

# Rocket Launch Success Rate Forecast



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# Executive Summary

- Forecast of the cost of successful rocket launches for Space Y owned by Allan Musk
- Gathering data about Space X and creating dashboards as Exploratory data Analysis
- Exploratory Data Analysis to infer patterns, insights and relevant parameters
- Using Various Numerical Algorithms to predict successful rocket launch and first stage landing
- Potential for the development of tools to assess risk and feasibility of space development projects

# Introduction

- Explain the nature of the analysis
- States the problem
- States the questions that are to be answered by performing the analysis

# Introduction

- Companies are making space development affordable
- The minimum cost to beat is 62m dollars offered by SpaceX
- Much of the savings comes from weather the first stage can be re-used
  - Predicting weather the first stage will land successfully allows for forecasting cost of the rocket launches

# Introduction

- Are launch sites in close proximity to railways, highways, coastlines or cities?
- Which site has the largest successful launches?
- Which site has the highest launch success rate?
- Which payload range(s) has the highest launch success rate?
- Which payload range(s) has the lowest launch success rate?
- Which F9 Booster version (v1.0, v1.1, FT, B4, B5, etc.) has the highest successful launch rate?

# Methodology

- Data Sources
- Data Filetring
- Data Wrangling
- Exploratory Data Analysis
- Interactive Visual Analytics

# Methodology: Data Sources

- Data obtained using a get request to the SpaceX API.

	FlightNumber	PayloadMass	Flights	Block	ReusedCount	Longitude	Latitude
count	94.000000	88.000000	94.000000	90.000000	94.000000	94.000000	94.000000
mean	54.202128	5919.165341	1.755319	3.500000	2.478723	-75.553302	28.581782
std	30.589048	4909.689575	1.197544	1.595288	3.082133	53.391880	4.639981
min	1.000000	20.000000	1.000000	1.000000	0.000000	-120.610829	9.047721
25%	28.250000	2406.250000	1.000000	2.000000	0.000000	-80.603956	28.561857
50%	52.500000	4414.000000	1.000000	4.000000	1.000000	-80.577366	28.561857
75%	81.500000	9543.750000	2.000000	5.000000	4.000000	-80.577366	28.608058
max	106.000000	15600.000000	6.000000	5.000000	9.000000	167.743129	34.632093

	Date	BoosterVersion	Orbit	LaunchSite	Outcome	LandingPad	Serial
count	94	94	94	94	94	64	94
unique	94	2	11	4	8	5	57
top	2018-07-25	Falcon 9	GTO	CCSFS SLC 40	True ASDS	5e9e3032383ecb6bb234e7ca	B1049
freq	1	90	27	55	41	35	6

# Methodology: Data Filetring

- After that the data was cleaned to only include Falcon9 launches and reset the Flight Number column.
- Next I checked how many rows have missing values.
  - PayloadMass have 5 missing values that we replaced with the average payload.
- Checking how many columns are categorical



# Methodology: Data Filetring

Checking the number of launches for each site

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

```
CCAFS SLC 40    55
```

```
KSC LC 39A      22
```

```
VAFB SLC 4E     13
```

```
Name: LaunchSite, dtype: int64
```

```
df['LaunchSite'].value_counts(normalize=True)
```

```
CCAFS SLC 40    0.611111
```

```
KSC LC 39A      0.244444
```

```
VAFB SLC 4E     0.144444
```

```
Name: LaunchSite, dtype: float64
```

# Methodology: Data Filetring

- Checking the number and occurrence of each orbit

```
# Apply value_counts on Orbit column  
df['Orbit'].value_counts()
```

GTO	27
ISS	21
VLEO	14
PO	9
LEO	7
SSO	5
MEO	3
SO	1
GEO	1
ES-L1	1
HEO	1

Name: Orbit, dtype: int64

```
df['Orbit'].value_counts(normalize=True)
```

GTO	0.300000
ISS	0.233333
VLEO	0.155556
PO	0.100000
LEO	0.077778
SSO	0.055556
MEO	0.033333
SO	0.011111
GEO	0.011111
ES-L1	0.011111
HEO	0.011111

Name: Orbit, dtype: float64

# Methodology: Data Filetring

- I also checked the number of seccessful landings

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

True ASDS	41
None None	19
True RTLS	14
False ASDS	6
True Ocean	5
None ASDS	2
False Ocean	2
False RTLS	1

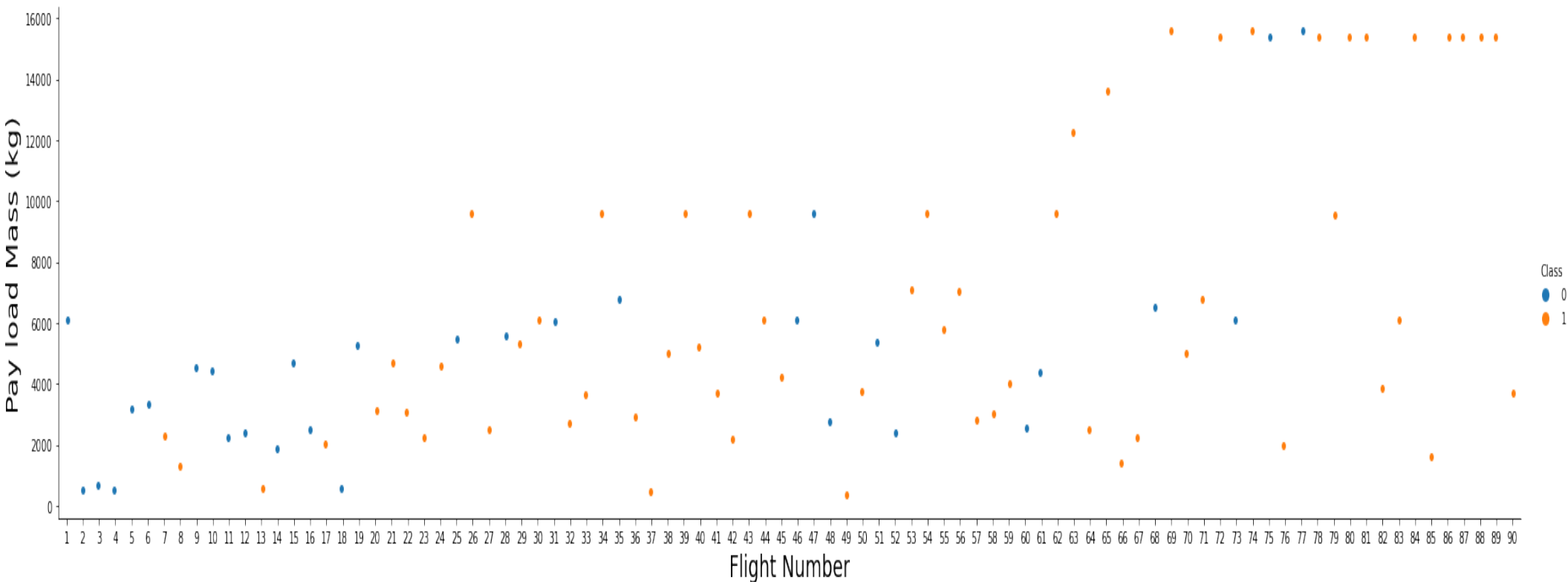
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# Methodology: Data Wrangling

- I created an additional cloumn: “landing\_class”
  - In this column, all successful landings have 1 as value
  - In this column, all unsuccessful landings have 0 as value

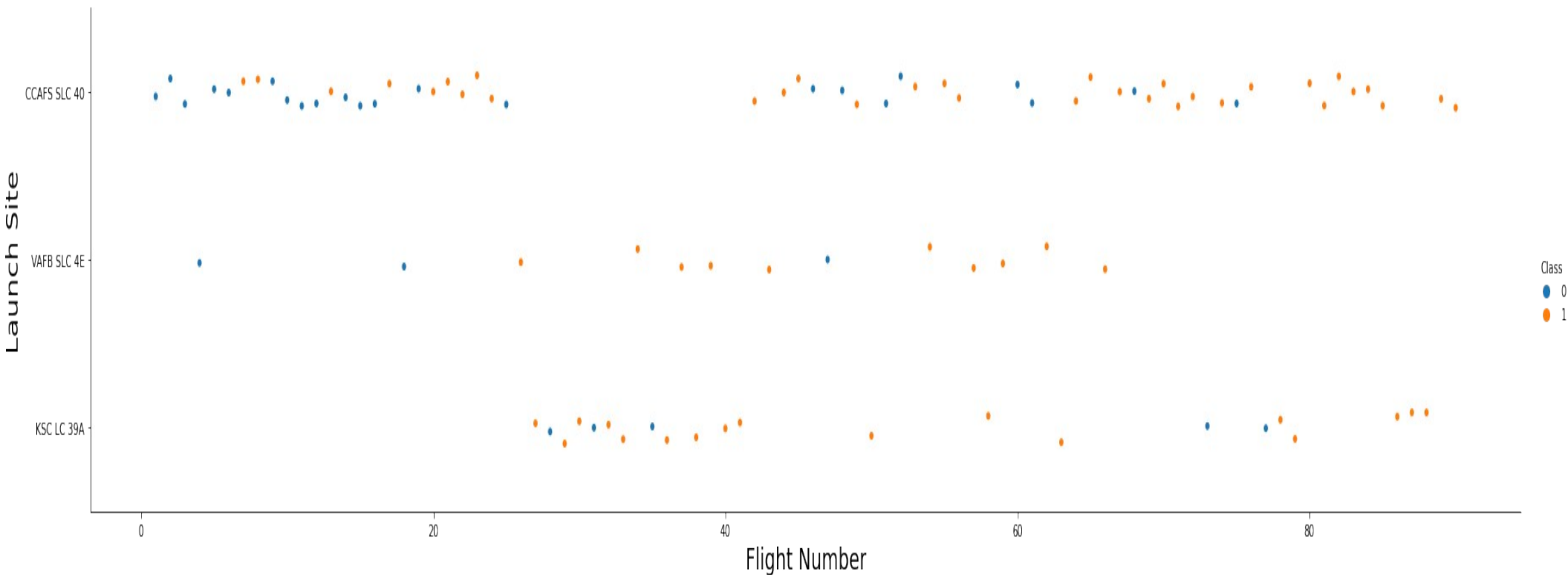
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- Checking influence of FlightNumber and Payload variables.



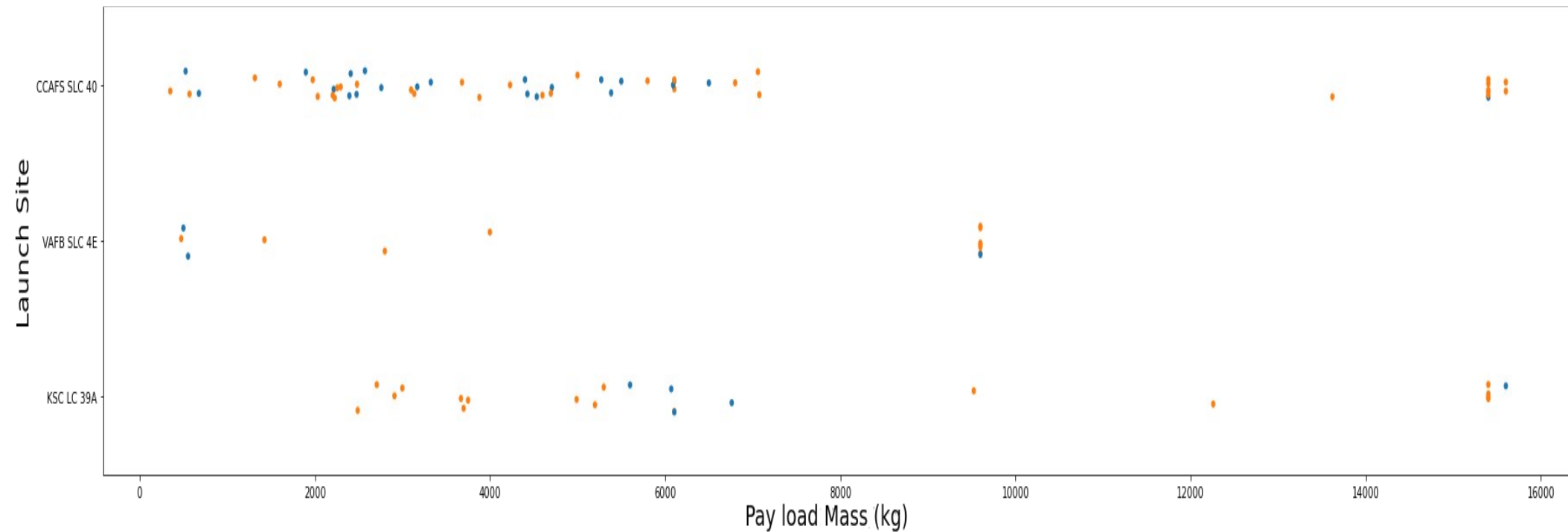
# Methodology: Exploratory Data Analysis

- Checking influence of PayloadMass and LaunchSite variables.



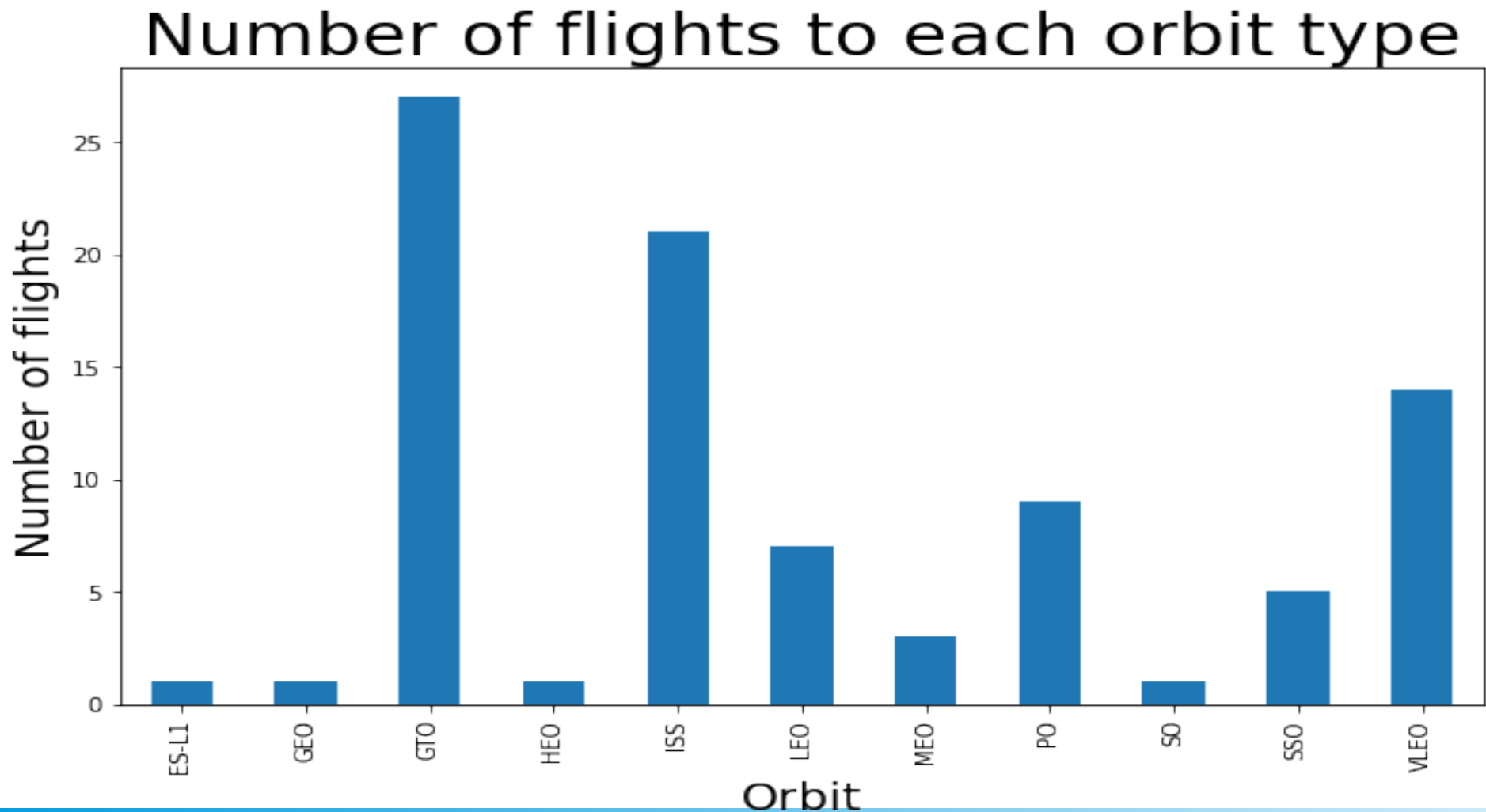
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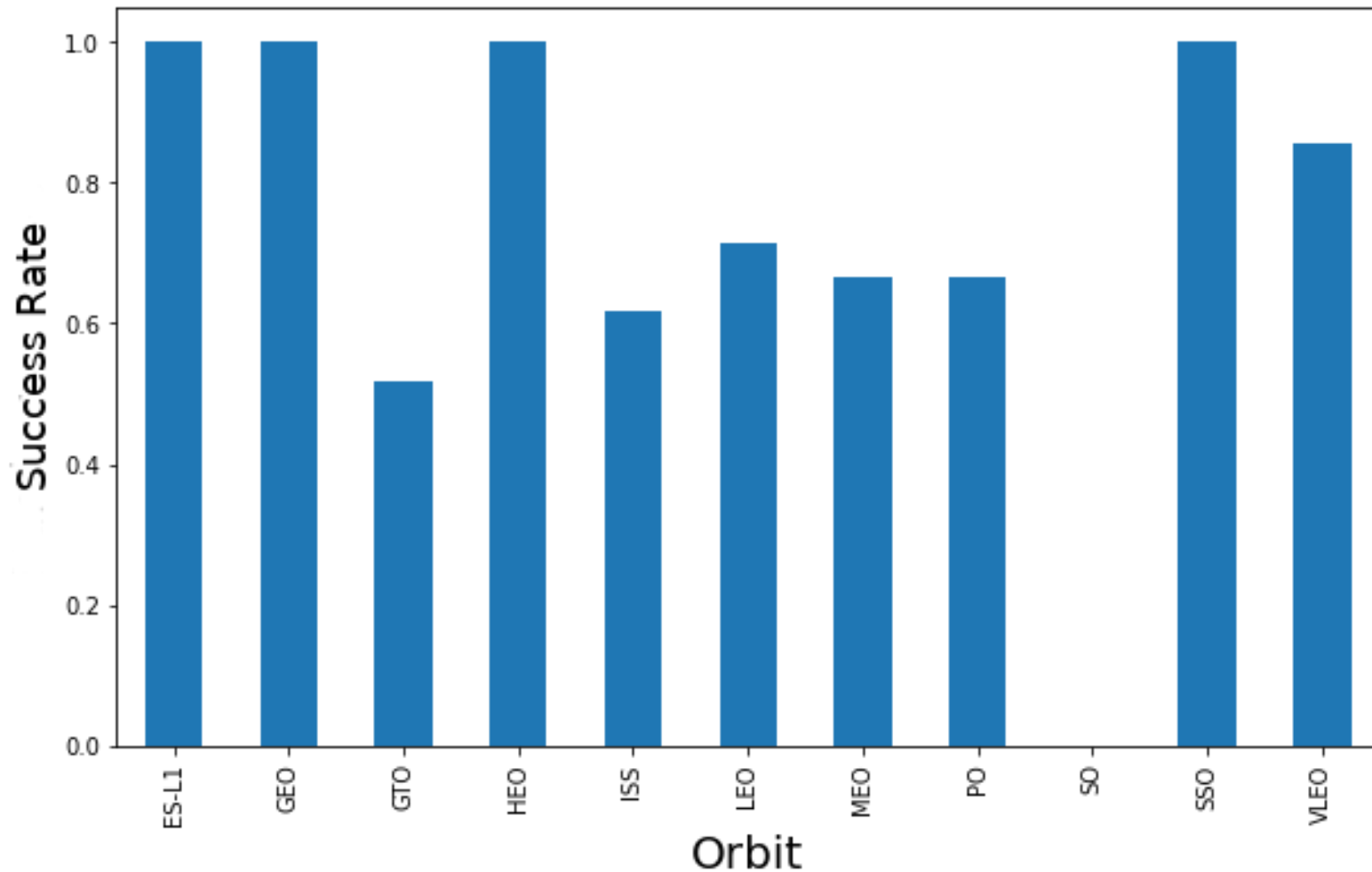
- Checking influence of Orbit and Successful Launches.





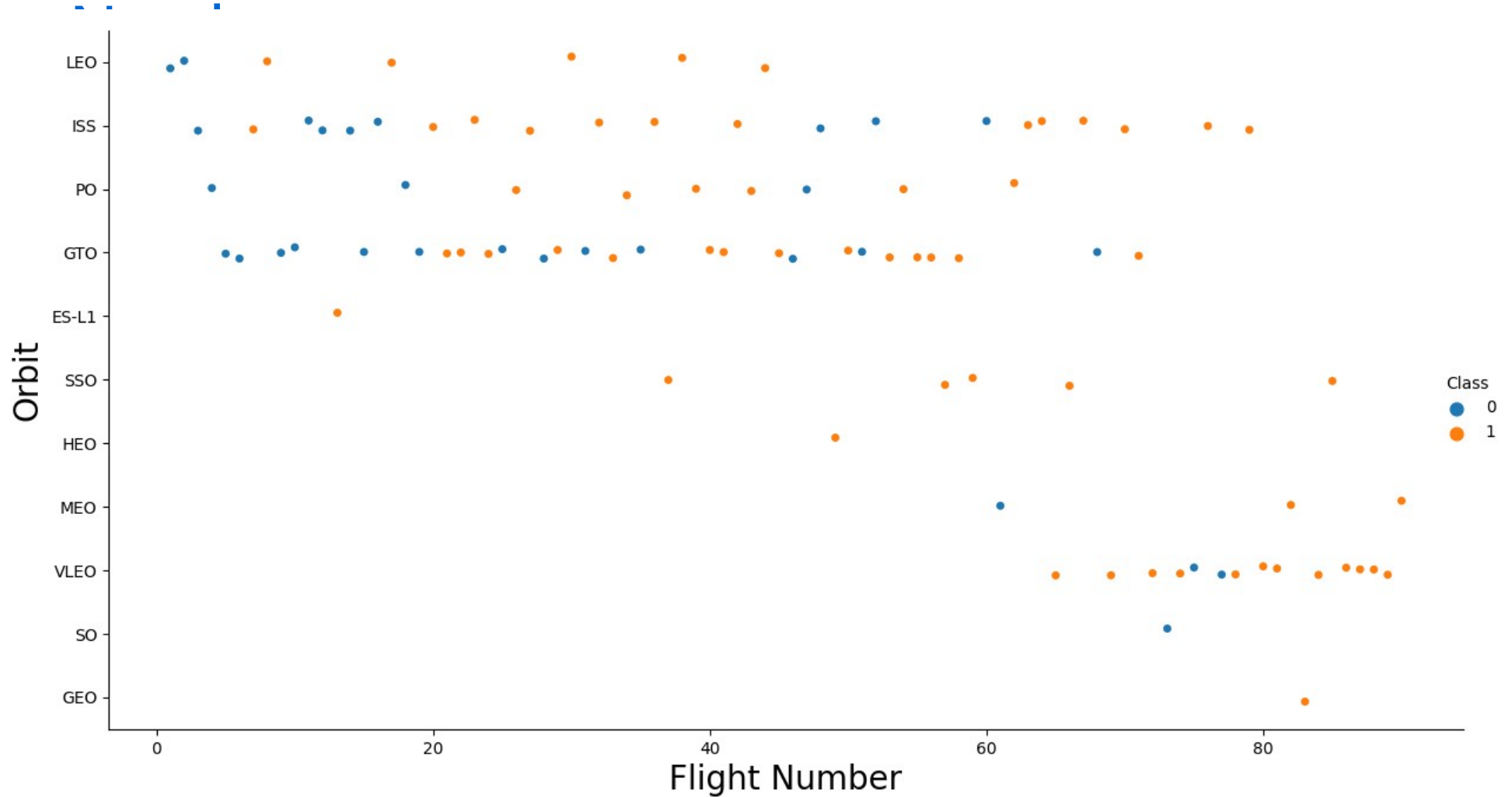
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- Checking influence of Orbit and Success Rate.



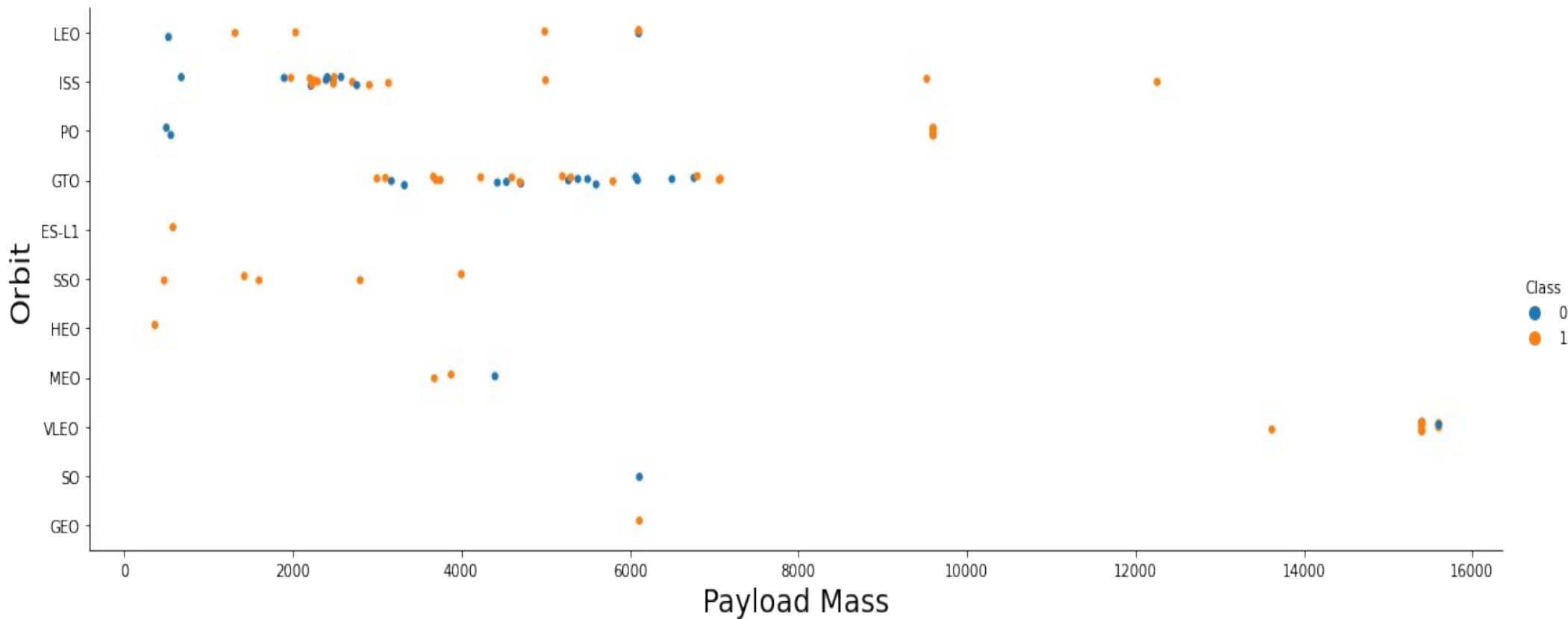
# Methodology: Exploratory Data Analysis

- Checking relationship between Orbit and Flight



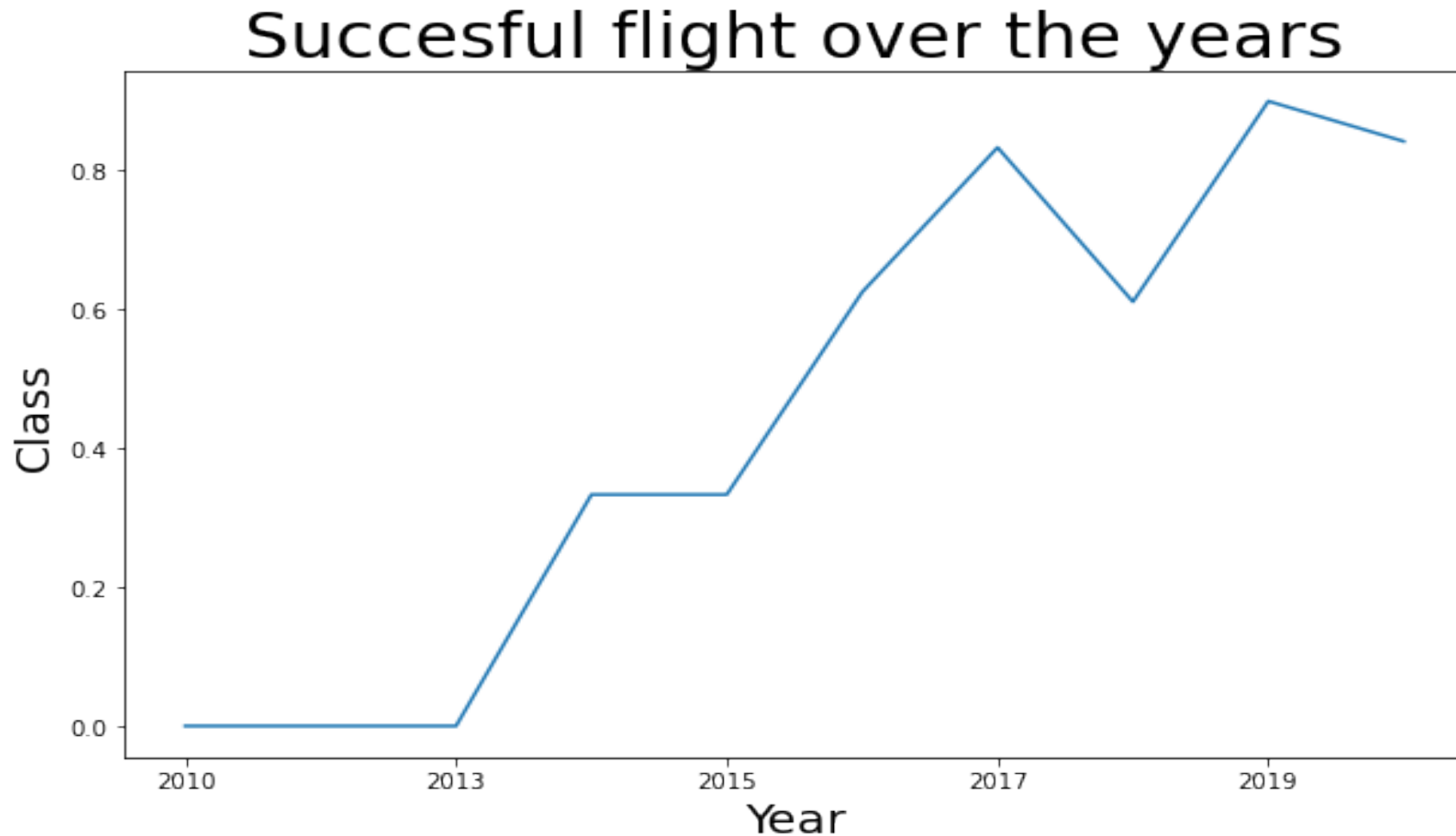
# Methodology: Exploratory Data Analysis

- Checking relationship between Orbit and PayloadMass.



# Methodology: Exploratory Data Analysis

- Success Rate over the years.



# Methodology: Exploratory Data Analysis

- We see that as the flight number increases the first stage is more likely to land successfully.
- The payload mass is also important. It seems that the more massive the payload, the less likely the payload will return.
- We see that different launch sites have different success rates:
  - CCAFS LC-40 has a success rate of 60%
  - KSC LC-39 has a success rate of 77%
  - VAFB SLC 4E has a success rate of 77%

# Methodology: Exploratory Data Analysis

- In site CCA appears to be more launches, probably because is more efficient if you want to achieve a certain orbit.
- The other 2 sites appear to be back up launching pads of launching pads for testing since the number of flights are more spread out, save for the case of site KSCLC, 4 because many consecutive flights happened here between flight numbers 30 and 40 while none happened at site CCA, thus this may be a back up site

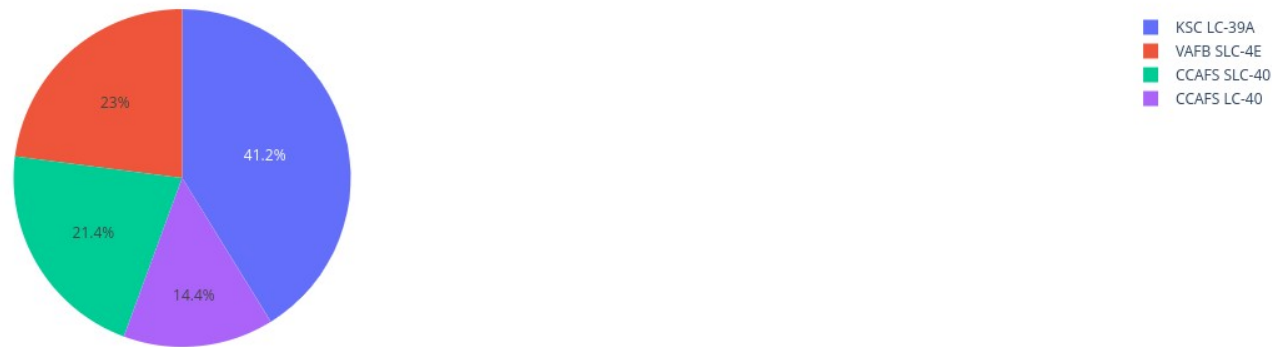
# Methodology: Exploratory Data Analysis

- The following orbits have 100% success rates, but they only have very few flights ES-L1, GEO, HEO, SSO
- VLEO is the only orbit with success rate of more than 80% with more than 10 flights

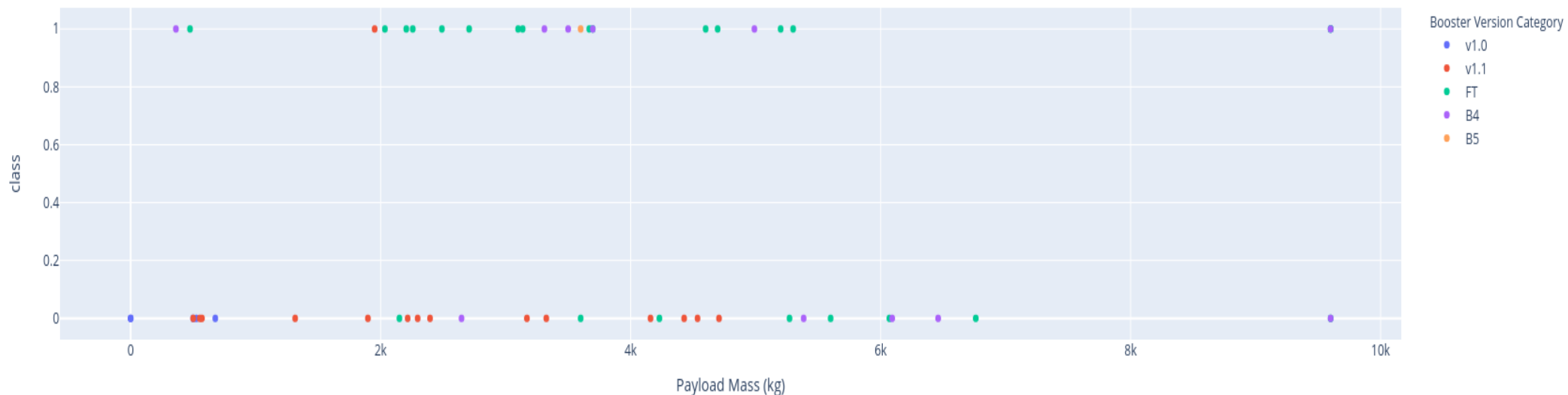
# Methodology: Interactive Analytics

- Success rate for all sites

Total Success Launches By Site



Correlation between Payload and Success for all sites

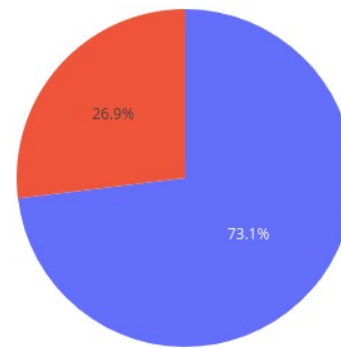




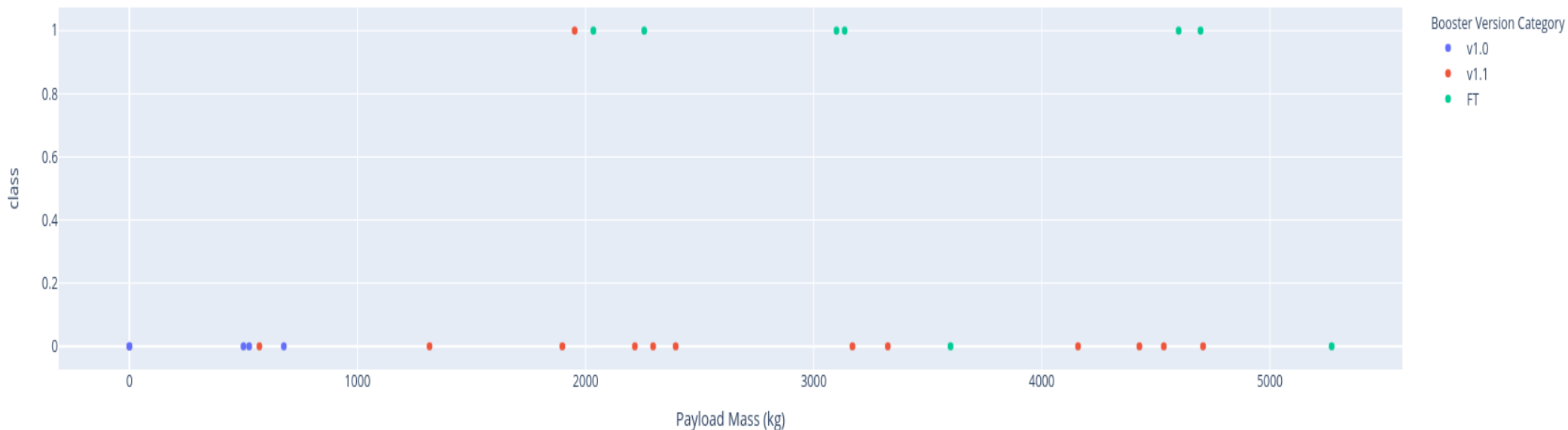
# Methodology: Interactive Analytics

- Success rate for site CCAFS LC-40

Total Success Launches for site CCAFS LC-40



Correlation between Payload and Success for site CCAFS LC-40



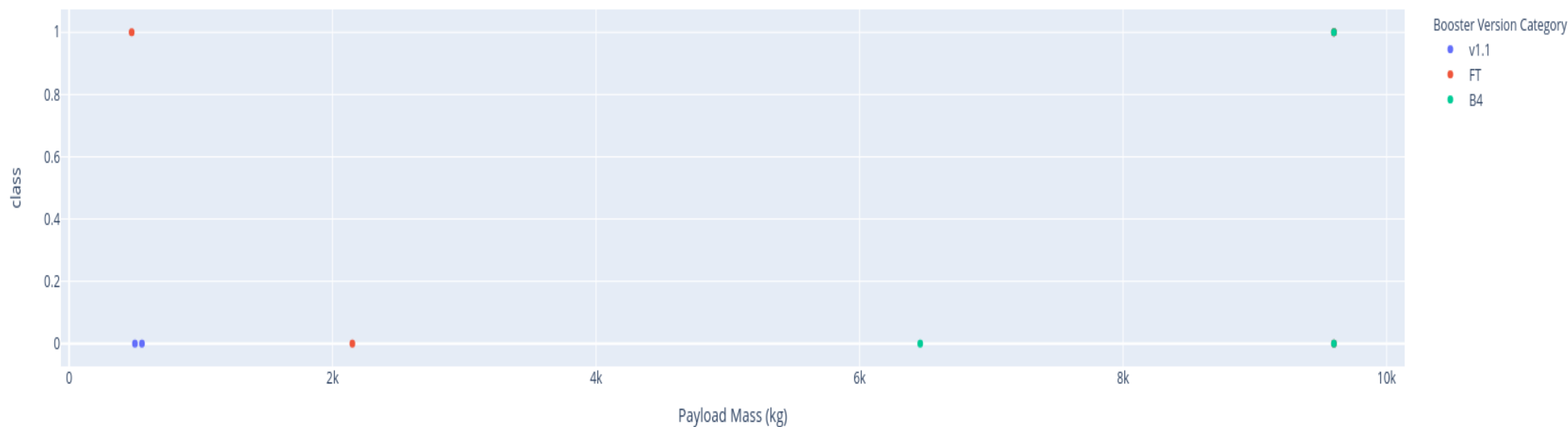
# Methodology: Interactive Analytics

- Success rate for site VAFB SLC-4E

Total Success Launches for site VAFB SLC-4E



Correlation between Payload and Success for site VAFB SLC-4E



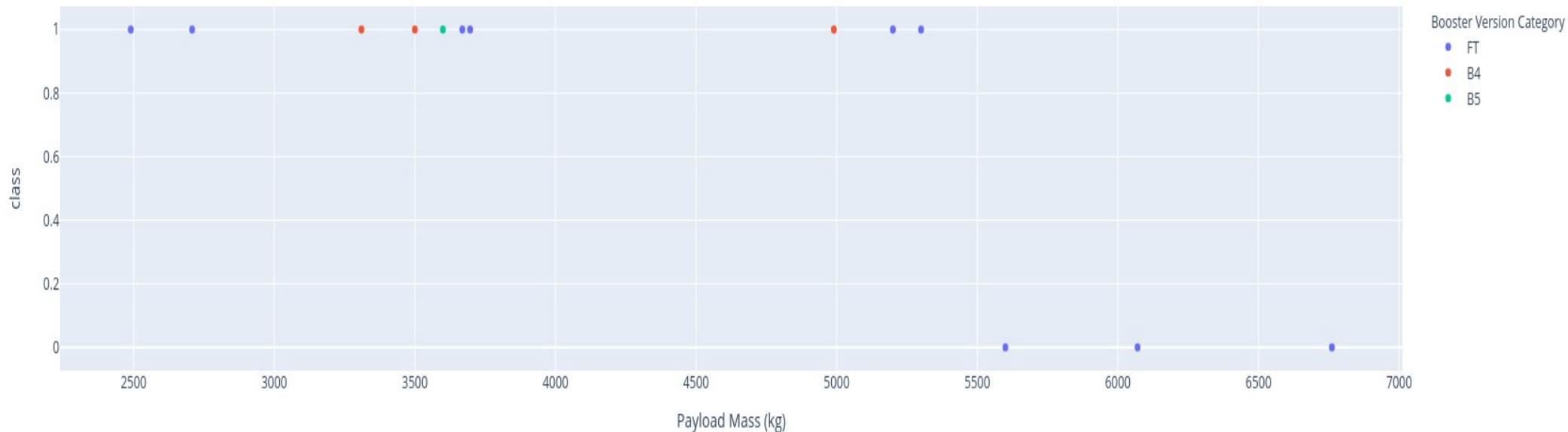
# Methodology: Interactive Analytics

- Success rate for site KSC LC-39A

Total Success Launches for site KSC LC-39A



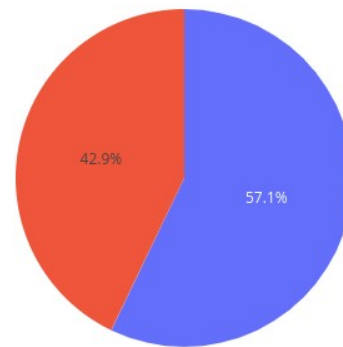
Correlation between Payload and Success for site KSC LC-39A



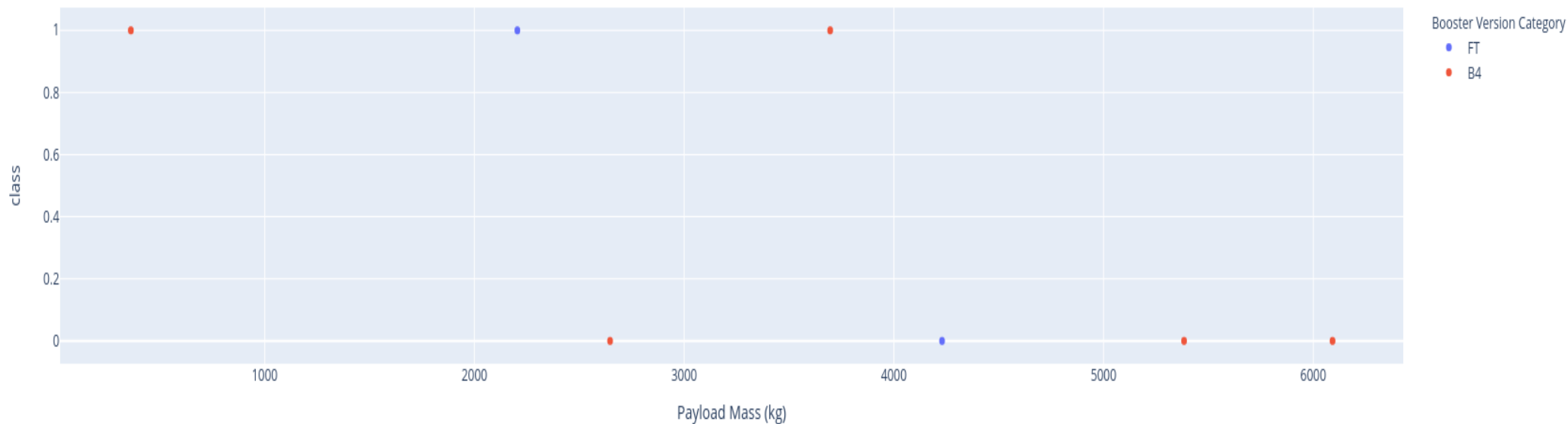
# Methodology: Interactive Analytics

- Success rate for site CCAFS SLC-40

Total Success Launches for site CCAFS SLC-40



Correlation between Payload and Success for site CCAFS SLC-40



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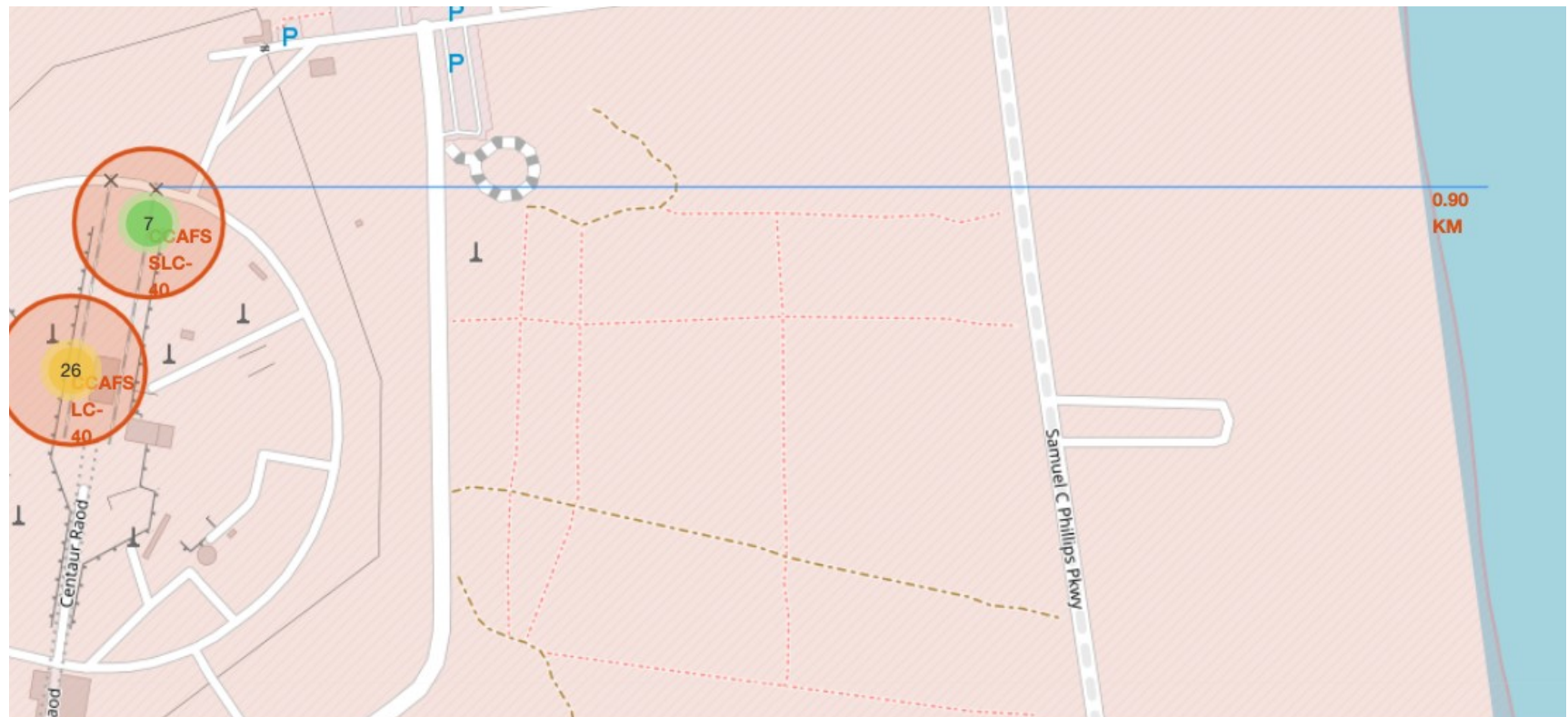
- **KSC LC-39A has the largest successful launches: 10**
- **KSC LC-39A has the highest launch success rate: 76%**
- **The payload ranges with the highest launch success rate are:**
  - **All sites: 2034 – 5300 kg**
  - **KSC LC-39A: 2490 - 5300 kg**
  - **CCAFS LC-40: 2205 - 3696 kg**

# Methodology: Interactive Analytics

- **The payload range(s) with the lowest launch success rate are:**
  - CCAFS: 3325 – 4535 kg
  - VAFB SLC-4E: 500 – 9600kg
  - KSC LC-39A: 5500 – 6791 kg
  - CCAFS LC-40: 4230 – 6092 kg
- **The F9 Booster versions with the highest launch success rate are:**
  - F9 B4 with a 100% rate and 1 successful launch
  - F9 FT with a 66% rate and 16 successful launches

# Methodology: Interactive Analytics

- **Launch sites are far from cities and close to coaslines that allows for wasy transportaion on rocket boosters.**



# Results

- Explain how the data was organized
- Explain how the data was analyzed
- Charts and graphs to substantiate the results
- Interpretation of data:
  - Call attention to more complex or crucial findings
  - Detail explanation to the audience
  - Convey the answers to the problem stated in the introduction



# Results: data organization

- Forecasting successful launches with algorithms
- Extraction of Features
  - Numeric Features:  
FlightNumber, PayloadMass, Flights, Gridfins, Reused, Legs, Block and Reused Count.
  - The oneHotEncoding was applied to the categorical data: Orbits, LaunchSite, LandingPad and Serial
  - Checking for null values
- Data standardization
  - Casting data as float64

# Results: Data Analysis

- Split into training data and test data
  - `test_size=0.2` & `random_state=0`
- Find best Hyperparameter for:
  - Classification Trees
  - Clustering
  - Logistic Regression
  - Support Vector Machine
- Find the method performs best using test data.
  - Criteria: Least square error, Mean square error & Confussion Matrix

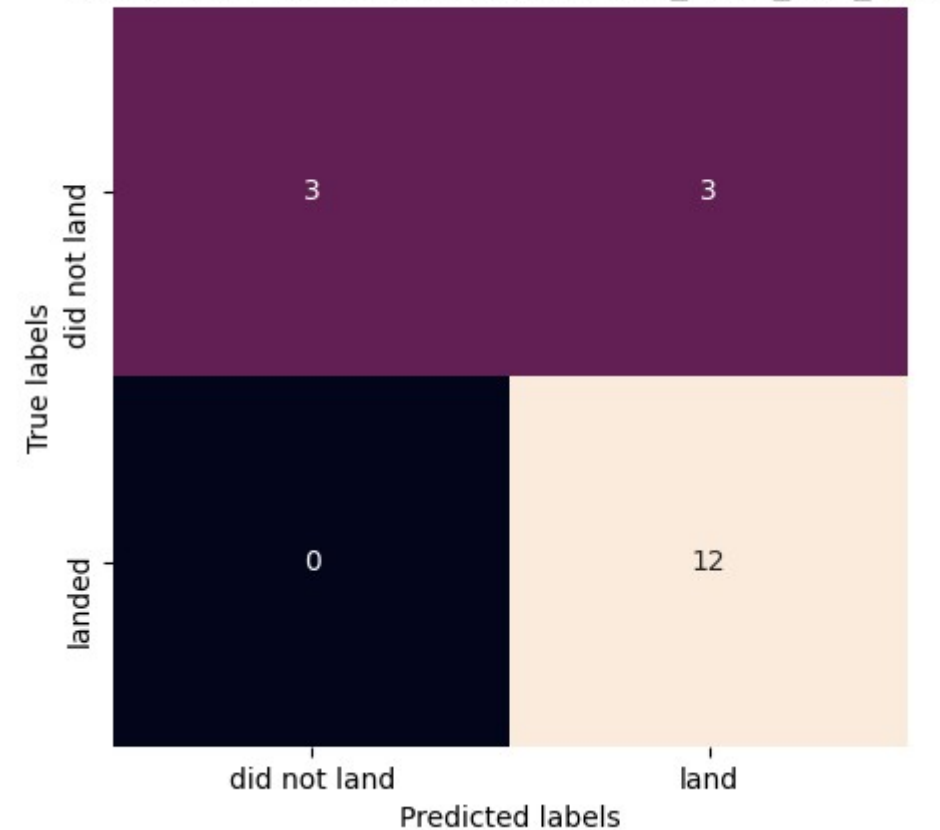
# Results: Graphs for Logistic Regression

- Best Hiperparameters
  - {'C': 1, 'penalty': 'l2', 'solver': 'lbfgs'}
  - Accuracy with testing data : 0,82
- Training Data
  - MSE: 0,78
  - Accuracy,  $R^2$ : 0.83
- Testing Data
  - MSE: 0,83
  - Accuracy,  $R^2$ : 0.83
  - Succesful Prediction Rate: 83%

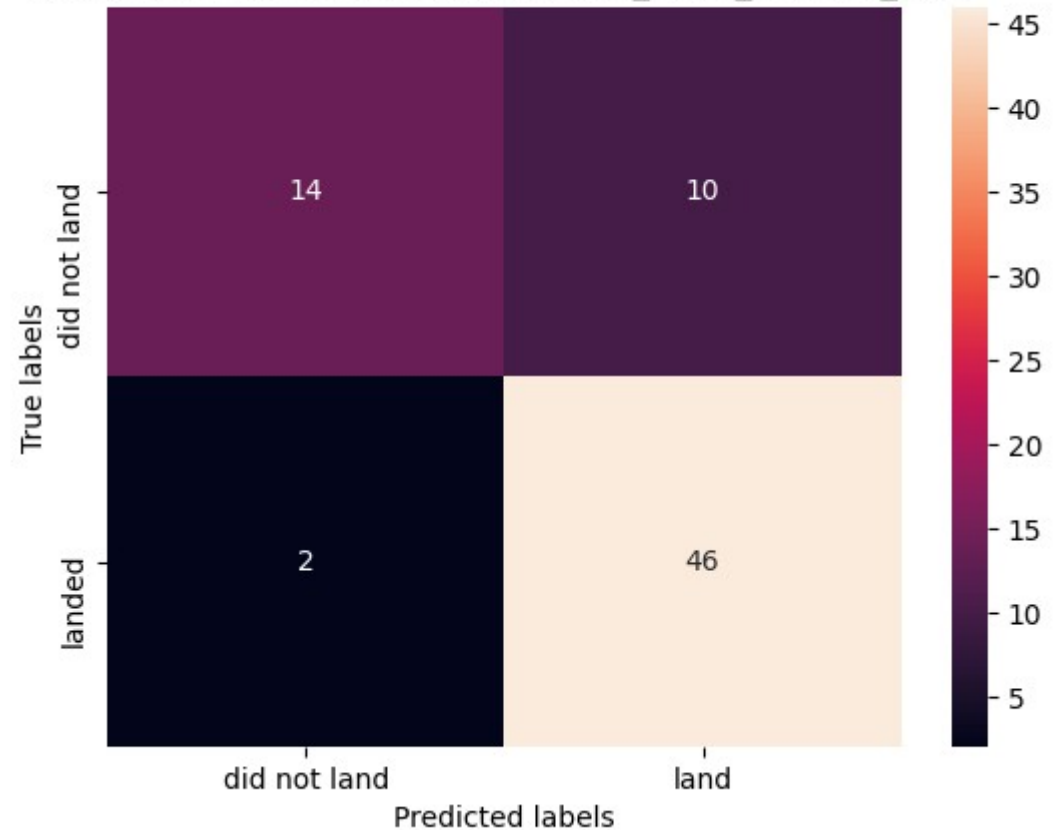
# Results: Graphs for Logistic Regression

- Examining the confusion matrix, we see that the major problem is false positives

Confusion Matrix logistiCRegression\_ridge\_test\_data



Confusion Matrix logistiCRegression\_ridge\_training\_data



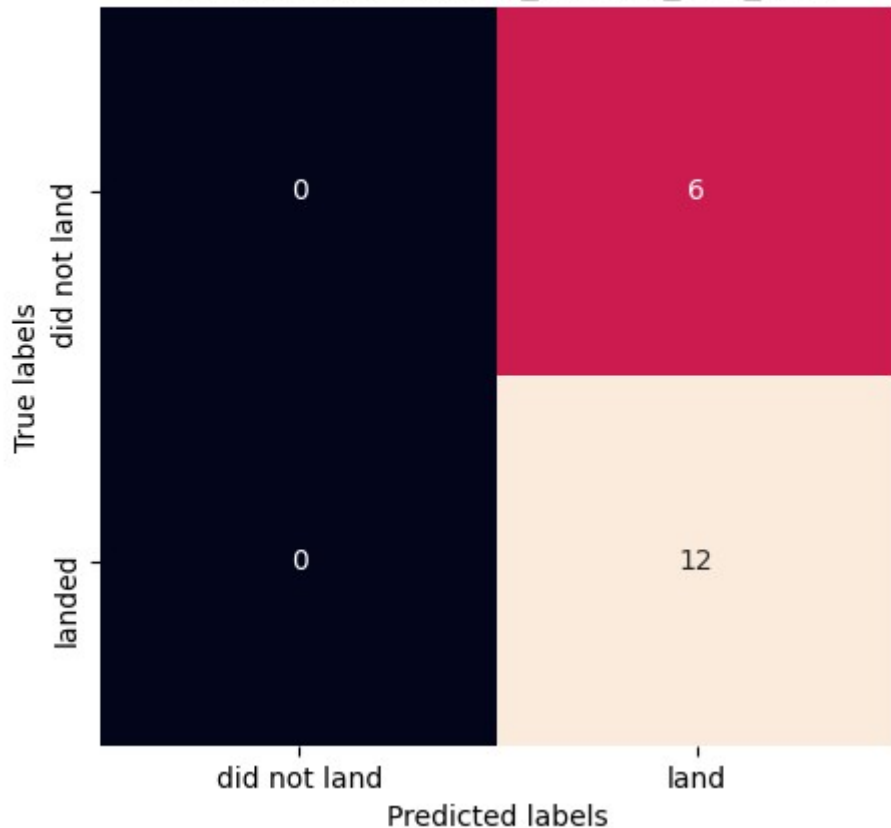
# Results: Support Vector Machine

- Best Hiperparameters
  - {'C': 1.0, 'gamma': 0.001, 'kernel': 'rbf'}
  - Accuracy with testing data : 0,66
- Training Data
  - MSE: 0,33
  - Accuracy,  $R^2$ : 0,66
- Testing Data
  - MSE: 0,33
  - Accuracy,  $R^2$ : 0,66
  - Succesful Prediction Rate: 66%

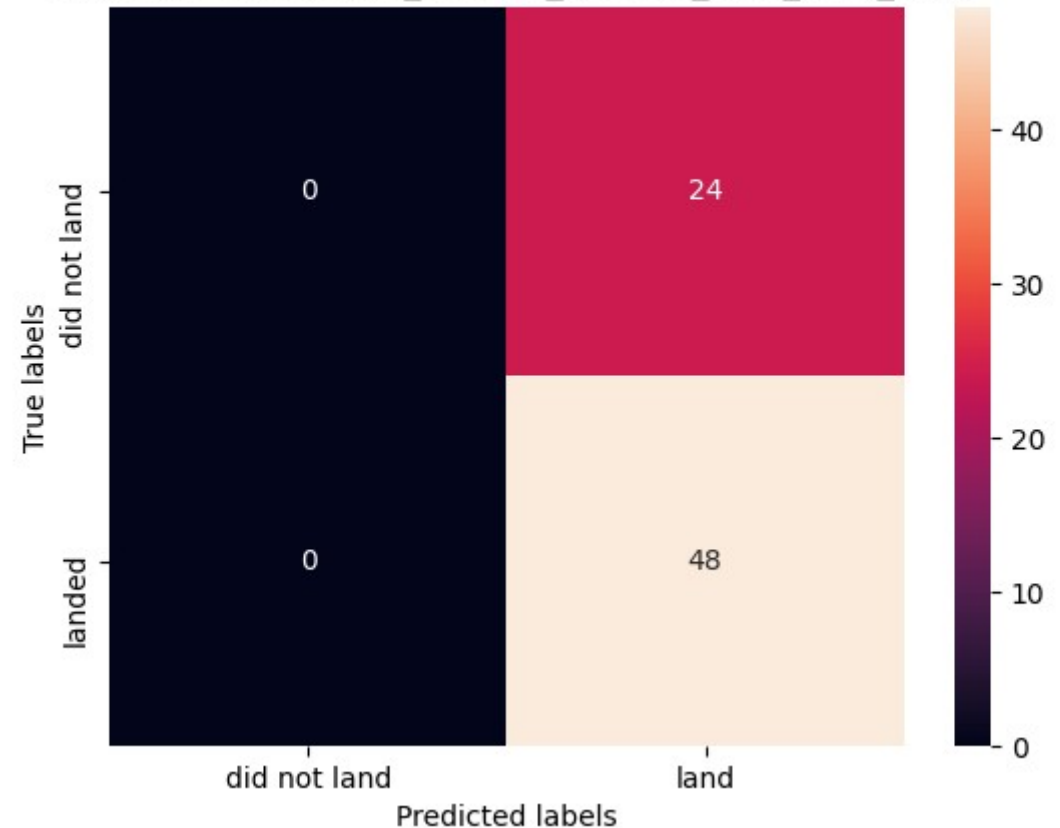
# Results: Support Vector Machine

- This is the worst results obtained so far.

Confusion Matrix svm\_params\_test\_data



Confusion Matrix svm\_params\_training\_data\_train\_data

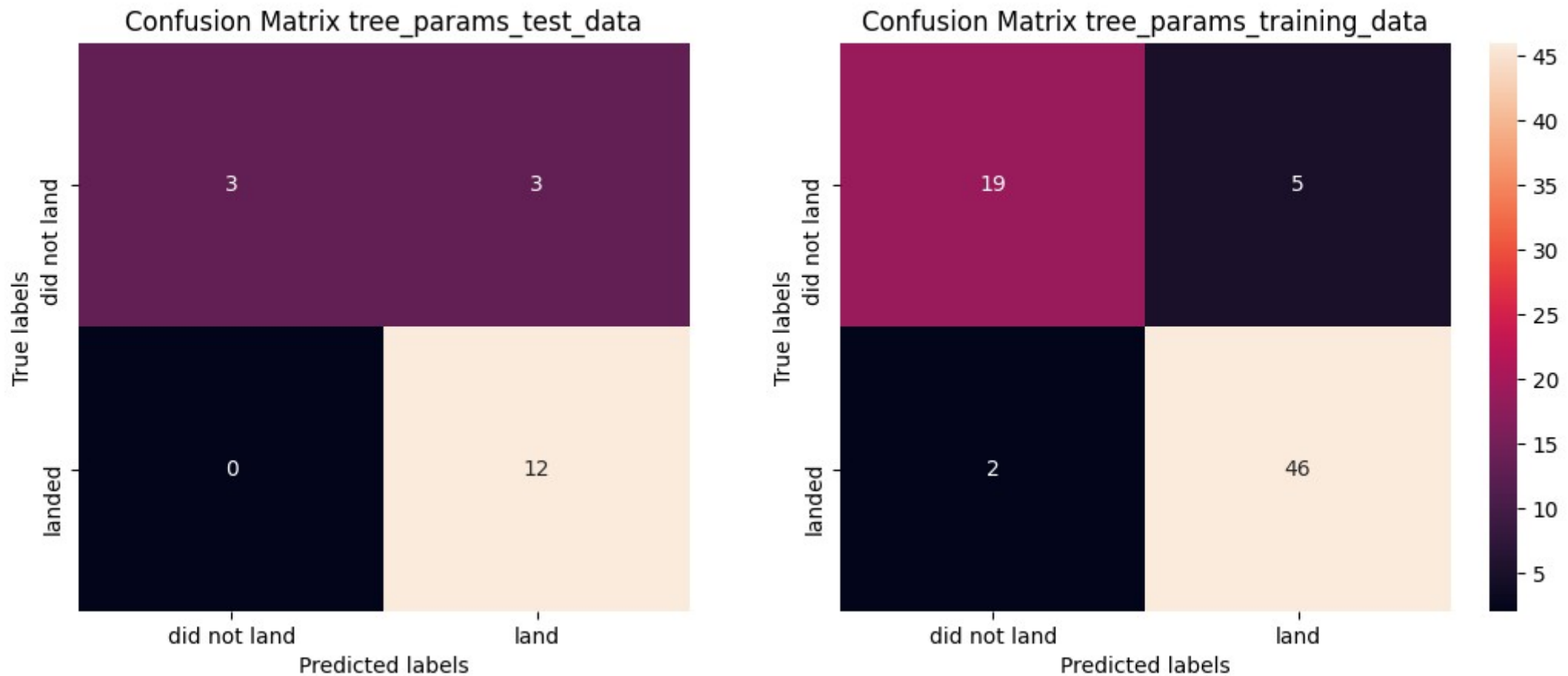


# Results: Classification Trees

- Best Hiperparameters
  - {'criterion': 'gini', 'max\_depth': 8, 'max\_features': 'auto', 'min\_samples\_leaf': 1, 'min\_samples\_split': 5, 'splitter': 'random'}.
  - Accuracy with testing data : 0,87
- Training Data
  - MSE: 0,10
  - Accuracy,  $R^2$ : 0,90
- Testing Data
  - MSE: 0,17
  - Accuracy,  $R^2$ : 0.90
  - Succesful Prediction Rate: 83%

# Results: Classification Trees

- Issues with false positives and negatives





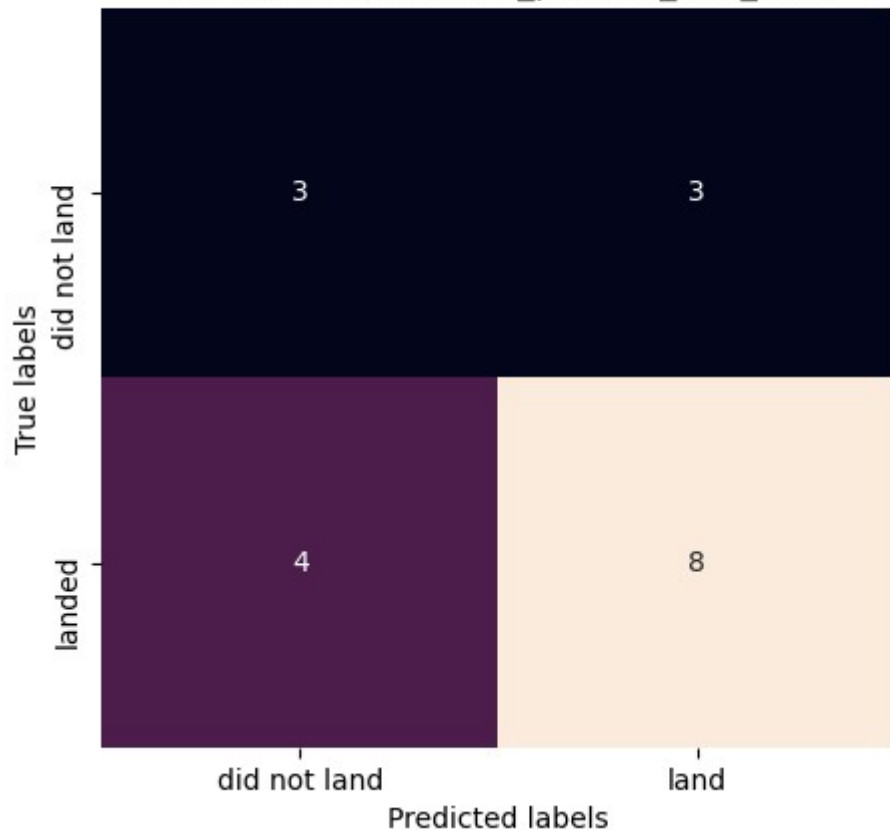
# Results: K-Nearest Neighbors

- Best Hiperparameters
  - {'algorithm': 'auto', 'n\_neighbors': 3, 'p': 1}
  - Accuracy with testing data : 0,66
- Training Data
  - MSE: 0,18
  - Accuracy,  $R^2$ : 0.61
- Testing Data
  - MSE: 0,39
  - Accuracy,  $R^2$ : 0.61
  - Succesful Prediction Rate: 61%

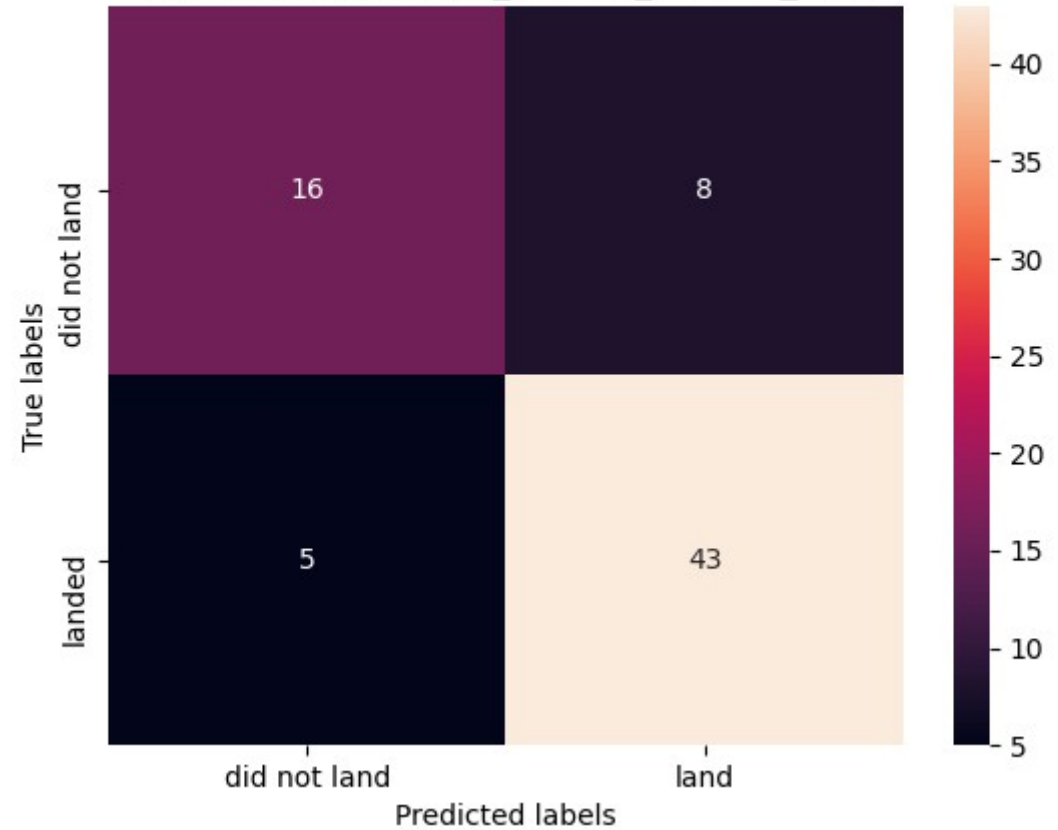
# Results: K-Nearest Neighbors

- Issues with false positives and negatives

Confusion Matrix knn\_params\_test\_data



Confusion Matrix knn\_params\_training\_data



# Results: Interpretation

- The best prediction model were the Logistic Regression and Classification Trees.
- We can predict a successful landing if we have data about: Orbit, Payload, Flight Number, Launch Site, Fins, Grid and Landing Pad.
  - Call attention to more complex or crucial findings
  - Detail explanation to the audience
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# Discussion of Findings and Implications

- We can predict a successful landing if we have data about: Orbit, Payload, Flight Number, Launch Site, Fins, Grid and Landing Pad.
- Thus if we can guarantee a successful landing it is feasible to assume that the first stage can be re-used.
  - This allows for forecasting that the cost will be around 62 million dollars.

# Conclusion

- Findings:
  - We can predict the successful landing of the first stage using Logistic Regression and Support Vector Machines.
  - We have a tool to predict if the First Stage will be re-used.
  - This tool has the potential to help forecasting economic feasibility of space development projects
- Further work:
  - Impact of thruster to improve maneuverability

# Annex: url adress for the Capstone labs

- Week 1:
  - [https://github.com/ferreir3/Coursera\\_Capstone/blob/main/week1\\_capstone\\_w1\\_spcaeX\\_api\\_dataSampling\\_filtering\\_webScrapping\\_beautifulSoup.ipynb](https://github.com/ferreir3/Coursera_Capstone/blob/main/week1_capstone_w1_spcaeX_api_dataSampling_filtering_webScrapping_beautifulSoup.ipynb)
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- Week 2:
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- Week 3:
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  - [https://github.com/ferreir3/Coursera\\_Capstone/blob/main/week3\\_spacex\\_dash\\_app.py](https://github.com/ferreir3/Coursera_Capstone/blob/main/week3_spacex_dash_app.py)
- Week 4:
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