

### **FAPESP International Workshop** on Ethanol Combustion Engines

PSA approach in R&D of biofuels and engines mutually adapted

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- Stellab and Openlabs;
- · Challengers in R&D
- · Ongoing projects;
- Engineering Research Center







## STELLAB & OPENLABS





#### STELLAB - Scientific challengers and responsibilities

Stellab and Openlabs

- The automotive industry is facing technological, environmental and societal challenges;
- Need for exploring new scientific fields;
- PSA created a network of partnerships into different scientific fields, Open Labs, managed by a multidisciplinary structure, the Stellab;
- Setting up a network of doctoral candidates, research and scientific engineers and expert groups;
- Hosting students and researchers chosen to take part in scientific programs;
- Open Labs are joint research units which will pool the group's research teams and testing resources with those of partner laboratories.

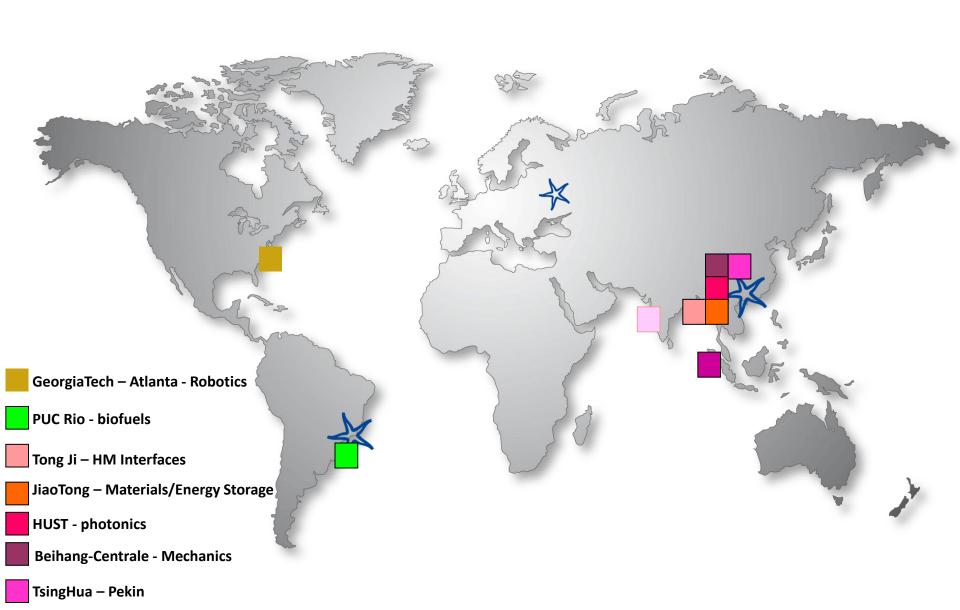




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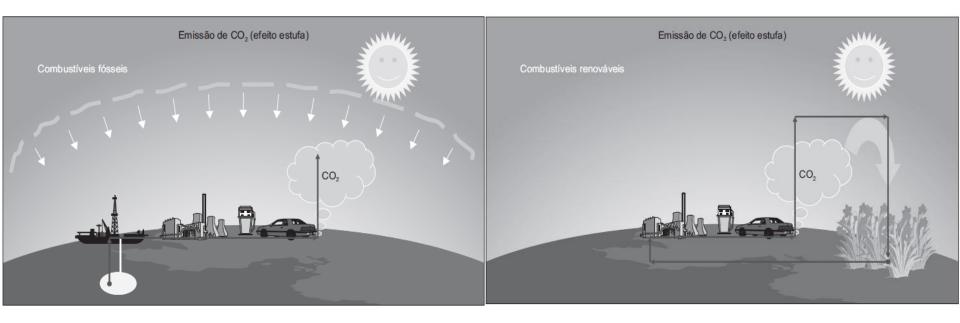


# Challengers in R&D



### PSA worldwide policies Challengers in R&D

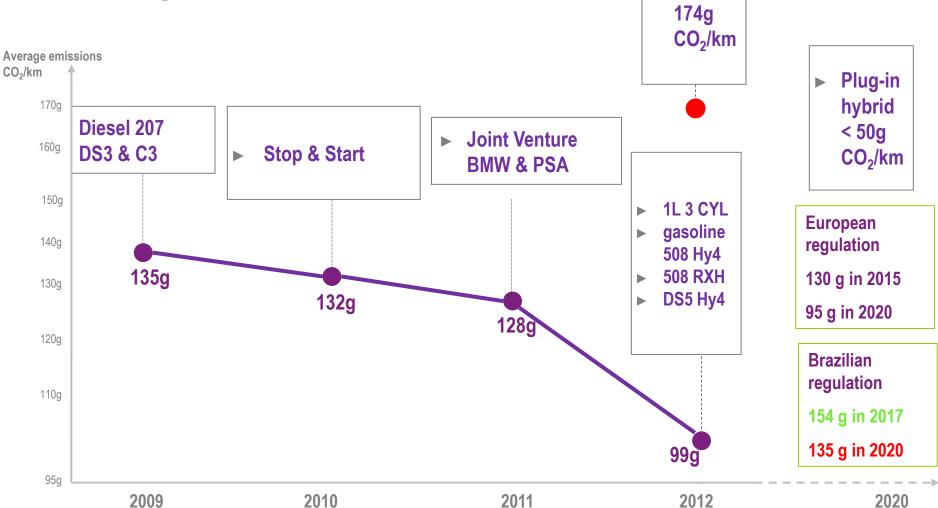
- In 2010 PSA Brazil was chosen as "Global Excellence Pole" for researches in biofuels;
- Today, PSA is worried about produce technology for reducing CO2 emissions;
- The biofuels are one of the most important key for reaching this objective.





One step ahead and the move up-market

Challengers in R&D



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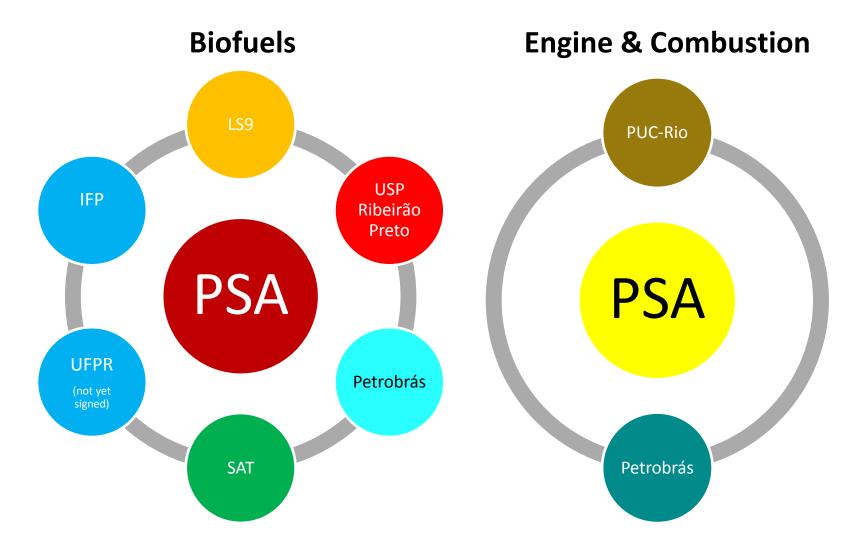
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# ONGOING PROJECTS











#### **Partnerships with universities**

Ongoing projects

- Lack of preparation for developing projects together;
- Academic institutions and corporations have different needs and time frames;
- Projects leaded by students have a clear deadline, impacting the project continuity;
- Problem for disclosing papers, concerning the confidentiality agreements;
- Find Institutions in São Paulo specialized in Internal Combustion Engines.



#### **Cold start in DI engines with E100**



Ongoing projects



- Develop a cold start through simulation for DI engines using CFD;
- Practical tests in vehicle;
- Internal development of technical skills in simulation process;



#### **Optimized flex fuel DI engine**











- CFD simulations of DI engines running on Ethanol, Gasoline and blends;
- Study of material deposit;
- Optimized performance of the engine with all blends;



#### **Compression ignition engines with ethanol**

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Ongoing projects





- Develop 3 different configurations;
  - Dual fuel Diesel & Ethanol;
    - Diesel will work as a pilot injection;
  - Additivated ethanol;
    - Addition of chemical compounds to improve ethanol's characteristics;
  - HCCI;
    - A CI engine with ethanol in a homogeneous mixture;







- Durability tests with a PFI engine using second generation ethanol;
- Assessment of usage impacts of this fuel in engine controlled parts;



## ENGINEERING RESEARCH CENTER

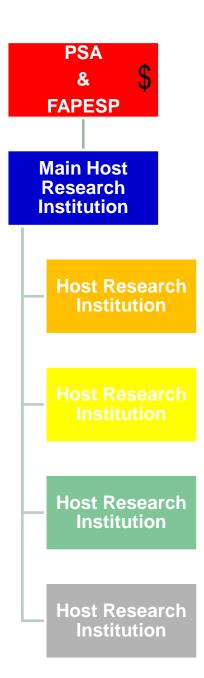




#### **CEPID FAPESP**

#### Engineering Research Center

- Research oriented to application and innovation;
- Possibility of setting up a multidisciplinary approach;
- Opportunity to bring other companies for helping in the research development and project funding;
- Support of FAPESP to control the center structure;





- Develop projects in the area of engine and biofuels mutually adapted;
- Edictal will be launched in November 2012;
- 10 years agreement and investments of about US\$800.000,00 per year
- Link the main universities of São Paulo and other foreign universities of excellence;
- Join the best researchers from these universities;





#### **Research subjects**

Engineering Research Center

- Study the vegetable sources for oil extraction;
- Lifecycle analysis;
- Use of ethanol in CI engines;
- Study of combustion with biofuels;
- Engine durability tests with biofuels;
- Injection system material and biofuels compatibility;
- Biofuels viability;
- Social and environmental impacts;
- Worldwide scenario;





#### **Development expectative**

Engineering Research Center

- Competences in biofuels field;
- Master degree and PhD thesis;
- Patents and papers;
- Specialized laboratories in the universities;
- Engines with very low pollutants' emissions;
- Market strategies and future technologies for this sector;



### THANKS FOR YOUR ATTENTION