

# Winning Space Race with Data Science

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# Outline

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# Executive Summary

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- Data gathered from the SpaceX Wikipedia page and open SpaceX API. Labels column 'class' was created to categorise successful landings. used SQL, visualisation, folium maps, and dashboards to explore the data. compiled pertinent columns for use as features. used a single hot encoding to convert all categorical variables to binary. GridSearchCV was used to determine the ideal parameters for machine learning models using standardised data. Display the accuracy rating for each model.
- Logistic Regression, Support Vector Machine, Decision Tree Classifier, and K Nearest Neighbors are the four machine learning models that were created. All gave identical results, with an average accuracy percentage of 83.33%. Successful landings were anticipated by all models. For improved model determination and accuracy, more data is required.

# Introduction

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## Background:

- Commercial Space Age is Here
- Space X has best pricing (\$62 million vs. \$165 million USD)
- Largely due to ability to recover part of rocket (Stage 1)
- Space Y wants to compete with Space X

## Problem:

- Space Y tasks us to train a machine learning model to predict successful Stage 1 recovery

Section 1

# Methodology



# Methodology

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## Executive Summary

- Data collection methodology:
  - Data from SpaceX public API and SpaceX Wikipedia page was collected.
- Perform data wrangling
  - True landings were categorized as successful
- Perform exploratory data analysis (EDA) using visualization and SQL
- Perform interactive visual analytics using Folium and Plotly Dash
- Perform predictive analysis using classification models
  - GridSearchCV was used to tune models

# Data Collection

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Data collection process involved a combination of API requests from Space X public API and web scraping data from a table in Space X's Wikipedia entry.

The next slide will show the flowchart of data collection from API and the one after will show the flowchart of data collection from webscraping.

## Space X API Data Columns:

FlightNumber, Date, BoosterVersion, PayloadMass, Orbit, LaunchSite, Outcome, Flights, GridFins, Reused, Legs, LandingPad, Block, ReusedCount, Serial, Longitude, Latitude

## Wikipedia Webscrape Data Columns:

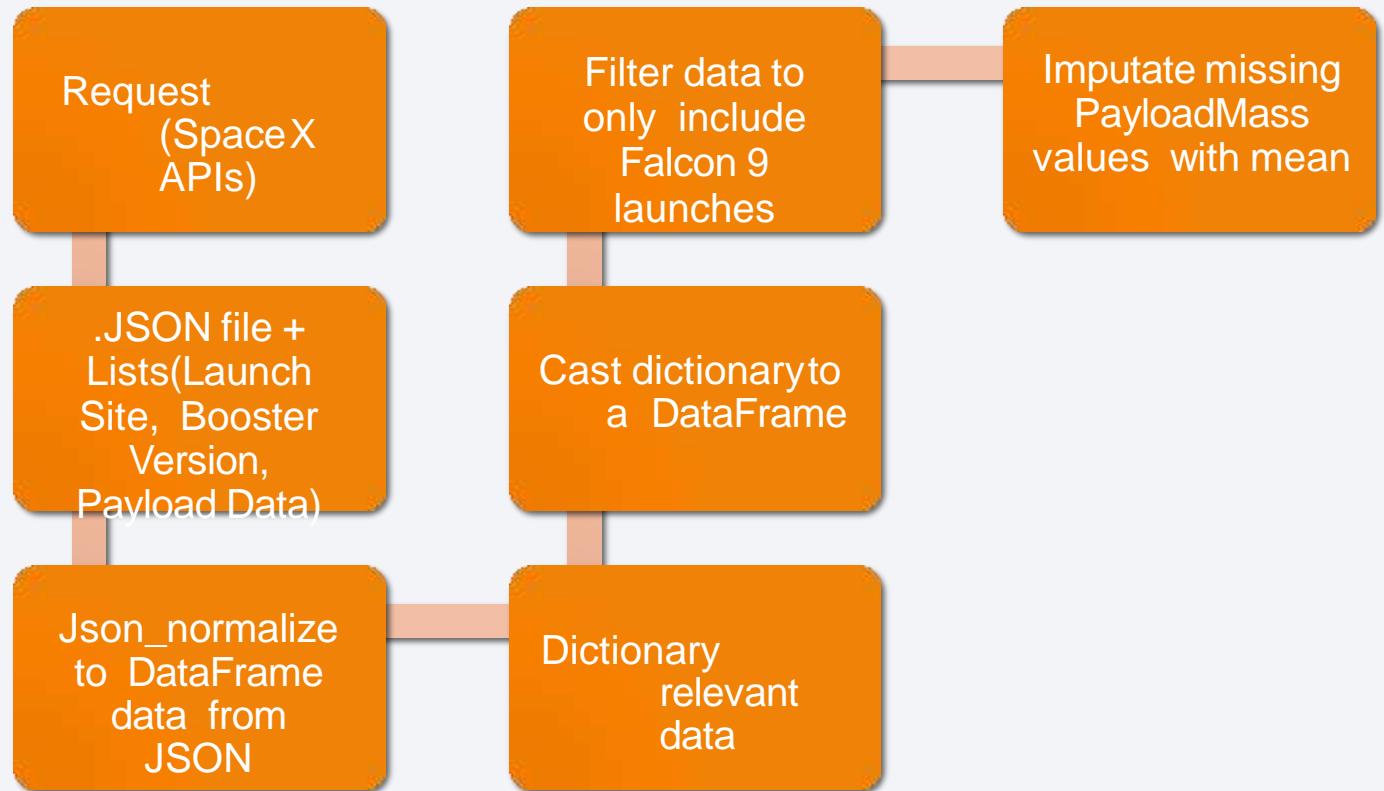
Flight No., Launch site, Payload, PayloadMass, Orbit, Customer, Launch outcome, Version Booster, Booster landing, Date, Time

# Data Collection – SpaceX API

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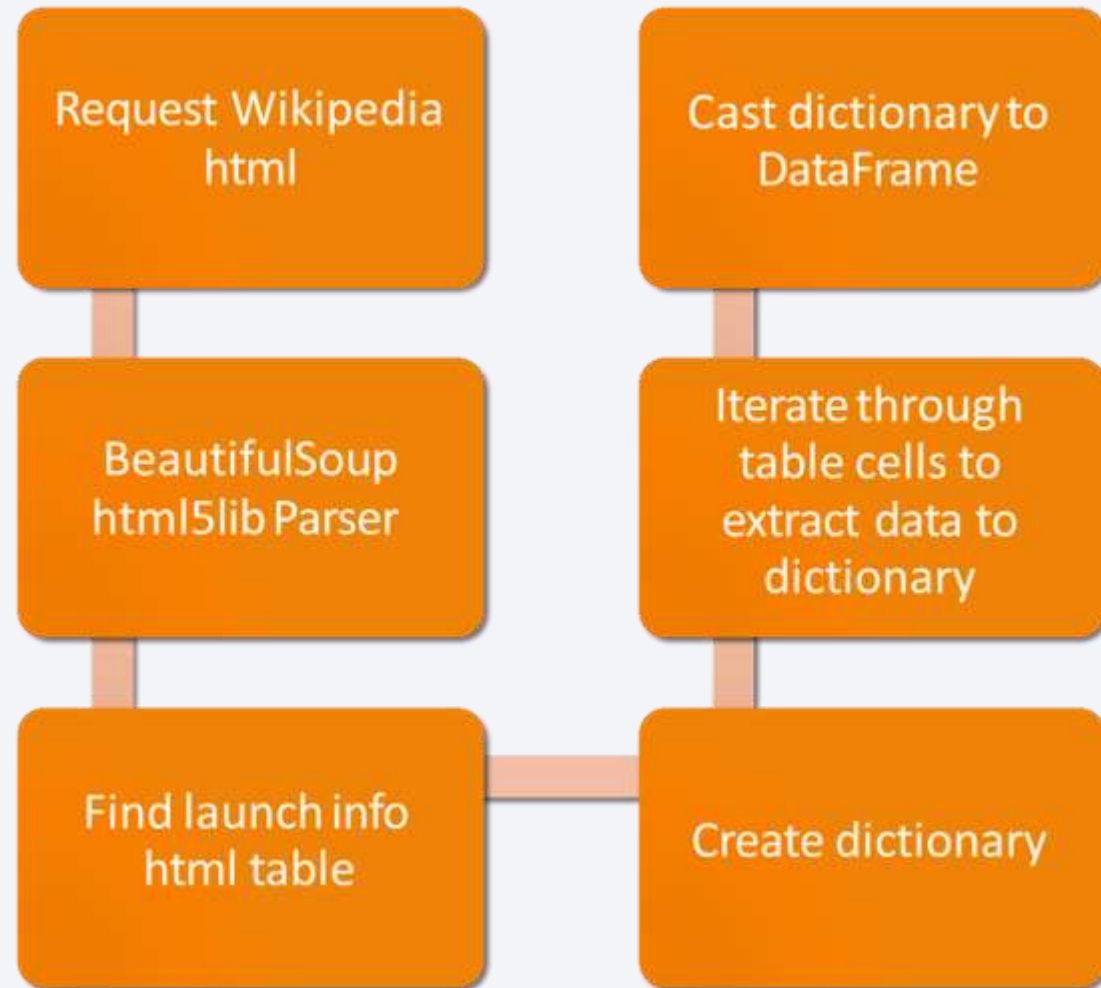


# Data Collection - Scraping

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# Data Wrangling

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Create a training label with landing outcomes where successful = 1 & failure = 0.

Outcome column has two components: 'Mission Outcome' 'Landing Location'

New training label column 'class' with a value of 1 if 'Mission Outcome' is True and 0 otherwise. Value Mapping:

True ASDS, True RTLS, & True Ocean – set to -> 1

None None, False ASDS, None ASDS, False Ocean, False RTLS – set to -> 0

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# EDA with Data Visualization

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- Exploratory Data Analysis performed on variables Flight Number, Payload Mass, Launch Site, Orbit, Class and Year.
- Plots Used:
- Flight Number vs. Payload Mass, Flight Number vs. Launch Site, Payload Mass vs. Launch Site, Orbit vs. Success Rate, Flight Number vs. Orbit, Payload vs Orbit, and Success Yearly Trend
- Scatter plots, line charts, and bar plots were used to compare relationships between variables to
- decide if a relationship exists so that they could be used in training the machine learning model
- GitHub url:

[https://github.com/NOOBMASTER3127/Capstone\\_project/blob/main/jupyter-labs-eda-dataviz.ipynb](https://github.com/NOOBMASTER3127/Capstone_project/blob/main/jupyter-labs-eda-dataviz.ipynb)

# EDA with SQL

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- Loaded data set into IBM DB2 Database.
- Queried using SQL Python integration.
- Queries were made to get a better understanding of the dataset.
- Queried information about launch site names, mission outcomes, various pay load sizes of customers and booster versions, and landing outcomes
- GitHub url:

[https://github.com/NOOBMASTER3127/Capstone\\_project/blob/main/jupyter-labs-eda-sql-coursera\\_sqlite%20\(1\).ipynb](https://github.com/NOOBMASTER3127/Capstone_project/blob/main/jupyter-labs-eda-sql-coursera_sqlite%20(1).ipynb)

# Build an Interactive Map with Folium

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- Folium maps mark Launch Sites, successful and unsuccessful landings, and a proximity example to key locations: Railway, Highway, Coast, and City.
- This allows us to understand why launch sites may be located where they are. Also visualizes successful landings relative to location.

- GitHub url:

[https://github.com/NOOBBMASTER3127/Capstone\\_project/blob/main/lab\\_jupyter\\_launch\\_site\\_location.ipynb](https://github.com/NOOBBMASTER3127/Capstone_project/blob/main/lab_jupyter_launch_site_location.ipynb)

# Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

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- Dashboard includes a pie chart and a scatter plot.
- Pie chart can be selected to show distribution of successful landings across all launch sites and can be selected to show individual launch site success rates.
- Scatter plot takes two inputs: All sites or individual site and payload mass on a slider between 0 and 10000 kg.
- The pie chart is used to visualize launch site success rate.
- The scatter plot can help us see how success varies across launch sites, payload mass, and
- booster version category.
- GitHub url:  
[https://github.com/NOOBMASTER3127/Capstone\\_project/blob/main/spacex\\_plotlydash](https://github.com/NOOBMASTER3127/Capstone_project/blob/main/spacex_plotlydash)

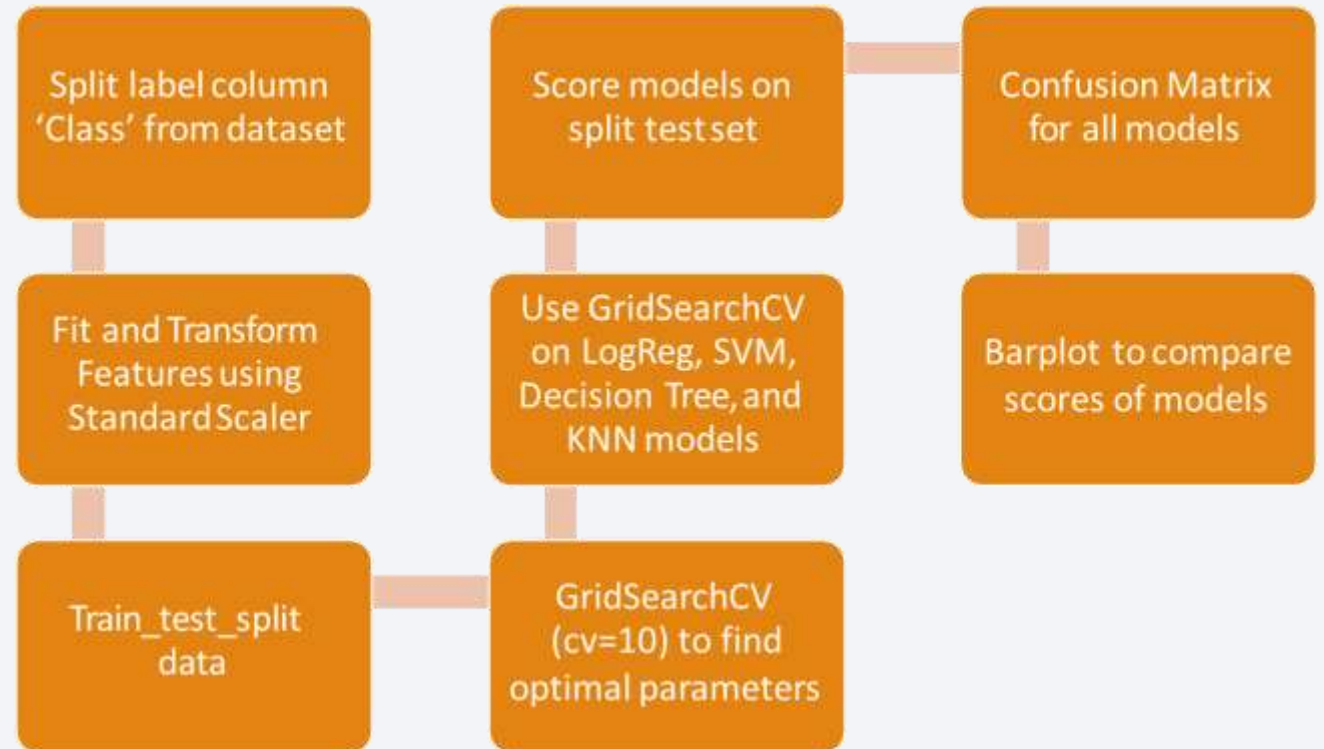


# Predictive Analysis (Classification)

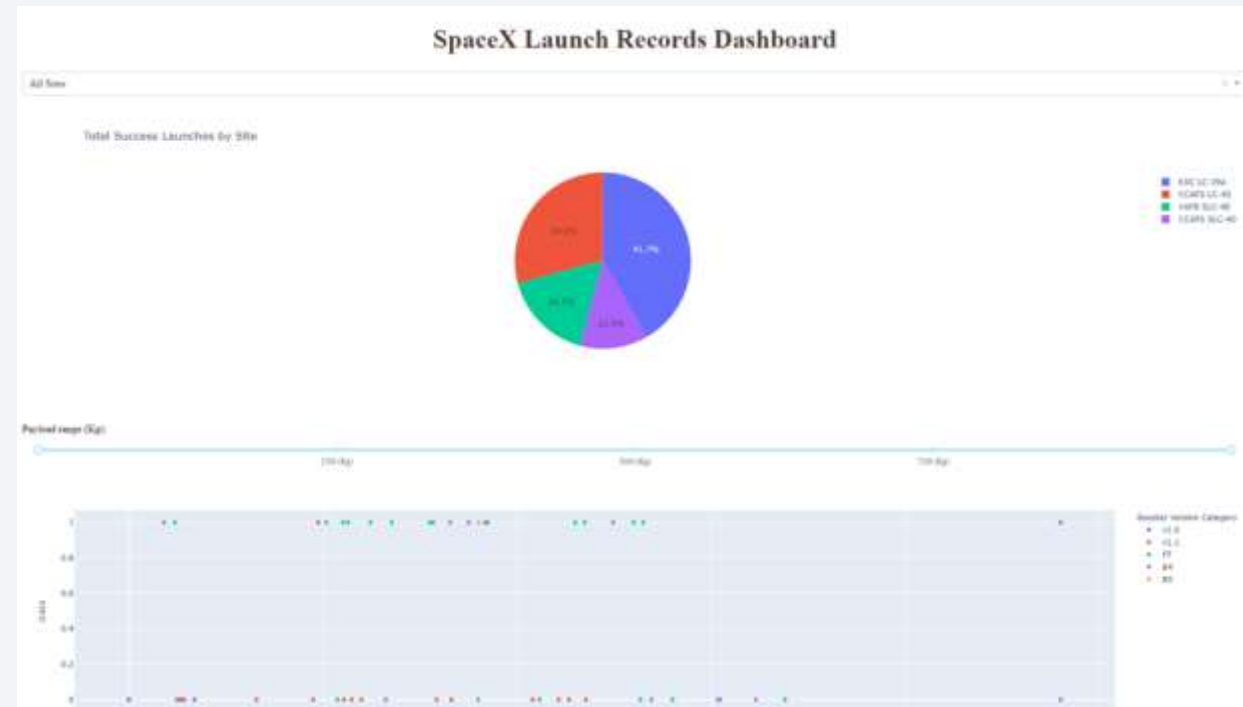
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# Results



This is a preview of the Plotly dashboard. The following slides will show the results of EDA with visualization, EDA with SQL, Interactive Map with Folium, and finally the results of our model with about 83% accuracy.

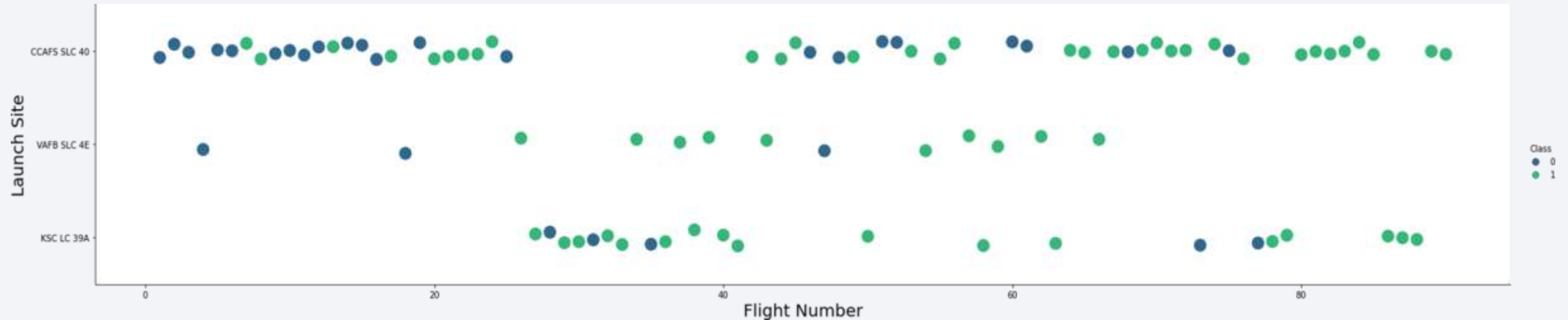


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Section 2

# Insights drawn from EDA

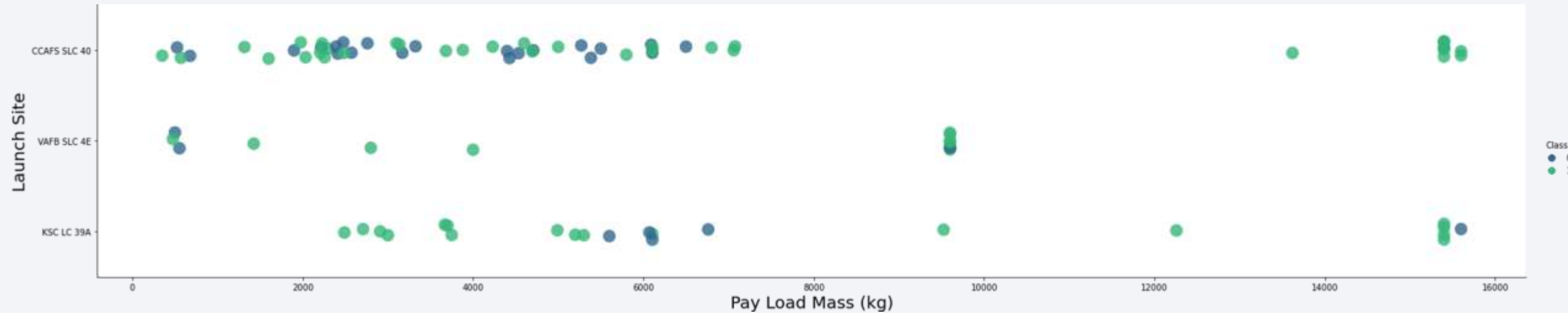
# Flight Number vs. Launch Site



- Graphic suggests an increase in success rate over time (indicated in Flight Number). Likely a big breakthrough around flight 20 which significantly increased success rate. CCAFS appears to be the main launch site as it has the most volume.

# Payload vs. Launch Site

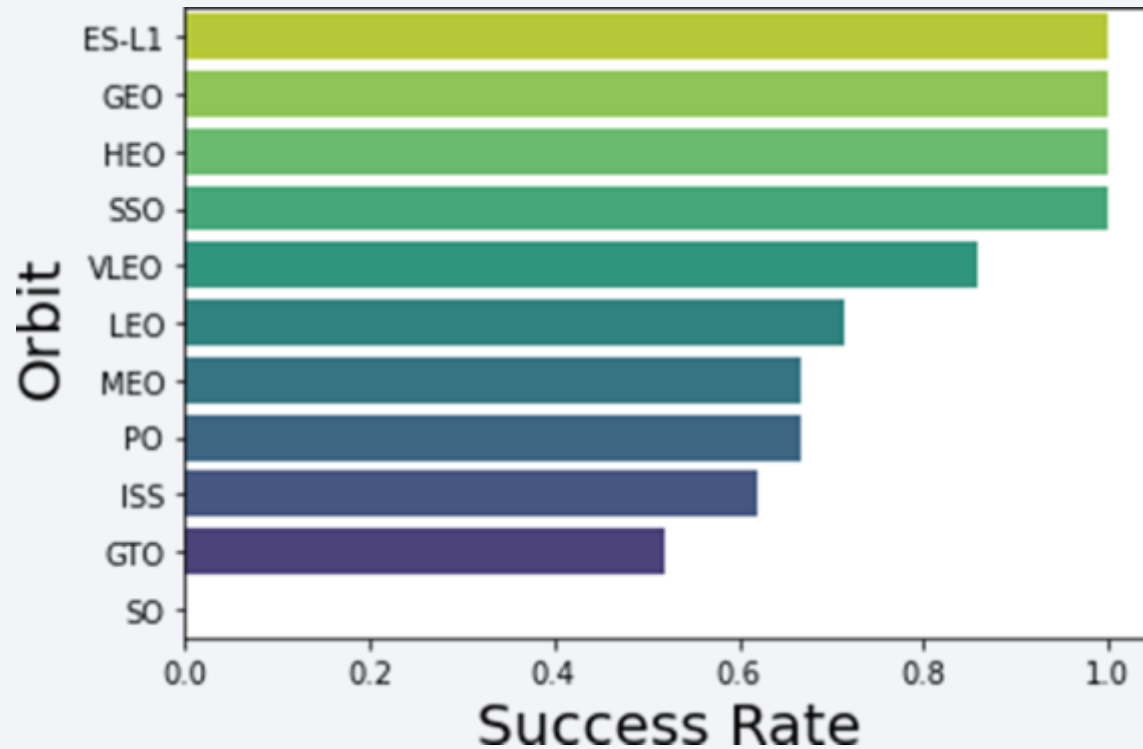
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- Payload mass appears to fall mostly between 0-6000 kg. Different launch sites also seem to use different payload mass.



# Success Rate vs. Orbit Type



ES-L1 (1), GEO (1), HEO (1) have 100% success rate (sample sizes in parenthesis) SSO (5) has 100% success rate

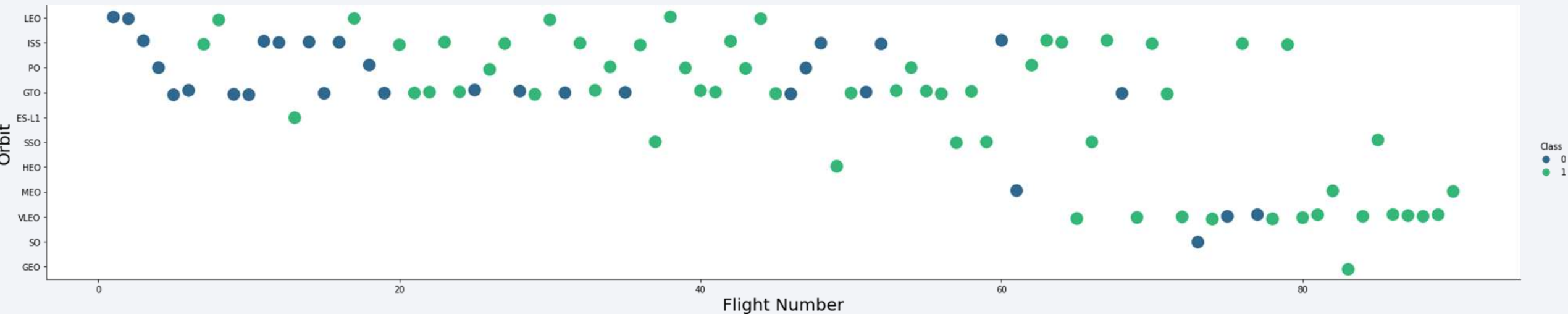
VLEO (14) has decent success rate and attempts

SO (1) has 0% success rate

GTO (27) has the around 50% success rate but largest sample

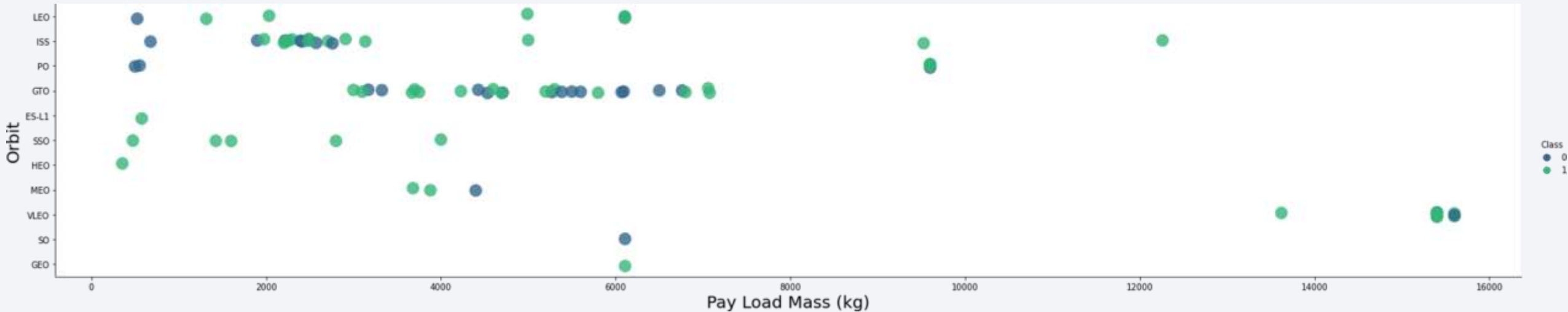


# Flight Number vs. Orbit Type



- Launch Orbit preferences changed over Flight Number. Launch Outcome seems to correlate with this preference.
- SpaceX started with LEO orbits which saw moderate success LEO and returned to VLEO in recent launches. SpaceX appears to perform better in lower orbits or Sun-synchronous orbits

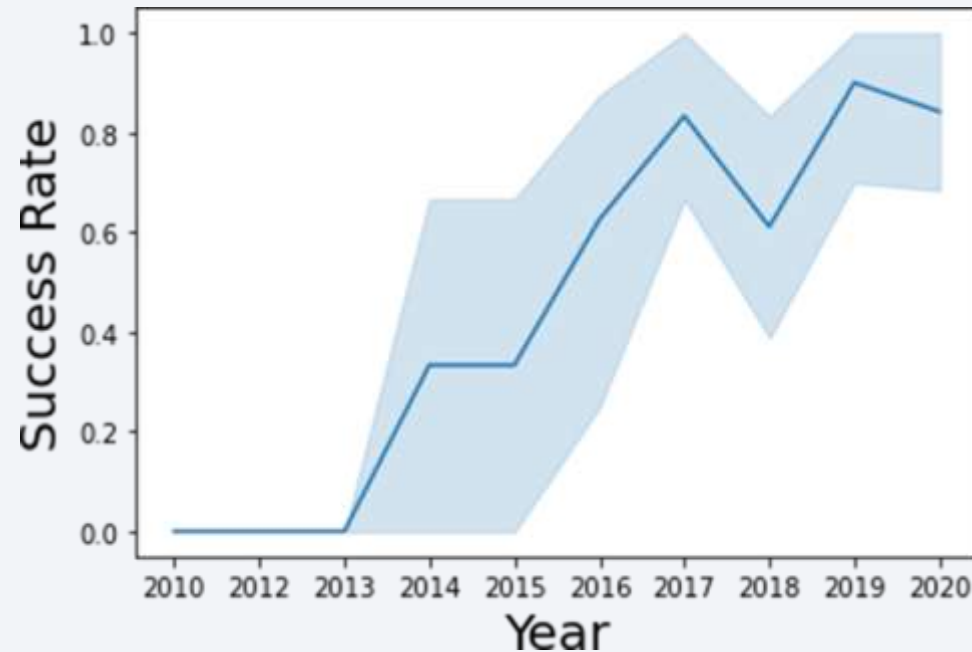
# Payload vs. Orbit Type



- Payload mass seems to correlate with orbit
- LEO and SSO seem to have relatively low payload mass
- The other most successful orbit VLEO only has payload mass values in the higher end of the range

# Launch Success Yearly Trend

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- Success generally increases over time since 2013 with a slight dip in 2018
- Success in recent years at around 80%
- 95% confidence interval is shown by light blue shading

# All Launch Site Names

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```
In [4]: %%sql
        SELECT UNIQUE LAUNCH_SITE
        FROM SPACEXDATASET;

* ibm_db_sa://ftb12020:***@0c77d6f2
Done.
```

Out[4]:

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

- Query unique launch site names from database.
- CCAFS SLC-40 and CCAFSSLC-40 likely all represent the same
- launch site with data entry errors.
- CCAFS LC-40 was the previous name. Likely only 3 unique launch\_site values: CCAFS SLC-40, KSC LC-39A, VAFB SLC-4E

# Launch Site Names Begin with 'CCA'

```
In [5]: %%sql
SELECT *
FROM SPACEXDATASET
WHERE LAUNCH_SITE LIKE 'CCA%'
LIMIT 5;
```

\* ibm\_db\_sa://ftb12020:\*\*\*@0c77d6f2-5da9-48a9-81f8-86b520b87518.bs2io90l08kqb1od8lcg.databases.appdomain.cloud:31198/bludb  
Done.

```
Out[5]:
```

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

First five entries in database with Launch Site name beginning with CCA.

# Total Payload Mass

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```
%%sql
SELECT SUM(PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_) AS SUM_PAYLOAD_MASS_KG
FROM SPACEXDATASET
WHERE CUSTOMER = 'NASA (CRS)';

* ibm_db_sa://ftb12020:***@0c77d6f2-5da9-48a9-81f8-86
Done.
```

sum_payload_mass_kg
45596

This query sums the total payload mass in kg where NASA was the customer.



# Average Payload Mass by F9 v1.1

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```
%%sql
SELECT AVG(PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_) AS AVG_PAYLOAD_MASS_KG
FROM SPACEXDATASET
WHERE booster_version = 'F9 v1.1'

* ibm_db_sa://ftb12020:***@0c77d6f2-5da9-48a9-81f8-86
Done.
```

avg_payload_mass_kg
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2928
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This query calculates the average payload mass or launches which used booster version F9 v1.1

# First Successful Ground Landing Date

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```
%%sql
SELECT MIN(DATE) AS FIRST_SUCCESS
FROM SPACEXDATASET
WHERE landing__outcome = 'Success (ground pad)';

* ibm_db_sa://ftb12020:***@0c77d6f2-5da9-48a9-81
Done.
```

- This query returns the first successful ground pad landing date.

<b>first_success</b>
2015-12-22

## Successful Drone Ship Landing with Payload between 4000 and 6000

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```
%%sql
SELECT booster_version
FROM SPACEXDATASET
WHERE landing__outcome = 'Success (drone ship)' AND payload_mass__kg_ BETWEEN 4001 AND 5999;

* ibm_db_sa://ftb12020:***@0c77d6f2-5da9-48a9-81f8-86b520b87518.bs2io90108kqb1od8lcg.database
Done.
```

booster_version
F9 FT B1022
F9 FT B1026
F9 FT B1021.2
F9 FT B1031.2

- This query returns the four booster versions that had successful drone ship landings and a payload mass between 4000 and 6000 noninclusively

# Total Number of Successful and Failure Mission Outcomes

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```
%%sql
SELECT mission_outcome, COUNT(*) AS no_outcome
FROM SPACEXDATASET
GROUP BY mission_outcome;
```

```
* ibm_db_sa://ftb12020:***@0c77d6f2-5da9-48a9-
Done.
```

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

This query returns a count of each mission outcome.

SpaceX appears to achieve its mission outcome nearly 99% of the time.

This means that most of the landing failures are intended.

Interestingly, one launch has an unclear payload status and unfortunately one failed in flight.

# Boosters Carried Maximum Payload

```
%%sql
SELECT booster_version, PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_
FROM SPACEXDATASET
WHERE PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_ = (SELECT MAX(PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_) FROM SPACEXDATASET);

* ibm_db_sa://ftb12020:***@0c77d6f2-5da9-48a9-81f8-86b520b87518.bs2io90l08kqb1
Done.
```

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

- This query returns the booster versions that carried the highest payload mass of 15600 kg.

# 2015 Launch Records

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```
%%sql
SELECT MONTHNAME(DATE) AS MONTH, landing__outcome, booster_version, PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_, launch_site
FROM SPACEXDATASET
WHERE landing__outcome = 'Failure (drone ship)' AND YEAR(DATE) = 2015;
```

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Done.
```

MONTH	landing__outcome	booster_version	payload_mass__kg_	launch_site
January	Failure (drone ship)	F9 v1.1 B1012	2395	CCAFS LC-40
April	Failure (drone ship)	F9 v1.1 B1015	1898	CCAFS LC-40

- This query returns the Month, Landing Outcome, Booster Version, Payload Mass (kg), and Launch site of 2015 launches where stage 1 failed to land on a drone ship.



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

```
%%sql
SELECT landing__outcome, COUNT(*) AS no_outcome
FROM SPACEXDATASET
WHERE landing__outcome LIKE 'Succes%' AND DATE BETWEEN '2010-06-04' AND '2017-03-20'
GROUP BY landing__outcome
ORDER BY no_outcome DESC;
```

```
* ibm_db_sa://ftb12020:***@0c77d6f2-5da9-48a9-81f8-86b520b87518.bs2io90l08kqb1od8lcg
Done.
```

landing__outcome	no_outcome
Success (drone ship)	5
Success (ground pad)	3

- This query returns a list of successful landings and between 2010-06-04 and 2017-03-20 inclusively.
- There are two types of successful landing outcomes: drone ship and ground pad landings.
- There were 8 successful landings in total during this time period

Section 3

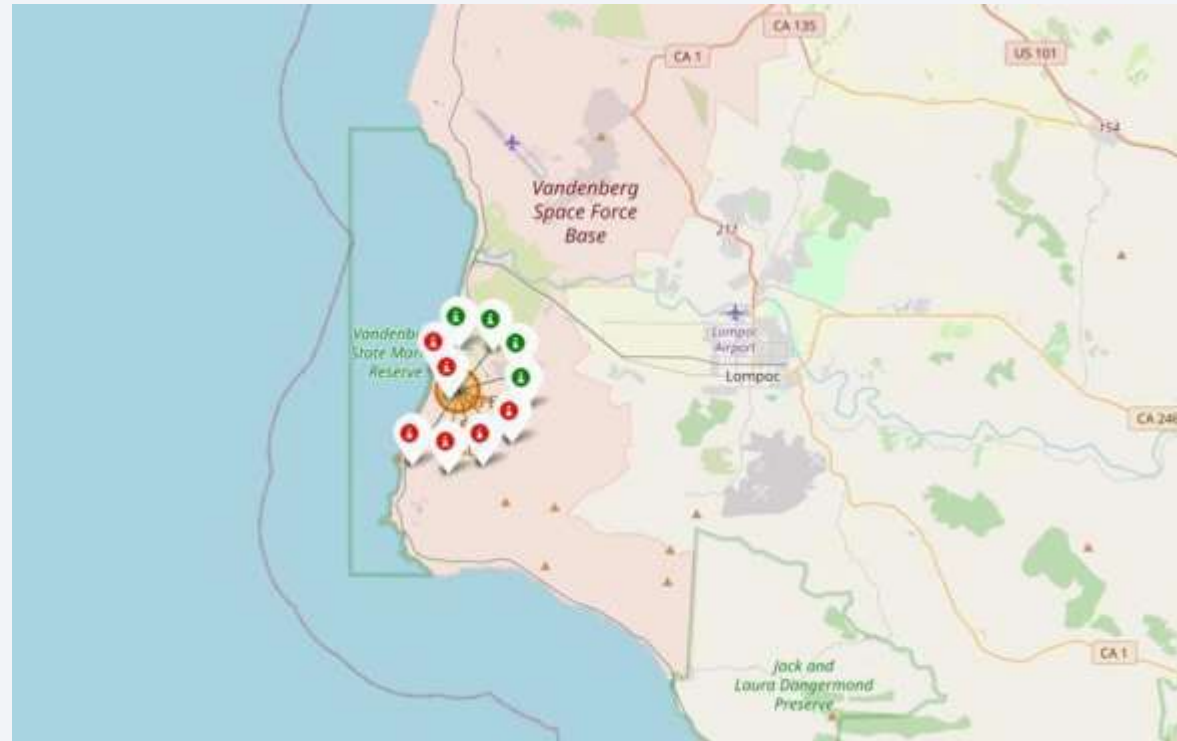
# Launch Sites Proximities Analysis





# Coloured Launch Markers

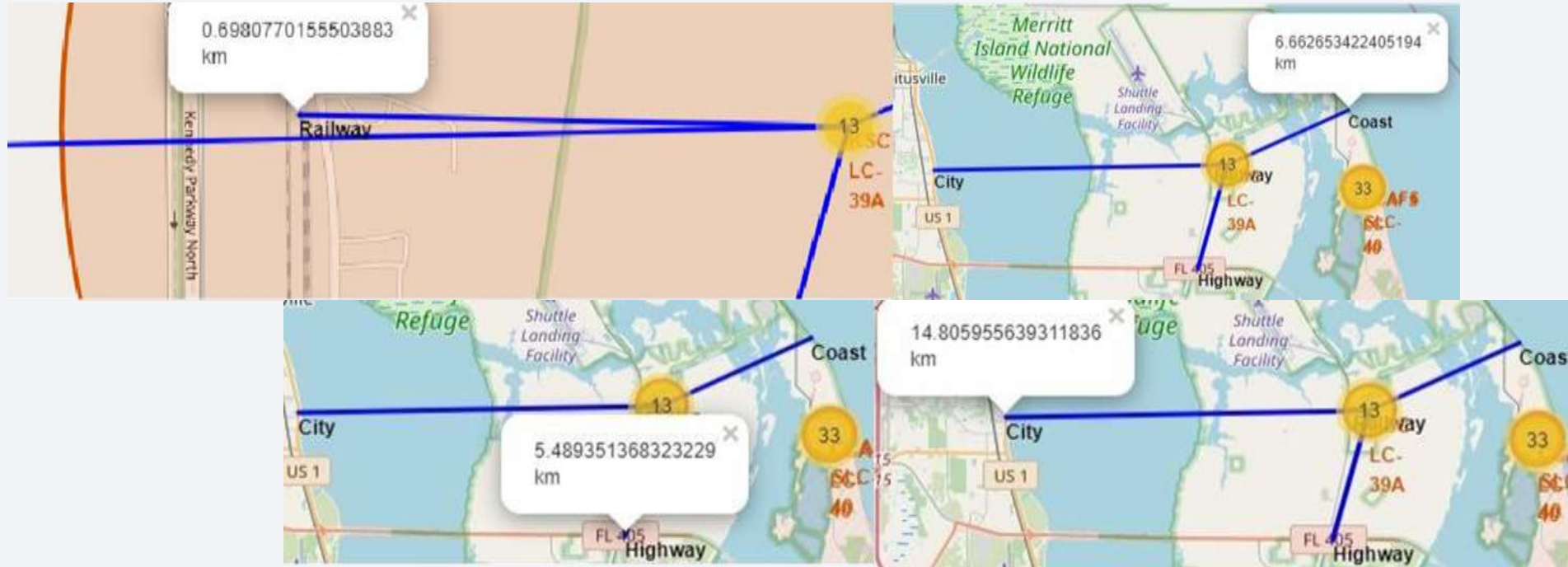
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Clusters on Folium map can be clicked on to display each successful landing (green icon) and failed landing (red icon). In this example VAFB SLC-4E shows 4 successful landings and 6 failed landings.



# Key Locations In Proximity Of Launch Site



- Using KSC LC-39A as an example, launch sites are very close to railways for large part and supply transportation. Launch sites are close to highways for human and supply transport. Launch sites are also close to coasts and relatively far from cities so that launch failures can land in the sea to avoid rockets falling on densely populated areas.

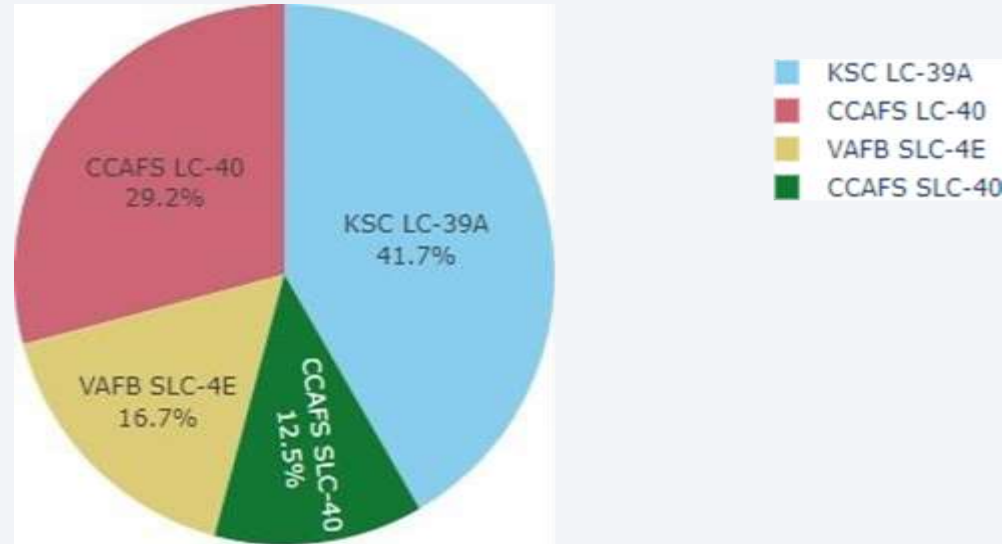


Section 4

# Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

# Successful Landings Across Launch Sites

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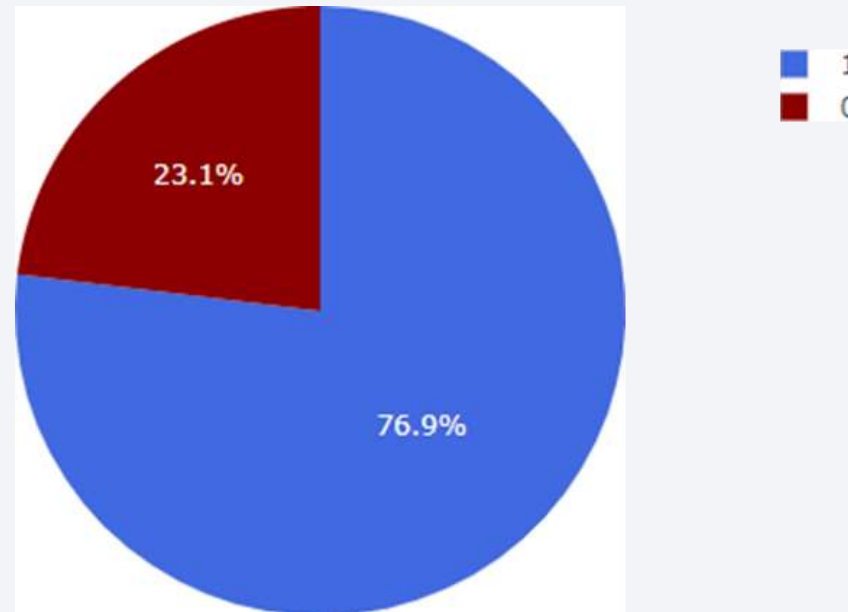
- This is the distribution of successful landings across all launch sites. CCAFS LC-40 is the old name of CCAFS SLC-40 so CCAFS and KSC have the same amount of successful landings, but a majority of the successful landings were performed before the name change. VAFB has the smallest share of successful landings. This may be due to smaller sample and increase in difficulty of launching in the west coast.



# Most Successful Launch Site

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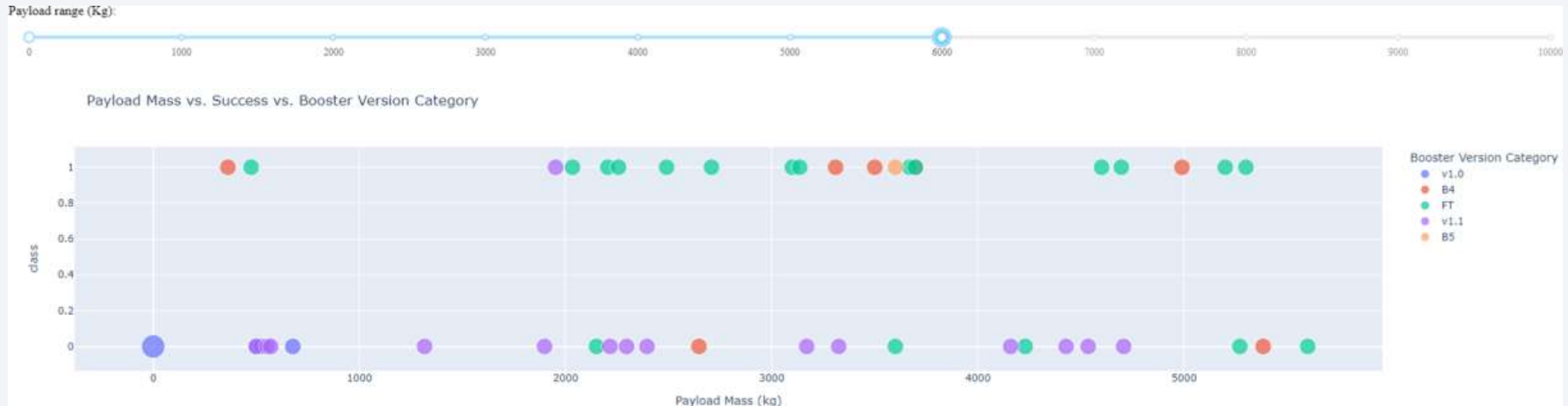
KSC LC-39A Success  
Rate



- KSC LC-39A has the highest success rate with 10 successful landings and 3 failed landings



# Payload Mass VS Success VS Booster Category



Plotly dashboard has a Payload range selector. However, this is set from 0-10000 instead of the max Payload of 15600. Class indicates 1 for successful landing and 0 for failure. Scatter plot also accounts for booster version category in color and number of launches in point size. In this particular range of 0-6000, interestingly there are two failed landings with payloads of zero kg.

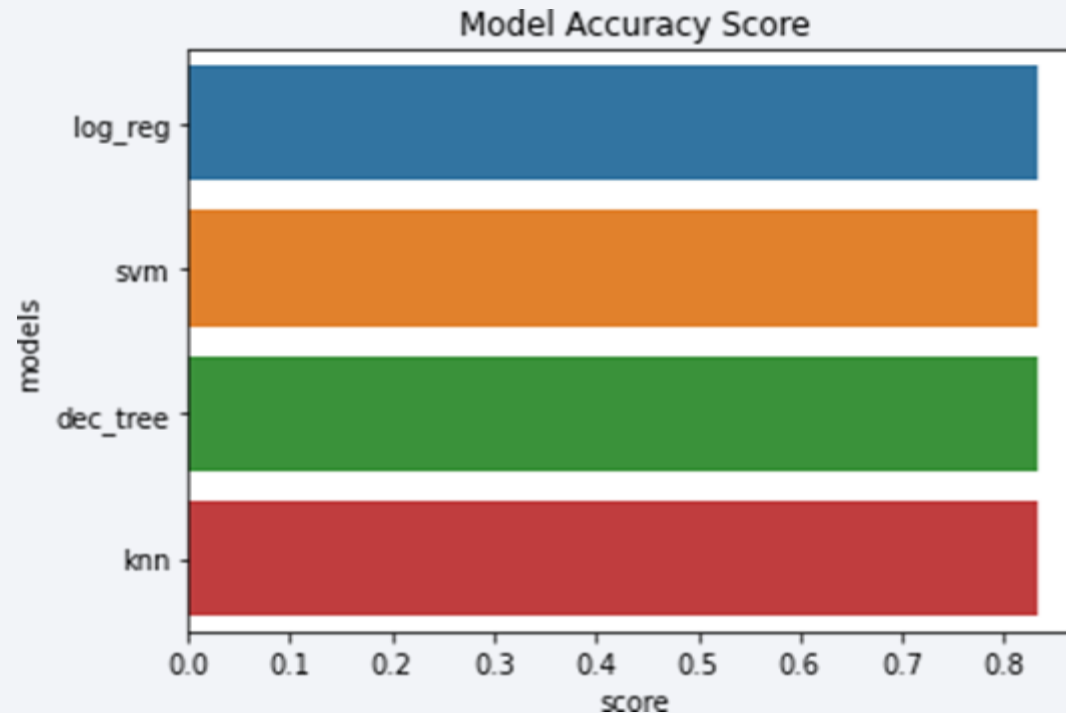


Section 5

# Predictive Analysis (Classification)

# Classification Accuracy

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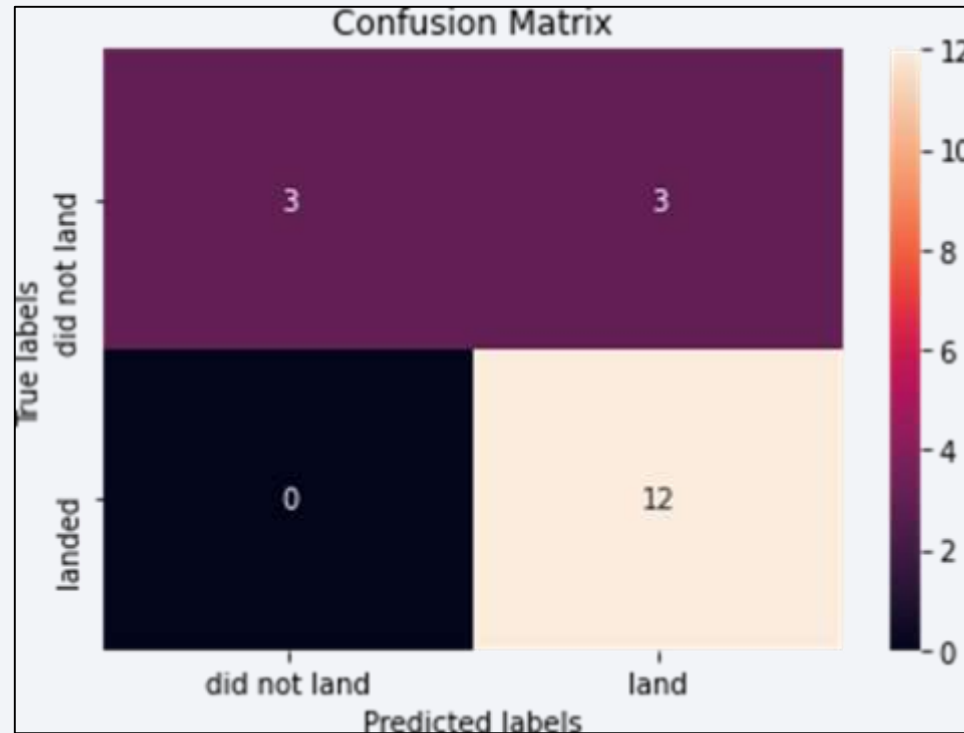
All models had virtually the same accuracy on the test set at 83.33% accuracy. It should be noted that test size is small at only sample size of 18

This can cause large variance in accuracy results, such as those in Decision Tree Classifier model in repeated runs.

We likely need more data to determine the best model.

# Confusion Matrix

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Since all models performed the same for the test set, the confusion matrix is the same across all models. The models predicted 12 successful landings when the true label was successful landing. The models predicted 3 unsuccessful landings when the true label was unsuccessful landing. The models predicted 3 successful landings when the true label was unsuccessful landings (false positives). Our models over predict successful landings.

# Conclusions

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- Our objective is to create a machine learning model for Space Y to compete against SpaceX in a bid.
- To save around \$100 million USD, the model's objective is to foresee when Stage 1 will successfully land.
- Used information from the SpaceX Wikipedia page and a public SpaceX API. DB2 SQL database was created, and data was labelled and placed there and a visualisation dashboard was made.
- Our machine learning model had an 83% accuracy rate. In order to decide whether or not to proceed with a launch, Elon Musk of SpaceY can use this model to forecast, with a fair amount of accuracy, if a launch will have a successful Stage 1 landing.
- More data should be gathered if feasible to better decide which machine learning technique is optimal.

# Appendix

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- GitHub repository url:

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Thank you!

