Comprehensive Review

of AI-Based Approaches for Noise Detection and Prevention in Communication Channels

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I. Introduction:

1.1 Background

Communication channels invariably experience **noise**—from additive white Gaussian noise (AWGN), impulsive outliers, multipath fading, or interference—that degrades signal quality and reliability. Classical noise models such as AWGN find application in many scenarios, but real environments often exhibit bursty or non-Gaussian noise, especially in OFDM or dynamic wireless channels

1.2 Significance of AI in Communication

AI—including machine learning (ML) and deep learning (DL)—offers **model-free, adaptive techniques** capable of learning noise characteristics and channel impairments directly from data. This capability enables robust noise detection, channel estimation, and impairment mitigation under challenging conditions such as low SNR, fast fading, or impulsive noise

1.3 Objectives of the Review

- Survey **traditional approaches** for noise detection and prevention.
- Detail **AI-based** methods—both ML and DL—for channel estimation, noise detection, and suppression.
- Compare performance across varying communication scenarios and identify gaps and future directions.

II. Methodology

2.1 Literature Search Strategy

We surveyed peer-reviewed journals, major conference proceedings, and recent arXiv/preprint studies (2016–2025), focusing on topics such as AI or ML in channel estimation, noise detection, and deep learning methods for communication impairments.

2.2 Inclusion and Exclusion Criteria

- **Included**: Empirical studies applying ML or DL to detect or mitigate noise in communication systems such as OFDM, MIMO, vehicular or RIS-assisted channels, with metrics like BER, NMSE, and SNR resilience.
- **Excluded**: Papers lacking real-world evaluation, performance comparison, or relevance to signal impairments.

2.3 Data Extraction and Analysis

Key aspects recorded include algorithm type (e.g. SVM, CNN, autoencoder), channel setup (OFDM, MIMO, RIS, vehicular channel), noise model (AWGN vs impulsive), datasets used, and performance metrics in comparison to classical methods (e.g. LS, MMSE).

III. Literature Review Structure

3.1 Overview of Noise in Communication Channels

- **AWGN**: common baseline model with constant spectral density and Gaussian amplitude distribution.
- **Impulsive noise**: high-amplitude bursts often seen in OFDM systems or industrial settings.
- **Multipath fading/interference**: introduces distortions in MIMO, OFDM, wireless environments; governed by channel matrix HHH and additive noise vector nnn in MIMO detection problems

3.2 Traditional Approaches to Noise Detection and Prevention

- **Adaptive Noise Cancelling (ANC)**: uses multiple sensor inputs to estimate and subtract correlated noise from the primary signal, e.g. Wiener's adaptive filter framework pioneered by Widrow and Kaunitz.
- **Maximum Likelihood / NPML sequence detection**: integrates noise prediction into Viterbi decoding for channels with intersymbol interference.
- **Decision-Directed Channel Estimation (DDCE)**: iteratively refines CSI via detected symbols, but may suffer error propagation under fast fading or impulsive noise conditions

3.3 Machine Learning Approaches (Classical ML)

- **Ensemble classifiers** (Random Forest, Boosting) to detect impulsive noise presence or classify spectrum occupancy in cognitive radio setups, using feature-extracted models trained with Middleton Class A noise or real captures
- **Spectrum sensing / signal detection**: logistic regression or SVM applied in cognitive radio to distinguish primary user presence from noise.
- **Acoustic noise source identification (ASI)**: uses features like MFCC, PSD with classifiers (SVM, KNN) for robust detection in industrial and environmental contexts

3.4 Deep Learning Approaches

- **DNN-based impulsive noise detection** in OFDM systems: deep networks trained to identify noisy symbols and suppress via blanking achieve better BER performance than conventional threshold-based methods
- **Channel estimation via CNNs, LSTMs, autoencoders**: CNN-enhanced LS or MMSE estimators (e.g. NDR-Net) and GAN-based augmentation deliver lower NMSE under low SNR conditions, outperforming traditional estimation in MIMO/OFDM/OTFS and RIS architectures.
- **End-to-end autoencoder (AE)** frameworks: jointly learn optimal encoding/decoding across channels without explicit signal models—demonstrating performance near theoretical bounds and robust performance in non-linear, unknown/noise-rich environments

IV. Discussion

AI-driven methods for noise detection and channel impairment mitigation are rapidly evolving and achieving **notable performance gains** over traditional approaches, especially in challenging scenarios involving impulsive or unknown noise types. While classical ML provides tractable solutions for known noise structures, deep learning—including autoencoder and CNN-based methods—shows strong promise in delivering robust, adaptive performance across dynamic channel conditions.

Future directions include: development of **unsupervised or federated learning** techniques to reduce labeled-data dependency, **transfer learning** across channel types, **efficient lightweight models** for edge deployment, and **standardized open datasets** to support fair benchmarking. Continued exploration of hybrid AI–model-driven frameworks may yield a balance of accuracy, efficiency, and interpretability for next-generation wireless systems.

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