

# Winning Space Race with Data Science

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#### **Executive Summary**

- In this capstone project, we predict if the SpaceX Falcon 9 first stage will land successfully using several machine learning classification algorithms and prediction as well as various interactive visualization approaches.
- Summary of methodologies
  - Data Collection through API
  - Data Collection with Web Scraping
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  - Interactive Visual Analytics with Folium
  - Machine Learning Prediction
- Summary of all results
  - Exploratory Data Analysis result
  - Interactive analytics in screenshots
  - 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.

- Common problems that needed to be studied and solved:
  - What factors and influencers 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

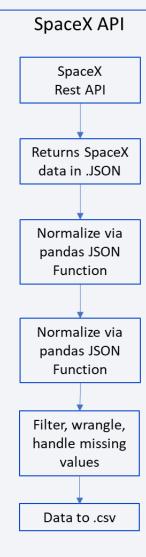


## Methodology

- The overall methodology includes:
  - 1. Data collection, wrangling, and formatting, using:
    - SpaceX API
    - Web scraping
  - 2. Exploratory data analysis (EDA), using:
    - Pandas and NumPy
    - SQL
  - 3. Data visualization, using:
    - Matplotlib and Seaborn
    - Folium
    - Dash
  - 4. Machine learning prediction, using
    - Logistic regression
    - Support vector machine (SVM)
    - Decision tree
    - K-nearest neighbors (KNN)
    - DT models evaluated for the best classifier

## Data Collection via the SpaceX API

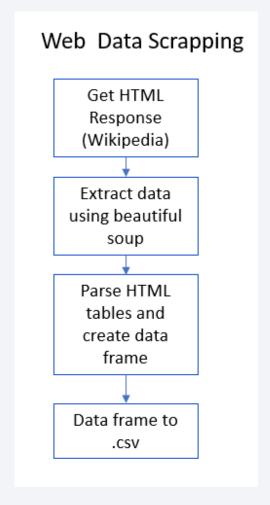
- SpaceX Launch data which was acquired by using the Spacex REST API https://api.spacexdata.com/v4/rockets/.
- Falcon 9 launch data using Beautiful soup to parse html
   Wikipedia data
- The API provides data about many types of rocket launches done by SpaceX, the data is therefore filtered to include only Falcon 9 launches.
- Every missing value in the data is replaced the mean the column that the missing value belongs to.
- We end up with 90 rows or instances and 17 columns or features.





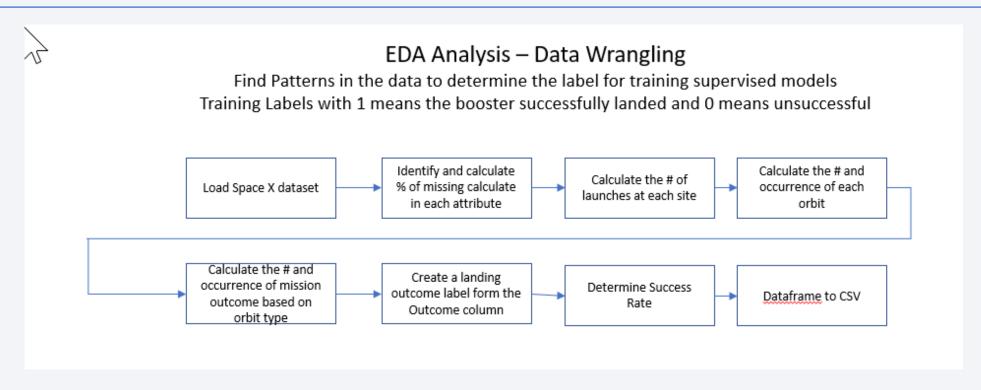
#### Data Collection – Web Scraping

 Web scraping was used to collect Falcon 9 historical launch records from the Wikipedia page titled "List of Falcon 9 and Falcon Heavy launches"





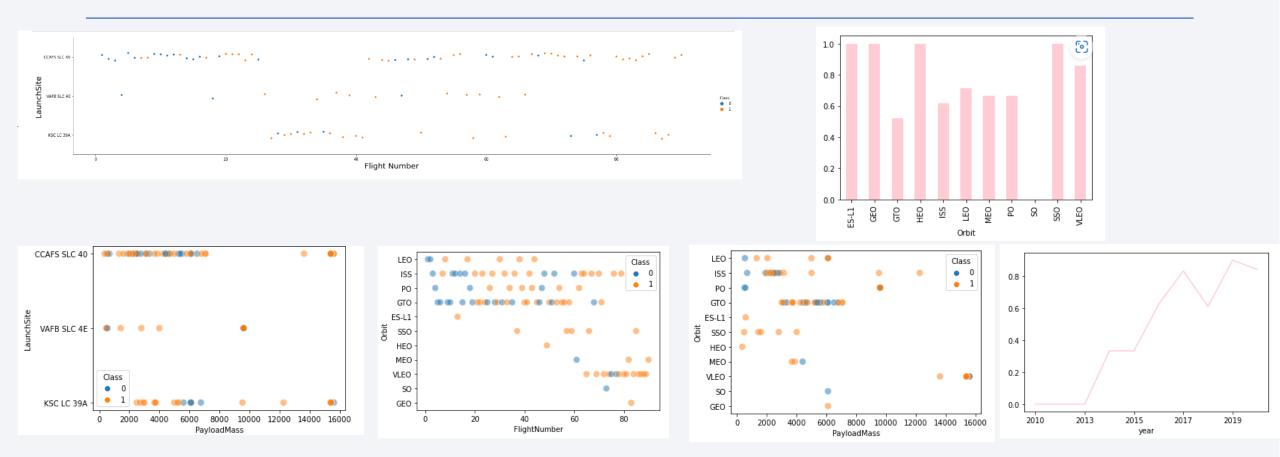
## **Data Wrangling**



- We performed exploratory data analysis and determine the training labels
- We calculated the number of launches at each site, and the number and occurrence of each orbit
- We created landing outcome labels from the outcome column and exported the results to a .CSV



#### **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 and the launch success yearly trend



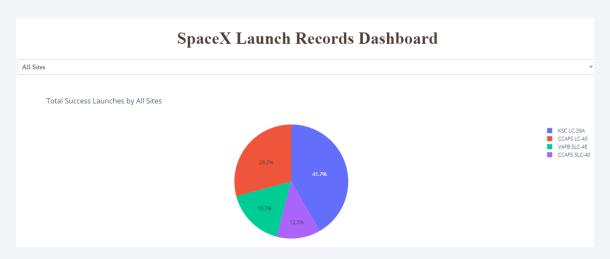
## Build an Interactive Map with Folium

- Launch sites were marked [folium.Marker()] and circled with a text label [folium.Circle()] on a map
  [folium.Map] using the sites latitude and longitude coordinates. The reason for the marks was to
  visualize the geographical location rather then just referencing the Lat and Long coordinates
  which are not intuitive.
- Each site on the map was then marked to indicate success or failure of the launches which used the class column that indicated success or failure. Marker clusters [markerCluster()] where also used to simplify the map as many markers can have the same coordinates
- Distance between launch sites to its proximities where calculated. Folium.Maker() was used to show the distance and folium.PolyLine was used between the locations.



## Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

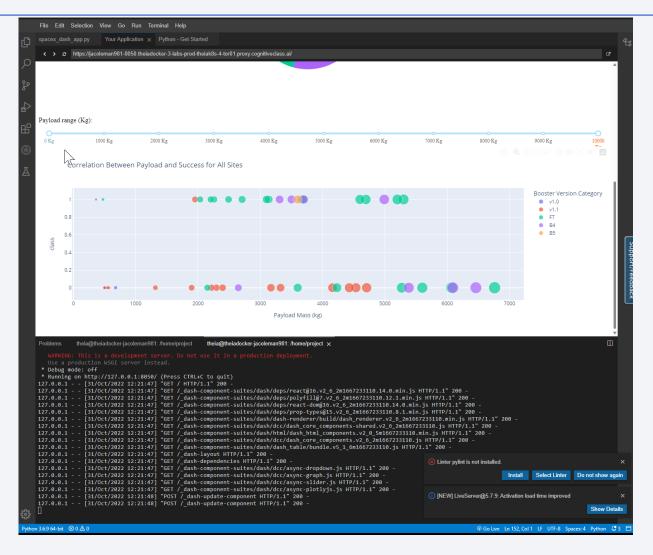
- Dash components and ploty components were imported to build out the specified dashboard.
- HTML components were used to add a dropdown list to enable launch site selection
- An HTML graph (dcc.Graph) was used to create a 'Success Pie Chart". Chart shows the total of successful launches count for all sites unless a specific launch was selected which then showed the Success vs. Failed counts for the site
- Callback functions were used for the 'site-dropdown' as input and 'success-pie-chart' as output.
- Additional callback functions were added for 'site-dropdown' and 'payload-slider as inputs and 'success-payload-scatter-chart' as output.





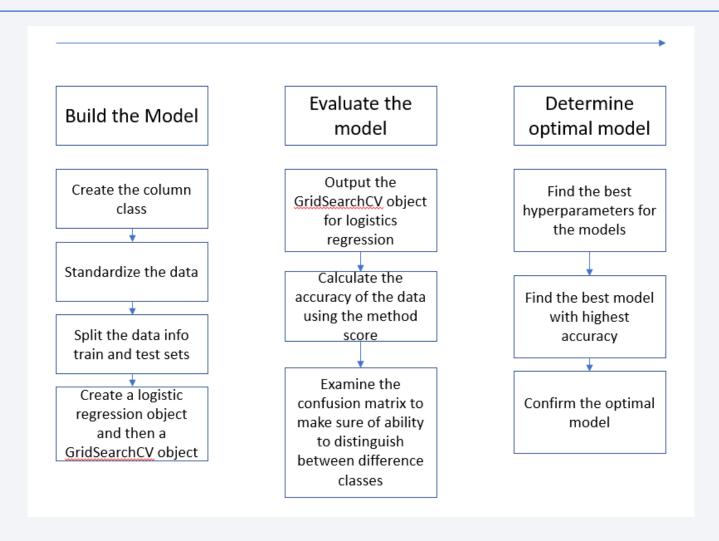


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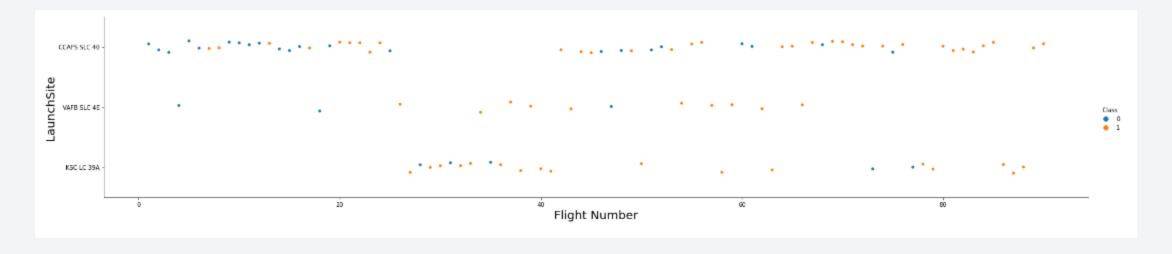
## Predictive Analysis (Classification)





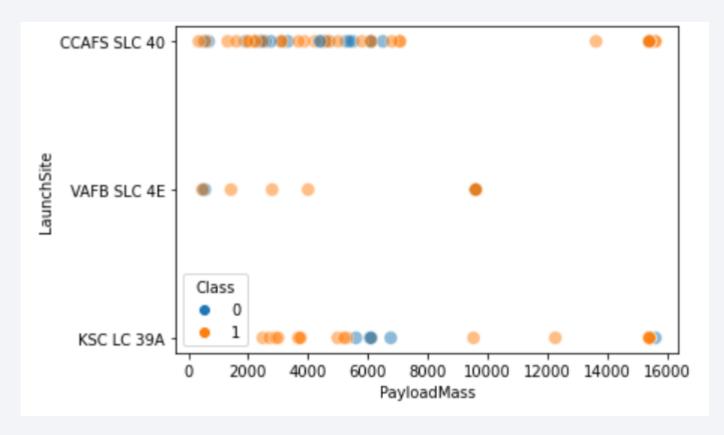


## Flight Number vs. Launch Site



Launches from the site of CCAFS SLC 40 are more numerous than other launch sites

#### Payload vs. Launch Site



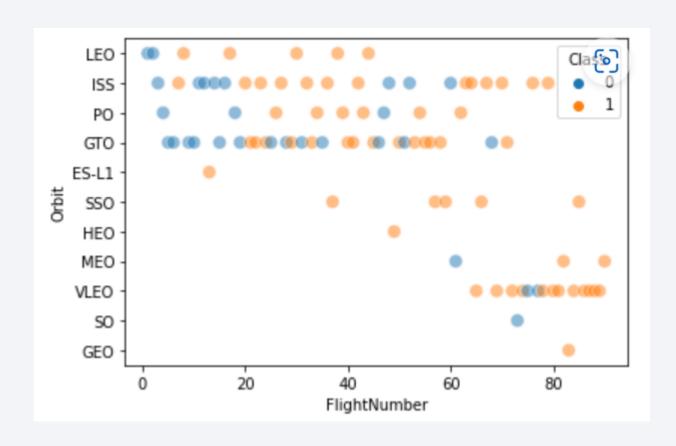
- Payload Vs. Launch Site scatter point chart shows for the VAFB-SLC launch site there
  are no rockets launched for heavy payload mass(greater than 10000).
- Payloads with lower mass have been launched from CCAFS SLS40

## Success Rate vs. Orbit Type



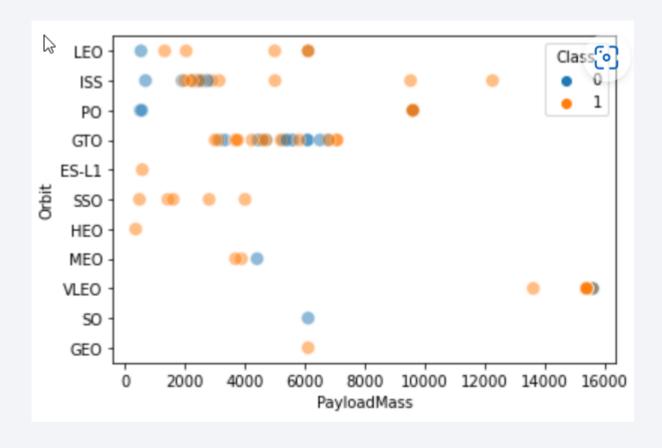
 The orbit types of ES-L1, GEO, HEO, SSO are among the highest success rate

## Flight Number vs. Orbit Type



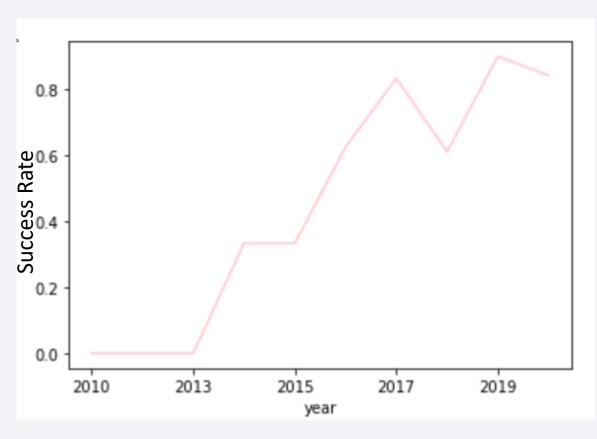
- The LEO orbit success appears related to the number of flights; on the other hand, there seems to be no relationship between flight number when in GTO orbit
- An observed trend is there is a shift to VLEO launches in recent years

## Payload vs. Orbit Type



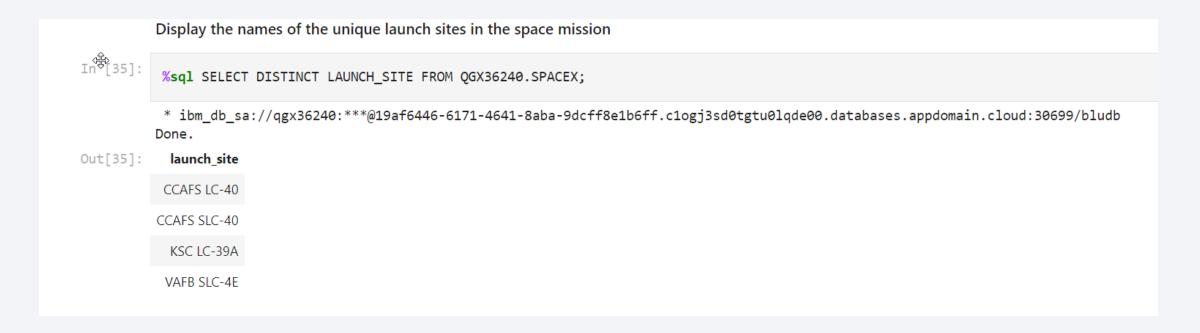
- With heavy payloads the successful landing or positive landing rate are more for Pola, LEO and ISS
- GTO is hard to distinguish as both positive and negative landing rates are both indicated

## Launch Success Yearly Trend



 The success rate since 2013 kept increasing until 2020. Likely due to learning from failures and technology innovation

#### All Launch Site Names



A selection of all the Distinct launch sites



## Launch Site Names Begin with 'CCA'

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

In [36]:

%sql SELECT \* FROM QGX36240.SPACEX WHERE LAUNCH\_SITE LIKE 'CCA%' LIMIT 5;

\* ibm\_db\_sa://qgx36240:\*\*\*@19af6446-6171-4641-8aba-9dcff8e1b6ff.clogj3sd0tgtu0lqde00.databases.appdomain.cloud:30699/bludb Done.

Out[36]:

]:	DATE	timeutc_	booster_version	launch_site	payload	payload_masskg_	orbit	customer	mission_outcome	landing_outcome
	2010-06- 04	18:45:00	F9 v1.0 B0003	CCAFS LC- 40	Dragon Spacecraft Qualification Unit	0	LEO	SpaceX	Success	Failure (parachute)
	2010-12- 08	15:43:00	F9 v1.0 B0004	CCAFS LC- 40	Dragon demo flight C1, two CubeSats, barrel of Brouere cheese	0	LEO (ISS)	NASA (COTS) NRO	Success	Failure (parachute)
	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
	2012-10- 08	00:35:00	F9 v1.0 B0006	CCAFS LC- 40	SpaceX CRS-1	500	LEO (ISS)	NASA (CRS)	Success	No attempt
	2013-03- 01	15:10:00	F9 v1.0 B0007	CCAFS LC- 40	SpaceX CRS-2	677	LEO (ISS)	NASA (CRS)	Success	No attempt

A filter on launch sites that have a name begining with 'CCA'



## **Total Payload Mass**

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

In [37]: %sql SELECT SUM(payload\_mass\_\_kg\_) FROM QGX36240.SPACEX WHERE customer = 'NASA (CRS)';

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Out[37]: 1

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- Customer = 'NASA (CRS) clause returns the sum of payload\_mass\_kg\_ from the database.table (QGX36240.SPACEX)
- Result of the SQL query is shown above



## Average Payload Mass by F9 v1.1

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In [14]: Sql SELECT AVG(payload_mass_kg_) AS "Average Payload Mass by Booster Version F9 v1.1" FROM QGX36240.SPACEX WHERE BOOSTER_VERSION = 'F9 v1.1';

* ibm_db_sa://qgx36240:***@19af6446-6171-4641-8aba-9dcff8e1b6ff.clogj3sd0tgtu0lqde00.databases.appdomain.cloud:30699/bludb
Done.

Out[14]: Average Payload Mass by Booster Version F9 v1.1

2928
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An average can be obtained for any numeric table value using AVG



## First Successful Ground Landing Date

MIN function used for this query to determine First Successful Outcome with a filter of Success (ground pad)

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



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

F9 FT B1022

F9 FT B1026

F9 FT B1021.2

F9 FT B1031.2



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

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☑In [27]: ▶ %sql SELECT COUNT(mission_outcome) AS "Count of All Missions" FROM QGX36240.SPACEX;
                  * ibm db sa://qgx36240:***@19af6446-6171-4641-8aba-9dcff8e1b6ff.c1ogj3sd0tgtu0lqde00.databases.appdomain.cloud:30699/bludb
                 Done.
        Out[27]:
                  Count of All Missions
                                101
 In [28]: ( ) %sql SELECT COUNT(mission outcome) As "Count of Successful Missions" FROM QGX36240.SPACEX where mission outcome LIKE 'Success%';
                  * ibm db sa://qgx36240:***@19af6446-6171-4641-8aba-9dcff8e1b6ff.c1ogj3sd0tgtu0lqde00.databases.appdomain.cloud:30699/bludb
                 Done.
       Out[28]:
                  Count of Successful Missions
                                       100
 In [29]: ( ) %sql SELECT COUNT(mission outcome) As "Count of Failed Missions" FROM QGX36240.SPACEX where mission outcome LIKE 'Failure%';
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                 Done.
       Out[29]:
                  Count of Failed Missions
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## **Boosters Carried Maximum Payload**

In [34]: (Select Distinct booster\_version as "Booster Versions which carried the Maximum Payload Mass" FROM QGX36240.SPACEX WHERE payload\_mass\_kg\_ = (SELECT MAX(payload\_mass\_kg\_) FROM QGX36240.SPACEX); \* ibm db sa://qgx36240:\*\*\*@19af6446-6171-4641-8aba-9dcff8e1b6ff.clogj3sd0tgtu0lqde00.databases.appdomain.cloud:30699/bludb

Booster Versions which carried the Maximum Payload Mass
F9 B5 B1048.4
F9 B5 B1048.5
F9 B5 B1049.4
F9 B5 B1049.5
F9 B5 B1049.7
F9 B5 B1051.3
F9 B5 B1051.4
F9 B5 B1051.6
F9 B5 B1056.4
F9 B5 B1058.3

F9 B5 B1060.2 F9 B5 B1060.3



#### 2015 Launch Records

<u>DataScienceCapstone/4 EDA-sql-coursera (1).ipynb at main · jac-devop/DataScienceCapstone (github.com)</u>

3 [35]: 🕑 %sql select month(DATE) as Month, booster\_version, launch\_site from QGX36240.SPACEX where landing\_outcome = 'Failure (drone ship)' and year(DATE) = '2015';

\* ibm\_db\_sa://qgx36240:\*\*\*@19af6446-6171-4641-8aba-9dcff8e1b6ff.c1ogj3sd0tgtu0lqde00.databases.appdomain.cloud:30699/bludb Done.

Out[35]:

MONTH	booster_version	launch_site
1	F9 v1.1 B1012	CCAFS LC-40
4	F9 v1.1 B1015	CCAFS LC-40

We can get the months by using month(DATE) and in the WHERE function we assigned the year value to '2015'. This query shows 'Failure (drone ship)

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Out[40]:

: DA	E timeutc_	booster_version	launch_site	payload	payload_masskg_	orbit	customer	mission_outcome	landing_outcome
2015-01-	10 09:47:00	F9 v1.1 B1012	CCAFS LC-40	SpaceX CRS-5	2395	LEO (ISS)	NASA (CRS)	Success	Failure (drone ship)
2015-02-	11 23:03:00	F9 v1.1 B1013	CCAFS LC-40	DSCOVR	570	HEO	U.S. Air Force NASA NOAA	Success	Controlled (ocean)
2015-03-	03:50:00	F9 v1.1 B1014	CCAFS LC-40	ABS-3A Eutelsat 115 West B	4159	GTO	ABS Eutelsat	Success	No attempt
2015-04-	14 20:10:00	F9 v1.1 B1015	CCAFS LC-40	SpaceX CRS-6	1898	LEO (ISS)	NASA (CRS)	Success	Failure (drone ship)
2015-04-	27 23:03:00	F9 v1.1 B1016	CCAFS LC-40	Turkmen 52 / MonacoSAT	4707	GTO	Turkmenistan National Space Agency	Success	No attempt
2015-06-	28 14:21:00	F9 v1.1 B1018	CCAFS LC-40	SpaceX CRS-7	1952	LEO (ISS)	NASA (CRS)	Failure (in flight)	Precluded (drone ship)
2015-12-	22 01:29:00	F9 FT B1019	CCAFS LC-40	OG2 Mission 2 11 Orbcomm-OG2 satellites	2034	LEO	Orbcomm	Success	Success (ground pad)

We can get the months by using month(DATE) and in the WHERE function we assigned the year value to '2015? This query shows all 2015 records

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

%sql select landing\_outcome as "Landing Outcome", count(landing\_outcome) as "Total Count" from QGX36240.SPACEX \
where DATE between '2010-06-04' and '2017-03-20' group by landing\_outcome\
order by count(landing\_outcome) desc

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#### Out[43]:

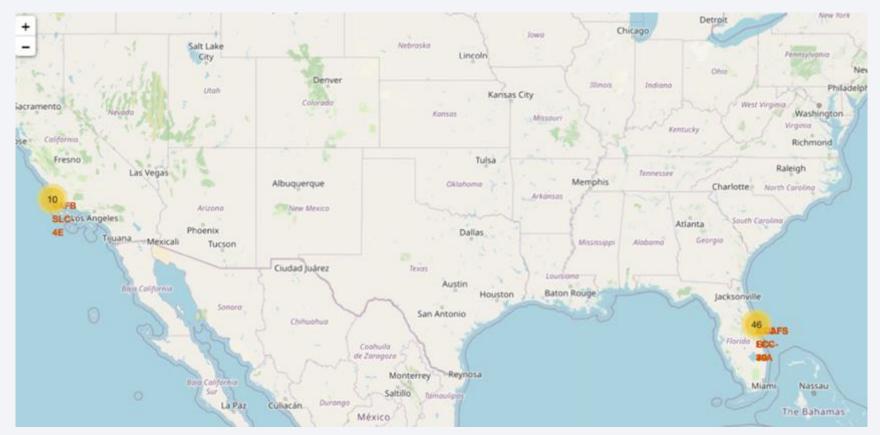
Landing Outcome	<b>Total Count</b>	
No attempt	10	
Failure (drone ship)	5	
Success (drone ship)	5	
Controlled (ocean)	3	
Success (ground pad)	3	
Failure (parachute)	2	
Uncontrolled (ocean)	2	
Precluded (drone ship)	1	

By using "ORDER" we can order the values in descending order, and with "COUNT" we can count all records meeting the criteria



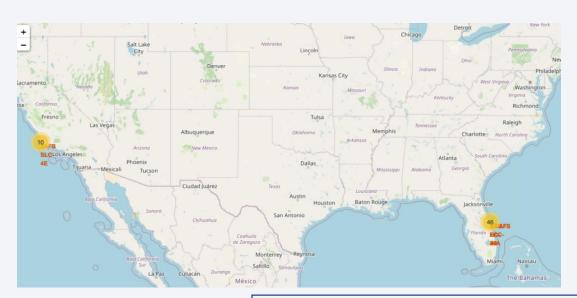


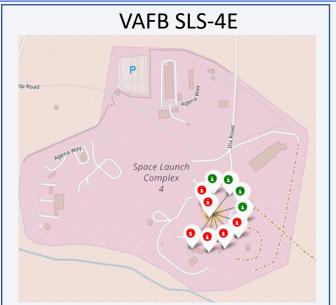
#### All Launch Site Location Markers



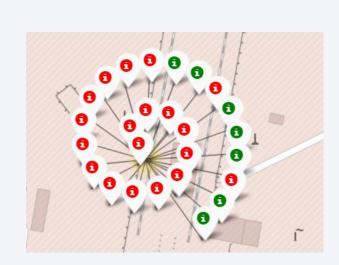
All launches are in the USA and within Florida or California

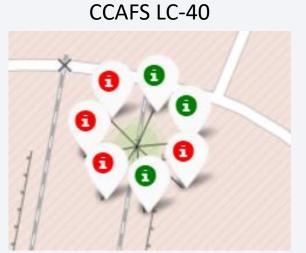
#### Color-labeled Markers in clusters - Launch Outcomes

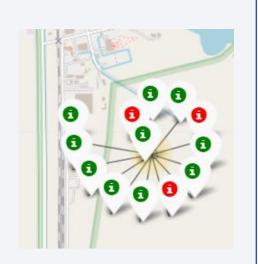




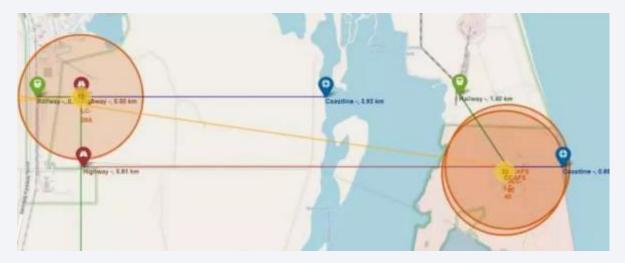
Identifying the launch sites with easily identifiable success or failure rates using color-label markers in marker clusters







#### Launch Sites to its Proximities

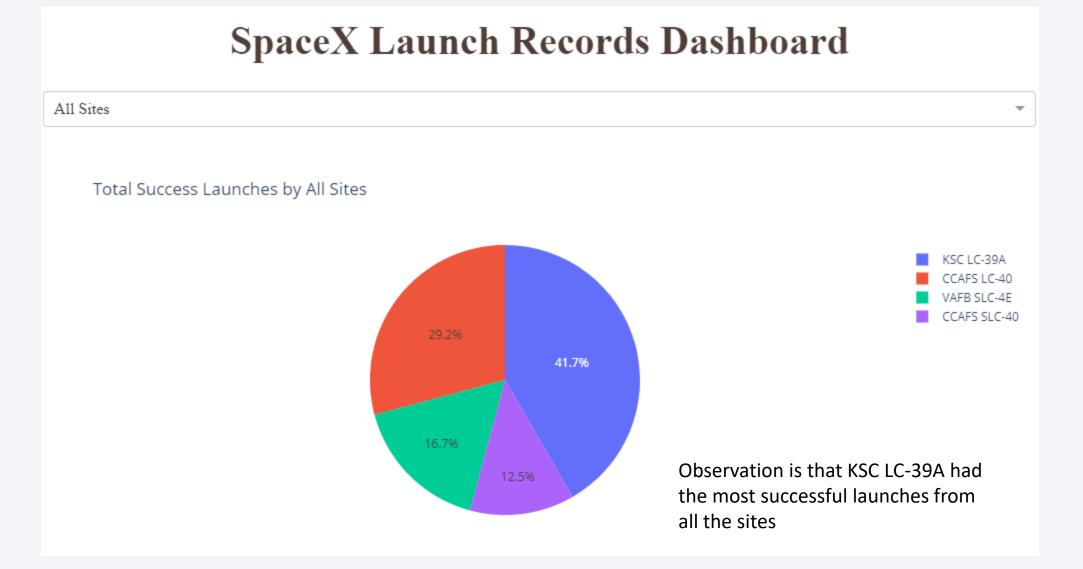




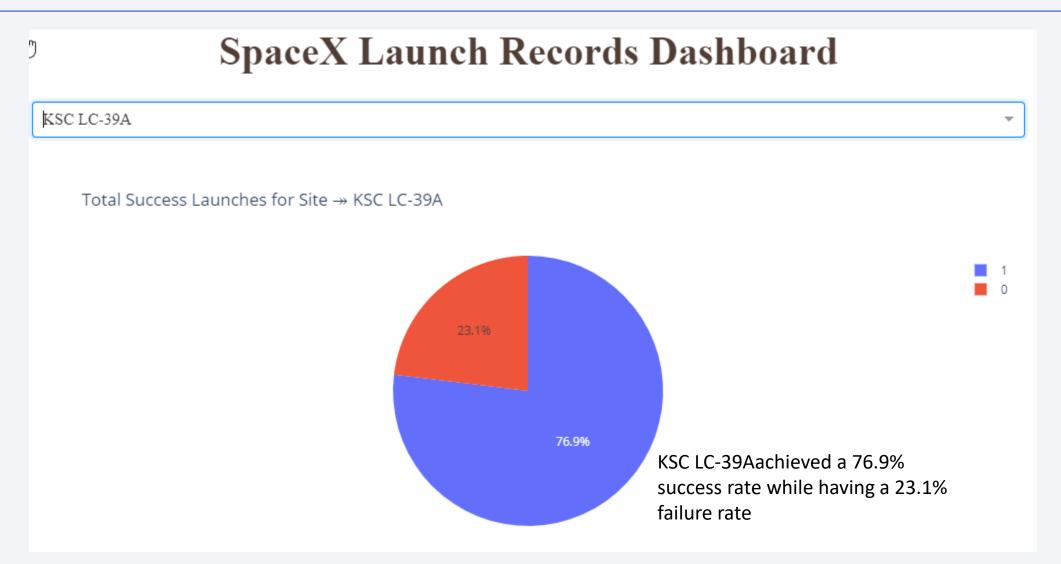
- Are launch sites near railways? No except for space center railways to move equipment
- Are launch sites near highways? No
- Are launch sites near coastlines? Yes
- Are launch sites aways from populated cities and areas? Yes



## Total Success launches by all sites



# Success rate by site



# Payload vs launch outcome



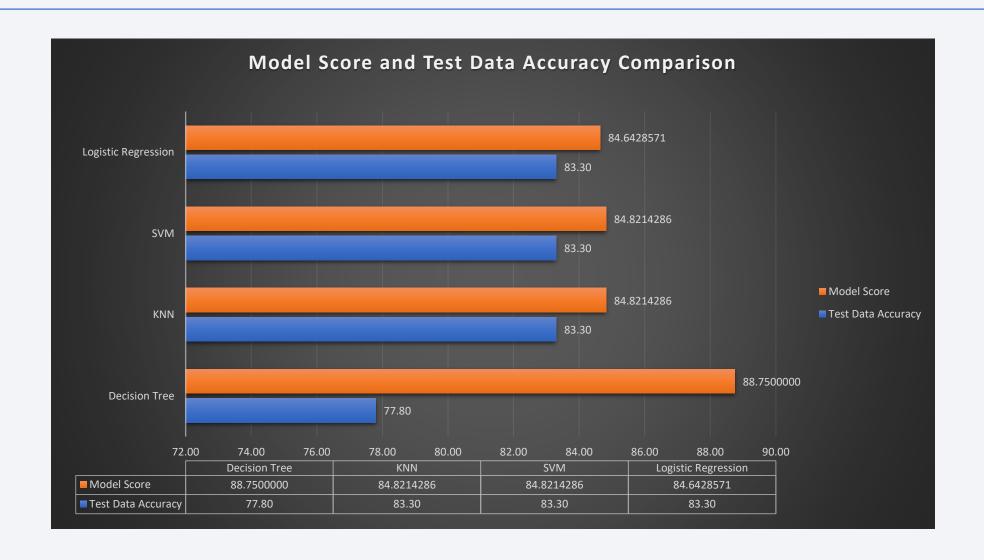
Payload 0 kg - 5000 kg



Payload 6000 kg - 10000 kg



## Classification Score and Accuracy



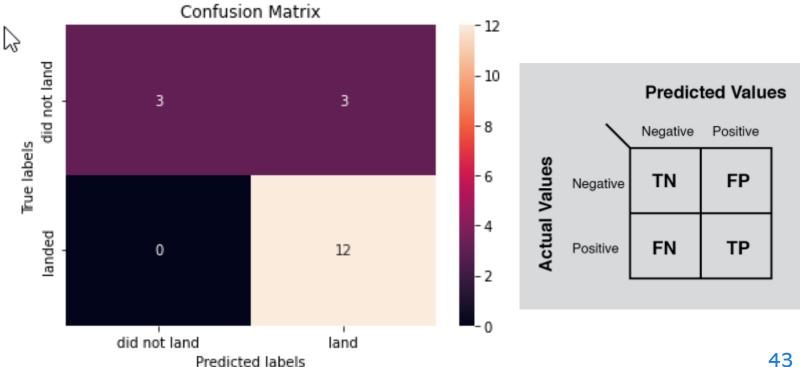
- Based on the GridSearchCV best scores the following results are shown in ranked order with Decision Tree classifier having the highest classification accuracy
  - 1. Decision tree GridSearchCV best score 0.8875 (Test data accuracy 0.777777777778)

  - 3. Support vector machine (SVM) GridSearchCV best score: 0.8482142857142856 (Test data accuracy 0.8333333333333333)

### **Logistic Regression**

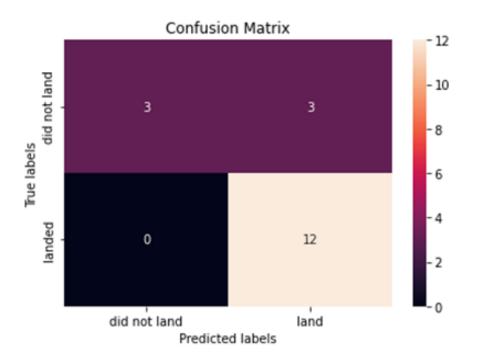
GridSearchCV best score: 0.8464285714285713

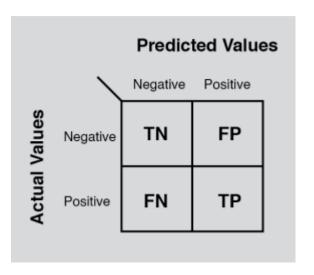
Accuracy score on test set: 0.8333333333333333



### Support vector machine (SVM)

GridSearchCV best score: 0.8482142857142856

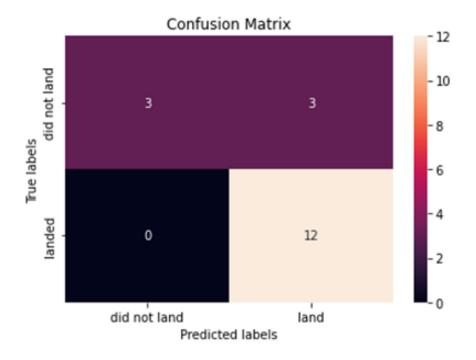


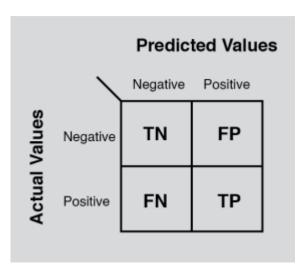


#### Decision tree

GridSearchCV best score: 0.8767857142857143

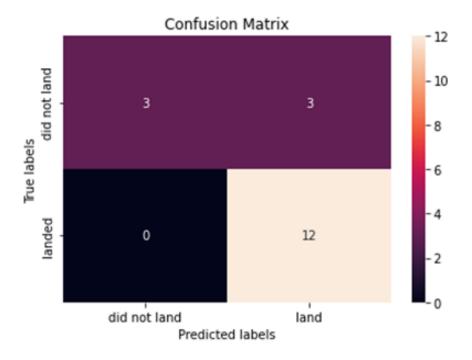
• Accuracy score on test set: 0.7777777777778

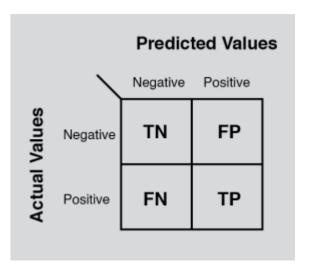




#### Decision tree

• K nearest neighbors: 0.8482142857142858





### Conclusions

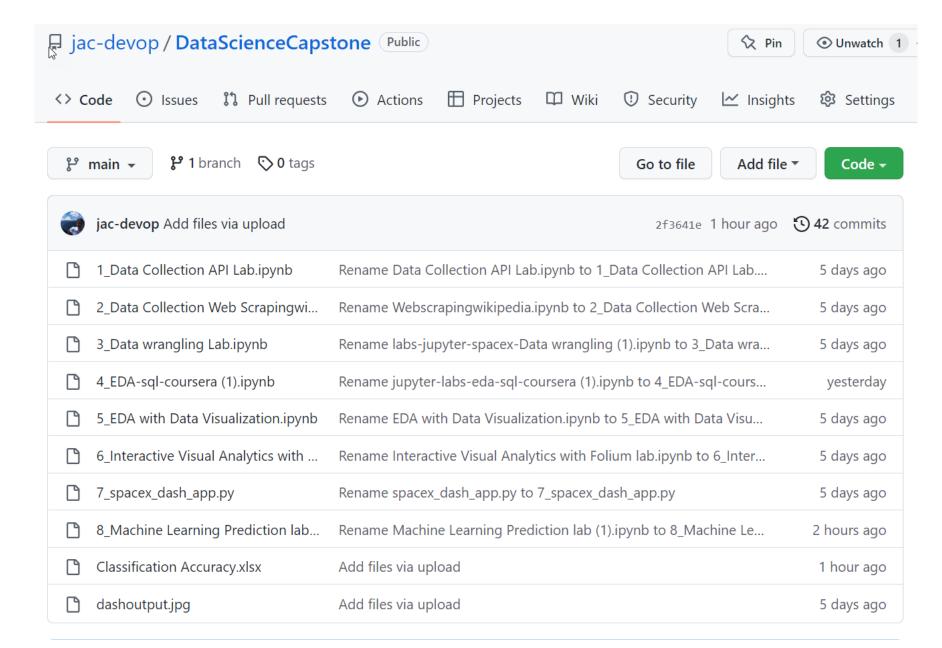
Following observations and conclusions where made:

- The Decision tree classifier is the best machine learning algorithm for this scenario and dataset
- Launch success rate started to increase in 2013 until 2020 likely due to gained learning and technical advances
- Orbits ES-L1, GEO, HEO, SSO, VLEO had the most success rate
- KSC LC-39 Had the most successful launched of any site
- Low weighted payloads perform better than the heavier payloads



# **Appendix**

- Github content enumeration
- Various flow charts used in the presentation



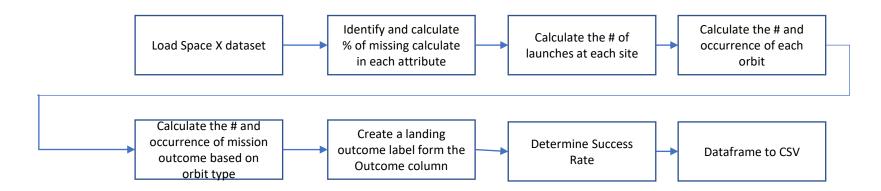


### SpaceX API Web Data Scrapping **Get HTML** SpaceX Response Rest API (Wikipedia) Returns SpaceX Extract data using beautiful data in .JSON soup Parse HTML Normalize via tables and pandas JSON create data **Function** frame Normalize via Data frame to pandas JSON .CSV Function Filter, wrangle, handle missing values

Data to .csv

### EDA Analysis – Data Wrangling

Find Patterns in the data to determine the label for training supervised models
Training Labels with 1 means the booster successfully landed and 0 means unsuccessful



#### Build the Model

Create the column class

Standardize the data

Split the data info train and test sets

Create a logistic regression object and then a GridSearchCV object

# Evaluate the model

Output the
GridSearchCV object
for logistics
regression

Calculate the accuracy of the data using the method score

Examine the confusion matrix to make sure of ability to distinguish between difference classes

# Determine optimal model

Find the best hyperparameters for the models

Find the best model with highest accuracy

Confirm the optimal model

