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# Winning Space Race with Data Science

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# Executive Summary

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# Introduction

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- Project background and context

Space X's Falcon 9 rocket costs approximately 62 million dollar to launch, while other providers cost upwards of 165 million dollars, most of these savings are due to Space X's ability to reuse the first stage. If we can determine the probability of the first stage landing, we can determine the cost of a launch. This information can be used if an alternate company wants to bid against Space X for a rocket launch. The goal of this project is to create a machine learning pipeline to predict if the first stage will land successfully.

- Problems you want to find answers

- What factors determine if the rocket will land successfully?
- The interaction amongst various features that determine the success rate of a successful landing.
- What operating condition needs to be in place to ensure a successful landing program?



Section 1

# Methodology

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## Executive Summary

- Data collection methodology:
  - Data was collected using the SpaceX API and web scraping from Wikipedia
- Perform data wrangling
  - One-hot encoding was applied to categorical features
- 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

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- Data was obtained through various methods
  - Data collection was done using get requests to the SpaceX API
  - Next, we decoded the response content as Json using `.json()` function call and turning it into a pandas using `.json_normalize()`.
  - We then cleaned the data, checking for missing values and filling in missing values where necessary.
  - Web scraping was performed using Wikipedia for Falcon 9 launch record with BeautifulSoup.
  - The objective was to extract the launch records as a HTML table, parse the table and convert it to a pandas dataframe for future analysis.

# Data Collection – SpaceX API

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- We used the get request to the SpaceX API to collect data, clean the requested data and did some basic data wrangling and formatting.
- <https://github.com/Pyrogenesis444/Data-Science-Capstone-SpaceX/blob/main/Data%20Collection%20API.ipynb>

1. Get request for rocket launch data using API

```
In [6]: spacex_url="https://api.spacexdata.com/v4/launches/past"
```

```
In [7]: response = requests.get(spacex_url)
```

2. Use json\_normalize method to convert json result to dataframe

```
In [12]: # Use json_normalize method to convert the json result into a dataframe  
# decode response content as json  
static_json_df = res.json()
```

```
In [13]: # apply json_normalize  
data = pd.json_normalize(static_json_df)
```

3. We then performed data cleaning and filling in the missing values

```
In [30]: rows = data_falcon9['PayloadMass'].values.tolist()[0]  
  
df_rows = pd.DataFrame(rows)  
df_rows = df_rows.replace(np.nan, PayloadMass)  
  
data_falcon9['PayloadMass'][0] = df_rows.values  
data_falcon9
```



# Data Collection - Scraping

- We applied web scraping to Falcon 9 launch record using BeautifulSoup
- We parsed the table and converted it into a pandas dataframe
- <https://github.com/PyroGenesis4444/Data-Science-Capstone-SpaceX/blob/main/Data%20Collection%20with%20Web%20Scraping%20Lab.ipynb>

```
1. Apply HTTP Get method to request the Falcon 9 rocket launch page

In [4]: static_url = "https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=List_of_Falcon_9_and_Falcon_Heavy_launches&oldid=1027686922"

In [5]: # use requests.get() method with the provided static_url
        # assign the response to a object
        html_data = requests.get(static_url)
        html_data.status_code

Out[5]: 200

2. Create a BeautifulSoup object from the HTML response

In [6]: # Use BeautifulSoup() to create a BeautifulSoup object from a response text content
        soup = BeautifulSoup(html_data.text, 'html.parser')

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

In [7]: # Use soup.title attribute
        soup.title

Out[7]: <title>List of Falcon 9 and Falcon Heavy launches - Wikipedia</title>

3. Extract all column names from the HTML table header

In [10]: column_names = []

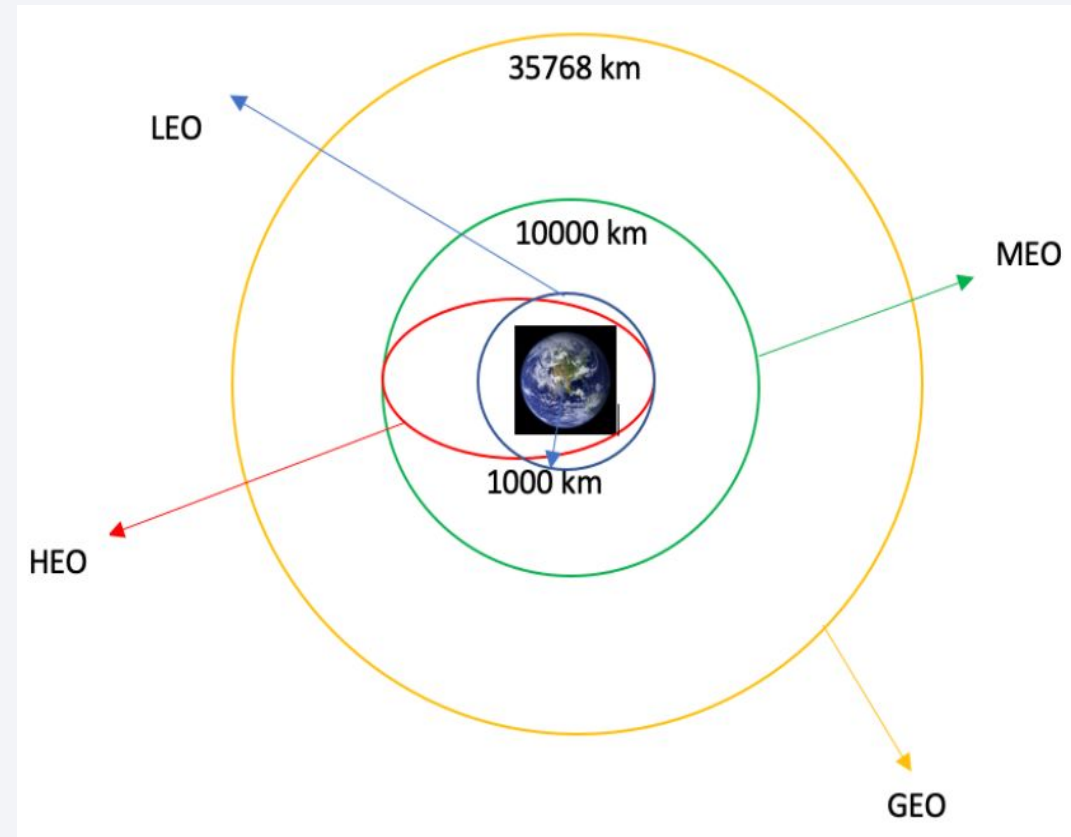
        # Apply find_all() function with 'th' element on first_launch_table
        # Iterate each th element and apply the provided extract_column_from_header() to get a column name
        # Append the Non-empty column name ('if name is not None and len(name) > 0') into a list called column_names

        element = soup.find_all('th')
        for row in range(len(element)):
            try:
                name = extract_column_from_header(element[row])
                if (name is not None and len(name) > 0):
                    column_names.append(name)
            except:
                pass

4. Create a dataframe by parsing the launch HTML tables
5. Export data to csv
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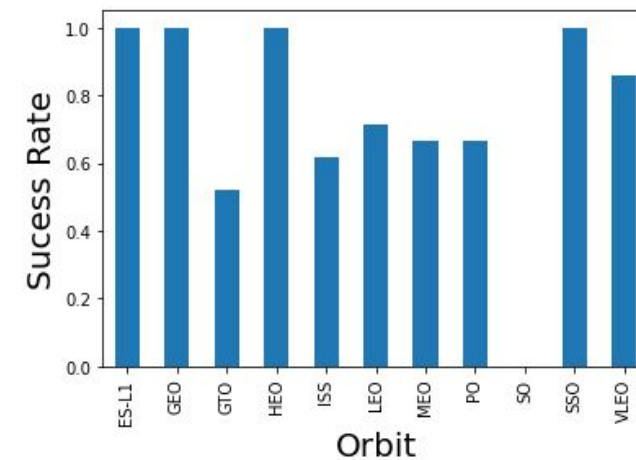
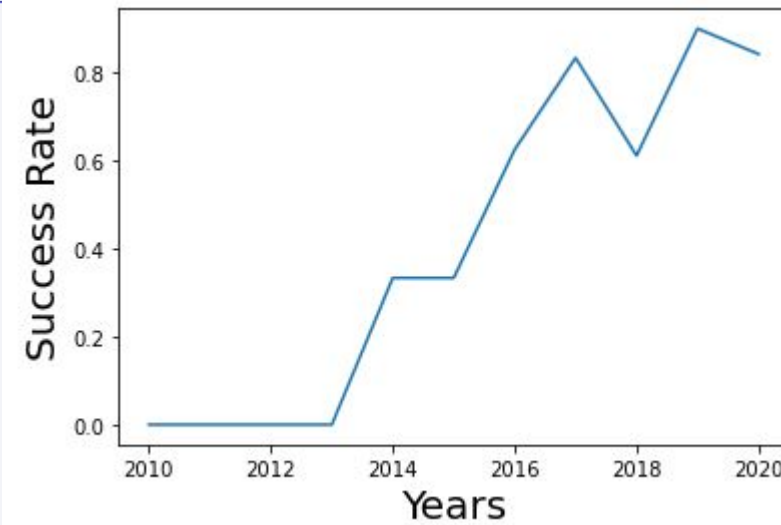
# Data Wrangling

- We performed exploratory data analysis and determined the training labels
- We calculated the number of launcher at each site, and the number of and occurrence of each orbits
- We created a landing outcome label from the outcome column and exported the results to a csv
- <https://github.com/Pyrogenesis444/Data-Science-Capstone-SpaceX/blob/main/EDA%20Lab.ipynb>



# EDA with Data Visualization

- We explored the data by visualizing the relationship between flight number and launch site, payload and launch site, success rate of each orbit type, flight number and orbit type, and the launch success yearly trend.
- [https://github.com/Pyrogenesis4444/Data-Science-Capstone-SpaceX/blob/main/jupyter-labs-eda-dataviz\(1\).ipynb](https://github.com/Pyrogenesis4444/Data-Science-Capstone-SpaceX/blob/main/jupyter-labs-eda-dataviz(1).ipynb)



# EDA with SQL

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- We loaded the SpaceX dataset into a PostgreSQL database without leaving Jupyter Notebook.
- We applied EDA with SQL to gain insight from the data, We wrote queries to find out for instance:
  - The names of unique launch sites in the space mission
  - The total payload mass carried by boosters launched by NASA(CRS)
  - The average payload mass carried by the booster version F9 v1.1
  - The total number of successful and failure mission outcomes
  - The failed landing outcomes in drone ship, their booster version and launch site names.
- <https://github.com/Pyrogenesis4444/Data-Science-Capstone-SpaceX/blob/main/jupyter-labs-eda-sql-coursera.ipynb>

# Build an Interactive Map with Folium

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- We marked all launch sites, and added map objects such as markers, circles, lines marking the success and failure of launcher for each site on the folium map
- We assigned the feature launch outcomes(failure or success) to classes 0 and 1, 0 for failure and 1 for success
- Using the color-labeled marker clusters, we identified which launch sites have relatively high success rate
- We calculated the distances between a launch site to its proximities. We answered some question for instance:
  - Are launch sites near railways. highways and coastlines.
  - Do launch sites keep certain distance away from cities.
- [https://github.com/Pyrogenesis4444/Data-Science-Capstone-SpaceX/blob/main/lab\\_jupyter\\_launch\\_site\\_location.ipynb](https://github.com/Pyrogenesis4444/Data-Science-Capstone-SpaceX/blob/main/lab_jupyter_launch_site_location.ipynb)



# Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

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- We built an interactive dashboard using Plotly Dash
- We plotted pie charts showing the total launches by certain sites
- We plotted a scatter graph showing the relationship with Outcome and Payload Mass for the differing booster versions.
- [https://github.com/Pyrogenesis4444/Data-Science-Capstone-SpaceX/blob/main/spacex\\_dash\\_app.py.py](https://github.com/Pyrogenesis4444/Data-Science-Capstone-SpaceX/blob/main/spacex_dash_app.py.py)

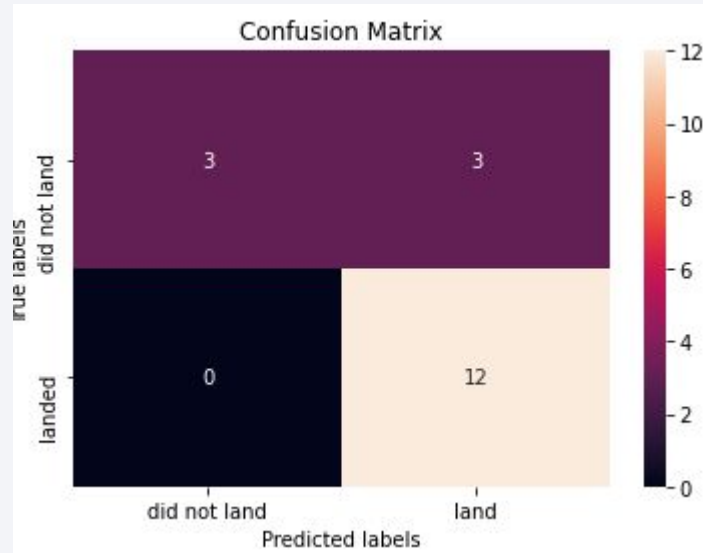
# Predictive Analysis (Classification)

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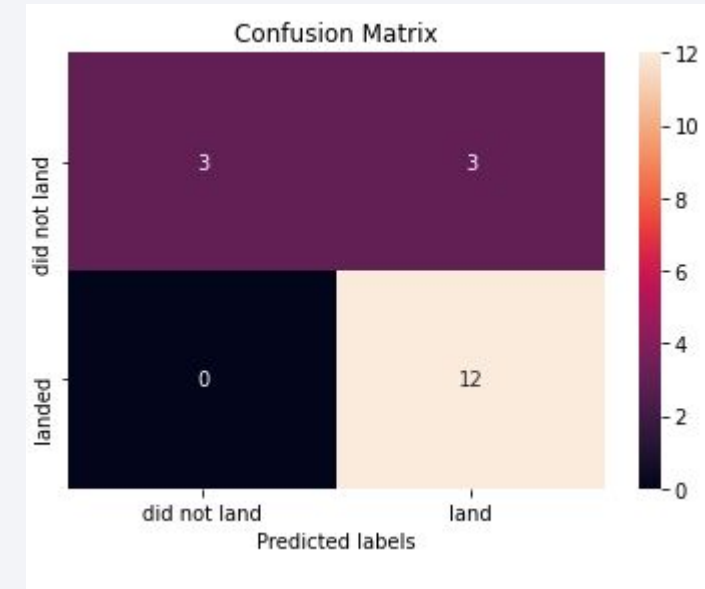
- We loaded the data using numpy and pandas, transformed the data, split out data into training and testing.
- We built different machine learning models and tune different hyperparameters using GridSearchCV.
- We used accuracy as the metric for our model, and further improved the model using feature engineering and algorithm tuning.
- Finally, we found the best performing classification model.
- You need present your model development process using key phrases and flowchart
- [https://github.com/Pyrogenesis4444/Data-Science-Capstone-SpaceX/blob/main/SpaceX\\_Machine%20Learning%20Prediction\\_Part\\_5\(1\).ipynb](https://github.com/Pyrogenesis4444/Data-Science-Capstone-SpaceX/blob/main/SpaceX_Machine%20Learning%20Prediction_Part_5(1).ipynb)

# Results

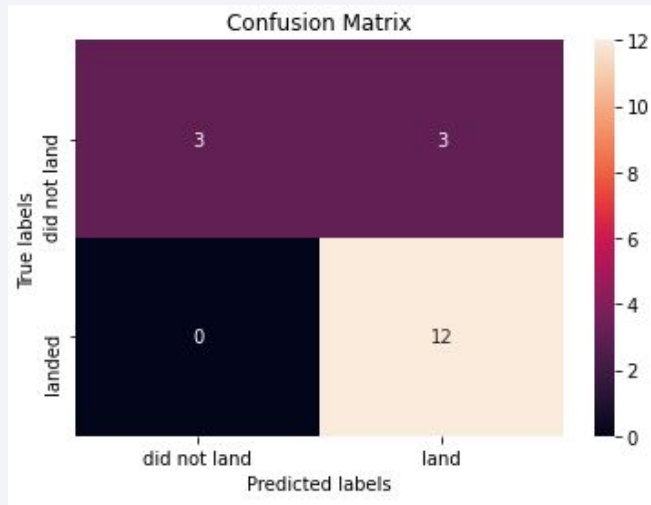
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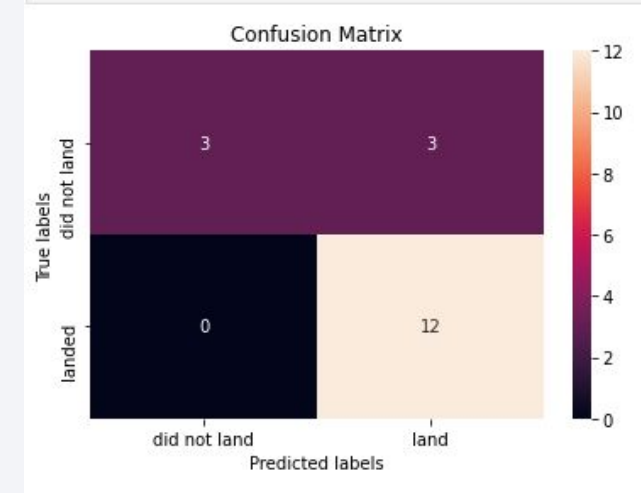
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The background of the slide is an abstract composition. It features a solid blue area on the left side, which transitions into a dynamic pattern of diagonal streaks in shades of blue and red on the right. These streaks are layered over a fine, light-colored grid, creating a sense of depth and movement, reminiscent of a digital or data visualization theme.

Section 2

# Insights drawn from EDA



# Flight Number vs. Launch Site

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- From the plot we, found that with more flights at a launch site, the higher the success rate at said site.

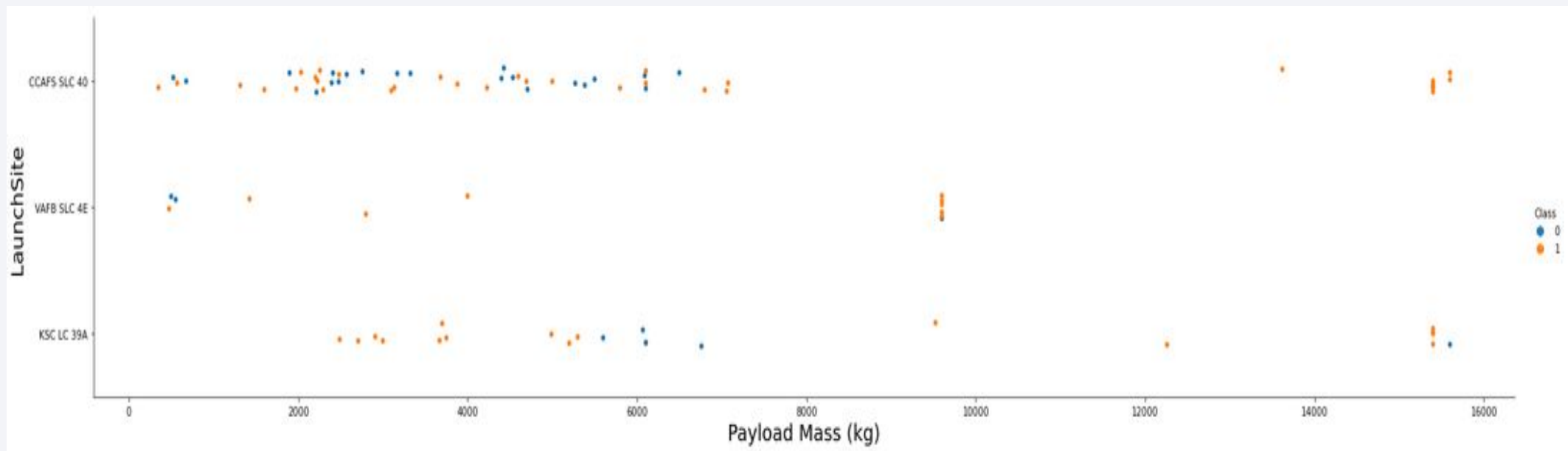




# Payload vs. Launch Site

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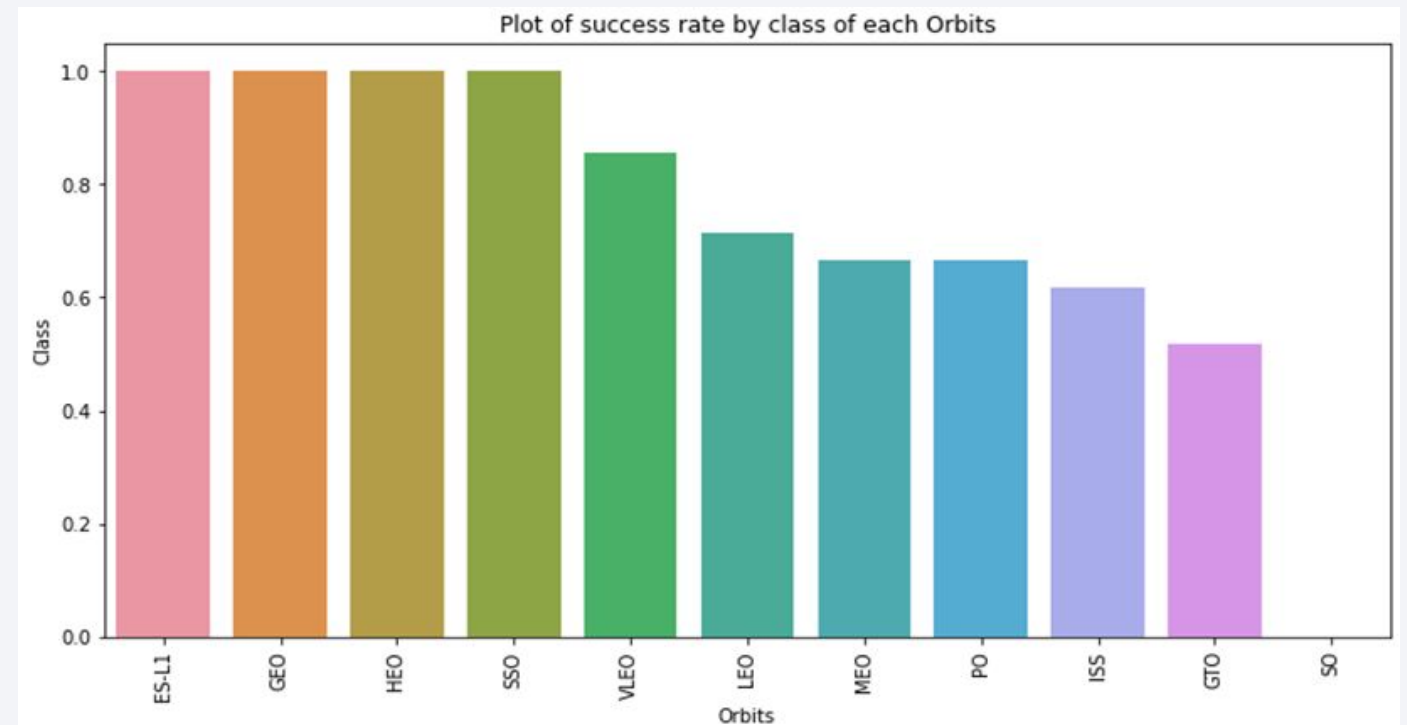
- The greater the payload mass for the launch site CCAFS SLC 40 the higher the success rate for the rocket



# Success Rate vs. Orbit Type

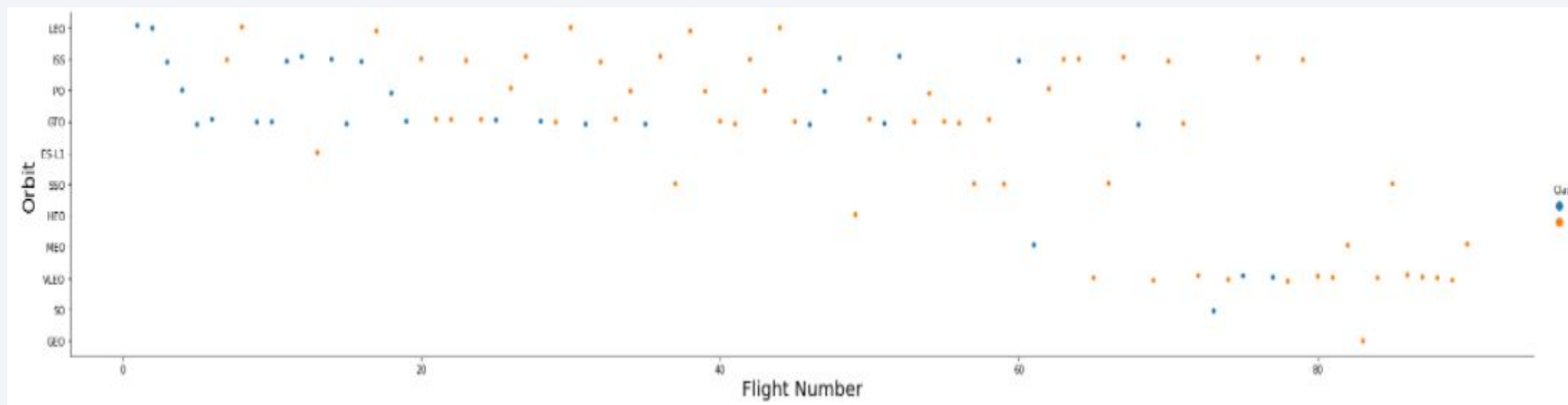
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- From the plot, we can see that ES-L1, GEO, HEO, SSO, and VLEO had the highest success rates.



# Flight Number vs. Orbit Type

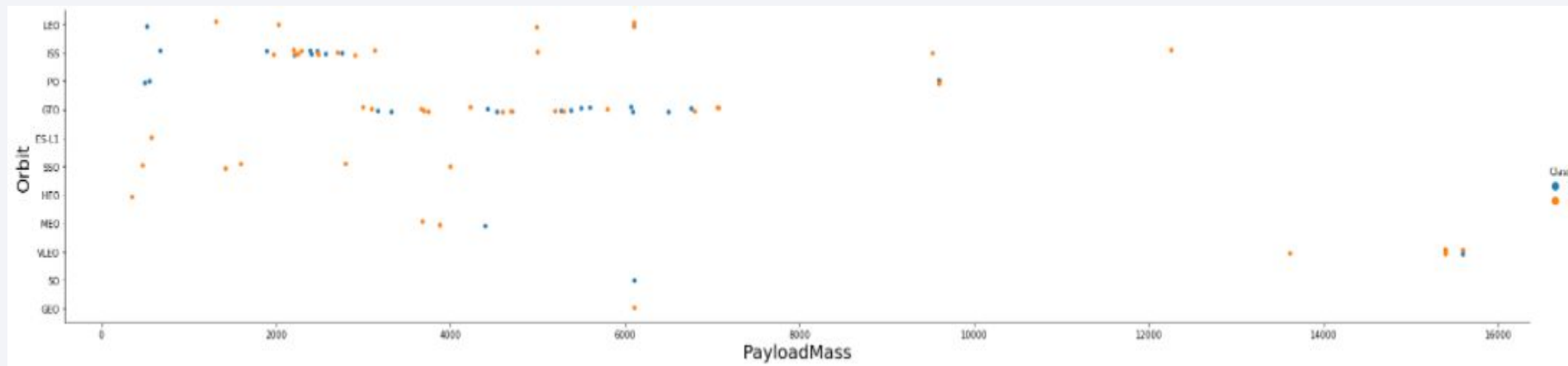
- The plot below shows the Flight Number vs. Orbit type. Observed in the LEO orbit, success is related to the number of flights whereas in the GTO orbit, there is no relationship between flight number and the orbit.



# Payload vs. Orbit Type

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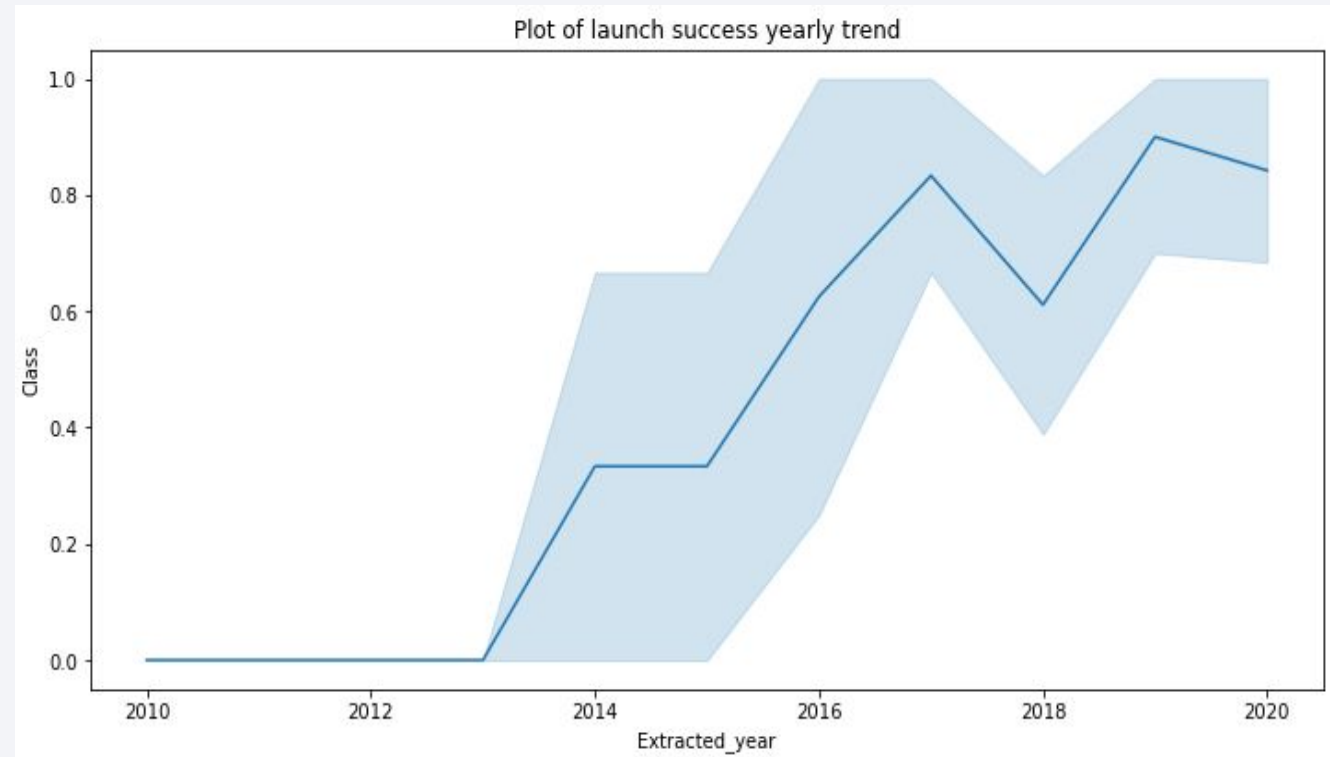
- We observe that with heavy payloads, the successful landing are higher for PO, LEO and ISS orbits.



# Launch Success Yearly Trend

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- From the plot, we see that since 2013 success rate has steadily increased to 2020.





# All Launch Site Names

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- We used the key word **DISTINCT** to show only the unique launch sites from the SpaceX dataset.

```
Display the names of the unique launch sites in the space mission

In [10]: task_1 = '''
          SELECT DISTINCT LaunchSite
          FROM SpaceX
          ...
          create_pandas_df(task_1, database=conn)

Out[10]:
```

	launchsite
0	KSC LC-39A
1	CCAFS LC-40
2	CCAFS SLC-40
3	VAFB SLC-4E

# Launch Site Names Begin with 'CCA'

- We used the query below to display 5 records where launch sites begin with 'CCA'

Display 5 records where launch sites begin with the string 'CCA'

In [11]:

```
task_2 = '''
    SELECT *
    FROM SpaceX
    WHERE LaunchSite LIKE 'CCA%'
    LIMIT 5
    '''

create_pandas_df(task_2, database=conn)
```

Out[11]:

	date	time	boosterversion	launchsite	payload	payloadmasskg	orbit	customer	missionoutcome	landingoutcome
0	2010-04-06	18:45:00	F9 v1.0 B0003	CCAFS LC-40	Dragon Spacecraft Qualification Unit	0	LEO	SpaceX	Success	Failure (parachute)
1	2010-08-12	15:43:00	F9 v1.0 B0004	CCAFS LC-40	Dragon demo flight C1, two CubeSats, barrel of...	0	LEO (ISS)	NASA (COTS) NRO	Success	Failure (parachute)
2	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
3	2012-08-10	00:35:00	F9 v1.0 B0006	CCAFS LC-40	SpaceX CRS-1	500	LEO (ISS)	NASA (CRS)	Success	No attempt
4	2013-01-03	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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- We calculated the total payload carried by boosters from NASA as 45596 using the query below

```
Display the total payload mass carried by boosters launched by NASA (CRS)

In [12]: task_3 = '''
          SELECT SUM(PayloadMassKG) AS Total_PayloadMass
          FROM SpaceX
          WHERE Customer LIKE 'NASA (CRS)'
          '''
          create_pandas_df(task_3, database=conn)

Out[12]:
```

	total_payloadmass
0	45596

# Average Payload Mass by F9 v1.1

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- We calculated the average payload mass carried by booster version F9 v1.1 as 2928.4

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

In [13]: task_4 = '''
          SELECT AVG(PayloadMassKG) AS Avg_PayloadMass
          FROM SpaceX
          WHERE BoosterVersion = 'F9 v1.1'
          '''

          create_pandas_df(task_4, database=conn)

Out[13]:
```

	avg_payloadmass
0	2928.4

# First Successful Ground Landing Date

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- We observed that the dates of the first successful landing outcome on ground pad was 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2015

```
In [14]: task_5 = '''
          SELECT MIN(Date) AS FirstSuccessfull_landing_date
          FROM SpaceX
          WHERE LandingOutcome LIKE 'Success (ground pad)'
          '''

          create_pandas_df(task_5, database=conn)
```

```
Out[14]:
```

	firstsuccessfull_landing_date
0	2015-12-22



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

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- We used the **WHERE** clause to filter for boosters which have successfully landed on drone ship and applied the **AND** condition to determine successful landing with payload mass greater than 4000 but less than 6000

```
In [15]: task_6 = '''
          SELECT BoosterVersion
          FROM SpaceX
          WHERE LandingOutcome = 'Success (drone ship)'
             AND PayloadMassKG > 4000
             AND PayloadMassKG < 6000
          ...
          create_pandas_df(task_6, database=conn)
```

```
Out[15]:
```

	boosterversion
0	F9 FT B1022
1	F9 FT B1026
2	F9 FT B1021.2
3	F9 FT B1031.2

# Total Number of Successful and Failure Mission Outcomes

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- We used a wildcard like '%' to filter for **WHERE** MissionOutcome was a success or a failure.

```
List the total number of successful and failure mission outcomes

In [16]: task_7a = '''
          SELECT COUNT(MissionOutcome) AS SuccessOutcome
          FROM SpaceX
          WHERE MissionOutcome LIKE 'Success%'
          '''

          task_7b = '''
          SELECT COUNT(MissionOutcome) AS FailureOutcome
          FROM SpaceX
          WHERE MissionOutcome LIKE 'Failure%'
          '''

          print('The total number of successful mission outcome is:')
          display(create_pandas_df(task_7a, database=conn))
          print()
          print('The total number of failed mission outcome is:')
          create_pandas_df(task_7b, database=conn)

The total number of successful mission outcome is:
  successoutcome
0                100

The total number of failed mission outcome is:
Out[16]:  failureoutcome
0                1
```

# Boosters Carried Maximum Payload

- We determined the boosters that carried the maximum payload using a subquery in the **WHERE** clause and the **MAX()** function.

List the names of the booster\_versions which have carried the maximum payload mass. Use a subquery

```
In [17]: task_8 = '''
          SELECT BoosterVersion, PayloadMassKG
          FROM SpaceX
          WHERE PayloadMassKG = (
                                SELECT MAX(PayloadMassKG)
                                FROM SpaceX
                                )
          ORDER BY BoosterVersion
          '''
          create_pandas_df(task_8, database=conn)
```

Out[17]:

	boosterversion	payloadmasskg
0	F9 B5 B1048.4	15600
1	F9 B5 B1048.5	15600
2	F9 B5 B1049.4	15600
3	F9 B5 B1049.5	15600
4	F9 B5 B1049.7	15600
5	F9 B5 B1051.3	15600
6	F9 B5 B1051.4	15600
7	F9 B5 B1051.6	15600
8	F9 B5 B1056.4	15600
9	F9 B5 B1058.3	15600
10	F9 B5 B1060.2	15600
11	F9 B5 B1060.3	15600

# 2015 Launch Records

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- We used a combinations of the **WHERE** clause, **LIKE**, **AND**, and **BETWEEN** conditions to filter for failed landing outcomes in drone ship, their booster versions, and launch site names for year 2015

```
List the failed landing_outcomes in drone ship, their booster versions, and launch site names for in year 2015

In [18]: task_9 = '''
          SELECT BoosterVersion, LaunchSite, LandingOutcome
          FROM SpaceX
          WHERE LandingOutcome LIKE 'Failure (drone ship)'
            AND Date BETWEEN '2015-01-01' AND '2015-12-31'
          ...
          create_pandas_df(task_9, database=conn)

Out[18]:
```

	boosterversion	launchsite	landingoutcome
0	F9 v1.1 B1012	CCAFS LC-40	Failure (drone ship)
1	F9 v1.1 B1015	CCAFS LC-40	Failure (drone ship)

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

- We selected Landing outcomes and the **COUNT** of landing outcomes from the data and used the **WHERE** clause to filter for landing outcomes **BETWEEN** 2010-06-04 to 2017-03-20.
- We applied the **GROUP BY** clause to group the landing outcomes and the **ORDER BY** clause to order the grouped landing outcome in descending order.

Rank the count of landing outcomes (such as Failure (drone ship) or Success (ground pad))

```
In [19]: task_10 = '''
          SELECT LandingOutcome, COUNT(LandingOutcome)
          FROM SpaceX
          WHERE DATE BETWEEN '2010-06-04' AND '2017-03-20'
          GROUP BY LandingOutcome
          ORDER BY COUNT(LandingOutcome) DESC
          '''

          create_pandas_df(task_10, database=conn)
```

Out[19]:

	landingoutcome	count
0	No attempt	10
1	Success (drone ship)	6
2	Failure (drone ship)	5
3	Success (ground pad)	5
4	Controlled (ocean)	3
5	Uncontrolled (ocean)	2
6	Precluded (drone ship)	1
7	Failure (parachute)	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 orbit. The Earth's surface is mostly dark, with a dense network of yellow and orange lights representing cities and urban areas. The lights are concentrated in the lower right portion of the image, following the curve of the Earth. The upper portion of the image shows the dark blue of space and the thin, glowing blue line of the Earth's atmosphere.

Section 3

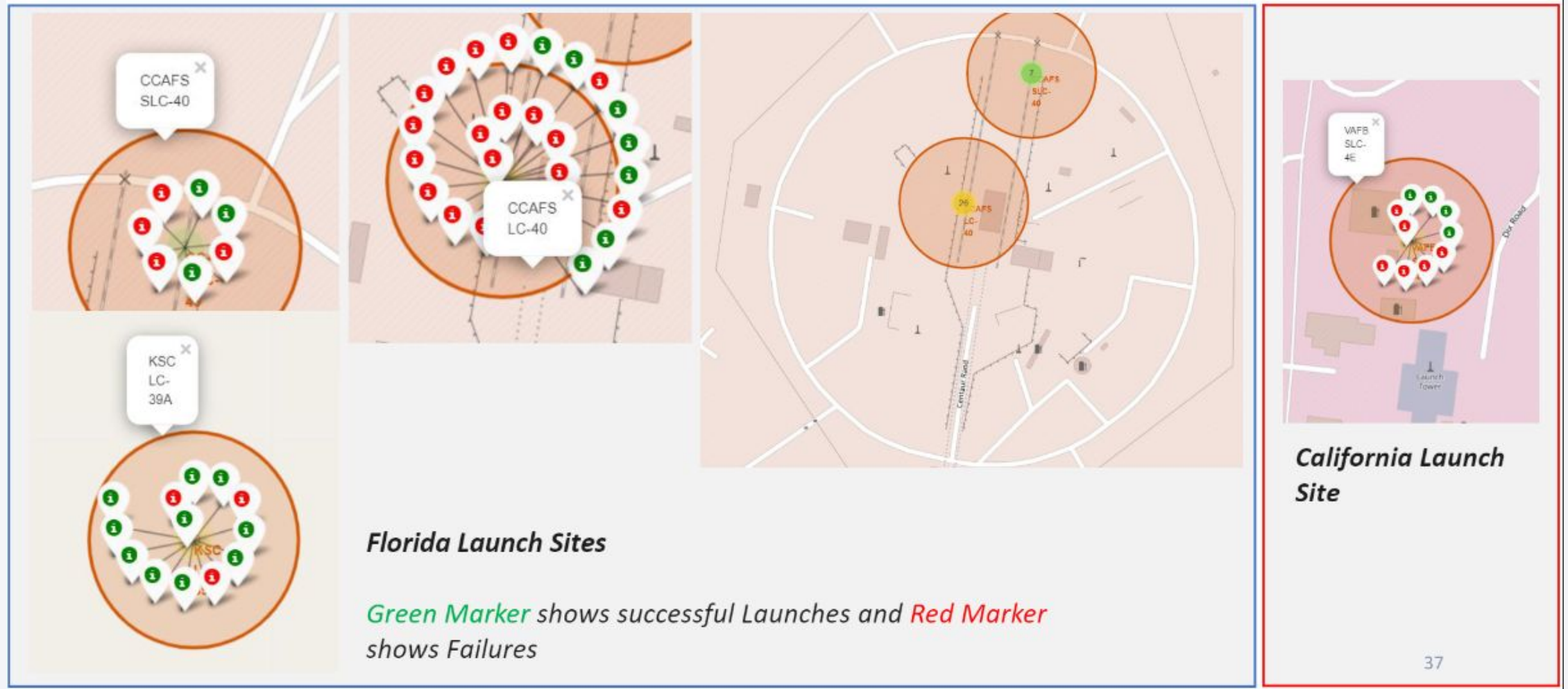
# Launch Sites Proximities Analysis



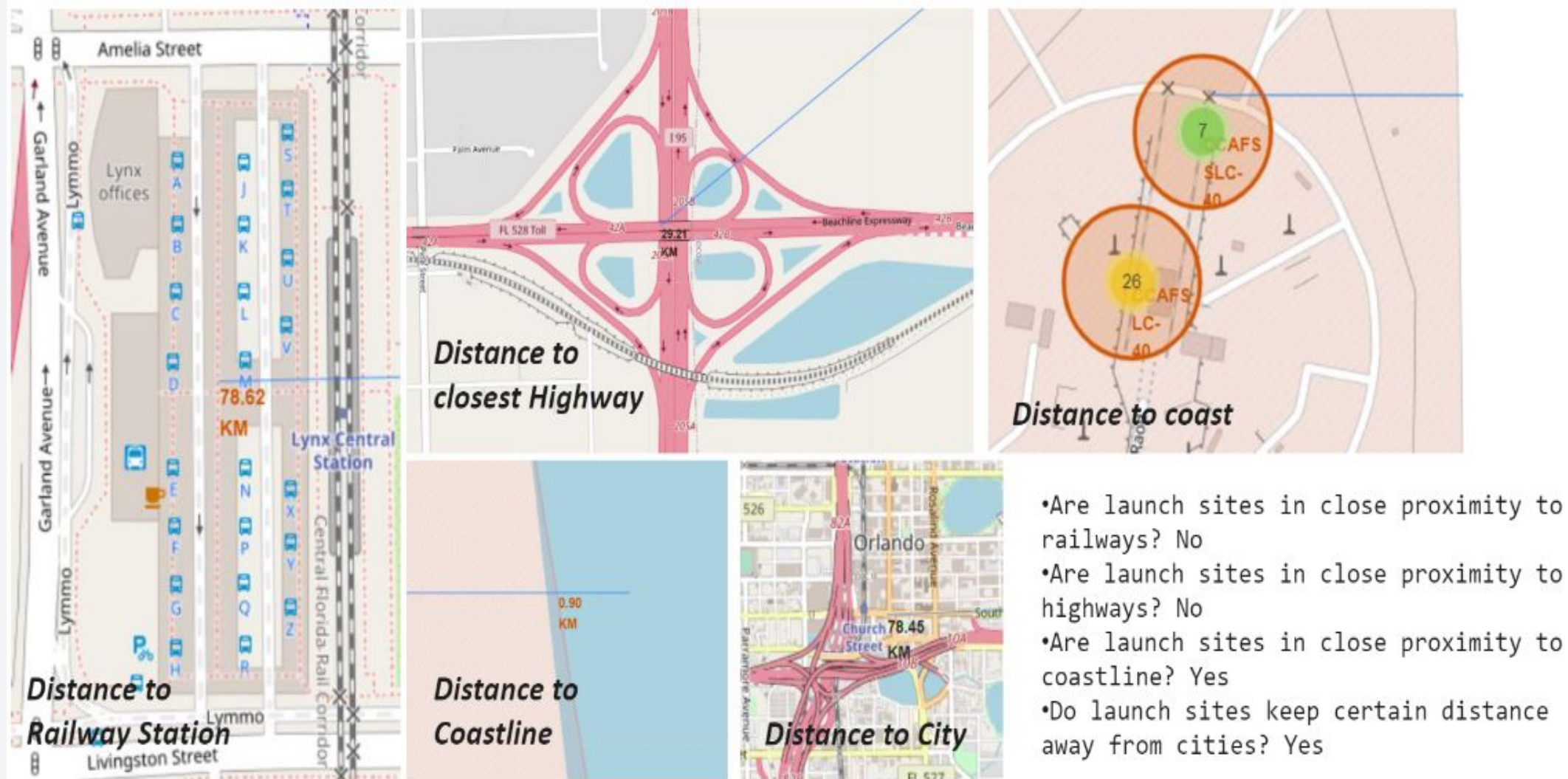
# Global Map Markers of Launch Sites



# Markers Showing Launch Sites with Color Labels



# Launch Site Distance to Landmarks





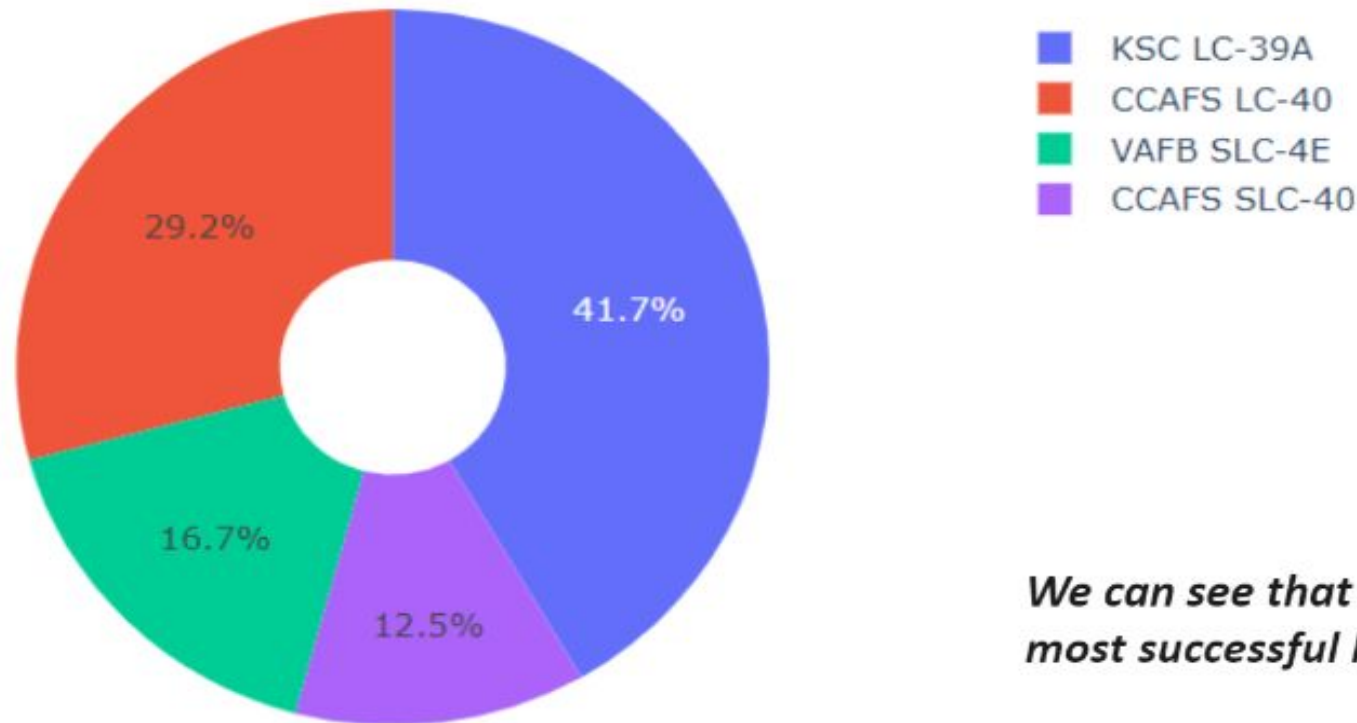


Section 4

# Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

# Total Success of Launches by All Sites

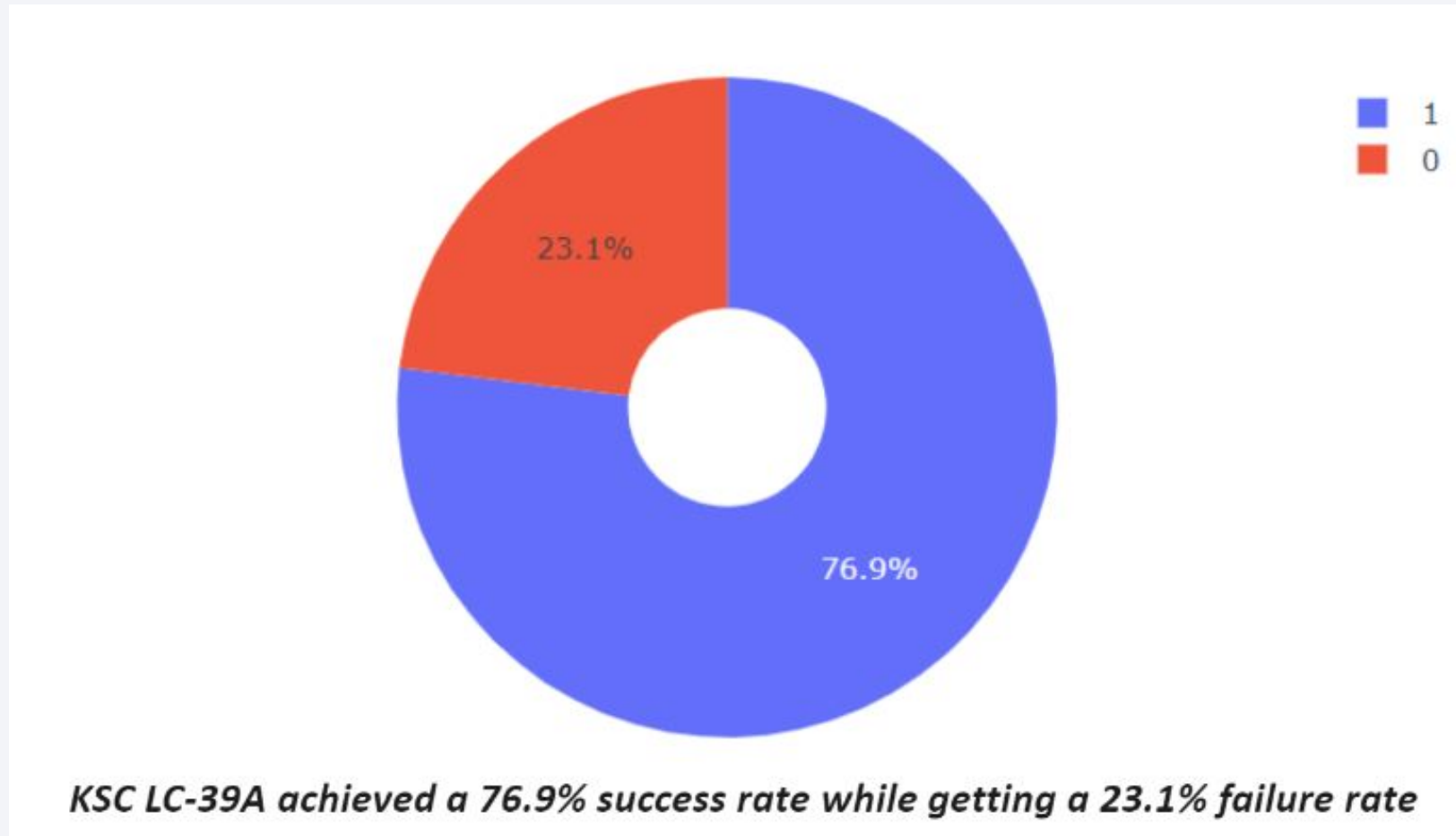
Total Success Launches By all sites



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

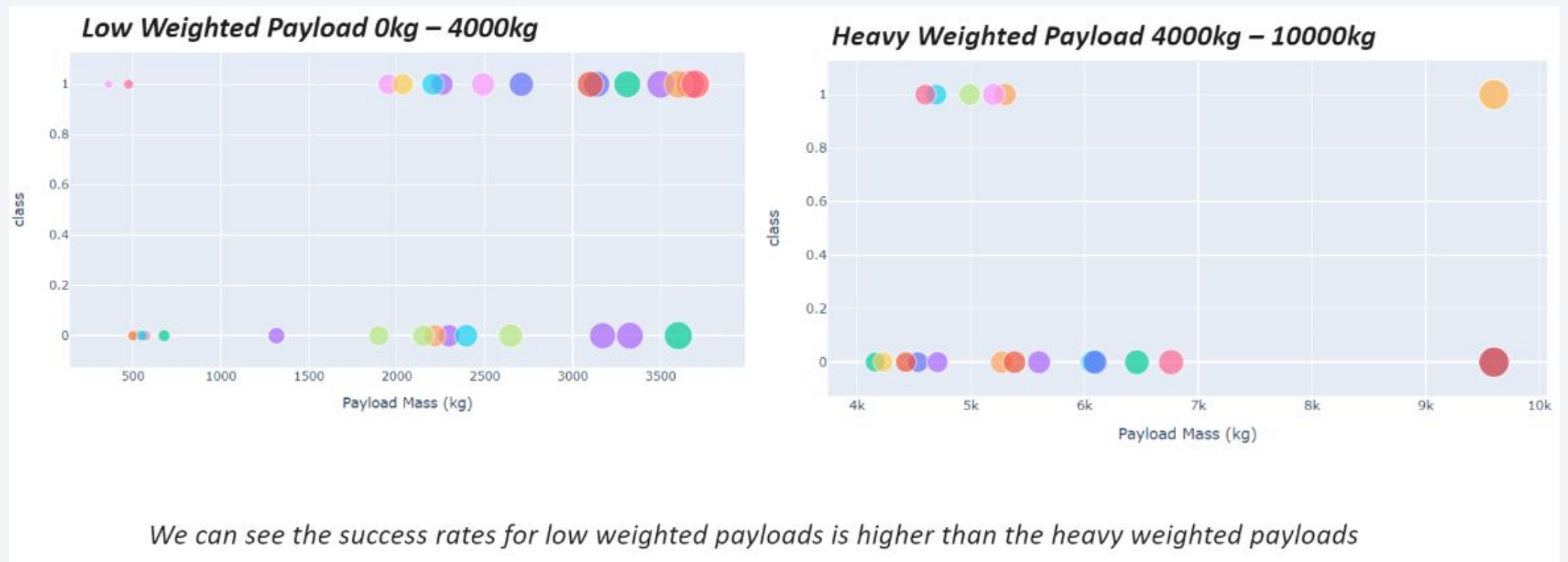
# Hughes Success Ratios of Launch Sites

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# Payload vs Launch Outcome for All Sites





Section 5

# Predictive Analysis (Classification)

# Classification Accuracy

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

```
models = {'KNeighbors': knn_cv.best_score_,
          'DecisionTree': tree_cv.best_score_,
          'LogisticRegression': logreg_cv.best_score_,
          'SupportVector': svm_cv.best_score_}

bestalgorithm = max(models, key=models.get)
print('Best model is', bestalgorithm, 'with a score of', models[bestalgorithm])
if bestalgorithm == 'DecisionTree':
    print('Best params is :', tree_cv.best_params_)
if bestalgorithm == 'KNeighbors':
    print('Best params is :', knn_cv.best_params_)
if bestalgorithm == 'LogisticRegression':
    print('Best params is :', logreg_cv.best_params_)
if bestalgorithm == 'SupportVector':
    print('Best params is :', svm_cv.best_params_)
```

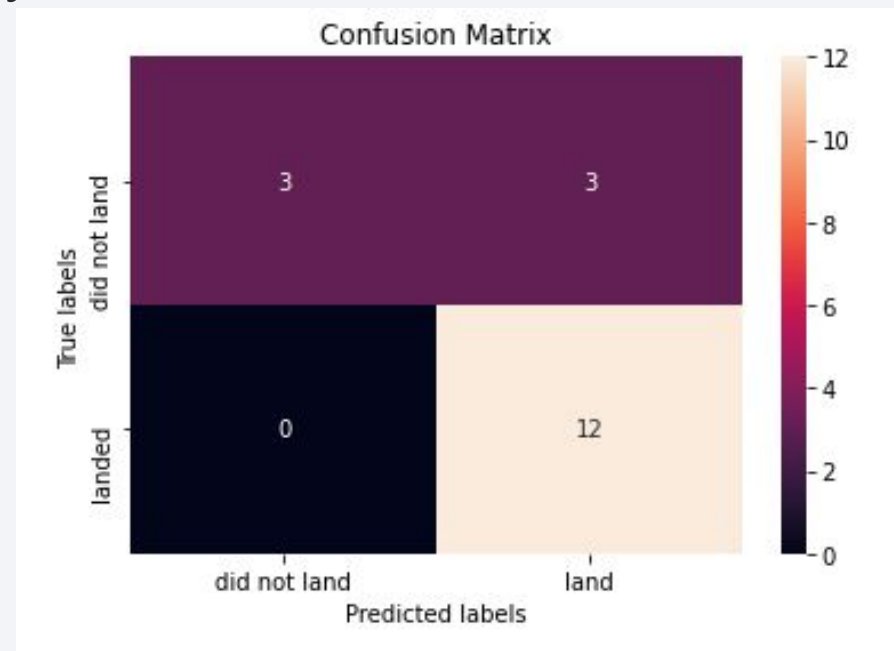
Best model is DecisionTree with a score of 0.8732142857142856

Best params is : {'criterion': 'gini', 'max\_depth': 6, 'max\_features': 'auto', 'min\_samples\_leaf': 2, 'min\_samples\_split': 5, 'splitter': 'random'}

# Confusion Matrix

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- The confusion matrix for the decision tree classifier shows that the classifier can distinguish between the different classes. The major problem is the false positives .i.e., unsuccessful landings marked as successful landing by the classifier.



# Conclusions

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We can conclude that:

- The larger the flight amount at a launch site, the greater the success rate at a launch site.
- Launch success rate started to increase in 2013 till 2020.
- Orbits ES-L1, GEO, HEO, SSO, VLEO had the most success rate.
- KSC LC-39A had the most successful launches of any sites.
- The Decision tree classifier is the best machine learning algorithm for this task.



Thank you!

