

# Winning Space Race with Data Science

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# Executive Summary

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- Data was collected from public SpaceX API and by scrapping SpaceX Wikipedia page and used Beautiful soup library for it.
- Labels were created for the column ‘Class’ which denotes all the successful landings.
- EDA (Exploratory Data Analysis) using SQL using notebooks Watson Studio and magicSQL
- Explored Queries using group by ,aggregate functions.
- Processed the data and cleared it
- Trained different Machine Learning algorithms to predict a successful landing

# Introduction

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- Project background and context
- Problems you want to find answers

Section 1

# Methodology

# Methodology

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- Data collection methodology:
  - Through the SPACEX API and SpaceX Wikipedia page
- Perform data wrangling
  - Processed using BeautifulSoup and Pandas
- Perform exploratory data analysis (EDA) using visualization and SQL
- Perform interactive visual analytics using Folium and Plotly Dash
- Perform predictive analysis using classification models
  - Created train test sets and performed cross validation on SVMs , KNN, Decision Trees and LogisticRegression

# Data Collection

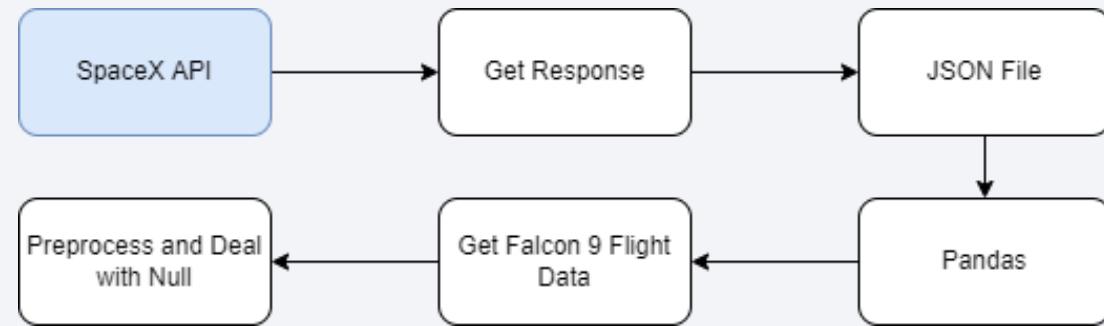
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- To have a complete set of data, the following was collected through two distinct methods.
- First the SpaceX API was used to get rocket info booster info and flight history. After the following some Data Scraping was performed on the SpaceX wikipedia page where Falcon 9 launch info was extracted.

# Data Collection – SpaceX API

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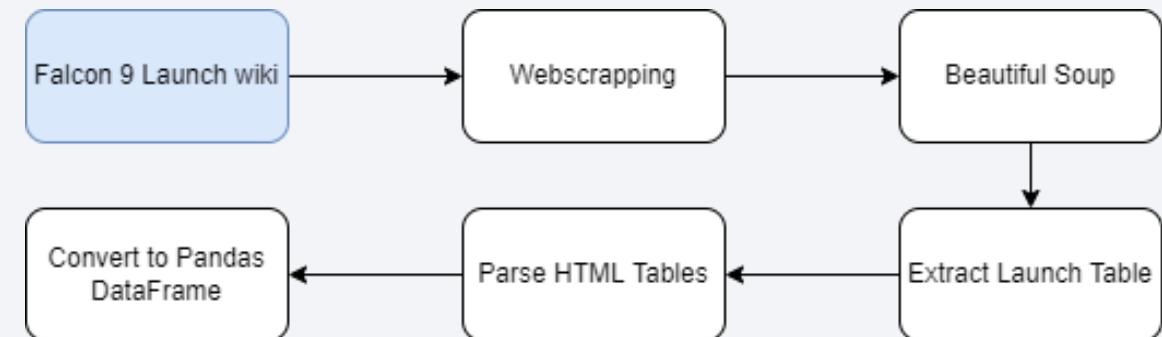
- Data was collected through SpaceX REST calls. Most specifically their "rockets", "launchpads", "payloads" and "pastlaunches" endpoints.
- [SpaceX-Rocket-Prediction/Data collection API.ipynb at main · callmesora/SpaceX-Rocket-Prediction \(github.com\)](#)



# Data Collection - Scraping

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- Extracted Table data from the Falcon 9 Launch data wikipage.
- Parsed this data using BeautifulSoup and converted it to a Pandas DataFrame

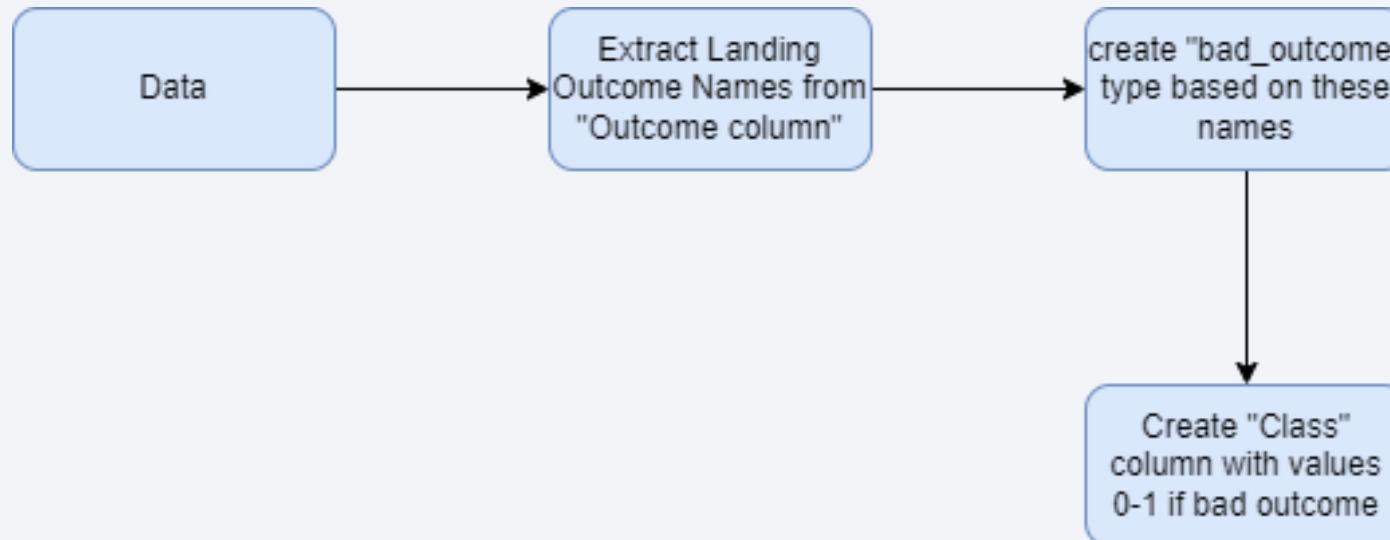


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# Data Wrangling

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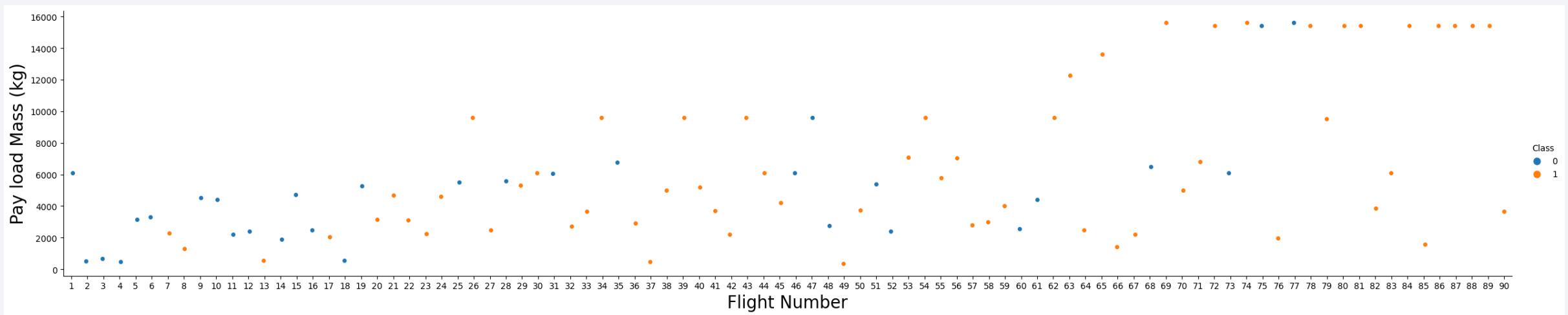
- The outcome column values were processed to create a new binary class representing successful landings with values [0,1]
- [SpaceX-Rocket-Prediction/EDA Lab.ipynb at main · callmesora/SpaceX-Rocket-Prediction \(github.com\)](#)



# EDA with Data Visualization

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- We see that as the flight number increases, the first stage is more likely to land successfully.
- [SpaceX-Rocket-Prediction/jupyter-labs-eda-dataviz.ipynb at main · callmesora/SpaceX-Rocket-Prediction \(github.com\)](https://github.com/callmesora/SpaceX-Rocket-Prediction)



# EDA with SQL

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- Multiple SQL queries were performed in order to determine the relations between different variables and some statistics properties. Namely the following:
  - Launch Site names
  - All Launch sites beginning with CCA
  - Total Payload mass
  - The average payload carried by the F9 v1.1 booster
  - The first successful landing
  - Successful Drone Ship landings of a given payload
  - MIssion Success Rate
  - Boosters That carried the maximum payload
  - [SpaceX-Rocket-Prediction/SQL Lab EDA.ipynb at main · callmesora/SpaceX-Rocket-Prediction \(github.com\)](#)

# Build an Interactive Map with Folium

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- A Folium map was created with Circles surrounding the Launch Sites (to better locate them)
- Markers signifying successful/failed launches (to get a sense of the proportion)
- Lines indicating the distance between relevant landmarks such as rails/cities/coast
- [SpaceX-Rocket-Prediction/lab\\_jupyter\\_launch\\_site\\_location.ipynb at main · callmesora/SpaceX-Rocket-Prediction \(github.com\)](#)

# Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

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- Created plots and graphs comparing the success rate in different launch sites and within a given launch site.
- Analysed the success rate given different boosters and a payload range
- [SpaceX-Rocket-Prediction/spacex dash app.py at main · callmesora/SpaceX-Rocket-Prediction \(github.com\)](https://SpaceX-Rocket-Prediction/spacex_dash_app.py at main · callmesora/SpaceX-Rocket-Prediction (github.com))

# Predictive Analysis (Classification)

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- 4 Distinct models were created. Given these models all of them were trained using a 10 fold cross validation and a test train split of 80/20.
- Decision Tree, KNN , SVM and Logistic Classification were the models of choice
- [SpaceX-Rocket-Prediction/SpaceX Machine Learning Prediction Part 5.ipynb at main · callmesora/SpaceX-Rocket-Prediction \(github.com\)](#)

# Results

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

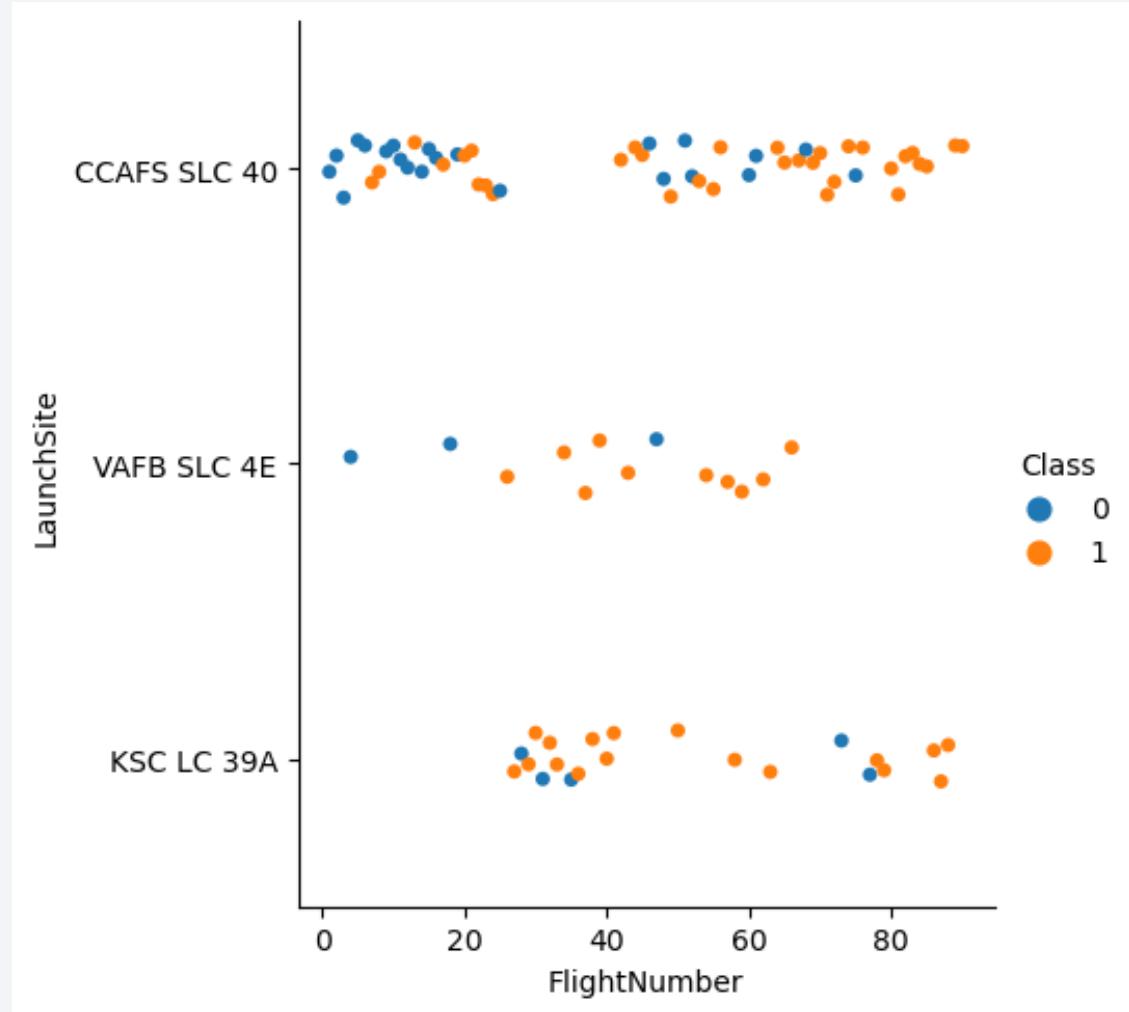
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Section 2

## Insights drawn from EDA

# Flight Number vs. Launch Site

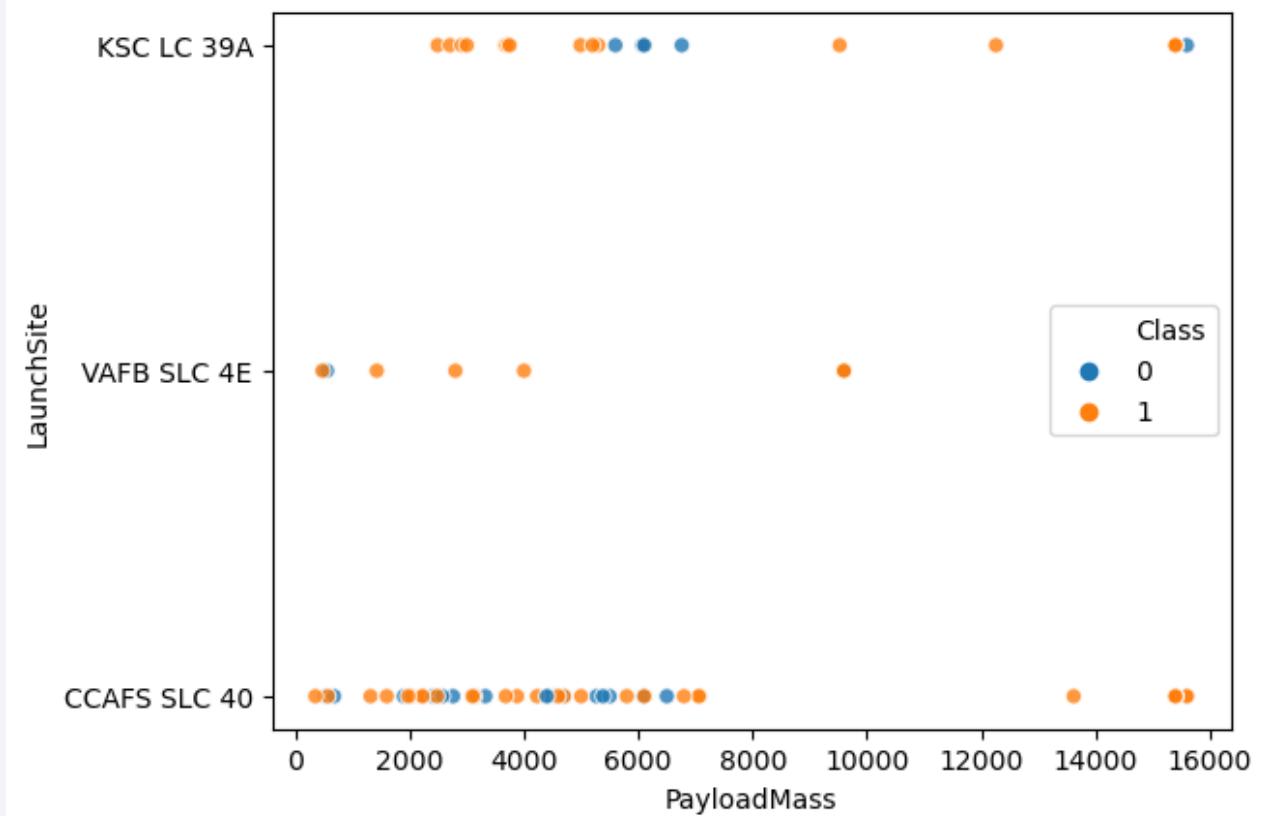
- Early flights (the first 20) were much more likely to fail than the current ones



```
# Plot a scatter point chart with x axis to be Flight Number and y axis to be the launch site, and hue
sns.catplot(data = df , x = 'FlightNumber', y = 'LaunchSite', hue='Class') # early flight numbers see
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# Payload vs. Launch Site

- For the VAFB-SLC launchsite there are **no rockets launched for heavy payload mass(greater than 10000).**

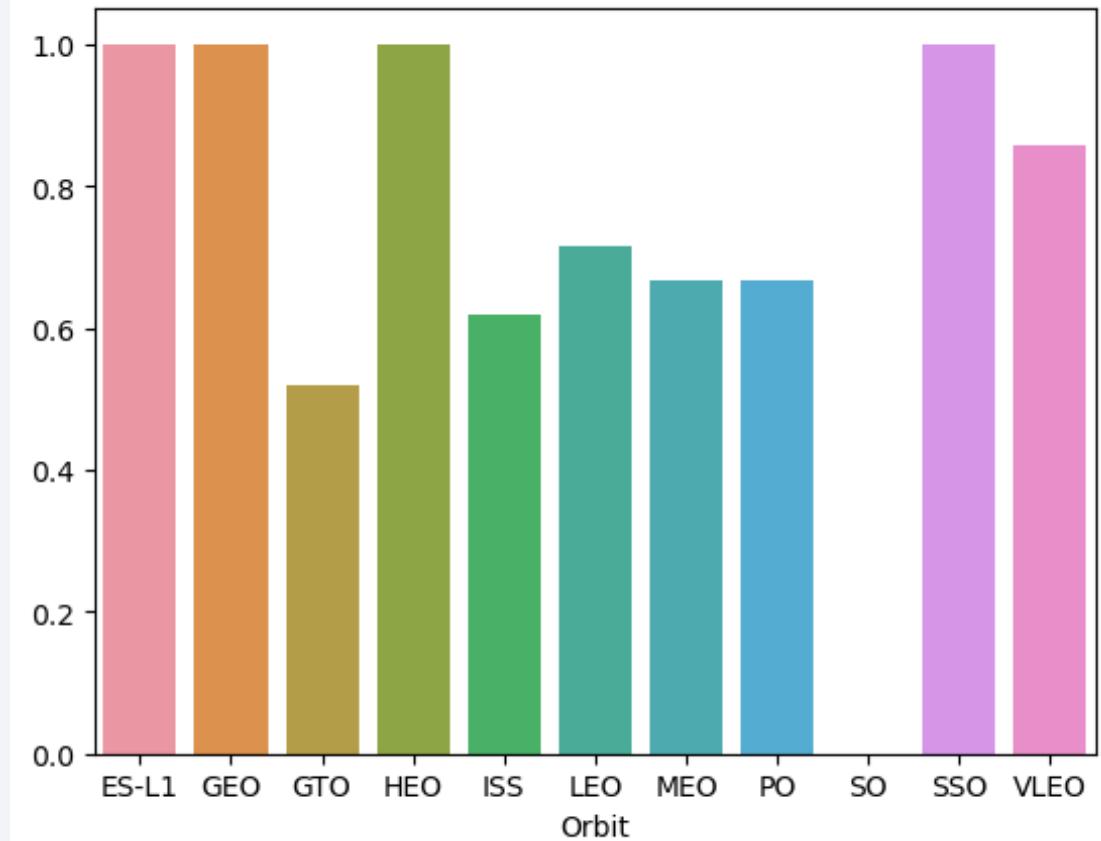


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# Plot a scatter point chart with x axis to be Pay Load Mass (kg) and y axis to be the launch site, a  
sns.scatterplot(data = df , x = 'PayloadMass' , y = 'LaunchSite' , hue = 'Class' , alpha=0.8)
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# Success Rate vs. Orbit Type

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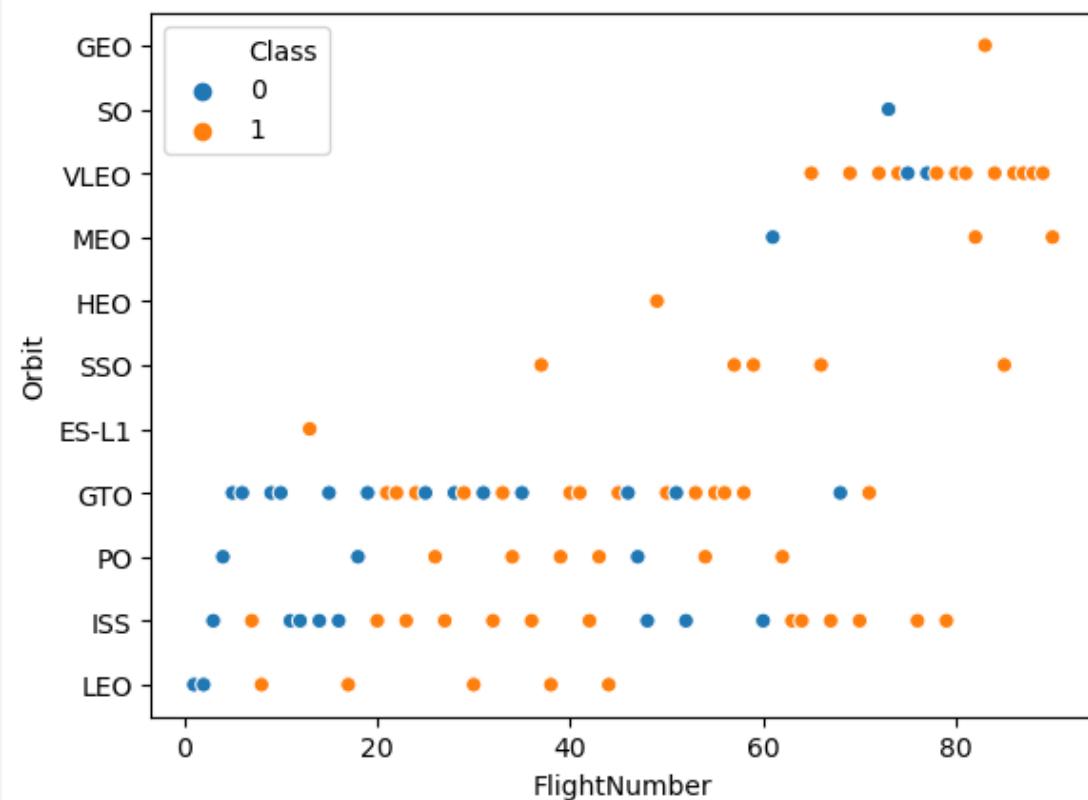
- GTO, ISS are the two lowest success rate orbits
- ES-L1, GEO, HEO, SSO are the ones with the highest success rate



```
# HINT use groupby method on Orbit column and get the mean of Class column
bar_data = df.groupby('Orbit')['Class'].mean()
sns.barplot(bar_data.index, bar_data.values)
```

# Flight Number vs. Orbit Type

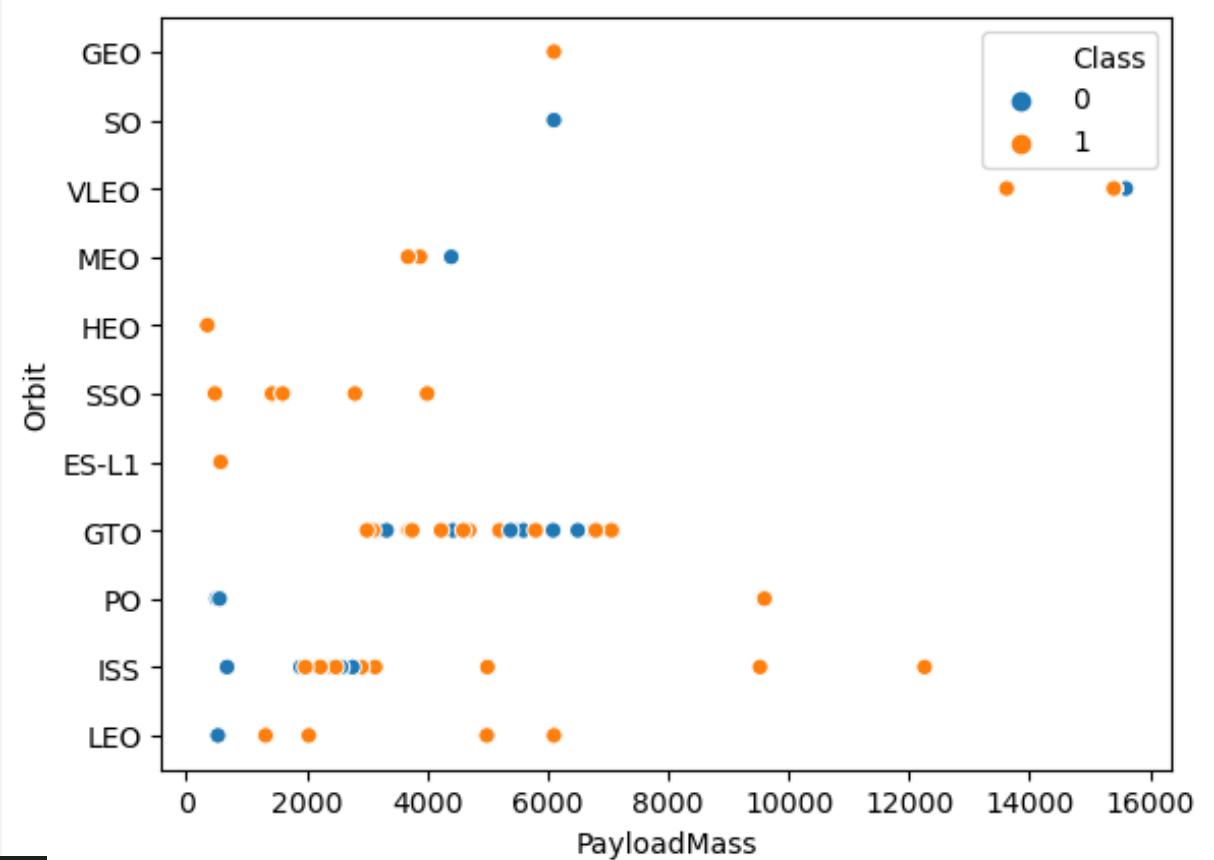
- LEO orbit the Success appears related to the number of flights;
- On the other hand, there seems to be no relationship between flight number when in GTO orbit.



```
# Plot a scatter point chart with x axis to be FlightNumber and y axis to be the Orbit
sns.scatterplot(data= df , x='FlightNumber', y = 'Orbit', hue = 'Class')
```

# 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(unsuccessful mission) are both there here.

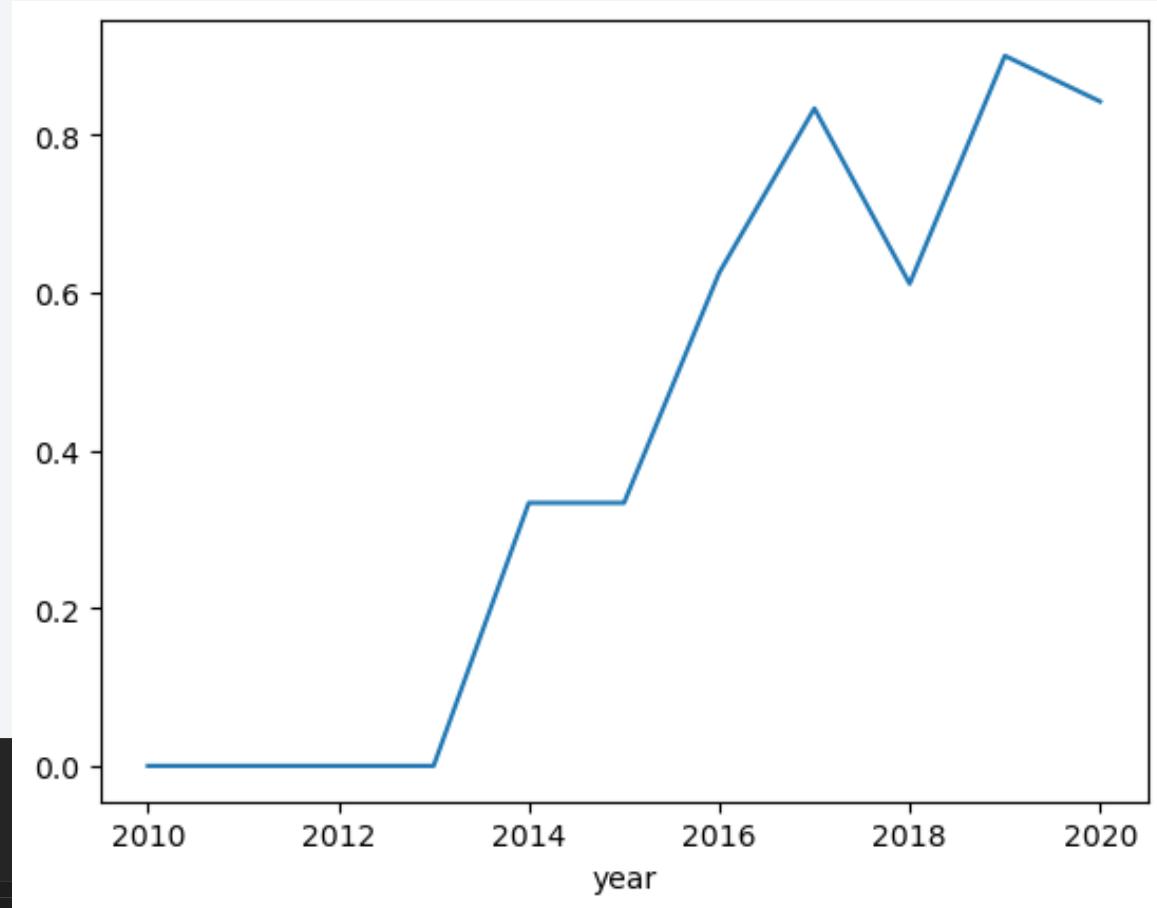


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# Plot a scatter point chart with x axis to be Payload and y axis to be the Orbit, and hue to be the class val
sns.scatterplot(data = df, x = 'PayloadMass', y='Orbit', hue='Class')
```

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# Launch Success Yearly Trend

- Show a line chart of yearly average success rate
- Show the screenshot of the scatter plot with explanations



```
# Plot a line chart with x axis to be the extracted year and y axis to be the success rate
df['year'] = pd.DatetimeIndex(df['Date']).year
year_sucess = df.groupby('year')['Class'].mean()

sns.lineplot(x=year_sucess.index, y= year_sucess.values) #sucess rateincreases

<AxesSubplot:xlabel='year'>
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# All Launch Site Names

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```
%%sql  
SELECT DISTINCT(launch_site) FROM SPACEXTBL
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launch_site
CCAFS LC-40
CCAFS SLC-40
KSC LC-39A
VAFB SLC-4E

# Launch Site Names Begin with 'CCA'

- Find 5 records where launch sites begin with `CCA`

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%%sql
SELECT * FROM SPACEXTBL WHERE launch_site LIKE 'CCA%' LIMIT 5
```

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DATE	time_utc_	booster_version	launch_site	payload	payload_mass_kg_	orbit	customer	mission_outcome	landing_outcome
2010-04-06	18:45:00	F9 v1.0 B0003	CCAFS LC-40	Dragon Spacecraft Qualification Unit	0	LEO	SpaceX	Success	Failure (parachute)
2010-08-12	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)
2012-08-10	00:35:00	F9 v1.0 B0006	CCAFS LC-40	SpaceX CRS-1	500	LEO (ISS)	NASA (CRS)	Success	No attempt
2013-01-03	15:10:00	F9 v1.0 B0007	CCAFS LC-40	SpaceX CRS-2	677	LEO (ISS)	NASA (CRS)	Success	No attempt
2013-03-12	22:41:00	F9 v1.1	CCAFS LC-40	SES-8	3170	GTO	SES	Success	No attempt

# Total Payload Mass

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- Calculate the total payload carried by boosters from NASA
- Summed the total payload

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5] %%sql  
SELECT SUM(payload_mass_kg_) FROM SPACEXTBL WHERE customer = 'NASA (CRS)'
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# Average Payload Mass by F9 v1.1

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- Calculate the average payload mass carried by booster version F9 v1.1
- Filtered where the version had 'F9 v1.1' in the name

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%%sql
SELECT AVG(payload_mass__kg_) FROM SPACEXTBL WHERE booster_version LIKE 'F9 v1.1%'
```

1  
3226

# First Successful Ground Landing Date

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- Find the dates of the first successful landing outcome on ground pad
- Selected the minimum date where the landing outcome was sucessfull

```
%%sql
SELECT MIN(DATE) FROM SPACEXTBL WHERE landing__outcome LIKE 'Success (ground pad)'
```

2017-01-05

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

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

```
%%sql
SELECT booster_version FROM SPACEXTBL WHERE landing_outcome = 'Success (drone ship)' and payload_mass_kg_ BETWEEN 4000 and 6000
```

booster_version
F9 FT B1022
F9 FT B1031.2

# Total Number of Successful and Failure Mission Outcomes

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- Calculate the total number of successful and failure mission outcomes

```
%%sql  
SELECT COUNT(*) FROM SPACEXTBL GROUP BY mission_outcome
```

1
44
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# Boosters Carried Maximum Payload

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- List the names of the booster which have carried the maximum payload mass
- Filtered by payload mass with subquery to find out the max payload\_mass

```
%%sql
SELECT DISTINCT(booster_version) FROM SPACEXTBL WHERE payload_mass_kg_ = (SELECT MAX(payload_mass_kg_) FROM SPACEXTBL)
```

booster_version
F9 B5 B1048.4
F9 B5 B1049.4
F9 B5 B1049.5
F9 B5 B1058.3
F9 B5 B1060.2

# 2015 Launch Records

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- List the failed landing\_outcomes in drone ship, their booster versions, and launch site names for in year 2015

```
%%sql
SELECT booster_version, launch_site, landing_outcome FROM SPACEXTBL WHERE DATE LIKE '2015%'
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booster_version	launch_site	landing_outcome
F9 v1.1 B1012	CCAFS LC-40	Failure (drone ship)
F9 v1.1 B1013	CCAFS LC-40	Controlled (ocean)
F9 v1.1 B1014	CCAFS LC-40	No attempt

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

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- Rank 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

```
%%sql
SELECT landing_outcome, COUNT(*) FROM SPACEXTBL WHERE DATE BETWEEN '2010-06-04' and '2017-03-20' GROUP BY landing_outcome ORDER BY COUNT(*)
```

Python

landing_outcome	2
No attempt	7
Failure (drone ship)	2
Success (drone ship)	2
Success (ground pad)	2
Controlled (ocean)	1
Failure (parachute)	1

The background of the slide is a photograph taken from space at night. It shows the curvature of the Earth's horizon against a dark blue sky. Numerous glowing yellow and white points represent city lights, concentrated in coastal and urban areas. In the upper right quadrant, there are bright green and yellow bands of light, likely the Aurora Borealis or Australis. The overall atmosphere is dark and mysterious.

Section 3

# Launch Sites Proximities Analysis

# SPACEX Launch Sites in USA

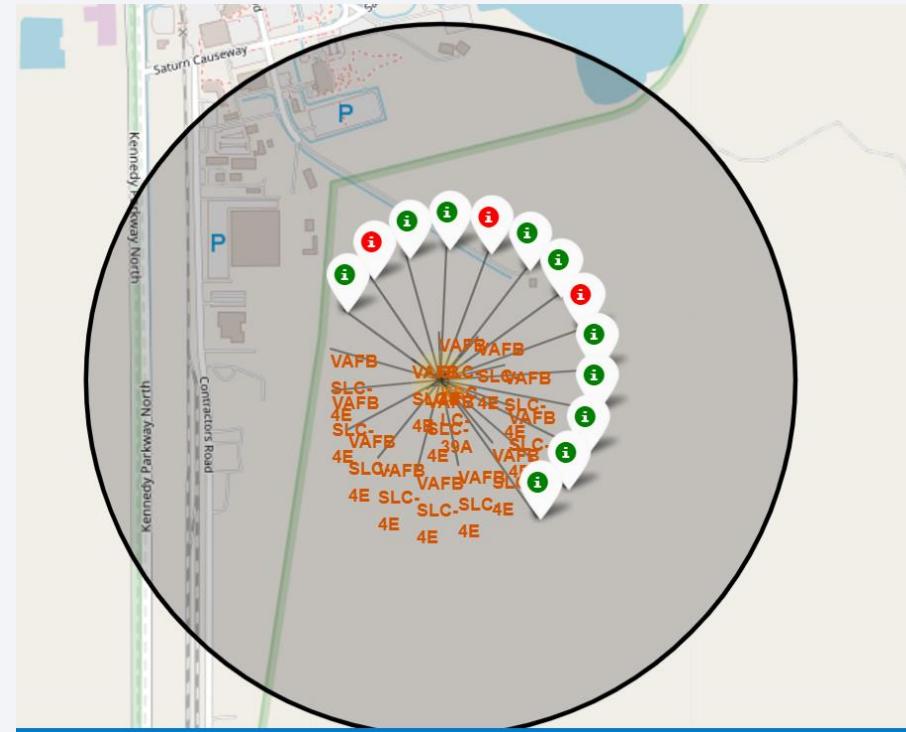
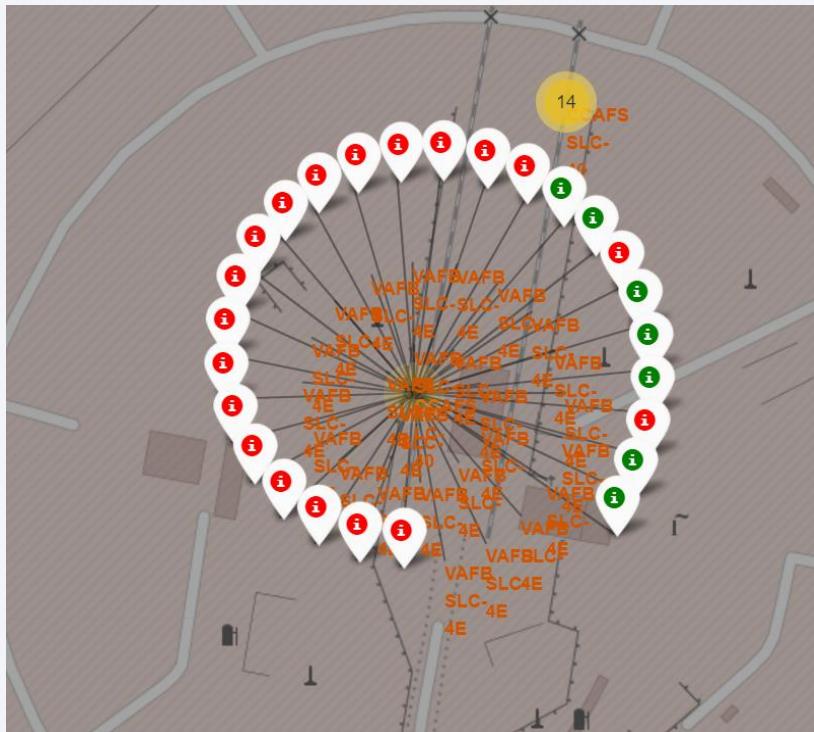
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- All the launch site locations are situated with a similar latitude (closer to the equator)



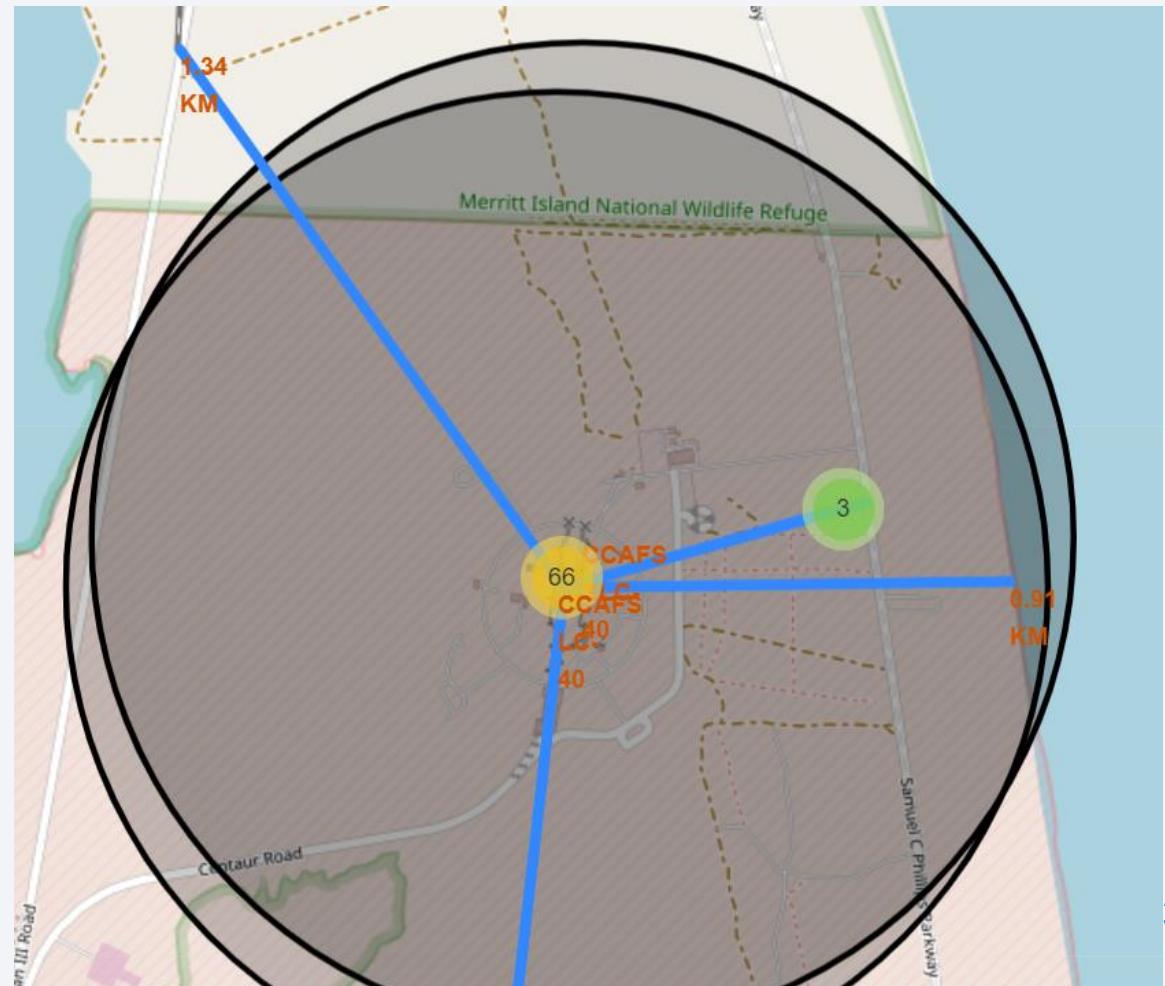
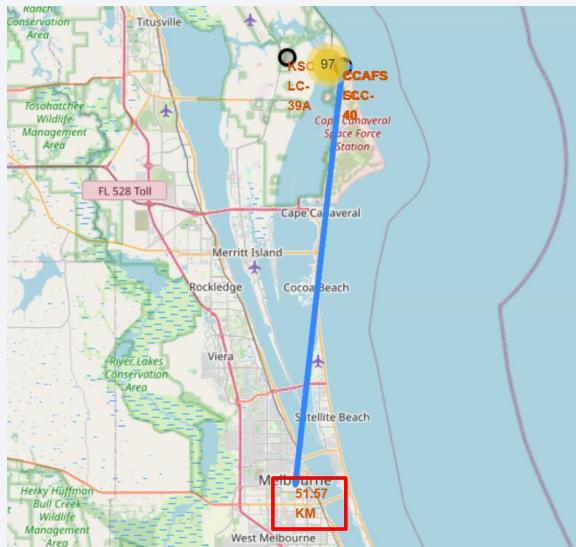
# Success Rate by Location

- KSC have a much higher success rate compared to CCAs..
  - The success rate varies considerably from location



# Launch site proximity to cities/coast/rails

- The main launch location is situated:
- 1.34 KM away from the closest rail.
- 6.93 KM away from the coast
- 51.57 KM away from the closest city





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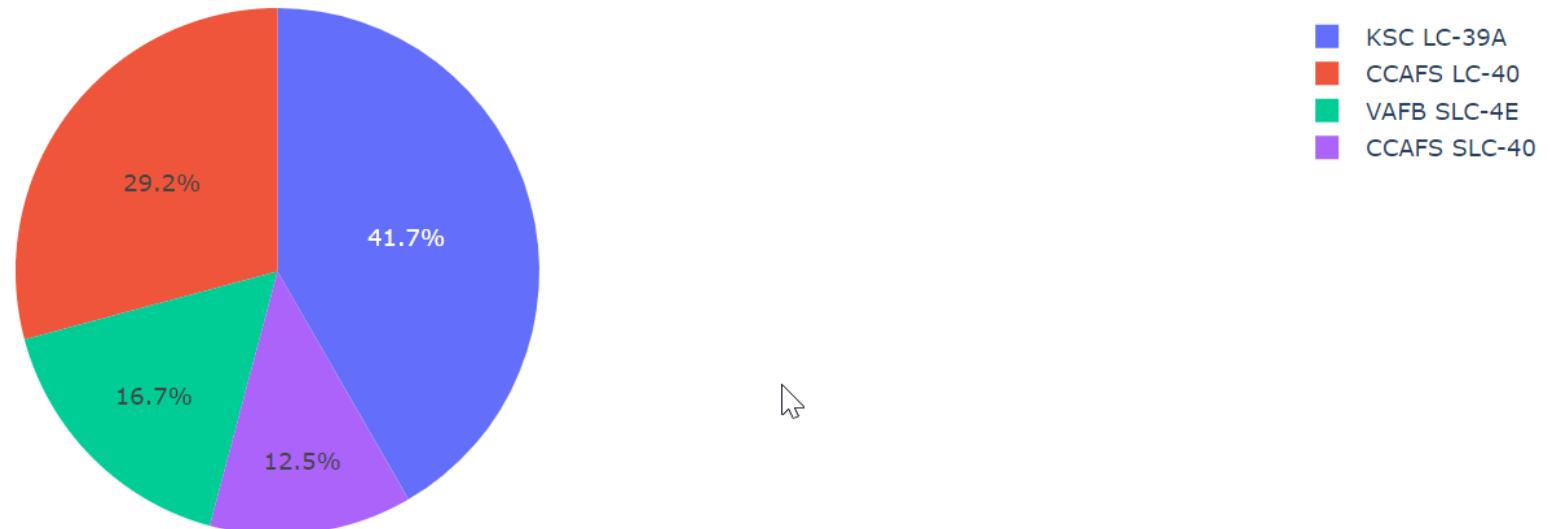
# Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

# Successful Launches by site

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- Vast majority of the successful launches were performed on the KSC-LC site

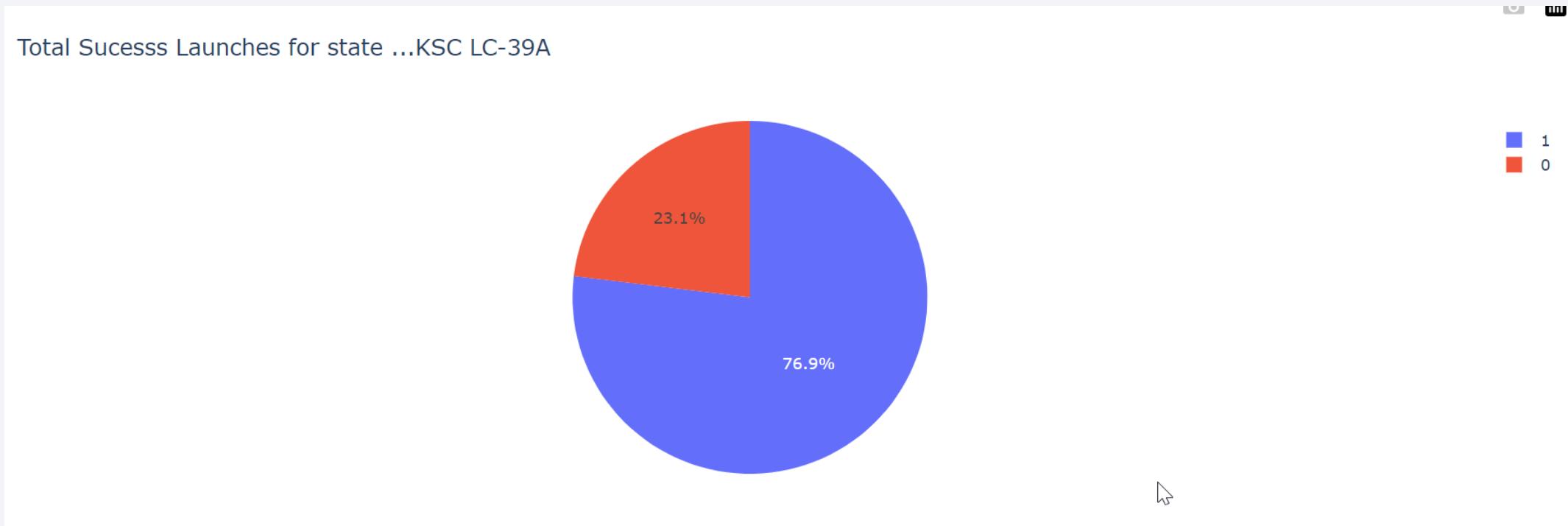
Total Sucesss Launches by Site



# The launch site with the highest success rate

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- Over  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the launches in KSC-LC were successful launches



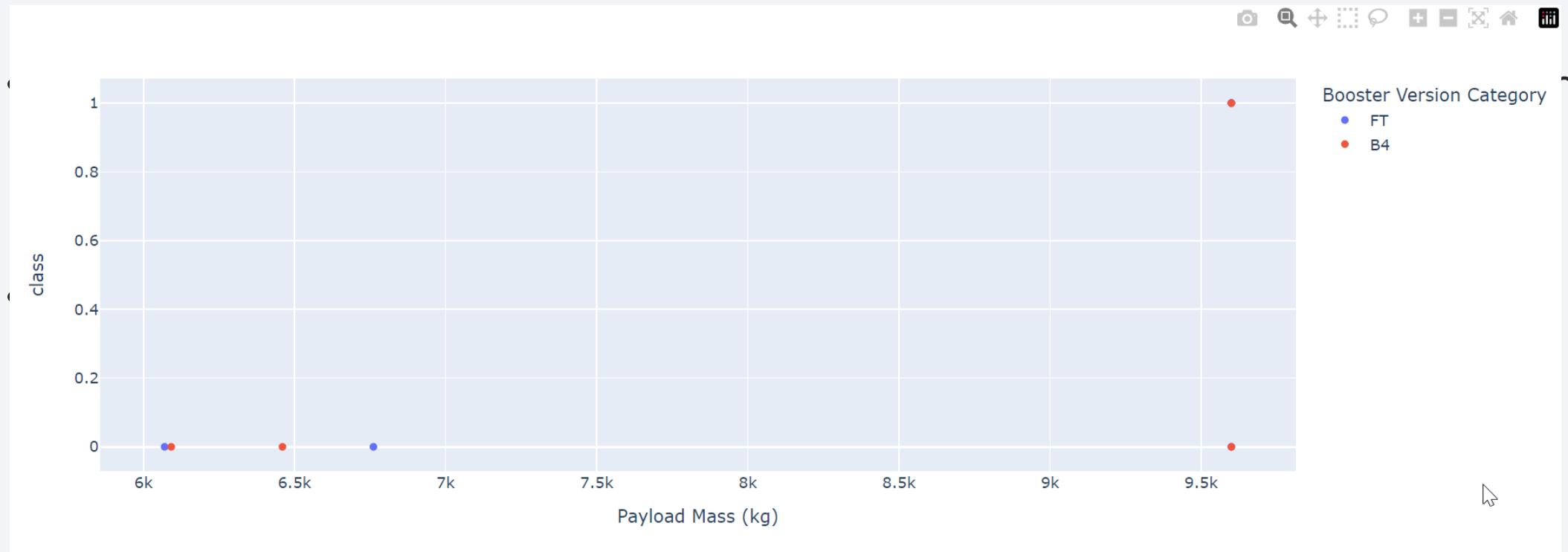
# Booster version success rate analysis

- V1.1 Seems to be the booster that fails more



# Which boosters are used in higher payloads

- For higher payloads only FT and B4 Boosters seem to be used



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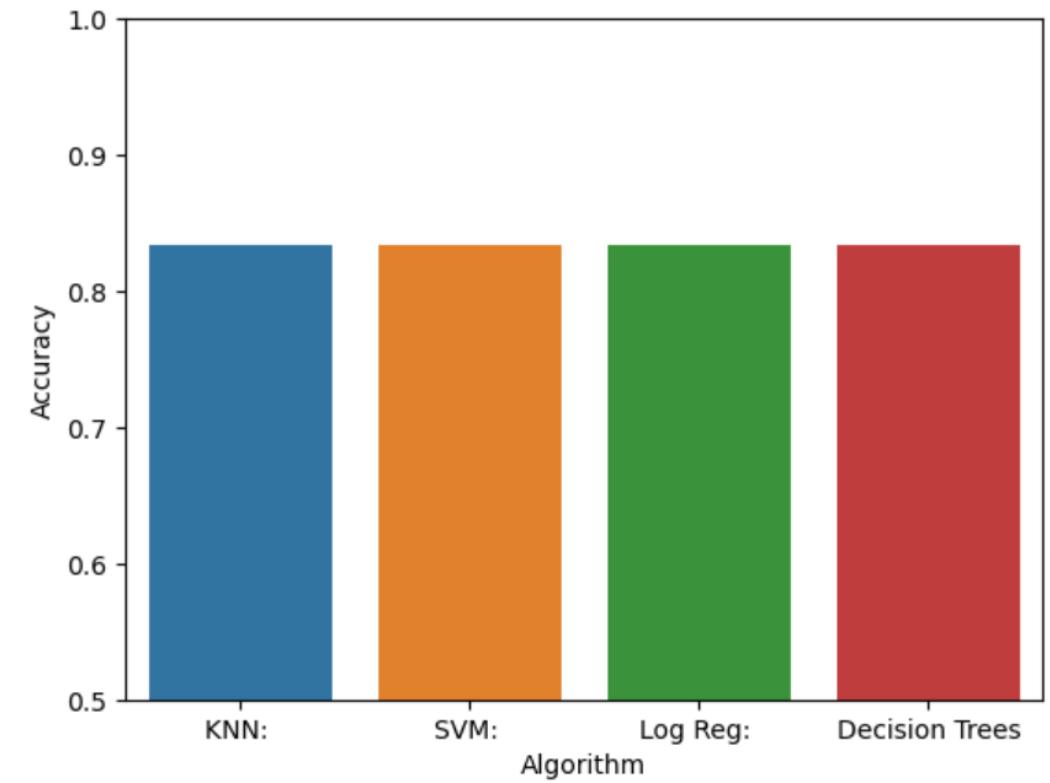
# Predictive Analysis (Classification)

# Classification Accuracy

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- All the different models perform with quite a similar metrics

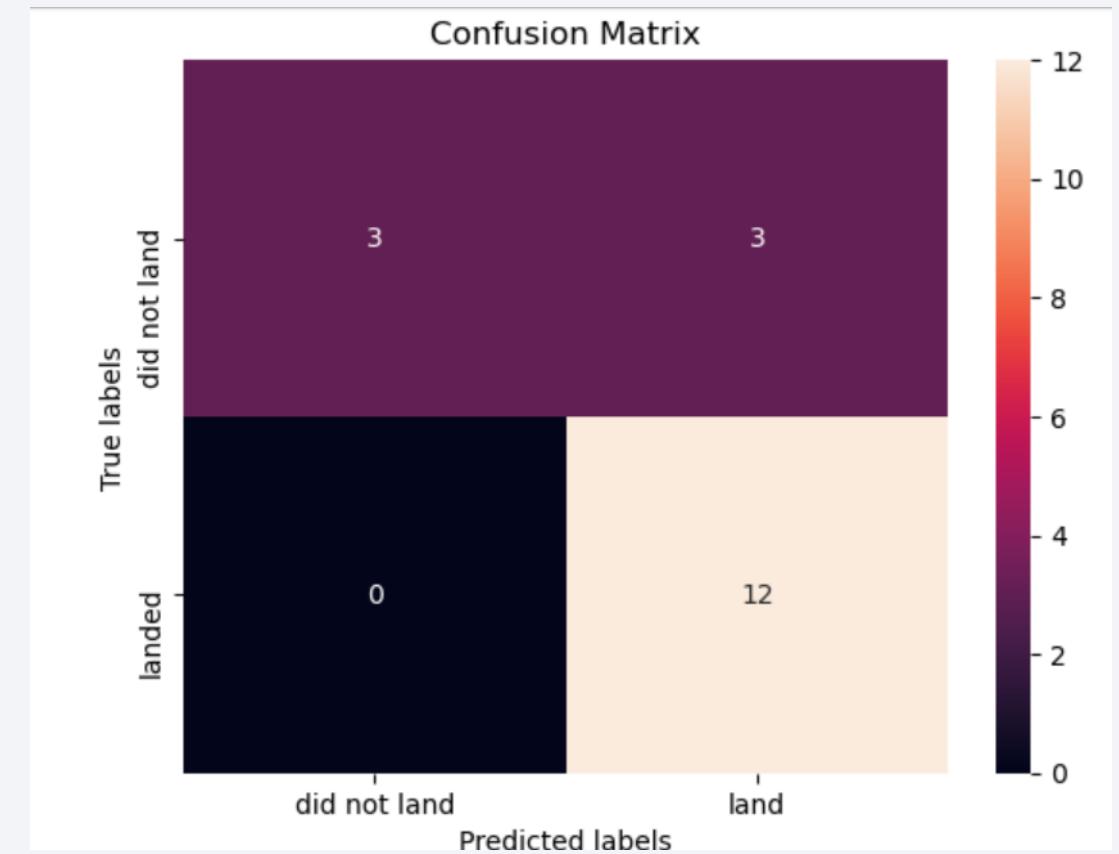
Algorithm	Accuracy
0	KNN: 0.833333
1	SVM: 0.833333
2	Log Reg: 0.833333
3	Decision Trees 0.833333



# Confusion Matrix

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- 3 Corrects are predicted incorrectly has a successful landing.
- Given that all models perform the same the confusion matrix is identical



# Conclusions

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- KSC-LC is the highest success rate launch site
- The models can predict a successful landing with up to 83% accuracy
- SpaceX launch sites are located relatively nearby the coast and equator
- Booster V1.1 seems to fail a lot for the time being
- Location site, payload size and booster seem have high importance in predicting the success of the launch

Thank you!

