

# Winning Space Race with Data Science

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## **Executive Summary**

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- Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA):
- Data Wrangling
- SQL
- Data Visualization
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- Machine Learning Prediction

#### **Summary of all results**

- Exploratory Data Analysis results
- Interactive Analytics
- Predictive Analysis results

#### Introduction

Aerospace companies cost for rocket launches can reach US\$ 165 million each, whereas SpaceX advertises Falcon 9 launches with a cost of US\$62 million. That difference is greatly due to SpaceX reusing the first stage. SpaceX is the only private company ever to return a spacecraft from low-Earth orbit. Determining if the first stage will land can help determine the cost of a launch, which is relevant information when an alternate company wants to bid against SpaceX for a rocket launch.

#### Goals:

- Predict if SpaceX will achieve a successful landing;
- Identify variables influencing success landing rate;



## Methodology

- Data collection methodology:
- Request to the SpaceX API
- Web scraping (Wikipedia)
- Perform data wrangling
  - Exploratory Data Analysis
  - Determine Training Labels
- Perform exploratory data analysis (EDA) using visualization and SQL
- Perform interactive visual analytics using Folium and Plotly Dash
- Perform predictive analysis using classification models
  - Create machine learning pipeline (build, tune, evaluate classification models)

#### Data Collection – SpaceX API

https://github.com/luisafolle/Applied-Data-Science-Capstone-IBM--SpaceX/blob/d1c7ffc2bd449879ecbf9cb081bb139f5f712616/data-collection-api.ipynb



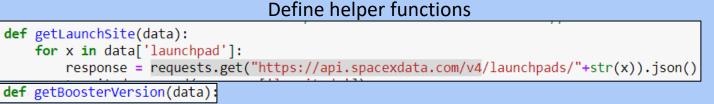
#### Data Collection - API

#### Requesting rocket launch data from SpaceX API:

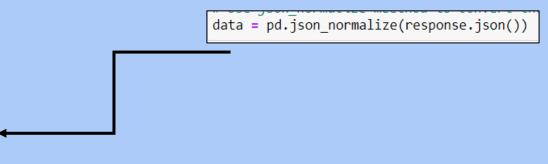
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spacex_url="https://api.spacexdata.com/v4/launches/past"
response = requests.get(spacex_url)
```

#### Construct dataset, create dictionary:

```
launch dict = {'FlightNumber': list(data['flight number']),
'Date': list(data['date']),
'BoosterVersion':BoosterVersion,
'PayloadMass':PayloadMass,
'Orbit':Orbit,
'LaunchSite':LaunchSite,
'Outcome':Outcome,
'Flights':Flights,
'GridFins':GridFins,
'Reused':Reused,
'Legs':Legs,
'LandingPad':LandingPad,
'Block':Block,
'ReusedCount':ReusedCount,
'Serial':Serial,
'Longitude': Longitude,
'Latitude': Latitude}
```



#### Normalize the data and convert into dataframe:



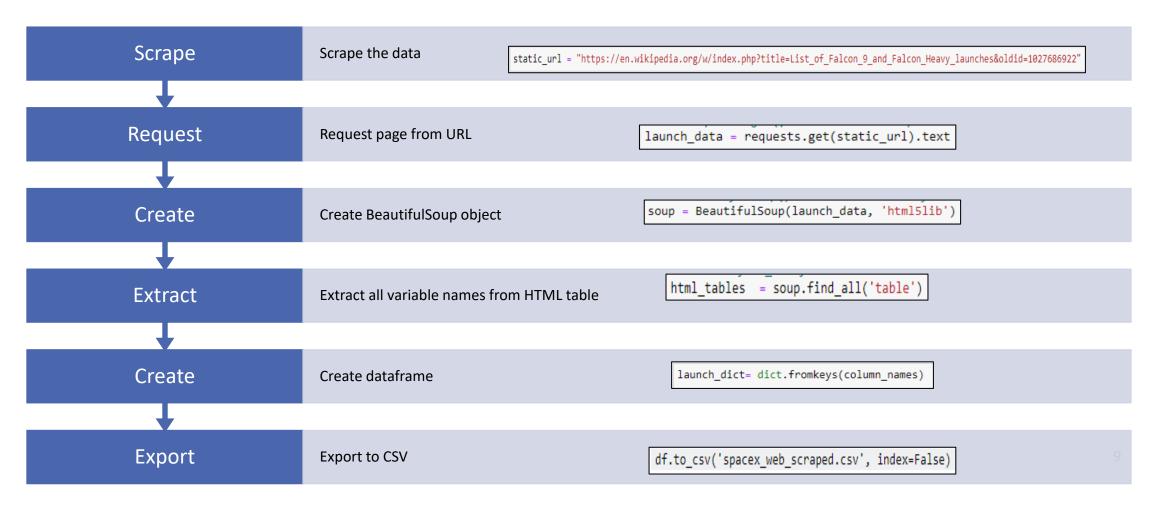
def getPayloadData(data):
 def getCoreData(data):

#### Create Pandas data frame:

df = pd.DataFrame(launch\_dict)

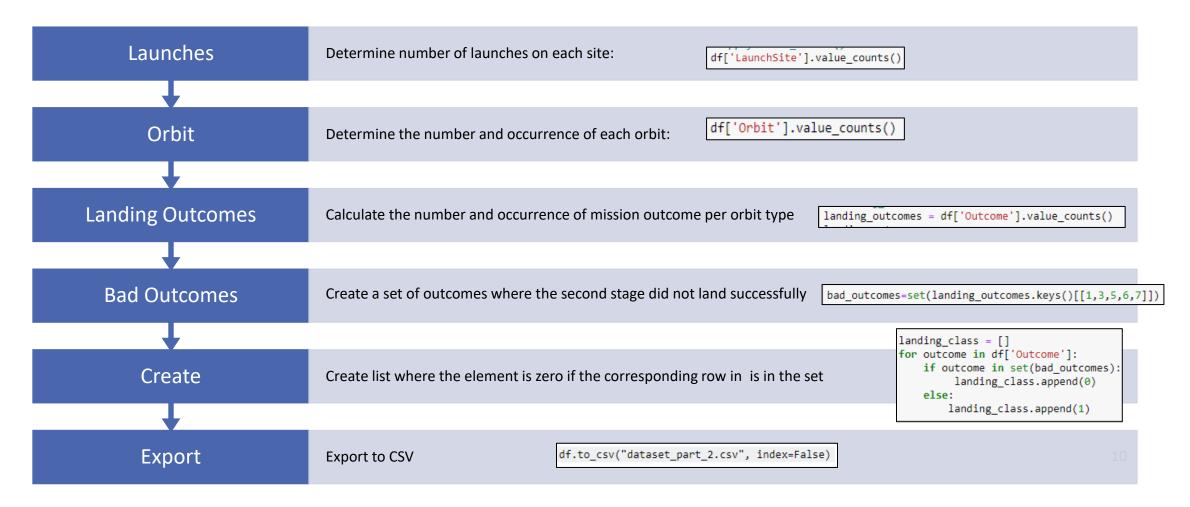
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## Data Collection - Wrangling

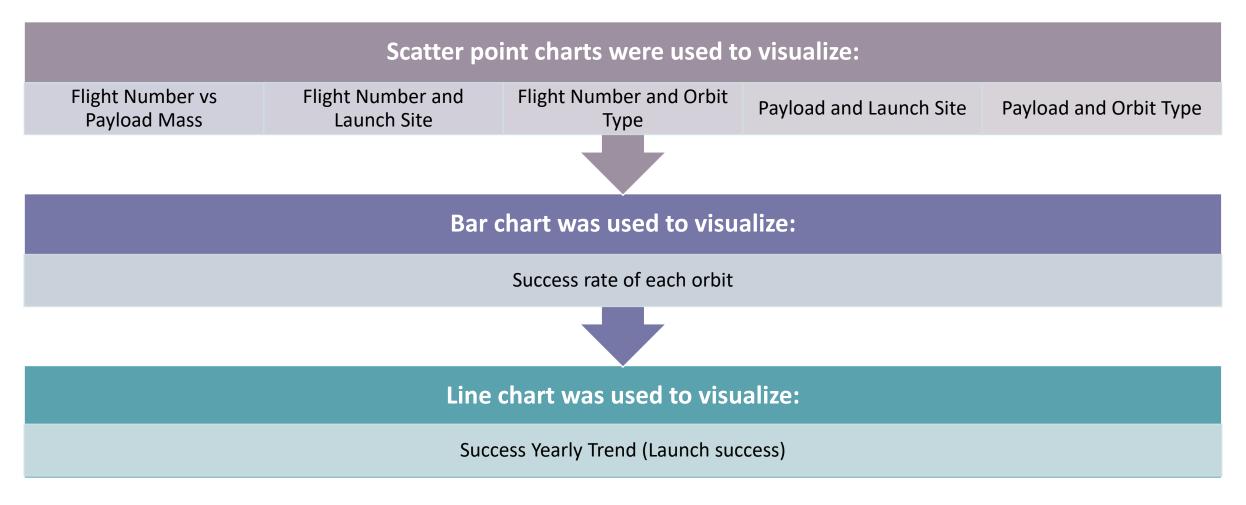
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## Data Wrangling

#### Number of launches on each site:

#### EDA with Data Visualization



https://github.com/luisafolle/Applied-Data-Science-Capstone-IBM---SpaceX/blob/d1c7ffc2bd449879ecbf9cb081bb139f5f712616/jupyter-labs-eda-12 dataviz.ipynb

#### EDA with SQL

https://github.com/luisafolle/Applied-Data-Science-Capstone-IBM---SpaceX/blob/a1c4d852e9e41f513e115b8bf38b510f64404bee/jupyter-labs-eda-sql-coursera%20(2).ipynb

Download	Download dataset;			
Connect	Connect to database;			
Display	Display unique launch sites			
Display	Display total payload mass carried by boosters;			
List	List first successful landing outcome in ground pad;			
List	List total number of success and failure mission outcomes;			
Rank	Rank landing outcomes			

#### Build an Interactive Map with Folium

https://github.com/luisafolle/Applied-Data-Science-Capstone-IBM---SpaceX/blob/a1c4d852e9e41f513e115b8bf38b510f64404bee/Launch%20Sites%20Location%20Analysis%20with%20Folium.ipynb

01

Mark all launch sites on map;

02

Mark successful (green) and failed (red) launches for each site on map;

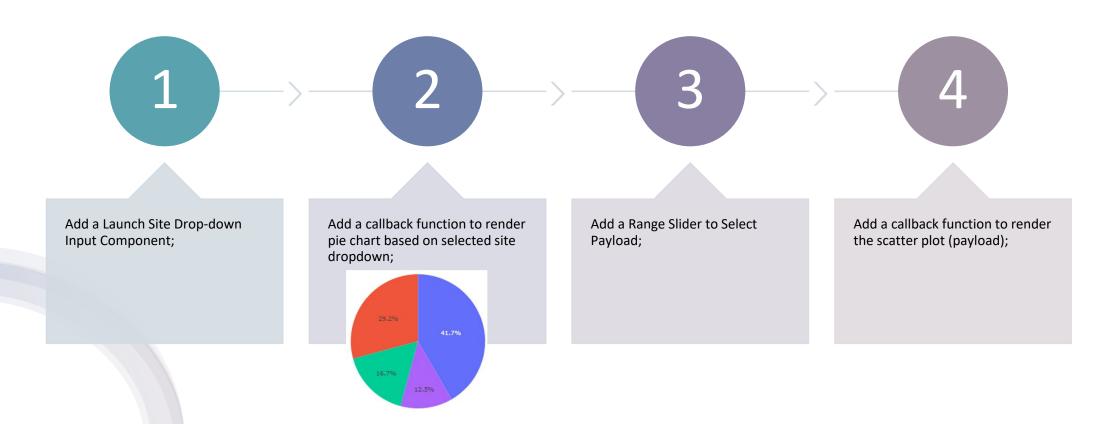
03

Calculate distances between launch site to its proximities;

#### Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

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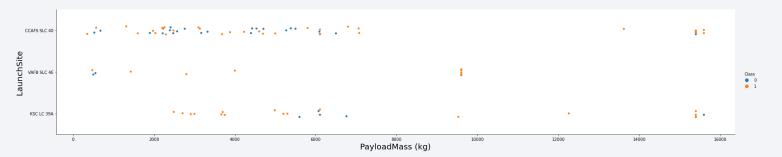
Pie-charts and scatterplots were used to perform interactive visual analytics on SpaceX launch data in real-time;



### Predictive Analysis (Classification)

Load	Create	Standardize	Split	Objects	Accuracy
Load the dataframe	Create a NumPy array from the column Class in datafra me	Standardize the data in X then reassign it to the variable X	split the data X and Y into training and test data	Create logistic regression, SVM, decision-tree, KNN objects	Calculate the accuracy on the test data

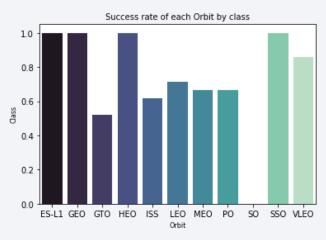
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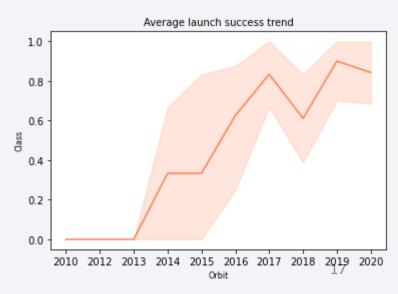
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As flight number increases, so does success rate



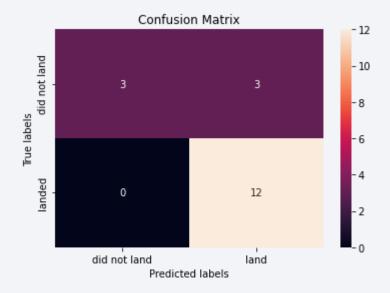
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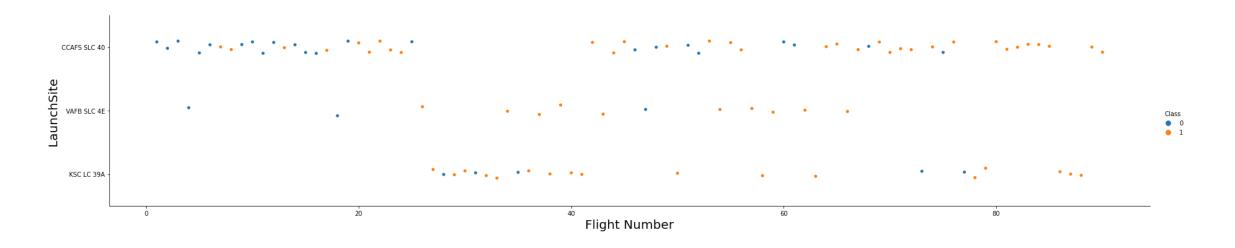
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print('Accuracy for Logistics Regression - Test: ' + str(logreg cv.score(X test, Y test)))
print('Accuracy for Logistics Regression - Train: ' + str(logreg cv.score(X train, Y train)))
print('Accuracy for Support Vector Machine - Test: '+ str(svm_cv.score(X_test, Y_test)))
print('Accuracy for Support Vector Machine: '+ str(svm cv.score(X train, Y train)))
print('Accuracy for Decision-Tree - Test: ' + str(tree cv.score(X test, Y test)))
print('Accuracy for Decision-Tree - Train: ' + str(tree_cv.score(X_train, Y_train)))
print('Accuracy for K-Nearest Neighbors - Test: ' + str(knn cv.score(X test, Y test)))
print('Accuracy for K-Nearest Neighbors - Train: ' + str(knn cv.score(X train, Y train)))
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Accuracy for Logistics Regression - Train: 0.875
Accuracy for Support Vector Machine - Test: 0.8333333333333334
Accuracy for Decision-Tree - Train: 0.8611111111111112
Accuracy for K-Nearest Neighbors - Test: 0.833333333333333333
Accuracy for K-Nearest Neighbors - Train: 0.8611111111111111
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Scores for train and test data are very close, indicating that over-fitting was avoided. Decision-Tree method performed the best.



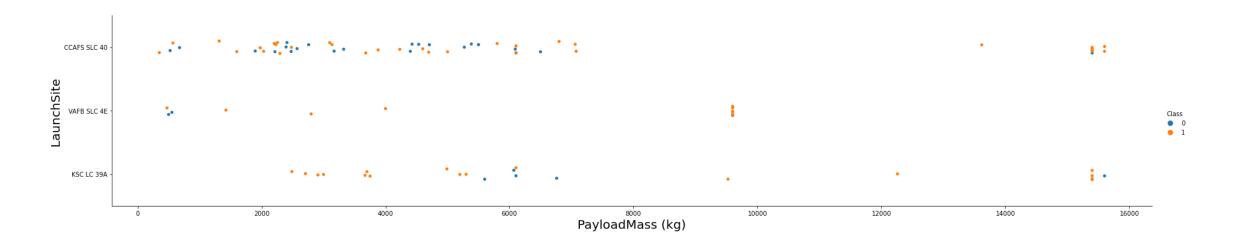


#### Flight Number vs. Launch Site



As Flight Number increases, so does success rate.

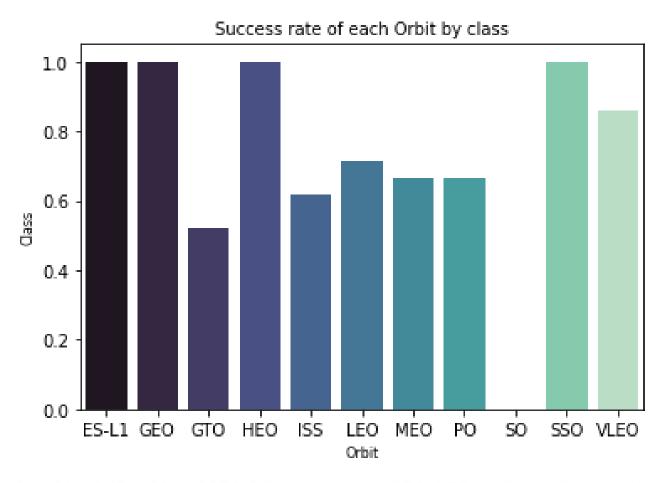
#### Payload vs. Launch Site



Now if you observe Payload Vs. Launch Site scatter point chart you will find for the VAFB-SLC launchsite there are no rockets launched for heavypayload mass(greater than 10000).

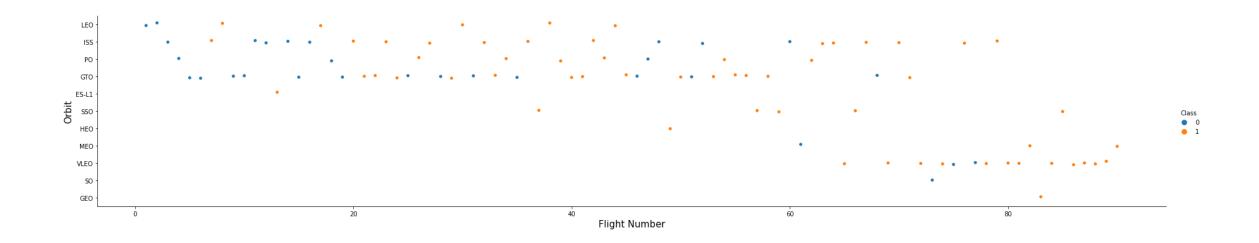
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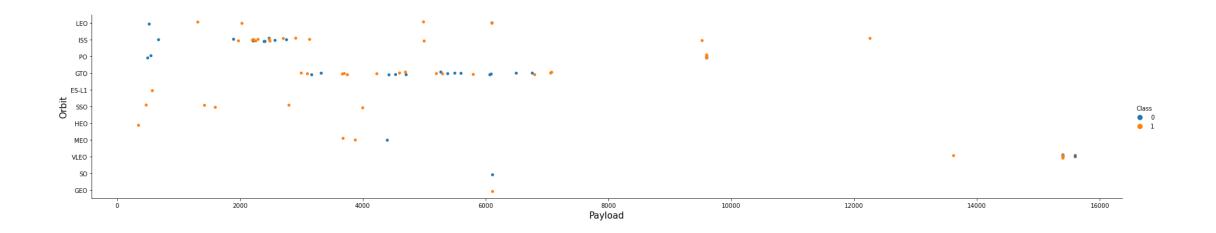
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#### Flight Number vs. Orbit Type



You should see that in the LEO orbit the 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.

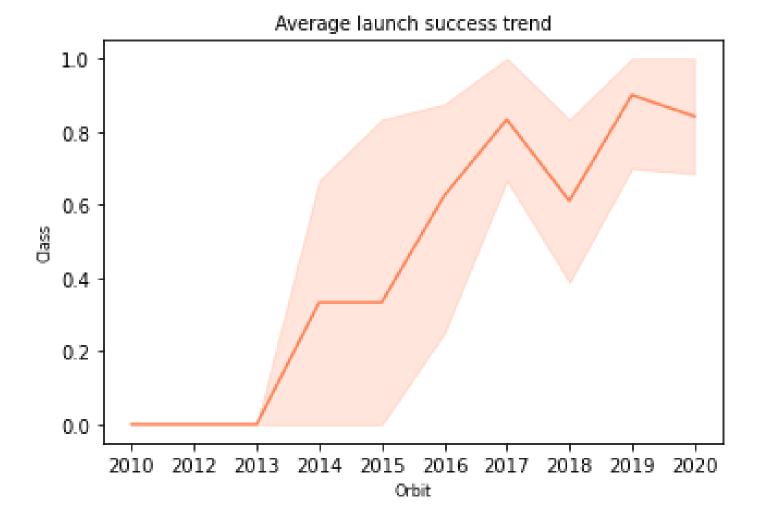
#### Payload vs. Orbit Type



With heavy payloads the successful landing or positive landing rate are more for Polar, LEO and ISS.

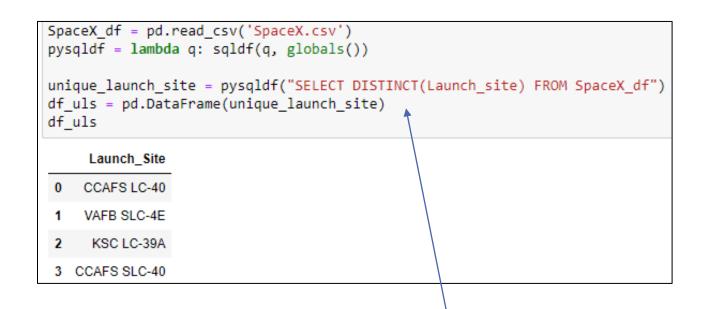
However for GTO we cannot distinguish this well as both positive landing rate and negative landing(unsuccessful mission) are both there here.

### Launch Success Yearly Trend



The sucess rate starts increasing in 2013 and keeps the pace, increasing until 2020. It is stagnant in 2014-2015 and then drops 2017-2018 and again in 2020

#### All Launch Site Names



CCAFS LC-40

VAFB SLC-4E

KSC LC-39A

CCAFS SLC-40

SELECT DISTINCT will only select unique values from Launch Site

## Launch Site Names Begin with 'CCA'

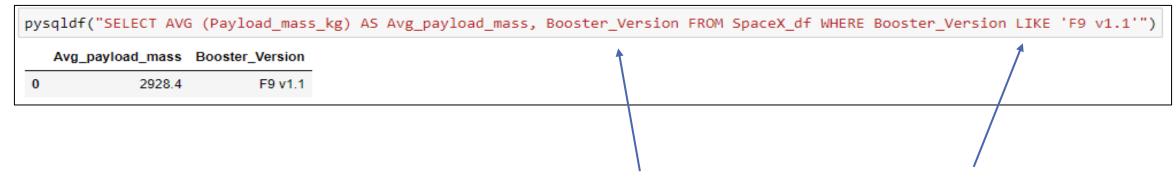
LIKE "CCA%" will only return values starting with those letters

	Date	Time (UTC)	Booster_Version	Launch_Site	Payload	Payload_mass_kg	Orbit	Customer	Mission_Outcome	Landing_Outcome
0	04-06- 2010	18:45:00	F9 v1.0 B0003	CCAFS LC- 40	Dragon Spacecraft Qualification Unit	0	LEO	SpaceX	Success	Failure (parachute)
1	08-12- 2010	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	22-05- 2012	07:44:00	F9 v1.0 B0005	CCAFS LC- 40	Dragon demo flight C2	525	LEO (ISS)	NASA (COTS)	Success	No attempt
3	08-10- 2012	00:35:00	F9 v1.0 B0006	CCAFS LC- 40	SpaceX CRS-1	500	LEO (ISS)	NASA (CRS)	Success	No attempt
4	01-03- 2013	15:10:00	F9 v1.0 B0007	CCAFS LC- 40	SpaceX CRS-2	677	LEO (ISS)	NASA (CRS)	Success	No attempt

## Total Payload Mass

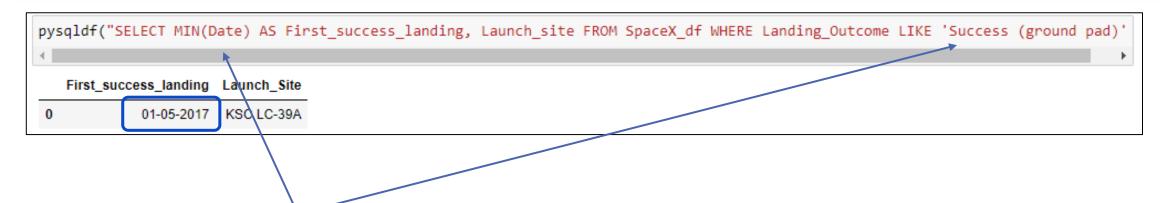
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SpaceX_df = SpaceX_df.rename({"Landing _Outcome":"Landing_Outcome", "PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_": "Payload_mass_kg"}, axis='columns')
display(list(SpaceX df.columns.values))
['Date',
 'Time (UTC)',
 'Booster_Version',
 'Launch Site',
 'Payload',
 'Payload mass kg',
 'Orbit',
 'Customer',
 'Mission Outcome',
 'Landing_Outcome']
pysqldf("SELECT SUM (Payload_mass_kg) AS Total_payload_mass FROM SpaceX_df WHERE Customer LIKE 'NASA (CRS)' ")
   Total_payload mass
                          Total payload mass from all NASA
              45596
```

## Average Payload Mass by F9 v1.1



Calculates the average of payload mass for booster version selected with the LIKE clause

## First Successful Ground Landing Date



First successful landing outcome on ground pad was on 01-05-2017 on Launch site KSC LC-39A

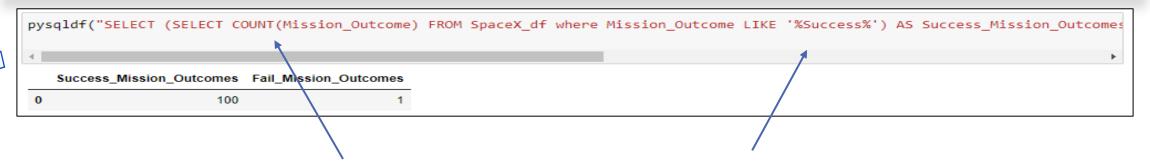
# Successful Drone Ship Landing with Payload between 4000 and 6000



pysqldf("SELECT Booster\_Version, Landing\_Outcome, Payload\_mass\_kg from SpaceX\_df WHERE Landing\_Outcome = 'Success (drone ship)' AND Payload\_mass\_kg > 4000 AND Payload\_mass\_kg < 6000 ")

Boosters which have successfully landed on drone ship and had payload mass greater than 4000 but less than 6000 (WHERE AND statement)

# Total Number of Successful and Failure Mission Outcomes



Total of successful and failure mission outcomes using COUNT

pysqldf("SELECT (SELECT COUNT(Mission\_Outcome) FROM SpaceX\_df where Mission\_Outcome LIKE '%Success%') AS Success\_Mission\_Outcomes,(SELECT Count(Mission\_Outcome) FROM SpaceX\_df where Mission\_Outcome LIKE '%Failure%') AS Fail\_Mission\_Outcomes ")

## Boosters Carried Maximum Payload

```
pysqldf("SELECT Booster_Version, Payload_mass_kg = (SELECT MAX(Payload_mass_kg) FROM SpaceX_df) ORDER BY Booster_Version ")

WHERE Payload_mass_kg = (SELECT MAX(Payload_mass_kg)

FROM SpaceX_df) ORDER BY Booster_Version ")
```

SELECT MAX will return the maximum value on that column

	Booster_Version	Payload_mass_kg
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

```
_Version, Landing_Outcome, Launch_Site from SpaceX_df WHERE Date LIKE '%2015%' AND Landing_Outcome LIKE 'Failure (drone ship)' ")

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```

pysqldf("SELECT Booster\_Version, Landing\_Outcome, Launch\_Site from SpaceX\_df WHERE Date LIKE '%2015%' AND Landing\_Outcome LIKE 'Failure (drone ship)' ")

Using WHERE + LIKE + AND to find a specific date and Landing Outcome

	Booster_Version	Landing_Outcome	Launch_Site
0	F9 v1.1 B1012	Failure (drone ship)	CCAFS LC-40
1	F9 v1.1 B1015	Failure (drone ship)	CCAFS LC-40

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

pysqldf("SELECT COUNT(Landing\_Outcome) AS Count\_landing, Landing\_Outcome, Launch\_Site FROM SpaceX\_df WHERE Date BETWEEN '04-06-26

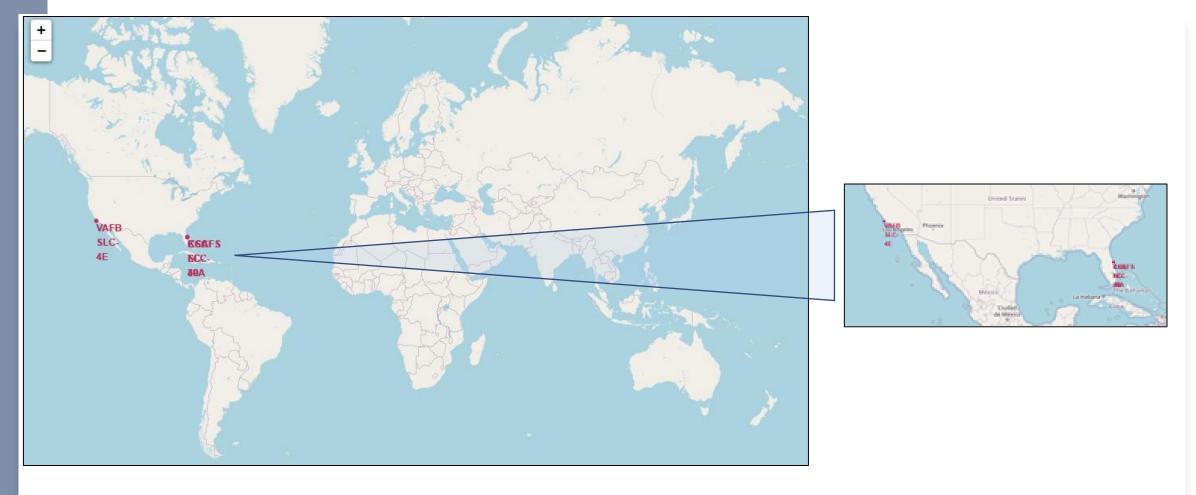
pysqldf("SELECT COUNT(Landing\_Outcome) AS Count\_landing, Landing\_Outcome, Launch\_Site FROM SpaceX\_df WHERE Date BETWEEN '04-06-2010' AND '20-03-2017' GROUP BY Landing\_Outcome ORDER BY COUNT (Landing\_Outcome) DESC ")

Using COUNT to sum up the outcomes between the dates specified.

	Count_landing	Landing_Outcome	Launch_Site
0	20	Success	CCAFS SLC-40
1	10	No attempt	CCAFS LC-40
2	8	Success (drone ship)	CCAFS LC-40
3	6	Success (ground pad)	CCAFS LC-40
4	4	Failure (drone ship)	CCAFS LC-40
5	3	Failure	CCAFS SLC-40
6	3	Controlled (ocean)	CCAFS LC-40
7	2	Failure (parachute)	CCAFS LC-40
8	1	No attempt	CCAFS SLC-40

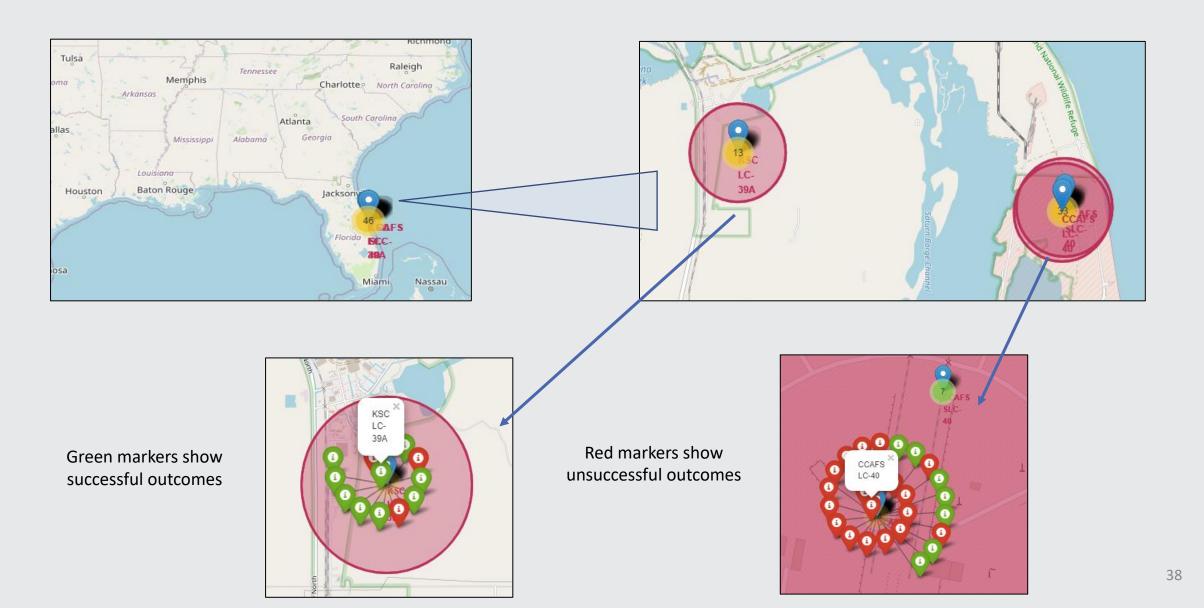


## Launch Sites

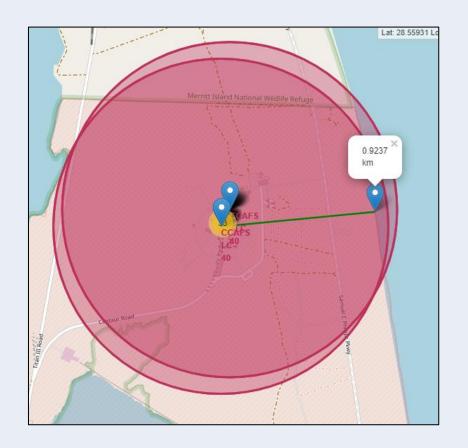


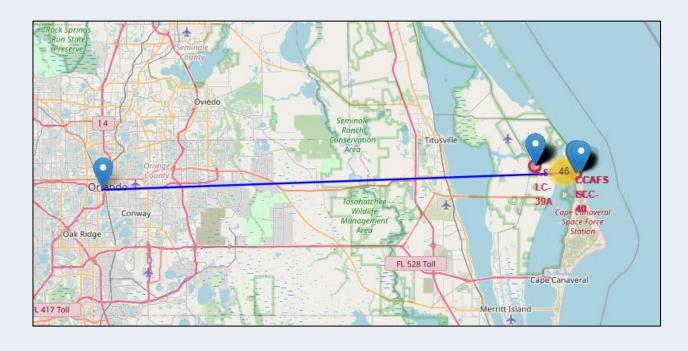
Launch sites are in the United States, close to the Equator line (get an additional natural boost) and also very close to the coast (if anything goes wrong in their ascent, it minimizes the risk to human life as it would fall in the open sea)

# Marker Clusters



#### Marker Clusters – distance

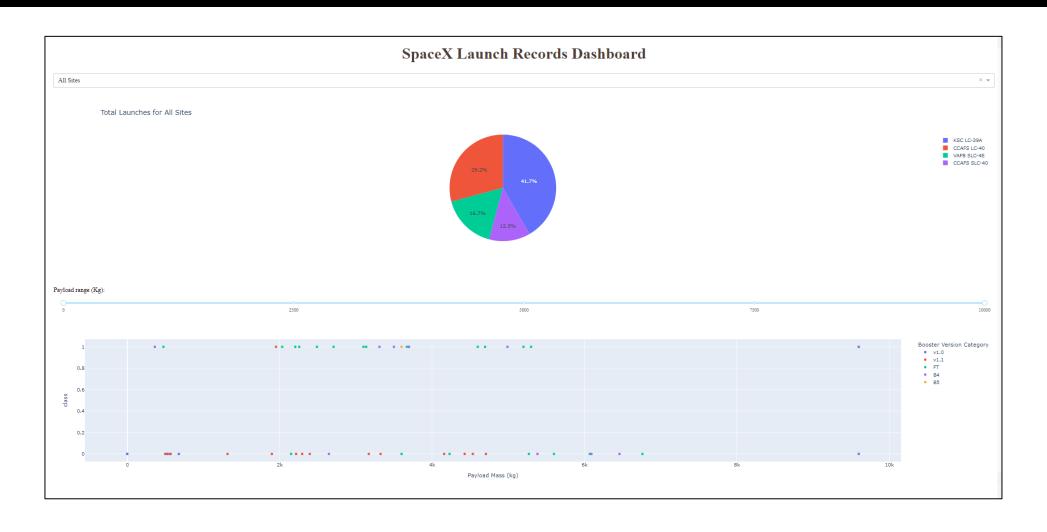




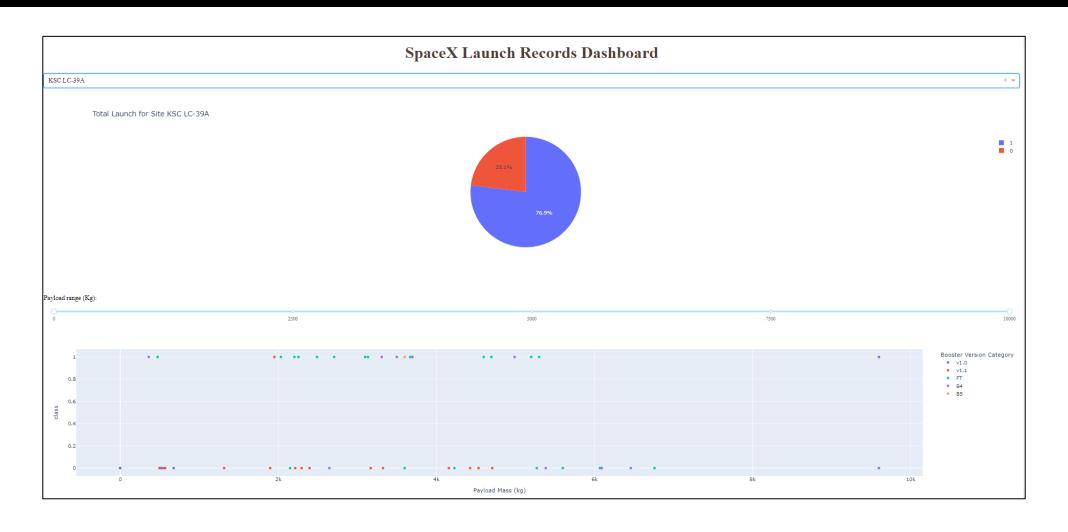
Launch Sites are close to railways, highways and coastline. Rail/highways will provide rapid and easy access to bring in raw material, equipment, etc and also provide easy way out in case finished parts need to be moved. Launch sites are close to the coastline and away from cities for if something goes wrong, debris or anything will not put people's lives at risk but fall in the ocean.



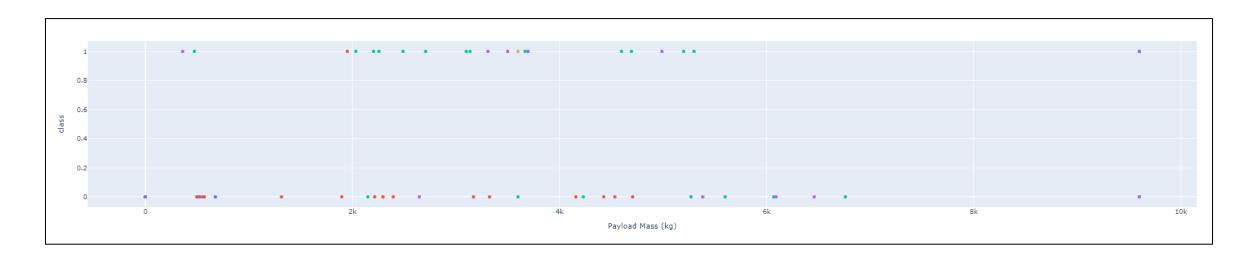
#### SpaceX Launch Records – All Sites



#### SpaceX Launch Records – Most successful



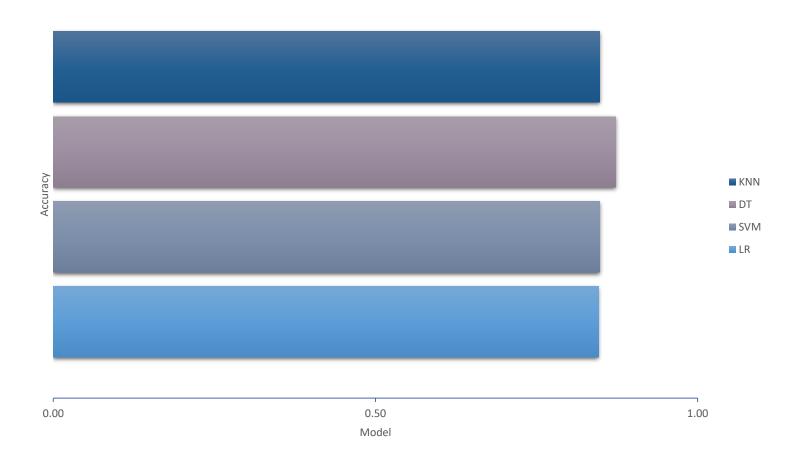
### Payload vs Launch Outcome – all sites

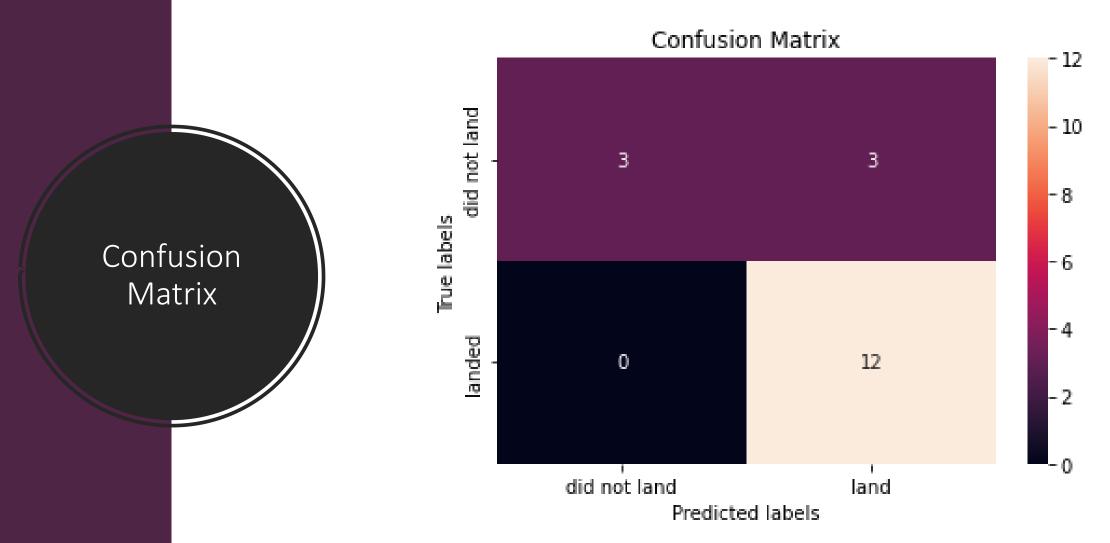




#### **Model accuracy**







The algorithm can distinguish between the different classes, but a problem is false positives.

#### Conclusions

KSC LC-39A has the most successful launches of all sites

As flight number increases, first stage is more likely to land successfully

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For heavy payload, successful landing rate are higher for Polar, LEO and ISS Orbits.

Sucess rate starts increasing in 2013 and keeps the pace, increasing until 2020

Decision Tree is the best method for prediction

