

INTRODUCTION

Sustainability 2020, 12, 7427 2 of 11 impacts, and public impacts [4]. This sector is also responsible for significant energy consumption and emission production, such as GHG emissions, particulate matter, sulfur dioxide, carbon monoxide, and nitrogen oxide [5]. As a result of the energy consumption from this sector, the ambient CO₂ level has increased, which generates enormous proportions of CO₂ emissions [6,7]. Sources of CO₂ emissions in this sector can be from the energy utilization required for the manufacturing and transportation of the building materials to the processing of resources, construction waste disposal, and the demands of construction equipment [8]. The building sector consumes a substantial portion of non-renewable energy and prompts the emission of a significant amount of CO₂ [9]. Building contributes approximately 39% of the annual global CO₂ [10] (Figure 1). It has been reported that more than a third of the usage of total energy and CO₂ emissions is a result of the building sector in the developed and developing nations [11]. Therefore, CO₂ emission mitigation measures are crucial [12]. To promote CO₂ emission mitigation, planning on conservation of energy, and implementation of strategies to reduce potential emission mitigation should be prioritized [13]. This paper aims to provide an overview of the issues, impacts, and mitigation strategies in the building sector to reduce and control CO₂ emissions.

PROBLEM DEFINITION & DESIGN THINKING

The challenge in sustainably advancing the building sector is the increasingly large outflows of CO₂ due to the utilization of non-sustainable energy sources in the planning, construction, and operations of buildings [9]. CO₂ is also emitted from the broad utilization of land in the urbanization process [11]. The energy sourced from fossil fuels is non-sustainable, and yet it accounts for a large percentage of the energy used in the construction and operation processes. Sustainable or renewable energy sources only account for 6% of the total energy used in the sector, while fossil fuel used in construction activities accounts for 40% of worldwide greenhouse gas emissions. Although numerous novel methods have been proposed to lessen the CO₂ footprint of buildings, particularly in high-density urban communities, the challenge has yet to be solved appreciably [14]. The utilization of a non-sustainable energy source directly affects the environment, and it is directly proportional to the amount used. The construction of a building emits CO₂, both directly and indirectly. Direct CO₂ emissions originate from the burning of natural gas, diesel, light fuel oil, and other oil-based commodities, while indirect CO₂ emissions come from the application of electricity. Globally, the indirect CO₂ emission accounts for 85% of the total CO₂ emitted, while only 14% is from direct emissions. Figure 1. Global CO₂ emission by sectors. 2. Issues and Challenges The challenge in sustainably advancing the building sector is the increasingly large outflows of CO₂ due to the utilization of non-sustainable energy sources in the planning, construction, and operations of buildings [9]. CO₂ is also emitted from the broad utilization of land in the urbanization process [11]. The energy sourced from fossil fuels is non-sustainable, and yet it accounts for a large percentage of the energy used in the construction and operation processes. Sustainable or renewable energy sources only account for 6% of the total energy used in the sector, while fossil fuel used in construction activities accounts for 40% of worldwide greenhouse gas emissions. Although numerous novel methods have been proposed to lessen the CO₂ footprint of buildings, particularly in high-density urban communities, the challenge has yet to be solved appreciably [14]. The utilization of a non-sustainable energy source directly affects the environment, and it is directly proportional to the amount used. The construction of a building emits CO₂, both directly and indirectly. Direct CO₂ emissions originate from the burning of natural gas, diesel, light fuel oil, and other oil-based commodities, while indirect CO₂ emissions come from the application of electricity. Globally, the indirect CO₂ emission accounts for 85% of the total CO₂ emitted, while only 14% is from direct emissions. Sustainability 2020, 12, 7427 3 of 11 The 2030 Climate and Energy Framework states that 27% of energy should be sourced from sustainable

energy sources, while energy efficiency or productivity should increase by 27% [15]. However, there are challenges in finding sustainable solutions to low productivity and efficiency. One solution is to itemize the processes of construction and operation so that detailed evaluations can be carried out. Construction includes the assembly of the building material, the development of the structure and foundation, and the transportation and operation of machinery. The procedure comprises the maintenance aspect of the building and its infrastructure. The evaluation of the life cycle requires a detailed inventory of these processes in all phases of the building's life. The assessment would highlight strategies that could be made more productive and efficient.

EMPATHY MAPPING

A second step in emission-reduction results from attitudes toward the future. An important ethical judgment embodied in climate-economics models determines how much weight is given to the interests of future generations. Because the effects of today's emissions will be felt for hundreds, if not thousands, of years, every model must make some assumption about the importance of expected future damages for current-day decision-making. In CRED, as in many other models, this key judgment is represented by the "pure rate of time preference," an important component of the discount rate. The pure rate of time preference is the discount rate that would apply if all generations were equally wealthy. (Under the common assumption that future generations will be richer, the discount rate is increased to reflect the expected differences in wealth.) The pure rate of time preference is not a scientific constant; rather, it is an answer to a crucial ethical question: How much should we, as a society, care about the impact of our actions on future generations? Yet the answer to this question has a profound effect on model results. The higher the discount rate, the less important future climate damages are assumed to be for today's decision-makers. At the extremes, a very high discount rate causes a model to ignore any climate damages that occur more than a few decades into the future, whereas at a very low discount rate, climate damages are almost equally important regardless of when they occur.

ADVANTAGES & DISADVANTAGES

Carbon capture and storage is one of the most efficient methods of extracting carbon emissions permanently from the environment. The numerous advantages of CCS include economic, social, and environmental, and a massive impact on a global and local scale. Carbon capture can increase the power generated with carbon dioxide-based steam cycles. In this process, carbon dioxide is pressured through a supercritical fluid, which could transfer heat more effectively and require less energy to compress steam. Geologically stored carbon dioxide might be utilized to retrieve geothermal heat from the area injected which results in the generation of sustainable geothermal energy. Carbon dioxide captured with carbon capture can also be utilized in the manufacturing of polymers and chemicals such as polyurethanes. The captured carbon dioxide is incorporated into concrete to reinforce it and increase the durability of the infrastructure.

Carbon capture reduces the carbon released in the atmosphere and therefore, it is recognized as one of the solutions to help address climate change and global warming. Despite this, carbon capture and storage (CCS) does not come without some disadvantages. The methods and CCS technologies that are necessary for carbon capture have some cost implications attached to them. Therefore, it can be very costly for power plants to generate electricity through fossil fuels. There are several concerns with respect to the safety of the storage of carbon dioxide in huge volumes at a single location due to the possibility of leakages, which can lead to environmental

contamination if not handled correctly. The possibility of leakages could also be a result of natural disasters such as earthquakes or can be a result of human-induced incidents such as damage as a result of wars that can damage underground storage reservoirs. Many critics have questioned the cost efficiency of basalt formation storage. For this option, 25 tons of water will be required for each ton of carbon dioxide to be buried. There is a possibility that volcanic rock microbes can also digest the carbonates and hence produce methane gas which can be another problem.

APPLICATIONS

There have been a number of emerging technologies which are proposing the use of CO₂ in the production of various plastic and building materials; some of which could replace hydrocarbons in plastics, which is a truly green usage. Further on this subject, the ultimate goal of successfully using CO₂ from flue gas to produce useful products, along with sequestration would represent a double achievement. Some of the concepts below, could eventually yield true break throughs, when scaled up. The problem with flue gas over the years, has been the very high cost of recovery and production into a viable CO₂ product which would meet required standards and specifications. Of course, the industry is often concerned with producing a CO₂ product which will meet the standards for use in soft drinks and food processing. Such applications which represent a high percentage the CO₂ merchant market in the US, are not those which sequester carbon dioxide, but use the BTU value, and perform via their physical properties to achieve results, and such CO₂ is eventually returned to the atmosphere.

CONCLUSION

According to the results observed through the scientometric analysis, it is evident that the carbon emission research domain has attracted the attention of global researchers. A significant increase in research publications over the past two years is a strong indication of the growth in the carbon emission research domain. Carbon capturing, predicting future carbon emissions through trend analysis, evaluating carbon performance, identifying carbon mitigation opportunities and ultimately achieving zero carbon emission goals are some of the most popular research areas in the carbon emission research domain. The scientometric analysis revealed the trends of carbon emission research over the past three decades which was the objective of this research. There are certain limitations of this review which should be taken into consideration by the readers.

Firstly, this paper was based only on the literature data obtained from the WoS core collection which might not cover all the available literature on the domain. Although many authors have used the WoS database, the comprehensive nature of this database cannot be assured. Moreover, data were only obtained from the journal articles which might not capture all the literature available on carbon emissions. It should also be noted that since the data obtained from the WoS core collection were filtered using the title, studies which might not reflect the carbon emission related work in the title were not included. However, this scientometric analysis provides a reflection of the global carbon emission research for researchers, government institutions and practitioners. It offers an in-depth understanding and a valuable insight into the most significant authors,

institutions, countries in the carbon emission research domain as well as the trends of publications. The findings of this study can be used to obtain the necessary support and guidance to formulate carbon emission control policy.

FUTURE SCOPE

The work presented in this article considers multiple possibilities for biofuel market penetration levels, biofuel price, and future travel demand to create five possible scenarios of biofuel utilization (Table 2). The HEFA fuel market penetration level affects the SAF price and the carbon emission intensities. Because the biofuel industry is in its infancy, the high risk and high production costs depress the initial penetration level (Chao et al., 2019a). Additionally, due to the ASTM regulations, the penetration level of biofuel is confined to 50%. Feuvre (Le Feuvre, 2019) estimates that the SPK penetration level will be about 19% in 2040. Based on the available biofuel penetration level information, the authors consider three potential penetration level scenarios. The “Reference” penetration level case follows the prediction of Feuvre (Le Feuvre, 2019). The “Low” penetration level case assumes that the biofuel penetration increases linearly to 10% by 2050. Finally, the “High” penetration level case assumes that the penetration level follows prediction of Feuvre (Le Feuvre, 2019) until year 2030, increasing linearly to 50% by year 2050. Figure 1 shows the different biofuel penetration levels—the blue line shows the “Reference” penetration case, the grey line shows the “Low” penetration level, and the “High” penetration level is depicted by the orange line; the stair-step looking line shape represents the discrete leaps in production facilities. The 2016 Billion-Ton report conservatively estimates that the U.S. biomass can produce biofuel meeting more than 30% of 2005 U.S. petroleum consumption (Langholtz et al., 2016). Considering that the US petroleum consumption in 2019 was 61% of petroleum consumed in 2005 (Administration, 2021a), this means that using the Longholtz et al. estimates, the U.S. biomass can produce biofuel meeting 49% of U.S. petroleum needs ($30\%/61\% = 49\%$) of 2019. Because the U.S. aviation sector is responsible for about 6.5% of U.S. petroleum fuel consumption, according to U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA) estimates for 2020 (Administration, 2021b,c), this means that there is sufficient biomass to supply the SAF needs of aviation, even at 2020 levels.



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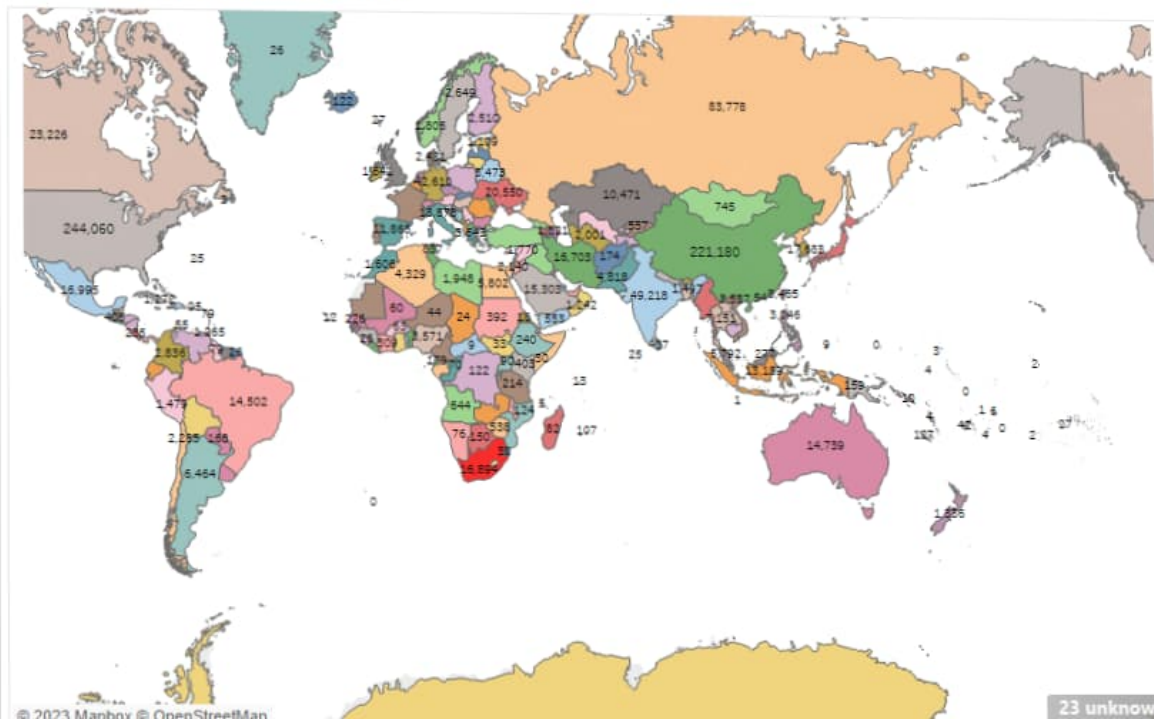


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SUM(Co2)

Total World Emission



Country

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- Africa
- Albania
- Algeria
- Andorra
- Angola
- Anguilla
- Antarctica
- Antigua and Barb...
- Argentina
- Armenia
- Aruba
- Asia
- Asia (excl. China ...
- Australia
- Austria
- Azerbaijan
- Bahamas

SUM(Co2)

- Abc 0
- Abc 200,000
- Abc 400,000
- Abc 600,000
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- Abc 1,000,000
- Abc 1,200,000

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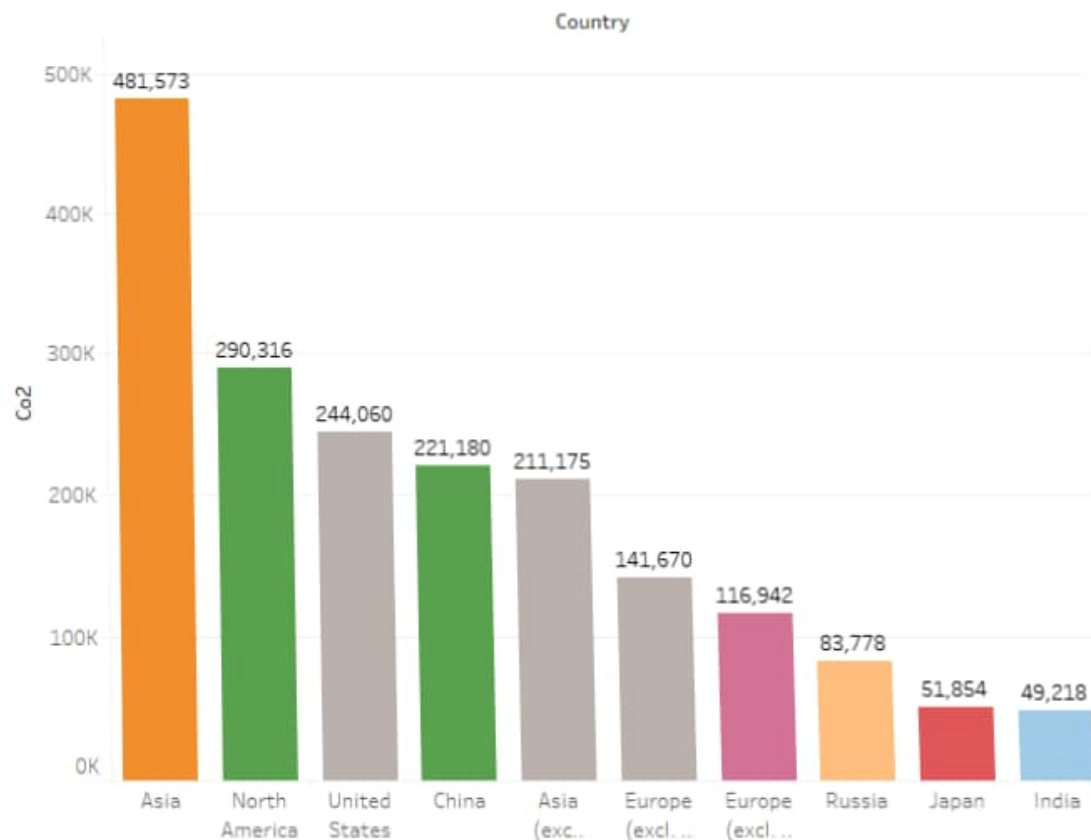


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Top Emitting Countries





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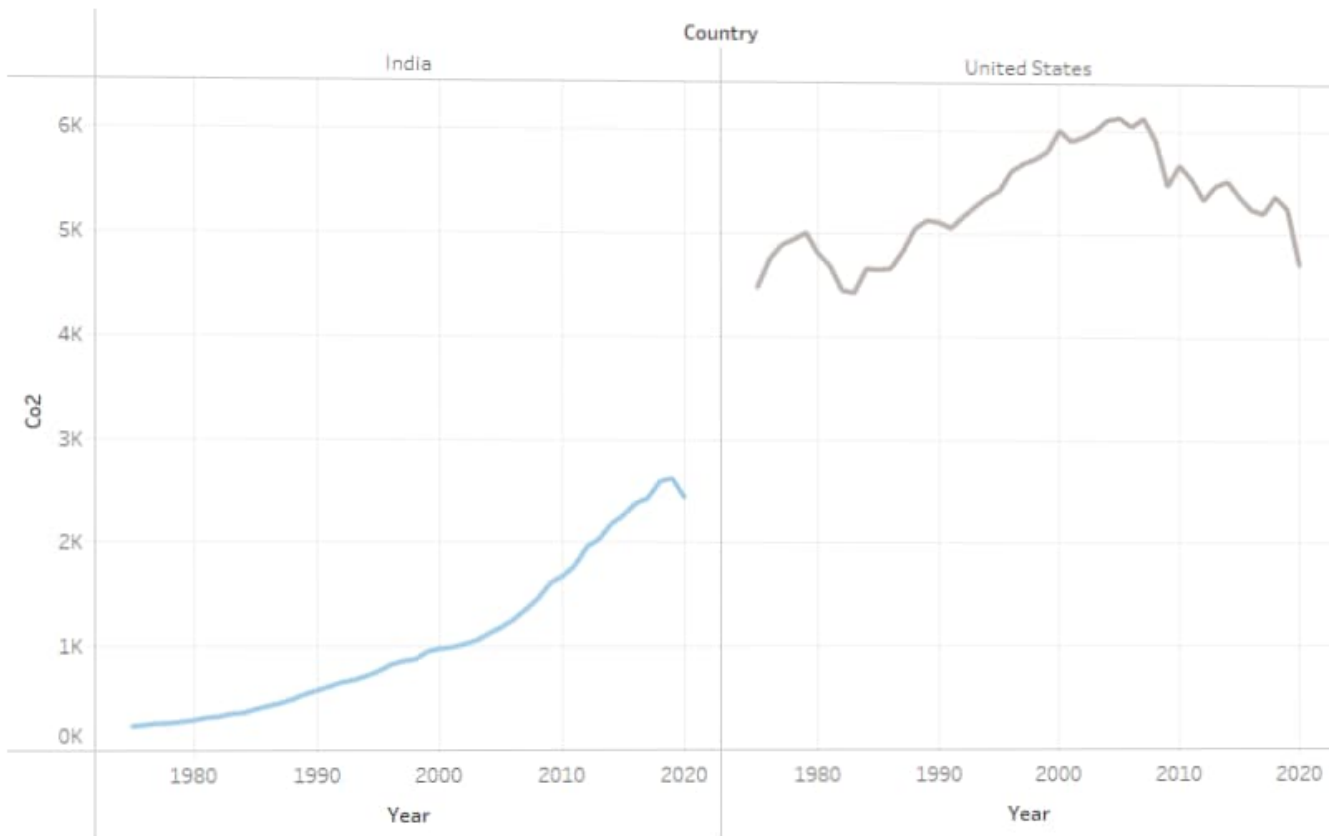
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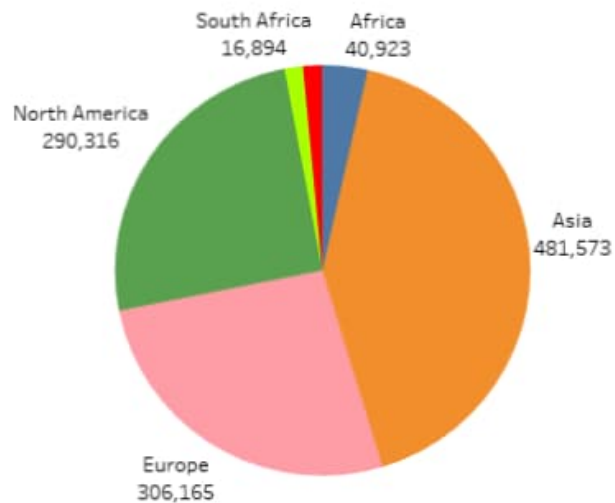
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Total Emission By Continents



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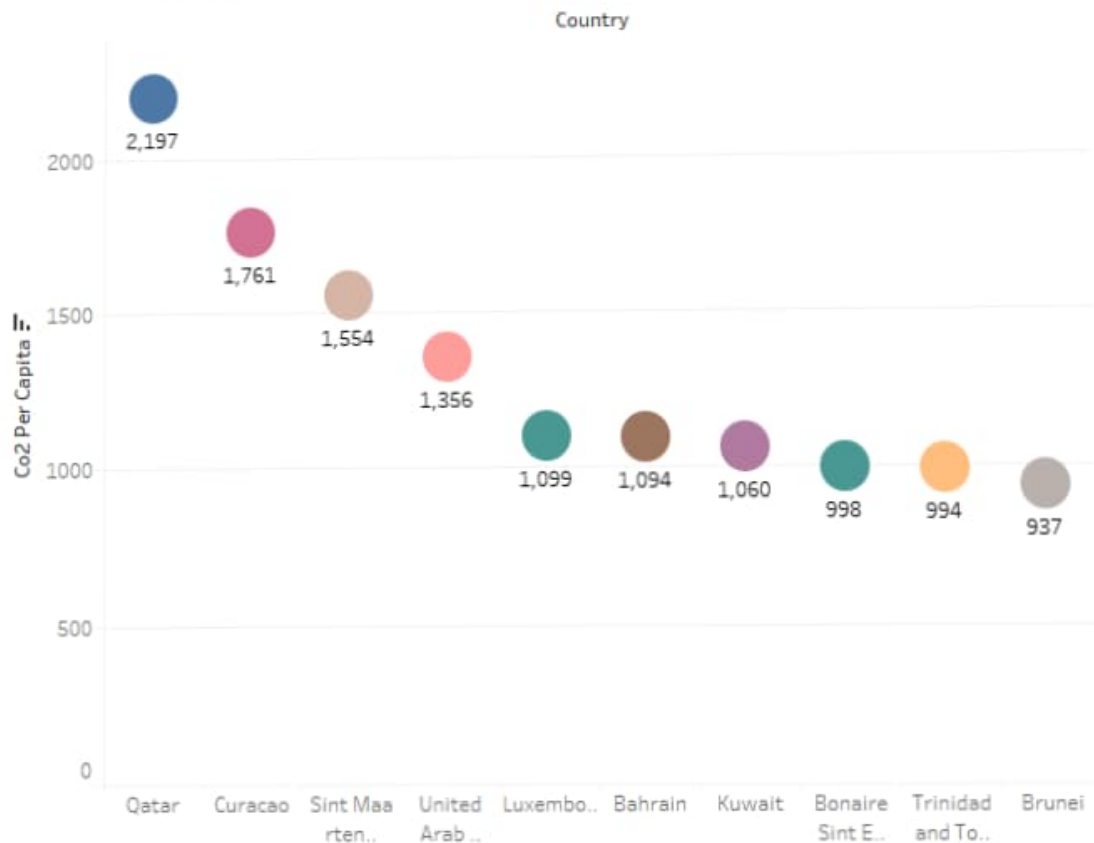
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Co2 Emission by other Factors

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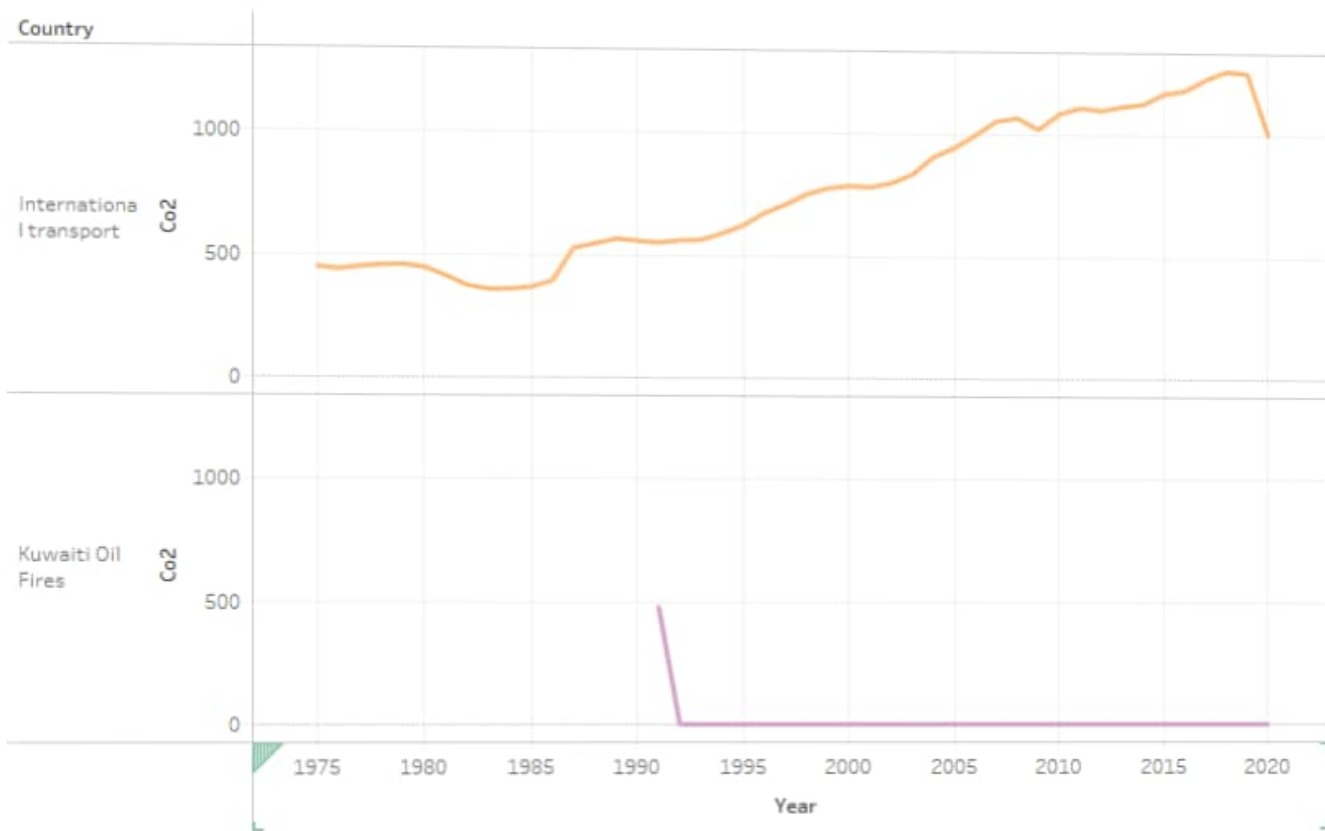
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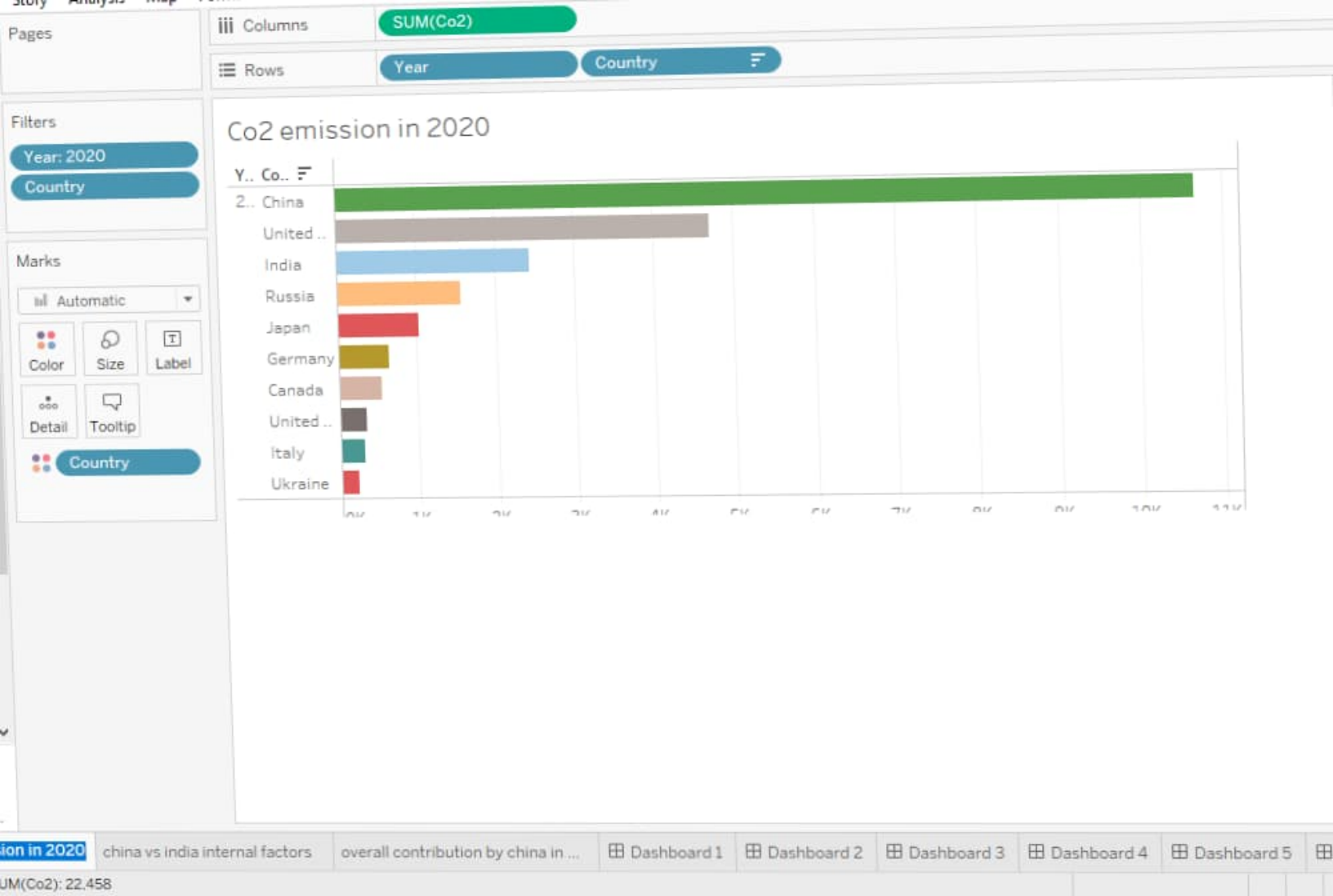
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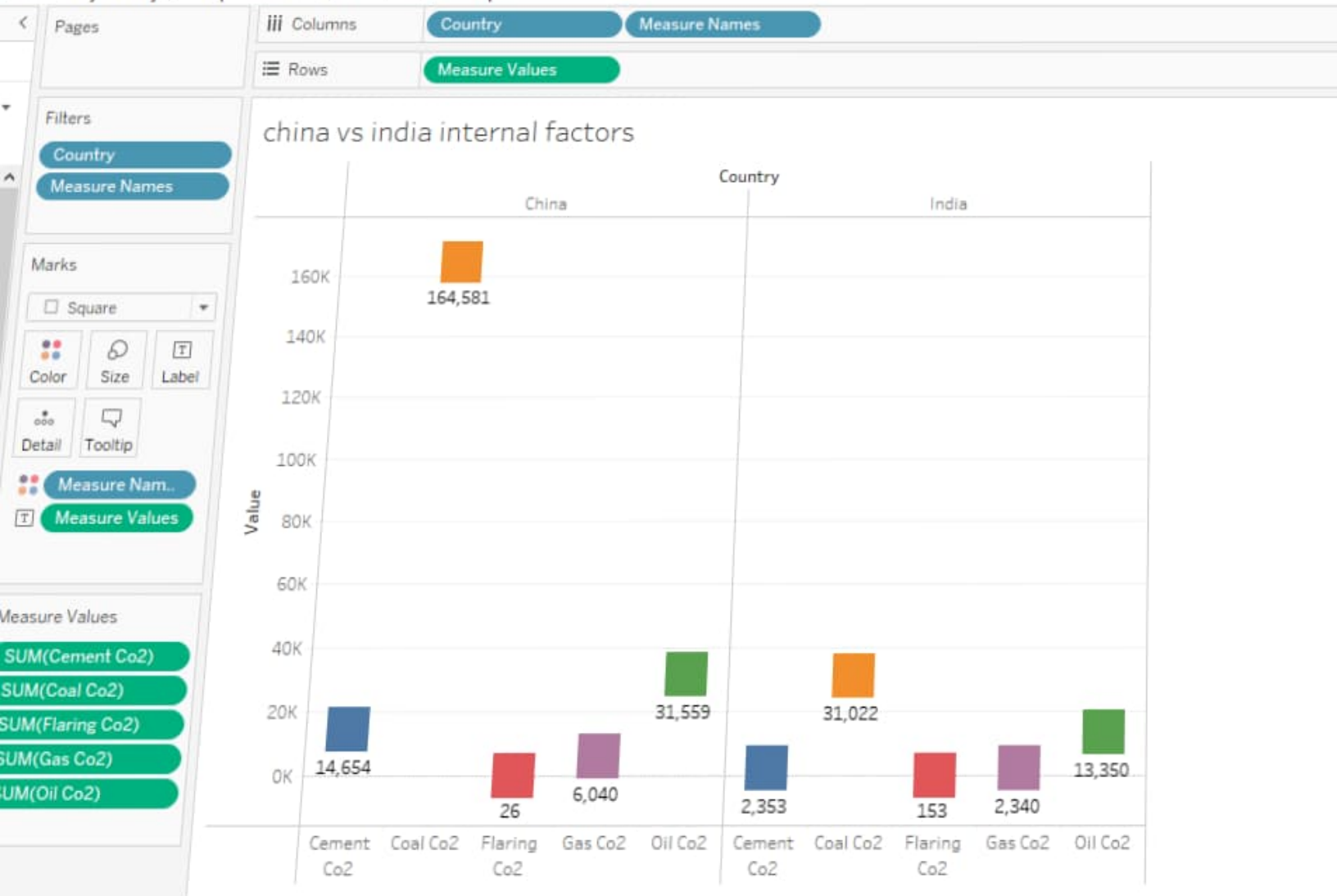
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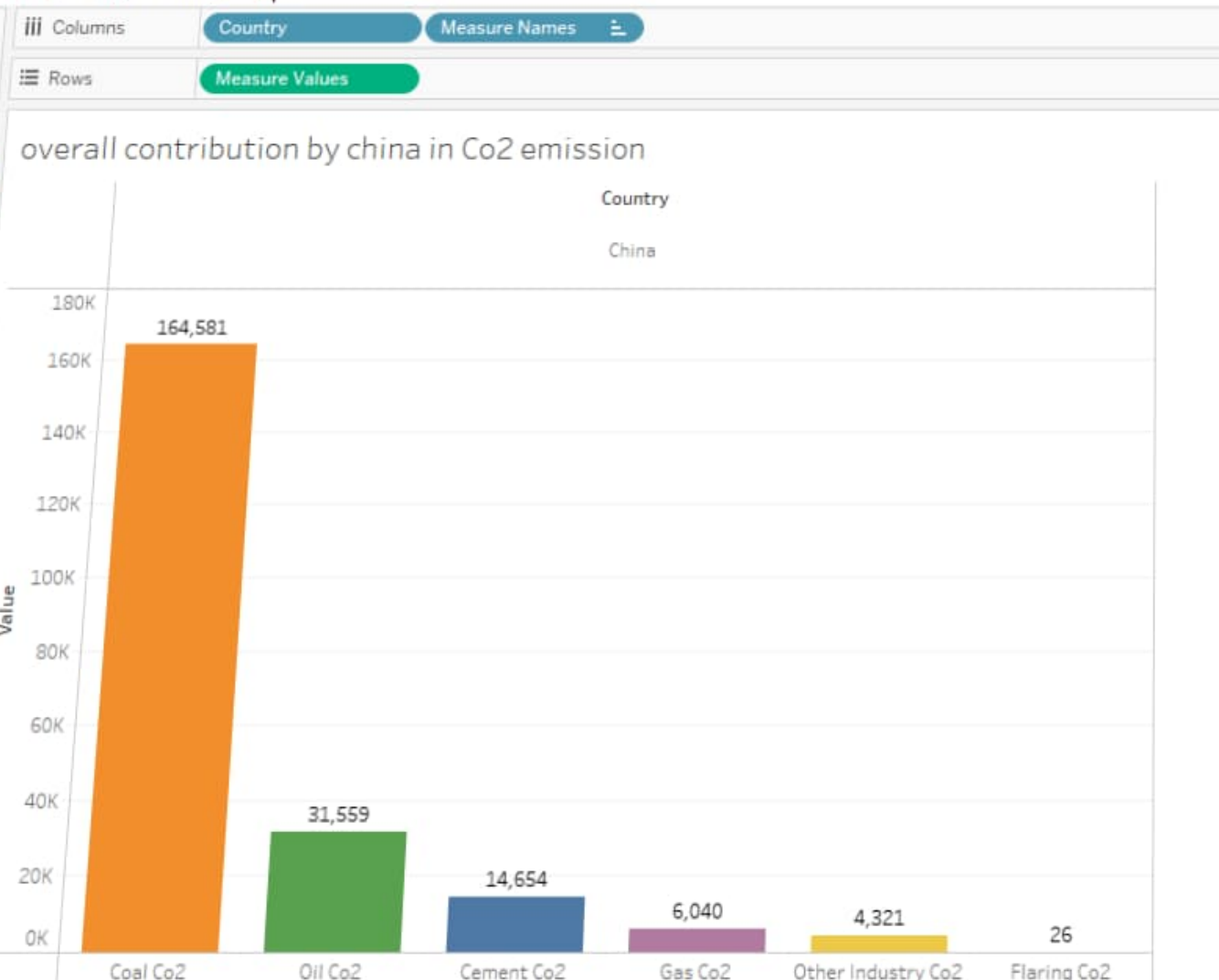
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SUM(Flaring Co2)



Total World Emission



Total Co2 Emission Over Time



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400,000

600,000

800,000

1,000,000

1,206,633

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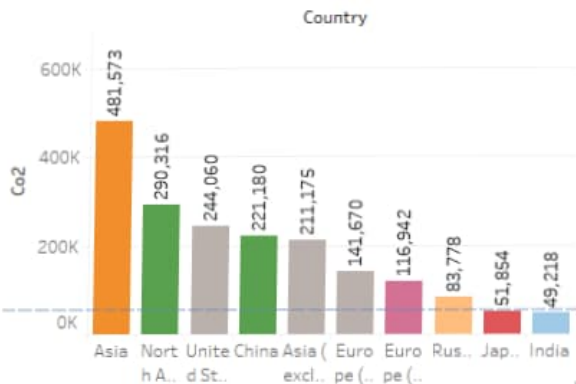
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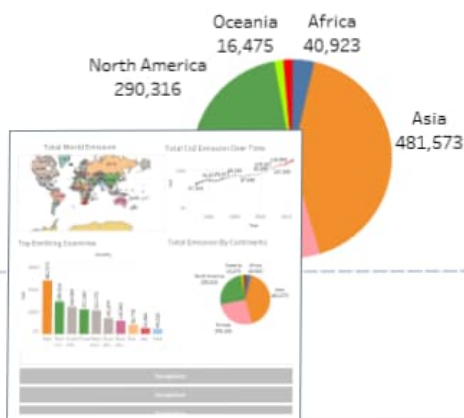
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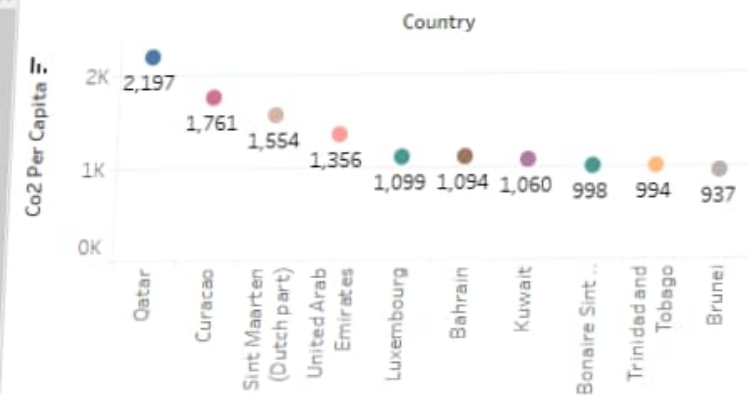
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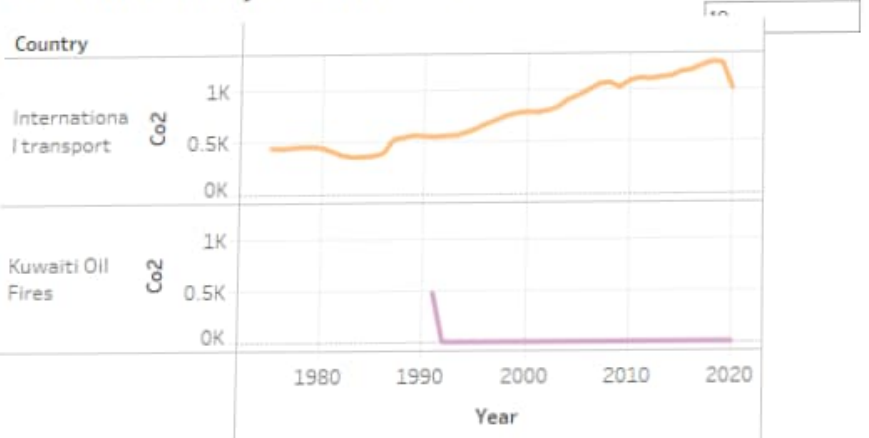
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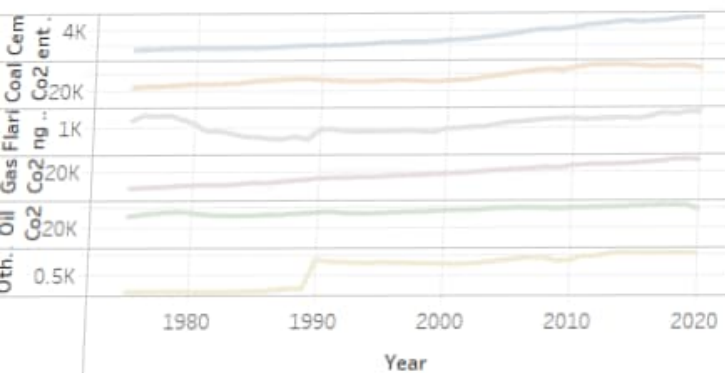
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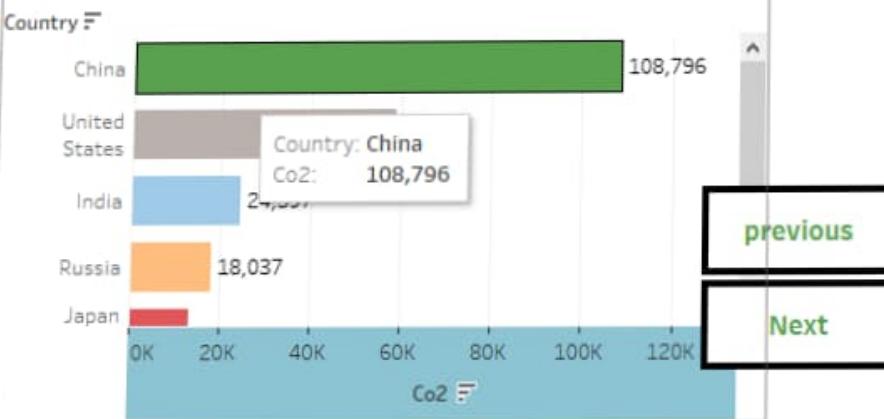
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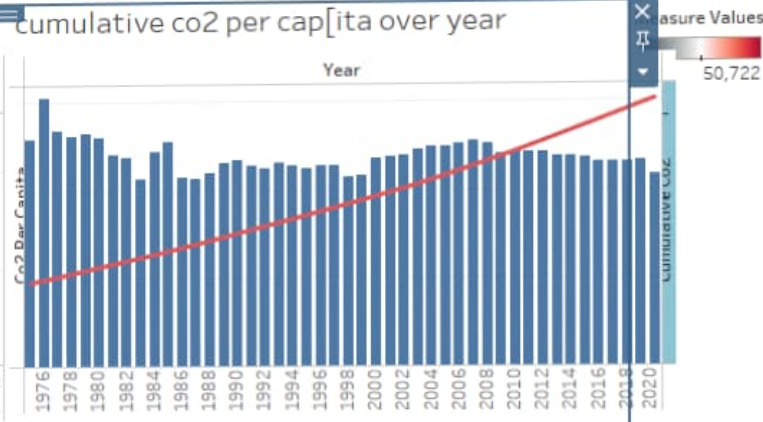
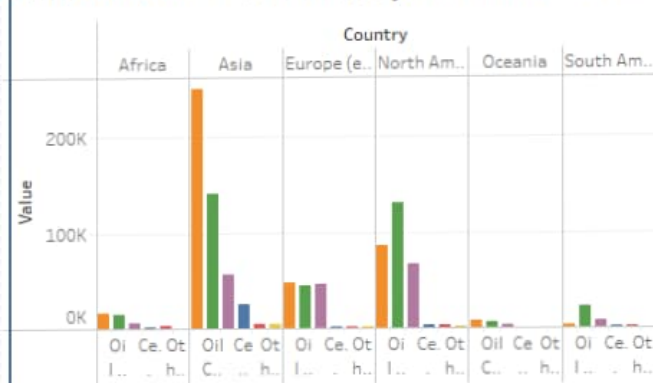
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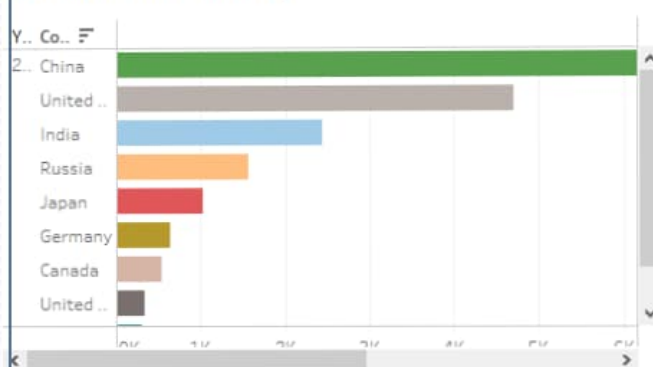
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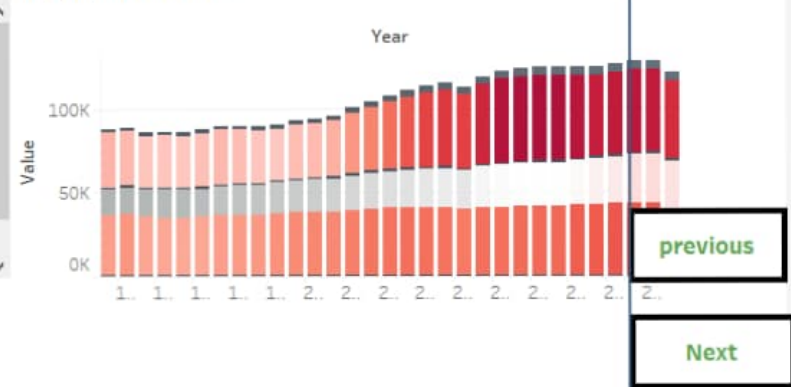
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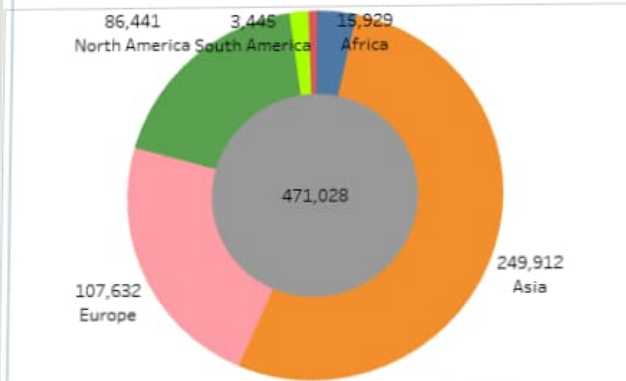
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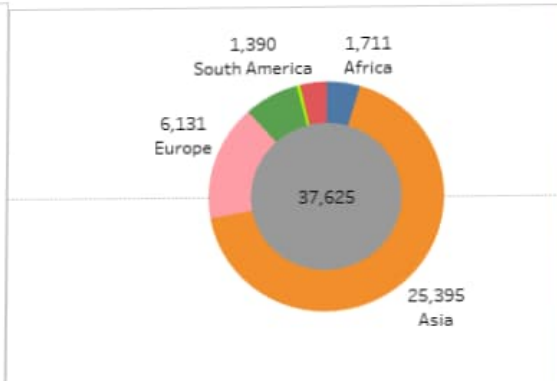
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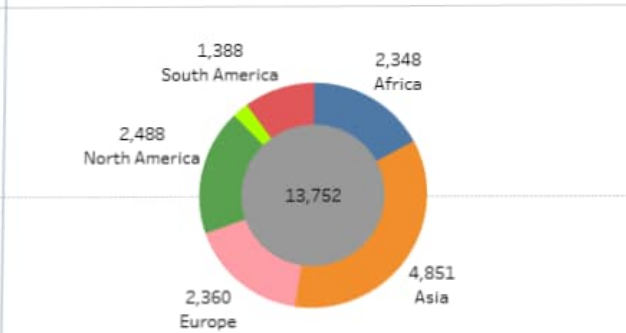
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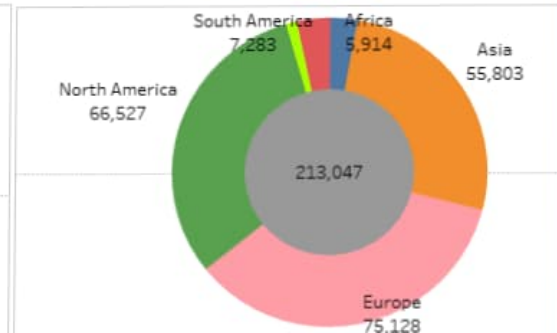
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Avg. Coal Co2

10,240

Avg. Cement Co2

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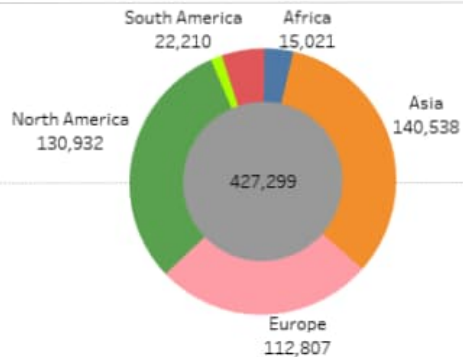
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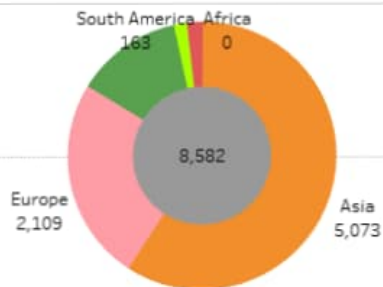
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Donat chart for other industry Co2



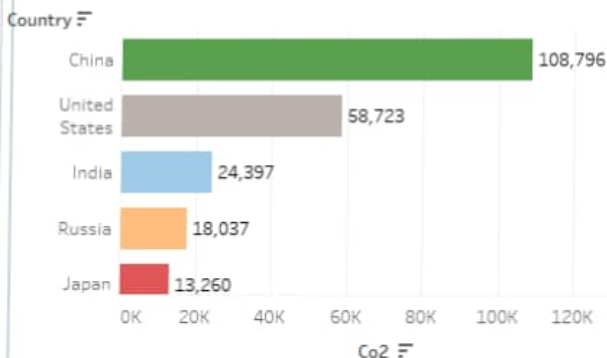
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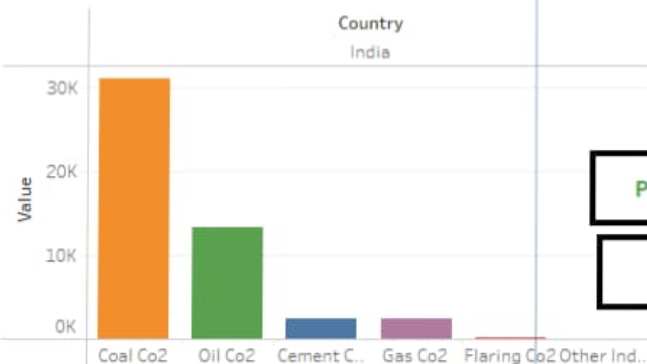
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Co2 emission over past 10 years



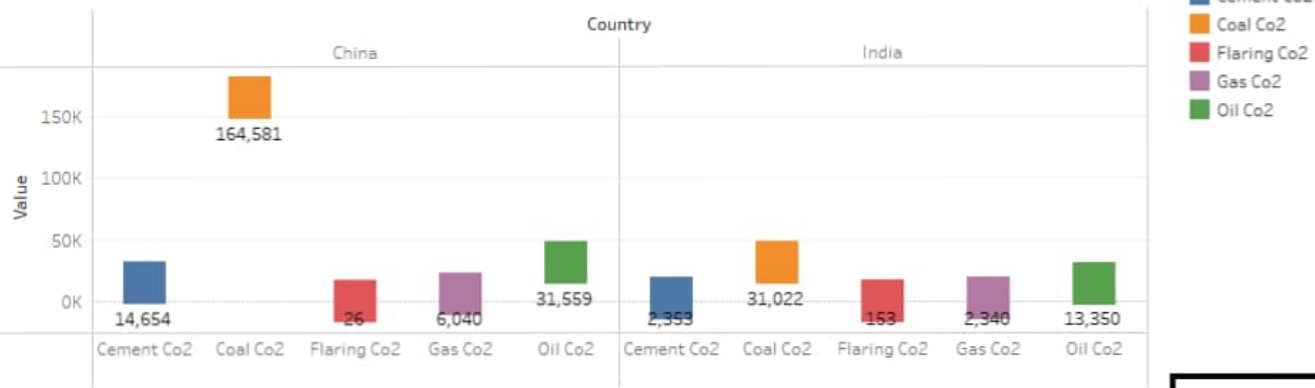
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