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# Winning Space Race with Data Science

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# Executive Summary

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  - Data Wrangling
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  - Exploratory Data Analysis with Data Visualization
  - Interactive Visual Analytics with Folium
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- Summary of all results
  - Exploratory Data Analysis result
  - Interactive analytics in screenshots
  - Predictive Analytics result

# Introduction

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- 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. The goal of the project is to analyze and predict whether SpaceY can land its first stage of rocket to determine the cost of the launch using the Space X previous launches.

- Problems you want to find answers

- What factors effect the launch/landing of the rocket?
- Relation of factors that are effecting the landing the most and how? (This will help in predicting the factors to take in account during operations of our rockets.)



Section 1

# Methodology

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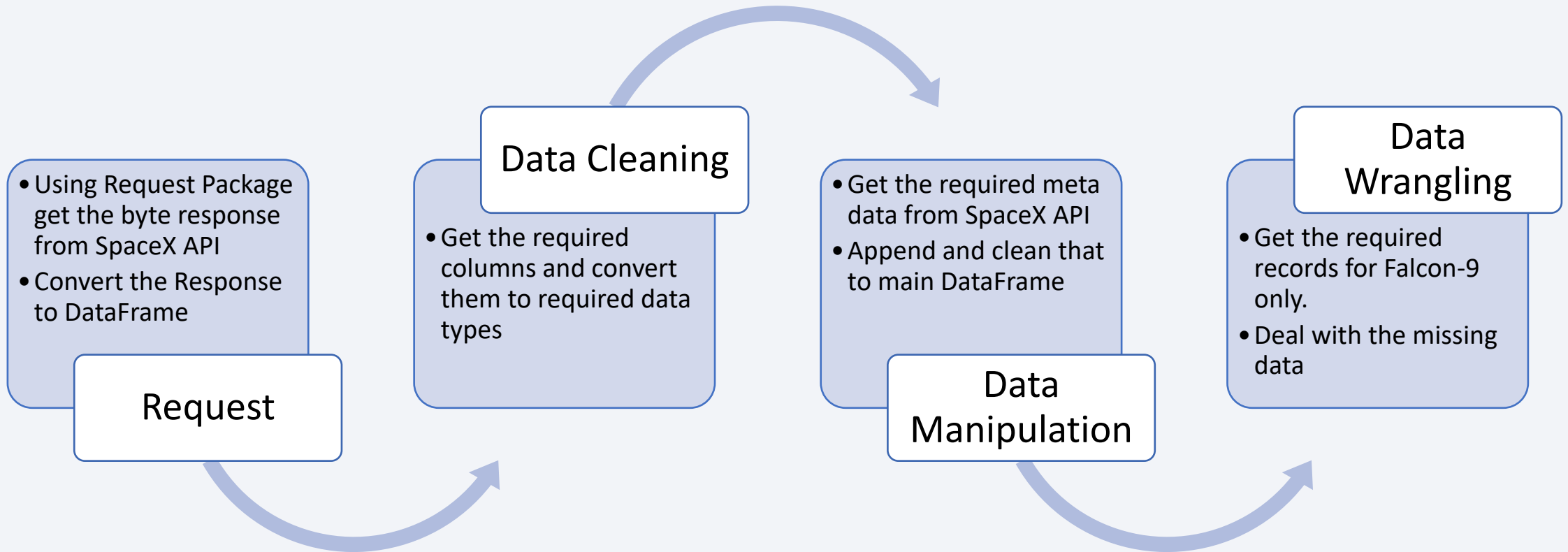
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## Executive Summary

- Collect data using SpaceX REST API and web scrapping data from Wikipedia.
- Wrangle data – filtering, handling missing values and applying One-Hot Encoding to convert the categorical data to numerical for data analysis and prediction model.
- Exploratory Data Analysis with SQL to find the relation between factors effecting the success of landing the first stage of rocket. Also, finding new insights.
- Visualize the data using Folium and Dash for other stakeholders and ease of access to data.
- Modeling to predict landing outcome using classification techniques. Tune the model and find the best algorithms and its best parameter for a pipeline for future use.

# Data Collection – SpaceX API

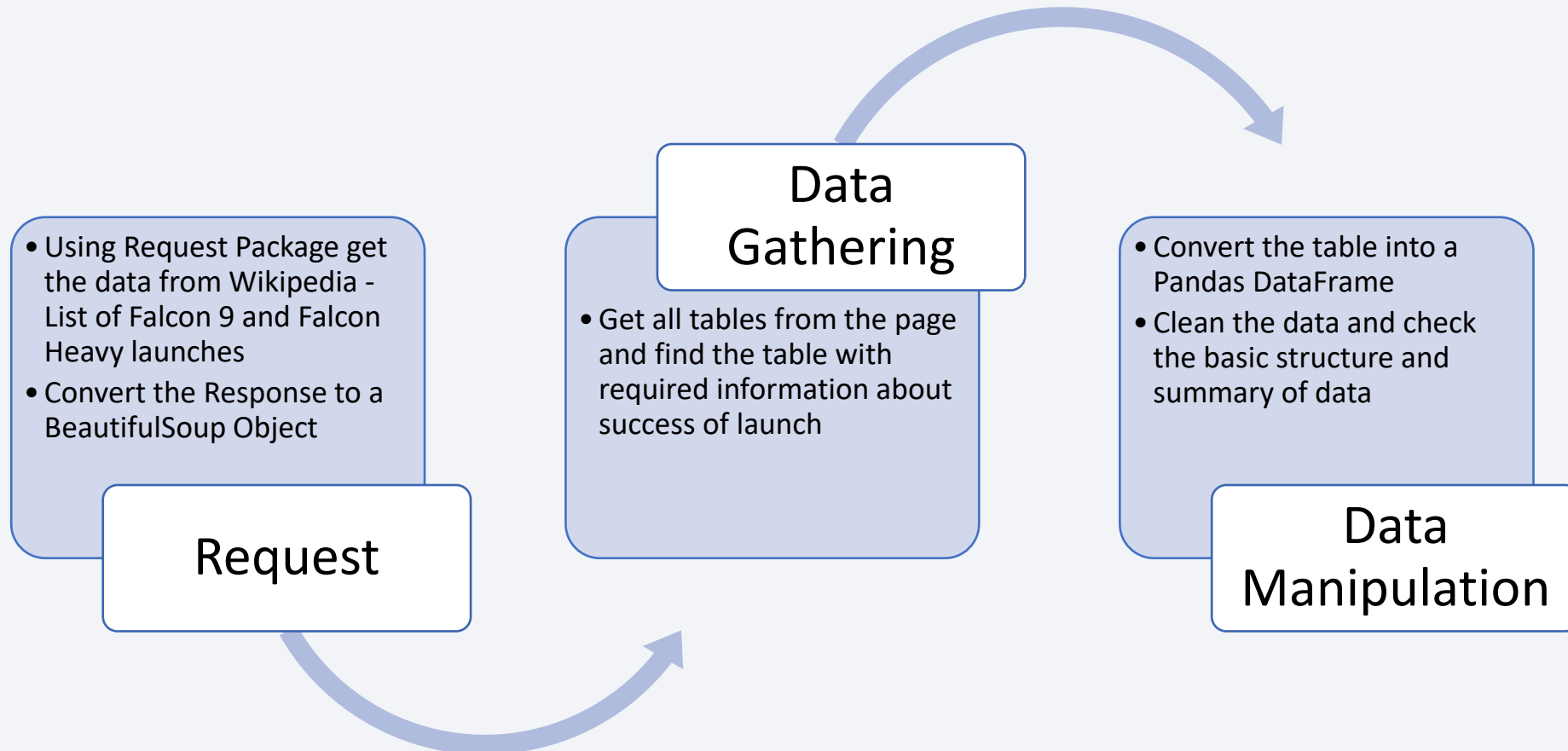
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For Reference: [SpaceX API Data Collection Notebook](#)

# Data Collection - Scraping

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For Reference – [Wikipedia Falcon 9 Data Scrapping](#)



# Data Wrangling

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## Steps:

- Perform EDA and determine the best training features
  - Get a basic insight to extracted data and basic summary to each extracted feature
  - Provide Insights:
    - # of launches from each Launch Site
    - # of launches in each orbit and number of mission in these orbit
  - Create binary landing outcome feature for determining the outcomes from data
- Total number of outcomes:
    - True ASDS: Successful land on a drone ship
    - False ASDS: Failure to land on drone ship
    - True RTLS: Successful land on a land area
    - False RTLS: Failure to land on a land area
    - True Ocean: Successful land in ocean
    - False Ocean: Failure to land in ocean

For Reference – [Data Wrangling](#)

# EDA with Data Visualization

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## Charts

- Flight Number vs Payload Mass
- Launch Site vs Flight Number
- Launch Site vs Payload Mass
- Outcome vs Orbit
- Orbit vs Flight Number
- Orbit vs Payload
- Launch Success Yearly Trend

## Analysis

- Viewing relationship between features to gain insights and gaining additional insight for model training for landing outcome
- Gaining insight how different factors play into or different categories work with landing outcome

For Reference – [Data Viz EDA](#)

# EDA with SQL

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## Queries

- Display Unique Launch Sites
- First five records where Launch Site is in Cape Canaveral Air Force Station
- Total Payload Mass carried by boosters from NASA (CRS)
- Average Payload Mass carried by Falcon-9 v1.1
- First Successful ground landing
- Names of Boosters with successful drone ship landing
- Count of Landing outcomes
- Booster Names and versions with maximum payload mass
- Month and booster version with landing outcome – failure drone ship
- Count of landing outcomes between 04-06-2010 to 20-03-2017

For Reference – [EDA with SQL](#)

# Build an Interactive Map with Folium

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## Markers

- Added NASA Johnson Space Center and Launch sites markers on map to provide a basic view of launch sites and distance from NASA Space Center
- Added colored marker for launch outcomes green – success and red – failure for the each launch site
- Also, added nearest city, highway, railway and coastline with distance to CCAFS Air Station

For Reference – [Launch Site GeoViz](#)

# Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

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- Dropdown list with Launch Sites
  - Allow user to select All launch sites or a specific launch site
- Pie Chart showing Successful Launches
  - Using the dropdown a pie chart is created showing Successful launches against failed launches for specified launch site
- Slider for Payload Mass
  - Allow user to select payload mass range
- Scatter Chart Payload Mass vs Class
  - Scatter plot for Success rate for specified launch site at specified Payload Mass range



# Predictive Analysis (Classification)

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- Convert the DataFrame into Numpy Array for model fitting
- Standardized the data for lower probability of feature favourism
- Split the data for training and testing the models
- Create a GridSearchCV for Cross Validation of different parameters for each model
- Find the best model and its parameter between:
  - Logistic Regression
  - Support Vector Machine
  - Decision Tree Classifier
  - K- Nearest Neighbors
- Calculate the accuracy for each model with it's best parameters
- Create a confusion matrix for evaluation of the models
- Identify the best model using Jaccard Index, F1-Score and Accuracy

# Results

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## Executive Summary

- Exploratory data analysis results
  - Launch success improved
  - KSC LC-39A has the highest success rate
- Visual Analytics
  - Most launches are near equator and coast
  - Launch sites are far from cities, highway or railway (public infrastructure) but are close to Coastlines
- Predictive analysis results
  - Decision Tree Classifier is the best model to predict the landing outcome



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Section 2

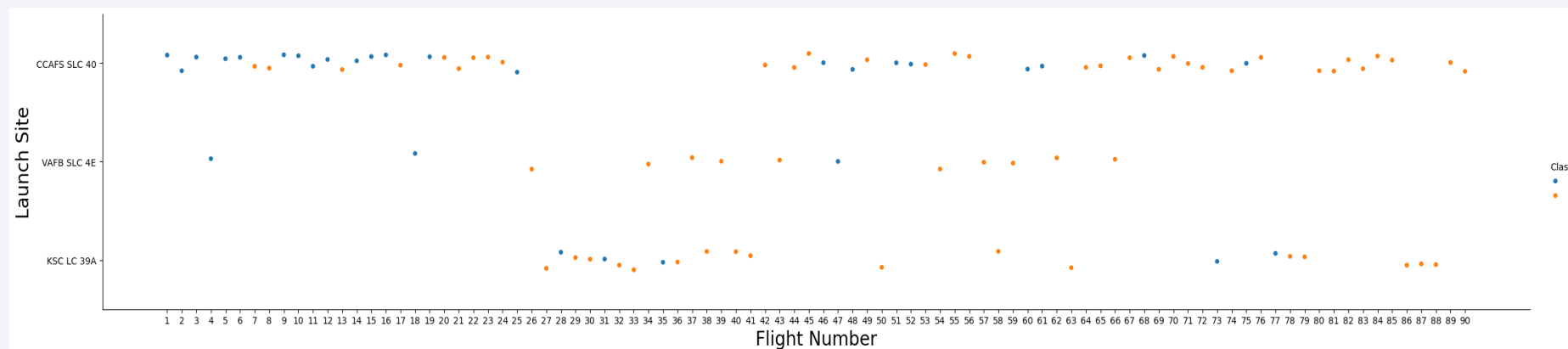
# Insights drawn from EDA



# Flight Number vs. Launch Site

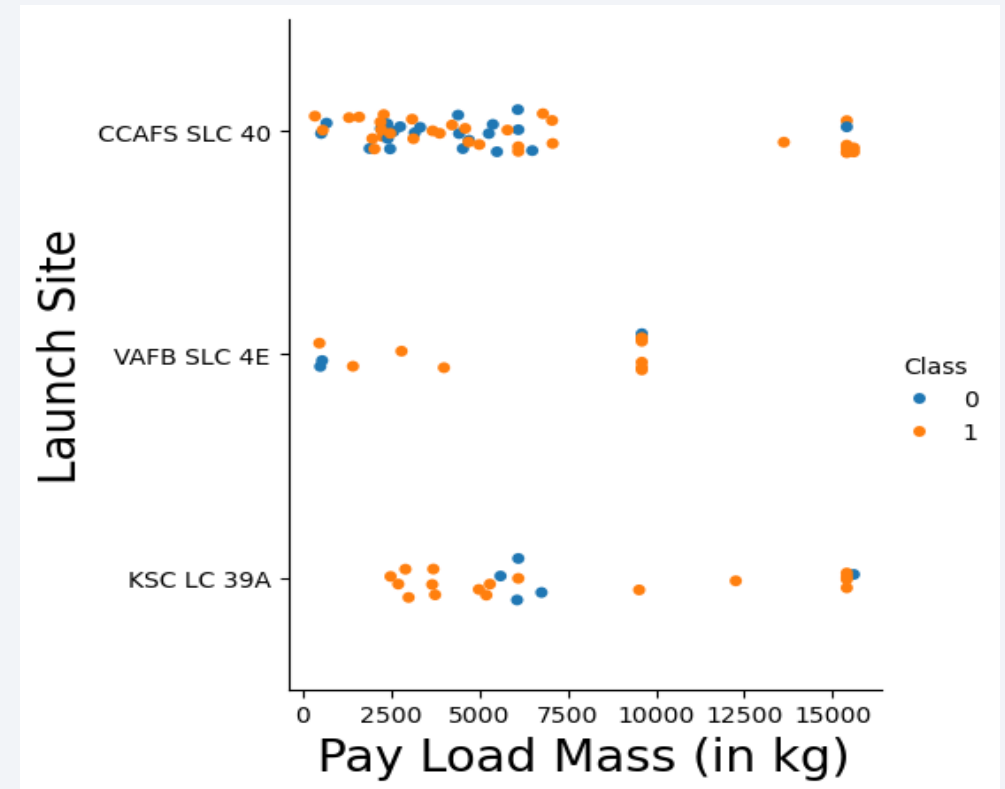
## EDA

- Earlier flight had a lower success rate, whereas later the success rate increased
- CCAFS SLC-40 was most used launch site for Falcon-9 flights
- VAFS SLC 4E and KSC LC 39A have better success rates, but started hosting the launches after CCAFS SLC-40



# Payload vs. Launch Site

- Most launches payload mass was between 1000kg to 10000kg
- Launch Success Rate is higher when payload mass is higher  $>10000$ kg
- VAFB SLC 4E flights took maximum of 10000kg of payload mass
- Higher the payload mass, higher the chances of mission to be successful

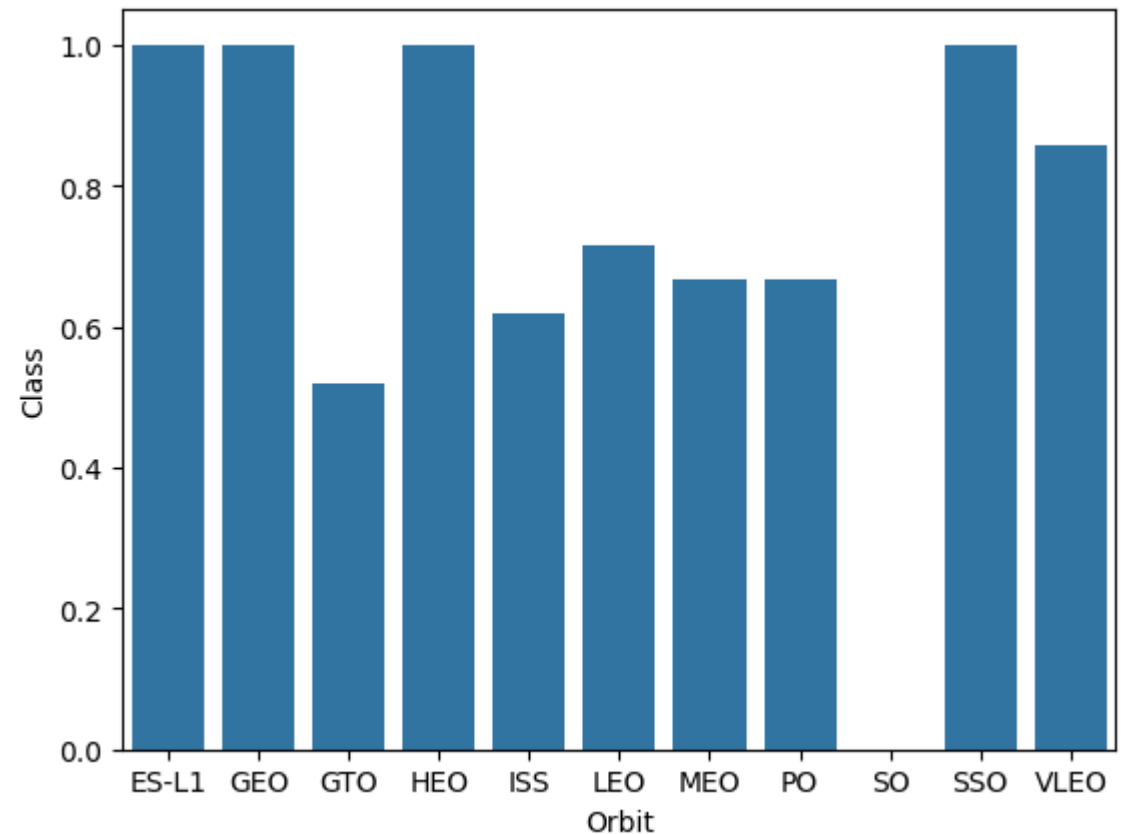




# Success Rate vs. Orbit Type

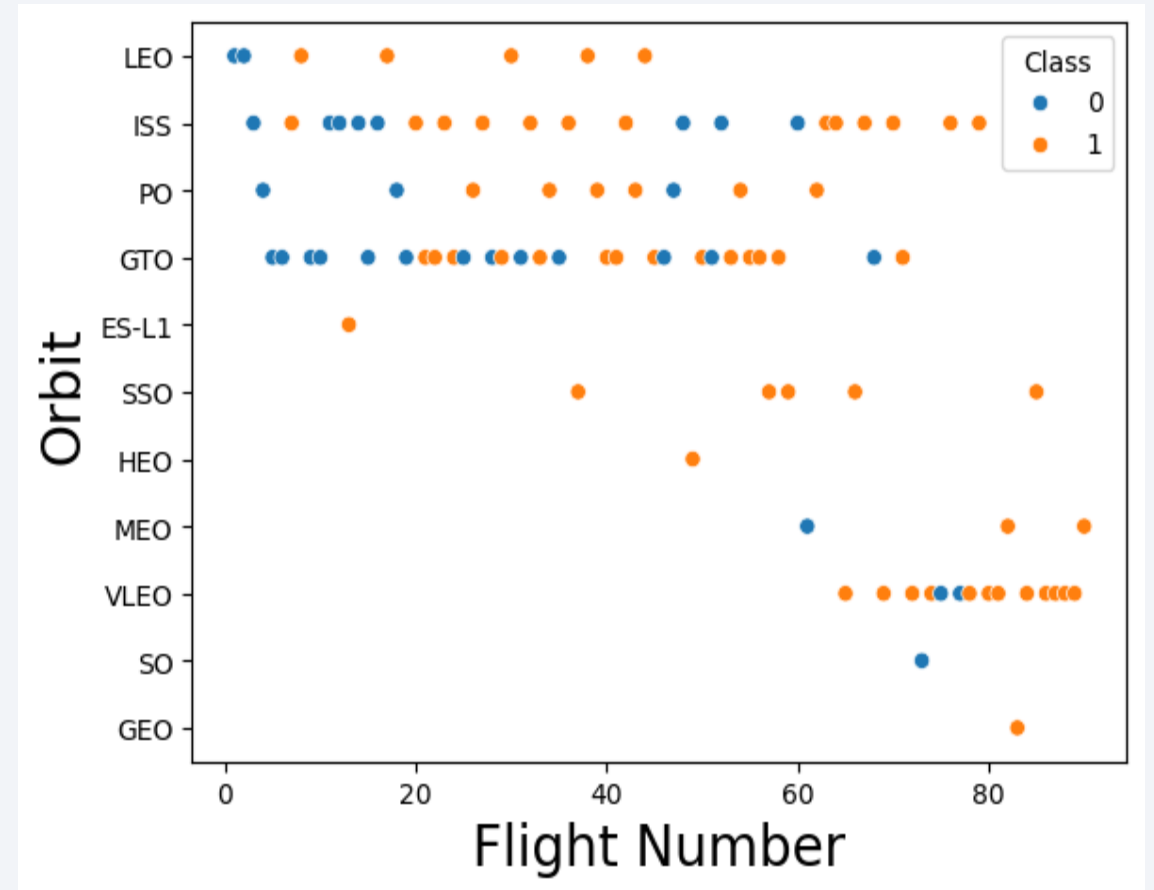
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- Success Rate for ES-L1, GEO, HEO, SSO is 100%
- GTO, ISS, LEO, MEO, PO, VLEO saw few failed mission
- SO never saw any success mission



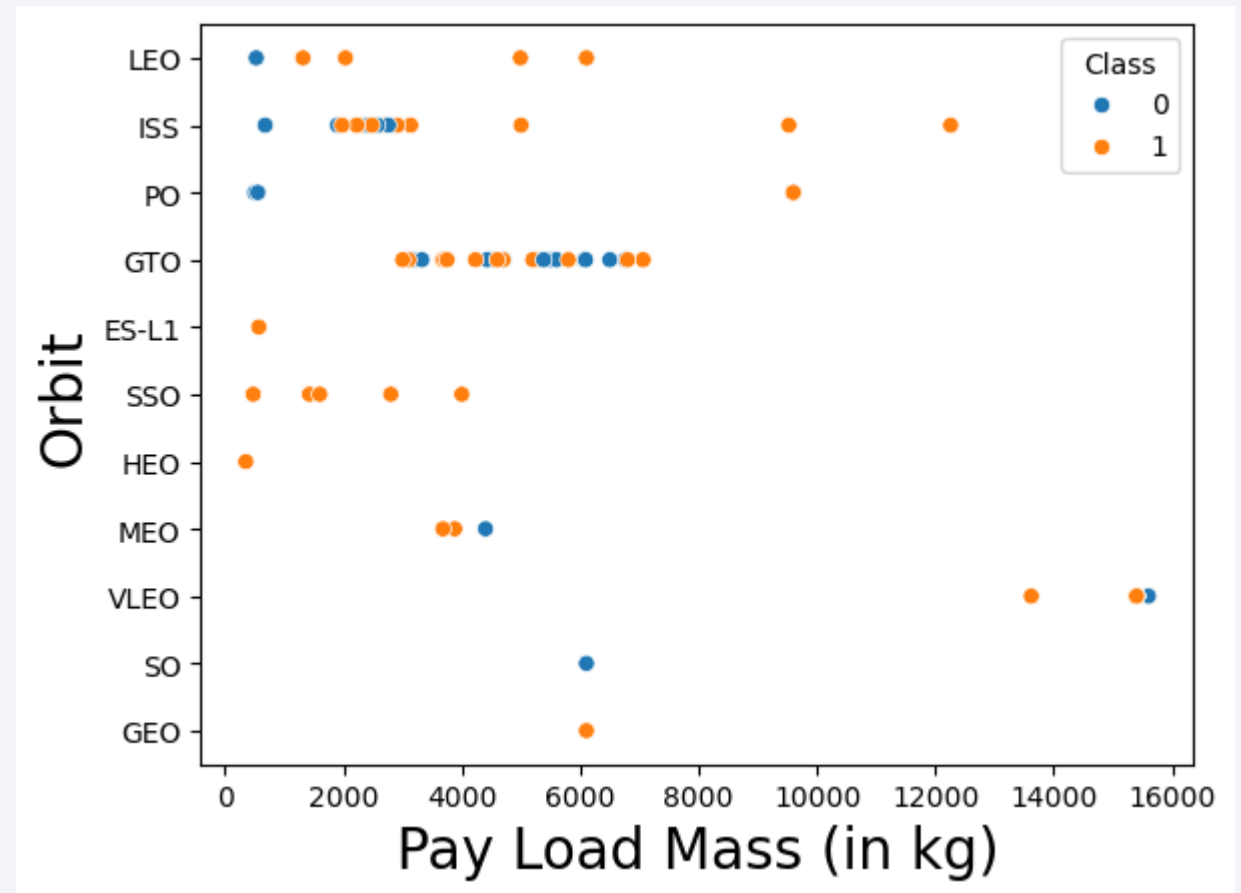
# Flight Number vs. Orbit Type

- GEO, SO, VLEO, MEO, HEO, SSO mission started in later stages
- Success rate improved in each orbit



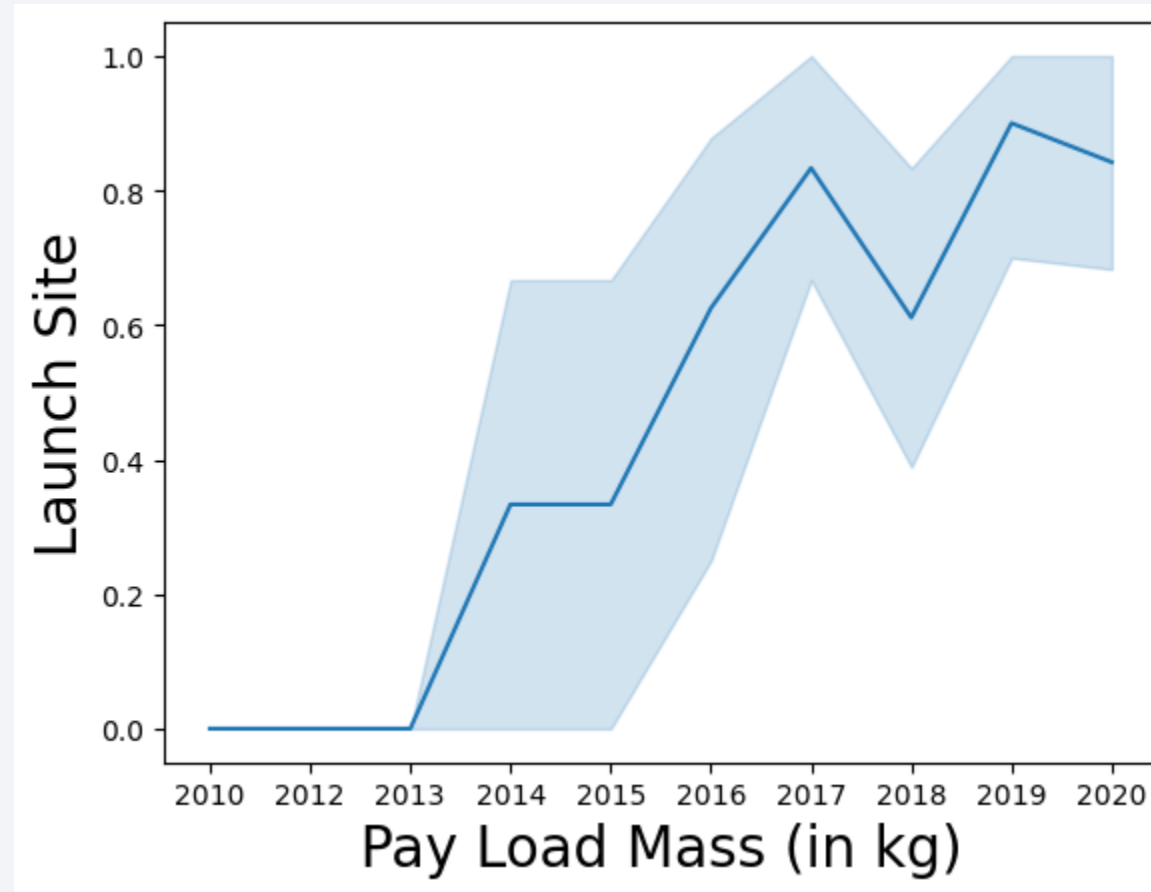
# Payload vs. Orbit Type

- ES-L1, SSO, HEO with 100% success rate took lower payload mass mission
- GTO flights payload mass is ranged between 3000 to 8000 kg
- LEO, ISS, PO saw improvement with increase in payload mass



# Launch Success Yearly Trend

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- Trend show improvement/success started from year 2013

# All Launch Site Names

- From this query, we can find basic start to analysis by planning and marking different launch sites used for Falcon-9 flights:
  - CCAFS LC-40
  - VAFB SLC-4E
  - KSC LC-39A
  - CCAFS SLC-40

```
%sql SELECT DISTINCT Launch_Site FROM SPACEXTBL
```

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Done.
```

**Launch\_Site**

CCAFS LC-40

VAFB SLC-4E

KSC LC-39A

CCAFS SLC-40

```
%sql SELECT * FROM SPACEXTBL WHERE Launch_Site LIKE '%CCA%' LIMIT 5
```

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Done.
```

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	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



# Total Payload Mass

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```
%%sql SELECT SUM(PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_) AS Total_NASAPayload_Mass
FROM SPACEXTBL
WHERE Customer LIKE '%CRS%'
```

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Done.

Total_NASAPayload_Mass
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48213
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- Total Payload Mass launched by NASA (CRS) is around 48213kg

# Average Payload Mass by F9 v1.1

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- Average Payload Mass carried by Falcon 9 v1.1 is around 2534.67kg

```
%%sql SELECT AVG(PAYLOAD_MASS_KG_) AS Average_F9_Payload  
FROM SPACEXTBL  
WHERE Booster_Version LIKE '%F9 v1.1%'
```

✓ 0.0s

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Done.

Average_F9_Payload
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2534.6666666666665
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# First Successful Ground Landing Date

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- First Successful landing on a ground pad was on 22 December, 2015

```
%%sql SELECT MIN(Date) AS First_Success_Land
```

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FROM SPACEXTBL  
WHERE Landing_Outcome LIKE '%Success (ground%'
```

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Done.

First_Success_Land
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2015-12-22
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## Successful Drone Ship Landing with Payload between 4000 and 6000

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```
%%sql SELECT Booster_version  
FROM SPACEXTBL  
WHERE Landing_Outcome LIKE '%Success%' AND Landing_Outcome LIKE '%Success (drone%' AND  
(PAYLOAD_MASS_KG_ >= 4000 AND PAYLOAD_MASS_KG_ <=6000)
```

✓ 0.0s

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Done.

Booster_Version
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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```
%%sql
SELECT Mission_Outcome, COUNT(Mission_Outcome) AS Count
FROM SPACEXTBL
GROUP BY Mission_Outcome
ORDER BY Count DESC
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Done.

Mission_Outcome	Count
Success	98
Success (payload status unclear)	1
Success	1
Failure (in flight)	1



# Boosters Carried Maximum Payload

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```
%%sql
SELECT Booster_version
FROM SPACEXTBL
WHERE PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_ = (SELECT MAX(PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_) FROM SPACEXTBL)
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Done.

Booster_Version
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F9 B5 B1048.4
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F9 B5 B1049.4
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F9 B5 B1051.3
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F9 B5 B1056.4
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F9 B5 B1048.5
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F9 B5 B1049.7
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# 2015 Launch Records

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- Failed Landing Outcomes in year 2015 were both from CCAFS LC-40 launch site

**Note: SQLite does not support monthnames. So you need to use substr(Date, 6,2) as month to get the months and substr(Date,0,5)='2015' for year.**

```
%%sql
Select substr(Date,6,2) as Month, Landing_Outcome, Booster_version, Launch_site
FROM SPACEXTBL
WHERE Landing_Outcome LIKE "%Failure%" and Landing_Outcome LIKE "%drone%" AND
substr(Date,0,5) = '2015'
```

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Done.

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

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

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- 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 Mission_Outcome, COUNT(Mission_Outcome) AS Count
FROM SPACEXTBL
WHERE (Date>='2010-06-04' AND Date<='2017-03-20')
GROUP BY Mission_Outcome
ORDER BY Count DESC
```

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Done.

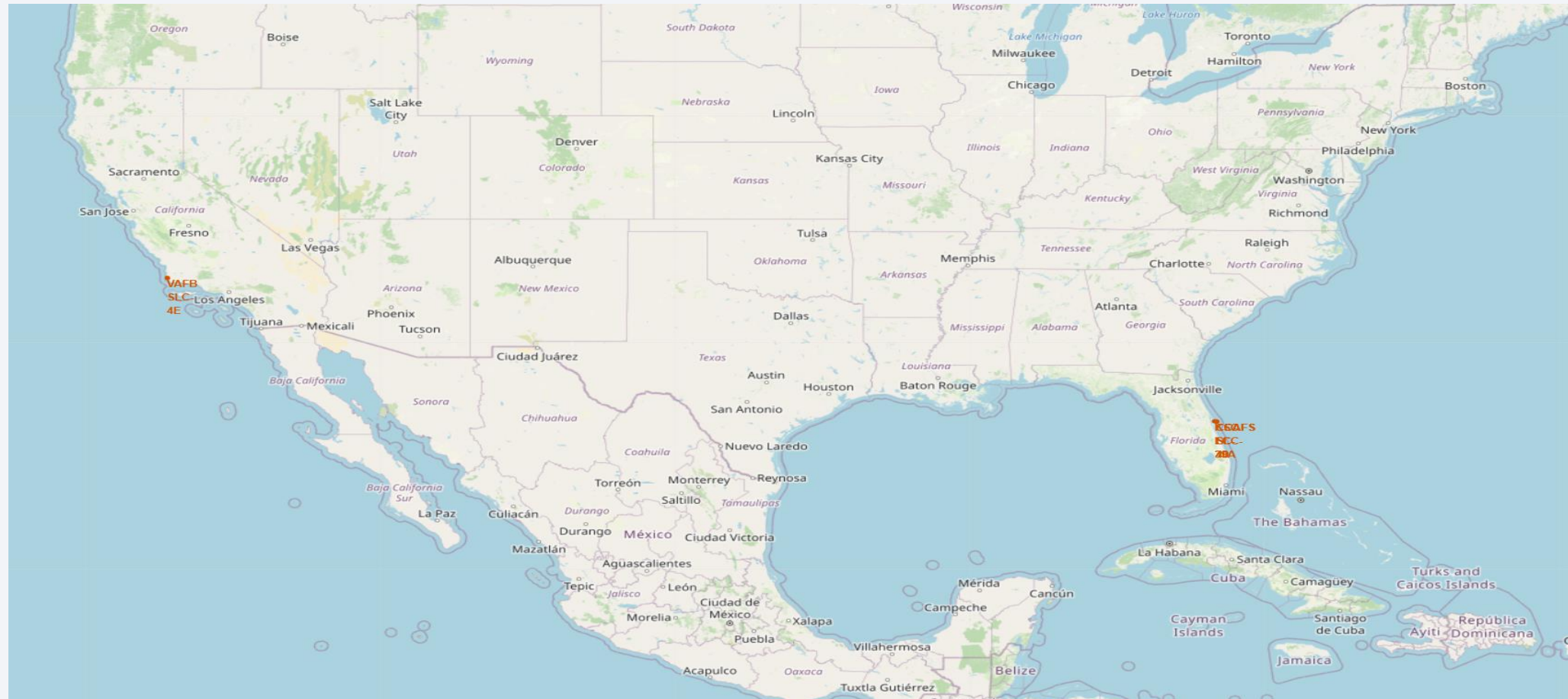
Mission_Outcome	Count
Success	30
Failure (in flight)	1

A satellite view of Earth from space, showing the curvature of the planet and the glowing lights of cities and continents against the dark background of space. The Earth's surface is covered in a dense network of lights, particularly concentrated in the lower right quadrant.

Section 3

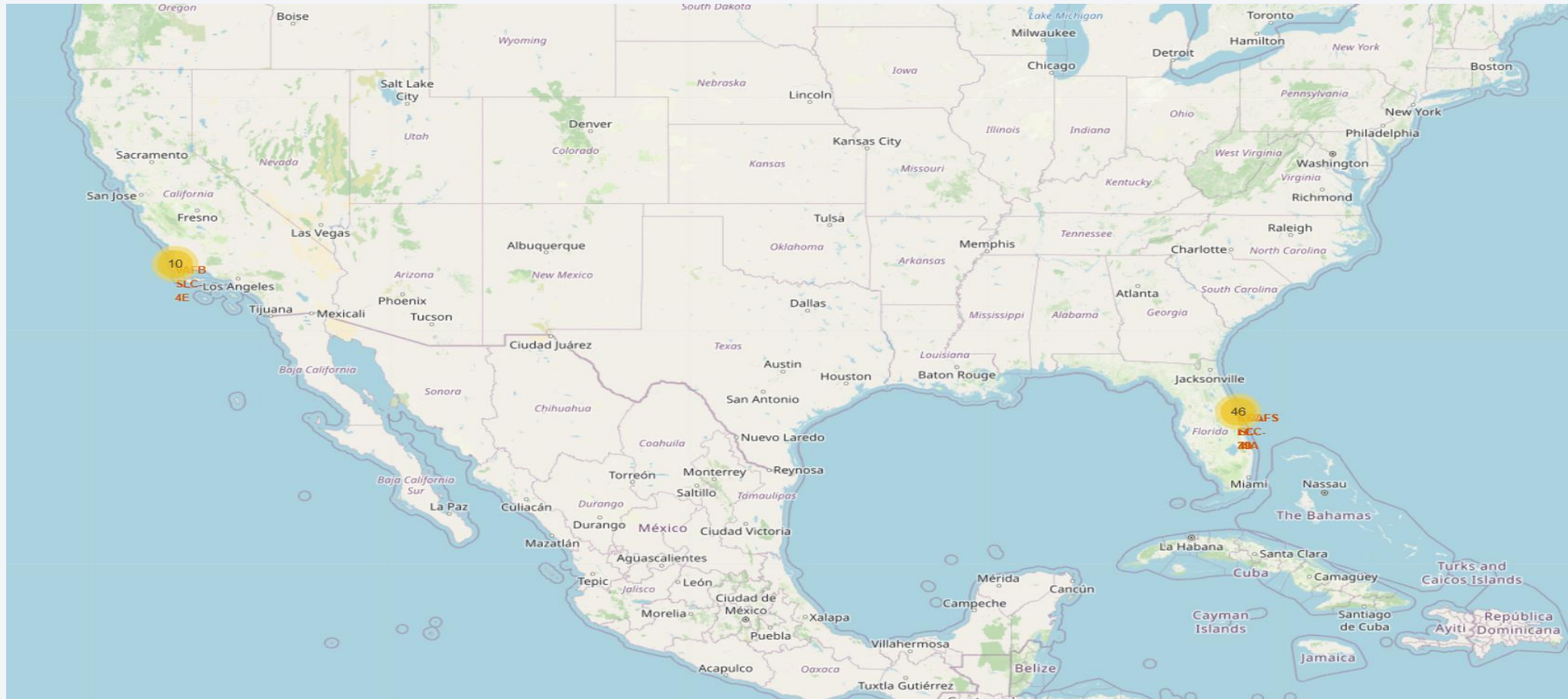
# Launch Sites Proximities Analysis

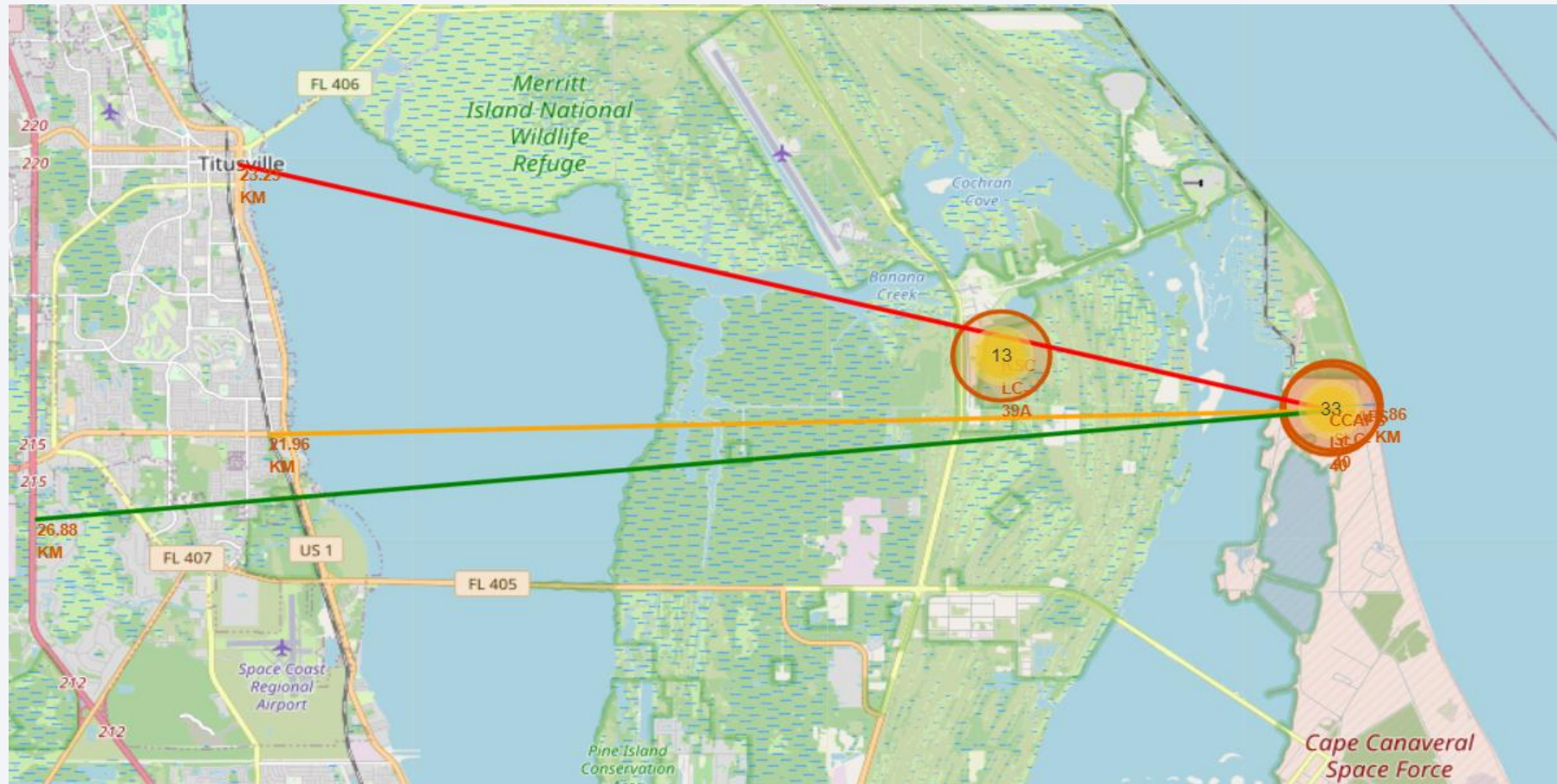
# Launch Sites





# Mission From Each Launch Sites





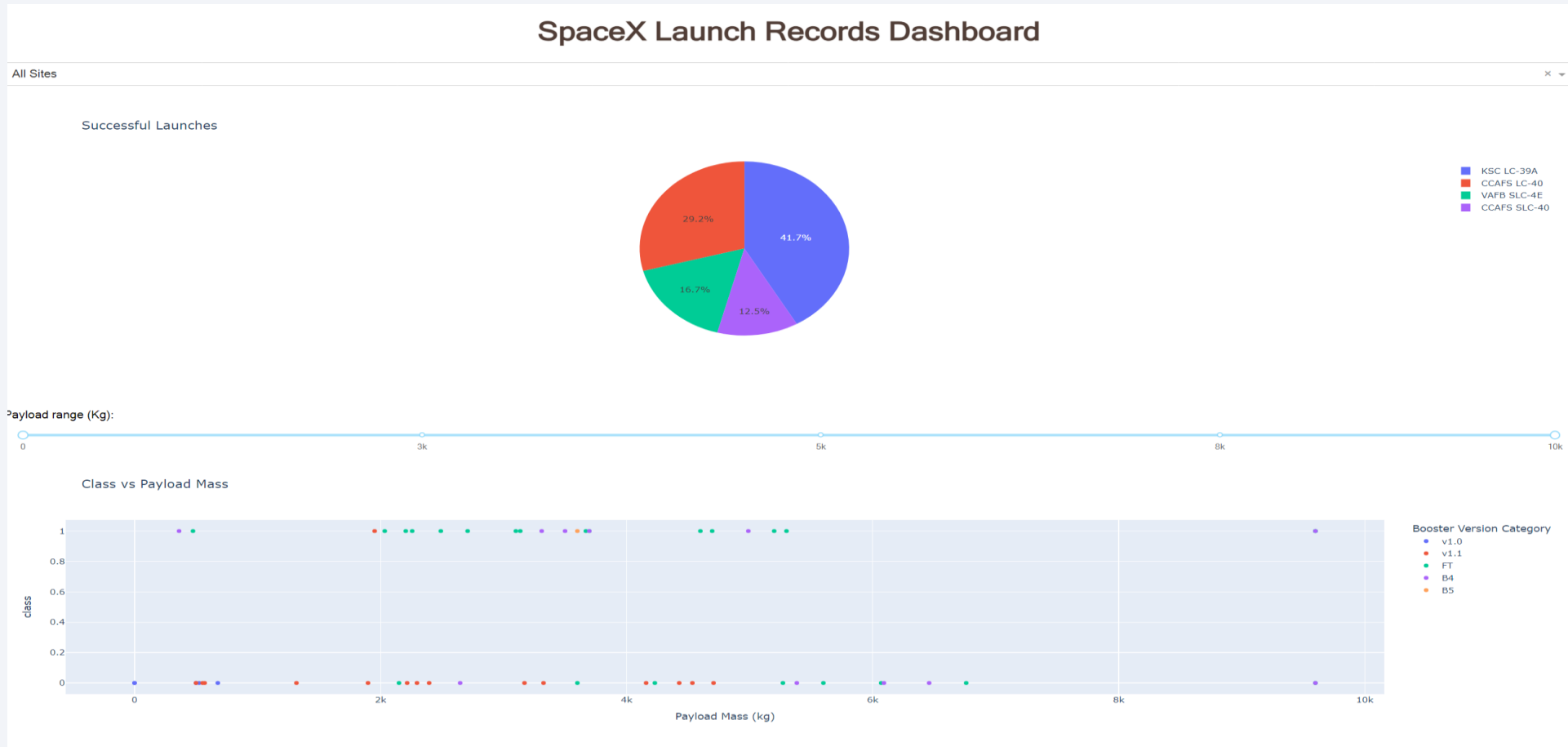




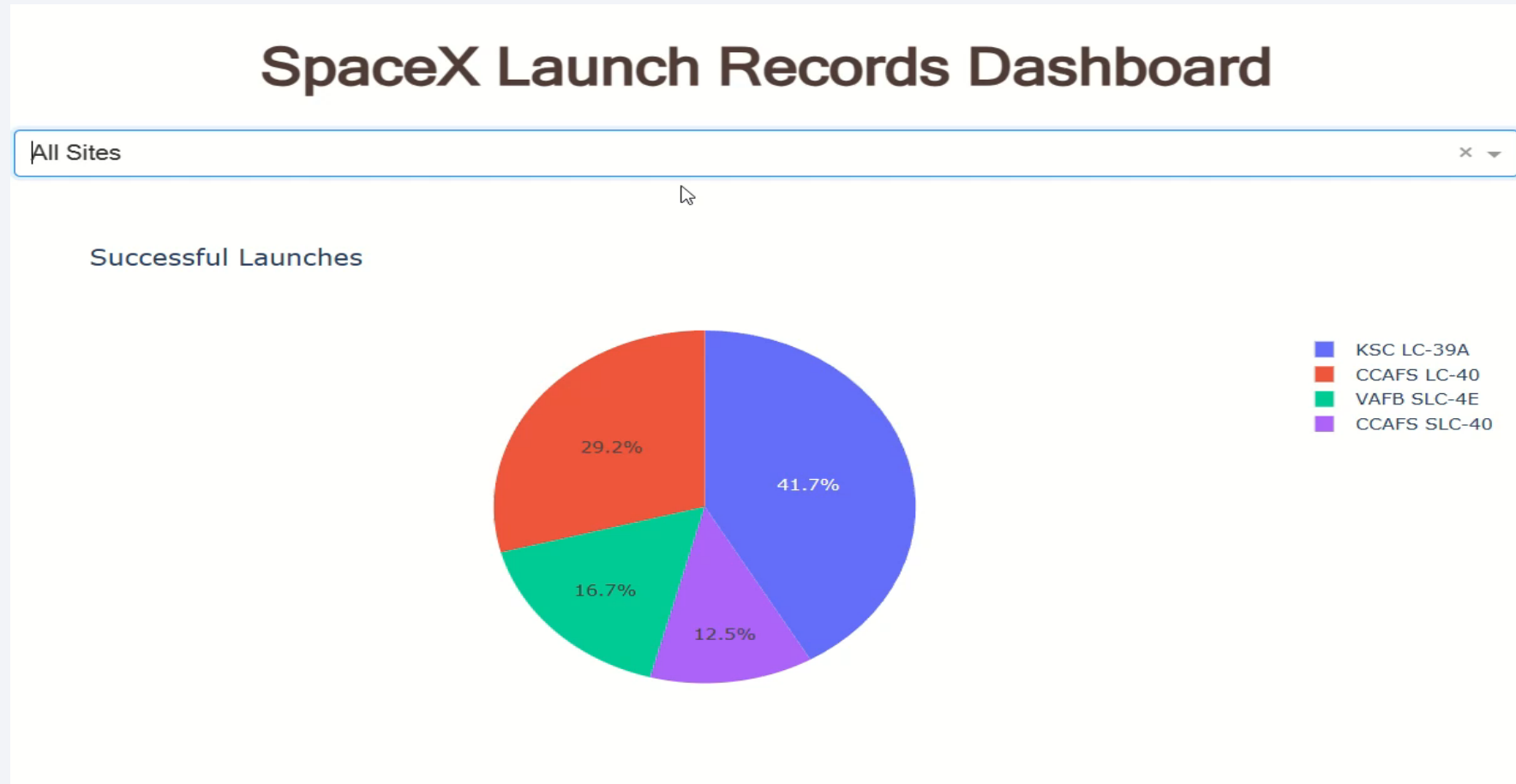
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# Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

# Dashboard Overview



# Pie Chart

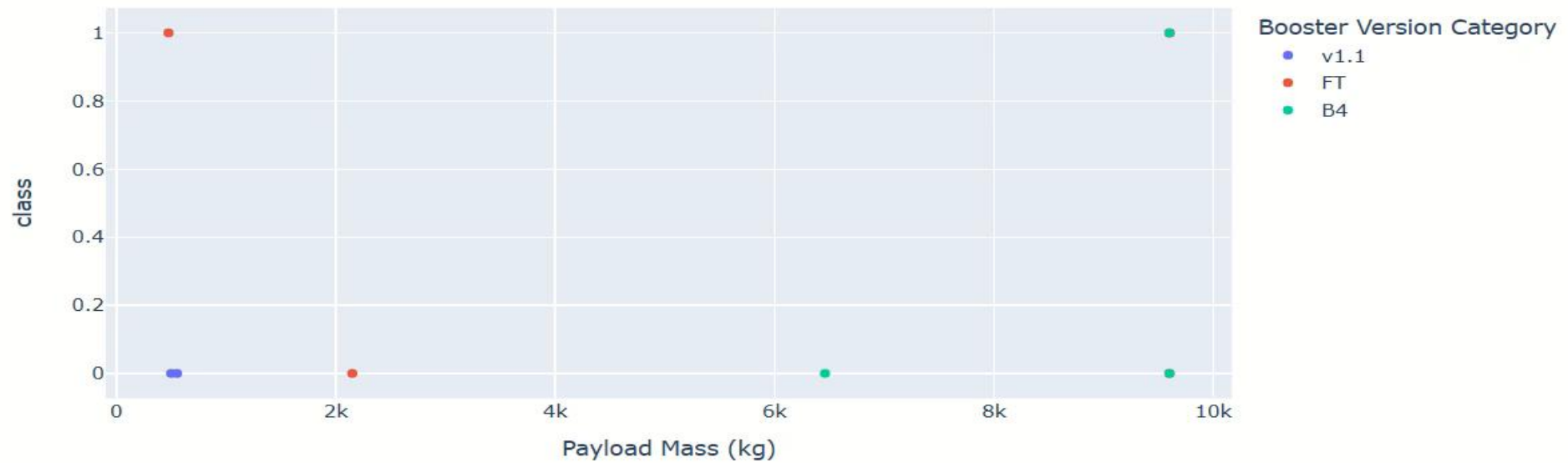


# Scatter Plot

Payload range (Kg):



Class vs Payload Mass for Launch Site: VAFB SLC-4E



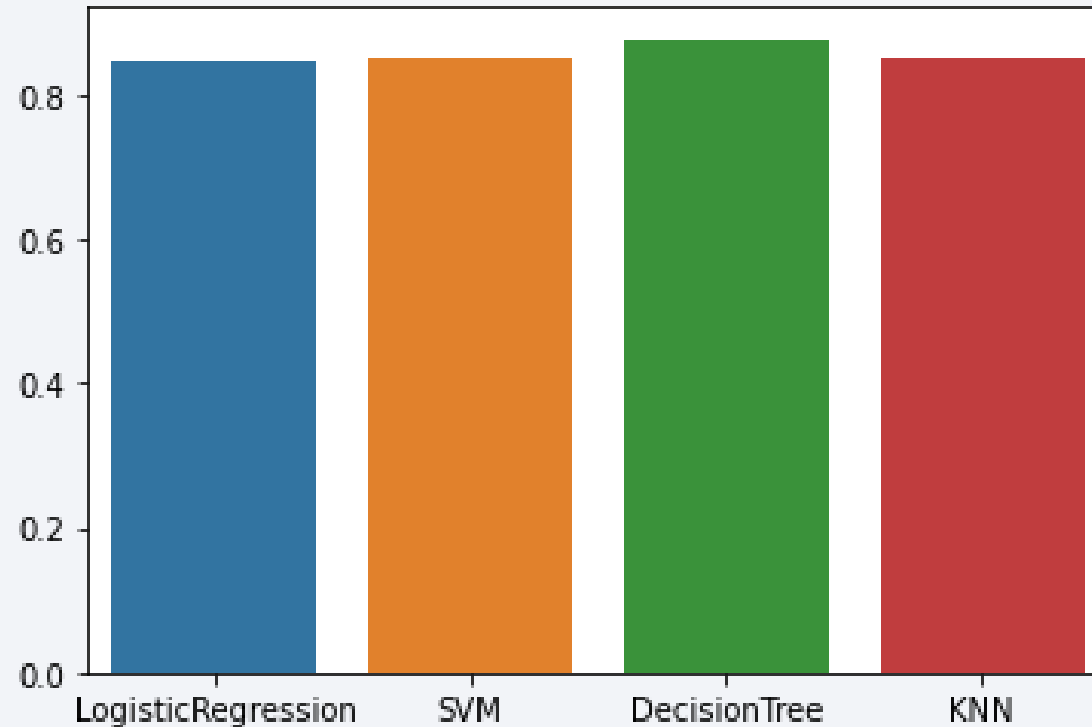
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# Predictive Analysis (Classification)

# Classification Accuracy

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- Decision outperformed other models by a slight margin and highest accuracy = 87.67%



# Confusion Matrix

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Decision Tree correctly labelled 16 records whereas other only labeled 15 correctly





# Conclusions

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- Model Performance: Decision Tree outperformed other models
- Most launches were close to equator
- Launch sites are close to coastline and far from public infrastructure
- Launch success improved overtime
- Few orbits such as ES-L1, GEO, HEO saw 100% success rate whereas SO didn't saw any success

# Appendix

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Things to consider:

- Dataset: Dataset was quite skewed and may see different results once there is more data available
- Feature Analysis: Many features were not taken into account that may affect the failure or success of landing
- Many models that are available to use were not used in predictive analysis that may have better results

Thank you!

