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Relative CO₂ Savings Comparing Ethanol and TAAE as a Gasoline Component

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TAE/E: *tert*-amyl ethyl ether (2-ethoxy-2-methylbutane) C₇H₁₆O

Oxygenate Blending Overview

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Oxygenate Blending

Oxygenate blending results in net CO₂ emissions decrease

Lower Carbon Content:	Lower CO ₂
Lower Aromatics (Octane):	Lower CO ₂
Reduced Refinery Fuel:	Lower CO ₂
Lower Energy Content:	Higher CO ₂
Increased Refinery H ₂ Rqmts:	Higher CO ₂

 **Net Lower CO₂**

Ethanol Blending Overview/Options

Blend via etherification to TAE

- Replace methanol for TAME with ethanol for TAE
- Existing ether capacity and infrastructure

Direct blend ethanol

- In finished gasoline or special blend stock (CBOB)
- Blending at terminal level

European TAME Capacity

- Porvoo refinery in Finland (Neste), 116 kt per year (*)
- Aspropyrgos refinery in Greece (Hellenic), 128 kt per year
- Gela, Ragusa refinery in Italy (ENI/Agip), 54 kt per year,
- Sarroch refinery in Italy (Saras), 237 kt per year
- Killingholme refinery in the UK (Total), 65 kt per year
- Feyzin refinery in France (Total) 56 kt per year
- MOL (OMV) in Hungary 100 kt per year
- Petrom (OMV) Petrobrazi refinery in Ploiesti, Romania 50–60 kt per year
- Schwedt (PSK Raffinerie) in Germany, 160 kt per year (TAAE)

(*) This is the original TAME design capacity. The Porvoo unit has been producing TAAE since 2008 with a maximum capacity of 110 kt per year.

Ethanol and Ether Characteristics for Gasoline Blending

- Ether provides benefits of ethanol with other positive impacts
- Ether volatility credit, Ethanol volatility debt
- Ethanol water solubility characteristics preclude blending at refinery – terminal blending
- Ether compatible in distribution system – refinery blending
- Higher volume of high octane component (ether) with same volume of ethanol

Ethanol via TAEF vs. Ethanol Direct Blend

Gasoline Blending Properties

	Blending RVP kPa	Octane		Max vol% at 2.7 wt% O ₂
		RON	MON	
TAEF	10	112	98	19.6
Ethanol	175*	129	96	7.8
Gasoline	60	95	85	-

**Varies with concentration – 5 vol% blend shown*

Assessing CO₂ Impacts Approach/Modeling

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CO₂ Impacts Quantified

- Changes in gasoline carbon content
- Changes in gasoline volume to maintain constant energy
- Changes in other product carbon content
- Changes in by product production/disposition
- Changes in refinery and merchant plant fuel consumption
- Changes in hydrogen and methanol production

Cases Analyzed

Case	Ethanol Blended
Base Case - No Ethanol	-
Ethanol (direct blend)	3.0 vol%
Ethanol (direct blend)	5.0 vol%
TAAE – no direct blend*	3.0 vol%
TAAE – no direct blend*	5.0 vol%

**All ethanol converted to TAAE*

Blending Refinery Model

- Industry accepted/standard – AspenTech PIMS
- Assessed for 2010 capacities, operations, quality requirements and demand
- Model generated gasoline blends, processing operations
- Model determined gasoline components and qualities
- Model determined crude oil, hydrogen and process fuel requirements

Blending Analytical Approach

- Europe (includes EU, non-EU and Turkey) refinery LP simulation model
- Constant gasoline production – energy basis
- Final gasoline volume varied (to keep final energy constant)
- Constant other major refined product – energy basis
- Crude volume and LPG/Coke allowed to vary
- Study year 2010, 60 kPa gasoline no RVP waiver, constant refinery capacity (except alkylation in ethanol cases)

Study Results

- Previous study showed CO₂ benefit of blending ETBE*
- Current study focuses on higher ether - TAE

*Study on Relative CO₂ Savings Comparing Ethanol and ETBE as a Gasoline Component, Hart Energy, July 2007

TAEF vs. Ethanol

- Lower crude oil/refinery fuel requirements
- Oxygenate reduced refinery octane requirement, in general lower gasoline aromatics
- Aromatics reduction in high TAEF case – lower gasoline carbon factor
- Lower gasoline consumption in TAEF cases vs. ethanol cases
- Higher hydrogen requirements in most cases - lower reformer runs

Impact on Gasoline Quality

Small impact on aromatics, strong impact on olefins

	Base Case	Ethanol 3 vol%	Ethanol 5 vol%	TAE 3 vol% EtOH	TAE 5 vol% EtOH
Specific Gravity	0.74	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75
Aromatics [vol%]	34.8	34.8	34.8	34.8	33.2
Olefin [vol%]	6.7	6.9	5.9	3.7	4.9
Ethanol [vol%]	-	3.0	5.0	-	-
TAE [vol%]	- (1)	-	-	7.9	12.7

¹MTBE = 1.3 vol%; TAME = 0.4 vol%

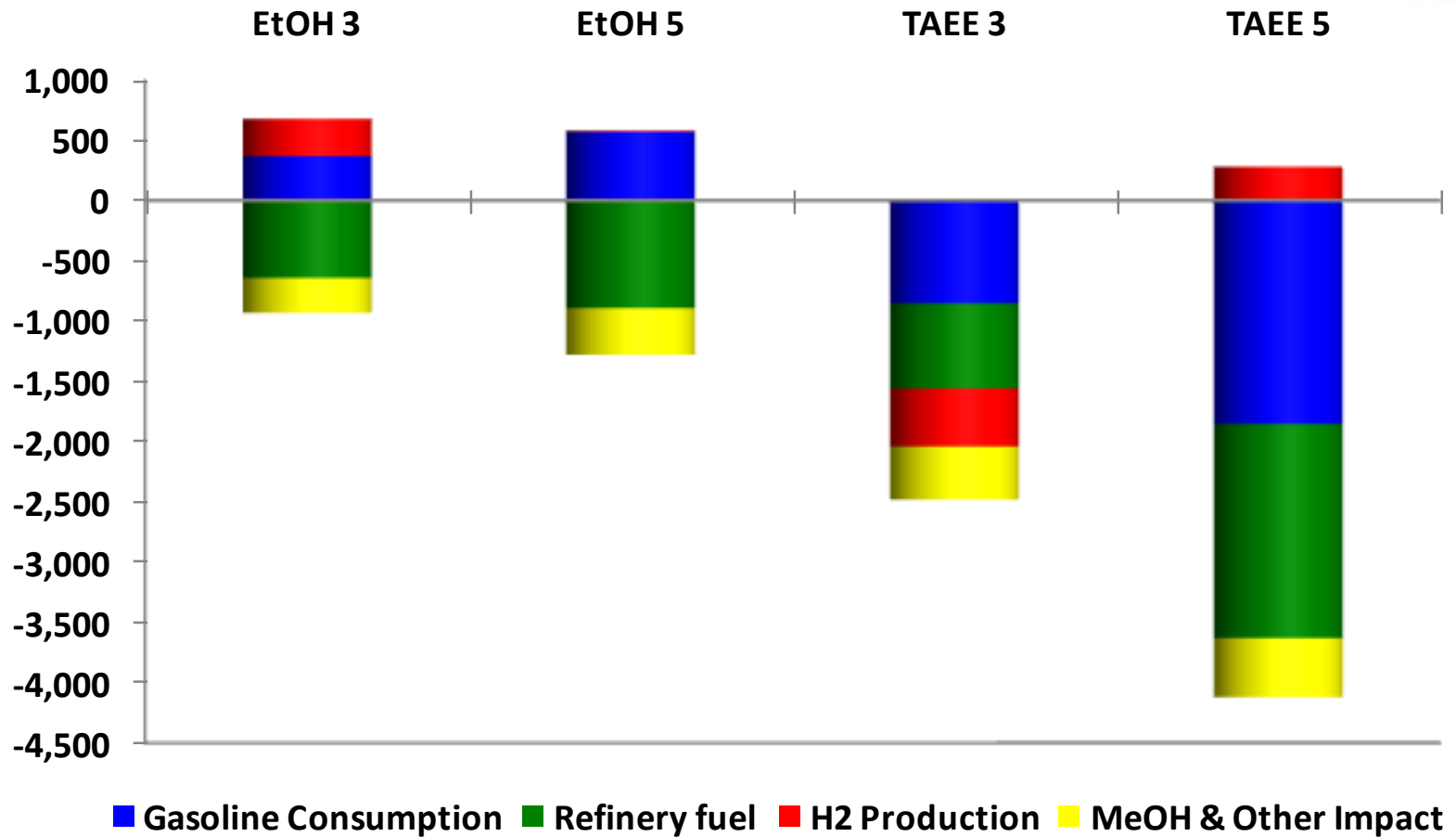
Energy/CO₂ Characteristics

	Base Case	Ethanol 3 vol%	Ethanol 5 vol%	TAE 3 vol% EtOH	TAE 5 vol% EtOH
Gasoline Energy Content [MJ/kg]	31.69	31.59	31.51	31.74	31.54
Gasoline Consumption [million tons/year]	102.24	103.19	103.98	102.93	103.57
Gasoline Carbon Factor	0.866	0.859	0.853	0.858	0.850
Process Fuel [PJ/year]*	1,860	1,850	1,840	1,850	1,830

*Refinery fuel plus merchant methanol plant fuel

CO₂ Emission Reduction

thousand tons per year



Conclusions

- Ethanol and TAEЕ both result in reduction of CO₂
- TAEЕ option vs. direct blend ethanol results in reduced fuel consumption and crude oil requirements
- TAEЕ option results in lower overall CO₂ emissions than direct blend ethanol
- TAEЕ can be used with ethanol direct blend option

Thank you!

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