

# Winning Space Race with Data Science

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# **Executive Summary**

#### Summary of methodologies

- Data collection using web scraping and SpaceX API;
- Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA), including data wrangling, data visualization and interactive visual analytics;
- Machine Learning Prediction.

#### Summary of all results

- It was possible to collected valuable data from public sources;
- EDA allowed to identify which features are the best to predict success of launchings;
- Machine Learning Prediction showed the best model to predict which characteristics are important to drive this opportunity by the best way, using all collected data.

#### Introduction

- Background and context
  - The objective is to evaluate the viability of the new company Space Y to complete with Space X
- Problems to find answers
  - The best way to estimate the total cost for launches, by predicting successful landings of the first stage of rockets;
  - Where is the best place to make launches.



# Methodology

#### **Executive Summary**

- Data collection methodology:
  - Data from Space X was obtained from two sources:
    - Space X API (<a href="https://api.spacexdata.com/v4/rockets/">https://api.spacexdata.com/v4/rockets/</a>)
    - WebScraping
       (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\_of\_Falcon\_9\_and\_Falcon\_Heavy\_launches)
- Perform data wrangling
  - Collected data was enriched by creating a landing outcome label based on outcome data after summarizing and analyzing features
- Perform exploratory data analysis (EDA) using visualization and SQL

# Methodology

#### **Executive Summary**

- Perform interactive visual analytics using Folium and Plotly Dash
- Perform predictive analysis using classification models
  - Data that was collected until this step were normalized, divided in training and test data sets and evaluated by four different classification models, being the accuracy of each model evaluated using different combinations of parameters.

### **Data Collection**

- Data sets were collected:
  - from Space X API (<a href="https://api.spacexdata.com/v4/rockets/">https://api.spacexdata.com/v4/rockets/</a>)
  - From Wikipedia (<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List of Falcon 9 and Falcon Heavy launches">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List of Falcon 9 and Falcon Heavy launches</a>) by web scraping technics.

# Data Collection - SpaceX API

- SpaceX offers a public API from where data can be obtained and then used;
- This API was used according to the flowchart beside and then data is persisted.
- Source code:

https://github.com/olievko/Coursera-IBM-Module-10-Applied-Data-Science-Capstone/blob/main/week01/jupyter labs spac ex data collection api.ipynb Request API and parse the SpaceX launch data





Deal with Missing Values

# Data Collection - Scraping

- Data from SpaceX launches can also be obtained from Wikipedia;
- Data are downloaded from Wikipedia according to the flowchart and then persisted.

Source code:

https://github.com/olievko/Coursera-IBM-Module-10-Applied-Data-Science-Capstone/blob/main/week01/jupyter labs webscr aping.ipynb Request the Falcon9 Launch Wiki page



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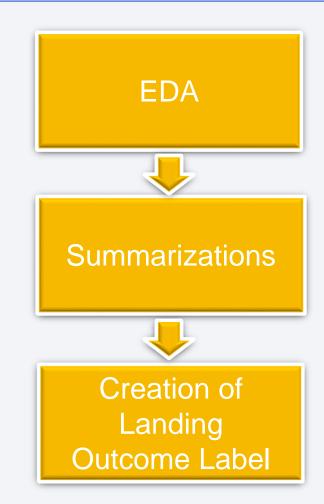
Create a data frame by parsing the launch HTML tables

# **Data Wrangling**

- Initially some Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA) was performed on the dataset.
- Then the summaries launches per site, occurrences of each orbit and occurrences of mission outcome per orbit were calculated.
- Finally, the landing outcome label was created from Outcome column.

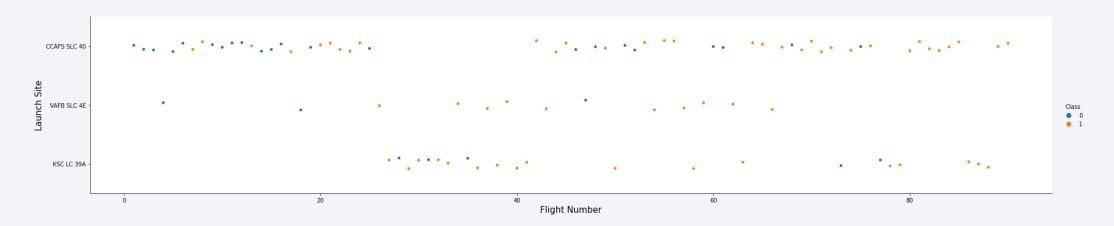
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#### **EDA** with Data Visualization

- To explore data, scatterplots and barplots were used to visualize the relationship between pair of features:
  - Payload Mass VS Flight Number, Launch Site VS Flight Number, Launch Site VS Payload Mass, Orbit VS Flight Number, Payload VS Orbit



• Source code: https://github.com/olievko/Coursera-IBM-Module-10-Applied-Data-Science-Capstone/blob/main/week02/jupyter labs eda dataviz.ipynb

### **EDA** with **SQL**

#### The following SQL queries were performed:

- Names of the unique launch sites in the space mission;
- Top 5 launch sites whose name begin with the string 'CCA';
- Total payload mass carried by boosters launched by NASA (CRS);
- Average payload mass carried by booster version F9 v1.1;
- Date when the first successful landing outcome in ground pad was achieved;
- Names of the boosters which have success in drone ship and have payload mass between 4000 and 6000 kg;
- Total number of successful and failure mission outcomes;
- Names of the boosters which have carried the maximum payload mass;
- Failed landing outcomes in drone ship, their booster versions, and launch site names for in 2015 year;
- Rank of 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.
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### Build an Interactive Map with Folium

- Markers, circles, lines and marker clusters were used with Folium Maps
  - Markers indicate launch sites;
  - Circles indicate highlighted areas around specific coordinated like NASA Johnson Space Center;
  - Marker clusters indicates groups of events in each coordinate like launches in a launch site;
  - Lines are used to indicate distances between two coordinates.

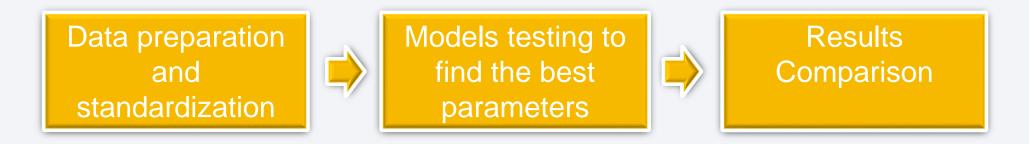
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### Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

- The following plots/graphs and interactions were added to a dashboard:
  - · Percentage of launches by site
  - Payload range
- Those plots and interactions allowed to quickly analyze the relation between payloads and launch sites, helping to identify where is best place to launch according to payloads.
- GitHub URL: <a href="https://github.com/olievko/Coursera-IBM-Module-10-Applied-Data-Science-Capstone/blob/main/week03/dash\_interactivity.py">https://github.com/olievko/Coursera-IBM-Module-10-Applied-Data-Science-Capstone/blob/main/week03/dash\_interactivity.py</a>

# Predictive Analysis (Classification)

• Four classification models (logistic regression, support vector machine, decision tree and k nearest neighbors) were compared to found the best performing classification model.



• GitHub URL: <a href="https://github.com/olievko/Coursera-IBM-Module-10-Applied-Data-Science-Capstone/blob/main/week04/SpaceX\_Machine\_Learning\_Prediction\_Part\_5.ipynb">https://github.com/olievko/Coursera-IBM-Module-10-Applied-Data-Science-Capstone/blob/main/week04/SpaceX\_Machine\_Learning\_Prediction\_Part\_5.ipynb</a>

#### Results

- Exploratory data analysis results:
  - Space X uses 4 different launch sites;
  - The first launches were done to Space X itself and NASA;
  - The average payloads of F9 v1.1 booster is 2,928 kg;
  - The first success landing outcome happened in 2015 fiver year after the first launch;
  - Many Falcon 9 booster versions were successful at landing in drone ships having payload above the average;
  - Almost 100% of mission outcomes were successful;
  - Two booster versions failed in drone ships in 2015: F9 v1.1 B1012 and F9 v1.1 B1015;
  - The number of landing outcomes became as better as years passed.

### Results

- Using interactive analytics was possible to identify that launch sites use to be in safety places near sea and have a good logistic infrastructure around.
- Most launches happens at east cost launch sites.

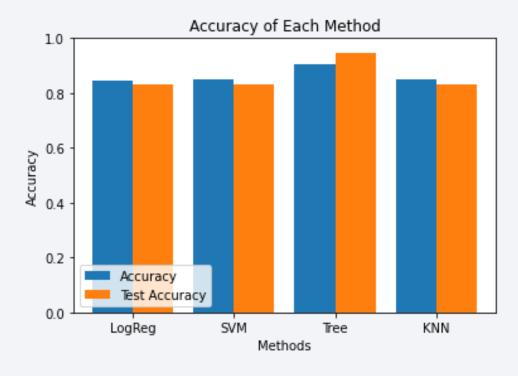




#### Results

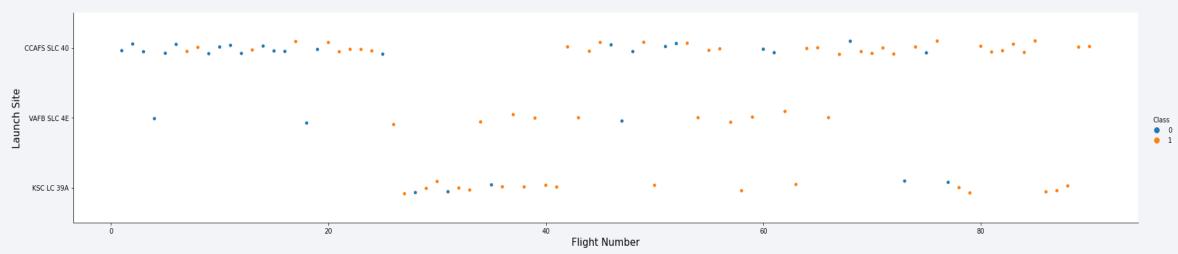
• Predictive Analysis showed that Decision Tree Classifier has the highest accuracy (90.36%) and accuracy for test (94.44%) to predict successful landings.

	Model	Accuracy	Test Accurracy
0	LogReg	0.8464	0.8333
1	SVM	0.8482	0.8333
2	Tree	0.9036	0.9444
3	KNN	0.8482	0.8333





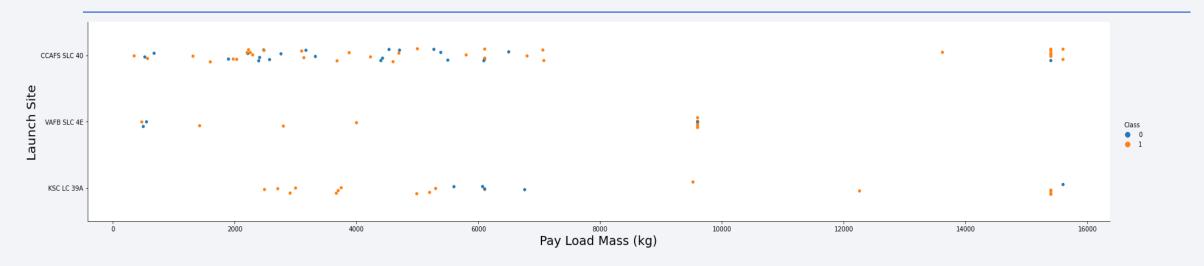
# Flight Number vs. Launch Site



- Total number of flights for CCAFS SLC 40 are **55**:
  - **33** (=60.00 %) flights are successful
  - 22 (=40.00 %) flights are failed
- Total number of flights for VAFB SLC 4E are 13:
  - 10 (~76.92 %) flights are successful
  - 3 (~23.08 %) flights are failed
- Total number of flights for KSL LC 39A are 22:
  - **17** (~77.27 %) flights are successful
  - **5** (~22.73 %) flights are failed

Preliminary analysis shows that launch sites KSL LC 39 A and VAFB SLC 4E are more successful than CCAFS SLC (having more than **76%** of successful flights), buts the amount of flights for these launch site significantly less for final conclusions.

# Payload vs. Launch Site



- For launch site CCAFS SLC 40, we have:
  - At payload mass < 8000 kg, 25 (~45.45 %) successful flights are successful and 21 (~38.18 %) unsuccessful flights
  - At payload mass > 8000 kg, eight (8) (~14.55 %) successful flights are successful and one (1) (~1.82 %) unsuccessful flight
- For launch site VAFB SLC 4E, we have:
  - At payload mass < 8000 kg, four (4) (~30.77 %) successful flights are successful and two (2) (~15.38 %) unsuccessful flights
  - At payload mass > 8000 kg, six (6) (~46.16 %) successful flights are successful and one (1) (~7.69 %) unsuccessful flight
- For launch site KSL LC 39A, we have:
  - At payload mass < 8000 kg, eleven (11) (=50.00 %) successful flights are successful and four (4) (~18.18 %) unsuccessful flights
  - At payload mass > 8000 kg, six (6) (~27.27 %) successful flights are successful and one (1) (~4.55 %) unsuccessful flight

Amount of unsuccessful flights is higher at payload mass < 8000 kg. At payload mass > 8000 kg, we have one (1) unsuccessful flight for all launch sites

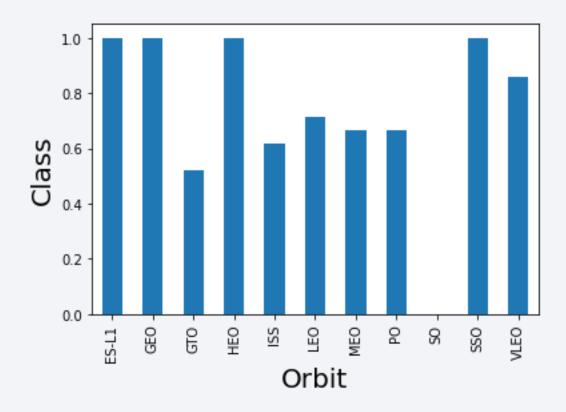
# Success Rate vs. Orbit Type

The highest success rate of space flights occur on-orbits:

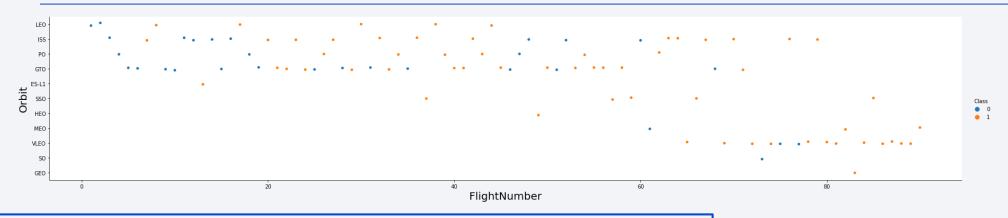
- **ES-L1** (=100%)
- **GEO** (=100 %)
- **HEO** (=100 %)
- **SSO** (=100%)

#### And

- **VLEO** (~ 85.71 %)
- **LEO** (~ 71.43 %)



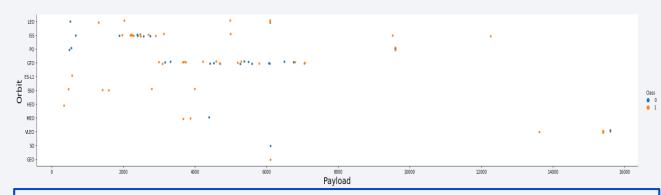
# Flight Number vs. Orbit Type



- ES-L1 & GEO & HEO One (1) successful space flight (success rate = 100 %);
- GTO 14 successful and 13 unsuccessful space flights (success rate ~ 51.85 %);
- ISS 13 successful and eight (8) unsuccessful space flights (success rate ~ 61.9 %);
- LEO Five (5) successful and two (2) unsuccessful space flights (success rate ~ 71.43 %);
- MEO Two (2) successful and one (1) unsuccessful space flight (success rate ~ 66.67 %);
- PO Six (6) successful and three (3) unsuccessful space flights (success rate ~ 66.67 %);
- **SO One (1)** unsuccessful space flight (success rate = 0 %);
- SSO Five (5) successful space flights (success rate = 100 %);
- VLEO 12 successful and two (2) unsuccessful space flights (success rate ~ 85.71 %);

The best Case!

# Payload vs. Orbit Type



#### HEO, ES-L1 & GEO:

• One (1) successful flight with payload 350 kg, 570 kg and 6,105 accordingly.

#### o **GTO**:

- **14** successful flights with payload in a range 3,000...7,076 kg;
- 13 unsuccessful flights with payload in a range 3,170...6,761 kg.

#### o ISS:

- 13 successful flights with payload in a range 1,977...12,259 kg;
- Eight (8) unsuccessful flights with payload in a range 677...2,760 kg.

#### o LEO :

- Five (5) successful flights with payload in a range 1,316...6,105 kg;
- Two (2) unsuccessful flights with payload 525 and 6,105 kg.

#### o **MEO**:

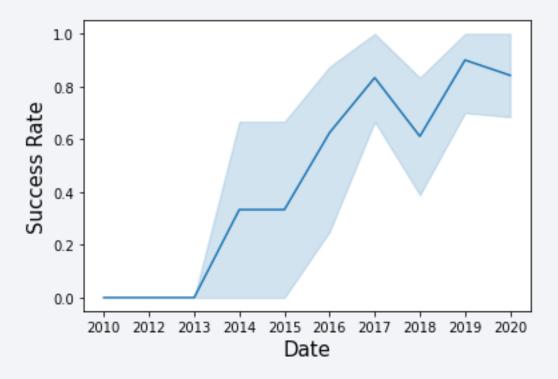
- Two (2) successful flights with payload 3,681 kg and 3,880 kg accordingly;
- One (1) unsuccessful flight with payload 4,400 kg.

#### o **PO**:

- Six (6) successful flights with payload mass 9600 kg;
- Three (3) unsuccessful flights with payload in a range 500...9,600 kg.
- o **SO**:
  - One (1) unsuccessful flight with payload 6,105 kg.
- o SSO:
  - **Five (5)** successful space flights with payload in a range 475...1,425 kg;
- o VLEO:
  - 12 successful flights with payload between 13,620 and 15,400 kg;
  - Two (2) unsuccessful flights with payload between 15,400 and 15,600 kg.
- There is no relation between payload and success rate to orbit GTO;
- One success launch to the orbits HEO, ES-L1, GEO and SO;
- ISS orbit has the widest range of payload mass and not bad rate of success (~62 %);
- SSO orbit has the most success rate (=100 %) but not wide range of payload mass;
- VLEO orbit has the biggest payload mass 15,400 kg and a good success rate (~ **85.71** %)

# Launch Success Yearly Trend

- During 2010 2013 no success space flights;
- From 2013 we observe the increasing of success rate.



#### All Launch Site Names

 Found four unique launch sites in space mission by applying SQL SELECT DISTINCT statement to return only distinct (different) "launch\_site" values from dataset orders by first column

SELECT DISTINCT LAUNCH\_SITE FROM SPACEXTBL ORDER BY 1;

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

# Launch Site Names Begin with 'CCA'

- 5 records where launch sites begin with `CCA`
- All 5 records show Cape Canaveral launches

Date	Time (UTC)	Booster Version	Launch Site	Payload	Payload Mass kg	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

### **Total Payload Mass**

- Total payload carried by boosters from NASA
- Result obtained with summing all payloads where customer contain "CRS", which corresponds to NASA

SELECT SUM(PAYLOAD\_MASS\_\_KG) AS Total\_Payload LAUNCH\_SITE FROM SPACEXTBL WHERE Customer LIKE '%CRS%';

Total Payload (kg)

48213

# Average Payload Mass by F9 v1.1

- Average payload mass carried by booster version F9 v1.1
- The result obtained with AVG function applying to filtered data by the booster version in order to calculate the average payload mass

SELECT AVG(PAYLOAD\_MASS\_\_KG) AS AVG\_Payload FROM SPACEXTBL WHERE BOOSTER\_VERSION = 'F9 v1.1';

Avg Payload (kg)

2928.4

# First Successful Ground Landing Date

- First successful landing outcome on ground pad
- The result obtained with MIN function applying to filtered data by successful landing outcome on ground pad in order to identify the first occurrence

SELECT MIN(DATE) AS First\_Success FROM SPACEXTBL WHERE Landing\_Outcome = 'Success (ground pad)';

First Success Date

2015-12-22

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

- List the names of boosters which have successfully landed on drone ship and had payload mass greater than 4000 but less than 6000
- There are five results according to the filters above

SELECT DISTINCT BOOSTER\_VESRION FROM SPACEXTBL WHERE Landing\_Outcome = 'Success (drone ship)' AND PAYLOADF MASS KG BETWEEN 4000 AND 6000;

Booster Version		
F9 FT B1022		
F9 FT B1026		
F9 FT B1021.2		
F9 FT B1038.1		
F9 FT B1031.2		

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

- Total number of successful and failure mission outcomes
- Result obtained by grouping mission outcomes and counting records for each group

SELECT MISSION\_OUTCOME, COUNT(\*) AS QTY FROM SPACEXTBL GROUP BY MISSION\_OUTCOME ORDER BY MISSION\_OUTCOME;

Mission Outcome	Quantity
Failure (in flight)	1
Success	99
Success (payload status unclear)	1

# **Boosters Carried Maximum Payload**

- List the names of the booster which have carried the maximum payload mass
- Ordered booster versions obtained from SPACEXTBL with applying MAX function to find maximum payload mass and ORDER BY keywords to sort the results

SELECT DISTINCT BOOSTER\_VERSION FROM SPACEXTBL WHERE PAYLOAD\_MASS\_\_KG\_ = (SELECT MAX(PAYLOAD\_MASS\_\_KG\_) FROM SPACEXTBL) ORDER BY BOOSTER\_VERSION;

Booster Version
F9 B4 B1041.2
F9 B4 B1041.1
F9 B5 B1049.2
F9 B5B1048.1
F9 FT B1036.2
F9 FT B1029.1
F9 FT B1036.1

#### 2015 Launch Records

- List the failed landing outcomes in drone ship, their booster versions, and launch site names for in year 2015
- Result obtained from SPACEXTBL with applying date function to filtering landing outcomes for in year 2015 and LIKE operator in a WHERE clause to find for a "Fail" keywords in a landing outcome column.

```
SELECT date, booster_version, launch_site, landing_outcome FROM SPACEXTBL WHERE strftime("%Y", Date) = "2015" AND Landing_Outcome LIKE "%Fail%"
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Date	Booster Version	Launch Site	Landing Outcome
2015-01-10	F9 v1.1 B1012	CCAFS LC-40	Failure (drone ship)
2015-04-14	F9 v1.1 B1015	CCAFS LC-40	Failure (drone ship)

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

- 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
- Result obtained from SPACEXTBL with applying date function to filtering landing outcomes between the date 2010-06-04 and 2017-03-20 and GROUP BY statement in a WHERE clause to group landing outcome rows that have the same values into summary rows and ORDER BY keyword to sort to sort the quantity set in descending order.

```
SELECT Landing_Outcome, COUNT(*) AS Quantity FROM SPACEXTBL

WHERE strftime("%Y%m%d", date) BETWEEN
'2010-06-04' AND '2017-03-20'

GROUP BY Landing_Outcome

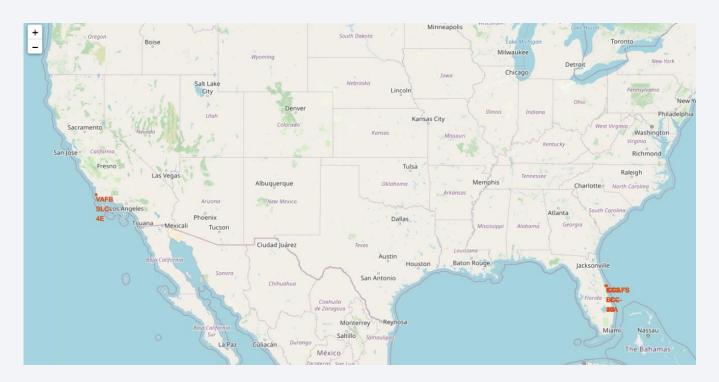
ORDER by Quantity DESC
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Landing Outcome	Quantity
No attempt	9
Failure (drone ship)	5
Success (drone ship)	4
Controlled (ocean)	3
Failure (parachute)	2
Success (ground pad)	2
Uncontrolled (ocean)	2
Precluded (drone ship)	1



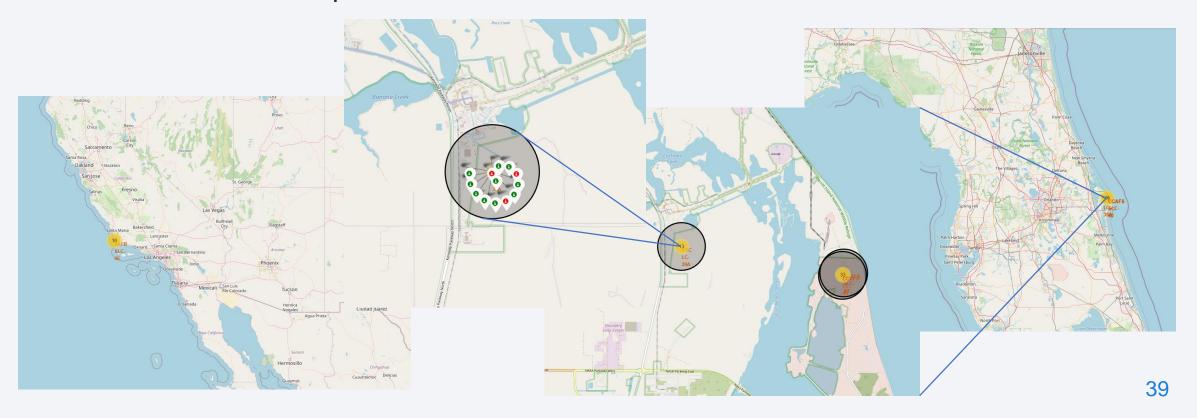
### All Launch Sites

All launch sites in proximity to the Equator line and to the coast. Location near equator gives an
additional natural boost due to the rotational speed of Earth that helps save on fuel and boosters.
Reason of location near coast is that if something goes wrong during the ascent, the debris will fall
into an ocean instead of a densely populated area.



### Launch Outcomes for each Site

This is an example of launch outcomes for KSC LC-39A launch site. Green markers indicate successful launch outcomes and red ones indicate failure outcomes on the map.

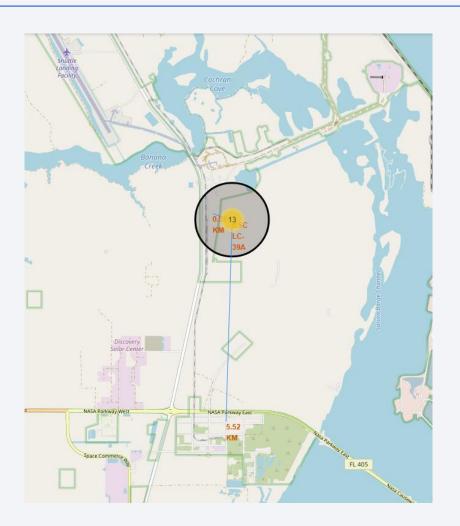


# Logistics

Example of location for KSC LC-39A to find that

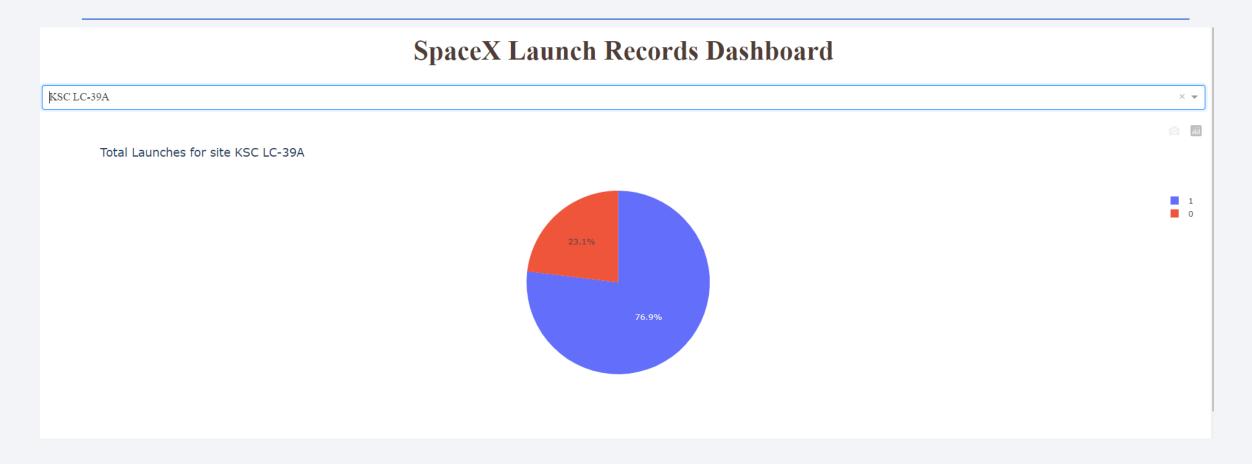
- launch site is near to railway
- launch site is near to highways
- launch site is near to coastline.
- launch site relatively far away from cities

Thus KSC LC-39A launch site has good logistics aspects.





### Total Launches for site KSL LC-39A



76.9% launches are successful!

## Payload vs. Launch Outcome for All Sites

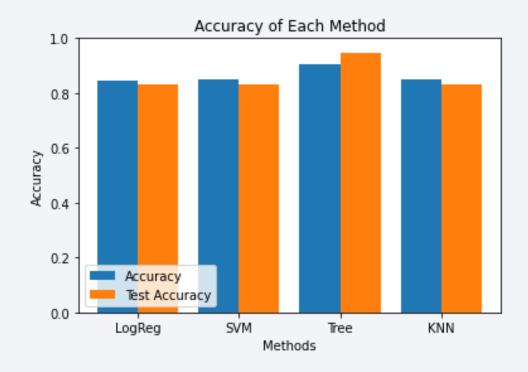


• Payload range 2,000 – 6,000 kg and FT booster have the largest success rate.



## Classification Accuracy

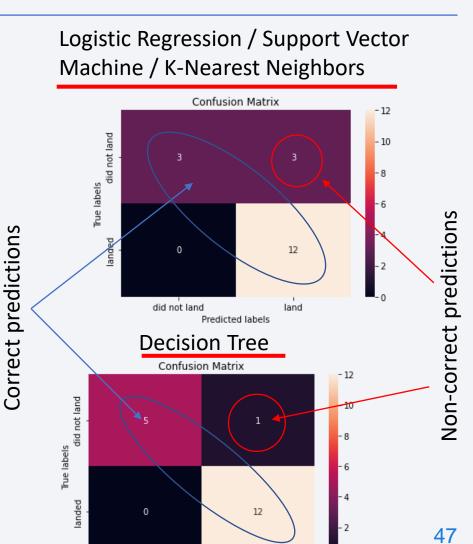
- Four classification models were tested
- Logistic Regression / Support Vector Machine / K Nearest Neighbors models show the same accuracy ~ 85.0%
- The Decision Tree Classifier show the highest accuracy over 90.0%



### **Confusion Matrix**

In confusion matrix, the Log Regression / Support Vector Machine / K-Nearest Neighbors models judged that from 6 unsuccessful launches (did not land) 3 were successful and instead of 12 successful launches (land), it predicted that 15 have landings (12 correct predicted + 3 non-correct predicted).

Decision Tree (DT) model judged 1 wrong prediction. That is from 6 unsuccessful landings DT model predict one as successful and instead of 12 landings, it predicted that 13 have landings (1 was wrong prediction). All correct predictions are located in the diagonal of the table, so it is easy to visually inspect the table for prediction errors, as values outside the diagonal will represent them. Thus, Decision Tree model proves its accuracy by showing the big numbers of true positive values (12) and true negative (5) compare to the false ones.



Predicted labels

#### Conclusions

- Different data sources were analyzed, refining conclusions along the process
- The KSC LC-39A launch site has good logistics aspects and more than 76% of successful flights.
- At payload mass > 8000 kg, we have higher successful flights for all launch sites
- VLEO orbit has the biggest payload mass 15,400 kg and a good success rate (more than 85 %)
- Starting from 2013 most of mission outcomes are successful due to the improvement of rockets
- Decision Tree Classifier has been shown better accuracy compare to Logistic Regression / Support Vector Machine / K-Nearest Neighbors models to predict successful landings.

# **Appendix**

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