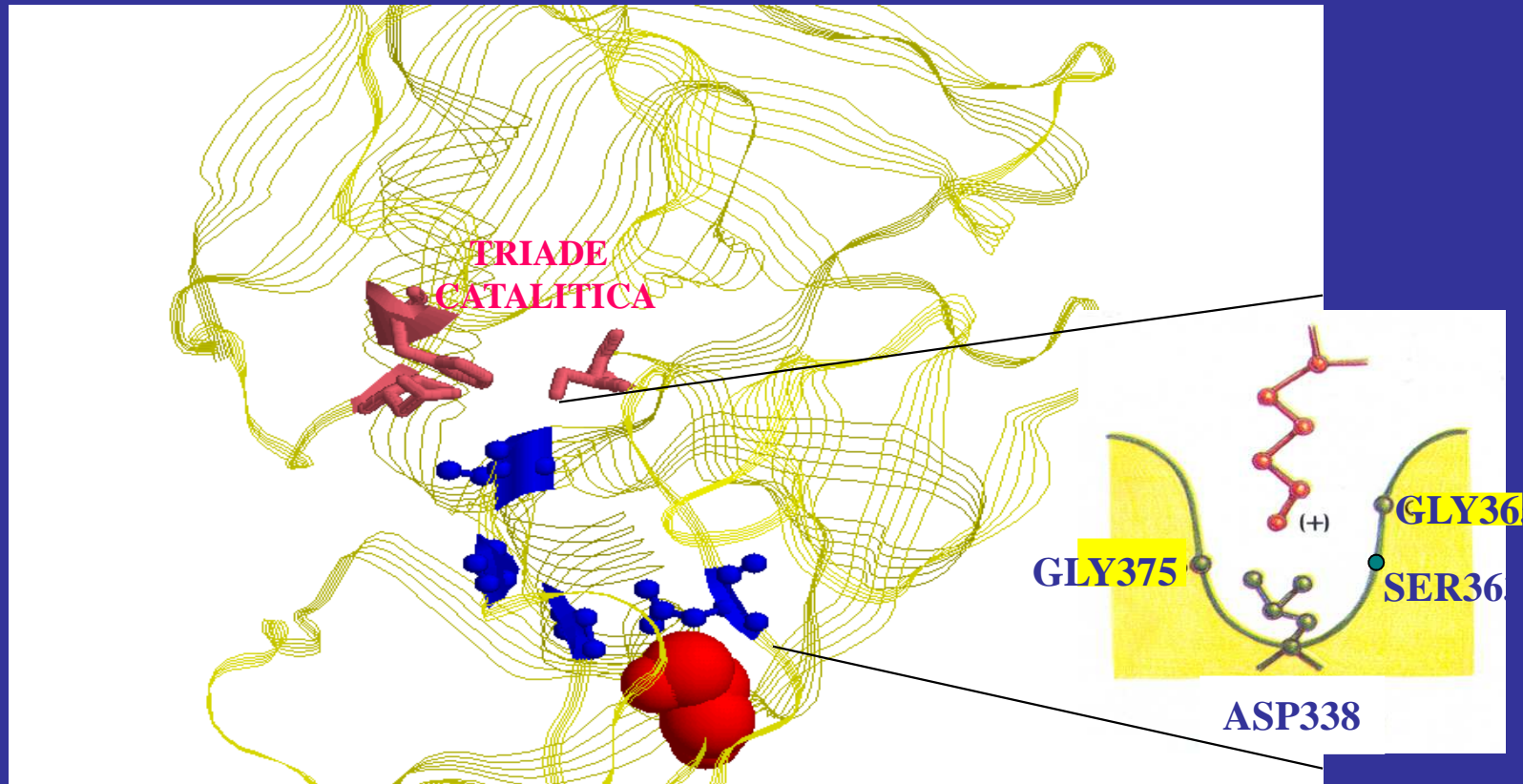
**Active site
(184-194)**



**N-terminus
(16-19)**

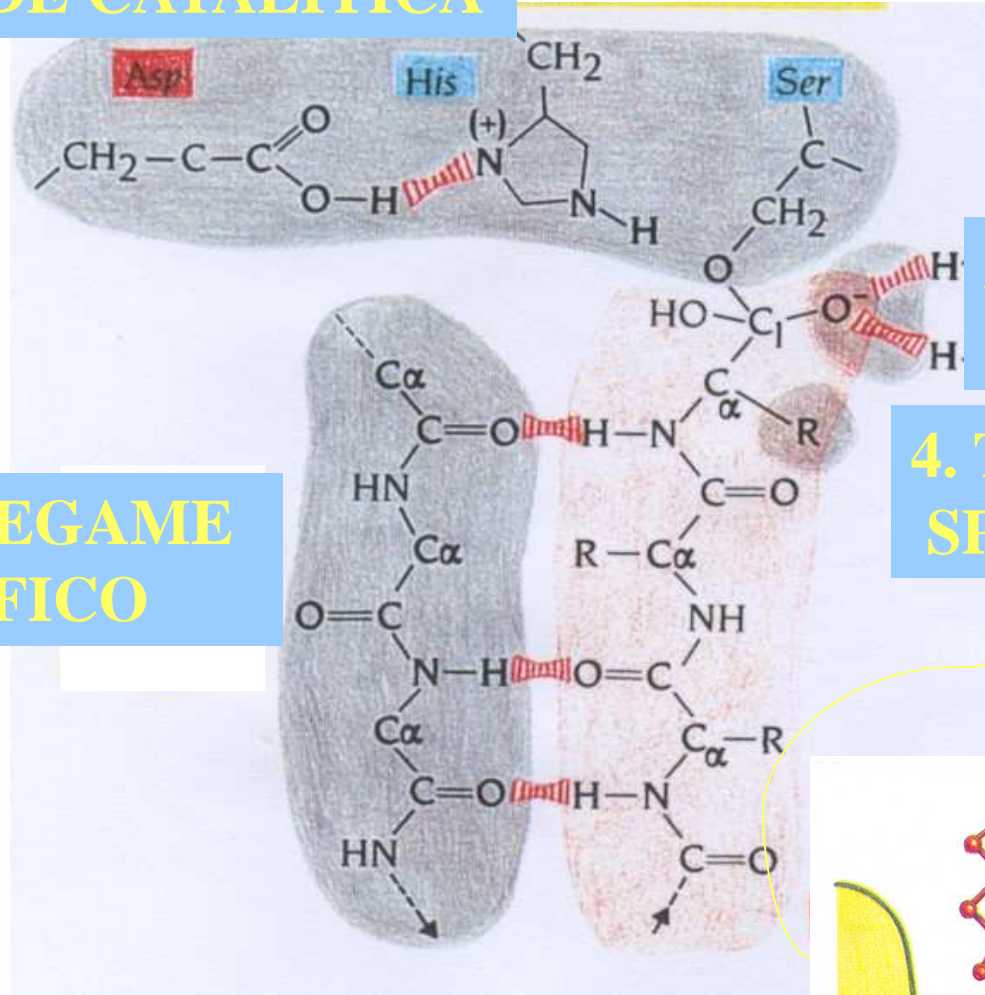
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Max Planck
Institute of Biochemistry*

Il taglio nel sito di attivazione determina modificazioni conformazionali del dominio catalitico e la formazione del sito attivo della serin proteasi



CARATTERISTICHE PER LA CATALISI SERIN PROTEASICA

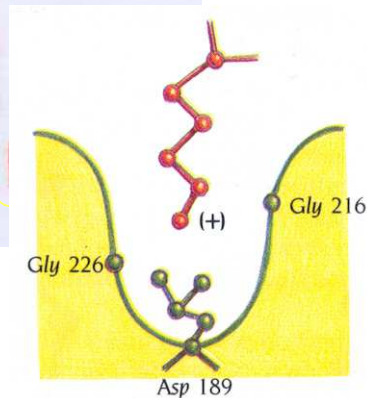
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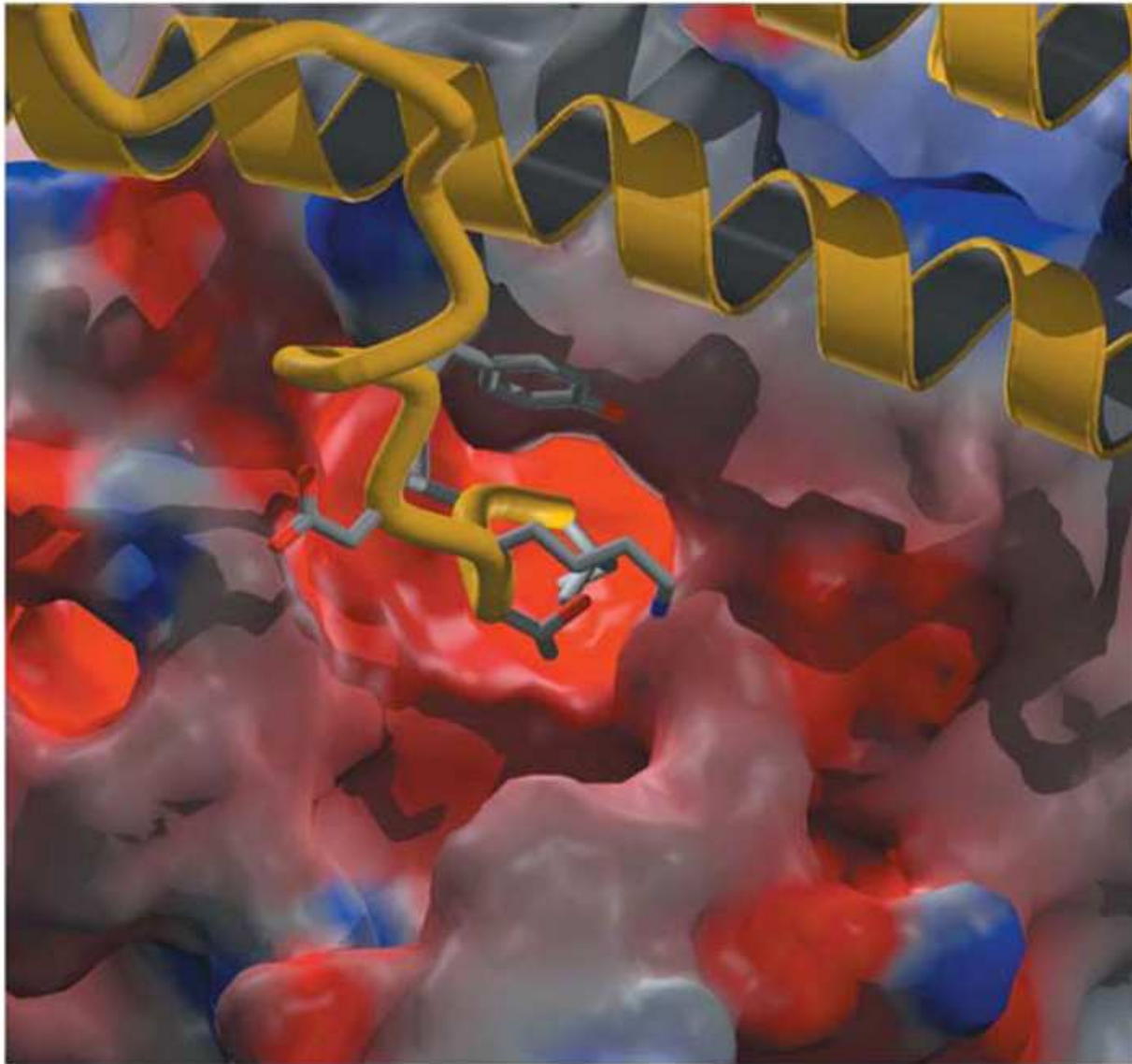
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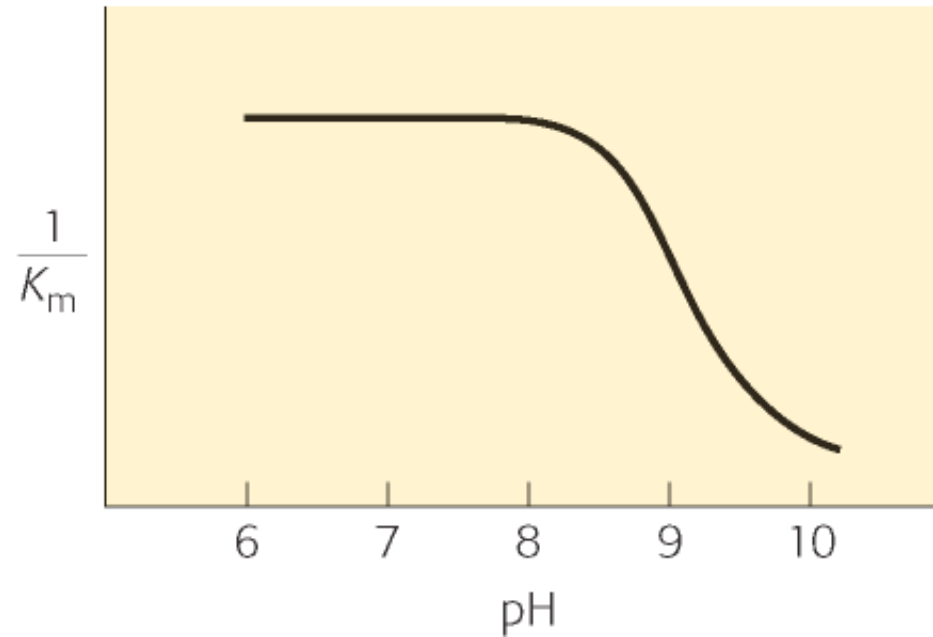
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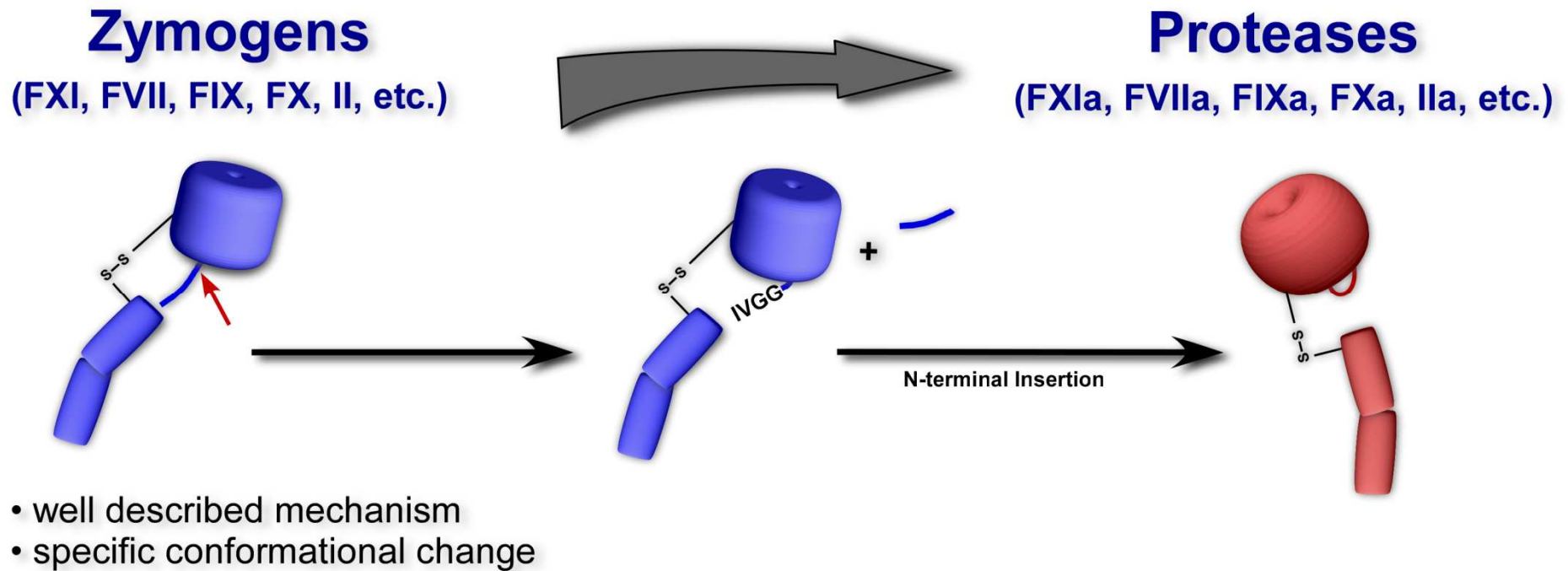
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Lo stato di ionizzazione dell'Ile16 influenza la formazione del ponte salino con Asp194 e quindi la K_m dell'enzima



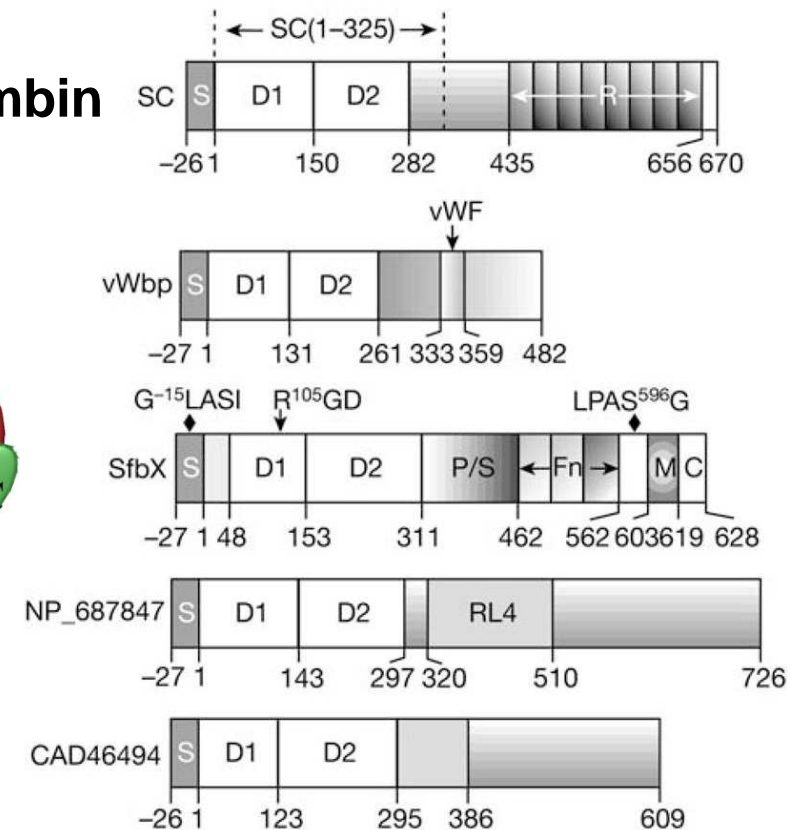
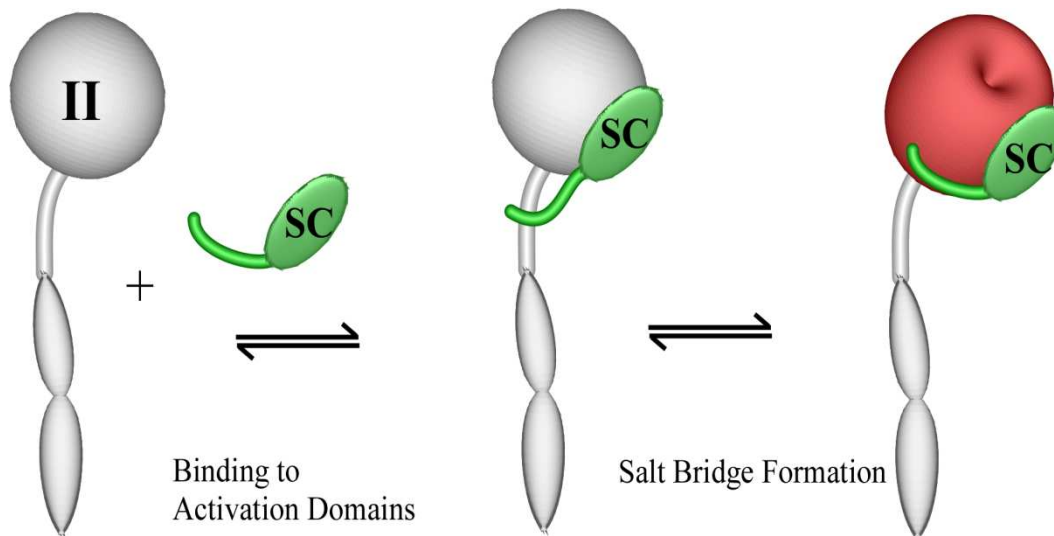
Zymogen Activation as an important way to control enzymatic activity



Allosteric Zymogen Activation:

Staphylocoagulase family of ZAAPs:

- non-proteolytic activators of zymogens
- found in gram-positive bacteria (e.g. staphylococcus)
- examples:
 - streptokinase—activates fibrinolysis
 - staphylocoagulase-activates prothrombin



Non-Proteolytic Activation of Prothrombin by Staphylocoagulase Support for the “Molecular Sexuality” Hypothesis

