

Air Pollution: A Review of Its Impacts on Health and Ecosystems, and Analytical Techniques for Their Measurement and Modeling

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ABSTRACT. Air pollution is a significant global problem that affects human health and the natural environment. This research article aims to provide a comprehensive review of the impacts of air pollution on health and ecosystems and present various analytical techniques used for its measurement and modeling. The study uses a systematic review method to identify and evaluate research articles that deal with air pollution, its impacts on health and ecosystems, analytical techniques, and modeling that are only available in English and published between 2012 and 2023. The findings outlined in this article contribute to an enhanced understanding of the detrimental effects of air pollution and provide insights into effective monitoring and mitigation strategies. In conclusion, by implementing effective policies, adopting clean technologies, promoting sustainable practices, and raising awareness, we can mitigate the impacts of air pollution and create a healthier and more sustainable future.

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1. Introduction

Air pollution refers to harmful substances in the environment that can cause adverse effects on human health, ecosystems, and the environment. These substances, known as air pollutants, can be natural or anthropogenic. Air pollution is a complex issue that requires a multidisciplinary approach to understand its causes, impacts, and mitigation strategies. Air pollution can arise from various sources, including industrial emissions, vehicular exhaust, agricultural activities, power generation, and natural phenomena such as volcanic eruptions and dust storms. These materials discharge a wide range of particulate matter, nitrogen oxides, sulfur dioxide, volatile organic compounds, and greenhouse gases into the atmosphere. Air pollution is a global problem that knows no boundaries (Fuller and Amegah, 2022). It affects both developed and developing countries, although the magnitude and nature of the pollution may differ (Singh et al., 2021). The impacts of air pollution are not only limited to human health but also extend to ecosystems, climate change, and the economy. Air pollution has significant implications for human health, affecting various organ systems and increasing the risk of numerous diseases (Nathaniel and Duan, 2021). Extensive research has established strong associations between air pollution exposure and respiratory diseases, cardiovascular disorders, cancer, neurological disorders, developmental effects, diabetes, immune system dysfunction, and skin

health issues (Rice et al., 2021). Air pollution has significant impacts on human health, including respiratory and cardiovascular diseases, as well as neurological and immune dysfunctions (Yadav et al., 2020; Dominski et al., 2021; Kuppala, 2021). It is also associated with adverse effects on the developing fetus, such as low birth weight and stillbirth (Toledo de Almeida Albuquerque et al., 2020). Overall, air pollution is a significant public health concern that requires multidisciplinary approaches and preventive measures to reduce its impact on human health and ecosystems.

Besides harming human health, air pollution harms ecosystems, biodiversity, and the natural environment. The release of air pollutants can lead to acid rain, ozone depletion, biodiversity loss, soil and water contamination, forest decline, and crop damage (Singh et al., 2023). Air pollution affects ecosystems by contributing to global environmental changes, including global warming and the spread of air pollution worldwide. Analytical techniques, such as in situ measurements, emission inventories, satellite observations, and modeling activities, are used to understand the causes and effects of air pollution. These techniques help in assessing the concentrations of pollutants, modeling air quality, and developing environmental policies. Accurate measurement and monitoring of air pollution are essential for understanding spatial and temporal patterns, identifying pollution sources, and evaluating the efficacy of mitigation strategies. Various analytical techniques and instruments measure air pollutants, including ambient air monitoring, remote sensing, chemical analysis, biomonitoring, and air quality modeling. Air pollution modeling plays a crucial role in understanding the behavior and impact of air pollutants in the atmos-

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phere. Various simulation techniques and approaches, as well as health risk assessment and pollution control effectiveness evaluation, are based on modeling. Dispersion, receptor, and integrated assessment models are several types of these models.

Air pollution is a pressing global issue that affects not only the environment but also human health. Meanwhile, the detrimental effects of air pollution on physical and mental well-being have been extensively studied and documented. Additionally, air pollution has far-reaching consequences for ecosystems and biodiversity. Therefore, this comprehensive review will delve into the various aspects of air pollution, its impacts on health and ecosystems, and the analytical techniques and modeling used to study and monitor it. The remainder of this article is organized in chronological order as follows. The Materials and Methods section details the method for conducting a literature review. In addition, the discussion sections provide a thorough justification for the study. Finally, the conclusion section presents the conclusions of this study.

2. Materials and Methods

The study uses a systematic review method to identify and evaluate research articles that deal with air pollution, its impacts on health and ecosystems, analytical techniques, and modeling. A systematic review is a rigorous research method that involves searching for all the relevant studies on a topic, evaluating the quality of those studies, and synthesizing the findings. This method involves the following steps:

(a) Formulating the inclusion and exclusion criteria: The first step is to create clear and specific criteria. As an illustration, consider publications on air pollution, its impacts on health and ecosystems, analytical techniques, and modeling that are only available in English and published between 2012 and 2023.

(b) Identifying relevant studies: after determining the inclusion and exclusion criteria, the next step is to search for relevant research. One way to do this is to search academic databases for research. Table 1 summarizes numerous databases.

(c) Screening studies: After identifying a list of studies, the next crucial step is to screen them to establish their relevance to the research topic (see Figure 1). This screening process entails reading through the titles and abstracts of the studies.

(d) Extracting data: Data extraction comes next after compiling a list of pertinent research.

(e) Synthesizing the evidence: After extracting the data, the next step is to analyze the included article on air pollution, its impacts on health and ecosystems, analytical techniques, and modeling.

3. Discussion

3.1. Health Impact of Air Pollution

Respiratory System: The respiratory system is particularly vulnerable to the effects of air pollution due to its direct exposure to inhaled pollutants. Particulate matter, ozone, nitrogen dioxide, and sulfur dioxide can cause or exacerbate respiratory

conditions such as asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), bronchitis, and pneumonia (Gull et al., 2013; Kantipudi et al., 2016; Nakao et al., 2018; Slama et al., 2019; Unver et al., 2019; Copat et al., 2020; Grzywa-Celińska et al., 2020; Jalili et al., 2020; Qing et al., 2020; Tiotiu et al., 2020; Bălă et al., 2021; Bobrowska-Korzeniowska et al., 2021; Santos et al., 2021; Hahm and Yoon, 2021; Saleem et al., 2022; Yadav and Pacheco, 2023). Long-term exposure to air pollution can also lead to reduced lung function, impaired lung development in children, and increased susceptibility to respiratory infections.

Table 1. List of Databases

Databases	Link
<i>Emerald</i>	https://www.emerald.com/insight/
<i>Taylor & Francis</i>	https://taylorandfrancis.com/
<i>Elsevier Science Direct</i>	https://www.sciencedirect.com/
<i>Google Scholar</i>	https://scholar.google.ca/
<i>Springer Link</i>	https://link.springer.com/
<i>PubMed/Medline</i>	https://pubmed/Medline
<i>JSTOR</i>	https://www.jstor.org/
<i>CrossRef</i>	https://www.crossref.org/
<i>WorldCat</i>	https://www.worldcat.org/
<i>PsycINFO</i>	https://www.apa.org/pubs/databases/psycinfo
<i>IEEE Xplore</i>	https://ieeexplore.ieee.org/Xplore/home.jsp
<i>EBSCO</i>	http://search.ebscohost.com
<i>DOAJ</i>	https://doaj.org/
<i>ProQuest</i>	https://www.proquest.com/
<i>Web of Science</i>	http://webofknowledge.com

Cardiovascular System: Air pollution is associated with an increased risk of cardiovascular diseases, including heart attacks, strokes, and hypertension. Small particulate matter, especially those with a diameter of < 2.5 micrometers (PM_{2.5}), can penetrate the lungs and enter the bloodstream, triggering inflammation, oxidative stress, and vascular damage (An et al., 2018; Laeremans et al., 2018; Kolpakova et al., 2019; Enkhjargal et al., 2020; Shah et al., 2020; Bhatnagar, 2022; Bourdrel, 2022; Costa and Pasquinelli, 2022). These effects contribute to the development of atherosclerosis, blood clot formation, and heart rhythm abnormalities (Wold et al., 2012; Newby et al., 2015; Rao et al., 2017; Hamanaka and Mutlu, 2018; Fauzie and Venkataramana, 2019; Lelieveld et al., 2019; Neuberger, 2019; Al-Kindi et al., 2020; Hahad et al., 2020; Miller and Newby, 2020).

Cancer: Air pollution is a significant risk factor for various types of cancer, including lung cancer, bladder cancer, and childhood leukemia. Carcinogenic substances present in air pollutants, such as benzene, formaldehyde, and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, can damage DNA and promote the development of cancerous cells (Huang et al., 2014; Turner et al., 2017; Cong, 2018; Parascandola et al., 2018; Villeneuve et al., 2018; White et al., 2019; Amadou et al., 2020; Bai et al., 2020; Moon et al., 2020; Ou et al., 2020; Turner et al., 2020; Coleman et al., 2021; Dehghani et al., 2021; Huang et al., 2021; So et al.,

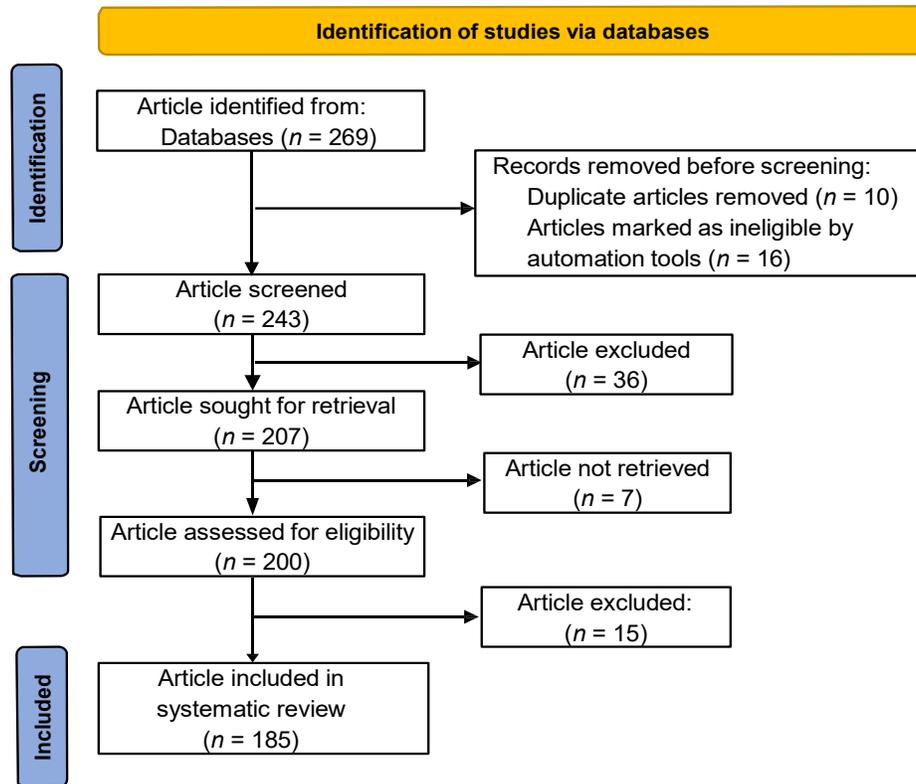


Figure 1. Flow chart of systematic literature review.

2021; Chen et al., 2022; Xue et al., 2022). Long-term exposure to air pollution, particularly in industrial and urban areas, increases the likelihood of cancer development.

Neurological Disorder: Mounting evidence suggests that air pollution can adversely affect the central nervous system and increase the risk of neurological disorders. Dusty particulate matter and toxic gases can enter the brain through the olfactory nerves or systemic circulation, leading to neuroinflammation, oxidative stress, and neuronal damage (Ying et al., 2013; Li et al., 2017; Azarpazhooh and Hachinski, 2018; Gładka et al., 2018; Jia et al., 2018; Thomson, 2019; Gu et al., 2020; Kim et al., 2020; Xue et al., 2021; Fu et al., 2022; Sirbu et al., 2022). Studies have linked air pollution exposure to neurodevelopmental disorders in children, cognitive decline in adults, and an increased risk of neurodegenerative diseases like Alzheimer's and Parkinson's.

Development Effects: Exposure to air pollution during pregnancy and early childhood can have long-lasting effects on developmental outcomes. Pregnant women exposed to air pollutants, particularly dusty particulate matter, may experience adverse birth outcomes such as preterm birth, low birth weight, and developmental abnormalities. Children exposed to air pollution have a higher risk of impaired lung function, cognitive deficits, behavioral problems, and developmental disorders (Vrijheid et al., 2012; Raz et al., 2013; Roberts et al., 2013; Sram et al., 2013; Xu et al., 2014; Forns et al., 2018; Kerin et al., 2018; Jo et al., 2019; Qiu et al., 2019; Carvalho et al., 2020; Ferrari et al., 2020; McGuinn et al., 2020; Thygesen et al., 2020;

Volk et al., 2020; Heo and Kim, 2021; Wang et al., 2021; Johnson et al., 2021; Yang et al., 2022; Decrue et al., 2023; Lee et al., 2023).

Diabetes and Metabolic Disorder: The air pollution has emerged as a potential risk factor for diabetes mellitus and metabolic disorders (Tamayo et al., 2014; Eze et al., 2015; Münzel et al., 2017; Park, 2017; Alhowikan et al., 2019; Jo et al., 2019; Kim et al., 2021; Rammah et al., 2021; Chen et al., 2022; Hussein et al., 2022; Zorena et al., 2022; Luo et al., 2023). Long-term exposure to high levels of air pollutants, particularly PM_{2.5} and nitrogen dioxide, has been associated with an increased prevalence of diabetes, insulin resistance, and metabolic syndrome. The mechanisms underlying this association include systemic inflammation, oxidative stress, insulin resistance, and disruption of metabolic homeostasis.

Immune System: Air pollution can modulate the immune system, causing increased susceptibility to infections, allergic reactions, and autoimmune diseases. Exposure to air pollutants can trigger airway inflammation, impair immune cell function, and alter the balance between pro-inflammatory and anti-inflammatory responses. Allergic rhinitis, asthma, allergic sensitization, and autoimmune diseases such as rheumatoid arthritis and systemic lupus erythematosus are associated with air pollution exposure (Bousquet et al., 2018; Cong et al., 2019; Flood-Garibay et al., 2019; Garibay et al., 2019; Arias-Pérez et al., 2020; Cahueñas, 2020; Glencross et al., 2020; Eguiluz-Gracia et al., 2020; Croft et al., 2021; Abdelnasser, 2022; Serafini et al., 2022; Yong et al., 2022; Sampath et al., 2023).

Skin Health: Air pollution harms the state of the skin and speeds up aging (Manceb and Wang, 2015; Park et al., 2018; Nakhjirgan et al., 2019; Nobile et al., 2020; Schikowski and Hüls, 2020; Calderón-Garcidueñas et al., 2021; Park et al., 2021; Wang et al., 2021). Meanwhile, it also causes several dermatological problems. Particulate matter, heavy metals, and volatile chemical compounds associated with air pollution can enter the skin and cause inflammation, oxidative stress, and DNA damage. Therefore, this can result in skin allergies, acne, eczema, psoriasis, pigmentation disorders, and accelerated skin aging.

3.2. Ecosystem Impact of Air Pollution

Acid Rain: Acid rain is one of the most well-known ecosystem effects of air pollution. Emissions of sulfur dioxide and nitrogen emissions from industrial activities and combustion processes can react with atmospheric moisture to form sulfuric and nitric acids (Zuolin et al., 2012; Cass, 2014; Seo et al., 2017; Wang et al., 2017; Sanmi, 2018; Liu et al., 2019; Siddiqi and Farsi, 2019; Zhang et al., 2019; Pham et al., 2020; Debnath et al., 2021; Fatima et al., 2021). These acids are then deposited onto the surface through precipitation, leading to the acidification of soil and water bodies. Acid rain harms aquatic ecosystems, including lake, stream, and river acidification, which can kill fish, amphibians, and other aqueous animals.

Ozone Depletion: Air pollutants such as chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) and halons contribute to the depletion of the ozone layer in the stratosphere. The ozone layer plays a vital role in protecting life on Earth by absorbing harmful ultraviolet (UV) radiation from the sun. Depletion of the ozone layer increases UV radiation reaching the Earth's surface, leading to increased risks of skin cancer, cataracts, and damage to marine and terrestrial ecosystems (Tai et al., 2014; Carter et al., 2017; Manjula, 2018; Schiferl and Heald, 2018; Wilson et al., 2019; Sampedro et al., 2023).

Biodiversity Loss: Air pollution poses a significant threat to biodiversity, with potential consequences for the stability and functioning of ecosystems (Cotrozzi et al., 2018; Stevens et al., 2020; Thimmegowda et al., 2020). High levels of air pollutants can harm plants, including crop species, by damaging their leaves, reducing photosynthesis, and interfering with nutrient uptake (Atator et al., 2021). Accordingly, this can lead to reduced crop yields, decreased food availability, and disordered ecological interactions. Additionally, air pollution can contribute to the decline of sensitive plant and animal species, destroying biodiversity.

Soil and Water Contamination: Airborne pollutants can be deposited onto the soil and water surfaces, contributing to the contamination and degradation of these vital resources. Heavy metals, persistent organic pollutants, and other toxic substances can accumulate in soil and water bodies, posing risks to terrestrial and aquatic organisms. Soil contamination can affect plant growth and productivity, while water contamination can harm marine species and compromise water quality for human consumption (Lochman et al., 2002; Duan et al., 2017).

Forest Decline: Forests are particularly vulnerable to the

impacts of air pollution due to their exposure to airborne pollutants and their role in regulating air quality. Elevated levels of ozone and nitrogen compounds can harm forest ecosystems by damaging tree foliage, inhibiting photosynthesis, and altering nutrient cycling (Livesley et al., 2016; Sonwani et al., 2022). Meanwhile, this can result in low forest productivity, increased susceptibility to pests and diseases, and overall forest decline.

Crop Damage: Air pollution has significant implications for agricultural productivity and food security. In line with this, high amounts of ozone, nitrogen dioxide, and sulfur dioxide can damage crop plants, leading to low yields and poor-quality produce (Wendel, 2014; Chen and Liao, 2017; Ekiyor et al., 2019; de Matos Nascimento et al., 2020; Pandya et al., 2022). Ozone, in particular, can cause visible leaf injury, decreased photosynthesis, and an impaired progenitor system. Poor air quality in agricultural regions can also lead to increased respiratory problems in farm workers and livestock.

3.3. Analytical Techniques for Measuring Air Pollution

Ambient Air Monitoring: Ambient air monitoring is a systematic method of collecting and analyzing air samples from specific locations to assess pollutant concentrations (Crilley et al., 2017; Spinelle et al., 2017; Feenstra et al., 2019; Long et al., 2019; Genner et al., 2020; Jordan et al., 2020; Liang et al., 2021; Sau et al., 2021). It utilizes a network of monitoring stations equipped with instruments that measure various pollutants, including particulate matter, gases (e.g., nitrogen dioxide, sulfur dioxide and ozone), volatile organic compounds, and heavy metals. These monitoring stations provide valuable data for assessing air quality, identifying pollution hotspots, and tracking long-term trends.

Remote Sensing: Remote sensing techniques utilize satellite, aircraft, or ground-based sensors to measure air pollution over large areas. Satellite-based remote sensing provides extensive coverage and allows for the monitoring of air pollution on a global scale. It measures various parameters, including aerosol optical depth, tropospheric ozone, and nitrogen dioxide concentrations (Demetillo et al., 2020; Chudnovsky, 2021; Muthukumar et al., 2021; Pathakoti et al., 2021; Roy, 2021; Xiong et al., 2021; Ji et al., 2022; Scheibenreif et al., 2022; Wang et al., 2022; Zhu et al., 2022; Zhang et al., 2022; Zhao et al., 2022; Abu El-Magd et al., 2023; Wang et al., 2023). Ground-based remote sensing techniques, such as lidar and sun photometry, provide detailed information about the vertical profiles of pollutants and can be used to validate satellite measurements. The chemical analysis involves the laboratory analysis of air samples to quantify the concentrations of specific pollutants (Fan et al., 2014; Li et al., 2017). This technique employs various analytical methods, such as gas chromatography, mass spectrometry, and atomic absorption spectroscopy, to detect and quantify insoluble compounds, including volatile organic compounds, heavy metals, and toxic gases. The chemical analysis provides detailed information about pollutant composition, source apportionment, and chemical reactions. Chemical analysis methods have been developed to quantify different classes of pollutants in air and water at trace and ultra-trace levels. These meth-

ods enable researchers to selectively determine pollutants such as metals, anions, organic pollutants, and hazardous gases. The analysis of atmospheric pollution processes involves simulating and calculating the concentration values of atmospheric pollutants, considering physical processes, chemical conversions, and emission processes. This quantitative analysis provides insights into the impact of these processes on various pollutants in the atmosphere during heavy pollution periods. Additionally, chemical modeling plays a crucial role in understanding air pollution problems and their regulatory applications. It helps in studying the formation, health effects, and regulatory context of pollutants, as well as predicting their behavior and impacts on air quality.

Biomonitoring: Biomonitoring involves the measurement of air pollution impacts on living organisms, such as plants, animals, and humans (Santos et al., 2015; Siontorou et al., 2019; Chaparro et al., 2020; Cauci et al., 2021; Giordano et al., 2021; Quyet et al., 2021; Svozilik et al., 2021; Abecasis et al., 2022; Belguidoum et al., 2022; Dhaouadi et al., 2022; Shukla and Aggarwal, 2022). Based on their sensitivity and reaction to contaminants, bioindicators such as lichens, mosses, and certain plant species are used to measure air pollution levels. Biomonitoring air pollution is an effective method for assessing and monitoring the presence of pollutants in the environment. Moss and lichens are suitable bioindicators for air pollution because they capture and accumulate contaminants over time. In particular, black poplar leaves have been used to monitor metal pollution in urban environments, indicating the sources of pollution such as traffic, waste burning, and soil contamination. Moss transplants have also been used to assess environmental pollution, with different moss species showing variations in metal accumulation and uptake mechanisms. Using biomonitoring techniques, such as moss and lichen analysis, provides valuable information on the distribution and impact of air pollution, complementing traditional physicochemical methods. These findings highlight the importance of biomonitoring in understanding and mitigating the effects of air pollution on human health and the environment. Biomonitoring also includes the measurement of pollutant concentrations in biological samples, such as blood, urine, and tissues, to assess human exposure and health effects.

Air Quality Modeling: Air quality modeling utilizes computer simulations to predict pollutant concentrations in the atmosphere and understands the complex interactions between emission sources, atmospheric processes, and meteorological conditions (Isakov et al., 2014; Bang et al., 2018; Asif and Chen, 2019; Kadaverugu et al., 2019). These models incorporate data on emission inventories, meteorology, topography, and chemical reactions to simulate air pollutant dispersion and transformation. Air quality models are valuable tools for assessing future scenarios, evaluating the impacts of emission reduction strategies, and supporting policy and decision-making.

3.4. Classification of Analytical Air Pollution Monitoring Techniques

In summary, ambient air monitoring, remote sensing, chemical analysis, biomonitoring, and air quality modeling are all

essential air quality monitoring techniques used to measure different aspects of air pollution. The choice of approaches depends on the specific needs of the monitoring program. Table 2 summarizes the different air quality monitoring techniques, their components, working principles, and categories.

3.5. Limitations and Challenges of Analytical Air Pollution Monitoring Techniques

The limitations of ambient air monitoring can hinder progress in combating air pollution in several ways. Firstly, traditional monitoring methods are expensive and have spatial constraints, making it arduous to monitor air pollution in broader areas (Grainger and Schreiber, 2019). This limitation restricts the ability to gather comprehensive data on air quality, which is crucial for identifying and addressing pollution issues (McGrath et al., 2020). Secondly, the lack of portability and real-time monitoring capabilities in existing systems hinders the ability to monitor pollutants such as PM_{2.5} and PM₁₀, which are responsible for hazy weather conditions (Tatavarti, 2021). Additionally, detecting air pollutants at lower levels through analytical techniques highlights the need for appropriate quality control procedures and method validation to ensure meaningful and accurate results (Jaiswal, 2019). Furthermore, the complexity and challenges posed by ambient air quality monitoring require a consensus among various stakeholders, including nations, governments, regulatory bodies, NGOs, scientists, researchers, and private citizens (Forbes, 2015; Pinder et al., 2019). Besides, unexpected situations, such as damage to monitoring equipment or the relocation of monitoring stations, can result in a lack of monitoring data (Ma et al., 2021). This missing data can hinder accurate analysis and research on air quality, impeding efforts to develop effective strategies for pollution control (Bathiya et al., 2016). Additionally, the lack of widespread and ubiquitous monitoring networks can lead to gaps in data coverage, making it challenging to assess the full extent of air pollution and its impacts (Tiwari et al., 2020).

Despite its limitation, however, the possible solutions to the drawback of ambient air monitoring include implementing low-cost solid-state gas and PM sensors that can operate in real-time, providing high spatial and time resolution monitoring (Tatavarti, 2021). These sensors require proper evaluation and calibration before implementation. Another solution is the expansion of smart sensors that can measure pollutants in real-time and at small scales, allowing for target-specific monitoring, personal exposure assessment, and real-time alertness. Such smart sensors have attracted the interest of environmental researchers, authorities, and local communities (Nagendra et al., 2021). Additionally, implementing an ambient air quality integrated monitoring device, which includes a quartz crystal balance sensor, oscillation circuit, reference frequency source, and microprocessor, can provide accurate and simultaneous monitoring of multiple corrosivity problems in the air (Tiwari et al., 2020). Table 3 summarizes the limitation and gaps of air quality monitoring techniques.

Remote sensing has limitations that can hinder progress in combating air pollution. One limitation is the difficulty of obtaining the detailed information about the air pollutants' spatial and

Table 2. Summary of Air Quality Monitoring Techniques, Components, Working Principles, and Categories

Techniques	Components	Working Principle	Categories	Description
Ambient Air Monitoring	Sampler, filter, detector, and data logger	Collects air samples from a fixed location and measures the concentration of pollutants in the air	In situ	This is the most common type of air quality monitoring. It involves the use of sensors to measure the concentration of air pollutants at a specific location and time. Ambient air monitoring stations are typically located in urban areas, industrial zones, and other areas where air pollution is a concern.
Remote Sensing	Instruments that emit a beam of light or radiation and measure how the light or radiation is reflected or absorbed by the pollutants in the air	Measures the concentration of pollutants in the air from a distance	Remote	This technique uses satellites or aircraft to measure the concentration of air pollutants from a distance. Remote sensing is a valuable tool for monitoring air pollution over large areas, such as entire cities or countries. However, it is not as accurate as ambient air monitoring for measuring the concentration of air pollutants at a specific location.
Chemical Analysis	Gas chromatographs, mass spectrometers and spectrophotometers	Measures the concentration of pollutants in air samples	Laboratory-based chemical analysis, field-based chemical analysis, and online chemical analysis	This technique involves collecting an air sample and analyzing it for the concentration of air pollutants in a laboratory. Chemical analysis is the most accurate method for measuring the concentration of air pollutants, but it is also the most time-consuming and expensive.
Biomonitoring	Living organisms that absorb pollutants from the air and store them in their tissues	Measures the concentration of pollutants in the air using living organisms	Biomarker analysis, bioaccumulation analysis, and biomonitoring of ecosystems	This technique involves measuring the concentration of air pollutants in biological tissues, such as plants, animals, or humans. Biomonitoring can be used to track the long-term exposure of people and wildlife to air pollution. However, it is not as accurate as ambient air monitoring or chemical analysis for measuring the concentration of air pollutants in the air.
Air Quality Modeling	Computers and mathematical models	Predicts the concentration of pollutants in the air	Computational	This technique uses computer models to simulate the transport and dispersion of air pollutants in the atmosphere. Air quality modeling can be used to predict the concentration of air pollutants at a specific location and time, and to assess the impact of air pollution policies and regulations.

temporal distribution, including greenhouse gases (GHGs) (Sivaramakrishnan et al., 2020; Scheibenreif et al., 2021). Existing models for surface-level air pollution rely on extensive land-use datasets, which are often locally restricted and temporally static (Scheibenreif et al., 2021). Another limitation is the time-consuming nature of monitoring air pollution data using current algorithms, resulting in low monitoring efficiency and accuracy (Liu et al., 2020). Additionally, “using sensors for air pollution monitoring requires highly durable sensors that can operate for long periods under severe conditions such as high humidity, solar radiation, and dust” (Kendler and Zuck, 2020). The need for consumable-free dust removal devices to protect sensors from clogging and maintain consistent performance is also a drawback (Camarillo-Escobedo et al., 2021). Finally, the analysis and processing of data from portable monitors is still limited, with a need for more advanced models to analyze and interpret the collected data (Hernández-Gordillo et al., 2021). These limitations in remote sensing and sensor technology can impede the collection of accurate and comprehensive data necessary for effective air pollution mitigation strategies. Meanwhile, possible solutions to the limitations of remote sensing for air pollution include implementing deep learning approaches that rely on globally available and frequently updated remote sensing data, such as optical satellite imagery and satellite based atmospheric column density air pollution measurements (Pale-

czek et al., 2021). Another solution is the development of artificial intelligence-based algorithms for quantitative remote sensing monitoring of air pollution, which can provide relevant information with high monitoring efficiency, a vast monitoring range, and high monitoring accuracy (Scheibenreif et al., 2021).

Chemical analysis has limitations that can hinder progress in combating air pollution. One limitation is the reliance on priority pollutants, which can lead to the misconception that these chemicals represent the universe of toxic substances (Goldman et al., 2021). Another limitation is the inability of selective and sensitive analytical techniques to detect all chemicals in the surrounding environment (Devier et al., 2011). Inadequate and imprecise toxicological databases also hinder the significance determination of identified chemicals of concern (Burkholder et al., 2017). Chemical analysis limitations may impede efforts to tackle air pollution by underestimating the levels and potential dangers of toxic substances in the environment. Meanwhile, to overcome these limitations, integrated bioanalytical approaches have emerged as promising tools to improve environmental risk assessment by considering the link between chemical presence and biological effects (McNeill, 2019). There are limitations in the chemical analysis of air pollution that require attention. One possible solution is the development of sensitive and selective analytical methods to detect a wide range of analyses, allowing for a better understanding of this complex field

Table 3. Summary of the Limitation and Gaps of Air Quality Monitoring Techniques

Techniques	Limitations	Gaps
Ambient Air Monitoring	Limited spatial coverage, limited temporal resolution, high cost	Not suitable for capturing short-term changes in air pollution or for monitoring large areas
Remote Sensing	Limited accuracy, limited spatial resolution, limited temporal resolution	Not suitable for measuring small-scale variations in air pollution or for tracking changes in air pollution over time
Chemical Analysis	Time-consuming, costly, requires specialized equipment	Not suitable for monitoring air pollution in real-time or for large areas
Biomonitoring	Not all pollutants can be biomonitored, can be affected by other factors, and requires long-term data collection	Not suitable for measuring all air pollutants or for detecting short-term changes in air pollution exposure
Air Quality Modeling	Its inaccurate requires a lot of data and can be computationally expensive	Not suitable for predicting air pollution in new or rapidly changing environments

(Forbes, 2020). Another solution is to apply IoT and machine learning algorithms to detect and analyze pollutant gases, estimating air quality (Goldman et al., 2021). Meanwhile, new technologies such as the Carbonator system can remove carbon dioxide emissions and redirect emissions from fixed sources into depleted reservoirs, reducing air pollution (Choy et al., 2021).

Biomonitoring has limitations in the context of combating air pollution. The identification of lichens as bioindicators is restricted to expert researchers, limiting their widespread use (Giordano et al., 2021). Additionally, the effectiveness of tree species as bioindicators depends on their tolerance and sensitivity to air pollution, which are evaluated using the air pollution tolerance index (APTI). However, the APTI alone is not sufficient for determining the suitability of tree species for green belt development (Chiari et al., 2020). Furthermore, biomonitoring using bryophytes can capture long-term deposition of pollutants, but it may not provide real-time information on air pollution concentrations (Almeida et al., 2017). However, to overcome its drawback, one possible solution is to develop alternative bioindicators not limited by factors of the vegetative season, moisture demand, and exposure to severe weather conditions. Spider webs are abundant, easy to collect, and can be found all year round, making them a promising bioindicator for air pollution monitoring (Chiari et al., 2020). Utilizing various types of plants that are specifically susceptible to certain air pollutants and exhibit unique signs of damage is a viable solution. This approach allows for monitoring the presence or absence of air pollutants (Giordano et al., 2021). Additionally, the development of mathematical models and indices, such as the air pollution tolerance index, can provide a more comprehensive understanding of the role of plants in monitoring air pollution (Rutkowski et al., 2018).

Air quality modeling in the context of combating air pollution has several limitations. Air pollution modeling is a complex and challenging task that involves simplifications and assumptions. Models rely on numerous input data and parameters, which may have uncertainties and limitations (East et al., 2021). Unpredictability can arise from incomplete or inaccurate emission inventories, meteorological data, and chemical reaction mechanisms (Ferreira et al., 2020). Models also face challenges in simulating complex atmospheric processes, such as atmospheric chemistry, heterogeneous reactions, and interactions between different pollutants (Silveira et al., 2019). Additionally, model predictions may be affected by the spatial and

temporal resolution of the model grid and the representativeness of the monitoring data used for model evaluation. Possible solutions to the limitations of air quality modeling for air pollution monitoring include implementing machine learning techniques such as deep belief networks (DBN) and neural networks to supplement missing monitoring data (Ma et al., 2021). Data-driven models, such as Random Forest (RF) and Support Vector Regression (SVR), can be developed to predict pollutant concentrations based on readily available data, improving the spatial resolution of air monitoring (Shifa and Rathi, 2021).

In line with this, blockchain technology can provide a tamper-proof record of air quality data, ensuring data reliability in pollution monitoring systems (Gryech et al., 2020). Equipping gas sensors on mobile devices or vehicles is a mobile solution that enables active and cooperative detection of air pollution. It provides finer-grained monitoring and flexibility in choosing monitoring station locations (de Tazoult et al., 2019; Wang, 2019). These solutions offer potential improvements in air quality modeling and monitoring, addressing the limitations of traditional fixed-location monitoring stations.

3.6. Modeling Air Pollution

Uses of Air Pollution Models: Air pollution models serve multiple purposes, including regulatory compliance, policy development, and scientific research. Meanwhile, this model can be used to predict and assess pollutant concentrations, identify pollution sources, estimate human exposure levels, evaluate the effectiveness of emission control strategies, and support decision-making. Air pollution models also help in understanding the long-range transport of pollutants, assessing the impacts of climate change on air quality, and predicting future air pollution scenarios.

Type of Air Pollution Models: Different models are used to simulate air pollution, each with strengths and limitations. Dispersion models, such as Gaussian and computational fluid dynamics models, simulate the transport and dispersion of pollutants in the atmosphere based on meteorological conditions and emission sources. Receptor models, such as chemical mass balance and positive matrix factorization models, help to identify and apportion pollution sources based on measured pollutant concentrations. Integrated assessment models combine multiple models to analyze the interactions between air pollution, climate change, and human activities.

Input Data and Parameters: Air pollution models require several input data and parameters to simulate pollutant dispersion and transformation correctly. These inputs include emission inventories, meteorological data, land use data, and chemical reaction mechanisms. Emission inventories provide information about the types and amounts of pollutants released into the atmosphere from various sources. Accurate meteorological data, including wind speed, direction, temperature, and stability, are crucial for simulating pollutant transport. Chemical reaction mechanisms describe the complex chemical reactions in the atmosphere and influence pollutant transformation and formation.

Modeling air pollution involves the statistical simulation of how air pollutants spread and react in the environment, impacting the quality of atmospheric air (Kakareka and Salivonchik, 2021). Various modeling approaches have been used, including deterministic, statistical, and hybrid models (Raheja et al., 2021). These models are used for different purposes, such as event forecasting and long-term planning in air quality management (Itahashi, 2021). Additionally, modeling can be used to assess the air quality of urban areas, considering factors like toxic levels and variations in pollutant levels (Yadav et al., 2020). Furthermore, deep learning frameworks, such as the temporal sliding long short-term memory extended model (TS-LSTME), have been proposed to predict air quality in the following 24 hours. These models integrate historical pollutant concentrations, meteorological data, and temporal information to achieve accurate predictions. Overall, modeling air pollution plays a crucial role in understanding and managing air quality in urban areas.

3.7. Strategies for Combating Air Pollution

Policy and Regulation: By establishing emission limits, encouraging the use of clean technology, and enforcing compliance, government policies and regulations play a critical part in lowering air pollution. These policies may include criteria for automobile emissions, objectives for renewable energy, and pollution prevention measures. These regulations can also incentivize the use of cleaner fuels, the implementation of emission-reduction technologies, and the adoption of sustainable practices.

Alternative Energy Sources: Transitioning from fossil fuels to cleaner and renewable energy sources is a critical strategy for reducing air pollution and combating climate change. Renewable energy sources, such as solar, wind, hydropower, and geothermal, generate electricity without emitting air pollutants or greenhouse gases. Increasing the share of renewable energy in the global energy mix can significantly reduce air pollution, enhance energy security, and promote sustainable development.

Transportation Solutions: The transportation sector is a crucial contributor to air pollution, particularly in urban areas. Implementing transportation solutions, such as improving public transportation systems, promoting electric vehicles, and encouraging active modes of transport like walking and cycling, can help reduce vehicle emissions. Investing in infrastructure

for electric vehicle charging stations, promoting carpooling, and ridesharing, and creating pedestrian-friendly cities can significantly decrease air pollution from transportation.

Industrial Emission Controls: Industries are significant sources of air pollution, emitting various pollutants during production operations. Implementing emission control technologies, such as scrubbers, catalytic converters, and particulate filters, can reduce the release of harmful substances into the atmosphere. Industries can also adopt cleaner production techniques, use alternative raw materials, and improve energy efficiency to minimize pollution. Regular monitoring and enforcement of emission standards are essential to ensuring compliance.

Public Awareness and Education: Raising public awareness about the impacts of air pollution and promoting individual actions can contribute to lowering pollution levels. Education campaigns can inform people about the health risks associated with air pollution, the importance of sustainable practices, and the benefits of using clean technologies. Encouraging behavioral changes, such as reducing reliance on private vehicles, conserving energy, and practicing proper waste management, can help individuals contribute to cleaner air.

3.8. Future Perspective and Challenges

Climate Change and Air Pollution: Air pollution and climate change are interconnected challenges that require integrated solutions. Many air pollutants, such as carbon dioxide, methane, and black carbon, are also greenhouse gases that contribute to climate change. As cleaner technology and practices frequently result in reduced greenhouse gas emissions, reducing air pollution can also aid efforts to mitigate global warming. Addressing climate change can lessen the effects of air pollution by reducing the frequency of extreme weather events and improving air quality.

Technological Innovations: Advancements in technology have the potential to revolutionize air pollution monitoring, mitigation, and control. Real-time air quality monitoring and individualized exposure assessment are now possible because of the development of low-cost sensors, portable electronics, and wearable technology. Furthermore, innovations in clean energy technologies, emission reduction technologies, and pollution control devices can significantly reduce air pollution levels. It should be a priority to encourage this kind of research and development and make it easier for creative ideas to be adopted.

International Collaborations: Air pollution is a global problem that requires international collaboration and cooperation. Countries must work as one to share best practices, exchange knowledge, and develop joint strategies for reducing air pollution. International agreements, such as the United Nations Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution and the Minamata Convention on Mercury, facilitate collaboration and promote the adoption of pollution control measures. Continued efforts to strengthen international cooperation are essential for addressing the transboundary nature of air pollution and achieving global air quality goals.

Sustainable Development Goals: Air pollution is closely associated with several United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), including health, climate action, clean energy, sustainable cities, and life on land. Integrating air pollution management into sustainable development strategies can help achieve multiple SDGs simultaneously. Accordingly, this requires a holistic approach that considers a social, economic, and environmental aspect of sustainability. Policy coherence, stakeholder engagement, and multi-sectorial collaboration are essential for aligning air pollution management with sustainable development objectives.

4. Conclusions

Air pollution poses significant risks to human health, ecosystems, and the environment. It is a complex and multifaceted issue necessitating comprehensive understanding, collective action, and innovative solutions. By implementing effective policies, adopting clean technologies, promoting sustainable practices, and raising awareness, we can mitigate the impacts of air pollution and create a healthier and more sustainable future. The fight against air pollution is a global endeavor that demands collaboration, commitment, and continuous efforts to safeguard the well-being of present and future generations.

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