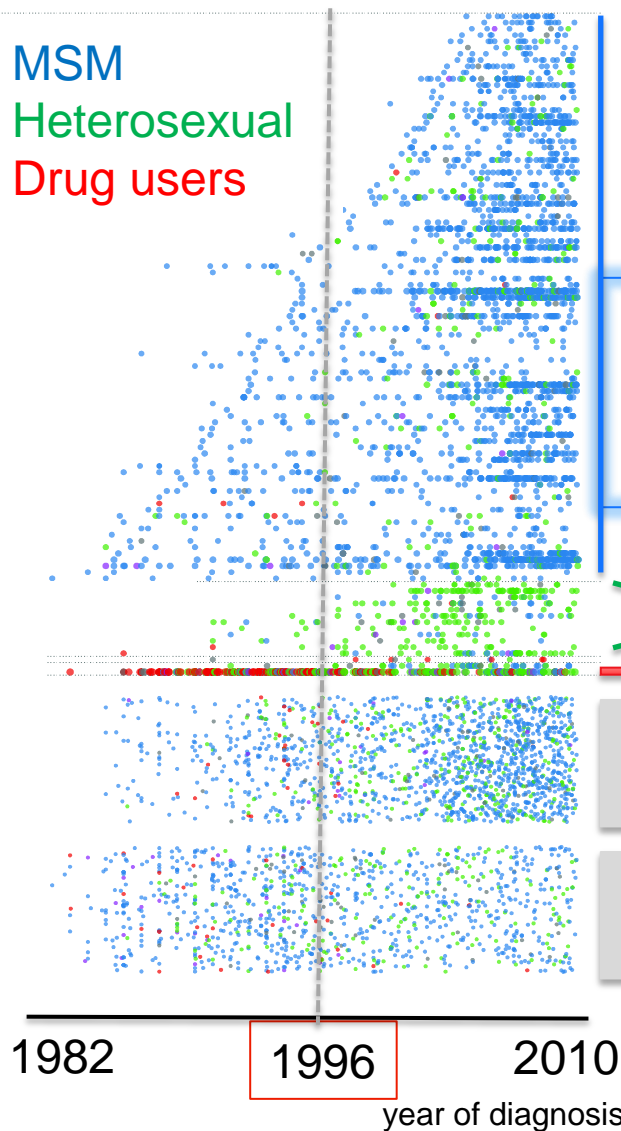


ONGOING HIV-1 SUBTYPE B TRANSMISSION NETWORKS IN THE NETHERLANDS

- MSM
- Heterosexual
- Drug users



- 5852 Subtype B polymerase sequences
- 73% (4288) MSM
- Transmission networks: ≥ 10 sequences, bootstrap $\geq 90\%$

- 50% of MSM sequences in 91 networks
- 60% of networks present before 1996 !
- Networks don't stop !

Heterosexual networks

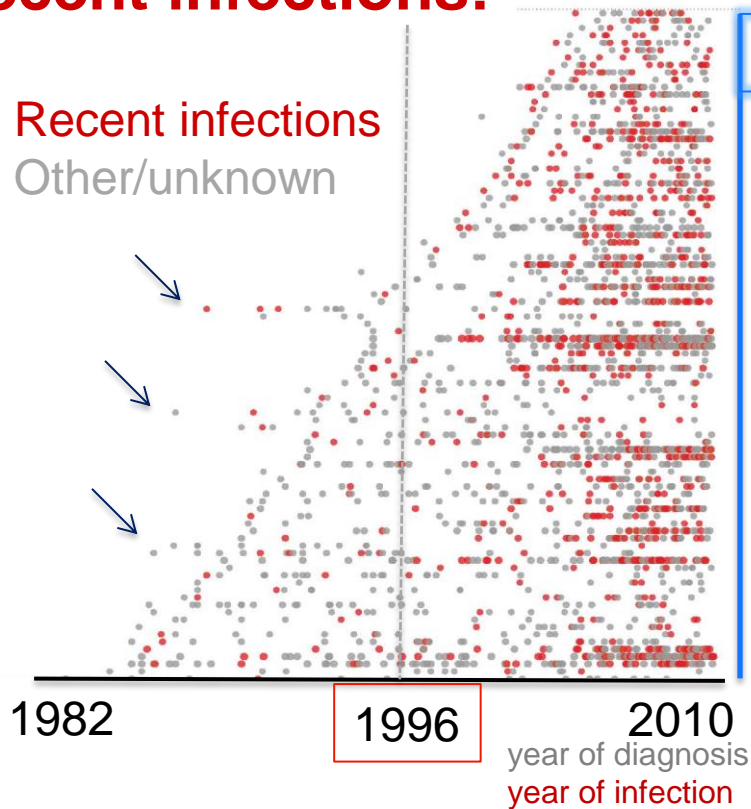
66% of all drug users in this study!

≤ 10 sequences in a cluster

Singletons (Sequences not in a cluster)

Recent infections!

- Recent infections
- Other/unknown



Networks are ongoing !

- Networks include recent infections
- Rejuvenation of pre-cART networks despite increasing median age

HIV-1 epidemic amongst MSM is sustained by well-established networks, not brought to an end by the widespread use of cART.

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