SpaceTrace: Exploratory Data Analysis of Space Data

Group 2



Why SpaceTrace?

- 'What lies beyond?'
- Put forth fascinating insights and compelling stories from humanity's latest decades in space
- Learn about several facets of the history of human spaceflight across last 6 decades



What is money called in Space ??



EDA Objectives

Countries (and Companies) leading the Space Missions

Interpreting the Space Race Era by Countries and Missions in Domination

Analyzing the cost of missions

Understanding Rocket Status

Impact of the launch vehicle

About the Dataset

- Mission-level data scraped from https://nextspaceflight.com/launches/past/?page=1 and acquired in Kaggle
- ~4000 Space Missions from 1957-2020.
- 7 attributes:
 - Company
 - Location
 - Launch Date
 - Launch Vehicle & Name
 - Status of the Rocket
 - Cost(in Millions)
 - Status of the mission



Data Cleaning and Preprocessing

Drop some not-so-relevant columns.

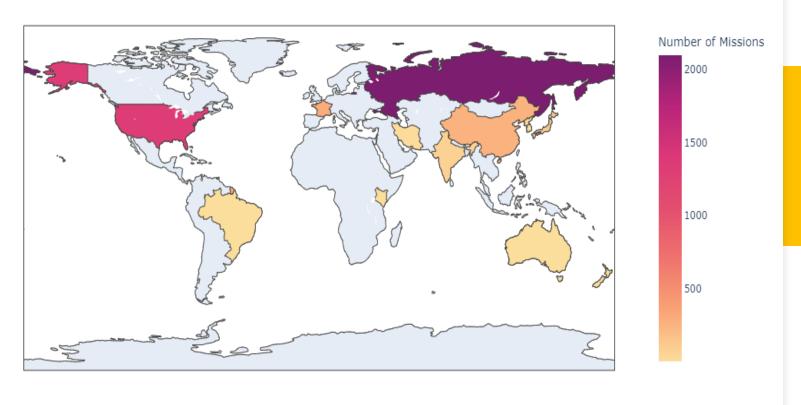
Type-cast and rename the columns.

Split the columns: Location, Date, and Detail.

Customize some of the entries in the split Detail Column.

Fill empty values with NaN.

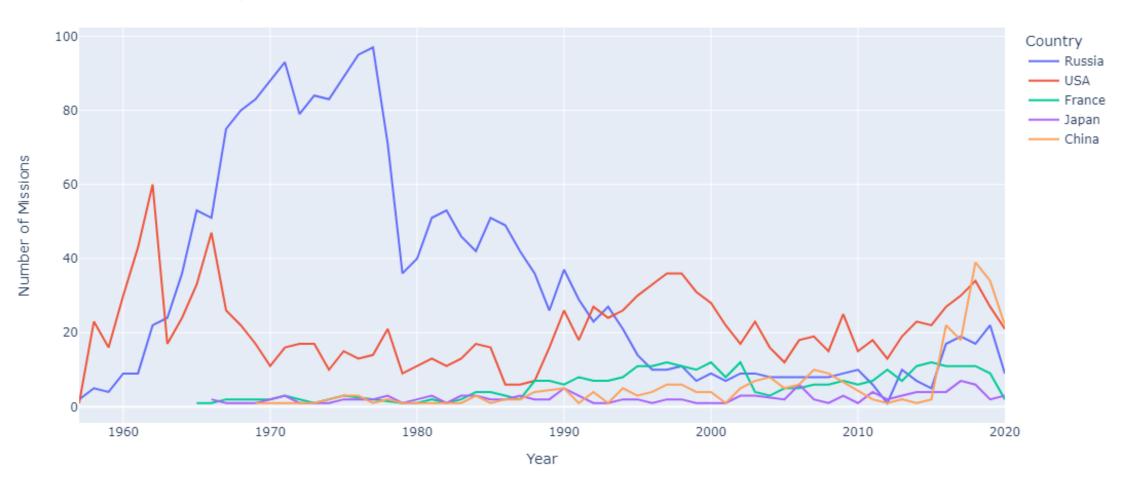
Total number of missions



World map of Missions through 1957-2020

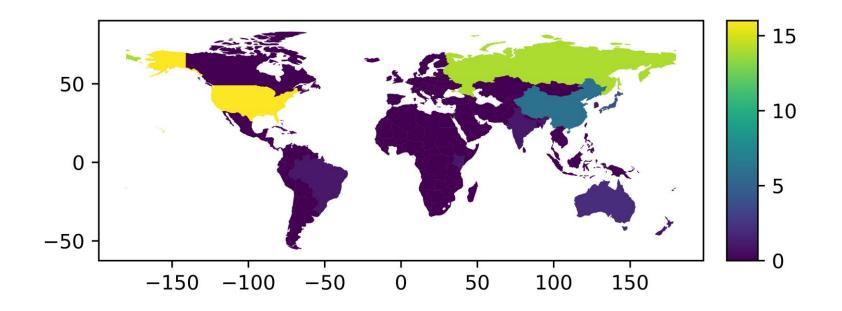
Yearly Trend Analysis

Year-wise trend of Top 5 countries

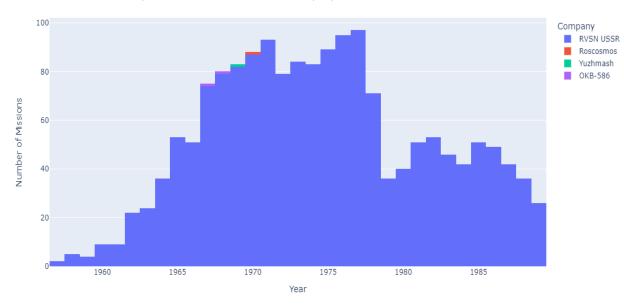


Number of companies by country

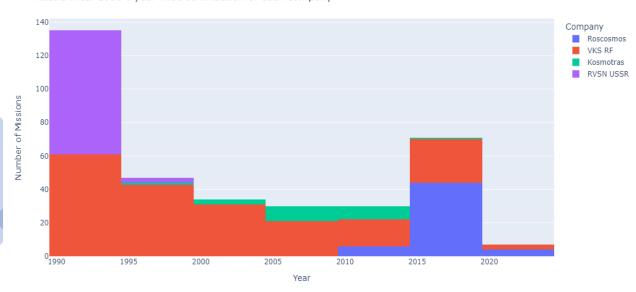
Company – Numbers in each Country



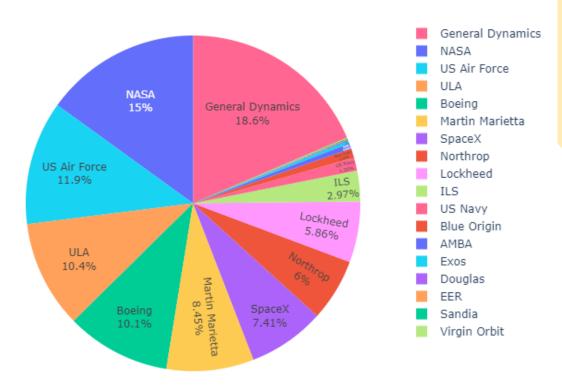
Russia Before 1990 : year-wise contribution of each company



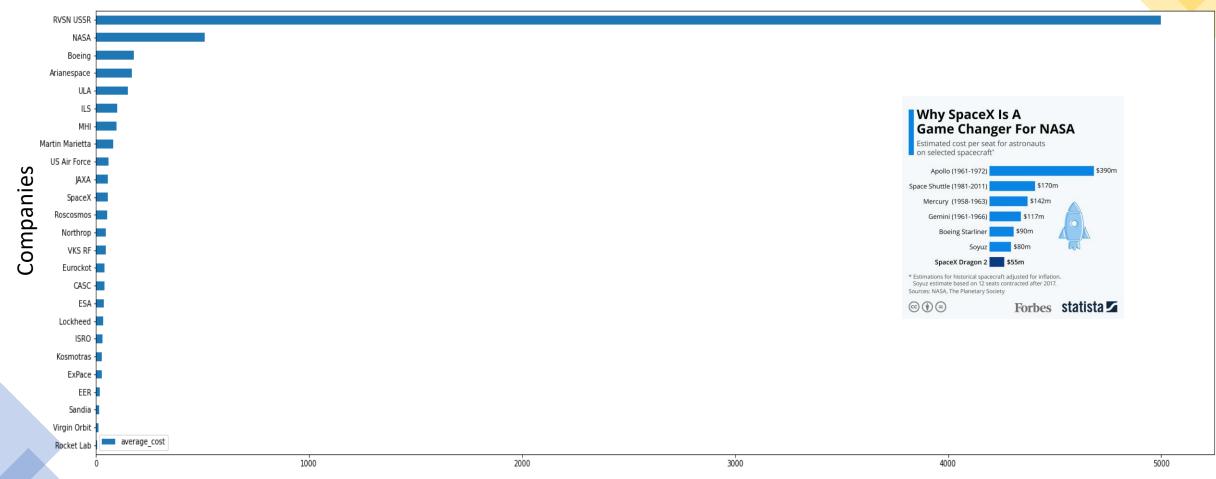
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Contribution of companies in USA

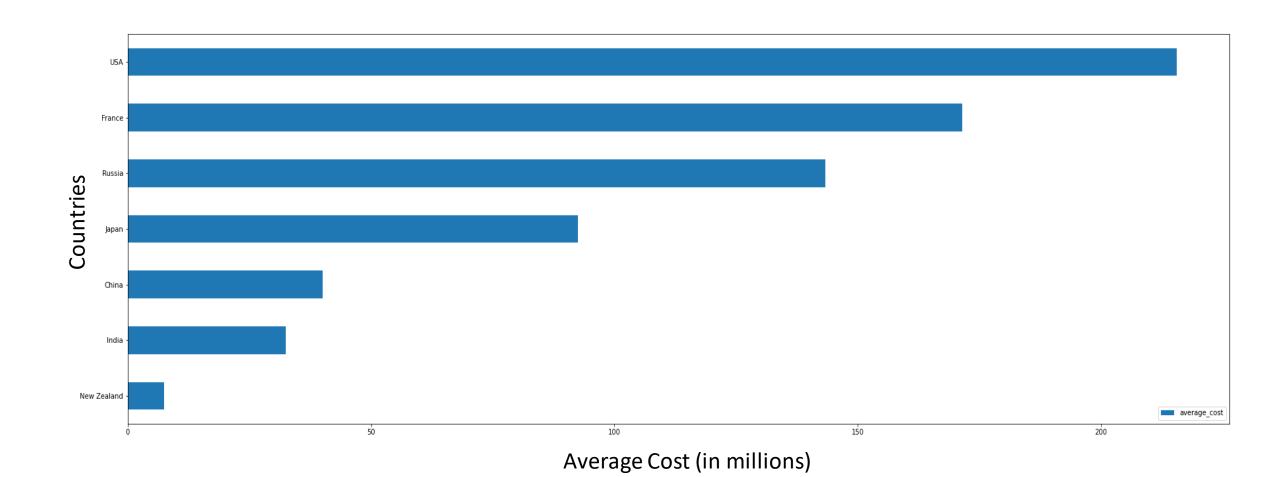


Company – average cost (in millions)

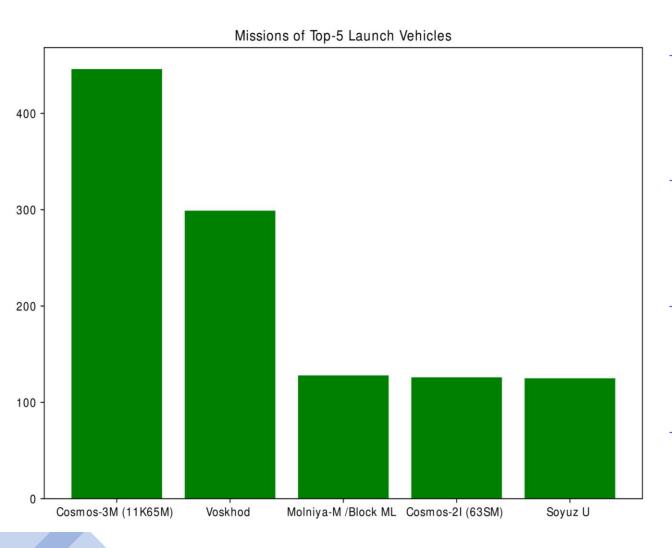


Average Cost (in million)

Country – Average Cost Launch (in millions)



Launch vehicle



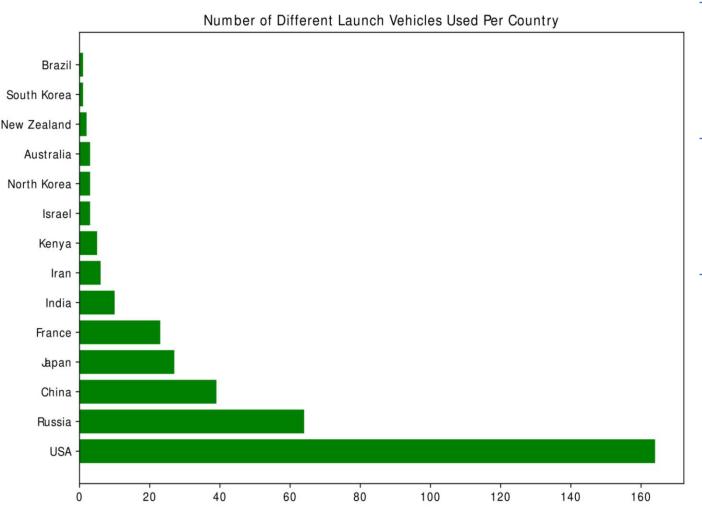
The five most heavily used Launch Vehicles are all Russian

This graph alone gives us a partial intuition that Russia has the most space missions to date.

In the world map we saw before, we saw that this is truly the case.

However, there's a slight twist to this.

Launch Vehicle (Continued)



Here we see that US has maintained the most diversity when it comes to using Launch Vehicles.

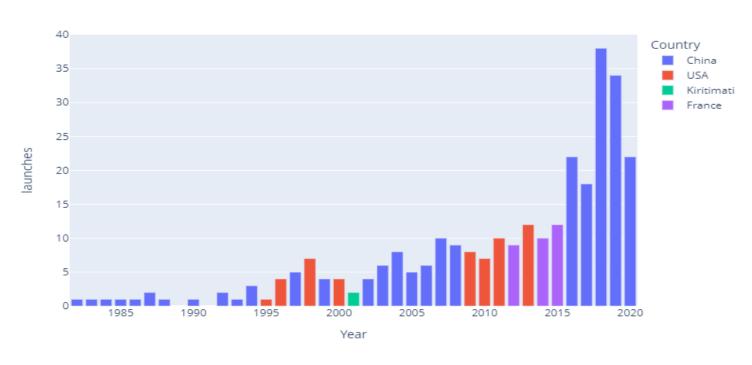
Even though, Russia has been involved in more space missions than US.

US less loyal to its Launch Vehicles compared to Russia?



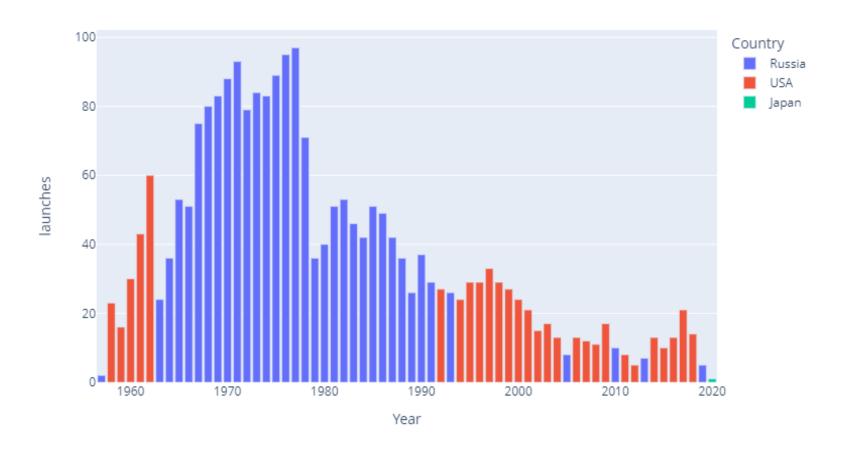
Rocket Status - Active





Rocket Status - Retired

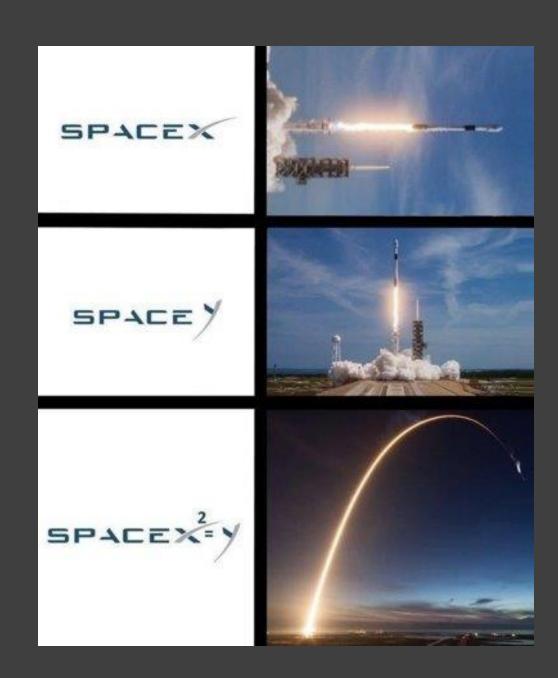
Leaders by Retired Rockets for every year (countries)



Conclusion and Summary

- US and Russia most dominating countries
- US several companies investing in space tech, diverse Launch vehicles
- Russia decline in the number of missions, maximum number of retired missions
- China in the lead with maximum active rockets
- RVSN has the most expensive launch missions.
- New companies generally have low average launch cost.





Thank You

