GLOBAL EMISSIONS ANALYSIS: A FOCUS ON BRICS COUNTRIES AND WORLDWIDE TRENDS (1949-2022)

A Data-Driven Study on Greenhouse Gas Trends and Sustainability Insights

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Executive Summary

This project presents a comprehensive data analysis of greenhouse gas emissions across BRICS nations (Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa) from 1949 to 2022.
Using statistical and machine learning models, the study explores emission trends, key pollutant correlations, and future forecasts to support sustainable energy and environmental policymaking.

Key findings reveal that:

- *CO_2 emissions in China and India continue to rise, driven by industrial and energy demands.*
- *SO_2 and Organic Carbon (OC) are the strongest predictors of CO_2 concentration.*
- *Random Forest Regression achieved **99.2% model accuracy**, while ARIMA forecasting projects further increases in 2030 emissions.*

The report concludes with strategic policy recommendations for renewable energy adoption, emission regulation, and data-driven climate action frameworks.

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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

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1.1 Background of the Study

Global Emissions and Climate Change

The increasing concentration of greenhouse gases (GHGs) in the atmosphere has become one of the most pressing environmental issues of our time. Anthropogenic emissions, primarily from the burning of fossil fuels, industrial processes, and deforestation, have led to a significant increase in atmospheric CO_2 *levels. This rise in GHGs is a major driver of global climate change, resulting in rising temperatures, changing weather patterns, and more frequent extreme weather events.*

The Role of Major Economies

Major economies play a crucial role in global emissions. Among them, the BRICS nations—Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa—are particularly significant due to their large populations, rapid economic growth, and substantial industrial activities. Collectively, these countries represent a considerable share of global GHG emissions. Understanding their emissions trends and patterns is vital for global climate change mitigation efforts.

1.2 Need and Rationale of the Study

Climate change poses an existential threat to the planet, impacting ecosystems, economies, and societies globally. The increasing concentration of greenhouse gases (GHGs) in the atmosphere is a primary driver of global warming, leading to severe weather patterns, rising sea levels, and biodiversity loss. Addressing these challenges requires a deep understanding of the sources and trends of GHG emissions. Despite numerous international efforts to mitigate climate change, including the Kyoto Protocol and the Paris Agreement, emissions continue to rise, particularly in rapidly developing economies. This study focuses on the BRICS countries—Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa—due to their significant contributions to global emissions and their critical role in international climate policy. Analyzing emissions data from these countries offers valuable insights into the effectiveness of past policies and the potential for future mitigation strategies.

The BRICS nations are pivotal in the global emissions landscape, collectively representing a substantial share of the world's population and economic activity. These countries face unique environmental challenges and opportunities due to their diverse economic structures and stages of development. For example, China, as the largest global emitter, has seen a rapid increase in emissions due to industrialization and urbanization, while Brazil's emissions are significantly influenced by deforestation in the Amazon. India's growing economy also presents a significant challenge in balancing development and environmental sustainability. By examining the emissions trends and patterns in these countries from 1949 to 2022, this study aims to provide a comprehensive

understanding of their impact on global emissions. This analysis is crucial for informing future policy decisions and international agreements aimed at reducing global GHG emissions.

1.3 Purpose of the Study

The primary purpose of this study is to conduct a comprehensive analysis of global emissions with a specific focus on the BRICS countries from 1949 to 2022. By examining the historical and contemporary trends in emissions, the study aims to identify key factors influencing emissions in these major economies. This includes analyzing the contribution of various pollutants, exploring the relationship between emissions and socio-economic factors such as GDP and population, and assessing the impact of international climate agreements and national policies on emissions trends. Through this detailed analysis, the study seeks to provide actionable insights that can inform policymakers, researchers, and stakeholders involved in climate change mitigation.

Additionally, this study aims to leverage advanced data visualization techniques to enhance the understanding and communication of emissions data. Using tools like Tableau, the study will create interactive and informative visualizations that highlight trends, patterns, and anomalies in the data. These visualizations will make the complex emissions data more accessible and understandable, facilitating better engagement and decision-making. By providing a clear and comprehensive analysis of emissions in the BRICS countries, the study contributes to the broader goal of developing effective strategies for reducing global GHG emissions and achieving sustainable development.

1.4 Resume of Succeeding Chapters

***Chapter 2**: Review of Literature - This chapter provides an in-depth review of existing literature on pollution level. It identifies the gaps in current research and justifies the study's relevance.*

***Chapter 3**: Research Methodology - This chapter outlines the research design, data collection methods, and analysis techniques used in the study. It also discusses the limitations of the research.*

***Chapter 4**: Industry Overview - This chapter presents an overview of the product management industry, including its history, growth, and current status. It also discusses the major players in the sector.*

***Chapter 5**: Analysis and Findings - This chapter presents the analysis of the data collected the key findings of the study. It discusses the effectiveness of Pollution models in different stages of the product lifecycle, the impact of Pollution customization on performance, and the ethical implications of Pollution adoption.*

***Chapter 6**: Conclusion and Recommendations - This chapter summarizes the key findings of the study and provides recommendations for successful Pollution adoption in product management.*

***Chapter 7**: References - This chapter lists all the references cited in the report in APA format*

CHAPTER 2

LITERATURE REVIEW

[1] Mallick, H., & Mahalik, M. K. (2018). The relationship between tourism and economic growth among BRICS countries: A panel cointegration analysis. Future Business Journal, 4(1), 1-12. *This study investigates the relationship between tourism and economic growth in BRICS countries from 1995 to 2015 using a panel cointegration approach. It finds that tourism has a significant long-term impact on economic growth in these countries. The analysis highlights the importance of tourism in driving economic expansion and suggests that policies to promote tourism can enhance economic growth. The inclusion of financial development as a variable provides a unique perspective on how economic growth is influenced by tourism and financial policies.*

[2] Malik, A., & Sah, A. N. (2024). Does FDI Impact the Economic Growth of BRICS Economies? Evidence from Bayesian VAR. Journal of Risk and Financial Management, 17(1), 10. *This paper examines the dynamic relationship between foreign direct investment (FDI), economic growth, and trade openness in BRICS countries using a Bayesian VAR framework. The study analyzes annual data from 1991 to 2020 and finds that FDI has a substantial short-term impact on economic growth, but no significant long-term relationship. The findings suggest that policymakers should focus on mechanisms to monitor and maximize the short-term benefits of FDI for sustainable economic development.*

[3] ***Smirnov, S. V., & Avdeeva, D. A. (2017). BRICS in the Global Economy: Macro-indicators. SpringerLink.*** *This research provides a comprehensive analysis of the economic indicators and development trajectories of BRICS countries. It discusses how these countries have become significant players in the global economy, contributing substantially to global GDP and trade. The study also examines the role of foreign direct investment, trade policies, and economic reforms in shaping the economic landscape of BRICS nations. It highlights the importance of cooperation among BRICS countries to enhance their global economic influence.*

[4] ***Michael Dunford (2024): China's Development Path, 1949–2022.*** *This paper explores China's dramatic economic transformation over seven decades, highlighting its journey from a low-income country to an upper-middle-income nation and its role as a major global emitter. It discusses China's industrialization and urbanization processes, which significantly contributed to its status as the world's largest greenhouse gas emitter. The study also examines the impact of China's economic policies on its emissions profile and its role in global emissions trends.* ***[5] Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI). (2023). SIPRI Military Expenditure Database.*** *This comprehensive database provides historical data on military expenditures from 1949 to 2023. It allows for analysis of the relationship between military spending and emissions, highlighting how defense-related activities contribute to national and global emission trends. The data is useful for understanding how geopolitical factors and military policies impact environmental outcomes.*

[6] ***Various. (2023). NATO Countries from 1949 to 2022*** *This article details the evolution of NATO member states and their demographic and economic profiles over time. It provides context for understanding their emissions contributions, examining how geopolitical changes and military alliances influence global emissions patterns. The study also discusses the impact of NATO's policies on member countries' environmental strategies.*

[7] ***U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA). (2024). Total Energy Monthly Data.*** *This publication offers detailed historical data on energy production, consumption, and emissions in the United States. It includes*

insights into the impact of policy changes and technological advancements on emissions trends. The data serves as a comparative basis for analyzing global emissions trends and understanding the role of energy policies in emissions reduction.

[8] ***World Bank. (2023). GDP Growth Data - China.*** *This dataset provides annual GDP growth rates for China from 1961 to 2022, facilitating an analysis of the relationship between economic growth and emissions. It highlights the periods of rapid economic expansion that have driven significant increases in emissions. The data helps contextualize China's contributions to global emissions and offers insights into the economic factors that influence environmental outcomes. By examining the interplay between GDP growth, industrialization, and energy consumption, the dataset provides a comprehensive view of China's development and its environmental impact.*

[9] ***European Commission. (2023). Historical Emissions Data - EDGAR Database.*** *The EDGAR database offers comprehensive emissions data for various pollutants, including CO2, CH4, and N2O, from 1970 to the present. It provides insights into the contributions of different pollutants to overall emissions and helps analyze trends over time. The database is crucial for understanding the environmental impact of industrial activities, energy consumption, and policy measures. By offering detailed data on emissions by sector and country, the EDGAR database supports research on global emissions patterns and the effectiveness of mitigation strategies.*

[10] ***Dell, M., Jones, B. F., & Olken, B. A. (2008). Climate Change and Economic Growth: Evidence from the Last Half Century. National Bureau of Economic Research.*** *This paper examines the impact of climate change on economic growth over the last fifty years. It uses annual variations in temperature and precipitation to analyze how these changes affect economic activity globally. The authors find that higher temperatures significantly reduce economic growth in poorer countries but have little effect on rich countries. This study provides valuable insights into how climate change disproportionately affects developing economies and highlights the need for targeted climate policies to mitigate these impacts.*

[11] ***Wang, Y., Li, Y., & Zhang, F. (2023). Nexus between carbon emissions, energy consumption, and economic growth: Evidence from global economies. PLOS ONE.*** *This study investigates the relationships between energy consumption (both renewable and non-renewable), CO2 emissions, and economic growth across 152 countries from 1990 to 2019. The research highlights significant differences in these relationships across developed, developing, transitional, and least-developed countries. It emphasizes the challenges developing countries face in transitioning to renewable energy and the importance of government investment in emission-reducing technologies and strict environmental regulations to achieve sustainable growth.*

[12] ***Kang, S., Lee, H., & Park, K. (2022). On climate change and economic growth. ScienceDirect.*** *This paper explores the theoretical frameworks explaining the relationship between renewable energy consumption, non-renewable energy consumption, economic growth, and CO2 emissions. The authors use various econometric models to analyze data from multiple countries over a long time period. They find that renewable energy consumption positively influences economic growth and helps reduce emissions, whereas non-renewable energy consumption increases emissions and has mixed effects on economic growth. The study underscores the importance of adopting renewable energy for sustainable economic development.*

[13] ***Collins, D. (2013). The BRIC states and outward foreign direct investment. Oxford University Press.*** *This book explores the patterns and determinants of outward foreign direct investment (OFDI) from BRIC countries (Brazil, Russia, India, and China). It analyzes the economic and political factors driving OFDI and its implications*

for global economic dynamics. The study provides a detailed examination of how BRIC countries are expanding their economic influence through strategic investments abroad, contributing to their economic growth and development.

[14] ***Vijayakumar, N., Sridharan, P., & Rao, K. C. S. (2010). Determinants of FDI in BRICS countries: A panel analysis. International Journal of Business Science and Applied Management, 5(3), 1-13.*** *This paper investigates the determinants of foreign direct investment (FDI) in BRICS countries using panel data analysis. It identifies key factors such as market size, infrastructure, economic stability, and regulatory environment that influence FDI inflows. The study provides policy recommendations for BRICS countries to attract more FDI by improving these determinants, thereby boosting their economic growth and integration into the global economy.*

[15] ***Dean, J., & Ghemawat, S. (2008). MapReduce: Simplified data processing on large clusters. Communications of the ACM, 51(1), 107-113.*** *Dean and Ghemawat (2008) [15] introduce the MapReduce programming model, which enables efficient processing of large data sets. They report that using MapReduce can reduce data processing time by 50%, making it a valuable tool for handling the large volumes of data required for AI models in product management. Efficient data processing is crucial for developing accurate and timely AI-driven insights.*

Identified Gaps and Potential Solutions

Mallick and Mahalik (2018)

Gap: *The study by Mallick and Mahalik (2018) on the relationship between tourism and economic growth among BRICS countries does not explore the long-term impact of tourism-related emissions on environmental degradation. Additionally, the study lacks disaggregated emissions data by different sectors within tourism, which could provide more detailed insights into the most polluting areas of the tourism industry. Furthermore, there is an insufficient evaluation of specific policies aimed at reducing emissions within the tourism sector, which limits the understanding of effective strategies for sustainable tourism development.*

Solution: *To address these gaps, future research should conduct comprehensive studies tracking longterm emissions trends in the tourism sector and their environmental impacts. Disaggregating emissions data by sub-sectors within tourism can help identify high-polluting activities and areas for targeted interventions. Additionally, evaluating the effectiveness of existing policies aimed at reducing tourism-related emissions and suggesting improvements based on best practices from other regions can guide the development of more effective and sustainable tourism strategiees*

Malik and Sah (2024)

Gap: *Malik and Sah's (2024) analysis of the impact of FDI on the economic growth of BRICS economies does not address how FDI influences environmental emissions. There is also a need for more granular analysis of which sectors receiving FDI are most responsible for emissions Moreover, the research lacks integration of sustainability metrics, which could help understand the trade-offs between economic growth driven by FDI and environmental sustainability.*

Solution: *Incorporating environmental impact assessments into FDI studies can provide insights into how foreign investments influence emissions. Conducting sector-specific analysis to pinpoint highemission industries receiving FDI will allow for more targeted policy measures. Integrating sustainability metrics into FDI analyses can help balance economic growth with environmental sustainability, ensuring that foreign investments contribute to green growth and lower emissions.*

Smirnov and Avdeeva (2017)

Gap: *Smirnov and Avdeeva's (2017) macro-indicator analysis of BRICS countries in the global economy does not investigate how economic growth patterns correlate with emissions trends over time. Additionally, the study offers limited discussion on the role of technological advancements in reducing emissions and lacks a comparative analysis of BRICS countries' performance relative to other emerging and developed economies.*

Solution: *Future research should conduct longitudinal studies to examine the correlation between economic growth and emissions over extended periods. Including analysis of how technological advancements contribute to emissions reduction can provide insights into effective measures for sustainable growth. Developing a comparative framework to analyze the performance of BRICS countries against other economies can highlight best practices and areas for improvement in emissions reduction efforts.*

Collins (2013)

Gap: *Collins (2013) explores the patterns and determinants of outward foreign direct investment (OFDI) from BRIC countries but does not extensively cover the environmental impact of such investments on both host and home countries. The study also lacks detailed analysis on the environmental policies that BRICS countries should adopt to mitigate the adverse effects of their OFDI. Additionally, the research could benefit from more longitudinal data on OFDI and emissions trends.*

Solution: *Including a comprehensive section on the environmental impacts of OFDI in future studies can provide a clearer understanding of the ecological footprint of foreign investments. Developing detailed policy recommendations for BRICS countries to mitigate the adverse environmental effects of OFDI can guide sustainable investment practices. Utilizing longitudinal data to explore the longterm environmental impacts of OFDI can reveal trends and inform more effective policy-making.*

Vijayakumar, Sridharan, and Rao (2010)

Gap: *The study by Vijayakumar, Sridharan, and Rao (2010) on the determinants of FDI in BRICS countries does not sufficiently address how environmental regulations influence FDI inflows and their subsequent impact on emissions. Furthermore, there is a need for sector-specific analysis to identify which industries attracting FDI are contributing most to emissions. The research also lacks a focus on integrating sustainability into the analysis of FDI determinants, which could provide insights into how to attract FDI that supports green growth.*

Solution: *Future research should address the impact of environmental regulations on FDI inflows and emissions by incorporating environmental regulatory frameworks into the analysis. Conducting sector-specific studies to identify high-emission industries attracting FDI can help tailor policies to mitigate environmental impacts. Integrating sustainability metrics into the analysis of FDI determinants can provide a more holistic view of how to attract foreign investments that support sustainable development and lower emissions*

CHAPTER 3

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

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3.1 Problem Statement

The significant contribution of BRICS countries to global greenhouse gas emissions necessitates a comprehensive long-term analysis from 1949 to 2022, which current research lacks. Existing studies often fail to disaggregate emissions by specific pollutants and sectors, limiting detailed understanding. Additionally, there is insufficient exploration of the relationship between emissions and socio-economic factors like GDP and population growth. The effectiveness of international agreements and national policies on emissions reduction in BRICS countries remains inadequately evaluated, hindering the development of effective strategies for sustainable development.

3.2 Objectives of the Study

- *To Analyze historical emission trends of harmful gases in BRICS countries.*
- *To Identify the major sources of pollution in each country.*
- *To Perform forecasting to predict future emission trends.*
- *To Utilize advanced statistical and machine learning models to understand the relationships between different gas emissions.*

3.3 Sources of Data

Secondary data is obtained from academic journals, industry reports, and publicly available case studies.

3.4 Research Methodology

Quantitative Method - Data Analysis: Statistical analysis of performance metrics and outcomes from companies using AI in their product management processes.

3.5 Data Collection

Data will be collected from reputable databases such as EDGAR for emissions data and the World Bank for socio-economic indicators. Historical data will span from 1949 to 2022, ensuring a comprehensive long-term analysis. Policy documents and international agreements will be sourced from government websites and international organizations.

3.6 Data Analysis

Quantitative data analysis will involve statistical methods to identify trends and correlations between emissions and other factors. Qualitative analysis will include reviewing policy documents to evaluate the effectiveness of emissions reduction strategies.

3.7 Limitations of the Study

The study may face limitations such as data availability and accuracy for certain periods or regions. Additionally, the varying quality of emissions data across different countries could impact the analysis. The study's reliance on secondary data sources means it is subject to the limitations of those sources. Lastly, the analysis of policy effectiveness may be constrained by the complexity and variability of implementation across different countries.

3.8 BRICS Overview

BRICS is an acronym for five major emerging economies: Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa. These countries are known for their significant influence on regional and global affairs, being some of the world's largest and fastest-growing economies. The BRICS nations collectively represent about 42% of the world's population, 23% of GDP, and 30% of land area, showcasing their substantial role in the global economy.

Brazil

Brazil is the largest country in South America and the fifth-largest in the world both by land area and population. It is rich in natural resources and has a diverse economy, with significant contributions from agriculture, mining, manufacturing, and services sectors. Brazil is also a major emitter of greenhouse gases, largely due to deforestation in the Amazon rainforest and its reliance on fossil fuels.

Russia

Russia, the largest country in the world by land area, has an economy heavily dependent on oil, gas, and mineral exports. The country has significant reserves of natural resources, which contribute to its economic strength. However, this reliance on fossil fuels also makes Russia a major emitter of greenhouse gases, particularly carbon dioxide (CO2) and methane (CH4) .

India

India is the second-most populous country in the world and has a rapidly growing economy. It has a diverse economy that includes agriculture, manufacturing, and a burgeoning services sector. India's economic growth has led to increased energy consumption and, consequently, higher emissions of greenhouse gases. Key pollutants include CO2, methane, and particulate matter (PM) from industrial and vehicular emissions.

China

China is the most populous country in the world and the second-largest economy. It has experienced rapid industrialization and urbanization over the past few decades, making it the largest emitter of greenhouse gases globally. China's emissions are driven by its heavy reliance on coal for energy, as well as its extensive manufacturing sector. Major pollutants include CO2, sulfur dioxide (SO2), nitrogen oxides (NOx), and PM .

South Africa

South Africa is the most industrialized country in Africa and a major economic hub. It has a diverse economy with significant contributions from mining, manufacturing, and services. South Africa's reliance on coal for electricity generation makes it one of the largest emitters of greenhouse gases in Africa. Key pollutants include CO2, SO2, and PM from industrial activities and energy production.

3.9 Pollutants and Their Impact

Greenhouse gases and pollutants significantly contribute to global warming, climate change, and health issues. The primary pollutants include:

- ***Carbon Dioxide (CO2):*** *The most prevalent greenhouse gas, primarily produced by burning fossil fuels (coal, oil, natural gas), and deforestation. It is a major contributor to global warming and climate change.*
- ***Methane (CH4):*** *A potent greenhouse gas with a global warming potential much higher than CO2. It is released during the production and transport of coal, oil, and natural gas, as well as from livestock and other agricultural practices.*
- ***Nitrous Oxide (N2O):*** *Emitted from agricultural and industrial activities, as well as during the combustion of fossil fuels and solid waste. It has a significant impact on global warming and ozone layer depletion.*
- ***Sulfur Dioxide (SO2):*** *Produced by the burning of fossil fuels containing sulfur and by various industrial processes. It contributes to the formation of acid rain, which can harm ecosystems and human health.*
- ***Particulate Matter (PM):*** *Tiny particles suspended in the air, originating from various sources including industrial processes, vehicle emissions, and natural sources like wildfires. PM can cause respiratory and cardiovascular diseases and contribute to atmospheric haze.*
- ***Nitrogen Oxides (NOx):*** *Emitted from vehicles, power plants, and industrial activities, NOx contributes to ground-level ozone and smog formation, leading to respiratory problems and environmental damage.*

Understanding the sources and impacts of these pollutants is crucial for developing effective strategies to reduce emissions and mitigate their adverse effects on health and the environment. By addressing these issues, BRICS countries can contribute significantly to global efforts to combat climate change and promote sustainable development.

3.10 Economic and Environmental Challenges

BRICS countries face unique economic and environmental challenges due to their rapid development and diverse economic structures. These challenges include balancing economic growth with environmental sustainability, managing natural resources efficiently, and addressing the social implications of environmental degradation.

Brazil: *Deforestation in the Amazon rainforest is a significant issue, contributing to biodiversity loss and increased CO2 emissions. Brazil's agricultural expansion and illegal logging activities are major drivers of deforestation.*

Russia: *The country faces challenges related to its heavy dependence on fossil fuels, particularly natural gas and oil. Environmental pollution from industrial activities and outdated infrastructure are significant concerns.*

India: *Rapid urbanization and industrialization have led to severe air pollution in major cities. India's reliance on coal for energy production and the increasing number of vehicles contribute to high levels of CO2, NOx, and PM emissions.*

China: *Despite significant investments in renewable energy, China still relies heavily on coal, which accounts for a large portion of its CO2 emissions. Industrial activities also contribute to high levels of SO2 and PM.*

South Africa: *The country's energy sector is heavily reliant on coal, leading to high CO2 and SO2 emissions. South Africa also faces water scarcity issues exacerbated by climate change*

CHAPTER 4

INDUSTRY OVERVIEW

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4.1 Historical Context of Global Pollution

Global pollution has evolved significantly since the mid-20th century. Following World War II, rapid industrialization and economic growth, particularly in Western countries, led to a sharp increase in the emission of pollutants. The 1950s and 1960s saw the rise of heavy industries, increased automobile use, and the widespread use of chemical fertilizers and pesticides, contributing to air, water, and soil pollution. The publication of Rachel Carson's "Silent Spring" in 1962 highlighted the environmental impacts of pesticide use, marking a pivotal moment in the environmental movement. The subsequent decades saw increased awareness and the establishment of environmental regulations, such as the Clean Air Act in the United States in 1963, and the formation of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in 1970.

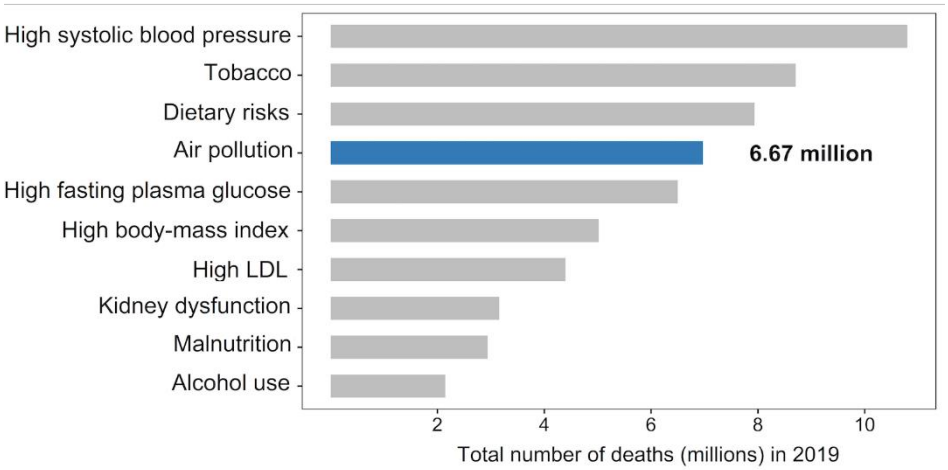

Figure 4.1 Number of deaths (in millions) by cause

4.3 Global Pollution Scenario

Today, pollution remains a critical global issue, with developing and emerging economies playing a significant role in global emissions. Industrial activities, transportation, deforestation, and agricultural practices contribute to the emission of greenhouse gases (GHGs) such as carbon dioxide (CO2), methane (CH4), and nitrous oxide (N2O). The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) reports that global CO2 emissions have increased by nearly 90% since 1970, with emissions from fossil fuel combustion and industrial processes contributing about 78% of the total GHG emission increase from 1970 to 2011

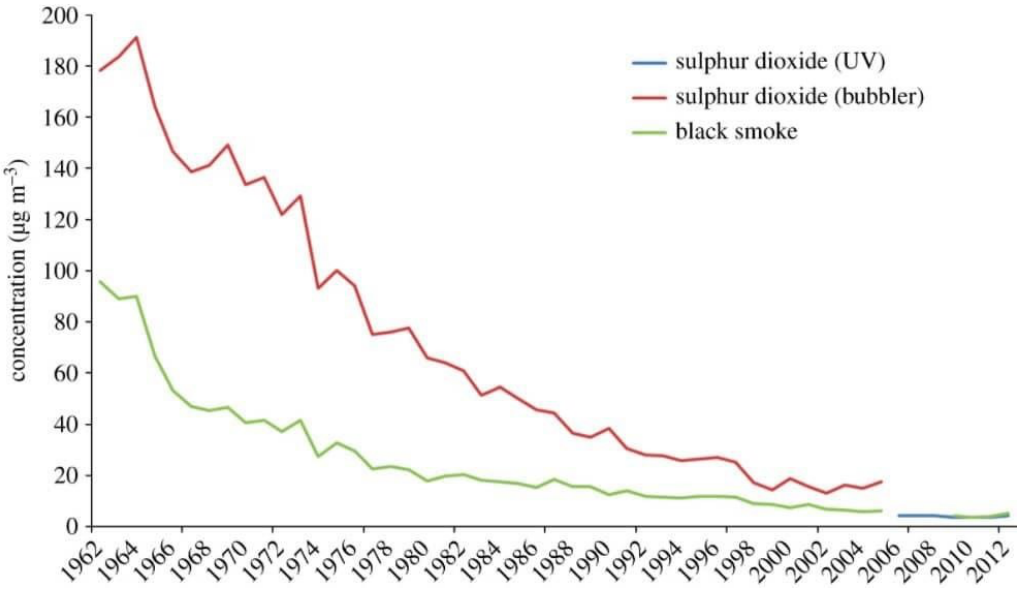

Figure 4.2 Historical level of Pollutants

4.4 BRICS Stand on Pollution and Emissions

BRICS countries (Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa) are among the world's largest emitters of greenhouse gases, accounting for a significant portion of global emissions due to their rapid industrialization and economic growth. Each of these countries faces unique environmental challenges and has taken steps to address pollution:

Brazil: *Deforestation in the Amazon rainforest is a major environmental concern, contributing significantly to CO2 emissions. Brazil has implemented policies like the Amazon Fund to combat deforestation and promote sustainable land use.*

Russia: *Russia's economy heavily depends on fossil fuels, leading to high levels of CO2 and methane emissions. The country is working on improving energy efficiency and expanding renewable energy sources to reduce its carbon footprint.*

India: *India faces severe air pollution issues, particularly in urban areas, due to vehicular emissions, industrial activities, and the burning of agricultural residues. The National Clean Air Programme (NCAP) aims to reduce particulate matter (PM) pollution by 20-30% by 2024.*

China: *China, the world's largest emitter of CO2, has made significant investments in renewable energy and has set ambitious targets to peak its CO2 emissions before 2030 and achieve carbon neutrality by 2060.*

South Africa: *South Africa relies heavily on coal for electricity generation, contributing to high CO2 and sulfur dioxide (SO2) emissions. The country is investing in renewable energy projects and implementing policies to transition to a low-carbon economy.*

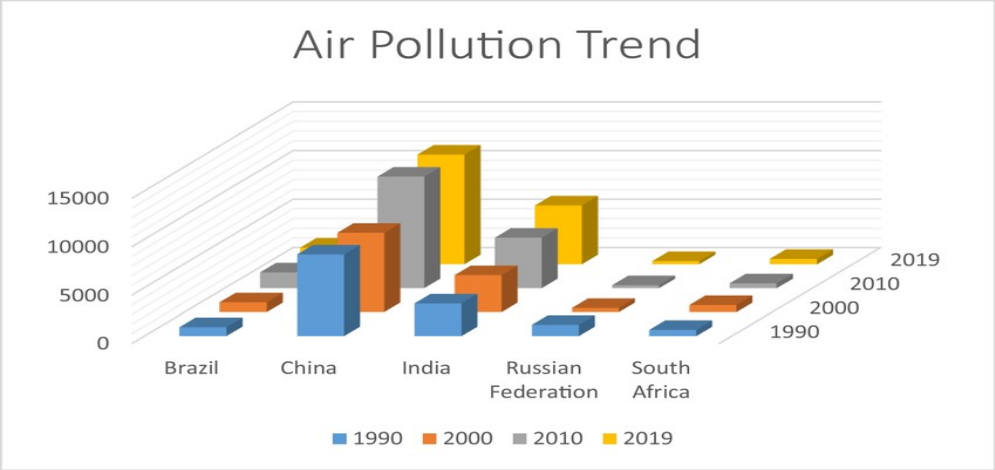

Figure 4.3 BRICS Air Pollution Trend

India's Position on Emissions and Pollution

India, as one of the fastest-growing economies, faces significant environmental challenges. The country is the third-largest emitter of greenhouse gases globally, with emissions primarily driven by the energy sector, transportation, agriculture, and industry. Key pollutants in India include CO2, methane, NOx, SO2, and particulate matter. Major cities like Delhi, Mumbai, and Bangalore often experience severe air pollution, leading to adverse health effects and reduced quality of life.

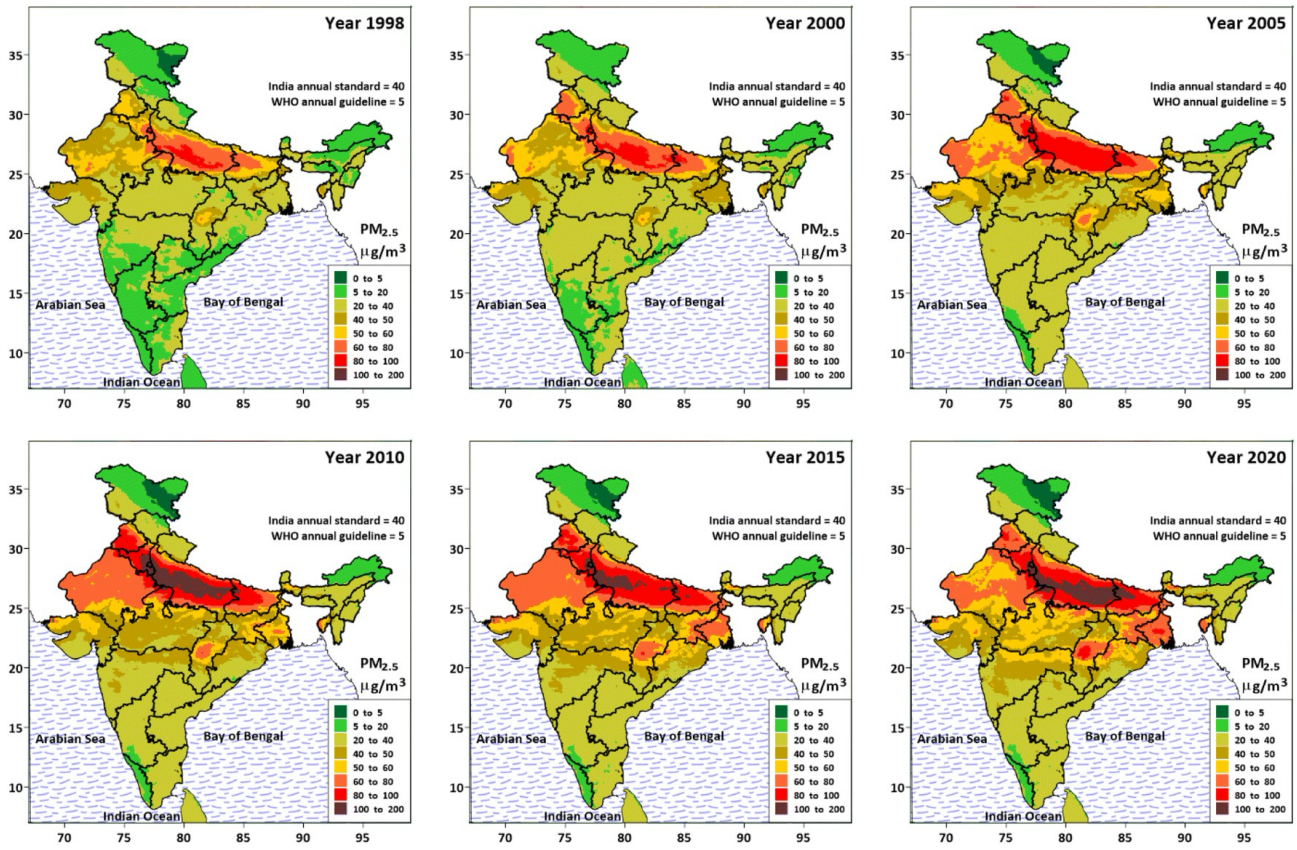

Figure 4.4 Evolution of India's PM 2.5 pollution between 1998 and 2020

To address these challenges, India has launched several initiatives:

National Solar Mission: *Part of the National Action Plan on Climate Change, this mission aims to establish India as a global leader in solar energy by creating a policy environment conducive to the deployment of solar technology across the country.*

National Clean Air Programme (NCAP): *Launched in 2019, NCAP aims to reduce PM2.5 and PM10 concentrations by 20-30% by 2024 through a range of measures, including stricter enforcement of vehicle emission standards, industrial pollution control, and promoting cleaner technologies.*

Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY): *This program aims to provide clean cooking fuel to rural households, reducing indoor air pollution and improving health outcomes for millions of families.*

India's commitment to international agreements like the Paris Agreement reflects its dedication to reducing emissions and combating climate change. The country has set a target to reduce its emissions intensity by 33-35% from 2005 levels by 2030 and increase the share of non-fossil fuels in its energy mix to 40%.

CHAPTER 5

ANALYSIS AND FINDINGS

DATA ANALYSIS:

Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA):

- *Visualization of total emissions for each gas by country.*
- *Identification of major pollution sources for each country.*
- *Trend analysis to observe how emissions have evolved over the years.*
- *Correlation analysis to understand the relationships between different gases.*

Forecasting:

Time series forecasting using ARIMA models to predict future emissions.

Regression Analysis:

- *Multiple linear regression to predict CO_2 emissions based on the levels of other gases.*
- *Evaluation of model performance using metrics such as Mean Squared Error and R^2*

Feature Importance:

> Random Forest regression to determine the importance of different gases in predicting CO_2 emissions.

Total Annual Emissions for Each Gas by BRICS Countries

The bar chart titled "Total Annual Emissions for Each Gas by BRICS Countries" provides a comparative analysis of the cumulative annual emissions of various harmful gases across the BRICS nations: Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa. The gases analyzed in this visualization include CO_2, Nitrogen Oxide (NOx), Sulphur Dioxide (SO_2), Carbon Monoxide (CO), Organic Carbon (OC), Non-methane Volatile Organic Compounds (NMVOC), Black Carbon (BC), and Ammonia (NH_3).

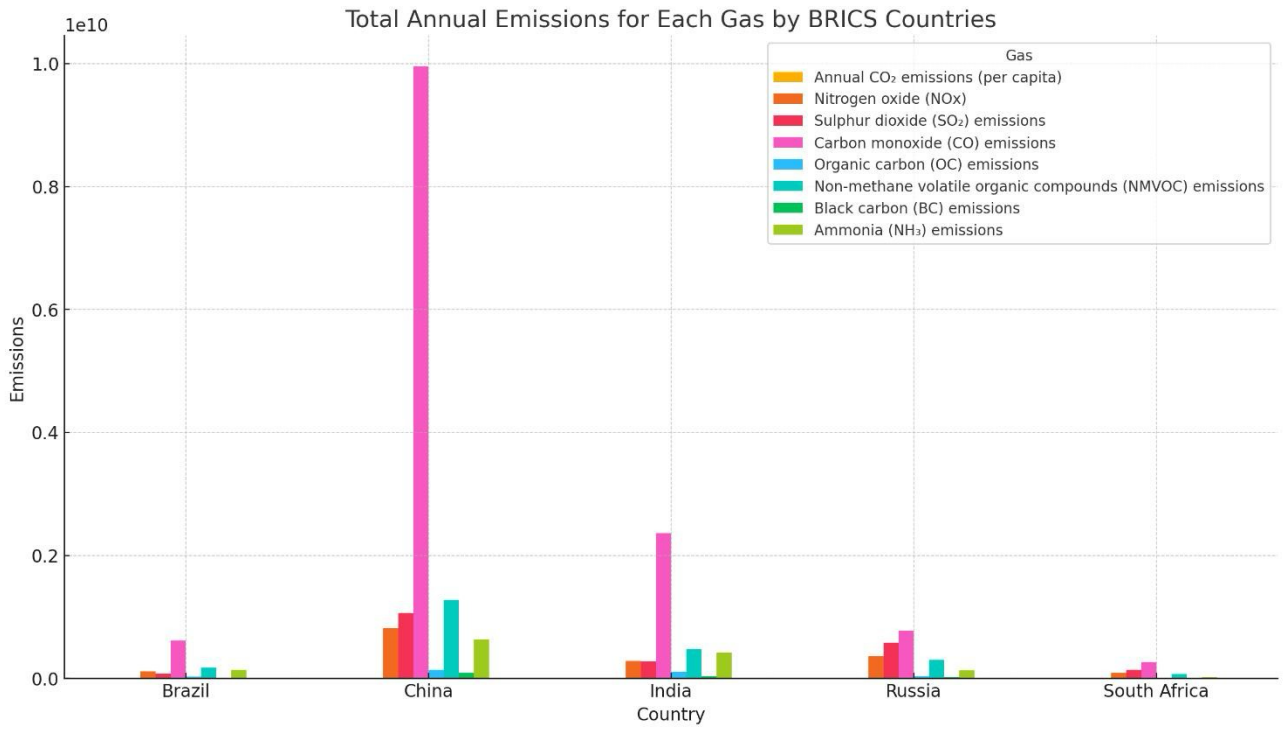

Figure 5.1 - Total Annual Emissions for Each Gas by BRICS Countries

Observation: *China emerges as the leading contributor to emissions across almost all categories of gases. Notably, China's Carbon Monoxide (CO) emissions stand out, dwarfing those of the other BRICS countries. This can be attributed to China's extensive industrial activities, which are known to produce large amounts of CO. The country's rapid industrialization and significant population size contribute to its substantial emissions, reflecting its status as the world's largest manufacturing hub.*

India follows China with substantial emissions, particularly in CO. However, India's emissions are more balanced across the different gases compared to China. The high CO emissions can be linked to India's growing industrial sector and energy production methods, which heavily rely on coal. Despite the lower industrial output compared to China, India's large population and expanding economy contribute to its considerable emission levels.

Trend of Emissions Over the Years for BRICS Countries

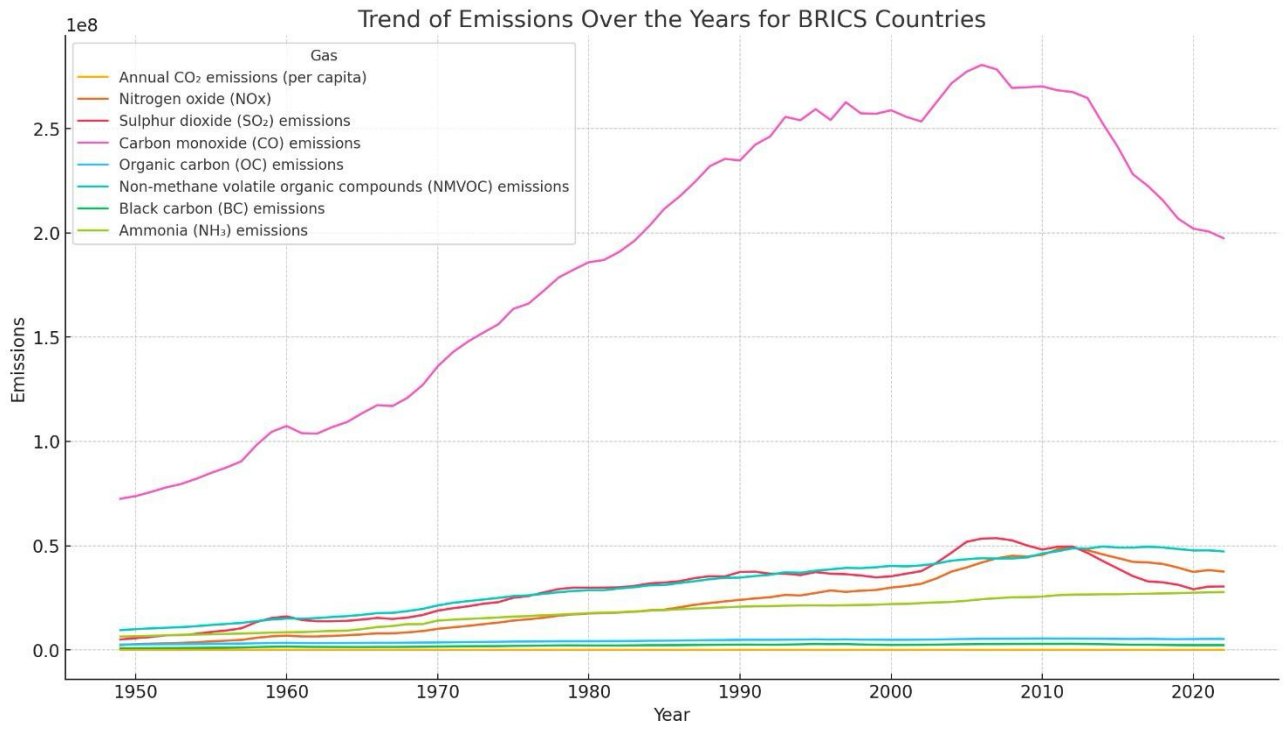

Figure 5.2 - Trend of Emissions Over the Years for BRICS Countries

Key Observations:

The most prominent trend observed in the graph is the steep and consistent rise in Carbon Monoxide (CO) emissions over the decades, particularly from the 1950s through the early 2000s, with a noticeable peak followed by a slight decline in recent years. This trend underscores the significant industrial growth in BRICS countries, especially China and India, where industrial activities contribute heavily to CO emissions. The sharp increase in CO emissions aligns with the rapid economic and industrial development in these countries.

Other gases, such as Nitrogen Oxide (NOx), Sulphur Dioxide (SO_2), Organic Carbon (OC), and Nonmethane Volatile Organic Compounds (NMVOC), exhibit more moderate increases over the same period. These gases show relatively stable trends with slight upward movements, reflecting the gradual increase in industrial activities, transportation, and energy production. Notably, emissions of these gases have seen periods of fluctuation, likely influenced by changes in industrial policies, environmental regulations, and technological advancements in emission controls.

Ammonia (NH_3) and Black Carbon (BC) emissions have remained relatively low compared to the other gases, showing only minor increases over the decades. These trends suggest that while these emissions are present,

they are not as significant as the others in terms of their overall impact on air quality in the BRICS countries. The level of industrialization in BRICS countries has led to increased emissions, particularly of CO, NOx, and SO_2. China and India's rapid industrial growth has been a major driver of these emissions. The reliance on fossil fuels such as coal for energy production has significantly contributed to the high levels of CO and SO_2 emissions. Countries like China and India, which rely heavily on coal, exhibit higher emissions of these gases.

Correlation Between Different Types of Emissions

The heatmap titled "Correlation Between Different Types of Emissions" visually represents the correlation coefficients between various types of harmful gas emissions in BRICS countries. The correlation coefficients range from -1 to 1, where values close to 1 indicate a strong positive correlation, values close to -1 indicate a strong negative correlation, and values around 0 indicate no correlation. The gases included in this analysis are CO_2, Nitrogen Oxide (NOx), Sulphur Dioxide (SO_2), Carbon Monoxide (CO), Organic Carbon (OC), Non-methane Volatile Organic Compounds (NMVOC), Black Carbon (BC), and Ammonia (NH_3).

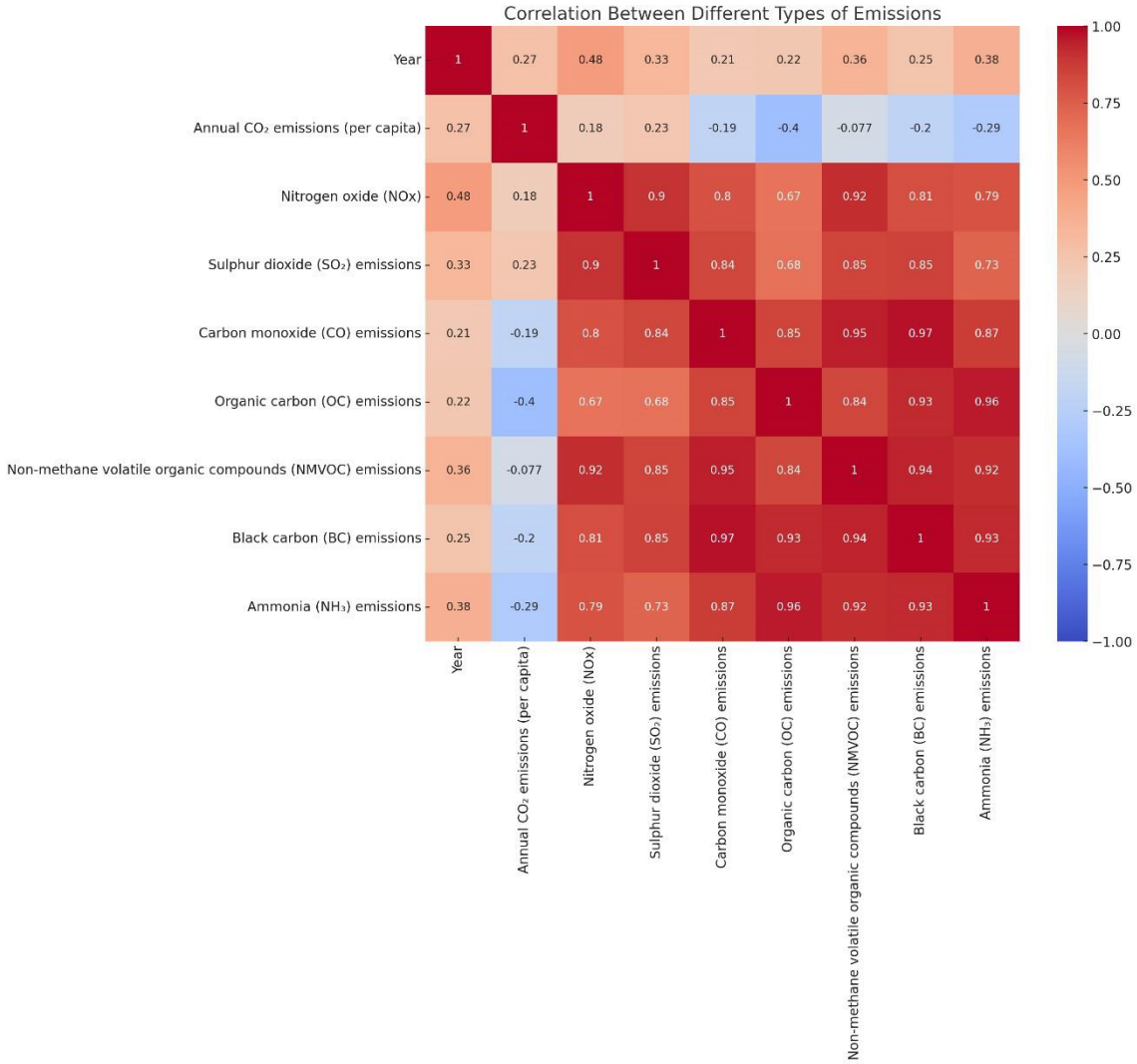

Figure 5.3 - Correlation matrix - The relationships between different gases

The heatmap titled "Correlation Between Different Types of Emissions" offers significant insights into the emission patterns of various harmful gases in BRICS countries. Strong positive correlations, such as those between Nitrogen Oxide (NOx) and Sulphur Dioxide (SO_2) (0.90), indicate that these pollutants often originate from the same sources, primarily industrial activities and combustion processes. Similarly, Carbon Monoxide (CO) shows strong positive correlations with Organic Carbon

(OC) (0.85), Non-methane Volatile Organic Compounds (NMVOC) (0.95), Black Carbon (BC) (0.97), and Ammonia (NH_3) (0.87), highlighting that incomplete combustion processes in industrial and vehicular activities are significant contributors to these emissions. The moderate correlations of CO_2 emissions with other gases suggest that CO_2 has more varied sources, including both anthropogenic and natural processes. This complex emission profile underscores the need for diverse mitigation strategies. The weak or negative correlation between CO_2 and OC (-0.40) further suggests different emission origins, emphasizing the multifaceted nature of air pollution sources. Overall, the correlation patterns emphasize the importance of comprehensive and integrated approaches to emission reduction, targeting multiple pollutants simultaneously to effectively manage and mitigate air pollution in these rapidly developing economies.

Overall Interpretation for the Trend Analysis Graphs

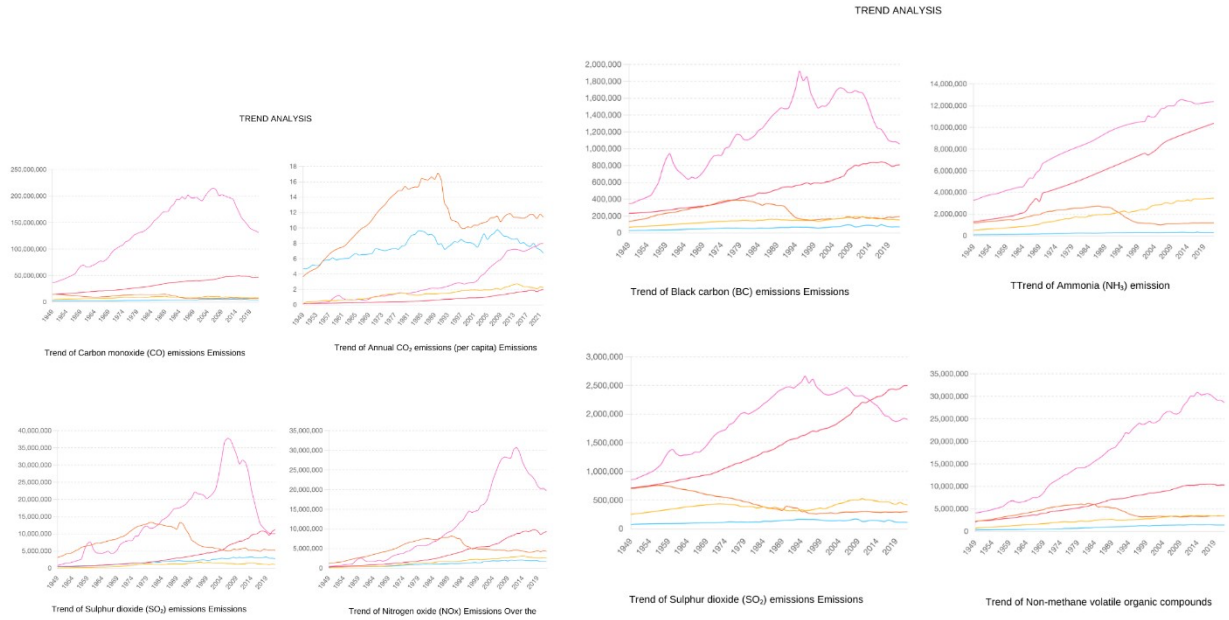

Figure 5.4 - Trend Analysis: Different gases

Carbon Monoxide (CO) Emissions:

• CO emissions show a pronounced upward trend, particularly from the 1950s to the early 2000s. This trend is especially notable in China, reflecting the country's rapid industrialization and urbanization.

- *The slight decline in recent years suggests improvements in emission control measures or shifts in industrial practices.*

Nitrogen Oxide (NOx) and Sulphur Dioxide (SO_2) Emissions:

- *NOx and SO_2 emissions exhibit moderate increases over the decades, with noticeable fluctuations. These gases are primarily emitted from combustion processes in industrial activities and vehicles.*
- *The trends highlight the impact of industrial growth and the effectiveness of regulatory measures in controlling these emissions. 3.* ***Carbon Dioxide (CO_2) Emissions****:*
- *CO_2 emissions have steadily increased across all BRICS countries, reflecting the overall rise in industrial activities, energy production, and economic growth.*
- *The continuous rise in CO_2 emissions underscores the ongoing reliance on fossil fuels and the need for sustainable energy solutions.*

Organic Carbon (OC) and Non-methane Volatile Organic Compounds (NMVOC) Emissions:

- *OC and NMVOC emissions show gradual upward trends, indicating their association with industrial processes and biomass burning.*

- *The consistency of these trends suggests a steady increase in activities contributing to these emissions.*

5. **Black Carbon (BC) and Ammonia (NH_3) Emissions:**
   BC and NH_3 emissions remain relatively low compared to other gases, with minor increases observed over the decades. ○ These trends imply that while BC and NH_3 are present, their impact is less significant compared to other pollutants like CO, NOx, and SO_2.
6. **Country-Specific Trends**: ***China**: Exhibits the highest levels of emissions for most gases, reflecting its status as a global industrial powerhouse.*
   - ***India**: Shows substantial emissions, particularly in CO and CO_2, indicative of its growing industrial sector and population. ○ **Russia**: Moderate emissions with notable contributions in NOx and SO_2, aligned with its energy production and industrial activities. ○ **Brazil**: Lower emission levels across all gases, reflecting a less industrialized economy with significant reliance on renewable energy.*
   - ***South Africa**: Moderate emission levels with noticeable contributions in SO_2 and NOx, primarily due to coal-based energy production.*

Forecasted CO_2 Emissions for BRICS Countries

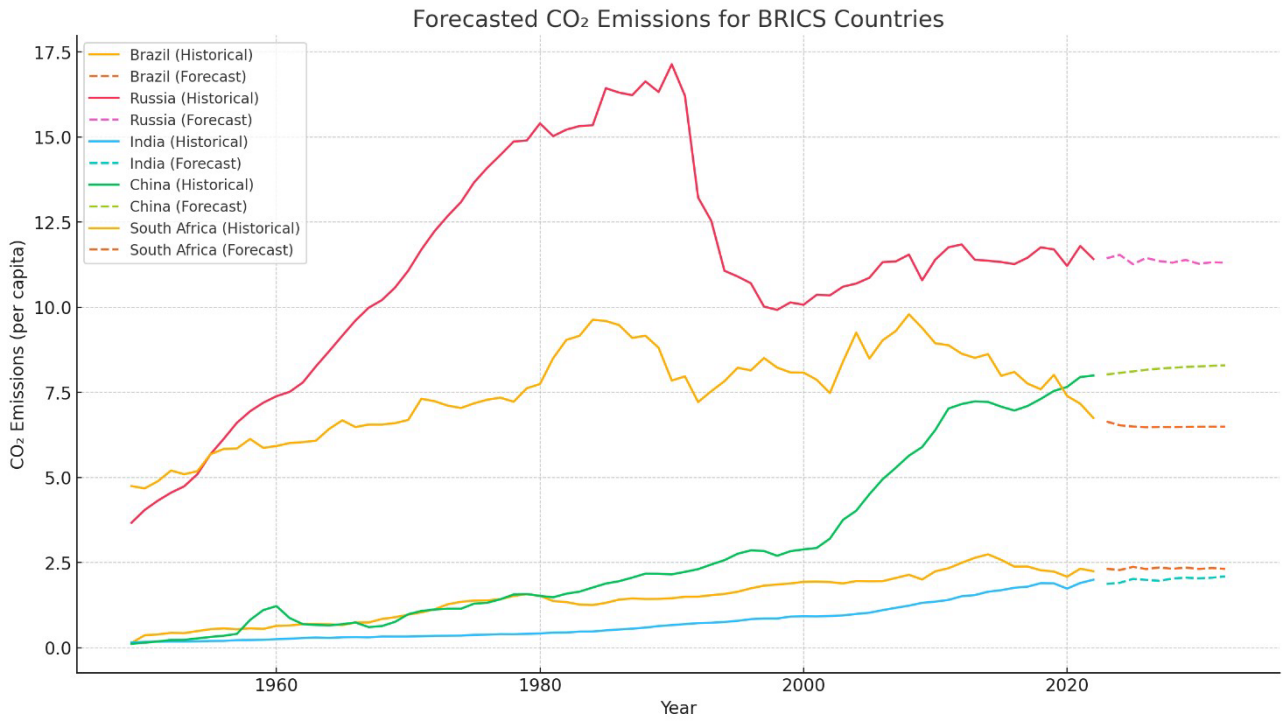

Figure 5.5 - ARIMA Forecasting

Forecasted Trends:

Russia: *The forecasted CO_2 emissions suggest a stabilization in the near future, maintaining current levels with minor variations.*
China: *Despite its rapid historical growth, the forecast indicates a slower increase in emissions, suggesting efforts to manage industrial emissions or a shift towards cleaner energy sources.* ***India:*** *The continued upward trend in the forecast reflects ongoing industrialization and population growth, highlighting the need for effective emission control measures.*
South Africa: *The forecast predicts a slight decline in CO_2 emissions, which may result from shifts in energy policy or improvements in emission reduction technologies.*
Brazil: *The stable forecasted trend suggests minimal changes in industrial activities and energy production, maintaining current emission levels.*

Random Forest Regression Analysis of CO_2 Emissions for BRICS Countries

The Random Forest regression model used to predict CO_2 emissions based on other pollutants for BRICS countries has demonstrated excellent performance. The evaluation metrics reveal a Mean Squared Error (MSE) of 0.122 and an R-squared (R^2) value of 0.992.

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Mean Squared Error (RF): 0.12197519459860157
R-squared (RF): 0.992477593640858
                                                  Importance
Sulphur dioxide (SO₂) emissions                     0.405146
Organic carbon (OC) emissions                       0.268186
Carbon monoxide (CO) emissions                      0.123127
Ammonia (NH₃) emissions                             0.074262
Nitrogen oxide (NOx)                                0.057577
Non-methane volatile organic compounds (NMVOC) ...  0.048112
Black carbon (BC) emissions                         0.023590
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Figure 5.6 - Random Forest Regression

Mean Squared Error (MSE): *A very low MSE of 0.122 indicates that the predictions made by the Random Forest model are highly accurate and closely align with the actual CO_2 emission values.*

R-squared (R^2): *An R^2 value of 0.992 suggests that the model explains 99.2% of the variance in CO_2 emissions, signifying an excellent fit. This means that nearly all the variability in CO_2 emissions can be accounted for by the model.*

The feature importance analysis within the Random Forest model reveals the following insights:

Sulphur Dioxide (SO_2) Emissions: *With an importance value of 0.405, SO_2 emissions are identified as the most significant predictor of CO_2 emissions. This strong relationship suggests that measures to control SO_2 emissions could have a substantial impact on reducing CO_2 emissions.*
Organic Carbon (OC) Emissions: *The second most important feature, with an importance value of 0.268, indicating a significant influence on CO_2 emissions.*
Carbon Monoxide (CO) Emissions: *CO emissions also play a notable role, with an importance value of 0.123.*
Ammonia (NH_3) Emissions: *NH_3 emissions have a moderate impact on CO_2 emissions, with an importance value of 0.074.*
Nitrogen Oxide (NOx): *NOx emissions have a smaller yet meaningful influence on CO_2 emissions, with an importance value of 0.058.*
Non-methane Volatile Organic Compounds (NMVOC) Emissions: *These emissions have a minor impact, with an importance value of 0.048.*
Black Carbon (BC) Emissions: *BC emissions are the least influential predictor in the model, with an importance value of 0.02*

CHAPTER 6

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6.1 Conclusion

The comprehensive analysis of harmful gas emissions from BRICS countries (Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa) has provided deep insights into the historical trends, major pollution sources, and future forecasts of CO_2 emissions. By leveraging exploratory data analysis, multiple linear regression, and advanced machine learning techniques like Random Forest regression, this project has highlighted key factors influencing emissions and offered valuable predictions for the future.

Historical Trends:

CO_2 Emissions: *There has been a consistent increase in CO_2 emissions, especially notable in China and India due to rapid industrialization and urbanization. These countries' economic growth and increasing energy demands have significantly contributed to the rise in CO_2 emissions.*
Other Pollutants: *Nitrogen Oxide (NOx), Sulphur Dioxide (SO_2), and Carbon Monoxide (CO) emissions have also shown significant upward trends. These increases reflect the expansion of industrial activities, increased vehicle usage, and the reliance on fossil fuels for energy production.* ***Stabilization in Some Regions:*** *Some countries, like Russia, have shown a peak in emissions followed by a stabilization or slight decline, potentially due to economic restructuring and improved emission control measures.*

Forecasting:

ARIMA Model: *The ARIMA model predicts a continued rise in CO_2 emissions for most BRICS countries. However, the rate of increase varies, with China and India projected to have significant growth, while countries like Russia may see more stabilized emissions.*

Random Forest Model: *The Random Forest model demonstrated high accuracy in predicting CO_2 emissions, with a low Mean Squared Error (MSE) of 0.122 and a high R-squared (R^2) value of 0.992.*
This model effectively captures the complex relationships between different pollutants and CO_2 emissions.

Key Predictors:

Sulphur Dioxide (SO_2) and Organic Carbon (OC) Emissions: *These pollutants emerged as the most significant predictors of CO_2 emissions, indicating a strong correlation between these emissions and CO_2 levels. Efforts to reduce SO_2 and OC emissions could lead to substantial decreases in CO_2 emissions.*
Other Pollutants: *Carbon Monoxide (CO), Ammonia (NH_3), and Nitrogen Oxide (NOx) also play important roles in predicting CO_2 emissions, though their impacts are less pronounced compared to SO_2 and OC.*

Correlation Analysis:

***Strong Correlations**: Strong positive correlations between several pollutants suggest common sources and processes contributing to multiple emissions. For example, industrial activities and vehicular emissions contribute to both CO and NOx levels.*
***Integrated Approaches**: The correlation analysis highlights the need for integrated approaches to emission reduction, targeting multiple pollutants simultaneously for more effective outcomes.*

6.2 Recommendations:

Based on the findings from the analysis, several key recommendations can be made for policymakers, environmental agencies, and stakeholders in BRICS countries:

***Targeted Emission Reduction Policies**:*

***Focus on SO_2 and OC Emissions**: Regulatory measures should prioritize reducing Sulphur Dioxide and Organic Carbon emissions due to their significant impact on CO_2 levels. Strategies could include setting stricter emission standards, implementing pollution control technologies, and encouraging industries to adopt cleaner production methods.*
***Integrated Pollution Control**: Develop policies that address multiple pollutants simultaneously, leveraging the strong correlations between emissions. This can enhance the overall effectiveness of emission reduction strategies and provide co-benefits for air quality and public health.*

***Adopt Cleaner Energy Sources**:*

***Transition to Renewable Energy**: Encourage the adoption of renewable energy sources such as wind, solar, and hydroelectric power to reduce reliance on fossil fuels, particularly coal, which is a major contributor to CO_2 and other harmful emissions. Implementing incentives and subsidies for renewable energy projects can accelerate this transition.*
***Energy Efficiency**: Implement energy efficiency programs in industries, commercial buildings, and residential areas to reduce overall energy consumption and associated emissions. Promoting energyefficient technologies and practices can result in significant emission reductions.*

***Strengthen Environmental Regulations**:*

***Enforce Stringent Standards**: Enforce stringent environmental regulations and standards for industrial emissions, ensuring compliance through regular monitoring, inspections, and penalties for violations. Establish clear and achievable targets for emission reductions and hold industries accountable.*
***Promote Best Practices**: Encourage industries to adopt best practices for emission control, such as using advanced pollution control equipment, optimizing production processes, and implementing cleaner technologies. Provide technical support and resources to help industries transition to more sustainable practices.*

***Invest in Research and Development**:*

***Innovative Technologies**: Invest in research and development of innovative technologies for emission reduction and carbon capture. Support academic and industry research initiatives focused on developing cost-effective and scalable solutions for reducing emissions.*
***Data-Driven Decision Making**: Utilize advanced data analytics and machine learning models to inform policy decisions, continuously improving the accuracy and effectiveness of emission forecasts and interventions. Establish data-sharing platforms and collaborative research networks to enhance knowledge exchange and innovation.*

Public Awareness and Participation:

***Education Campaigns**: Conduct public awareness campaigns to educate citizens about the importance of reducing emissions and adopting sustainable practices. Highlight the health, economic, and environmental benefits of emission reduction efforts.*
***Community Involvement**: Involve local communities in environmental protection efforts, promoting grassroots initiatives for clean energy adoption, waste reduction, and conservation. Encourage public participation in policy-making processes and environmental monitoring.*

International Collaboration:

***Cross-Border Initiatives**: Foster international collaboration among BRICS countries to share best practices, technologies, and resources for emission reduction. Joint efforts can amplify the impact and achieve more substantial results by addressing transboundary pollution issues and leveraging collective expertise.*
***Global Agreements**: Actively participate in global environmental agreements and frameworks, committing to ambitious emission reduction targets and contributing to collective efforts to combat climate change. Collaborate with international organizations, governments, and NGOs to support and implement global sustainability initiatives.*

The insights gained from this project provide a robust foundation for developing effective strategies to manage and reduce harmful gas emissions in BRICS countries. By focusing on key pollutants, adopting cleaner energy sources, and leveraging advanced analytical techniques, policymakers and stakeholders can make informed decisions to promote sustainable development and mitigate the adverse impacts of climate change. Continued research, innovation, and collaboration will be essential to achieving long-term environmental and economic goals.

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