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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 advertises Falcon 9 rocket launches on its website with a cost of 62 million dollars; 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 space X for a rocket launch. This goal of the project is to create a machine learning pipeline to predict if the first stage will land successfully.

- Problems you want to find answers

- What determines successful landings?
- Are there any interactions amongst factors determines success?
- What operating conditional need to be in place to ensure success?



Section 1

# Methodology

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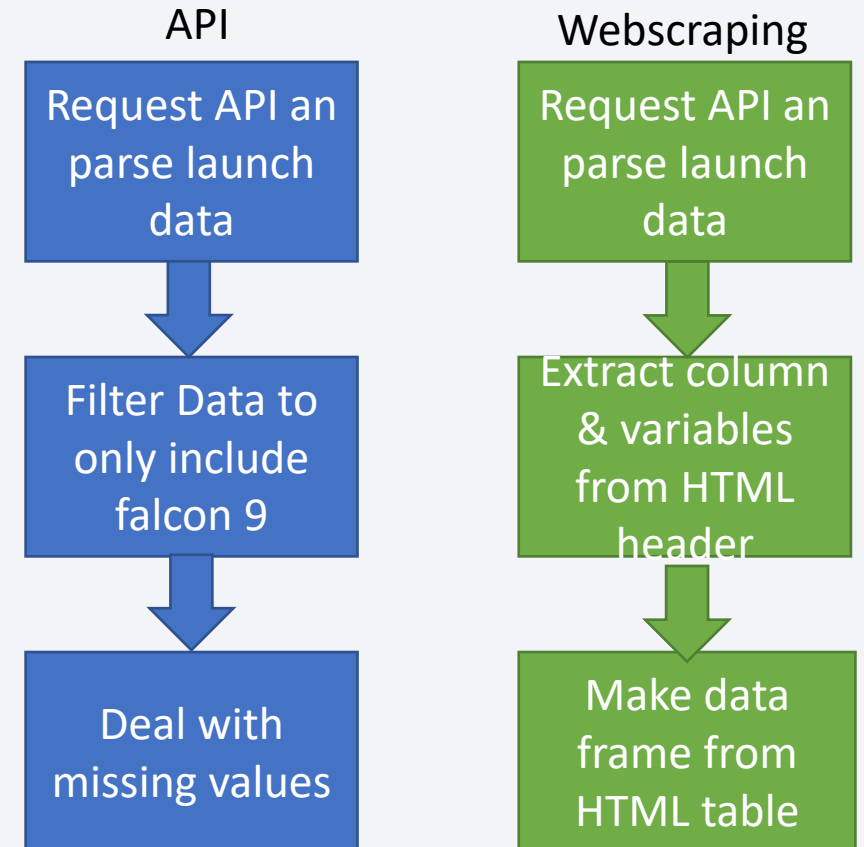
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## Executive Summary

- Data collection methodology:
  - Data was collected using 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

- The data was collected using various methods
  - Data collection was done using get request to the SpaceX API.
  - Next, we decoded the response content as a Json using .json() function call and turn it into a pandas dataframe using .json\_normalize().
  - We then cleaned the data, checked for missing values and fill in missing values where necessary.
  - In addition, we performed web scraping from Wikipedia for Falcon 9 launch records with BeautifulSoup.
  - The objective was to extract the launch records as HTML table, parse the table and convert it to a pandas dataframe for future analysis.



# Data Collection – SpaceX API

- Present your data collection with SpaceX REST calls using key phrases and flowcharts
- Add the GitHub URL of the completed SpaceX API calls notebook (must include completed code cell and outcome cell), as an external reference and peer-review purpose
- Source Code: [capstone/Caspar data collection.ipynb](#) at master · casparyan/capstone · GitHub

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

We should see that the request was successful with the 200 status response code

```
response.status_code
```

```
200
```

Now we decode the response content as a json using `.json()` and turn it into a Pandas dataframe using `.json_normalize()`

```
# Use json_normalize method to convert the json result into a dataframe
data = pd.json_normalize(response.json())
```

```
# Lets take a subset of our dataframe keeping only the features we want and the flight number, and
data = data[['rocket', 'payloads', 'launchpad', 'cores', 'flight_number', 'date_utc']]
```

```
# We will remove rows with multiple cores because those are falcon rockets with 2 extra rocket boosters
data = data[data['cores'].map(len)==1]
data = data[data['payloads'].map(len)==1]
```

```
# Since payloads and cores are lists of size 1 we will also extract the single value in the list and
data['cores'] = data['cores'].map(lambda x : x[0])
data['payloads'] = data['payloads'].map(lambda x : x[0])
```

```
# We also want to convert the date_utc to a datetime datatype and then extracting the date leaving
data['date'] = pd.to_datetime(data['date_utc']).dt.date
```

```
# Using the date we will restrict the dates of the launches
data = data[data['date'] <= datetime.date(2020, 11, 13)]
```

```
In [22]: # Create a data from launch_dict
df = pd.DataFrame.from_dict(launch_dict)
```

```
data_falcon9.isnull().sum()
```

```
FlightNumber    0
Date            0
BoosterVersion  0
PayloadMass     0
Orbit           0
LaunchSite      0
Outcome         0
Flights         0
GridFins        0
Reused          0
Legs            0
LandingPad      26
Block           0
ReusedCount     0
Serial          0
Longitude       0
Latitude       0
dtype: int64
```

You should see the number of missing values of the `PayloadMass` change to zero.

Now we should have no missing values in our dataset except for in `LandingPad`.

```
data_falcon9.to_csv('dataset_part_1.csv', index=False)
```



# Data Collection - Scraping

- Present your web scraping process using key phrases and flowcharts
- Add the GitHub URL of the completed web scraping notebook, as an external reference and peer-review purpose
- [capstone/Caspar Webscraping.ipynb at master · casparyan/capstone \(github.com\)](https://github.com/casparyan/capstone)

```
# use requests.get() method with the provided static_url
# assign the response to a object
response = requests.get(static_url).text
```

```
# Use BeautifulSoup() to create a BeautifulSoup object from a response text content
soup = BeautifulSoup(response, 'html.parser')
```

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

```
# Use soup.title attribute
print(soup.title)
```

```
<title>List of Falcon 9 and Falcon Heavy launches - Wikipedia</title>
```

```
headings = []
for key, values in dict(launch_dict).items():
    if key not in headings:
        headings.append(key)
    if values is None:
        del launch_dict[key]

def pad_dict_list(dict_list, padel):
    lmax = 0
    for lname in dict_list.keys():
        lmax = max(lmax, len(dict_list[lname]))
    for lname in dict_list.keys():
        ll = len(dict_list[lname])
        if ll < lmax:
            dict_list[lname] += [padel] * (lmax - ll)
    return dict_list
```

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pad_dict_list(launch_dict, 0)
```

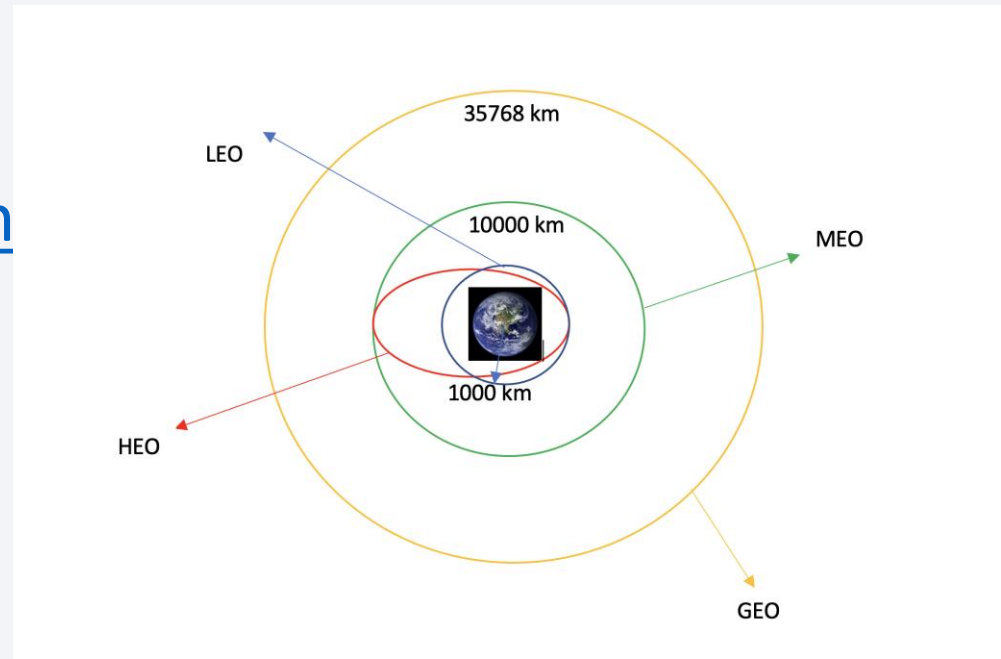
```
df = pd.DataFrame.from_dict(launch_dict)
df.head()
```

# Data Wrangling

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- We performed exploratory data analysis and determined the training labels.
- We calculated the number of launches at each site, and the number and occurrence of each orbits
- We created landing outcome label from outcome column and exported the results to csv.

- [capstone/Caspar Datawrangling.ipyn](https://github.com/casparyan/capstone)  
[casparyan/capstone \(github.com\)](https://github.com/casparyan/capstone)



# EDA with Data Visualization

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- Scatter plots
  - Used to show how much one variable affected another. Shows correlation between two variables.
- Bar Graphs
  - Compare different groups at quick glance. You can put categorical values on the x axis and continuous on y.
- Line Graphs
  - Very useful for showing trends and predicting output
- [capstone/Caspar EDA wiz.ipynb at master · casparyan/capstone \(github.com\)](#)

# EDA with SQL

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- Names of unique launch sites
- Top 5 launch sites that begins with CCA
- Total payload carried by NASA
- Average payload by booster version F9 v1.1
- First successful landing in ground pad
- List of booster names that have success in drone ship and larger payload than 4000 but less than 6000
- List of total number of success and fail missions
- List all the booster versions that have carried max load
- List the records which will display the month names, failure landing\_outcomes in drone ship ,booster versions, launch\_site for the months in year 2015.
- Rank the count of successful landing\_outcomes between the date 04-06-2010 and 20-03-2017 in descending order.
- [capstone/jupyter-labs-eda-sql-coursera\\_sqllite.ipynb at master · casparyan/capstone \(github.com\)](https://github.com/casparyan/capstone/blob/master/jupyter-labs-eda-sql-coursera_sqllite.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 to mark the success or failure of launches for each site on the folium map.
- We assigned the feature launch outcomes (failure or success) to class 0 and 1.i.e., 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.

[capstone/Caspar folium \(1\) \(1\).ipynb at master · casparyan/capstone \(github.com\)](#)



# Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

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- Summarize what plots/graphs and interactions you have added to a dashboard
- Build an interactive dashboard in Plotly
- Added a pie chart to show total launches and part of total launches from certain sites
- Scatter plot to show relationship between outcome, payload and booster version.
- [capstone/app.py at master · casparyan/capstone \(github.com\)](#)

# Predictive Analysis (Classification)

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- Model Build
  - Loaded dataset in NumPy and pandas
  - Split data into training and test dataset
  - Set parameters via GridSearchCV
  - Train via GridSeachCV objects fitting
- Evaluate
  - Calculate accuracy for each model
  - Tune hyperparameters
  - Make Confusion matrix
- Model improvement
  - Feature engineering  
Tuning
- [capstone/Caspar Machine Learning Prediction Part 5.jupyterl.ipynb at master · casparyan/capstone \(github.com\)](#)

## Results

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



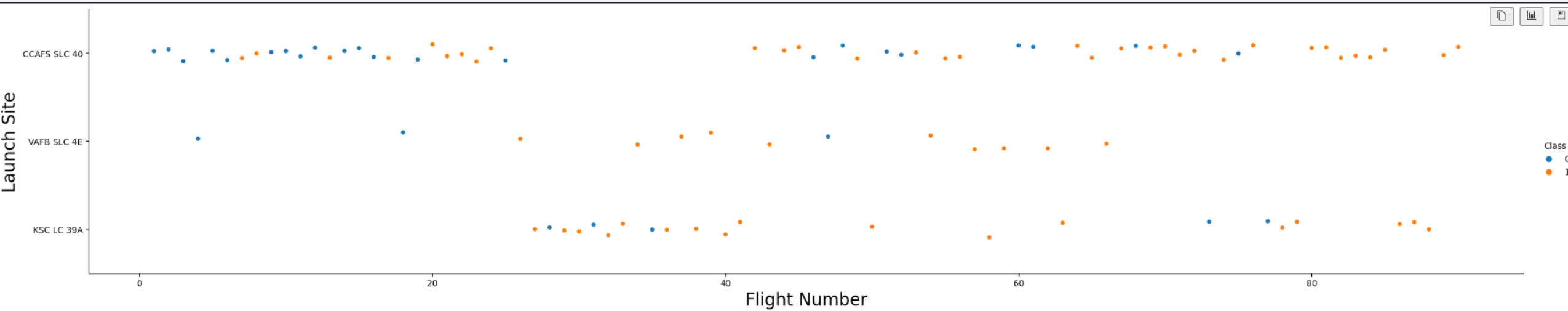
The background of the slide is an abstract composition. It features a dark blue base color. Overlaid on this are numerous diagonal streaks in shades of red and cyan. A faint, light blue grid pattern is also visible, particularly in the lower half of the image. The overall effect is dynamic and technological.

Section 2

# Insights drawn from EDA



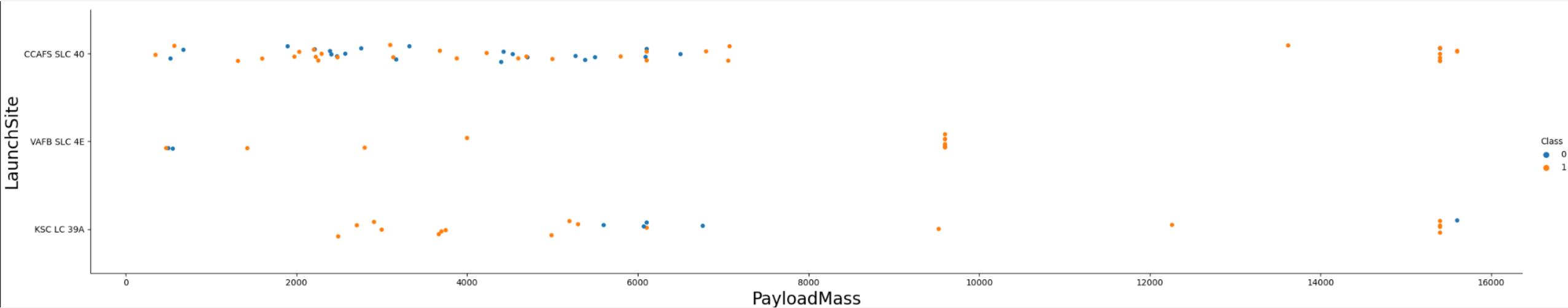
# Flight Number vs. Launch Site



- The higher the flight number from a launch site then you have a higher success rate
- This is also reflected in CCAF early launches that had relative more failures



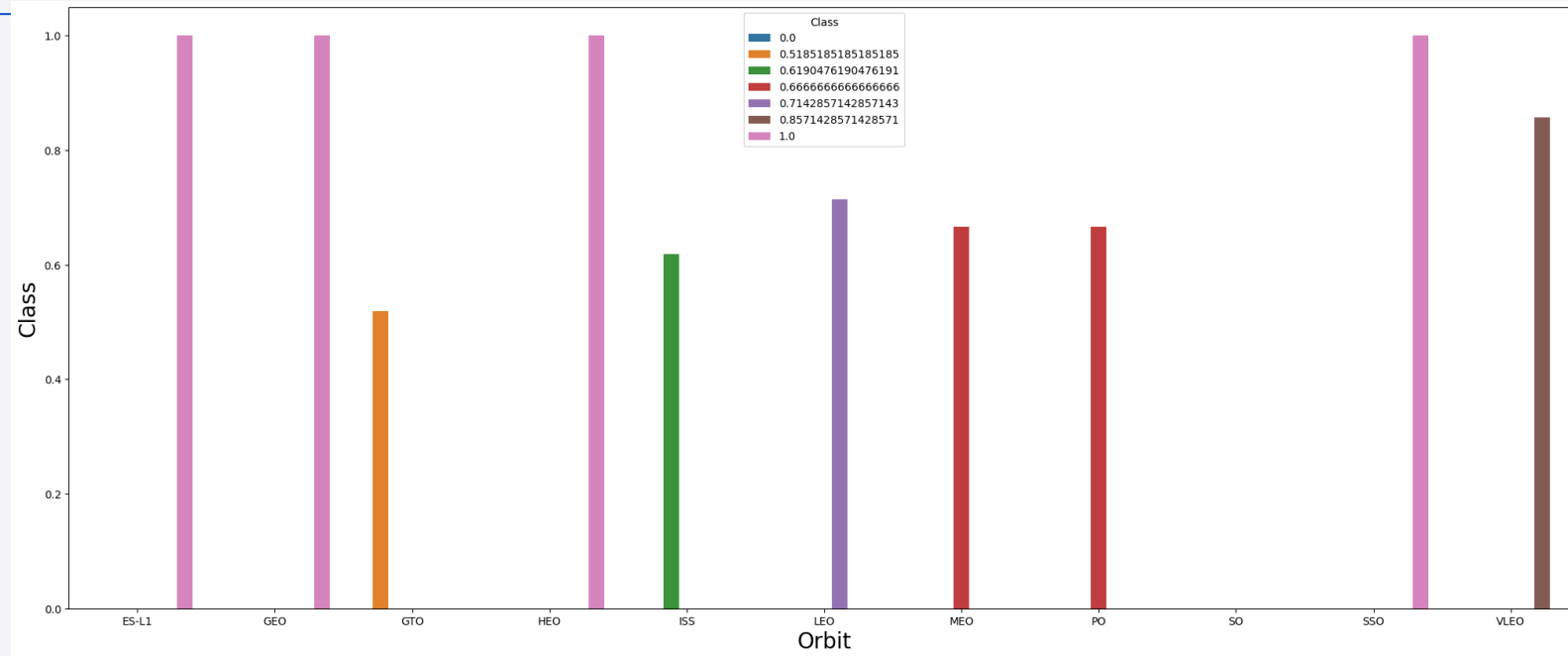
# Payload vs. Launch Site



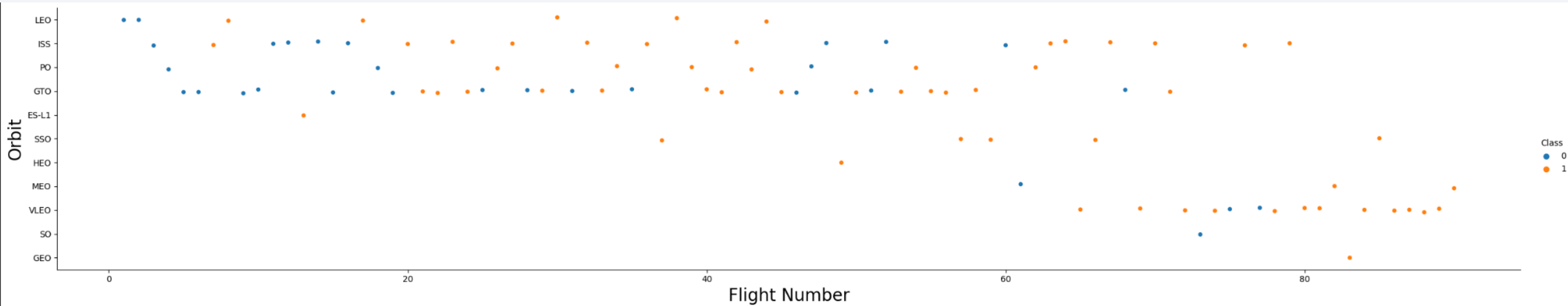
- No higher payload that 10000 from VAFB.
- Success is seen in clusters

# Success Rate vs. Orbit Type

- Orbit ES-LI, GEO, HEO and Sso had the highest succesrate



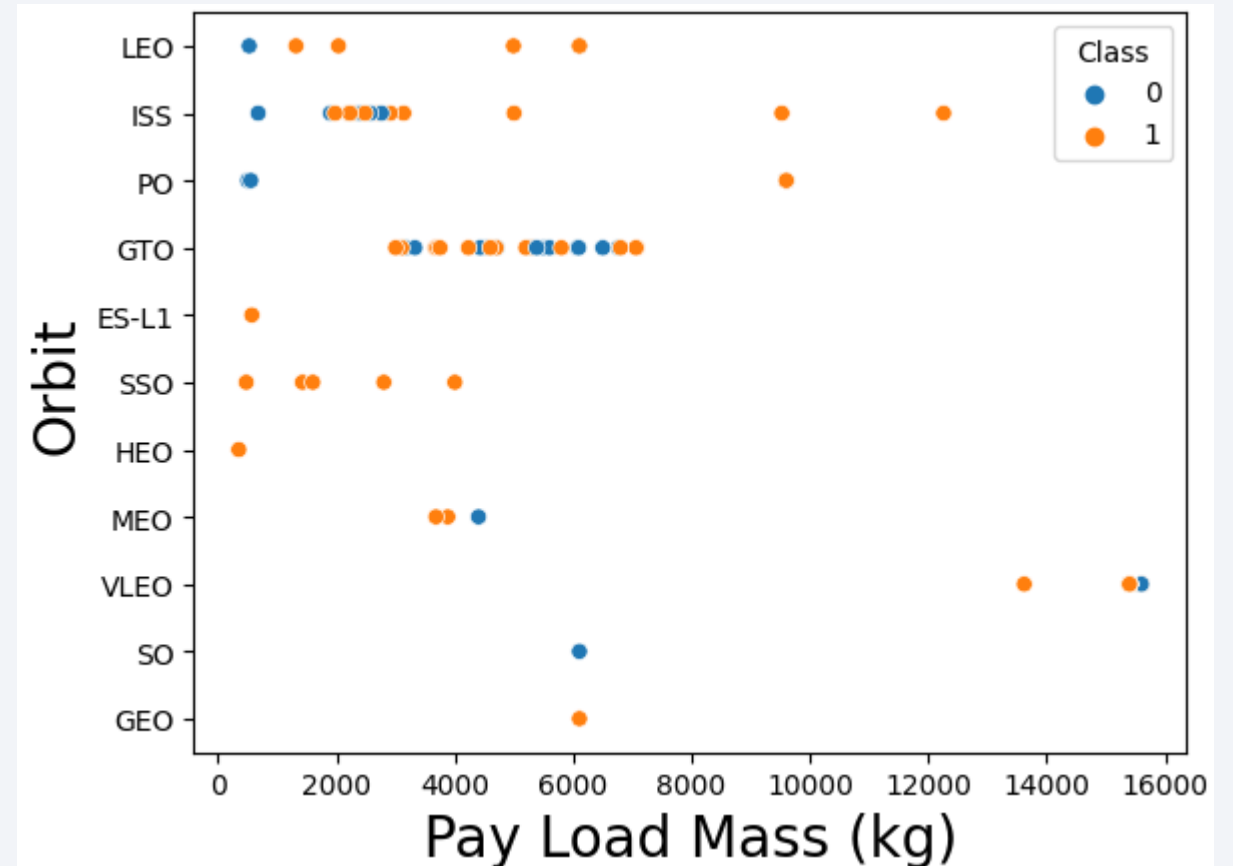
# Flight Number vs. Orbit Type



- It's visible that high success rate is not necessary correlated with many flights. HEO and SSO had relative fewer flights

# Payload vs. Orbit Type

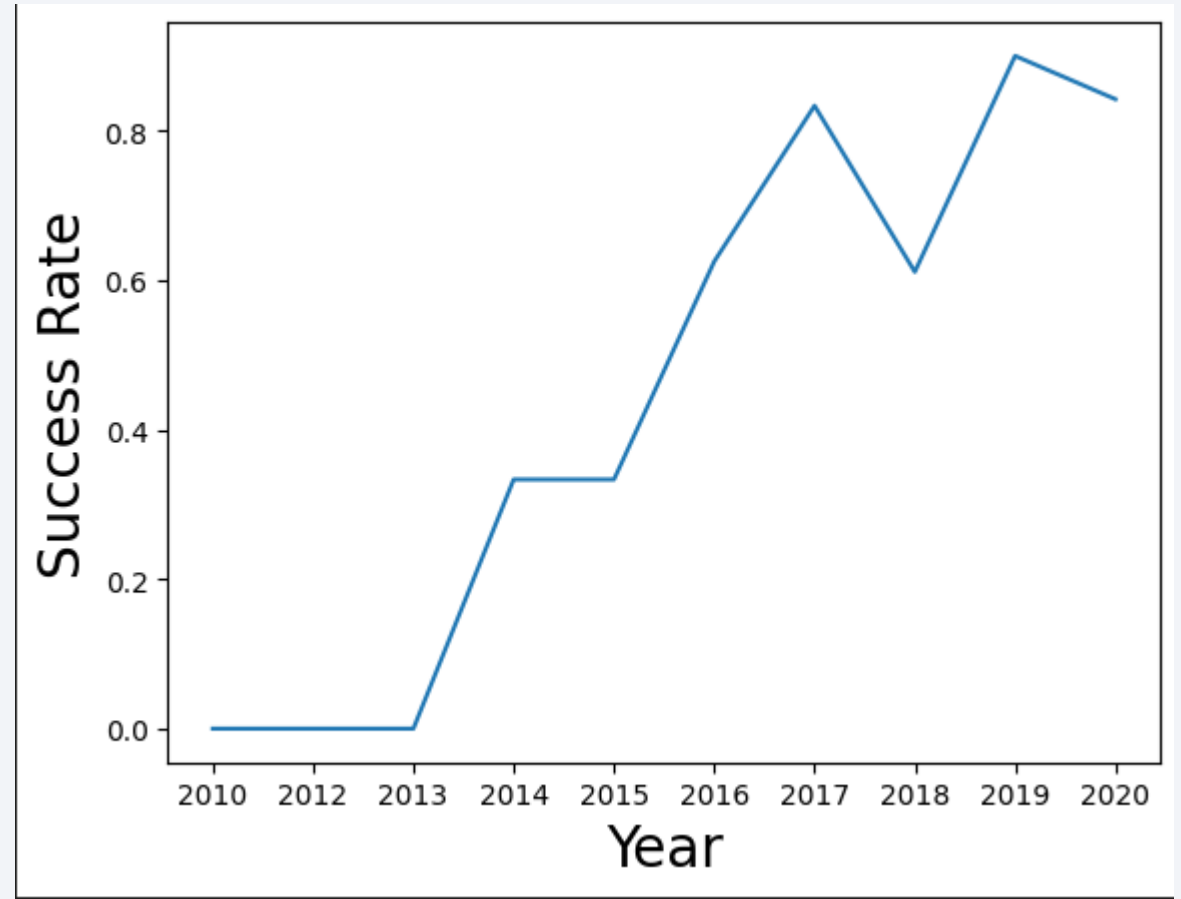
- GTO has negative influence from higher payload, while LEO, ISS and PO has positive correlation with higher payloads.



# Launch Success Yearly Trend

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- Success increases over time





# All Launch Site Names

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- Used DISTINCT to find unique launch sites

```
%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 |

# Launch Site Names Begin with 'CCA'

- Using where statement and LIKE to find CCA related instances as well as limit to only show 5.

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

```
%sql SELECT * FROM SPACEXTBL where Launch_Site LIKE 'CCA%' limit 5
```

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

| Date       | Time (UTC) | Booster_Version | Launch_Site | Payload   | PAYLOAD_MASS_KG_ | Orbit     | Customer        | Mission_Outcome | Landing_Outc   |
|------------|------------|-----------------|-------------|---|------------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| 06/04/2010 | 18:45:00   | F9 v1.0 B0003   | CCAFS LC-40 | Dragon Spacecraft Qualification Unit                          | 0.0              | LEO       | SpaceX          | Success         | Failure (parac |
| 12/08/2010 | 15:43:00   | F9 v1.0 B0004   | CCAFS LC-40 | Dragon demo flight C1, two CubeSats, barrel of Brouere cheese | 0.0              | LEO (ISS) | NASA (COTS) NRO | Success         | Failure (parac |
| 22/05/2012 | 7:44:00    | F9 v1.0 B0005   | CCAFS LC-40 | Dragon demo flight C2   | 525.0            | LEO (ISS) | NASA (COTS)     | Success         | No att         |
| 10/08/2012 | 0:35:00    | F9 v1.0 B0006   | CCAFS LC-40 | SpaceX CRS-1  | 500.0            | LEO (ISS) | NASA (CRS)      | Success         | No att         |
| 03/01/2013 | 15:10:00   | F9 v1.0 B0007   | CCAFS LC-40 | SpaceX CRS-2  | 677.0            | LEO (ISS) | NASA (CRS)      | Success         | No att         |

# Total Payload Mass

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- Using SUM to get the total payload and LIKE to take all NASA flights

## Task 3

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

```
[15]: %sql SELECT sum("PAYLOAD_MASS_KG_") as TotalPayload from SPACEXTBL where Customer LIKE 'NASA%'
```

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

```
Done.
```

```
[15]: TotalPayload
```

```
99980.0
```

# Average Payload Mass by F9 v1.1

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- Using AVG to find average weight and filter via LIKE

## Task 4

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

```
[17]: %sql select avg("PAYLOAD_MASS_KG_") as AvgPayload FROM SPACEXTBL where Booster_Version LIKE 'F9 v1.1%'
```

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

```
Done.
```

```
[17]: AvgPayload
```

```
2534.6666666666665
```

# First Successful Ground Landing Date

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- Due to an error in how data is processed then max finds first flight instead of min.

```
Task 5
List the date when the first succesful landing outcome in ground pad was acheived.
Hint: Use min function

25]: %sql select max(Date) from SPACEXTBL where "Landing_Outcome" = "Success (ground pad)"

* sqlite:///my_data1.db
Done.

25]: max(Date)
22/12/2015

26]: %sql select min(Date) from SPACEXTBL where "Landing_Outcome" = "Success (ground pad)"

* sqlite:///my_data1.db
Done.

26]: min(Date)
01/08/2018
```



# Successful Drone Ship Landing with Payload between 4000 and 6000

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- Using between to filter based of payload mass while and statement to filter from success.

## Task 6

List the names of the boosters which have success in drone ship and have 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
```

```
* 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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- Using Count to get the number of each instance from the table, and group by mission\_outcome.

```
Task 7
List the total number of successful and failure mission outcomes

: %sql select Mission_Outcome, count(Mission_Outcome) as NumberOfMission from SPACEXTBL GROUP BY Mission_Outcome
* sqlite:///my_data1.db
Done.
```

| Mission_Outcome                  | NumberOfMission |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| None                             | 0               |
| Failure (in flight)              | 1               |
| Success                          | 98              |
| Success                          | 1               |
| Success (payload status unclear) | 1               |

# Boosters Carried Maximum Payload

- Listing the Booster versions via distinct to ensure no doubles.
- Subquery to identify max payload mass

## Task 8

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

```
%sql SELECT DISTINCT(BOOSTER_VERSION) FROM SPACEXTBL WHERE PAYLOAD_MASS_KG_ = (SELECT MAX(PAYLOAD_MASS_KG_) FROM SPACEXTBL)
```

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

Done.

| Booster_Version |
|-----------------|
|-----------------|

|               |
|---------------|
| F9 B5 B1048.4 |
|---------------|

|               |
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| F9 B5 B1049.4 |
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| F9 B5 B1051.3 |
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|               |
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| F9 B5 B1056.4 |
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| F9 B5 B1048.5 |
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| F9 B5 B1051.4 |
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| F9 B5 B1049.5 |
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| F9 B5 B1060.2 |
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| F9 B5 B1058.3 |
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| F9 B5 B1051.6 |
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| F9 B5 B1060.3 |
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| F9 B5 B1049.7 |
|---------------|

# 2015 Launch Records

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- Listing failed flights for the months in year 2015

```
%sql SELECT substr(Date,4,2) as month, Date , Booster_Version, Launch_Site, Landing_Outcome FROM SPACEXTBL where Landing_Outcome = 'Failure (drone ship)' and substr(Date,7,4)='2015'
```

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

| month | Date       | Booster_Version | Launch_Site | Landing_Outcome      |
|-------|------------|-----------------|-------------|----------------------|
| 10    | 01/10/2015 | F9 v1.1 B1012   | CCAFS LC-40 | Failure (drone ship) |
| 04    | 14/04/2015 | F9 v1.1 B1015   | CCAFS LC-40 | Failure (drone ship) |

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

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Counted landing outcome and grouped by landing outcome. Ordered it by date

```
: %sql SELECT Date, count(Landing_Outcome), Landing_Outcome from SPACEXTBL WHERE Date BETWEEN '04-06-2010' AND '20-03-2017' group by Landing_Outcome order by Date DESC
* sqlite:///my_data1.db
Done.
```

| Date       | count(Landing_Outcome) | Landing_Outcome      |
|------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| 18/07/2016 | 7                      | Success (ground pad) |
| 18/04/2014 | 2                      | Controlled (ocean)   |
| 14/04/2015 | 3                      | Failure (drone ship) |
| 12/05/2018 | 3                      | Failure              |
| 10/08/2012 | 10                     | No attempt           |
| 08/07/2018 | 20                     | Success              |
| 08/06/2019 | 1                      | No attempt           |
| 06/04/2010 | 2                      | Failure (parachute)  |
| 04/08/2016 | 8                      | Success (drone ship) |

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

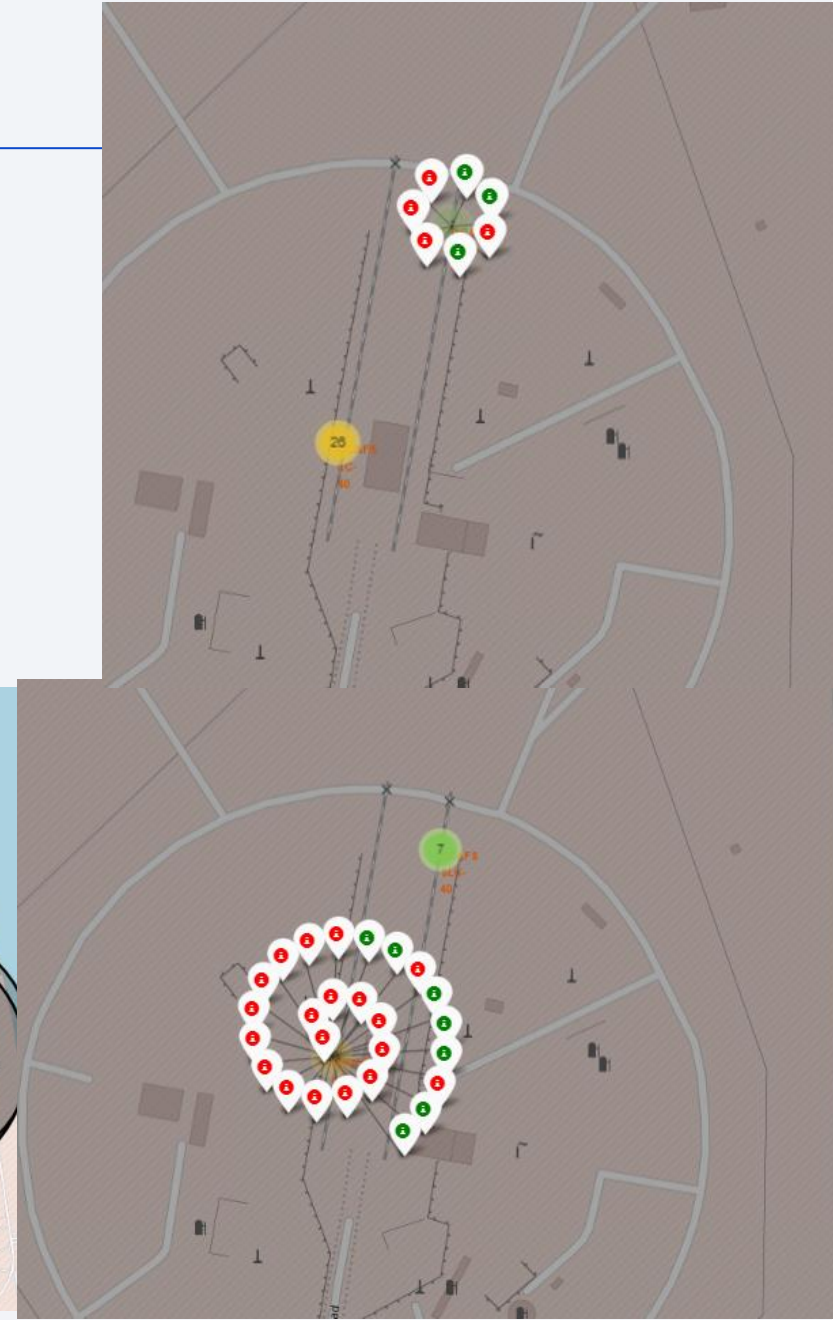
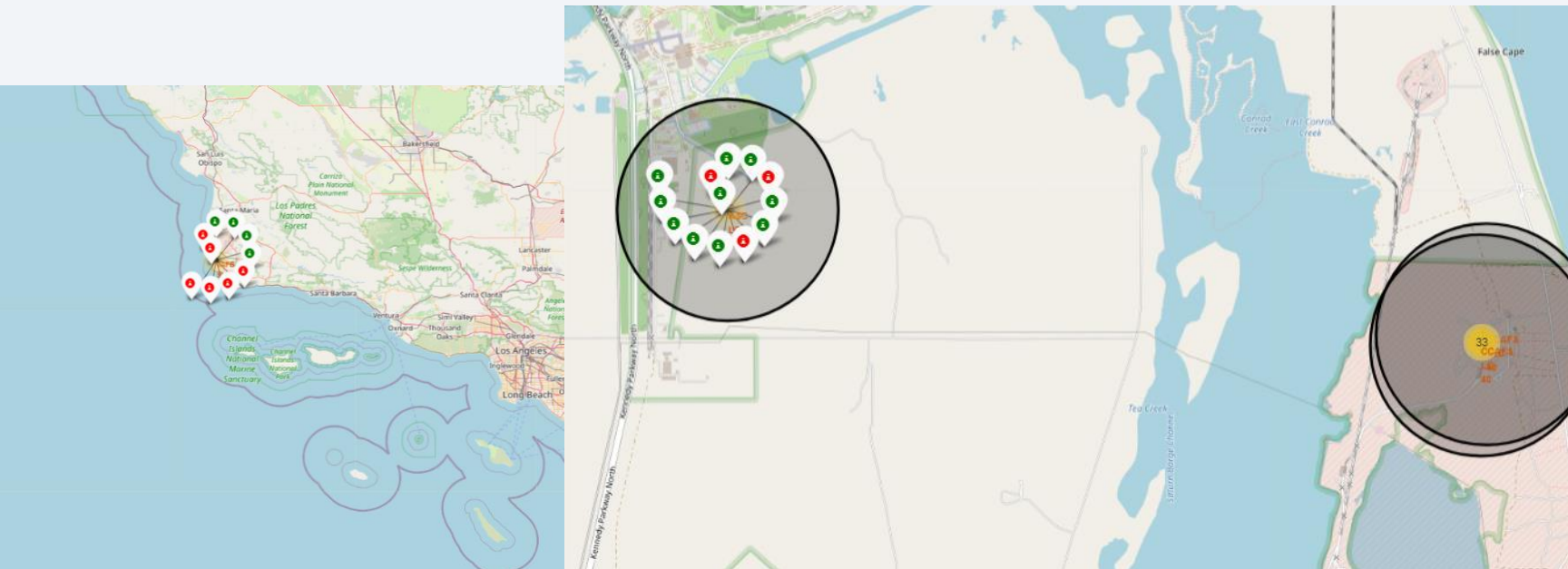
# Global launch sites

- All launch sites are located in USA. But on both west and east coast





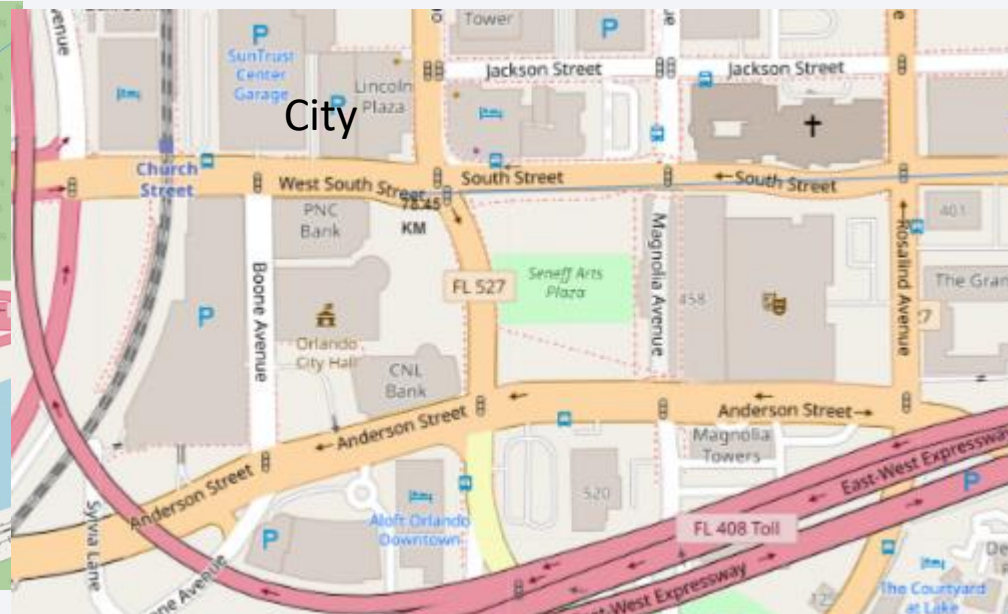
# Succes of launches





# Distances

- Close to railways? No
- Close to Highways? No
- Close to coastline? Yes
- Keep certain distance to cities? Yes







Section 4

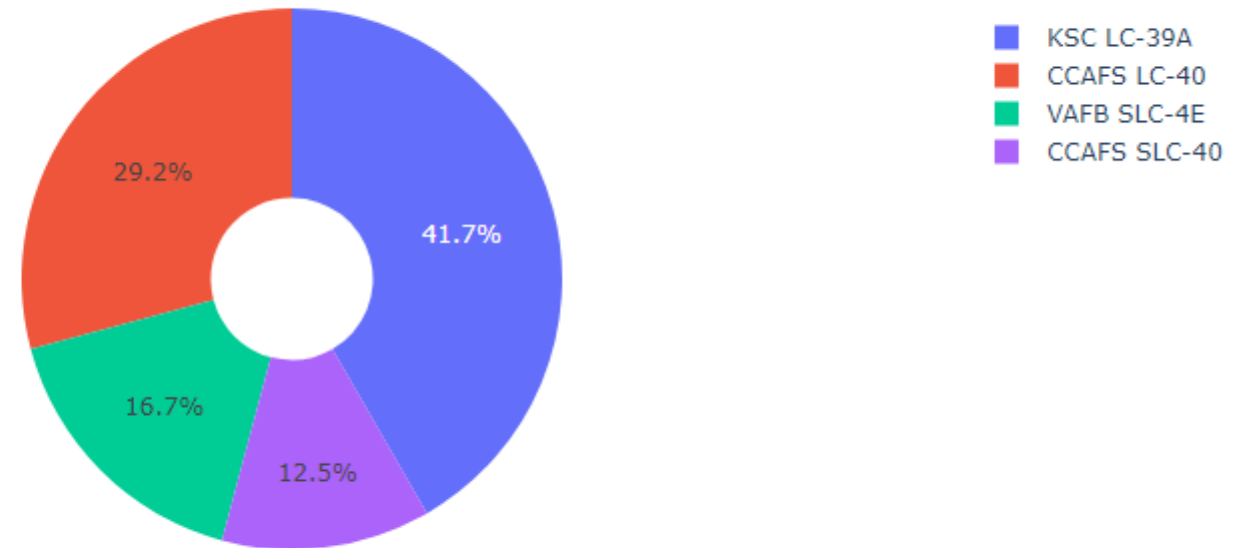
# Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

# Total Success

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- KSC had the most successful launches from all sites

Total Success Launches By all sites

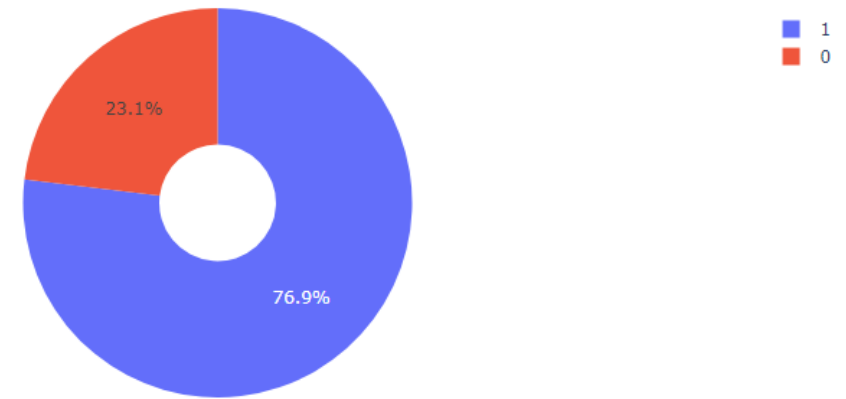


# KSC success rate

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- Its visible that even with most success based from last slide KSC also has highest success rate with 76.9% success rate

Total Success Launches for site KSC LC-39A



# Weight matters

- Higher success rate for lower payloads



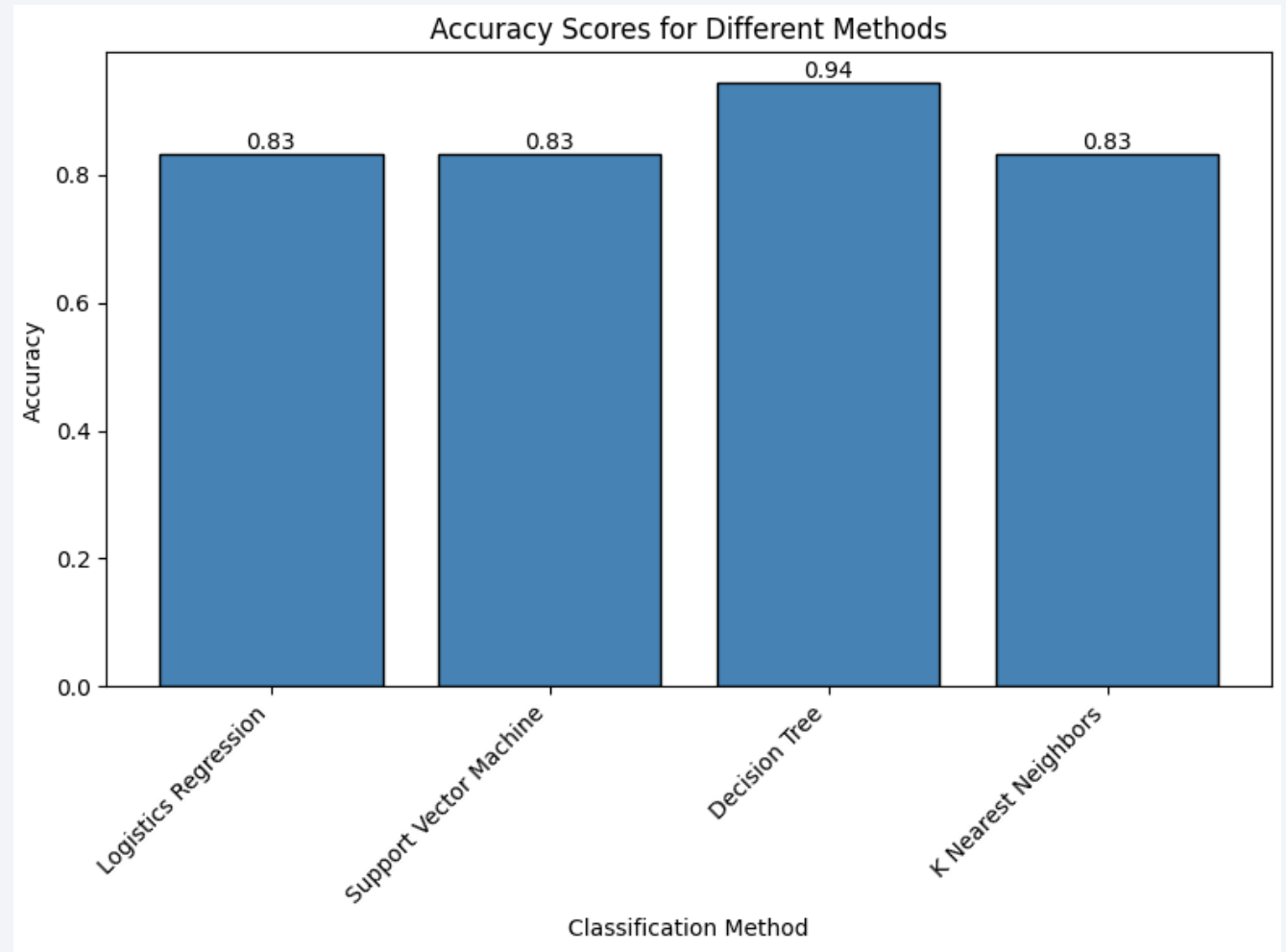
Section 5

# Predictive Analysis (Classification)

# Classification Accuracy

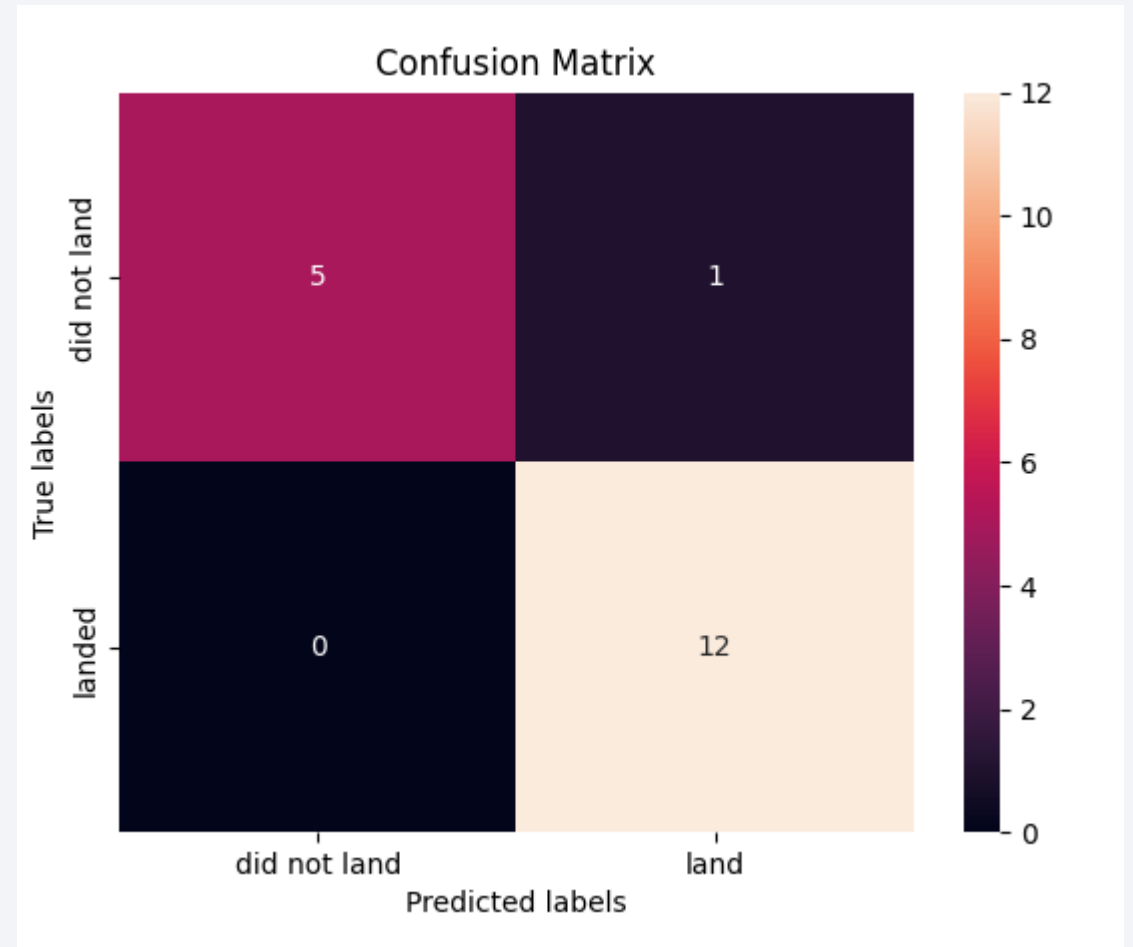
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- Decision tree had the highest accuracy on this iteration



# Confusion Matrix

- Here we can see the decision tree only has 1 false positive and no false negatives





# Conclusions

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- The more launches from a site the higher success rate
- Success rate increased over time
- Specific orbits had higher success rates namely: ESL1, GEO, HEO, SSO and VLEO
- KSC LC-39A had the most launches as well as highest success rate of any sites
- Lower weight increases success rates
- When trying to model the success then the decision tree is the best classifier in this case for the task.

Thank you!

