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Abstract—Quantifying phenolic compound in peated barley malt and discriminating its origin are essential to maintain the aroma of high-quality Scottish whisky during the manufacturing process. The content of the total phenol varies in peated barley malts, which is critical in measuring the associated peatiness level. Existing methods for measuring such phenols are destructive and/or time consuming. To tackle these issues, we propose in this paper a novel nondestructive system for fast and effective estimating the phenolic concentrations and discriminating their origins with the near-infrared hyperspectral imagery and machine learning. First, novel ways of data acquisition and normalization are developed for robustness. Then, the principal component analysis (PCA) and folded-PCA are fused for extracting the global and local spectral features, followed by the support vector machine (SVM) based origin discrimination and deep neural network based phenolic measurement. In total 27 categories of peated barley malts from eight suppliers are utilized to form thousands of spectral samples for modelling. A classification accuracy up to 99.5% and a squared-correlation-coefficient up to 98.57% are achieved in our experiments, outperforming a few state-of-the-art. These have fully demonstrated the efficacy of our system in automated phenolic measurement and origin discrimination to benefit the quality monitoring in the whisky industry.

Index Terms—Phenolic compound measurement; origin discrimination; near infrared (NIR) hyperspectral imagery; peated barley malt; machine learning.

I. INTRODUCTION

Hyperspectral imaging (HSI), or image spectroscopy, combines spectroscopy with conventional 2-D imaging to take the advantage of spectral characterization of each pixel in imaging an object. With the concept first derived in [1], HSI aims to identify the surface materials in a form of images. Afterwards, HSI has been successfully applied in many remote sensing tasks, including precision agriculture [4], land-cover analysis [5], military surveillance [6] and mineral exploration [7]. Owing to its additional radiance spectrum information for each pixel, HSI has become an emerging technique for nondestructive inspection and assessment in a wide range of lab-based new applications, e.g. food quality control [8], medical diagnosis [9], forensics [10] and artwork authentication [11], etc. Moreover, HSI has also been successfully applied in other image processing and machine learning tasks, such as object detection and material identification [12].

As a high-quality spirit drink exclusively produced in Scotland, Scotch whisky has been exported to 175 countries and regions around the world, accounting for nearly a quarter of all UK food and drink exports [13]. Due to its high commercial value, maintaining high quality standards during production are of primary interest to the Scotch whisky industry. Flavor character is the key factor, which comes both naturally from raw materials and is generated through the production process. Peated Scotch whiskies differ from others in terms of smoky flavor that depends on the length of time that the malted barley is exposed to the smoke during the drying process in a kiln [14]. Volatile phenolic compounds in the peat smoke adhere to the surface of the malted barley and are carried through the production process, resulting in the characteristic smoky taste for many whiskies.

Large parts of the Scottish countryside are covered in peat bogs, where dried peat has a long history of utilization as a heating fuel. Peat from different regions introduces various taste notes and adds additional variety to the rich tastes of Scotch whiskeys [15]. Depending on the flavor requirements, distilleries use peated barley malt from different origins with various peated levels. Distillers usually define a peated level in terms of Phenol Parts per Million (ppm), which often measures the collective concentration of a range of phenolic compounds by traditional chemical analytics methods e.g. spectrophotometric techniques and high-performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) [16]. Therefore, the combined total of all phenolic compounds is used as a marker to the degree of peatiness of the malted barley. However, those existing methods don’t measure the phenols on the peated barley malt itself. Rather, they rely on a pre-distillation step to extract the phenols followed by analyzing the resulting distillate, which is destructive and time consuming. For the benefit of the Scotch Whisky industry, it is of value to develop a fast, accurate and nondestructive technique to determine the phenol levels in the

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peated barley malt and trace the origin of the peated barley malt.

In recent years, a wide range of machine learning algorithms have been successfully applied for HSI based food quality inspection and grading applications. Noviyanto et al. [17] proposed a multi-stage model including noisy band elimination, spectral normalization and hierarchical classification, to classify the honey botanical origin with the k-nearest neighbor (KNN) and support vector machine (SVM) classifiers. Erkinbaev et al. [18] built an artificial neural network (ANN) to predict wheat hardness from HSI data. Han at al. [19] assessed the aflatoxin on peanut from HSI with the convolutional neural network (CNN). In [20], a random forest model was used to classify four types of bruising degrees of an apple. Comparing with the conventional chemical analysis, HSI and machine learning has two advantages, i.e. fast data acquisition and non-destructive testing. However, the analytics performance may be affected by the way of data acquisition and modelling.

In the past, HSI has been used to detect the concentration of phenolic compounds in skins/stems of grapes [21] and seeds [22]. However, applying HSI for nondestructive measurement of phenolic compound in peated barley malt has not been fully explored. Although some preliminary works [23, 24] have shown the potential of using HSI to analyze the peated barley malt, they have some major drawbacks, especially the limited category number of peated barley malt and impractical experimental settings to have both the training and testing data from the same hypercube. Moreover, the phenolic compounds show few salient features on their rich but noisy spectral profiles, which brings a fundamental challenge in this context.

To tackle the aforementioned issues, in this study, a novel nondestructive HSI-based system is developed for real-time origin discrimination and phenolic measurement of peated barley malt in accordance with industrial conditions. The proposed system has been successfully applied for estimating the total phenol levels and distinguishing 27 categories of peated barley malt provided by 8 suppliers. To the best of our knowledge, this is the first time that the sophisticated data acquisition and feature extraction methods are proposed and combined for extracting both global and local spectral features, followed by various machine learning models for classification of the origins and prediction of the phenolic levels. With the excellent results produced, the proposed system can be potentially applied in real production lines for benefitting the quality monitoring in the whisky industry.

The main contributions of this paper are highlighted below:

1) We propose a fast, accurate and nondestructive testing system for phenolic measurement and origin discrimination of peated barley malt, which is essential for accurate flavor control and traceability in the Scotch whisky industry;

2) A new way of data acquisition and a new data analysis framework are proposed for consistently spectral measurement of phenolic levels. After applying the joint bilateral filter to reduce the data noise, the principal component analysis (PCA) and folded PCA are fused to extract both the global and local spectral features;

3) We have carried out comprehensive experiments on 27 categories of 6750 spectral samples of the peated barley malt from 8 suppliers, where useful discussions and conclusions are achieved. This includes the identified best routines i.e. support vector machines (SVM) based origin discrimination and deep neural network (DNN) based phenolic level prediction.

The rest of this paper is organized as follows. Section II introduces the proposed system. Section III describes the experimental settings including data analysis models and evaluation criteria. Section IV presents the experimental results and discussions. Finally, some concluding remarks are drawn in Section V with some future prospects.

II. MATERIAL AND METHODS

A. Imaging system

The hyperspectral data is acquired by an NIR-HSI camera, InnoSpec RedEye 1.7, which covers a spectral range of 950-1760 nm with a spectral resolution of 10 nm. The NIR-HSI camera operates in the push-broom mode, where the lens of the camera faces downwards and scans only a single line at a time. The light source is provided by 8 tungsten halogen light sources with the exposure time of 2.5 ms and 3 watts each, which are equally split into two sets and hang on either side of the camera. The objects to be scanned are moved with a translational stage underneath the camera at an even speed. With a working distance of 24 cm, the speed of the translational stage is set to 15 mm/s and the length of path is 20 cm. There are 320 pixels per line, and each pixel contains 256 spectral responses. 36 noisy bands in the wavelength ranging of 1680-1760 nm are removed, resulting in 220 bands remained for spectral analysis.

B. Sample preparation

The peated barley malt grains used in this study are provided by 8 maltsters and distilleries in Scotland, forming 27 categories with the range of the total phenolic concentration varies from 0 ppm (unpeated) to 189.2 ppm (heavily peated) as detailed in Table I. The concentration of the total phenol, including phenol, guaiacol, o-creosol, m/p-creosol, methyl-guaiacol, ethyl-phenol and ethyl-guaiacol, differs in these categories. Although some categories have similar total phenols, the individual phenolic flavor compounds may vary significantly. As a result, origin discrimination is critical for peated barley malts selection and flavor control of Scotch whisky. In addition, as distilleries use the total phenol concentration as an indicator to the phenol level of the malted barley [11], this study focuses on estimating the concentration of total phenol rather than individual compounds.

During kilning, a bed of malted barley is exposed to the peated smoke. During this natural process, the amount of phenols on the surface of each grain is usually inconsistent. As a result, measuring the single spatial point with a plain NIR cannot fully represent the concentration of each grain. To this end, in our study, grains are spread out in a container to maximize their surface, where the average concentration is calculated to represent the spectra of the batch.

For each category, we prepare one container of peated barley malts for training dataset acquisition and another for
testing data acquisition. To mitigate the effects of the ambient light and inconsistency between the training and testing dataset, each container of peated barley malts is scanned 4 times where with the container rotated in 4 different direction (0°, 90°, 180°, 270°) to form four hypercubes. The obtained 4 hypercubes will be pre-processed and stacked in a pixel-wise manner to produce a stacked image data pool for training or testing. The mean spectral samples are generated as follows. Let M denote the number of pixels in the selected region of interest (ROI), we randomly selected one pixel in every s pixels as representative spectral samples, for either training or testing. When M=50000 and s=200, we will have 250 spectral samples extracted from the hypercube. For 27 categories of peated barley malts, in total 6750 spectral samples are collected to form either the training or the testing data pool. The selection of s will affect the classification results, which is discussed in Section IV. The statistics of training and testing dataset used for three machine learning models with s=200 is given in Appendix Table A.

C. Sample analysis

Fig. 1 shows an example spectrum of one category of the peated barley malt samples, in which the blue curve denotes the mean spectrum of all the valid pixels selected from a ROI in the green region of a pseudo-colored image of the peated barley malt (top right), and the red fill depicts the standard deviation (std). In the bottom-left, a normalized histogram of all pixels at a specified wavelength of 1424nm is also given. As seen, the standard deviation on all the bands is almost the same, and the

| Category | Supplier | Phenol | Guaiacol | m/p-Cresol | o-Cresol | 4-Methyl guaiacol | 4-Ethyl phenol | 4-Ethyl guaiacol | Total Phenols |
|----------|----------|--------|----------|------------|----------|------------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|
| 1        | Malster A| 45.6   | 1.8      | 20.2       | 3.9      | 3.1              | 8.2           | 3.0            | 85.9          |
| 2        | Malster A| 0.1    | 0.0      | 0.0        | 0.0      | 0.0              | 0.0           | 0.0            | 0.1           |
| 3        | Distillery A| 14.7  | 1.8      | 6.7        | 2.5      | 0.7              | 3.6           | 1.6            | 31.6          |
| 4        | Distillery A| 33.0  | 3.3      | 15.2       | 5.7      | 1.2              | 8.0           | 4.7            | 71.0          |
| 5        | Distillery A| 25.1  | 2.2      | 10.7       | 3.7      | 1.3              | 5.4           | 3.0            | 51.4          |
| 6        | Distillery A| 19.6  | 1.7      | 7.5        | 2.8      | 0.6              | 3.0           | 1.4            | 36.6          |
| 7        | Distillery A| 16.7  | 1.5      | 6.4        | 2.3      | 0.4              | 3.6           | 2.0            | 32.9          |
| 8        | Distillery A| 27.4  | 2.3      | 12.4       | 4.7      | 0.8              | 6.1           | 2.5            | 56.2          |
| 9        | Distillery A| 20.6  | 1.9      | 8.3        | 3.1      | 0.0              | 3.9           | 2.1            | 39.9          |
| 10       | Distillery A| 24.8  | 2.3      | 10.2       | 3.7      | 1.0              | 4.2           | 1.0            | 47.2          |
| 11       | Distillery A| 11.3  | 0.1      | 3.2        | 1.1      | 6.2              | 2.4           | 1.4            | 25.6          |
| 12       | Distillery A| 26.3  | 2.0      | 11.6       | 3.6      | 0.0              | 5.3           | 6.2            | 55.0          |
| 13       | Distillery B| 18.3  | 1.5      | 6.1        | 1.5      | 2.2              | 2.8           | 0.0            | 32.4          |
| 14       | Distillery B| 12.9  | 0.0      | 4.4        | 0.9      | 0.0              | 1.4           | 0.0            | 19.6          |
| 15       | Distillery C| 4.7   | 0.0      | 0.2        | 0.0      | 0.0              | 0.3           | 0.0            | 5.3           |
| 16       | Distillery D| 37.0  | 2.9      | 11.4       | 3.3      | 0.0              | 4.5           | 1.8            | 61.0          |
| 17       | Distillery D| 40.4  | 4.4      | 17.7       | 4.4      | 3.8              | 6.9           | 2.4            | 80.1          |
| 18       | Distillery D| 40.7  | 4.5      | 19.0       | 5.1      | 2.9              | 9.6           | 3.5            | 85.3          |
| 19       | Malster D| 51.3   | 5.2      | 24.4       | 6.4      | 4.4              | 11.7          | 7.0            | 110.4         |
| 20       | Malster D| 0.1    | 0.0      | 0.0        | 0.0      | 0.0              | 0.0           | 0.2            | 0.2           |
| 21       | Malster E| 0      | 0        | 0          | 0        | 0                | 0             | 0              | 0             |
| 22       | Malster E| 66.5   | 4.6      | 31.2       | 8.6      | 1.4              | 12.6          | 5.2            | 130.0         |
| 23       | Malster F| 11.1   | 0.5      | 3.3        | 1.0      | 0.3              | 1.4           | 0.0            | 17.6          |
| 24       | Malster F| 25.2   | 1.3      | 8.3        | 1.7      | 1.9              | 3.4           | 2.1            | 43.8          |
| 25       | Malster F| 60.0   | 3.7      | 24.0       | 5.9      | 3.0              | 9.0           | 5.4            | 111.1         |
| 26       | Malster F| 83.8   | 6.2      | 34.1       | 7.7      | 6.0              | 12.7          | 4.8            | 155.4         |
| 27       | Malster F| 101.3  | 7.3      | 42.9       | 10.2     | 4.6              | 15.8          | 7.0            | 189.2         |

Table I: Description of 27 categories of malted barley in ppm.

Fig. 1. Spectral profile of ROI with the histogram at certain wavelength

reflectance value of all pixels in a given band appears nearly a Gaussian distribution. As the noise follows a zero-mean normal distribution, the sigma of this Gaussian distribution is about 0.15, indicating a very low signal-to-noise ratio (SNR).

In addition, the main spectral characteristics of the peated barley malts in this study are visualized in Fig. 2 (a), where the highlighted important bands are explained according to some related studies\textsuperscript{1,2} [1, 3] as follows.

In [1], the phenol is shown in three absorption bands close to 880nm, 1130nm and 1660nm, with the highest absorptivity at 1130nm and lowest at 1660nm (Fig. 3(a)). Although our HSI

\textsuperscript{1} https://spectrabase.com/spectrum/Lqer4LFqcZo

\textsuperscript{2} https://spectrabase.com/spectrum/CkVWlQpzCOW
camera cannot detect the spectral information below 880nm, the reflectance intensity drops at about 1131.7nm and 1657.3nm, as highlighted in green boxes. As indicated in [3], the O-H groups and C-H groups can represent the main characteristics in the phenolic compounds. Although our HSI camera cannot see the information above 1700nm, the absorption bands of two O-H groups, located close to 1200nm and 1459 nm (Fig. 3(b)) as highlighted in red boxes, match the findings in [3] (Fig. 2(a)). According to the spectra data provided by a public database, PubChem \(^1\), the main absorption bands of m/p-cresol occur at 1140nm and 1380-1450nm (Fig. 3(c)), which is highlighted in blue boxes with the quick dropping down of the reflectance intensity in Fig. 2(a).

Moreover, the weight of each band is calculated using the ‘ReliefF’ analysis with 10 nearest neighbors per class [25]. For robustness, we randomly select 10 groups of spectral samples for analysis, and the averaged weights are obtained as ranked importance of the corresponding bands and shown in Fig. 2(b).

As seen in Fig. 2 (b), the important bands have been highlighted in different colors, where each of them corresponds to a peak in the plotted curve of band weights. Due to lack of detailed spectral information of all individual phenolic compounds, peaked weights at some bands cannot be fully explained. In fact, the chemical characteristics of peated barley malt is very complicated, as any band can contribute more or less to its chemical properties. Therefore, it is very difficult to select one or several representative bands for the purpose. For the data from various maltsters and distilleries, there is neither strictly linear relationship between the reflectance value and the associated phenol concentration nor salient characteristics for each category of peated barley malts. To this end, more sophisticated features are needed to extract the underlying
patterns of the data for characterizing the NIR spectrum of the scanned peated barley malt grains.

D. Multi-stage data processing

In this section, multi-stage data processing is applied in our proposed framework to extract the representative features for analyzing the spectral data. As illustrated in Fig. 4, this process includes four main modules, i.e., pre-processing, region of interest (ROI) extraction, data selection, feature extraction and fusion as detailed below.

1) Pre-processing

After data acquisition, three pre-processing steps are applied to the HSI for spectral calibration, spatial denoising and spectral correction sequentially as detailed below.

Spectral calibration: During the data acquisition, the lighting conditions may vary slightly within a hypercube or apparently between different datasets across the scan lines. To tackle such inconsistency and keep the effect of light conditions constant, light calibration is utilized by transforming the raw radiance spectra $s$ to the reflectance spectra $r$ as follows:

$$r = \frac{s - d}{w - d}$$

where the dark reference spectra $d$ is acquired by capturing without any light exposure to the NIR-HSI camera, which can estimate the shot noise of the camera. The white reference spectra $w$ is acquired by capturing an optimally reflective white surface, e.g., Spectralon, aiming to estimate the light sensitivity to the current illumination and normalize the signal.

The spectra of the peated barley malt depends not only on the chemical absorption but also the physical light scattering on the surface of the objects. As the surface of barley grains is very rough, the light exposure of different regions varies. Therefore, shadow effects as well as diverse light scattering may appear and result in poor results of classification and regression. To tackle these issues, joint bilateral filtering (JBF) [2] and standard normal variate (SNV) [26] are employed to smooth and denoise the data in the spatial domain and also to eliminate the scatter distortion in the spectral domain, respectively.

Spatial denoising: As a non-linear method, bilateral filtering smooths images whilst preserving edges by fusing domain and range filtering together. In [2], an improved joint bilateral filtering (JBF) method is proposed for HSI data, which is also used in this paper to spatially smooth the data. Given a HSI data $D \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times J \times B}$, $I$ and $J$ are the spatial size of $D$ and $B$ is the number of spectral bands. The JBF result of the input data $D$ at the location $(i,j)$ of band $b$ can be obtained by:

$$D_{\text{JBF}}(i,j,b) = \frac{1}{k(i,j)} \sum_{(p,q) \in w} \left( G_d(i - p, j - q) \times G_{\sigma_f}(l_{\text{PC1}}(i,j) - l_{\text{PC1}}(p,q)) \right) D(p,q,b)$$

where $w$ is a local window centered at $(i,j)$ with a size of $(2\sigma_d + 1) \times (2\sigma_r + 1)$ pixels.

The normalization factor $k$ is defined as

$$k(i,j) = \sum_{(p,q) \in w} \left( G_d(i - p, j - q) \times G_{\sigma_r}(D_{\text{PC1}}(i,j) - D_{\text{PC1}}(p,q)) \right)$$

where $D_{\text{PC1}}$ is the first principal components derived from principal component analysis (PCA) [27], and $(p,q)$ represents the spatial location of a pixel in the local window $w$.

The kernels for domain and range filtering are given by:

$$G_d(i - p, j - q) = \exp \left( -\frac{(i - p)^2 + (j - q)^2}{2\sigma_d^2} \right)$$

$$G_{\sigma_f}(D_{\text{PC1}}(i,j) - D_{\text{PC1}}(p,q)) = \exp \left( -\frac{(D_{\text{PC1}}(i,j) - D_{\text{PC1}}(p,q))^2}{2\sigma_f^2} \right)$$

where $\sigma_d$ and $\sigma_r$ determine the neighborhood window and the contributed weights of neighboring pixels, respectively [28].

Spectral correction: SNV is commonly used in HSI to
compensate the scattering distortions, i.e. for spectral correction [26]. Here, it is used to reduce the variability between pixels due to scattering. For any pixel with a reflectance spectrum \( r_s \) in \( D_{BF} \in \mathbb{R}^{I \times J \times B} \) at the location \((i,j)\) where \( i \in 1: I, j \in 1: J \), the process of SNV can be defined by:

\[
r_s = D_{BF}(i,j,b_{1:B})
\]

the process of SNV can be defined by:

\[
r_s(SNV) = \frac{r_s - \mu}{\sigma}
\]

\[
\mu = \frac{1}{I \times J} \sum_{s=1}^{I \times J} r_s
\]

\[
\sigma = \sqrt{\frac{1}{I \times J} \sum_{s=1}^{I \times J} (r_s - \mu)^2}
\]

where \( b_{1:B} \) is a spectral vector at location \((i,j)\), \( \mu \) and \( \sigma \) are the mean and standard deviation of all pixels in \( D_{BF} \).

2) ROI extraction

In data preparation process, the peated barley malt grains of each category are spread out in a round container. After data acquisition, the HSI data contains the spectra of peated barley malt grains (ROI) as well as the background. Fig. 5(a) illustrate the 100th band in the captured hyperscobe data and Fig. 5(b) is the 100th band after pre-processing. The background of each image data is pretty much the same, which is not helpful for classification and regression of peated barley malts. Therefore, in this section, we employ a robust circle detection method to extract the pixels of peated barley malt grains only, i.e. any pixels within the blue mask in Fig. 5(e). This will not only speed up the following on feature extraction and fusion but also improve the accuracy of classification and regression.

The process of ROI circle detection is summarized below:

1) Apply a thresholding on the 100th band image to extract a binary template. As seen in Fig. 5 (a-b), the grains have a higher intensity than the background. The threshold is selected as the first valley of the histogram going from bright to dark as shown in Fig. 5 (c). Here, the threshold value is determined as 140;

2) Fill the holes in the binary template for calculating its centroid using the central moment, i.e. the mean x and y values of all white pixels;

3) Determine the minimum radius in Fig. 5 (d) from the centroid to the boundary in eight directions, which is faster than the Hough transform;

4) Generate the circular mask and remove the outliers, the results are shown in Fig. 5 (e);

5) Apply the mask on the pre-processed hypercube to extract the pixels of peated barley malt grains as our extracted ROIs, see in Fig. 5 (f).

3) Data selection

As the distribution of phenols on the barley surface is uneven, the spectra of different pixels varies. In addition, the mean phenol level of the entire patch is desired in industrial applications. To this end, rather than taking individual pixels as samples, the average spectra over a subset of \( s \) pixels is used for analysis. For each acquired hypercube, the number of spectral samples depends on the number of the chosen subsets. How the number of subsets may affect the performance of classification and regression is discussed in Section IV.
4) Feature extraction and fusion

Considering high redundancy between neighboring spectral bands, feature extraction and data reduction are widely used in HSI data analysis [29-31]. PCA, also known as the Karhunen-Loeve Transform (KLT) [27], is a widely used unsupervised method for dimension reduction and feature extraction in HSI. By orthogonal projection and truncation of the transformed (feature) data, correlations among the data can be removed, resulting in a lower dimension of data as the global structure features of the hypercube. Given N spectral vectors \( X = \{ x_1, x_2, ..., x_N \}, X \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times B} \), we can have \( PCA(X) \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times q_{PCA}} \) as the extracted first \( q_{PCA} \) principal components.

As a modified version of PCA, Folded-PCA (FPCA) is proposed to extract mainly local structures in the spectral domain [32]. For a given spectral vector \( x_n \), conventional PCA extracts the principal components from all the bands. In Folded-PCA, the spectral vector \( x_n \) is divided into \( H \) groups, each containing \( W \) bands, where \( H \times W = B \). When \( H = 1 \), FPCA degrades to the PCA. The covariance matrix of FPCA is summed by \( H \) groups with a size of \( W \times W \) in the main diagonal of the original covariance matrix. After calculating the covariance matrix, Eigen problem and data projection will be solved. Given N spectral vectors \( X = \{ x_1, x_2, ..., x_N \} \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times B} \), and \( q_{FPCA} \) principal components will be extracted. We can have \( FPCA(X) \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times q_{FPCA}} \). The major difference between PCA and FPCA is the way for calculation of the covariance matrix.

PCA can extract the global spectral features as a small number of low-order principal components, whilst FPCA can preserve local spectral features. To this end, PCA and FPCA features are quite supplementary to each other, which motivates us to fuse them together in the proposed approach. For a pixel \( x_n \), the fused feature can be given by:

\[
x_n(FF) = [PCA_{x_n(1)}, PCA_{x_n(2)}, ..., PCA_{x_n(q_{PCA})}]^T
\]

\[
FPCA_{x_n(1)}, FPCA_{x_n(2)}, ..., FPCA_{x_n(q_{FPCA})}]^T \in \mathbb{R}^{(q_{FPCA}+q_{PCA}) \times 1}
\]

The fused feature has a smaller dimension \( q_{FPCA} + q_{PCA} < B \), and more representative than the raw data.

III. EXPERIMENTAL SETTINGS

To discriminate the origin of each category of peated barley malts, we consider it as a classification task, where the Support Vector Machine (SVM) is employed as it has been successfully applied in many HSI classification applications [33-35]. In this work, the SVM model is used to identify the 27 categories of peated barley malts provided by 8 suppliers.

To accurately measure the phenol concentration of the peated barley malts, we consider it as a regression task, where three machine learning tools i.e. Support Vector Regression (SVR) [36], Random Forest (RF) [37] and Deep Neural Network (DNN) are employed to train the prediction models. As DNN draws much attention recently and achieves very good results [38], a simple yet effective DNN model is introduced in our work. For efficient implementation, the cost and gamma of the Gaussian kernel in SVM are set to 1024 and 0.125, respectively. The number of decision trees is set to 100 in RF. For the DNN, the back-propagation feedforward neural network (BP-FFNN) is widely used [8], where the number of hidden layers varies from one [39, 40] to 2-3 [41][18], or even more [42, 43]. The number of neurons in the input layer is determined by the number of (spectral) features as input. For the output layer, the number of neurons will be one for regression analysis of the predicted phenol concentration, or more for classification of the concentration into multiple levels or classifying the origins of the input samples. The number of neurons in the hidden layer is usually decided through comprehensive trial and errors, though it is often suggested to be less than that of the input layer. In our designed DNN, BP-FFNN is used as the training model, where the numbers of hidden layers and neurons are empirically determined based on the minimized errors of the trained models. By taking the fused features as input, the DNN model is capable of predicting the total phenol level of 27 barley categories. Detailed comparison of the parameters and functions used in these three models is presented in Table II. The statistics of the dataset used for training and testing is tabulated in Appendix: Table A.

For quantitative performance evaluation, several commonly used metrics were adopted in our experiments, which include the overall accuracy (OA) [44], Kappa coefficient (KP) [23], root mean squared error (RMSE) [45], mean absolute error (MAE) [46] and correlation coefficient \( r^2 \) [47]. The OA is the percentage of overall classification accuracy and defined by

\[
OA = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{T} C_i \times 100\%
\]

The Kappa coefficient below is used to measure the inter-rater reliability of data classification:

\[
Kappa = (P_o - P_e)/(1 - P_e)
\]

### Table II

| Machine learning models | Training/learning parameters |
|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| SVM                     |                              |
| No. of support vectors  | 1875                         |
| Kernel function         | Gaussian                     |
| Cost                    | 1024                         |
| Gamma                   | 0.125                        |
| RF                      | No. of decision trees 100    |
| Neural network model    | Feedforward                  |
| Training algorithm      | Scaled Conjugate Gradient    |
| Performance function    | Cross-Entropy                |
| Total number of layers  | 5                            |
| Hidden layer neurons    | 64, 32, 16                   |
| Input layer nodes       | 120                          |
| Output layer nodes      | 1                            |
| Hidden layer transfer function | Tansig                      |
| Data division           | random                       |
| Maximum no.of epochs    | 1000                         |
| Validation check        | 6                            |
| Regularization          | 0.001                        |
| Minimum performance     | 1e-7                         |
| gradient                | 1e-10                        |
| Maximum mu              |                              |
\[ P_0 = OA, P_e = \frac{1}{N^2} \sum_{i=1}^{T} \left( \sum_{j=1}^{T} C_{ij} \right) \left( \sum_{j=1}^{T} C_{ji} \right) \]

where \( N \), \( T \) and \( C_i \) denote respectively the number of spectral samples, classes, and correctly classified spectral samples in class \( i \). \( C_{ij} \) is the row element and \( C_{ji} \) is the column element in the confusion matrix.

The RMSE, MAE and \( r^2 \) are three popular metrics for evaluation the regression results. For \( N \) spectral samples, their definitions are given by:

\[
RMSE = \sqrt{\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} (y_i - y_i')^2} \tag{14}
\]

\[
MAE = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} |y_i - y_i'| \tag{15}
\]

\[
r^2 = 1 - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{N} (y_i - y_i')^2}{\sum_{i=1}^{N} (y_i - \bar{y})^2} \tag{16}
\]

where \( y_i \) and \( y_i' \) represent the actual value and predicted value of the \( i^{th} \) sample, respectively; \( \bar{y} \) is the mean of all \( y_i \) values. The smaller the value of RMSE and MAE is, the higher the prediction accuracy of the model is. The range of \( r^2 \) is within [0,1], with 1 indicating 100% prediction accuracy.

IV. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

In this section, comprehensive experiments are carried out for assessment of the phenolic level in peated barley malts. For robustness, data selection stage was repeated 10 times to randomly generate 10 groups of spectral samples for training and testing, and the averaged testing results are reported for evaluation. Detailed experimental results are presented below.

A. Results of classification

1) Data acquisition analysis

In the proposed work, each phenol level has one training data pool and one testing data pool. In our experiments, it is found that different rotation angles of the container may affect the classification results. As shown in Table III, with the size of pixel subsets \( s=200 \) using only the raw data, the classification results varies under various rotation angles in terms of the rotation angle difference between 270° and 90° is 10.31%. There are two possible reasons: 1) inconsistent ambient light and 2) uneven phenol distribution on the peated barley malts' surface in each container. To reduce these two negative factors, two major improvements have been introduced in this work. First, each container is scanned 4 times at 4 different rotation angles (i.e. 0°, 90°, 180°, 270°), resulting in 4 hypercubes. These hypercubes are stacked together to form the training dataset or the testing dataset. As shown in Table III, the classification accuracy has been much improved with the introduced stacking process, validating the value of our data acquisition strategy.

2) Key parameters setting

In our experiments, the selection of \( q_{PCA} \) and \( q_{FF} \) are determined by varying them within the range of 10 to 100 with a step of 10. The optimal values for them are found to both be 30. The selection of pixel subsets \( s \) are evaluated and see how \( s \) affects the classification results. The average over 50, 100, 200, 400, 600, 800, 1000, 2000 pixels is taken to generate spectral samples for classification, resulting in 27100, 13552, 6750, 3383, 2256, 1693, 1350, 675 spectral samples respectively for training or testing.

In Table IV, the overall classification accuracy (OA) with the standard deviation of our system with the two different settings (i.e. RAW and PRE+FF) is presented. As can be seen, a smaller \( s \) leads to a lower classification accuracy, which fits to some parts of our previous findings [23]. As the phenol distribution on the barley surface is not a constant, taking the mean spectrum over a number of subsets tends to represent the average concentration and introduce sufficient statistic of the whole batch of peated barley malts. In general, larger subsets are highly likely to represent more sufficient statistics and more precise the overall concentration of the patch and result in better classification. However, the accuracy of our previous method [23] starts to decrease when the number of subsets is larger than 200, due possibly to two main reasons. The first is different experimental settings, as we choose the training and testing spectral samples from two hypercubes rather than one. The second is lack of effective feature extraction, as the proposed fusion strategy can help to extract more representative features for better data classification.

In our system, when the number of subsets is too large (\( s = 2000 \)), the classification accuracy with two settings also drops. The possible reason is that a larger \( s \) may lead to less spectral samples, which may cause the SVM classifier under-trained. As a result, the OA becomes lower. In addition, when \( s \) is 600, 800 or 1000, the OA of PRE+FF is not as consistently increasing as that of RAW[23]. This is because the accuracy has already reached the peak with \( s = 600 \), hence the fluctuation at \( s = 800 \) or \( s=1000 \) is caused by random factor in SVM.

3) Key stage analysis

As the proposed data processing framework of phenolic

| TABLE IV |
|-------------|
| Number of subsets (\( s \)) | RAW | PRE+FF |
|-------------|-----|--------|
| 50          | 85.68±0.44 | 92.52±0.86 |
| 100         | 89.44±0.76 | 95.96±0.59 |
| 200         | 90.35±1.07 | 98.32±0.55 |
| 400         | 89.46±0.86 | 98.72±0.65 |
| 600         | 89.58±1.02 | 99.50±0.62 |
| 800         | 89.12±1.64 | 99.16±0.66 |
| 1000        | 88.47±1.45 | 99.20±0.69 |
| 2000        | 87.19±1.53 | 96.29±2.05 |

TABLE III

| RESULTS FROM RAW DATA IN DIFFERENT WAYS OF DATA ACQUISITION. |
|-------------|
| Data strategy | 0° | 90° | 180° | 270° | Stacking |
|-------------|----|----|-----|-----|---------|
| OA (%)      | 83.35±1.08 | 80.63±1.03 | 75.40±1.14 | 90.35±1.07 | 89.97±1.12 |
| Kappa (%)   | 82.71±1.12 | 79.88±1.07 | 74.45±1.18 | 90.35±1.07 | 89.97±1.12 |
level measurement is a multi-stage approach, the contributions of the five major stages are assessed as follows. These will include the analysis of 8 different settings, i.e. raw imaged data with SNV (RAW) [23], pre-processed data (PRE), individual PCA feature extracted from raw data (RAW+PCA), individual FPCA feature extracted from raw data (RAW+FPCA), and feature fusion for raw data (RAW+FF), individual PCA feature extracted from pre-processed data (PRE+PCA), individual FPCA feature extracted from pre-processed data (PRE+FPCA), and feature fusion for pre-processed data (PRE+FF). For the RAW setting, it is also the same as the one in [23].

Table V shows the OA and Kappa with standard deviation obtained from eight settings with \( s = 200 \). For the raw data, the results with OA at 90.35% seems undesirable. After applying PCA or FPCA directly on the raw data, the OA improves by 2.98% and 1.87%, and reaches 93.33% and 92.22% respectively. By further feature fusion of PCA and FPCA, the OA can be increased to 93.59%. As seen, feature fusion \( X(FF) \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times (q_{PCA} + q_{FPCA})} \) gives better classification performance than using either PCA or FPCA individually, because fusing \( X(PCA) \) and \( X(FPCA) \) together enables extraction of both global and local spectral features for more effective data modelling and prediction. When applying the pre-processing for the raw data, the gain on OA varies. For PRE, PRE+PCA, PRE+FPCA and PRE+FF, the gains are 0.96%, 3.22%, 4.10%, and 4.73% more than RAW, RAW+PCA, RAW+FPCA, RAW+FF, respectively. This has validated the

![Confusion matrix](image_url)
importance of our pre-process. Finally, with \( s = 200 \), the classification accuracy can reach 98.32\% with a standard deviation of 0.55\%, i.e. an additional gain of 7.97\% (0.53\%) against the raw data. To this end, the contribution of each key stages has been clearly demonstrated.

To gain a more detailed insight, Fig. 6 shows the confusion matrix of the classification results at the stage of PRE + FF with \( s=200 \). The percentage of correctly classified pixels are listed on the anti-diagonal, and all other values indicate misclassified pixels. As shown in Table I, the categories of 2, 20 and 21 are from three suppliers, but their total phenol levels are very similar to each other, although they are different in terms of the concentrations of individual phenolic compounds. As seen in Fig. 6, the classification results of these three categories can reach 100\%, i.e. no misclassification, which means our model can well distinguish the peated barley malts from different suppliers, which can be very useful for more accurate flavour control in the whisky industry. Similarly, the categories 1 and 18 are from Malster A and Distillery D respectively. The difference of their total concentration is only 0.6ppm, but the differences of their 7 individual measurements are 4.9, 2.7, 1.3, 1.3, 0.2, 1.4, 0.5 ppm, respectively. Therefore, they have very unique peat flavour. For the category 1, it can be well classified with an accuracy of 100\%. For the category 18, the classification accuracy is 94.12\%, where 5.88\% of the pixels are misclassified into the category 17, which is the same Distillery D. This has indicated that different categories of peated barley malts from the same supplier may have been misclassified each other. However, these will not affect the results of origin discrimination, which can be also observed for classifications of the categories 23-27 from Malster F and the categories 5-7 from Distillery A et al.

In summary, our model can accurately discriminate the origins or suppliers of the peated barley malts despite of the very similar levels of the total phenols. Although there are misclassified cases, they are tended to be from the same supplier. To this end, the request of origin discrimination can still be fully satisfied.

4) Extended experiment on background analysis
In this section, we further investigate how the background may affect the classification of the peated barley malts in various phenolic concentrations from different suppliers. Here, the background is treated as another class rather than being eliminated from the scene. Followed by the same procedure of data selection, in total 24000 background samples and 6750 barley samples are generated in the training and testing dataset with \( s=200 \). In addition, three conventional and four deep learning models are used for benchmarking, including PCA [27], Folded PCA (FPCA) [32], 1-D Singular Spectrum Analysis (1DSSA) [48], Deep convolutional neural network (CNN) [49], Stacked auto-encoder (SAE) [50], Deep recurrent neural network (RNN) [51], and Auto-CNN [52]. These state-of-the-art approaches are selected for two main reasons, i.e. highly related to our proposed method, and/or widely cited spectral feature extraction approaches. For the four deep learning models, we fine-tune the model on our data. For PCA and FPCA, the number of principal components is set to 30. For the rest parameters, the suggested default settings are used.

From the results presented in Table VI, three important findings can be highlighted below.

1) Although deep learning models may have better classification performance on some public HSI datasets, they show inferior results than conventional models in our experiments. In addition, deep learning models usually rely on heavy computation source and long training time, which seem inefficient for our specific problem. This may also explain why many food inspection works [17, 18, 20-22] prefer to use conventional machine learning models rather than deep learning.

2) After introducing the background as another class per your constructive suggestion, more misclassification cases occur inevitably, leading to degraded OA, KP and average accuracy (AA) of our proposed method which are reduced from 98.32\%, 98.26\% and 98.32\% to 97.32\%, 95.86\% and 93.73\%, respectively. Due to a larger number of spectral samples in the background, i.e. unbalanced pixels in different classes, the misclassification causes few negative effects to the OA but a much reduced AA, resulting in poor performance of origin discrimination. This also explains the necessity of eliminating the background from the acquired data through extraction of the ROIs.

3) Comparing with three conventional classification models, our proposed model has the best classification performance, which validates the effectiveness of our model even without removing the background.

### Table VI

| Approaches by Taking the Background as a New Class |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Methods         | AA (%)          | OA (%)          | KP (%)          |
| PCA             | 90.68±0.60      | 96.02±0.26      | 93.85±0.40      |
| FPCA            | 90.26±0.30      | 95.86±0.13      | 93.61±0.20      |
| 1DSSA           | 89.37±0.45      | 95.48±0.19      | 93.02±0.30      |
| CNN             | 54.11±10.89     | 80.47±4.65      | 69.84±7.18      |
| SAE             | 56.96±1.26      | 81.68±0.54      | 71.70±0.84      |
| RNN             | 82.76±1.50      | 92.67±0.63      | 88.67±0.98      |
| Auto-CNN        | 78.49±1.04      | 90.85±4.72      | 85.87±7.29      |
| Proposed        | 93.73±0.88      | 97.32±0.37      | 95.86±0.58      |

### Table VII

| Performance of Different Data Acquisition Strategy Using Raw Data Only |
|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Data strategy   | 0°                 | 90°                | 180°               | 270°               | Stacking       |
| \( r^2 \) (%)   | 89.02±0.55         | 90.79±0.33         | 83.79±1.33         | 82.65±1.62         | 91.98±0.10     |
| MAE/ppm         | 6.56±0.17          | 5.99±0.11          | 6.70±0.13          | 7.04±0.17          | 5.64±0.04      |
| RMSE/ppm        | 8.17±0.20          | 7.48±0.13          | 9.98±0.41          | 10.30±0.47         | 6.99±0.04      |
1) Data acquisition analysis

When only using the raw data, the stacked hypercubes show better performance than individual hypercube (Table VII), indicating that stacked hypercubes can help to mitigate the issues of inconsistent ambient light and uneven phenol distribution to some extent, leading to a higher $r^2$ and lower MAE and RMSE. Meanwhile, the standard deviation of each criteria is also reduced, which validates again the robustness of proposed data acquisition method.

2) Key stage analysis

For the two key parameters $q_{PCA}$ and $q_{FPCA}$, they are experimentally determined in [10,100] with a step of 10. Eventually, the optimal values are found to be 60 for both of them, where SVR can produce the best prediction results.

In Table VIII, the contribution of each stage in the proposed framework to regression is compared. As seen, pre-processing and feature extraction both bring the benefit to the estimated phenol level. By fusion of PCA and FPCA [32] ($q_{PCA} = 60$ and $q_{FPCA} = 60$), the best regression in terms of $r^2$, MAE and RMSE can reach 95.32%, 4.51ppm and 5.57ppm, respectively. It is worth noting that, the standard deviation of each stage is very low, showing the robustness of the process in each stage.

To further explore the best regression results, two more regression methods, i.e. deep neural network (DNN) and random forest (RF), are employed in this study. In addition, the selection of $q$ within PCA and FPCA for these regression methods is also investigated. There are three hidden layers in DNN where the number of each layer is set to 64, 32 and 16. The number of nodes in RF is set to 100. As seen in Fig. 7, the SVR is not the best regression model in this study. Compared with SVR, RF has a less MAE but also a lower $r^2$. SVR and RF have a quite comparable RMSE, though it varies with the selected $q_{PCA}$ and $q_{FPCA}$ in FF. For DNN, it significantly outperforms the other two regressors regardless of parameter settings. As also shown in Fig. 8, the predicted ppm value of DNN is better than those of SVM and RF. The best-performed DNN is the 5th combination, which has a $r^2$ value of 98.57%, a RMSE of 2.89ppm and a MAE of 1.57ppm.

Furthermore, the spatial map of different phenolic levels is shown in a compact manner (Fig. 9). We cropped 27 regions of various predicted phenolic levels in Fig. 9 (a) and stack them together along the Y-axis in Fig. 9 (b). As there are certain gaps between the pieces of peated barley malt, we use the black color to represents these gaps. As can be seen, different phenolic levels in the testing data can be well predicted.

C. Computational complexity

In the proposed NIR-HSI phenolic measurement and origin discrimination system, spectral-spatial fusion based feature extraction and prediction is actually the key. In the pre-
processing stage, the acquired data is rectified in both spectral and spatial domains using SNV and JBF, respectively. In the feature extraction stage, FPCA and PCA has helped to extract both the local and global spectral features, respectively. In this subsection, we briefly analyze the computational complexity of these approaches in Table IX, where I, J and B represent respectively the spatial width, height and number of bands of the hypercube, respectively. As seen, the most time-consuming part is the JBF, and the least part is SNV. The latency caused by the computation may affect the real-time response speed of the system. Nevertheless, our proposed system can still be considered to be near real-time, as the processing time is much less than the operation time of data acquisition especially with a push-broom HSI imaging system.

V. CONCLUSION

In this paper, we have developed a workable solution for origin discrimination and phenolic measurement of the peated barley malts using NIR hyperspectral imagery and machine learning. In total, 27 categories of peated barley malt from 8 suppliers covering a concentration range of 0 to 189.2 ppm are used for testing. As the original spectra features cannot explain the concentration of peated barley malt, we proposed a multi-stage data processing framework to project the whole spectral profile into the PCA and folded-PCA domains to extract the local and global spectral features, followed by various machine learning models for classification of the origins of the barley samples and prediction of the phenolic levels. The proposed new way of data acquisition is found to effectively overcome the inconsistency caused by varying lighting conditions and uneven phenol distributions on the peated barley malt surface. In addition, the fusion of PCA and folded-PCA has significantly improved the efficacy of feature extraction and data analysis, where the classification accuracy has been dramatically improved with a much reduced regression error. Specifically, the overall classification accuracy is up to 99.50% and the $r^2$ value of regression analysis has achieved 98.57% with a RMSE of 2.89 ppm and MAE of 1.57 ppm. With these promising results, the proposed system can be applied for traceability and quality control of peated barley malt and further benefit the Scotch whisky as the experiments are designed in accordance with real industrial conditions.

There are still some challenges and limitations of the proposed system as summarized below, which will be the focus of our future work. First, the sample selection process will affect the performance of our system. As seen in Table IV, a smaller number of subsets can yield sufficient number of

| Stage | Computational complexity |
|-------|--------------------------|
| SNV   | $I/B + B^3 + 2IB$       |
| PCA   | $NB + B^3 + NB_{PCA}$   |
| FPCA  | $NBW + W^3 + NWq_{PCA}$ |

Note: $I$, $J$, $B$, $N$ and $W$ denote the spatial width, height and spectral bands of the hypercube, respectively.
sampled pixels, but they can potentially fail to fully represent the spectral information of the peated barley malt. A larger number of subsets can extract the global spectral information, resulting in insufficient spectral samples though. Both these two situations will cause inferior performance. To address this limitation, some state-of-the-art data augmentation techniques [53] can be used to enhance the quantity and quality of the data and further improve the anti-overfitting ability, stability and robustness of the system. Some deep-learning-based feature extraction methods [54] can also be employed to extract the deep spectral features for improved performance. Second, accurately predicting of unseen categories of peated barley malt is needed in Whisky industry, which is crucial for practical deployment. Due to the limited data quantity and uneven distribution of the phenol concentrations, this challenge cannot be fully addressed without expanding the data samples. Two possible solutions can be applied to tackle this particular issue, one is to enrich the phenol concentrations of the collected barley samples, and the other is to further refine the developed machine learning models, such as the incremental learning [55, 56], for more robust modelling and prediction even with new categories of data.

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**APPENDIX**

**TABLE A**

| Category | DNN Training | SVM/RF Training | Testing Mean (ppm) |
|----------|--------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| 1        | 194          | 49              | 243               |
| 2        | 203          | 51              | 254               |
| 3        | 189          | 47              | 236               |
| 4        | 197          | 49              | 246               |
| 5        | 198          | 49              | 247               |
| 6        | 202          | 50              | 252               |
| 7        | 197          | 49              | 246               |
| 8        | 196          | 49              | 245               |
| 9        | 197          | 49              | 246               |
| 10       | 202          | 50              | 252               |
| 11       | 202          | 51              | 253               |
| 12       | 198          | 50              | 248               |
| 13       | 204          | 51              | 255               |
| 14       | 201          | 50              | 251               |
| 15       | 203          | 51              | 254               |
| 16       | 195          | 49              | 244               |
| 17       | 201          | 50              | 251               |
| 18       | 204          | 51              | 255               |
| 19       | 201          | 50              | 251               |
| 20       | 196          | 49              | 245               |
| 21       | 204          | 51              | 255               |
| 22       | 202          | 51              | 253               |
| 23       | 207          | 52              | 259               |
| 24       | 203          | 51              | 254               |
| 25       | 202          | 51              | 253               |
| 26       | 201          | 50              | 251               |
| 27       | 203          | 51              | 254               |
| Mean     | 200          | 50              | 250               |
| Median   | 201          | 50              | 251               |
| 1st Qu   | 197          | 49              | 246               |
| 3rd Qu   | 203          | 51              | 254               |
| Min      | 189          | 47              | 236               |
| Max      | 207          | 52              | 259               |
| StdDev   | 3.9          | 1.0             | 4.9               |

**Training, Validation, Testing**

**Phenols (ppm)**

| Category | DNN Training | SVM/RF Training | Testing Mean (ppm) |
|----------|--------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| 1        | 194          | 49              | 243               |
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| 24       | 203          | 51              | 254               |
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