

# Winning Space Race with Data Science

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# **Executive Summary**

#### During the work we:

- Perform Web scraping and made a get request to the SpaceX API to collect Falcon 9 data.
- Perform Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA), Feature Engineering and determine Training Labels.
- Build an Interactive Map with Folium and Dashboard with Plotly Dash.

#### The main results:

- The best Hyperparameter for SVM, Classification Trees and Logistic Regression is found.
- The method that performs best in the first stage rocket successful landing prediction using test data is found.

#### Introduction

In the project, we use a variety of machine learning models to predict the successful landing of Falcon 9 rocket, the optimum method to predict if the first stage will land successfully was founded.

SpaceX advertises Falcon 9 rocket launches on its website with a cost of 62 million dollars; other providers cost upward of 165 million dollars each. As we know, much of the savings that helps to evaluate the cost comes from the first stage rocket reuse. That's why the cost of a launch can also be determined based on its successful landing.

The results of the work can be used if an alternate company wants to bid against SpaceX for a rocket launch.



## Methodology

#### Data collection methodology:

We made a get request to the SpaceX API and performed web scraping to collect Falcon 9 historical launch records from a Wikipedia page.

#### Perform data wrangling

We downloaded the dataframe, found bad outcomes, and picked the classification variable that represents the outcome of each launch.

## Methodology

Perform exploratory data analysis (EDA) using visualization and SQL

We listed the total number of successful and failure mission outcomes and ranked the count of landing outcomes. We visualized and plotted the relationship between different parameters. We observed that the success rate since 2013 kept increasing till 2020.

## Methodology

Perform interactive visual analytics using Folium and Plotly Dash

We determined that the launch sites keep certain distance from cities, railways, highways and coastline.

Perform predictive analysis using classification models

We standardized the data, split it into training and test, applied GridSearchCV to found the best parameters for classification models based on calculated accuracy.

#### Data Collection

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Request and parse the SpaceX launch data using the GET request 02

Decode the response content as a Json and turn it into a dataframe

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Use the API again to get information about the launches using the IDs

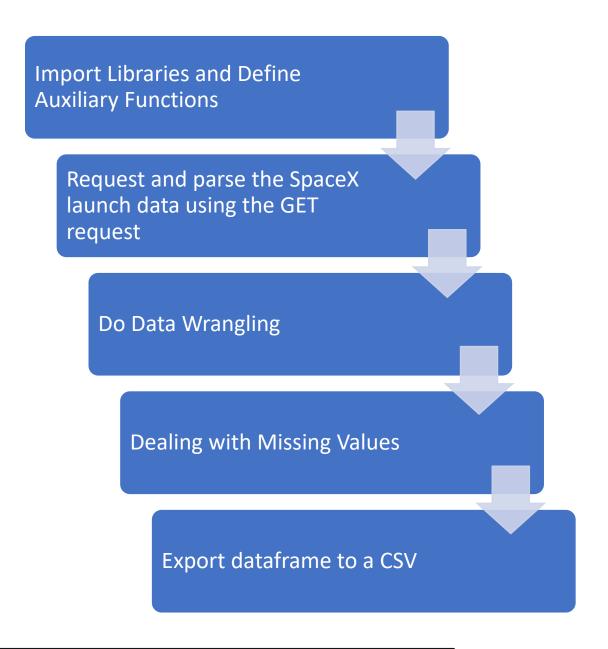
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Request Wiki HTML page and extract its content

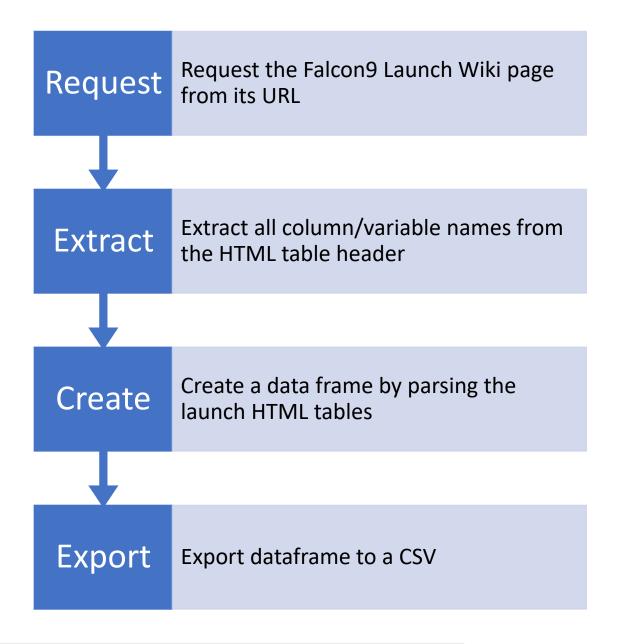
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Create a data frame by parsing the HTML with BeautifulSoup

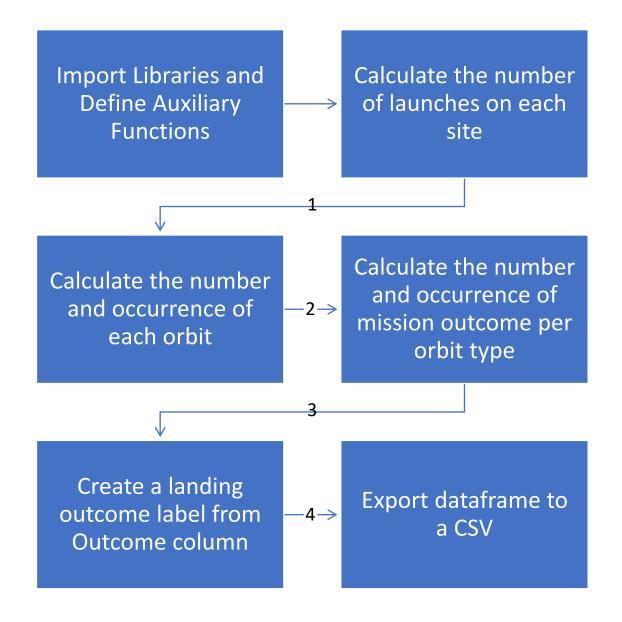
# Data Collection – SpaceX API



# Data Collection - Scraping



# Data Wrangling



#### **EDA** with Data Visualization

In the work were plotted comparison charts to visualize the relationship between parameters: FlightNumber vs. PayloadMass, Flight Number and Launch Site, Payload and Launch Site and etc.

We found relationship between success rate of each orbit type and observe that the success rate since 2013 kept increasing till 2020.

I also took extra work to find out should we use all features or the ones that highly corelate with the "Class". The acquired data used in modeling. I found that its useless to minimalize the number of futures (accuracy stay the same).

#### **EDA** with SQL

- Display the names of the unique launch sites in the space mission
- Display 5 records where launch sites begin with the string 'CCA'
- Display the total payload mass carried by boosters launched by NASA (CRS)
- Display average payload mass carried by booster version F9 v1.1
- List the date when the first successful landing outcome in ground pad was achieved.
- List the names of the boosters which have success in drone ship and have payload mass greater than 4000 but less than 6000
- List the total number of successful and failure mission outcomes
- List the names of the booster\_versions which have carried the maximum payload mass.
- List the failed landing\_outcomes in drone ship, their booster versions, and launch site names for in year 2015
- Rank the count of landing outcomes (such as Failure (drone ship) or Success (ground pad)) between the date 2010-06-04 and 2017-03-20, in descending order

# Build an Interactive Map with Folium

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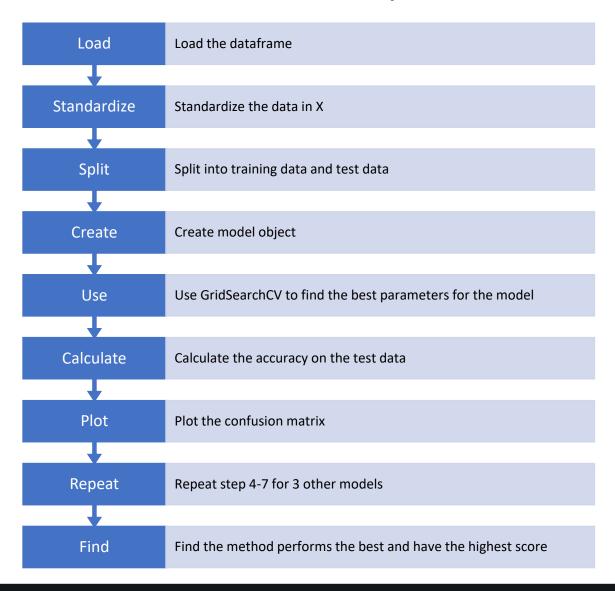
- The launch success rate may depend on the location and proximities of a launch site, i.e., the initial position of rocket trajectories. In the work, we discover some of the factors by analyzing the existing launch site locations.
- Objects as a MarkerCluster, markers, circles and lines was created. The MarkerCluster helped to group markers when we zoom out the map. And other objects helped to pinpoint sites and proximity locations.
- We also added Lat. and Lon. to the map's top to found out proximity locations.

#### Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

#### We added:

- the dropdown list to choose the Launch site,
- the pie chart to see Total Success Launches by or for the Site,
- the slider to filtered payload range,
- the scatter plot to show the Correlation between Payload and Success for different Booster Versions.

# Predictive Analysis (Classification)



In the project, we used 4 different classification methods:

- SVM,
- k nearest neighbors,
- Classification Trees,
- Logistic Regression.

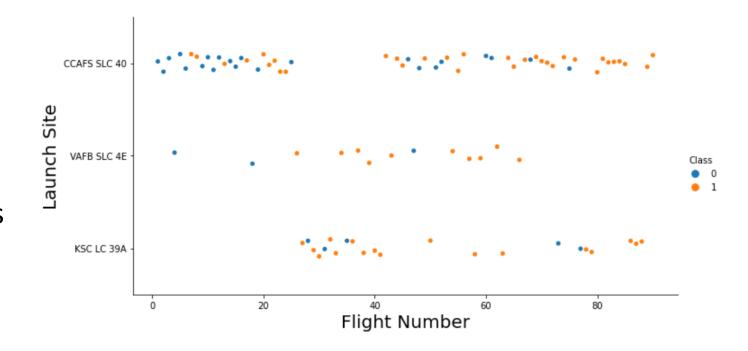
# Results

- Exploratory data analysis results
- Interactive analytics demo in screenshots
- Predictive analysis results



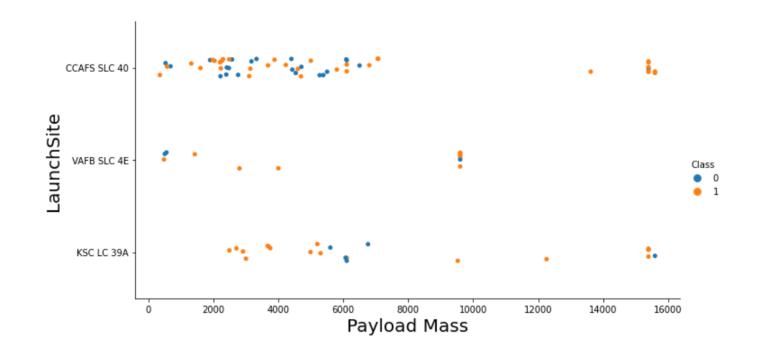
#### Flight Number vs. Launch Site

- As the flight number increases, the first stage is more likely to land successfully.
- CCAFS SLC 40 have more lunches, but worser success ratio compare to 2 other sites.
- After flight number ~64 there wasn't any new lunches from VAFB SLC 4E.



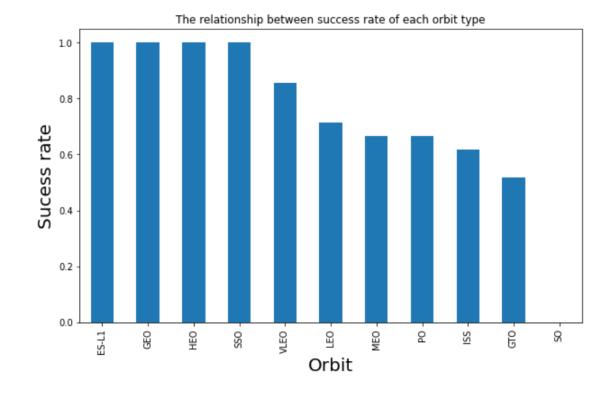
#### Payload vs. Launch Site

- VAFB-SLC launch site there are no rockets launched for heavy payload mass.
- Success ratio is higher if payload greater than 7000.
- KSC LC 39A have more successful launches.



#### Success Rate vs. Orbit Type

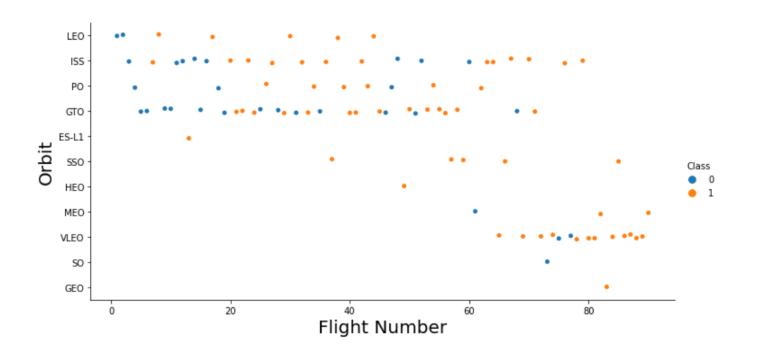
- No success launches for SO.
- Success ratio for orbit types ES-L1, GEO, HEO and SSO are 100%.



# Flight Number vs. Orbit Type

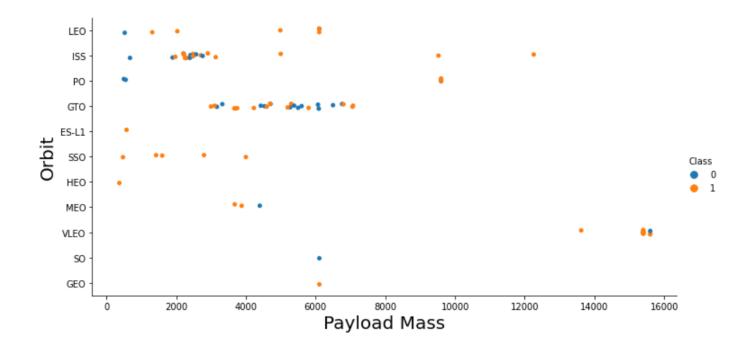
#### From the fig. is seen that:

 More than half of orbit types wasn't used till Flight Number become 60. And it's probably related to increase in success ratio.



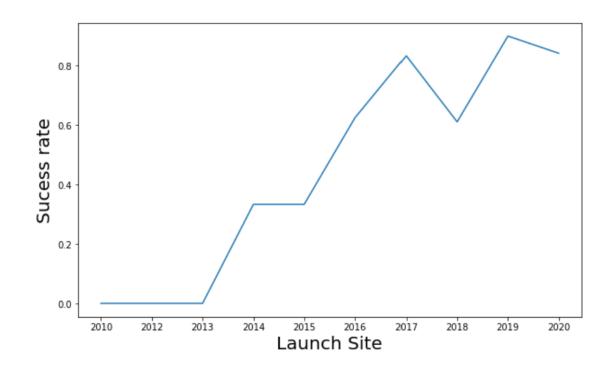
# Payload vs. Orbit Type

- With heavy payloads the successful landing rate are more for PO, LEO and ISS.
- ISS is mostly used for payload in range 2000-3000.
- GTO is mostly used for payload in range 3000-7000.
- SSO had the highest success ratio.



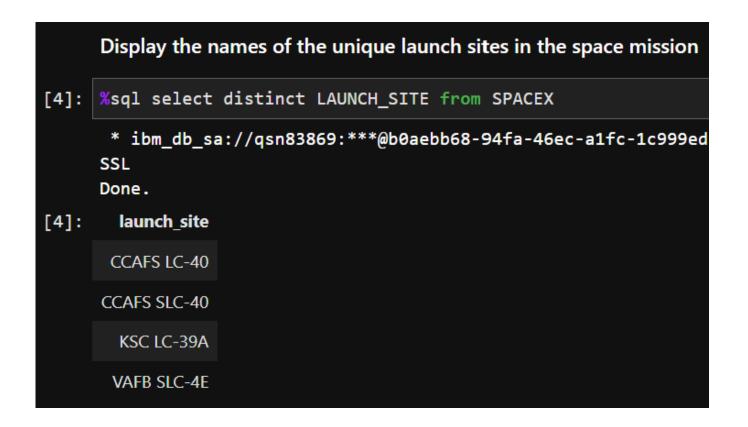
## Launch Success Yearly Trend

- the success rate was 0 till 2013.
- the success rate kept increasing since 2013 till 2020.
- 1 out of 10 launches would always end in failure.



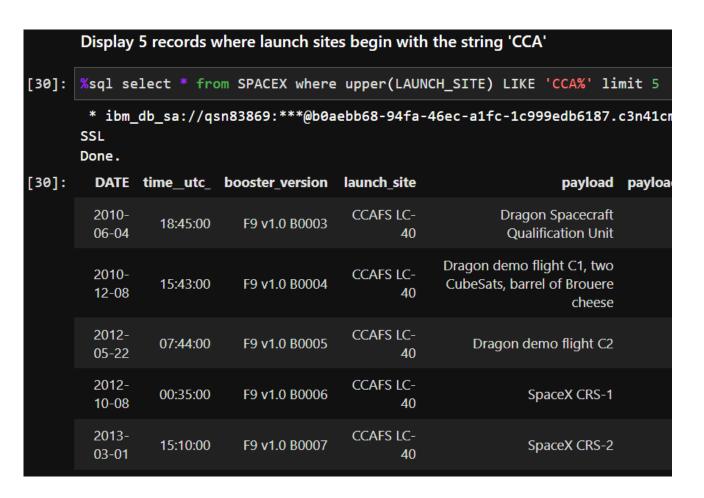
#### All Launch Site Names

Used "distinct" to select unique values.



# Launch Site Names Begin with 'CCA'

Used "limit" and "like" with %.



## **Total Payload Mass**

No comments ©

```
Display the total payload mass carried by boosters launched by NASA (CRS)

[6]: %sql select sum(payload_mass__kg_) as """Total Payload Mass""" from SPACEX \
where SPACEX.customer = 'NASA (CRS)'

* ibm_db_sa://qsn83869:***@b0aebb68-94fa-46ec-a1fc-1c999edb6187.c3n41cmd0nqn
SSL
Done.

[6]: Total Payload Mass

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```

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Used sum() method.

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# Average Payload Mass by F9 v1.1

Used avg() method.

```
Display average payload mass carried by booster version F9 v1.1

[23]: %sql select avg(payload_mass__kg_) as """Average Payload Mass""" from SPACEX \
where SPACEX.booster_version like 'F9 v1.1%'

* ibm_db_sa://qsn83869:***@b0aebb68-94fa-46ec-a1fc-1c999edb6187.c3n41cmd0nqnrk
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Done.

[23]: Average Payload Mass
```

# First Successful Ground Landing Date

Used the Hint ©

```
List the date when the first successful landing outcome in ground pad was acheived.

Hint:Use min function

[8]: %sql select min(date) as """Date""" from SPACEX \
where SPACEX.landing_outcome = 'Success (ground pad)'

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Done.

[8]: Date

2015-12-22
```

#### Successful Drone Ship Landing with Payload between 4000 and 6000

Used "between ... and ..." for a range.

```
List the names of the boosters which have success in drone ship and have payload mass greater than 4000 but less than 6000

[9]: %sql select distinct booster_version as """Boosters """ from SPACEX \
where SPACEX.landing_outcome = 'Success (drone ship)' and SPACEX.payload_mass_kg_ between 4000 and 6000

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Done.

[9]: Boosters

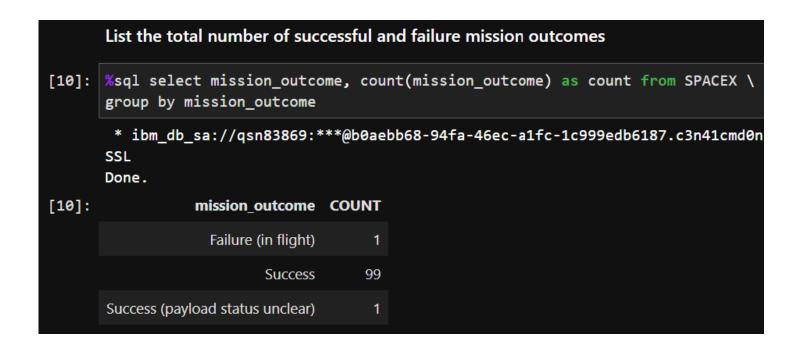
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F9 FT B1022

F9 FT B1026
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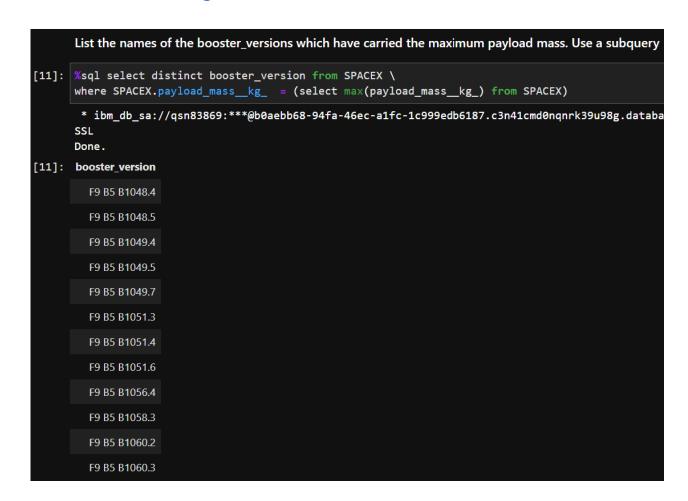
#### Total Number of Successful and Failure Mission Outcomes

Used Group by.



# **Boosters Carried Maximum Payload**

Used subquery.

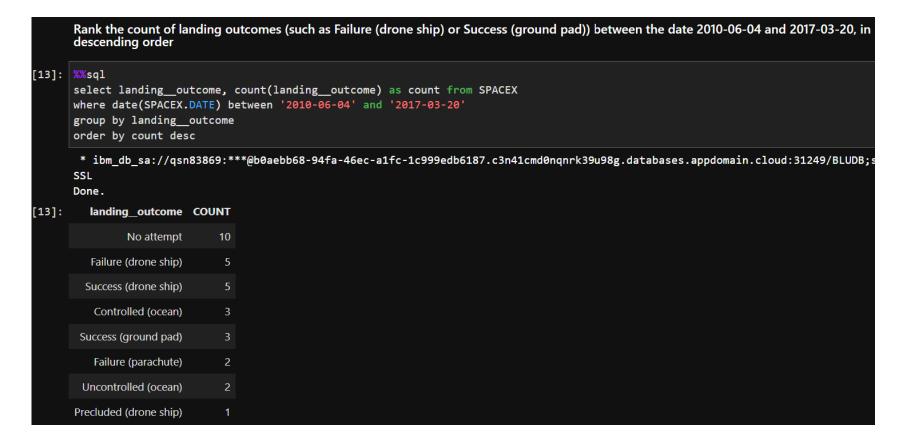


#### 2015 Launch Records

Used year() function.

#### Rank Landing Outcomes Between 2010-06-04 and 2017-03-20

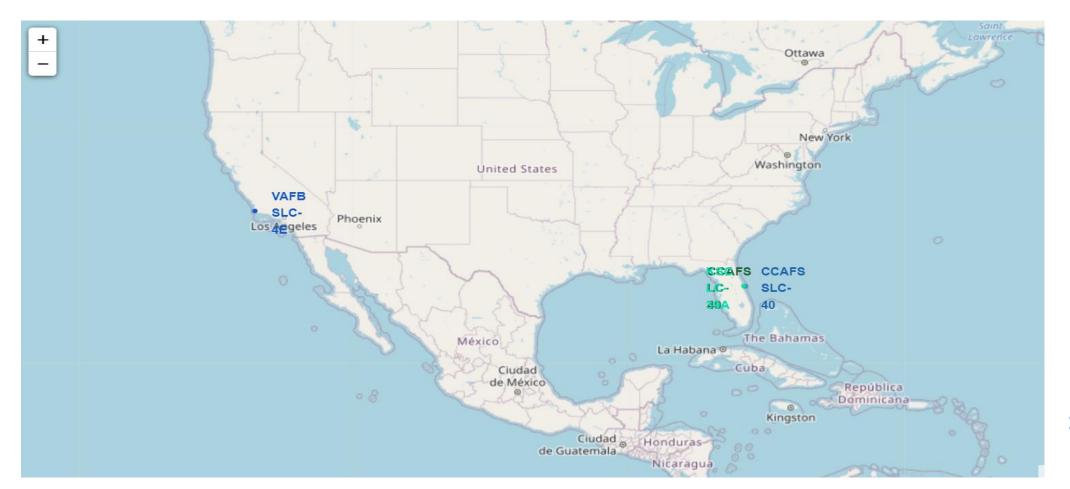
Used order by desc for descending order.





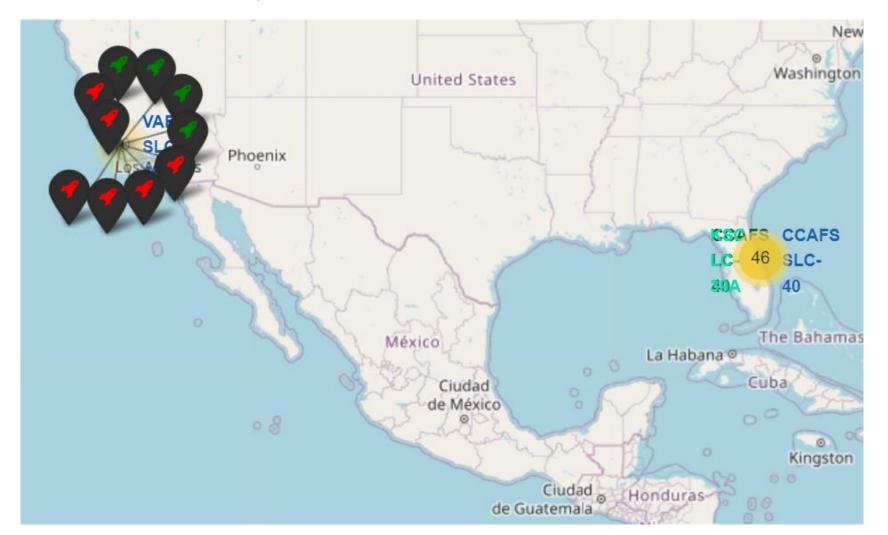
#### Launch sites locations

Here we can see 4 launch sites. They all are very close to the coastline.



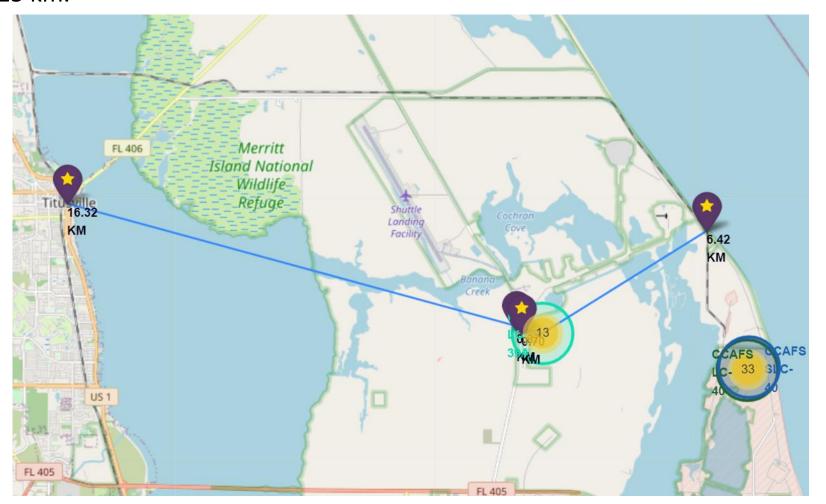
### Success/failed launches for each site

CCAFS LC-40 have more launches, but KSC LC-39F have more successful launches.



# The distance to the nearest sights

All sites located very close to the coastline, railways and highways, while the distance to the nearest town exceed 15 km.

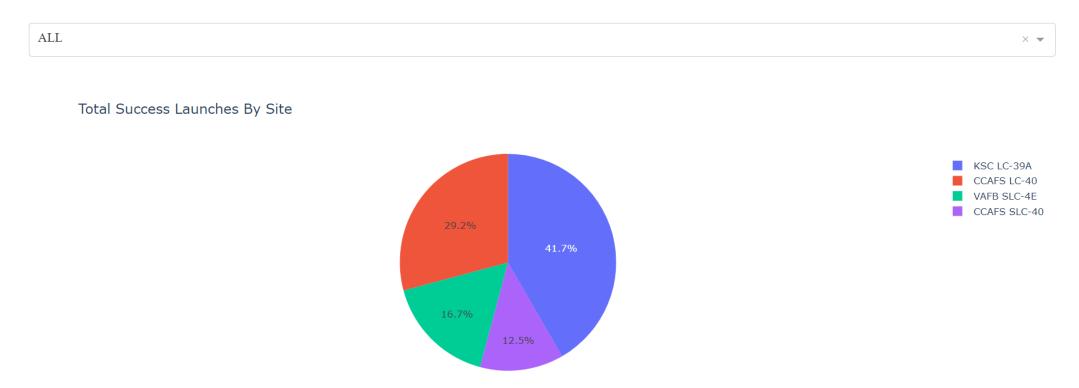




# **Total Success Launches By Site**

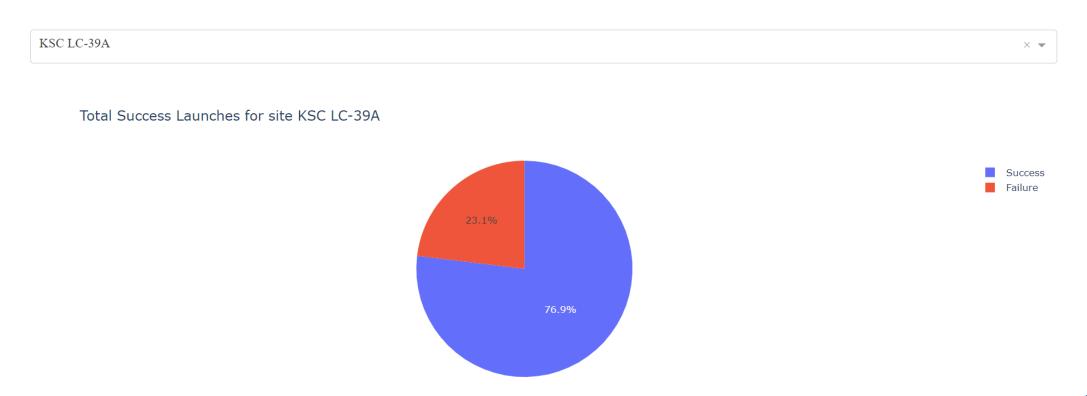
KSC LC-39A have more successful launches than any other site.

CCAFS SLC-40 – the lest successful.



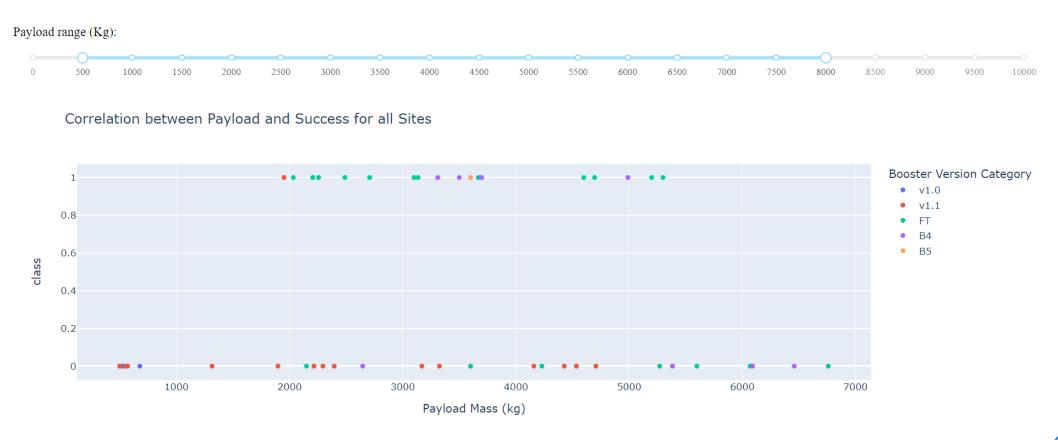
#### Total Success Launches for site KSC LC-39A

<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> launches are successful.



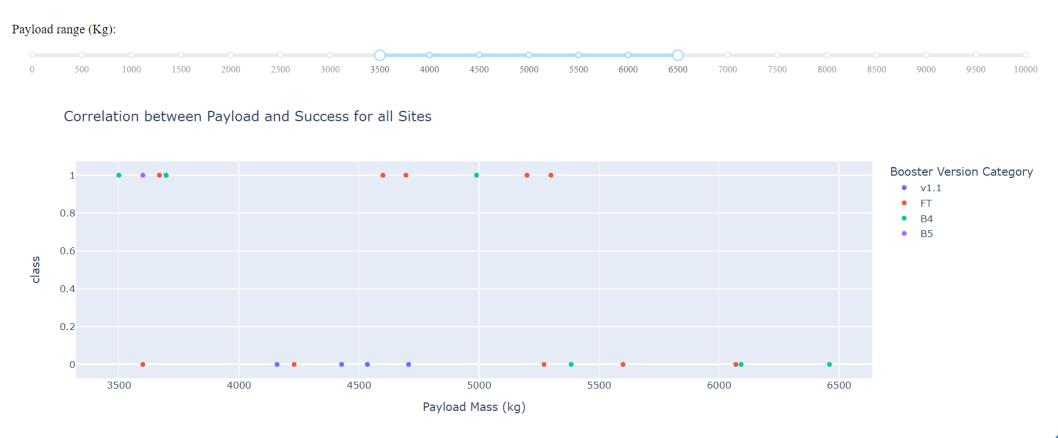
## Correlation between Payload and Success for all Sites

Booster Version B5 and FT have the highest success rate.



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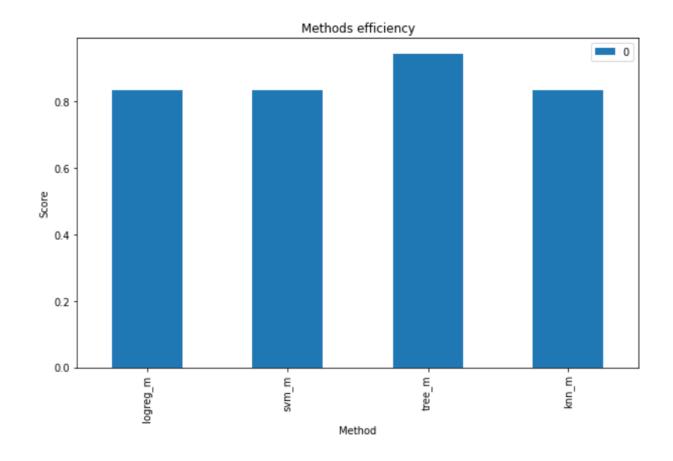
Boosters v.1.0 don't used in this Payload range.





# **Classification Accuracy**

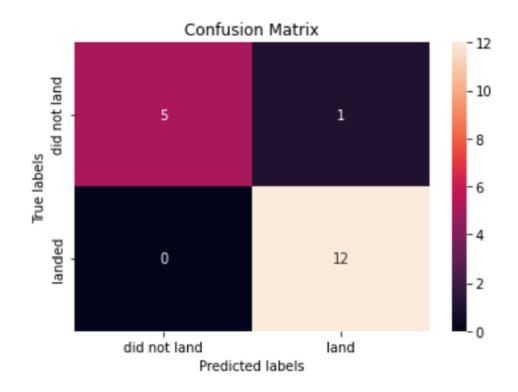
The method performs best is Decision Tree Classifier, with the score 0.94!



#### **Confusion Matrix**

The confusion matrix for the best performing model shows very good results. It have only one mistake where predicted success ended with failure.

So high accuracy was achieved by chance, normally all 4 model have the same score 0.83.



## Conclusions

- The method that performs best in successful landing prediction is Decision Tree Classifier (score 0.94).
- All 4 Classifier models are good at predicting the result.
- Successful ratio significantly increased but stopped at 0.9. Which is not good for commercial launches.
- SSO orbit type have the best success ratio but used only for payload below 4500.
- ES-L1, SSO, HEO, MEO, VLEO, SO, GEO orbit types are used only when the rocket became more reliable.
- Some interesting info about launch sites location was acquired.

# **Appendix**

Here I will provide some useful code snippets for people who are curious.

# lambda + explicit copy() to avoid the warring

```
data_falcon9 =
launch_df[launch_df['BoosterVersion'].map
(lambda x : x != "Falcon 1")].copy()
```

# Its better to use a["title"] + rstrip()

# Use only features that are correlated with Class

```
features = df[['Class', 'FlightNumber', 'PayloadMass', 'Orbit', 'LaunchSite', 'Flights', 'GridFins', 'Reused', 'Legs', 'LandingPad',
'Block', 'ReusedCount', 'Serial']]
features_one_hot = pd.get_dummies(data=features, columns=["Orbit", "LaunchSite", "LandingPad", "Serial"], dtype=float)
features one hot = features one hot.astype(float)
features one hot.corr()["Class"]
correlation = features_one_hot.corr()["Class"]
correlation = pd.DataFrame(correlation)
correlation.drop(labels=["Class"], axis=0,inplace=True)
correlation.reset index(inplace=True)
new_columns = []
for index, row in correlation.iterrows():
    if (row["Class"]>0.3) | (row["Class"]<-0.3):</pre>
        new columns.append(row["index"])
features one hot = features one hot[new columns]
```

# Options for Dropdown and marks for RangeSlider

```
options_dropdown=[]
Launch_Sites = pd.unique(spacex_df["Launch Site"]).tolist()
Launch_Sites.append("ALL")
for i in range(len(Launch_Sites)):
    options_dropdown.append({'label': Launch_Sites[i], 'value': Launch_Sites[i]})
marks rs = \{\}
marks arr = list(map(str,np.arange(0,10001,500)))
for mark in marks arr:
    marks_rs.update({mark : mark})
```

