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Spectral analysis and multivariate methods for assessing botanical composition in leys

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Why to assess leys...

- Importance of clover in grazing systems
- Forage quality and quantity
- Nitrogen management
- Forage botanical composition
- Multivariate analysis spectral techniques

Methodology

• 6 locations



Methodology

- Spectra collected via Hand-held YaraNSensor equipment
- (vis-NIR 400-1000 nm) average of 4 measurements (2017 – 2019)





Methodology

Multivariate analysis to estimate clover content (indirect)



Exploring the data

• Clover content distribution



Variation in botanical composition

clover

grass

weed





Variation in botanical composition



Match the spectra with reference method

Difference spectra measurements / lab analysis ~ 3 days







- 27 combinations (SNV, 1st derivative, 2nd derivative, MSC, mean center)
- PLS regression (standard multivariate method)

Pretreatment	R2	RMSECV	Bias	_
sqrt_SNV_mean_center	0.44	13.01	-1.31	-1
SNV_mean_center	0.55	10.30	0.11	1
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sart mean center	0.68	8.85	-1.06	
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secondderivative MSC	0.69	8 45	0.01	
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secondderivative SNV	0.70	8 31	0.01	
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sqrt_SNV_firstderivative	0.75	7.70	-1.09	



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		no_pretreatment_sqrt	LOO	8.90	0.68		
		1st derivative	LOO	7.76	0.74		
		1st derivative_sqrt	LOO	8.50	0.71		
		SNV_1st derivative	LOO	7.81	0.73		
		SNV_1st derivative_sqrt	LOO	7.70	0.75		
PLS	cal_val_random	no_pretreatment	LOO	8.30	0.70	8.33	0.70
		no_pretreatment_sqrt	LOO	9.11	0.67	9.31	0.66
		1st derivative	LOO	7.93	0.72	8.00	0.73
		1st derivative_sqrt	LOO	8.76	0.70	8.70	0.70
		SNV_1st derivative	LOO	8.00	0.72	8.10	0.72
		SNV_1st derivative_sqrt	L00	7.95	0.73	7.97	0.73
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		1st derivative	LNNO	7.43	0.73	7.22	0.77
		SNV_1st derivative	LNNO	7.45	0.73	7.08	0.78
SVM	all	no_pretreatment	LOO	9.66	0.62		
		no_pretreatment_sqrt	LOO	9.10	0.65		
		1st derivative	LOO	7.83	0.74		
		1st derivative_sqrt	LOO	8.30	0.71		
		SNV_1st derivative	LOO	8.18	0.71		
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SVM	cal_val_random	no_pretreatment	LOO	10.07	0.59	9.78	0.60
		no_pretreatment_sqrt	LOO	9.38	0.63	9.32	0.64
		1st derivative	LOO	8.17	0.71	7.97	0.72
		1st derivative_sqrt	LOO	8.50	0.70	8.38	0.71
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Conclusions and remarks

- The YaraNSensor combined with multivariate analysis can be used with reasonable confidence to predict clover content
- Decrease the time consumption for botanical composition estimation
- Field measurements are 'tricky' due to variation in the equipment
- Further investigation would be useful in order to improve the variability, having other datasets in different locations, for better prediction