Starlink Launch Analytics: A Path to SpaceX

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Mission Brief: Who, What, How

- Who?
 - SpaceX
- What Problem?
 - Satellite strategy enhanced with trend analysis.
- How will I solve this problem?
 - SQL, Python, data collection + Analyzation



Target Role: Business Analyst at SpaceX

Role: analyzing consumer hardware data

Project aligns closely with role expectations

About the job

SpaceX was founded under the belief that a future where humanity is out exploring the stars is fundamentally more exciting than one where we are not. Today SpaceX is actively developing the technologies to make this possible, with the ultimate goal of enabling human life on Mars.

BUSINESS ANALYST, CONSUMER HARDWARE (STARLINK)

SpaceX is leveraging its experience in building rockets and spacecraft to deploy Starlink, the world's most advanced broadband internet system. Starlink is the world's largest satellite constellation and is providing fast, reliable internet to 2M+ users worldwide. We design, build, test, and operate all parts of the system – thousands of satellites, consumer receivers that allow users to connect within minutes of unboxing, and the software that brings it all together. We've only begun to scratch the surface of Starlink's potential global impact. As we continue to upgrade and expand the constellation, we're looking for best-in-class humans to ioin the team

As a Starlink Business Analyst for the consumer hardware team, you'll dive deep into data, uncovering market trends and customer insights to drive strategic decisions for new products. You'll be an integral part of the engineering team's development of next-generation hardware, improving lives all over the world. You'll collaborate with crossfunctional teams to optimize product offerings, streamline operations, and guide the overall user experience for Starlink products.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Conduct analyses (SQL queries, other methods) that identify issues and opportunities impacting our customers, including actionable recommendations that quantifiably change outcomes
- Define and develop department-level metrics and associated dashboards that quantify the health of our customer accounts and influence change
- Own data integrity, tool maintenance, and reporting quality
- Train internal users, external technical teams, and leaders on dashboard, API, and tool usage; assist in troubleshooting
- Support new market launches, continuous improvement, and cross-functional strategic initiatives
- · Conduct user research to inform the design and development of Starlink products and services
- · Plan and execute user research studies, analyze data, and present findings to key stakeholders
- · Work closely with cross-functional teams to incorporate user insights into product development
- · Provide guidance and training based on user research findings to customer operations and service teams

N2YO: The API Source

| Name | NORAD ID | Int'l Code | Launch date (YYYY-MM-DD) | Status | Action |
|----------------|----------|------------|-----------------------------|----------|----------|
| STARLINK-4517 | 53390 | 2022-097C | 2022-08-10 | IN ORBIT | TRACK IT |
| STARLINK-31543 | 59402 | 2024-064E | 2024-04-05 | IN ORBIT | TRACK IT |
| STARLINK-2141 | 47731 | 2021-017K | 2021-03-04 | IN ORBIT | TRACK IT |
| STARLINK-4651 | 53729 | 2022-107AF | 2022-09-05 | IN ORBIT | TRACK IT |
| STARLINK-1959 | 47560 | 2021-009N | 2021-02-04 | IN ORBIT | TRACK IT |
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| STARLINK-5753 | 55581 | 2023-020N | 2023-02-12 | IN ORBIT | TRACK IT |
| STARLINK-1681 | 46559 | 2020-070AD | 2020-10-06 | IN ORBIT | TRACK IT |
| STARLINK-5801 | 56005 | 2023-042V | 2022-03-24 | IN ORBIT | TRACK IT |
| STARLINK-2512 | 48319 | 2021-036AV | 2021-04-29 | IN ORBIT | TRACK IT |
| STARLINK-6311 | 56537 | 2023-065AL | 2023-05-14 | IN ORBIT | TRACK IT |
| STARLINK-2617 | 48689 | 2021-044BD | 2021-05-26 | IN ORBIT | TRACK IT |
| STARLINK-6213 | 56891 | 2023-083R | 2023-06-12 | IN ORBIT | TRACK IT |
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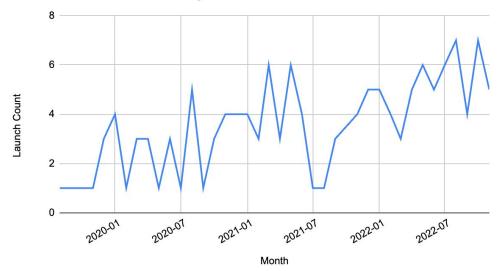


Launch Patterns: When We Soar

- Focus: peak launch months
- Found high activity in beginning to mid-year

- Advice: prepare for beginning-year launches
- Future Outlook: expect continued activity

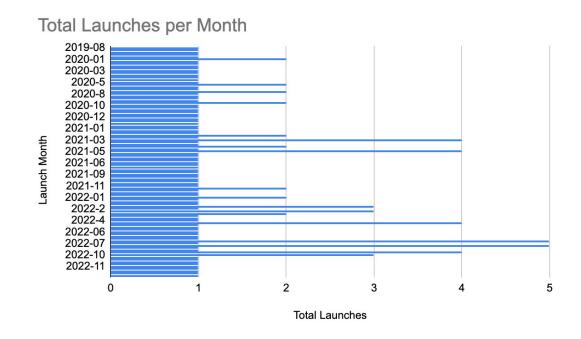




Unveiling Launch Drivers

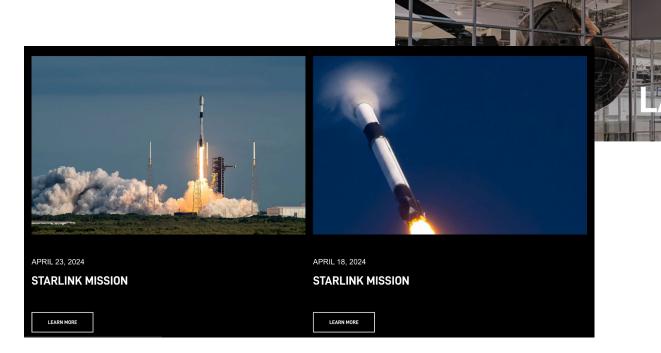
- Focus: launch timing
- Likely weather related

- Incorporate advanced modeling
- Future: improved scheduling accuracy



SpaceX Website: Web Scrape Source

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Eclipse Watch: Satellite Shadows

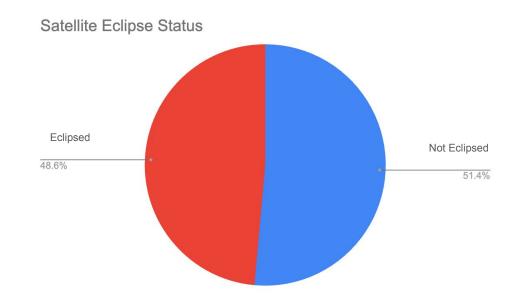
Focus: Satellite Eclipse Percentage

Insight: Eclipsing Impacts half the

satellites

Advice: adjust satellite orbits

Future: reduce eclipsing incidents



Elevation vs. Eclipse: Seeking the High Ground

Focus: Elevation vs Eclipsing

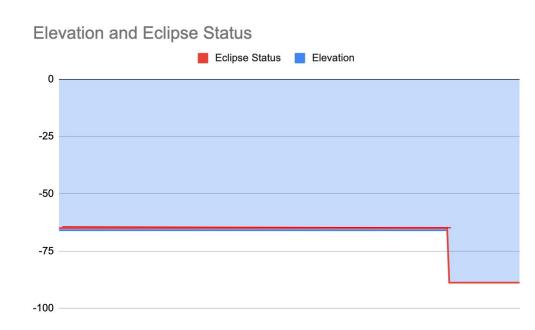
Insight: higher elevation increases

eclipsing

Advice: Adjust Elevation Protocols

Future: Decrease Communication

Disruptors



Mission Analysis: Synthesis & Strategic Insights

- Enhancing Starlink's Strategy
- Insight: Supports Efficient Satellite Management
- Future Direction: Continued Data-Driven Innovation

