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# Methanol-to-Jet Opportunities and Challenges for SAF

Potential and limitations of Methanol-to-Jet vs Fischer-Tropsch pathways to produce eSAF in a global supply chain

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# Webinar agenda

#### 5 min ...... Welcome by our CEO

#### 25 min

**Keynote Presentation** 

- Methanol-to-Jet (MtJ) and Fischer-Tropsch (FT) technology characteristics and project dynamics
- MtJ and FT value chain flexibility, including supply chain setup and pathway flexibility and the levelized cost of jet fuel (LCOJ)

30 min ...... Panel Discussion





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### Methanol-to-Jet Opportunities and Challenges for SAF

Technical Characteristics & Project Dynamics



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# There are many competing ways to produce SAF: from mature HEFA to upcoming eSAF MtJ & FT

Route	Process	Abbreviation	ASTM	Feedstock
T	Synthesized paraffinic kerosene from hydro-processed esters and fatty acids+	HEFA SPK	Recognized	Waste oil
Oleo- chemicals	Co-hydroprocessing of esters and fatty acids in a conventional petroleum refinery	Co-processed HEFA	Recognized	Waste oil
	Cataly fic hydrothermoly sis jet fuel	СНЈ	Recognized	Waste oil
	Synthesized paraffinic kerosene from hydrocarbon-hydroprocessed esters and fatty acids	HC-HEFA SPK	Recognized	Algae
JE Thermo-	Fischer-Tropsch hydroprocessed synthesized paraffinic kerosene	FT SPK	Recognized	Biomass
	Synthesized kerosene with aromatics derived by alkylation of light aromatics from non- petroleum sources	FTSPK/A	Recognized	Biomass
chemical	Co-hydroprocessing of Fischer-Tropsch hydrocarbons in a conventional petroleum refinery	Co-processed FT	Recognized	Biomass
X	<ul> <li>Alcohol to jet synthetic paraffinic kerosene</li> </ul>	TLA	Recognized	Biomass
Bio- chemical	Synthesized iso-paraffins from hydro-processed fermented sugars	SIP	Recognized	Biomass
°O°	<ul> <li>Synthesized kerosene from hydrogen produced through water electrolysis and CO2 (or co-electrolysis of H2O and CO2) and FT</li> </ul>	eSAF FT	Recognized	Electricity (hydrogen)
Power to Liquids	<ul> <li>Synthesized kerosene from hydrogen produced through water electrolysis and CO2 (or co- electrolysis of water and CO2) and Me-OH-to-Jet</li> </ul>	eSAF MeOH- to-Jet	Under approval	Electricity (hydrogen)

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# Pathway comparison - MtJ offers higher selectivity, but FT remains the approved standard



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## MtJ vs FT - characteristics comparison

Target product (eSAF) yields is the most relevant parameter to define renewable  $\rm H_2$  and energy demands

Parameter	Unit	Fischer-Tropsch pathway	Methanol-to-Jet pathway	
Current scale	Scale (Start-up-year)	Demonstrative (2022) Commercial (2025)	Demonstrative (2022) Commercial (~2028-2030) <b>7 - 8</b>	
TRL	-	8 - 9		
Critical technical element		Large-scale RWGS	ASTM approval	
Process flexibility	-	Limited	MeOH reactor flexible	
Overall kerosene selectivity	t kerosene/t efuel	~50 to 95%*	~60 to 95%*	
Specific Consumption	tH2/tefuel	0.5	0.4	
(† efuel)	t CO <sub>2</sub> /t efuel	3.8	3.2	
Specific Consumption	t H <sub>2</sub> /t eSAF	1.0 to 0.5	0.7 to 0.4	
(teSAF)	t CO <sub>2</sub> /t eSAF	7.6 to 4.0	5.3 to 3.4	

#### Main take aways

- Overall system performance within each pathway is highly dependent on specific project configurations. Key factors such as technology choices, plant design or integration level all influence performance. As such, results vary project by project, and performance must be assessed in relation to the business model and site-specific constraints.
- With regards to technology readiness, Fischer-Tropsch pathway has the advantage over MtJ given its matured synthesis process for eSAF with already approved 50/50 % blendings with conventional jet fuel. MtJ has still developing steps to follow to reach ASTM approval for SAF production.







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Source: Hinicio analysis - critically reviewing and filtering of announced projects





### Methanol-to-Jet Opportunities and Challenges for SAF

Value Chain & Pathway Flexibility, Supply Chain Setup & LCOJ

# MtJ enables decoupled production while FT requires full integration

Example of eSAF global supply chain for EU delivery based on FT and MtJ pathway



<sup>®</sup> Hinicio S.A. \*« Book and claim » like system possible within EU for fuel supplier with flexibility mechanism of the RefuelEU aviation regulation REN = Renewable electricity; ELY = Electrolyser; FT = Fischer-Tropsch; MeOH = Methanol production; MtJ = Methanol to Jet installation

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# Opportunities & challenges per supply chain setup

			Integrated FT	Integrated MtJ	Globalized MtJ
1	1	<b>CO-PRODUCT</b> A high kerosene selectivity means less co-products like eNaptha or eDiesel to deal with on a market that does not benefit from firm mandates	50-95% Kerosene selectivity	60-95% Kerosene selectivity	60-95% Kerosene selectivity
2	2	<b>PROJECT FINANCING</b> Proven technologies at large scale like FT and pathway being approved by ASTM ease project's bankability		<b></b>	0
3	3	<b>COMMON USER INFRASTRUCTURES</b> Dependency on CUI for supply chain, risk on project development n		<b>Ø</b>	0
Risk	4	PHASING APPROACH Splitting the value chain into independent production blocks (e.g. eMeOH prod. split from MtJ facility) allows for a construction of the plant in different phases	0	Methan of plant → MtJ plant	Methanol plant → MtJ plant
5	5	CAPEX OPTIMIZATION Scale effect can affect project CAPEX depending on exact setup. e.g. equipment design for internal product recycling for kerosene selectivity improvement	0		8
6	5	<b>OPEX OPTIMIZATION</b> Depend on electricity cost on each side of the supply chain + lower thermal integration for split MtJ supply chain, especially impactful when considering SOEC electrolysis	<b></b>	<b></b>	8
7	7	INTERMEDIATE PRODUCT VALORISATION & SOURCING Being able to valorize and/or source an intermediate like methanol (or eventually syncrude) derisks the production of SAF by adjusting to a market also concerned by mandates or limiting risks of methanol supply disruption.	Syncrude	Methan ol	Methan ol

#### eSAF production cost is extremely project-dependent & global supply chain optimisation can help Example of LCOJ for different supply chain setups for SAF delivered in Rotterdam (NL) by 2035 Delta up to -1 400 €/t due to lower electricity Delta up to -1 400 €/t due to lower cost and/or load factor. Shipping cost minor. electricity cost and/or load factor. LCOJ for delivered product Shipping cost minor. in EU in €/t Delta + 200 €/t 2 000 - 3 000 €/t Exact cost impact depends of: Delta price for MeOH prod. and eSAF prod. Potential load factor optimization if multiple MeOH sources ~950 €/t Specific CAPEX (scale effect) Internal MtJ product recycling for kerosene selectivity improvement Process efficiency (thermal integration) Production shipping cost (MeOH VS kerosene) MeOH prod. in Fossil jet price HEFA Integrated FT Integrated FT in Integrated MtJ EU Integrated MtJ in Chile + shipping

EU Chile + shipping Chile + shipping + ETS MeOH to EU + MtJ to EU to EU Methanol to Jet Fischer-Tropsch LCOJ calculation based on project archetypes. Large scale (100+ kt/year eSAF), COD ~2035. Hypothesis LCOJ = Levelized Cost Of Jetfuel for product transportation from Chile to Rotterdam between 50 to 60 €/ton C Hinicio S.A.



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**Experts Panel** Methanol-to-Jet opportunities and challenges for SAF

Understanding the potential and limitations of MtJ vs FT pathways to produce eSAF in a global supply chain.











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