

Analyzing the Impact of Air Pollution on Urban Climate in London

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Introduction

The background of the slide is a dark, atmospheric photograph of the London skyline. The Big Ben clock tower is prominent on the right side, and a bridge with multiple arches spans the River Thames in the foreground. The sky is overcast and hazy, suggesting a foggy or polluted day.

how variations in air pollution levels affect weather conditions in London over a decade?

Dataset

London Weather Data

Source: Kaggle

- **URL:** [London Weather Data on Kaggle](#)
- **Period:** 1979 - 2021
- **Description:** This dataset includes historical weather data from London, collected from a weather station near Heathrow Airport. It features daily measurements such as temperature, humidity, and precipitation.
- **License:** Public Domain (CC0)

London Air Quality Levels

- **Source:** London Datastore
- **URL:** [London Average Air Quality Levels](#)
- **Period:** Data available till 2019
- **Description:** This dataset provides readings of air pollutants including Nitric Oxide, Nitrogen Dioxide, Particulate Matter (PM10 and PM2.5), and Ozone. Measurements are collected from various monitoring sites across Greater London.
- **License:** UK Open Government Licence (OGL v2) (allowing use with attribution. Obligations include acknowledging the data source and maintaining a link to the license.)

London Weather Data

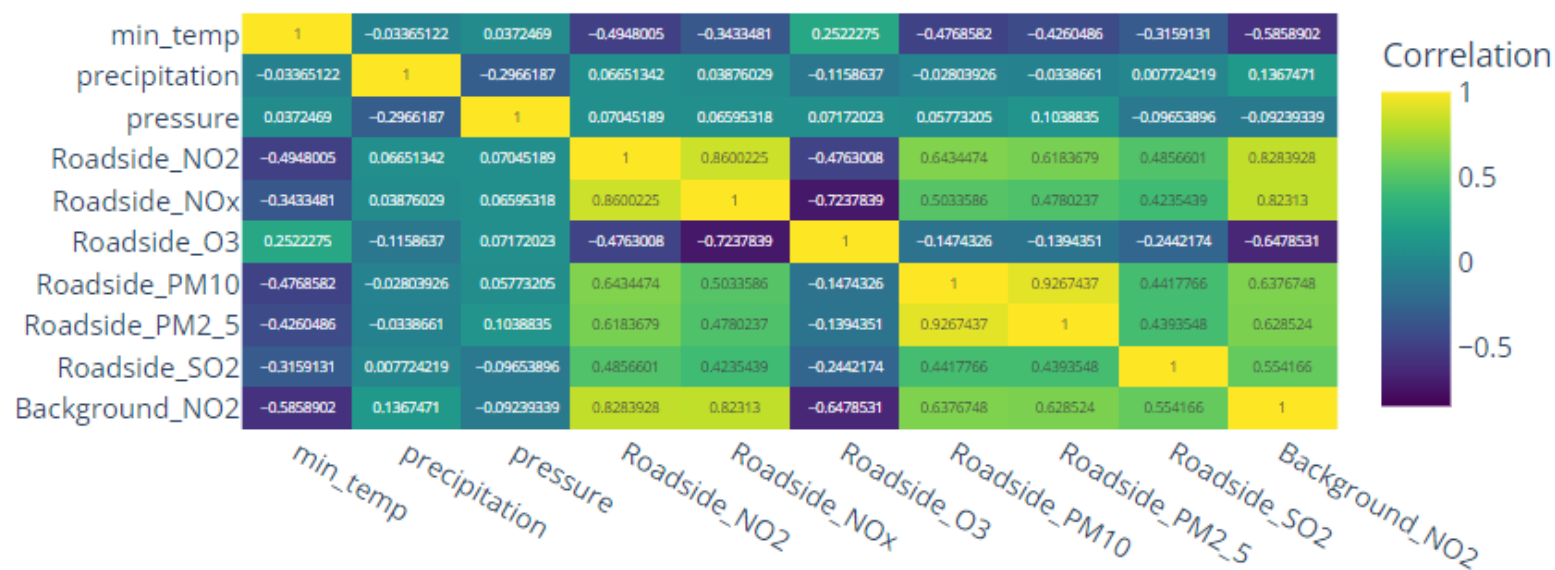
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global_radiation	cloud_cover	sun_shine

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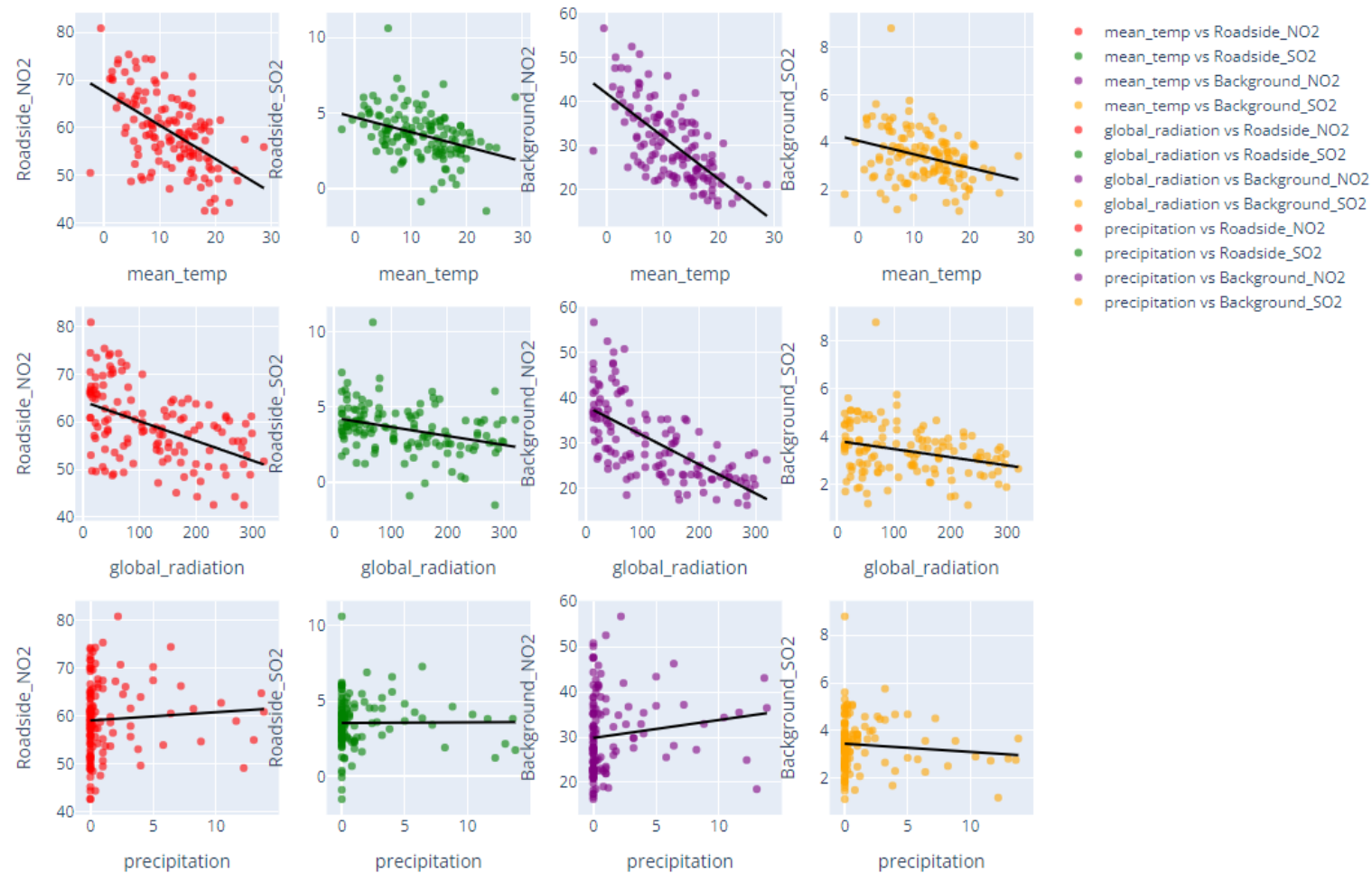
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Roadside_O3	Roadside_PM10	Roadside_PM2_5
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Background_O3	Background_PM10	Background_PM2_5
	Background_SO2	

Analysis

Heatmap of Variable Correlations

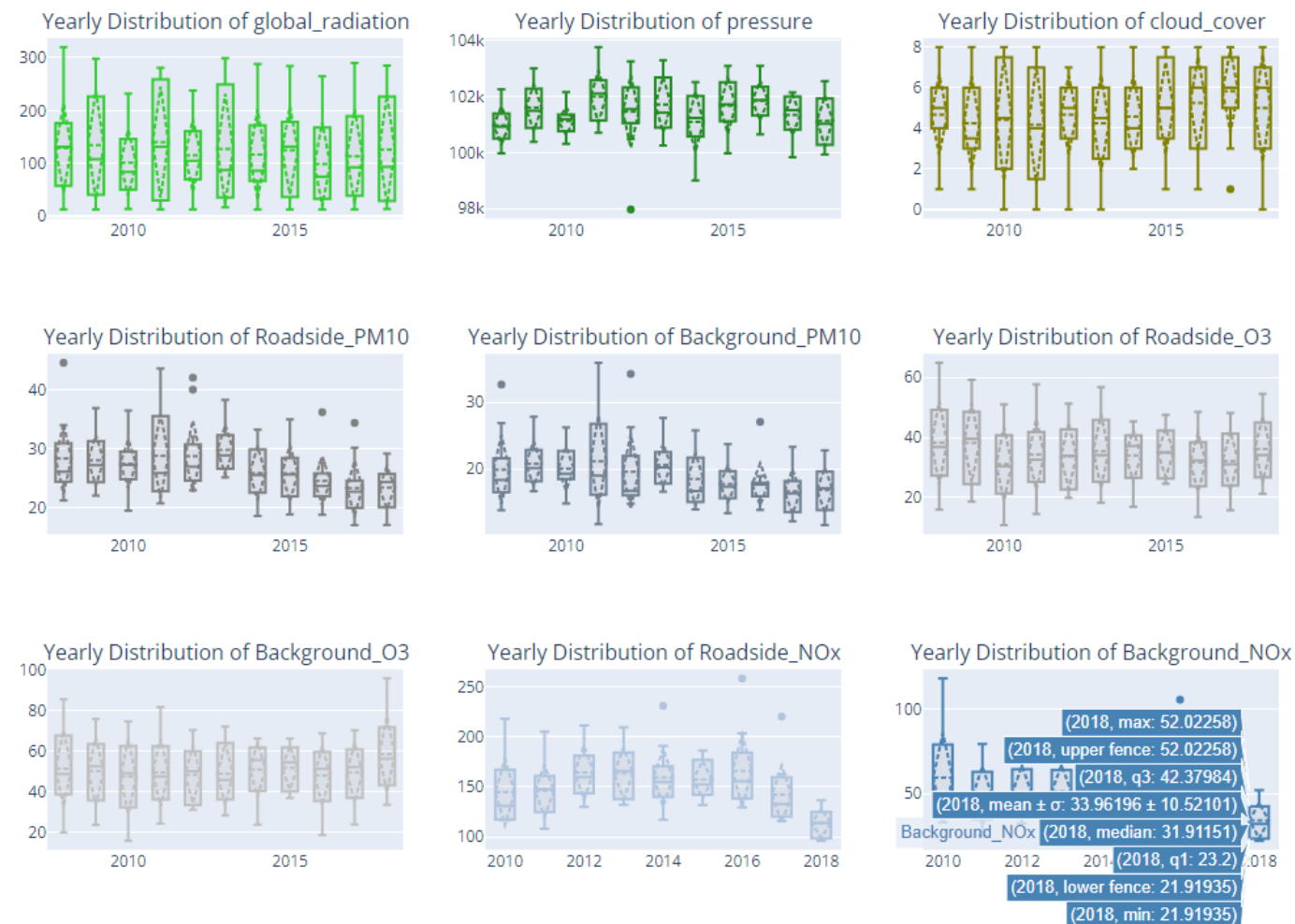


Weather Variables vs Pollution Variables

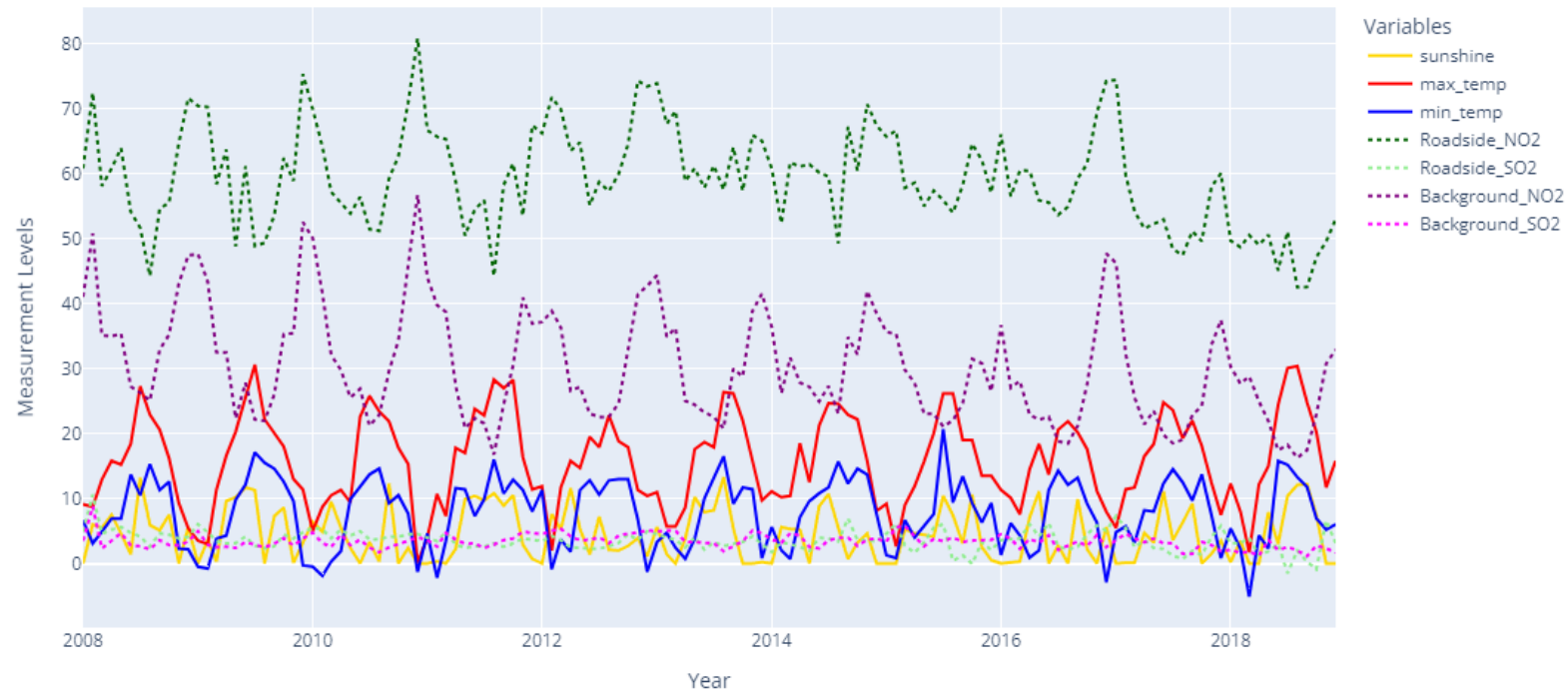


Yearly Distribution of Weather and Pollution Variables

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Time Series of Weather and Pollution Variables



Conclusion

- **Temperature and Pollution:** Negative correlation between mean temperature and NO₂ levels, indicating warmer temperatures help reduce NO₂.

- **Max temp:** Exhibits distinct peaks during the summer months each year, which typically correspond to lower concentrations of pollutants such as NO₂ and SO₂.

- **Precipitation Effects:** Mixed impacts on pollutants, with rain generally reducing levels of SO₂ but less effect on NO₂.

Impact of Solar Radiation: Positive effect of global radiation in reducing pollutant concentrations.

- **Limitations:** Exclusion of real-time traffic data and specific emission sources, in the other variables like PM₁₀ due to spikes.

- **Future Research:** Need for further studies incorporating additional factors affecting urban air quality in the other variables like pressure.

Thanks for your attention!