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Improper Payments Logistic Model

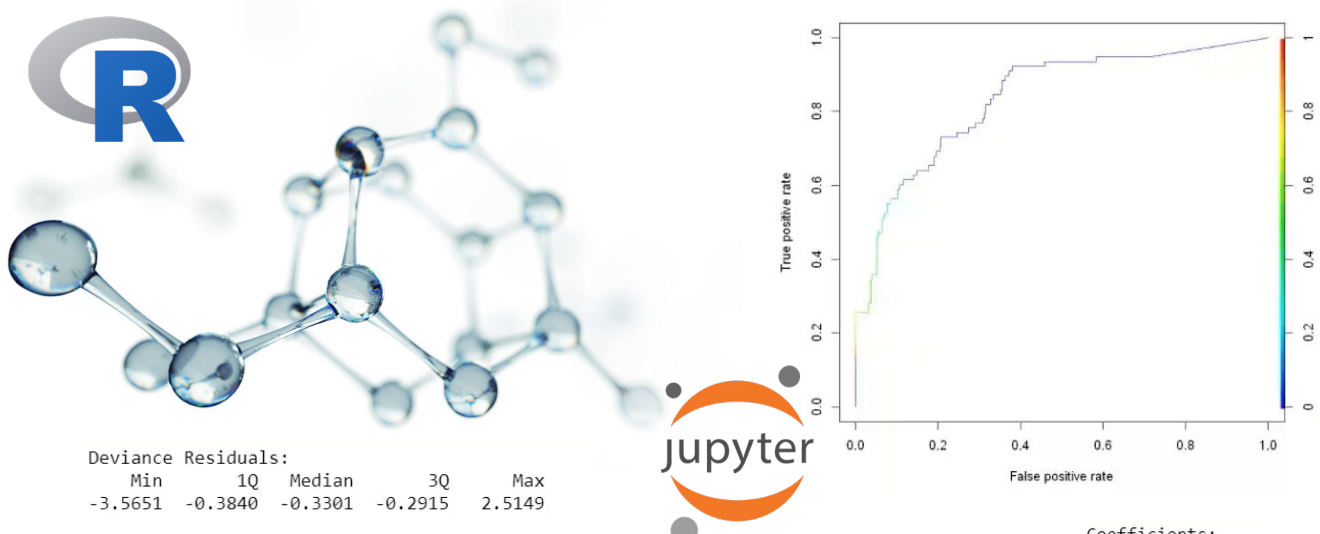
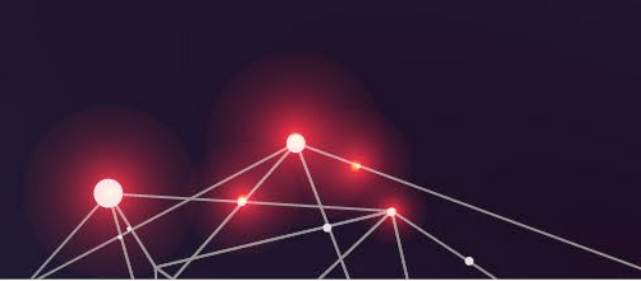


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Improper Payments Logistic Model Why NSF?



Deviance Residuals:
 Min 1Q Median 3Q Max
 -3.5651 -0.3840 -0.3301 -0.2915 2.5149

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2013	83	14197652	47.049	CAREER: MOLECULAR DESIGN THROUGH OXACALIZARENES	0	N	11524319

Coefficients:
 (Intercept)
 REPEAT_FINDINGS
 program_Income
 cooperative
 AuditOriginal
 Allowable_Costs
 sqrt_TOTFEDEXPEND
 Risk_CategoryB
 Risk_CategoryC
 Monitoring

- Introductory use case to begin implementing data science tools and techniques
- Open source – no licenses to procure, no hoops
- Turning data into information to drive decision making
- Professional development - upskilling for the workforce of the future

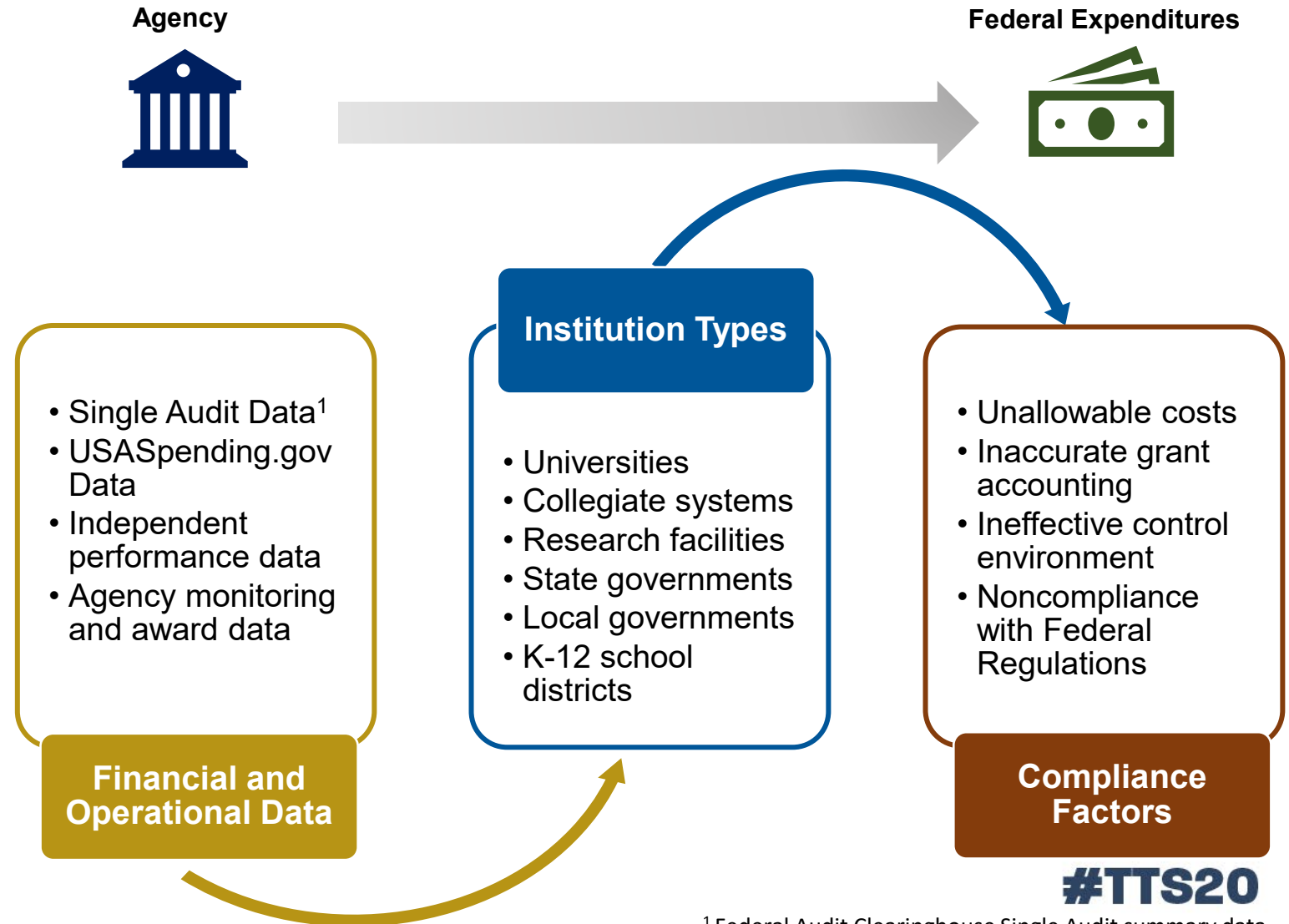


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Improper Payments Logistic Model Challenges and Opportunities



- Management commitment to stewardship and oversight of grant funds
- Annual requirement for PIIA compliance and reporting
- Data sources were not fully integrated for monitoring activities
- Opportunity for continuous development for deploying data science tools



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¹ Federal Audit Clearinghouse Single Audit summary data

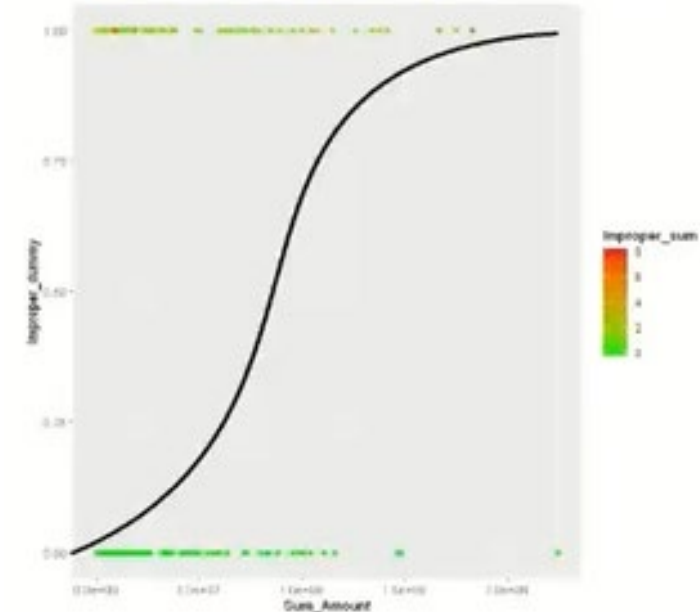
Improper Payments Logistic Model Building the Solution



Model Development

- Created **inventory** of available data to help **understand risks** associated with institutions receiving federal funds
- Used **R** package dplyr to combine and manipulate data sets, design, and test the model
- Conducted tests on **model validity** including reviewing for correlation and multicollinearity, and bias/anomalies

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Equation for Probability of an Improper Payment Finding

$$\log \frac{1}{1-p} = \beta X_1 + \beta X_2 + \dots + \beta X_9$$



Improper Payments Logistic Model Key Outcomes and Next Steps



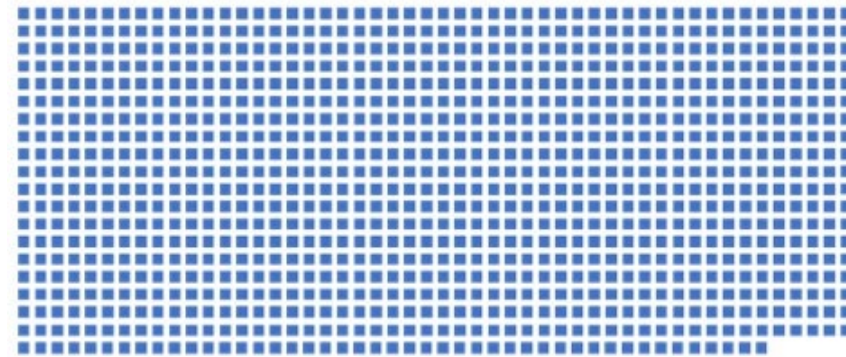
Model Results

Using the initial results as a basis for prediction, the model predicted with **87% accuracy** whether an institution would have an improper payment over a five-year period.

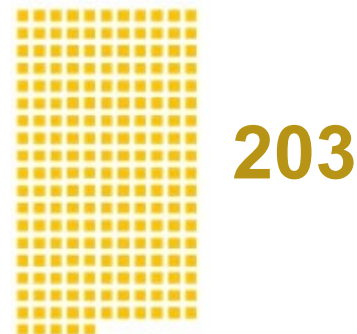
	Actual Positive	Actual Negative
Predicted Positive	34 (8.9%)	25 (5.7%)
Predicted Negative	39 (7.8%)	339 (77.6%)

Compliance Summary

No Internal Control Findings



Material Weakness or Significant Deficiency



Improper Payments Logistic Model Considerations for the Community

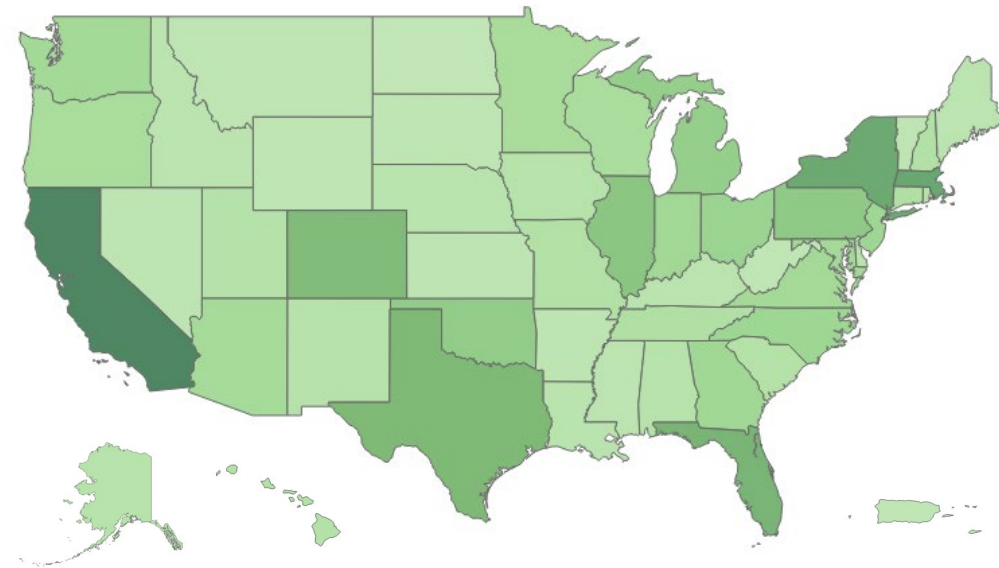
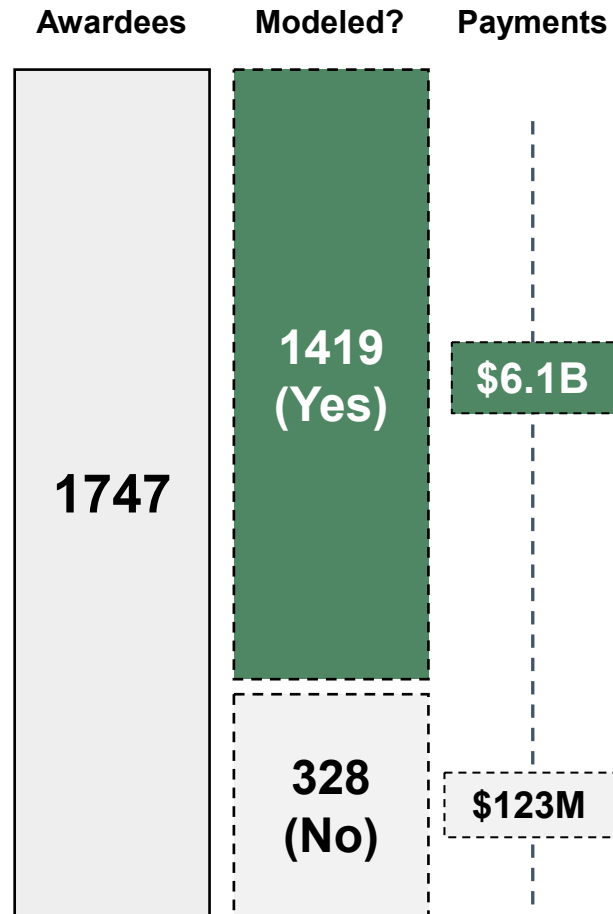


NSF Recipient Inclusion Criteria

- Payments in last 2 FY
- Single Audit in last 5 FY
- Included in annual risk assessment
- No missing variables

Transferability Considerations

- Average Size of Award
- Grantee Portfolio Size
- Recipient Types
- IP Root Causes
- Available Data Sources



Address gaps through other analyses

Improper Payments Logistic Model Crowdsourcing the Solution!



We have a **shared responsibility** to monitor the problem.

Why should we **stand alone** with the **solution**?

No cost to implement!

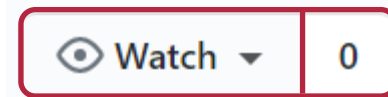
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https://github.com/NSF-DFM/AGA_TTS2020_DataSciencePilot



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