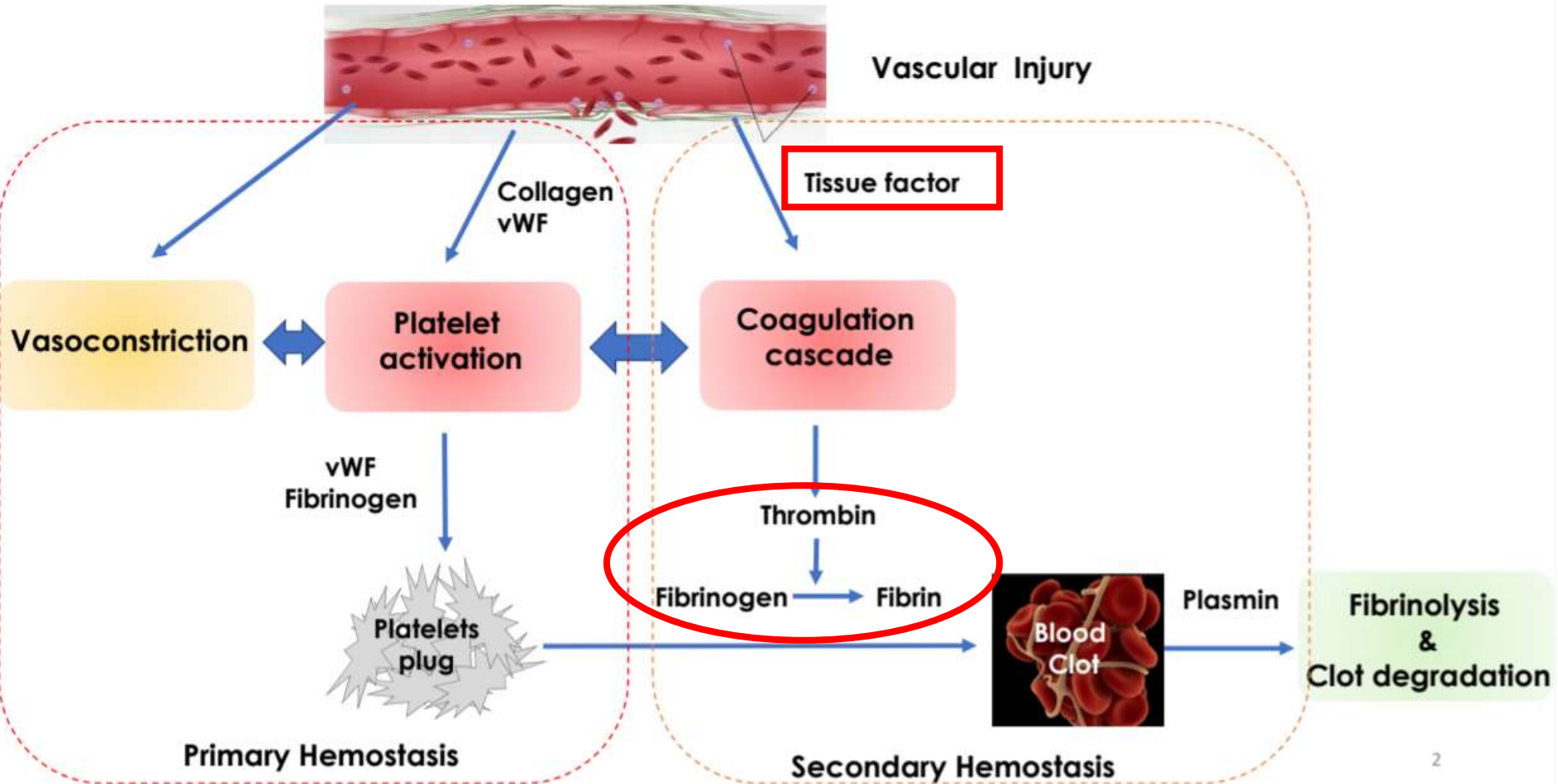
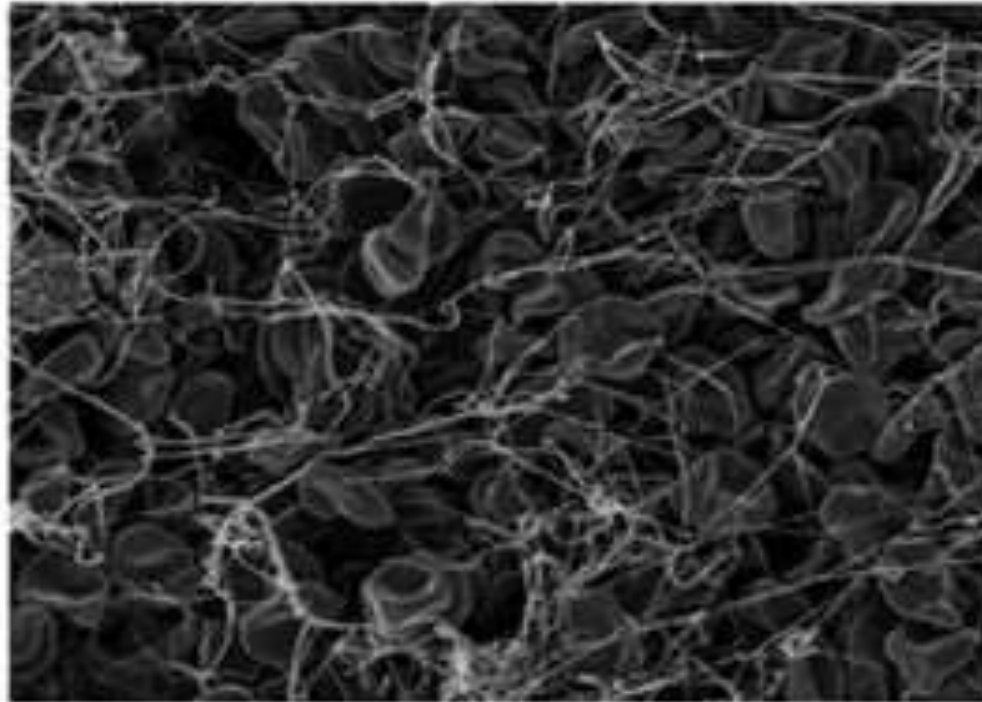


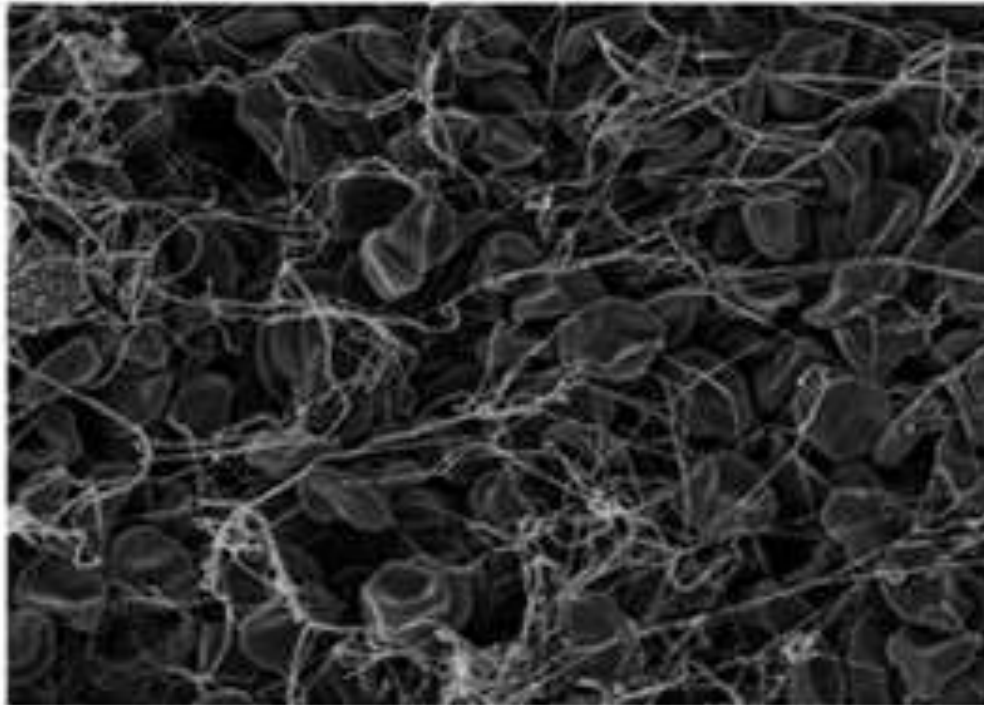
Hemostatic process: an overview



Modifiers of Fibrin Clot Formation, Structure, and Stability

Concentrations of:	Metal ions	Blood cells	Polyphosphates	Post-translational
Procoagulants	pH	Vascular cells	DNA & histones	modification
Anticoagulants	Temperature	Cellular vesicles	Heparin	Blood flow
Fibrinogen variants			Protamine	Others?





Diseases Associated with Abnormal Fibrin(ogen) Structure and Stability

Coronary Artery Disease

Myocardial Infarction

Ischemic Stroke

Venous Thromboembolism

Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm

Smoking

Chronic Kidney Disease

In-stent Thrombosis

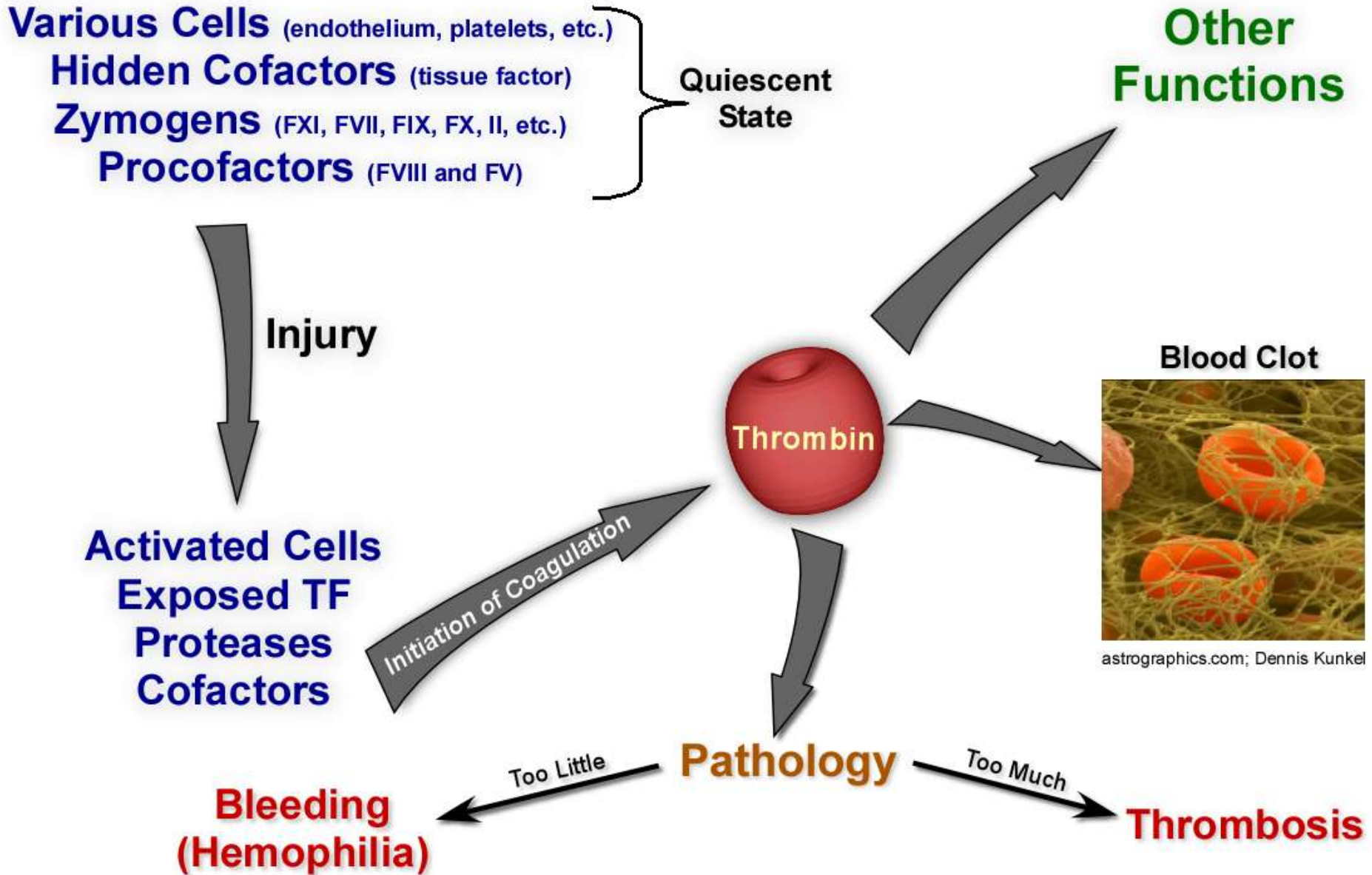
Cirrhosis

Hemophilia

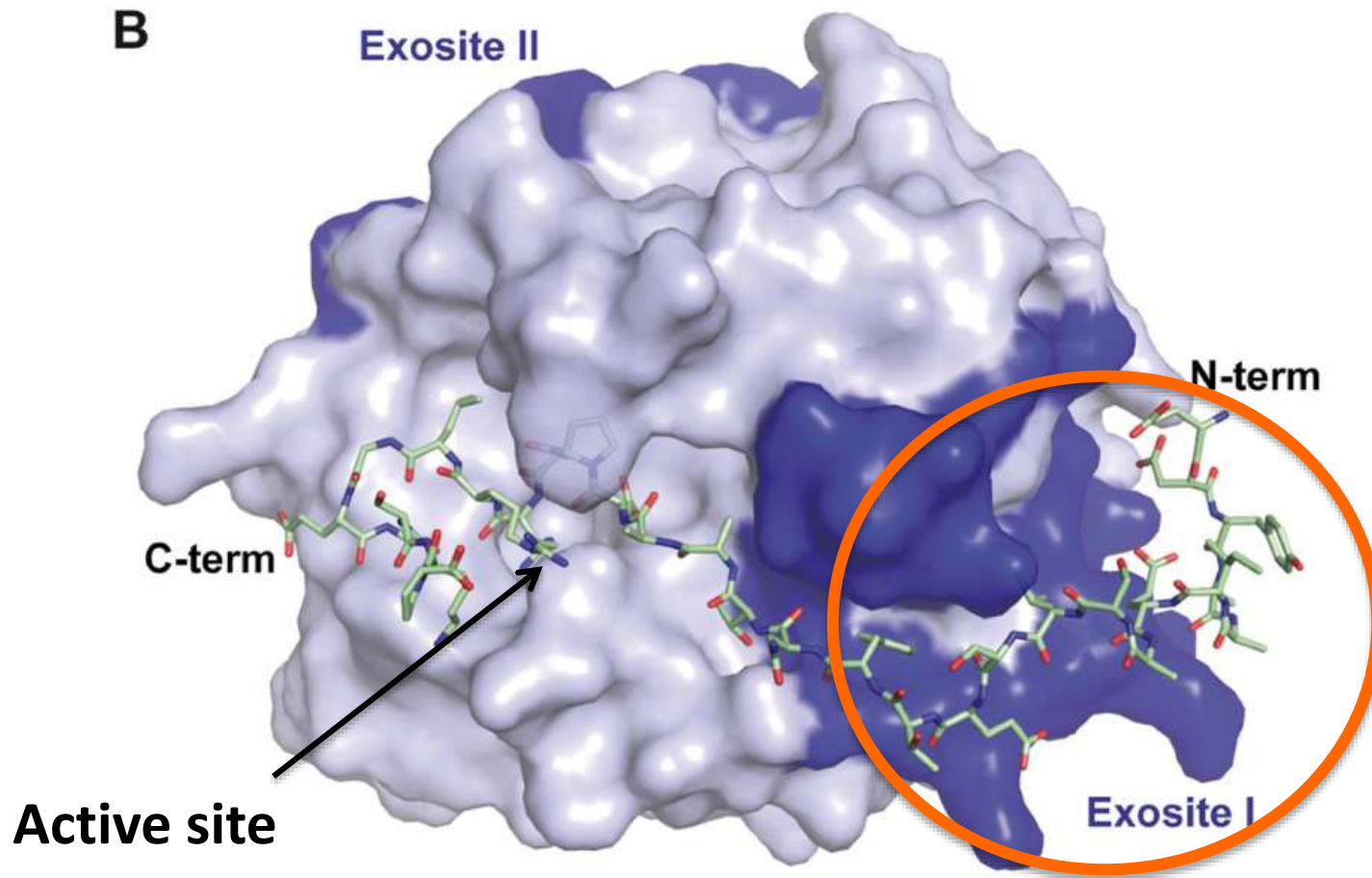
Others?



The Blood Coagulation Response:



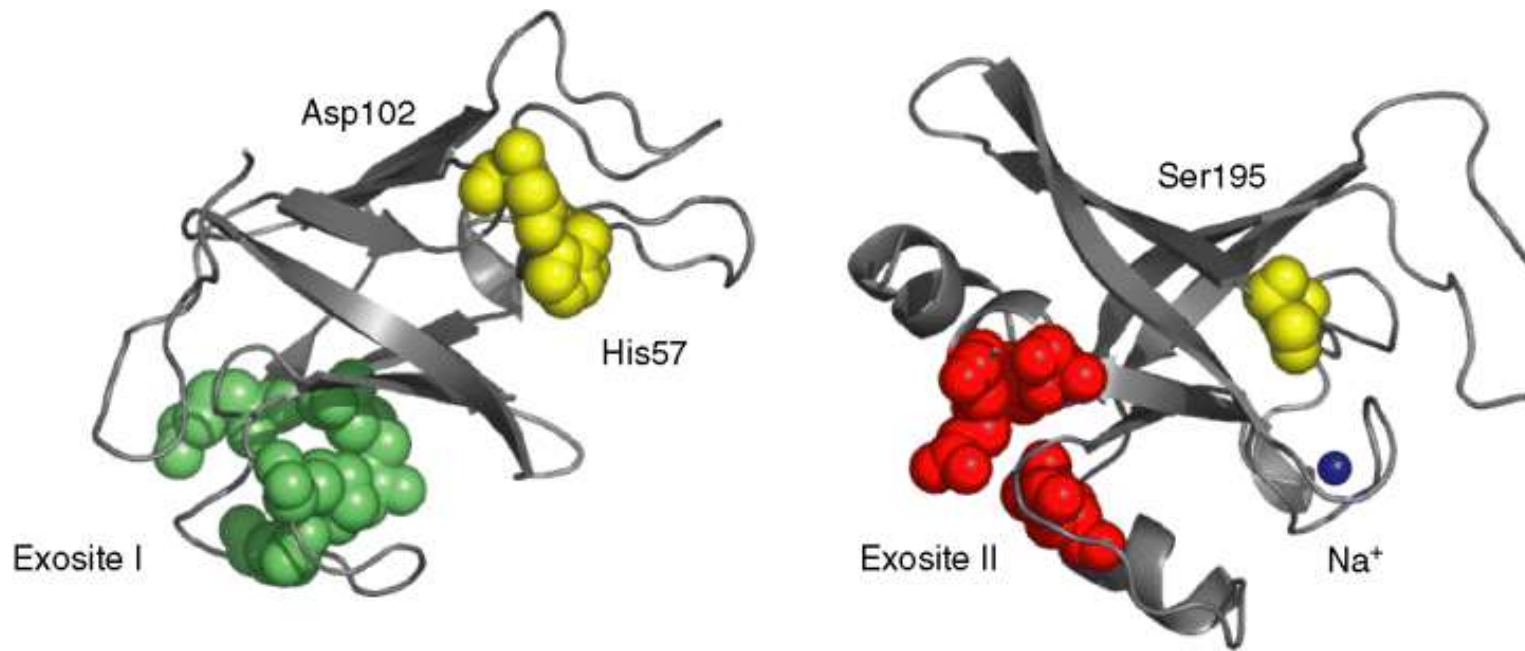
Thrombin X-ray structure



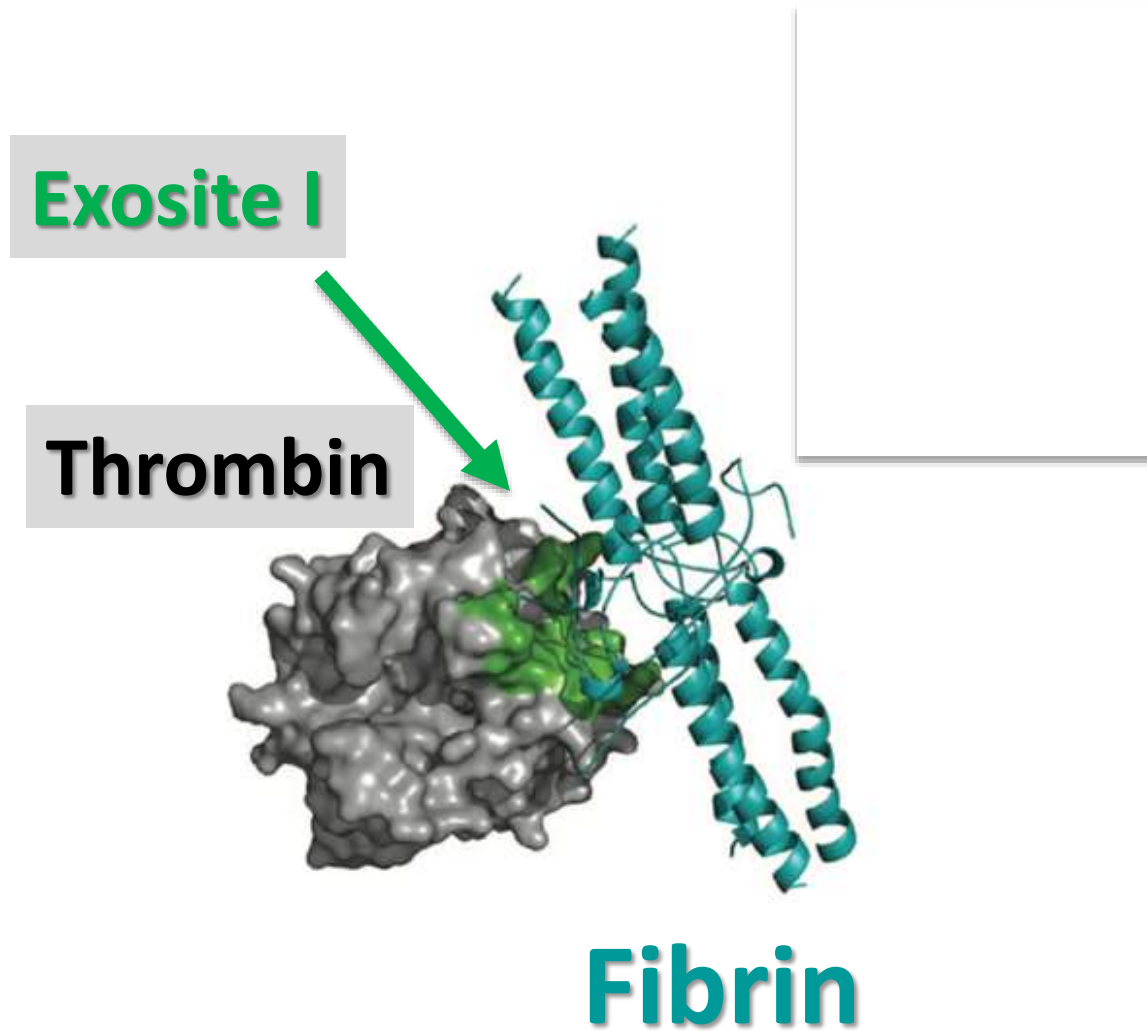
Exosite binding determines substrate specificity

- Thrombin targets are restricted due to specific interactions between the protein substrate and residues outside the catalytic cleft termed **Exosite**
- Extended interactions at exosites drive substrate affinity and contribute to substrate specificity.

Determinants of specificity in coagulation proteases

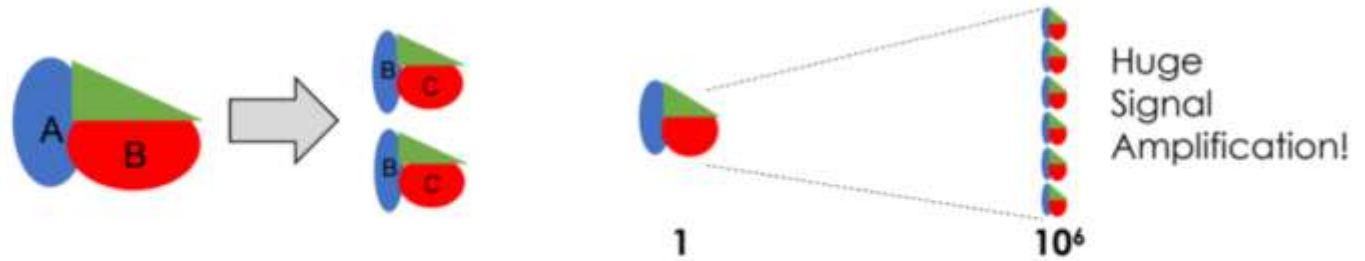


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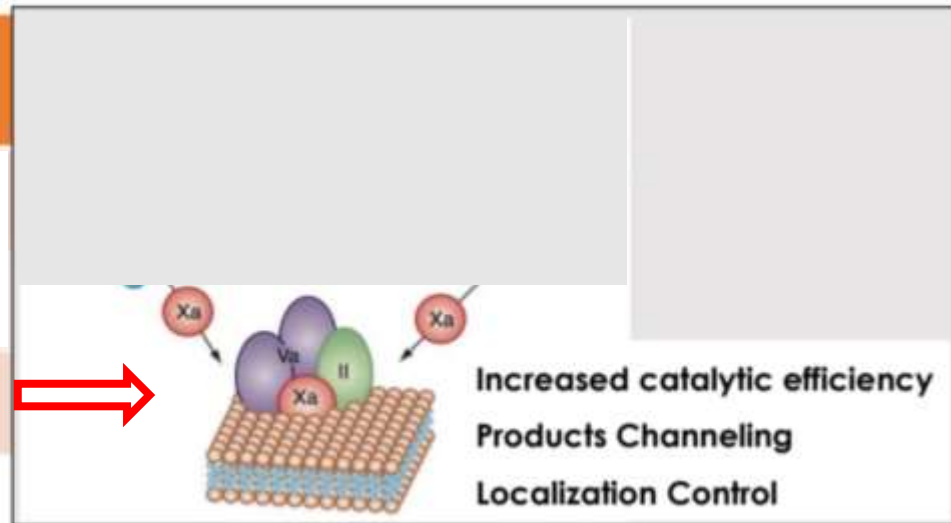
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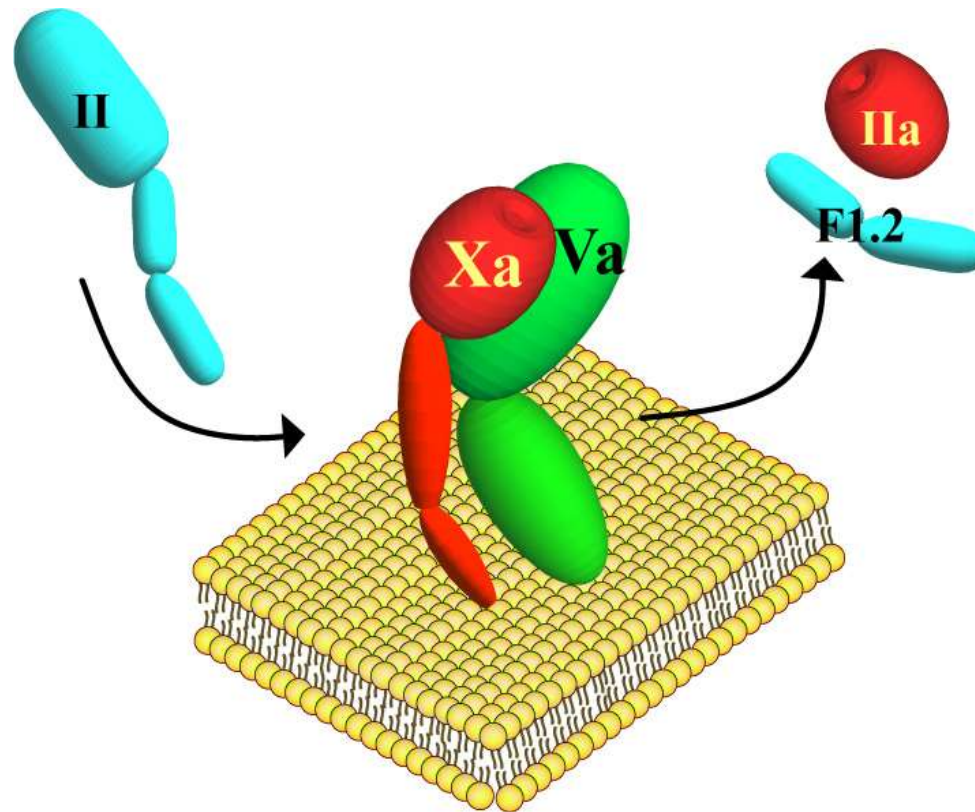


It takes place on **macromolecular complex**:

Complex name	Enzyme (active)	Cofactor	Substrate (zymogen)	Catalytic Efficiency
Prothrombinase	FXa	FVa	Prothrombin	$>3 \times 10^5$



Prothrombin is activated to thrombin by two proteolytic cleavages



Prothrombinase

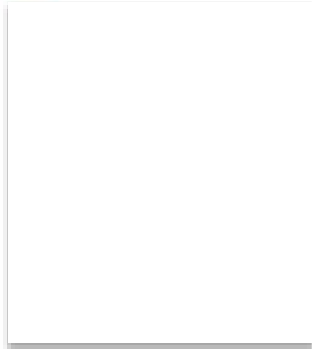
Prothrombin

R²⁷¹

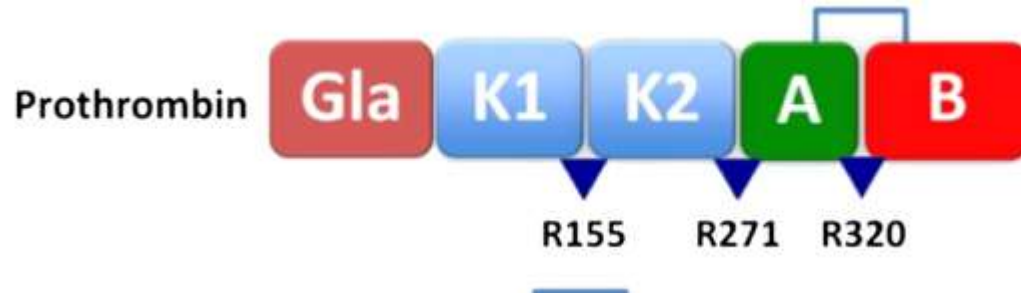


R³²⁰

**Protease
Domain**



I SITI DI TAGLIO SONO TRE!



Prothrombin contains a Gla domain, two kringle (K1 and K2), and a protease domain composed of the A and B chains.

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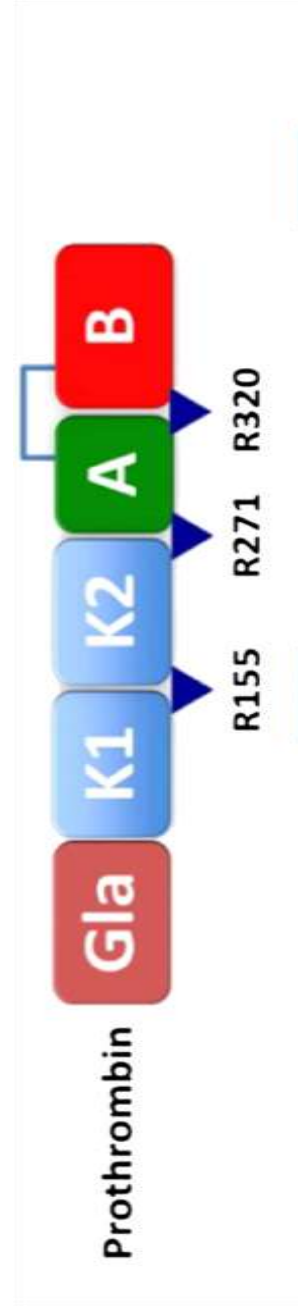
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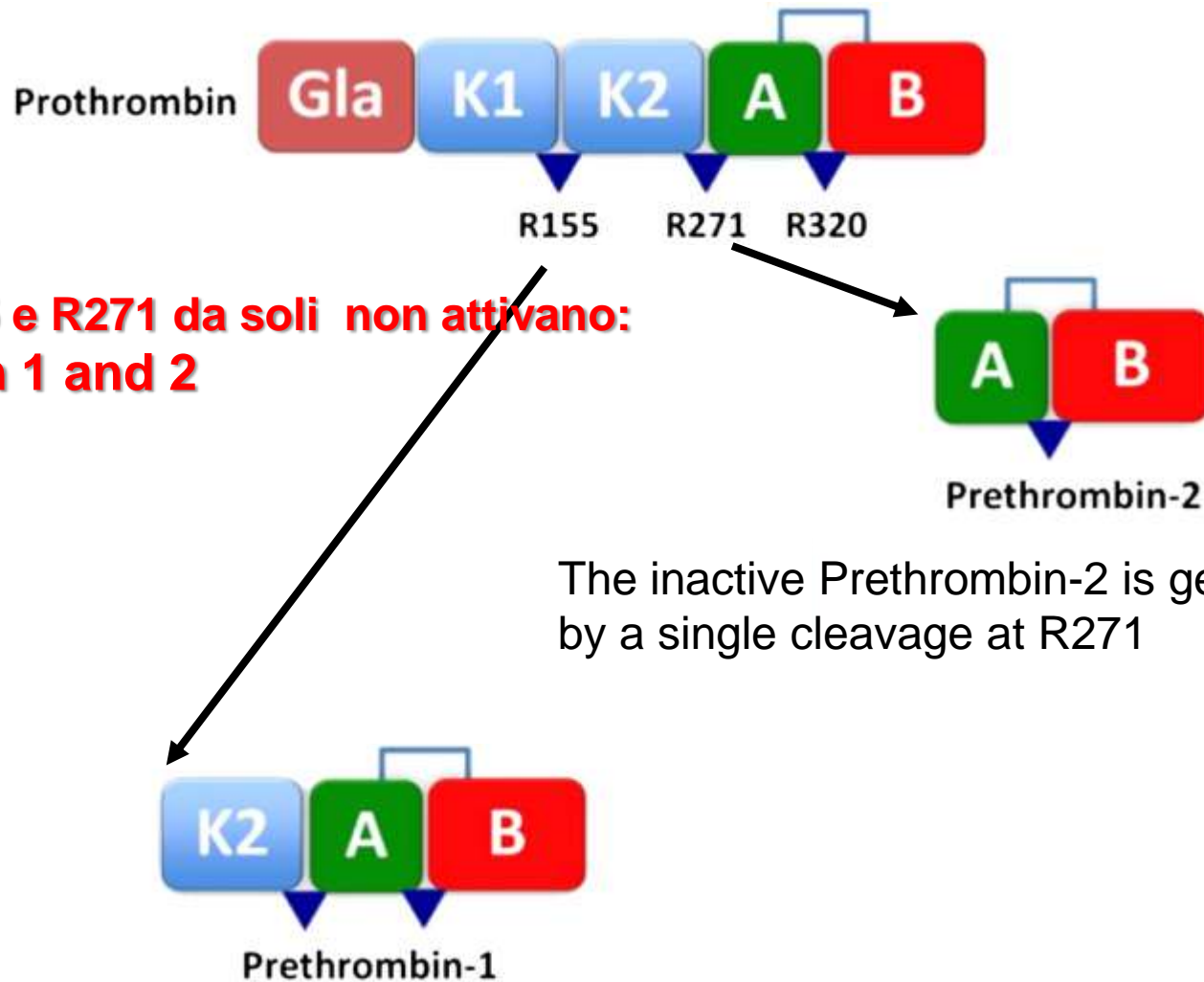


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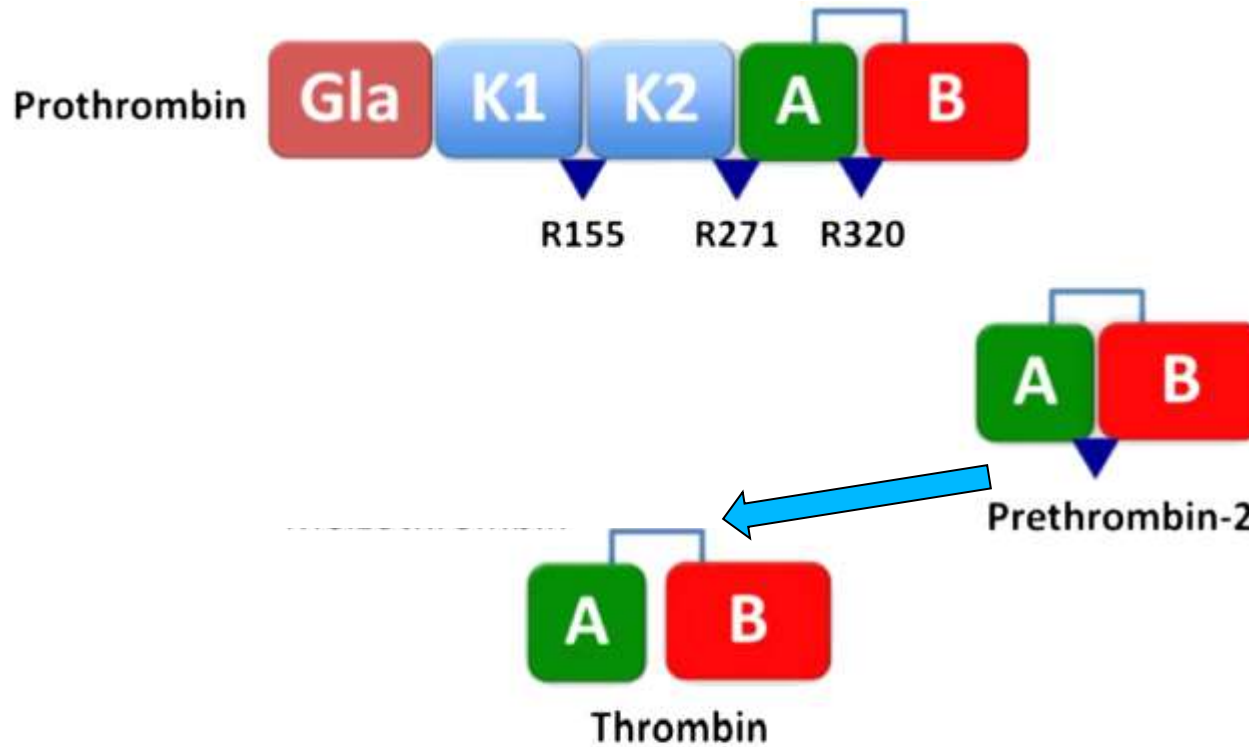
Schematic representation of prothrombin activation.



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Cleavage at R271 and R320 produce Thrombin



Cleavage at R320 separates the A and B chains and generates an active protease.

The inactive Prethrombin-2 is generated by a single cleavage at R271

Prothrombin is activated to thrombin by two proteolytic cleavages

Exosite-driven substrate specificity and function in coagulation 55

Table 1 Sites of cleavage in the human vitamin K-dependent zymogens*

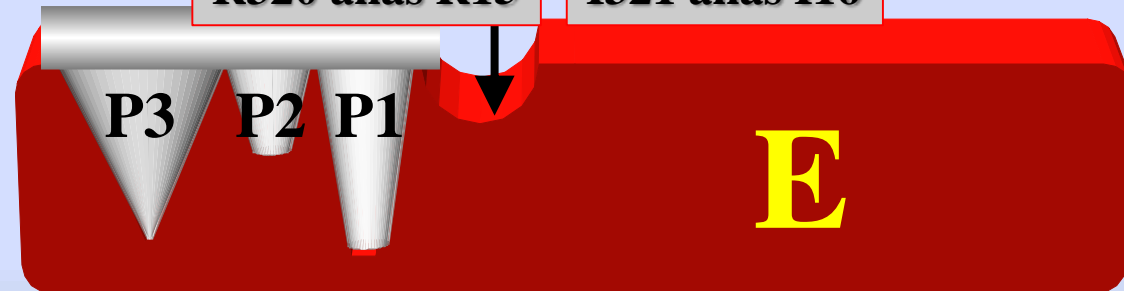
Enzyme	Substrate†	P ₄	P ₃	P ₂	P ₁	↓	P ₁ '	P ₂ '	P ₃ '	P ₄ '
Xa/Va	II	I	E	G	R		T	A	T	S
	II ₍₁₅₋₁₆₎	I	D	G	R		I	V	E	G

R271

Enzyme	Substrate†	P ₄	P ₃	P ₂	P ₁	↓	P ₁ '	P ₂ '	P ₃ '	P ₄ '
Xa/Va	II	I	E	G	R		T	A	T	S
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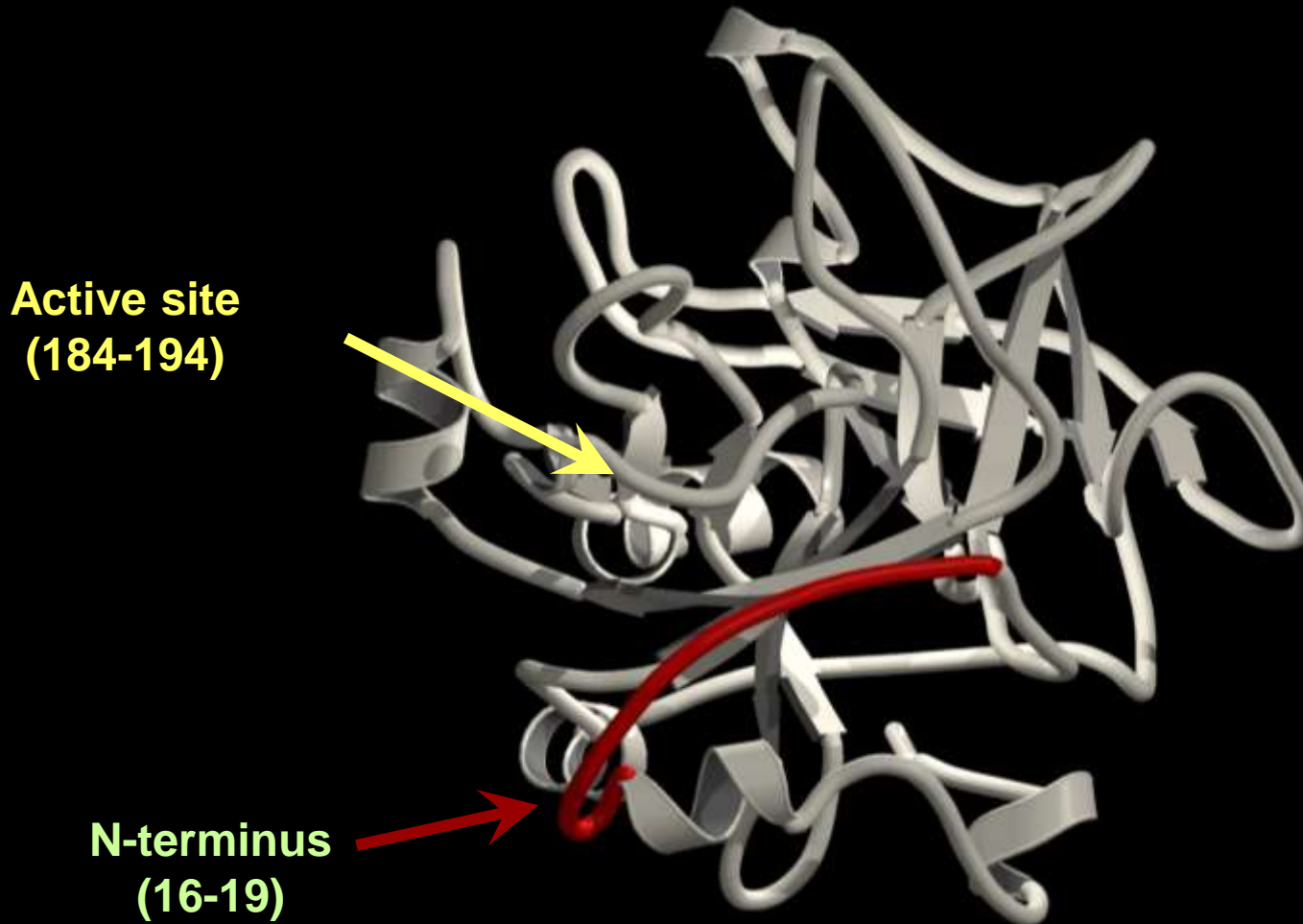
R320 alias R15

I321 alias I16



Serine Proteases: Conversion Pathway

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



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