

# Winning Space Race with Data Science

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### **Executive Summary**

#### Summary of methodologies

This project use the following methodologies:

- Data Collection
- ☐ Data Wrangling
- ☐ Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA)
- ☐ Interactive Visual Analytics via Dashboard
- ☐ Predictive Analysis using Classification Method

#### Summary of all results

This projects output are:

- ☐ EDA Results
- ☐ Maps
- Dashboard
- ☐ Classification Models

#### Introduction

#### Project background and context

Space Launch become costly because all component of the rockets are used and can't be retrieved back to be re-used. SpaceX can reach 1/3 cost f the average Space Launch (\$62 million vs. \$165 million USD) because they can retrieve the Stage 1 of the rocket with the help of Data Science.

#### Problems you want to find answers

SpaceY as a new established Space Launch Company want to follow SpaceX method to retrieve the Stage 1 back to reduce the cost of Space Launch.



# Methodology

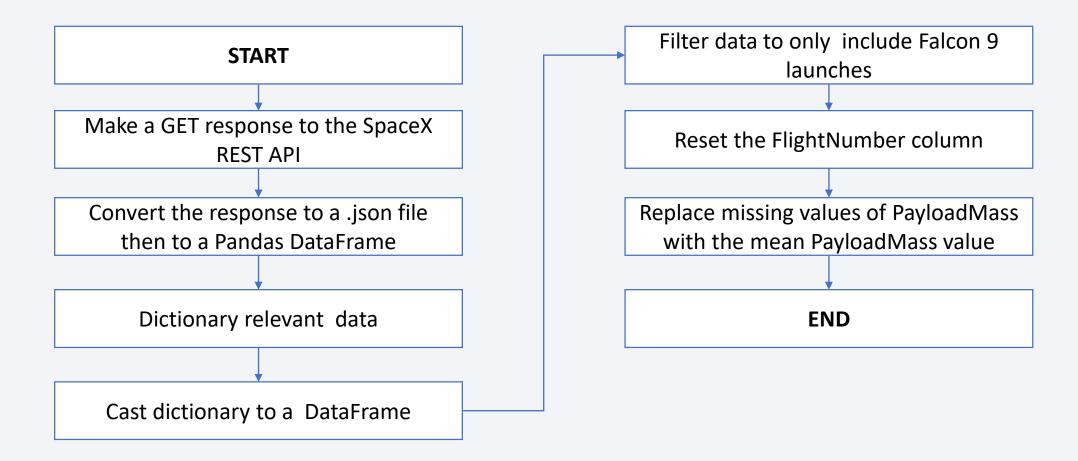
#### **Executive Summary**

- Data collection methodology:
  - Data was collected from SpaceX public API and Wikipedia
- Perform data wrangling
  - Classifying true landings as successful and 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
  - Models was built using GridSearchCV

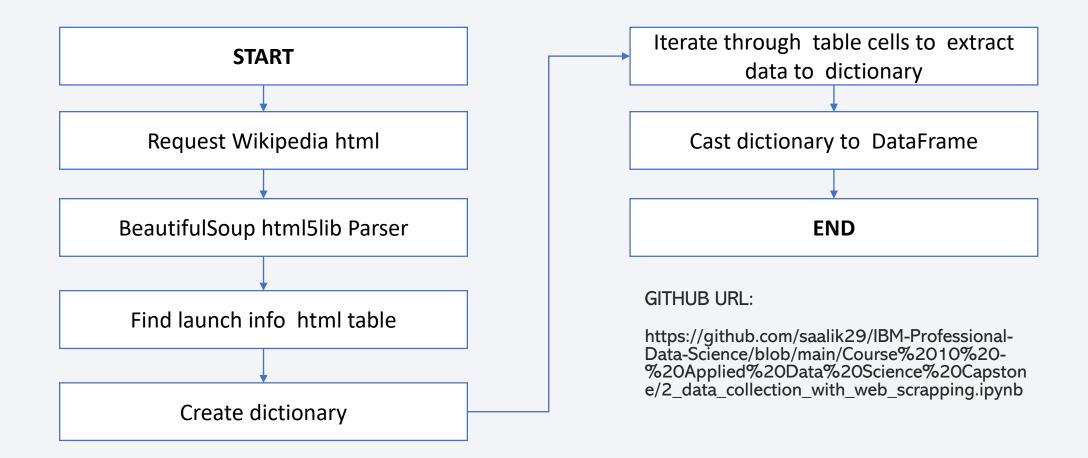
#### **Data Collection**

- Describe how data sets were collected.
- You need to present your data collection process use key phrases and flowcharts

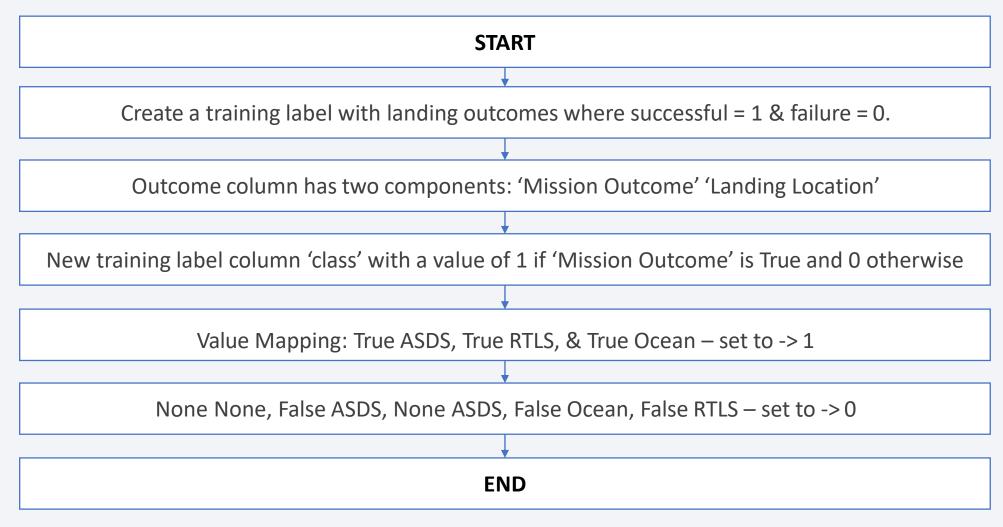
### Data Collection – SpaceX API



### **Data Collection - Scraping**



# **Data Wrangling**



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

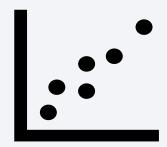
Scatter charts are useful to observe relationships, or correlations, between two numeric variables.

We use it to visualize: Flight Number and Launch Site Payload and Launch Site Orbit Type and Flight Number Payload and Orbit Type Bar charts are used to compare a numerical value to a categorical variable. Horizontal or vertical bar charts can be used, depending on the size of the data.

We use it to visualize: Success Rate and Orbit Type

Line charts contain numerical values on both axes, and are generally used to show the change of a variable over time.

We use it to visualize: Success Rate and Year (i.e. the launch success yearly trend)







#### **EDA** with SQL

#### To gather some information about the dataset, some SQL queries were performed.

#### The SQL queries performed on the data set were used to:

- 1. Display the names of the unique launch sites in the space mission
- 2. Display 5 records where launch sites begin with the string 'CCA'
- 3. Display the total payload mass carried by boosters launched by NASA (CRS)
- 4. Display the average payload mass carried by booster version F9 v1.1
- 5. List the date when the first successful landing outcome on a ground pad was achieved
- 6. List the names of the boosters which had success on a drone ship and a payload mass between 4000 and 6000 kg
- 7. List the total number of successful and failed mission outcomes
- 8. List the names of the booster versions which have carried the maximum payload mass
- 9. List the failed landing outcomes on drone ships, their booster versions, and launch site names for 2015
- 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

### Build an Interactive Map with Folium

- Folium maps mark Launch Sites, successful and unsuccessful landings, and a proximity example to key locations: Railway, Highway, Coast, and City.
- This allows us to understand why launch sites may be located where they are.
   Also visualizes successful landings relative to location

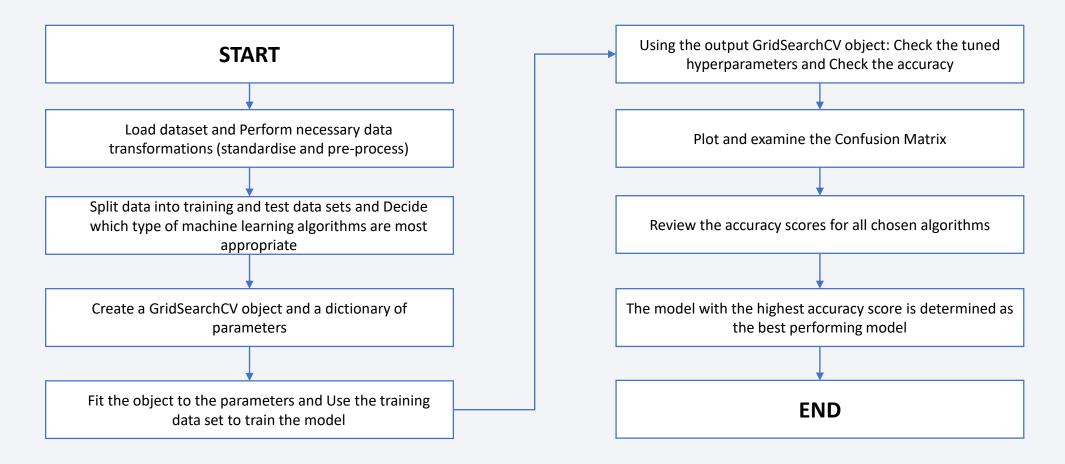
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### Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

- Dashboard includes a pie chart and a scatter plot.
- Pie chart can be selected to show distribution of successful landings across all launch sites and can be selected to show individual launch site success rates.
- Scatter plot takes two inputs: All sites or individual site and payload mass on a slider between 0 and 10000 kg.
- The pie chart is used to visualize launch site success rate.
- The scatter plot can help us see how success varies across launch sites, payload mass, and
- booster version category.

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# Predictive Analysis (Classification)



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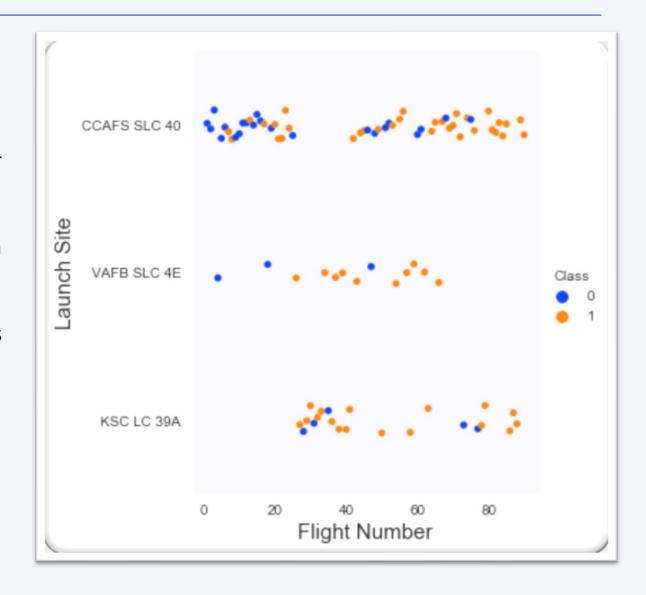
#### Results

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

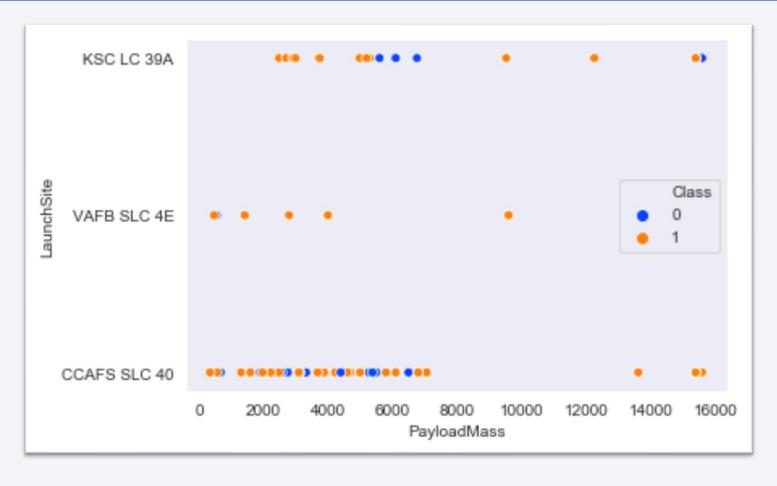


### Flight Number vs. Launch Site

- Graphic suggests an increase in success rate over time (indicated in Flight Number).
- Likely a big breakthrough around flight 20 which significantly increased success rate.
- CCAFS appears to be the main launch site as it has the most volume.



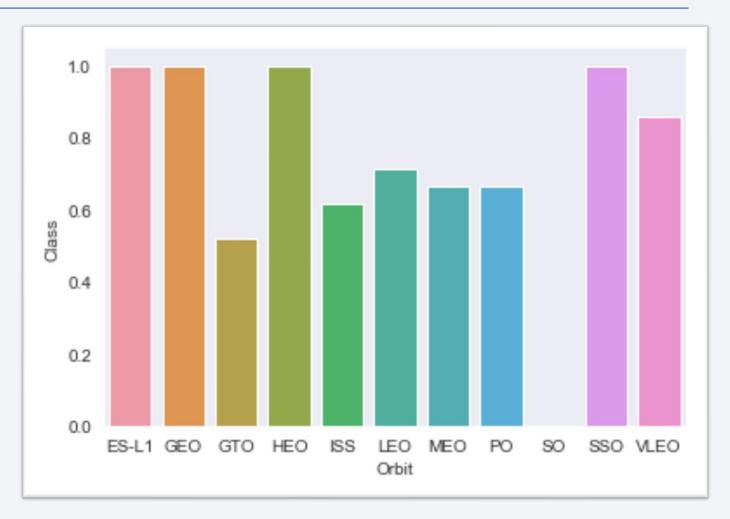
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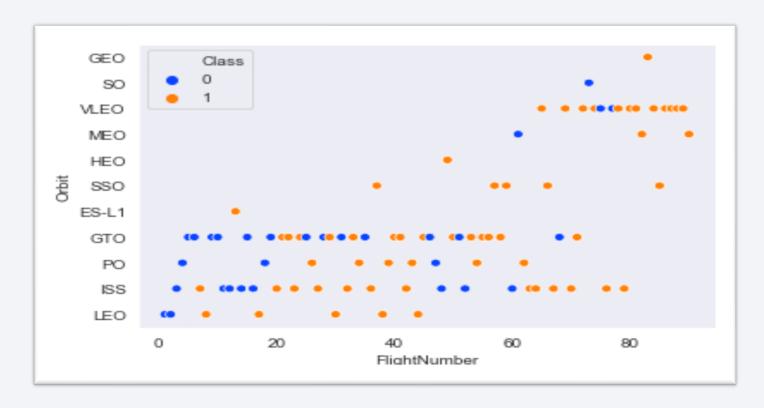
- Payload mass appears to fall mostly between 0-6000 kg.
- Different launch sites also seem to use different payload mass.

#### Success Rate vs. Orbit Type

- ES-L1 (1), GEO (1), HEO (1) have 100% success rate (sample sizes in parenthesis) SSO (5) has 100% success rate
- VLEO (14) has decent success rate and attempts
- SO (1) has 0% success rate
- GTO (27) has the around 50% success rate but largest sample

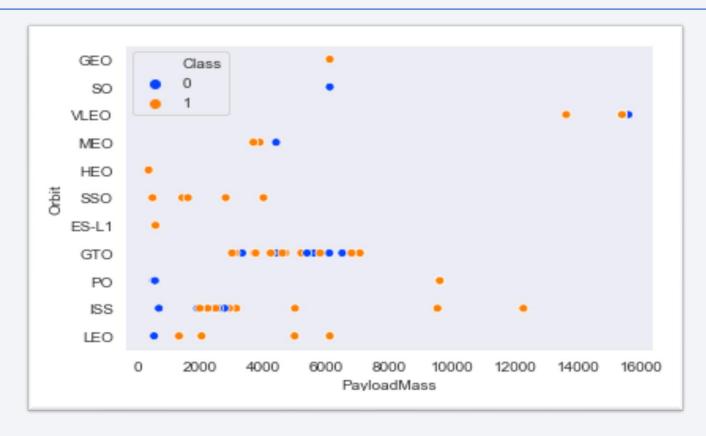


# Flight Number vs. Orbit Type



- Launch Orbit preferences changed over Flight Number.
- Launch Outcome seems to correlate with this preference.
- SpaceX started with LEO orbits which saw moderate success LEO and returned to VLEO in recent launches
- SpaceX appears to perform better in lower orbits or Sun-synchronous orbits

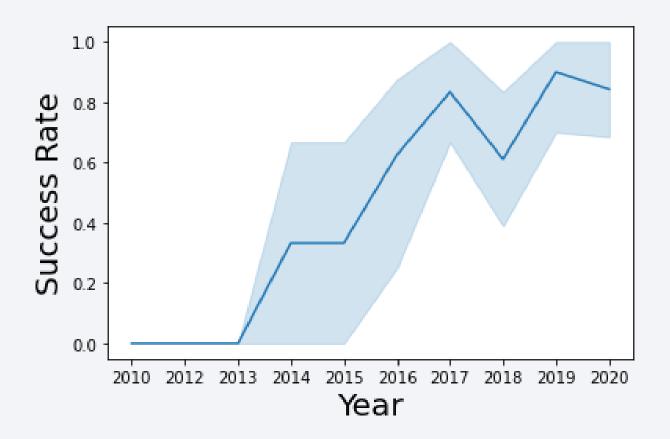
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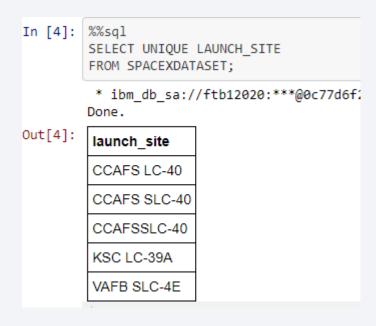
- Payload mass seems to correlate with orbit
- LEO and SSO seem to have relatively low payload mass
- The other most successful orbit VLEO only has payload mass values in the higher end of the range

### Launch Success Yearly Trend

- The line chart of yearly average success rate shows that:
- Between 2010 and 2013, all landings were unsuccessful (as the success rate is 0).
- After 2013, the success rate generally increased, despite small dips in 2018 and 2020.
- After 2016, there was always a greater than 50% chance of success.



#### All Launch Site Names



Query unique launch site names from database.

CCAFS SLC-40 and CCAFSSLC-40 likely all represent the same launch site with data entry errors.

CCAFS LC-40 was the previous name.

Likely only 3 unique launch\_site values:

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

# Launch Site Names Begin with 'CCA'

```
In [5]: %%sql
         SELECT *
         FROM SPACEXDATASET
         WHERE LAUNCH SITE LIKE 'CCA%'
         LIMIT 5;
          * ibm_db_sa://ftb12020:***@0c77d6f2-5da9-48a9-81f8-86b520b87518.bs2io90108kqb1od8lcg.databases.appdomain.cloud:31198/bludb
Out[5]:
         DATE
                 time utc
                            booster_version launch_site | payload
                                                                                                                        mission outcome
                                                                                                                                         landing outcome
                                                                                 payload mass kg
                                                                                                            customer
          2010-
                                             CCAFS LC-
                                                         Dragon Spacecraft
                  18:45:00
                             F9 v1.0 B0003
                                                                                                                                          Failure (parachute)
                                                                                                     LEO
                                                                                                            SpaceX
                                                                                                                        Success
          06-04
                                                         Qualification Unit
                                                                                                            NASA
                                                         Dragon demo flight C1,
                                             CCAFS LC-
          2010-
                                                                                                     LEO
                  15:43:00
                             F9 v1.0 B0004
                                                         two CubeSats, barrel of
                                                                                                            (COTS)
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                                             CCAFS LC-
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          2012-
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                             F9 v1.0 B0005
                                                         Dragon demo flight C2
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                 07:44:00
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          05-22
                                                                                                            (COTS)
                                             CCAFS LC-
                                                                                                     LEO
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          2012-
                                                         SpaceX CRS-1
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                                             CCAFS LC-
          2013-
                                                                                                     LEO
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                                                         SpaceX CRS-2
                  15:10:00
                             F9 v1.0 B0007
                                                                                 677
                                                                                                                        Success
                                                                                                                                          No attempt
          03-01
                                                                                                            (CRS)
```

First five entries in database with Launch Site name beginning with CCA.

# **Total Payload Mass**

```
%%sql
SELECT SUM(PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_) AS SUM_PAYLOAD_MASS_KG
FROM SPACEXDATASET
WHERE CUSTOMER = 'NASA (CRS)';

* ibm_db_sa://ftb12020:***@0c77d6f2-5da9-48a9-81f8-86
Done.

sum_payload_mass_kg
45596
```

This query sums the total payload mass in kg where NASA was the customer.

CRS stands for Commercial Resupply Services which indicates that these payloads were sent to the International Space Station (ISS).

# Average Payload Mass by F9 v1.1

```
%%sql
SELECT AVG(PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_) AS AVG_PAYLOAD_MASS_KG
FROM SPACEXDATASET
WHERE booster_version = 'F9 v1.1'
```

\* ibm\_db\_sa://ftb12020:\*\*\*@0c77d6f2-5da9-48a9-81f8-8@0c77d6f2-5da9-48a9-81f8-8@0c77d6f2-5da9-48a9-81f8-8@0c77d6f2-5da9-48a9-81f8-8@0c77d6f2-5da9-48a9-81f8-8@0c77d6f2-5da9-48a9-81f8-8@0c77d6f2-5da9-48a9-81f8-8@0c77d6f2-5da9-48a9-81f8-8@0c77d6f2-5da9-48a9-81f8-8@0c77d6f2-5da9-48a9-81f8-8@0c77d6f2-5da9-48a9-81f8-8@0c77d6f2-5da9-48a9-81f8-8@0c77d6f2-5da9-48a9-81f8-8@0c77d6f2-5da9-48a9-81f8-8@0c77d6f2-5da9-48a9-81f8-8@0c77d6f2-5da9-48a9-81f8-8@0c77d6f2-5da9-48a9-81f8-8@0c77d6f2-5da9-48a9-81f8-8@0c77d6f2-5da9-48a9-80c77d6f2-5da9-80c77d6

```
avg_payload_mass_kg
```

This query calculates the average payload mass or launches which used booster version F9 v1.1

Average payload mass of F9 1.1 is on the low end of our payload mass range

### First Successful Ground Landing Date

```
%%sql
SELECT MIN(DATE) AS FIRST_SUCCESS
FROM SPACEXDATASET
WHERE landing__outcome = 'Success (ground pad)';

* ibm_db_sa://ftb12020:***@0c77d6f2-5da9-48a9-81
Done.

first_success
2015-12-22
```

This query returns the first successful ground pad landing date.

First ground pad landing wasn't until the end of 2015.

Successful landings in general appear starting 2014.

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

```
%%sql
SELECT booster_version
FROM SPACEXDATASET
WHERE landing_outcome = 'Success (drone ship)' AND payload_mass__kg_ BETWEEN 4001 AND 5999;

* ibm_db_sa://ftb12020:***@0c77d6f2-5da9-48a9-81f8-86b520b87518.bs2io90l08kqb1od8lcg.database
Done.

booster_version
F9 FT B1022
F9 FT B1021.2
F9 FT B1031.2
```

This query returns the four booster versions that had successful drone ship landings and a payload mass between 4000 and 6000 noninclusively.

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

```
%%sql
SELECT mission_outcome, COUNT(*) AS no_outcome
FROM SPACEXDATASET
GROUP BY mission_outcome;
```

\* ibm\_db\_sa://ftb12020:\*\*\*@0c77d6f2-5da9-48a9-2 Done.

mission_outcome	no_outcome	
Failure (in flight)	1	
Success	99	
Success (payload status unclear)	1	

This query returns a count of each mission outcome.

SpaceX appears to achieve its mission outcome nearly 99% of the time.

This means that most of the landing failures are intended.

Interestingly, one launch has an unclear payload status and unfortunately one failed in flight.

# **Boosters Carried Maximum Payload**

```
%%sql
SELECT booster_version, PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_
FROM SPACEXDATASET
WHERE PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_ = (SELECT MAX(PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_) FROM SPACEXDATASET);
```

\* ibm\_db\_sa://ftb12020:\*\*\*@0c77d6f2-5da9-48a9-81f8-86b520b87518.bs2io90l08kqb1 Done.

booster_version	payload_masskg_
F9 B5 B1048.4	15600
F9 B5 B1049.4	15600
F9 B5 B1051.3	15600
F9 B5 B1056.4	15600
F9 B5 B1048.5	15600
F9 B5 B1051.4	15600
F9 B5 B1049.5	15600
F9 B5 B1060.2	15600
F9 B5 B1058.3	15600
F9 B5 B1051.6	15600
F9 B5 B1060.3	15600
F9 B5 B1049.7	15600

This query returns the booster versions that carried the highest payload mass of 15600 kg.

These booster versions are very similar and all are of the F9 B5 B10xx.x variety.

This likely indicates payload mass correlates with the booster version that is used.

#### 2015 Launch Records

```
%%sql
SELECT MONTHNAME(DATE) AS MONTH, landing_outcome, booster_version, PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_, launch_site
FROM SPACEXDATASET
WHERE landing_outcome = 'Failure (drone ship)' AND YEAR(DATE) = 2015;
```

\* ibm\_db\_sa://ftb12020:\*\*\*@0c77d6f2-5da9-48a9-81f8-86b520b87518.bs2io90l08kqb1od8lcg.databases.app Done.

MONTH	landing_outcome	booster_version	payload_masskg_	launch_site
January	Failure (drone ship)	F9 v1.1 B1012	2395	CCAFS LC-40
April	Failure (drone ship)	F9 v1.1 B1015	1898	CCAFS LC-40

This query returns the Month, Landing Outcome, Booster Version, Payload Mass (kg), and Launch site of 2015 launches where stage 1 failed to land on a drone ship.

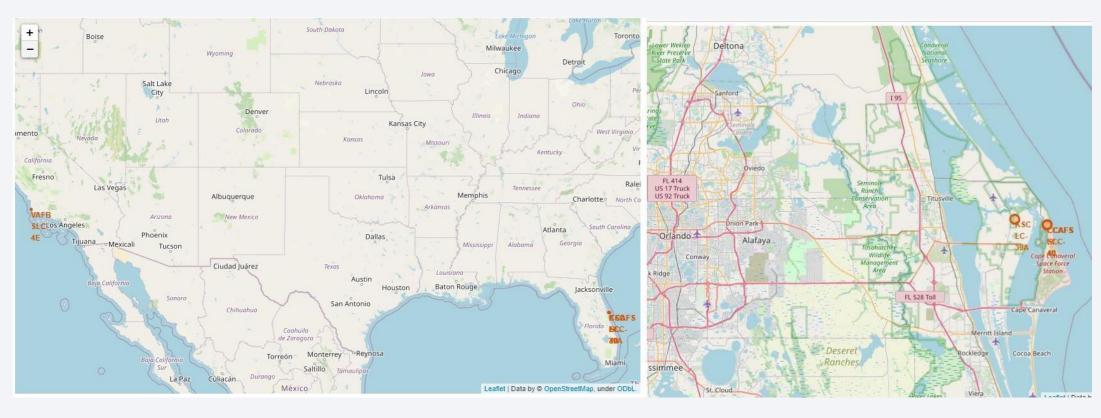
There were two such occurrences.

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

- This query returns a list of successful landings and between 2010-06-04 and 2017-03-20 inclusively.
- There are two types of successful landing outcomes: drone ship and ground pad landings.
- There were 8 successful landings in total during this time period

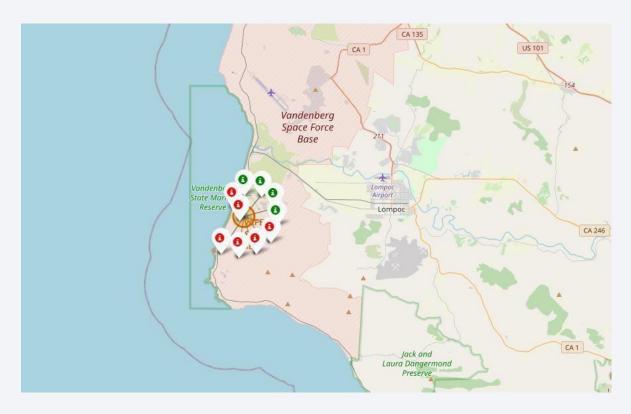


# <Folium Map Screenshot 1>



The left map shows all launch sites relative US map. The right map shows the two Florida launch sites since they are very close to each other. All launch sites are near the ocean.

# <Folium Map Screenshot 2>



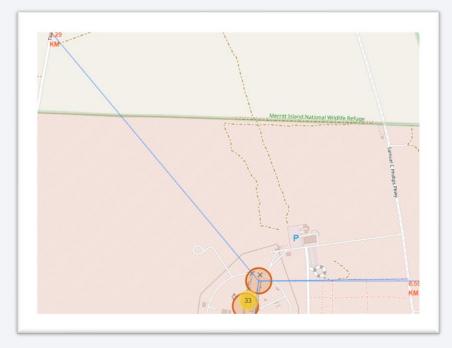
Clusters on Folium map can be clicked on to display each successful landing (green icon) and failed landing (red icon). In this example VAFB SLC-4E shows 4 successful landings and 6 failed landings.

# <Folium Map Screenshot 3>

Using the CCAFS SLC-40 launch site as an example site, we can understand more about the placement of launch sites.

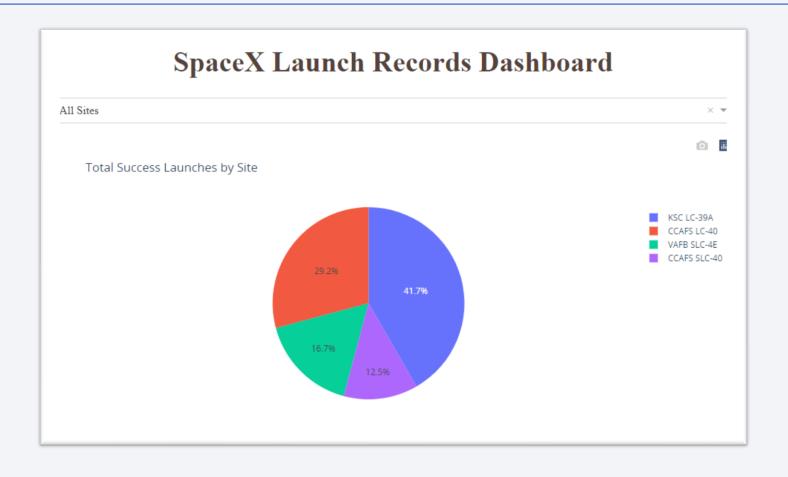






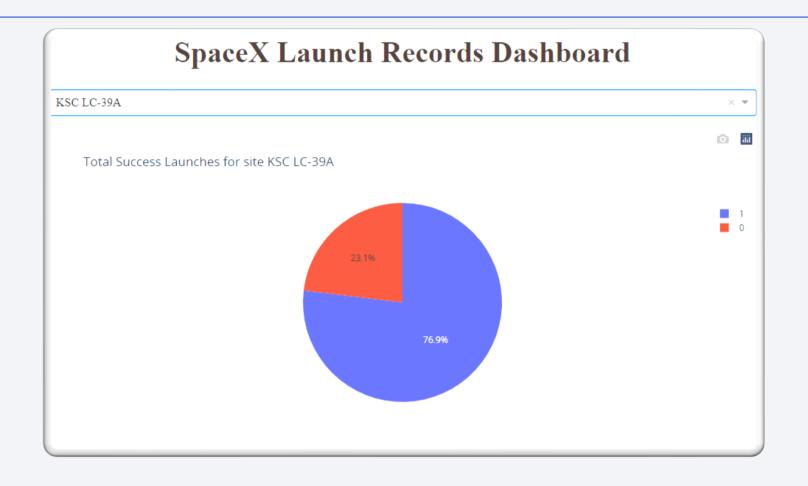


#### Launch success count for all sites



The launch site KSC LC-39 A had the most successful launches, with 41.7% of the total successful launches.

#### Pie chart for the launch site with highest launch success ratio



The launch site KSC LC-39 A also had the highest rate of successful launches, with a 76.9% success rate

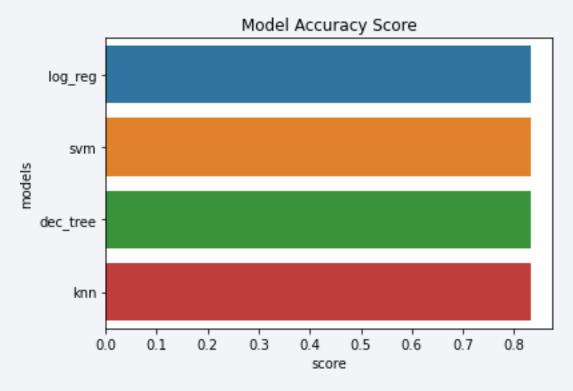
#### Payload Mass vs. Successvs. Booster Version Category



Plotly dashboard has a Payload range selector. However, this is set from 0-10000 instead of the max Payload of 15600. Class indicates 1 for successful landing and 0 for failure. Scatter plot also accounts for booster version category in color and number of launches in point size. In this particular range of 0-6000, interestingly there are two failed landings with payloads of zero kg.



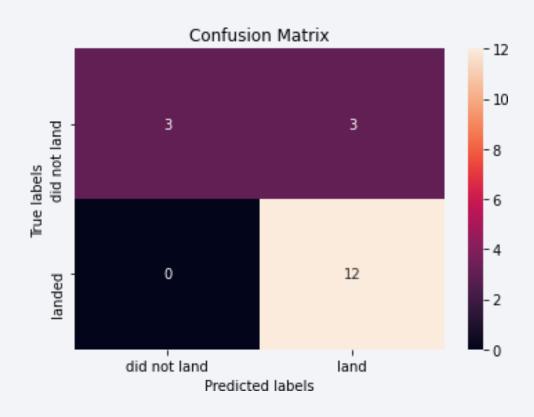
### **Classification Accuracy**



All models had virtually the same accuracy on the test set at 83.33% accuracy. It should be noted that test size is small at only sample size of 18.

This can cause large variance in accuracy results, such as those in Decision Tree Classifier model in repeated runs. We likely need more data to determine the best model.

#### **Confusion Matrix**



Since all models performed the same for the test set, the confusion matrix is the same across all models.

The models predicted 12 successful landings when the true label was successful landing.

The models predicted 3 unsuccessful landings when the true label was unsuccessful landing.

The models predicted 3 successful landings when the true label was unsuccessful landings (false positives).

Our models over predict successful landings.

#### Conclusions

- As the number of flights increases, the rate of success at a launch site increases, with most early flights being unsuccessful. I.e. with more experience, the success rate increases.
- Orbit types ES-L1, GEO, HEO, and SSO, have the highest (100%) success rate.
- The launch site KSC LC-39 A had the most successful launches, with 41.7% of the total successful launches, and also the highest rate of successful launches, with a 76.9% success rate.
- The success for massive payloads (over 4000kg) is lower than that for low payloads.
- We created a machine learning model with an accuracy of 83%

### **Appendix**

- See the complete Project at GitHub:
- https://github.com/saalik29/IBM-Professional-Data-Science/tree/main/Course%2010%20-%20Applied%20Data%20Science%20Capstone

