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# Winning Space Race with Data Science

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# Executive Summary

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- Summary of methodologies
  - Data collection
  - Data wrangling
  - Data visualization
  - [Exploratory Data Analysis \(EDA\)](#) with SQL
  - Building interactive map with Folium
  - Building a Dashboard
  - Classification model analysis
- Summary of all results
  - EDA results
  - Predictive analytics

# Introduction

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- The commercial space age is coming. Companies such as Virgin Galactic, Blue Origin and SpaceX are making space travel affordable for everyone.
- As a startup company, SpaceY would like to compete with SpaceX on Sending spacecraft to the out space.
- By gathering information about SpaceX, machine learning methodologies are used to determine the price of each launch.
- Data are also used to determine if SpaceX will reuse the first stage.



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Section 1

# Methodology

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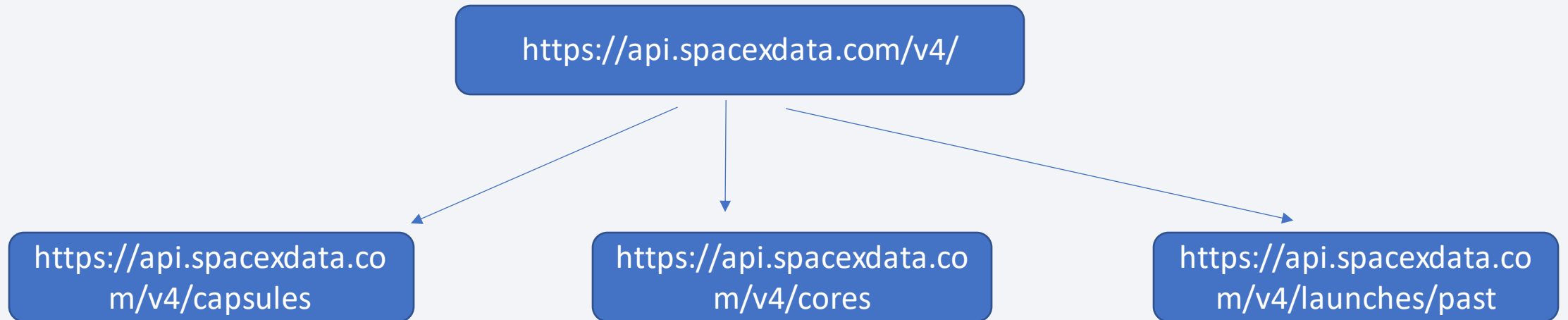
## Executive Summary

- Data collection methodology:
  - SpaceX launch data is collected from SpaceX REST API
  - Falcon 9 launch data is web scraping related Wiki pages
- Perform data wrangling
  - Landing outcomes in data set is converted to class with value 0 (Failure) or 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
  - LR, SVM, DT, KNN models have been built and evaluated for the best classifier

# Data Collection

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- SpaceX launch data is collected from SpaceX REST API



- Falcon 9 launch data is web scraping related Wiki page

[https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=List\\_of\\_Falcon\\_9\\_and\\_Falcon\\_Heavy\\_launches&oldid=1027686922](https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=List_of_Falcon_9_and_Falcon_Heavy_launches&oldid=1027686922)

# Data Collection – SpaceX API

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- Data collection with SpaceX REST calls

Getting responds from API

```
spacex_url="https://api.spacexdata.com/v4/launches/past"  
response = requests.get(spacex_url)
```

Convert .json file to a dataframe

```
jasonResponse=response.json()  
data=pd.json_normalize(jasonResponse)
```

Data clean

```
Pmean=data_falcon9['PayloadMass'].mean()  
data_falcon9['PayloadMass']=data_falcon9['PayloadMass'].replace(np.nan, Pmean)
```



# Data Collection - Scraping

- Web scraping process from Wikipedia

Getting responds from HTML

```
response = requests.get(static_url)
```

Creating BeautifulSoup object and finding tables

```
soup = BeautifulSoup(response.text, "html.parser")  
html_tables = soup.find_all('table')
```

Getting column names

Creation of dictionary

Appending data to keys

Converting dictionary to dataframe

```
del launch_dict['Date and time ( )']  
|  
launch_dict['Flight No.'] = []  
launch_dict['Launch site'] = []  
launch_dict['Payload'] = []  
launch_dict['Payload mass'] = []  
launch_dict['Orbit'] = []  
launch_dict['Customer'] = []  
launch_dict['Launch outcome'] = []  
# Added some new columns  
launch_dict['Version Booster'] = []  
launch_dict['Booster landing'] = []  
launch_dict['Date'] = []  
launch_dict['Time'] = []
```

# Data Wrangling

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1 Calculate the number of launches on each site

```
df['LaunchSite'].value_counts()
```

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graph TD; 1[1 Calculate the number of launches on each site] --> 2[2 Calculate the number of occurrence of each orbit]; 2 --> 3[3 Calculate the number of occurrence of mission outcome per orbit type]; 3 --> 4[4 Create a landing outcome label from Outcome column]; 4 --> 5[5 Save to .csv];
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2 Calculate the number of occurrence of each orbit

```
df['Orbit'].value_counts()
```

3 Calculate the number of occurrence of mission outcome per orbit type

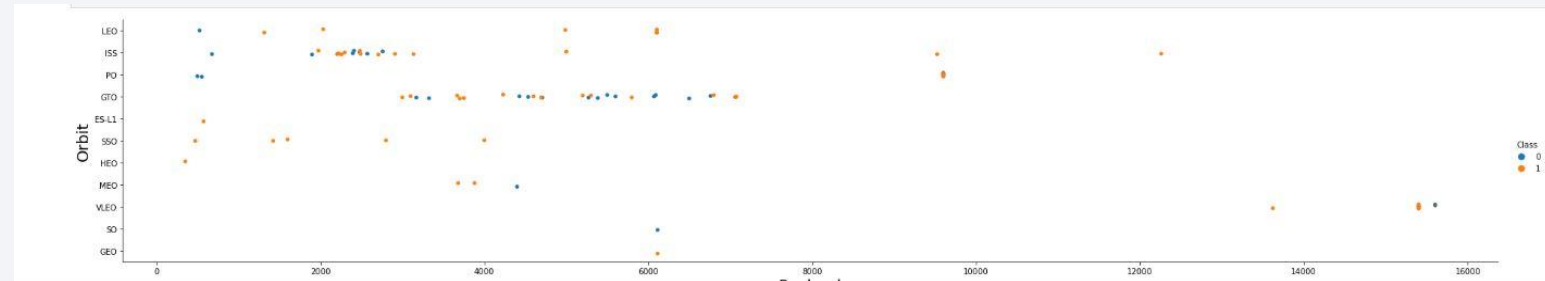
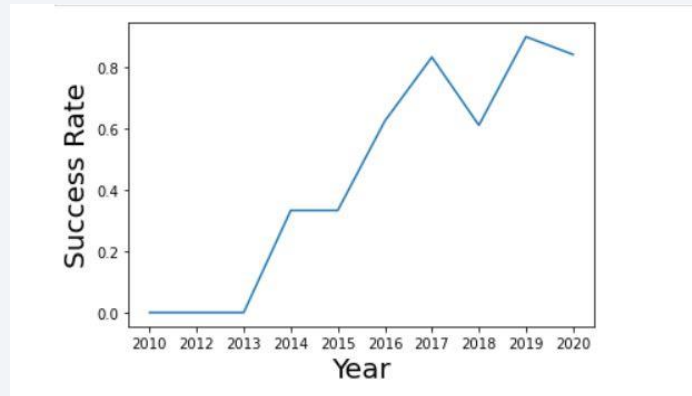
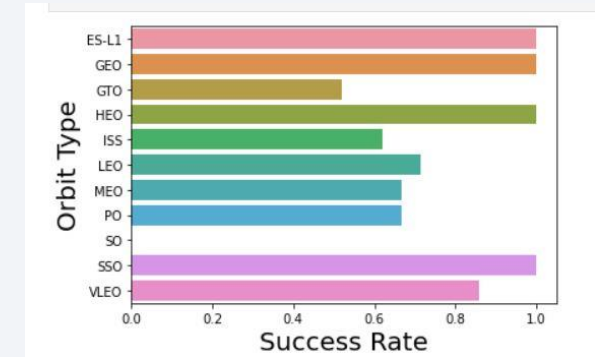
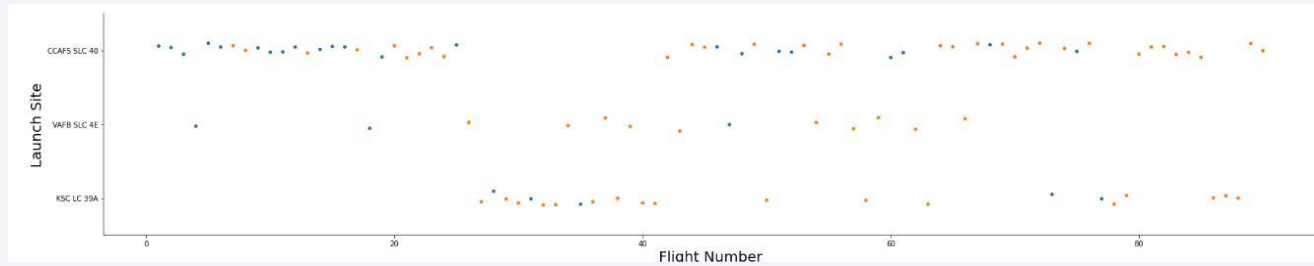
```
landing_outcomes=df['Outcome'].value_counts()
```

4 Create a landing outcome label from Outcome column

```
df['Class'] = df['Outcome'].apply(lambda x: 0 if bad_outcomes.count(x)>0 else 1)
```

5 Save to .csv

# EDA with Data Visualization

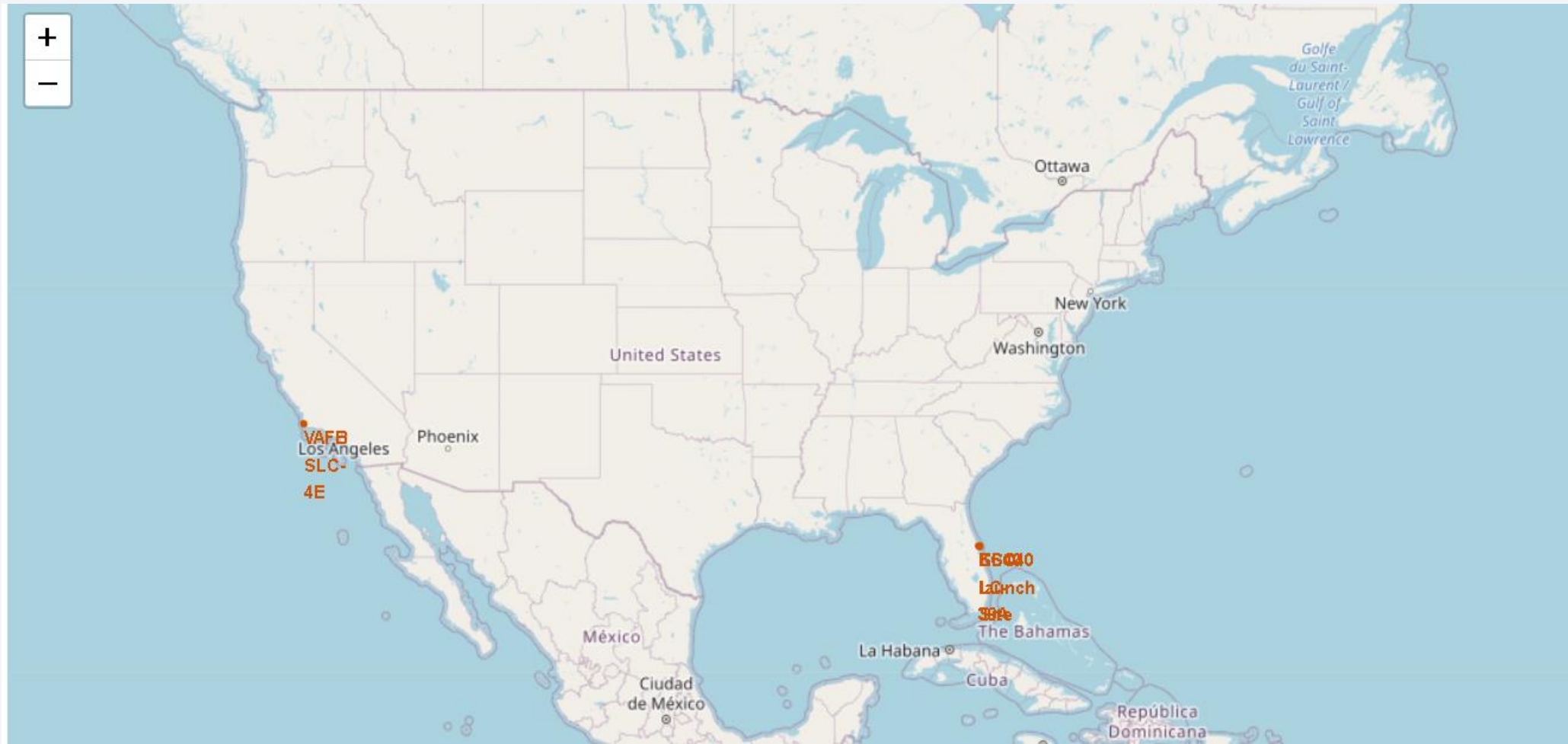


# EDA with SQL

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- Using SQL queries to perform:
  - Display the names of the unique launch sites in the space mission
  - Display 5 records where launch sites begin with the string 'CCA'
  - Display the total payload mass carried by boosters launched by NASA (CRS)
  - Display average payload mass carried by booster version F9 v1.1
  - List the date when the first successful landing outcome in ground pad was achieved
  - List the names of the boosters which have success in drone ship and have payload mass greater than 4000 but less than 6000
  - List the total number of successful and failure mission outcomes
  - List the names of the booster\_versions which have carried the maximum payload mass. Use a subquery
  - List the failed landing\_outcomes in drone ship, their booster versions, and launch site names for in year 2015
  - 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

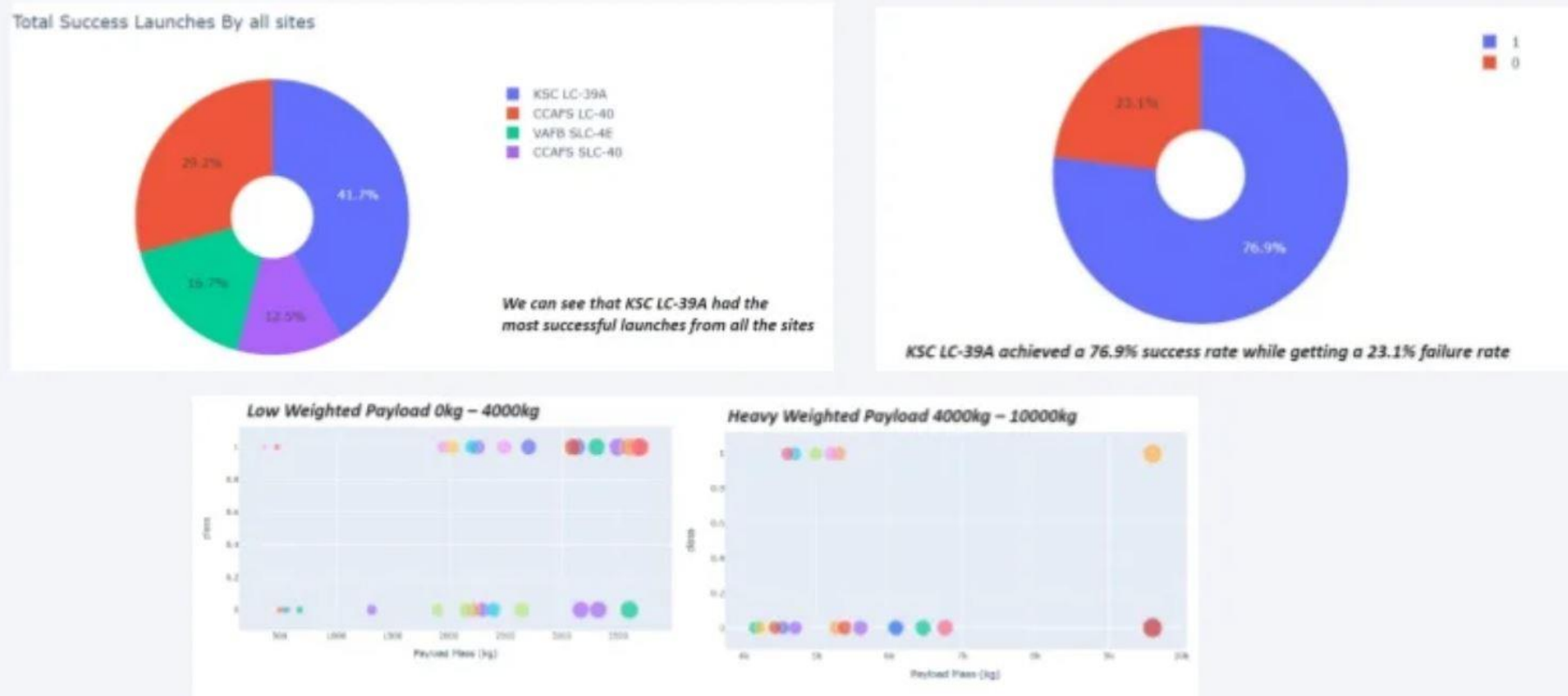
# Build an Interactive Map with Folium



- Map markers have been added to the map to find the best location for building a launch site.



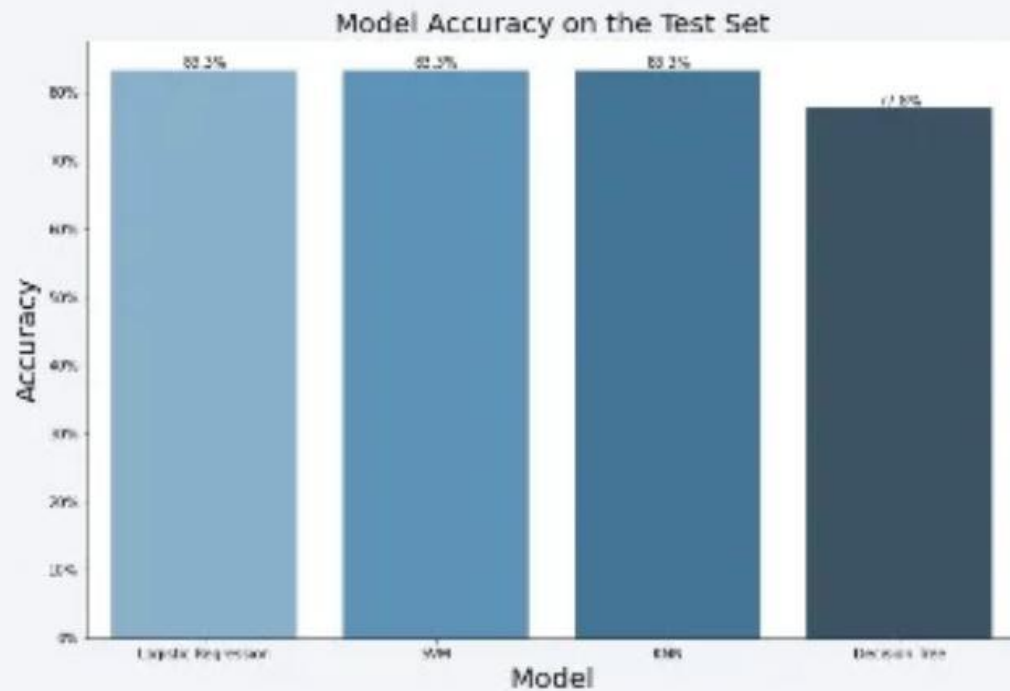
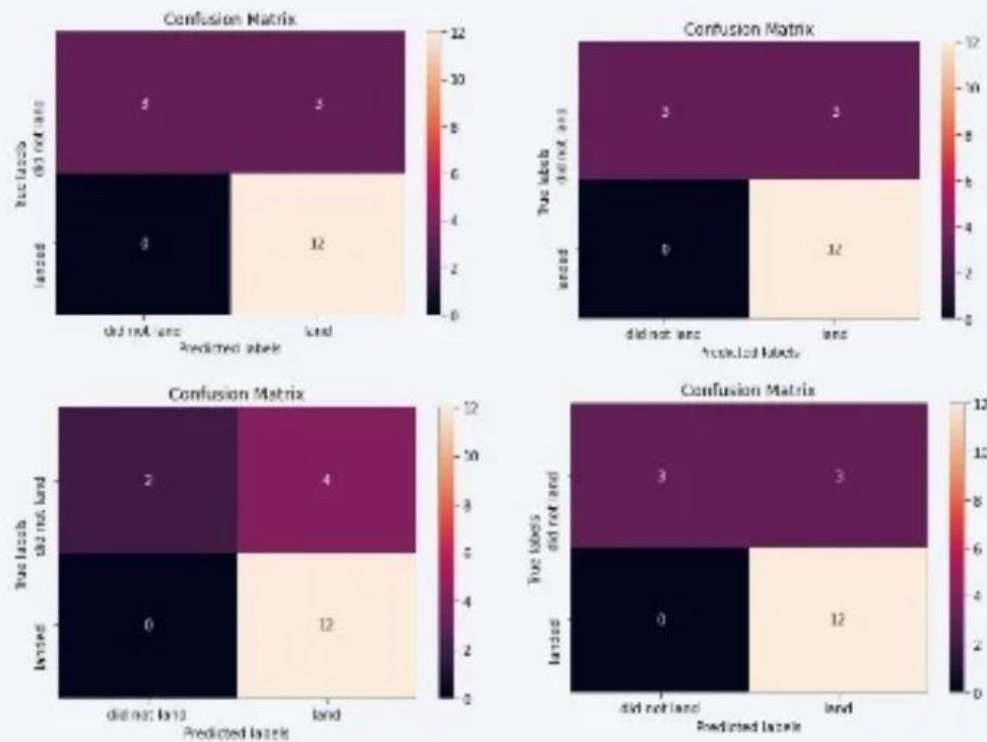
# Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash



- Pie charts and scattering charts were added to the dashboard with dropdown interactions to show success rates for all sites or individual site.

# Predictive Analysis (Classification)

- The SVM, KNN, and the logistic Regression model perform best with the highest accuracy at 83.3%



# Results

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- Launches with low payload mass performs better than that with high payload mass
- The SpaceX launch success rates is getting higher with time in years
- In all orbits, GEO, SSO, HEO and ES L1 has the highest success rates
- In all launch sites, KSC LC-39A has the highest success rates
- The SVM, KNN, and the logistic Regression model perform best with highest accuracy



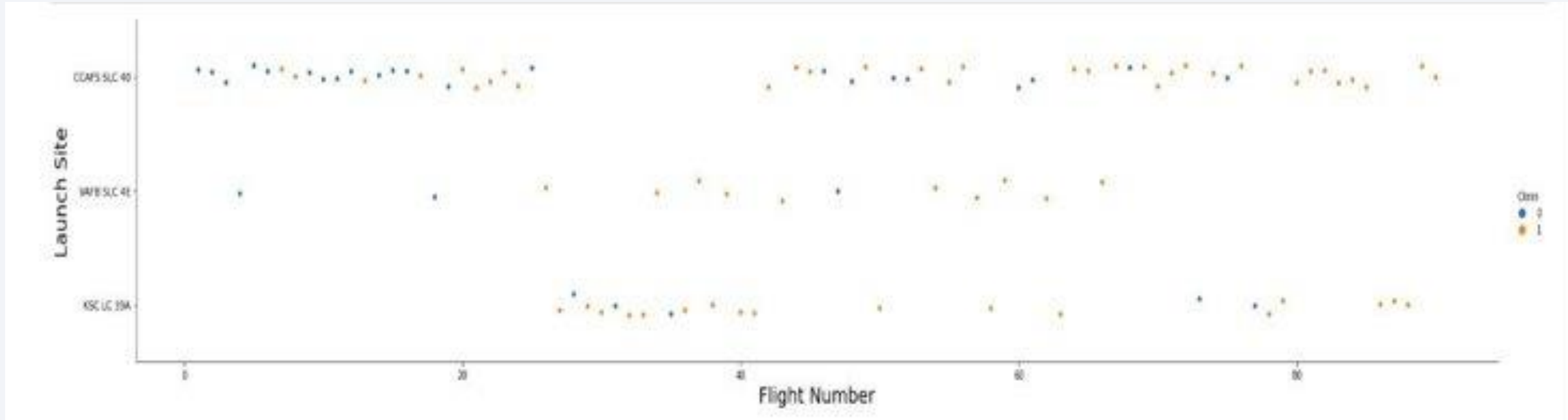
The background of the slide is an abstract composition. It features a dark blue field on the left side, which transitions into a complex pattern of diagonal streaks and lines in shades of blue, red, and teal on the right. These streaks have a textured, almost woven appearance, suggesting a digital or data-driven theme. The overall effect is dynamic and modern.

Section 2

# Insights drawn from EDA



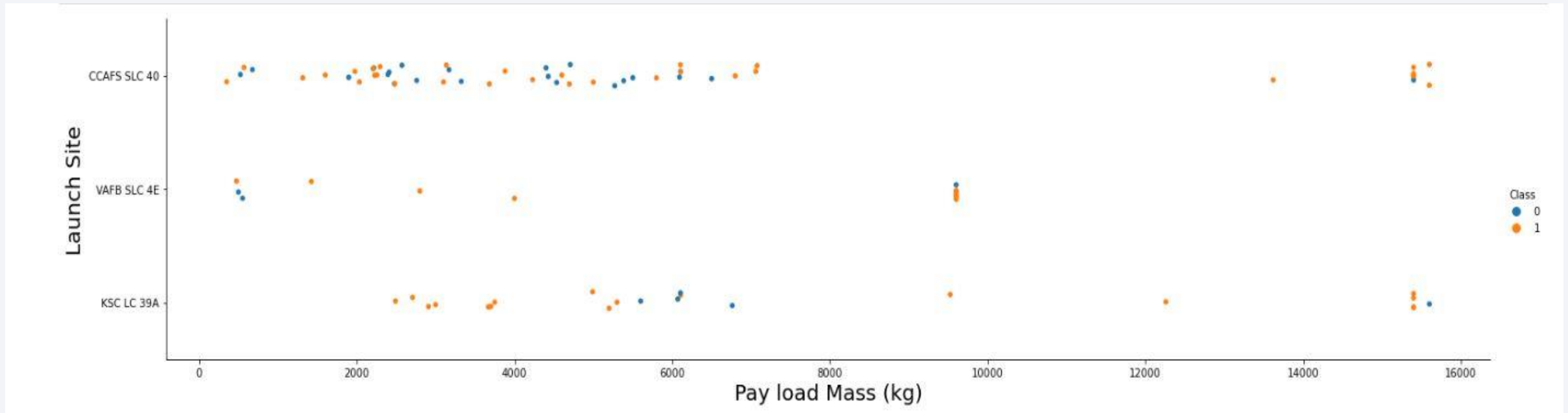
# Flight Number vs. Launch Site



- Launch site CCAFS SLC-40 has the most number of launches

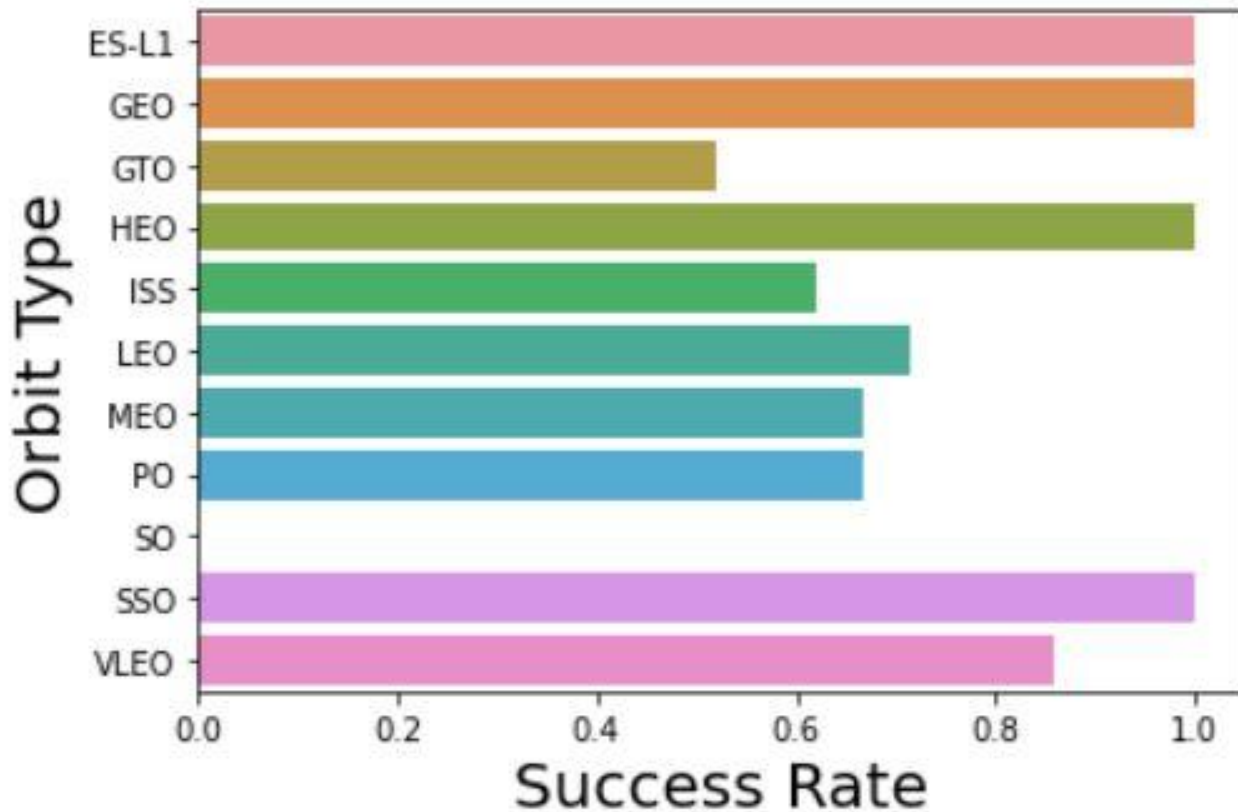


# Payload vs. Launch Site



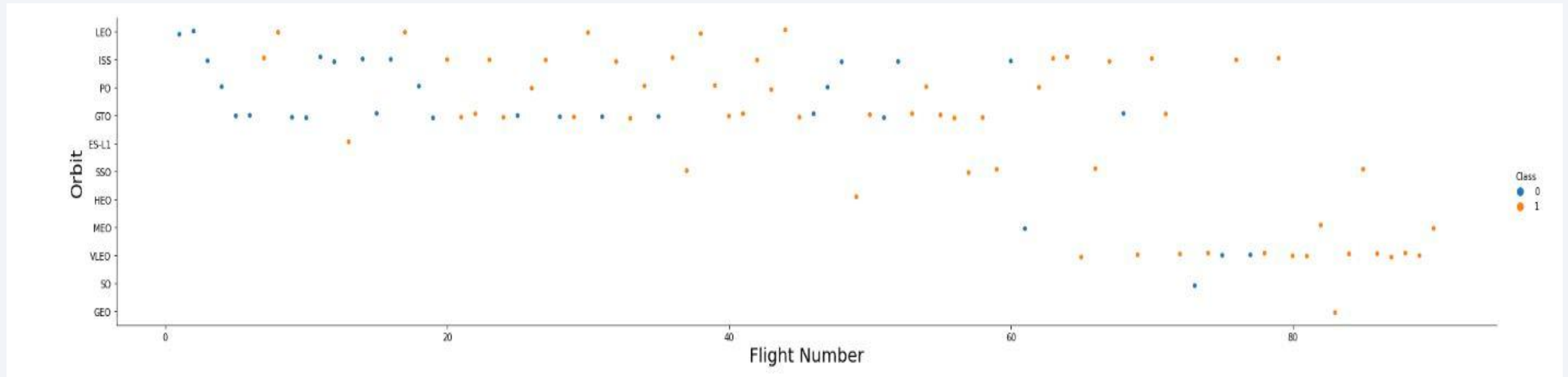
- For the VAFB SLC-4E launch site there are no rockets launched for heavy payload mass(greater than 10000)

# Success Rate vs. Orbit Type



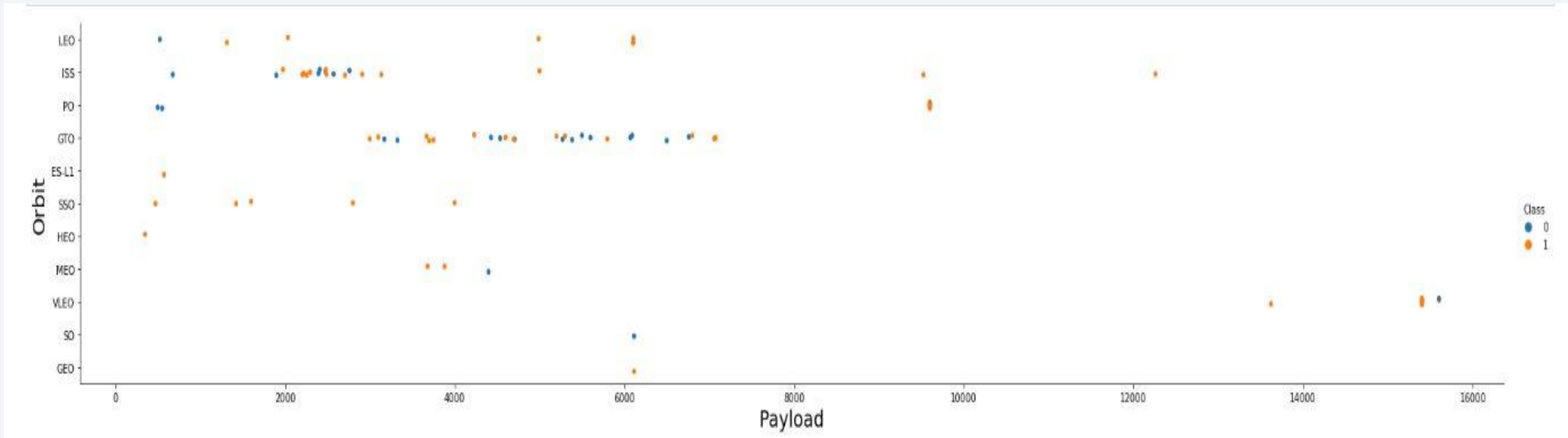
- The orbit of ES-L1, GEO, HEO and SSO have the highest success rates. The orbit SO has zero success rate

# Flight Number vs. Orbit Type



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

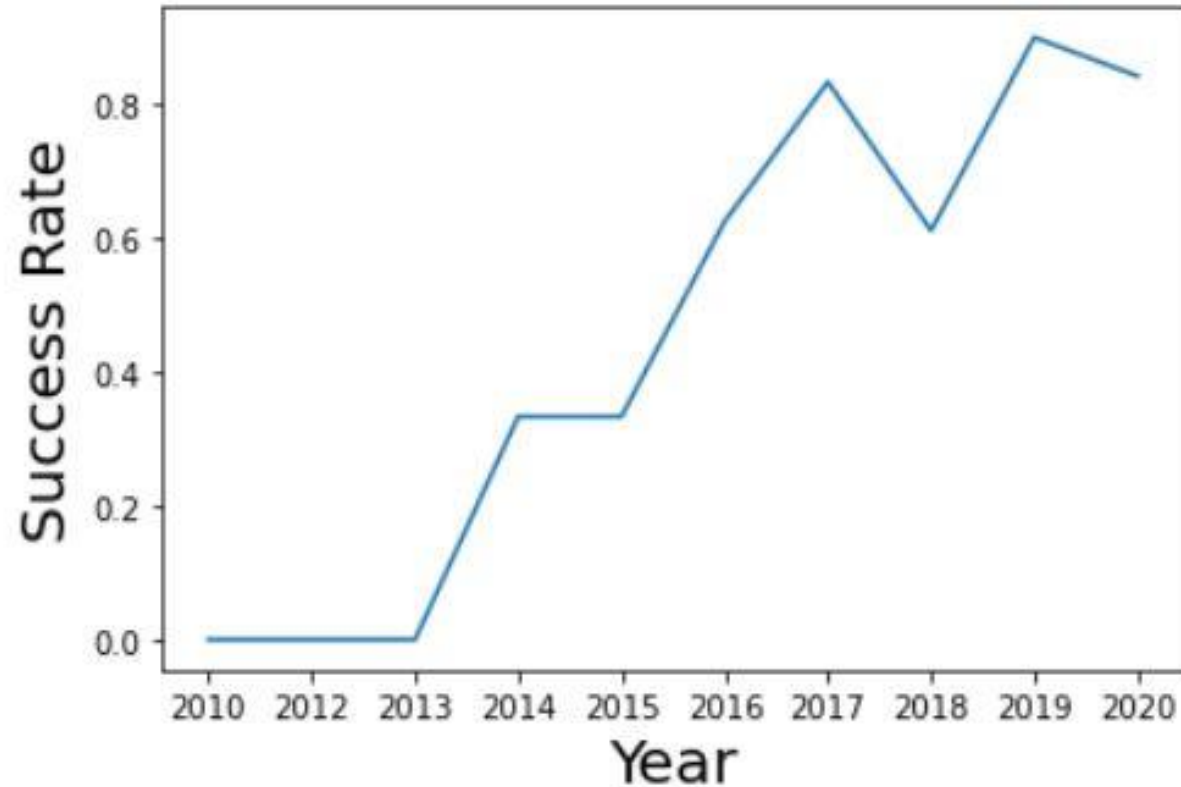
# Payload vs. Orbit Type



- With heavy payloads the successful landing or positive landing rate are more for Polar, LEO and ISS.

# Launch Success Yearly Trend

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- The success rate since 2013 kept increasing till 2020



# All Launch Site Names

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```
5]: %sql select distinct launch_site from SPACEXTBL
* ibm_db_sa://dtq88624:***@1bbf73c5-d84a-4bb0-85b
Done.
```

```
5]: launch_site
```

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

# Launch Site Names Begin with 'CCA'

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

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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```
[6]: %sql select SUM(PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_) from SPACEXTBL where customer = 'NASA (CRS)'
```

\* ibm\_db\_sa://dtq88624:\*\*\*@1bbf73c5-d84a-4bb0-85b9-ab1a4348f4a4.c3n41cmd0nqnrk39  
Done.

```
[6]:
```

1
45596

# Average Payload Mass by F9 v1.1

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```
%sql select AVG(PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_) from SPACEXTBL where Booster_Version
```

```
* ibm_db_sa://dtq88624:***@1bbf73c5-d84a-4bb0-85b9-ab1a4348f4a4.c3n4
```

```
Done.
```

```
1
```

```
2928
```

# First Successful Ground Landing Date

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```
%sql select MIN(date) from SPACEXTBL where Landing__Outcome = 'Success (ground pad)'
```

```
* ibm_db_sa://dtq88624:***@1bbf73c5-d84a-4bb0-85b9-ab1a4348f4a4.c3n41cmd0nqnrk39u98g.c
Done.
```

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

```
%sql select booster_version, payload_mass__kg_ from SPACEXTBL where  
Landing__Outcome = 'Success (drone ship)' and payload_mass__kg_ between 4000 and 6000  
* ibm_db_sa://dtq88624:***@1bbf73c5-d84a-4bb0-85b9-ab1a4348f4a4.c3n41cmd0nqnrk39u98g.  
Done.
```

booster_version	payload_mass__kg_
F9 FT B1022	4696
F9 FT B1026	4600
F9 FT B1021.2	5300
F9 FT B1031.2	5200

# Total Number of Successful and Failure Mission Outcomes

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```
%sql select mission_outcome, count(*) as count from SPACEXTBL group by mission_outcome
* ibm_db_sa://dtq88624:***@1bbf73c5-d84a-4bb0-85b9-ab1a4348f4a4.c3n41cmd0nqnrk39u98g.dat
Done.
```

mission_outcome	COUNT
Failure (in flight)	1
Success	99
Success (payload status unclear)	1

# Boosters Carried Maximum Payload

```
%sql select booster_version from SPACEXTBL where PAYLOAD_MASS_KG=(select max(PAYLOAD_MASS_KG_) from SPACEXTBL)
```

```
* ibm_db_sa://dtq88624:***@1bbf73c5-d84a-4bb0-85b9-ab1a4348f4a4.c3n41cmd0nqnrk39u98g.databases.appdomain.cloud:32286
```

Done.

booster_version
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F9 B5 B1048.4
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F9 B5 B1049.4
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F9 B5 B1051.3
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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
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# 2015 Launch Records

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```
: %sql select substr(Date, 6, 2) as month, booster_version, launch_site from SPACEXTBL
where Landing_Outcome = 'Failure (drone ship)' and substr(Date, 1, 4) = '2015'

* ibm_db_sa://dtq88624:***@1bbf73c5-d84a-4bb0-85b9-ab1a4348f4a4.c3n41cmd0nqnrk39u98
Done.
```

```
: MONTH  booster_version  launch_site
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      01      F9 v1.1 B1012  CCAFS LC-40
      04      F9 v1.1 B1015  CCAFS LC-40
```

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

```
: %sql select landing__outcome, count(*) as count from SPACEXTBL where date between  
'2010-06-04' and '2017-03-20' group by landing__outcome order by count DESC
```

```
* ibm_db_sa://dtq88624:***@1bbf73c5-d84a-4bb0-85b9-ab1a4348f4a4.c3n41cmd0nqnrk39u  
Done.
```

```
: landing__outcome COUNT
```

No attempt	10
Failure (drone ship)	5
Success (drone ship)	5
Controlled (ocean)	3
Success (ground pad)	3
Failure (parachute)	2
Uncontrolled (ocean)	2
Precluded (drone ship)	1



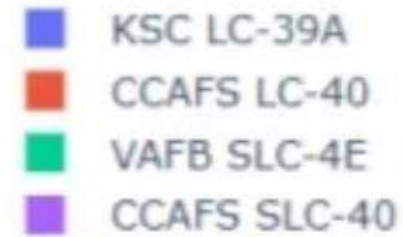
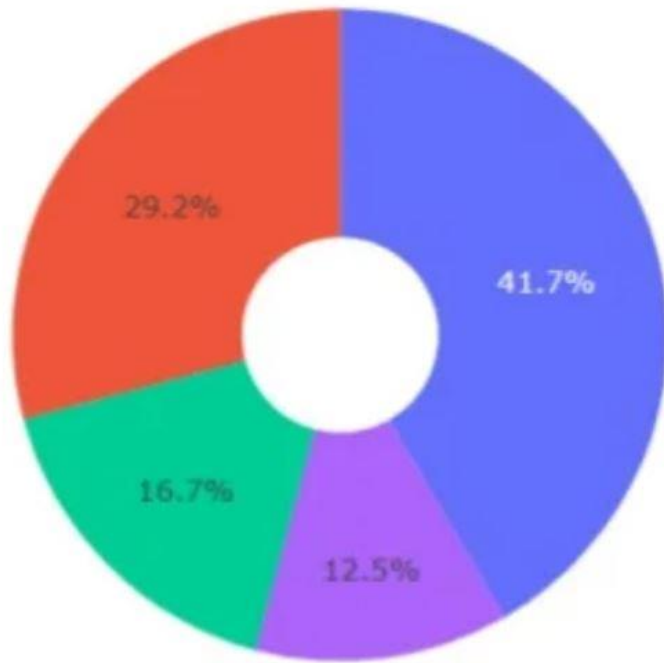


Section 4

# Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

# Total success launches for all sites

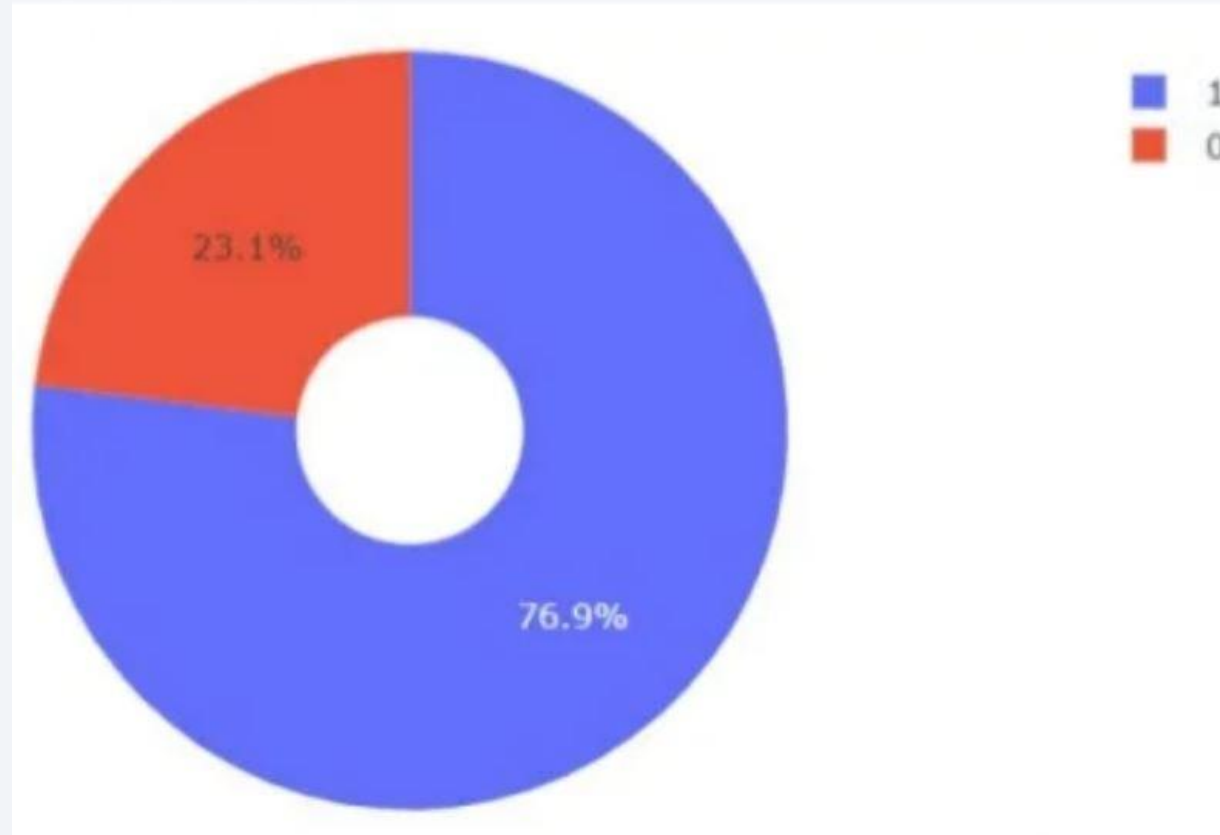
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- Site KSC LC-39A has the most successful launches among all sites

# Success rate by sites

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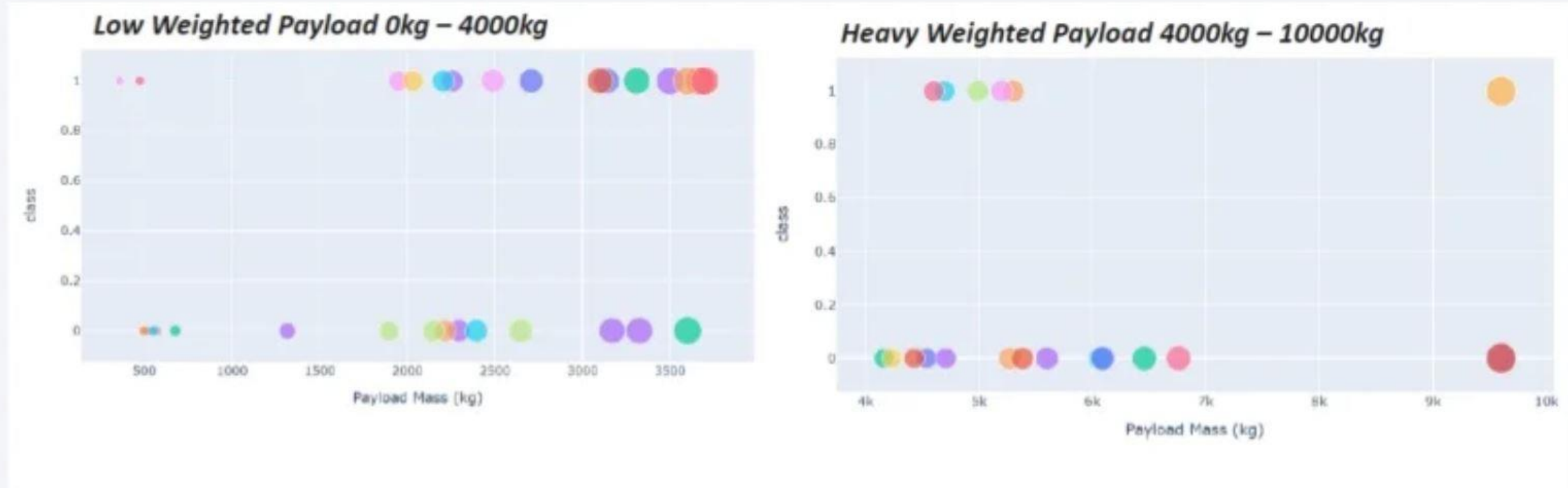


- LSC LC-39A has a 76.9% success rate



# Payload vs launch outcome

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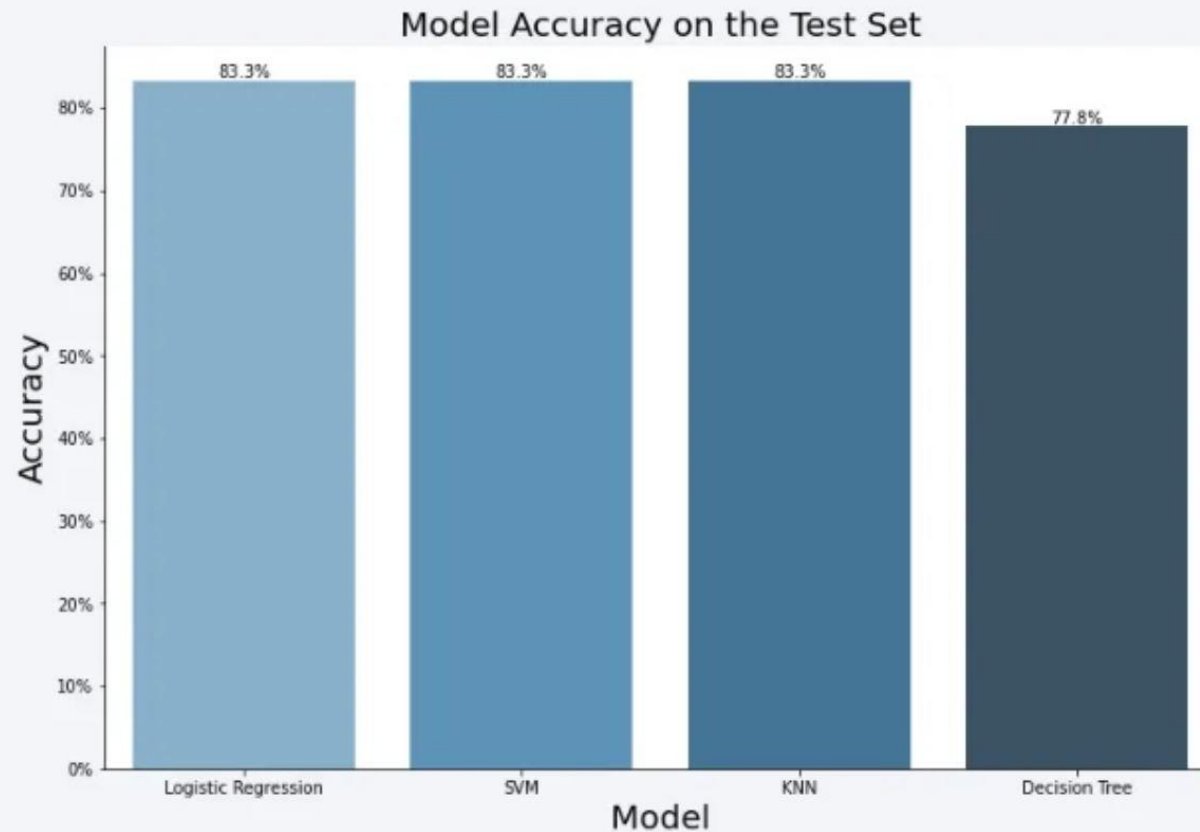
- Low weight payloads have higher success rates than heavy payloads

Section 5

# Predictive Analysis (Classification)

# Classification Accuracy

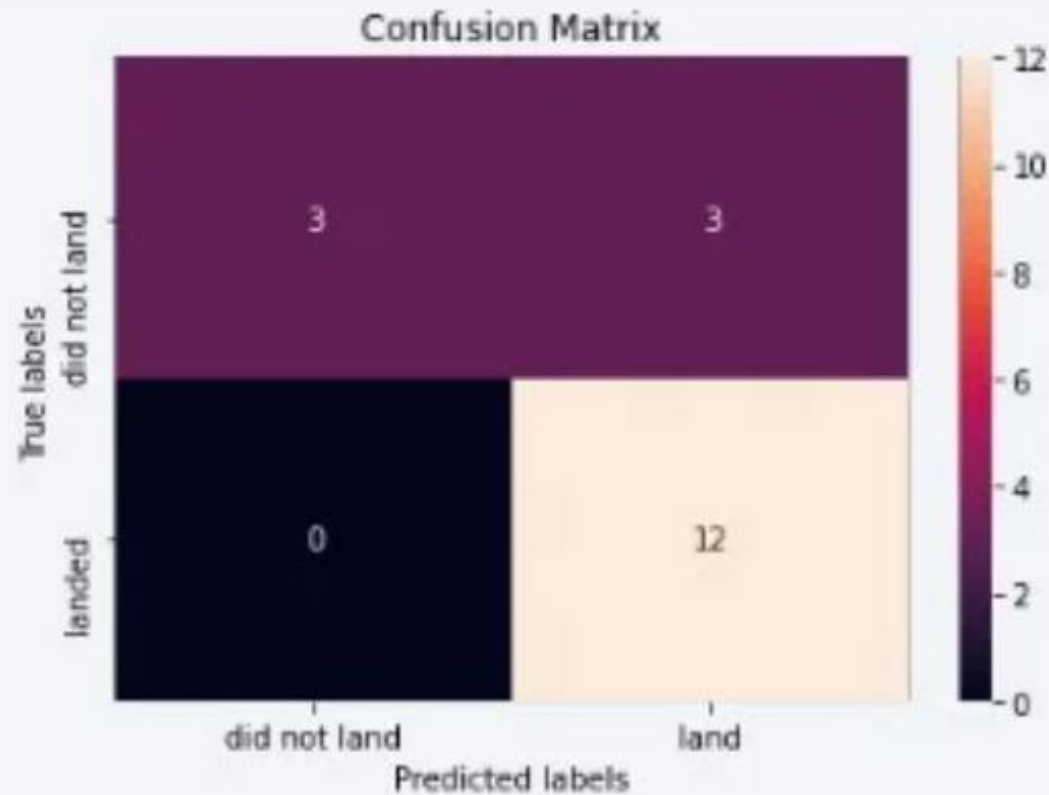
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- Logistic Regression, SVM and KNN have highest accuracy of 83.3%

# Confusion Matrix

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- Logistic Regression, SVM and KNN models have confusion matrix. The models labeled 15 out of 18 samples correctly with the accuracy  $15/18=83.3\%$

# Conclusions

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- Launches with low payload mass perform better than that with high payload mass
- The success rates for SpaceX lunches are proportional to time in years since they are getting better over time
- Orbit GEO, SSO, HEO, ES L1 have the highest success rate
- KSC LC-39A has the most successful launches in all sites
- The Logistic Regression, SVM and KNN models have highest accuracy of 83.3%, in terms of prediction accuracy



Thank you!

