# IBM Data Science Capstone Project

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## **OUTLINE**

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- Methodology
- Results
- Conclusion

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

#### Objective

Create machine learning model to predict if SpaceX will reuse the 1st Stage from launch

# Data Collection and Wrangling

Gather SpaceX Launch
Data with API

Transform and clean for meaningful dataset

# Exploratory Data Analysis

Explore database

Identify
features/attributes:
- Correlated with
successful landings
- Determining if 1st stage
can be reused

# Interactive Visual Analytics and Dashboard

Stakeholder Dashboard and Interactive Map

Identify how to choose optimal launch site

Explore more insights

#### **Predictive Analysis**

Machine Learning pipeline to predict if 1st stage lands successfully

#### **Outcome**

Create machine learning model to predict if SpaceX will reuse the 1st Stage from launch

### INTRODUCTION

#### **BACKGROUND**

SpaceX advertises lower cost rocket launches compared to other providers. A SpaceX Falcong launch is advertised to cost \$62million compared to other providers who have launch costs upwards of \$165million. The SpaceX price point per launch is lower due to the ability to reuse the first stage. If we can determine if the first stage will land, we can determine the cost of the launch. This would enable companies like SpaceY to compete with SpaceX.

#### **GOAL**

The goal of this project is to create a machine learning pipeline to predict if the first stage will land successfully

#### **KEY QUESTIONS**

- What factors determine if the rocket will land successfully?
- The interaction amongst various features that determine the success rate of a successful landing.
- Which machine learning classifier best predicts if the first stage of a launch will land successfully?

#### **Data Collection**

SpaceX API Web-scraping from Wikipedia

#### **Data Wrangling**

One-hot encoding of categorical features

# Exploratory Data Analysis

SQL Visualization

# Interactive Visual Analytics and Dashboard

Folium Interactive Map Plotly Dash Dashboard

# Predictive Analysis (Classification)

Preprocess
Standardize
Gridsearch for optimal hyperparameters and accuracy
Evaluate classification models

**Data Collection** 

#### Request data

- Perform get request to SpaceX API

#### Convert JSON to Dataframe

- API returns in JSON form
- View results using .json() method
- Convert results to pandas dataframe using json.normalize()

#### Filter and Clean Data

- Filter to show Falcon 9 launch data only
- Check for missing values
- Fill missing values where necessary

#### Webscraping from Wikipedia

- Use BeautifulSoup to web scrape Falcon 9 launch records
- Extract relevant column names from HTML table header
- Parse HTML table and convert to pandas dataframe

**Data Collection** 

**SpaceX API** 

#### Use get request to SpaceX API to collect data

```
spacex_url="https://api.spacexdata.com/v4/launches/past"
response = requests.get(spacex_url)
```

#### Clean the requested data

```
# Use json_normalize meethod to convert the json result into a dataframe
response = requests.get(static_json_url)
response.json()
data = pd.json_normalize(response.json())
```

#### Basic data wrangling and formatting

```
# Calculate the mean value of PayloadMass column
avg_PayloadMass = data_falcon9['PayloadMass'].astype('float').mean(axis=0)
avg_PayloadMass

# Replace the np.nan values with its mean value
data_falcon9['PayloadMass'].replace(np.nan,avg_PayloadMass,inplace=True)
data_falcon9.head()

#data_falcon9.isnull().sum()

#data_falcon9.to_csv('dataset_part_1.csv', index=False)
```

Link to Notebook:

<u>Data Collection API Notebook</u>

**Data Collection** 

Web-scraping from Wikipedia

#### Link to Notebook:

<u>Data Collection with Web</u> <u>Scraping Notebook</u>

# Use HTTP GET method to request the Falcong Launch HTML page Use BeautifulSoup method

```
# use requests.get() method with the provided static_url
# assign the response to a object
response = requests.get(static_url).text

Create a BeautifulSoup object from the HTML response

# Use BeautifulSoup() to create a BeautifulSoup object from a response text content
soup = BeautifulSoup(response, 'html.parser')

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

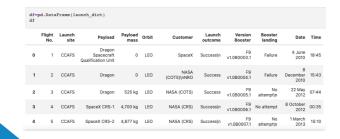
# Use soup.title attribute
print("Title of the website is:")
for title in soup.find_all('title'):
    print(title.get_text())

Title of the website is:
List of Falcon 9 and Falcon Heavy launches - Wikipedia
```

#### Extract column name from HTML table header

```
column_names = ()
# Apply find, all() function with 'th' element on first_launch_table
# Iterate each th element and apply the provided extract_column_from header() to get a column name
# Append the Non-empty column name ('if name is not None and len(name) > 0') into a list called column_names
col_finder | first_launch_table.find| all('th')
for x in range(len(col_finder)):
    try:
    name = extract_column_from_header(col_finder[x])
    if (name is not None and len(name) > 0):
        column_names.append(name)
except:
    pass
```

#### Table was parsed and converted into a pandas dataframe



**Data Wrangling** 

One-hot encoding of categorical features

#### Perform Exploratory Data Analysis and Determine Training labels

#### Number of launches on each site

#### Number and occurrence of each orbit



#### Number and occurrence of mission outcome per orbit type

Landing outcome label from outcome column: o = 1st stage did not land successfully 1 = 1st stage successful landing

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**Data Wrangling Notebook** 

Exploratory Data Analysis

SQL

Load SQL extension and establish a connection with the database to perform queries in Jupyter notebook

Explore database with SQL to get more insight. Queries written include:

- Names of the unique launch sites in the space mission
- Date when first successful landing outcome in ground pad acheived
- Total number of successful and failure mission outcomes
- Names of the booster\_versions which have carried the maximum payload mass with subquery
- Rank the count of landing outcomes between the date 2010-06-04 and 2017-03-20

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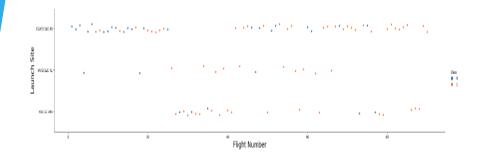
Exploratory Data Analysis

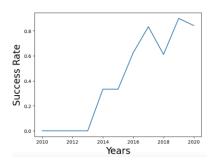
Visualization

Perform Exploratory Data Analysis and Feature Engineering using Pandas and Matplotlib

Explore relationships between data features and their effect on launch outcomes with different visual plots

- Flight no. Vs launch site Scatter
- Payload vs launch site Scatter
- Success rate of each orbit type bar
- Flight number vs orbit type scatter
- Payload vs orbit type scatter
- -Launch success trend line





Link to Notebook:

EDA with Data Visualization Notebook

Feature engineering and One hot encoding of categorical data with get\_dummies() for categorical columns

Interactive
Visual Analytics
and Dashboard

Folium Interactive Map

Mark all launch sites on map and added objects such as markers, circles, lines to mark launch success/failures at each site

Assign launch feature outcomes to class o to 1

- o = failure
- 1=SUCCESS

Use clusters to identify which launch sites have a high success rate

Calculated distance between launch site to proximities to understand if:

- Are launch sites in close proximity to railways?
- Are launch sites in close proximity to highways?
- Are launch sites in close proximity to coastline?
- Do launch sites keep certain distance away from cities?

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Interactive
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Plotly Dash Dashboard **Built Plotly interactive dashboard** 

Setup drop down menu for launch sites

Plot pie chart for total launches filtered by sites drop down menu

Setup Payload Mass (kg) slider

Scatter for relationship with outcome vs payload for different booster versions

Interactive/customizable results by launch site drop down and payload mass (kg) slider

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Interactive Dashboard with Plotly Dash Notebook

Predictive Analysis (Classification)

Load data using numpy and pandas

Standardize and Transform data

Split into training and test sets

Build different machine learning classifiers and tune different hyperparameters using GridsearchCV

Use accuracy as metric for model, improve model using feature engineering and algorithm tuning

Find best performing classification model using accuracy and a confusion matrix

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Predictive Analysis (Classification)

GridSearchCV Optimal
Machine Learning Model
and Hyperarameters

**Exploratory Data Predictive Analysis Analysis (EDA) Launch Sites** (Classification) **Interactive Analytics** Insights **Proximities Analysis Dashboard** GridSearchCV Optimal SQL Folium Interactive Map Machine Learning Model Plotly Dash Dashboard Visualization and Hyperarameters

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SQL

#### All Launch Sites

Use DISTINCT to show unique launch sites from SpaceX data

```
%sql select distinct(LAUNCH_SITE) from SPACEXTBL;

* ibm_db_sa://pqd13006:***@54a2f15b-5c0f-46df-8954-'
Done.
launch_site

CCAFS LC-40

CCAFS SLC-40

KSC LC-39A

VAFB SLC-4E
```

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### **Launch Site Names Begin with 'CCA'**

CCAFS LC-

F9 v1.0 B0007

2013-

03-01

15:10:00

Use WHERE to filter for Launch Sites, LIKE to specify launch sites with names beginning with 'CCA' and LIMIT to return 5 records

\*sql select \* from SPACEXTBL where LAUNCH SITE like 'CCA%' limit 5; \* ibm db sa://pgd13006:\*\*\*@54a2f15b-5c0f-46df-8954-7e38e612c2bd.clogj3sd0tgtu0lgde00.databases.appdomain.cloud:32733/BLUDB DATE time\_\_utc\_ booster\_version payload\_mass\_\_kg\_ orbit customer mission\_outcome landing\_\_outcome 2010-CCAFS LC-Dragon Spacecraft F9 v1.0 B0003 LEO SpaceX Success Failure (parachute) 06-04 Qualification Unit NASA 2010-CCAFS LC-LEO 15:43:00 F9 v1.0 B0004 (COTS) Failure (parachute) two CubeSats, barrel of 12-08 2012-CCAFS LC-LEO NASA 07:44:00 F9 v1.0 B0005 Dragon demo flight C2 525 Success No attempt 05-22 (COTS) 2012-CCAFS LC-(ISS) NASA 00:35:00 F9 v1.0 B0006 500 SpaceX CRS-1 Success No attempt 10-08 (CRS)

SpaceX CRS-2

NASA

(CRS)

Success

No attempt

677

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### **Total Payload Mass**

Use SUM to apply to Payload Mass data and WHERE to filter for NASA (CRS) customer launches only

```
%sql select sum(PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_) from SPACEXTBL where CUSTOMER = 'NASA (CRS)';

* ibm_db_sa://pqd13006:***@54a2f15b-5c0f-46df-8954-7e38e612c2bd.clogj3sd0tgtu0lqd
Done.
    1
45596
```

Total Payload Mass (kg) = 45596kg for boosters launched NASA (CRS)

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### Average Payload Mass for Booster F9 v1.1

Use AVERAGE to apply to Payload Mass data and WHERE to filter for Booster version F9 v1.1

```
%sql select avg(PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_) from SPACEXTBL where BOOSTER_VERSION = 'F9 v1.1';

* ibm_db_sa://pqd13006:***@54a2f15b-5c0f-46df-8954-7e38e612c2bd.clogj3sd0tgtu0lqde00
Done.
    1
2928
```

Average Payload Mass (kg) = 2928kg for F9 v1.1 boosters

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### First Successful landing in ground pad

Use MIN to find earilest date and WHERE to filter for landing outcoming success in ground pad

```
*sql select min(DATE) from SPACEXTBL where LANDING_OUTCOME = 'Success (ground pad)';

* ibm_db_sa://pqd13006:***@54a2f15b-5c0f-46df-8954-7e38e612c2bd.clogj3sd0tgtu0lqde00.d
Done.
1
2015-12-22
```

First Date of Successful ground pad landing = 2015-12-22

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# Boosters with success in drone ship landing with payload mass between 4000 and 6000kg

Select Booster Version data, use WHERE to filter for Payload Mass range between 4000-6000 with AND to determine successful landing in drone ship for Payload Mass between 4000-600

%sql select BOOSTER\_VERSION from SPACEXTBL where PAYLOAD\_MASS\_\_KG\_ between 4000 and 6000 and LANDING\_\_OUTCOME = 'Success (drone

\* ibm\_db\_sa://pqd13006:\*\*\*@54a2f15b-5c0f-46df-8954-7e38e612c2bd.clogj3sd0tgtu0lqde00.databases.appdomain.cloud:32733/BLUDB Done.

#### booster\_version

F9 FT B1022

F9 FT B1026

F9 FT B1021.2

F9 FT B1031.2

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### **Boosters Carried Maximum Payload**

Select Booster version data, use WHERE to filter for payload mass and a subquery to select the MAX payload

```
$sql select BOOSTER_VERSION from SPACEXTBL where PAYLOAD_MASS_KG_ = (select max(PAYLOAD_MASS_KG_) from SPACEXTBL);

* ibm_db_sa://pqd13006:****@54a2f15b-5c0f-46df-8954-7e38e612c2bd.clogj3sd0tgtu0lqde00.databases.appdomain.cloud:32733/I
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 B1049.5
F9 B5 B1060.2
F9 B5 B1060.2
F9 B5 B1060.3
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```

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# 2015 Launch Records for Failed landing in drone ship, booster versions and launch site names

Select Landing outcome, booster version and launch site data using WHERE, LIKE, AND and BETWEEN to filter failed landing outcomes, their booster versions and launch site names for the year 2015

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### Rank count of landing outcomes between 2010-06-04 and 2017-03-20

Select COUNT of Landing outcome data with WHERE and BETWEEN to filter between dates 2010-06-04 and 2017-03-20.

Apply GROUP BY and ORDER BY to group data by landing outcome and to sort the output values in descending order

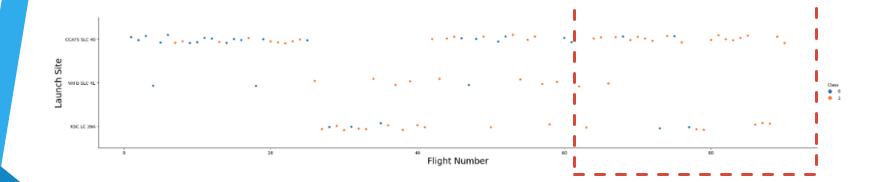
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### Flight Number vs Launch Site

As the flight number increases at a launch site, the higher the success rate at the launch site



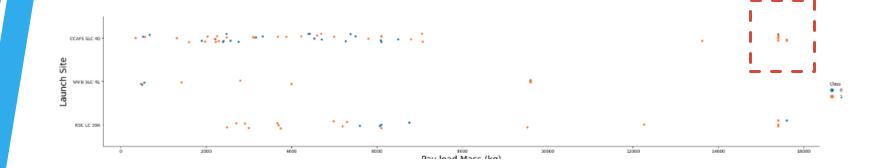
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### Payload vs Launch Site

The higher the payload mass for the launch site CCAFS-SLC 40 the higher the success rate



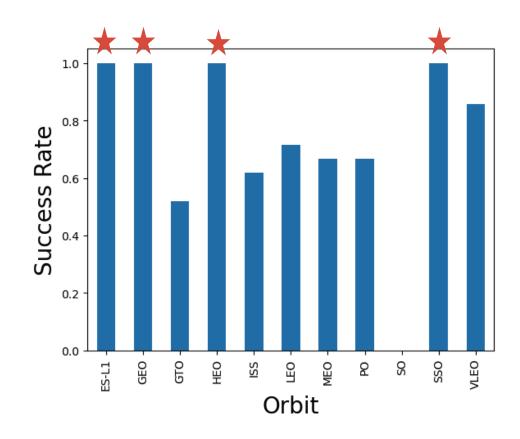
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### Success Rate vs Orbit Type

ES-L1, GEO, HEO and SSO have the highest success rate



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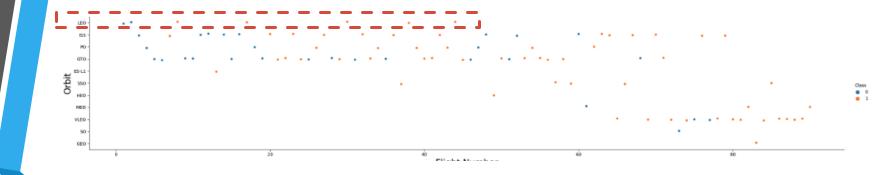
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### Flight Number vs Orbit Type

LEO Orbit success shows relationship with number of flights

GTO orbit success shows no relationship with flight number



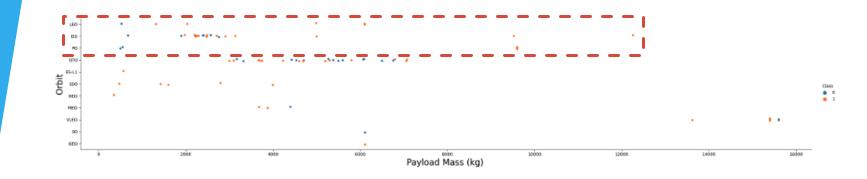
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### Payload vs Orbit Type

For Polar, LEO and ISS Orbits, heavier payloads have more successful landings



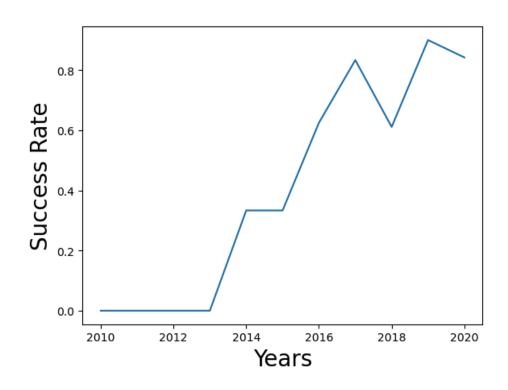
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### **Launch Success Yearly Trend**

Success rates increased from 2013 to 2020



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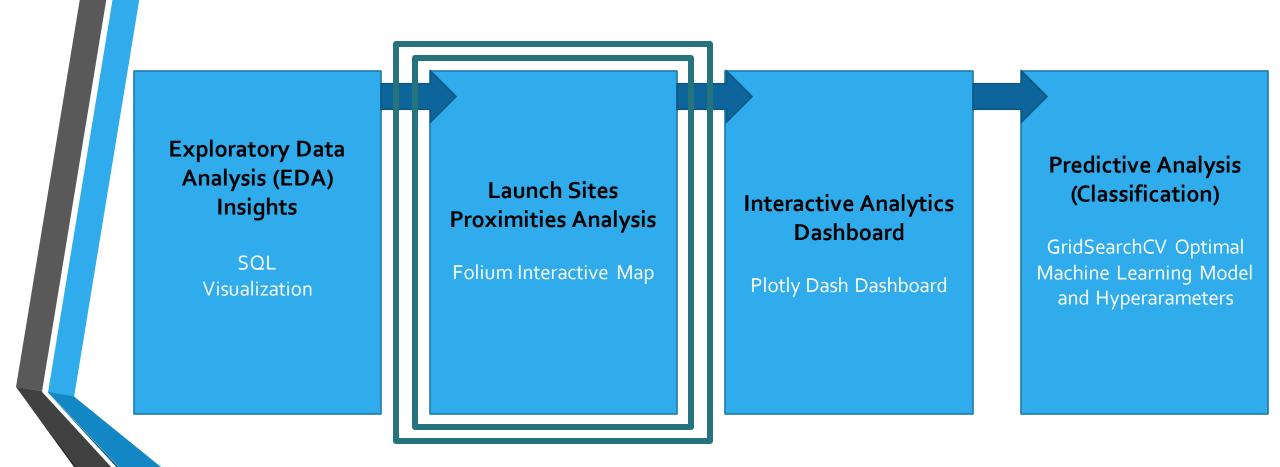
**Visualization** 

### **Features Engineering**

Features identified to be used in success prediction in future model

- Flight Number
- Payload Mass (kg)
- Orbit
- Launch Site
- Flights
- Grid Fins
- Reused
- Legs
- Landing Pad
- Block
- Reused Count
- Serial

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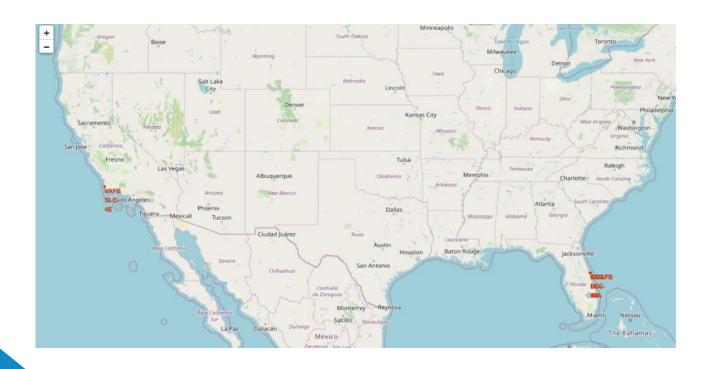
Folium Interactive Map

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### All Launch Sites on Map

All launch sites for SpaceX are located in the USA Launch sites are in California and Florida Launch sites are fairly close to the equator All launch sites are in close proximity to the coast



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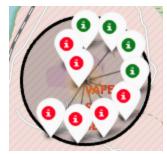
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Launches are clustered by site

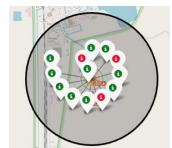


#### California

VAFB SLC-4E



#### KSC LC-39A



#### Florida

CCAFS LC-40 CCAFS SLC-40





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**Green**: Successful Launches **Red**: Unsuccessful Launches

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### Launch Sites Distance to Landmarks

#### California

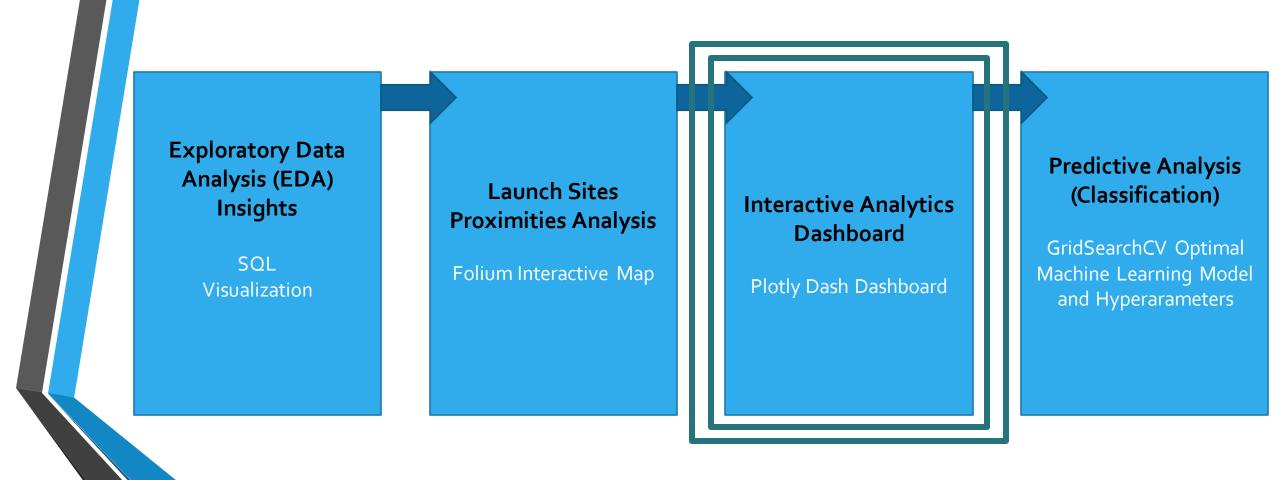
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Are launch sites in close proximity to railways? Yes
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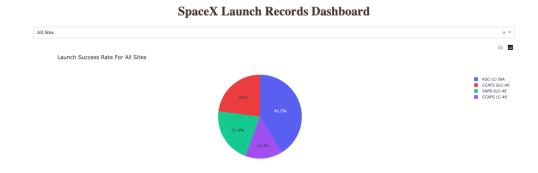


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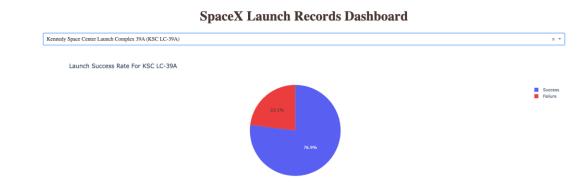
Plotly Dash Dashboard

#### **Launch Sites Successes**

KSC LC-39A has the largest successful launches at 41.2%



KSC LC-39A has the highest launch success rate at 76.9% success



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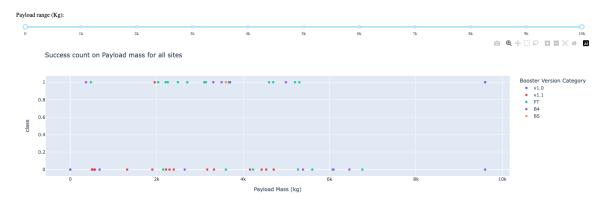
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#### **Launch Sites Distance to Landmarks**

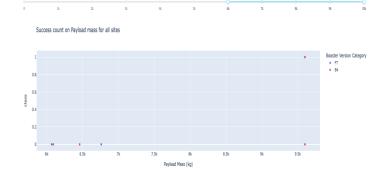
Success Count of Payload mass for all sites



Payload Range o-6oookg has the highest launch success rate



Payload Range 6000-10000kg has the lowest launch success rate

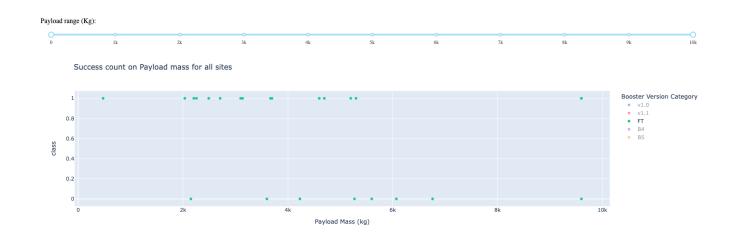


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#### **Launch Sites Distance to Landmarks**

F9 Booster version FT has the highest launch success rate



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### **Best Performing Method**

The decision tree classifier model has the highest classification accuracy

```
#Scores for each test method
print('Logistic RegressionAccuracy on test data: ',logreg_cv.score(X_test,Y_test))
print('Support Vector Machine Accuracy on test data: ',svm_cv.score(X_test,Y_test))
print('Decision Tree Accuracy on test data: ',tree_cv.score(X_test,Y_test))
print('K Nearest Neighour Accuracy on test data: ',knn_cv.score(X_test,Y_test))
print('The Decision Tree method performs best on test data')
```

Decision tree classifier model best parameters are:

{'criterion': 'gini', 'max\_depth': 4, 'max\_features': 'sqrt', 'min\_samples\_leaf': 2, 'min\_samples\_split': 5, 'splitter': 'best'}

Predictive Analysis (Classification)

GridSearchCV Optimal
Machine Learning
Model and Hyperparameters

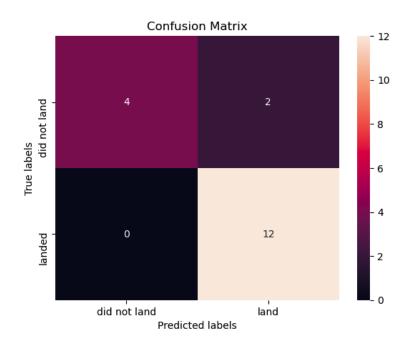
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#### **Decision Tree Confusion Matrix**

Decision Tree Classifier Confusion Matrix was able to:

- Distinguish between different classes
- Provided improvement on false positives observed with other classifier models tested



### CONCLUSION

#### What factors determine if the rocket will land successfully?

- Number of flights
- Orbit
- Payload
- Booster version
- Launch site

## Interactions amongst various features that determine the success rate of a successful landing?

- As the flight number increases at a launch site, the higher the success rate at the launch site
- Orbits
  - ES-L1, GEO, HEO and SSO: highest success rate
  - Polar, LEO and ISS: heavier payloads have more successful landings
- Success rates increased from 2013 to 2020
- KSC LC-39A has the highest launch site success rate
- Payload Range 0-6000kg has the highest launch success rate
- F9 Booster version FT has the highest launch success rate

## Which machine learning classifier best predicts if the first stage of a launch will land successfully?

• Decision tree classifier is best machine learning algorithm for this task

## **THANK YOU**