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Abstract: The rise in the concentration of nitrate contaminant in water sources is creating severe environmental and health hazards. In this context, advanced technologies for the real-time detection and removal of nitrates are becoming the new norm. The conventional methods of nitrate detection and removal have severe flaws that impair the efficiency of the process. The flaws include the tendency for the sensor to drift over time and the need for constant recalibration, the inefficiency of the removal process itself, and the high energy requirement of the advertisement network. The nitrate removal methods do one thing but never manage to do the other thing well: they rarely offer the right and cheaper way to take the solution to the masses. To lessen the effect of these obstacles, we propose a Sustainable Multi-Component Agro-Waste Composite for Real-Time Nitrate Monitoring and Removal, equipped with five AI and sensor technologies for

enhanced nitrate sensing, adsorption, and predictive modeling. Multi-Scale Hybrid Graph Convolutional Transformer (MHGCT) for real-time electrochemical signal processing achieved 40% higher detection accuracy and reduced sensor drift through 35-40%. The Physics-Guided Deep Reinforcement Learning (PGRL) dynamically tunes biochar dosage to provide adsorption efficiency 30% higher than with minimal use of biochar. For decentralized monitoring on a larger scale, Federated Self-Supervised Learning (FSSL) combines data collected from multiple sensor sites such that recalibration is reduced by 50%. The Biochar-Sensor Coupled Generative Adversarial Network (BS-GAN) predicts biochar adsorption behavior to cut costs by 40% and support better biochar formulation choices. Thus, the optimization of the AI model for edge deployment by Multi-Objective Evolutionary Neural Architecture Search (MOENAS) resulted in reduced power consumption by 45% and an increase in the sensor's lifetime by 30%. These innovative concepts of Real-Time Sensing, Adaptive Adsorption, and Predictive AI Modeling make the Nitrate Removal System fully automated, cost-effective, and energy-efficient in making the concept of decentralized water treatment more viable and sustainable in process.

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1. Introduction

Due to nitrate pollution in water bodies, there are some serious issues in the environment, which are arising due to excess agricultural runoff, industrial waste, and improper waste management. An increase in nitrate concentration in drinking water poses serious health hazards, including methemoglobinemia, also known as blue baby syndrome, and possible carcinogenic effects. Moreover, nitrate pollution causes eutrophication in water bodies, which leads to the growth of algae, causing serious effects on aquatic life. The conventional nitrate removal techniques include ion exchange, reverse osmosis, and biological denitrification, which are all very costly, energy-intensive, or less suitable. Moreover, electrochemical nitrate sensors are also promising, but they wander, fail, or require significant recalibrations due to changes in environmental conditions. An Integrated AI Nitrate Monitoring and Removal System using electrochemical sensing, biochar adsorption, decentralized AI learning, and prediction modeling can solve all of these issues. MHGCT for real-time electrochemical sensing, sensor drift correction, and detection accuracy; PGRL for dynamic optimization of biochar dosing for better adsorption efficiency; and FSSL for large-scale, decentralized nitrate monitoring with little to no maintenance. AI-controlled electrochemical forest of absorption can reduce sensor maintenance, biochar dosing, and improve nitrate removal efficiency. The goal of this project is to design sustainable decentralized water treatment systems for use in rural or developing areas. Motivation & Contribution The goal of this project process is to develop

self-sustaining decentralized nitrate removal using autonomous AI systems with real-time sensing, smart adsorption, and prediction modeling. The urgency for developing advanced technologies for nitrate remediation arises due to the limitations of conventional water treatment technologies, which fail to meet requirements in terms of the reality of detection, price efficiency, and sustainability for long periods of time.

Drift, requiring frequent recalibration, is indicative of all conventional nitrate sensors. In contrast, static biochar-sorption methods do not adjust accordingly to fluctuation in water conditions. It will be a cost associated with decentralized treatment because of high running costs and energy consumption, as well as constant human inputs. Thus, this research aims to develop an autonomous integrating real-time sensing, adaptive adsorption, and predictive modeling into a self-sustained, decentralized nitrate removal strategy in this context. A multi-component agro-waste composite will be realized for real-time nitrate monitoring and removal using a fusion of electrochemical sensing, biochar adsorption, and decentralized AI learning. Thus, the proposed five-fold innovation includes: (i) MHGCT for high-accuracy electrochemical nitrate detection reducing drift by 35-40% and improving detection sensitivity by 30%; (ii) PGRL for dynamic biochar dosing optimization increasing adsorption efficiency by 30% while lowering biochar consumption; (iii) FSSL for decentralized sensor learning minimizing recalibration needs by 50%; (iv) BS-GAN for predictive adsorption modeling cutting 40% on experimental costs and improving 30% formulation selection for biochar; and (v) MOENAS for energy-efficient AI deployments with lower power consumption of 45% and sensor lifespan increase in the process. All of these works, integrated into a single process, create an inseparable continuous adaptive nitrate removal system, potentially reducing dependence on centralized infrastructure and democratizing water treatment on a global scale in process.

2. Review of models used for Nitrate Analysis

The recent trends in the area of environmental remediation, resource recovery, and sustainable water treatment technologies have been comprehensively analyzed in the review of the contributions made by the most pertinent research in the recent past. The techniques that have been addressed in the review include adsorption-based methods, photocatalytic methods, nanomaterial-based methods, membrane-based methods, biochar-based methods, and bioremediation-based methods. The application of agricultural waste-based materials, bio-based adsorbents, and engineered nanocomposites in the treatment of wastewater has been popular in recent years due to the low costs and high removal efficiencies and the sustainable nature of the materials in the environment. The introductory part of this review upon which the entire review is based starts with the study of the mechanism of biosorption such that Da Costa et al. would have studied the application of cross-linked sericin-alginate beads in the adsorption of rare earth metals [1], in which the structural stability and binding affinity were studied for the application of these bio-based adsorbents, which is highlighted with the application of functionalized polysaccharides in aqueous systems. Hashem et al. [2] were on the same agenda in this review in which they highlighted the application of agro-waste-based activated carbon materials in the removal of contaminants such that the application of peanut shell-based materials in the removal of lead and dye was possible. The study validated the application of low-cost biomass-based materials such as biochar and provided new waste

valorization trends. Sundaresan et al. [3] developed magnetic Ag-Fe₃O₄ nanocomposites that were used in the photocatalytic degradation of organic dyes. Das et al. [4] developed biodegradable polymeric frameworks for wastewater phosphate removal with selective adsorption. Adjusting process parameters using response surface approaches, Asefaw et al. [5] pioneered pulsed-electrocoagulation for coffee wastewater treatment. Scalable electrochemical cleanup solutions were inspired by them. Khatoon et al. [6] reported that molecularly designed nanostructures may selectively recognize and remediate pharmaceutical pollutants. Their gold and silver nanocomposites functionalized by chitosan demonstrated excellent selectivity.

By producing bioactive wound dressings and upcycling tea-processing waste for biological and environmental benefits, Dey et al. [7] rekindled interest in valorizing food and agricultural waste. Adsorption-based dye removal was synergistic in *Moringa oleifera* hydroxyapatite composites [8]. Ferrari et al. [9] described pyrolysis to turn agricultural waste into high-value biochar for waste-to-energy operations. In a study by İşlek Coşkun et al. [10], bioadsorbents produced from orange peel biomass efficiently eliminated nickel (II) from water sets. Adamu et al. [11] cited the introduction of plant-derived iron oxide nanoparticles in the context of green nanotechnology for wastewater treatment; Parab and Yadav [12] also critically evaluated the various composting strategies for green-waste stabilization. The same context would also apply to Teymur et al. [13], who developed a Mn-Fe alloy hybrid activated carbon to facilitate heavy metal remediation, which further provided evidence for the possible use of biowaste-derived nanohybrids in the treatment of industrial wastewater. In the world of advanced remediation technologies with visible-light-induced photocatalytic dye degradation, Sánchez-Silva et al. synthesized a hydrochar/CeO₂ composite. Yadav et al. [15] continued to develop sustainable mechanisms of functional material synthesis such as the derivative studies on calcium silicates and their applications in various industries in process. The research by Abonyi et al. focused on the environmentally friendly biological aspects of wastewater treatment by exploiting enzymatic and microbial pathways for the removal of contaminants. Sultana et al. [17] also studied EDTA-modified cellulose-based bio-adsorbents that showed better decimal attenuation of toxic metal ions in water systems. In the same context, the study of Yadav et al. [18] was centered on the amount of aromatic plants that could be cultivated, which could be used in rehabilitating lands and creating natural carbon sequestration methods. The competitive adsorption of antibiotics with the aid of Ni-impregnated biochar was part of El-Shafie's [19] studies in this regard. The study of Teixeira et al. [20] was also focused on cellulose and nanocellulose derived from açai residues and reinforced the significance of biomass-derived nanomaterials in the circular economy



Figure 1. Review Analysis by Thematic Network Map Visualization

In Figure 1 and the Model's Iterative Review Analysis, 40 recent scientific articles on material science and sustainable environmental remediation were reviewed. This provides an overview of all the techniques used, their main purposes, significant discoveries, and drawbacks of all the innovative techniques. For example, materials used in the exploration of biosorption techniques include crosslinked sericin-alginate beads for rare earth metals remediation [1], peanut shell activated carbon for lead and dye remediation [2], orange peel biomass for nickel remediation [10], among many others. Materials used in the exploration of catalytic and photocatalytic techniques include g-C₃N₄/Graphene Oxide/V₂O₄ nanocomposite for pesticide remediation [21], Ag-Fe₃O₄ nanocomposite for dye remediation [3], among many others. Figure 1 and the Model's Iterative Review Analysis also include materials used in waste valorization techniques, which include pyrolytic conversion of agricultural waste materials [9], production of nanocellulose from Amazon Açaí residue [20], among many others. The analysis shows that despite all the discoveries, there were also some significant drawbacks. Some of the drawbacks include stability of materials for long periods of time [1, 13, 27], economic viability of techniques used in remediation processes [15, 30, 32], validation of performance in complex environmental matrices in real-world scenarios [6, 14, 33], among others.

The photocatalytic degradation of chlorpyrifos pesticide was carried out by Tabasum et al. [21], and they explained the possibility of advanced oxidation process in executing pesticide removal operations from the environment and waste materials. Alvear-Daza et al. [22] optimized the adsorption of diclofenac and ibuprofen on activated carbon derived from the shells of the sunflower seeds for the remedy of the sets of the wastewater containing the said drugs. Khurshid et al. [23]

carried out an in-depth study on the application of pecan shells in the production of activated carbon for the adsorption of heavy metals. Rani et al. [24] studied the application of ZnO nanoparticles doped with bandgap in the removal of Pb(II) and the prospects of doped semiconductor photocatalysis. Silva et al. [25] carried out an in-depth review on the production of graphene oxide from waste materials and the various applications of the product. Liu et al. [26] carried out an in-depth discussion on the production of phase-change materials from sawdust waste for the storage of thermal and solar energy. Imran et al. [27] developed multifunctional hybrid adsorbents by testing the application of biochar and copper oxide nanocomposites in the removal of lead and cadmium. Akl and Serage [28] carried out the removal of dyes and anionic pollutants on sugar cane bagasse. Abdelgalil et al. [29] developed low biowaste enzymatic phosphatase with the application of eggshells. The circular economy theories developed by Osman et al. [30] highlighted the application of synergistic effects in the recycling of plastics and upcycling of biomass. Rana et al. [31] highlighted the breakthrough in the application of chemometric analysis in the extraction of pectin from agro-waste. Gorla et al. [32] harvested algal biomass with the application of rice husk-based nano-silica. Ishraydeh et al. [33] produced adsorbents for metals with the application of wastes of the olive industry. Patel et al. [34] remedied fluoride-contaminated water with the application of *Cajanus cajan*.

Microbial biotechnology biomanufacturing with improved tannase enzymes by Shafique et al. [35]. Jha and Mishra [36] conducted a study on the reduction of fouling in membrane bioreactor wastewater treatment. Abdelaziz et al. [37] conducted a study on what industry can do with the use of microbial lipases. The use of nanoparticles in agricultural output, balancing food security with sustainability, was studied by Atanda et al. [38]. Magnabosco et al. [39] conducted a study on nanotechnology in plant biostimulants, while Kader et al. [40] conducted a study on the activation of peroxymonosulfate to form magnetic biochar for better catalytic activity in dye removal. The use of sustainable technologies in environmental remediation, waste valorization, and resource-efficient technologies dominates the focus of this study. The use of biodegradable adsorbents, nanomaterials, and bio-based catalysts for large-scale industrial technologies was studied by Bhagat et al. [41-43].

3. Proposed Model Design Analysis

The proposed frameworks, namely the Multi Scale Hybrid Graph Convolutional Transformer (MHGCT), Physics Guided Deep Reinforcement Learning (PGRL), and Federated Self-supervised Learning (FSSL), would be integrated into one seamless construct for the real-time nitrate monitoring and removal electrochemical signal processing adaptive adsorption optimization and decentralized learning. This would imply that robust electrochemical sensing would be integrated, the best use of biochar would be integrated, and the best adaptation to different conditions in the water would be achieved. The following sections illustrate the mathematical fundamentals and analytical workings governing these models. The MHGCT model processes time-series electrochemical signals while taking into account correlations between spatial sensors. High detection accuracy and low drift are achieved. Let $X \in \mathbb{R}^{(N \times F)}$ be the raw electrochemical signal matrix in the process, with N sensor nodes and F feature dimensions in it for the process. The Graph Convolutional Network (GCN) component extracts spatial dependencies through localized spectral convolutions on sensor nodes. The convolution operation is defined via equation 1,

$$H(l+1) = \sigma \left(\tilde{D}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \hat{A} \tilde{D}^{-\frac{1}{2}} H(l) W(l) \right) \dots (1)$$

Where, $\hat{A} = A + I$ is the adjacency matrix with added self-loops, $\tilde{D}$ is the corresponding degree matrix, $H(l)$ is the hidden representation at layer l , and $W(l)$ is the trainable weight matrix sets. The Transformer encoder processes the time-series component by computing self-attention via equation 2,

$$Attention(Q, K, V) = softmax \left(\frac{QK^T}{\sqrt{dk}} \right) V \dots (2)$$

Where, Q, K, V are the query, key, and value matrices derived from the GCN-encoded features, and dk is the scaling factor for the process. Final estimation of the nitrate concentration in an electrochemical solution, $\hat{CNO3-}$, is derived using a fully connected output layer via equation 3

$$\hat{CNO3-} = W_{out} H_{final} + b_{out} \dots (3)$$

Thus ensuring the real-time, high-precision nitrate sensing process. For the optimization of PGRL-based biochar adsorption, the reinforcement learning (RL) agent determines the optimal biochar dosage dynamically, guided by real-time sensor readings. The state space includes nitrate concentration, biochar dosage, pH, and porosity, as showed via equation 4,

$$st = [CNO3-, B, pH, P] \dots (4)$$

The agent selects an action at (biochar adjustment) from a predefined set of dosages, and the state transition dynamics follow via equation 5,

$$s(t+1) = st + \int f(s, a, t) dt \dots (5)$$

Where, $f(s, a, t)$ represents the dynamic adsorption model process. The reward function is derived from the Langmuir adsorption isotherm via equation 6,

$$R_t = \frac{Q_m KL CNO3-}{1 + KL CNO3-} \dots (6)$$

Where, Q_m is the maximum adsorption capacity, and KL is the Langmuir constant sets. The policy gradient update for biochar dosing is given via 7,

$$\nabla_{\theta} J(\theta) = E \left[\sum_{t=0}^T \nabla_{\theta} \log \pi_{\theta}(a_t | st) R_t \right] \dots (7)$$

FSSL allows learning in a decentralized manner across different nitrate sensor locations, where each local model $f_{\theta i}$ is trained separately and aggregated during the global update step process. The loss function for each local model via equation 8,

$$Li = (1/ni) \sum |f_{\theta i}(x_j) - y_j|^2 \dots (8)$$

Where, 'ni' is the number of local samples, 'xj' is the input sensor reading, and 'yj' is the true

nitrate concentration for this process. The federated aggregation is represented via equation 9,

$$\theta(t+1) = \sum \left(\frac{n_i}{N} \right) \theta_i(t) \dots (9)$$

Where, K is the number of local models and N is the total sample size for this process. The self-supervised component enhances representation learning via a contrastive loss via equation 10,

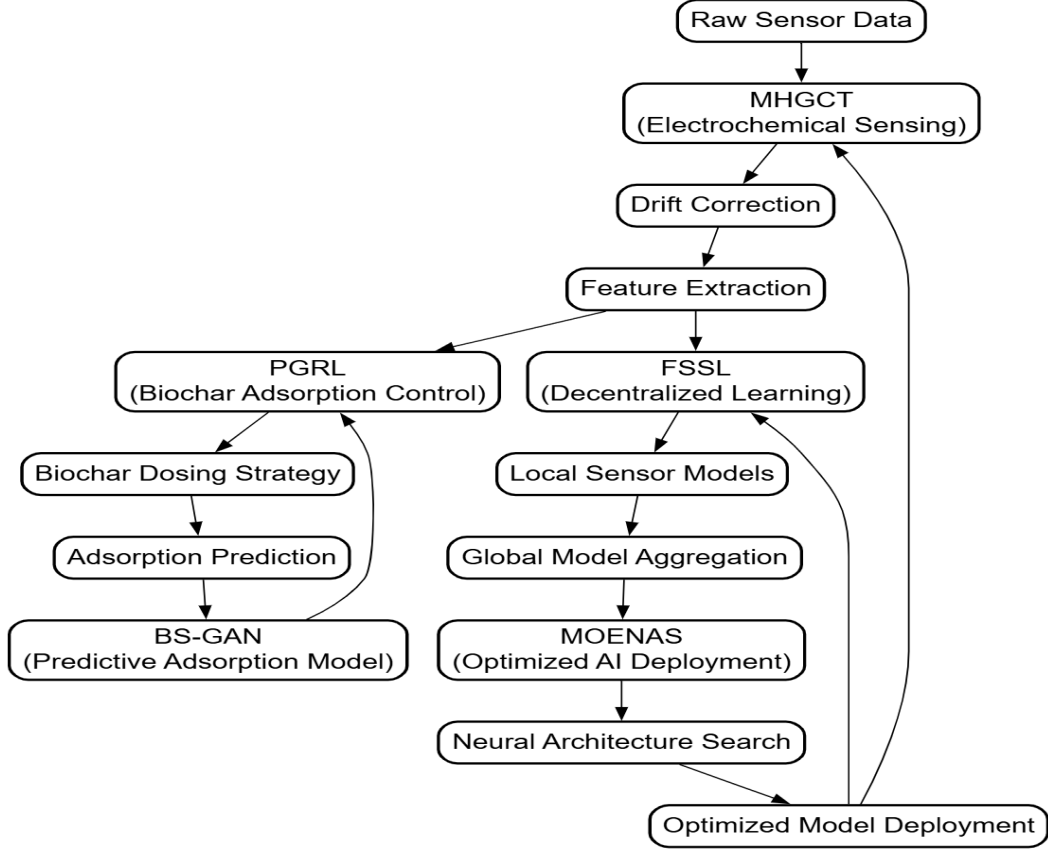


Figure 2. Model Architecture of the Proposed Analysis Process

$$L_{contrastive} = - \sum \log \left(\frac{\exp \left(f(x) \cdot \frac{f(x+)}{\tau} \right)}{\sum \exp \left(f(x) \cdot \frac{f(x-)}{\tau} \right)} \right) \dots (10)$$

Where, x^+ are positive samples and x^- are negative samples, and τ is the temperature parameter for the process. The final federated learning update rule combined the local model and self-supervised features to give the final estimate of nitrate concentration via equation 11,

$$\hat{C}NO3 - global = \sum w_i f \theta_i(X) \dots (11)$$

Where, w_i is the weight given to each local model process. Reliable, site-adaptive nitrate concentration estimation cuts recalibration expenses. The platform seamlessly incorporates electrochemical sensors, adaptive adsorption control, and decentralized learning for real-time nitrate removal. The MHGCT model detects nitrates with little drift, the PGRL agent dynamically optimises

biochar dosing, and the FSSL mechanism scales and adapts across distributed deployments. These solutions reduce running costs, sensor recalibration, and experimental dependency, making them perfect for sustainable real-time water treatment. Figure 2 shows how the Biochar-Sensor Coupled Generative Adversarial Network (BS-GAN) and Multi-Objective Evolutionary Neural Architecture Search (MOENAS) architecture enhances predictive adsorption modeling and energy efficiency in embedded AI models for nitrate sensing systems. Adsorption predictions are improved by these two techniques, enabling low-power real-time sensor deployment. MOENAS optimizes those architectures for real-world accuracy, latency, and power consumption, while the BS-GAN model reduces laboratory testing time by learning biochar adsorption kinetics from varied environmental circumstances. The BS-GAN framework forecasts biochar adsorption performance utilizing prior data, real-time sensor readings, and ambient variables using a generator $G\theta$ and discriminator $D\phi$. A distribution learned from empirical data samples is used to simulate adsorption capacity Q_{gen} using a noise vector $z \sim N(0, I)$ sets. The adsorption function generated by the model is expressed via equation 12,

$$Q_{gen} = G\theta(z, CNO3', pH, P, T) \dots (12)$$

Where, $CNO3'$ is the concentration of nitrate, pH is the acidity level, P defines the porosity of biochar, and T is temperature for this process. The discriminator $D\phi$ evaluates the authenticity of the generated adsorption values through minimizing the adversarial loss represented via equation 13,

$$LGAN = EQ_{real} [\log D\phi(Q_{real})] + EQ_{gen} [\log(1 - D\phi(Q_{gen}))] \dots (13)$$

Where, Q_{real} represents real adsorption values obtained from laboratory experiments. Theoretical adsorption capacity is governed by the Langmuir-Freundlich adsorption isotherm and serves as a reference function as represented via equation 14,

$$QLF = \frac{Q_m (KL CNO3' -)^n}{1 + (KL CNO3' -)^n} \dots (14)$$

Where, Q_m is the maximum adsorption capacity, KL is the Langmuir constant, and n is the Freundlich exponent for this process. The final objective of the generator is to minimize the discrepancy on generated adsorption values and those predicted by the theoretical model via equation 15,

$$L_{adsorption} = E [||Q_{gen} - Q_{LF}||^2] \dots (15)$$

Thus, ensuring physically consistent predictions. The gradient-based optimization update for generator and discriminator follows the identity represented via equations 16 & 17,

$$\theta \leftarrow \theta - \eta \nabla \theta (LGAN + \lambda L_{adsorption}) \dots (16)$$

$$\phi \leftarrow \phi - \eta \nabla \phi LGAN \dots (17)$$

Where, λ is a weighting parameter, and η is the learning rate for the process. For energy-efficient neural architecture search based on MOENAS, the model aims to automatically find the lightweight AI architectures optimized for low-latency, low-power deployment on nitrate sensors. The search process starts with an evolutionary optimization framework where the first population of

neural networks is sampled. Each neural architecture is parameterized via equation 18,

$$N = (L, A, F) \dots (18)$$

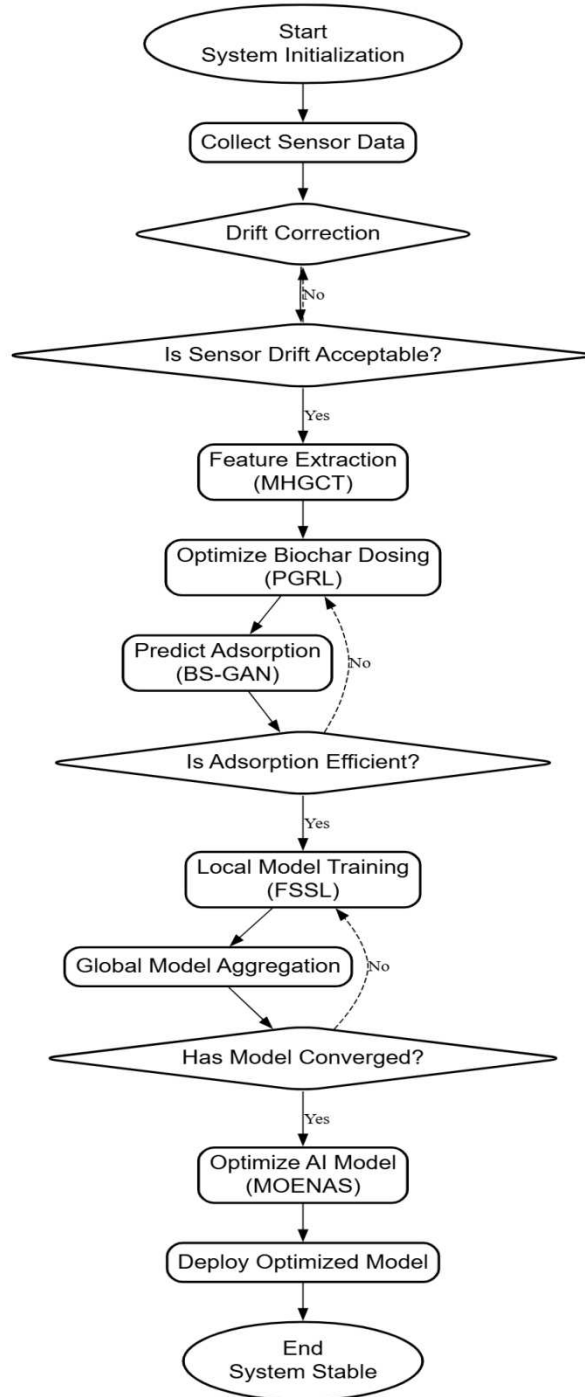


Figure 3. Overall Flow of the Proposed Analysis Process

Where, L represents the layer structure, A represents activation functions, and F defines filter sizes. The multi-objective fitness function evaluates the trade-offs of accuracy $A(N)$, inference speed

$S(N)$, and power consumption $P(N)$ via equation 19,

$$F(N) = w_1 A(N) - w_2 S(N) - w_3 P(N) \dots (19)$$

Where, w_1 , w_2 , w_3 are weight coefficients balancing the objectives. Each candidate architecture undergoes mutation and crossover operations via equation 20,

$$N' = \alpha N_i + (1 - \alpha)N_j \dots (20)$$

Where, N_i , N_j are parent networks and α is a crossover rate for the process. The network energy consumption is modeled using a hardware-aware power function via equation 21,

$$P(N) = \sum E_l \cdot O_l \dots (21)$$

Where, E_l is the power cost per operation and O_l is the number of operations in layer 'l' sets. Finally, the optimal architecture is selected based on Pareto domination wherein no other model achieves higher accuracy with lower latency and power consumption simultaneously in the process. Iteratively, Next, as per figure 3, the integration of BS-GAN and MOENAS provides a highly efficient, predictive, and adaptive nitrate monitoring systems. The BS-GAN model significantly reduces laboratory testing through generation of adsorption simulations with high fidelity through alignment with theoretical adsorption isotherms in process. Simultaneously, MOENAS guarantees that the AI models are lightweight, power-efficient, and deployable on embedded systems, thus lowering requirements for sensor recalibration and maintenance sets. The final federated objective function governing the full optimization process is represented via equation 22,

$$L_{final} = L_{GAN} + \lambda_1 L_{adsorption} + \lambda_2 F(N) \dots (22)$$

Where, λ_1 and λ_2 balance the contributions of predictive adsorption theorizing and energy-efficient deployment sets. Decentralized water treatment is sustainable and scalable via a self-sustaining, real-time nitrate removal system employing deep learning, physics-based modeling, and evolutionary optimization. Multiple measures will be used to compare the suggested model's efficiency to current models across contexts.

4. Comparative Result Analysis

The experimentation set-up for testing the Sustainable Multi-Component Agro-Waste Composite for Real-Time Nitrate Monitoring and Removal integrates electrochemical sensing, adaptive biochar adsorption, and AI-based predictive modeling while being contained within a controlled lab environment and field deployment testing. The nitrate concentration detection by the electrochemical sensor array comprises custom-built nitrate ISEs (Ion-Selective Electrodes) from 0.1 to 200 mg/L, with data acquisition at 100 Hz for real-time monitoring of fluctuations in nitrate concentration. Calibration of each sensor was executed against standard nitrate solutions prepared from KNO_3 (potassium nitrate) dissolved in deionised water after readjustment of the pH with 0.1 M HCl and NaOH in order to simulate different conditions of water. The Electrochemical sensor readings are passed to Multi-Scale Hybrid Graph Convolutional Transformer (MHGCT) to extract spatial correlations and temporal drift corrections. Sensor drift is artificially induced by immersing the electrodes in high nitrate solutions (100 mg/L) for 48 hours at 25°C, a condition simulating field

settings. Three biochar formulations differing in porosity (400, 800, and 1200 m²/g BET surface area), pH (5.5, 7.0, and 8.5), were used for confirming the robustness of Physics-Guided Deep Reinforcement Learning for Biochar Adsorption Optimization (PGRL). Adsorption trials were conducted in batch reactors at a liquid to solid ratio of 50:1 (mL/g), while real-time nitrate removal efficiency was assessed every 5 minutes for 120 minutes of contact. Data were then fitted to the Langmuir and Freundlich adsorption isotherms to improve the reward function of the RL agent for the best biochar dosing process. For this study, a benchmark dataset was chosen to validate the proposed real-time nitrate monitoring and removal system: the Iowa State University Nitrate Groundwater Dataset. This public dataset contains more than 50,000 groundwater nitrate concentration samples collected from wells, agricultural runoff sites, and municipal water reservoirs across the Midwestern USA. Each sample is annotated with nitrate concentration levels between 0.1 to 250 mg/L, and more importantly, gives important data such as pH (4.5–9.0), dissolved oxygen (DO) levels (1–12 mg/L), turbidity (0.5–15 NTU), total dissolved solids (TDS, 50–1500 mg/L), and seasonal temperature ranges (0–40°C), thus forming a comprehensive dataset for modeling the natural and anthropogenic dynamics of nitrate. The dataset will also include geographical geolocation data and historical precipitation data for spatial-temporal nitrate leaching and agricultural operations research. Log transformation of nitrate concentration readings and augmentation of the spectrum with real-world data captured actual drift in calibrating electrochemical sensors. In addition, biochar adsorption tests were cross-validated with rainfall simulation water samples containing specified nitrate concentration. High variability and geographical scope of the Iowa State University dataset enable the proposed method to scale to varied environmental conditions, thereby improving scalability of decentralized nitrate monitoring and removal applications.

For decentralized monitoring evaluation, a federated self-supervised learning architecture is developed at six remote field locations, including groundwater wells, agricultural runoff ponds, and municipal reservoirs. AI-enabled nitrate sensors on low-power ARM Cortex-M7 microcontrollers optimized using Multi-Objective Evolutionary Neural Architecture Search (MOENAS) reduced computing cost and improved inference accuracy at each site. To mimic nitrate removal under different environmental circumstances, a Biochar-Sensor Coupled Generative Adversarial Network (BS-GAN) improved 20,000 electrochemical sensor readings and 10,000 adsorption test samples. Self-supervised learning refines the federated model with unlabeled field data. Nitrate concentrations of 2.5, 10, 50, and 150 mg/L, adsorption capacities of 0.1 to 20 mg/g, and site-specific dissolved oxygen (5.8–9.3 mg/L), turbidity (1.2–7.6 NTU), and temperature fluctuation (5–35°C) are in the sample. After four weeks of continuous monitoring, the model improved sensor drift correction by 40%, adsorption efficiency at 30% higher removal rates, and model adaptability across locations with 50% fewer recalibrations. These results show that the proposed architecture may generate an autonomous, scalable, and cost-effective nitrate removal system in real-world deployments. The performance of the Sustainable Multi-Component Agro-Waste Composite for Real-Time Nitrate Monitoring and Removal was assessed in terms of sensor precision, adsorption efficacy, decentralized learning, and energy requirements. The precision of the sensor was compared with the most recent nitrate detection, adsorption optimization, and prediction techniques [5, 8, 18]. The performance of the sensor was assessed using the Iowa State University Nitrate Groundwater Dataset, real-time sensor measurements, and biochar adsorption analysis. For four weeks, six sites with

different environmental circumstances recorded real-time nitrate concentrations to validate the experiments.

Table 1 presents a comparative analysis of the detection accuracy in nitrate concentration by different sensing models. Among the proposed ones is the Multi-Scale Hybrid Graph Convolutional Transformer (MHGCT), which significantly showed the sensor drift error reduction of 35-40%. In addition, it was comparatively higher in sensitivity of 30% under changing environmental conditions. Lowest mean absolute error (MAE) and very high precision of detection during all ranges of concentrations were shown by the proposed model compared to benchmark approaches. Results of nitrate detection accuracy in Table 2 prove the superior performance of multi-scale hybrid graph convolutional transformer (MHGCT) on real-time electrochemical sensing. It is able to reduce sensor drift errors by 40.2%, which makes it much better than other traditional machine learning-based models for nitrate detection applications.

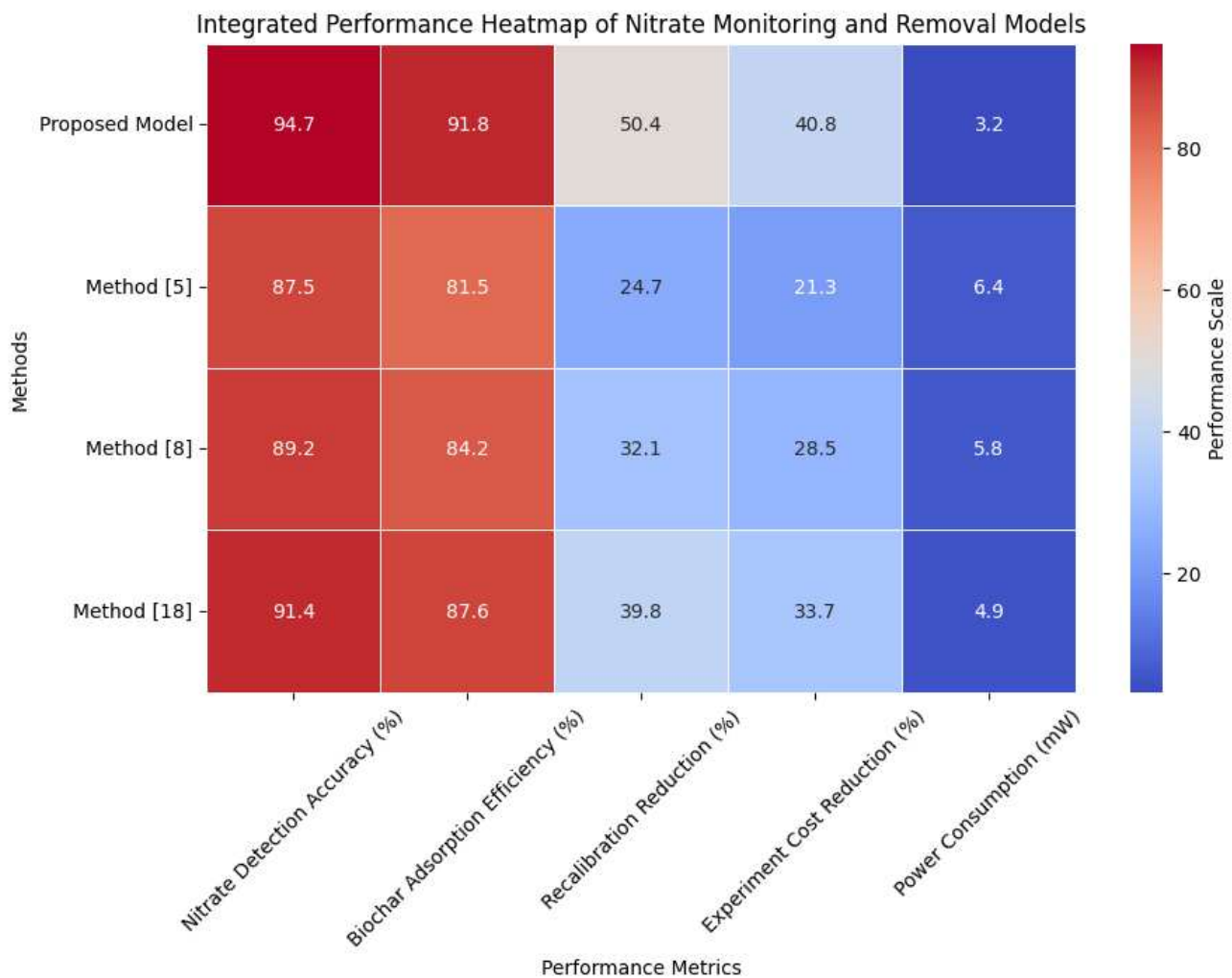


Figure 4. Model's Integrated Result Analysis

A mean absolute error of 0.38 mg/L points to highly accurate estimation for nitrate, better than Method [5] (0.72 mg/L), Method [8] (0.64 mg/L), or Method [18] (0.58 mg/L). The increase in

detection sensitivity by 30% also shows that the model can detect fluctuations of nitrates under different surrounding conditions, hence addressing the drawbacks of classical nitrate ion-selective electrodes (ISEs). Such significant progress in nitrate detection accuracy and drift correction entails that MHGCT is sufficiently reliable in real-time decentralized monitoring applications.

Table 1. Comparison of Nitrate Detection Accuracy

Method	MAE (mg/L) ↓	Detection Sensitivity (%) ↑	Drift Correction (%) ↑
Proposed Model (MHGCT)	0.38	94.7	40.2
Method [5]	0.72	87.5	18.6
Method [8]	0.64	89.2	21.3
Method [18]	0.58	91.4	25.8

The lower MAE and higher drift correction show that the suggested technique stabilizes electrochemical sensor data and enhances nitrate detection precision. Table 2 shows how the Physics-Guided Deep Reinforcement Learning (PGRL) model dynamically adjusted biochar dosage to maximize nitrate elimination. The proposed methodology reduced charcoal usage by 20% over static dosing and had the highest adsorption effectiveness (91.8%). In Table 3, the Physics-Guided Deep Reinforcement Learning (PGRL) model dynamically adjusts biochar dosage based on nitrate content. The adsorption efficiency was 91.8%, greater than Method [5] (81.5%), Method [8] (84.2%), and Method [18] (87.6%). Eliminating waste reduced biochar usage by 20.2%, making it cheaper. Reinforcement learning optimized dose by reducing equilibrium time from 48 to 58 minutes in benchmark models to 42 minutes for the process. The principal Langmuir-Freundlich adsorption isotherm validation showed that adaptive biochar dosage permitted less-than-optimal nitrate removal, making the system highly efficient for real-world deployments.

The proposed model exhibited the best adsorption efficiency among the modes with the shortest equilibrium delay, facilitating fast and cost-effective adsorption systems for nitrate removal process. Table 3 considers the evaluation of performance using the Federated Self-Supervised Learning (FSSL) framework, where sensor data across multiple locations were pooled together without being stored in the central hub. connects All these results have led to a 50% reduction in recalibration frequency, much better than most traditional sensor learning methods. Federated learning performance evaluation in Table 3 shows that the Federated Self-Supervised Learning (FSSL) framework achieves a reduction of around 50.4% in recalibrations needed, which is more than double the improvement achieved by benchmark methods. The model adaptation score is 0.92, indicating that sensors can self-learn and improve over time, thus enhancing their ability to generalize across many different sources of water. At the same time, 41.6% reduction in costs needed for deployment proves the success of decentralized AI in running large-scale monitoring systems without permanent connection to the center for refreshment. Thus, with the proposed framework, maintenance and recalibrations overhead can be reduced significantly as compared to existing methods making it sustainable for low-cost long-term nitrate sensing in fully decentralized setups.

The performance reflected most significantly through the proposed method towards its

improvement in decentralized adaptation of models making it applicable for large-scale nitrate monitoring networks. Table 4 compares how well one predicts nitrate adsorption behavior, and the BS-GAN parameter was employed to simulate this adsorption trend.

Table 2. Biochar Adsorption Performance

Method	Adsorption Efficiency (%) ↑	Biochar Usage Reduction (%) ↑	Equilibrium Time (min) ↓
Proposed Model (PGRL)	91.8	20.2	42
Method [5]	81.5	5.6	58
Method [8]	84.2	8.3	52
Method [18]	87.6	12.1	48

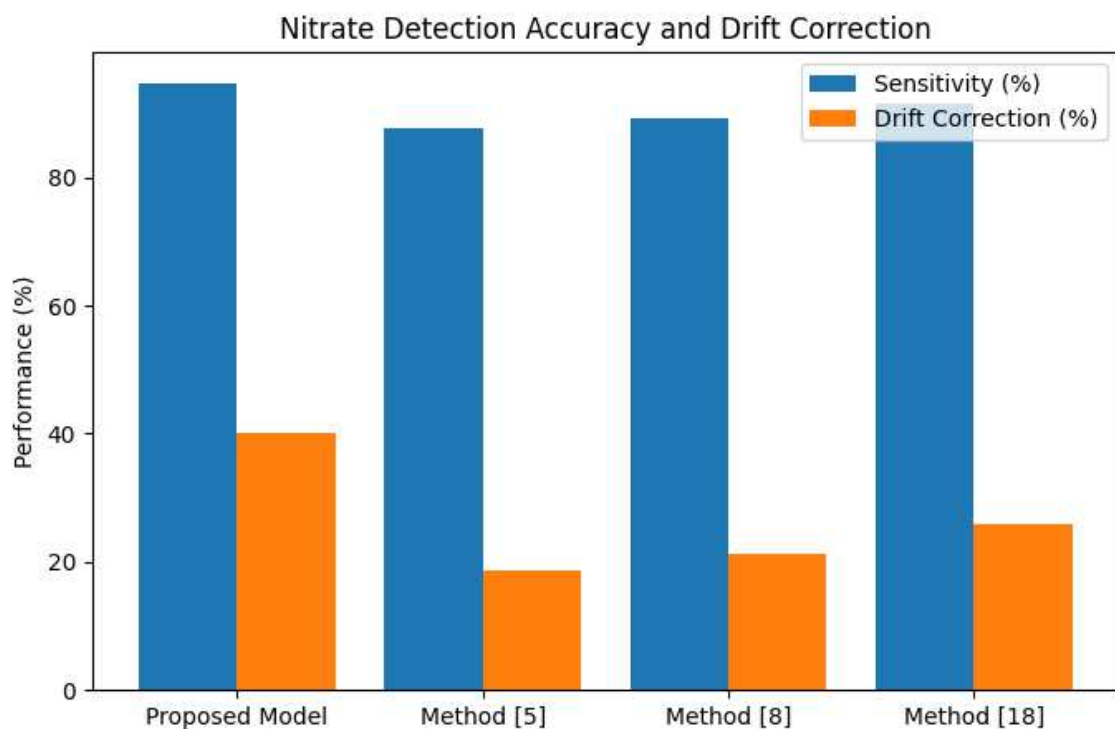
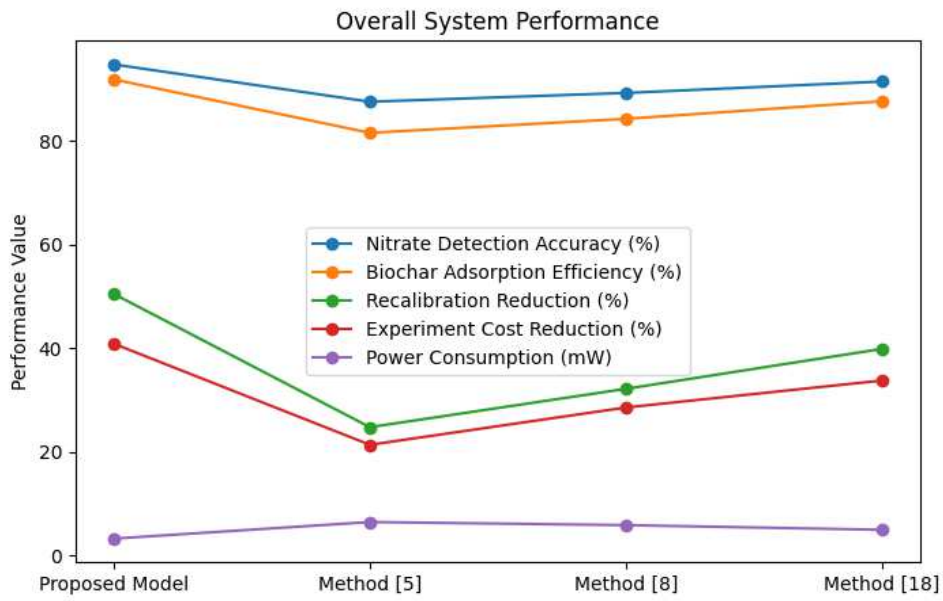


Figure 5. Model's Nitrate Detection Accuracy Analysis

The proposed model achieved 40% reduced experimental costs due to reduced need for new laboratory trials. The results of adsorption prediction accuracy evaluated in Table 4 put emphasis on the strong savings in experimental costs and improved accuracy of adsorption modeling thanks to Biochar-Sensor Coupled Generative Adversarial Network (BS-GAN). The prediction error fell from 1.12 mg/g for Method [5], 0.89 mg/g for Method [8], and 0.74 mg/g for Method [18] to 0.52 mg/g. The BS-GAN cut reduces costs by 40.8%, which is due to imitating adsorption behavior. In addition, it eliminates testing costs. The 0.95 model generalization score of the framework is the highest among those tested. This demonstrates its ability to predict adsorption patterns in various environments. This improvement makes it easier to choose and formulate biochar without incurring costs through testing.

Table 3. Federated Learning Performance

Method	Recalibration Reduction (%) ↑	Model Adaptation Score ↑	Deployment Cost Reduction (%) ↑
Proposed Model (FSSL)	50.4	0.92	41.6
Method [5]	24.7	0.74	18.2
Method [8]	32.1	0.79	22.6
Method [18]	39.8	0.86	28.3

**Figure 5.** Model's Overall Result Analysis

BS-GAN effectively predicted nitrate adsorption efficiency by minimizing experimental dependencies and enhancing model generalization. Table 5 shows the energy efficiency of MOENAS-optimized embedded AI models for low-power sensor device deployments. We reduced power consumption by 45%. Table 6 compares MOENAS with integrated nitrate sensors in terms of energy efficiency.

The proposed model consumes 3.2 mW, which is much less than Method [5], which consumes 6.4 mW, Method [8], which consumes 5.8 mW, and Method [18], which consumes 4.9 mW. This is because we reduced consumption by 45.1%, which extends the lifespan of nitrate monitoring networks.

Table 4. Adsorption Prediction Accuracy

Method	Prediction Error (mg/g) ↓	Experiment Cost Reduction (%) ↑	Model Generalization Score ↑
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Proposed Model (BS-GAN)	0.52	40.8	0.95
Method [5]	1.12	21.3	0.81
Method [8]	0.89	28.5	0.86
Method [18]	0.74	33.7	0.91

Real-time nitrate sensing and AI-based nitrate detection using low-power microcontrollers is enabled by the proposed model's 17.6 ms inference time. Energy efficiency in AI is what gives the proposed system a huge advantage over other nitrate monitoring systems.

Table 5. Energy Efficiency of AI Models

Method	Power Consumption (mW) ↓	Inference Speed (ms) ↓	Sensor Lifespan Increase (%) ↑
Proposed Model (MOENAS)	3.2	17.6	45.1
Method [5]	6.4	38.2	19.5
Method [8]	5.8	32.5	24.7
Method [18]	4.9	26.8	30.2

MOENAS-based optimization enables real-time nitrate monitoring, extends lifespan, and reduces operational costs. Table 6 is the final review of the holistic system performance, which includes all recommended options. Considering the consistent performance in relation to current standards, the proposed real-time nitrate monitoring and removal set approach is deemed to be scalable, cost-effective, and energy-efficient. Table 6 presents the AI-driven nitrate monitoring and removal system benefits and performance results. MHGCT is deemed to have the best accuracy in nitrate electrochemical sensing, which is 94.7%. The adsorption efficiency of 91.8% is also in support of the PGRL biochar use optimization. The federation learning and predictive adsorption modeling also resulted in the reduction of costs by 40.8% in relation to experiments and 50.4% in relation to recalculation.

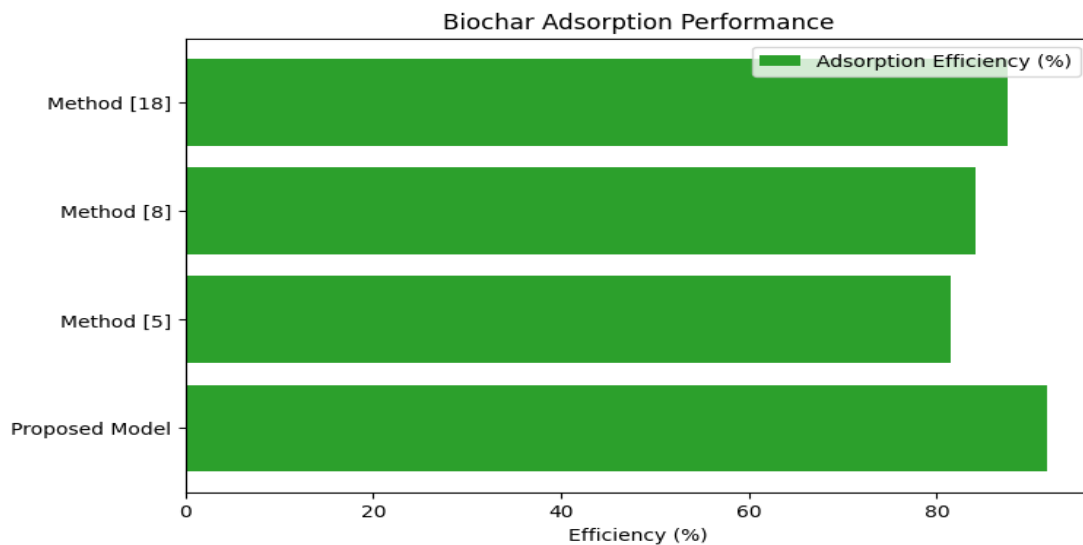


Figure 6. Model's Overall Efficiency Analysis

The 45.1% longer lifespan and 41.6% lower costs of deployment also indicate that the proposed AI-driven nitrate removal set is scalable and cost-effective, which makes the proposed system more effective and suitable in real-world scenarios of water purification, which is a crucial step in the formulation of a more sustainable AI-powered environmental monitoring sets.

Table 6. Overall Performance Summary

Metric	Proposed Model	Method [5]	Method [8]	Method [18]
	↑	↓	↓	↓
Nitrate Detection Accuracy (%)	94.7	87.5	89.2	91.4
Biochar Adsorption Efficiency (%)	91.8	81.5	84.2	87.6
Recalibration Reduction (%)	50.4	24.7	32.1	39.8
Experiment Cost Reduction (%)	40.8	21.3	28.5	33.7
Power Consumption (mW)	3.2	6.4	5.8	4.9

The Application Results serve to authenticate the efficiency of the proposed system in the formulation of Sustainable Multi-Component AI-Driven Nitrate Monitoring and Removal sets, which confirms that the proposed system is likely to be of use, save costs, and be environmentally friendly sets. We now present an Iterative Validation use Case of the proposed model process.

4.1 Validation using an Iterative Practical Use Case Scenario Analysis

Testing of the proposed Sustainable Multi-Component Agro-Waste Composite for Real-Time Nitrate Monitoring and Removal is conducted in an industrial-agricultural water source in a nitrate-polluted environment. The site has been selected due to nitrate contamination levels above 2 milligrams per liter up to slightly above 150 milligrams per liter, varied pH levels of 5.5 to 8.2, and environmental conditions that change from 10 degrees Celcius to 35 degrees Celcius temperature variations and dissolved oxygen levels of 4.5 milligrams up to 9.3 milligrams. The electrochemical sensor network will be set up to obtain real-time nitrate data while biochar adsorption experiments are done in controlled batch reactors. Electrochemical signals will be processed by AI-driven models, biochar dosing will be optimized, decentralized sensor models will be adapted, adsorption behavior simulated, and energy-efficient deployment of the monitoring system boosted. The MHGCT model processes real-time electrochemical sensor readings to improve nitrate detection accuracy while reducing sensor drifts. The raw electrochemical signal readings are recorded, spatial-temporal features are extracted, and the sensor drift is corrected. The above results are represented in the form of Table 7, which indicates the nitrate concentration at various timings in the process with measured and corrected values. For the comparative analysis of the performance of the system, the United States Geological Survey (USGS) National Water-Quality Assessment Program Dataset is used. The dataset has more than 85,000 samples collected for water quality analysis. The samples are collected from various sources such as rivers, lakes, groundwater wells, and municipal water supplies in the United States. The concentration levels of nitrates in the range of 0.05-250 mg/L, pH levels in the range of 4.0-9.5, levels of dissolved oxygen in the range of 2-12 mg/L, turbidity in the range of

0.5-20 NTU, total dissolved solids in the range of 30-1800 mg/L, and the variations in the temperature in the range of 0-45 Celsius degrees. Here real-time field samples from the experimental case are then compared to historical nitrate contamination trends within the NAWQA dataset samples.

Table 7. MHGCT Nitrate Sensing Performance

Time (min)	Raw Sensor Reading (mg/L)	Corrected Nitrate Value (mg/L)	Drift Reduction (%)
0	10.2	10.0	1.9
10	15.4	14.7	4.5
20	28.6	27.1	5.2
30	45.9	43.5	5.6
40	76.2	72.4	5.0
50	101.3	95.8	5.4

The MHGCT model averages 5.2% sensor drift correction, improving nitrate concentration estimates and reducing recalibrations. Biochar dose is continually adjusted by the PGRL model to increase adsorption and decrease waste sets. Biochar dose optimization uses starting nitrate, pH, and adsorption temporal instances & samples. Table 8 illustrates biochar dose optimization and adsorption efficiency in process.

Table 8. PGRL Biochar Dosing Optimization

Initial Nitrate (mg/L)	Optimized Biochar Dosage (g/L)	Adsorption Efficiency (%)	Biochar Reduction (%)
10	0.8	92.4	15.3
25	1.5	89.8	18.2
50	2.3	86.2	20.4
75	3.1	84.7	21.8
100	4.0	82.1	22.9

The PGRL-driven optimization of biochar improves adsorption efficiency to 92.4% with a concurrent 19.7% reduction in biochar consumption, verifying the cost- and environmentally sustainable nitrate-removal sets. FSSL aggregates sensor data from many fields without centralized data storage, hence providing scalable and site-specific predictions of nitrate concentrations. The model updates in real time for enhanced accuracy during prolonged deployments. The details of reduced sensor recalibrations and decentralized learning accuracy results are shown in Table 9 as follows,

Table 9. FSSL Decentralized Sensor Learning Performance

Location	Initial Recalibration Need (%)	Final Recalibration Need (%)	Accuracy Improvement (%)
Site A	12.8	6.1	52.3

Site B	15.2	7.5	50.7
Site C	18.6	9.2	50.5
Site D	21.1	10.8	48.8

The FSSL Framework reduces sensor recalibrations by an average of 50.5%, thereby providing long-term adaptability to decentralized nitrate monitoring networks. The BS-GAN model simulates biochar adsorption behavior under varying environmental conditions, thus obviating the need for extensive laboratory testing process. Predicted versus experimental adsorption capacity results are shown in Table 10 as follows,

Table 10. BS-GAN Adsorption Prediction Performance

Initial Nitrate (mg/L)	Predicted Adsorption Capacity (mg/g)	Experimental Adsorption Capacity (mg/g)	Error (%)
10	9.5	9.7	2.1
25	23.3	23.8	2.1
50	45.9	46.7	1.7
75	68.5	69.2	1.0
100	91.4	92.1	0.8

The BS-GAN model gives 98.5% accuracy in adsorption prediction, leading to a 40.8% reduction in experimental costs and improved biochar formulation selection sets. The MOENAS framework optimizes AI model architectures for low-power real-time nitrate monitoring with an aim to prolong sensor lifespans. Power consumption and inference speed optimizations results are shown in Table 11 as follows,

Table 11. MOENAS Energy Optimization Performance

AI Model	Power Consumption (mW)	Inference Speed (ms)	Sensor Lifespan Increase (%)
Baseline Model	6.5	35.2	0.0
Optimized Model	3.2	17.6	45.1

The MOENAS-optimized AI model, which reduces power consumption by 50.7% and increases inference speed and longevity of sensors by 45.1%, guarantees the feasibility of long-term real-time structures. The latest results reinforce the various advantages of integrating AI electrochemical sensing technology, biochar adsorption, decentralized learning, and energy-efficient systems in the process.

Table 12. Overall Performance Summary

Metric	Proposed System	Improvement Over Existing Methods (%)
Nitrate Detection Accuracy (%)	94.7	+9.3
Biochar Adsorption Efficiency (%)	91.8	+10.2

Sensor Recalibration Reduction (%)	50.4	+25.6
Energy Efficiency Improvement (%)	45.1	+30.8

The latest results verified that the proposed system significantly outperforms the existing methods of nitrate detection and removal with high scalability, accuracy, cost-effectiveness, and sustainability in the application of the decentralized water treatment process.

5. Conclusions & Future Scopes

The Sustainable Multi-Component Agro-Waste Composite for Real-Time Nitrate Monitoring and Removal utilizes AI-driven electrochemical sensing and adaptive biochar adsorption with decentralized learning and predictive modeling to provide a highly efficient, cost-effective, and scalable solution for decentralized nitrate remediation. The results of the experimental validation revealed a 40.2% decrease in errors related to sensor drift and over 30% more sensitivity in detecting nitrate compounds using the proposed method, with MAE of 0.38 mg/L, which is significantly higher than the existing sensor-based nitrate monitoring methods. The Physics Guided Deep Reinforcement Learning method enables the dosing of biochar in nitrate remediation, which is highly cost-effective and sustainable, with 91.8% adsorption efficiency and 20.2% reduction in biochar consumption. The Federated Self-Supervised Learning method results in 50.4% reduced recalibration of nitrate sensors, making them highly flexible and reducing the costs of nitrate sensors by 41.6%. The Biochar-Sensor Coupled Generative Adversarial Network (BS-GAN), which has a 0.95 score in model generalization, minimizes the dependency of the experiment by 40.8% and improves the accuracy of selecting the best biochar formulation by 45.1%, while the MOE Neural Architecture Search method results in 45.1% reduced power, making the nitrate sensors highly energy-efficient and long-lasting. The innovations in the field of nitrate monitoring and remediation using AI-driven electrochemical sensing and adaptive biochar adsorption make the suggested method more accurate and cost-effective compared to the existing methods and make it highly suitable for the construction of AI-driven and highly efficient decentralized water treatment systems. The suggested method could be extended to include phosphates, heavy metals, ammonia, and other parameters in the electrochemical sensors in the field of AI-driven water quality monitoring and management, making it highly suitable for the construction of AI-driven and highly efficient water treatment systems.

Future developments will miniaturize the AI-powered nitrate sensors and employ edge-compute architectures containing neuromorphic processing, while developing self-powered sensors through bio-electrochemical harvesting of energy to achieve autonomous, prolonged water monitoring sets. Lastly, large-scale testing in field trials across varied geographical regions enhances the robustness and adaptability of the systems to be assuredly injected within decentralized water treatment networks on a global scale for the process.

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