

**Why break glycogen down for energy rather than fats?**

# **Fatty Acid Catabolism: $\beta$ -oxidation**

## Chapter 23

# Fatty acids

- Obtained from diet

**phospholipids**

**triacylglycerols**

**Major source of fatty acids**

**Stored as large  
aggregated globules  
in adipocytes**

**Major stored  
energy reserve**



# Dietary fatty acid degradation

- Triacylglycerols from diet



- Stomach **Lipases** in low pH environment



- Duodenum **Alkaline pancreatic lipases**  
**hydrolyse TAGs at C1 and C3**  
**Esterases hydrolyse ester linkages**



- Epithelial cells **FAs + glycerol → new TAGs +  
lipoproteins → chylomicrons**



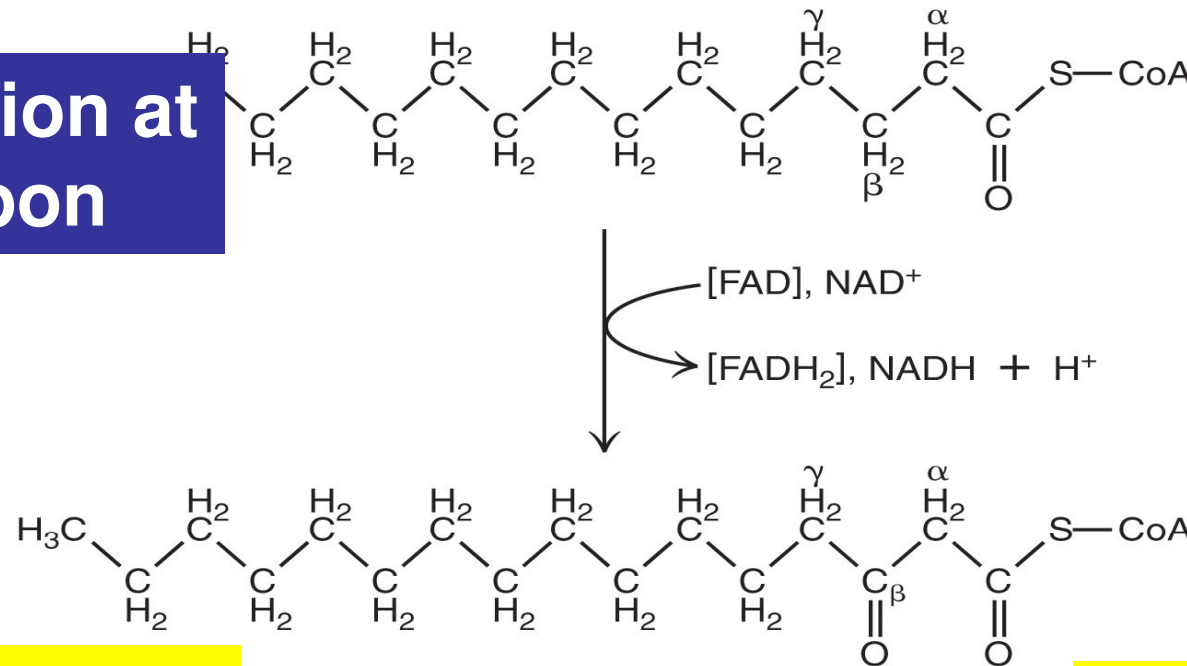
- Lymphatic system → bloodstream → organs

**Hydrolysis to FAs →  $\beta$  oxidation**

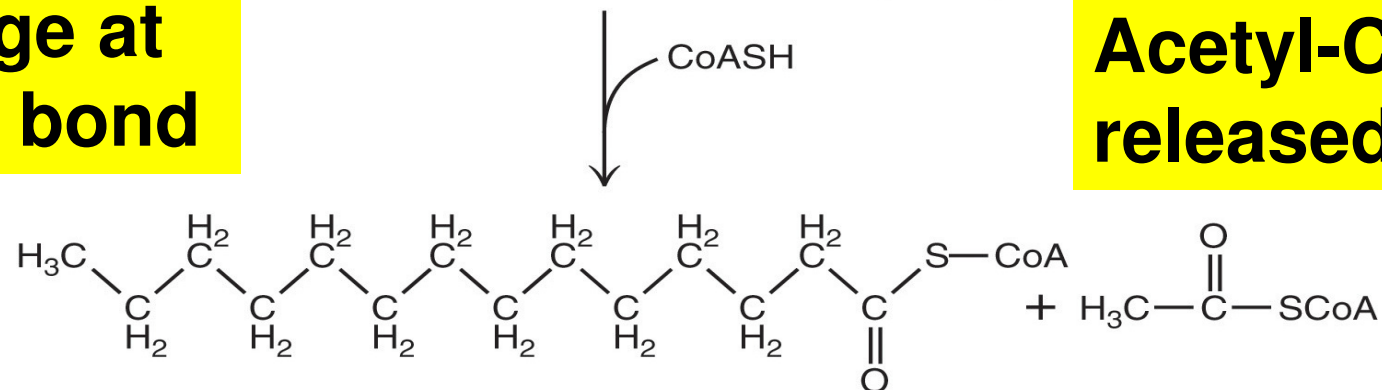
# $\beta$ -oxidation: catabolism of fatty acids

1. Thioester bond between FA and CoA

2. Oxidation at beta carbon



Cleavage at  $C_\alpha - C_\beta$  bond



Acetyl-CoA released

# Acyl-CoA synthetase, activates fatty acids for $\beta$ -oxidation

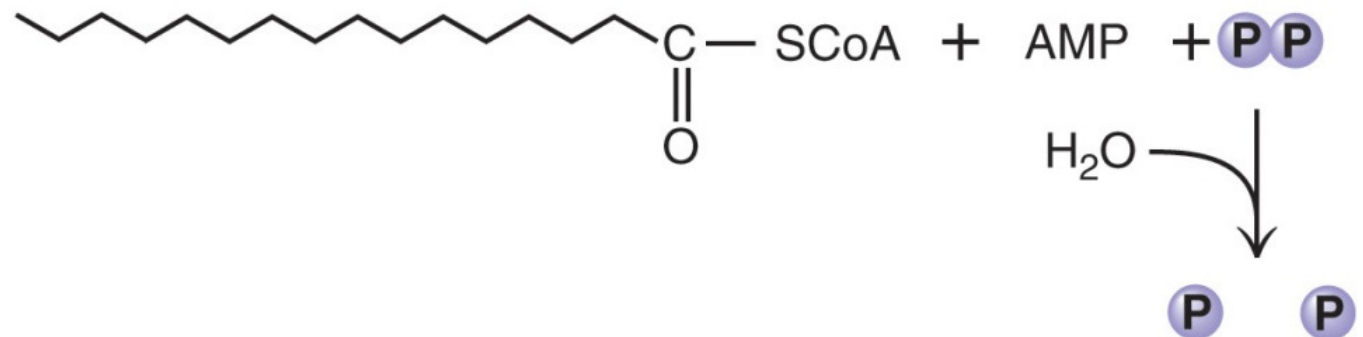


$$\Delta G^{\circ'} \text{ for } \text{ATP} \longrightarrow \text{AMP} + \text{PP} = -32.3 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{mol}}$$

$$\Delta G^{\circ'} \text{ for acyl-CoA synthesis} = +31.5 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{mol}}$$

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$$\text{Net } \Delta G^{\circ'} = -0.8 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{mol}}$$



Large negative  $\Delta G^{\circ'}$ , drives the reaction forwards  $\Delta G^{\circ'} = -33.6 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{mol}}$

# $\beta$ -oxidation of saturated fatty acids

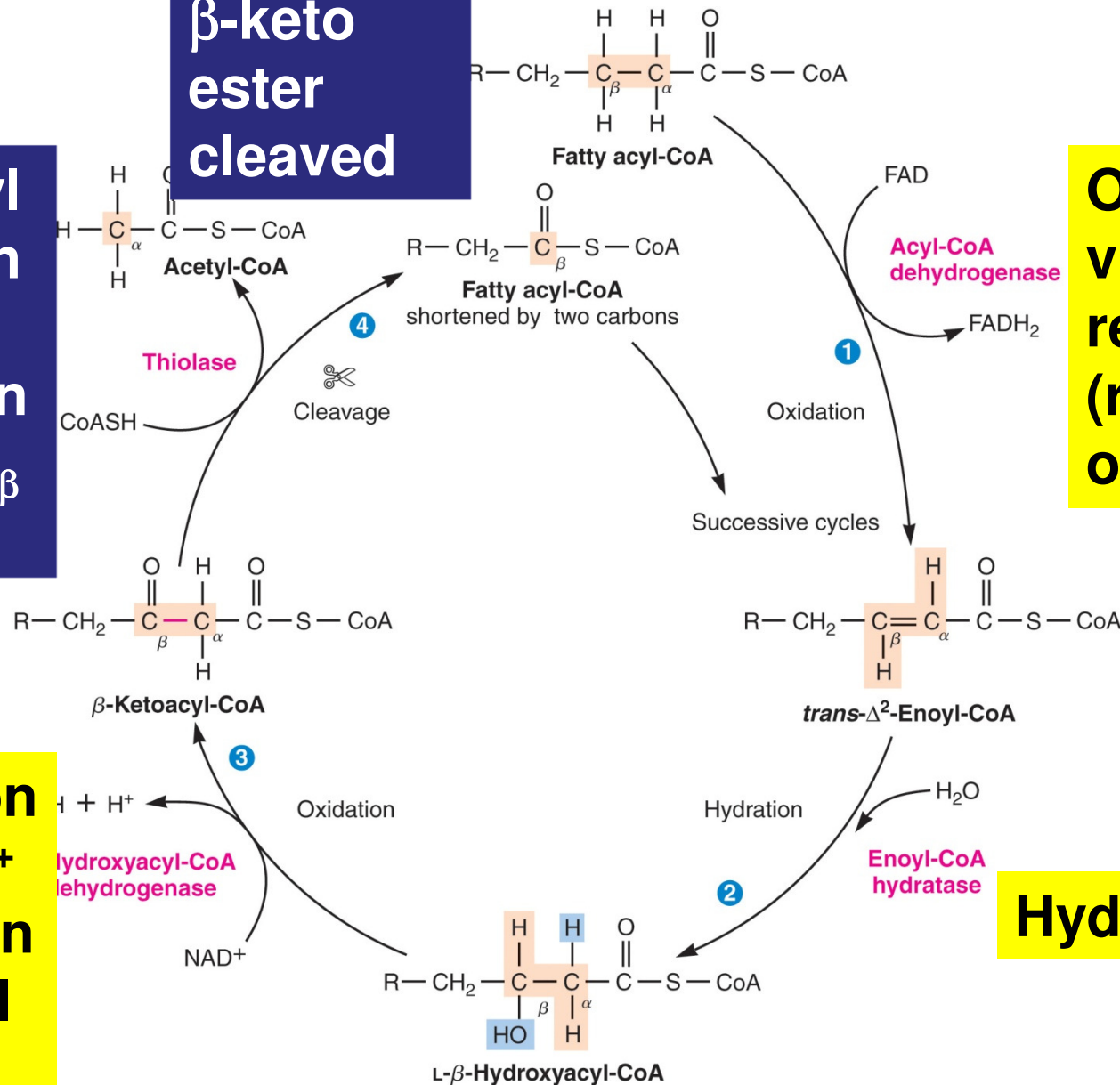
$\beta$ -keto  
ester  
cleaved

Carbonyl  
group on  
 $C_\beta$  via  
oxidation  
of  $C_\alpha - C_\beta$   
bond

Oxidation  
via FAD  
reduction  
(removal  
of  $H_2$ )

Oxidation  
via  $NAD^+$   
reduction  
(removal  
of  $H_2$ )

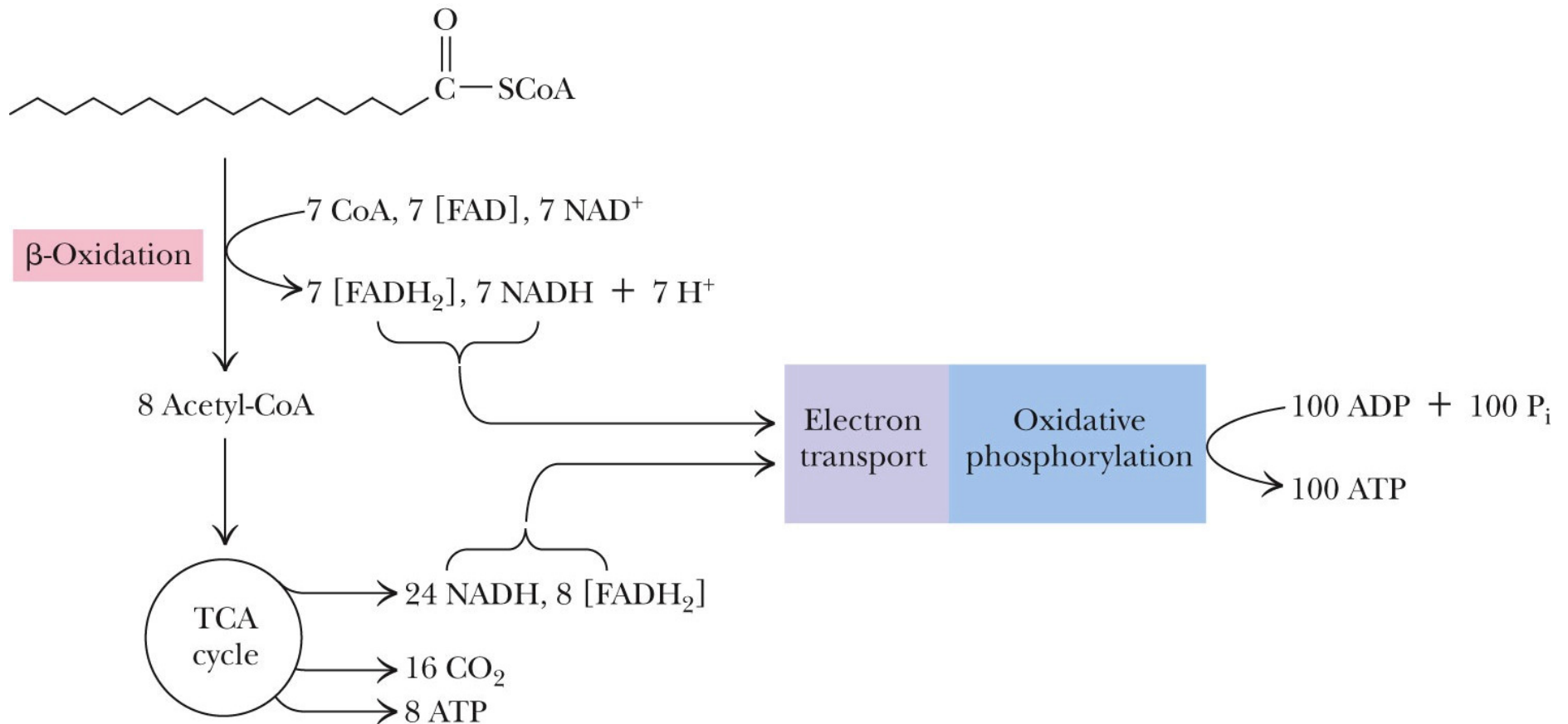
Hydration



**How many acetyl-coA,  $\text{FADH}_2$   
and NADH molecules,  
respectively are produced  
from complete oxidation of a  
16C fatty acid?**



# Complete $\beta$ -oxidation of one palmitic acid (16 carbons)

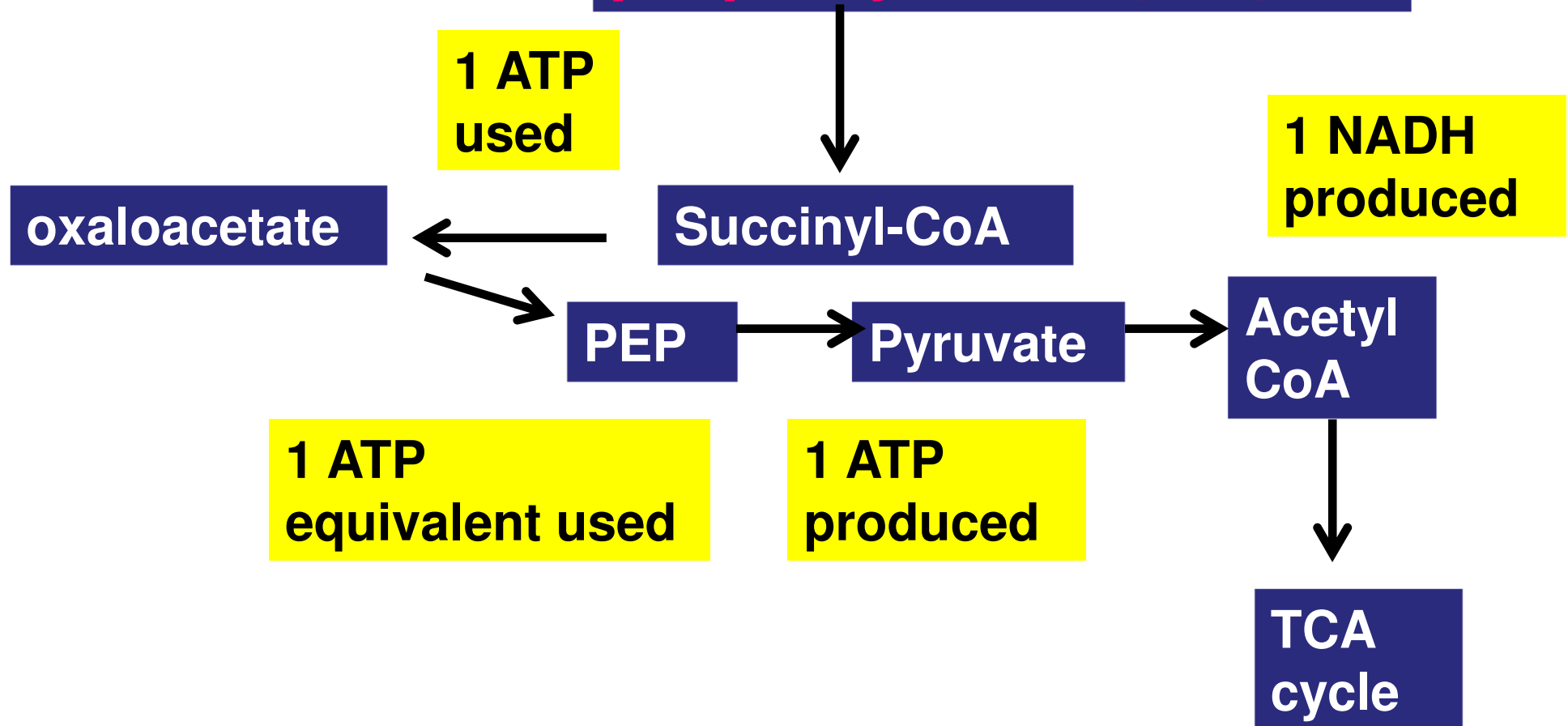


**What is the maximum number of ATP molecules that can be produced upon complete  $\beta$ -oxidation of palmitic acid (16 C)?  
(Assuming 2.5 ATP generated per NADH and 1.5 ATP generated per  $\text{FADH}_2$ )**

# $\beta$ -oxidation of odd-carbon fatty acids

- Odd carbons

Final product of  $\beta$  oxidation is **propionyl- CoA (3 C)**



# $\beta$ -oxidation of unsaturated fatty acids

- Unsaturated fats

Also catabolised via  $\beta$ -oxidation



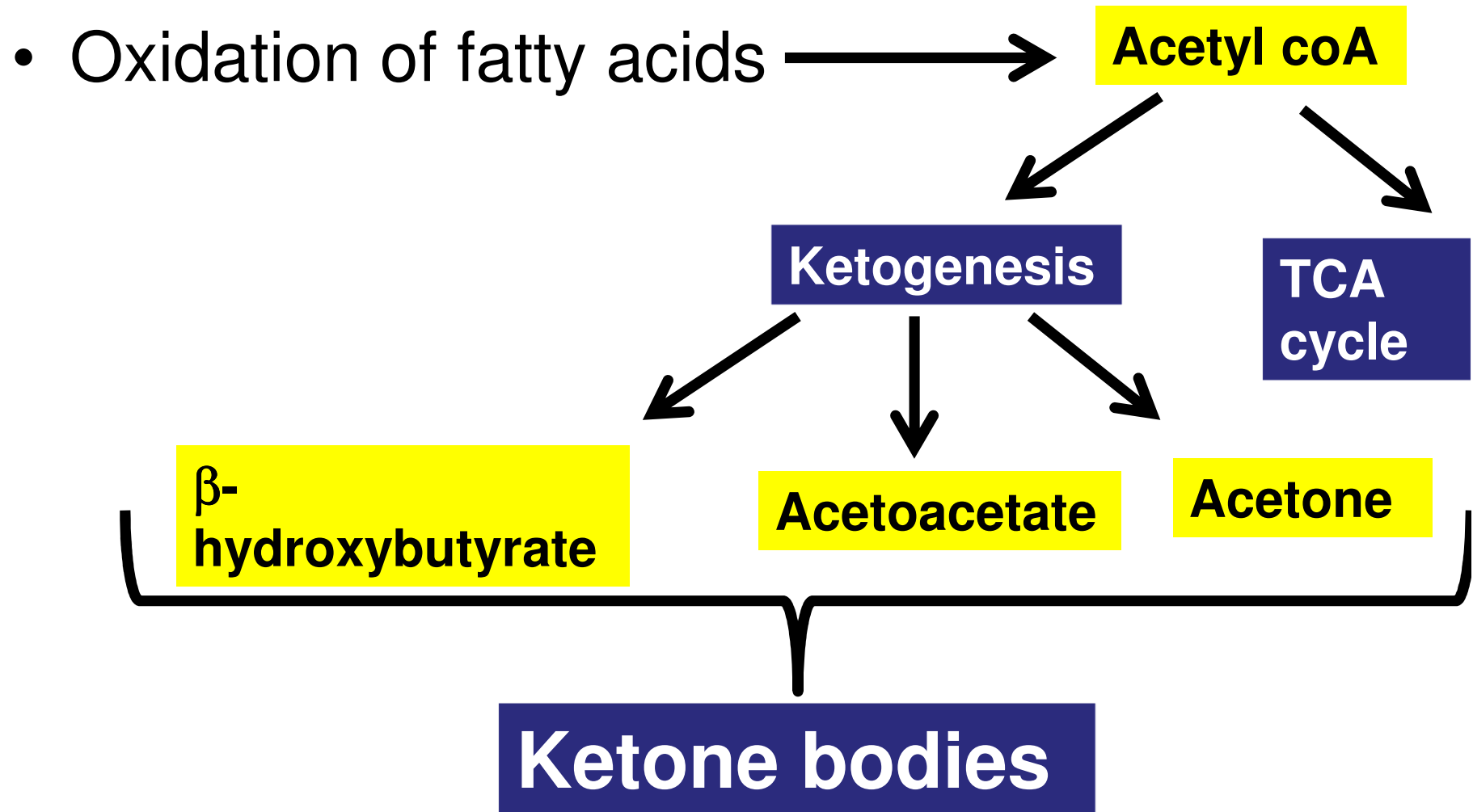
Acyl-CoA dehydrogenase can't oxidise *cis* bonds



The *cis* bonds are oxidised by 2 other enzymes

**Calculate the approximate number of ATPs that can be obtained from the complete oxidation of the 17C cis-11-heptadecenoic acid to  $\text{CO}_2$  and  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$**

# Ketone bodies



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- Step 1: condensation of 2 acetyl coA units → **acetoacetate**
- Step 2: Addition of a further acetyl coA to acetoacetate → **acetone** and **β-hydroxybutyrate**
- Ketone bodies: easily transportable FAs
- Transported from liver to tissues → acetyl-coA → TCA cycle → energy
- Diabetics: insufficient glucose in organs and tissues

# **Lipid Biosynthesis**

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## $\beta$ -oxidation

1. FAs linked to the SH group of **CoA**
2. Occurs in **mitochondrion**
3. Multiple individual enzymes
4.  $\text{NAD}^+$  **reduced** to  $\text{NADH}$

## Lipid biosynthesis

1. Linked via SH groups to acyl carrier proteins (**ACPs**)
2. Occurs in the **cytosol**
3. Multienzyme complex: FA synthase
4.  $\text{NADPH}$  **oxidised** to  $\text{NADP}^+$

# Fatty acid synthesis

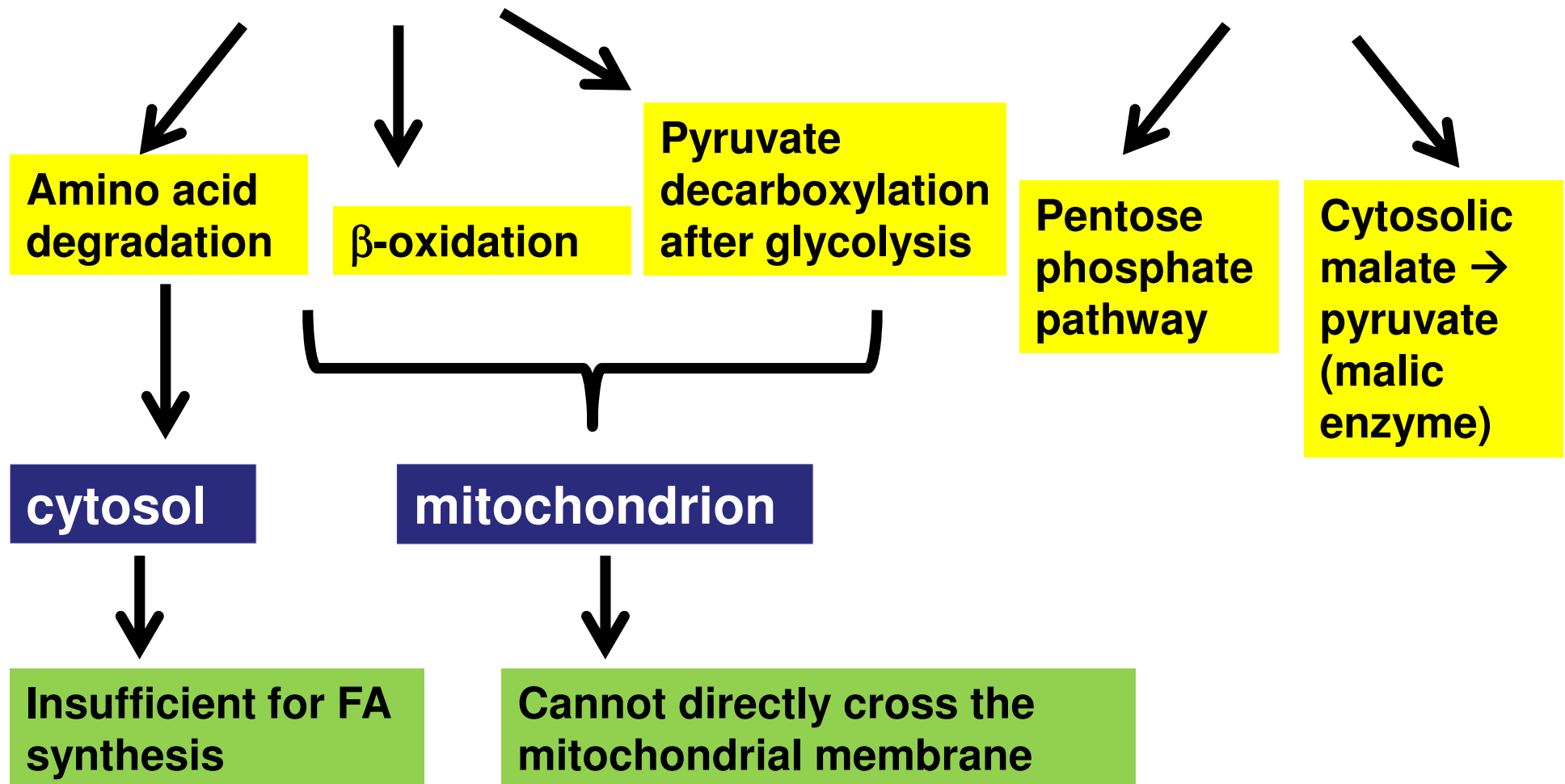
1. FA chains constructed by **addition of 2C** units derived from acetyl-CoA
2. **ATP** is used to activate the acetyl units by forming **malonyl-CoA**
3. Malonyl-CoA is **decarboxylated** which drives the addition of each 2C unit to the chain
4. This is repeated until the chain reaches **16 C** in length
5. Other enzymes add double bonds and additional C to the chain

# Substrate for FA synthesis

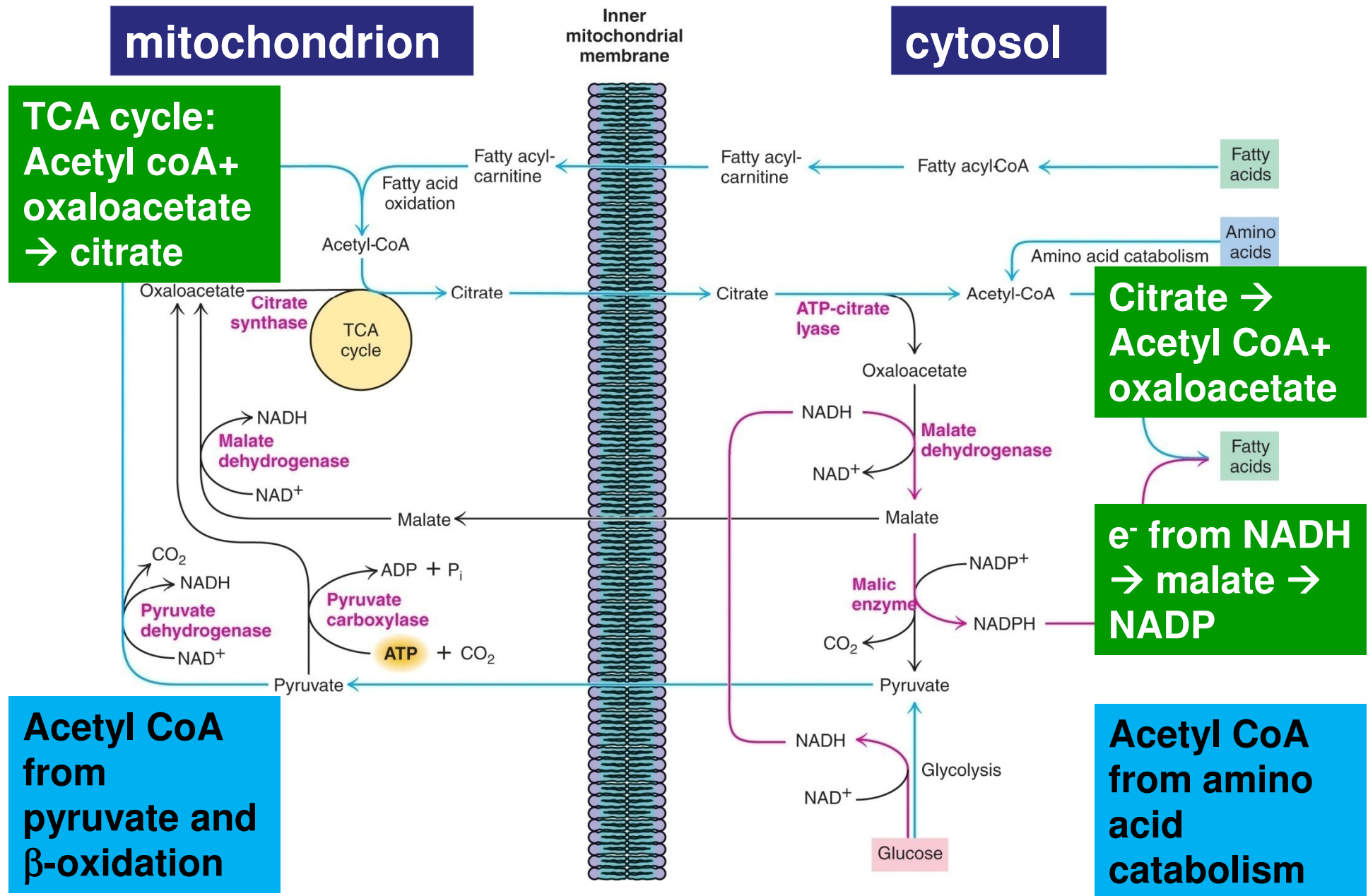
- **Acetyl CoA**

and

**NADPH**



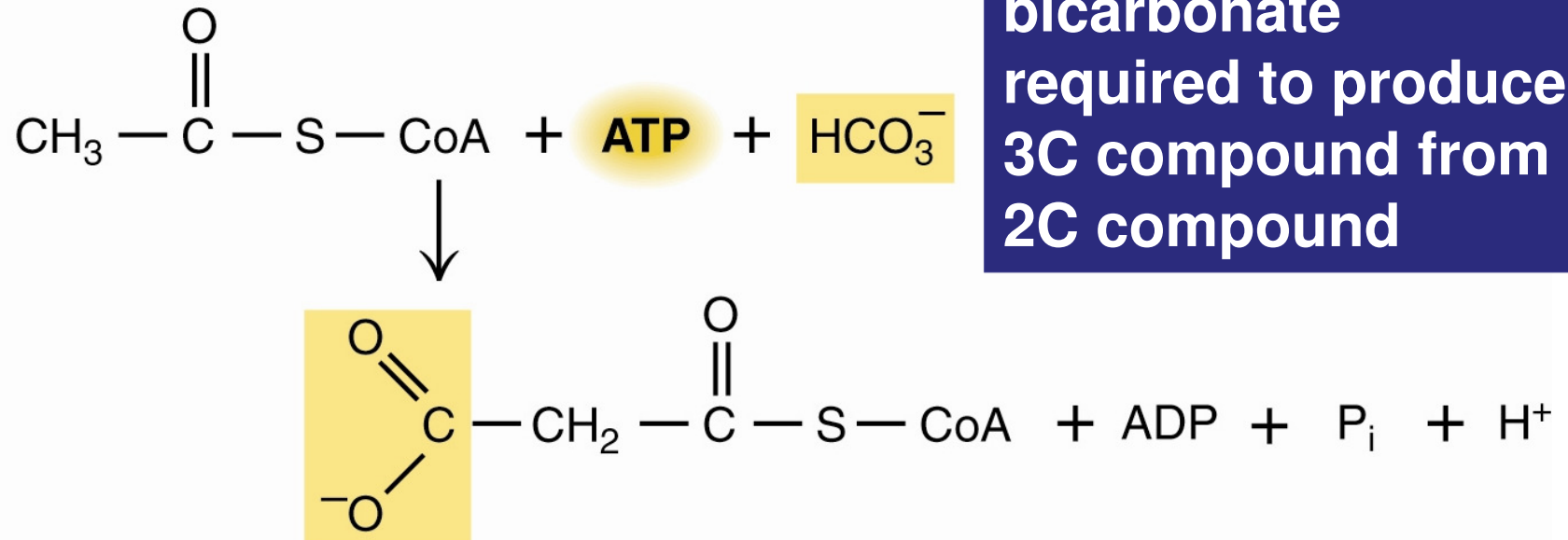
# Citrate-malate-pyruvate shuttle



# The committed step in FA synthesis

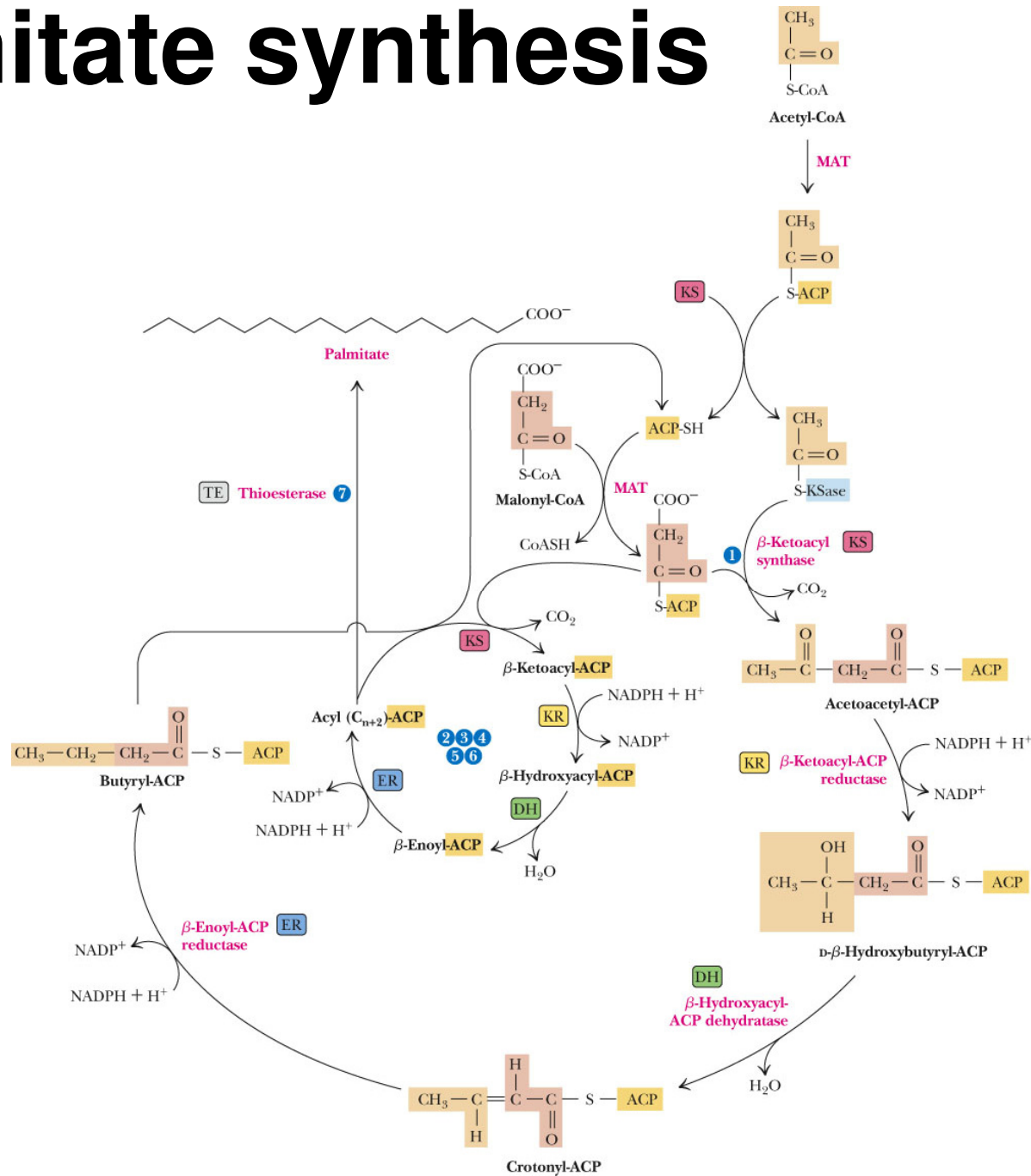
- Acetyl-CoA → Malonyl-CoA
- ACC is the only enzyme in fatty acid synthesis that is not part of the multienzyme complex, fatty acid synthase
- Highly regulated by palmitoyl-CoA and citrate

# The ACC reaction

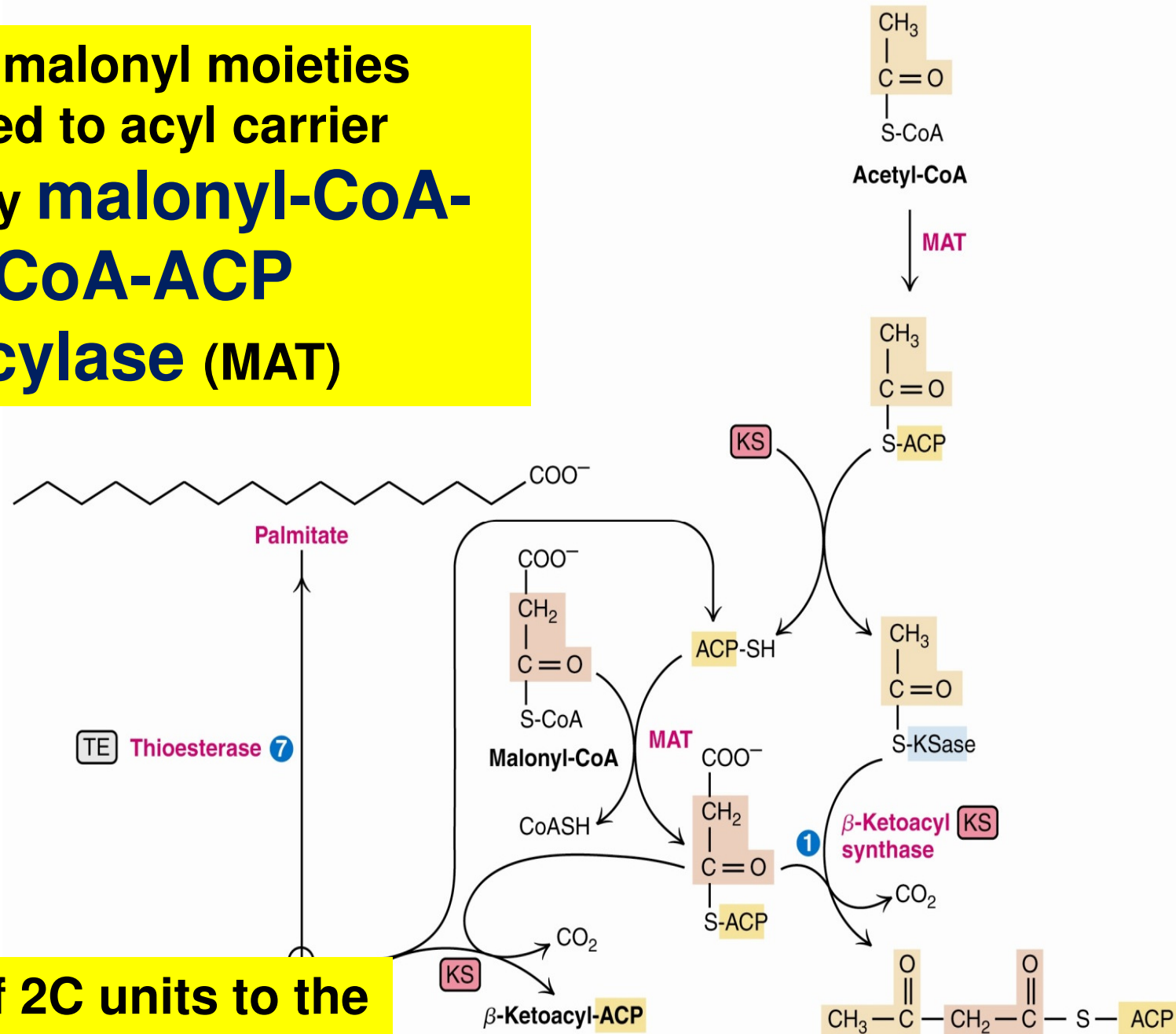


ATP and bicarbonate required to produce 3C compound from 2C compound

# Palmitate synthesis



Acyl and malonyl moieties transferred to acyl carrier protein by **malonyl-CoA-acetyl-CoA-ACP transacylase (MAT)**



**Addition of 2C units to the growing chain**