



# **Preliminary Findings: Predictive Modeling Of SC PLWH's Retention-in-care**

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# Exciting Times....

- Focus now moving towards aging with HIV
- Improvements in treatment for HIV (ART)
- Access to rapid and effective treatment
- Immediate initiation of ART
- Evidence of sustained viral suppression
- 90-90-90 (90 QoL) objective
- Our best chance to end the epidemic.... but



## Not So Exciting Times....

- PLWH undiagnosed
- Linkage to care issues
- Retention in care issues
- Vulnerable population issues
- 90-90-90 by 2020! Nope, we didn't make it



# Throwing Down The Gauntlet.... What If

“Percentage of newly diagnosed persons achieving viral suppression within 3 months of diagnosis”



# HIV Care Continuum in SC

HIV care continuum is vital in containing HIV epidemic. Based on CDC, 2019, it includes

- ✓ timely diagnosis
- ✓ linkage to care
- ✓ retention-in-care
- ✓ ART adherence
- ✓ viral suppression

## HIV care continuum in SC

- ✓ 93% are linked to care within 3 months, 95% are linked within 6 months and 96% are linked within 1 year.
- ✓ 68% of PLWH in SC receive HIV medical care, only **53%** received **continuous** HIV medical care
- ✓ **57%** of PLWH were virally suppressed at their most recent test



# Data Sources

## Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC)

- SC statewide reporting of HIV/AIDS diagnosis began in February 1986
- Reporting is done through SC DHEC HIV/AIDS electronic reporting system (e-HARS)
- e-HARS contains CD4 and viral load tests since January 1, 2004
- The Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Data Report (RDR) provides annual report to DHEC capturing services provided

Health Sciences South Carolina (HSSC) consist of six of the state's largest health systems

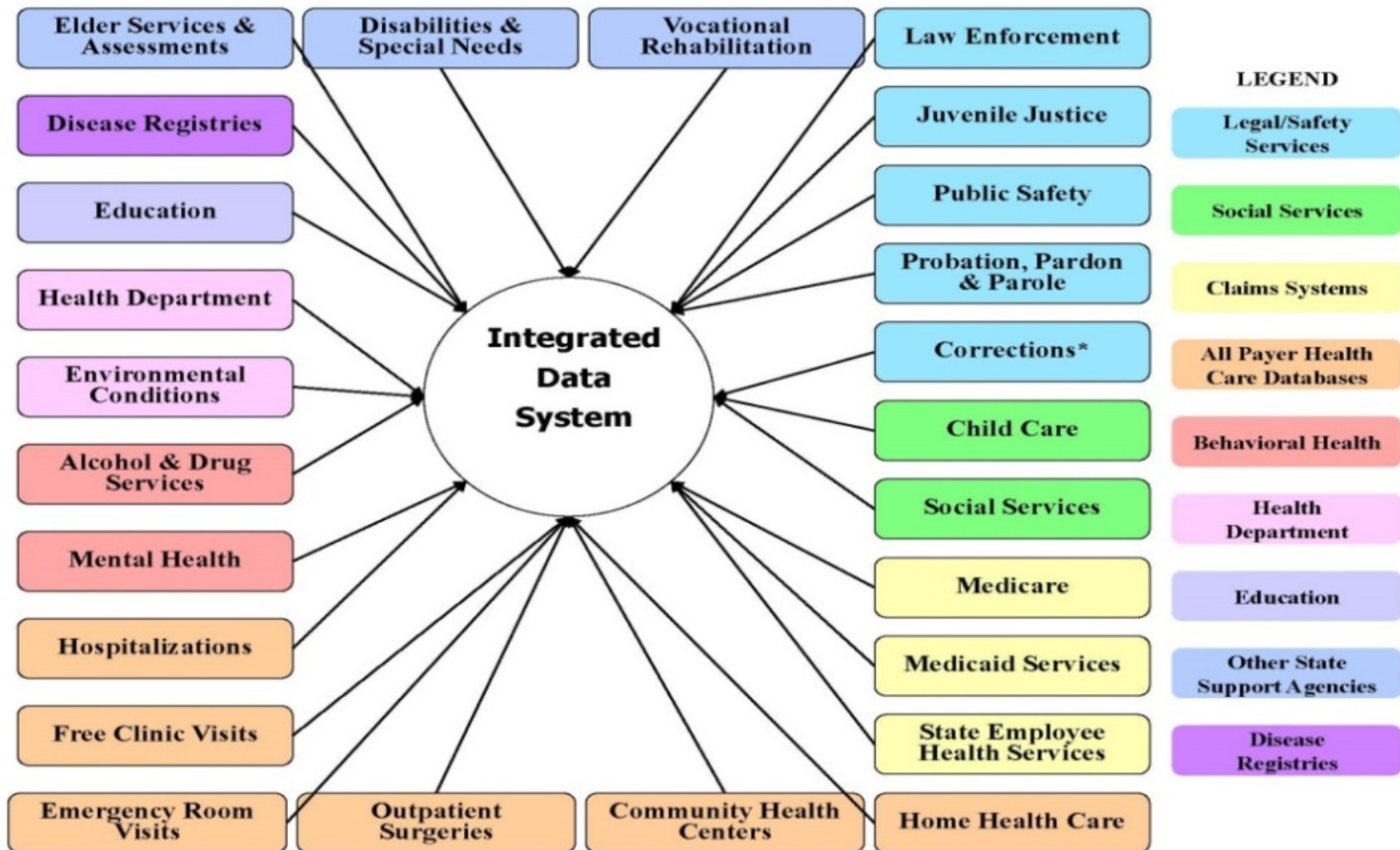
The SC Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office (SC RFA) data oversight council collate and analyze data for different clients

- Data linkage





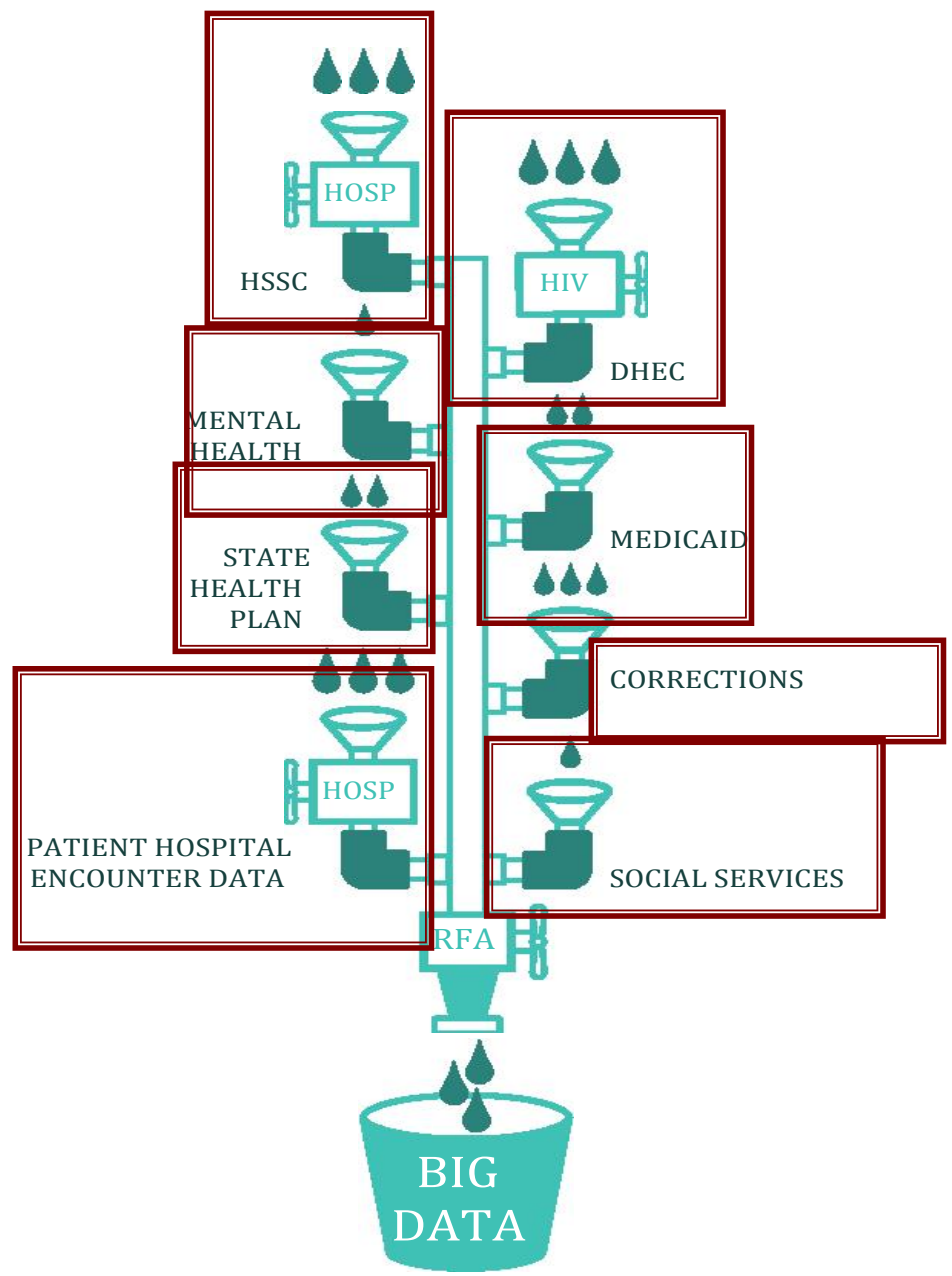
# Data Sources



South Carolina Office of Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Integrated Data System



# Data Linkage under the Big Data Project





# Retention in HIV Care Status

- CDC defines retention in HIV medical care as documentation of at least 2 CD4 cell counts or viral load tests performed at least 3 months apart during the year of evaluation
- Retention in care status changes by follow up year

ID	retention in care by follow up years					
	1st year	2nd year	3rd year	4th year	5th year	6th year
1	1	0	0	0	0	0
2	1	1	1	1	1	1
3	1	1	1	1	1	1
4	1	0	0	0	0	0
5	1	0	1	0	0	1
6	1	1	1	0	0	0
7	0	0	0	0	0	1
8	1	1	1	0	1	0
9	0	1	0	0	0	1
10	1	0	0	0	1	0



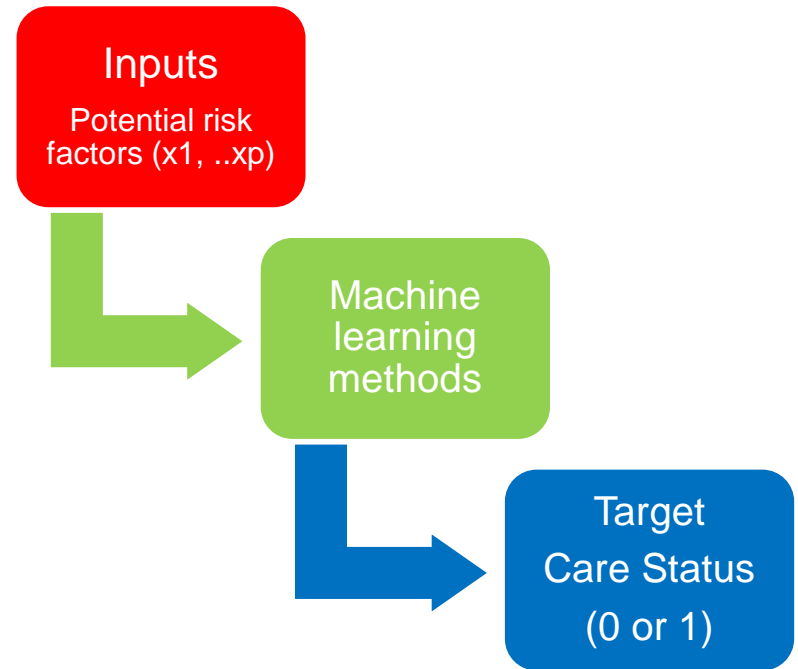
# Question & Aim

Can we predict retention in care status after linkage to care?

Examine **promising** machine learning methodologies to predict retention in care at the individual level

## Machine Learning

- ✓ A practical and effective approach that allows computers to learn from the past patterns/behaviors to perform a specific task
- ✓ A statistical model is built based on sample data (history data) in order to make predictions or decisions





# Components Needed

In order to build a good prediction model, we need

Comprehensive *database* of PLWH with most potential risk factors

Advanced modelling approach

Different candidate methods (5 selected)

For each method

- Training, validation datasets
- Validation procedure

Select the model with the best performance

Prediction (keep tailoring model)



# Hypothesis (Aim)

## Snapshot 5 patients (observed data)

ID	gender	race	transmission	age at diagnosis	alcohol use	tobacco use	illicit drug use	dementia	obsessive compulsive disorder	hepatitis.B	in prison	CD4
1	M	Black	others	48	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	607
2	M	Black	MSM	38	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	663
4	M	White	MSM	30	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	499
6	F	Black	Heterosecual	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	135
7	F	Black	no identified	39	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	320



What will happen next year?  
What can predict what happen next year?

ID	rentention in care by follow up years					
	1st year	2nd year	3rd year	4th year	5th year	6th year
1	1	0	0	0	0	0
2	1	1	1	1	1	1
4	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	1	1	1	0	0	0
7	0	0	0	0	0	1



ID	Predicted retention in care by follow up years					
	1st year	2nd year	3rd year	4th year	5th year	6th year
1						
2						
3						
4						
5						
6						
7						



# Rationale

## Current Gaps

- ✓ Lack of data
- ✓ Short time span: PLWH's retention in care as in care status in few years (mostly 1 & 3 years)
- ✓ Mixed study populations: Including patients who were not linked to care as PLWH not in retention
- ✓ Lack of prediction models using advanced technique

## Added Value of current study

- ✓ PLWH's time span (i.e. from the patients' diagnosis year till the most recent data)
- ✓ Splice for different groups -only include the patients linked to care
- ✓ Use machine leaning to predict PLWH retention in care overtime



# Study Population

A total sample size of 8263 PLWH in SC for final analysis

- ✓ All PLWH in SC diagnosed in 2005-2016 (10025)
- ✓ Population Inclusion criteria:
  - Age  $\geq 13$  at HIV/AIDS diagnosis year (10025-44=9981)
  - With  $\geq 1$  CD4 or viral load test after the laboratory test date in the HIV diagnosis month (9981-1431=8550)
- ✓ Excluding the participants with missing information of covariate (287)





# Covariates

## Demographics

- ✓ Gender
- ✓ Race
- ✓ Age at diagnosis
- ✓ Driving time from home to facility
- ✓ Marital status
- ✓ Education
- ✓ CD4 cell count

## HIV risk factors

- ✓ HIV transmission risk
- ✓ Alcohol use
- ✓ Tobacco use
- ✓ Illicit drug use
- ✓ HIV Opportunistic infections (Hepatitis B & C)



# Covariates

## Mental health condition (ICD 9)

- ✓ With one of following condition (anxiety, depression, bipolar disorder, persistent-mood affective disorder),
- ✓ Personality disorder
- ✓ Obsessive compulsive disorder
- ✓ With one of following condition (schizoaffective disorders, schizophrenia),
- ✓ Dementia

## Care status in previous years

- ✓ Longitudinal care status indicator for all previous years



# Data Analysis

- ✓ **LASSO:** (least absolute shrinkage and selection operator): based on linear regression, and restrict some coefficients being exactly 0
- ✓ **CART:** (classification and regression tree): classify each observation to the region of most commonly occurring class
- ✓ **Random Forest:** use trees as building blocks to construct more powerful prediction models
- ✓ **SVM:** (support vector machine): construct a hyper plane or set of hyper planes in a high or infinite dimensional space
- ✓ **KNN** (k-nearest neighbors): classified by assigning the label which is most frequent among the k training samples nearest to that query point



# Data Analysis

Examine the relationship between retention in care and risk factors using 5 machine learning methodologies. For each method

- ✓ Split the data into training data set (80%) and test data set (20%)

Cross validation is used to choose the best tuning parameter

- ✓ Cross validation is the process of training: Using one set of data for training learner and testing it using a different set.
- ✓ Parameter tuning is the process of model selection in cross validation: selecting the values for a model's parameters that maximize the accuracy of the model.

The best prediction model ID chosen using the AUC criteria.

- ✓ AUC: area under the receiver operating curve (ROC) and the larger the better.



# Preliminary Analysis



# Preliminary Table

<b>Covariates</b>	<b>Mean or Frequency(%)</b>
<b>Age at diagnosis:</b>	35.5
<b>Gender:</b>	
Male	<b>6175(75%)</b>
Female	2088(25%)
<b>Race:</b>	
Black	<b>5963(72%)</b>
White	1844(22%)
Hispanic	429(5%)
Other	27(1%)
<b>AIDS indicator:</b>	
AIDS	4115(50%)
Not AIDS	4148(50%)
<b>Transmission:</b>	
MSM	<b>4143(50%)</b>
Heterosexual	1799(22%)
No Identifiable risk	1476(18%)
IDU	298(3%)
MSM/IDU	172(2%)
Others	375(5%)
<b>Initial CD4 count</b>	377.1



# Preliminary Table

<b>Covariates</b>	<b>Mean or Frequency(%)</b>
<b>Alcohol use:</b>	
yes	1167(14%)
no	7096(86%)
<b>Tobacco use:</b>	
yes	3948(48%)
no	4315(52%)
<b>Illicit drug use:</b>	
yes	1433(17%)
no	6830(83%)
<b>Hepatitis C:</b>	
yes	394(5%)
no	7869(95%)
<b>Hepatitis B:</b>	
yes	185(2%)
no	8078(98%)
<b>In prison:</b>	
yes	616(7%)
no	7647(93%)



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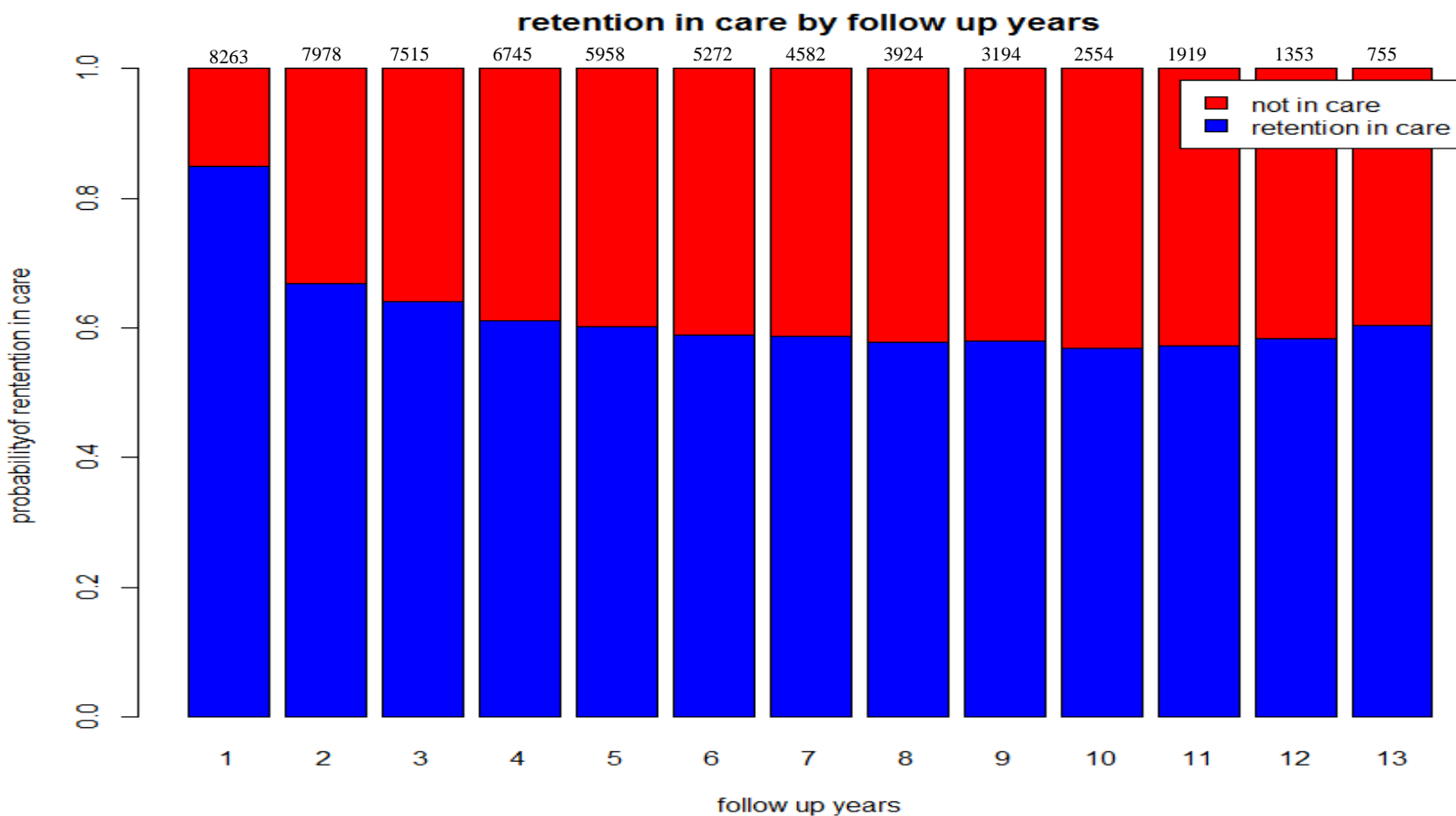
<b>Covariates:</b>	<b>Frequency</b>
<b>With one of following condition (anxiety, depression, bipolar disorder, persistent-mood affective disorder)</b>	
Yes	<b>2230(27%)</b>
No	6033(73%)
<b>With one of following condition (schizoaffective disorders, schizophrenia)</b>	
Yes	257(3%)
No	8006(97%)
<b>Personality disorder:</b>	
Yes	190(2%)
No	8073(98%)
<b>Obsessive compulsive disorder:</b>	
Yes	23(1%)
No	8240(99%)
<b>Dementia:</b>	
Yes	118(2%)
No	8145(98%)





# Retention in care by follow up years

Outcome Variables: Retention in care is defined as having  $\geq 2$  CD4 or VL results at least 3 months apart after having been diagnosed with HIV.

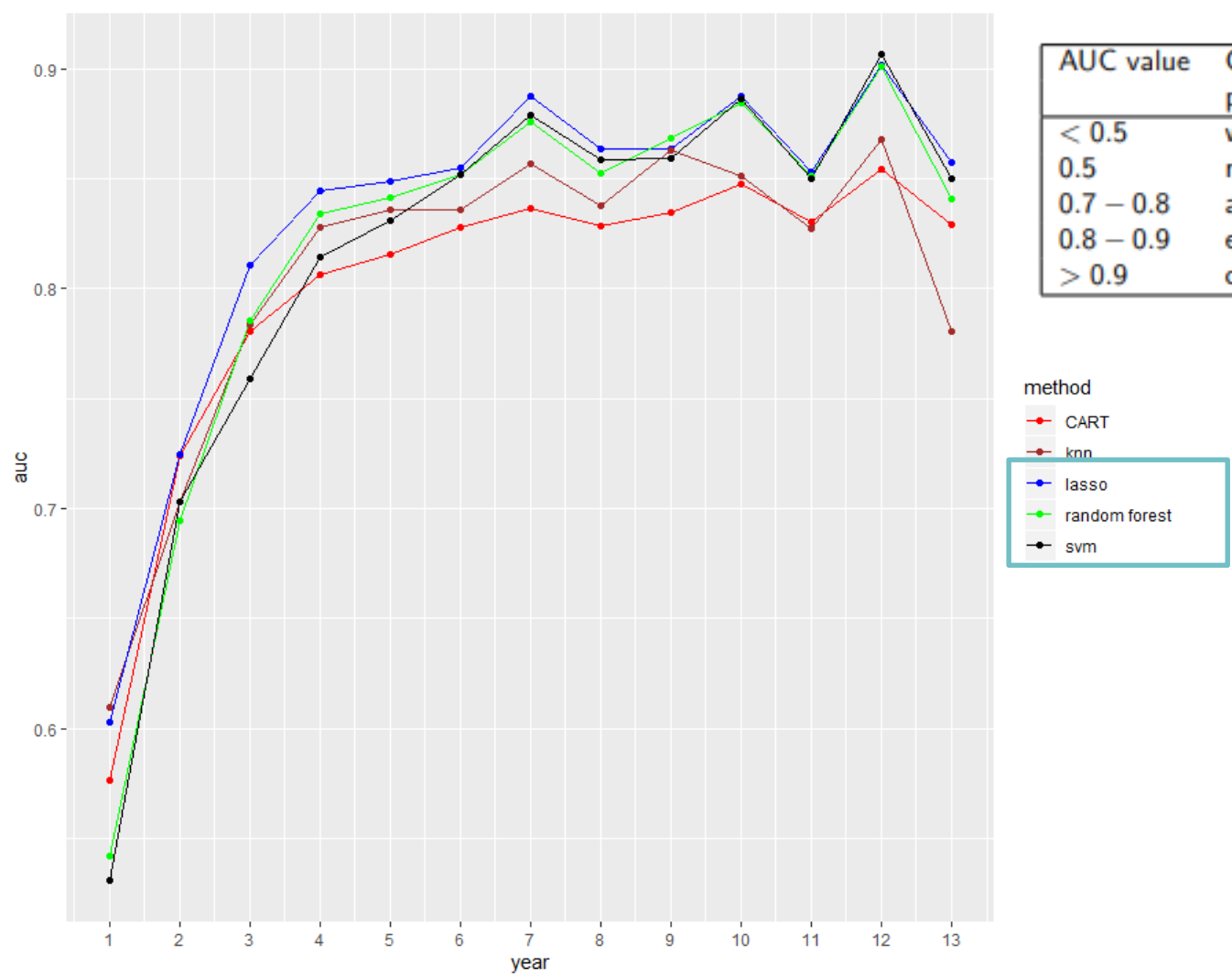




# Data analysis for overall sample



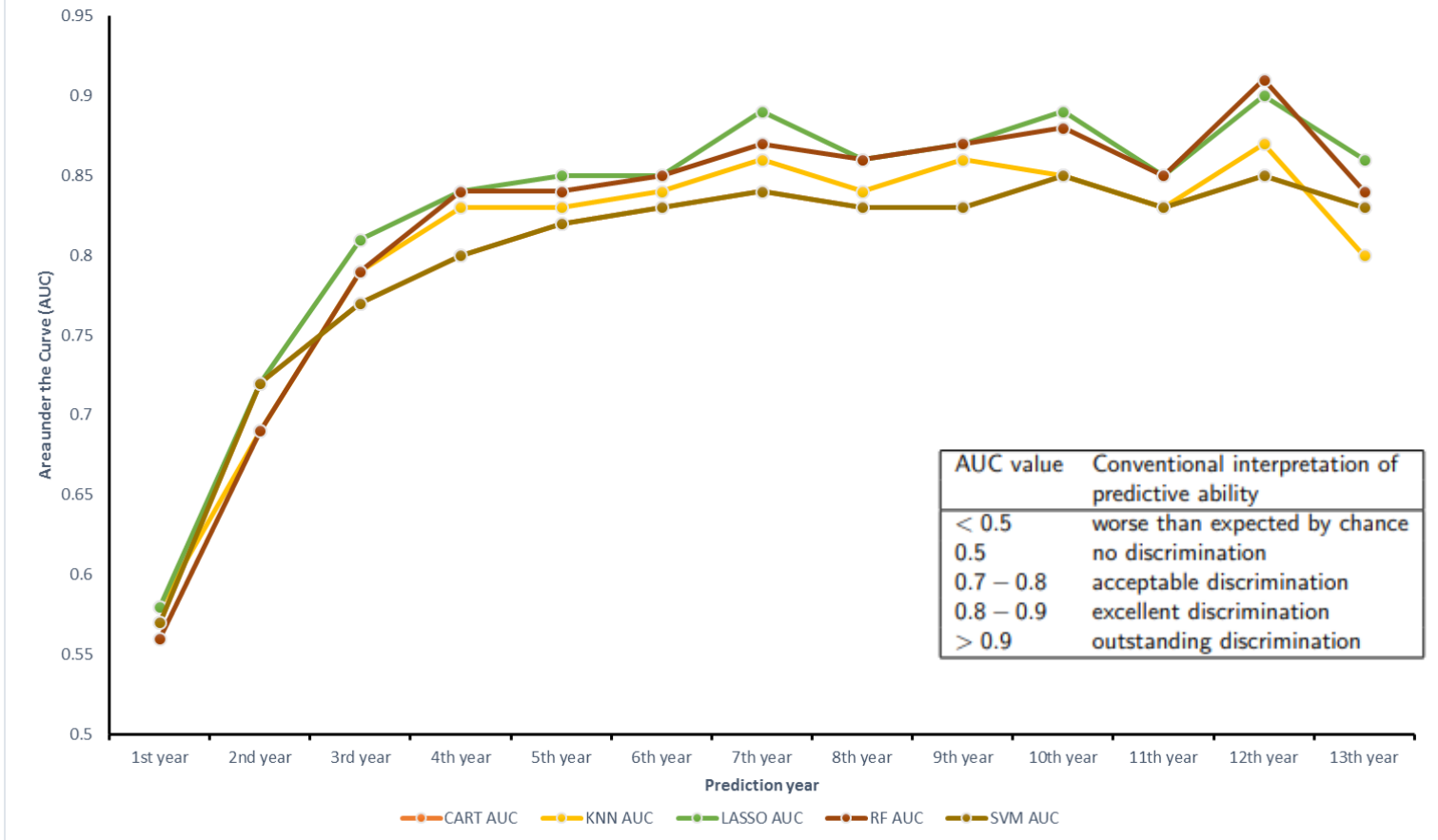
# Validation based on AUC



AUC value	Conventional interpretation of predictive ability
< 0.5	worse than expected by chance
0.5	no discrimination
0.7 – 0.8	acceptable discrimination
0.8 – 0.9	excellent discrimination
> 0.9	outstanding discrimination



Fig 1: AUC Model Performance Comparison for Machine Learning Models Use for Individual Prediction of Care Status, SC PLWH 2005-2016



- Predictive performance improved over time (AUC > 0.80) by year 4 for all algorithms.
- By year 12, RF, LASSO, and CART were the top model performers based on AUC (Fig 1).



# Prediction based on Lasso

The most important variables were obtained by ranking the absolute value of the coefficients.

1<sup>st</sup> year

1	obsessive compulsive disorder
2	transmission
3	race
4	with AIDS
5	mental health group 1

2<sup>nd</sup> year

1	whether in care 1st year
2	dementia
3	personality disorder
4	mental health group 1
5	race

3<sup>rd</sup> year

1	whether in care 2nd year
2	whether in care 1st year
3	transmission
4	hepatitis.B
5	mental health group 1

6<sup>th</sup> year

1	whether in care 5th year
2	obsessive compulsive disorder
3	whether in care 4th year
4	whether in care 3th year
5	race

9<sup>th</sup> year

1	whether in care 8th year
2	whether in care 7th year
3	whether in care 6th year
4	hepatitis.B
5	whether in care 3th year

12<sup>th</sup> year

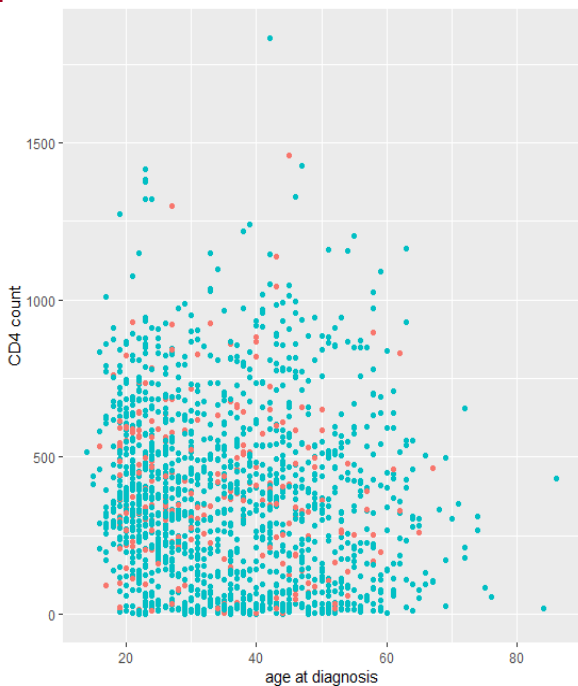
1	obsessive compulsive disorder
2	whether in care in 11th year
3	whether in care in 10th year
4	whether in care in 3rd year
5	transmission

Mental health group 1: with one of following condition  
(anxiety, depression, bipolar disorder, persistent-mood affective disorder)

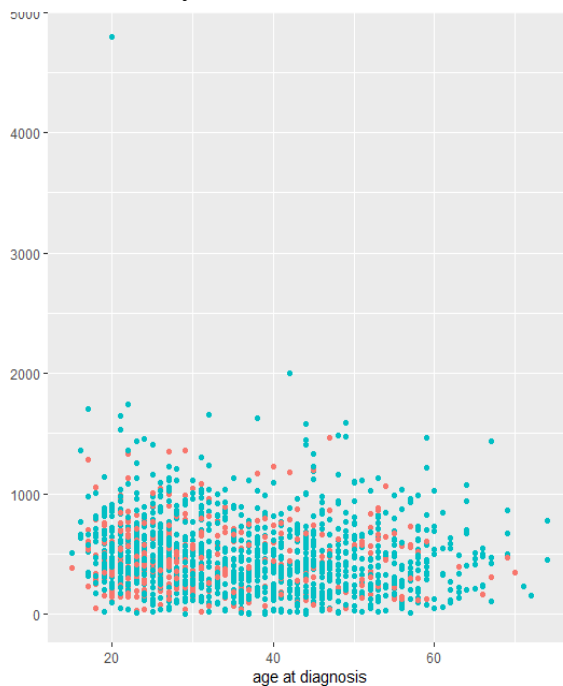


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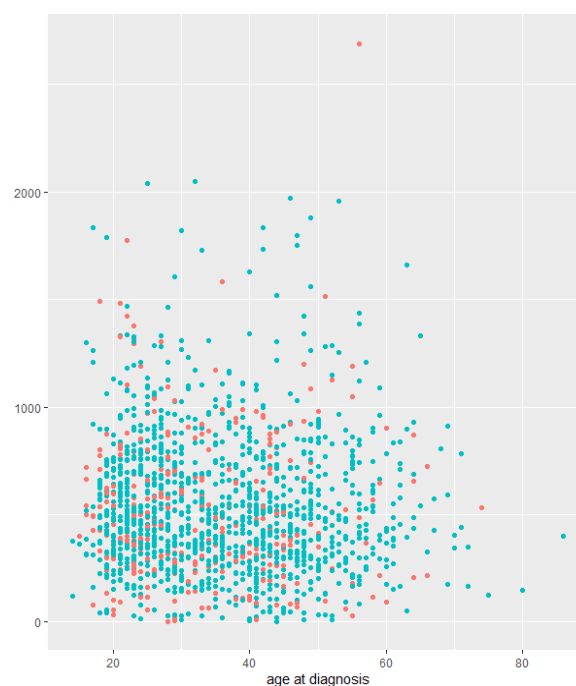
1<sup>st</sup> year



2<sup>nd</sup> year



3<sup>rd</sup> year



class\_accuracy

• FALSE

• TRUE



# Prediction based on Random Forest

The most important variables is based on how much the accuracy decreases when the variable is excluded.

1<sup>st</sup> year

1	CD4 count
2	transmission
3	age at diagnosis
4	illicit drug use
5	gender

2<sup>nd</sup> year

1	whether in care 1st year
2	with AIDS
3	age at diagnosis
4	CD4 count
5	transmission

3<sup>rd</sup> year

1	whether in care 2nd year
2	whether in care 1st year
3	age at diagnosis
4	CD4 count
5	if AIDS

6<sup>th</sup> year

1	whether in care 5th year
2	whether in care 4th year
3	whether in care 3th year
4	whether in care 2nd year
5	age at diagnosis

9<sup>th</sup> year

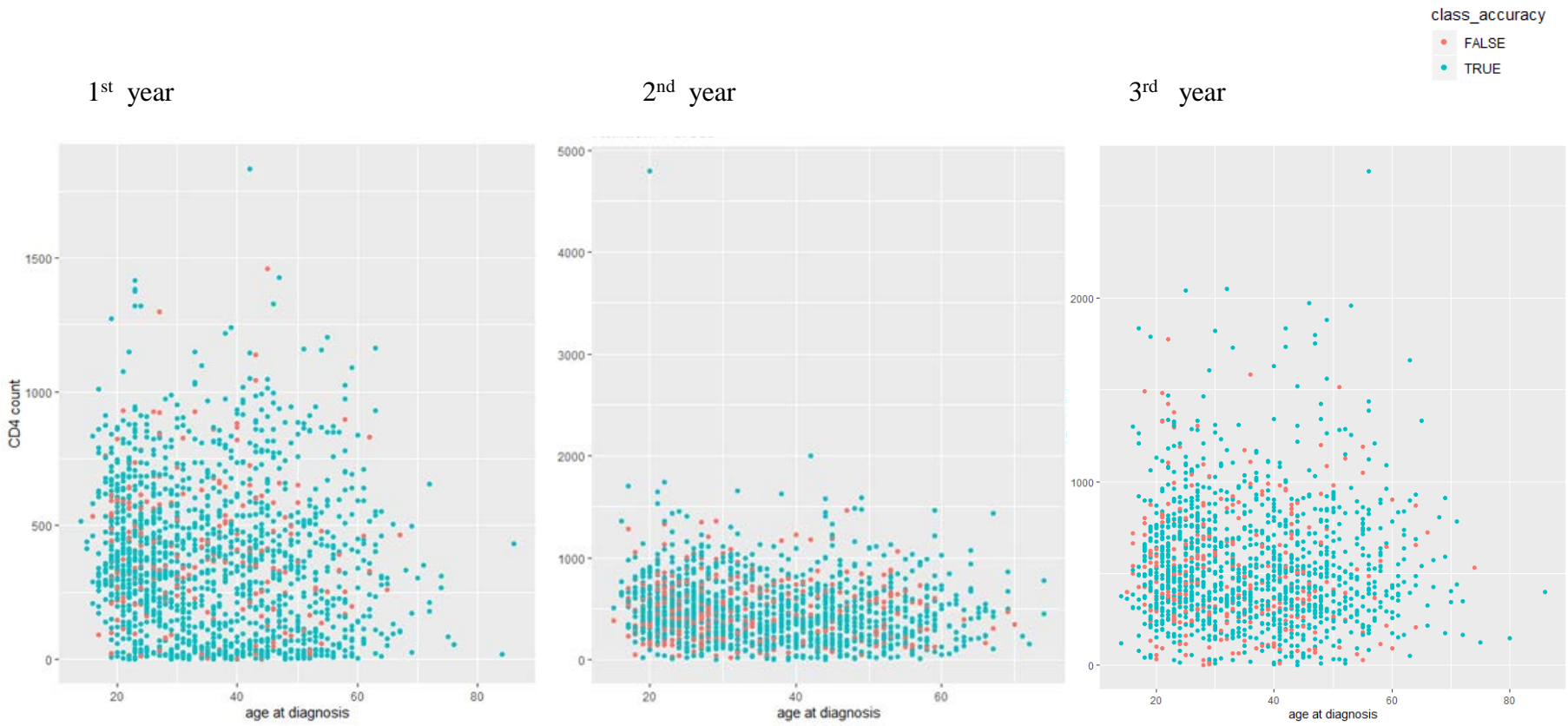
1	whether in care 8th year
2	whether in care 7th year
3	whether in care 6th year
4	whether in care 5th year
5	whether in care 4th year

12<sup>th</sup> year

1	whether in care 11th year
2	whether in care 10th year
3	whether in care 9th year
4	whether in care 8th year
5	whether in care 7th year



# Prediction based on Random Forest







# Data analysis for male



# Prediction based on Lasso for Male

## Most important variables varied by time

1<sup>st</sup> year

1	obsessive compulsive disorder		
2	transmission		
3	Race		
4	with AIDS		
5	mental health group 1		

2<sup>nd</sup> year

1	whether in care 1st year		
2	obsessive compulsive disorder		
3	dementia		
4	race		
5	transmission		

3<sup>rd</sup> year

1	whether in care 2nd year		
2	whether in care 1st year		
3	transmission		
4	mental health 1		
5	if AIDS		

6<sup>th</sup> year

1	whether in care 5th year		
2	whether in care 4th year		
3	obsessive compulsive disorder		
4	whether in care 3 year		
5	race		

9<sup>th</sup> year

1	obsessive compulsive disorder		
2	whether in care 8th year		
3	whether in care 7th year		
4	hepatitis.B		
5	illicit drug use		

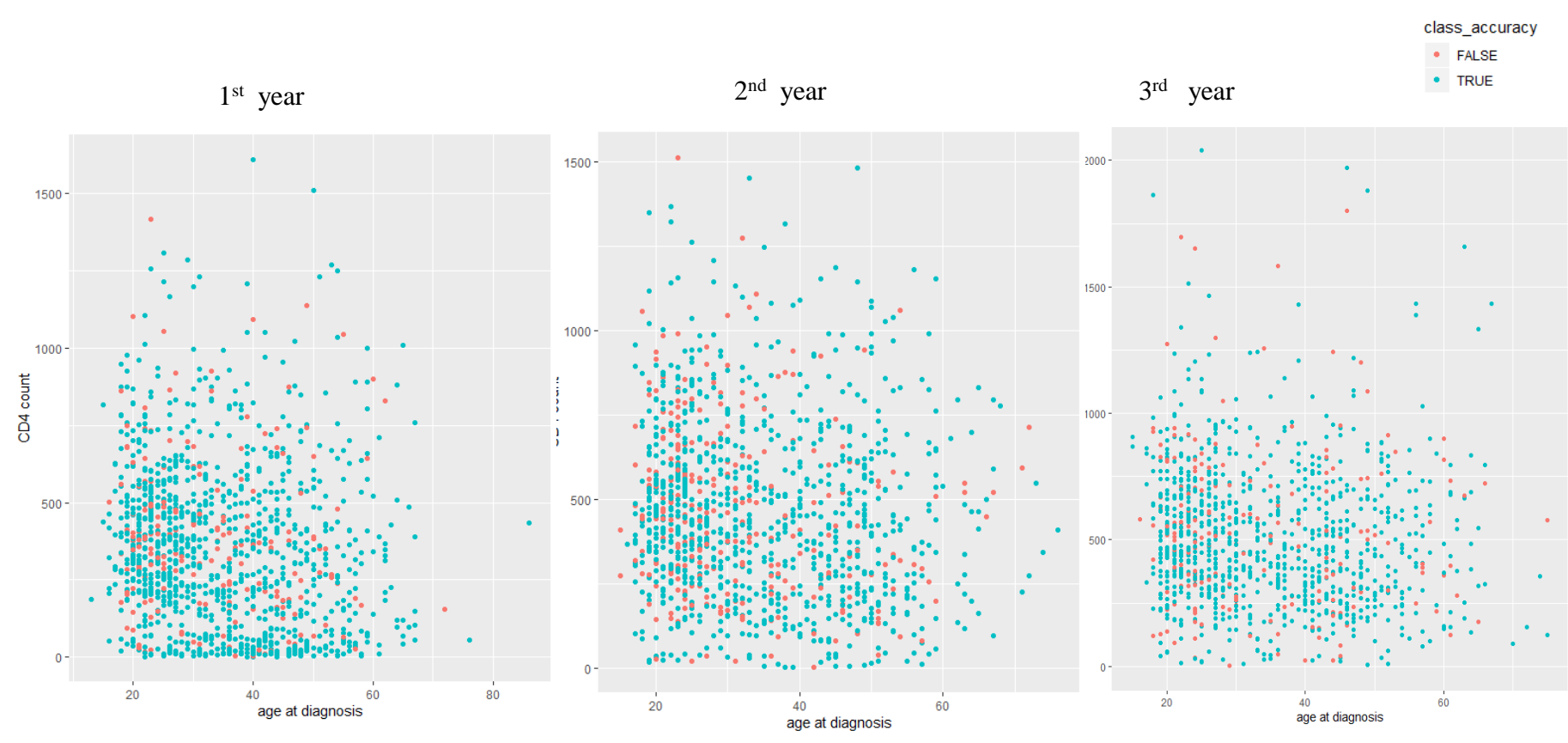
12<sup>th</sup> year

1	whether in care 11th year		
2	obsessive compulsive disorder		
3	whether in care 10th year		
4	whether in care 3rd year		
5	whether in care 8th year		

Mental health group 1: with one of following condition (anxiety, depression, bipolar disorder, persistent-mood affective disorder)



# Prediction based on Lasso for Male





# Prediction based on Random Forest for Male

1<sup>st</sup> year

1	age at diagnosis
2	cd4 count
3	illicit drug use
4	with AIDS
5	transmission

2<sup>nd</sup> year

1	whether in care 1st year
2	cd4 count
3	if aAIDS
4	age at diagnosis
5	transmission

3<sup>th</sup> year

1	whether in care 2nd year
2	whether in care 1st year
3	age at diagnosis
4	cd4 count
5	transmission

6<sup>th</sup> year

1	whether in care 5th year
2	whether in care 4th year
3	whether in care 3th year
4	whether in care 2th year
5	whether in care 1th year

9<sup>th</sup> year

1	whether in care 8th year
2	whether in care 7th year
3	whether in care 6th year
4	whether in care 5th year
5	whether in care 4th year

12<sup>th</sup> year

1	whether in care 11th year
2	whether in care 10th year
3	whether in care 9th year
4	whether in care 8th year
5	whether in care 7th year

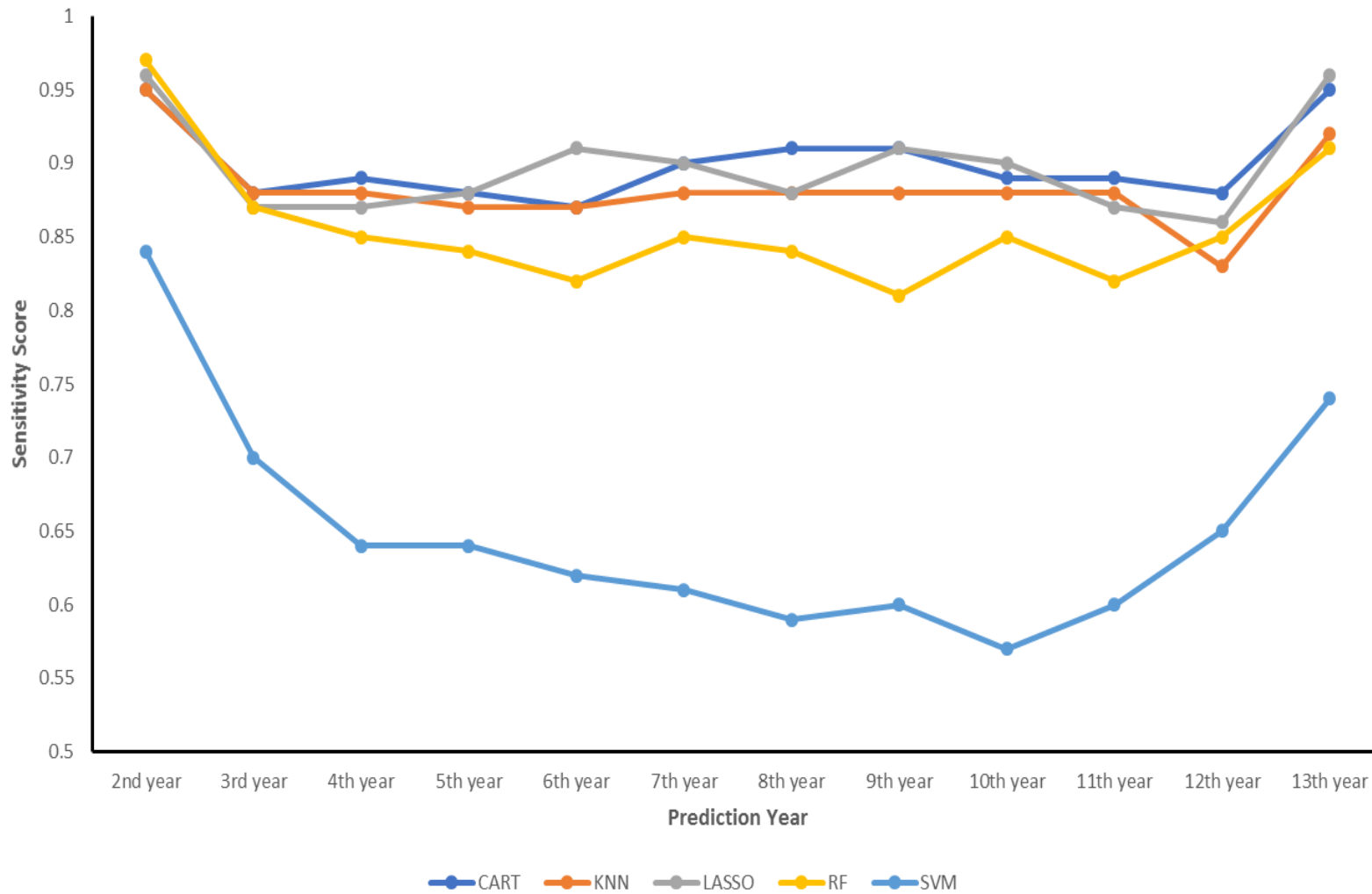


# Prediction based on Random Forest for Male





Fig 2: Sensitivity Comparisons for Machine Learning Models Used for Individual Prediction of Care Status, SC PLWH 2005-2016





# Discussion

## Longitudinal prediction of the HIV care status

- AUC curves summarize the prediction accuracy for each method by year. The prediction accuracy improves by year. After 3<sup>rd</sup> year, the prediction accuracy is large enough for practical use.
- The most important factors to predict the retention in care changes by time also. After the third year, the retention in care history is a good indicator for the next year retention status.
- More potential factors will be needed to improve the prediction accuracy for the first three-year HIV care status prediction.



# Ongoing directions

## Longitudinal prediction of the HIV care status

- Pre-diagnosis –Missed opportunities
- Post-diagnosis –Missed opportunities
- Predictive algorithms (clusters and individuals)





# Thank You

