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## Overview of hyperspectral remote sensing for mapping marine benthic habitats from airborne and underwater sensors

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### ABSTRACT

The seafloor, with its diverse and dynamic benthic habitats varying on meter to centimeter scales, is difficult to accurately monitor with traditional techniques. The technology used to build imaging spectrometers has rapidly advanced in recent years with the advent of smaller sensors and better signal-to-noise capabilities that has facilitated their use in mapping fine-scale benthic features. Here, the use of such sensors for hyperspectral remote sensing of the seafloor from both airborne and underwater platforms is discussed. Benthic constituents provide a so-called optical fingerprint with spectral properties that are often too subtle to be discerned with simple color photographs or multi-channel spectrometers. Applications include the recent field validation of the airborne Portable Remote Imaging SpectroMeter (PRISM), a new imaging sensor package optimized for coastal ocean processes in Elkhorn Slough California. In these turbid sediment-laden waters, only subtle spectral differences differentiate seafloor with sediment from that with eelgrass. The ultimate goal is to provide robust radiometric approaches that accurately consider light attenuation by the water column and are able to be applied to diverse habitats without considerable foreknowledge.

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

Traditional methods for characterizing the seafloor or benthos involve underwater assessments using photography, video or diver surveys. Such methods are often qualitative in scope, have limited spatial scales, and require considerable human interpretation of the primary seafloor features. Another common method involves aerial photography from aircraft using a simple camera system that measures light reflected from the water in three primary wavebands: red (R), green (G), and blue (B) or an RGB image. This simulates our human eye which has so-called RGB photoreceptor cells (cones with peak absorbance at 564, 534 and 420 nm) allowing for human trichromatic color vision [1]. Digitizing features from photographs can be painstaking and subjective work and often the primary features must be known in advance. Beds of seagrass, for example, absorb visible light for photosynthesis and make the image look darker to the eye; but such dark patches may be due to other types of seafloor or "benthic" habitats including dense macroalgae, sediment with biofilm, or even light-absorbing compounds in the water column like phytoplankton or gelven (colored dissolved organic matter) [2].

New sensors and techniques based on imaging spectroscopy have been developed to assess the spectral signature of benthic features on the seafloor. Deployed from satellites and airplanes, these sensors can detect the full spectrum of light being emitted from the sea surface and have advanced coastal habitat mapping from seagrasses to coral reefs over the last decade [3-6]. Multi-channel remote sensing can be useful in mapping clear coastal banks and bays [2], but hyperspectral remote sensing provides a more detailed spectral fingerprint that can then be used to assess the water column properties and potentially the depth and color of the seafloor when the water is "optically shallow" and photons reflected from the seafloor can be detected at the sea surface [7,8].

Sensor technology has improved dramatically in recent years and new imaging spectrometers are better able to discriminate dark coastal waters where water-leaving radiance only contributes a few percent of the total light detected at

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