

# Winning Space Race with Data Science

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# Executive Summary

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- Summary of methodologies:
  - Data collection via Jupyter Notebooks and Python
  - Data wrangling using Python tools
  - Dashboard building via Dash tool
  - Machine learning development using the data collection and wrangling
- Summary of all results
  - There is a very high probability the next launch will lead to a successful landing using several parameters. A classification algorithm is the preferred method of selection.

# Introduction

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- With an increased market for space transportation, many companies are starting to compete with government agencies like NASA. Space X has quickly emerged as one of those major organizations which has been able to cut down the cost of rocket launches thanks to its reuse of the Falcon 9 first stage. Predicting the success rate of the landing of the first stage affects the cost of a launch and the edge of Space X in the market.
- We are trying to determine how to maximize the success rate of a landing given independent variables we may control

Section 1

# Methodology

## Executive Summary

- Data collection methodology:
  - We collected the data with python tools by calling Space X apis and reformatting the results obtained.
- Perform data wrangling
  - We used a set of Python libraries including pandas to reformat the data for algorithm development.
- Perform exploratory data analysis (EDA) using visualization and SQL
- Perform interactive visual analytics using Folium and Plotly Dash
- Perform predictive analysis using classification models
  - We created and tuned classification models to better predict chances of success

- ▶ Data sets collection

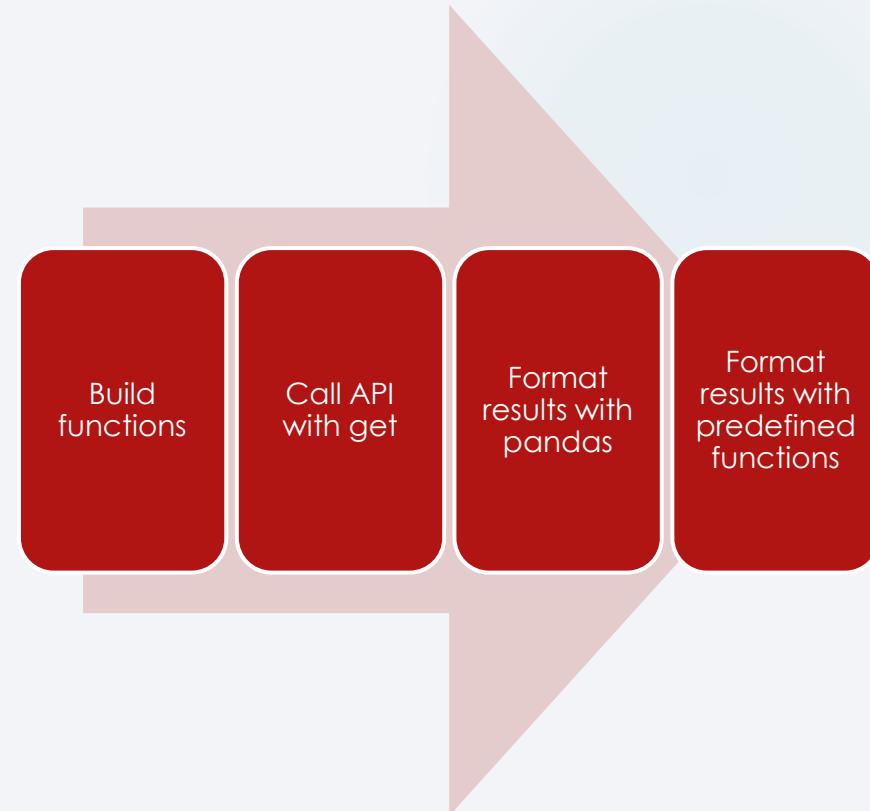
- ▶ API of Space X
- ▶ Json files reformatting
- ▶ Python pandas, beautiful soup, and functions used to decipher the data



# Data Collection – SpaceX API

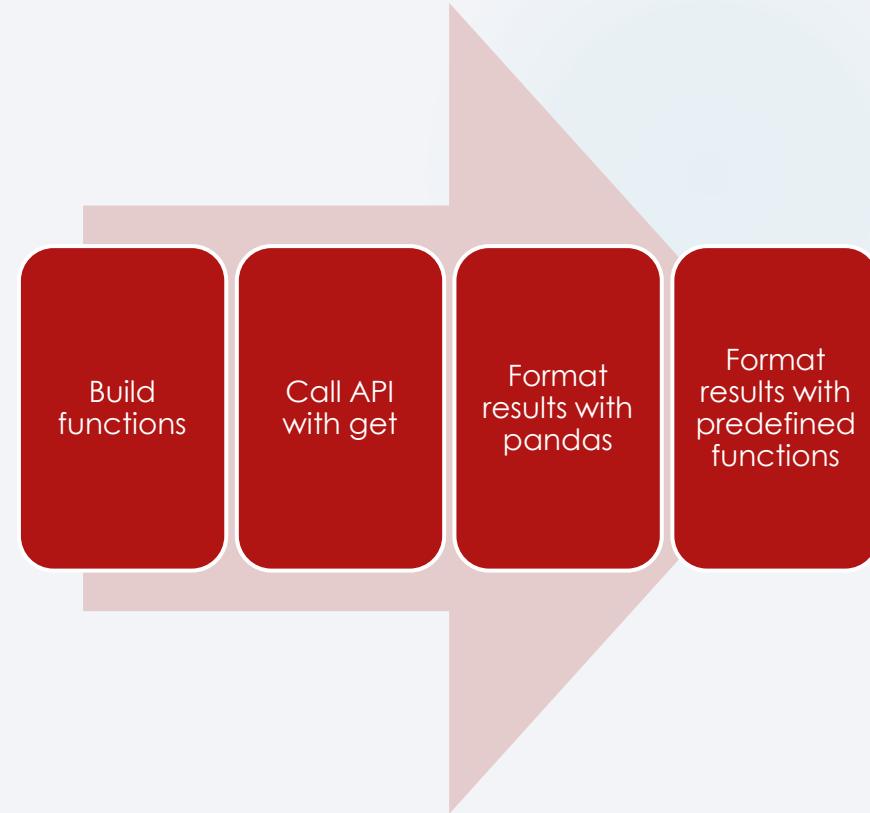
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- ▶ Call API
- ▶ Get launch data as JSON
- ▶ Use pandas, functions to reformat the data
- ▶ [https://github.com/Degueu/testrepo/blob/main/jupyter-labs-spacex-data-collection-api\(1\).ipynb](https://github.com/Degueu/testrepo/blob/main/jupyter-labs-spacex-data-collection-api(1).ipynb)



# Data Collection - Scraping

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- ▶ **Read csv from web with pandas**
- ▶ **Discover data discordance like missing values or columns misclassified**
- ▶ **Create derived calculations**
- ▶ **Fill missing data**
- ▶ **Calculate means**

- ▶ Used bar charts
- ▶ Used scatter charts
- ▶ Used line charts
- ▶ Used tables
- ▶ [https://github.com/Degueu/testrepo/blob/main/jupyter-labs-eda-dataviz\(1\).ipynb](https://github.com/Degueu/testrepo/blob/main/jupyter-labs-eda-dataviz(1).ipynb)

- ▶ Used 10 different SQL statements including:
  - ▶ **unique launch sites**
  - ▶ **NASA's share in the payloads**
  - ▶ **Booster versions used**
  - ▶ **Historical launch outcomes**
- ▶ [https://github.com/Degueu/testrepo/blob/main/jupyter-labs-eda-sql-coursera\(1\).md](https://github.com/Degueu/testrepo/blob/main/jupyter-labs-eda-sql-coursera(1).md)

# Build an Interactive Map with Folium

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- ▶ We created a folium map to also underline the location of the launch sites as they are very restricted:
- ▶ [https://github.com/Degueu/testrepo/blob/main/SpaceXDash\(2\).ipynb](https://github.com/Degueu/testrepo/blob/main/SpaceXDash(2).ipynb)

# Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

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- ▶ Plots/graphs and interactions you have added to a dashboard
  - ▶ A pie chart with success outcomes per site
  - ▶ A slider to control a scatter plot
- ▶ Reason:
  - ▶ Better understand if there is a relationship between launch site and outcomes
  - ▶ Provide an easy interactive access for users to ask the data

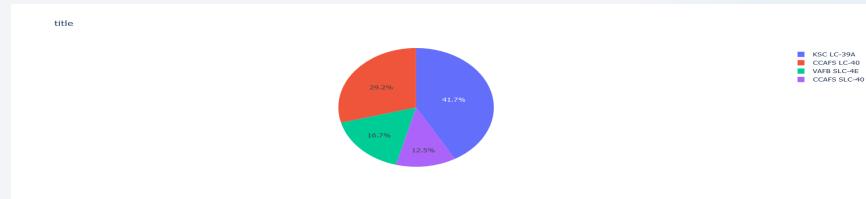
# Predictive Analysis (Classification)

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- ▶ We built and test a few machine learning models (via sklearn) to determine the best pattern (with gridsearch and confusion matrix) that can be used to describe the data:
  - ▶ Logistic regression
  - ▶ Vector machine
  - ▶ Decision tree
  - ▶ Kneighbor classifier
- ▶ [https://github.com/Degueu/testrepo/blob/main/SpaceX\\_Machine%20Learning%20Prediction\\_Part\\_5\(1\).ipynb](https://github.com/Degueu/testrepo/blob/main/SpaceX_Machine%20Learning%20Prediction_Part_5(1).ipynb)

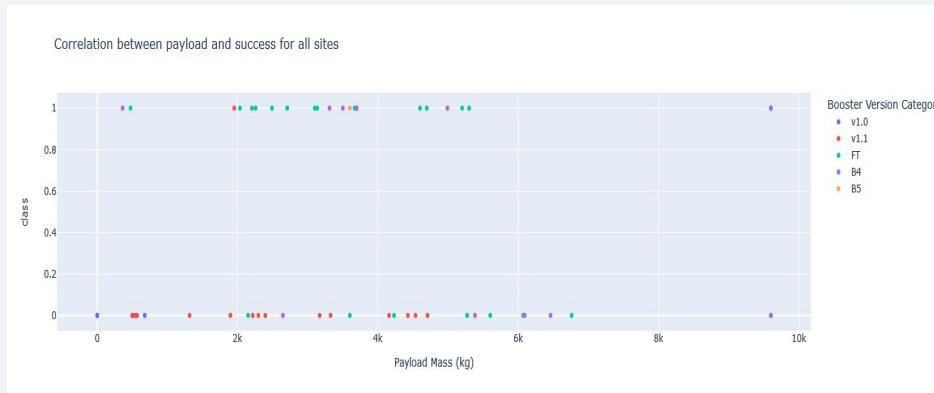
- Exploratory data analysis results
  - Space X has a lot success in their enterprise
  - They can probably feel confident their next launch will result in a success no matter the launch site
  - Looks like higher payloads can lead to more success

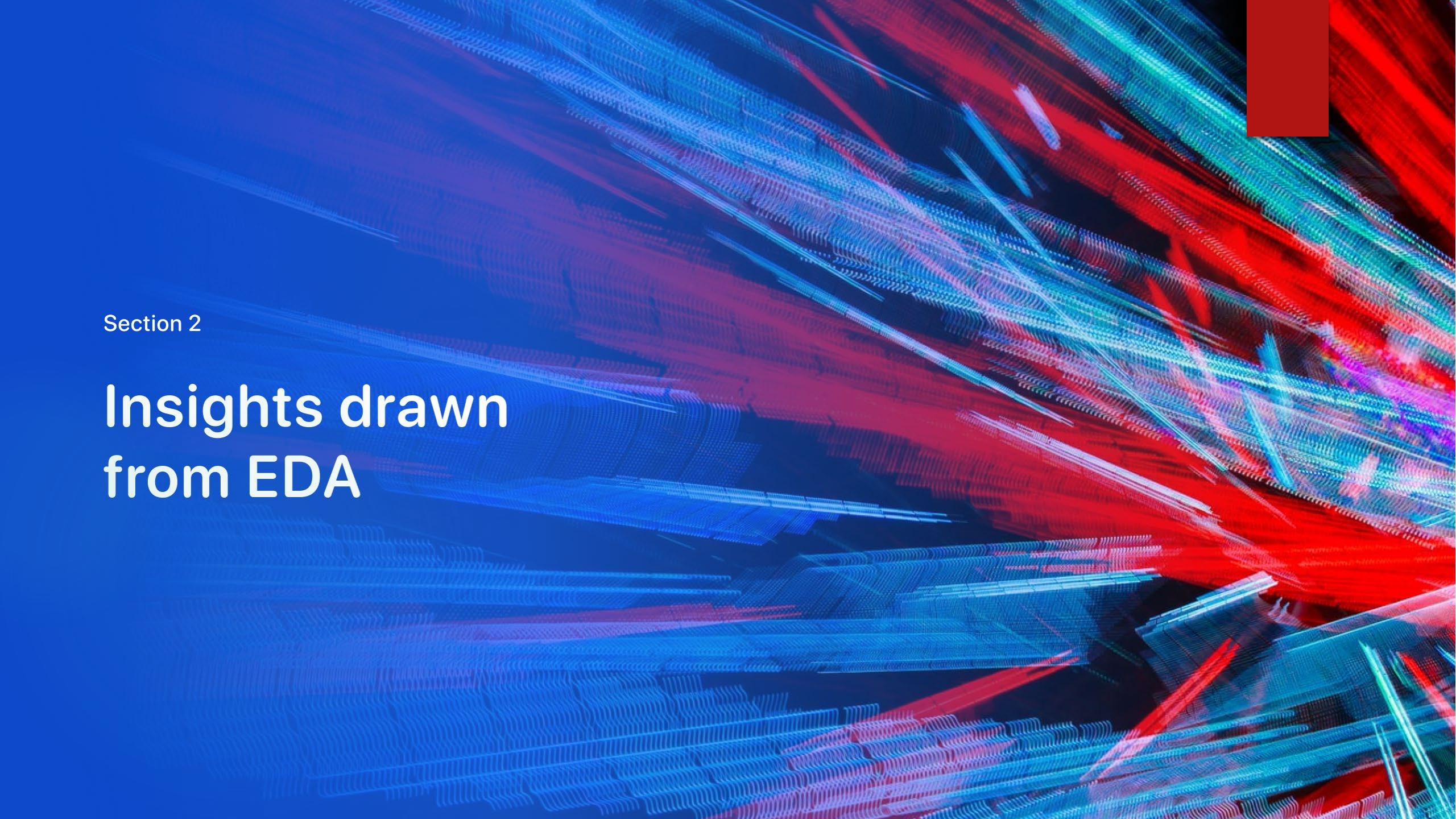
- Interactive analytics demo in screenshots



- Predictive analysis results

- The decision tree seems to be the least performant classifier. A k Neighbor due its simplicity might be a good choice



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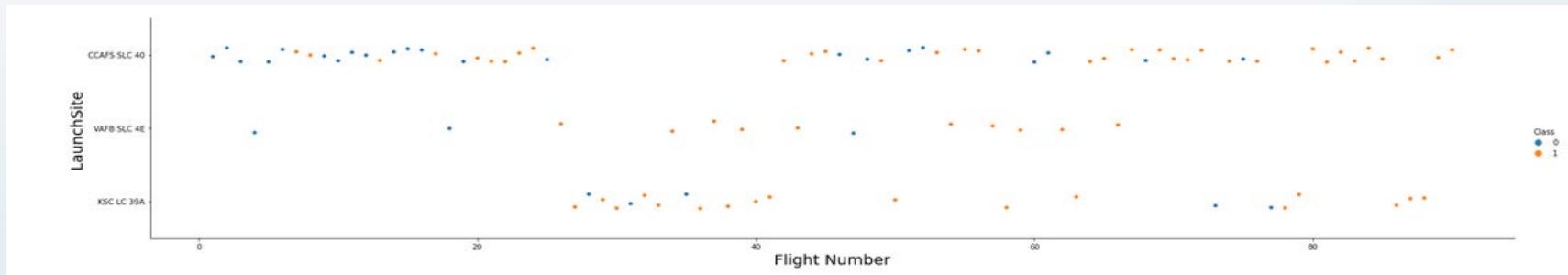
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# Insights drawn from EDA

# Flight Number vs. Launch Site

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- Scatter plot of Flight Number vs. Launch Site



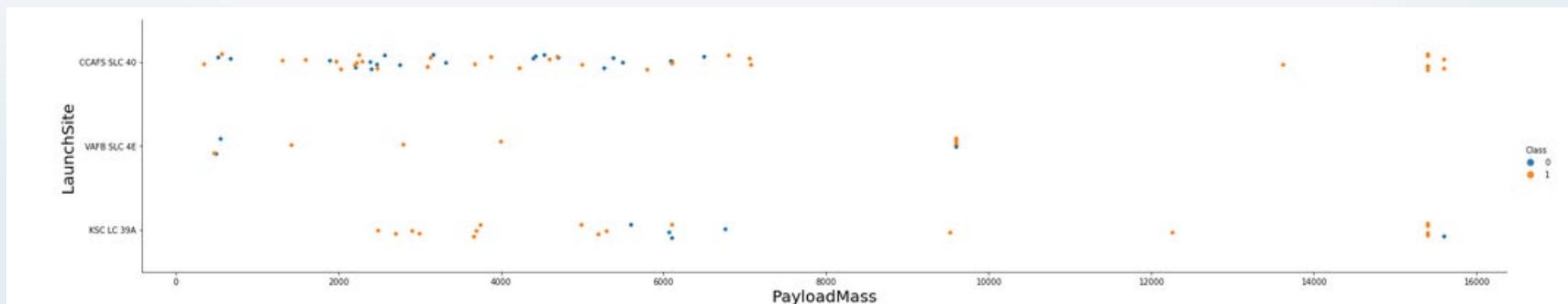
- Show the screenshot of the scatter plot with explanations

- Flight number doesn't seem to have an incidence on launch site outcome. But below flight number 40, we tend to get more failures

# Payload vs. Launch Site

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## ► Payload vs. Launch Site

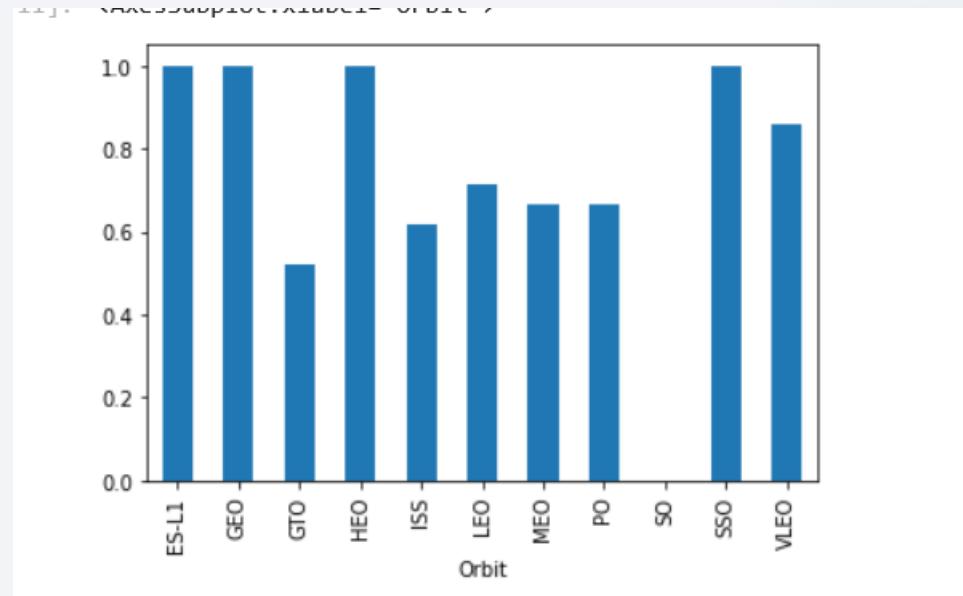


- Payload about 8000 seems to be a good idea if the launch site is not KSC

# Success Rate vs. Orbit Type

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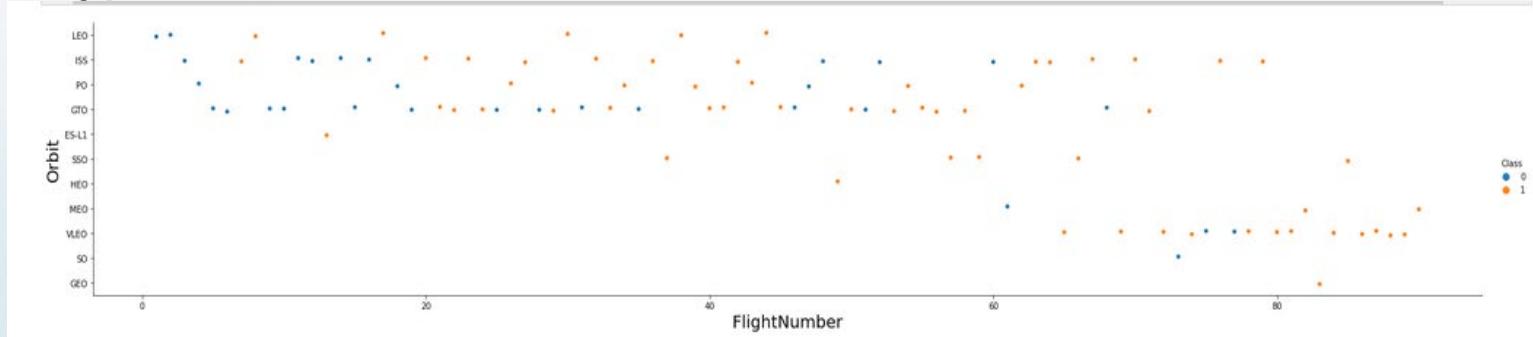
- ▶ Bar chart for the success rate of each orbit type
- ▶ 5 orbits should be the preferred targets for launches. Example: ESL1



# Flight Number vs. Orbit Type

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- ▶ Scatter point of Flight number vs. Orbit type

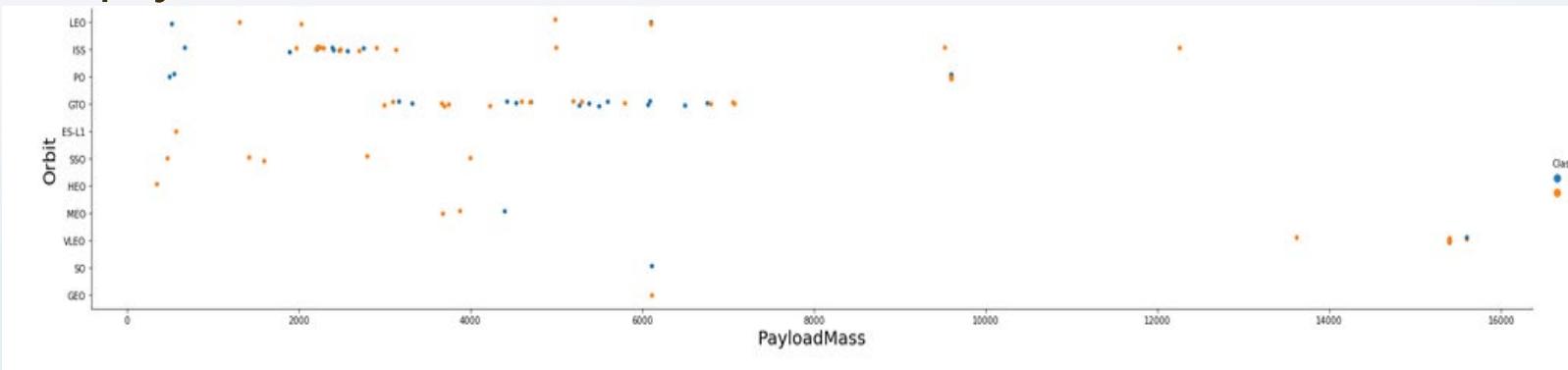


- ▶ Flight orbit and flight number seems to lead to good success combo. But we can't really point to a clear causality

# Payload vs. Orbit Type

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- ▶ Scatter point of payload vs. orbit type

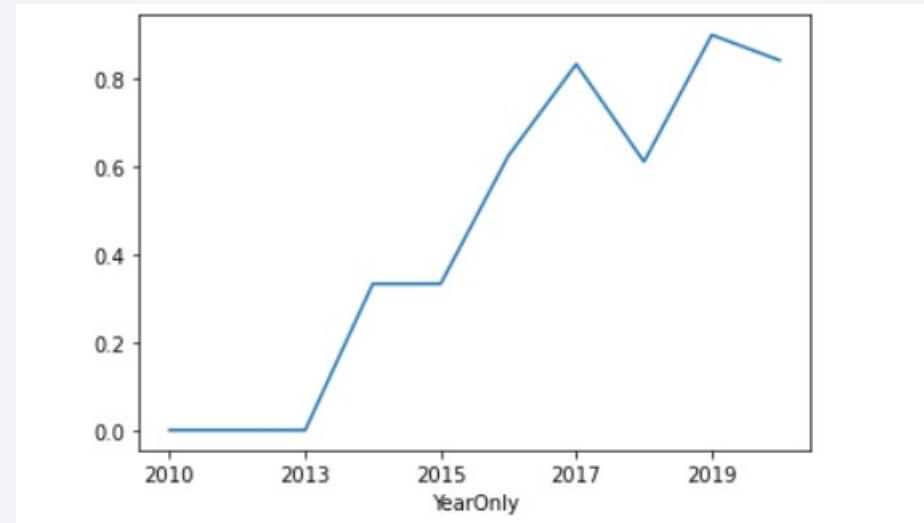


- ▶ There doesn't seem to be a clear pattern. ESL1 and 'below' show better success rate under 8000. Above 8000, ISS PO do better

# Launch Success Yearly Trend

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- ▶ Line chart of yearly average success rate
- ▶ Space X is encountering more and more success as years pass



# All Launch Site Names

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- ▶ Names of the unique launch sites
- ▶ We can see we have 4 main unique sites (maybe 3 as 2 names look very similar CCAFS) we are launching from

```
[5]: launch_site
```

```
CCAFS LC-40
```

```
CCAFS SLC-40
```

```
KSC LC-39A
```

```
VAFB SLC-4E
```

# Launch Site Names Begin with 'CCA'

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- ▶ 5 records where launch sites begin with `CCA`

Done.

[7]:

	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	None	0	LEO	SpaceX	Success	Failure (parachute)
	2010-12-08	15:43:00	F9 v1.0 B0004	CCAFS LC-40	None	0	LEO (ISS)	NASA (COTS) NRO	Success	Failure (parachute)
	2012-05-22	07:44:00	F9 v1.0 B0005	CCAFS LC-40	None	525	LEO (ISS)	NASA (COTS)	Success	No attempt
	2012-10-08	00:35:00	F9 v1.0 B0006	CCAFS LC-40	None	500	LEO (ISS)	NASA (CRS)	Success	No attempt
	2013-03-01	15:10:00	F9 v1.0 B0007	CCAFS LC-40	None	677	LEO (ISS)	NASA (CRS)	Success	No attempt

- ▶ This was generated via a self-managed db2 database using python. It gives us more details about the launch sites

# Total Payload Mass

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- Below is the total payload carried by boosters from NASA

[9]: 1

107010

# Average Payload Mass by F9 v1.1

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- Below is the average payload mass carried by booster version F9 v1.1

```
0756/bludb
Done.

[10]:    1
2928
```

# First Successful Ground Landing Date

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- Below is the date of the first successful landing outcome on ground pad

2015-12-22

- Below are the names of boosters which have successfully landed on drone ship and had payload mass greater than 4000 but less than 6000

[17]: **booster\_version**

F9 FT B1021.2

F9 FT B1031.2

F9 FT B1022

F9 FT B1026

# Total Number of Successful and Failure Mission Outcomes

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- Below is the total number of successful and failure mission outcomes

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

# Boosters Carried Maximum Payload

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- Below are names of the booster which have carried the maximum payload mass

[19]:	<b>booster_version</b>
	F9 B5 B1048.4
	F9 B5 B1048.5
	F9 B5 B1049.4
	F9 B5 B1049.5
	F9 B5 B1049.7
	F9 B5 B1051.3
	F9 B5 B1051.4
	F9 B5 B1051.6
	F9 B5 B1056.4
	F9 B5 B1058.3
	F9 B5 B1060.2
	F9 B5 B1060.3

- Below are the failed landing\_outcomes in drone ship, their booster versions, and launch site names for in year 2015

```
[20]: booster_version    launch_site
```

```
F9 v1.1 B1012    CCAFS LC-40
```

```
F9 v1.1 B1015    CCAFS LC-40
```

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

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- Below are the counts 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

Done .	
[ 30 ]:	
<b>landing_outcome</b>	2
No attempt	10
Failure (drone ship)	5
Success (drone ship)	5
Controlled (ocean)	3
Success (ground pad)	3
Failure (parachute)	2
Uncontrolled (ocean)	2
Precluded (drone ship)	1

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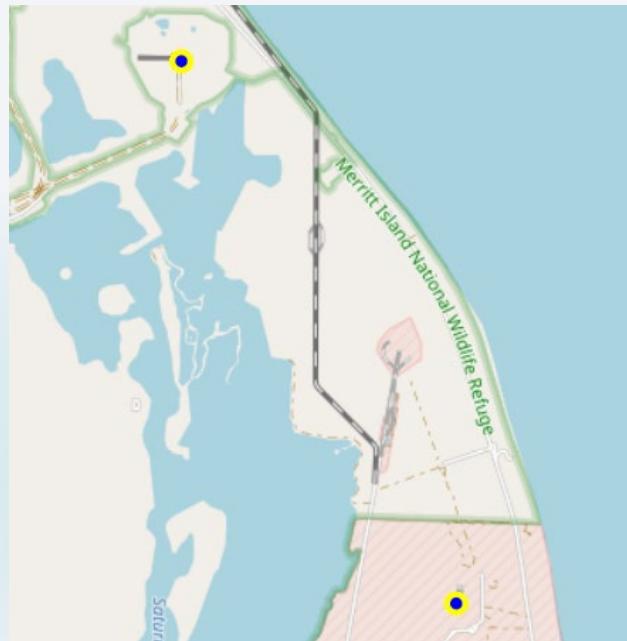
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# Launch Sites Proximities Analysis

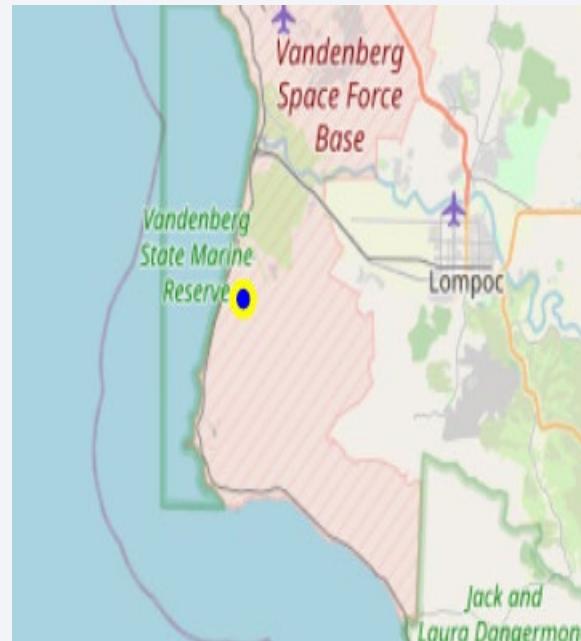
# Launch sites (folium)

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► East Coast: 2



West Coast: 1



U.S.: 3



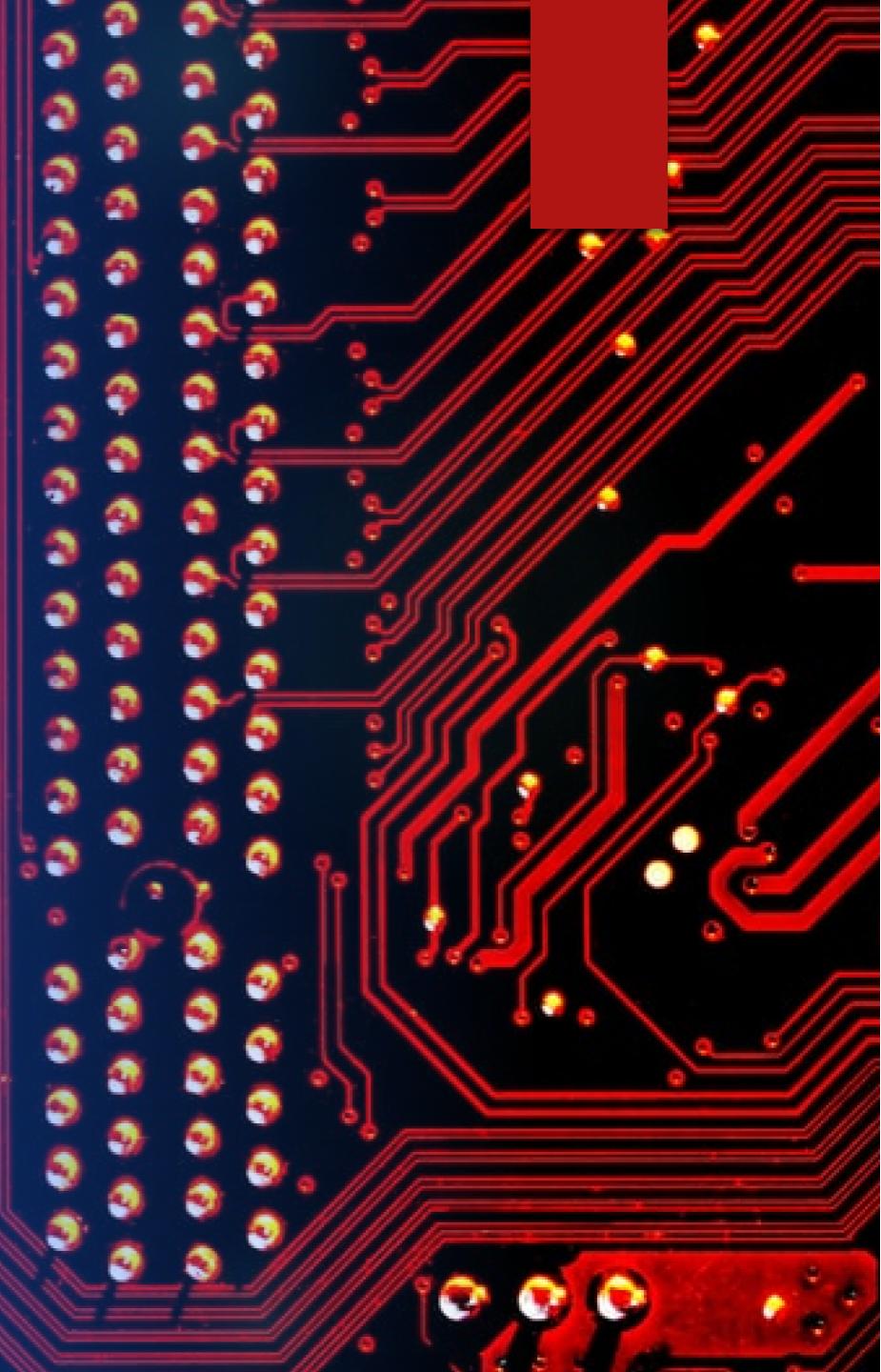
Launch sites are located in coastal areas to take advantage of weather patterns and the ocean in case of an emergency

Folium github link:

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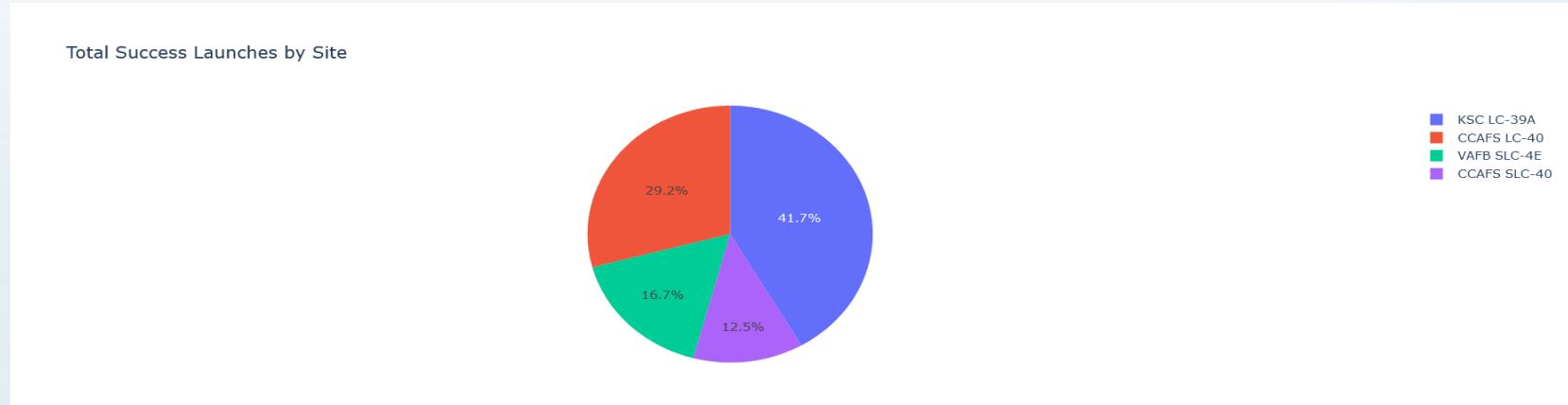
# Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash



# SpaceX Launch Records Dashboard

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- Below is the screenshot of the launch success count for all sites, in a pie chart

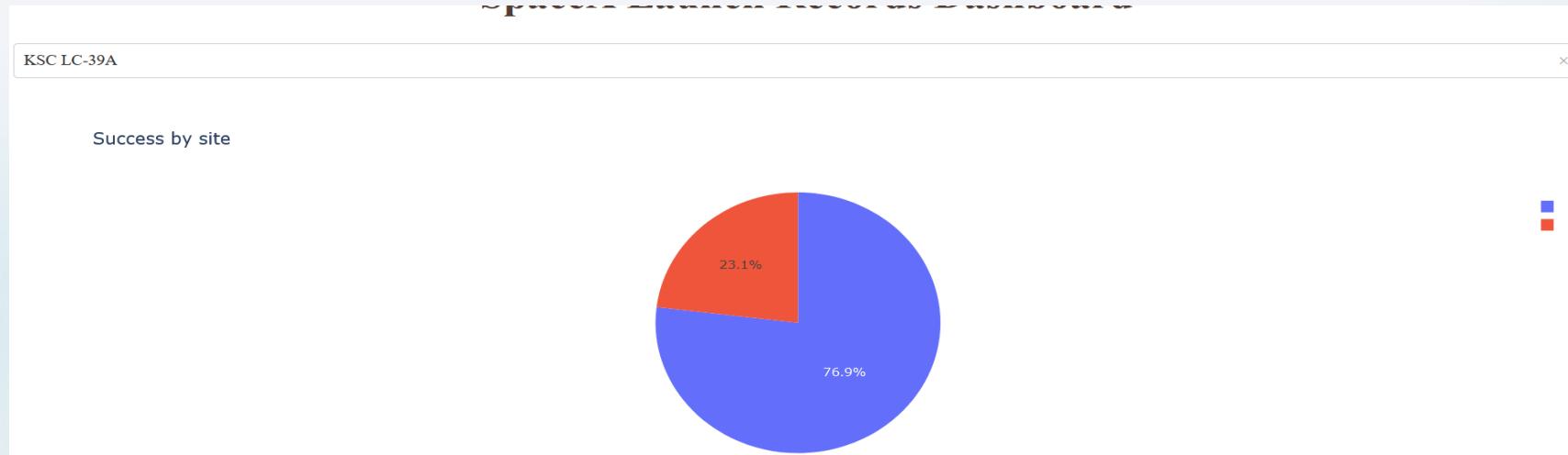


- KSC and CCAFS hold the lion share of launches

# Most successful site

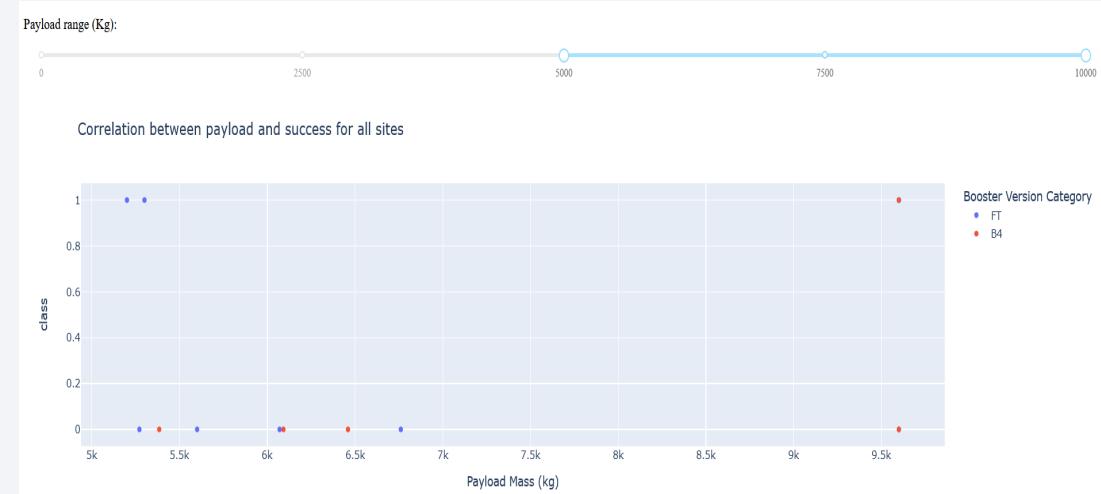
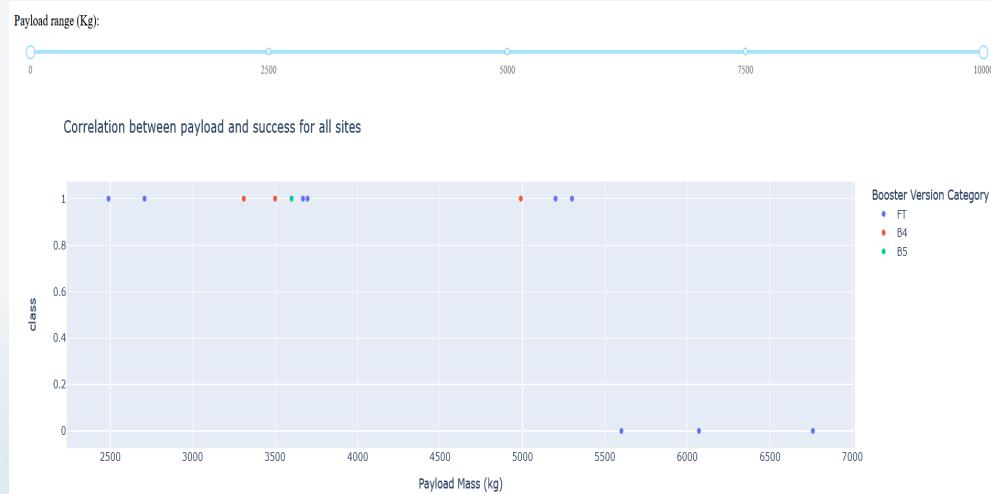
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- Below is a screenshot of the pie chart for the launch site with highest launch success ratio



- KSC seems to display the highest success rate.

# Correlation between payload and success for all sites<sup>39</sup>



- ▶ FT seems to be a better option for launches. Above 8000 it is 50% chance of success

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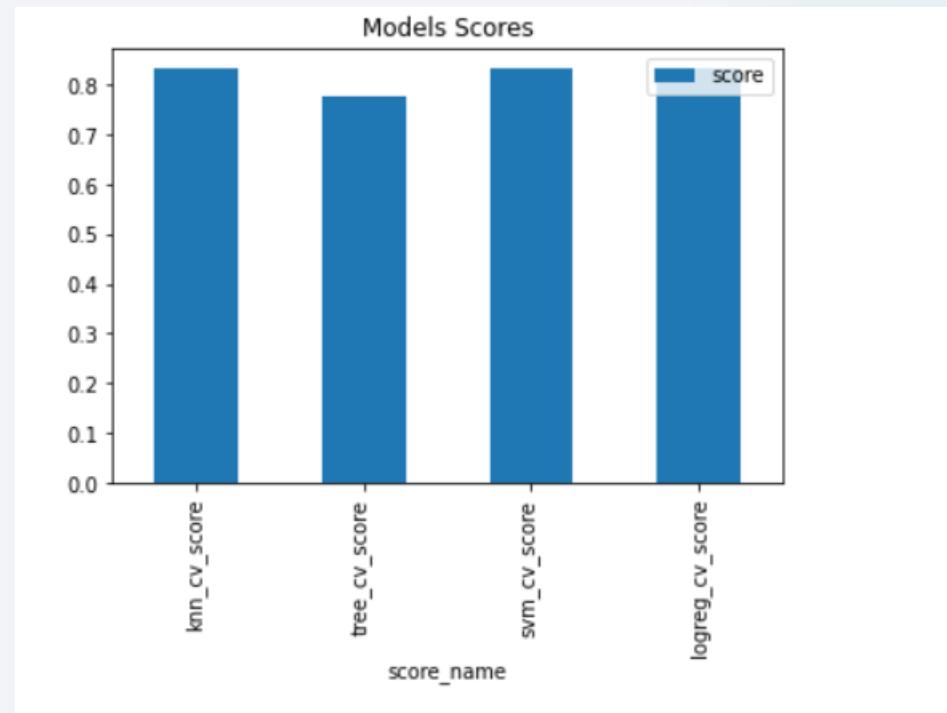
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# Predictive Analysis (Classification)

# Classification Accuracy

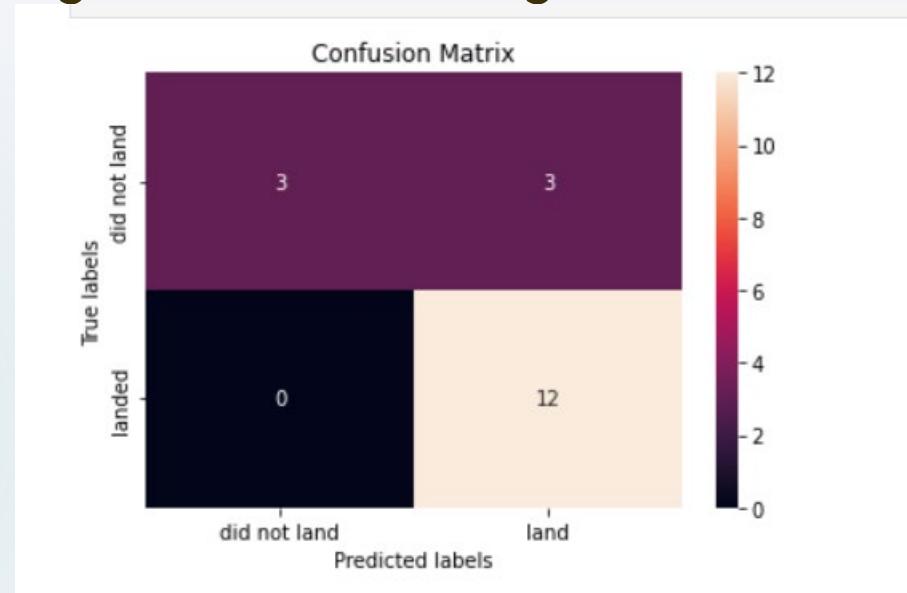
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- ▶ Below is the built model accuracy for all built classification models, in a bar chart
- ▶ A KNN machine may be a good choice based on its easiness.



# Confusion Matrix

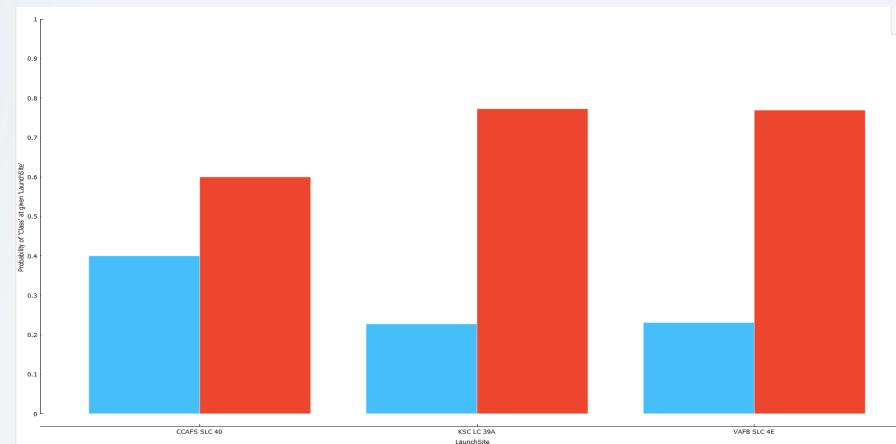
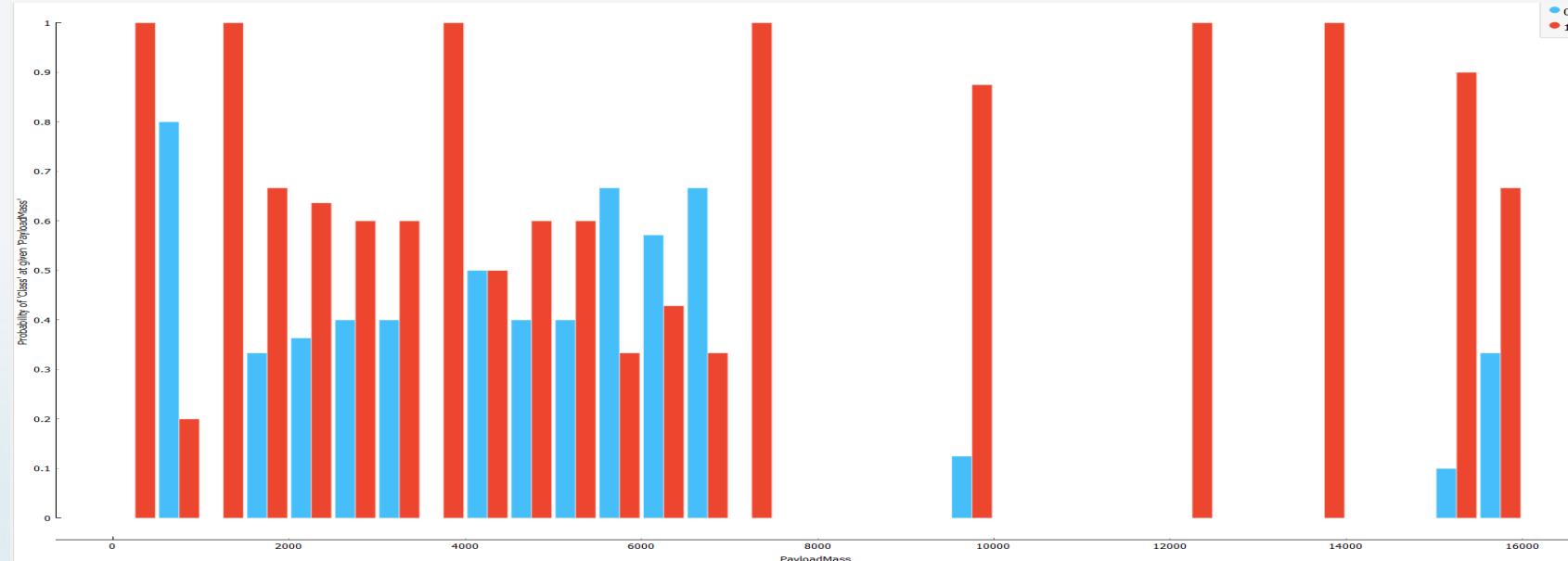
- Below is the confusion matrix for the KNN model. We have 3 false positives and 0 false negative in the testing data. This is a descent result



- ▶ Space X seems to be on the right trajectory when it comes down to lowering costs of launches by reusing the stage 1
- ▶ The company has very little failure rates as time passes by
- ▶ The next launch has more than 50% chance of success based on the evolutionary design of the Falcon 9
- ▶ The Primary Component Analysis may put the flight number, date and orbits as good candidates
- ▶ A naïve Bayes model may also be a good candidate

# Appendix

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Thank you!

