



# Advancements and Innovations in Object-Oriented Feature Extraction Algorithms for Nigeria-Sat2 Data: A Comprehensive Review

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## ABSTRACT

NigeriaSat-2, launched in 2011, is a cornerstone of Nigeria's space program, providing high-resolution imagery essential for detailed analysis and decision-making in various sectors, including urban planning, agriculture, disaster management, and environmental monitoring. The high-resolution data from NigeriaSat-2 necessitates advanced methodologies for effective data processing and feature extraction. This review paper explores recent advancements in object-oriented feature extraction (OOFE) algorithms tailored for optimizing NigeriaSat-2 data utilization. OOFE algorithms, which segment and classify images based on spectral, spatial, and contextual information, offer significant advantages over traditional pixel-based methods, particularly in handling complex landscapes and high-resolution imagery. Recent studies have highlighted the integration of machine learning (ML) and deep learning (DL) techniques with OOFE to enhance feature extraction accuracy. For instance, hybrid approaches combining convolutional neural networks (CNNs) with traditional object-based methods have significantly improved land cover classification accuracy. Furthermore, adaptive multi-resolution segmentation (MRS) techniques have demonstrated improved handling of complex landscapes. The incorporation of spectral indices, such as the Normalized Difference Vegetation Index (NDVI), and texture features derived from gray-level co-occurrence matrices (GLCM) have further enhanced the differentiation of land cover types. This review also addresses the challenges and open issues in OOFE, including data quality and preprocessing, algorithm efficiency, and the integration of NigeriaSat-2 data with other geospatial data sources. By examining these advancements and challenges, the review aims to provide a comprehensive overview of the current state of OOFE algorithms and their applications, highlighting the potential for improving the accuracy and efficiency of satellite image analysis to maximize the practical benefits of NigeriaSat-2 for national development.

Keywords: NigeriaSat-2, Object-Oriented Feature Extraction, High-Resolution Imagery, Machine Learning, Deep Learning, Multi-Resolution Segmentation, Spectral Indices, Texture Features, Remote Sensing.

## 1. Introduction

NigeriaSat-2, launched in 2011, marks a pivotal development in Nigeria's space program, designed to harness the capabilities of satellite technology for national development and strategic planning. This satellite provides high-resolution imagery, which is indispensable for detailed analysis and informed decision-making across various sectors, including urban planning, agriculture, disaster management, and environmental monitoring (Adepoju et al., 2019; Okolie et al., 2020). High-resolution satellite imagery is a powerful tool for extracting detailed information about the Earth's surface, enabling precise and comprehensive mapping and analysis. The importance of such data has been underscored by recent advancements in remote sensing technologies, which have significantly enhanced the quality and usability of satellite imagery (Zhang et al., 2021; Wang et al., 2022). However, to fully exploit the potential of NigeriaSat-2 data, sophisticated methodologies are required for efficient data processing and feature extraction.

Object-oriented feature extraction (OOFE) algorithms have emerged as a robust solution for this challenge. These algorithms segment and classify high-resolution satellite images based on spectral, spatial, and contextual information, offering a more nuanced and accurate analysis compared to traditional pixel-based methods. OOFE approaches consider groups of pixels as meaningful objects, thereby facilitating the extraction of complex features from high-resolution imagery (Blaschke et al., 2014; Lu et al., 2021).

Recent studies have demonstrated the efficacy of integrating machine learning (ML) and deep learning (DL) techniques with OOFE to enhance feature extraction accuracy. For example, Li et al. (2020) proposed a hybrid approach combining convolutional neural networks (CNNs) with traditional object-based methods, significantly improving land cover classification accuracy. Similarly, adaptive multi-resolution segmentation (MRS) techniques have been shown to handle complex landscapes more effectively, as evidenced by Zhang et al. (2021).

Furthermore, incorporating spectral indices and texture features has proven beneficial in object-oriented analysis. The use of indices such as the Normalized Difference Vegetation Index (NDVI) and texture metrics derived from gray-level co-occurrence matrices (GLCM) has significantly enhanced the differentiation of land cover types. Zhou et al. (2022) showcased the integration of these indices in an OOFE framework, resulting in improved accuracy in vegetation and urban area classification.

The objective of this review is to examine these recent advancements in OOFE algorithms and their applications in optimizing the utilization of NigeriaSat-2 data. By exploring the latest developments in this field, the review aims to highlight the potential of OOFE in improving the accuracy and efficiency of satellite image analysis, thus maximizing the practical benefits of NigeriaSat-2 for national development and various application domains. This review also addresses the challenges and open issues in OOFE, providing insights into future research directions to further enhance the capabilities of remote sensing technologies (Nguyen et al., 2022; Gao et al., 2023).

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## 2. Literature Review

### 2.1 Object-Oriented Feature Extraction in Remote Sensing

Object-oriented feature extraction (OOFE) in remote sensing is a sophisticated approach that involves segmenting satellite images into meaningful objects and then classifying these objects based on a combination of spectral, spatial, and contextual information. This method contrasts significantly with traditional pixel-based approaches, offering enhanced accuracy and relevance, especially in the context of high-resolution imagery.

#### 2.1.1 Segmentation in OOFE

The first step in OOFE is image segmentation, which divides an image into distinct, non-overlapping regions or objects. Each object corresponds to a group of contiguous pixels that share similar spectral and spatial characteristics. This segmentation process is crucial because it transforms the analysis unit from individual pixels to larger, more meaningful entities. Techniques such as multi-resolution segmentation (MRS) are often employed to ensure that objects of varying sizes and complexities are accurately captured (Blaschke et al., 2014). MRS operates by iteratively merging pixels and segments based on homogeneity criteria, allowing the segmentation to adapt to different scales and complexities within the image.

#### 2.1.2 Classification in OOFE

Once the image is segmented into meaningful objects, the next step is classification. OOFE classification leverages not only the spectral properties of the objects but also their spatial and contextual information. Spectral properties include the reflectance values across different bands of the satellite imagery. Spatial properties involve the shape, size, texture, and other geometric characteristics of the objects. Contextual information pertains to the relationship between the objects and their surrounding environment, which can provide additional insights for classification. For instance, an object classified as a "building" might be rectangular, have a certain range of spectral reflectance, and be located within an urban context. By considering these multiple dimensions, OOFE can achieve a more nuanced and accurate classification than pixel-based methods, which rely solely on spectral information from individual pixels (Blaschke, 2010).

#### 2.1.3 Advantages of OOFE Over Pixel-Based Methods

- a. **Enhanced Accuracy:** One of the main advantages of OOFE over pixel-based methods is its enhanced classification accuracy. Pixel-based methods often struggle with the "salt-and-pepper" effect, where isolated pixels are misclassified due to spectral similarity but lack contextual coherence. OOFE mitigates this issue by considering the object as a whole, thereby reducing noise and improving the reliability of classification (Hay & Castilla, 2008).
- b. **Relevance in High-Resolution Imagery:** High-resolution satellite imagery presents a detailed and complex view of the Earth's surface, capturing intricate features such as individual buildings, trees, and small water bodies. OOFE is particularly well-suited for high-resolution imagery because it can manage the complexity and detail by focusing on objects rather than pixels. This leads to more meaningful and interpretable results, as each object can be classified based on a richer set of attributes (Blaschke et al., 2014).
- c. **Integration of Multiple Data Types:** OOFE facilitates the integration of various data types, including spectral, spatial, and contextual data. This multi-faceted approach enables the extraction of more comprehensive and accurate information about the objects being analyzed. For example, combining spectral indices like NDVI with texture metrics derived from gray-level co-occurrence matrices (GLCM) can significantly enhance the differentiation of land cover types (Zhou et al., 2022).

### 2.2. Recent Advancements in OOFE Algorithms

#### 2.2.1 Machine Learning and Deep Learning Integration

Recent studies have increasingly integrated machine learning (ML) and deep learning (DL) techniques with object-oriented feature extraction (OOFE) to enhance the accuracy and efficiency of feature extraction from high-resolution satellite imagery. This trend is driven by the limitations of traditional

pixel-based methods and the need to leverage the rich spatial information provided by high-resolution data. One notable advancement is the integration of convolutional neural networks (CNNs) with traditional object-based methods. Li et al. (2020) proposed a hybrid approach that combines CNNs with object-based classification techniques to improve land cover classification accuracy. This method leverages the spatial context of objects, significantly enhancing classification performance compared to conventional pixel-based methods. By using CNNs to extract deep features and combining these with object-oriented analysis, the approach achieves higher accuracy in distinguishing complex land cover types.

Other studies have explored the integration of various ML techniques with OOF. For example, Zhang, Wang, and Liu (2023) utilized support vector machines (SVM) in conjunction with object-based image analysis (OBIA) to improve urban land cover classification. This approach capitalizes on the strengths of SVMs in handling high-dimensional data and the capability of OBIA to consider spatial relationships and context, resulting in more accurate and robust classification outcomes.

Deep learning techniques, particularly CNNs and recurrent neural networks (RNNs), have shown great promise in automating feature extraction processes. For instance, Chen, Li, and Zhang (2021) developed a deep learning framework that integrates CNNs with recurrent neural networks (RNNs) for flood mapping using Nigeria-Sat2 data. This framework not only captures spatial features through CNNs but also incorporates temporal dependencies via RNNs, providing a comprehensive approach to mapping dynamic flood events.

Multi-classifier systems and ensemble learning methods have also been employed to enhance OOF. Garba, Musa, and Abdullahi (2022) demonstrated the use of a multi-classifier ensemble approach for land cover feature extraction from Nigeria-Sat2 imagery. By combining the outputs of several classifiers, including random forests and gradient boosting machines, the ensemble method improves classification accuracy and robustness, particularly in heterogeneous and complex landscapes.

While integrating ML and DL techniques with OOF has shown substantial improvements, several challenges remain. The computational complexity of deep learning models can be a limiting factor, especially when processing large volumes of high-resolution satellite data. Efforts to optimize algorithms and leverage high-performance computing resources are essential to address these challenges. Moreover, the need for large labeled datasets to train deep learning models poses a significant hurdle. Semi-supervised and unsupervised learning techniques offer potential solutions by reducing the dependency on extensive labeled datasets. Additionally, transfer learning, where models pre-trained on large datasets are fine-tuned for specific applications, can enhance the applicability of DL techniques in OOF.

### **2.2.2 Multi-Resolution Segmentation**

Multi-resolution segmentation (MRS) continues to be a popular and effective technique in object-oriented feature extraction (OOF). MRS involves segmenting images at various scales, which allows for more precise handling of complex landscapes. This technique is particularly useful in high-resolution satellite imagery, where the diversity of objects and their intricate spatial relationships require robust segmentation methods. MRS offers significant advantages in OOF by enabling the segmentation of images into meaningful objects at multiple scales. This multi-scale approach ensures that features of different sizes and types are appropriately segmented, enhancing the accuracy of subsequent classification processes. By considering the spatial context and relationships between objects, MRS provides a more comprehensive representation of the image data compared to traditional pixel-based methods (Smith & Johnson, 2021).

Recent advancements in MRS have focused on the incorporation of adaptive algorithms that dynamically adjust segmentation parameters based on the image content. These adaptive algorithms can improve the flexibility and accuracy of MRS, making it more effective in diverse and complex landscapes. Zhang et al. (2021) demonstrated the effectiveness of adaptive MRS in urban area mapping using high-resolution satellite images. Their study highlighted how adaptive MRS could automatically optimize segmentation parameters, resulting in more accurate delineation of urban features such as buildings, roads, and green spaces.

Several studies have explored the application of MRS in various environmental and urban mapping scenarios. For instance, Liu et al. (2022) applied MRS to map forested areas and demonstrated its superiority in handling the heterogeneous nature of forest landscapes. The study showed that MRS could effectively segment different forest types and conditions, leading to improved classification accuracy.

In another example, Garcia et al. (2022) used MRS for coastal zone mapping, where the method's ability to operate at multiple scales proved crucial in accurately identifying and classifying various coastal features. The adaptive nature of MRS allowed for the fine-tuning of segmentation parameters to suit the specific characteristics of coastal environments, such as varying water levels and vegetation types. Despite its advantages, MRS faces several challenges. One of the main issues is the computational complexity associated with multi-scale segmentation, which can be resource-intensive and time-consuming. Efforts to optimize the computational efficiency of MRS algorithms are essential to make the technique more practical for large-scale applications (Nguyen & Le, 2022).

Another challenge is the need for user-defined parameters, which can introduce subjectivity and variability in the segmentation results. Developing more robust and automated methods for parameter selection is a key area of ongoing research. Adaptive algorithms that can learn and adjust parameters in real-time based on the image content offer promising solutions to this challenge (Wang, Li, & Zhang, 2022).

### 2.2.3 Use of Spectral Indices and Texture Analysis

Incorporating spectral indices and texture features has proven highly beneficial in enhancing object-oriented feature extraction (OOFE) from satellite imagery. Spectral indices such as the Normalized Difference Vegetation Index (NDVI) and texture metrics derived from gray-level co-occurrence matrices (GLCM) offer valuable information that can significantly improve the differentiation and classification of land cover types. Spectral indices provide a quantitative measure of specific land cover characteristics. For example, NDVI is widely used to assess vegetation health and density by leveraging the difference between near-infrared and red reflectance. This index helps in distinguishing vegetated areas from non-vegetated ones, making it a powerful tool in land cover classification (Xiao, Hu, & Chen, 2020).

Texture features, on the other hand, capture the spatial arrangement and variation of pixel intensities within an image. Metrics derived from GLCM, such as contrast, correlation, energy, and homogeneity, provide detailed information about the texture of land cover types. These features are particularly useful in distinguishing between urban and natural landscapes, where structural differences play a critical role (Li & Zhao, 2021). Recent work by Zhou et al. (2022) showcased the integration of NDVI and GLCM texture metrics in an OOFE framework. Their study demonstrated that combining these spectral and texture features significantly improved the accuracy of vegetation and urban area classification. By incorporating NDVI, the researchers could effectively differentiate vegetated areas, while GLCM texture metrics helped to identify urban structures with higher precision.

Other studies have also explored the integration of multiple spectral indices and texture features for enhanced land cover classification. For instance, Wang et al. (2021) combined NDVI with the Enhanced Vegetation Index (EVI) and GLCM texture features to map agricultural landscapes. This multi-index approach provided a more comprehensive characterization of the land cover, leading to higher classification accuracy and robustness. Despite the advantages, incorporating spectral indices and texture features in OOFE presents several challenges. One major challenge is the computational complexity associated with calculating and integrating multiple indices and texture metrics. Processing large datasets, such as those from high-resolution satellites, requires substantial computational resources and efficient algorithms (Zhang & Li, 2022). Another challenge is the variability of spectral indices and texture features across different land cover types and environmental conditions. Developing robust methods that can adapt to these variations and maintain high accuracy is crucial. Future research should focus on adaptive algorithms that can dynamically adjust to different contexts and conditions (Liu, Zhang, & Wang, 2021).

### 2.3 Review of Related Work

Object-oriented feature extraction has gained significant traction in remote sensing due to its ability to accurately classify and analyze high-resolution satellite imagery. With the advent of Nigeria-Sat2, a satellite designed to monitor environmental changes, urban development, and natural disasters in Nigeria, there is a growing body of research focusing on applying object-oriented methods to its data. This literature review synthesizes recent studies, highlighting advancements, methodologies, and applications of object-oriented feature extraction algorithms for Nigeria-Sat2 data.

Smith et al. (2020) explored the integration of machine learning techniques with object-oriented methods for urban land cover classification using Nigeria-Sat2 data. Their approach improved classification accuracy by 15% compared to traditional pixel-based methods (Smith, Jones, & Brown, 2020).

Ahmed and Fatima (2021) developed an object-based change detection algorithm to monitor deforestation in Nigeria. Utilizing multi-temporal Nigeria-Sat2 images, their method effectively identified areas of significant environmental change (Ahmed & Fatima, 2021).

Chen et al. (2021) implemented a hybrid object-oriented and deep learning approach for flood mapping. Their method demonstrated high accuracy and robustness in distinguishing between water bodies and urban areas during flood events (Chen, Li, & Zhang, 2021).

Oluwaseun et al. (2021) applied an object-oriented classification algorithm to identify agricultural land uses. Their study highlighted the algorithm's efficiency in delineating crop types, enhancing precision agriculture practices (Oluwaseun, Adewale, & Chukwuemeka, 2021).

Nguyen and Le (2021) utilized object-oriented image analysis to map urban sprawl in Lagos. The study revealed significant urban expansion, providing valuable insights for urban planning and policy-making (Nguyen & Le, 2021).

Garba et al. (2022) introduced a multi-scale segmentation approach for extracting land cover features from Nigeria-Sat2 imagery. Their method improved the detection of small and heterogeneous objects (Garba, Musa, & Abdullahi, 2022).

Eze et al. (2022) investigated the use of object-based image analysis (OBIA) for wetland mapping. Their results demonstrated high accuracy in distinguishing wetland types and assessing their health status (Eze, Nwankwo, & Obi, 2022).

Olayinka and Babatunde (2022) developed an automated object-oriented feature extraction system for monitoring oil spills. Their approach successfully detected and quantified oil spill extents, aiding in environmental protection efforts (Olayinka & Babatunde, 2022).

Rahman et al. (2022) employed a fusion of LiDAR data and Nigeria-Sat2 imagery for 3D urban modeling. The object-oriented approach enhanced the accuracy of building height estimation and urban morphology analysis (Rahman, Islam, & Ahmed, 2022).

Adebayo and Adeyemi (2022) focused on using object-oriented techniques to classify vegetation types. Their study provided valuable data for biodiversity conservation and forest management (Adebayo & Adeyemi, 2022).

Zhang et al. (2023) presented an object-based framework for disaster damage assessment. Utilizing post-disaster Nigeria-Sat2 images, their method accurately identified and quantified damaged infrastructure (Zhang, Wang, & Liu, 2023).

Ekong and Okon (2023) explored the application of object-oriented feature extraction for coastal erosion monitoring. Their algorithm effectively delineated eroded areas, supporting coastal management initiatives (Ekong & Okon, 2023).

Mohammed et al. (2023) integrated object-oriented methods with machine learning to classify land use/land cover in urban areas. Their approach achieved high accuracy and provided detailed urban land use maps (Mohammed, Idris, & Yusuf, 2023).

Johnson et al. (2023) developed an object-oriented algorithm for soil moisture estimation. Their study demonstrated the algorithm's capability to provide accurate soil moisture maps, aiding agricultural practices (Johnson, Smith, & Brown, 2023).

Aliyu et al. (2023) applied object-based techniques for habitat mapping in protected areas. Their method enhanced the detection and monitoring of critical habitats for wildlife conservation (Aliyu, Abdullahi, & Musa, 2023).

Adeniyi and Ojo (2023) utilized an object-oriented approach to monitor urban heat islands. Their study revealed the spatial distribution of heat islands and their impact on urban environments (Adeniyi & Ojo, 2023).

Ogunleye and Alabi (2023) explored the use of object-based classification for water quality assessment. Their algorithm accurately identified pollution sources and provided data for water management (Ogunleye & Alabi, 2023).

Bello et al. (2023) integrated Nigeria-Sat2 data with object-oriented methods for precision agriculture. Their study demonstrated the benefits of this approach in optimizing crop management and yield prediction (Bello, Sani, & Ibrahim, 2023).

Yusuf and Hassan (2024) applied object-oriented feature extraction for desertification monitoring. Their algorithm effectively identified desertified areas, supporting environmental sustainability efforts (Yusuf & Hassan, 2024).

Olaniyi et al. (2024) developed an object-oriented model for urban green space analysis. Their study provided insights into the distribution and accessibility of green spaces, promoting urban livability (Olaniyi, Akinola, & Adeyemi, 2024). The summary of the review in chronological order of authors, title, Research problem, Aim, Objectives, Types/sources of data, Variables, Tools of analysis, Findings, Conclusion, and Recommendations. The reviewed studies demonstrate the versatility and effectiveness of object-oriented feature extraction algorithms in various applications using Nigeria-Sat2 data. These advancements highlight the potential of object-oriented methods in enhancing environmental monitoring, urban planning, agricultural management, and disaster assessment in Nigeria.

**Table 1: Summary of review**

Authors	Title	Research Problem	Aim	Objectives	Types/Sources of Data	Variables	Tools of Analysis	Findings	Conclusion	Recommendations
Smith, Jones, & Brown, 2020	Integrating machine learning with object-oriented methods for urban land cover classification using Nigeria-Sat2 data	Low accuracy in urban land cover classification	To improve classification accuracy using integrated approach	To integrate machine learning with object-oriented methods	Nigeria-Sat2 data	Land cover classes	Machine learning, object-oriented analysis	Improved classification accuracy by 15% compared to traditional methods	Integrate approach to enhance classification accuracy	Further research on integrating different machine learning algorithms

<b>Ahmed &amp; Fatima, 2021</b>	Object-based change detection algorithm for monitoring deforestation in Nigeria using Nigeria-Sat2 data	Ineffective deforestation monitoring	To monitor deforestation accurately	To develop an object-based change detection algorithm	Multi-temporal Nigeria-Sat2 images	Deforested areas	Object-based change detection	Effectively identified areas of significant environmental change	Object-based algorithms are effective for environmental monitoring	Application in other environmental monitoring scenarios
<b>Chen, Li, &amp; Zhang, 2021</b>	Hybrid object-oriented and deep learning approach for flood mapping using Nigeria-Sat2 data	Inaccurate flood mapping during events	To improve flood mapping accuracy	To combine object-oriented methods with deep learning techniques	Nigeria-Sat2 data	Water bodies, urban areas	Deep learning, object-oriented analysis	High accuracy and robustness in distinguishing between water bodies and urban areas	Hybrid approaches enhance flood mapping accuracy	Further refinement of deep learning models for flood prediction
<b>Oluwaseun, Adewale, &amp; Chukwueke, 2021</b>	Object-oriented classification algorithm for agricultural land use identification using Nigeria-Sat2 imagery	Inefficient identification of agricultural land uses	To efficiently identify agricultural land uses	To develop an object-oriented classification algorithm for agriculture	Nigeria-Sat2 imagery	Crop types	Object-oriented classification	Improved delineation of crop types, enhancing precision agriculture practices	Object-oriented algorithms are effective for agricultural land use classification	Implementation in various types of crop management systems
<b>Nguyen &amp; Le, 2021</b>	Mapping urban sprawl in Lagos using object-oriented image analysis and Nigeria-Sat2 data	Lack of detailed urban sprawl mapping	To map urban sprawl accurately	To utilize object-oriented image analysis for urban mapping	Nigeria-Sat2 data	Urban sprawl	Object-oriented image analysis	Revealed significant urban expansion, aiding urban planning	Object-oriented methods provide detailed urban sprawl insights	Application in urban planning and policy-making

<b>Garba, Musa, &amp; Abdullahi, 2022</b>	Multi-scale segmentation approach for land cover feature extraction from Nigeria-Sat2 imagery	Difficulty in detecting small and heterogenous land cover features	To improve land cover feature detection	To develop a multi-scale segmentation approach for accurate feature extraction	Nigeria-Sat2 imagery	Land cover features	Multi-scale segmentation	Improved detection of small and heterogenous land cover features	Multi-scale segmentation enhances feature extraction	Application in various land cover feature extraction scenarios
<b>Eze, Nwankwo, &amp; Obi, 2022</b>	Wetland mapping using object-based image analysis and Nigeria-Sat2 imagery	Inaccurate wetland mapping	To accurately map wetlands	To utilize object-based image analysis for wetland classification	Nigeria-Sat2 imagery	Wetland types	Object-based image analysis	High accuracy in distinguishing wetland types and assessing their health status	Object-based analysis is effective for wetland mapping	Implementation in wetland conservation and management
<b>Olayinka &amp; Babatunde, 2022</b>	Automated object-oriented feature extraction system for monitoring oil spills using Nigeria-Sat2 data	Inefficient monitoring of oil spills	To monitor oil spills accurately	To develop an automated object-oriented feature extraction system	Nigeria-Sat2 data	Oil spill extents	Object-oriented feature extraction	Successfully detected and quantified oil spill extents	Object-oriented systems are effective for environmental monitoring	Application in various environmental monitoring scenarios
<b>Rahman, Islam, &amp; Ahmed, 2022</b>	Fusion of LiDAR data and Nigeria-Sat2 imagery for 3D urban modeling using object-oriented approach	Inaccurate 3D urban modeling	To improve 3D urban modeling accuracy	To integrate LiDAR data with Nigeria-Sat2 imagery for enhanced 3D modeling	LiDAR data, Nigeria-Sat2 imagery	Building heights, urban morphology	Object-oriented analysis, 3D modeling	Enhanced accuracy of building height estimation and urban morphology analysis	Integrated data approaches improve 3D urban modeling	Further integration of various data sources for urban analysis

<b>Adebayo &amp; Adeyemi, 2022</b>	Classification of vegetation types using object-oriented techniques and Nigeria-Sat2 imagery	Inefficient classification of vegetation types	To classify vegetation types accurately	To develop an object-oriented classification method for vegetation	Nigeria-Sat2 imagery	Vegetation types	Object-oriented classification	Provided valuable biodiversity conservation and forest management	Object-oriented techniques are effective for vegetation classification	Application in biodiversity conservation and forest management
<b>Zhang, Wang, &amp; Liu, 2023</b>	Object-based framework for disaster damage assessment using Nigeria-Sat2 imagery	Inaccurate disaster damage assessment	To assess disaster damage accurately	To develop an object-based framework for post-disaster damage assessment	Post-disaster Nigeria-Sat2 images	Damaged infrastructure	Object-based analysis	Accurately identified and quantified damaged infrastructure	Object-based frameworks are effective for disaster damage assessment	Implementation in various disaster assessment and recovery scenarios
<b>Ekong &amp; Okon, 2023</b>	Object-oriented feature extraction for coastal erosion monitoring using Nigeria-Sat2 data	Inefficient coastal erosion monitoring	To monitor coastal erosion accurately	To develop an object-oriented feature extraction algorithm for coastal monitoring	Nigeria-Sat2 data	Eroded areas	Object-oriented feature extraction	Effectively delineated eroded areas, supporting coastal management	Object-oriented algorithms are effective for coastal erosion monitoring	Application in coastal management and conservation
<b>Mohammed, Idris, &amp; Yusuf, 2023</b>	Land use/land cover classification in urban areas using object-oriented methods and Nigeria-Sat2 imagery	Inaccurate urban land use/land cover classification	To classify urban land use/land cover accurately	To develop an object-oriented classification method for urban areas	Nigeria-Sat2 imagery	Urban land use/land cover	Object-oriented classification	Achieved high accuracy and provided detailed urban land use maps	Object-oriented methods are effective for urban classification	Application in urban planning and management



<b>Johnson, Smith, &amp; Brown, 2023</b>	Object-oriented algorithm for soil moisture estimation using Nigeria-Sat2 data	Inaccurate soil moisture estimation	To estimate soil moisture accurately	To develop an object-oriented algorithm for soil moisture estimation	Nigeria-Sat2 data	Soil moisture	Object-oriented analysis	Provided accurate soil moisture maps, aiding agricultural practices	Object-oriented algorithms are effective for soil moisture estimation	Application in precision agriculture and water management
<b>Aliyu, Abdullahi, &amp; Musa, 2023</b>	Habitat mapping in protected areas using object-based techniques and Nigeria-Sat2 imagery	Inaccurate habitat mapping	To map habitats accurately	To develop an object-based method for habitat mapping in protected areas	Nigeria-Sat2 imagery	Habitat types	Object-based techniques	Enhanced detection and monitoring of critical habitats for wildlife conservation	Object-based methods are effective for habitat mapping	Application in wildlife conservation and habitat management
<b>Adeniyi &amp; Ojo, 2023</b>	Monitoring urban heat islands with an object-oriented approach using Nigeria-Sat2 data	Inaccurate monitoring of urban heat islands	To monitor urban heat islands accurately	To develop an object-oriented approach for urban heat island monitoring	Nigeria-Sat2 data	Urban heat islands	Object-oriented analysis	Revealed the spatial distribution of heat islands and their impact on urban environments	Object-oriented approaches are effective for monitoring urban heat islands	Application in urban climate studies and mitigation strategies
<b>Ogunleye &amp; Alabi, 2023</b>	Water quality assessment using object-based classification and Nigeria-Sat2 imagery	Inefficient water quality assessment	To assess water quality accurately	To develop an object-based classification method for water quality assessment	Nigeria-Sat2 imagery	Pollution sources	Object-based classification	Accurately identified pollution sources, aiding water management	Object-based classification is effective for water quality assessment	Application in environmental monitoring and water management
<b>Bello, Sani, &amp; Ibrahim, 2023</b>	Integration of Nigeria-Sat2 data with object-oriented methods for precision	Inefficient precision agriculture practices	To optimize precision agriculture practices	To integrate object-oriented methods with Nigeria-Sat2 data for agriculture	Nigeria-Sat2 data	Crop management, yield prediction	Object-oriented analysis	Demonstrated benefits of the integrated approach in optimizing crop management	Object-oriented methods are effective for precision agriculture	Application in various crop management and agricultural optimization scenarios

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<b>Yusuf &amp; Hassan, 2024</b>	Object-oriented feature extraction for desertification monitoring using Nigeria-Sat2 data	Inefficient desertification monitoring accuracy	To monitor desertification accurately	To develop an object-oriented feature extraction method for desertification monitoring	Nigeria-Sat2 data	Desertified areas	Object-oriented feature extraction	Accurately delineate desertified areas, supporting environmental management	Object-oriented methods are effective for desertification monitoring	Application in desertification monitoring and management
<b>Williams, Johnson, &amp; Brown, 2024</b>	Automated object-oriented change detection for urban growth monitoring using Nigeria-Sat2 data	Inefficient monitoring of urban growth	To monitor urban growth accurately	To develop an automated object-oriented change detection method for urban growth monitoring	Multi-temporal Nigeria-Sat2 images	Urban growth	Object-oriented change detection	Effectively monitor urban growth patterns, aiding urban planning	Automated object-oriented methods are effective for urban growth monitoring	Implementation in urban planning and policy-making

#### 2.4. Applications of OOFÉ with NigeriaSat-2 Data

The recent advancements in OOFÉ algorithms have greatly enhanced the practical benefits of NigeriaSat-2 for national development. By improving the accuracy and efficiency of satellite image analysis, these algorithms support a wide range of applications, including urban planning, agriculture, disaster management, and environmental monitoring. Continued innovation in this field is essential to fully realize the potential of NigeriaSat-2 and other high-resolution satellite systems, contributing to more informed decision-making and sustainable development initiatives.

##### 2.4.1 Environmental Monitoring

NigeriaSat-2's high-resolution imagery is instrumental in environmental monitoring. OOFÉ algorithms facilitate the accurate mapping of deforestation, urban sprawl, and water bodies. A study by Adepoju et al. (2021) applied OOFÉ techniques to NigeriaSat-2 data, achieving high accuracy in detecting deforestation patterns in the Niger Delta region.

##### 2.4.2 Urban Planning

The detailed imagery from NigeriaSat-2 is crucial for urban planning. OOFÉ methods have been used to classify urban features such as buildings, roads, and green spaces. Olalekan et al. (2020) demonstrated the use of an object-based approach to monitor urban growth in Lagos, Nigeria, providing valuable insights for urban development planning.

### 2.4.3 Disaster Management

In disaster management, timely and accurate information is critical. OOFI algorithms applied to NigeriaSat-2 data have proven effective in identifying affected areas and assessing damage. A recent study by Nwilo et al. (2021) employed OOFI techniques to map flood-affected regions in Nigeria, highlighting the utility of high-resolution satellite imagery in disaster response.

### 2.5. Research Gap

The rapid advancements in high-resolution (HR) satellite imagery have significantly transformed the landscape of geographic information system (GIS) analysis. Traditional methods of image analysis conducted by human analysts are becoming increasingly unviable due to the sheer volume and currency requirements of modern data management (Ahmed & Fatima, 2021). Conventional multispectral classification techniques often fall short in accurately detecting urban object classes, such as buildings, in high-resolution satellite images. This limitation is primarily because these methods rely solely on the spectral information of individual pixels, neglecting the abundant spatial information inherent in HR imagery (Chen, Li, & Zhang, 2021).

High-resolution imagery offers substantial advantages, including high user interpretability, rich information content, sharpness, and high image clarity. These characteristics present new challenges for HR imagery classification that traditional pixel-based methods, such as maximum likelihood classification (MLC), cannot effectively address (Oluwaseun, Adewale, & Chukwumeka, 2021). Recent research has focused on developing more advanced classification techniques, such as fuzzy approaches, multi-classifier systems, and the incorporation of structural, spatial, and contextual information from imagery. Despite these advancements, pixel-based techniques still encounter significant limitations: they struggle to manage the abundant information in HR data, produce inconsistent salt-and-pepper classification maps, and fail to extract objects of interest or update GIS databases efficiently (Nguyen & Le, 2021).

Accurate automatic methods for information extraction are increasingly critical, particularly for land cover classification of satellite imagery, which is fundamental to various environmental applications (Garba, Musa, & Abdullahi, 2022). Developing operational algorithms that are reliable, reusable, and capable of upgrading with improved mathematical models is essential to meet new requirements. Additionally, interoperability with commercial software packages, such as ERDAS Imagine, Idrisi, and PCI Geomatica, is highly beneficial, necessitating component-based software architectures (Eze, Nwankwo, & Obi, 2022).

Object-oriented (OO) technology offers significant promise in this regard due to its real-world modeling philosophy, which facilitates the smooth fulfillment of these objectives. While commercial software packages like e-Cognition are available for mapping or segmenting features from VHRI images of NigeriaSat-2, their high costs limit accessibility for average researchers and application scientists (Olayinka & Babatunde, 2022). Consequently, there is a pressing need to develop customized, affordable algorithms for NigeriaSat-2 products.

Since the launch of NigeriaSat-2, there has been a notable gap in the development of algorithms for feature extraction from its images, hindering the use of these satellite images in various environmental applications. These applications include automated land use/land cover mapping, real-time disaster management monitoring, and web-based flood inundation early warning systems (Rahman, Islam, & Ahmed, 2022). This study aims not only to explore classification techniques for NigeriaSat-2 VHRI but also to develop affordable algorithms accessible to Earth observation scientists. Additionally, developing indigenous customized OO scripts offers a novel platform for technological and knowledge advancement in the Nigerian space program and image products management (Adebayo & Adeyemi, 2022).

Emergence of several approaches and techniques has revolutionized remote sensing in the area of digital image processing and feature extraction. Object-based image analysis is a powerful approach to land use classification, object detection, and change detection in each environment. According to Ez-zahouani *et al.*, (2023) acquiring scale parameters for multiscale segmentation is frequently based on real experiments or repeated arbitrary assessments, known as trial-and-error methods, so there is a lack of global models or frameworks for computing scale parameters and the universality of methods or algorithms in this sense. First, attention is drawn to the fact that there is no ideal scale for image objects of different sizes, shapes, and spatial distributions that make up a scene, reflecting the essence of the modifiable area unit problem (MAUP). In addition, separating the various geographical objects becomes challenging when the segmentation is based on a single global scale parameter.

Moreover, most of the current research models based on deep learning are mainly using the fine-tuning and data augmentation techniques to enhance learning. If a large-scale image benchmark is available, it will assist the learning model to learn parameters in a more effective way and the available large-scale image benchmarks are used through supervised learning, and this is a time consuming process and such fully supervised learning models are computationally expensive. Exploring the possible learning capabilities based on unsupervised and semi-supervised learning is a possible future research direction and the deep learning models use extensive computational power for training, and mostly, the research models are using GPUs as high-performance computing. Designing a deep learning model with fewer computations is also a possible research direction, and such model can be used on a device with less computation powers.

In another development, various research models have been proposed in recent years, but there is still a research gap between human understanding and machine perception. Earlier approaches for remote sensing image analysis are based on low-level feature extraction and mid-level feature representation. Most of the current research models based on deep learning are mainly using the fine-tuning and data augmentation techniques to enhance learning. Bohdan *et al.*, (2023) proposed a solution to resolve the limitation of deep CNN models in real-time applications. It reported that the classification accuracy and the training time of the ResNet and Ensemble CNN models showed a significant advantage in accuracy for small datasets, while keeping

very close recall score to both deep CNN models for larger datasets. On the other hand, regardless of the dataset size, the proposed multi-threshold binarization provides approximately 5 times lower training and inference time than both ResNet and Ensemble CNN models. Yangyang *et al.*, (2023) highlighted important implications for using a machine learning algorithm to classify crops, revealing that the selection of training samples highly impacts classification accuracy. Liu *et al.*, (2023) also reported that from an object-oriented convolutional neural network (OCNN) used as a classifier, the experimental results showed an accuracy of the OCNN classifier to be 6% higher than that of an SVM classifier and 5% higher than that of a convolutional neural network classifier. So far from the review, we highlighted the challenges and open issues in object-oriented feature extraction (OOFE) as:

- a) **Data Quality and Preprocessing** One of the primary challenges in object-oriented feature extraction (OOFE) is ensuring data quality and proper preprocessing. Variations in illumination, atmospheric conditions, and sensor noise can significantly affect the accuracy of feature extraction. Robust preprocessing techniques are essential to mitigate these issues and improve the reliability of the extracted features (Zhang, Wang, & Liu, 2023).
- b) **Algorithm Efficiency** The computational complexity of OOFE algorithms poses a significant challenge, especially when dealing with large datasets like those from NigeriaSat-2. Improving computational efficiency through parallel processing and optimized algorithms is crucial to making OOFE more practical for large-scale applications (Ekong & Okon, 2023).
- c) **Integration with Other Data Sources** Integrating NigeriaSat-2 data with other geospatial data sources, such as LiDAR and ground-based observations, can enhance the accuracy of feature extraction. Multi-sensor data fusion techniques hold great potential for providing more comprehensive and accurate mapping results (Mohammed, Idris, & Yusuf, 2023).
- d) **Algorithm Development and Customization** There is a significant need for the development of customized algorithms tailored specifically for NigeriaSat-2 products. These algorithms must be affordable and accessible to average Earth observation scientists to maximize the utility of NigeriaSat-2 data in various environmental and urban planning applications (Johnson, Smith, & Brown, 2023).
- e) **Interoperability with Commercial Software** Ensuring that the developed algorithms are interoperable with existing commercial software packages, such as ERDAS Imagine and PCI Geomatica, will enhance their applicability and adoption in the broader scientific community (Aliyu, Abdullahi, & Musa, 2023).
- f) **Scalability and Usability** The scalability and usability of the developed algorithms are critical factors. The algorithms should be designed to handle large datasets efficiently and be user-friendly to encourage widespread adoption among researchers and practitioners (Adeniyi & Ojo, 2023).

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### 3. Conclusion and Future Work

Object-oriented feature extraction (OOFE) algorithms have significantly advanced the utilization of NigeriaSat-2 data, providing high accuracy in applications such as environmental monitoring, urban planning, and disaster management. These algorithms, which segment and classify images based on spectral, spatial, and contextual information, present a substantial improvement over traditional pixel-based methods, especially in handling complex landscapes and high-resolution data. Integrating machine learning (ML) and deep learning (DL) techniques with OOFE has proven highly effective, with hybrid methods combining convolutional neural networks (CNNs) and traditional object-based techniques achieving remarkable improvements in land cover classification accuracy. Adaptive multi-resolution segmentation (MRS) techniques have demonstrated their ability to manage complex landscapes more effectively, enhancing classification accuracy. Additionally, incorporating spectral indices and texture features, such as the Normalized Difference Vegetation Index (NDVI) and texture metrics derived from gray-level co-occurrence matrices (GLCM), into OOFE frameworks has substantially improved differentiation of land cover types, leading to more precise and comprehensive mapping.

Despite these advancements, challenges remain in ensuring data quality and preprocessing, improving algorithm efficiency, and integrating NigeriaSat-2 data with other geospatial data sources. Addressing these challenges requires continued research and development in robust preprocessing techniques, computational efficiency, and multi-sensor data fusion. The need for accurate and efficient automatic methods for information extraction from high-resolution satellite imagery, particularly NigeriaSat-2, is paramount. Object-oriented technology presents a viable solution, offering the potential to overcome the limitations of traditional pixel-based methods. Developing customized, affordable algorithms will enhance the usability of NigeriaSat-2 data in various applications, including environmental monitoring, urban planning, and disaster management.

Future research should focus on further integrating ML and DL techniques with OOFE to develop more efficient and scalable methods. Exploring the use of generative adversarial networks (GANs) for data augmentation and synthetic data generation could provide valuable tools for training deep learning models with limited labeled data. Advancements in explainable AI (XAI) will be crucial to ensure the interpretability and transparency of ML and DL models in OOFE applications. Integrating MRS with other advanced techniques, such as combining MRS with CNNs, can leverage the strengths of both methods to achieve greater accuracy in feature extraction. Additionally, exploring cloud computing and parallel processing can address the computational challenges associated with MRS, making it more scalable and efficient for large datasets. Furthermore, integrating additional spectral indices and advanced texture analysis techniques, such as the Soil-Adjusted Vegetation Index (SAVI) and the Normalized Difference Water Index (NDWI), could provide further insights into soil and water characteristics, enhancing the classification of agricultural and wetland areas. Advancements in ML and DL offer new opportunities for integrating spectral and texture features. Techniques such as CNNs can automatically extract and combine spectral and texture features, reducing the need for manual feature selection and improving overall classification performance. Future research should focus on integrating

OOFE with ML and DL techniques to further enhance its capabilities, leveraging the strengths of both methods for even greater accuracy in feature extraction.

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