
Modeling Beetle Infestation Throughout a Forest as a Spatial Stochastic Process

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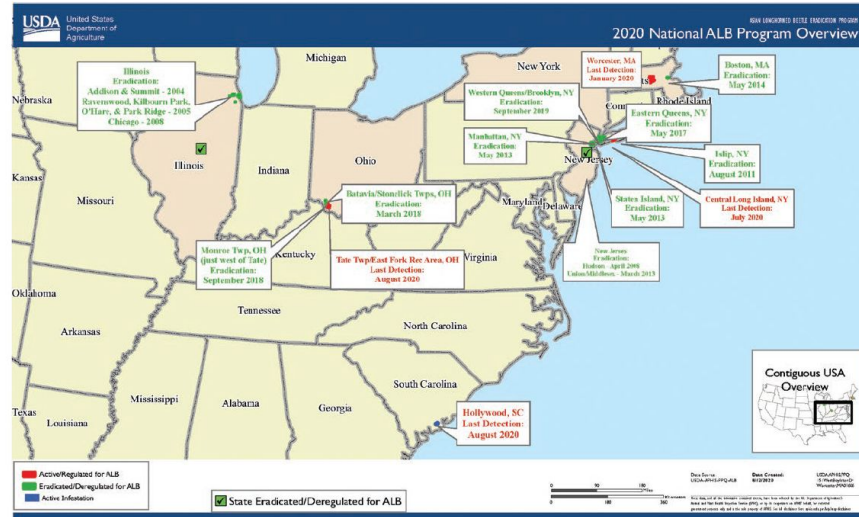
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Problem Statement:

How do we predict the spread of infection caused by Asian Long-horned Beetles in a forest?

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- Asian Long-horned Beetle (ALB) is...
 - Native to asia
 - Discovered in Massachusetts in 1996
- Causes a disease to trees that **no known cure exists**



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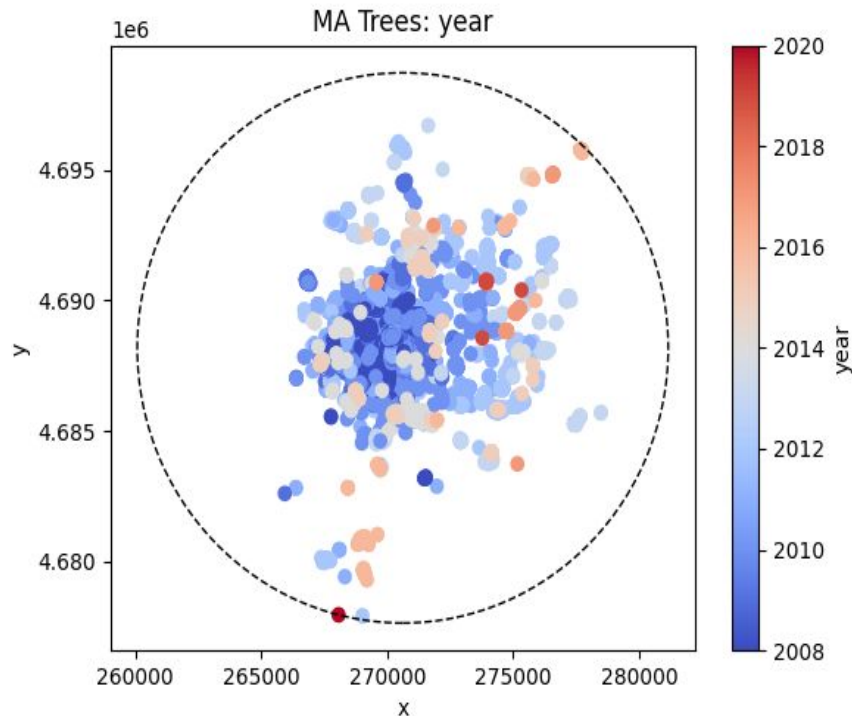
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- **Year**
- Species



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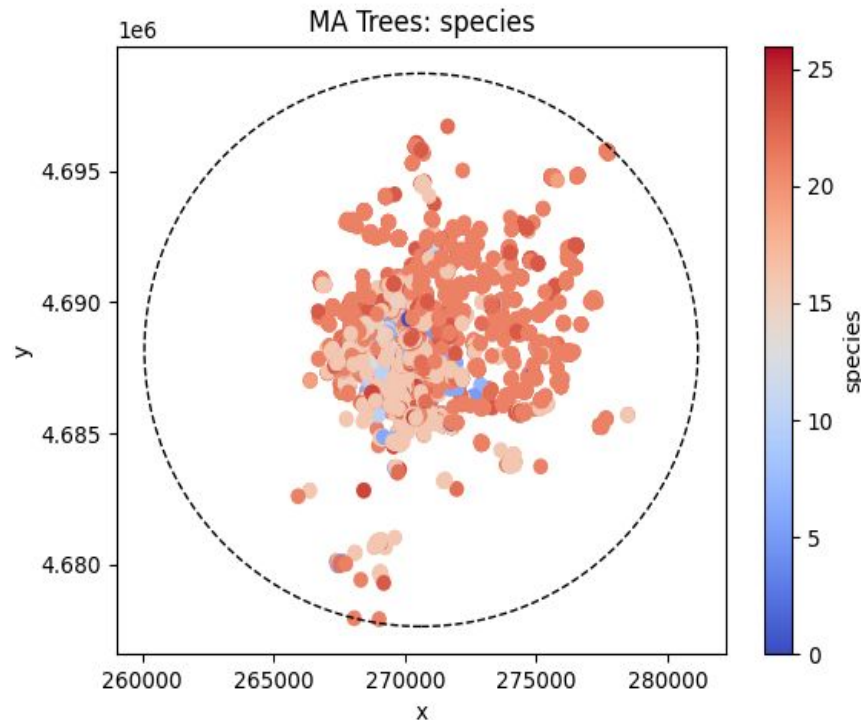
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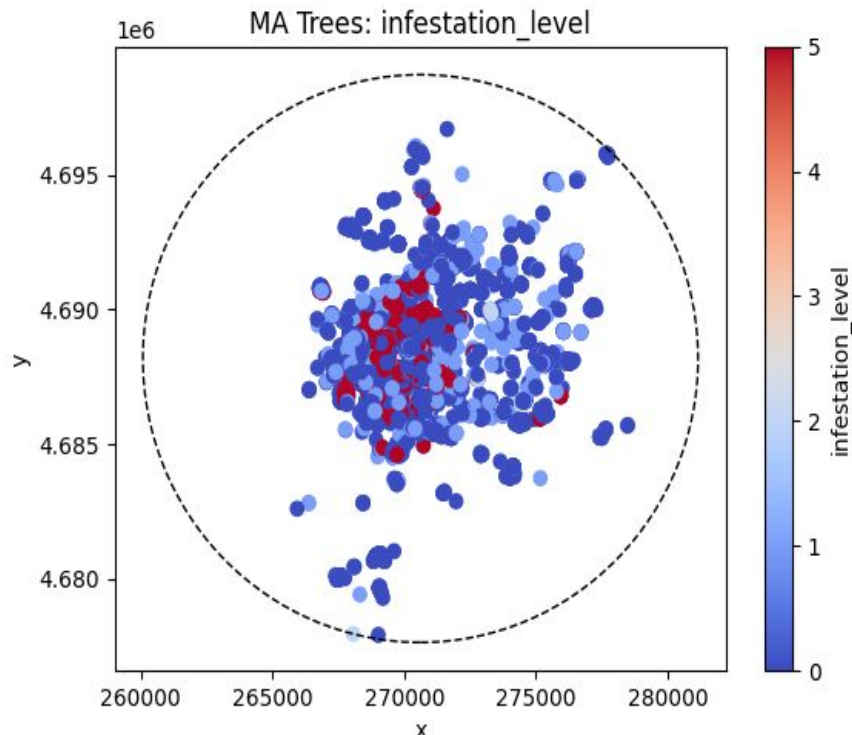
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Data Analysis per Infestation Level

- Our data contains 2-D points of locations of infected trees in Massachusetts.
- The data set includes 3 parameters:
 - Year
 - Species
 - **Infestation Level**



Data Analysis per Year - Grouped

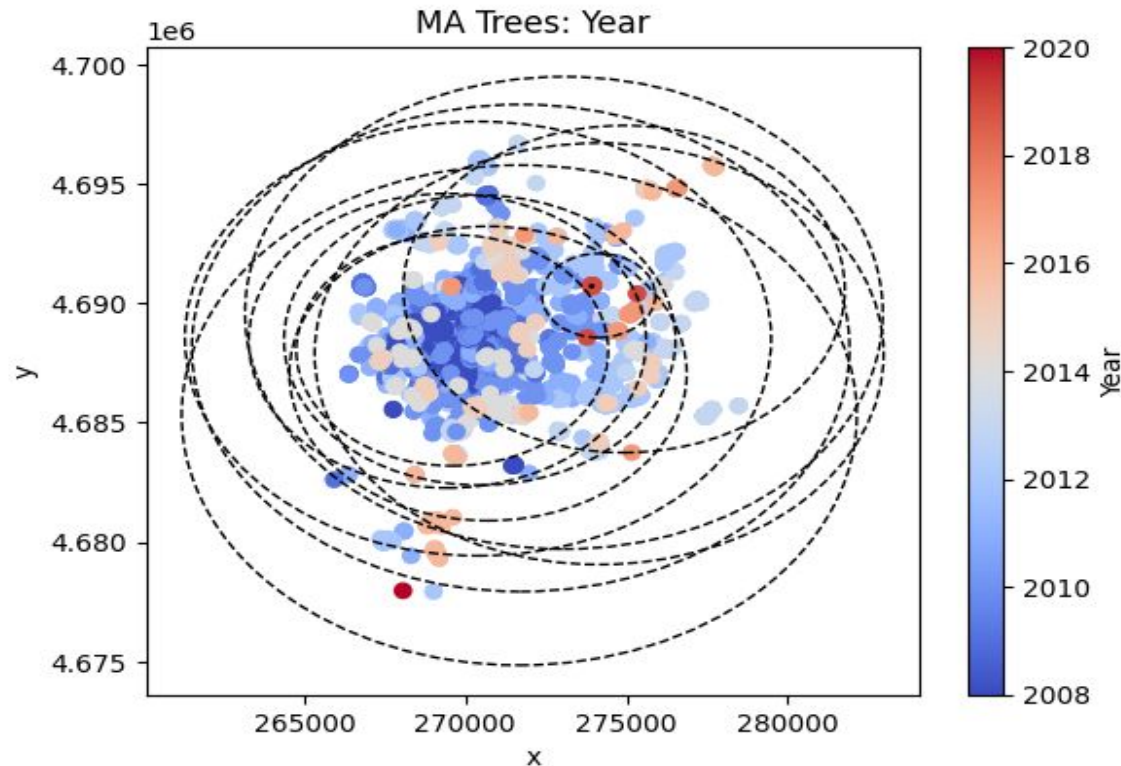
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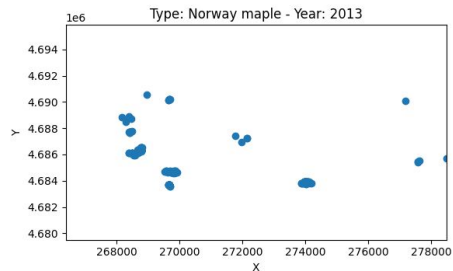
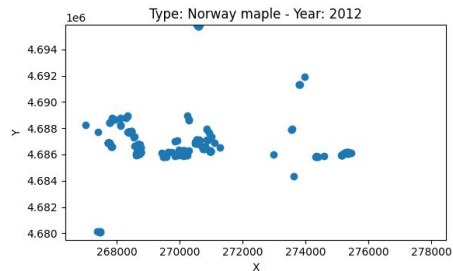
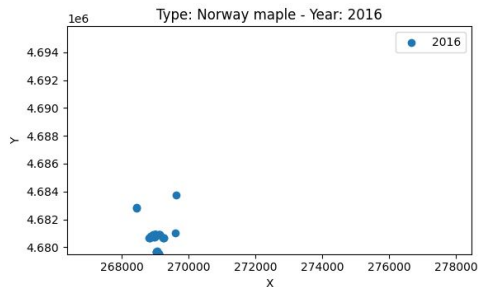
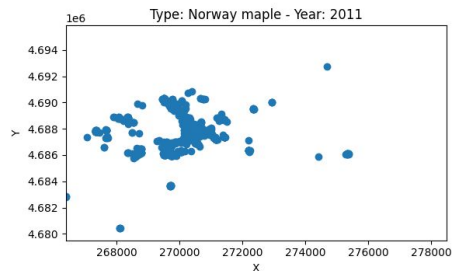
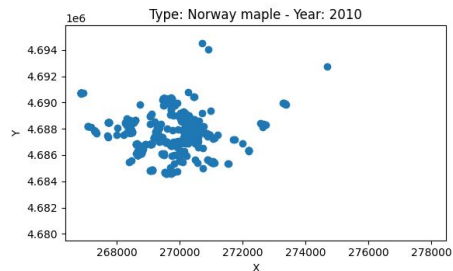
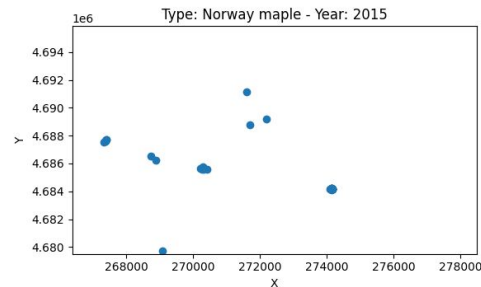
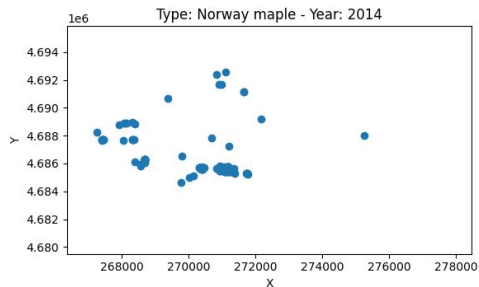
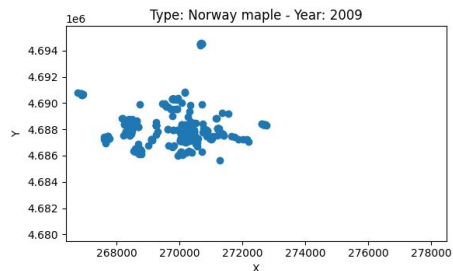
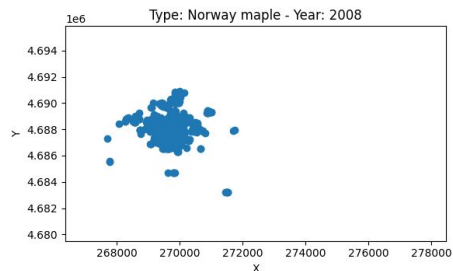
Data analysis methods:

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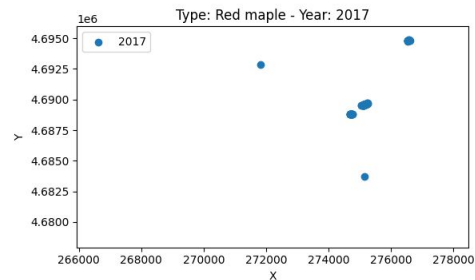
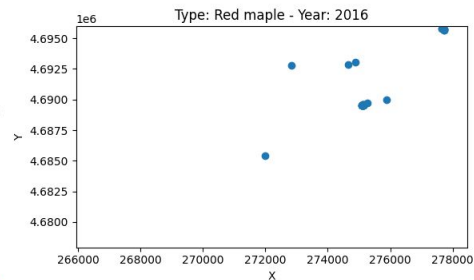
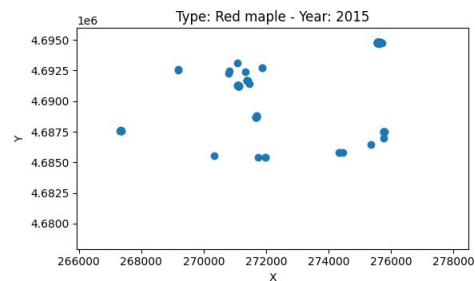
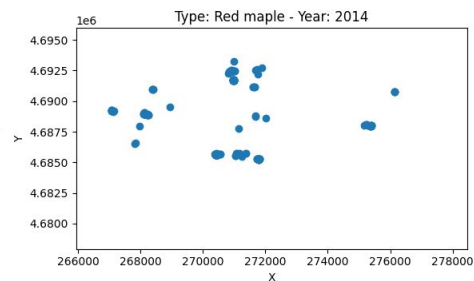
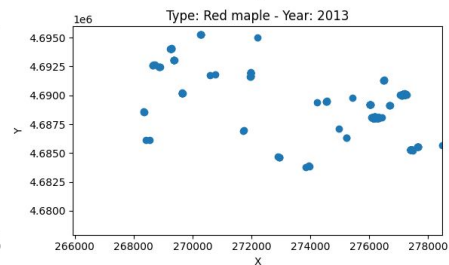
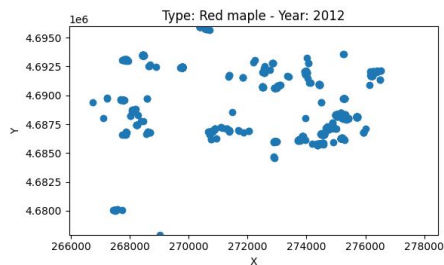
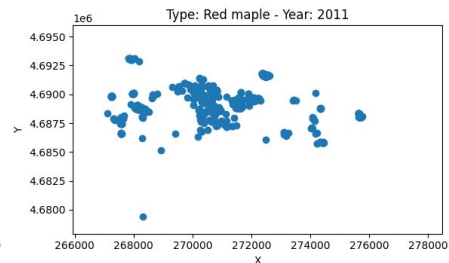
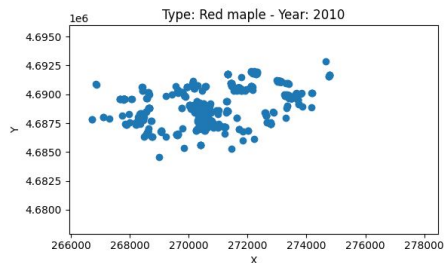
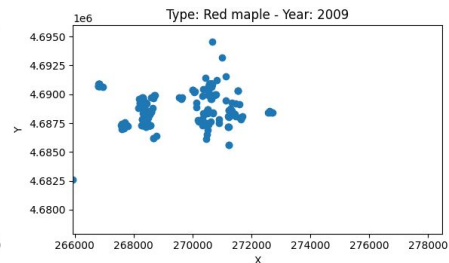
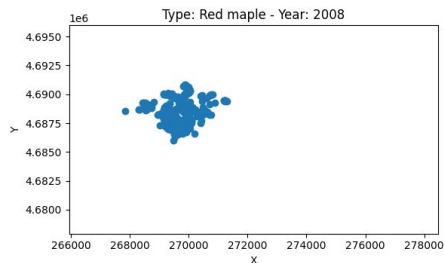
Modeling Methods:

- Bayesian Inference
- Maximum Likelihood Approach (MLE)

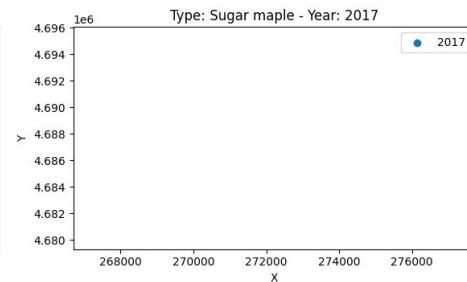
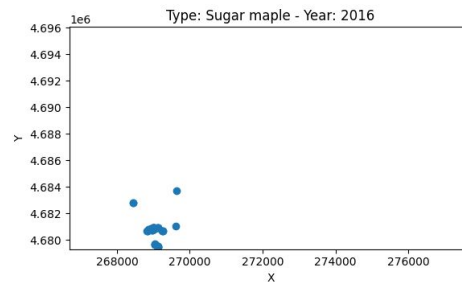
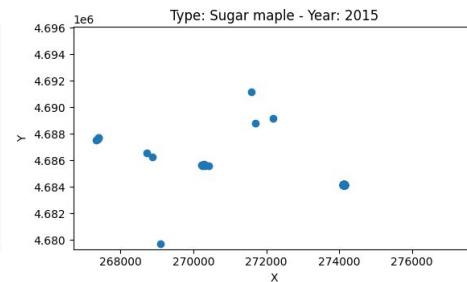
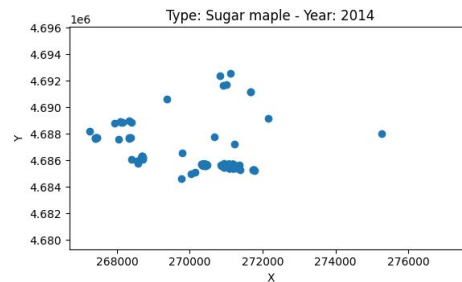
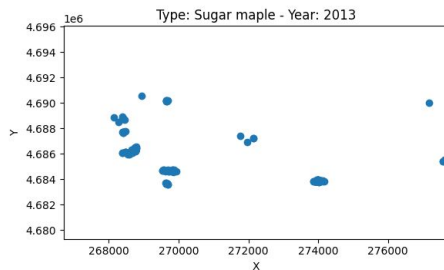
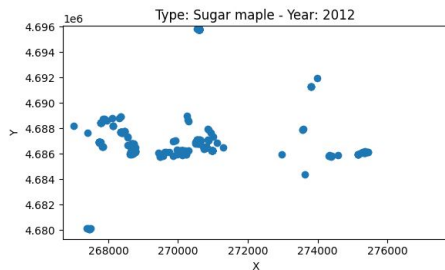
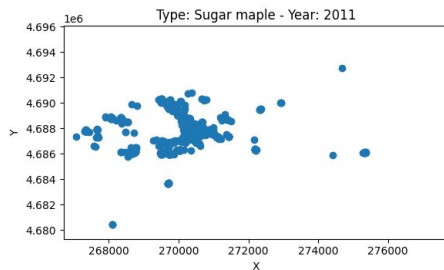
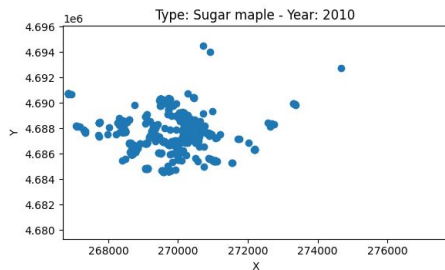
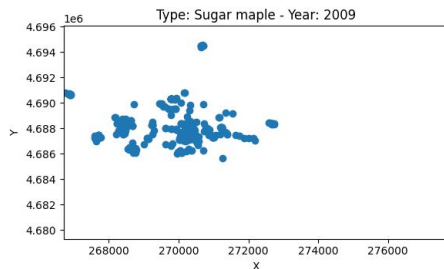
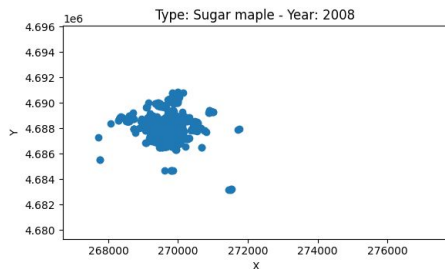
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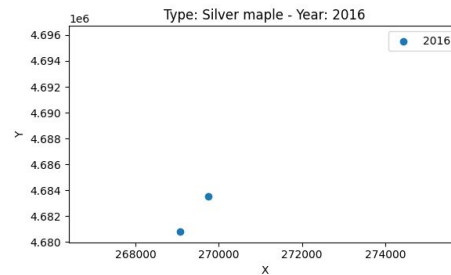
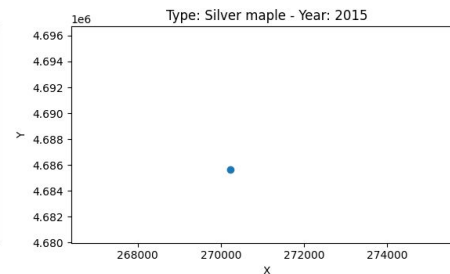
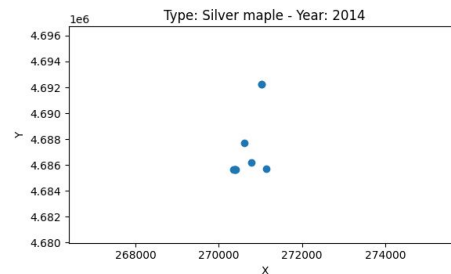
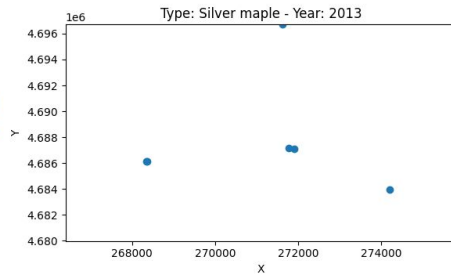
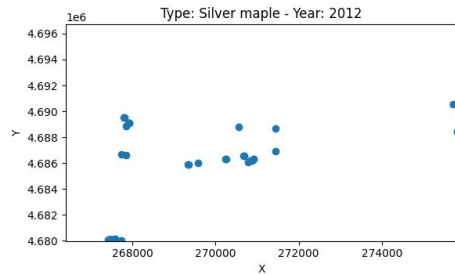
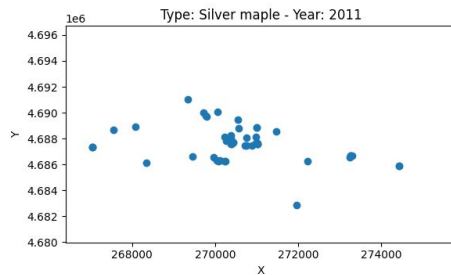
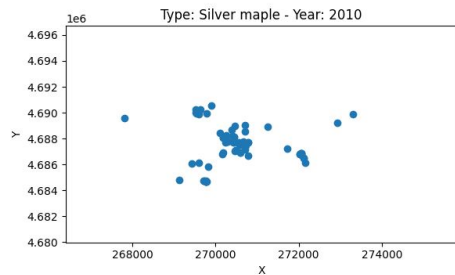
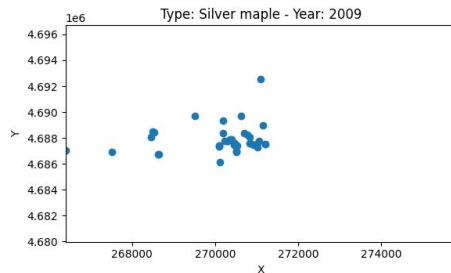
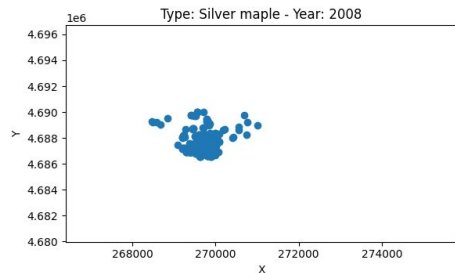
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Sugar Maple Species by Year



Silver Maple Species by Year



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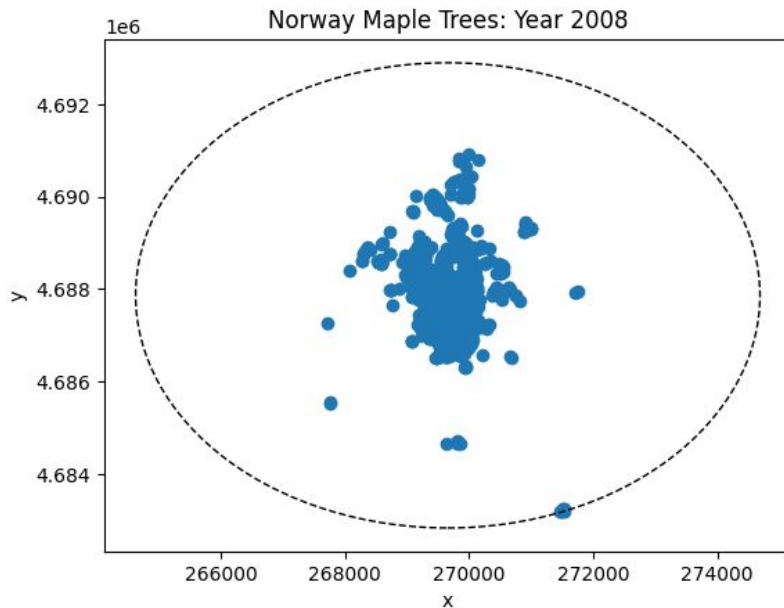
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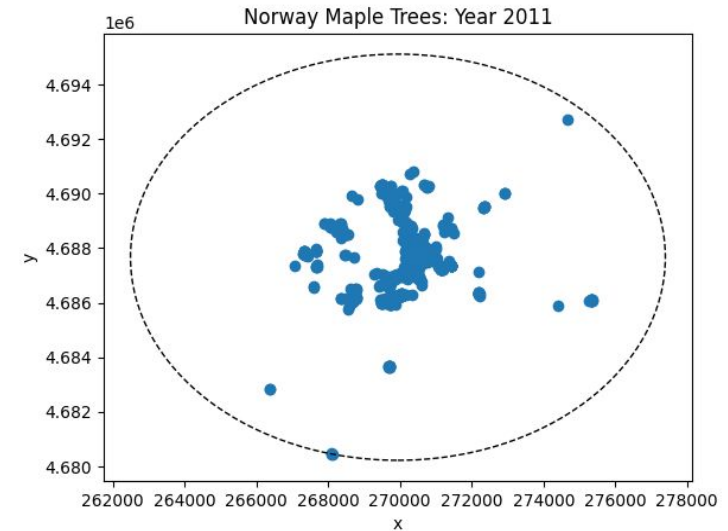
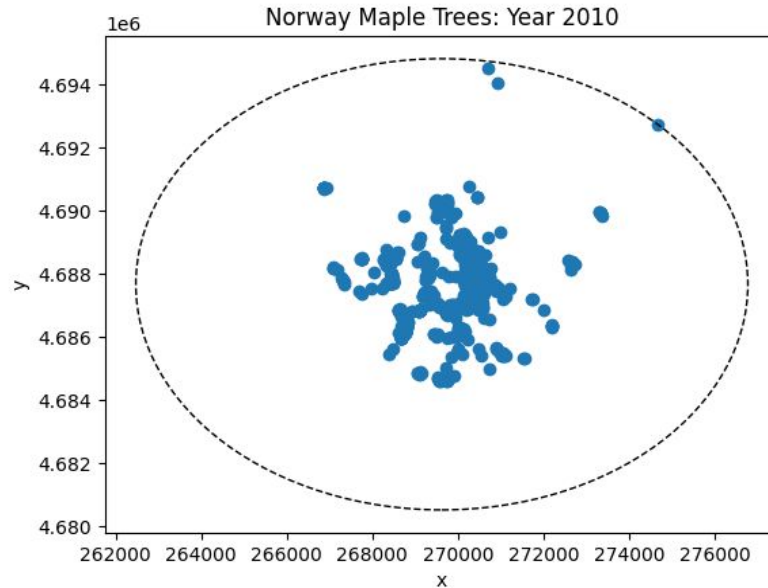
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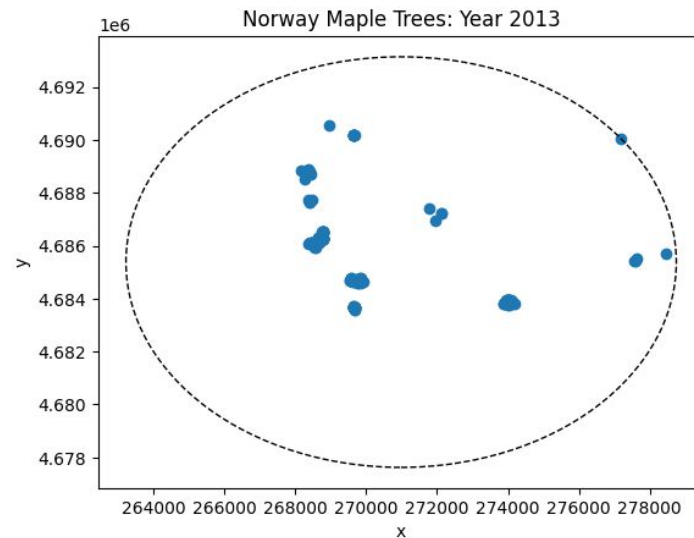
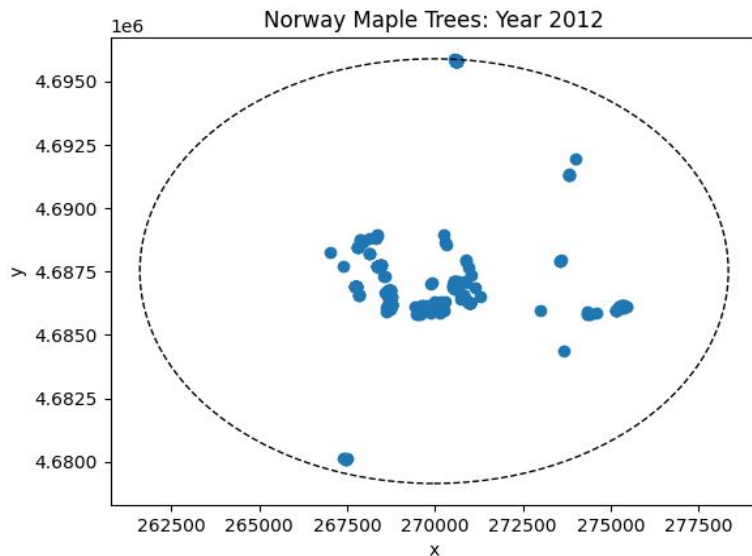
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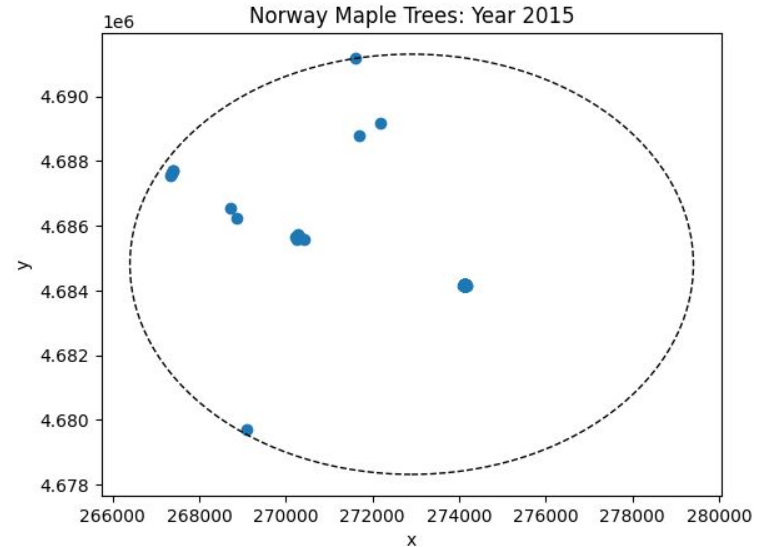
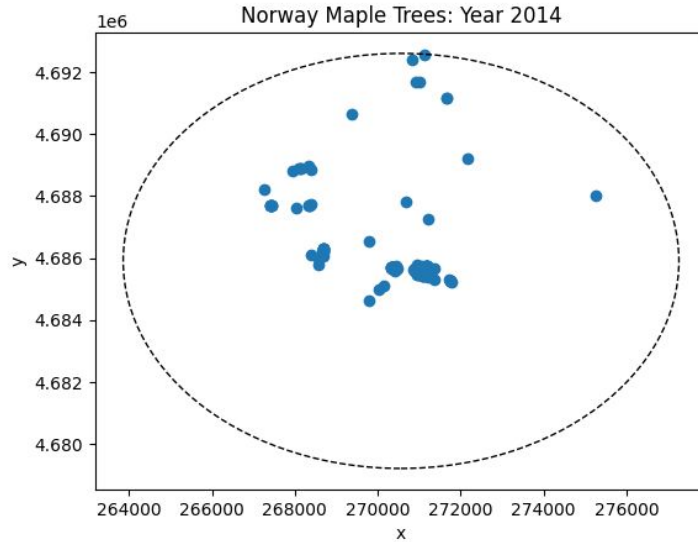
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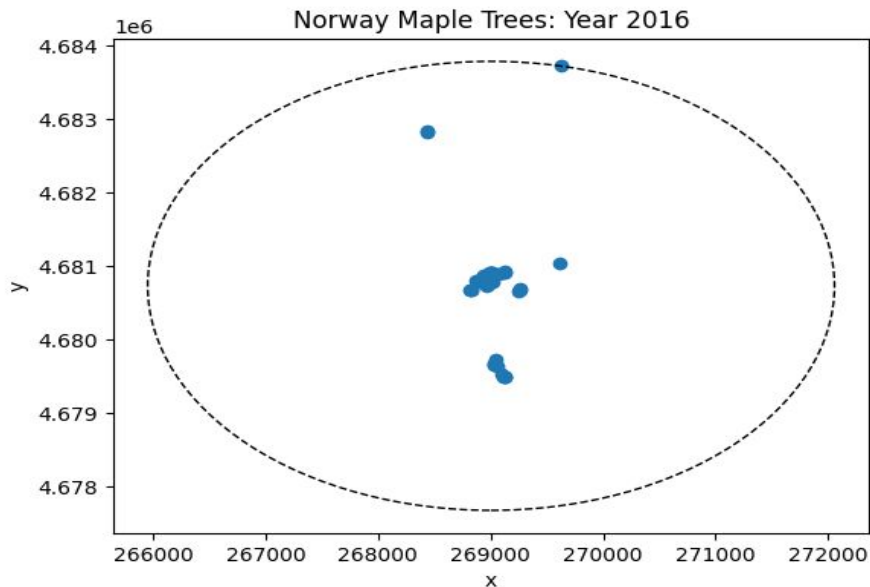
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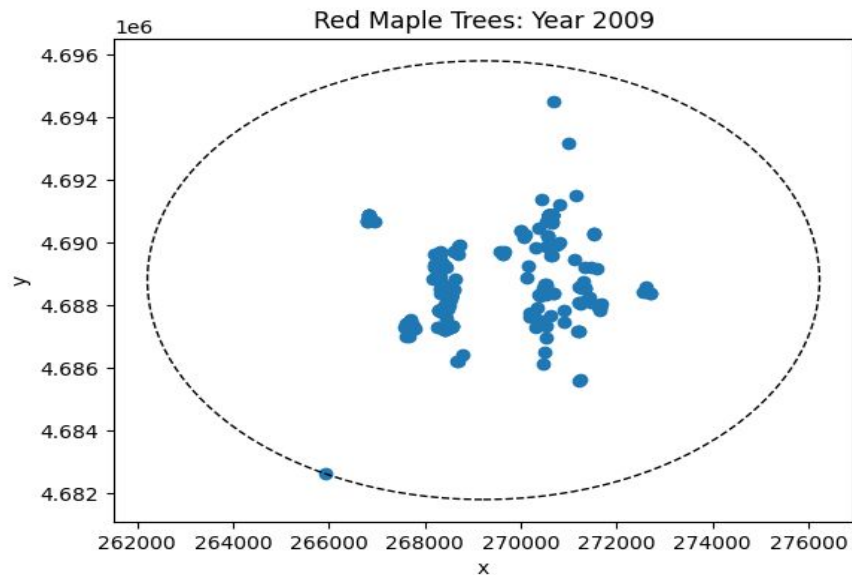
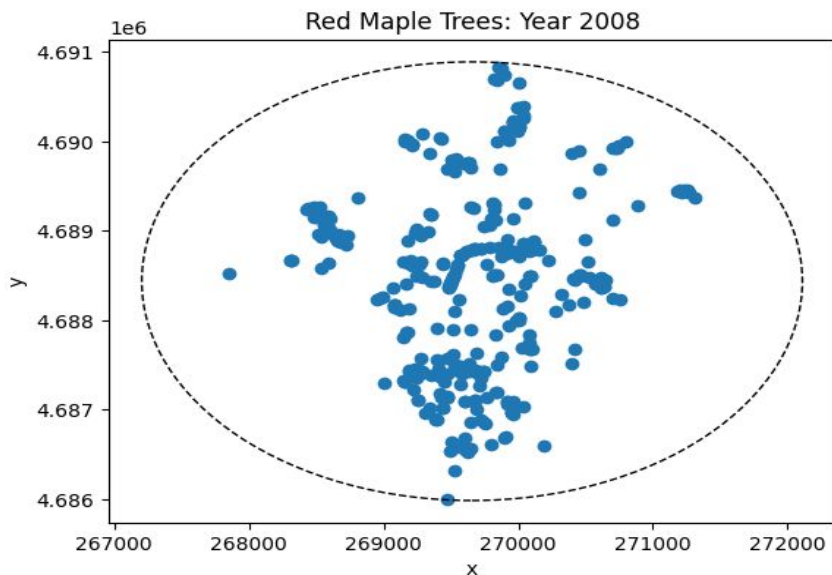
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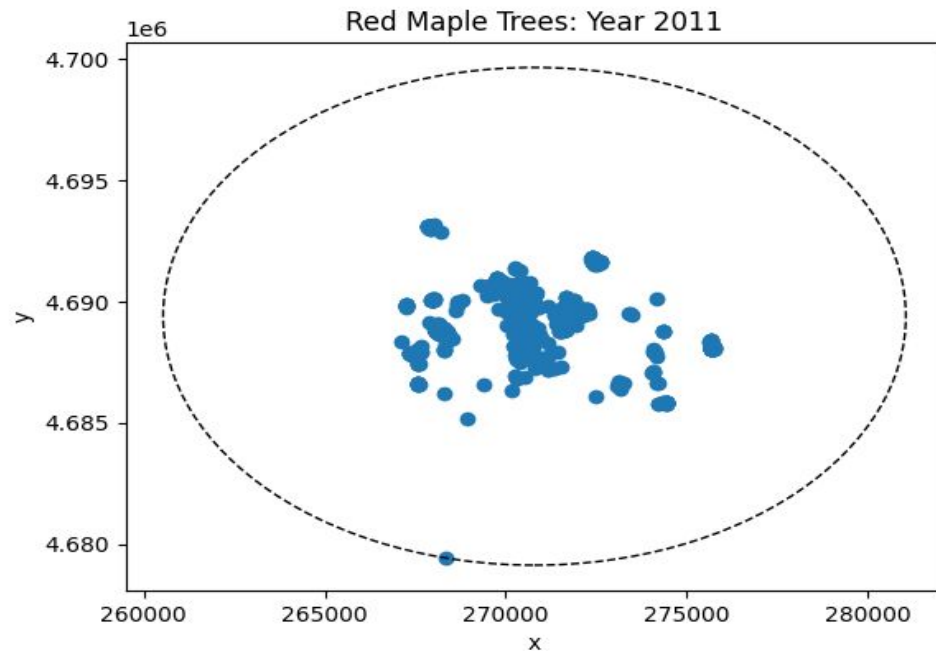
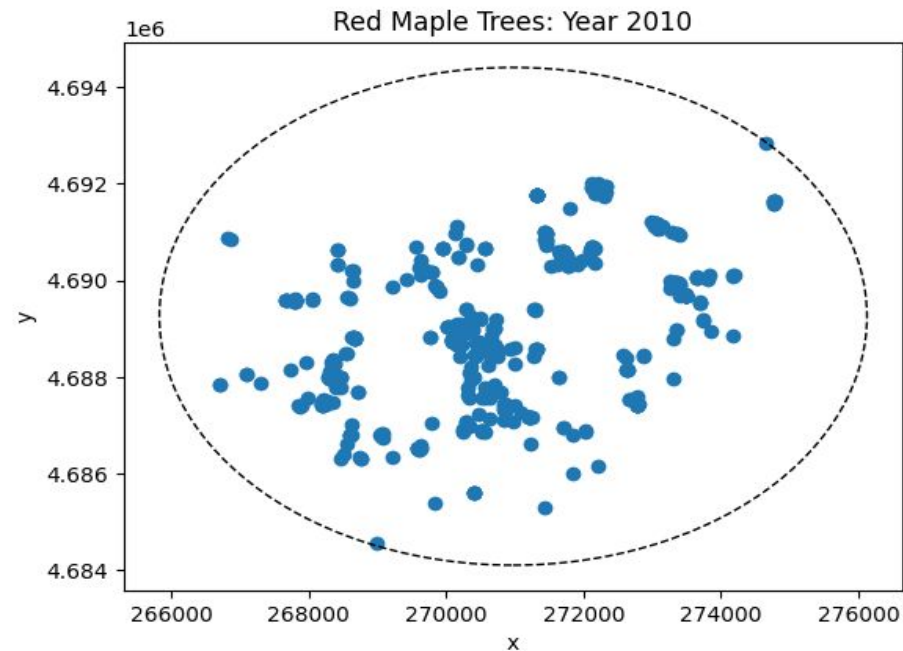
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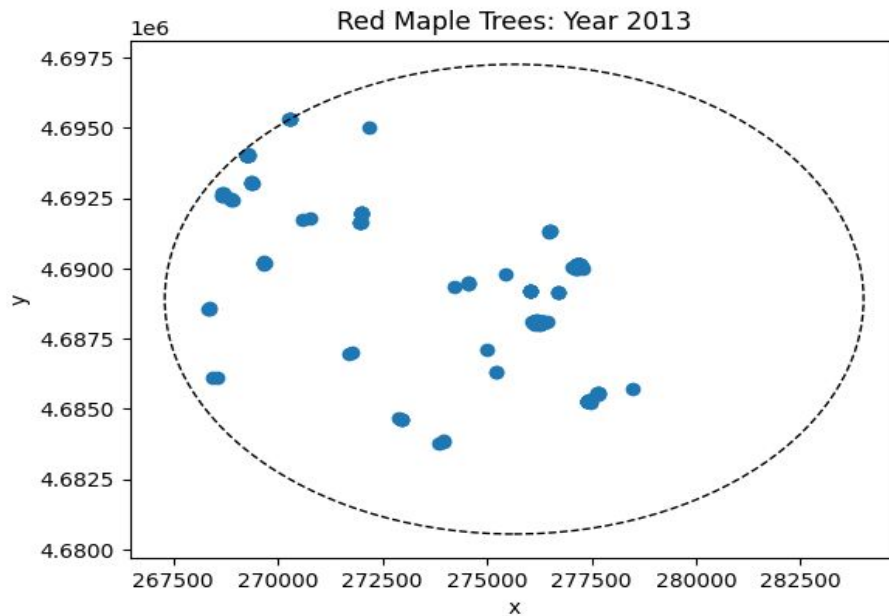
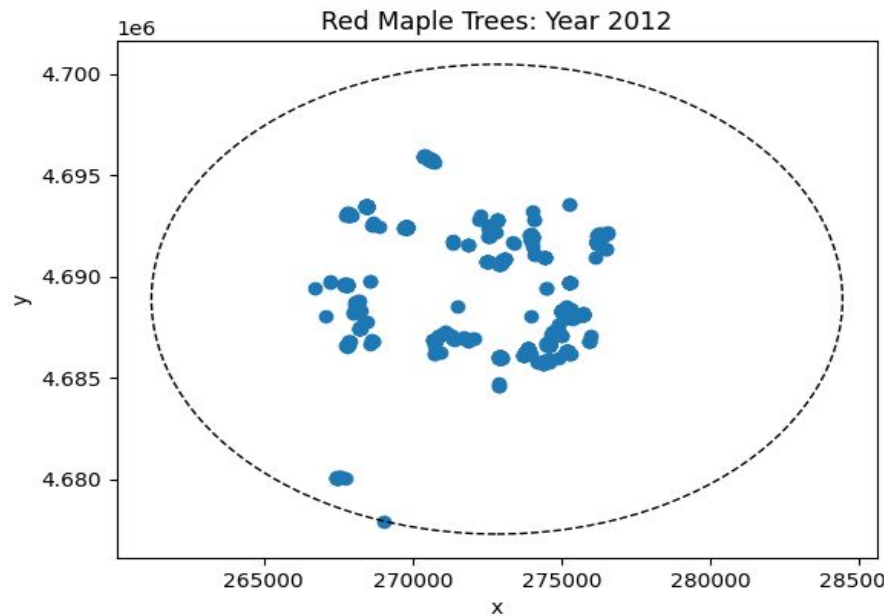
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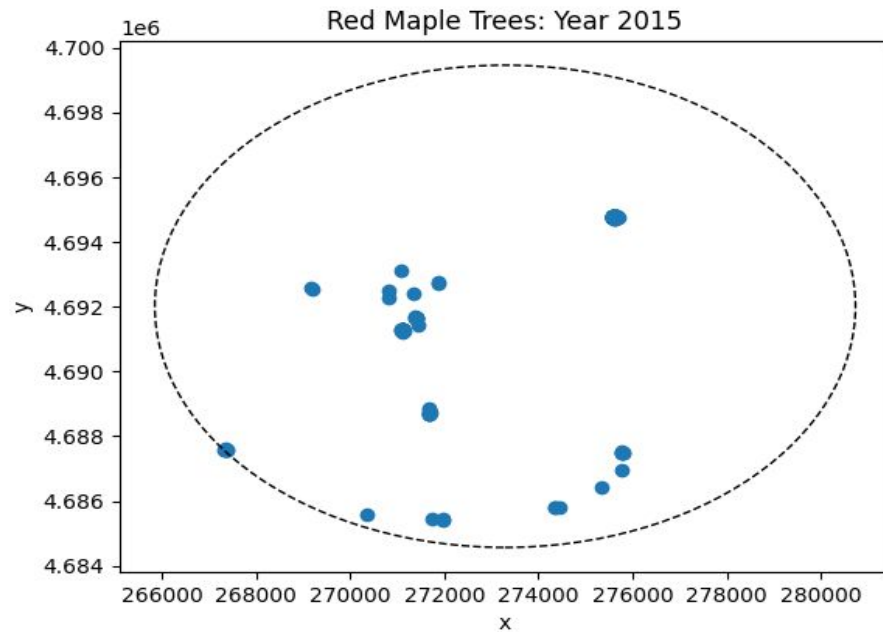
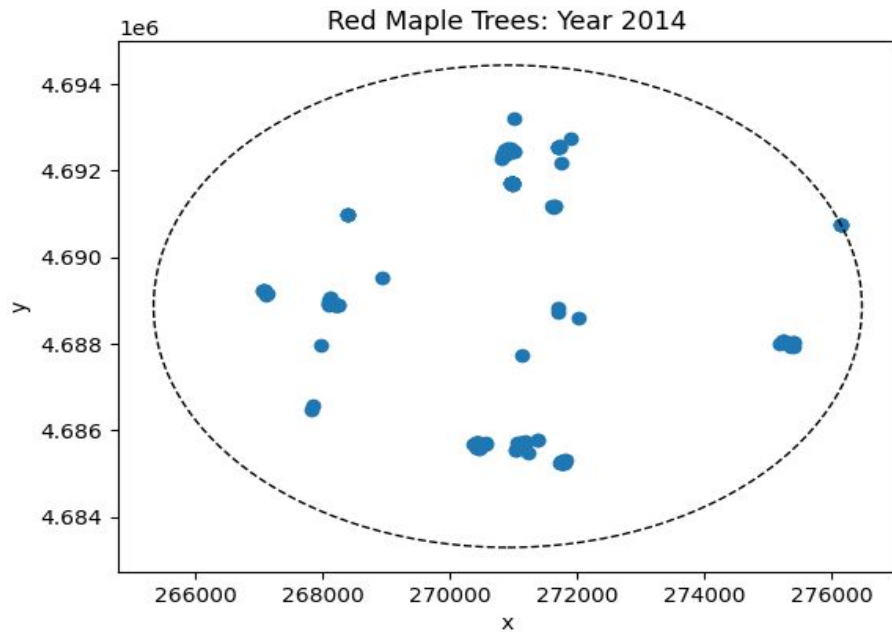
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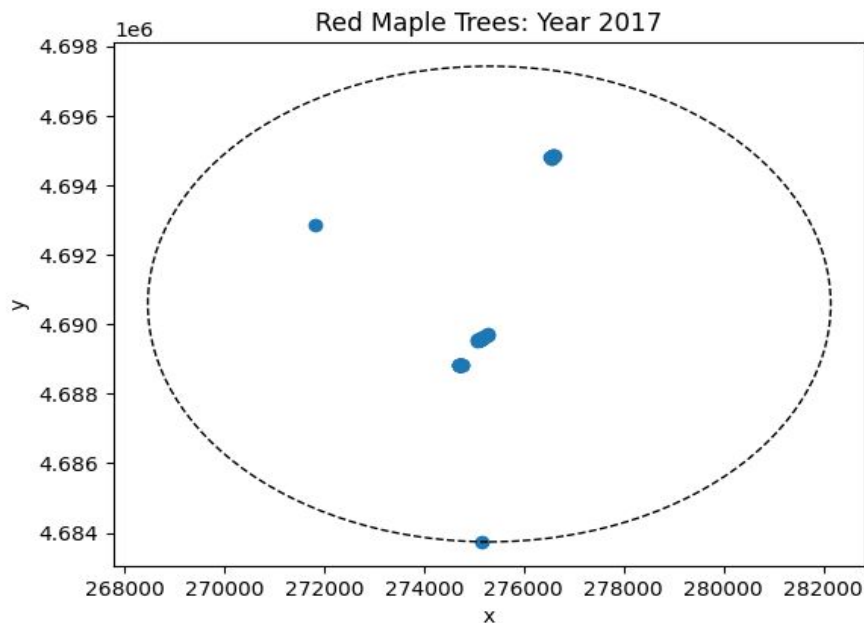
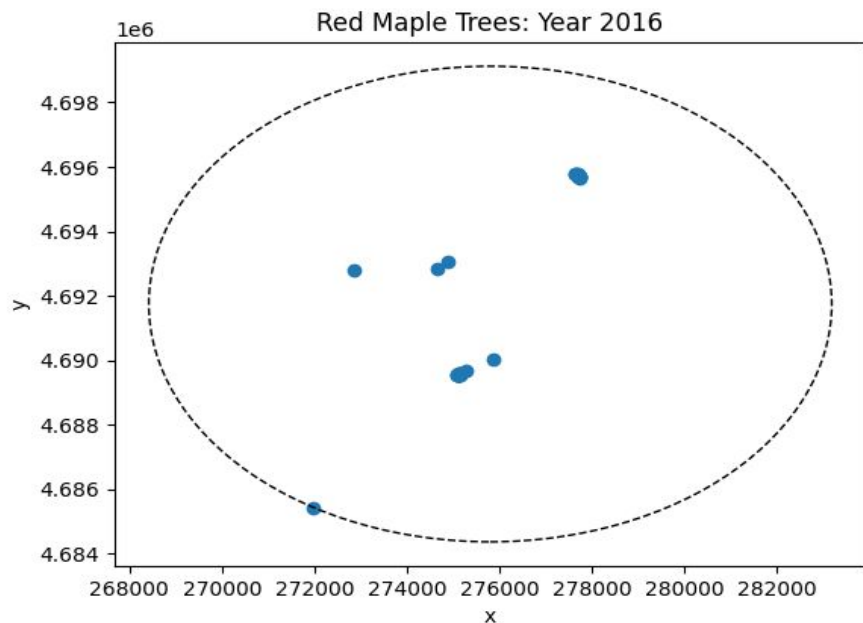
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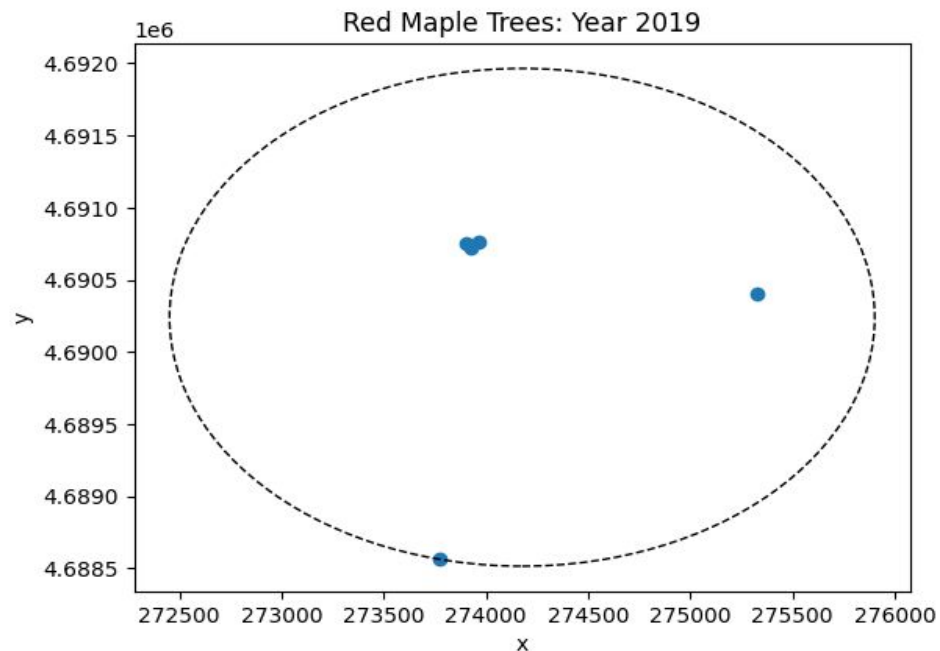
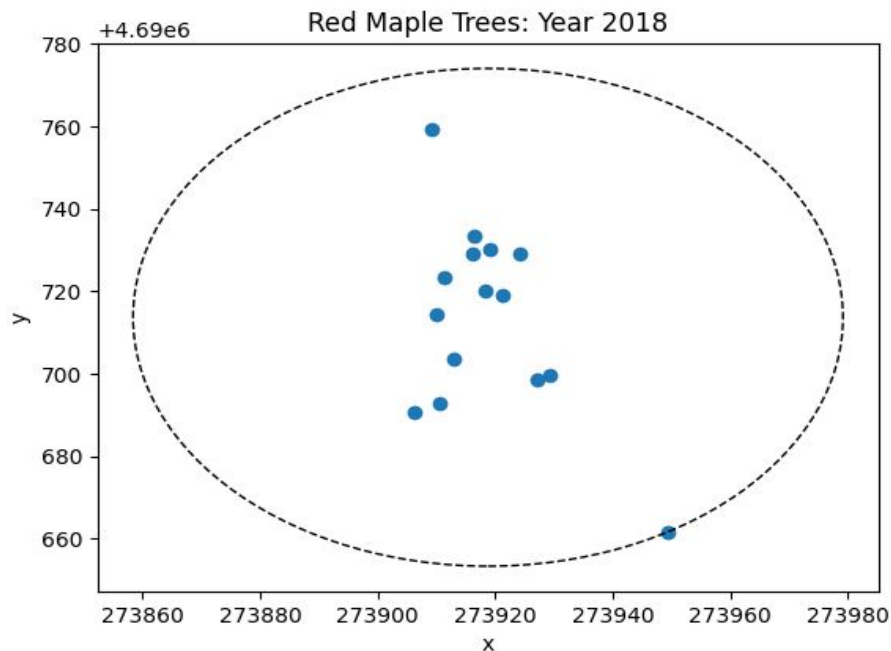
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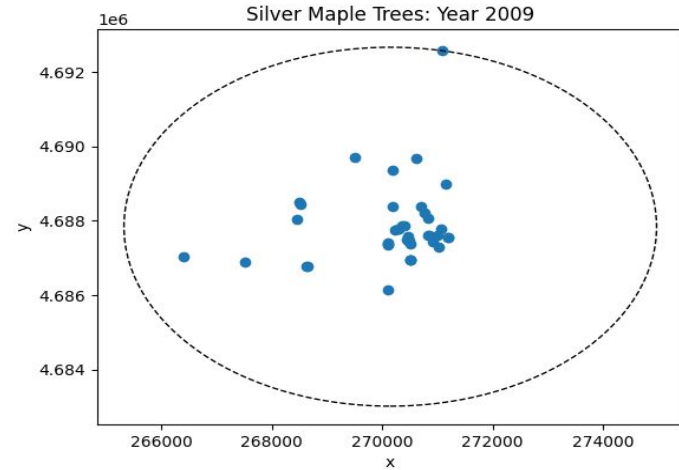
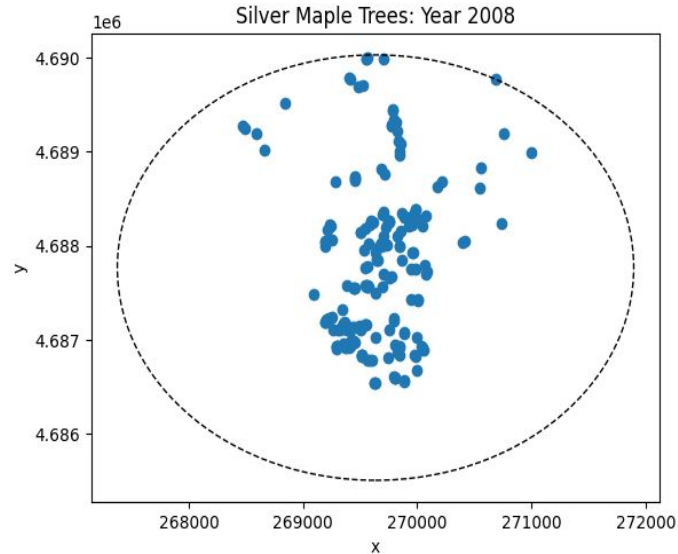
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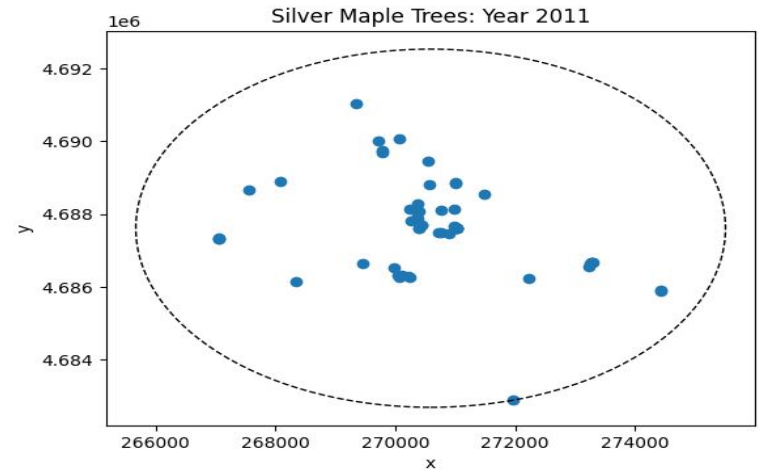
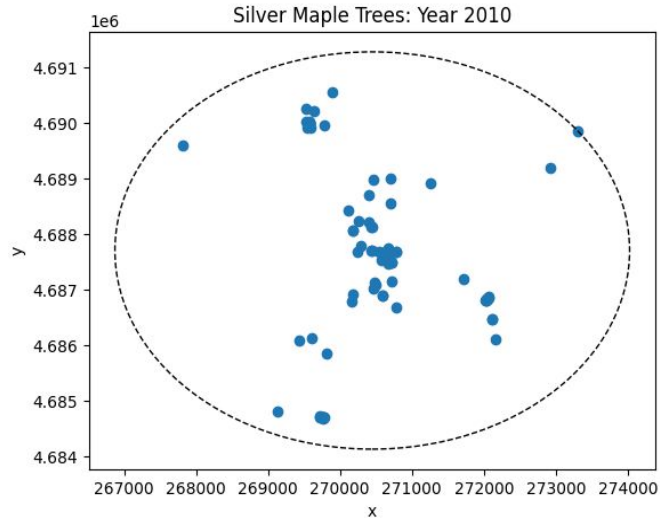
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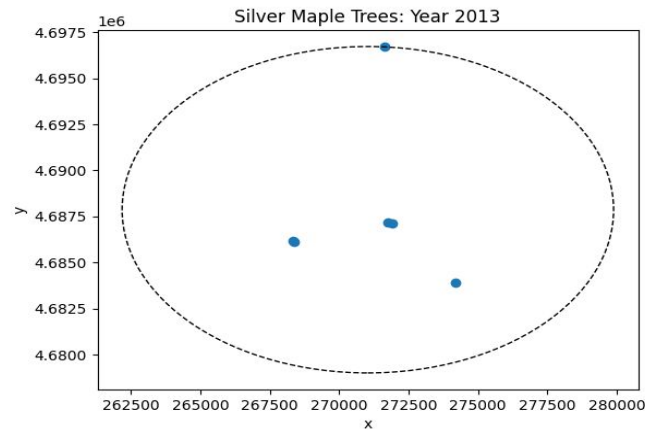
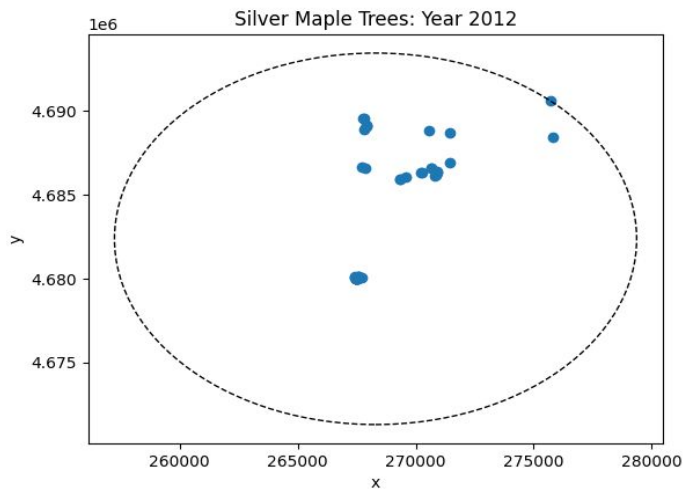
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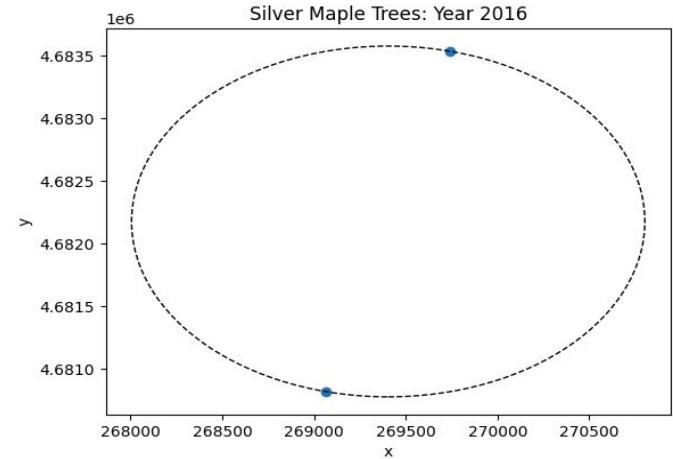
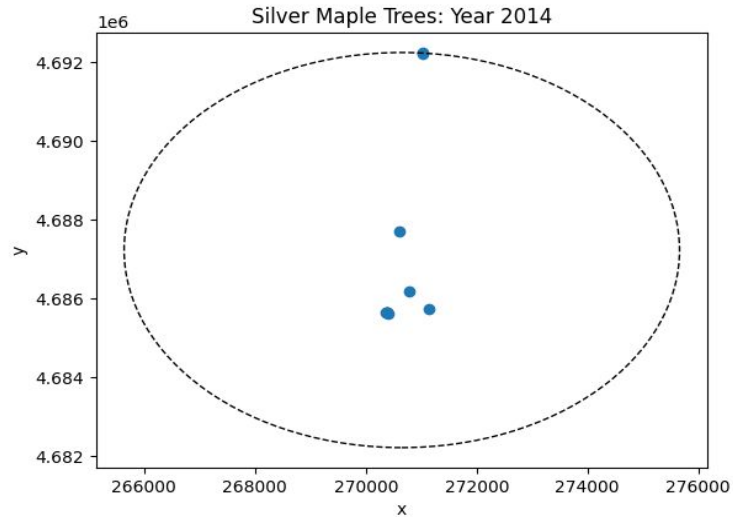
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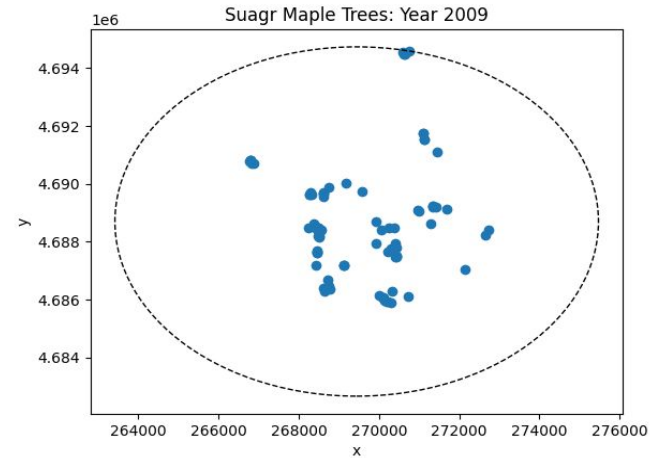
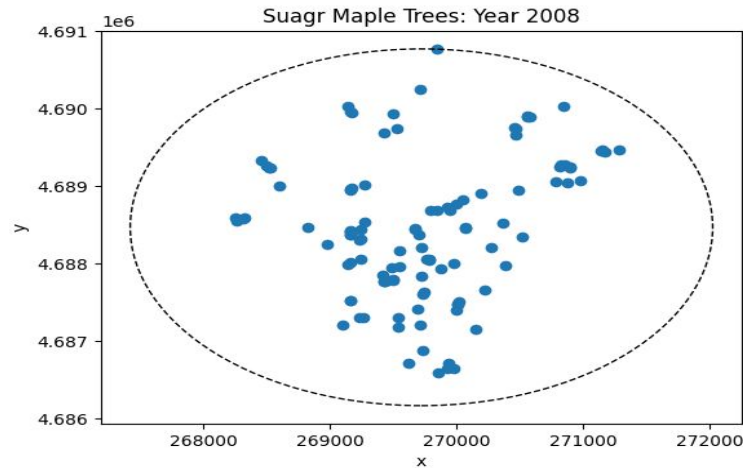
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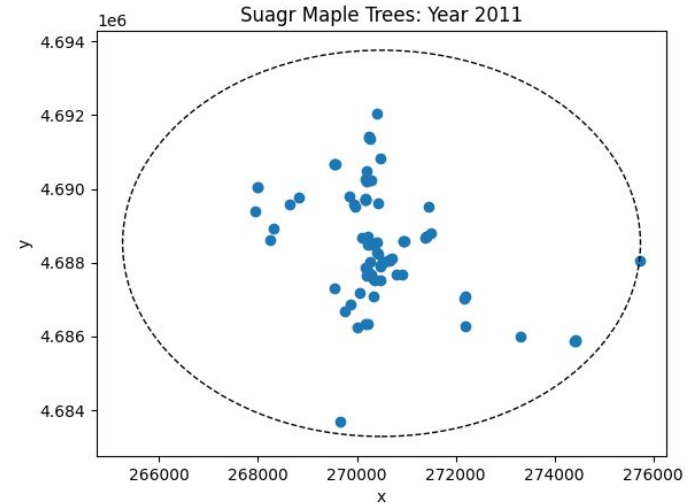
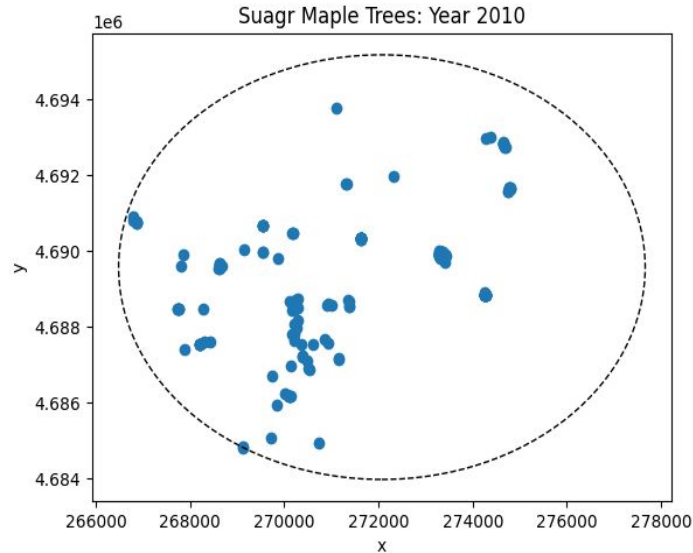
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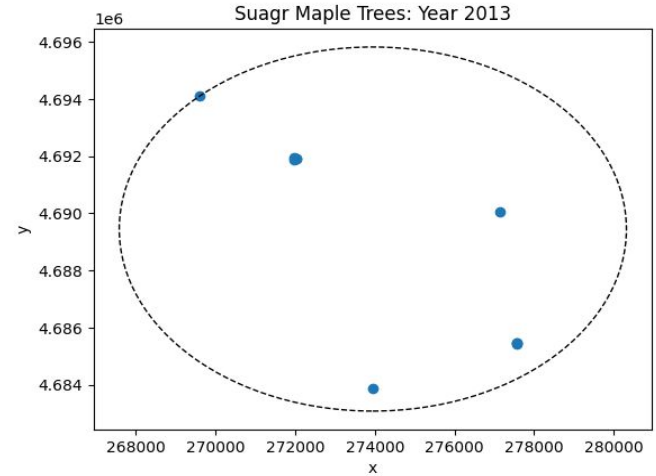
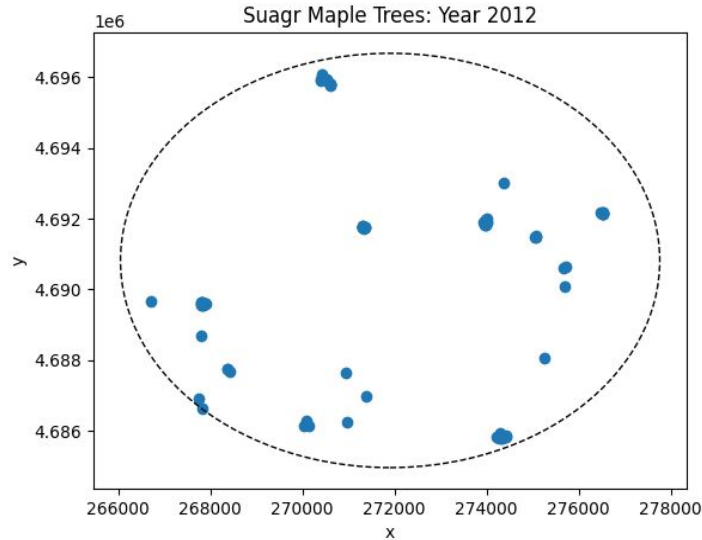
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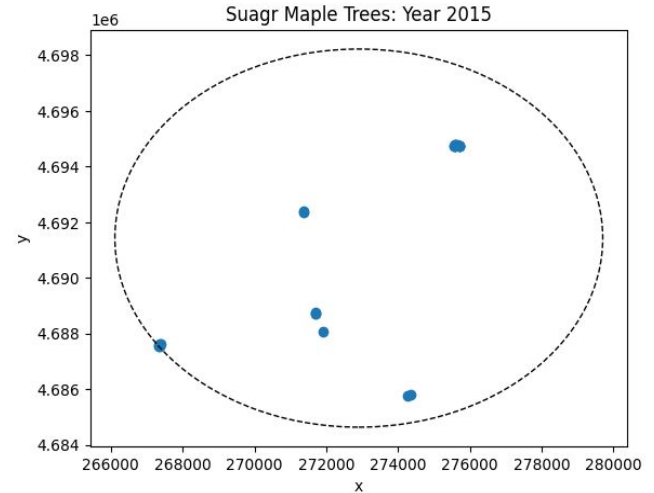
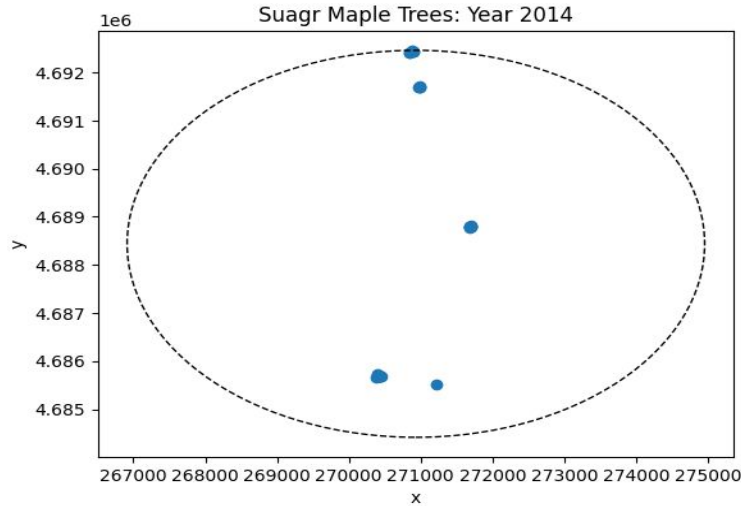
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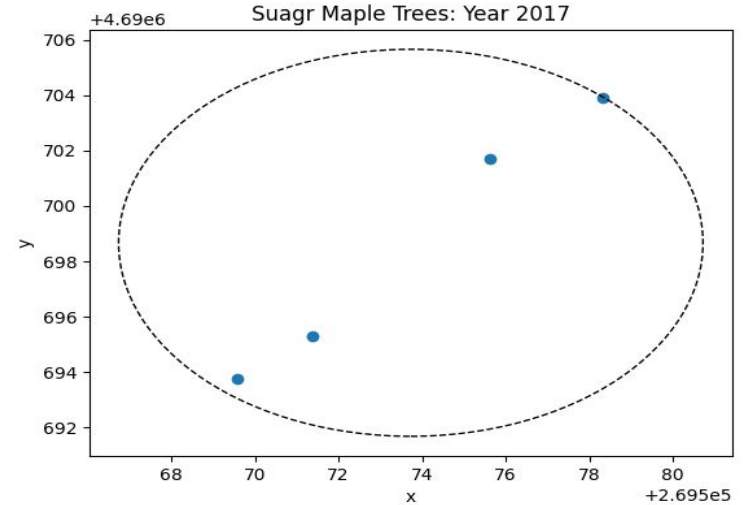
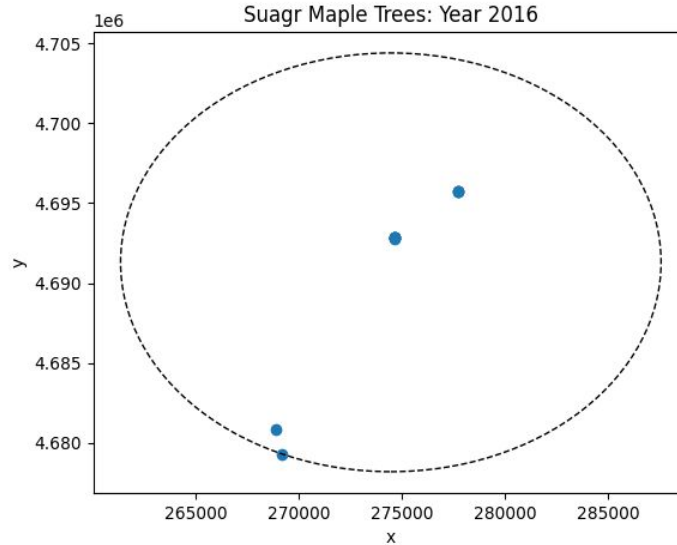
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Kernel Density Estimations (KDE)

- We can approximate a 1-D or 2-D distribution as a Gaussian distribution.
 - To do this, take a histogram of the data and fit a normal curve to each bin.
 - Add all curves together to get our approximate (Gaussian) distribution.
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How is the data distributed?

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Kernel Density Estimations (KDE)

- If $(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ are i.i.d. Samples from our distribution, we approximate the probability density function (PDF) via

$$\hat{p}_h(x) = \frac{1}{nh} \sum_{i=1}^n K\left(\frac{x - x_i}{h}\right)$$

- The parameter $h > 0$ is the *bandwidth* of the estimation.
 - The function $K()$ is the *kernel function*. We use the Gaussian probability density function $\text{Normal}(0, 1)$.
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2D Kernel Density Estimation

Red Maple Species: 2008 & 2009

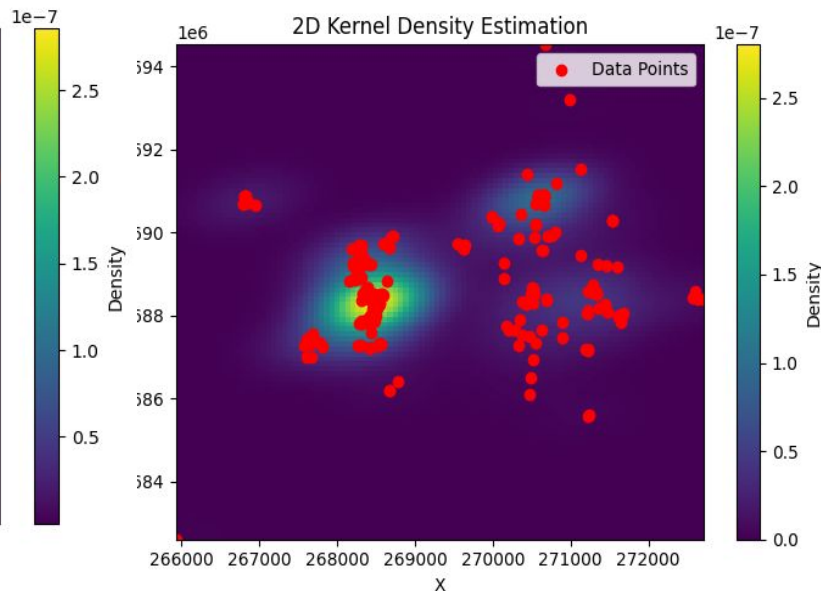
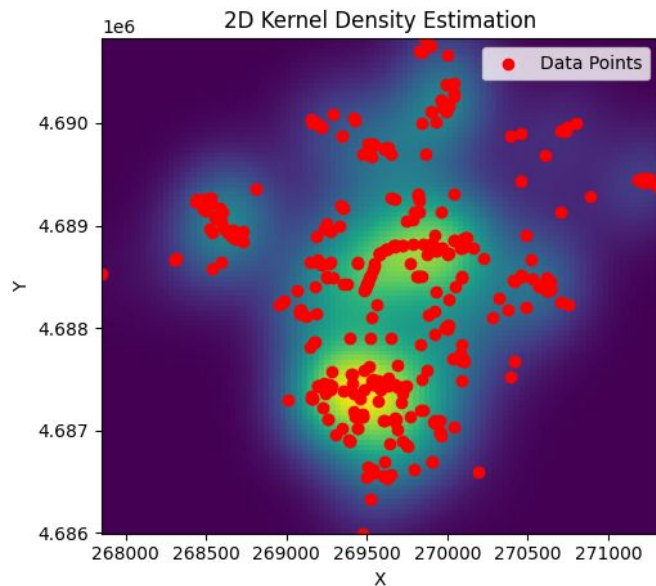
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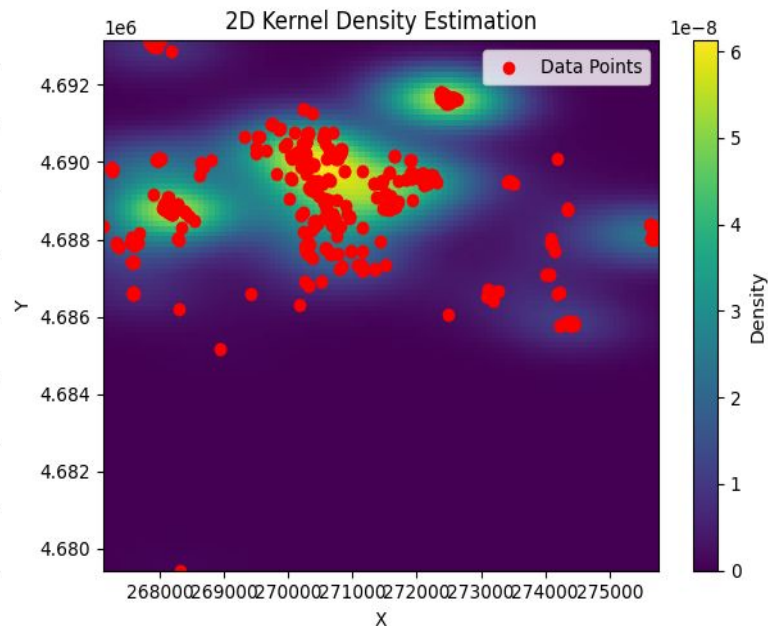
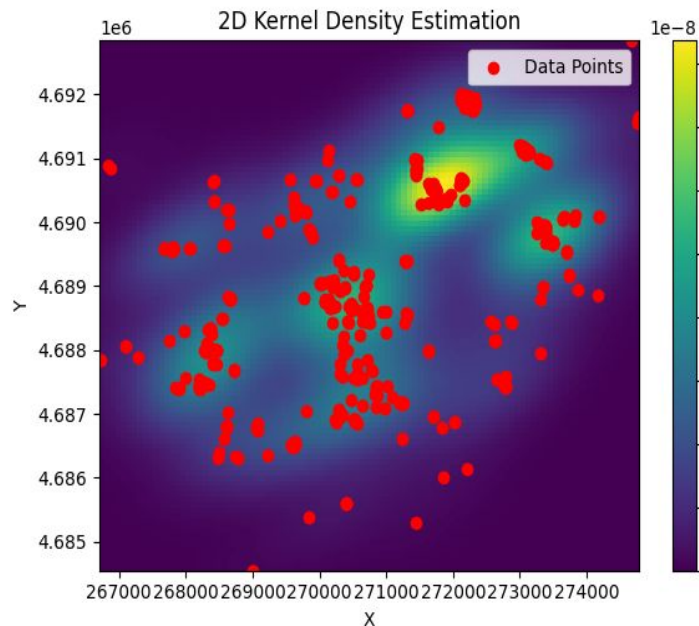
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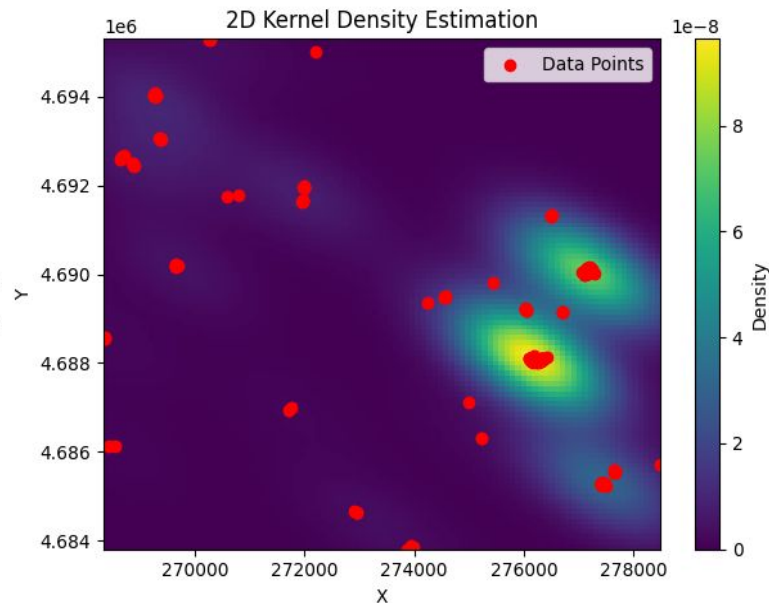
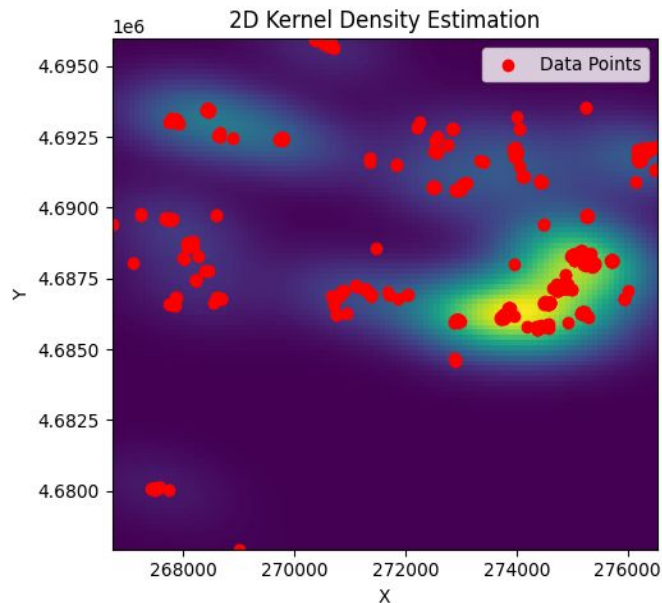
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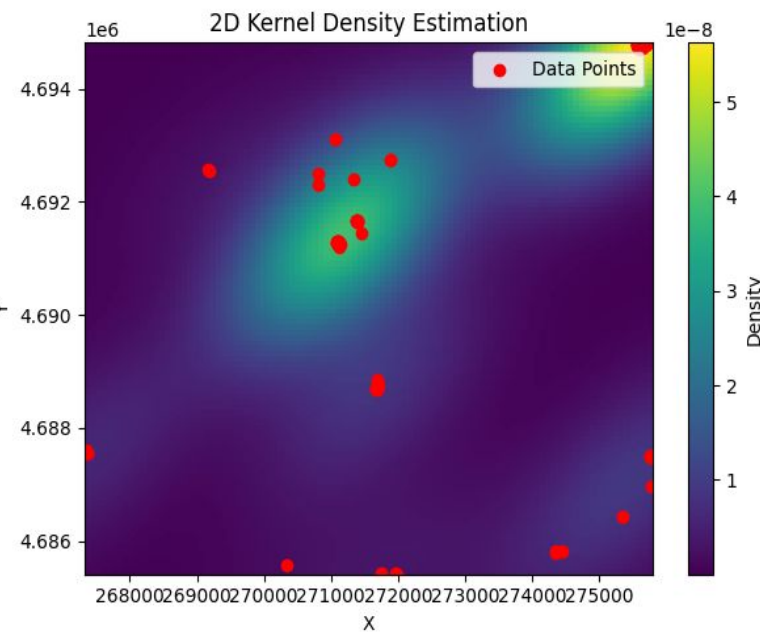
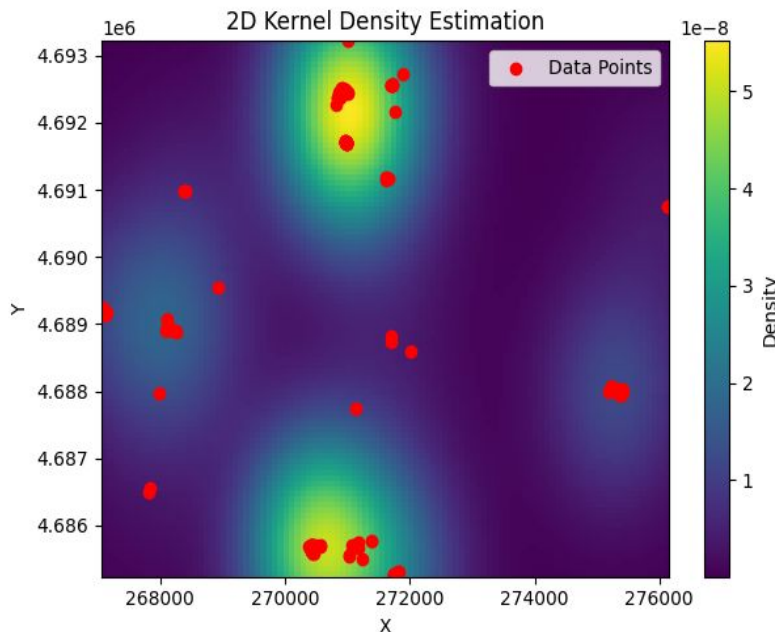
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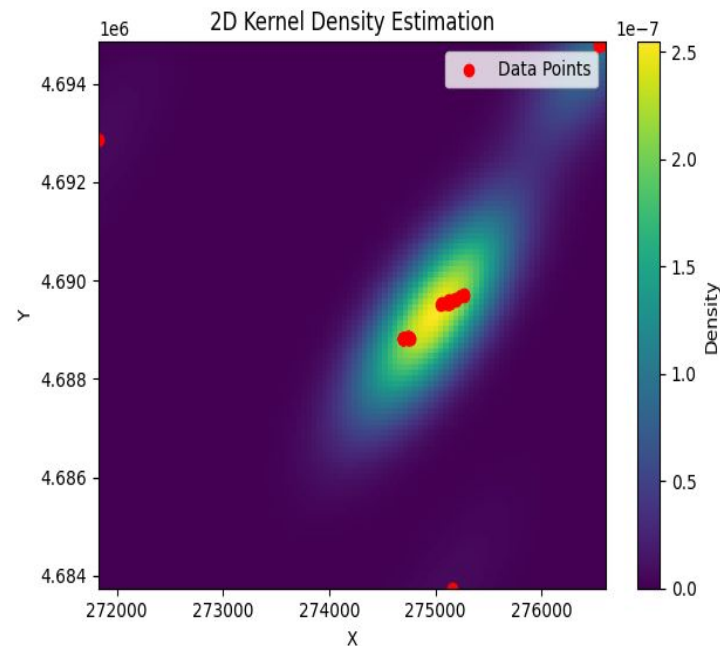
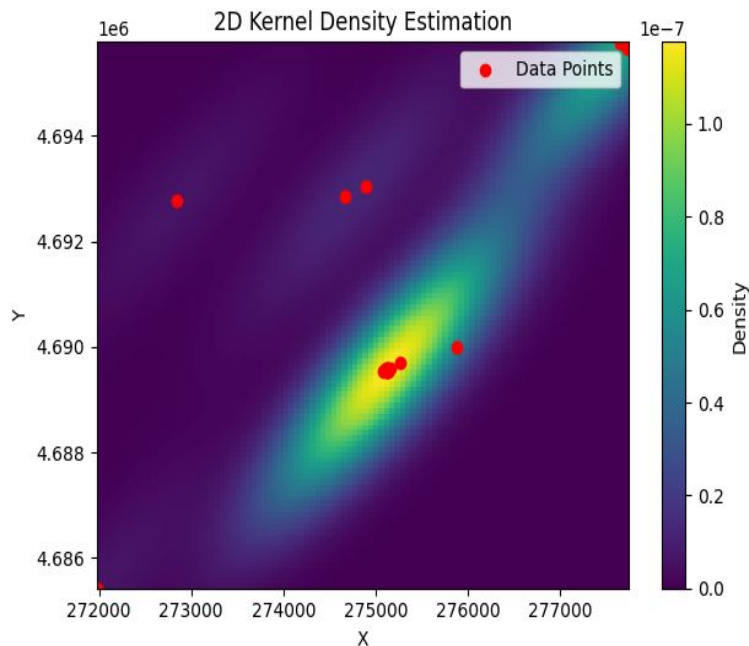
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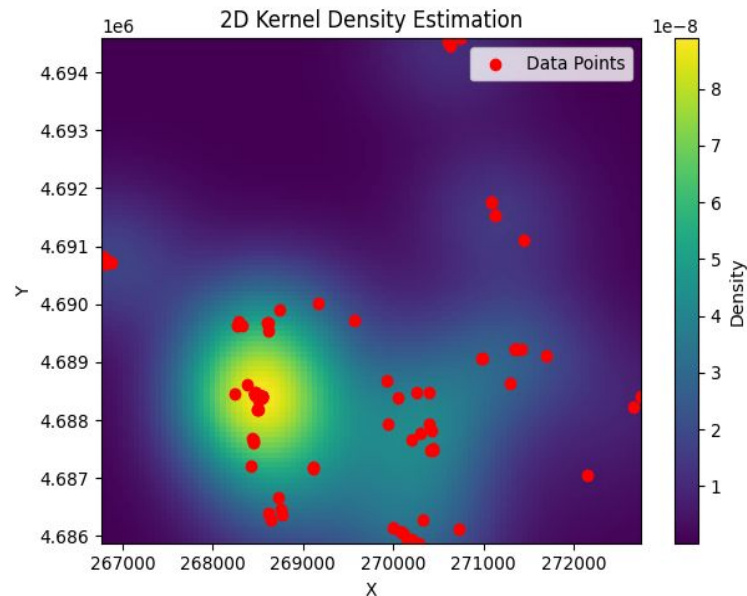
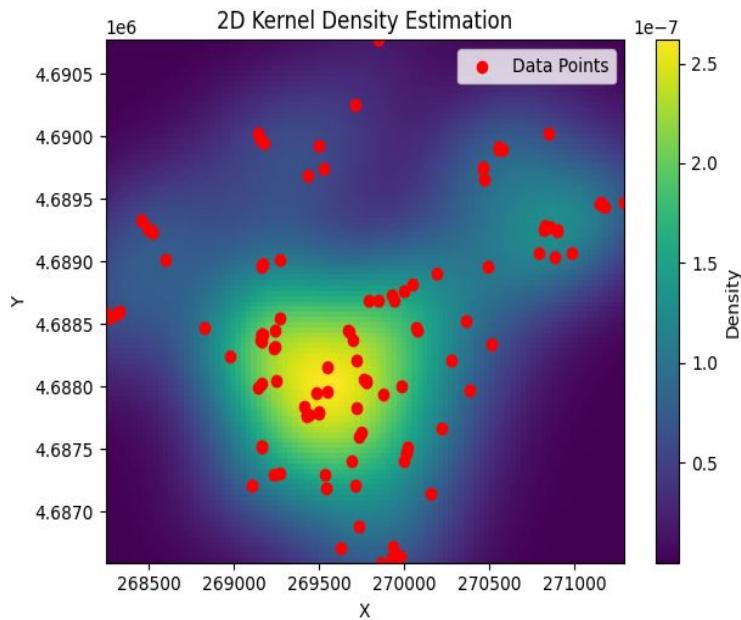
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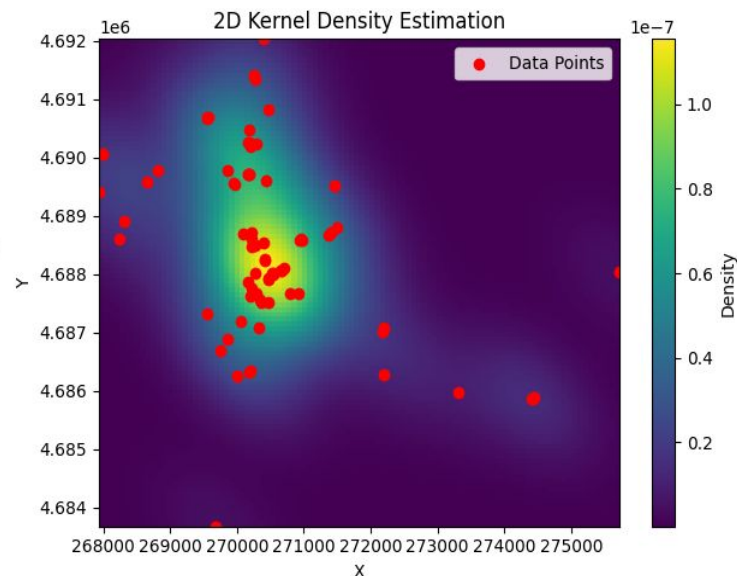
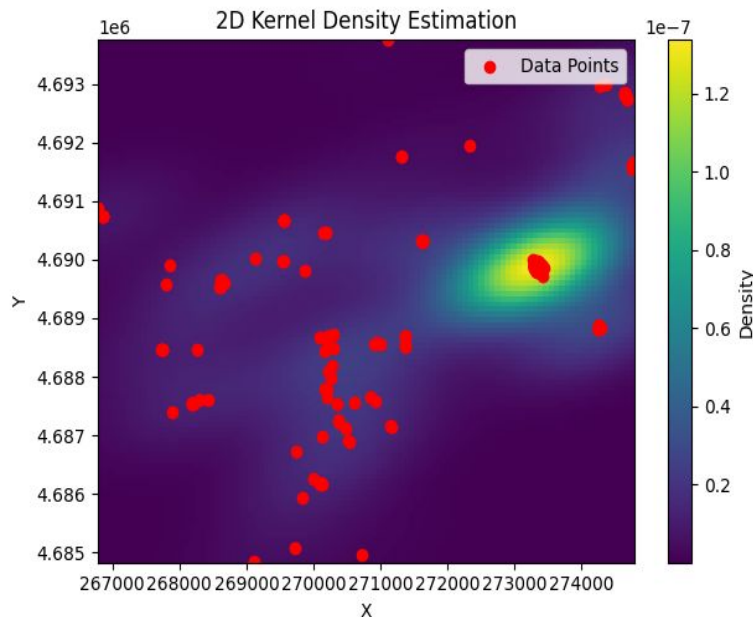
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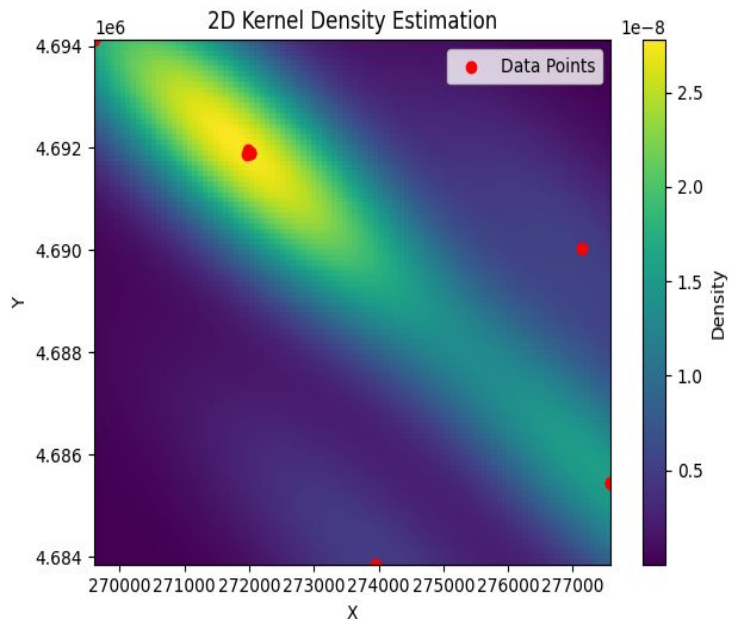
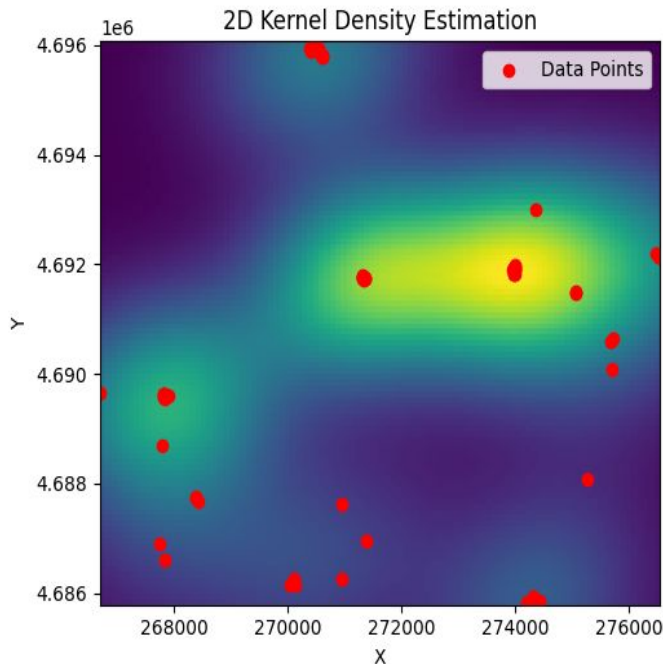
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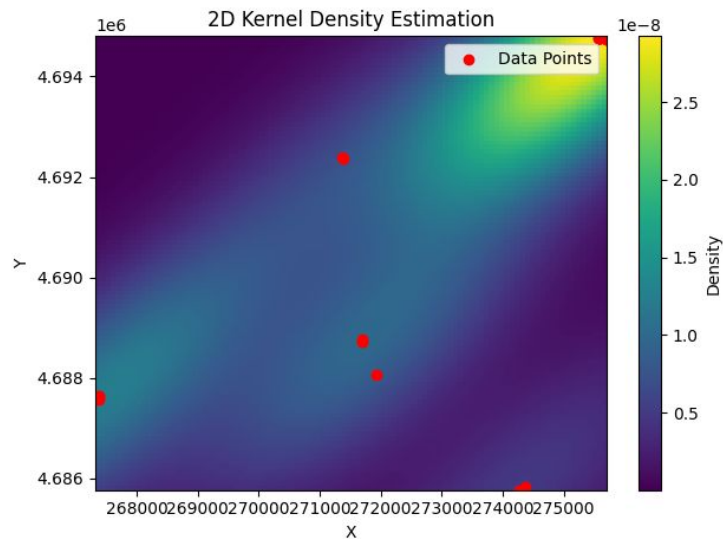
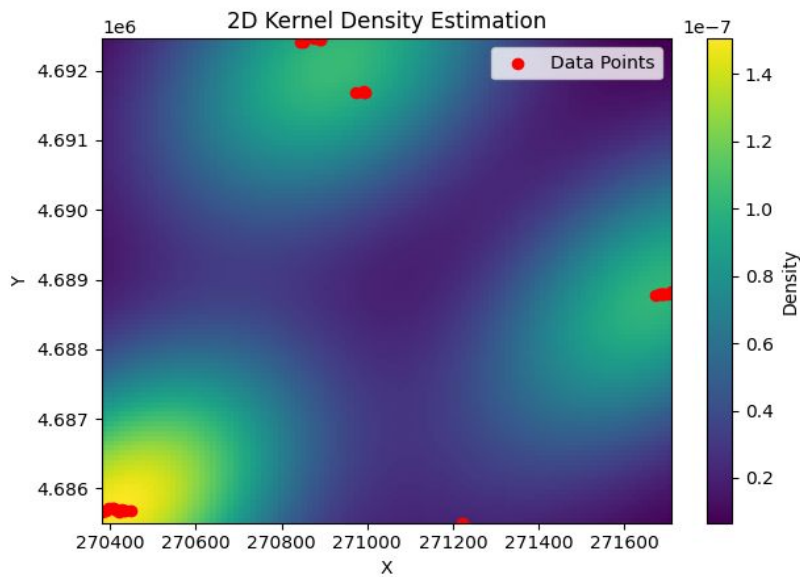
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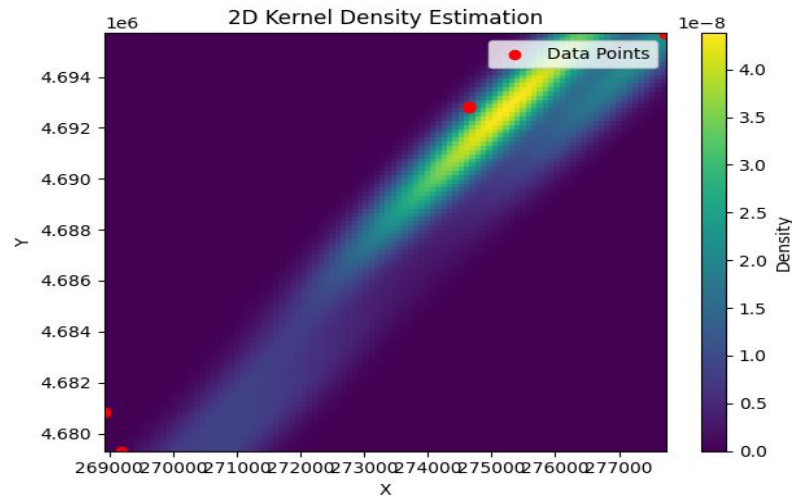
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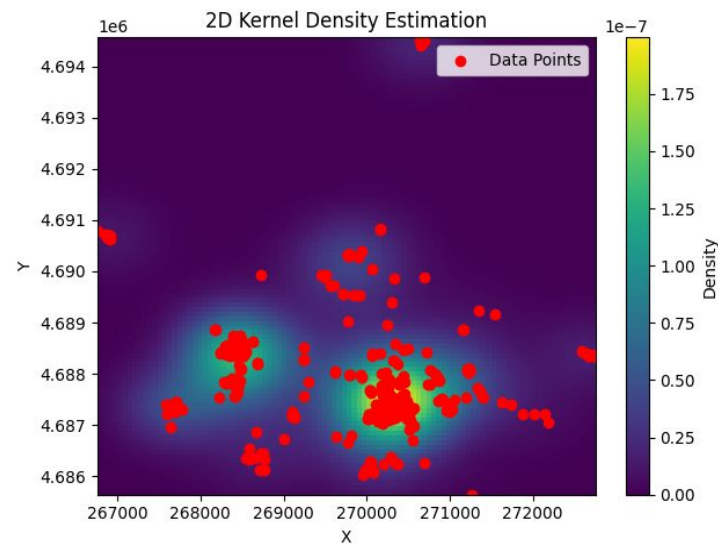
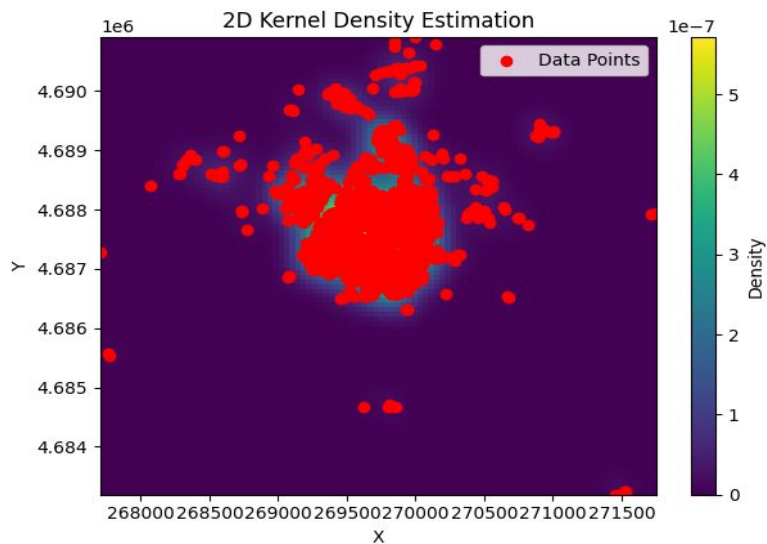
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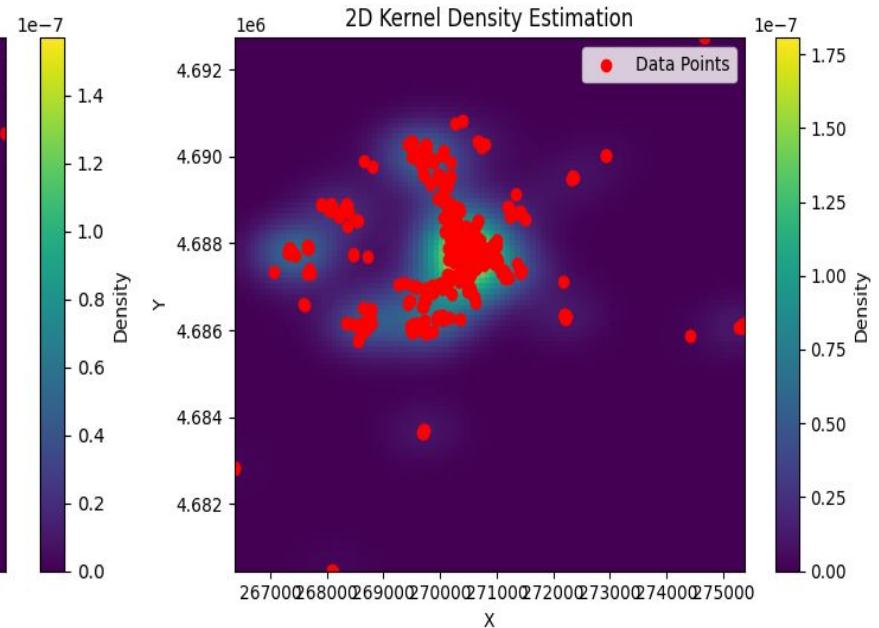
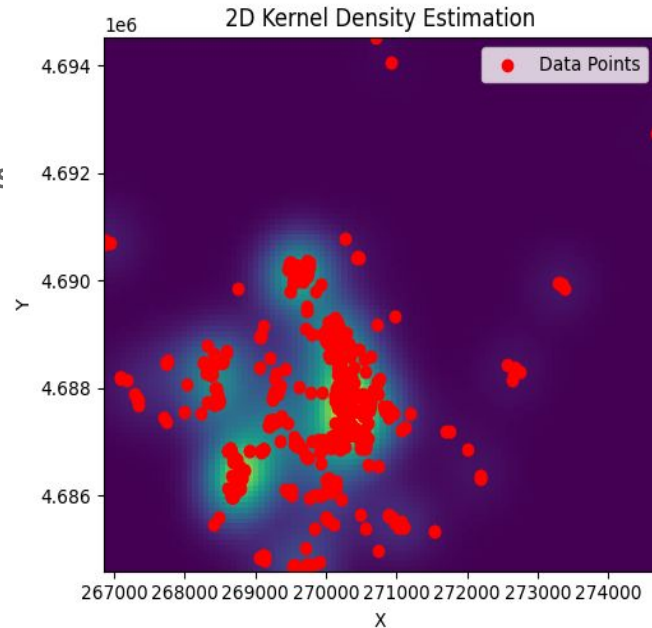
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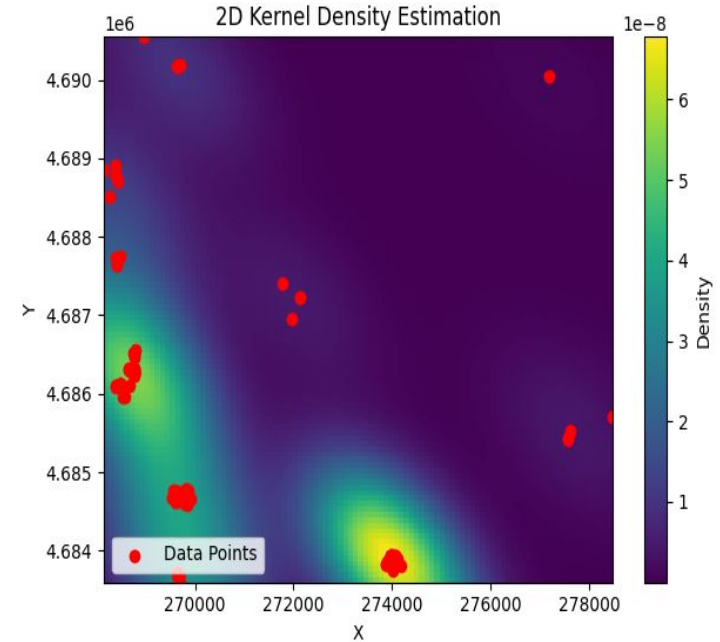
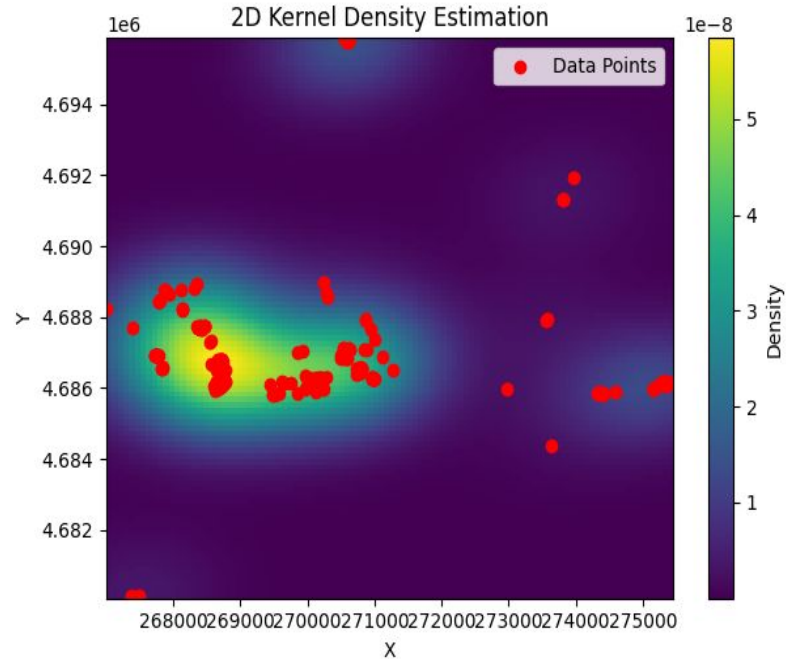
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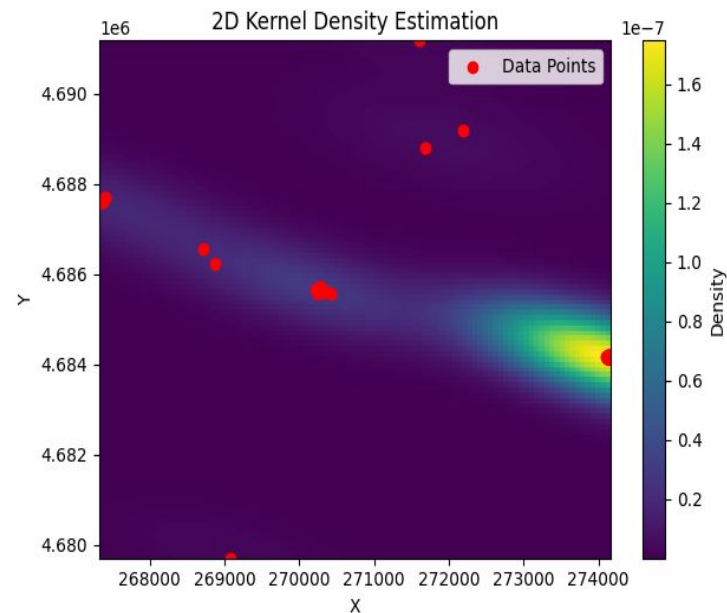
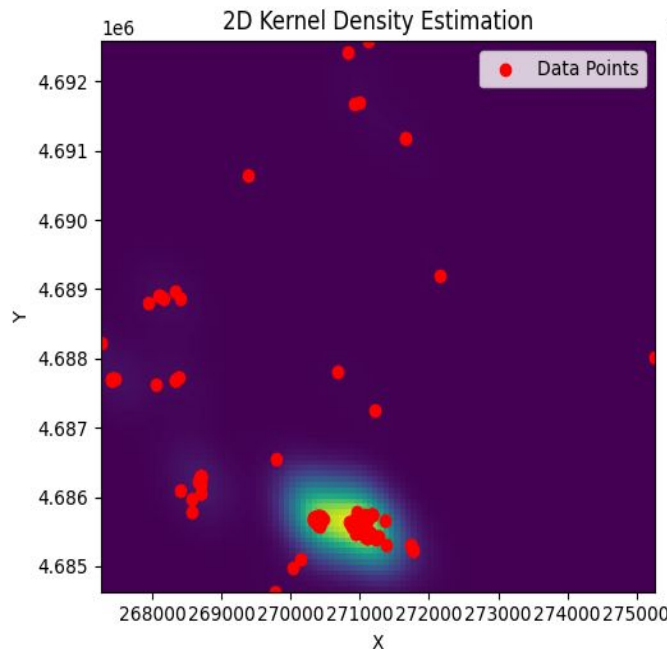
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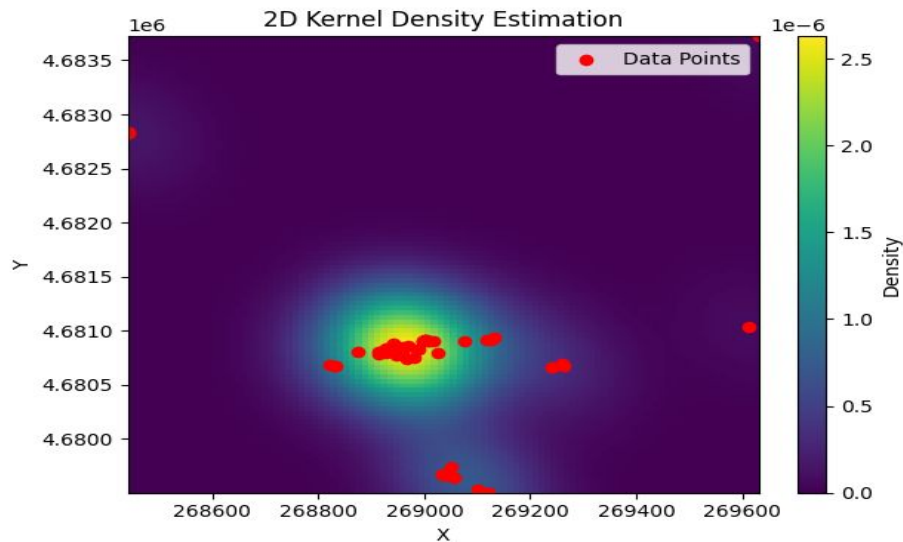
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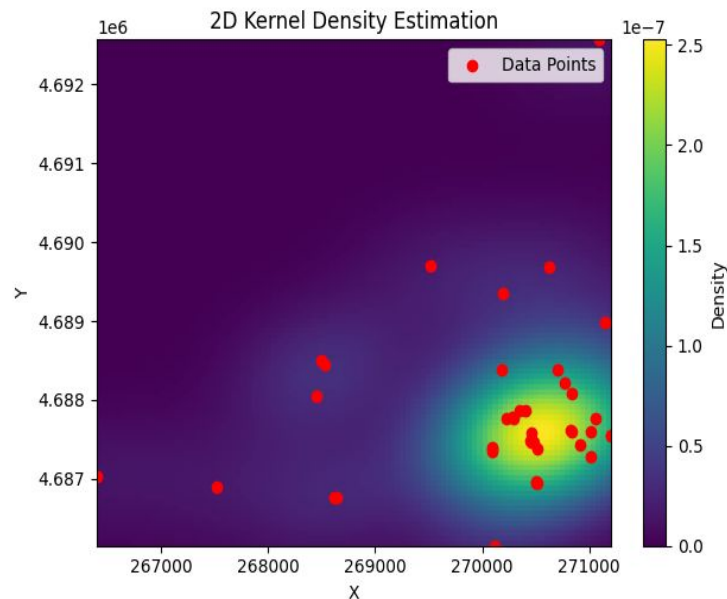
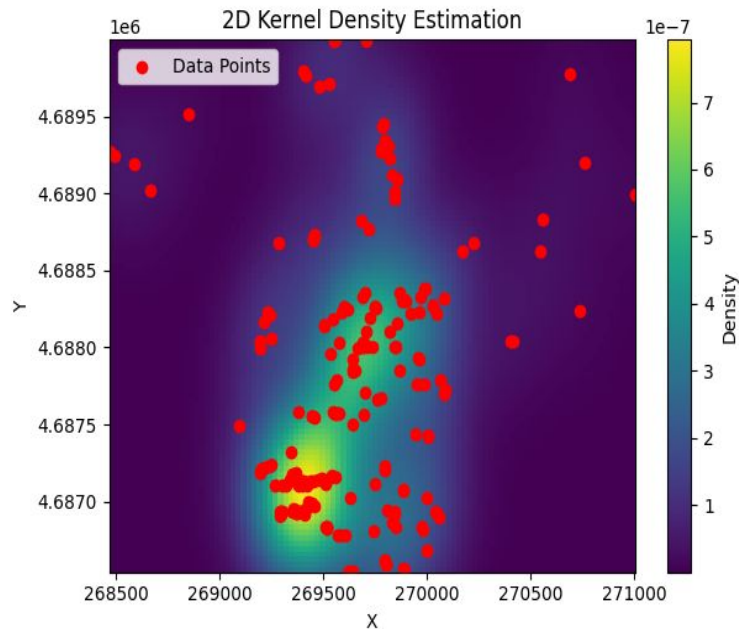
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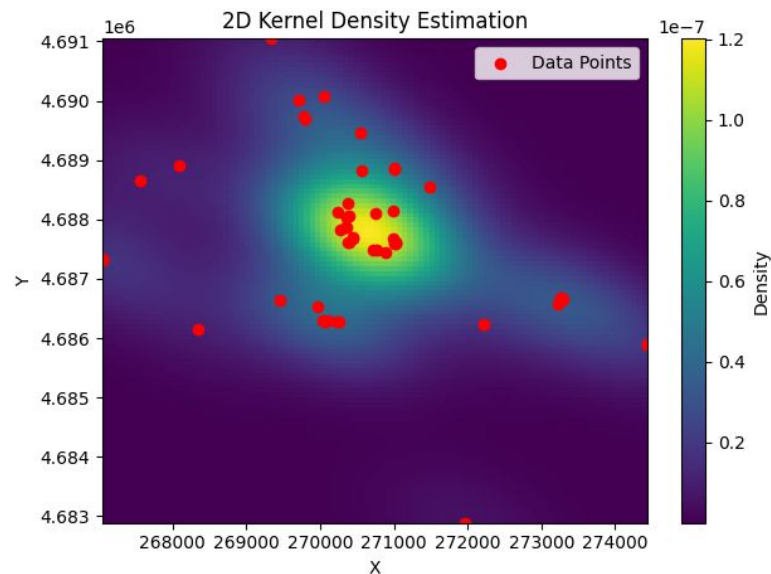
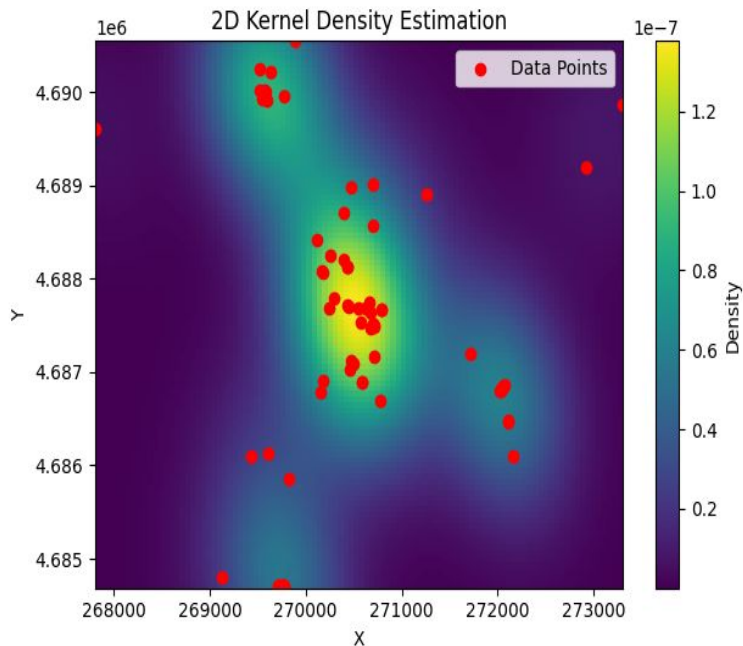
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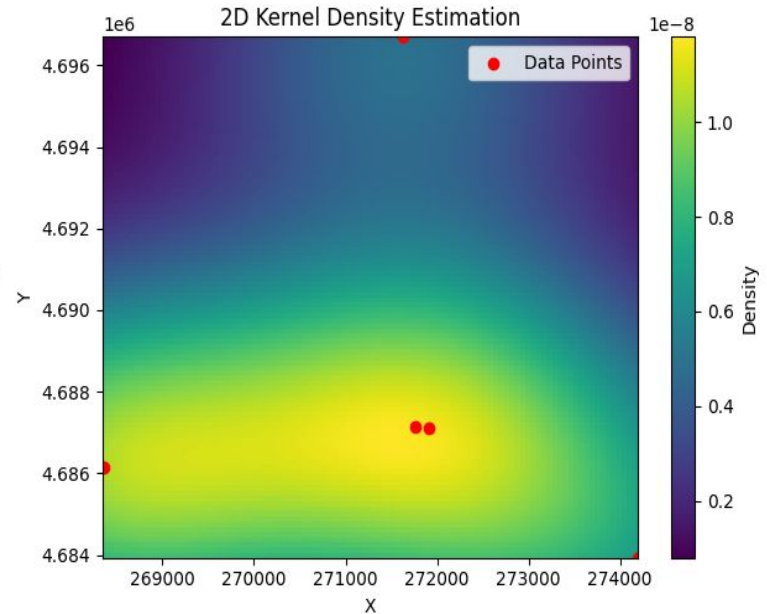
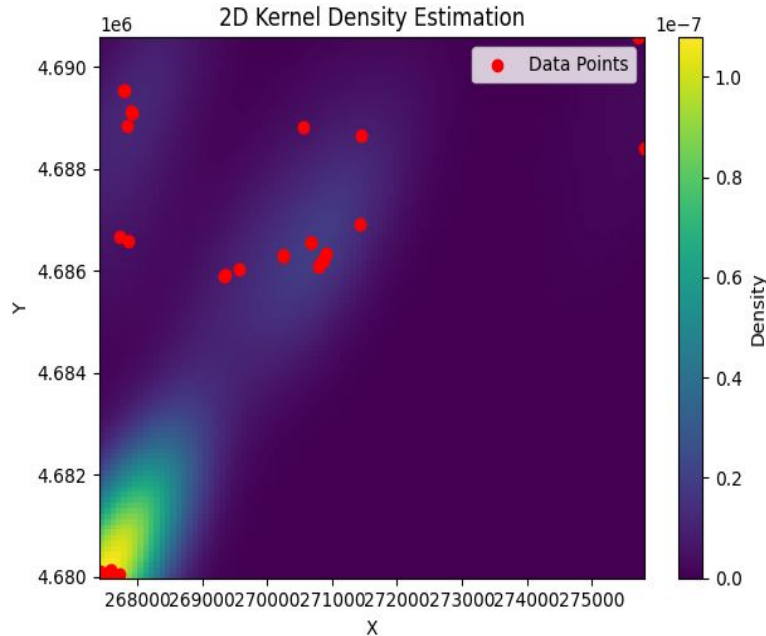
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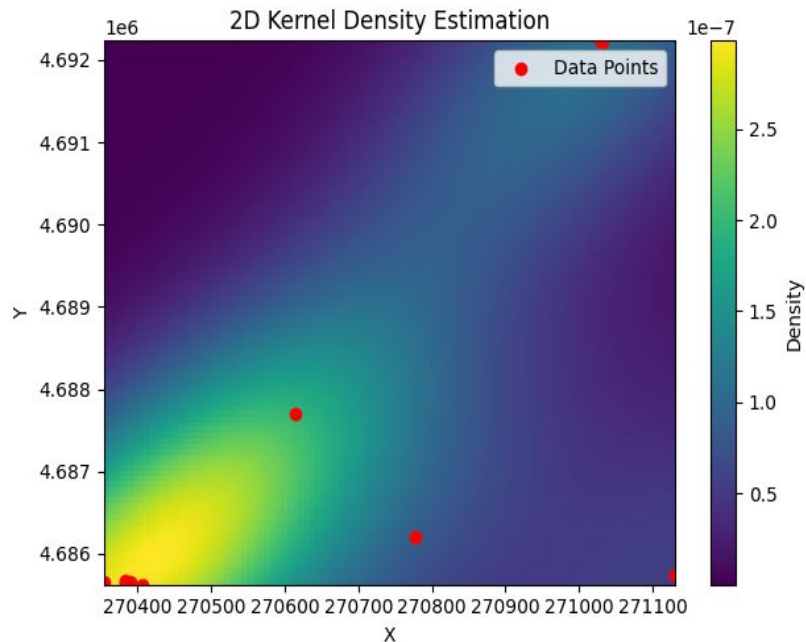
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2D KDE (Silver maple: 2014 data)



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Application of the KDE

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- We can approximate a 1-D or 2-D distribution as a Gaussian distribution.
 - Take a histogram of the data and fit a normal curve to each bin. Then, adding all curves together will give us our approximate underlying distribution.
 - **The peak of the summed curve should indicate the peak of densities, corresponding to potential clusters.**
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Detecting Clusters

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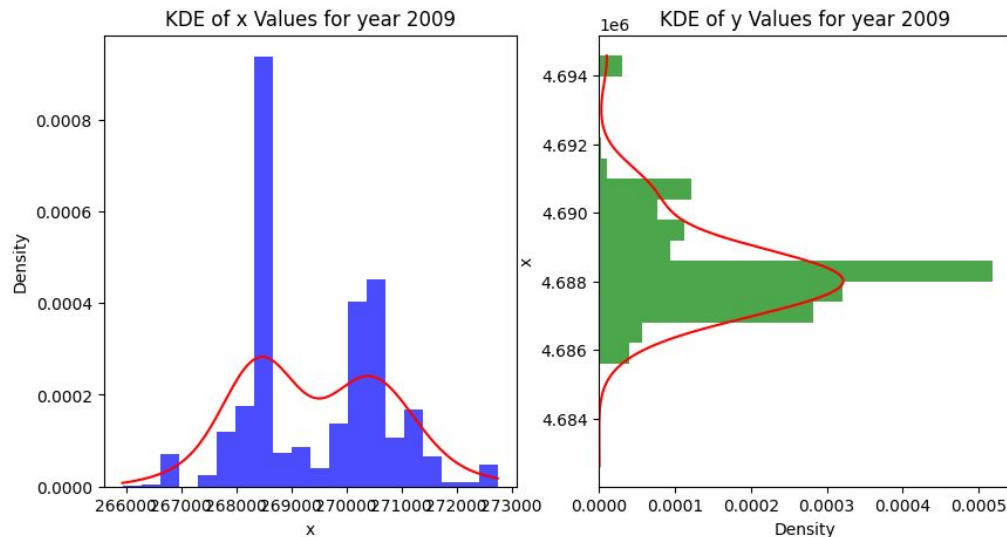
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One-Dimensional KDE: 2009 Data



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In theory...

- Use 1-D KDE to pinpoint the 2-D clusters

In reality...?

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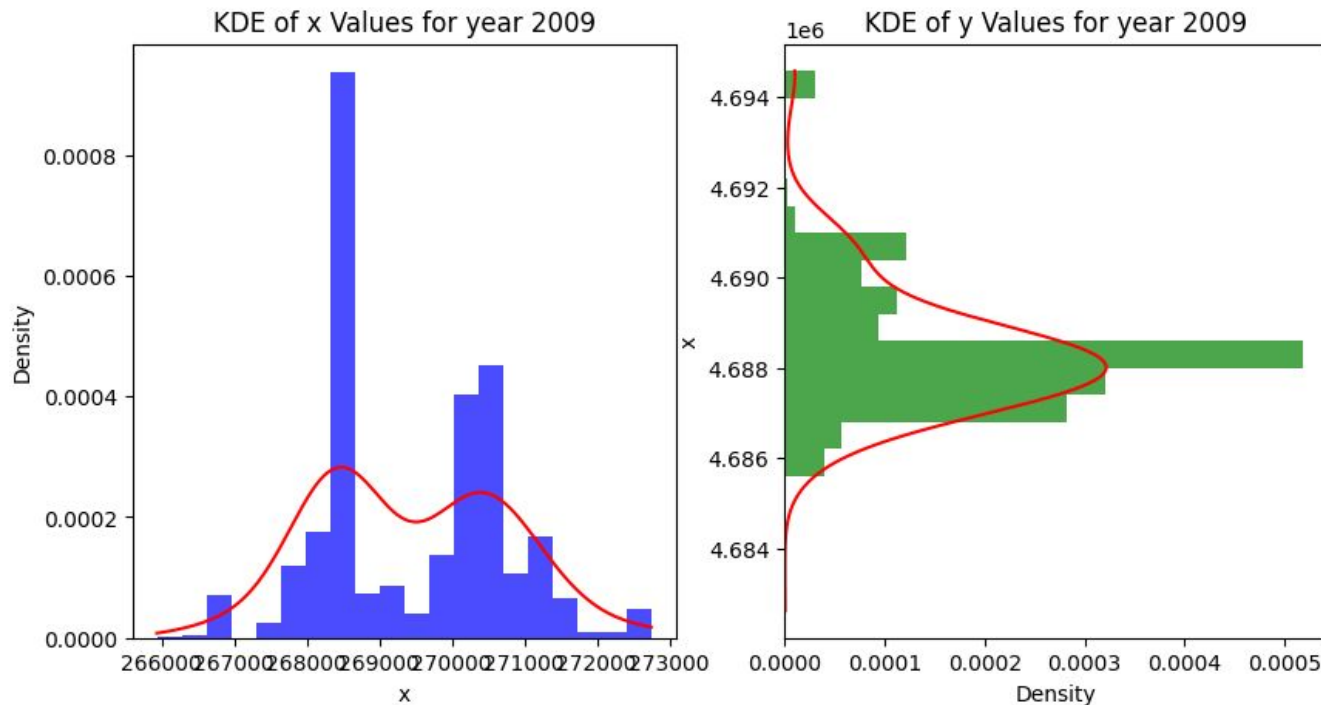
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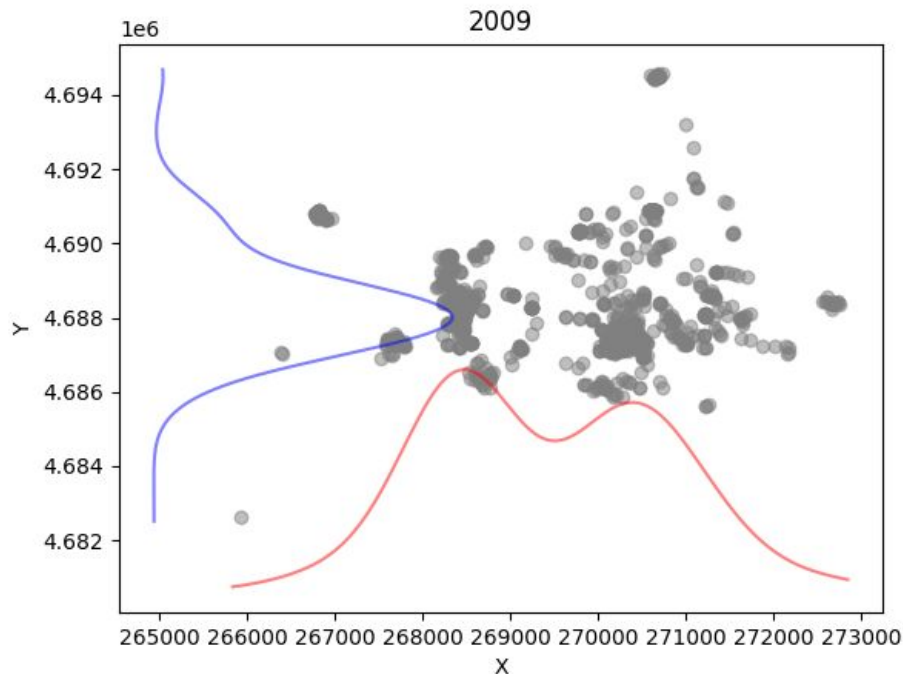
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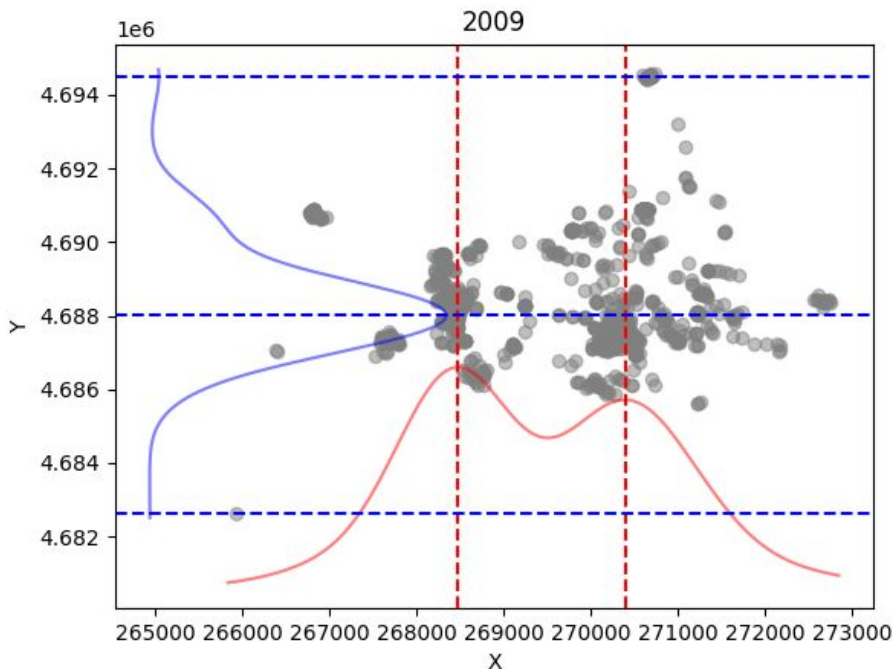
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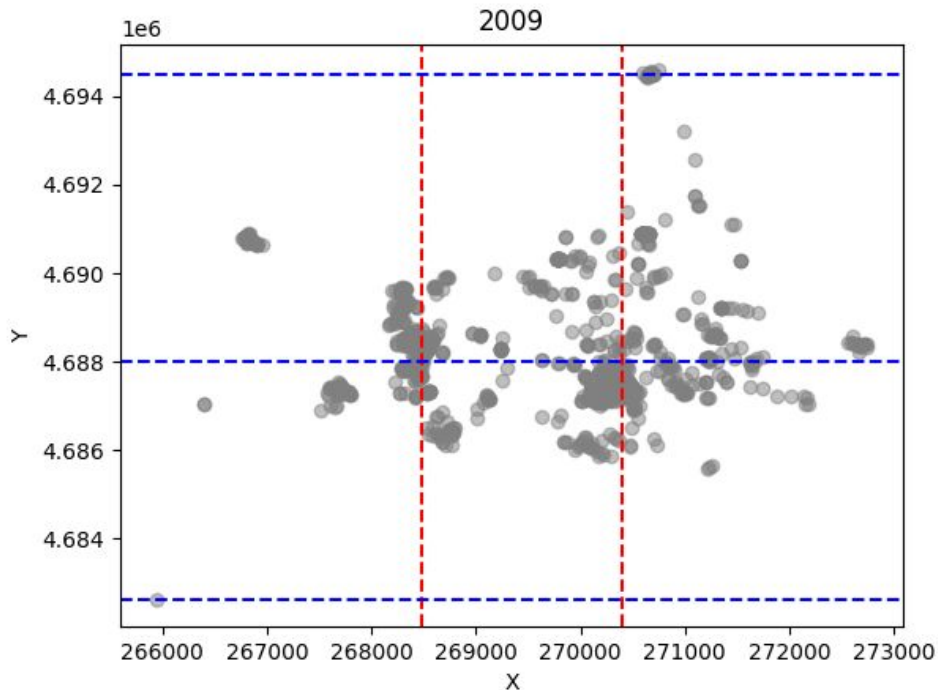
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In practice...

- Found Cluster!

Or did we?



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What about the other years?

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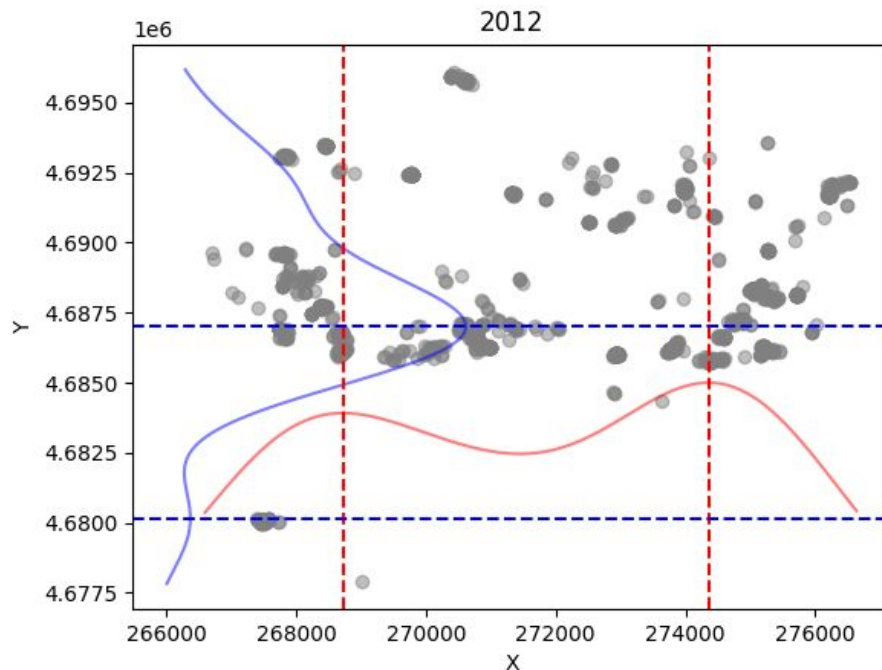
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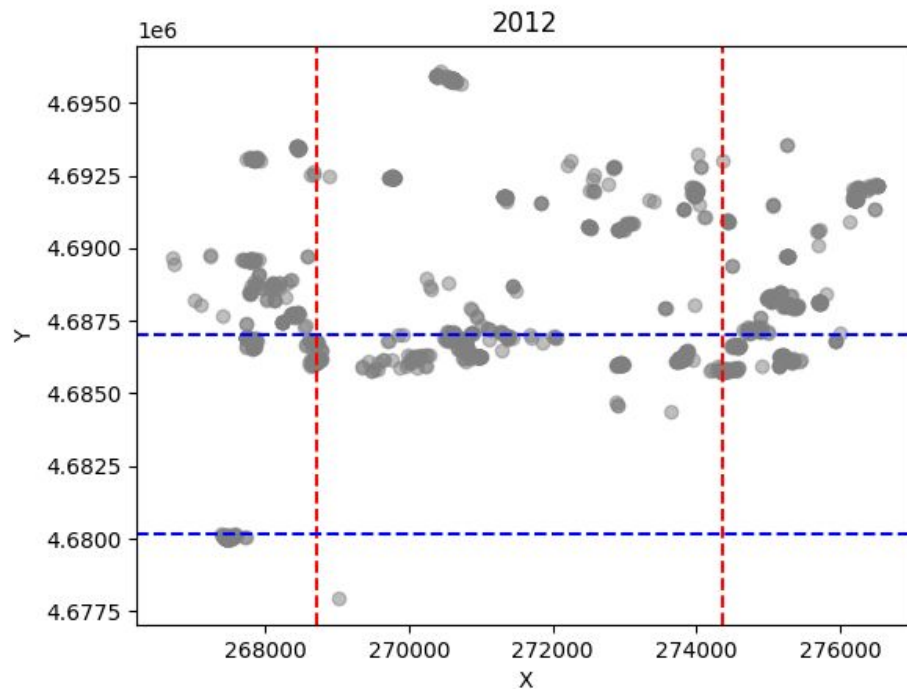
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In reality...

- Not so nice anymore :(



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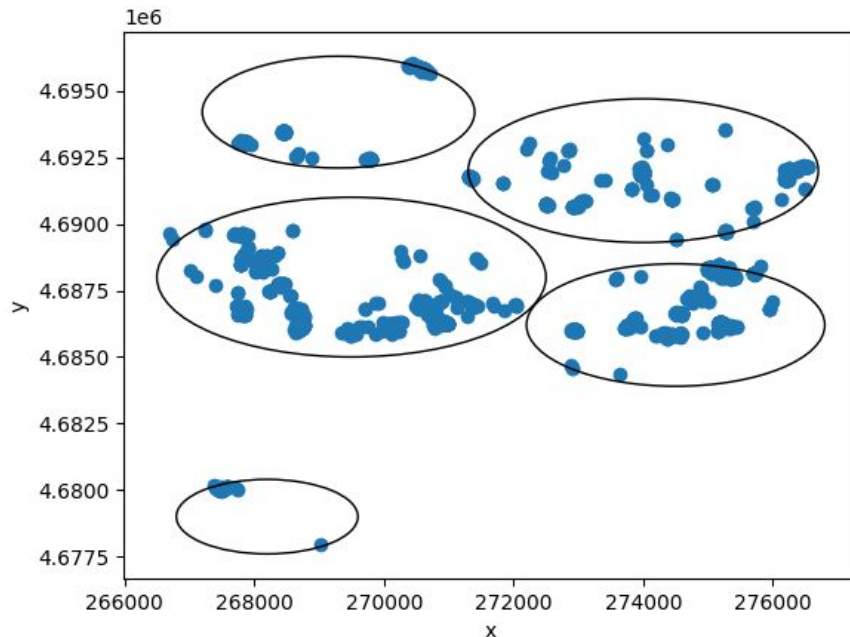
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In reality...

- Structures cannot be determined as good as eyeballing the data directly.



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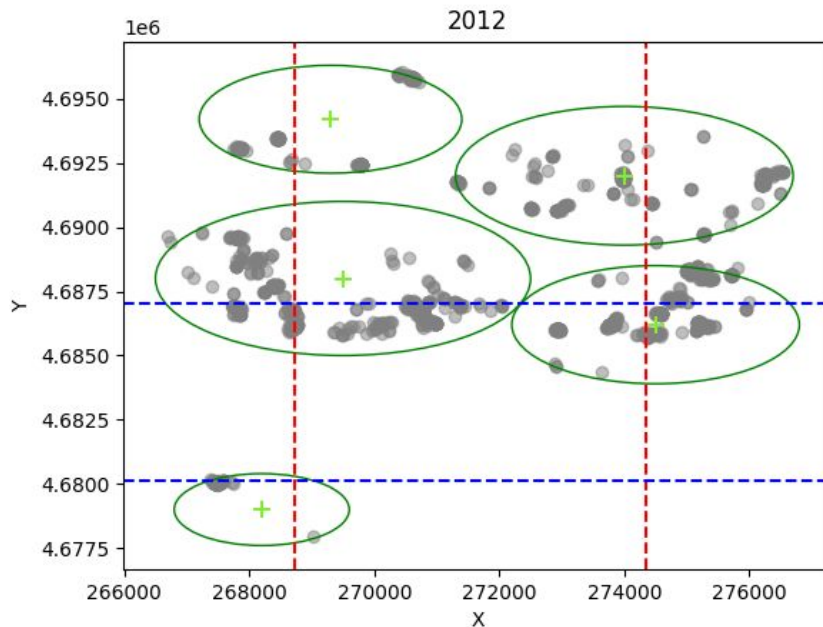
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Here the green circles/centers are results of eyeballing with help from 2D KDEs.

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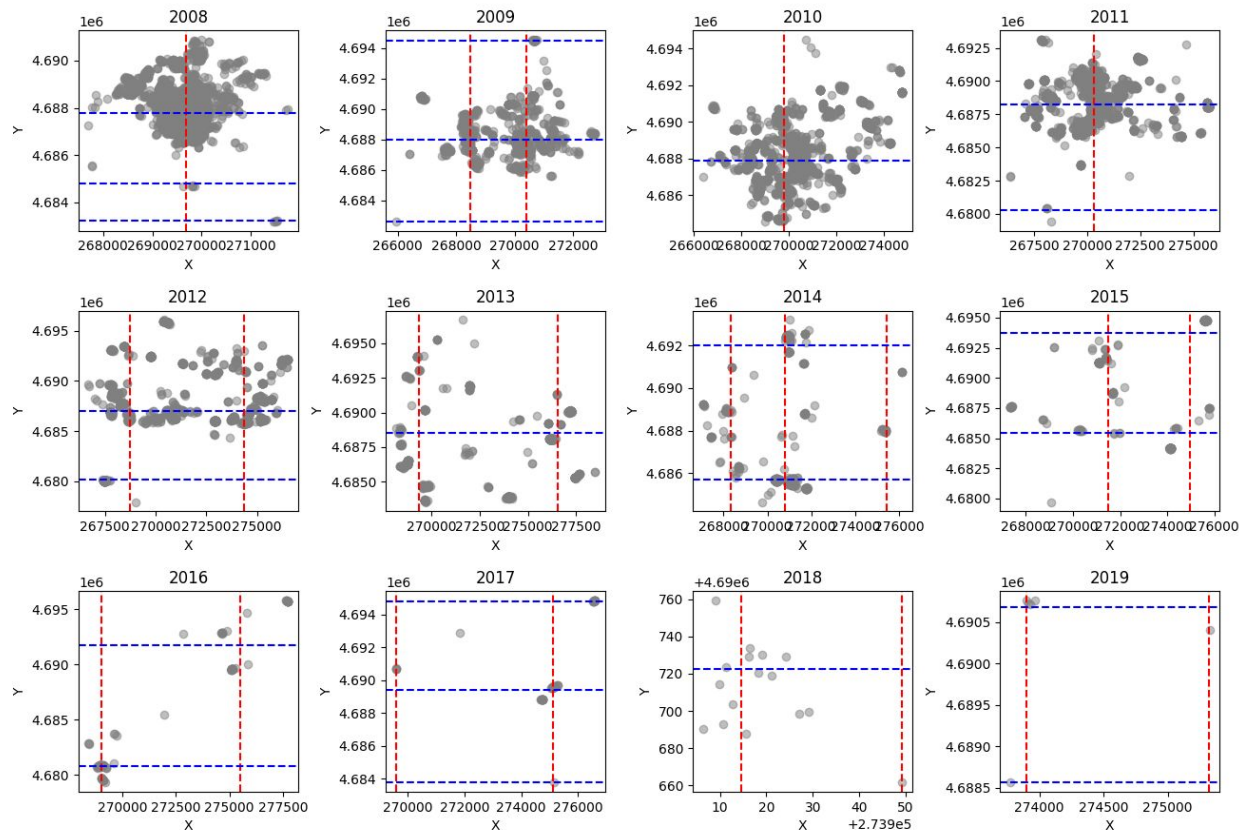
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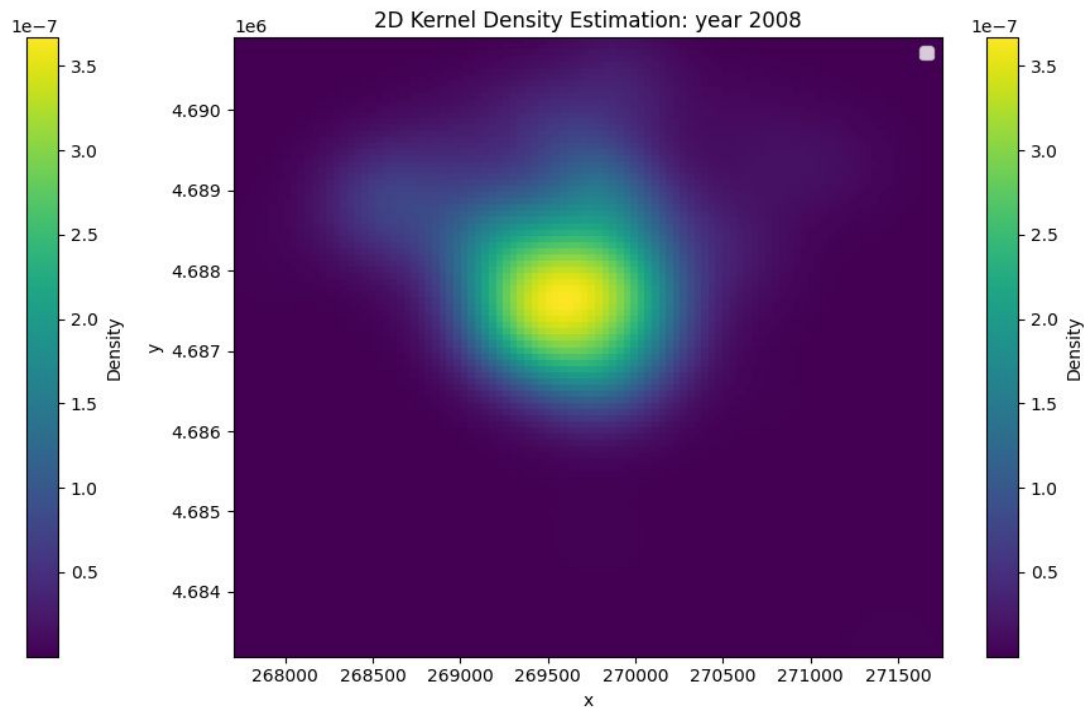
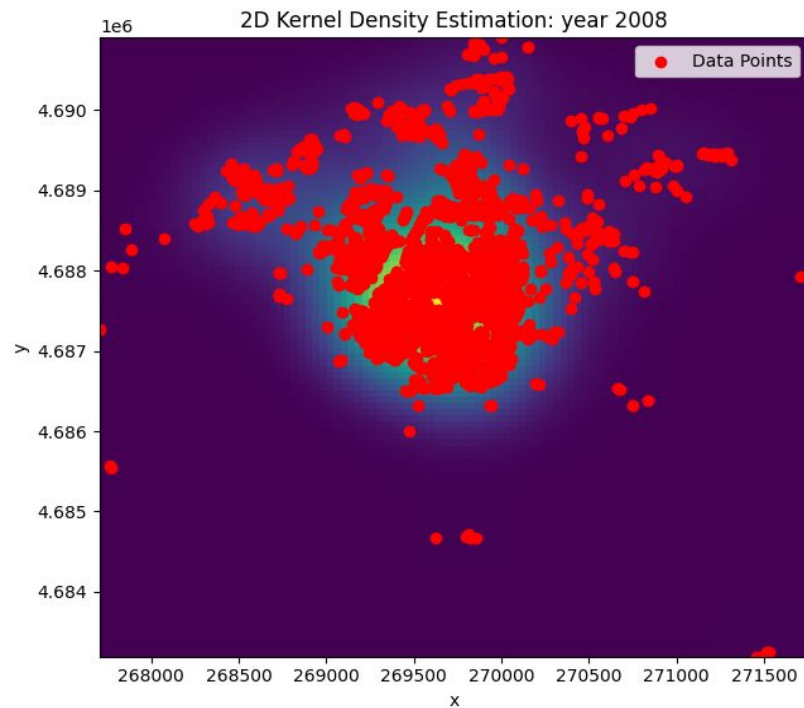
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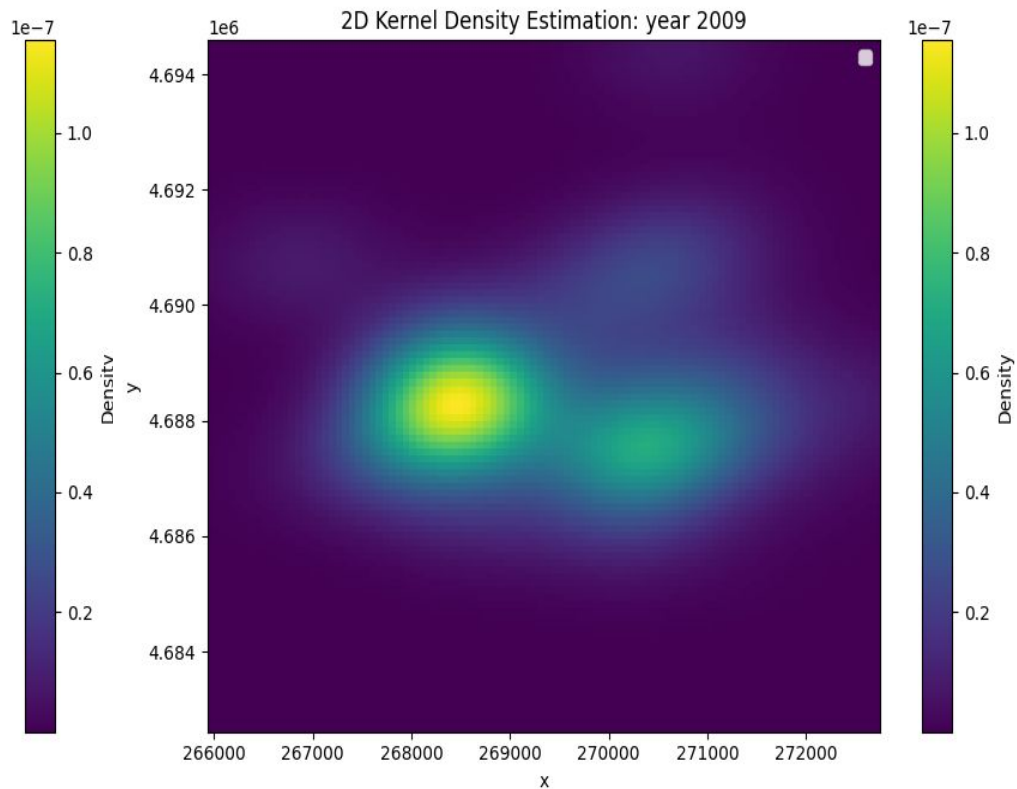
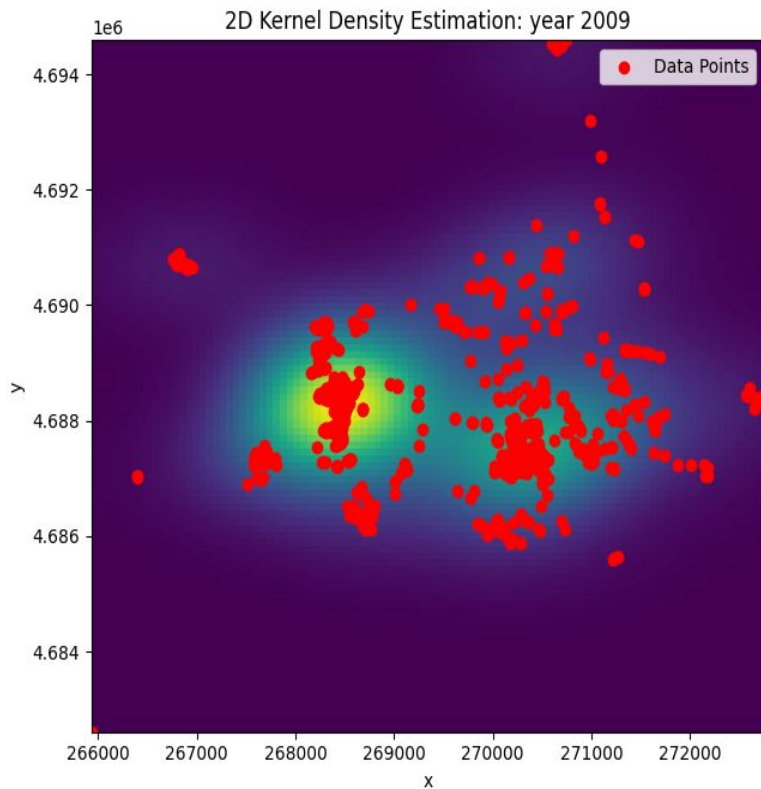
- Structures cannot be determined as good as eyeballing the data directly.
 - Resolving to determining clusters by eye

 - Currently an open question!
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2D KDE for Year 2008



2D KDE for Year 2009



Temporal Shift by Year - 2008

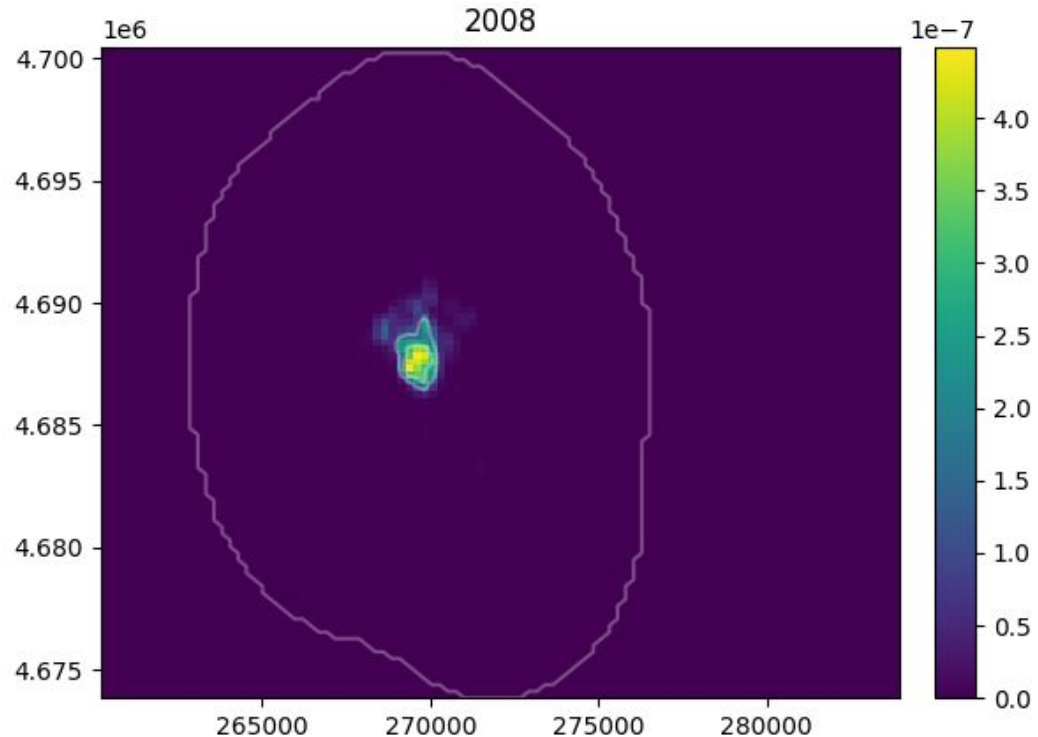
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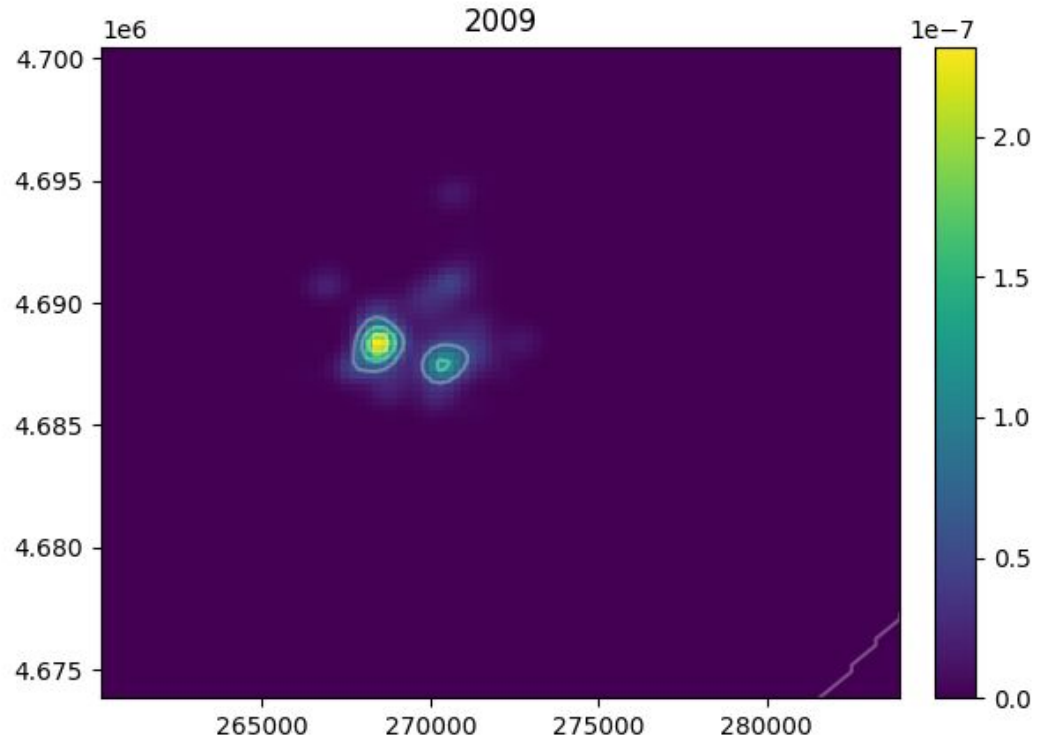
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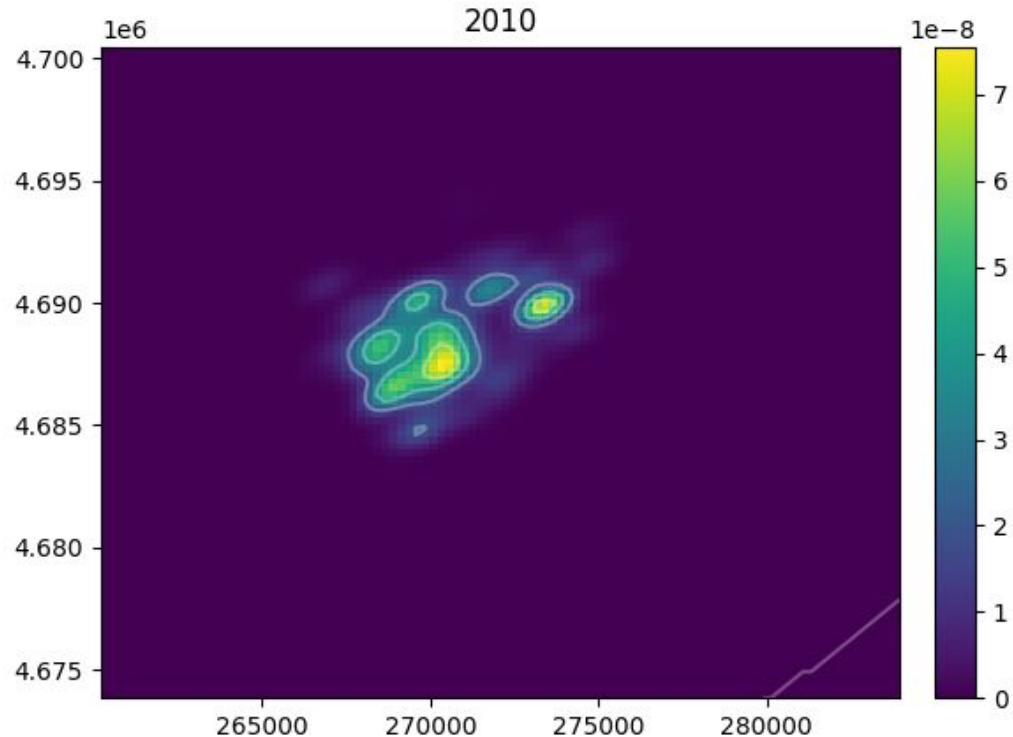
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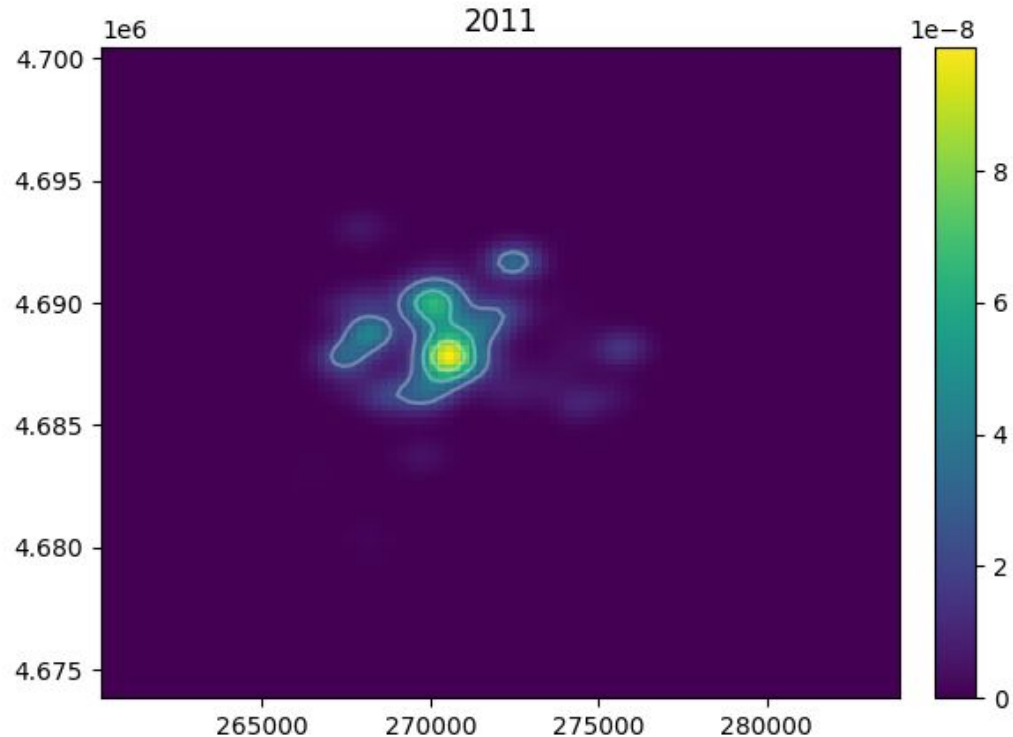
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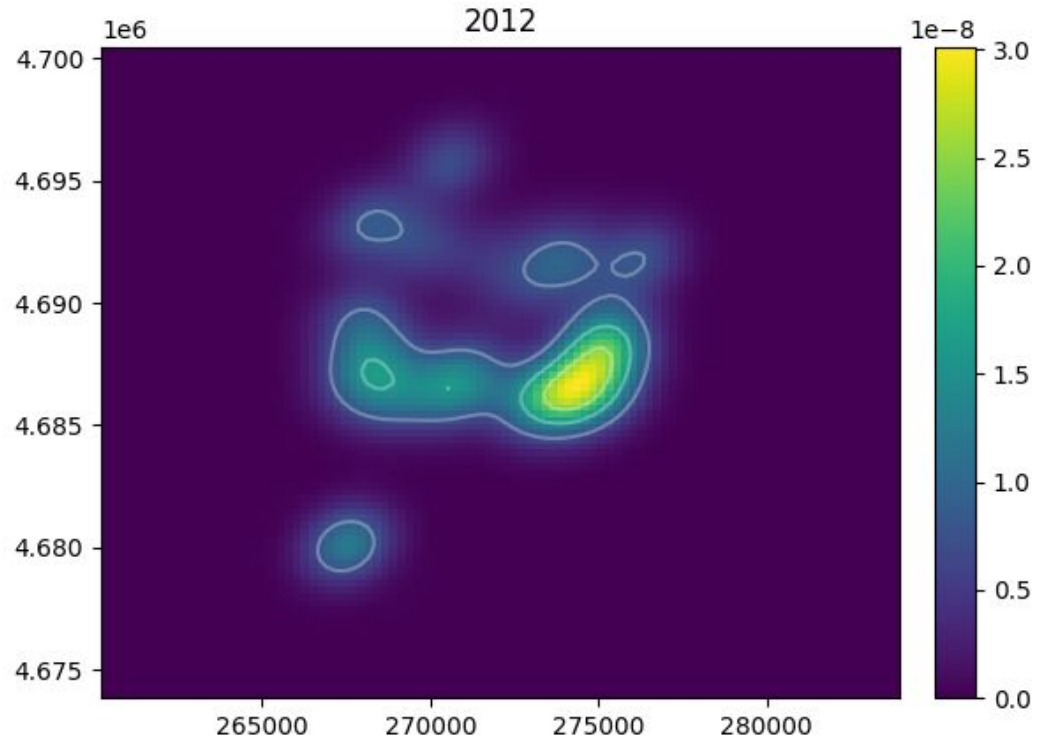
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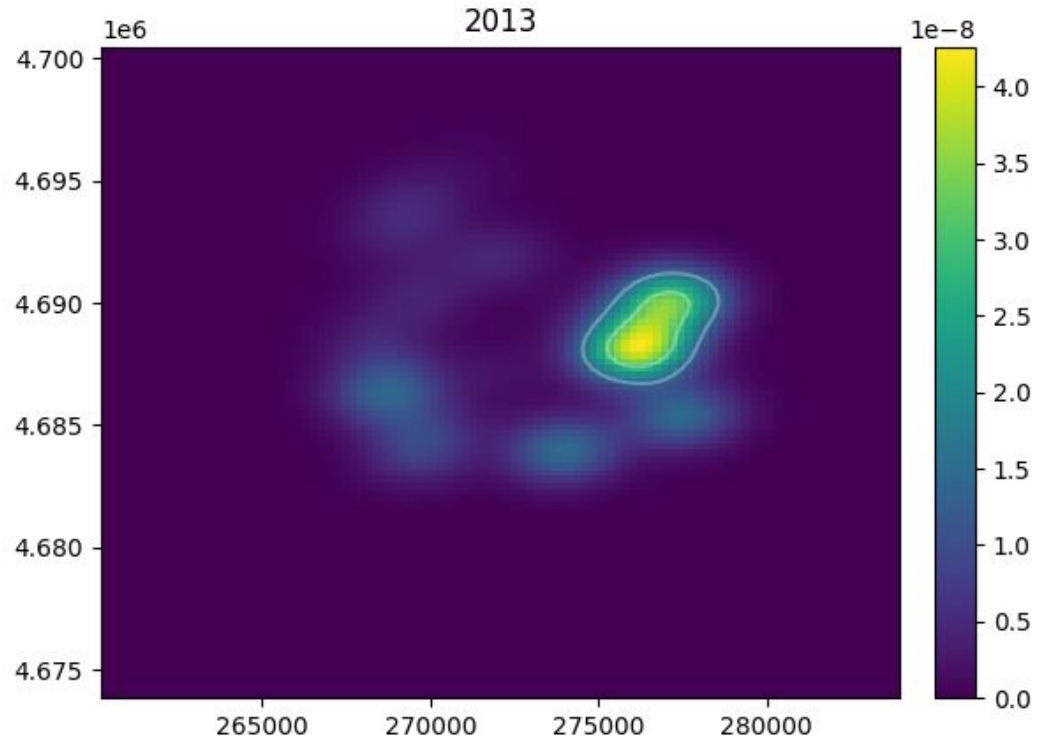
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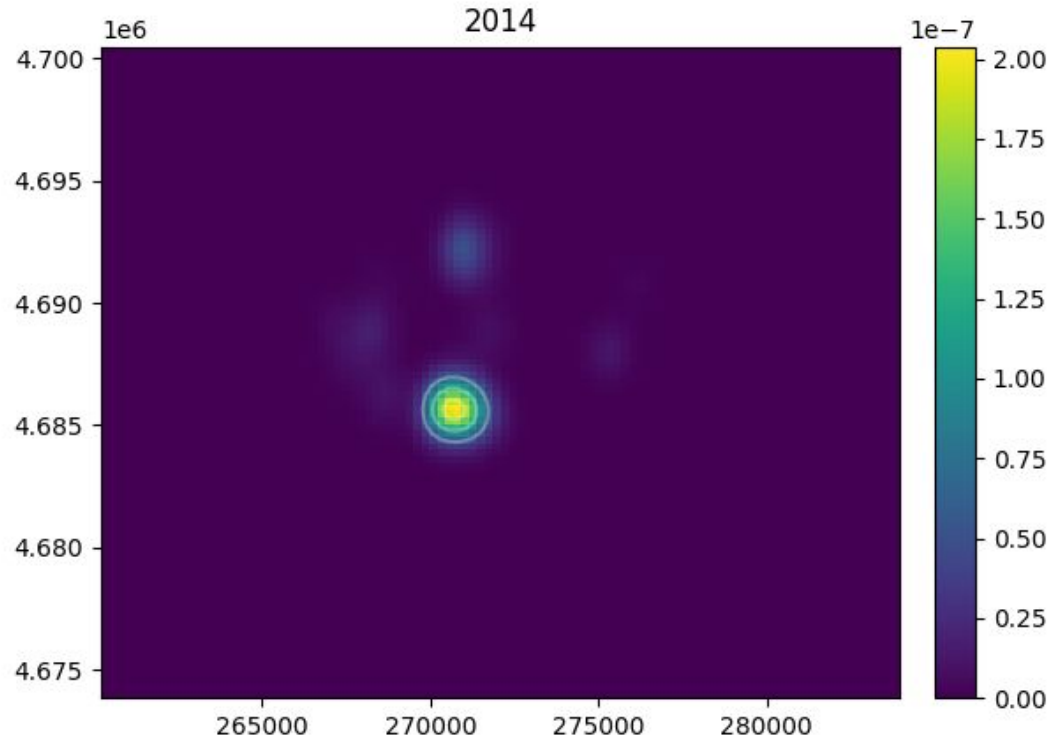
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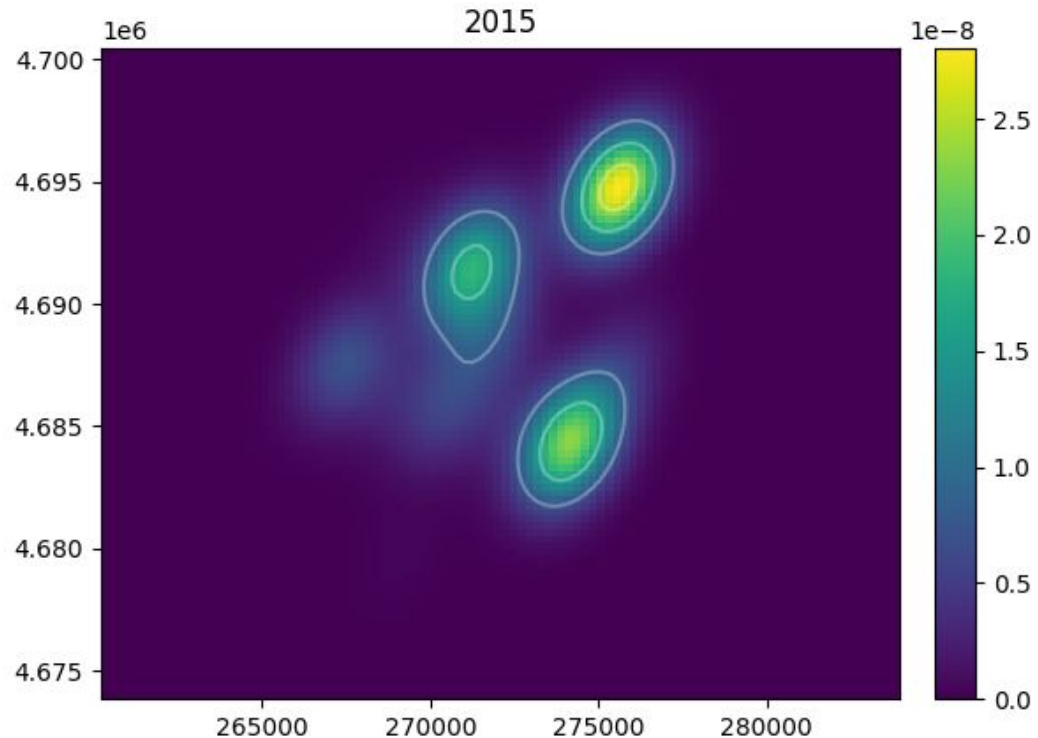
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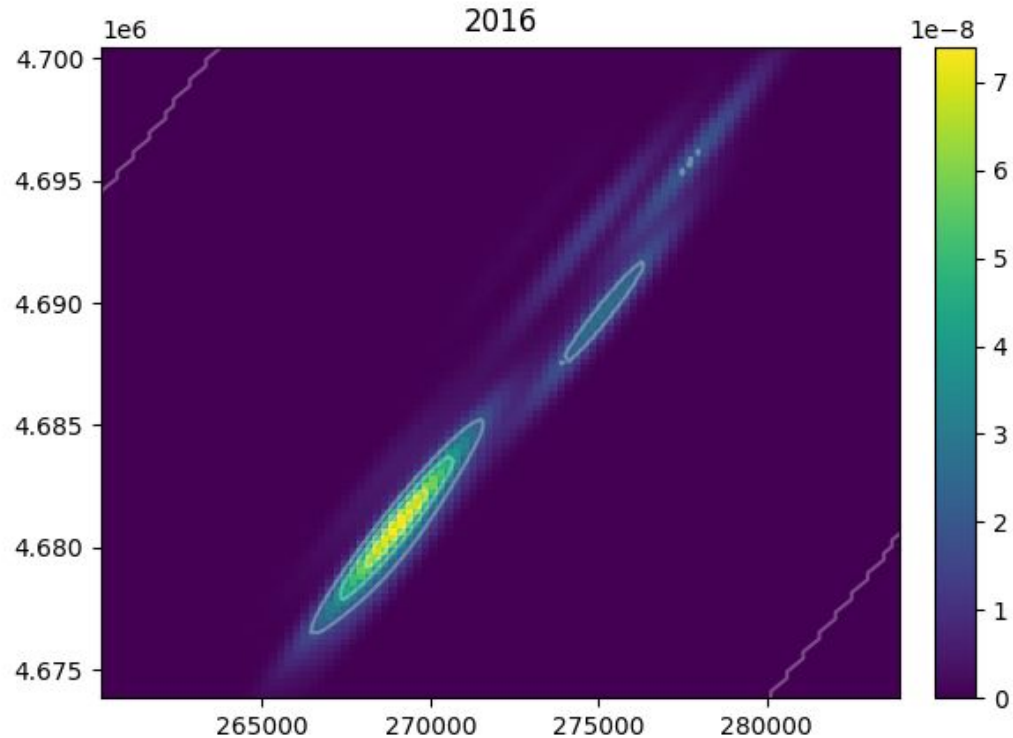
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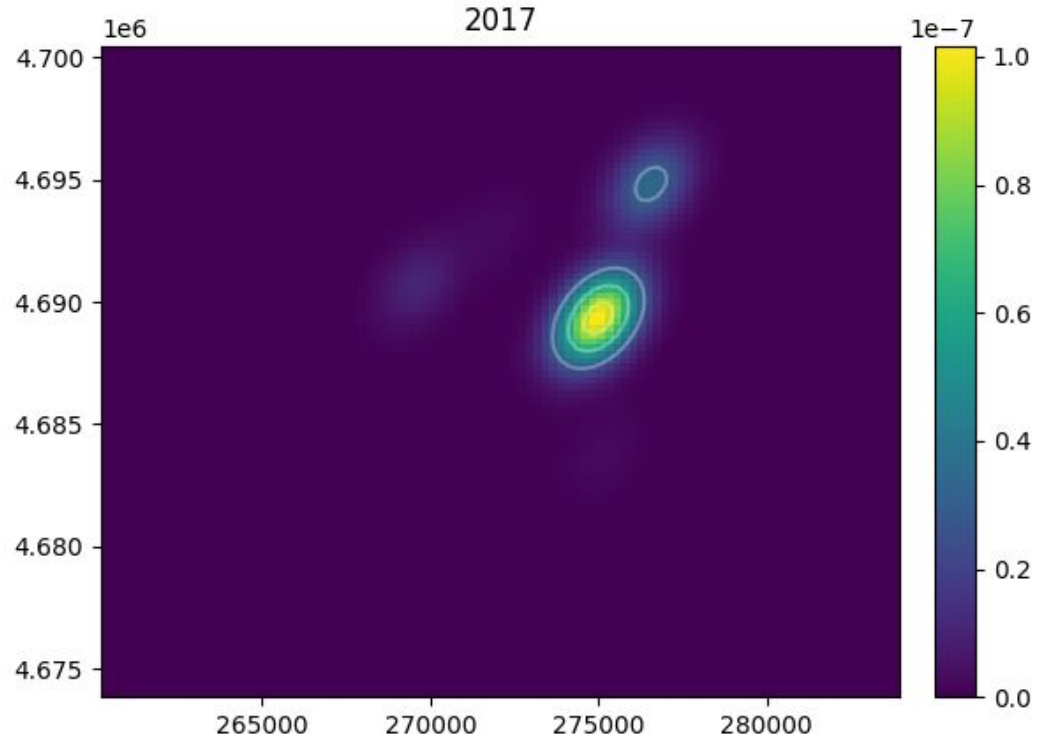
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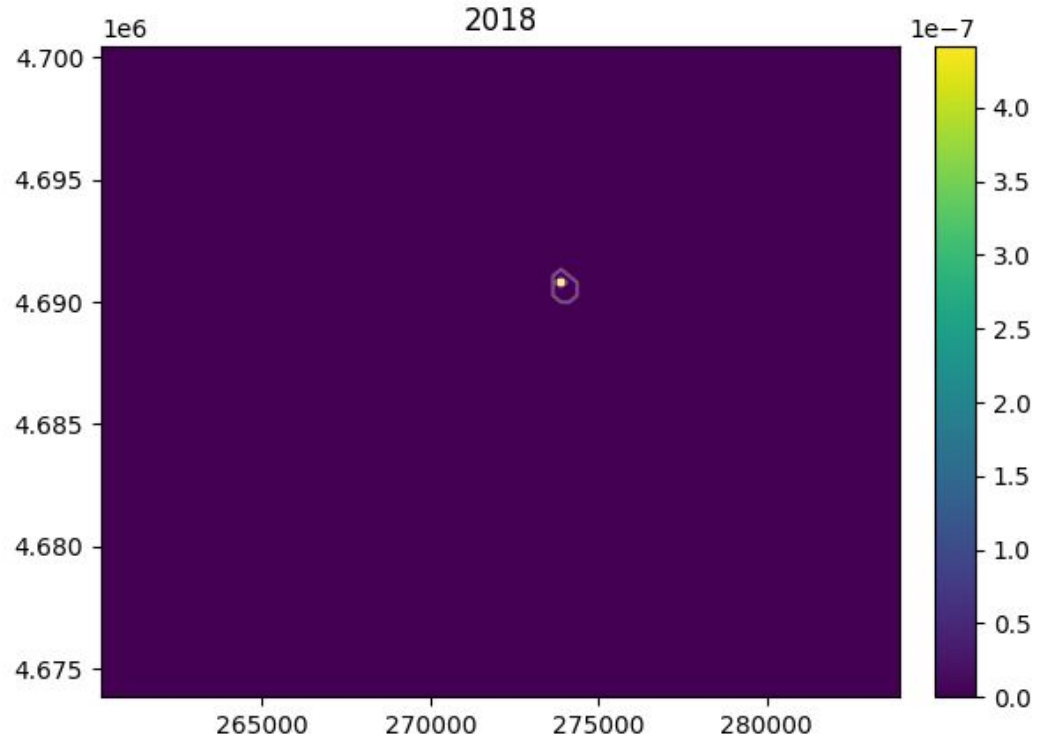
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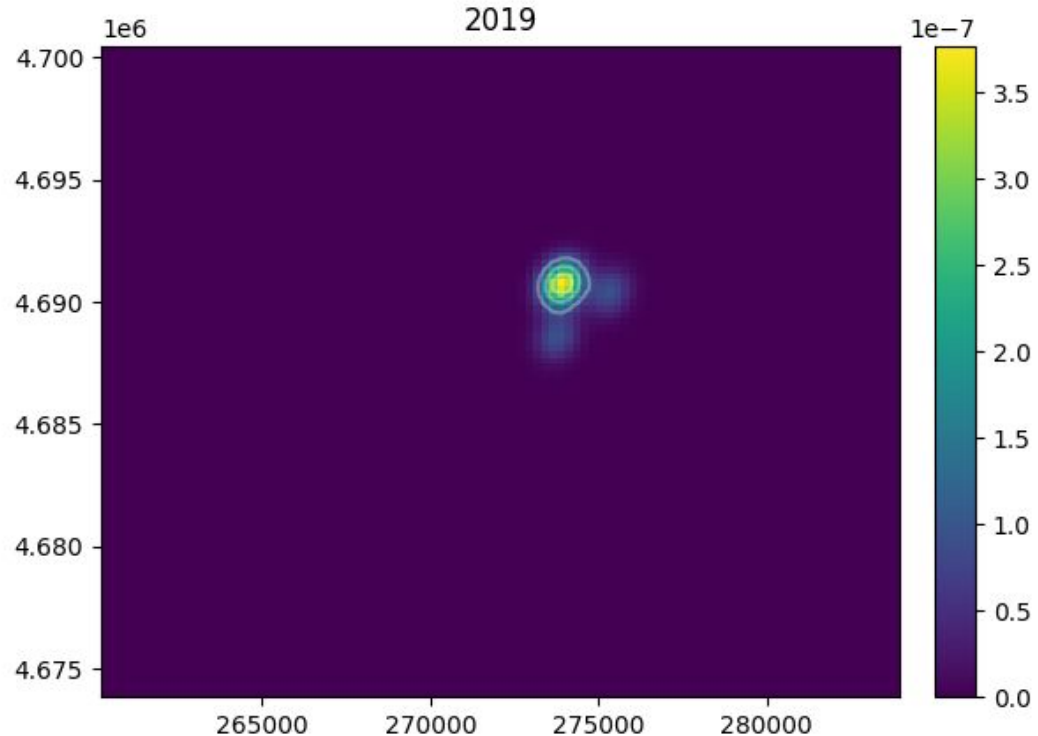
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Constructing a Model for Our Data

- Important quantities to model:
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Constructing a Model for Our Data

- Important quantities to model:
 - The **number of points** in the grid

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Constructing a Model for Our Data

- Important quantities to model:
 - The **number of points** in the grid
 - The **spread of the points** within the grid
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Model Construction

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Constructing a Model for Our Data

- Important quantities to model:
 - The **number of points** in the grid
 - The **spread of the points** within the grid

 - We must create a model that **fits both of these parameters**.
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Spatial Poisson Point Process

Overview

Motivation

Progress

- Data Analysis
- **Model Construction**

Next Steps

- We model the **number of points** λ as a *Poisson random variable*.
 - This distribution “counts” the number of events of the process in our grid.
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Spatial Poisson Point Process

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- Data Analysis
- **Model Construction**

Next Steps

- We model the **number of points** λ as a *Poisson random variable*.
 - This distribution “counts” the number of events of the process in our grid.
- The probability of k events occurring is given by

$$P\{X = k\} = \frac{\lambda^k e^{-\lambda}}{k!}$$

- The parameter λ is both the **mean** and **variance**.
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Non-Homogeneous Point Process

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- **Model Construction**

Next Steps

- For a *homogeneous* point process, λ remains constant along the entire grid.

Non-Homogeneous Point Process

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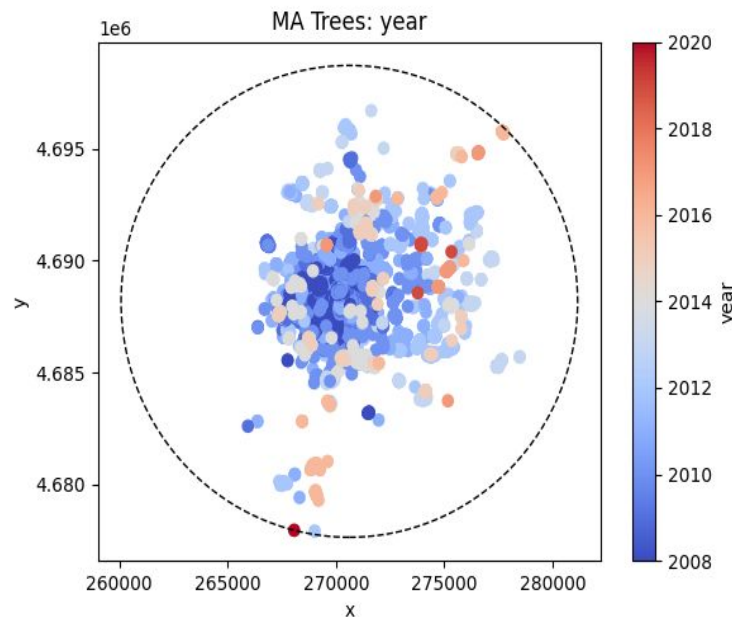
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- For a *homogeneous* point process, λ remains constant along the entire grid.
- However, our data is **non-homogeneous**: $\lambda(x)$ depends on the point x in the grid.



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 3. Divide by the area of the circle:

$$\hat{\lambda}_i = \frac{\hat{\lambda}(C_i)}{\text{area}(C_i)}$$

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- To do this, we use a formula that decreases with distance:

$$\hat{\lambda}_i(x) = \hat{\lambda}_i e^{-dr^2(x)}$$

- $r(x)$ is the distance from the circle's center
 - $d > 0$ is the decay rate (Default: 0.01)
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$$X_i = \{x_1, \dots, x_{M_i}\}$$

which we interpret as random samples.

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which we interpret as random samples.

- For each circle, we aim to calculate the *posterior distribution*

$$p_i(\lambda_i | x)$$

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- If we make an initial assumption about the distribution of the (random) values $\lambda = (\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_N) \in \mathbb{R}^N$, then we can use *Bayesian Inference* to approximate the true distribution:

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- We assume a *prior distribution* $f_i(\lambda_i)$ for these parameters.
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- We use a **Gamma distribution** as our prior:

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- A gamma distribution describes the spread of points with a *shape* and a *rate*.
 - These can be thought of as **additional model parameters**.

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- The *likelihood distribution* can be calculated from our data points:

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- Each of these functions is given by the Poisson distribution.
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- Recall that $f_i(\lambda_i)$ is a Gamma distribution.
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Sampling from a Posterior

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Markov Chain Monte Carlo (MCMC) Model

- From the paper “Bayesian Nonparametric Nonhomogeneous Poisson Process...” (arXiv:1907.03186):

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$\pi \mid k \sim \text{Dirichlet}(\gamma, \dots, \gamma),$

$N(A_i) \mid z, \lambda, k \stackrel{\text{ind}}{\sim} \text{Poisson}(\lambda_{z_i}), \quad i = 1, \dots, n,$

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Maximum Likelihood Estimate

- Our goal is to maximize the posterior distribution

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$$= \operatorname{argmin}_{\lambda_i} \left\{ -\sum_{j=1}^M \left(\log p_i(x_j|\lambda_i(x_j)) + \log f_i(\lambda_i(x_j)) \right) \right\}$$

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 - In our case, this was done by hand.
 - There is no ideal algorithm to capture all clusters.
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Next Steps

Step 2

- Estimate the $\lambda(x)$ values for our data points inside the circle:

$$\hat{\lambda}_i(x_j) = \hat{\lambda}_i e^{-dr^2(x_j)}$$

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 - This gives us an initial **expected** number of points around x_j .
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 - This is done by creating a Poisson random variable with mean $\hat{\lambda}_i(x_j)$.

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 - This is done by creating a Poisson random variable with mean $\hat{\lambda}_i(x_j)$.
 - It gives an idea of the number of data points we should find around x_j .
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Step 4

- Use our calculations for the MLE to complete the optimization

$$\tilde{\lambda}_i = \operatorname{argmax}_{\lambda_i} \{p_i(\lambda_i|x)\}$$

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Step 4

- Use our calculations for the MLE to complete the optimization

$$\tilde{\lambda}_i = \operatorname{argmax}_{\lambda_i} \{p_i(\lambda_i|x)\}$$

- This also gives us the values $a_{\tilde{\lambda}_i}, b_{\tilde{\lambda}_i}$ for the prior (Gamma) distribution.
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- To create simulations, start with a **uniformly distributed** set of data points $Y = \{y_1, \dots, y_S\}$ inside our circle.

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- To create simulations, start with a **uniformly distributed** set of data points $Y = \{y_1, \dots, y_S\}$ inside our circle.
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- Use the optimal values $a_{\tilde{\lambda}_i}, b_{\tilde{\lambda}_i}$ for the Gamma distribution to generate samples from our prior distribution

$$\lambda_k \sim \text{Gamma}(a_{\tilde{\lambda}_i}, b_{\tilde{\lambda}_i})$$

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- These new λ_k samples are used to calculate the distance-adjusted $\lambda_k(y_k)$ values for our new points.

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 - The remaining points will (approximately) live in the distribution of our data.
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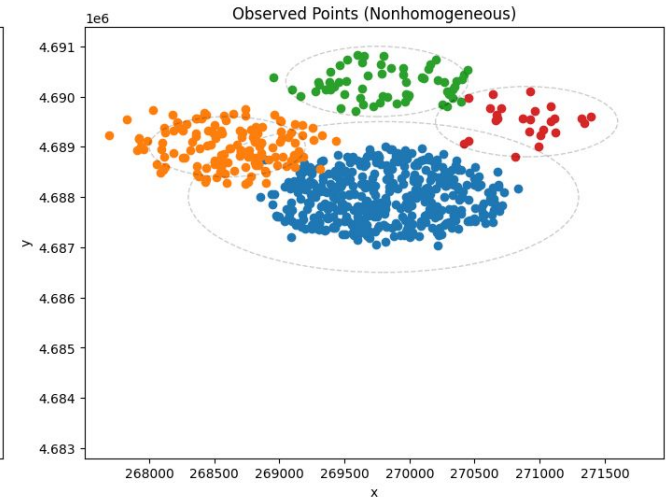
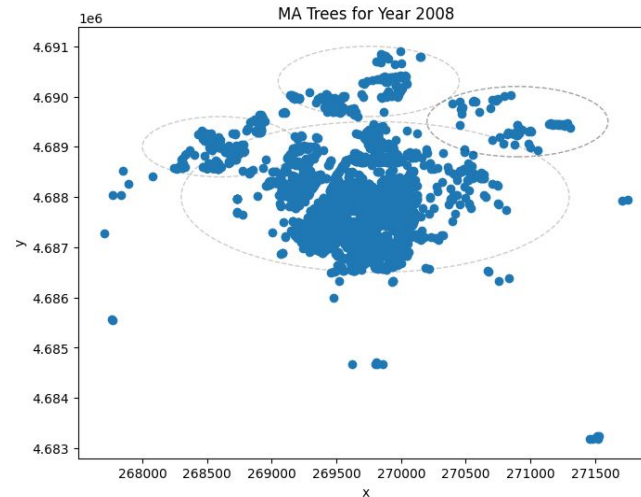
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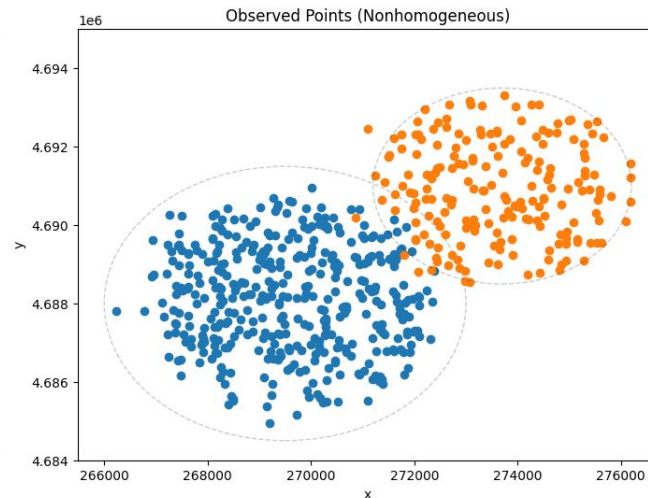
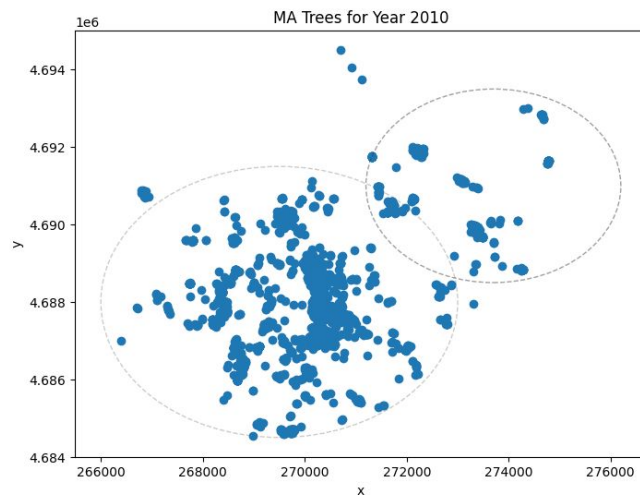
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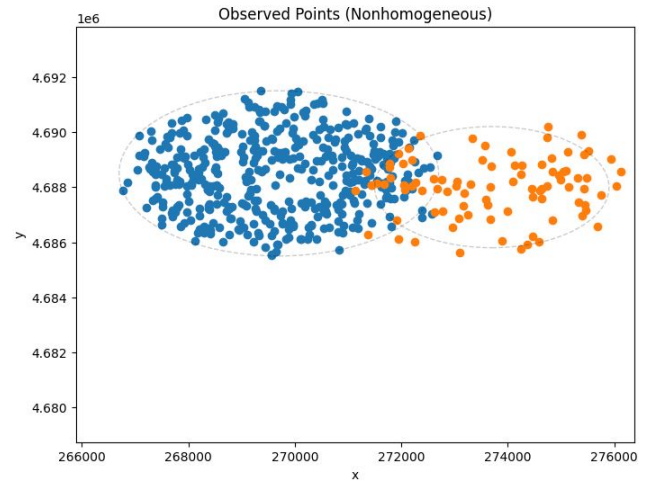
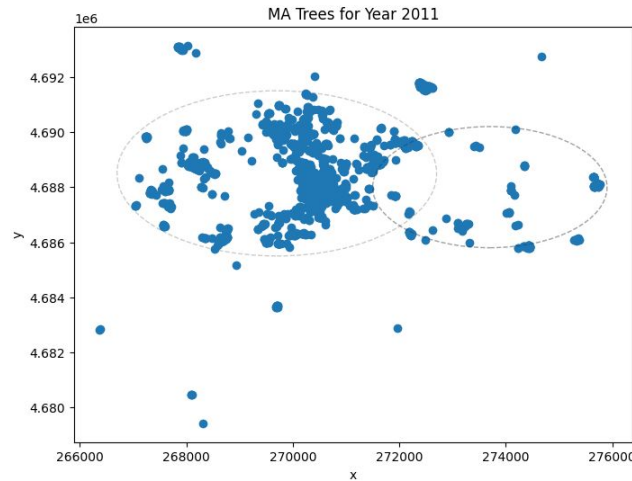
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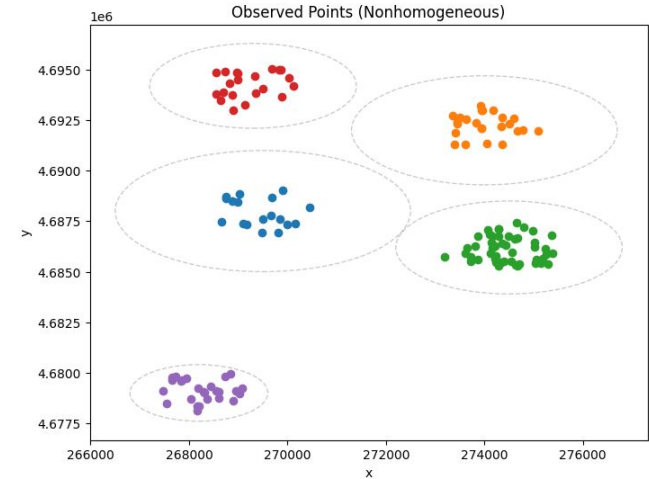
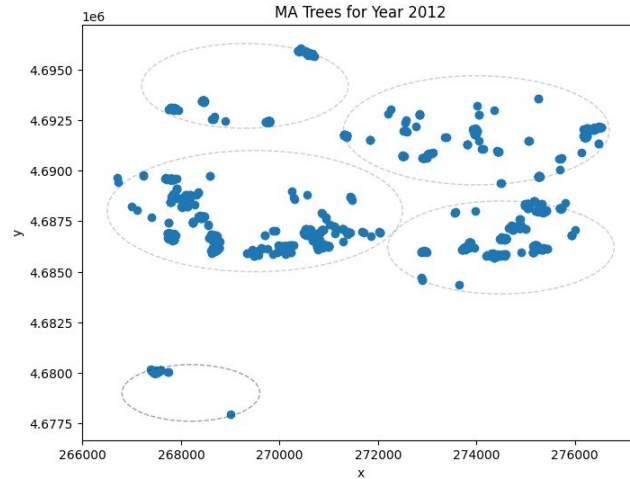
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Results: 2012 Trees (*decay rate* = $5e-6$)



Model Pitfalls

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- There is no set way to identify the point clusters and create circles around them.
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- There is no set way to identify the point clusters and create circles around them.
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- The number of simulated points in each region can be better defined. We currently use

$$S = \hat{\lambda}_i$$

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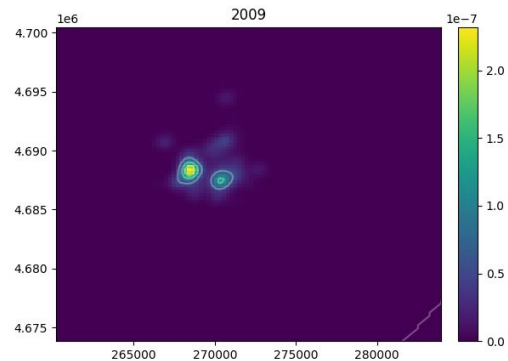
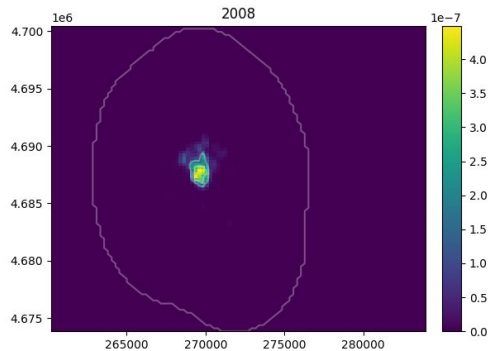
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KDE for Cluster Identification

- To identify the best places for circles, we can use the 2-D KDE estimation heat maps.



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Thank you!

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Better Model

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