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# Winning Space Race with Data Science

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# Executive Summary

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- Summary of methodologies
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  - Data Collection with Web Scraping
  - Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA) with SQL
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- Summary of all results
  - Exploratory Data Analysis result
  - Interactive analytics in screenshots
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# Introduction

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- **Project background and context**
  - Falcon 9 is a two-stage rocket designed and manufactured by SpaceX, an American aerospace manufacturer, headquartered in California, for the reliable and safe transport of satellites and the Dragon spacecraft into orbit.
  - Rockets from the Falcon 9 family have been launched 148 times, with 146 full mission successes, one partial failure and one total loss of spacecraft.
- **Problems you want to find answers**
  - What variables influences the rocket will land successfully?
  - What conditions to ensure the best successful landing rate?



Section 1

# Methodology

# Methodology

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## Executive Summary

- Data collection methodology:
  - Get data from SpaceX API
  - Web Scraping page “List of Falcon 9 and Falcon Heavy launches” from Wikipedia
- Perform data wrangling
  - Filter and dealing with missing Values
  - Prepare the Data to a binary classification
- Perform exploratory data analysis (EDA) using visualization and SQL
- Perform interactive visual analytics using Folium and Plotly Dash
- Perform predictive analysis using classification models
  - Identify the best prediction accuracy from Hyperparameter for SVM, Classification Trees and Logistic Regression models

# Data Collection

How data sets were collected.

Get columns from  
**SpaceX REST API Data:**

FlightNumber, Date,  
BoosterVersion, PayloadMass,  
Orbit, LaunchSite, Outcome,  
Flights, GridFins, Reused, Legs,  
LandingPad, Block, ReusedCount,  
Serial, Longitude, Latitude

Get columns from  
**Wikipedia's Page Data:**

Flight No., Launch site, Payload,  
PayloadMass, Orbit, Customer,  
Launch outcome, Version Booster,  
Booster landing, Date, Time



Data from  
SpaceX  
REST API



Use  
**Requests**  
Package



Get detailed  
information from  
**JSON file**



Prepare the Data  
and Save to  
a **CSV File**



Data from  
Wikipedia's  
Page



Use **Requests**  
and **BeautifulSoup**  
Packages

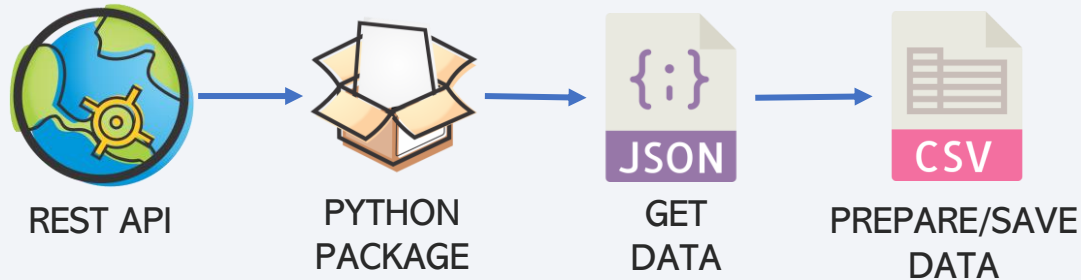


Get detailed  
information from  
**HTML file**



Prepare the Data  
and Save to  
a **CSV File**

# Data Collection – SpaceX API



GitHub URL: <https://github.com/fabioms-br/ibm-datascience/blob/main/O1%20Data%20Collection%20API.ipynb>

1. Request rocket launch data from SpaceX API with the following URL and GET request:

```
In [6]: spacex_url="https://api.spacexdata.com/v4/launches/past"
```

```
In [7]: response = requests.get(spacex_url)
```

2. Check the content of the response

```
In [8]: print(response.content)
```

```
b'[{{"fairings":{"reused":false,"recovery_attempt":false,"recovered":false,"ships":[]},"links":{"patch":{"small":"https://images2.imgbox.com/3c/0e/T8iJcSN3_o.png","large":"https://images2.imgbox.com/40/e3/GvnSkavE_o.png"},"reddit":{"campaign":nul
```

3. Combine the columns into a dictionary.

```
In [21]: launch_dict = {'FlightNumber': list(data['flight_number']),
                        'Date': list(data['date']),
                        'BoosterVersion':BoosterVersion,
                        'PayloadMass':PayloadMass,
                        'Orbit':Orbit,
                        'LaunchSite':LaunchSite,
                        'Outcome':Outcome,
                        'Flights':Flights,
                        'GridFins':GridFins,
                        'Reused':Reused,
                        'Legs':Legs,
                        'LandingPad':LandingPad,
                        'Block':Block,
                        'ReusedCount':ReusedCount,
                        'Serial':Serial,
                        'Longitude': Longitude,
                        'Latitude': Latitude}
```

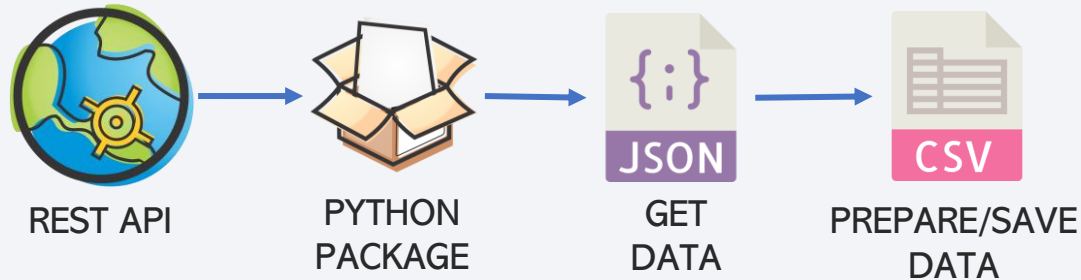
4. Dealing with Missing Values

```
In [27]: # Calculate the mean value of PayloadMass column
payloadmass_mean = data_falcon9['PayloadMass'].mean()
# Replace the np.nan values with its mean value
data_falcon9['PayloadMass'].fillna(payloadmass_mean,inplace=True)
```



let's.

# Data Collection - Scraping



GitHub URL: <https://github.com/fabioms-br/ibm-datascience/blob/main/O2%20Data%20Collection%20with%20Web%20Scraping.ipynb>

1. Perform an HTTP GET method to request the Falcon9 Launch HTML page, as an HTTP response

```
In [5]: # use requests.get() method with the provided static_url
# assign the response to a object
html_data = requests.get(static_url).text
```

2. Create a BeautifulSoup object from the HTML response

```
In [6]: # Use BeautifulSoup() to create a BeautifulSoup object from a r
response text content
soup = BeautifulSoup(html_data, 'html5lib')
```

3. Extract all column/variable names from the HTML table header

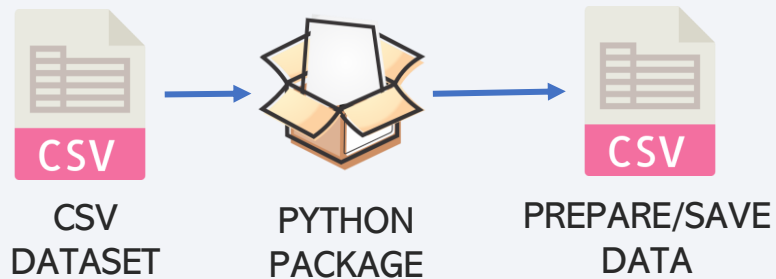
```
In [9]: # Let's print the third table and check its content
first_launch_table = html_tables[2]
print(first_launch_table)

<table class="wikitable plainrowheaders collapsible" style="width: 100%;">
<tbody><tr>
<th scope="col">Flight No.
</th>
<th scope="col">Date and<br/>time (<a href="/wiki/Coordinated_
Universal Time" title="Coordinated Universal Time">UTC</a>)
```

4. Create a data frame by parsing the launch HTML tables

```
In [17]: extracted_row = 0
#Extract each table
for table_number,table in enumerate(soup.find_all('table',"wiki
table plainrowheaders collapsible")):
    # get table row
    for rows in table.find_all("tr"):
        #check to see if first table heading is as number corre
sponding to launch a number
        if rows.th:
            if rows.th.string:
                flight_number=rows.th.string.strip()
```

# Data Wrangling



GitHub URL: <https://github.com/fabioms-br/ibm-datascience/blob/main/O3%20EDA.ipynb>

1. Determine the number of launches on each site:

```
In [5]: # Apply value_counts() on column LaunchSite
df['LaunchSite'].value_counts()
```

```
Out[5]: CCAFS SLC 40    55
        KSC LC 39A    22
        VAFB SLC 4E    13
        Name: LaunchSite, dtype: int64
```

2. Create a list from where the element is zero if the corresponding row in Outcome is in the set bad\_outcome:

```
In [10]: # landing_class = 0 if bad_outcome
# landing_class = 1 otherwise
landing_class = []
for i in df['Outcome'] :
    if i in bad_outcomes :
        landing_class.append(0)
    else :
        landing_class.append(1)
```

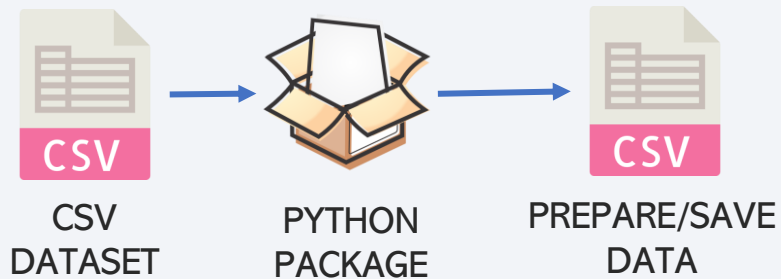
3. We can use the following line of code to determine the success rate:

```
In [13]: df["Class"].mean()

Out[13]: 0.6666666666666666
```

# EDA with Data Visualization

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GitHub URL: <https://github.com/fabioms-br/ibm-datascience/blob/main/05%20EDA%20with%20Data%20Visualization.ipynb>

Scatter chart:

- Flight Number vs. Launch Site
- Payload vs. Launch Site
- Flight Number vs. Orbit Type
- Payload vs. Orbit Type

A scatter plot shows relationship between two variables

Bar chart:

- Orbit Type vs. Success Rate
- Easy to compare datasets with multiple groups where indicate the relationship between the two axes

Line chart:

- Year vs. Success Rate

Shows data variables and trends with the possibility of predict the results.

# EDA with SQL



**GitHub URL:** <https://github.com/fabioms-br/ibm-datascience/blob/main/04%20EDA%20with%20SQL.ipynb>

Answer following questions using executing SQL queries:

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

Map Object	Purpose
Markers	To show all launch sites on a map
Markers	To show the launch outcome for each site on the map
Mouse Position	To calculate the distances between a launch site to its proximities
Lines	To show the distances between a launch site to its proximities

**GitHub URL:**

<https://github.com/fabioms-br/ibm-datascience/blob/main/06%20Interactive%20Visual%20Analytics%20with%20Folium%20lab.ipynb>



# Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

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## **Pie chart**

- To show total success launches by sites indicate the distribution between them
- An individual site can be selected to compare the success rate

## **Scatter chart**

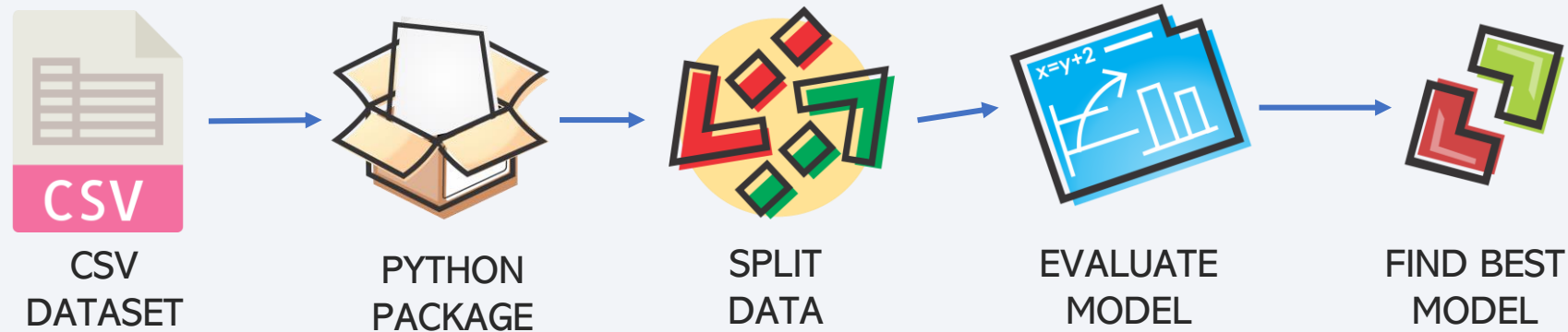
- To Show the relationship between the variables Outcomes and Payload mass (Kg) by different boosters
- Use of sliders to filter Payload mass between 0 and 10000 kg

**GitHub URL:**

<https://github.com/fabioms-br/ibm-datascience/blob/main/07%20Build%20an%20Interactive%20Dashboard%20with%20Plotly%20Dash.py>

# Predictive Analysis (Classification)

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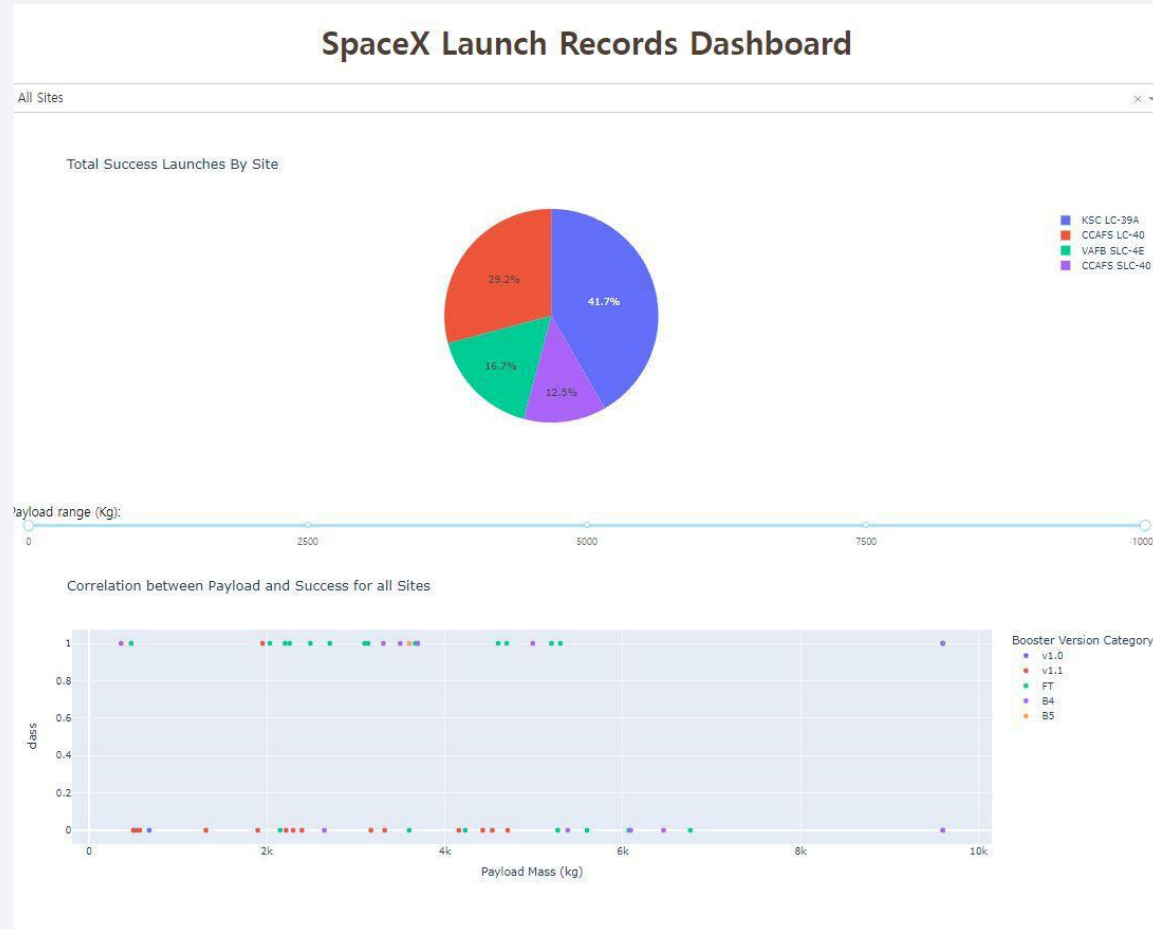


- Get Data using Python packages
- Split Data into training and test
- Evaluate Support Vector Machine Model;
- Evaluate Classification Trees and Logistic Regression
- Find the best model accuracy

**GitHub URL:**

<https://github.com/fabioms-br/ibm-datascience/blob/main/08%20Machine%20Learning%20Prediction.ipynb>

# Results



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



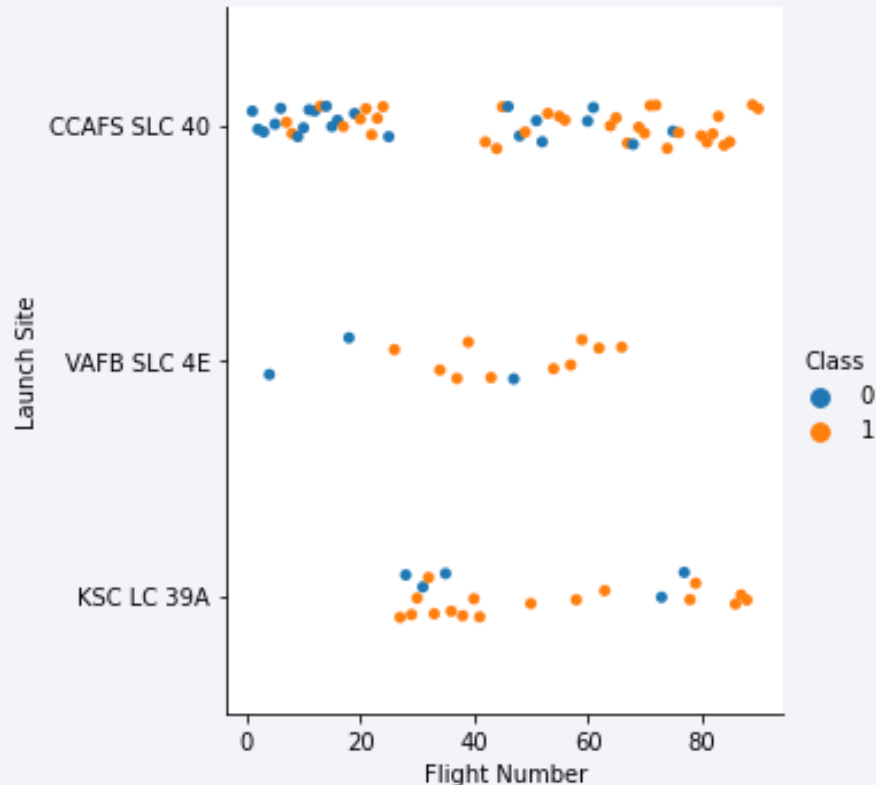
The background of the slide is an abstract composition. It features a dark blue base color. Overlaid on this are numerous diagonal streaks in shades of red and cyan. A faint, light blue grid pattern is also visible, particularly in the lower half of the image. The overall effect is dynamic and technological.

Section 2

# Insights drawn from EDA

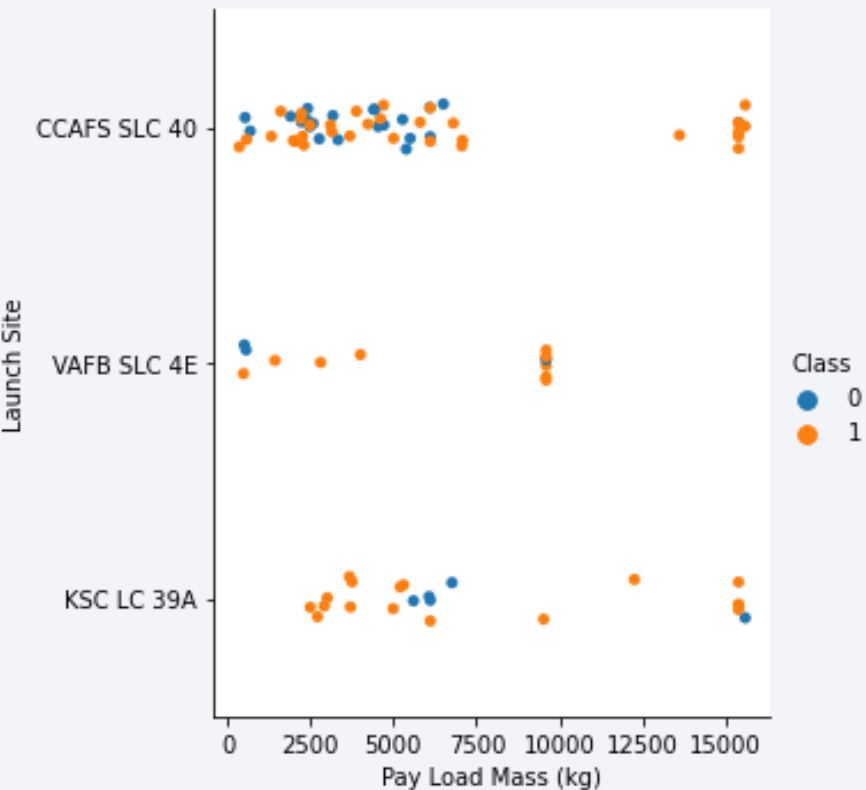


# Flight Number vs. Launch Site



- Class 0 (blue) represents a not successful launch, and Class 1 (orange) represents a successful launch
- Success rate increases as flight number increases at all launching sites

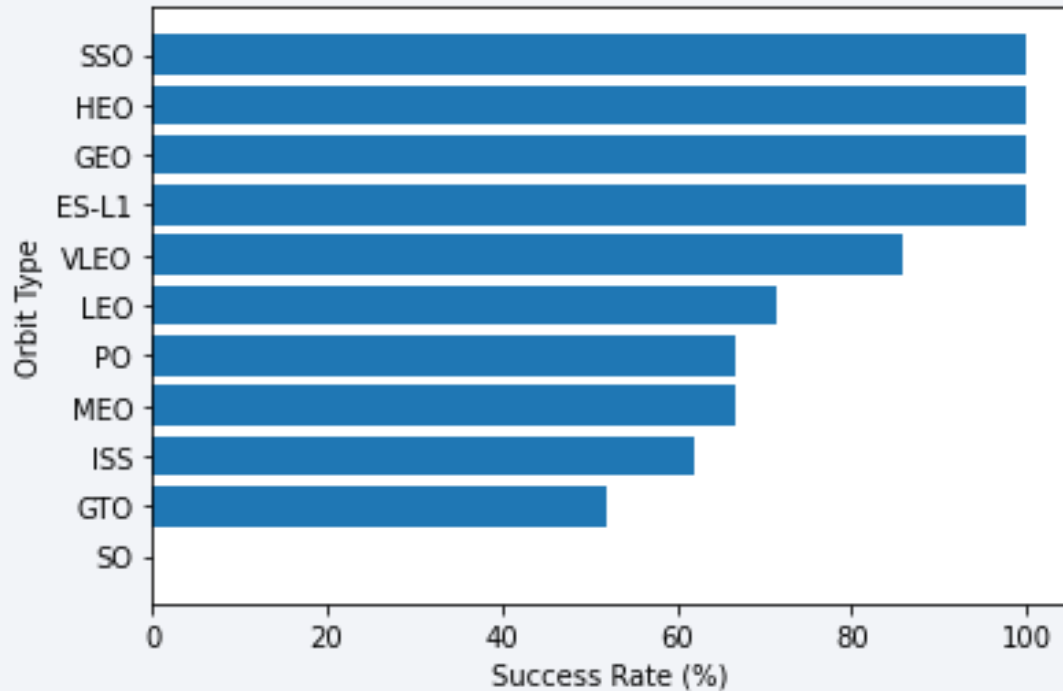




- Class 0 (blue) represents a not successful launch, and Class 1 (orange) represents a successful launch
- The greater the payload mass for Launch Site CCAFS SLC 40 the higher the success rate for the Rocket.

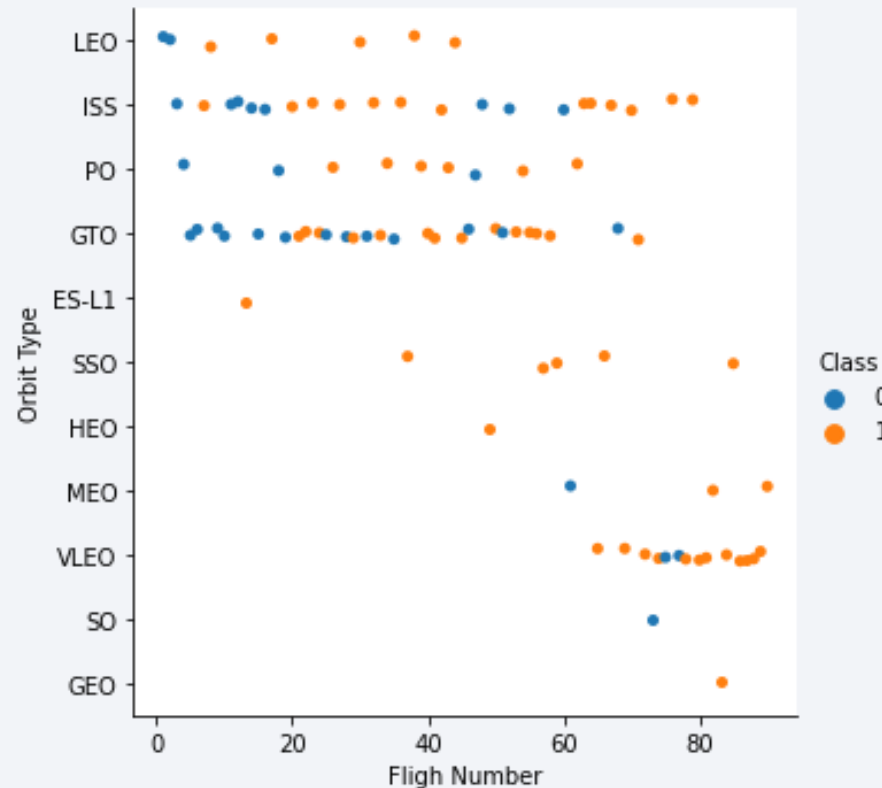
# Success Rate vs. Orbit Type

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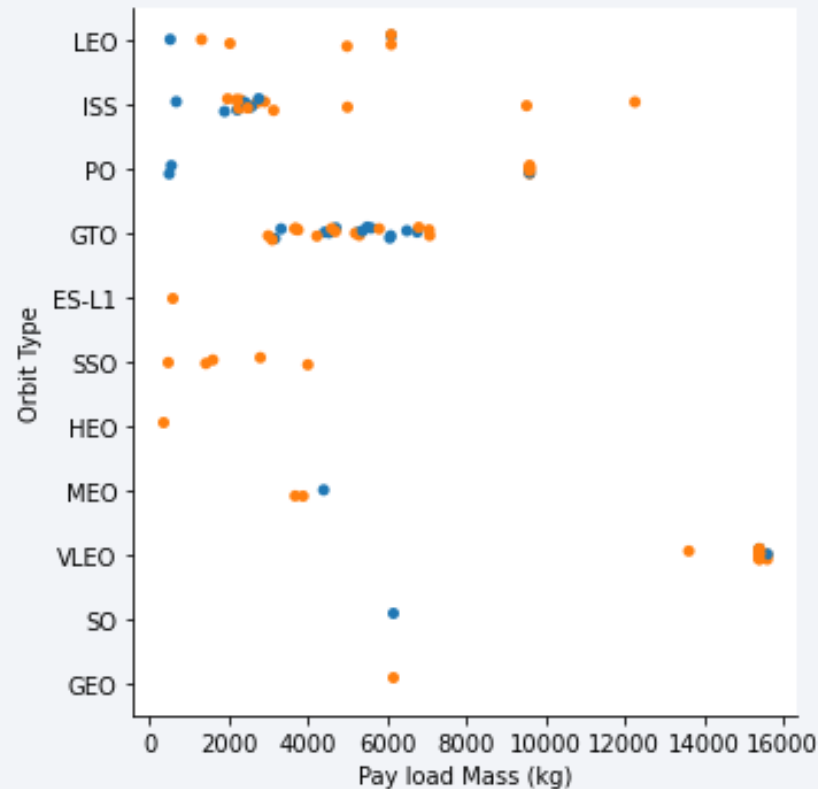
- Chart represents the success rate of each orbit type;
- The highest value the better;
- Orbit types SSO, HEO, GEO, and ES-L1 have 100% success rates.

# Flight Number vs. Orbit Type



- Class 0 (blue) represents a not successful launch, and Class 1 (orange) represents a successful launch
- 5 launches from SSO flight were successful
- GTO success rate appears no relationship between flight numbers

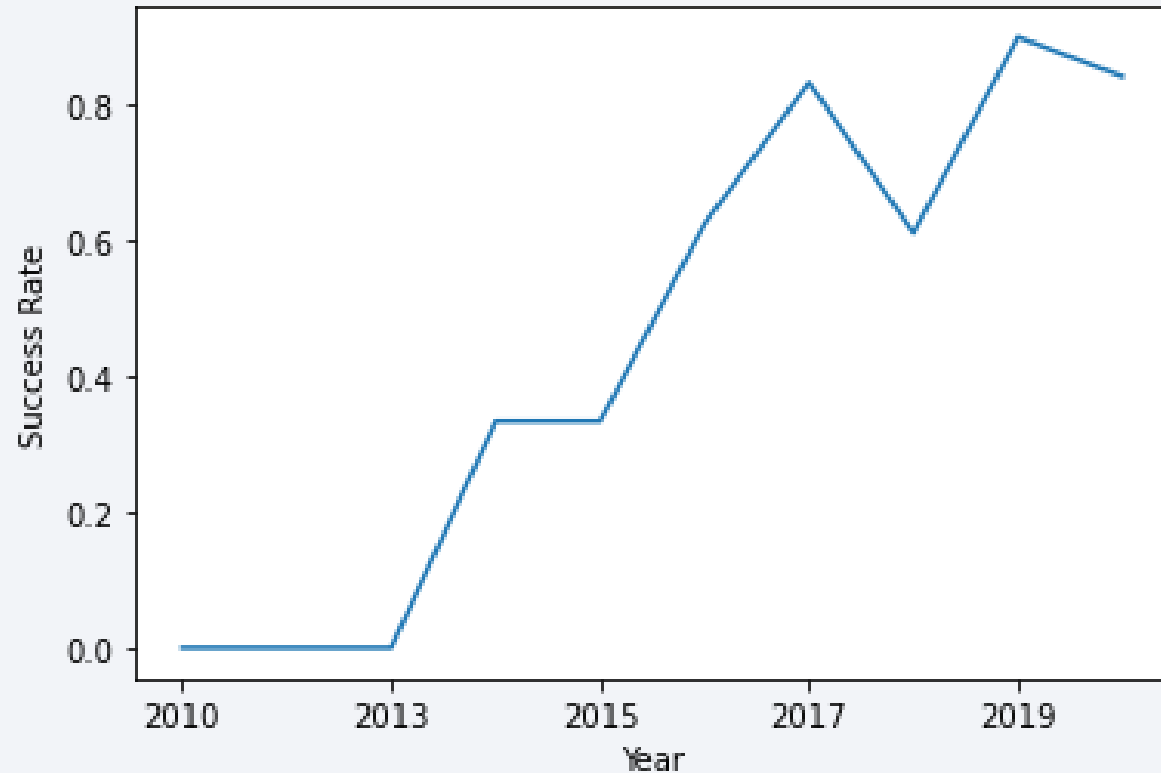
# Payload vs. Orbit Type



- Class 0 (blue) represents a not successful launch, and Class 1 (orange) represents a successful launch
- SSO 5 launches were successful with low payload launches
- It's difficult to understand the GTO success rate between those variables

# Launch Success Yearly Trend

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- Chart represents yearly average success rate;
- The highest value the better and has been increasing over the years
- There were a rate decreased in 2018



# All Launch Site Names

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```
In [15]: %%sql
SELECT DISTINCT LAUNCH_SITE
FROM SPACEXTBL

* ibm_db_sa://dwk86731:***@9938aec0-8c
86.c1ogj3sd0tgtu0lqde00.databases.appd
Done.
```

```
Out[15]:
```

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

## SQL Query Explanation:

Select data from  
SPACEXTBL table  
showing only Unique  
values (DISTINCT) from  
column 'launch\_site'

# Launch Site Names Begin with 'CCA'

```
In [6]: %%sql
SELECT * FROM SPACEXTBL
WHERE LAUNCH_SITE LIKE 'CCA%'
LIMIT 5

* ibm_db_sa://dwk86731:***@9938aec0-8105-433e-8bf9-0fbb7e483086.c1ogj3sd0tgtu01
Done.
```

```
Out[6]:
```

DATE	time__utc_	booster_version	launch_site	payload	payload_mass__kg_	
2010-06-04	18:45:00	F9 v1.0 B0003	CCAFS LC-40	Dragon Spacecraft Qualification Unit	0	L
2010-12-08	15:43:00	F9 v1.0 B0004	CCAFS LC-40	Dragon demo flight C1, two CubeSats, barrel of Brouere cheese	0	L (l
2012-05-22	07:44:00	F9 v1.0 B0005	CCAFS LC-40	Dragon demo flight C2	525	L (l
2012-10-08	00:35:00	F9 v1.0 B0006	CCAFS LC-40	SpaceX CRS-1	500	L (l
2013-03-01	15:10:00	F9 v1.0 B0007	CCAFS LC-40	SpaceX CRS-2	677	L (l

## SQL Query Explanation:

Select data from SPACEXTBL table showing only 5 records where launch sites begin (LIKE) with 'CCA' from column 'launch\_site'

# Total Payload Mass

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```
In [16]: %%sql
SELECT SUM(payload_mass_kg_) AS TOTAL_PAYLOAD_MASS_KG
FROM SPACEXTBL
WHERE customer = 'NASA (CRS)'

* ibm_db_sa://dwk86731:***@9938aec0-8105-433e-8bf9-0fbb
j3sd0tgtu0lqde00.databases.appdomain.cloud:32459/BLUDB
Done.
```

```
Out[16]:
```

total_payload_mass_kg
45596

## SQL Query Explanation:

Select data from  
SPACEXTBL table  
calculating total  
payload carried (SUM)  
showing only records  
where customer is  
equal 'NASA (CRS)'  
from column  
'customer'

# Average Payload Mass by F9 v1.1

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```
In [17]: %%sql
SELECT AVG(PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_) AS AVG_PAYLOAD_MASS_KG
FROM SPACEXTBL
WHERE BOOSTER_VERSION = 'F9 v1.1'

* ibm_db_sa://dwk86731:***@9938aec0-8105-433e-8bf9-0-
j3sd0tg0lqde00.databases.appdomain.cloud:32459/BLUD
Done.
```

```
Out[17]:
```

avg_payload_mass_kg
2928

## SQL Query Explanation:

Select data from  
SPACEXTBL table  
calculating average payload  
carried (AVG)  
showing only records  
where Booster Version is  
equal 'F9 v1.1' from  
column  
'BOOSTER\_VERSION'

# First Successful Ground Landing Date

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```
In [18]: %%sql
SELECT MIN(DATE) AS FIRST_SUCCESS_LANDING
FROM SPACEXTBL
WHERE LANDING__OUTCOME = 'Success (ground pad)'

* ibm_db_sa://dwk86731:***@9938aec0-8105-433e-8bfc9
j3sd0tgtu0lqde00.databases.appdomain.cloud:32459/BI
Done.
```

```
Out[18]:
```

first_success_landing
2015-12-22

## SQL Query Explanation:

Select data from  
SPACEXTBL table  
showing the first record  
(MIN) where landing  
outcome is equal to  
'Success (ground pad)' from  
column  
'LANDING\_\_OUTCOME'



# Successful Drone Ship Landing with Payload between 4000 and 6000

```
In [10]: %%sql
SELECT BOOSTER_VERSION
FROM SPACEXTBL
WHERE landing_outcome = 'Success (drone ship)'
      AND payload_mass__kg_ BETWEEN 4000 AND 6000

* ibm_db_sa://dwk86731:***@9938aec0-8105-433e-8bf9
j3sd0tgtu0lqde00.databases.appdomain.cloud:32459/BL
Done.
```

```
Out[10]:
```

booster_version
F9 FT B1022
F9 FT B1026
F9 FT B1021.2
F9 FT B1031.2

## SQL Query Explanation:

Select data from  
SPACEXTBL table  
showing the only records  
where landing outcome is  
equal to 'Success (ground  
pad)' from column  
'LANDING\_\_OUTCOME'  
and payload mass has the  
value between 4000 and  
6000 from column  
'PAYLOAD\_MASS\_\_KG\_'

# Total Number of Successful and Failure Mission Outcomes

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```
In [11]: %%sql
SELECT MISSION_OUTCOME, COUNT(*) AS total_number
FROM SPACEXTBL
GROUP BY MISSION_OUTCOME

* ibm_db_sa://dwk86731:***@9938aec0-8105-433e-8bf9-0
j3sd0tgtu0lqde00.databases.appdomain.cloud:32459/BLUD
Done.
```

```
Out[11]:
```

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

## SQL Query Explanation:

Select data from  
SPACEXTBL table  
showing calculating the  
total number of successful  
and failure mission  
outcomes grouping values  
from column  
'MISSION\_OUTCOME'

# Boosters Carried Maximum Payload

```
In [12]: %%sql
SELECT UNIQUE(BOOSTER_VERSION)
FROM SPACEXTBL
WHERE PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_ = (SELECT MAX(PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_) FROM SPACEXTBL)

* ibm_db_sa://dwk86731:***@9938aec0-8105-433e-8bf9-0fbb7e483086.c1og
j3sd0tgtu0lqde00.databases.appdomain.cloud:32459/BLUDB
Done.
```

```
Out[12]:
```

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

## SQL Query Explanation:

Select data from  
SPACEXTBL table  
showing only records  
where payload mass has  
the maximum payload mass  
(MAX into SUBQUERY) from  
column  
'PAYLOAD\_MASS\_\_KG\_'

# 2015 Launch Records

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```
In [13]: %%sql
SELECT LANDING__OUTCOME, BOOSTER_VERSION, LAUNCH_SITE
FROM SPACEXTBL
WHERE LANDING__OUTCOME = 'Failure (drone ship)'
      AND YEAR(DATE) = '2015'

* ibm_db_sa://dwk86731:***@9938aec0-8105-433e-8bf9-0fbt
j3sd0tgtu0lqde00.databases.appdomain.cloud:32459/BLUDB
Done.
```

```
Out[13]:
```

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

## SQL Query Explanation:

Select data from  
SPACEXTBL table  
showing only records  
where landing outcome is  
equal to 'Failure (drone  
ship)' from column  
'LANDING\_\_OUTCOME' and  
year is equal '2015' from  
column 'DATE' converted to  
get only year value (YEAR)

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

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```
In [14]: %%sql
SELECT COUNT(LANDING__OUTCOME) AS VALUE_COUNT, LANDING__OUTCOME
FROM SPACEXTBL
WHERE DATE BETWEEN '2010-06-04' AND '2017-03-20'
GROUP BY LANDING__OUTCOME
ORDER BY VALUE_COUNT DESC
```

```
* ibm_db_sa://dwk86731:***@9938aec0-8105-433e-8bf9-0fbb7e483086
j3sd0tgtu0lqde00.databases.appdomain.cloud:32459/BLUDB
Done.
```

Out[14]:

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

## SQL Query Explanation:

Select data from  
SPACEXTBL table  
ranking the number (COUNT)  
of landing outcomes  
showing only records  
where dates are between  
'2010-06-04' and  
'2017-03-20' grouping by  
values from column  
'LANDING\_\_OUTCOME' and  
descending ordering by  
values from column  
'VALUE\_COUNT'

A satellite view of Earth from space, showing the curvature of the planet and the glowing city lights of the Eastern United States and parts of Canada at night. The background is a deep blue gradient.

Section 3

# Launch Sites Proximities Analysis



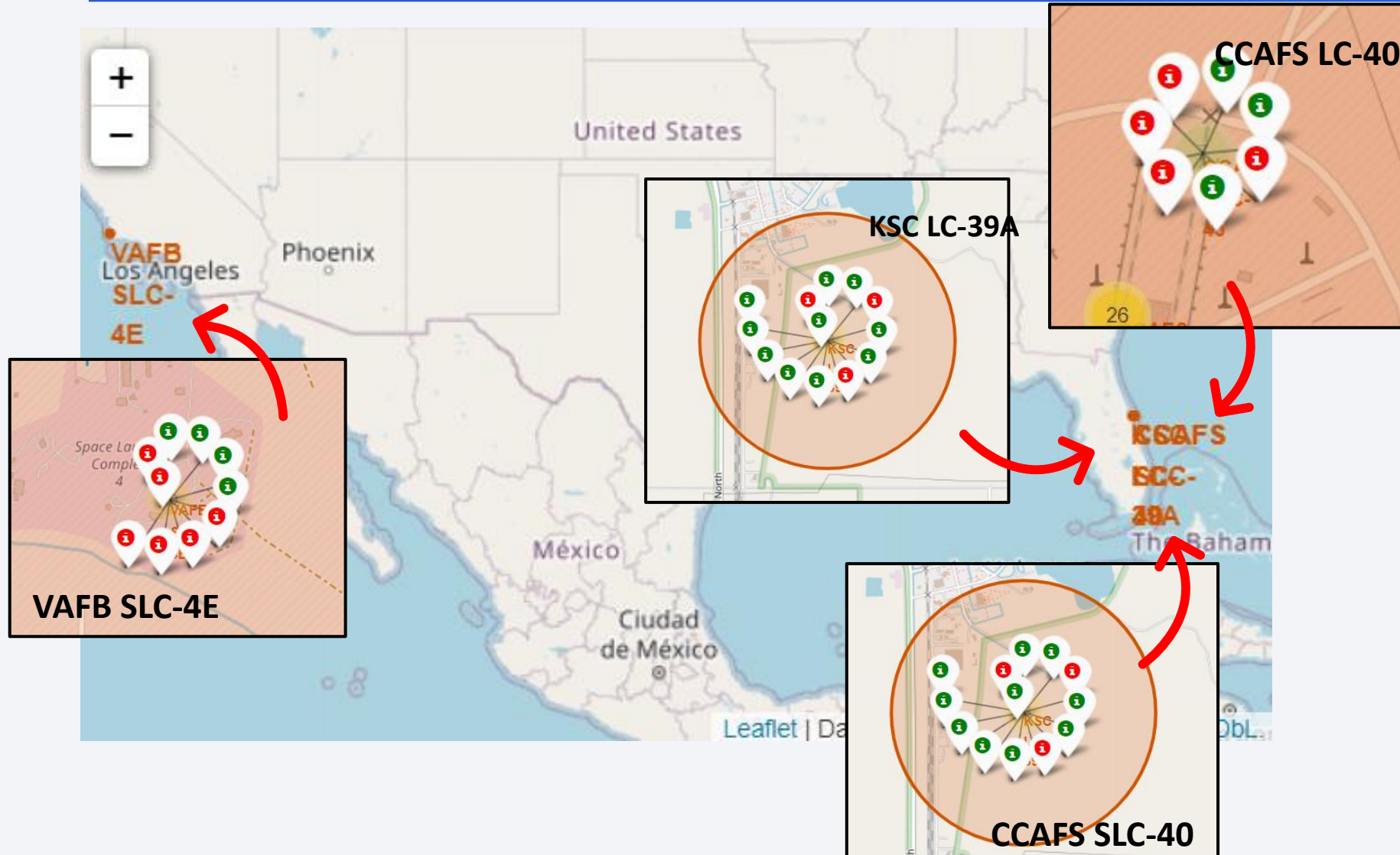
# All launch sites on a map



- There are 3 launching sites in Florida
- There is just 1 launching site in California



# Success/Failed launches for each site on the map



There are more numbers of launches in site CCAF SLC-40

The highest success rate is in KSC LC-39A

# Proximities of Launch Sites



- There is railways and highways close to launch site;
- The cities are far from the launch site;
- The coastline are close to launch site.





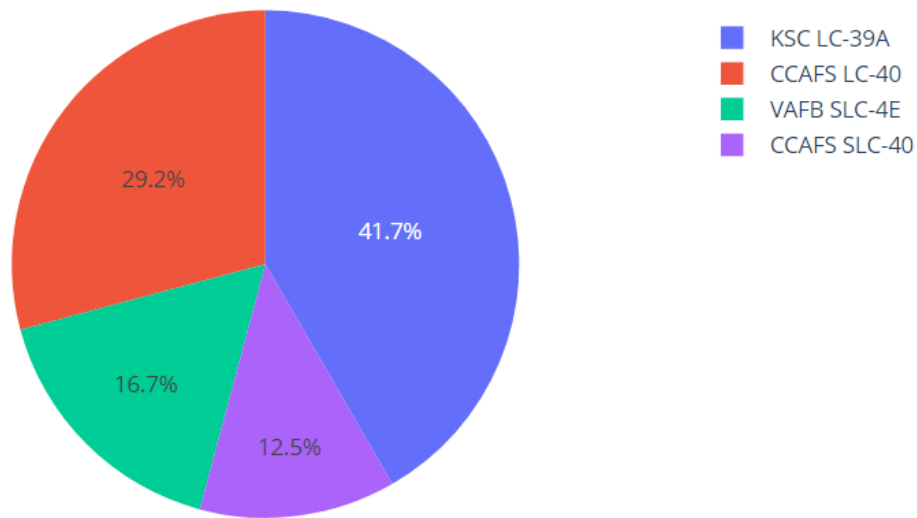
Section 4

# Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

# Total Success Launches by Sites

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Total Success Launches By Site



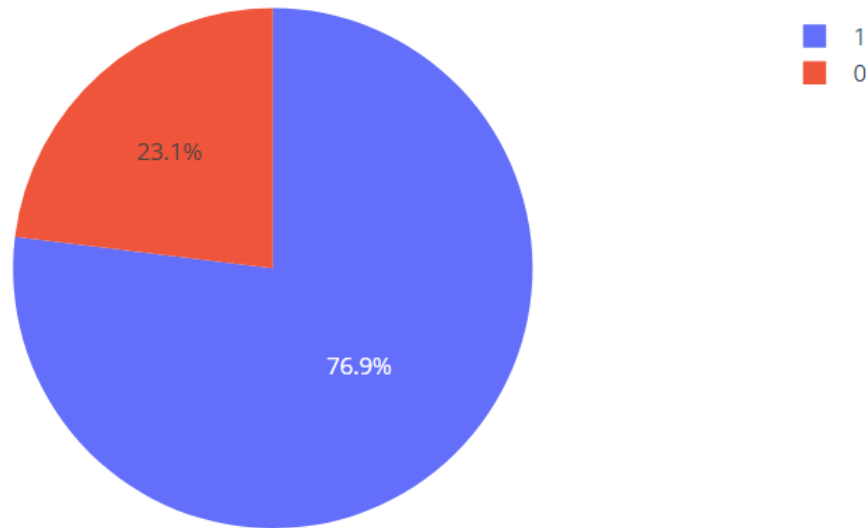
There are more records of success launch in KSLC-39 site.

Site launch with fewer success rate is VAFB SLSC-4E

# Success Launches at Site: KSC LC-39A

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Total Success Launched for site KSC LC-39A



The records of success launch in this site are 76.9% compared by 23.1% of failure rate

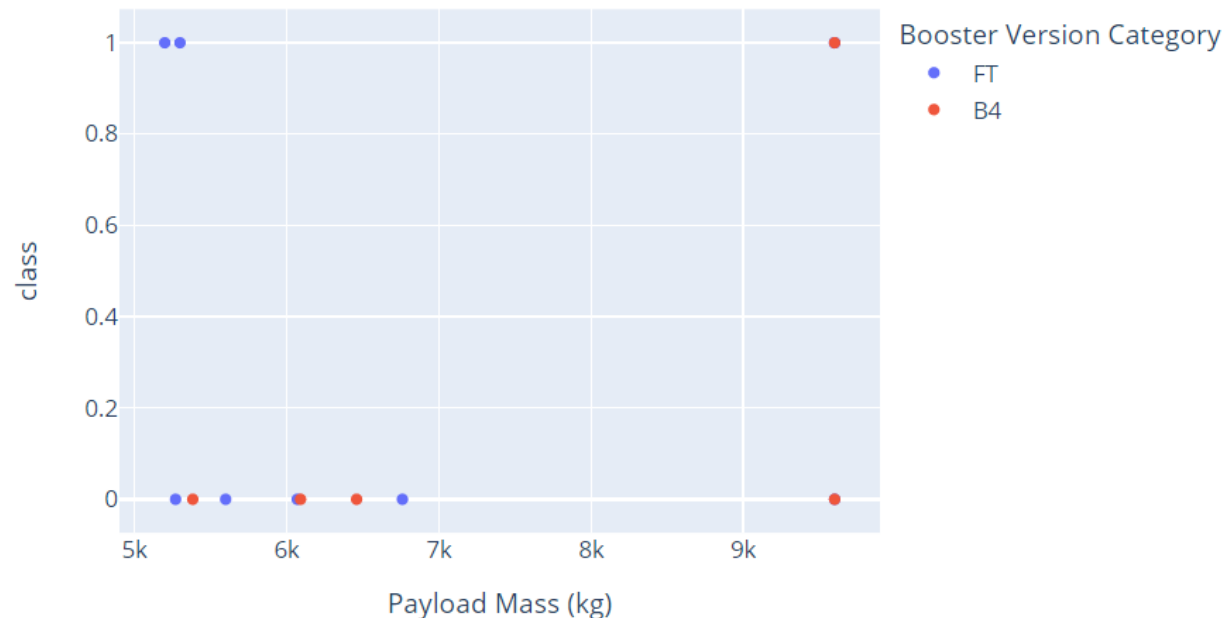


# Correlation between Payload and Success for all Sites

Payload range (Kg):



Correlation between Payload and Success for all Sites



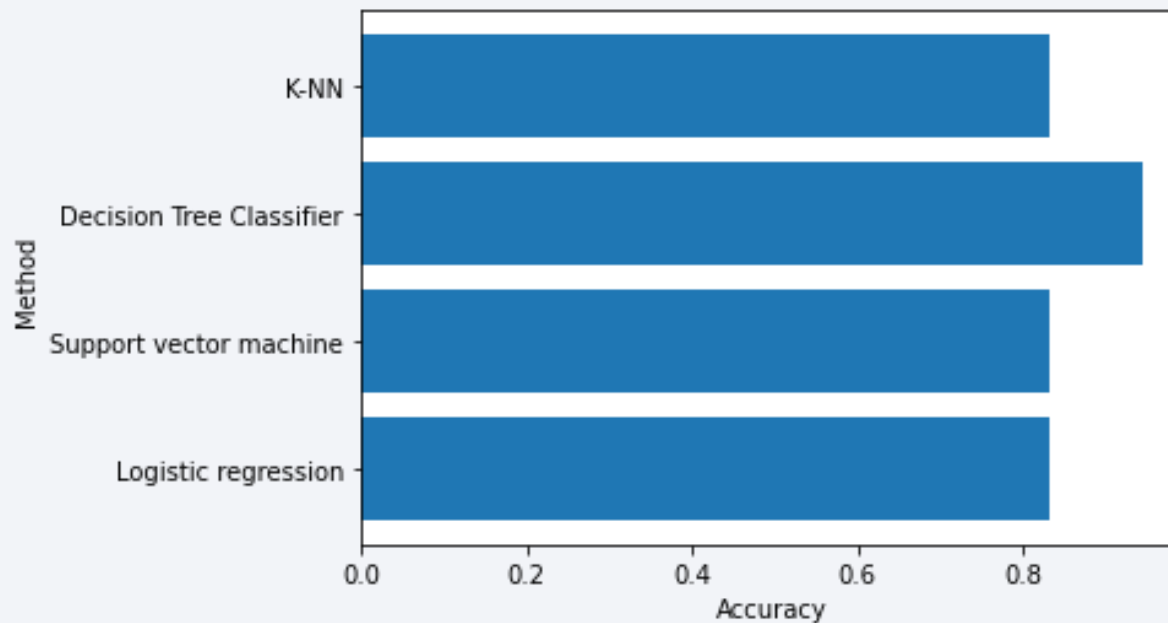
Within a Payload range of 5000 to 10000 kg, Booster Version B4 has the largest failure rate.

Section 5

# Predictive Analysis (Classification)

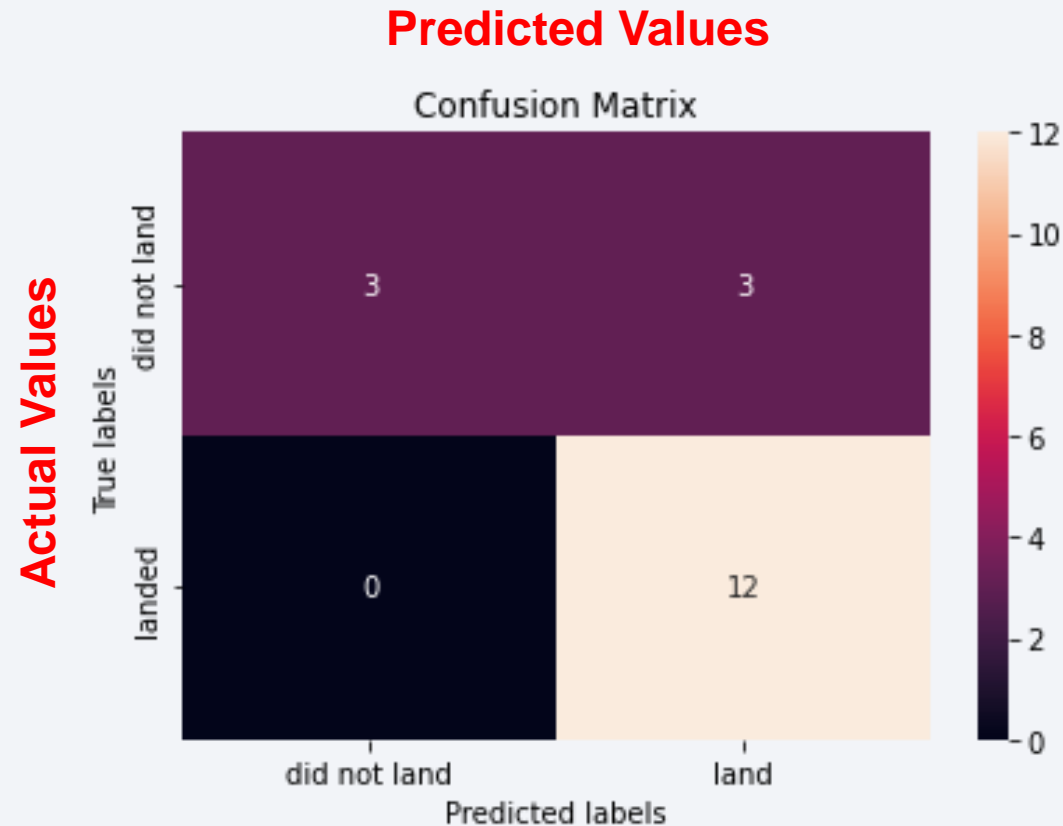
# Classification Accuracy

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Accuracy of 94,44% from Decision Tree Classifier is higher than the other models around value of 83.33%.

# Confusion Matrix



- Success landing prediction well on all kind of models.
- False positive were found because 3 predictions that said successful landings when the actual value was failure

# Conclusions

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- Success rate increased when the number of flights increased.;
- Launch site is close to railways, highways, and coastline, but far from cities;
- Success landing rare perform better with low weighted payloads than the heavier payloads
- Prediction of successful launch with Machine learning models has above of 83% accuracy.
- The highest model accuracy is Decision Tree model

# Appendix

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- List of Falcon 9 and Falcon Heavy launches

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Thank you!

