

# Winning Space Race with Data Science

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### **Executive Summary**

#### Methodology Overview:

- Data Retrieval via API
- Web Scraping for Data Collection
- Data Preprocessing and Wrangling
- Exploratory Data Analysis using SQL
- Exploratory Data Analysis with Data Visualization
- Interactive Data Visualization with Folium
- Machine Learning Predictive Modeling
- Comprehensive Results Summary

#### A Recap of All Findings:

- Insights from Exploratory Data Analysis
- Highlights from Interactive Analytics (including Screenshots)
- Outcomes from Predictive Analytics
- Conclusions
- Scientific Suggestions

### Introduction

#### Project background and context

- SpaceX tries to distinguish itself by offering reusable Falcon 9 rocket launches at a cost of 62 million dollars, a substantial contrast to the 165 million dollars charged by other providers, with a record loss of just 1 payload. A key source of these cost savings is SpaceX's capability to reuse the first rocket stage. Predicting the successful landing of this first stage can have a significant impact on launch cost estimation, providing valuable insights for potential competitors in the rocket launcher industry.
- In this project I will aim to construct a machine learning pipeline forecasting the successful landing of the reusable first stage rocketry.

#### Questions to answer by this project

- What factors that impact the successful landing of reusable first stage rockets?
- Is the achievement of a successful landing very much dependent on intricate various characteristics at play?
- What operational conditions are crucial for ensuring a successful landing sequence?



# Methodology

#### **Executive Summary**

- Data collection methodology:
  - Describe how data was collected
- Perform data wrangling
  - Describe how data was processed
- 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

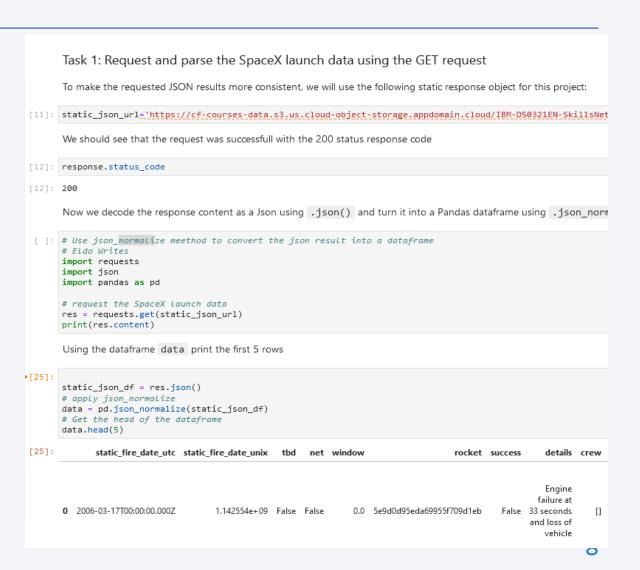
### **Data Collection**

#### How data sets were collected:

- Setting Objectives: Establish precise objectives for data utilization.
- Identifying Sources: Determine the locations where essential data can be retrieved, such as databases or APIs like SpaceX.
- Data Acquisition: Retrieve data from the identified sources, which may entail techniques like web scraping or making API requests.
- Data Refinement: Refine the collected data using libraries like Pandas and Numpy to eliminate duplicates, manage missing values, or transform data formats.
- Data Preservation: Archive the refined data in a database or file system, potentially employing SQL for relational databases.
- Data Examination: Examine the stored and refined data to extract valuable insights.

# Data Collection – SpaceX API

- Performed a GET request to the SpaceX API for data retrieval, followed by data cleansing and basic data manipulation and formatting.
- https://github.com/eldoma/IBM-SpaceX



# **Data Collection - Scraping**

 Web scraping Falcon 9 launch records with BeautifulSoup

 https://github.com/eldoma /IBM-SpaceX

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payload = row[3].a.string if row[3].a else "N/A"
                 launch_dict['Payload'] = payload
                 # Pavload Mass
                  payload_mass = get_mass(row[4])
                 launch_dict['Payload mass'] = payload_mass
                 orbit = row[5].a.string if row[5].a else "N/A"
                 launch_dict['Orbit'] = orbit
                 customer = row[6].a.string if row[6].a else "N/A"
                  launch_dict['Customer'] = customer
                 launch_outcome = list(row[7].strings)[0] if row[7].strings else "N/A"
                 launch_dict['Launch outcome'] = launch_outcome
                 # Booster Landing
                  booster_landing = landing_status(row[8])
                  launch_dict['Booster landing'] = booster_landing
                 # Append the Launch_dict to the Launch_list
                 launch_list.append(launch_dict)
     # Print the first few launch dictionaries as a sample
      for launch in launch_list[:5]:
         print(launch)
      {'Flight No.': '78', 'Date': '7 January 2020', 'Time': '02:19:21', 'Version Booster': 'F9 B5', 'Launch Site': 'CCSFS', 'Payl
      Customer': 'SpaceX', 'Launch outcome': 'Success\n', 'Booster landing': 'Success'}
     {'Flight No.': '79', 'Date': '19 January 2020', 'Time': '15:30', 'Version Booster': 'F9 B5', 'Launch Site': 'KSC', 'Payload'
       , 'Orbit': 'Sub-orbital', 'Customer': 'NASA', 'Launch outcome': 'Success\n', 'Booster landing': 'No attempt\n'}
      {'Flight No.': '80', 'Date': '29 January 2020', 'Time': '14:07', 'Version Booster': 'F9 B5', 'Launch Site': 'CCSFS', 'Payloa
     stomer': 'SpaceX', 'Launch outcome': 'Success\n', 'Booster landing': 'Success'}
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     ustomer': 'SpaceX', 'Launch outcome': 'Success\n', 'Booster landing': 'Failure'}
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     ustomer': 'NASA', 'Launch outcome': 'Success\n', 'Booster landing': 'Success'}
      After you have fill in the parsed launch record values into launch_dict , you can create a dataframe from it.
[21]: df= pd.DataFrame({ key:pd.Series(value) for key, value in launch_dict.items() })
      We can now export it to a CSV for the next section, but to make the answers consistent and in case you have difficulties finishing this lab.
      Following labs will be using a provided dataset to make each lab independent.
      df.to csv('spacex web scraped.csv', index=False)
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# Data Cleaned & Exported to CSV for Analysis

#### 2020 | +611

In late 2019, Gwynne Shotwell stated that SpaceX hoped for as many as 24 launches for Starlink satellites in 2520. In addition to 14 or 15 non-Starlink launches, 13 of which for Starlink satellites, Falcon 9 had its most profile year, and Falcon rockets were second most profile rocket family of 2020, only behind China's Long March rocket family.

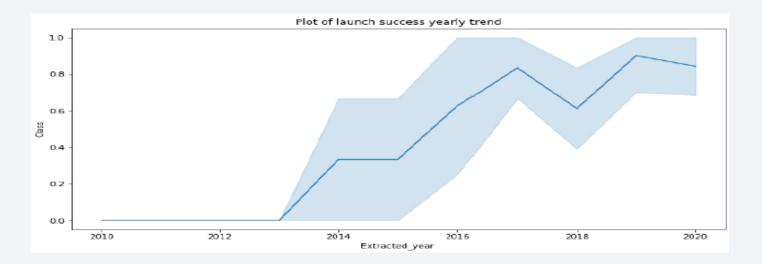
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-1				a new flight profile which deployed into a 21 data. <sup>(505)</sup> This was the first time a flight prove		orbit instead of launching	into a circular orbit and firing the sec	ond stage engine twice	. The first stage
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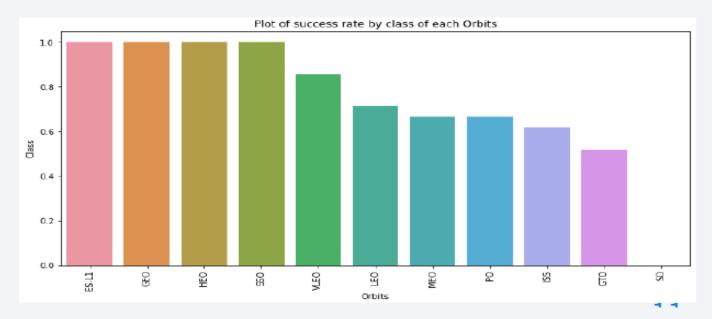
# **Data Wrangling**

- Performed an exploratory analysis of the data and determined the training labels. Calculated the number of launches at each site and analyzed the frequency and count of each orbit. Generated the landing outcome label from the outcome column and stored the findings in a CSV file.
- https://github.com/eldoma/IBM-SpaceX

### **EDA** with Data Visualization

- Visualizing data by exploring the correlation between flight number and launch site, payload and launch site, the success rate of each orbit type, flight number, and orbit type, as well as the annual trend in launch success.
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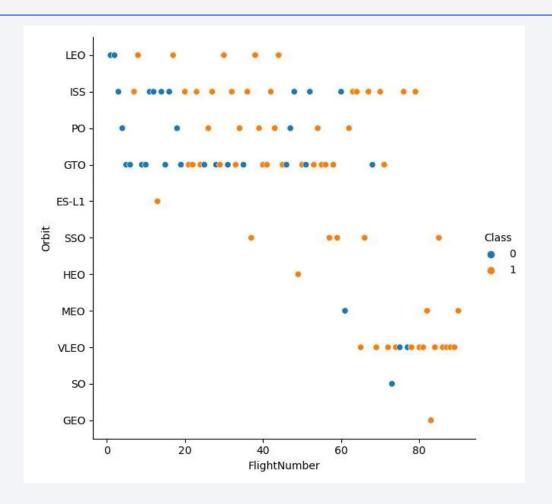




### **EDA** with Data Visualization

- We utilize Python's Matplotlib and Seaborn libraries to create visual representations of the dataset, allowing us to explore the relationships present within it.
- Visualizations pertains to the success rate in each orbit:
   Class 1 corresponds to "Success."
   Class 0 corresponds to "Failure."

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### **EDA** with SQL

- Identifying the unique launch sites in space missions.
- Calculating the total payload mass of NASA's (CRS) launched boosters.
- Determining the average payload mass of booster version F9 v1.1.
- Counting the total number of successful and failed mission outcomes.
- Identifying the failed landing outcomes on drone ships and collecting data on their booster versions and launch site names.

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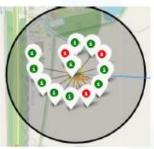
### Interactive Map with Folium: Launch Success / Failure Locations



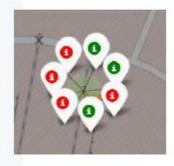
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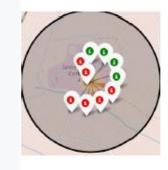
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KSC LC-39A



CCAFS SLC-40

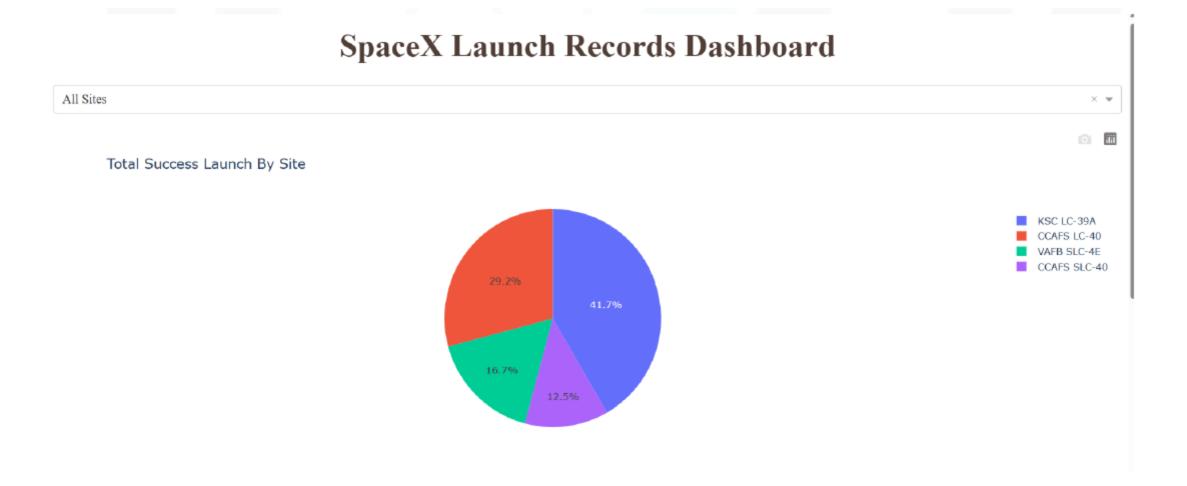


VAFB SLC-4E

### Dashboard with Plotly Dash

- We loaded the data using NumPy and Pandas, performed data transformation, and then divided our data into training and testing sets. Additionally, we constructed various machine learning models and fine-tuned their hyperparameters using GridSearchCV.
- Finally, we created scatter plots to visualize the relationship between the outcome and payload mass (in kilograms) for different booster versions.
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### Launch Success Probabilities



# Predictive Analysis (Classification)

- Create NumPy array from the Class column
- Standardize the data with StandardScaler.
- Fit and transform the data.
- Split the data using train\_test\_split
- Create a GridSearchCV object with cv=10 for parameter optimization
- Apply GridSearchCV on different algorithms: logistic regression
- (LogisticRegression()), support vector machine (SVC()), decision tree
- (DecisionTreeClassifier()), K Nearest Neighbor (KNeighborsClassifier())

### Results

#### Exploratory Data Analysis:

- Over time, there is a significant noticeable improvement in launch successes.
- Among landing sites, KSC LC 39A stands out with the highest success rate.
- Orbits ES-L1, GEO, HEO, and SSO have a perfect 100% success rate.

#### Visual Analytics:

- Most launch sites located near the equator, closest to desired orbits, situated along the coast.
- Launch sites are strategically positioned, ensuring that a failed launch would not cause collateral damage to cities, highways, or railways, yet they remain accessible for logistical support.

#### Predictive Analytics:

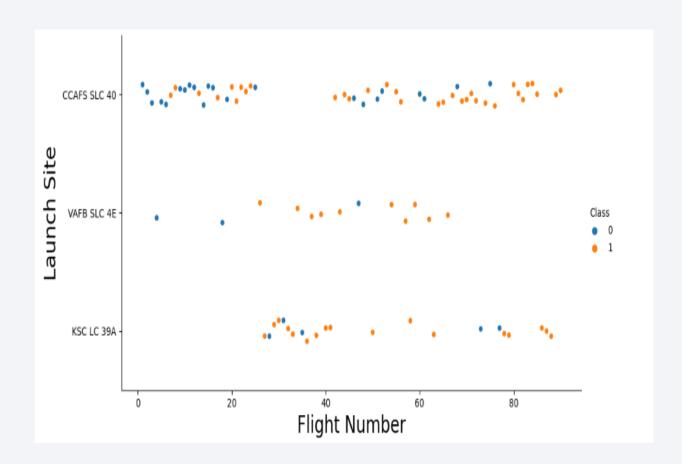
• The Decision Tree model emerges as the most effective predictive model for this dataset.



# Flight Number vs. Launch Site

#### Exploratory Data Analysis insights:

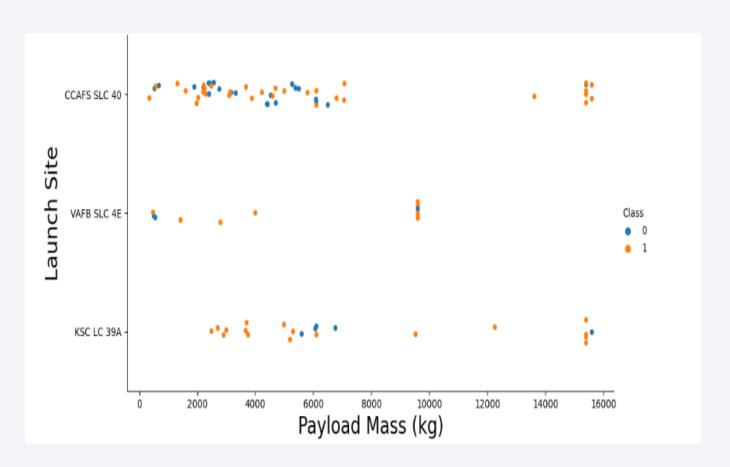
- Success rates for earlier flights were lower (indicated by blue), while success rates for later flights were higher (indicated by orange).
- Approximately half of the launches originated from the CCAFS SLC 40 launch site.
- Both VAFB SLC 4E and KSC LC 39A have notably higher success rates.
- It can be inferred that newer launches tend to have higher success rate.



### Payload vs. Launch Site

#### Exploratory Data Analysis insights:

- Generally, there is a positive correlation between payload mass (in kg) and success rate.
- Most launches with a payload exceeding 7,000 kg resulted in success.
- KSC LC 39A achieved a 100% success rate for launches with payloads less than 5,500 kg.
- Notably, VAFB SLC 4E has not launched payloads greater than approximately 10,000 kg.

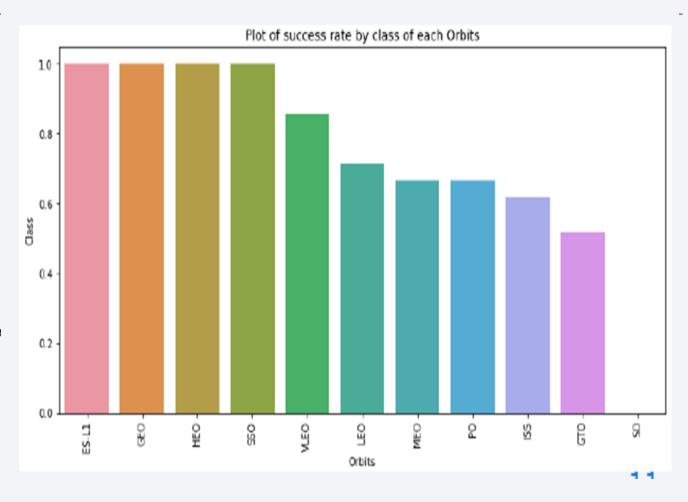


### Success Rate vs. Orbit Type

There are several types of Earth orbit, and each offers certain advantages and capabilities: LEO, MEO, GEO, GSO, Polar, SSO and HEO.

#### Orbit Type Success insights

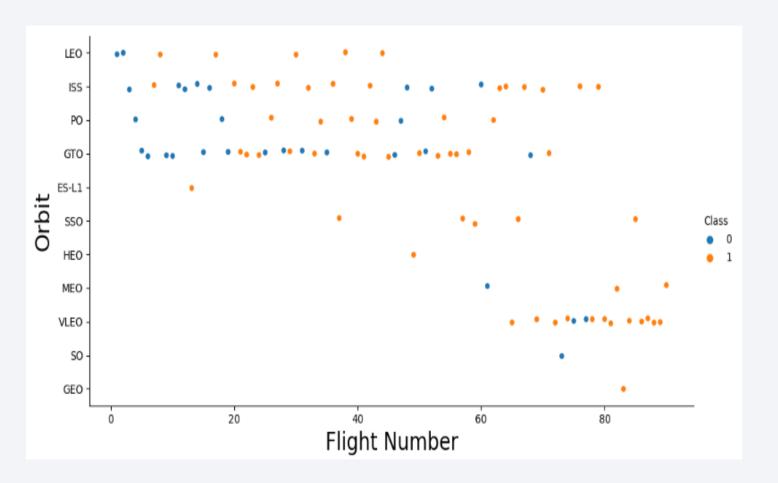
- 100% Success Rate :ES L1, GEO, HEO and SSO
- 50%- 80% Success Rate : GTO, ISS, LEO, MEO, PO
- 0% Success Rate: SO



# Flight Number vs. Orbit Type

#### Exploratory Data Analysis insights

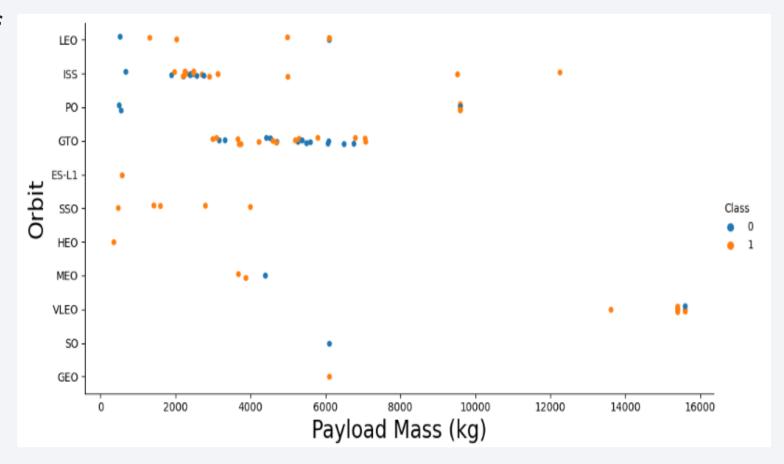
- The success rate generally rises with the number of flights for each orbit.
- This pattern is especially evident for the Low Earth Orbit (LEO).
- However, the Geostationary Transfer Orbit (GTO) does not exhibit the same trend.



# Payload vs. Orbit Type

#### Exploratory Data Analysis insights

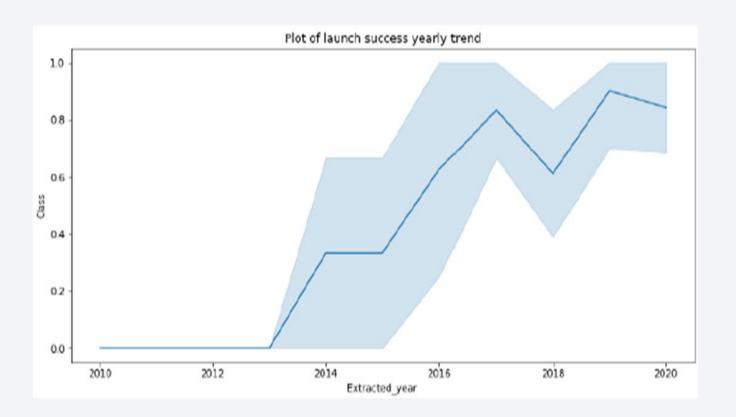
- For heavy payloads, the Low Earth Orbit (LEO), International Space Station (ISS), and Polar Orbit (PO) are more suitable, the successful landing are better for PO, LEO and ISS orbits.
- In contrast, the Geostationary Transfer Orbit (GTO) shows varying success rates with heavier payloads.



# Launch Success Yearly Trend

#### Exploratory Data Analysis insights

- During the years 2013 to 2017 and again from 2018 to 2019, there was an improvement in the success rate.
- However, there was a fall in the success rate from 2017 to 2018 and from 2019 to 2020.
- In summary, the success rate has shown an overall improvement since 2013.



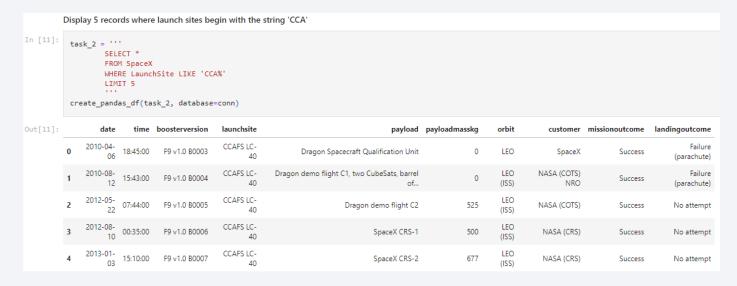
### All Launch Site Names

#### Query using DISTINCT to display Launch Site names

- CCAFS LC-40
- CCAFS SLC-40
- KSC LC-39A
- VAFB SLC-4E

# Records with Launch Site Starting with CCA Displaying 5 records below





# Launch Site Names Begin with 'CCA'

 Query using 'Unique' to display 5 records where launch sites names begin with 'CCA'

	Disp	lay 5 reco	rds where	e launch sites be	gin with the s	string 'CCA'					
In [11]:		FROM WHEN	ECT * M SpaceX RE Launc IT 5	hSite LIKE 'CC 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		07:44:00	F9 v1.0 B0005		Dragon demo flight C2 SpaceX CRS-1	525 500	LEO	NASA (COTS) NASA (CRS)	Success	No attempt

# **Total Payload Mass**

 Query displaying 45,596 kg total Payload mass carried by boosters launched by NASA

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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)'

'''

create_pandas_df(task_3, database=conn)

Out[12]: 

total_payloadmass

0     45596
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# Average Payload Mass by F9 v1.1

 Query displaying 2,928 kg (average payload mass) carried by Falcon booster version F9 v1.1

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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
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### First Successful Ground Landing Date

- Query to display dates of the first successful landing outcome on ground pad, which shows December 22nd, 2015.
- The maiden flight of the Falcon 9 Full Thrust version, on the evening of December 21, 2015, a successful landing which the first stage rocket was fully recovered the following day.

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

- Query reveals names of boosters which have successfully landed on drone ship and had payload mass greater than 4000 but less than 6000 are:
  - F9 FT B1022, F9 FT B1026, F9 FT B1021.2, F9 FT B1031.2
- Payloads carried: JSCAT-14, JSCAT-16, SES-10, SES-11 / EchoStar 105

```
%sql SELECT PAYLOAD \
FROM SPACEXTBL \
WHERE LANDING OUTCOME = 'Success (drone ship)' \
AND PAYLOAD MASS KG BETWEEN 4000 AND 6000;

* ibm_db_sa://yyy33800:***@1bbf73c5-d84a-4bb0-85b9-
sqlite:///my_datal.db
Done.

payload

JCSAT-14

JCSAT-16

SES-10

SES-11 / EchoStar 105
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#### Total Number of Successful and Failure Mission Outcomes

- Query using wildcard like '%' to filter for WHERE MissionOutcome
- So far, one rocket and its payload were destroyed on the launch pad during the fueling process before a static fire test was set to occur:

SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket catastrophic explosion destroys the rocket & Amos-6 Israeli satellite payload at launch pad 40 at Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, FL, on Sept. 1, 2016. A static hot fire test was planned ahead of scheduled launch on Sept. 3, 2016. Credit: USLaunchReport

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List the total number of successful and failure mission outcomes
In [16]:
          task 7a = '''
                  SELECT COUNT(MissionOutcome) 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
                       100
         The total number of failed mission outcome is:
Out[16]:
            failureoutcome
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# **Boosters Carried Maximum Payload**

A total of twelve (12) F9 boosters which have carried the maximum payload mass:

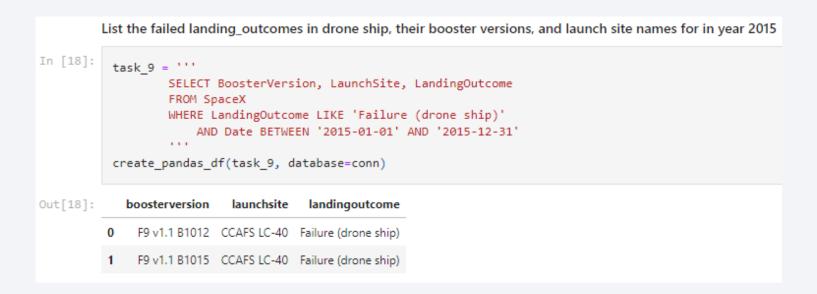
- F9 B5 B1048.4
- F9 B5 B1049.4
- F9 B5 B1051.3
- F9 B5 B1056.4
- F9 B5 B1048.5
- F9 B5 B1051.4
- F9 B5 B1049.5
- F9 B5 B1060.2
- F9 B5 B1058.3
- F9 B5 B1051.6
- F9 B5 B1060.3
- F9 B5 B1049.7

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

Out[17]:		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
	10	F9 B5 B1060.2	15600
	11	F9 B5 B1060.3	15600

### 2015 Launch Records

- failed landing\_outcomes in drone ship, their booster versions, and launch site names for in year 2015 are: F9 v1.1 81012 & 81015, at launch site CCAFS LC-40, Cape Canaveral Space Launch Complex 40.
- Falcon lands on droneship, but the lockout collet doesn't latch on one the four legs, causing it to tip over post landing. Root cause may have been ice buildup due to condensation from heavy fog at liftoff. Credit: SPACENEWS



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

- Rank 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
- There is no definitive conclusion to derive whether drone ship or ground landings are better off because it depends on the specific mission's needs and goals.
- Overall it depends on SpaceX's ability to choose between these two landing methods which provides flexibility that enables them to optimize the rocket recovery process for each mission.

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Rank the count of landing outcomes (such as Failure (drone ship) or Success (ground pad))
           task 10 = '''
                    SELECT LandingOutcome, COUNT(LandingOutcome)
                    FROM SpaceX
                     WHERE DATE BETWEEN '2010-06-04' AND '2017-03-20'
                    GROUP BY LandingOutcome
                    ORDER BY COUNT(LandingOutcome) DESC
            create pandas df(task 10, database=conn)
Out[19]:
                  landingoutcome count
                      No attempt
                                     10
               Success (drone ship)
                Failure (drone ship)
              Success (ground pad)
                 Controlled (ocean)
              Uncontrolled (ocean)
             Precluded (drone ship)
                 Failure (parachute)
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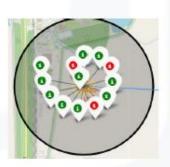
### Folium Map: SpaceX Launch Sites on the World



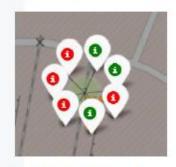
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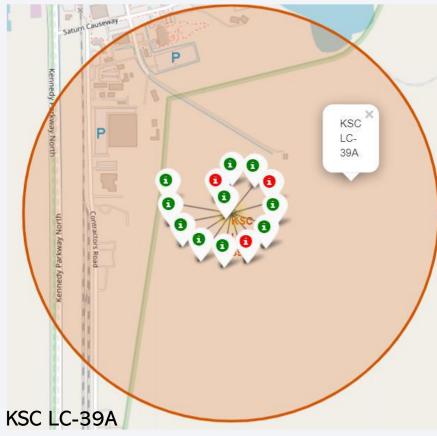


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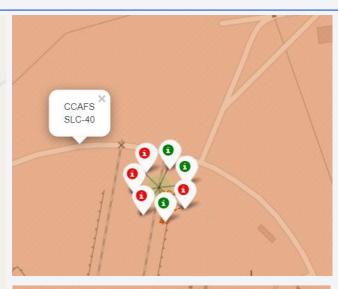


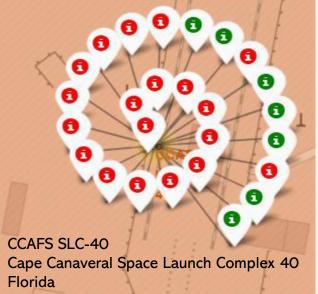
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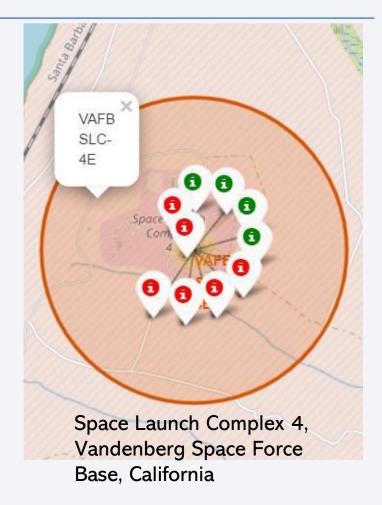
### Folium Map: Success/Failed Launches for Each Launch Site



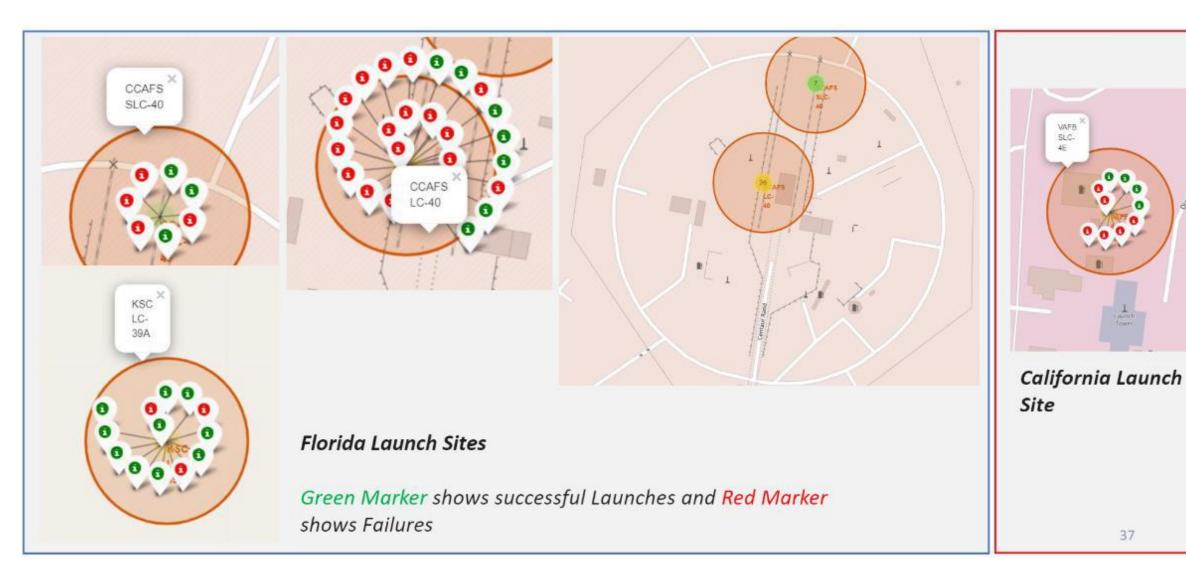
Kennedy Space Center Launch Complex 39A Florida



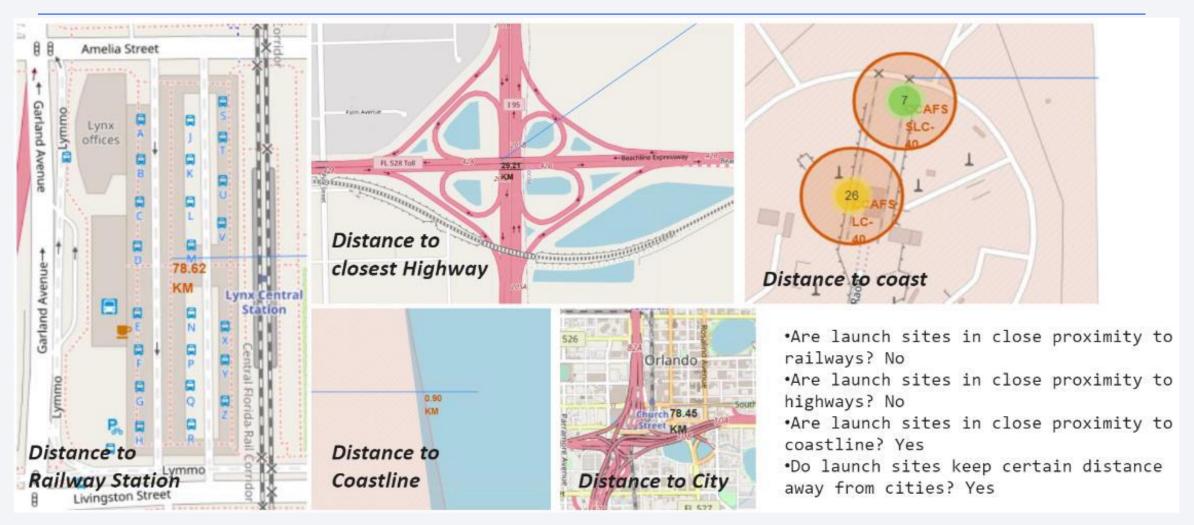




#### Folium Map: Success/Failed Launches Markers for Each Launch Site



# Folium Map: Distances





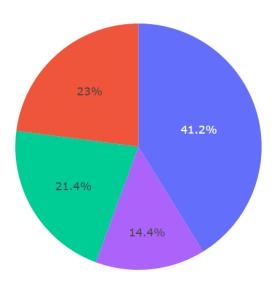
# Launch Record Success by Site

#### **SpaceX Launch Records Dashboard**

All Sites

Total Success Launches by Site

 KSC LC 39A by far was the most successful launch site record among launch sites by 41.2%



VAFB SLC-4E

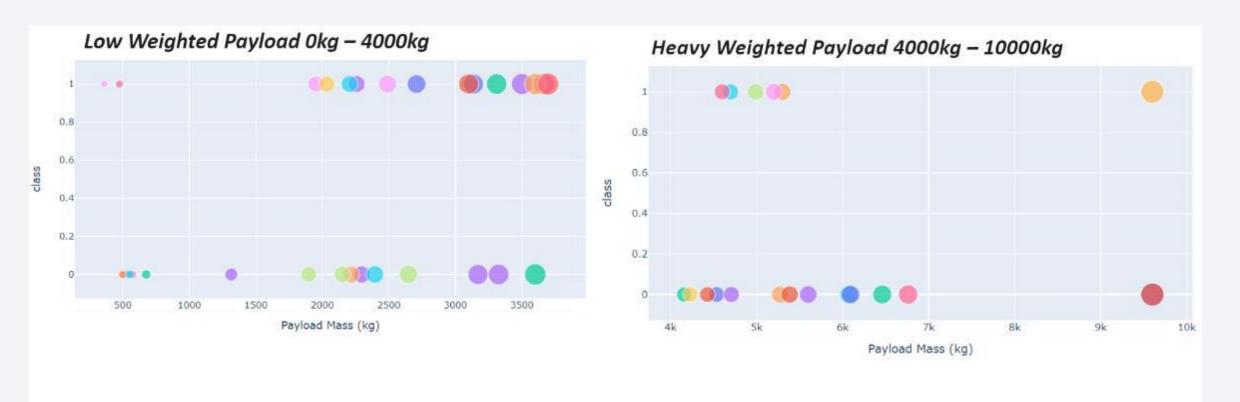
CCAFS LC-40

#### Launch Success of site # KSC LC-39A

- KSC LC- 39A has the highest success rate compared to its failure rate (76.9%)
- 10 successful launches, 3 failed launches



## Payload vs Launch Outcome Success Rates



We can see the success rates for low weighted payloads is higher than the heavy weighted payloads



### Classification Accuracy

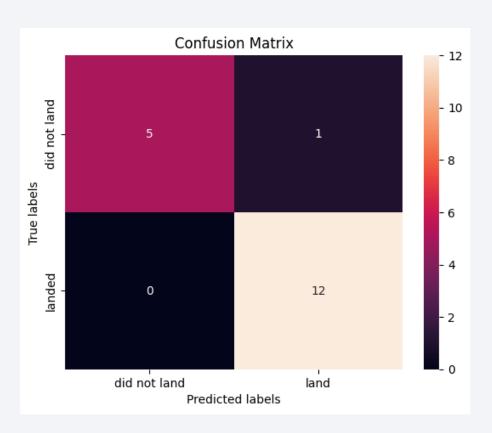
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bestalgorithm = max(models, key=models.get)
print('Best model is', bestalgorithm,'with a score of', models[bestalgorithm])
if bestalgorithm == 'DecisionTree':
    print('Best params is :', tree cv.best params )
if bestalgorithm == 'KNeighbors':
    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'}
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	LogReg	SVM	Tree	KNN
Jaccard_Score	0.800000	0.800000	0.800000	0.800000
F1_Score	0.888889	0.888889	0.888889	0.888889
Accuracy	0.833333	0.833333	0.833333	0.833333

- All models exhibited similar performance with equivalent scores and accuracy.
- Notably, the decision tree classifier outperformed the others, achieving the highest classification accuracy of 0.875.

#### **Confusion Matrix**

- As observed in the Classification Accuracy, the Decision Tree classifier model yields the most favorable outcomes for our dataset.
- However, the confusion matrix for the Decision Tree Classifier reveals a noteworthy concern: the classifier generates a considerable number of false positives.
- In other words, it frequently predicts a successful landing when, in reality, the rocket did not land successfully.
- It's worth noting that all the confusion matrices produced identical results.
- The presence of false positives (Type 1 errors) is a significant issue, with unsuccessful landings being erroneously classified as successful by the classifier.



#### **Conclusions**

- A greater number of flights at a specific launch site shows a positive correlation with a higher success rate at that particular site.
- Among the orbits, ES-L1, GEO, HEO, SSO, and VLEO, we observe the highest success rates.
- When dealing with heavier payloads, we see an increase in the success rate, particularly for LEO, ISS, and Polar orbits.
- The data indicates that the launch success rate has experienced an overall increase from 2013 to 2020, with minor fluctuations throughout this timeframe.
- It's noteworthy that Launch Site KDC LC 39 A boasts the most impressive launch success rate.
- When it comes to predicting the successful landing of SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket's first stage for reuse, the Decision Tree Classifier emerges as the most effective machine learning algorithm/model.

### Scientific Suggestions: EQUATORIAL LAUNCH SITES

- Most launch sites should ideally located near the equator to leverage the Earth's rotational speed, which provides an additional natural boost for launching rockets into equatorial orbits.
- This rotational speed of the Earth contributes to the rocket's initial velocity and helps save the cost of using extra fuel and boosters.
- When launching from sites near the equator, rockets receive the inherent speed from the Earth's rotation in the prograde direction, which is beneficial for achieving the desired orbit with less energy expenditure.

This, in turn, reduces the cost and complexity of rocket launches, making equatorial launch sites advantageous for space agencies and companies.

### Scientific Suggestions: COASTAL LAUNCH SITES

Launch sites are typically located close to the coast for several practical reasons:

- Safety: Launching near the coast provides a buffer zone in case of launch failures. If a rocket veers off course or encounters problems shortly after liftoff, launching over water reduces the risk to populated areas. It also minimizes the potential impact on critical infrastructure.
- Over-Ocean Trajectory: Rockets launched from coastal sites have a trajectory that takes them over the open ocean, reducing the risk of overflying populated areas or other sensitive locations. This over-ocean trajectory is particularly important during early stages of a launch.
- Range Safety: Coastal launch sites often have well-defined safety corridors that extend over the ocean. These safety corridors are designed to keep the rocket and its payload away from ships, aircraft, and other hazards. Range safety officers closely monitor the rocket's flight path.
- Access to Transportation: Being near the coast provides convenient access to transportation by sea. This facilitates the delivery of rocket components and payload to the launch site and the transportation of personnel.
- Water-Based Recovery: Coastal sites are ideal for missions involving rocket stages that are intended to be recovered by splashing down in the ocean, as it provides a nearby recovery area.

Overall, coastal launch sites offer practical advantages in terms of safety, range, and logistical support, making them a common choice for space launch facilities.

## **Appendix**

Data is collected from SpaceX's official API and its endpoints.

- https://api.spacexdata.com
- https://api.spacexdata.com/v4/rockets/
- https://api.spacexdata.com/v4/launchpads/
- https://api.spacexdata.com/v4/payloads/
- https://api.spacexdata.com/v4/cores/
- https://api.spacexdata.com/v4/launches/past

