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# Winning Space Race with Data Science

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# Executive Summary

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- 4 Models were incorporated to determine the best model based on GridSearchCV
- Decision Tree model ad the highest accuracy

# Introduction

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- SpaceX has gained worldwide attention for a series of historic milestones.
- It is the only private company ever to return a spacecraft from low-earth orbit, which it first accomplished in December 2010. SpaceX advertises Falcon 9 rocket launches on its website with a cost of 62 million dollars whereas other providers cost upward of 165 million dollars each, much of the savings is because Space X can reuse the first stage.
- Therefore, if we can determine if the first stage will land, we can determine the cost of a launch.
- This information can be used if an alternate company wants to bid against SpaceX for a rocket launch.
- By performing the analysis, we will be able to determine the parameters (factors) which maximizes the 'success' outcomes of the landing



Section 1

# Methodology

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## Executive Summary

- Data collection methodology:
  - Publicly available Dataset
- Perform data wrangling
  - Data filtered to only contain Falcon 9 launches
  - Launch outcome was reclassified as binary variable (0 – Failure, 1- Success)
- 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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- Use API calls, launch datasets were retrieved and segregated
- Booster Version had both Falcon 1 and Falcon 9 data. Thus, data was filtered to contain only Falcon 9 launches
- *PayloadMass* variable had 5 missing values thus it was replaced with the mean of the remaining Payload values using `mean()` and `replace()` functions
- Webscraping was done to retrieve launch outcomes
- Launch Outcome was finally converted into binary values (where, 0 is Failure and 1 is Success)

# Data Collection – SpaceX API

## GETTING LAUNCH IDs

```
static_json_url='https://cf-courses-data.s3.us.cloud-object-storage.appdomain.cloud/IBM-DS0321EN-SkillsNetwork/datasets/API_call_spacex_api.json'
```

## APPENDING BOOSTER DATA

```
response =  
requests.get("https://api.spacexdata.com/v4/rockets/"+str(x)).json()
```

## APPENDING LAUNCH SITE DATA

```
response =  
requests.get("https://api.spacexdata.com/v4/launchpads/"+str(x)).json()  
Longitude.append(response['longitude'])  
Latitude.append(response['latitude'])  
LaunchSite.append(response['name'])
```

## APPENDING PAYLOAD DATA

```
response =  
requests.get("https://api.spacexdata.com/v4/payloads/"+load).json()
```

## APPENDING CORE DATA

```
response = requests.get("https://api.spacexdata.com/v4/cores/"+core['core']).json()  
Outcome.append(str(core['landing_success'])+' '+str(core['landing_type']))  
Flights.append(core['flight'])  
GridFins.append(core['gridfins'])  
Reused.append(core['reused'])  
Legs.append(core['legs'])  
LandingPad.append(core['landpad'])
```



# Data Collection - Scraping

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```
static_url = "https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=List_of_Falcon_9_and_Falcon_Heavy_launches&oldid=1027686922"
```

API Calling Wikipedia page



```
html_tables = soup.find_all('table')
```

Creating soup object



```
# Let's print the third table and check its content  
first_launch_table = html_tables[2]  
print(first_launch_table)
```

Retrieving Table and Column  
Names



Looping through the soup object and appending data

```
for table_number, table in enumerate(soup.find_all('table', "wikitable plainrowheaders collapsible")):  
    # get table row  
    for rows in table.find_all("tr"):  
        # check to see if first table heading is as number corresponding to launch a number  
        if rows.th:  
            if rows.th.string:  
                flight_number = rows.th.string.strip()  
                flag = flight_number.isdigit()
```

# Data Wrangling

Identifying datatypes of data variables

```
df.dtypes
```

```
FlightNumber    int64
Date            object
BoosterVersion  object
PayloadMass     float64
Orbit           object
LaunchSite      object
Outcome         object
Flights         int64
GridFins        bool
Reused          bool
Legs            bool
LandingPad      object
Block          float64
ReusedCount     int64
Serial          object
Longitude       float64
Latitude        float64
dtype: object
```

Identifying number of facilities

```
# Apply value_counts() on column LaunchSite
df["LaunchSite"].value_counts()
```

```
LaunchSite
CCAFS SLC 40    55
KSC LC 39A     22
VAFB SLC 4E    13
Name: count, dtype: int64
```

Converting target variable to binary values

```
for i,outcome in enumerate(landing_outcomes.keys()):
    print(i,outcome)
```

```
0 True ASDS
1 None None
2 True RTLS
3 False ASDS
4 True Ocean
5 False Ocean
6 None ASDS
7 False RTLS
```

```
bad_outcomes=set(landing_outcomes.keys()[[1,3,5,6,7]])
bad_outcomes
```

```
{'False ASDS', 'False Ocean', 'False RTLS', 'None ASDS', 'None None'}
```

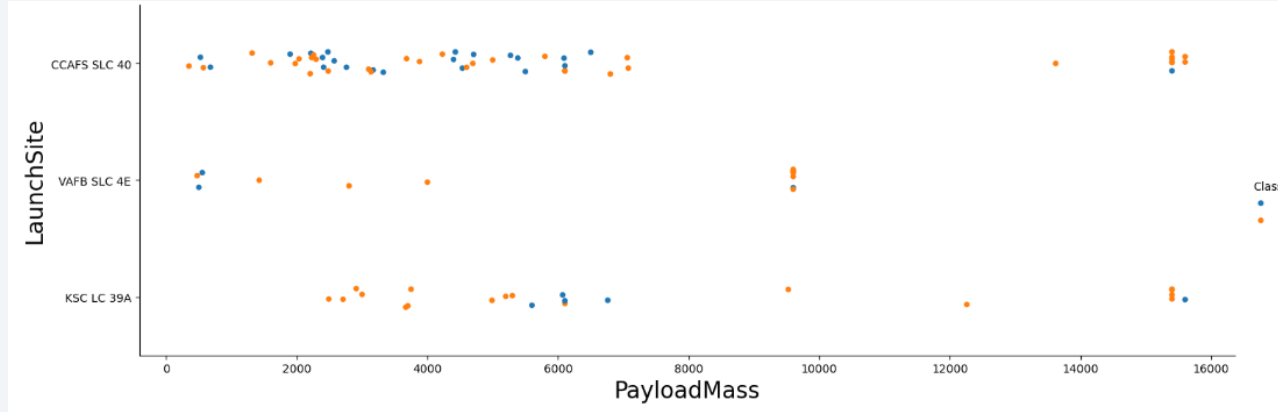
```
# landing_class = 0 if bad_outcome
# landing_class = 1 otherwise
```

```
landing_class = []
```

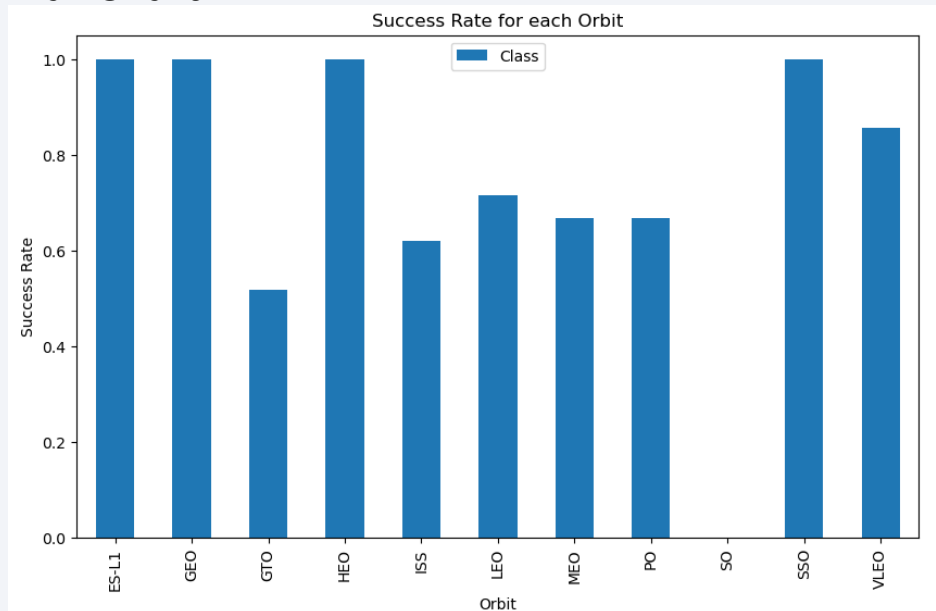
```
for i in df["Outcome"]:
    if i in bad_outcomes:
        landing_class.append(0)
    else:
        landing_class.append(1)
landing_class
```

# EDA with Data Visualization

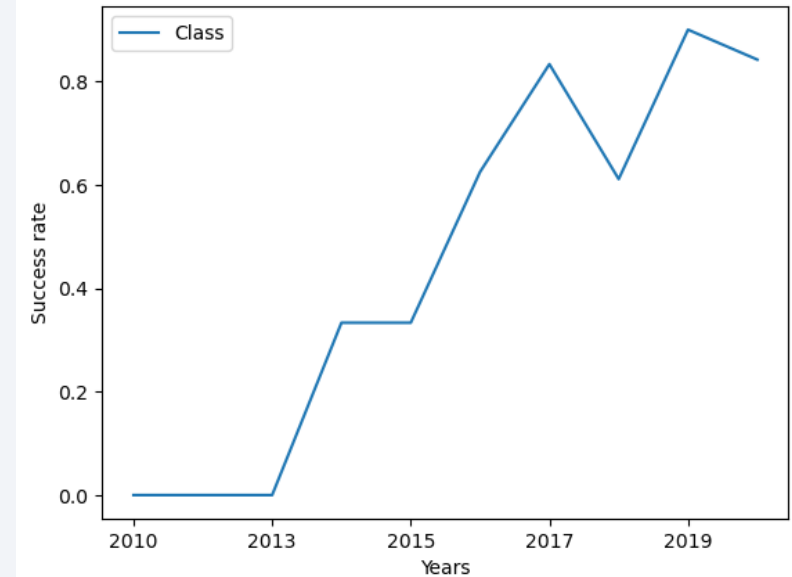
## Scatter Plot



## Bar Chart



## Success rate over the years



## Line Chart

# EDA with SQL

```
%sql SELECT DISTINCT Launch_Site FROM SPACEXTBL
```

```
* sqlite:///my_data1.db
```

Done.

**Launch\_Site**

CCAFS LC-40

VAFB SLC-4E

KSC LC-39A

CCAFS SLC-40

```
%%sql
```

```
SELECT Landing_Outcome, COUNT(Landing_Outcome) AS COUNT
FROM SPACEXTBL
GROUP BY Landing_Outcome
HAVING Date > '2010-06-04' AND
Date < '2017-03-20'
ORDER BY COUNT(Landing_Outcome) DESC
```

```
* sqlite:///my_data1.db
```

Done.

**Landing\_Outcome    COUNT**

No attempt    21

Success (drone ship)    14

Success (ground pad)    9

Failure (drone ship)    5

Controlled (ocean)    5

Uncontrolled (ocean)    2

Precluded (drone ship)    1

```
%sql SELECT * FROM SPACEXTBL WHERE Launch_Site LIKE ('%CCA%') LIMIT 5
```

```
* sqlite:///my_data1.db
```

Done.

| 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) |
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| 2012-10-08 | 0:35:00    | 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          |

```
%%sql
```

```
SELECT COUNT(Landing_Outcome) AS Count,
CASE
WHEN Landing_Outcome LIKE ('%Success%') THEN 'Success'
WHEN Landing_Outcome LIKE ('%None%') THEN 'Failure'
WHEN Landing_Outcome LIKE ('%Failure%') THEN 'Failure'
ELSE 'Failure'
END AS Outcome
FROM SPACEXTBL
GROUP BY Outcome
```

```
* sqlite:///my_data1.db
```

Done.

**Count    Outcome**

40    Failure

61    Success

```
%%sql
```

```
SELECT DISTINCT Booster_Version FROM SPACEXTBL WHERE
PAYLOAD_MASS_KG_ = (SELECT MAX(PAYLOAD_MASS_KG_) FROM SPACEXTBL) ORDER BY Booster_Version
```

```
* sqlite:///my_data1.db
```

Done.

**Booster\_Version**

F9 B5 B1048.4

F9 B5 B1048.5

F9 B5 B1049.4

F9 B5 B1049.5

F9 B5 B1049.7

F9 B5 B1051.3

F9 B5 B1051.4

F9 B5 B1051.6

F9 B5 B1056.4

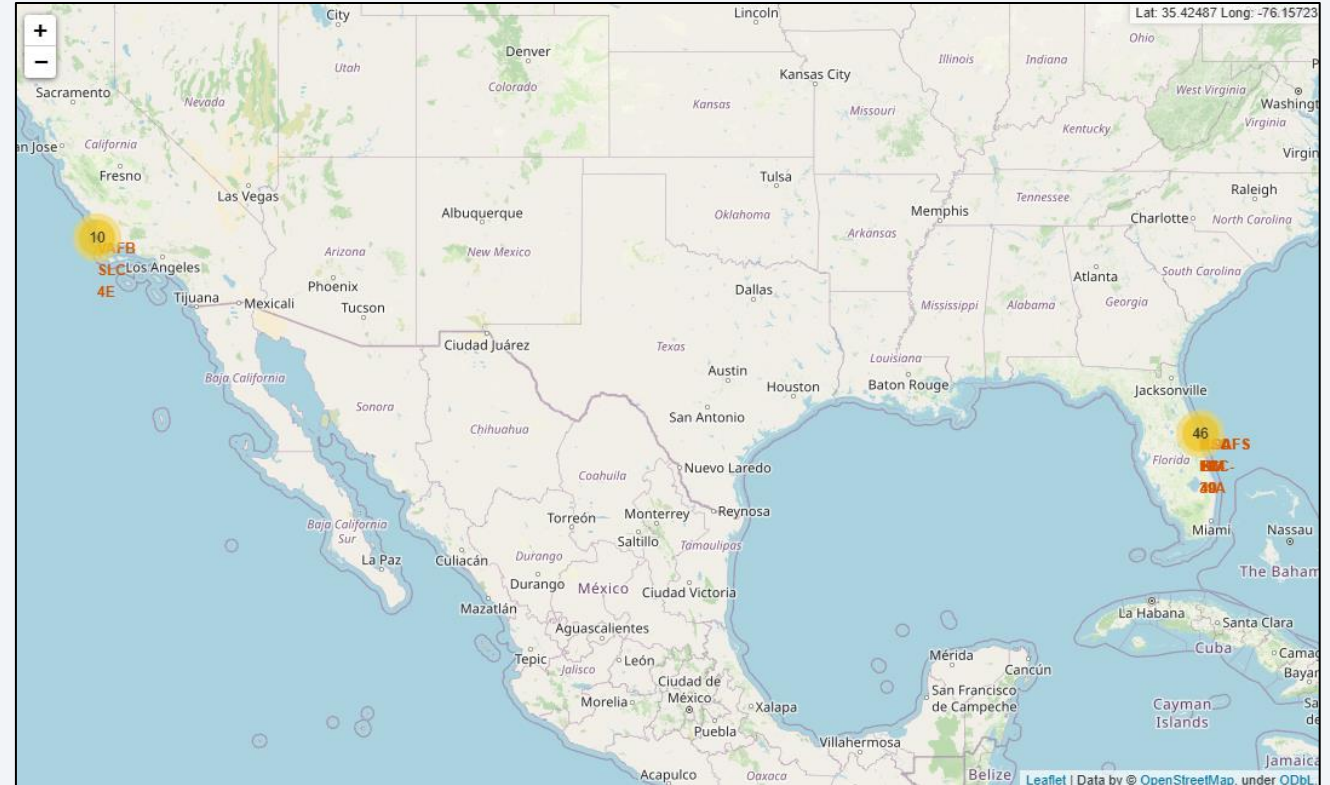
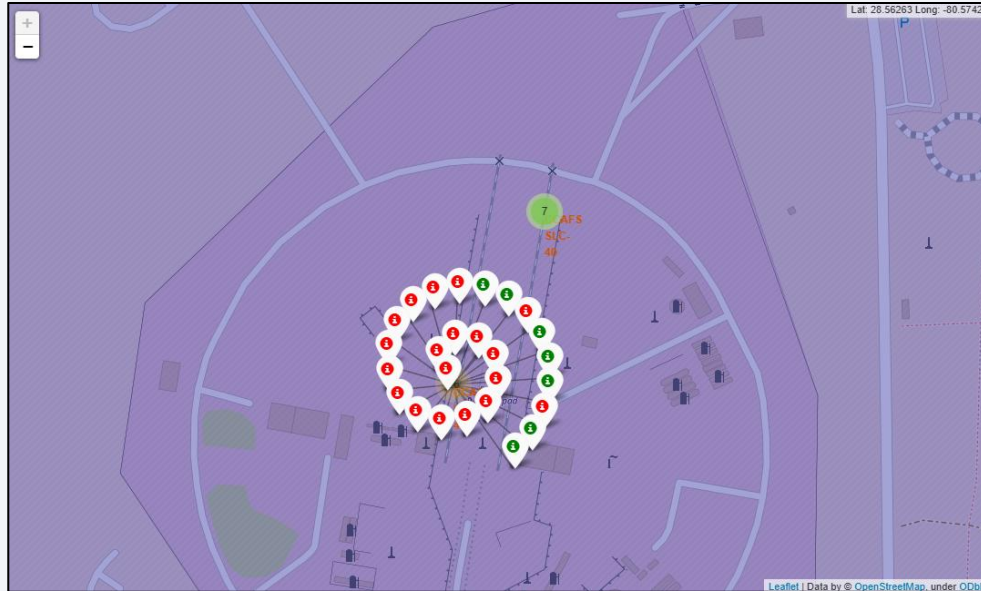
F9 B5 B1058.3

F9 B5 B1060.2

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# Build an Interactive Map with Folium

Folium map created to visually identify success of each launch site

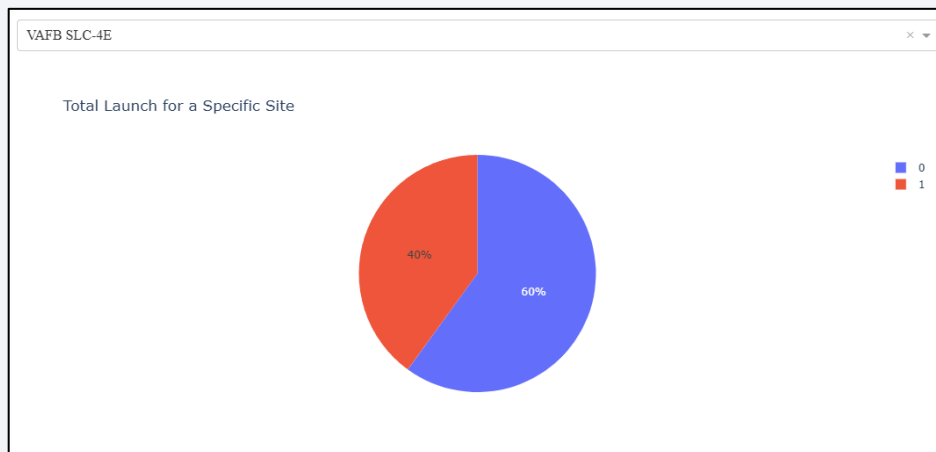
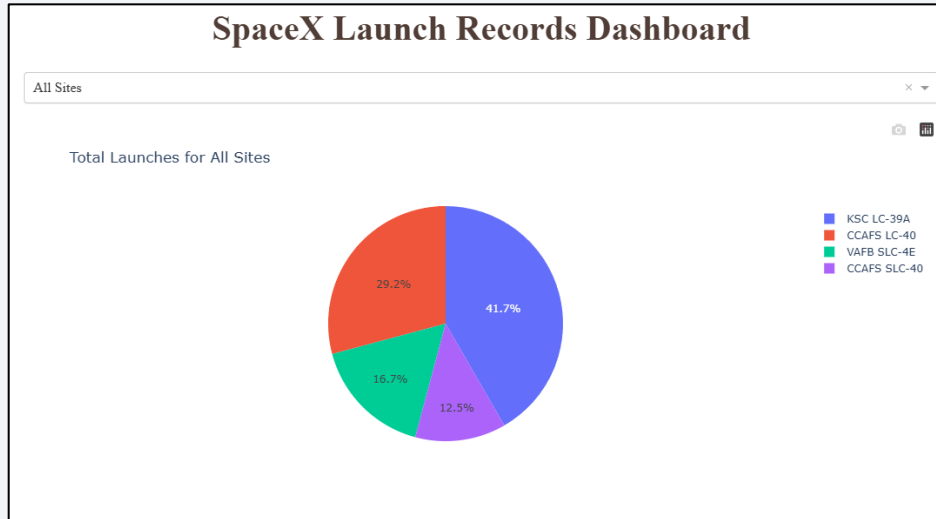


Github: [Folium Plots](#)



# Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

Plotly dash was built to identify the success rate of each site



Github: [Plotly Dash](#)

# Predictive Analysis (Classification)

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- Below models were used to build predictive analysis:
  - Logarithmic Regression
  - SVM
  - Decision Tree
  - KNN
- GridSearchCV was used to determine best parameters for each model and consequently calculate accuracy
- Among the models mentioned, Decision Tree model has the highest accuracy

Github: [Predictive Analysis](#)

# Results

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



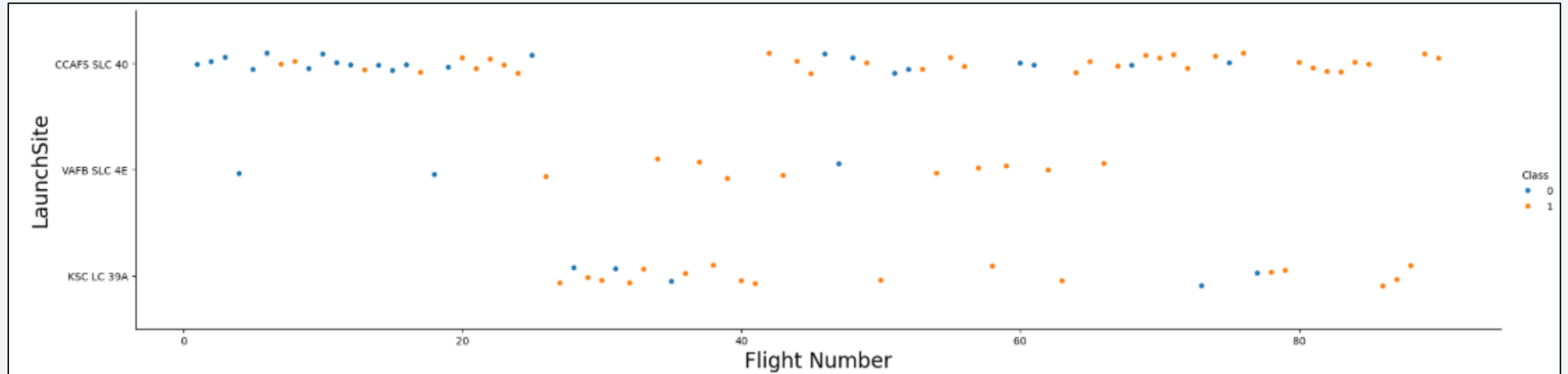
The background of the slide is an abstract composition. It features a dark blue base color. Overlaid on this are numerous diagonal streaks in shades of red and cyan. A faint, light blue grid pattern is also visible, particularly in the lower half of the image. The overall effect is dynamic and technological.

Section 2

# Insights drawn from EDA



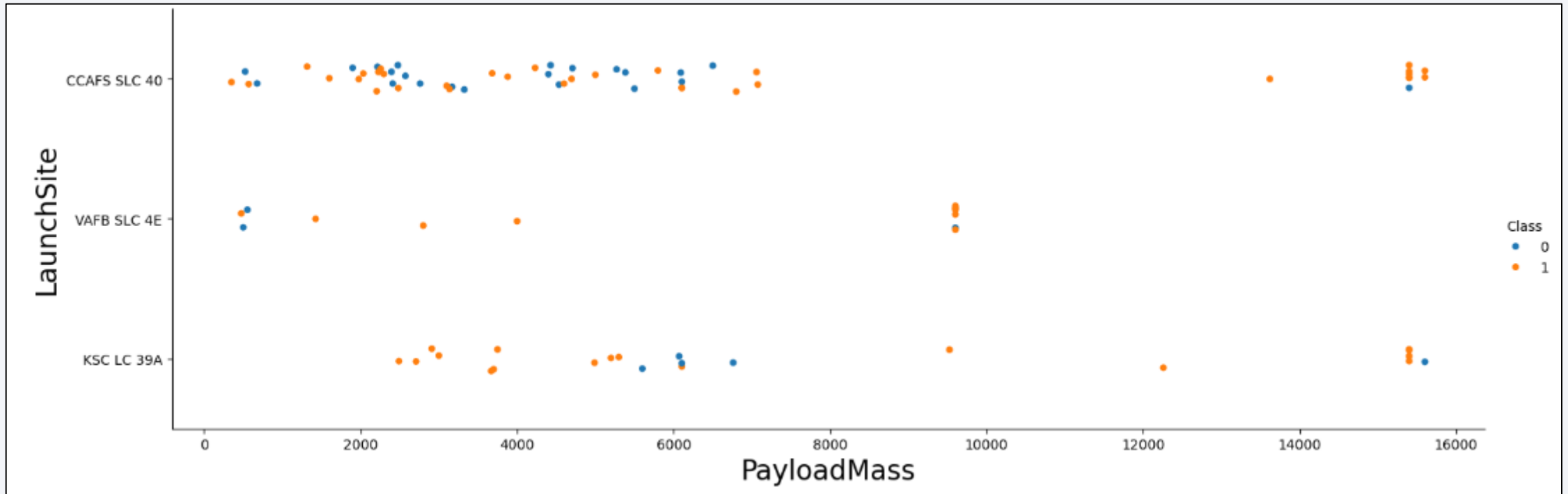
# Flight Number vs. Launch Site



Based on the above scatter plot, for all the launch sites, success rate was higher in the launches after flight number 40.

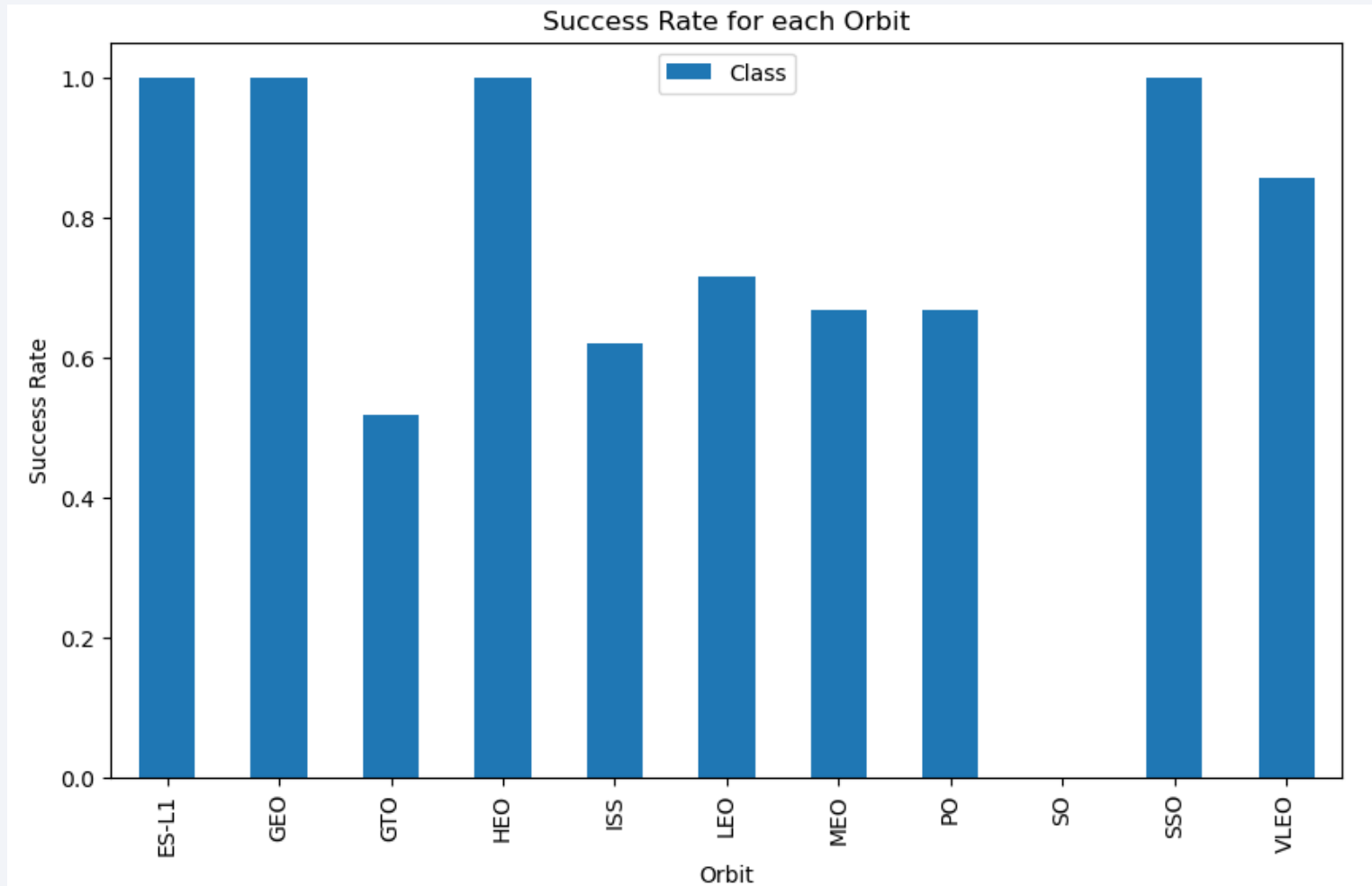


# Payload vs. Launch Site



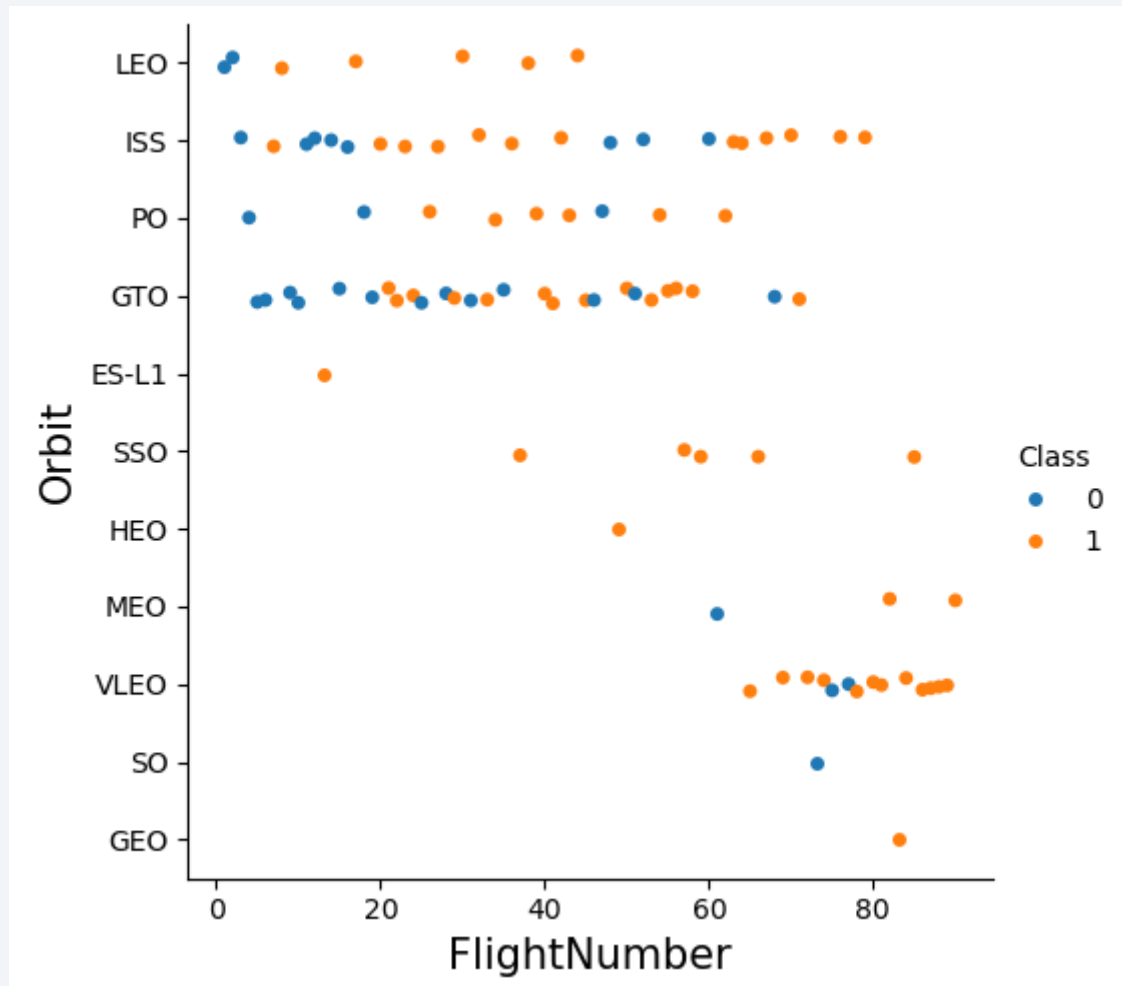
Based on the above scatter plot, for all the launch sites, success rate was higher when the Payload mass was greater than 8000 kg

# Success Rate vs. Orbit Type



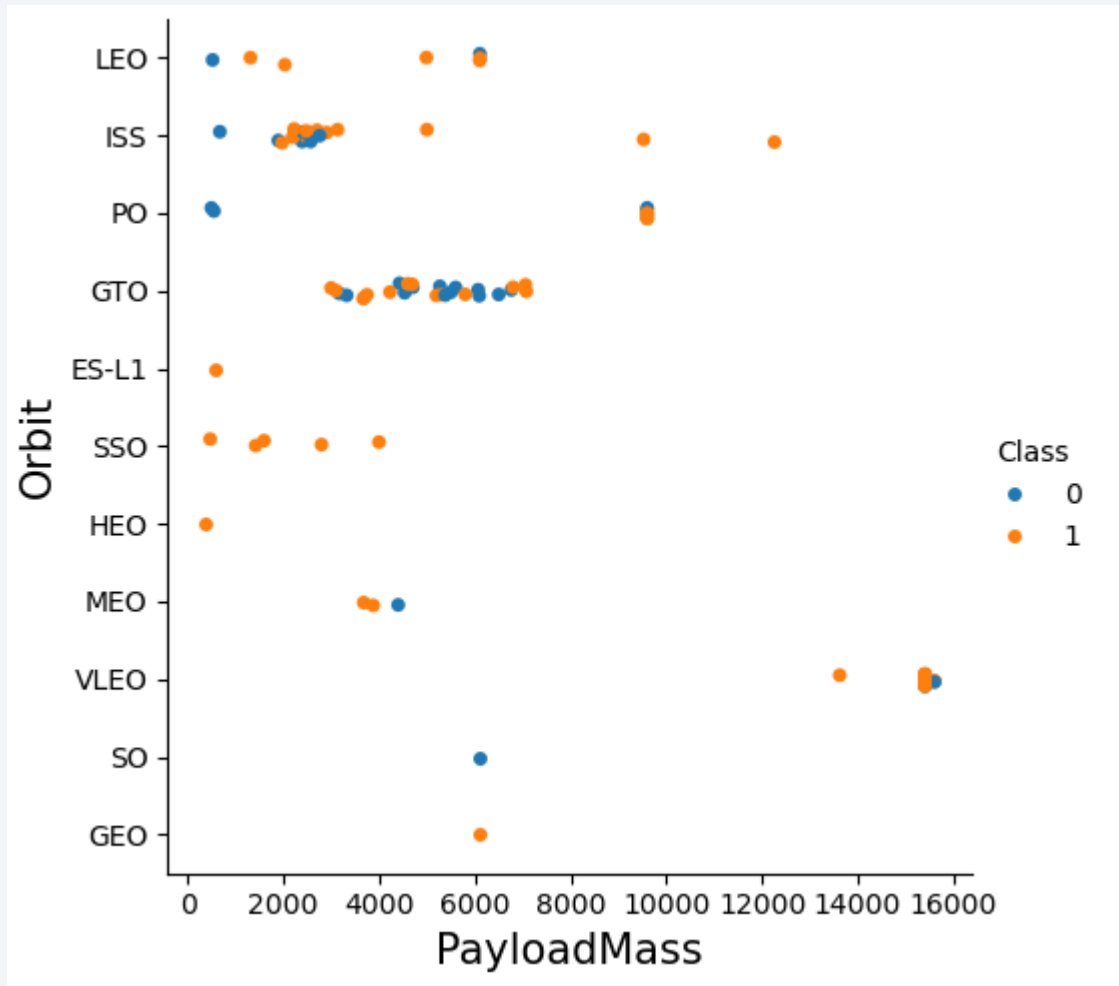
Success rate Orbits SO, GTO, ISS, LEO, MEO, PO was fairly low, whereas, Success rate of ES-L1, GEO, HEO, SSO was 100%

# Flight Number vs. Orbit Type



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

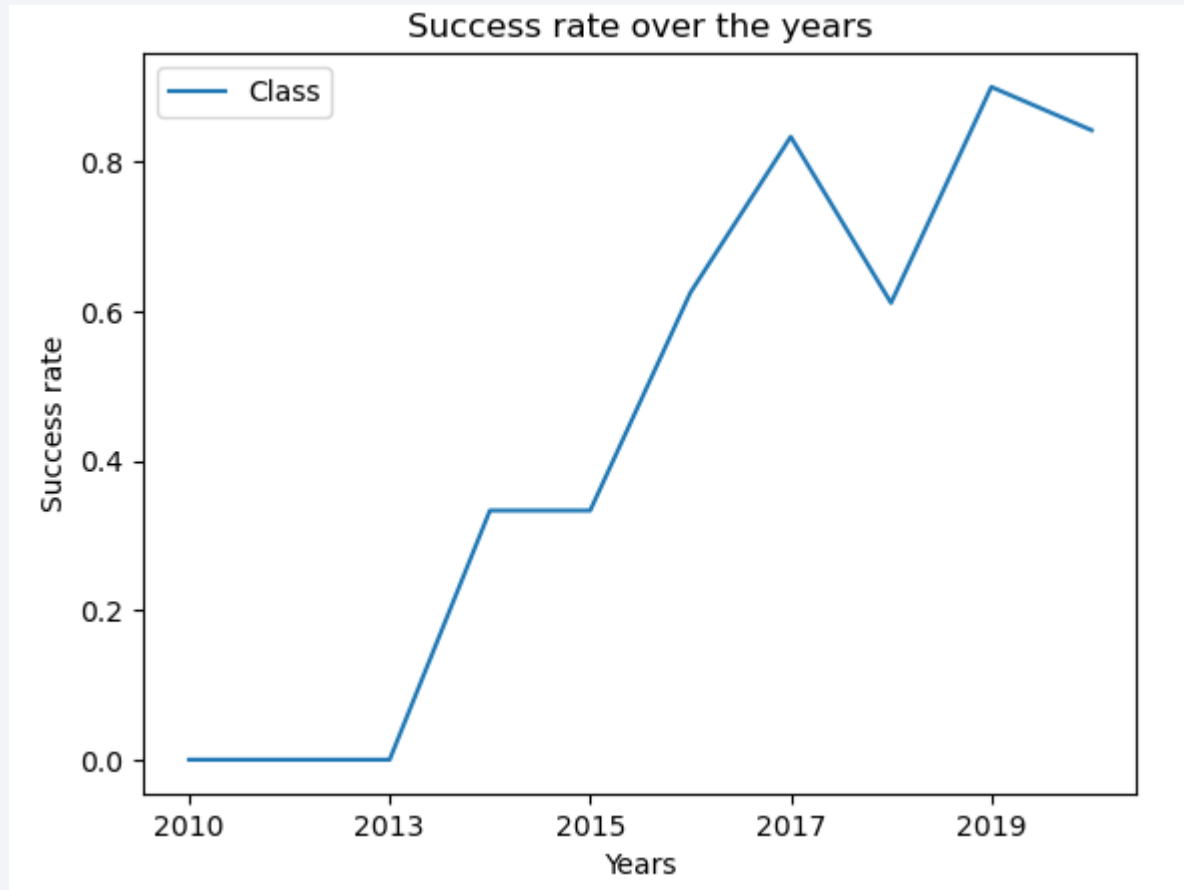
# Payload vs. Orbit Type



With heavy payloads the successful landing or positive landing rate are more for Polar, LEO and ISS. However for GTO we cannot distinguish this well as both positive landing rate and negative landing(unsuccesful mission) are both there here.

# Launch Success Yearly Trend

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Success rate since 2013 kept increasing till 2017 (stable in 2014) and after 2015 it started increasing.



# All Launch Site Names

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```
%sql SELECT DISTINCT Launch_Site FROM SPACEXTBL
```

```
* sqlite:///my_data1.db
```

```
Done.
```

```
Launch_Site
```

```
CCAFS LC-40
```

```
VAFB SLC-4E
```

```
KSC LC-39A
```

```
CCAFS SLC-40
```

There are 4 launch sites from  
which Falcon 9 was launched

# Launch Site Names Begin with 'CCA'

```
%sql SELECT * FROM SPACEXTBL WHERE Launch_Site LIKE ('%CCA%') LIMIT 5
```

```
* sqlite:///my_data1.db
```

Done.

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# Total Payload Mass

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```
%sql SELECT SUM(PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_) AS TOTAL_PAYLOAD FROM SPACEXTBL WHERE CUSTOMER LIKE ('%NASA (CRS)%')
```

```
* sqlite:///my_data1.db
```

```
Done.
```

| TOTAL_PAYLOAD |
|---------------|
|---------------|

|       |
|-------|
| 48213 |
|-------|

# Average Payload Mass by F9 v1.1

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```
%sql SELECT AVG(PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_) AS AVG_PAYLOAD FROM SPACEXTBL WHERE Booster_Version LIKE ('%F9 v1.1%')
```

```
* sqlite:///my_data1.db
```

```
Done.
```

| <b>AVG_PAYLOAD</b> |
|--------------------|
|--------------------|

|                    |
|--------------------|
| 2534.6666666666665 |
|--------------------|

# First Successful Ground Landing Date

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```
%sql SELECT Date FROM SPACEXTBL WHERE Landing_Outcome LIKE ('%Success%') AND Landing_Outcome LIKE ('%ground pad%') ORDER BY DATE LIMIT 1
```

```
* sqlite:///my_data1.db
```

```
Done.
```

| Date |
|------|
|------|

|            |
|------------|
| 2015-12-22 |
|------------|



# Successful Drone Ship Landing with Payload between 4000 and 6000

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```
%%sql
SELECT DISTINCT Booster_Version FROM SPACEXTBL WHERE Landing_Outcome LIKE ('%Success%') AND Landing_Outcome LIKE ('%drone ship%')
AND PAYLOAD_MASS_KG_ > 4000 AND PAYLOAD_MASS_KG_ < 6000
```

```
* sqlite:///my_data1.db
Done.
```

## **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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```
%%sql
SELECT COUNT(Landing_Outcome) AS Count,
CASE
WHEN Landing_Outcome LIKE ('%Success%') THEN 'Success'
WHEN Landing_Outcome LIKE ('%None%') THEN 'Failure'
WHEN Landing_Outcome LIKE ('%Failure%') THEN 'Failure'
ELSE 'Failure'
END AS Outcome
FROM SPACEXTBL
GROUP BY Outcome
```

\* sqlite:///my\_data1.db

Done.

| Count | Outcome |
|-------|---------|
|-------|---------|

|    |         |
|----|---------|
| 40 | Failure |
|----|---------|

|    |         |
|----|---------|
| 61 | Success |
|----|---------|

# Boosters Carried Maximum Payload

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```
%%sql
SELECT DISTINCT Booster_Version FROM SPACEXTBL WHERE
PAYLOAD_MASS_KG_ = (SELECT MAX(PAYLOAD_MASS_KG_) FROM SPACEXTBL) ORDER BY Booster_Version
```

```
* sqlite:///my_data1.db
```

Done.

## **Booster\_Version**

F9 B5 B1048.4

F9 B5 B1048.5

F9 B5 B1049.4

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F9 B5 B1056.4

F9 B5 B1058.3

F9 B5 B1060.2

F9 B5 B1060.3

# 2015 Launch Records

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```
%%sql
SELECT substr(Date,6,2) AS MONTH, Landing_Outcome, Booster_Version, Launch_Site FROM SPACEXTBL
WHERE substr(Date,0,5)=='2015' AND
Landing_Outcome LIKE '%Failure%' AND
Landing_Outcome LIKE '%drone ship%'
```

```
* sqlite:///my_data1.db
```

```
Done.
```

| MONTH | Landing_Outcome      | Booster_Version | Launch_Site |
|-------|----------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| 01    | Failure (drone ship) | F9 v1.1 B1012   | CCAFS LC-40 |
| 04    | 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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```
%%sql
SELECT Landing_Outcome, COUNT(Landing_Outcome) AS COUNT
FROM SPACEXTBL
GROUP BY Landing_Outcome
HAVING Date > '2010-06-04' AND
Date < '2017-03-20'
ORDER BY COUNT(Landing_Outcome) DESC
```

\* sqlite:///my\_data1.db  
Done.

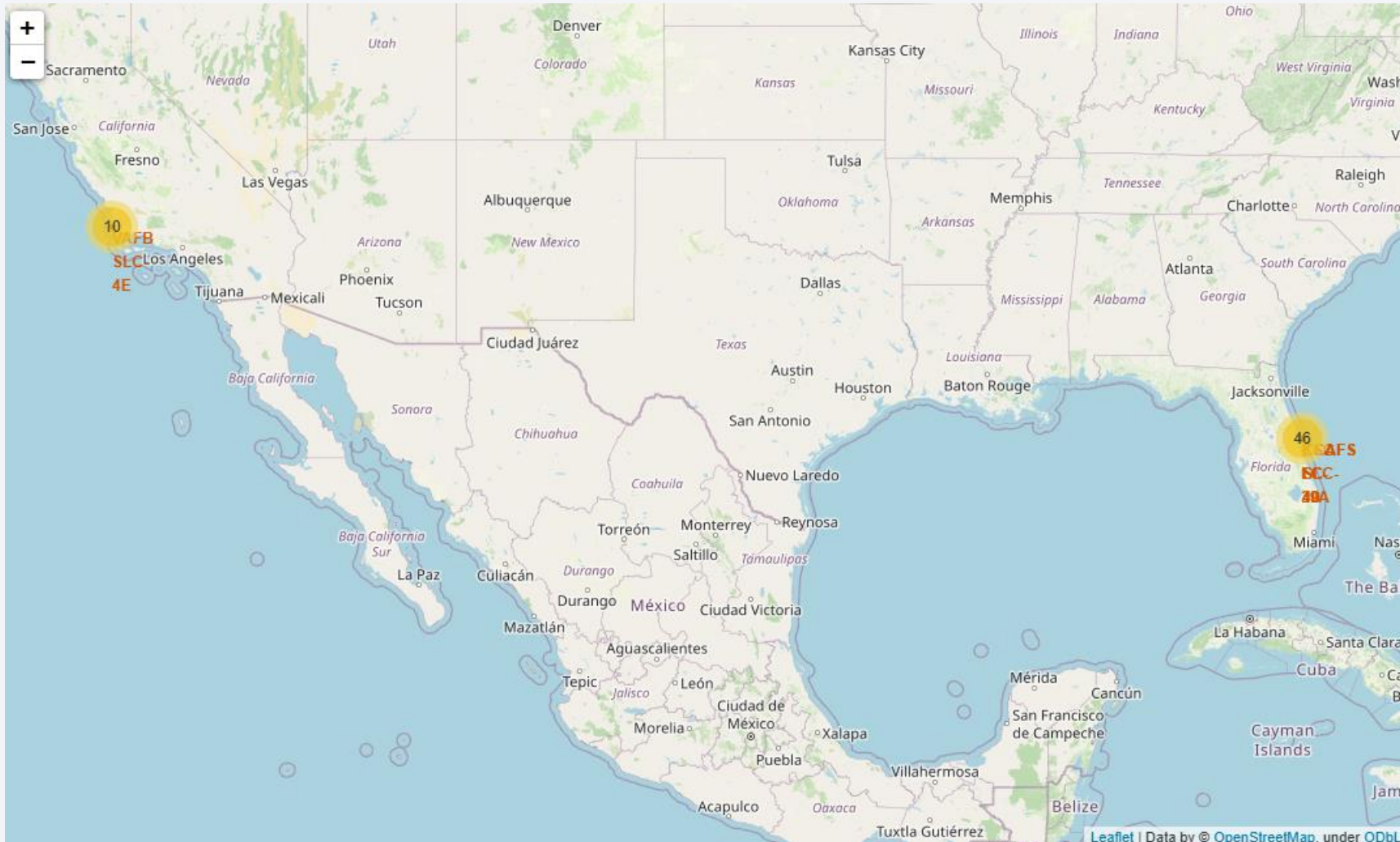
| Landing_Outcome        | COUNT |
|------------------------|-------|
| No attempt             | 21    |
| Success (drone ship)   | 14    |
| Success (ground pad)   | 9     |
| Failure (drone ship)   | 5     |
| Controlled (ocean)     | 5     |
| Uncontrolled (ocean)   | 2     |
| Precluded (drone ship) | 1     |

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

Section 3

# Launch Sites Proximities Analysis

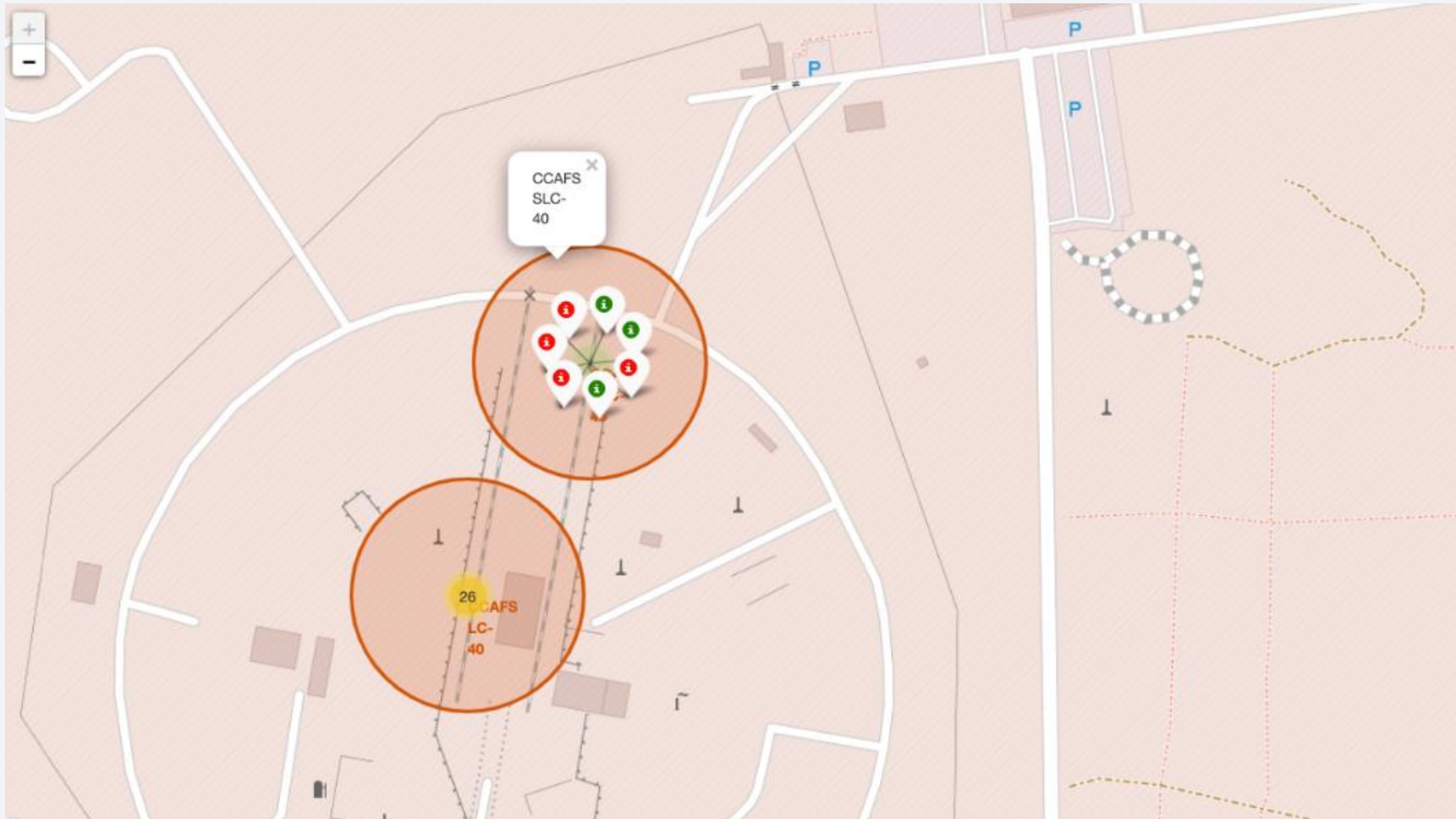
# Launch Site and Count of Launches



The folium map highlights launch site locations and number of launches in the marker



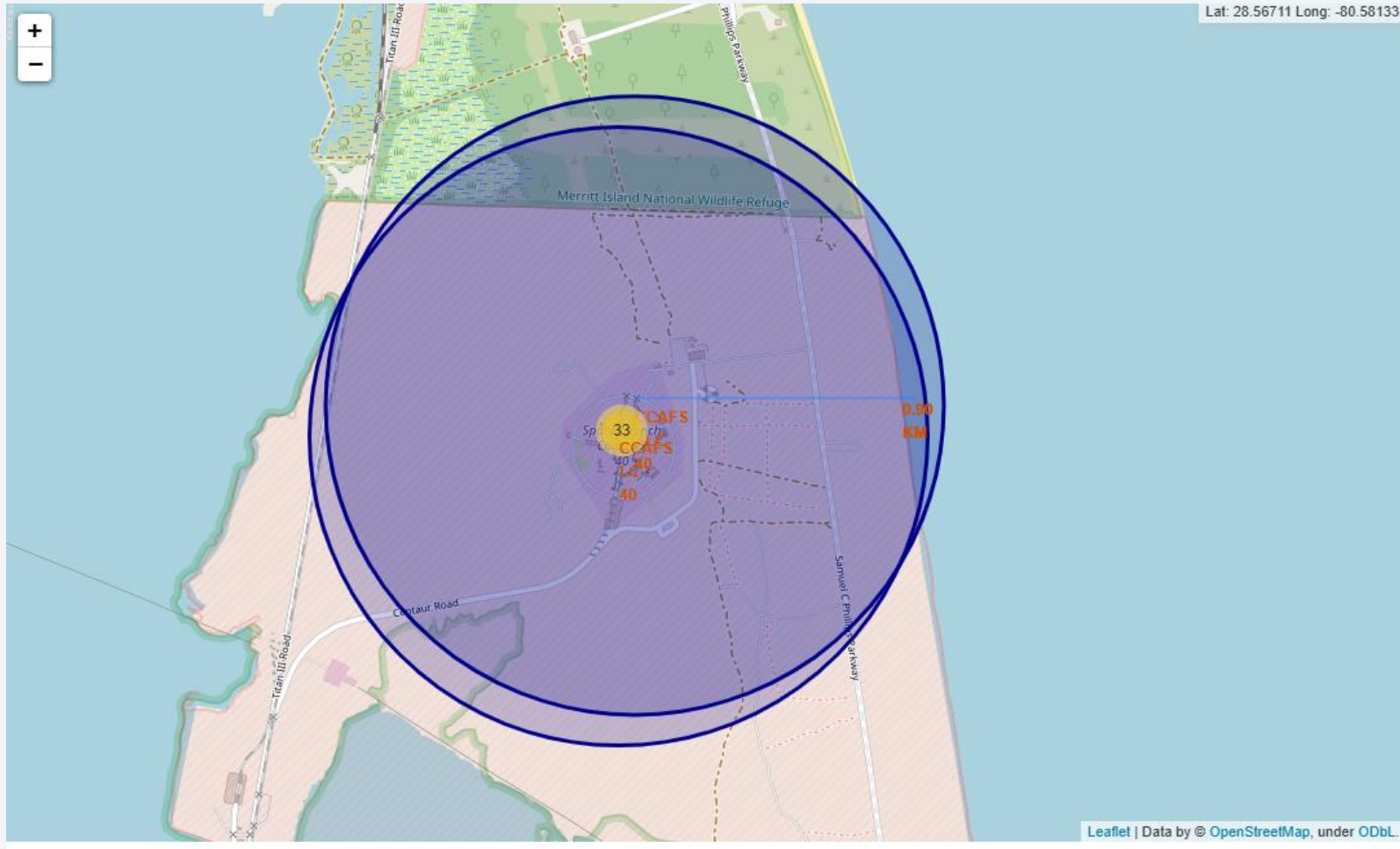
# Color-labeled markers in marker clusters



In this Folium output, Markers are individually marked as Success (Green) and Failure (Red). In this way, it will be easier to identify visually the success rate of each launch site



# Proximity of launch site from map features



In this Folium output, distance from a particular map feature (coastline) is highlighted. This can be useful to determine the distance of launch sites to features like highway, railway and coastline



Section 4

# Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

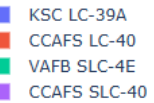
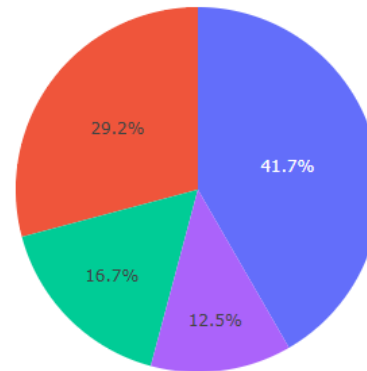
# Distribution of launch

## SpaceX Launch Records Dashboard

All Sites



Total Launches for All Sites



Payload range (Kg):

Majority of launches are done at site KSC LC-39A (~42%) and CCAFS LC-40 (~30%)

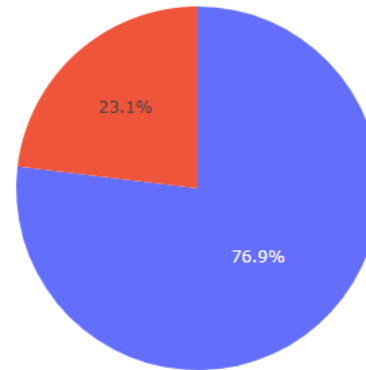
# Launch Site with Highest Success Rate

## SpaceX Launch Records Dashboard

KSC LC-39A

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Total Launch for a Specific Site

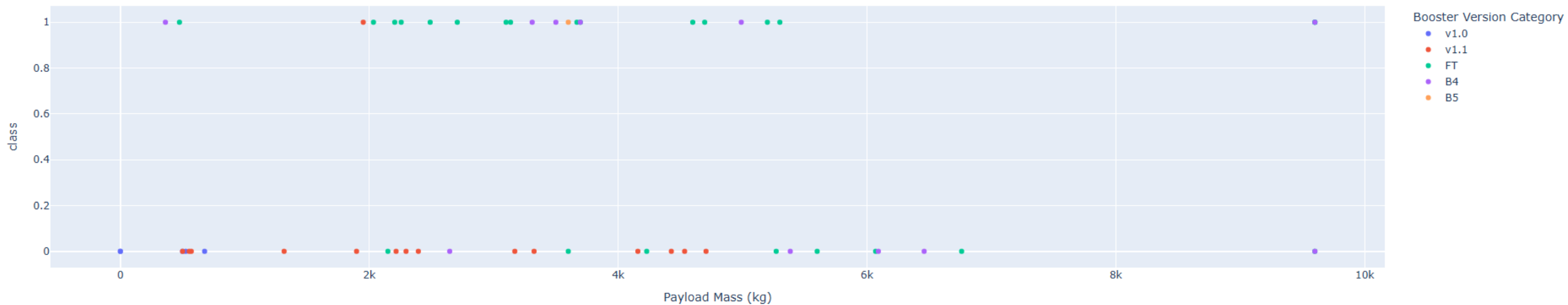


■ 1  
■ 0

KSC LC-39A has the highest success rate

# Payload vs Outcome Scatter Plot

Payload range (Kg):



Although there is not a visible difference in the success rate across varied payload mass, it worthwhile to note that Booster version 'FT' has the highest success rate

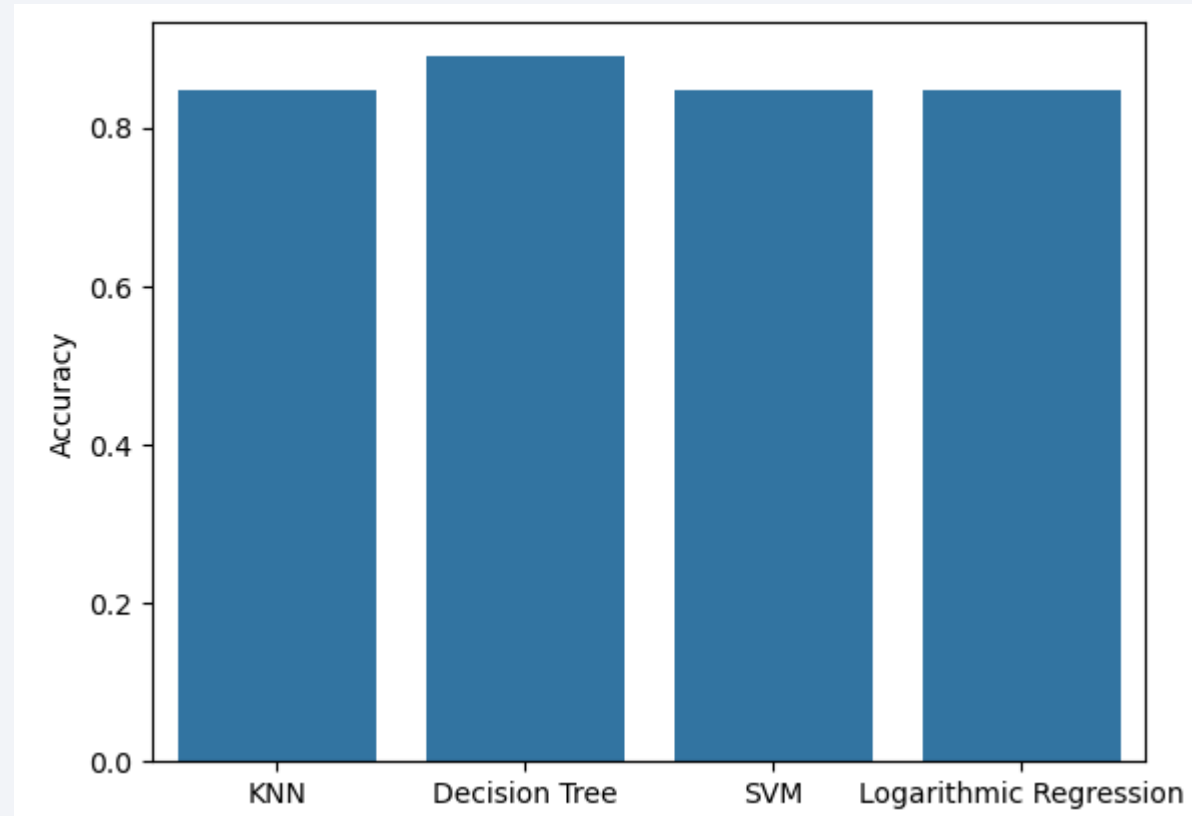


Section 5

# Predictive Analysis (Classification)

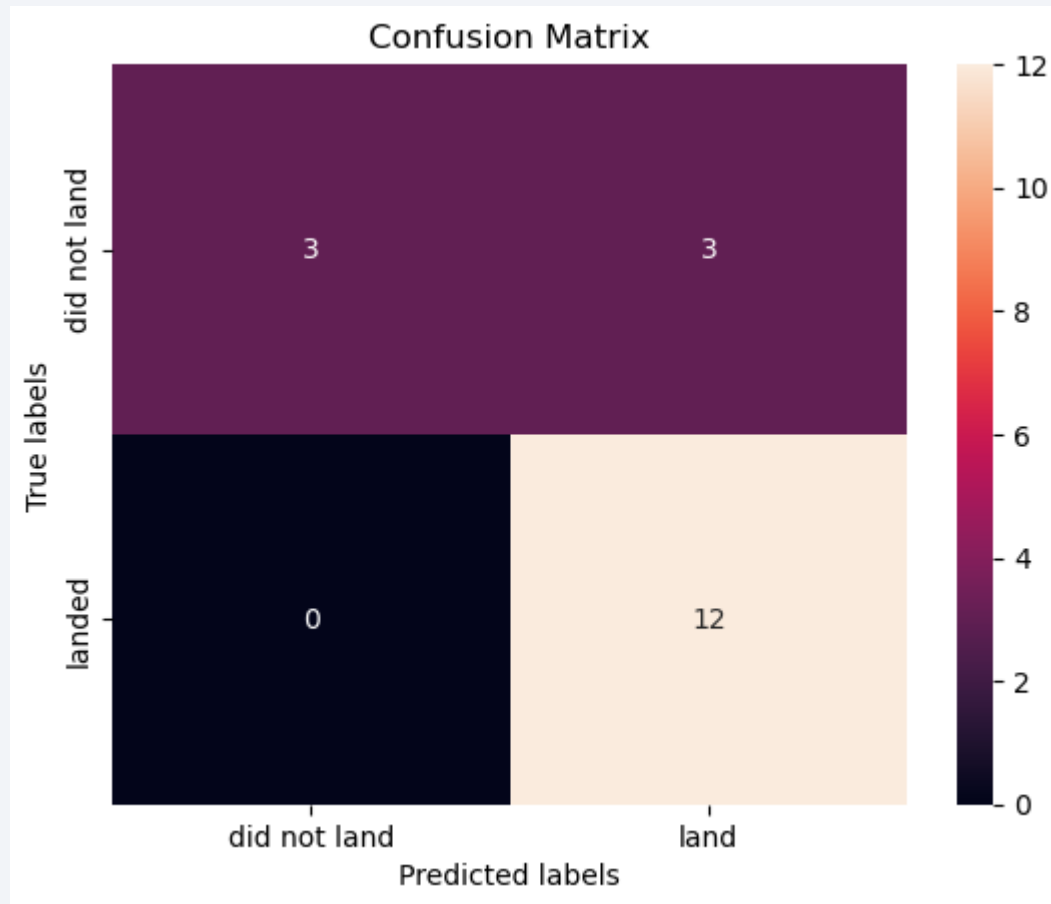
# Classification Accuracy

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Decision Tree has the highest accuracy

# Confusion Matrix



The figure highlights confusion matrix of the Decision tree model.

The model accurately calculated the predicted 'success' outcomes against true 'success' outcomes (High recall)

However, the model falsely predicted few 'failure' outcomes as 'success' (Lower Precision)



# Conclusions

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- In this study, various models were incorporated to determine the rocket would land successfully or not.
- Key parameters to consider to maximize the success outcomes are:
  - Booster version
  - Launch site

# Appendix

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- N/A

Thank you!

