



# Analysis of musts and wines by means of a bio-electronic tongue based on tyrosinase and glucose oxidase using polypyrrole/gold nanoparticles as the electron mediator

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## ABSTRACT

A bioelectronic tongue (bioET) based on combinations of enzymes (tyrosinase and glucose oxidase) and polypyrrole (Ppy) or polypyrrole/AuNP (Ppy/AuNP) composites was built up and applied to the analysis and discrimination of musts and wines. Voltammetric responses of the array of sensors demonstrated the effectiveness of polymers as electron mediators and the existence of favorable synergistic effects between Ppy and the AuNPs. Using Principal Component Analysis and Parallel Factor Analysis it was possible to discriminate musts according to the °Brix and TPI (Total Polyphenol Index), and wines according to the alcoholic degree and TPI. Partial Least Squares provided good correlations between the bioET output and traditional chemical parameters. Moreover, Support Vector Machines permitted to predict the TPI and the alcoholic degree of wines, from data provided by the bioET in the corresponding grapes. This result opens the possibility to predict wine characteristics from the beginning of the vinification process.

## 1. Introduction

During the last years, multi-parametric techniques are gaining interest in oenological applications because they make possible to assess many parameters in a single experiment. The most commonly used techniques are Near Infrared, FTIR or NMR which have been used to determine sugar content, acidity or sulfurose content, among other parameters (Buratti et al., 2011; Friedel, Patz, & Dietrich, 2013; Hayasaka, Black, Hack, & Smith, 2017; Musingarabwi, Nieuwoudt, Young, Eyéghè-Bickong, & Vivier, 2015). Electronic tongues (ETs) are also multi-parametric systems that combine a multisensor system formed by a number of non-selective sensors with chemometric tools (Baldeón et al., 2015; Lvova et al., 2016; Rodríguez-Méndez, 2016; Peris & Escuder-Gilabert, 2016; Smyth & Cozzolino, 2013). ETs based on voltammetric sensors have been successfully used to analyze wines at different levels (fermentation, aging, variety of grape or fraudulences among many others) (Apetrei et al., 2012; Cetó et al., 2017; Gil-Sánchez et al., 2011; Giménez-Gómez et al., 2016; Pigani et al., 2011; Prieto et al., 2011; Rudnitskaya, Rocha, Legin, Pereira, & Marques, 2010; Rodríguez-Méndez et al., 2014). Some works have also been dedicated to the analysis of grapes and their phenolic maturity (Medina-Plaza et al., 2016). However, there are no reports on the capability of an ET to

establish correlations or predictions between the characteristics of grapes and that of wines elaborated from them. Such a difficult task requires the development of an improved electronic tongue with enhanced capabilities. In order to improve the sensitivity and cross-selectivity of the sensors, a possible strategy is to introduce bioelectronic sensors, to form the so-called bioelectronic tongues (bioET). BioETs combine the advantages of classical ETs, which provide overall information about the sample, with the specificity induced by biosensors (Ghasemi-Varnamkhasti et al., 2012; Medina-Plaza et al., 2016; Toko, 2013; Zeravik, Hlavacek, Lacina, & Skládál, 2009). BioETs dedicated to wines include phenoloxidases specific for the detection of phenols (e.g. tyrosinase, laccase or peroxidase) and enzymes specific for the detection of sugars (glucose oxidase or fructose dehydrogenase) (Cetó, Capdevila, Mínguez, & del Valle, 2014; Gutiérrez-Capitán et al., 2014; Medina-Plaza et al., 2015). However, in these works, the enzymatic activity is not very high and the peaks corresponding to the enzymatic process are weak.

In order to enhance the enzymatic signals, enzymes must be combined with appropriate electron mediators. Conducting polymers or gold nanoparticles have demonstrated to be excellent electron mediators in biosensors (Apetrei & Apetrei, 2013; Mavrikou, Flampouri, Iconomou, & Kintzios, 2017). In previous works, we have demonstrated

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that phthalocyanines and AuNPs combined with conducting polymers improved electrochemical responses in sensors and biosensors for phenols analysis (García-Hernández et al., 2015; García-Hernández, García-Cabezón, Martín-Pedrosa, De Saja, & Rodríguez-Méndez, 2016). Moreover, electropolymerization of conducting polymers onto electrode surfaces accompanied by in situ synthesis of AuNPs offers an easy way to fabricate composites combining both electron mediators that further will facilitate transfer kinetics process.

In this work, a bioET dedicated to the analysis of grapes and wines has been build up. For this purpose, an array of biosensors containing enzymes (glucose oxidase and tyrosinase) specialized in the detection of two of the main components usually analyzed to establish the quality of grapes and wines (glucose and phenols) was developed. The multi-sensor system was formed by tyrosinase or glucose oxidase biosensors containing polypyrrole (Ppy) and polypyrrole/AuNP composites (Ppy/AuNP) as electron mediators. In order to further increase the cross-selectivity, sensors were prepared in two different substrates, platinum (Pt) and Stainless Steel (SS).

The bioET was used to establish correlations between the quality of grapes and the characteristics of the wines obtained from those grapes. Different chemometrics tools –Principal Component Analysis (PCA), Parallel Factor Analysis (PARAFAC), Partial Least Squares regression (PLS-1) and Support Vector Machine (SVM) were used to discriminate between grape juices (musts) and wines elaborated from different varieties of grapes, to establish correlations between the results obtained from the electronic tongue and the chemical parameters obtained using classical chemical methods and to predict the quality of the wines from the data obtained in musts.

## 2. Materials and methods

### 2.1. Reagents and solutions

Pyrrrole, dodecylbenzenesulfonic acid sodium salt (DBSA), tetrachloroauric acid and potassium chloride were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich (St. Louis, MO, USA). Solvents were of reagent grade and used as supplied. Solutions were prepared by dissolving substances in deionized water (resistivity of  $18.2 \text{ M}\Omega\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) obtained from a Milli-Q system (Millipore, Billerica, MA, USA).

Glucose oxidase (GOx) (from *Aspergillus niger*, type VII, activity  $\geq 100 \text{ U}\cdot\text{mg}^{-1}$ ) and tyrosinase (Tyr) (from mushroom, activity  $\geq 1000 \text{ U}\cdot\text{mg}^{-1}$ ) were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich.  $5 \text{ mg}\cdot\text{mL}^{-1}$  solutions of enzymes were prepared in buffer phosphate  $0.01 \text{ mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$  (pH 7.0).

### 2.2. Grapes, musts and wines samples

Red grapes were harvested in September 2014 from the vineyards “Bodega Cooperativa de Cigales” and “Instituto Tecnológico Agrario de Castilla y León (ITACyL)”, both located in Castilla y León area (Valladolid, Spain). Varieties under study were Cabernet, Garnacha, Tempranillo, Juan García, Mencía Secano, Mencía Regadío, Prieto Picudo and Rufete.

Musts were prepared by crushing 200 berries during one minute. Then, musts were fermented and bottled. Musts and the corresponding wines elaborated from these musts were analyzed in The Oenological Centre of Castilla y León (Valladolid, Spain). Brix degree, alcoholic degree and the Total Polyphenol Index (TPI) were analyzed following international regulations (International Organisation of Vine and Wine, 2011). Results are collected in Table 1.

### 2.3. Preparation of the electrochemical sensors and biosensors

The bioET consisted of an array of eight electrodes based on Polypyrrole (Ppy) films doped with dodecylbenzenesulphonic acid (DBSA) obtained by electropolymerization on both platinum (Pt) and

**Table 1**

Average chemical parameters measured in musts and wines following international procedures.

Sample #	Variety	Musts		Wines	
		°Brix	TPI	°Alcoholic	TPI
1	Cabernet	22.4 ± 2	24 ± 3	13.0 ± 0.8	57 ± 3
2	Garnacha	20.2 ± 2	17 ± 2	11.4 ± 0.8	41 ± 3
3	Juan García	19.8 ± 2	24 ± 2	11.4 ± 0.8	41 ± 3
4	Mencía Regadío	21.9 ± 2	19 ± 2	12.0 ± 0.8	44 ± 3
5	Mencía Secano	22.7 ± 2	19 ± 2	12.8 ± 0.8	54 ± 3
6	Prieto Picudo	22.0 ± 2	26 ± 2	12.5 ± 0.8	46 ± 3
7	Tempranillo	22.8 ± 2	24 ± 2	13.3 ± 0.8	53 ± 3
8	Rufete	20.2 ± 2	27 ± 2	11.1 ± 0.8	39 ± 3

stainless steel 316L (SS) substrates (García-Hernández et al., 2015). Electropolymerizations and voltammetric measurements were carried out using a Parstat 2273 potentiostat/galvanostat (EG&G, Oak Ridge, TN, USA).

Pt and SS disks (1 mm diameter) were used as working electrodes, the reference electrode was  $\text{Ag}|\text{AgCl}/\text{KCl } 3 \text{ mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$  and the counter electrode was a platinum sheet with a surface of  $1 \text{ cm}^2$ . The disks were polished with  $0.3 \mu\text{m}$  alumina suspension using a microcloth polishing pad and rinsed with deionized water in an ultrasonic bath.

The Ppy films were deposited onto the electrode surface from a solution containing  $0.2 \text{ mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$  pyrrole and  $0.1 \text{ mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$  DBSA using chronopotentiometry (CP) with a constant current of  $0.02 \text{ mA}\cdot\text{cm}^{-2}$  during 300 s. In the case of Ppy/AuNP composites, AuNPs were generated in situ and inserted in the polymeric film during polymerization and growth, using the pyrrole-DBSA solution mixed 1:1 with a solution containing  $10^{-3} \text{ mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$  tetrachloroauric acid and applying the same experimental conditions than for Ppy films ( $0.02 \text{ mA}\cdot\text{cm}^{-2}$  during 300 s) Once prepared, films were washed thoroughly with deionized water. Morphology and size of the AuNPs in the as-prepared Ppy/AuNP films have been studied by scanning electron microscopy (SEM). As expected, the average size of the AuNPs was about 30–40 nm and the nanoparticles were uniformly dispersed in the polymeric matrix showing a spherical shape. (García-Hernández et al., 2015).

Biosensors were prepared by depositing the enzymes GOx or Tyr onto the Ppy and Ppy/AuNP films by casting  $5 \mu\text{L}$  of  $0.01 \text{ mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$  phosphate buffer (pH 7.0) containing  $5 \text{ mg}\cdot\text{mL}^{-1}$  of the corresponding enzyme. After drying at room temperature, the process was repeated. Then, biosensors were immersed in glutaraldehyde (2.5% v/v, buffer solution) for 5 min and dried in air at room temperature. The biosensors were then rinsed with phosphate buffer to remove any unbound enzyme and stored at  $4^\circ\text{C}$ .

Using these procedures Ppy-GOx, Ppy/AuNP-GOx, Ppy-Tyr and Ppy/AuNP-Tyr biosensors were prepared onto two types of substrates, platinum (Pt) and stainless steel (SS), obtaining thus, an array formed by eight sensors.

### 2.4. Voltammetric measurements

Voltammetric measurements were carried out in a three conventional cell using the sensors and biosensors as working electrodes, the reference electrode and the counter electrode were the same as in the case of the polymerization procedure. Cyclic voltammetry was carried out from  $-1.0 \text{ V}$  to  $+0.8 \text{ V}$  (vs  $\text{Ag}|\text{AgCl}$ ) at a scan rate of  $0.1 \text{ V}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$ . Musts and wines were diluted 1:1 in potassium chloride solution ( $0.3 \text{ mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$ ). Four replicas per sample were carried out ( $16 \text{ samples} \times 4 \text{ repetitions} = 64 \text{ samples}$ ).

### 2.5. Chemometrics

Voltammograms were normalized and pre-processed with an adaptation of a data reduction technique based on ‘kernels’ (Gutiérrez-

Osuna & Nagle, 1999; Prieto et al., 2011). Using this method, voltammograms were “sliced” in 10 variables that were used as the input for statistical analysis. Thus, the array provided 80 data from each sample (8 sensors  $\times$  10 kernels).

The statistical analysis was performed by using Matlab v2014b (The Mathworks Inc., Natick, MA, USA) and The Unscrambler v9.7. (CAMO Software AS, Oslo, Norway). Two non-supervised multivariate methods, Parallel Factor Analysis (PARAFAC) and Principal Component Analysis (PCA) were used to evaluate the discrimination capability of the electronic tongue and to compare the results obtained in grapes and wines. Partial Least Square Regression-1 (PLS-1) was used to establish correlations between the results obtained from the bioET and the chemical parameters given by the Oenological Centre of Castilla y León (Valladolid, Spain). Finally, Support Vector Machine (SVM) was used to predict the quality of the wines from the measurements made in musts.

### 3. Results and discussion

With the aim to obtain a bioET dedicated to the analysis of musts and wines, biosensors specialized in the detection of phenols and sugars (two of the main indicators of the quality of grapes and wines) were developed. The array of sensors was used to analyze grape juices (musts) prepared from different varieties of grapes and the corresponding wines elaborated from those musts.

Voltammograms were characterized by broad peaks whose intensities and positions were determined by the nature of the sensor (enzyme, modifier and substrate) and of the type of sample. The cross-selectivity of the sensors included in the array is illustrated in Fig. 1. It is important to remark that the first cycle was always different from the rest, but after 5 cycles, the signals were stabilized and a decrease lower than a 5% in 15 consecutive cycles was observed. However, once the electrodes were withdrawn from the must/wine solution, proteins, sugars and other wine components were adhered to the sensor surface and sensors could not be reused.

As shown in Fig. 1a, the enzymatic activity of tyrosinase and glucose oxidase induces an important degree of selectivity in the sensor responses. In particular, in the intensity and position of cathodic wave that reflects the consumption of  $O_2$  to produce  $H_2O_2$  at  $-0.6$  V (in the case of GOx) (Jugović et al., 2016) or the reduction of the oxidized quinoid species to the phenolic form at  $-0.8$  V in the case of Tyr

(Kirsanov, Mednova, Vietoris, Kilmartin, & Legin, 2012). Fig. 1b illustrates the remarkable increase in intensity observed when the composite Ppy/AuNPs was used as electron mediator demonstrating the existence of synergistic effects when two electrocatalytic materials are mixed. Finally, in Fig. 1c, the influence of nature of the substrate is illustrated. As observed in the figure, platinum facilitates the electron transfer causing an increase in the intensity of the electrochemical response.

Fig. 1d and e illustrate the responses obtained from wines and musts. The electrochemical responses of musts were characterized by a broad anodic peak at ca. 0.2–0.5 V. The response of wines showed a redox pair at negative potentials with a large separation between the anodic and cathodic waves. The dissimilar responses in wines and musts are due not only to their different chemical nature but also to their different viscosity and conductivity.

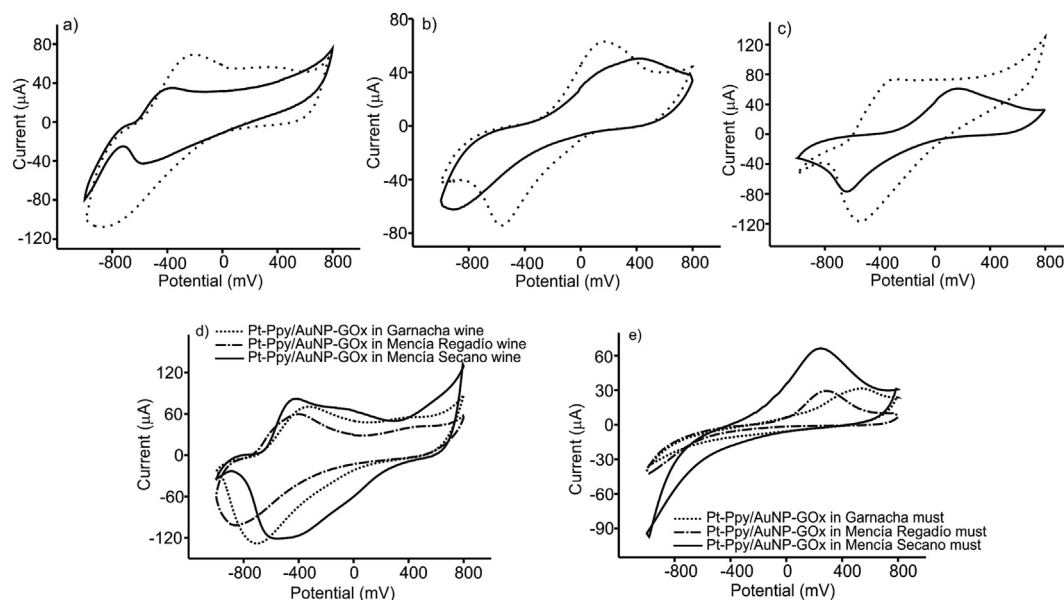
The positions of the peaks changed from one must to another (or one wine to another), depending on the variety of grape. Voltammograms thus reflect the different composition of the samples, mainly in concentration of redox components such as polyphenols and also differences in ionic composition (including protons) which affect the interchange of ions across the polymer/solution interface during oxidation/reduction process. The variety of responses obtained, allowed us to obtain an array of biosensors with a high degree of cross-selectivity.

#### 3.1. Chemometric analysis

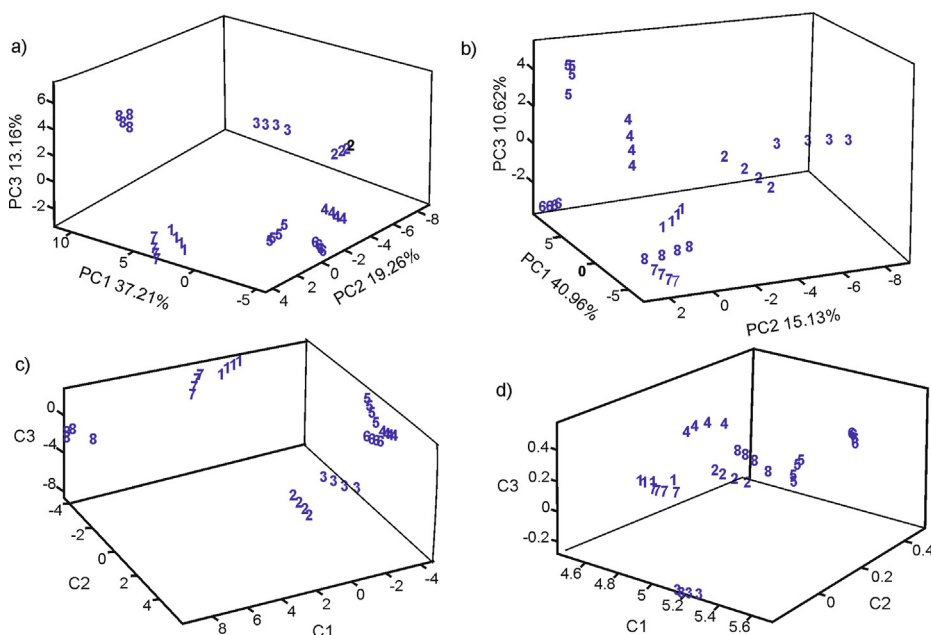
The outputs of the array of sensors were preprocessed to obtain 10 variables per sensor (Gutiérrez-Osuna & Nagle, 1999). These variables were used as the input for statistical analysis.

##### 3.1.1. Discrimination capability of the array: PCA and PARAFAC

Principal Component Analysis (PCA) was used to evaluate the capability of the bioET to discriminate wines and musts according to the variety of grape. PCA scores plots for wines (Fig. 2a) showed well-defined and separated clusters for each variety of grape. Clusters were distributed in the plot according to the alcoholic degree and TPI (Table 1). Thus, Rufete (8) wine (with the lowest values of alcoholic degree and TPI) was clearly separated from the rest of wines. Garnacha (2) and Juan García (3) varieties with the same values of alcoholic



**Fig. 1.** (a) Pt-Ppy/AuNP-Tyr (dotted line) and Pt-Ppy/AuNP-GOx (solid line) immersed in Rufete wine; (b) SS-Ppy/AuNP-GOx (dotted line) and SS-Ppy-GOx (solid line) immersed in Rufete wine and (c) Pt-Ppy/AuNP-GOx (dotted line) and SS-Ppy/AuNP-GOx (solid line) immersed in Cabernet wine. (d) Voltammetric responses obtained in wines of different varieties of grapes and (e) Voltammetric responses obtained in musts of different varieties of grapes.



**Fig. 2.** (a) 3D PCA score plots of the bioET obtained from voltammetric responses in wines; (b) 3D PCA score plots of the bioET obtained from voltammetric responses in musts; (c) 3D PARAFAC score plots of the bioelectronic tongue obtained from voltammetric responses in wines and (d) 3D PARAFAC score plots of the bioelectronic tongue obtained from voltammetric responses in musts. 1: Cabernet, 2: Garnacha, 3: Juan García, 4: Mencía Regadío, 5: Mencía Secano, 6: Prieto Picudo, 7: Tempranillo and 8: Rufete.

degree and TPI were in the same region. Cabernet (1) and Tempranillo (7) varieties with the highest values in TPI and alcoholic degree also appear closer and separated from the rest. The captured information was 69.64% (PC1 = 37.21%; PC2 = 19.26%; PC3 = 13.16%).

In the case of musts (Fig. 2b), first three principal components explained the 67.2% of the information (PC1 = 40.96%; PC2 = 15.13%; PC3 = 10.62%). The position of the clusters could not be unequivocally related to the °Brix and/or TPI. However, interesting similarities between the relative positions observed in musts with the positions of the clusters obtained in wines were observed. For instance, also in musts, Cabernet (1) and Tempranillo (7) appear close together. Mencía Regadío (4), Mencía Secano (5) and Prieto Picudo (6) were also located nearby. Garnacha (2) and Juan García (3) also appeared together.

This similarity in the results obtained in wines and in musts used to prepare the wines could indicate that the bioET could be used to establish correlations between the quality of grapes and the wines produced from them.

Given the three-way nature of the data (samples  $\times$  kernels  $\times$  sensors), the information contained in the voltammetric responses was extracted by multi-way modelling using PARAFAC (Kirsanov et al., 2012). Using the core consistency diagnostic tool and the corresponding residual sum of squares (Bro & Kiers, 2003) three components were able to describe our PARAFAC model. Fig. 2c and 2d show the PARAFAC score scatter plot on three factors, obtained for wines and musts respectively. In the case of PARAFAC the error, in terms of root-mean-square error (RMSE), is the parameter used to confirm the model. In our case low RMSEs were found when performing PARAFAC: 0.687 in the case of wines and 0.089 in the case of musts.

PARAFAC results corroborate the outputs obtained with the two-way PCA. For instance, scatter plot for wines (Fig. 2c) showed that samples were grouped according to their TPI and alcoholic degree. In the case of musts (Fig. 2d) the PARAFAC model also corroborated the results obtained with PCA, but some explicit differences could be observed because in this case, discrimination was clearly linked to the °Brix. For example, Cabernet (1) and Tempranillo (7) musts with the same TPI and °Brix values appear so close that seem to be overlapped, whereas the must Juan García (3) that shows the same TPI but different °Brix appeared separated. Similarly, Garnacha (2) and Rufete (8) samples with the same °Brix but a very different TPI, appeared close one from each other. Finally, Juan García with the lowest °Brix was located quite separated from the rest.

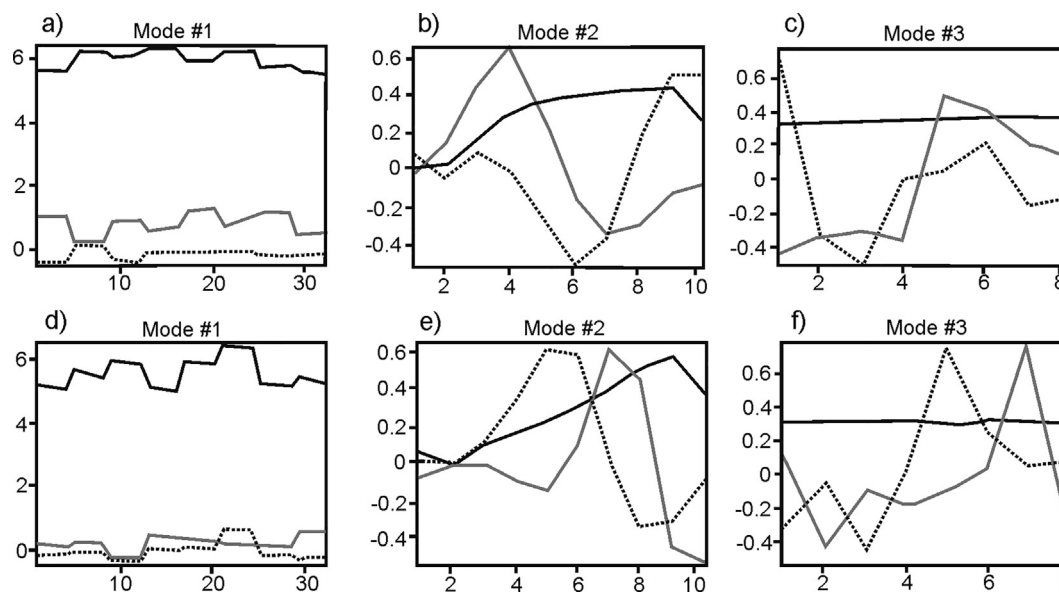
PARAFAC analysis was also used to obtain information about the data structure by means of Mode plots. Mode plots display in a simple and interpretable manner the relevant information and the sources of data variability. Given the three-way nature of the bioET data (samples  $\times$  kernels  $\times$  sensors) three Mode plots are analyzed: Mode 1 gives information about the contribution of the samples to the three components, Mode 2 about the contribution of kernels and Mode 3 about the contribution of the sensors and the cross-selectivity. Fig. 3 corresponds to Mode plots obtained for wines (upper figures) and musts (lower figures) samples and lines black, grey and dotted refer to first, second and third component, respectively.

Mode 1 plots (Fig. 3a and d) indicate that the first Principal Component (black line) is bringing the most relevant information. The information contained in the second (grey line) and third (dotted line) components is relatively small. Mode 2 shows the contribution of the 10 kernels (the 10 sections in which voltammograms are divided after applying Kernel functions). A difference between wines and musts can be observed (Fig. 3b and e). In the case of wines (Fig. 3b) kernels 3–10, are the most important contributors to the first principal component. This means that almost the whole voltammogram (except kernels 1 and 2, corresponding to the left part of the voltammograms) contribute to the capability of discrimination of the bioET. This is in good agreement with the shapes of voltammograms shown in Fig. 1 for wines, were it can be observed that positions and shapes of the peaks depend on the type of wine and the variety of grape. In the case of musts, Mode 2 (Fig. 3e), kernels 5 to 10 bring more information than kernels 1–4. Again, this can be easily explained taking into account that at positive potentials, the oxidation of many components of musts such as phenols takes place. Finally, Mode 3 (Fig. 3c and f) demonstrates that all sensors contribute equally to the first principal component, and confirms the important degree of cross-selectivity of the sensors forming the array.

### 3.1.2. Correlations of the chemical composition: Partial Least Squares and Support Vector Machines regression

As it has been stated before, ETs give an overall view of the samples, however, the signals provided by ETs, can be correlated with the chemical composition of the samples using regression techniques. Table 2 collects the statistical parameters obtained from the Partial Least Squares PLS-1 regression models correlating the output of the bioET with chemical analytical parameters measured in musts and wines. Models were validated by means of the “leave-one-out” method. Good





**Fig. 3.** Mode plots obtained from PARAFAC analysis in wines (a-c) and musts (d-f). Mode #1: Contribution of the samples, Mode #2: Contribution of the 10 kernels, Mode #3: Contribution of the sensors. Red: Component 1, Blue: Component 2 and Yellow: Component 3.

**Table 2**

Statistical parameters obtained for the PLS-1 regression models established between the chemical parameters and the bioET.

Must					
Parameters	$R_C^{2a}$	RMSE <sub>C</sub> <sup>b</sup>	$R_P^{2c}$	RMSE <sub>P</sub> <sup>d</sup>	Number of components
TPI	0.8751	1.5379	0.7687	2.1602	3
Brix	0.9390	0.2845	0.8455	0.4675	3
Wines					
Parameters	$R_C^{2a}$	RMSE <sub>C</sub> <sup>b</sup>	$R_P^{2c}$	RMSE <sub>P</sub> <sup>d</sup>	Number of components
TPI	0.9442	1.5192	0.8874	2.2273	3
Alcoholic degree	0.9268	0.2103	0.8615	0.2985	3

<sup>a</sup> Squared correlation coefficient in calibration.

<sup>b</sup> Root mean square error of calibration.

<sup>c</sup> Squared correlation coefficient in prediction.

<sup>d</sup> Root mean square error of prediction.

correlations (in both calibration and prediction) were found for the TPI, the Brix degree, which are chemical parameters usually used to evaluate the quality of grapes. Similarly, correlations were found with the alcoholic degree and the TPI which are usual markers of the quality of wines. The good correlations can be attributed to the working principle of our bioET that shows specificity towards phenols (improved by the presence of tyrosinase) and sugars (improved by the presence of GOx). The good correlation with the alcoholic degree of a wine can be due to the fact that the alcoholic degree is directly related with the sugar

**Table 3**

TPI and alcoholic degree predicted in wine samples after applying the regression models previously performed by SVM.

Sample	TPI predicted in wine by means of SVMR	TPI obtained by traditional methods	Relative error  %	Alcoholic degree predicted in wine by means of SVMR	Alcoholic degree obtained by traditional methods	Relative error  %
Cabernet	56.9	57	0.2	13.00	13.03	0.2
Garnacha	43.7	41	6.6	11.69	11.36	2.9
Juan García	40.3	41	1.7	11.39	11.40	0.1
Mencia Regadio	44.1	44	0.2	12.04	12.01	0.2
Mencia Secano	53.1	54	1.7	12.66	12.81	1.2
Prieto Picudo	46.2	46	0.4	12.52	12.48	0.3
Rufete	41.5	39	6.4	11.42	11.13	2.6
Tempranillo	52.8	53	0.4	13.24	13.28	0.3

content of the grapes used to elaborate them.

### 3.1.3. Support Vector Machine (SVM)

It is well known that the characteristics and quality of a wine depend in a large extent on the characteristics and quality of the grapes used in the elaboration. In this work, the bioET was used to predict chemical characteristics of wines from voltammograms collected in grapes. For this purpose, Support Vector Machine Regression (SVMR) was used to predict the total polyphenol index (TPI) and the alcoholic degree of wines from data measured using the bioET in grapes. Two data matrices were developed: the “X” matrix (predictors) was constructed using the data from musts registered using the bioET and a “Y” matrix (responses) contained data of chemical parameters (TPI or alcoholic degree) of wines. The SVMR models were created using SVM type: Regression (epsilon SVR), kernel type: Linear, C value: 1, weights: All 1.0 and cross validation segments size: 10, in all cases. Prediction values of TPI and alcoholic degree obtained after creating the regression models were close to those obtained by means of traditional methods. SVMR models showed coefficients of correlation of 0.9899 in the calibration and 0.9469 in the prediction in the case of TPI, with errors of 0.7095 in the calibration and 1.6353 in the prediction. In the case of the alcoholic degree, the coefficients of correlation were 0.9910 in the calibration and 0.9536 in the prediction with errors of 0.0836 in the calibration and 0.1833 in the prediction.

After the SVMR model was constructed, the regression models were used to predict the TPI and the alcoholic degree of wines samples that were not included in the creation of the model. Results are shown in Table 3 versus the experimental results obtained by traditional

chemical methods.

#### 4. Conclusions

A bioET combining biosensors sensitive to phenols and sugars has been developed. The use of Ppy/AuNPs as the electron mediator increases the sensitivity and cross-selectivity of the sensors, improving in this way the performance of the array of biosensors. The results revealed that using PCA and PARAFAC it was possible to discriminate samples according to the variety of grape. PLS-1 regressions showed good correlations with the chemical parameters. Using SVMR it has been possible to predict the TPI and the alcoholic degree of wines, from data provided by the bioET in the corresponding grapes. This result is of great interest for the food industry and has advantages with respect to already existing methods because it opens the possibility to predict some of the characteristics of the final wine, from the beginning of the process and in a single measurement.

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#### Conflict of interest

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