

Machine learning improves image analysis prognosis and diagnosis in cardiac imaging



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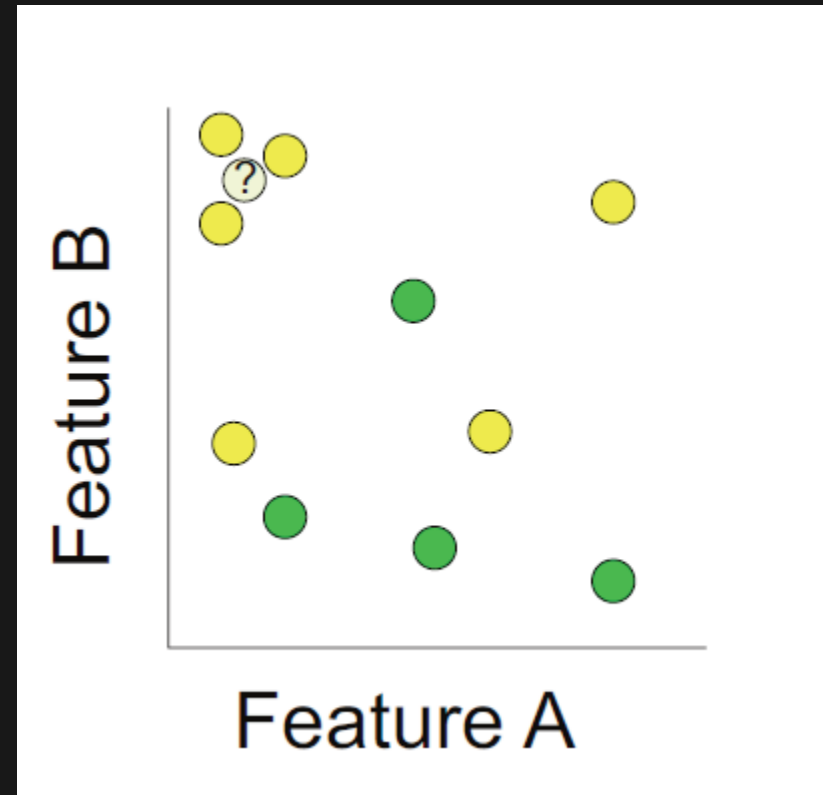
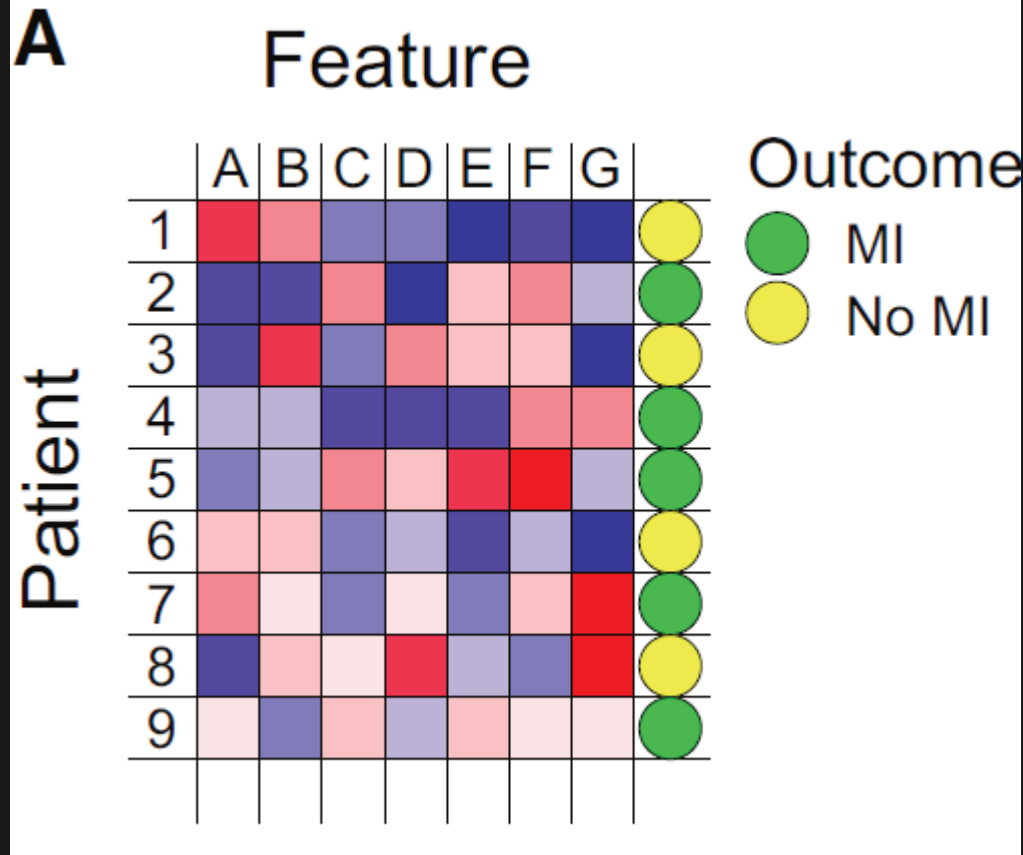
Machine learning

Predicting anything that can be predicted

No particular model is assumed unlike in statistics

Testing data always separate from training data

Simple machine learning

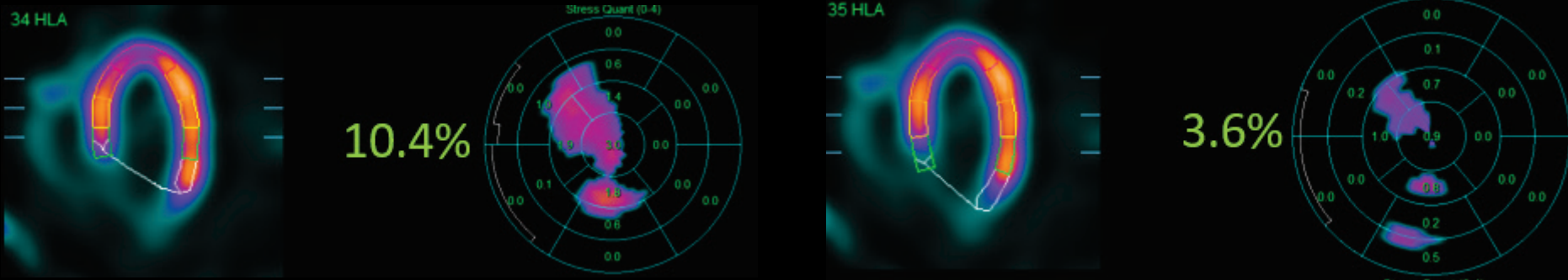
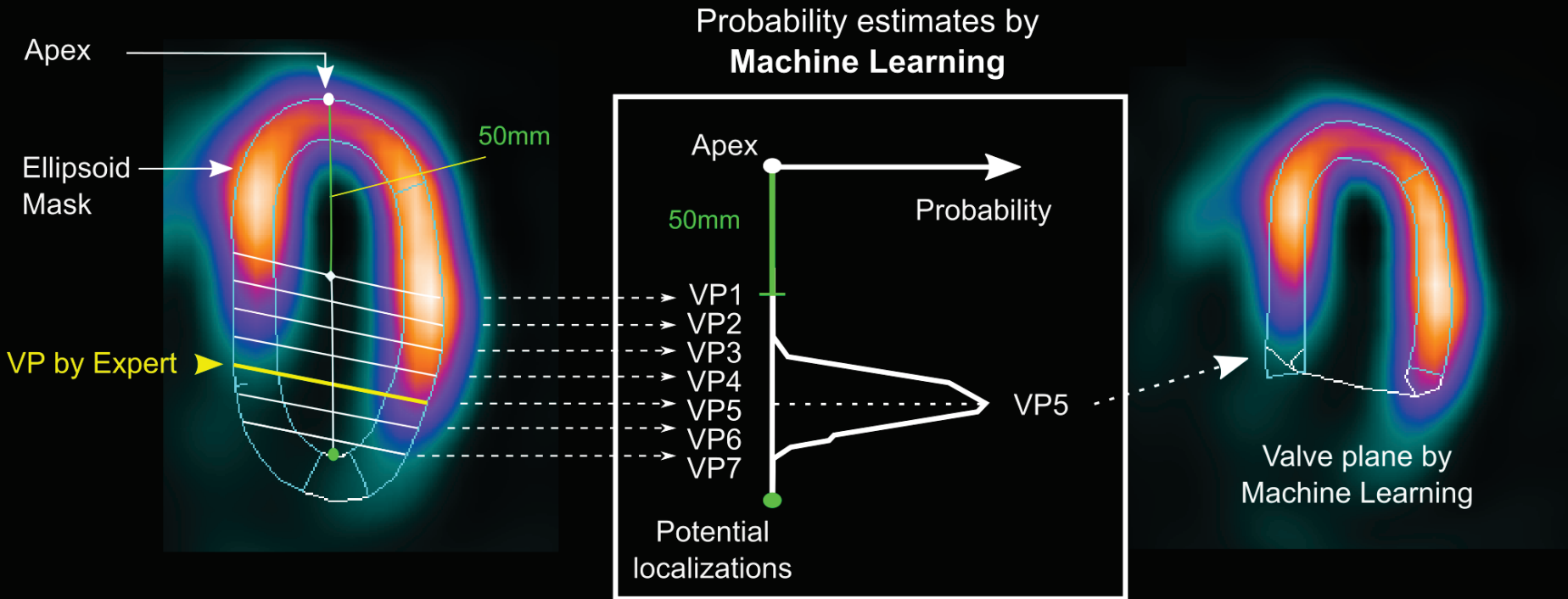


The k-nearest neighbor algorithm assigns outcome based on the most similar training examples

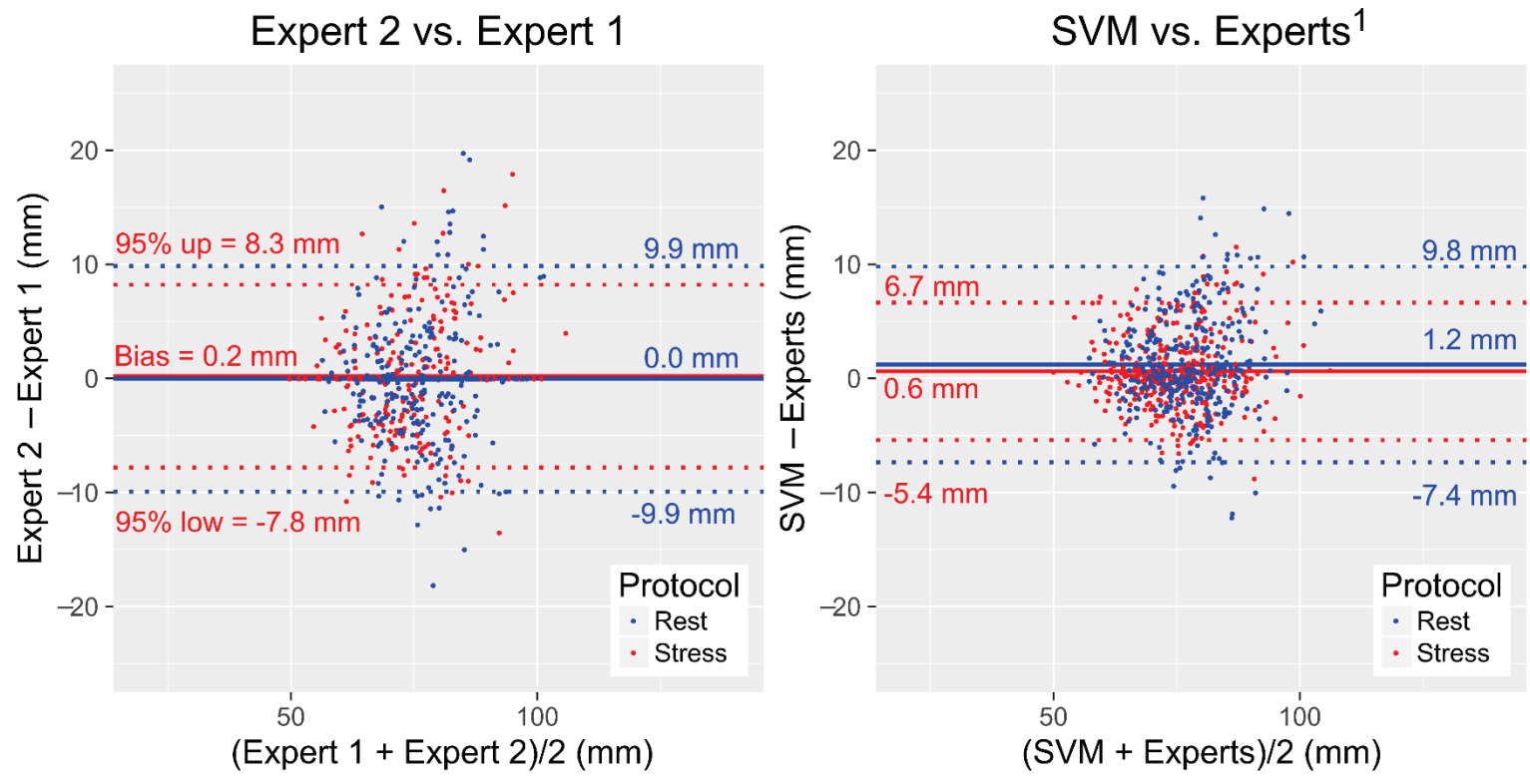
MI -myocardial infarction

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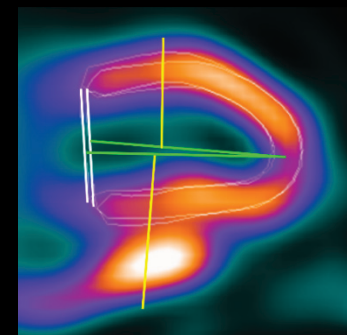
Machine Learning: valve plane localization



Machine learning agreement with Experts

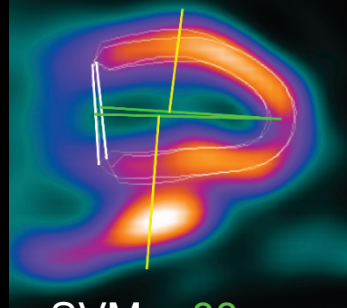


Expert 1 = 85 mm



Expert 2 = 87 mm

Experts¹ = 86 mm



SVM = 88 mm

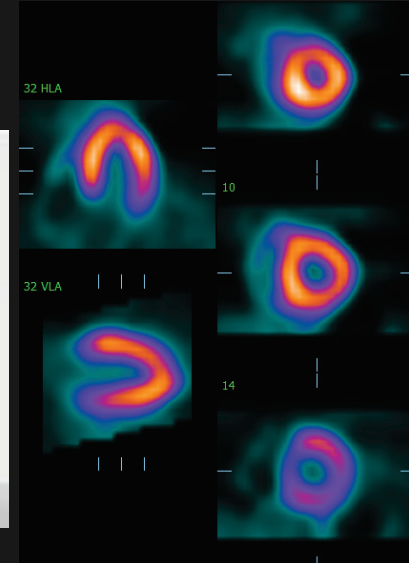
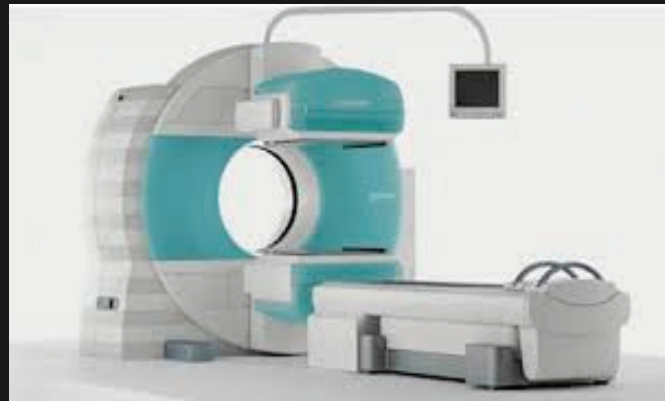
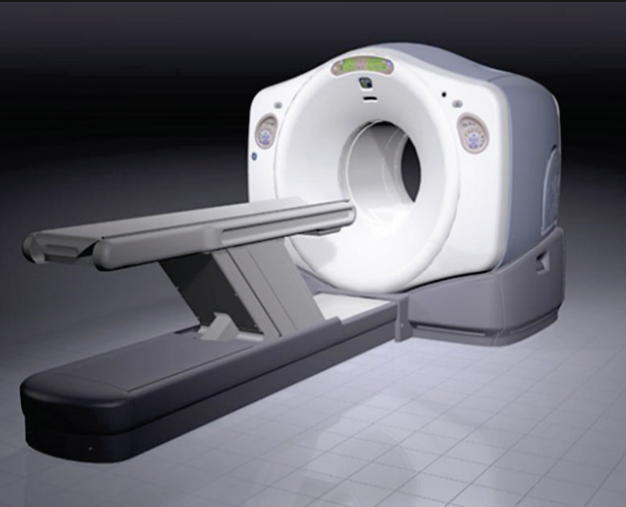
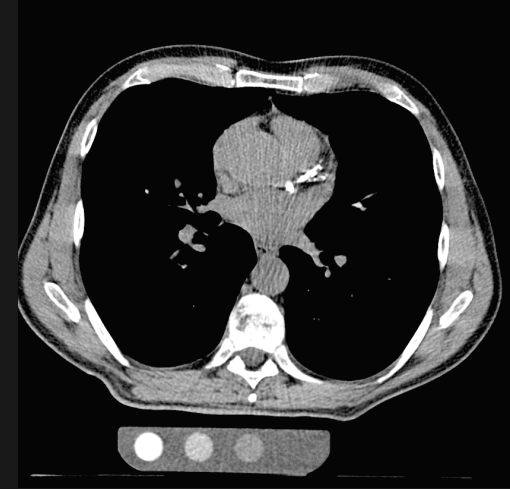
Valve plane agreement (95% CI) between support vector machines (**SVM**) and experts was lower than inter-expert agreement ($p < 0.01$)

¹ Experts = (Expert 1 + Expert 2)/2

Higher level machine learning

Coronary calcium scan + nuclear cardiology

- Coronary calcium score predicts cardiovascular events
- **But how to interpret combined calcium and nuclear findings ?**

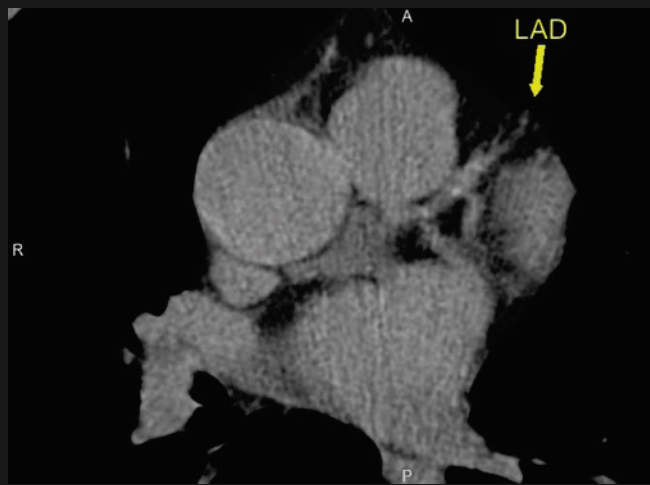


Hybrid PET/CT SPECT/CT can obtain MPI +calcium scan

Simple machine learning by logistic regression

- multivariable logistic regression
- probability score of obstructive disease

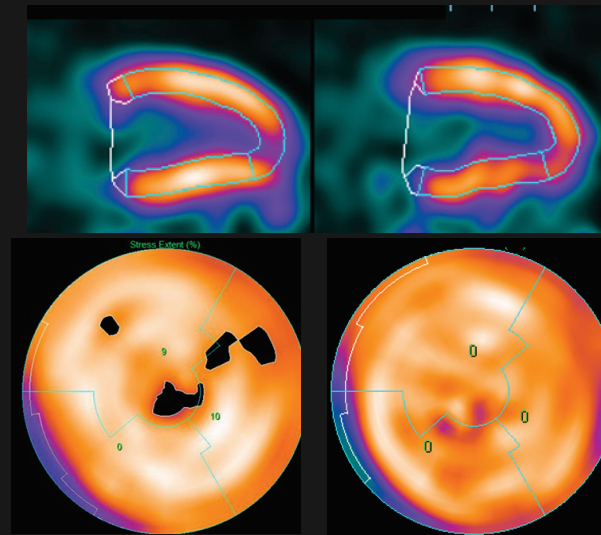
$$\frac{1}{1 + \text{Exp}(3.65 - 0.34 \times \text{per-vessel ITPD} - 0.39 \times \log(\text{per-vessel CAC} + 1))}$$



+

Stress

Rest



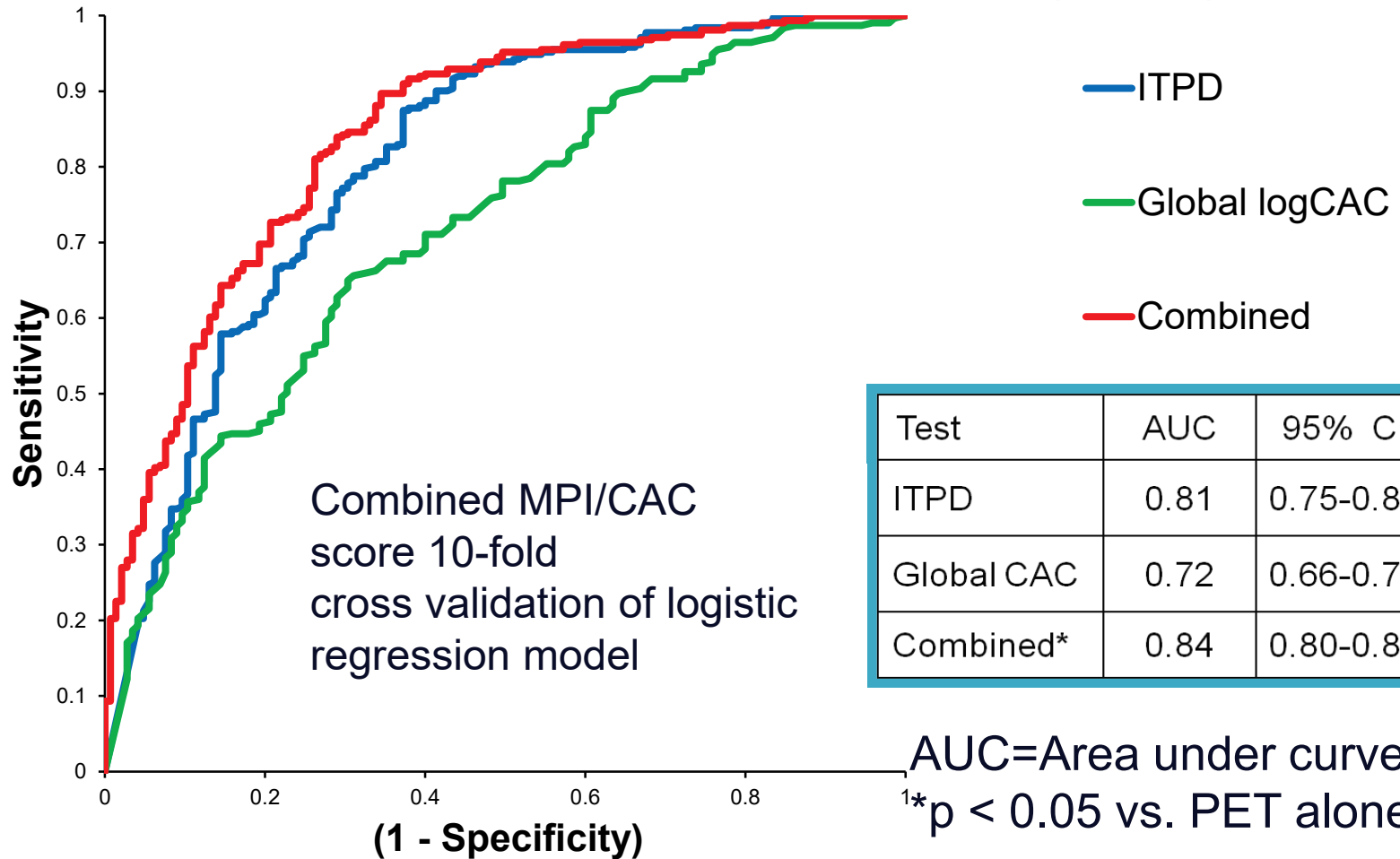
Obstructive
disease
score

Hybrid perfusion/calcium score

Feature 1: ITPD –ischemic perfusion

Feature 2: CAC –coronary artery calcium

Quantitative combined hybrid PET/CAC score (N=456) vessels



Adding more features

Can we predict revascularization after MPI by machine learning ?

First step:

Selecting relevant knowledge (features) for the machine learning

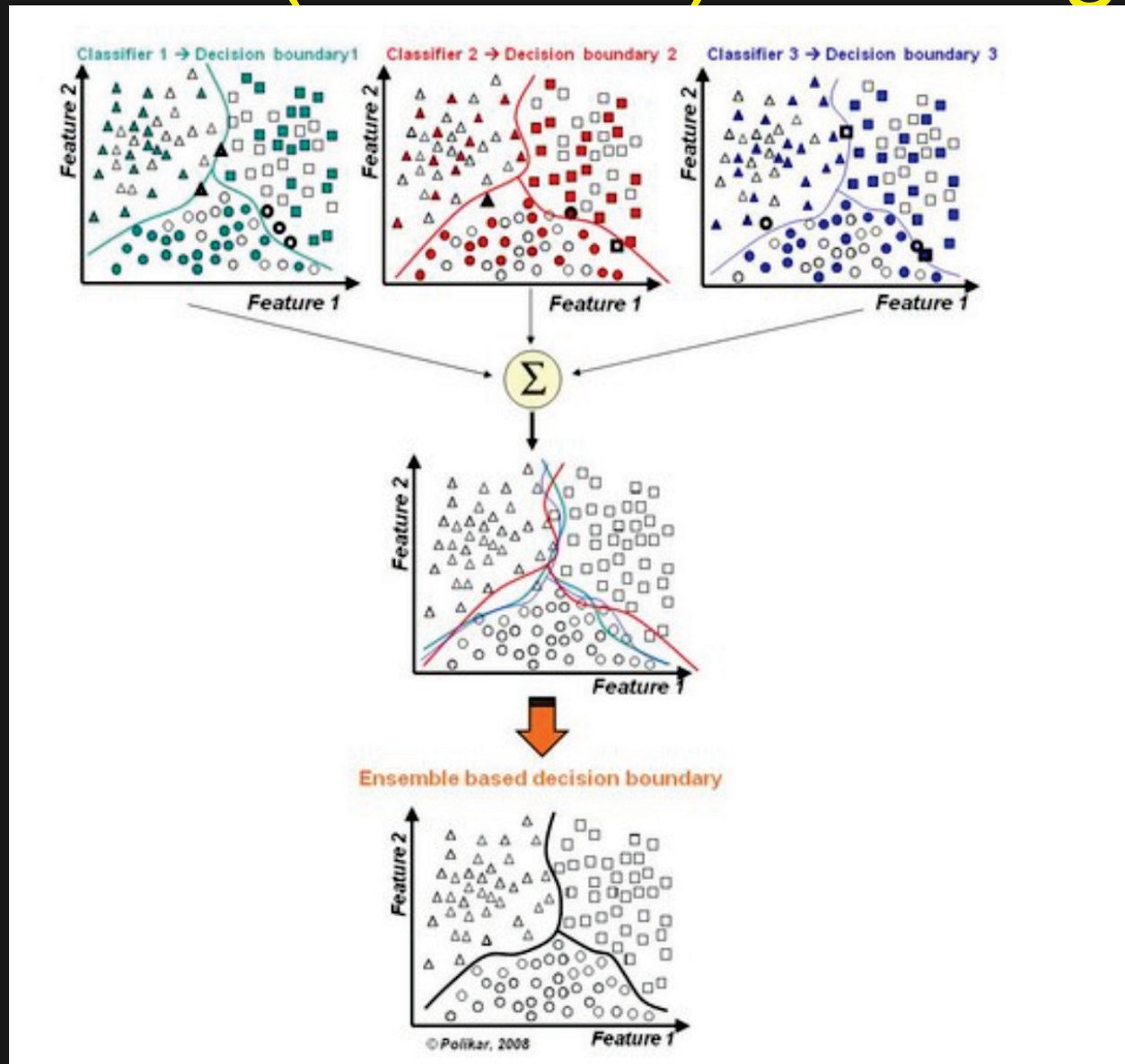
Table 2. Ranking of the features by the automated feature selection algorithm

Features	Ranking
Combined supine/prone TPD*	0.1876
Supine stress TPD*	0.18
ST-depression at rest*	0.0394
ECG response during exercise*	0.0341
Supine rest TPD*	0.0336
Post-ECG likelihood of CAD*	0.032
Clinical response during exercise*	0.0305
Transient ischemic dilation (TID)*	0.0265
Gender*	0.232
Stress ejection fraction*	0.0188
End-systolic volume (ESV)	0.018
Resting BP*	0.0158
History of diabetes mellitus*	0.0136
Age	0
Heart rate/peak heart rate/peak BP (3)	0
History of hypertension	0
Pretest likelihood of CAD (before ECG)	0
Clinical response	0
Family history of CAD	0
History of hyperlipidemia	0
Smoking	0
Height/weight/body mass index (3)	0
Exercise duration	0
METs achieved	0
Claudication	0
Symptoms at rest	0
Rest ejection fraction	0
End-diastolic volume	0

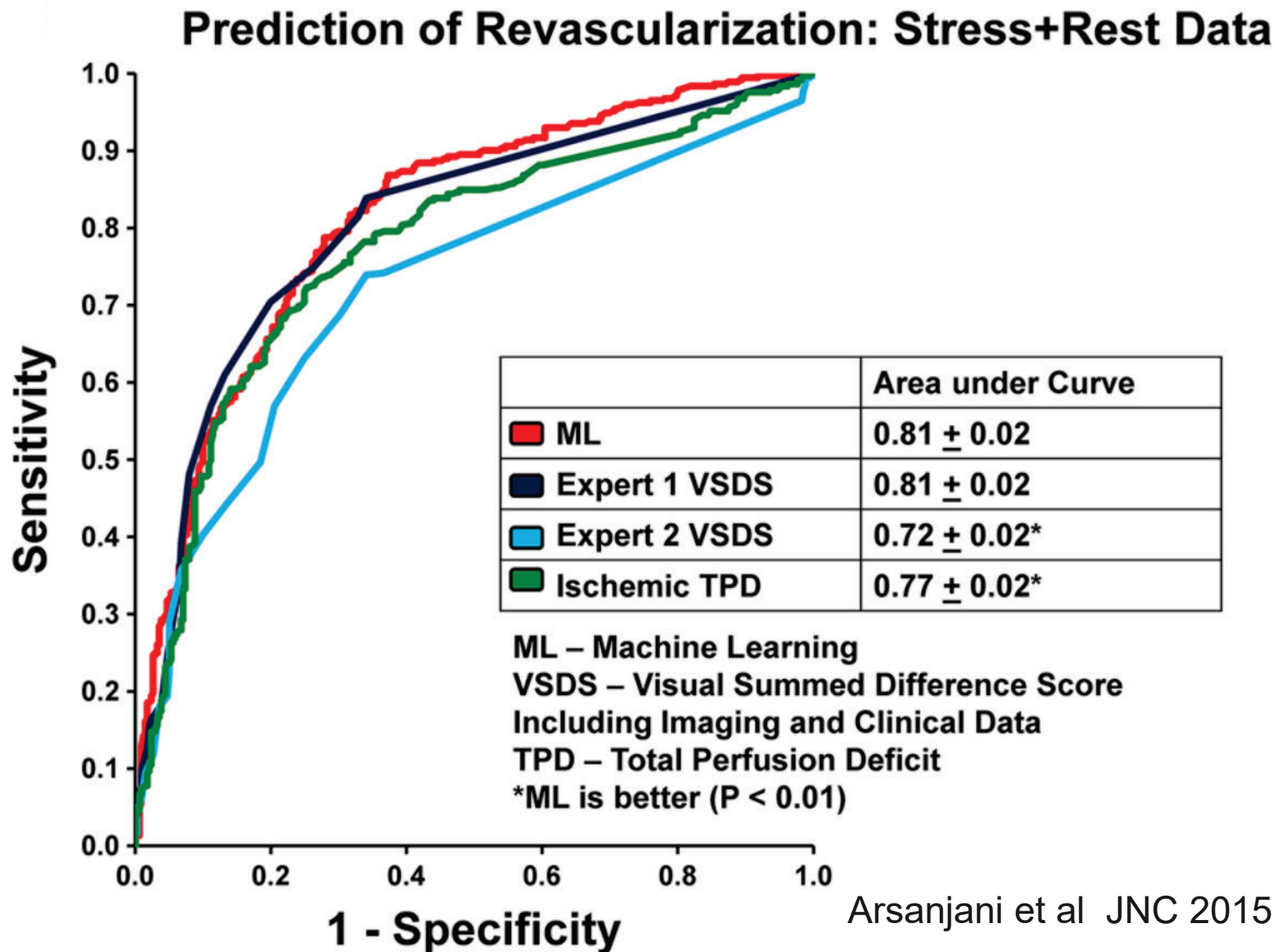
CAD, Coronary artery disease; METs, metabolic equivalent of task; BP, blood pressure (number of features given in brackets if multiple).

*Selected features.

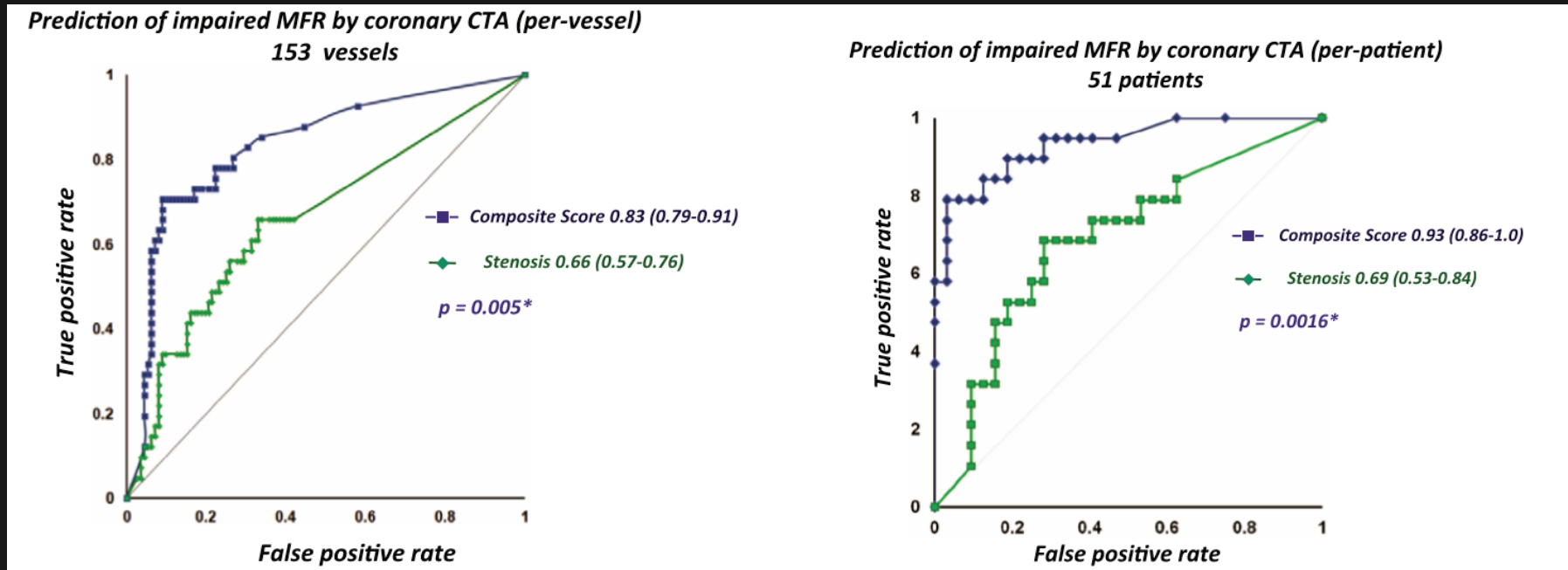
Ensemble (boosted) learning



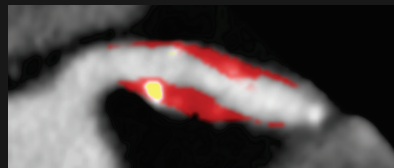
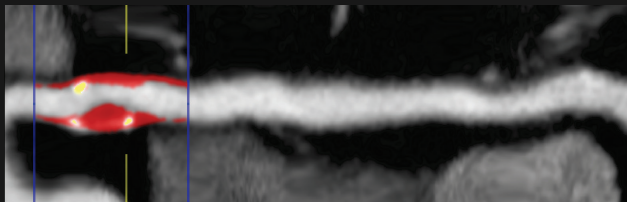
Can we predict revascularization after MPS by machine learning ?



CTA quantification predicts myocardial flow reserve by $^{13}\text{NH}_3$ PET

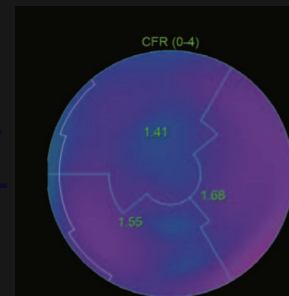


CTA automatic plaque characteristics(5 features), myo mass, age/gender
LogitBoost ensemble learning 10-fold cross validation per-vessel per-patient



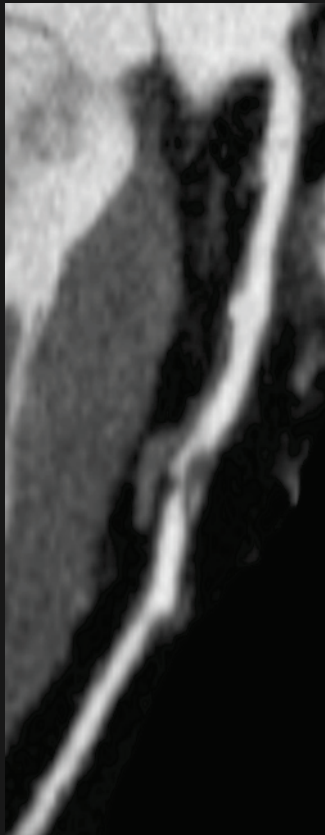
Machine learning

* $p < 0.05$ vs. PET



Dey et al Circ Cardiovasc Imaging 2015

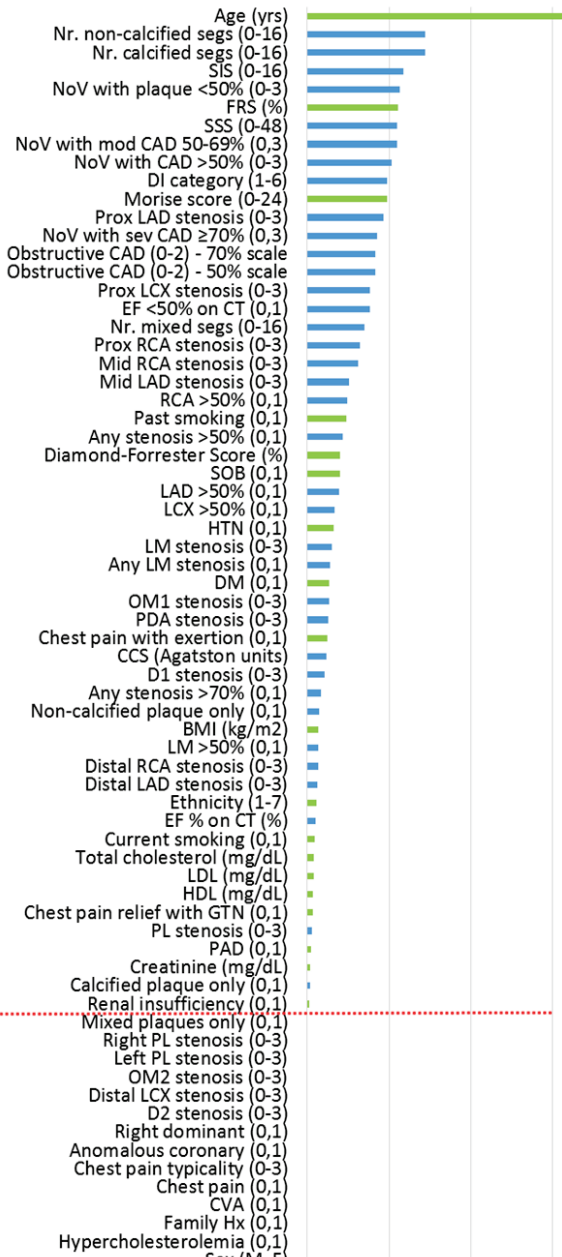
Outcome prediction by machine learning: Interpreting CT image features and clinical data in CONFIRM registry



CONFIRM - registry of over 16, 000 cases
From 12 centers with CT angiography findings
and mortality follow up Confirm PI: Dr. Min

Feature selection and learning

All-cause mortality



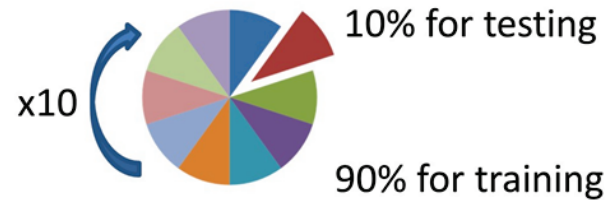
10-fold cross-validation

Raw Data - CONFIRM Registry

Feature Selection - Information Gain Ranking

ensemble

Model Building - LogitBoost

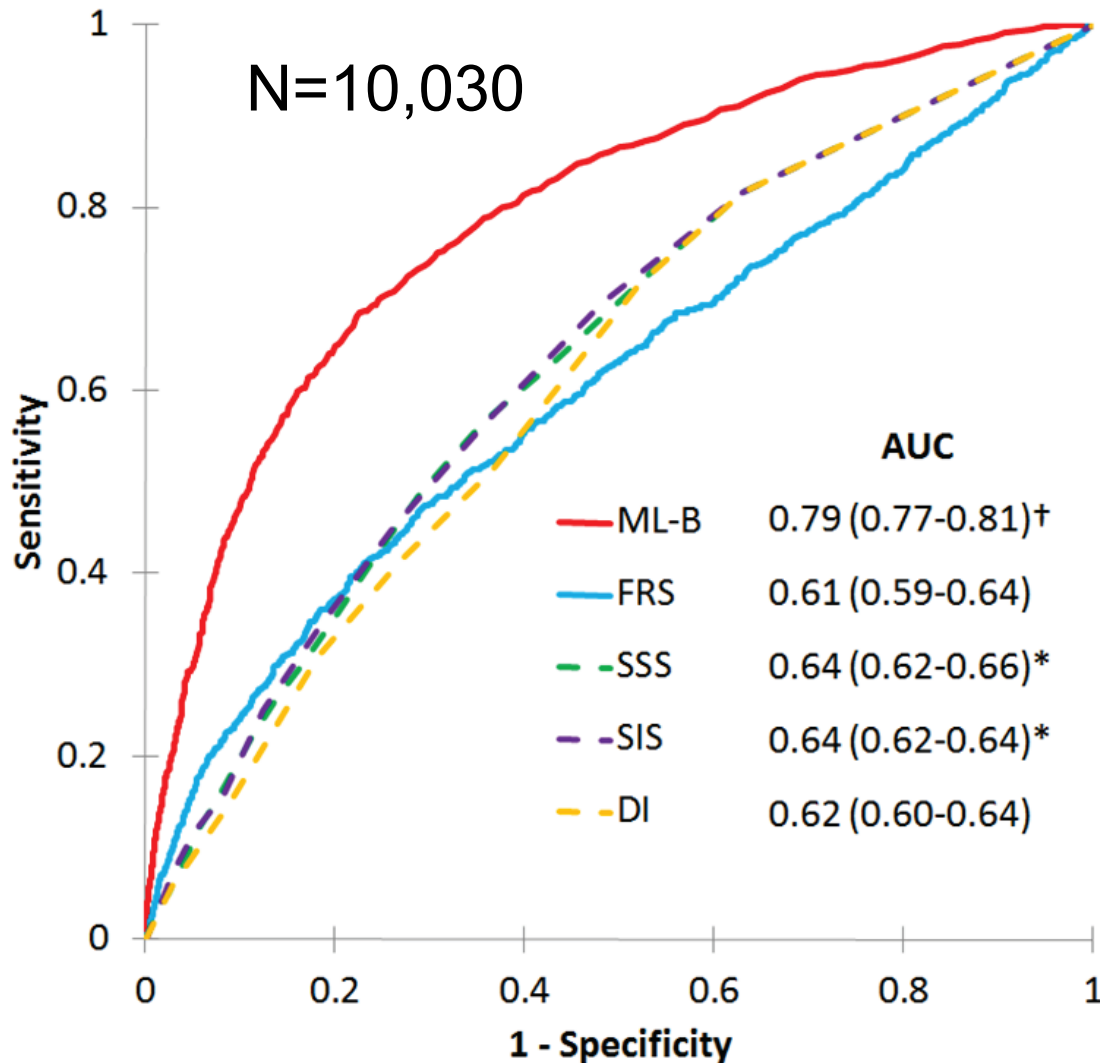


Machine learning Score

Death prediction by ensemble machine learning over standard risk scores

5-year all-cause mortality prediction

N=10,030



ML-B -boosted machine learning

FRS -Framingham risk score

SSS -segmental stenosis score

SIS -segmental involvement score

DI -Duke index

AUC -area under curve

Motwani M et al, EHJ 2016

Risk re-classification by machine learning

FRS risk category	ML-boosting risk category			Total
	Low	Intermediate	High	
Death, n				
Low	38	89	108	235
Intermediate,	22	124	60	206
High	11	108	185	304
Total	71	321	353	745
No Death, n				
Low	2193	1578	256	4027
Intermediate	1209	1700	209	3118
High	487	1169	484	2140
Total	3889	4447	949	9285
Overall NRI index (95% CI)		0.24 (0.19-0.30)		p<0.0001

ML: machine learning

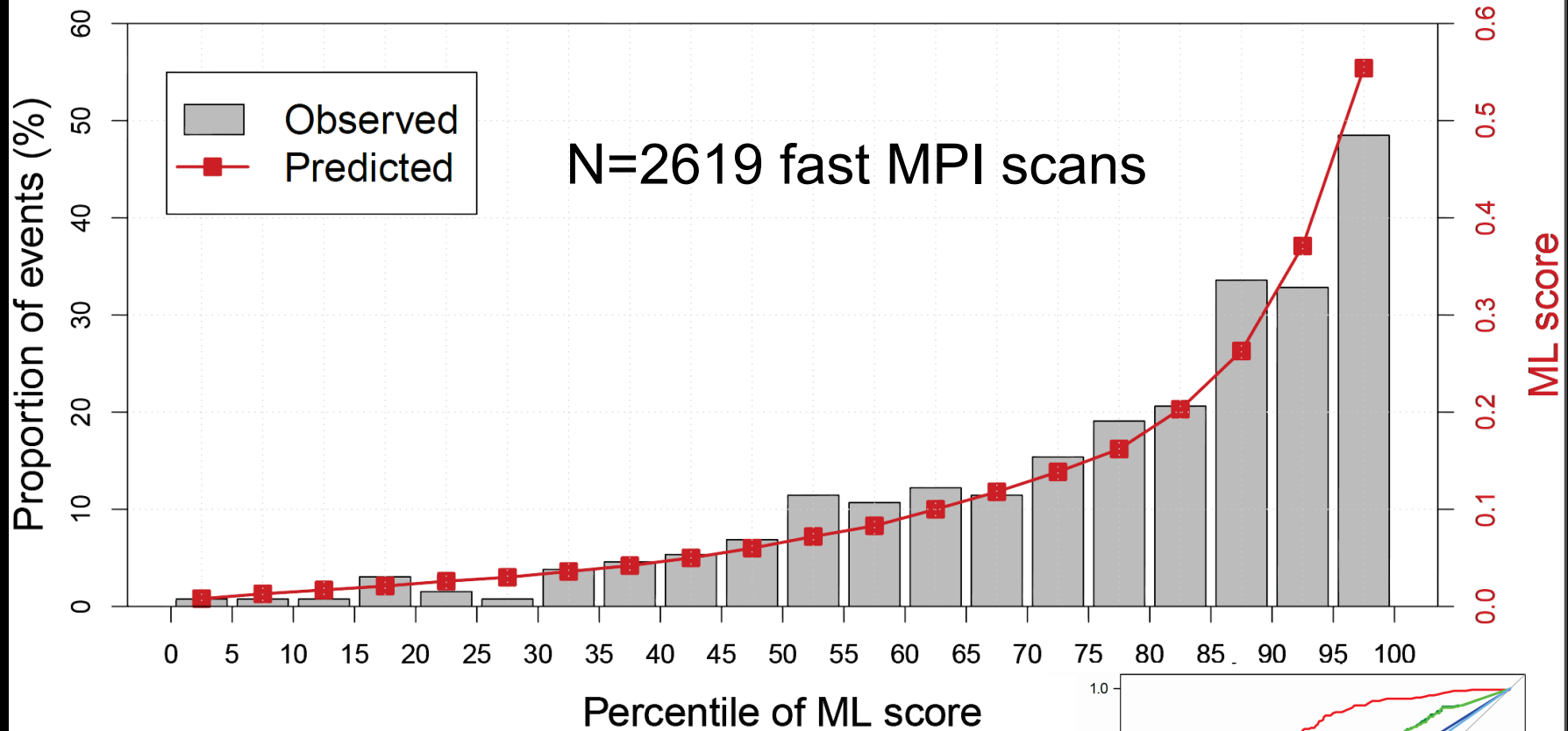
FRS: Framingham risk score

NRI –net reclassification improvement

*Motwani M et al
EHJ 2016*

Prediction of 3-year MACE by MPI and machine learning

Observed vs. predicted risk of MACE



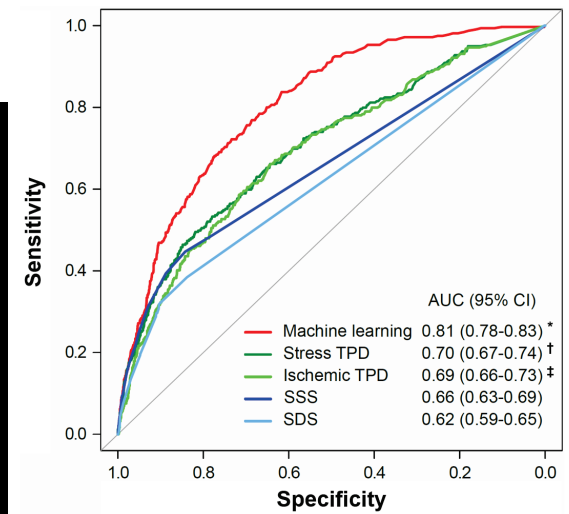
Machine learning for automated prediction of major adverse coronary events after myocardial perfusion imaging Otaki Y, ASNC 2016

ML machine learning

MACE –major adverse cardiovascular events

TPD –total perfusion deficit

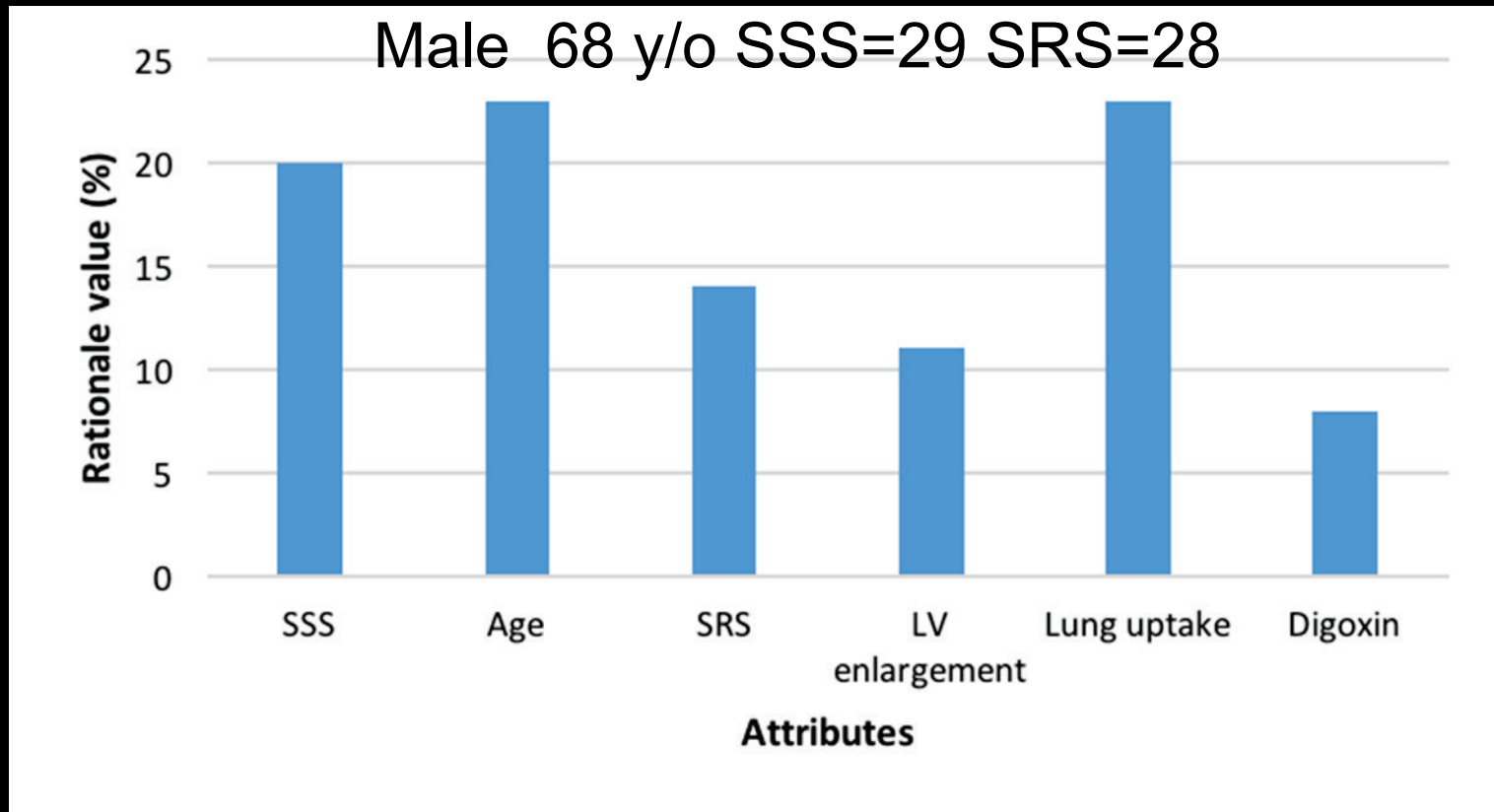
SSS/SDS –visual summed stress/difference score



Does it have to be a “black box” ?

ML prediction rationale for a given patient

Alonso H et al, A Simple Model for Prediction of Cardiac Death ASNC 2016



In a clinical setting, it will be possible to interpret an individual ML assessment

Machine learning registry

Aiming to include > 2,000 cases with angio 14,000 with follow up

Site	System	Protocols
Cedars-Sinai	D-SPECT	Sestamibi rest/stress supine/upright
Mount Sinai	GE 530c	Low-dose sestamibi supine/prone (some stress-only)
Mayo Clinic	D-SPECT	Sestamibi rest/stress supine/upright
Aspire, Kansas City	DSPECT Siemens Symbia SPECT/CT	Low-dose sestamibi stress or stress/rest supine/upright ~50% stress-only AC for Symbia
Columbia Medical center, New York	GE 530c	Sestamibi prone/supine
Assuta Medical Center Israel	GE 530c	Low dose sestamibi supine/prone
Oregon Heart and Vascular Institute	D-SPECT	Sestamibi rest supine stress supine/upright
Zurich University Hospital	GE 570c SPECT/CT GE Ventri/VCT SPECT/CT	Low-dose tetrofosmin stress/rest AC for all
Ottawa Heart Institute	GE 530c GE Infinia SPECT/CT	Low-dose tetrofosmin AC for GE Infinia
Yale	GE570c SPECT/CT GE Infinia SPECT/CT	Stress/rest sestamibi protocols. AC for all
Brigham and Women's Hospital	D-SPECT Siemens Symbia SPECT/CT (IQ-SPECT)	Same-day, dose-dependent rest/stress sestamibi. Supine/upright for D-SPECT AC for Symbia

Machine learning in nuclear cardiology

- Machine learning (ML) combines multiple imaging and clinical datapoints in one score.
- ML can be used to train image segmentation
- ML can predict disease, intervention, or outcomes in terms of post-test probability
- Quantitative computer interpretation will help clinicians find the right answer for a given patient