

# Winning Space Race with Data Science

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## **Executive Summary**

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#### Introduction

#### Project background and context

Space X advertises Falcon 9 rocket launches on its website with a cost of 62 million dollars; other providers cost upward of 165 million dollars each, much of the savings is because Space X can reuse the first stage. Therefore, if we can determine if the first stage will land, we can determine the cost of a launch. This information can be used if an alternate company wants to bid against space X for a rocket launch. This goal of the project is to create a machine learning pipeline to predict if the first stage will land successfully.

#### Problems you want to find answers

- What factors determine if the rocket will land successfully?
- The interaction amongst various features that determine the success rate of a successful landing.
- What operating conditions needs to be in place to ensure a successful landing program.



## Methodology

#### **Executive Summary**

- Data collection methodology:
  - Data was collected using SpaceX API and web scraping from Wikipedia.
- Perform data wrangling
  - One-hot encoding was applied to categorical features
- Perform exploratory data analysis (EDA) using visualization and SQL
- Perform interactive visual analytics using Folium and Plotly Dash
- Perform predictive analysis using classification models
  - How to build, tune, evaluate classification models

#### **Data Collection**

#### The data was collected using various methods

- Data collection was done using get request to the SpaceX API.
- Next, we decoded the response content as a Json using .json() function call and turn it into a pandas dataframe using .json\_normalize().
- We then cleaned the data, checked for missing values and fill in missing values where necessary.
- In addition, we performed web scraping from Wikipedia for Falcon 9 launch records with BeautifulSoup.
- The objective was to extract the launch records as HTML table, parse the table and convert it to a pandas dataframe for future analysis.

## Data Collection – SpaceX API

We used the get request to the SpaceX API to collect data, clean the requested data and did some basic data wrangling and formatting.

The link to the notebook is <a href="https://github.com/CristianAC95/-Ciencia-de-datos-aplicada-Capstone/blob/main/jupyter-labs-spacex-data-collection-api.ipynb">https://github.com/CristianAC95/-Ciencia-de-datos-aplicada-Capstone/blob/main/jupyter-labs-spacex-data-collection-api.ipynb</a>

```
1. Get request for rocket launch data using API
          spacex url="https://api.spacexdata.com/v4/launches/past"
          response = requests.get(spacex url)
   2. Use json normalize method to convert json result to dataframe
In [12]:
           # Use json normalize method to convert the json result into a dataframe
           # decode response content as json
           static json df = res.json()
In [13]:
           # apply json normalize
           data = pd.json_normalize(static json df)
   3. We then performed data cleaning and filling in the missing values
In [30]:
          rows = data falcon9['PayloadMass'].values.tolist()[0]
          df rows = pd.DataFrame(rows)
          df rows = df rows.replace(np.nan, PayloadMass)
          data falcon9['PayloadMass'][0] = df rows.values
           data falcon9
```

## **Data Collection - Scraping**

We applied web scrapping to webscrap Falcon 9 launch records with BeautifulSoup

We parsed the table and converted it into a pandas dataframe.

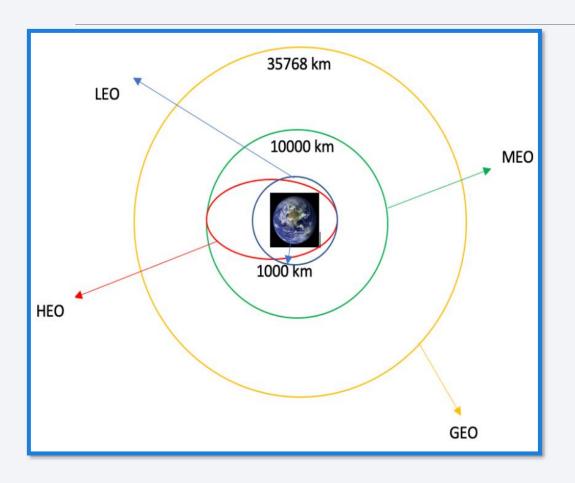
The link to the notebook is

https://github.com/CristianAC9
5/-Ciencia-de-datos-aplicadaCapstone/blob/main/jupyterlabs-webscraping.ipynb

Print the page title to verify if the BeautifulSoup object was created properly

```
# Use soup.title attribute
# Check if the request was successful
if response.status code == 200:
    print("HTTP GET request successful.")
else:
    print(f"HTTP GET request failed. Status Code: {response_status code}")
# Create a BeautifulSoup object
html content = response.text
soup = BeautifulSoup(html content, 'html.parser')
# Print the page title to verify
print("Page Title:", soup.title.string)
HTTP GET request successful.
Page Title: List of Falcon 9 and Falcon Heavy launches - Wikipedia
```

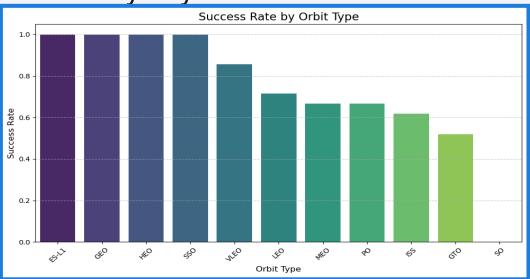
## **Data Wrangling**

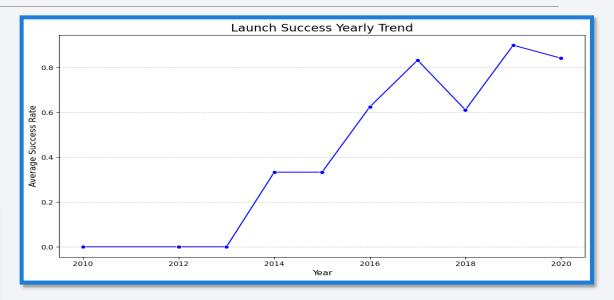


- We performed exploratory data analysis and determined the training labels.
- We calculated the number of launches at each site, and the number and occurrence of each orbits.
- We created landing outcome label from outcome column and exported the results to csv.
- The link to the notebook is
- https://github.com/CristianAC95/-Ciencia-dedatos-aplicada-Capstone/blob/main/labsjupyter-spacex-Data%20wrangling.ipynb

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

 We explored the data by visualizing the relationship between flight number and launch Site, payload and launch site, success rate of each orbit type, flight number and orbit type, the launch success yearly trend.





- The link to the notebook is
- https://github.com/CristianAC95/-Cienciade-datos-aplicada-Capstone/blob/main/edadataviz.ipynb

## **EDA** with SQL

- We loaded the SpaceX dataset into a PostgreSQL database without leaving the jupyter notebook.
- We applied EDA with SQL to get insight from the data. We wrote queries to find out for instance:
  - -The names of unique launch sites in the space mission.
  - -The total payload mass carried by boosters launched by NASA (CRS)
  - -The average payload mass carried by booster version F9 v1.1
  - -The total number of successful and failure mission outcomes
  - -The failed landing outcomes in drone ship, their booster version and launch site names.
- The link to the notebook is:
- <a href="https://github.com/CristianAC95/-Ciencia-de-datos-aplicada-Capstone/blob/main/jupyter-labs-eda-sql-coursera\_sqllite.ipynb">https://github.com/CristianAC95/-Ciencia-de-datos-aplicada-Capstone/blob/main/jupyter-labs-eda-sql-coursera\_sqllite.ipynb</a>

## Build an Interactive Map with Folium

We marked all launch sites, and added map objects such as markers, circles, lines to mark the success or failure of launches for each site on the folium map.

We assigned the feature launch outcomes (failure or success) to class 0 and 1.i.e., 0 for failure, and 1 for success.

Using the color-labeled marker clusters, we identified which launch sites have relatively high success rate.

We calculated the distances between a launch site to its proximities. We answered some question for instance:

- Are launch sites near railways, highways and coastlines.
- Do launch sites keep certain distance away from cities.

## Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

We built an interactive dashboard with Plotly dash

We plotted pie charts showing the total launches by a certain sites

We plotted scatter graph showing the relationship with Outcome and Payload Mass (Kg) for the different booster version.

The link to the notebook is

https://github.com/CristianAC95/-Ciencia-de-datos-aplicada-Capstone/blob/fcca1242dafc234b7467ea4db33164ad598bc674/app.py

## Predictive Analysis (Classification)

- We loaded the data using numpy and pandas, transformed the data, split our data into training and testing.
- We built different machine learning models and tune different hyperparameters using GridSearchCV.
- We used accuracy as the metric for our model, improved the model using feature engineering and algorithm tuning.
- We found the best performing classification model.
- The link to the notebook is
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  <a href="Capstone/blob/main/SpaceX">Capstone/blob/main/SpaceX</a> Machine%20Learning%20Prediction Part 5.ipynb

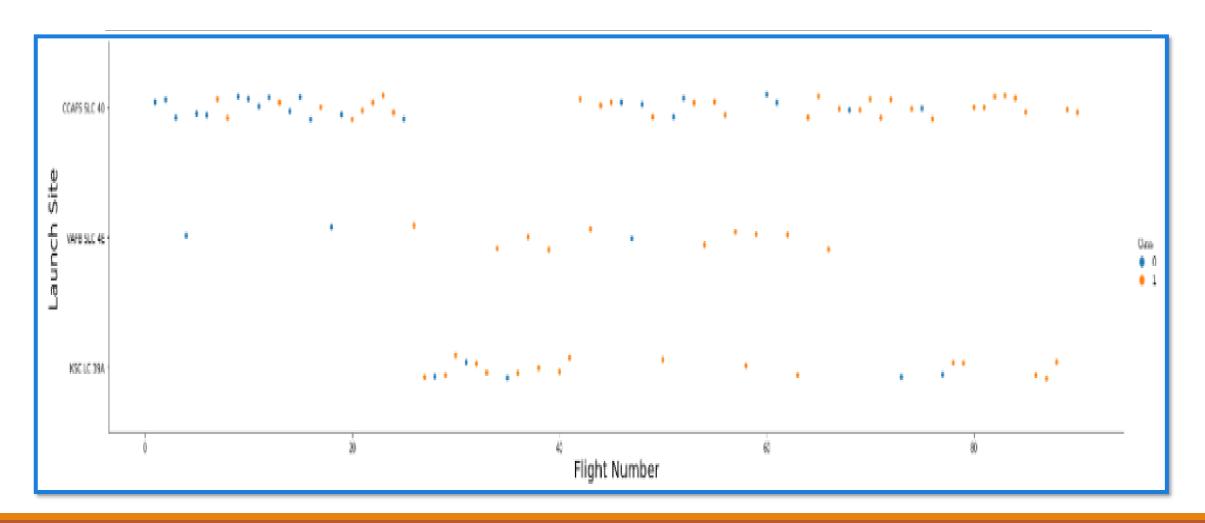
### Results

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



## Flight Number vs. Launch Site

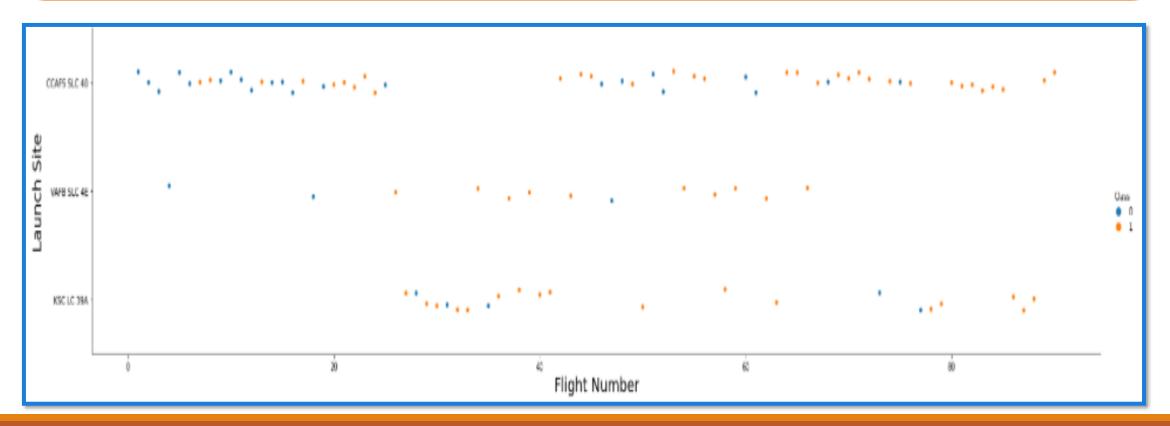
From the plot, we found that the larger the flight amount at a launch site, the greater the success rate at a launch site.



### Payload vs. Launch Site

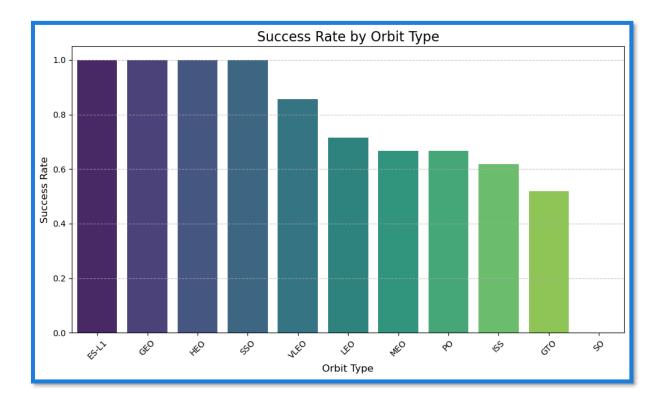


The greater the payload mass for launch site CCAFS SLC 40 the higher the success rate for the rocket.



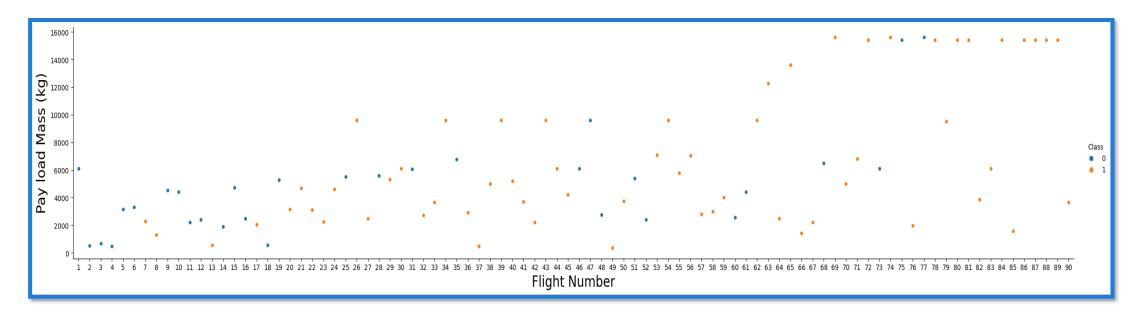
## Success Rate vs. Orbit Type

From the plot, we can see that ES-L1, GEO, HEO, SSO, VLEO had the most success rate.



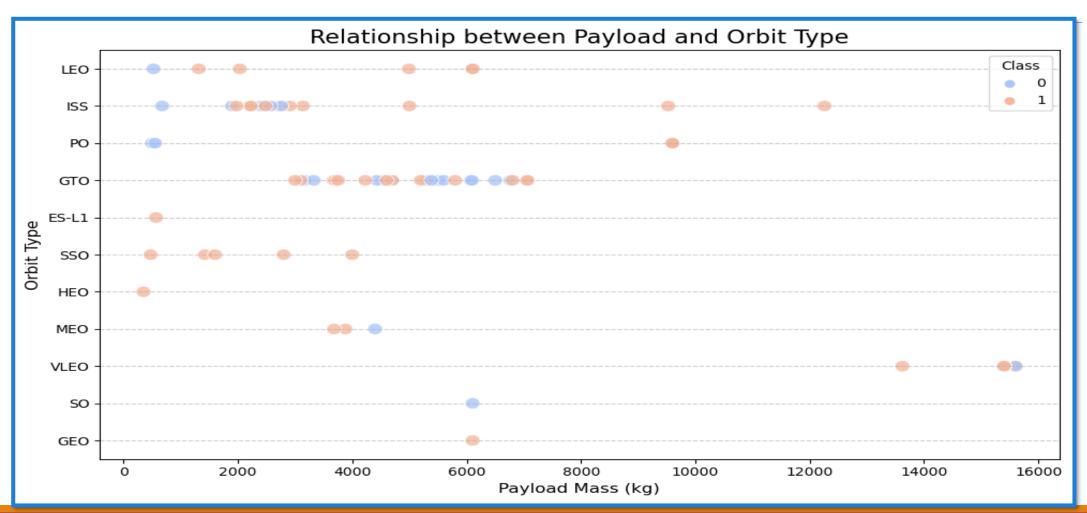
## Flight Number vs. Orbit Type

The plot below shows the Flight Number vs. Orbit type. We observe that in the LEO orbit, success is related to the number of flights whereas in the GTO orbit, there is no relationship between flight number and the orbit.



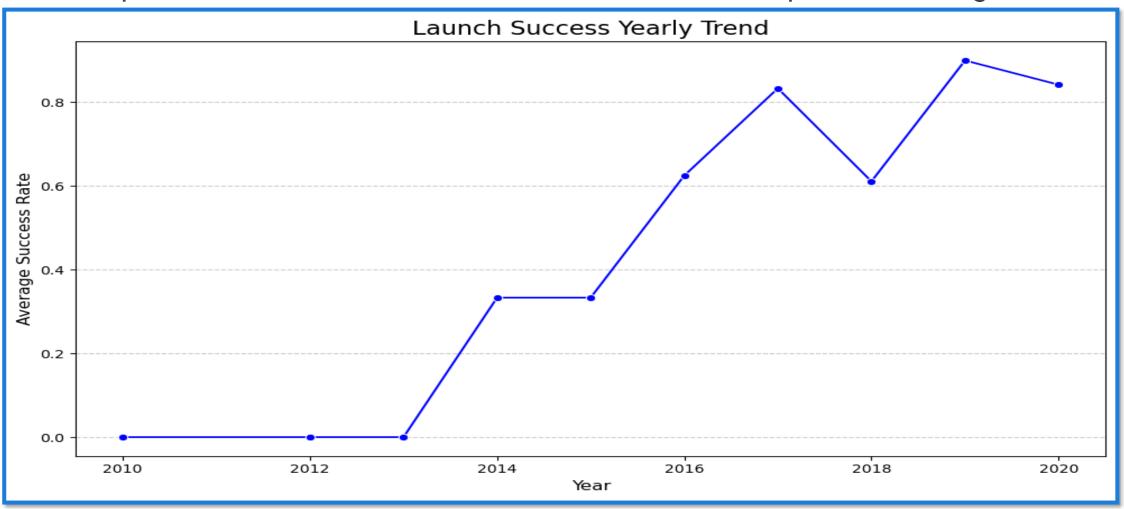
## Payload vs. Orbit Type

We can observe that with heavy payloads, the successful landing are more for PO, LEO and ISS orbits.



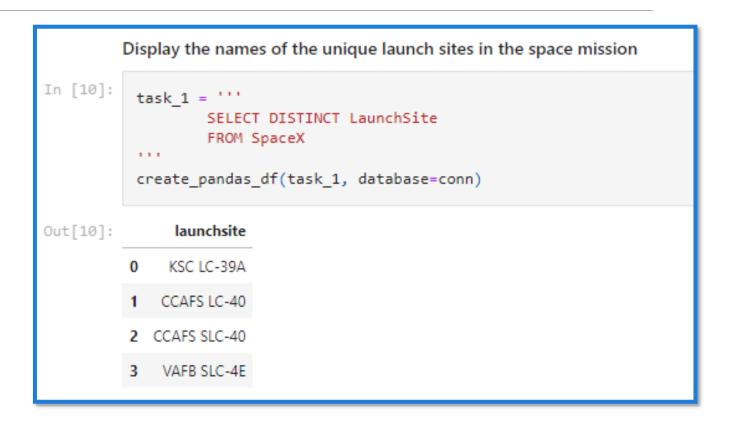
## Launch Success Yearly Trend

From the plot, we can observe that success rate since 2013 kept on increasing till 2020.



#### All Launch Site Names

We used the key word **DISTINCT** to show only unique launch sites from the SpaceX data.



## Launch Site Names Begin with 'CCA'

In [11]:		FROM WHER LIMI	ECT * 1 SpaceX RE Launc IT 5	hSite LIKE 'CCA sk_2, database							
Out[11]:		date	time	boosterversion	launchsite	payload	payloadmasskg	orbit	customer	missionoutcome	landingoutcome
	0	2010-04- 06	18:45:00	F9 v1.0 B0003	CCAFS LC- 40	Dragon Spacecraft Qualification Unit	0	LEO	SpaceX	Success	Failure (parachute)
	1	2010-08- 12	15:43:00	F9 v1.0 B0004	CCAFS LC- 40	Dragon demo flight C1, two CubeSats, barrel of	0	LEO (ISS)	NASA (COTS) NRO	Success	Failure (parachute)
	2	2012-05- 22	07:44:00	F9 v1.0 B0005	CCAFS LC- 40	Dragon demo flight C2	525	LEO (ISS)	NASA (COTS)	Success	No attempt
	3	2012-08- 10	00:35:00	F9 v1.0 B0006	CCAFS LC- 40	SpaceX CRS-1	500	LEO (ISS)	NASA (CRS)	Success	No attempt
	4	2013-01- 03	15:10:00	F9 v1.0 B0007	CCAFS LC- 40	SpaceX CRS-2	677	LEO (ISS)	NASA (CRS)	Success	No attempt

We used the query above to display 5 records where launch sites begin with `CCA`

## **Total Payload Mass**

We calculated the total payload carried by boosters from NASA as 45596 using the query below.

```
Display the total payload mass carried by boosters launched by NASA (CRS)
In [12]:
           task 3 =
                   SELECT SUM(PayloadMassKG) AS Total PayloadMass
                   FROM SpaceX
                   WHERE Customer LIKE 'NASA (CRS)'
                   1 1 1
           create pandas df(task 3, database=conn)
            total_payloadmass
Out[12]:
                       45596
```

## Average Payload Mass by F9 v1.1

We calculated the average payload mass carried by booster version F9 v1.1 as 2928.4

## Display average payload mass carried by booster version F9 v1.1 In [13]: task 4 = ''' SELECT AVG(PayloadMassKG) AS Avg PayloadMass FROM SpaceX WHERE BoosterVersion = 'F9 v1.1' 1 1 1 create pandas df(task 4, database=conn) avg\_payloadmass Out[13]: 2928.4

## First Successful Ground Landing Date

We observed that the dates of the first successful landing outcome on ground pad was 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2015.

```
In [14]:
           task 5 =
                   SELECT MIN(Date) AS FirstSuccessfull_landing_date
                   FROM SpaceX
                   WHERE LandingOutcome LIKE 'Success (ground pad)'
                   1.1.1
           create pandas df(task 5, database=conn)
             firstsuccessfull_landing_date
Out[14]:
                           2015-12-22
```

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

```
In [15]:
           task 6 = '''
                   SELECT BoosterVersion
                   FROM SpaceX
                   WHERE LandingOutcome = 'Success (drone ship)'
                        AND PayloadMassKG > 4000
                        AND PayloadMassKG < 6000
           create pandas df(task 6, database=conn)
Out[15]:
             boosterversion
                F9 FT B1022
                F9 FT B1026
               F9 FT B1021.2
              F9 FT B1031.2
```

We used the WHERE clause to filter for boosters which have successfully landed on drone ship and applied the AND condition to determine successful landing with payload mass greater than 4000 but less than 6000.

#### Total Number of Successful and Failure Mission Outcomes

We used wildcard like '%' to filter for WHERE MissionOutcome was a success or a failure.

- A	ist the total number of successful and failure mission outcomes							
In [16]:	<pre>task_7a = ''' SELECT COUNT(MissionOutcome) AS SuccessOutcome FROM SpaceX WHERE MissionOutcome LIKE 'Success%'</pre>							
	<pre>task_7b = ''' SELECT COUNT(MissionOutcome) AS FailureOutcome FROM SpaceX WHERE MissionOutcome LIKE 'Failure%'</pre>							
	<pre>print('The total number of successful mission outcome is:') display(create_pandas_df(task_7a, database=conn)) print() print('The total number of failed mission outcome is:') create_pandas_df(task_7b, database=conn)</pre>							
	The total number of successful mission outcome is: successoutcome							
	0 100							
Out[16]:	The total number of failed mission outcome is:  failureoutcome							
	0 1							

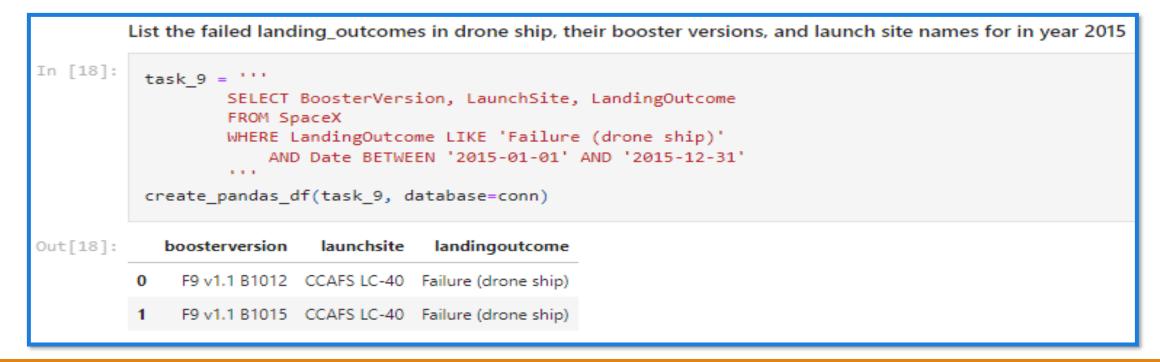
## **Boosters Carried Maximum Payload**

We determined the booster that have carried the maximum payload using a subquery in the WHERE clause and the MAX() function.

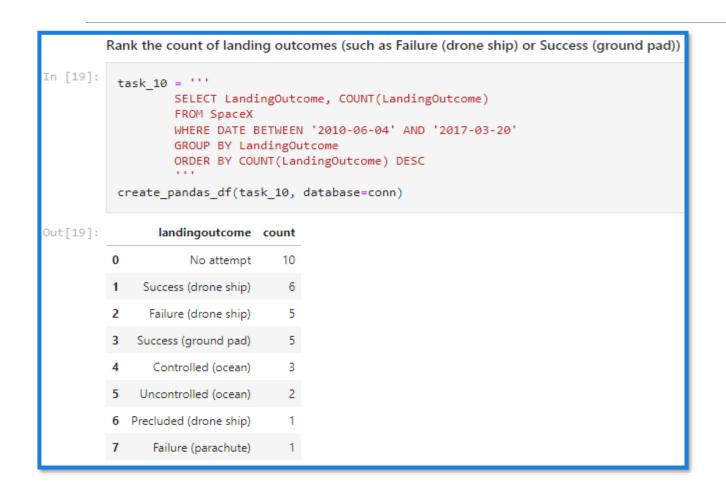
Li	st t	he names of th	e booster_version
:	tas	k_8 = '''	
		SELECT E FROM Spa	oosterVersion, ceX yloadMassKG =
	cre		BoosterVersio
		boosterversion	payloadmasskg
	0	F9 B5 B1048.4	15600
	1	F9 B5 B1048.5	15600
	2	F9 B5 B1049.4	15600
	3	F9 B5 B1049.5	15600
	4	F9 B5 B1049.7	15600
	5	F9 B5 B1051.3	15600
	6	F9 B5 B1051.4	15600
	7	F9 B5 B1051.6	15600
	8	F9 B5 B1056.4	15600
	9	F9 B5 B1058.3	15600
1	10	F9 B5 B1060.2	15600
1	11	F9 B5 B1060.3	15600

#### 2015 Launch Records

We used a combinations of the WHERE clause, LIKE, AND, and BETWEEN conditions to filter for failed landing outcomes in drone ship, their booster versions, and launch site names for year 2015



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



We selected Landing outcomes and the **COUNT** of landing outcomes from the data and used the **WHERE** clause to filter for landing outcomes **BETWEEN** 2010-06-04 to 2010-03-20.

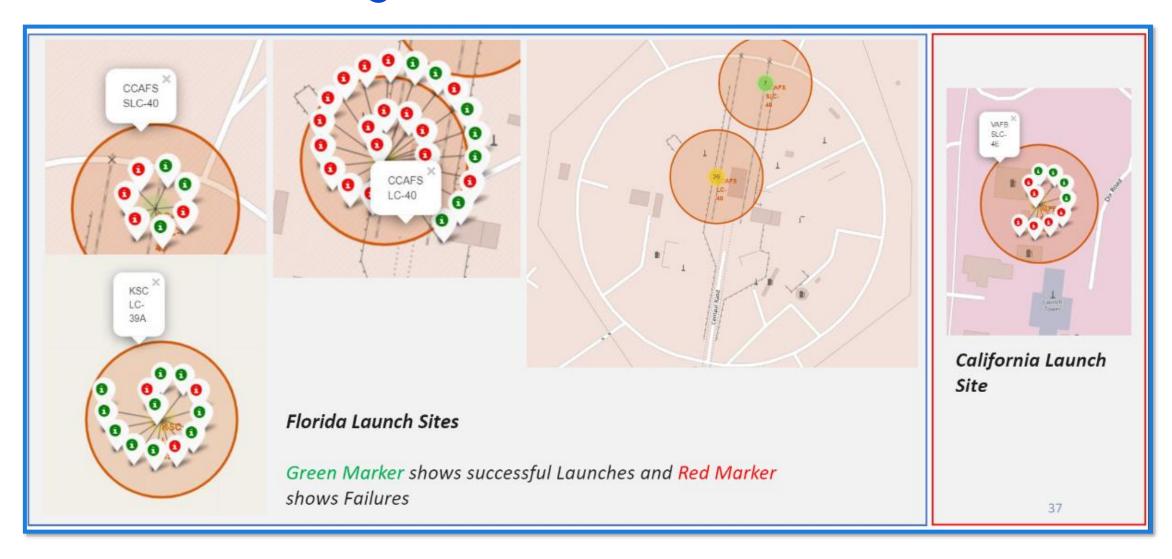
We applied the **GROUP BY** clause to group the landing outcomes and the **ORDER BY** clause to order the grouped landing outcome in descending order.



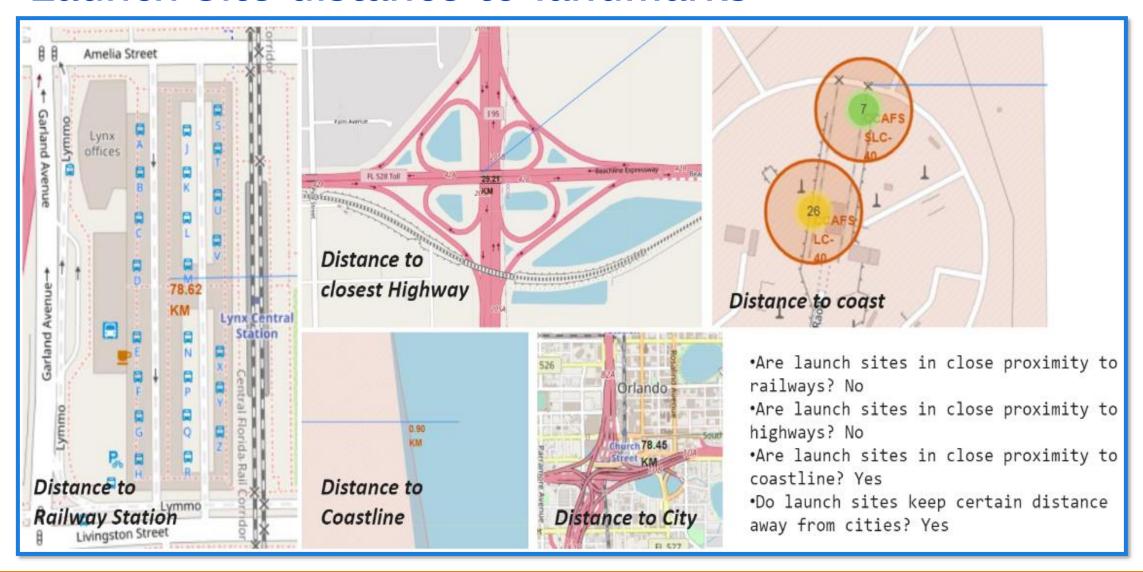
## All launch sites global map markers



## Markers showing launch sites with color labels

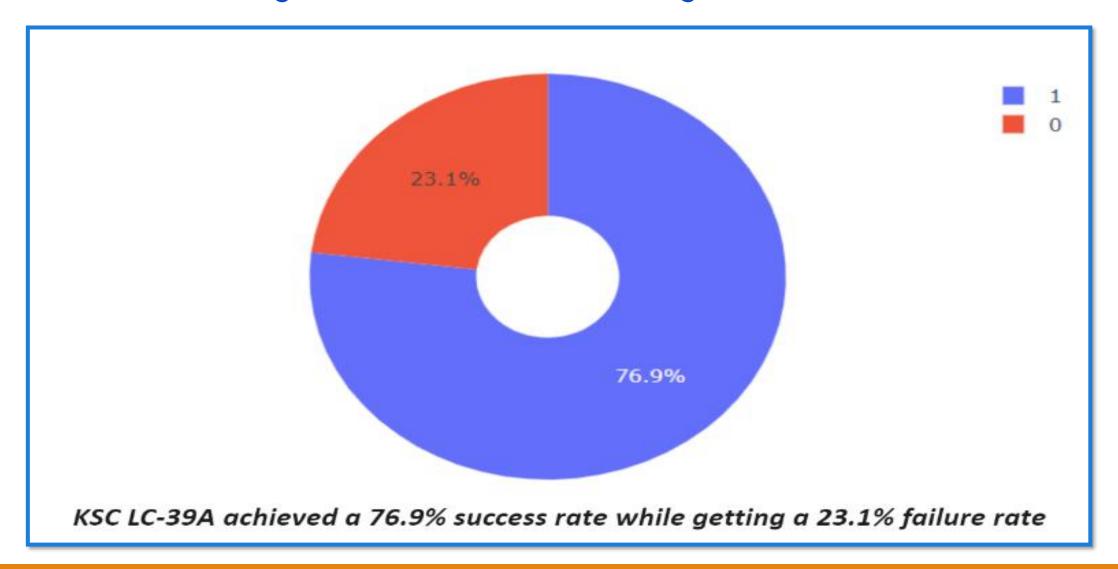


### Launch Site distance to landmarks

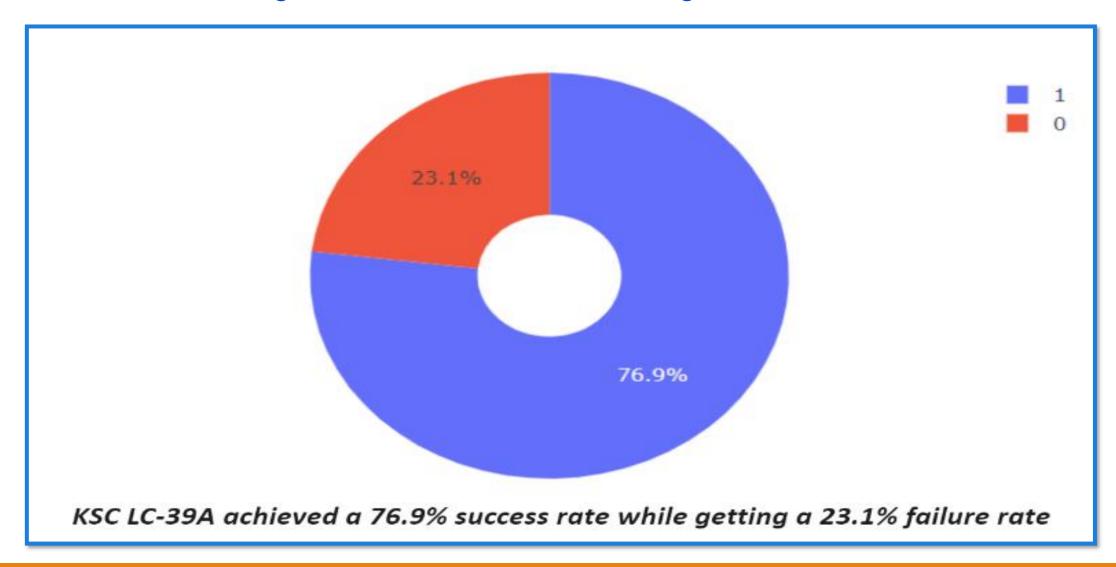




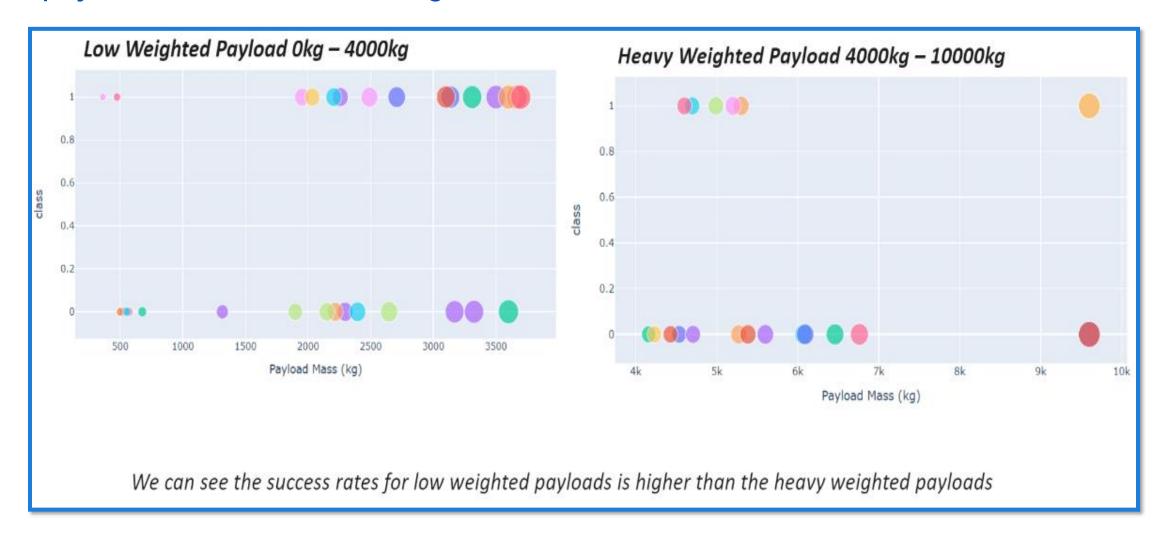
#### Pie chart showing the Launch site with the highest launch success ratio



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## Scatter plot of Payload vs Launch Outcome for all sites, with different payload selected in the range slider





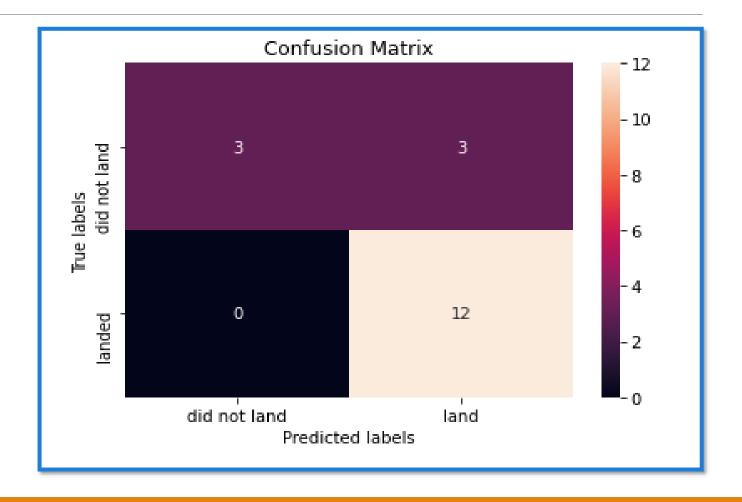
## **Classification Accuracy**

The decision tree classifier is the model with the highest classification accuracy

```
models = {'KNeighbors':knn_cv.best_score_,
               'DecisionTree':tree cv.best score ,
               'LogisticRegression':logreg cv.best score ,
               'SupportVector': svm cv.best_score_}
bestalgorithm = max(models, key=models.get)
 print('Best model is', bestalgorithm,'with a score of', models[bestalgorithm])
if bestalgorithm == 'DecisionTree':
     print('Best params is :', tree cv.best params )
if bestalgorithm == 'KNeighbors':
    print('Best params is :', knn cv.best params )
if bestalgorithm == 'LogisticRegression':
    print('Best params is :', logreg cv.best params )
if bestalgorithm == 'SupportVector':
    print('Best params is :', svm cv.best params )
Best model is DecisionTree with a score of 0.8732142857142856
Best params is : {'criterion': 'gini', 'max depth': 6, 'max features': 'auto', 'min samples leaf': 2, 'min samples split': 5, 'splitter': 'random'}
```

#### **Confusion Matrix**

The confusion matrix for the decision tree classifier shows that the classifier can distinguish between the different classes. The major problem is the false positives .i.e., unsuccessful landing marked as successful landing by the classifier.



#### Conclusions

#### We can conclude that:

- •The larger the flight amount at a launch site, the greater the success rate at a launch site.
- Launch success rate started to increase in 2013 till 2020.
- Orbits ES-L1, GEO, HEO, SSO, VLEO had the most success rate.
- •KSC LC-39A had the most successful launches of any sites.
- •The Decision tree classifier is the best machine learning algorithm for this task.

