



# Winning Space Race with Data Science

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# Outline

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- Introduction
- Methodology
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- Conclusion

# Executive Summary

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- Summary of methodologies

- Collecting the data

- Data Wrangling

- Exploratory data analysis

- Predictive analysis (classification)

- Summary of all results – EDA results, Interactive and Predictive results

- The past data of Space X launches and the variables could be known

- The success rate analysed and effort was made to predict the landing outcome

# Introduction

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- Project background and context

- Out of the several companies working on space travel, Space X is the most successful as on date.
- One major reason for the success is the least expensive methods used by Space X where the first stage of the rocket can be re-used.
- However, not always the re-use is possible.
- As a data scientist for the competitor Space Y, an attempt is made to find the favorable scenarios, where the inexpensive methodology can be adopted with highest possibility of success

- Problems we want to find answers

- The parameters in the launches executed by Space X.
- Based on the parameters, prepare a model which can effectively predict when the first stage is re-used by Space X.
- More favorable parameters will increase possibility to provide the launches at lesser cost , on more occasions thereby providing a perfect competition to Space X

Section 1


# Methodology


# Methodology Executive Summary


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 **Data collections – using API and webscraping**

 **Data Wrangling**

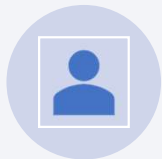
 **Exploratory data analysis using visualisation and SQL**

 **Interactive visual analytics using Folium and Plotly Dash**

 **Predictive analysis using classification models – LR,KNN,SVM,DT models evaluated**

# Data Collection

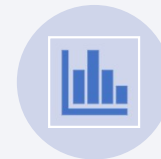
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Request to SPACE  
API



Request and parse  
the SpaceX launch  
data



Web scrapping using  
Beautiful Soup

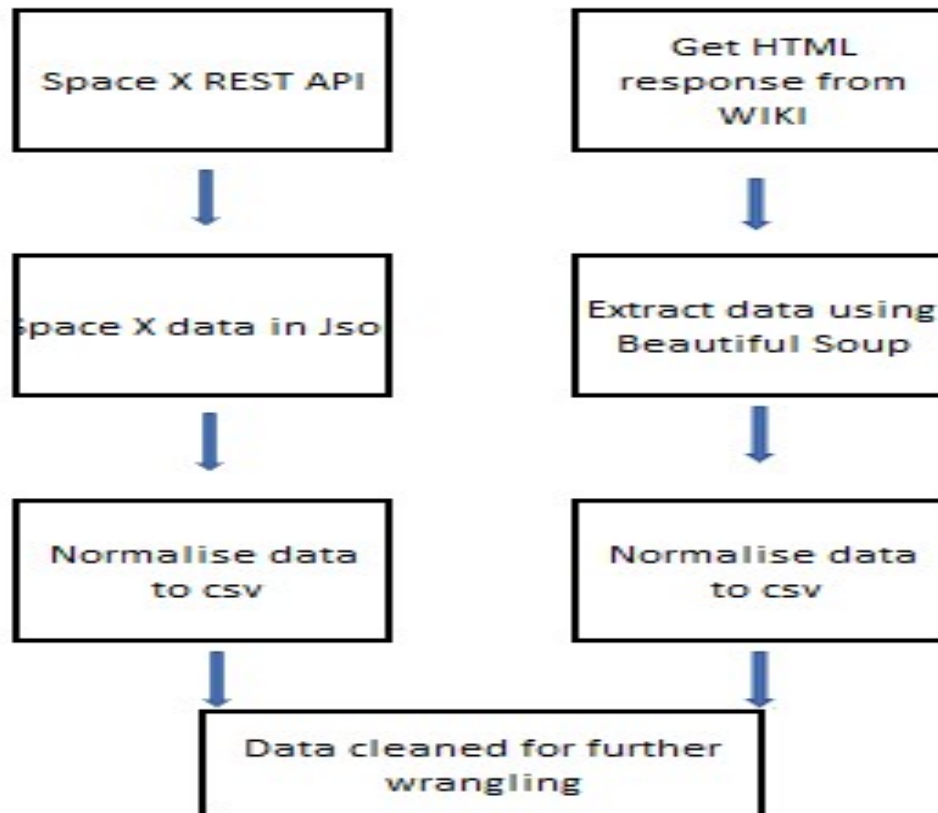
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data.head()
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# Data Collection – SpaceX API



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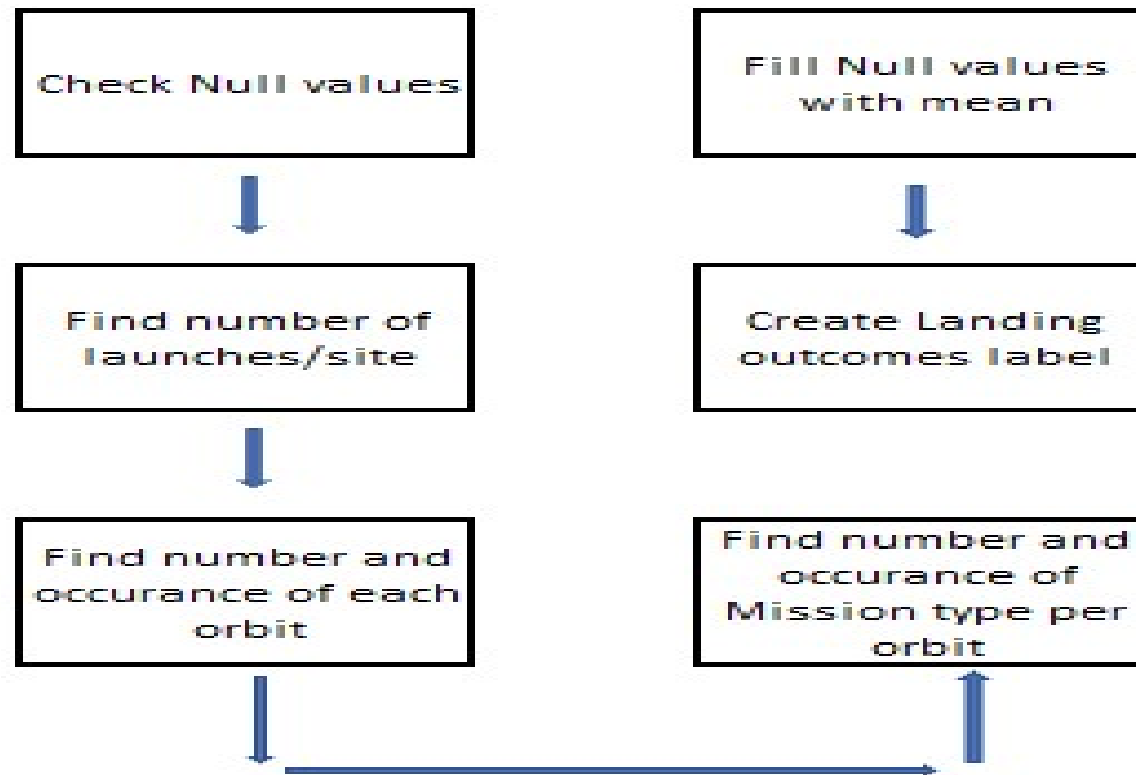
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# Call getBoosterVersion  
getBoosterVersion(data)
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BoosterVersion[0:5]
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['Falcon 1', 'Falcon 1', 'Falcon 1', 'Falcon 1', 'Falcon 9']
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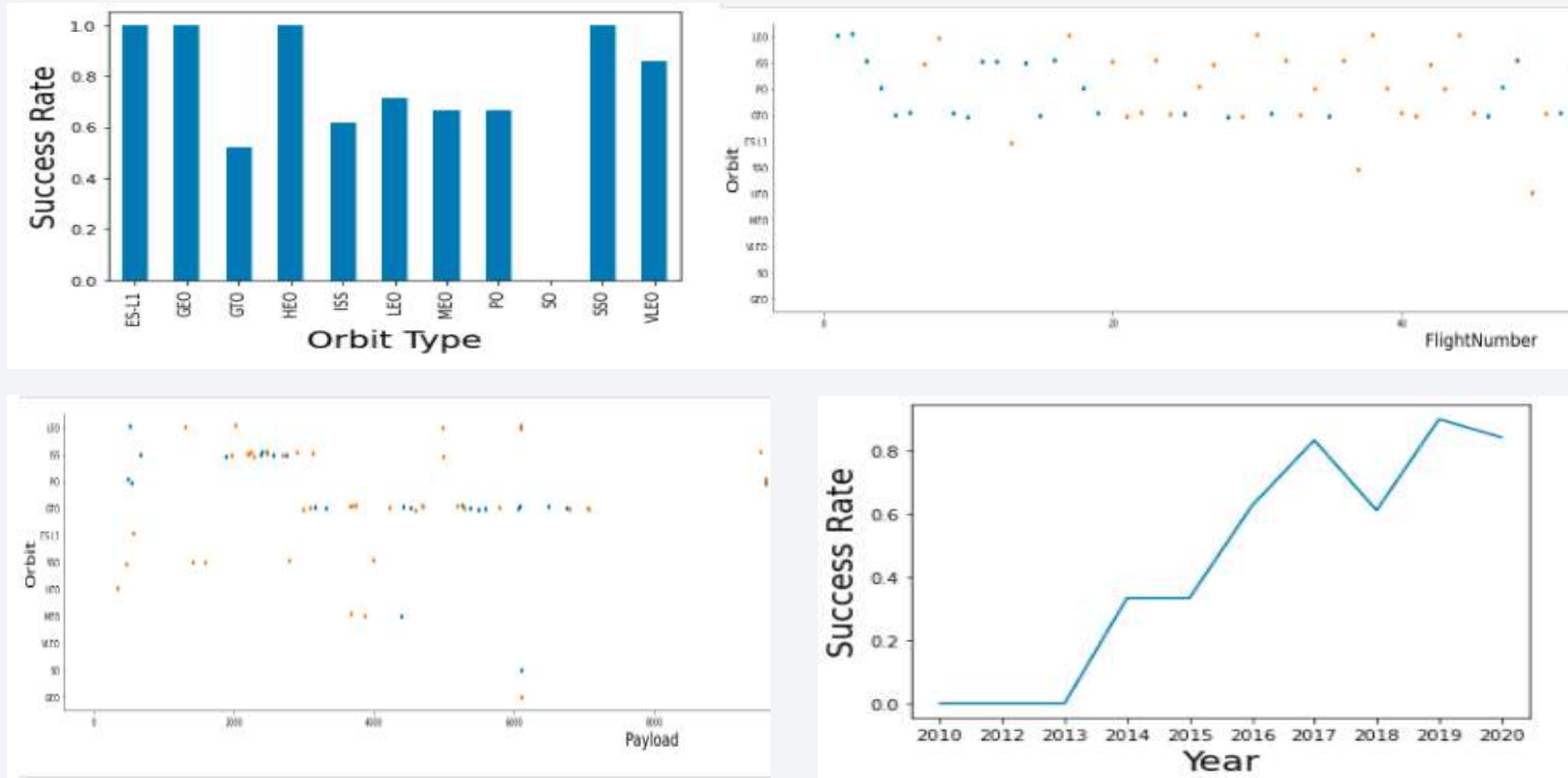


# Data Wrangling



<https://gist.github.com/Chetrypapu/c29daed5988f9966857e58971e312889>

# EDA with Data Visualization



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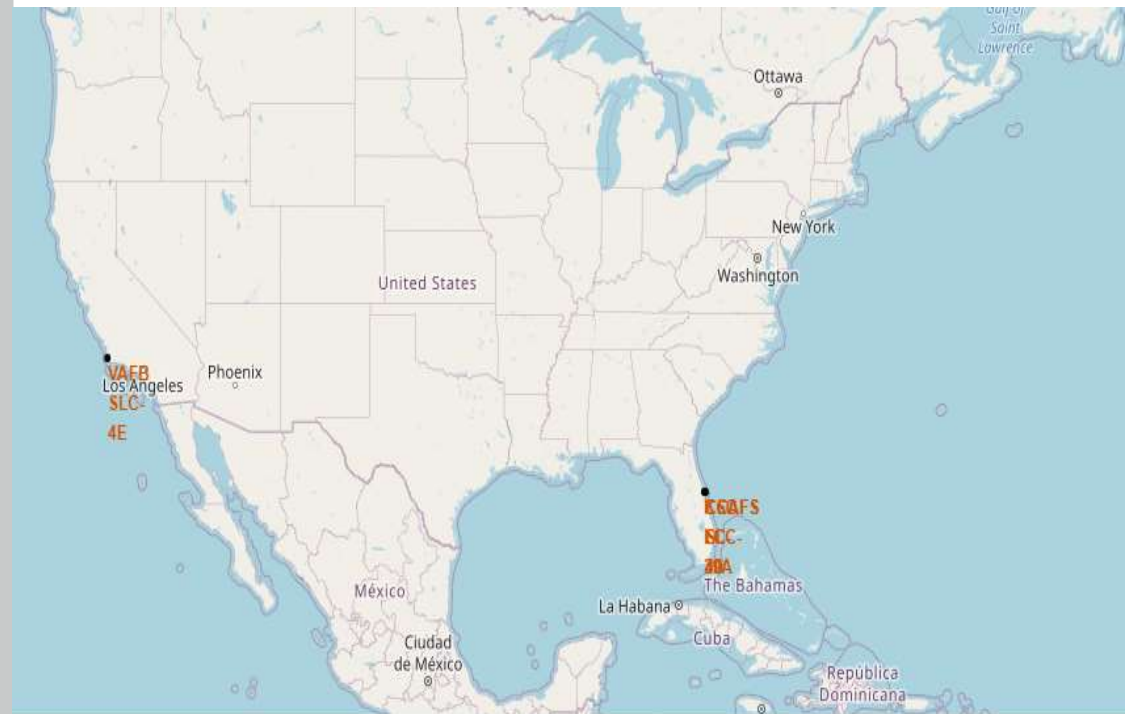
# EDA with SQL

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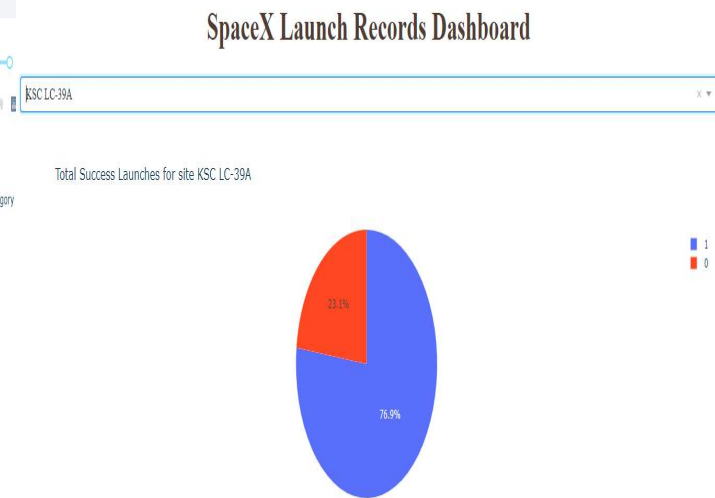
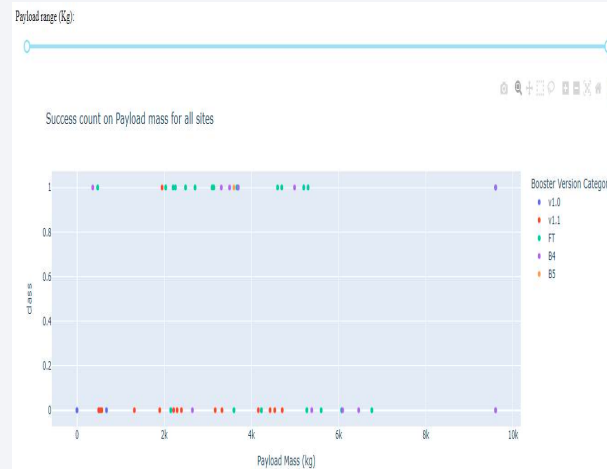
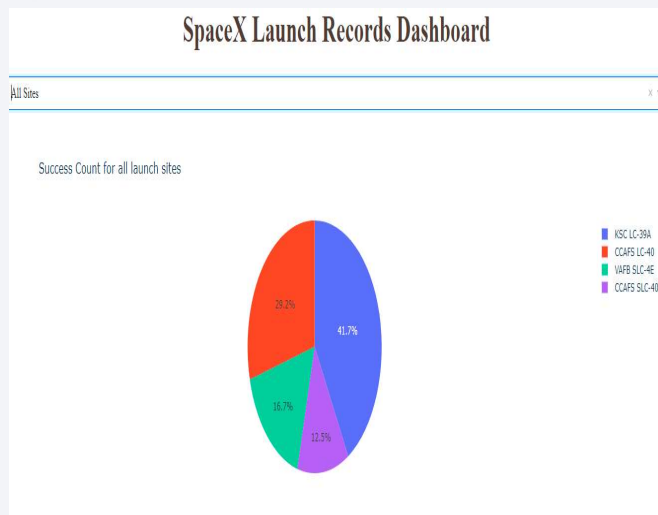
- Using bullet point format, summarize the SQL queries you performed
- Display the names of the unique launch sites in the space mission
- Display 5 records where launch sites begin with the string 'CCA'
- Display the total payload mass carried by boosters launched by NASA (CRS)
- Display average payload mass carried by booster version F9 v1.1
- List the date when the first successful landing outcome in ground pad was achieved.
- List the names of the boosters which have success in drone ship and have payload mass greater than 4000 but less than 6000
- List the total number of successful and failure mission outcomes
- List the names of the booster\_versions which have carried the maximum payload mass. Use a subquery
- List the failed landing\_outcomes in drone ship, their booster versions, and launch site names for in year 2015
- 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

## Interactive Map with Folium

- Map markers have been added to the map with aim to finding an optimal location for building a launch site
- <https://gist.github.com/Chetryanapu/45e0f8599133e22e09e1e5d6e2ced4db>



# Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

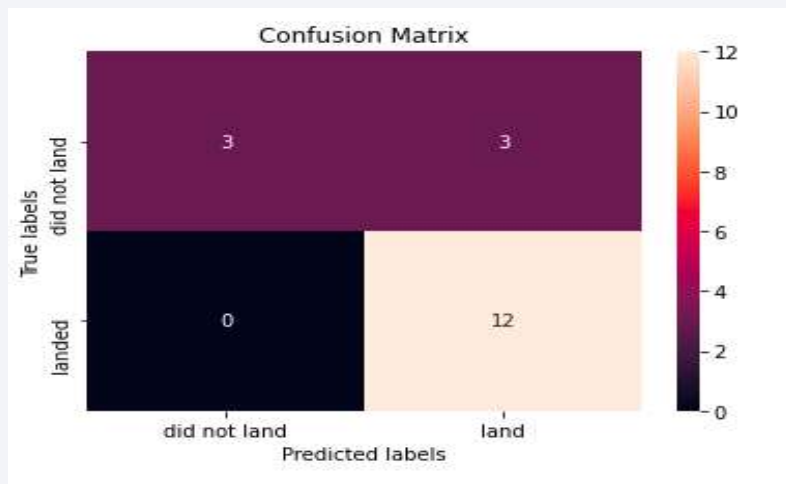


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# Predictive Analysis (Classification)

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- The SVM, KNN and Logistic Regression model achieved the highest accuracy at 83.33%, while the SVM performs the best in terms of Area Under the curve at 0.958

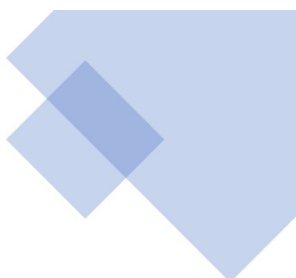



test set accuracy : 0.8333333333333334

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# Results

- The SVM, KNN and Logistic Regression models are the best in terms prediction accuracy for this dataset
  - Low weighed payloads perform better than the heavier payloads
  - The success rate for SpaceX launches is directly proportional time in years they will eventually perfect the launches
  - KSC LC 39A had the most successful launches from all the sites
  - Orbit GEO , HEO, SSO, ES L1 has the best success rate
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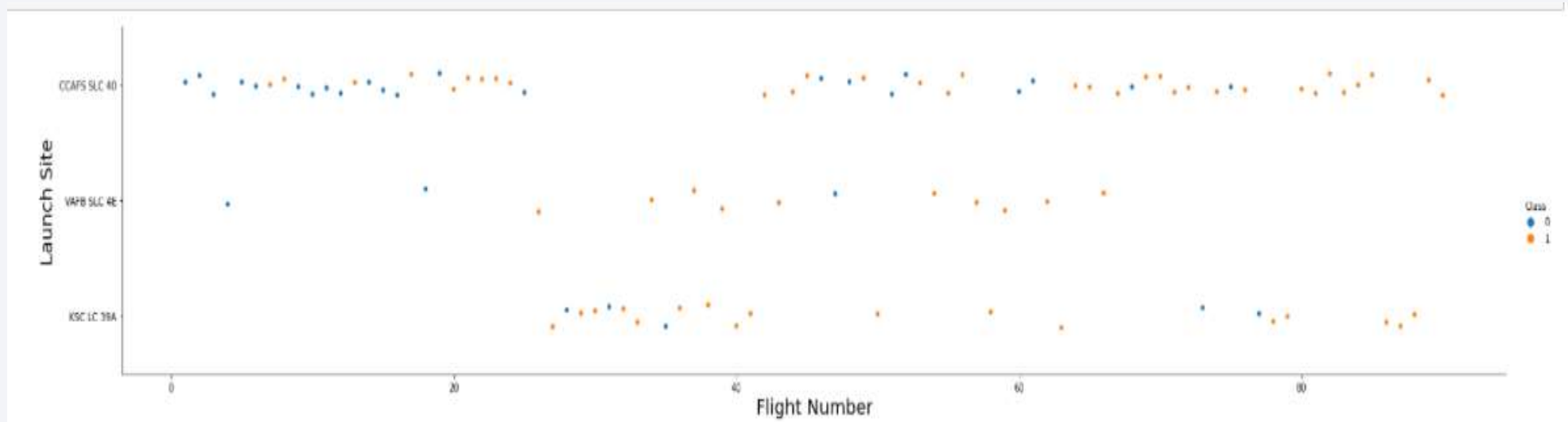
The background of the slide is an abstract composition of numerous thin, overlapping lines and streaks in shades of blue, red, and cyan. These lines are oriented diagonally, creating a sense of motion and depth. The lines vary in opacity and thickness, with some appearing as sharp, bright streaks and others as more diffuse, textured bands. The overall effect is a complex, layered visual that suggests data or digital information.

Section 2

# Insights drawn from EDA

# Flight Number vs. Launch Site

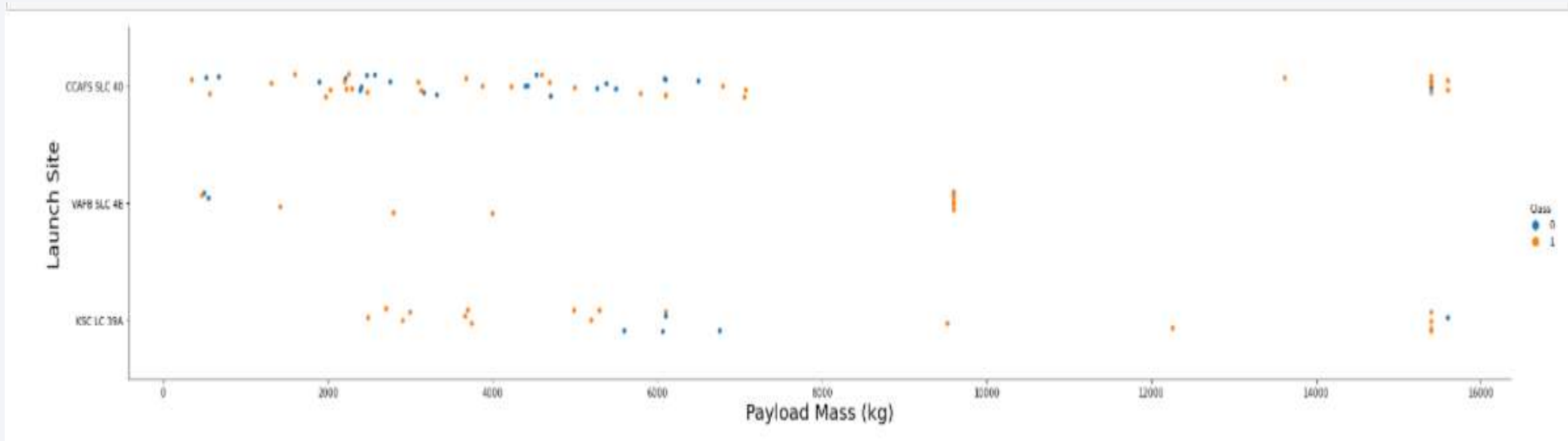
- Show a scatter plot of Flight Number vs. Launch Site
- Show the screenshot of the scatter plot with explanations



Launches from the site of CCAFS SLC 40 are significantly higher than launches from other sites

# Payload vs. Launch Site

- Show a scatter plot of Payload vs. Launch Site
- Show the screenshot of the scatter plot with explanations

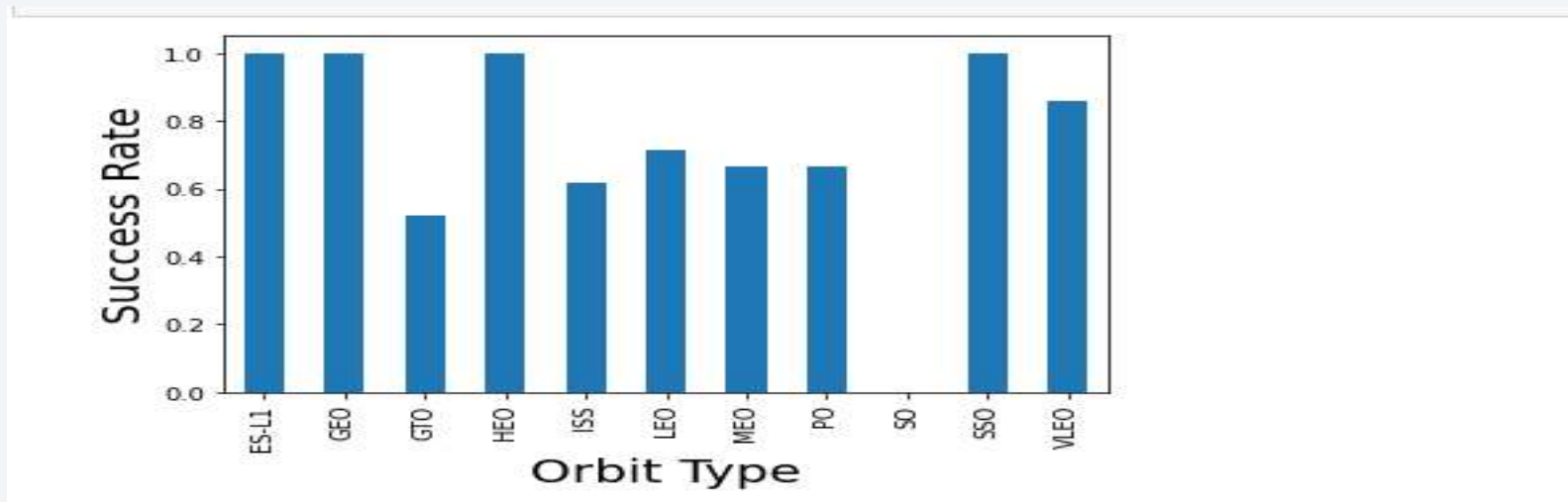


Most of the payloads with lower mass have been launched from CCAFS SLC 40

# Success Rate vs. Orbit Type

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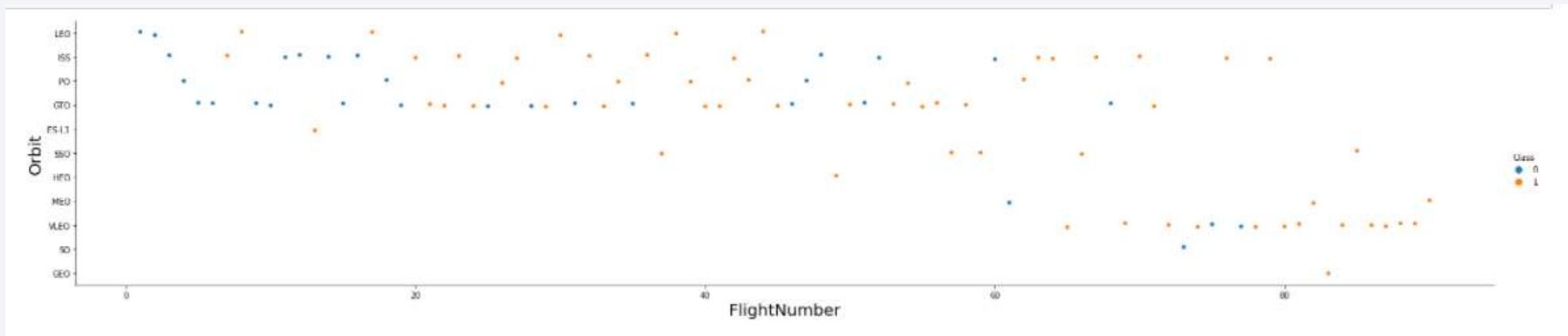
- Show a bar chart for the success rate of each orbit type
- Show the screenshot of the scatter plot with explanations



The orbits ES L1, GEO, HEO and SSO have higher success rates

# Flight Number vs. Orbit Type

- Show a scatter point of Flight number vs. Orbit type
- Show the screenshot of the scatter plot with explanations

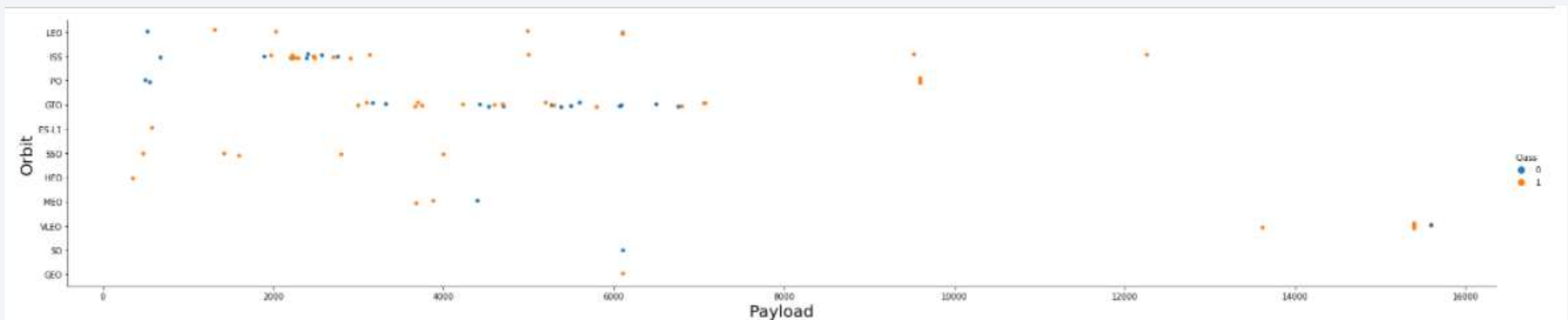


A trend can be observed of shifting VLEO launches over the years

# Payload vs. Orbit Type

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- Show a scatter point of payload vs. orbit type
- Show the screenshot of the scatter plot with explanations



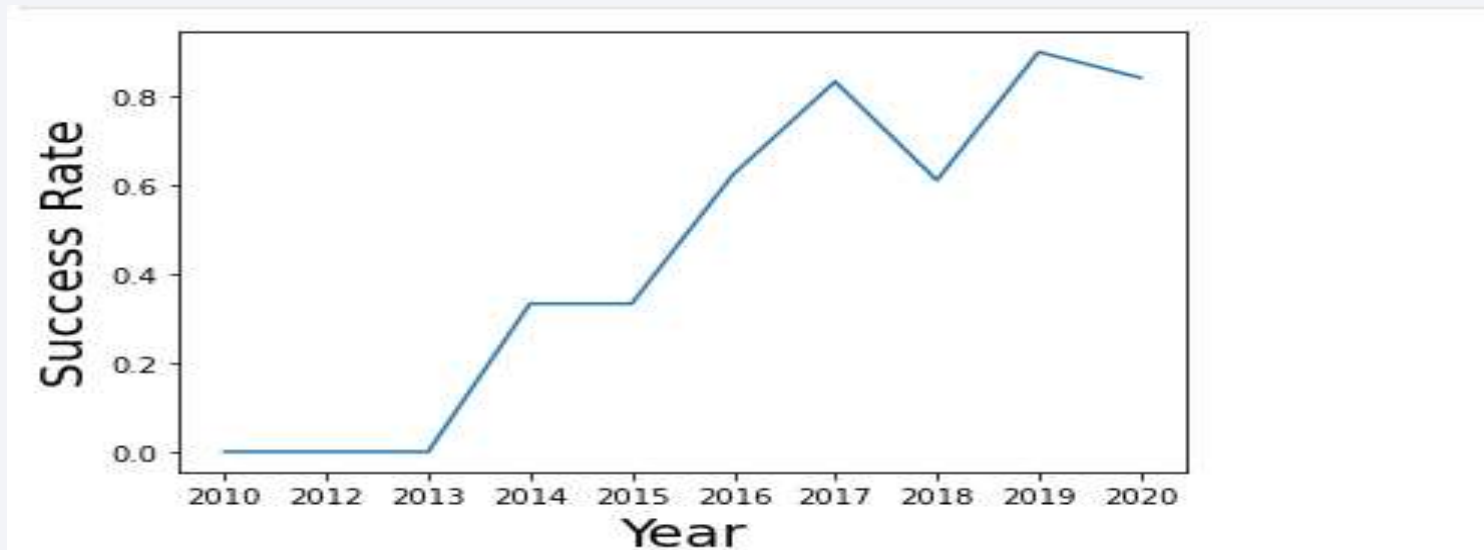
With heavy payloads the successful landing or positive landing rate are more for Polar, LEO and ISS.



# Launch Success Yearly Trend

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- Show a line chart of yearly average success rate
- Show the screenshot of the scatter plot with explanations



The success rate since 2013 kept increasing till 2020



# All Launch Site Names

- Find the names of the unique launch sites
- Present your query result with a short explanation here
- %SQL select distinct (LAUNCH\_SITE) from SPACEXTBL

**launch\_site**

CCAFS LC-40

CCAFS SLC-40

KSC LC-39A

VAFB SLC-4E

## Launch Site Names Begin with 'CCA'

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- Find 5 records where launch sites begin with `CCA`
- Present your query result with a short explanation here
- %SQL select \* from SPACEXTBL where LAUNCH\_SITE like CCA%' limit 5

	Date	Time_UTC	Booster_Version	Launch_Site	Payload	PAYLOAD_MASS_KG_	Orbit	Customer	Mission_Outcome	Landing_Outcome
0	19-02-2017	2021-07-02 14:39:00.0000000	F9 FT B1031.1	KSC LC-39A	SpaceX CRS-10	2490	LEO (ISS)	NASA (CRS)	Success	Success (ground pad)
1	16-03-2017	2021-07-02 06:00:00.0000000	F9 FT B1030	KSC LC-39A	EchoStar 23	5600	GTO	EchoStar	Success	No attempt
2	30-03-2017	2021-07-02 22:27:00.0000000	F9 FT B1021.2	KSC LC-39A	SES-10	5300	GTO	SES	Success	Success (drone ship)
3	01-05-2017	2021-07-02 11:15:00.0000000	F9 FT B1032.1	KSC LC-39A	NROL-76	5300	LEO	NRO	Success	Success (ground pad)
4	15-05-2017	2021-07-02 23:21:00.0000000	F9 FT B1034	KSC LC-39A	Inmarsat-5 F4	6070	GTO	Inmarsat	Success	No attempt

# Total Payload Mass

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- Calculate the total payload carried by boosters from NASA
- Present your query result with a short explanation here
- %SQL select sum(PAYLOAD\_MASS\_KG\_) from SPACEXTBL where CUSTOMER = 'NASA (CRS)'

Total Payload Mass	
0	45596

## Average Payload Mass by F9 v1.1

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- Calculate the average payload mass carried by booster version F9 v1.1
- Present your query result with a short explanation here
- %SQL select avg(PAYLOAD\_MASS\_KG\_) from SPCEXTBL where BOOSTER\_VERSION = 'F9 v 1.1'

Average Payload Mass	
0	2928

# First Successful Ground Landing Date

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- Find the dates of the first successful landing outcome on ground pad
- Present your query result with a short explanation here

%SQL select min(DATE) from SPACEXTBL where Landing\_Outcome = 'Success(ground pad)'

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Date which first Successful landing outcome in drone ship was acheived.
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0
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06-05-2016
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## Successful Drone Ship Landing with Payload between 4000 and 6000

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- List the names of boosters which have successfully landed on drone ship and had payload mass greater than 4000 but less than 6000
- Present your query result with a short explanation here
- %SQL select BOOSTER\_VERSION from SPACEXTBL where Landing\_Outcome ='Success(drone ship)' and PAYLOAD\_MASS\_KG\_ > 4000 and PAYLOAD\_MASS\_KG\_ < 6000

Date which first Successful landing outcome in drone ship was acheived.	
0	F9 FT B1032.1
1	F9 B4 B1040.1
2	F9 B4 B1043.1

## Total Number of Successful and Failure Mission Outcomes

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- Calculate the total number of successful and failure mission outcomes
- Present your query result with a short explanation here
- %SQL select count(MISSION\_OUTCOME) from SPACEXTBL where MISSION\_OUTCOME ='Success' or MISSION\_OUTCOME ='Failure( in flight)'

Successful_Mission_Outcomes		Failure_Mission_Outcomes	
0	100	1	



# Boosters Carried Maximum Payload

- List the names of the booster which have carried the maximum payload mass
- Present your query result with a short explanation here
- %SQL select BOOSTER\_VERSION from SPACEXTBL where PAYLOAD\_MASS\_KG =(select max(PAYLOAD\_MASS\_KG\_)from SPACEXTBL)

	Booster_Version	Maximum Payload Mass
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
...	...	...
92	F9 v1.1 B1003	500
93	F9 FT B1038.1	475
94	F9 B4 B1045.1	362
95	F9 v1.0 B0003	0
96	F9 v1.0 B0004	0
97 rows x 2 columns		

# 2015 Launch Records

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- List the failed landing\_outcomes in drone ship, their booster versions, and launch site names for in year 2015
- Present your query result with a short explanation here
- %SQL select \* from SPACEXTBL where Landing\_Outcome like 'Success%' and (DATE between '2015-01-01' and '2015-12-31') order by date desc

Month	Booster_Version	Launch_Site	Landing_Outcome
January	F9 FT B1029.1	VAFB SLC-4E	Success (drone ship)
February	F9 FT B1031.1	KSC LC-39A	Success (ground pad)
March	F9 FT B1021.2	KSC LC-39A	Success (drone ship)
May	F9 FT B1032.1	KSC LC-39A	Success (ground pad)

## 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
- Present your query result with a short explanation here
- %SQL select \* from SPACEXTBL where landing\_Outcome like 'Success%' and (DATE between '2010-06-04' and '2017-03-20') order by date desc

Successful Landing Outcomes Between 2010-06-04 and 2017-03-20	
0	34

A satellite view of Earth from space, showing the curvature of the planet and city lights at night. The image is used as a background for the slide.

Section 3

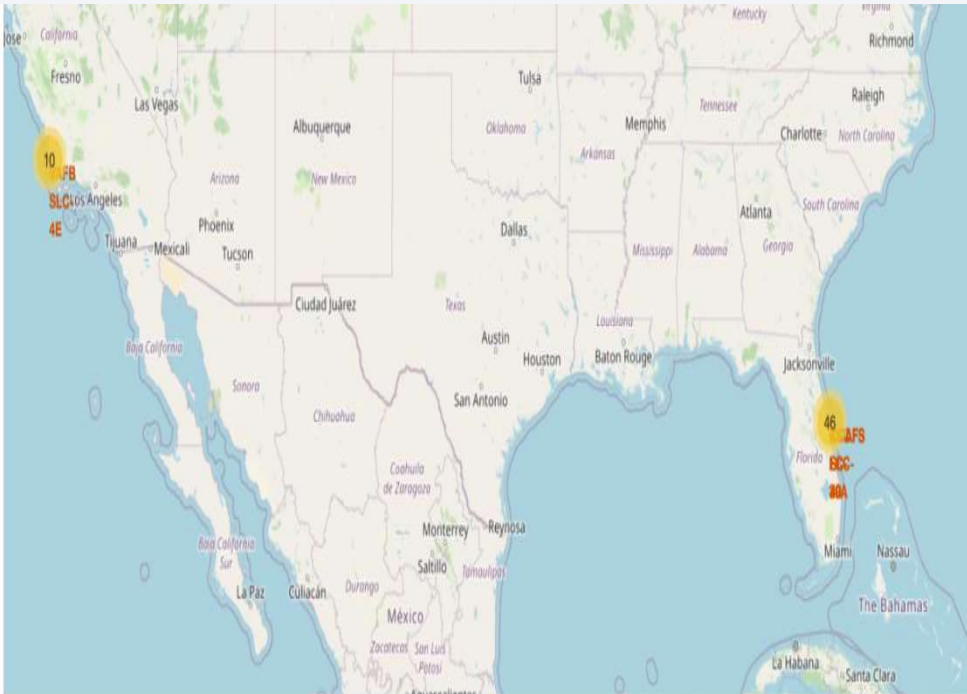
# Launch Sites Proximities Analysis

# SpaceX Launch Sites marked in Map



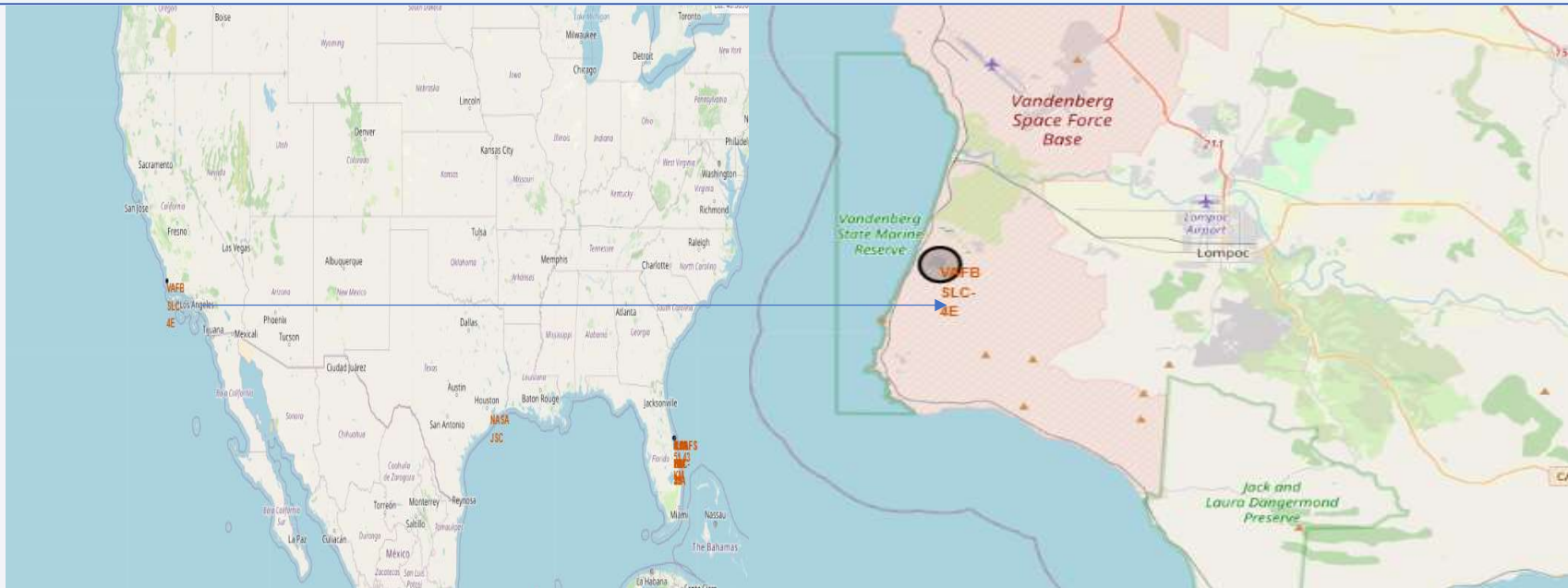
The launch sites in the coasts, Florida and California are marked in the map with labels

# Labelled markers





## Launch Sites distance to Landmarks (using Folium maps)



- Are launch sites in close proximity to railways? **NO**
- Are launch sites in close proximity to highways? **NO**
- Are launch sites in close proximity to coastline? **YES**
- Do launch sites keep certain distance away from cities? **YES**





Section 4

# Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

# Total Launch Success by all Sites

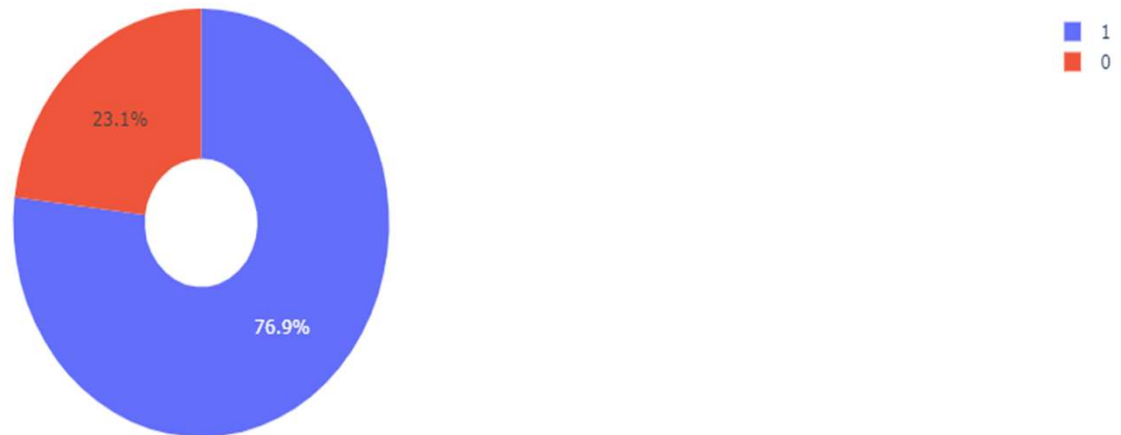
Total Success Launches By all sites



It is evident that KSC LC-39A has the most successful launches among all sites

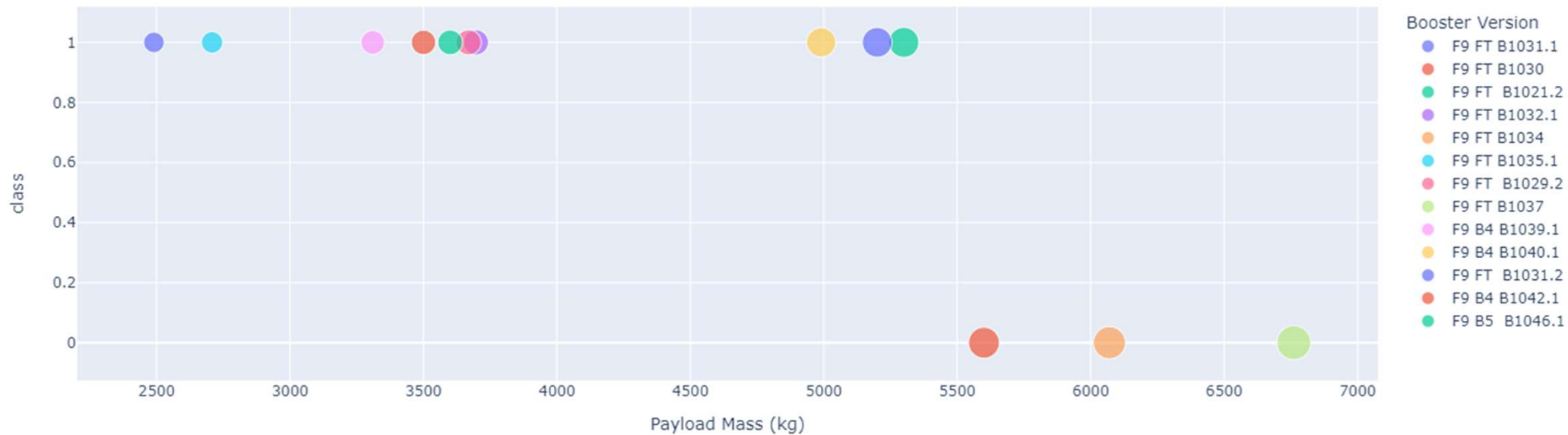
## Contd. Most successful Launch site drill down

Total Success Launches for site KSC LC-39A



Success and Failure rates for launch site  
KSC LC-39A which is the most successful launch site

# Payload vs Launch outcome analysis



It is evident from the visualization that success rates for low weighed payloads are higher than heavy payloads

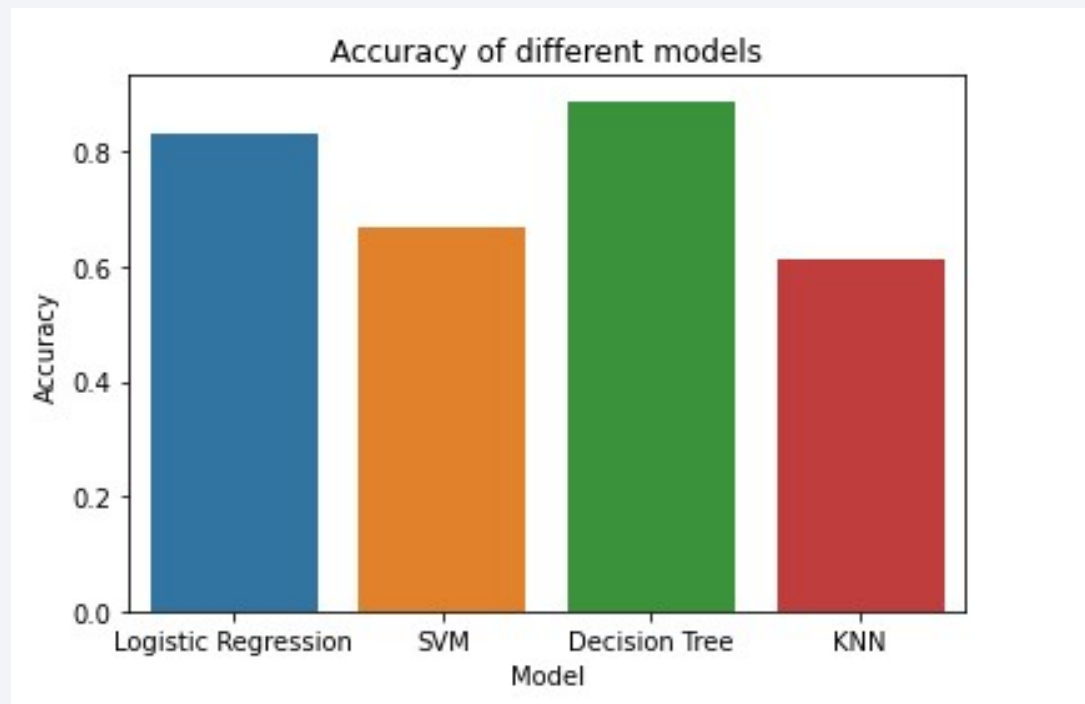


Section 5

# Predictive Analysis (Classification)

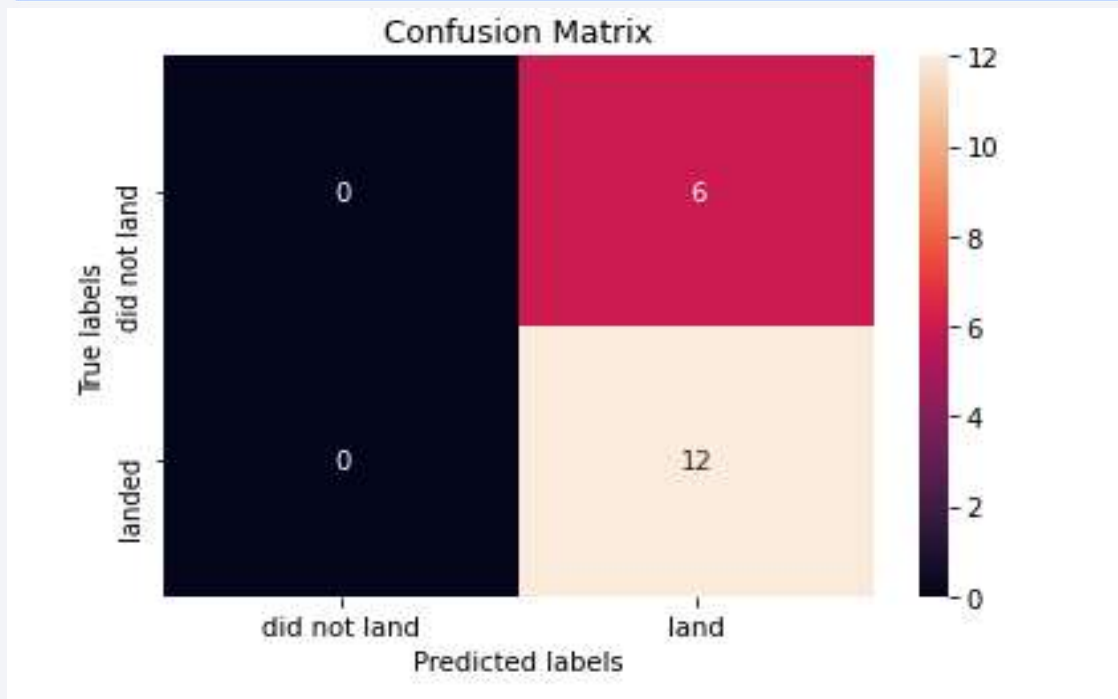
# Classification Accuracy

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The Decision tree is marginally more accurate than the others

# Confusion Matrix



- The major problem observed from the confusion matrix is the false positive data points

# Conclusions and Take Away

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- The TREE classifier is the most accurate model for the dataset analyzed
- Low payloads have higher success rates than heavy payloads
- KSC LC-39A has the most successful launches from all sites
- Orbit GEO, HEO, SSO, ES-L1 has the best success rate
- The success rate of SPACEX launches is improving over time



Thank you!

