

# Winning Space Race with Data Science

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## **Executive Summary**

Data collection using webscraping and SpaceX API

Data cleaning and preprocessing using Python

Data exploration and visualization using Python and SQL

Graphical data visualization using Folium, Dash

Classification model generation and predictions using Sklearn

Successful landing of SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket boosters can be accurately predicted using multiple features

#### Introduction

- SpaceX can reuse rocket boosters by safely landing them after use
- Reuse lowers costs, improves sustainability
- Therefore, higher landing success rates are highly beneficial
- How to predict successful landing?
- Classification models trained on real data



## Methodology

#### **Executive Summary**

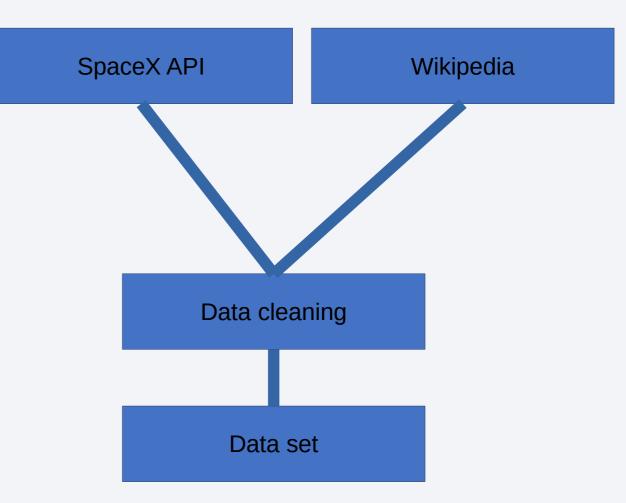
- •Data collection methodology:
  - •SpaceX API
- Perform data wrangling
  - Cleaned data and classified by landing outcome
- Perform exploratory data analysis (EDA) using visualization and SQL
- Perform interactive visual analytics using Folium and Plotly Dash
- •Perform predictive analysis using classification models
  - •Models predict succesful landing based on available features

#### **Data Collection**

Data collected from SpaceX API and web scraping from Wikipedia

Filtered for Falcon9 launches

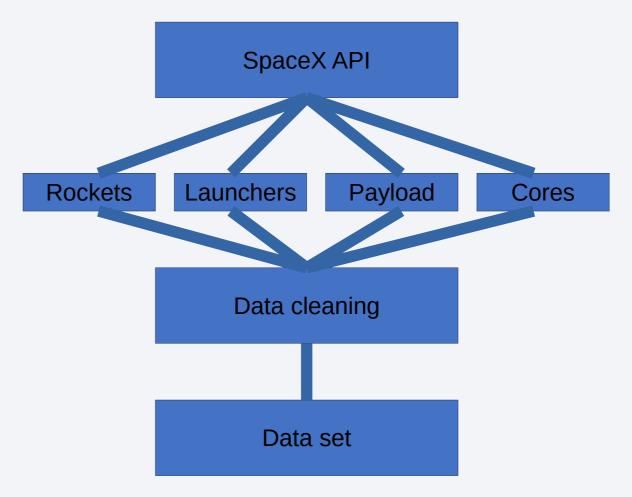
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#### Data Collection - SpaceX API

- Special REST API call for four datasets on SpaceX API
- Rockets, Launchers, Payload, Cores
- Stored data using Python Pandas DataFrame

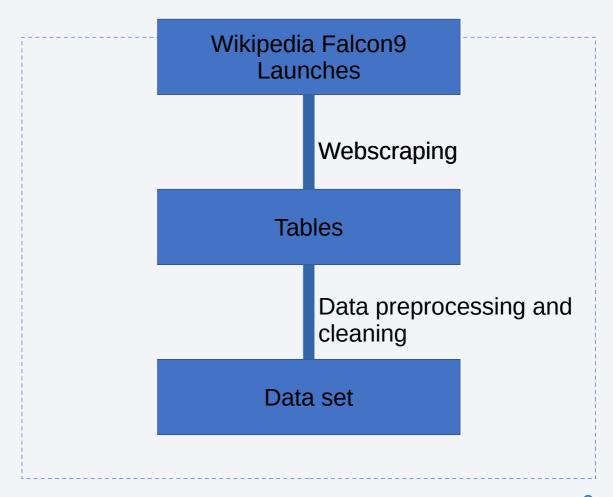
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### Data Collection - Scraping

 Data from tables in wikipedia Falcon9 launches page

Webscraping using beautifulsoup



## **Data Wrangling**

Number of launches per site calculated

Number and occurrence of orbits calculated

Number of successful and failed missions per orbit type calculated

Landing outcome label generated per flight

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

- Launch Site, Payloadmass per flight number
  - See trend over time
- Relationship between Payload and Launch Site
  - See differences in launch sites
- Relationship between success rate of each orbit type
  - See effect of orbit type on successful landing
- Relationship between Payload and Orbit type
  - See differences in orbit types
- Launch succes yearly trend to see improvement over time

#### EDA with SQL (1)

- Select unique launch site names
- 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 acheived.
- List the names of the boosters which have success in drone ship and have payload mass greater than 4000 but less than 6000

#### EDA with SQL (2)

- List the total number of successful and failure mission outcomes
- List the names of the booster\_versions which have carried the maximum payload mass. Use a subquery
- List the records which will display the month names, failure landing\_outcomes in drone ship ,booster versions, launch\_site for the months 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

Added circles and markers to launch sites

These show mission landing succes and number of missions per launch site

Provide a graphical intuition of launches and successful landing

#### Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

Added pie chart of number of launches, percentage successful launches per launch site

To see which launch site has the highest succes rate, highest number of successful landings

Added scatterplot of payload vs landing success

See which payload range has the highest success rate

## Predictive Analysis (Classification)

Performed feature engineering, normalized the data using one-hot-encoding

Standardized the data using Sklearn preprocessing StandardScaler

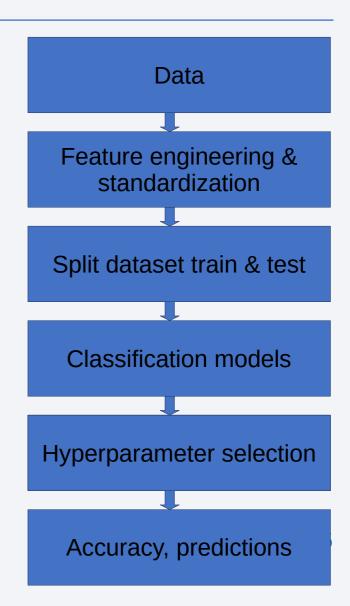
Split the data into training and test sets

Created classification models: logistic regression, SVM, decision tree, KNN

Selected hyperparameters using grid search

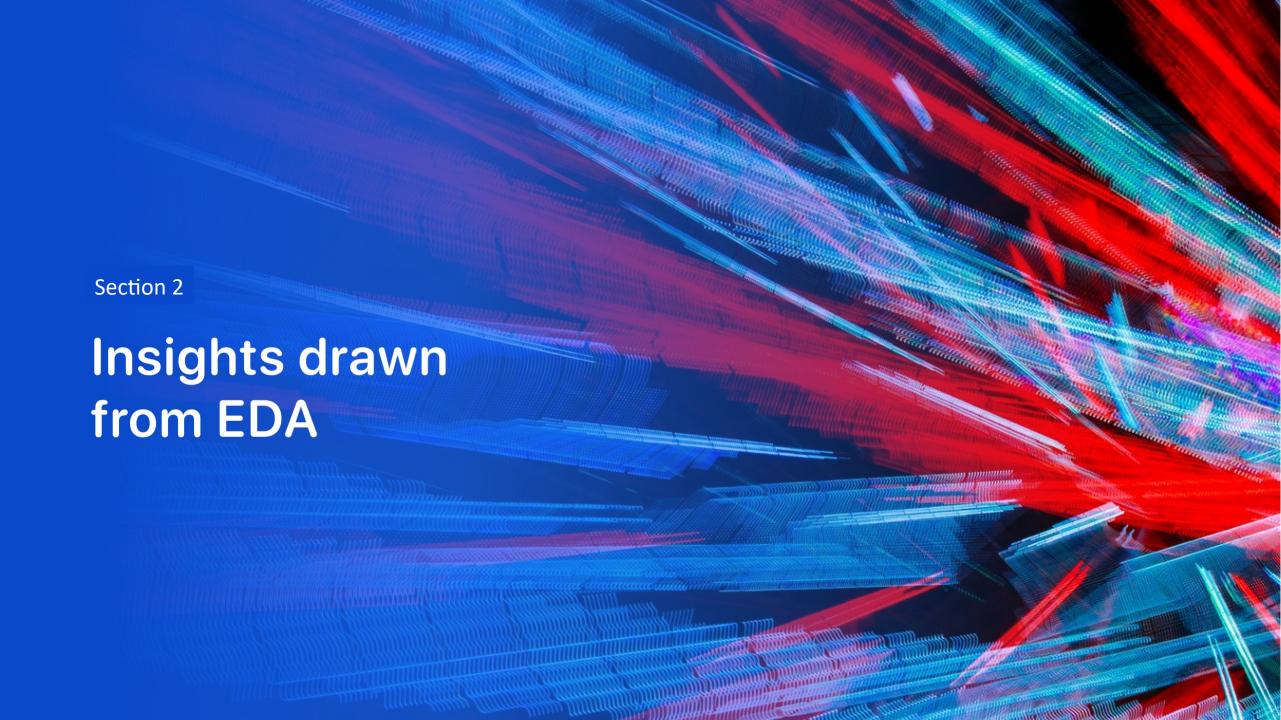
Calculated accuracy, made confusion plots

https://github.com/JBaijens/IBM\_Data\_Science/blob/main/ SpaceX\_Machine\_Learning\_Prediction\_Part\_5.jupyterlite.ipynb

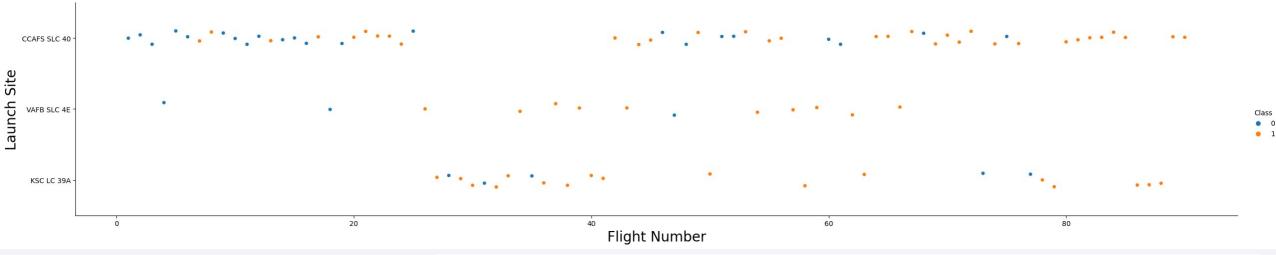


#### Results

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



#### Flight Number vs. Launch Site



- Early flight numbers had more landing failures than later flight numbers
- KSC location was used latest

#### TASK 1: Visualize the relationship between Flight Number and Launch Site

Use the function catplot to plot FlightNumber vs LaunchSite, set the parameter x parameter to FlightNumber, set the y to Launch Site and set the parameter hue to 'class'

```
In [5]: # Plot a scatter point chart with x axis to be Flight Number and y axis to be the launch site, and hue to be the class value sns.catplot(y="LaunchSite", x="FlightNumber", hue="Class", data=df, aspect = 5) plt.xlabel("Flight Number",fontsize=20) plt.ylabel("Launch Site",fontsize=20) plt.show()

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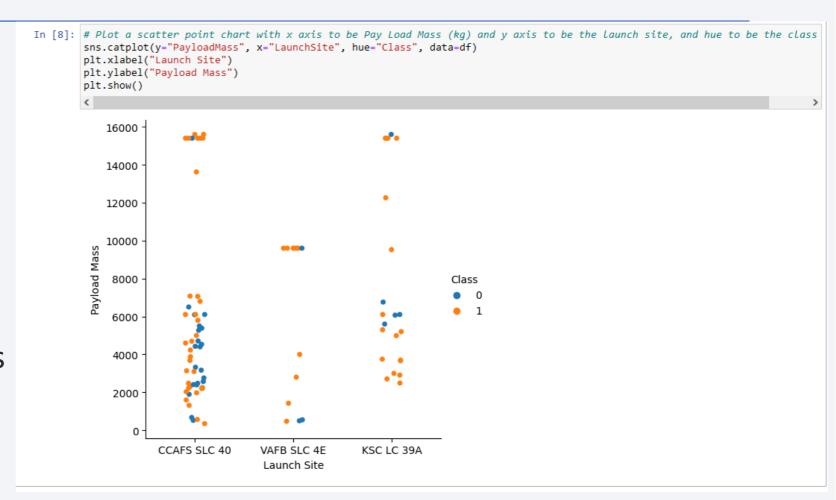
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### Payload vs. Launch Site

VAFB launch site does not include the highest payload masses

CCAFS launch site include both many high and low payload masses

Plot generated with seaborn



## Success Rate vs. Orbit Type

 Highest succes rates for ES-L1, GEO, HEO, ans SSO orbits

No successes for SO orbit

```
In [12]: # HINT use groupby method on Orbit column and get the mean of Class column
         orbit_success = df.groupby('Orbit').Class.mean()
         sns.barplot(x = orbit_success.index, y = orbit_success.values)
Out[12]: <Axes: xlabel='Orbit'>
          1.0
          0.8
          0.6
          0.4
          0.2
              ES-L1 GEO GTO HEO
                                     ISS
                                           LEO
                                                      PO
                                                            SO
                                                                 SSO VLEO
                                                MEO
                                          Orbit
```

## Flight Number vs. Orbit Type

```
# Plot a scatter point chart with x axis to be FlightNumber and y axis to be the Orbit, and hue to be the class value sns.catplot(y="Orbit", x="FlightNumber", hue="Class", data=df, aspect = 5)
plt.xlabel("Flight Number", fontsize=20)
plt.ylabel("Orbit Type", fontsize=20)
plt.show()

Compared to the Class value sns.catplot(y="Orbit", x="FlightNumber", hue="Class", data=df, aspect = 5)
plt.xlabel("Orbit Type", fontsize=20)
plt.show()

Flight Number
```

- Points in blue indicate failed landings, orange indicate successful landings
- First flight numbers were mainly lower orbits (LEO, ISS), later flight numbers include higher orbits

## Payload vs. Orbit Type

 Distinct differences in payload mass between different orbit types

 Very low earth orbit (VLEO) has the highest payloads

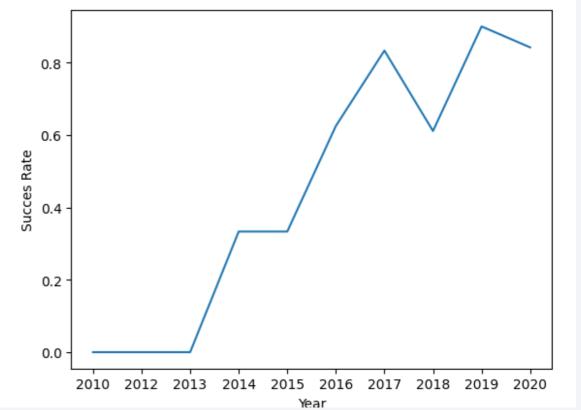
```
# Plot a scatter point chart with x axis to be Payload and y axis to be the Orbit, and hue to be the class value
sns.catplot(y="PayloadMass", x="Orbit", hue="Class", data=df)
plt.xlabel("Orbit")
plt.ylabel("Payload Mass")
plt.show()
    16000
   14000
    12000
    10000
 Payload Mass
    8000
                                                               Class
    6000
     4000
     2000
           LEO ISS
                    PO GTO ES-L1 SSO HEO MEO VLEO SO GEO
                                  Orbit
```

## Launch Success Yearly Trend

 No successful landings in the first three years

 High success rates in later years

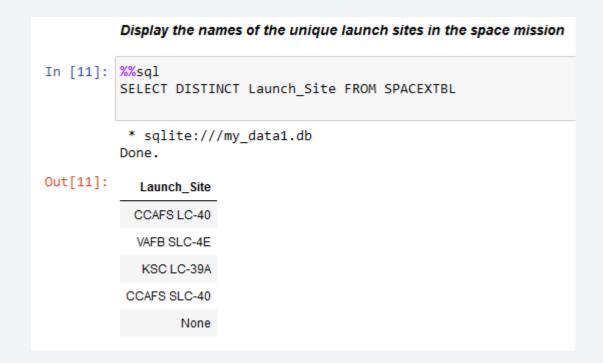
```
# Plot a line chart with x axis to be the extracted year and y axis to be
year=[]
year = Extract_year(df)
df['Year'] = year
year_succes = df.groupby('Year').Class.mean()
sns.lineplot(x = year_succes.index, y = year_succes.values)
plt.ylabel('Succes Rate')
plt.show()
```



#### All Launch Site Names

Find the names of the unique launch sites

This is done using a simple SQL query



## Launch Site Names Begin with 'CCA'

Find 5 records where launch sites begin with `CCA`

Names starting with CCA are selected using string operation

command LIKE

```
Display 5 records where launch sites begin with the string 'CCA'

%%sql
SELECT Launch_Site FROM SPACEXTBL WHERE Launch_Site LIKE 'CCA%' LIMIT 5

* sqlite:///my_data1.db
Done.

Launch_Site

CCAFS LC-40

CCAFS LC-40

CCAFS LC-40

CCAFS LC-40

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CCAFS LC-40
```

#### Total Payload Mass

Calculate the total payload carried by boosters from NASA The sum of payload mass from NASA (CRS) is 45596 KG

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

%%sql
SELECT Customer, SUM("PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_") FROM SPACEXTBL WHERE Customer = 'NASA (CRS)'

* sqlite://my_data1.db
Done.

Customer SUM("PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_")

NASA (CRS) 45596.0
```

#### Average Payload Mass by F9 v1.1

The average payload mass carried by booster version F9 is 2928.4 Kg

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

%%sql
SELECT Booster_Version, AVG("PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_") FROM SPACEXTBL WHERE Booster_Version = 'F9 v1.1'

* sqlite:///my_data1.db
Done.

Booster_Version AVG("PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_")

F9 v1.1 2928.4
```

## First Successful Ground Landing Date

The dates of the first successful landing outcome on ground pad is 22/12/2015

This is retrieved using a select statement, the results are ordered descending using DESC, and only the first result is returned using LIMIT 1

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

Hint:Use min function

**Sql
SELECT Date, Landing_Outcome FROM SPACEXTBL WHERE Landing_Outcome = 'Success (ground pad)' ORDER BY Date DESC LIMIT 1

* sqlite://my_data1.db
Done.

Date Landing_Outcome

22/12/2015 Success (ground pad)
```

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

F9 FT Booster versions B1021.2, B1022, B1026 and B1031.2 have successfully landed on drone ship and had payload mass greater than 4000 but less than 6000

The results are selected using a Where statement with 3 requirements

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

%%sql
select distinct Booster_Version from SPACEXTBL
where Landing_Outcome = 'Success (drone ship)' and "PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_" > 4000 and "PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_" < 6000

* sqlite:///my_data1.db
Done.

Booster_Version

F9 FT B1022

F9 FT B1021.2

F9 FT B1021.2
```

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

Calculate the total number of successful and failure mission outcomes

The results are grouped by mission outcome, and then counted

using COUNT

%%sql SELECT Mission_Outcome, COUNT(*) AS count FROM SPACEXTBL GROUP BY Mission_Outcome;		
* sqlite:///my_data1.db Done.		
Mission_Outcome	count	
None	898	
Failure (in flight)	1	
Success	98	
Success	1	
Success (payload status unclear)	1	

## **Boosters Carried Maximum Payload**

List the names of the booster which have carried the maximum payload mass

The subquery selects the maximum payload mass

All distinct booster versions which have carried the maximum payload mass are returned

List the names of the booster\_versions which have carried the maximum payload mass. Use a subquery

```
%%sql
SELECT DISTINCT Booster Version FROM SPACEXTBL
WHERE "PAYLOAD MASS KG " = (SELECT MAX("PAYLOAD MASS KG ") FROM SPACEXTBL)
 * sqlite:///my data1.db
Done.
 Booster_Version
   F9 B5 B1048.4
   F9 B5 B1049.4
   F9 B5 B1051.3
   F9 B5 B1056.4
   F9 B5 B1048.5
   F9 B5 B1051.4
   F9 B5 B1049.5
   F9 B5 B1060.2
   F9 B5 B1058.3
   F9 B5 B1051.6
   F9 B5 B1060.3
   F9 B5 B1049.7
```

#### 2015 Launch Records

List the failed landing\_outcomes in drone ship, their booster versions, and launch site names for in year 2015

Substring method is used to handle the date specifications

WHERE is used to select the data with the right date and landing outcome

The results are ordered by month

```
%%sql
SELECT
    substr(Date, 4, 2) AS Month,
    Landing Outcome,
    Booster Version,
    Launch Site
FROM
    SPACEXTBL
WHERE
    substr(Date, 7, 4) = '2015' AND
    Landing Outcome = 'Failure (drone ship)'
ORDER BY
    Month
 * sqlite:///my data1.db
Done.
 Month Landing Outcome Booster Version Launch Site
    04 Failure (drone ship)
                          F9 v1.1 B1015 CCAFS LC-40
    10 Failure (drone ship)
                         F9 v1.1 B1012 CCAFS LC-40
```

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

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

The right results are specified using the WHERE statement, grouped by landing outcome, and ordered by the count, which is generated using the COUNT() function

```
%%sql
SELECT
    Landing Outcome, COUNT(*) AS Count
    SPACEXTBL
WHERE
    substr(Date, 7, 4) | '-' | substr(Date, 1, 2) | '-' | substr(Date, 4, 2)
    BETWEEN '2010-06-04' AND '2017-03-20'
GROUP BY Landing Outcome
ORDER BY Count DESC;
 * sqlite:///my data1.db
Done.
    Landing_Outcome Count
          No attempt
   Failure (drone ship)
  Success (drone ship)
    Controlled (ocean)
                        3
  Uncontrolled (ocean)
 Success (ground pad)
    Failure (parachute)
Precluded (drone ship)
```



#### Launch site locations

Launch sites are located in California and Florida, USA

VAFB SLC-4E is located close to the coast in California

KSC LC-39A and CCAFS LC-40 are located next to Cape Canaveral Space force, Florida

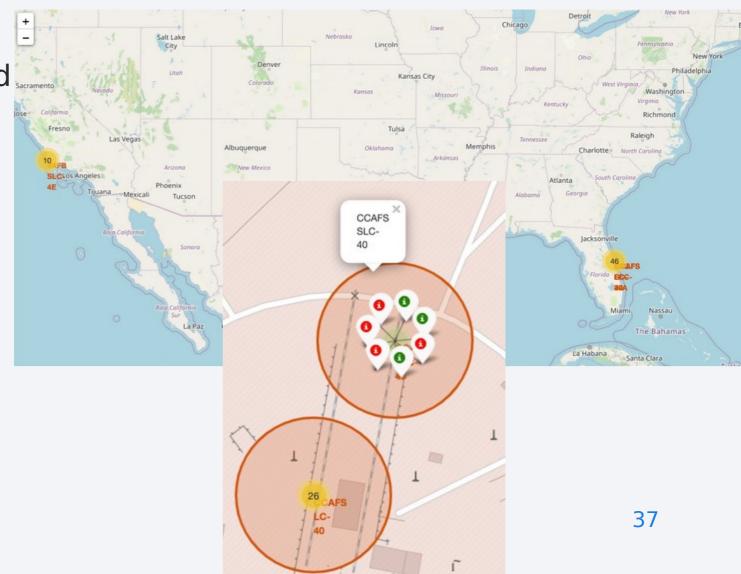


### Geographical locations of launch successes and failures

Successful landings are marked sacramento green

Unsuccessful landings are marked red

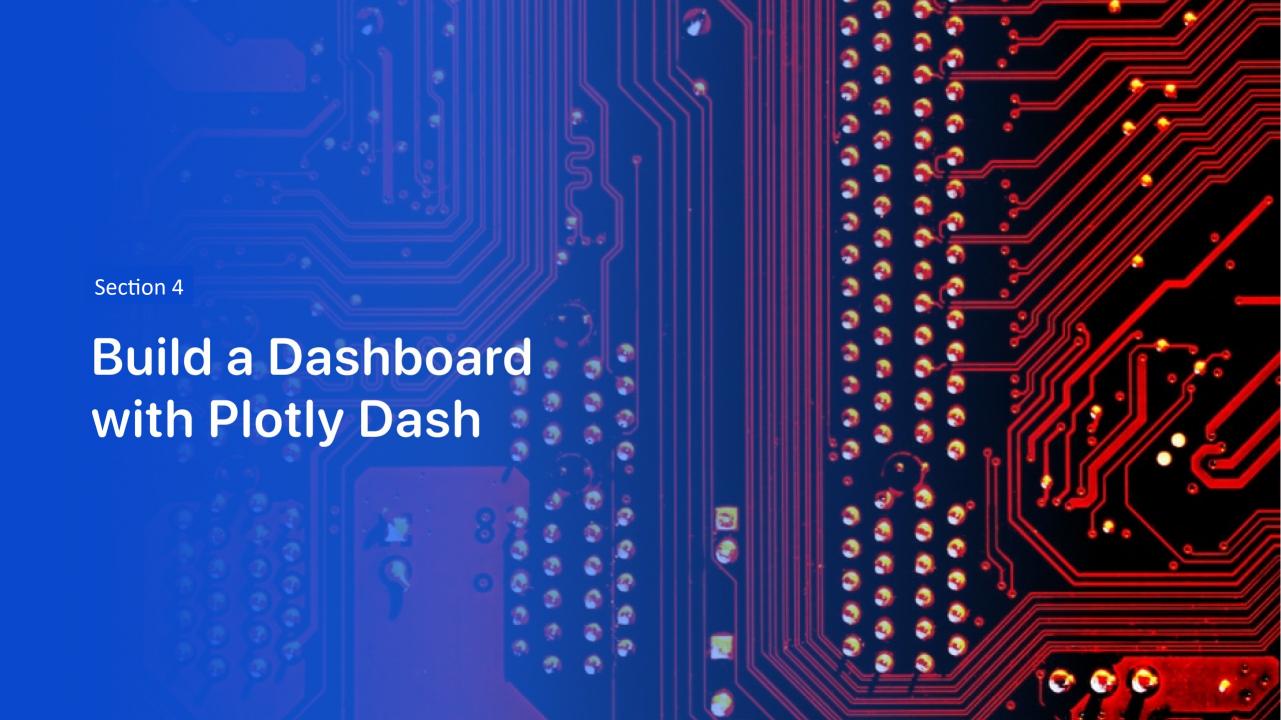
Successful landings are found on all launch site locations



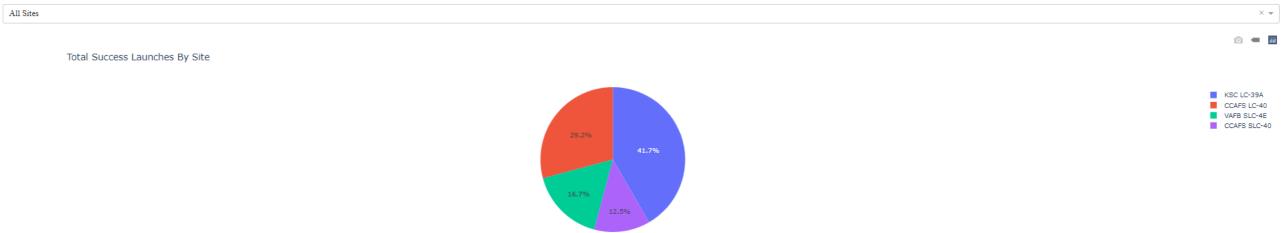
### Launch site distances

#### Distance to coast is 0.9 Kilometers





## Launch success count per site



KSC LC-39A has the most successful launches

CCAFS SLC-40 the fewest

### Launch success rates per launch site



## Relation of payload and success

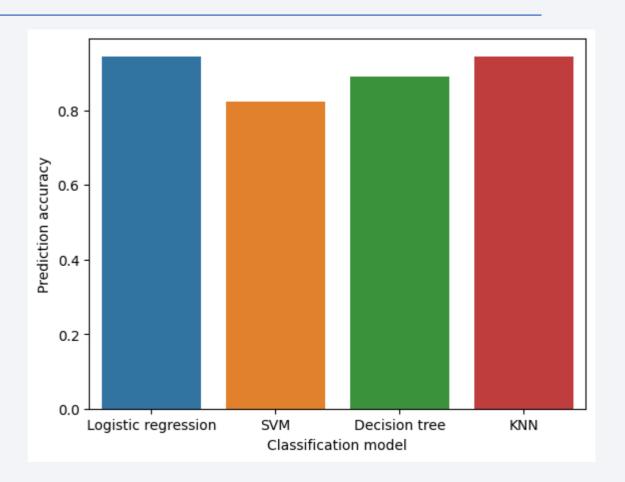
 No clear relation between payload and success





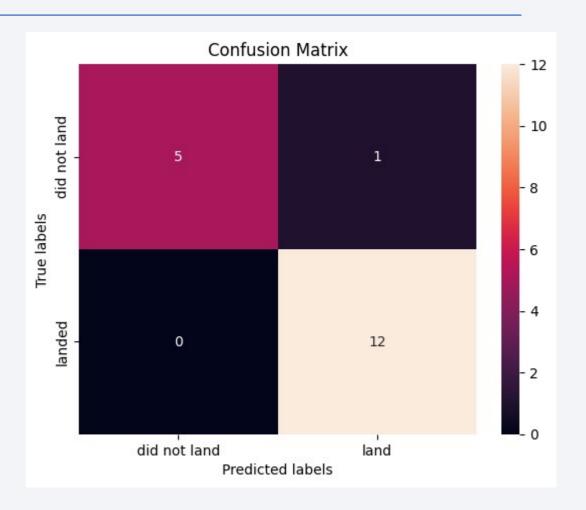
## Classification Accuracy

- Logistic regression and KNN classification models have the highest accuracy on the test data
- Both achieve an accuracy of 94.4%, which means they made a single classification mistake in the test data



### **Confusion Matrix**

- All 12 cases where the landing was successful were correctly classified by the model
- The model never predicted an unsuccessful landing when the real landing was successful
- When the landing was not successful, 5 times the model also predicted the landing would be unsuccessful
- The only misclassification is a single case where the model predicted a successful land, but the actual label was did not land



### Conclusions

SpaceX launched more than 80 Falcon 9 rockets from multiple launching sites

These rockets carried various payloads into different orbits

Successful landing of rocket boosters became better over time, with a high success rate in recent years

Multiple classification models can predict landing success with high accuracy

# Appendix

Link to code used to generate results:

https://github.com/JBaijens/IBM\_Data\_Science

