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# Winning Space Race with Data Science

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# Executive Summary

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- Data collection using SpaceX API and Web scraping from Wikipedia and Data wrangling
- Exploratory data analysis and Interactive visual
- Comparison of multiples classification algorithms results
- Predictive analysis using SVM Algorithm
- GEO, ES-L1, SOO and HEO orbits have the best success rates

# Introduction

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- Space X Falcon 9 rockets have the particularity to have a reusable first stage
- Reuse of the first stage allows to drastically reduce launches prices
- Space Y wants to determine the cost of a rocket launch
- The cost is proportional to the success landing rate of rockets' first stage
- The goal is to predict, using public information, the success of failure landing of a rocket launch



Section 1

# Methodology

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## Executive Summary

- Data collection methodology:
  - SpaceX API
  - Web scraping from Wikipedia
- Perform data wrangling
  - Manipulation of data using pandas library
- Perform exploratory data analysis (EDA) using visualization and SQL
- Perform interactive visual analytics using Folium and Plotly Dash
- Perform predictive analysis using classification models
  - Comparison of multiples classification algorithms results

# Data Collection

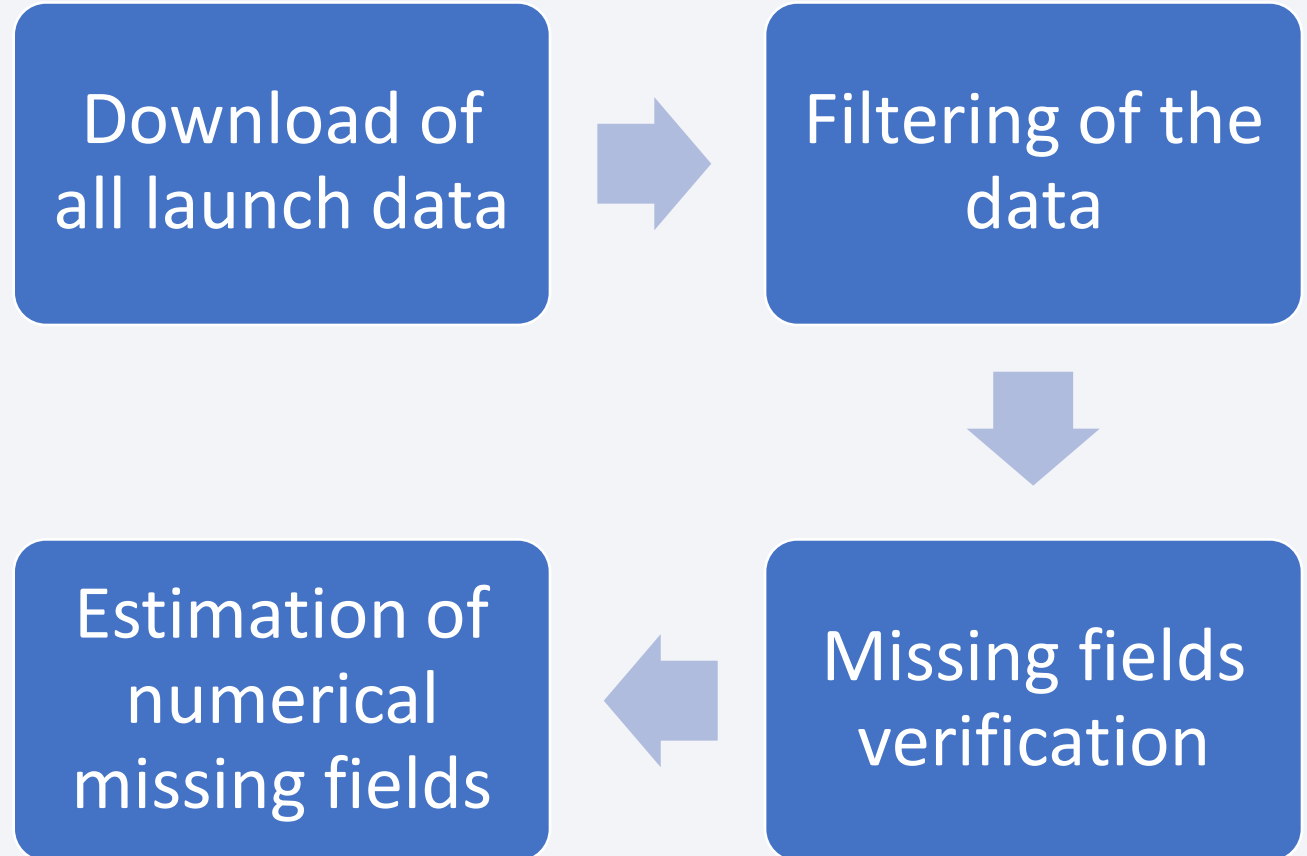
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- Data collected in two ways
  - From SpaceX API
  - From Falcon 9 launches Wikipedia page

# Data Collection – SpaceX API

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- Data imported from SpaceX API using requests library
- Only keeping the data about Falcon 9 launches
- Replacement of 5 missing payload mass by the mean payload mass
- [Notebook on Github](#)

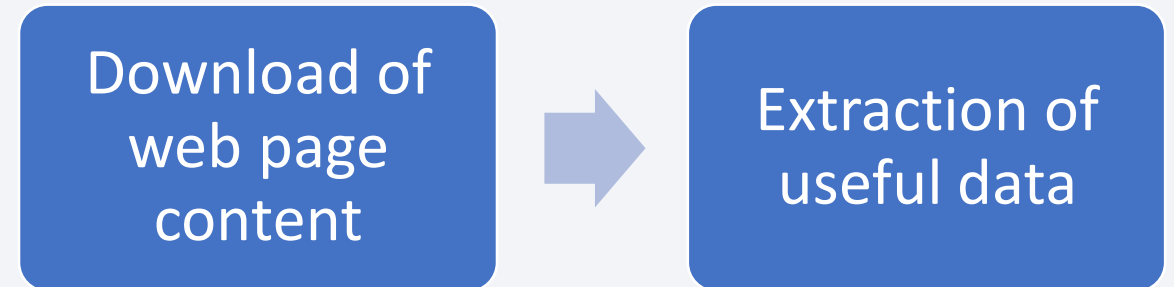




# Data Collection - Scraping

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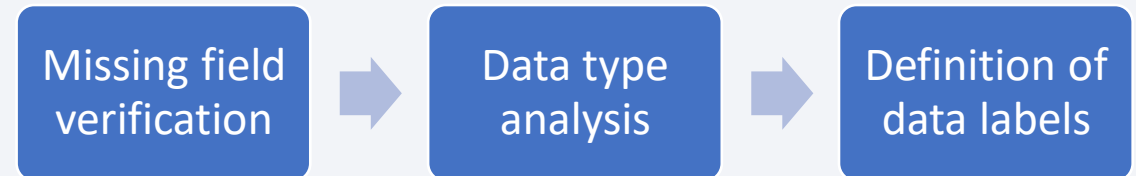
- Data imported from [Falcon 9 launches Wikipedia page](#) using requests library
- Use of BeautifulSoup library to parse through the data
- Conversion to python dataframe
- [Notebook on GitHub](#)



# Data Wrangling

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- Data were manipulated using pandas library
- Creation of a label column representing the binary label
- [Notebook on Github](#)



# EDA with Data Visualization

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- Data visualized using matplotlib.pyplot and seaborn libraries
- Plot of relation between multiple duos of data and launch outcome
- Conversion of categorical data into numerical data One hot encoding
- [Notebook on Github](#)

Visualisation  
of relation  
between data

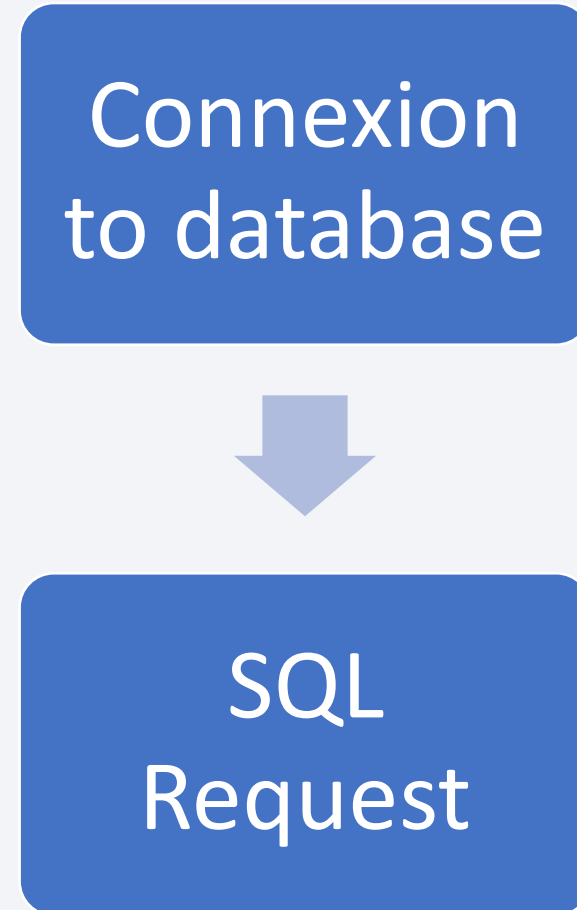


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# EDA with SQL

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- Connexion and request to the database were made with in SQL with Jupyter Magics
- [Notebook on Github](#)

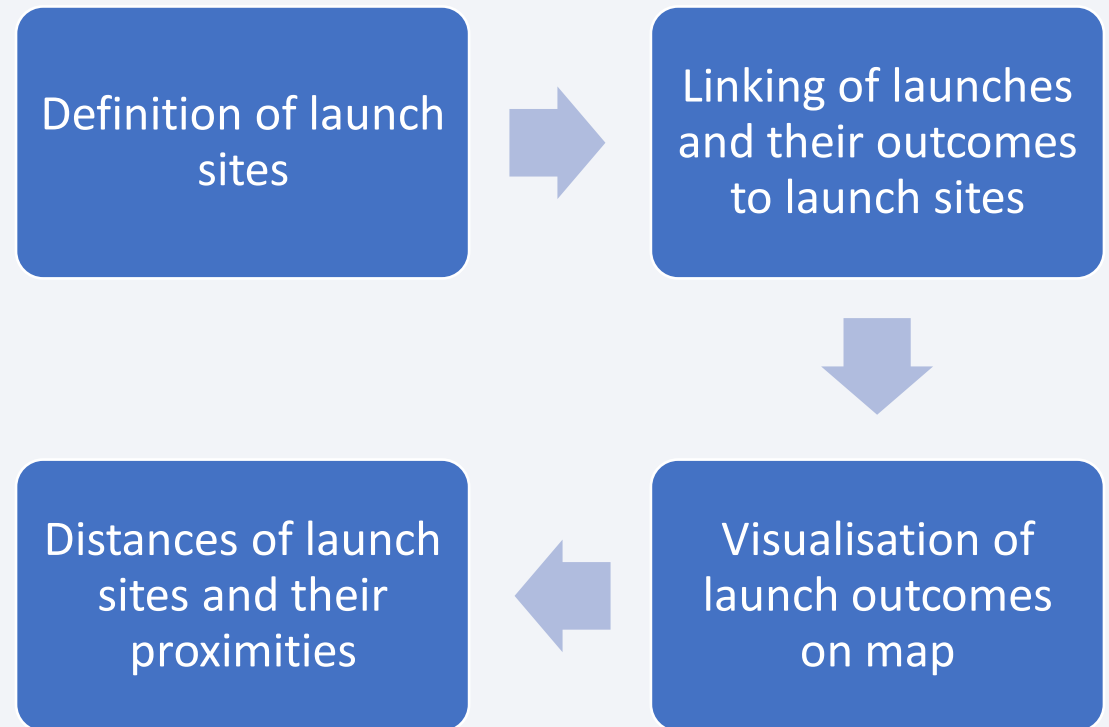


# Build an Interactive Map with Folium

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- Launch sites added to a Folium map using their geospatial coordinates
- Visual representation of launch outcomes on the map
- Computation of distance of launch sites and railway, highway, cities

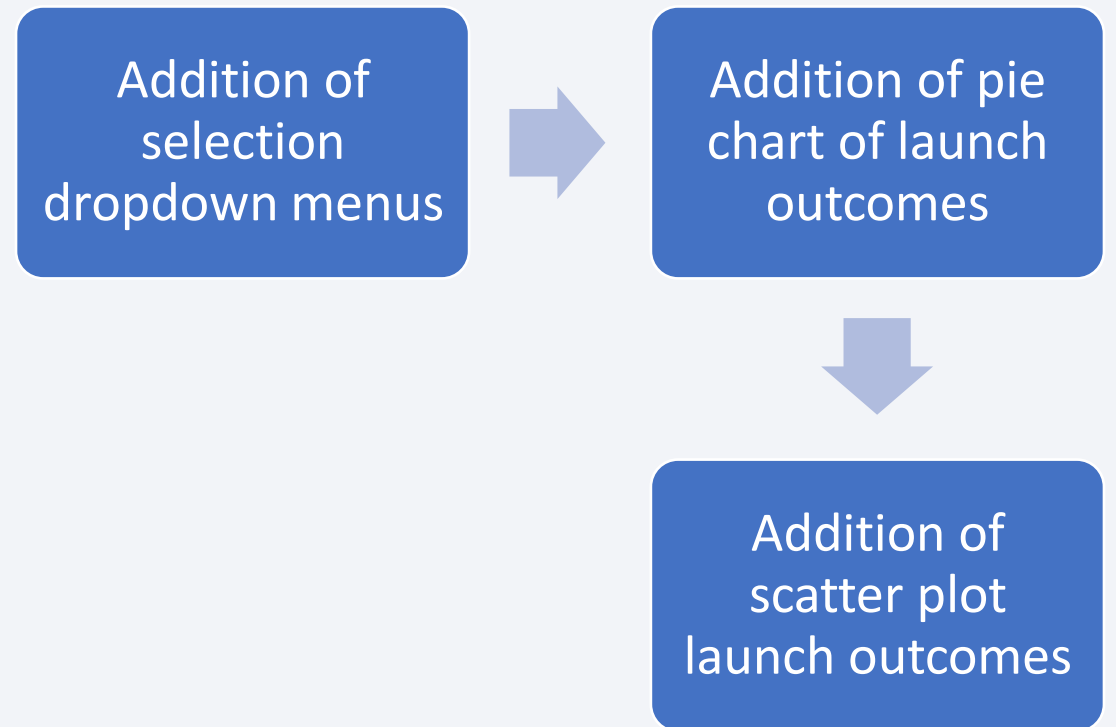
- [Notebook on Github](#)



# Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

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- Addition of two dropdown menus to select :
  - Launch site
  - Launch Year
- Addition of a pie chart of launch outcomes
- Addition of a scatter plot of launch outcomes based on the payload mass
- [Notebook on Github](#)





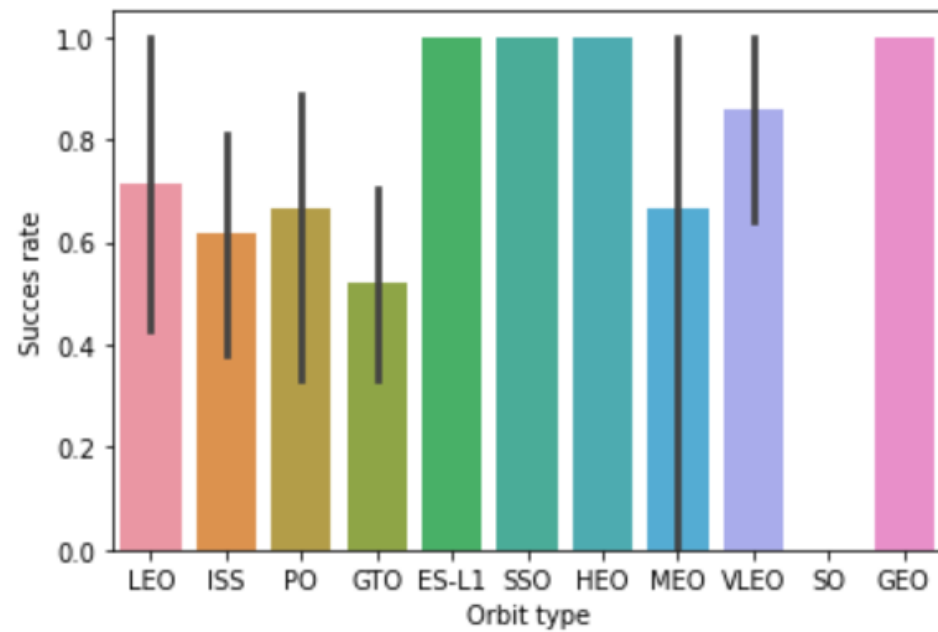
# Predictive Analysis (Classification)

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- The predictive analysis was made using sklearn libraries
- 80% of data were used for training and 20% for testing
- The classification algorithms tested were :
  - Logistic Regression
  - Support Vector Machine
  - Decision Tree
  - k-nearest neighbors
- [Notebook on Github](#)
- Data standardisation
- Separation of data into train and test sets
- Test of different classification algorithms
- Hyperparameter tuning with grid search
- Selection of the best ML model

# Results

```
# HINT use groupby method on Orbit column and get
sns.barplot(x='Orbit', y='Class', data=df)
plt.xlabel("Orbit type")
plt.ylabel("Success rate")
plt.show()
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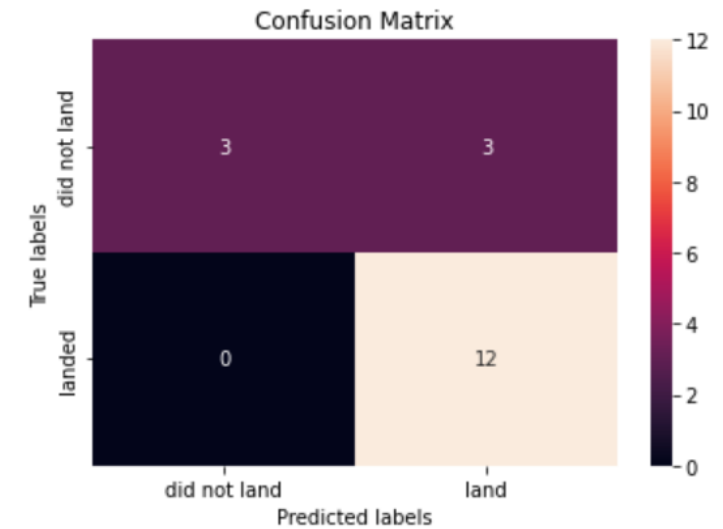


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[13]: Y_predict=logreg_cv.predict(X_test)
logreg_cv.score(X_test,Y_test)
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[13]:
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Lets look at the confusion matrix:

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[14]: yhat=logreg_cv.predict(X_test)
plot_confusion_matrix(Y_test,yhat)
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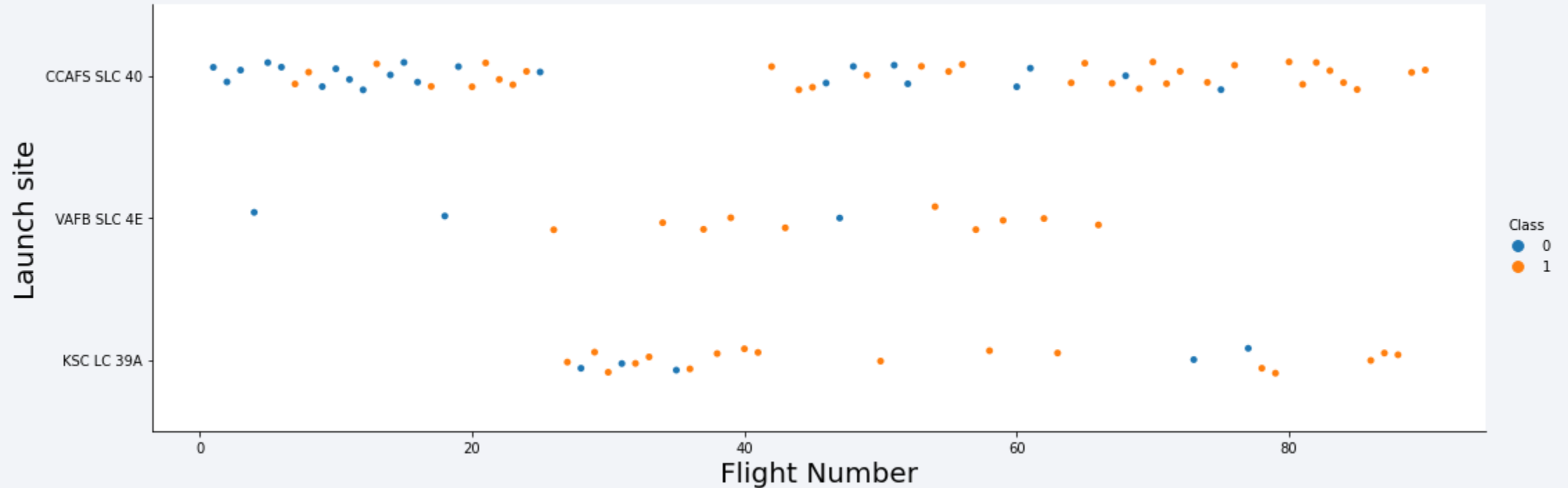
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Section 2

# Insights drawn from EDA

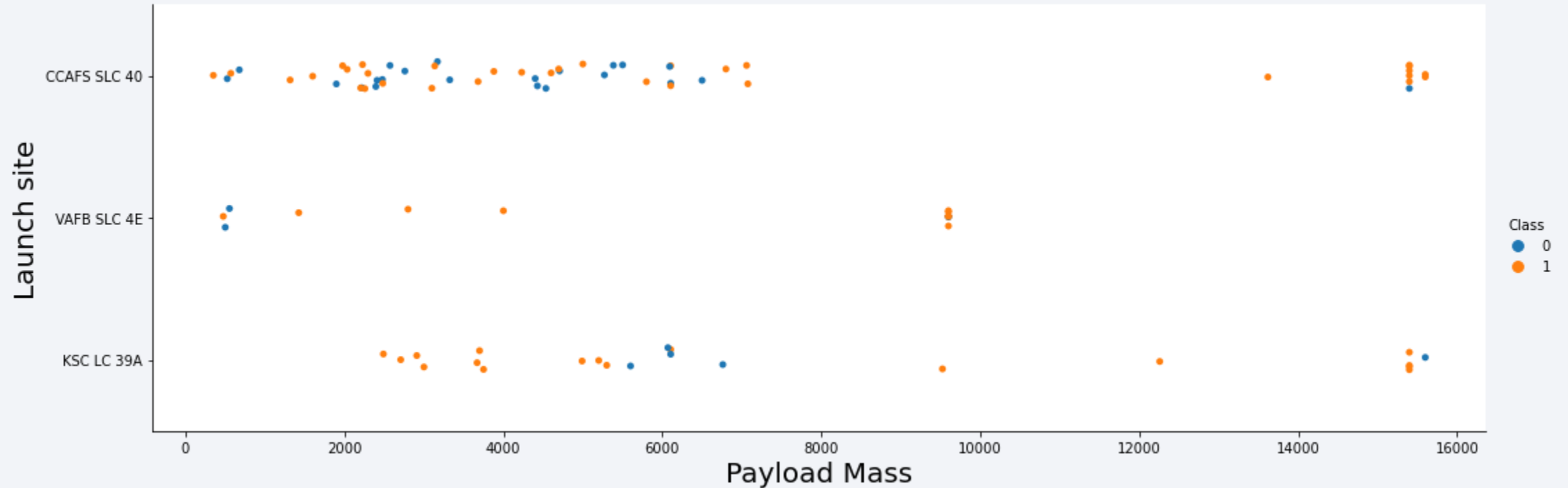


# Flight Number vs. Launch Site



- The failure rate is much more important in the Launch Site CCAFS LC-40 than in the other 2 sites

# Payload vs. Launch Site

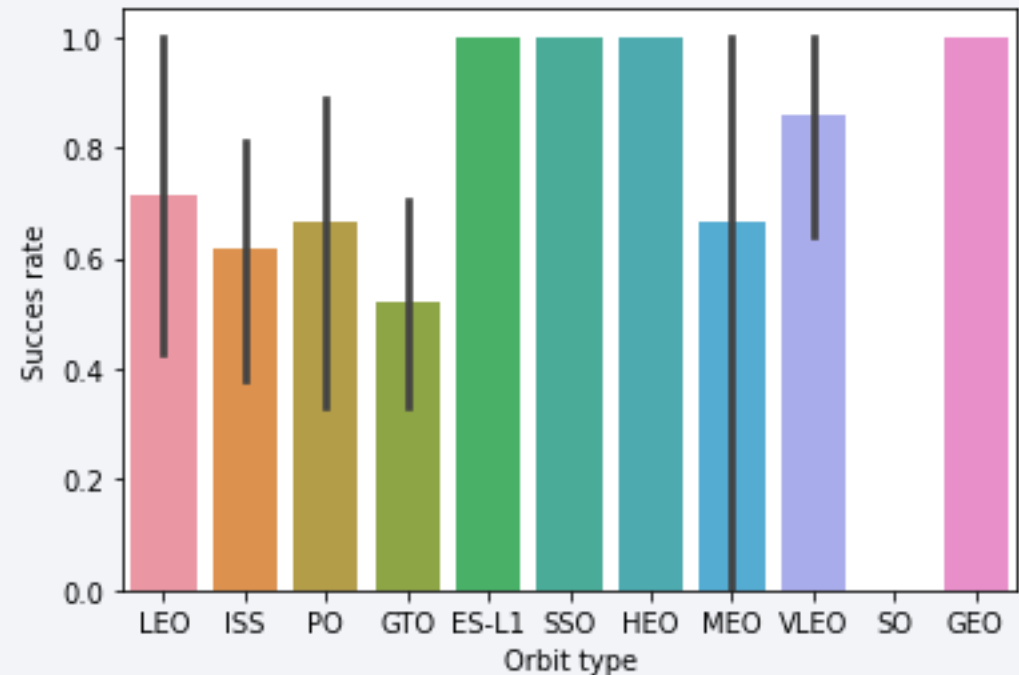


- It seems like there is no relationship between payload mass and launch site

# Success Rate vs. Orbit Type

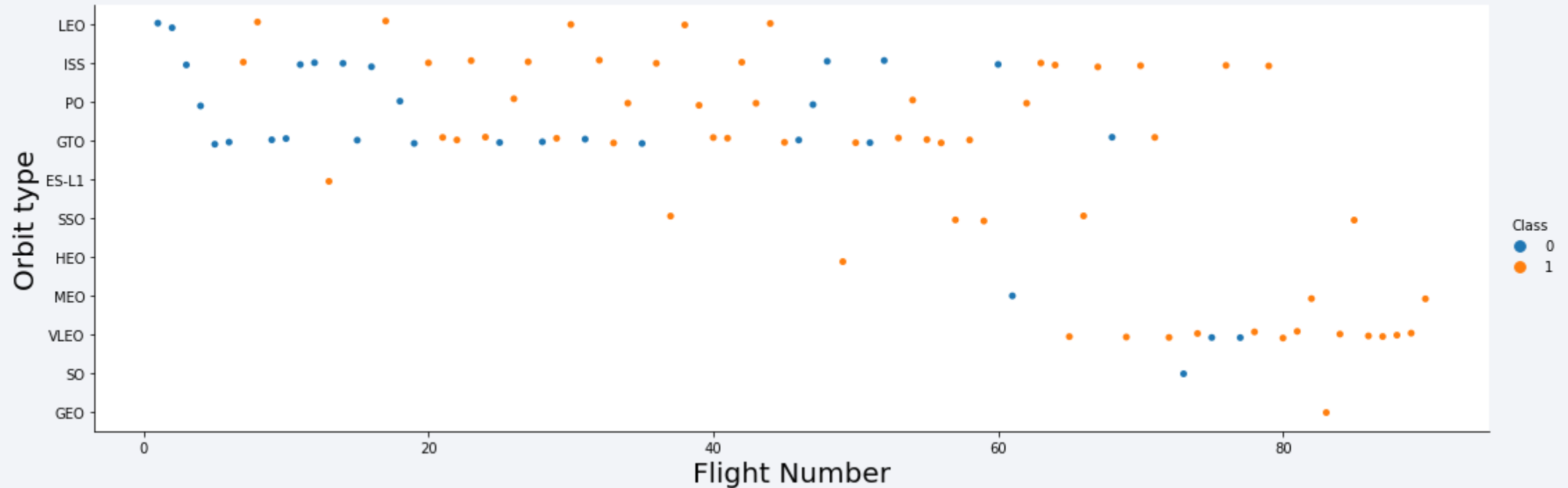
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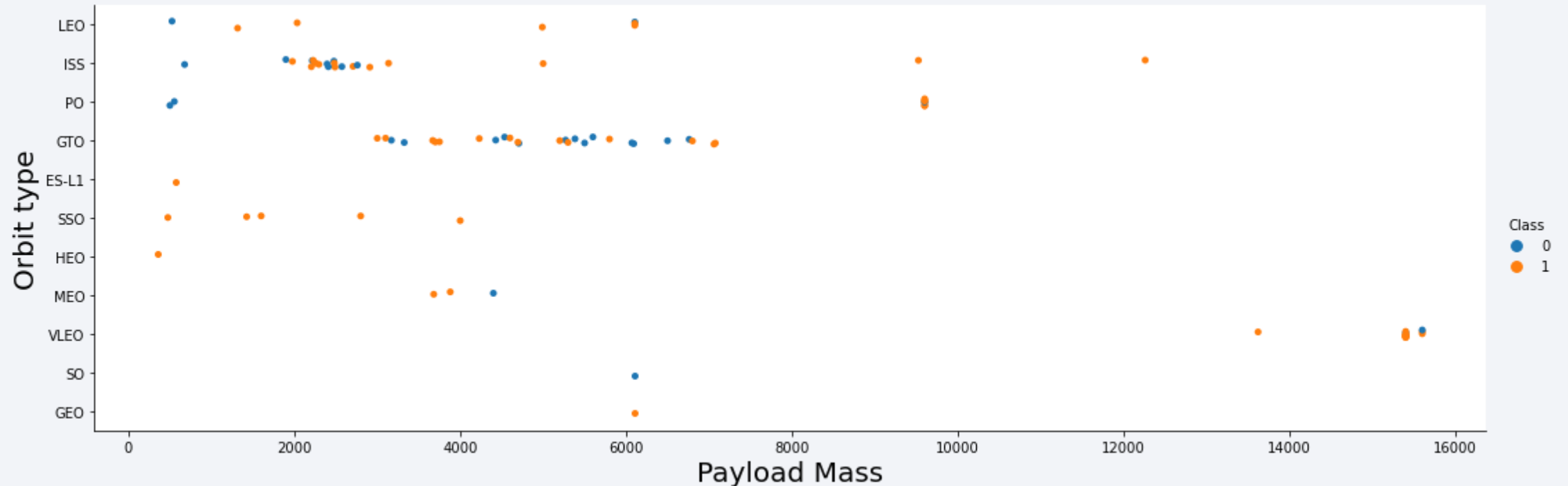


# Flight Number vs. Orbit Type



- In the LEO orbit the Success appears related to the number of flights
- There seems to be no relationship between flight number when in GTO orbit

# Payload vs. Orbit Type

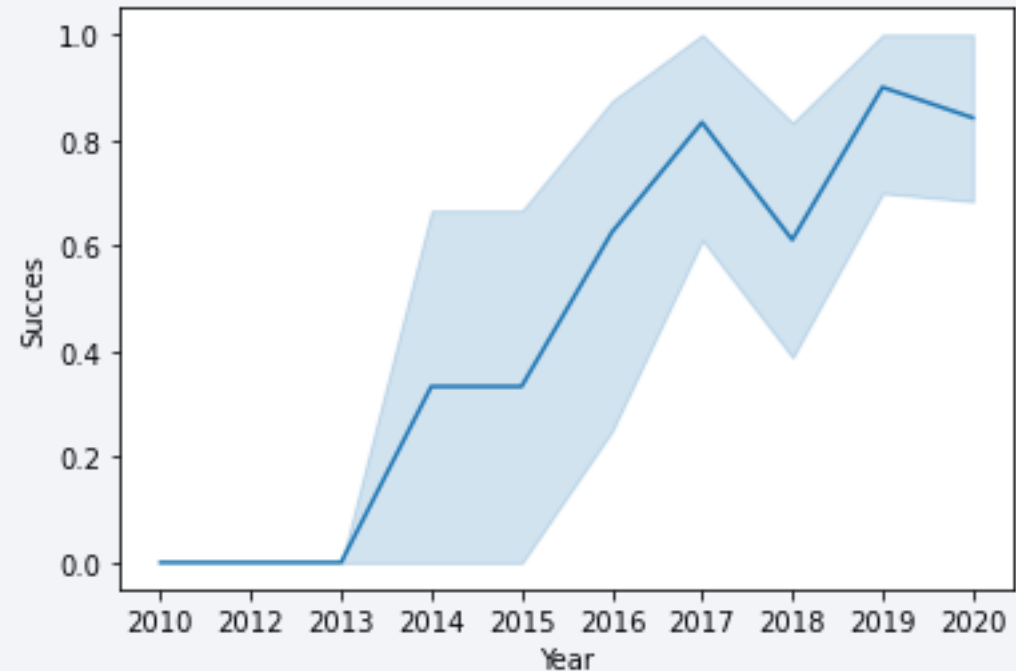


- With heavy payloads the successful landing rate are more for Polar,LEO and ISS
- For GTO the landing outcomes does not seem to be correlated with the payload mass

# 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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- There are 4 different launch sites

| <b>Launch sites</b> |
|---------------------|
| CCAFS LC-40         |
| CCAFS SLC-40        |
| KSC LC-39A          |
| VAFB SLC-4E         |

# Launch Site Names Begin with 'CCA'

| 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          |

- 5 launches from launch sites with a name beginning with “CCA”

# Total Payload Mass

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- More than 45 tons of NASA (CRS) payload have left-off with Falcon 9 boosters

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| <b>Total payload mass for NASA (CRS) [kg]</b> |
| 45596   |



# Average Payload Mass by F9 v1.1

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- Average payload mass is about 2.5 tons

| Average payload mass by booster F9 v1.1 |
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| 2534                                    |

# First Successful Ground Landing Date

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- The first successful landing occurred the 22/12/2015

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| <b>Date of the first successful landing</b> |
| 2015-12-22                                  |

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

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- Those boosters are of type B4, B5, B5B and FT

| booster_version |               |
|-----------------|---------------|
| F9 B4 B1040.1   | F9 B5B1062.1  |
| F9 B4 B1043.1   | F9 FT B1021.2 |
| F9 B5 B1046.2   | F9 FT B1031.2 |
| F9 B5 B1046.3   | F9 FT B1022   |
| F9 B5 B1047.2   | F9 FT B1026   |
| F9 B5 B1048.3   | F9 FT B1032.1 |
| F9 B5 B1051.2   |               |
| F9 B5 B1058.2   |               |
| F9 B5B1060.1    |               |

# Total Number of Successful and Failure Mission Outcomes

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- Even though not all ground landing were successful, almost all the mission were

| Mission outcome                  | Number |
|----------------------------------|--------|
| Failure (in flight)              | 1      |
| Success                          | 99     |
| Success (payload status unclear) | 1      |

# Boosters Carried Maximum Payload

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- Those boosters have carried a 15,6 tons

| 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   |
| F9 B5 B1051.4   |
| F9 B5 B1051.6   |
| F9 B5 B1056.4   |
| F9 B5 B1058.3   |
| F9 B5 B1060.2   |
| F9 B5 B1060.3   |

# 2015 Launch Records

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- There were only 2 failed landing in 2015
- Both failures happened with boosters V1.1

| landing__outcome     | booster_version | launch_site |
|----------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Failure (drone ship) | F9 v1.1 B1012   | CCAFS LC-40 |
| Failure (drone ship) | F9 v1.1 B1015   | CCAFS LC-40 |



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

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- There were mainly non attempts of landing
- There was 5 drone ship successes and 3 ground successes
- Most of the landing outcomes were controlled crashes in the ocean and failures

| Landing outcome        | Number |
|------------------------|--------|
| 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      |

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.

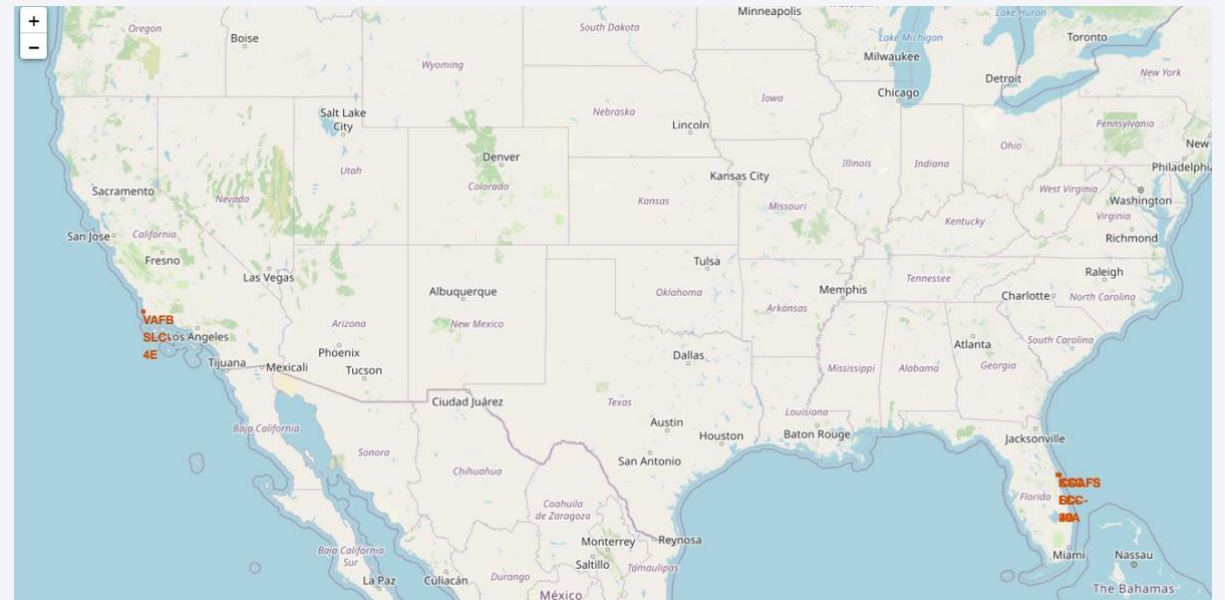
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# Launch Sites Proximities Analysis

# Map of launch sites

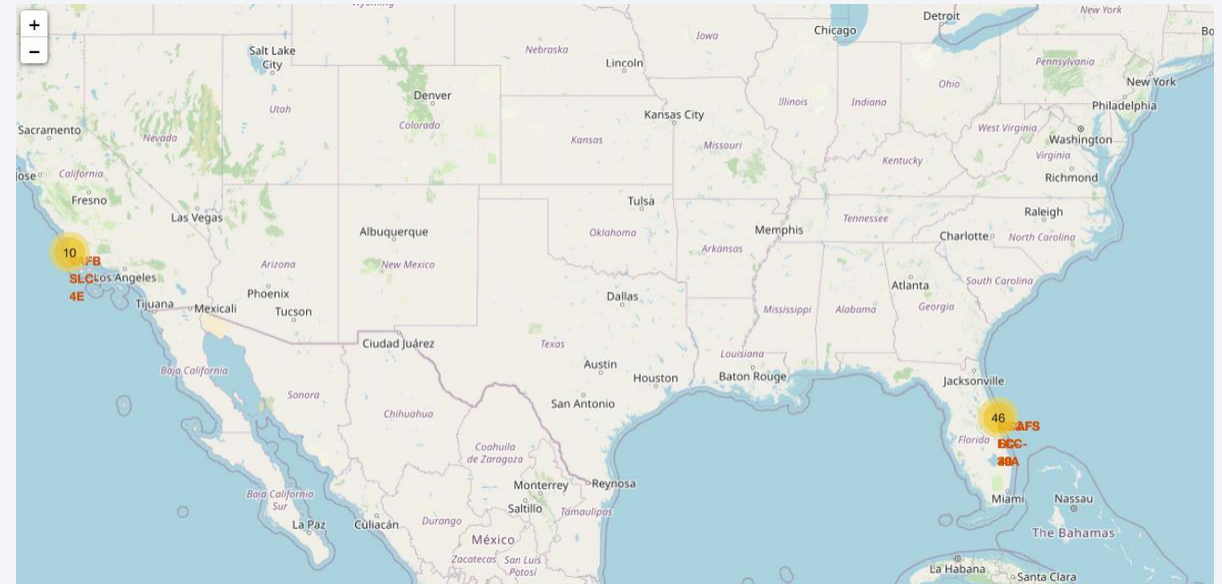
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- Launch sites are in proximity of the equator line
- Launch sites are in very close proximity to the coast



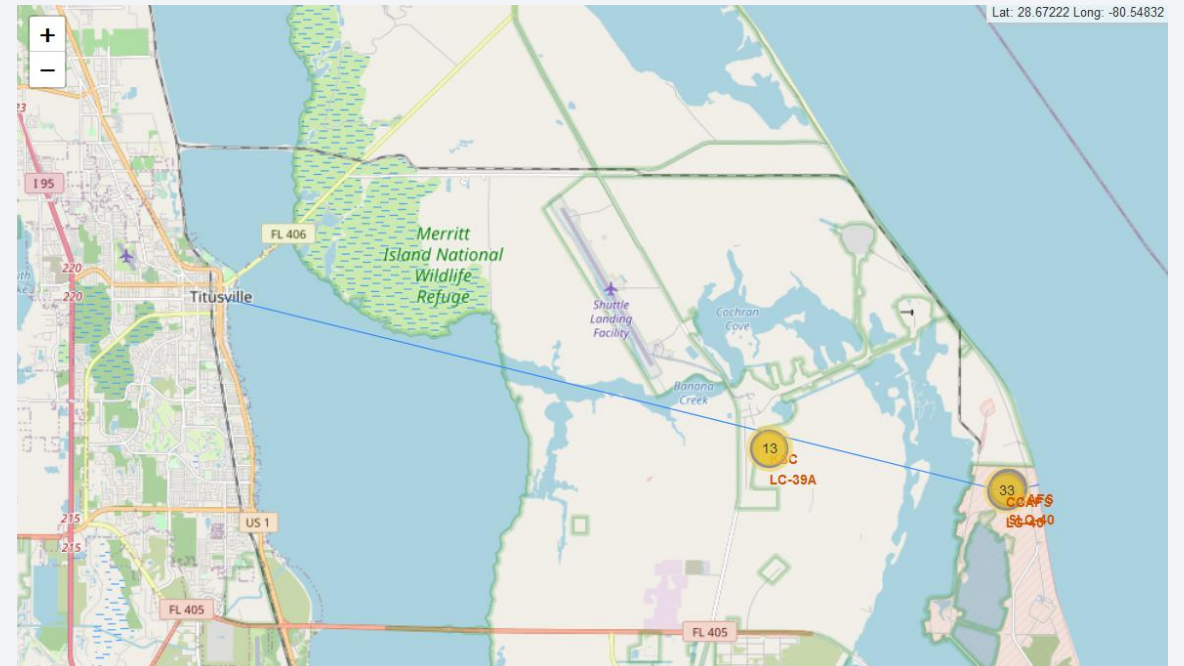
# Map of success/failed landing

- Legend:
  - Green: Successful landing
  - Red: Failed landing
- Landing sites in yellow (green + red) from far



# Launch sites and their proximities

- Launch sites are close to coastlines, highways and railways
- Launch sites are far from cities







Section 4

# Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

# Success launch by sites

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Total Success Launches by Site

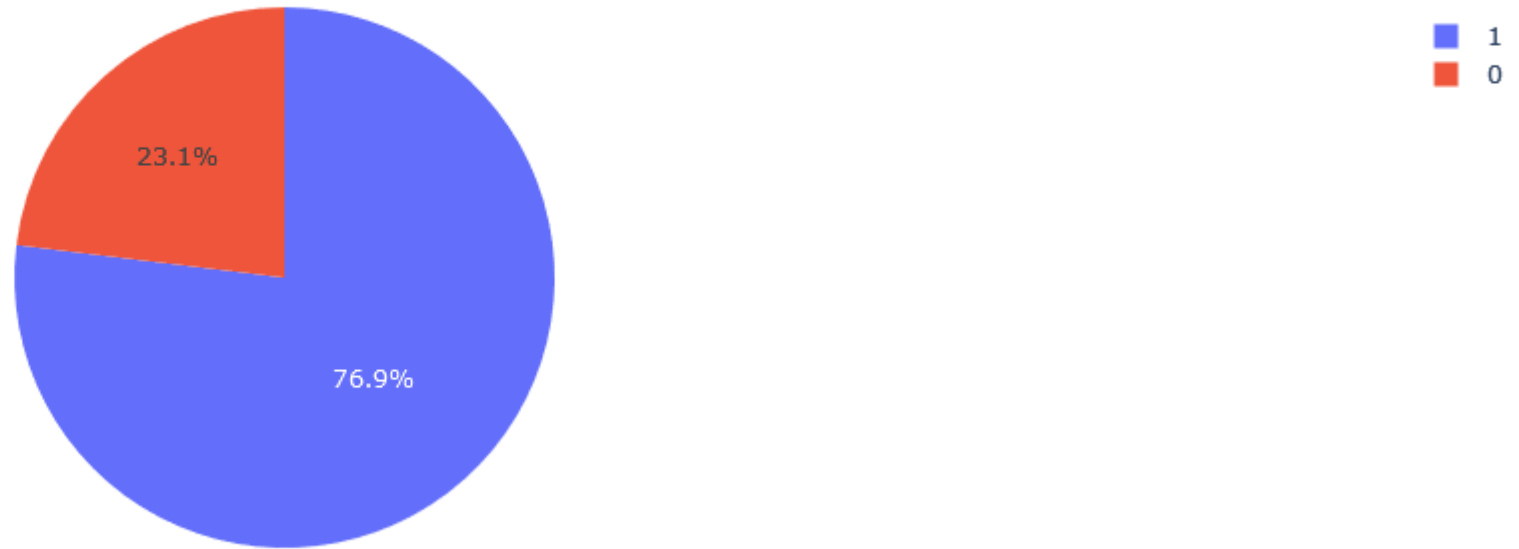


Most of the successful launches happened on the site KSC LC-39A

# KSC LC-39A launch success rate

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Total Success Launches for site KSC LC-39A

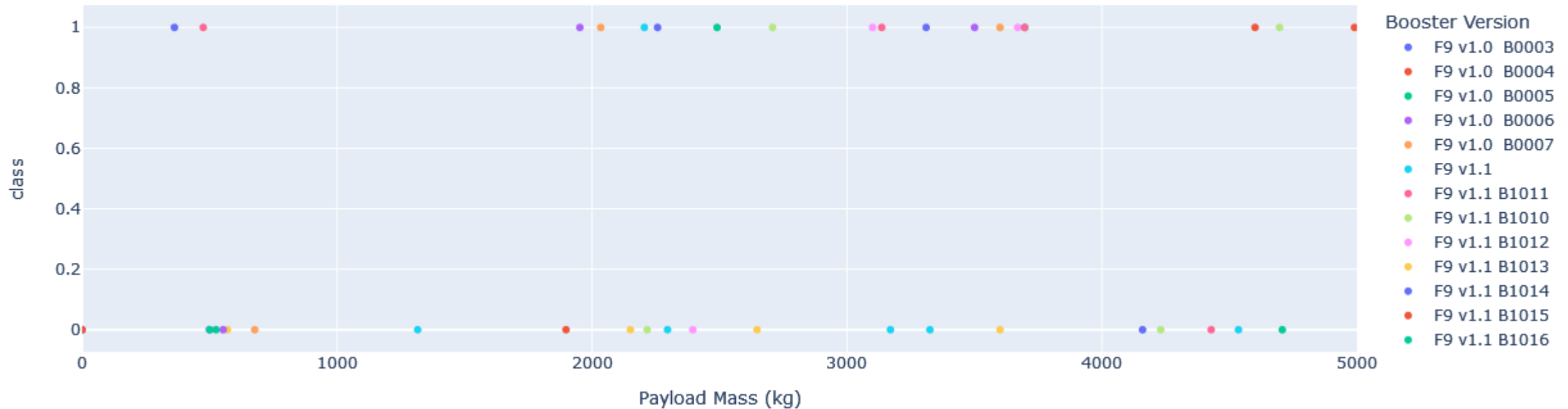


KSC LC-39A has the best launch success rate of all sites



# Failures for low payload flights

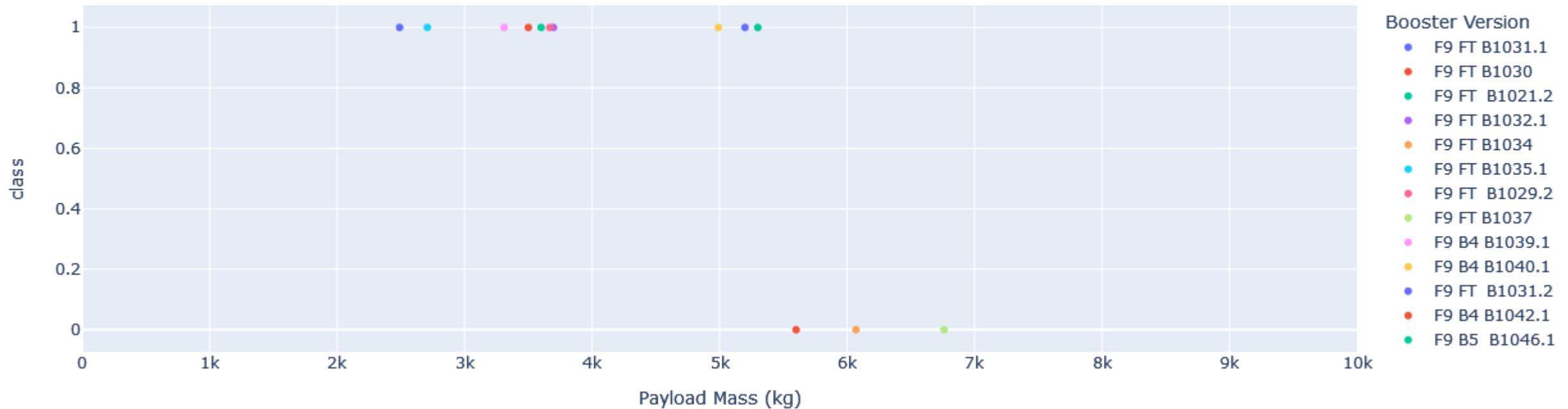
Correlation between Payload and Success for all Sites



For low payloads, failures mainly happened with V1.1 boosters

# Payload VS Success launch for site KSC LC-39A

Correlation between Payload and Success for site KSC LC-39A



Launches from KSC LC-39A used only B4, B5 and FT boosters

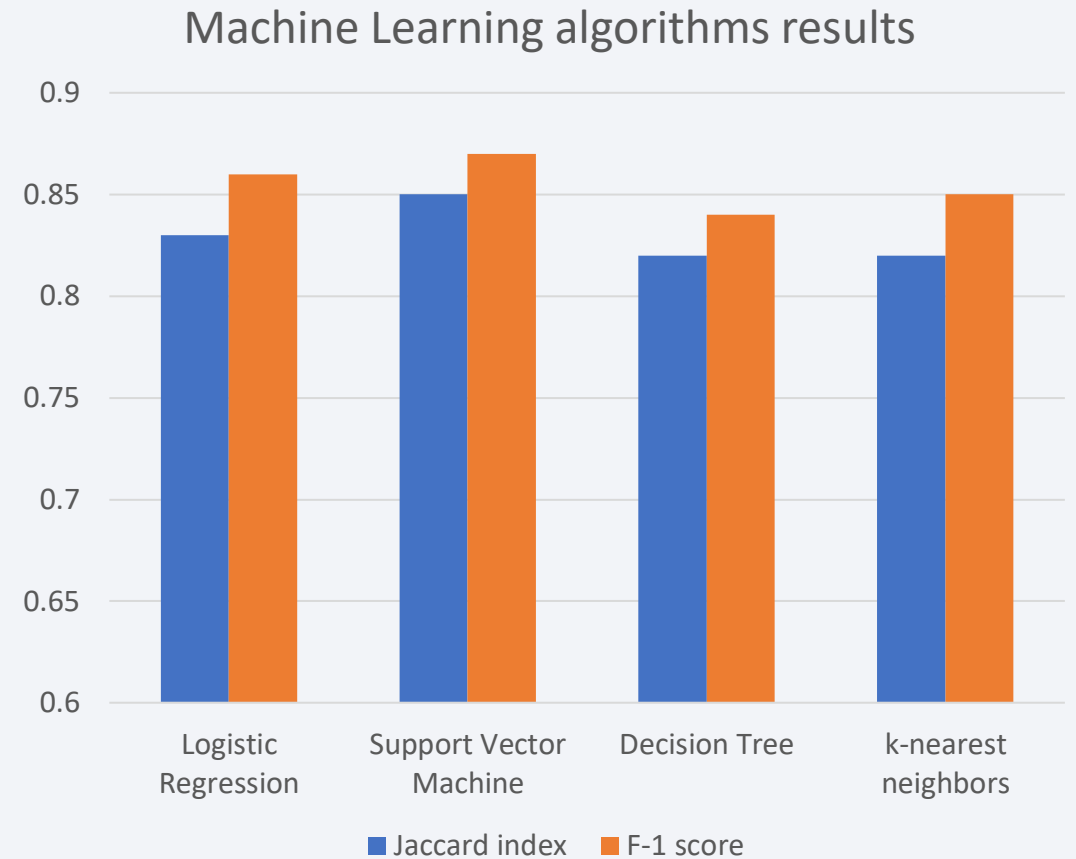
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# Predictive Analysis (Classification)

# Classification Accuracy

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- SVM is the best prediction algorithm



# SVM Confusion Matrix

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- SVM can distinguish between the different classes
- The biggest problem with the model is false positives



# Conclusions

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- FT, B4 and B5 booster have the best landing success rate
- KSC LC-39A launch site has the best success rate
- The GEO, ES-L1, SOO and HEO orbits have the best success rates
- Future launches success can be predicted using an SVM algorithm

# Appendix

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**Logistical regression confusion matrix**



**Decision tree confusion matrix**





Thank you!

