A Survey of 3D Fluorescence Spectroscopy and Machine Learning for Water Quality Pollution Detection and Environmental Monitoring

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Abstract

This survey paper explores the convergence of advanced optical techniques, computational algorithms, and machine learning models to enhance environmental monitoring, particularly in water quality pollution detection. The integration of 3D fluorescence spectroscopy, image classification algorithms, and spectral analysis within a multidisciplinary framework significantly improves the accuracy and efficiency of environmental assessments. These technologies enable detailed excitation-emission matrices and precise pollutant classification, essential for real-time monitoring. Machine learning, particularly through advanced neural networks and domain adaptation methods, enhances data processing capabilities, addressing challenges like data scarcity and variability. Case studies, such as the deployment of Autonomous Surface Vehicles and the Internet of Underwater Things, exemplify the practical applications and benefits of these integrated systems in diverse aquatic environments. Emerging trends, including the optimization of sensor technologies and interdisciplinary approaches, promise further advancements in environmental monitoring. By leveraging these innovations, the paper underscores the potential for developing robust systems that contribute to improved resource management and pollution control.

1 Introduction

1.1 Importance of Water Pollution Detection

Monitoring water quality is essential due to the significant impact of pollution on ecosystems and human health. The rapid pace of industrialization and population growth has exacerbated the scarcity of clean water, necessitating advanced technologies for pollution detection and purification. Chlorine-containing organic compounds, which arise from industrial effluents, pesticides, and disinfection by-products, are particularly concerning due to their environmental persistence and potential for bioaccumulation. Recent advancements in detection methods, such as mass spectrometry, chromatographic techniques, and machine learning algorithms, have improved our capacity to identify and quantify these contaminants, highlighting the urgent need to address their effects on ecosystem health and human safety [1, 2, 3]. Additionally, harmful ions like Hg^{2+} and Fe^{3+} complicate accurate detection in real water samples.

Urbanization and pollution have intensified challenges related to sewage disposal and water quality assessment. The Water Quality Index (WQI) is a vital tool for evaluating water conditions and managing resources. Furthermore, real-time mobile sensor management systems are critical for mitigating environmental hazards such as flash floods, protecting ecosystems and public health [4]. Traditional water quality assessment methods are often costly and time-consuming, necessitating the exploration of faster and more cost-effective alternatives.

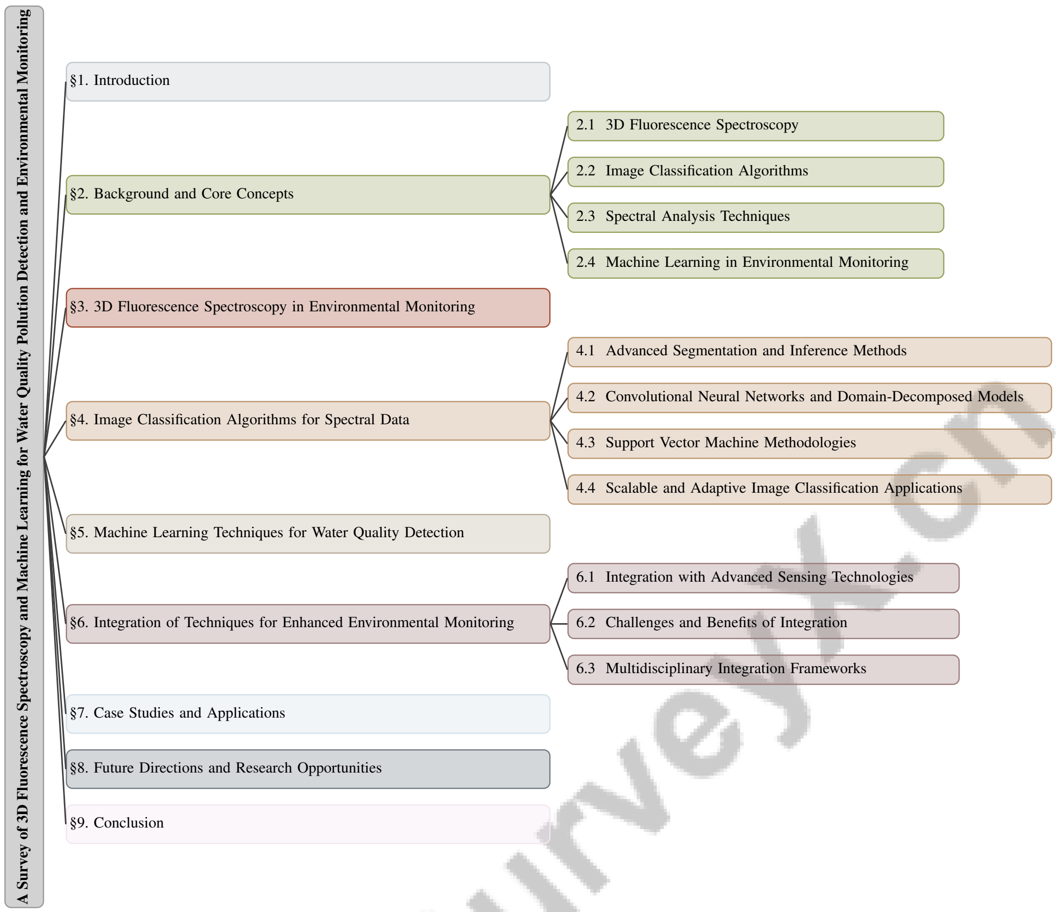

Figure 1: chapter structure

The limitations of conventional monitoring techniques, particularly in addressing floating debris in aquatic environments, underscore the need for innovative solutions in environmental protection. Dense cloud coverage in optical imagery, especially in regions like the Amazon rainforest, complicates continuous monitoring efforts. Effective water quality monitoring is imperative to combat environmental changes that threaten biodiversity and climate regulation, reinforcing the demand for advanced technologies capable of real-time contaminant identification for effective waste management and restoration [5].

1.2 Multidisciplinary Approach

A multidisciplinary approach, integrating fields such as optics, computer science, and environmental science, is essential for tackling the multifaceted challenges of water pollution. This collaboration enhances detection and monitoring capabilities vital for effective environmental management. Integrated photonics, along with artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning, significantly advances sensing technologies, improving the accuracy and efficiency of pollution detection [6]. The development of biosensors illustrates the necessity of interdisciplinary collaboration, merging insights from environmental science, chemistry, and engineering [7]. Moreover, the utilization of multimodal remote sensing data, particularly in monitoring the Amazon rainforest, emphasizes the importance of integrating diverse data sources and computational models in environmental research [8]. Innovative applications of computer science, such as persistent homology from topological data analysis, further contribute to identifying anomalous environmental patterns, enhancing efforts to protect ecosystems [9]. This synergy among disciplines fosters the development of new methodologies and technologies, offering comprehensive solutions to the pressing issue of water pollution.

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1.3 Structure of the Survey

This survey is structured into key sections addressing critical aspects of the multidisciplinary approach to water quality pollution detection and environmental monitoring. The introduction establishes the significance of detecting and monitoring water pollution, highlighting advanced techniques such as 3D fluorescence spectroscopy, image classification algorithms, spectral analysis, and machine learning. Following this, the background and core concepts section provides an overview of fundamental technologies and their applications in environmental monitoring.

Subsequent sections focus on the specific role of 3D fluorescence spectroscopy, discussing its principles, comparative analysis with other techniques, and real-world applications. The survey further examines image classification algorithms for spectral data, detailing various methods and their enhancements in pollutant detection. The application of machine learning techniques in water quality detection is also analyzed, emphasizing different models and their effectiveness.

Additionally, the integration of these techniques for enhanced environmental monitoring is scrutinized, addressing the challenges and benefits of a multidisciplinary approach. Case studies and applications are presented, showcasing successful real-world implementations of these technologies. Finally, the future directions and research opportunities section identifies emerging trends and proposes areas for further investigation, while the conclusion summarizes the survey's key points and underscores the importance of integrating advanced optical techniques, computational algorithms, and data-driven models in environmental monitoring.The following sections are organized as shown in Figure 1.

2 Background and Core Concepts

2.1 3D Fluorescence Spectroscopy

3D fluorescence spectroscopy plays a pivotal role in environmental monitoring by detecting and characterizing pollutants through molecular excitation with ultraviolet or visible light, resulting in fluorescence emission across various wavelengths. This process generates an excitation-emission matrix (EEM), crucial for identifying and quantifying chemical species in complex environmental matrices [10]. The integration of on-chip real-time hyperspectral imaging with nanophotonic film spectral encoders and CMOS image sensors enhances resolution and real-time processing, thereby augmenting the application of 3D fluorescence spectroscopy in environmental contexts [11].

Advancements in compact spectrometer designs, which eliminate mechanically movable components, facilitate onsite deployment, enhancing environmental monitoring practicality [12]. Dual-band plasmonic absorbers, utilizing silver nanostructures and dielectric spacers, improve sensitivity in the near-infrared and mid-infrared regions, expanding potential applications [13]. The principles of multispectral imaging, applicable across diverse fields such as aerospace and biomedicine, further emphasize fluorescence spectroscopy's versatility [14].

Signal processing methodologies, like the Linear Average Morlet Phase (LAMP) technique, enhance noise immunity in biosensor applications, improving reliability and precision [15]. The integration of machine learning algorithms with fluorescence-based detection systems, such as nitrogen-modified graphene quantum dots, has markedly improved metal ion detection, broadening the scope of fluorescence spectroscopy in environmental monitoring [16]. These advancements underscore the importance of integrating 3D fluorescence spectroscopy with cutting-edge innovations to deliver high-resolution, sensitive, and cost-effective solutions for real-time environmental monitoring.

2.2 Image Classification Algorithms

Image classification algorithms are integral to analyzing spectral data in environmental monitoring, where accurate detection and classification of pollutants are crucial. High-performance hyperspectral image classification is essential for real-time remote sensing applications, particularly those requiring onboard processing due to bandwidth and power constraints [17]. Vision Graph Neural Networks (ViG) represent a significant advancement in land cover classification, outperforming traditional models like CNNs and vision transformers in specific scenarios, highlighting graph-based models' potential in capturing complex relationships within spectral data [18].

Both supervised and unsupervised learning methods, along with feature extraction techniques, form the backbone of image classification algorithms for spectral data analysis, facilitating meaningful pattern extraction from complex datasets and enhancing environmental assessments' accuracy. Evaluation metrics are essential for assessing these algorithms' performance, ensuring compliance with stringent environmental monitoring application requirements [19]. Wavelet Convolutional Neural Networks (Wavelet CNNs) address challenges faced by traditional CNNs in capturing spectral information essential for distinguishing textures, crucial for accurately classifying spectral images where subtle texture differences can indicate significant environmental changes or pollutant presence [20]. The integration of advanced image classification algorithms with spectral analysis techniques promises to enhance detection and monitoring capabilities necessary for effective environmental management.

2.3 Spectral Analysis Techniques

Spectral analysis techniques are crucial for interpreting and analyzing spectral data in environmental studies, providing insights into pollutants' composition and concentration. These techniques often involve examining correlation matrices to understand relationships between spectral features. Network-based methods focusing on eigenvalues and eigenvectors enhance complex spectral data analysis, as demonstrated in stock return correlations, and can be adapted for environmental monitoring to understand pollutant interactions [21].

The integration of advanced datasets, such as the SDAAP dataset with over 20,000 annotated entries categorized by research object, spectroscopic techniques, and chemometric parameters, provides a comprehensive approach to spectral analysis. This dataset underscores the importance of accessible spectral knowledge for advancing environmental monitoring research [22]. Such extensive data aids researchers in developing precise models for pollutant detection and environmental assessment.

Geometric approaches to spectral analysis, applied in gamma-ray spectral analysis, demonstrate these techniques' versatility across fields like medicine, industry, and homeland security [23]. These principles can be effectively translated to environmental contexts, where accurate spectral analysis is vital for identifying and quantifying pollutants. By leveraging advanced spectral analysis techniques, researchers can enhance environmental monitoring's accuracy and efficiency, contributing to improved pollution control and resource management.

2.4 Machine Learning in Environmental Monitoring

Machine learning (ML) plays a vital role in environmental monitoring by enhancing pollutant detection and analysis through its capacity to process complex datasets with high precision. ML applications range from predicting water quality indices to classifying pollutants, thereby improving monitoring system accuracy and efficiency. Supervised machine learning algorithms have been employed to predict the Water Quality Index (WQI) and classify water quality classes (WQC) using minimal parameters, streamlining environmental assessments [2].

Integrating ML with advanced sensing technologies, such as low-cost sensor systems combined with neural networks, enables the automatic identification of environmental contaminants. This approach uses a variety of sensors and ML algorithms to facilitate real-time pollution detection, enhancing environmental monitoring responsiveness [5]. AI-driven image recognition techniques have been proposed to automate floating debris identification, thus improving monitoring efficiency by reducing manual intervention [24].

In fluorescence spectroscopy, ML techniques like domain adaptation improve deep learning model performance on small, sparse datasets, addressing data scarcity challenges in environmental contexts [10]. Nonnegative matrix factorization (NMF) with vectorized update rules has also been proposed to manage heteroscedastic measurements and missing data, further enhancing ML model robustness in environmental applications [25].

Graph neural networks (GNNs) have shown potential in optimizing environmental monitoring frameworks, with the adaptive surveying and reacquisition (ASR) framework utilizing a graph formulation to enhance sonar view selection for improved data acquisition [26]. This versatility demonstrates ML's capability in addressing diverse environmental monitoring challenges, from data acquisition to analysis.

Moreover, real-time mobile sensor task scheduling algorithms (RMSTSA) exemplify ML's role in optimizing mobile sensor deployment for effective pollution detection. By improving sensor scheduling, these algorithms enhance environmental monitoring coverage and efficiency, ensuring timely pollution event detection and response [4].

The integration of machine learning into environmental monitoring significantly enhances pollutant detection and assessment, utilizing advanced algorithms to analyze large datasets. ML techniques predict water quality indices and classify water quality classes in real-time, addressing urgent monitoring needs amid rapid urbanization and industrialization. Additionally, ML enhances the identification of chemical properties and biological indicators in oceanography, effectively predicting hypoxic conditions and harmful algal blooms, critical for ecosystem health. This technological advancement streamlines monitoring processes and fosters innovative solutions to complex environmental challenges, such as pollution management and resource conservation [27, 28, 2]. By leveraging these advanced techniques, environmental monitoring systems can achieve greater adaptability and effectiveness, ultimately contributing to improved resource management and pollution control.

In recent years, the application of 3D fluorescence spectroscopy has gained significant attention in the field of environmental monitoring. This technique not only enhances the detection of pollutants but also provides a comprehensive understanding of their behavior in various environments. As illustrated in Figure 2, the hierarchical structure of 3D fluorescence spectroscopy is depicted, emphasizing its foundational principles and the technological advancements that have propelled its use. The figure also facilitates a comparative analysis with other spectroscopy techniques, showcasing the unique advantages of 3D fluorescence spectroscopy. Notably, key elements highlighted include the integration of machine learning algorithms that improve detection accuracy, the deployment of advanced materials for more effective pollutant detection, and a thorough comparison with alternative methods such as multispectral imaging and quantum correlation hyperspectral imaging. This multifaceted approach underscores the relevance of 3D fluorescence spectroscopy in real-time environmental monitoring, positioning it as a pivotal tool in contemporary environmental science.

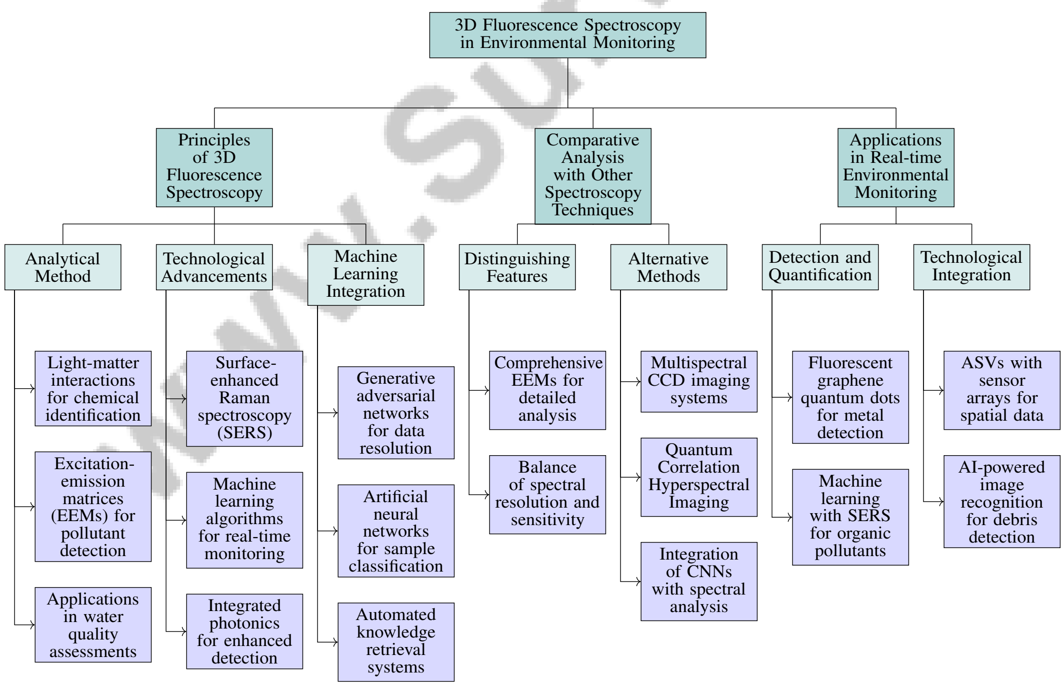


Figure 2: This figure illustrates the hierarchical structure of 3D fluorescence spectroscopy in environmental monitoring, highlighting its principles, technological advancements, comparative analysis with other spectroscopy techniques, and applications in real-time environmental monitoring. Key elements include the integration of machine learning, the use of advanced materials for pollutant detection, and the comparison with alternative methods like multispectral imaging and quantum correlation hyperspectral imaging.

3 3D Fluorescence Spectroscopy in Environmental Monitoring

3.1 Principles of 3D Fluorescence Spectroscopy

3D fluorescence spectroscopy is an advanced analytical method that leverages light-matter interactions to identify and quantify chemical species in complex environmental matrices. By exciting molecules with ultraviolet or visible light, this technique captures fluorescence emissions across multiple wavelengths, resulting in excitation-emission matrices (EEMs) that serve as detailed fingerprints of fluorescent components. This is crucial for environmental monitoring, enabling precise pollutant identification and quantification, essential for water quality assessments and detecting persistent organic contaminants. Recent advancements, such as surface-enhanced Raman spectroscopy (SERS) and machine learning algorithms, have enhanced trace pollutant analysis accuracy, facilitating real-time monitoring and effective environmental management [22, 1, 2, 28, 5].

Innovations in integrated photonics have significantly enhanced the capabilities of 3D fluorescence spectroscopy. By categorizing research based on operational principles and material platforms, integrated photonics provides novel frameworks that improve fluorescence detection systems' efficiency and precision. This approach utilizes advanced optical sensing principles, including passive and active optical waveguides and dispersion-engineered metamaterials, to enhance light-analyte interactions in chip-scale sensors. The integration of artificial intelligence and machine learning techniques is also emerging, refining qualitative and quantitative analyses in these systems and paving the way for improved performance across various applications [22, 29, 14, 6, 15]. On-chip real-time hyperspectral imagers employing nanophotonic film arrays have further augmented processing capabilities, allowing for high-resolution spectral data capture.

As illustrated in Figure 3, the key components and advancements in 3D fluorescence spectroscopy are highlighted, showcasing the analytical methods, integrated photonics, and machine learning techniques that contribute to their applications and innovations in environmental monitoring and pollutant detection. Machine learning techniques, such as generative adversarial networks (GANs), have been proposed to enhance spectral data resolution. These techniques transform low-resolution Raman spectroscopy data from portable instruments into high-resolution spectra, improving molecular feature recognition by reducing background noise and enabling precise spectral barcoding for organic and pharmaceutical compound identification. Additionally, artificial neural networks (ANNs) facilitate robust classification and real-time monitoring of complex samples, broadening the applicability of fluorescence spectroscopy in environmental analysis. Automated knowledge retrieval systems based on large language models enhance spectral analysis efficiency by providing reliable responses to complex queries, streamlining the spectroscopic detection and analysis process [30, 22]. Furthermore, the application of chaotic dynamics in electro-optical systems shows promise in improving chemical sensing sensitivity and accuracy, aligning with fluorescence spectroscopy principles.

3D fluorescence spectroscopy's versatility is evident in its applications across various fields, particularly in environmental monitoring, where it serves as a vital tool for pollutant detection and analysis. The integration of advanced technologies continues to drive this technique's evolution, offering promising solutions for real-time, high-resolution environmental assessments. Quantum Correlation Hyperspectral Imaging (QCHSI) maximizes efficiency and resolution by utilizing all photons in the imaging process without loss through spectral filtering or scanning. Additionally, the incorporation of view-graph frameworks, as demonstrated in sonar image analysis for autonomous underwater vehicles (AUVs), highlights the potential of integrating angular perspectives to optimize informative view capture for classification [26].

3.2 Comparative Analysis with Other Spectroscopy Techniques

3D fluorescence spectroscopy distinguishes itself from other techniques by generating comprehensive excitation-emission matrices (EEMs) that provide detailed fingerprints of fluorescent components in environmental samples. This capability is particularly advantageous for environmental monitoring, where precise pollutant identification is essential. Traditional spectroscopy methods often struggle to balance spectral resolution and sensitivity. For instance, single-pixel p-n junction spectrometers face a trade-off between high spectral resolution and measurement sensitivity, as enhancing resolution typically reduces signal strength [12].

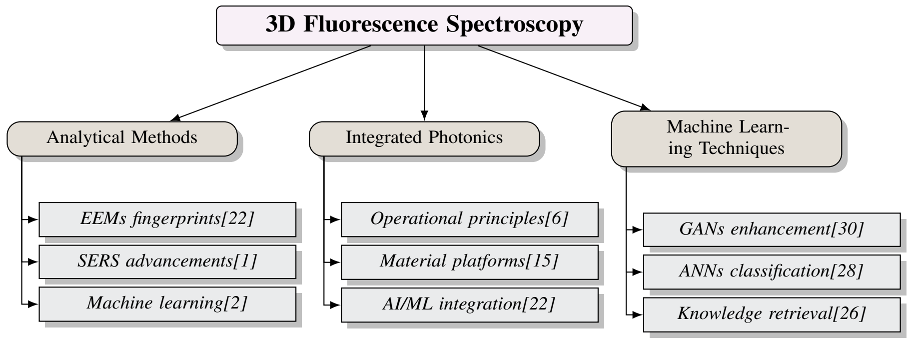


Figure 3: This figure illustrates the key components and advancements in 3D fluorescence spectroscopy, highlighting analytical methods, integrated photonics, and machine learning techniques, showcasing their applications and innovations in environmental monitoring and pollutant detection.

Multispectral CCD imaging systems with CMOS technology offer another approach, integrating multiple spectral bands into a single imaging system. This integration reduces power consumption and complexity while enhancing spatial and spectral resolution, providing a competitive alternative to conventional spectroscopy techniques [31]. However, these systems may not achieve the comprehensive environmental assessments possible with 3D fluorescence spectroscopy, which excels in generating detailed spectral data.

Quantum Correlation Hyperspectral Imaging (QCHSI) represents a significant advancement over traditional methods, achieving high spatial and spectral resolution without photon loss typically associated with conventional techniques. This method's ability to utilize all photons in imaging enhances both efficiency and resolution, making it a promising tool for environmental monitoring applications [32].

The integration of convolutional neural networks (CNNs) with spectral analysis further illustrates the potential of combining advanced computational techniques with spectroscopy. This approach enhances spectral data interpretation efficacy and can be compared to traditional methods in application and performance. For instance, wavelet CNNs have demonstrated improved texture recognition in spectral images, essential for accurate environmental assessments [20].

While each spectroscopy method has distinct advantages, 3D fluorescence spectroscopy remains a robust and versatile technique for environmental monitoring, especially when combined with advanced technological and computational innovations. This comparative analysis examines the strengths and limitations of various spectroscopy methods, including laser-induced breakdown spectroscopy (LIBS), recognized for its versatility in elemental analysis and environmental monitoring. It emphasizes the importance of selecting the most suitable technique for specific environmental assessment needs, considering factors such as sensitivity, multi-element determination, and localized microanalysis. Additionally, it highlights the innovative use of large language models (LLMs) in automating knowledge retrieval and enhancing spectral analysis efficiency, addressing the traditionally time-intensive nature of this process [19, 22].

3.3 Applications in Real-time Environmental Monitoring

3D fluorescence spectroscopy has become a crucial technique in real-time environmental monitoring, offering exceptional sensitivity and specificity for detecting a wide range of pollutants and environmental parameters. The use of advanced materials, such as fluorescent graphene quantum dots (GQDs), enables selective quantification of heavy metals like Hg2+ and Fe3+ in real water samples, achieving detection limits as low as 0.001 mg L-1. The integration of machine learning algorithms with surface-enhanced Raman spectroscopy (SERS) allows accurate identification and quantification of persistent organic pollutants, attaining over 80

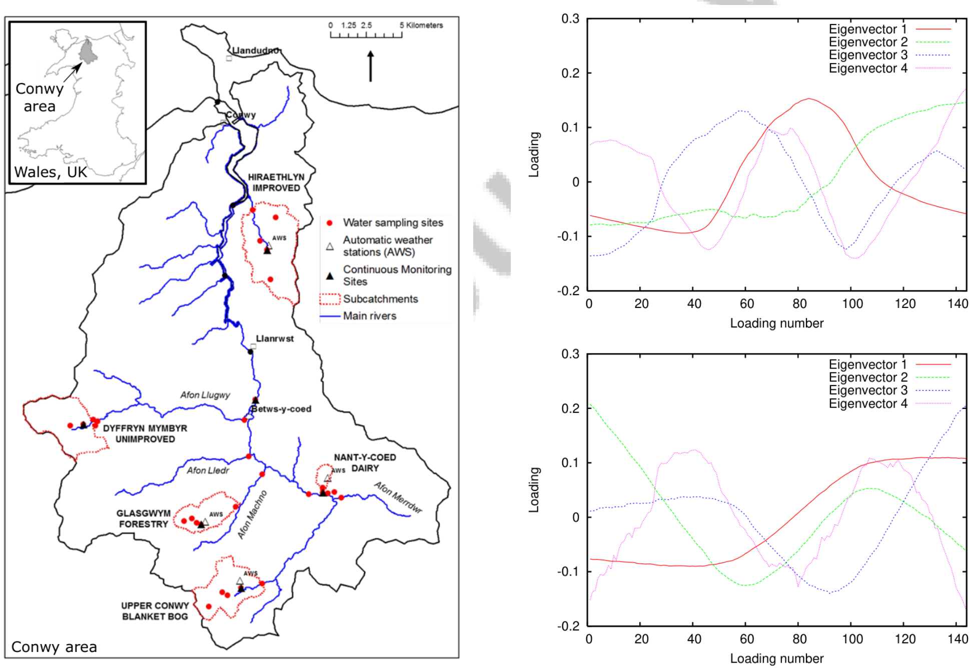
A notable application of 3D fluorescence spectroscopy is its integration with autonomous surface vehicles (ASVs) equipped with advanced sensor arrays. Experiments conducted in Lago Mayor, Sevilla, involved an ASV with water quality sensors and a stereo camera, collecting comprehensive data on parameters such as pH, temperature, conductivity, turbidity, and macro-plastics. This integration exemplifies the potential of 3D fluorescence spectroscopy, in conjunction with robotic platforms, to enhance the spatial and temporal resolution of environmental monitoring efforts [33].

Machine learning techniques have further improved the real-time processing capabilities of 3D fluorescence spectroscopy. AI-powered image recognition, for example, significantly enhances the efficiency and accuracy of detecting floating debris, providing a vital tool for environmental monitoring and management [24]. Moreover, integrating a tin oxide gas sensor array with a neural network has shown promise for real-time environmental monitoring and pattern recognition, further illustrating the versatility of 3D fluorescence spectroscopy in diverse environmental contexts [5].

The development of infrared chemical imaging techniques, such as non-degenerate two-photon absorption (NTA), enables mid-infrared (MIR) image acquisition at room temperature using standard CCD cameras. This capability presents significant potential for real-time chemical imaging in environmental monitoring, enhancing the ability to detect and analyze pollutants in situ [34].

Advanced computational methods like separable spatio-temporal kriging have been employed to improve computational efficiency and prediction accuracy in environmental monitoring applications. This method offers promising enhancements in environmental data analysis and prediction, further supporting the integration of 3D fluorescence spectroscopy in real-time monitoring systems [35].

The application of the RMSTSA algorithm in real-time environmental monitoring demonstrates its potential for effectively managing mobile sensors, ensuring optimal sensor deployment and data acquisition, thereby enhancing the responsiveness and accuracy of environmental monitoring systems [4].



(a) Conwy River and Subcatchments in Wales, UK[36]

(b) Eigenvalue Analysis of a Complex System[37]

Figure 4: Examples of Applications in Real-time Environmental Monitoring

As illustrated in Figure 4, 3D fluorescence spectroscopy has become a pivotal tool in environmental monitoring, providing real-time insights into complex ecological systems. Studies on the Conwy River and its subcatchments in Wales, UK, and eigenvalue analysis of complex systems exemplify this advanced analytical technique. The Conwy River study utilizes a comprehensive map displaying various water sampling sites, automatic weather stations, and continuous monitoring locations, highlighting the intricate network of the river and its subcatchments. This spatial representation aids in understanding the hydrological dynamics and potential environmental impacts in the region. Complementing this geographical analysis, eigenvalue analysis offers a mathematical approach to deciphering complex systems by examining eigenvector loading, crucial for identifying significant patterns and correlations within environmental data. These examples underscore the versatility and effectiveness of 3D fluorescence spectroscopy in enhancing our ability to monitor and respond to environmental changes in real time [36, 37].

4 Image Classification Algorithms for Spectral Data

The development and application of image classification algorithms are crucial for improving environmental assessments through spectral data analysis. This section explores various methodologies, focusing on advanced segmentation and inference methods that address challenges such as precise classification of environmental features and pollutant detection. Understanding these techniques is vital for enhancing spectral data analysis capabilities and their role in environmental monitoring.

4.1 Advanced Segmentation and Inference Methods

Advanced segmentation and inference methods play a key role in spectral image analysis for environmental monitoring, where accurate classification and pollutant detection are essential. The MultiEarth 2023 challenge highlights the importance of customized parameter settings for multimodal remote sensing datasets, leading to robust models for spectral data analysis [8]. This data-specific adaptation improves environmental assessment accuracy.

The Electro-Optical Reconfigurable Computing (EORC) framework demonstrates advanced segmentation capabilities using time-multiplexed signal processing and Mach-Zehnder modulators for non-linear activation, significantly enhancing spectral data processing [38]. These innovative techniques enable efficient segmentation of complex spectral images, crucial for real-time environmental monitoring.

Domain-decomposed image classification algorithms effectively address the high memory requirements and long training times of traditional Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs), providing scalable solutions for real-time applications [39]. These developments are vital for overcoming existing classification technique limitations, enhancing scalability and practicality in spectral data analysis.

The Optimized Pix2pix Approach (O-PA) employs a classical pix2pix architecture with a Unet generator and CNN discriminator for image translation, improving pollutant detection accuracy by transforming spectral images into interpretable formats [40].

Wavelet Convolutional Neural Networks (Wavelet CNNs) offer an innovative multiresolution analysis approach, effectively classifying textures with fewer parameters than traditional CNNs, beneficial for spectral image segmentation [20]. The application of Wavelet CNNs in spectral data analysis illustrates how advanced segmentation methods can enhance environmental monitoring precision.

Integrating these advanced methods with spectral analysis techniques significantly enhances detection and classification capabilities for effective environmental management. Employing methodologies like retrieval-augmented generation (RAG) with large language models (LLMs) improves model accuracy and efficiency in spectral data analysis, crucial for environmental monitoring and pollution detection. This integration facilitates automated knowledge retrieval from extensive datasets, such as the Spectral Detection and Analysis Based Paper (SDAAP) dataset. Furthermore, incorporating machine learning into hyperspectral image analysis revolutionizes the identification and characterization of environmental substances, enhancing predictive capabilities and ensuring traceability and reliability for effective monitoring and management of pollutants [22, 1, 41, 28, 23].

4.2 Convolutional Neural Networks and Domain-Decomposed Models

Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) and domain-decomposed models are pivotal in spectral data analysis, offering sophisticated classification and interpretation approaches for complex environmental datasets. CNNs capture spatial hierarchies, automating the classification of geographical features and land structures from satellite imagery. Their application in environmental monitoring is further enhanced by advanced deep learning models like SSD, Faster-RCNN, and YOLOv5, which improve the speed and accuracy of floating object detection, crucial for environmental assessments [24].

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Incorporating wavelet transforms into CNN architectures, as seen in Wavelet CNNs, enhances texture classification by leveraging spatial and spectral information, essential for accurate environmental monitoring [20]. The integration of diffractive optical networks with deep learning to create virtual spectral filter arrays further demonstrates the potential of CNNs and domain-decomposed models in advancing spectral data analysis [14].

Domain-decomposed strategies augment CNN capabilities by dividing high-dimensional spectral data into manageable subdomains, facilitating efficient parallel computation and improved model performance. This hybrid approach integrates CNNs with domain decomposition techniques, addressing complexities in processing extensive spectral datasets. It enhances classification accuracy and reduces training times, significantly improving the scalability and applicability of deep learning in environmental monitoring tasks, such as land cover mapping and environmental parameter retrieval from hyperspectral images. Additionally, transfer learning strategies optimize performance for large, high-dimensional datasets typical in remote sensing [28, 39, 42, 10].

The development of web applications leveraging cloud resources, such as AWS, for image classification highlights the potential of integrating CNNs with domain-decomposed models, providing efficient and scalable solutions for spectral data analysis [43]. These advancements in CNN and domain-decomposed methodologies offer powerful tools for environmental monitoring, enabling efficient classification and interpretation of complex datasets, ultimately contributing to improved pollution detection and resource management.

4.3 Support Vector Machine Methodologies

Support Vector Machine (SVM) methodologies are extensively applied in spectral data classification, offering robust solutions for high-dimensional datasets typical of hyperspectral imaging. SVMs effectively manage nonlinear boundaries and achieve high classification accuracy, even with limited training samples, crucial in spectral data analysis where frequency band numbers can exponentially increase training sample requirements, leading to overfitting on majority classes and underfitting on minority classes [44].

Integrating SVM methodologies with advanced techniques like Local Discriminant Analysis (LDA) combined with Deep Neural Networks (DNN) illustrates potential performance enhancements. The LDA-DNN method applies local LDA on decomposed subimages to derive local probability distributions, integrated using a dense neural network for final classification output [39]. This approach effectively addresses traditional SVM limitations in high-dimensional data management and classification accuracy improvement.

In geographic land structure classification, SVMs have been utilized alongside CNN models to categorize satellite images into predefined categories such as farmland, terrace, meadow, and desert [45]. This versatility highlights SVM methodologies' ability to complement other machine learning models for enhanced classification accuracy.

Selecting appropriate metrics for evaluating SVM performance is critical, particularly in applications like fire detection and deforestation estimation, where metrics must align with task characteristics [8]. The literature emphasizes the importance of tailoring SVM methodologies to the unique challenges of spectral data classification, ensuring effective model performance through appropriate metrics and complexity balancing [19].

A comprehensive survey of SVM methodologies reveals various enhancements and supporting techniques developed to optimize their application in image classification [46]. These advancements include kernel tricks and regularization strategies that mitigate overfitting and improve model generalization. By leveraging these techniques, SVMs remain a powerful tool in spectral data classification, contributing to more accurate and efficient environmental monitoring systems.

4.4 Scalable and Adaptive Image Classification Applications

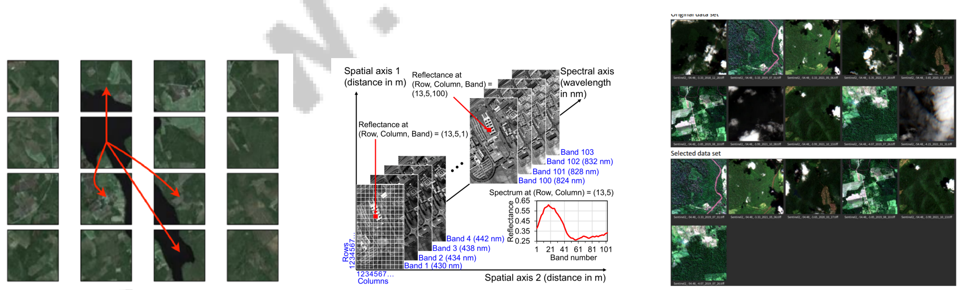
Scalable and adaptive image classification applications are essential for effective environmental monitoring, enabling high-accuracy analysis of large and complex spectral datasets. Integrating machine learning models, such as those using chemically modified graphene quantum dots (GQDs), exemplifies the potential for precise quantification and differentiation of metal ions like Hg^{2+} and

Fe^{3+} in water samples [16]. This adaptability addresses specific environmental challenges, such as heavy metal pollutant detection.

Developing scalable image classification frameworks often involves leveraging cloud-based resources to manage the computational demands of large dataset processing. Web applications utilizing cloud platforms like AWS facilitate the deployment of image classification models, enabling real-time analysis and scalability across diverse environmental monitoring tasks. This cloud-based approach optimizes resource efficiency and scalability, creating adaptable image classification systems that respond dynamically to data volume and complexity fluctuations. Employing a two-tier infrastructure that separates user interface functions from core image classification processes enhances robust solutions for real-time environmental assessments across various sectors, including agriculture and environmental monitoring. Advanced machine learning techniques, such as deep learning models, further improve image analysis accuracy and efficiency, making this approach particularly effective for applications like water quality monitoring and floating debris detection in aquatic environments [40, 43, 28, 24].

Adaptive algorithms enhance the flexibility of image classification applications, allowing models to adjust to changes in data characteristics and environmental conditions. Techniques such as domain adaptation and transfer learning improve model performance on novel datasets, ensuring classification systems remain accurate and effective in dynamic monitoring scenarios. Adaptive methods are particularly beneficial in environmental contexts influenced by significant factors like seasonal fluctuations and unforeseen pollution events, necessitating advanced modeling techniques like the transformer-based SERT model and non-stationary Gaussian processes, which effectively handle sparse and missing data while providing accurate spatio-temporal forecasts [22, 47, 48, 49].

Moreover, integrating advanced sensor technologies with adaptive image classification models enhances the precision and reliability of environmental monitoring systems. Combining sensor arrays with machine learning algorithms enables real-time detection and classification of environmental pollutants, allowing immediate analysis of water quality and ecological parameters. This approach enhances understanding of environmental conditions and supports proactive management strategies by providing timely insights for decision-making in agriculture, urban planning, and public health. Techniques like gradient boosting and multi-layer perceptron models efficiently estimate water quality indices and identify pollution levels, addressing challenges posed by rapid urbanization and industrialization [50, 28, 2]. Scalable and adaptive approaches in image classification applications effectively tackle environmental monitoring challenges, contributing to improved resource management and pollution control.



(a) An Image of a Landscape with a River and Trees[18]

(b) Spatial and spectral analysis of an aerial image[28]

(c) Comparison of Original and Selected Data Sets for Satellite Imagery Analysis[40]

Figure 5: Examples of Scalable and Adaptive Image Classification Applications

As shown in Figure 5, the section on "Image Classification Algorithms for Spectral Data; Scalable and Adaptive Image Classification Applications" explores diverse methodologies and applications of image classification in spectral data contexts. It includes three scenarios illustrating the breadth and adaptability of these algorithms. The first scenario presents a serene landscape image with a river and trees, captured through 16 images arranged in a grid, highlighting the varying perspectives and details processed by image classification algorithms. The second scenario focuses on the spatial and spectral analysis of an aerial image, emphasizing the technical aspects of analyzing reflectance values across spatial and spectral axes, showcasing the algorithm's ability to interpret complex datasets for deeper insights. Lastly, the comparison of original and selected satellite imagery datasets demonstrates the algorithm's capacity to discern and select optimal images based on conditions like cloud cover and lighting, enhancing analysis quality and accuracy. Together, these examples underscore the scalability and adaptability of image classification algorithms in handling diverse and challenging spectral data applications [18, 28, 40].

5 Machine Learning Techniques for Water Quality Detection

5.1 Overview of Machine Learning Models

Machine learning models are integral to water quality detection, providing sophisticated frameworks for analyzing complex environmental datasets and enhancing pollution assessment accuracy. The scarcity of high-quality hyperspectral images presents challenges for deep learning models in hyperspectral imaging (HSI). Innovations such as the HSIGen foundation model improve hyperspectral data generation and processing, thereby increasing environmental monitoring accuracy. This model also excels in predicting quality indicators from fluorescence excitation-emission matrices (EEMs), achieving low mean absolute errors akin to experimental errors [10]. Neural networks are pivotal in rapidly and accurately identifying contaminants by learning complex sensor data patterns, as evidenced in sensor-based environmental monitoring systems [5]. Additionally, integrating spectral analysis with Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) enhances texture classification relevant to water quality detection [20]. Graph neural networks (GNNs) are employed for multi-view classification tasks, optimizing environmental monitoring frameworks based on historical data [26]. Nonnegative matrix factorization (NMF) techniques further bolster machine learning models by addressing heteroscedastic uncertainties and missing data [25]. Web-based applications like EICA, utilizing AWS for scalable image classification, highlight the importance of adaptable infrastructures in deploying machine learning models for real-time assessments [43]. Infrared chemical imaging techniques, including non-degenerate two-photon absorption (NTA), enhance mid-infrared (MIR) imaging solutions, improving water quality pollution detection accuracy and efficiency [34]. The diversity of machine learning models in water quality detection underscores their transformative potential in environmental monitoring. By employing advanced techniques and deep learning models, researchers can significantly enhance pollution assessment accuracy and efficiency, such as predicting the Water Quality Index (WQI) and real-time contaminant detection. This innovative approach streamlines monitoring, traditionally hindered by costly methods, and improves water pollutant identification and classification. Ultimately, these advancements contribute to effective water resource management and robust environmental protection measures, addressing the urgent challenges posed by urbanization and industrialization [22, 24, 1, 2, 51].

5.2 Challenges and Solutions in Machine Learning Applications

Method Name	Data Challenges	Scalability Concerns	Algorithm Efficiency
GMSA[23]	Ill-conditioning, Noise	-	Sophisticated Algorithms
EICA[43]	Memory Errors	Scalable Infrastructure	Efficient Processing
RMSTSA[4]	Missing Data	Computational Resources Management	Scheduling Mobile Sensors
MLWC[48]	Biased Datasets	Computational Costs	Advanced Algorithms
NMF-HU[25]	Missing Data	-	Vectorized Update Rules

Table 1: Comparison of machine learning methods addressing data challenges, scalability concerns, and algorithm efficiency in environmental monitoring applications. The table outlines specific issues such as ill-conditioning, memory errors, and missing data, alongside the scalability and algorithmic strategies employed by each method.

Machine learning applications in environmental monitoring encounter several challenges due to the complexity and variability of environmental data. Table 1 provides a comprehensive comparison of various machine learning methods used in environmental monitoring, highlighting their respective data challenges, scalability concerns, and algorithm efficiency. A significant issue is the ill-conditioning of linear systems in existing methods, particularly when data libraries are incomplete or noisy [23]. This necessitates robust techniques to manage such uncertainties. Scalability poses another challenge, especially regarding cloud resource management to meet unpredictable user demands without excessive costs. Efficient resource scaling is vital for addressing computational needs

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effectively [43]. The computational complexity associated with real-time scheduling of mobile sensors presents a significant hurdle, requiring sophisticated algorithms for optimal sensor deployment and data acquisition [4]. Generalization across diverse environmental datasets is often problematic, as many studies lack comprehensive evaluations to enhance model applicability [19]. Data augmentation techniques and transfer learning can improve model robustness and adaptability to varying environmental conditions. The dependency on sufficient computational resources further limits the feasibility of hyperspectral imaging methods, particularly in resource-constrained environments, highlighting the need for efficient algorithms that maintain accuracy under such constraints [48]. Nonuniform uncertainties and missing data complicate analysis; however, approaches like nonnegative matrix factorization (NMF) have shown promise in delivering reliable results despite these challenges [25].

6 Integration of Techniques for Enhanced Environmental Monitoring

6.1 Integration with Advanced Sensing Technologies

Integrating advanced sensing technologies into environmental monitoring frameworks enhances data accuracy and operational efficiency. Integrated photonic sensors, noted for their high resolution and low power consumption, are pivotal for developing portable spectroscopic devices. Coupled with machine learning, these sensors facilitate high-resolution measurements over extensive areas, broadening environmental assessment scopes [6]. Using chemically modified graphene quantum dots (GQDs) with machine learning exemplifies precise quantification and differentiation of metal ions like Hg^{2+} and Fe^{3+} in water samples, showcasing adaptability to specific environmental challenges [16]. Moreover, combining nanophotonic films with hyperspectral imaging advances environmental assessments [11].

Autonomous Surface Vehicles (ASVs) equipped with advanced sensors and AI-driven object detection systems illustrate the integration of sensing technologies with robotics, enhancing real-time monitoring capabilities and streamlining data collection [33]. The fusion of deep learning with traditional physical models improves retrieval accuracy, highlighting the benefits of combining computational and sensing technologies [42]. Integrating Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR) and optical imaging addresses cloud coverage limitations, improving reliability in diverse conditions [40]. Diffractive multispectral imagers further enhance monitoring systems, contributing to improved accuracy and efficiency [14].

This synergistic integration fosters precise, efficient, and adaptive systems, enhancing resource management and pollution control. Notably, integrating Non-Degenerate Two-Photon Absorption (NTA) with existing imaging technologies provides cost-effective mid-infrared (MIR) imaging capabilities [34]. The multiview-informed scanning framework demonstrates versatility across fields like underwater exploration and marine archaeology, emphasizing the broad applicability of integrated sensing frameworks [26].

6.2 Challenges and Benefits of Integration

Integrating multiple technologies in environmental monitoring presents challenges and benefits crucial for advancing the field's capabilities. A primary challenge involves decision-making in robotic monitoring, which must navigate environmental complexities while ensuring robustness and adaptability [52]. The scarcity of public databases limits data availability for training machine learning models, hindering the generalizability of integrated systems [53]. Computational complexity with diverse datasets necessitates selecting optimal parameters tailored to specific datasets [46]. The reliance on the quality of training datasets can restrict applicability to other spectroscopic data types [10].

Despite these challenges, significant benefits arise from integration. The scalability and adaptability of methods like DPPA enhance processing speed, improving monitoring system efficiency [54]. A geometric approach to spectral analysis offers robust solutions for visualizing and addressing missing libraries amidst noise and low proportions [23]. Low-cost, portable integrated systems, particularly sensor-based ones, are suitable for diverse applications [5]. Real-time data utilization, supported by advanced mobile sensor management algorithms, significantly enhances monitoring accuracy and responsiveness [4]. These advantages underscore the potential of integrated approaches to improve environmental monitoring and management, despite inherent implementation challenges.

6.3 Multidisciplinary Integration Frameworks

Multidisciplinary integration frameworks merge expertise from fields like optics, computer science, and environmental science, advancing environmental monitoring by providing comprehensive solutions to complex challenges. Integrating advanced sensing technologies, such as hyperspectral sensors and surface-enhanced Raman spectroscopy, with sophisticated machine learning algorithms exemplifies the collaborative efforts necessary for enhancing monitoring capabilities. This synergy improves the accuracy and efficiency of assessments, such as detecting persistent organic pollutants and classifying land cover, while addressing data scarcity and analytical complexity in applications like agriculture and urban planning [22, 1, 27, 41, 28].

Integrated photonics capitalizes on optical technologies to enhance spectroscopic measurement precision and scalability. Compact, portable devices equipped with high-resolution sensors enable real-time monitoring over extensive areas, yielding valuable environmental insights [6]. Chemically modified graphene quantum dots (GQDs) with machine learning models precisely quantify metal ions in water samples, demonstrating adaptability to specific environmental challenges [16].

Integrating autonomous surface vehicles (ASVs) with advanced sensors and AI-driven object detection systems enhances real-time monitoring capabilities, streamlining data collection and facilitating timely interventions [33]. Incorporating Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR) and optical imaging techniques addresses cloud coverage limitations, improving data acquisition reliability [40].

Advanced computational methods, like separable spatio-temporal kriging, enhance computational efficiency and prediction accuracy in monitoring applications [35]. Integrating Non-Degenerate Two-Photon Absorption (NTA) with existing imaging technologies enhances systems by providing cost-effective mid-infrared (MIR) imaging capabilities [34]. The multiview-informed scanning framework demonstrates versatility across fields, underscoring the broad applicability of integrated sensing frameworks [26].

7 Case Studies and Applications

The integration of innovative technologies in environmental monitoring has revolutionized data collection and analysis methodologies. This section delves into specific case studies that illustrate the application of advanced systems in aquatic environments, beginning with the Internet of Underwater Things (IoUT), a transformative framework for real-time water quality monitoring. IoUT leverages interconnected underwater devices to provide comprehensive assessments of aquatic ecosystems, establishing a foundation for understanding the implications of real-time data in environmental management.

7.1 Real-Time Water Quality Monitoring in IoUT

The IoUT paradigm utilizes interconnected underwater devices for continuous environmental data collection and transmission, marking a significant shift in real-time water quality monitoring. Advances in sensor technology and wireless communication have facilitated the deployment of autonomous sensor networks that monitor critical parameters such as temperature, pH, dissolved oxygen, and pollutant concentrations. These networks enhance data reliability and efficiency while addressing data privacy and security challenges through federated learning approaches. Such systems provide valuable insights for environmental management and public health protection, particularly in complex ecosystems and urban areas prone to environmental disasters [36, 55, 56, 57, 4].

A notable application of IoUT involves autonomous underwater vehicles (AUVs) equipped with advanced sensors and communication modules, which navigate complex underwater terrains, collecting high-resolution data and transmitting it in real-time to surface stations or cloud-based platforms. This integration enhances the spatial and temporal resolution of water quality assessments, facilitating timely decision-making for effective environmental management. Advanced machine learning techniques, including federated learning for enhanced data privacy, further empower these systems to tackle critical challenges in environmental monitoring and resource conservation [57, 55, 33].

Machine learning algorithms augment IoUT frameworks by analyzing vast datasets to identify patterns and anomalies indicative of pollution events or environmental changes. This predictive capability supports proactive management strategies, enabling stakeholders to implement targeted mitigation measures before widespread adverse effects occur, thus enhancing resource management efficiency and public health safety [22, 2].

The synergy between IoUT and cloud computing platforms enhances water quality data management through efficient storage, processing, and visualization of large datasets. This integration improves the accessibility and usability of critical information, supporting real-time monitoring essential for addressing challenges posed by rapid urbanization and industrialization. Advanced machine learning algorithms, such as gradient boosting and multi-layer perceptron, facilitate accurate predictions of water quality indices, contributing to effective environmental monitoring and management strategies [36, 55, 2]. This connectivity ensures real-time access to vital environmental data for researchers, policymakers, and the public, promoting transparency and informed decision-making.

The deployment of IoUT for real-time water quality monitoring exemplifies the potential of interdisciplinary approaches in advancing environmental monitoring technologies. By leveraging IoUT capabilities, stakeholders can conduct precise, efficient, and holistic evaluations of aquatic ecosystems, enhancing resource management and pollution control efforts. The integration of innovative technologies such as federated learning and artificial intelligence addresses critical challenges in data privacy and environmental assessment, ultimately improving public health protection and resource conservation amid increasing industrialization and urbanization [36, 55, 29, 57, 2].

7.2 Autonomous Surface Vehicle Experiments in Lago Mayor, Sevilla

Experiments with an Autonomous Surface Vehicle (ASV) in Lago Mayor, Sevilla, demonstrate the integration of advanced sensing technologies and autonomous navigation systems, enhancing ASV capabilities for real-time environmental assessments. The ASV utilized a suite of sensors, including water quality sensors and a stereo camera, to gather comprehensive data on parameters such as pH, temperature, conductivity, and turbidity, while also detecting macro-plastics [33].

The deployment of ASVs in Lago Mayor showcases their potential to improve the spatial and temporal resolution of environmental monitoring. By autonomously navigating intricate aquatic environments, ASVs collect high-resolution data across vast areas, enabling precise monitoring of conditions like turbidity and pH levels. This capability enhances understanding of water quality and supports timely interventions to protect public health and conserve resources. Integrating advanced AI techniques and real-time data processing allows for near-instantaneous detection of contaminants, while innovative sampling algorithms optimize data collection, significantly improving environmental monitoring effectiveness [24, 58, 57]. The combination of machine learning algorithms with ASV sensor data enhances processing and analysis capabilities, enabling the identification of pollution events or environmental changes.

The implementation of ASVs in environmental monitoring highlights the necessity for interdisciplinary collaboration, integrating knowledge from robotics, computer science, and environmental science to create effective monitoring systems. This collaboration is vital for managing heterogeneous data sources and real-time processing, as demonstrated by frameworks like ESTemd, which utilize big data techniques to support environmental decision-making and early warning systems. Successful IoT deployments for environmental monitoring further illustrate the value of integrating expertise from diverse scientific fields, such as hydrology and soil science, to achieve comprehensive real-time insights into ecological conditions [56, 36]. These experiments underscore the potential for autonomous vehicles to transform environmental monitoring practices, offering scalable and efficient solutions for real-time data collection and analysis.

7.3 Digital Inline Holographic Microscopy in South Center Lake, Minnesota

Digital inline holographic microscopy (DIHM) is an advanced technique for monitoring water quality, providing high-resolution imaging essential for detecting and analyzing microorganisms and particulates, such as algae cells, plastic debris, and sediments, in diverse aquatic environments. Unlike traditional methods requiring complex sample preparations, DIHM enables in situ microscopic analysis across large water bodies, allowing for systematic coverage and real-time assessment of particle size, shape, concentration, and three-dimensional motion. This technology enhances contaminant detection accuracy and offers a cost-effective solution for environmental monitoring, making it valuable for assessing overall water quality [14, 59]. In South Center Lake, Minnesota, DIHM has been employed to enhance understanding of water quality dynamics, providing real-time insights into the presence and behavior of various biological entities within the lake ecosystem.

The application of DIHM involves advanced optical systems that capture holographic images of microscopic organisms, facilitating detailed analysis without traditional staining or labeling techniques. This non-invasive method allows researchers to monitor microorganisms in their natural habitats, enabling more precise evaluations of their ecological roles. Utilizing advanced technologies such as mobile robotic holographic microscopy and machine learning algorithms enhances understanding of microbial dynamics and their contributions to water quality and environmental health [38, 22, 2, 59, 27]. The high throughput and resolution of DIHM enable detection of subtle changes in water quality, such as shifts in microbial populations or pollutant introduction, critical for effective environmental monitoring.

The proposed integration of DIHM with advanced machine learning algorithms aims to automate the classification and quantification of microorganisms in water samples, enhancing efficiency and accuracy in water quality assessments. By leveraging techniques such as gradient boosting and multi-layer perceptron (MLP), which exhibit significant predictive capabilities in estimating water quality indices and classifying water quality categories, this methodology addresses the urgent need for rapid assessments amid deteriorating water quality due to urbanization and industrialization [27, 28, 2]. The power of artificial intelligence allows for rapid analysis of large datasets generated by DIHM, identifying patterns and anomalies that indicate environmental changes or pollution events. This capability is particularly valuable in dynamic environments like South Center Lake, where continuous monitoring is essential for maintaining ecological balance and protecting biodiversity.

The implementation of DIHM in South Center Lake illustrates the transformative potential of advanced imaging technologies, such as AI-driven image recognition and mobile microscopic analysis, in enhancing water quality monitoring practices. By enabling high-resolution imaging of microparticles and facilitating comprehensive assessments of contaminants across extensive water areas, DIHM significantly improves the accuracy and efficiency of environmental monitoring, addressing limitations of traditional methods [24, 59]. By providing detailed, real-time data on the biological components of aquatic ecosystems, DIHM contributes to a deeper understanding of environmental conditions, supporting informed decision-making and effective resource management. This application underscores the importance of interdisciplinary approaches in advancing environmental monitoring technologies, highlighting the synergy between optics, computer science, and environmental science in addressing complex ecological challenges.

8 Future Directions and Research Opportunities

In the context of advancing environmental monitoring technologies, it is imperative to explore the various avenues that can contribute to their enhancement. This section will delve into the emerging trends that are shaping the landscape of environmental monitoring, particularly focusing on the integration of advanced computational techniques and innovative methodologies. By examining these trends, we aim to provide a comprehensive overview of the current developments that are poised to significantly improve the accuracy and efficiency of monitoring systems.

8.1 Emerging Trends in Environmental Monitoring

8.2 Emerging Trends in Environmental Monitoring

Emerging trends in environmental monitoring are increasingly focused on leveraging advanced machine learning techniques and integrating multidisciplinary approaches to enhance the accuracy and efficiency of monitoring systems. One significant trend is the application of deep learning and transfer learning methodologies, which aim to develop robust models capable of effective hyperspectral analysis even with limited labeled data. This approach not only improves the precision of environmental assessments but also reduces the dependency on extensive training datasets [28].

The exploration of unsupervised learning techniques is another promising trend, offering the potential to improve model robustness by integrating multiple annotation sources and expanding datasets. This approach facilitates the development of more adaptive and resilient models, capable of handling diverse environmental conditions and datasets [60]. Additionally, the optimization of domain-decomposed image classification algorithms is being pursued to enhance classification performance and reduce overfitting, further contributing to the development of efficient environmental monitoring systems [39].

In the realm of spectral analysis, the design of dual-band plasmonic absorbers is being refined to improve fabrication techniques and explore additional applications in environmental monitoring. These advancements promise to expand the capabilities of spectroscopic technologies, enabling more precise and reliable environmental assessments [13]. Furthermore, the enhancement of nonnegative matrix factorization (NMF) algorithms to increase robustness against extreme data cases and explore alternative dimensionality reduction techniques is a key area of research, offering potential improvements in data analysis and interpretation [25].

The integration of Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR) with optical imaging techniques is an emerging trend that addresses the challenges posed by adverse weather conditions, facilitating continuous environmental monitoring. This integration enhances the reliability and comprehensiveness of monitoring systems, ensuring consistent data acquisition across various environmental scenarios [40]. Additionally, expanding training sets to include a wider variety of spectral types and applying artificial neural networks (ANN) to diverse datasets are crucial for advancing environmental monitoring technologies, enabling more generalized and robust models [61].

The emerging trends underscore the critical need for integrating advanced computational techniques, such as real-time data processing frameworks and machine learning algorithms, alongside multidisciplinary approaches in environmental monitoring. This integration not only enhances the accuracy and efficiency of monitoring systems but also facilitates comprehensive analysis of heterogeneous environmental data, thereby improving decision support systems and enabling timely responses to environmental challenges, such as water quality deterioration due to urbanization and industrialization. [56, 2]

8.3 Optimization of Sensor and Imaging Technologies

Optimizing sensor and imaging technologies is critical for advancing environmental monitoring systems, focusing on enhancing efficiency, accuracy, and adaptability. Future research should prioritize the integration of non-stationary models and sensor-specific temporal correlation parameters to improve flexibility and accuracy across diverse monitoring scenarios [35]. The incorporation of graph information into the optimization process and the utilization of spectral features from neighboring pixels are promising strategies for enhancing classification performance in hyperspectral image analysis [44].

Resource allocation strategies can be further optimized to support real-time data processing scenarios, as demonstrated in the application of DPPA for hyperspectral near-infrared imaging [54]. Additionally, optimizing diffractive network designs to reduce spectral cross-talk and enhance imaging performance presents significant opportunities for advancing sensor technologies [14]. The exploration of sim2real transfer for real-world trials, coupled with assessments of clutter and acoustic phenomena, can expand the action space for more flexible reacquisition trajectories in environmental monitoring [26].

Improving system capabilities to handle larger image uploads and enhancing classification accuracy for lower-sized images are essential for optimizing image classification frameworks [43]. Enhancing the sensitivity and frame rate of Non-Degenerate Two-Photon Absorption (NTA) imaging systems is crucial for optimizing sensor and imaging technologies, thereby facilitating more effective environmental monitoring [34].

The research directions outlined in these studies significantly enhance the capabilities of sensor and imaging technologies, particularly through the integration of machine learning with surface-enhanced Raman spectroscopy (SERS) for the precise detection of trace organic pollutants and the application of advanced image processing techniques for subsurface structure analysis. These advancements not only improve the accuracy of environmental monitoring by enabling the detection of low-concentration contaminants but also facilitate a deeper understanding of geological structures, thereby contributing to more effective and efficient solutions for environmental monitoring and resource management. [1, 62]

8.4 Interdisciplinary Approaches and Applications

Interdisciplinary approaches are essential in advancing environmental monitoring technologies, as they integrate methodologies and expertise from fields such as computer science, environmental science, and engineering. This integration is crucial for addressing the complex challenges associated with environmental monitoring and pollution detection. Future research should focus on refining algorithms to improve detection capabilities in challenging conditions and explore the integration of additional data sources for enhanced monitoring [24]. The application of deep learning domain adaptation methods to other spectroscopic techniques and datasets, as well as the further refinement of interpretability algorithms, can enhance the understanding of complex chemical processes [10].

The exploration of hybrid models that combine traditional and modern techniques, such as laser-induced breakdown spectroscopy with transfer learning, offers promising directions for enhancing performance in scenarios with limited data. Additionally, refining machine learning techniques and exploring additional analytes can enhance their applicability in diverse electrochemical contexts, thereby improving the accuracy and robustness of environmental assessments. Future research should investigate the integration of more advanced neural network architectures and the potential for expanding the system's detection capabilities to include a wider range of environmental contaminants [5].

The integration of additional sensor data and the detection of localized events are critical for improving the accuracy and robustness of environmental monitoring systems, particularly in scenarios where sensor malfunctions may occur. The future work outlined emphasizes the importance of interdisciplinary approaches, such as continuous modeling of environmental dynamics and applying Markov Decision Processes for optimal sensor management [4]. Furthermore, developing adaptive algorithms that can handle uncertainties in real-time and enhancing collaboration between robotic systems are essential for advancing the capabilities of environmental monitoring technologies.

The implementation of fleets of Autonomous Surface Vehicles (ASVs) equipped with advanced water quality sensors and AI-driven algorithms for optimized path planning highlights the critical role of interdisciplinary collaboration in enhancing environmental monitoring technologies. These vehicles utilize sophisticated artificial vision systems, such as YOLOv5 for macro-plastic detection, and are designed for adaptive deployment in diverse aquatic environments. Additionally, innovative frameworks like Event STream Processing Engine for Environmental Monitoring Domain (ESTemd) leverage big data techniques for real-time analysis of heterogeneous environmental data, thereby improving decision-making processes in water resource management. This integration of AI, remote sensing, and distributed processing not only improves the efficiency of monitoring efforts but also addresses significant gaps in current methodologies, paving the way for more effective environmental protection and resource conservation strategies. [57, 56, 26, 33]. These advancements highlight the potential for autonomous systems to revolutionize environmental monitoring practices, offering scalable and efficient solutions for real-time data collection and analysis.

In the field of data analysis, particularly for environmental monitoring, advancing model architectures—such as the transformer-based SERT model designed for spatio-temporal sensor data—and investigating ensemble methods can significantly improve predictive accuracy. These enhancements are crucial for developing robust environmental monitoring systems capable of effectively handling challenges like missing data and multivariate misalignment in sensor outputs. By leveraging sophisticated machine learning techniques, including gradient boosting and multi-layer perceptron algorithms, researchers can achieve real-time water quality predictions and better understand the drivers of climate change and pollution, ultimately contributing to more effective environmental management strategies. [28, 47, 22, 2]. Overall, interdisciplinary approaches are vital for driving the development of more accurate, efficient, and comprehensive environmental monitoring systems. By leveraging diverse methodologies and expertise, future research can contribute to improved resource management and pollution control, ultimately supporting sustainable environmental practices.

9 Conclusion

The survey highlights the significant advancements in environmental monitoring through the integration of cutting-edge optical techniques, computational algorithms, and data-driven models. Techniques such as 3D fluorescence spectroscopy, image classification algorithms, spectral analysis, and machine learning exemplify a multidisciplinary approach that enhances the precision and efficiency of environmental assessments. The promising results of the optimized pix2pix method for SAR-to-optical image translation, with a notable error score, underscore the potential of these technologies in real-world applications. Moreover, models like SERT and SST-ANN have shown exceptional capabilities in spatio-temporal forecasting, effectively addressing data gaps without the need for imputation. These developments underscore the necessity of combining diverse methodologies to address complex environmental challenges. By leveraging these innovative approaches, researchers and practitioners can develop more resilient and adaptable monitoring systems, thereby improving resource management and pollution control.

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