

# Reactions of Beta oxidation

- Sequential removal of two carbon unit at a time removed as acetyl CoA
- Repeating sets of four reactions catalyzed by four enzymes result in the final degradation of a fatty acid into acetyl CoA, FADH<sub>2</sub>, NADH + H
- After every set a molecule of acetyl CoA and a fatty acyl CoA two carbon shorter than the previous one is formed
- The number of times the reactions set is repeated is calculated as  $(n/2)-1$
- In the end the number of acetyl CoA molecules formed is calculated as follows  $n/2$
- And number of reducing equivalent formed is calculated as  $(n/2)-1$
- Where  $n$  is the number of carbon atoms of fatty acid

- These reactions are :
- 1. Dehydrogenation
- 2. Hydration
- 3. Dehydrogenation
- 4. thiolytic

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(COMPLEX PART)

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(CH<sub>16</sub>) R



S-COA

FATTY ACID

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DEPENDENT UPON LENGTH  
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4 ENZYMES

(CH<sub>14</sub>)

S-COA

MYRISTOYL-COA

(CH<sub>2</sub>)

S-COA

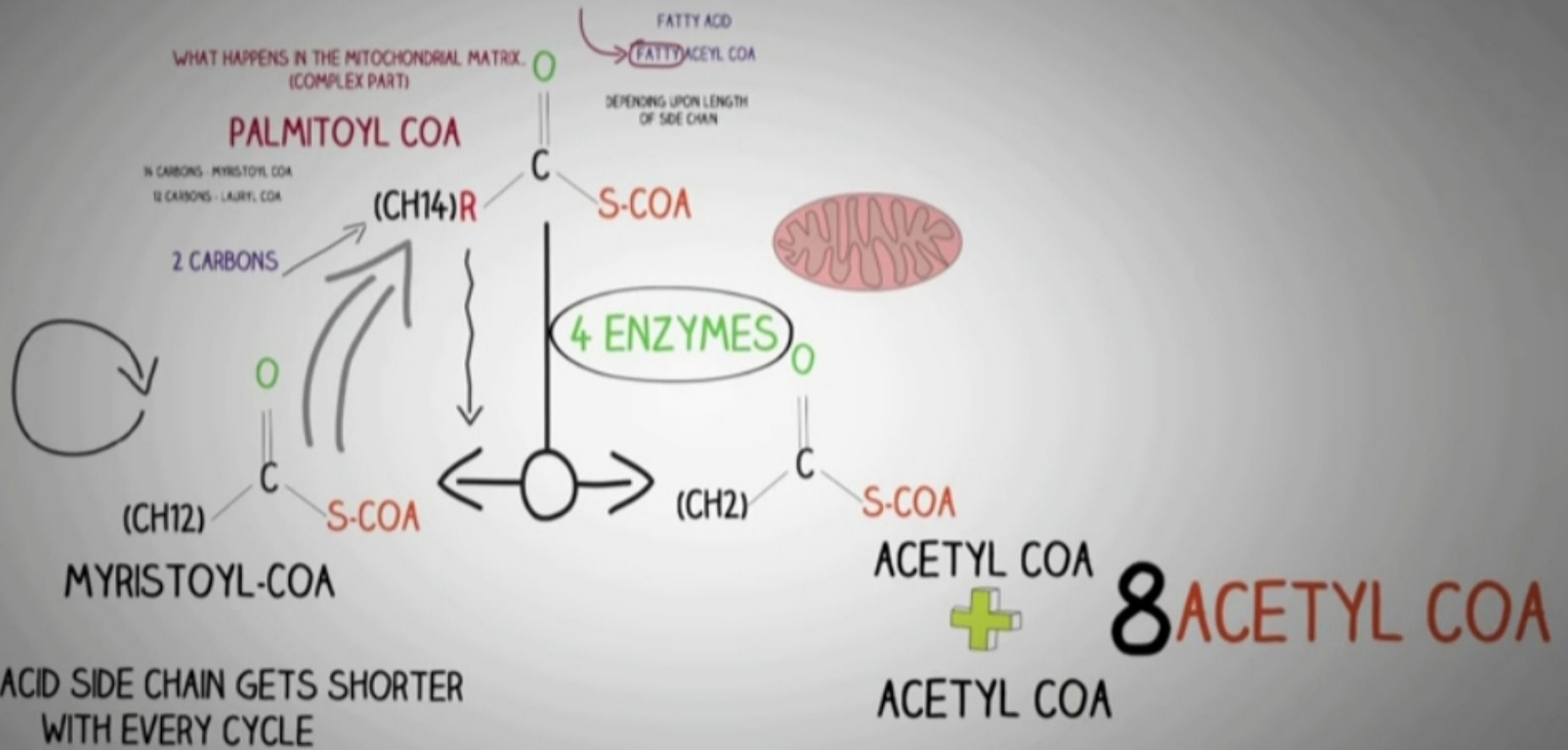
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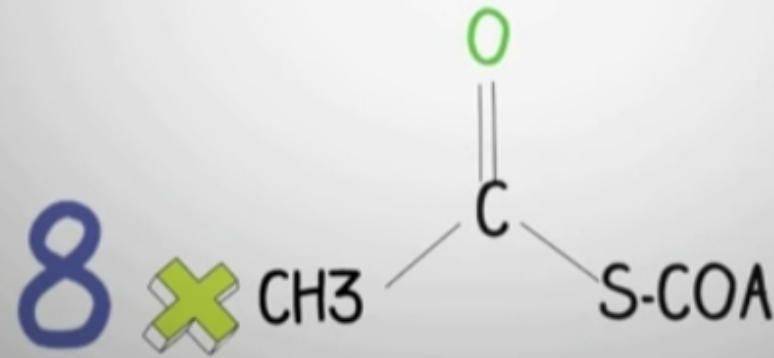
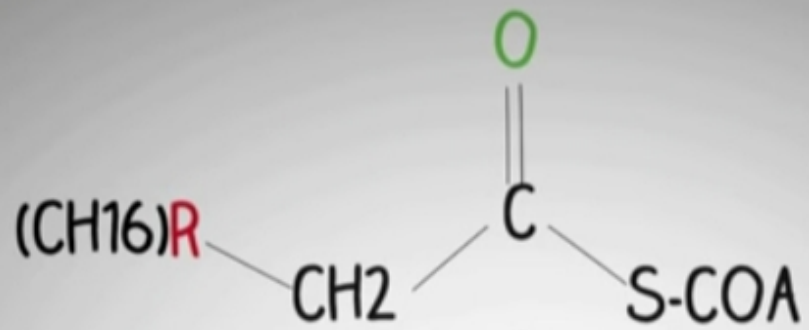
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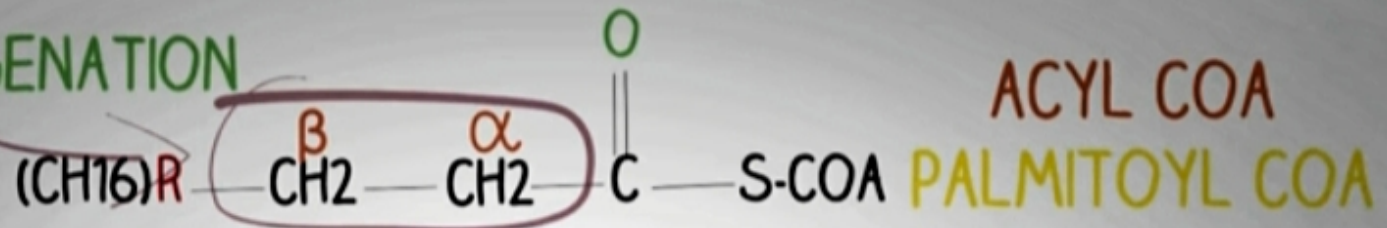


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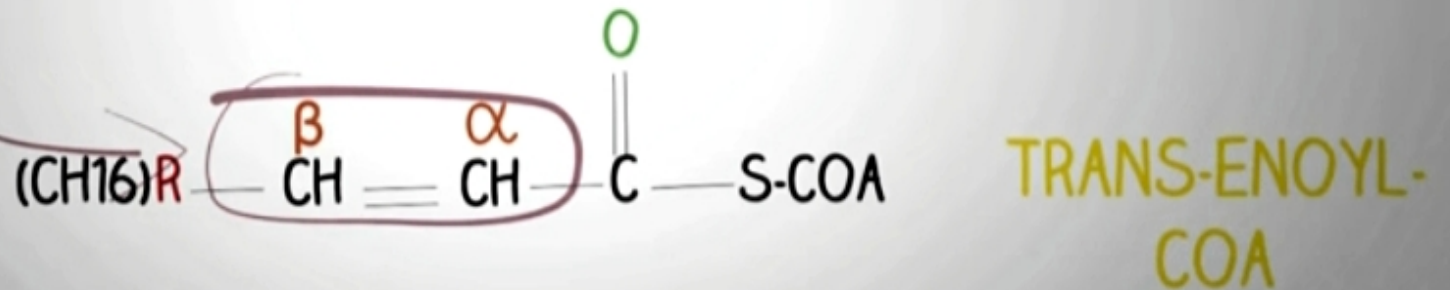


1-Dehydrogenation between carbon 2 and 3 in a FAD-linked reaction. Enzyme is acyl CoA dehydrogenase.

# 1. DEHYDROGENATION

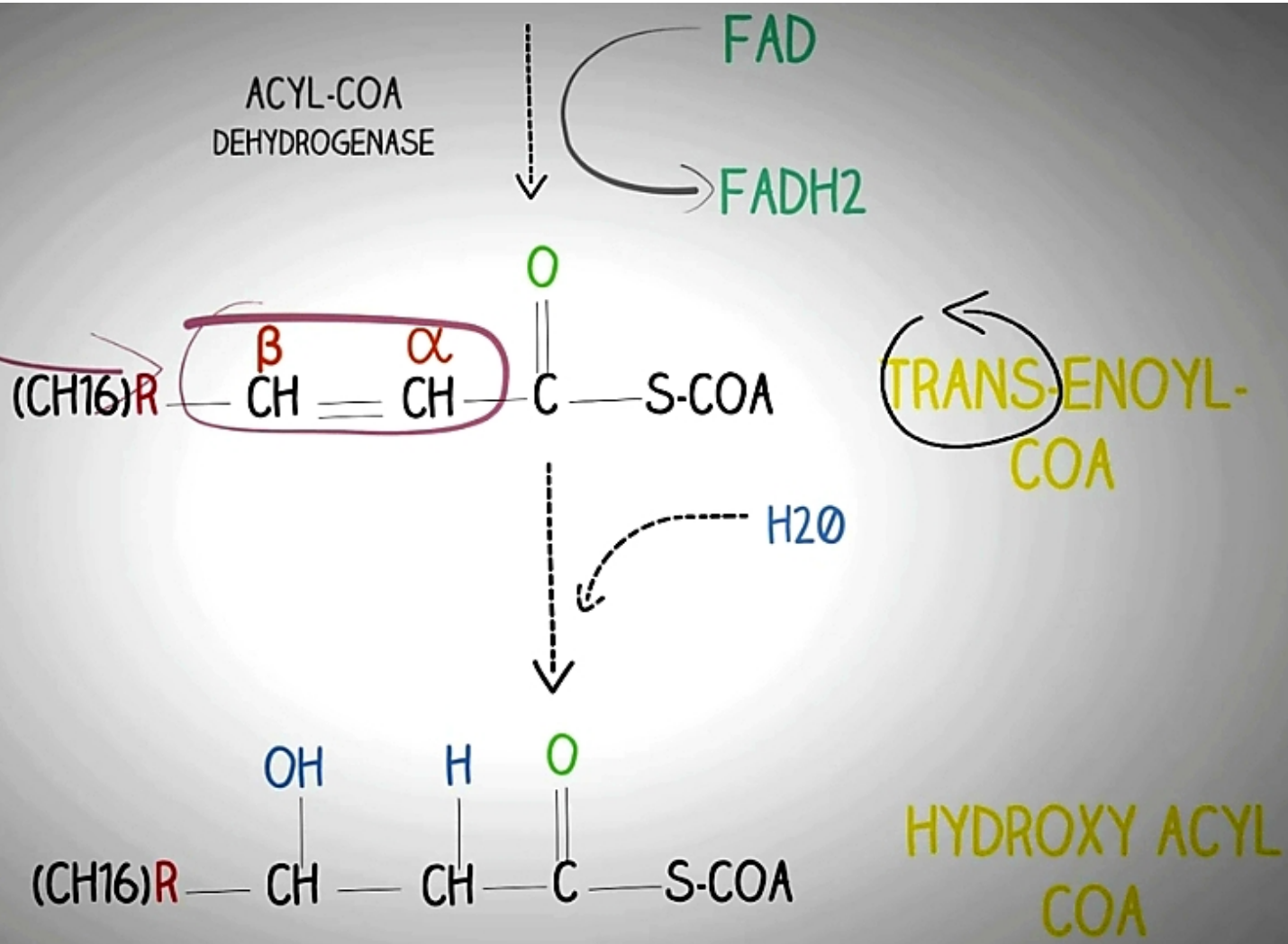


ACYL-COA  
DEHYDROGENASE

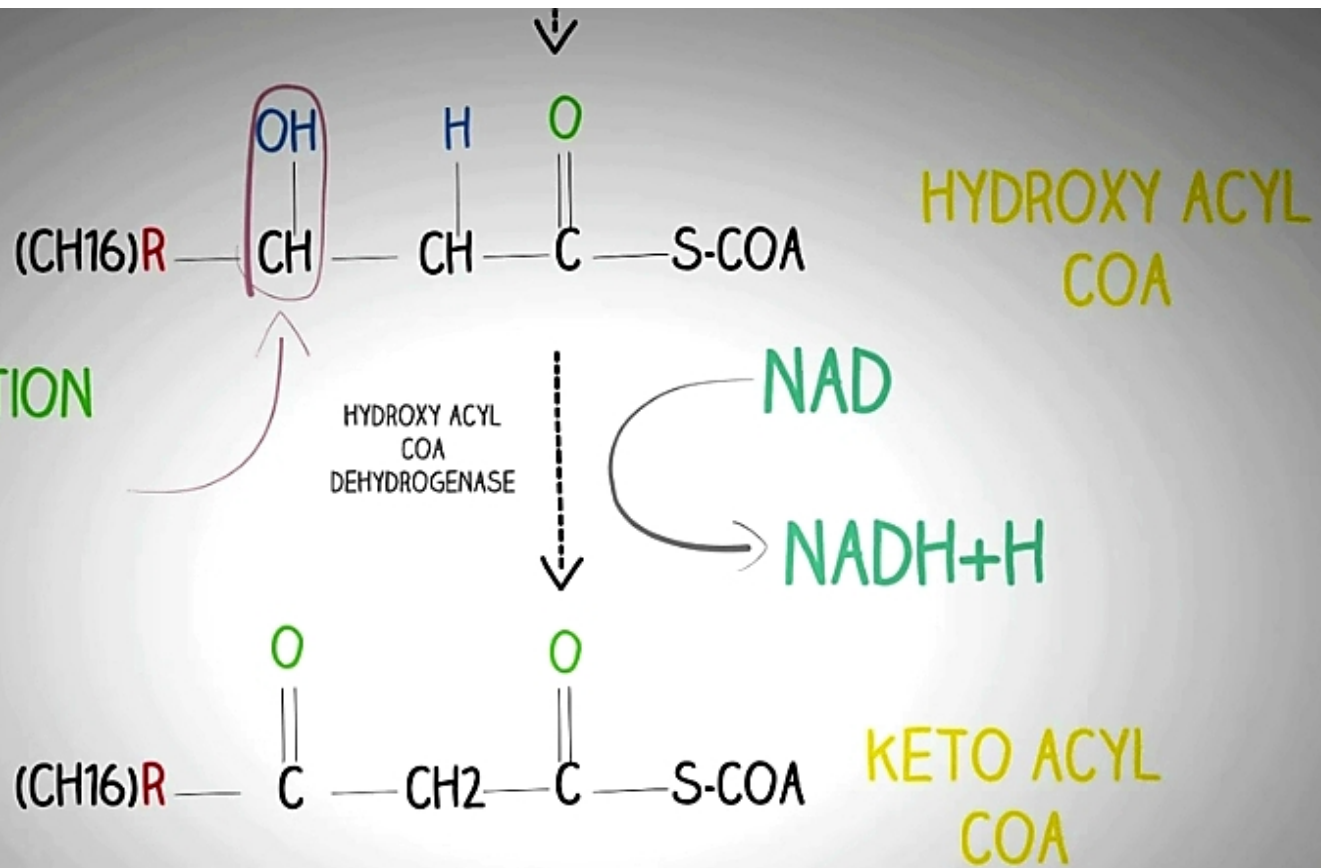


- 2. Hydration of the double bond by enoyl CoA hydratase

2. HYDRATION

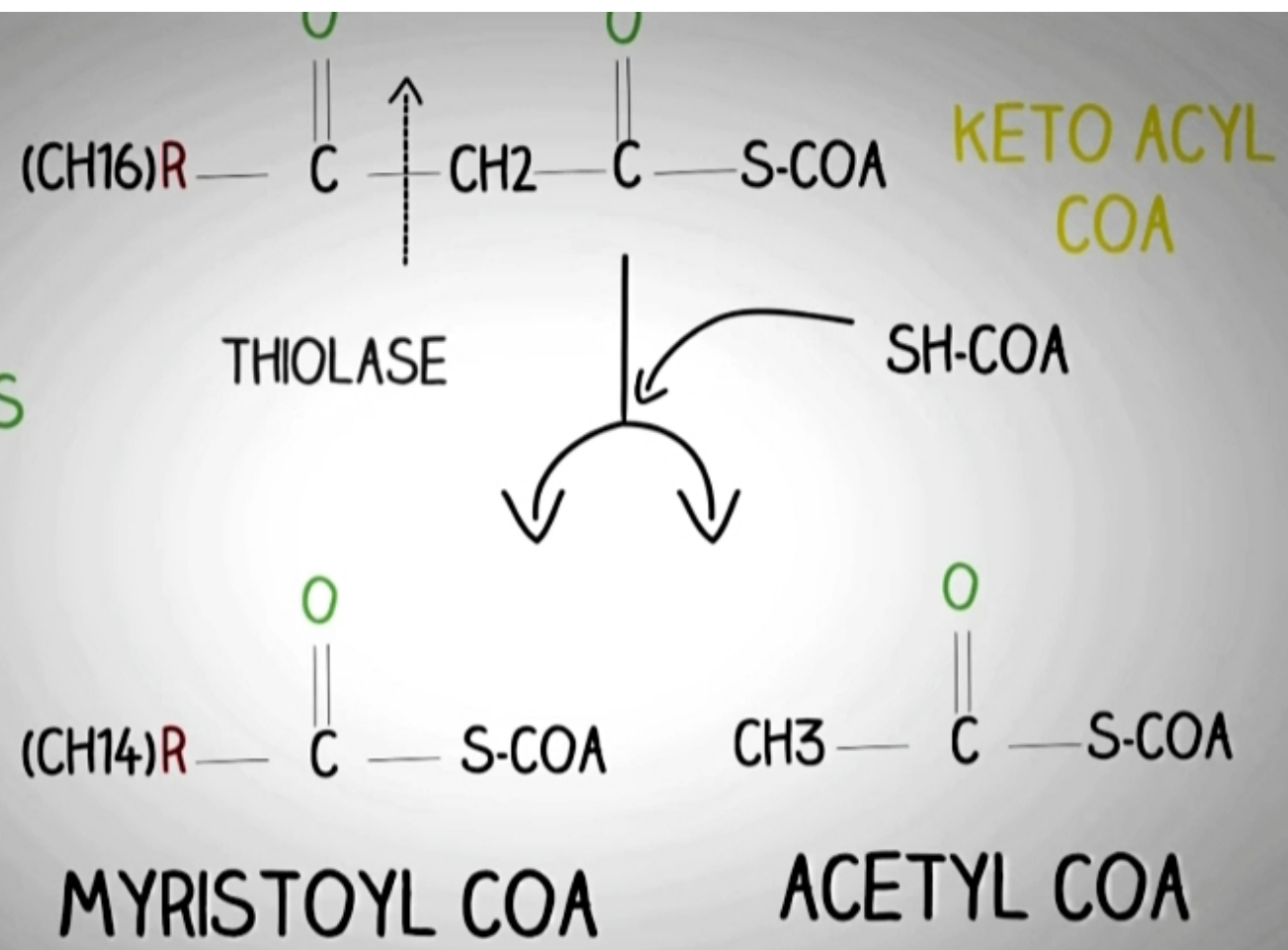


- 3-A second dehydrogenation in a NAD-linked reaction. Enzyme is 3-hydroxyacyl CoA dehydrogenase.



- 4-Thiolytic cleavage of the thioester by beta-ketoacyl CoA thiolase.

4. THIOLYSIS





# Types of fatty acyl CoA dehydrogenases

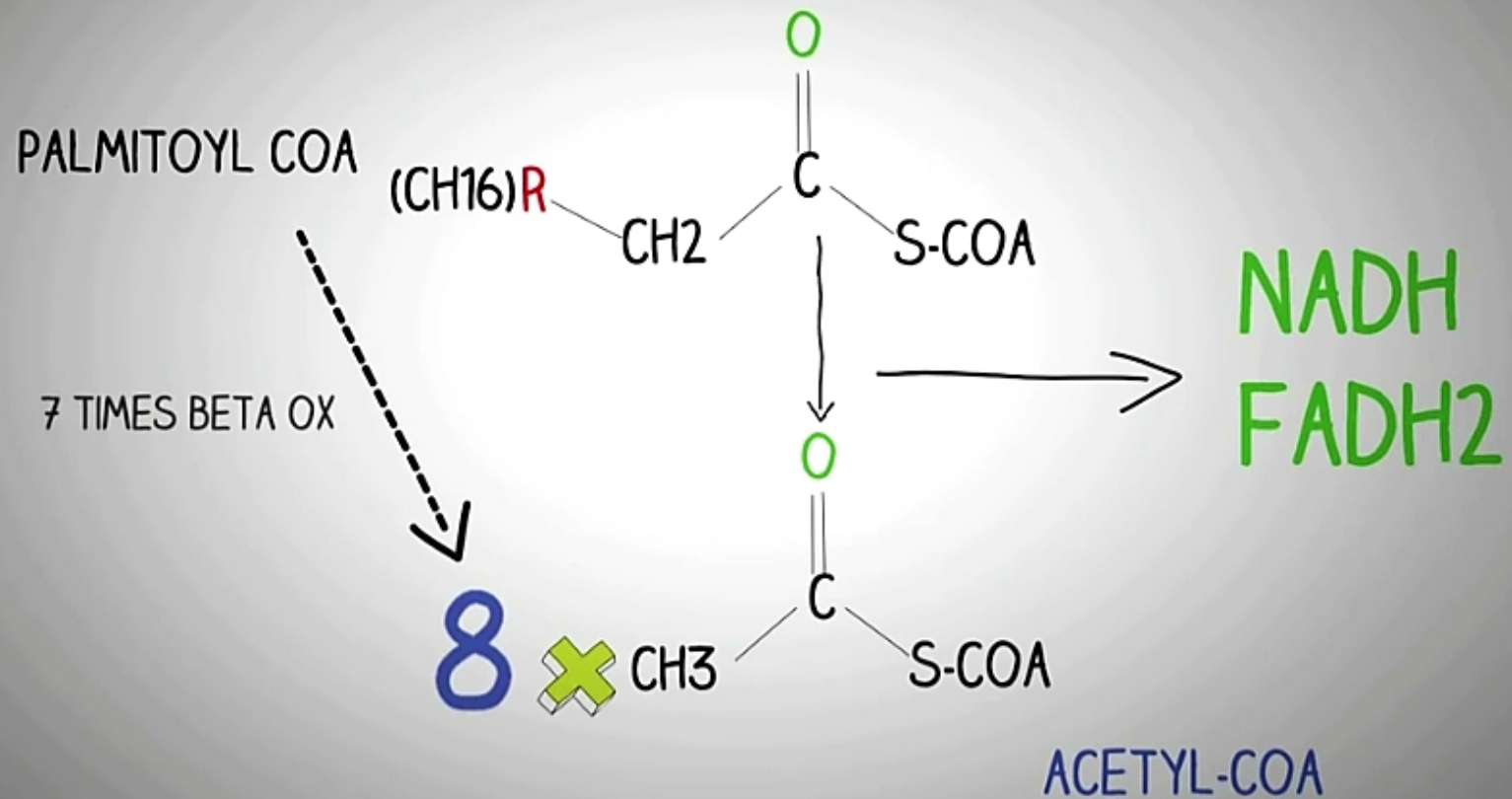
- Long chain fatty acyl CoA dehydrogenase (LCAD) acts on chains greater than C12.
- Medium chain fatty acyl CoA dehydrogenase (MCAD) acts on chains of C6 to C12.
- Short chain fatty acyl CoA dehydrogenase (SCAD) acts on chains of C4 to C6.
- MCAD deficiency is thought to be one of the most common inborn errors of metabolism.

- Fate of acetyl CoA
- Oxidation by the citric acid cycle to CO<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>O.
- -In liver only, acetyl CoA may be used for ketone body synthesis.
- Fate of the FADH<sub>2</sub> and NADH + H<sup>+</sup>
- - FADH<sub>2</sub> and NADH + H<sup>+</sup> are oxidized by the mitochondrial electron transport system, yielding ATP.

# Regulation of Beta oxidation

- Beta-oxidation is regulated as a whole primarily by fatty acid availability; once fatty acids are in the mitochondria they are oxidized as long as there is adequate NAD<sup>+</sup> and CoA.

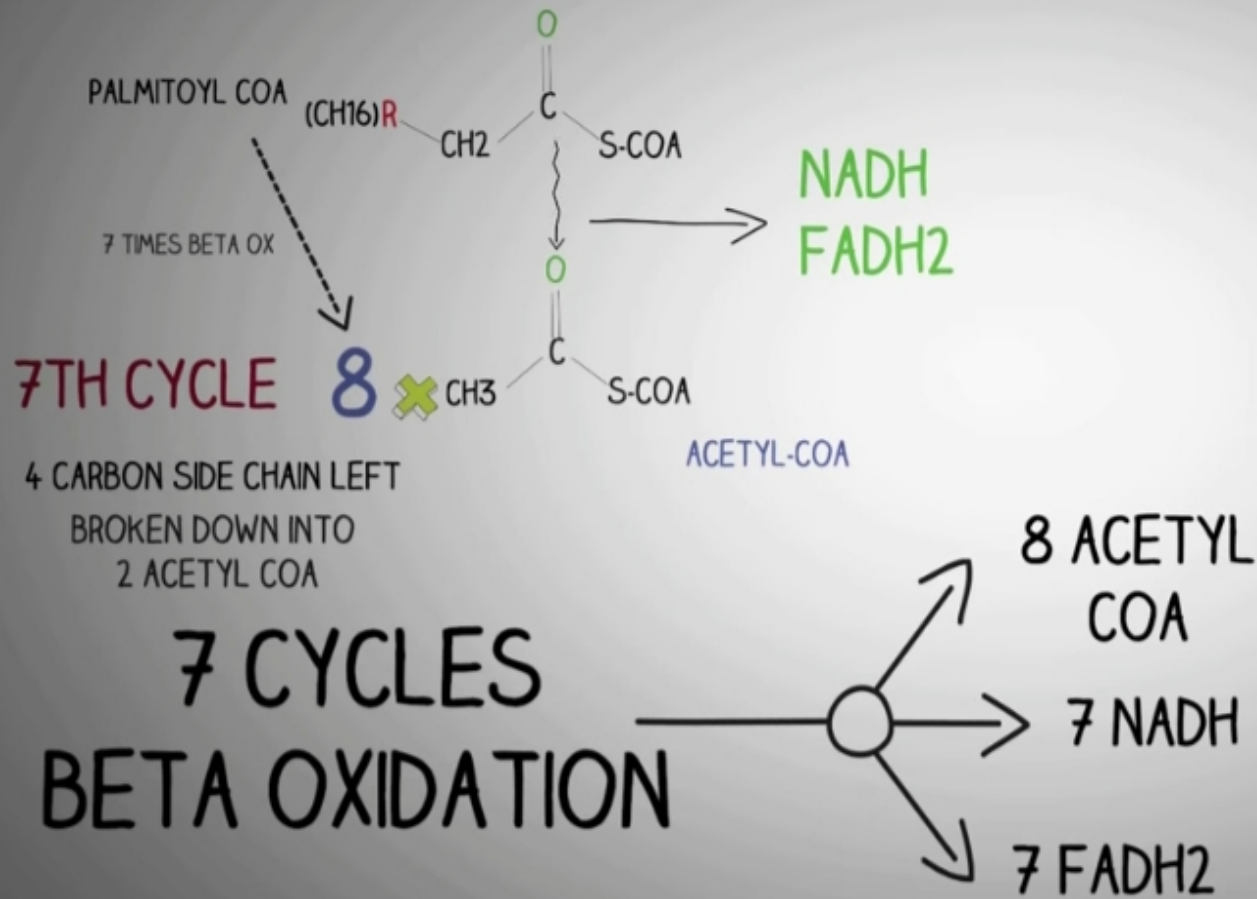
# SUMMARY & ENERGY YEILD



# Energy yield from beta oxidation of palmitic acid

- Oxidation of one molecule of palmitoyl CoA to CO<sub>2</sub> and water produces
- 8 acetyl CoA
- 7 NADH
- 7 FADH<sub>2</sub>

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COA



ACETYL COA = 10 ATPS

NADH = 3 ATPS

FADH<sub>2</sub> = 2 ATPS



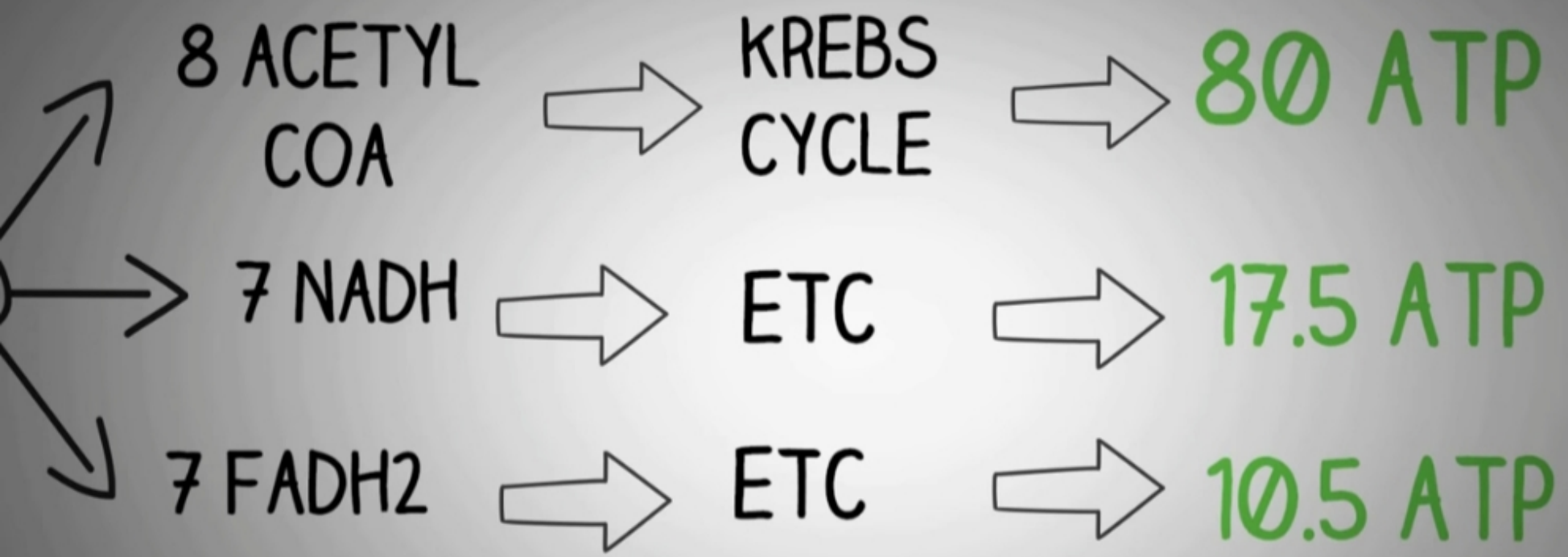
ACETYL COA = 10 ATPS

NADH = 2.5 ATPS

FADH<sub>2</sub> = 1.5 ATPS

BECAUSE :

NOT ALL THE SUBSTRATE UTILIZED  
SMALL ENERGY LOST IN TRANSPORT AND CARRIERS



→ KREBS CYCLE → 80 ATP

→ ETC → 17.5 ATP

→ ETC → 10.5 ATP

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108 ATP

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108 ATP  
- 2 ATP

- $7 \text{ FADH}_2 = 2 \times 7 = 14 \text{ ATP}$
- $7 \text{ NADH} = 3 \times 7 = 21 \text{ ATP}$
- $8 \text{ Acetyl CoA} = 12 \times 8 = 96 \text{ ATP}$
- $\text{Total ATP} = 131 \text{ ATP}$
- 2 ATP are utilized during the formation of acyl CoA . Therefore net yield is 129 ATP.

# Other types of fatty oxidation

# Oxidation of fatty acids with odd number of carbons

- Oxidation of fatty acids with odd number of carbons yield acetyl CoA and one molecule of propionyl CoA --- a 3 C compound.
- Propionyl CoA is converted to Methylmalonyl CoA by carboxylase --- a biotin requiring enzyme.
- MMCoA is moved within the molecule by MMCoA mutase (vit.B12 coenzyme) to form succinyl CoA... gluconeogenic.

- Succinyl CoA enters TCA cycle and then yields energy.
- Deficiency of vit. B 12 results in urinary excretion of propionate and methylmalonate as mutase enzyme cannot function.



# Oxidation of unsaturated fatty acids

- Less energy yield
- Less formation of reducing equivalents as unsaturated F.A are not highly reduced.
- The action of enoyl CoA isomerase is required to handle double bonds at odd-numbered carbons because beta-oxidation requires pre-existing double bonds at even-numbered carbons.

- If there is a double bond at an odd-numbered carbon (e.g., 18:1 9), the action of enoyl CoA isomerase is required to move the naturally occurring cis- bond and convert it to the trans- bond used in beta-oxidation.
- The product, with a trans- double bond, is a substrate for enoyl CoA hydratase, the second enzyme of beta-oxidation.

- In case of polyunsaturated fatty acids, e.g linoleic acid that is 18:2(9,12), NADPH- dependent Dienoyl CoA Reductase is required in addition to isomerase.

# Beta oxidation in peroxisomes

- Fatty acids with 20 or more carbons ( VLCFA ) are first oxidized in the peroxisomes.
- The shortened fatty acid then goes to the mitochondria.
- The enzyme for initial dehydrogenation is FAD containing Acyl CoA oxidase.
- H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> is produced during the process which is toxic to cells and is therefore converted to H<sub>2</sub>O by Catalase.

- Zellweger syndrome ----- rare inherited disorder.
- Absence of peroxisomes.
- VLCFA cannot be oxidized
- Accumulation of VLCFA in brain, blood and other tissues like liver and kidney.

# Omega oxidation

- Fatty acids undergo oxidation at the carbon atom farthest from the carboxyl carbon ( $\omega$  carbon).
- Oxidation of carbon results in the formation of dicarboxylic acid.
- This dicarboxylic acid then undergoes beta oxidation.

# Alpha oxidation

- This involves hydroxylation at alpha carbon.
- Seen in branched chain fatty acid, phytanic acid.
- Phytanic acid has methyl group on beta carbon and therefore it cannot be a substrate for acyl CoA dehydrogenase.
- Its alpha carbon is first of all hydroxylated by fatty acid alpha hydroxylase.

- Then it is decarboxylated and activated to its CoA derivative.
- This CoA derivative undergoes beta oxidation.



- Refsum disease ----- genetic disorder.
- Caused by a deficiency of alpha hydroxylase.
- There is accumulation of phytanic acid in the plasma and tissues.
- The symptoms are mainly neurological.
- Treatment involves dietary restriction of phytanic acid.