# ETHANOL USE AND THE AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY

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## **MOBILITY CHALLENGES DRIVING ENGINES DEVELOPMENT**

Focus on Alternative Fuels Improved considerably in the last decades – oil crisis

At the beginning big part of field problems in Brazil were caused by bad fuel quality and no experience on high % of Ethanol

Most of the material improvements were also needed for modern technologies, like fuel injection and turbocharging, standard today

E10 is accepted worldwide, higher blends up to E20 can be used checking compatibility with the OEM



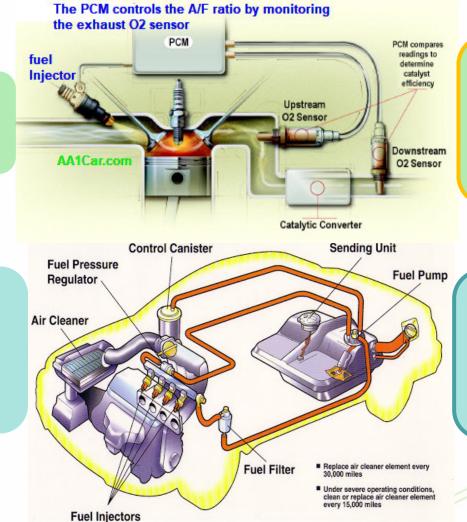


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#### **Emission control demands improved flexfuel capability**

New fuel systems improved air-ratio control identifying changes on fuel composition or etanol blends

New fuel systems to improve emissions and components durability, working better for etanol blends as well . For legal reasons OEM defines the Ethanol blend compatibility.



Brazil developed a flexfuel system without the need of an expensive fuel composition sensor using closed loop controls allowed ethanol content recognition.

In 2015 after tests carried out with on series vehicles with OEM participation, E27 was released in Brazil for local produced cars. imported vehicles run on E25



ETHANOL BLENDS EFFECT ON POLLUTANT EMISSIONS DEPENDS ON ENGINE TECHNOLOGY.

MODERN ENGINES, GASOLINE DIRECT INJECTION (GDI) USES THE WHOLE ETHANOL PROPERTIES ADVANTAGES.

#### North Caroline State University E10 X E25 Current Fleet Vehicles (SPI)

- E25 less 30-40% UFP (ultrafine particulates)
- E25 reduced CO by 15-30%
- No change in NOx

#### **University California Riverside** E10 x E25 Current Fleet Vehicles (MPI)

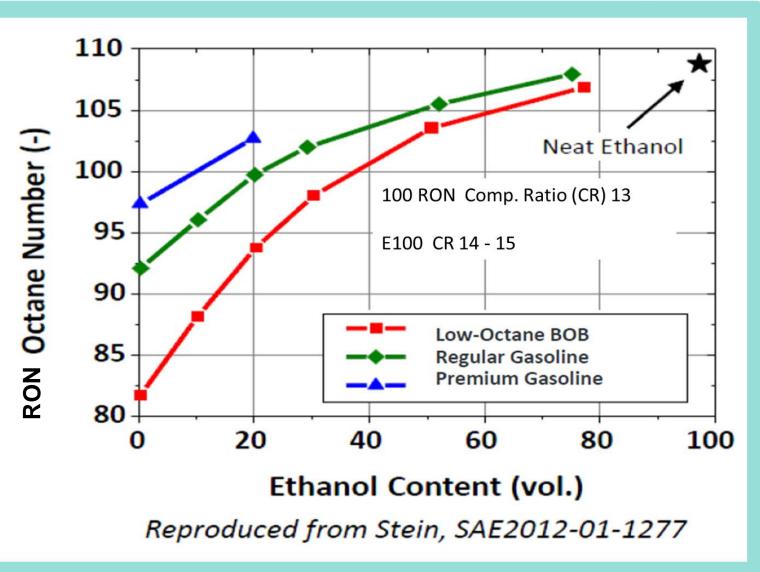
• E25 10-30% NOx reduction

#### **EMPA, Swiss Federal Laboratories** (E0) x (E10 and E85) Euro-5 **GDI**

- Particle number emissions E10 and E85 lowered by 87 and 96%
- CO dropped by 81 and 87%
- CO<sub>2</sub> reduced by 13 and 17%
- PAHs lowered by 67-96% E10, by 82 96% E85
- Genetoxic potentials dropped by 72 and 83%



ETHANOL BLENDING EFFECT ON OCTANE NUMBER



## **EFFECTS OF IMPROVING OCTANE PROPERTIES RON AND SENSITIVITY**

**MON**-Motor Octane Number the original method to indicate knocking resistance.

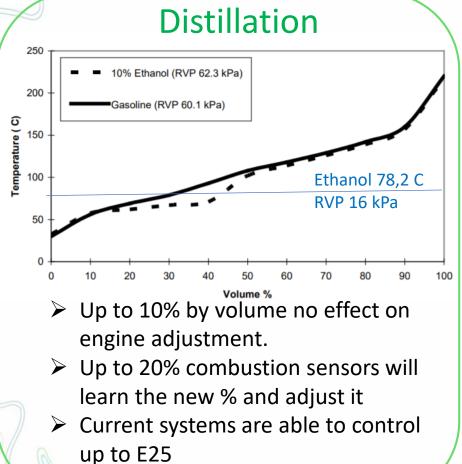
For downsized, down speed (rpm) and high compression ratios engines **RON**-Research Octane Number is more representative

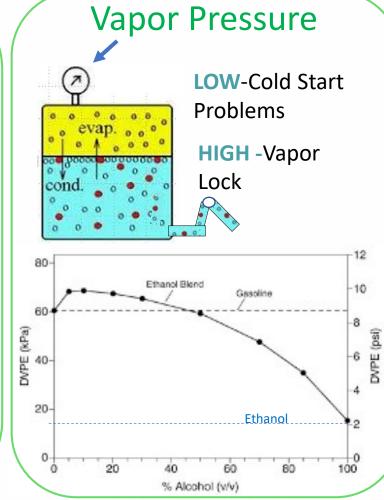
#### The sensitivity (RON-MON) is an important indicator of fuel properties for modern engines





## **Differences between Gasoline and Ethanol Properties**





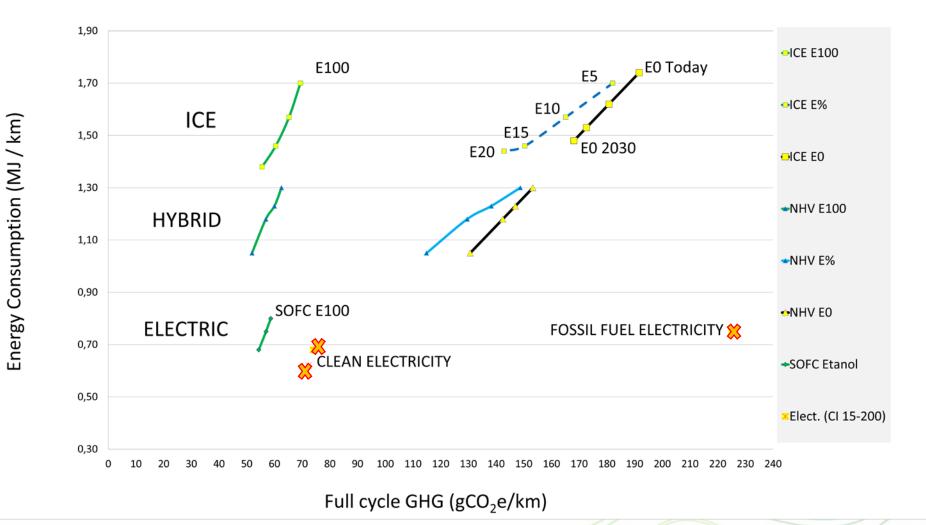
## Energy Content by Volume Gas. 30% Eth.

- E blends lower energy is offset by the higher RON.
- Fleet vehicles RON 95->98 became 3% more efficient.
- Matching engine and vehicle E10~E30 achieved same range.



## ETHANOL BLENDS AND OTHER SOLUTIONS TO REDUCE MOBILITY ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS - GHG (Greenhouse Gas)

#### Vehicle Full Cycle GHG= Well-to-Wheel GHG + (Vehicle + Battery Production) GHG (gCO<sub>2</sub>e/km)





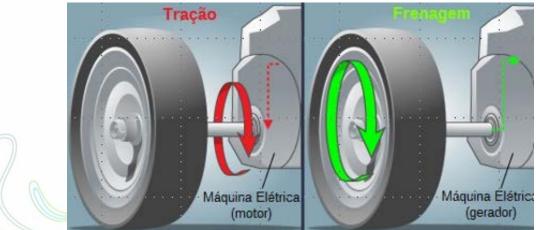
## **ELECTRIFICATION IS NOT "BATTERYZATION"**

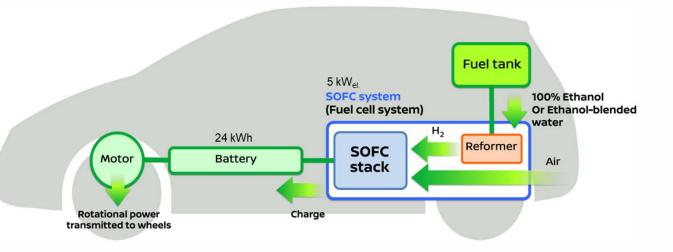
### FLEX (E27-E100) HYBRID



**TRACTION** 

BRAKING

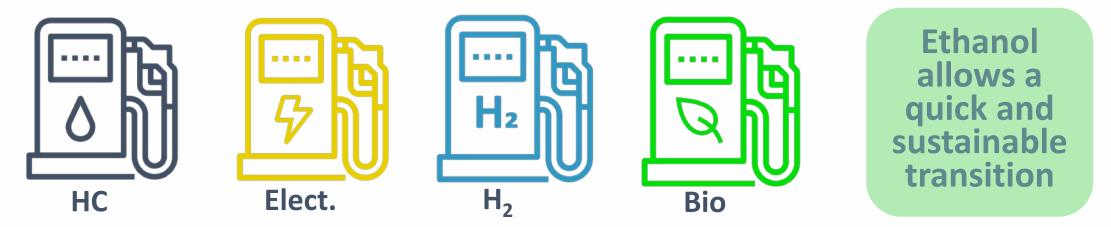




Ethanol is renewable "liquid hydrogen" An Ethanol Fuel Cell, eliminates the high cost cryogenic, titanium tank (700 bar)



## ALL COMBINATIONS WILL BE NEEDED FOR A LOW CARB SOCIETY



HC + Bio: extends fossil fuel use full life with lower GHG Blends

HC + Bio + Elect.: Hybrids with small battery reduces consumption and battery size

Elect.+ H<sub>2</sub> + Bio: Ethanol Fuel Cell, renewable, efficient and low GHG electrification



## ETHANOL HOF AS A QUICK TRANSITION TO A LOW CARBON SOCIETY

Sustainable Energy Efficiency - Consider GHG WTW - Promote

ethanol as Octane improver

### **HOF Global Fuel**

Adoption of Exx (5-20%)
high octane fuel (HOF)
Global specs.
for Exx HOF
regular 95 RON
and Premium
98 RON

#### Exx HOF benefits for the new and current vehicles

- Count Exx as an immediate and effective CO<sub>2</sub> reduction action (Bioplatform)

- Develop Exx hybrids low GHG small batteries

## Ethanol as bridge for

#### **Bioelectrification**

Ethanol FC
 combined w/ clean
 electric energy
 generation

 Ethanol in future hybrid solutions complementing bio electrification for Heavy Duty Vehicles





**REALIZATION:** 



TECHNICAL SUPPORT

