



# GROUNDWATER QUALITY IN INDIA

An Analysis of the Primary Factors contributing to Ground  
Water Pollution in India

## GROUP DETAILS

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## Introduction

Groundwater pollution is a major environmental issue in India. The largest source of water pollution in India is untreated sewage. Other sources of pollution include agricultural runoff and unregulated small scale industry. Most rivers, lakes and surface water in India are polluted.

For this research, we have analyzed the water quality data of groundwater sourced from various water stations across the country. Groundwater pollution (also called groundwater contamination) occurs when pollutants are released to the ground and make their way down into groundwater. It can also occur naturally due to the presence of a minor and unwanted constituent, contaminant or impurity in the groundwater, in which case it is more likely referred to as contamination rather than pollution.

## Problem Statement

1. As a whole, which areas in India has a lot of water degradation issues over the years.
2. Explore if there are any repetitive patterns of water quality degradation in the same area for multiple years.
3. Understand the factors that are leading to the lower water quality.
4. Predict if there are going to be water quality issues in areas that are not affected right now based on the water quality data that is available right now.

## Data

The dataset to be used for the study has been downloaded from: <https://data.gov.in/catalog/water-quality-india-2014>

The dataset was released by National Data Sharing and Accessibility Policy (NDSAP). The combined dataset contains the following:

1. Number of locations: 447
2. Number of Variables to determine water quality: 6
3. Number of states covered in the dataset: 22

Sl. No.	Variable	Definition
1	Temperature	Temperature of the groundwater
2	pH	pH level of the groundwater (acceptable level: 6.5-8.5)
3	Conductivity	Ability of groundwater to conduct current
4	B.O.D. (Biochemical Oxygen Demand)	Amount of dissolved oxygen in the groundwater
5	Nitrate (N+) Nitrite (N)	N+ and N levels
6	Fecal Coliform	Level of fecal contamination

## Methodology

Water Quality Index (WQI) is a very useful and efficient method which can provide a simple indicator of water quality and it is based on some very important parameters. In current study, Water Quality Index (WQI) was calculated by using the Weighted Arithmetic Index method. In this model, different water quality components are multiplied by a weighting factor and are then aggregated using simple arithmetic mean.

For assessing the quality of water in this study, firstly, the Quality Rating Scale ( $Q_i$ ) for each parameter was calculated by using the following equation;

$$Q_i = \frac{100 * (V_{actual} - V_{ideal})}{(V_{standard} - V_{ideal})}$$

Where,

$Q_i$  = Quality rating of i-th parameter for a total of n water quality parameters

$V_{actual}$  = Actual value of the water quality parameter obtained from laboratory analysis

$V_{ideal}$  = Ideal value of that water quality parameter can be obtained from the standard Tables.

$V_{ideal}$  for pH = 7 and for other parameters it is equaling to zero, but for DO  $V_{ideal} = 14.6$  mg/L

$V_{standard}$  = Recommended WHO standard of the water quality parameter.

Next, after calculating the quality rating scale ( $Q_i$ ), the Relative (unit) weight ( $W_i$ ) was calculated by a value inversely proportional to the recommended standard ( $S_i$ ) for the corresponding parameter using the following expression;

$$W_i = \frac{1}{S_i}$$

Where,

$W_i$  = Relative (unit) weight for nth parameter

$S_i$  = Standard permissible value for nth parameter

I = Proportionality constant.

That means, the Relative (unit) weight ( $W_i$ ) to various water Quality parameters are inversely proportional to the recommended standards for the corresponding parameters.

Finally, the overall WQI was calculated by aggregating the quality rating with the unit weight linearly by using the following equation:

$$WQ_i = \frac{\sum Q_i W_i}{\sum W_i}$$

Where,

$Q_i$  = Quality rating

$W_i$  = Relative weight in general

WQI is defined for a specific and intended use of water. In this study the WQI was considered for human consumption or uses and the maximum permissible WQI for the drinking water was taken as 100 score.

*Table 1: Calculation of  $S_i$  and  $W_i$  for the various parameters*

Parameters	$S_i$	$W_i$
pH	8.5	0.11
Conductivity	25 0	0.00 4
Temperature	25	0.1
BOD	6	0.11
Nitrate	20 0	0.1
Fecal Coliform	20	0.16

*Table 2: Water Quality Classification Based On WQI Value*

S. No	WQI value	Water quality
1	<50	Excellent
2	50-100	Good
3	100-250	Poor
4	250-350	Very poor
5	>350	Water unsuitable for drinking

Besides WQI, Time Series Analysis was also done, which includes ARIMA and Holt-Winter's exponential smoothing, to predict the pollution trends of the various states in future.

Time series data often arise when monitoring industrial processes or tracking corporate business metrics. Time series data may be defined as an ordered sequence of values of a variable at equally spaced time intervals.

ARIMA models are a popular and flexible class of forecasting model that utilize historical information to make predictions. This type of model is a basic forecasting technique that can be used as a foundation for more complex models.

For a time series that can be described using an additive model with increasing or decreasing trend and seasonality, Holt-Winters exponential smoothing can be used to make short-term forecasts. Holt-Winters exponential smoothing estimates the level, slope and seasonal component at the current time point.

The data was segregated based on the states and the WQI values of every location was calculated. The respective time series models were created for those states which had data for a continuous period of 3 years or more. After creating the time series models of every parameter, plots were generated to understand the trends and patterns in the data.

In order to use ARIMA models for prediction, it was necessary to have a stationary data and at-least 38 data-points. A stationary series has no trend, its variations around its mean have a constant amplitude, and it wiggles in a consistent fashion, i.e., its short-term random time patterns always look the same in a statistical sense. Since the number of data-points were considerably less, ARIMA models could not be used for the analysis.

Triple Exponential Smoothing, also known as the Holt-Winters method, is one of the many methods or algorithms that can be used to forecast data points in a series, provided that the series is “seasonal”, i.e. repetitive over some period. Holt-Winter is used for exponential smoothing to make short-term forecasts by using “additive” or “multiplicative” models with increasing or decreasing trend and seasonality. Smoothing is measured by beta and gamma parameters in Holt’s model. In cases where no trend was observed in the data, the value of beta was taken as false.

The entire procedure needs to be repeated for every state in contained in the dataset, provided there are not missing years in the series. An automatic script in R was generated to cater to this need. The script required a generalised code which can select the required dataset of each state and forecast the values of the parameters for the next consecutive year. Once all the possible values were forecasted for every parameter of each state respectively, the WQI values were calculated for the future time periods.

Tableau was used on the new dataset generated and geo-spatial plots were created that resulted in a timeline of change of ground water quality state-wise from the period 2006 to 2017. The geospatial plots highlight how the ground water quality varies over time for each

state. Pivots were created in MS-Excel using the dataset generated to understand how the ground water quality was being affected by the change of parameters over time.

## Results

Water quality data for yearly data across various states in India was successfully collected, transformed, modeled, predicted, visualised and analysed with a heady mix of Excel, R, Rmd, Tableau and statistical modeling techniques. The water quality data from Government sites was observed over the time range of 2006 to 2017. The 6 parameters, pH, Conductivity, Temperature, BOD, Nitrate, Fecal Coliform were analysed and time series was used to predict future yearly values and subsequently calculate WQI for the next 3 periods. To predict values, Holt's winter exponential smoothing was selected based on the data set available. To understand data for various states, generated automated state wise reports on a single click with the help of R and RMarkdown. Time series of the yearly data of parameters for every location were analyzed and the WQI values were calculated. To visualise data at country level, geospatial plots were created in Tableau and compared with the permissible values as stated by WHO. These Reports, geospatial plots and graphs were analysed and can be used to understand and improve water quality in India.

## Discussion of Results

Andhra currently has excellent WQI (2014 – 32); but it is steadily increasing (2015 – 57, 2016 – 75, 2017 – 93), implying that groundwater in Andhra is getting polluted.

1. pH is has been on the higher side and shows increasing trend, implying alkalinity.
2. Conductivity falling down, implying that salinity is decreasing.
3. BOD is also showing steady growth, implying that it contains potentially harmful bacteria or bacteria producing undesirable physical characteristics such as taste or odor.
4. Nitrate and Nitrite levels also found to be high, though they are generally reducing.
5. Fecal coliform is also showing growing trends, indicating contamination by human sewage or animal droppings.

Assam had alarmingly high WQI in 2006 and 2007, though they've drastically improved in 2008 (possibly due to availability of more data). However, there is still risk of increase in WQI in upcoming years (2015 – 197, 2016 – 296, 2017 – 387).

1. pH level is in acceptable levels, though recent years indicate possibility of acidity.
2. Conductivity has been increasing in recent years, implying increasing salinity.
3. BOD shows irregular trends, though they have been on the lower side in recent years.
4. Nitrate and Nitrite levels increasing explosively, which is a matter of concern.
5. Fecal coliform has shown tremendous improvement, though it is steadily rising which is a matter of concern.

Goa has excellent WQI (2014 – 50); however it shows increasing trends, implying possible contamination.

1. pH is generally on the lower side, indicating high acidity. However it has improved in recent years.
2. Conductivity has increased manifold, indicating immense salinity.
3. BOD is showing a slight decline.
4. Nitrate and nitrite levels are generally good, though they showed a slight increase. However the latest data (2014) indicates a lower level.
5. Fecal coliform has increased greatly in recent years, though the latest data (2014) shows a decline.

Himachal Pradesh has had generally excellent levels, though there was a spike in WQI levels in 2011 and 2012. This implies that there is a possibility of groundwater contamination in future.

1. pH levels are improving.
2. Conductivity is generally decreasing, indicating improvement in salinity levels.
3. BOD is showing depleting trends, though there has been a spike in recent years (2013 and 2014).
4. Nitrate and nitrite levels has been going upward, though there was a fall in 2014.
5. Fecal coliform levels generally going upward, though it witnessed a fall in 2013 and 2014.

Kerala has had consistently poor water quality levels over the years and forecasts show further depletion of water quality.

1. Generally low pH, implying acidity. However levels have improved in recent years.
2. Conductivity has generally been decreasing, and predictions depict even more reduction in values.
3. BOD has seen a sudden spike in 2014, implying possibility of bacterial contamination.
4. Nitrate and nitrite levels are have been irregular with occasional spikes. In general, they have been on the bad side.
5. Fecal Coliform are very high, and showing increased growth in the future.

WQI in Maharashtra has been steadily improving, implying improvement in groundwater quality (2015-2017 – 45); though there was a spike in latest data (2014).

1. pH level rapidly increasing, implying increased alkalinity.
2. Conductivity and BOD have been steadily decreasing.
3. Nitrate and nitrite levels have spiked immensely in 2014.
4. Fecal coliform has generally reduced, though it showed a spike in 2014.

Odisha has generally shown excellent WQI; however it displayed a dangerously high WQI for 2014 (possibly due to erroneous data). The WQI values for the forecasted periods are way above the safe limit of 50, due to this possible anomaly.

1. pH, BOD are in acceptable levels.



2. Conductivity has been steadily increasing.
3. Nitrate and nitrite levels have been steadily decreasing, implying improved water quality.
4. Fecal coliform showed a humongous spike in 2014, explaining the abrupt behaviour of WQI. This outlier could possibly be erroneous data.

Rajasthan has excellent WQI, and shows a growing trend.

1. pH is in acceptable levels.
2. Conductivity is high and is continuously growing, implying increase in salinity.
3. BOD is also increasing, implying growth of harmful bacteria.
4. Nitrate and nitrite levels are at acceptable range.
5. Fecal coliform levels have been gradually reducing.

Uttar Pradesh displays very steep increase in WQI since 2011 (2014 – 66, 2015-2017 – 63)

1. pH is steadily increasing, implying alkalinity.
2. Conductivity shows irregular trends, though they generally have been reducing.
3. BOD saw a huge spike in 2013, though it got restored in 2014. However the possibility of bacteria can't be ignored.
4. Nitrate and nitrite levels show irregular trends, but they are rather high.
5. Fecal coliform levels are also growing tremendously.

WQI in West Bengal has been steadily increasing, implying poor quality. Predictions also show further deterioration in quality.

1. pH is generally in acceptable levels, though it is quickly moving towards alkalinity.
2. Conductivity is falling down, implying decreased salinity.
3. BOD and Nitrate and Nitrite levels are at acceptable levels, though they show growing trends.
4. Fecal coliform shows high rate of growth, implying contamination in the future.

## Conclusions

Groundwater quality is deteriorating at an alarming rate owing to various factors. Most states are facing issues of alkalinity, salinity and possible bacterial contamination. The analysis reveals that the groundwater of the affected states need some degree of treatment before consumption and it also needs to be protected from the hazards of further contamination. Therefore it is highly critical to take into consideration the remedial measures for the same, else groundwater could get polluted to a great extent in these states.

## Scope of Further Work

1. Analyze other states which are currently in safe zone, to identify potential ones whose groundwater could get contaminated in future.
2. Drill down into possible erroneous data and find out causes of the error. This would probably require physical visits to the sites, as well as meetings with the data collection team.
3. Analyze the various factors that are contributing to the fluctuations of the various parameters. This would include gathering other data, possibly not related to the above data.
4. Improve the accuracy of the predictions by collecting more accurate data and adding more parameters to the model.
5. Develop a regression model to understand the interaction of the parameters and come up with ways to control the increase in WQI Index levels.
6. Study can also be extended to surface water (ponds, lakes, creeks, etc).

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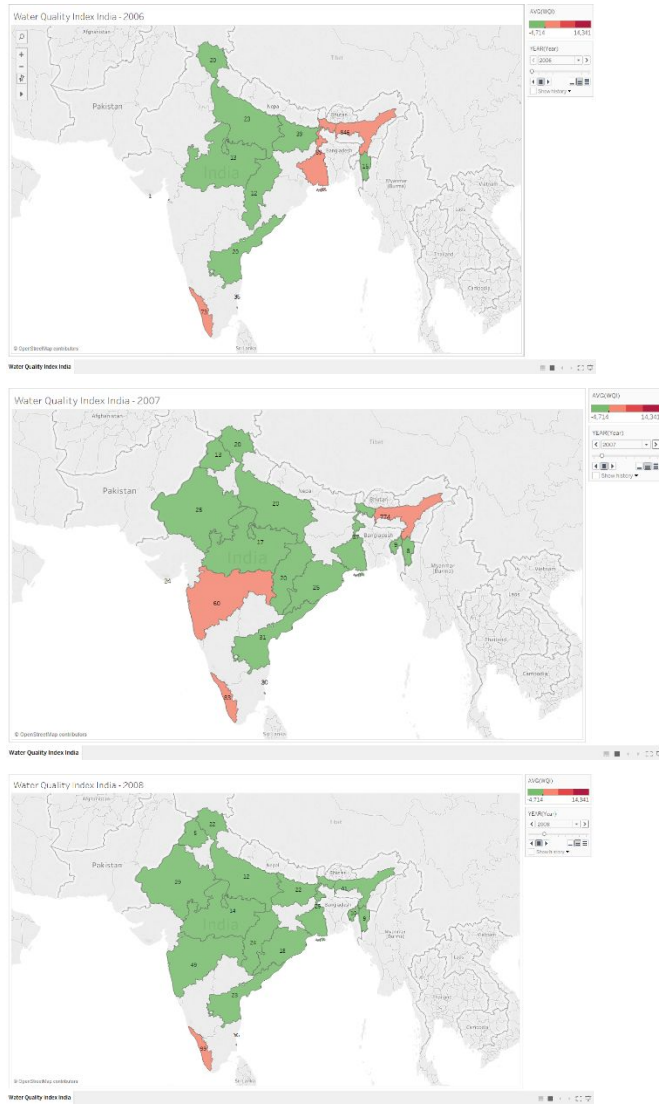
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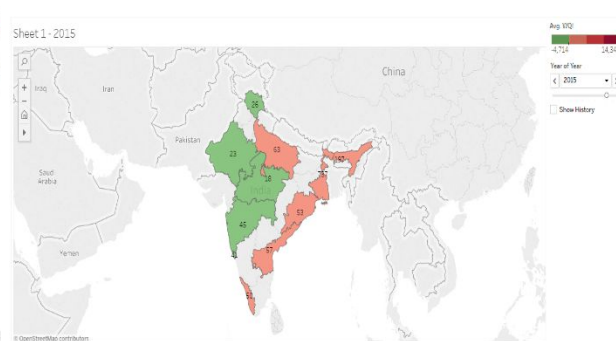
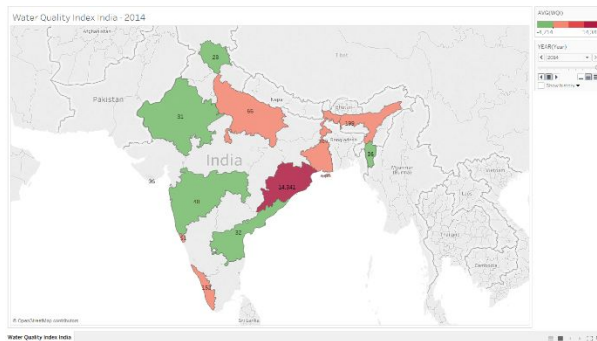
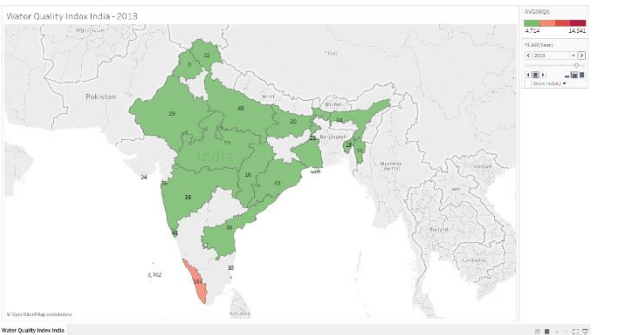
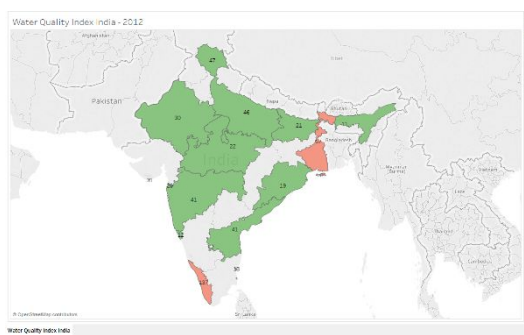
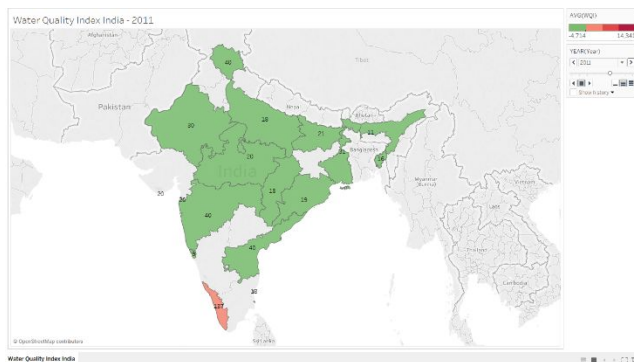
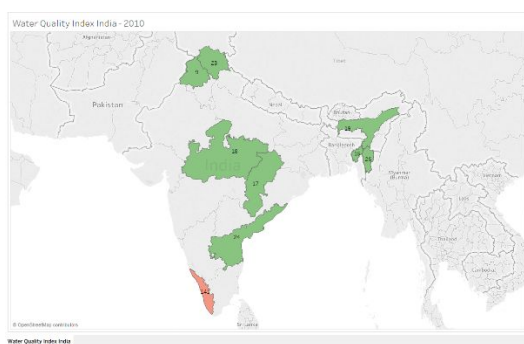
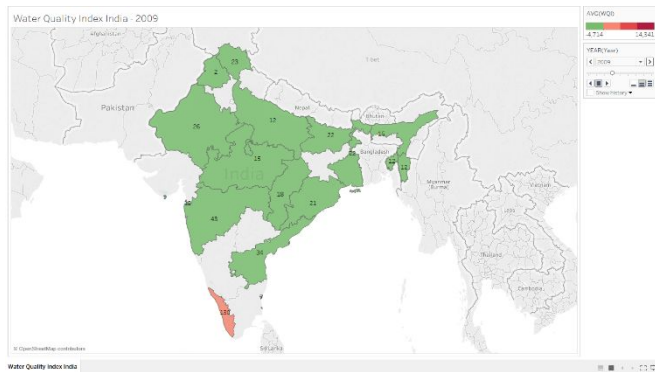
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# Annexure

## Tableau Plots





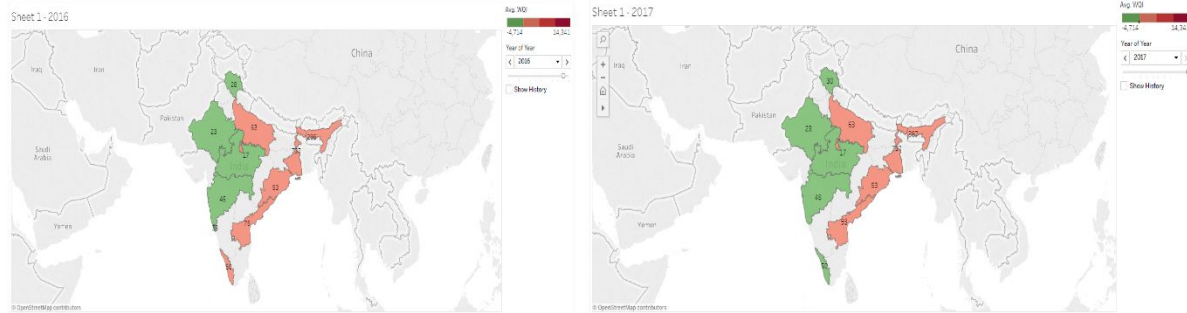


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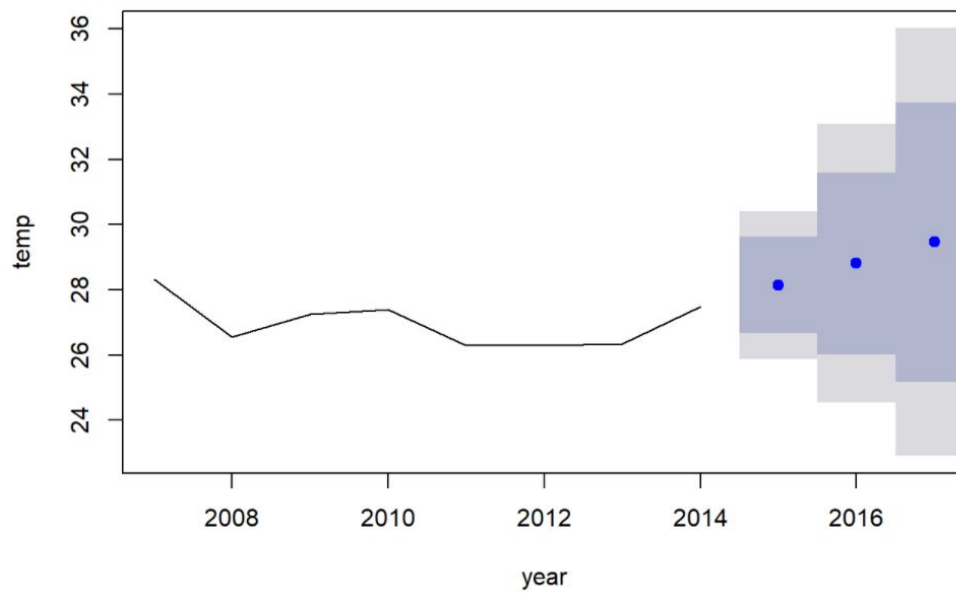
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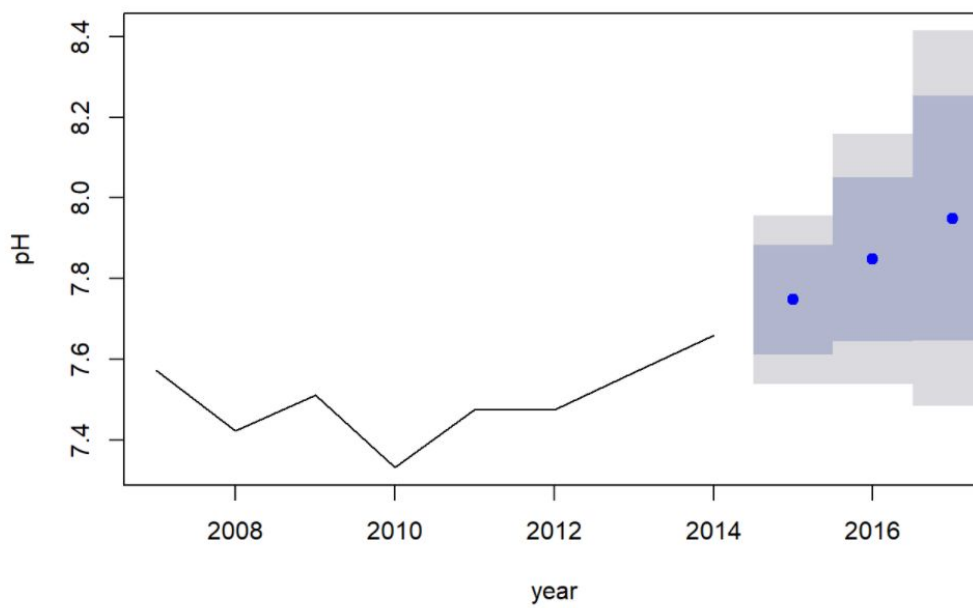
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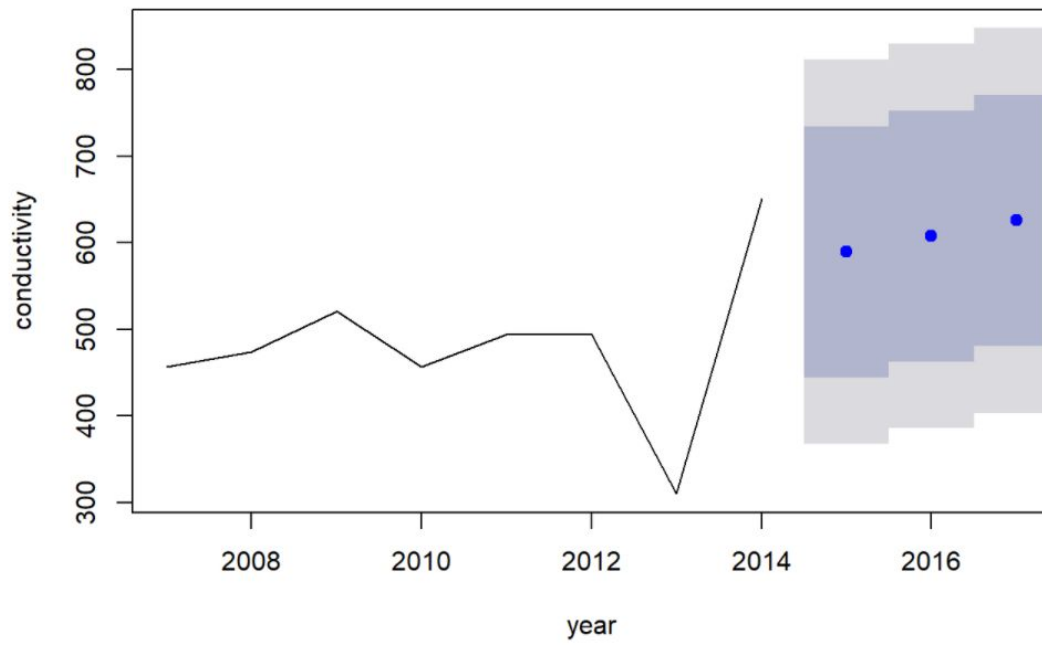
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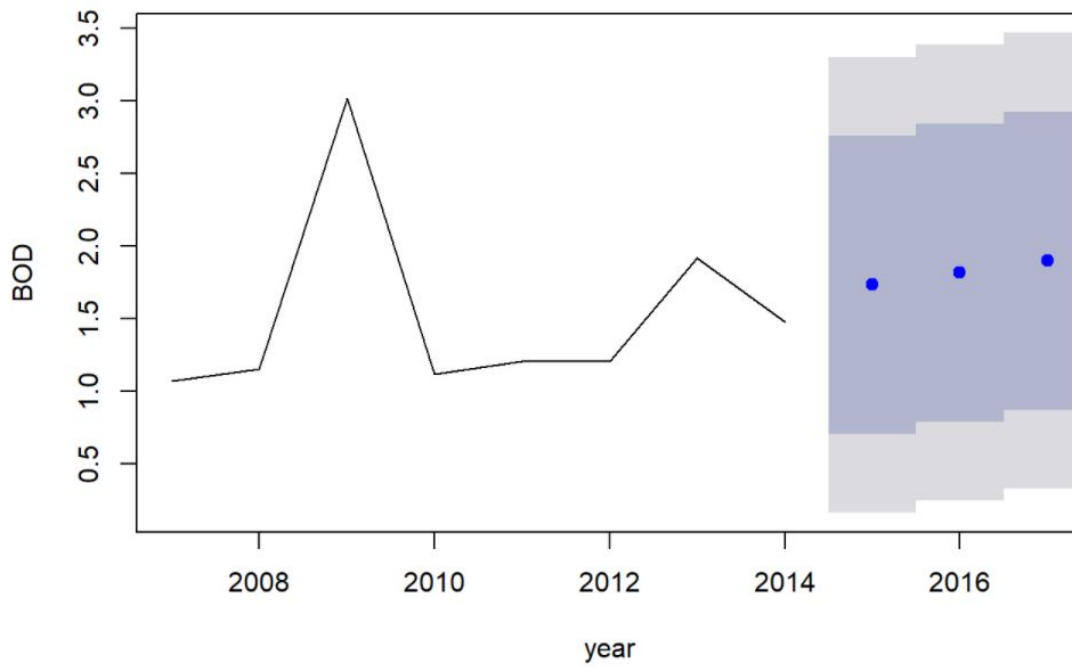
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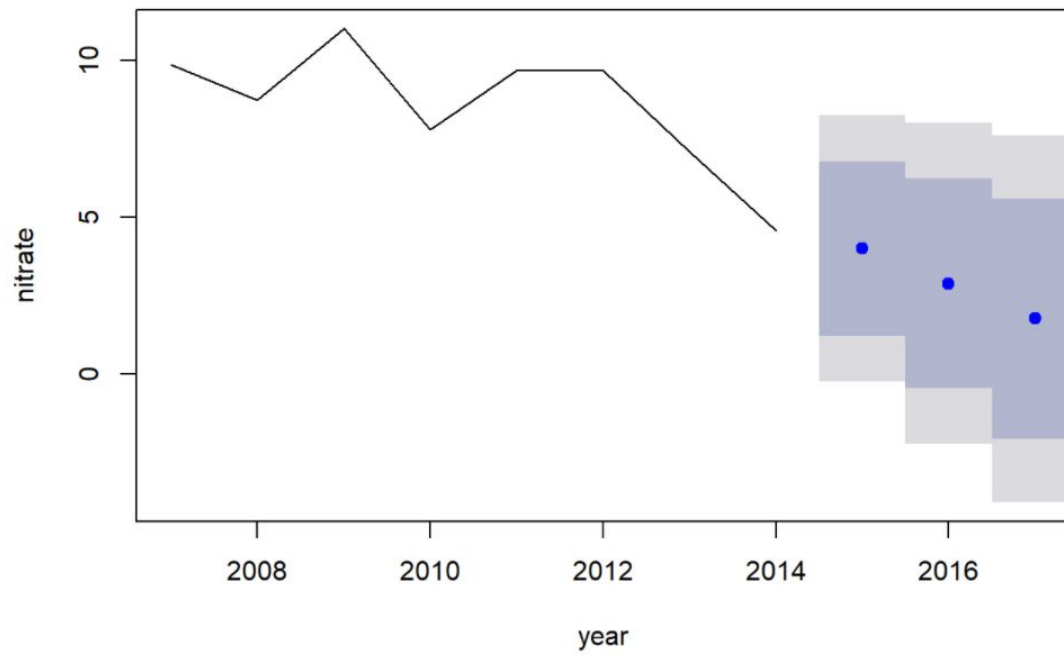


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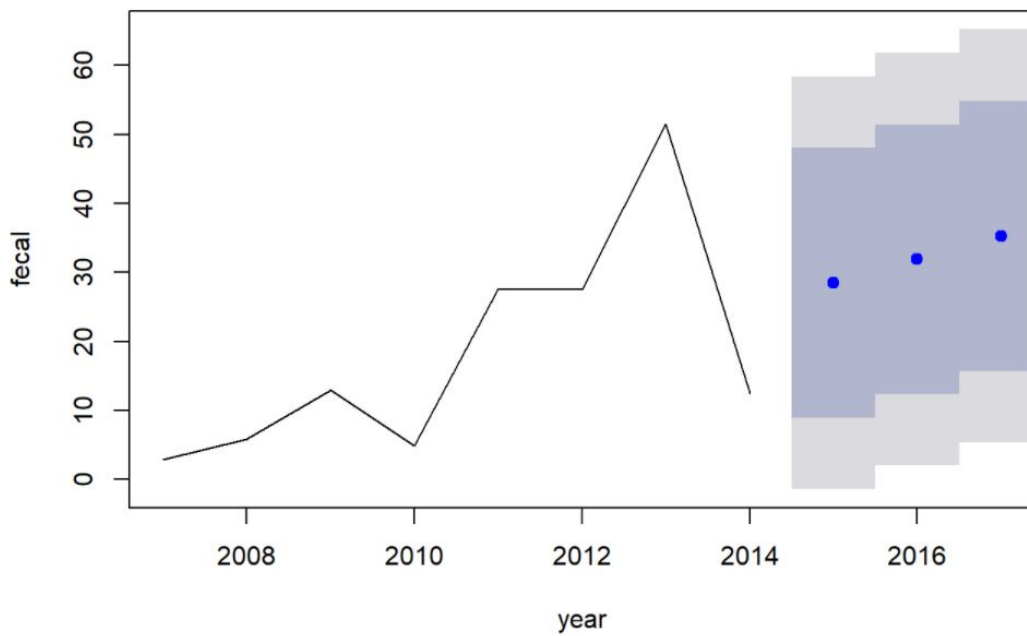




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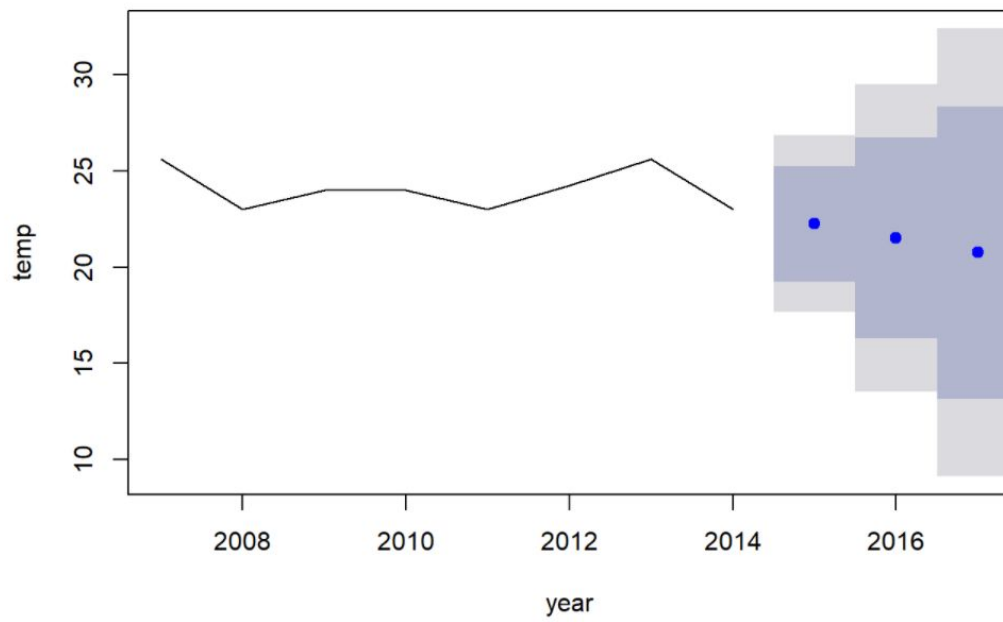


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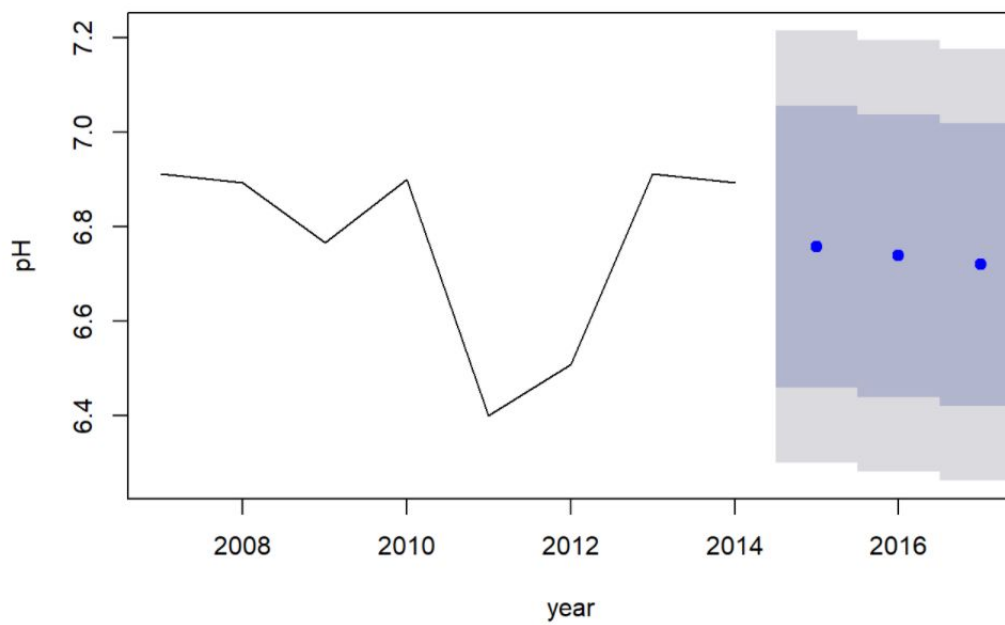


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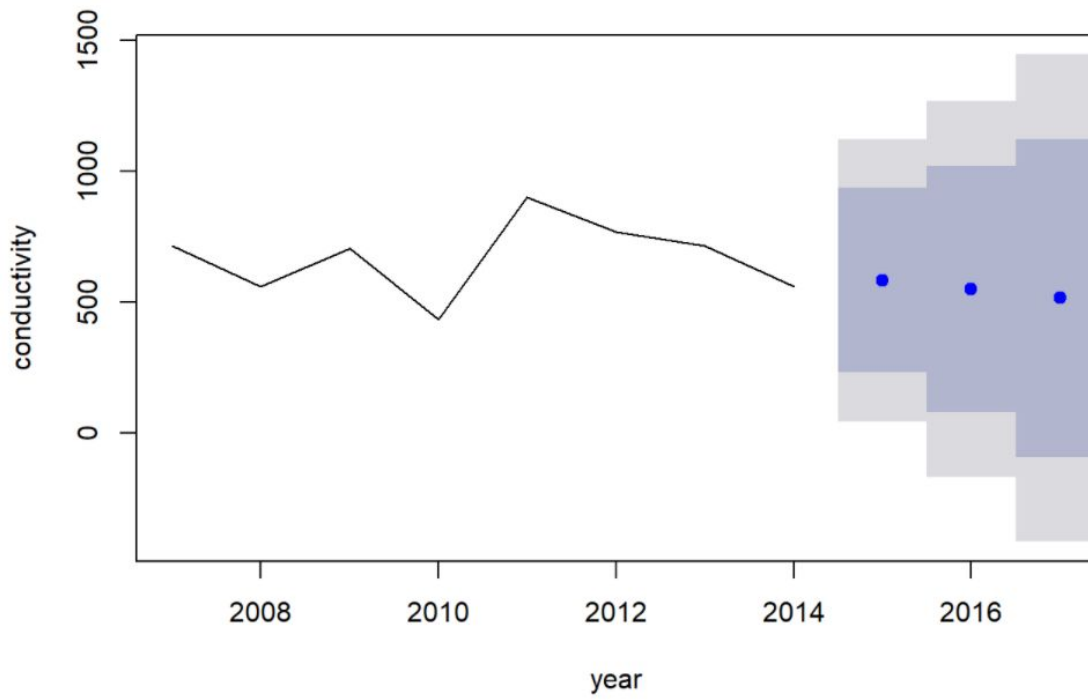
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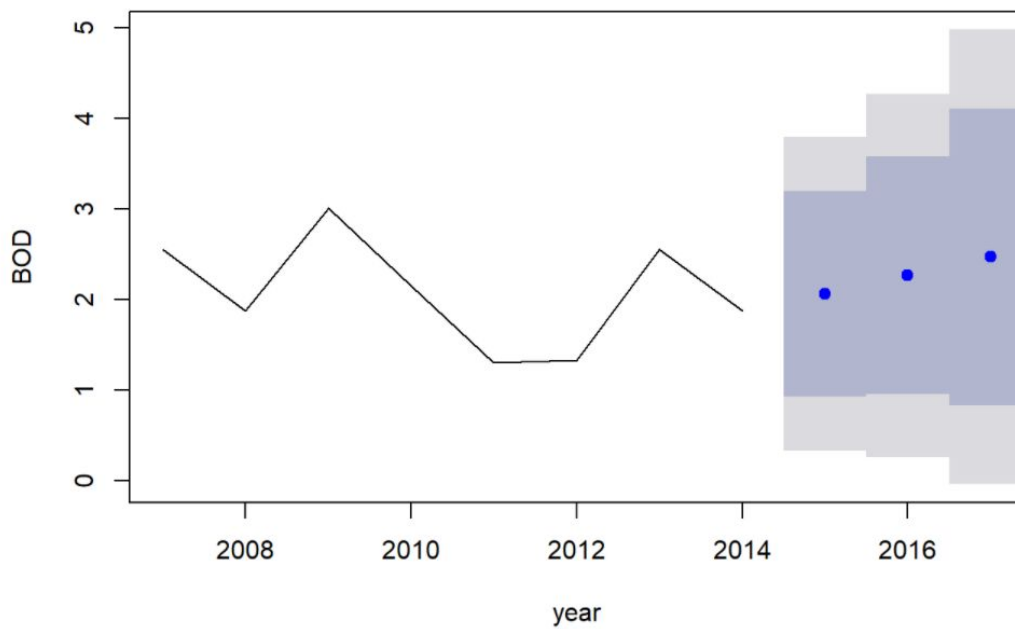
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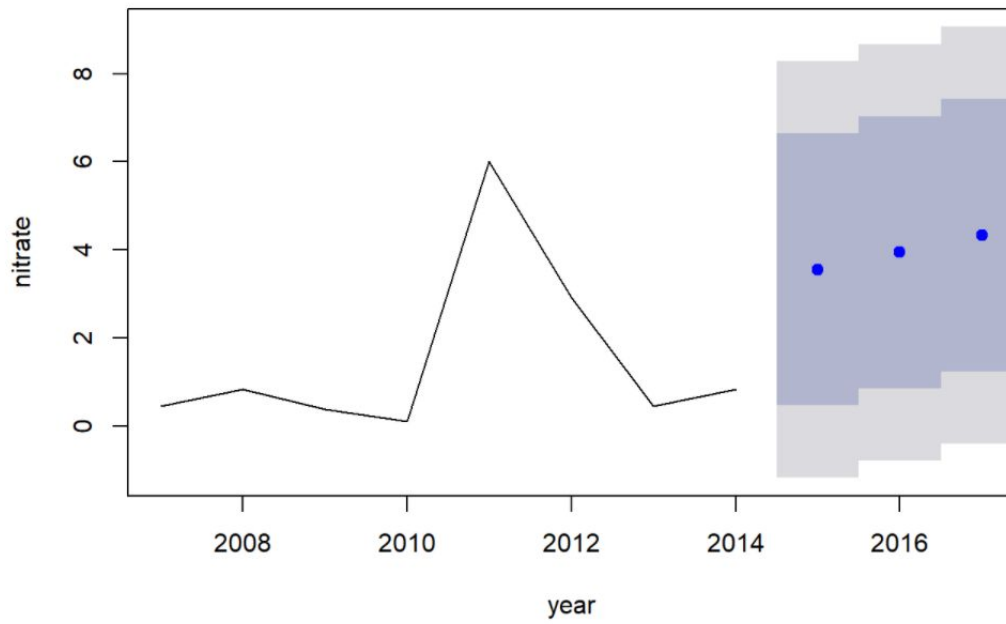
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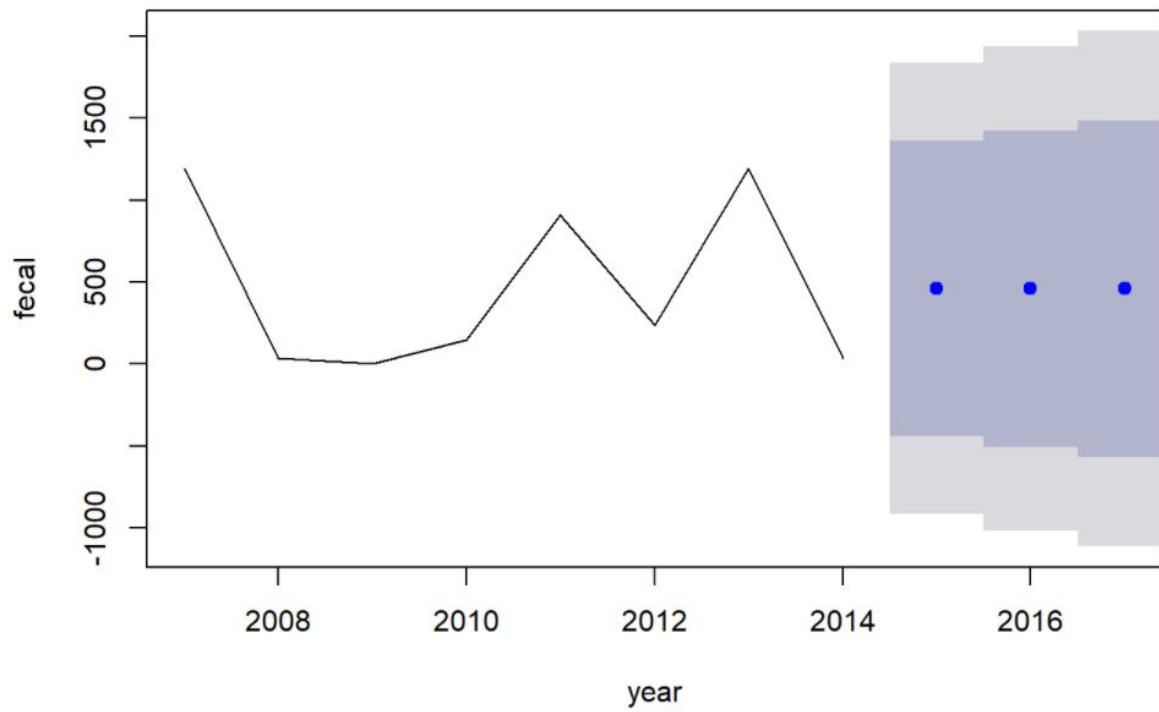
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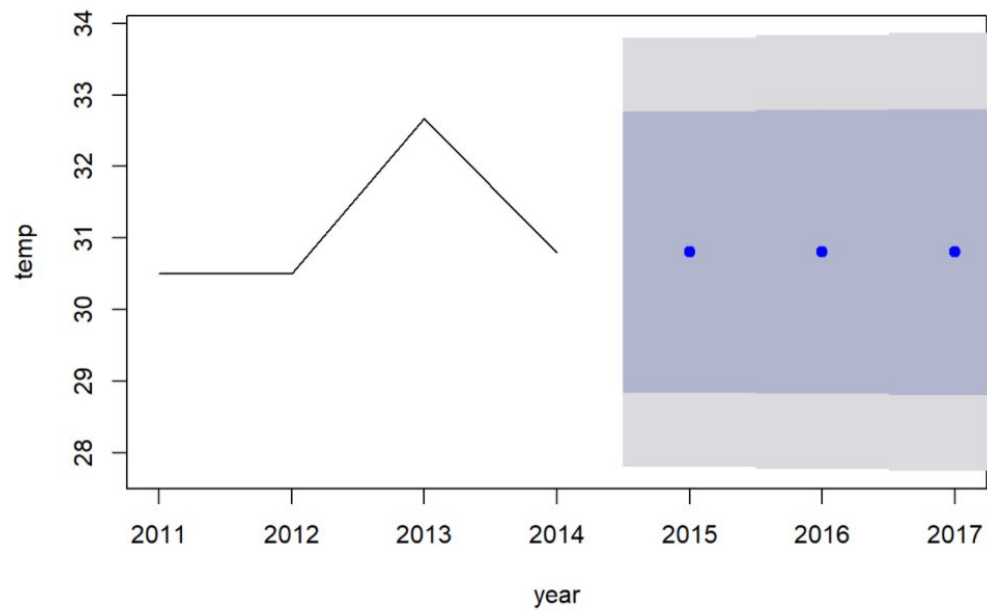


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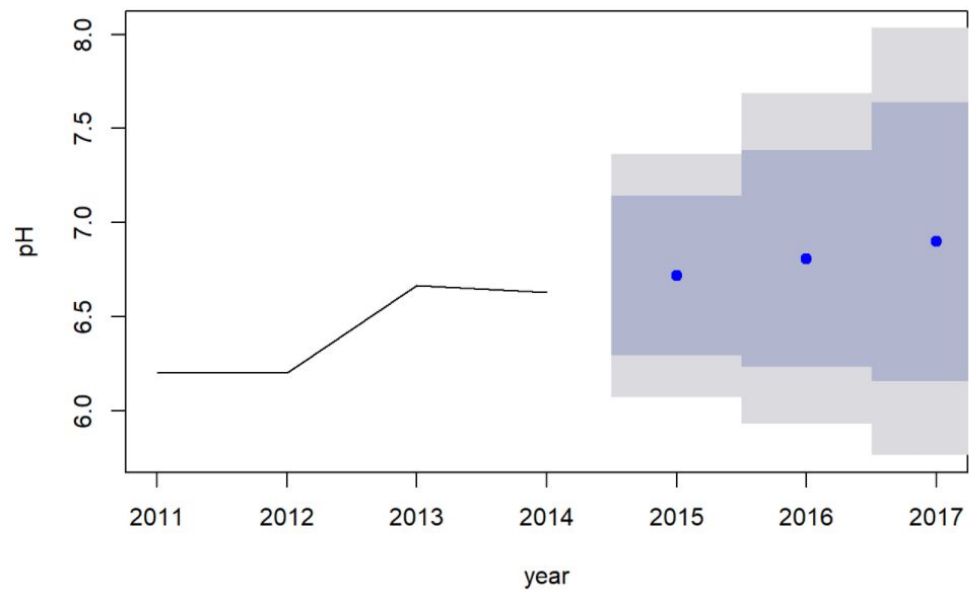


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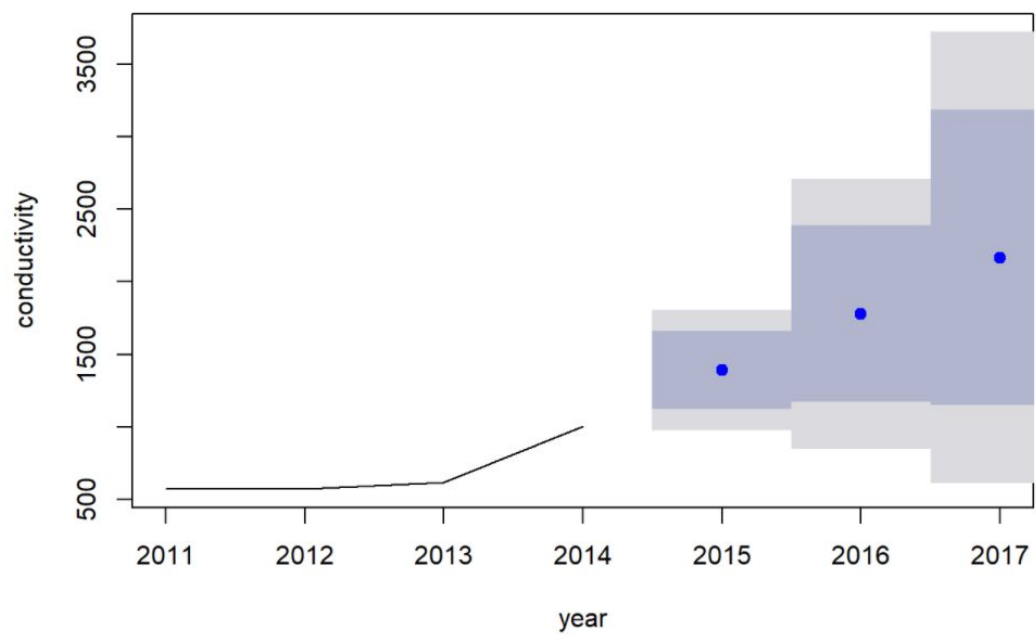
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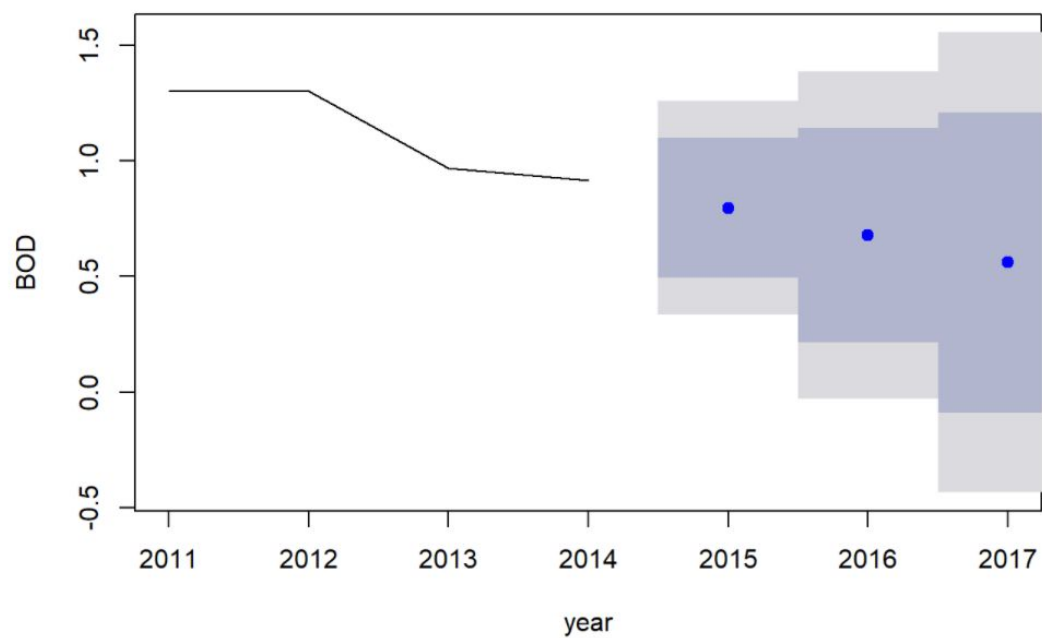
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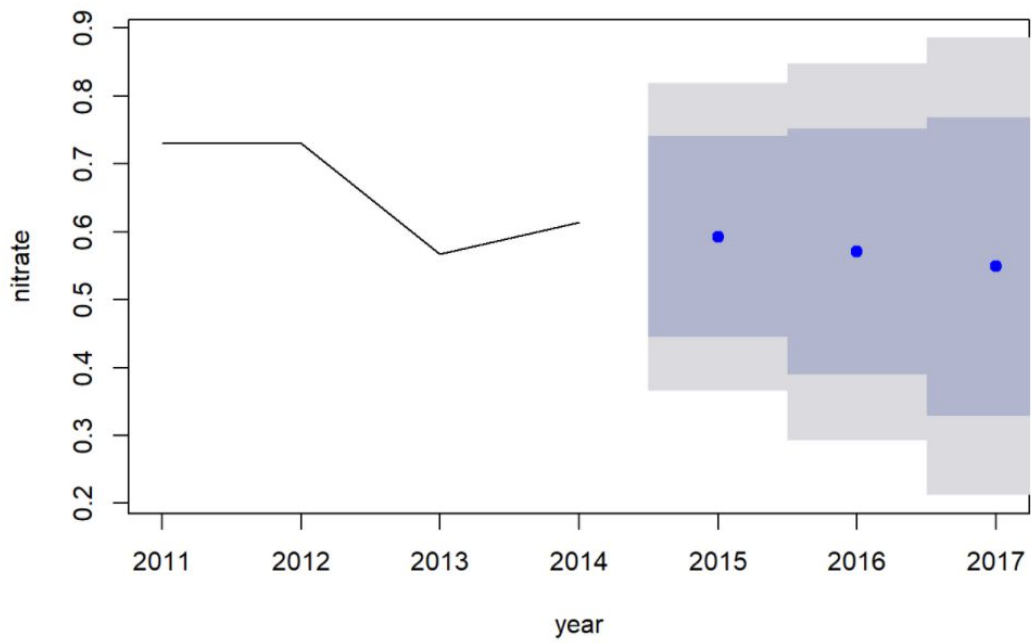
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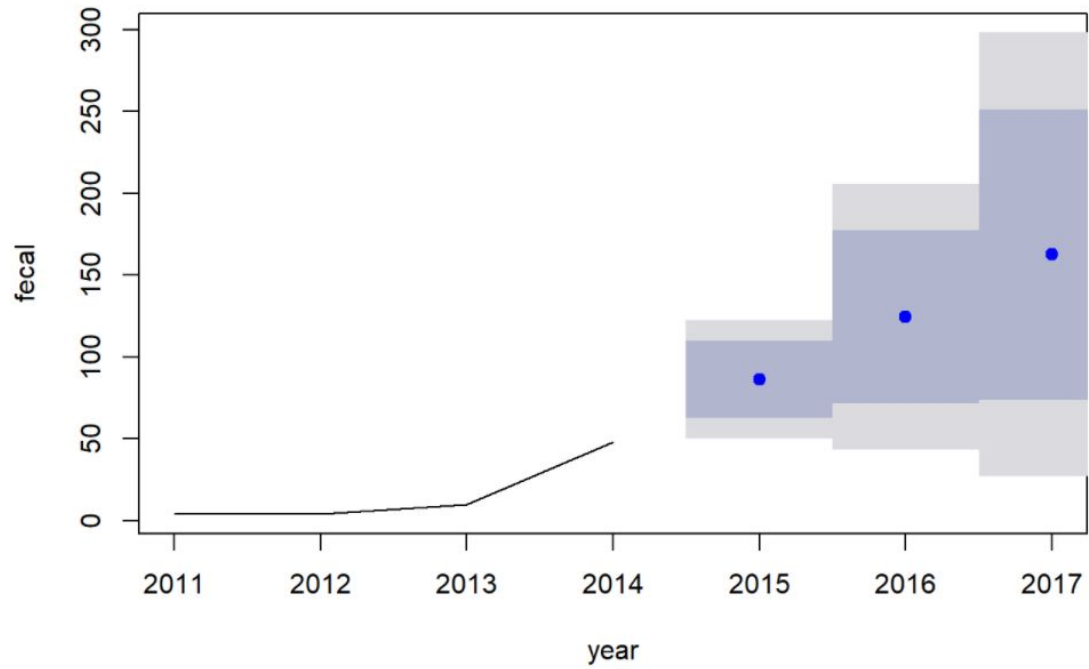
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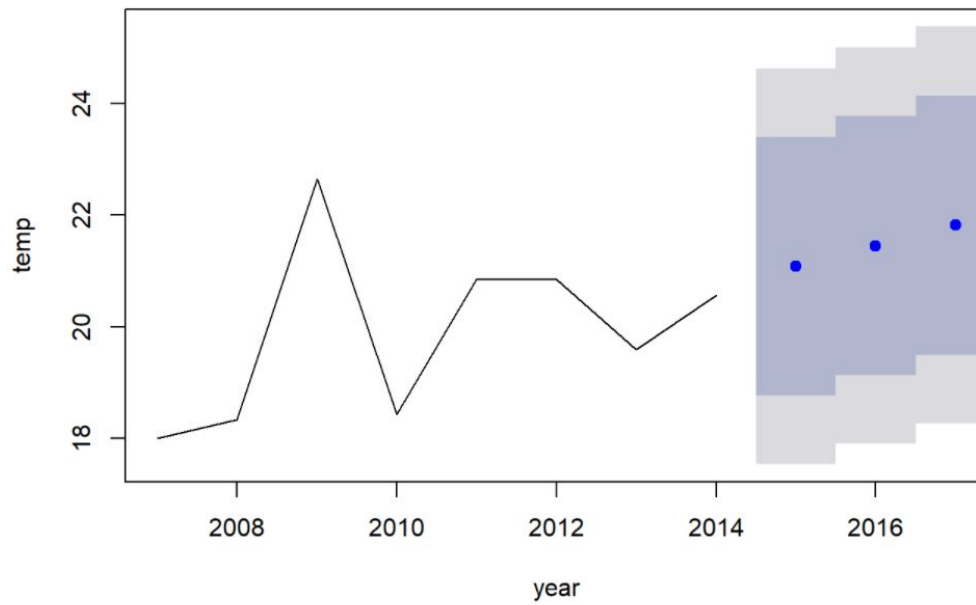


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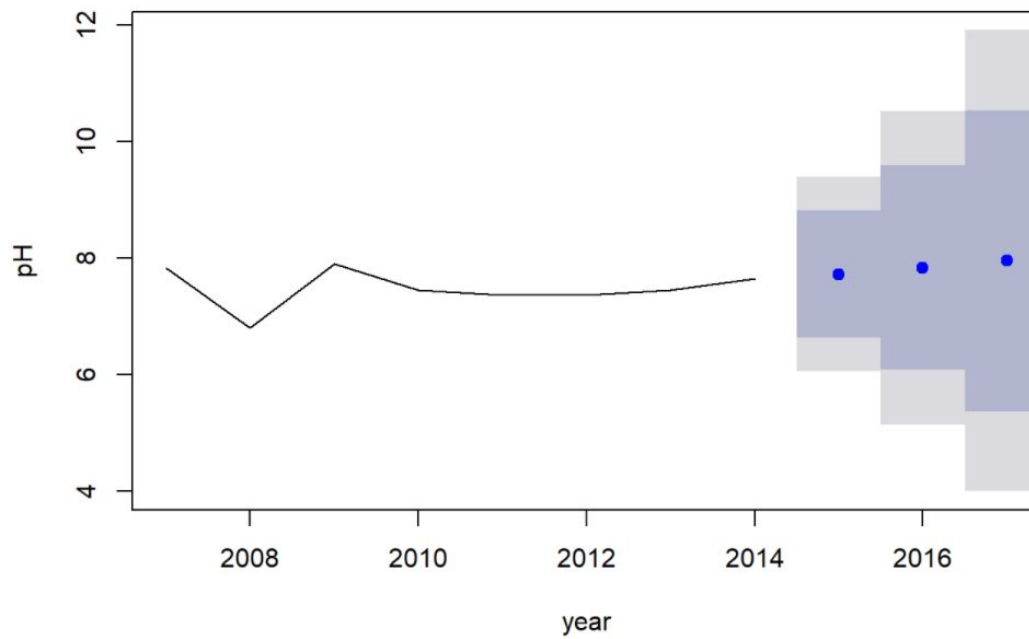


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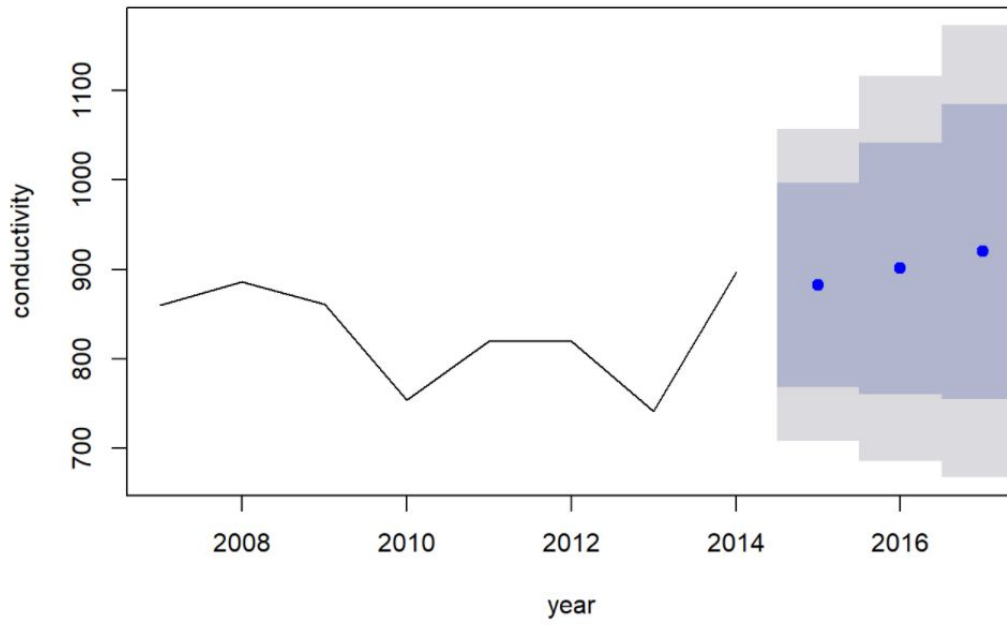


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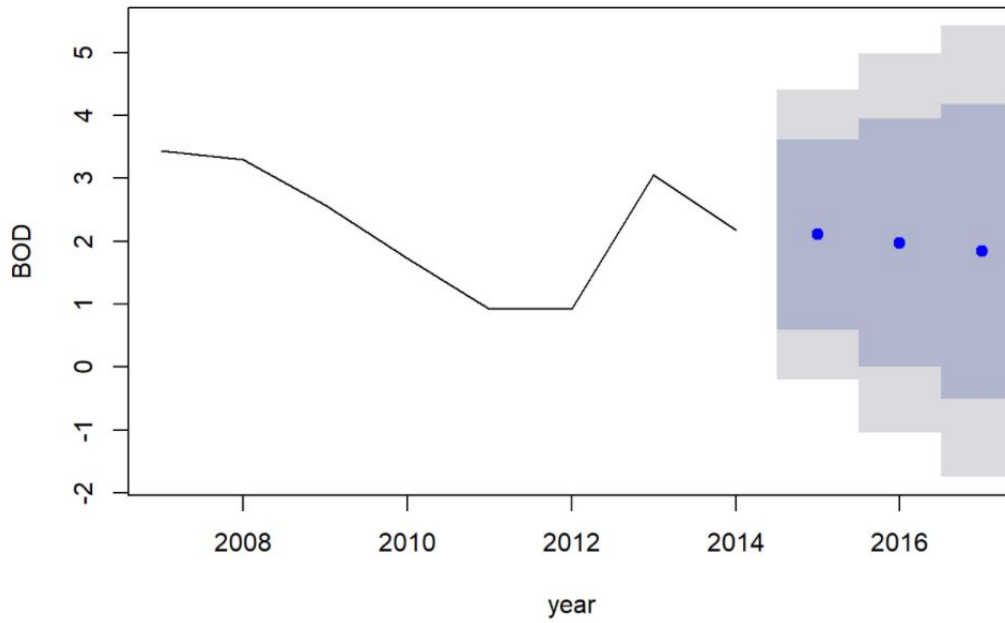




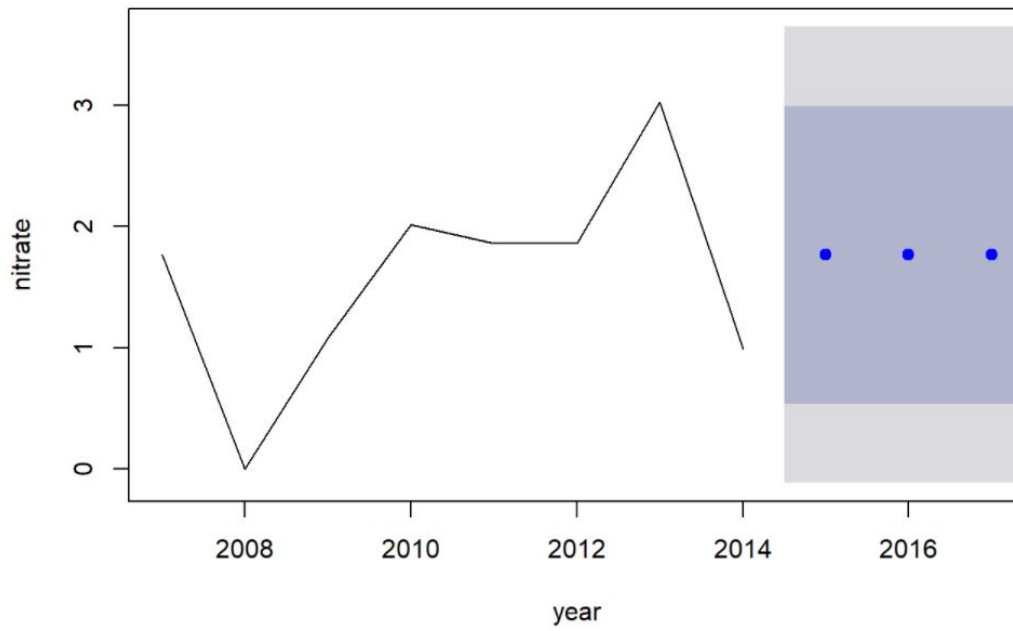
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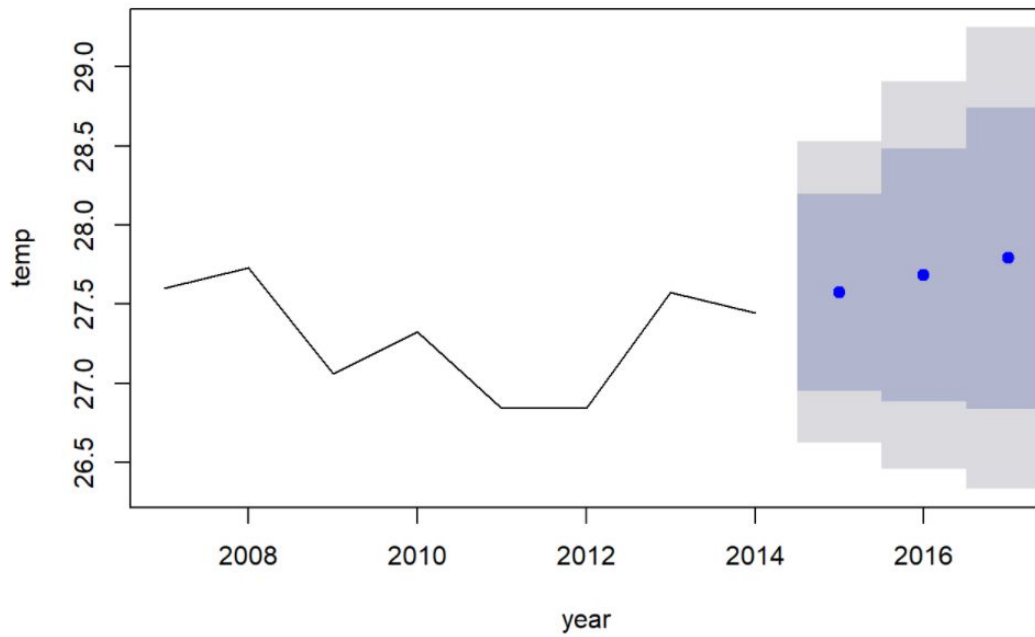


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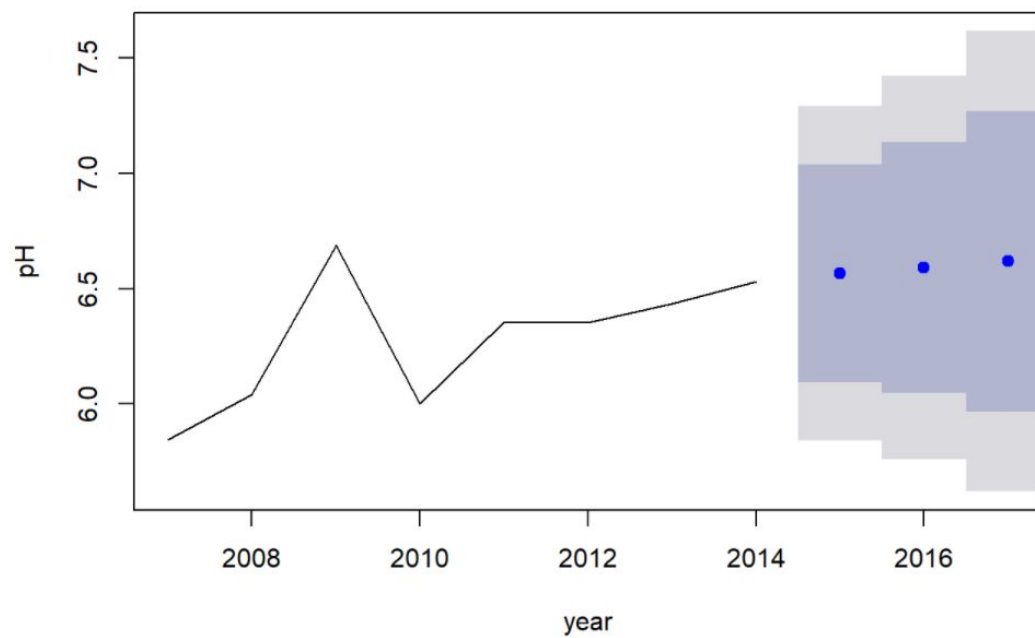


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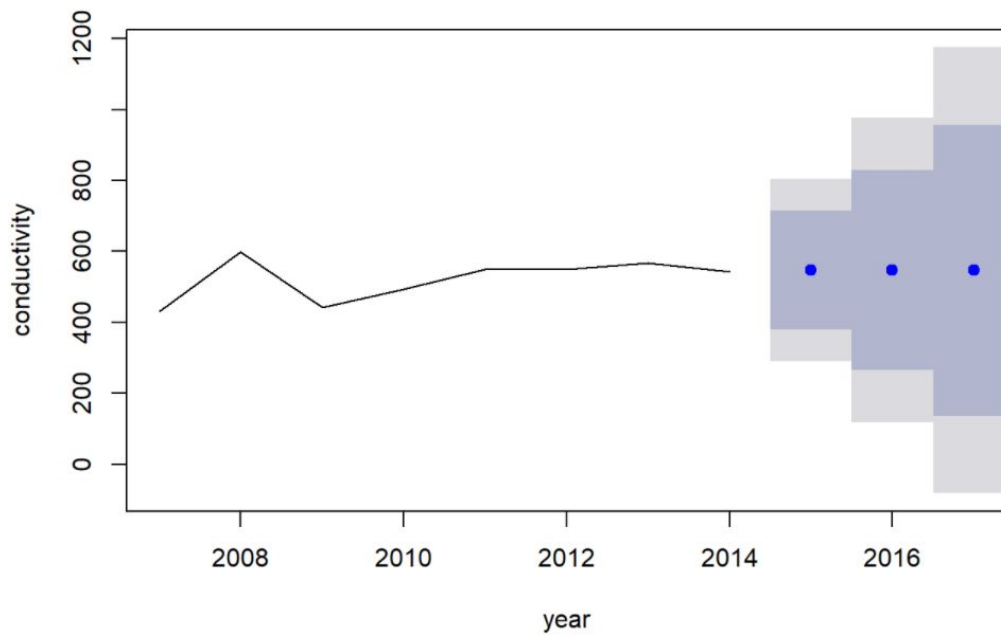
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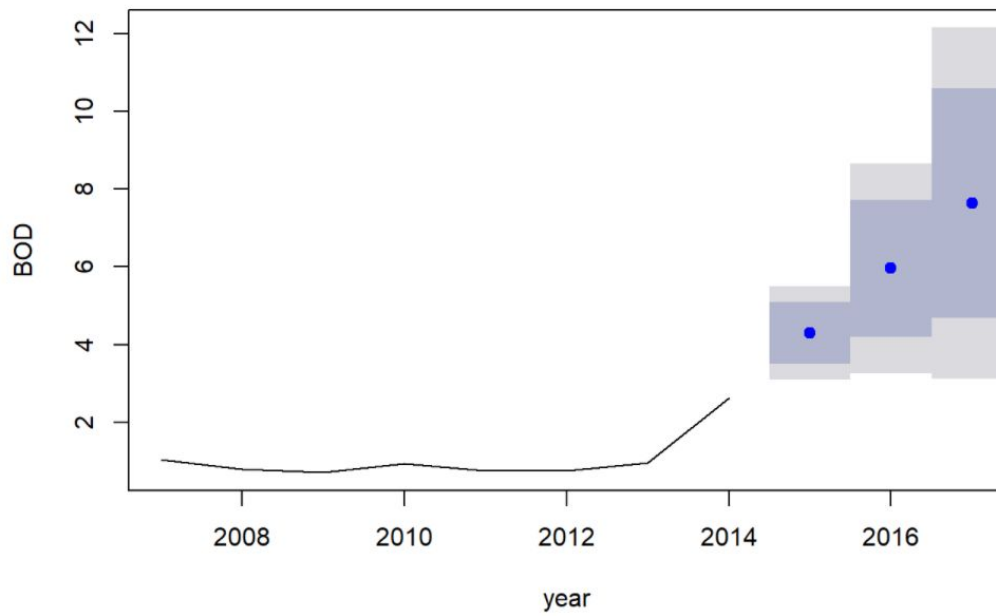
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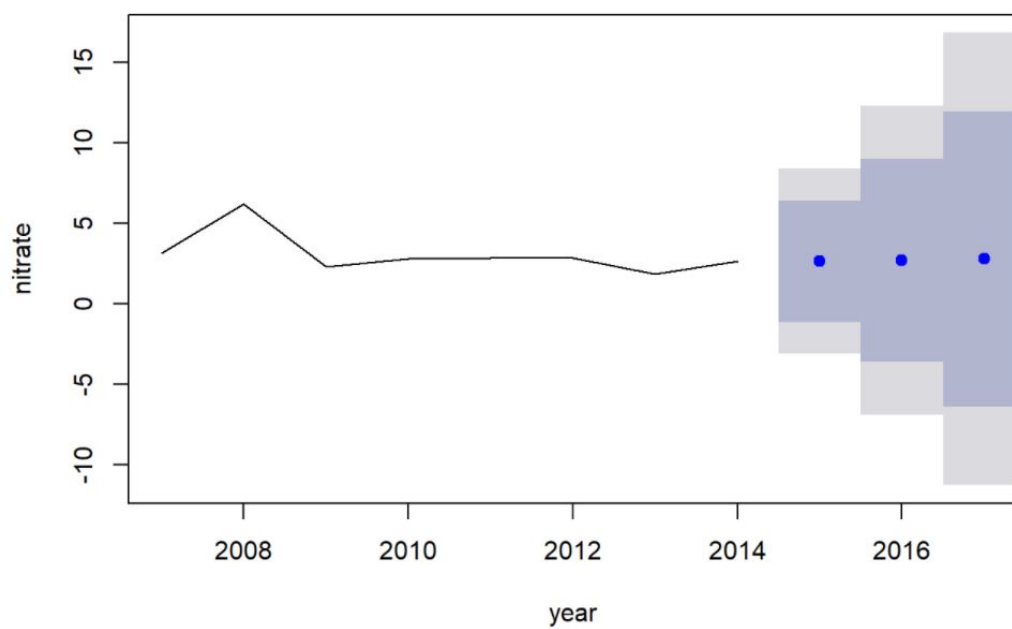
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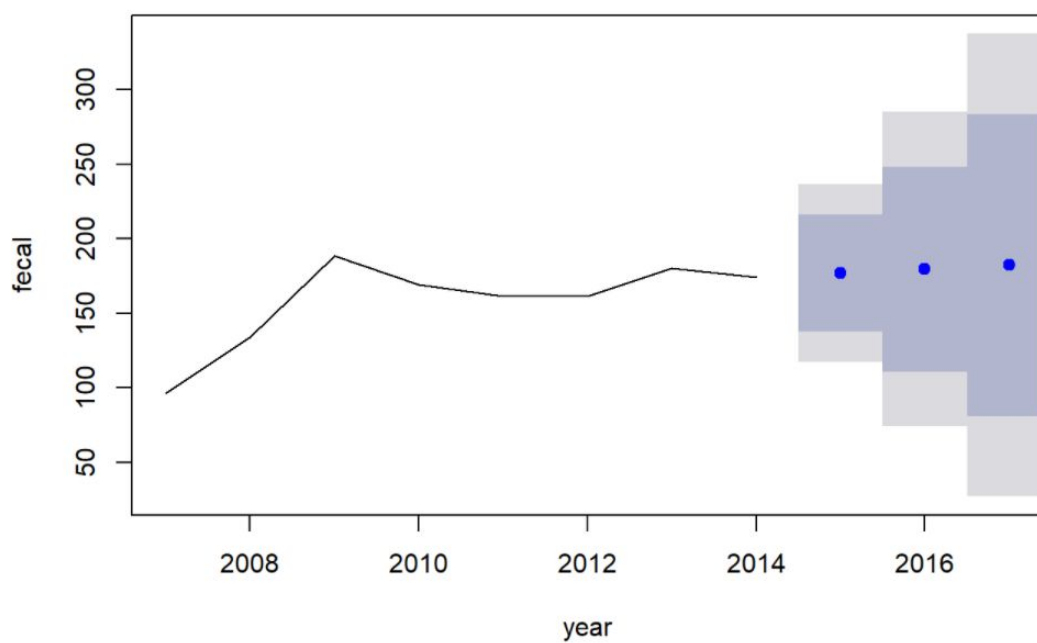
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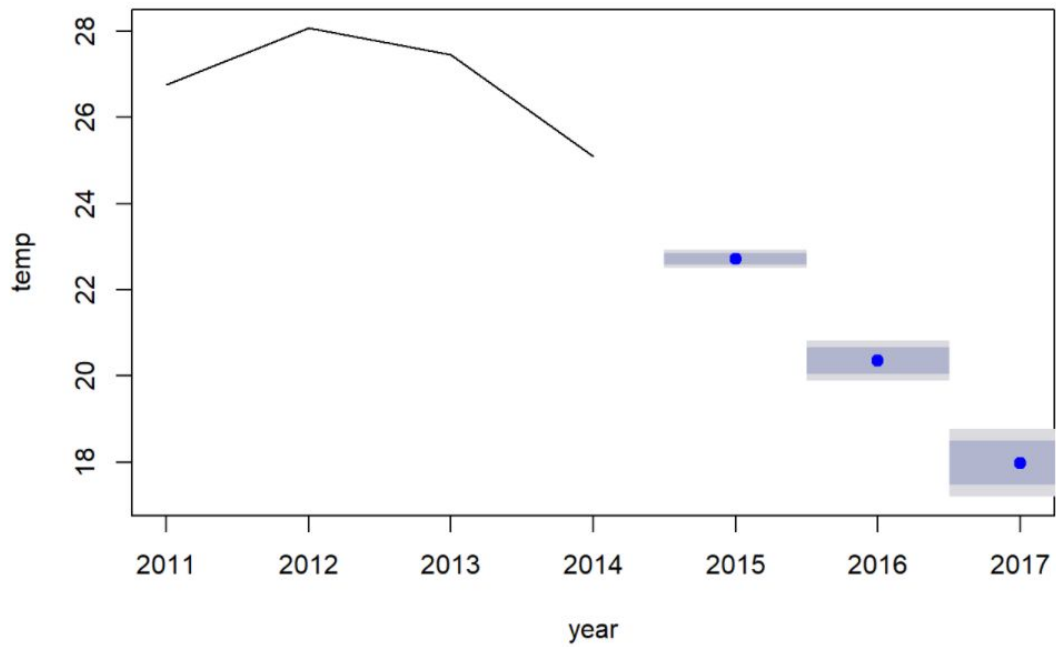


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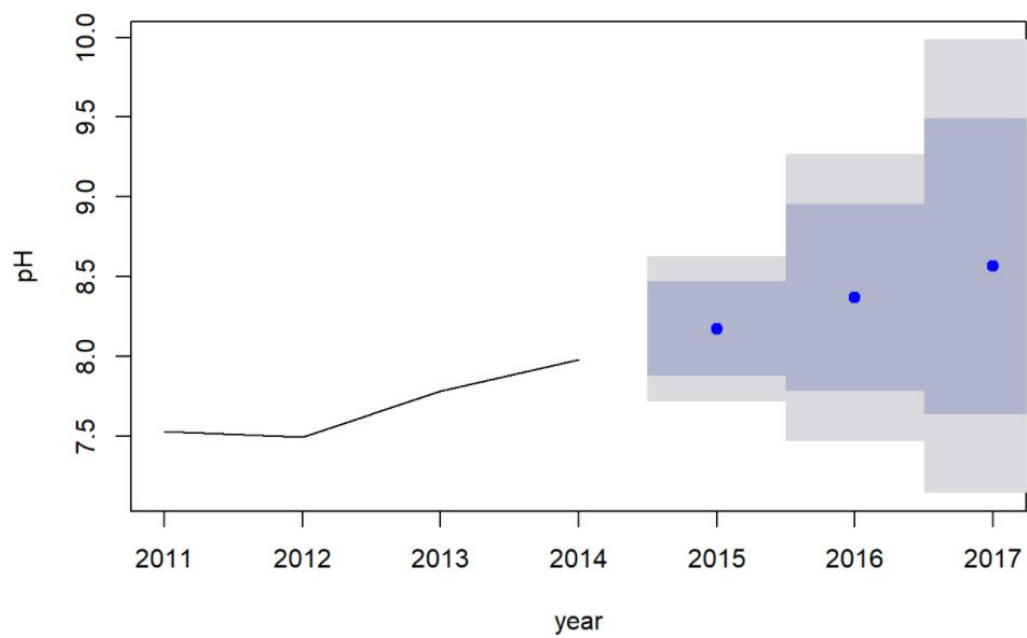


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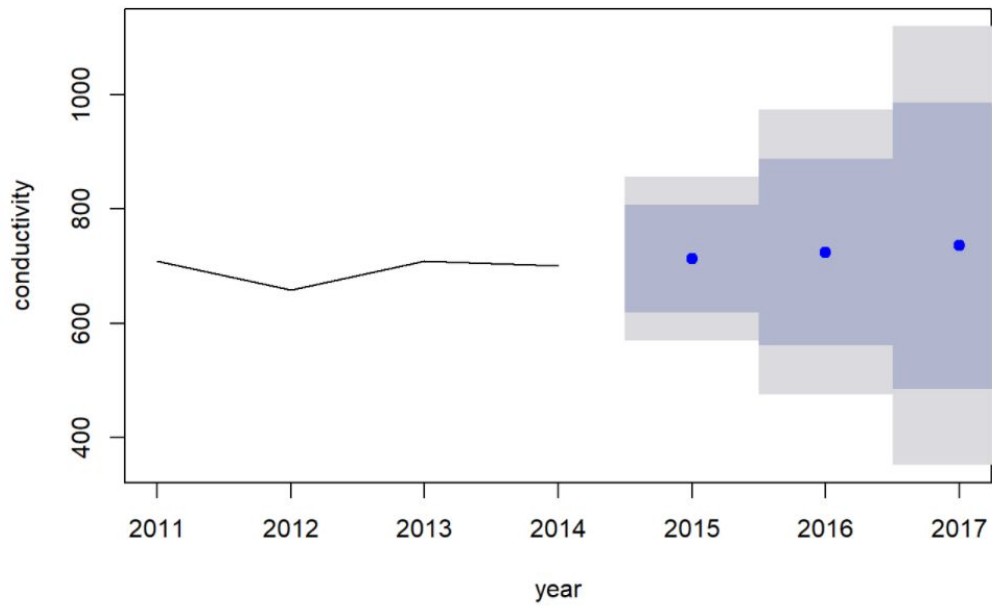
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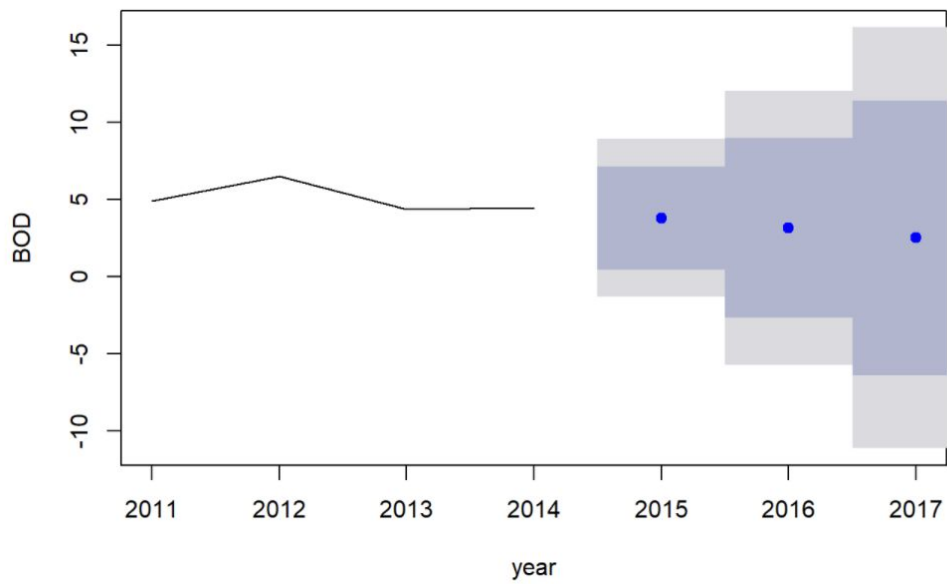
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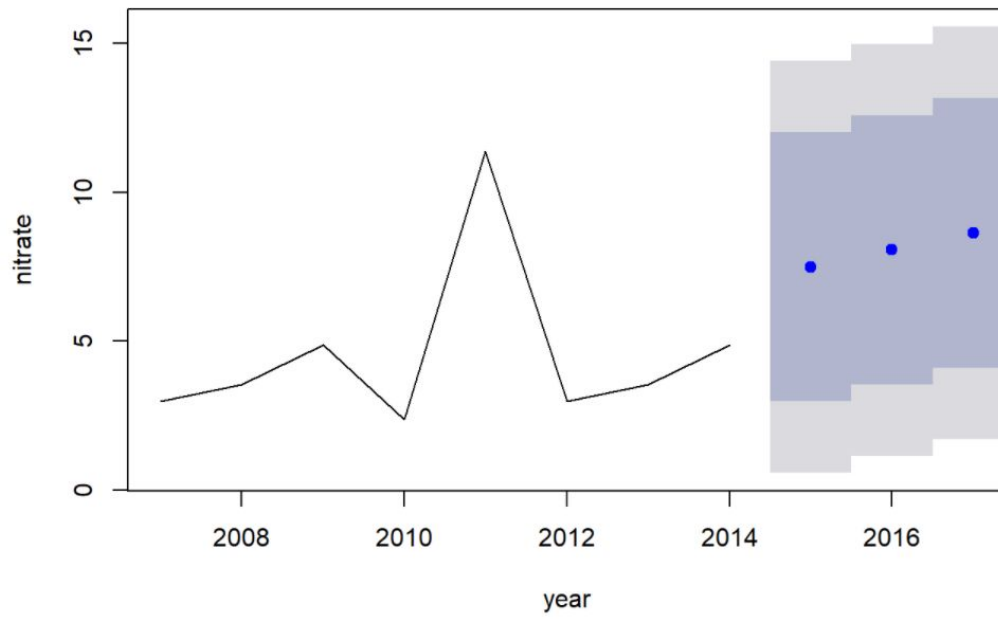
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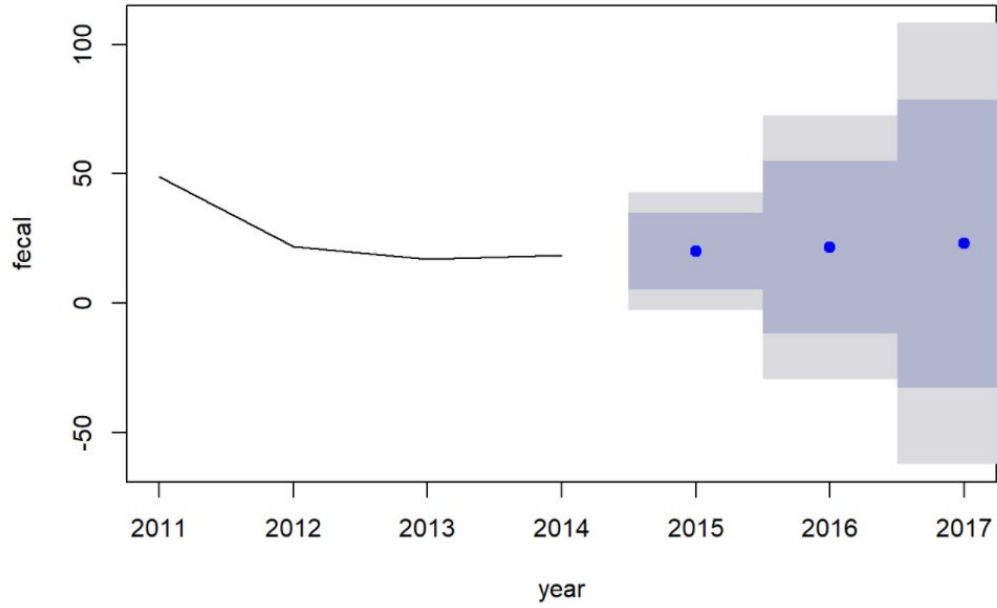
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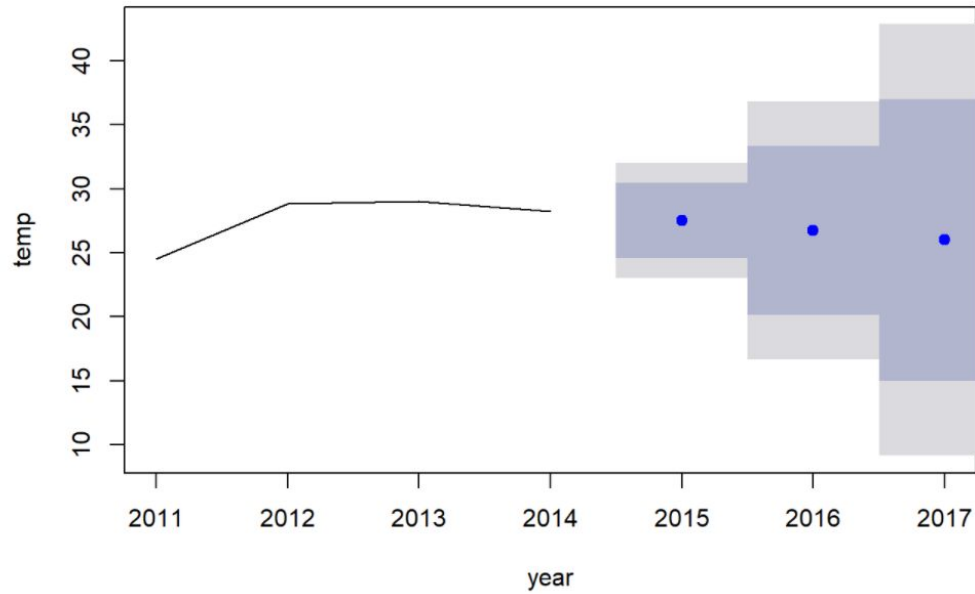




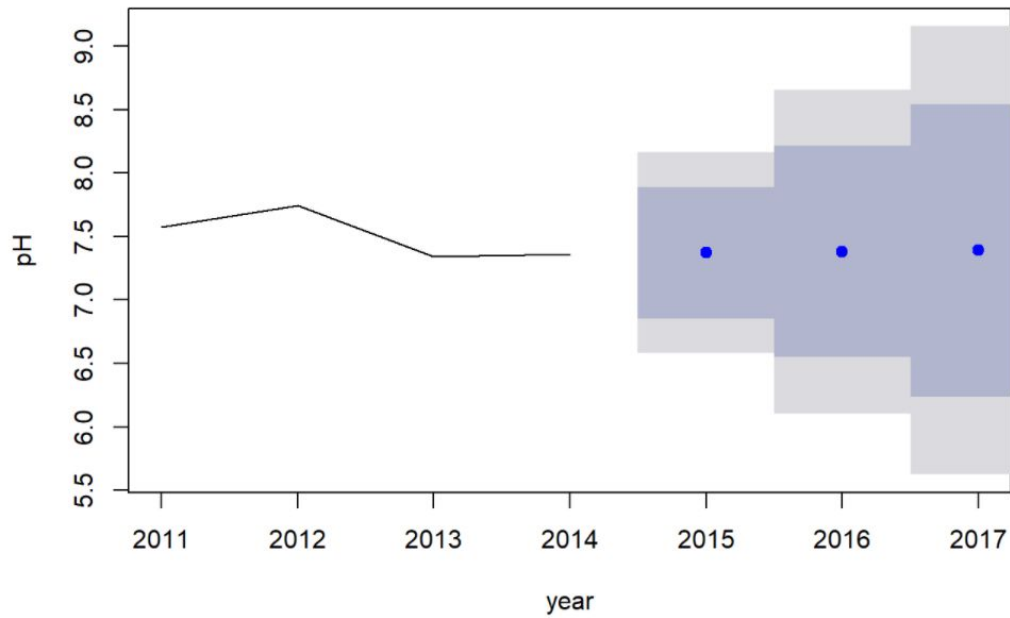
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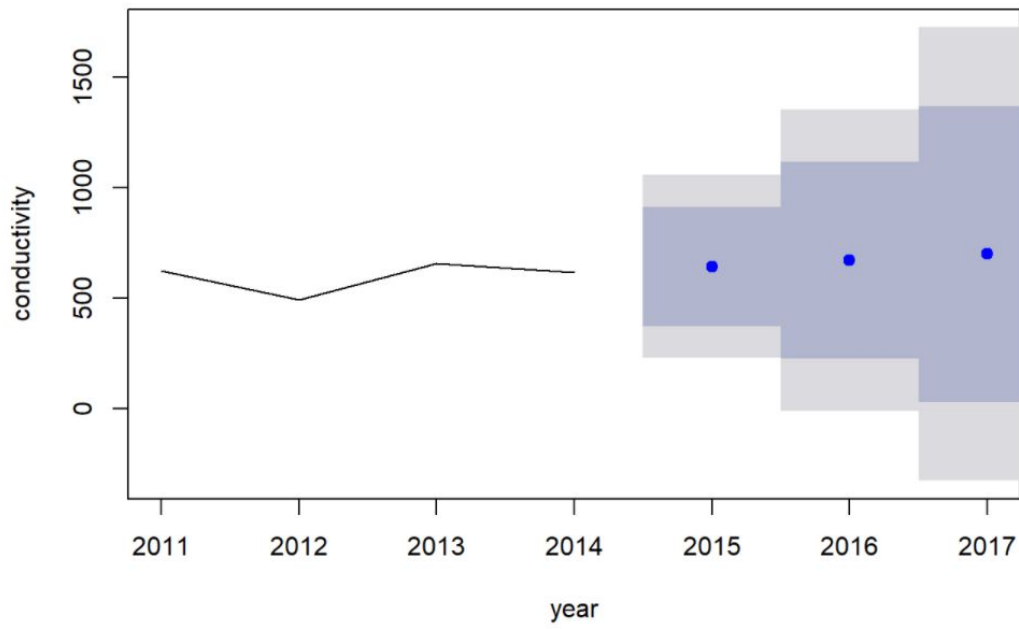
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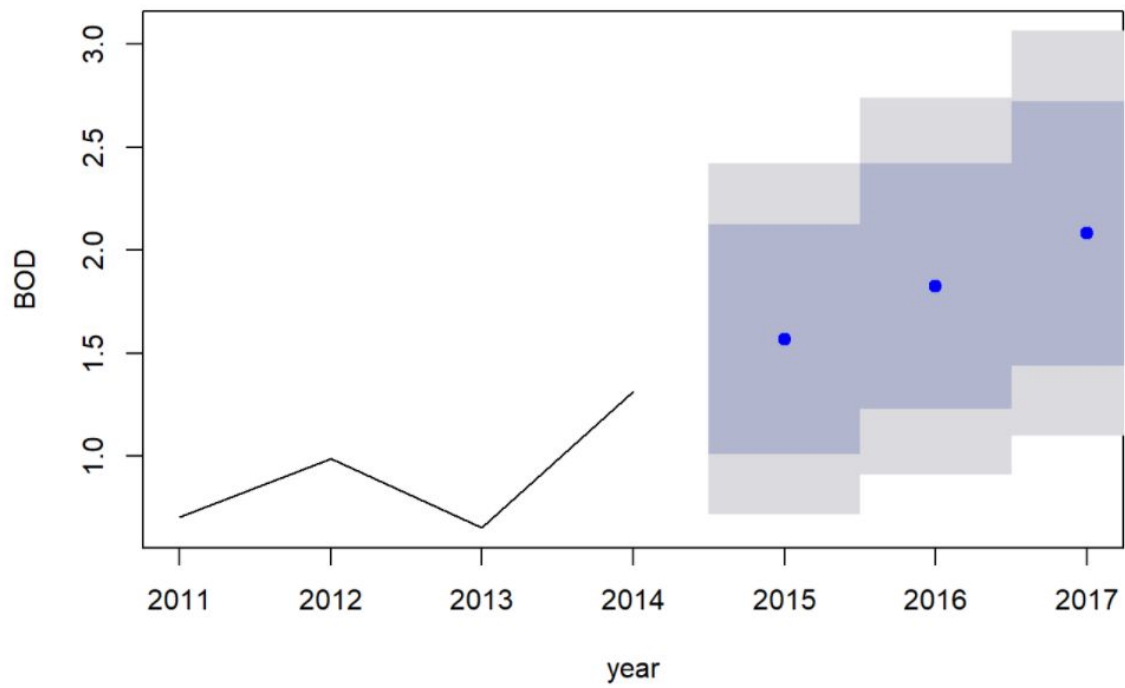
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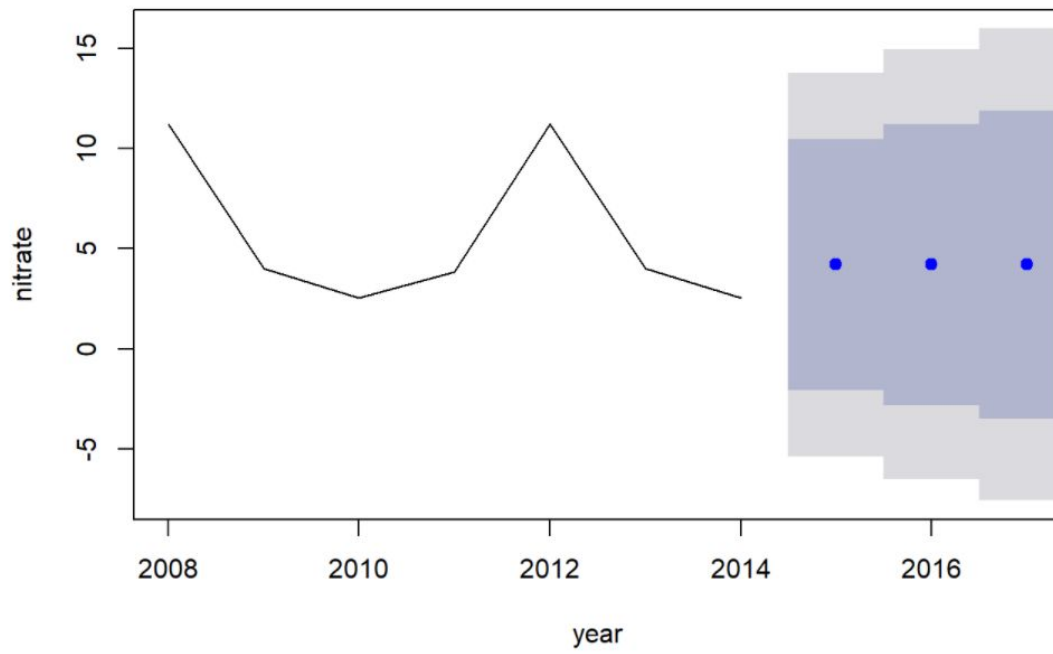
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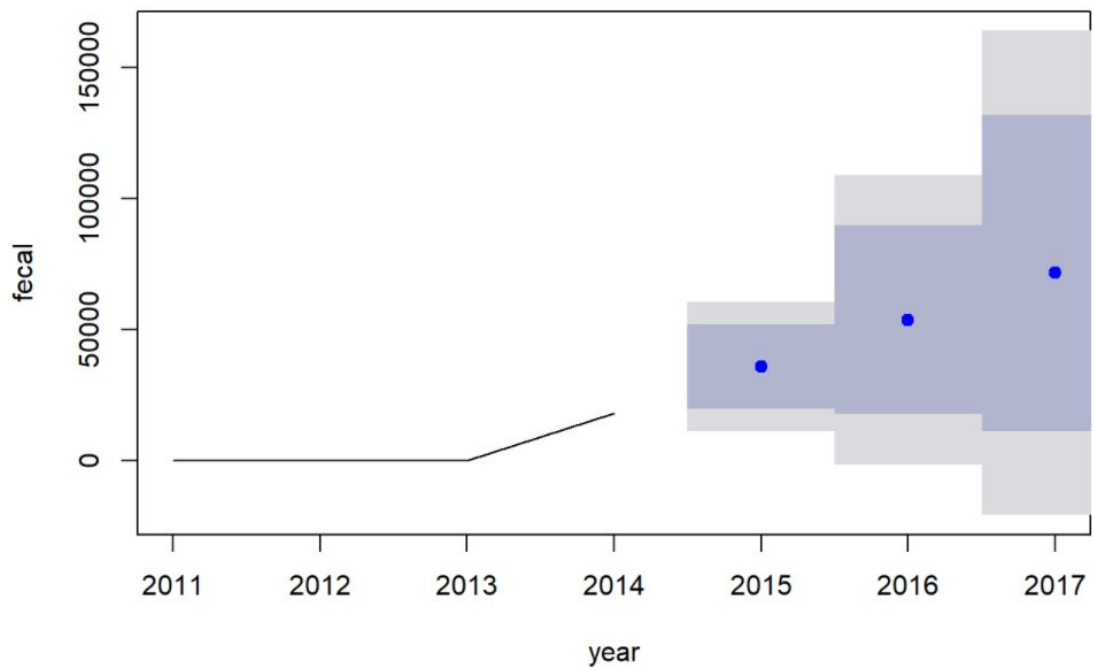
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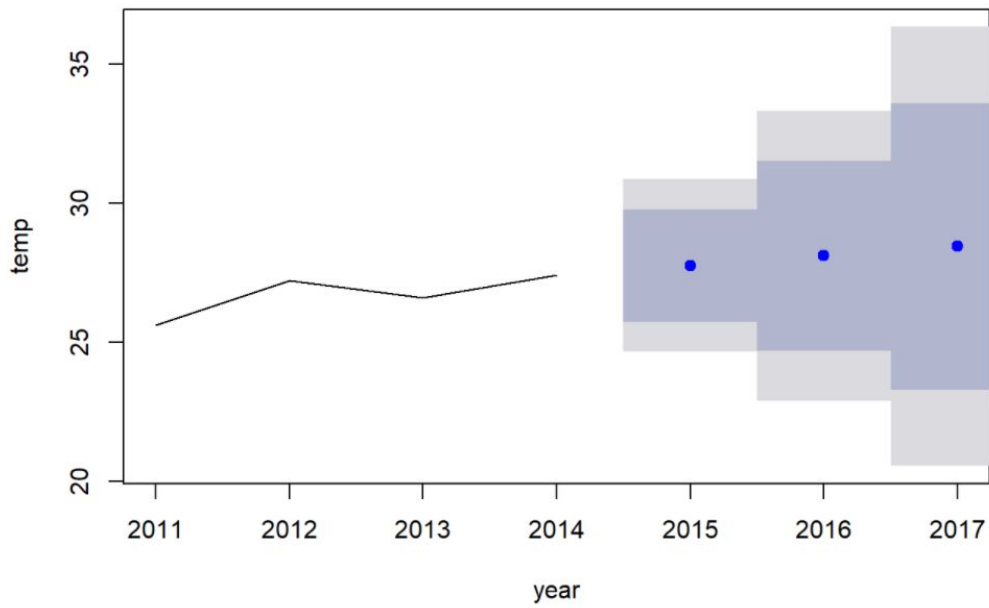


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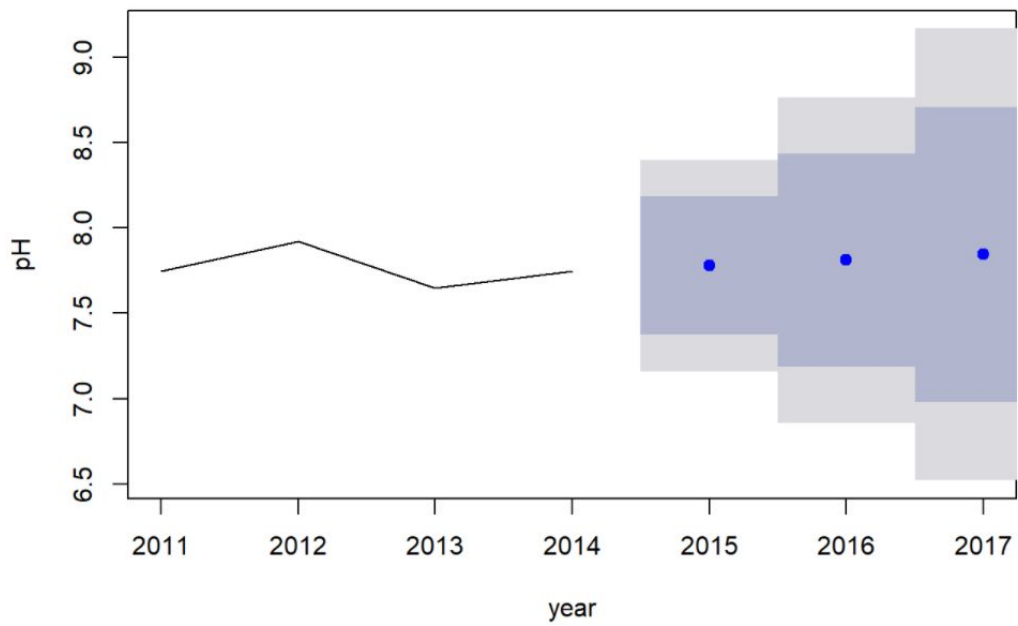


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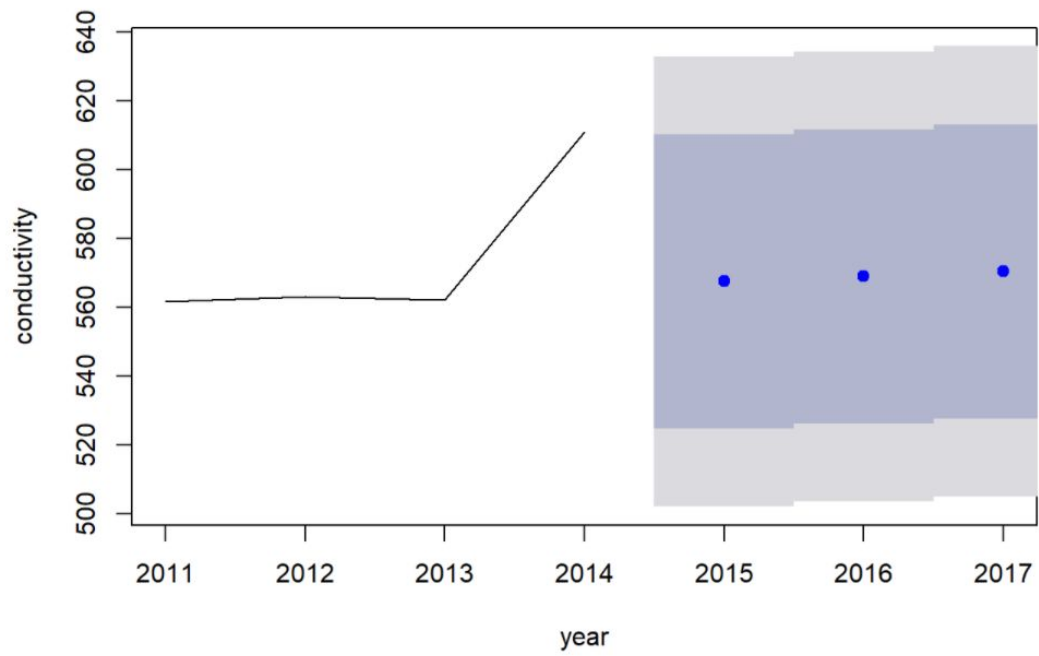
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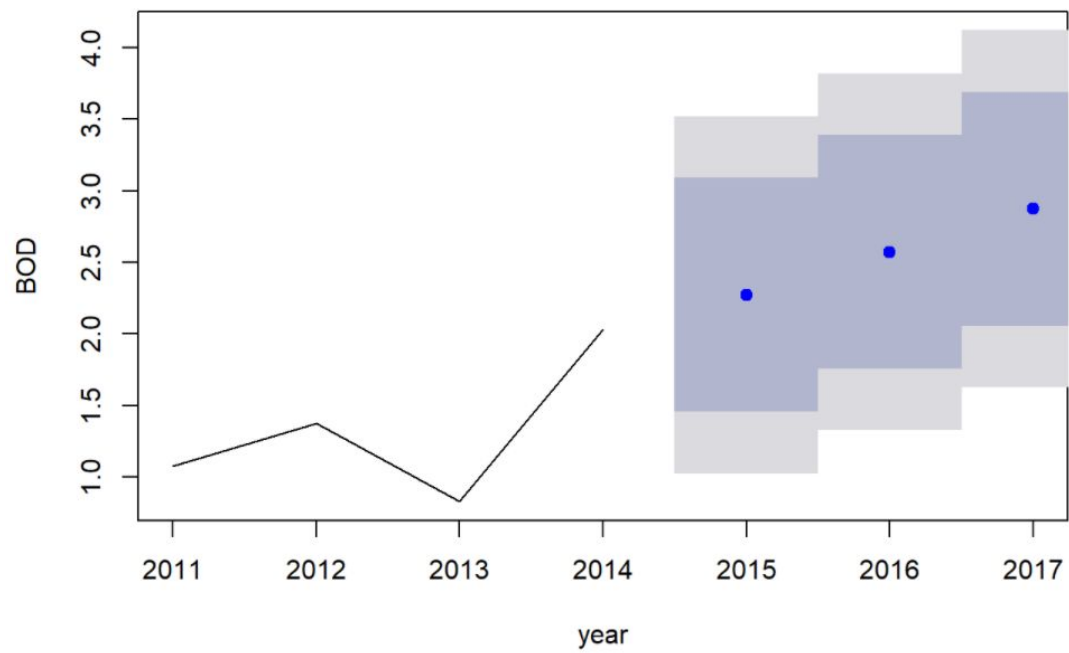
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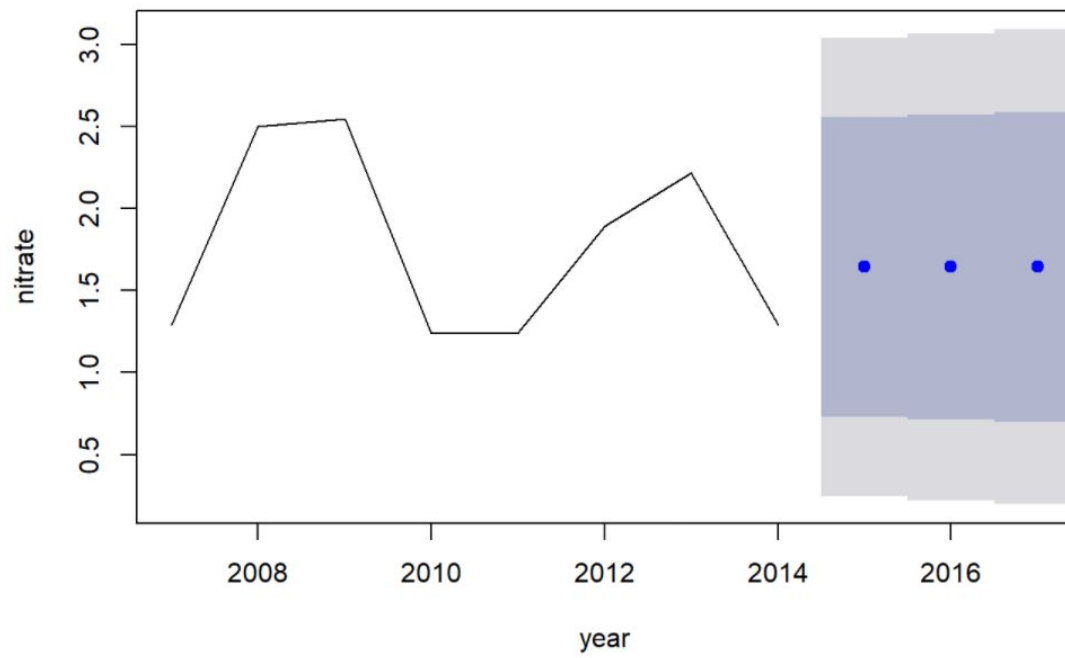
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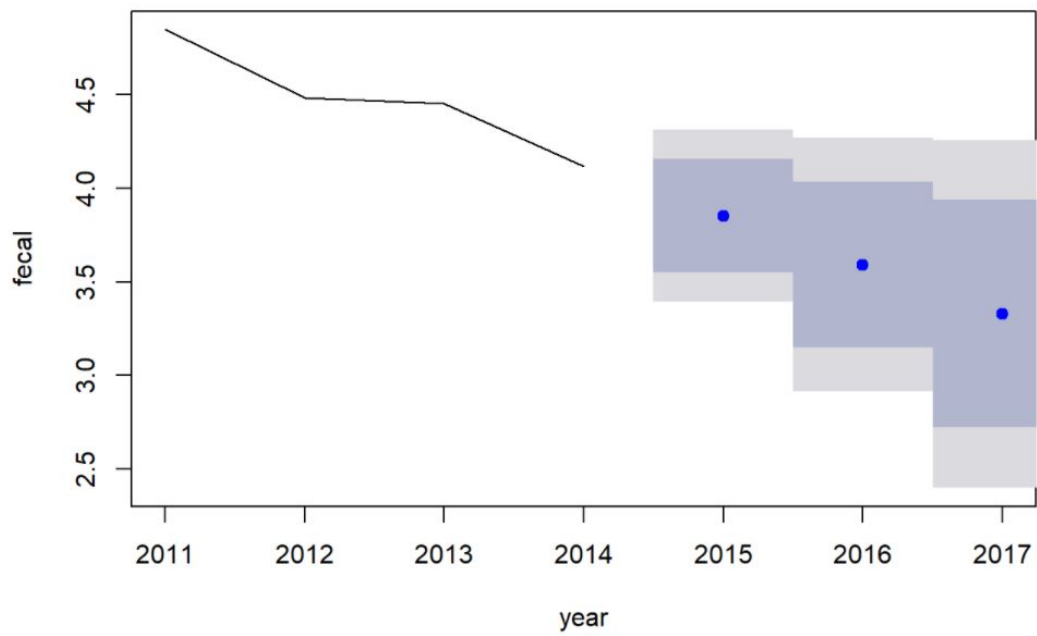
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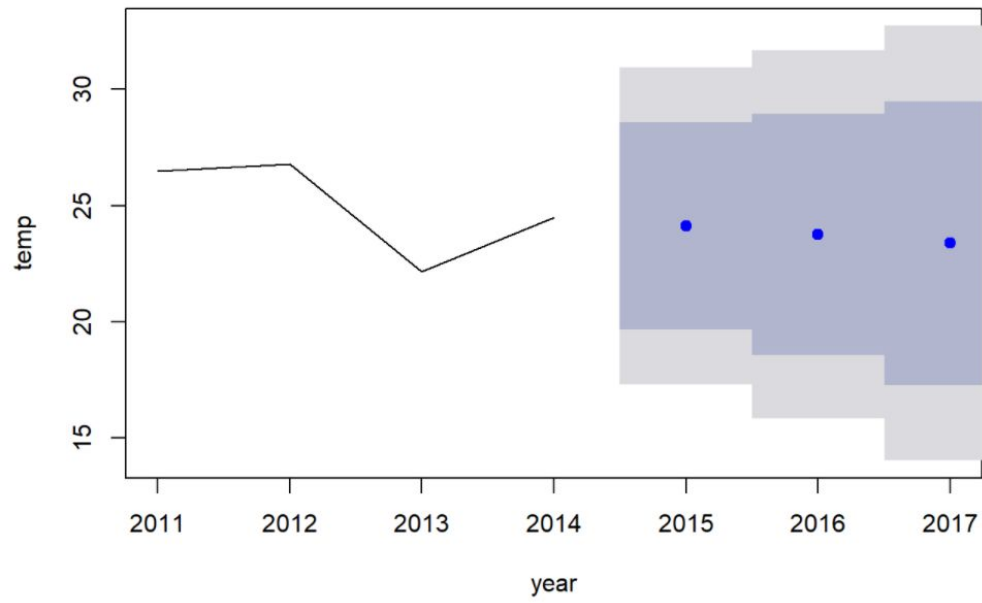


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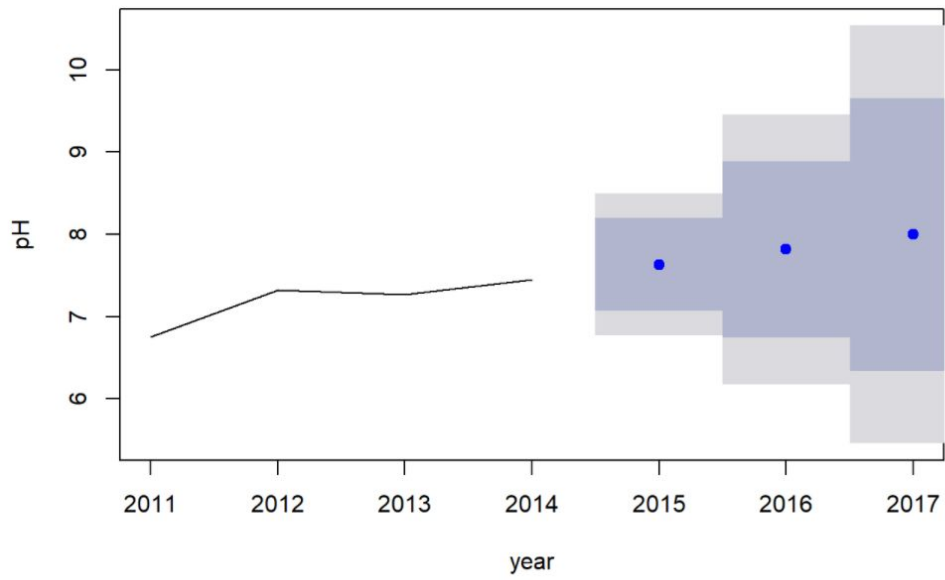


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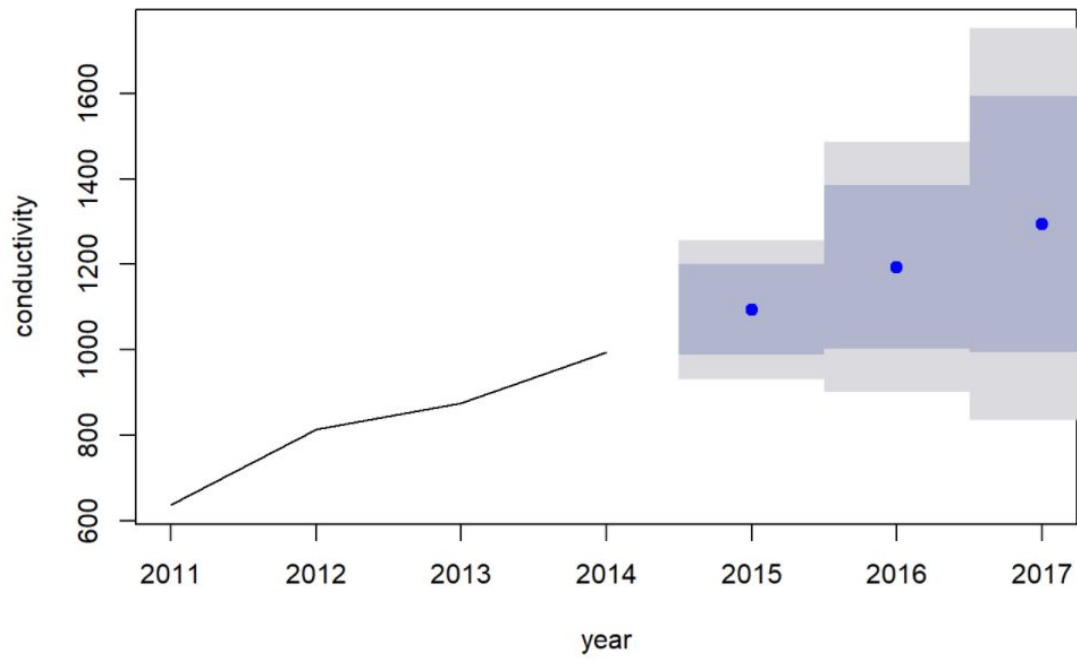
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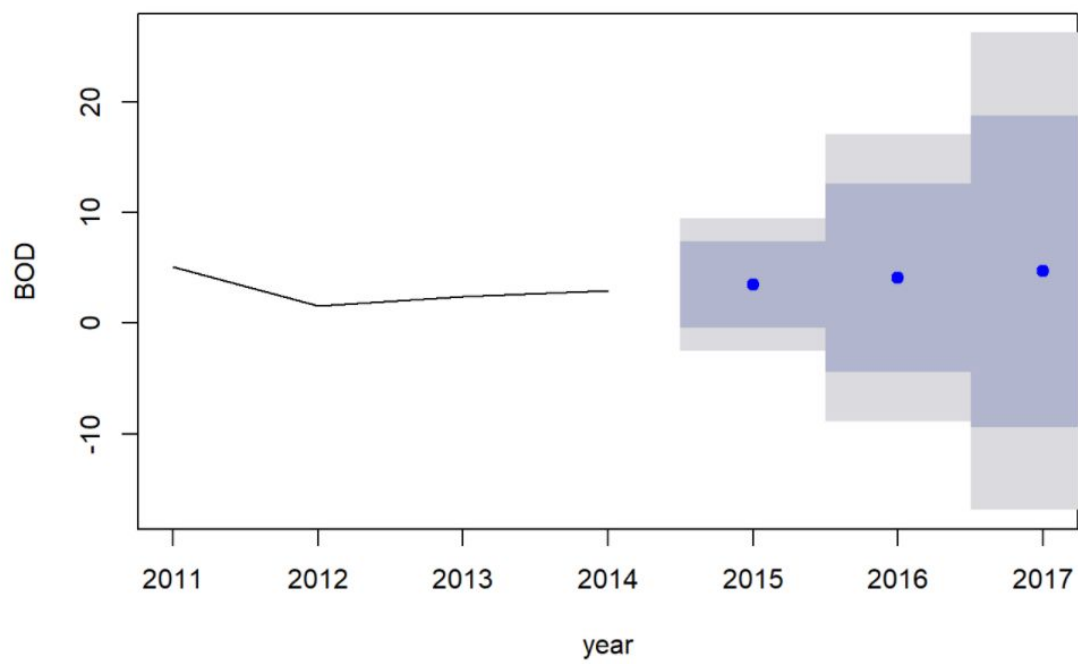
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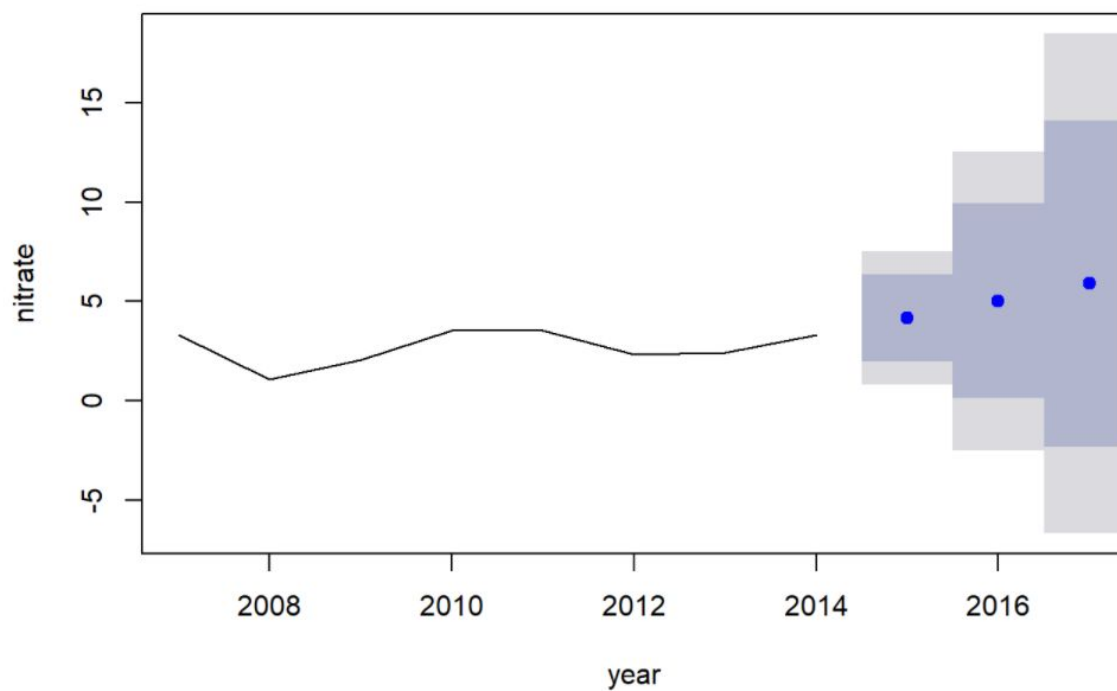


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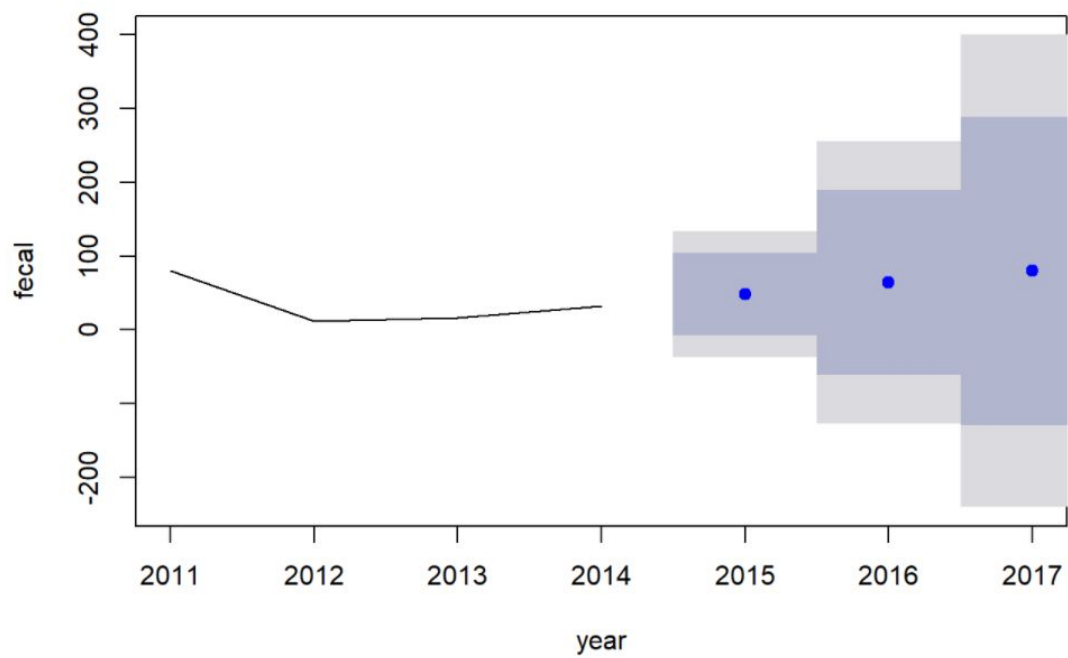




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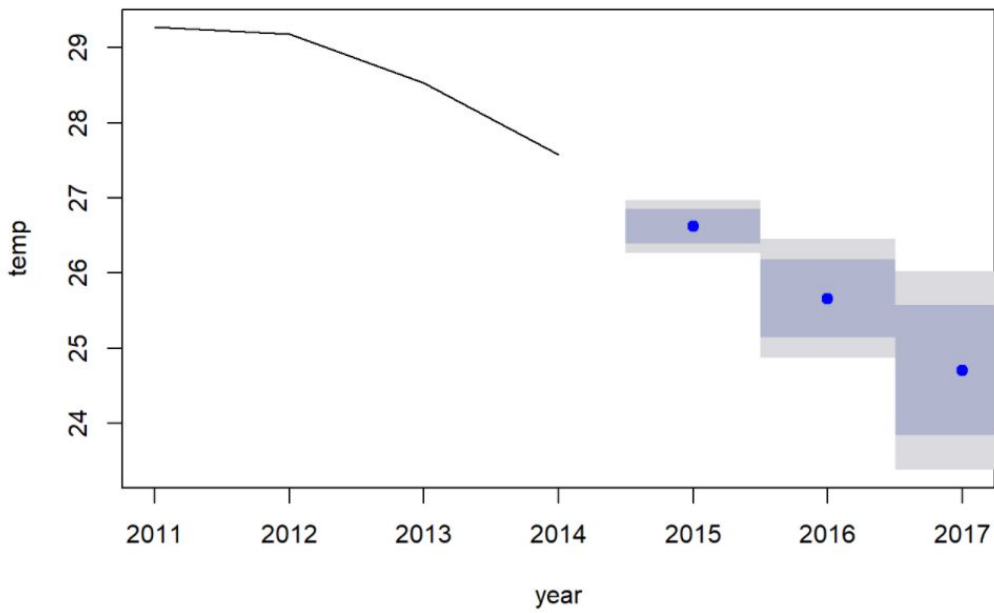


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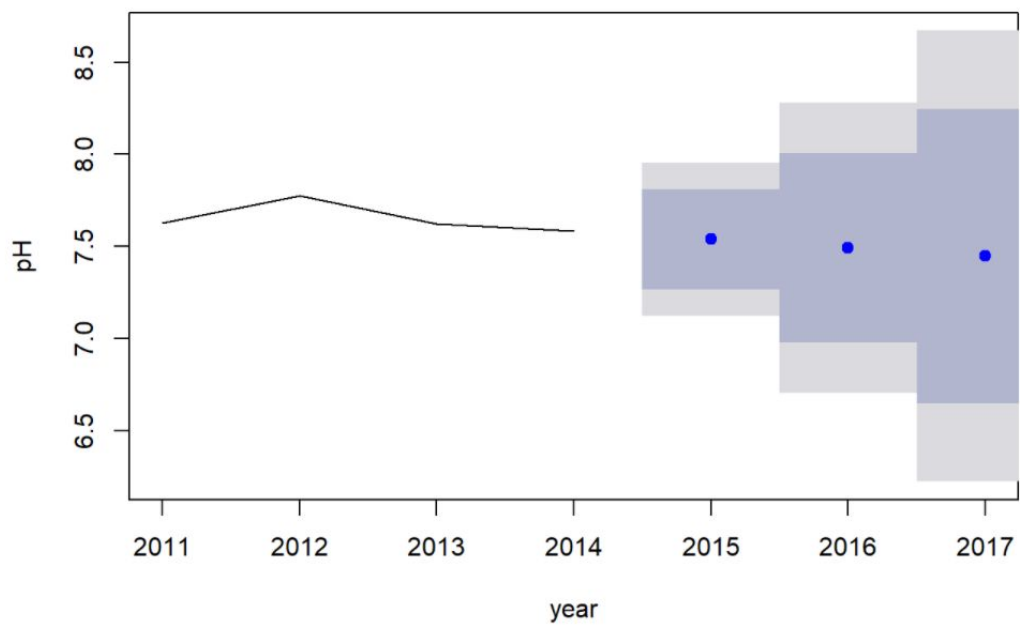


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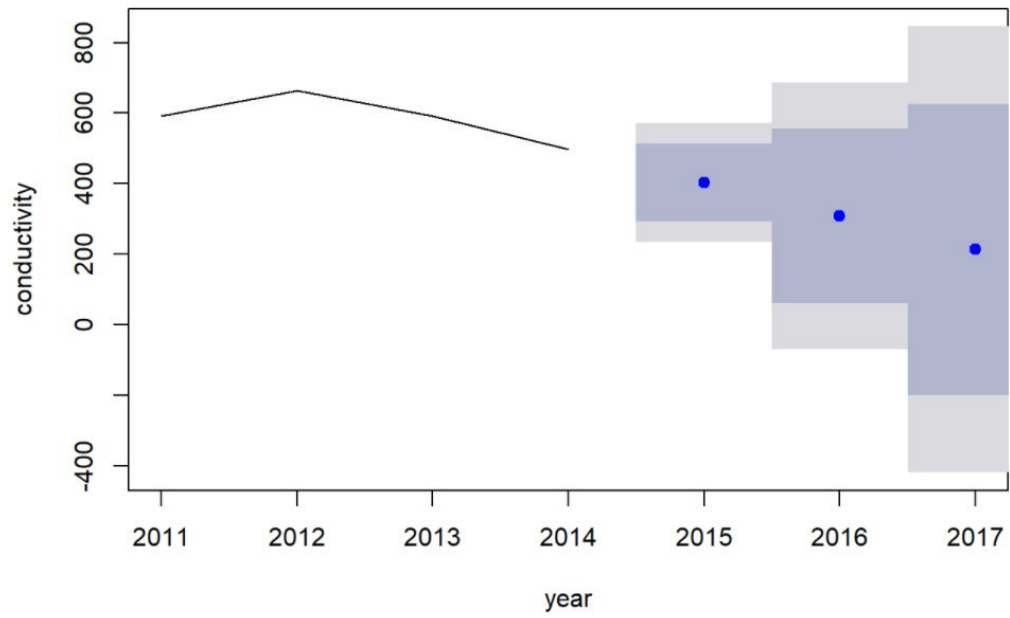
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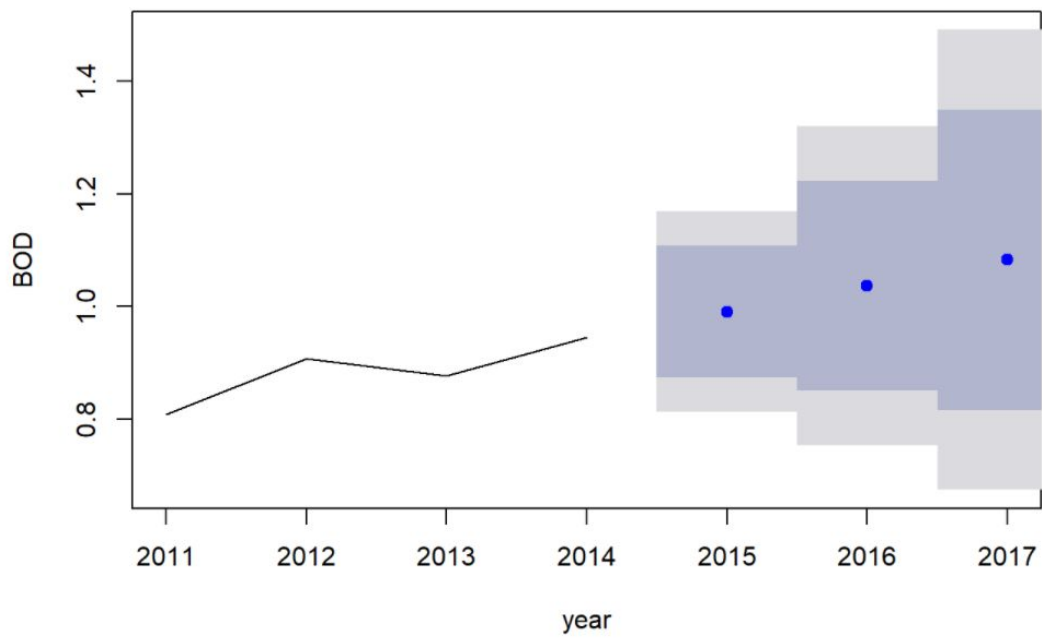
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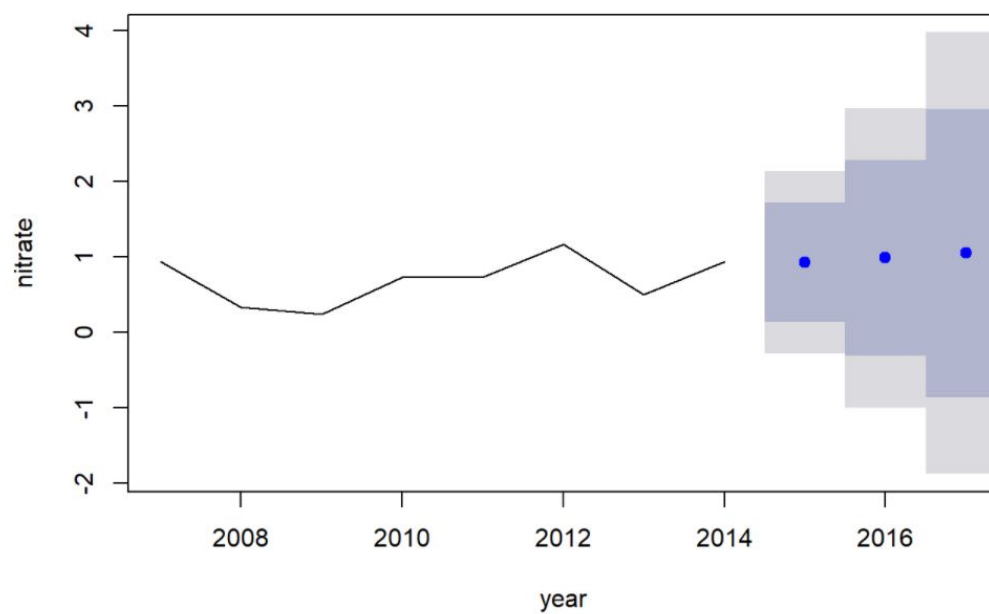
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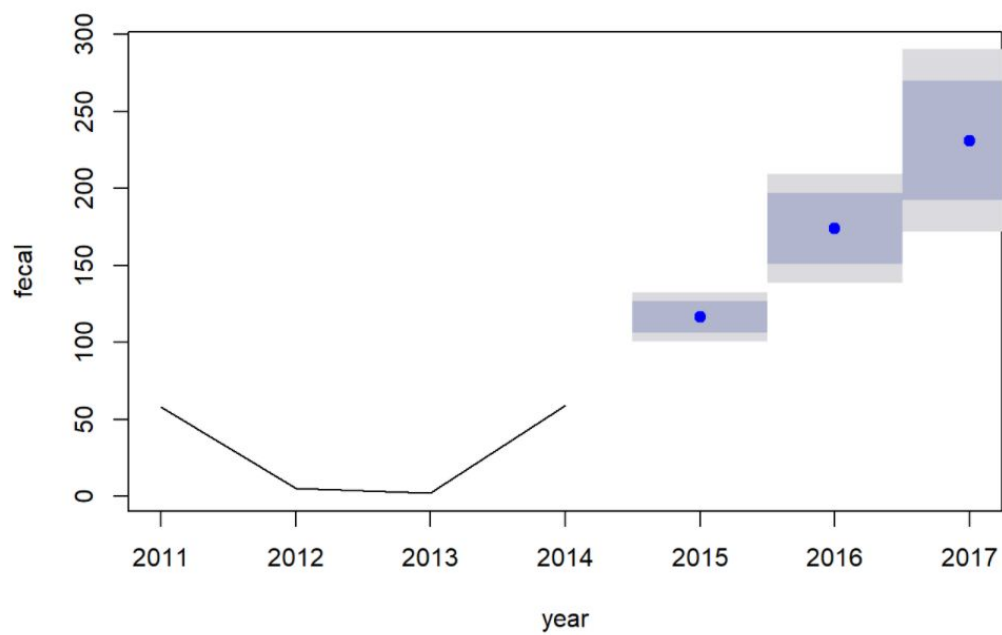
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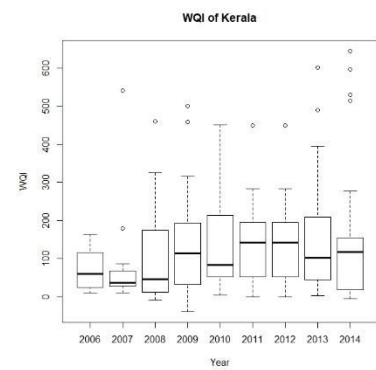
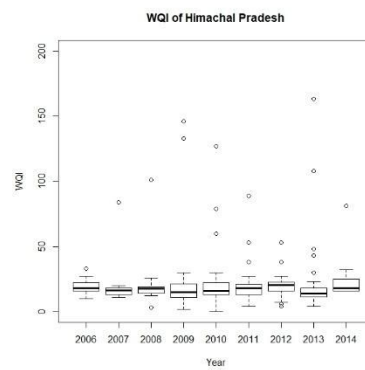
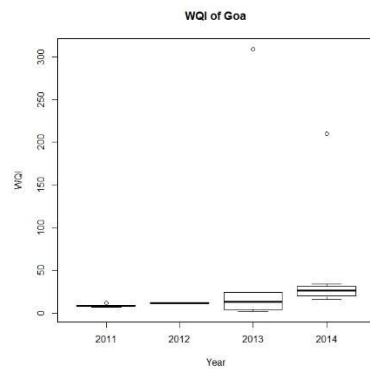
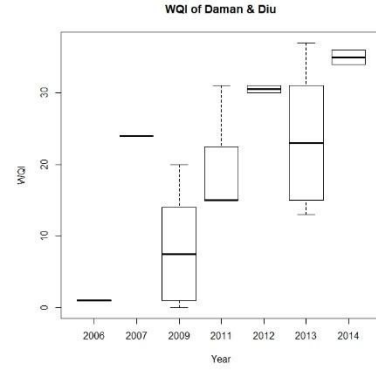
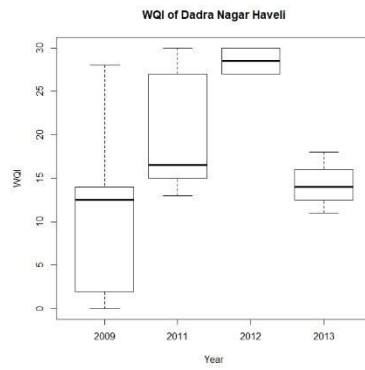
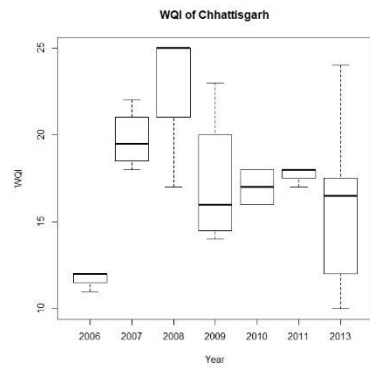
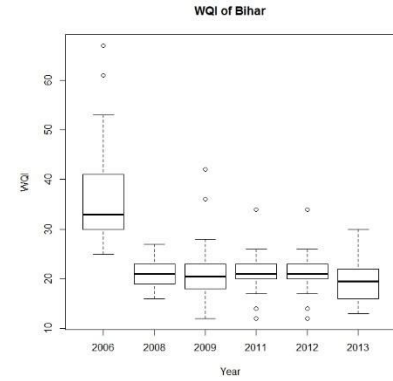
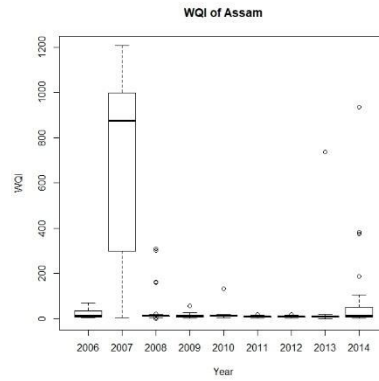
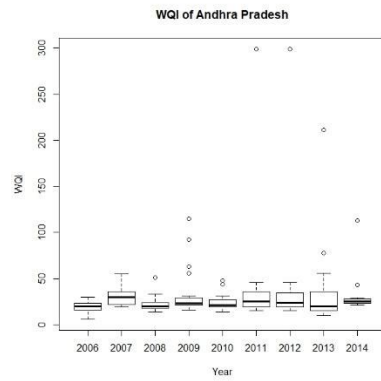
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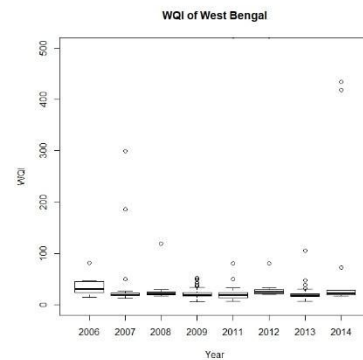
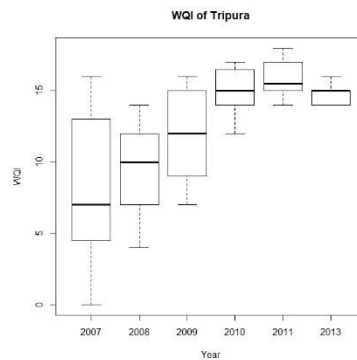
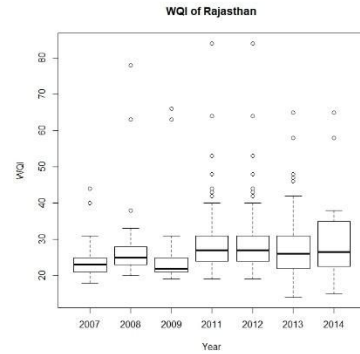
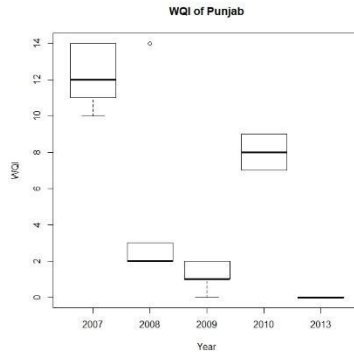
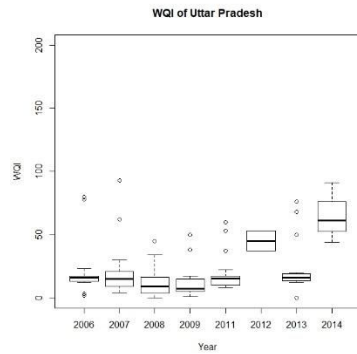
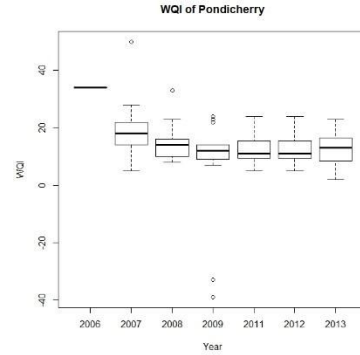
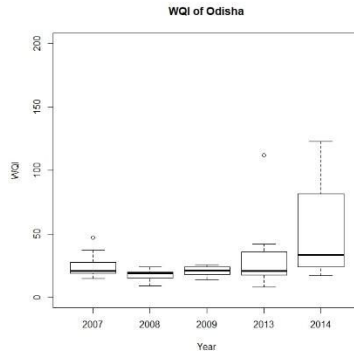
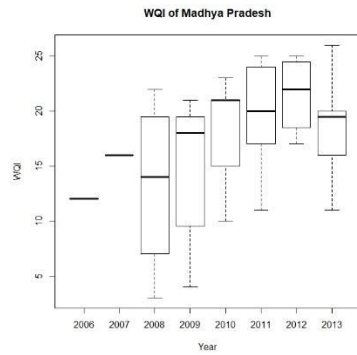
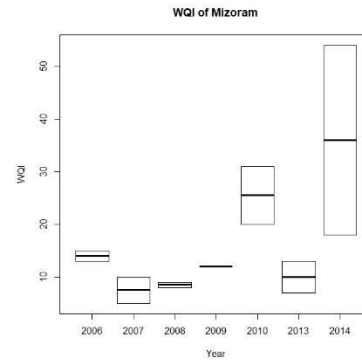
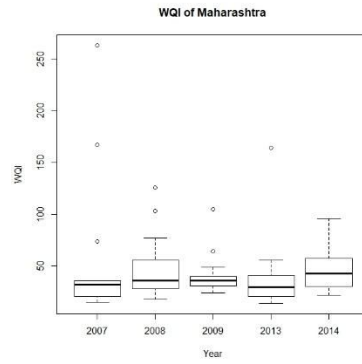
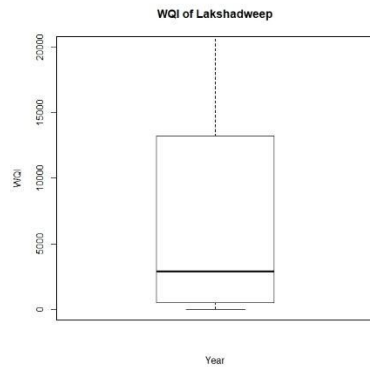


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# BoxPlots





## R code

<https://github.com/VDSouz/IndiaWaterQuality>

### config.R

```
# File 1:R-Script
# contains a loop that iteratively calls an Rmarkdown file (i.e. File 2)

# load packages
library(knitr)
library(markdown)
library(rmarkdown)
library(readxl)

#Load Water Quality Data File
data <- read.csv("C:/Users/vanes/Documents/Report/waterqualitydata.csv")

# remove NA
row.has.na <- apply(data, 1, function(x){any(is.na(x))})
sum(row.has.na)
final_data <- data[!row.has.na,]
head(final_data)
data <- final_data

# for each type of state in the data - created a report
# these reports are saved in output_dir with the name specified by
output_file
for (state in unique(data$STATE)){

  if (state == "ANDHRA PRADESH" || state == "ASSAM" || state == "GOA"
  || state == "HIMACHAL PRADESH" || state == "KERALA" || state ==
"MAHARASHTRA" || state == "ODISHA" || state == "RAJASTHAN" || state ==
"UTTAR PRADESH" || state == "WEST BENGAL")
    rmarkdown::render('C:/Users/vanes/Documents/Report/State-wise.Rmd', #
file 2
    output_file = paste("report_", state, '_', Sys.Date(), ".html", sep=''),
    output_dir = 'C:/Users/vanes/Documents/Report/States')
}
```

## state-wise.Rmd

```
---
title: "State wise Analysis"
output: html_document
---

## The Data
The data is extracted from https://data.gov.in/sector/water-quality
```{r}
# run report for current car listed in loop in R file
s1 <- data[data$STATE==state,]
datatable(s1)
```

## Parameters - Mean values
Water quality data is collected across different areas within a state.
Therefore calculate mean values for the 6 parameters
```{r}
temp <-
ddply(s1,~YEAR,summarise,mean=mean(as.numeric(as.double(mean_temp))))
ph <- ddply(s1,~YEAR,summarise,mean=mean(as.numeric(as.double(mean_ph))))
conductivity <-
ddply(s1,~YEAR,summarise,mean=mean(as.numeric(as.double(mean_conductivity))
))
bod <- ddply(s1,~YEAR,summarise,mean=mean(as.numeric(as.double(mean_bod))))
nitrate <-
ddply(s1,~YEAR,summarise,mean=mean(as.numeric(as.double(mean_nitratenitrite
))))
fecal <-
ddply(s1,~YEAR,summarise,mean=mean(as.numeric(as.double(mean_fecalcoliform)
)))
```

## Parameter
The 6 parameter values are determined at a state level for the specified
time range
```{r}
temp1 <- temp$mean
ph1 <- ph$mean
conductivity1 <- conductivity$mean
```



```

bod1 <- bod$mean
nitrate1 <- nitrate$mean
fecal1 <- fecal$mean
```

```

## ## TimeSeries

Time series data may be defined as an ordered sequence of values of a variable at equally spaced time intervals.

Based on Data Available we have an dynamic or manual time range..

Time series is created for each paramter

```

```{r}
if(state == 'MAHARASHTRA' | state == 'ODISHA' | state == 'RAJASTHAN' |
state == 'UTTAR PRADESH' | state == 'WEST BENGAL'){
## custom
  temp_ts <-ts(temp1, start=c(2011, 1), end=c(2014, 1), frequency=1)
  temp_ts
  ph_ts <-ts(ph1, start=c(2011, 1), end=c(2014, 1), frequency=1)
  ph_ts
  conductivity_ts <-ts(conductivity1, start=c(2011, 1), end=c(2014, 1),
frequency=1)
  conductivity_ts
  bod_ts <- ts(bod1, start=c(2011, 1), end=c(2014, 1), frequency=1)
  bod_ts
  nitrate_ts <- ts(nitrate1, start=c(min(nitrate$YEAR), 1),
end=c(max(nitrate$YEAR),1), frequency=1)
  nitrate_ts
  fecal_ts <- ts(fecal1, start=c(2011, 1), end=c(2014, 1), frequency=1)
  fecal_ts
} else {
##Dynamic
  temp_ts <-ts(temp1, start=c(min(temp$YEAR), 1), end=c(max(temp$YEAR),1),
frequency=1)
  temp_ts
  ph_ts <-ts(ph1, start=c(min(ph$YEAR), 1), end=c(max(ph$YEAR),1),
frequency=1)
  ph_ts
  conductivity_ts <-ts(conductivity1, start=c(min(conductivity$YEAR), 1),
end=c(max(conductivity$YEAR),1), frequency=1)
  conductivity_ts
  bod_ts <- ts(bod1, start=c(min(bod$YEAR), 1), end=c(max(bod$YEAR),1),
frequency=1)

```

```

    bod_ts
    nitrate_ts <- ts(nitrate1, start=c(min(nitrate$YEAR), 1),
end=c(max(nitrate$YEAR),1), frequency=1)
    nitrate_ts
    fecal_ts <- ts(fecal1, start=c(min(fecal$YEAR), 1),
end=c(max(fecal$YEAR),1), frequency=1)
    fecal_ts
}
...

```

## ## TimeSeries Plots

The time series plots are analysed

```

```{r}
plot(temp_ts)
plot(ph_ts)
plot(conductivity_ts)
plot(bod_ts)
plot(nitrate_ts)
plot(fecal_ts)
...

```

## # Holt-Winters Exponential Smoothing

Holt-Winters exponential smoothing used to make short-term forecasts. It estimates the level, slope and seasonal component at the current time point.

The 6 paramters are forecasted and analysed using Holt-Winters exponential smoothing

## ## Temprature

Temperature of the groundwater

```

```{r}
fit_temp_ts <- HoltWinters(temp_ts, gamma=FALSE)
fit_temp_ts
pred_temp_ts <- forecast(fit_temp_ts,3)

flag <- FALSE
for ( i in pred_temp_ts$mean) if ( i < 0) flag <- TRUE
if (flag == TRUE)

```

```

fit_temp_ts <- HoltWinters(temp_ts, beta = FALSE, gamma=FALSE)
fit_temp_ts
pred_temp_ts <- forecast(fit_temp_ts,3)

plot(pred_temp_ts)
pred_temp_ts

...

## pH
pH level of the groundwater (acceptable level: 6.5-8.5)
```{r}
fit_ph_ts <- HoltWinters(ph_ts, gamma=FALSE)
fit_ph_ts
pred_ph_ts <- forecast(fit_ph_ts,3)

flag <- FALSE
for ( i in pred_ph_ts$mean) if ( i < 0) flag <- TRUE
if (flag == TRUE)
  fit_ph_ts <- HoltWinters(ph_ts, beta = FALSE, gamma=FALSE)
  fit_ph_ts
  pred_ph_ts <- forecast(fit_ph_ts,3)

plot(pred_ph_ts)
pred_ph_ts

...

## Conductivity
Ability of groundwater to conduct current
```{r}
fit_conductivity_ts <- HoltWinters(conductivity_ts, gamma=FALSE)
fit_conductivity_ts
pred_conductivity_ts <- forecast(fit_conductivity_ts,3)

flag <- FALSE
for ( i in pred_conductivity_ts$mean) if ( i < 0) flag <- TRUE
if (flag == TRUE)
  fit_conductivity_ts <- HoltWinters(conductivity_ts,beta = FALSE,

```

```

gamma=FALSE)
  fit_conductivity_ts
  pred_conductivity_ts <- forecast(fit_conductivity_ts,3)

plot(pred_conductivity_ts)
pred_conductivity_ts
```

## BOD
Amount of dissolved oxygen in the groundwater
```{r}
fit_bod_ts <- HoltWinters(bod_ts, gamma=FALSE)
fit_bod_ts
pred_bod_ts <- forecast(fit_bod_ts,3)

flag <- FALSE
for ( i in pred_bod_ts$mean) if ( i < 0) flag <- TRUE
if (flag == TRUE)
  fit_bod_ts <- HoltWinters(bod_ts, beta = FALSE,gamma=FALSE)
  fit_bod_ts
  pred_bod_ts <- forecast(fit_bod_ts,3)
plot(pred_bod_ts)
pred_bod_ts
```

## Nitrate
N+ and N levels
```{r}
fit_nitrate_ts <- HoltWinters(nitrate_ts, gamma=FALSE)
fit_nitrate_ts
pred_nitrate_ts <- forecast(fit_nitrate_ts,3)

flag <- FALSE
for ( i in pred_nitrate_ts$mean) if ( i < 0) flag <- TRUE
if (flag == TRUE)
  fit_nitrate_ts <- HoltWinters(nitrate_ts,beta = FALSE, gamma=FALSE)
  fit_nitrate_ts
  pred_nitrate_ts <- forecast(fit_nitrate_ts,3)

```

```

plot(pred_nitrate_ts)
pred_nitrate_ts
```

## Fecal
Level of fecal contamination
```{r}
fit_fecal_ts <- HoltWinters(fecal_ts, gamma=FALSE)
fit_fecal_ts
pred_fecal_ts <- forecast(fit_fecal_ts,3)

flag <- FALSE
for ( i in pred_fecal_ts$mean) if ( i < 0) flag <- TRUE
if (flag == TRUE)
  fit_fecal_ts <- HoltWinters(fecal_ts, beta = FALSE, gamma=FALSE)
  fit_fecal_ts
  pred_fecal_ts <- forecast(fit_fecal_ts,3)

plot(pred_fecal_ts)
pred_fecal_ts
```

```