

# Winning Space Race with Data Science

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## **Executive Summary**

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  - Predictive Analytics result

#### 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

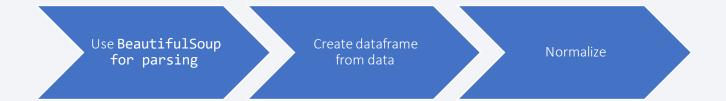
 We used the get request to the SpaceX API to collect data, clean the requested data and did some basic data wrangling and formatting.



The link to the notebook
 is https://github.com/alekslario/ibm watson/blob/master/jupyter-labs spacex-data-collection-api.ipynb

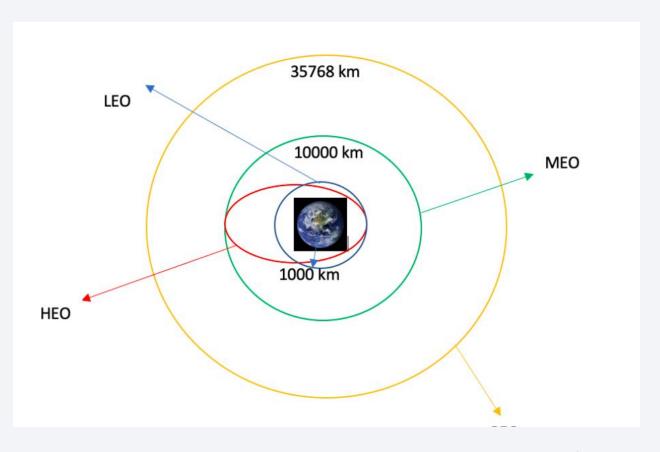
## **Data Collection - Scraping**

- I applied web scrapping to webscrap Falcon 9 launch records with BeautifulSoup
- I parsed the table and converted it into a pandas dataframe.
- The link to the notebook
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   o/ibm watson/blob/master/jupyter labs-webscraping.ipynb



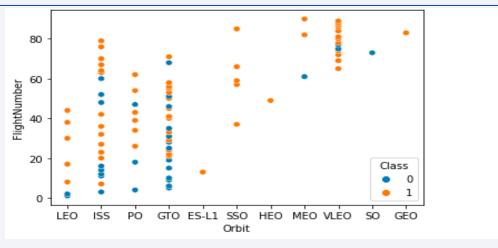
## **Data Wrangling**

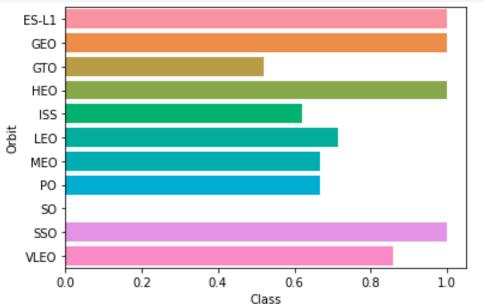
- I performed exploratory data analysis and determined the training labels.
- I calculated the number of launches at each site, and the number and occurrence of each orbits
- I created landing outcome label from outcome column and exported the results to csv.
- The link to the notebook
   is https://github.com/alekslario/ibm watson/blob/master/jupyter-labs webscraping.ipynb



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

- I 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.
- Notebook https://github.com/alek slario/ibmwatson/blob/master/jupyter-labseda-dataviz.ipynb





#### **EDA** with SQL

- I loaded the SpaceX dataset into a PostgreSQL database without leaving the jupyter notebook.
- I applied EDA with SQL to get insight from the data. I 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

https://github.com/alekslario/ibm-watson/blob/master/jupyter-labs-eda-sql-coursera.ipynb

#### Build an Interactive Map with Folium

- I 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.
- I 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.
- I 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

- I built an interactive dashboard with Plotly dash
- I plotted pie charts showing the total launches by a certain sites
- I 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/alekslario/ibmwatson/blob/master/lab\_jupyter\_launch\_site\_location.ipynb

## 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 https://github.com/alekslario/ibmwatson/blob/master/SpaceX\_Machine%20Learning%20Prediction\_Part\_5.ipynb

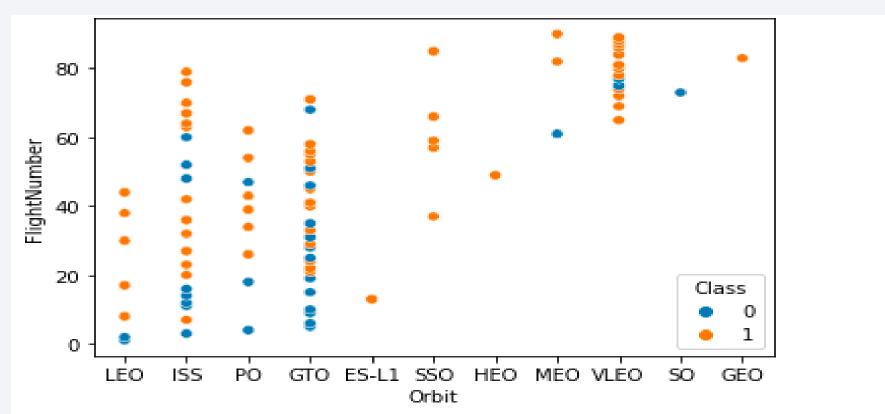
#### Results

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

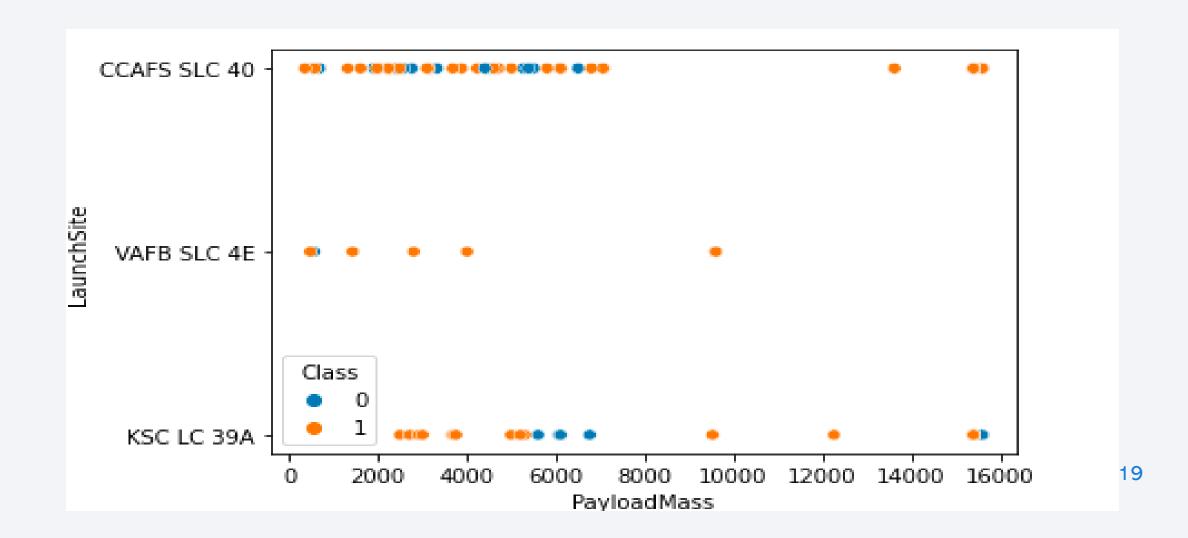


## Flight Number vs. Launch Site

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

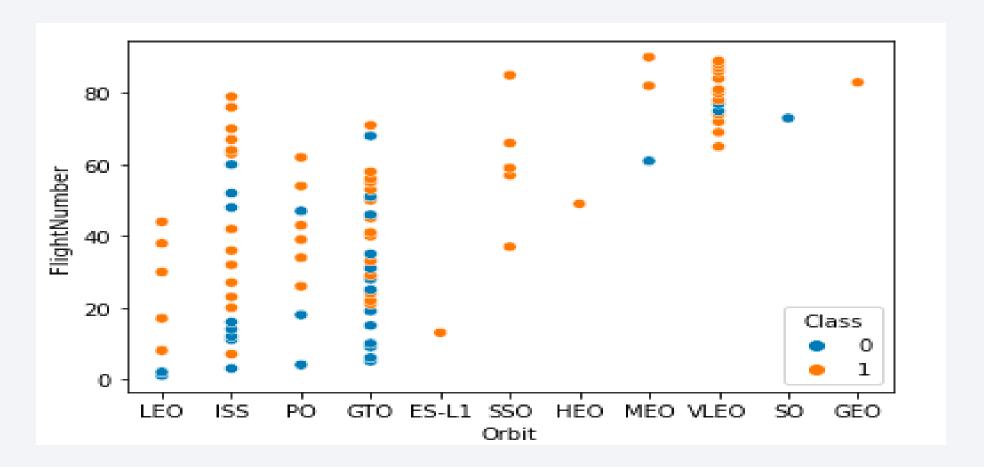


# Payload vs. Launch Site



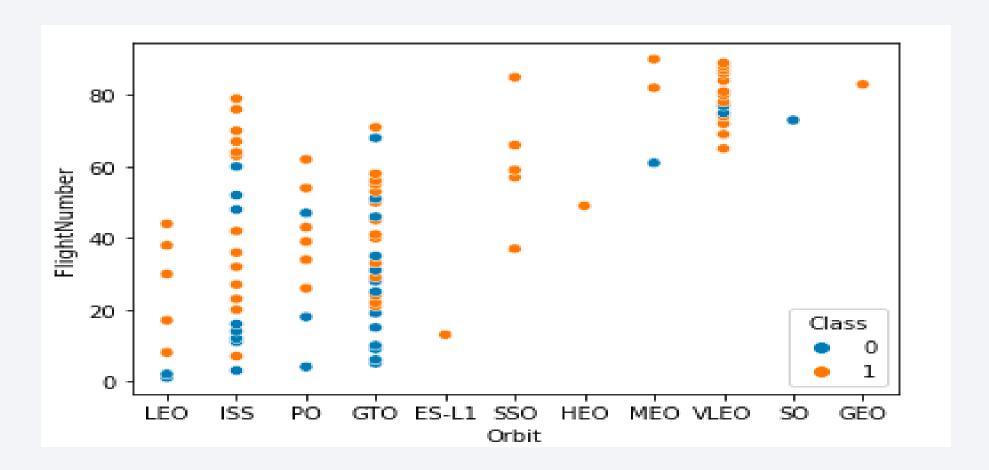
## Success Rate vs. Orbit Type

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



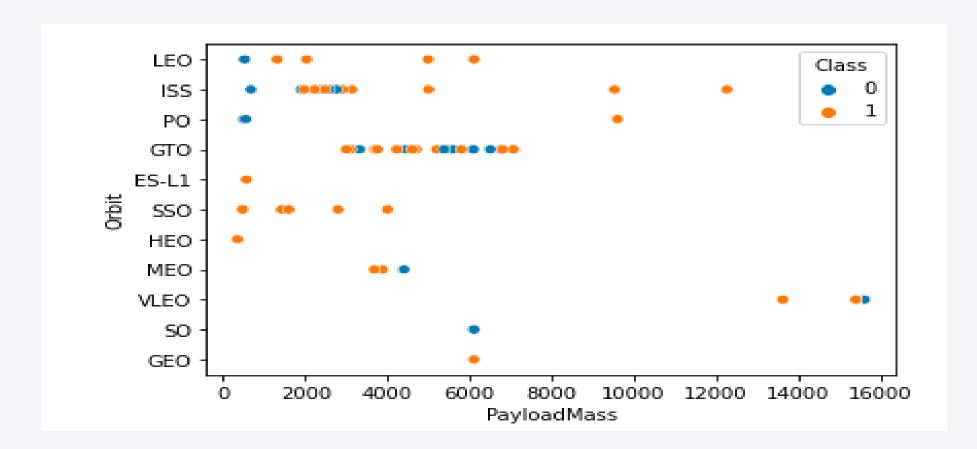
## Flight Number vs. Orbit Type

• 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.



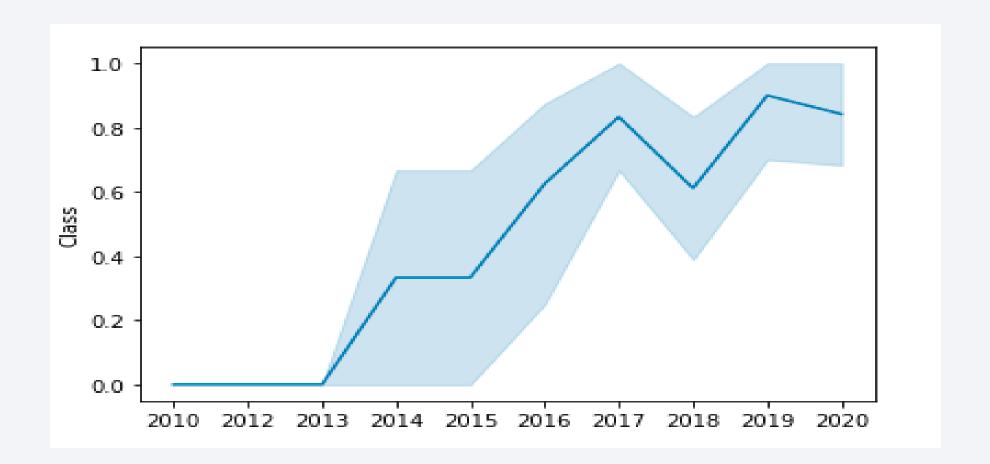
## Payload vs. Orbit Type

• With heavy payloads, the successful landing are more for PO, LEO and ISS orbits.



# Launch Success Yearly Trend

• The success rate since 2013 kept on increasing till 2020.



#### All Launch Site Names

• I used DISTINCT keyword to get unique names.



# Launch Site Names Begin with 'CCA'

Using LIKE keyword

	Disp	play 5 reco	rds when	e launch sites be	gin with the s	tring 'CCA'					
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	2	2012-05- 22	07-44-00	F9 v1.0 90005	CCAFS LC-	Dragon demo flight CI	525	UEG- (955)	NASA (COTS)	Success	No attempt
	3	2012-08-	00/35/00	F9 v1.0 80008	CCAFS LC- 40	SpeceX CRS-1	500	USD (855)	NASA (CRS)	Success	No attempt
	4	2013-01-	1510:00	F9×1/0 90007	CCAPS LC+ 40	Specal CRS-Z	617	(855)	NASA (CRS)	Success	Pio attempt

## **Total Payload Mass**

Using SUM keyword

## Average Payload Mass by F9 v1.1

#### Using AVG keyword

```
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'

'''

create_pandas_df(task_4, database=conn)

Out[13]:

avg_payloadmass

0 2928.4
```

## First Successful Ground Landing Date

#### Using MIN and LIKE

```
In [14]:

task_5 = '''

SELECT MIN(Date) AS FirstSuccessfull_landing_date
FROM SpaceX
WHERE LandingOutcome LIKE 'Success (ground pad)'

create_pandas_df(task_5, database=conn)

Out[14]:

firstsuccessfull_landing_date

0 2015-12-22
```

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

Used less/more comparison

```
In [15]:
           task_6 = '''
                    SELECT BoosterVersion
                   FROM SpaceX
                   WHERE LandingOutcome = 'Success (drone ship)'
                        AND PayloadMassKG > 4000
                        AND PayloadMassKG < 6000
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           create pandas df(task 6, database=conn)
Out[15]:
             boosterversion
                F9 FT B1022
                F9 FT B1026
          2 F9 FT B1021.2
               F9 FT B1031.2
```

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

Used wildcard'%'

```
List the total number of successful and failure mission outcomes
In [16]:
          task 7a - ' '
                   SELECT COUNT(MissionDutcome) AS SuccessOutcome
                   FROM SpaceX
                   WHERE MissionOutcome LIKE 'Success%'
          task 7b = ***
                   SELECT COUNT(MissionOutcome) AS FailureOutcome
                   FROM SpaceX
                   WHERE MissionOutcome LIKE 'Failure%'
          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)
          The total number of successful mission outcome is:
            successoutcome
          0
                       100
          The total number of failed mission outcome is:
Out[16]:
            failureoutcome
          0
```

# **Boosters Carried Maximum Payload**

 Had to use subquery

```
List the names of the booster_versions which have carried the maximum payload mass. Use a subquery
In [27]:
           task 8 - ...
                    SELECT BoosterVersion, PayloadMassKG
                    FROM SpaceX
                    WHERE PayloadHassKG = (
                                               SELECT MAX(PayloadMassKG)
                                               FROH SpaceX
                    ORDER BY BoosterVersion
           create_pandas_df(task_8, database=conn)
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              boosterversion payloadmasskq
                F9 85 81048.4
                                      15600
                F9 85 B1048.5
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                F9 85 B1049.4
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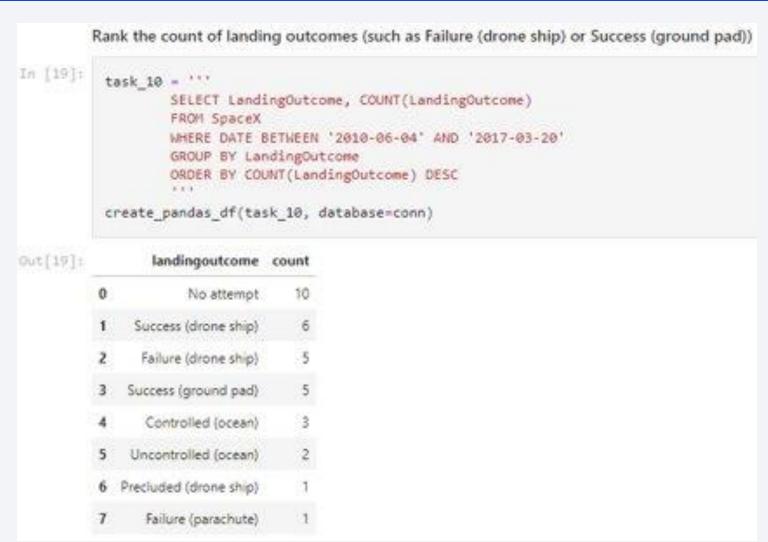
#### 2015 Launch Records

Used BETWEEN keyword

```
List the failed landing_outcomes in drone ship, their booster versions, and launch site names for in year 2015
In [18]:
          task 9 = '''
                   SELECT BoosterVersion, LaunchSite, LandingOutcome
                   FROM SpaceX
                   WHERE LandingOutcome LIKE 'Failure (drone ship)'
                       AND Date BETWEEN '2015-01-01' AND '2015-12-31'
           create_pandas_df(task_9, database=conn)
Out[18]:
            boosterversion
                             launchsite
                                         landingoutcome
              F9 v1.1 B1012 CCAFS LC-40 Failure (drone ship)
              F9 v1.1 B1015 CCAFS LC-40 Failure (drone ship)
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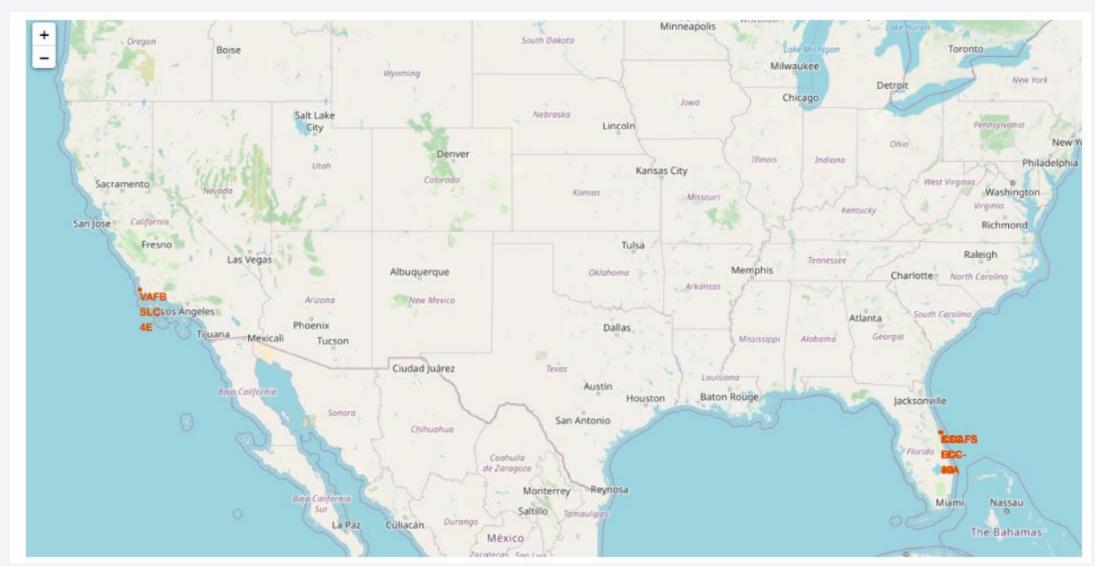
#### Rank Landing Outcomes Between 2010-06-04 and 2017-03-20

 Used Group by, Order by

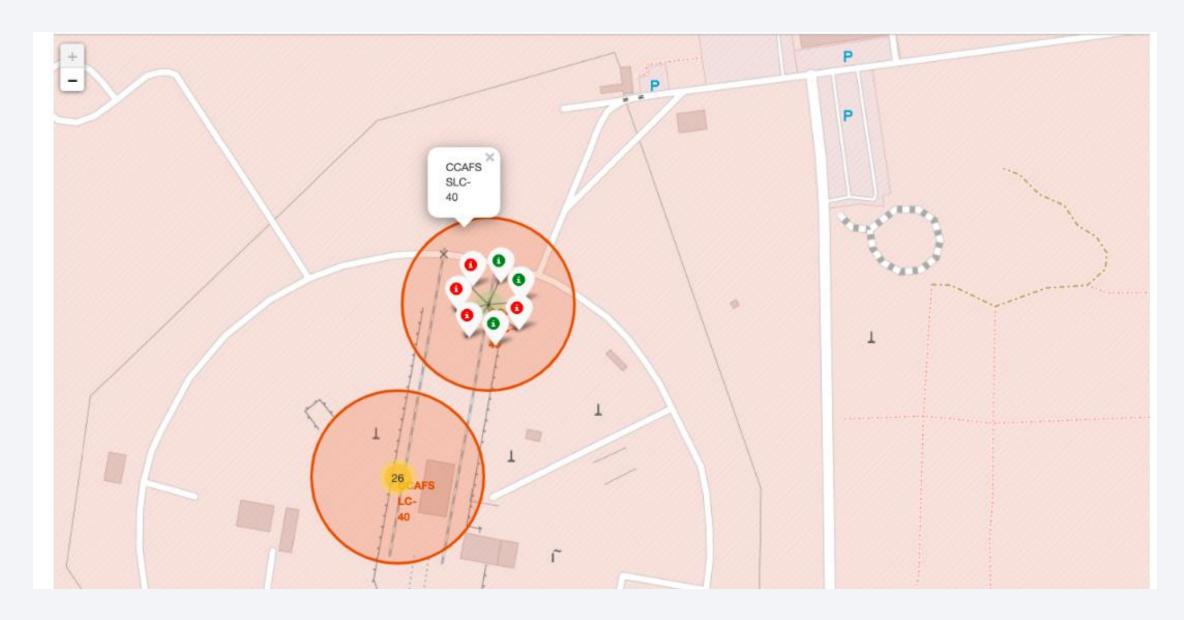




#### Launch locations

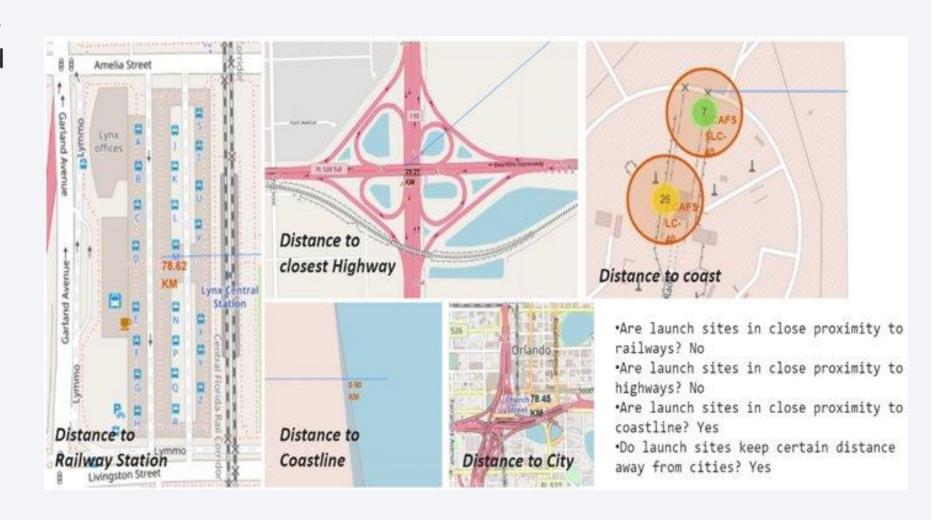


## Color coded failed and successful launches



# Proximity map

 All launch sites are conviniently placed next to important inforstructure

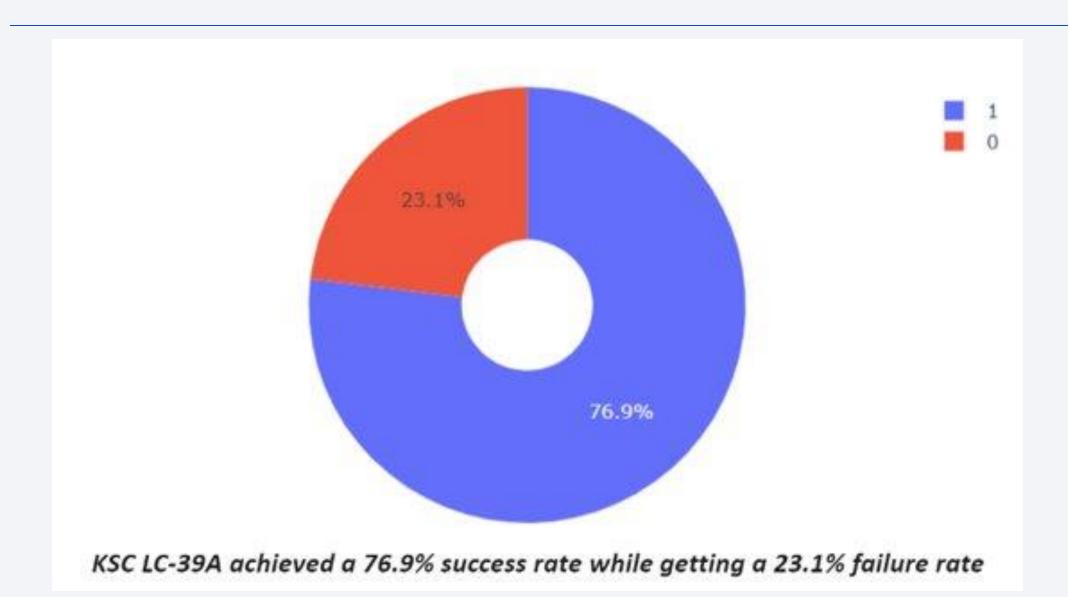




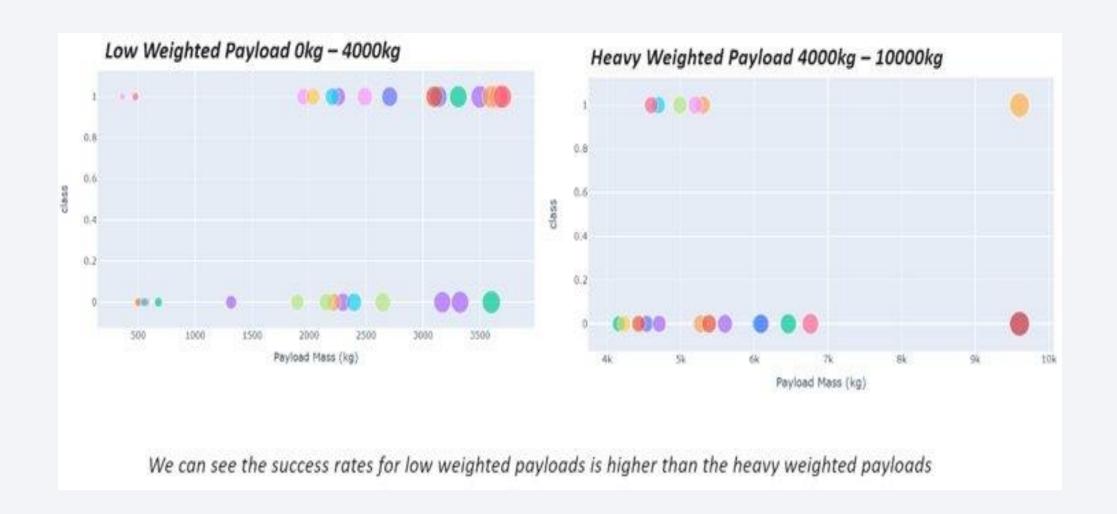
#### Pie chart showing the success percentage achieved by each launch site



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



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





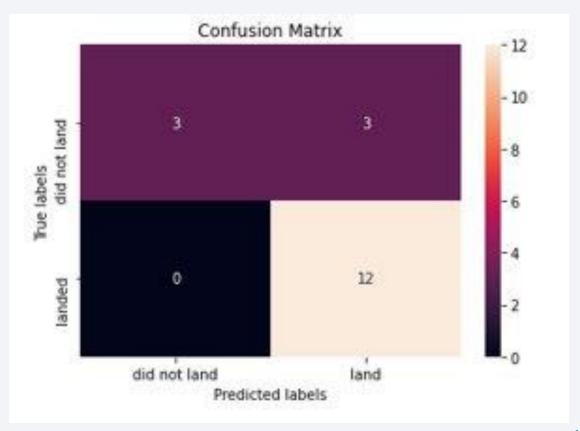
## Classification Accuracy

• Visualize the built model accuracy for all built classification models, in a bar chart

• Find which model has the highest classification accuracy

#### **Confusion Matrix**

 Preformed best but has a problem of false positives



#### 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.

## Appendix

• Include any relevant assets like Python code snippets, SQL queries, charts, Notebook outputs, or data sets that you may have created during this project

