



Production and characterization of green gasoline obtained by thermal catalytic cracking of crude palm oil (*Elaeis guineensis*, Jacq.) in a pilot plant

Produção e caracterização de gasolina verde obtida por craqueamento térmico catalítico de óleo de palma bruto (*Elaeis guineensis*, Jacq.) em uma planta piloto

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In this study was investigated the production and characterization of green gasoline obtained from crude palm oil (*Elaeis guineensis*, Jacq.), which was submitted at a process of thermal catalytic cracking in a pilot plant. The cracking reactions were carried out in a reactor of 143 L, operating in batch mode at 450°C and atmospheric pressure, using 20% (w/w) sodium carbonate (Na₂CO₃) as catalyst. The organic liquid product (OLP) obtained in the cracking was submitted the distillation in laboratory scale using a column vigreux type. The results show that the yields in OLP obtained in the presence of Na₂CO₃ were of 65.86%, with acid value of 1.02 mg KOH/g and an elevated formation of gas residual. In relating to the green gasoline this presented a low kinematic viscosity value of 0.72 (mm².s⁻¹) and acid value of 1.11 mg KOH/g. GC-MS analysis indicated in chemical composition of the green gasoline a percentage of 52.76% of hydrocarbon, of these 15.78% are paraffinic compounds, 31.54% of olefin, 3.50% of naphthenic and 1.94% of aromatic compounds.

Keywords: Thermal Catalytic Cracking, Palm Oil, Green Gasoline

Neste trabalho foi investigado a produção e caracterização de gasolina verde obtida a partir de óleo de palma bruto (*Elaeis guineensis*, Jacq.), o qual foi submetido a um processo de craqueamento térmico catalítico em uma planta piloto. A reação de craqueamento foi realizada em um reator de 143 L, operando em modo descontínuo a 450°C e pressão atmosférica, utilizando como catalisador o carbonato de sódio (Na₂CO₃) a 20% (p/p). O produto líquido orgânico (PLO) obtido no craqueamento foi submetido a destilação em escala laboratorial utilizando uma coluna do tipo vigreux. Os resultados mostram que, o rendimento em PLO obtido na presença de Na₂CO₃ foi de 65,86%, com acidez de 1,02 mg KOH/g e uma elevada formação de gás residual. Em relação a gasolina verde, esta apresentou baixa viscosidade cinemática cerca de 0,72 (mm².s⁻¹) e um valor de acidez de 1,11 mg KOH/g. A análise GC-MS indicou na composição química da gasolina verde uma percentagem de 52,76% de hidrocarbonetos, destes 15,78% são compostos parafínicos, 31,54% de olefina, 3,50% de naftênicos e 1,94% de compostos aromáticos. Palavras-chave: Craqueamento Térmico Catalítico, Óleo de Palma, Gasolina Verde

1 INTRODUCTION

The Earth Planet, has suffered big changes, physical and chemical, economic changes, social and environmental, due to population increase and an elevated dependence of fossil fuels [1]. The production routes of biofuels, such biodiesel and bio oils (bio-gasoline and green diesel), are being improved so they can substitute partially or totally the oil and its derivatives [2]. Such

biofuels are used mainly on transport vehicles, as well as in electrical energy generator engines [3].

The oils or triacylglycerols (TAG) and animal fat, pure or modified, has been applied on many ways of chemical products production, such as lubricants, biofuels, coatings, structural adhesives and others [4]. The application follows three strategies: the direct use on engines [5], the transesterification [6] and the cracking [7, 11, 12]. The process of cracking or pyrolysis is one of the most important processes on the oil refinery industry; the process is also useful on the production of biofuels obtained through biomass [8, 11, 12].

The pyrolysis or cracking of TAG, consists on the thermal decomposition of this raw material on the absence of oxygen or of any other oxygenated compounds [8, 9], as well as on the presence or absence of catalysts, resulting on a blend of compounds, mostly by linear hydrocarbons [2, 9, 10]. The process of cracking of vegetal oils is realized with the objective of to produce biofuels, that is, fractions of hydrocarbons that are similar to gasoline, kerosene and to diesel, of fossil origin [3]. Botton et al. (2012) [9] report about the disadvantage of the process cracking, due to its high acidity index, due to fatty acids with short chains.

Mancio et al. (2016) [10] studied the influence of catalyst content on the physical–chemical properties, yield, and chemical composition of organic liquid products (OLP) obtained by thermal catalytic cracking of palm oil (*Elaeis guineensis*, Jacq.). The experiments were carried in batch mode at 450°C using 5%, 10%, 15%, and 20% (w/w) Na₂CO₃ as the catalyst. The chemical composition of OLP was determined by gas chromatography–mass spectrometry (GC–MS). As the catalyst content increased, the kinematic viscosity of OLP decreased from 6.59 to 3.63 mm²s⁻¹ and the acid value from 51.56 to 1.26 mg KOH/g. The GC–MS analysis showed that OLP comprise hydrocarbons (normal paraffin, olefin, and naphthenic) and oxygenated compounds (carboxylic acids, alcohols, ketones, and esters).

Ahmad et al. (2016) [11] studied the production of biofuels from palm oil from the cracking reaction, using as catalyst some zeolites materials, that facilitated the selective conversion of substrates to green gasoline. In this study, the zeolite material Fe–Zn–Cu–ZSM-5 showed greater efficiency with yield of 59%, which can be assigned to higher content of loaded metal oxides as compared to the other synthesized catalysts.

Wiggers et al. (2009) [12] realized a thermal cracking of soy oil and fry oil at 525°C obtaining as results, products similar to gasoline and fractions of petroleum diesel. Dandik and Aksoy (1998) [13] measured the conversion of residual sunflower oil by cracking with temperatures between 400 and 420°C, using as catalysts, the sodium carbonate, aluminium silicate and HZSM-5, with the obtaining maximum percentage of liquid hydrocarbons about 32.8%, being confirmed the presence of hydrocarbons on the range of gasoline.

Twaiq et al. (2004) [14], studied the performance of materials containing ZSM-5 on the palm oil cracking, being those performances compared to HZSM-5 and MCM-41 catalysts, obtaining as result a conversion of the palm oil equal to 80% and a gasoline fraction yield of 38 to 47%.

In this work, the objective was to study the production and characterization of green gasoline, obtained by thermal catalytic cracking of crude palm oil (*Elaeis guineensis*, Jacq.) in a pilot plant using sodium carbonate as catalyst.

2 MATERIAL AND METHODS

2.1 Materials

Crude palm oil (*Elaeis guineensis* Jacq) was provided by Engefar Ltda (Ananindeua-Pará-Brazil). The crude palm oil has been physical-chemically characterized as described at Mota et al. (2014) [15] The sodium carbonate (Na₂CO₃), commercial soda ASH Light (D50), with purity of 98.0% (wt.) was the catalyst used in this work. It was supplied by Solvay Chemicals International SA (Brussels, Belgium) and has been characterized by FTIR spectroscopy, X-Ray diffraction and thermal analysis (thermal gravimetric analysis and differential thermal analysis) as described in the literature [15].

2.2 Experimental apparatus

2.2.1. Thermal catalytic cracking pilot plant

The experimental apparatus used in performing this work was a Thermal Catalytic Cracking Pilot Plant (Fig. 1), where the main equipment is the sludge bed reactor of carbon stainless steel with a capacity of 143 L. Mota et al.(2014) [15] describe in detail the pilot plant used in this study.



Figure 1: Thermal Catalytic Cracking Pilot Plant.

2.2.2 Distillation laboratory unit

The OLP was distilled into four fractions, in this paper we will present only the data of green gasoline. In the distillation laboratory used an experimental apparatus, consisting of an electrical heating mantle of 315 W (Quimis, Model: Q321A25/515), thermostatically controlled, a 1000 ml round bottom, three neck glass flask with outer joints of borosilicate, angled 20°, 24/40 sides, one side used to insert a long thin thermocouple of a digital thermometer and the other to collect samples, 24/40 center, connected to a distillation column (*Vigreux*) of three stages of borosilicate, bottom inner and top outer joint 24/40, connected to a Liebig condenser of borosilicate, bottom inner and top outer joint 24/40, of 700 mm length, attached to a borosilicate separator funnel of 250 ml, top outer 24/40 joint and glass Stopcock 19/38, and a cry-thermostatic bath (Quimis, Model Q214M2).

2.3. Experimental procedures

2.3.1. Thermal catalytic cracking

The experimental procedure thermal catalytic cracking of crude palm oil to obtain Organic Liquid Product (OLP) was performed as described by Mota et al.(2014) [15] under the following conditions: 450°C, 1 atm and 20% (w/w) of sodium carbonate as the catalyst.

2.3.2. Distillation of the OLP

After obtaining the OLP, this was subjected to a bench scale distillation using a *vigreux* column with three stage. In order to obtain a mixture of hydrocarbons in the gasoline range (bio-gasoline), the OLP was distilled in distillation ranges from 40 to 175°C, according to data found in literature [16, 17].

The OLP was heated gradually to enter in the distillation temperature range (40 to 175°C). Then, the distilled fraction was collected in a separator funnel with 250 ml capacity and stored in an amber glass bottles, as shown in Fig.2. The experimental procedure of fractional distillation of OLP consisted of five batches, aiming to obtain an

amount of fractions previously fixed for the analysis of physical-chemical characterization and composition.



Figure. 2: System of fractional distillation with thermal insulation.

2.3.3. Mass balance of the distillation process

It was applied the Eq. (1) to find out the yield of the distilled fraction green gasoline, as well as bottom products for all the distillation batches.

$$\text{Yield in distilled fractions} [\%wt.] = \frac{m_{DF}}{m_{OLP}} \times 100 \quad (1)$$

Where m_{DF} is the mass of distilled fractions (kg), and m_{OLP} is the mass of organic liquid products (kg).

2.4. Characterization of the distilled fraction

2.4.1. Physical-chemical characterization

The distilled fractions obtained after distillation have been physical-chemically characterized according to AOCS and ASTM official methods for Acid Value (AOCS Cd 3d-63), Content of FFA (AOCS Ca 5a-40), Saponification Value (AOCS Cd 3-25), Density at 25°C (ASTM D 854), Refractive Index (AOCS Cc 7-25), Kinematics Viscosity (ASTM 446 and ASTM D 2515), Flash Point (ASTM D93), Corrosiveness to Copper (ASTM D 130), carbon residue (ASTM D 4530) and Ester value, which is the difference between the saponification value and the acid value as described by Mancio et al. (2016) [10].

2.4.2. FT-IR spectroscopy

The distilled fractions have been analyzed by FT-IR Spectroscopy using a spectrometer (Shimadzu/Model: Prestige 21). The absorbance spectra were obtained within the interval 4000 – 400 cm^{-1} and resolution of 16 cm^{-1} with the aid of a KBr Window. The samples were dropped onto the KBr surfaces by using micropipettes in order spread the liquid to produce a uniform layer.

2.4.3. Distillation curve

The distillation curves of the distilled fractions have been obtained according to the official method (ABNT/NBR 9619) using an automatic distillation apparatus (TANAKA, Model: AD6).

2.4.4. GC–MS analysis

The GC–MS analysis of the distilled fractions was performed using a gas chromatograph coupled to a mass spectrometer (Shimadzu, Model: GCMS-QP2010 Plus), equipped with a capillary 30 m × 0.25 mm ID fused silica open tubular column (Rtx-5MS) coated with 0.25 μm (5% diphenyl–95% dimethyl-polysiloxane). SPME (solid phase microextraction) was performed using a manual micro-syringe, passing the needle through the sample vial septum, followed by exposure of a polymer-coated fused silica microfiber (PDMS-100 m) into the liquid sample. After adsorption of volatiles and semi-volatiles analytes, the microfiber was inserted into the GC–MS injection port to desorb the analytes onto the column. The carrier gas was hydrogen with a flow rate of 1.0 ml/min, split rate of 1/5, and the following temperature program was applied: Oven temperature 313 K; linear heating from 313 to 523 K (10 K/min). The injector and detector temperatures were 493 K and 513 K, respectively. To identify chemical compounds was performed with the aid the GC-MS solution Software and the NIST and Wiley Mass Spectral Libraries.

3 RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

3.1. Crude palm oil physical-chemical analysis

The crude palm oil was characterized, and the results are shown in the Table 1.

Table 1: Physical-chemical properties of palm oil.

Physical-Chemical Analysis	This Work
Density (Kg/m³)	900.00
Kinematic viscosity (mm²s⁻¹)	48.05
Acid value (mg KOH/g)	4.80
Saponification Index (mg KOH/g)	179.90
Index ester (mg KOH/g)	174.60
Refractive Index AD	1.46
Content of FFA* (%)	2.41

*FFA - Free fatty acids.

The crude palm oil presented physical-chemical properties in accordance to the Brazilian National Agency of Sanitary Vigilance (1999) [27], as well as to the physical chemical properties found at Akinola et al (2010) [18]. With the analysis of infrared of the palm oil, verified the presence of characteristic bands of functional groups such esters and carboxylic acids, which were confirmed by the presence of bands typical of those functions. Bands corresponding the range of 1300-1000 cm⁻¹ related to vibrations of CO axial deformation of esters, were observed. Also axial deformation bands CC(=O)-O- of esters of the α, β-unsaturated between 1300-1160 cm⁻¹, and the bands between 1734 and 1751 cm⁻¹, as well as, saturated aliphatic esters occurring between 1750 and 1735 cm⁻¹, the presence of carboxylic acids due to band width between axial strain OH (3300 and 2500 cm⁻¹), as well as the presence of the bands between 752-582 cm⁻¹ vibrations characterized as being angled out of plane deformation CH referring mononucleate aromatic compounds.

3.2. Characterization of the catalyst

The characterization of the catalyst, has been described by Mota et al. (2014) [15] and Mancio et al. (2016) [10]. The analysis shows characteristic bands of vibrations for the anion CO₃⁻², comprised between 1800 and 400 cm⁻¹, characteristic of carbonates of alkali metals and alkaline earth metals, in the X-ray diffraction analysis of the sodium carbonate, the compounds were identified according to the position 2θ for the most intense peak: 100% (38.05°) with spacing 2.36; 93% (37.92°)with spacing of 2.37, 90% (35.27°) with spacing of 2.54 and 84% (32.34°) with a spacing of 2.76 according to the file catalogs PDF 37-0451 and 08-0448.

3.3. Mass balances of the thermal catalytic cracking

The results of the parameters used in the cracking reaction of the crude palm oil expressed through mass balance of product, are described at Mota et al. (2014) [15]. It may be noted also that, the yield of the cracking reaction of palm oil, catalysed by Na_2CO_3 20% (wt), in this work, was higher than the yield parameter of OLP, compared with data of the literature, for example, Mancio et al. (2016) [10] and Umakanta et al. (1998) [19], which used Na_2CO_3 at 20% and 5% in the cracking reaction of the crude palm oil and oil *Spirulina platensis*, respectively, achieving a yield of 42 % and 51.6% in liquid biofuel (OLP) respectively.

Table 2 shows the results of parameters obtained in the distillation step of the OLP, which was generated in the cracking reaction using Na_2CO_3 20% (w/w) as well as the number of distillations performed. It should be emphasized that after the completion of the distillation, the distillate products related to gasoline range (40-175°C) second [16, 17], were mixed for subsequent analysis.

Table 2: Parameters obtained in laboratory scale distillations.

Process Parameters	batch				
	1st	2 nd	3rd	4th	5th
Initial mass of OLP(g)	633.72	786.67	722.65	615.73	653.37
Initial time of operation (h)	16:37	14:04	16:12	13:04	15:00
Initial temperature of operation (°C)	27	28	35	30	91
Initial time of distillation (h)	16:48	14:18	16:22	13:18	15:12
Initial temperature of distillation (°C)	122	130	112	105	102
Final time of operation (h)	17:55-	15:15	17:36	14:43	16:35
Final temperature of operation (°C)	175	175	175	175	175
Green gasoline mass (g)	39.82	17.44	33.75	39.39	31.69
Yield (%)	6.28	2.21	4.67	6.39	4.85

In relation to the initial temperature of the distillation of the OLP, it can be reported that, it is suffered variations, with values between 102°C to 130°C, due a different distribution ranges of hydrocarbons in the sample collected after the thermal catalytic cracking. Moreover, it was observed that in the cracking reaction in this work, when compared with data found in the literature, at relation to mass yield in gasoline fraction, this is was very low, confirming the specificity of sodium carbonate to form hydrocarbons of long-chain. For example in Twaiq (2004) [14], which obtained a yield of 38 to 47% at gasoline fraction using ZSM-5 as catalyst, while in the present study it was obtained only 10% of green gasoline.

3.4. Physical and chemical properties of the products

The data in Table 3 show the physical-chemical properties of the OLP produced in the pilot plant and distilled fraction (green gasoline).

Table 3: Physical-chemical properties of the products obtained after the thermal catalytic cracking and distillation.

Process Parameters	Cracking OLP	Fraction Green gasoline
Density (kg/m ³)	790.00	690.00
Viscosity (mm ² s ⁻¹)	2.02	0.72
Acid value (mg KOH/g)	1.02	1.11
Saponification numbe (mg KOH/g)	14.35	12.96
Ester content (mg KOH/g)	13.33	11.85
FFA content (%)	0.51	0.55
Refractive index	1.44	1.40
Flash point (°C)	85.10	2.10
corrosivity	1A	1A
Carbon residue (%)	0.64	n.r

FFA - Free fatty acids; n.r. – not rated.

3.5. Infrared of the products

The results of the infrared spectra of palm oil, of the organic liquid product (OLP) and of the green gasoline (Fig. 3) reflected the appearance and disappearance of the bands associated with functions such as esters, carboxylic acids, hydrocarbons in the conversion of palm oil to OLP and then green gasoline. They enable the analysis of the behavior of physical-chemical properties of the products obtained. As previously described in item 2.4, the infrared spectrum of the oil showed characteristic bands of esters, as well as broad-band characteristics in position and carboxylic acid (3468, 2927 and 1748 cm⁻¹).

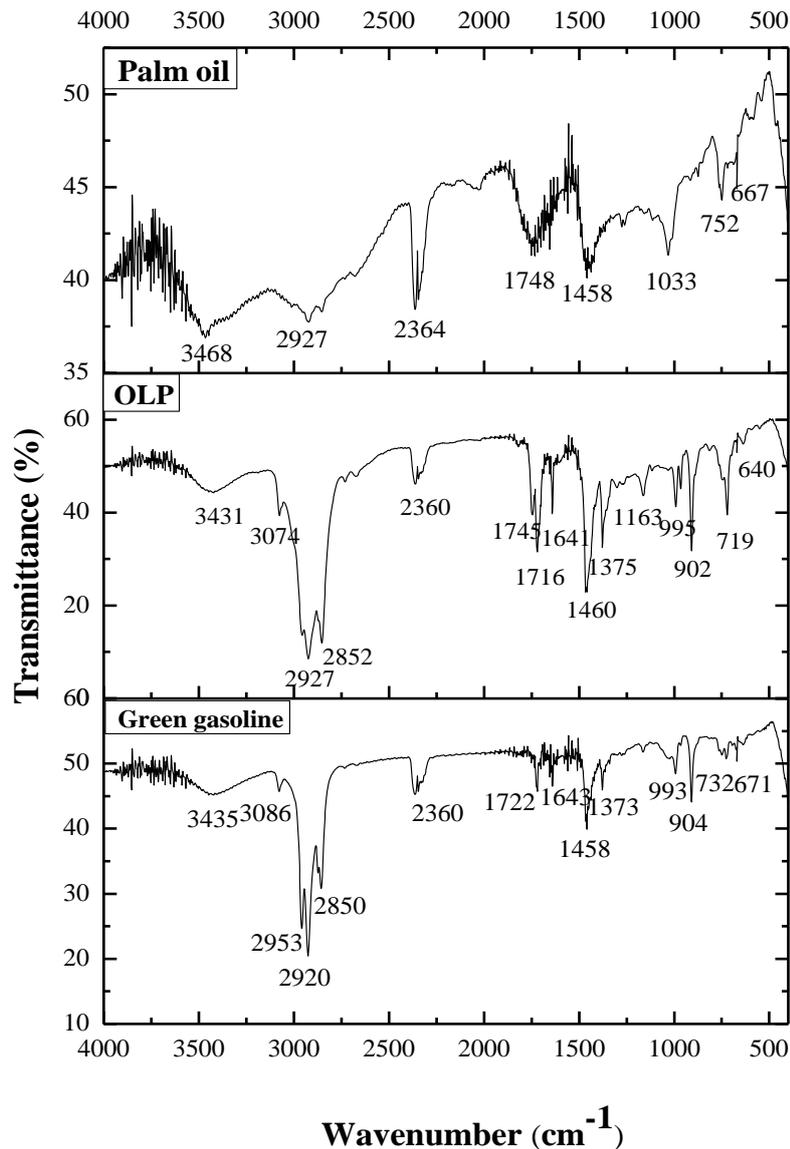


Figure 3: Infrared spectrum of palm oil, OLP and green gasoline before and after Thermal Catalytic Cracking and after distillation.

In the spectrum of OLP produced is emphasized the displacement or disappearance of some bands, especially those esters of the corresponding triglycerides, such as bands 1748 cm^{-1} , $1164\text{-}1031 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ as well as esters of secondary alcohols which occurs more or less at 1100 cm^{-1} . In addition to these aforementioned bands between 1734 and 1751 cm^{-1} , which correspond to the presence of aliphatic saturated occurring between 1750 and 1735 cm^{-1} . Due to this displacement, the appearance of bands such as 1375 , 1722 and 1716 cm^{-1} , corresponding to functions of carboxylic acids, ketones, and hydrocarbons, confirming the breakdown of triglyceride molecules, and the formation of oxygenated and non-oxygenated, as a function of cracking primary [22, 23]. The presence of bands between $3000\text{-}2840 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ corresponding to the normal alkane hydrocarbons function associated with the presence of these 1375 cm^{-1} band relating to the deformation vibration of CH angular methyl groups, confirms the presence of the saturated alkanes in the OLP produced. The infrared spectrum of the green gasoline showed characteristic bands of saturated hydrocarbons, like vibration characteristic bands of axial deformation of CH region $3000\text{-}2840 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ corresponding function hydrocarbons, normal

alkanes to more accurately associated with these is the presence of the 1373 cm^{-1} band relating to the deformation vibration of CH angular methyl groups [23, 24].

3.6. Distillation curve

The Fig.4 corresponding to distillation curve of the green gasoline, the percentage of which to 10% of distillate recovered, the distillation temperature is slightly higher than the value required (About 65°C) standard by Agência Nacional de Petróleo, Gás Natural e Biocombustíveis (ANP/Brazil), but for all other values such as 50%, 80%, 90% and 100% of distillate recovered values are consistent with a standard distillation curve, thus confirming the efficiency of the production process for this distillate fraction.

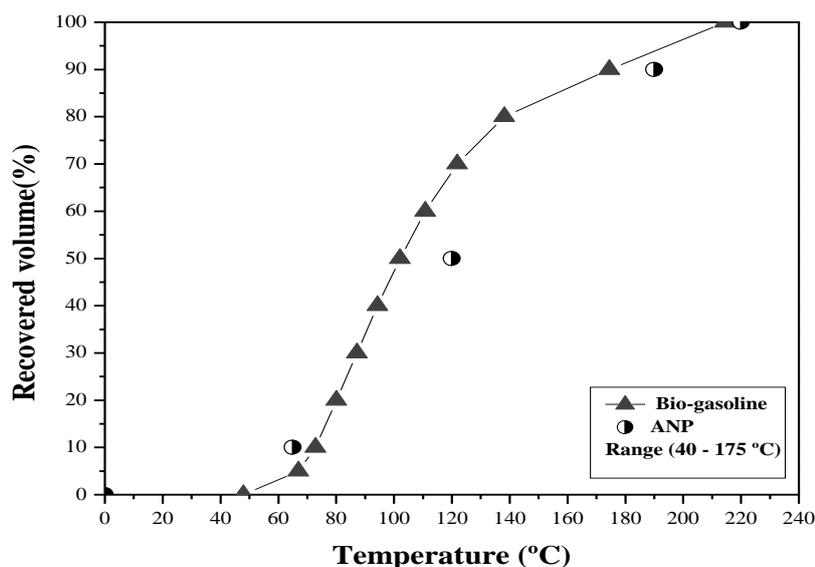


Figure 4: Distillation curve of the distilled fraction in the range $40\text{-}175^{\circ}\text{C}$.

3.7. Chromatographic analysis of the product (green gasoline)

The GC-MS analysis of the green gasoline was conducted using a gas chromatograph coupled with a mass spectrometer as described in section 2.4.4. The chromatogram related to biofuel obtained in the distillation range $40\text{-}175^{\circ}\text{C}$ (Fig. 5) through the analysis indicates the presence of the major peaks and their retention times, which are mainly present in the ranges between 2.5 and 7,5 min, and between 15 and 20 minutes (Table 4) in the presence of short hydrocarbons and long chains being predominant short chain hydrocarbons.

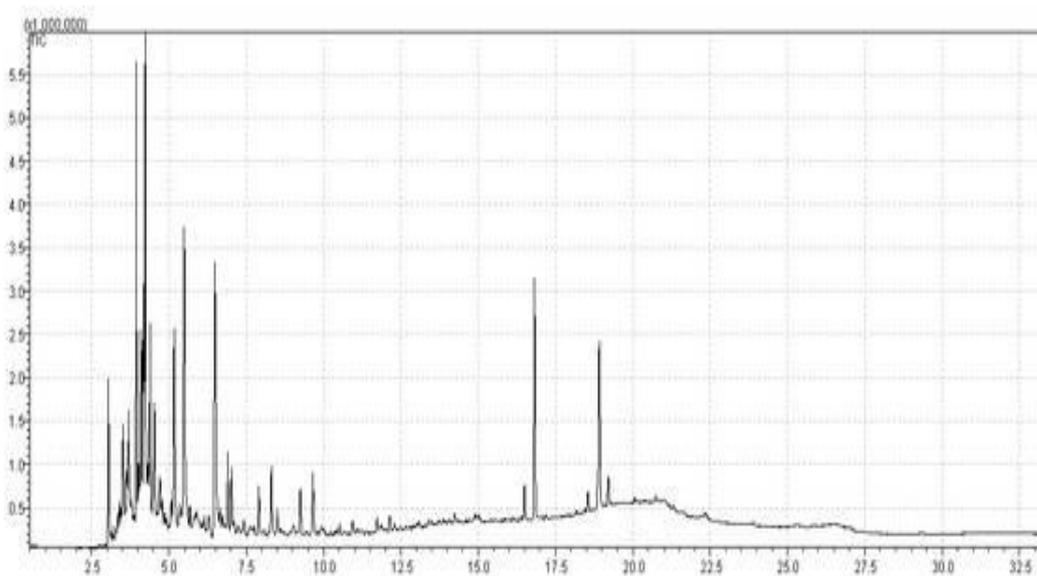


Figure 5: Chromatogram of biofuel regarding the range 40-175 ° C.

With the retention times observed in Table 4, it can be stated that the ranges present of hydrocarbons are between C6 and C28, with higher amounts in the range of C9 through C12. One can also note that the latter is exactly the size range of hydrocarbon chains present in petroleum-derived gasoline [16, 17].

Table 4: Retention times (RT) intensity, levels and identification of peaks found in the distillation range 40-175°C (green gasoline).

Molecular Formula	Retention Time	Peak area	Area [%]
C6H12O	3.044	3991950	2.91
C8H12	3.183	532751	0.39
C9H16	3.357	1285290	0.94
C10H18	3.397	793185	0.58
C9H16	3.442	1045292	0.76
C14H20NO3	3.512	4485016	3.27
C10H20	3.621	2811641	2.05
C9H13NO2	3.701	4470623	3.26
C7H14O	3.800	1301907	0.95
C11H24	3.948	10584663	7.71
C13H28	4.022	2376871	1.73
C7H14O	4.096	7289476	5.31
C13H26	4.181	6338579	4.62
C11H22	4.232	13711276	9.99
C16H30	4.342	2955432	2.15
C11H22	4.392	4886833	3.56
C13H26	4.525	4767103	3.47
C9H12	4.706	2665167	1.94
C12H24	4.783	602232	0.44
C11H20	4.863	261040	0.19
C6H11ClO	5.078	803520	0.59
C12H26	5.175	6188510	4.51
C11H20	5.369	972407	0.71
C10H22O	5.491	11894395	8.67
C12H24	5.683	441585	0.32
C6H12O2	6.485	12741466	9.29
C12H16	6.662	586731	0.43
C13H26	6.903	2189696	1.60
C9H18O	7.015	1847082	1.35
C16H34	7.909	1339282	0.98
C14H28	8.311	1867430	1.36
C10H20O	8.504	785298	0.57
C15H32	9.249	1172095	0.85
C15H32	9.657	1655949	1.21
C19H38	12.142	374176	0.27
C15H30O	16.500	928483	0.68
C18H36O2	16.819	7128233	5.20
C16H22O4	18.554	462567	0.34
C20H38O2	18.917	5859739	4.27
C20H36O2	19.210	801964	0.58
C6H12O	3.044	3991950	2.91

The gas chromatography analysis (GC/MS) coupled with a mass balance, enabled the identification of the composition, as well as the percentage of each substance present in green gasoline (Table 5), among which are the normal paraffins, naphthenic, olefin, aromatic and oxygenated compounds whose calculated percentages were 52.76% of hydrocarbon and 47.24% of oxygenates, confirmed by [16,17].

Table 5: Chemical compositional analysis of fraction 40-175° C for the content of oxygenates and hydrocarbons.

Parameters	Amount (%)
Hydrocarbons	52.76
Normal paraffin	15.78
Naphthenic	3.50
Aromatics	1.94
Olefin	31.54
Oxygenates	47.24

It may be emphasized that despite the high content of oxygenates present in the green gasoline, these basically correspond to ketones, alcohols and esters having a very small quantity of carboxylic acids, as confirmed by physical and chemical analysis and the spectrum of IR. To the non-oxygenated hydrocarbon, the analytical results showed a high content of olefinic compounds about 59.78% of the total of hydrocarbon, and 29.87% in normal paraffinic, 6.63% in naphthenic and 3.68% in aromatics. This result is confirmed by Hua (2008) [23], since the content found by Hua (2008) [23] was 84%, predominantly in C5 and C6. While in this study the predominant olefinic compounds were found between C9 and C13 [23, 25]. It should also be noted that green gasoline produced is presented within the specifications established by [26] in relation to the composition of olefinic compounds, since the percentage thereof compared to the total composition corresponds to the 31.54%, and required a maximum of 45% by the regulatory agency (ANP). It can be noted that the green gasoline produced need to be optimized, since, to low concentration of aromatic compounds and naphthenic can influence the resistance to detonation, but green gasoline produced, presents other compounds, such as normal paraffin, the that implies in greater stability or resistance detonating.

4 CONCLUSION

The thermal catalytic cracking of palm oil using sodium carbonate 20% (w/w) and 450 °C in a pilot scale, which generated a dark organic liquid product called OLP despite generated hydrocarbons in the range of gasoline, the reaction was not as efficient, especially in relation to the performance parameter, and in the composition of green gasoline, which presented a high oxygenate content. However, in relation to other parameters of the OLP, the reaction was considered positive, since the properties of density, kinematic viscosity, acid value, amongst others is within the range specified by the Brazilian regulatory agencies [26], as well as, consistent with data in the literature. The bio-gasoline obtained after distillation of the PLO showed a composition of 52.76% of hydrocarbons (15.78% of normal paraffinic, 3.5% naphthenic, 1.94% of aromatics and 31.54% of olefin) and 47.24% of oxygenates.

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