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Sugars quantification using an Electronic Tongue: multivariate calibration with a genetic algorithm for sensor selection.

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Sugar analysis contributes to the assessment of their impact on the human health and their physiological effects, allowing to better understand their relation with sensory attributes and acting on quality control and authenticity of food products [1,2]. Although, several analytical methods are routinely used in the identification and quantification of sugars in foods, in general, these methods have several disadvantages such as, slowness of the analysis, high consumption of chemicals and the need for destructive pretreatments of samples. The development of new reliable methods have been proposed [3] to avoid these disadvantages and, in this follow-up, it was decided to apply a potentiometric electronic tongue, built with cross-selectivity polymeric sensors that were selected considering the sensitivities towards sugars, previously reported [4]. The analysis of sugars (glucose, fructose and sucrose) in this study aimed to establish an analytical methodology and mathematical framework to quantify these compounds. For this purpose, analyzes were performed using standard solutions of ternary mixtures of these sugars, by applying an orthogonal experimental design to establish different concentration levels [5]. It was then made an exploratory data analysis using principal component analysis to verify data variability. To establish a multiple linear relationship between the concentration of sugars and the potentiometric signals obtained by the electronic tongue, a genetic algorithm was used to select the best subset of sensors and cross-validation with K-folds, to optimize the model in prediction. Satisfactory results were obtained in each sugar analysis. For instance, the multiple linear regression model for fructose analysis allowed to have, by cross-validation using K-folds (dividing analytical data randomly into 7 groups), a R^2_{adjusted} above 0.99 and RMSE less than 0.5. Moreover, the linear relationship between the predicted values by the obtained model and the respective fructose experimental values allowed to obtain a slope of 0.98 ± 0.02 (close to unity) and an intercept value statistically equal to zero.

The multisensor system used proved to be a suitable tool for the analysis of sugars, when present in majority concentrations and alternative to the instrumental reference methods, such as HPLC. It allowed to decrease the time and price of each analysis, and also, to reduce sample preparation work and eliminate pollutants in the analysis procedure.

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OBJECTIVES

ELECTRONIC TONGUE ANALYSIS

QUANTIFY 3 SUGARS IN MIXED SOLUTIONS: glucose, fructose and sucrose

INTEREST:

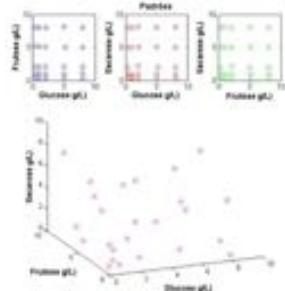
- impact on the human health and their physiological effects, allowing to better understand their relation with sensory attributes and acting on quality control and authenticity of food products

TERNARY MIXED SOLUTIONS

ORTHOGONAL EXPERIMENTAL DESIGN

≠ CONCENTRATION LEVELS

0,2 – 8 g/L
Glucose
Fructose
Sucrose



ELECTRONIC TONGUE DATA

EXPLORATORY ANALYSIS

PRINCIPAL COMPONENT ANALYSIS

MULTIPLE LINEAR REGRESSION

GENETIC ALGORITHM
select the best subset of sensors

CROSS-VALIDATION with K-folds

ELECTRONIC TONGUE (taste sensor array)

Chemical sensors with high stability and cross sensitivity to different species in solution

OBTAIN signal pattern which corresponds to the overall information on the sample

APPLY chemometric methods for multivariate calibration

ALLOW multicomponent analysis

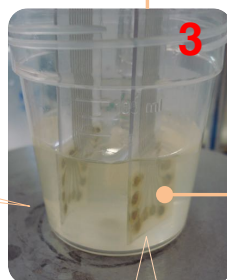
POTENTIOMETRIC DEVICE (all-solid-state electrodes)

20 lipid polymeric membranes
Ag/AgCl reference electrode



MULTI-SENSOR ANALYTICAL SYSTEM:

- 1 - PC for data acquisition;
- 2 - DataLogger Agilent;
- 3 - Etongue device;
- 4 - Magnetic stirrer.



Analysis with two sensor arrays: 40 sensors



COMPOSITION OF

LIPID POLYMERIC MEMBRANE:

31.9-32.3% of PVC
64.7-65.2% of one of the plasticizers
2.8-3.2% of one membrane additive

MEMBRANE ADDITIVE SUBSTANCE

- [1] Octadecylamine
- [2] Oleyl alcohol
- [3] Methyltriethylammonium chloride
- [4] Oleic acid

PLASTICISER SUBSTANCE

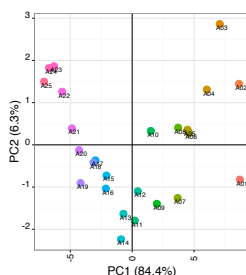
- [A] Bis(1-butylpentyl) adipate
- [B] Dibutyl sebacate
- [C] 2-Nitrophenyl-octylether
- [D] Tris (2-ethylhexyl) phosphate
- [E] Bis (2-ethylhexyl) ftalate

25 MIXED SOLUTIONS

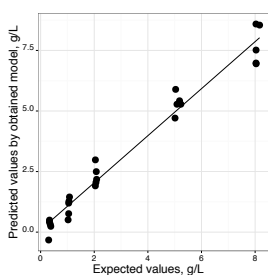
Sugars standards dissolved in water according to an experimental design

ELECTRONIC TONGUE RESULTS: MULTIVARIATE ANALYSIS

PRINCIPAL COMPONENT ANALYSIS using all sensors selected for the calibrations



MULTIPLE LINEAR REGRESSION MODEL



GENETIC ALGORITHM FOR SENSOR SELECTION

K-FOLD (7 FOLDS) CROSS-VALIDATION

Compound	N sensors	Results for the K-FOLDS cross-validation		Relation between expected and predicted by model ^{†1}		
		RMSE (g/L)	R ²	Slope (± sd)	R	R ² _{adjusted}
Glucose ^{†2}	17	0.85 (± 0.57)	0.88 (± 0.30)	0.998 (± 0.009)	0.997	0.981
Fructose ^{†3}	16	1.57 (± 0.57)	0.84 (± 0.23)	0.99 (± 0.02)	0.994	0.987
Sucrose ^{†4}	15	1.06 (± 0.18)	0.92 (± 0.06)	0.99 (± 0.02)	0.997	0.994

^{†1} Intercept without statistical significance;

^{†2} sensors selected: S2, S6, S8, S16, S18, S22, S24, S25, S28, S30, S31, S32, S34, S35, S36, S37, S38;

^{†3} sensors selected: S1, S4, S8, S9, S15, S18, S19, S21, S22, S23, S24, S27, S32, S33, S36, S39;

^{†4} sensors selected: S1, S2, S4, S5, S9, S15, S18, S19, S22, S23, S28, S30, S31, S32, S36.

CONCLUSION

The proposed approach can be used as a practical tool for the analysis of sugars, when present in majority concentrations and an alternative to the instrumental reference methods, such as HPLC.

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