

A dense field of microscopic zooplankton, including copepods, nauplii, and other small aquatic organisms, visible against a black background. The organisms are translucent and show various internal structures and appendages.

# Zooplankton Prediction Study

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# Zooplankton







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- Cute?



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- Edible?



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- Cute?
- Edible?
- Delta Smelt



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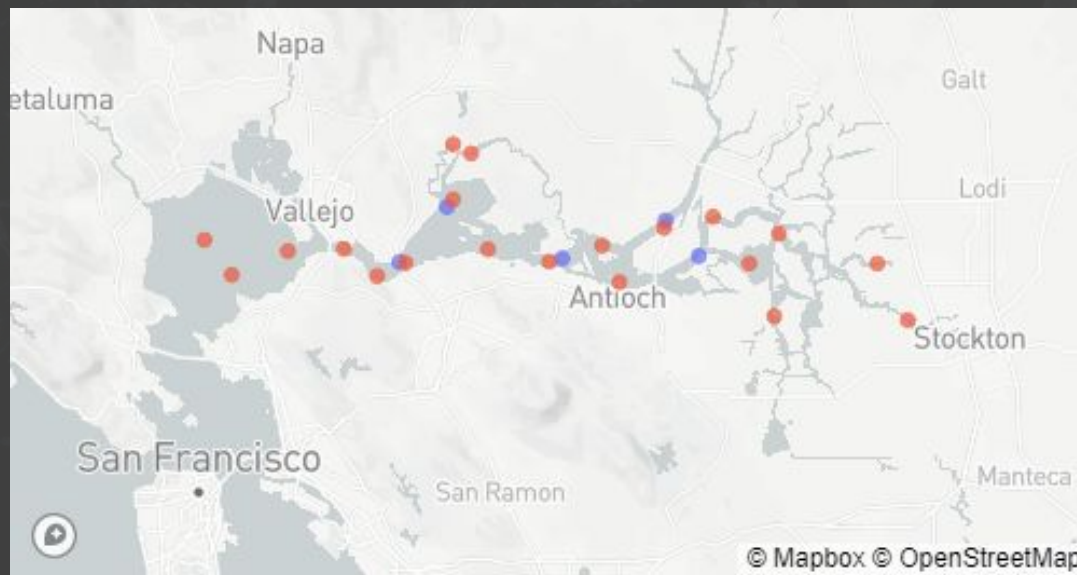
# Process

- Find water quality data
- Match nearby survey stations
- Match data by time
- Find correlations
- Produce prediction model





# Matching the Stations







# EDA:

- Correlations

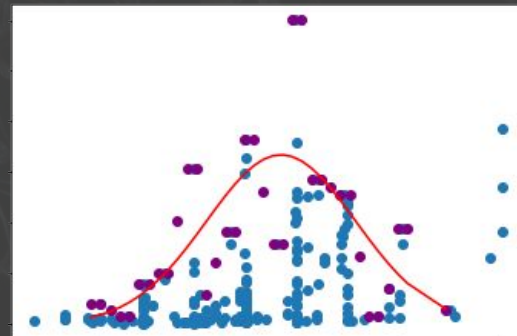
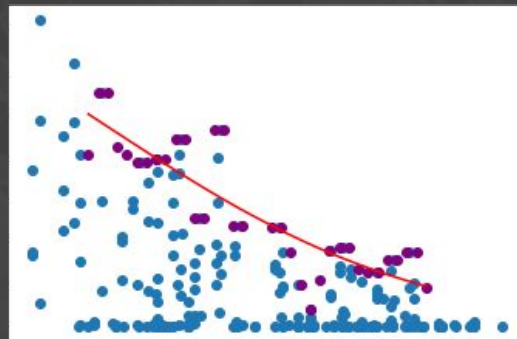






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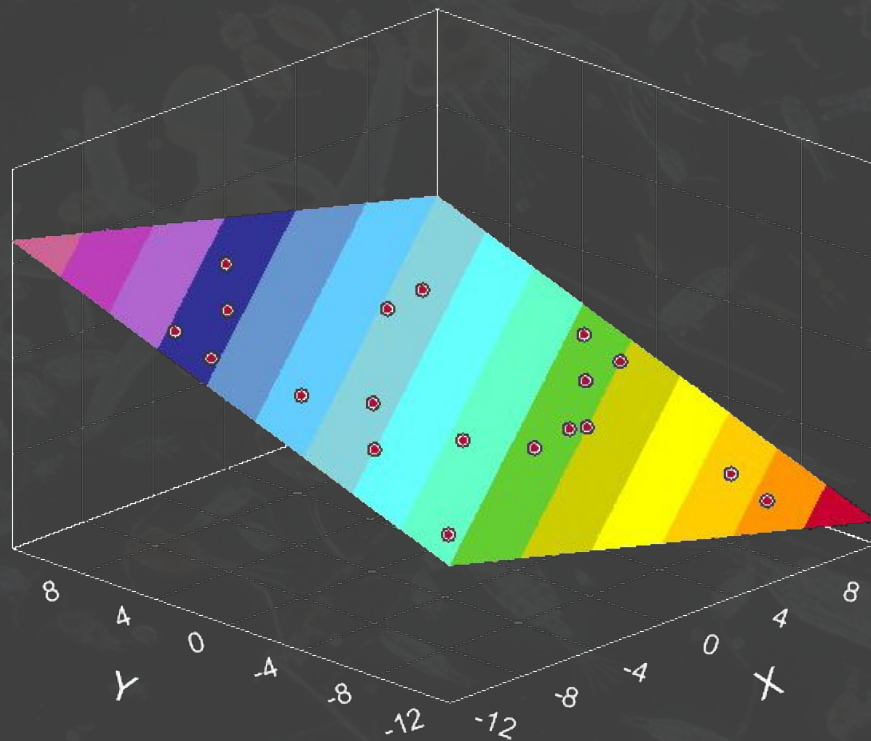
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- Trends





# EDA:

- Correlations
- Trends
- Modelling





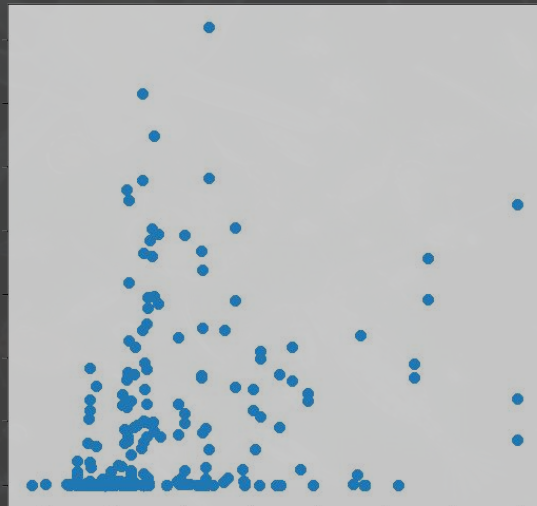
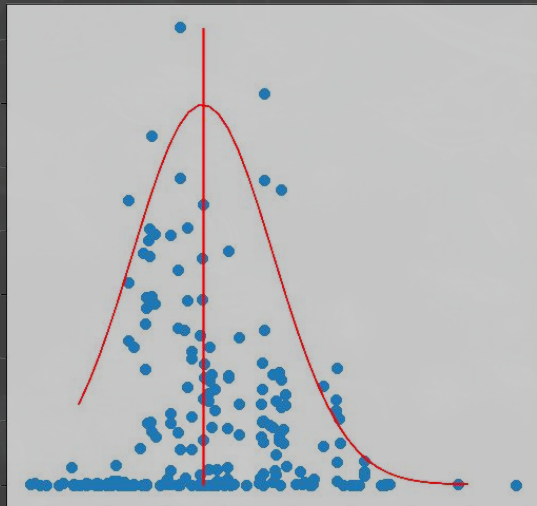


# Initial Model

$$\text{Prediction} = C_1\text{pH} + C_2\text{Temp} + \dots + C_n\text{dO}_2 + C_{n+1}$$



# Feature Engineering

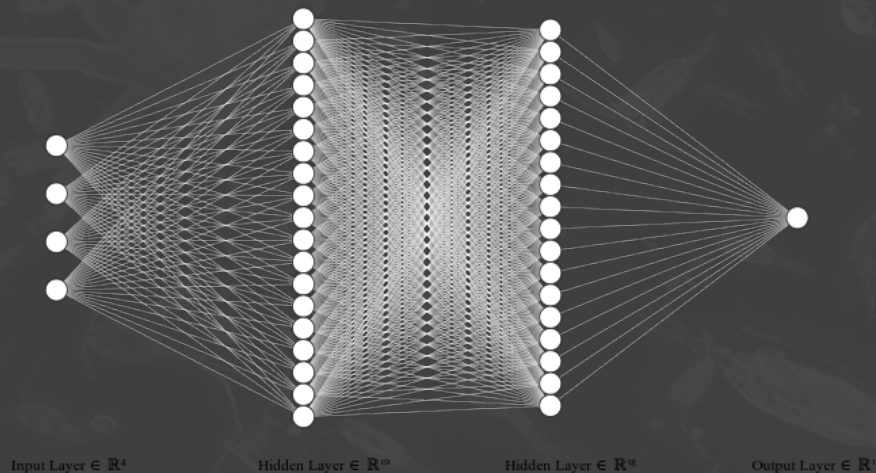






# “Improved” models

- Lasso
- Ridge
- Neural Net



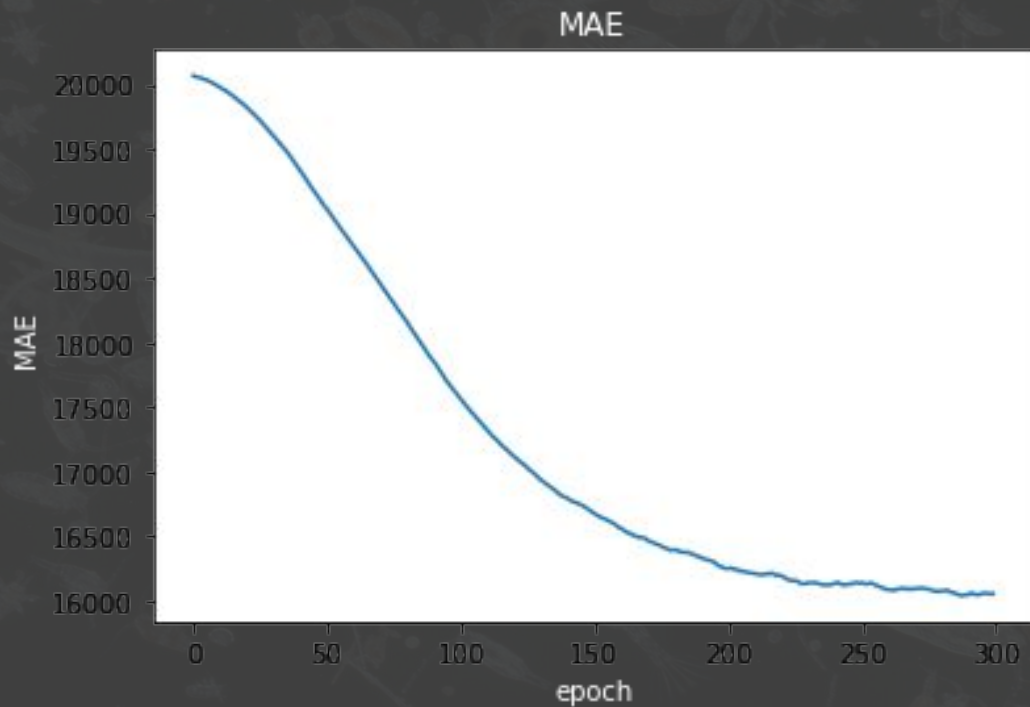


## Resultant MAEs

- linreg: 14,694
- lasso: 17,747
- ridge: 16,882
- keras: 16,056

## Max Values:

- ~1 million



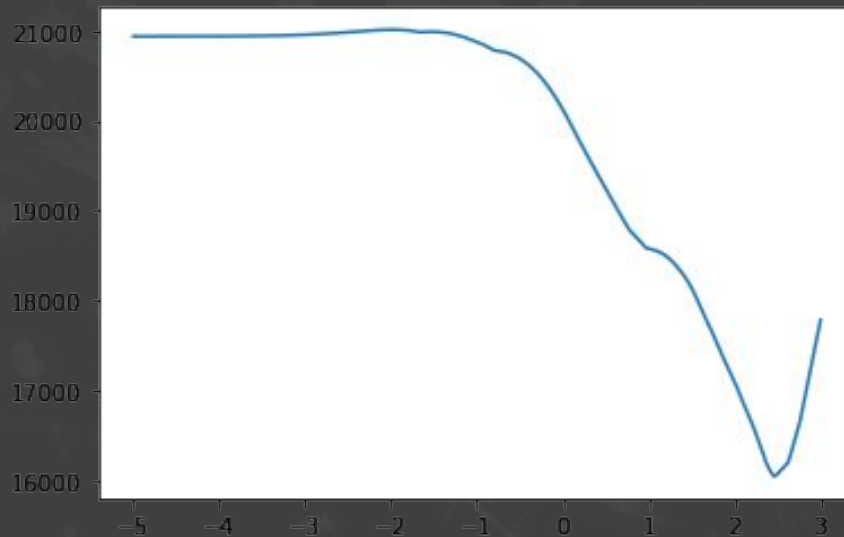




**Questions?**



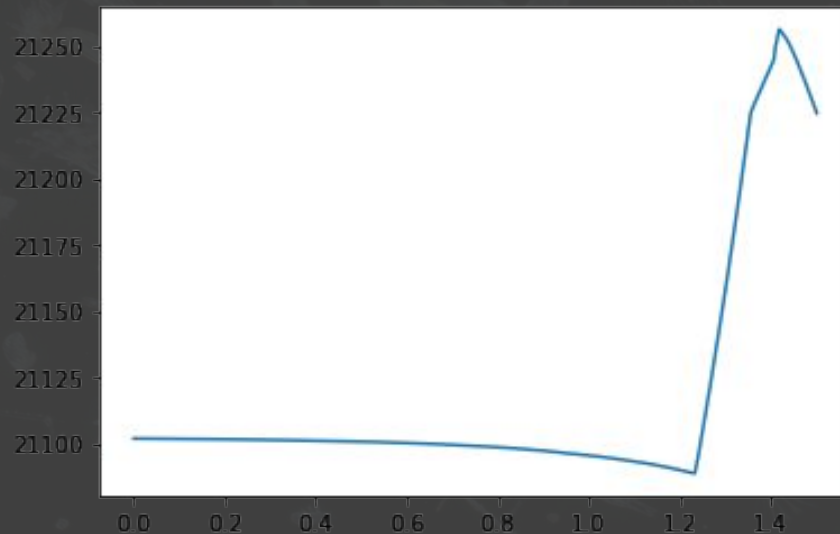
# Appendix: Ridge MAE vs Alpha





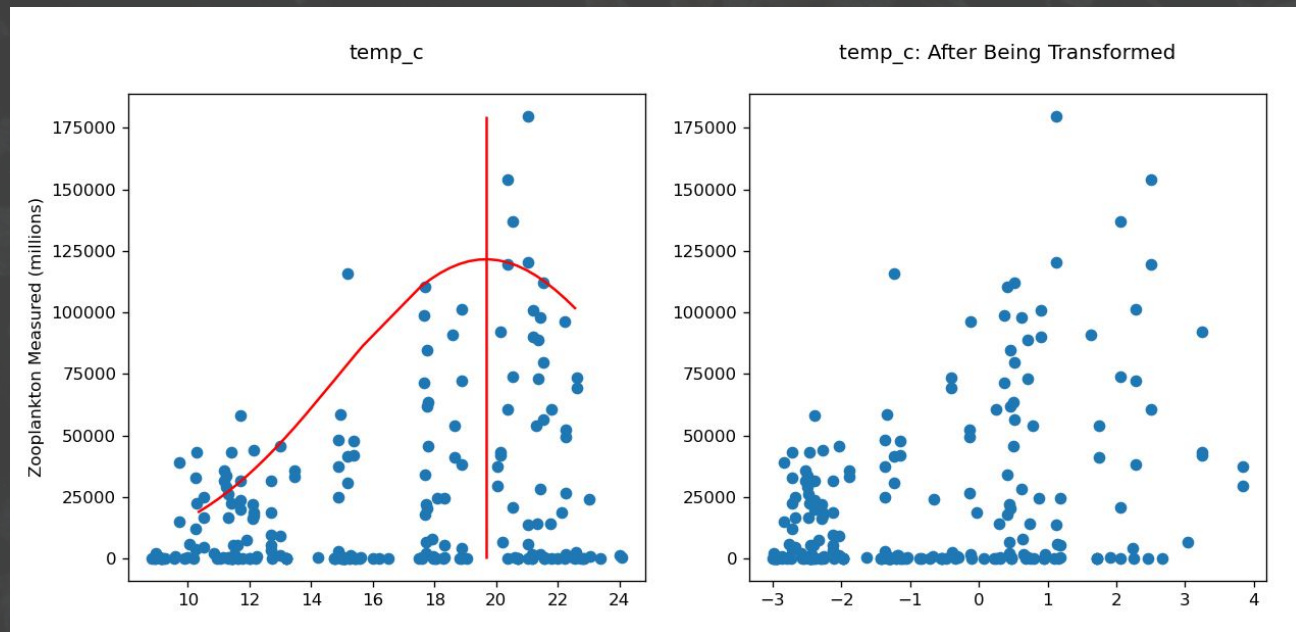


# Appendix: Lasso MAE vs Alpha



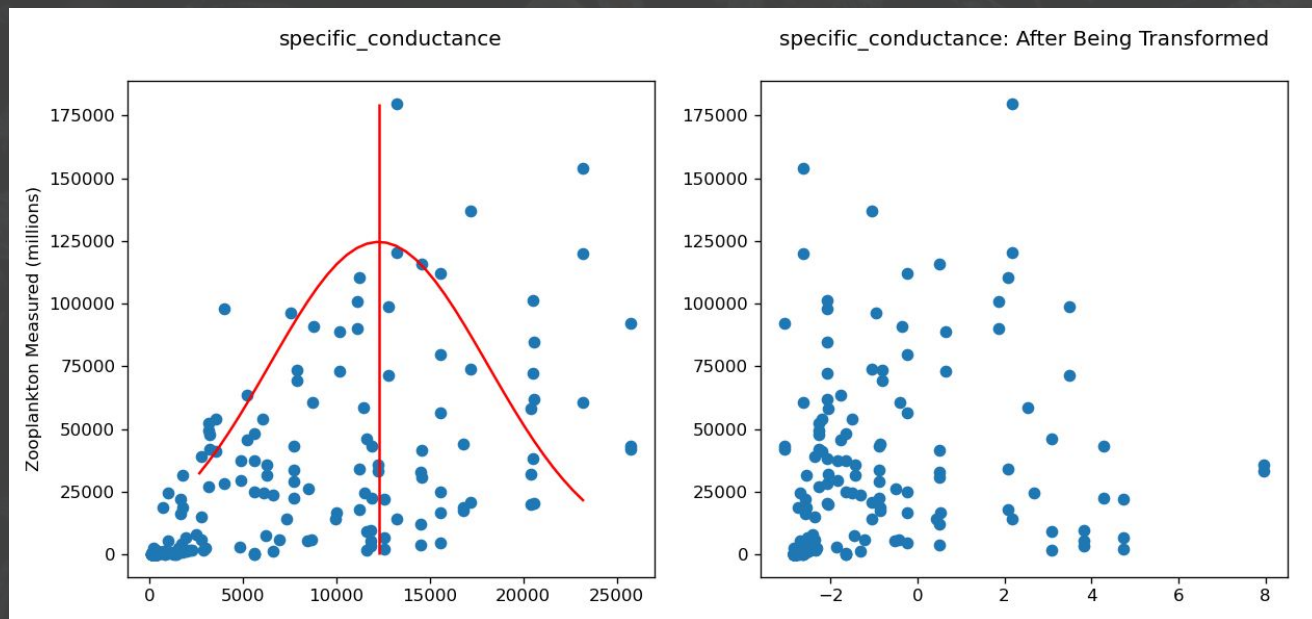


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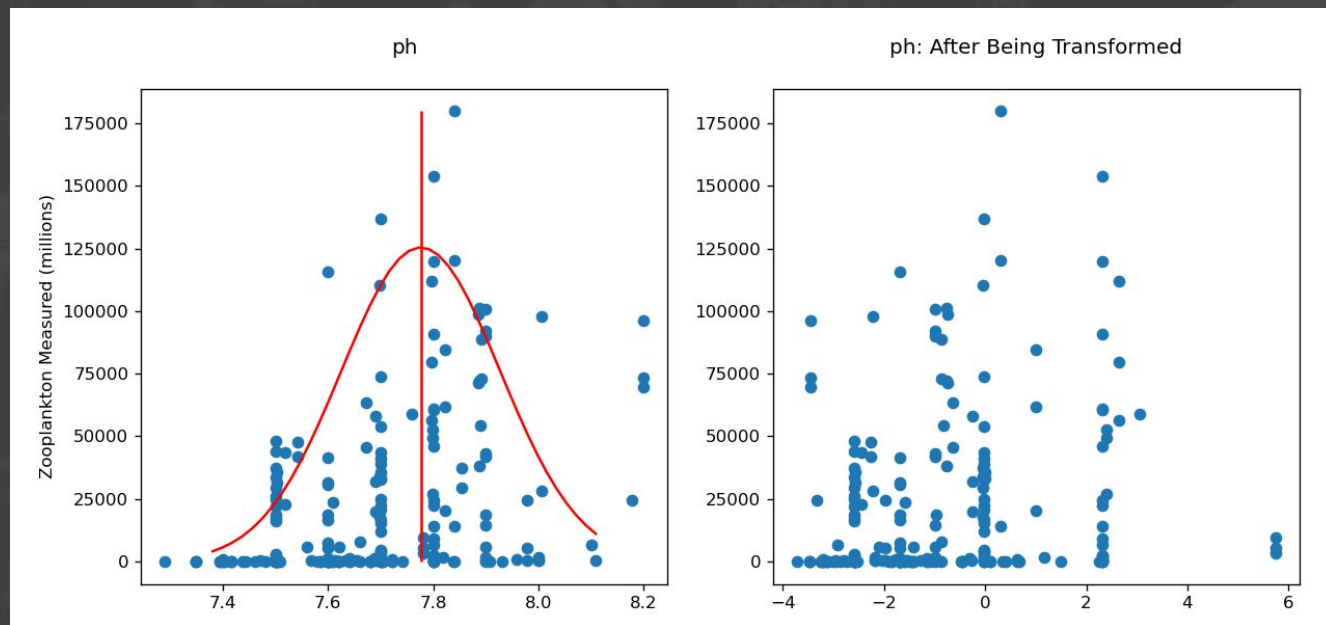
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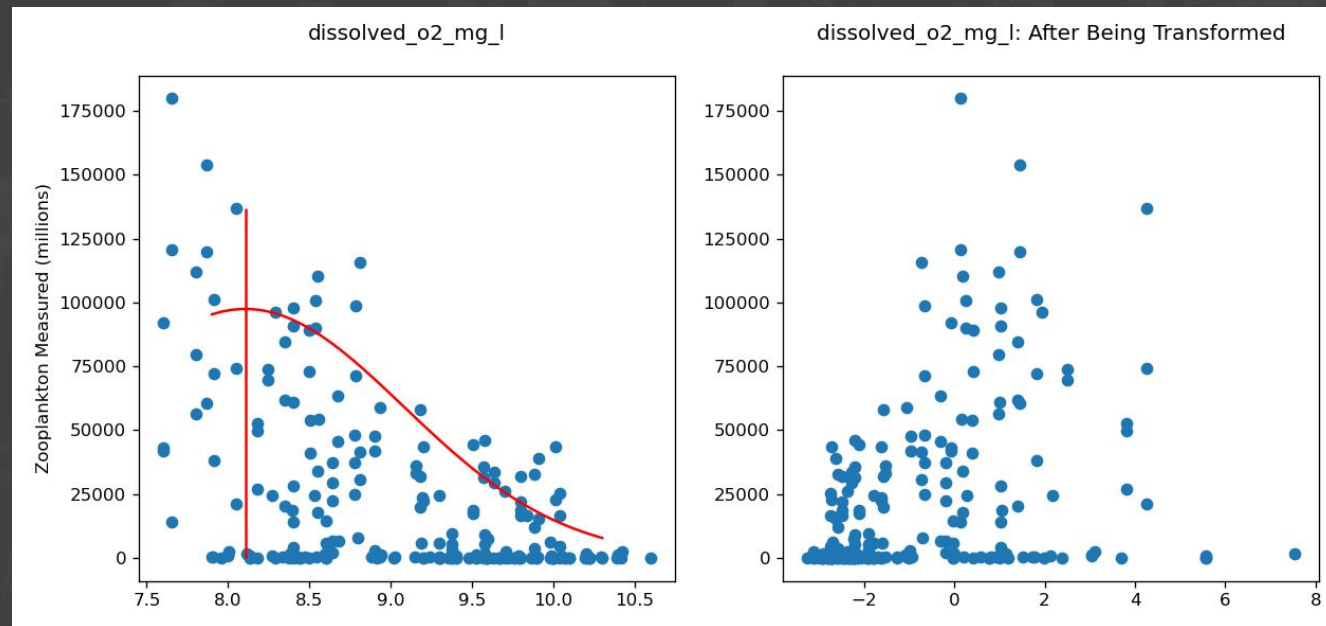


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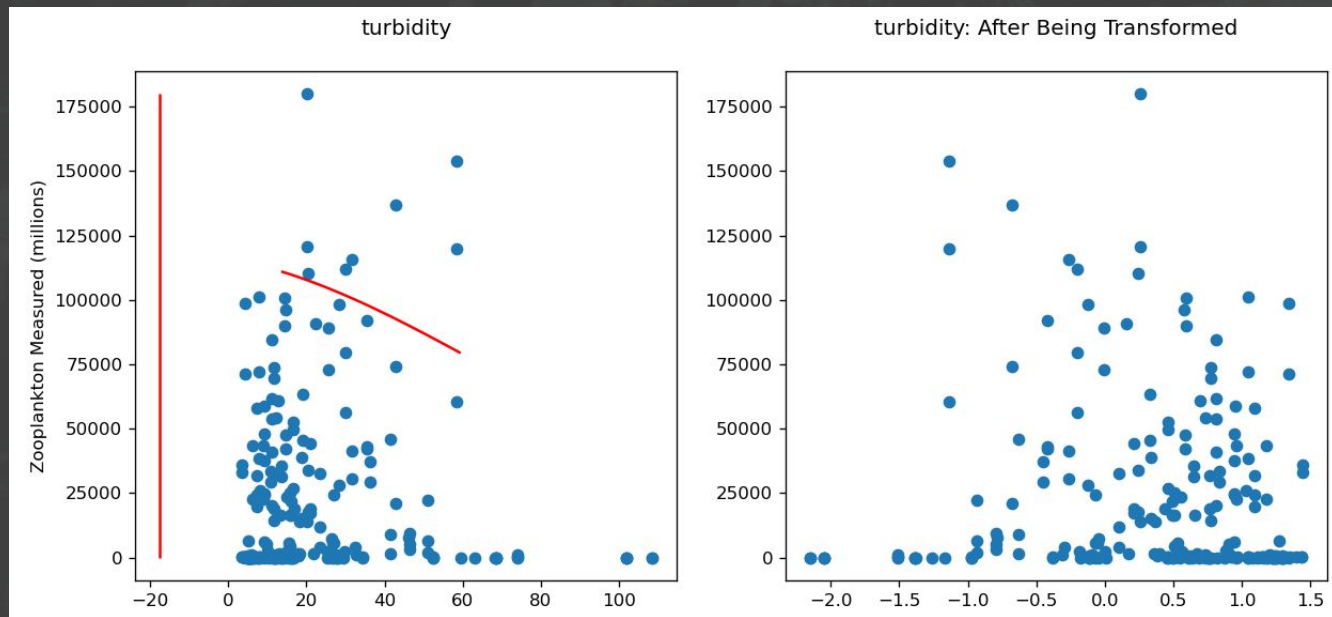


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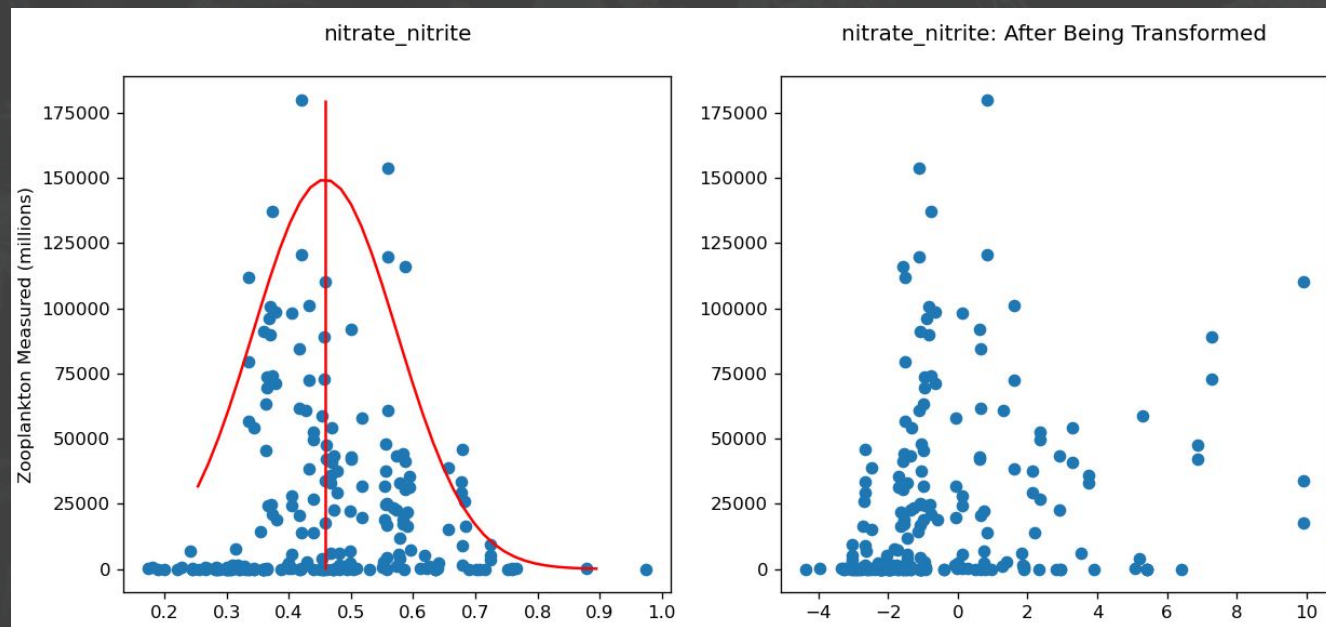
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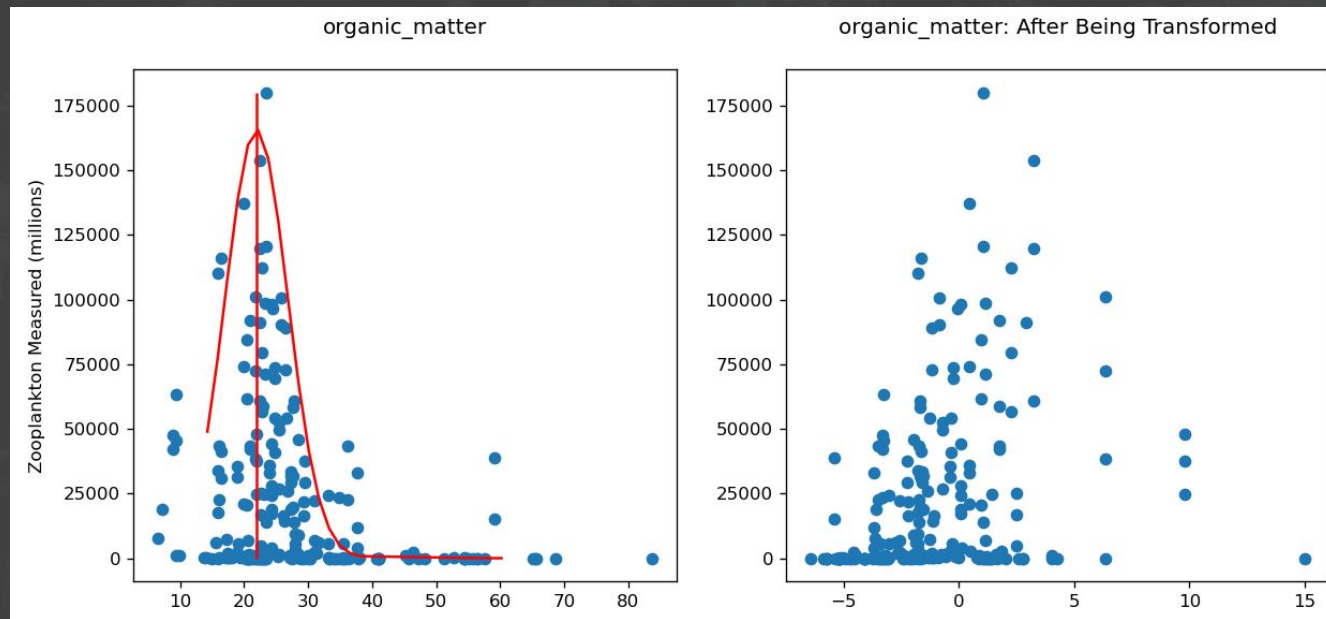


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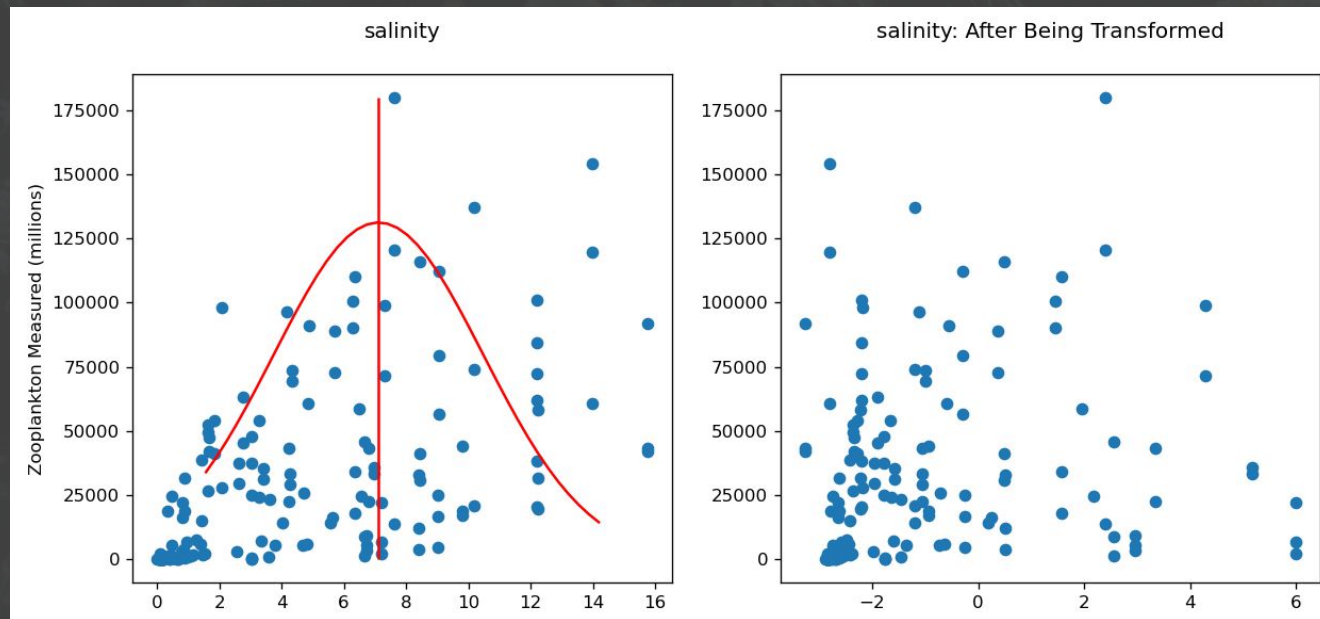


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