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# Winning Space Race with Data Science

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# Outline

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# Executive Summary

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## **Methodologies:**

- Data collection
- Data wrangling
- Exploratory data analysis
- Interactive visual analytics
- Predictive analysis

## **Summary of all results:**

- Exploratory data analysis results
- Proximity analysis results
- Predictive analysis results

# Introduction

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## **Project background:**

SpaceX company with their Falcon 9 rocket managed to reduced cost of launching payload into space thanks to reusing first stage. Rockets from different companies cost to 165 mln dollars, but Falcon 9 is available for 63 mln dollars.

## **Problems to solve:**

Project task is to predict if reusable first stage of Falcon 9 will land successfully.



Section 1

# Methodology

# Methodology

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## Executive Summary

- Data collection methodology:
  - Wikipedia – web scrapping
  - SpaceX Rest API
- Perform data wrangling
  - Delleting unnecessary columns, cleaning null values and One Hot Encoding
- Perform exploratory data analysis (EDA) using visualization and SQL
- Perform interactive visual analytics using Folium and Plotly Dash
- Perform using classification models
  - Classification models: Linear Regression, SVM, Decision Tree, KNN

# Data Collection

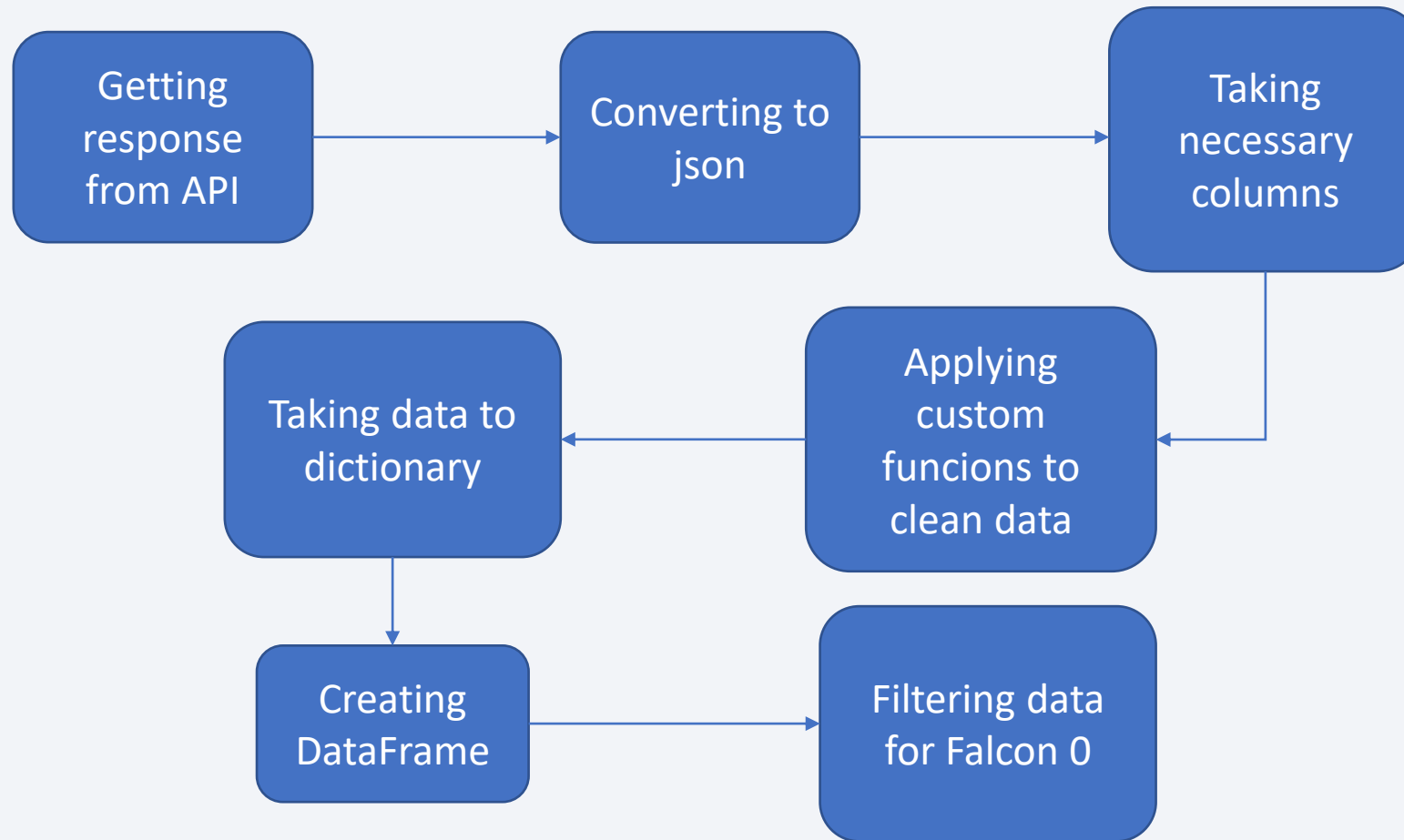
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Data was collected by using SpaceX API and web scrapping wikipedia page about launches of Falcon rockets.



# Data Collection – SpaceX API

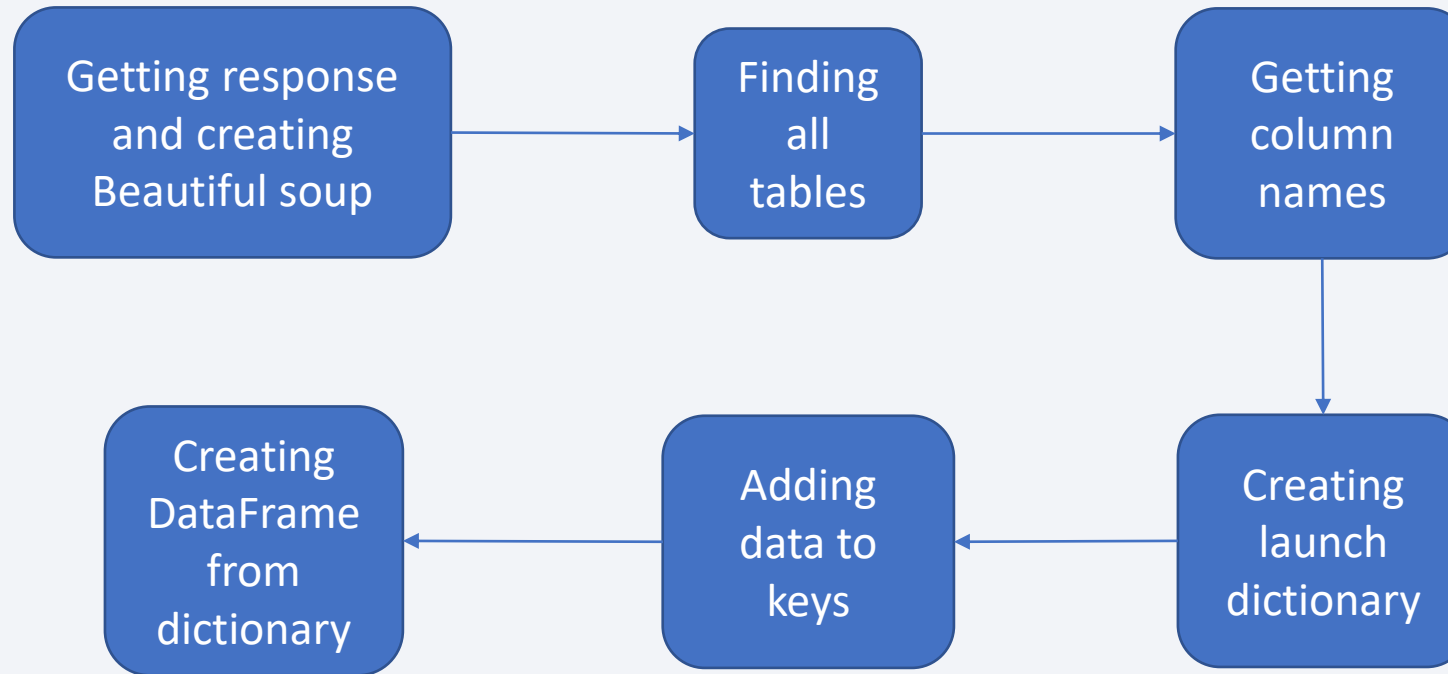
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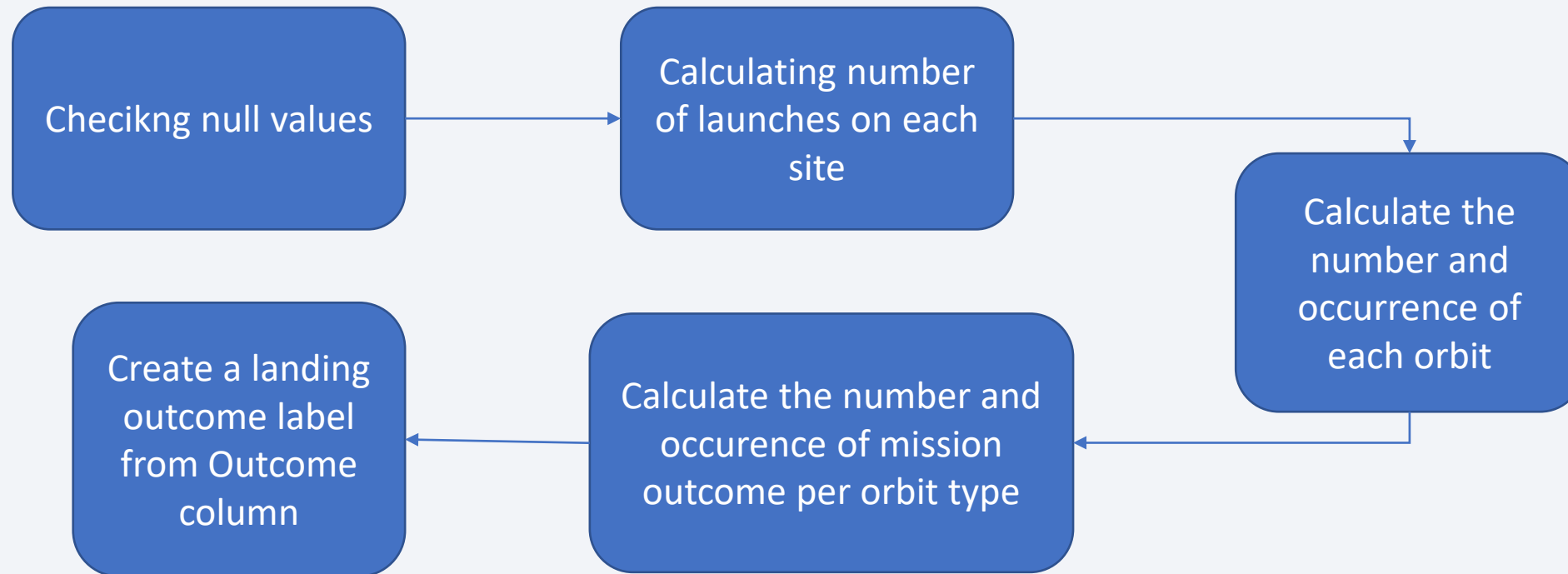
# Data Collection - Scraping

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# Data Wrangling

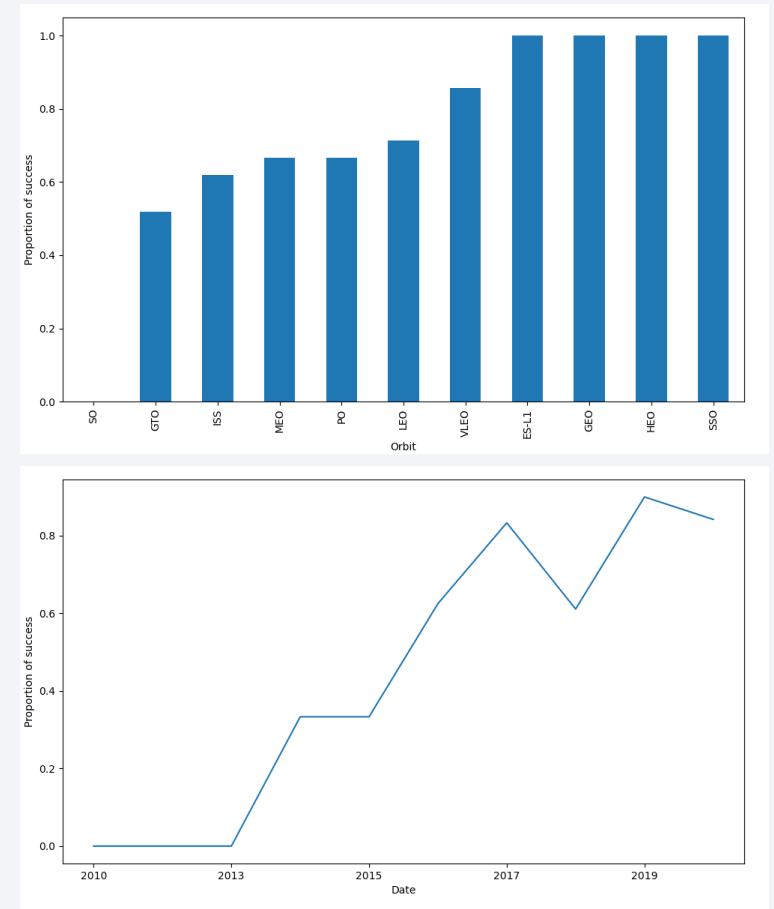
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# EDA with Data Visualization

- Scatterplots to show correlation between different factors, like
- Bar plot to show number of succeeded landing among orbits
- Line plot to show number of succeeded landing in each year

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# EDA with SQL

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## SQL queries:

- names of the unique launch sites in the space mission
- 5 records where launch sites begin with the string 'CCA'
- the total payload mass carried by boosters launched by NASA (CRS)
- average payload mass carried by booster version F9 v1.1
- the date when the first succesful landing outcome in ground pad was acheived
- the names of the boosters which have success in drone ship and have payload mass greater than 4000 but less than 6000
- the total number of successful and failure mission outcomes
- the names of the booster\_versions which have carried the maximum payload mass
- records which will display the month names, failure landing\_outcomes in drone ship ,booster versions, launch\_site for the months in year 2015
- count of successful landing\_outcomes between the date 04-06-2010 and 20-03-2017 in descending order

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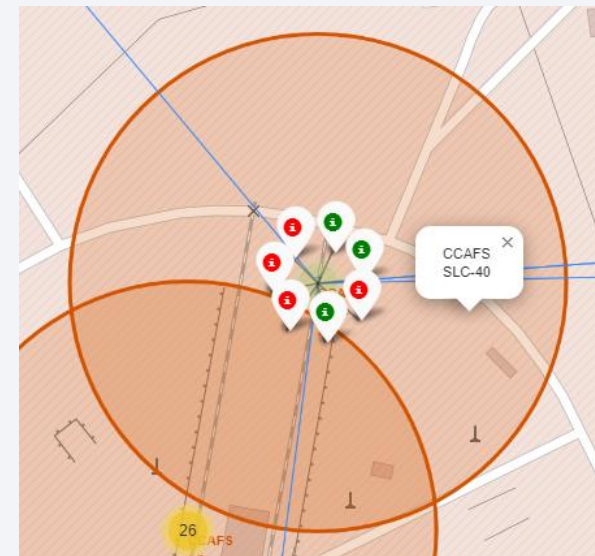
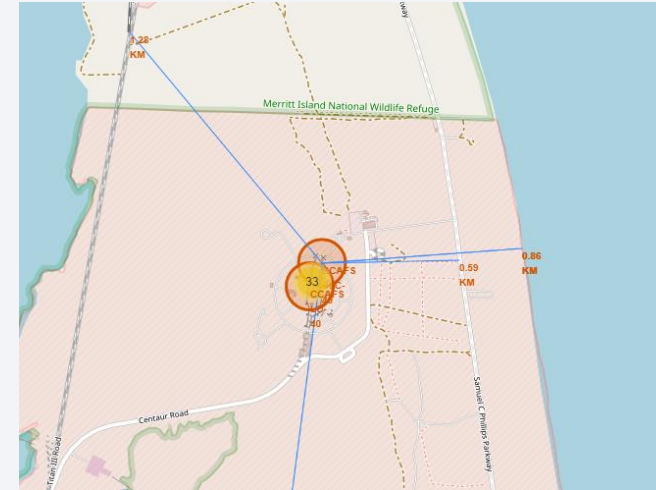
# Build an Interactive Map with Folium

I added to map:

- markers to check places of Falcon 9 launches with information if was successful or not
- circles to show launch sites
- lines to show distance to closest railway, highway, coastline and city

With this markers You can see patterns about launch sites locations.

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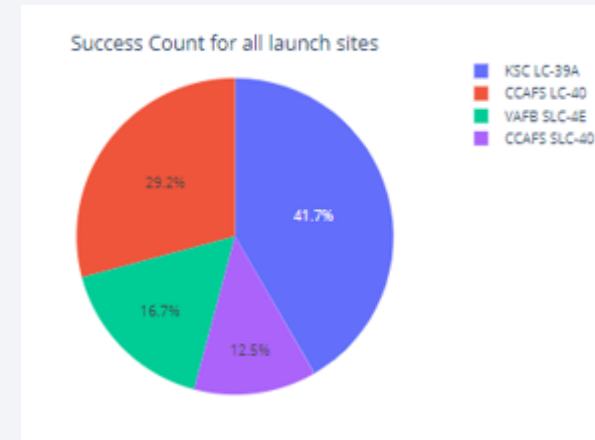
# Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

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In Dashboard I added possibility to choose launching site (or to chose all sites) and show pie chart with success launching rate and scatter plot showing correlation between payload and success. There is also possibility to change payload range with slider.

Thanks to that we are able to see patterns between payload and success rate.

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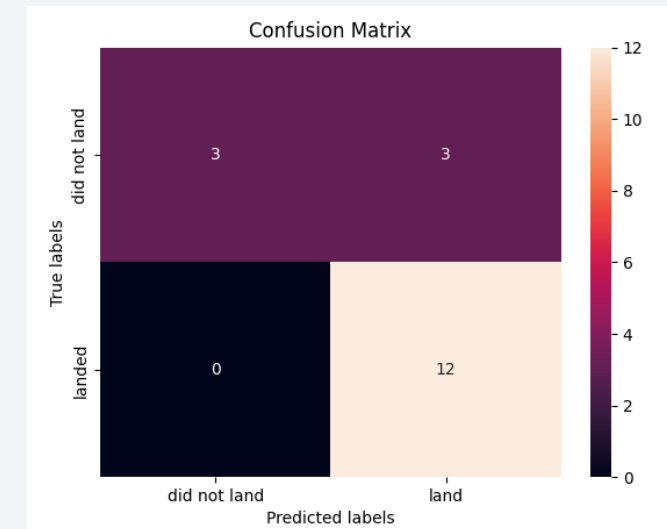


# Predictive Analysis (Classification)

After data standardization I split it on training and test set. With GridSearchCV I created four models: Logistic Regression, SVM, Decision Tree and KNN.

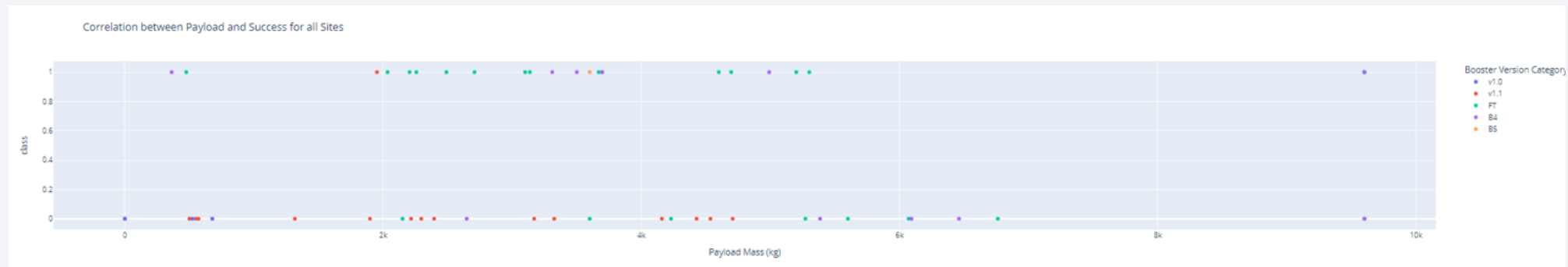
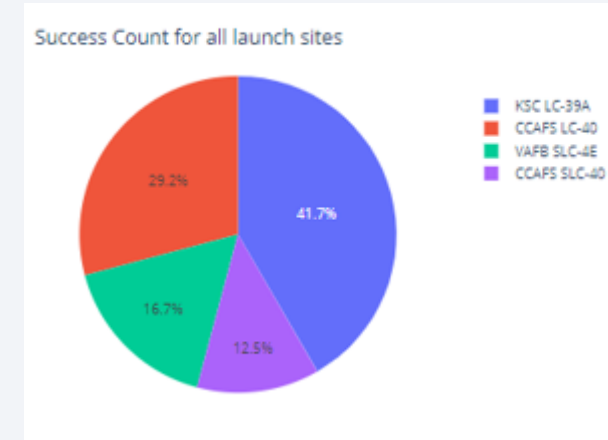
LR, SVM and KNN had best accuracy with 83,3%.

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# Results

- Success rate of launching was increasing with time and now is on constant level.
- SO orbit has the worst rate of success among orbits.
- Having big payload can increase chance of failure
- Logistic Regression, KNN and SVM had best score and can predict success of launch with 83,3 % accuracy.





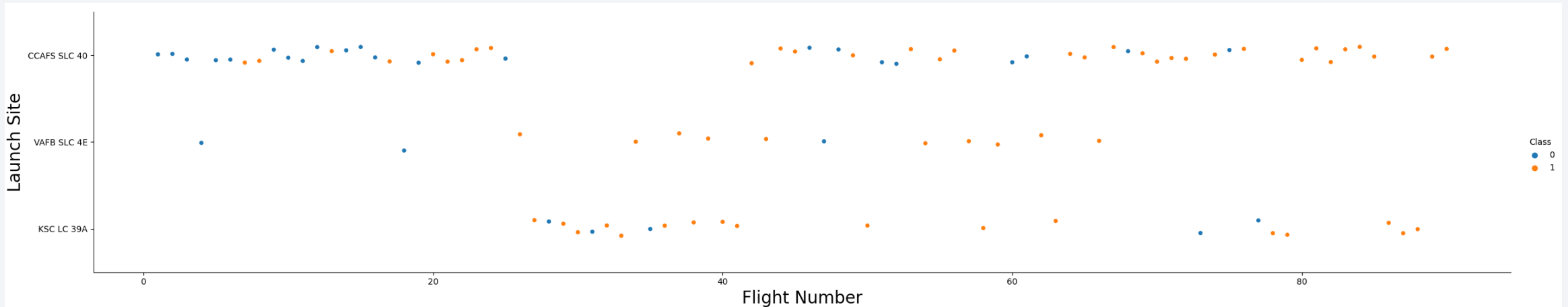
The background of the slide is an abstract composition. It features a dark blue base color. Overlaid on this are numerous diagonal streaks and lines in shades of red and cyan. These lines vary in thickness and opacity, creating a sense of depth and movement. A faint, light blue grid pattern is also visible, particularly in the lower-left quadrant, suggesting a digital or data-related theme.

Section 2

# Insights drawn from EDA

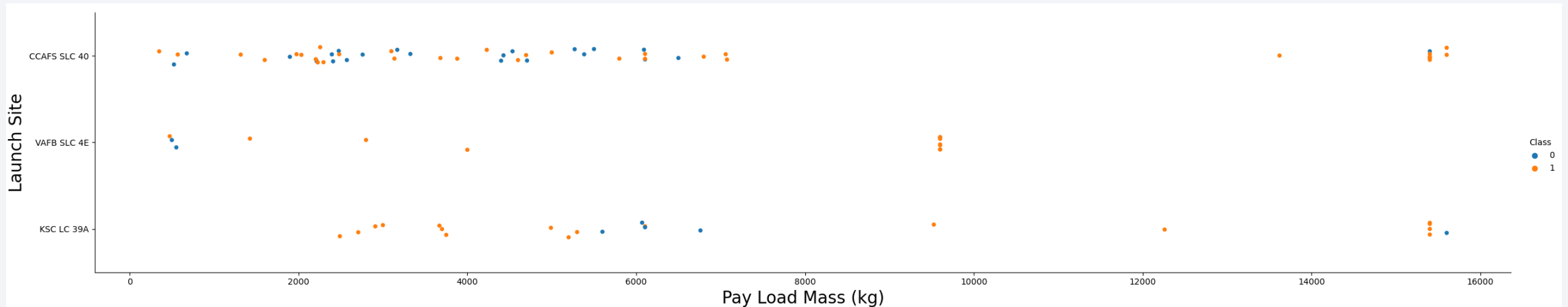


# Flight Number vs. Launch Site



First launches had the biggest chances of failure, when they developed technology chance of success increased and in similar among different launch sites.

# Payload vs. Launch Site



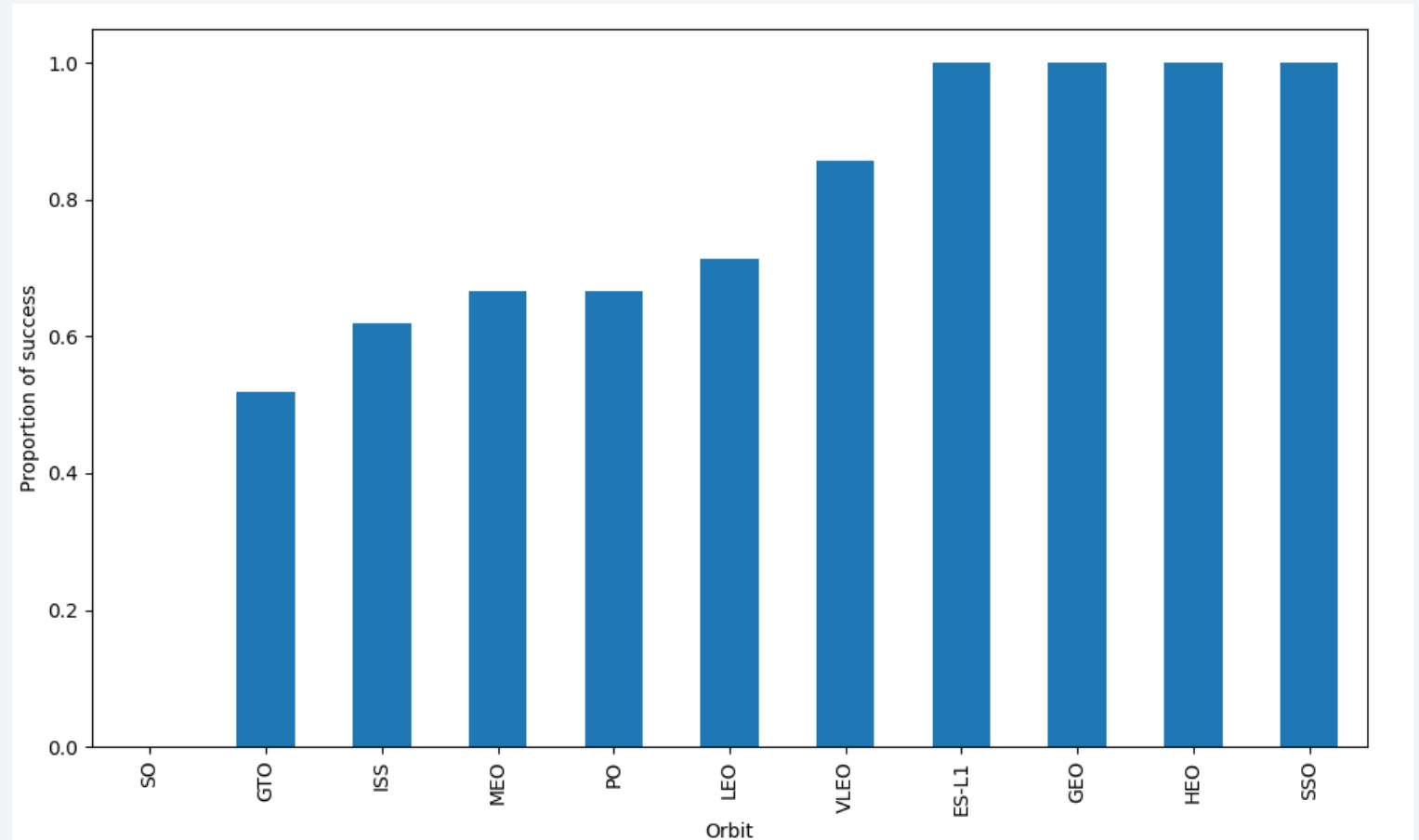
Increasing payload can increase failure chance. On VAFB SLC 4E site there was no bigger payload than 10000. Part of launches with failer and with small payload are because of that the first, most uncertain launches was with small payload.

# Success Rate vs. Orbit Type

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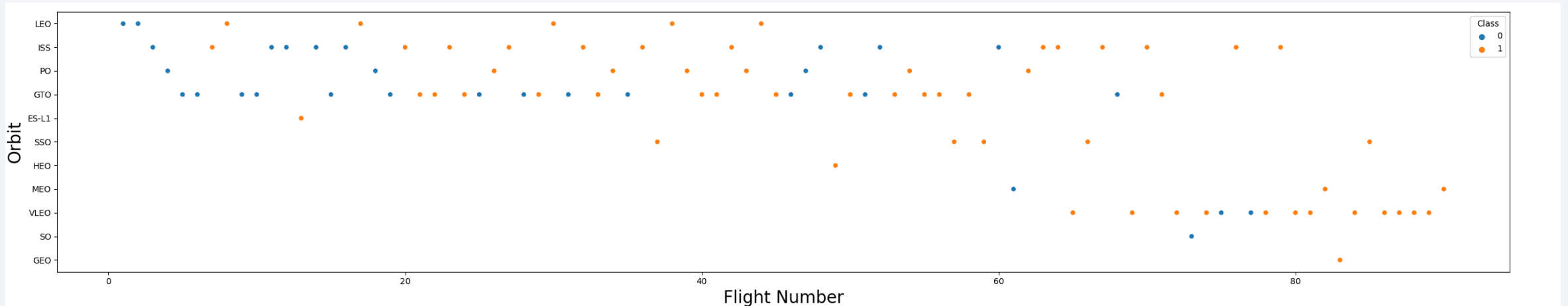
ES-L1, GEO, HEO and SSO have the best success rate.

The worst success rate has SO orbit and GTO.



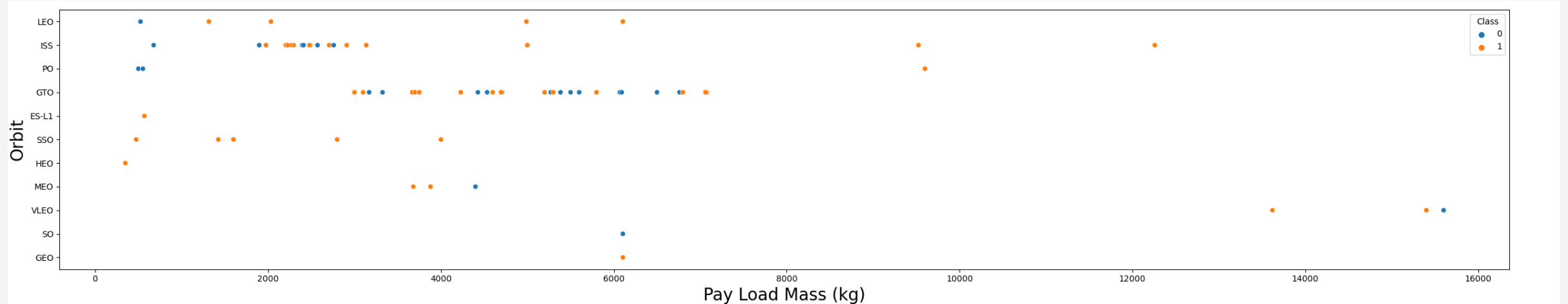


# Flight Number vs. Orbit Type



Most of the orbits have small amount of Falcon 9 flights and because of that they can have very good or very bad success rate. The most flights was on LEO, ISS, PO, GTO orbits.

# Payload vs. Orbit Type



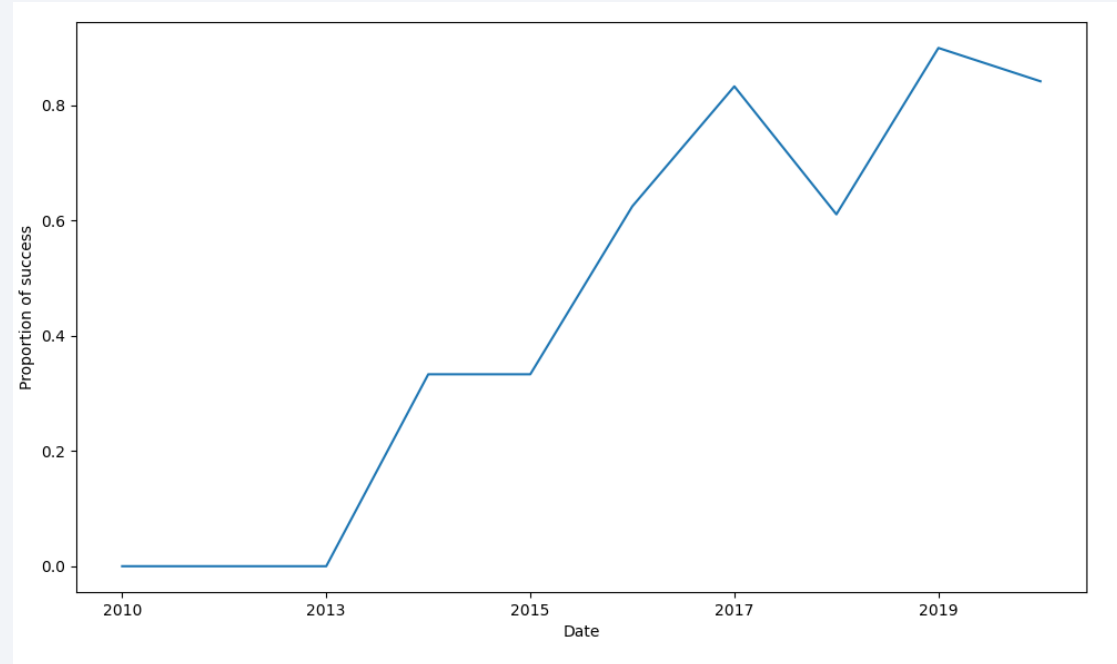
Most orbits had flights usually with medium payload. Only ISS, PO, VLEO had flights with the biggest payload.

# Launch Success Yearly Trend

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Proportion of success increased with time and now is on constant level.

Probably because they developed Falcon 9 technology and reach level when it is very hard to increase chance of success.



# All Launch Site Names

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```
SELECT DISTINCT(Launch_Site) FROM spacextbl
```

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

All Launch Site Names

# Launch Site Names Begin with 'CCA'

```
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
04-06-2010	18:45:00	F9 v1.0 B0003	CCAFS LC-40	Dragon Spacecraft Qualification Unit	0	LEO	SpaceX	Success	Failure (parachute)
08-12-2010	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)
22-05-2012	07:44:00	F9 v1.0 B0005	CCAFS LC-40	Dragon demo flight C2	525	LEO (ISS)	NASA (COTS)	Success	No attempt
08-10-2012	00:35:00	F9 v1.0 B0006	CCAFS LC-40	SpaceX CRS-1	500	LEO (ISS)	NASA (CRS)	Success	No attempt
01-03-2013	15:10:00	F9 v1.0 B0007	CCAFS LC-40	SpaceX CRS-2	677	LEO (ISS)	NASA (CRS)	Success	No attempt

5 Launch Sites Names Begin with 'CCA'

# Total Payload Mass

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```
SELECT SUM(payload_mass_kg_)
FROM spacextbl
WHERE customer = 'NASA (CRS)'
```

SUM(payload_mass_kg_)
45596

Total Payload Mass



# Average Payload Mass by F9 v1.1

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```
SELECT AVG(payload_mass_kg_)
FROM spacextbl
WHERE booster_version LIKE 'F9 v1.1%'
```

**AVG(payload\_mass\_kg\_)**

2534.6666666666665

Average Payload Mass by F9 v1.1

# First Successful Ground Landing Date

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```
SELECT date
FROM spacextbl
WHERE "Landing _outcome" LIKE '%Success%ground pad%'
LIMIT 1
```

Date
22-12-2015

First Successful Ground Landing Date

# Successful Drone Ship Landing with Payload between 4000 and 6000

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```
SELECT booster_version, "landing _outcome", payload_mass__kg_  
FROM spacextbl  
WHERE ("landing _outcome" LIKE '%Success%drone ship%') AND (payload_mass__kg_ > 4000) AND (payload_mass__kg_ < 6000)
```

Booster_Version	Landing_Outcome	PAYLOAD_MASS_KG_
F9 FT B1022	Success (drone ship)	4696
F9 FT B1026	Success (drone ship)	4600
F9 FT B1021.2	Success (drone ship)	5300
F9 FT B1031.2	Success (drone ship)	5200

Successful Drone Ship Landing with Payload between 4000 and 6000

# Total Number of Successful and Failure Mission Outcomes

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```
SELECT mission_outcome, COUNT(Mission_outcome)
FROM spacextbl
GROUP BY mission_outcome
```

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

Total Number of Successful and Failure Mission Outcomes

# Boosters Carried Maximum Payload

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```
SELECT booster_version, payload_mass_kg_  
FROM spacextbl  
WHERE payload_mass_kg_ IN (SELECT MAX(payload_mass_kg_) FROM spacextbl)
```

Booster_Version	PAYLOAD_MASS_KG_
F9 B5 B1048.4	15600
F9 B5 B1049.4	15600
F9 B5 B1051.3	15600
F9 B5 B1056.4	15600
F9 B5 B1048.5	15600
F9 B5 B1051.4	15600
F9 B5 B1049.5	15600
F9 B5 B1060.2	15600
F9 B5 B1058.3	15600
F9 B5 B1051.6	15600
F9 B5 B1060.3	15600
F9 B5 B1049.7	15600

Boosters Carried Maximum Payload

# 2015 Launch Records

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```
SELECT substr(Date, 4, 2) as month, "landing _outcome" , booster_version, launch_site
FROM spacextbl
WHERE (substr(Date,7,4) = '2015') AND ("landing _outcome" LIKE '%Failure%drone ship%')
```

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

2015 Launch Records



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

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```
SELECT "landing_outcome" ,COUNT("landing_outcome")
FROM spacextbl
WHERE date between '04-06-2010' AND '20-03-2017'
GROUP BY "landing_outcome"
ORDER BY COUNT("landing_outcome") DESC
```

Landing_Outcome	COUNT("landing_outcome")
Success	20
No attempt	10
Success (drone ship)	8
Success (ground pad)	6
Failure (drone ship)	4
Failure	3
Controlled (ocean)	3
Failure (parachute)	2
No attempt	1

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

A satellite view of Earth from space, showing the curvature of the planet and city lights at night. The background is a deep blue gradient.

Section 3

# Launch Sites Proximities Analysis

# Launch Sites Location

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All launch sites location are in USA, close to coastline and close to equator.

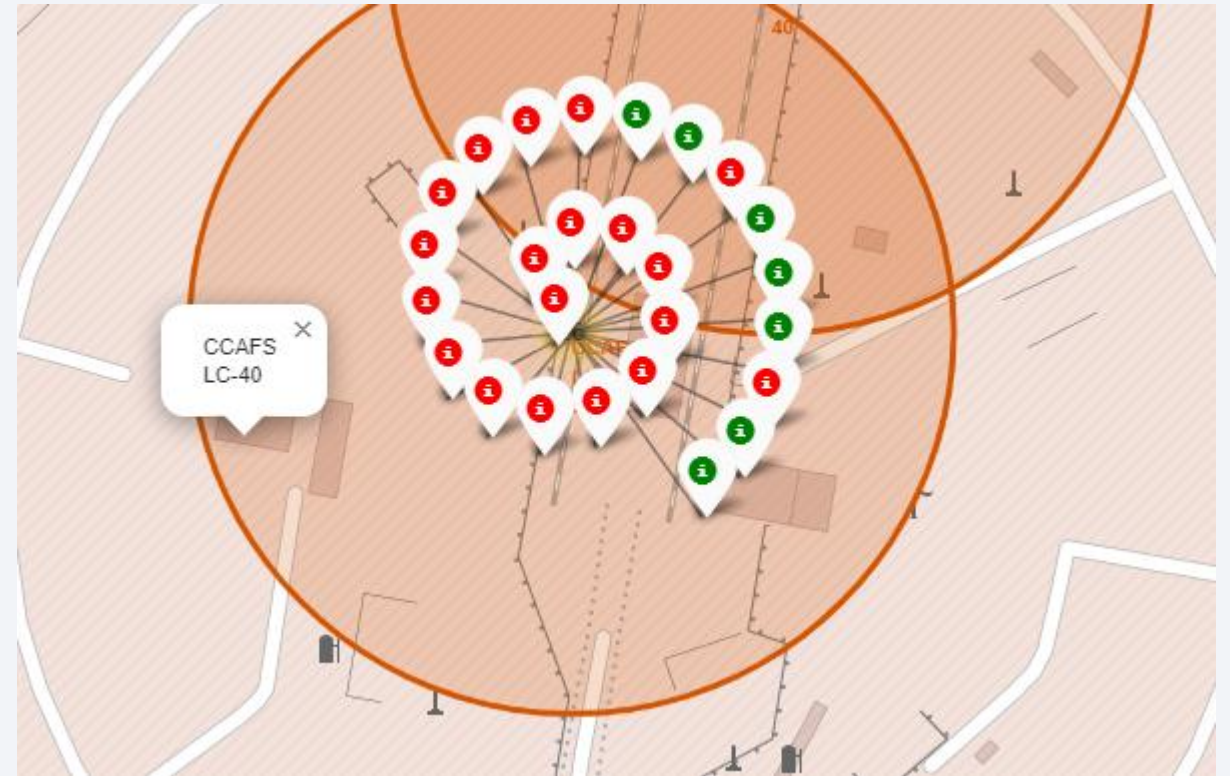
This location provides best weather, safety and logistic conditions.



# CCAFS LC-40 Launch outcomes map

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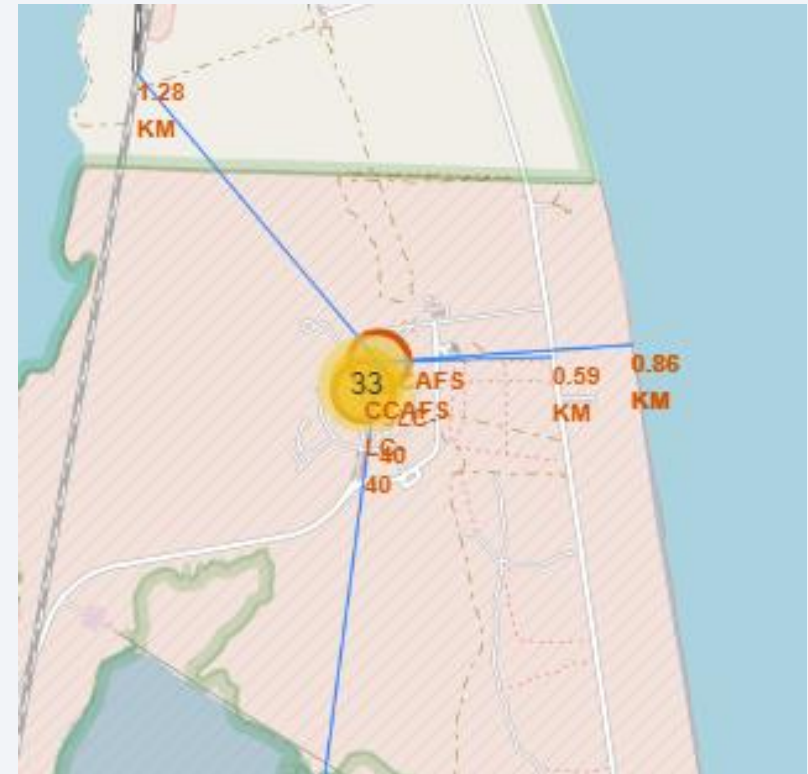
With launch outcomes marks we can easily check location of each launch site and see how many launch they have with success or failure outcomes.



# CCAFS SLC-40 distances map

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With distance to coastline, highway, railway and city we can see patterns what distances provide best condition for launch site and provide safety for citizens.







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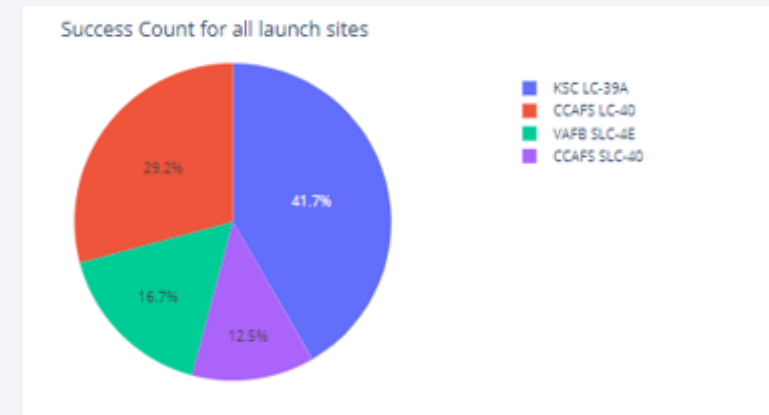
# Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

# Success Count for all launch sites

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Pie chart shows how many precentage of success from all success launches each launch site have.

KSC LC-39A is responsible for biggest count of success launches (41,7%)



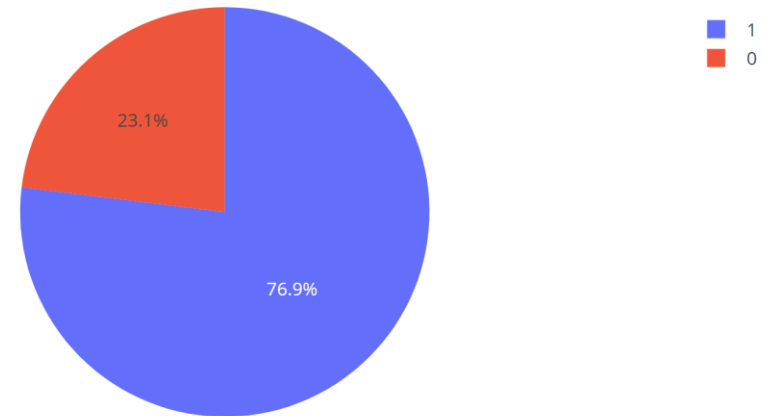
# Total Success Launches for site KSC LC-39A

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Pie chart shows percentage of success launches for site KSC LC-39A.

We can see that 76,9% launches on this site was successful.

Total Success Launches for site KSC LC-39A





# Correlation of Payload and Launch Outcome plots



Smaller Payloads has bigger chance of success than bigger payload (more than 5000 kg).

FT Booster Version has the best ratio success From all booster versions.



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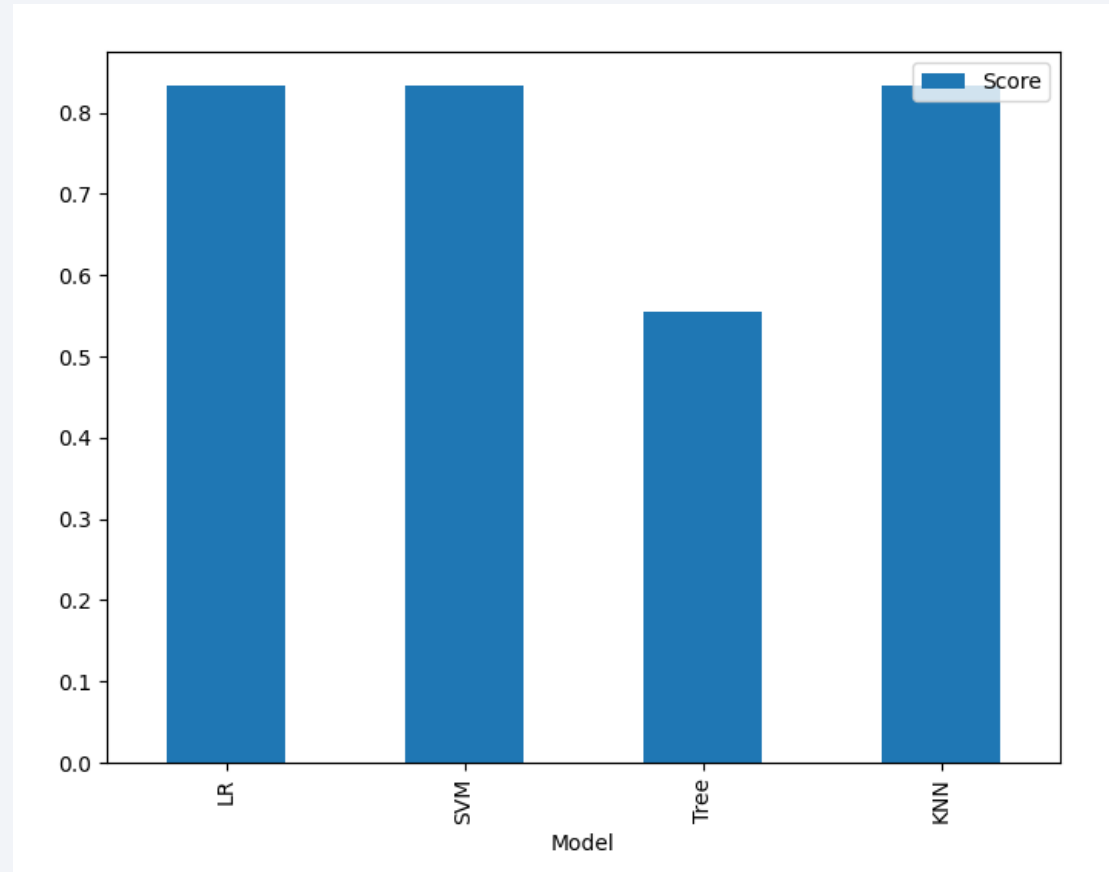
# Predictive Analysis (Classification)

# Classification Accuracy

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Logistic Regression, SVM and KNN model have the best accuracy.

Decision Tree model has the lowest accuracy.

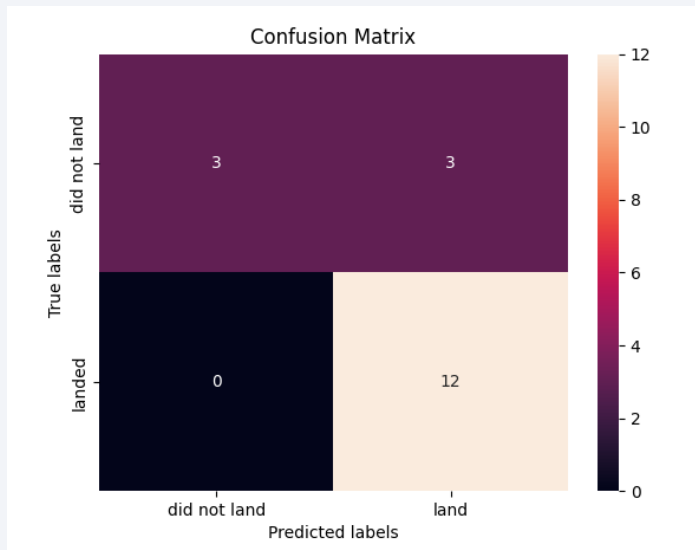


# Confusion Matrix

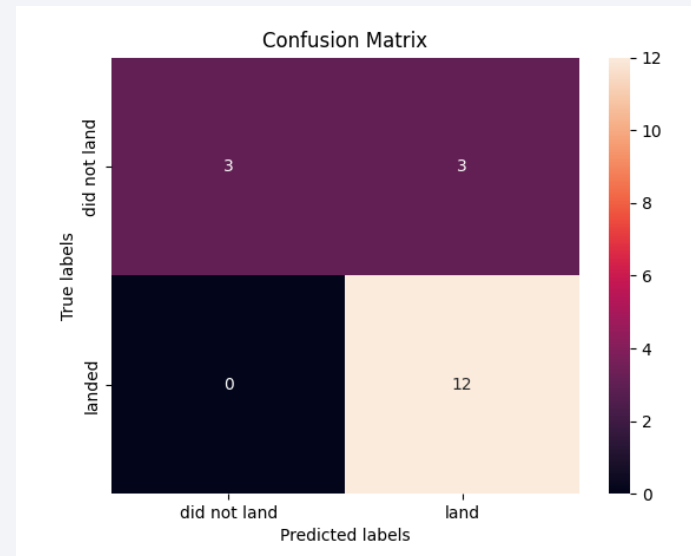
Three best models has confusion matrix with the same results.

Each model predict correctly 12 succesful landings and 3 unsuccessful landings.

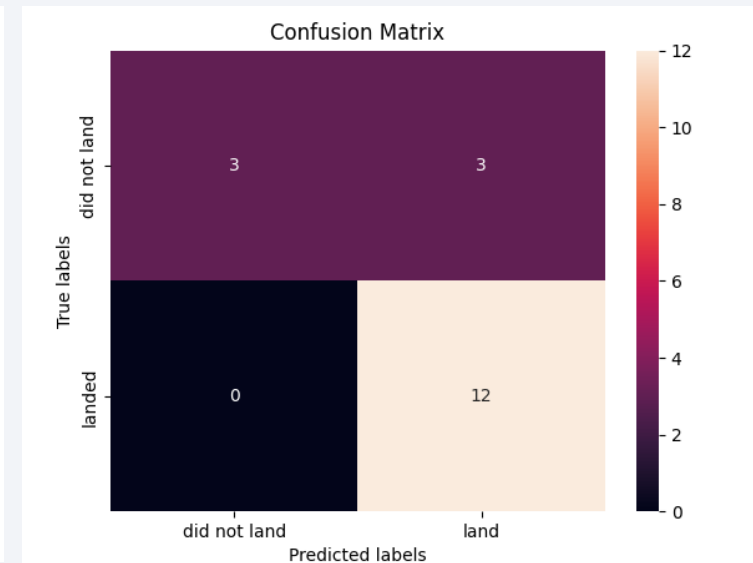
LR



SVM



KNN



# Conclusions

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- Success rate increased by the time and reach constant level on about 80%.
- Increasing payload weight increase chance of failure.
- Logistic Regression, SVM and KNN models have best accuracy to predict success launch of Falcon 9.
- Most successful site is KSC LC-39A.
- Most successful orbits are ES-L1, GEO, HEO and SSO, but because of small amount of launches for this orbits, their successful rates are very uncertain.

# Appendix

I created additional model. Random Forest Classifier get the same score like best models, so it not increased accuracy and because of longer time of computing there is better to use simpler models than Random Forest.

```
print("tuned hpyerparameters :(best parameters) ",random_cv.best_params_)
print("accuracy :",random_cv.best_score_)
```

```
tuned hpyerparameters :(best parameters) {'criterion': 'gini', 'max_depth': 2, 'max_features': 'auto', 'min_samples_split': 2}
accuracy : 0.8476190476190476
```

```
Randomscore = random_cv.score(X_test, Y_test)
Randomscore
```

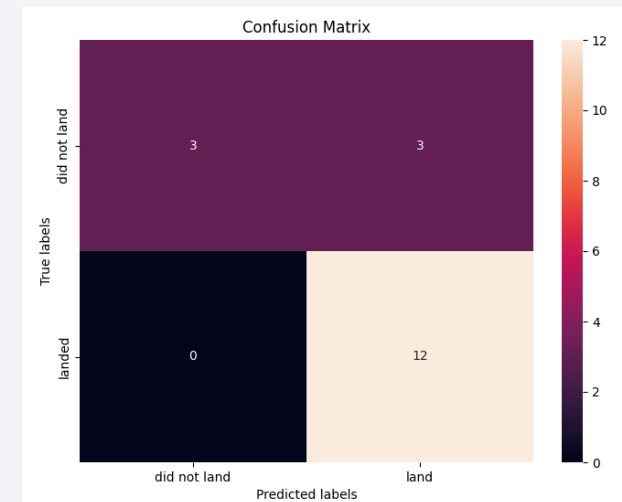
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0.8333333333333334
```

```
from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestClassifier
```

```
parameters = {'criterion': ['gini', 'nationality'],
              'max_depth': [2*n for n in range(1,10)],
              'max_features': ['auto', 'sqrt'],
              'min_samples_split': [2, 5, 10]}
```

```
random = RandomForestClassifier()
```

```
random_cv = GridSearchCV(random, parameters)
random_cv.fit(X_train, Y_train)
```





Thank you!

