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Winning Space Race with Data Science

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Executive Summary

- Data collection has been performed using 2 methods: API and Webscrapping
- Data wrangling mostly done using Pandas dataframe flexibility
- Ordinary Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA) was made using Matplotlib and Seaborn libraries and SQL
- More advanced interactive EDA was made with Folium and Plotly and Dash

- EDA revealed what features were important for the outcome
- Interactive EDA stressed the importance of 'Payload' and 'Launch Site' as variables for a landing success outcome
- Prediction models were trained and tuned with the relevant data to be able to make a prediction with an expected accuracy of 94%

Introduction

- The problem to solve is to determine whether the first stage of Space X Falcon 9 rockets will land successfully
- A successful landing will enable to reuse the first stage
- The savings of reusing the first stage will determine the cost
- An accurate cost is an essential information to calculate the price of a launch when bidding and this is our TARGET

Past launches data will be used to predict if the first stage will land successfully in a new launch



Section 1

Methodology

Methodology

Executive Summary

- Data collection methodology:
 - Data was collected using 2 methods: [Space-X API \(REST API\)](#) and [Webscrapping](#)
- Perform data wrangling
 - Normalizing json format data collected, and putting into a Pandas dataframe for processing: filling up missing values
- Perform exploratory data analysis (EDA) using visualization and SQL
- Perform interactive visual analytics using Folium and Plotly Dash
- Perform predictive analysis using classification models
 - Four different models from Sci-kit learn library were used: created trained and evaluated

Data Collection

- Data has been collected using 2 methods:
 - Space X API (REST API)
 - Data comes from Space X server via API
 - Github: <https://github.com/RobertoSanzCapstone/testrepo/blob/main/Capstone%20Data%20Collection%20with%20REST%20API%20Lab.ipynb>
 - Webscrapping
 - Data comes from a Wikipedia Web page
 - Github <https://github.com/RobertoSanzCapstone/testrepo/blob/main/Capstone%20Data%20Collection%20with%20Webscraping.ipynb>
- Same Library and function is used: requests library and get function

Data Collection - Using Space X API (REST API)

Import requests

```
requests.get(spacex_url)
```

Python library to get data from an API

'get' function

Info comes from Space X API

```
response.json()  
pd.json_normalize(data2)
```

```
b'{"fairings":{"reused":false,"recovery_attempt":false,"recovered":false,"ships":[]},  
"links":{"patch":{"small":"https://images2.imgbox.com/3c/0e/T8iJcSN3_o.png","large":"https://images2.imgbox.com/40/e3/GypSkayF_o.png"},"reddit":{"campaign":null,"launch":null,"media":null,"recovery":null},"flickr":{"small":[],"original":[]},"preskit":null,"webcam":null}}
```

Normalizing json format retrieved
And into 'dataframe' data structure

| payloads | launchpad | cores | flight_number | date_utc | date |
|----------|--------------------------|---|---------------|--------------------------|------------|
| eeb1e1 | 5e9e4502f5090995de566f86 | { 'core': '5e9e289df35918033d3b2623', 'flight': 1, 'gridfins': False, 'legs': False, 'reused': False, 'landing_attempt': False, 'landing_success': None, 'landing_type': None, 'landpad': None } | 1 | 2006-03-24T22:30:00.000Z | 2006-03-24 |
| eeb1e2 | 5e9e4502f5090995de566f86 | { 'core': '5e9e289df35918416a3b2624', 'flight': 1, 'gridfins': False, 'legs': False, 'reused': False, 'landing_attempt': False, 'landing_success': None, 'landing_type': None, 'landpad': None } | 2 | 2007-03-21T01:10:00.000Z | 2007-03-21 |
| eeb1e5 | 5e9e4502f5090995de566f86 | { 'core': '5e9e289df3591855dc3b2626', 'flight': 1, 'gridfins': False, 'legs': False, 'reused': False, 'landing_attempt': False, 'landing_success': None, 'landing_type': None, 'landpad': None } | 4 | 2008-09-28T23:15:00.000Z | 2008-09-28 |

Python Library Pandas has a data structure called **Dataframe** very convenient to extract information easily

Extracting information with Python code
functions from Pandas dataframe

| | FlightNumber | Date | BoosterVersion | PayloadMass | Orbit | LaunchSite | Outcome | Flights | GridFins | Reused |
|---|--------------|------------|----------------|-------------|-------|--------------|-------------|---------|----------|--------|
| 4 | 6 | 2010-06-04 | Falcon 9 | NaN | LEO | CCSFS SLC 40 | None None | 1 | False | |
| 5 | 8 | 2012-05-22 | Falcon 9 | 525.0 | LEO | CCSFS SLC 40 | None None | 1 | False | |
| 6 | 10 | 2013-03-01 | Falcon 9 | 677.0 | ISS | CCSFS SLC 40 | None None | 1 | False | |
| 7 | 11 | 2013-09-29 | Falcon 9 | 500.0 | PO | VAFB SLC 4E | False Ocean | 1 | False | |
| 8 | 12 | 2013-12-03 | Falcon 9 | 3170.0 | GTO | CCSFS SLC 40 | None None | 1 | False | |

Data Collection - Using Webscrapping

Import requests

```
requests.get(wiki_url)
```

Also 'requests' library to get data

Also 'get' function used

Source is a wikipedia
Web page !!!

From json format with an html parser

We also use Pandas **Dataframe**
Previously we use **BeautifulSoup**
library

2010 to 2013

| [hide] Flight No. | Date and time (UTC) | Version, Booster [b] | Launch site | Payload[c] | Payload mass | Orbit | Customer | Launch outcome | Booster landing |
|---|---|--|------------------|---|-----------------------------------|-----------|--------------------|---------------------------------|---|
| 1 | 4 June 2010, 18:45 | F9 v1.0 ^[7] B0003.1 ^[8] | CCAFS, SLC-40 | Dragon Spacecraft Qualification Unit | | LEO | SpaceX | Success | Failure ^{[9][10]} (parachute) |
| First flight of Falcon 9 v1.0. ^[11] Used a boilerplate version of Dragon capsule which was not designed to separate from the second stage. ^(more details below) Attempted to recover the first stage by parachuting it into the ocean, but it burned up on reentry, before the parachutes even deployed. ^[12] | | | | | | | | | |
| 2 | 8 December 2010, 15:43 ^[13] | F9 v1.0 ^[7] B0004.1 ^[8] | CCAFS, SLC-40 | Dragon demo flight C1 (Dragon C101) | | LEO (ISS) | NASA (COTS) NRO | Success ^[9] | Failure ^{[9][14]} (parachute) |
| Maiden flight of Dragon capsule, consisting of over 3 hours of testing thruster maneuvering and reentry. ^[15] Attempted to recover the first stage by parachuting it into the ocean, but it disintegrated upon reentry, before the parachutes were deployed. ^[12] ^(more details below) It also included two CubeSats, ^[16] and a wheel of Brouère cheese. | | | | | | | | | |
| 3 | 22 May 2012, 07:44 ^[17] | F9 v1.0 ^[7] B0005.1 ^[8] | CCAFS, SLC-40 | Dragon demo flight C2+ ^[18] (Dragon C102) | 525 kg (1,157 lb) ^[19] | LEO (ISS) | NASA (COTS) | Success ^[20] | No attempt |
| Dragon spacecraft demonstrated a series of tests before it was allowed to approach the International Space Station. Two days later, it became the first commercial spacecraft to board the ISS. ^[17] ^(more details below) | | | | | | | | | |
| 4 | 8 October 2012, 00:35 ^[21] | F9 v1.0 ^[7] B0006.1 ^[8] | CCAFS, SLC-40 | SpaceX CRS-1 ^[22] (Dragon C103) | 4,700 kg (10,400 lb) | LEO (ISS) | NASA (CRS) | Success | No attempt |
| CRS-1 was successful, but the <i>secondary payload</i> was loaded into an abnormally low orbit and subsequently lost. This was due to one of the nine <i>Martin Marietta</i> shuttles down during the launch, and NASA | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | Orbcomm-OG2 ^[23] | 172 kg (379 lb) ^[24] | LEO | Orbcomm | Partial failure ^[25] | |



| | FlightNumber | Date | BoosterVersion | PayloadMass | Orbit | LaunchSite | Outcome | Flights | GridFins | Re |
|---|--------------|------------|----------------|-------------|-------|--------------|-------------|---------|----------|----|
| 4 | 6 | 2010-06-04 | Falcon 9 | NaN | LEO | CCSFS SLC 40 | None None | 1 | False | |
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| 6 | 10 | 2013-03-01 | Falcon 9 | 677.0 | ISS | CCSFS SLC 40 | None None | 1 | False | |
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| 8 | 12 | 2013-12-03 | Falcon 9 | 3170.0 | GTO | CCSFS SLC 40 | None None | 1 | False | |

Data Wrangling

- Firstly, filling up missing values (with the mean)
 - to use all data and avoid discarding rows

<https://github.com/RobertoSanzCapstone/testrepo/blob/main/Capstone%20EDA%20Lab%20Data%20Wrangling.ipynb>

- Then creating the Outcome variable (new column 'Class') relevant for my study

Outcome

| | |
|-------------|----|
| True ASDS | 41 |
| None None | 19 |
| True RTLS | 14 |
| False ASDS | 6 |
| True Ocean | 5 |
| None ASDS | 2 |
| False Ocean | 2 |
| False RTLS | 1 |

Filtering with set of bad_outcomes

'False ASDS',
'False Ocean',
'False RTLS',
'None ASDS',
'None None'

Rest

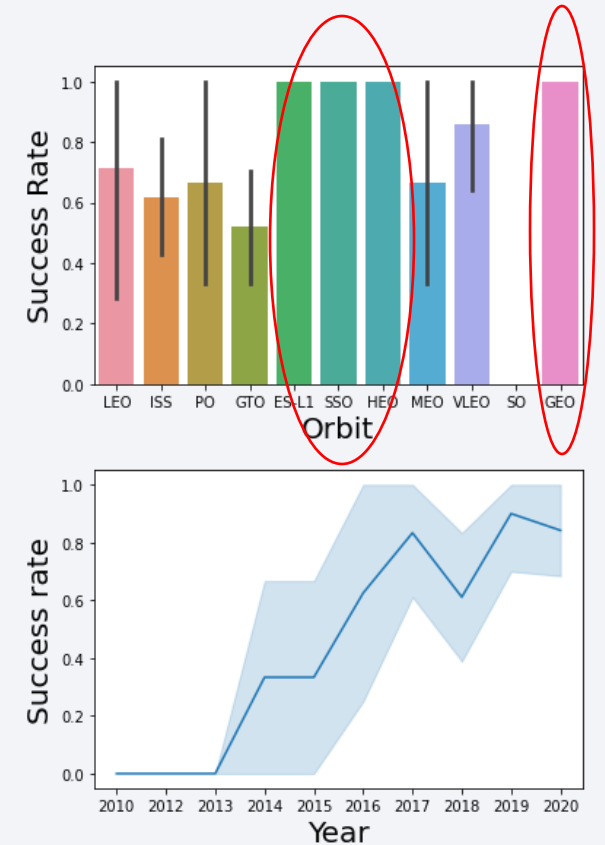
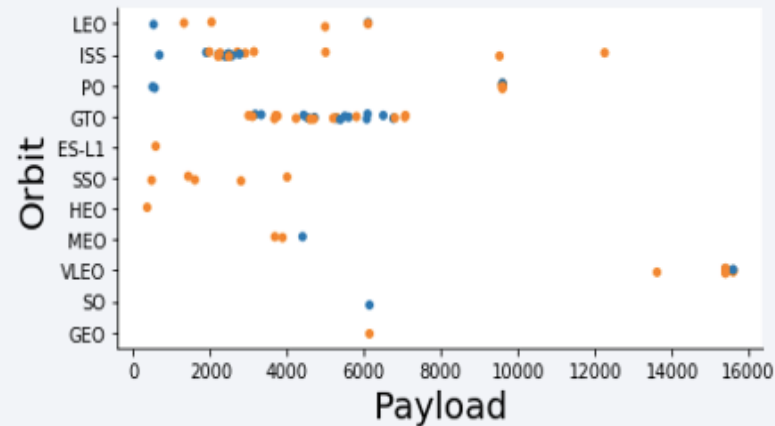
Class

| | |
|---|----|
| 0 | 30 |
| 1 | 60 |

EDA with Data Visualization

- Plots of 2 variables each, to see their relationship

- Flight number vs Launch Site
- Payload vs Launch Site
- Success Rate vs Orbit type
- Flight number vs Orbit type
- Payload vs Orbit type
- Success rate yearly trend



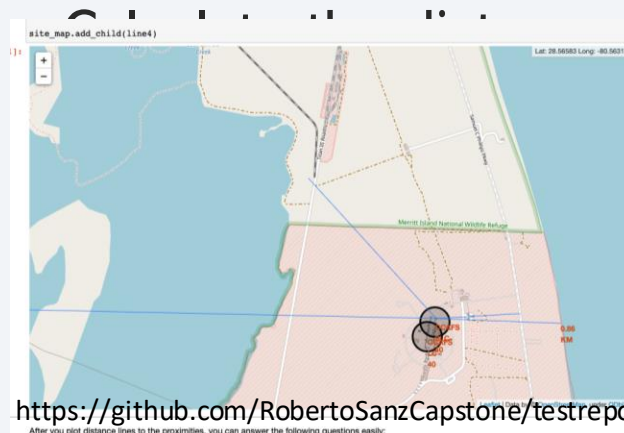
- Features with an influence on outcome are kept for the model

EDA with SQL

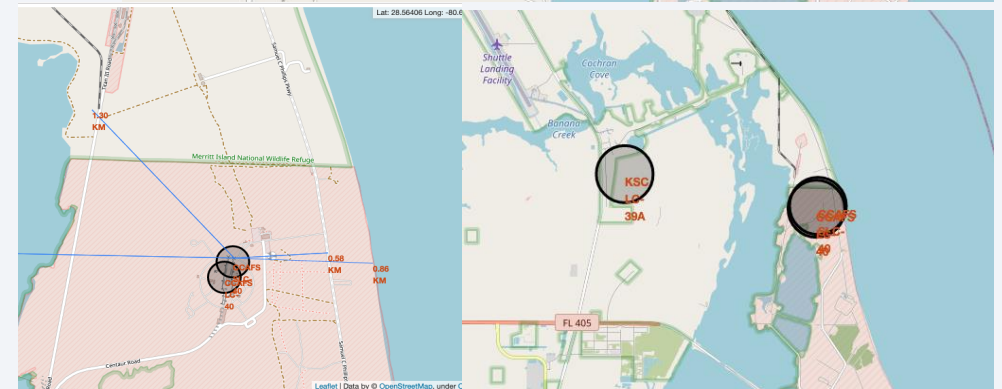
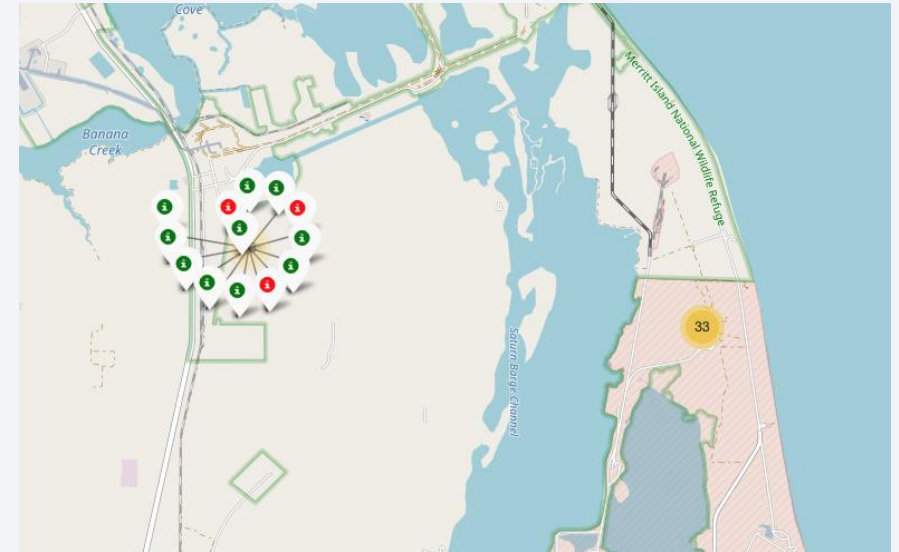
- SQL queries
 - Names of unique launch sites
 - Launch sites beginning with the string 'KSC'
 - Total payload mass carried by boosters launched by NASA (CRS)
 - average payload mass carried by booster version F9 v1.1
 - date where the first succesful landing outcome in drone ship was achieved
 - names of the boosters which have success in ground pad and have payload mass greater than 4000 but less than 6000
 - total number of successful and failure mission outcomes
 - names of the booster_versions which have carried the maximum payload mass
 - List the records which will display the month names, succesful landing_outcomes in ground pad ,booster versions, launch_site for the months in year 2017
 - Rank the count of successful landing_outcomes between the date 2010-06-04 and 2017-03-20 in descending order

Build an Interactive Map with Folium

- Marked all launch sites on a map
 - Markers and circles were used
- Marked the success/failed launches for each site on the map
 - Markers and marker_cluster used as they are many in the same place



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know POIs

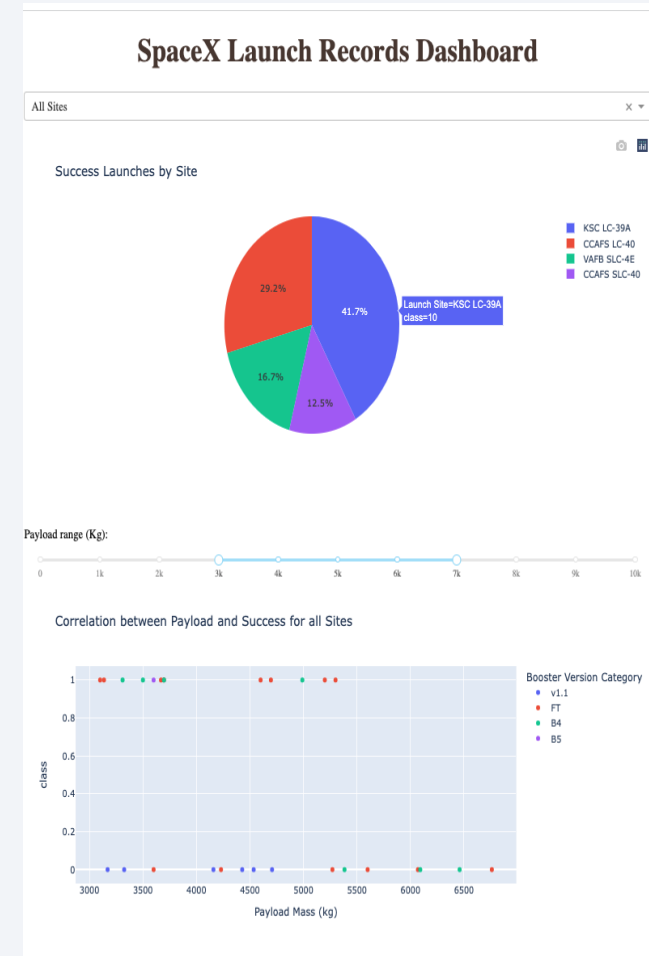


<https://github.com/RobertoSanzCapstone/testrepo/blob/main/Capstone%20Interactive%20Visual%20Analytics%20with%20Folium.ipynb>

Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

- Landing Success pie chart is plotted choosing a specific site or all of them from a selectable dropdown list
- Landing Success scatter plot is drawn with selected site and filtered by those launches within a certain payload range selected from a interactive slide bar
- This interactive charts reveal the importance of Payload and launch site for a landing success
- GitHub URL

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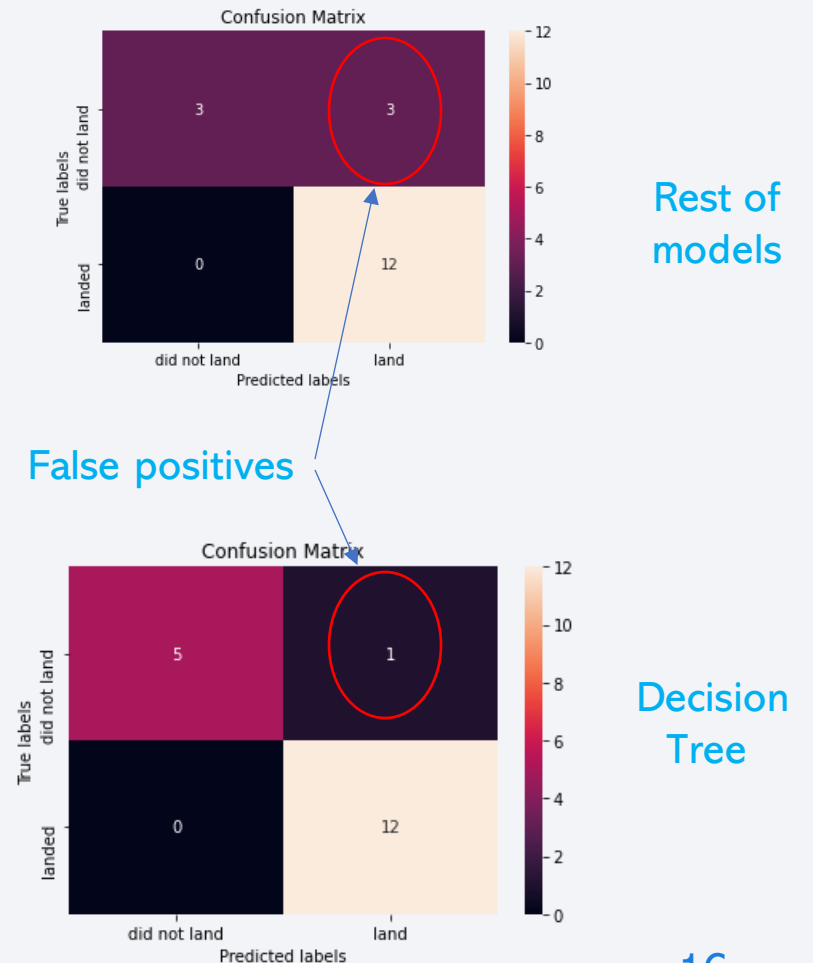


Predictive Analysis (Classification)

- The target (independent) variable to be predicted needs to be extracted
- The features used to predict (dependent variables) need to be split in 2 sets: training set and testing set, to get real accuracy of models
- Several models are trained and their parameters (hyperparameters) tuned to get the best accuracy possible and thus the best model to be used for prediction
- With the chosen model and parameters, a prediction for a new launch can be done
- GitHub URL

Results

- EDA revealed what features were important for the outcome
- Interactive EDA stressed the importance of 'Payload' and 'Launch Site' as variables for a landing success outcome
- Prediction models were trained and tuned with data from relevant features to be able to make a prediction with an expected accuracy above 83% all of them
- All models showed an expected accuracy of 83%, except 'Decision Tree' with 94%

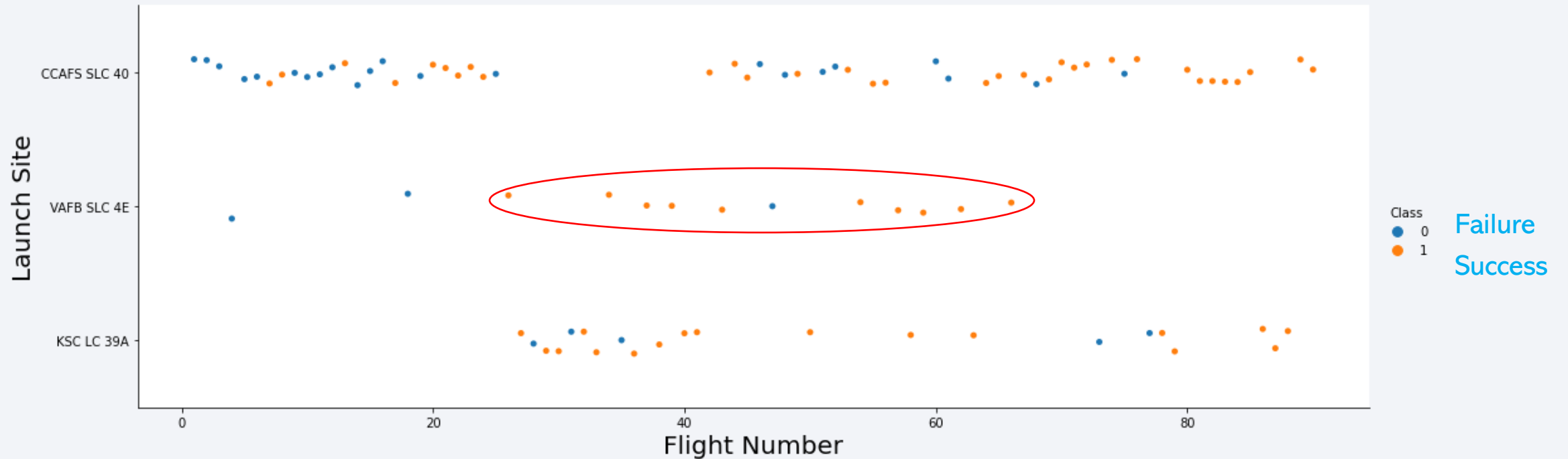


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Section 2

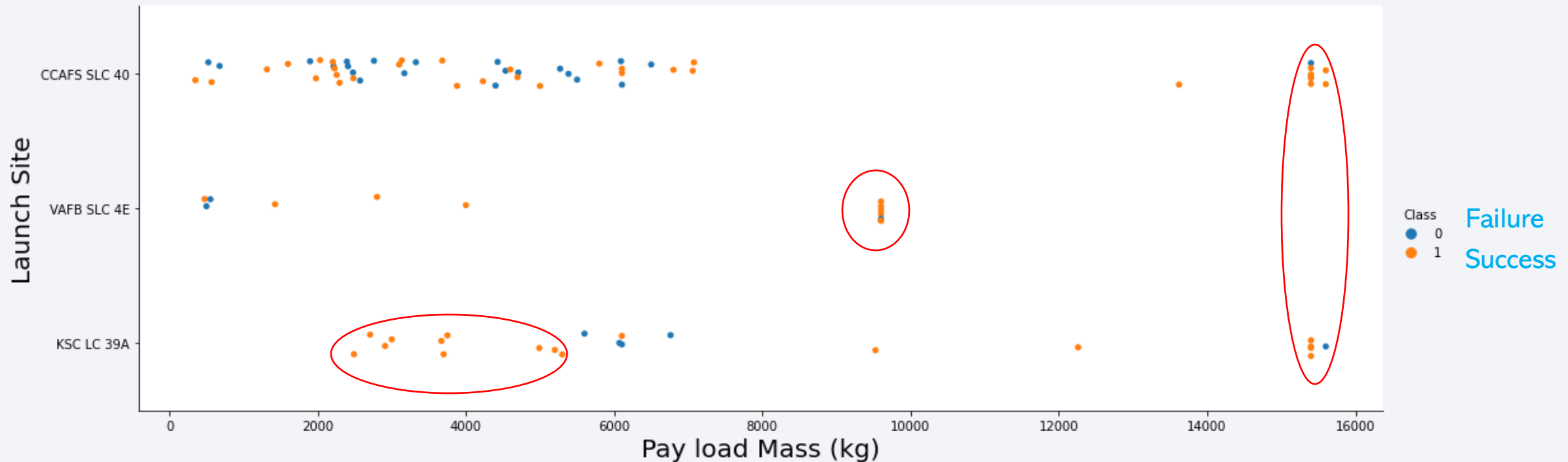
Insights drawn from EDA

Flight Number vs. Launch Site



- VAFB SLC 4E showing less number of flights but quite successfully

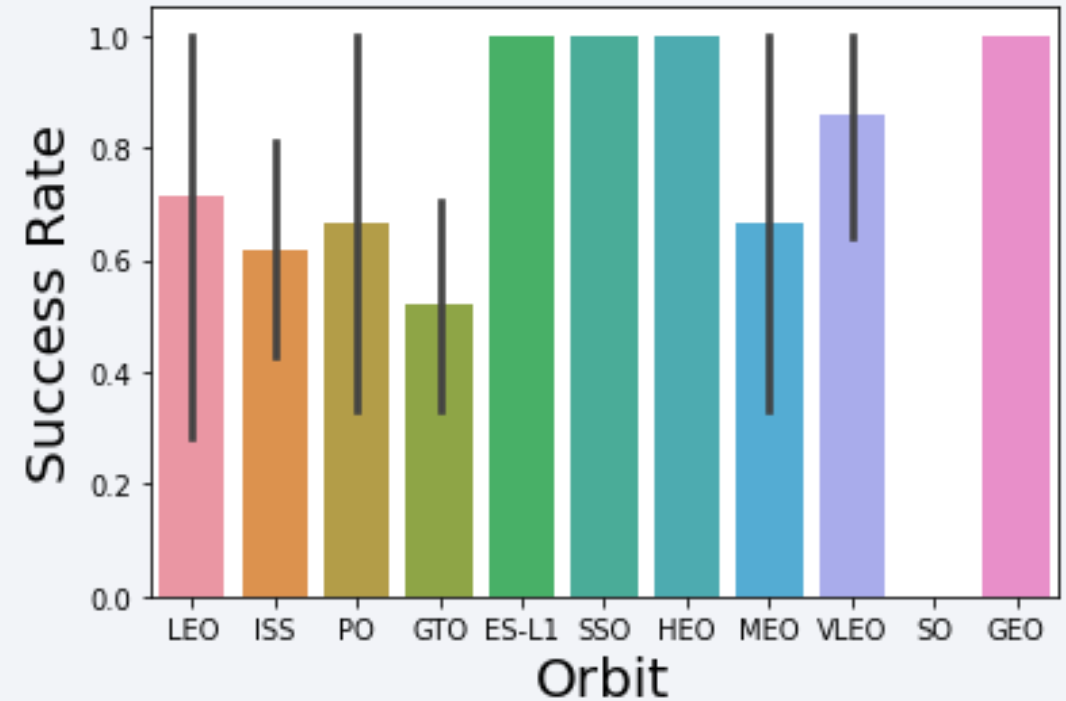
Payload vs. Launch Site



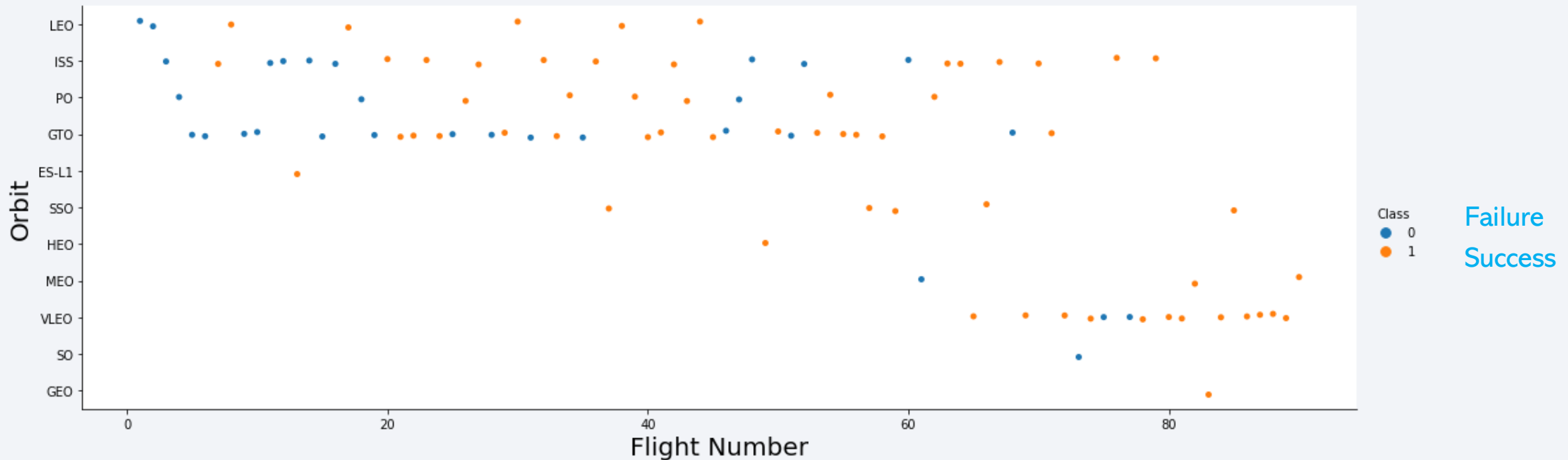
- KSC LC 39A is the best site for smaller payloads and VAFB SLC 4E good in mid range
- CCAFS SLC 40 and KSC LC 39A, both are good for the biggest payloads

Success Rate vs. Orbit Type

- 4 Orbits have had a perfect performance, no failures
- The other orbits show great variability

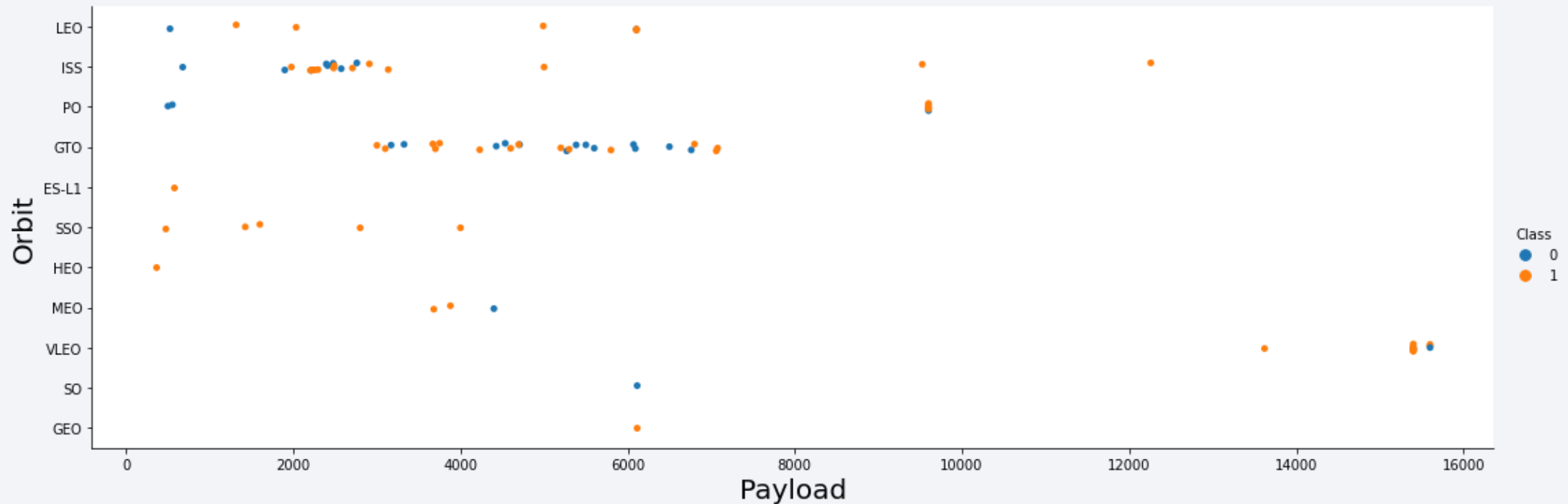


Flight Number vs. Orbit Type



- In LEO orbit the Success appears related to the number of flights
- There seems to be no relationship between flight number when in GTO orbit

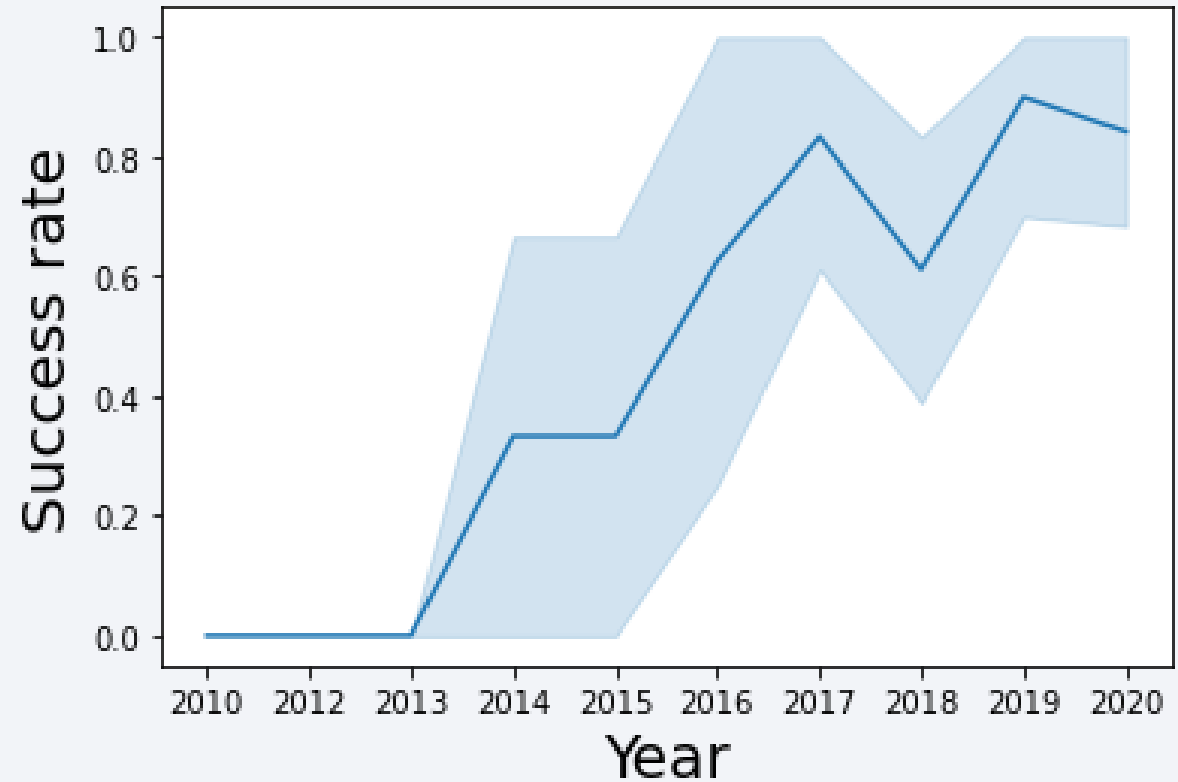
Payload vs. Orbit Type



- VLEO, ISS and PO handle the heaviest payloads with good success
- Lightest payloads are best handled in SSO and LEO orbits

Launch Success Yearly Trend

- Landings have been increasing with the years
- Gradual improvement with time is clear



All Launch Site Names

- Only 4 sites used

```
['CCAFS LC-40',  
'VAFB SLC-4E',  
'KSC LC-39A',  
'CCAFS SLC-40']
```

Launch Site Names Begin with 'KSC'

- Records where launch sites' names start with `KSC`

| Date | Time (UTC) | Booster_Version | Launch_Site | Payload | PAYLOAD_MASS_KG_ | Orbit | Customer | Mission_Outcome | Landing_Outcome | |
|------|------------|-----------------|---------------|------------|------------------|-------|-----------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| 29 | 19-02-2017 | 14:39:00 | F9 FT B1031.1 | KSC LC-39A | SpaceX CRS-10 | 2490 | LEO (ISS) | NASA (CRS) | Success | Success (ground pad) |
| 30 | 16-03-2017 | 06:00:00 | F9 FT B1030 | KSC LC-39A | EchoStar 23 | 5600 | GTO | EchoStar | Success | No attempt |
| 31 | 30-03-2017 | 22:27:00 | F9 FT B1021.2 | KSC LC-39A | SES-10 | 5300 | GTO | SES | Success | Success (drone ship) |
| 32 | 01-05-2017 | 11:15:00 | F9 FT B1032.1 | KSC LC-39A | NROL-76 | 5300 | LEO | NRO | Success | Success (ground pad) |
| 33 | 15-05-2017 | 23:21:00 | F9 FT B1034 | KSC LC-39A | Inmarsat-5 F4 | 6070 | GTO | Inmarsat | Success | No attempt |

Total Payload Mass

- Total payload carried by boosters from NASA

45596

Average Payload Mass by F9 v1.1

- Average payload mass carried by booster version F9 v1.1

2928.4

First Successful Ground Landing Date

- First successful landing outcome on ground pad

08-04-2016

Successful Drone Ship Landing with Payload between 4000 and 6000

- Names of boosters which have successfully landed on drone ship and had payload mass greater than 4000 but less than 6000

'F9 FT B1032.1',

'F9 B4 B1040.1',

'F9 B4 B1043.1'

Total Number of Successful and Failure Mission Outcomes

- Total number of successful and failure mission outcomes

| | |
|--------------|-----|
| • Successful | 100 |
|--------------|-----|

| | |
|-----------|---|
| • Failure | 1 |
|-----------|---|

Boosters Carried Maximum Payload

- Names of the booster which have carried the maximum payload mass

'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 '

2015 Launch Records

- Records which will display the month names, succesful landing_outcomes in ground pad ,booster versions, launch_site for the months in year 2017

| Months | Landing_Outcome | Booster_Version | Launch_Site |
|--------|----------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| 02 | Success (ground pad) | F9 FT B1031.1 | KSC LC-39A |
| 05 | Success (ground pad) | F9 FT B1032.1 | KSC LC-39A |
| 06 | Success (ground pad) | F9 FT B1035.1 | KSC LC-39A |
| 08 | Success (ground pad) | F9 B4 B1039.1 | KSC LC-39A |
| 09 | Success (ground pad) | F9 B4 B1040.1 | KSC LC-39A |
| 12 | Success (ground pad) | F9 FT B1035.2 | CCAFS SLC-40 |

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

| Date | Time (UTC) | Booster_Version | Launch_Site | Payload | PAYLOAD_MASS_KG | Orbit | Customer | Mission_Outcome | Landing_Outcome | new_date |
|------------|------------|-----------------|-------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------|------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|------------|
| 03-06-2017 | 21:07:00 | F9 FT B1035.1 | KSC LC-39A | SpaceX CRS-11 | 2708 | LEO (ISS) | NASA (CRS) | Success | Success (ground pad) | 2017-03-06 |
| 19-02-2017 | 14:39:00 | F9 FT B1031.1 | KSC LC-39A | SpaceX CRS-10 | 2490 | LEO (ISS) | NASA (CRS) | Success | Success (ground pad) | 2017-02-19 |
| 14-01-2017 | 17:54:00 | F9 FT B1029.1 | VAFB SLC-4E | Iridium NEXT 1 | 9600 | Polar LEO | Iridium Communications | Success | Success (drone ship) | 2017-01-14 |
| 01-05-2017 | 11:15:00 | F9 FT B1032.1 | KSC LC-39A | NROL-76 | 5300 | LEO | NRO | Success | Success (ground pad) | 2017-01-05 |
| 14-08-2016 | 05:26:00 | F9 FT B1026 | CCAFS LC-40 | JCSAT-16 | 4600 | GTO | SKY Perfect JSAT Group | Success | Success (drone ship) | 2016-08-14 |
| 08-04-2016 | 20:43:00 | F9 FT B1021.1 | CCAFS LC-40 | SpaceX CRS-8 | 3136 | LEO (ISS) | NASA (CRS) | Success | Success (drone ship) | 2016-08-04 |
| 18-07-2016 | 04:45:00 | F9 FT B1025.1 | CCAFS LC-40 | SpaceX CRS-9 | 2257 | LEO (ISS) | NASA (CRS) | Success | Success (ground pad) | 2016-07-18 |
| 06-05-2016 | 05:21:00 | F9 FT B1022 | CCAFS LC-40 | JCSAT-14 | 4696 | GTO | SKY Perfect JSAT Group | Success | Success (drone ship) | 2016-06-05 |
| 27-05-2016 | 21:39:00 | F9 FT B1023.1 | CCAFS LC-40 | Thaicom 8 | 3100 | GTO | Thaicom | Success | Success (drone ship) | 2016-05-27 |
| 22-12-2015 | 01:29:00 | F9 FT B1019 | CCAFS LC-40 | OG2 Mission 2 11 | 2034 | LEO | Orbcomm | Success | Success (ground pad) | 2015-12-22 |

- Ranking of successful landing_outcomes between the date 2010-06-04 and 2017-03-20 in descending order

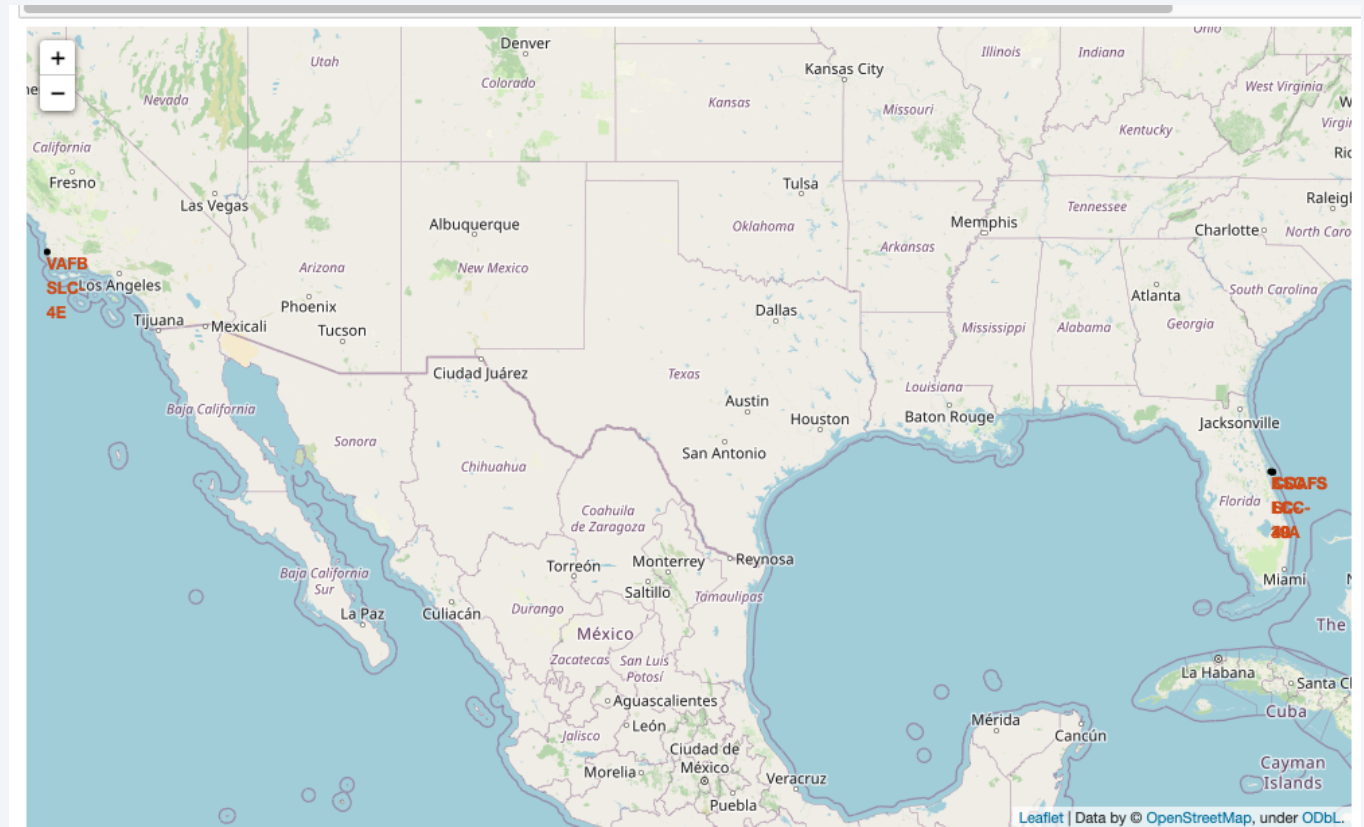
A satellite view of Earth from space, showing the curvature of the planet and city lights at night. The image is a composite of a solid blue background on the left and a satellite photograph of Earth on the right. The Earth's surface is dark, with numerous bright yellow and orange lights representing cities and urban areas. The horizon of the Earth is visible as a thin, curved line separating the dark surface from the deep blue of space.

Section 3

Launch Sites Proximities Analysis

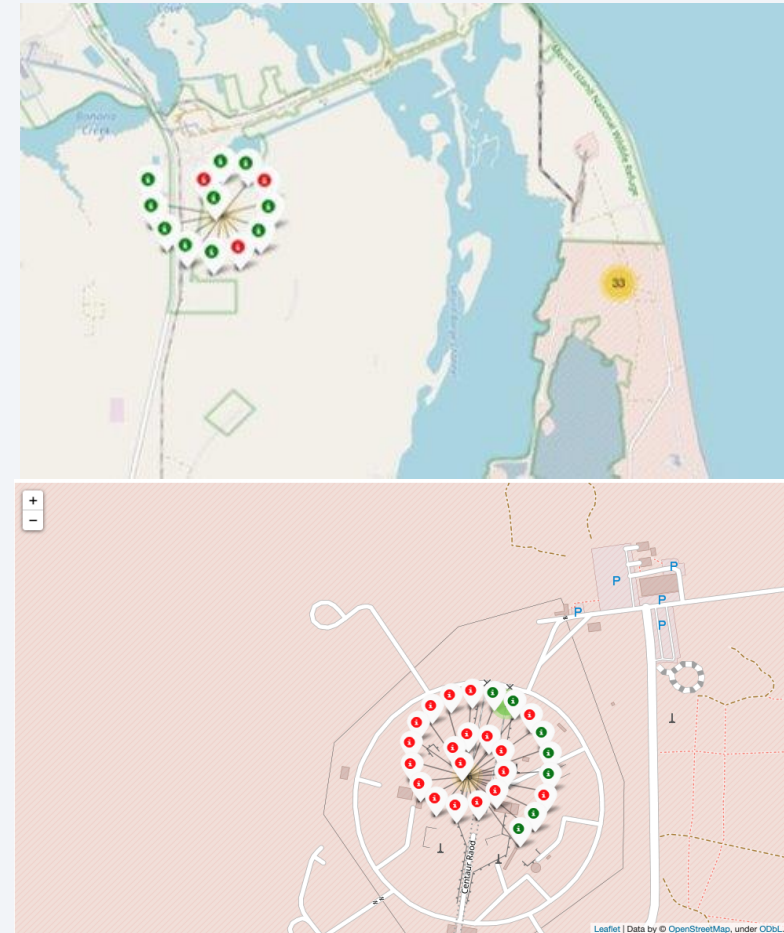
All Launch Sites on a Map

- Launch Sites are located at the most eastern and western locations in the South of USA
- 3 of them in the East and 1 of them in the west
- People Safety must be the reason for seaside locations for launch



Launch Outcomes per Site

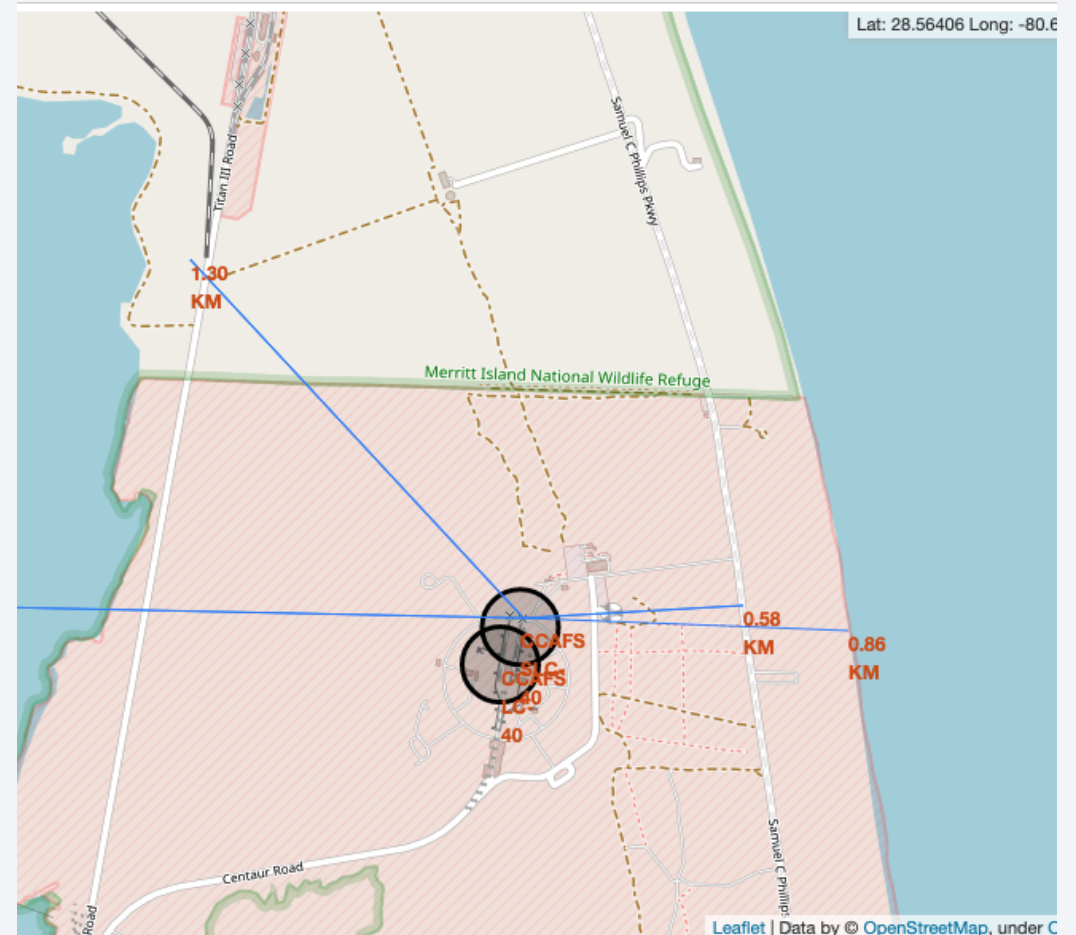
- In green the success the successful outcomes
- In red the failures
- KSC on the top picture shows good success ratio whereas CCAFS on the bottom fails most of the time



Distance to the closest Points of Interest

- 0.58 Km to the closest highway
- 0.86 Km to the sea
- 1.30 Km to the closest railway
- 21.78 Km to the closest city

All marked on the map



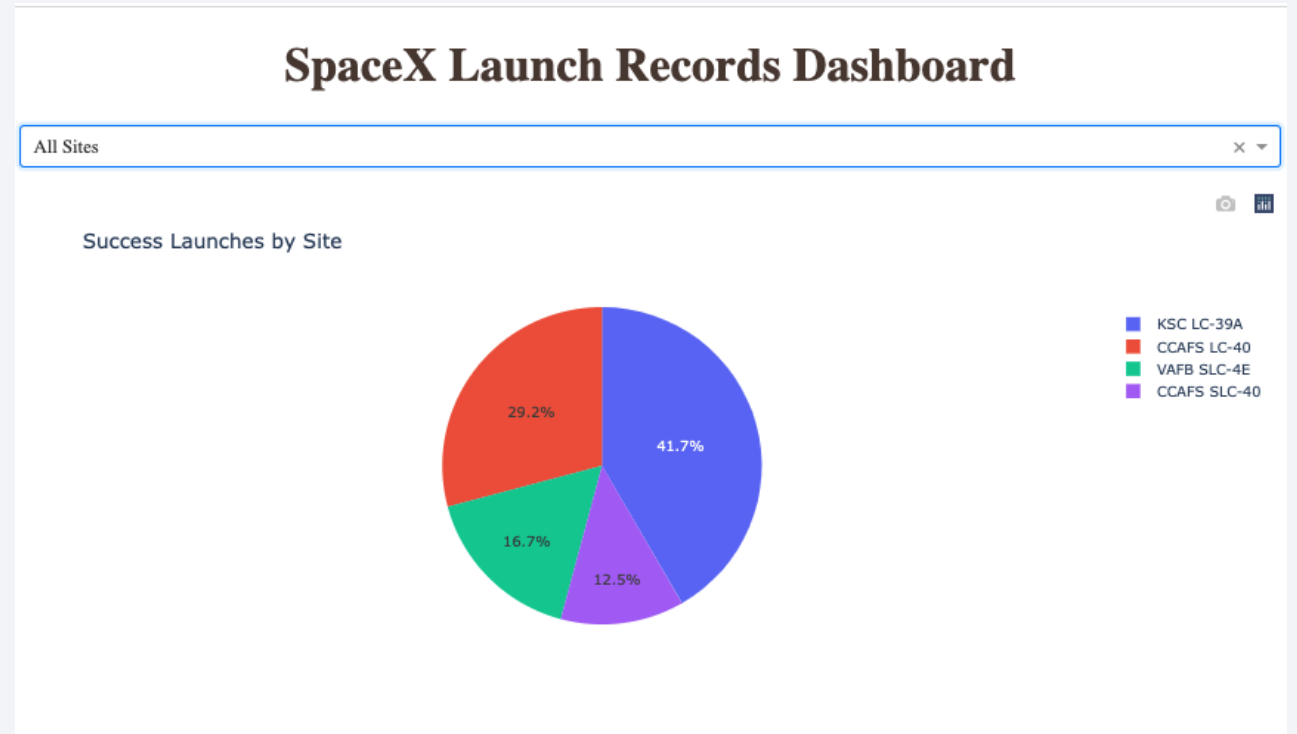


Section 4

Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

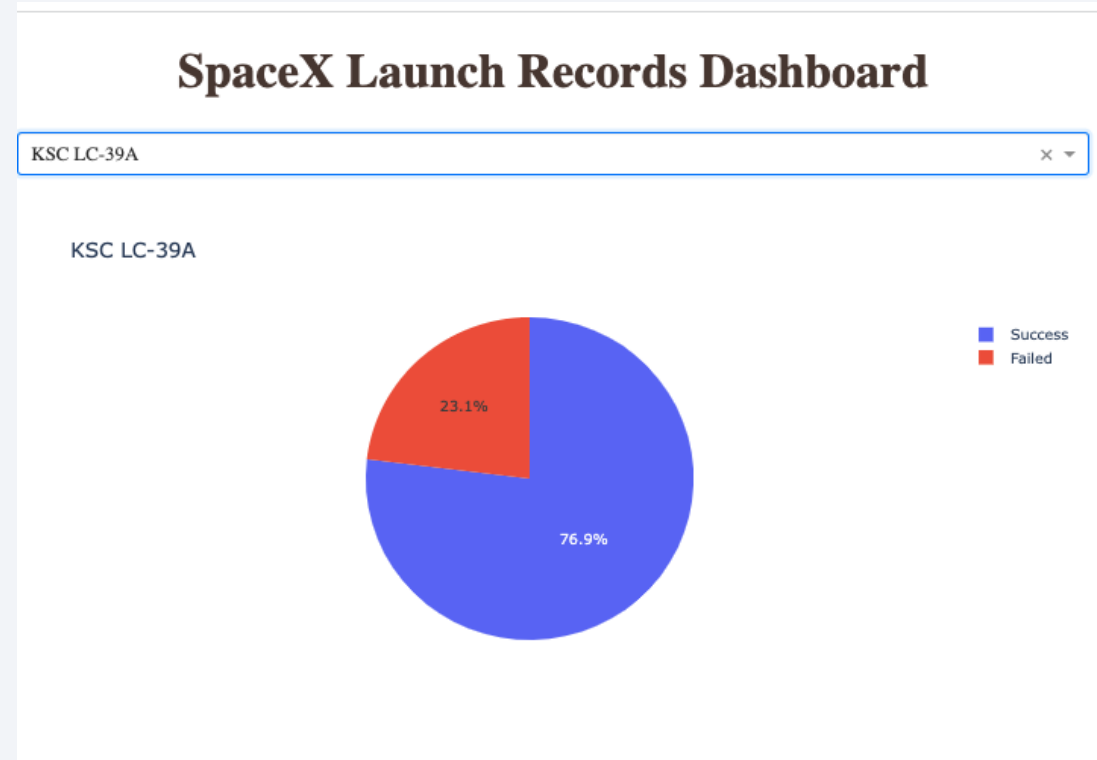
Launch Success for all sites

- Most of the successful launches have been made from KSC site
- The second most successful site was CCAFS LC-40



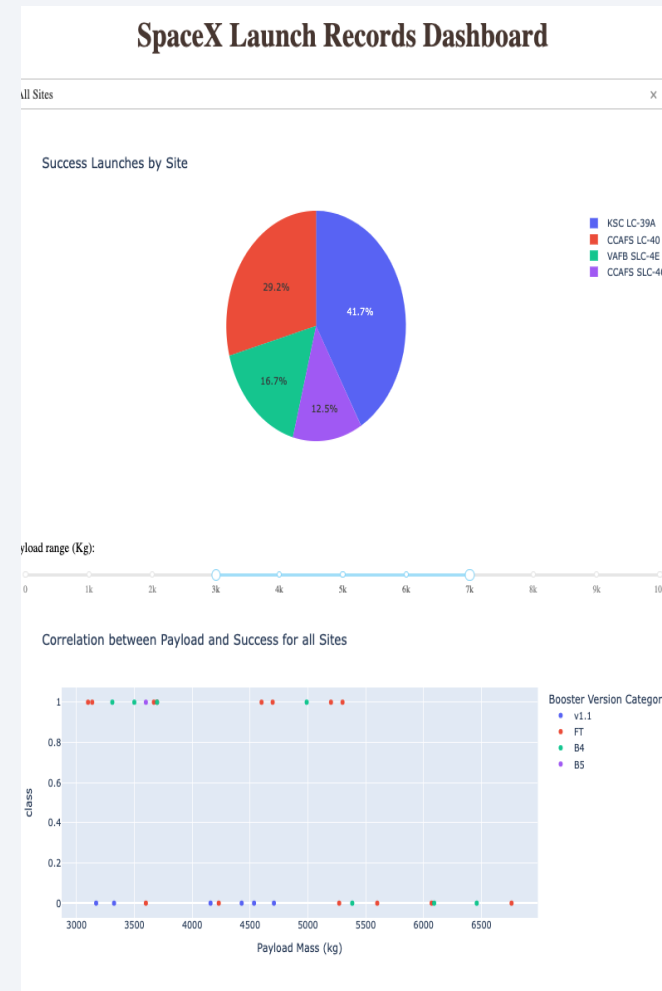
Success pie chart of the best site

- Launch Success of 76.9% for the best performing site which is KSC



Success per Site and Payload Range selection

- Payload from 1k to 9k on the right picture
- Payload from 3k to 7k on the left picture
- Color of dots means Booster type
- Boosyter v1.1 is failing regardless the payload
- Booster FT and B4 are successful with small payloads and the opposite with big ones

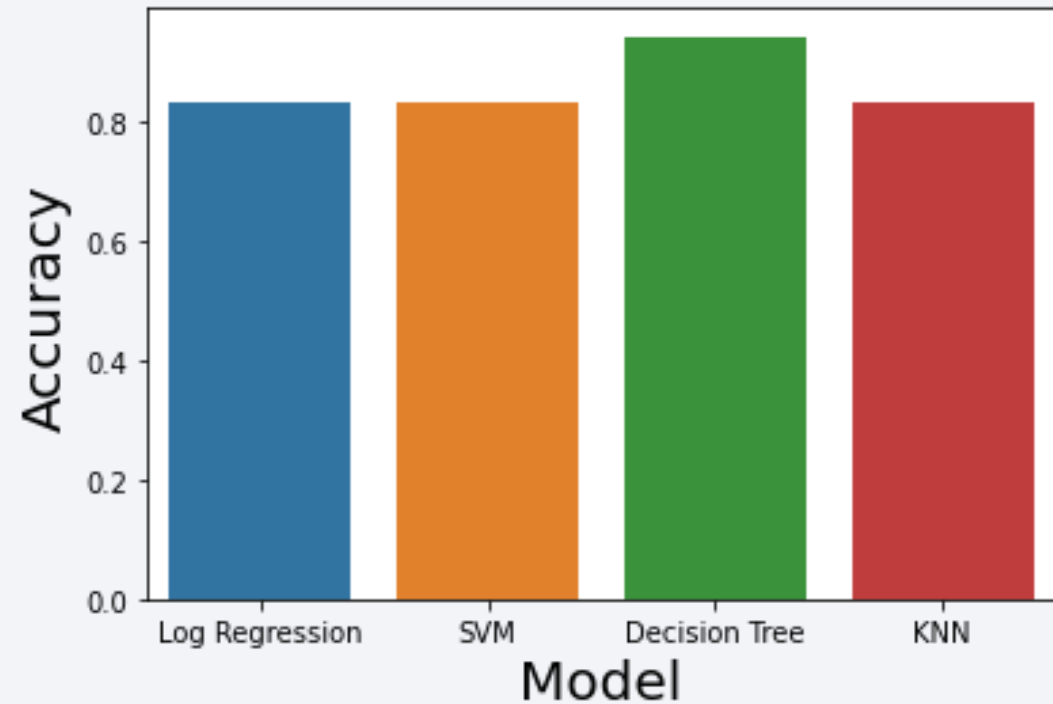


Section 5

Predictive Analysis (Classification)

Classification Accuracy

- Accuracy for all prediction models
- Decision Tree is the most accurate with 94%



Confusion Matrix

- 17 in 18 test cases were successfully predicted – 94%
 - 12 predicted as landing and landed
 - 5 predicted as not landing and did not land
- 1 in 18 was predicted as a landing and did not land – this is a False positive



Conclusions

- We can easily collect data from Space X past launches either from Wikipedia or Space X server itself using an API
- Analysis and selection of relevant information can be done using Python libraries and Pandas data structure 'Dataframe'
- Machine Learning models are available in Sci-kit Library to predict the outcome of a future launch, either with a successful landing or a failure
- That would enable the company to calculate the bidding price and to be competitive
- A model was found and tuned to achieve a 94% accuracy in a future prediction

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!

