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# Winning Space Race with Data Science

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# Outline

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# Executive Summary

- Steps:

- Data Collection (SpaceX REST API, WebScraping)
- Data Wrangling
- Exploratory Data Analysis (SQL)
- Interactive Visual Analytics (Folium and Dash)
- Predictive Analysis(Linear Regression, SVM, Tree, KNN)

- Summary of all results

- SSO, HEO, ES-L1 Orbits have a 100% success rate
- Success Rate improves with time passing
- VAFB-SLC was not used for heavier payload launches
- Based on predictive analysis results, the Decision Tree model performs best on the reduced data set (18 samples)

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0	1.00	0.50	0.67	6
1	0.80	1.00	0.89	12
accuracy			0.83	18
macro avg	0.90	0.75	0.78	18
weighted avg	0.87	0.83	0.81	18

Dec. Tree

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SVM

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KNN

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# Introduction

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- Due to the high cost of replacing a booster SpaceX can outperform competitors through reusing the boosters. The purpose of this project is to predict whether if Falcon 9 First Stage will land successfully.
- We are trying to observe if there is a direct correlation between payload mass, orbit, launch site, flight number and mission success. Important to note that some of the failures have sometimes been planned by SpaceX due to various reasons.



Section 1

# Methodology

# Data Collection

- Data collected by using Space X Rest API:

- Payload Information

```
# Takes the dataset and uses the payloads column to call the API and append the data to the lists
def getPayloadData(data):
    for load in data['payloads']:
        if load:
            response = requests.get("https://api.spacexdata.com/v4/payloads/"+load).json()
            PayloadMass.append(response['mass_kg'])
            Orbit.append(response['orbit'])
```

- LaunchSite Information

```
# Takes the dataset and uses the launchpad column to call the API and append the data to the list
def getLaunchSite(data):
    for x in data['launchpad']:
        if x:
            response = requests.get("https://api.spacexdata.com/v4/launchpads/"+str(x)).json()
            Longitude.append(response['longitude'])
            Latitude.append(response['latitude'])
            LaunchSite.append(response['name'])
```

- Core Information (Booster Version, serial, reused count, etc)

```
# Takes the dataset and uses the rocket column to call the API and append the data to the list
def getBoosterVersion(data):
    for x in data['rocket']:
        if x:
            response = requests.get("https://api.spacexdata.com/v4/rockets/"+str(x)).json()
            BoosterVersion.append(response['name'])
```

```
# Takes the dataset and uses the cores column to call the API and append the data to the lists
def getCoreData(data):
    for core in data['cores']:
        if core['core'] != None:
            response = requests.get("https://api.spacexdata.com/v4/cores/"+core['core']).json()
            Block.append(response['block'])
            ReusedCount.append(response['reuse_count'])
            Serial.append(response['serial'])
        else:
            Block.append(None)
            ReusedCount.append(None)
            Serial.append(None)
        Outcome.append(str(core['landing_success'])+' '+str(core['landing_type']))
        Flights.append(core['flight'])
        GridFins.append(core['gridfins'])
        Reused.append(core['reused'])
        Legs.append(core['legs'])
        LandingPad.append(core['landpad'])
```

# Data Collection – SpaceX API

Notebook [here](#)!

```
spacex_url="https://api.spacexdata.com/v4/launches/past"
```

```
response = requests.get(spacex_url)
```

```
# Use json_normalize meethod to convert the json result into a dataframe  
data = pd.json_normalize(response.json())
```

Define Methods to extract  
data from Response

GET request from REST API

Normalize response JSON  
and convert to dataframe

Export to CSV for use in EDA

Data Wrangling (Filter to  
only include Falcon 9  
boosters, remove unwanted  
columns, replace NaN values  
with average)

Create Global Variables and  
populate using our defined  
methods

```
#Global variables  
BoosterVersion = []  
PayloadMass = []  
Orbit = []  
LaunchSite = []  
Outcome = []  
Flights = []  
GridFins = []  
Reused = []  
Legs = []  
LandingPad = []  
Block = []  
ReusedCount = []  
Serial = []  
Longitude = []  
Latitude = []
```

```
# Create a data from launch_dict  
df = pd.DataFrame.from_dict(launch_dict)
```

```
# Calculate the mean value of PayloadMass column  
data_falcon9['PayloadMass'] = data_falcon9['PayloadMass'].replace(np.nan, data_falcon9['PayloadMass'].mean())  
# Replace the np.nan values with its mean value
```

# Data Collection - Scraping

Request the  
Falcon9 Launch  
Wiki page from its  
URL



Extract all  
column/variable  
names from the  
HTML table header



Create a data frame  
by parsing the  
launch HTML tables

```
static_url = "https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=List_of_Falcon_9_and_Falcon_Heavy_launches&oldid=1027686922"

headers = {
    "User-Agent": "Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64) "
    "AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) "
    "Chrome/91.0.4472.124 Safari/537.36"
}
```

```
# use requests.get() method with the provided static_url and headers
# assign the response to a object
response = requests.get(static_url, headers=headers)
```

Create a `BeautifulSoup` object from the HTML response

```
# Use BeautifulSoup() to create a BeautifulSoup object from a response text content
soup = BeautifulSoup(response.text, 'html.parser')
```

Print the page title to verify if the `BeautifulSoup` object was created properly

```
# Use soup.title attribute
soup.title
```

```
# Use the find_all function in the BeautifulSoup object, with element type `table`
# Assign the result to a list called `html_tables`
html_tables = soup.find_all('table', class_='wikitable')
print(len(html_tables))
```

```
column_names = []
```

```
# Apply find_all() function with `th` element on first_launch
# Iterate each th element and apply the provided extract_col
# Append the Non-empty column name (if name is not None and
```

```
# Find all <th> elements in the first table
for th in first_launch_table.find_all('th'):
    # Apply the provided function
    name = extract_column_from_header(th)
```

```
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# Append if the name is valid (not None and not empty)
if name is not None and len(name) > 0:
    column_names.append(name)
```



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```
extracted_row = 0

# Extract each table..
for table_number, table in enumerate(soup.find_all('table', "wikitable plainrowheaders collapsible")):
    # get table row..
    for rows in table.find_all("tr"):
        # check to see if first table heading is a number corresponding to launch number..
        if rows.th:
            if rows.th.string:
                flight_number = rows.th.string.strip()
                flag = flight_number.isdigit()
            else:
                flag = False

        # get table element..
        row = rows.find_all('td')

        # if it's a valid number, save cells in the dictionary..
        if flag:
            extracted_row += 1

            # Flight Number
            launch_dict['Flight No.'].append(flight_number)

            # Date and Time
            datatimelist = date_time(row[0])
            date = datatimelist[0].strip(',')
            time = datatimelist[1]
            launch_dict['Date'].append(date)
            launch_dict['Time'].append(time)
```

```
df = pd.DataFrame({ key:pd.Series(value) for key, value in launch_dict.items() })
```

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

# Data Wrangling

NoteBook [Here!](#)

- The step consisted of these steps:

1. Filter the dataframe to only include Falcon 9 launches
2. Calculate average PayloadMass to replace NaN values within Respective column

```
# Calculate the mean value of PayloadMass column
data_falcon9['PayloadMass'] = data_falcon9['PayloadMass'].replace(np.nan, data_falcon9['PayloadMass'].mean())
# Replace the np.nan values with its mean value
```

3. Consolidate Landing outcomes(as response Outcomes vary based on mission objectives):

```
for i,outcome in enumerate(landing_outcomes.keys()):
    print(i,outcome)
```

```
0 True ASDS
1 None None
2 True RTLS
3 False ASDS
4 True Ocean
5 False Ocean
6 None ASDS
7 False RTLS
```

We create a set of outcomes where the second stage did not land successfully:

```
bad_outcomes=set(landing_outcomes.keys()[[1,3,5,6,7]])
bad_outcomes
```

```
{'False ASDS', 'False Ocean', 'False RTLS', 'None ASDS', 'None None'}
```

4. Create a landing outcome label from Outcome column

```
# landing_class = 0 if bad_outcome
# landing_class = 1 otherwise
landing_class = df['Outcome'].apply(lambda x: 0 if x in bad_outcomes else 1)
```

```
# Hint data['BoosterVersion']!='Falcon 1'
data_falcon9 = df[df['BoosterVersion'] != 'Falcon 1'].copy()
```

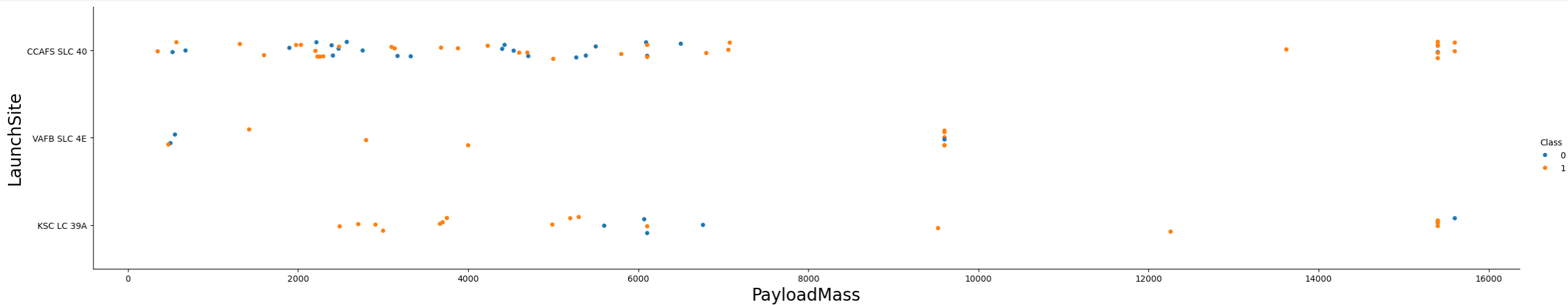
Now that we have removed some values we should reset the FlightNumber column

```
data_falcon9.loc[:, 'FlightNumber'] = list(range(1, data_falcon9.shape[0]+1))
data_falcon9
```

# EDA with Data Visualization – LaunchSite/PayloadMass

- Relevant in order to identify any corelation between chosen site and payload.
- We can identify that VAFB-SLC does not operate Payloads above 10000kg

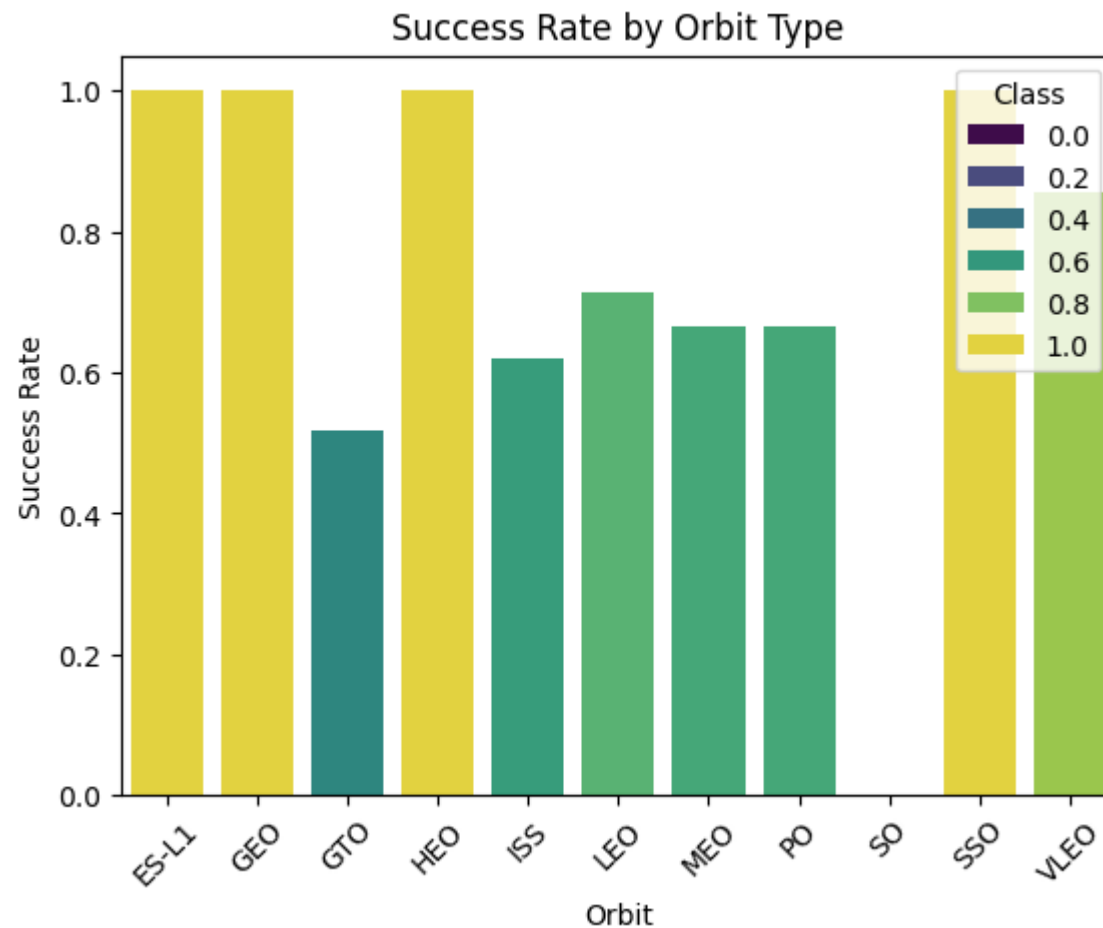
Notebook [Here!](#)



# EDA with Data Visualization –SuccessRate/OrbitType

- Relevant in order to identify if mission destination could affect success rate
- We can identify that ES-I1, GEO, HEO and SSO orbits have a success rate of 100%

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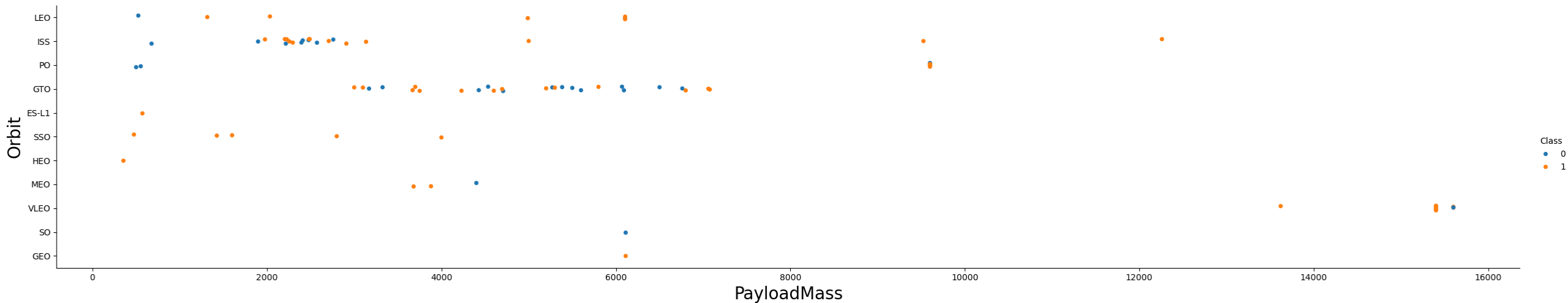




# EDA with Data Visualization –OrbitType/Payload

- With heavy payloads the successful landing or positive landing rate are more for Polar,LEO and ISS.
- However, for GTO, it's difficult to distinguish between successful and unsuccessful landings as both outcomes are present.

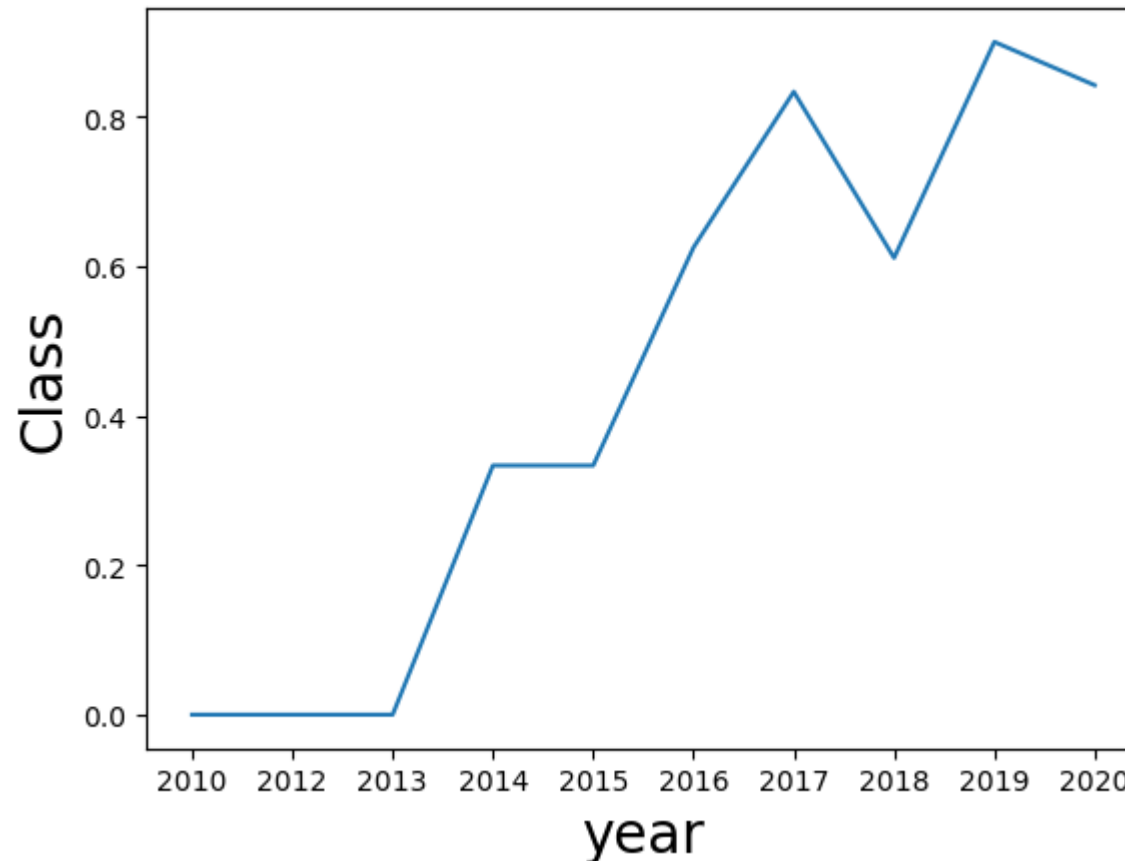
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# EDA with Data Visualization – Success/Year

- Success Rate vs year is important in order to maintain trust and operability
- We can see there is a positive trend as success rate has increased over 10 years

Notebook [Here!](#)



- SQL Queries performed:

1

Display total mass launched by NASA (CRS)

2

Display average mass carried by an F9 V1.1 booster

3

List date of first successful ground landing pad outcome

4

List the names of the boosters which have success in drone ship and have payload mass greater than 4000 but less than 6000

5

List the total number of successful and failure mission outcomes

6

List all the booster\_versions that have carried the maximum payload mass

7

List the records which will display the month names, failure landing\_outcome s in drone ship ,booster versions, launch\_site for the months in year 2015

8

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

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- Added:
  - NASA CRS
  - Launch Site Locations
  - Marker group for tracking launches with outcomes (green/red)
  - Mouse tracker for determining key distances to locations of interest from sites
- Notebook [Here!](#)



# Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

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- Site Drop down input component added with Pie Plot depicting success rates
- Range Slider for Different Payload Ranges with Scatter Plot for Booster Type

# Predictive Analysis (Classification)

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- 4 Models were built and tested
  - Linear Regression
  - Support Vector Machine (SVM)
  - Decision Tree
  - K-Nearest Neighbours (KNN)
- Used Test – Train function with the following parameters:
  - Set the parameter `test_size` to 0.2 and `random_state` to 2, producing 18 samples.
  - Cross Validation was set to 10 for each model



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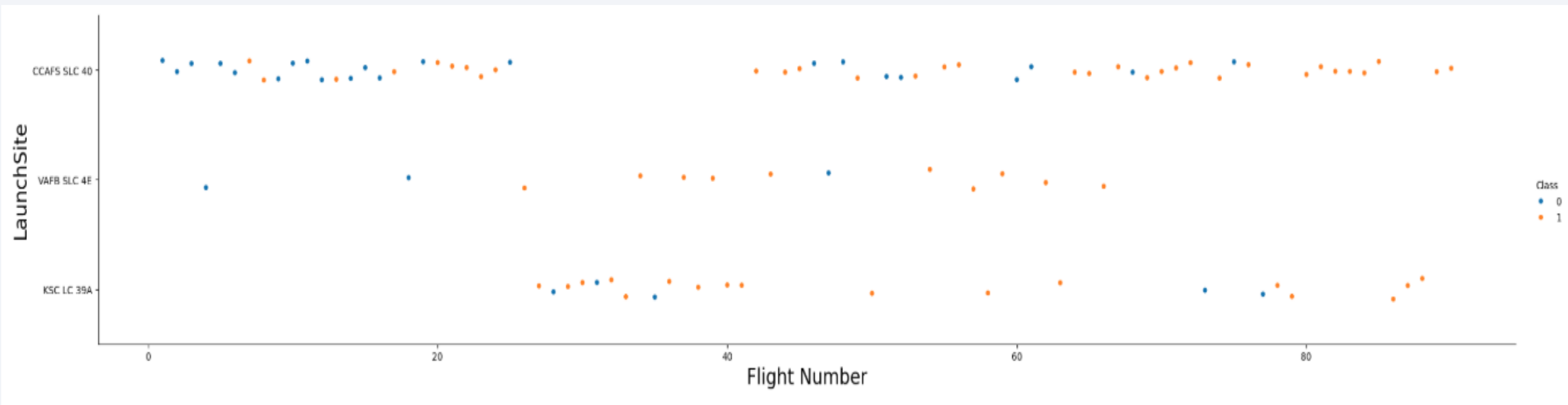
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# Insights drawn from EDA



# Flight Number vs. Launch Site

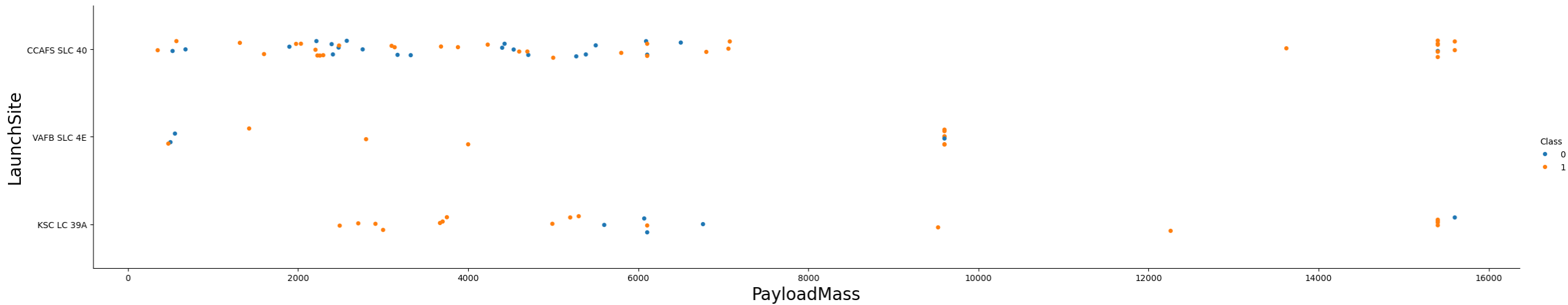
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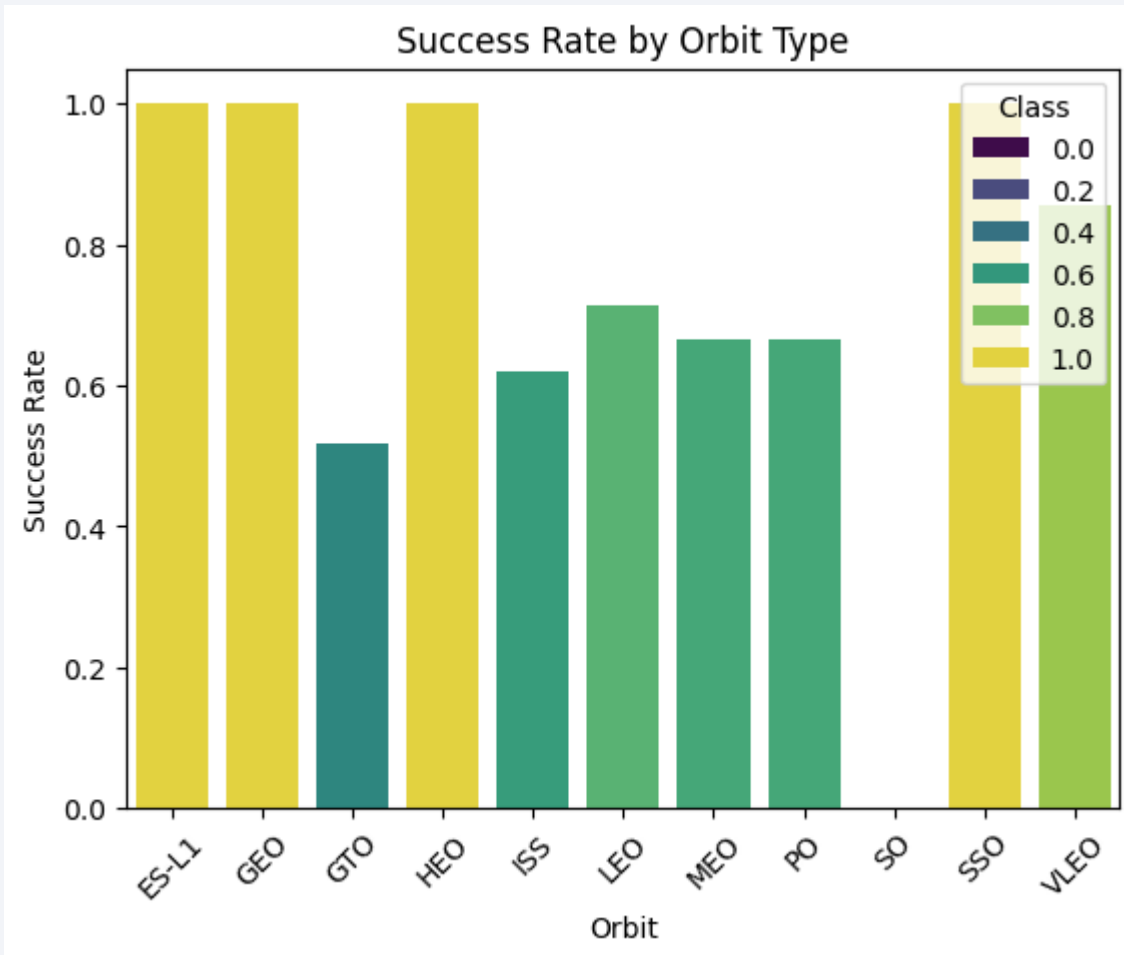
# Payload vs. Launch Site

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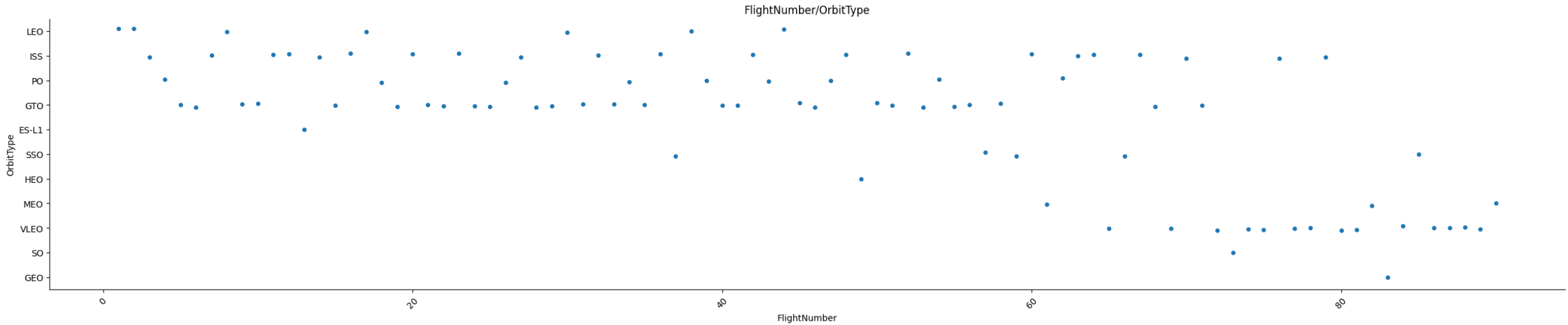
# Success Rate vs. Orbit Type

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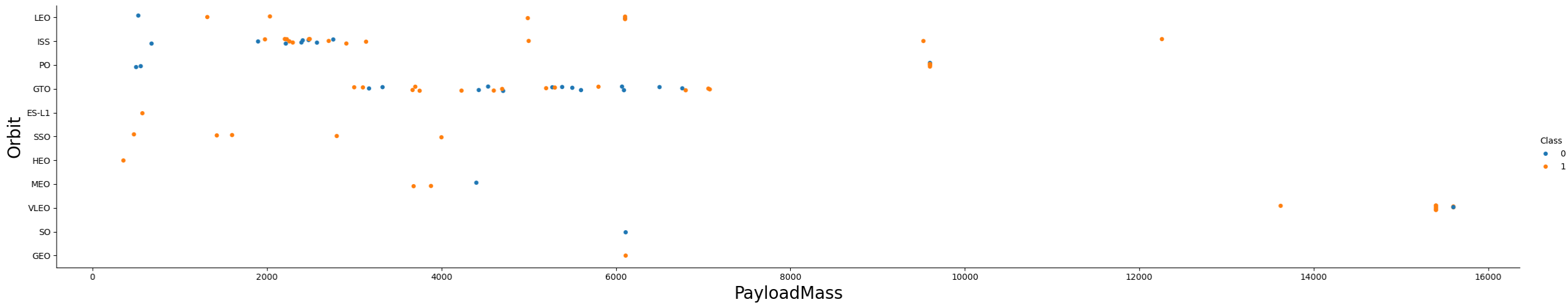
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# Payload vs. Orbit Type

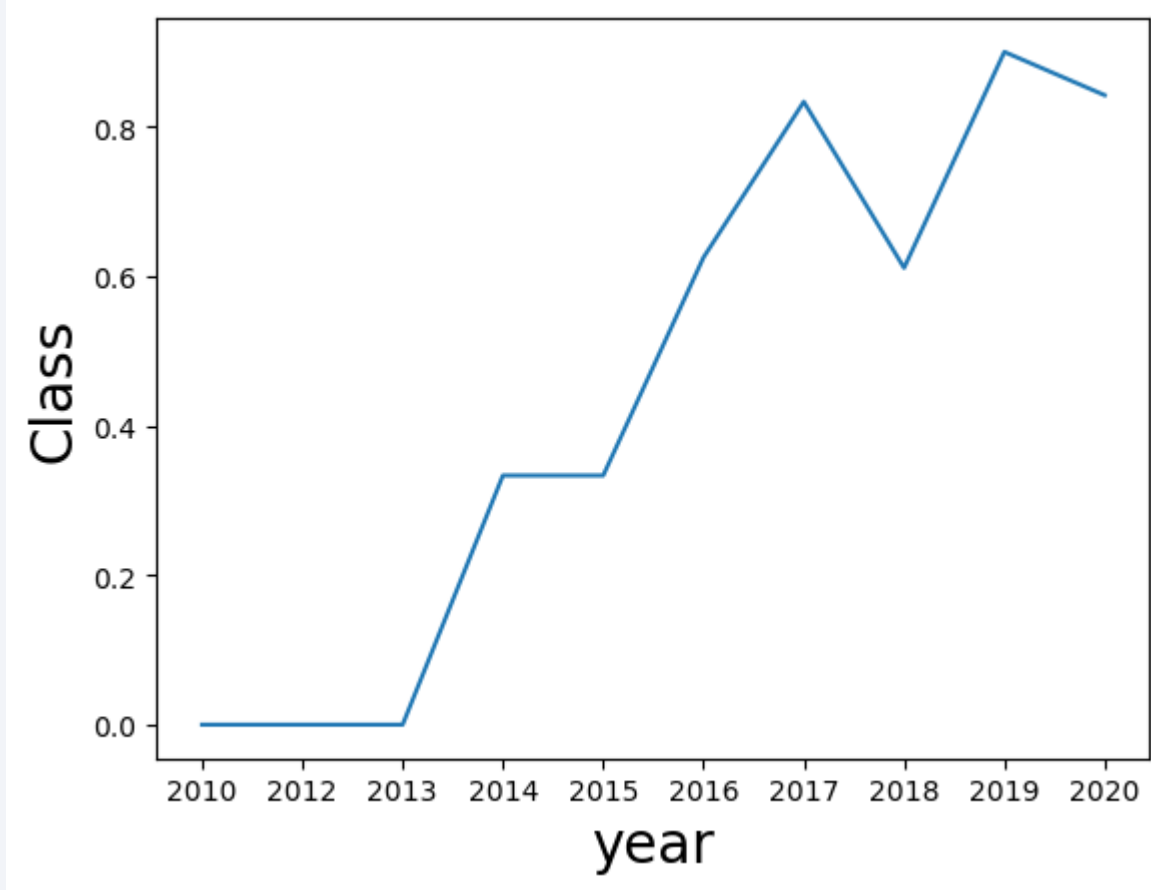
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# Launch Success Yearly Trend

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# All Launch Site Names

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```
%sql SELECT DISTINCT Launch_Site as Unique_Sites FROM SPACEXTABLE;
```

```
* sqlite:///my_data1.db
```

```
Done.
```

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

There are 4 distinct Launch Sites as seen above

# Launch Site Names Begin with 'CCA'

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

```
* sqlite:///my_data1.db
```

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_mass FROM SPACEXTABLE WHERE Customer LIKE '%NASA (CRS)%';
```

```
* sqlite:///my_data1.db
```

```
Done.
```

<b>total_mass</b>
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48213
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# Average Payload Mass by F9 v1.1

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```
%sql SELECT AVG("PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_") as avg_mass_f9v1dot1 FROM SPACEXTABLE WHERE Booster_Version LIKE '%F9 v1.1%';
```

```
* sqlite:///my_data1.db
```

```
Done.
```

avg_mass_f9v1dot1
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2534.6666666666665
--------------------

9 v1.1

# First Successful Ground Landing Date

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```
%sql SELECT * FROM SPACEXTABLE WHERE Date = (SELECT MIN(Date) FROM SPACEXTABLE WHERE Landing_Outcome LIKE '%Success (ground pad)%');
```

```
* sqlite:///my_data1.db
```

```
Done.
```

Date	Time (UTC)	Booster_Version	Launch_Site	Payload	PAYLOAD_MASS_KG_	Orbit	Customer	Mission_Outcome	Landing_Outcome
2015-12-22	1:29:00	F9 FT B1019	CCAFS LC-40	OG2 Mission 2 11 Orbcomm-OG2 satellites	2034	LEO	Orbcomm	Success	Success (ground pad)



# Successful Drone Ship Landing with Payload between 4000 and 6000

List the names of the boosters which have success in drone ship and have payload mass greater than 4000 but less than 6000

```
%sql SELECT * FROM SPACEXTABLE WHERE PAYLOAD_MASS_KG_ > 4000 AND PAYLOAD_MASS_KG_ < 6000 AND Landing_Outcome LIKE '%Success (drone ship)%';
```

```
* sqlite:///my_data1.db
```

Done.

Date	Time (UTC)	Booster_Version	Launch_Site	Payload	PAYLOAD_MASS_KG_	Orbit	Customer	Mission_Outcome	Landing_Outcome
2016-05-06	5:21:00	F9 FT B1022	CCAFS LC-40	JCSAT-14	4696	GTO	SKY Perfect JSAT Group	Success	Success (drone ship)
2016-08-14	5:26:00	F9 FT B1026	CCAFS LC-40	JCSAT-16	4600	GTO	SKY Perfect JSAT Group	Success	Success (drone ship)
2017-03-30	22:27:00	F9 FT B1021.2	KSC LC-39A	SES-10	5300	GTO	SES	Success	Success (drone ship)
2017-10-11	22:53:00	F9 FT B1031.2	KSC LC-39A	SES-11 / EchoStar 105	5200	GTO	SES EchoStar	Success	Success (drone ship)

# Total Number of Successful and Failure Mission Outcomes

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```
%sql SELECT COUNT(*) FROM SPACEXTABLE WHERE Mission_Outcome LIKE '%Success%';
```

```
* sqlite:///my_data1.db
```

```
Done.
```

```
: COUNT(*)
```

```
100
```

```
%sql SELECT COUNT(*) FROM SPACEXTABLE WHERE Mission_Outcome LIKE '%Failure%';
```

```
* sqlite:///my_data1.db
```

```
Done.
```

```
: COUNT(*)
```

```
1
```

failure mission outcomes

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# Boosters Carried Maximum Payload

```
%sql SELECT Booster_Version FROM SPACE_TABLE WHERE PAYLOAD_MASS_KG_ = (SELECT MAX(PAYLOAD_MASS_KG_) FROM SPACE_TABLE)
```

```
* sqlite:///my_data1.db
```

```
Done.
```

Booster_Version
F9 B5 B1048.4
F9 B5 B1049.4
F9 B5 B1051.3
F9 B5 B1056.4
F9 B5 B1048.5
F9 B5 B1051.4
F9 B5 B1049.5
F9 B5 B1060.2
F9 B5 B1058.3
F9 B5 B1051.6
F9 B5 B1060.3
F9 B5 B1049.7

payload mass

# 2015 Launch Records

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```
%sql SELECT substr(Date, 6, 2) AS Month, Landing_Outcome, Booster_Version, Launch_Site FROM SPACEXTABLE WHERE substr(Date, 1, 4) = '2015' AND Landing_Outcome LIKE '%Failure (drone ship)%';
```

```
* sqlite:///my_data1.db
```

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

- Present your query result with a short explanation here

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

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```
%sql SELECT Landing_Outcome, COUNT(*) AS Outcome_Count FROM SPACEXTABLE WHERE Date BETWEEN '2010-06-04' AND '2017-03-20' GROUP BY Landing_Outcome ORDER BY Outcome_Count DESC;
```

```
* sqlite:///my_data1.db
```

```
Done.
```

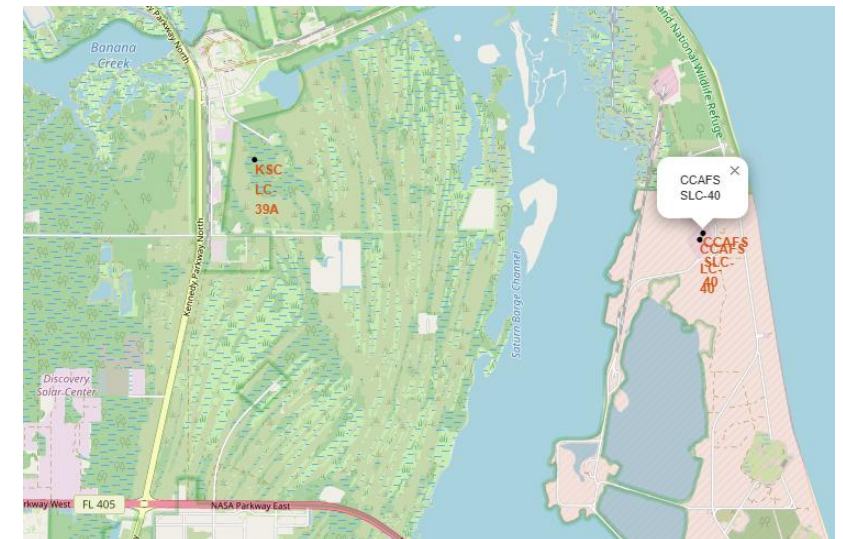
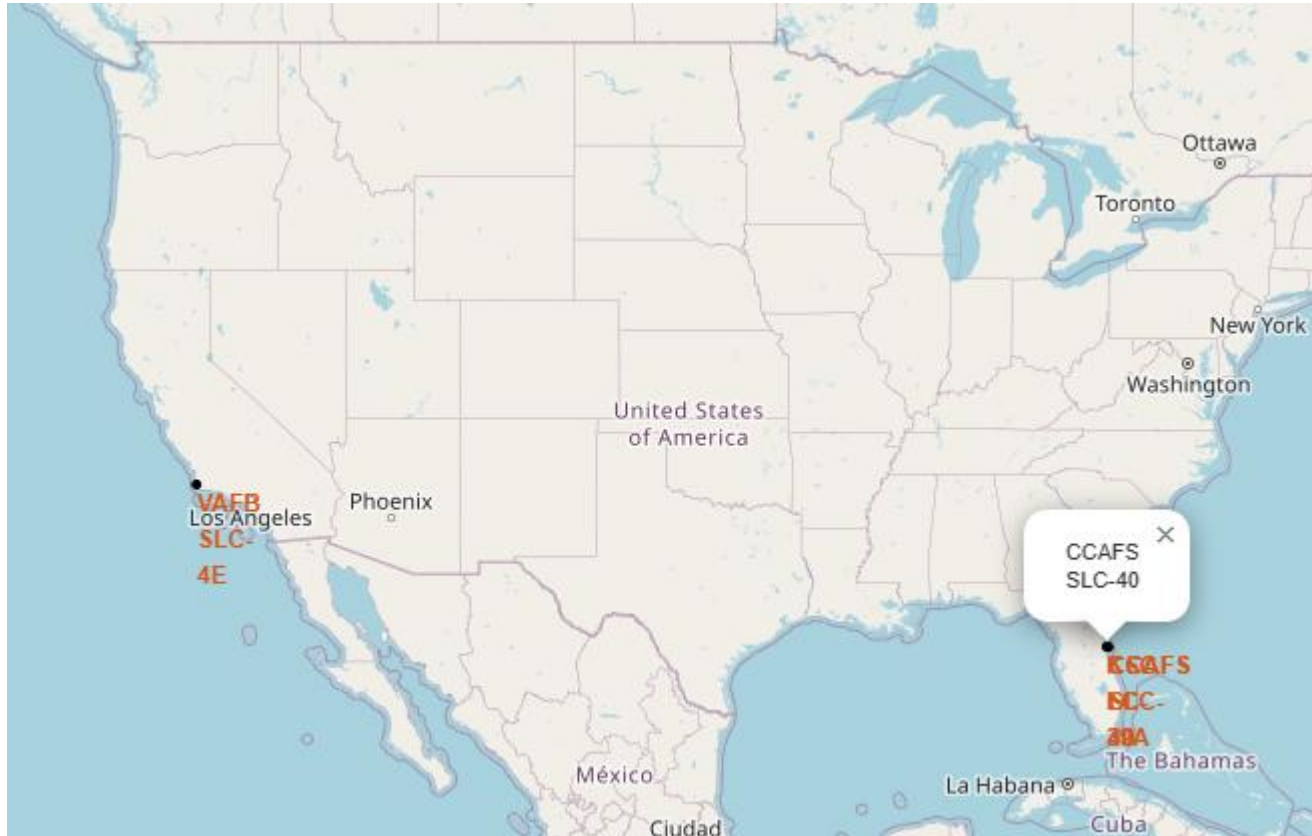
Landing_Outcome	Outcome_Count
No attempt	10
Success (drone ship)	5
Failure (drone ship)	5
Success (ground pad)	3
Controlled (ocean)	3
Uncontrolled (ocean)	2
Failure (parachute)	2
Precluded (drone ship)	1

A satellite view of Earth from space, showing the curvature of the planet and city lights at night. The image is a composite of a dark blue sky with stars and a view of the Earth's surface from space. The Earth's surface is mostly dark blue, with a thin layer of white clouds. A bright, glowing arc of city lights is visible along the horizon, indicating a coastal or urban area. The text "Section 3" is overlaid on the left side of the image.

Section 3

# Launch Sites Proximities Analysis

# Folium – Launch Sites

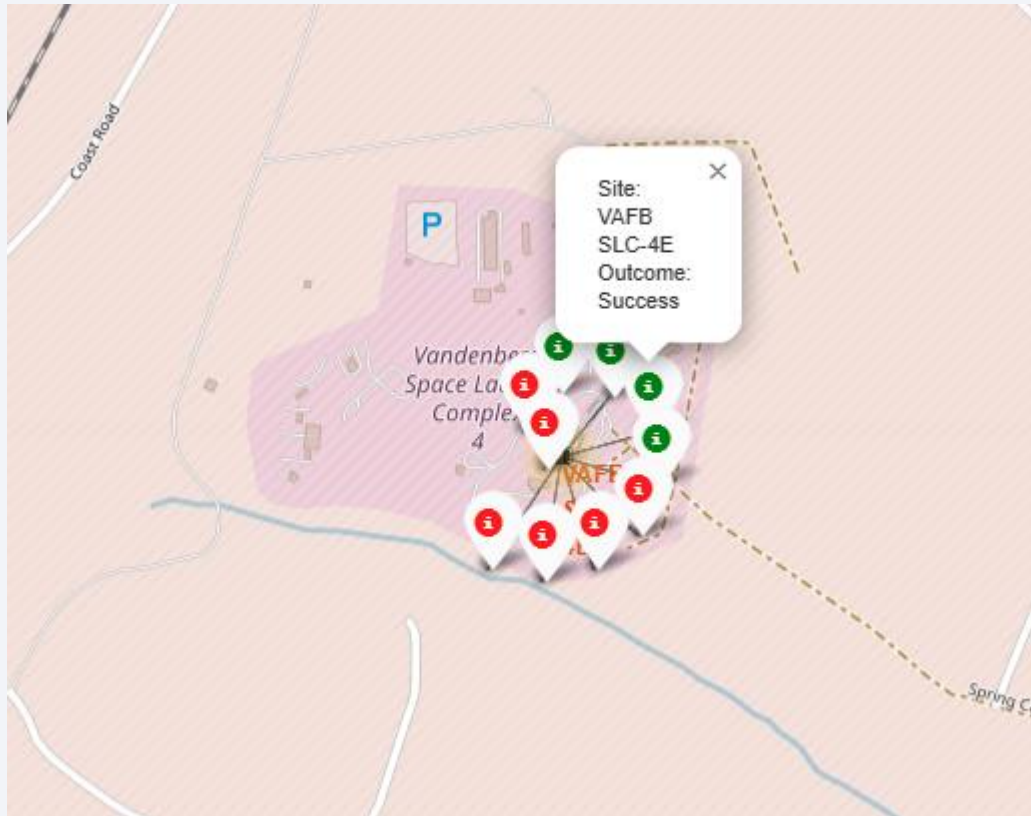




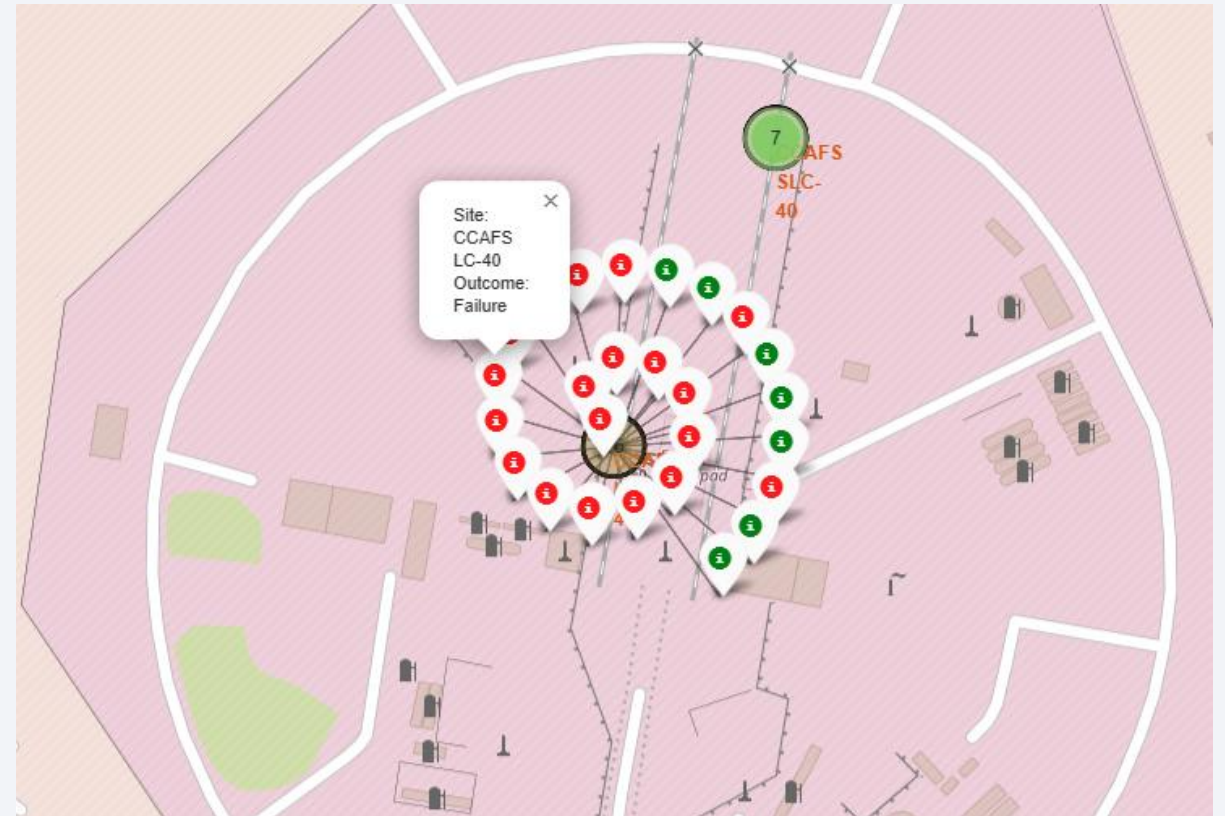
# Folium – Color Labeled launch outcomes

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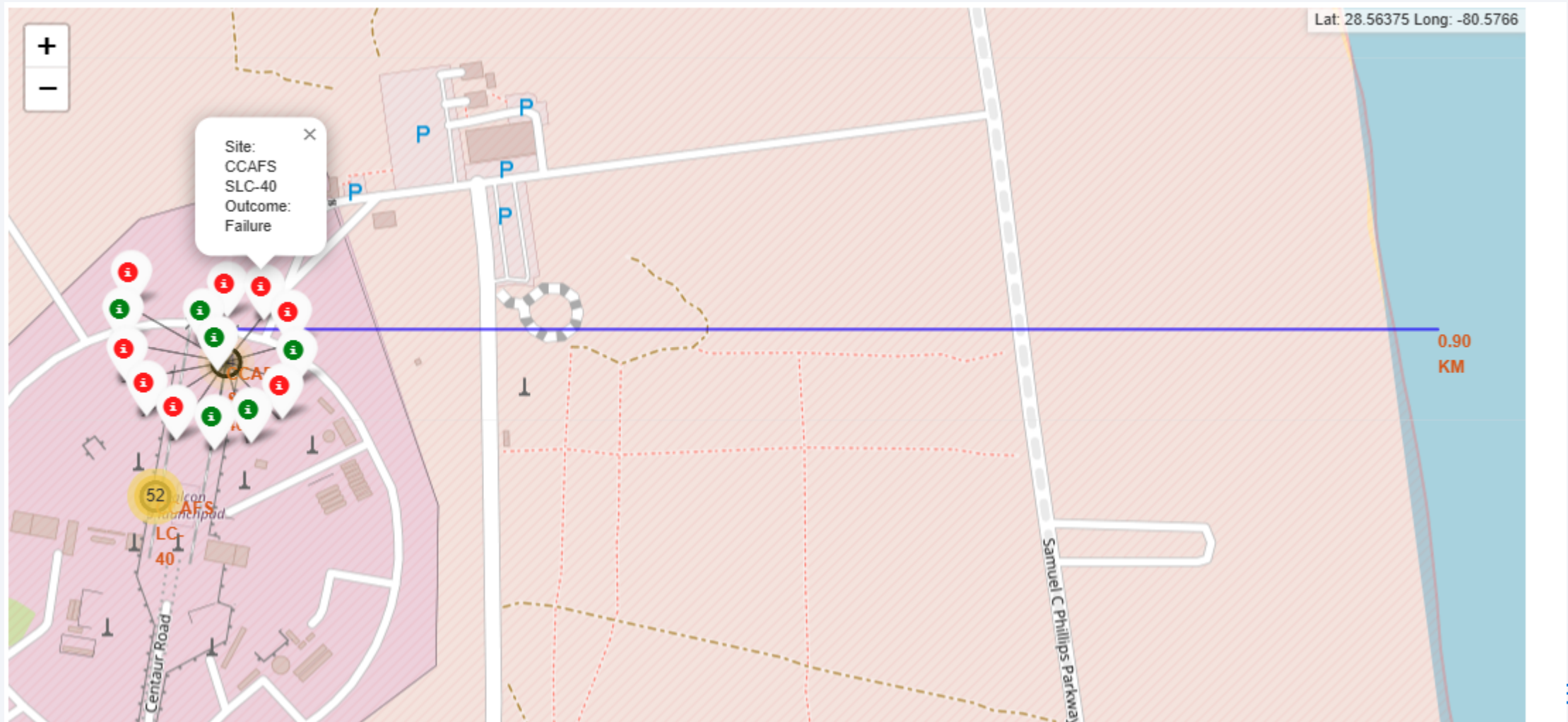
VAFB-SLC



CCAFS LC-40



# Folium – Marker between CCAFS-SLC to CoastLine







Section 4

# Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

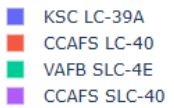
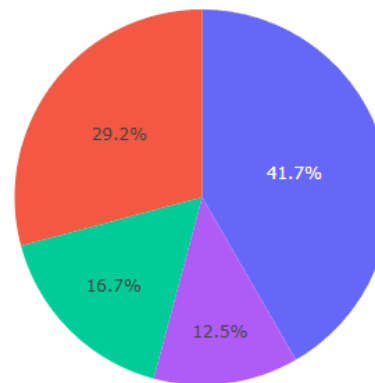
# <Dashboard Screenshot 1>

## SpaceX Launch Records Dashboard

All Sites



Total Success Launches by Site



# <Dashboard Screenshot 2>

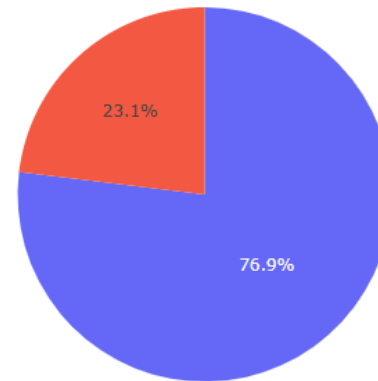
## SpaceX Launch Records Dashboard

KSC LC-39A

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Success vs. Failure for KSC LC-39A



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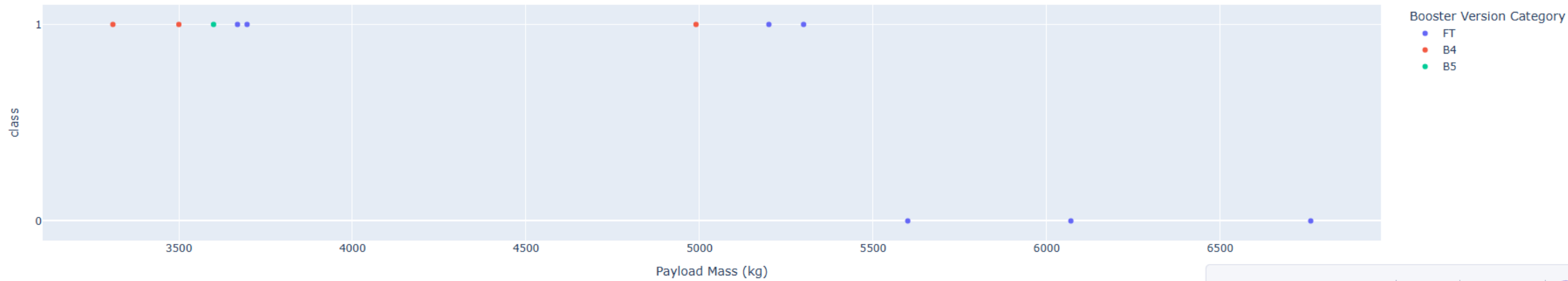
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# <Dashboard Screenshot 3>

Payload range (Kg):



Payload vs. Outcome

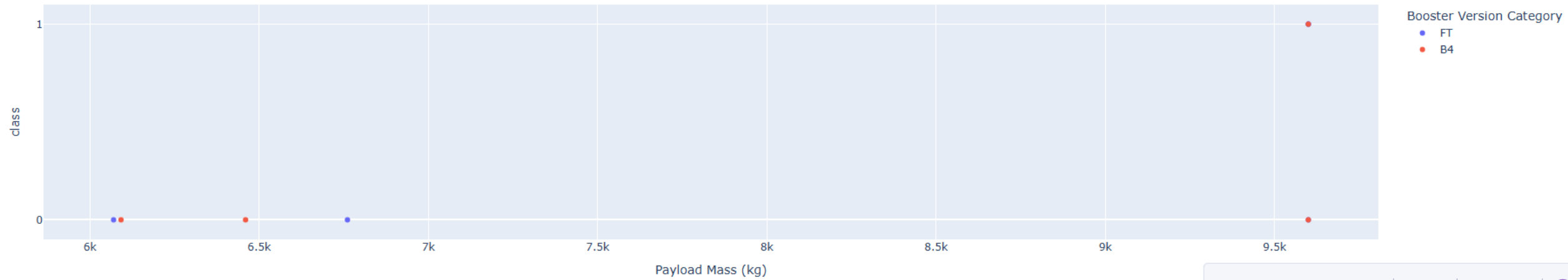


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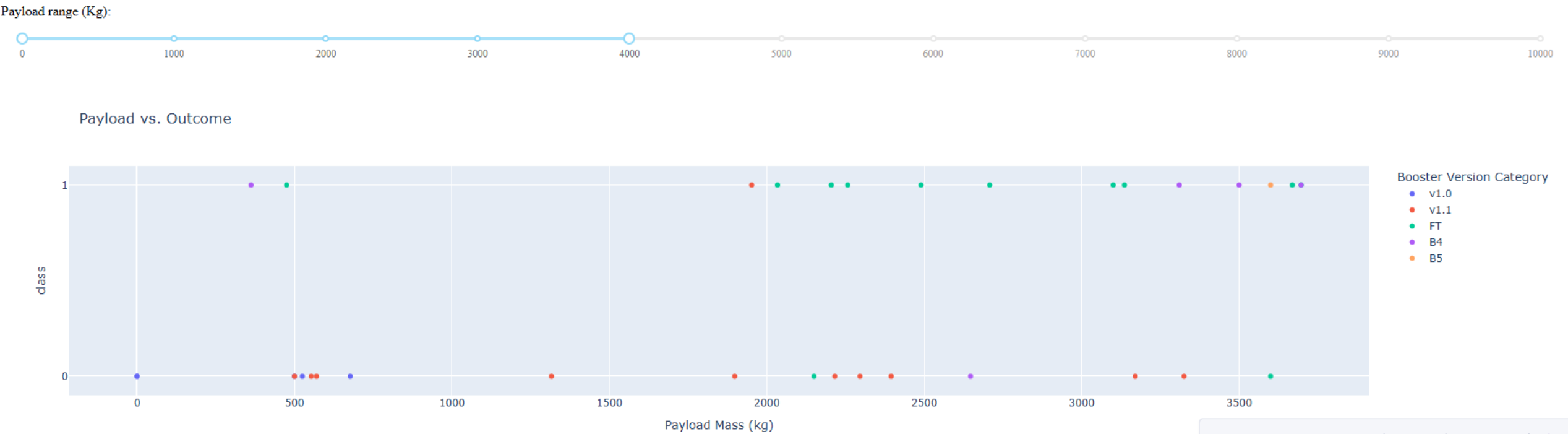


Payload vs. Outcome





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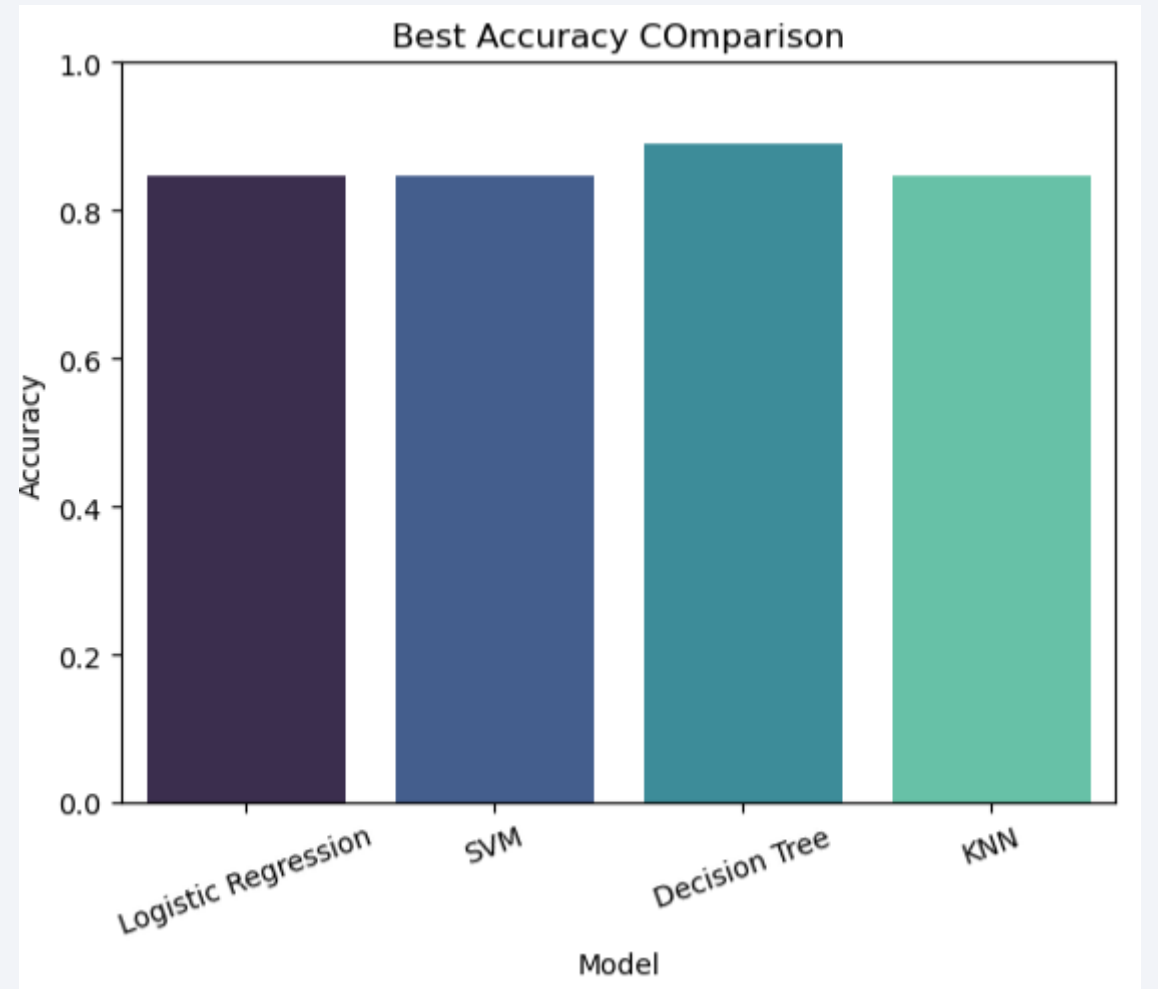
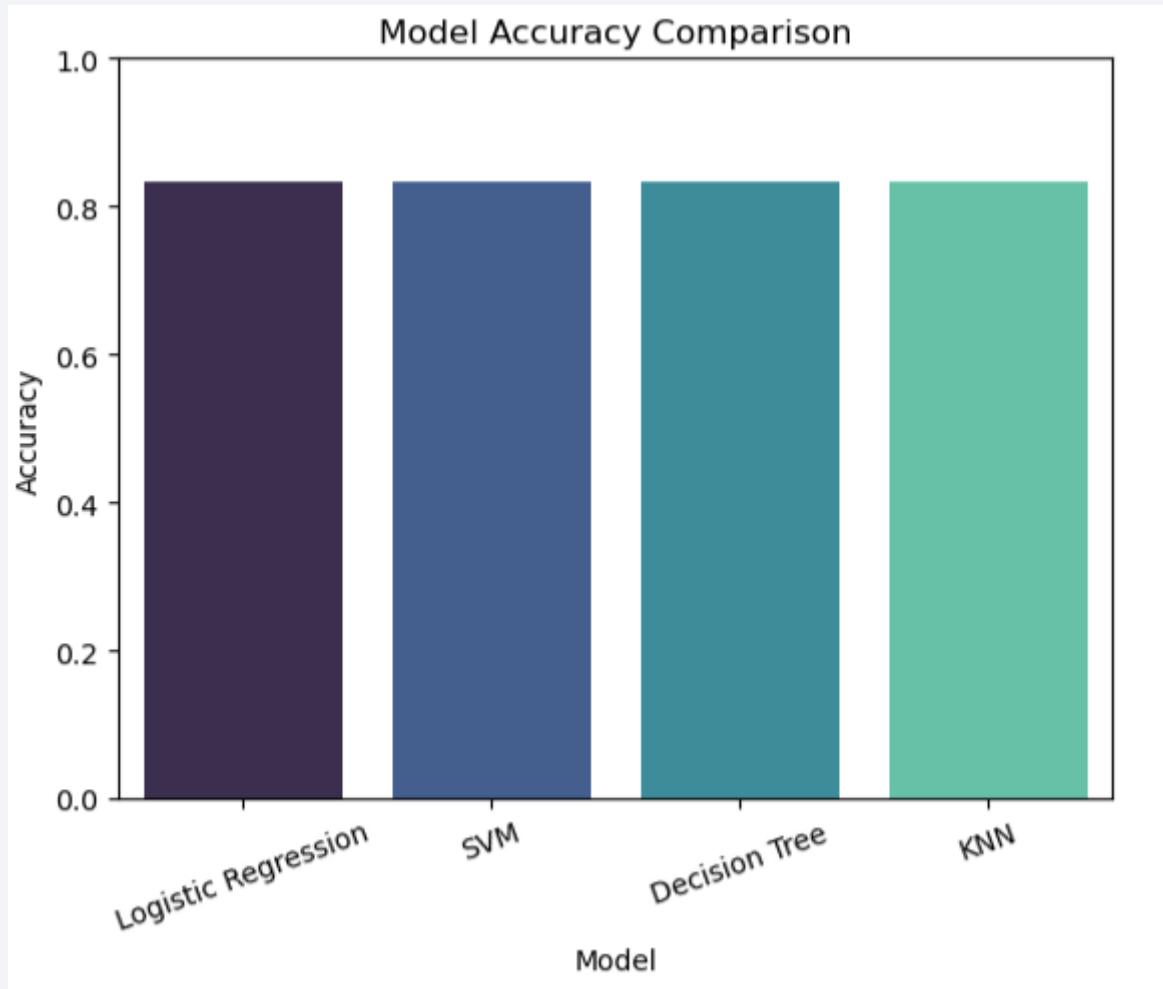


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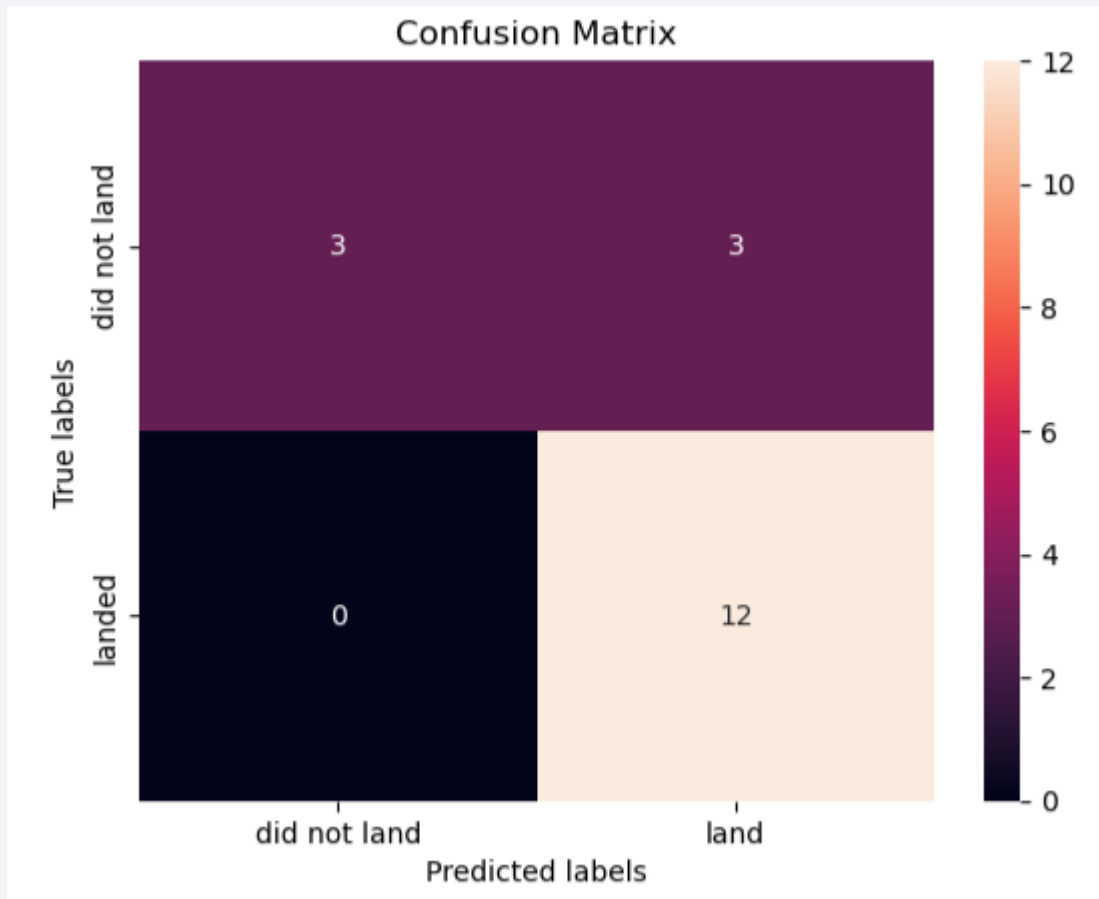
# Predictive Analysis (Classification)

# Classification Accuracy

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# Confusion Matrix



There are 3 false positives, leading one to Assume the Model presents a lower Recall. Due to the Imbalanced Data, it would be best to Proceed with the F-1Score: 0.67

Data Balance Overview: 66/33% 1-0

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data['Class'].value_counts()

Class
1    60
0    30
Name: count, dtype: int64
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# Conclusions

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- When using test set, all models produce the same accuracy, therefore the GridSearchCV best score parameter will be used, resulting in Decision Tree being the best choice. A larger test sample would produce a more conclusive result.
- Multiple factors affect mission outcome such as Payload, Orbit type, and Site Location. There are additional factors not covered such as atmospheric conditions on launch day.
- Under Heavier Payloads and Orbit type of Polar, LEO and ISS produce a positive landing rate while in general ES-L1, SSO, and HEO produce a higher success rate.

# Appendix

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- Full Git hub: <https://github.com/GenericParadox/IBM-Applied-Data-Science-Capstone>



Thank you!

