

Renewable LPG

Potential and advances worldwide

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Agenda

01 Different types of LPG

Synthetic vs Renewable vs bioLPG vs rDME

What are the advantages of Renewable LPG?

How is Renewable LPG produced?

02 What is the Renewable LPG scenario?



Different types of LPG



Different types of LPG



Fossil LPG

Crude Oil Refinery or NGPU



Synthetic LPG

Synthetically produced via chemical reactions



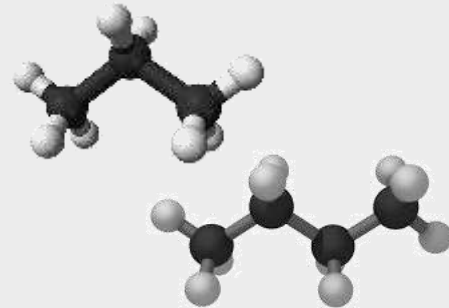
Renewable LPG

Synthetically produced with renewable sources

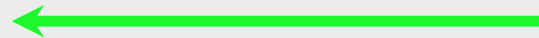


bioLPG

Synthetically produced with biobased sources



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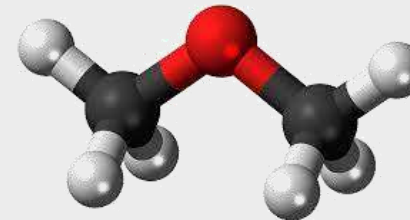
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DIFFERENT
MOLECULE



rDME (dimethyl ether)
Slightly different molecule





Renewable LPG



Drop-in fuel

No need for infrastructure change or equipment adjustments



Produced from renewable feedstocks

Such as plant and residues

Chemically identical to LPG

Same performance of LPG



Lower carbon footprint

Reduces CO₂ emissions up to 80% when compared to fossil LPG depending on the feedstock





Renewable LPG

ADVANTAGES

1

DROP-IN FUEL

Can be blended with LPG or used interchangeably without the need of modification from the end-user

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EASY TO USE

Flexible partner with renewable technologies and hybrid systems

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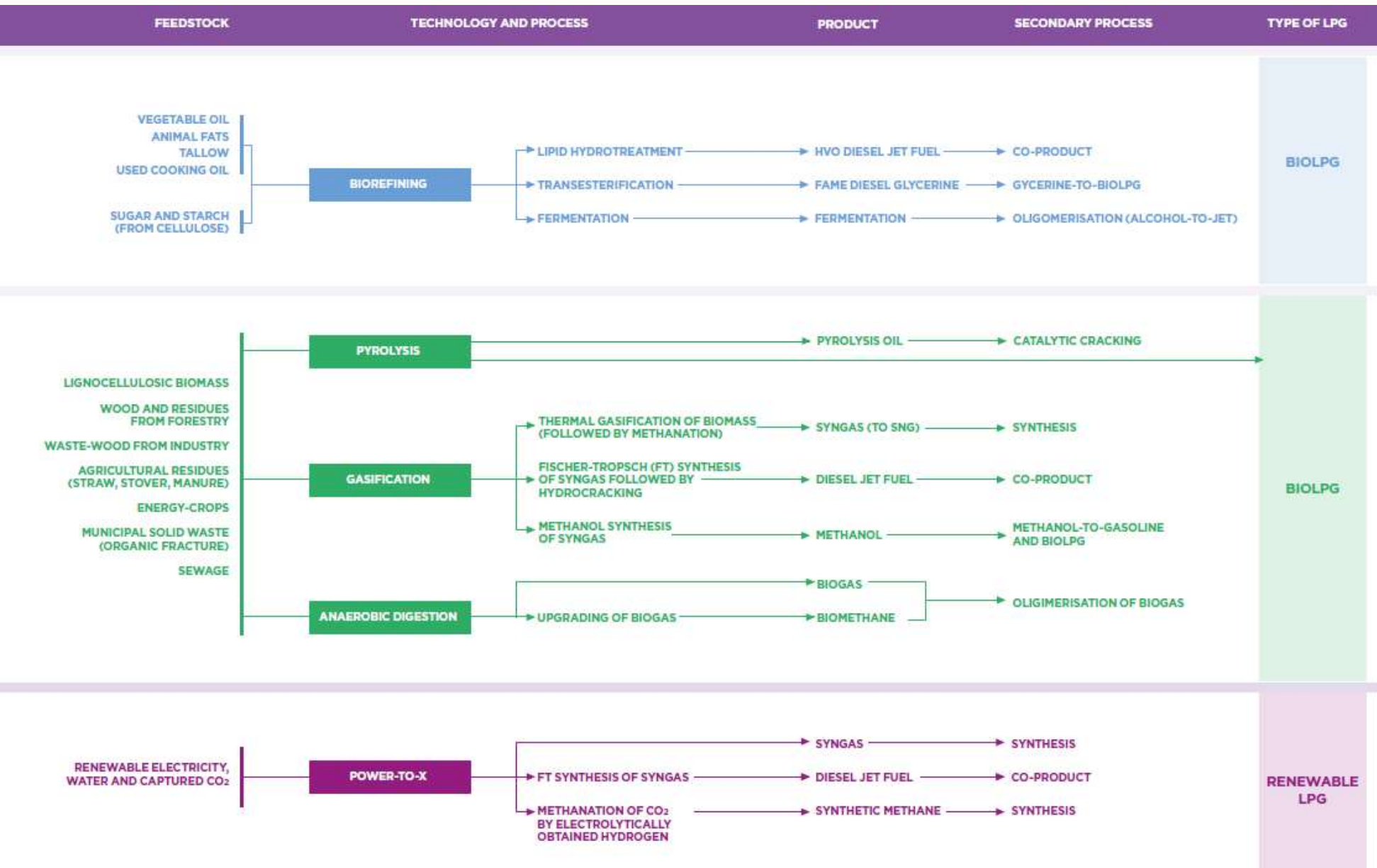
AFFORDABLE TRANSITION

Enables the switch to a cleaner energy source, without the hassle of changing equipment or vehicles that run on conventional LPG

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LOW CARBON

Is a clean burning fuel, which produces very low concentrations of particulates and NOx and with a lower carbon footprint compared with fossil LPG



Renewable LPG PRODUCTION PATHWAYS

Biorefining

CO-PROCESSING

- Co-processing vegetable oils with conventional fossil fuel in crude oil refineries
- Low CAPEX since the same refining infrastructure is used
- Partially renewable LPG obtained

HVO PROCESS

- In the Hydrotreatment of Vegetable Oils (HVO) process, Renewable LPG is obtained as co-product (main products are Green Diesel and SAF)
- Different vegetable oils can be used, including used cooking oil (UCO) and other waste oils/residues
- Renewable LPG currently commercialized comes from this process





Other promising **ROUTE**

ETHANOL-TO-BIOLPG

- Interesting route considering feedstock availability in national territory (Brazil is the second largest ethanol producer)
- Methanol-to-gasoline is already being deeply studied
- Ethanol-to-gasoline caught the attention of LPG distributors

A low-angle, upward-looking photograph of a forest. Numerous tall, slender tree trunks rise from the bottom of the frame towards the top, creating a strong sense of height and verticality. The canopy is dense with green leaves, and patches of bright blue sky are visible through the foliage. The lighting is dappled, with sunlight filtering through the trees.

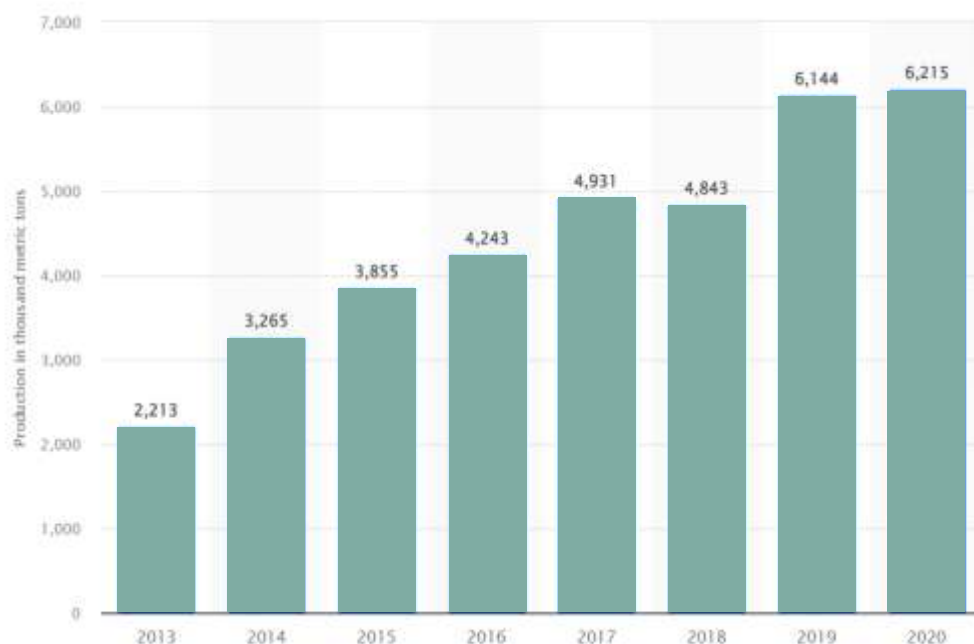
Renewable LPG scenario





Renewable LPG **SCENARIO**

HVO biodiesel production volume worldwide from 2013 to 2020
(in 1,000 metric tons)



*Source: N. Sönnichsen, 2022

- Predicting Renewable LPG supply in the coming years is still difficult as routes and yields are still **UNCERTAIN**
- It is necessary to invest in **PURPOSE ROUTES**



*Source: BioLPG a renewable pathway towards 2050, 2021



Renewable LPG SCENARIO



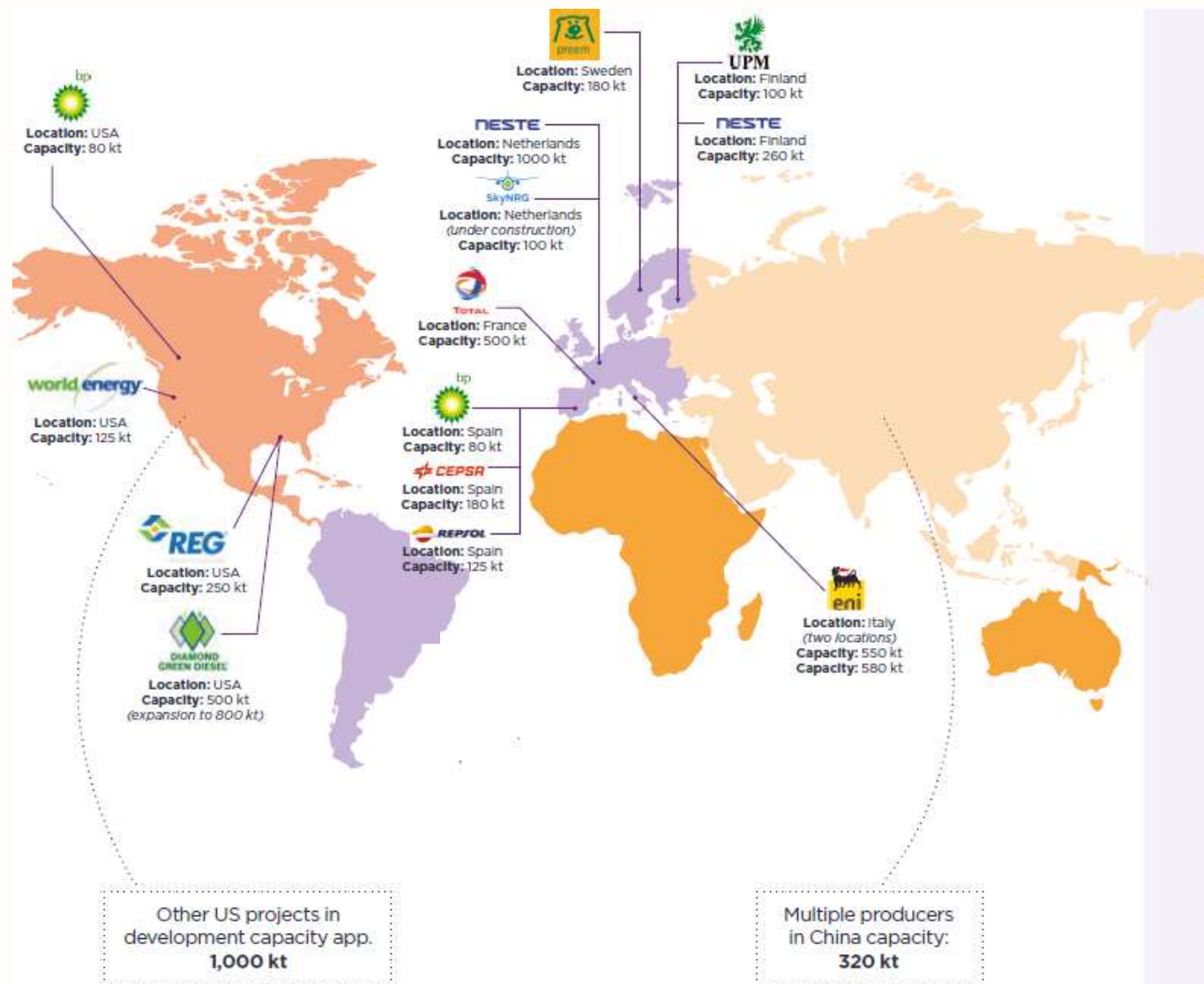
Renewable LPG is already produced and commercialized (current worldwide production of 200 thousand tons per year)



All Renewable LPG commercialized come from the HVO process and co-processing



New conversions routes need to be developed in order to meet the market demand





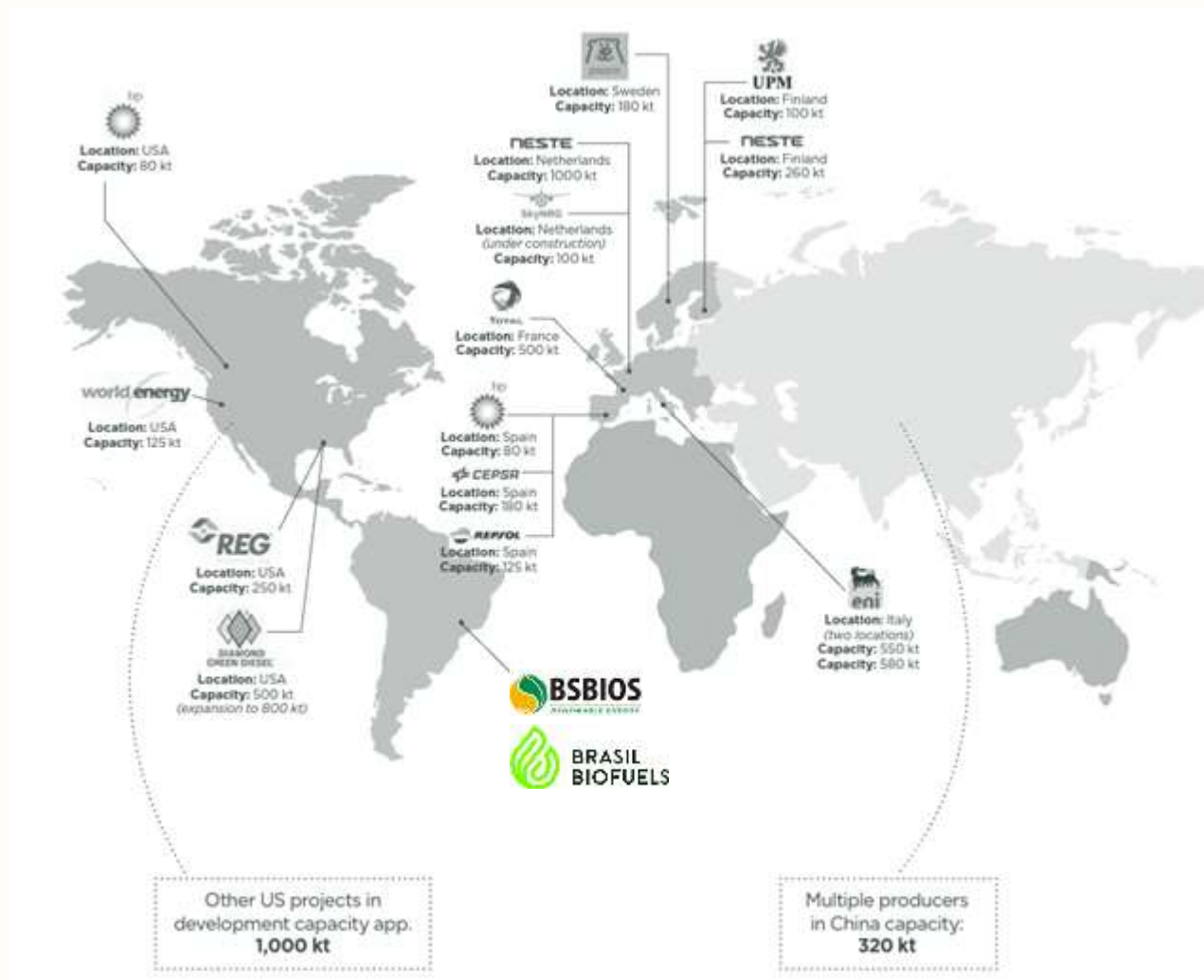
Renewable LPG SCENARIO



In Brazil, there is still no Renewable LPG commercialization



Copa Energia has made efforts to change this scenario and use the fuel as a renewable alternative do diversify the energy matrix





Renewable LPG SCENARIO



Partnership with USP (University of São Paulo) to develop bioLPG solution specifically designed for Brazilian conditions



Line of research based on modeling and optimizing the whole value chain of bioLPG in Brazil

Copa Energia faz acordo com a USP para desenvolver projeto de BioGLP

Durante quatro anos, a Copa Energia, dona das marcas Copagaz e Liquigás, investe em pesquisas para soluções em BioGLP, que emite até 80% menos carbono na combustão do que o de origem fóssil



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Thank you!

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