

# “SAF Opportunities in Brazil”

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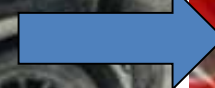
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# Brazilian Ethanol Experience

- 1925: First ethanol/gasoline experiment
- 1975: Ethanol program starts after 1st world oil crisis
- 1993: Mandatory E-20 to E-25
- 2003: Flex Fuel vehicles
- 2006: 80% of new sold vehicles are flex (2.5 millions / year)
- 600 millions ton of avoid CO<sub>2</sub> emissions due to ethanol as biofuel (2003-2021)
- Currently: E27 (10 billion L) and E100 (20 billion L) (~ 400 plants)
- Corn Ethanol: 2.5 billion L/year (fast growing)
- Two E2G Industrial Plants



1532: Martim Afonso de Sousa introduces sugar cane in Brazil



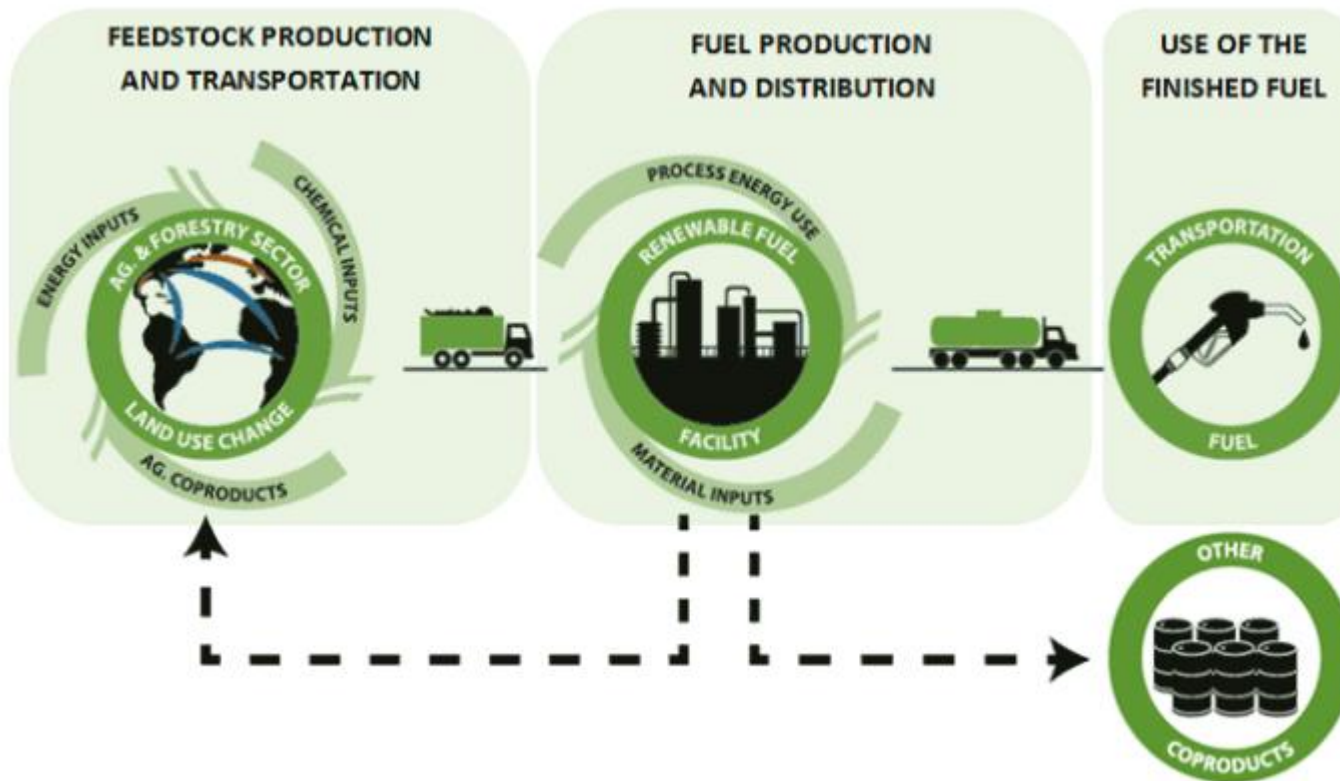
# Brazilian Biodiesel Experience

- **1980: First Biodiesel Patent – Expedito Parente**
- **2002: ProBiodiesel**
- **2005: Biodiesel Legislation**
- **2006: 1st Biodiesel Plant**
- **2008: B2 Mandatory**
- **100 millions ton of avoid CO<sub>2</sub> emissions due to as biodiesel as biofuel (2008-2021)**
- **Currently: B10 (6 billion L) ~ 52 plants**
- **Raw Materials: 70% Soybean Oil, 20% Animal Fat, 10% others**



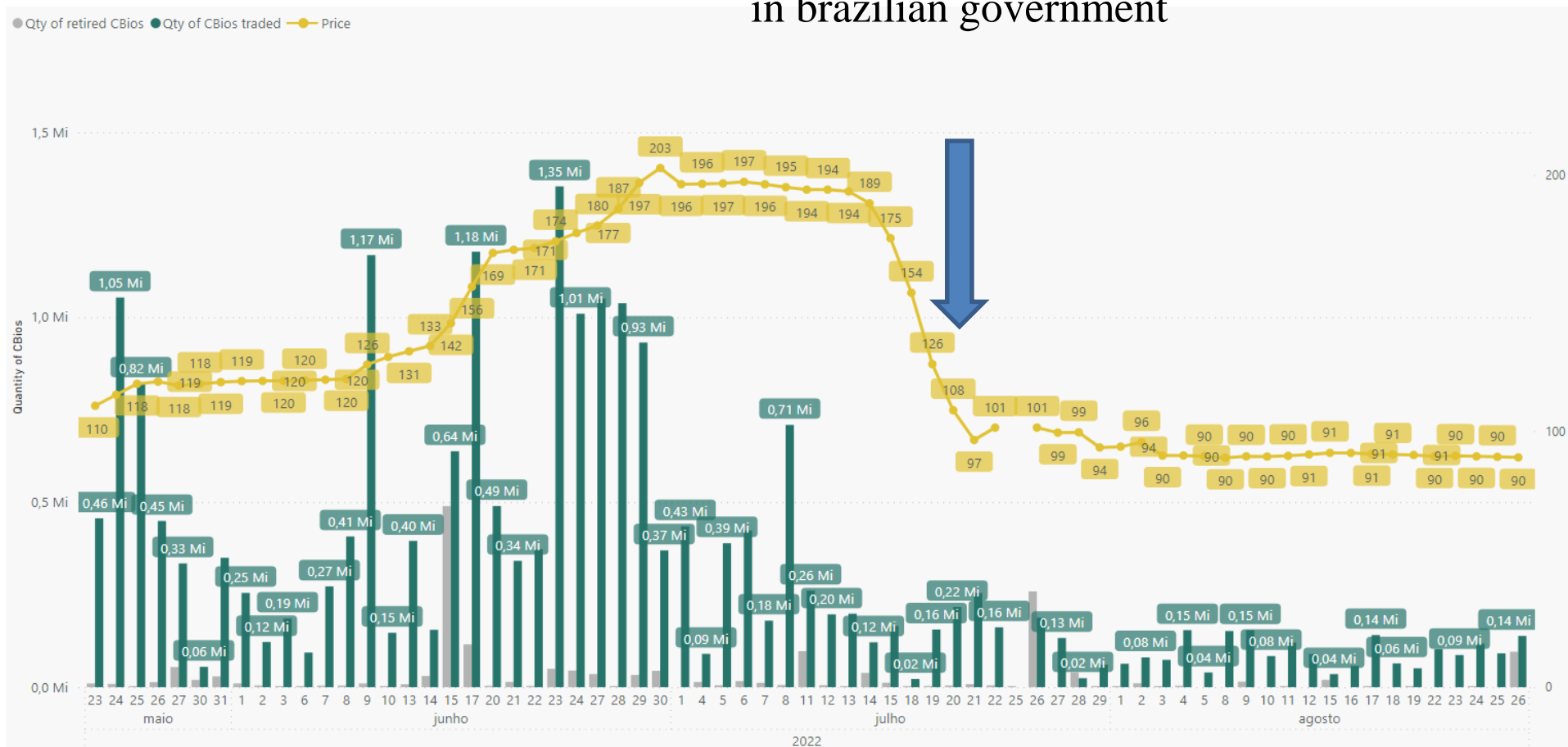
# Biofuels Comparison: Efficiency score/Renovabio

## Lifecycle Analysis of Greenhouse Gas Emissions



# CBIO price in 2022 (May-August)

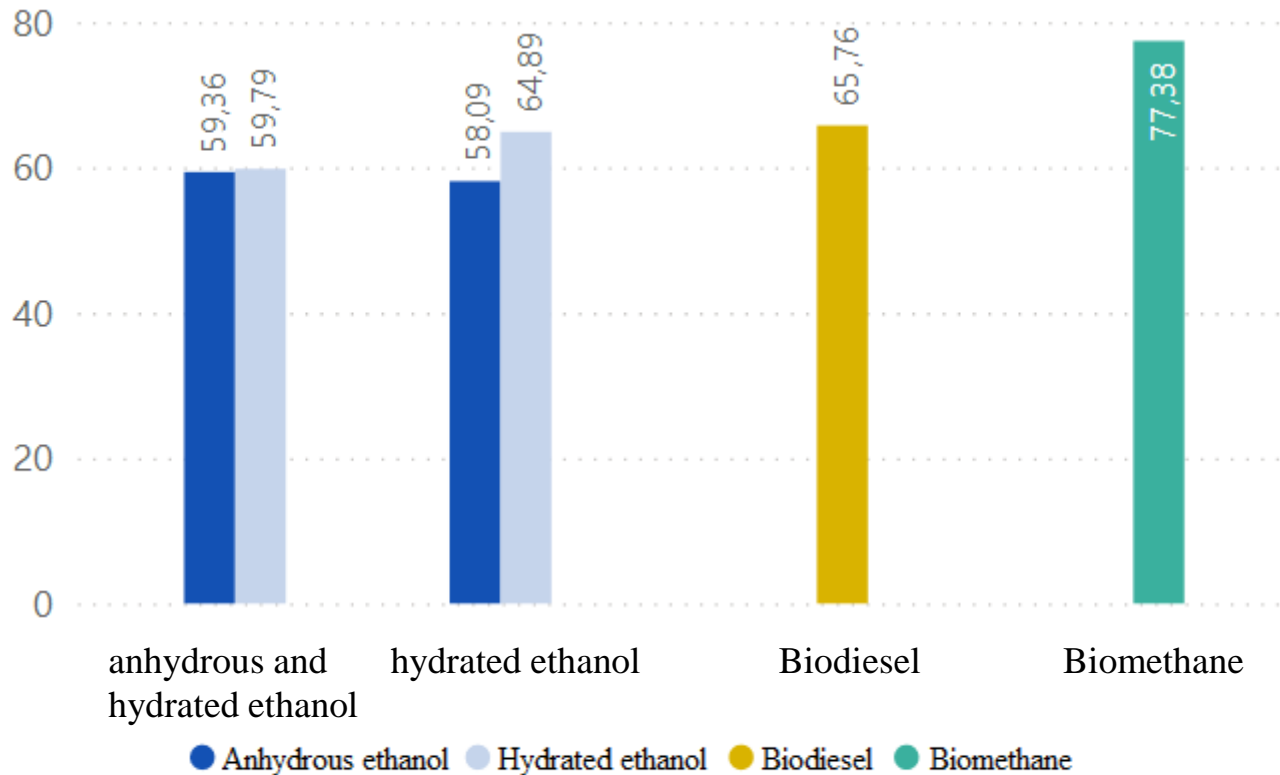
CBIO prices were strongly affected by some decisions in brazilian government



# Efficiency score

Average of efficiency score per biofuel

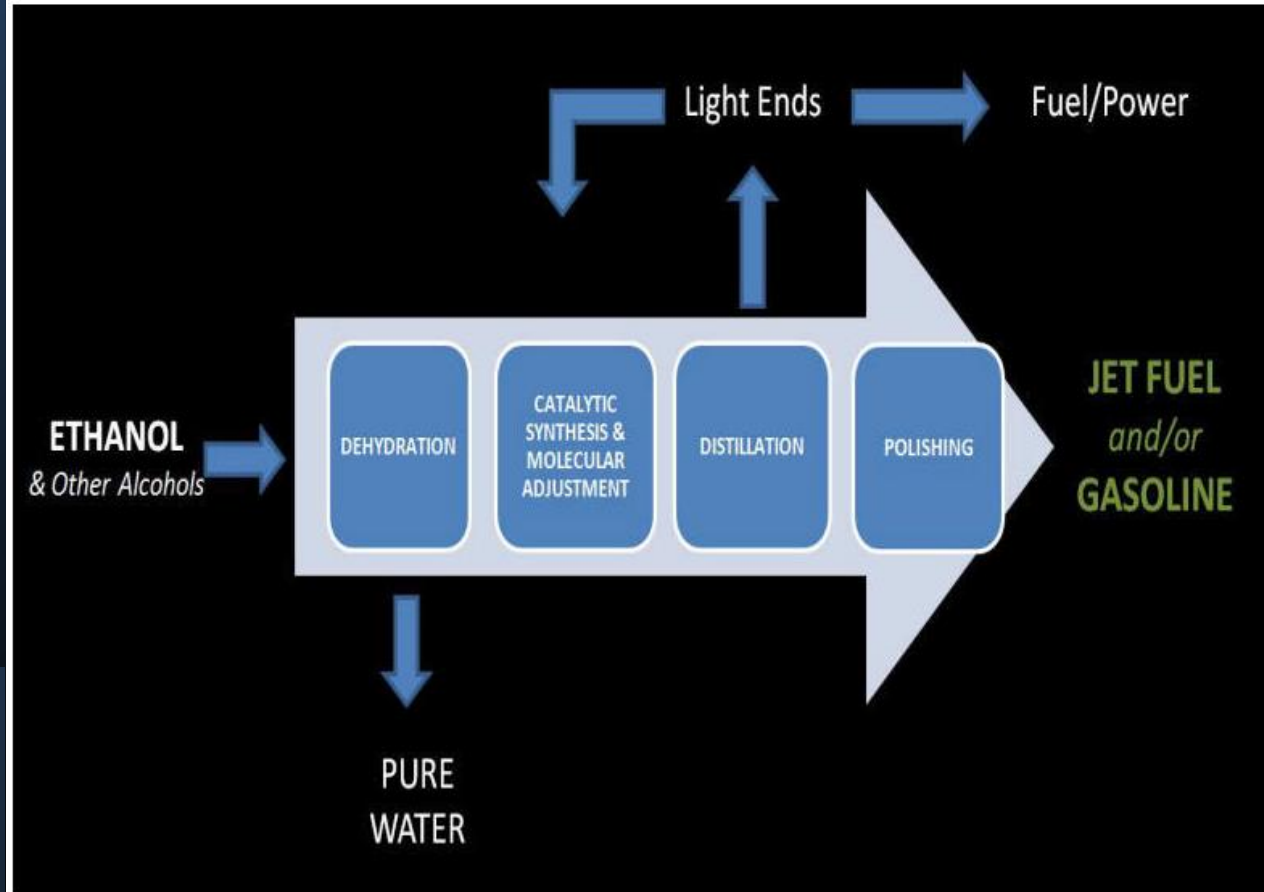
gCO<sub>2</sub>/MJ



"Hydrated ethanol" is when the plant only has a certificate for hydrated alcohol and "anhydrous and hydrated ethanol" is when it has both



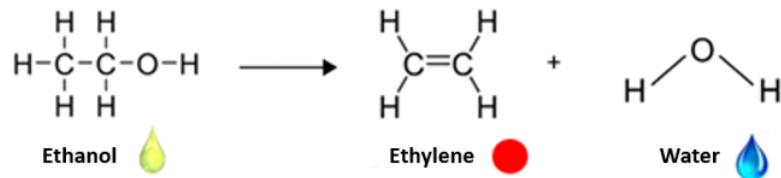
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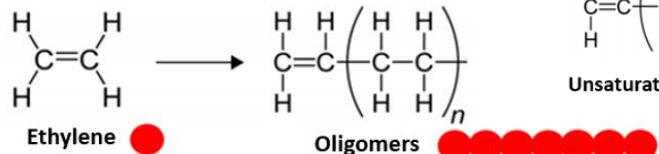
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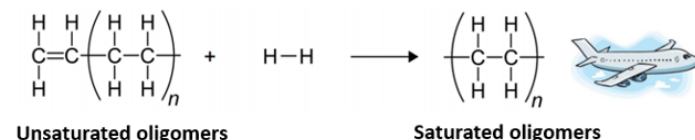
## Intramolecular dehydration of ethanol



## Oligomerization of ethylene



## Hydrogenation of oligomers



*Comment: Higher alcohols have a higher theoretical yield through ATJ upgrading although the maximum theoretical carbon yield is identical. The water molecule lost during dehydration is 37.5% of the mass of ethanol, but only 23.7% of butanol.*



Gevo plant in Texas

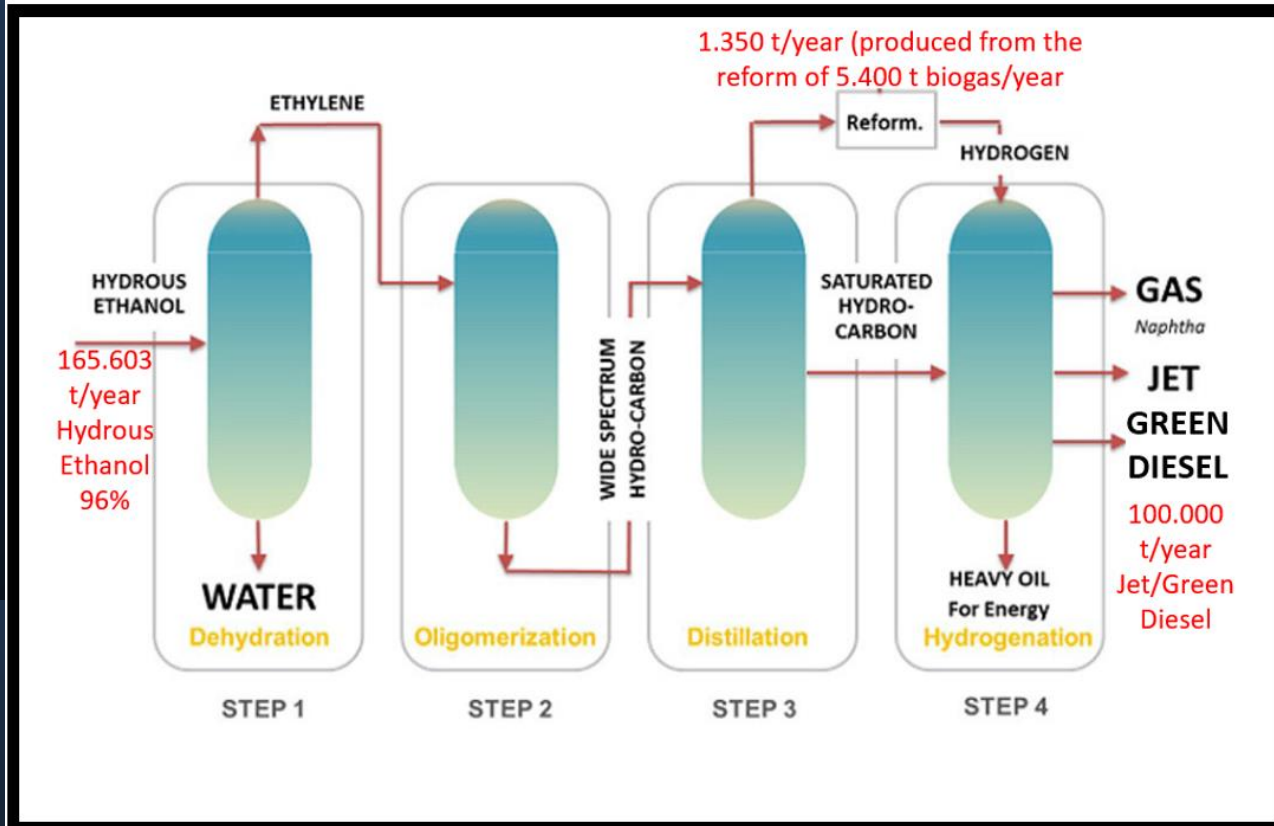
100,000 gal/year

- Source: <https://doi.org/10.1002/cssc.201801690>

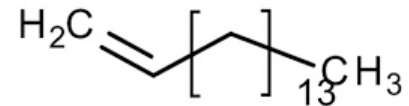


# Alcohol-to jet (ATJ) (technological options)

Alcohol to Jet/Diesel – 4 steps



- Source: Own elaboration from WANG (2016).

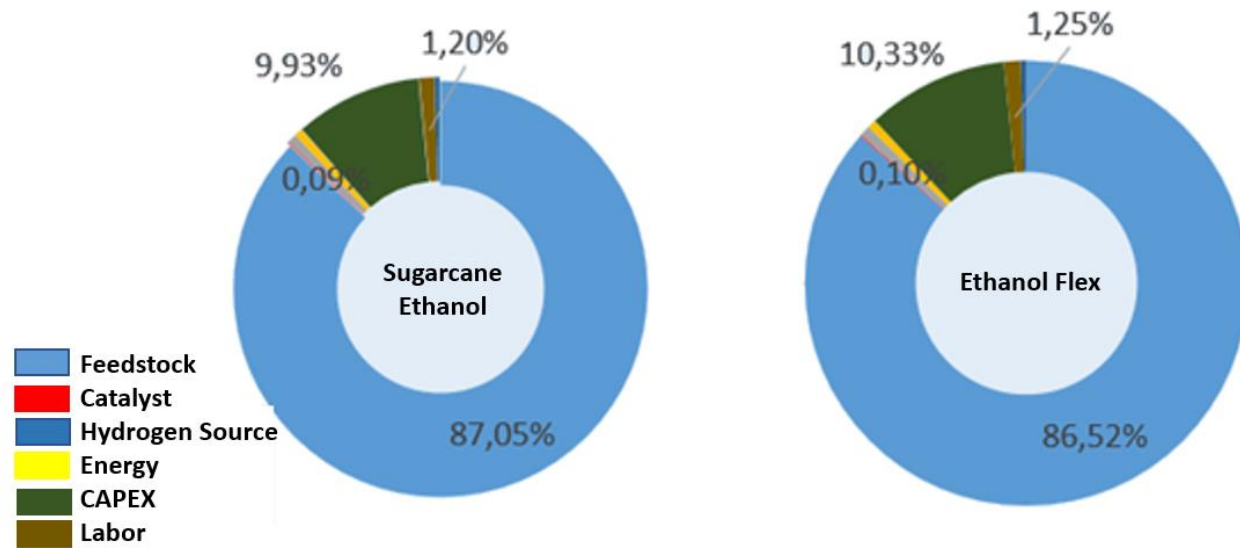


# Alcohol-to jet (ATJ)

Opex - proposed detailing	Expected products
For a plant with capacity 120 kt/y biojet, order of magnitude is a consumption of pure ethanol feed of around 238 kt/y.	<p>Here below the yields, carbon basis, %wt:</p> <p><u>Max naphtha mode:</u> Naphtha / jet/diesel :up to 90/10 /0</p> <p><u>Max jet mode:</u> Naphtha / jet/diesel : up to 0/80/20</p>

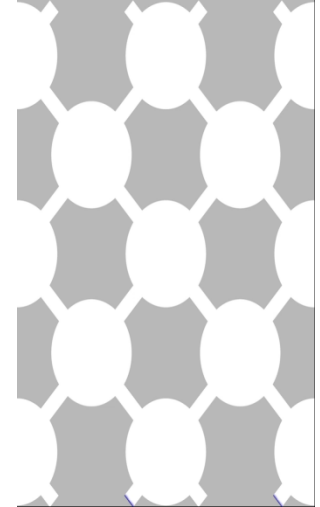
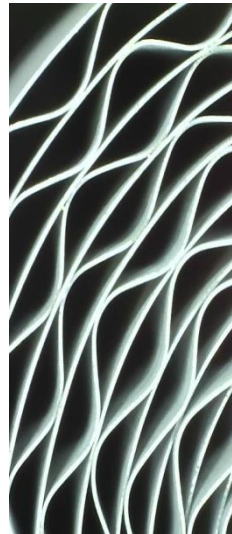
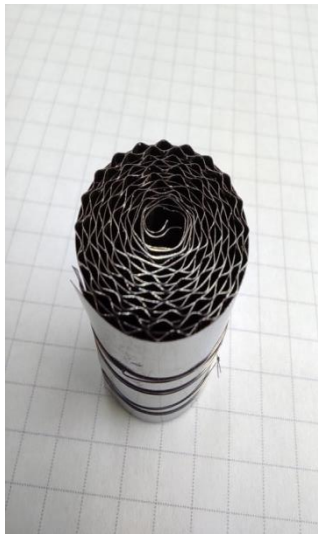
# Alcohol-to jet (ATJ) (costs)

## Distribution of cost in % ATJ variants



- Source: TAPANES (2021).

- ✓ Microchannel reactors
- ✓ Pilot plant 150 L/min syngas
- ✓ Also used for HVO, ATJ and Fischer-Tropsch



Fonte:  
Turbulence in Microfluidics: microfabrication,  
characterization and application, 2019, Sousa Lima,  
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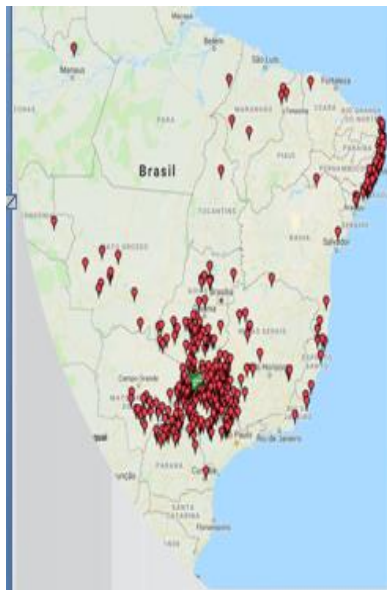


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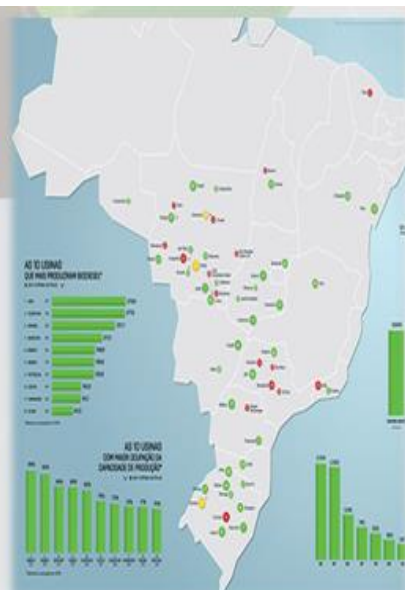




# PATHWAYS FOR SAF



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**BIODIESEL**



**WIND**



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8 pós-docs, 9 M. Sc e D. Sc.



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