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# Winning Space Race with Data Science

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# Outline

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# Executive Summary

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## Summary of methodologies

- Data Collection API Lab
- Data Collection with Web Scraping lab
- Data Wrangling
- Exploratory Data Analysis with SQL
- Visual analytics with Folium
- Interactive Dashboard with Plotly Dash.
- Machine Learning Predictive Lab

## Summary of all results

- Flowcharts of Data collection and Data wrangling
- Screenshots of Data visualization
- Show results of Machine learning

# Introduction

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- SpaceX advertises Falcon 9 rocket launches on its website with a cost of 62 million dollars, other providers cost upwards of 165 million dollars each, much of the savings is because SpaceX can reuse the first stage. Therefore, if we can determine if the first stage will land, we can determine the cost of a launch.
- The job is to gather data about Space X From publicly available web data, clean and format the data, creates dashboards for visualize the data to gain insights, and create a predictive machine learning model using the data.
- The main question to be answered is if SpaceX will reuse the first stage.
- Try to use different values of the data such as payload size, mission orbit, mission date and other values to make a succesful prediction.



Section 1

# Methodology

# Methodology Executive Summary

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- Data collection methodology:
  - Data was collected by using web scraping from publicly available data and by using the Libraries Request, BeautifulSoup and Pandas.
- Perform data wrangling
  - Data was wrangled using Pandas data frames. Use pandas to manipulate data columns and make new columns based on data.
- Perform exploratory data analysis (EDA) using visualization and SQL
- Perform interactive visual analytics using Folium and Plotly Dash
- Perform predictive analysis using classification models
  - Use the library Sklearn. Build models using Sklearn, tune them using wrangled data, evaluate the model using built in score functions

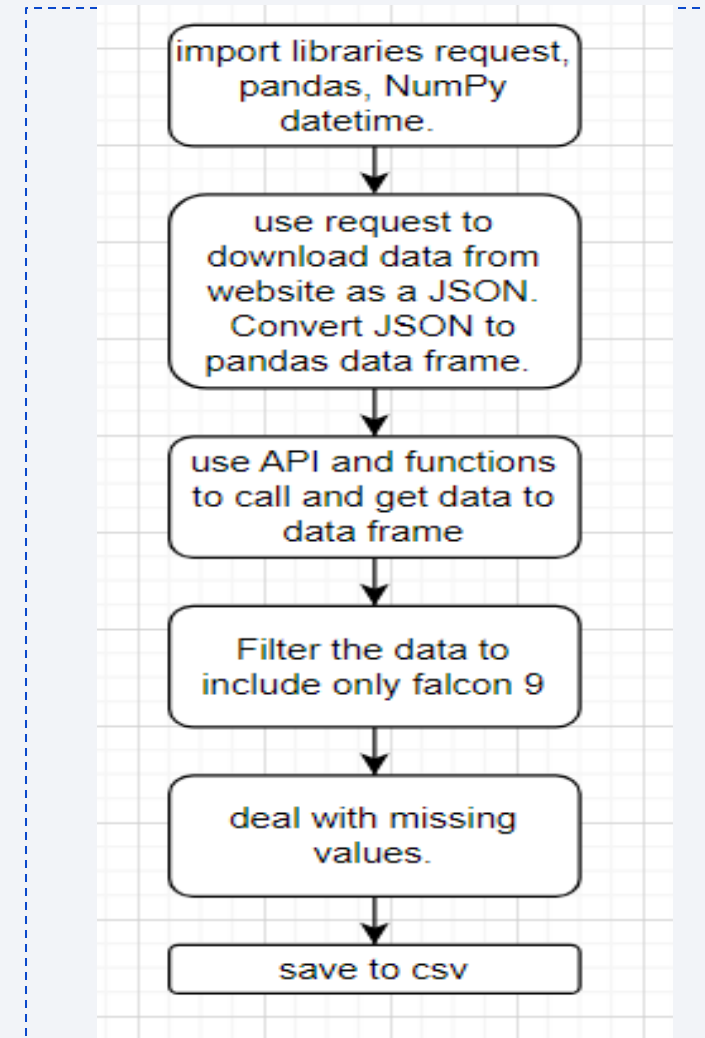
# Data Collection

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- Data was collected using SpaceX API and Scrapping.
- SpaceX API returned data in the JSON format
- Scrapping Used returned Data in a html format.
- <https://api.spacexdata.com/v4/launches/past>
- [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_Falcon\\_9\\_and\\_Falcon\\_Heavy\\_launches](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Falcon_9_and_Falcon_Heavy_launches)

# Data Collection – SpaceX API

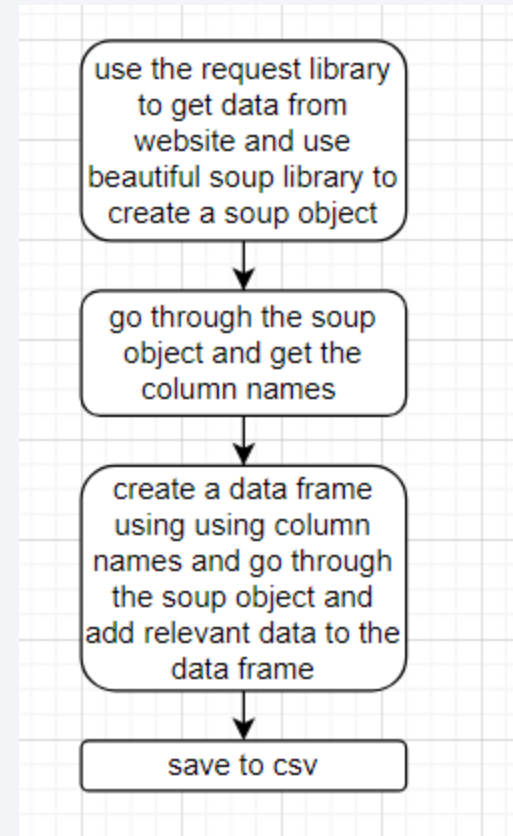
- Download data into data frame. Data Frame has 17 different columns
- Deal with missing values. For missing values in this Data Frame replace with the mean
- Save data in csv format to be used again
- [Data Collection Github Link](#)





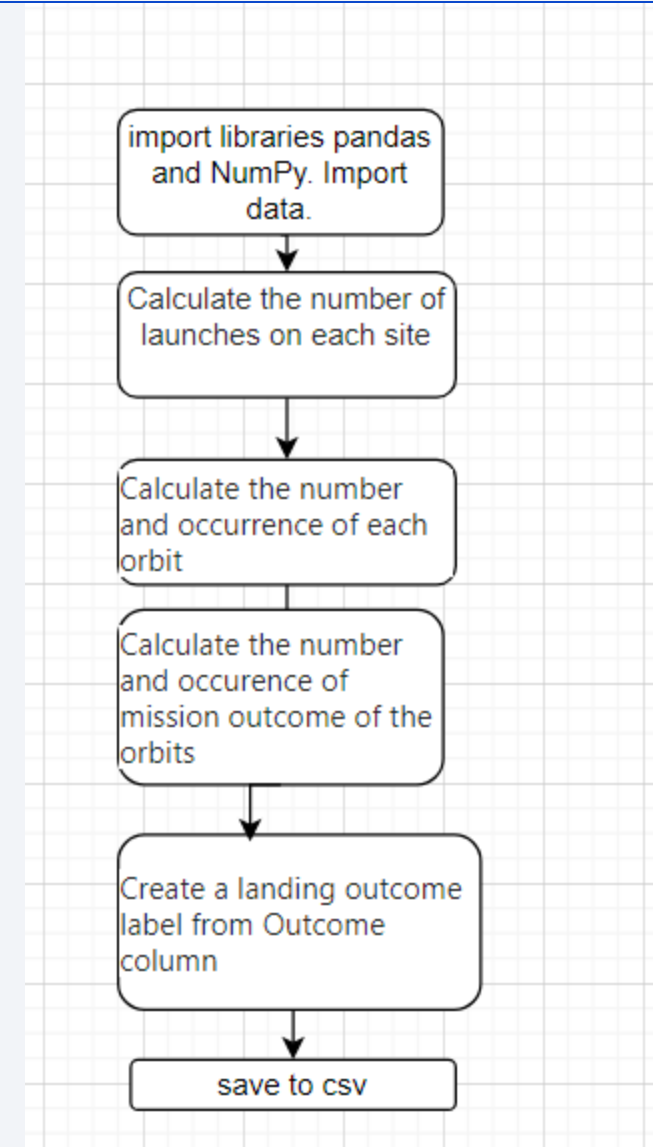
# Data Collection - Scraping

- Download key data from a Wikipedia page.
- Handle errors in the data any missing values such as customer name
- Save the data in a csv format for future use
- [Data Scraping Github Link](#)



# Data Wrangling

- Use Pandas Data Frames to handle the data.
- Create a new landing outcome column called class that was used as a numerical representation of if a landing was successful or not based on the column outcome.
- Save to csv
- [Data wrangling Github link](#)



# EDA with Data Visualization

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- Scatter Plots chosen: Flight Number and Launch Site, Payload and Launch Site, FlightNumber and Orbit type, Payload and Orbit type
- Scatter plots allow to show the data in a visual way and show the general correlation between two variables
- Line Chart chosen: launch success yearly trend
- Line charts show how the success changes over time
- Bar Charts chosen: success rate of each orbit type
- Bar charts allow comparisons of the success rate between each orbit type
- [EDA Github Link](#)

# EDA with SQL

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- 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 succesful 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 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 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 Github Link](#)

# Build an Interactive Map with Folium

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- Added map objects circle to launch points. This allows the user to see where the launch sites are located.
- Add Markers to each individual launch site where green is a successful launch and red is a failed launch. It lets the user see how the record of launch sites success.
- Added lines with distances to a highway, railway, and city. It lets the user see how far away certain locations are from site.
- [Folium Github Link](#)



# Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

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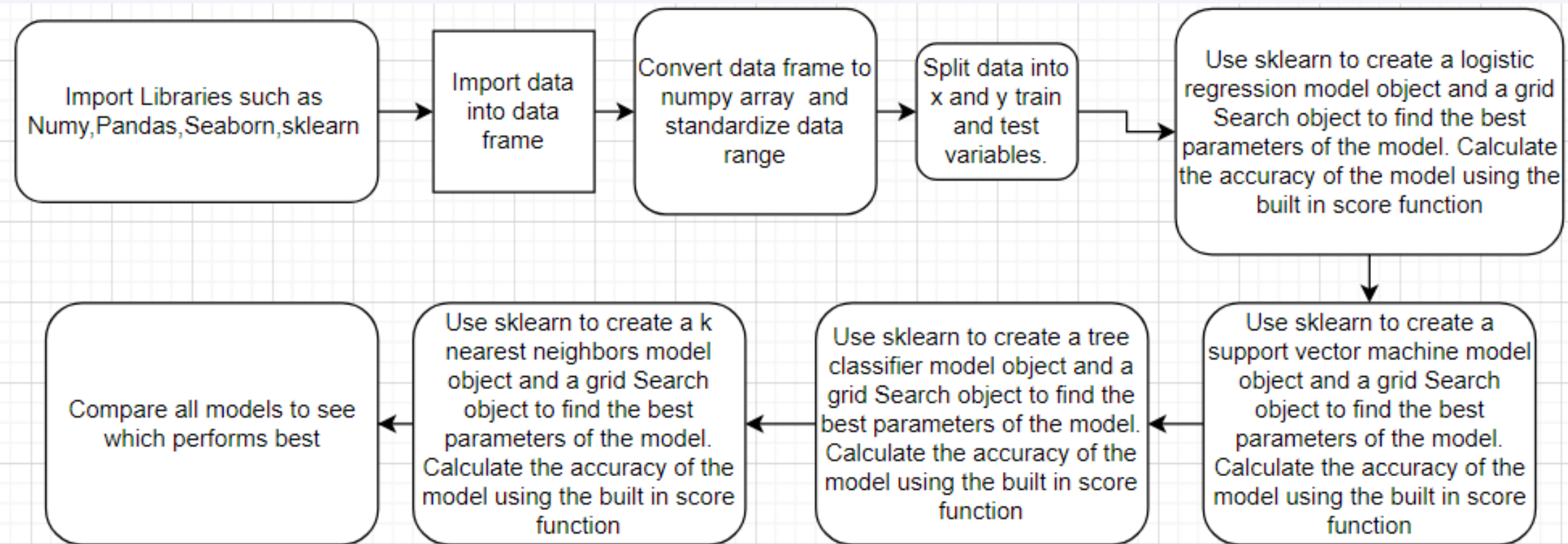
- A interaction that was added is one where the user can choose All launch sites or a specific launch site.
- Another interaction added is where the user can the payload weight for a scatter plot.
- The plots added were a pie chart where each slice of the pie is the success at a launch site .This allows you to see where most successful launches come from.
- A pie chart of success vs failure at a specific launch site. This allows you to see if a specific launch site has successful launches.
- A scatter plot of Payload launch and outcome that shows the launches for either all launch sites or the specific chosen launch site. This plot allows the user to see how payload weight effects the success rate of launches.
- [Ploty Github link](#)

# Predictive Analysis (Classification)

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- Models tried were logistic regression, support vector machine, decision tree classification, and k nearest neighbour.
- Built classification models using sklearn. Improved the models by using grid search to find the best parameters for the models Evaluated using built in score function, which finds the amount of correct labels and divides by all labels. Found the best model by comparing scores
- [Machine Learning Github Link](#)

# Predictive Analysis Flowchart



# Results to be Shown

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



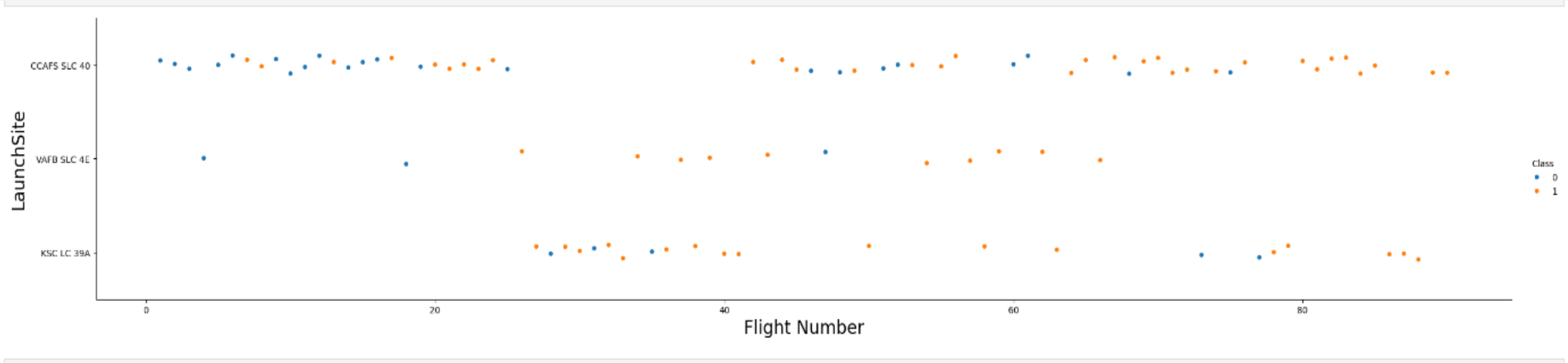
The background of the slide is an abstract composition. It features a solid blue area on the left side, which transitions into a dynamic pattern of diagonal streaks in shades of blue, red, and teal on the right. These streaks are layered over a faint, dark grid pattern, creating a sense of depth and movement.

Section 2

# Insights drawn from EDA



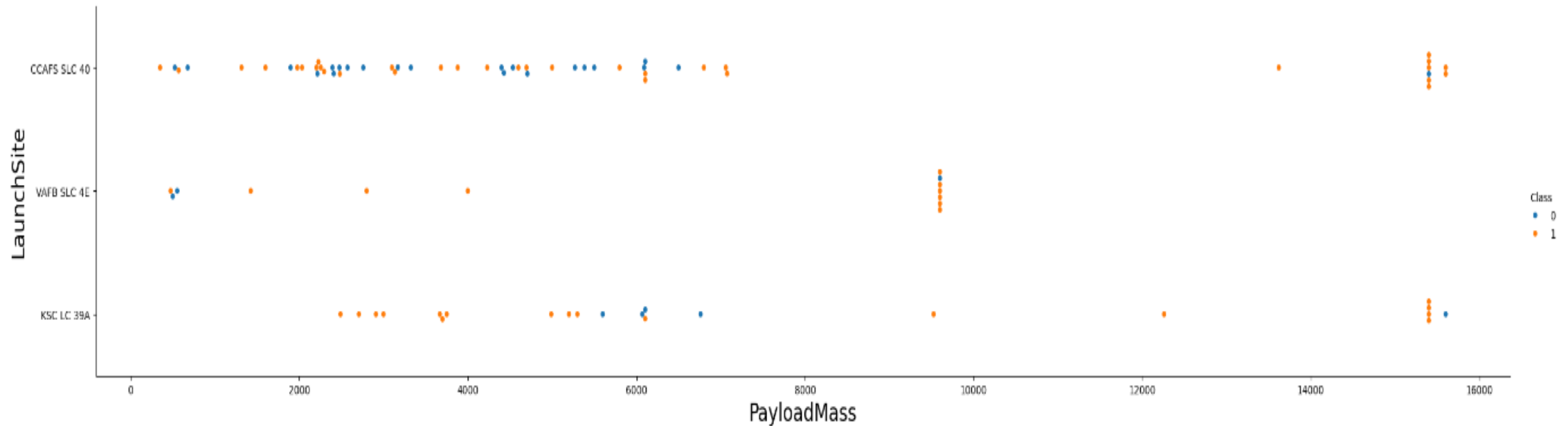
# Flight Number vs. Launch Site



- Latter Flights have a high chance of success.
- CCAFS SLC 40 has most launches

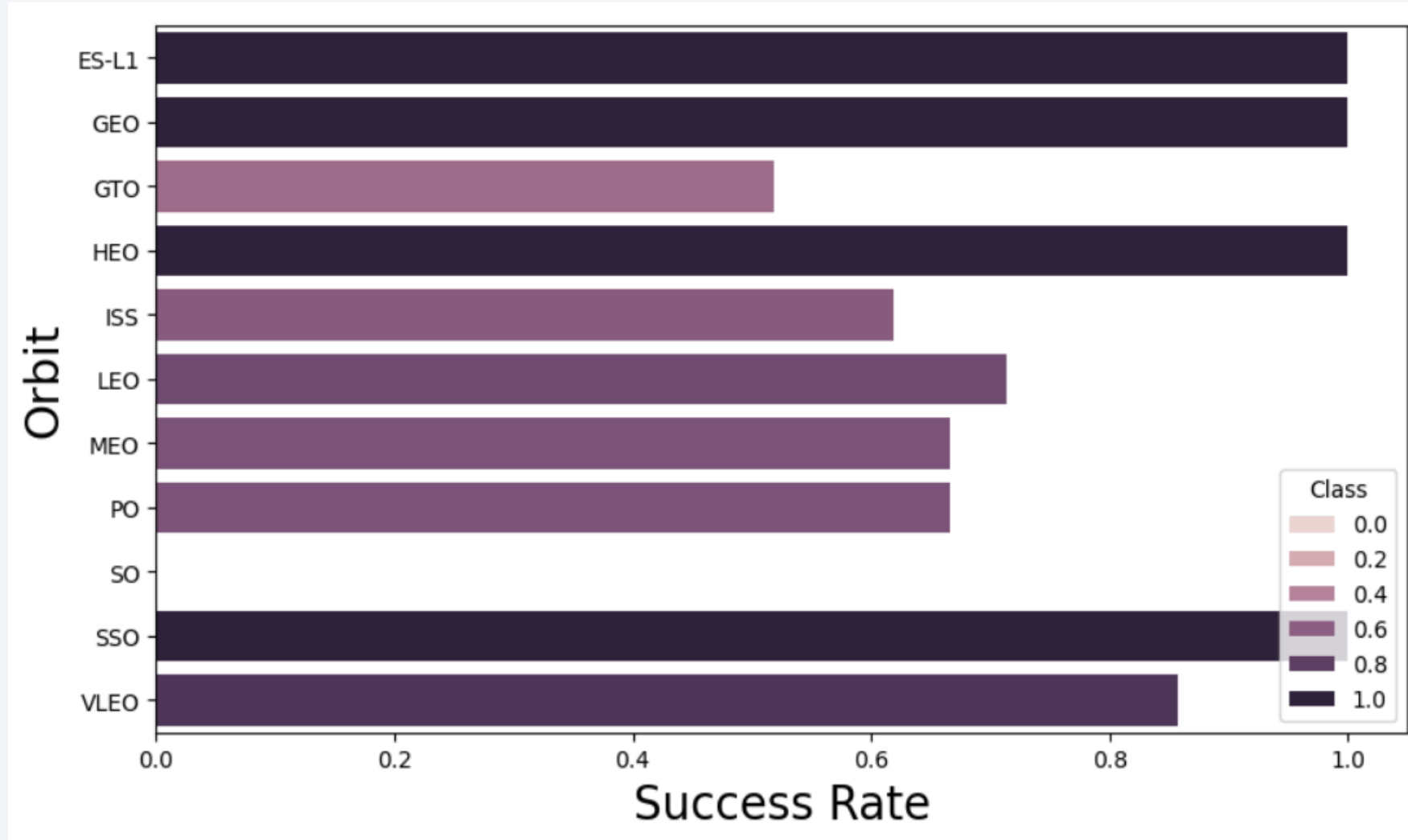
# Payload vs. Launch Site

- The 9000 Kg and 15000 Kg range is a popular cluster
- 4000-6000 Kg has lower probability of Success



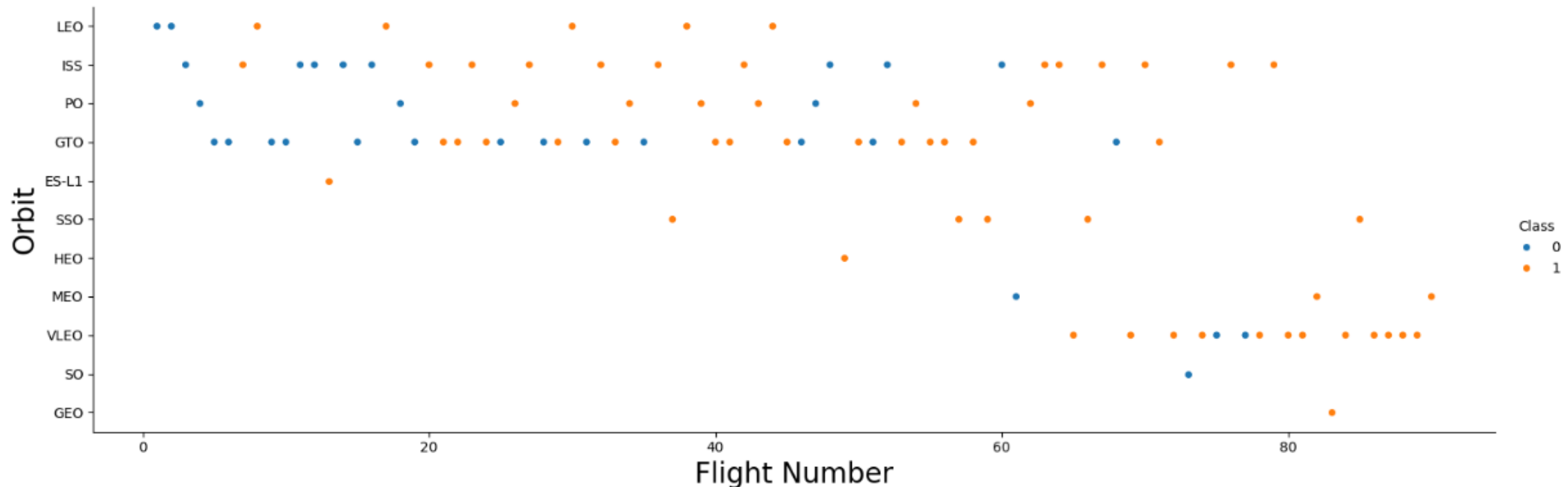
# Success Rate vs. Orbit Type

- ES-L1 ,GEO,HEO,SSO have 100% success rate.
- GTO has low success rate
- SO has no successes



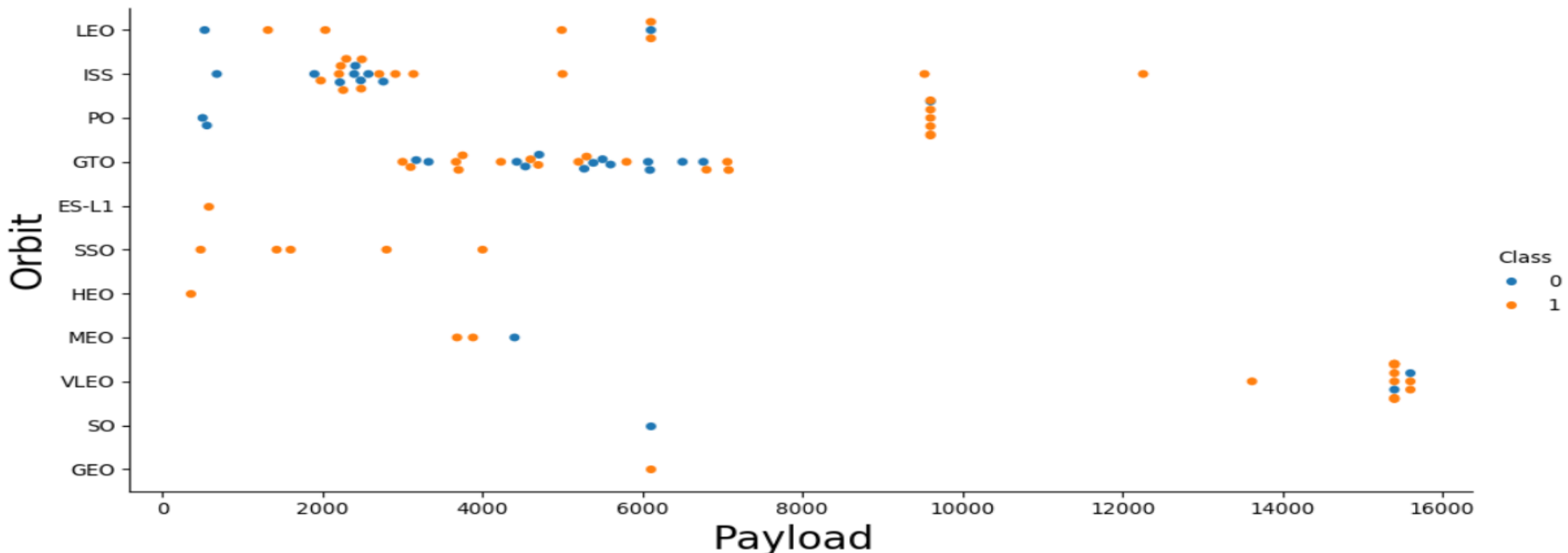
# Flight Number vs. Orbit Type

- GEO,SO,HEO each only have 1 launch attempt in them.
- VLEO is a higher orbit that is popular
- Lower Orbits (LEO,ISS,PO,GTO) are more popular



# Payload vs. Orbit Type

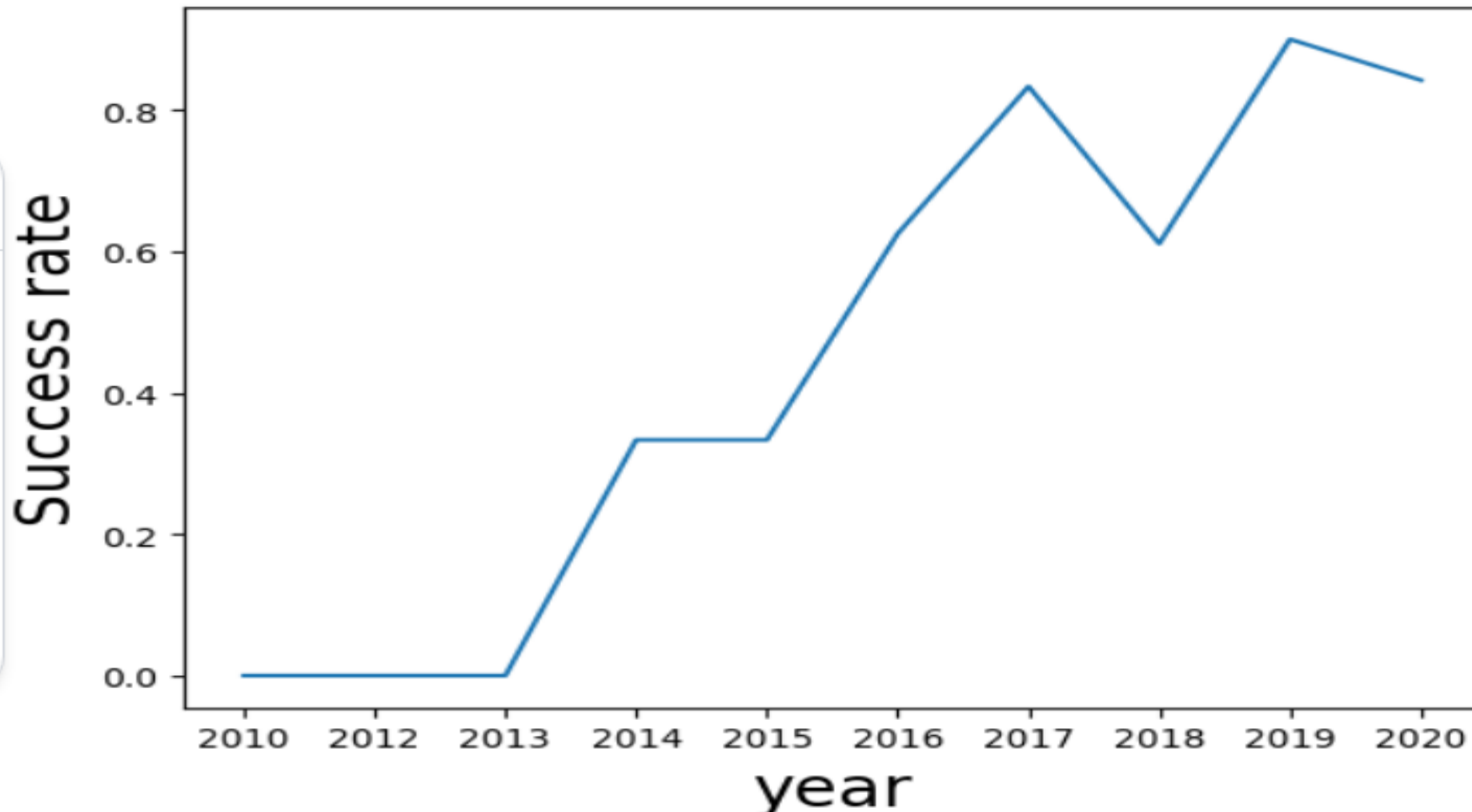
- VLEO has a high payload and good success rate
- Higher Payloads tend to be more successful.
- Lower orbits tend to have smaller Payloads





# Launch Success Yearly Trend

- The success rate is going up



# All Launch Site Names

- To find unique launch sites names select distinct names from the Launch\_Site column .

## Tasks

Now write and execute SQL queries to solve the assignment tasks.

**Note: If the column names are in mixed case enclose it in double quotes For Example "Landing\_Outcome"**

## Task 1

Display the names of the unique launch sites in the space mission

```
In [9]: %%sql
        SELECT DISTINCT(Launch_Site) FROM SPACETABLE;
```

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

```
Done.
```

```
Out[9]: Launch_Site
        CCAFS LC-40
        VAFB SLC-4E
        KSC LC-39A
        CCAFS SLC-40
```

# Launch Site Names Begin with 'CCA'

- Find 5 records where launch sites begin with `CCA` by using like function

## Task 2

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

```
In [10]: %%sql
SELECT * FROM SPACESTABLE where Launch_Site like ('CCA%') limit 5;
```

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

| Out[10]: | Date       | Time (UTC) | Booster_Version | Launch_Site | Payload   | PAYLOAD_MASS_KG_ | Orbit     | Customer        | Mission_Outcome | Landing_Outc   |
|----------|------------|------------|-----------------|-------------|---|------------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|
|          | 2010-06-04 | 18:45:00   | F9 v1.0 B0003   | CCAFS LC-40 | Dragon Spacecraft Qualification Unit                          | 0                | LEO       | SpaceX          | Success         | Failure (parac |
|          | 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 (parac |
|          | 2012-05-22 | 7:44:00    | F9 v1.0 B0005   | CCAFS LC-40 | Dragon demo flight C2   | 525              | LEO (ISS) | NASA (COTS)     | Success         | No att         |
|          | 2012-10-08 | 0:35:00    | F9 v1.0 B0006   | CCAFS LC-40 | SpaceX CRS-1  | 500              | LEO (ISS) | NASA (CRS)      | Success         | No att         |
|          | 2013-03-01 | 15:10:00   | F9 v1.0 B0007   | CCAFS LC-40 | SpaceX CRS-2  | 677              | LEO (ISS) | NASA (CRS)      | Success         | No att         |

# Total Payload Mass

- Calculate the total payload carried by boosters from NASA By using SUM and LIKE.

## Task 3

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

In [11]:

```
%%sql
SELECT SUM(PAYLOAD_MASS_KG_),Customer FROM SPACEXTABLE where (Customer like ('NASA (CRS)')) ;
```

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

Done.

Out[11]:

| SUM(PAYLOAD_MASS_KG_) | Customer   |
|-----------------------|------------|
| 45596                 | NASA (CRS) |

# Average Payload Mass by F9 v1.1

- Calculate the average payload mass carried by booster version F9 v1.1 by using AVG and LIKE.

## Task 4

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

In [12]:

```
%%sql
SELECT AVG(PAYLOAD_MASS_KG_),Booster_Version FROM SPACEXTABLE where (Booster_Version like ('%F9 v1.1%')) ;
```

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

Done.

Out[12]:

| AVG(PAYLOAD_MASS_KG_) | Booster_Version |
|-----------------------|-----------------|
| 2534.6666666666665    | F9 v1.1 B1003   |



# First Successful Ground Landing Date

- Find the dates of the first successful landing outcome on ground pad by using min and LIKE

## Task 5

List the date when the first succesful landing outcome in ground pad was acheived.

*Hint: Use min function*

```
In [13]: %%sql
-- Mission_Outcome like ('Success') and
-- SELECT Date,Landing_Outcome FROM SPACEXTABLE where (Mission_Outcome like ('Success') and Landing_Outcome like ('%Success%gr
SELECT min(Date),Landing_Outcome FROM SPACEXTABLE where (Landing_Outcome like ('%Success%ground pad%') ) ;

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

Out[13]:

| min(Date)  | Landing_Outcome      |
|------------|----------------------|
| 2015-12-22 | Success (ground pad) |

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

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

### 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

```
[14]: %%sql
SELECT Booster_Version,Landing_Outcome FROM SPACEXTABLE where ( (PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_ BETWEEN 4000 and 6000)
and Landing_Outcome like ('%Success%drone ship%') );
```

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

Done.

```
[14]: Booster_Version  Landing_Outcome
```

```
F9 FT B1022  Success (drone ship)
```

```
F9 FT B1026  Success (drone ship)
```

```
F9 FT B1021.2  Success (drone ship)
```

```
F9 FT B1031.2  Success (drone ship)
```

# Total Number of Successful and Failure Mission Outcomes

- Calculate the total number of successful and failure mission outcomes by using LIKE and SUM

```
[16]: %%sql
SELECT
SUM(Mission_Outcome like ('%Success%')) AS SuccessCount,
SUM(Mission_Outcome like ('%Failure%')) AS FailureCount
FROM SPACEXTABLE
;
```

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

Done.

```
[16]: SuccessCount  FailureCount
      100             1
```

# Boosters Carried Maximum Payload

- List the names of the booster which have carried the maximum payload mass by using subquery

## Task 8

List the names of the `booster_versions` which have carried the maximum payload mass. Use a subquery

```
[19]: %%sql
      SELECT
      Booster_Version
      FROM SPACEXTABLE
      WHERE PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_ = ( SELECT
                                MAX(PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_)
                                FROM
                                SPACEXTABLE
                                )
      GROUP BY Booster_Version;
```

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

```
Done.
```

```
[19]: Booster_Version
```

```
F9 B5 B1048.4
```

```
F9 B5 B1048.5
```

```
F9 B5 B1049.4
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F9 B5 B1049.5
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F9 B5 B1049.7
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F9 B5 B1051.3
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F9 B5 B1051.4
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F9 B5 B1051.6
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F9 B5 B1056.4
```

```
F9 B5 B1058.3
```

```
F9 B5 B1060.2
```

```
F9 B5 B1060.3
```

# 2015 Launch Records

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

## Task 9

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.

**Note:** SQLite does not support monthnames. So you need to use substr(Date, 6,2) as month to get the months and substr(Date,0,5)='2015' for year.

[21]: %%sql

```
SELECT (substr(Date, 6,2)) as Month,Landing_Outcome,Booster_Version,Launch_Site,substr(Date,0,5) as Year,Date FROM SPACEXTABLE
WHERE ( Landing_Outcome like ('%Failure%drone ship%') and substr(Date,0,5)='2015' );
```

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

Done.

[21]:

| Month | Landing_Outcome | Booster_Version | Launch_Site | Year | Date |
|-------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------|------|------|
|-------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------|------|------|

|    |                      |               |             |      |            |
|----|----------------------|---------------|-------------|------|------------|
| 01 | Failure (drone ship) | F9 v1.1 B1012 | CCAFS LC-40 | 2015 | 2015-01-10 |
|----|----------------------|---------------|-------------|------|------------|

|    |                      |               |             |      |            |
|----|----------------------|---------------|-------------|------|------------|
| 04 | Failure (drone ship) | F9 v1.1 B1015 | CCAFS LC-40 | 2015 | 2015-04-14 |
|----|----------------------|---------------|-------------|------|------------|

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

- 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

## Task 10

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.

```
[28]: %%sql
SELECT Landing_Outcome,COUNT(Landing_Outcome),Date
FROM SPACEXTABLE
WHERE Date BETWEEN '2010-06-04' and '2017-03-20'
GROUP BY Landing_Outcome
ORDER BY COUNT(Landing_Outcome) DESC;
```

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

Done.

```
[28]:
```

| Landing_Outcome        | COUNT(Landing_Outcome) | Date       |
|------------------------|------------------------|------------|
| No attempt             | 10                     | 2012-05-22 |
| Success (drone ship)   | 5                      | 2016-04-08 |
| Failure (drone ship)   | 5                      | 2015-01-10 |
| Success (ground pad)   | 3                      | 2015-12-22 |
| Controlled (ocean)     | 3                      | 2014-04-18 |
| Uncontrolled (ocean)   | 2                      | 2013-09-29 |
| Failure (parachute)    | 2                      | 2010-06-04 |
| Precluded (drone ship) | 1                      | 2015-06-28 |

A satellite view of Earth from space, showing the curvature of the planet and city lights at night. The image is a composite of a solid blue background on the left and a satellite photograph of Earth on the right. The Earth's surface is dark blue, with numerous bright yellow and orange lights representing cities and urban areas. The horizon line of the Earth is visible, separating the dark surface from the blackness of space.

Section 3

# Launch Sites Proximities Analysis

# Map With All Launch Sites

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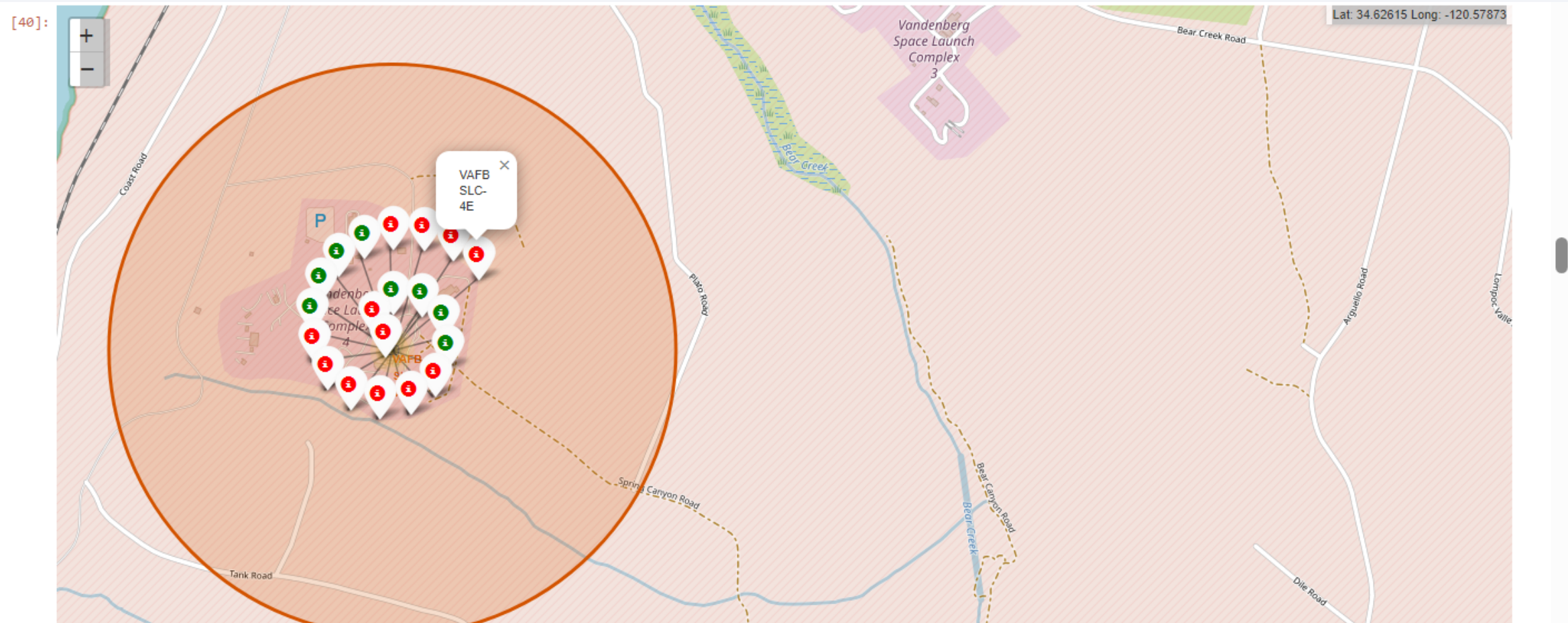
- Launch sites are located in the southern half of the U.S and located on the coast.
- This is because being closer to the equator helps with launches and being on the coast allows for missions to be away from people reducing risk.
- They are also located in or near military installations.





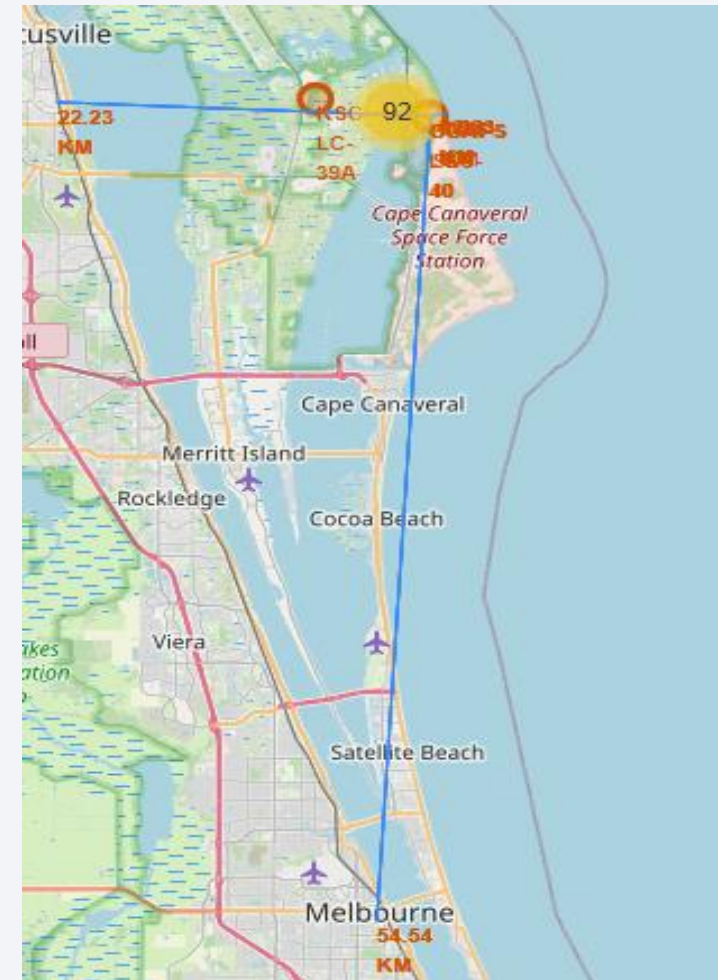
# Launch Outcomes For Launch Site VAFB SLC-4E

- Launch Successes and Failures happen in chunks for VAFB



# Proximity To Landmarks

- The important element and finding is that Launch sites are close to the sea (.9KM) and roads
- relatively far away from railroads (22.23KM) and city Melbourne (55.54KM) .







Section 4

# Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

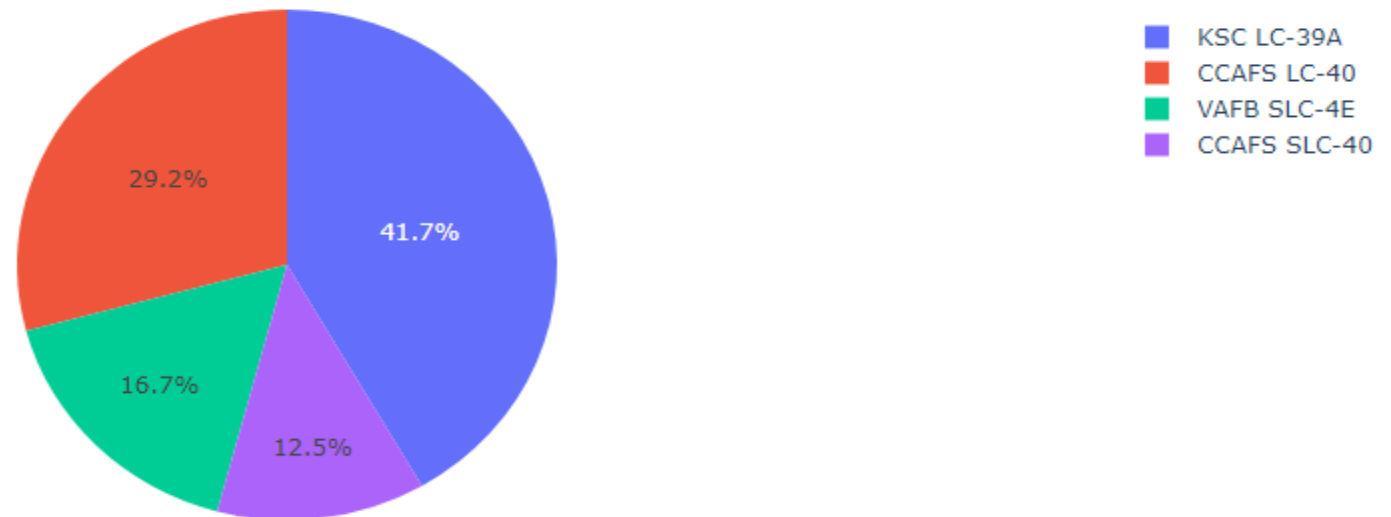
# Launch Success All Sites

- Most successful launches are from KSC LC -39 A or CCAFS LC-40

## SpaceX Launch Records Dashboard

All Sites

Total success launches



# KSC LC-39A Launch Success

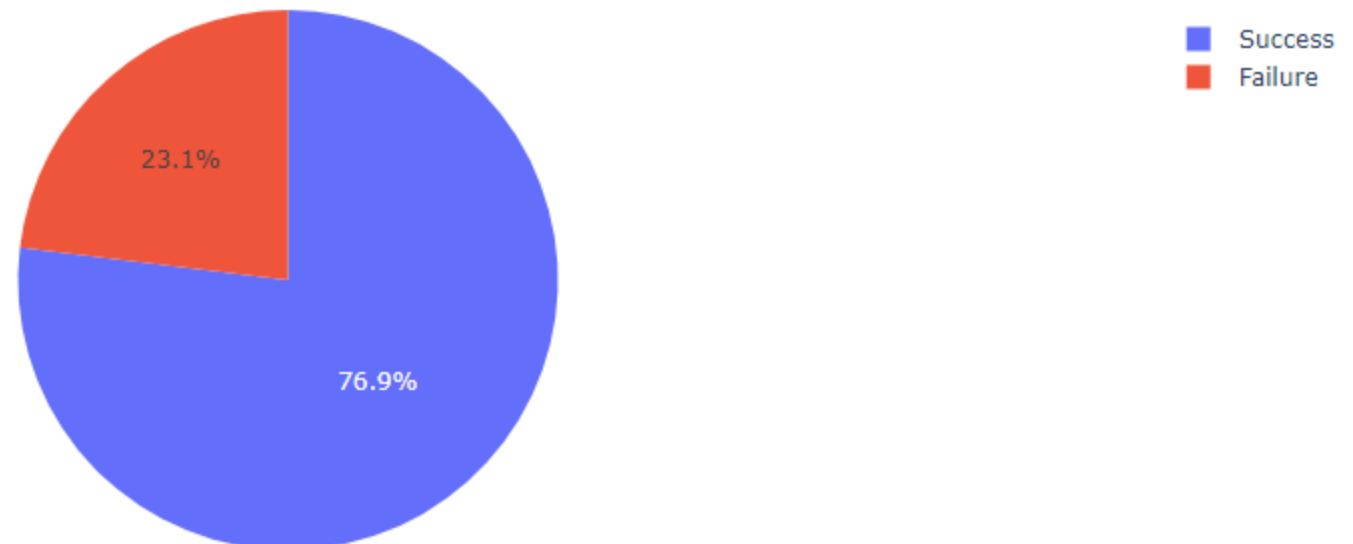
- KSC launches have  $\frac{3}{4}$  chance of success

## SpaceX Launch Records Dashboard

KSC LC-39A

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total success launches for KSC LC-39A



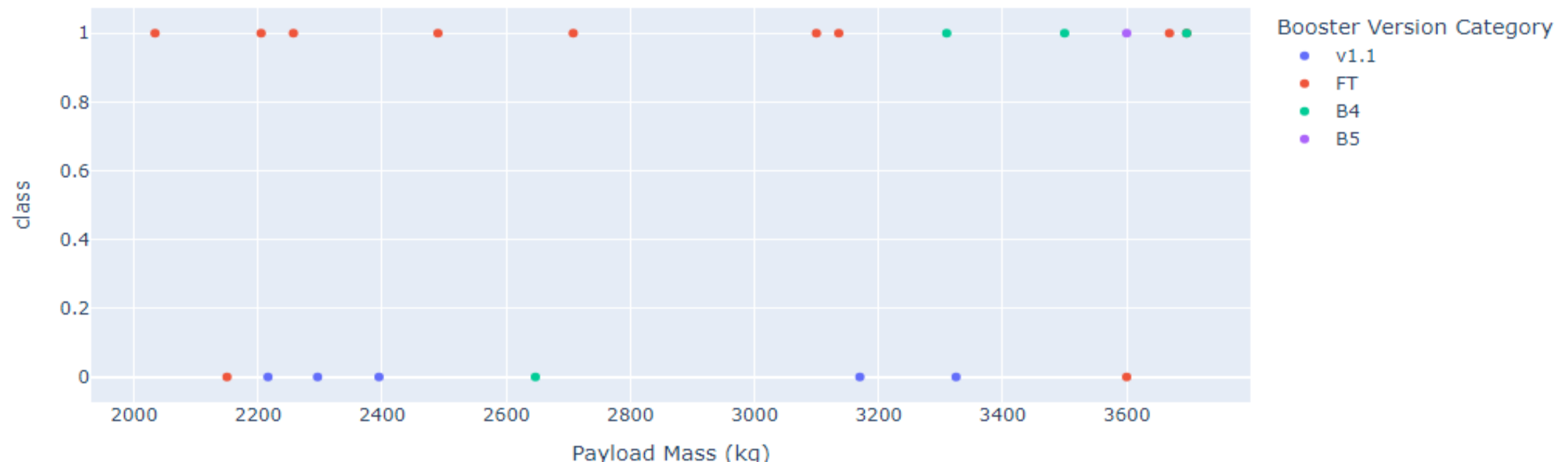
# Payload VS. Launch Outcome

- The most successful range is 2000Kg and 4000Kg.
- Booster FT have high success rates.

Payload range (Kg):



Payload and Launch Outcome





Section 5

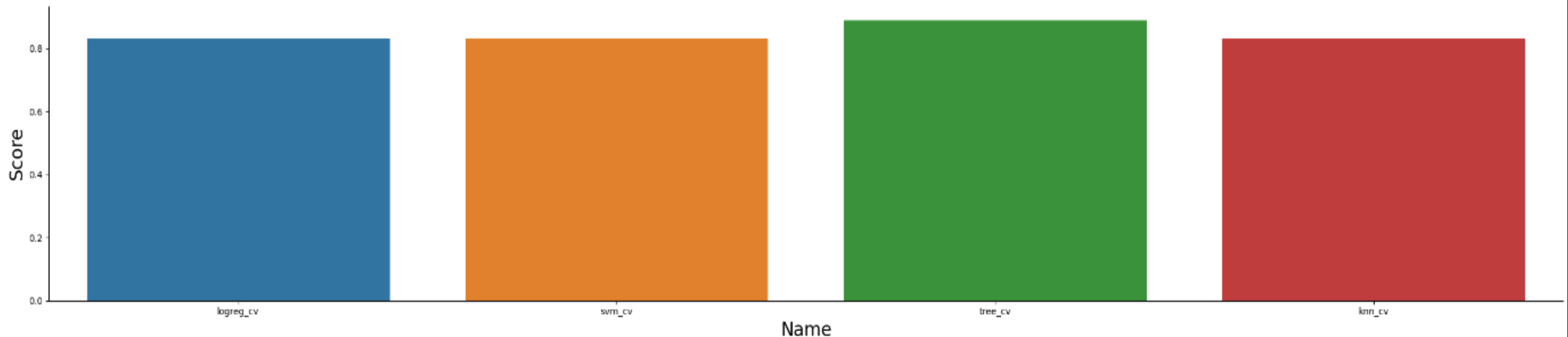
# Predictive Analysis (Classification)

# Classification Accuracy

- Tree has highest score using built in accuracy but models produce different accuracy scores when program is re run

```
36]: # HINT use groupby method on Orbit column and get the mean of Class column
names = ["logreg_cv", "svm_cv", "tree_cv", "knn_cv"]
score_group = [logreg_cv.score(X_test, Y_test), svm_cv.score(X_test, Y_test), tree_cv.score(X_test, Y_test), knn_cv.score(X_test, Y_test)]
data = [['logreg_cv', score_group[0]], ['svm_cv', score_group[1]], ['tree_cv', score_group[2]], ['knn_cv', score_group[3]]]
print(score_group)
# Create the pandas DataFrame
df = pd.DataFrame(data, columns=['Name', 'Score'])
#orbit_group = df.groupby('Orbit')['Class'].mean().reset_index()
sns.catplot(y="Score", x="Name", hue="Name", kind="bar", data=df, aspect = 5)
#sns.catplot(data=tips, kind="bar", x="day", y="total_bill", hue="smoker")
plt.xlabel("Name", fontsize=20)
plt.ylabel("Score", fontsize=20)
plt.show()

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```

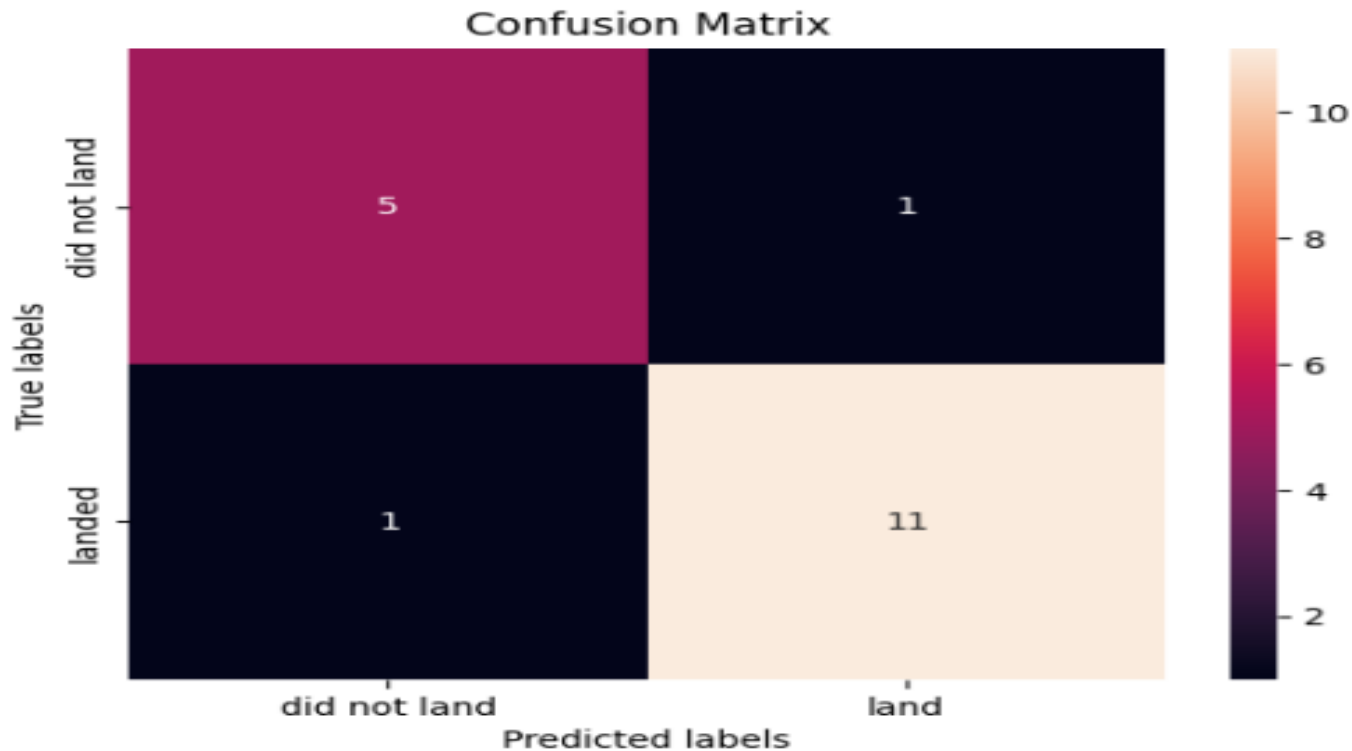




# Confusion Matrix

- The model is good at predicting True Negative
- Model is Average at predicting True Positive

```
[27]: yhat = tree_cv.predict(X_test)  
      plot_confusion_matrix(Y_test,yhat)
```



# Conclusions

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- Launches landing success have gone up over the years.
- The launch site KSC LC-39A has a high probability of success
- Booster FT has high probability of success
- Launch Sites are Located near the southern U.S coast
- Tree classifier is the best predictive modeler of weather a Launch will be successful

# Appendix

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- GitHub - davivaug2/Applied-Data-Science-Capstone-IBM-DV

Thank you!

