



ADVANCES IN ETHANOL PURIFICATION:

ALTERNATIVES

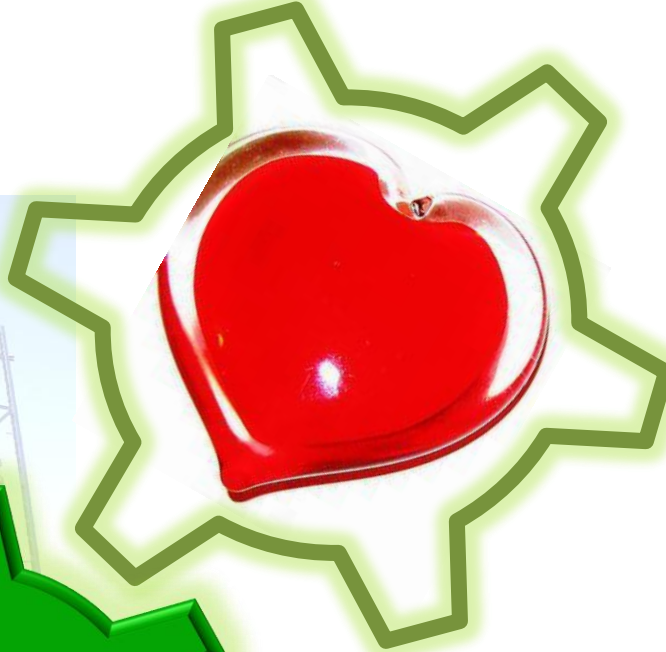
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PERSPECTIVES

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Sugarcane Processing and
Engineering

BIOEN WORKSHOP ON PROCESSES FOR ETHANOL PRODUCTION

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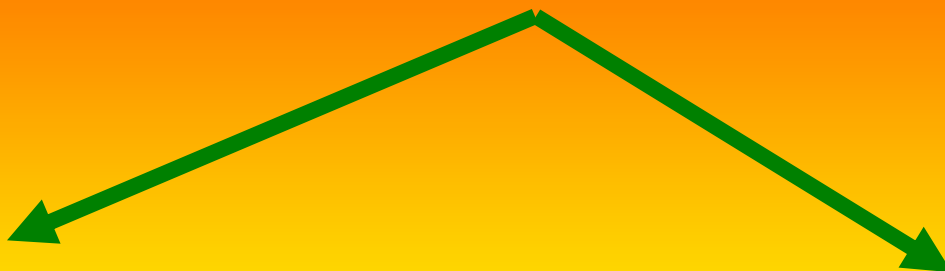


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MECHANICAL

DIFFUSIONAL



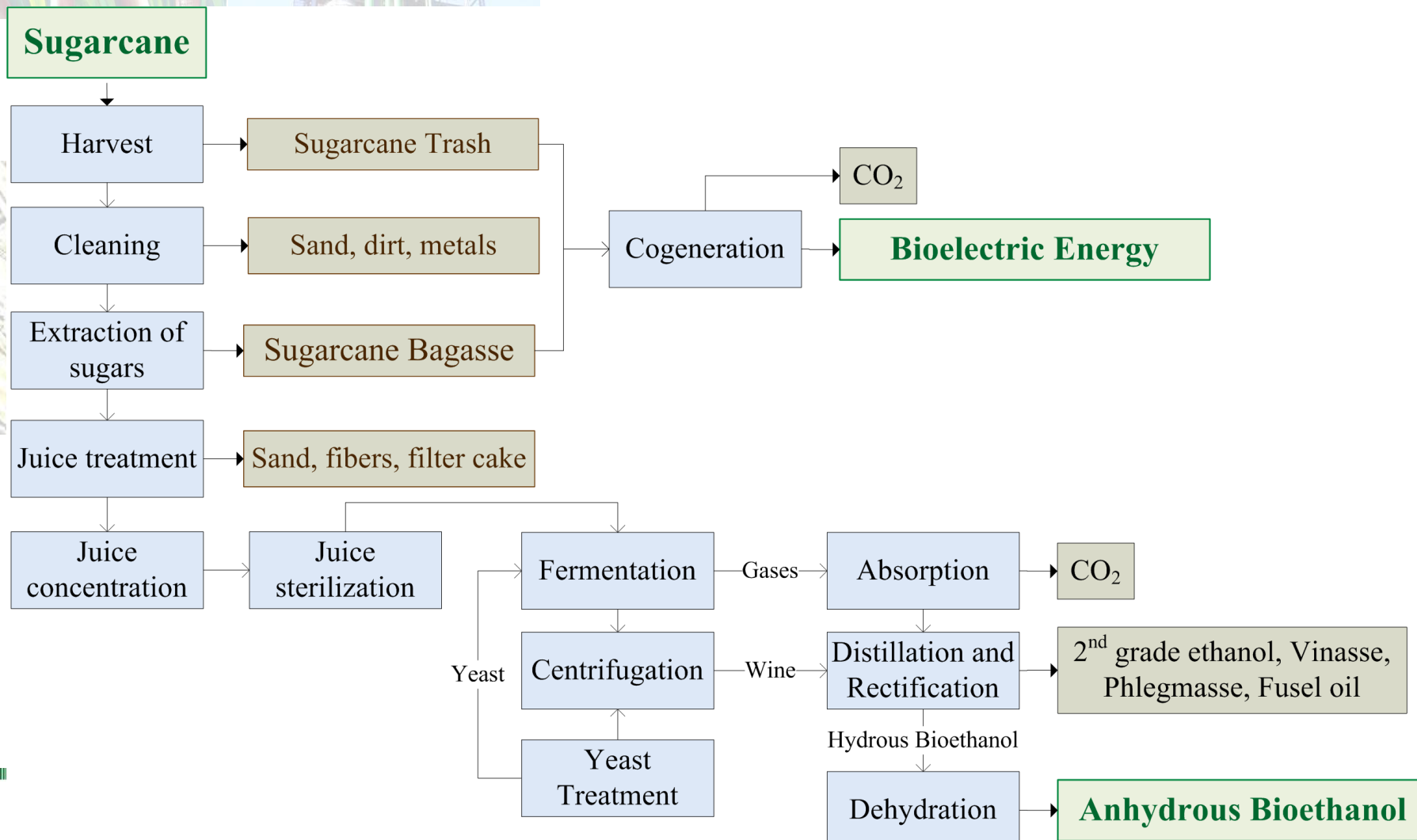
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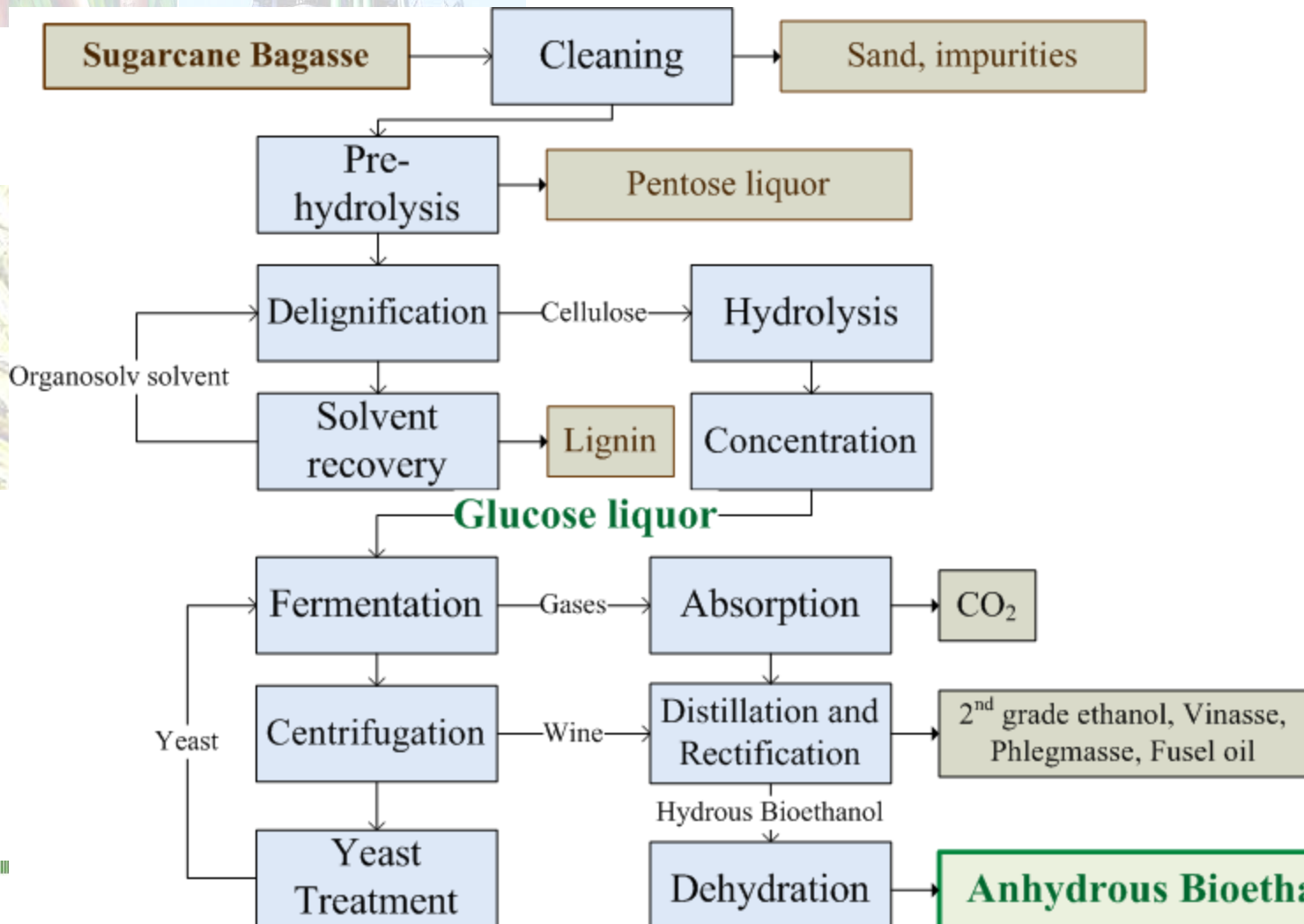
REAL

- EQUILIBRIUM PROCESS
- NON EQUILIBRIUM APPROACH

Block flow diagram – conventional bioethanol production process



Block flow diagram – bioethanol production process from bagasse



DIFFUSIONAL SEPARATION

- **DISTILLATION** : To concentrate the wine to high concentration
- - from 6 to 10% vol. ethanol up to 92.6 – 93.8 wt. (hydrous ethanol)
- **OR WITH/ WITHOUT OTHER MORE COMPLEX PROCESSES - AZEOTROPE**
to 99.3 or higher (anhydrous ethanol)

Wine composition on conventional and integrated production process

Component

Composition (wt%)

Conventional

Integrated (70 % bagasse)

| | | |
|--------------------------------|--------|--------|
| Water | 79.181 | 79.127 |
| Glucose | 0.607 | 0.607 |
| Impurities | 2.824 | 2.418 |
| Ethanol | 10.064 | 9.922 |
| CO ₂ | 0.129 | 0.122 |
| Acetic Acid | 0.005 | 0.173 |
| Succinic Acid | 0.001 | 0.040 |
| Yeast | 7.181 | 7.317 |
| H ₂ SO ₄ | 0.008 | 0.033 |
| Pentose | - | 0.130 |
| Furfural | - | 0.075 |
| HMF | - | 0.036 |

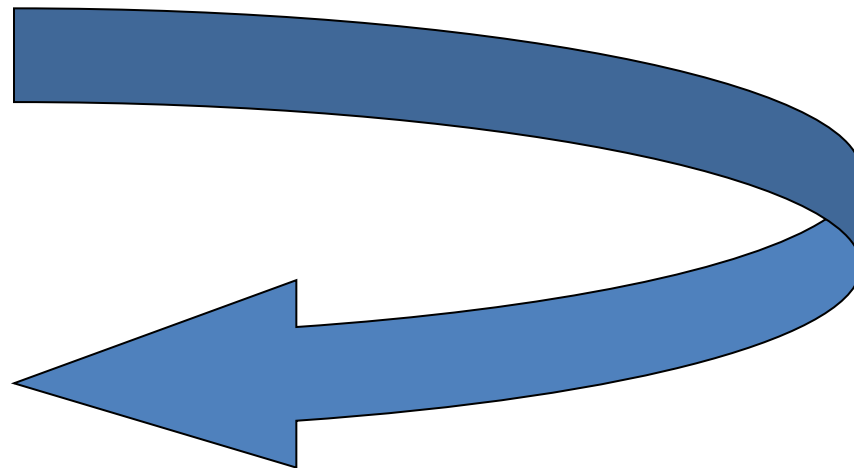
WINE

- HAS SEVERAL OTHER COMPONENTS (CONTAMINANTS) BEYOND WATER AND ETHANOL
- **ALCOHOLS:** METHANOL, PROPANOL, ISOPROPANOL, BUTANOL, ISOBUTANOL, AMYL, ISOAMYL
- **ALDEHYDES:** ACETALDEHYDE, BUTYRALDEHYDE, CROTONALDEHYDE



- **ORGANIC ACIDS:** acetic; propionic
- **KETONES:** acetone
- **ESTERS:** ethyl acetate ; ethyl butyrate
- **ETHERS:** acetal

- **QUALITY CRITERIA**



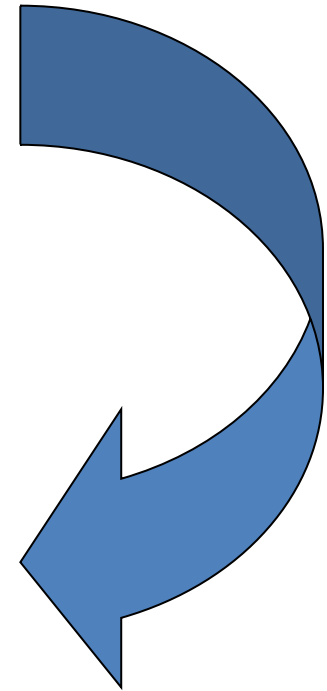


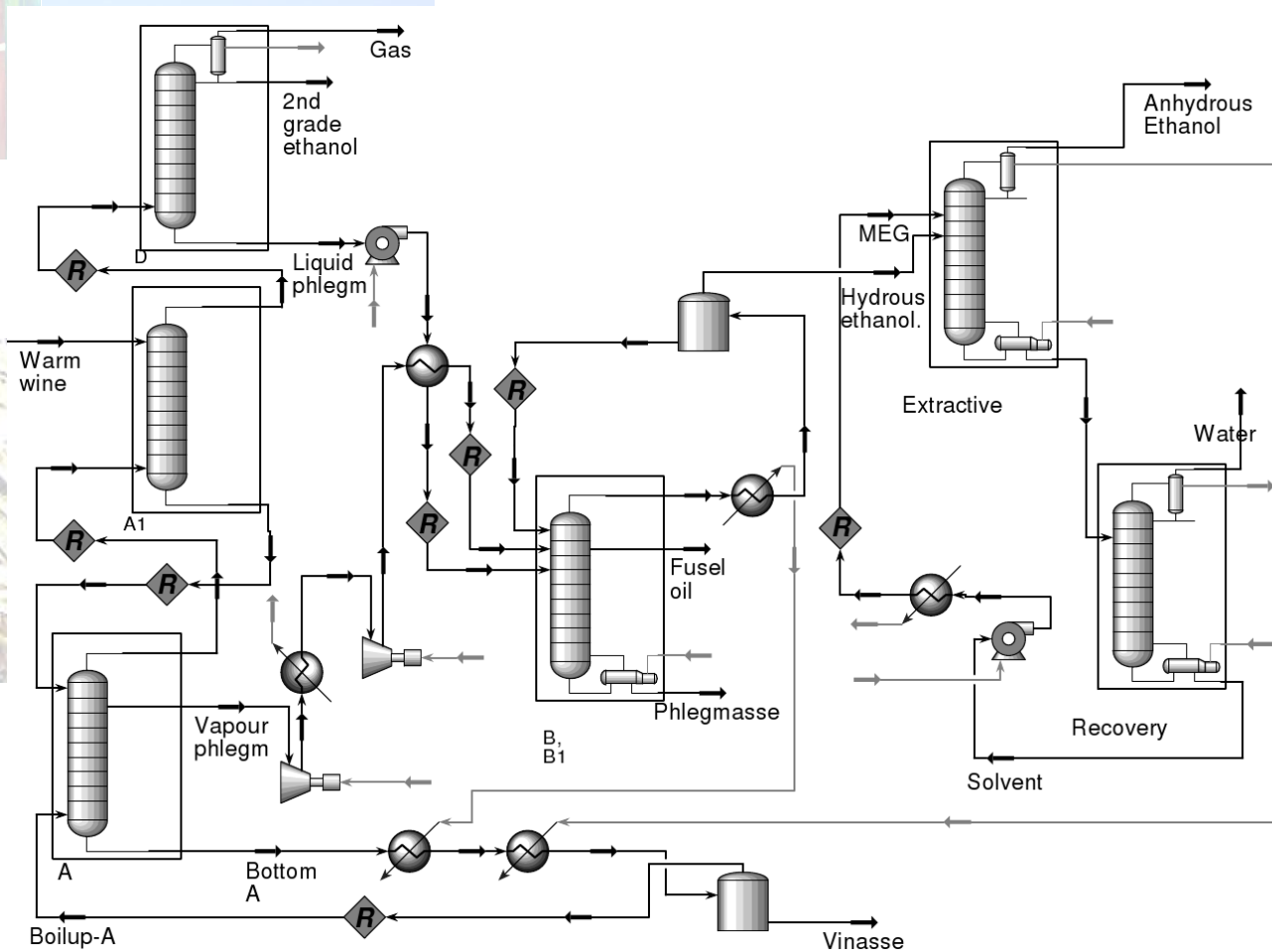
- PROBLEMS IN THE DISTILLATION PROCESS

DIFFERENT COMPONENTS



DILUTION





EXAMPLE FOR SIMPLE COLUMNS



| Model | EQ | EQ70 | NEQ |
|--|------|------|------|
| Column A reboiler (kJ/kg Product) | 4503 | 4712 | 4723 |
| Column B-B1 reboiler (kJ/kg Product) | 1150 | 2252 | 2259 |
| Total energy consumption (kJ/kg Product) | 5653 | 6964 | 6982 |

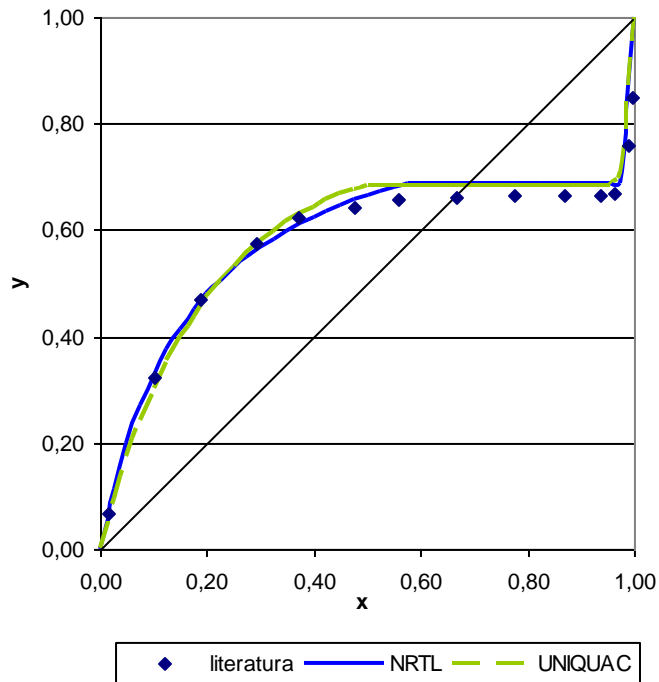
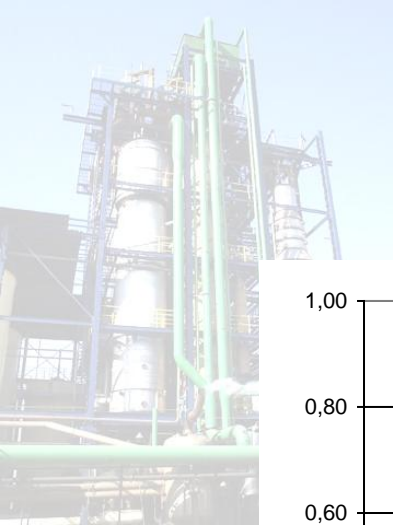
EQ: equilibrium stage model (efficiency of 100%)

EQ70: equilibrium stage model with efficiency of 70%

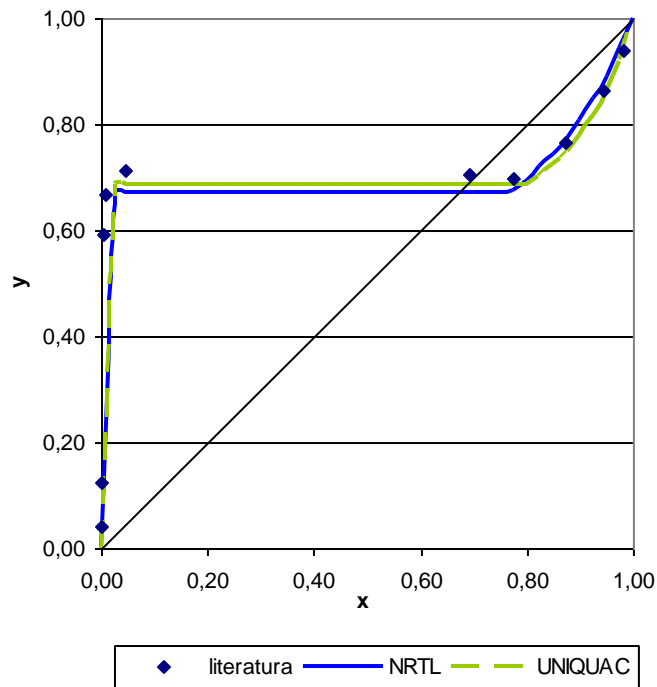
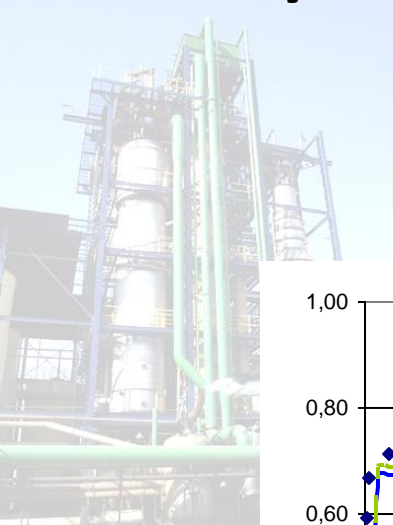
NEQ: nonequilibrium stage model

**COLUMN A LARGER ENERGY BECAUSE LARGER FLOW RATES
LOWER NST ALSO**

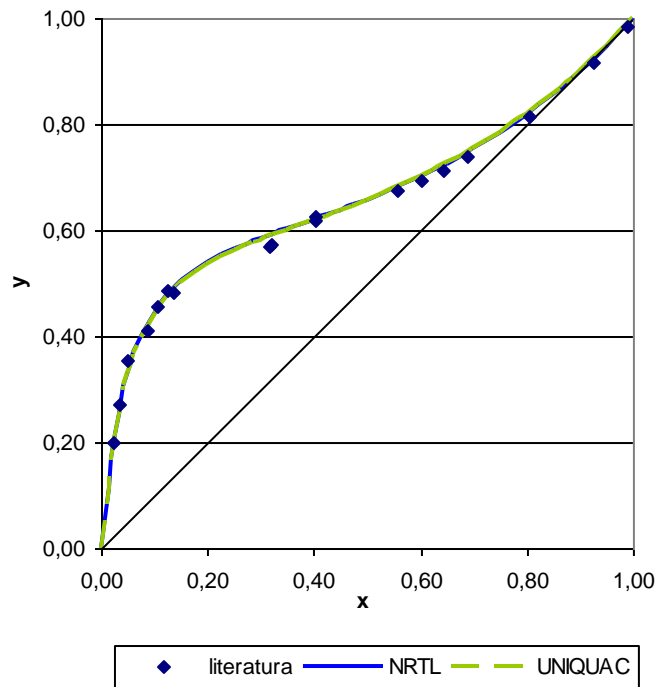
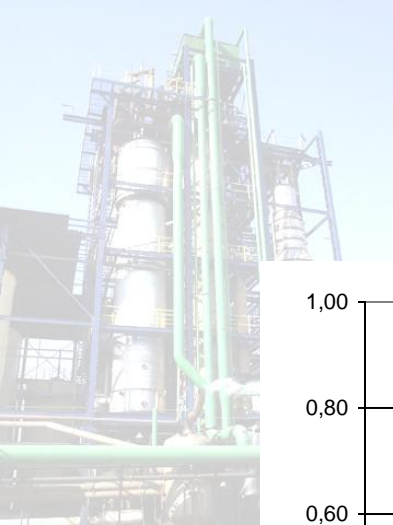
Water/Isobuthanol



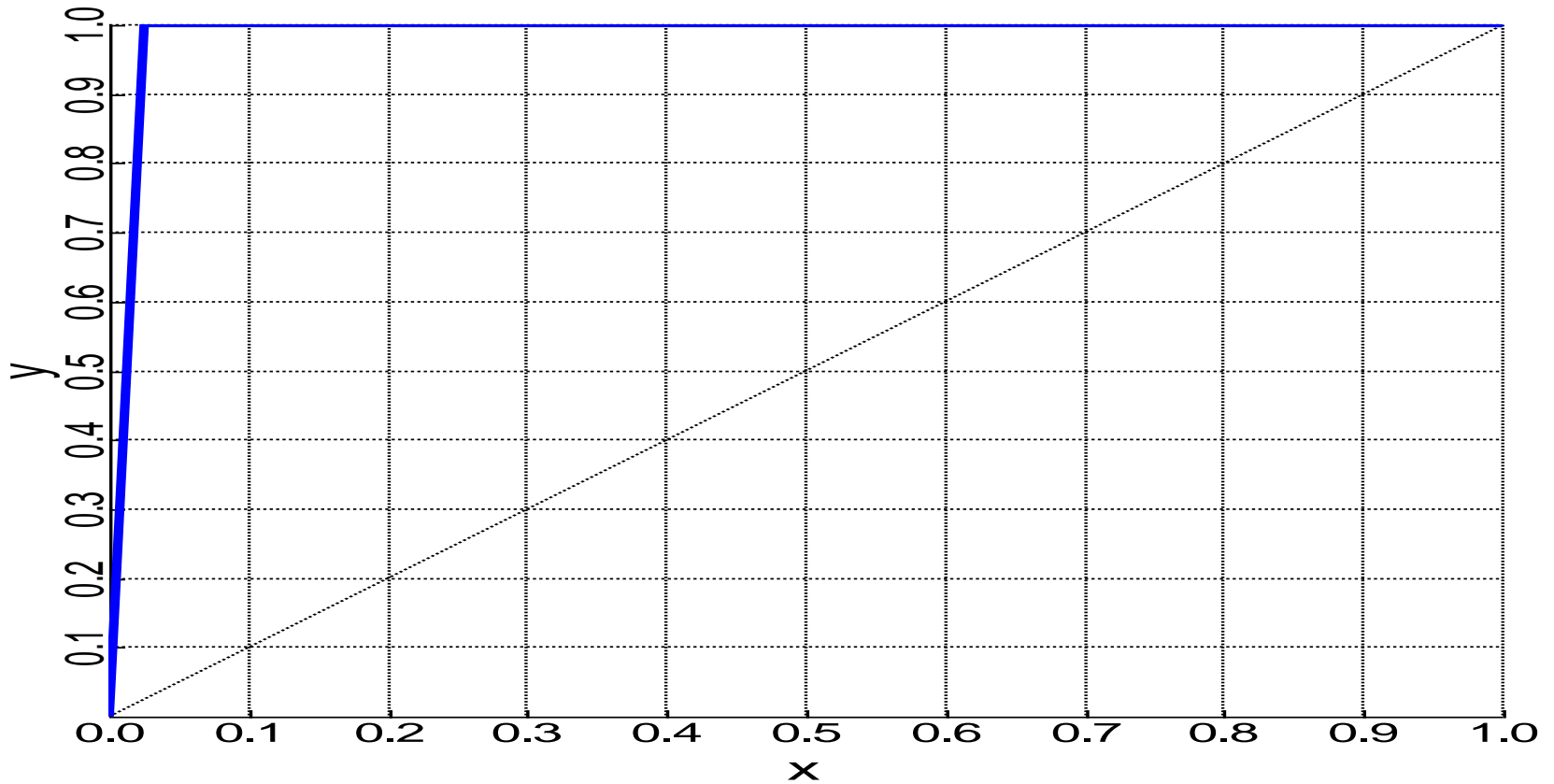
Ethyl Acetate/Water



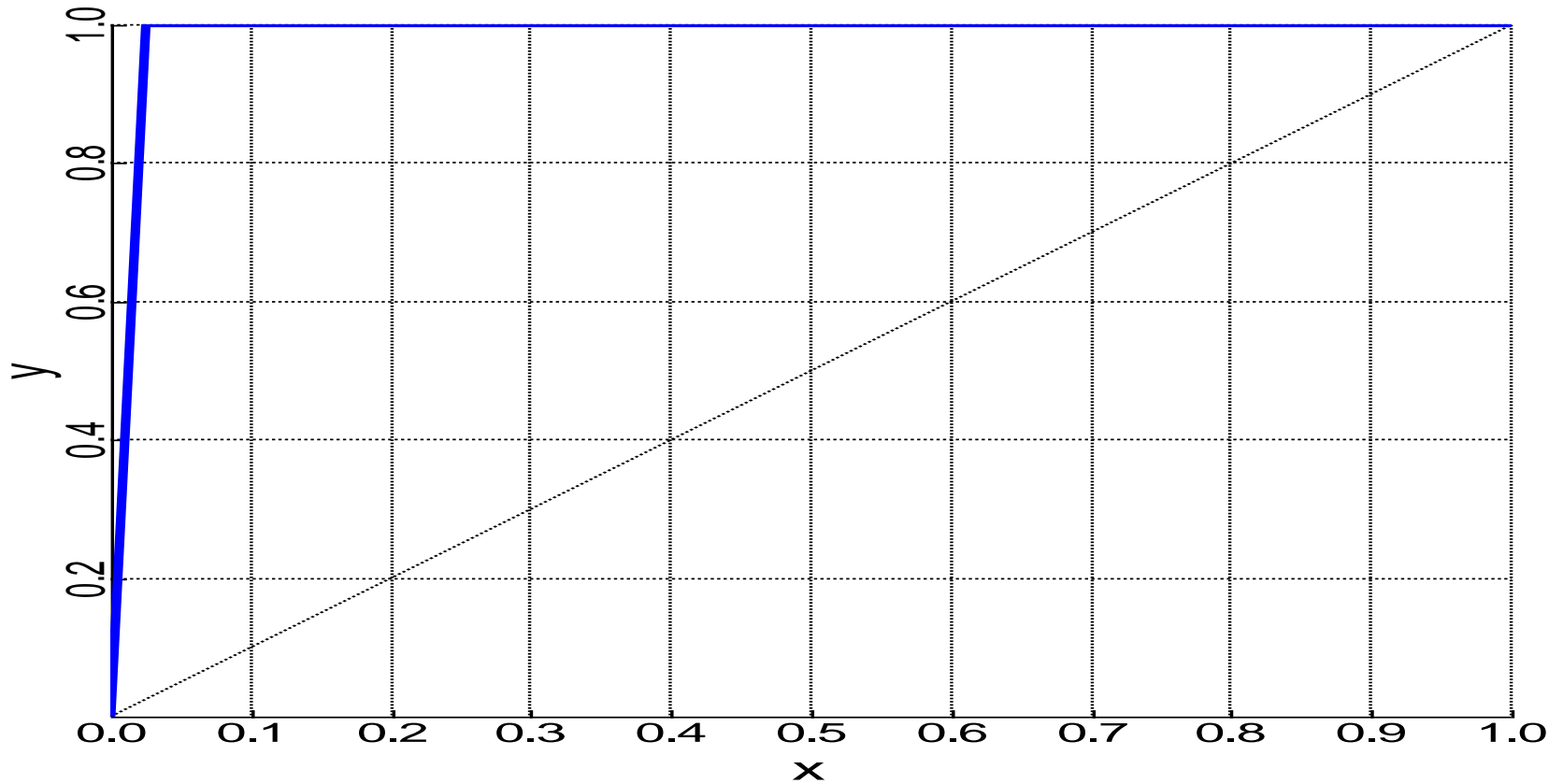
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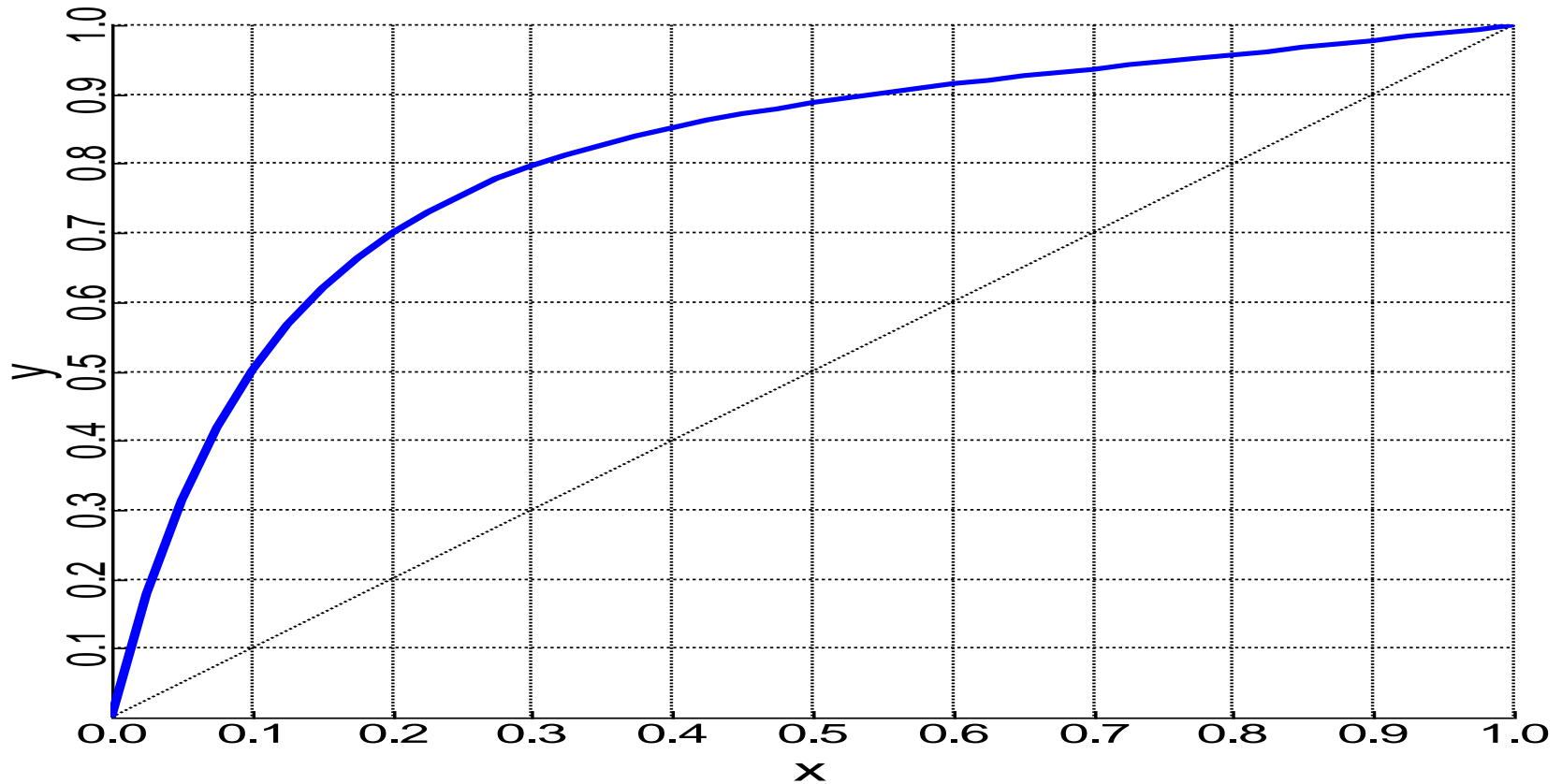
Acetaldehyde/Glucose



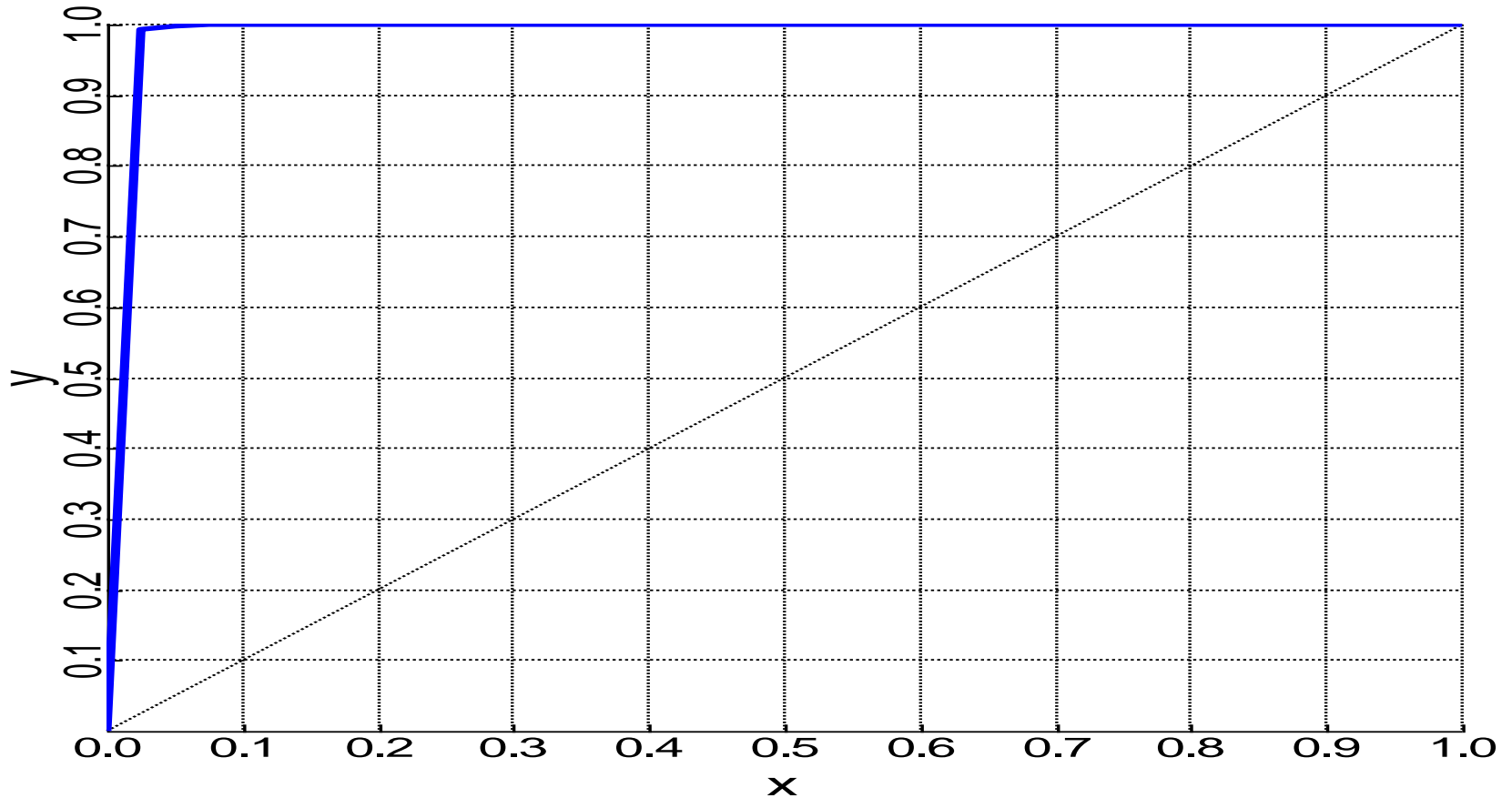
Acetaldehyde/Sucrose



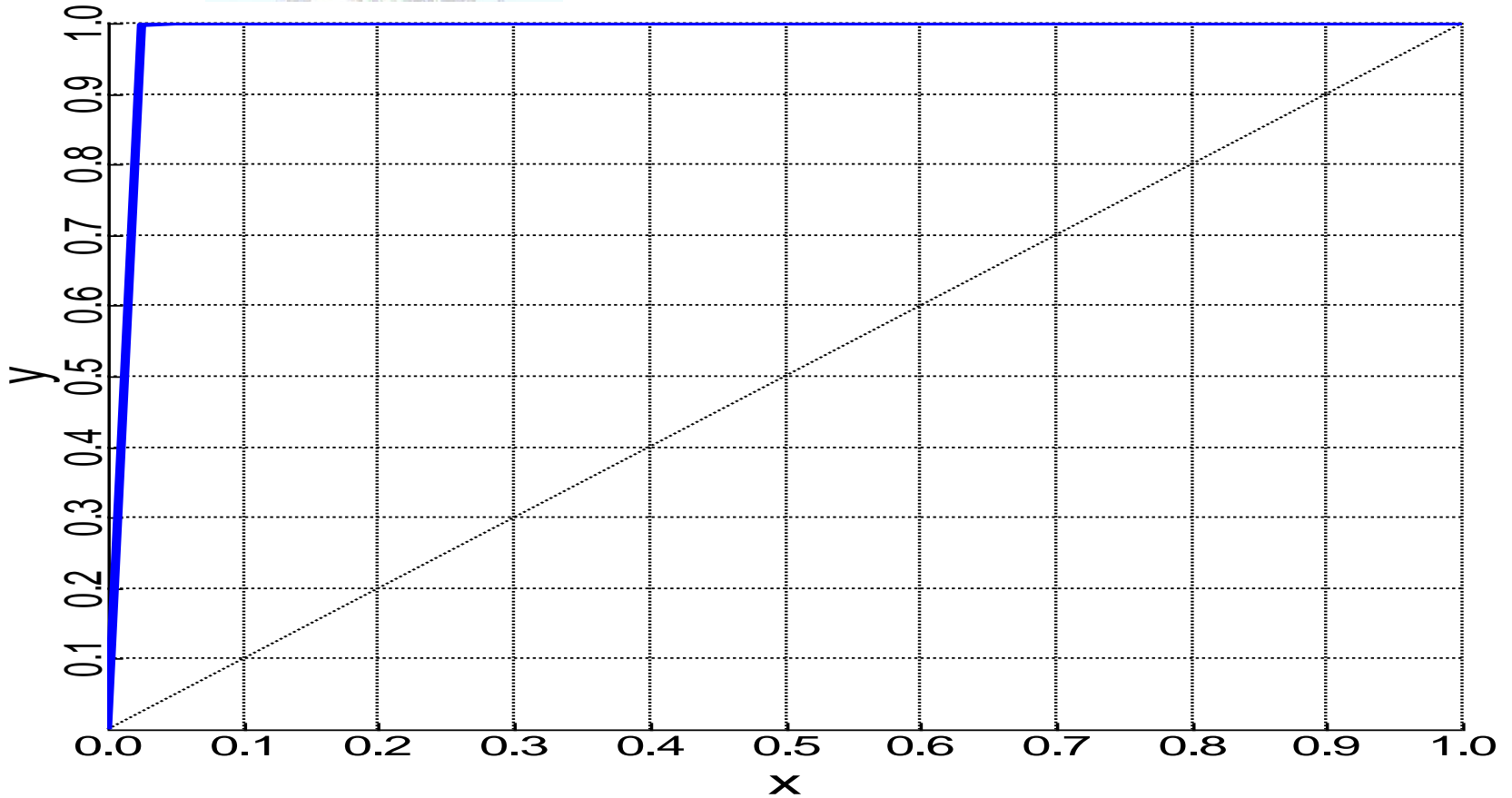
Ethyl Acetate/Isoamilic alcohol



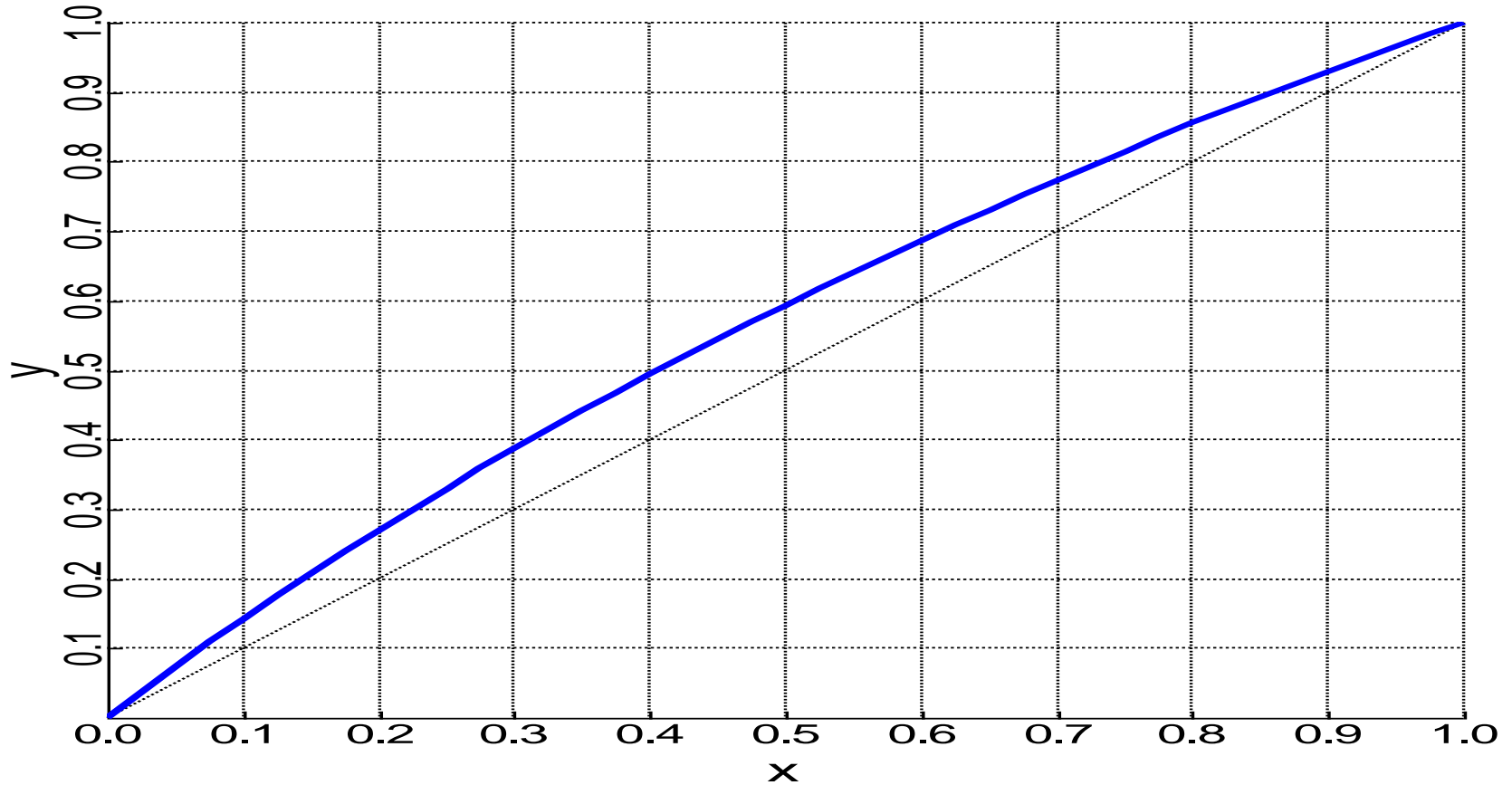
Ethyl acetato/glicerol



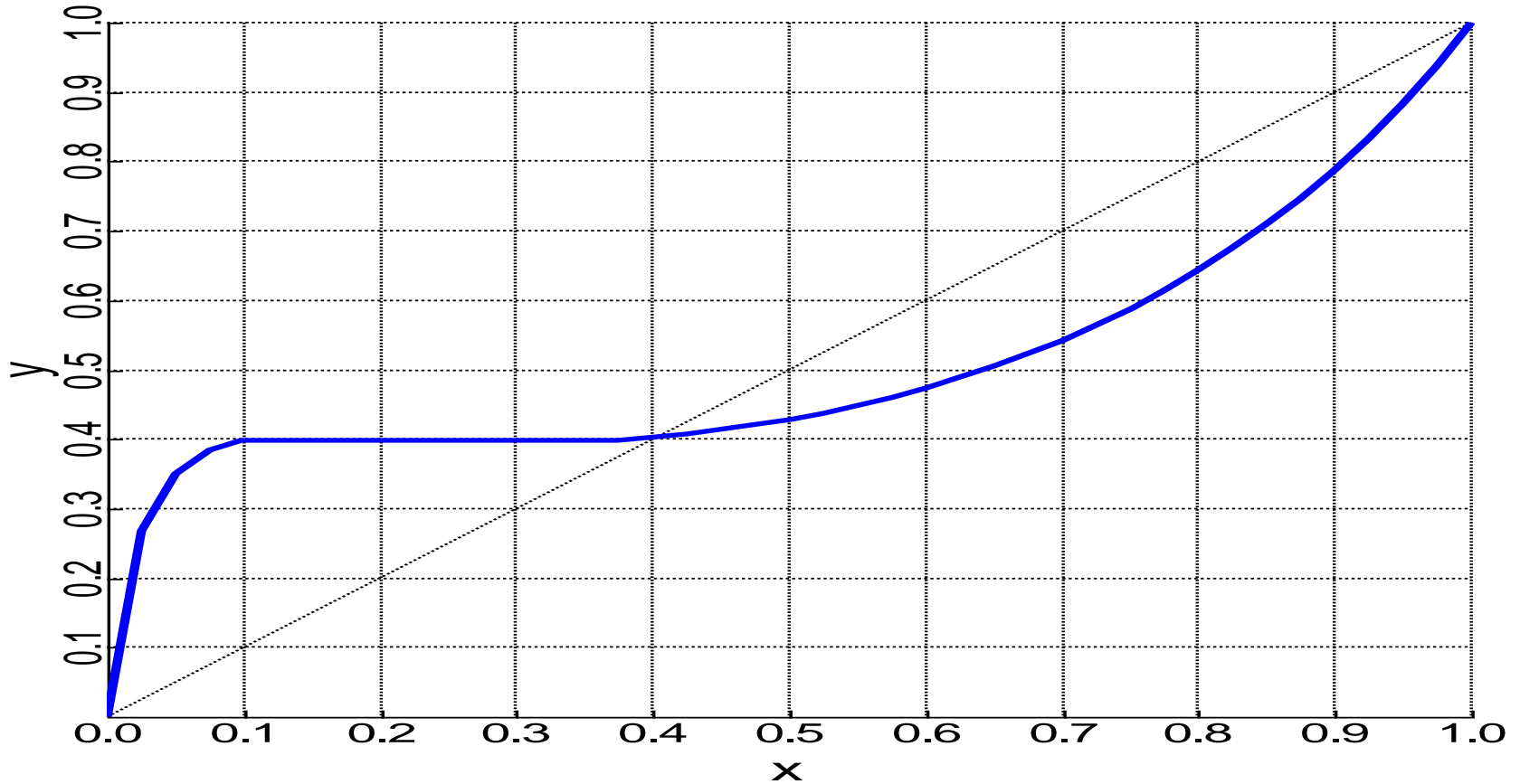
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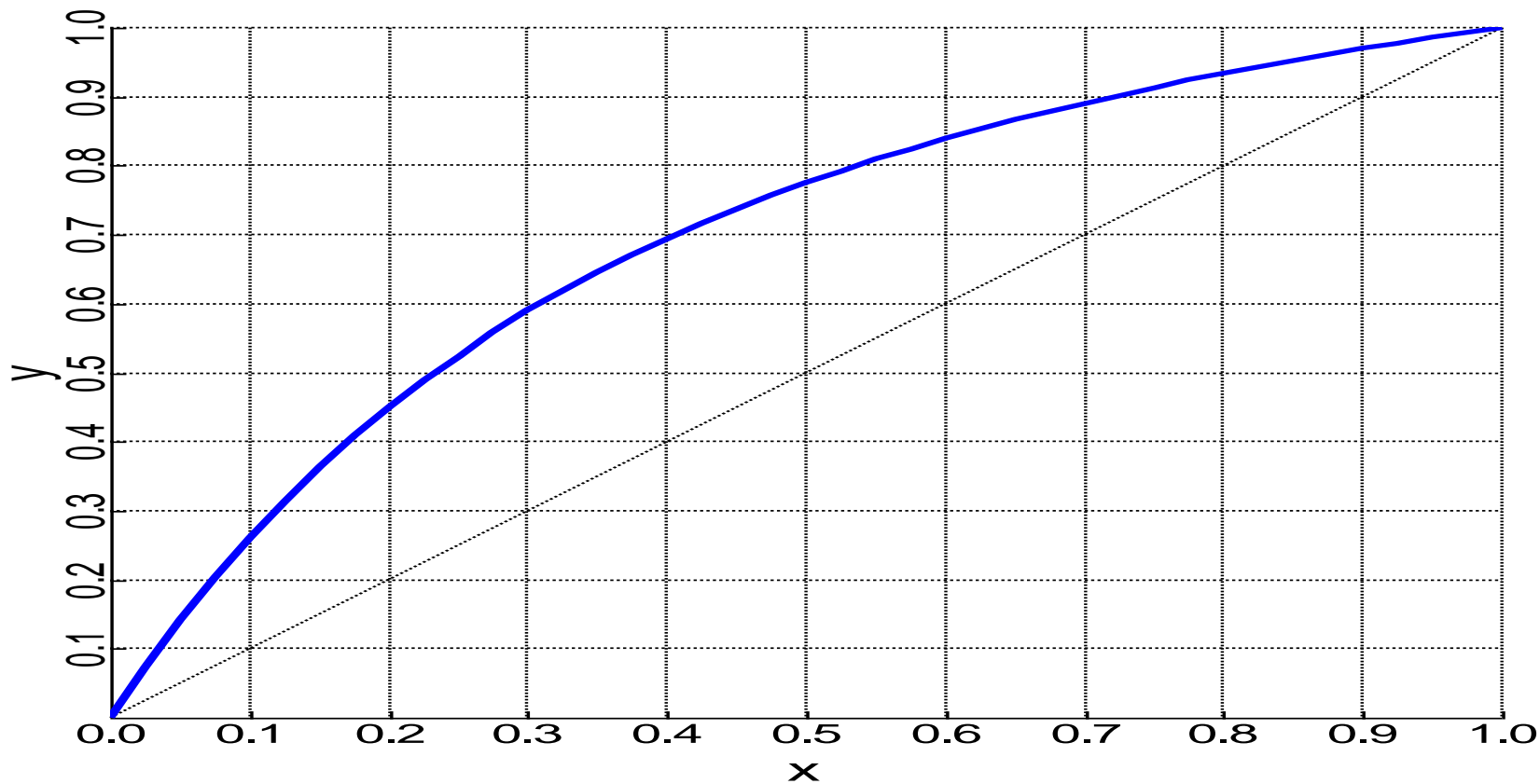
Propanol/Isobuthanol



Propanol/Water

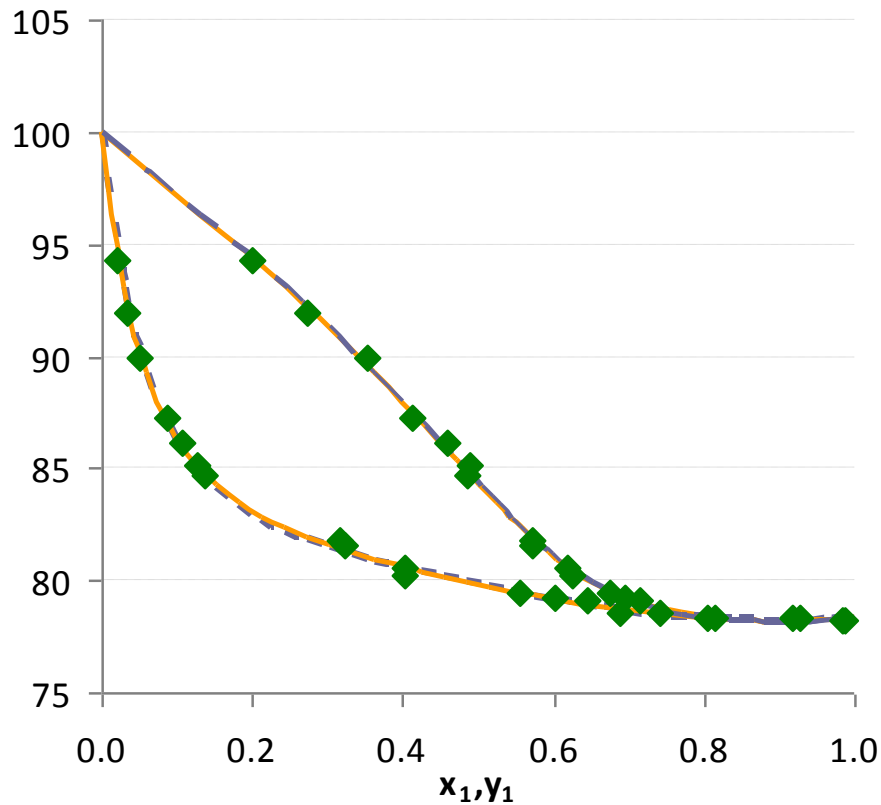


Propanol/Isoamylic alcohol

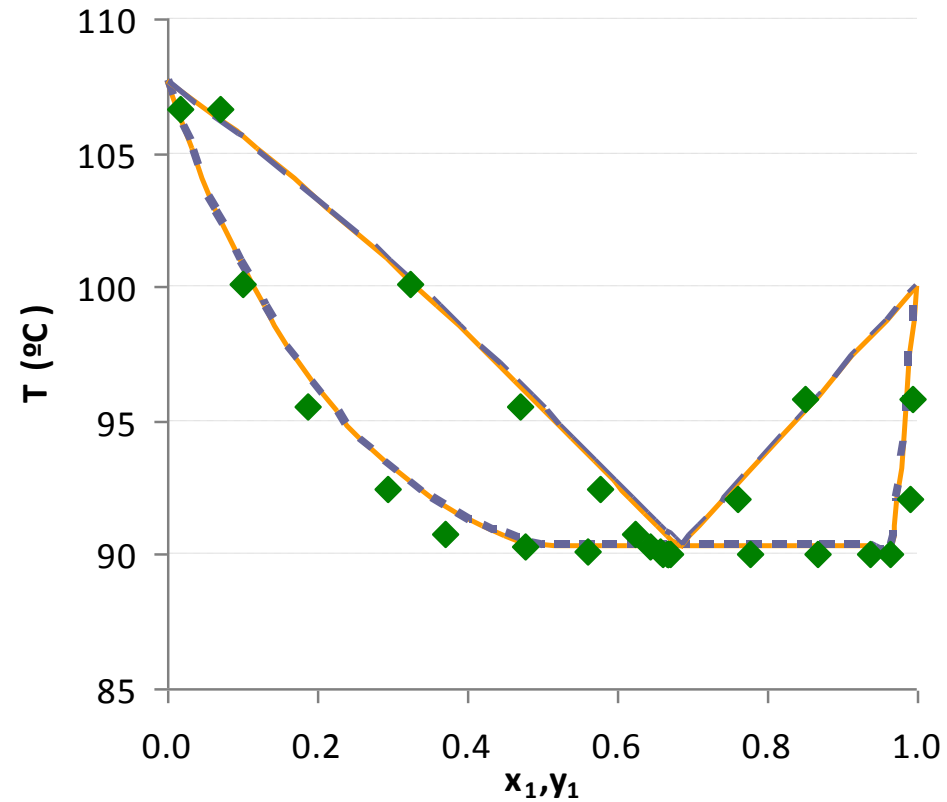


Both models represent properly

Ethanol (1) / Water (2): P=101.3 kPa



Water (1) / Isobutanol (2): P=101.3 kPa



◆ Experimental — UNIQUAC - - - NRTL

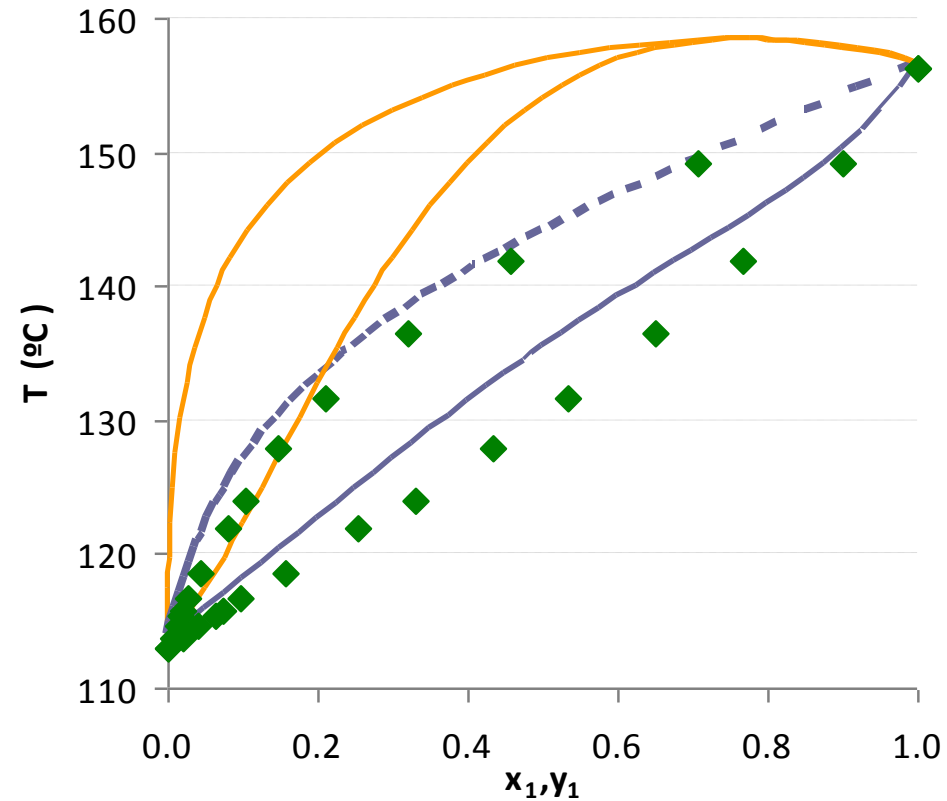
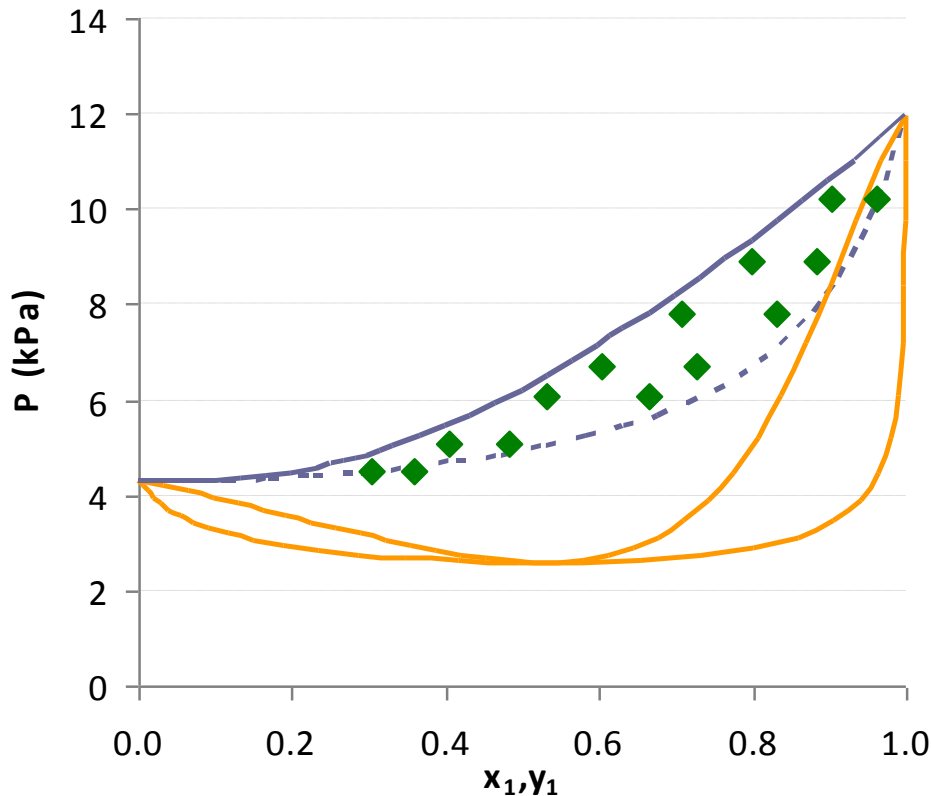
◆ Experimental — UNIQUAC - - - NRTL

One of the models represent properly - NRTL

Acetic acid (1) / Amyl alcohol (2): $T=60\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$



Furfural (1) / Acetic acid (2): $P=90\text{ kPa}$



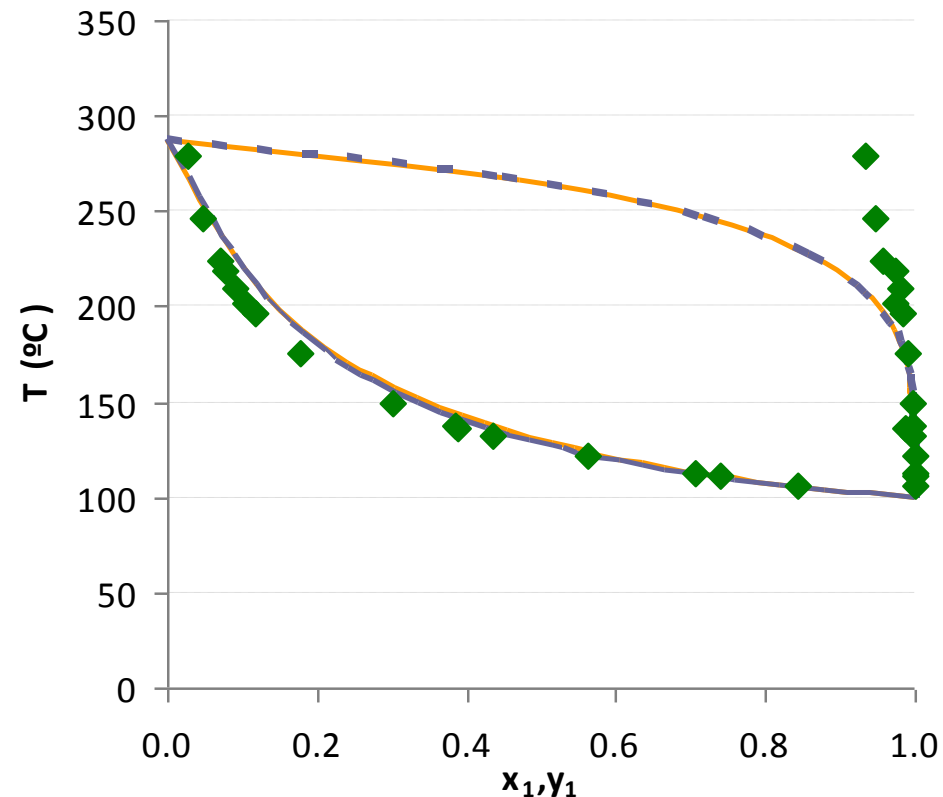
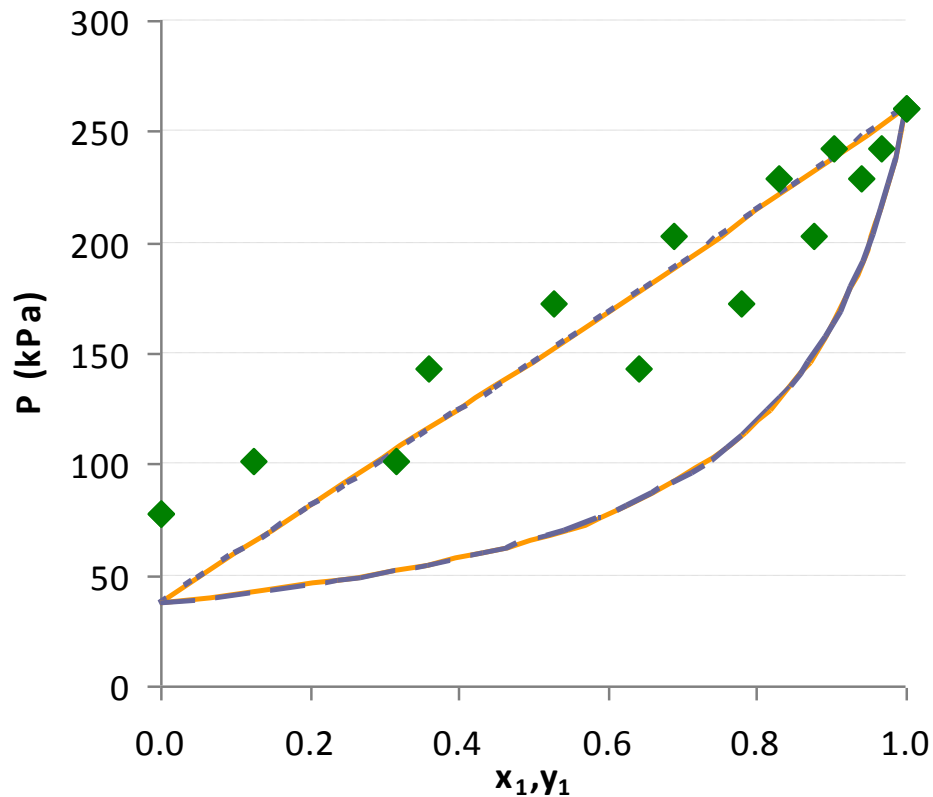
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None of the models represent properly

Acetaldehyde (1) / Ethyl Acetate (2) : T=50 °C

Water (1) / Glycerol (2): P=101.3 kPa



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IMPROVING TECHNOLOGY

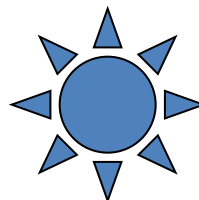
- TECHNOLOGY



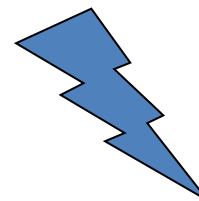
- OTHER APPLICATIONS OF ETHANOL



- OPTIMIZATION



- WASTE MINIMIZATION



SEPARATION ENGINEERING

- Commercial Simulator: Data Bank
- Simulation Strategy for Desired Ethanol
- Simulation Strategy for Convergency
- Simulation Strategy for Dealing with all components
- Simulation Strategy for Sizing the Columns and the number of Units

SEPARATION ENGINEERING

- Optimization of number of stages
- Optimization of feed positions
- Optimization of side streams
- Optimization of energy duties
- Energetic integration and optimization
- Waste minimization to air and to liquid
- New configurations of columns

SEPARATION ENGINEERING

- Virtual plant configuration
- Thermodynamic models for dealing with different compounds and concentrations
- Corrections from equilibrium
- Use of nonequilibrium stage models
- New configurations in terms of operating conditions
- Hybrid processes

SEPARATION ENGINEERING

- Solvents
- Simulation and control
- Operator training
- Studies of equilibrium conditions
- Column internals
- Column flexibility analyses
- Studies of intermediate volatility components

SEPARATION ENGINEERING

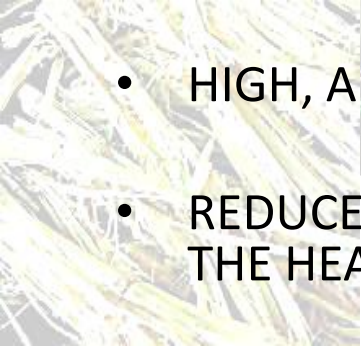
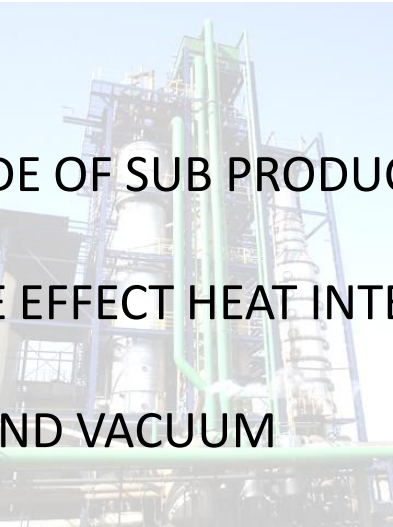
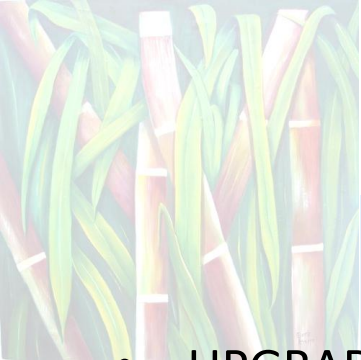
- Alternative process flowsheeting
- Process intensification
- Dynamic studies of the whole process
- Wide plant control
- Recycles
- Minimization of ethanol losses
- Initial alcohol concentration in the whole process
- Column retrofit
- MEE

SEPARATION ENGINEERING

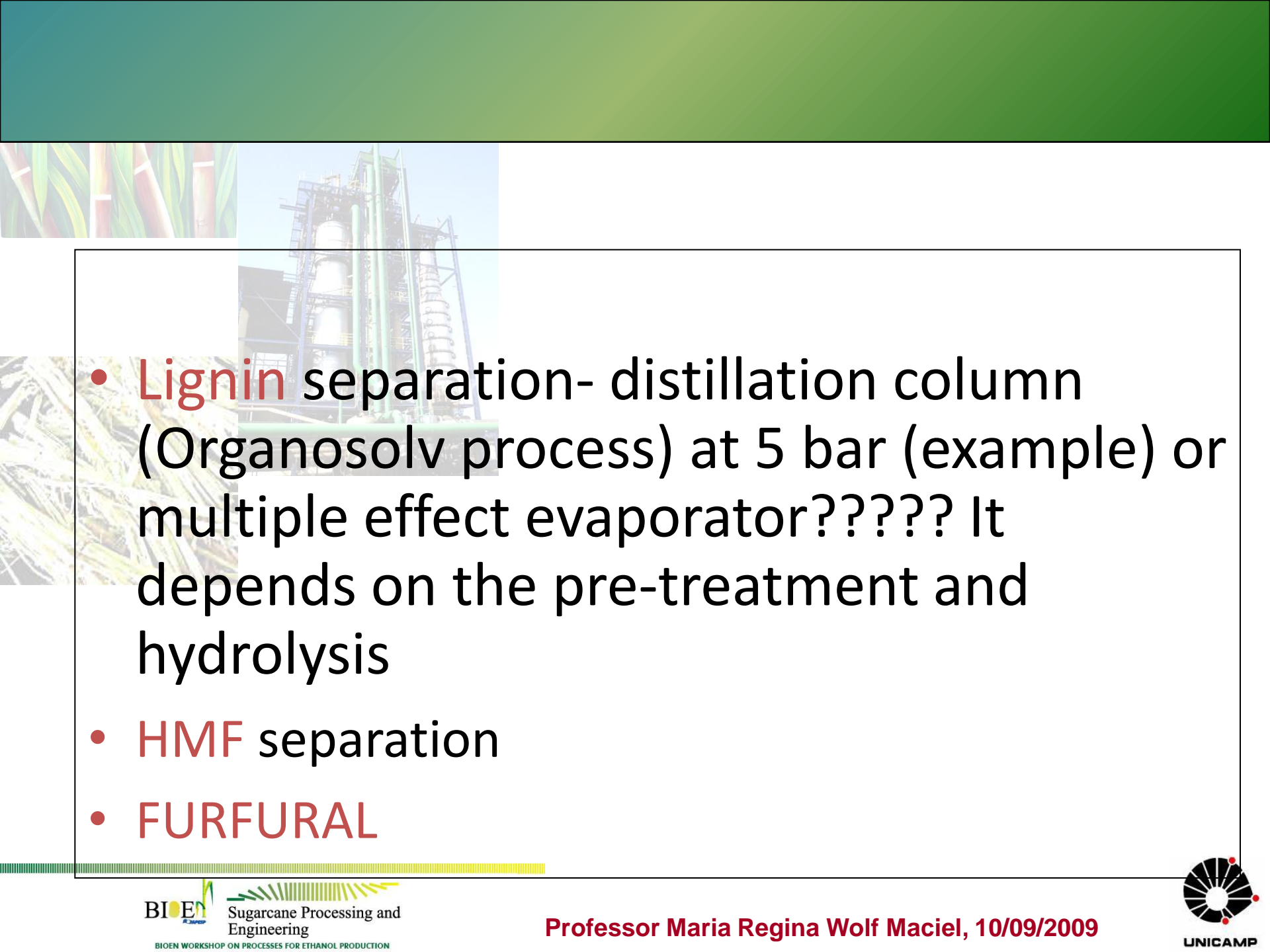
- BIOREFINERY INTEGRATION USING PINCH TECHNOLOGY

SOME RELEVANT ASPECTS

- HIGHER ETANOL CONCENTRATION IN THE WINE, LOWER THE ENERGY CONSUMPTION AND LOWER THE QUANTITY OF VINASSE AND PHLEGMASS (NOWADAYS IT SEEMS TO HAVE WINE WITH 11 TO 12 °GL)
- NST INCREASED IN ONE TOWER CAN REDUCE ABOUT 8% THE ENERGY CONSUMPTION (HYDROUS ETHANOL)



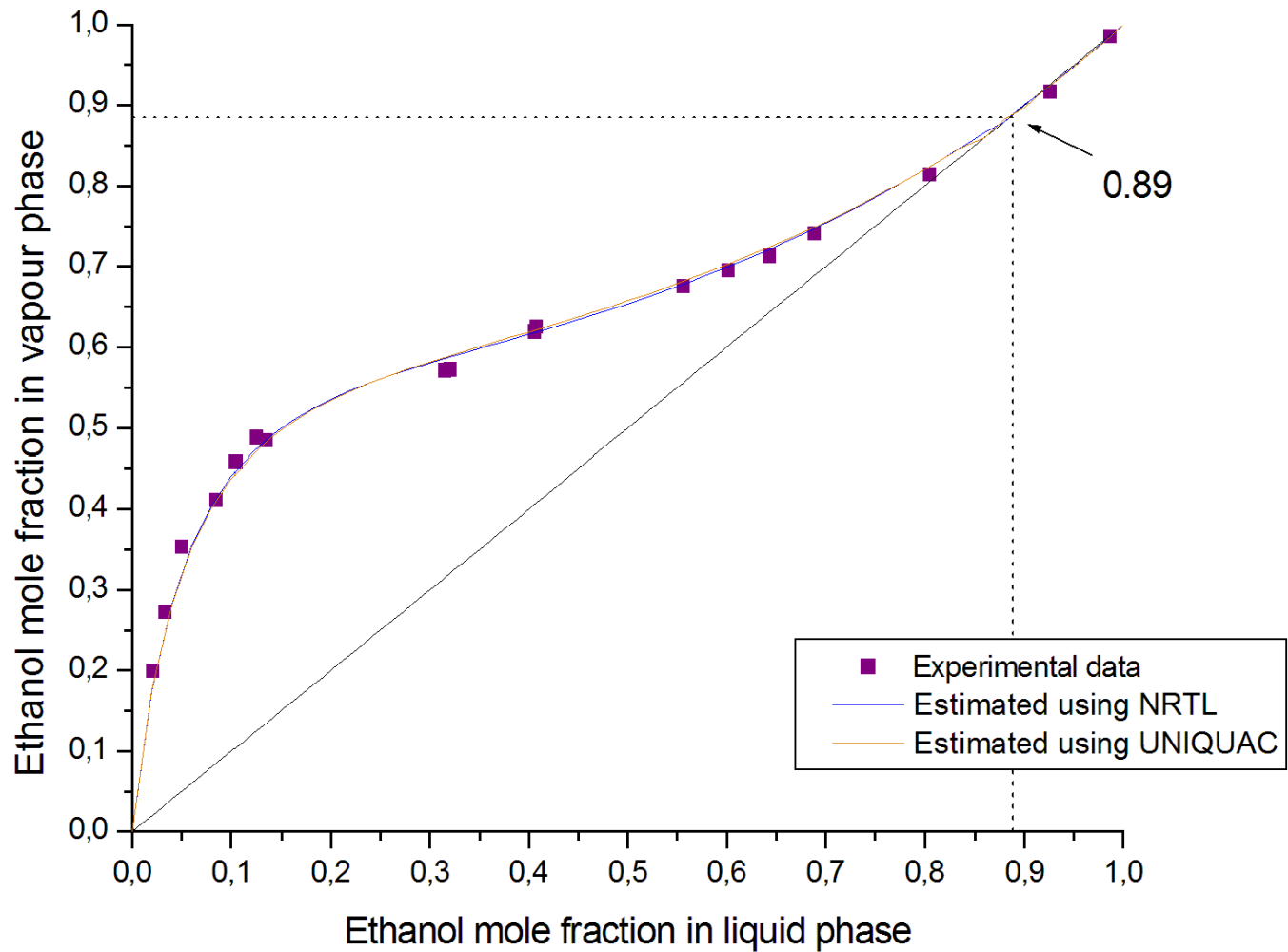
- UPGRADE OF SUB PRODUCTS SUCH AS SUPERIOR ALCOHOLS
- DOUBLE EFFECT HEAT INTEGRATION
- HIGH, AND VACUUM
- REDUCES VAPOR CONSUMPTION, HOWEVER INCREASES THE PRESSURE OF THE HEATING VAPOR, INCREASES DIAMETER
- CONDENSER OF THE VACUUM COLUMN MUST WORK WITH SUITABLE COOLING (MEG + WATER), APPEARS
- INCRUSTATIONS IN THE HIGH PRESSURE COLUMN

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- **Lignin** separation- distillation column (Organosolv process) at 5 bar (example) or multiple effect evaporator????? It depends on the pre-treatment and hydrolysis
 - **HMF** separation
 - **FURFURAL**

Simulation components – hypothetical

- Since not all components present in bioethanol production are available at HYSYS/UNISIM/ASPEN database, some hypothetical components were created to represent:
 - Conventional process components: sugarcane bagasse (cellulose, hemicellulose and lignin), dirt, impurities (salts, organic acids), lime, phosphoric acid, yeast
 - Hydrolysis components: pentose and HMF


Ethanol dehydration





PRINCIPAL METHODS FOR DEHYDRATING ETHANOL IN INDUSTRY TODAY



- AZEOTROPIC DISTILLATION WITH CYCLOHEXANE
 - EXTRACTIVE DISTILLATION WITH MONOETHYLENE GLICOL (MEG)
 - ADSORPTION IN MOLECULAR SIEVES
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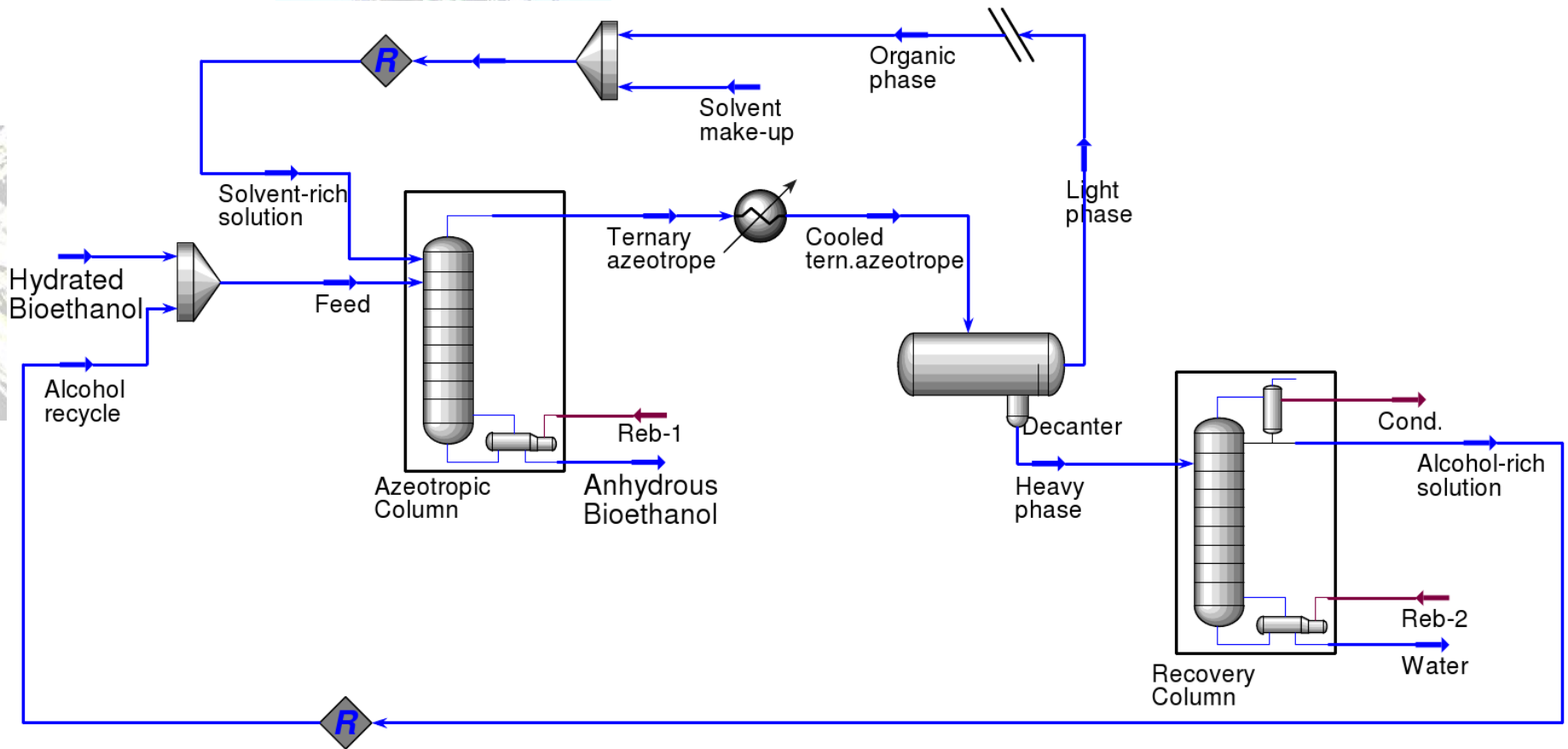
OTHER BECOMING

- **PERVAPORATION**
- **HEAT INTEGRATED PROCESS**
- **NEW SOLVENTS**
- **NEW COLUMN CONFIGURATION**

Ethanol dehydration processes

- Two different processes can be analyzed:
 - **Extractive distillation**: both conventional and alternative configuration
 - **Azeotropic distillation**
- Solvent evaluation:
 - Extractive distillation: monoethyleneglycol (**MEG**) and **glycerin**
 - Azeotropic distillation: **cyclohexane** and **n-heptane**

Azeotropic distillation





AZEOTROPIC DISTILLATION (heterogeneous distillation)

- LARGELY USED IN INDUSTRIES
- LOW **CAPITAL** COSTS
- HEATING WITH LOW PRESSURE STEAM
- HIGH CONSUMPTION OF VAPOR (1.5 TO 1.6 Kg VAPOR/L ETHANOL)
- LOSSES OF ENTRAINER IN THE ANHYDROUS ETHANOL STREAM

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- DOUBLE EFFECT HEAT INTEGRATION SEEMS TO BE A GOOD ALTERNATIVE, BUT IT IS NECESSARY HIGH PRESSURE STEAM

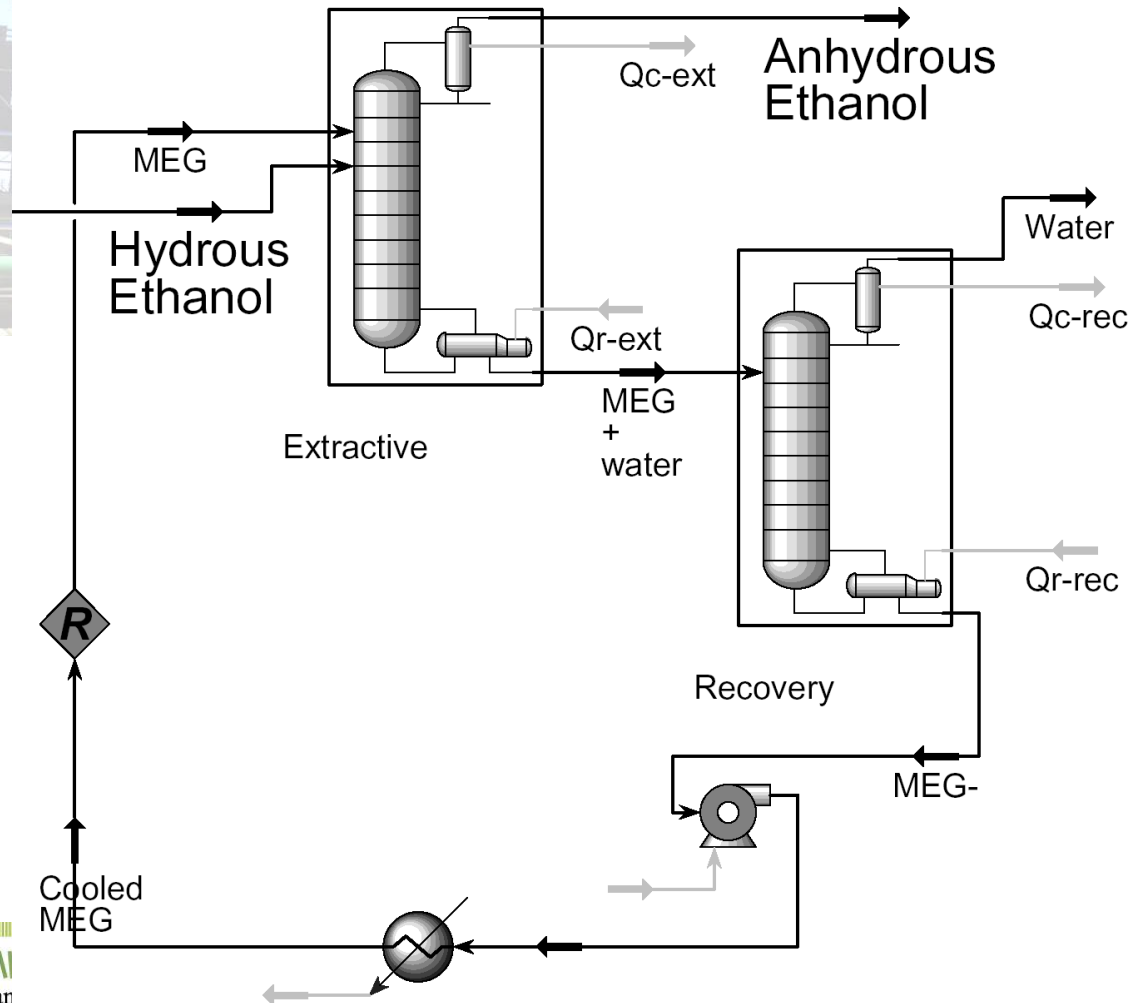
ORGANIC PHASE composition (mole fraction) when using benzene and cyclohexane


| Component | Benzene | Cyclohexane |
|-----------|---------|-------------|
| Ethanol | 0.3358 | 0.0768 |
| Water | 0.0517 | 0.0015 |
| Entrainer | 0.6126 | 0.9217 |

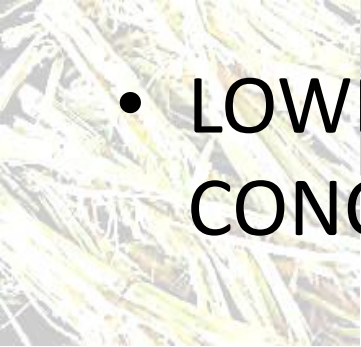
AQUEOUS PHASE composition (mole fraction) when using benzene and cyclohexane

| Component | Benzene | Cyclohexane |
|-----------|---------|-------------|
| Etanol | 0.4834 | 0.6766 |
| Water | 0.4773 | 0.2122 |
| Entrainer | 0.0394 | 0.1112 |

Extractive distillation with MEG – conventional configuration

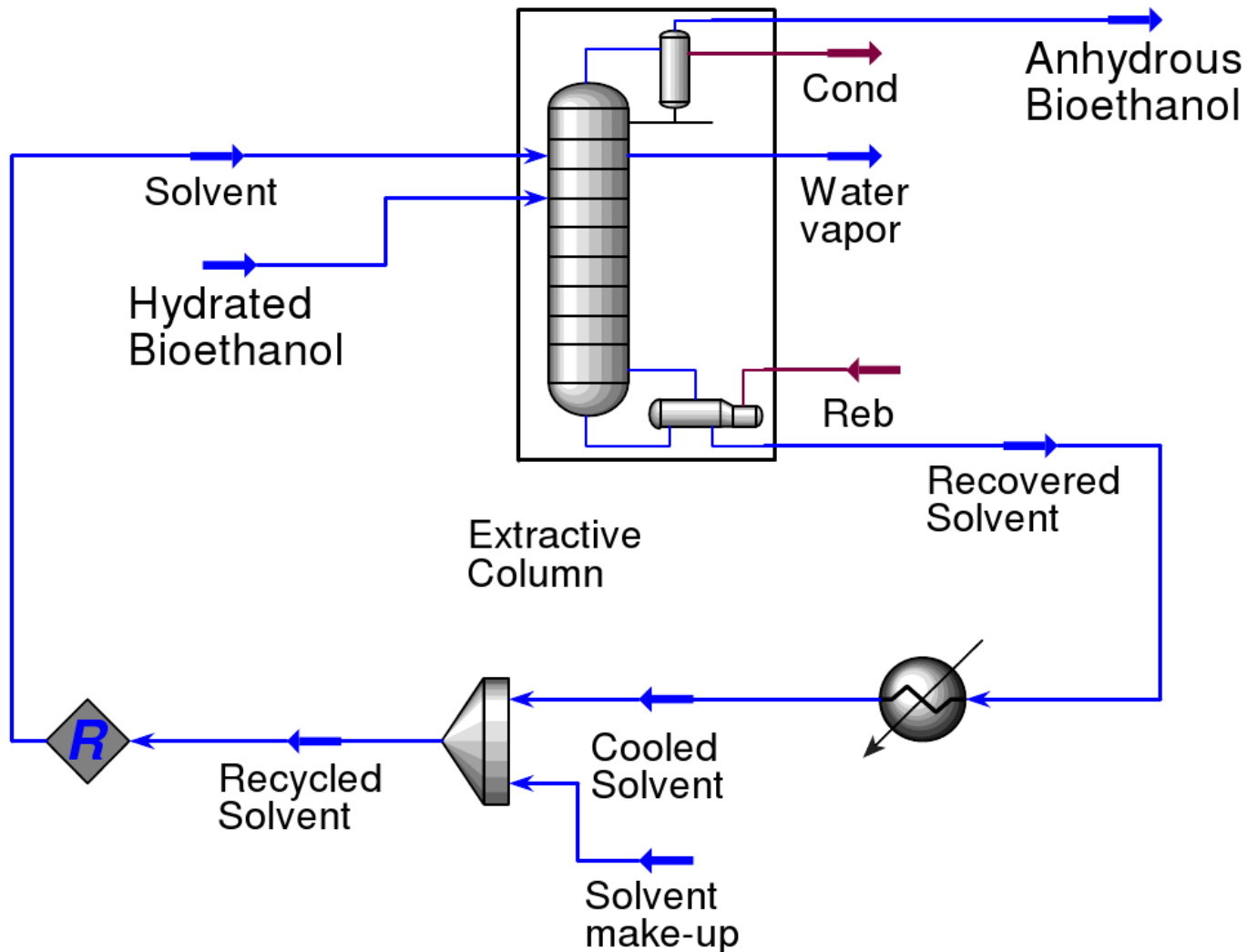


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- IT MAY BE POSSIBLE TO DUPLICATE THE PRODUCTION USING THE CONFIGURATION OF AZEOTROPIC TO EXTRACTIVE DISTILLATION.



- SMALLER DIAMETER WITH MEG
- LOWER SENSITIVITY TO FEED CONCENTRATION USING MEG
- DISADVANTAGE OF MEG:HIGH PRESSURE VAPOR.

Extractive distillation – alternative configuration



Comparison between extractive and azeotropic distillation

| Parameter | Extractive Distillation | | | | Azeotropic Distillation | |
|--|-------------------------------|-----------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|-----------|
| | Conventional | | Alternative | | Ciclo-hexane | n-Heptane |
| | MEG | Glyc. | MEG | Glyc. | | |
| Vapor consumption (kg/L anydr ethanol) | 0.43 | 0.47 | 0.41 | 0.56 | 8.0 | 6.1 |
| Saturated steam pressure (bar) | 6 | 10 / 65 | 6 | 65 | 2.5 | 2.5 |
| Ethanol losses (%) | 10^{-5} | 10^{-5} | 9×10^{-5} | 6×10^{-5} | 0.017 | 0.017 |
| Solvent losses (%) | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.49 | 0.02 | 0.001 | 0.008 |
| Solvent in anhydrous ethanol (wt%) | No contamination with solvent | | | | 0.017 | 0.04 |

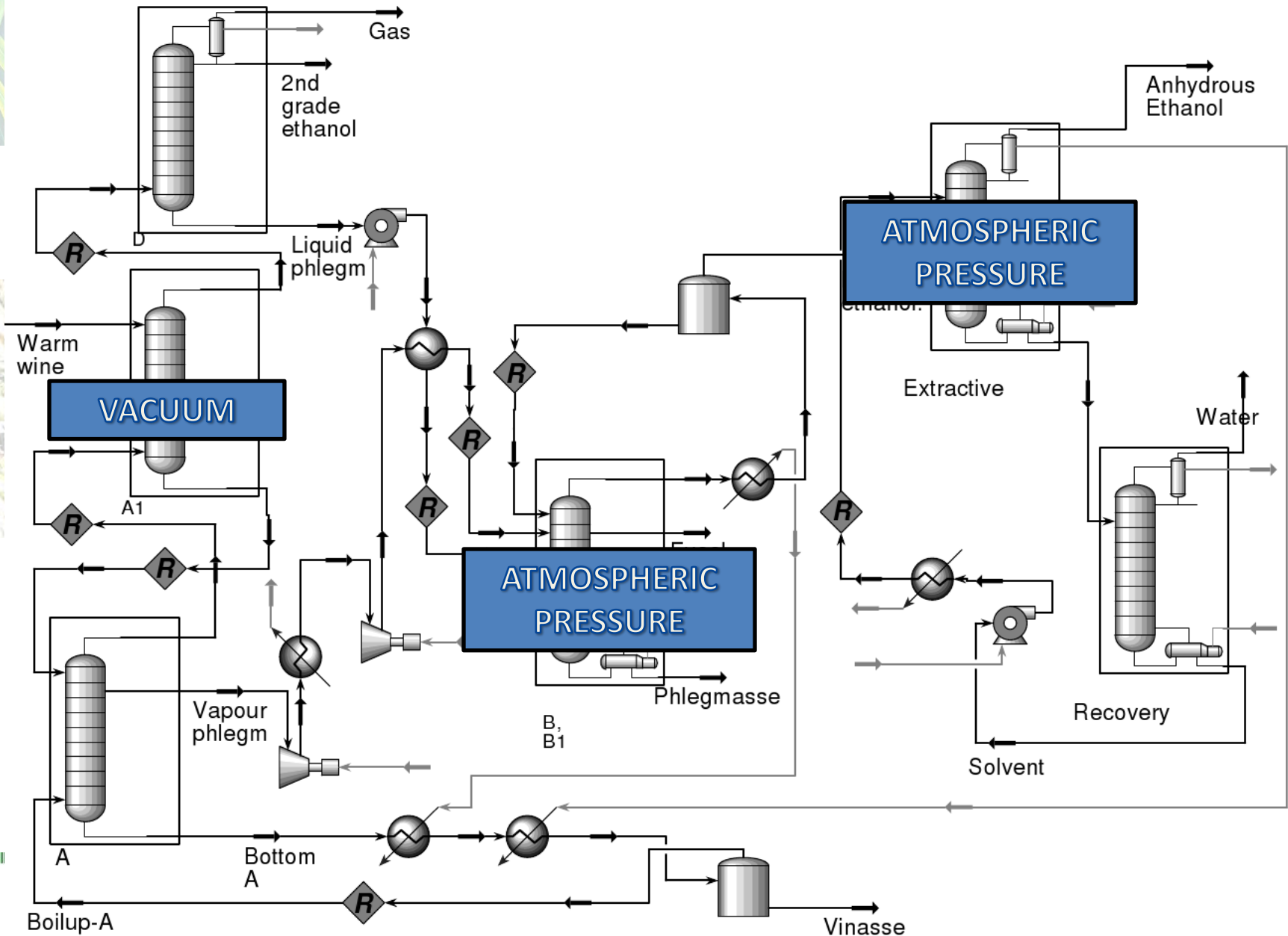
AZEOTROPIC DISTILLATION

- **PARAFFINS** could be used taken into account drag in the anhydrous ethanol contributing to the fuel specification (E5-E25)
- For large plants the vapor consumption can be overcome using multiple effect column arrangements (diferent pressures) , increasing some times NST

DOUBLE EFFECT DISTILLATION

- Integrating Condenser and Reboiler
- Operating with 2 levels of pressure
- Vacuum (distillation columns A, A1 e D) e Atmospheric (rectifying B, and stripper B1)
- Advantage: lower total vapor consumption
- Disadvantage: ethanol losses at the top stream of column D in the vapor phase (necessary for discharging CO₂)

Double effect distillation



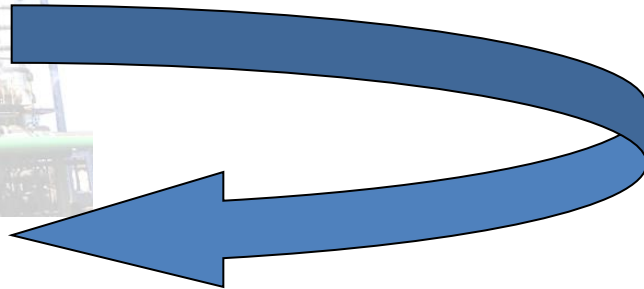
Steam consumption on column reboilers – conventional and double effect distillation

| Parameter | Distillation process | |
|--|----------------------|---------------|
| | Conventional | Double-effect |
| 2.5bar steam consumption – column A | 1.53 | 0.00 |
| 2.5bar steam consumption – column B | 0.27 | 0.38 |
| 6bar steam consumption – extractive column | 0.35 | 0.35 |
| 6bar steam consumption – recovery column | 0.07 | 0.07 |
| Total steam consumption | 2.21 | 0.80 |

Steam consumption - [kg/L anhydrous ethanol]



- Cyclohexane in (B) – 4th **Technical** of Méfle Plants






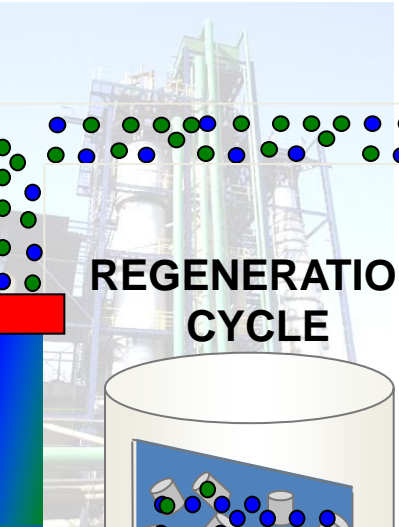
- Vapor global consumption for anhydrous ethanol can decrease from 4.2 to 2.8 kg vapor/L ethanol (Meirelles, 2006).

MOLECULAR SIEVE ADSORPTION

- Zeolite bed: adsorb water producing anhydrous ethanol
- Diameter of zeolites: about 3 Å, allowing adsorption of water molecules (2.8 Å), separating them from ethanol (4.4 Å)

MOLECULAR SIEVES

-  ZEOLITES – 3 Å
-  ETHANOL – 4.4 Å
-  WATER – 2.8 Å

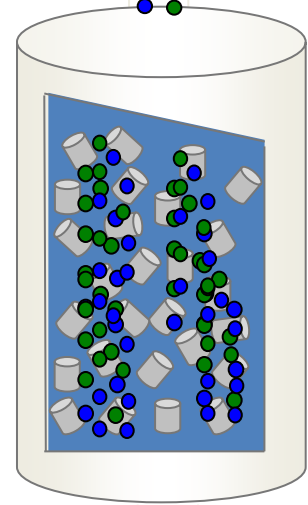
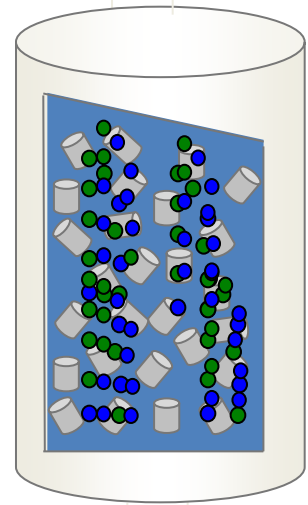
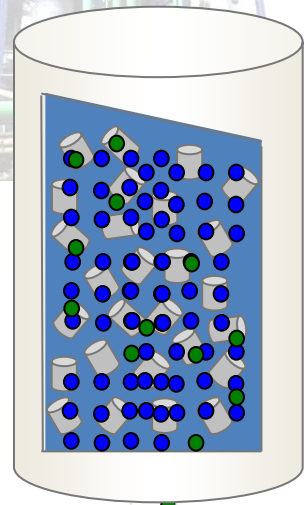


SUPERHEATER

REGENERATION
CYCLE

HYDROUS
BIOETHANOL

93 wt%



VACUUM
CONDENSER

ETHANOL

~66 wt%

RECTIFYING
COLUMN
(CONVENTIONAL)

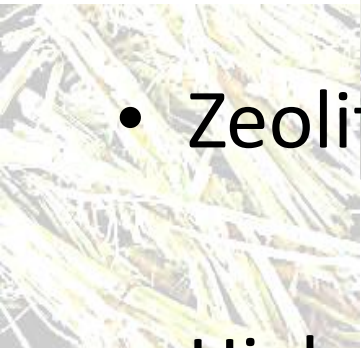
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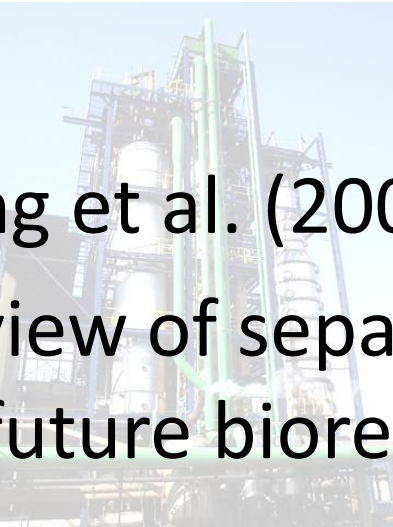
99.5 wt%



Disadvantages:

- High investment cost
- Zeolites are imported
- High vacuum for bed regeneration





- Huang et al. (2008)
- A review of separation technologies in current and future biorefineries
- SEPARATION AND PURIFICATION TECHNOLOGY

There are two categories of adsorption in the ethanol–water separation

- the liquid-phase adsorption of water from the fermentation broth
- the vapor-phase adsorption of water from the process stream out of distillation column



ADSORBENTS - vapor phase-adsorption of water

- Inorganic adsorbents such as molecular sieves (Zeolites 3A). Recently 4A , 5A
- lithium chloride
- silica gel
- activated alumina
- bio-based adsorbents such as corn grits

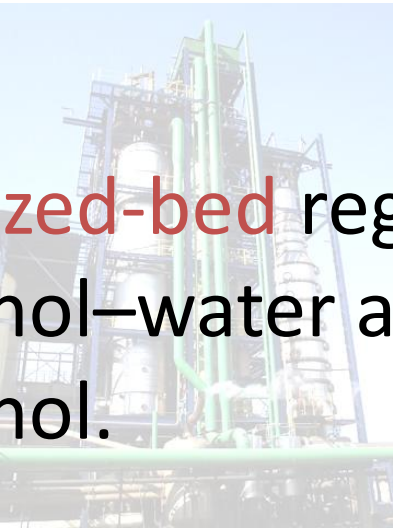
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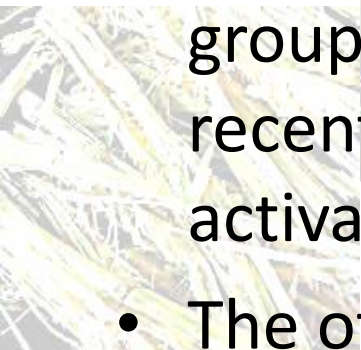
- **Renewable**
- **Biodegradable**

Bio-based adsorbents

- cornmeal, cracked corn, starch, corn cobs, wheat straw, bagasse, cellulose, hemicellulose, wood chips, and other grains
- to obtain more than 99.5 wt% ethanol



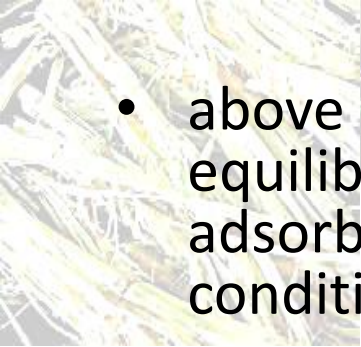
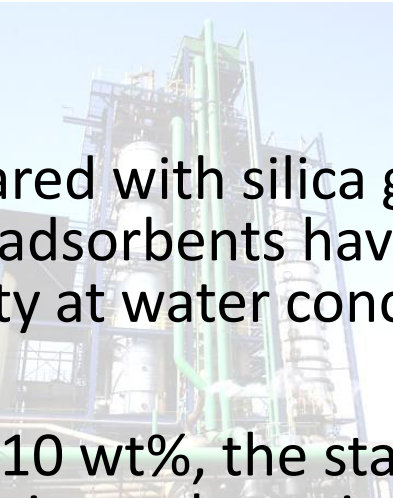
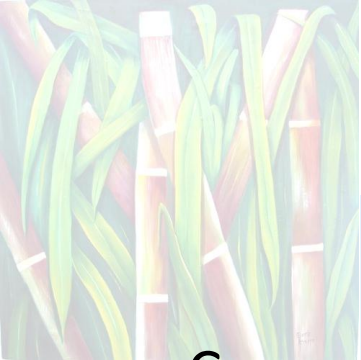
- **fluidized-bed** regeneration for breaking the ethanol–water azeotrope to obtain anhydrous ethanol.



- It is reported that the adsorption on lignocellulosic materials is primarily dependent on the hydroxyl groups of the carbohydrates and the lignin. Most recently, it was studied natural corncobs, natural and activated palm stone and oak.
- The other three lignocellulose-based adsorbents (bleached wood pulp, oak sawdust, and kenaf core) have also been explored in a thermal swing adsorption column.

Liquid-phase adsorption of water

Recently, several combinations of starch-based and cellulosic materials, including white corn grits, -amylase-modified yellow corn grits, polysaccharide-based synthesized adsorbent, and slightly gelled polysaccharide-based synthesized adsorbent, have also been tested and screened for liquid-phase adsorption of water.



- Compared with silica gel and molecular sieves, these starch-based adsorbents have lower nonequilibrium adsorption capacity at water concentration below 10 wt%.
- above 10 wt%, the starch-based adsorbents have similar nonequilibrium adsorption capacity to that of the inorganic adsorbents, under the same adsorption and regeneration conditions.
- Among a variety of bio-based adsorbents, corn grits are reported as the only bio-based adsorbents which have been successfully applied in industry

Advantages and disadvantages of adsorption

- The vapor phase adsorption consumes lower energy than distillation
- Zeolite molecular sieves are highly selective, but water is very strongly adsorbed and high temperatures and/or low pressures are required to regenerate them .
- Bio-based adsorbents have lower separation capacity than molecular sieves, but their regeneration temperature is much lower than molecular sieves.
- Molecular sieves are more expensive than bio-based adsorbents. In some cases of using bio-based adsorbents for removal of water, the saturated adsorbents can be used directly as feedstock, and simply fresh adsorbents are used without regeneration step.

1993- USINA DA PEDRA PLANT

- FIRST UNIT USING MOLECULAR SIEVES for producing anhydrous ethanol in Brazil
- 60 millions of gallons/year of anhydrous ethanol

PERVAPORATION

- Is the most efficient in terms of energy consumption
- alcohol with high purity
- This is a new technology (demonstration)
- More studies are necessary

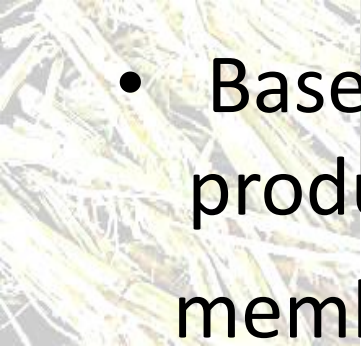
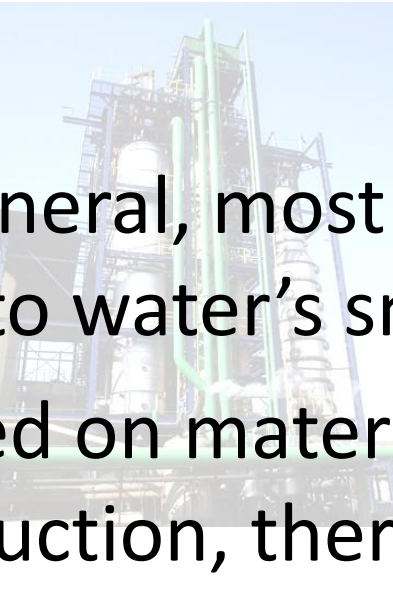
Pervaporation

- For a few decades, membrane pervaporation (PV) has been considered as one of the most effective and energy-saving process for separation of azeotropic mixtures.

So far, over 100 plants in the world use PV technique for alcohol dehydration



- Membranes can be either hydrophilic or hydrophobic.



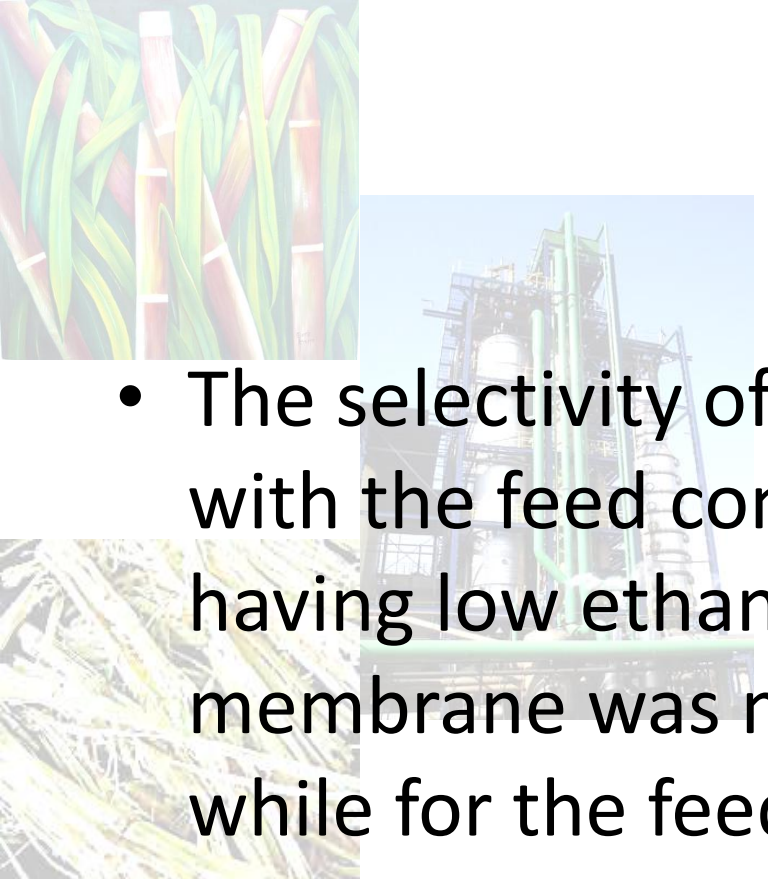
- In general, most membranes are hydrophilic due to water's smaller molecular size
- Based on materials used for membrane production, there are three categories of membranes: inorganic, polymeric and composite membrane.

Hydrophilic membrane for removal of water

- Inorganic membrane: have recently become commercially available.
- Tubular zeolite and silica membranes are still stable to temperatures of above 300 °C and feed pressures of above 100 bar.

Polymeric membrane.

- So far, a large number of polymeric pervaporation membranes, for example cellulose acetate butyrate membrane , PDMS (polydimethylsiloxane) membrane , PDMS-PS IPN supported membranes, and aromatic polyetherimide membranes have been investigated.

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- The selectivity of PDMS-PS membranes varied with the feed composition. For the feed having low ethanol concentration, the membrane was more selective for ethanol, while for the feed with high ethanol concentration it was more selective for water.

Composite or mixed membrane.

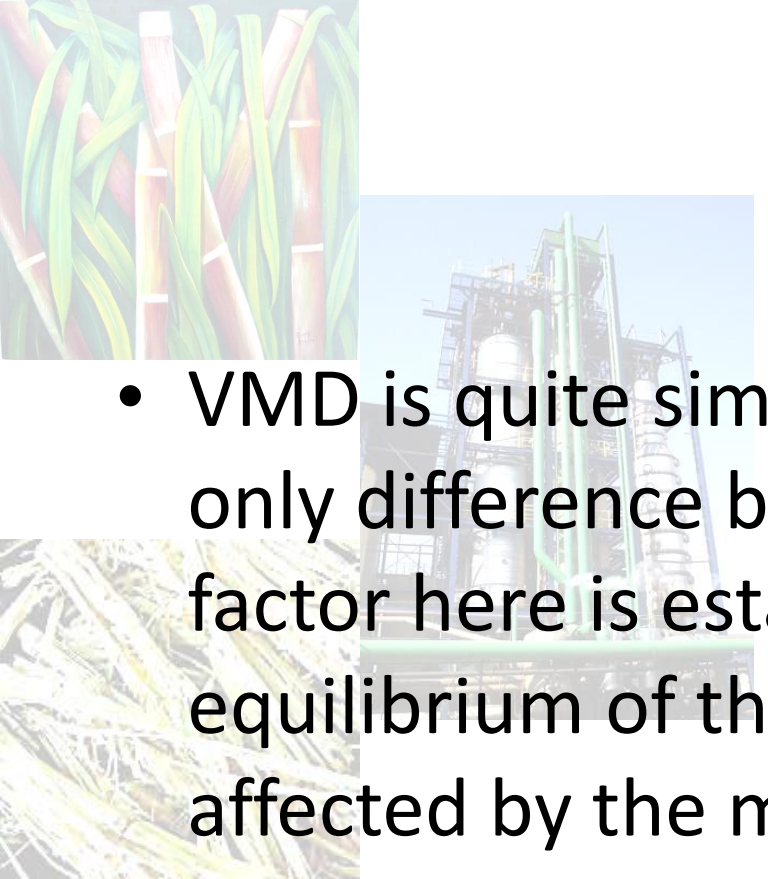
- To combine the advantages of inorganic membrane and polymeric membrane for obtaining high ratio of membrane performance/cost, recently, various inorganic-polymer or polymer-polymer composite membranes have been studied for pervaporation separation of ethanol/water mixtures.

Membrane pervaporation-bioreactor hybrid

- Fermentation broth generally contains inhibiting substances including ethanol product, flavors phenolics, and other chemicals.
- This problem can be overcome by combining fermentation with hydrophobic membrane pervaporation for removal of the inhibitors from the fermentation broth.
- Hence, the process can be carried out continuously and the recovered organic VOCs (ethanol, acetone, butanol, 2-propanol) can be reused within other processes.

Vacuum Membrane Distillation (VMD) – bioreactor hybrid

- Membrane distillation (MD) is an appealing process suitable for separation of aqueous mixtures. There are four types of MD:
- direct contact membrane distillation (DCMD),
- air gap membrane distillation (AGMD),
- sweeping gas membrane distillation
- (SGMD)
- vacuum membrane distillation (VMD).

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- VMD is quite similar to pervaporation, the only difference being that the separation factor here is established by vapor–liquid equilibrium of the feed solution which is not affected by the membrane used .

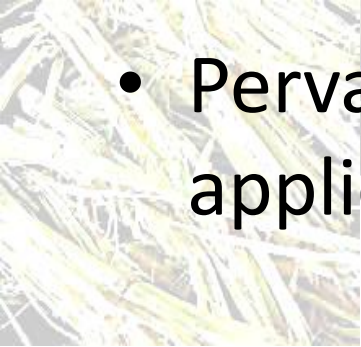
Energy consumption

| Tecnologia Empregada | Consumo de vapor Kg/m³ de AEHC | Consumo de Energia Elétrica KWh/m³ de AEAC | Energia primaria total Kcal/m³ de AEAC | |
|---|--|--|--|--|
| Destil com cicloexano convencional | 1750 | - | 1272,5 | Vapor de escape |
| Destil com cicloexano otimizada | 1450 | - | 1062,5 | Vapor de escape |
| Destil. com cicloexano a 3 efeitos | 580 | 23 | 435,5 | Vacuo, vapor de escape e vapor de baixa pressão |
| Absorção com MEG | 750 | 15 | 572,5 | vapor a 10 Kg/cm², escape e vacuo |
| Pervaporação | 110 | 34,5 | 124,5 | Vapor de escape e vácuo |
| Peneiras moleculares | 550 | 19 | 432,5 | vapor a 10 Kg/cm² e vácuo |

Fig 6 Comparação dos consumos energéticos para diversas tecnologias de desidratação

INFORMATION

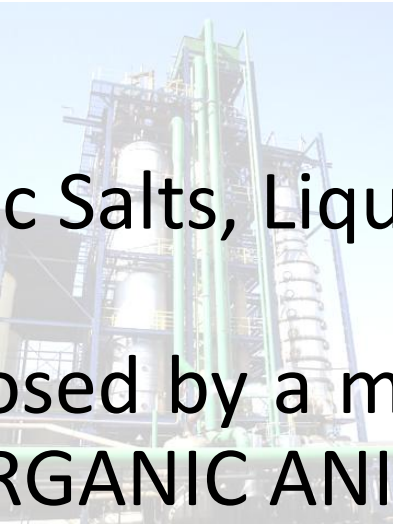
- MULTIPLE EFFECT AZEOTROPIC DISTILLATION
- VIABLE
- LARGE DIMENSION DISTILLERIES (1000 000 liters/day)
- SIMILAR ENERGY CONSUMPTION THAN MEG AND MOLECULAR SIEVES.



- Molecular sieves present the highest investment cost and cyclohexane the lowest.
- Pervaporation is still incipient in terms of application.

Hyperazeotropic Ethanol using Ionic Liquids (IL) as Solvents

- **EXTRACTIVE DISTILLATION**
- **IL can highly increase the relative volatility between ethanol and water like salts**
- **No problem of solvent at top as can occur in azeotropic and extractive distillations**

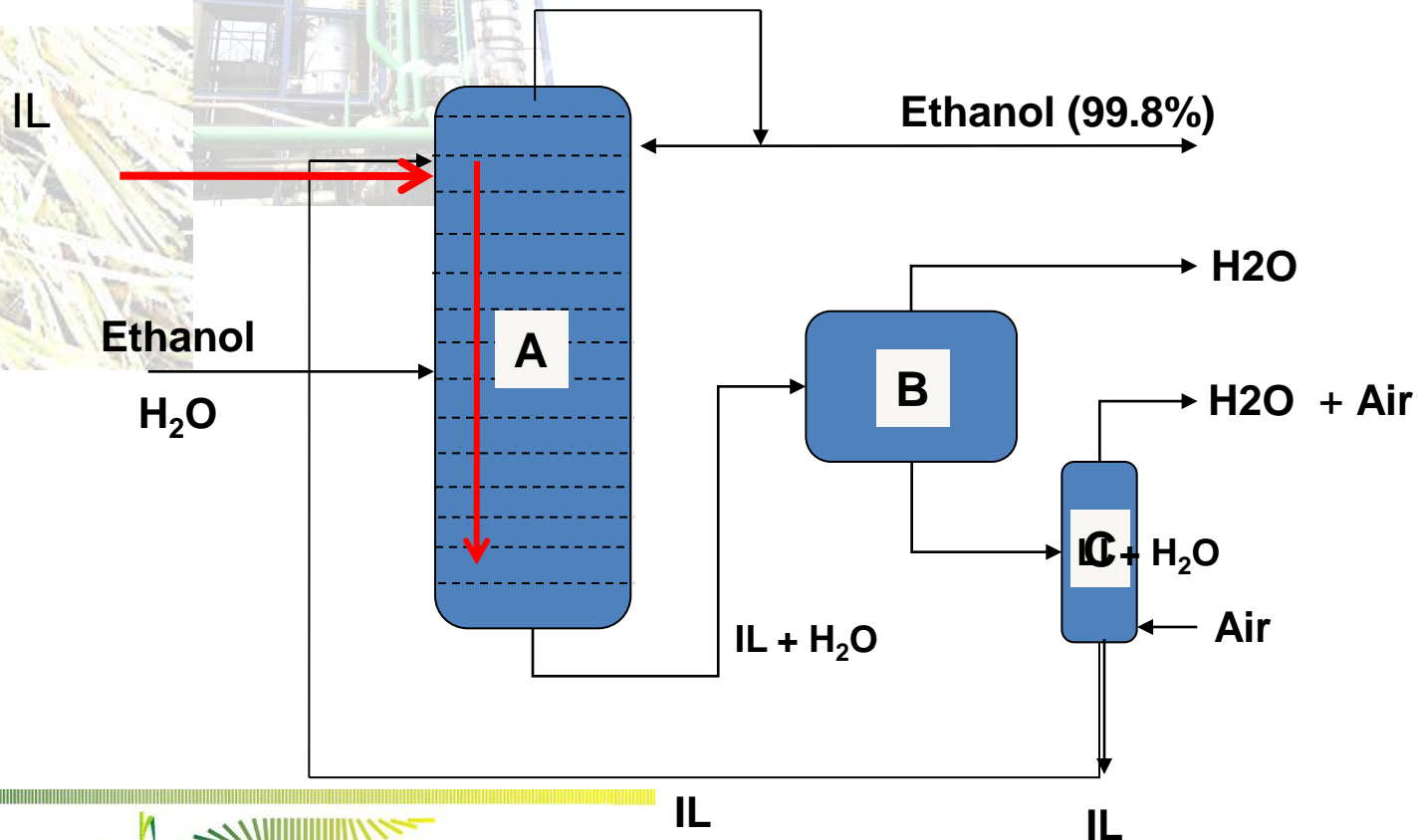




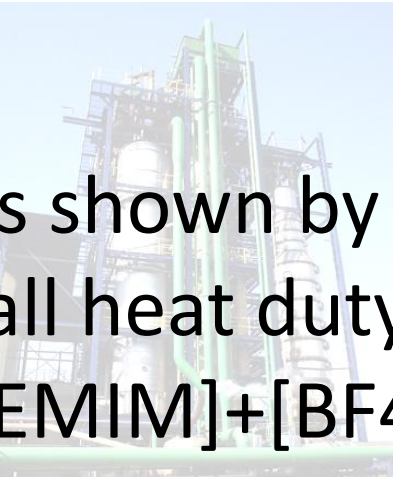
Organic Salts, Liquid at room temperature.

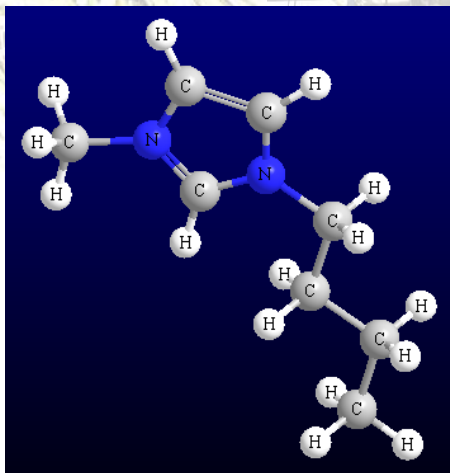
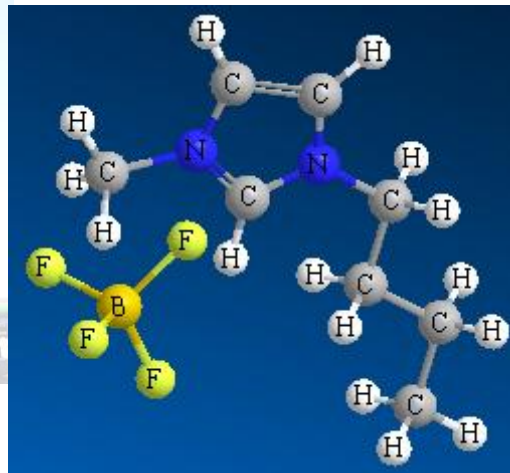
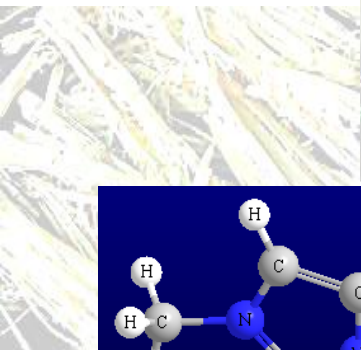
Composed by a mixture: ORGANIC CATIONS and INORGANIC ANIONS

Favorable properties such as low viscosity, thermal stability, good solubility and lower corrosiveness than ordinary high melting salts.

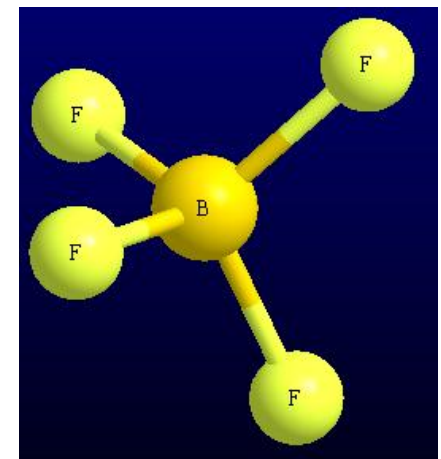
A: principal column
B: flash
C: recovery column



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- it was shown by process simulation that the overall heat duty can be saved up to 24% for the [EMIM]+[BF4]– process as compared with the conventional ED process.



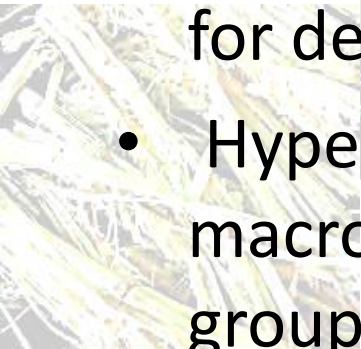
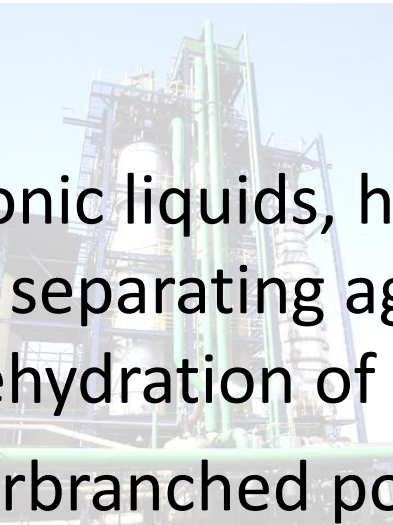
Organic cation



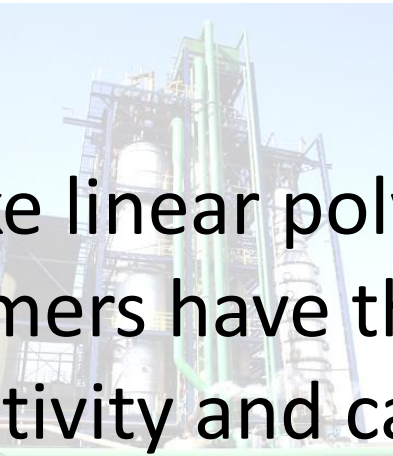
Inorganic anion

HYPERBRANCHED POLYMERS

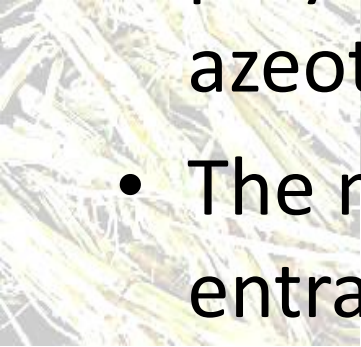




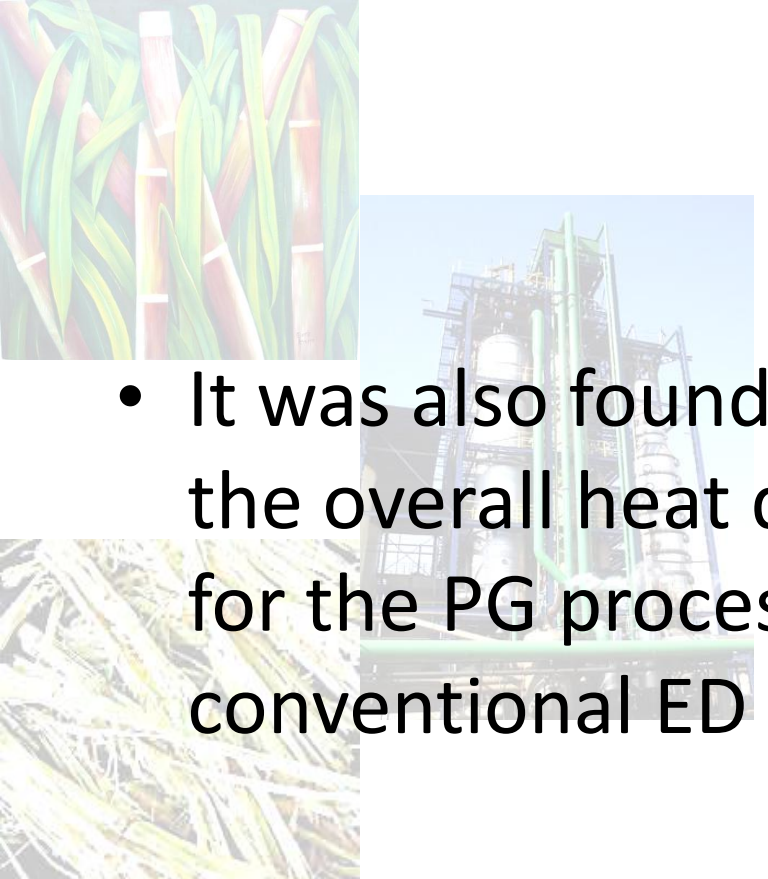
- Like ionic liquids, hyperbranched polymers are also novel separating agents used in extractive distillation for dehydration of ethanol from aqueous solutions.
- Hyperbranched polymers, the highly branched macromolecules with a large number of functional groups, can be readily manufactured by one-step reactions, representing economically favorable agents for large-scale industrial applications



- Unlike linear polymers, hyperbranched polymers have the features of remarkable selectivity and capacity, low viscosity and thermal stability.
- For instance, non-volatile polymeric entrainers such as poly(ethylene glycol) and poly(acrylic acid) for dehydrating ethanol were employed.

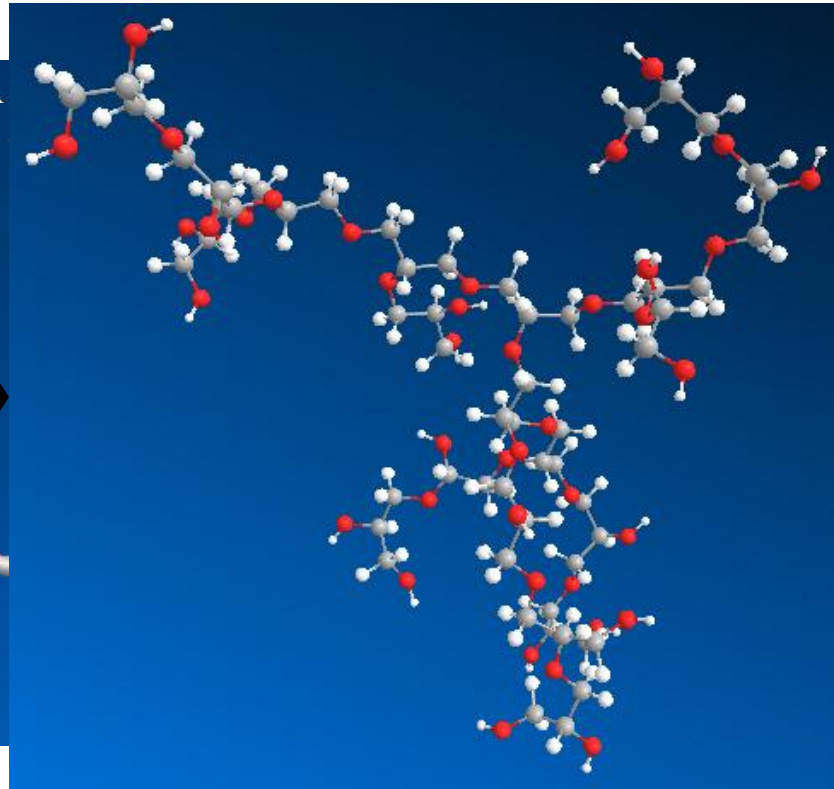
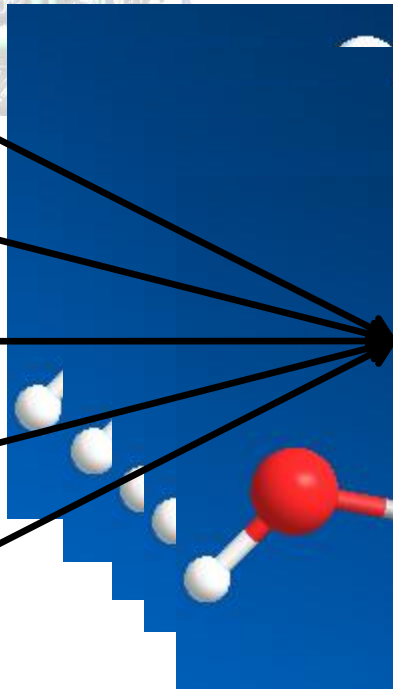
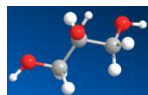
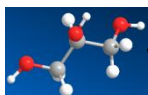
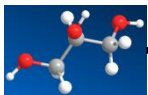
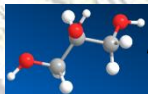
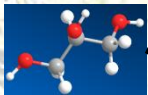


- hyperbranched polyesters and hyperbranched polyesteramides can break the ethanol–water azeotrope.
- The most tested hyperbranched polymer as entrainer for extractive distillation of the ethanol–water mixture is hyperbranched polyglycerol (PG).

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- It was also found by process simulation that the overall heat duty can be saved up to 19% for the PG process, compared to the conventional ED process



poliglycerol





Summary of dehydration technologies of extractive distillation with different agents

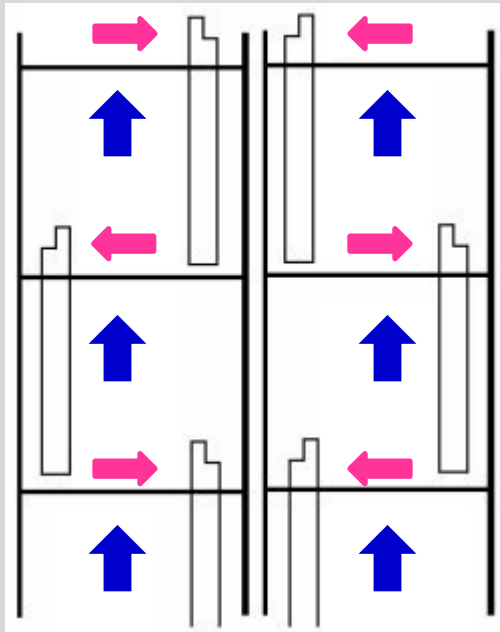
| Technologies | Advantages | Disadvantages |
|--|---|---|
| Extractive distillation with liquid solvent | Less energy consumption than azeotropic distillation because of the high boiling point of the added solvent; flexible selection of the possible solvents. | Very high solvent/feed mass ratio, up to 5–8, leading to much consumption of energy. |
| Extractive distillation with dissolved salt | High production capacity and low energy assumption due to its smaller solvent ratio; does not contaminate the overhead product due to its non-volatility; environment-friendly and no any safety and health hazards. | Potential problems in dissolution, transport and recycle of salt; potential jam and erosion to equipment. |
| Extractive distillation with the mixture of liquid extractant and dissolved salt | Integrates the advantages of both liquid solvent (easy operation) and dissolved salt (high separation ability). | Less availability of suitable salts; potential corrosion of salts to the equipment; possible contaminant of the overhead product by liquid extractants. |
| Extractive distillation with ionic liquid (IL) | (1) IL cannot pollute the distillate due to their non-volatility; (2) considerable reduction of required heat duties because of their non-volatility, high selectivities and capacities, especially a larger variety of feasible IL regeneration options; (3) IL's properties (solubility, capacity, selectivity, viscosity and thermal stability) can be tailored; (4) Only one distillation column required, representing low energy consumption. | IL containing halogen anions is expensive and has insufficient stability to hydrolysis for long-term applications; small amounts of corrosive and toxic substance (HF) forms during the hydrolysis. |
| Extractive distillation with hyperbranched polymers | (1) Excellent separation efficiency and selectivity; (2) entrainers can not contaminate the top product. | |

Table 4: Input data, simulation results and specific parameters for a new distillation column with [mmim][DMP]

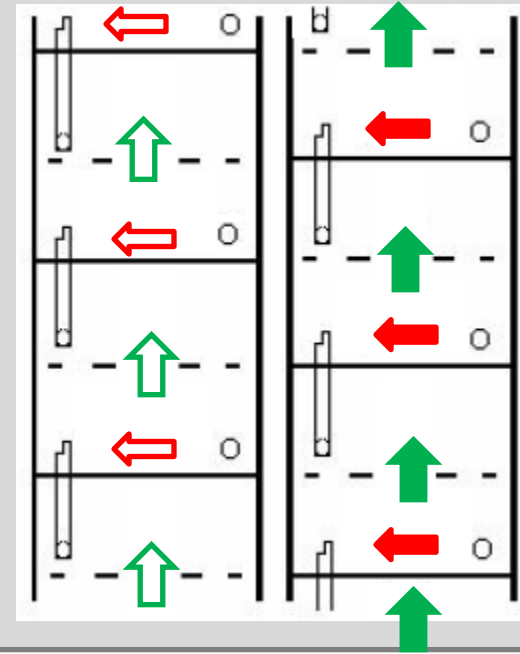
| <i>Parameter</i> | <i>Units</i> | <i>Value</i> |
|---|---------------|--------------|
| <i>Input data</i> | | |
| Feed flow rate | kmol/h | 100 |
| Ionic liquid feed flow rate | kmol/h | 1.5 |
| Feed ethanol composition | molar % | 11 |
| Feed water composition | molar % | 89 |
| <i>Specified design and operating parameters</i> | | |
| Theoretical stage number | - | 28 |
| Operating pressure | atm | 1 |
| Distillate flow rate | kmol/h | 11 |
| Reflux ratio | - | 1.8 |
| Feed stage number | - | 21 |
| Ionic liquid feed stage number | - | 4 |
| <i>Simulation results for distillate and reboiler</i> | | |
| Ethanol flow rate | kmol/h | 10.95 |
| Water flow rate | kmol/h | 0.05 |
| Ethanol weight fraction | % | 99.8 |
| Water weight fraction | % | 0.2 |
| Reboiler duty (298 K, feed temperature) | kJ/kg ethanol | 3080.1 |
| Reboiler duty (358 K, feed temperature) | kJ/kg ethanol | 3078.3 |

DIVIDED WALL DISTILLATION COLUMN

Coluna de destilação convencional (aberta)



Coluna de para-destilação (aberta)

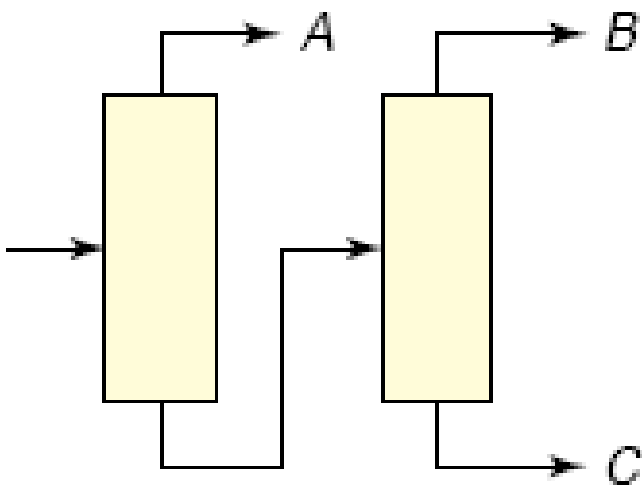


MORE THAN 2 PURE PRODUCTS

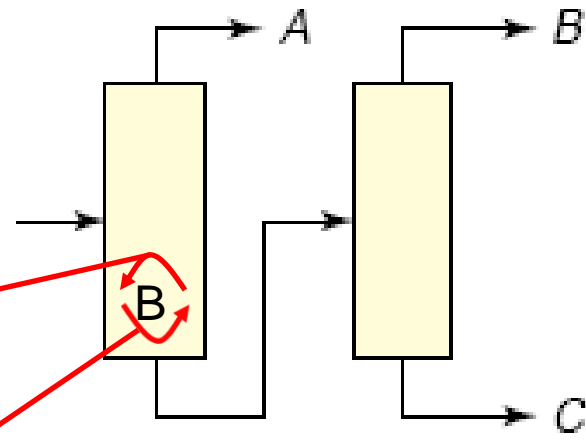
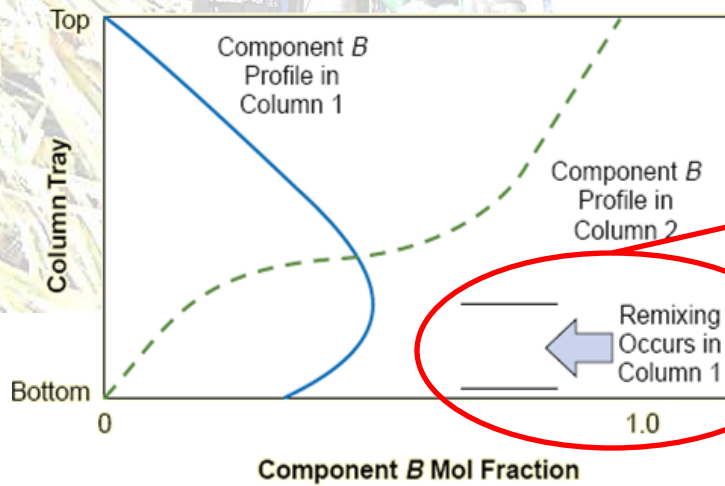
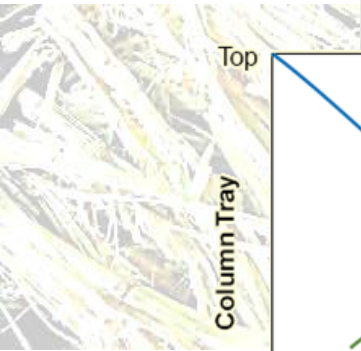
The wall is introduced in part of the column



CONVENTIONAL SEQUENCE

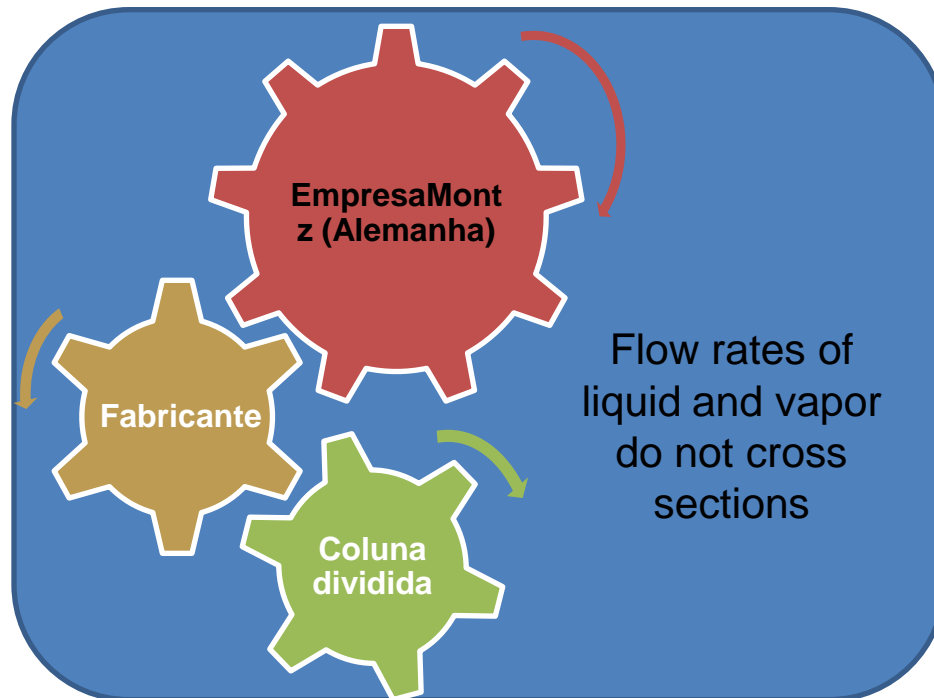
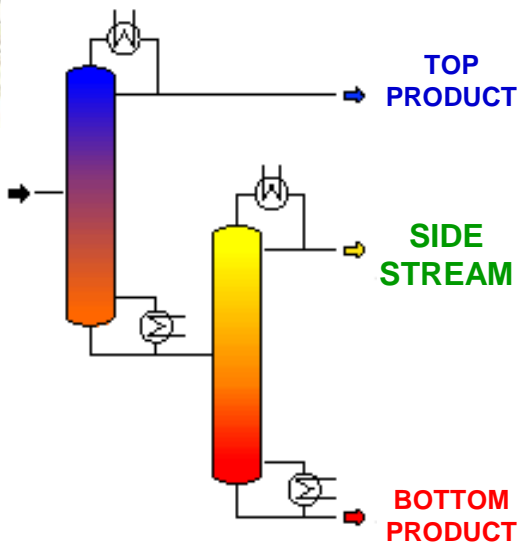
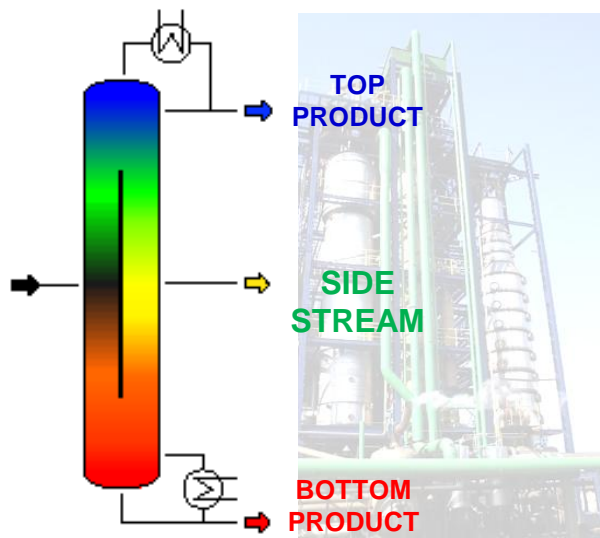


MAXIMUM OF B



WHY TO MIXTURE IT AGAIN???

WALL DIVIDED VS. CONVENTIONAL

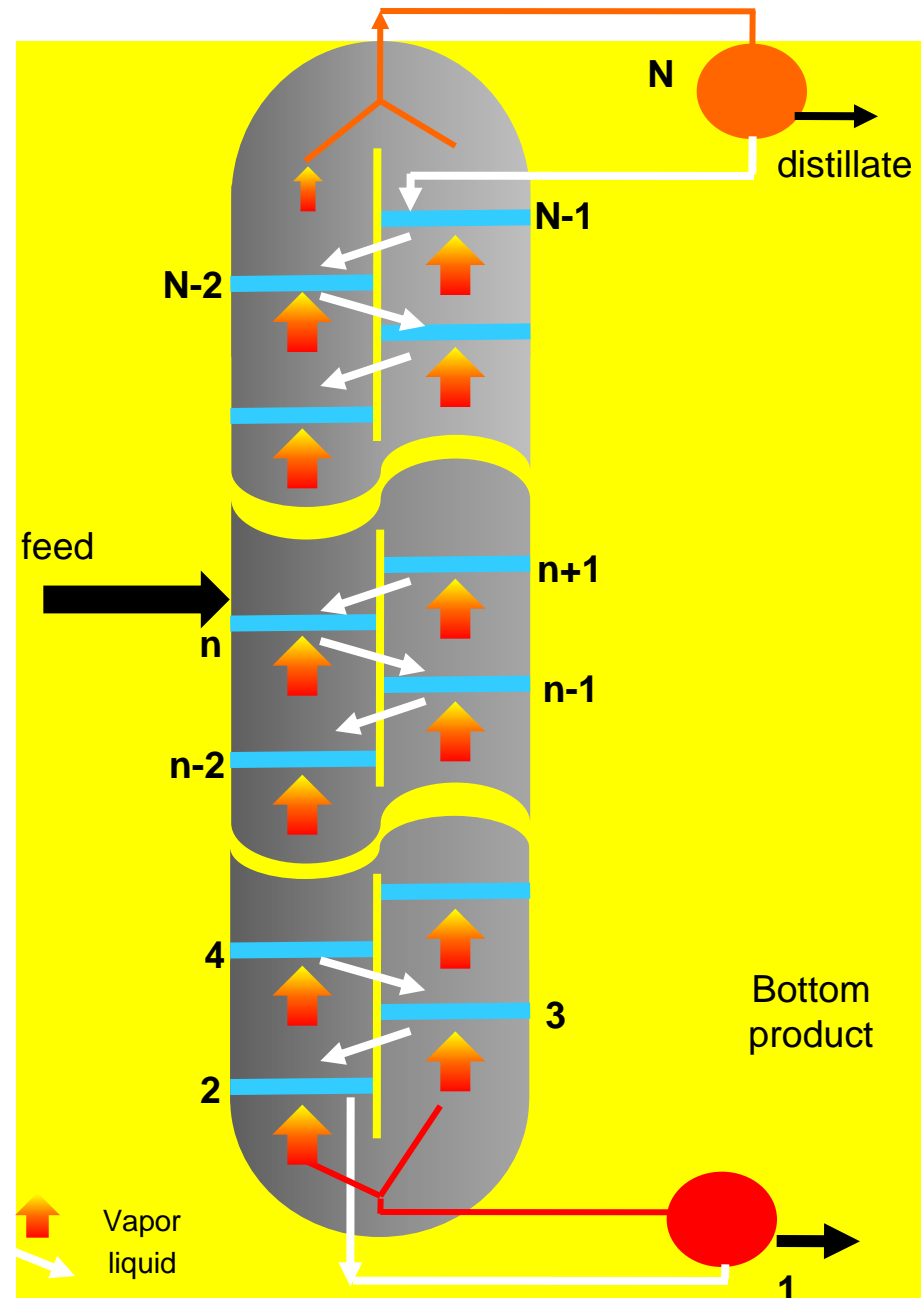


CARACTERÍSTICAS OPERACIONAIS

- Costs: Reduction of **30% in investments** and of **25% em utilities**

PARA DISTILLATION

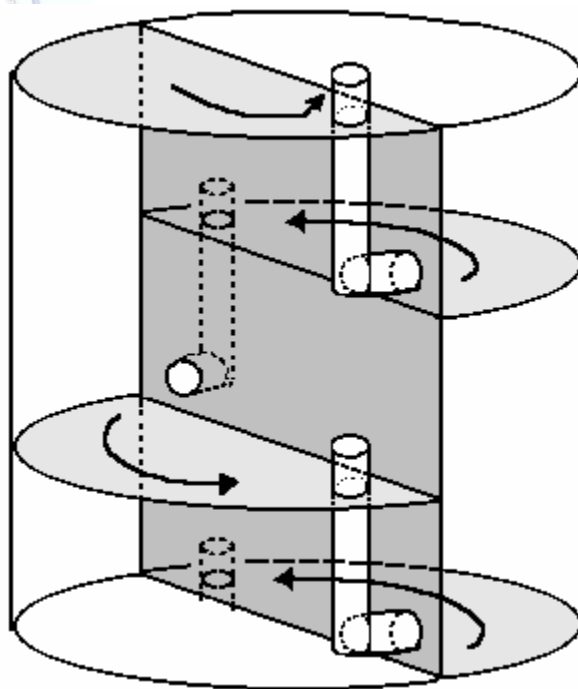
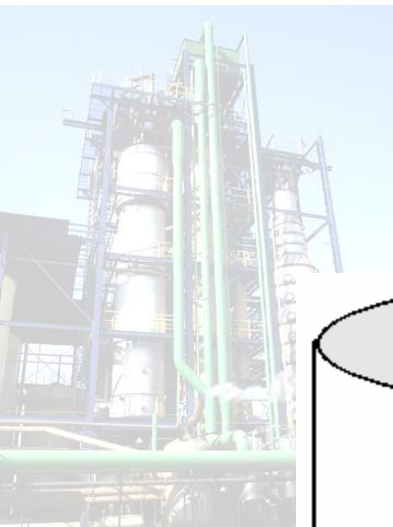
- HIGHER EFFICIENCY
- DIVIDED COLUMN WALL
- VAPOR DIVIDED
- DOWNCOMERS TAKE THE LIQUID FROM ONE SIDE TO THE OTHER
- INCREASE MASS TRANSFER

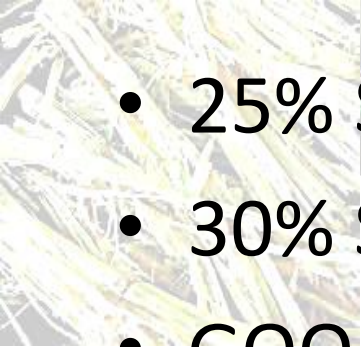




Paradistillation

Professor Maria Regina Wolf Maciel, 10/09/2009

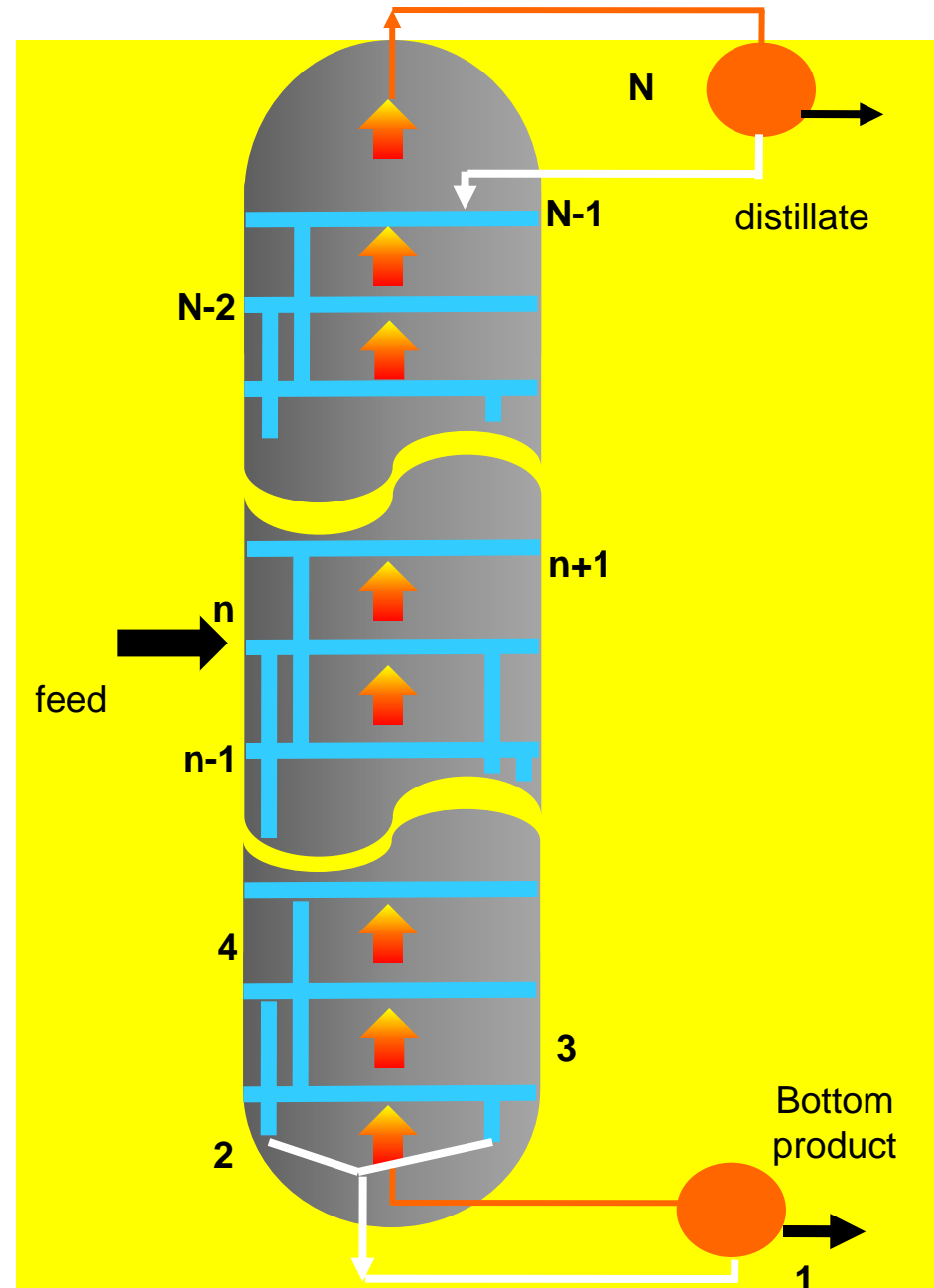


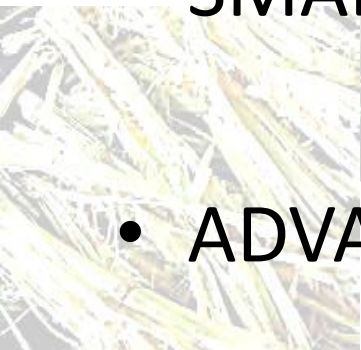


- COLUMN CORRESPOND TO
- 25% SMALLER PRESSURE DROP
- 30% SMALLER
- GOOD FOR LOW PRESSURE

META DISTILLATION

- HIGHER EFFICIENCY
- LIQUID IS DIVIDED.
- SMALLER NST THAN PARA DISTILLATION

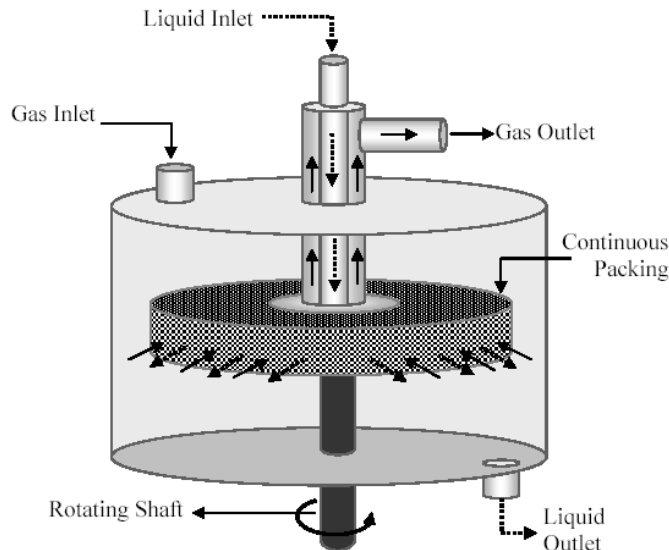




- SMALLER DIAMETER- 8%
- ADVANTAGE FOR HIGH LIQUID FLOW RATE



Coluna HIGEE (High Integrated Gravitational)



Ramshaw e
Mallinson,
1981

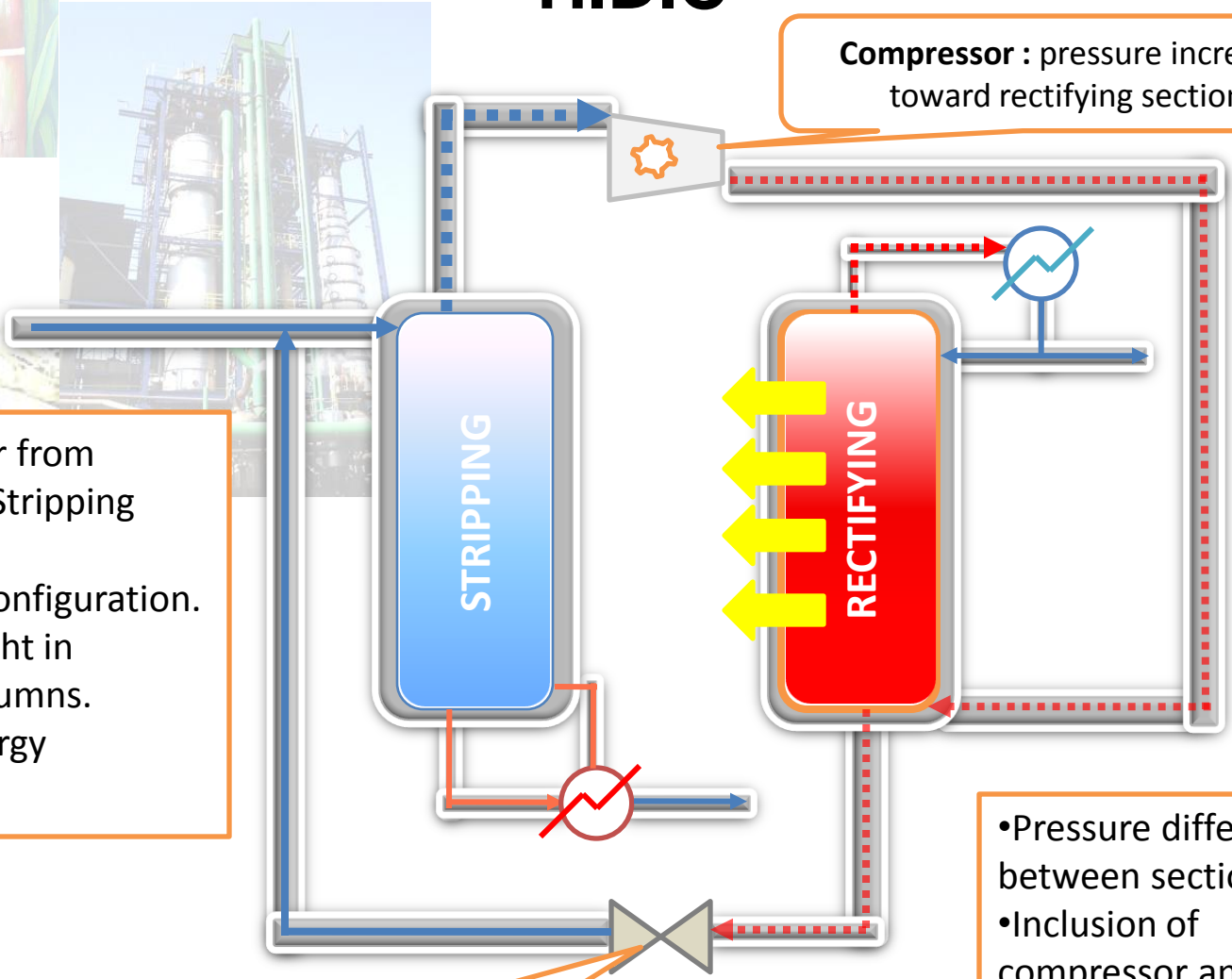
Rotating Packed Column – centrífugal forces over to 1000 times the gravity. High efficiency

Lang 2005

Smaller equipments

HEAT INTEGRATED DISTILLATION COLUMN HIDIC

- Heat Transfer from Rectifying to Stripping section.
- Concentric configuration.
- Reduced height in distillation columns.
- Potential energy reduction.



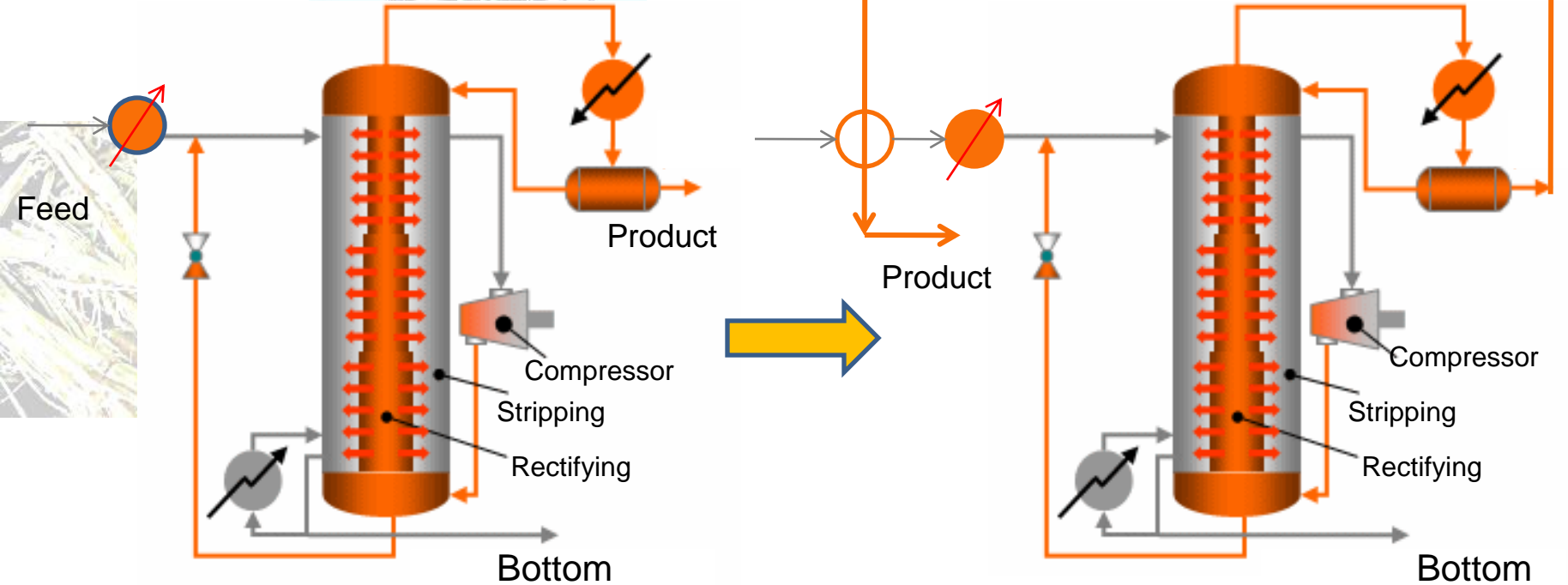
Compressor : pressure increases toward rectifying section.

• Pressure difference between sections.
• Inclusion of compressor and valves for the operation of the system.

Valve: pressure decreases toward stripping section

DEVELOPMENT TODAY

Totally Heat Integrated Distillation Column (THIDIC)



HEATING FEED

CONCENTRIC CONFIGURATION OF HIDIC

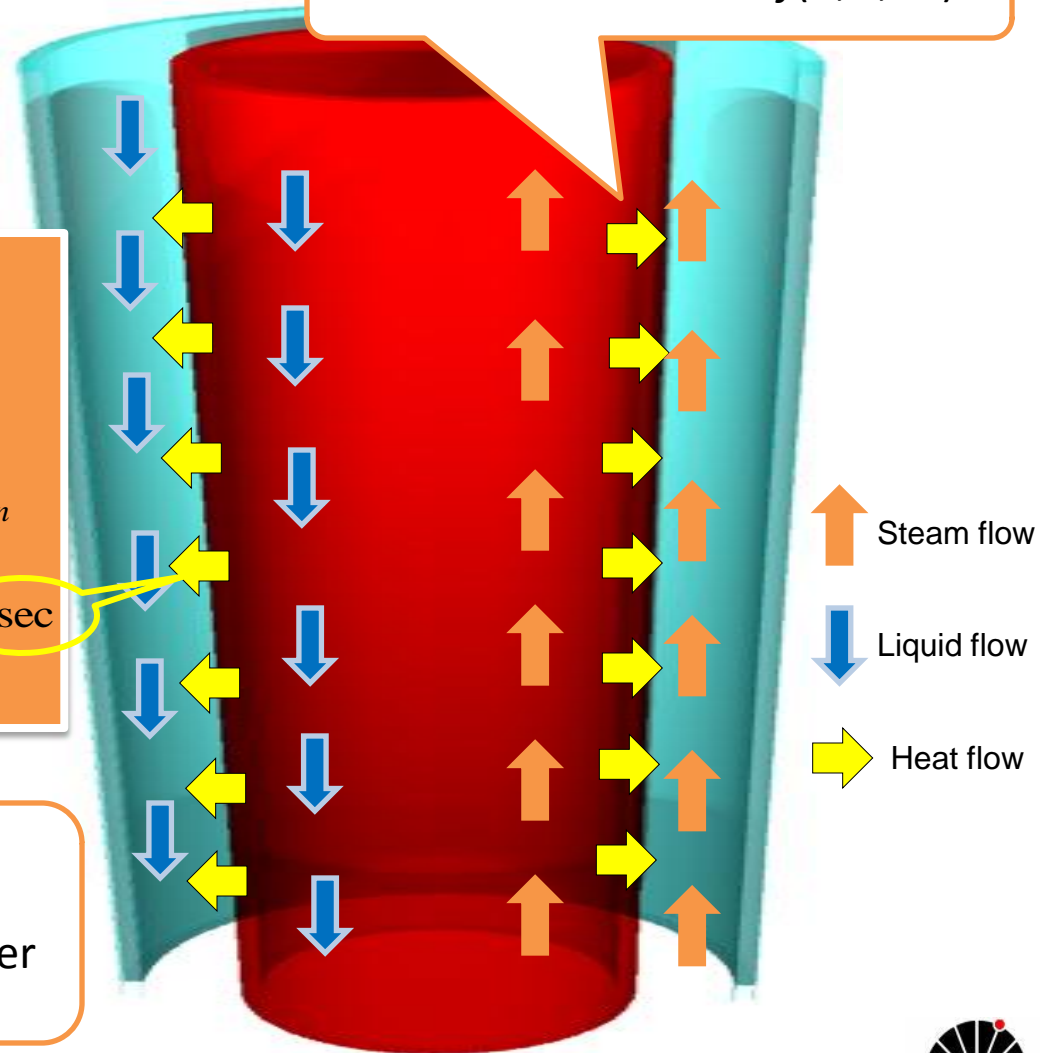
$$Q_{\text{sec}} = \text{Heat section} = f(A, U, \Delta T)$$

Mass and Heat Transfer Stage n

$$V_{n-1} y_{i,n-1} + L_{n+1} X_{i,n+1} = V_n y_{i,n} + L_n X_{i,n}$$

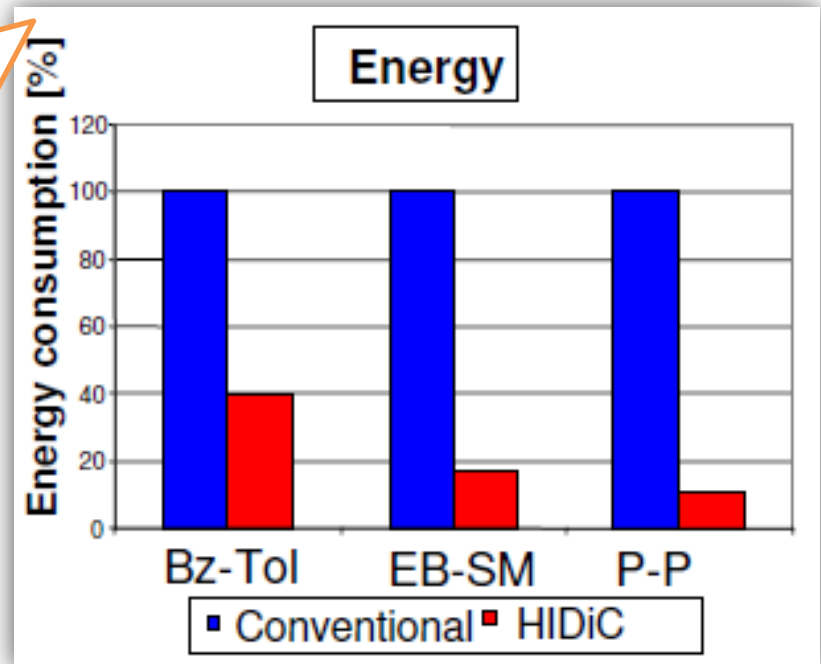
$$Fv_{n-1} H_{v_{n-1}} + Fl_{n+1} H_{l_{n+1}} = Fv_n H_{v_n} + Fl_n H_{l_n} + Q_{\text{sec}}$$

- Based on heat integrated transfer.
- Behavior in terms of geometry.
- Decline in consumption in the reboiler and condenser.



HIDIC Vs Conventional Column

- Saving 90% for Propylene- Propane mixture.
- Lower compression ratio than heat pump.
- Decrease of the power required by the compressor and condenser.
- Favorable for mixtures with low volatilities.
- Decline in consumption in the reboiler and condenser.
- Study mixing Benzene-Toluene, Ethylbenzene-Styrene and Propylene-Propane.



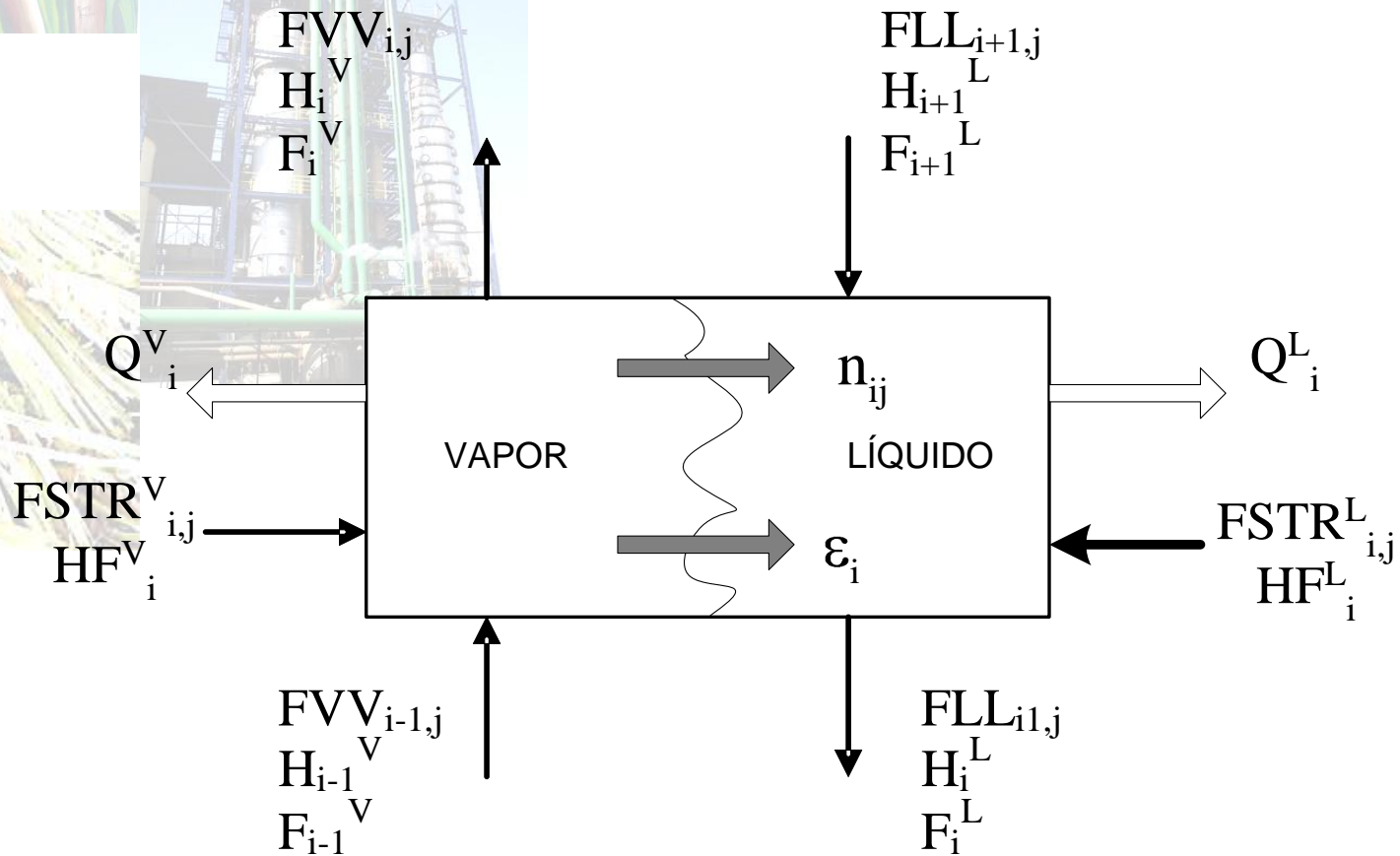
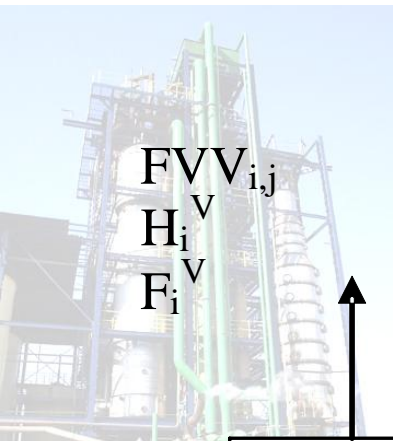
Delft University of Technology 2007

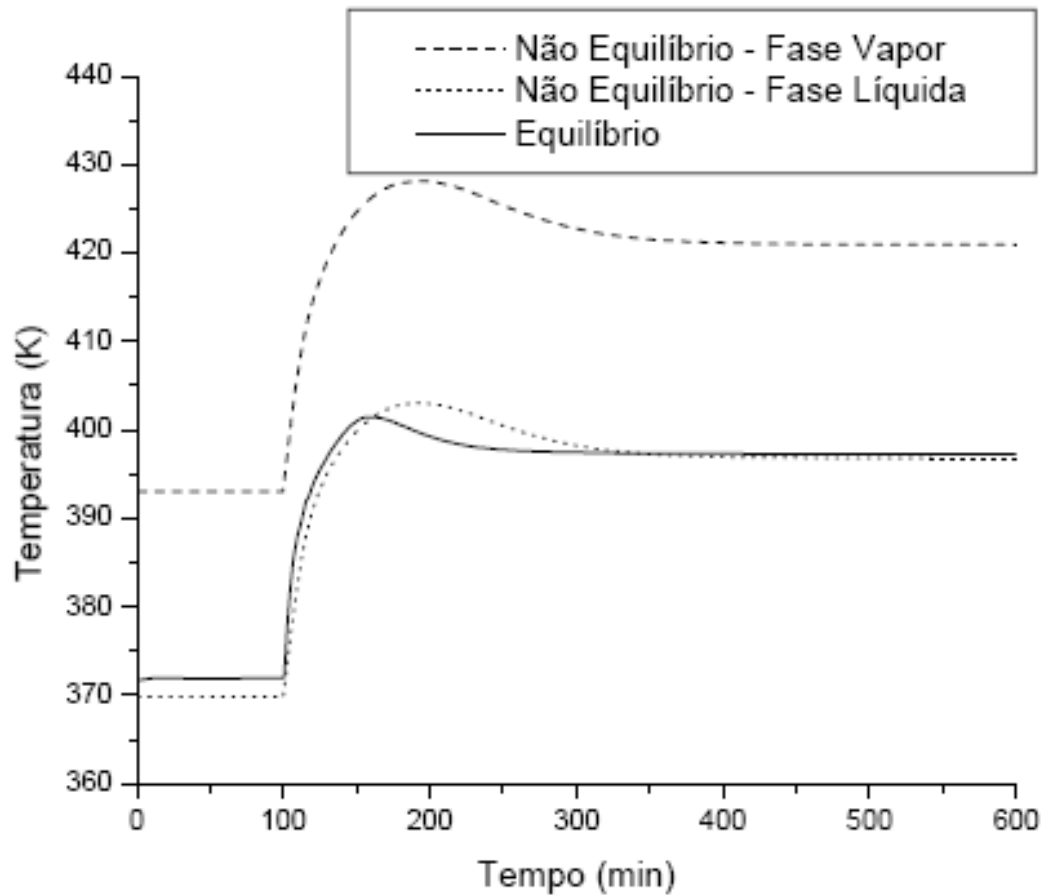
These studies have been developed by Japanese research groups (1998) and groups Dutchmen (2001), currently of great importance in Brazil (2008).

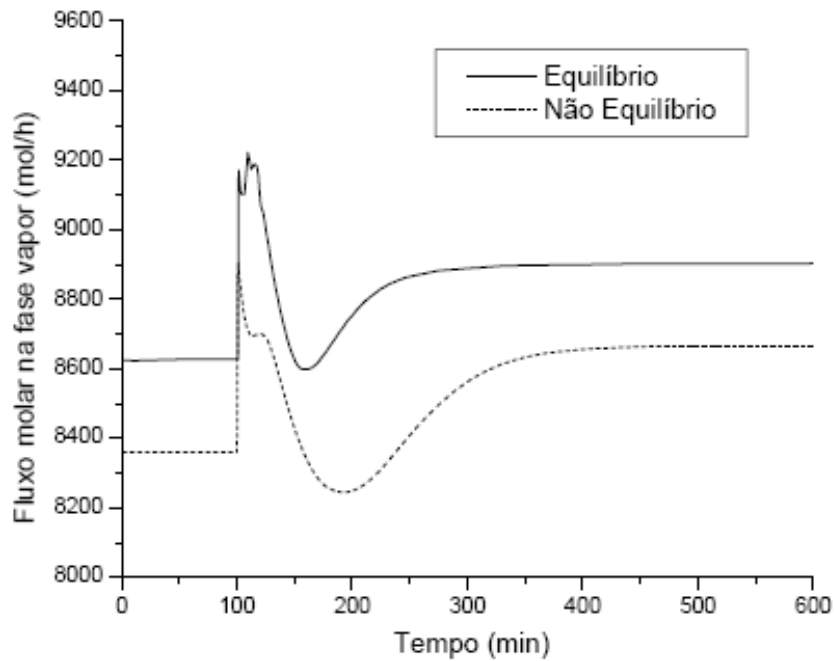
NON EQUILIBRIUM STAGE MODEL VS EFFICIENCY



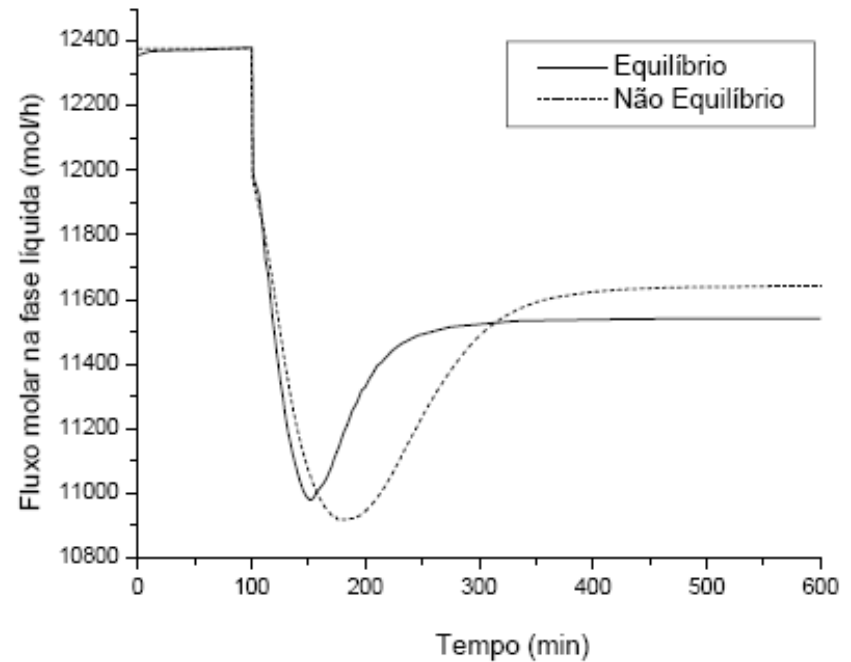
- Taylor et al. (2003) refer as the real world





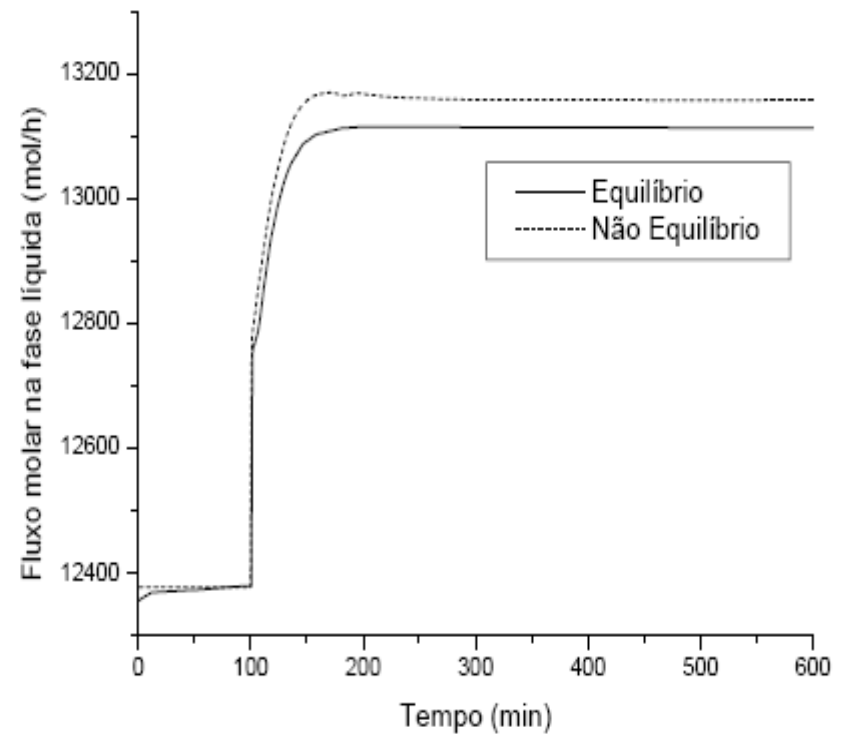
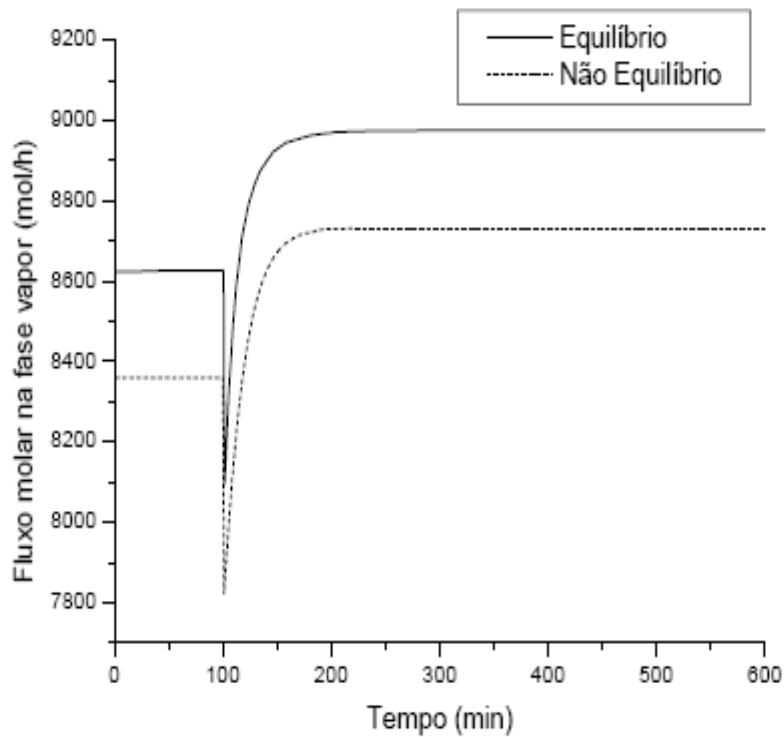


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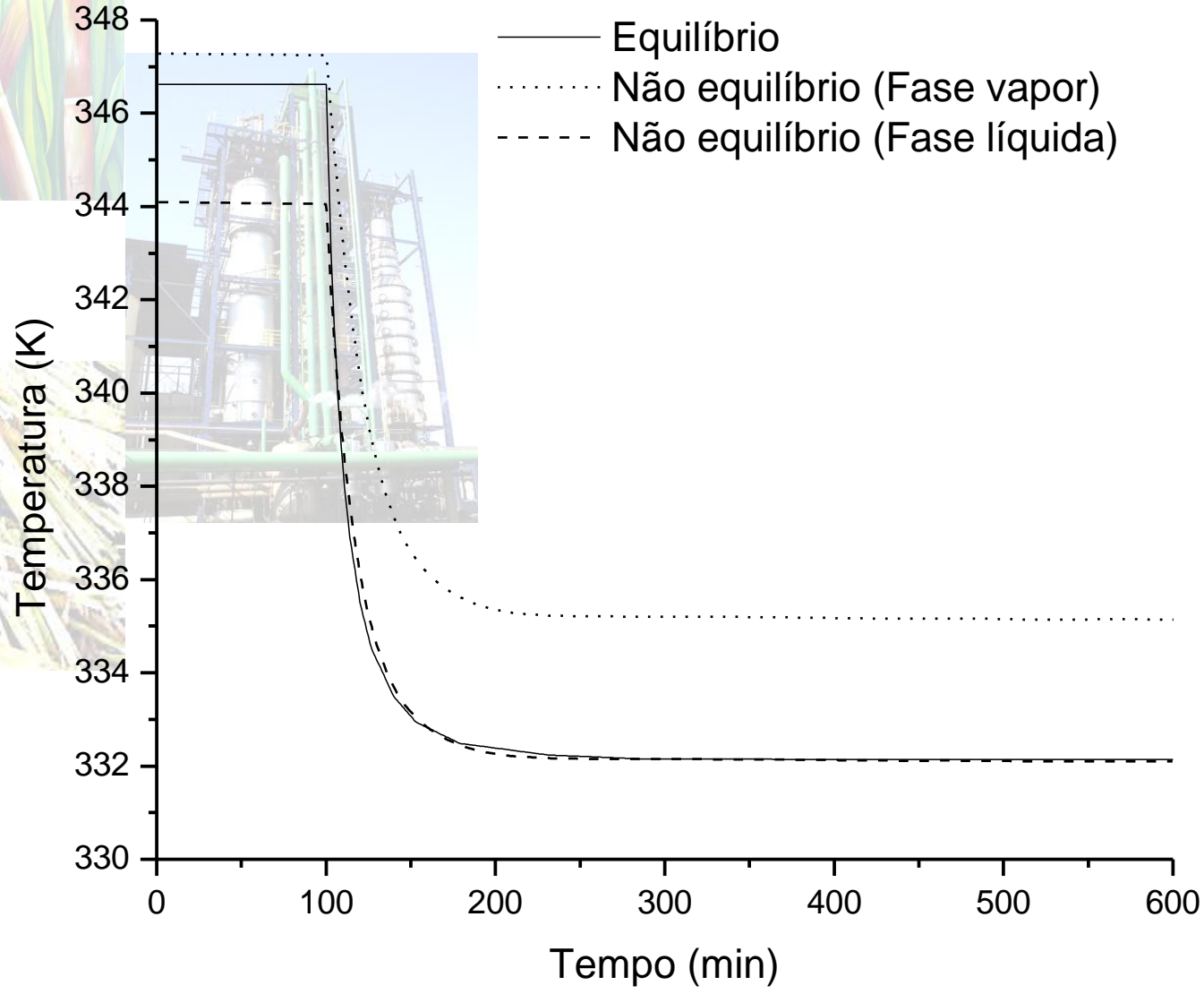
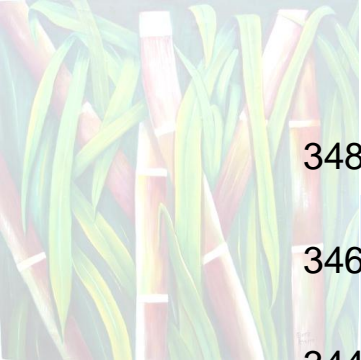
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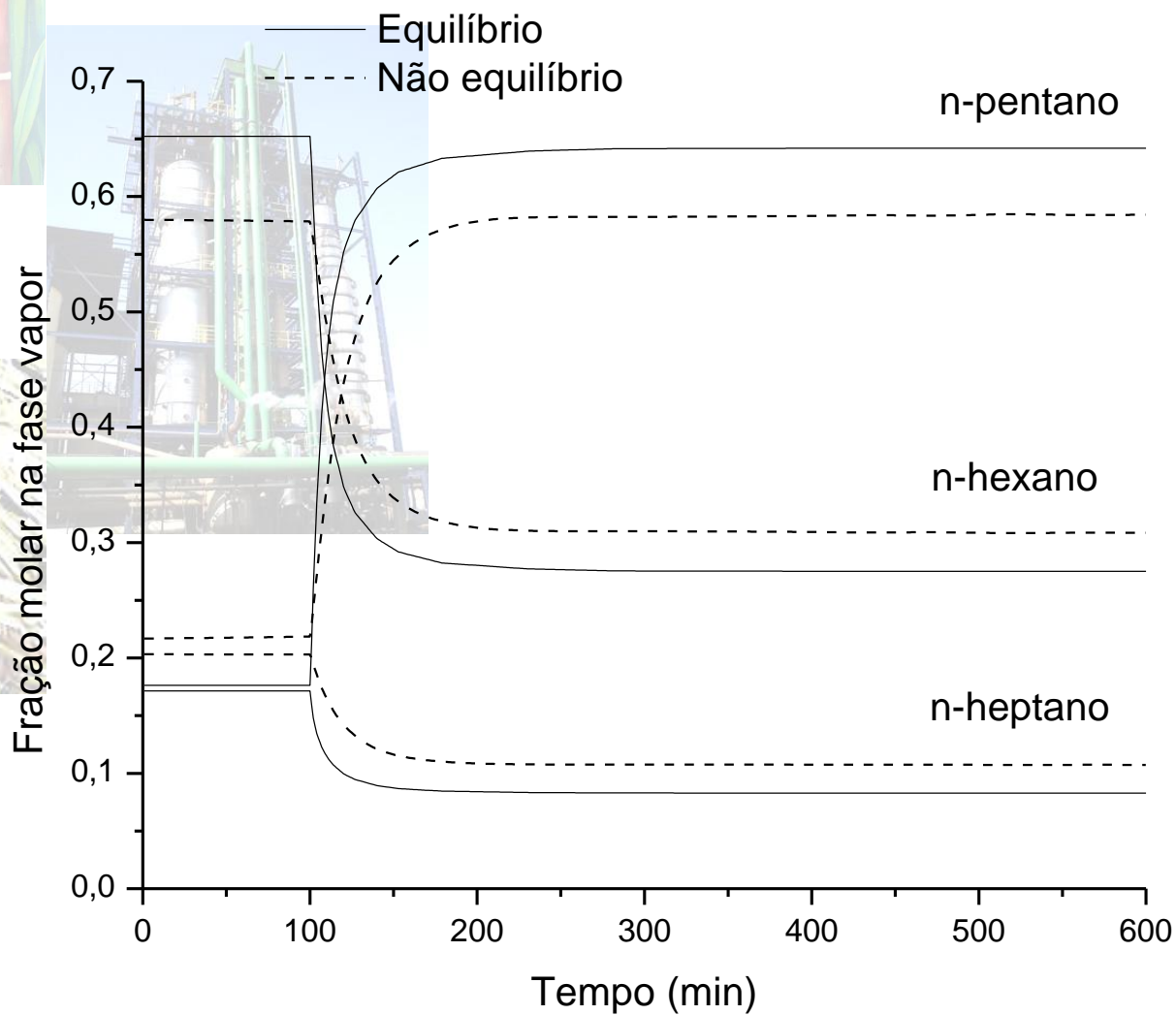


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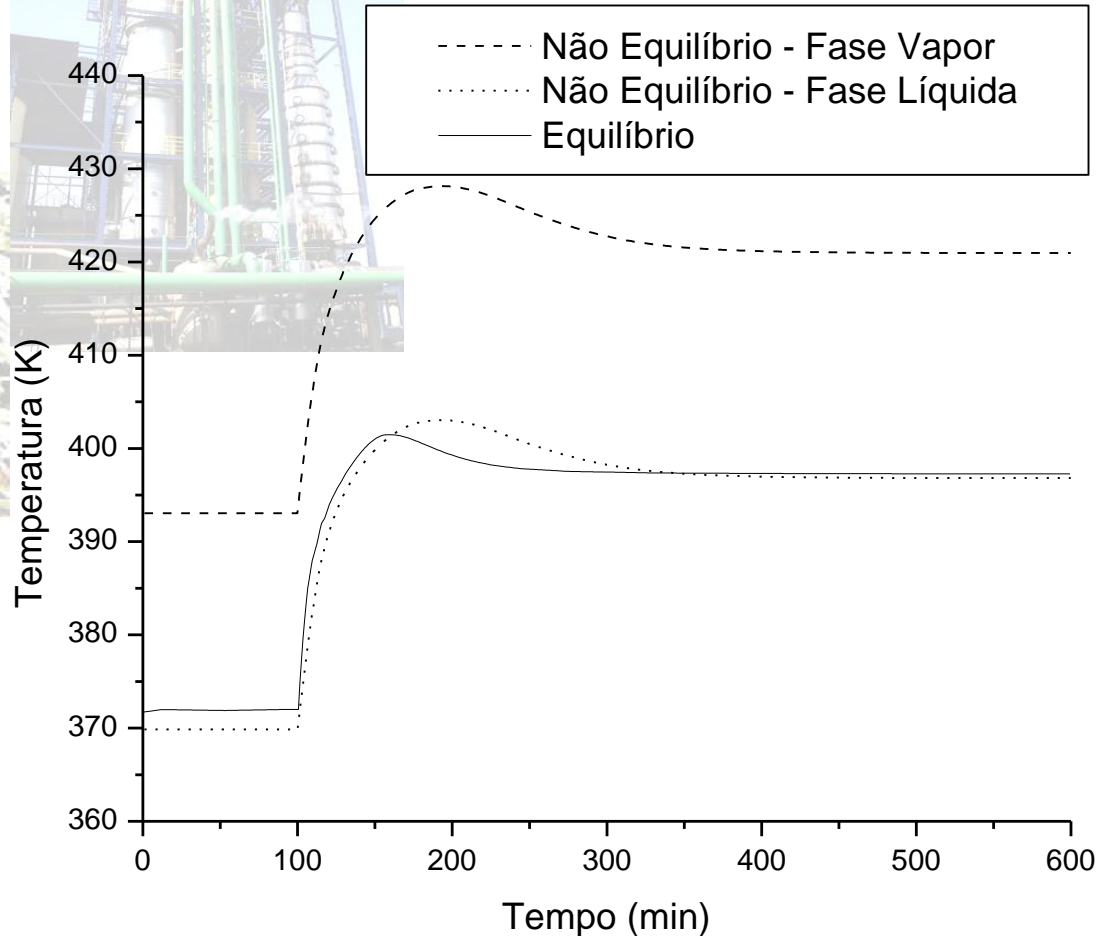
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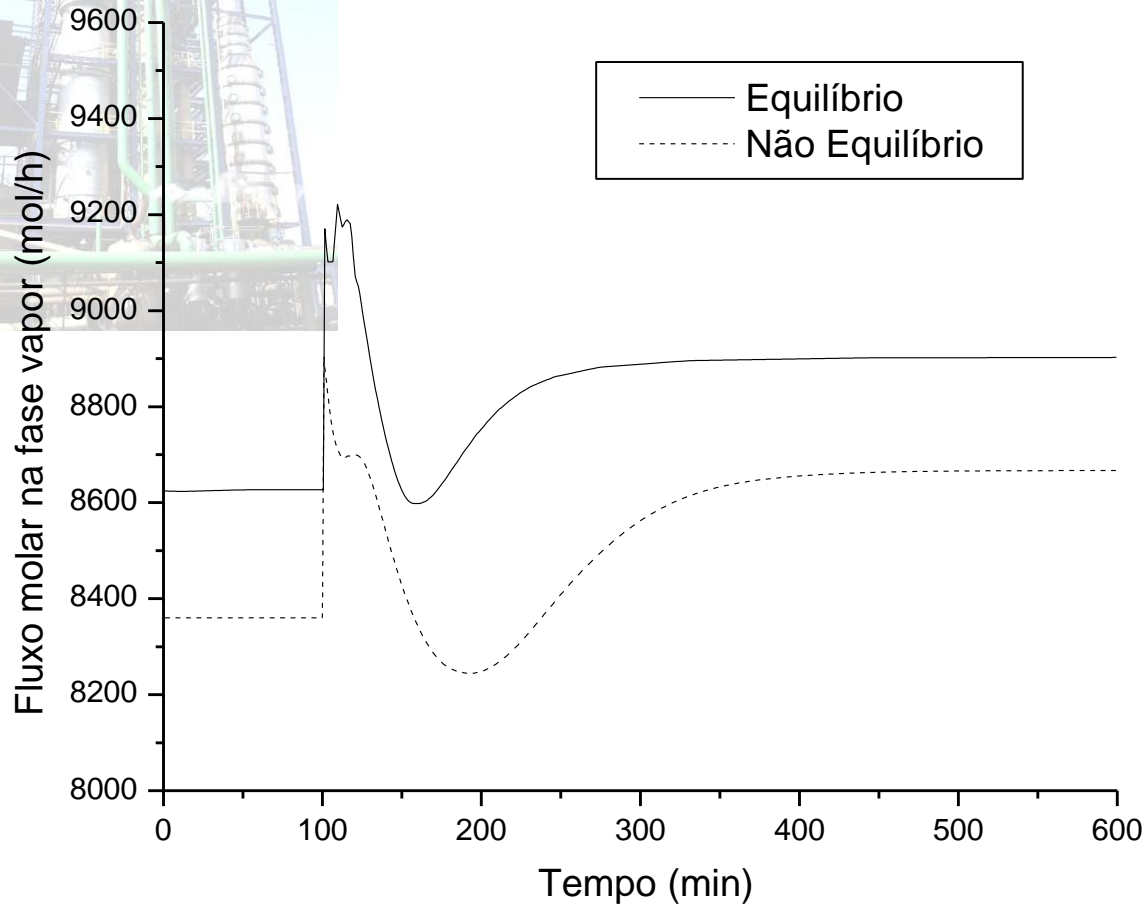
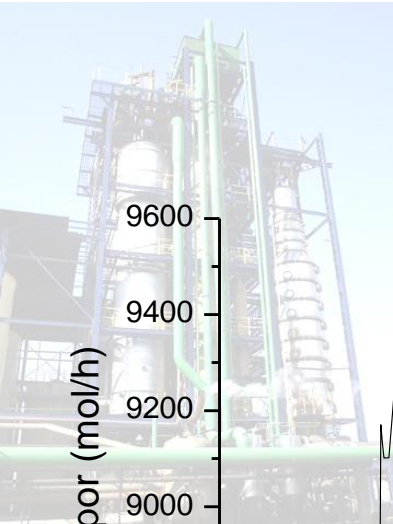




ETHANOL + WATER + ETHYLENEGLICOL



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CORRELATION OF BARROS & WOLF FOR EFFICIENCY OF STAGES AND COMPONENTS

- DISTILLATION COLUMNS: FROM SIMPLE TO COMPLEX

PLATE EFFICIENCY

- Dependent on mixture properties

$$E_f(i) = 38.5309 * \left[\frac{klm(i)}{cplm(i)} * \frac{dlm(i) * diflm(i) * pmm(i)}{\rho_{nlm(i)}^2} \right]^{-0.04516}$$

Molecular weight (pmm)

Thermal conductivity (klm)

Heat capacity (cplm)

Viscosity (mlm)

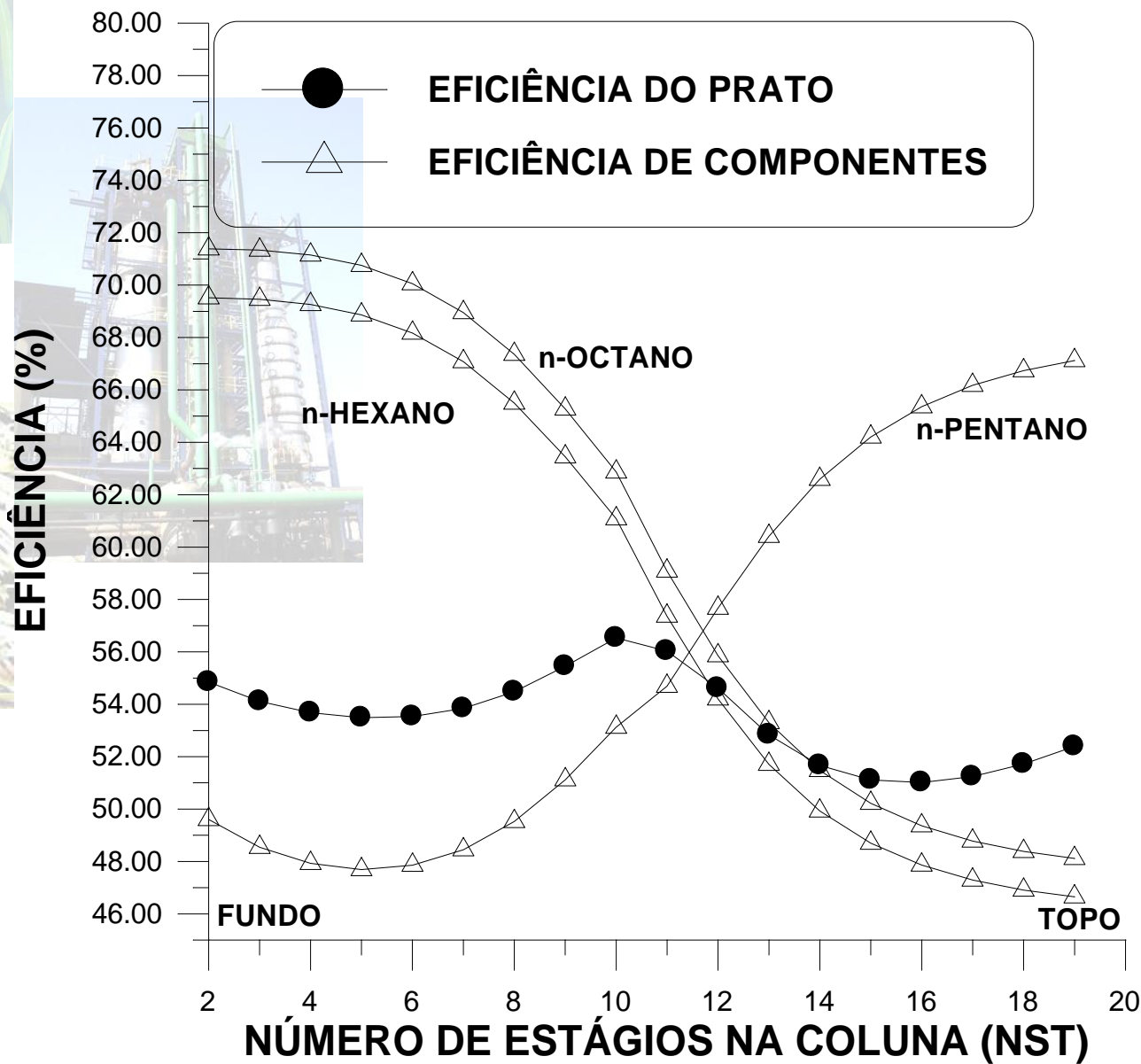
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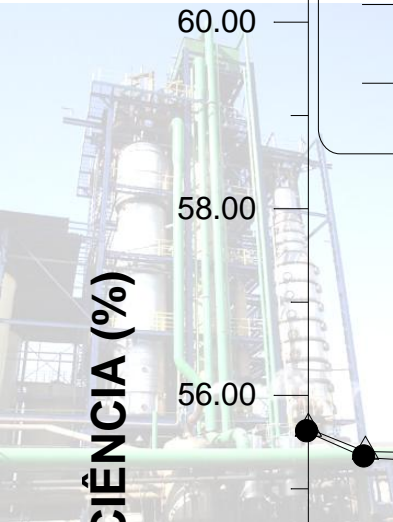
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COMPONENT EFFICIENCY

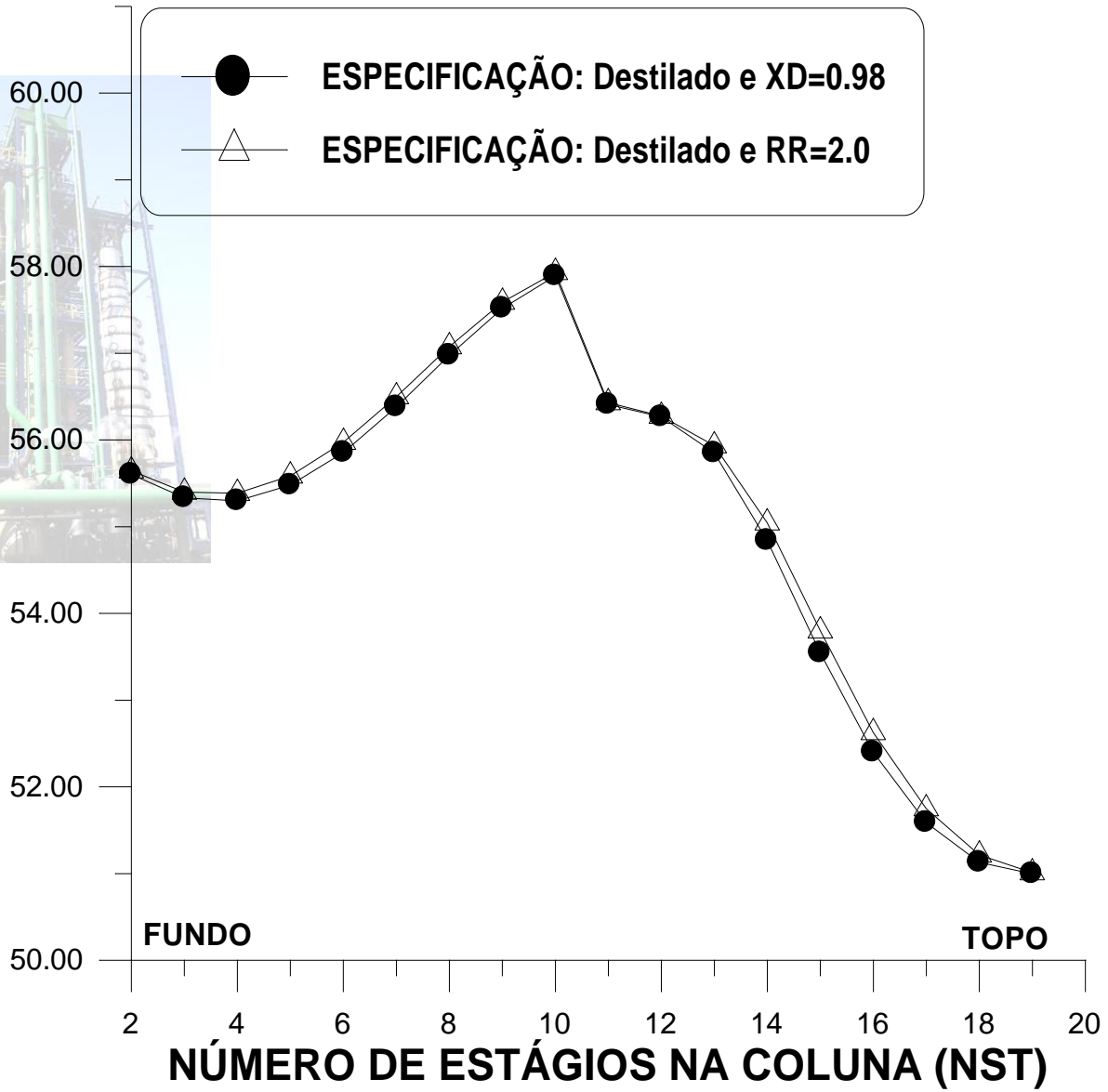
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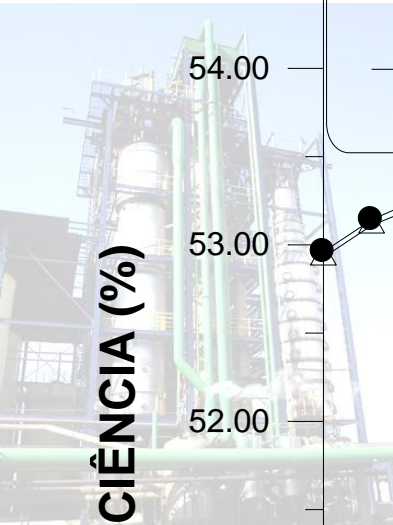
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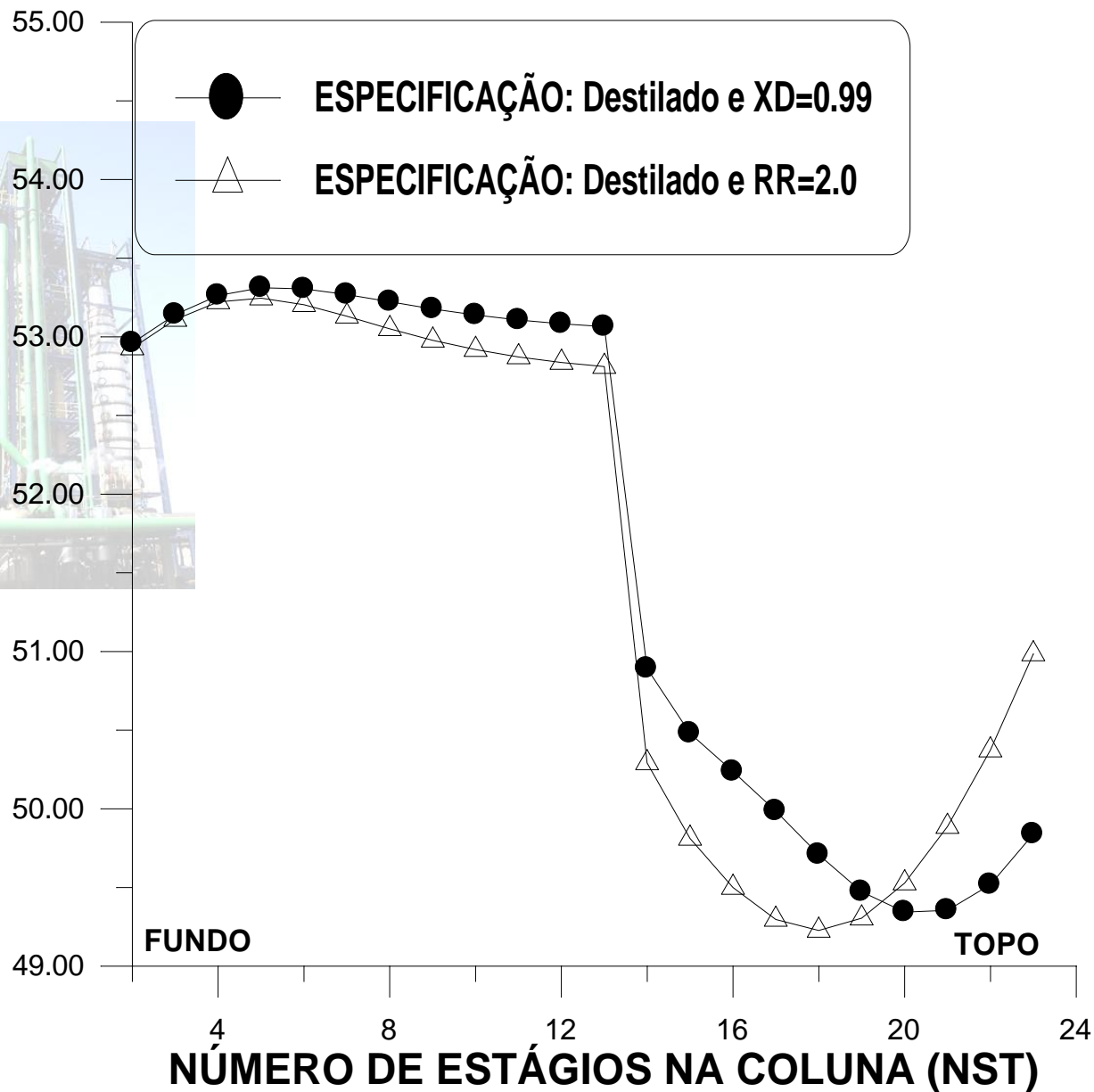


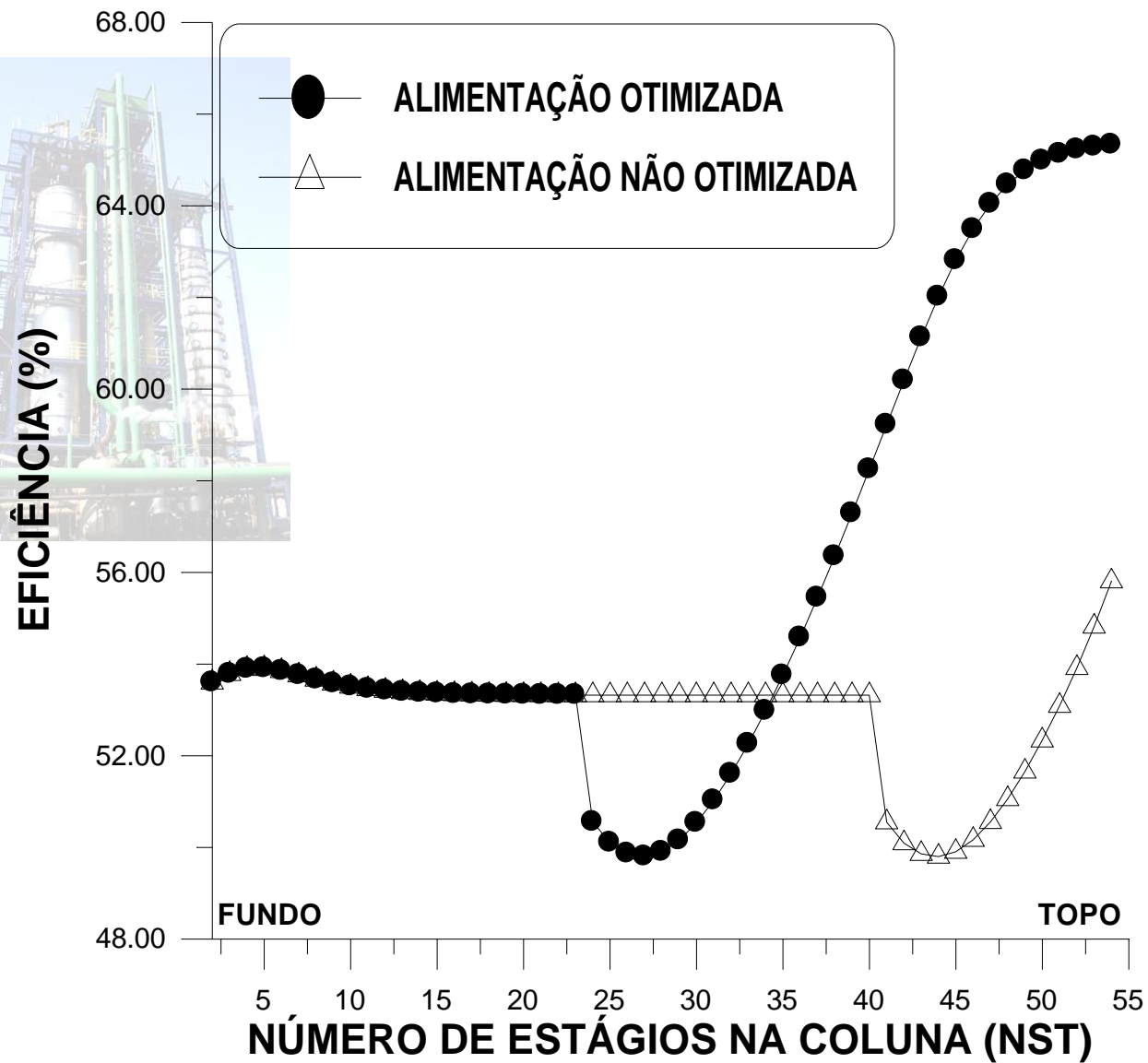
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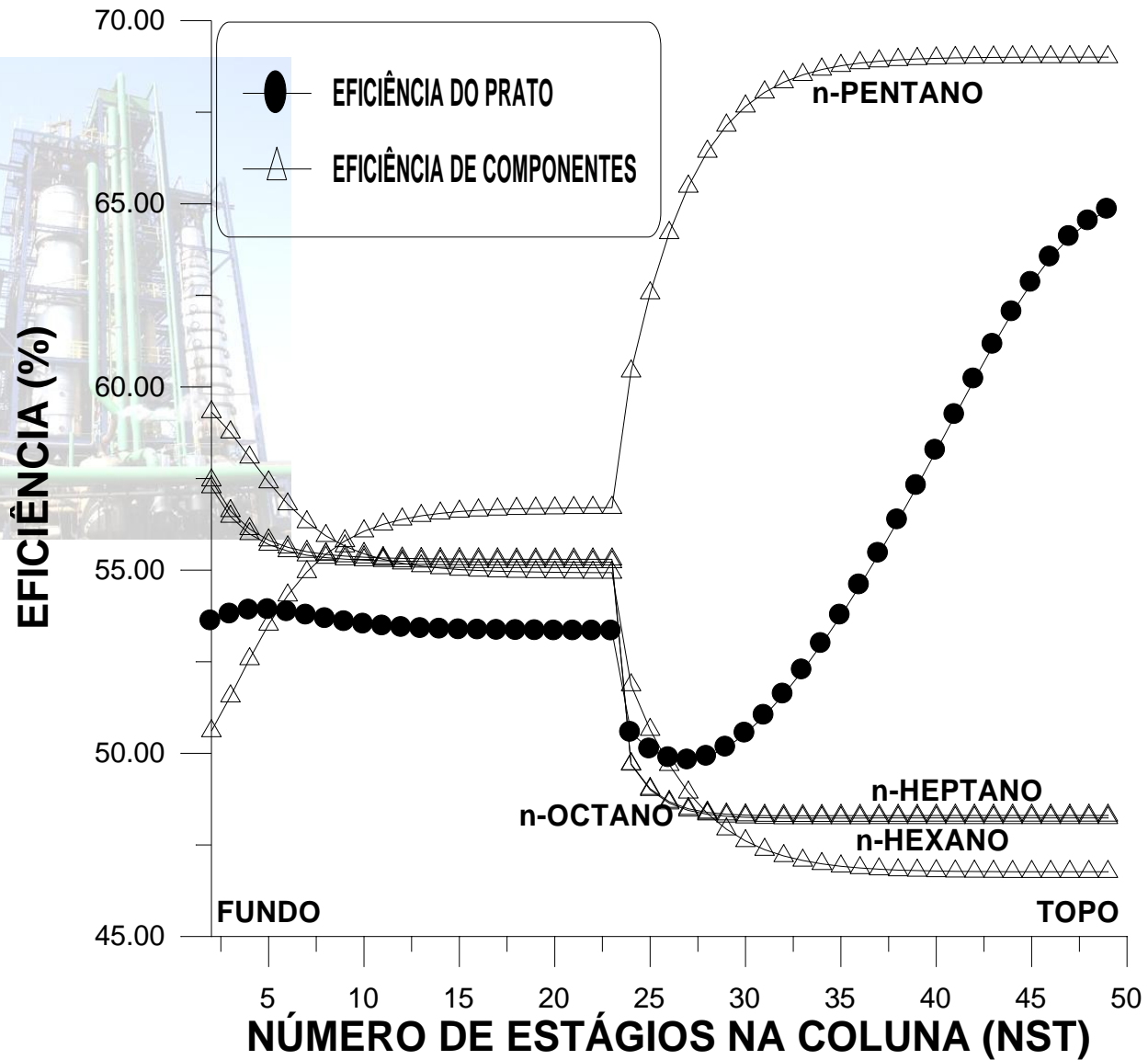
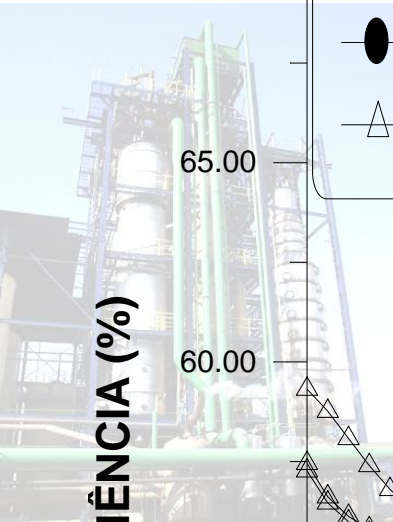


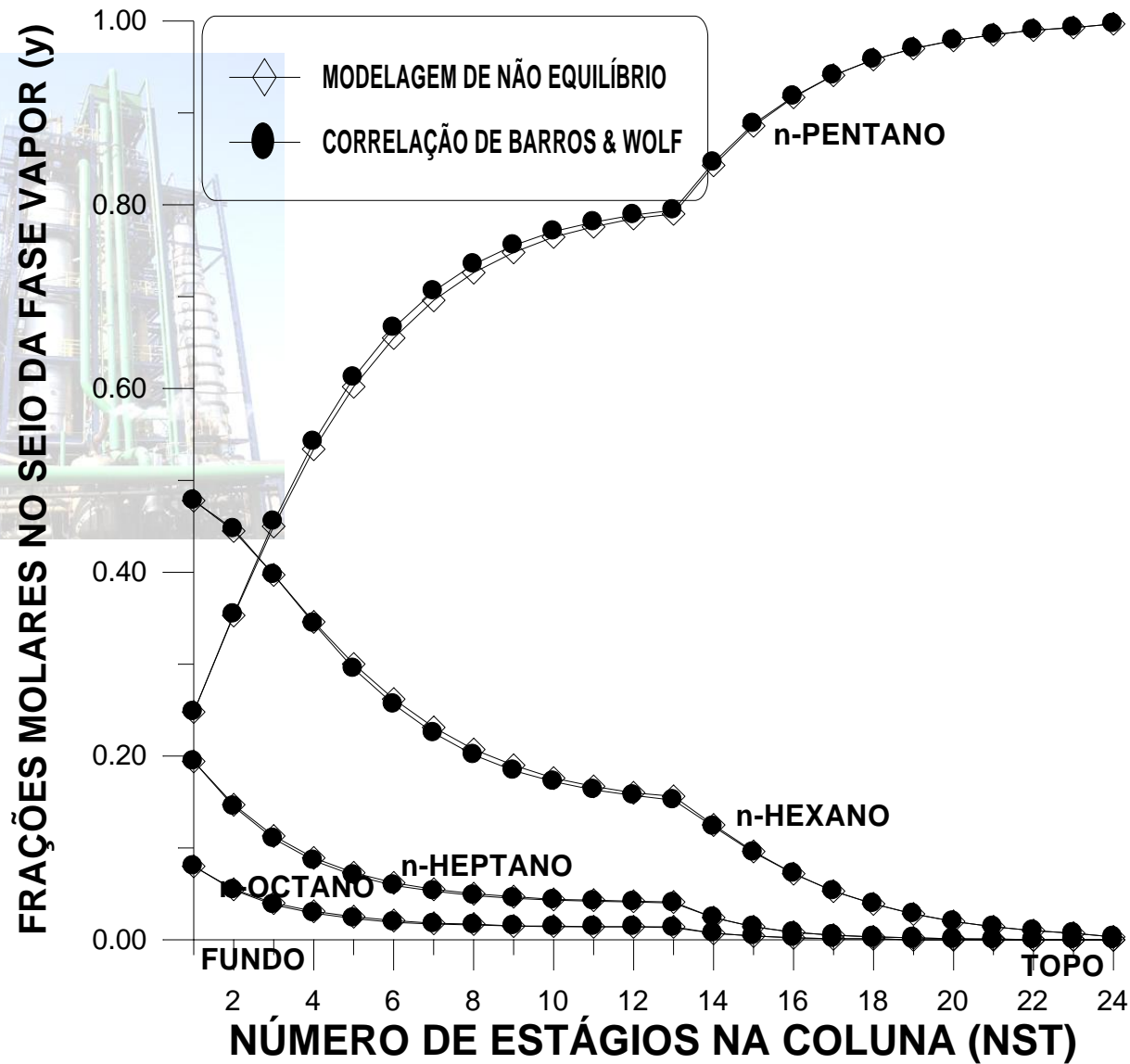
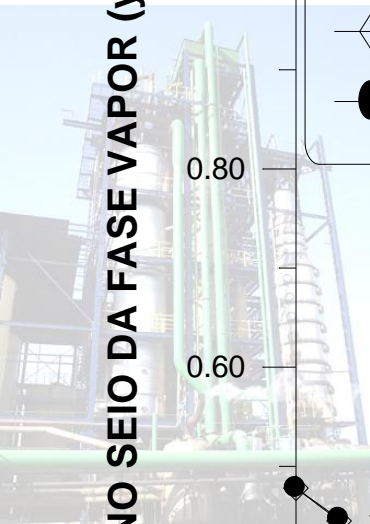


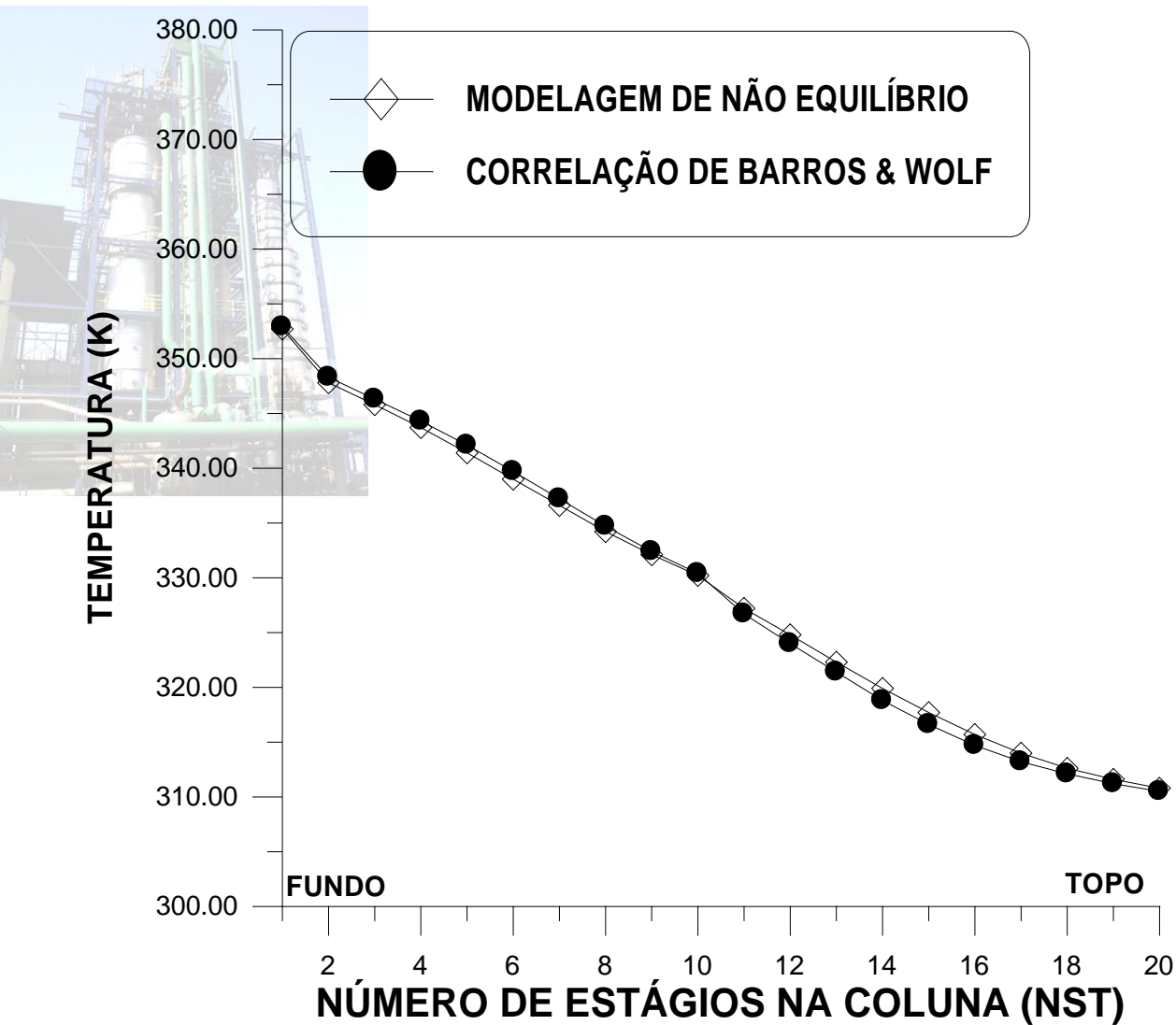
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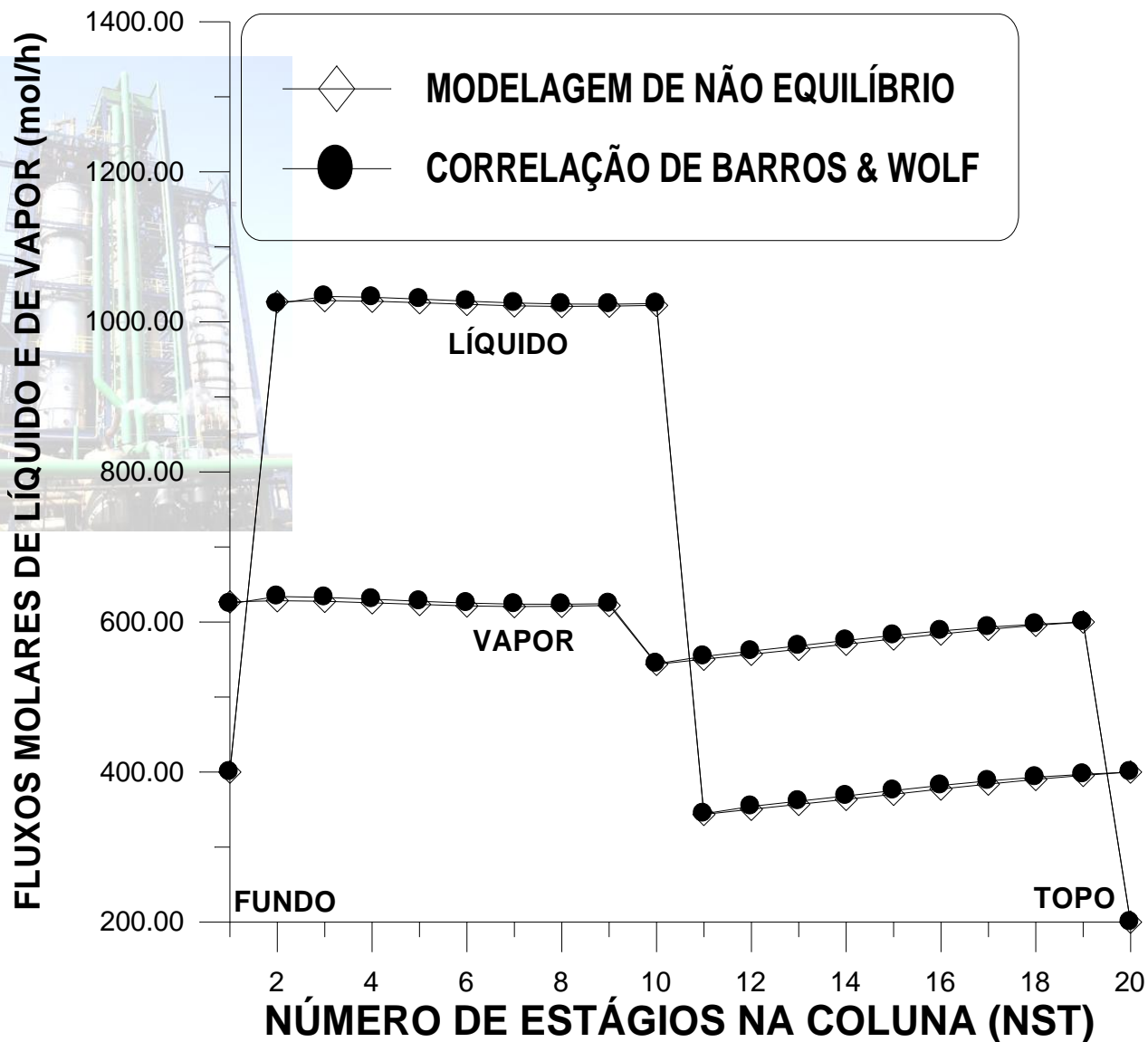
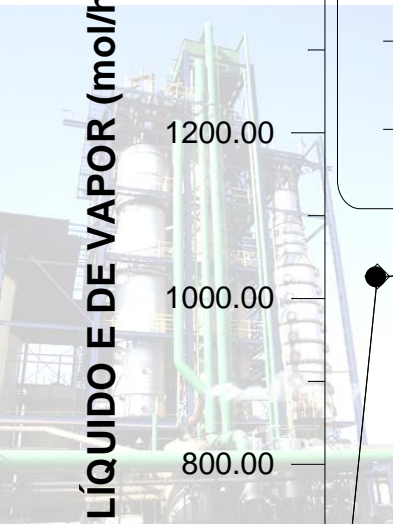


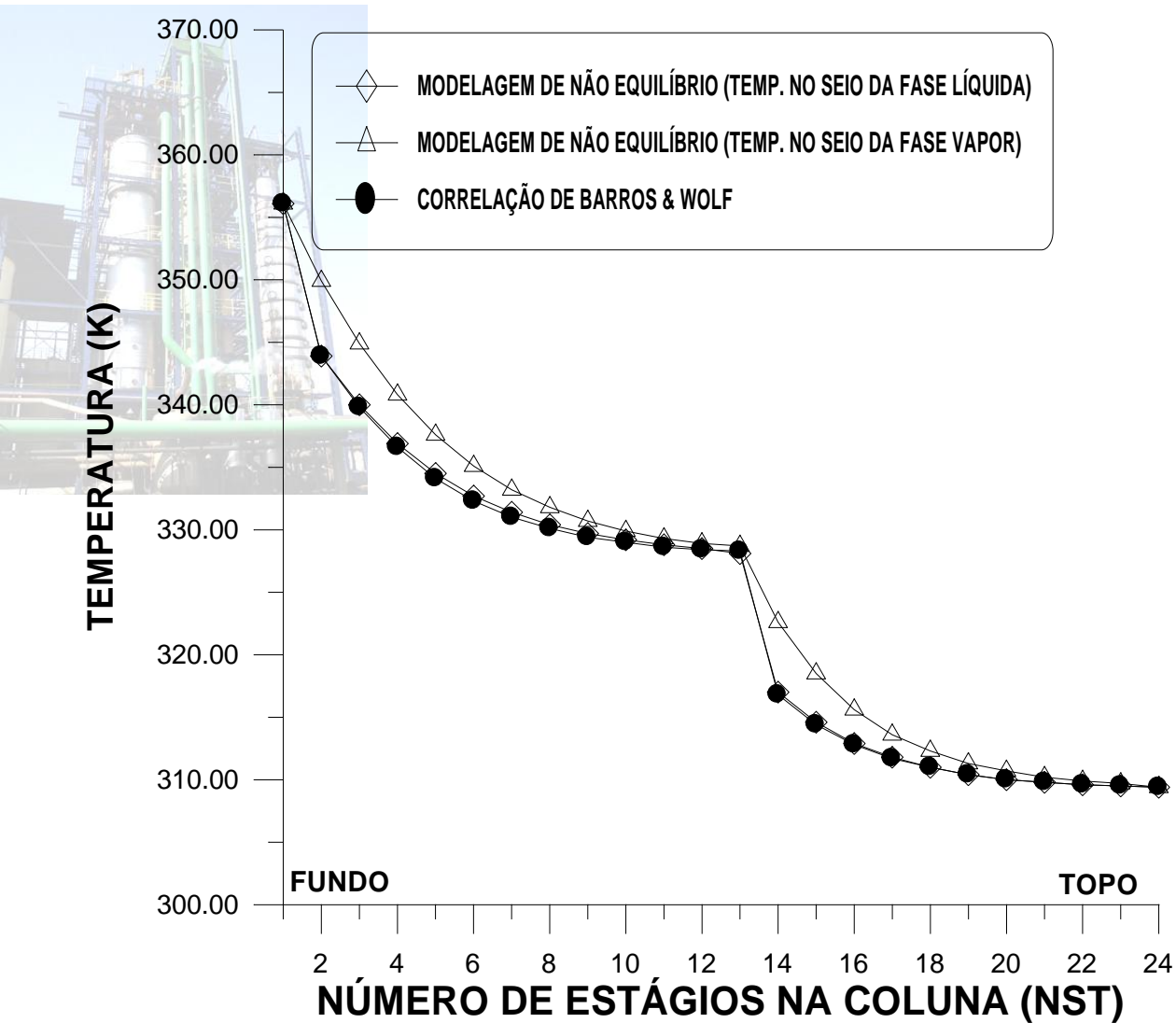




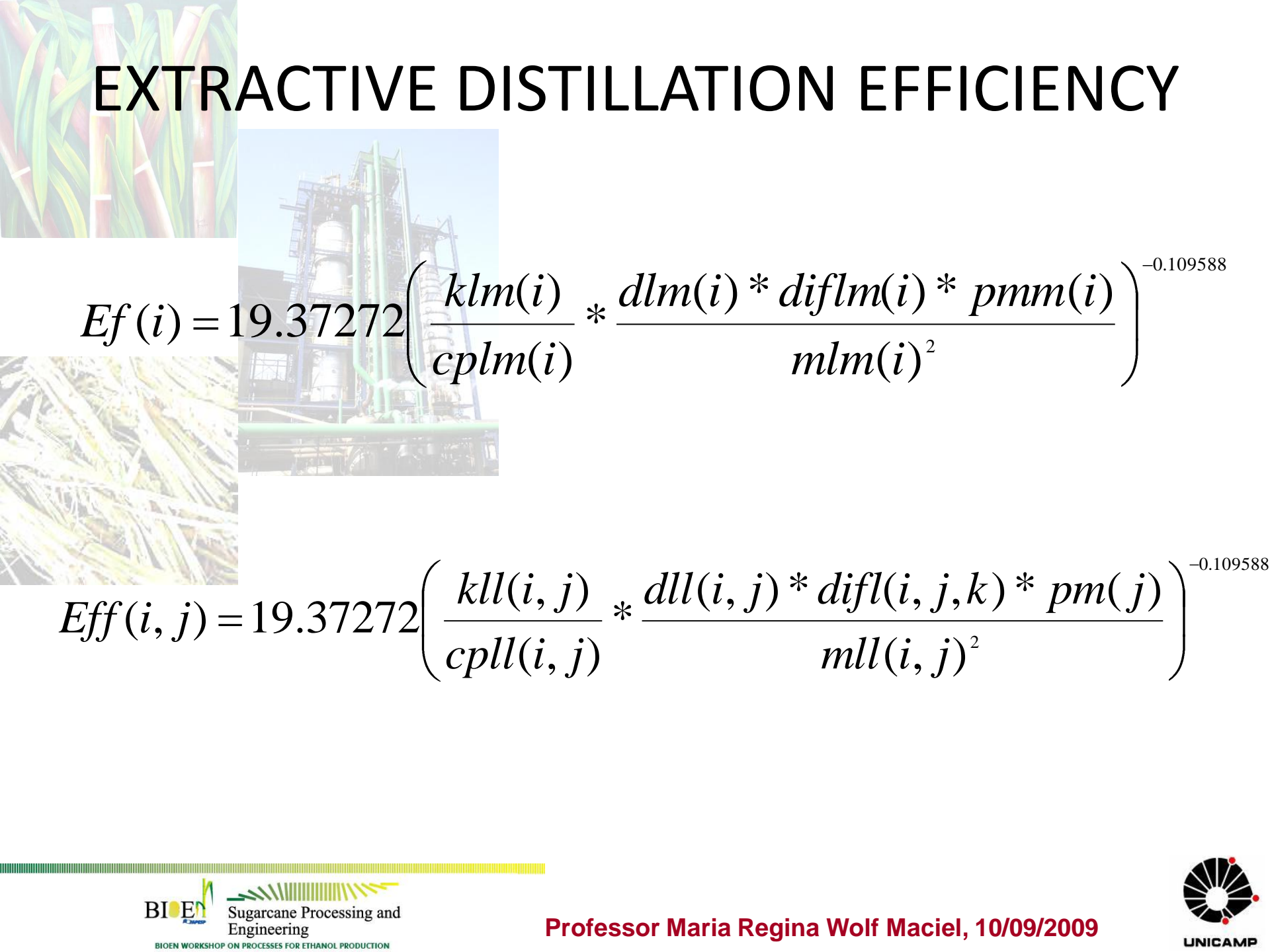




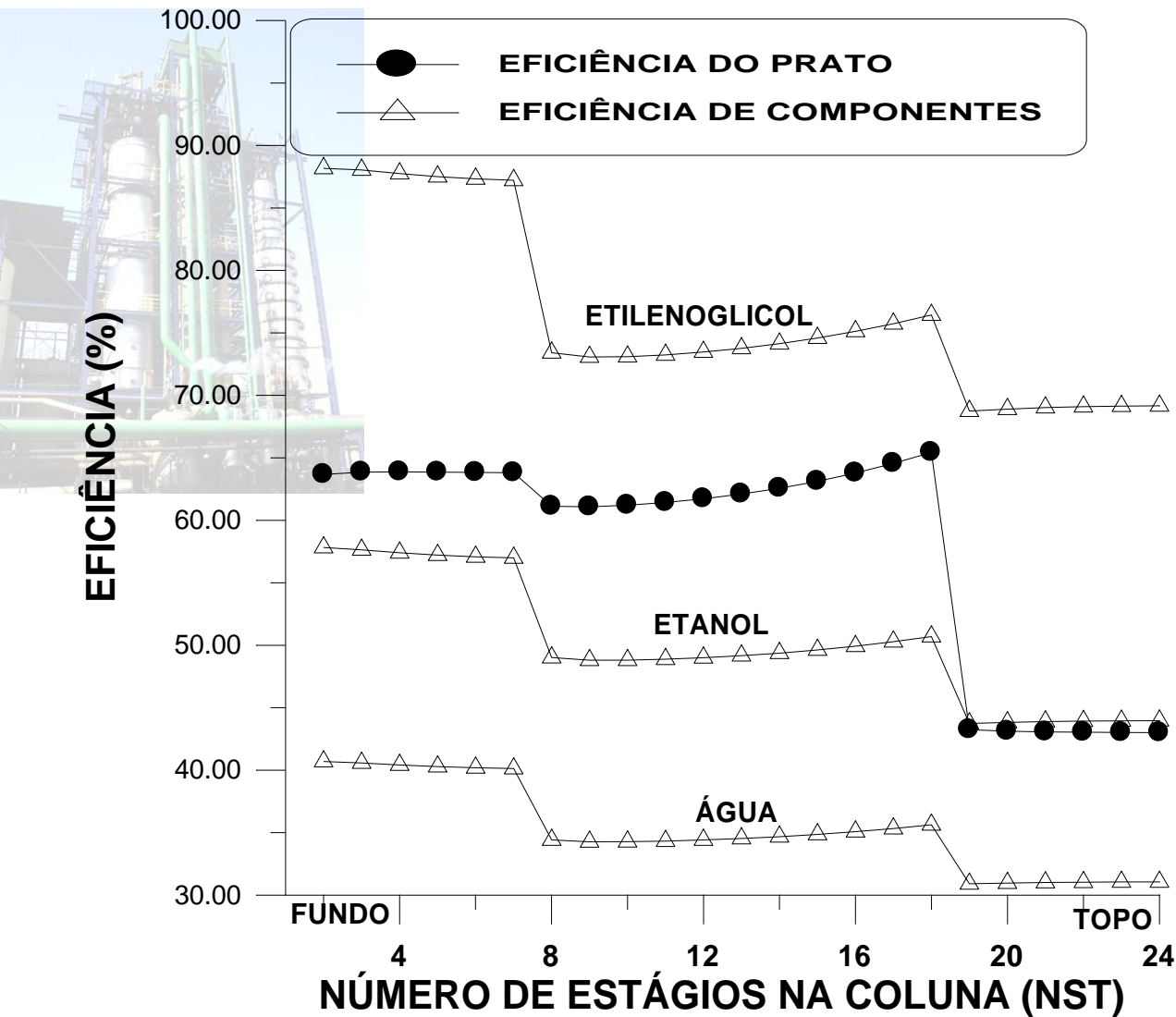


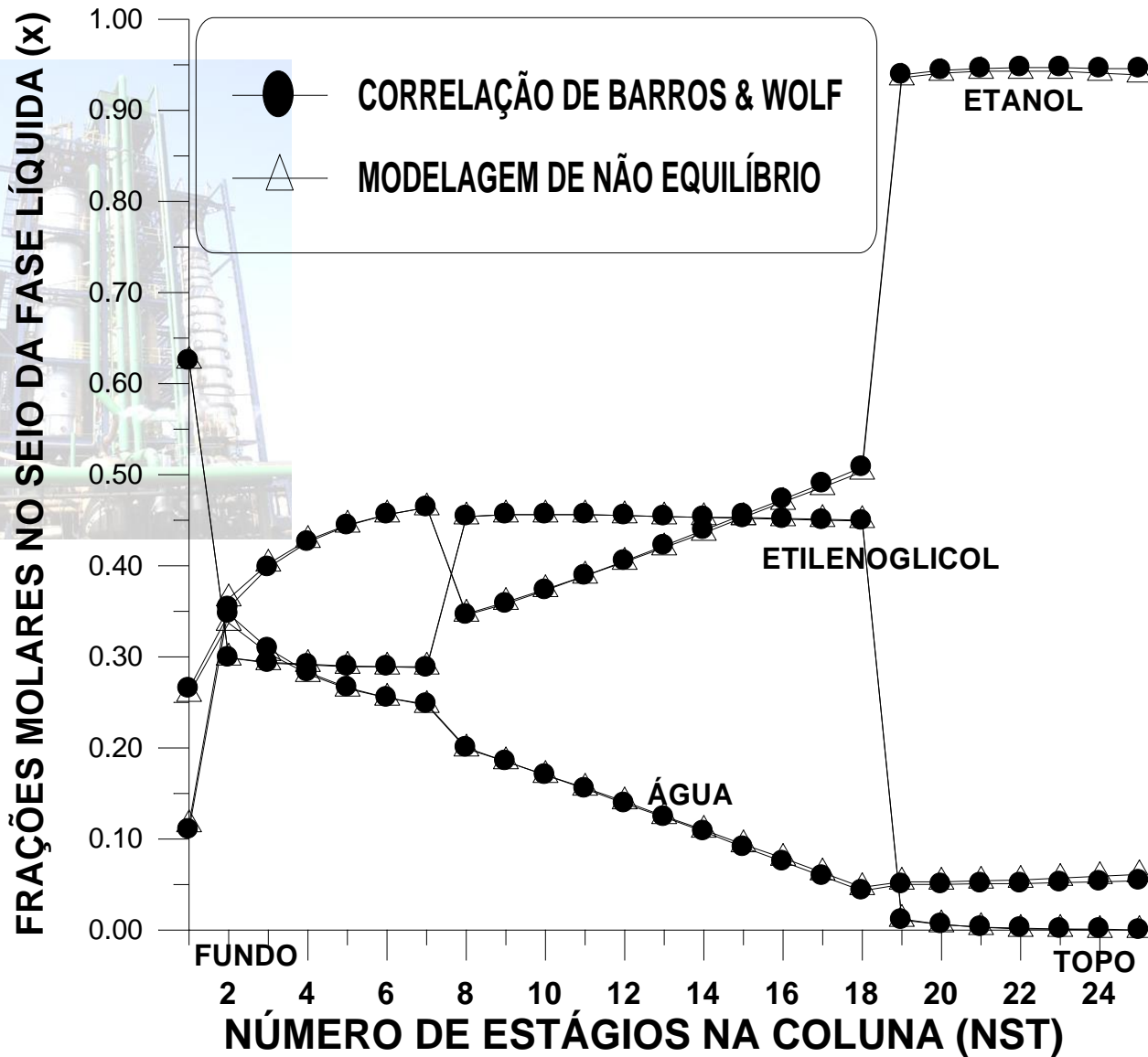
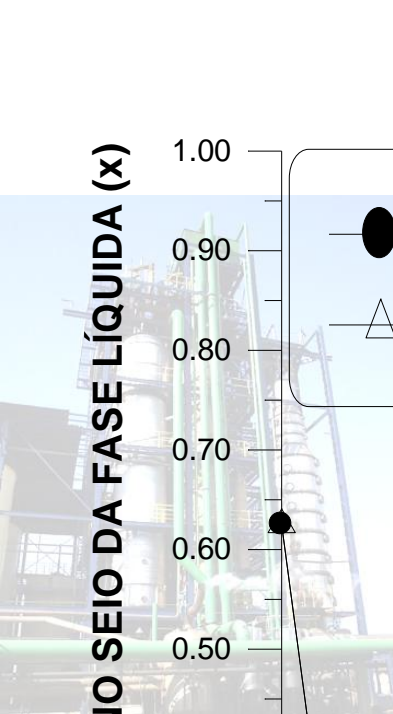


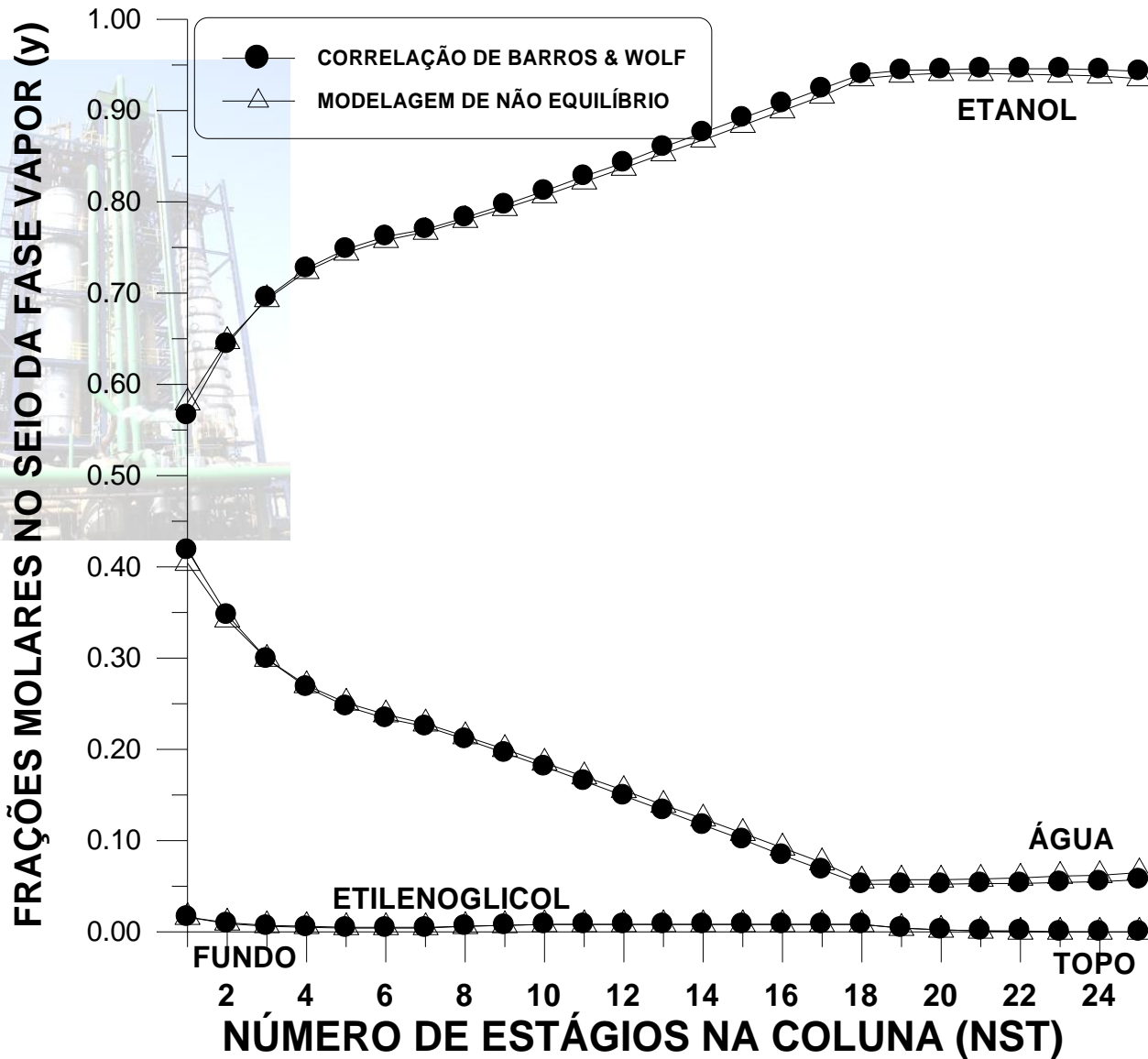
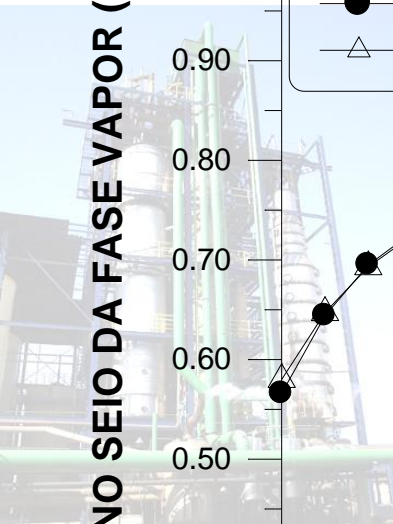
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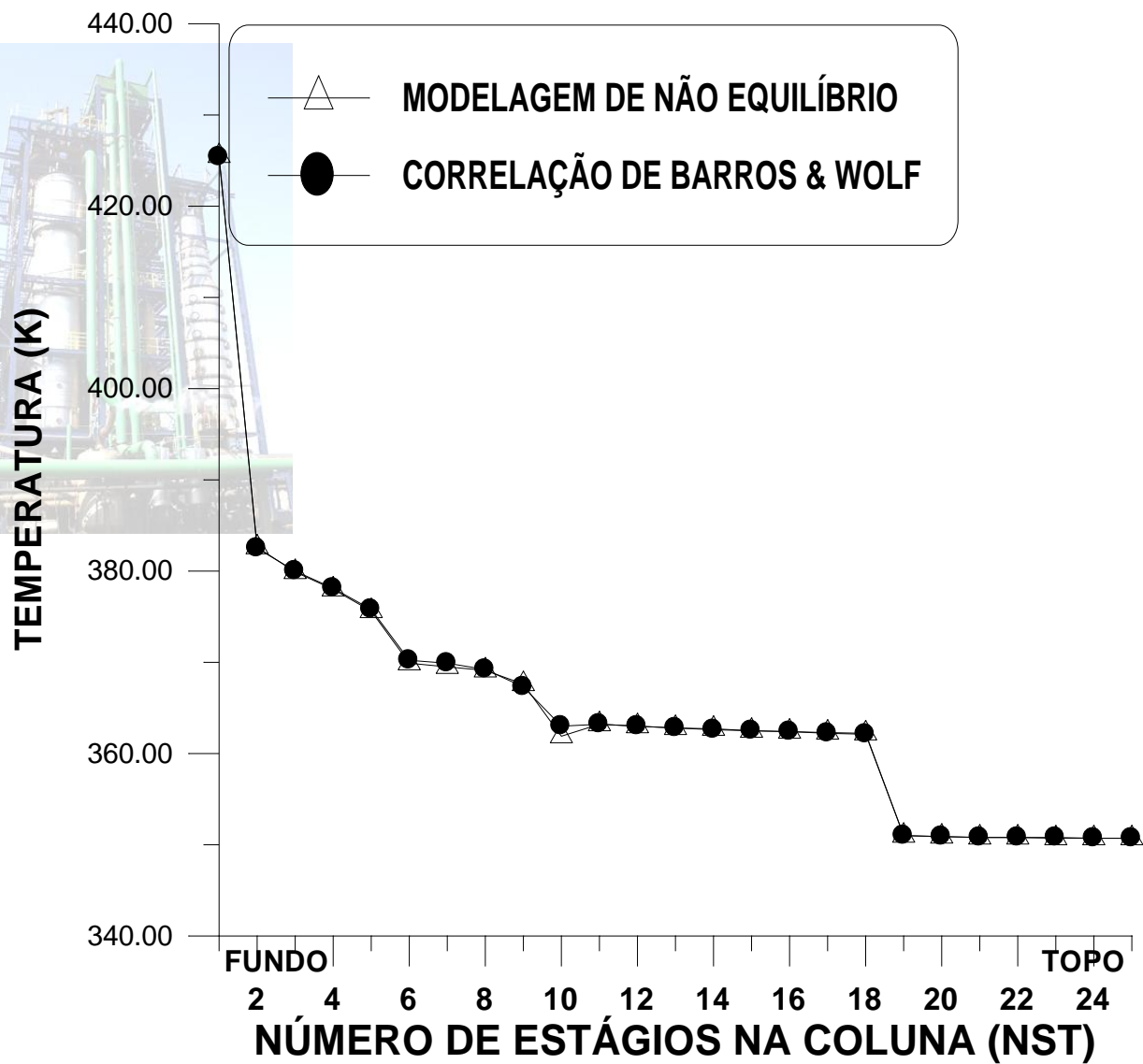
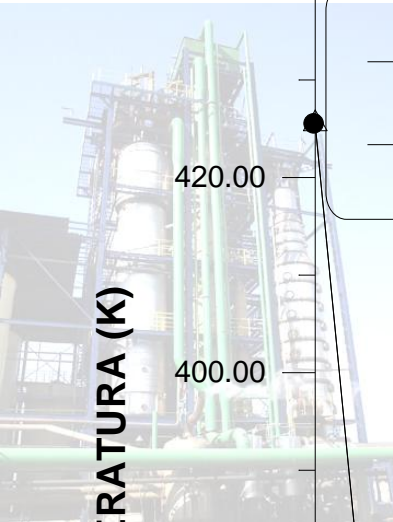

$$Ef(i) = 19.37272 \left(\frac{klm(i)}{cplm(i)} * \frac{dlm(i) * diflm(i) * pmm(i)}{mlm(i)^2} \right)^{-0.109588}$$

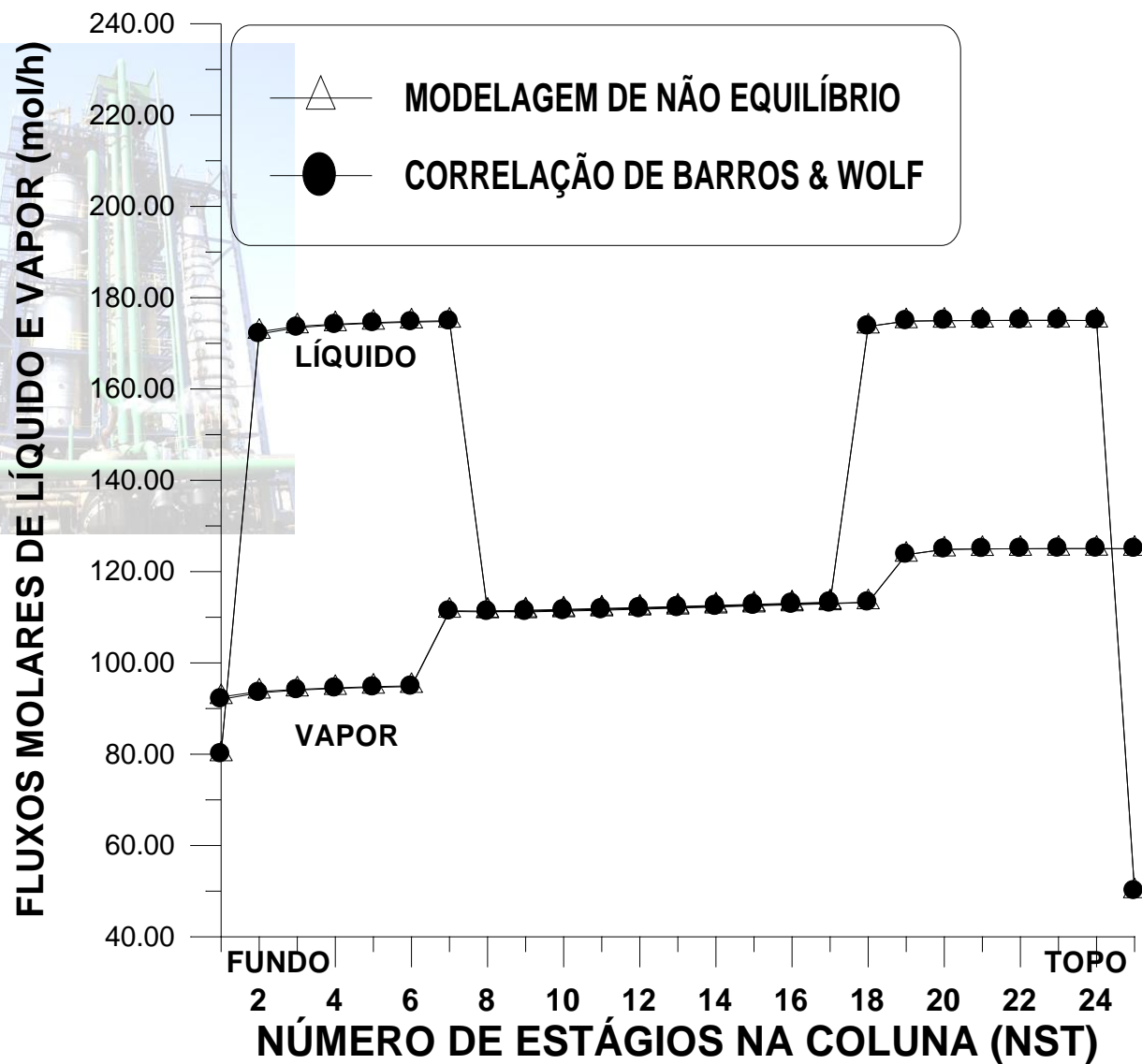
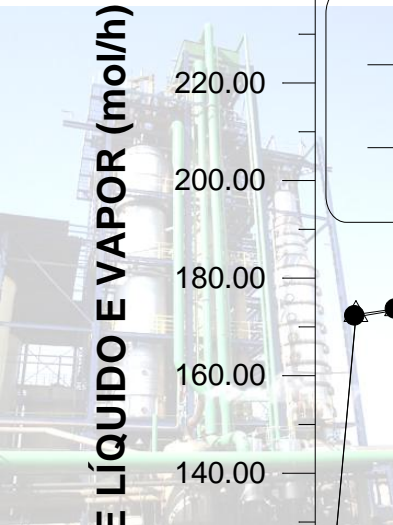
$$Eff(i, j) = 19.37272 \left(\frac{kll(i, j)}{cpll(i, j)} * \frac{dll(i, j) * difl(i, j, k) * pm(j)}{mll(i, j)^2} \right)^{-0.109588}$$



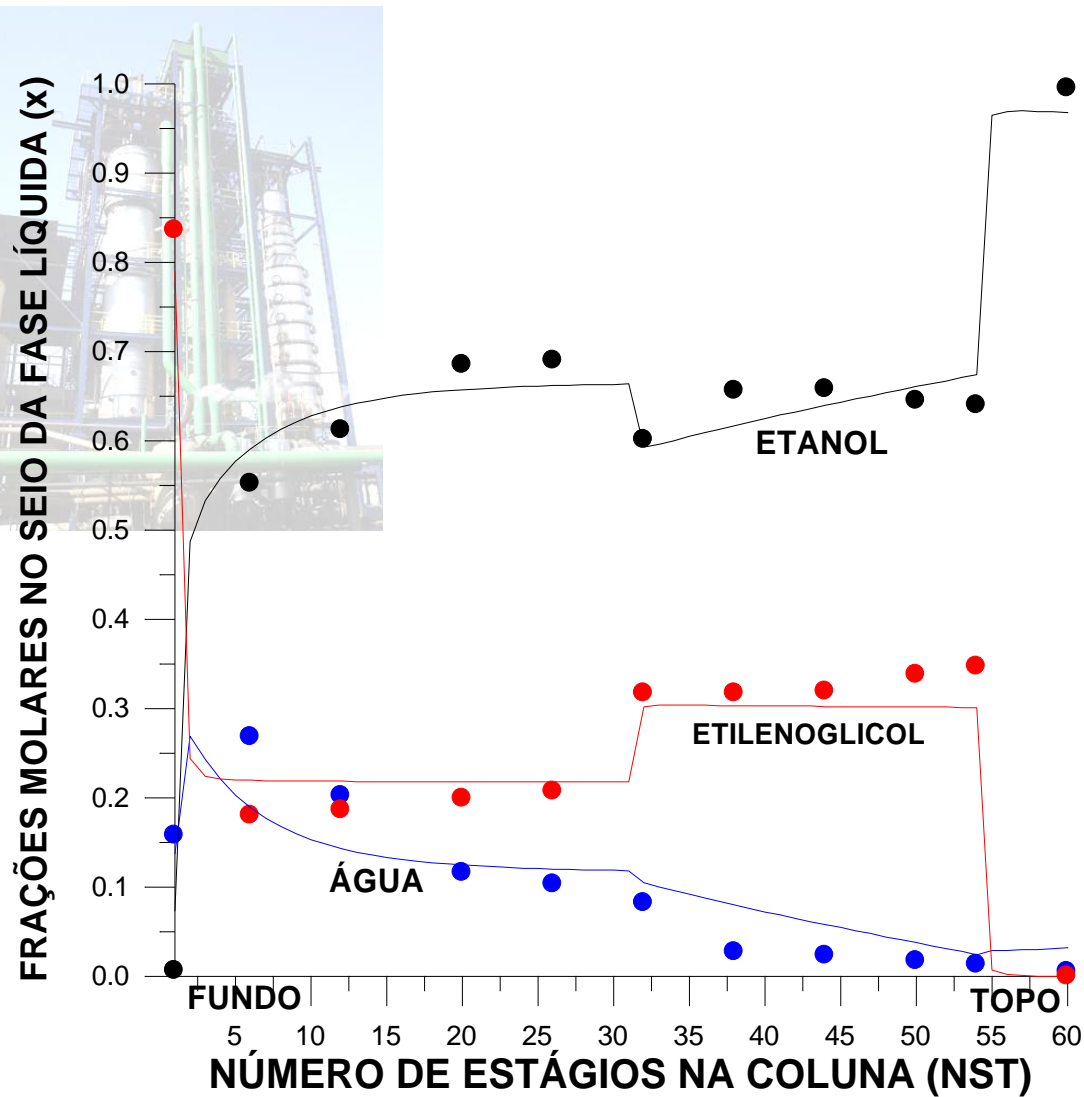








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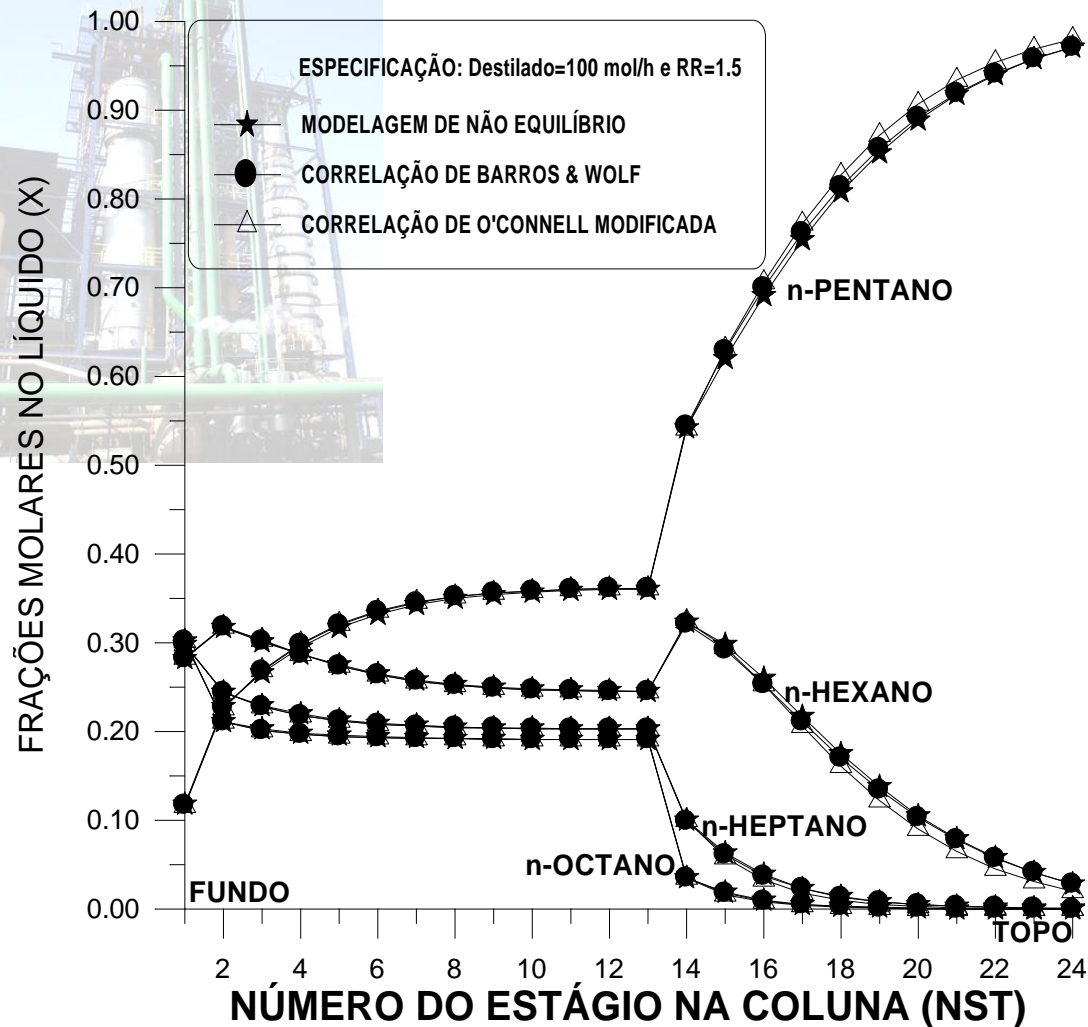


COMPLEX COLUMNS

- **SIDE STREAMS – LIQUID AND VAPOR PHASES**



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