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Winning Space Race with Data Science

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Executive Summary

- In this capstone, we predicted if the Falcon 9 first stage will land successfully by implementing several machine learning models.
- Models developed were Logistic Regression, Support Vector Machine, Decision Tree and KNN.
- Data was collected from SPACE X using its own API and from Wikipedia.
- Several data visualizations were developed in order to perform exploratory data analysis.
- Best models reach an accuracy of 83%.
- An interactive dashboard and terrain maps were also generated.

Introduction

- SpaceX advertises Falcon 9 rocket launches on its website with a cost of 62 million dollars; other providers cost upward of 165 million dollars each, much of the savings is because SpaceX can reuse the first stage.
- Therefore, if we can determine if the first stage will land, we can determine the cost of a launch. This information can be used if an alternate company wants to bid against SpaceX for a rocket launch.
- Furthermore, an interactive dashboard and several data visualizations were generated with the purpose to gain a better data understanding.

Section 1

Methodology

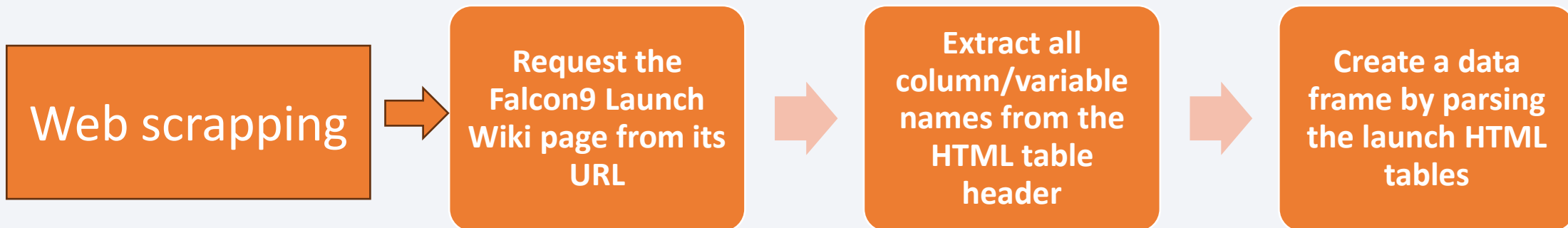
Methodology

Executive Summary

- Data collection methodology:
 - Data was collected from Space X and Wikipedia.
- Perform data wrangling
 - Data was cleaned, exploratory Data Analysis performed, and Training Labels defined.
- Perform exploratory data analysis (EDA) using visualization and SQL
- Perform interactive visual analytics using Folium and Plotly Dash
- Perform predictive analysis using classification models
 - How to build, tune, evaluate classification models

Data Collection

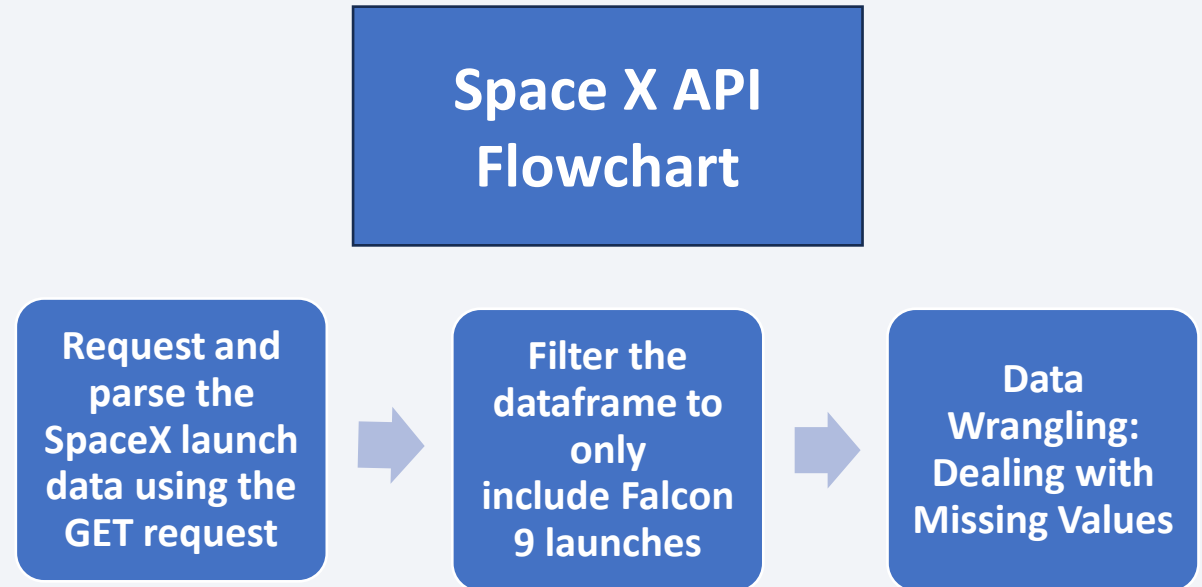
- Raw data was collected directly from Space X by using its own API.
- Furthermore, Falcon 9 launch records were extracted from an HTML table from Wikipedia.



Data Collection – SpaceX API

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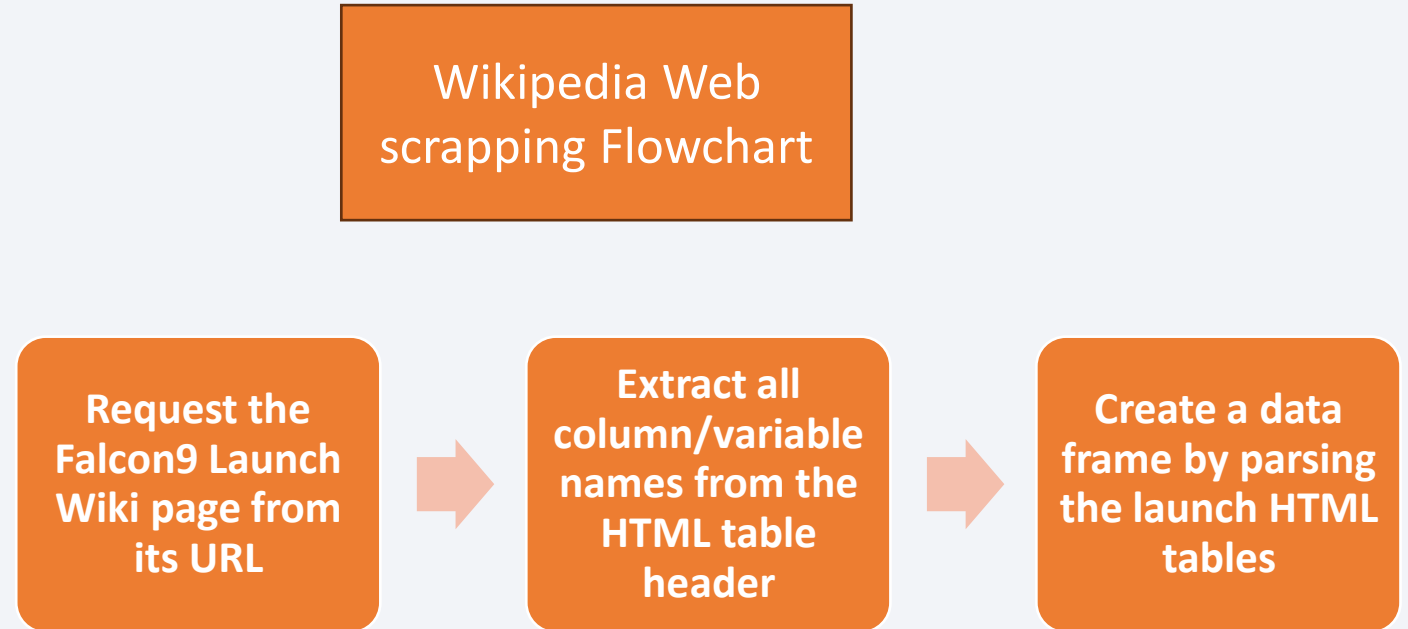
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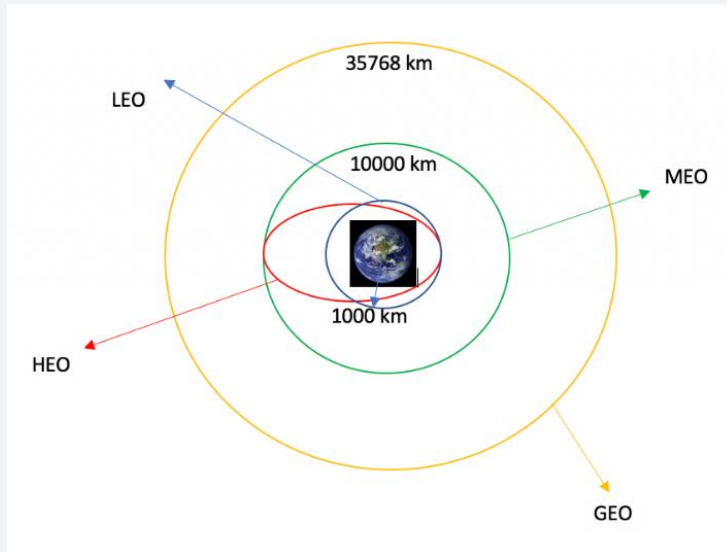
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Data Wrangling

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Calculate the
number of
launches on
each site

Calculate the
number and
occurrence of
each orbit

Calculate the
number and
occurrence of
mission
outcome of the
orbits

Create a landing
outcome label
from Outcome
column

EDA with Data Visualization

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Visualizations

Relationship between Flight Number and Launch Site

Relationship between Payload and Launch Site

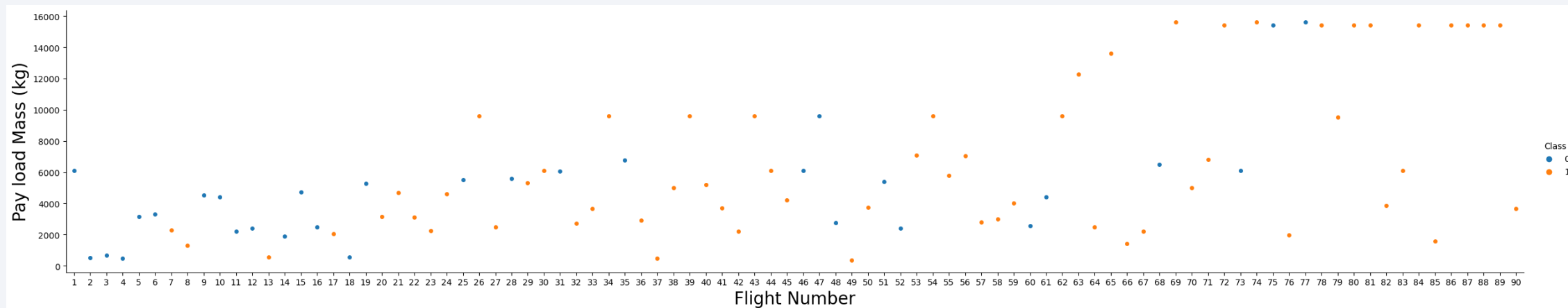
Relationship between success rate of each orbit type

Relationship between Flight Number and Orbit type

Relationship between Payload and Orbit type

Launch success yearly trend

Features Engineering



EDA with SQL

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SQL Queries

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.

List the names of the boosters which have success in drone ship and have payload mass greater than 4000 but less than 6000

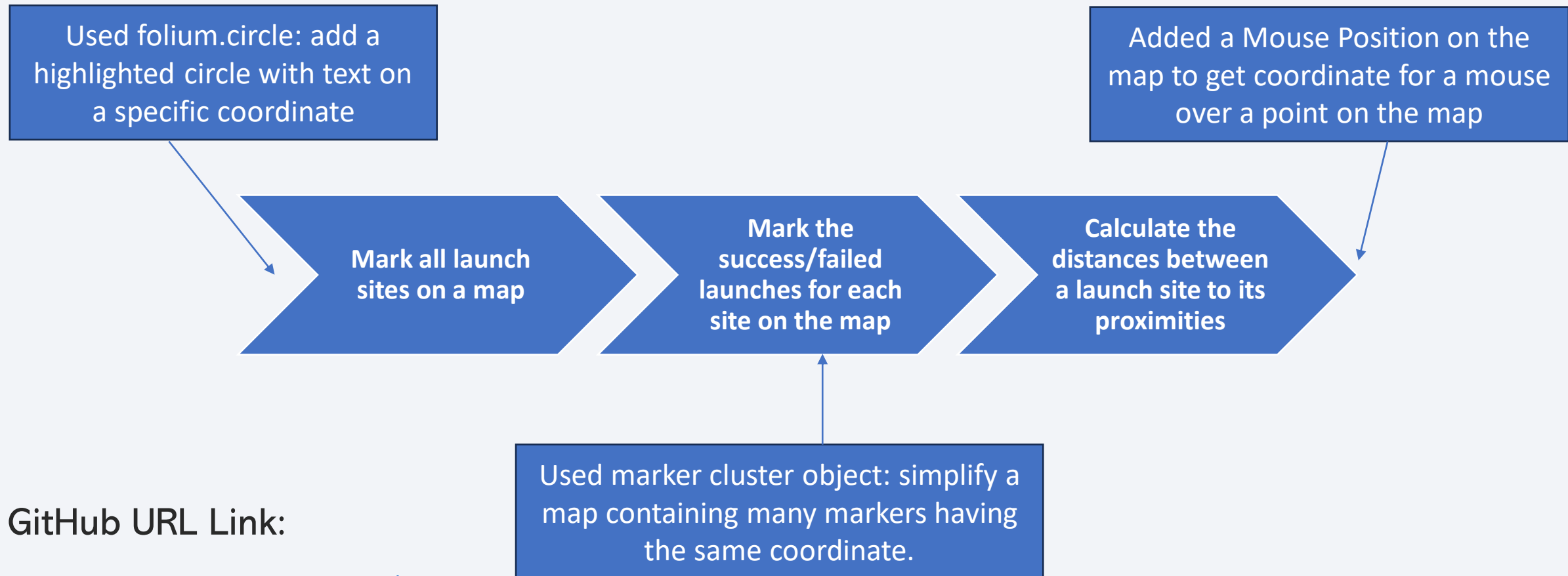
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Rank the count of landing outcomes (such as Failure (drone ship) or Success (ground pad)) between the date 2010-06-04 and 2017-03-20, in descending order.

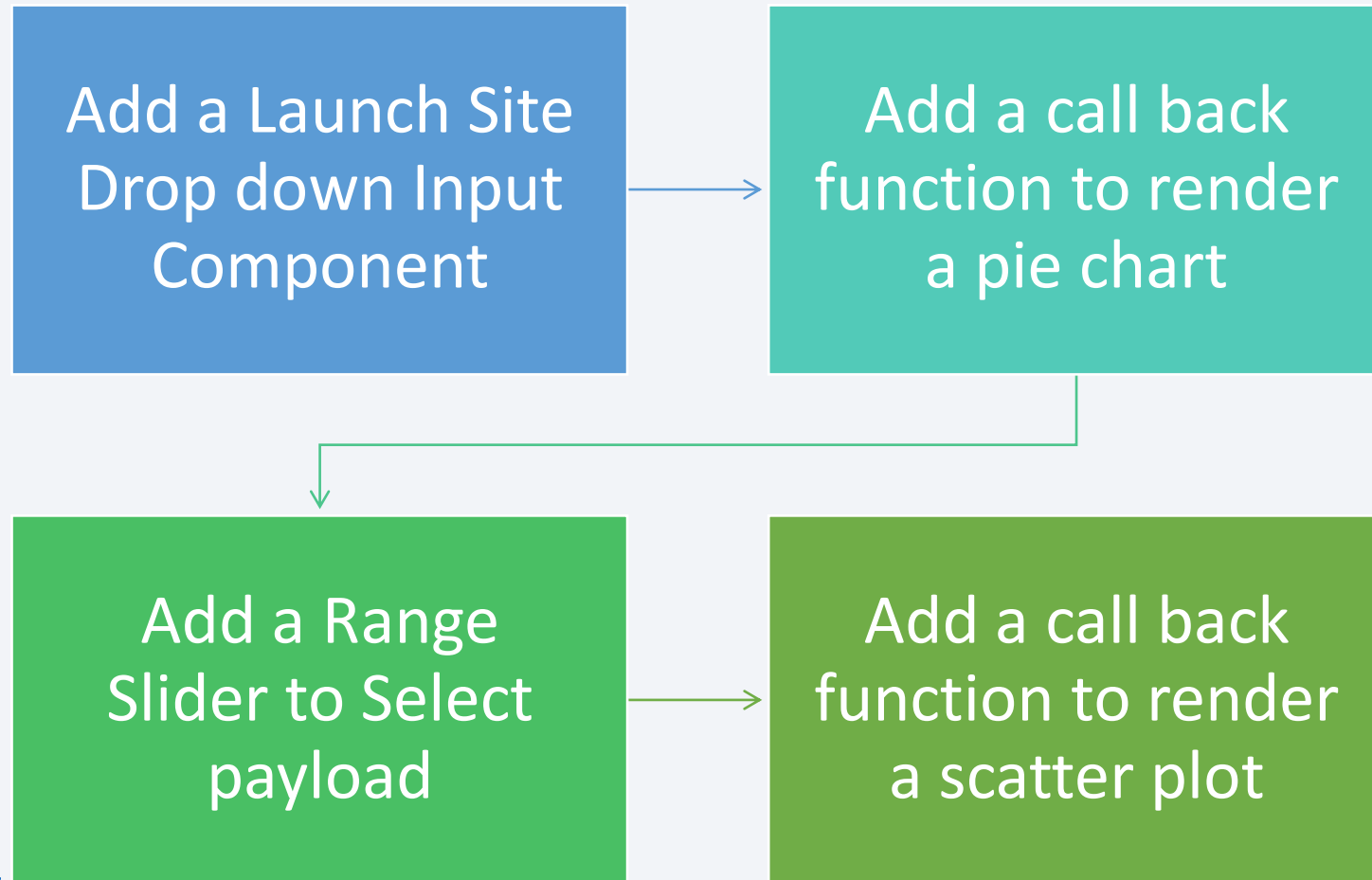
Build an Interactive Map with Folium



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Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash



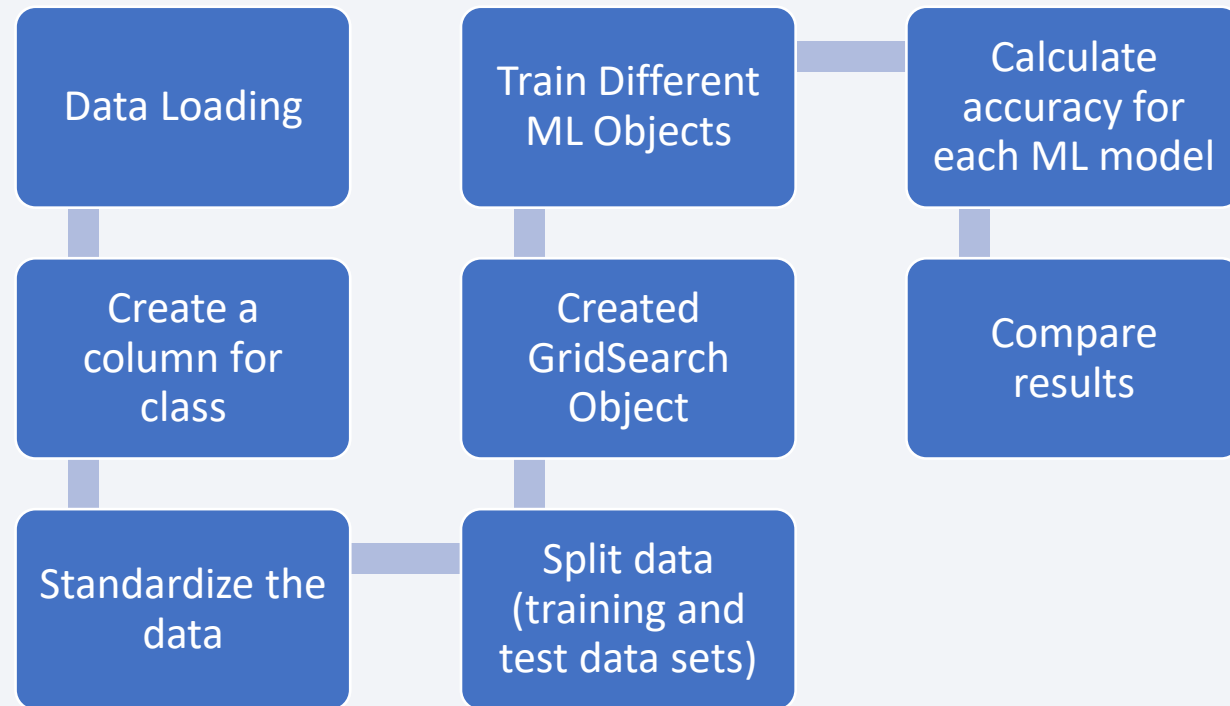
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Predictive Analysis (Classification)

- Scikit learn library was used for predictive analysis.
- GridSearchCV to identify best parameters for models.
- GitHub URL Link:

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Results

- Machine learning models were able to predict landing success of rockets with an accuracy score of 83 %.
- 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.
- With heavy payloads the successful landing or positive landing rate are more for Polar,LEO and ISS.
- However for GTO we cannot distinguish this well as both positive landing rate and negative landing(unsuccesful mission) are both there here.
- The success rate since 2013 kept increasing till 2017 (stable in 2014) and after 2015 it started increasing.

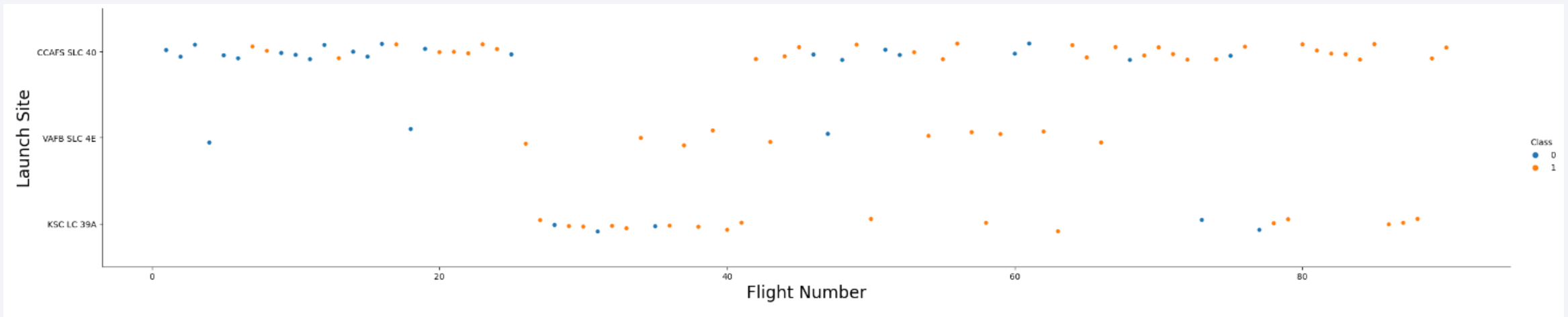
The background of the slide is an abstract composition. It features a dark blue base color. Overlaid on this are numerous diagonal streaks in shades of blue and red, creating a sense of motion or data flow. A faint, light blue grid pattern is also visible, particularly in the lower-left quadrant. The overall effect is high-tech and digital.

Section 2

Insights drawn from EDA

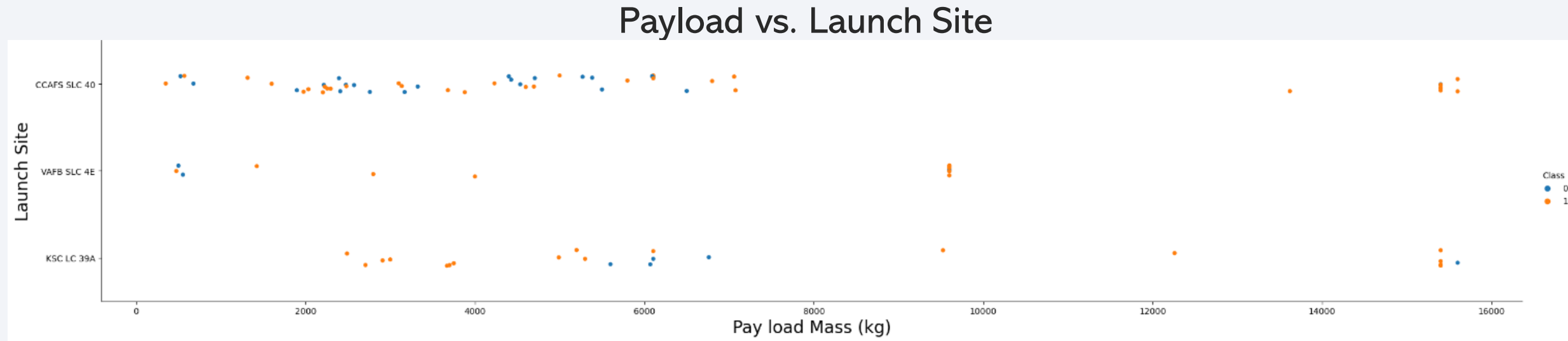
Flight Number vs. Launch Site

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- As flight number increases successful landings also increase.
- Most used Launch site is CCAFS SLC 40.

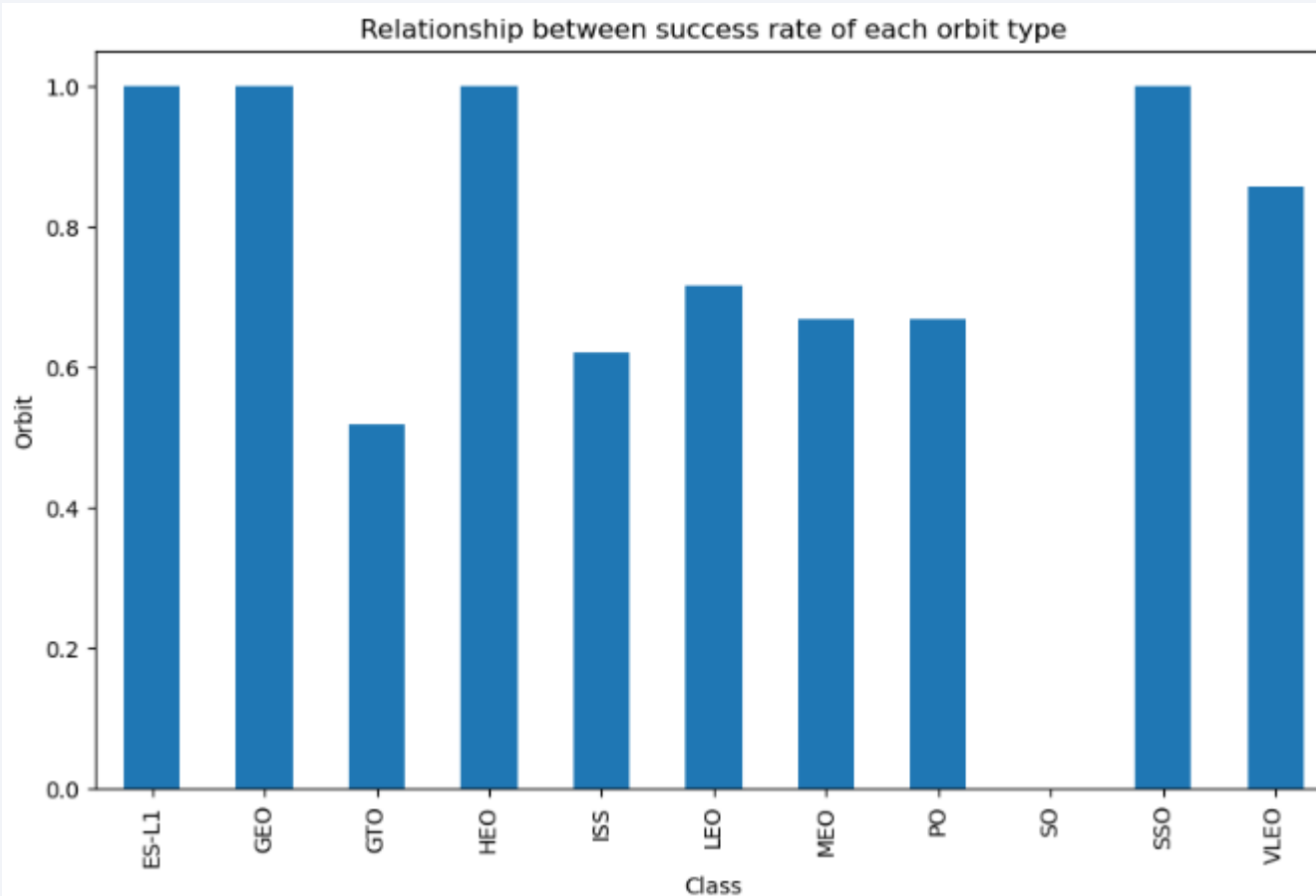
Payload vs. Launch Site



- For the VAFB-SLC launch site there are no rockets launched for heavy payload mass(greater than 10000).
- Most of heavy payload launches are successful.

Success Rate vs. Orbit Type

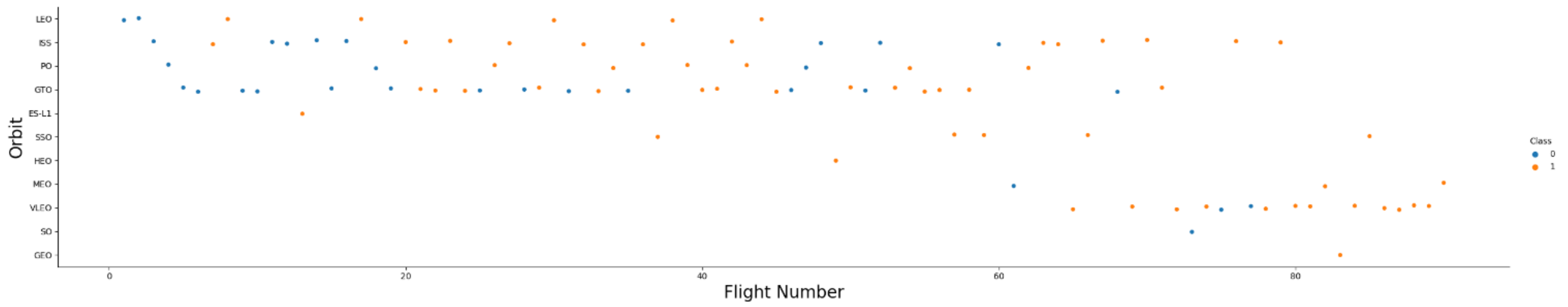
Success rate of each orbit type



ES-L1, GEO, HEO and SSO orbits have a success rate of 100%

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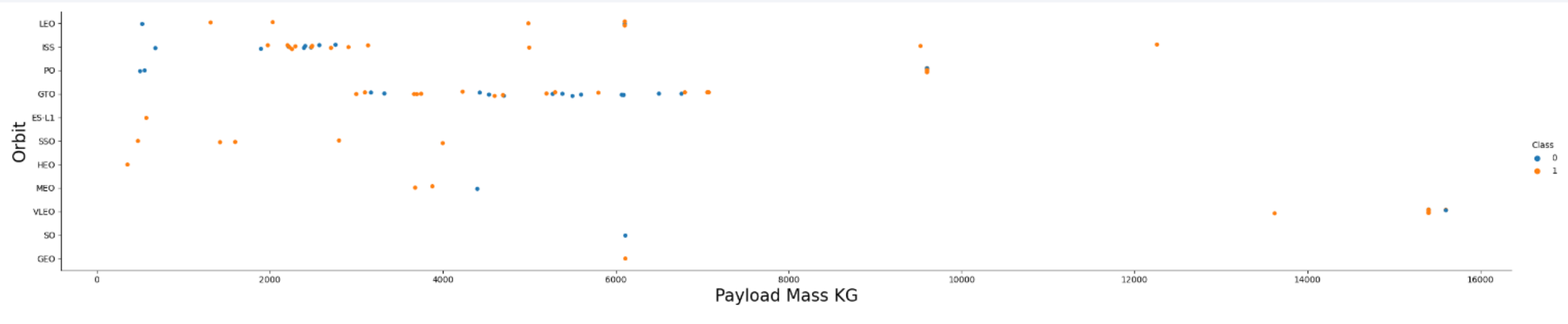
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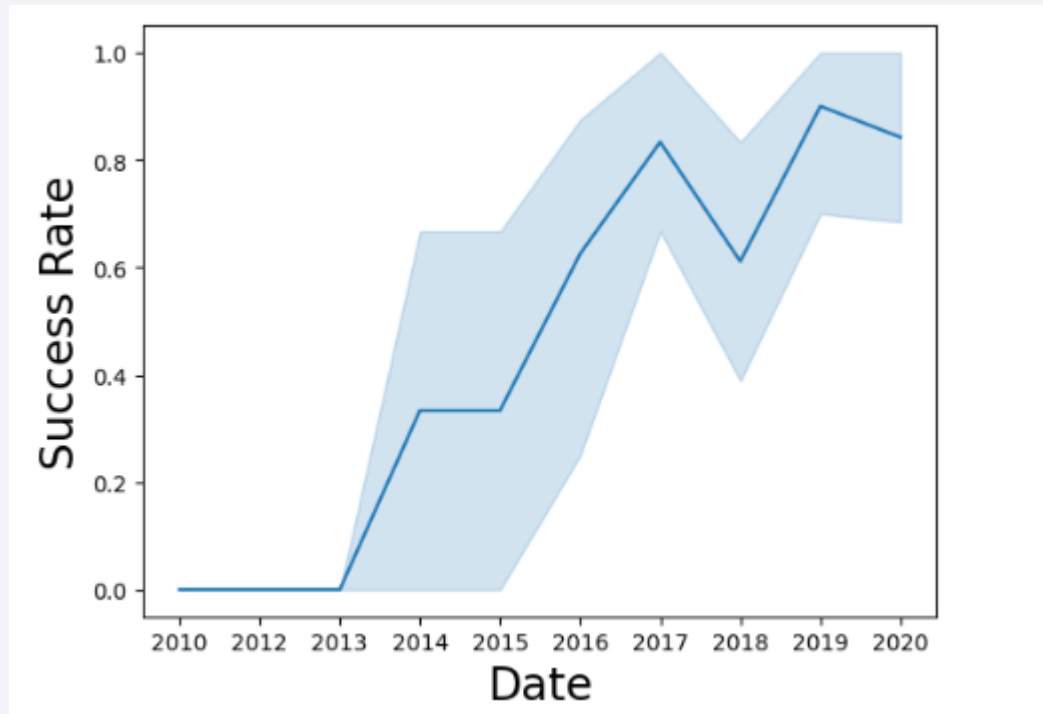
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Launch Success Yearly Trend

Line chart of yearly average success rate



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All Launch Site Names

- Query result: DISTINCT operator was used.

```
Task 1
Display the names of the unique launch sites in the space mission

[8]: %sql SELECT DISTINCT LAUNCH_SITE FROM SPACEXTBL;
* sqlite:///my_data1.db
Done.
[8]: Launch_Site
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CCAFS LC-40
VAFB SLC-4E
KSC LC-39A
CCAFS SLC-40
```

Launch Site Names Begin with 'CCA'

- Query result:

Task 2

Display 5 records where launch sites begin with the string 'CCA'

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

```
* sqlite:///my_data1.db
```

Done.

```
[9]:
```

	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	7:44:00	F9 v1.0 B0005	CCAFS LC-40	Dragon demo flight C2	525	LEO (ISS)	NASA (COTS)	Success	No attempt
	2012-10-08	0:35:00	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 result: 45596 kg

Task 3

Display the total payload mass carried by boosters launched by NASA (CRS)

```
[13]: %sql SELECT SUM(PAYLOAD_MASS_KG_) FROM SPACEXTBL WHERE CUSTOMER = 'NASA (CRS)';
```

```
* sqlite:///my_data1.db
```

```
Done.
```

```
[13]: SUM(PAYLOAD_MASS_KG_)
      45596
```

Average Payload Mass by F9 v1.1

- Query result: average is 2928,4 Kg

```
Task 4
Display average payload mass carried by booster version F9 v1.1

[14]: %sql SELECT AVG(PAYLOAD_MASS_KG_) FROM SPACEXTBL WHERE BOOSTER_VERSION = 'F9 v1.1';
* sqlite:///my_data1.db
Done.
[14]: AVG(PAYLOAD_MASS_KG_)
      2928.4

Task 5
```

First Successful Ground Landing Date

- Query result: 22nd December 2015

Task 5

List the date when the first succesful landing outcome in ground pad was acheived.

Hint: Use min function

```
[17]: %sql select min(DATE) from SPACEXTBL where Landing_Outcome = 'Success (ground pad)';
```

```
* sqlite:///my_data1.db
```

```
Done.
```

```
[17]: min(DATE)
```

```
2015-12-22
```


Successful Drone Ship Landing with Payload between 4000 and 6000

- Query result:

▼ Task 6

List the names of the boosters which have success in drone ship and have payload mass greater than 4000 but less than 6000

```
[19]: %sql SELECT Booster_Version from SPACEXTBL WHERE Landing_Outcome = 'Success (drone ship)' and PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_ >4000 and PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_ < 6000;  
* sqlite:///my_data1.db  
Done.
```

```
[19]: Booster_Version
```

```
F9 FT B1022
```

```
F9 FT B1026
```

```
F9 FT B1021.2
```

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F9 FT B1031.2
```

Total Number of Successful and Failure Mission Outcomes

- Query result: 99 missions

▼ Task 7

List the total number of successful and failure mission outcomes

```
[20]: %sql select count(MISSION_OUTCOME) from SPACEXTBL where MISSION_OUTCOME = 'Success' or MISSION_OUTCOME = 'Failure (in flight)';
```

```
* sqlite:///my_data1.db
```

Done.

```
[20]: count(MISSION_OUTCOME)
```

```
99
```

Boosters Carried Maximum Payload

- Query result: a subquery was used.

Task 8

List the names of the booster_versions which have carried the maximum payload mass. Use a subquery

```
[21]: %sql SELECT BOOSTER_VERSION FROM SPACEXTBL WHERE PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_ = (SELECT max(PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_) FROM SPACEXTBL);
```

```
* sqlite:///my_data1.db
```

Done.

```
[21]: Booster_Version
```

```
F9 B5 B1048.4
```

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F9 B5 B1049.4
```

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F9 B5 B1051.3
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F9 B5 B1056.4
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F9 B5 B1048.5
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F9 B5 B1051.4
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F9 B5 B1049.5
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F9 B5 B1060.2
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F9 B5 B1058.3
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F9 B5 B1051.6
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F9 B5 B1060.3
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F9 B5 B1049.7
```

2015 Launch Records

- Query result: 5 in total

▼ Task 9

List the records which will display the month names, failure landing_outcomes in drone ship ,booster versions, launch_site for the months in year 2015.

Note: SQLite does not support monthnames. So you need to use substr(Date, 6,2) as month to get the months and substr(Date,0,5)='2015' for year.

```
[24]: %sql SELECT BOOSTER_VERSION,LAUNCH_SITE,LANDING_OUTCOME, DATE FROM SPACEXTBL WHERE LANDING_OUTCOME = 'Failure (drone ship)' and DATE('2015');
```

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* sqlite:///my_data1.db  
Done.
```

```
[24]:
```

Booster_Version	Launch_Site	Landing_Outcome	Date
F9 v1.1 B1012	CCAFS LC-40	Failure (drone ship)	2015-01-10
F9 v1.1 B1015	CCAFS LC-40	Failure (drone ship)	2015-04-14
F9 v1.1 B1017	VAFB SLC-4E	Failure (drone ship)	2016-01-17
F9 FT B1020	CCAFS LC-40	Failure (drone ship)	2016-03-04
F9 FT B1024	CCAFS LC-40	Failure (drone ship)	2016-06-15

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

- Query result:

Task 10

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.

```
[33]: %sql select * from SPACEXTBL where Landing_Outcome = 'Success (ground pad)' or DATE between '2010-06-04' and '2017-03-20' order by date DESC;
```

* sqlite:///my_data1.db
Done.

[33]:

Date	Time (UTC)	Booster_Version	Launch_Site	Payload	PAYLOAD_MASS_KG	Orbit	Customer	Mission_Outcome	Landing_Outcome
2018-01-08	1:00:00	F9 B4 B1043.1	CCAFS SLC-40	Zuma	5000	LEO	Northrop Grumman	Success (payload status unclear)	Success (ground pad)
2017-12-15	15:36:00	F9 FT B1035.2	CCAFS SLC-40	SpaceX CRS-13	2205	LEO (ISS)	NASA (CRS)	Success	Success (ground pad)
2017-09-07	14:00:00	F9 B4 B1040.1	KSC LC-39A	Boeing X-37B OTV-5	4990	LEO	U.S. Air Force	Success	Success (ground pad)
2017-08-14	16:31:00	F9 B4 B1039.1	KSC LC-39A	SpaceX CRS-12	3310	LEO (ISS)	NASA (CRS)	Success	Success (ground pad)
2017-06-03	21:07:00	F9 FT B1035.1	KSC LC-39A	SpaceX CRS-11	2708	LEO (ISS)	NASA (CRS)	Success	Success (ground pad)
2017-05-01	11:15:00	F9 FT B1032.1	KSC LC-39A	NROL-76	5300	LEO	NRO	Success	Success (ground pad)
2017-03-16	6:00:00	F9 FT B1030	KSC LC-39A	EchoStar 23	5600	GTO	EchoStar	Success	No attempt
2017-02-19	14:39:00	F9 FT B1031.1	KSC LC-39A	SpaceX CRS-10	2490	LEO (ISS)	NASA (CRS)	Success	Success (ground pad)
2017-01-14	17:54:00	F9 FT B1029.1	VAFB SLC-4E	Iridium NEXT 1	9600	Polar LEO	Iridium Communications	Success	Success (drone ship)
2016-08-14	5:26:00	F9 FT B1026	CCAFS LC-40	JCSAT-16	4600	GTO	SKY Perfect JSAT Group	Success	Success (drone ship)
2016-07-18	4:45:00	F9 FT B1025.1	CCAFS LC-40	SpaceX CRS-9	2257	LEO (ISS)	NASA (CRS)	Success	Success (ground pad)
2016-06-15	14:29:00	F9 FT B1024	CCAFS LC-40	ABS-2A Eutelsat 117 West B	3600	GTO	ABS Eutelsat	Success	Failure (drone ship)
2016-05-27	21:39:00	F9 FT B1023.1	CCAFS LC-40	Thalcom 8	3100	GTO	Thalcom	Success	Success (drone ship)
2016-05-06	5:21:00	F9 FT B1022	CCAFS LC-40	JCSAT-14	4696	GTO	SKY Perfect JSAT Group	Success	Success (drone ship)
2016-04-08	20:43:00	F9 FT B1021.1	CCAFS LC-40	SpaceX CRS-8	3136	LEO (ISS)	NASA (CRS)	Success	Success (drone ship)
2016-03-04	23:35:00	F9 FT B1020	CCAFS LC-40	SES-9	5271	GTO	SES	Success	Failure (drone ship)
2016-01-17	18:42:00	F9 v1.1 B1017	VAFB SLC-4E	Jason-3	553	LEO	NASA (LSP) NOAA CNES	Success	Failure (drone ship)
2015-12-22	1:29:00	F9 FT B1019	CCAFS LC-40	OG2 Mission 2 11 Orbcomm-OG2 satellites	2034	LEO	Orbcomm	Success	Success (ground pad)
2015-06-28	14:21:00	F9 v1.1 B1018	CCAFS LC-40	SpaceX CRS-7	1952	LEO (ISS)	NASA (CRS)	Failure (in flight)	Precluded (drone ship)
2015-04-27	23:03:00	F9 v1.1 B1016	CCAFS LC-40	Turkmen 52 / MonacoSAT	4707	GTO	Turkmenistan National Space Agency	Success	No attempt
2015-04-14	20:10:00	F9 v1.1 B1015	CCAFS LC-40	SpaceX CRS-6	1898	LEO (ISS)	NASA (CRS)	Success	Failure (drone ship)
2015-03-02	3:50:00	F9 v1.1 B1014	CCAFS LC-40	ABS-3A Eutelsat 115 West B	4159	GTO	ABS Eutelsat	Success	No attempt
2015-02-11	23:03:00	F9 v1.1 B1013	CCAFS LC-40	DSCOVER	570	HEO	U.S. Air Force NASA NOAA	Success	Controlled (ocean)
2015-01-10	9:47:00	F9 v1.1 B1012	CCAFS LC-40	SpaceX CRS-5	2395	LEO (ISS)	NASA (CRS)	Success	Failure (drone ship)
2014-09-21	5:52:00	F9 v1.1 B1010	CCAFS LC-40	SpaceX CRS-4	2216	LEO (ISS)	NASA (CRS)	Success	Uncontrolled (ocean)
2014-09-07	5:00:00	F9 v1.1 B1011	CCAFS LC-40	AsiaSat 6	4428	GTO	AsiaSat	Success	No attempt
2014-08-05	8:00:00	F9 v1.1	CCAFS LC-40	AsiaSat 8	4535	GTO	AsiaSat	Success	No attempt
2014-07-14	15:15:00	F9 v1.1	CCAFS LC-40	OG2 Mission 1 6 Orbcomm-OG2 satellites	1316	LEO	Orbcomm	Success	Controlled (ocean)

A satellite view of Earth from space, showing the curvature of the planet and the glowing lights of cities and continents against the dark background of space. The Earth's surface is a mix of dark blue oceans and lighter blue/white landmasses, with numerous bright yellow and orange lights indicating urban areas.

Section 3

Launch Sites Proximities Analysis

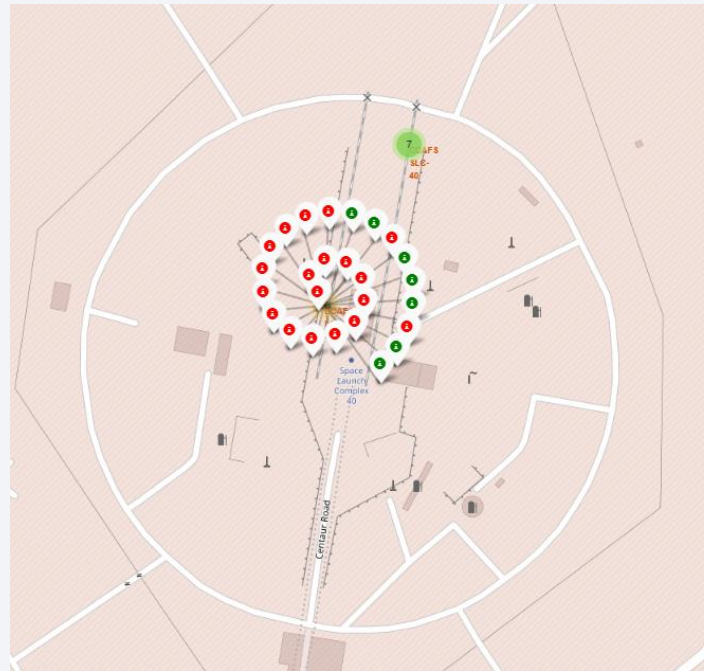
Folium Map: Launch Site Locations

- Launch sites are located at both east and west coasts.
- Nasa Launch site is located at the gulf of Mexico



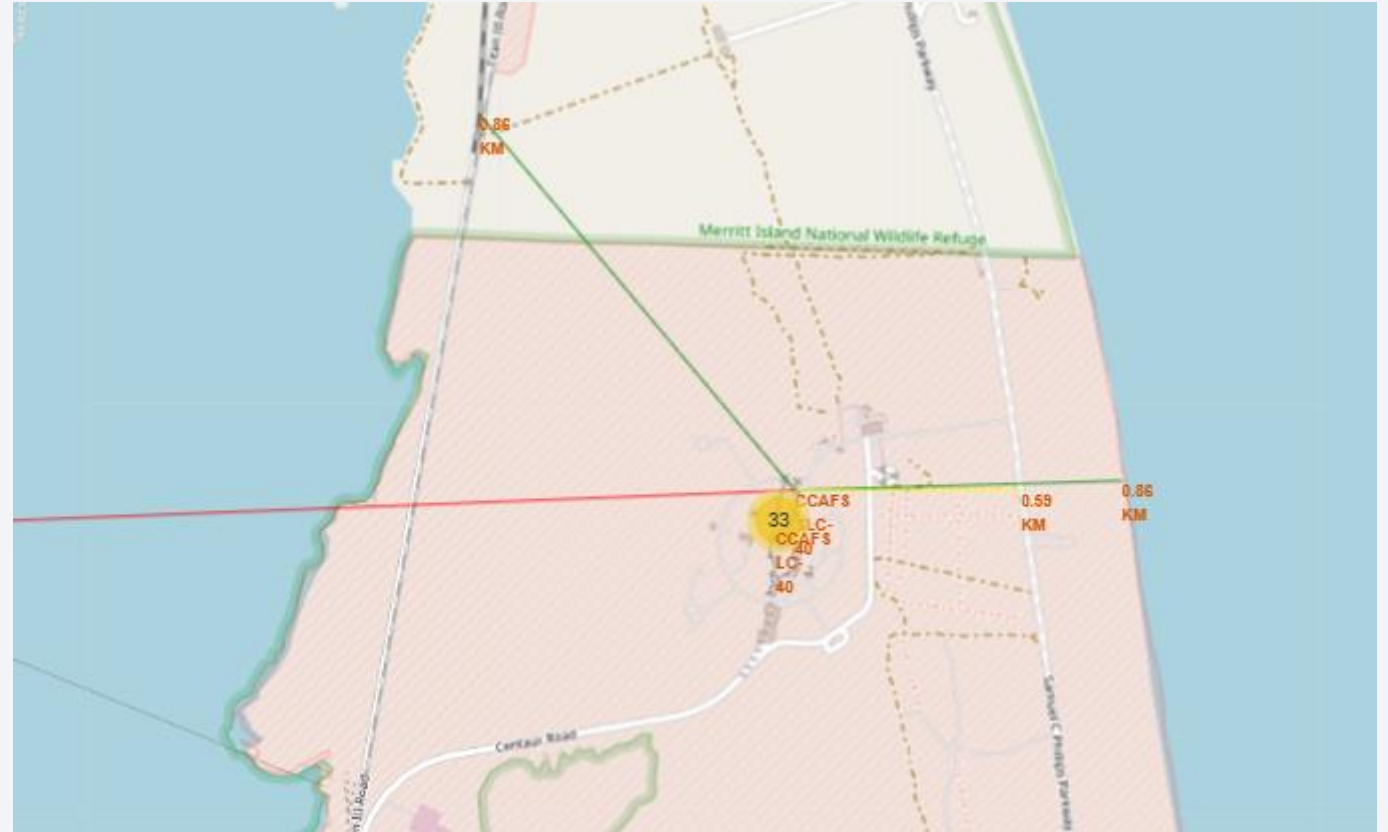
Folium Map: Success Rate of Rocket Launches

- **Green** markers represent the successful launches and **red** markers represents failed launches.



Folium Map: Surrounding Landmarks

- Several distances were calculated CCAFS LC 40 launch site.

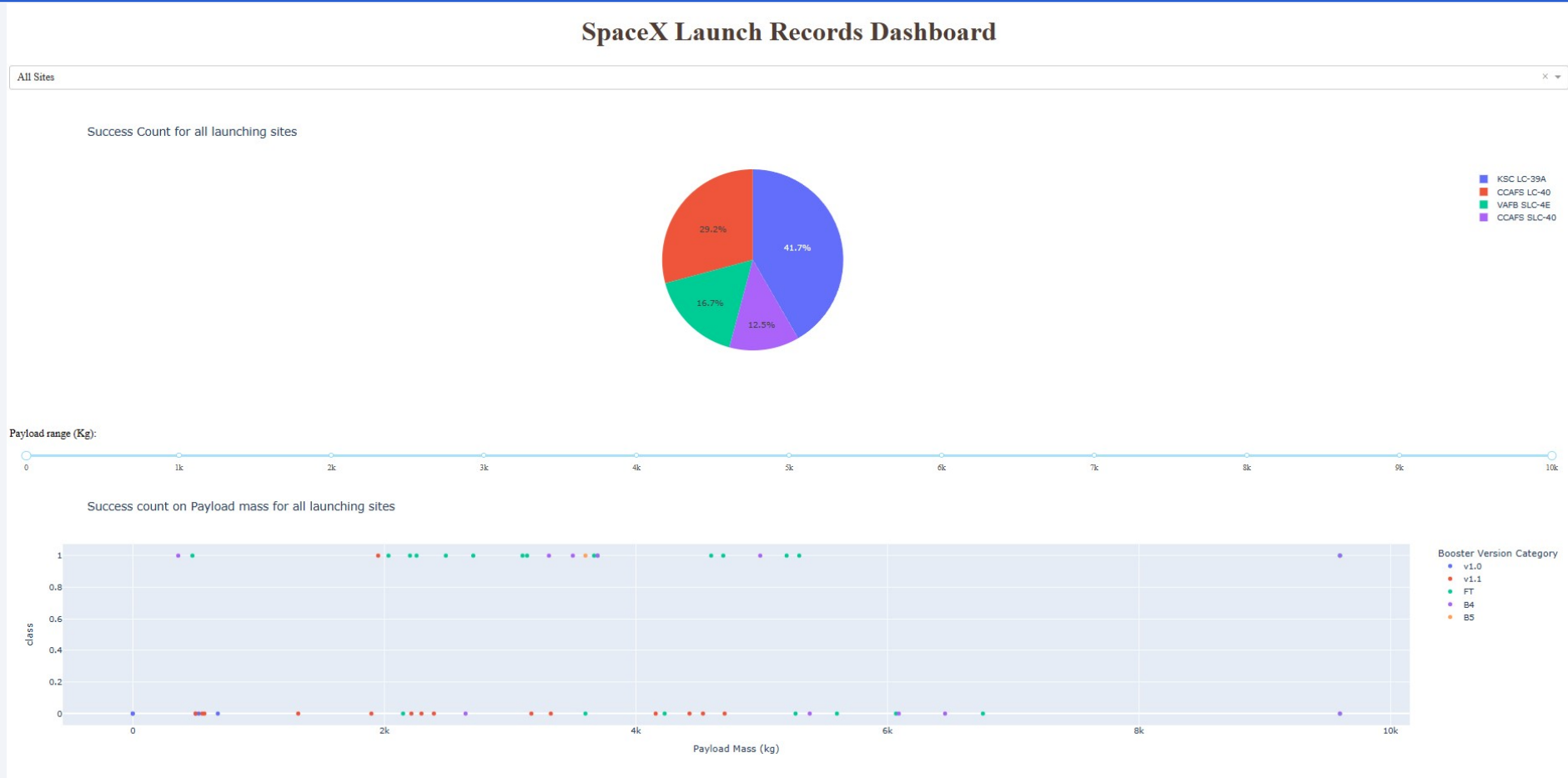




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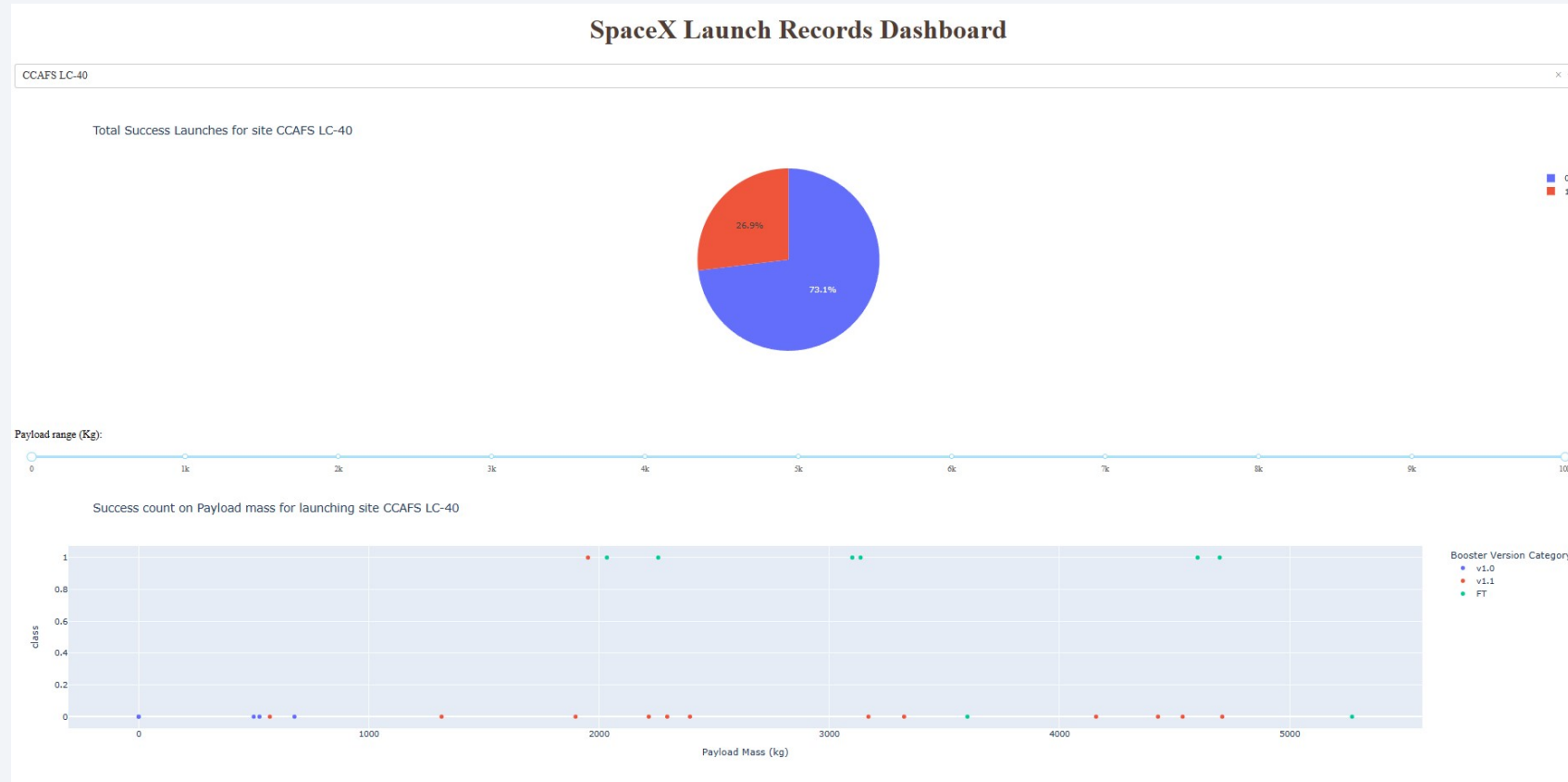
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Full Dashboard



- Information for all launch sites is showed.

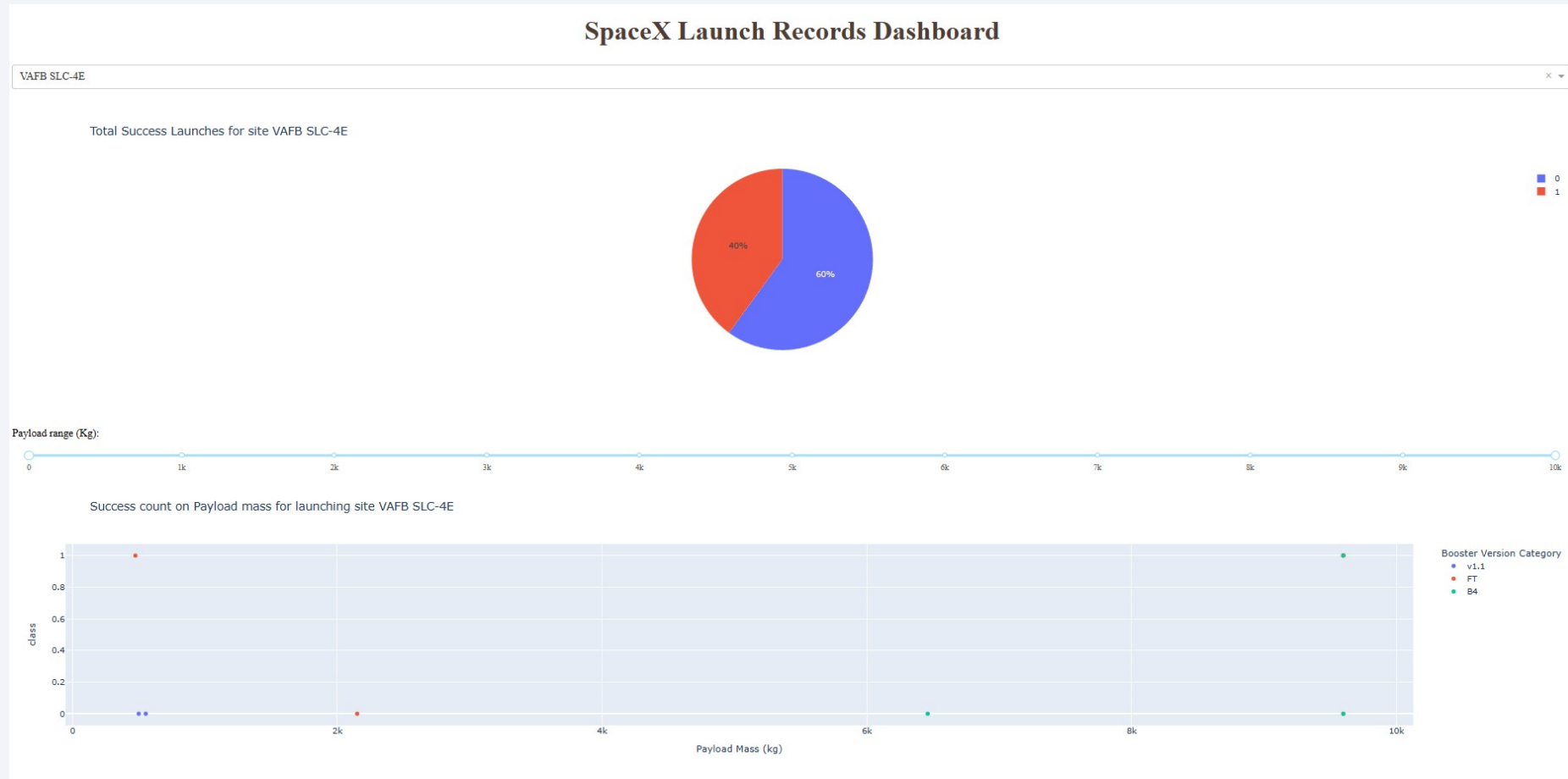
CCAFS LC-40



- CCAFS LC 40 Pie chart (successful and unsuccessful launches) and payload scatter plot

VAFB SLC-4E

- VAFB SLC-4E launch site, payload mass is also filtered



Section 5

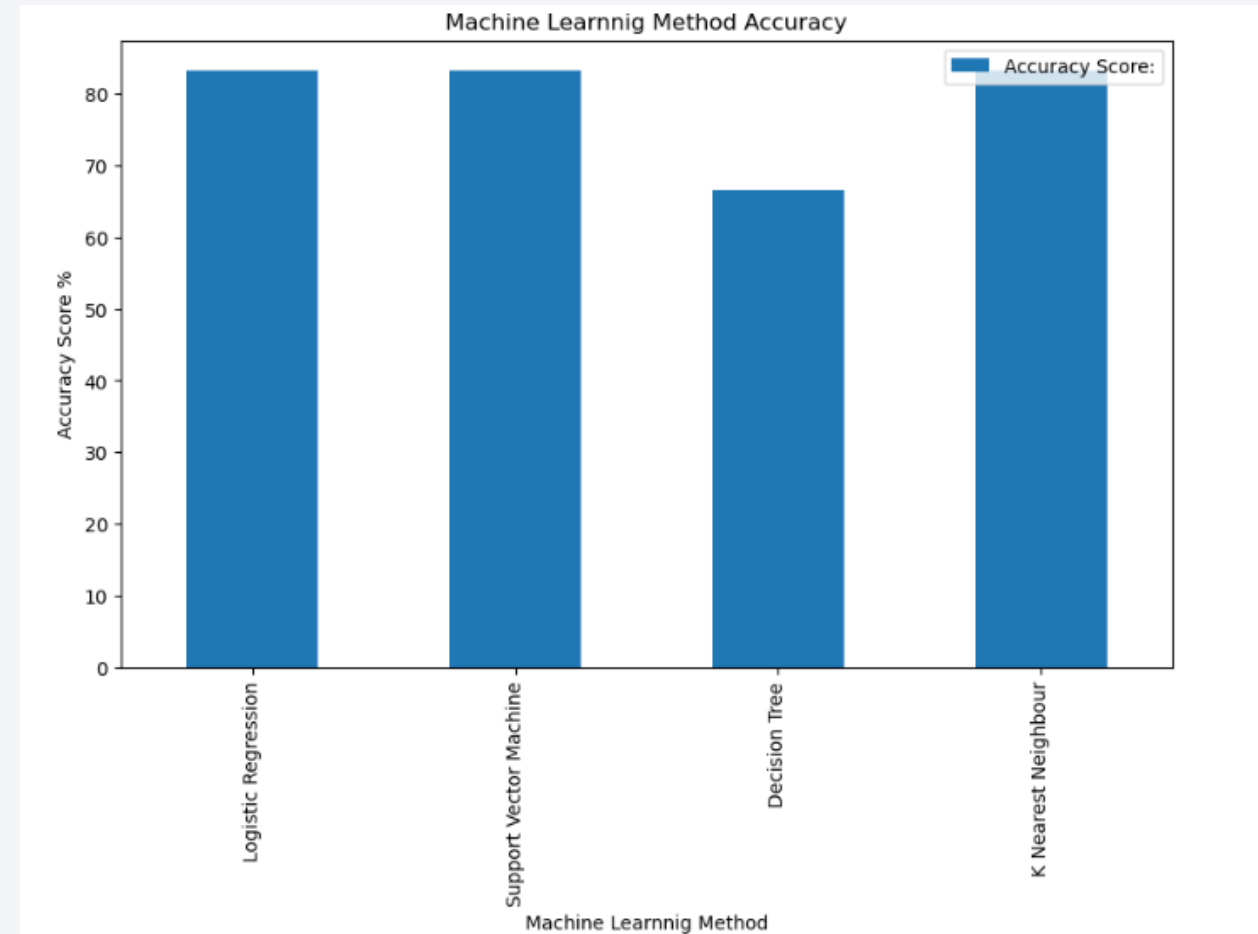
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Classification Accuracy

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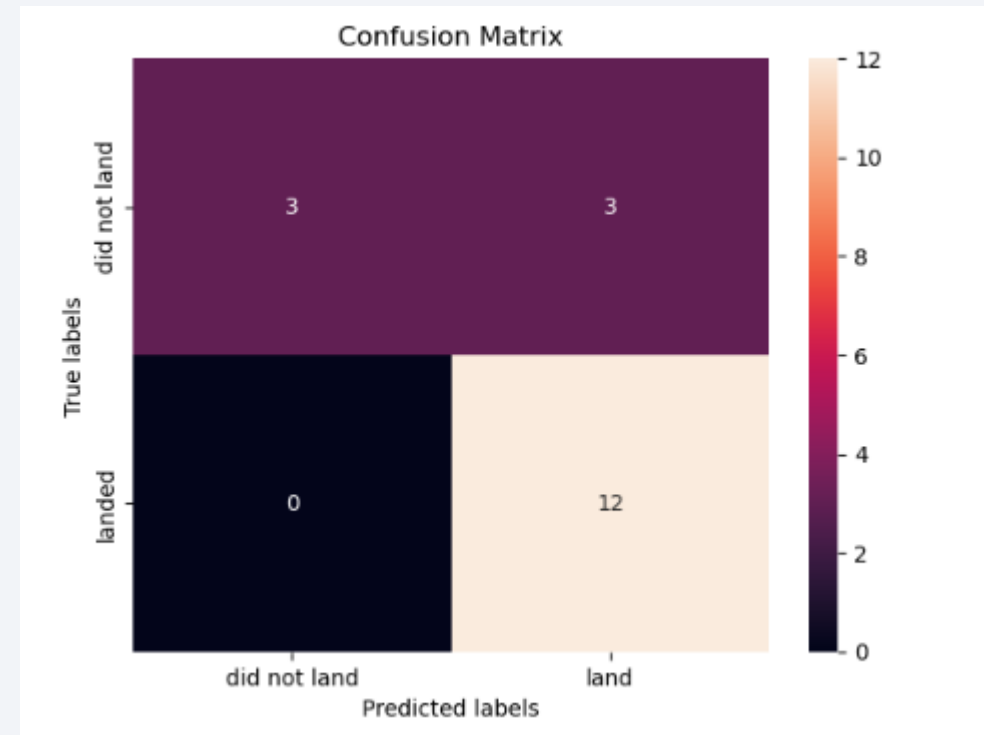
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Accuracy Score:	
Machine Learnnig Method	
Logistic Regression	83.333333
Support Vector Machine	83.333333
Decision Tree	66.666667
K Nearest Neighbour	83.333333



Confusion Matrix

- Confusion matrix of the best performing model corresponds to Logistic Regression, Support Vector Machine and KNN models .
- All landed rockets were properly classified (12) while for the rockets that did not land 3 were properly classified and 3 failed in the classification.



Conclusions

- As flight number increases successful landings also increase.
- Most used Launch site is CCAFS SLC 40.
- ES-L1, GEO, HEO and SSO orbits have a success rate of 100%
- For the VAFB-SLC launch site there are no rockets launched for heavy payload mass(greater than 10000).
- Most of heavy payload launches are successful.
- Success rate since 2013 kept increasing till 2017 (stable in 2014) and after 2015 it started increasing.
- Launch sites are located at both east and west coasts.
- Logistic Regression, Support Vector Machine and KNN models have the biggest accuracy (83%).

Thank you!

