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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:
  - Collected data we used the SpaceX API via Jupyter labs.
  - Then used Jupyter Labs to wrangle and analyze.
  - Developed visualizations and interactive dashboards via Jupyter and Plotly
  - Developed machine learning algorithms for prediction via Jupyter.
- Summary of all results
  - Found features that best predict the odds of a successful mission.

# Introduction

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- We wanted to see if a new company 'SpaceY' could be as successful as 'SpaceX', with spacecraft landings. We used data science to solve the problem.
- We want to identify best places to launch spacecraft from and see how much it will cost, in addition to predicting success of the missions.

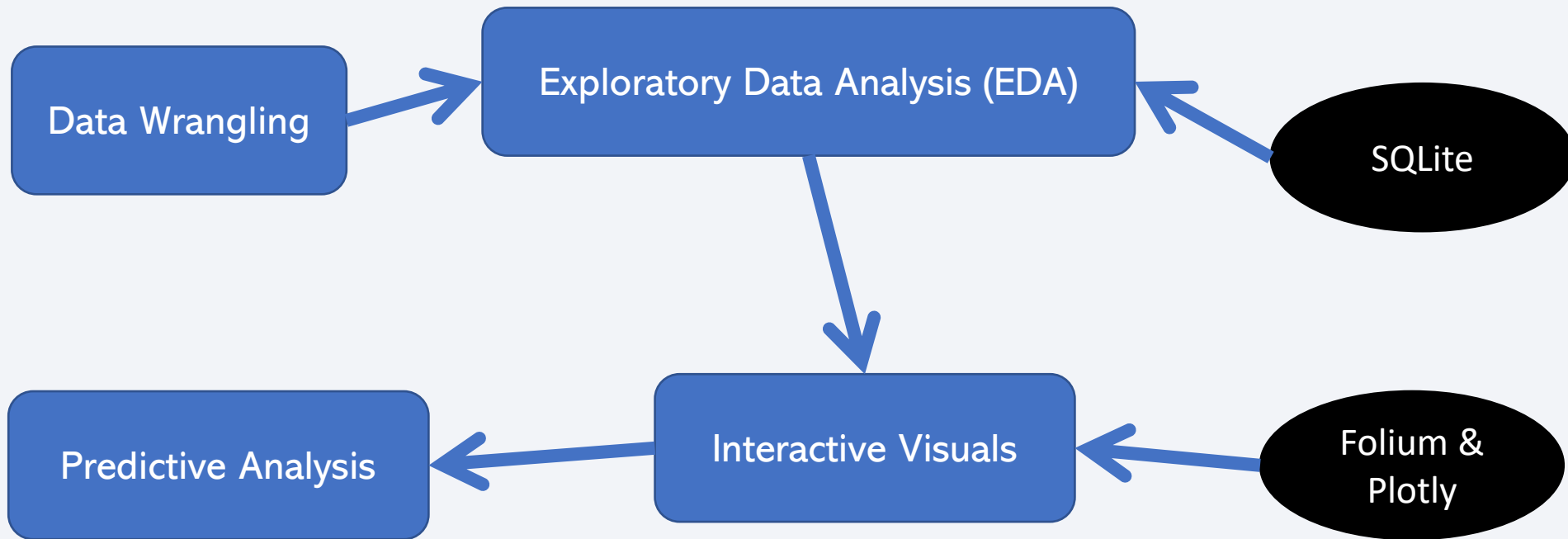


Section 1

# Methodology

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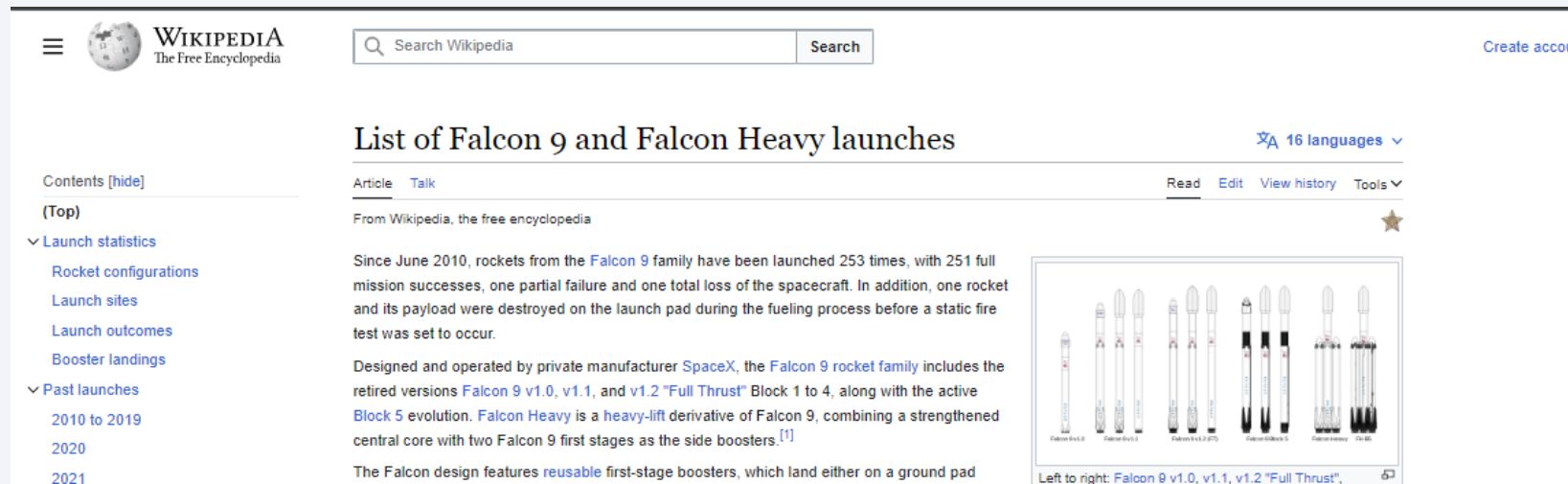
# Data Collection

## Sources:

-Retrieved data from <https://cf-courses-data.s3.us.cloud-object-storage.appdomain.cloud/IBM-DS0321EN->

-SkillsNetwork/datasets/dataset\_part\_1.csv

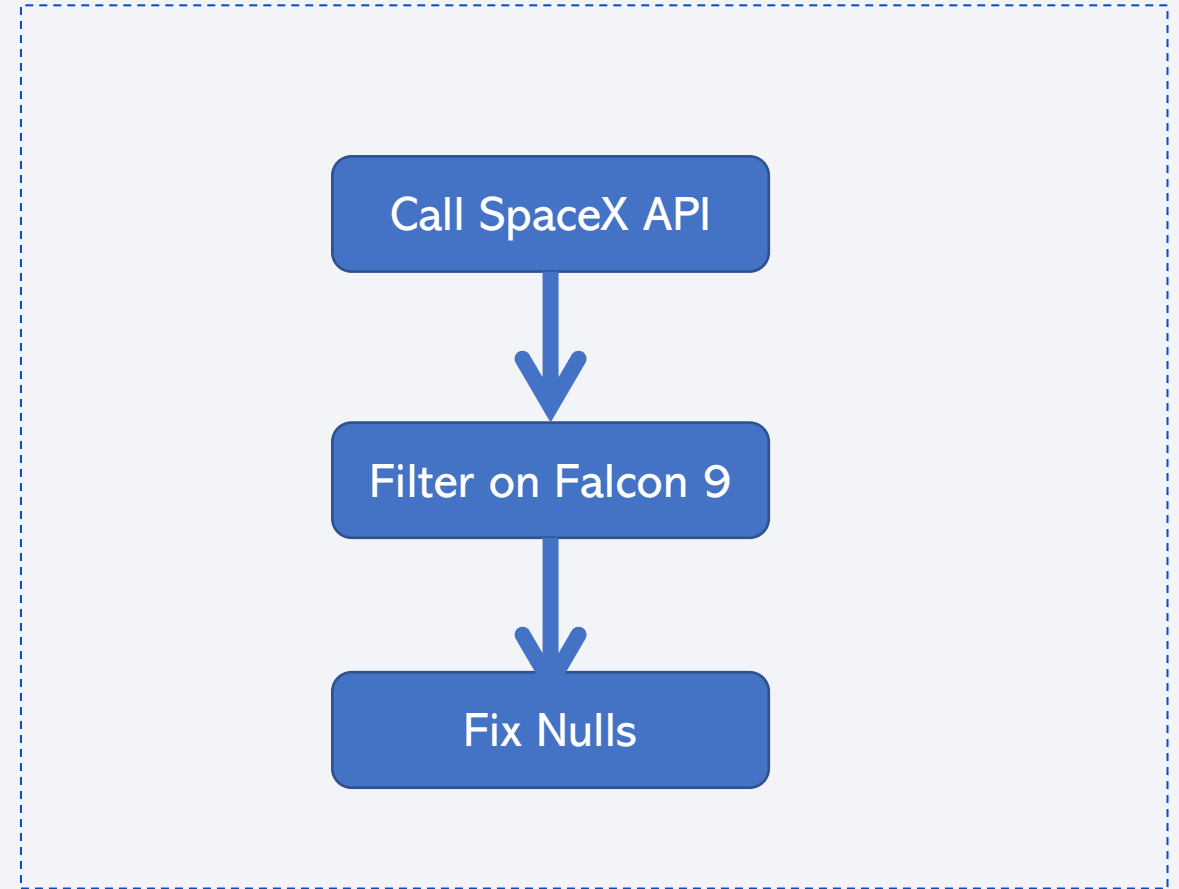
Retrieved data from List of Falcon 9 and Falcon Heavy launches – Wikipedia



# Data Collection – SpaceX API

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- Utilize SpaceX Public API
- <https://github.com/dcole2200/Applied-Data-Science-Capstone/blob/main/spacex-data-collection-api.ipynb>

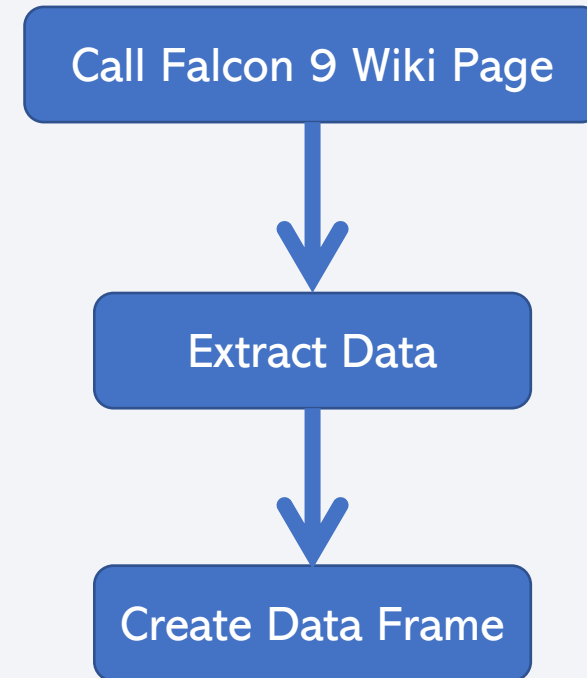




# Data Collection - Scraping

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- Public data available via Wikipedia.
- <https://github.com/dcole2200/Applied-Data-Science-Capstone/blob/main/webscraping.ipynb>



# Data Wrangling

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- Perform EDA, then Summarize the Data, then Create labels from Outcomes.

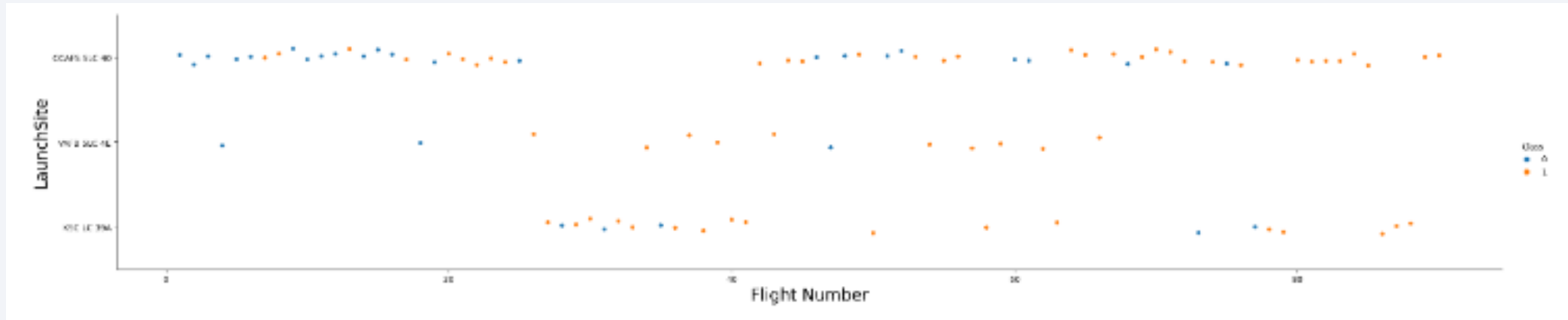


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# EDA with Data Visualization

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- Visuals Included: `y="PayloadMass"`, `x="FlightNumber"`, `y="LaunchSite"`, `x="FlightNumber"`, `y="LaunchSite"`, `x="PayloadMass"`
- Example Below:



# 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 average payload mass carried by booster version F9 v1.1
- Display the total payload mass carried by boosters launched by NASA (CRS)
- List the date when the first succesful landing outcome in ground pad was acheived.
- 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.

# Build an Interactive Map with Folium

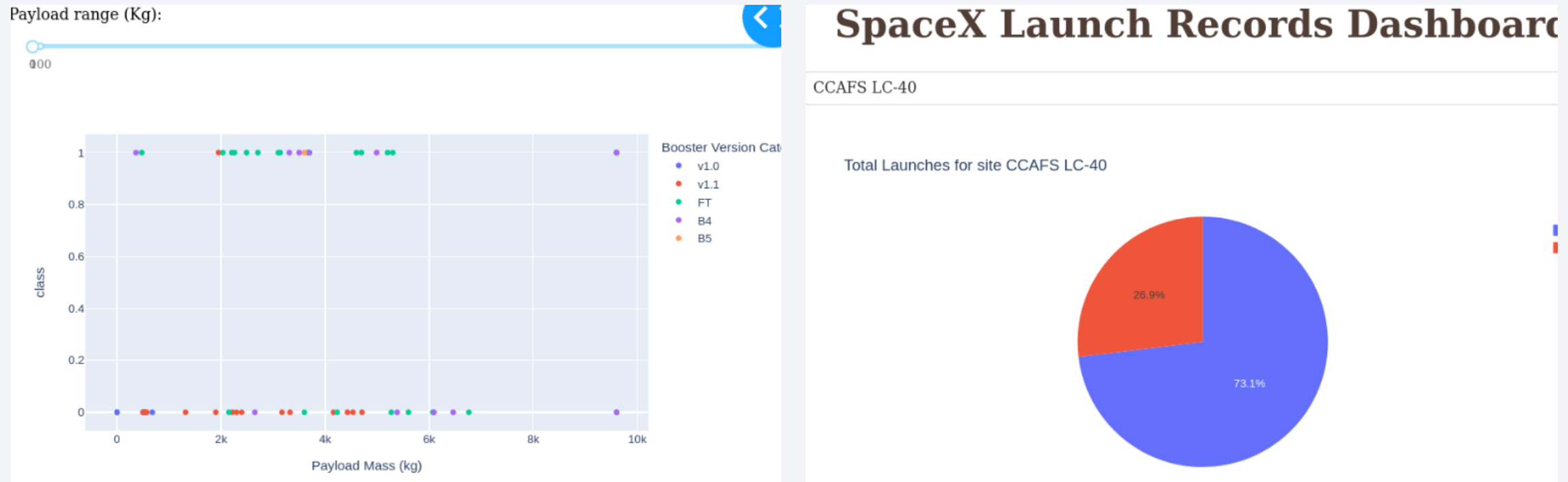
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- Used markers, marker clusters, circles, and lines in Folium maps
- Used these objects to show coordinates, groups of coordinates, launch sites, and distances between.



# Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

- Created dashboard to analyze site launches and payloads

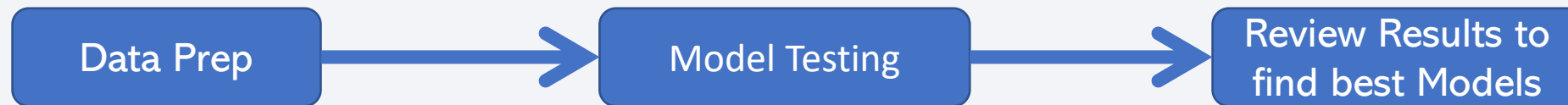




# Predictive Analysis (Classification)

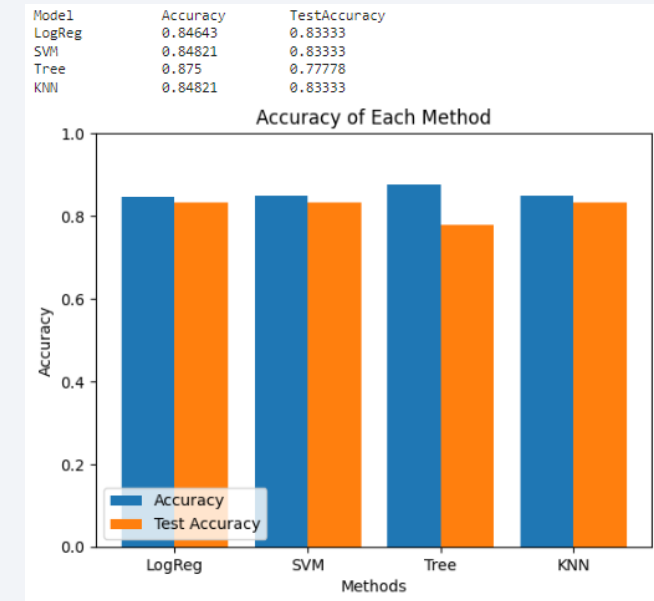
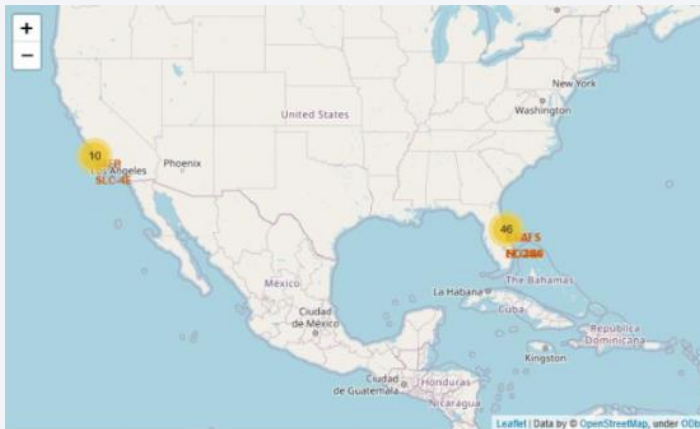
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- Used logistic regression, decision trees, k nearest neighbors, and support vector machine for predictive analytics.



# Results

- Exploratory data analysis results: Very high mission success rate, 4 launch sites used, avg F9 payload is around 2.9K kg, landing successes have improved.
- Interactive analytics: Most launches are on the coasts. (See images below)
- Predictive analysis results: Decision Tree is the best method and had an 87% + accuracy.







Section 2

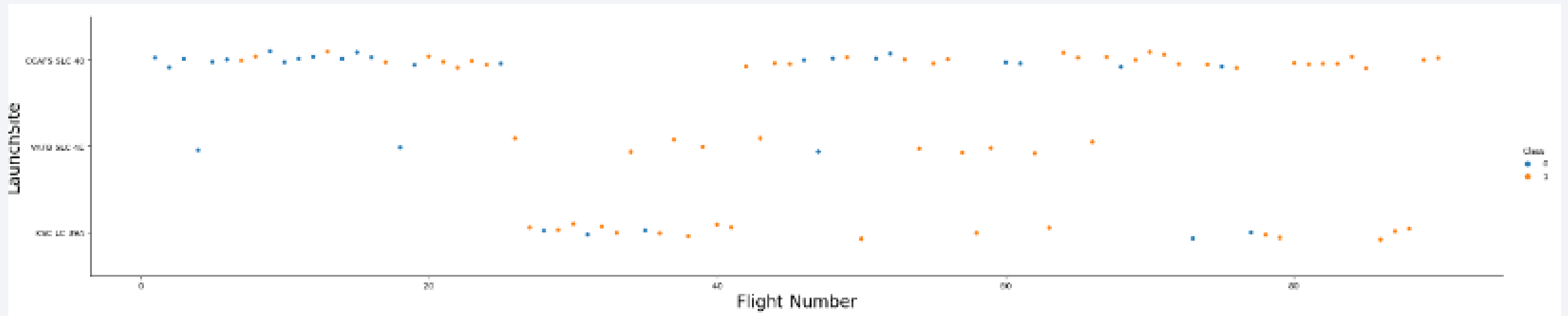
# Insights drawn from EDA



# Flight Number vs. Launch Site

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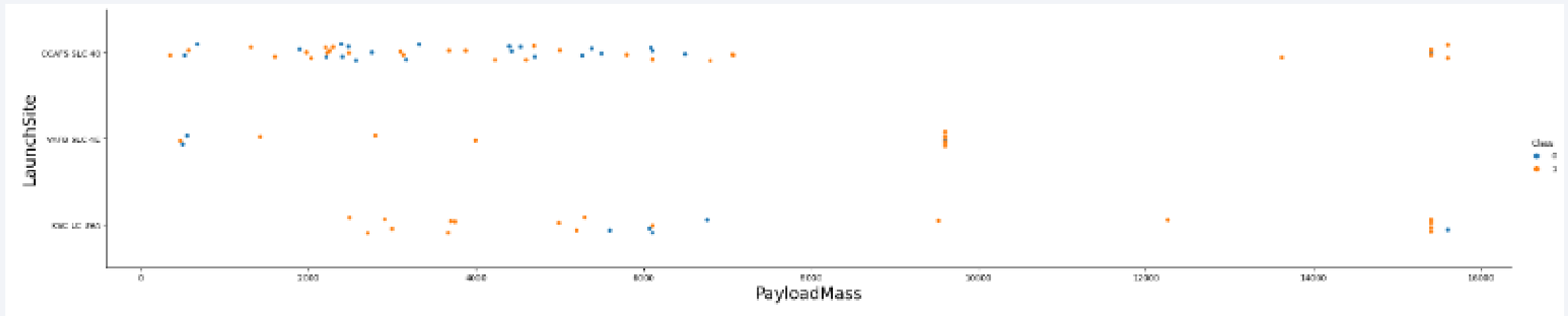
- It appears success rates may have improved.



# Payload vs. Launch Site

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- For the VAFB-SLC launchsite there are no rockets launched for heavypayload mass(greater than 10000)

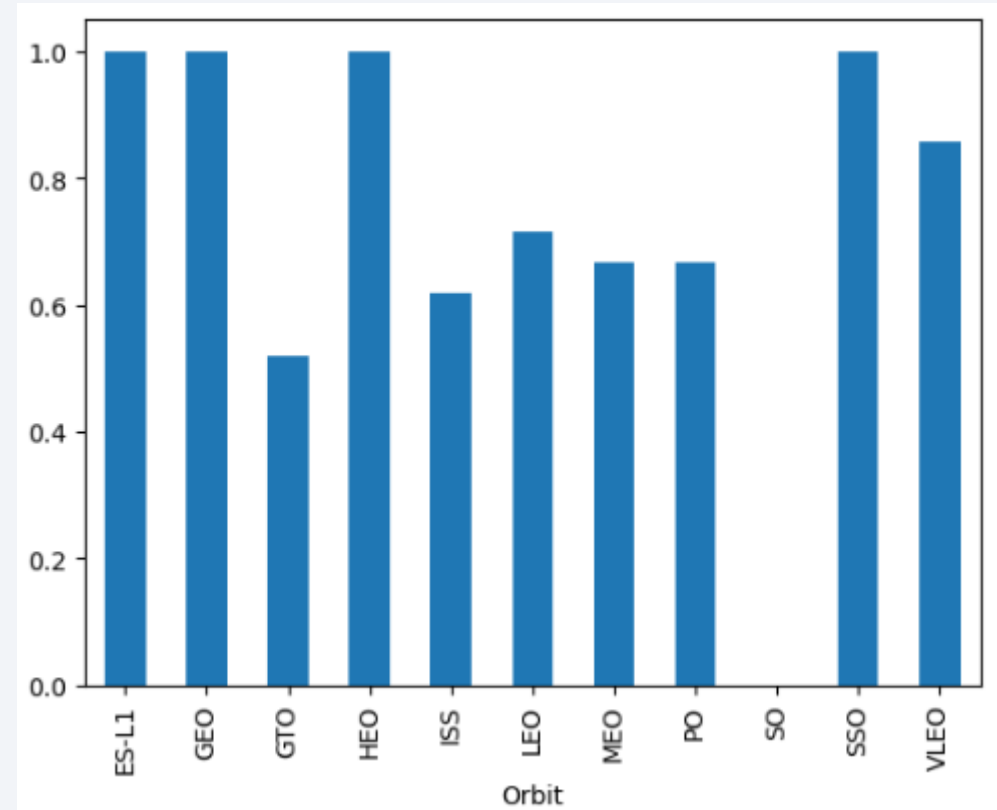


# Success Rate vs. Orbit Type

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- Most Successful:

- ES-L1
- GEO
- HEO
- SSO

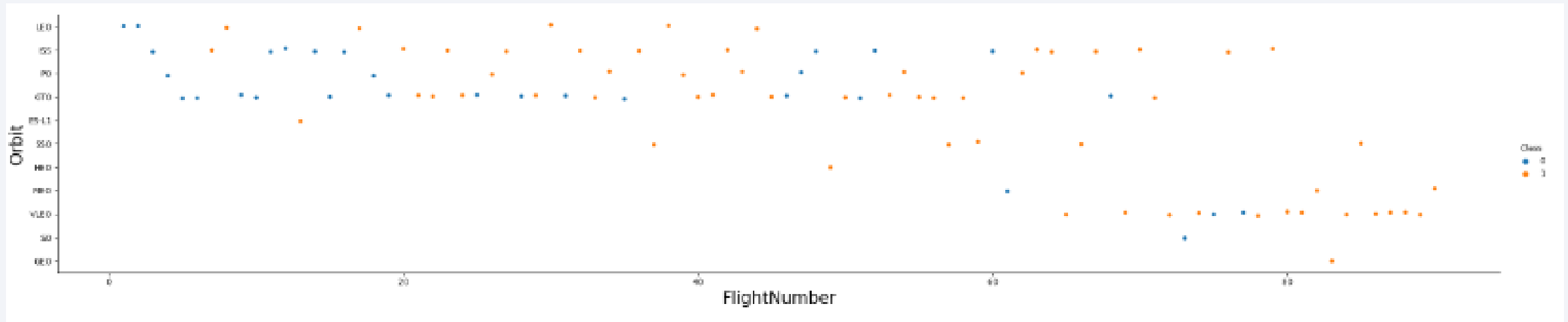




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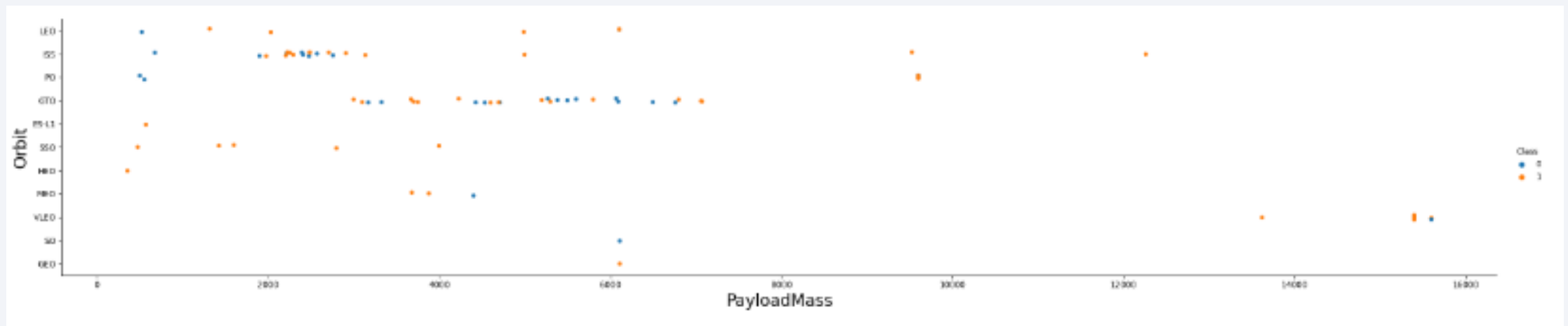
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- Success has improved in every orbit



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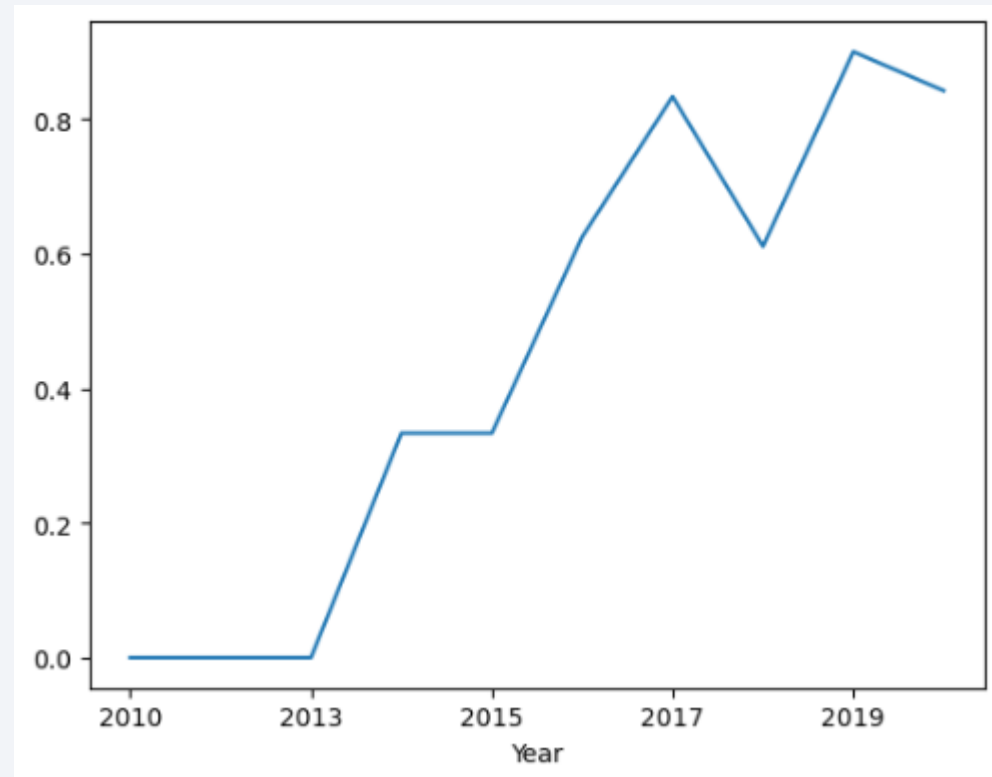
- Very little relationship between payload & success.



# Launch Success Yearly Trend

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- Vast improvement with a dip in 2018



# All Launch Site Names

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- There are 4 launch sites with details below:

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Out[20]:
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	Launch Site	Lat	Long
0	CCAFS LC-40	28.562302	-80.577356
1	CCAFS SLC-40	28.563197	-80.576820
2	KSC LC-39A	28.573255	-80.646895
3	VAFB SLC-4E	34.632834	-120.610745

# Launch Site Names Begin with 'CCA'

- 5 'CCA%' Records

Out[9]:

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)
2012-05-22	07:44:00	F9 v1.0 B0005	CCAFS LC-40	Dragon demo flight C2	525	LEO (ISS)	NASA (COTS)	Success	No attempt
2012-08-10	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

# Total Payload Mass

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- Total Payload in kg for NASA booster. Sum of PAYLOAD LIKE '%CRS%'.

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Out[10]: TOTAL_PAYLOAD  
          111268
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# Average Payload Mass by F9 v1.1

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- Average payload mass carried by booster version F9 v1.1
- Average booster WHERE BOOSTER\_VERSION = 'F9 v1.1'

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Out[11]:  AVG_PAYLOAD  
          2928.4
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# Total Number of Successful and Failure Mission Outcomes

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- Total number of successful and failure mission outcomes
- SQL Query counting by total Mission\_Outcome

Out[14]:

Mission_Outcome	QTY
Failure (in flight)	1
Success	98
Success	1
Success (payload status unclear)	1

# Boosters Carried Maximum Payload

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- Names of the booster which have carried the maximum payload mass
- Obtained using “MAX”

Out[15]: **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

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F9 B5 B1051.6

F9 B5 B1056.4

F9 B5 B1058.3

F9 B5 B1060.2

F9 B5 B1060.3

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 Sites

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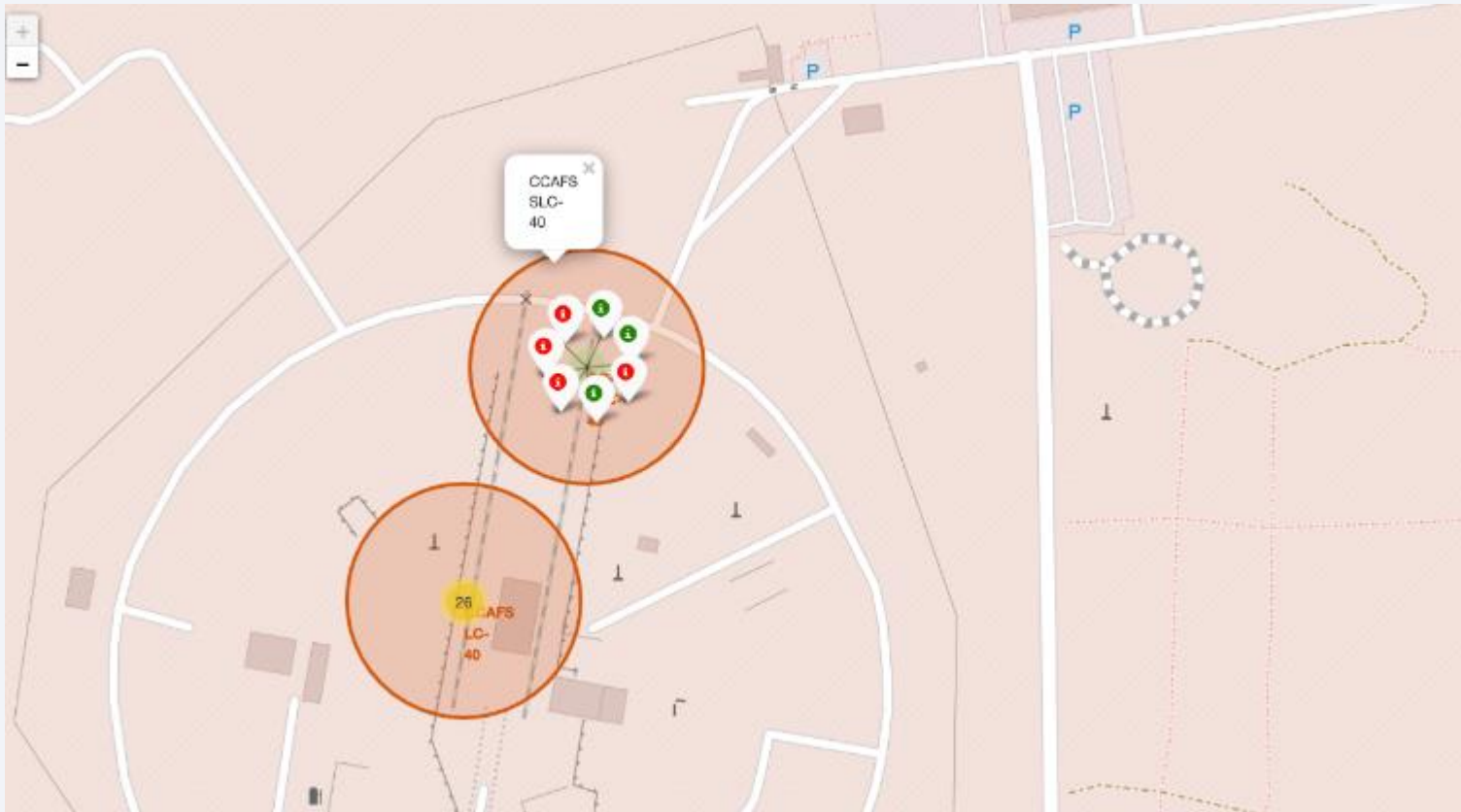
- Launch sites are by the ocean



# Success vs. Failure

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- Successes and failures marked Green or Red

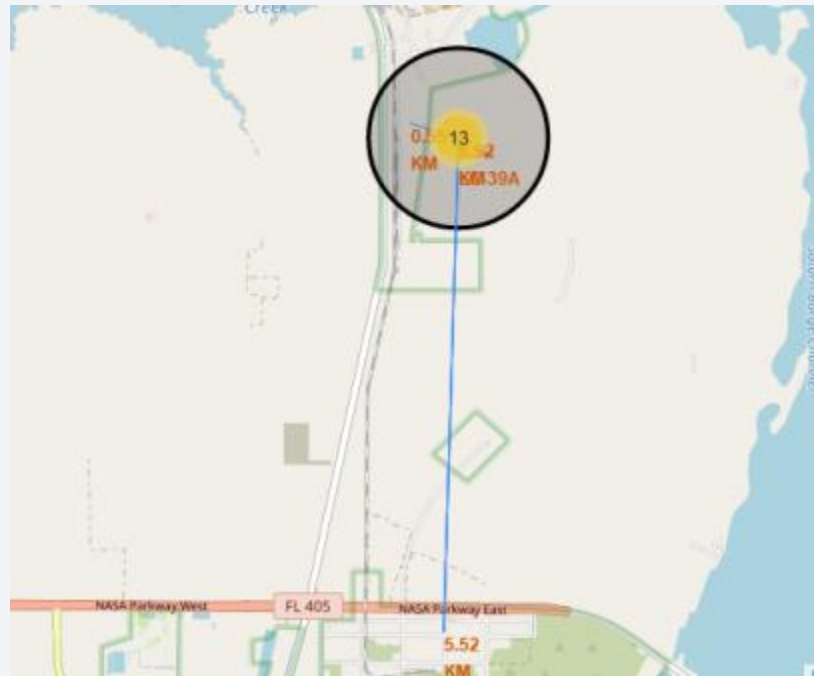




# Logistics

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- This site is in a good location. Next to a railroad and a body of water.





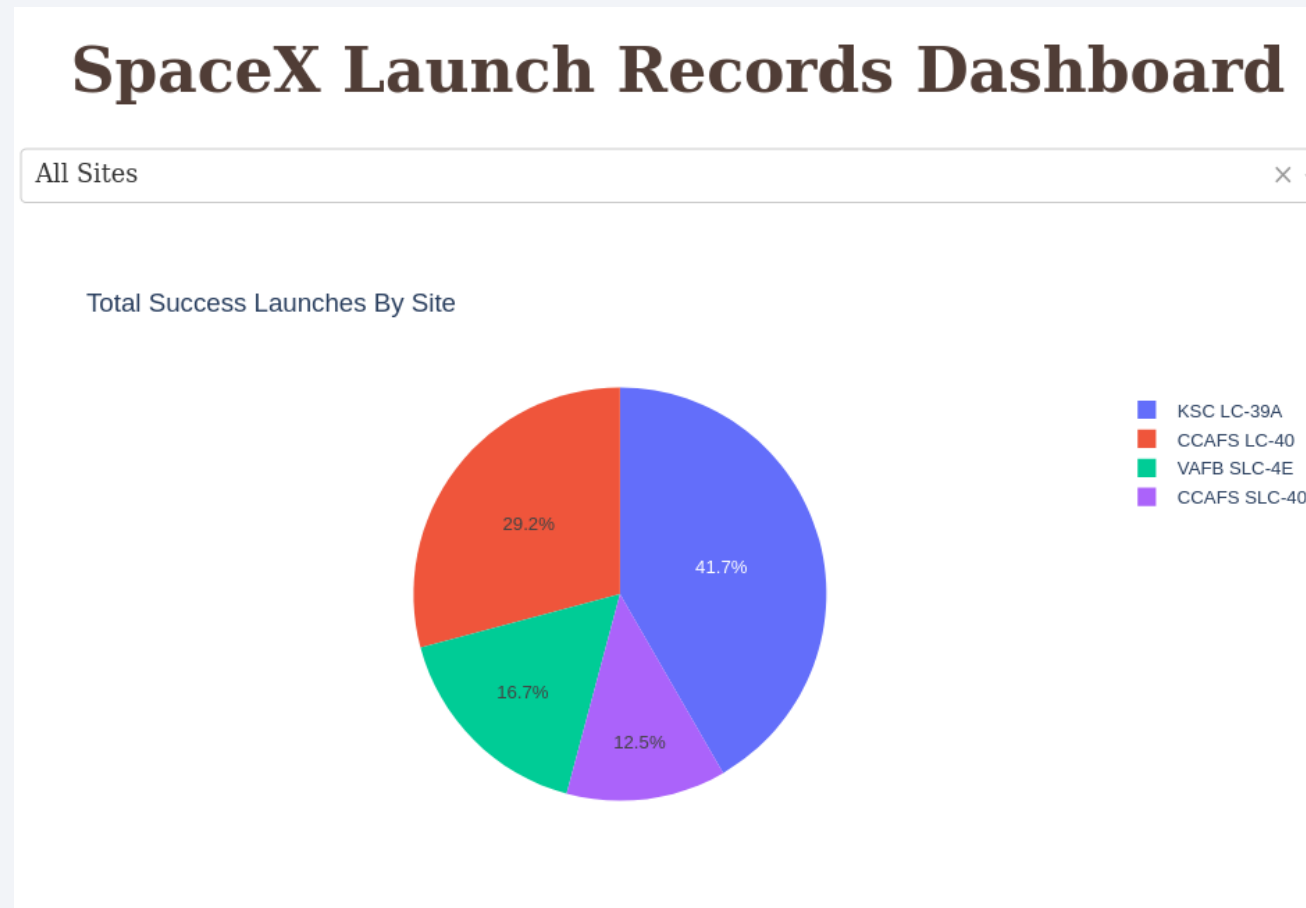
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# Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

# Launch Success

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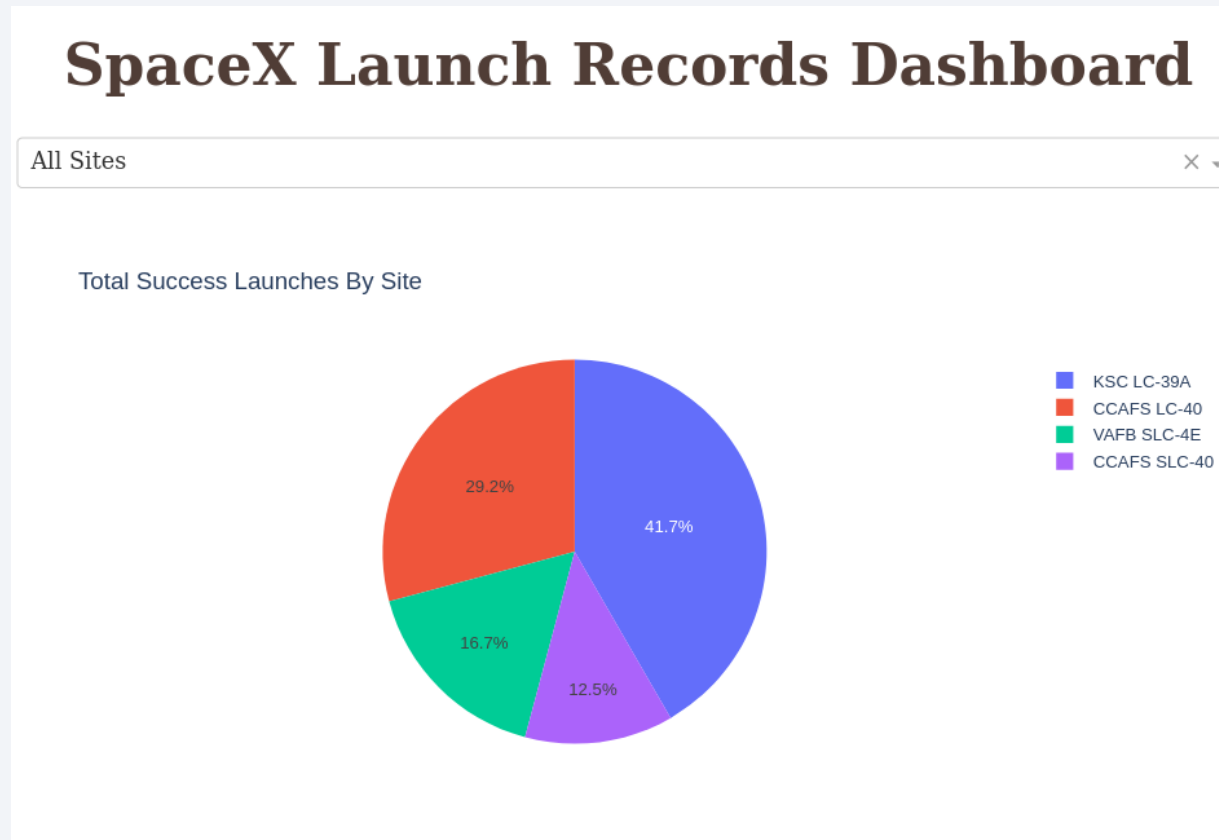
- Sites have a large impact on success.



# CCAFS LC-40

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- This site had the highest success rate at 73.1%



# Payload vs. Launch Outcome

- Payloads under 6k kg are typically the best performers.



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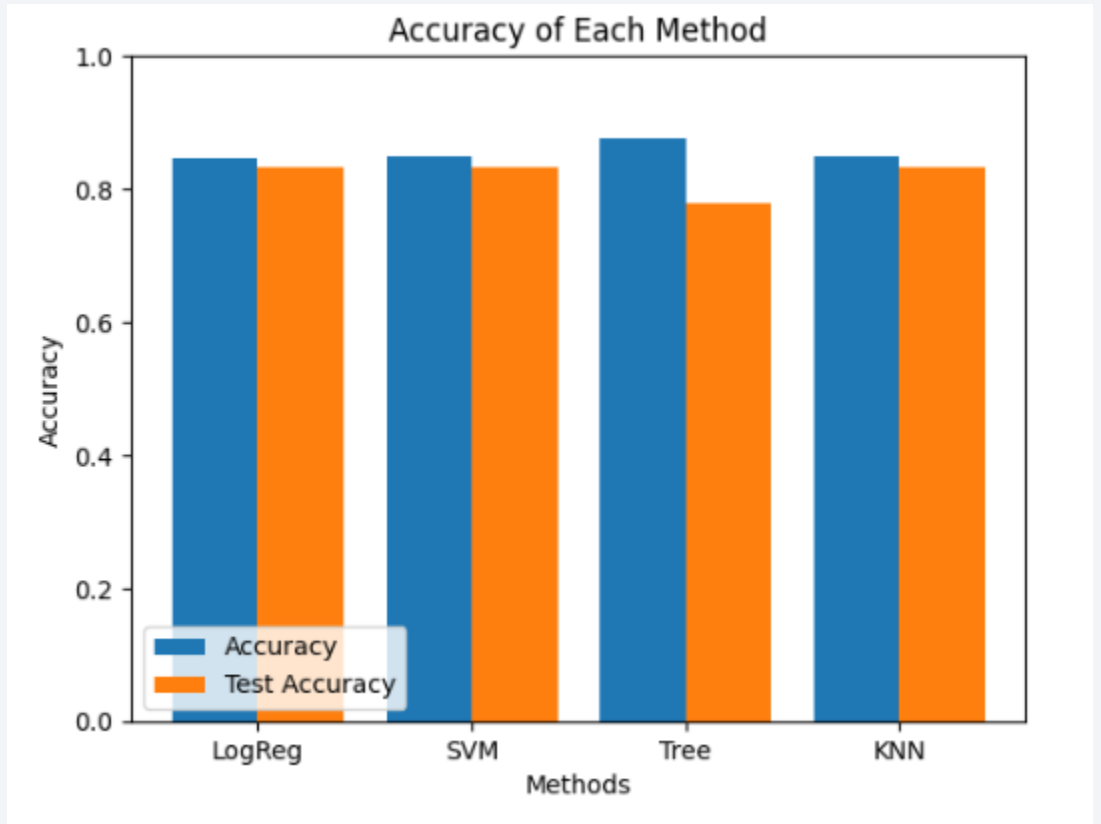
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# Classification Accuracy

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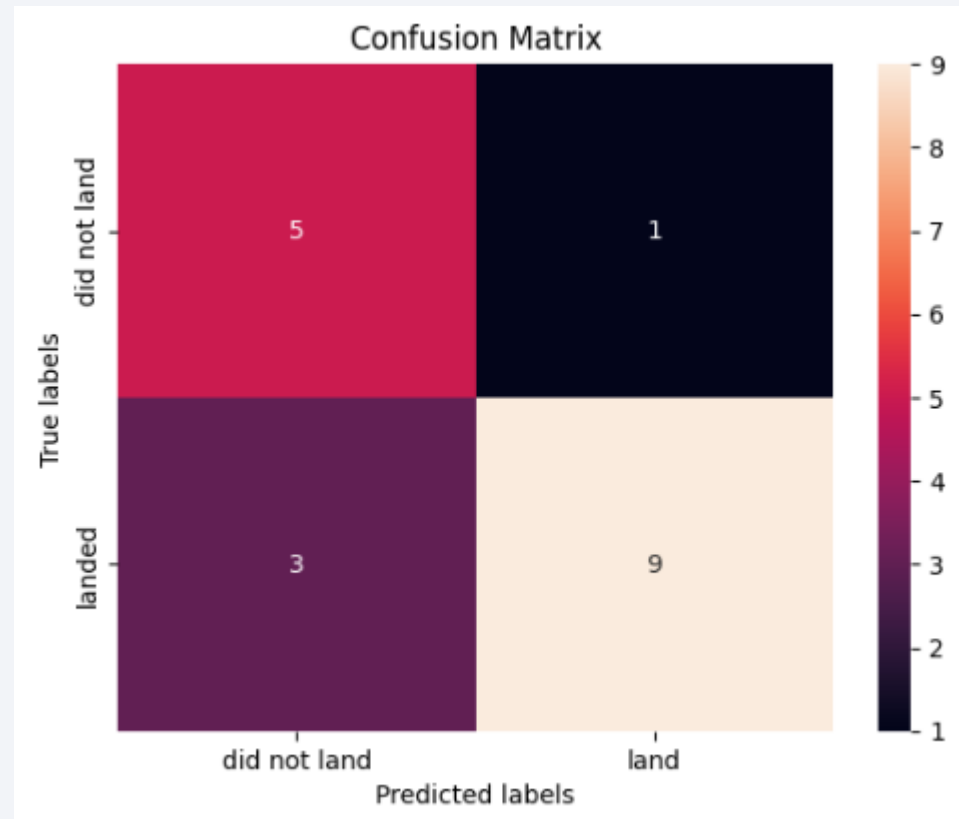
- Decision Tree Classifiers were best for this exercise at 87% accuracy.



# Confusion Matrix

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- Confusion matrix of Decision Tree Classifier proves its accuracy by showing the big numbers of true positive and true negative.





# Conclusions

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- The best launch site is KSC LC-39A
- Decision Tree Classifier can be used to predict successful landings
- Launches above 6,000kg are least risky

Thank you!

