

Big Four Effect

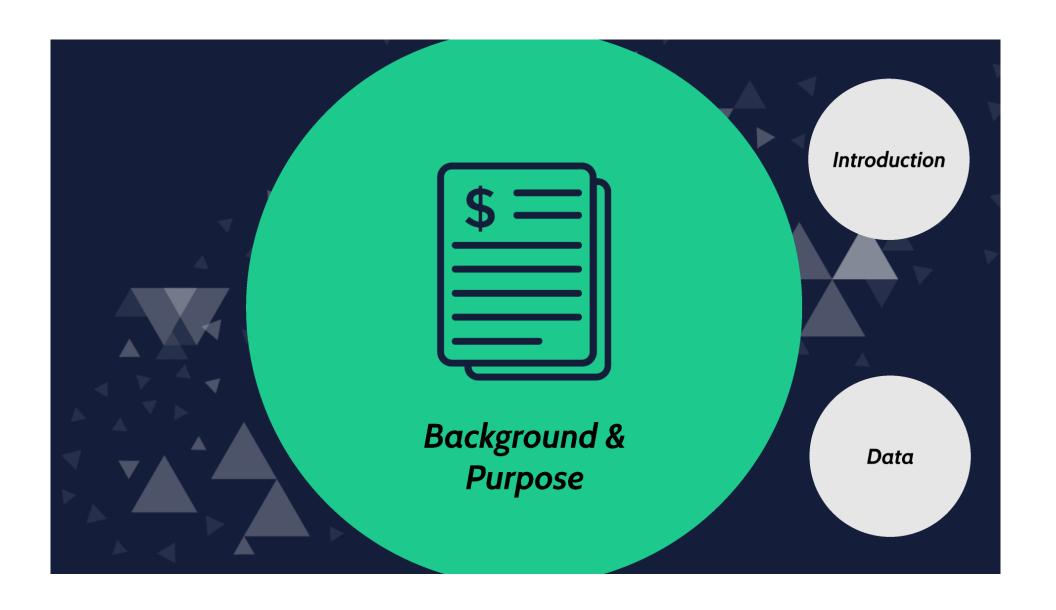
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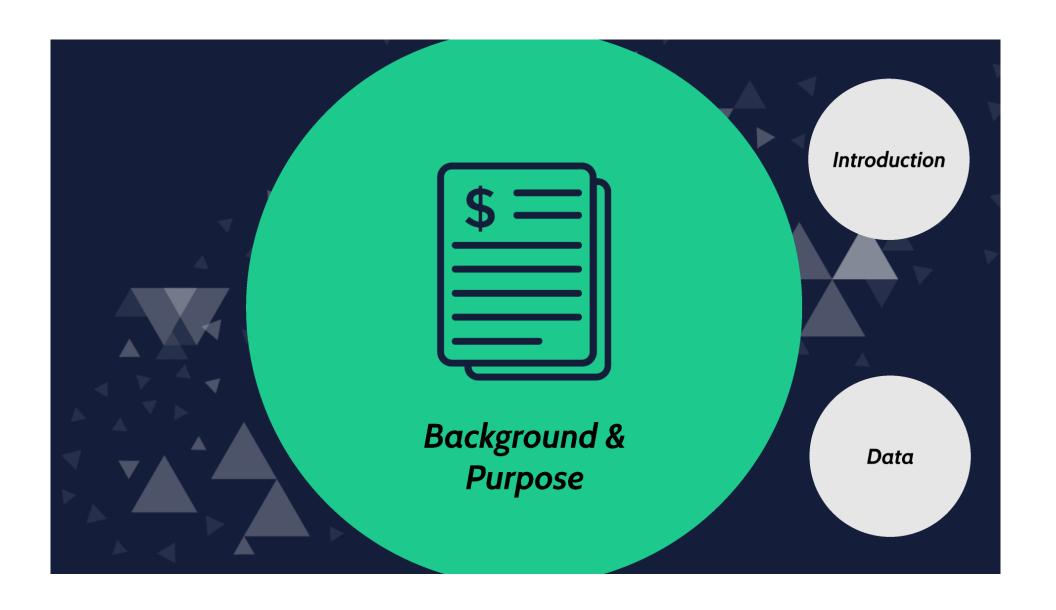


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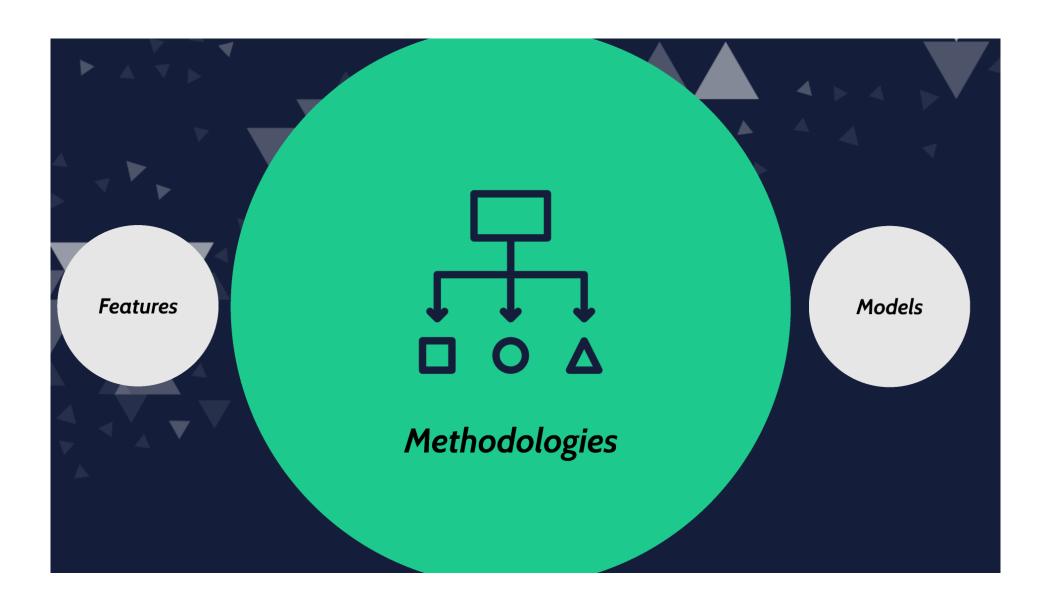
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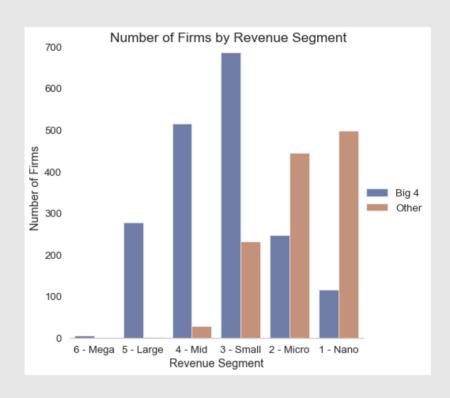
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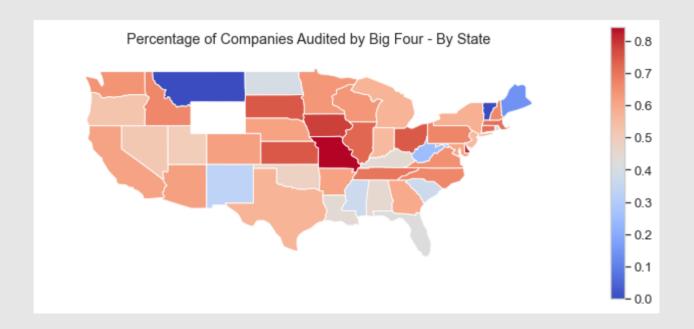
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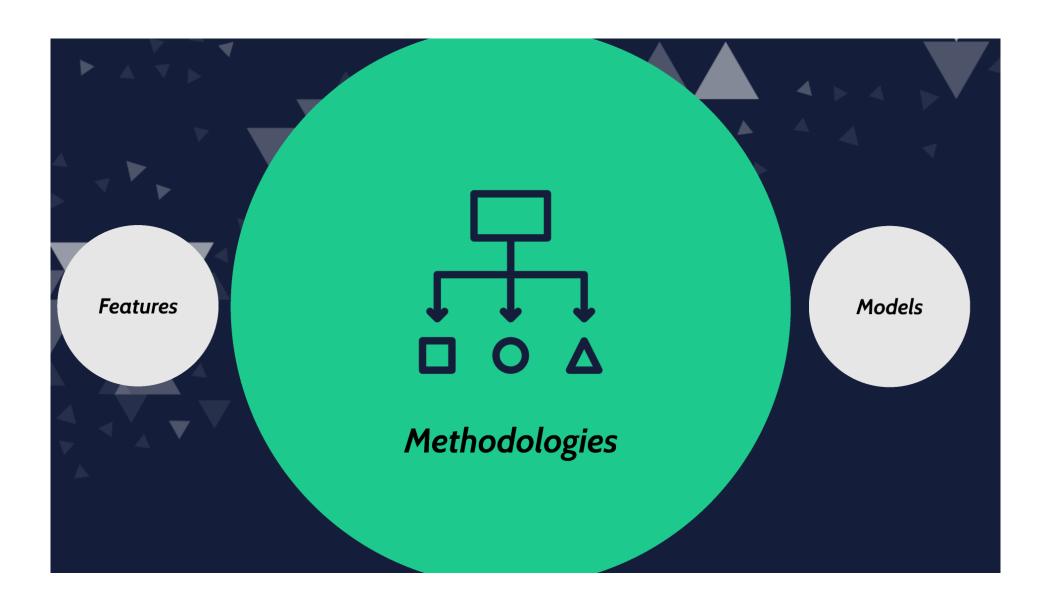




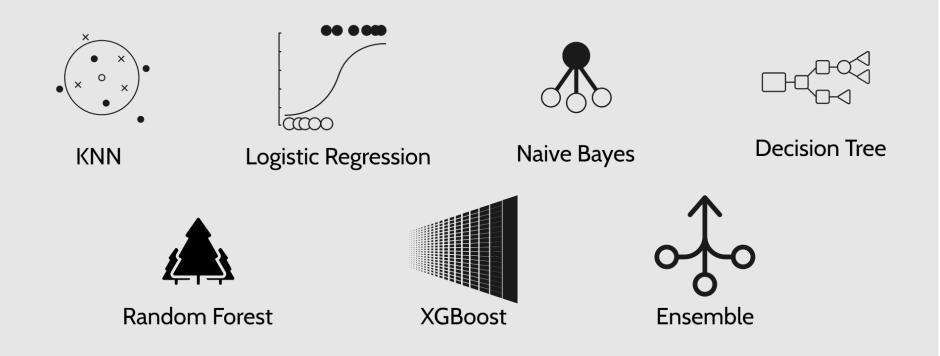
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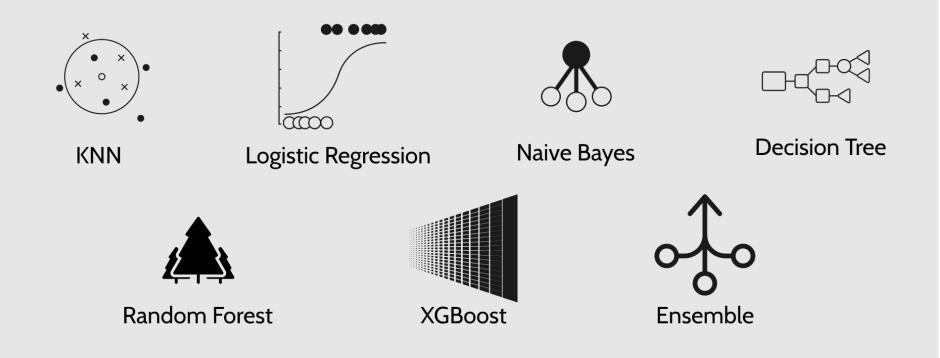
* For additional EDA visualizations see appendix

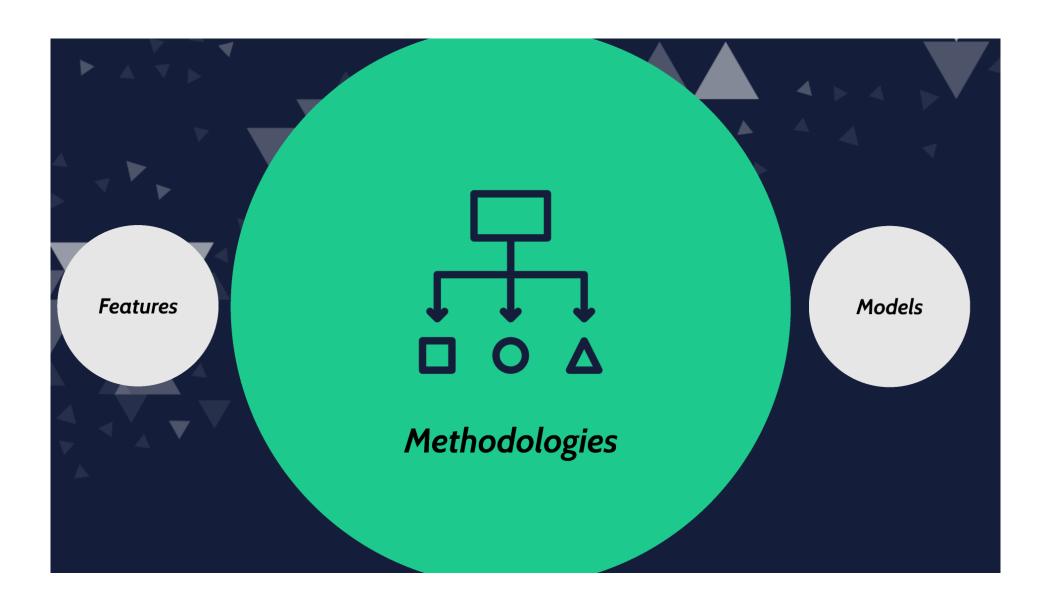


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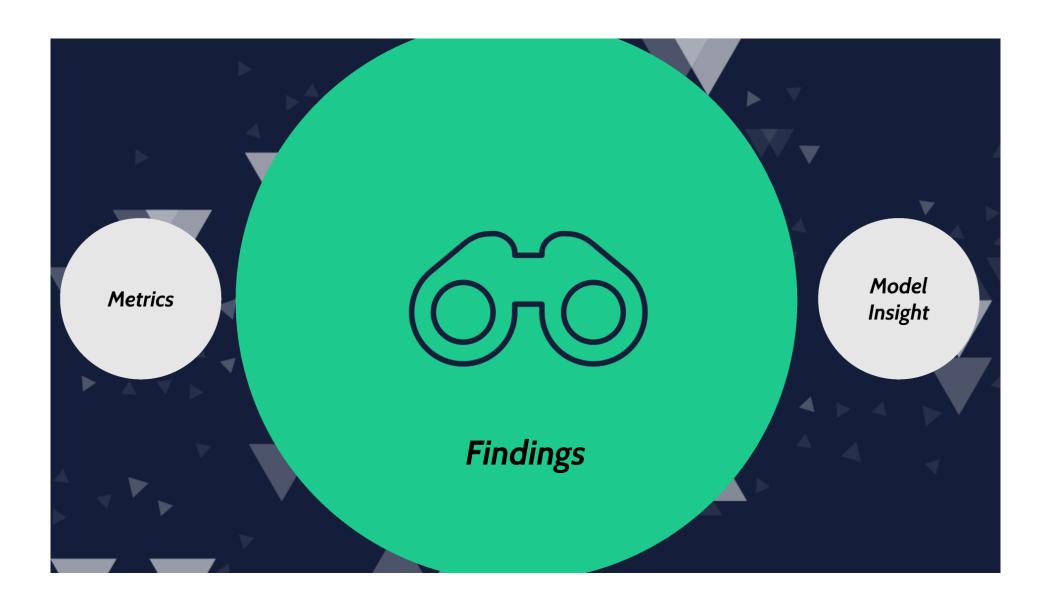


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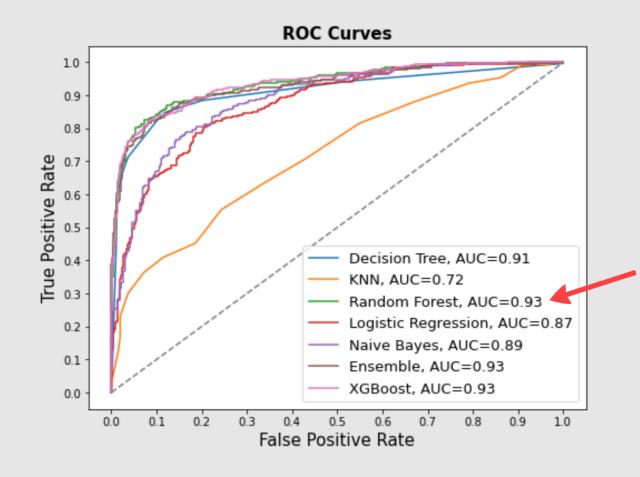


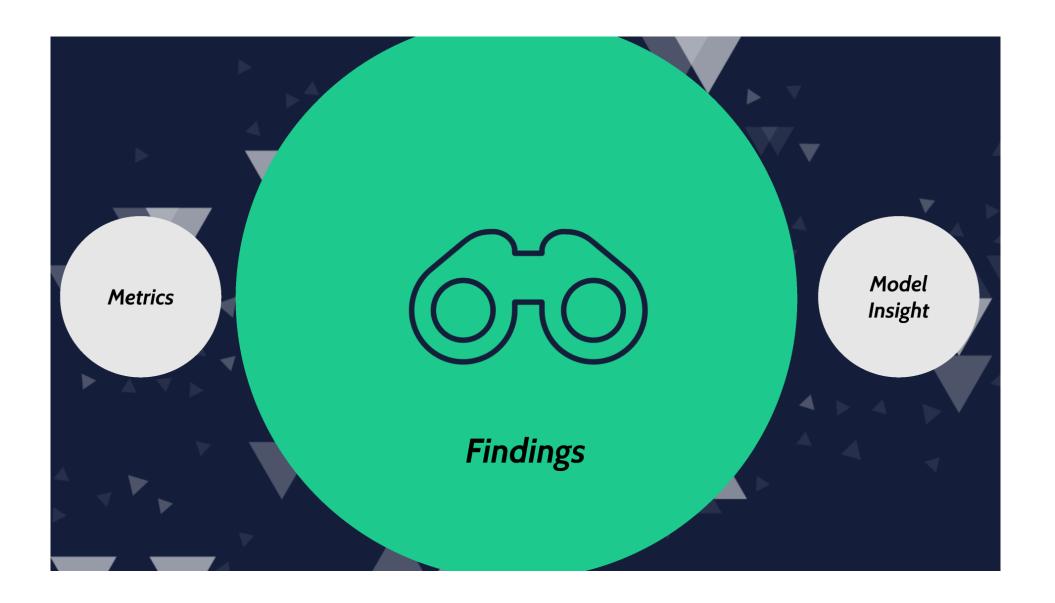
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KNN	.64	.67	
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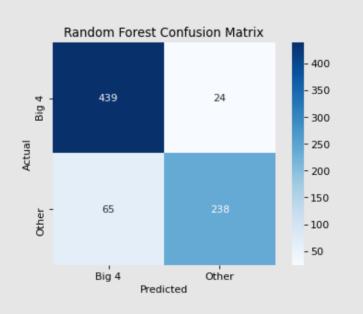
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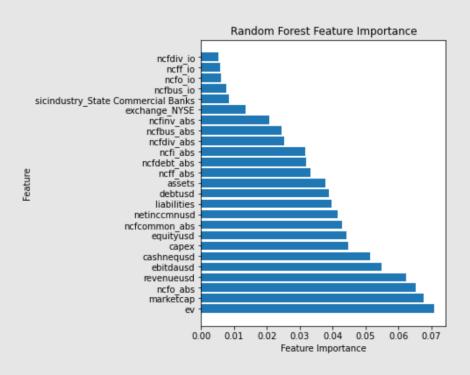
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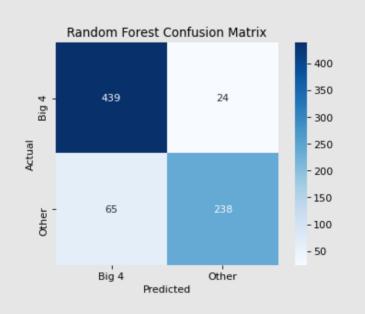


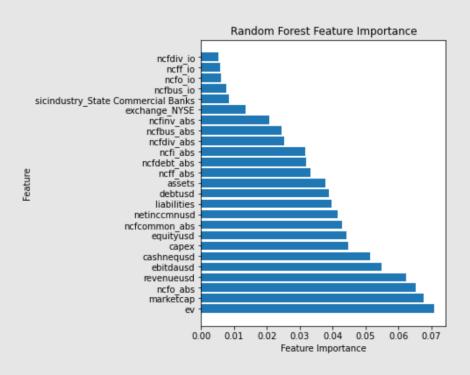
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False Positives (n=65)

