

# Winning Space Race with Data Science

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### **Executive Summary**

#### Summary of methodologies

- Data Collection through API
- Data Collection with Web Scrapping
- Data Wrangling
- > Exploratory Data Analysis with SQL
- > Exploratory Data Analysis with Data Visualization
- > Interactive Visual Analytics with Folium
- Machine Learning Prediction

#### Summary of all results

- > Exploratory Data Analysis with Visualization Results
- > Exploratory Data Analysis with SQL Results
- ➤ Interactive Map with Folium Results
- Plotly Dash Dashboard Results
- Predictive Analysis (Classification) Results

### Introduction

#### Project background and context

In this capstone, a machine learning pipeline was used to predict if the Falcon 9 first stage will land successfully. SpaceX 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 SpaceX can reuse the first stage.

#### Problems you want to find answers

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 SpaceX for a rocket launch.



### Methodology

#### **Executive Summary**

- Data collection methodology:
  - > SpaceX launch data was gathered from an API, specifically the SpaceX REST API
  - > Data was also obtained from Wikipedia via Web Scrapping
- Perform data wrangling
  - > Space X Falcon 9 First Stage Landing Outcomes (Success or Failure) were converted into Training Labels (1 or 0)
  - > 1 = booster landed successfully, 0 = booster was unsuccessful
- Perform exploratory data analysis (EDA) using visualization and SQL
- · Perform interactive visual analytics using Folium and Plotly Dash
- Perform predictive analysis using classification models
  - This includes preprocessing, standardizing data, using Train\_test\_split and performing a grid search that will find the hyperparameters that will show which algorithm will perform best. This can be done by Logistic Regression, Support Vector machines, Decision Tree Classifier, K-nearest neighbors and a confusion matrix.

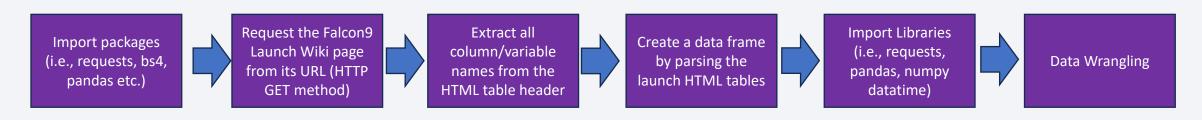
### **Data Collection**

Data was collected via SpaceX API and web scrapped from Wikipedia

#### ➤ SpaceX API



#### **≻**Web Scrapping



### Data Collection – SpaceX API

Data collection with SpaceX REST calls

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1. Request rocket launch data from SpaceX API using a URL spacex\_url="https://api.spacexdata.com/v4/launches/past" response = requests.get(spacex\_url) 2. Use the static response object to make the requested JSON results more consistent static\_json\_url='https://cf-courses-data.s3.us.cloud-object-storage.appdomain.cloud/IBM-DS0321EN-SkillsNetwork/datasets/API\_call\_spacex\_api.json' 3. Decode the response content as a Json and turn it into a Pandas dataframe # Use json\_normalize meethod to convert the json result into a dataframe data = pd.json\_normalize(response.json()) 4. Use API to get information about the launches using the IDs given for each launch # Lets take a subset of our dataframe keeping only the features we want and the flight number, and date utc. data = data[['rocket', 'payloads', 'launchpad', 'cores', 'flight\_number', 'date\_utc']] # We will remove rows with multiple cores because those are falcon rockets with 2 extra rocket boosters and rows that have multiple payloads in a single rocket. data = data[data['cores'].map(len)==1] data = data[data['payloads'].map(len)==1] # Since payloads and cores are lists of size 1 we will also extract the single value in the list and replace the feature. data['cores'] = data['cores'].map(lambda x : x[0]) data['payloads'] = data['payloads'].map(lambda x : x[0]) # We also want to convert the date\_utc to a datetime datatype and then extracting the date leaving the time data['date'] = pd.to\_datetime(data['date\_utc']).dt.date # Using the date we will restrict the dates of the Launches data = data[data['date'] <= datetime.date(2020, 11, 13)]</pre>

# **Data Collection - Scraping**

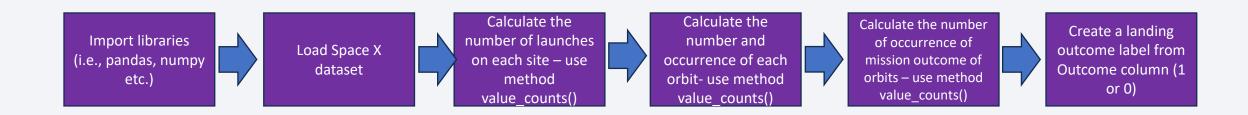
Web scraping process

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1. Perform an HTTP GET method to request the Falcon9 Launch HTML pages, as an HTTP response
 # use requests.get() method with the provided static url
 response = requests.get(static url)
 # assign the response to a object
 response.status_code
2. Create a BeautifulSoup object from HTML response
# Use BeautifulSoup() to create a BeautifulSoup object from a response text content
soup = BeautifulSoup(response.text)
3. Create an empty dictionary with keys from the extracted column names
 launch dict= dict.fromkeys(column names)
 # Remove an irrelvant column
 del launch dict['Date and time ( )']
 # Let's initial the launch_dict with each value to be an empty list
 launch_dict['Flight No.'] = []
 launch dict['Launch site'] = []
 launch_dict['Payload'] = []
 launch_dict['Payload mass'] = []
 launch dict['Orbit'] = []
 launch_dict['Customer'] = []
 launch dict['Launch outcome'] = []
 # Added some new columns
 launch dict['Version Booster']=[]
 launch dict['Booster landing']=[]
 launch dict['Date']=[]
 launch_dict['Time']=[]
```

### **Data Wrangling**

 Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA) was used to find patterns in the data and to determine the label for training supervised models. Outcomes were converted to Training Labels with 1 (successfully landed) and 0 (Unsuccessful landing).



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### **EDA** with Data Visualization

#### Summary of chart that were plotted:

#### FlightNumber vs Payload

As flight number increases, the first stage is more likely to land successfully. With more massive payloads, the first stage returns successfully. Catplot was used to visualize this relationship

#### Flight Number vs Launch Site

> Catplot was used to visualize the relationship between Flight Number and Launch Site. Some launch sites were more successful than others as flight numbers increased.

#### Payload Mass vs Launch Site

> A Catplot was used to visualize the relationship between payload mass and launch site. There were no rockets launched for heavypayload mass for launch site VAFB-SLC

#### Relationship between success rate of each orbit type

• A bar chart was used to visualize the relationship between success rate of each orbit type. Orbit types SSO, HEO, GEO and ES-L1 had the highest success rate.

### **EDA** with Data Visualization Cont.

#### Relationship between FlightNumber and Orbit type

➤ A Catplot was used to visualize the relationship between flight number and Orbit type. In the LEO orbit, success is related to the number of flights. For the GTO orbit, there is no relationship between flight numbers and success.

#### Relationship between Payload Mass and Orbit type

A Catplot was used to visualize the relationship between payload mass and orbit type. For orbit types Polar, LEO and ISS, the heavy payloads had more successful landings

#### Launch success yearly trend

A line chart was used to visualize the launch success yearly trend. The success rate increased from 2013 to 2020.

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### **EDA** with SQL

#### SQL queries performed:

- 1. Display the names of the unique launch sites in the space mission
  - > %sql SELECT DISTINCT LAUNCH\_SITE FROM SPACEXTBL
- 2. Display 5 records where launch sites begin with the string 'CCA'
  - > %sql SELECT \* FROM SPACEXTBL WHERE LAUNCH\_SITE LIKE 'CCA%' LIMIT 5
- 3. Display the total payload mass carried by boosters launched by NASA (CRS)
  - > %sql SELECT SUM(PAYLOAD\_MASS\_KG\_) FROM SPACEXTBL WHERE CUSTOMER = 'NASA(CRS)'
- 4. Display average payload mass carried by booster version F9 v1.1
  - > %sql SELECT AVE(PAYLOAD\_MASS\_KG\_) FROM SPACEXTBL WHERE BOOSTER\_VERSION = 'F9 v1.1'

### **EDA** with SQL

- 5. List the date when the first successful landing outcome in ground pad was achieved
  - > %sql Select Min(Date) From Spacextbl Where Landing\_Outcome = 'Success (Ground PAD)'
- 6. List the names of the boosters which have success in drone ship and have payload mass greater than 4000 but less than 6000
  - > %sql Select Booster\_Version from Spacextbl where Landing\_Outcome = 'Success' (Drone Ship)' and payload\_mass\_\_kg\_ > 4000 and payload\_mass\_\_kg\_ < 6000
- 7. List the total number of successful and failure mission outcomes
  - > %sql Select Count(Mission\_Outcome) from spacextbl where mission\_outcome = 'Success' or mission\_outcome = 'failure (in flight)'
- 8. List the names of the booster\_versions which have carried the maximum payload mass.
  - > %sql Select Booster\_Version from Spacextbl where payload\_mass\_\_kg\_ = (select max(payload mass\_kg) from spacextbl)

### **EDA** with SQL

- 9. List the record which will display the month names, failure landing\_outcomes in drone ship, booster versions, launch\_site for the months in year 2015
  - > %sql Select Mission\_Outcome, Booster\_Version, Launch\_site from spacextbl where extract (year from date) = '2015' and Landing\_Outcome like '%failure%'
- 10. Rank the 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.
  - > %sql Select Landing\_Outcome, count(\*) as count\_landing\_outcome from spacextable where (date between '2010-06-04' and '2017-03-20') group by Landing\_outcome order by count\_landing\_outcome desc

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### Build an Interactive Map with Folium

Summary of map objects such as markers, circles, lines created and added to a folium map

- folium.Circle and folium.Marker
  - > Used to add a highlighted circle area with a text label on a specific coordinate
- MarkerCluster
  - > Helps combine markers of close proximity into clusters. This will simplify the display of markers on the map.
- MousePosition
  - > This will get a coordinate for a mouse over a point on the map
- Folium.PolyLine
  - > This will draw a line between launch sites to the selected coastline point
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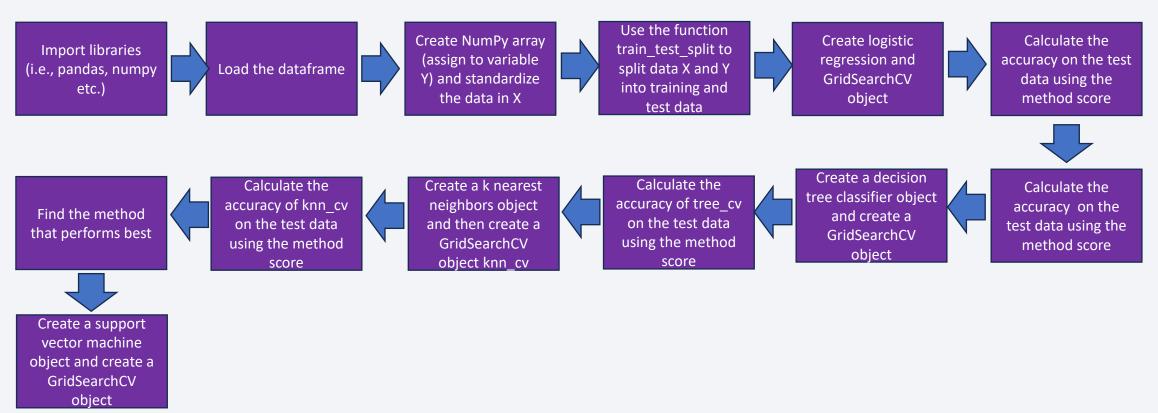
### Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

#### Summary of plots/graphs and interactions added to the dashboard

- Launch Site Drop-down Input Component
  - > Will allow selection of different launch sites
- callback function 1
  - > Will render success-pie-chart based on selected site dropdown
- Range slider
  - ➤ Will Select Payload
- callback function 2
  - ➤ Will render success-payload-scatter-chart scatter plot
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# Predictive Analysis (Classification)

Summary of how the model was built, evaluated, improved, and best performing classification model



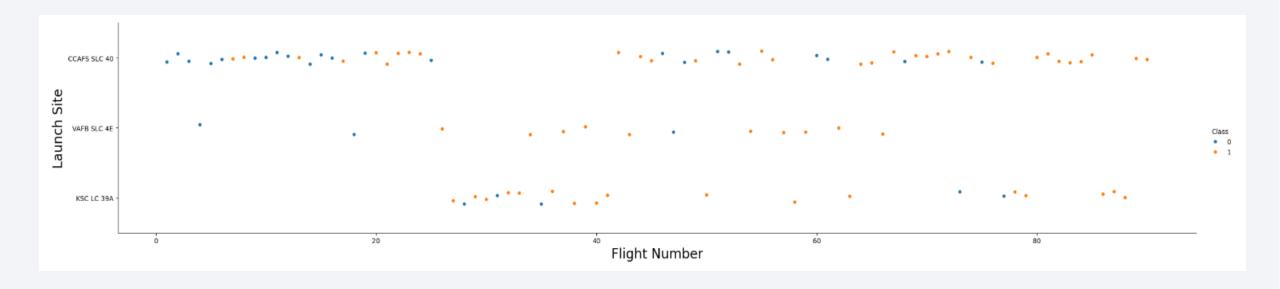
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### Results

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

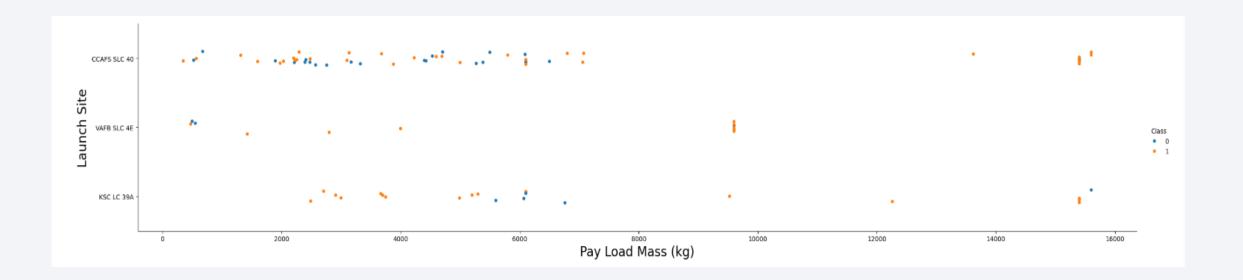


### Flight Number vs. Launch Site



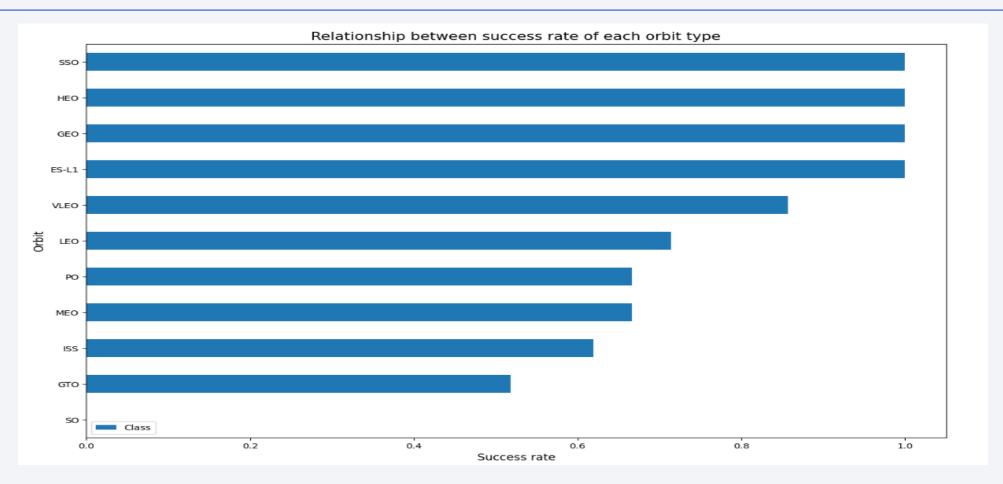
- As the Flight Number increases there are more successful landings at each of the Launch Sites.
- CCAFS SLC 40 had the most successful landings as the Flight Number increased

### Payload vs. Launch Site



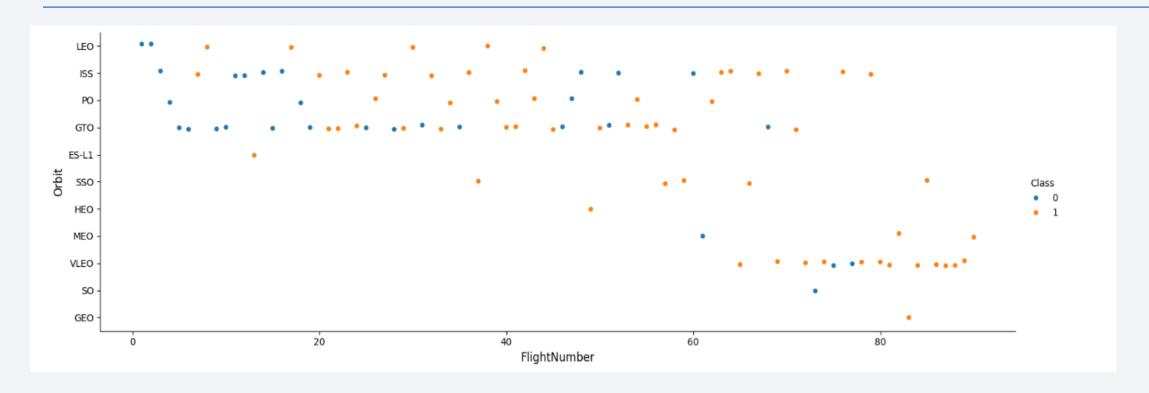
- VAFB-SLC launch site has no rockets launched for heavypayload mass(greater than 10000).
- CCAFS SLC 40 and KSC LC 39A had successful landings when Pay Load Mass was greater then 14000 kg.

### Success Rate vs. Orbit Type



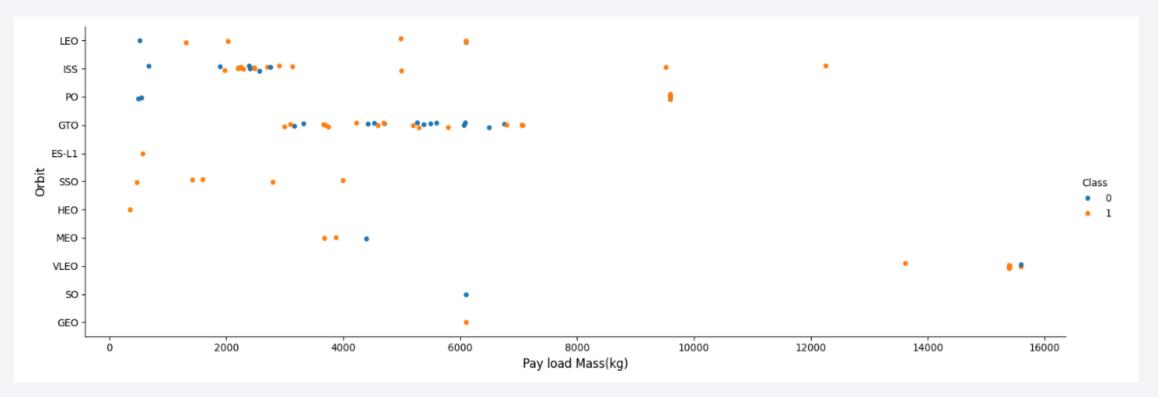
- Orbit types: SSO, HEO, GEO, and ES-L1 has the greatest success rate.
- Orbit type: SO had no success rate.

# Flight Number vs. Orbit Type



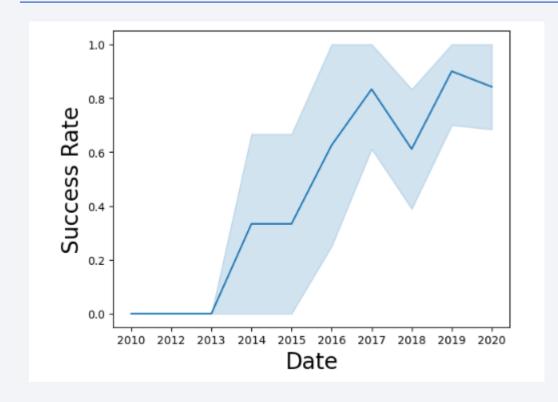
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### Payload vs. Orbit Type



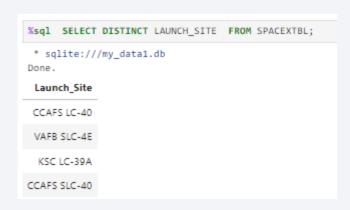
- Orbit types: Polar, LEO, and ISS had more successful landings with heavy payloads
- GTO had both successful and unsuccessful landings, therefore a relationship between payload and orbit type is not easy to discern.

# Launch Success Yearly Trend



• The success rate increased from 2013-2020.

### All Launch Site Names



- There are four unique launch sites: CCAFS LC-40, VAFB SLC-4E, KSC LC-39A, CCAFS SLC-40
- A "Distinct" statement was used to obtain these four launch sites.

# Launch Site Names Begin with 'CCA'

%sql SELEC	T * FROM SPA	ACEXTBL WHERE LA	UNCH_SITE LI	KE 'CCA%' LIMIT 5;					
* sqlite: Done.	///my_data1	.db							
Date	Time (UTC)	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	7:44:00	F9 v1.0 B0005	CCAFS LC-40	Dragon demo flight C2	525	LEO (ISS)	NASA (COTS)	Success	No attempt
2012-10-08	0:35:00	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

- There are 5 records where launch sites begin with `CCA`
- "Like" was used to check for "CCA" and "Limit" was used to obtain only 5 records.

# **Total Payload Mass**

```
%sql SELECT SUM(Payload_Mass__KG_) FROM SPACEXTBL WHERE customer ='NASA (CRS)';

* sqlite://my_data1.db
Done.

SUM(Payload_Mass__KG_)

45596
```

• The total payload carried by boosters from NASA was 45,596 KG

# Average Payload Mass by F9 v1.1

• The average payload mass carried by booster version F9 v1.1was 2,928.4 KG

# First Successful Ground Landing Date

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

* sqlite://my_data1.db
Done.
min(DATE)

2015-12-22
```

• The dates of the first successful landing outcome on ground pad was 2015-12-22

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



 The following boosters have successfully landed on drone ship and had 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

```
%sql select count(MISSION_OUTCOME) from SPACEXTBL where MISSION_OUTCOME = 'Success' or MISSION_OUTCOME = 'Failure (in flight)'
  * sqlite://my_data1.db
Done.
count(MISSION_OUTCOME)

99
```

• The total number of successful and failure mission outcomes was 99

# **Boosters Carried Maximum Payload**

```
%sql SELECT BOOSTER_VERSION FROM SPACEXTBL WHERE PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_ = (SELECT max(PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_) FROM SPACEXTBL);

* sqlite://my_datal.db
bone.

Booster_Version

F9 85 81048.4

F9 85 81051.3

F9 85 81056.4

F9 85 81051.4

F9 85 81049.5

F9 85 81050.2

F9 85 81051.6

F9 85 81051.6

F9 85 81060.3

F9 85 81060.3
```

 The above SQL output lists the names of the booster which have carried the maximum payload mass

### 2015 Launch Records

```
%sql SELECT substr(Date, 6,2) as Month, substr(Date,0,5) as Year, Landing_Outcome, Booster_Version, Launch_Site FROM SPACEXTABLE WHERE Date Like '%2015%' and Landing_Outcome LIKE '%Failure (drone ship)%'

* sqlite://my_datal.db
Done.

Month Year Landing_Outcome Booster_Version Launch_Site

01 2015 Failure (drone ship) F9 v1.1 B1012 CCAFS LC-40

04 2015 Failure (drone ship) F9 v1.1 B1015 CCAFS LC-40
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• The above SQL graph lists the failed landing\_outcomes in drone ship, their booster versions, and launch site names for in year 2015

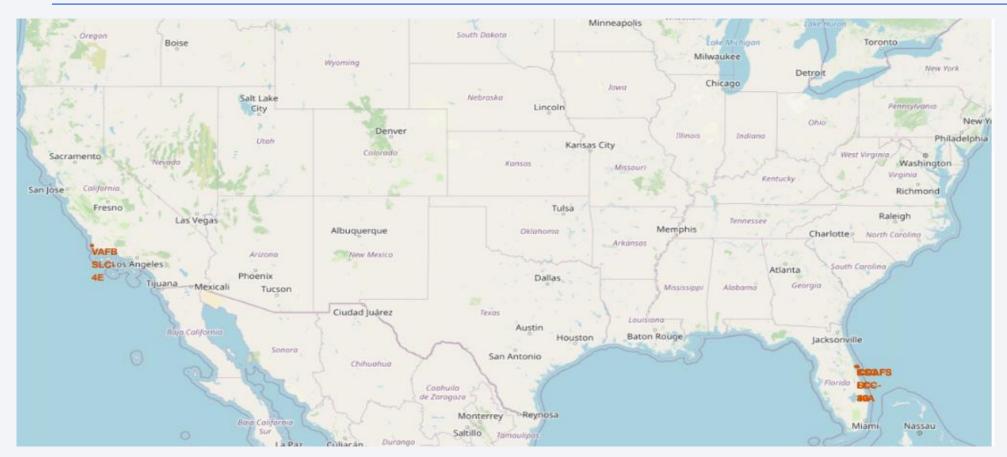
### Rank Landing Outcomes Between 2010-06-04 and 2017-03-20

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* sqlite:///my_data	a1.db
ne.	
Landing_Outcome	Count_Landing_Outcome
No attempt	10
Success (drone ship)	5
Failure (drone ship)	5
Success (ground pad)	3
Controlled (ocean)	3
Uncontrolled (ocean)	2
	-
Failure (parachute)	2
Precluded (drone ship)	1

 The above SQL graph shows the 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



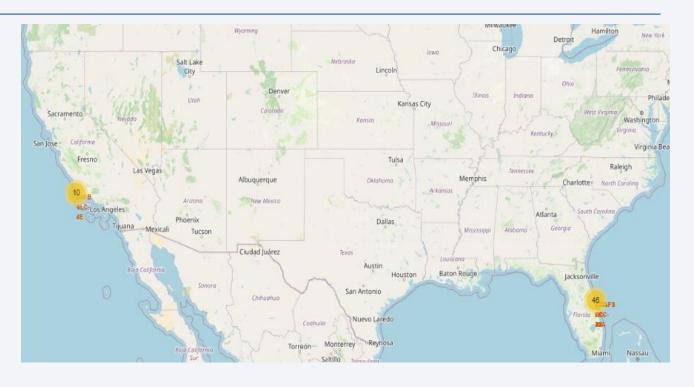
## All Launch Sites



• Launch sites are located on both the east and west coast. This is zoomed out area, however, Florida has 3 launch sites (not shown).

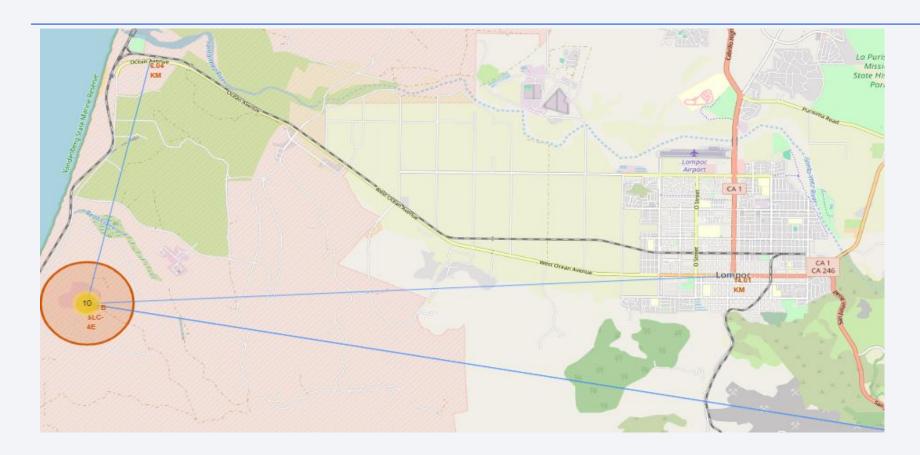
# Successful and Failed Launches per Site





- Zoom in Map on left
  - The Vandenberg Space Launch Complete 4 had 6 failures (red) and 4 successes (green)
- Zoom Out Map on Right
  - Shows high-level of sites: 10 (west coast) and 46 (east coast) success/failure launches.

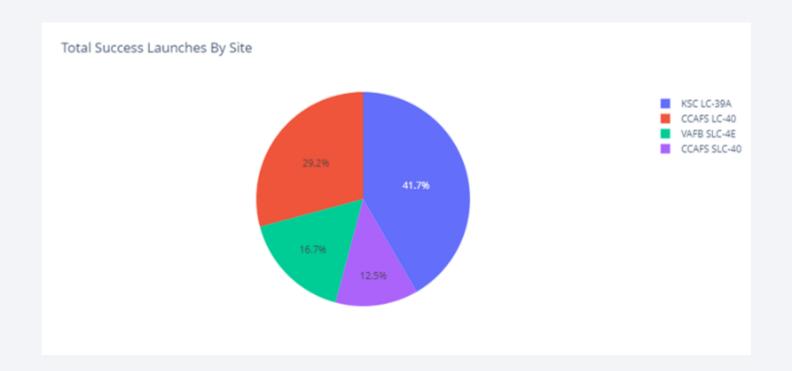
## Launch Site to its proximities (Railway, Highway, Coastline)



• Looking at the VAFB SLC- 4E, it can be shown that this is near major highways in multiple directions of the launch site.

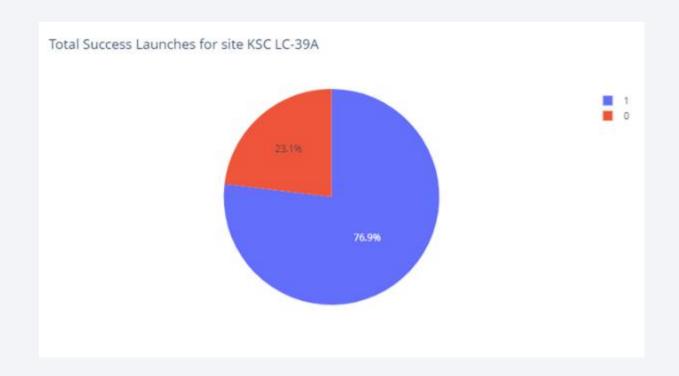


# Total Success Launches By All Sites



 KSC LC-39A had the greatest success at 41.7% while CCAFS SLC-40 had the lowest successful launch at 12.5%

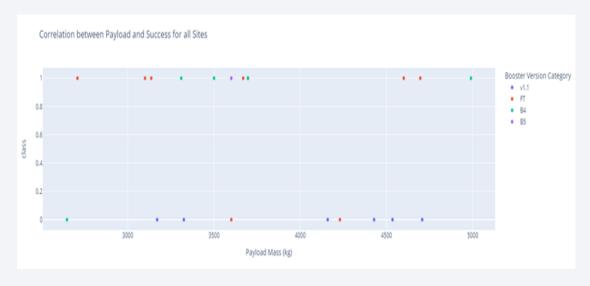
## Total Success Launches for Site KSC LC-39A



• There was a 76.9% success rate for KSC LC-39A

## Payload vs. Launch Outcome scatter plot for all sites







Low weighted payloads have a higher success rate then high weighted payloads. The top left graph depicts this with payloads between 0 – 2500 kg



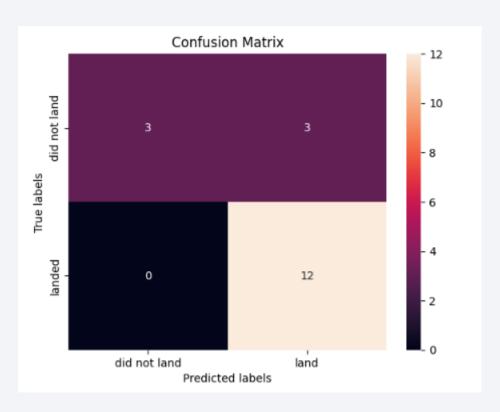
# **Classification Accuracy**

 All models performed at the same accuracy of 83.33%



## **Confusion Matrix**

• All models (4) performed very similar. Most of the models had high false positives. These represent unsuccessful landings that are incorrectly marked as successful landing.



#### Conclusions

- As the Flight Number increases there are more successful landings at each of the Launch Sites
- The success rate increased from 2013-2020
- Orbit types: Polar, LEO, and ISS had more successful landings with heavy payloads
- Orbits ES-L1, GEO, HEO, SSO, and VLEO had the highest success rate
- There was a 76.9% success rate for KSC LC-39A
- All models (4) performed very similar. Most of the models had high false positives.

# **Appendix**

• Notebooks and scripts can be found in the GitHub repository

