

Winning Space Race with Data Science

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1. Executive Summary

The objective of this project is to build, tune and evaluate a ML model to predict if SpaceX first stage will land successfully. With this model, will be possible to determine if this first stage can be reused and provide information to determine the price of each launch to compete against SpaceX. To achieve this goal, initially data was collected using SpaceX REST API and web scraping related Wiki pages. Then data wrangling and Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA) was performed, using visualization (Pandas, Matplotlib, Folium and Plotly Dash) and SQL. The last methodological step was conduct predictive analysis using classification models, and to this end four classification models (Logistic Regression, SVM, Decision Tree and KNN) were built, tuned, and evaluated. The main result of this project shows that all models have the same accuracy, but Logistic Regression Model was elected for the sake of processing savings. Also, it was observed that the success rate improves when the amount of flight grows in a specific site, and less payload mass (below 4000 kg) has better success probability in all sites. The success rate since 2013 kept increasing till 2020, and site KSC LC-39A had more successful launches than other sites. CCAFS SLC-40 has the lowest rate of successful launches.

2. Introduction

- Companies are making space travel affordable for everyone, and the most successful of them is SpaceX.
- One reason SpaceX is successful is because their rocket launches are less expensive, since the first stage is reused. Therefore, if one can determine if the first stage will land, it is possible to determine the cost of a launch.
- Space Y is a new rocket company that would like to compete with SpaceX founded by Billionaire industrialist Allon Musk. In this project, the goal is to find answer to this question: will the SpaceX first stage land successfully and, therefore, can be reused?
- With this answer, will be possible to determine the price of each launch and compete against SpaceX. Data will be gathered from public sources to predict whether SpaceX will reuse the first stage.

Methodology

3. Methodology

Executive Summary

- Data collection methodology:
 - Data was collected using SpaceX REST API and web scraping related Wiki pages
- Perform data wrangling
 - Data was processed using an API, Sampling Data, and Dealing with Nulls
- Perform exploratory data analysis (EDA) using visualization and SQL
- Perform interactive visual analytics using Folium and Plotly Dash
- Perform predictive analysis using classification models
 - Four classification models (Logistic Regression, SVM, Decision Tree and KNN) were built, tuned and evaluated

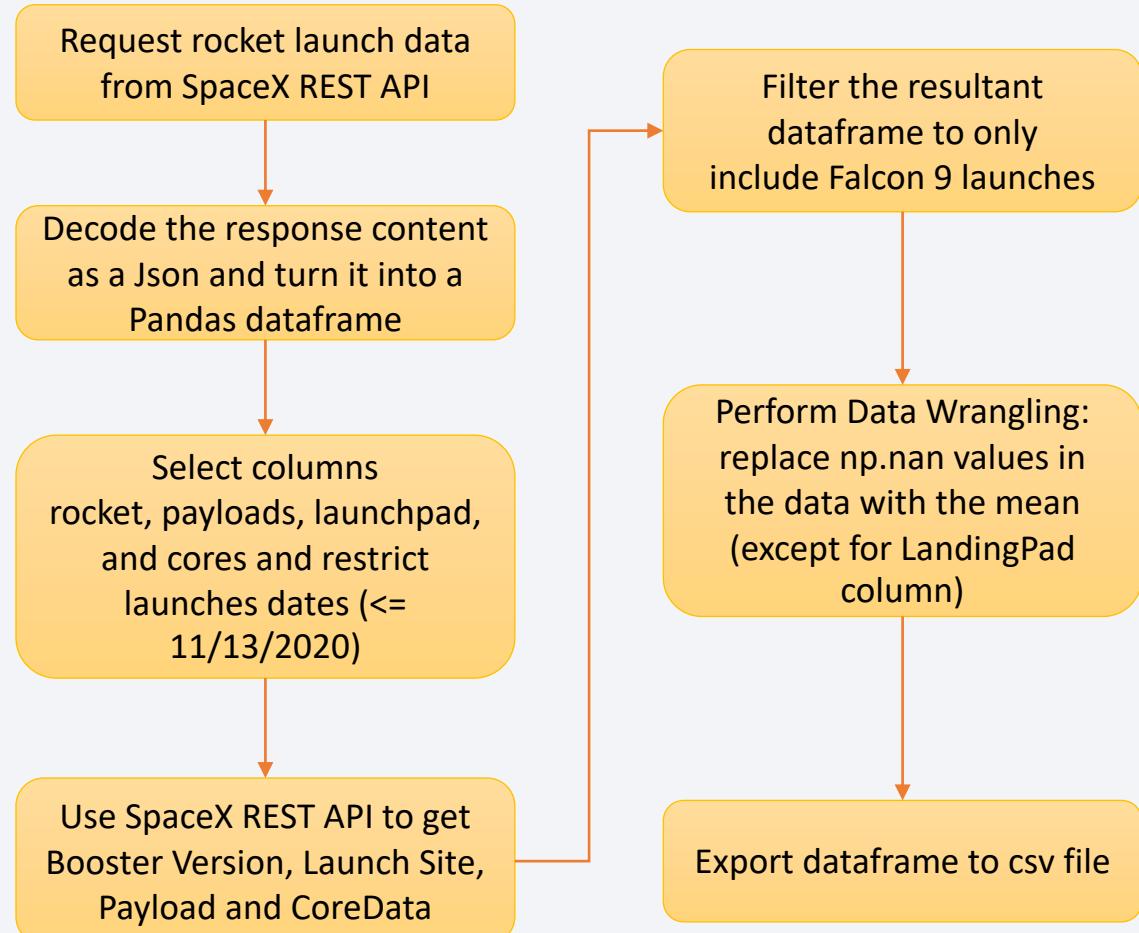
3.1 Data Collection

- First step of the project was Data Collection.
- Data was collected using SpaceX REST API. This API provided data about launches, including rocket used, payload delivered, launch specifications, landing specifications, and landing outcome.
- Through web scrape in HTML pages, specifically using Python BeautifulSoup package, valuable Falcon 9 launch records were also obtained.
- All collected data was converted into Pandas data frames for further visualization and analysis.

Data
Collection

3.1.1 Data Collection – SpaceX API

- Using SpaceX REST API, data was retrieved according flowchart
- Filters were applied and nulls were replaced to keep only useful data
- Final result was converted into csv file
- GitHub URL
(<https://github.com/jbcjr/IBM-Applied-Data-Science-Capstone/blob/main/1%20-%20Data%20Collection%20API%20Lab.ipynb>)



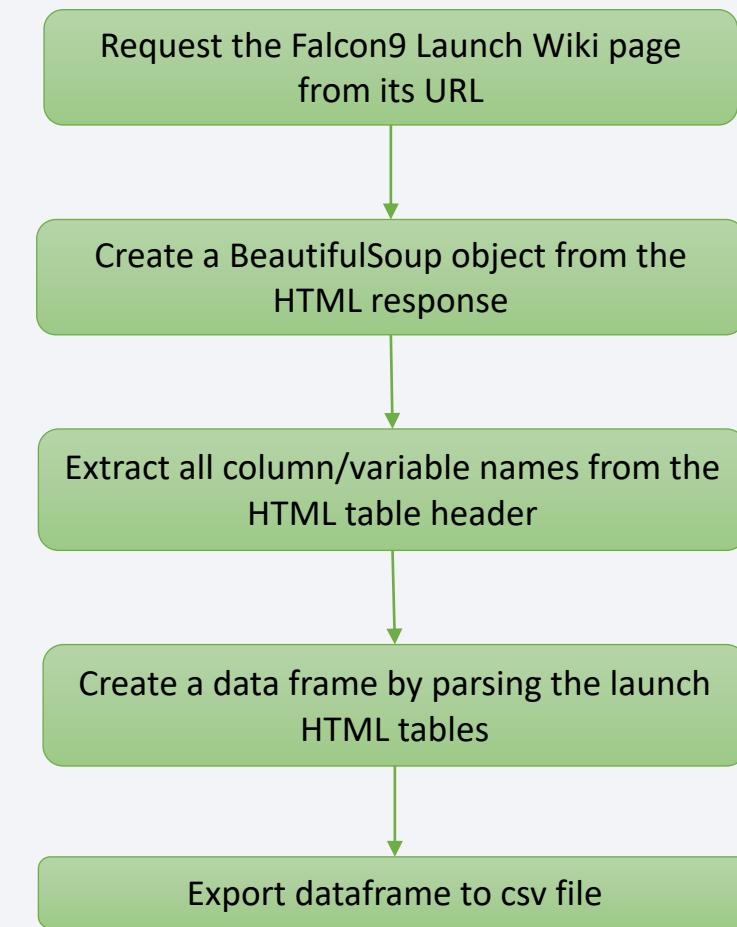
3.1.1 Data Collection – SpaceX API

- Final csv file contains Flight Number, Date of flight, Booster Version (always Falcon 9), Payload Mass, Orbit, Launch Site, Outcome, quantity of Flights, whether gridfins were used, wheter legs were used, the landing pad used, the block of the core (number used to separate version of cores), number of times the specific core has been reused, serial of the core, Longitude and Latitude

FlightNumber	Date	BoosterVersion	PayloadMass	Orbit	LaunchSite	Outcome	Flights	GridFins	Reused	Legs	LandingPad	Block	ReusedCount	Serial	Longitude	Latitude
4	1 2010-06-04	Falcon 9	6123.547647	LEO	CCSFS SLC 40	None None	1	False	False	False	None	1.0	0	B0003	-80.577366	28.561857
5	2 2012-05-22	Falcon 9	525.000000	LEO	CCSFS SLC 40	None None	1	False	False	False	None	1.0	0	B0005	-80.577366	28.561857
6	3 2013-03-01	Falcon 9	677.000000	ISS	CCSFS SLC 40	None None	1	False	False	False	None	1.0	0	B0007	-80.577366	28.561857
7	4 2013-09-29	Falcon 9	500.000000	PO	VAFB SLC 4E	False Ocean	1	False	False	False	None	1.0	0	B1003	-120.610829	34.632093
8	5 2013-12-03	Falcon 9	3170.000000	GTO	CCSFS SLC 40	None None	1	False	False	False	None	1.0	0	B1004	-80.577366	28.561857
9	6 2014-01-06	Falcon 9	3325.000000	GTO	CCSFS SLC 40	None None	1	False	False	False	None	1.0	0	B1005	-80.577366	28.561857
10	7 2014-04-18	Falcon 9	2296.000000	ISS	CCSFS SLC 40	True Ocean	1	False	False	True	None	1.0	0	B1006	-80.577366	28.561857
11	8 2014-07-14	Falcon 9	1316.000000	LEO	CCSFS SLC 40	True Ocean	1	False	False	True	None	1.0	0	B1007	-80.577366	28.561857
12	9 2014-08-05	Falcon 9	4535.000000	GTO	CCSFS SLC 40	None None	1	False	False	False	None	1.0	0	B1008	-80.577366	28.561857

3.1.2 Data Collection - Scraping

- Using web scrape, data was retrieved according flowchart
- All columns and variables names were extracted from the table header
- After parsing the launch tables, a dataframe was created and converted into csv file
- GitHub URL (<https://github.com/jbcjr/IBM-Applied-Data-Science-Capstone/blob/main/2%20-%20Data%20Collection%20with%20Web%20Scraping.ipynb>)



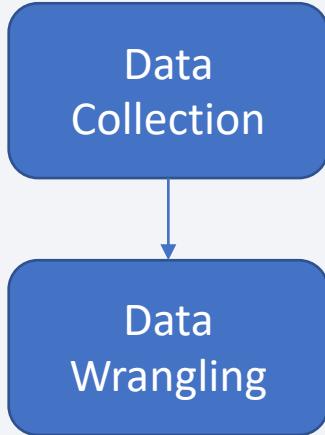
3.1.2 Data Collection - Scraping

- Final csv file contains Flight Number, Launch Site, Payload, Payload Mass, Orbit, Customer, Launch Outcome, Version Booster, Booster Landing, Date and Time

Flight No.	Launch site	Payload	Payload mass	Orbit	Customer	Launch outcome	Version Booster	Booster landing	Date	Time
0	1	CCAFS Dragon Spacecraft Qualification Unit	0	LEO	SpaceX	Success	F9 v1.0B0003.1	Failure	4 June 2010	18:45
1	2	CCAFS Dragon	0	LEO	NASA	Success	F9 v1.0B0004.1	Failure	8 December 2010	15:43
2	3	CCAFS Dragon	525 kg	LEO	NASA	Success	F9 v1.0B0005.1	No attempt	22 May 2012	07:44
3	4	CCAFS SpaceX CRS-1	4,700 kg	LEO	NASA	Success	F9 v1.0B0006.1	No attempt	8 October 2012	00:35
4	5	CCAFS SpaceX CRS-2	4,877 kg	LEO	NASA	Success	F9 v1.0B0007.1	No attempt	1 March 2013	15:10
5	6	VAFB CASSIOPE	500 kg	Polar orbit	MDA	Success	F9 v1.1B1003	Uncontrolled	29 September 2013	16:00
6	7	CCAFS SES-8	3,170 kg	GTO	SES	Success	F9 v1.1	No attempt	3 December 2013	22:41
7	8	CCAFS Thaicom 6	3,325 kg	GTO	Thaicom	Success	F9 v1.1	No attempt	6 January 2014	22:06
8	9	Cape Canaveral SpaceX CRS-3	2,296 kg	LEO	NASA	Success	F9 v1.1	Controlled	18 April 2014	19:25

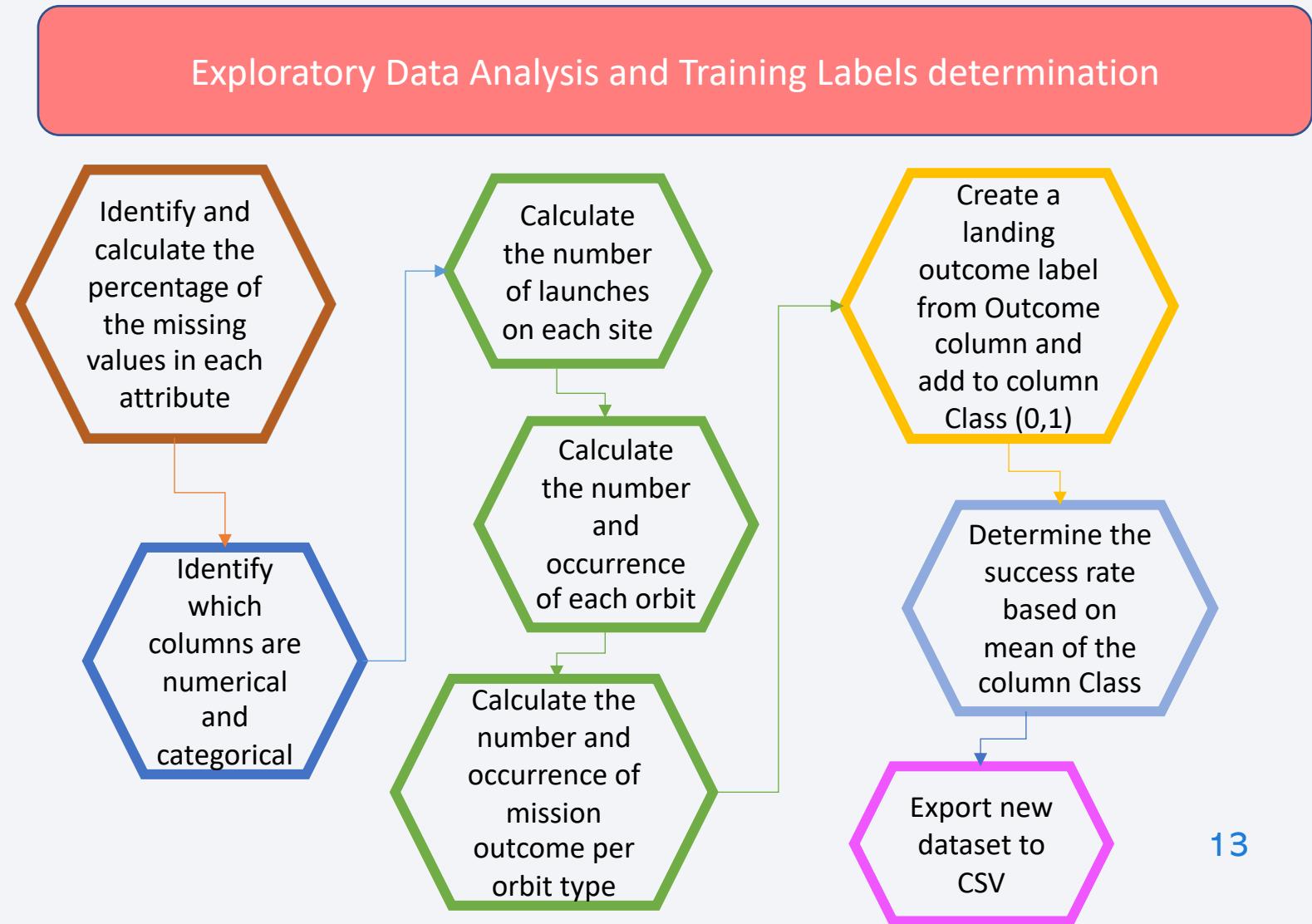
3.2 Data Wrangling

- Data Wrangling was the second step of the project. In the collected data, there are several different cases where the booster did not land successfully. For example:
 - True Ocean: the mission outcome was successfully landed to a specific region of the ocean;
 - False Ocean: the mission outcome was unsuccessfully landed to a specific region of the ocean;
 - True RTLS: the mission outcome was successfully landed to a ground pad;
 - False RTLS: the mission outcome was unsuccessfully landed to a ground pad;
 - True ASDS: the mission outcome was successfully landed on a drone ship;
 - False ASDS: the mission outcome was unsuccessfully landed on a drone ship.
- The goal here is to convert those outcomes into Training Labels with 1 means the booster successfully landed and 0 means it was unsuccessful.



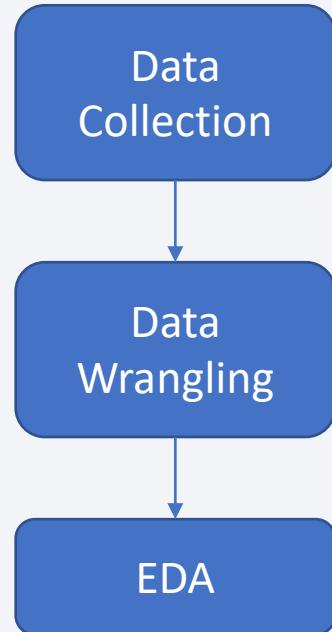
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- The process for Data Wrangling is described in the flowchart
- GitHub URL (<https://github.com/jbcjr/IBM-Applied-Data-Science-Capstone/blob/main/3%20-%20Data%20Wrangling%20-%20EDA.ipynb>)



3.3 Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA)

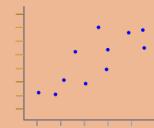
- Third part of the project was a complete Exploratory Data Analysis using Pandas, Matplotlib and SQL Queries. For EDA, Folium Maps and a Dashboard with Plotly Dash were also built.
- Initially EDA was performed with Data Visualization. For this purpose, Scatter Graphs, Bar Graph and Line Graph were plotted.
- Scatter Graph was chosen to data visualization because it shows how much one variable affects another (correlation). The Bar Graph, in the other hand, facilitates to compare data from different groups. Finally, Line Graph was chosen to demonstrate data variation over time.



3.3.1 EDA with Data Visualization

- Graphs plotted

Scatter Graphs



FlightNumber vs PayloadMass
FlightNumber vs LaunchSite
Payload vs Launch Site
FlightNumber vs Orbit type
Payload vs Orbit type

Bar Graph



Relationship between
success rate of each orbit
type

Line Graph



Launch success yearly trend

After visualize data, was possible to obtain some preliminary insights about how each important variable would affect the success rate. Therefore, features that will be used in success prediction in next steps of the project were selected and dummy variables were created to categorical columns.



3.3.2 EDA with SQL

- EDA was also performed with SQL queries
- SQL queries performed were:
 - 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 successful landing outcome in ground pad was achieved

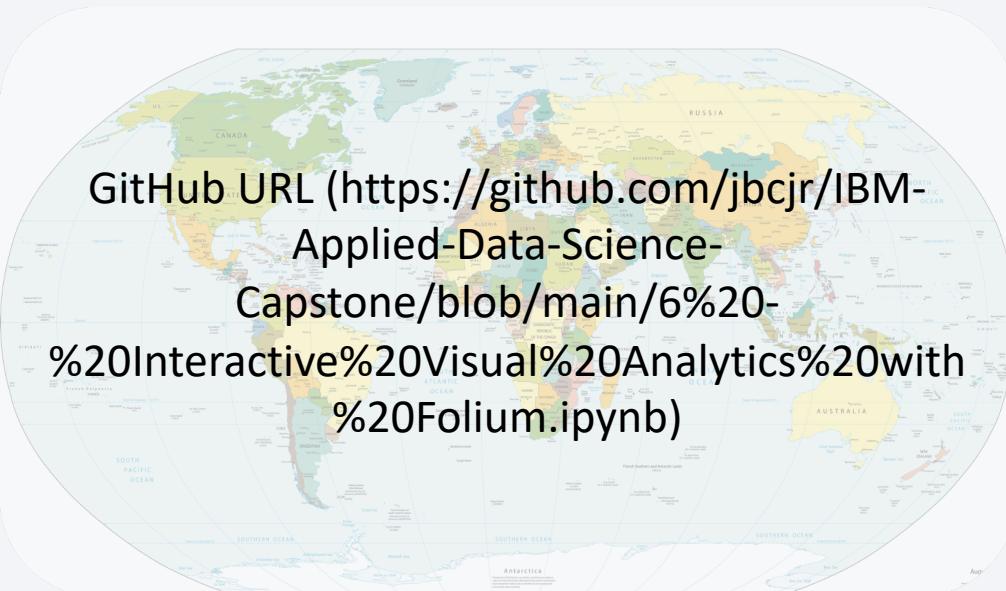


3.3.2 EDA with SQL

- Another SQL queries performed were:
 - 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 using a subquery
 - List the failed landing outcomes in drone ship, their booster versions, and launch site names for 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

3.3.3 Build an Interactive Map with Folium

- Based on the Latitude and Longitude coordinates of each launch site, a Circle Marker and the name of the Launch site was added around each one in a Folium map.
- Next, the success/failed launches for each site were marked on the map using a MarkerCluster and colors **Green** / **Red** based on the Class column.
- Finally, distances from each Launch Site to several Landmarks were calculated and noted with a Marker, a PolyLine and the respective label.



3.3.4 Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

- A Dashboard with Plotly Dash was created for better data exploration
- Graphs and interactions added:

Pie Chart demonstrating Total Success Launches

User can choose a specific Launch Site or all sites

Scatter Graph demonstrating the correlation between Payload and Success

User can choose a specific Launch Site or all sites
User can choose the Payload range (between 0 and 10000)

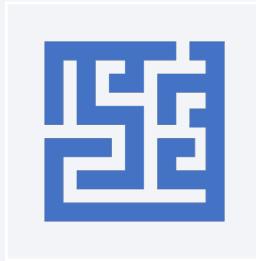
GitHub URL (<https://github.com/jbcjr/IBM-Applied-Data-Science-Capstone/blob/main/7%20-%20SpaceX%20Dashboard%20with%20Plotly%20Dash.py>)

3.3.4 Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

- Pie Chart was chosen because it can easily demonstrate the success rate, allowing visual comparation
- Defining a specific site, it is possible to compare success rate proportionally
- Defining all sites, it is possible to compare success rate between Launch Sites
- Scatter Graph was chosen because it is the best visual form to represent correlations between two variables
- Defining a specific site or all sites, it is possible to verify the specific correlations, including Booster version
- Defining the payload range, it is possible to filter the data for specific payloads



3.4 Predictive Analysis (Classification)



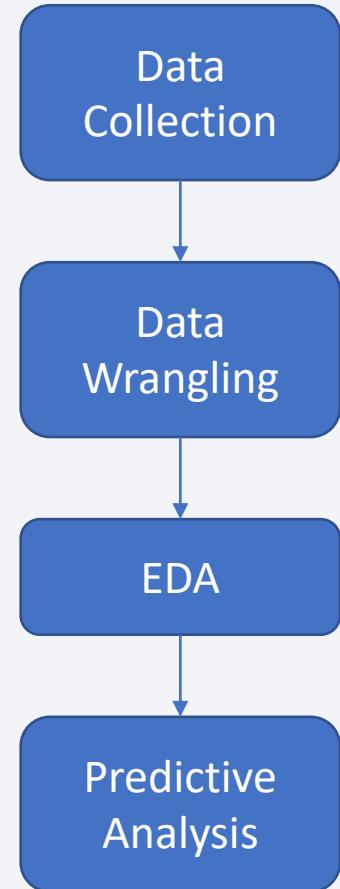
Project last step was
Predictive Analysis



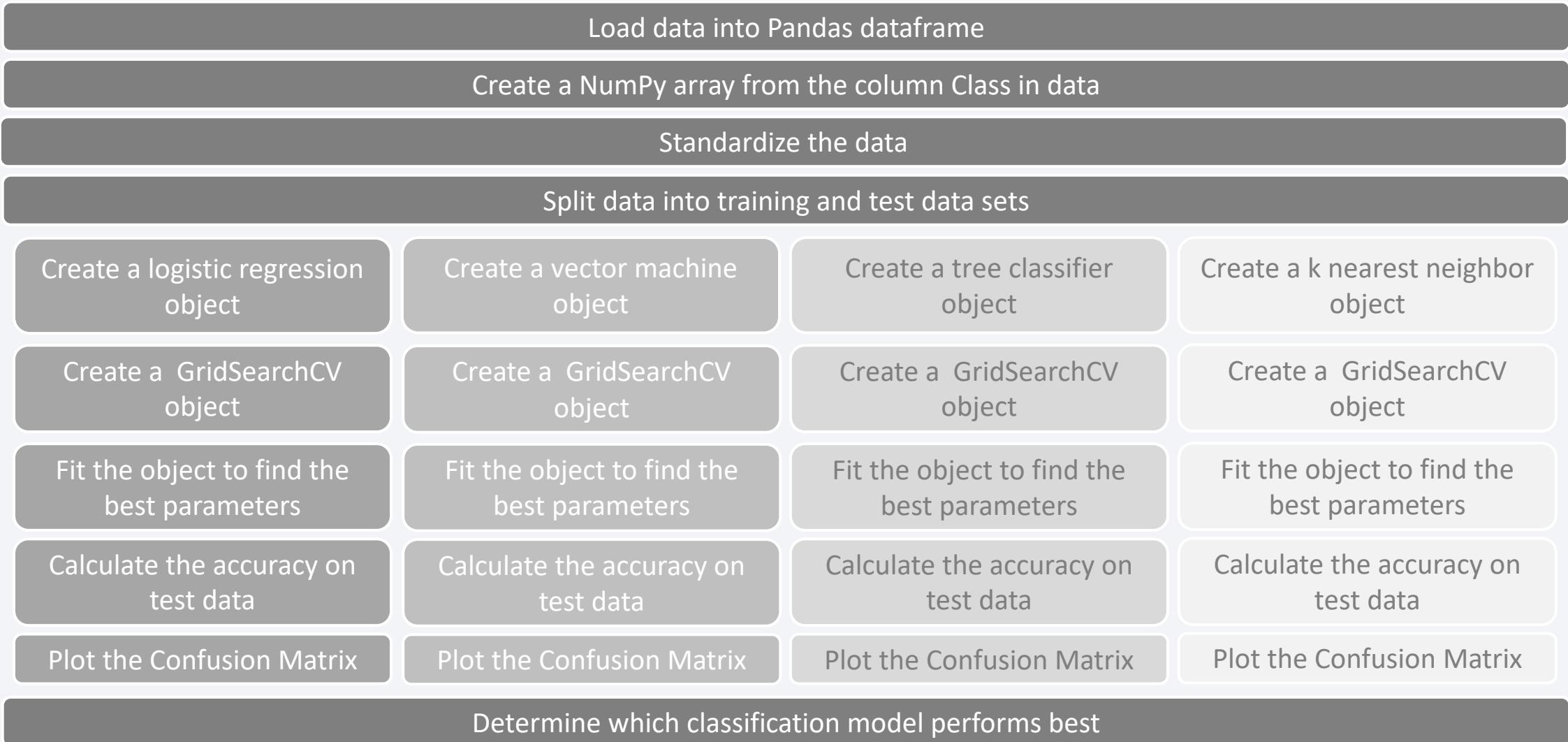
Four classification models
were built, evaluated and
improved. After that, the
best performing
classification model was
found



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3.4 Predictive Analysis (Classification) process

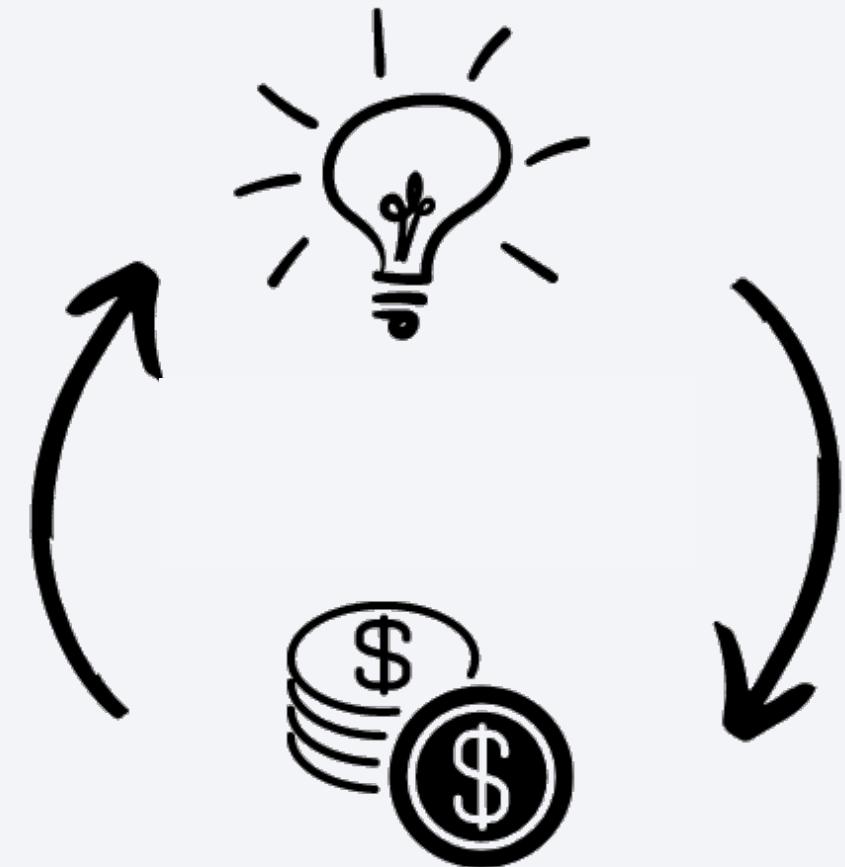


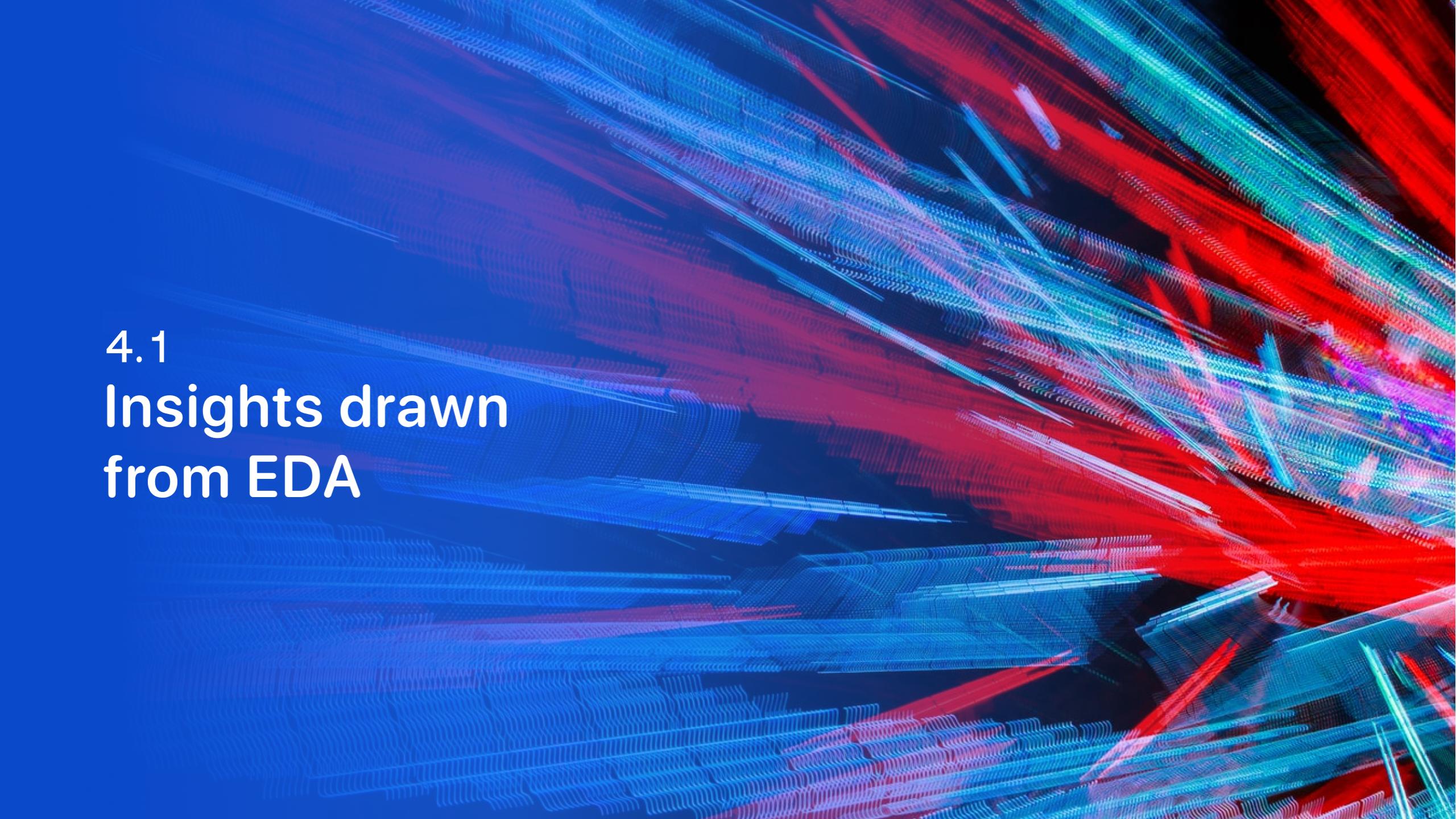
Results



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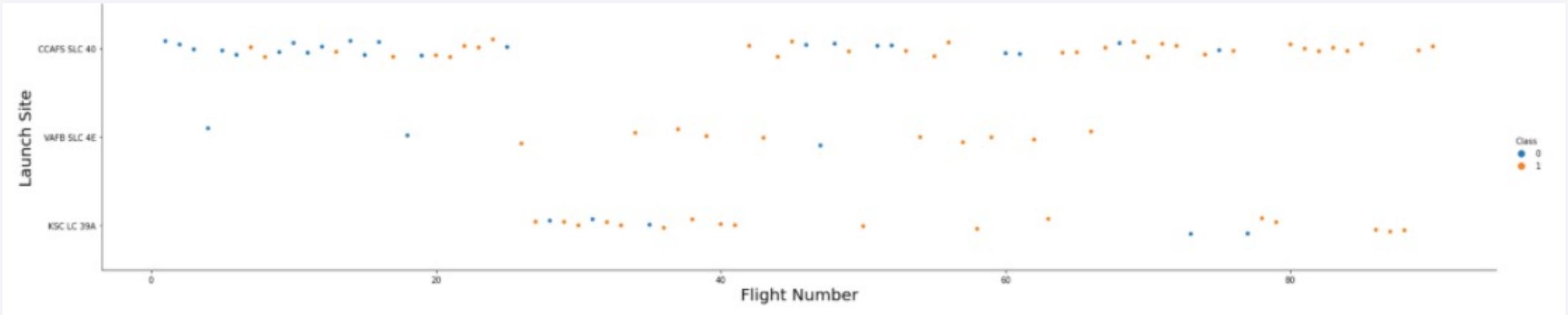
- This section will show the project results
- It is divided into:
 - 4.1 Insights drawn from EDA
 - 4.2 Launch Sites Proximities Analysis
 - 4.3 Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash
 - 4.4 Predictive Analysis (Classification)





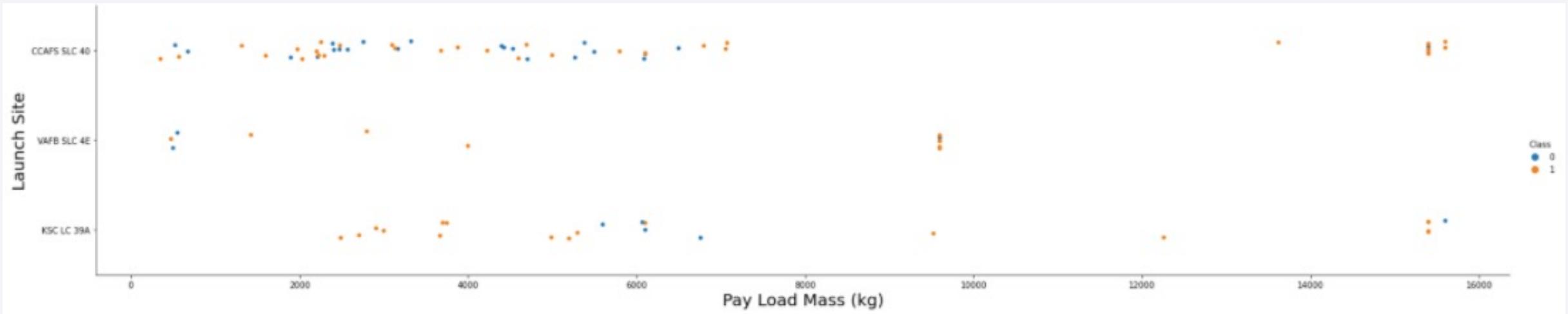
4.1 Insights drawn from EDA

Flight Number vs. Launch Site



In this Scatter Graph, it can be perceived that the success rate improves when the amount of flight grows. Therefore, CCAFS SLC 40 success rate grow up with more Flight Numbers.

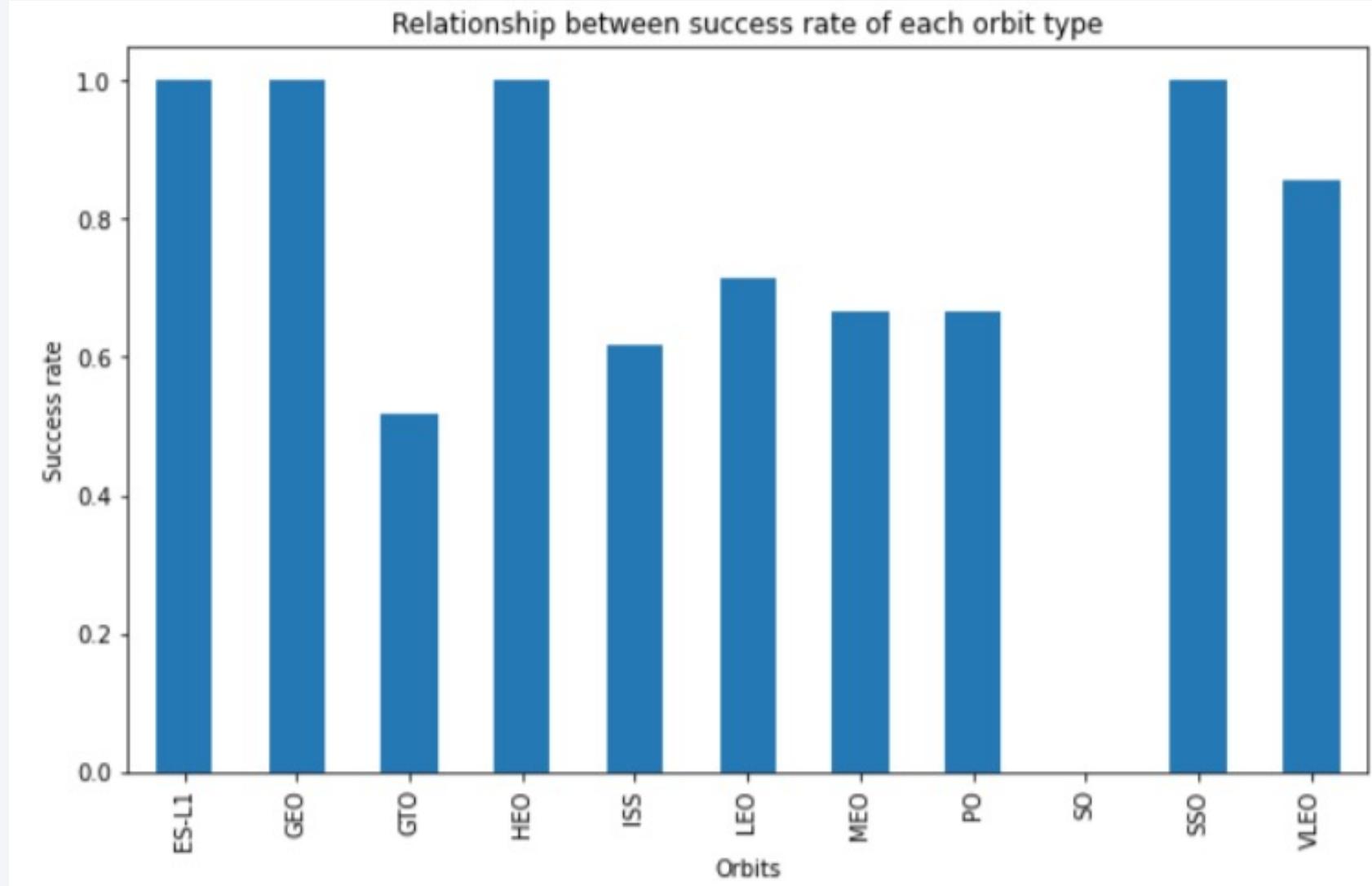
Payload vs. Launch Site



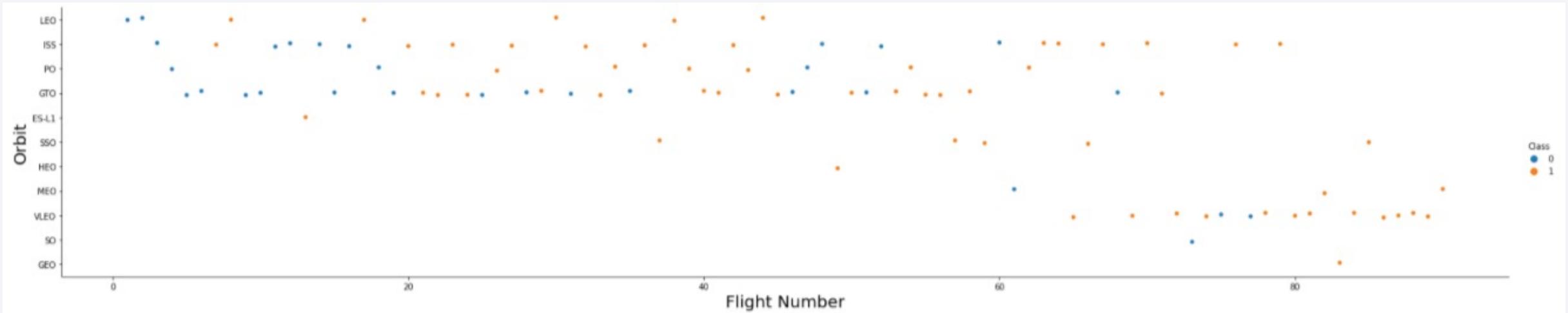
This Graph shows that less Payload Mass (below 4000 kg) has better success probability in all sites. Launch Site CCAFS SLC 40 has more success than other sites with Payload Mass above 13000 kg. For VAFB-SLC Launch Site there are no rockets launched for heavy payload mass (above 10000 kg).

Success rate vs. Orbit Type

Analyzing the bar graph, it is identified that ES-L1, GEO, HEO and SSO orbits have the highest success rate. GTO has the lowest success rate, and SO has no launches.

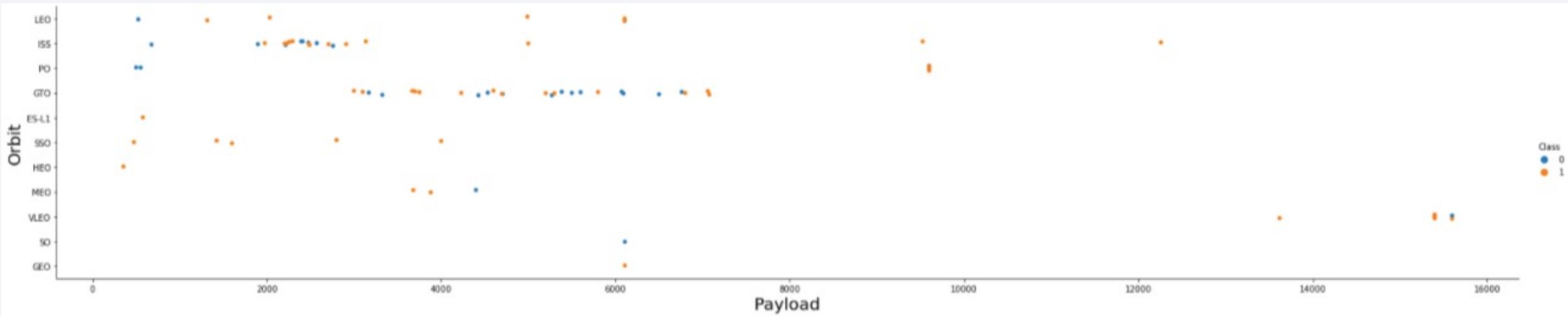


Flight Number vs. Orbit Type



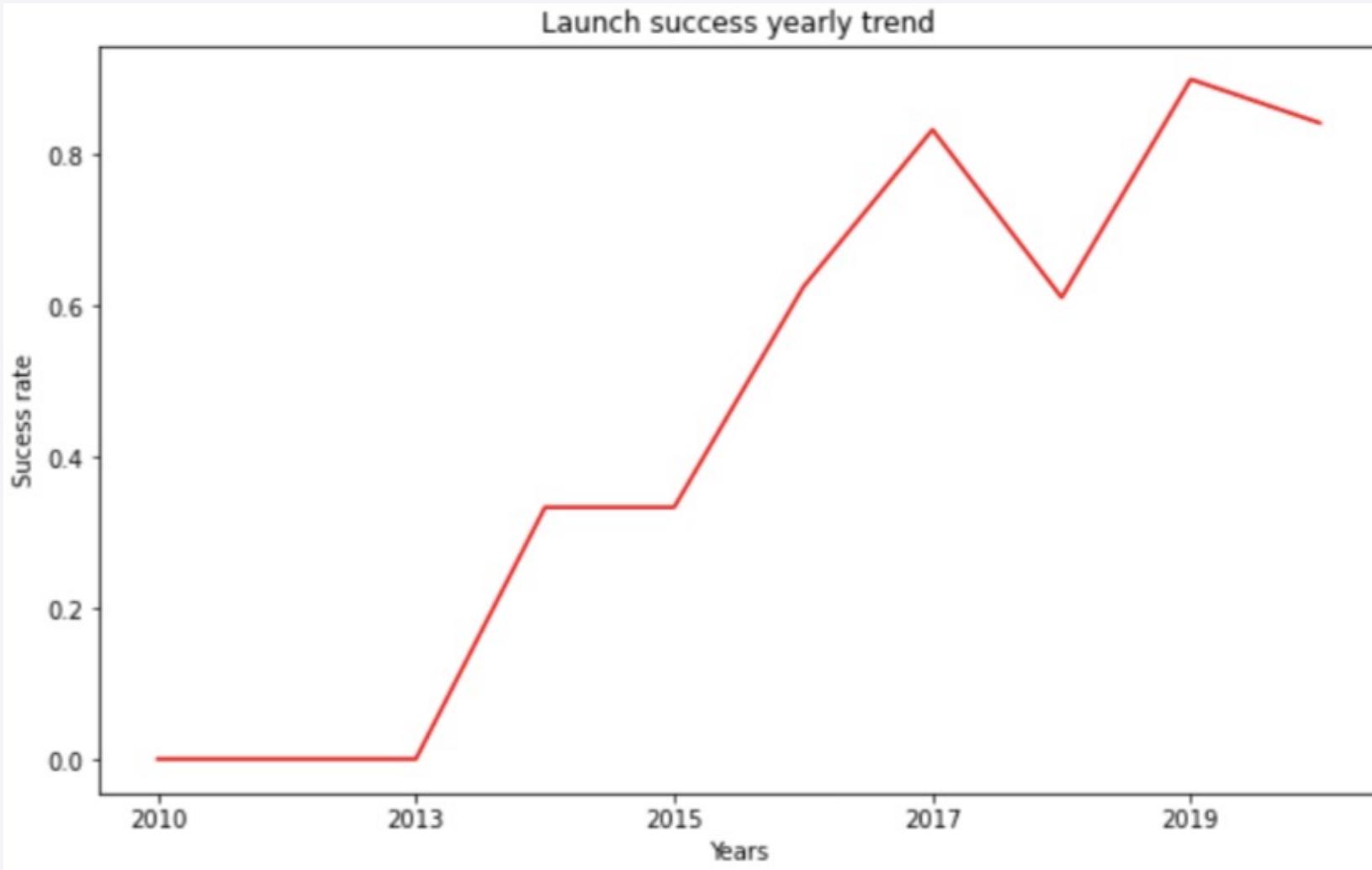
In the Graph is perceived that in the LEO orbit the success appears related to the number of flights. On the other hand, there seems to be no relationship between Flight Number when in GTO orbit. VLEO has more success rate with greater Flight Numbers.

Payload vs. Orbit Type



This Scatter Graph shows that, with heavy payloads, the successful landing or positive landing rate are higher for Polar, LEO and ISS orbits. With light payloads, the success rate is better for ES-L1 and SSO. However, it is not possible to determine a pattern for GTO, since both positive landing rate and negative landing happens independent of payload.

Launch Success Yearly Trend



The Line Graph shows that the success rate since 2013 kept increasing till 2020, with a slight decrease in 2018

All Launch Site Names

Query

```
Select UNIQUE(launch_site) from SPACEXDATASET
```

Result

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

Explanation

The word UNIQUE in the query allows to retrieve Launch Sites names without repetition, i.e., the query will retrieve unique values from column launch_site.

Launch Site Names Begin with 'CCA'

Query

```
Select * from SPACEXDATASET  
where launch_site like 'CCA%'  
limit 5
```

Explanation

To show records where launch sites begin with 'CCA' was used 'like 'CCA%''. Using 'limit 5', only five records are selected.

Result

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

Total Payload Mass

Query

```
Select SUM(payload_mass_kg_) as TOTAL_PAYLOAD from SPACEXDATASET  
where customer like '%NASA (CRS)'
```

Result

total_payload
48213

Explanation

Function SUM calculates the total amount in column payload_mass_kg_. Using 'like '%NASA (CRS)%', this sum is made only for customer NASA (CRS), i.e., whenever in that column it has the name NASA (CRS).

Average Payload Mass by F9 v1.1

Query

```
Select AVG(payload_mass_kg_) as AVG_PAYLOAD from SPACEXDATASET  
where booster_version = 'F9 v1.1'
```

Result

avg_payload
2928

Explanation

Function AVG calculates the average value in column payload_mass_kg_. The where clause selects only the average payload mass carried by booster version F9 v1.1.

First Successful Ground Landing Date

Query

```
Select MIN(DATE) as DATE from SPACEXDATASET  
where landing_outcome = 'Success (ground pad)'
```

Result

DATE
2015-12-22

Explanation

The MIN(DATE) function allows to select the minimal date from column DATE, while where clause filter the result for the first successful landing outcome on ground pad.

Successful Drone Ship Landing with Payload between 4000 and 6000

Query

```
Select UNIQUE(booster_version) as BOOSTERS from SPACEXDATASET  
where landing_outcome = 'Success (drone ship)' and  
payload_mass_kg_ between 4000 and 6000
```

Result

boosters

F9 FT B1021.2

F9 FT B1031.2

F9 FT B1022

F9 FT B1026

Explanation

Using UNIQUE word, booster versions are selected without repetition. The where clause filters the results to only boosters that successfully landed on drone ship and had payload mass greater than 4000 but less than 6000.

Total Number of Successful and Failure Mission Outcomes

Query

```
Select * from  
(Select COUNT(mission_outcome) as Success from SPACEXDATASET where mission_outcome like '%Success%'),  
(Select COUNT(mission_outcome) as Failure from SPACEXDATASET where mission_outcome like '%Failure%')
```

Result

success	failure
100	1

Explanation

Using subqueries, initially success mission outcomes were calculated, counting all records with the Success notation. Then failure outcomes were calculated counting all records with the Failure notation.

Boosters Carried Maximum Payload

Query

```
Select booster_version  
      from SPACEXDATASET  
     where payload_mass_kg_ =  
           (Select MAX(payload_mass_kg_)  
              from SPACEXDATASET)
```

Result

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
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F9 B5 B1060.3

Explanation

Using a subquery, the maximum value for payload_mas_kg was defined. Then, all booster version with this payload were retrieved with the where clause.

2015 Launch Records

Query

```
Select booster_version, launch_site, landing_outcome from SPACEXDATASET  
where landing_outcome = 'Failure (drone ship)' and  
YEAR(date) = 2015
```

Result

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

Explanation

The where clause allows to retrieve failed landing_outcomes in drone ship for year 2015. Their respective booster versions and launch site names were also retrieved.

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

Query

```
Select landing_outcome, COUNT(landing_outcome)
as COUNT from SPACEXDATASET
where DATE between '2010-06-04' and '2017-03-20'
group by landing_outcome
ORDER BY COUNT(landing_outcome) DESC
```

Explanation

COUNT function counts how many landing outcomes it has for each category. Where clause filters date between 2010-06-04 and 2017-03-20. The GROUP BY function groups the results, and 'ORDER BY COUNT(landing_outcome) DESC' allows to shows results in descending order.

Result

landing_outcome	COUNT
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

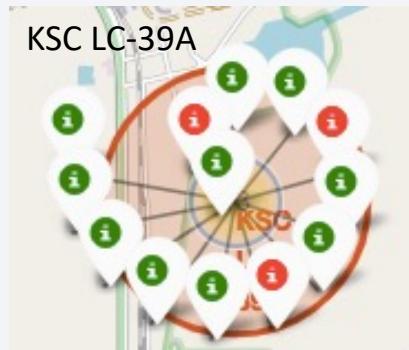
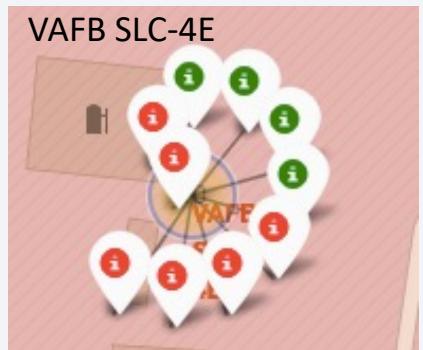
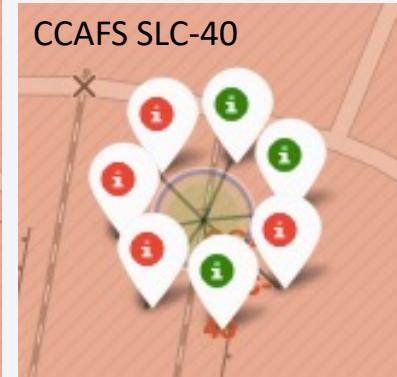
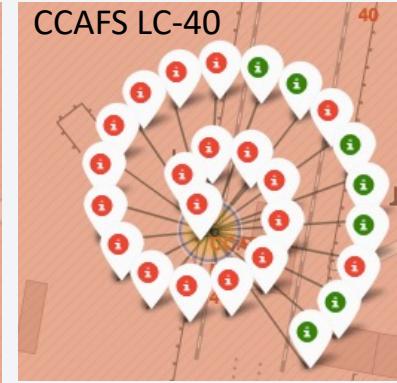
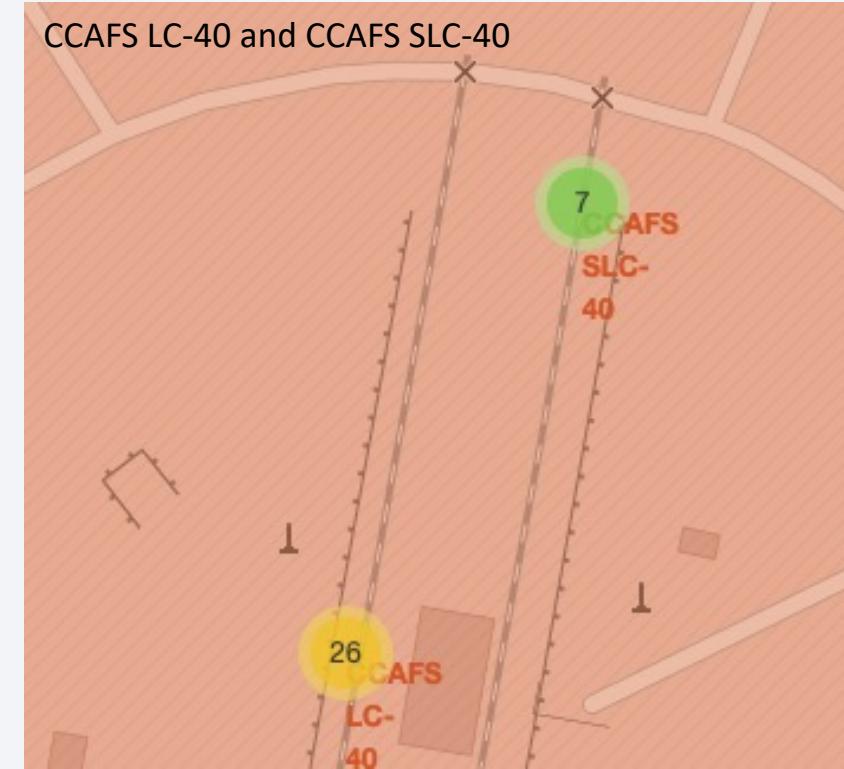
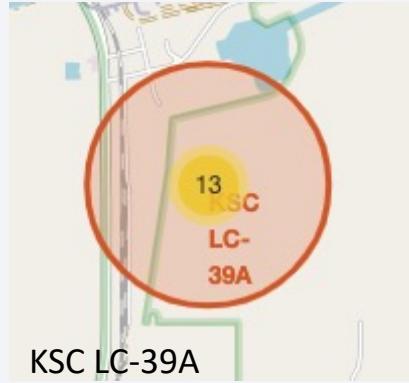
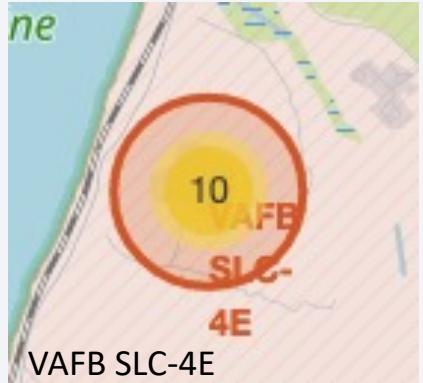
The background of the slide is a nighttime satellite photograph of Earth. The dark blue oceans are visible, along with the glowing yellow and white lights of numerous cities and urban centers. In the upper right corner, a bright green aurora borealis or southern lights display is visible against the black void of space.

4.2 Launch Sites Proximities Analysis

All Launch Sites markers

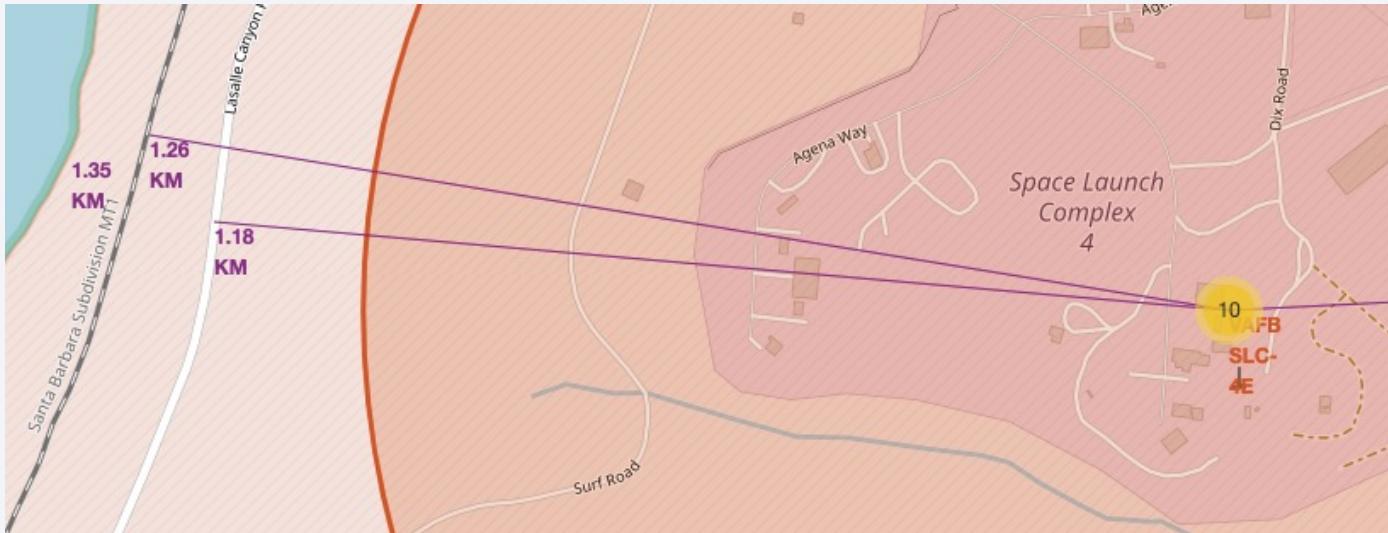


Successful and Failure launches by site

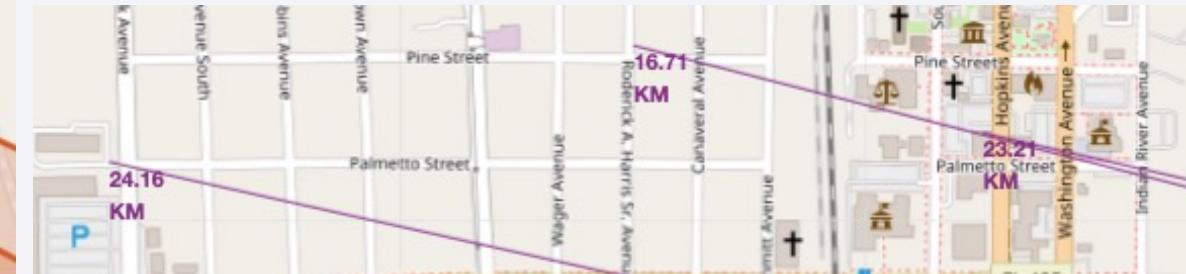
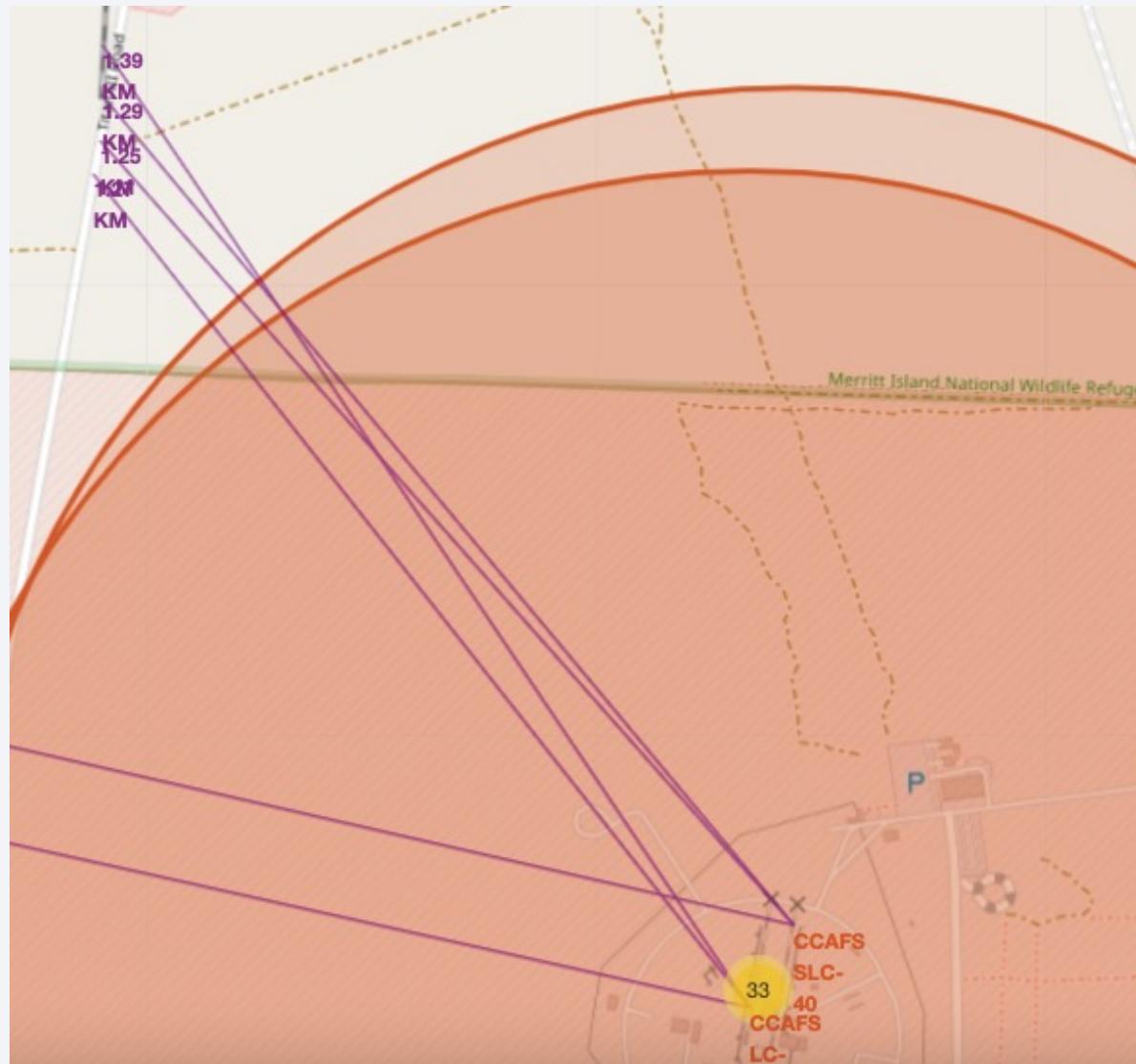


The screenshots demonstrate the launches quantity by site and successful and failure launches. Green Marker shows successful launches and Red Marker shows Failures. It is possible to observe that KSC LC-39A had more successful launches than other sites.

VAFB SLC-4E and KSC LC-39A distances to landmarks



CCAFS LC-40 and CCAFS SLC-40 distances to landmarks

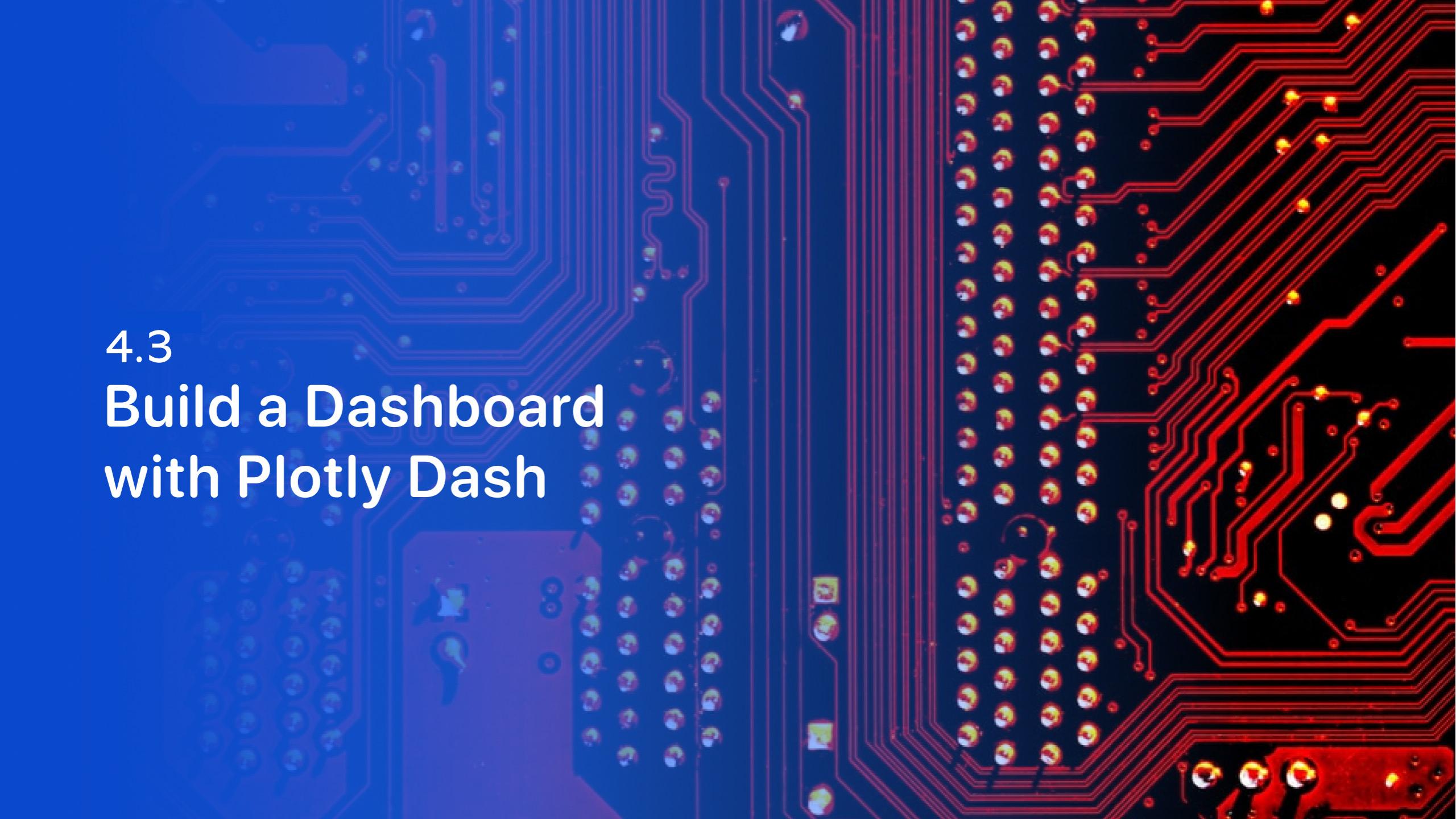


All launch sites are in close proximity to railways. VAFB SLC-4E is 1.26 Km from a railway, while KSC LC-39A is 0.69 Km to a railway. CCAFS LC-40 and CCAFS SLC-40 are 1.29 Km close to a railway.

They are also close to highways. VAFB SLC-4E is 1.18 Km from Lasalle Canyon Road, and KSC LC-39A is 0,85 Km to Kennedy Parkway North. CCAFS LC-40 and CCAFS SLC-40 are 1.25 Km to Titan III Road.

All launch sites are in close proximity to coastline, with VAFB SLC-4E being 1.35 km from the coastline.

They keep certain distance away from cities. VAFB SLC-4E is 13.99 KM from Lompoc, and KSC LC-39A is 16,71 KM from Titusville. CCAFS LC-40 and CCAFS SLC-40 are 23.21 Km and 24.16 Km from Titusville.



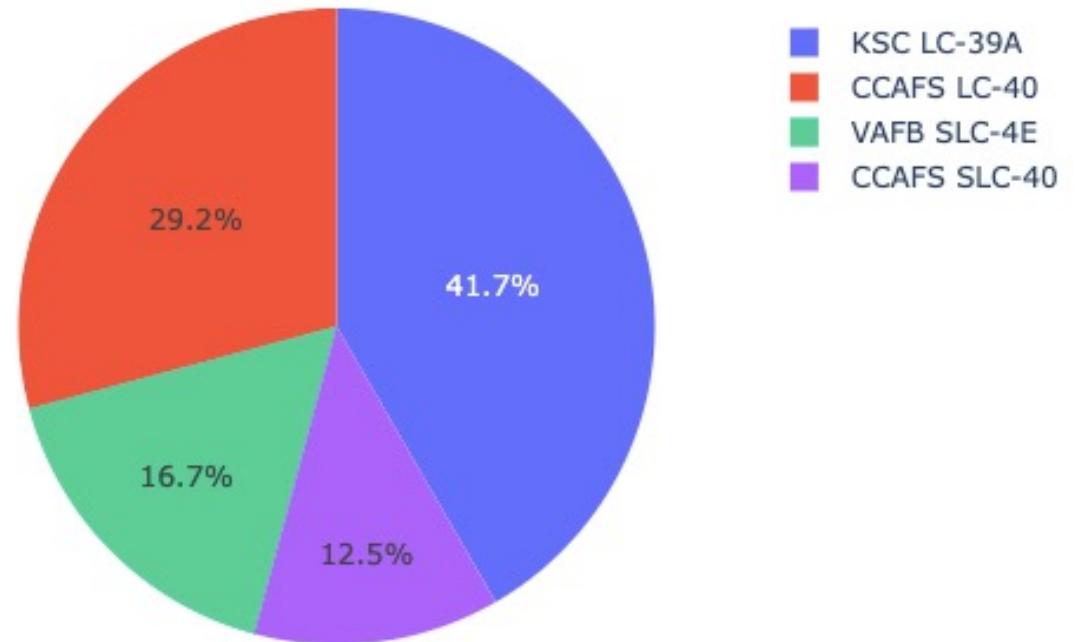
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Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

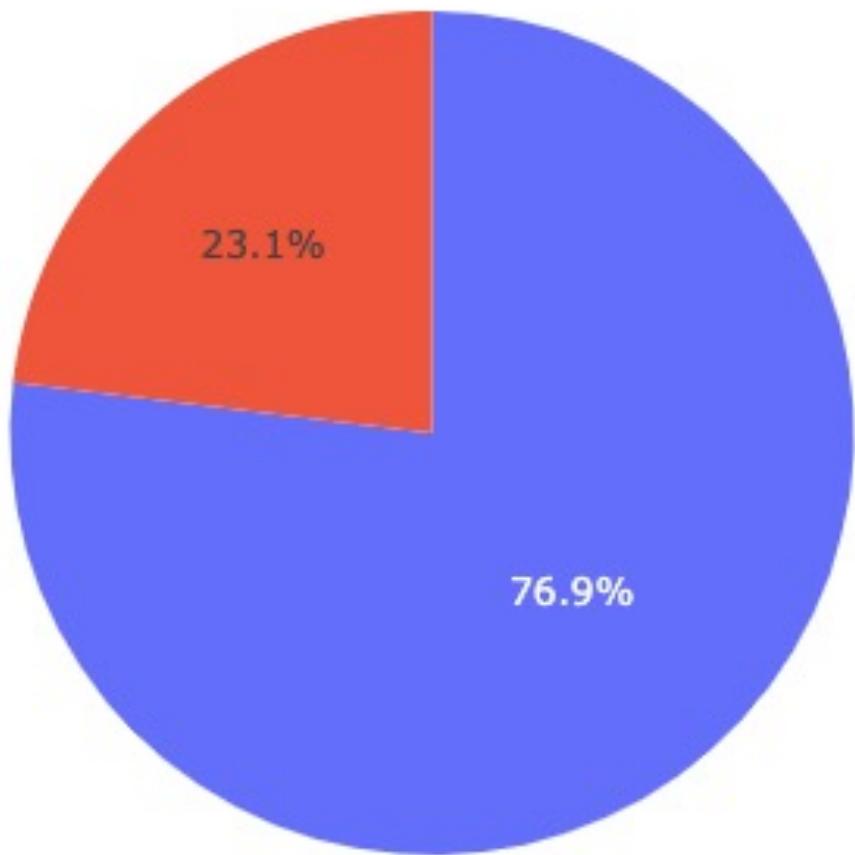
Total Success Launches by Site

- In this Pie Chart from the Dashboard built it is possible to observe that KSC LC-39A has the greatest rate of successful launches.
- On the other hand, CCAFS SLC-40 has the lowest rate of successful launches.

Total Success Launches By Site



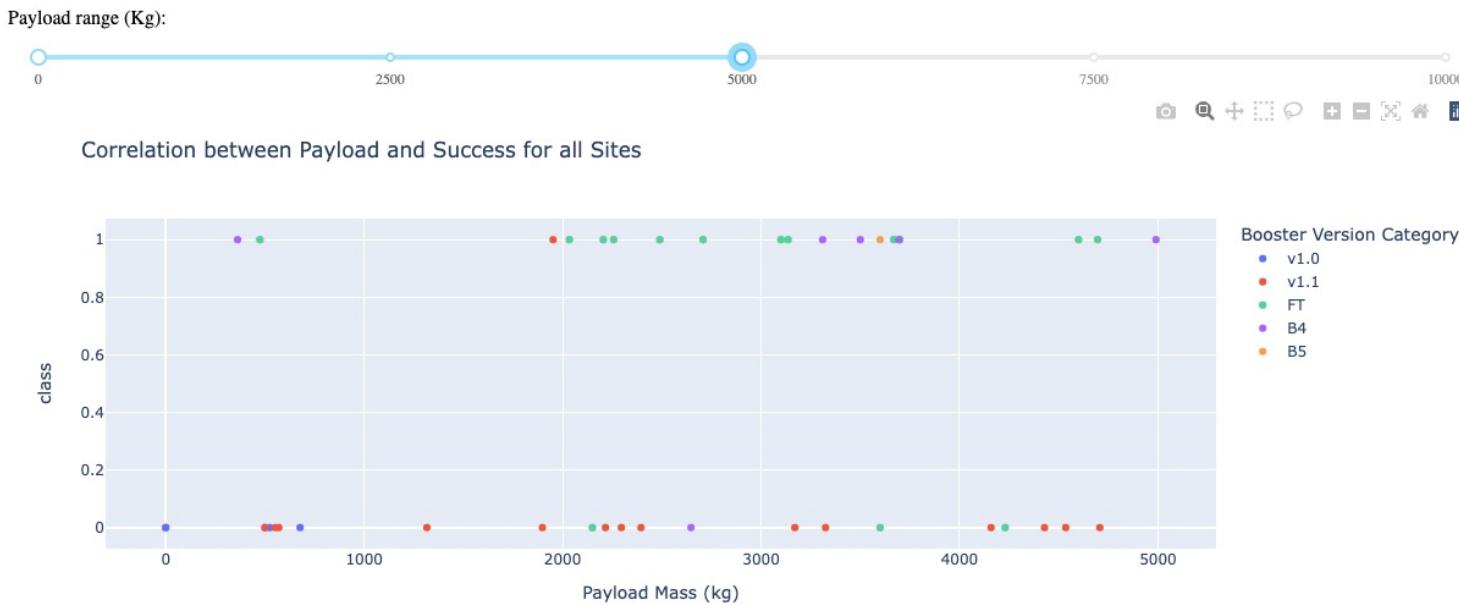
Success Launches for site KSC LC-39A



Launch Site with highest launch success ratio

- Detailing the launch site with highest launch success ratio (KSC LC-39A), the rate of successful launches is 76,9%.
- Only 23,1% of the launches in site KSC LC-39A ended in failure.

Payload vs. Launch Outcome scatter plot



This Scatter Chart from the Dashboard built demonstrates the differences between payload and launch outcome. When light payloads are selected in the range slider (0-5000 kg), the successful rate increases, with FT booster being the most successful. When heavy payloads are selected in the range slider (5000-10000 kg), the successful rate decreases consistently.





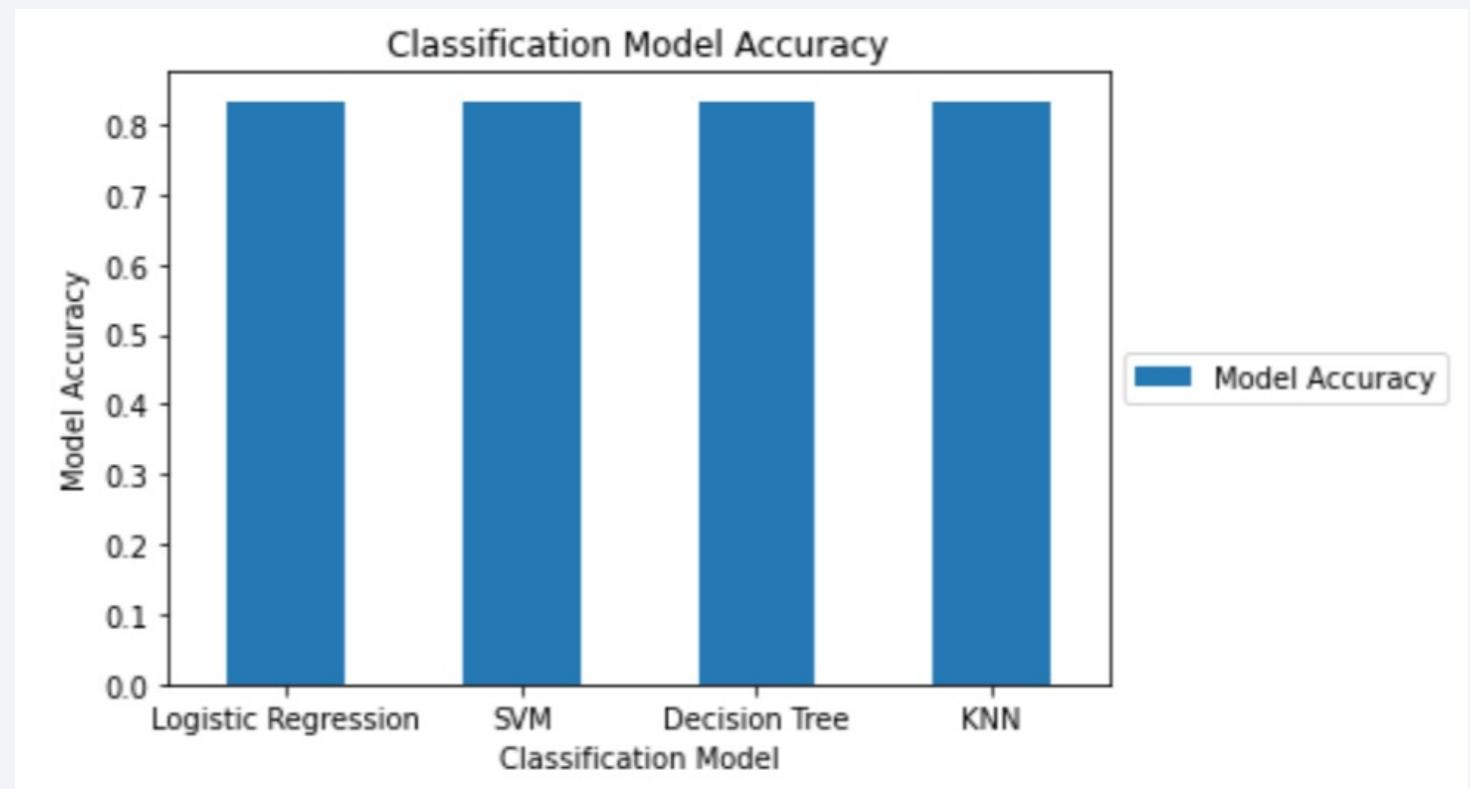
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Predictive Analysis (Classification)

Classification Accuracy

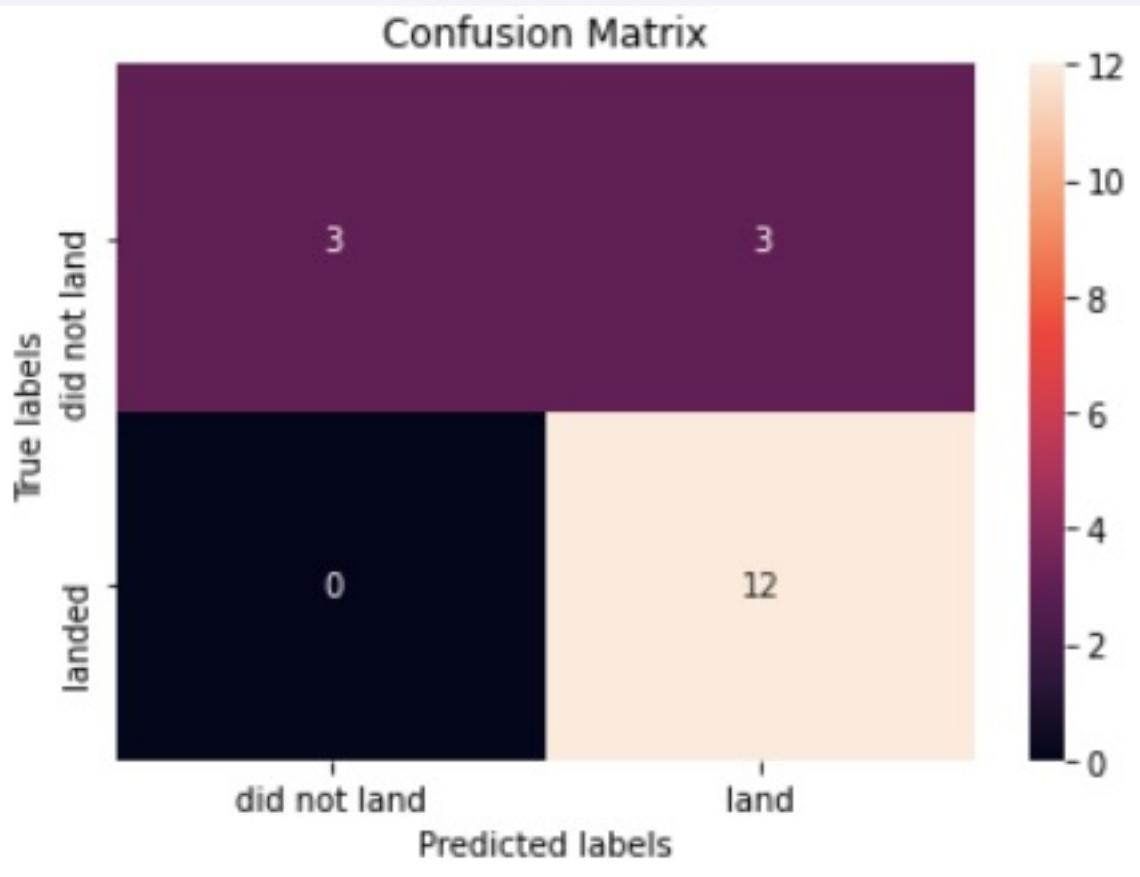
- All four models built have the same accuracy with test data (0,83) as depicted in the Bar chart
- Even trying F1 score, the accuracy result is the same for them (0,81)

Algorithm	F1-score
KNN	0.814815
Decision Tree	0.814815
SVM	0.814815
LogisticRegression	0.814815

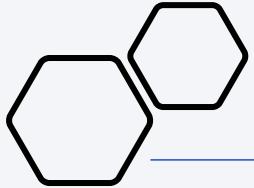


Therefore, all of them could be considered the best model for this project. But in view of processing savings, the model elected is the Logistic Regression

Confusion Matrix



- The confusion matrix for Logistic Regression Model shows that it can distinguish between the different classes, and the major problem is false positives (3)
- The model has a high rate of true positives (12), and a moderate rate of true negatives (3)



Conclusions

- The Project objective was achieved, since was possible to build, tune and evaluate a ML model to determine if SpaceX first stage will land successfully.
- Based on this determination, it becomes possible to define if the first stage can be reused and determine the price of each launch to compete against SpaceX.
- The Logistic Regression model was defined as the best model to be used in production environment.



Conclusions

The project made possible to conclude that:

- The success rate improves when the amount of flight grows in a specific site. For example, CCAFS SLC 40 success rate grow up with more Flight Numbers.
- Less Payload Mass (below 4000 kg) has better success probability in all sites.
- With heavy payloads, the successful landing rate is higher for Polar, LEO and ISS orbits. With light payloads, the success rate is better for ES-L1 and SSO.



Conclusions

- ES-L1, GEO, HEO and SSO orbits have the highest success rate. GTO has the lowest success rate.
- In the LEO orbit, success appears related to the number of flights, while VLEO orbit has more success rate with greater Flight Numbers.
- The success rate since 2013 kept increasing till 2020, with a slight decrease in 2018.



Conclusions

- All Launch Sites are in US coasts, specifically in Florida and California, and VAFB SLC-4E is the more distant site from the Equator line.
- All launch sites are near railways, highways, and coastline, but they keep certain distance away from cities.
- Site KSC LC-39A had more successful launches than other sites. CCAFS SLC-40 has the lowest rate of successful launches.



Appendix

- Link to GitHub with all material, including notebooks, python code for Dashboard and this presentation: <https://github.com/jbcjr/IBM-Applied-Data-Science-Capstone>

Thank you!

