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# Winning Space Race with Data Science

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# Executive Summary

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- The methodologies employed for this project encompass a comprehensive approach to handling and analyzing data. The process commenced with Data Collection through API, utilizing structured interfaces to gather relevant information. Additionally, Data Collection with Web Scraping was implemented, enabling the extraction of valuable data from web sources.
- Subsequently, Data Wrangling techniques were applied to clean, transform, and organize the gathered data, ensuring its suitability for analysis. Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA) was conducted using both SQL queries and Data Visualization tools, providing insights into patterns, trends, and relationships within the dataset.
- Furthermore, the exploration extended into Interactive Visual Analytics with Folium, offering a dynamic and engaging means to interpret geospatial data. The results of these analyses were documented, showcasing key findings and patterns.
- The project culminated in the application of Machine Learning for predictive analytics. Leveraging a Decision Tree classifier, the model demonstrated efficacy in making predictions based on the available dataset.

# Introduction

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- Our capstone project focuses on predicting the success of Falcon 9 first stage landings, a crucial factor in SpaceX's cost-effective rocket launches. With a launch cost of 62 million dollars compared to competitors exceeding 165 million dollars, the ability to forecast first stage landings holds strategic importance in the aerospace industry.
- Our primary goal is to determine the success of Falcon 9 first stage landings. This prediction directly influences launch costs and becomes essential information for competitors bidding against SpaceX. Accurate forecasting provides a competitive edge in the rocket launch market.



Section 1

# Methodology

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## Executive Summary

- **Data collection methodology:**
  - SpaceX Rest API
  - Web Scrapping
- **Perform data wrangling**
  - Implementing One-Hot Encoding for categorical fields and addressing null values and irrelevant columns ensures data preparedness for effective machine learning modeling.
- **Perform exploratory data analysis (EDA) using visualization and SQL**
- **Perform interactive visual analytics using Folium and Plotly Dash**
- **Perform predictive analysis using classification models**
  - Constructed and assessed Logistic Regression (LR), k-Nearest Neighbors (KNN), Support Vector Machine (SVM), and Decision Tree (DT) models to identify the optimal classifier.

# Data Collection

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- Obtained SpaceX launch data through the SpaceX REST API, providing comprehensive information on launches, rockets, payload details, launch specifications, and landing outcomes.
- Utilized BeautifulSoup for web scraping Wikipedia, serving as an alternative data source to gather Falcon 9 launch data, encompassing details on rockets, payloads, launch specifications, and landing outcomes.

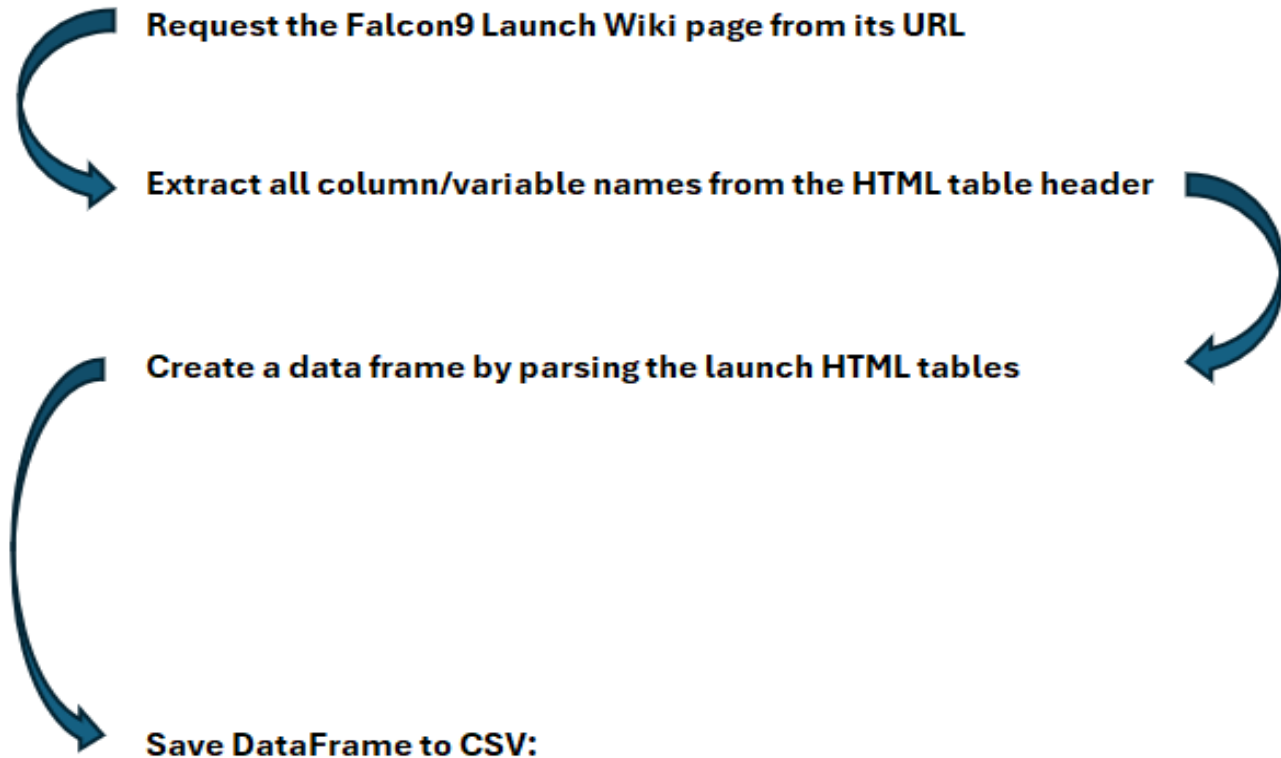
# Data Collection – SpaceX API



- [GitHub-Data Collection-Space X API](#)



# Data Collection - Scraping



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response = requests.get(static_url)
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html_tables = soup.find_all('table')
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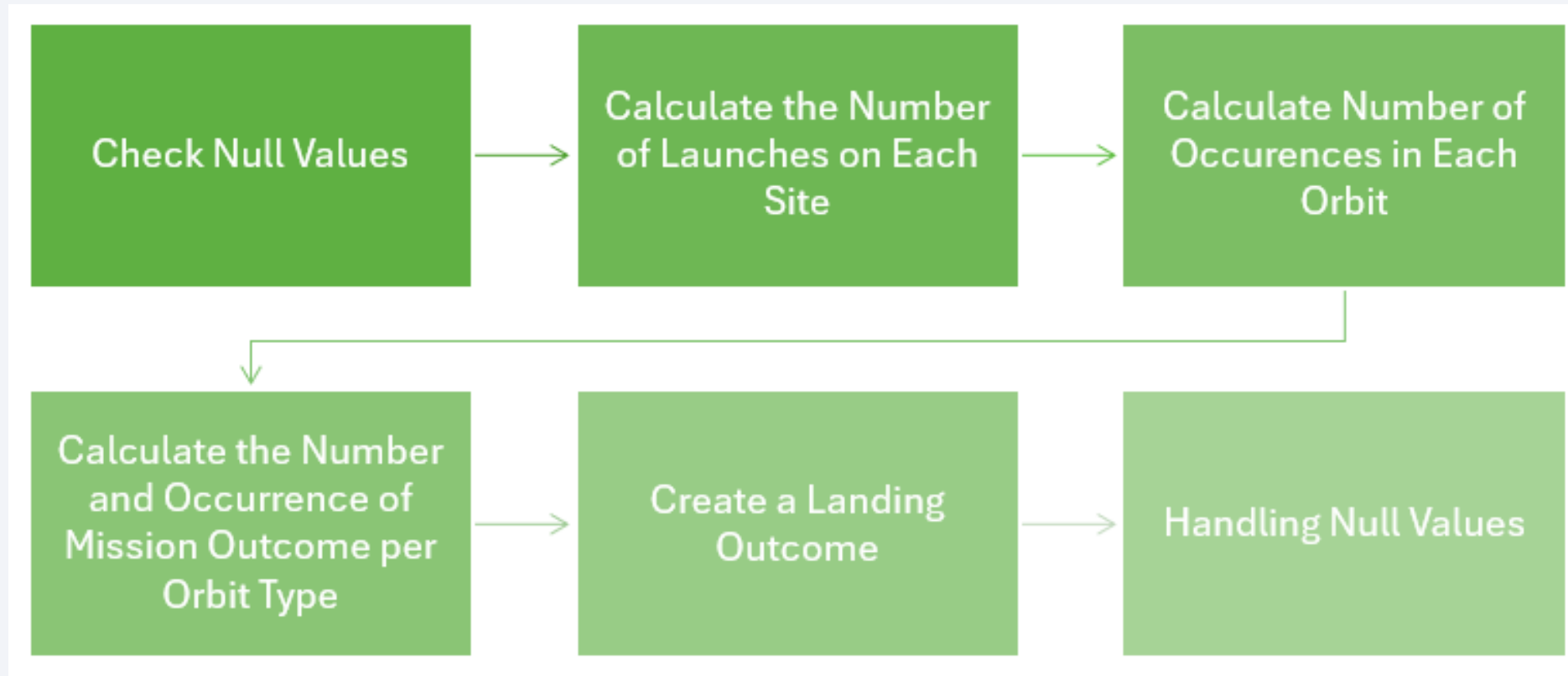
```
launch_dict = {  
    'Flight No.': [],  
    'Launch site': [],  
    'Payload': [],  
    'Payload mass': [],  
    'Orbit': [],  
    'Customer': [],  
    'Launch outcome': [],  
    'Version Booster': [],  
    'Booster landing': [],  
    'Date': [],  
    'Time': []  
}
```

```
df.to_csv('spacex_web_scraped.csv', index=False)
```

- [GitHub-Web Scraping-Space X API](#)

# Data Wrangling

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- [GitHub-Data Wrangling](#)

# EDA with Data Visualization

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- The visualization of SpaceX data has been successfully accomplished through the adept use of various charts. Scatter plots have been instrumental in uncovering correlations. Bar charts have visually depicted the distribution of successful launches across different launch sites or Orbots, facilitating easy comparison. This diverse set of charts has allowed us to gain a comprehensive understanding of the multifaceted aspects of SpaceX's remarkable journey in space exploration of Falcon 9.
- [GitHub-Data Visualization](#)

# EDA with SQL

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- Displaying the unique launch sites in the space mission.
- Listing 5 records where launch sites start with the string 'CCA.'
- Showing the total payload mass carried by boosters launched by NASA (CRS).
- Displaying the average payload mass carried by the booster version F9 v1.1.
- Listing the dates when successful landing outcomes on drone ships were achieved.
- Listing the names of boosters with successful ground pad landings and payload masses between 4000 and 6000.
- Providing a count of total successful and failed mission outcomes.
- Listing the names of booster versions that carried the maximum payload mass.
- Displaying records with month names, successful landing outcomes on the ground pad, booster versions, and launch sites.
- [GitHub-SQL](#)

# Build an Interactive Map with Folium

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- Map markers, color-coded and organized into clusters, have been incorporated onto the map to facilitate the identification of an optimal location for constructing a launch site. The color-labeled markers within these clusters are designed to make it straightforward to discern launch sites that exhibit relatively high success rates.

- [GitHub-Folium](#)

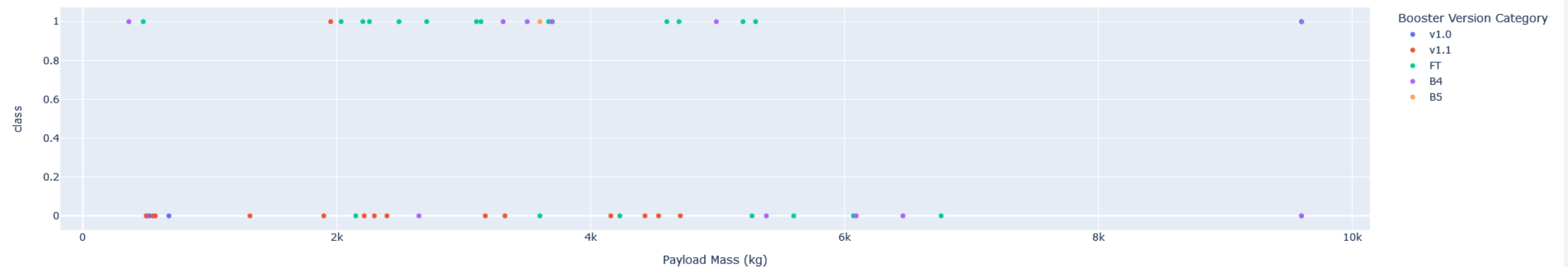


# Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

Total Success Launches By Site



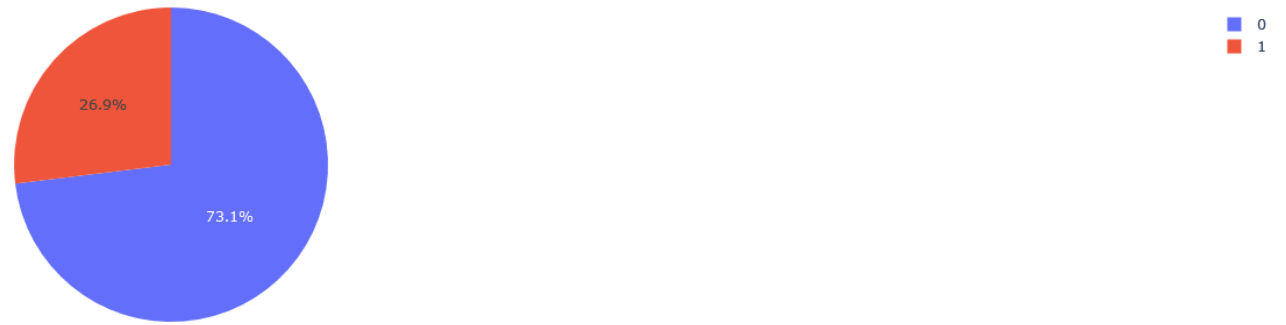
Correlation between Payload and Success for All sites



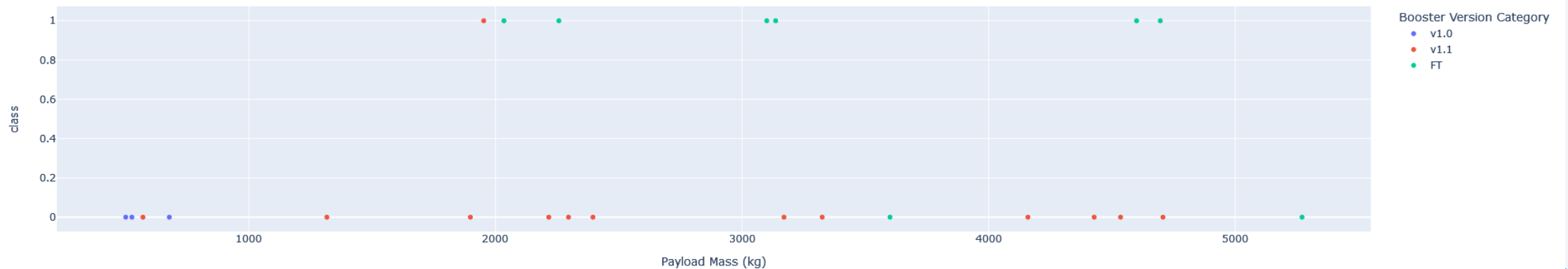
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# Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

Total Success Launches for site CCAFS LC-40



Correlation between Payload and Success for site CCAFS LC-40



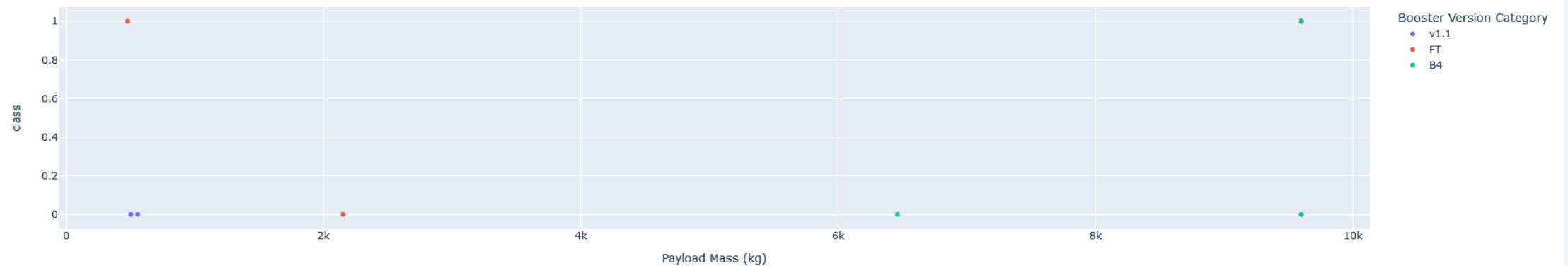
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# Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

Total Success Launches for site VAFB SLC-4E



Correlation between Payload and Success for site VAFB SLC-4E



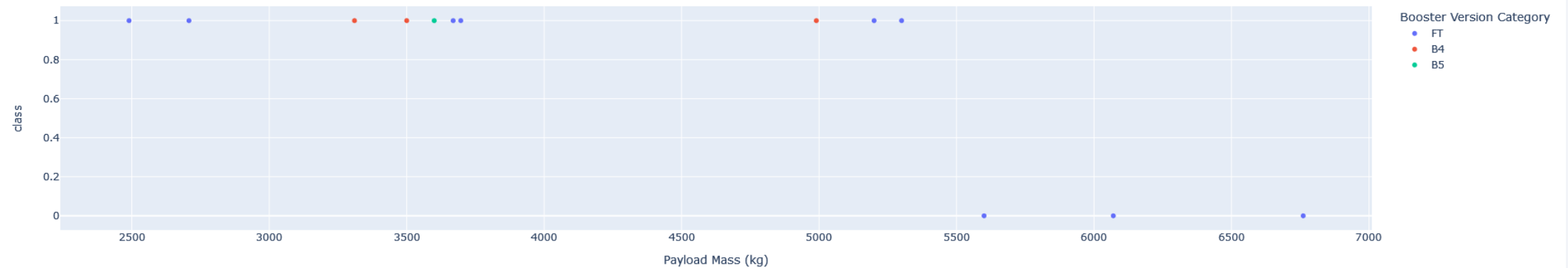
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# Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

Total Success Launches for site KSC LC-39A



Correlation between Payload and Success for site KSC LC-39A



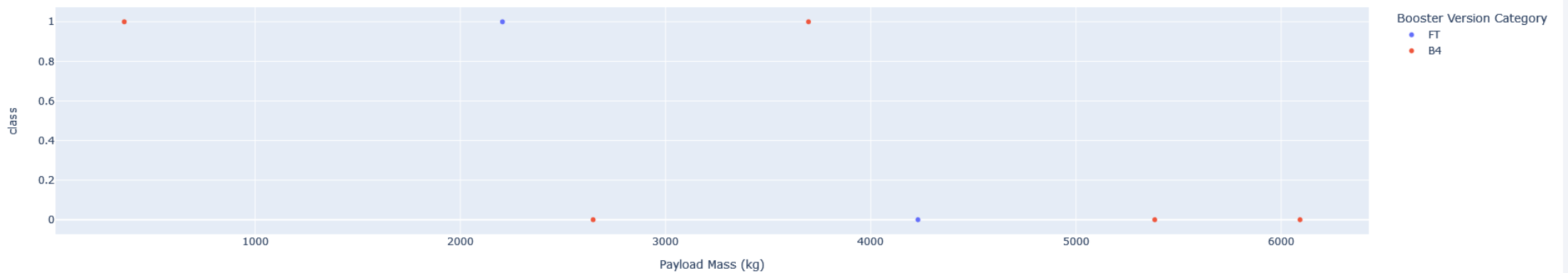
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# Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

Total Success Launches for site CCAFS SLC-40



Correlation between Payload and Success for site CCAFS SLC-40

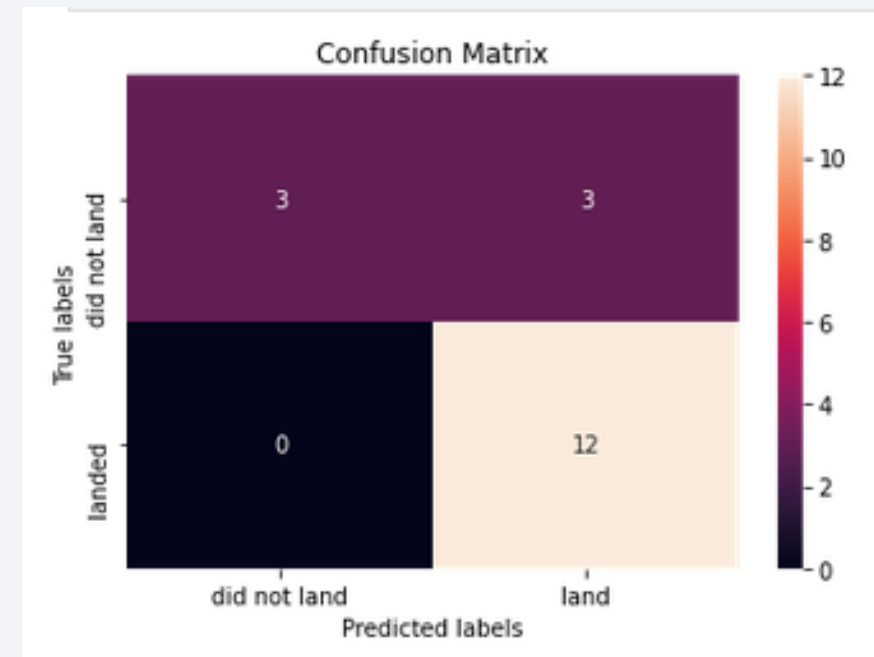
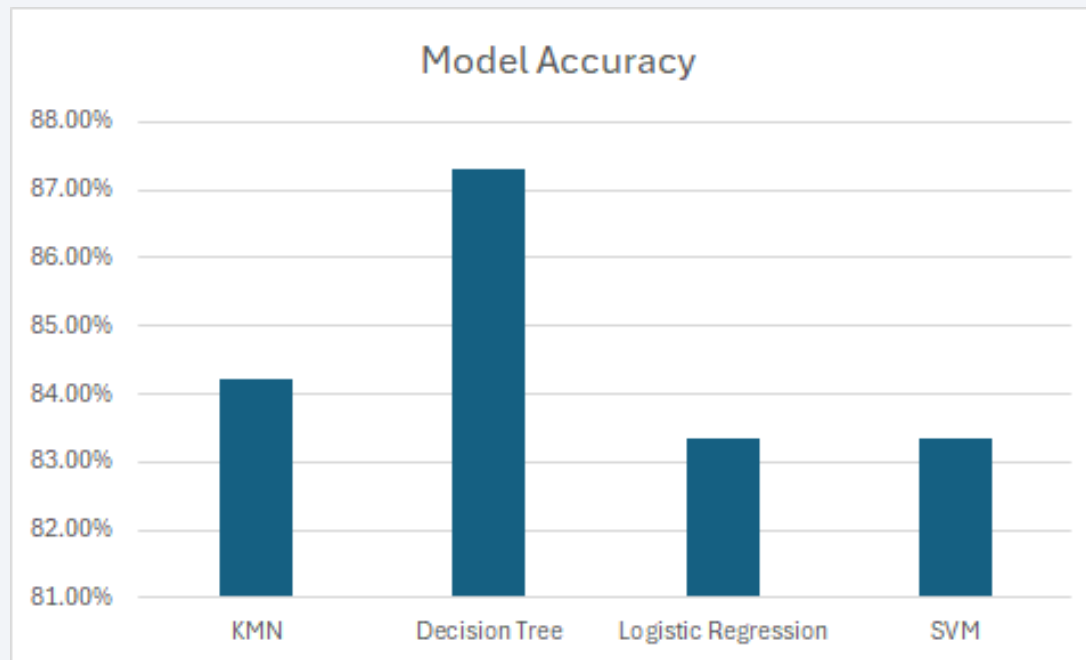


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# Predictive Analysis (Classification)

- The SVM, KNN, Decision Tree and Logistic Regression models achieved commendable accuracy levels exceeding 80%, with Decision Tree outshining the others by demonstrating superior performance at over 87%.



- [GitHub-ML](#)

# Results

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- The SVM, KNN, and Logistic Regression models demonstrate superior prediction accuracy on this dataset.
- Models with lower weighted payloads outperform those with heavier payloads.
- The success rates of SpaceX launches exhibit a direct correlation with the duration of time, indicating an improvement in launch perfection over the years.
- Among all the sites, KSC LC 39A stands out with the highest number of successful launches.
- The orbit types GEO, HEO, SSO, and ES L1 show the most favorable success rates.



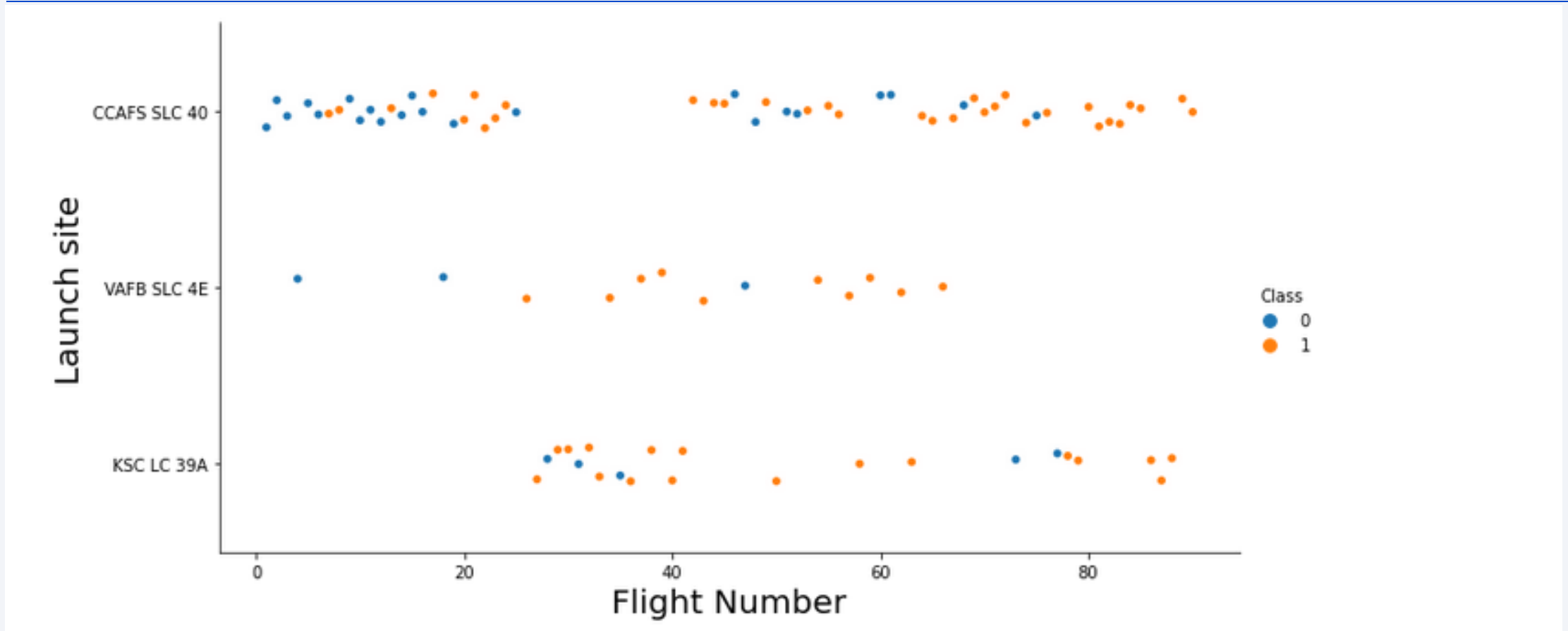
The background of the slide is an abstract composition. It features a dark blue base color. Overlaid on this are numerous diagonal streaks in shades of blue and red, creating a sense of motion or data flow. A faint, light blue grid pattern is also visible, particularly in the lower-left quadrant. The overall effect is high-tech and digital.

Section 2

# Insights drawn from EDA

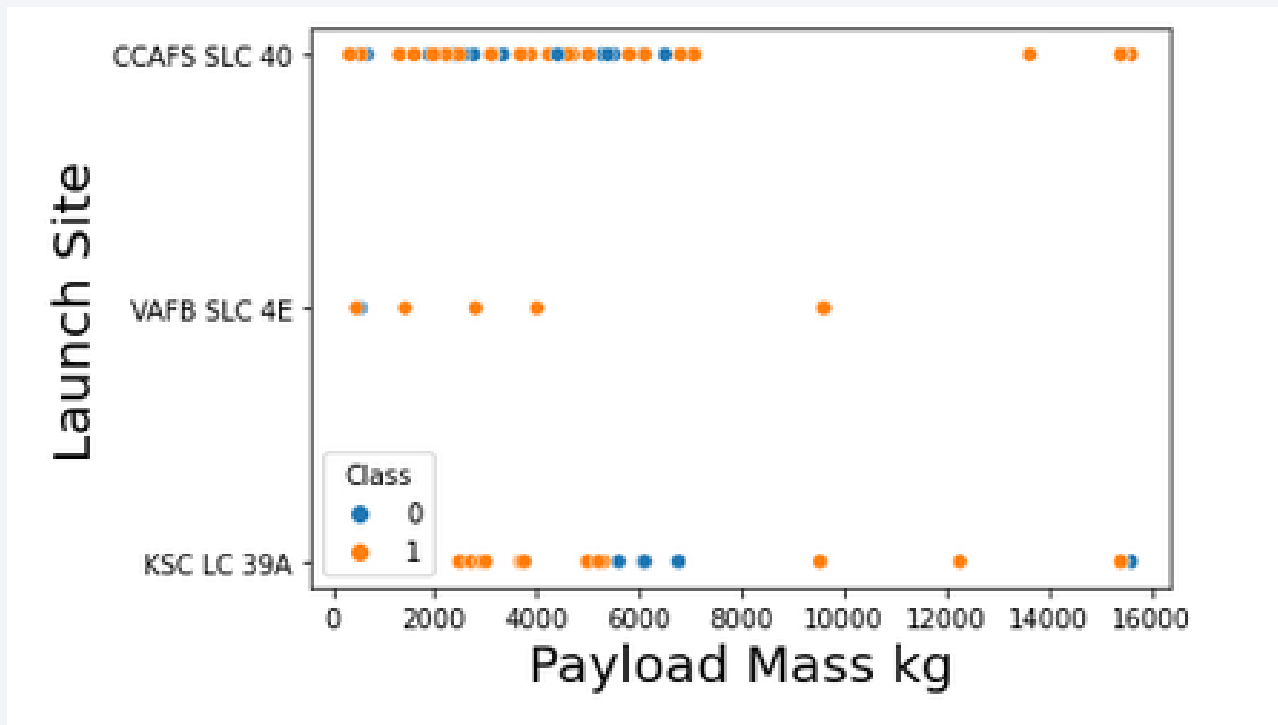


# Flight Number vs. Launch Site



The number of launches from the CCAFS SLC 40 site significantly surpasses those from other launch sites.

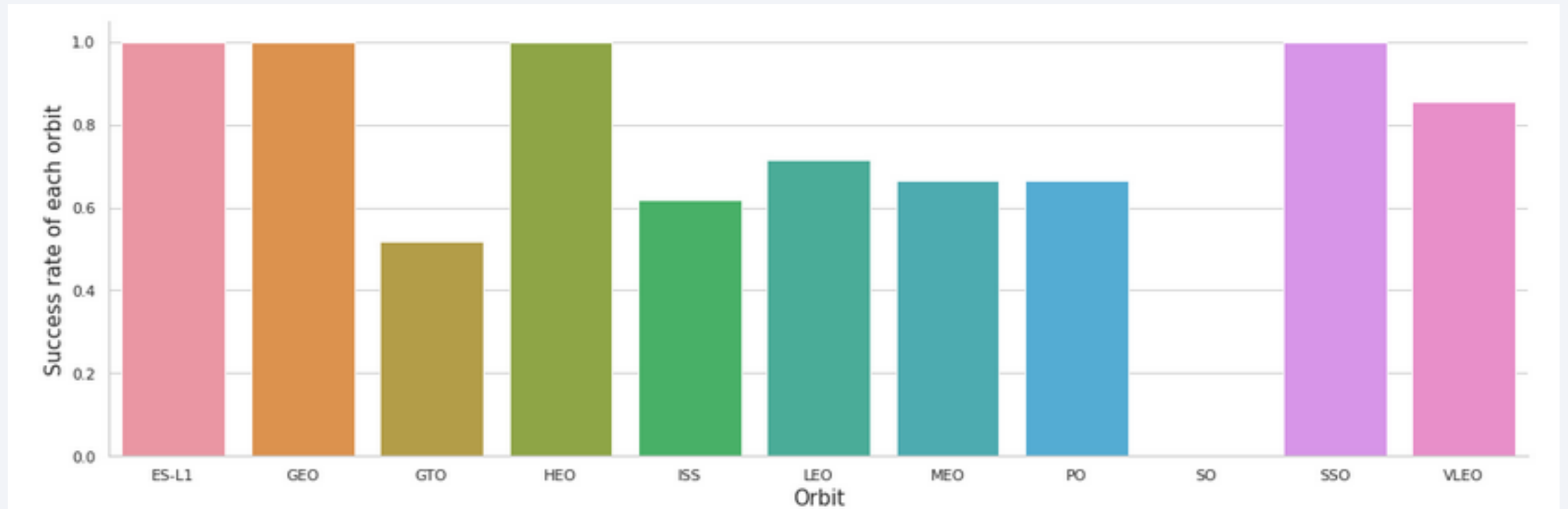
# Payload vs. Launch Site



CCAFS SLC 40 has seen the launch of the majority of lower-mass payloads, whereas KSC LC 39A has been primarily employed for higher-mass payloads.

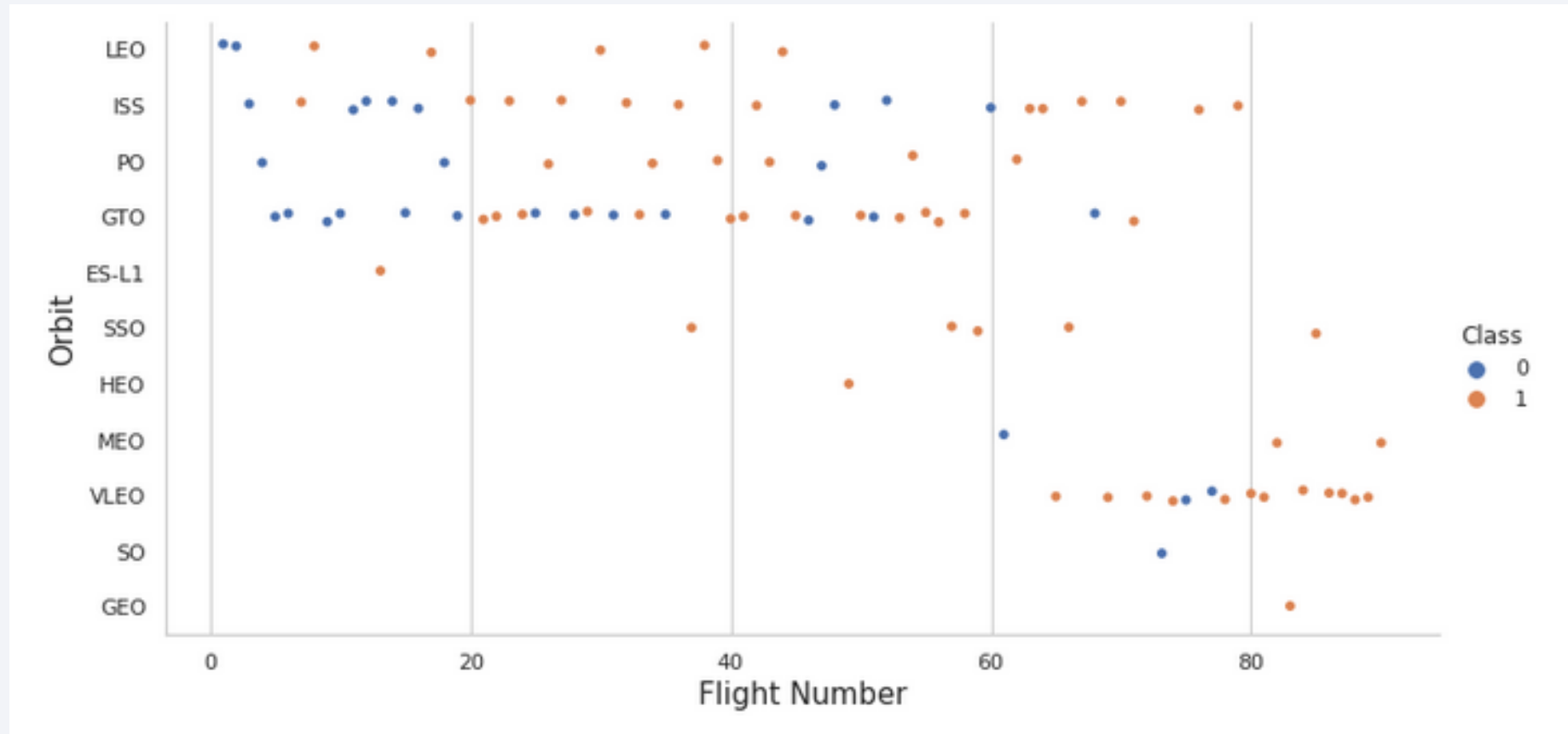


# Success Rate vs. Orbit Type



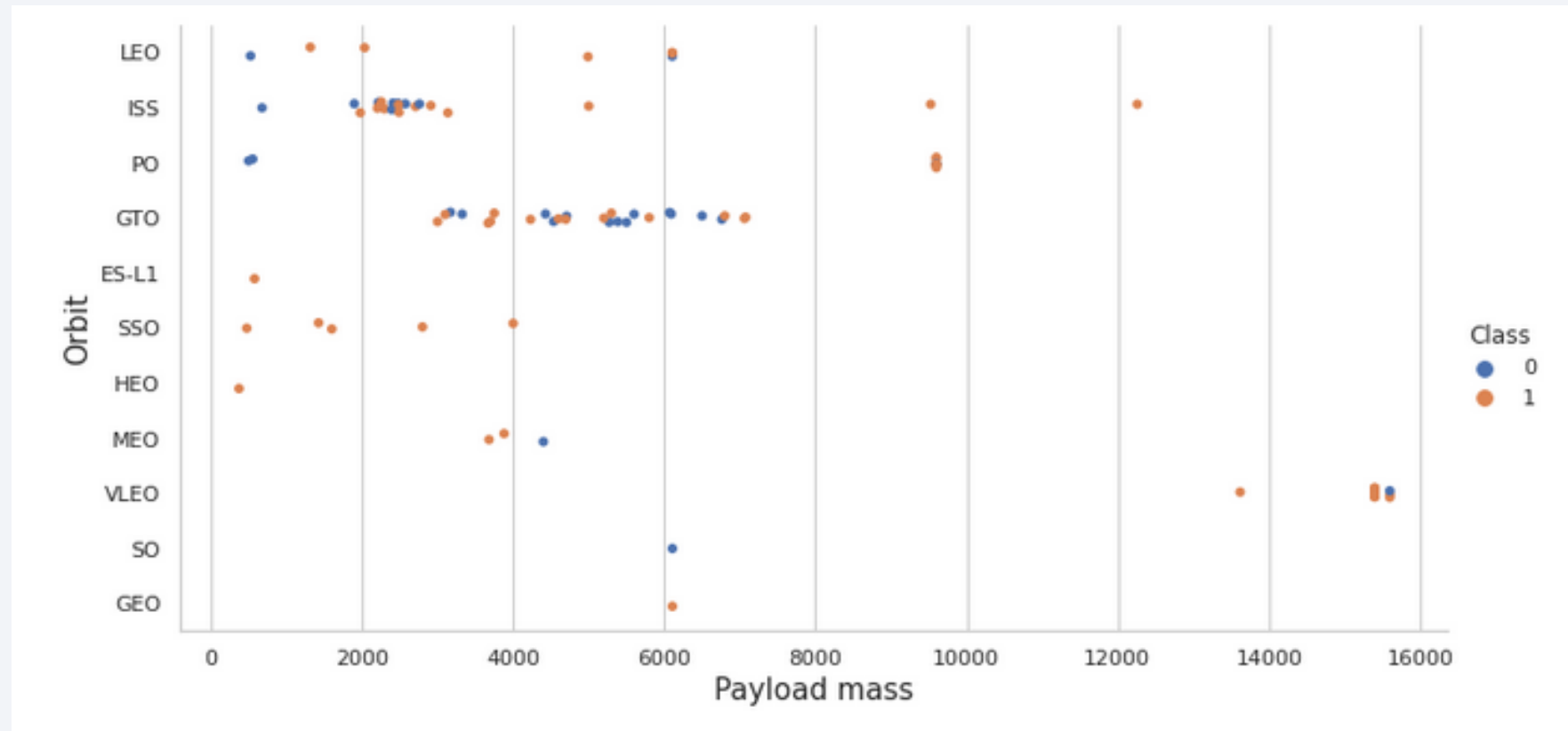
ES-L1, GEO, HEO, and SSO orbit types exhibit some of the highest success rates.

# Flight Number vs. Orbit Type



There is a noticeable trend of transitioning to Very Low Earth Orbit (VLEO) launches in recent years. In the initial stages, the preferred options were Geostationary Transfer Orbit (GTO), Polar Orbit (PO), International Space Station (ISS), and Low Earth Orbit (LEO).

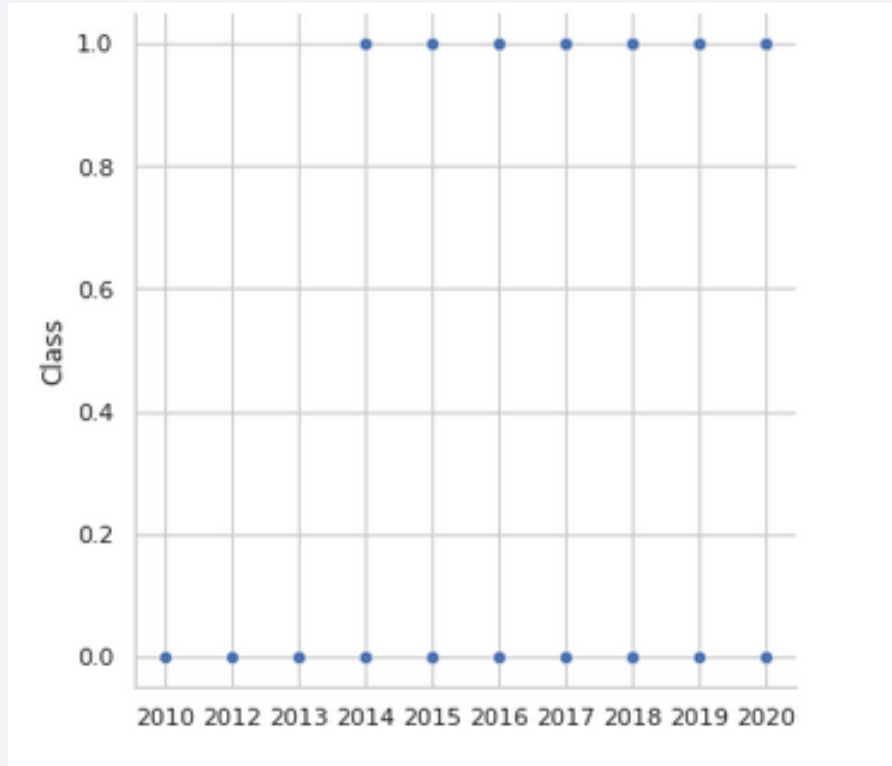
# Payload vs. Orbit Type



A robust correlation is evident between the International Space Station (ISS) and payloads within the range of approximately 2000, and similarly, a correlation exists between Geostationary Transfer Orbit (GTO) and payload values within the range of 4000-8000.

# Launch Success Yearly Trend

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The launch success rate has experienced a notable increase since 2014, likely attributed to advancements in technology and the assimilation of valuable lessons.

# All Launch Site Names

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```
SELECT DISTINCT LaunchSite FROM SpaceX
```

	launchsite
0	KSC LC-39A
1	CCAFS LC-40
2	CCAFS SLC-40
3	VAFB SLC-4E



# Launch Site Names Begin with 'CCA'

- `SELECT * FROM SpaceX WHERE LaunchSite LIKE 'CCA%' LIMIT 5`

	date	time	boosterversion	launchsite	payload	payloadmasskg	orbit	customer	missionoutcome	landingoutcome
0	2010-04-06	18:45:00	F9 v1.0 B0003	CCAFS LC-40	Dragon Spacecraft Qualification Unit	0	LEO	SpaceX	Success	Failure (parachute)
1	2010-08-12	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	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
3	2012-08-10	00:35:00	F9 v1.0 B0006	CCAFS LC-40	SpaceX CRS-1	500	LEO (ISS)	NASA (CRS)	Success	No attempt
4	2013-01-03	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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```
SELECT SUM(PayloadMassKG) AS Total_PayloadMass FROM SpaceX WHERE Customer LIKE  
'NASA (CRS)
```

total_payloadmass	
0	45596

# Average Payload Mass by F9 v1.1

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```
SELECT AVG(PayloadMassKG) AS Avg_PayloadMass FROM SpaceX WHERE BoosterVersion =  
'F9 v1.1'
```

	avg_payloadmass
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0	2928.4
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# First Successful Ground Landing Date

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```
SELECT MIN(Date) AS FirstSuccessfull_landing_date FROM SpaceX WHERE LandingOutcome  
LIKE 'Success (ground pad)'
```

firstsuccessfull_landing_date	
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0	2015-12-22
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## Successful Drone Ship Landing with Payload between 4000 and 6000

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```
SELECT BoosterVersion FROM SpaceX WHERE LandingOutcome = 'Success (drone ship)'  
AND PayloadMassKG > 4000 AND PayloadMassKG < 6000
```

boosterversion	
0	F9 FT B1022
1	F9 FT B1026
2	F9 FT B1021.2
3	F9 FT B1031.2

# Total Number of Successful and Failure Mission Outcomes

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```
SELECT COUNT(MissionOutcome) AS SuccessOutcome
FROM SpaceX
WHERE MissionOutcome LIKE 'Success%'
```

The total number of successful mission outcome is:

successoutcome	
0	100

```
SELECT COUNT(MissionOutcome) AS FailureOutcome
FROM SpaceX
WHERE MissionOutcome LIKE 'Failure%'
```

The total number of failed mission outcome is:

failureoutcome	
0	1

# Boosters Carried Maximum Payload

```
SELECT BoosterVersion, PayloadMassKG
FROM SpaceX
WHERE PayloadMassKG = (
    SELECT MAX(PayloadMassKG)
    FROM SpaceX
)
ORDER BY BoosterVersion
```

	boosterversion	payloadmasskg
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

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```
SELECT BoosterVersion, LaunchSite, LandingOutcome
FROM SpaceX
WHERE LandingOutcome LIKE 'Failure (drone ship)'
AND Date BETWEEN '2015-01-01' AND '2015-12-31'
```

	boosterversion	launchsite	landingoutcome
0	F9 v1.1 B1012	CCAFS LC-40	Failure (drone ship)
1	F9 v1.1 B1015	CCAFS LC-40	Failure (drone ship)



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

```
SELECT LandingOutcome, COUNT(LandingOutcome)
FROM SpaceX
WHERE DATE BETWEEN '2010-06-04' AND '2017-03-20'
GROUP BY LandingOutcome
ORDER BY COUNT(LandingOutcome) DESC
```

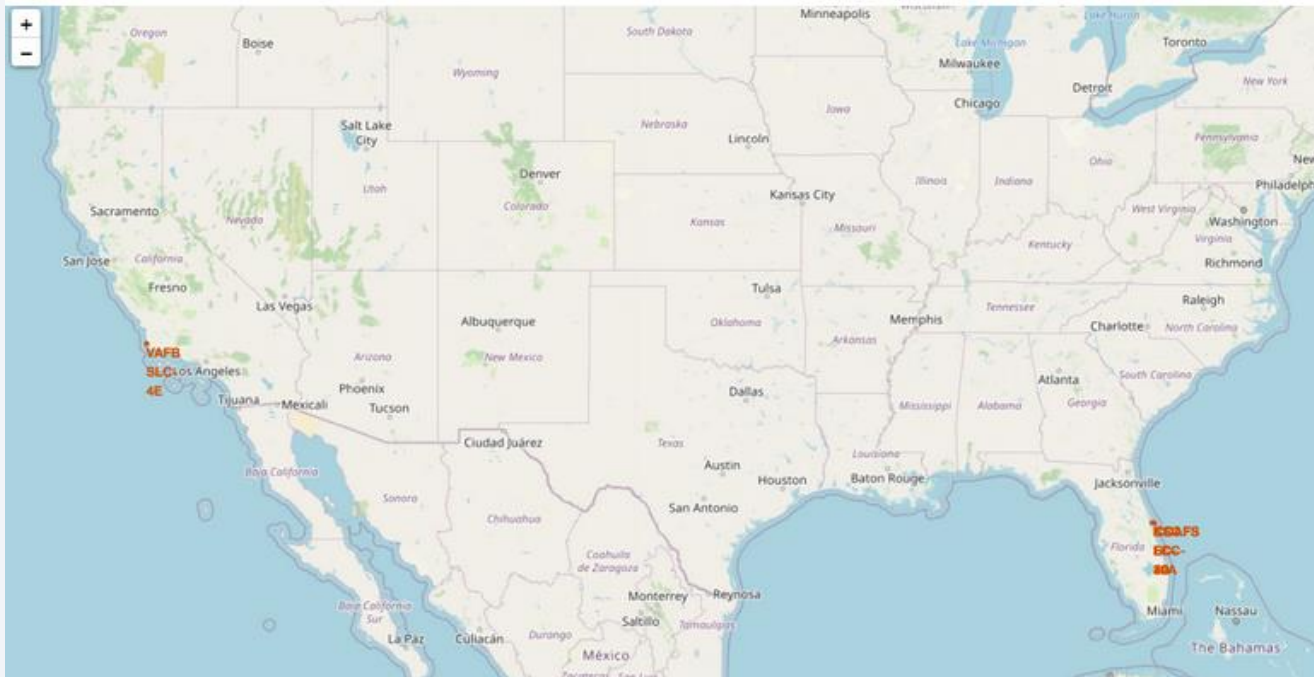
	landingoutcome	count
0	No attempt	10
1	Success (drone ship)	6
2	Failure (drone ship)	5
3	Success (ground pad)	5
4	Controlled (ocean)	3
5	Uncontrolled (ocean)	2
6	Precluded (drone ship)	1
7	Failure (parachute)	1

A satellite view of Earth from space, showing the curvature of the planet and city lights at night. The background is a deep blue space with stars. The Earth's surface is dark blue, with bright yellow and orange lights from cities and towns. The lights are concentrated in the lower right quadrant of the image, following the curve of the Earth.

Section 3

# Launch Sites Proximities Analysis

# Launch Sites – View

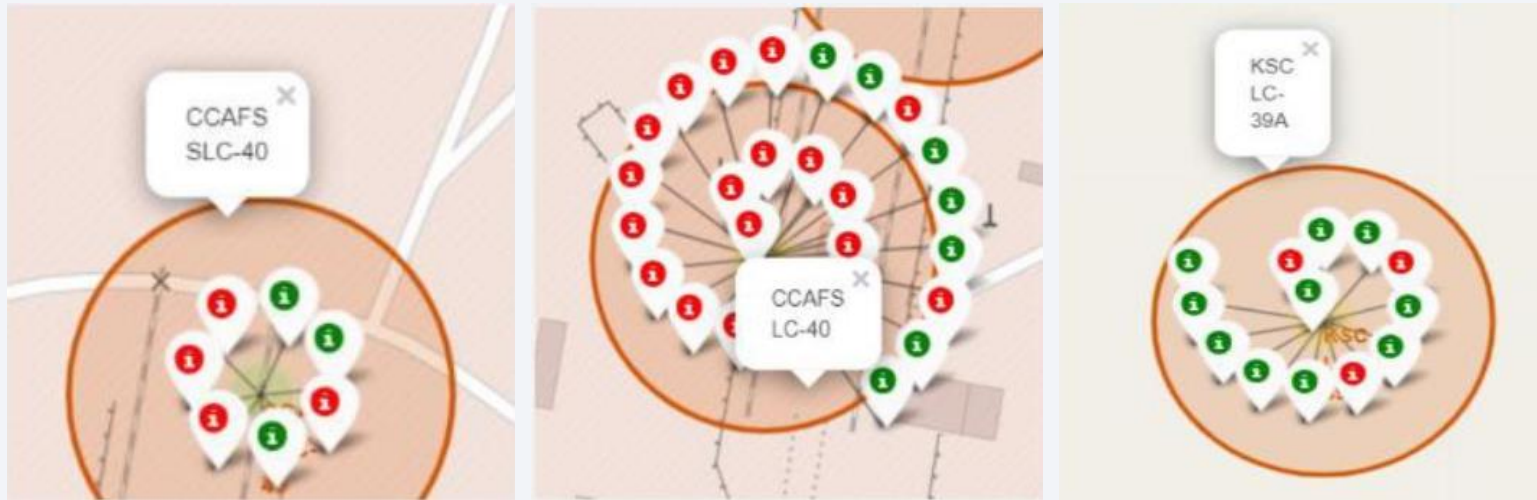


The launch sites for SpaceX strategically located in Cape Canaveral Space Force Station in Florida, Kennedy Space Center in Florida, and Vandenberg Space Force Base in California.

# Launch Sites with Colour Labels

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Florida Launch Sites



Green Marker – Successful Launch

Red marker – Failed Launch

# Launch Sites with Colour Labels

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## California Launch Site



Green Marker – Successful Launch

Red marker – Failed Launch

# Launch Sites Distance to Landmarks

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Launch Sites are Close Proximity to railways ? No

Launch Sites are Close Proximity to highways ? No

Launch Sites are Close Proximity to Coastline ? Yes

Launch Sites and appropriate Distance to Cities ? Yes





Section 4

# Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

# Success % by Launch Site

Total Success Launches By Site



KSC LC-39A was the most successful site for launches out of all the sites



# Total Success Launches for Site KSC LC-39A

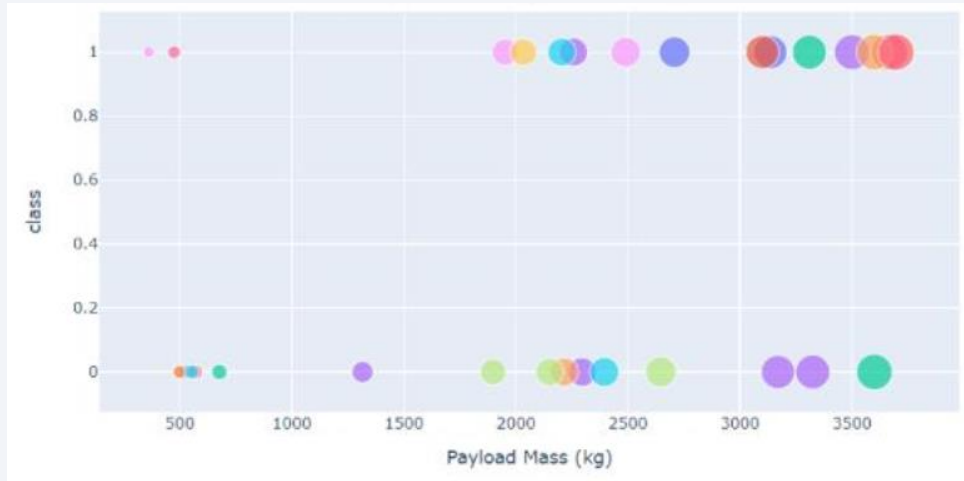
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Total Success Launches for site KSC LC-39A

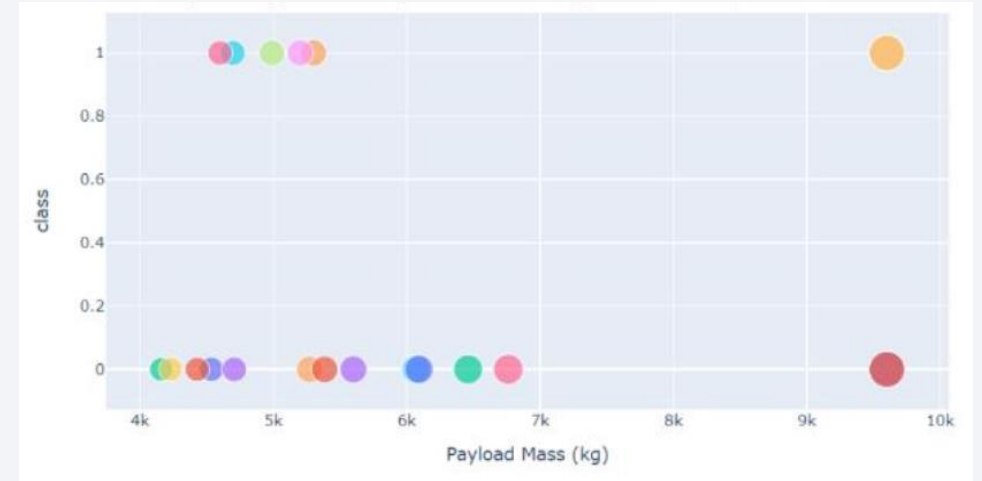


KSC LC-39A achieved a 76.9% Success Rate

## Payload vs. Launch Outcome



Lower Payload



Higher Payload

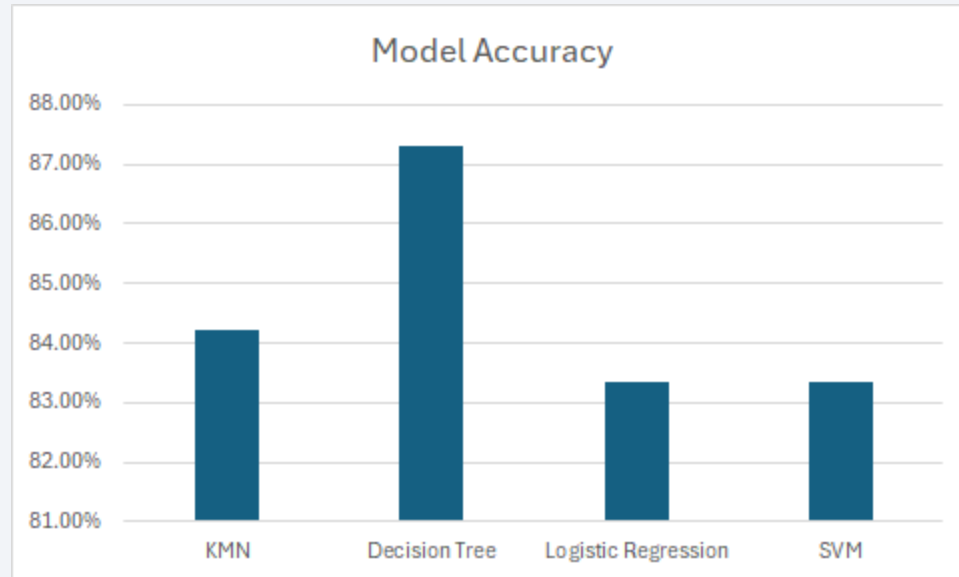
It can be observed that lower payloads had more success than the higher payloads



Section 5

# Predictive Analysis (Classification)

# Classification Accuracy



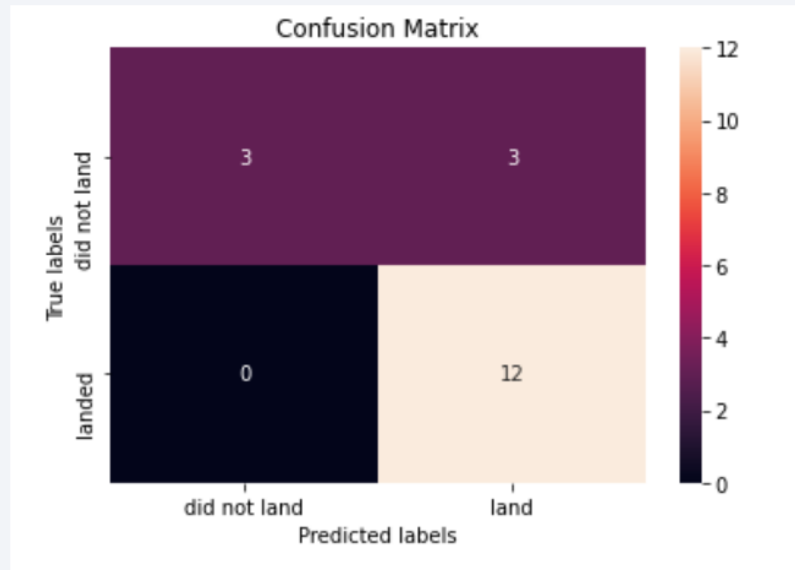
```
algorithms = {'KNN':knn_cv.best_score_, 'Tree':tree_cv.best_score_, 'LogisticRegression':logreg_cv.best_score_}
bestalgorithm = max(algorithms, key=algorithms.get)
print('The Best Algorithm from the performed algorithms is',bestalgorithm,'with a score of',algorithms[bestalgorithm])
if bestalgorithm == 'Tree':
    print('Best Params is :',tree_cv.best_params_)
if bestalgorithm == 'KNN':
    print('Best Params is :',knn_cv.best_params_)
if bestalgorithm == 'LogisticRegression':
    print('Best Params is :',logreg_cv.best_params_)
```

The Best Algorithm from the performed algorithms is Tree with a score of 0.8857142857142856

Best Params is : {'criterion': 'entropy', 'max\_depth': 18, 'max\_features': 'sqrt', 'min\_samples\_leaf': 4, 'min\_samples\_split': 5, 'splitter': 'random'}

# Confusion Matrix

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- The confusion matrix of the decision tree classifier indicates its ability to differentiate between various classes. However, a notable issue lies in the occurrence of false positives, specifically instances where the classifier incorrectly identifies unsuccessful landings as successful ones.

# Conclusions

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- A positive correlation is observed between the number of flights at a launch site and the corresponding success rate.
- The launch success rate exhibited an upward trend from 2013 to 2020.
- Orbits such as ES-L1, GEO, HEO, SSO, and VLEO demonstrated notably high success rates.
- Among all launch sites, KSC LC-39A recorded the highest number of successful launches.
- The Decision Tree classifier emerges as the most effective machine learning algorithm for this specific task.



Thank you!

