

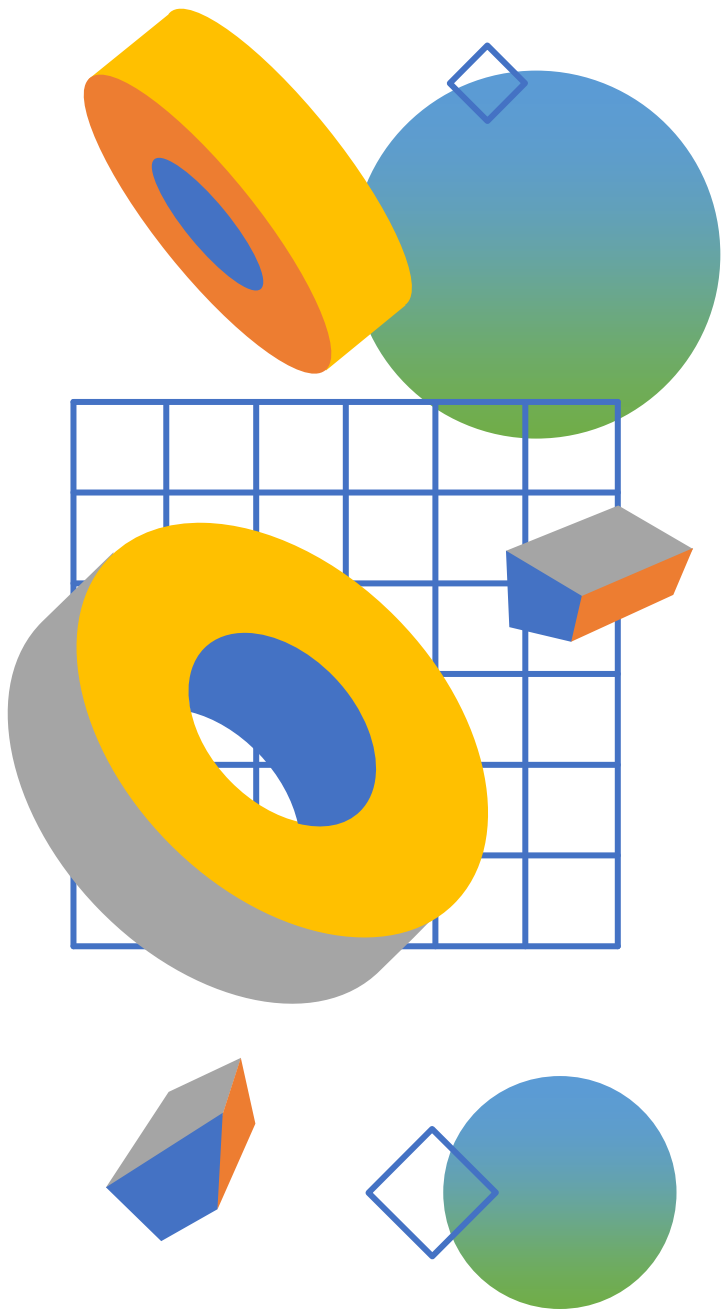


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01 - EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Summary of methodologies-

- ☐ Data Collection
- ☐ Data Wrangling
- ☐ Exploratory Data analysis with SQL
- ☐ Exploratory Data analysis with Data Visualization
- ☐ Interactive Visual Analysis Using Folium
- ☐ Dashboarding with Plotly Dash
- ☐ Predictive Analysis using different Classification Models

Summary of all results-

- **Model Performance:** Decision Tree Model is the most effective for predicting landing success.
- **Launch Site Success:** KSC LC-39A has the highest success rate for Falcon 9 landings.
- **Trend Analysis:** Success rates have improved over time, particularly for lighter payloads.
- **Impact of Technology:** Advancements in technology and experience contribute to better landing outcomes.



02 - Introduction

- Project background and context

SpaceX, founded in 2002, has transformed the space industry with its reusable Falcon 9 rocket, cutting launch costs significantly. This innovation, particularly the ability to reuse the rocket's first stage, is a key factor in reducing space travel expenses. Predicting the success of first-stage landings is essential for maximizing cost savings and operational efficiency. This project analyzes SpaceX's launch data to determine how factors like payload mass, launch site, and orbit type affect landing success. By applying machine learning, we aim to improve prediction accuracy and support SpaceX's mission to make space travel more affordable.

- Problems you want to find answers

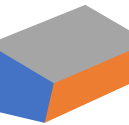
- How do variables such as payload mass, launch site, number of flights, and orbit type affect the success of first-stage landings?
- Does the rate of successful landings increase over the years?
- What is the best classification algorithm for predicting the success of first-stage landings?
- Which launch site has the highest success rate for first-stage landings?

Section 1

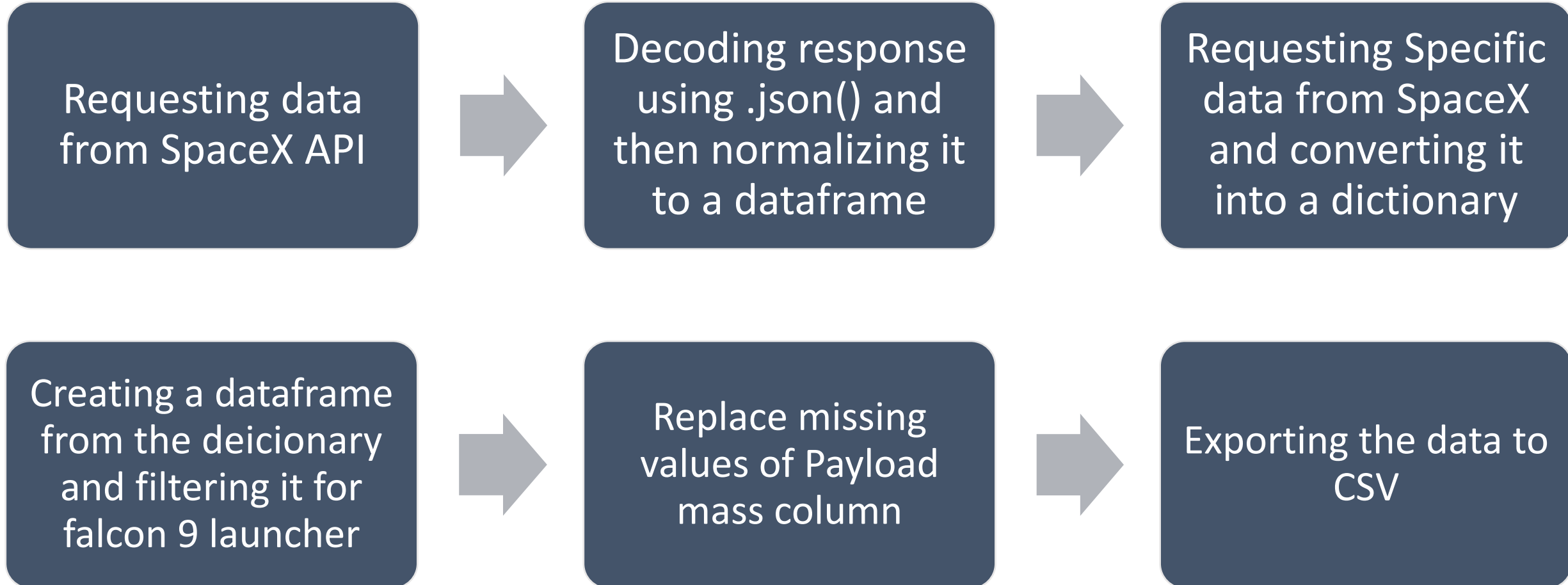
Methodology

Executive Summary

- Data collection methodology:
 - Describe how data was collected
- Perform data wrangling
 - Describe how data was processed
- Perform exploratory data analysis (EDA) using visualization and SQL
- Perform interactive visual analytics using Folium and Plotly Dash
- Perform predictive analysis using classification models
 - How to build, tune, evaluate classification models

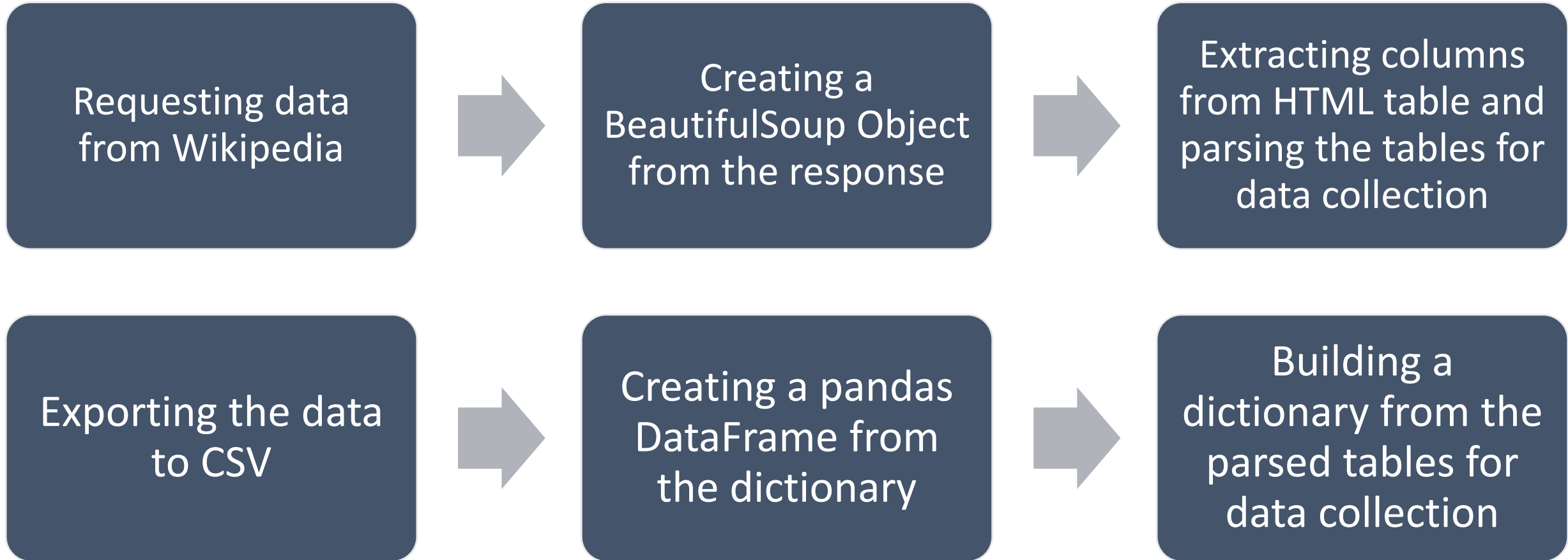


Data Collection



LINK : [SpaceX data collection API](#)


Data Collection - Scraping



LINK : [SpaceX Data Web Scraping](#)

Data Wrangling

- Cleaning:** Missing values were handled by replacing them with calculated means where applicable. Outliers and inconsistencies were identified and addressed to ensure data accuracy.
- Encoding:** Categorical variables, such as launch site and orbit type, were converted into numerical formats using one-hot encoding to facilitate binary classification.
- Label Creation:** The launch outcomes were transformed into binary labels for classification—“1” for successful landings and “0” for unsuccessful ones.



Determine the training labels for getting information about important columns



Calculate the number of launches on each site



Calculate the number and occurrence of each orbit


Calculate the number and occurrence of mission outcome of the orbits



Create a landing outcome label from Outcome column



Get the success rate of overall missions by Falcon 9



LINK : [SpaceX Data Wrangling](#)

EDA with Data Visualization

Charts Plotted during Data Visualization


- Flight Number Vs Launch Site Catplot : *To get an overview of number of flights on each launchsite while observing the ratio of successful missions and failed missions on each site.*
- Payload Mass Vs Launch Site Catplot: *To know the capability of each site with successful missions with different payloads*
- Orbit Type Vs Success Rate Barplot: *To Visualize the relationship between success rate of each orbit type.*
- Flight number Vs Orbit type scatter plot: *To visualize which orbit type is most and least common on which these missions success rate is affected*
- Payload Mass Vs Orbit Type scatter plot: *To visualize how payload mass affects success rate on each Orbit Type*
- Yearly Launches and Success rate LinePlot: *To know how the success rate changes over the years.*

LINK : [EDA with Data Visualization](#)

EDA with SQL



SQL Queries Performed:

- Displaying the names of the unique launch sites in the space mission
 - Displaying 5 records where launch sites begin with the string 'CCA'
 - Displaying the total payload mass carried by boosters launched by NASA (CRS)
 - Displaying average payload mass carried by booster version F9 v1.1
 - Listing the date when the first successful landing outcome in ground pad was achieved
 - Listing the names of the boosters which have success in drone ship and have payload mass greater than 4000 but less than 6000
 - Listing the total number of successful and failure mission outcomes
 - Listing the names of the booster versions which have carried the maximum payload mass
 - Listing the failed landing outcomes in drone ship, their booster versions and launch site names for the months in year 2015
 - Ranking 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
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LINK : [EDA with SQL](#)

Build an Interactive Map with Folium



1. Markers:

1. **Purpose:** Markers were added to represent the locations of various launch sites.
2. **Details:** Each marker was labeled with the name of the launch site and included a popup with additional details. This helps users visually locate and identify launch sites on the map.

2. Circles:

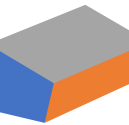
1. **Purpose:** Circles were used to highlight the geographic area around each launch site.
2. **Details:** The circles, with varying sizes and colors, indicate the proximity of launch sites to key landmarks such as the equator and coastlines. This visualization helps assess the strategic location of each site.

3. Colored Markers for Launch Outcomes:

1. **Purpose:** To distinguish between successful and failed launches visually.
2. **Details:** Green markers indicated successful launches, while red markers represented failed launches. This color-coding allows users to quickly identify patterns in launch success rates.

4. Lines:

1. **Purpose:** To show distances between a specific launch site (e.g., KSC LC-39A) and its nearby landmarks.
2. **Details:** Lines were drawn to connect the launch site to nearby railways, highways, coastlines, and cities. This visualization helps understand the potential risk zones and logistical considerations for each site.



LINK : [FOLIUM INTERACTIVE MAP NOTEBOOK](#)

Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash



Plots/objects added in the map

1-Pie Chart:

- Purpose:** Display the total count of successful versus failed launches for all sites or a specific site selected by the user.
- Details:** This chart helps users quickly compare the success rates across different sites and visualize overall performance.

2-Slider for Payload Mass Range:

- Purpose:** Allow users to filter the data based on payload mass.
- Details:** The slider enables users to adjust the range of payload masses and observe how success rates vary with different payload sizes, facilitating a more granular analysis.

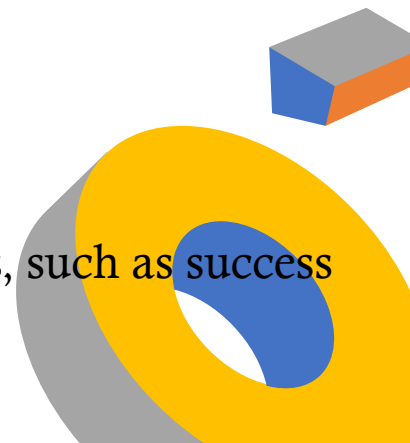
3-Scatter Chart:

- Purpose:** Show the correlation between payload mass and success rates for different booster versions.
- Details:** This chart provides insight into how varying payload masses impact landing success across different rocket versions, helping identify trends and patterns.

4-Dropdown List for Launch Sites:

- Purpose:** Enable users to select and focus on specific launch sites.
- Details:** By selecting a launch site from the dropdown, users can view site-specific data and metrics, such as success rates and payload mass distributions

LINK : [Dash App python program](#)



Predictive Analysis (Classification)



1. Model Building:

- **Initial Models:** Built several classification models including Logistic Regression, Support Vector Machine (SVM), Decision Tree, and K-Nearest Neighbors (KNN).
- **Data Preparation:** Standardized data using StandardScaler and split into training and test sets using train_test_split.

2. Model Evaluation:

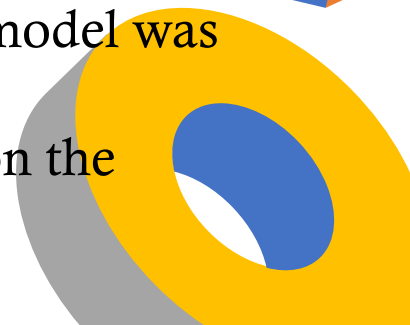
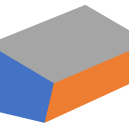
- **Metrics Used:** Evaluated models using metrics such as accuracy, Jaccard score, and F1 score.
- **Confusion Matrix:** Analyzed confusion matrices to understand false positives and negatives for each model.

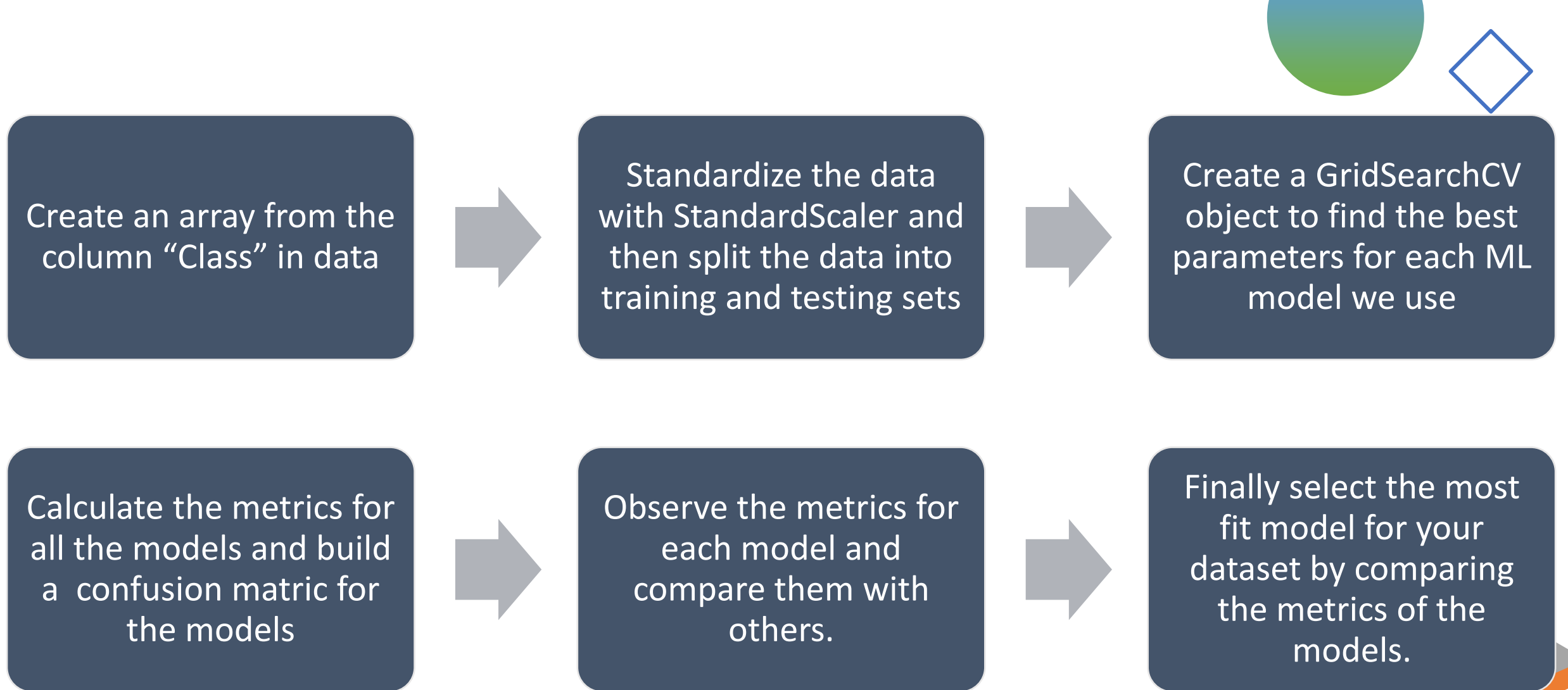
3. Model Improvement:

- **Hyperparameter Tuning:** Used GridSearchCV with cross-validation to find the best parameters for each model.
- **Model Comparison:** Compared performance across models to identify strengths and weaknesses.

4. Best Performing Model:

- **Selection:** Based on overall performance metrics and accuracy scores, the Decision Tree model was identified as the best performer.
- **Final Evaluation:** Conducted final tests to confirm the model's accuracy and robustness on the entire dataset.





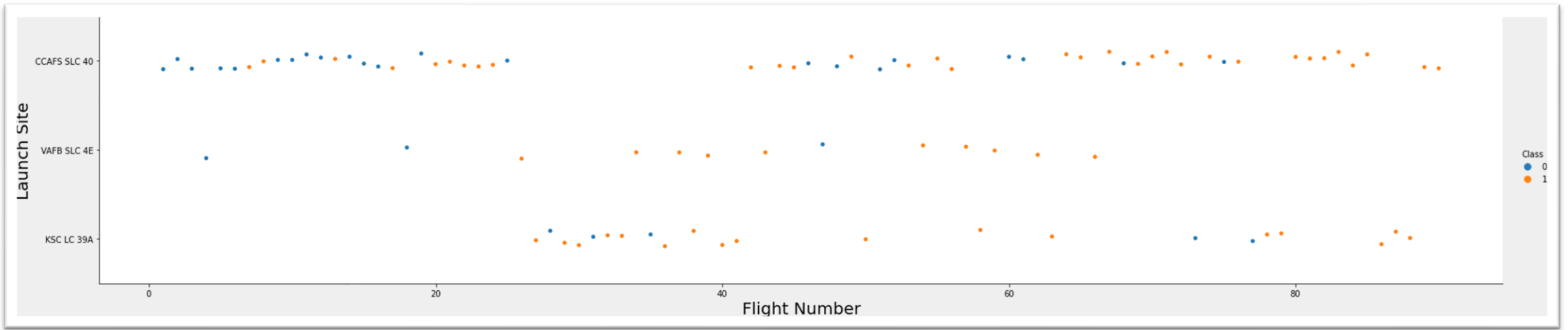
LINK : [Predictive Analysis Notebook](#)

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 red and cyan. A faint, light blue grid pattern is also visible, particularly in the lower half of the image. The overall effect is dynamic and technological.

Section 2

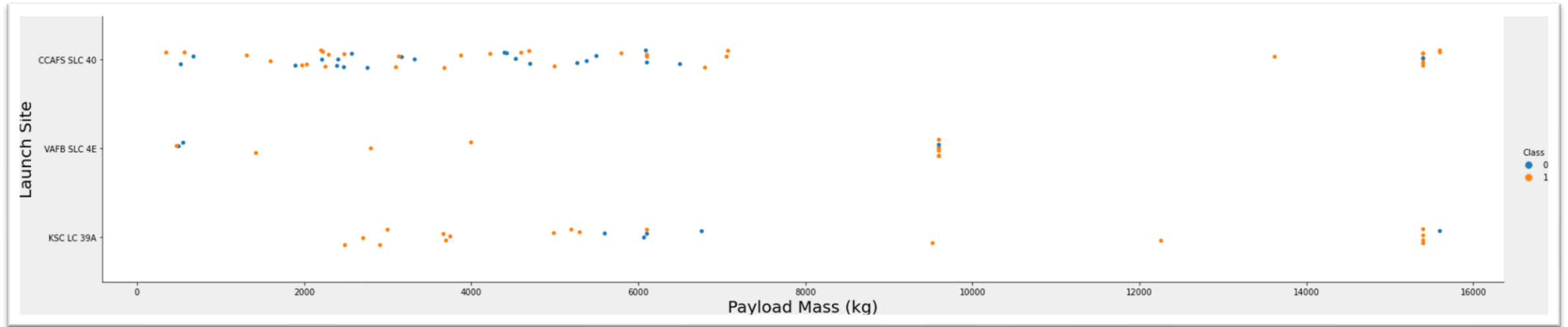
Insights drawn from EDA

Flight Number vs. Launch Site



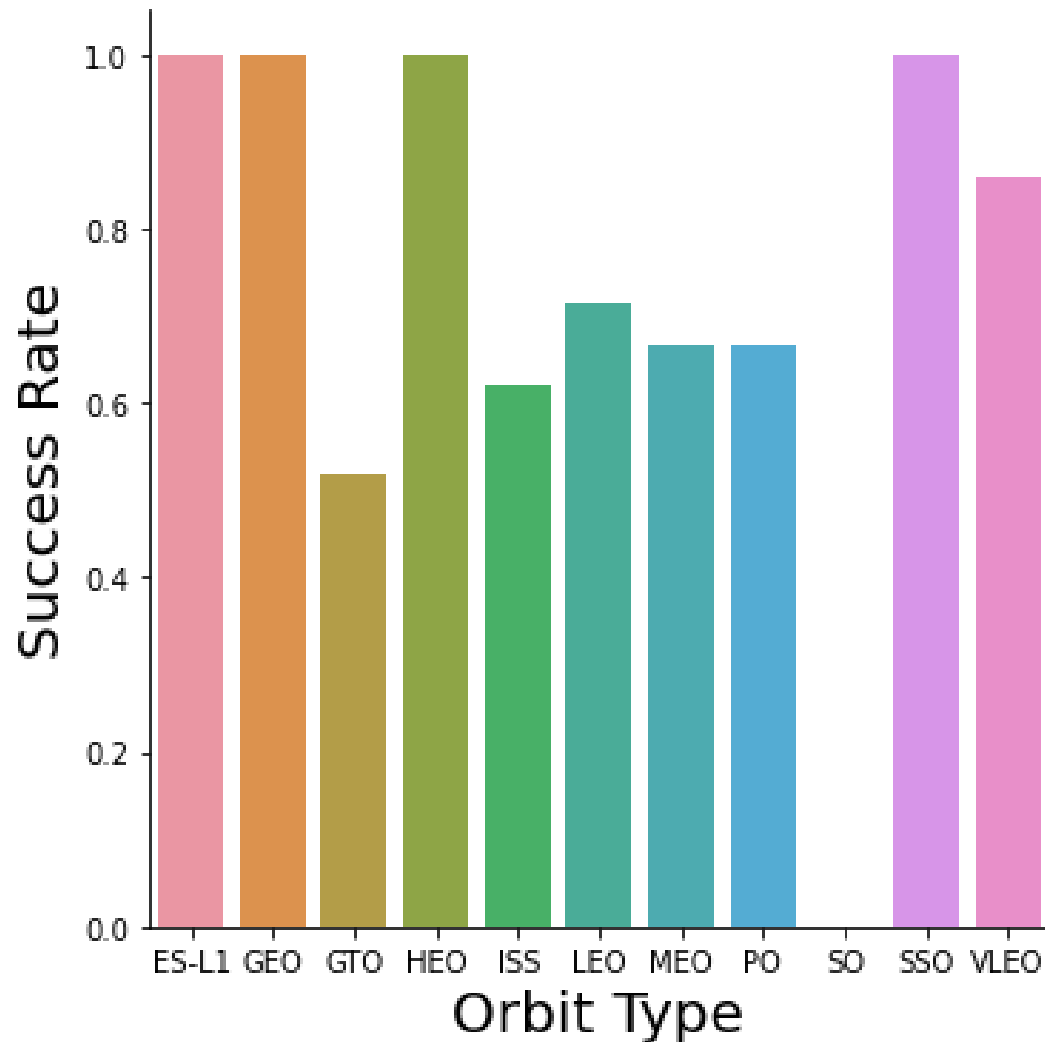
- The earliest flights all failed while the latest flights all succeeded.
- The CCAFS SLC 40 launch site has about a half of all launches.
- VAFB SLC 4E and KSC LC 39A have higher success rates.
- It can be assumed that each new launch has a higher rate of success.

Payload vs. Launch Site



- For every launch site the higher the payload mass, the higher the success rate.
- Most of the launches with payload mass over 7000 kg were successful.
- KSC LC 39A has a 100% success rate for payload mass under 5500 kg too.

Success Rate vs. Orbit Type



•Orbits with 100% success rate are:

- ES-L1
- GEO
- HEO
- SSO

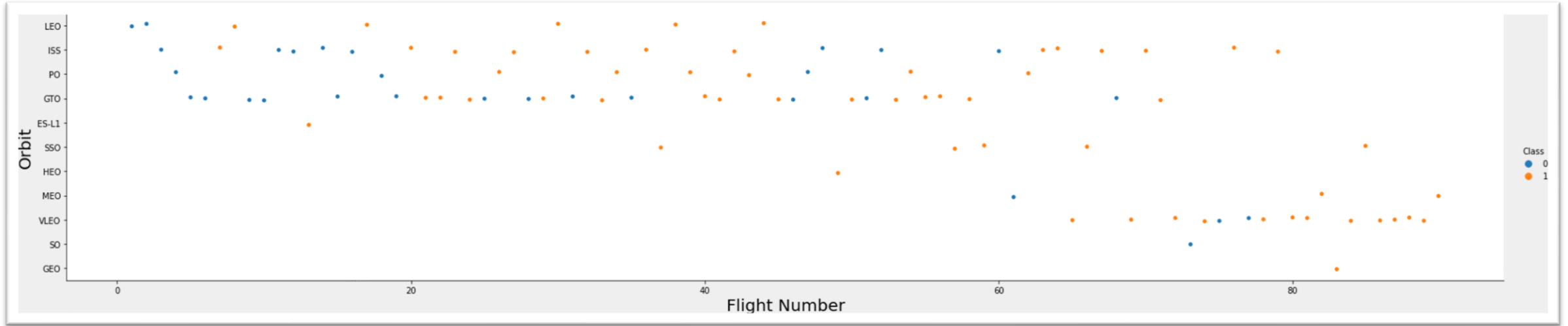
•Orbits with 0% success rate are:

- SO

•Orbits with success rate between 50% and 85%:

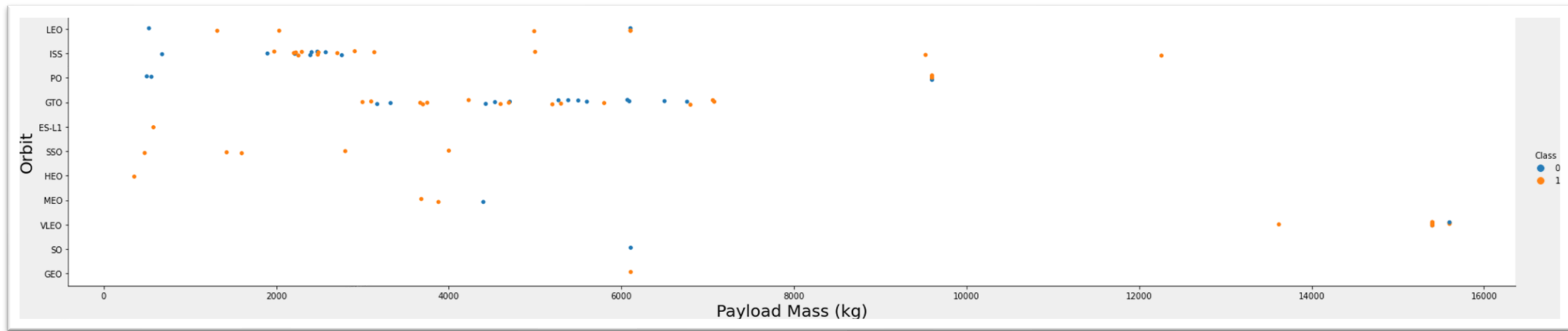
- GTO
- ISS
- LEO
- MEO
- PO

Flight Number vs. Orbit Type



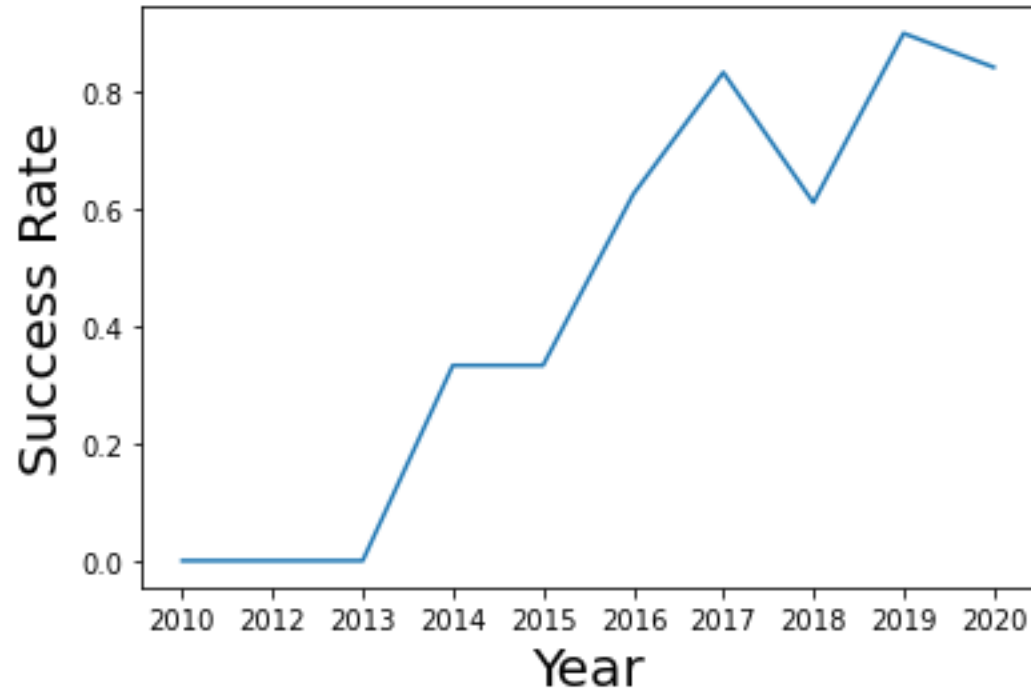
You should see that in the LEO orbit the Success appears related to the number of flights; on the other hand, there seems to be no relationship between flight number when in GTO orbit.

Payload vs. Orbit Type



You should observe that Heavy payloads have a negative influence on GTO orbits and positive on GTO and Polar LEO (ISS) orbits.

Launch Success Yearly Trend



you can observe that the success rate since 2013 kept increasing till 2020

All Launch Site Names



```
▶ [4] %sql select distinct launch_site from SPACEXDATASET;

... * ibm_db_sa://wzf08322:***@0c77d6f2-5da9-48a9-81f8-86b520b87518.
Done.

... launch_site
      CCAFS LC-40
      CCAFS SLC-40
      KSC LC-39A
      VAFB SLC-4E
```

- Used the Distinct Function in my SQL Query to get the list of all Launch Site Names



Launch Site Names Begin with 'CCA'

| 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 | 07:44:00 | F9 v1.0 B0005 | CCAFS LC-40 | Dragon demo flight C2 | 525 | LEO (ISS) | NASA (COTS) | Success | No attempt |
| 2012-10-08 | 00:35:00 | 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 |

There are two different Launch Sites that start with 'CCA' which are CCAFS LC-40 and CCAFS SLC-40

Total Payload Mass

```
▶ %sql select sum(payload_mass__kg_) as total_payload_mass from SPACEXDATASET where customer = 'NASA (CRS)';  
[6]  
... * ibm_db_sa://wzf08322:***@0c77d6f2-5da9-48a9-81f8-86b520b87518.bs2io90108kqb1od81cg.databases.appdomain.cloud:  
Done.  
...  
total_payload_mass  
45596
```

The total Payload mass carried by boosters of NASA is 45596

Average Payload Mass by F9 v1.1



Display average payload mass carried by booster version F9 v1.1

```
%sql select avg(payload_mass__kg_) as average_payload_mass from SPACEXDATASET where booster_version like '%F9 v1.1%';
```

```
* ibm_db_sa://wzf08322:***@0c77d6f2-5da9-48a9-81f8-86b520b87518.bs2io90l08kqb1od8lcg.databases.appdomain.cloud:31198/blud  
Done.
```

average_payload_mass

2534

The Average Payload Mass carried by F9 v1.1 is 2534



First Successful Ground Landing Date



```
%sql select min(date) as first_successful_landing from SPACEXDATASET where landing__outcome = 'Success (ground pad)';
```

```
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Done.
```

```
first_successful_landing
```

```
2015-12-22
```

The First Successful Ground Landing was on 2015-12-22



Successful Drone Ship Landing with Payload between 4000 and 6000

```
%sql select booster_version from SPACEXDATASET where landing__outcome = 'Success (drone ship)' and payload_mass__kg_ between 4000 and 6000;
```

```
* ibm_db_sa://wzf08322:***@0c77d6f2-5da9-48a9-81f8-86b520b87518.bs2io90l08kqb1od8lcg.databases.appdomain.cloud:31198/bludb  
Done.
```

booster_version

F9 FT B1022

F9 FT B1026

F9 FT B1021.2

F9 FT B1031.2

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

Total Number of Successful and Failure Mission Outcomes

```
%sql select mission_outcome, count(*) as total_number from SPACEXDATASET group by mission_outcome;
[10]
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Done.
...
      mission_outcome  total_number
-----
      Failure (in flight)           1
              Success             99
      Success (payload status unclear) 1
```

Displaying the total number of successful and failure mission outcomes with 1 inflight failure, 99 Success and 1 success where payload status is unclear

Boosters Carried Maximum Payload



```
%sql select booster_version from SPACEXDATASET where payload_mass__kg_ = (select max(payload_mass__kg_) from SPACEXDATASET);

* ibm_db_sa://wzf08322:***@0c77d6f2-5da9-48a9-81f8-86b520b87518.bs2io90108kqb1od8lcg.databases.appdomain.cloud:31198/bludb
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
```

Displaying the names of the booster versions which have carried the maximum payload mass. Use a subquery



2015 Launch Records

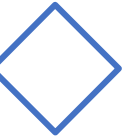
```
%%sql select monthname(date) as month, date, booster_version, launch_site, landing__outcome from SPACEXDATASET
      where landing__outcome = 'Failure (drone ship)' and year(date)=2015;
```

```
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Done.
```

| MONTH | DATE | booster_version | launch_site | landing__outcome |
|---------|------------|-----------------|-------------|----------------------|
| January | 2015-01-10 | F9 v1.1 B1012 | CCAFS LC-40 | Failure (drone ship) |
| April | 2015-04-14 | F9 v1.1 B1015 | CCAFS LC-40 | Failure (drone ship) |

Displaying the failed landing outcomes in drone ship, their booster versions, and launch site names for the in year 2015

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



```
%%sql select landing__outcome, count(*) as count_outcomes from SPACEXDATASET
where date between '2010-06-04' and '2017-03-20'
group by landing__outcome
order by count_outcomes desc;
```

[13]

... * ibm_db_sa://wzf08322:***@0c77d6f2-5da9-48a9-81f8-86b520b87518.bs2io90l08kqb1od8
Done.

...

| landing__outcome | count_outcomes |
|------------------------|----------------|
| 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 |

- Ranking 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.

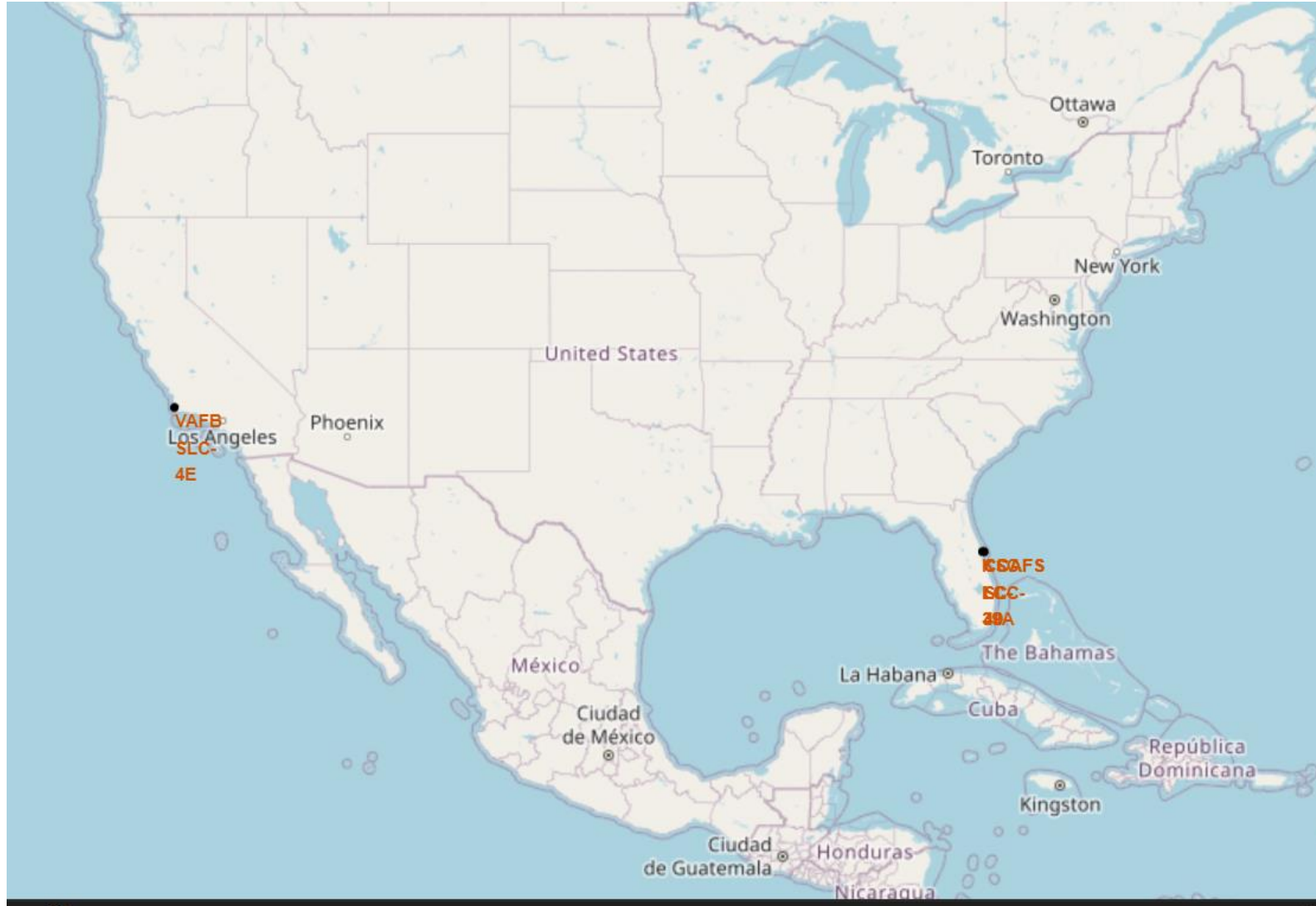


A satellite view of Earth from space, showing the curvature of the planet and city lights at night. The background is a deep blue gradient.

Section 3

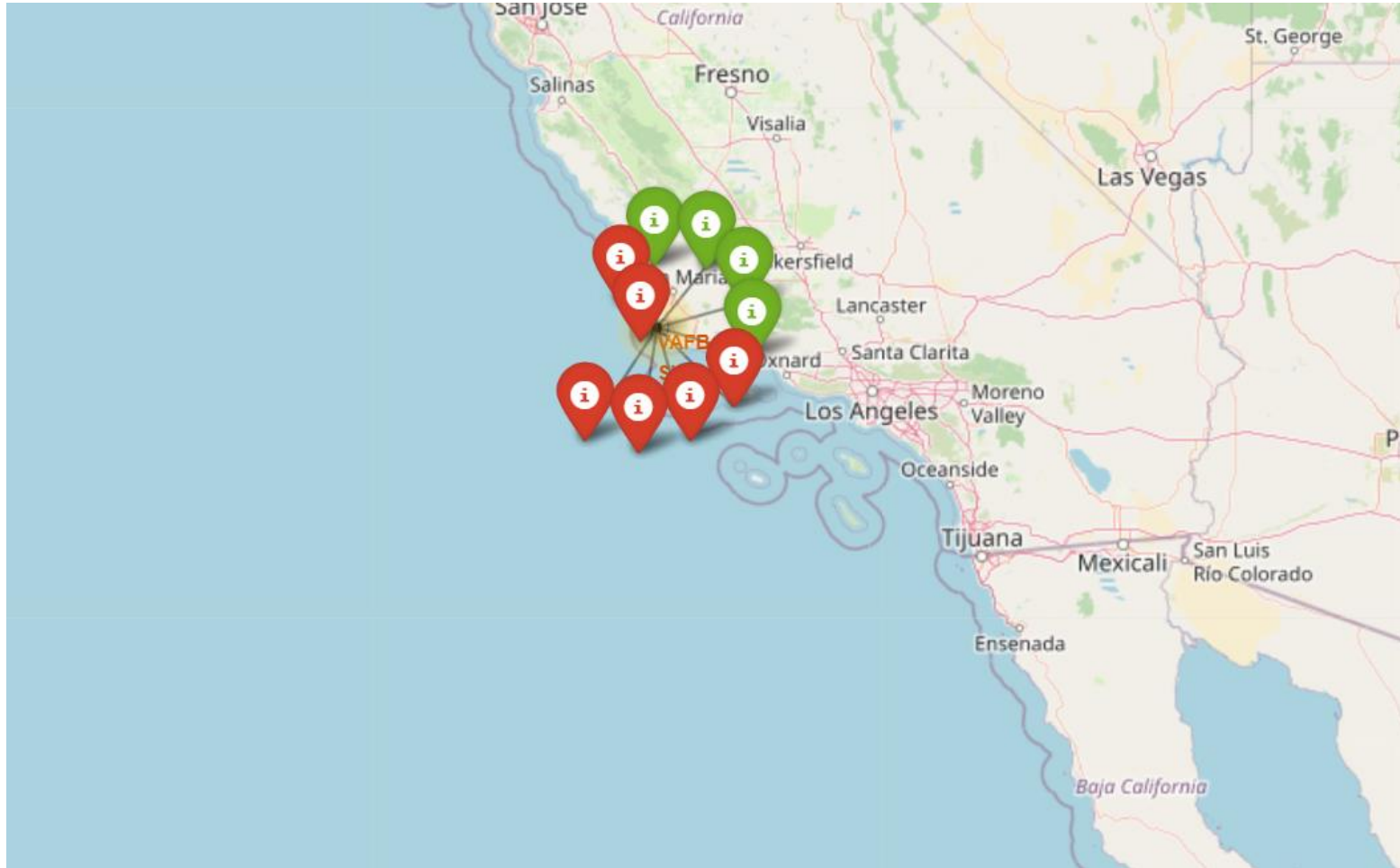
Launch Sites Proximities Analysis

Location of all Launch Sites



The Launch Sites are present in the East (Florida) and West Coast (California) of the United States of America

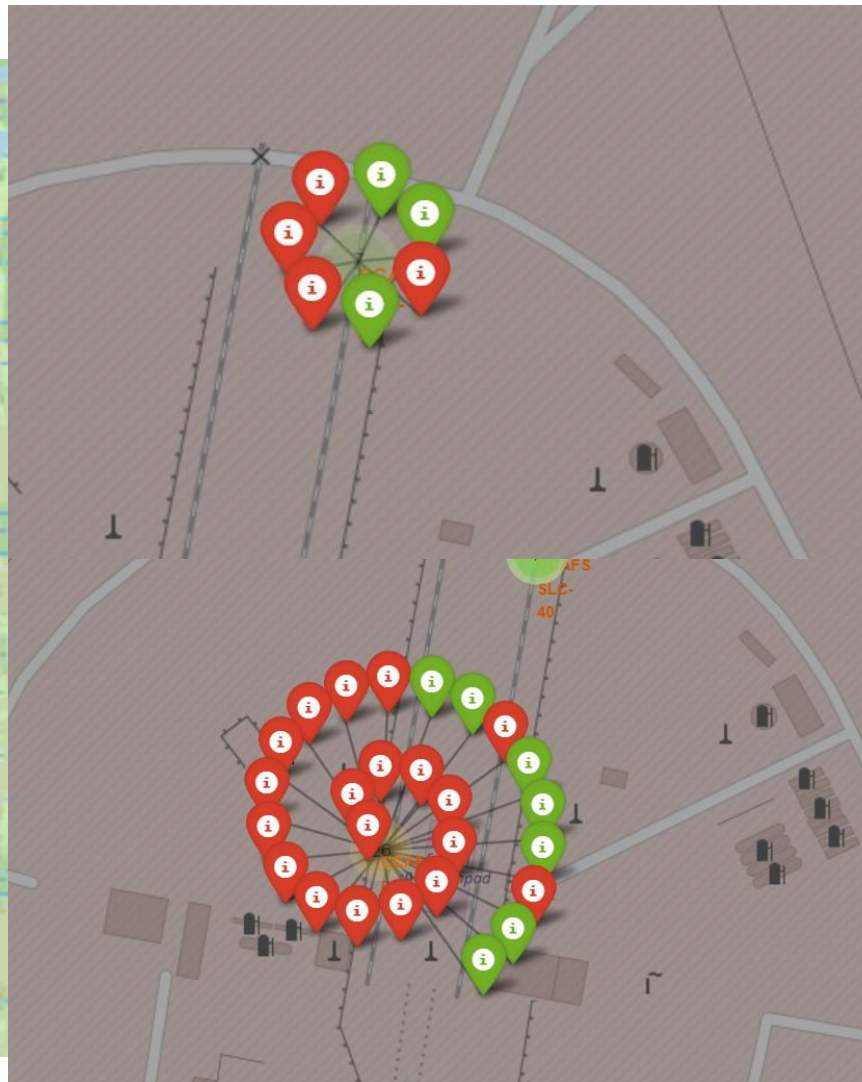
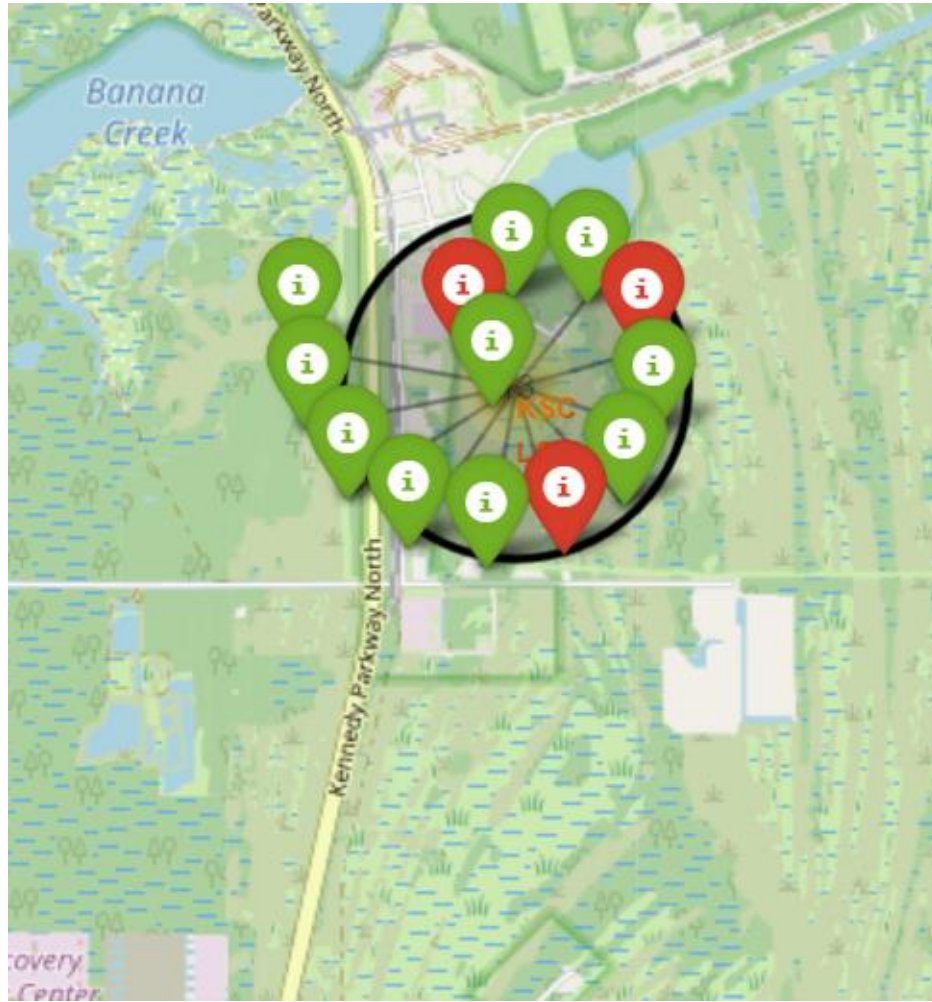
Color Labelled Launch Outcomes



West Coast Launch Outcomes

From the color-labeled markers we should be able to easily identify which launch sites have relatively high success rates.

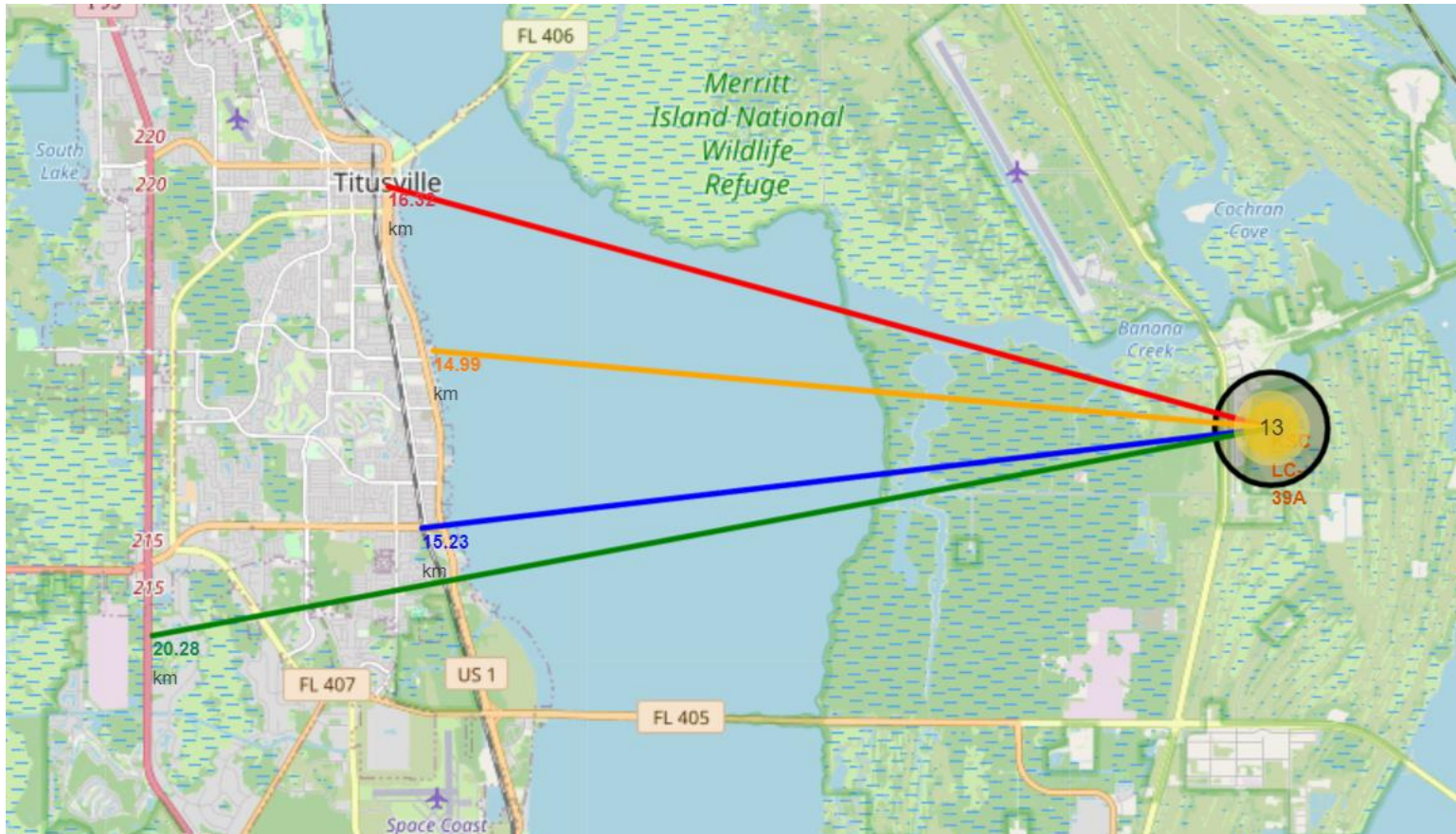
- Green Marker = Successful Launch
- Red Marker = Failed Launch



- Launch Site KSC LC-39A has a very high Success Rate

East Coast Launch Outcomes

Launch Site Distance to Landmarks



From the visual analysis of the launch site KSC LC-39A we can clearly see that it is:

- 15.23 km from the railway
- 20.28 km from the highway
- 14.99 km from the coastline
- 16.32 km from the closest city which is potentially dangerous for the city.

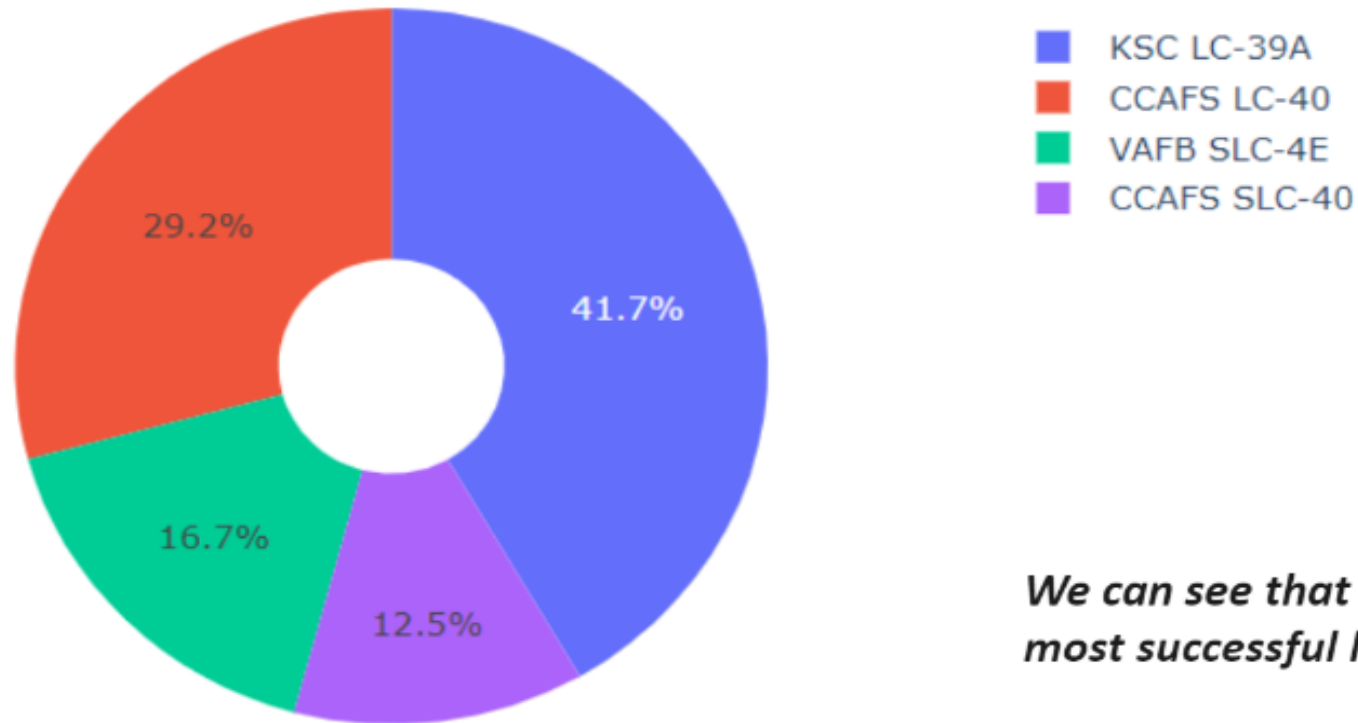


Section 4

Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

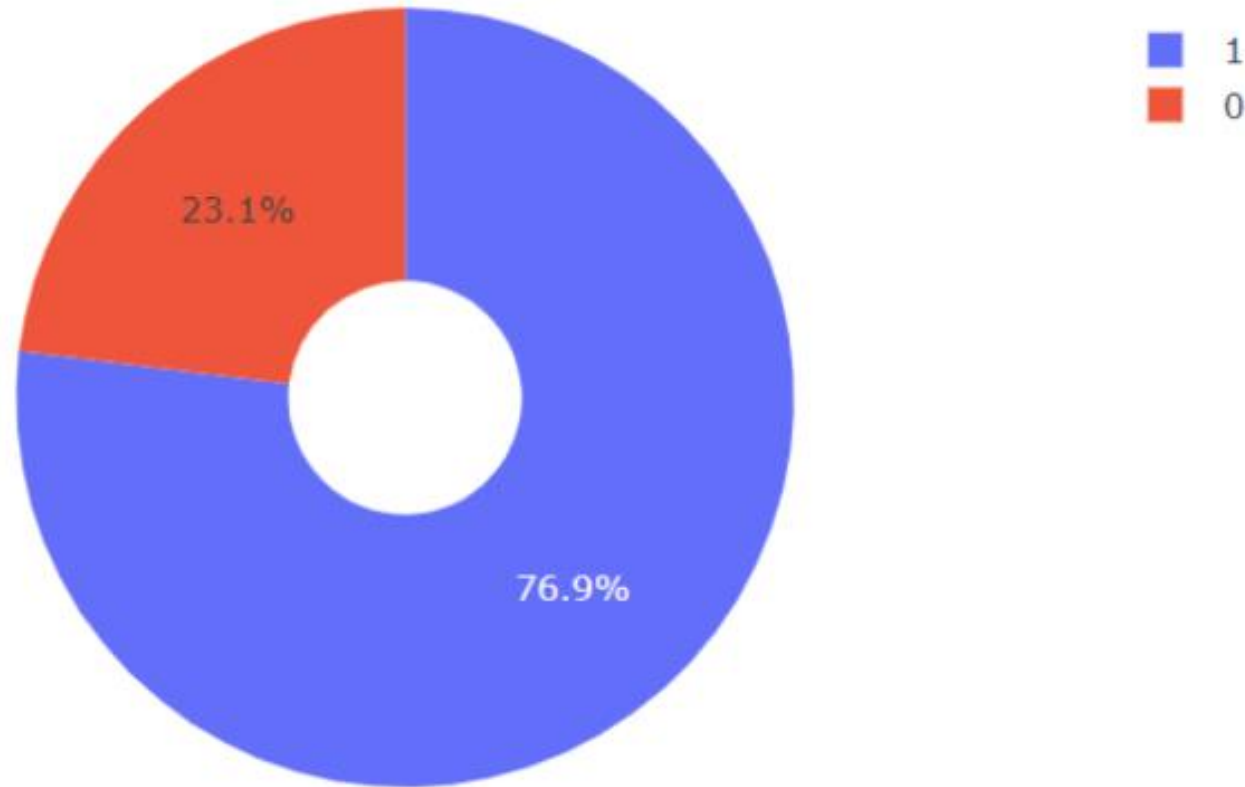
Launch Success count for each site

Total Success Launches By all sites



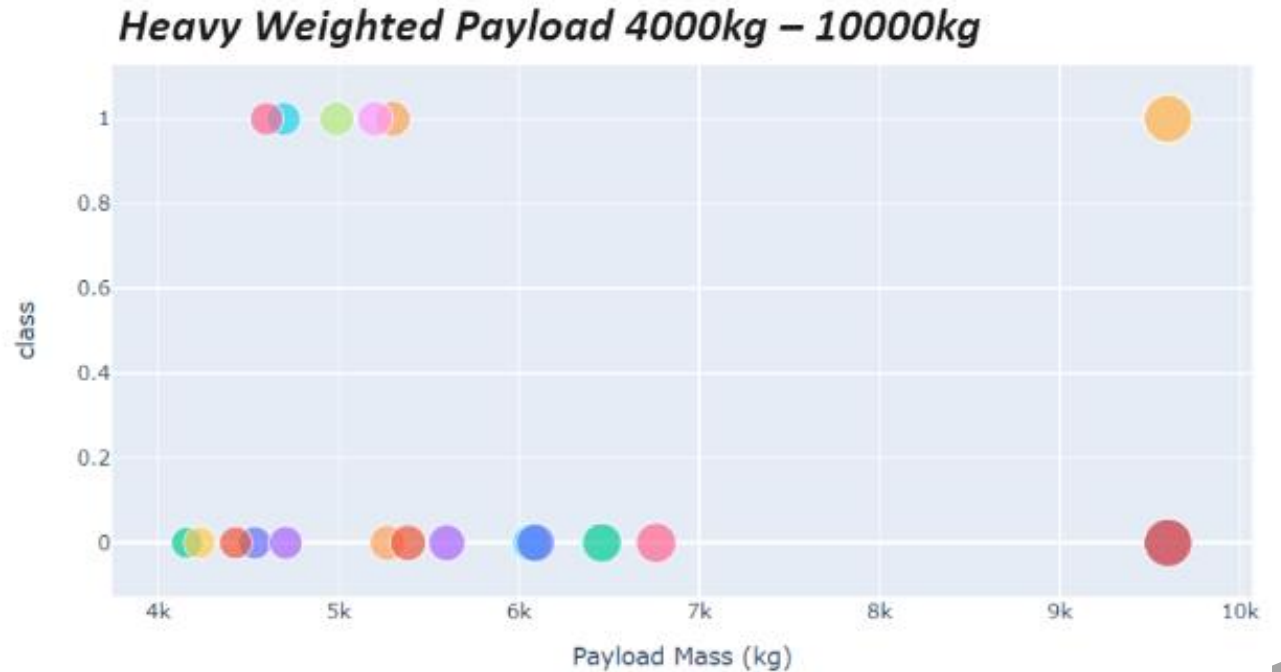
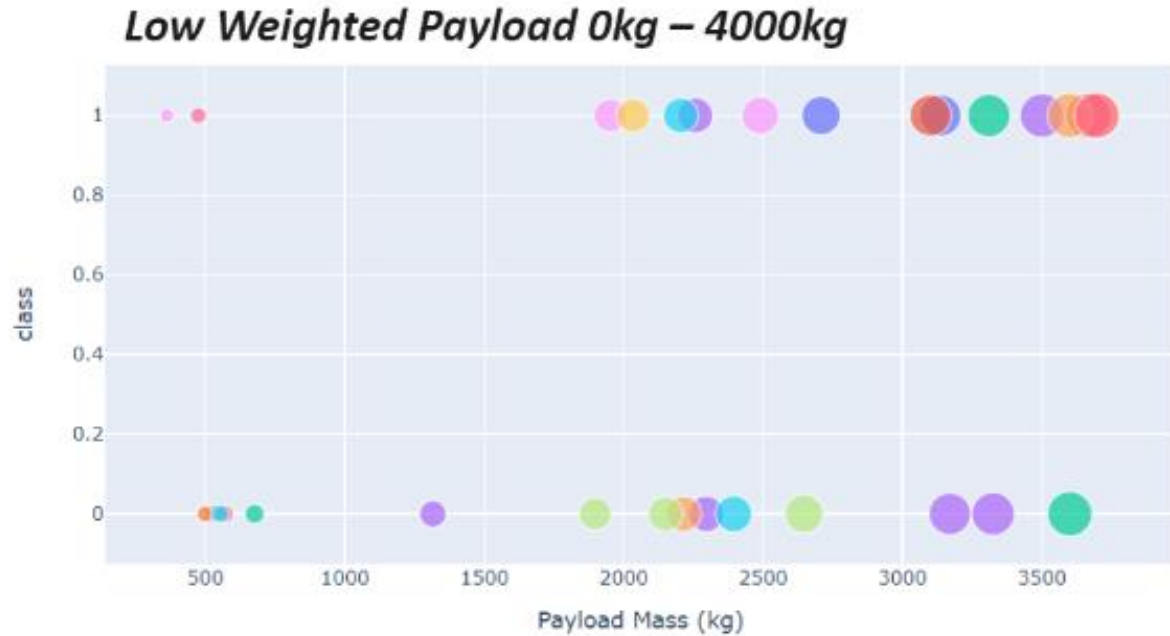
We can see that KSC LC-39A had the most successful launches from all the sites

Launch Site with Highest Success Rate



KSC LC-39A achieved a 76.9% success rate while getting a 23.1% failure rate

Payload vs. Launch Outcome scatter plot for all sites, with different payload selected in the range slider



We can see the success rates for low weighted payloads is higher than the heavy weighted payloads



Section 5

Predictive Analysis (Classification)

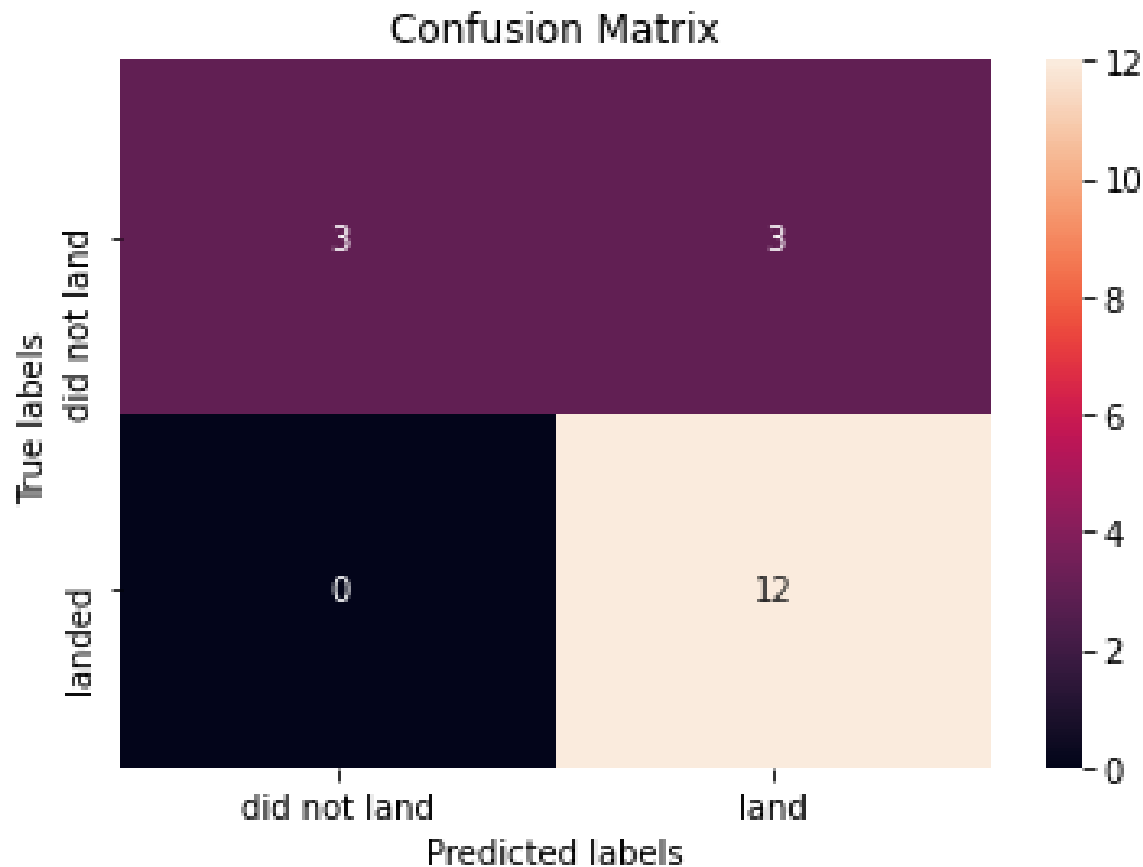
Classification Accuracy

Metrics based on Entire Dataset predictions

| | LogReg | SVM | Tree | KNN |
|---------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Jaccard_Score | 0.833333 | 0.845070 | 0.882353 | 0.819444 |
| F1_Score | 0.909091 | 0.916031 | 0.937500 | 0.900763 |
| Accuracy | 0.866667 | 0.877778 | 0.911111 | 0.855556 |

The decision tree classifier is the model with the highest classification accuracy

Confusion Matrix



- Examining the confusion matrix, we see that Decision Tree Classifier can distinguish between the different classes.
- We see that the major problem is false positives .i.e., unsuccessful landing marked as successful landing by the classifier.

Conclusions and Insights

- Most of launch sites are in proximity to the Equator line and all the sites are in very close proximity to the coast.
- Launches with a low payload mass show better results than launches with a larger payload mass.
- KSC LC-39A has a city in close proximity which may pose danger for the population.
- Launch success rate started to increase in 2013 till 2020.
- KSC LC-39A has the highest success rate of the launches from all the sites.
- Orbits ES-L1, GEO, HEO and SSO have 100% success rate.
- Decision Tree Model is the best algorithm for this dataset as it has the highest accuracy and performs well for this SpaceX data.

Appendix

- Include any relevant assets like Python code snippets, SQL queries, charts, Notebook outputs, or data sets that you may have created during this project

Thank you!

