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# Winning Space Race with Data Science

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# Executive Summary

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The purpose of this presentation is to provide insight on SpaceX launch. Data are obtained through web scrapping from trusted and open source. Then, data is presented in plots, maps and dashboard. Last, by using prediction technique such as logistic regression, support vector machine, decision tree and K nearest neighbors.

Through research, we found most of the launch sites near the coast. Among all launch sites, KSC LC-39A had the highest success rate. We are able to use prediction technique to predict the outcome based on features such as orbit, payload mass and booster version. The accuracy of the prediction is as high as 83%.

# Introduction

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- To provide insight of SpaceX launch
- To predict outcome of SpaceX launch based on multiple features
- To reduce the cost by visualizing which features affect the success rate the most



Section 1

# Methodology

# Methodology

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## Executive Summary

- Data collection methodology:
  - Using Pandas, BeautifulSoup, and other libraries to collect data from trusted and open source online
- Perform data wrangling
  - Check and replace null value, then perform one hot encoding
- Perform exploratory data analysis (EDA) using visualization and SQL
- Perform interactive visual analytics using Folium and Plotly Dash
- Perform predictive analysis using classification models
  - Using GridSearchCV to get best hyperparameters for prediction technique, then use SCORE, and confusion matrix to check for accuracy

# Data Collection

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- By using Pandas library to access data in .csv format. The .csv file is requested from the internet using Request
- Then, obtain additional information by using BeautifulSoup library to perform web scraping. The additional information is obtained from Wikipedia.

# Data Collection - SpaceX API

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- Github reference  
link: <https://github.com/VaibhavMisra30/IBM-Data-Science-Capstone-Project/blob/main/Data%20Collection.ipynb>

Using Request to obtain data  
from Space X site



Obtained data in json format



Use pd.json\_normalize to  
obtain data in tabular format



Use pd.DataFrame to  
tabulate the data



Check for null value



# Data Collection - Scraping

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- Github reference  
link: <https://github.com/VaibhavMishra30/IBM-Data-Science-Capstone-Project/blob/main/Data%20Collection%20by%20Web%20Scraping.ipynb>

Using BeautifulSoup to request information from Wikipedia



Extract all column/variable names from HTML table header using `soup.find_all`

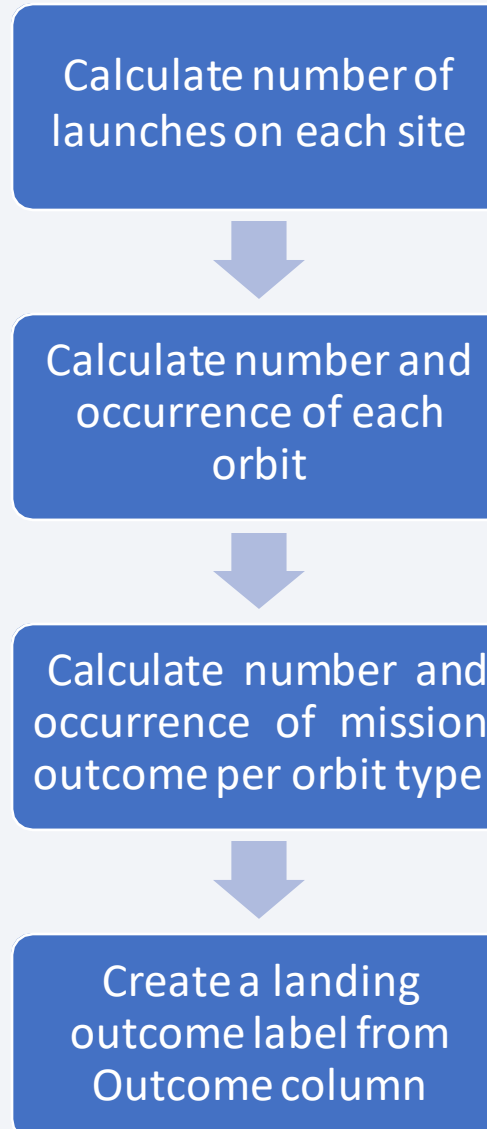


Parsing the data into data frame

# Data Wrangling

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- Github reference  
link: <https://github.com/VaibhavMishra30/IBM-Data-Science-Capstone-Project/blob/main/Data%20Wrangling.ipynb>



# EDA with Data Visualization

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- Plotted charts:
  - Payload Mass (kg) vs Launch Site
  - Launch Site vs Flight Number
  - Success rate of each orbit type
  - Orbit Type vs Flight Number
  - Payload Mass (kg) vs Orbit Type
  - Launch success yearly trend
- Using `pd.get_dummies` to create dummy variables to categorical columns
- Github reference link: <https://github.com/VaibhavMishra30/IBM-Data-Science-Capstone-Project/blob/main/EDA%20with%20Data%20Visualization.ipynb>

# EDA with SQL

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- Using SQL query function, find:
  - Unique launch sites in the space mission
  - 5 Records where launch sites begin with the string 'CCA'
  - Total payload mass carried by boosters launched by NASA (CRS)
  - Average payload mass carried by booster version F9 v1.1
  - Date when the first successful landing outcome in ground pad was achieved
  - 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
  - Names of the booster\_versions which have carried the maximum payload mass
  - Failed landing\_outcomes in drone ship, their booster versions, and launch site names for in year 2015
  - 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
- Github reference link: <https://github.com/VaibhavMishra30/IBM-Data-Science-Capstone-Project/blob/main/EDA%20with%20SQL.ipynb>

# Build an Interactive Map with Folium

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- Mark each launch site on the map, then mark the success / failed launches on the map.
- Calculate the distance between one launch site to its proximities
- Found that normally launch site is nearer to the coast than to the dense population area
- Github reference link: <https://github.com/VaibhavMishra30/IBM-Data-Science-Capstone-Project/blob/main/Interactive%20Visual%20Analytics%20with%20Folium%20lab.ipynb>



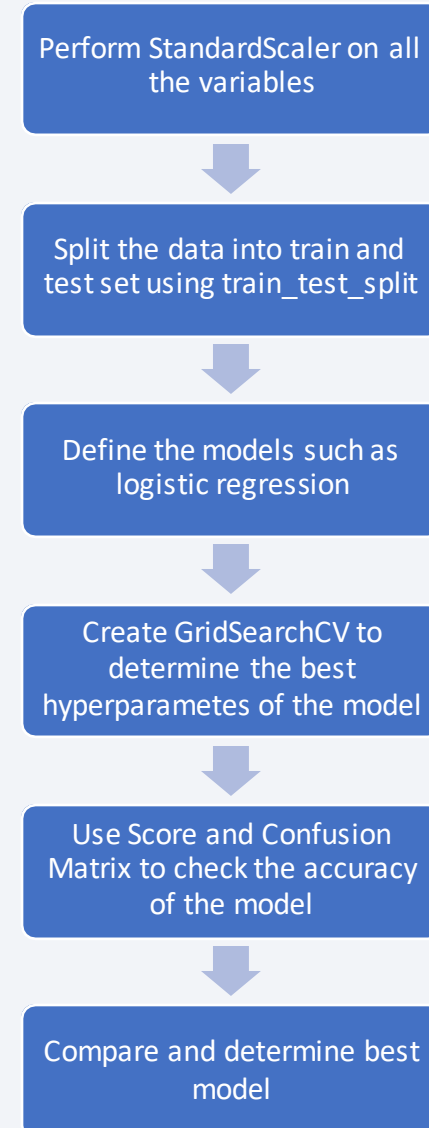
# Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

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- Added interactive dashboard showing the success rate of all launch site, the highest success rate of launch site, and Interactive Plot of Success Rate, Booster Version, and Payload Mass (kg)
- This help user to understand more on the insight
- Github reference link: [https://github.com/VaibhavMishra30/IBM-Data-Science-Capstone-Project/blob/main/spacex\\_dash\\_app.py](https://github.com/VaibhavMishra30/IBM-Data-Science-Capstone-Project/blob/main/spacex_dash_app.py)

# Predictive Analysis (Classification)

- Go through model such as logistic regression, decision tree, support vector machine, and K-Nearest neighbors.
- Found that the accuracy for these 4 models are practically the same.
- Github reference  
link: <https://github.com/VaibhavMishra30/IBM-Data-Science-Capstone-Project/blob/main/Machine%20Learning%20Prediction%20lab.ipynb>



# Results

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- Exploratory data analysis results
- Interactive analytics demo in screenshots
- Predictive analysis results



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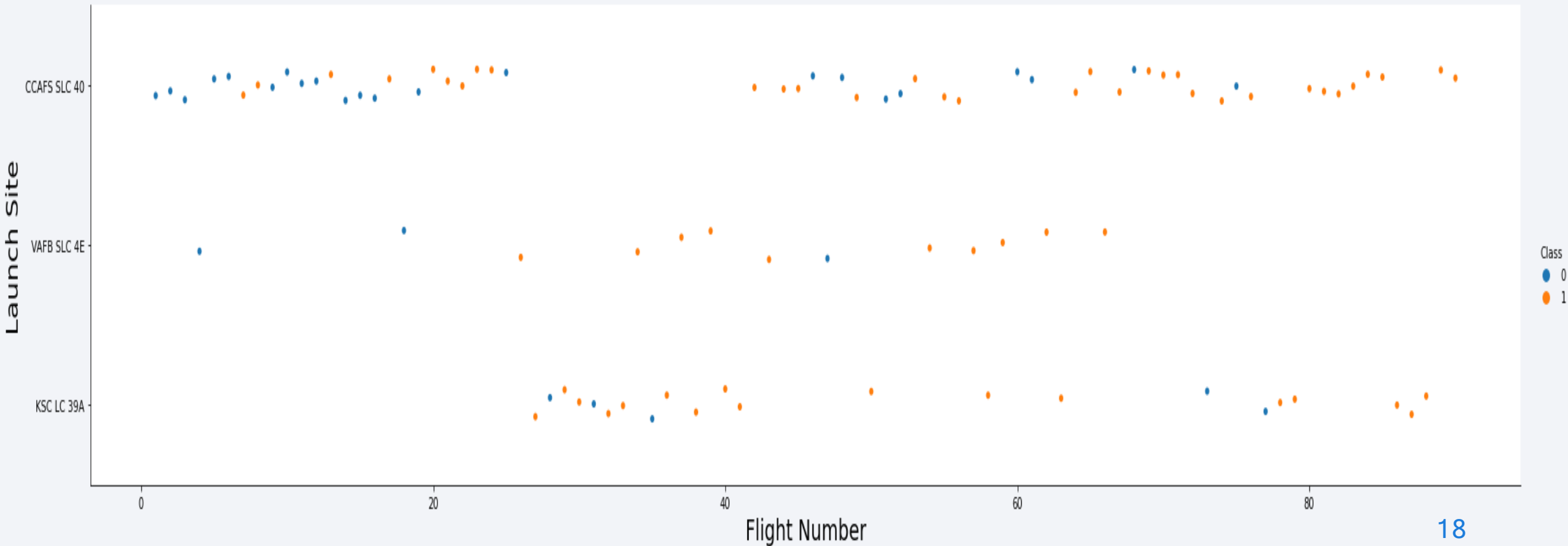
Section 2

# Insights drawn from EDA



# Flight Number vs. Launch Site

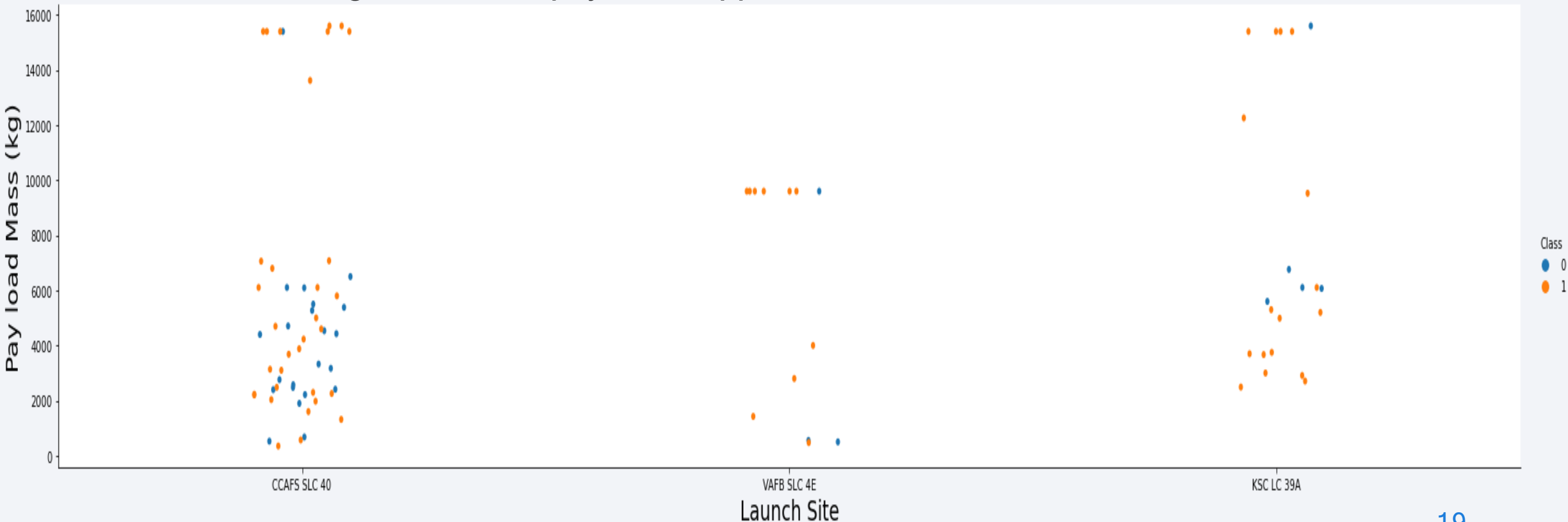
Most launches happen at CCAFS SLC 40 launch site





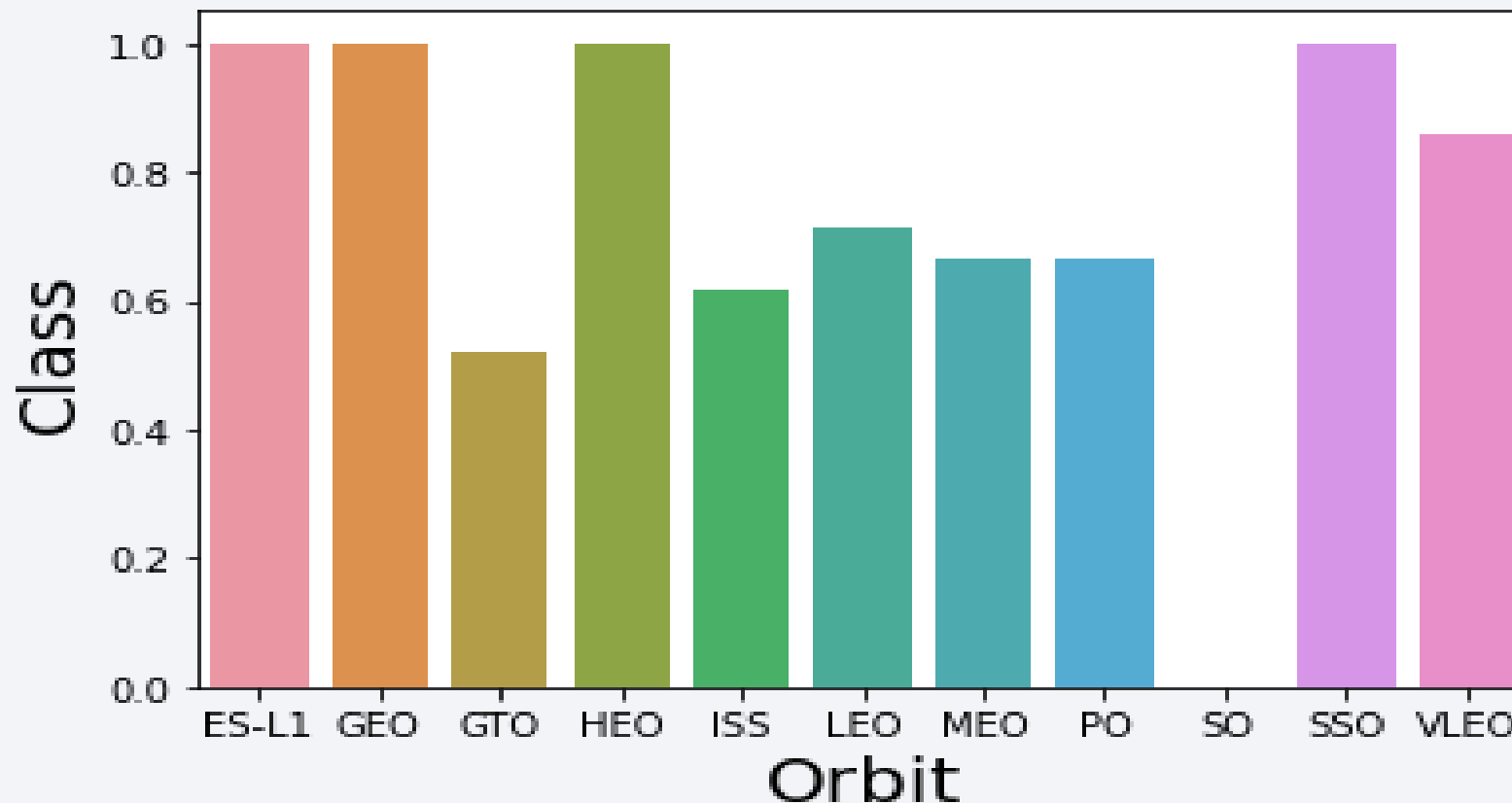
# Payload vs. Launch Site

1. Launch site CCAFS SLC 40 carry most payload mass within 0kg to 8000kg
2. No 10000kg and above payload happen at VAFB SLC 4E launch site



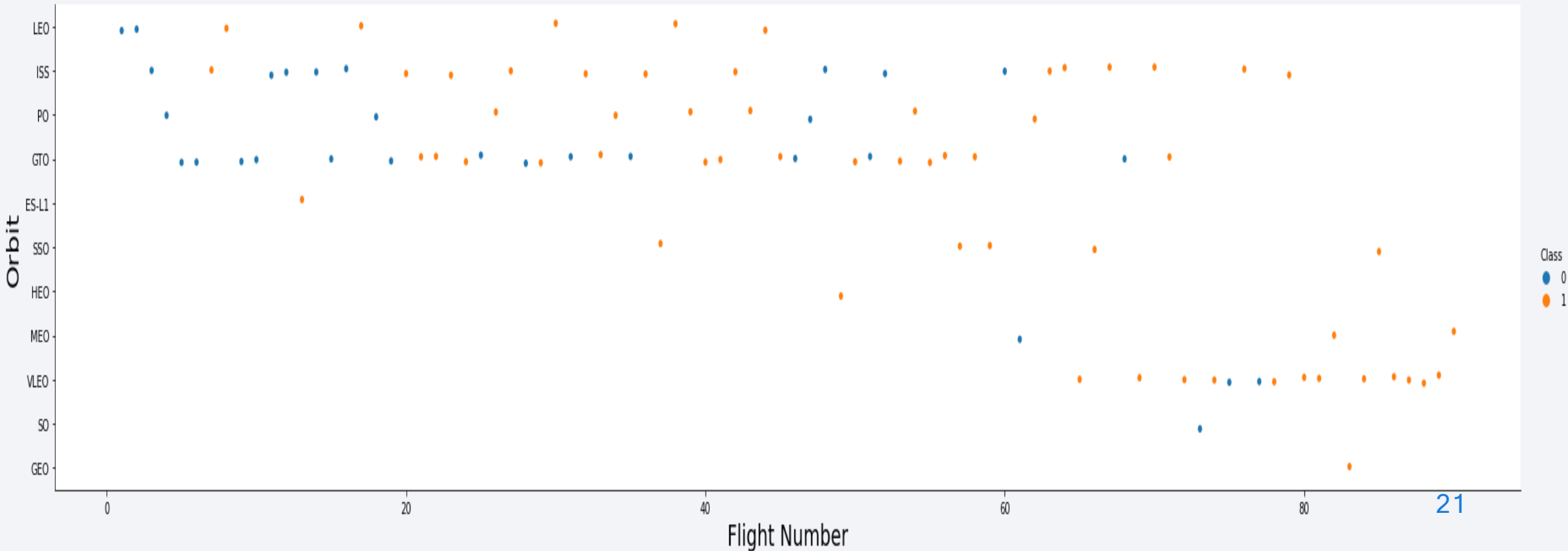
# Success Rate vs. Orbit Type

Orbit ES-L1, GEO, HEO, SSO have the highest success rate while orbit SO has the lowest success rate



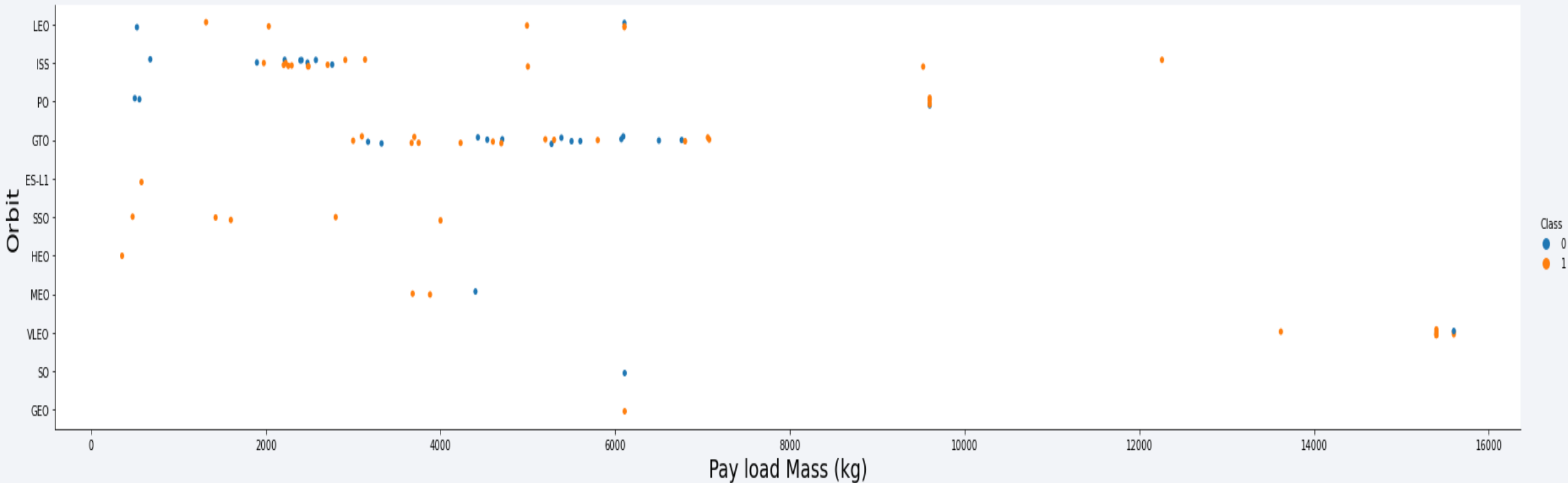
# Flight Number vs. Orbit Type

Orbit VLEO has most successful rate, but most of the flights happen at orbit ISS and GTO



# Payload vs. Orbit Type

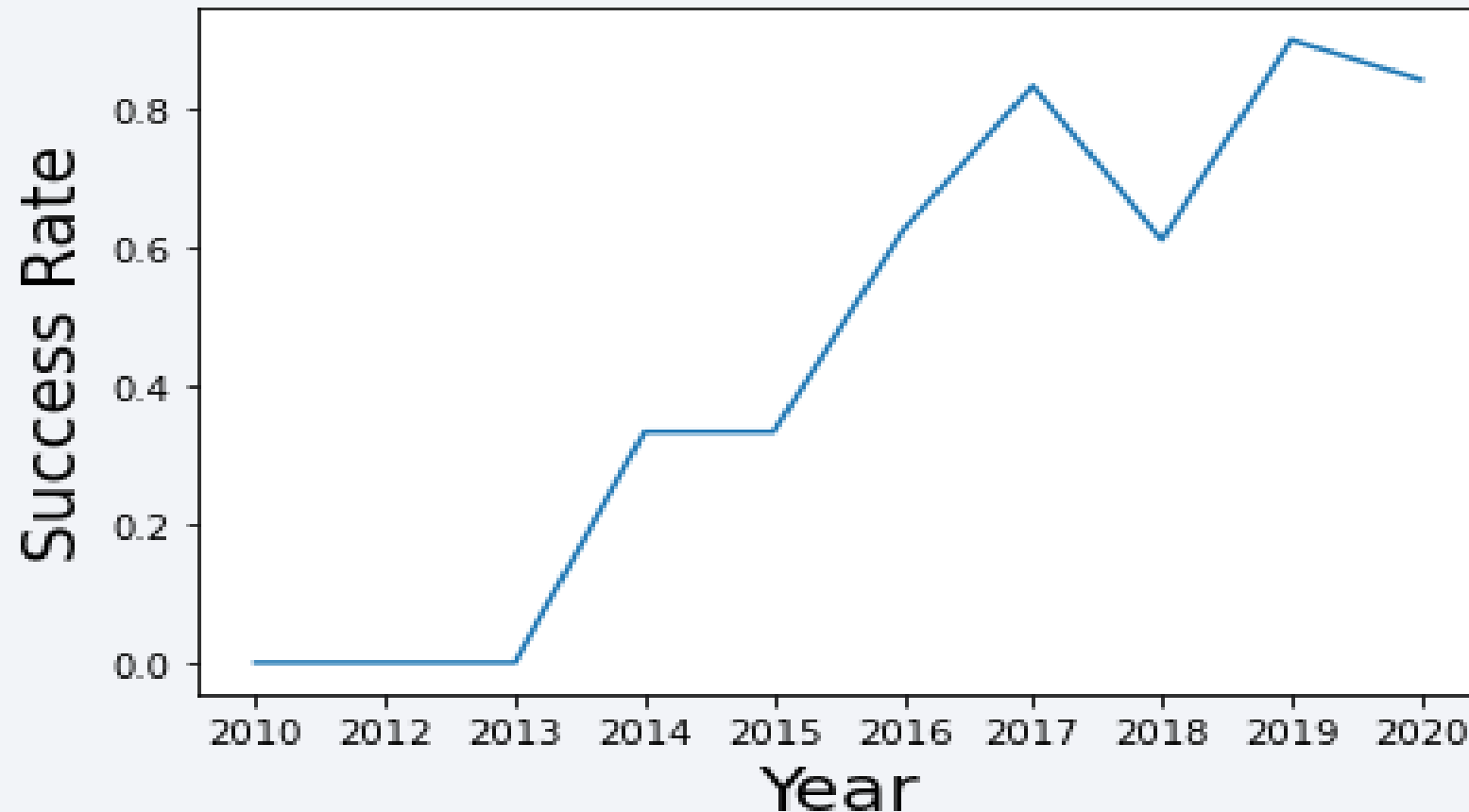
1. Most common payload mass is within 2000kg to 6000kg.
2. Most payload mass above 10000kg happen in orbit VLEO



# Launch Success Yearly Trend

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Launch success rate increase every year with a slight decrease happen in year 2018 and 2020





# All Launch Site Names

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Total 4 launch sites available as a result of query as shown below

In [8]: %sql select distinct(launch\_site) from SPACEXTBL

\* ibm\_db\_sa://scy22371:\*\*\*@1bbf73c5-d84a-4bb0-85b9-ab1a4348f4a4.c3n41cmd0nqnrk39u98g.databases.appdomain.cloud:32286/blddb  
Done.

Out[8]:

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

# Launch Site Names Begin with 'CCA'

## 5 Records where launch sites begin with CCA

In [16]:

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%%sql
select * from SPACEXTBL
where launch_site like 'CCA%'
limit 5
```

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* ibm_db_sa://scy22371:***@1bbf73c5-d84a-4bb0-85b9-ab1a4348f4a4.c3n41cmd0nqnrk39u98g.databases.appdomain.cloud:32286/blddb
Done.
```

Out[16]:

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

# Total Payload Mass

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Total payload carried is 45596kg!

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%%sql  
select sum(payload_mass__kg_) from SPACEXTBL  
where customer='NASA (CRS)'
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* ibm_db_sa://scy22371:***@1bbf73c5-d84a-4bb0-85b9-ab1a4348f4a4.c3n41cmd0nqnrk39u98g.databases.appdomain.cloud:32286/bludb  
Done.
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# Average Payload Mass by F9 v1.1

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The average payload mass by F9 v1.1 is 2928kg

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In [26]: %%sql
select avg(payload_mass__kg_) from SPACEXTBL
where booster_version='F9 v1.1'

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Done.
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Out[26]:
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2928

# First Successful Ground Landing Date

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The first successful landing on the ground pad is on 2015-12-22!

```
In [30]: %%sql
select min(DATE) from SPACEXTBL
where landing__outcome = 'Success (ground pad)'

* ibm_db_sa://scy22371:***@1bbf73c5-d84a-4bb0-85b9-ab1a4348f4a4.c3n41cmd0nqnrk39u98g.databases.appdomain.cloud:32286/bludb
Done.
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Out[30]:
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2015-12-22



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

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There are total of 4 booster version carrying payload mass greater than 4000 but less than 6000kg

```
In [36]: %%sql
select booster_version from SPACEXTBL
where landing__outcome = 'Success (drone ship)' and payload_mass__kg_ between 4000 and 6000

* ibm_db_sa://scy22371:***@1bbf73c5-d84a-4bb0-85b9-ab1a4348f4a4.c3n41cmd0nqnrk39u98g.databases.appdomain.cloud:32286/bludb
Done.
```

```
Out[36]:
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booster_version
F9 FT B1022
F9 FT B1026
F9 FT B1021.2
F9 FT B1031.2

# Total Number of Successful and Failure Mission Outcomes

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Total number of successful and failure mission outcomes is 101

```
In [46]: %%sql
select count(mission_outcome) from SPACEXTBL

* ibm_db_sa://scy22371:***@1bbf73c5-d84a-4bb0-85b9-ab1a4348f4a4.c3n41cmd0nqnrk39u98g.databases.appdomain.cloud:32286/bludb
Done.
```

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Out[46]:
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# Boosters Carried Maximum Payload

Below show all the booster version carried maximum payload

```
In [47]: %%sql
select booster_version from SPACEXTBL
where payload_mass__kg_ = (select max(payload_mass__kg_) from SPACEXTBL)

* ibm_db_sa://scy22371:***@1bbf73c5-d84a-4bb0-85b9-ab1a4348f4a4.c3n41cmd0nqnrk39u98g.databases.appdomain.cloud:32286/bludb
Done.
```

```
Out[47]:
```

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

# 2015 Launch Records

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Below show fail landing on drone ship in 2015

In [49]:

```
%%sql
select DATE,landing__outcome,booster_version,launch_site from SPACEXTBL
where landing__outcome = 'Failure (drone ship)' and DATE like '2015%'
```

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* ibm_db_sa://scy22371:***@1bbf73c5-d84a-4bb0-85b9-ab1a4348f4a4.c3n41cmd0nqnrk39u98g.databases.appdomain.cloud:32286/bludb
Done.
```

Out[49]:

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

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

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In [53]: `%%sql`  
`select DATE,landing__outcome from SPACEXTBL`  
`where DATE between '2010-06-04' and '2017-03-20'`  
`order by DATE desc`

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Done.

Out[53]:

DATE	landing__outcome
2017-03-16	No attempt
2017-02-19	Success (ground pad)
2017-01-14	Success (drone ship)
2016-08-14	Success (drone ship)
2016-07-18	Success (ground pad)
2016-06-15	Failure (drone ship)
2016-05-27	Success (drone ship)
2016-05-06	Success (drone ship)
2016-04-08	Success (drone ship)



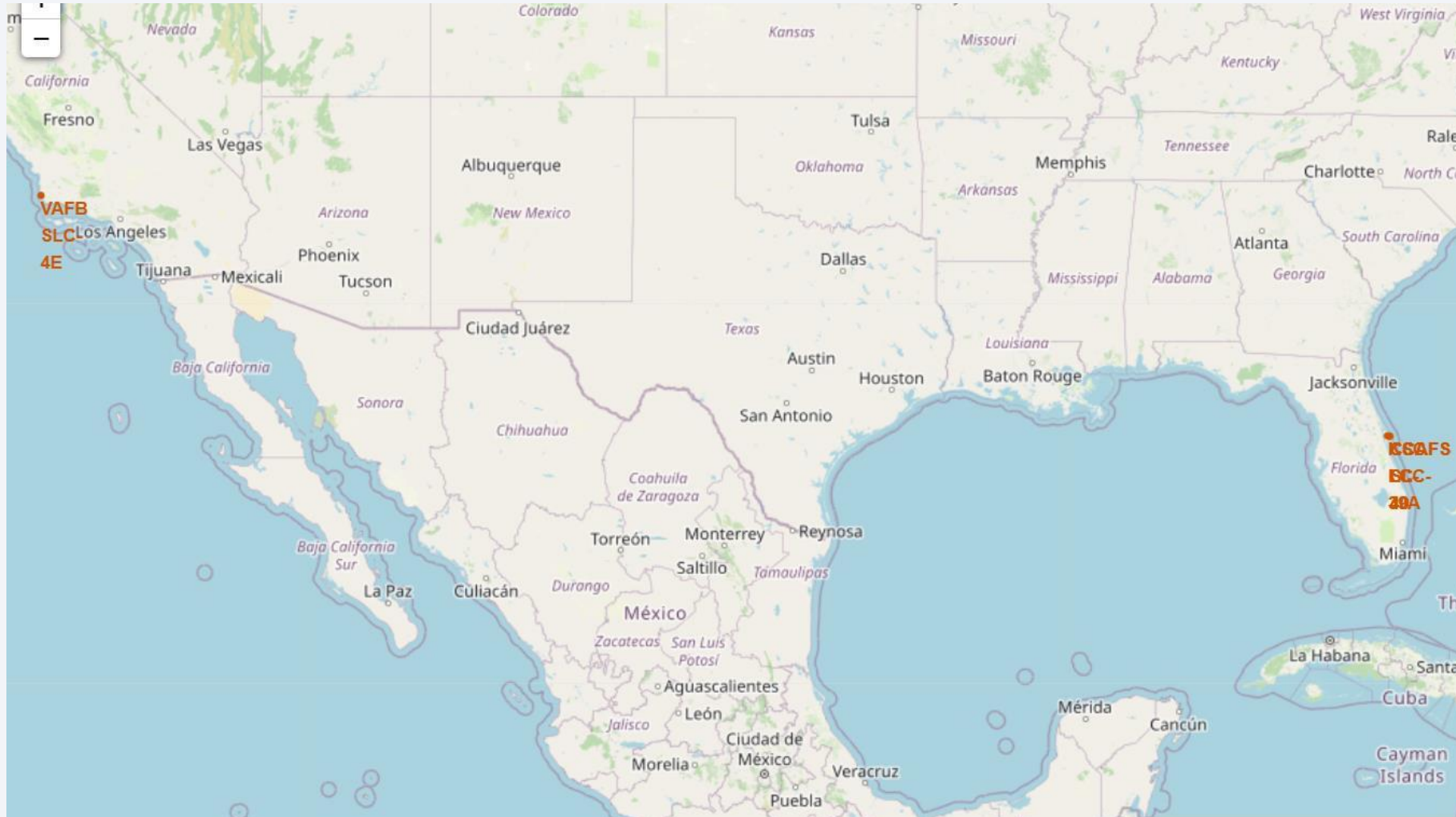
A satellite view of Earth from space, showing the curvature of the planet and the glow of city lights at night. The background is a deep blue gradient.

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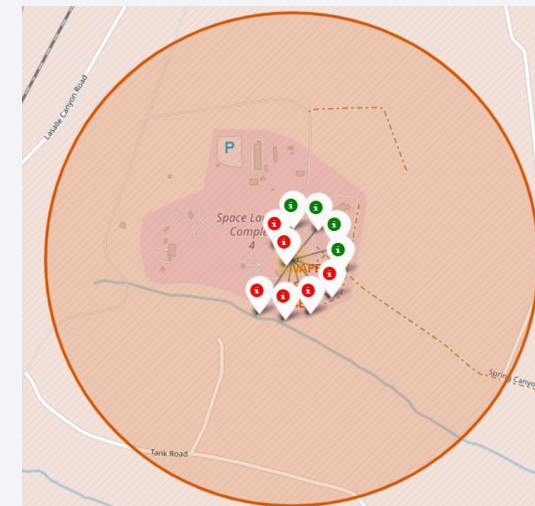
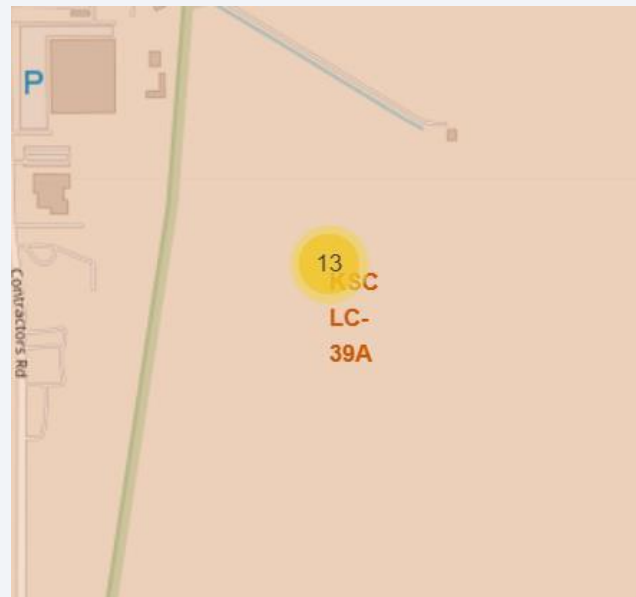
# Launch Sites Proximities Analysis

# <Folium Map Screenshot 1>

All the launch sites are near to the coast.



# <Folium Map Screenshot 2>





## <Folium Map Screenshot 3>

- All the launch site close to the coast and further from dense population to avoid unnecessary damage





Section 5

# Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

# Success Rate of All Launch Site

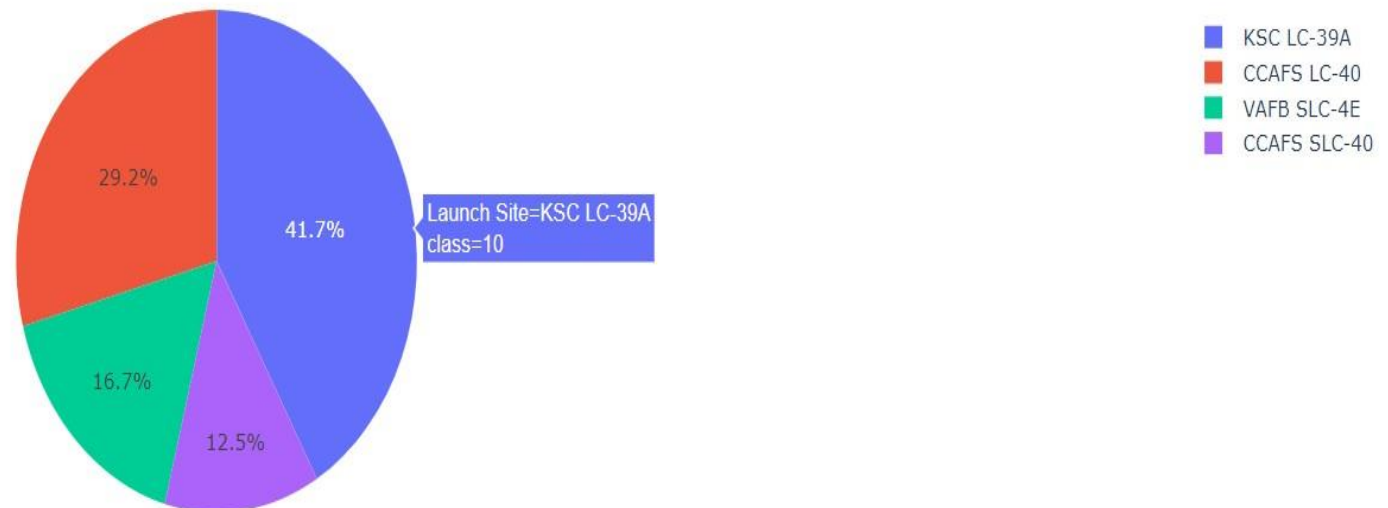
The largest successful launches happen in launch site – KSC LC-39A. Total 10 successful launches happened here out of total 24 successful launches!

## SpaceX Launch Records Dashboard

All Sites



Success Rate of All Launch Sites



# <Success Rate of KSC LC-39A Launch Site

The highest launch success rate is at launch site - KSC LC-39A.  
Approximate 77% of launches here are successful.

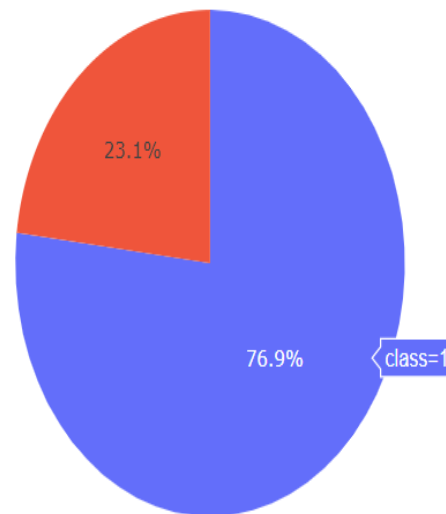
## SpaceX Launch Records Dashboard

KSC LC-39A

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Success Rate of KSC LC-39A Launch Sites



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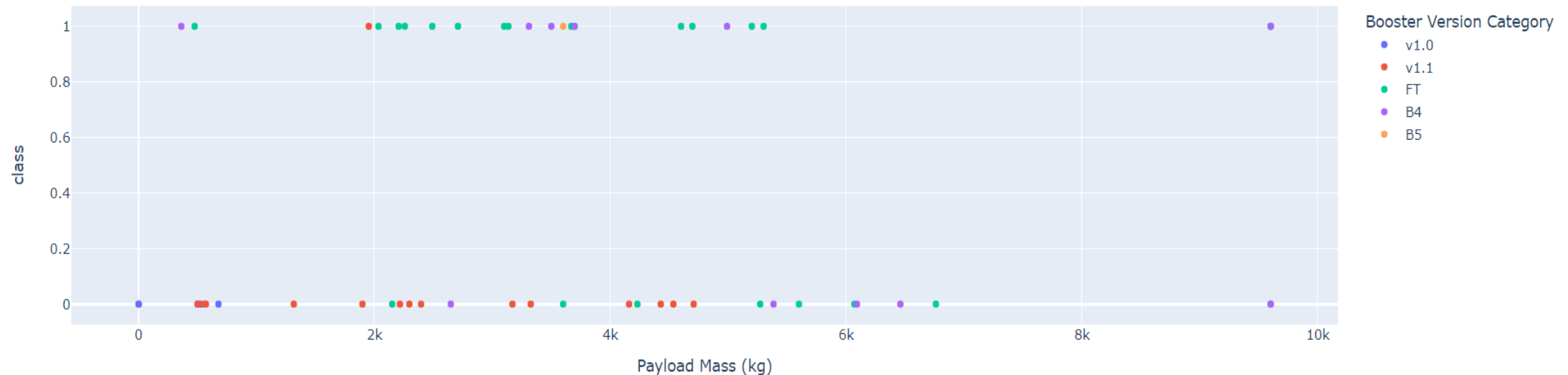
# Interactive Plot of Success Rate, Booster Version, and Payload Mass (kg)

1. Most successful launch carry within 2000kg to 4000kg payload mass.
2. Most unsuccessful launch carry within 4000kg to 7000kg payload mass.
3. F9 booster version – FT has the highest launch success rate

Payload range (Kg):



Correlation between Payload and Success for all Sites



Section 6

# Predictive Analysis (Classification)

# Classification Accuracy

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We can see all the prediction techniques used result in practically the same accuracy score.

Prediction Technique	Prediction Accuracy (SCORE method)
Logistic Regression	0.8333
Support Vector Machine (SVM)	0.8333
Decision Tree	0.8333
K Nearest Neighbors (KNN)	0.8333

# Confusion Matrix

The confusion matrix from all the prediction technique are the same. They all have 3 mistake prediction which supposed to be did not land but predicted land. Hence, all prediction technique are good to be used in this scenario.





# Conclusions

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- All the launch sites are nearer to the coast area than to dense population area
- The successful rate appears to be increasing every year proved that Space X is a successful project
- With the model we build, we can predict 83% using all the variable provided.
- The model will help ensure the safety and sustainability of the project
- Finally, all the variables play a role in succeeding the launching and landing of the spaceship

# Appendix

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- 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!



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