Welcome to the appendix of "Forcing of abrupt transitions of the last 300,000 yrs" ☺

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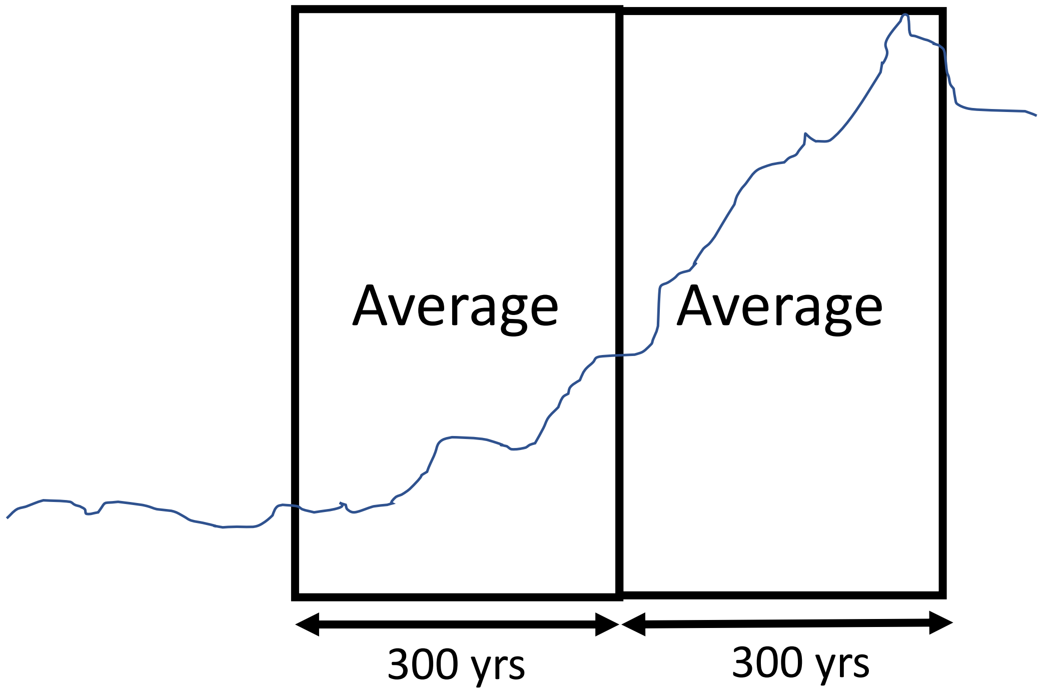
Methods – Event detection

In order to identify abrupt transitions in the stalagmite records, we linearly interpolate the data to obtain a regular time scale (equidistant time steps).
We then run a two neighbouring 300-year windows over the data (sketch on the right).
For each time step, we compute the difference in mean values of the isotope data in each window. When the difference is above/below a certain threshold (one standard deviation (1σ) of the whole record of difference in neighbouring windows $\delta^{18}O$) we mark the first time step crossing the threshold as corresponding to an abrupt transition.



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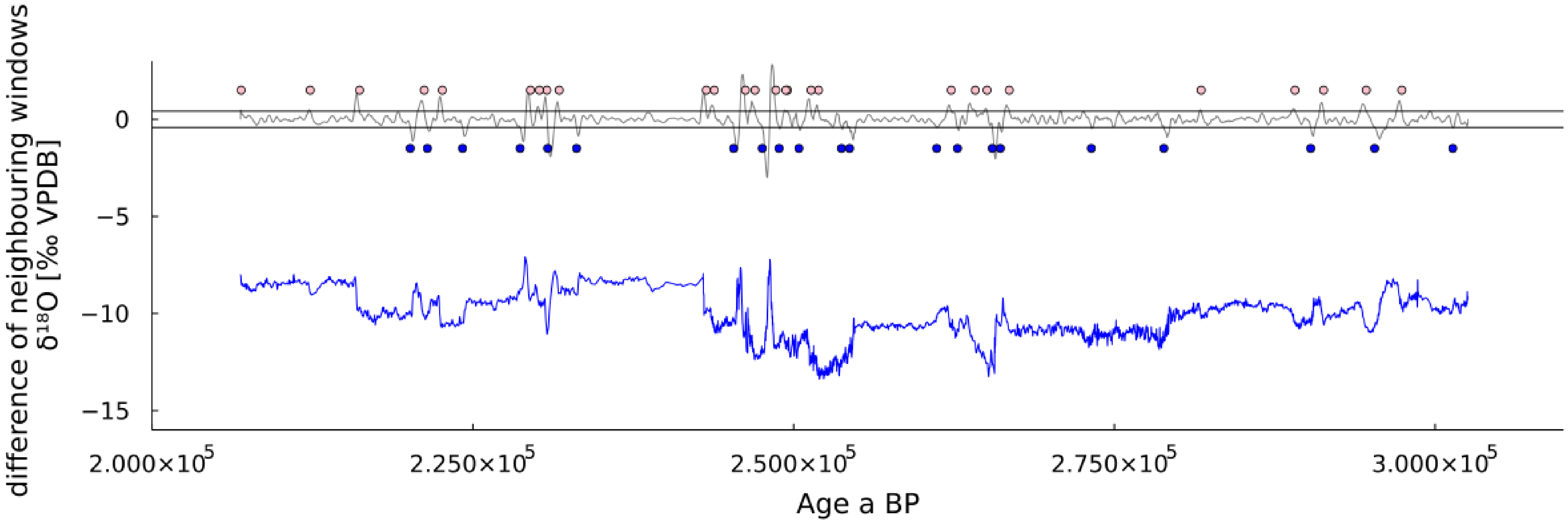
In the example plot below we show that procedure for one of the Swiss stalagmite composite records (Marine Isotope Stage 8). A higher isotope value in the first 300-yr window than in the subsequent 300-yr window (positive difference in means), marks transitions leading to warmer climate conditions (interstadials, pink dots in example plot below) and vice versa for transitions leading to colder climate conditions (blue dots in example plot below).

In Chinese stalagmites, the a lower $\delta^{18}O$ corresponds to interstadials/transitions leading to warmer conditions (and higher $\delta^{18}O$ to stadials), thus negative differences in means between the running windows here correspond to interstadial transitions (thus, would be pink dots).

Hit me up if you wanna know about what we think the Swiss stalagmite $\delta^{18}O$ is a proxy for!



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Methods – Zero-inflated Poisson regression model

1) Logistic regression

2) Poisson regression

Thus, a **ZIP** regression model consists of three parts:

1. A PMF *P(y_i=0)* which is used to calculate the probability of observing a zero count.
2. A second PMF *P(y_i=k)* which is used to calculate the probability of observing *k* events, *given that k > 0*.
3. A link function that is used to express the mean rate λ as a function of the regression variables ***X*.**

Probability Mass Function of the Zero-Inflated Poisson regression model

When $y_i = 0$:

$$P(y_i = 0) = \phi_i + (1 - \phi_i) * e^{-\lambda_i}$$

ϕ_i= proportion of zeros for the i[th] row in the data set

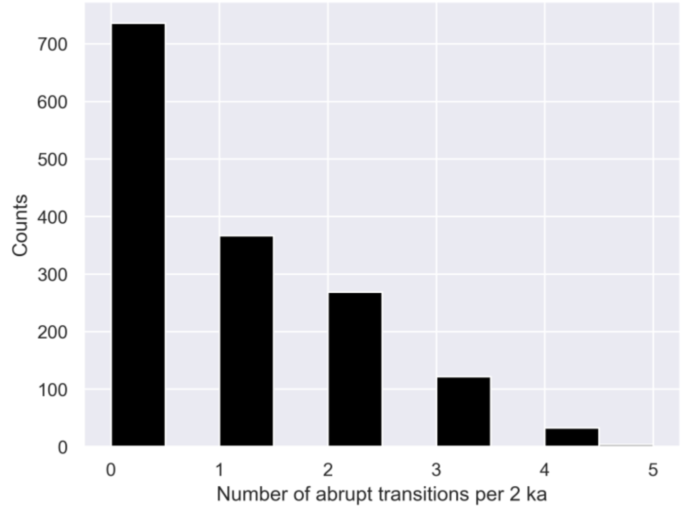
When $y_i = 1,2,3,\ldots$:

$$P(y_i = k) = (1 - \phi_i)\frac{e^{-\lambda_i} * \lambda_i^k}{k!}$$

$\boldsymbol{x_i}$=Regression variables in the i[th] row

$$Where\ \lambda_i = e^{\boldsymbol{x_i \beta}}$$

β=Vector of regression coefficients



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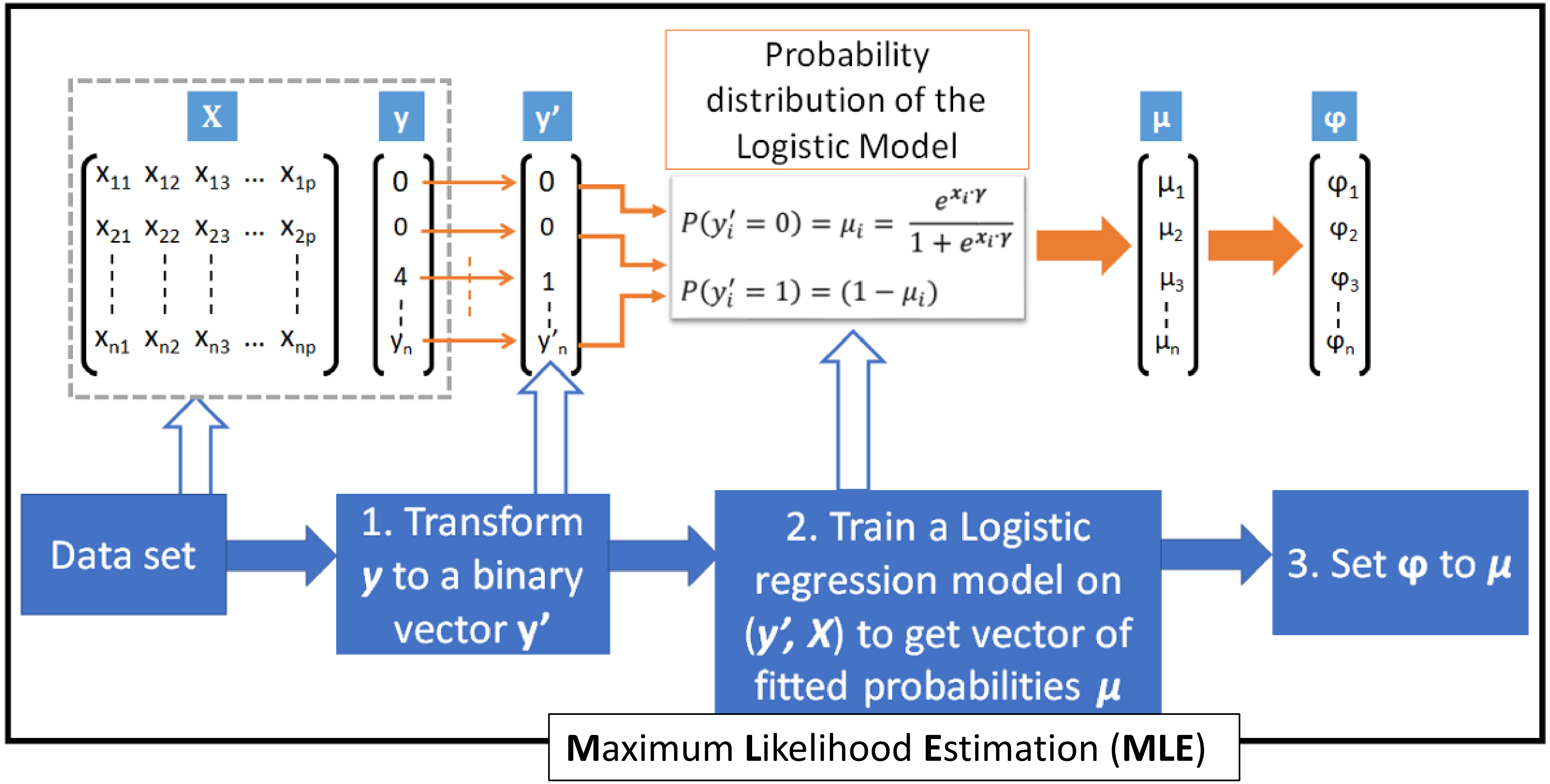

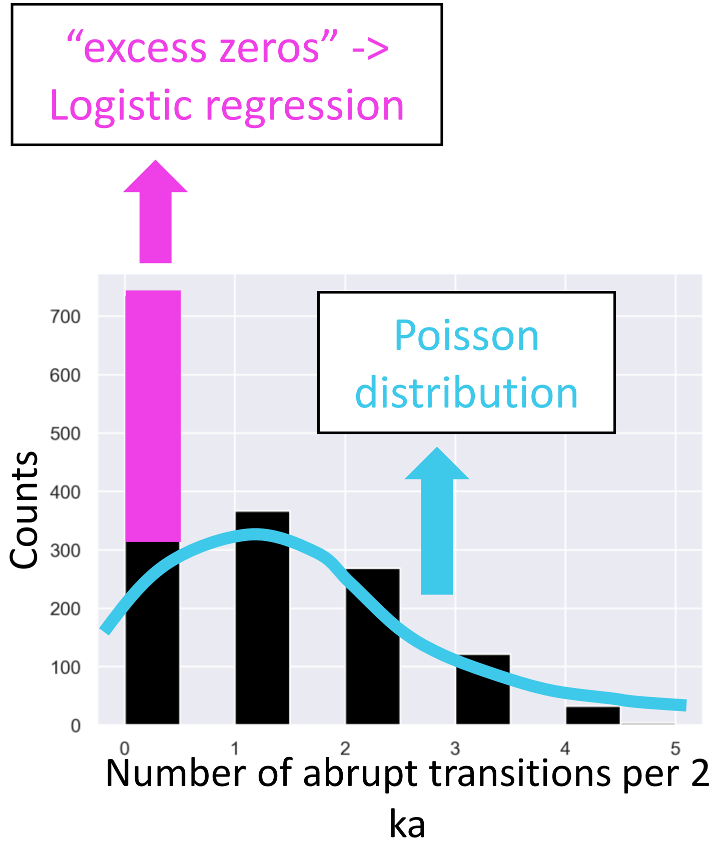

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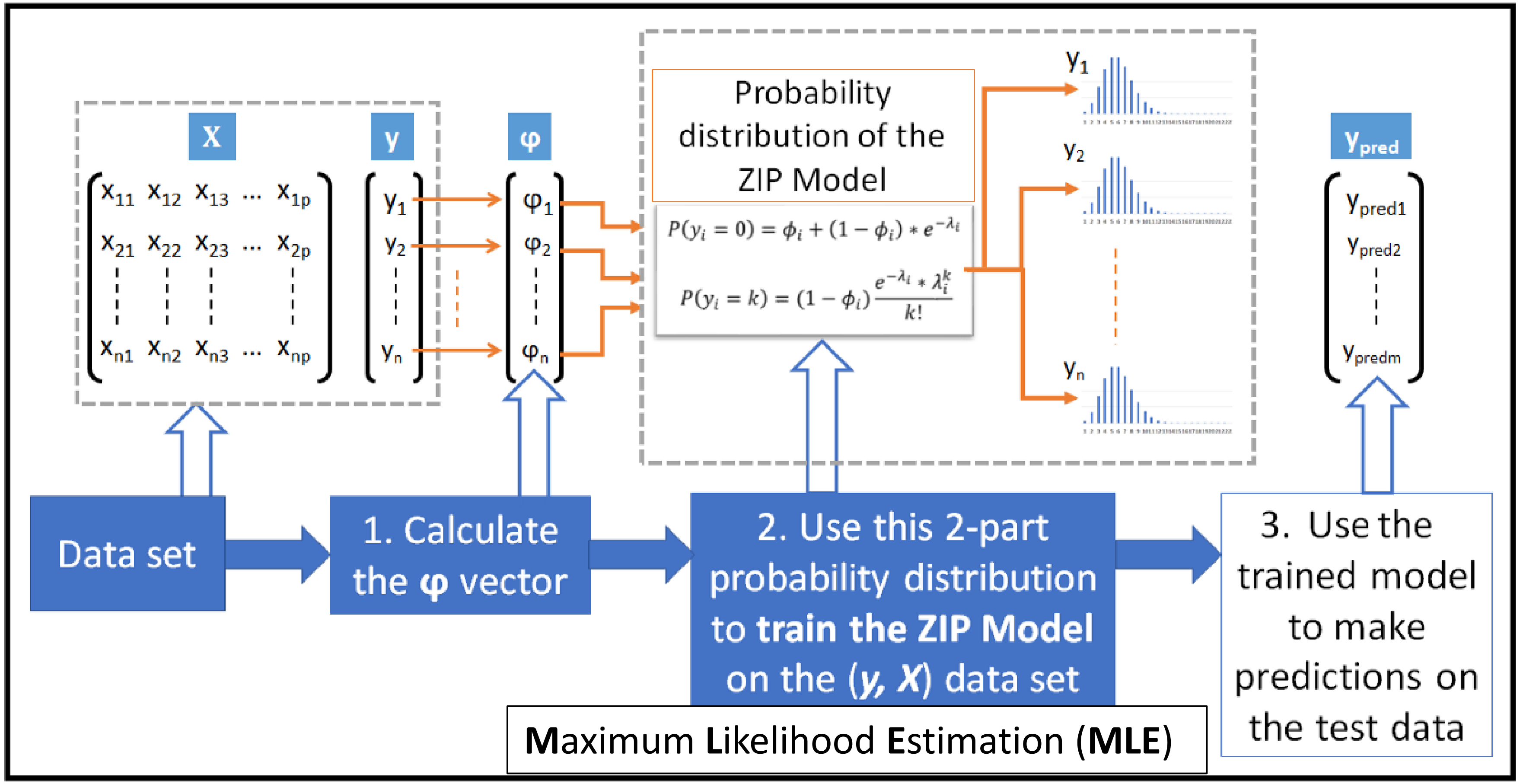

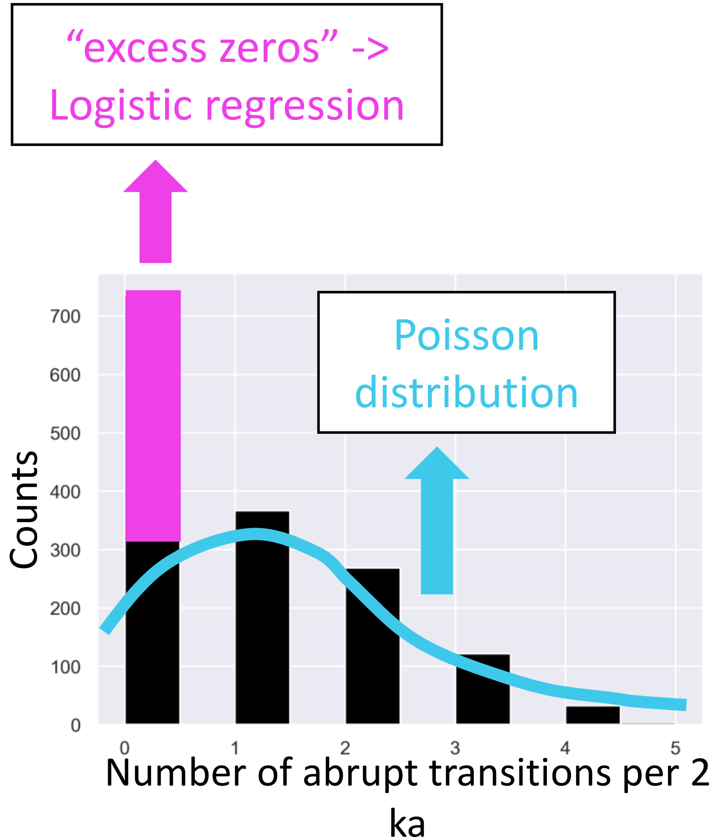

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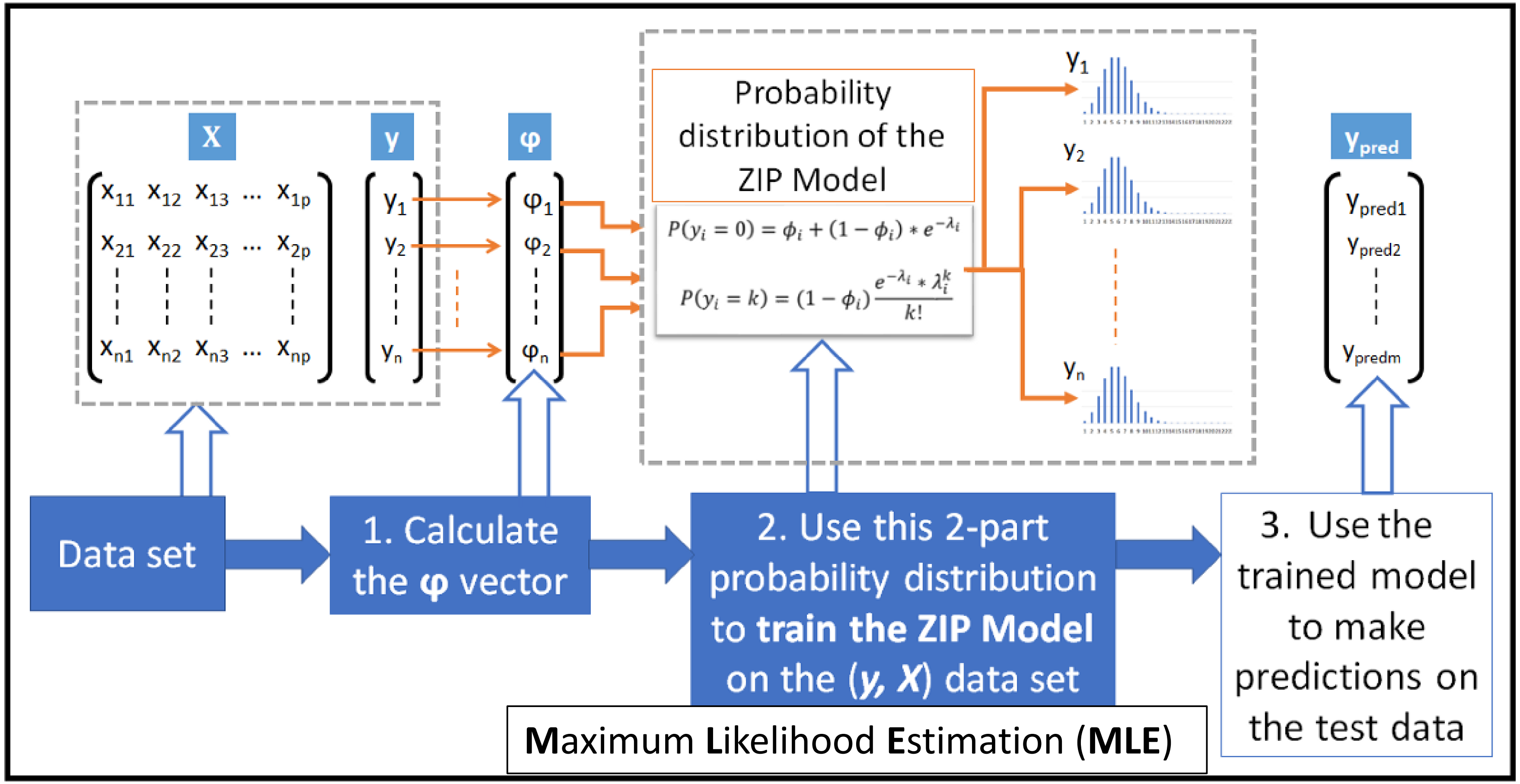

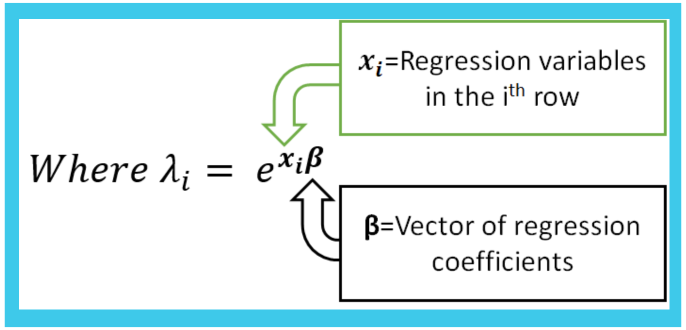

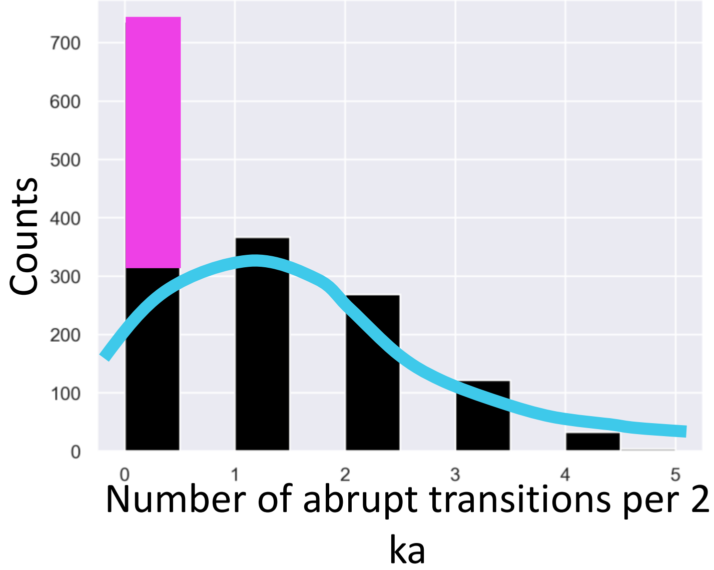

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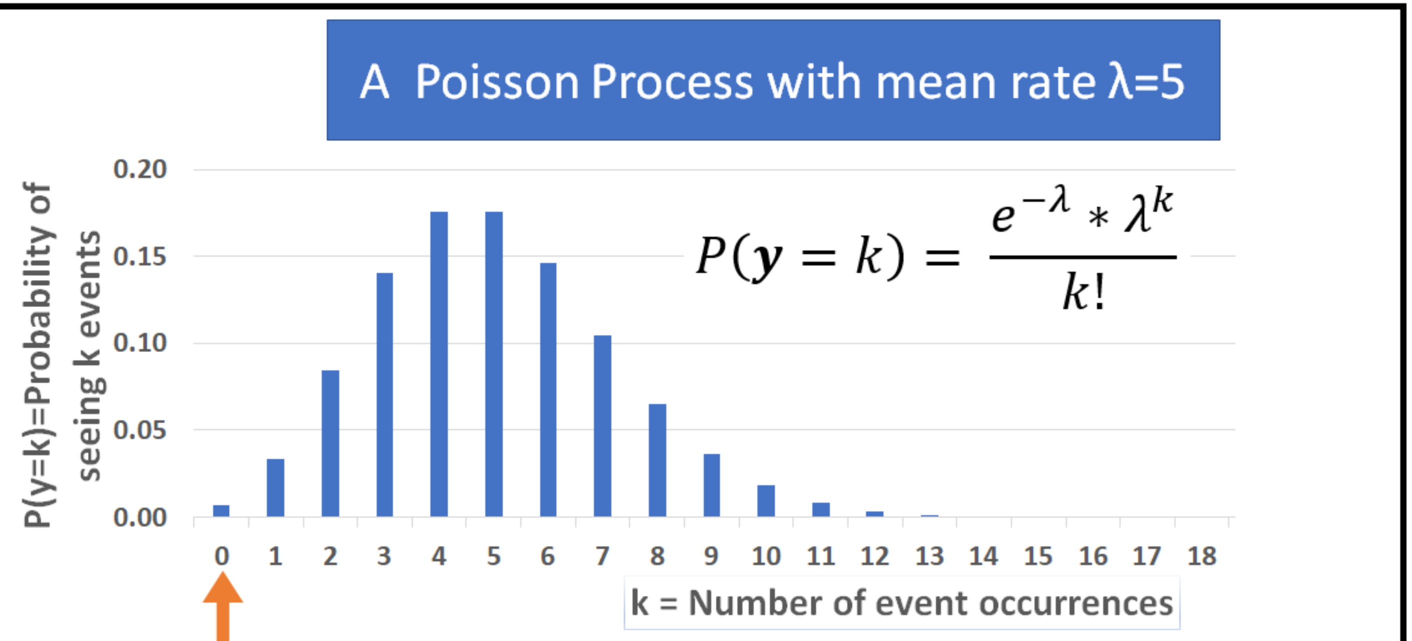
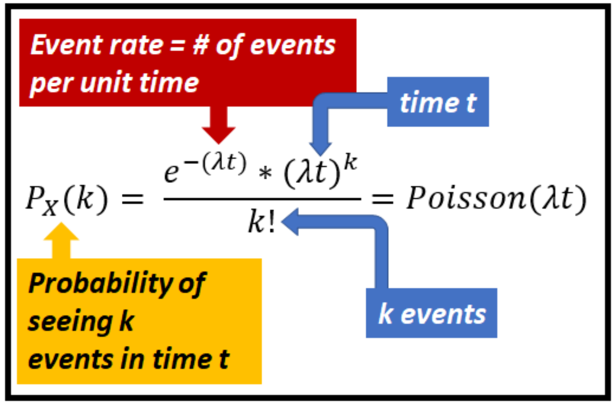
Brushing up on Poisson regression



$$P(y = k) = \frac{e^{-\lambda} * \lambda^k}{k!}$$

Probability of seeing zero events =

$$P(y = 0) = \frac{e^{-\lambda} * \lambda^0}{0!} = e^{-\lambda} = e^{-5} = 0.0067$$



$$P_X(k) = \frac{e^{-(\lambda t)} * (\lambda t)^k}{k!} = Poisson(\lambda t)$$

Probability of seeing ***k*** events in time **t**, given **λ** events occurring per unit time

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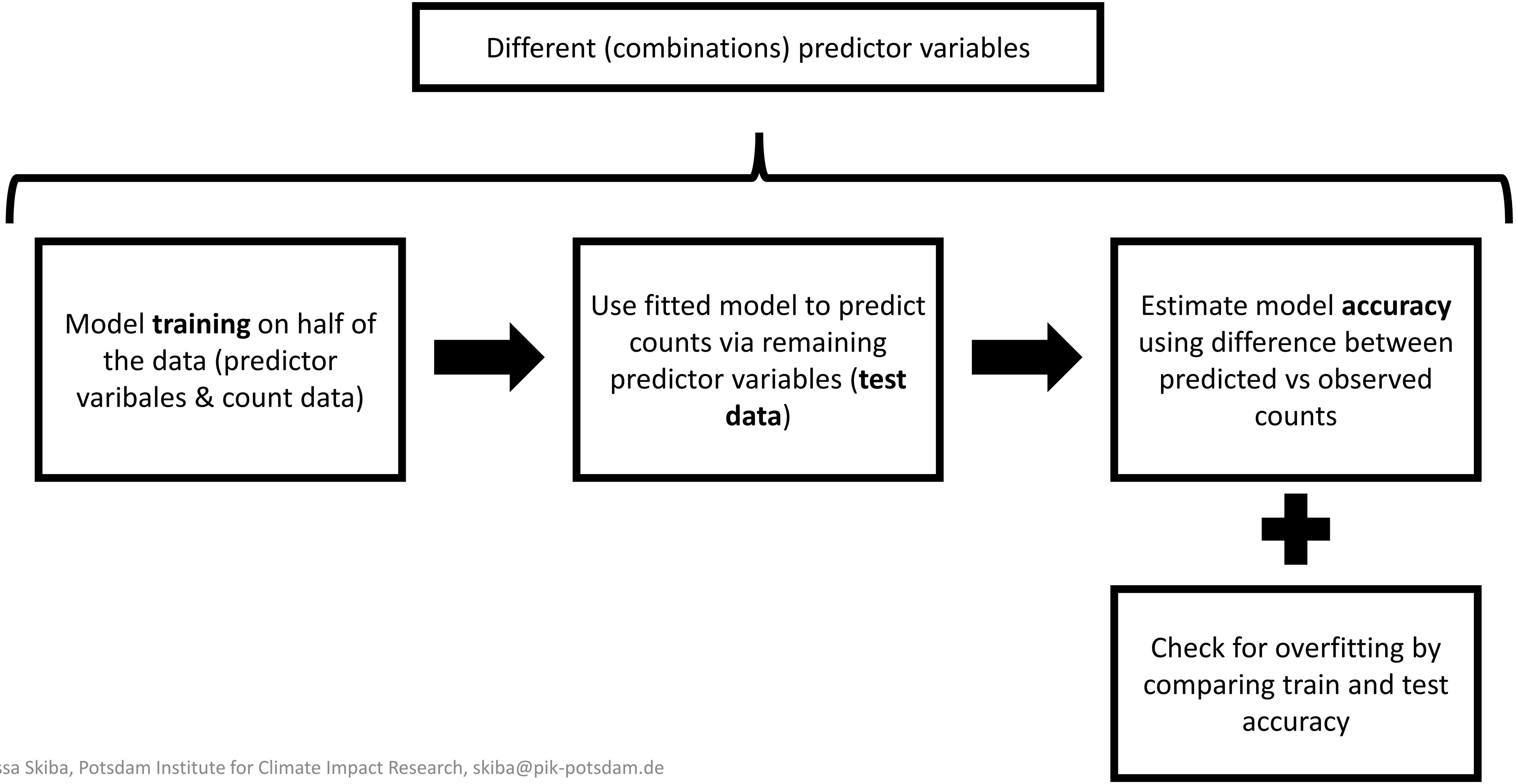

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Different (combinations) predictor variables

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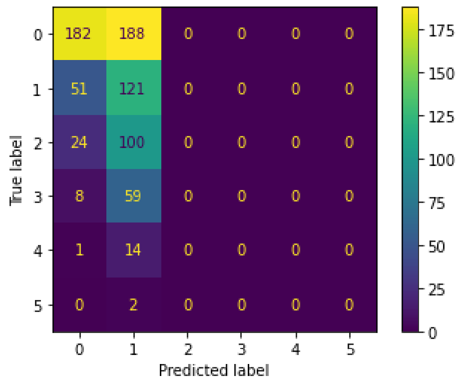
Misclassification rate is based on **confusion matrix**



See example of confusion matrix on the left. It consists of matrix on the left. It consists of predicted counts (x-axis) vs observed counts (y-axis). From the confusion matrix we calculate the number of false predictions and calculate the fraction of false predictions from the total number of predictions

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