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# Winning Space Race with Data Science

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# Executive Summary

## Summary of methodologies

- Data was collected
- Data was explored, cleaned and visualized with static graphs and interactive visualizations

## Summary of all results

- Once data was cleaned, multiple distinct factors were analyzed to determine which could help in predicting a successful first stage landing
- Multiple machine learning algorithms were applied and tested for its most effective in predicting a successful landing of the first stage.



# Introduction

- Space X 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 Space X can reuse the first stage
- If we can predict if the first stage of the launch will land, we can predict how much money the launches cost.
- With that information, an alternative company can decide if they could put up a competitive bid against Space X



Section 1

# Methodology

# Methodology

## Executive Summary

- Data collection methodology:
  - Data was collected through the Space X API and web scraping through Wikipedia
- Perform data wrangling
  - Data wrangling was performed to identify and missing or erroneous values and correct them
- 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

- Data was collected using two methods
  - Data was acquired through the Space X API using Pandas, Numpy and Datetime.
    - Data was acquired and a Pandas Dataframe was created
  - Data was extracted from Wikipedia using web scraping
    - Created a BeautifulSoup and extracted all columns/variables from website

# Data Collection – SpaceX API

- The following steps were taken to extract data from the Space X API
- Click on the following work to check out the Jupyter notebook:
- <https://github.com/jpberard85/Master/blob/main/Capstone%20v1.ipynb>

Call API and append data to list

Request rocket launches data from Space X API

Decode response as Json

Data into Pandas dataframe

Filter dataframe to only Falcon 9 launches



# Data Collection - Scraping

- Data was obtained from [https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=List of Falcon 9 and Falcon Heavy launches&oldid=1027686922](https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=List_of_Falcon_9_and_Falcon_Heavy_launches&oldid=1027686922) and data was scraped
- Click on the following work to check out the Jupyter notebook:
- <https://github.com/jpberard85/Master/blob/main/webscraping%20v1.ipynb>

Helper functions to process web scraped HTML table

Performed HTTP GET method from URL

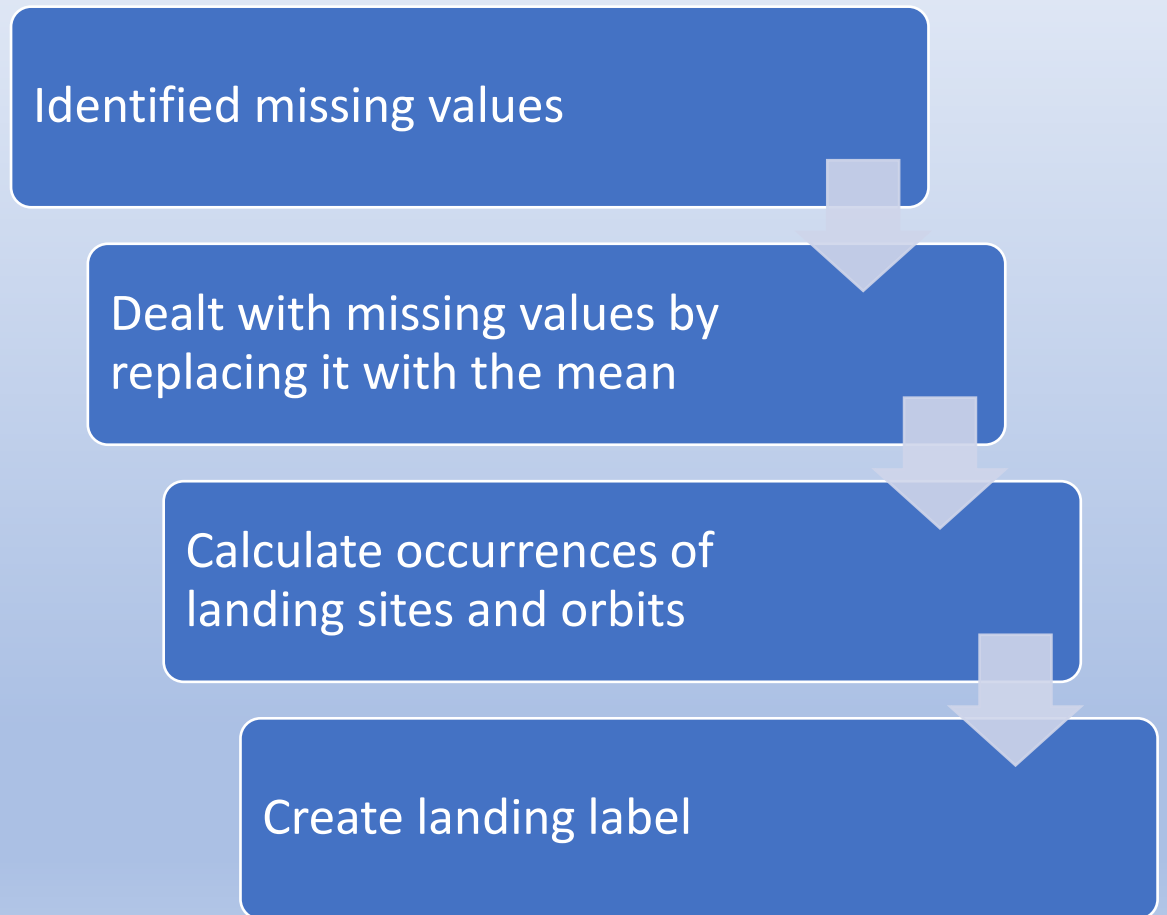
Create BeautifulSoup

Extract all columns/variables from HTML table header

Create Pandas dataframe

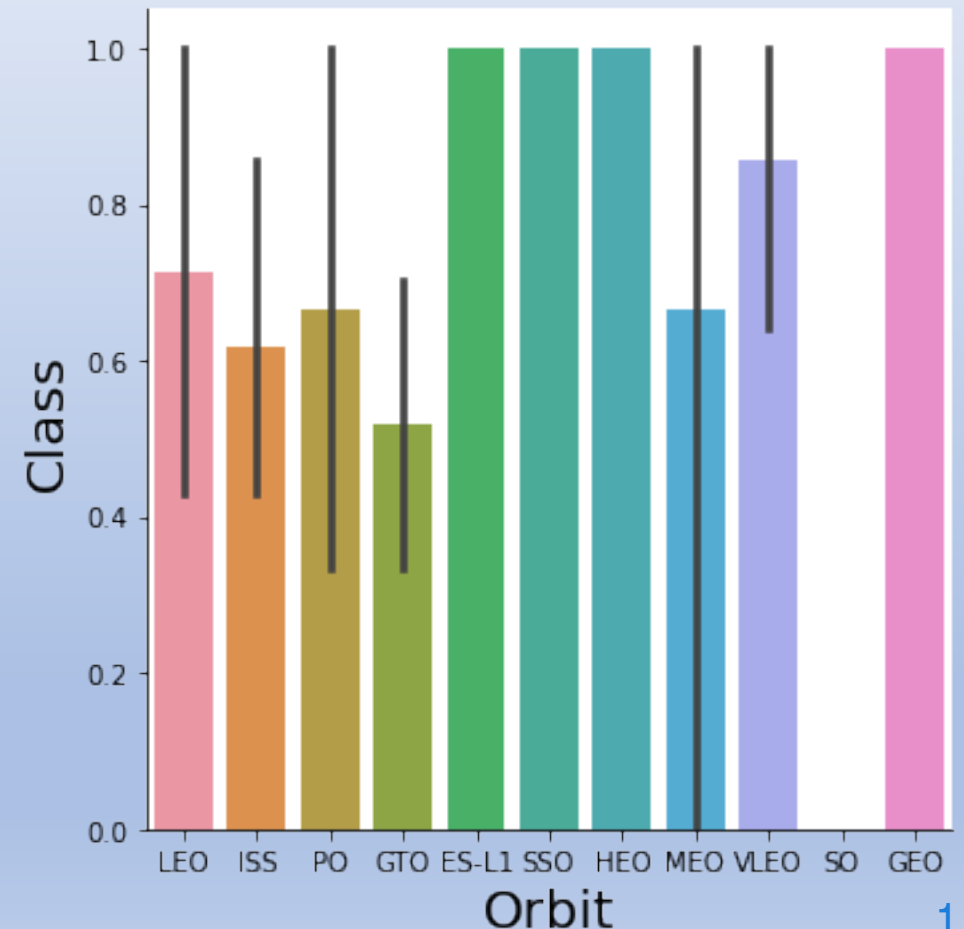
# Data Wrangling

- Data wrangling was performed to transform data into a useable state where it could be explored and analyzed
- Click on the following work to check out the Jupyter notebook:
- <https://github.com/jpberard85/Master/blob/main/Data%20wrangling%20v1.ipynb>



# EDA with Data Visualization

- Scatter plots, bar charts and line charts were used to visualize the data and analyze trends between different variables
- Click on the following work to check out the Jupyter notebook:
- <https://github.com/jpberard85/Master/blob/main/EDA%20v2.ipynb>



# EDA with SQL

- The following queries were made using SQL:
- Click on the following work to check out the Jupyter notebook:
- <https://github.com/jpberard85/Master/blob/main/EDA.ipynb>

Selected distinct launch sites

Selected launch sites that began with 'CCA'

Calculated total payload mass by NASA (CRS)

Calculated average payload mass carried by booster F9

Obtained date of first successful landing outcome on ground

List boosters that landed on drone ship between 4000-6000kg

Total number of successful and failure mission outcomes

List names of boosters that carried maximum capacity

List boosters that have had failed landings on drone ships in 2015

Rank landing outcomes between 2010-2017

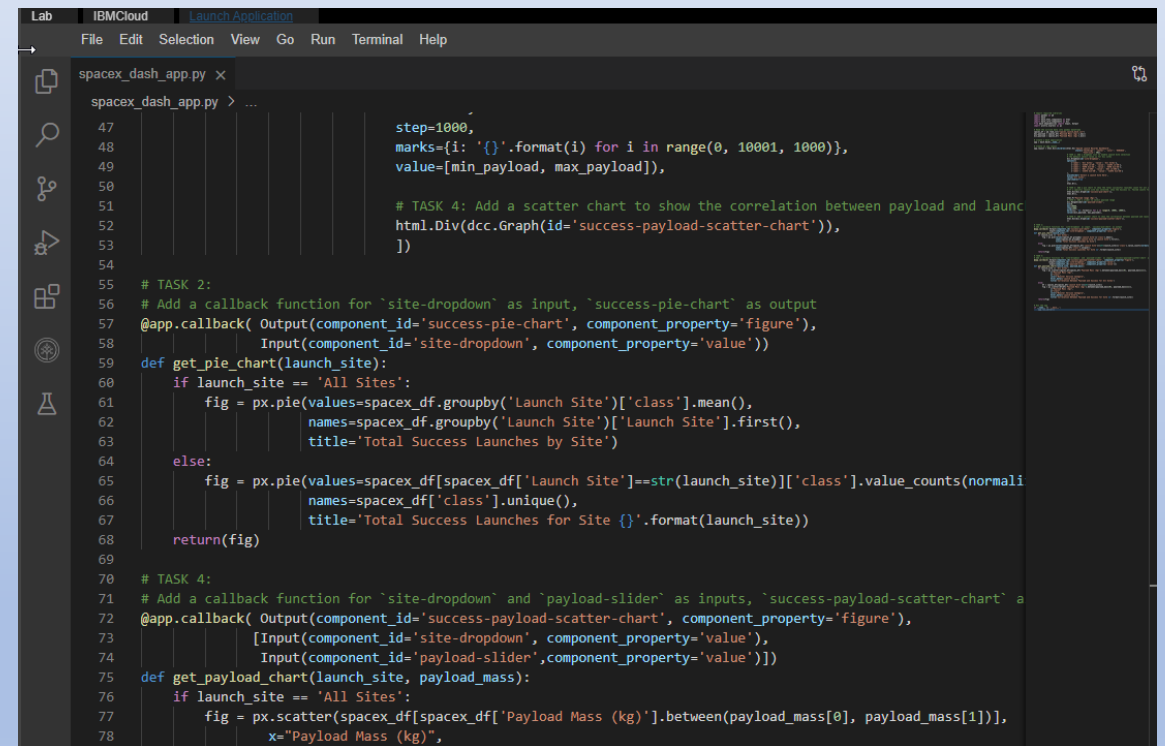
# Build an Interactive Map with Folium

- Map objects such as circles, markers and lines were used on a Folium Map
- Those objects were used to draw attention and reveal information related to the data such as sites and distances between two points
- Click on the following work to check out the Jupyter notebook:
- <https://github.com/jpberard85/Master/blob/main/Interactive%20Visual%20Analytics.ipynb>



# Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

- A scatter plot and pie chart were created to display the data in an interactive form. To control these plots, a drop down menu as well as a range slider was used to control parameters
- These plots were created to better visualize the data and let the user control the parameters to infer their own analysis
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value=[min_payload, max_payload]),

# TASK 4: Add a scatter chart to show the correlation between payload and launch
html.Div(dcc.Graph(id='success-payload-scatter-chart'),
])

# TASK 2:
# Add a callback function for 'site-dropdown' as input, 'success-pie-chart' as output
@app.callback( Output(component_id='success-pie-chart', component_property='figure'),
               Input(component_id='site-dropdown', component_property='value'))
def get_pie_chart(launch_site):
    if launch_site == 'All Sites':
        fig = px.pie(values=spacex_df.groupby('Launch Site')['class'].mean(),
                     names=spacex_df.groupby('Launch Site')['Launch Site'].first(),
                     title='Total Success Launches by Site')
    else:
        fig = px.pie(values=spacex_df[spacex_df['Launch Site']==str(launch_site)]['class'].value_counts(normalized=True),
                     names=spacex_df['class'].unique(),
                     title='Total Success Launches for Site {}'.format(launch_site))
    return(fig)

# TASK 4:
# Add a callback function for 'site-dropdown' and 'payload-slider' as inputs, 'success-payload-scatter-chart' as output
@app.callback( Output(component_id='success-payload-scatter-chart', component_property='figure'),
               [Input(component_id='site-dropdown', component_property='value'),
                Input(component_id='payload-slider', component_property='value')])
def get_payload_chart(launch_site, payload_mass):
    if launch_site == 'All Sites':
        fig = px.scatter(spacex_df[spacex_df['Payload Mass (kg)'].between(payload_mass[0], payload_mass[1])],
                         x="Payload Mass (kg)",
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# Predictive Analysis (Classification)

- 4 different models were used to compare for the most accurate
  - Logistical regression
  - Support vector machine
  - Decision Tree
  - K nearest neighbor
- Click on the following work to check out the Jupyter notebook
- <https://github.com/jpberard85/Master/blob/main/Machine%20Learning%20Prediction.ipynb>

Create Numpy array,  
standardize and split into  
training/testing data

Create logistical regression,  
SVM, decision tree and KNN  
models

Calculate accuracy of each  
model

Find method that performs  
the best

# Results

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



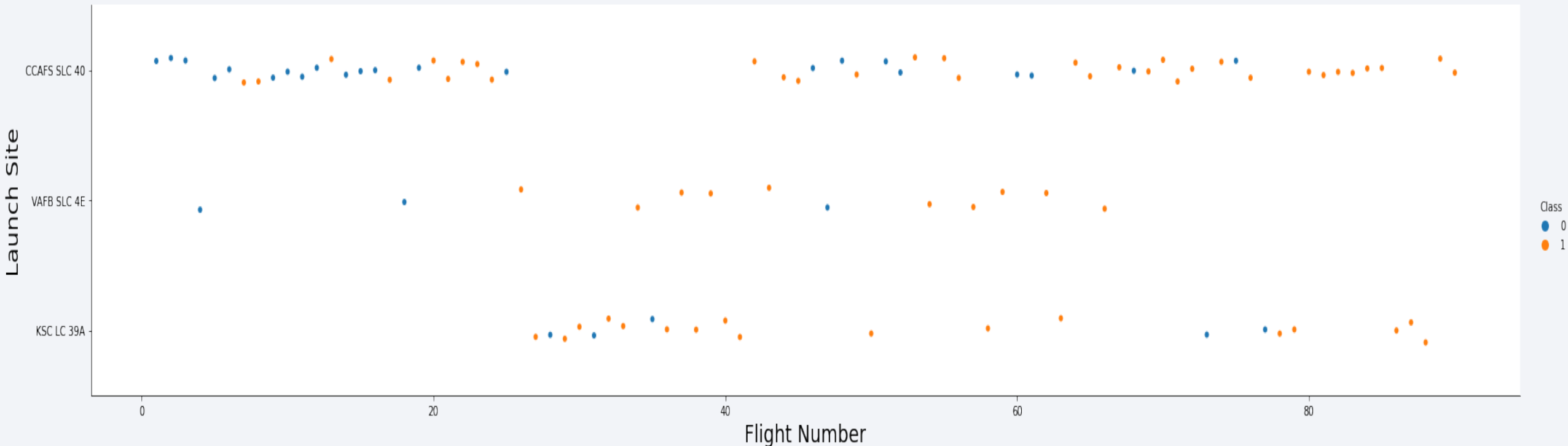
The background of the slide is an abstract composition. It features a dark blue field on the left side, which transitions into a complex pattern of diagonal streaks in shades of blue and red on the right. These streaks are layered over a fine, light-colored grid, creating a sense of depth and digital complexity.

Section 2

# Insights drawn from EDA



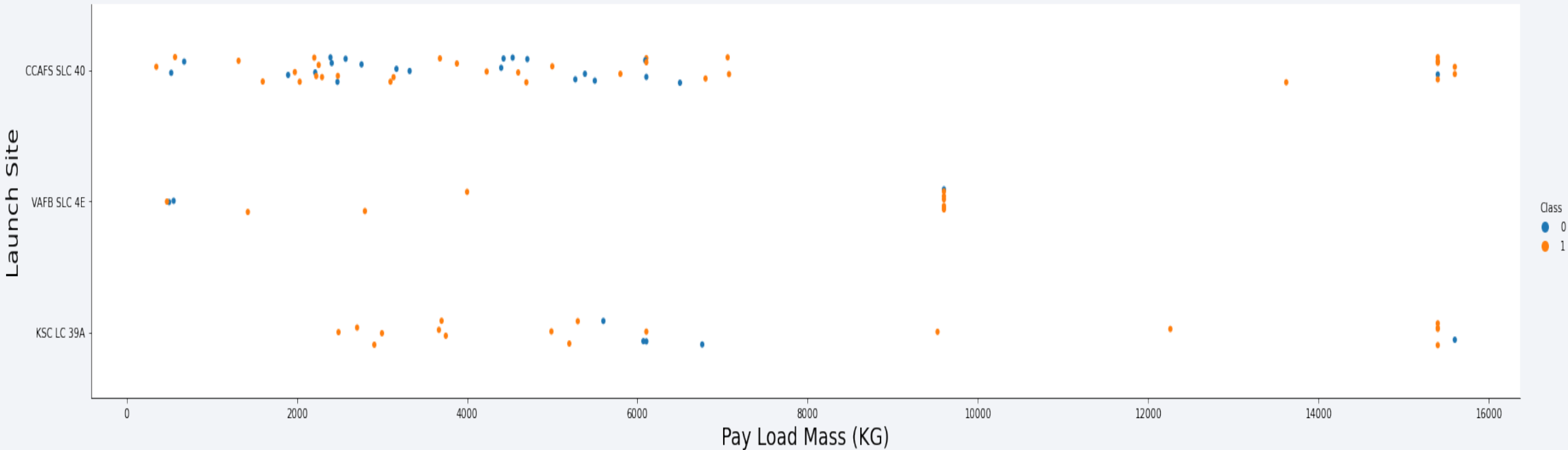
# Flight Number vs. Launch Site



- Increasing flight numbers is correlated to an increase in successful missions.
- We can also appreciate which sites are the most frequently used (CCAFS SLC 40)



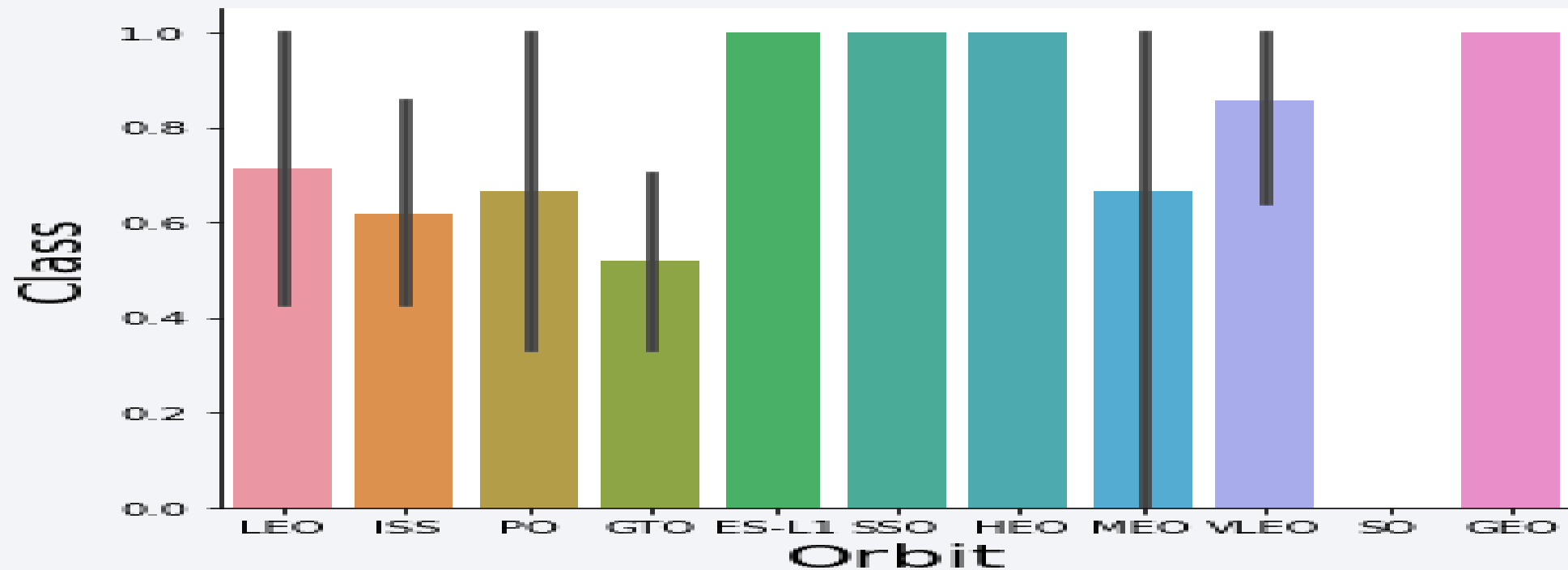
# Payload vs. Launch Site



- Missions with heavier payloads appear to have a higher success rate
- Launch site VAFB SLC 4E does not have any payloads greater than 10000kg

# Success Rate vs. Orbit Type

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- We can see that ES-L1, SSO, HEO and GEO have the highest success rate

# Flight Number vs. Orbit Type

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In [7]: # HINT use groupby method on Orbit column and get the mean of Class column
mean=df.groupby(['Orbit']).mean()
mean
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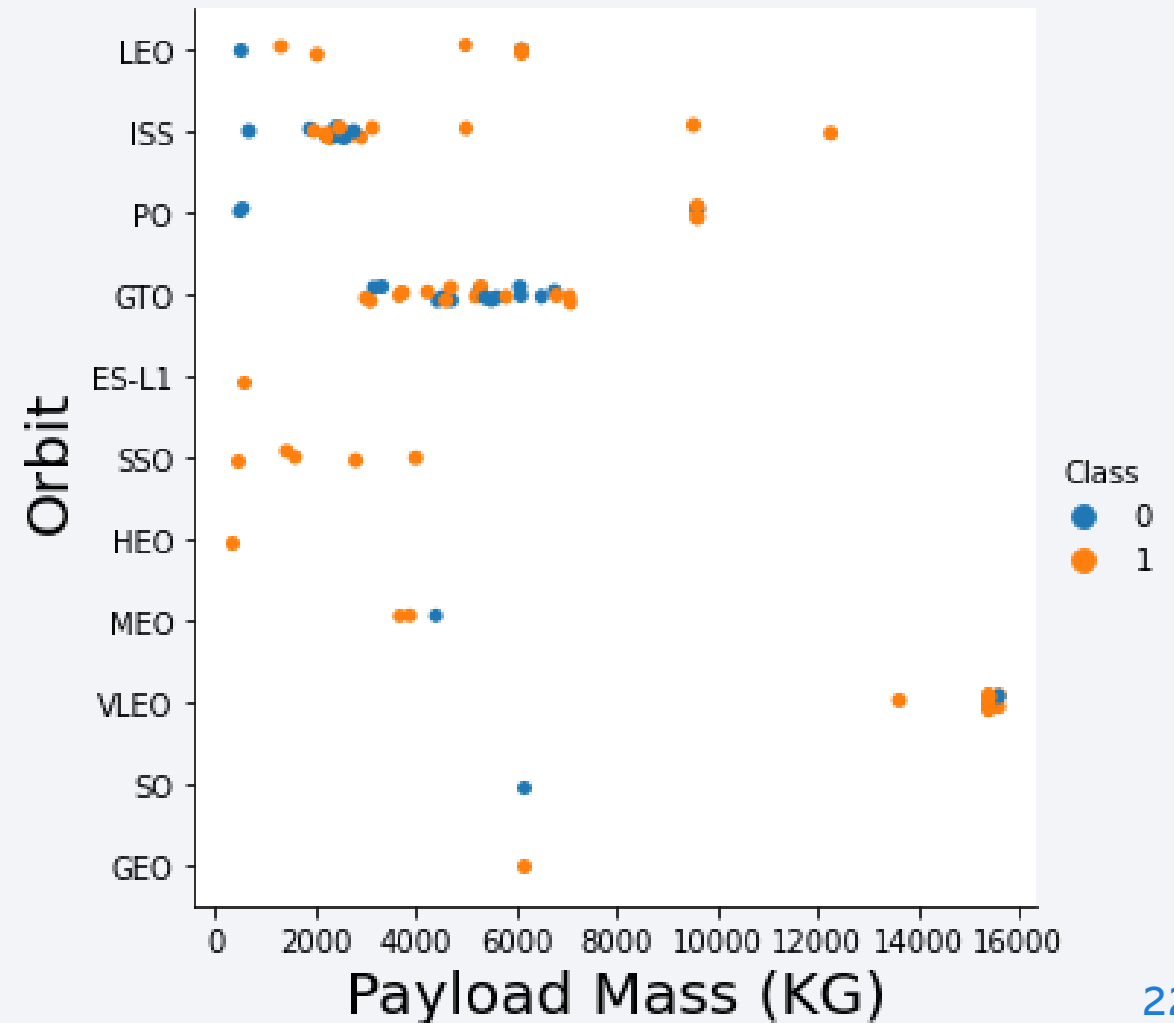
Out[7]:

	FlightNumber	Pass	Flights	GridFins	Reused	Legs	Block	ReusedCount	Longitude	Latitude	Class
Orbit											
ES-L1	13.000000	570.000000	1.000000	1.000000	0.000000	1.000000	1.000000	0.000000	-80.577366	28.561857	1.000000
GEO	83.000000	6104.959412	2.000000	1.000000	1.000000	1.000000	5.000000	2.000000	-80.577366	28.561857	1.000000
GTO	35.037037	5011.994444	1.407407	0.629630	0.333333	0.629630	3.037037	0.962963	-80.586229	28.577258	0.518519
HEO	49.000000	350.000000	1.000000	1.000000	0.000000	1.000000	4.000000	1.000000	-80.577366	28.561857	1.000000
ISS	39.142857	3279.938095	1.238095	0.809524	0.238095	0.857143	3.142857	1.285714	-80.583697	28.572857	0.619048
LEO	20.000000	3882.839748	1.000000	0.571429	0.000000	0.714286	2.142857	0.428571	-80.584963	28.575058	0.714286
MEO	77.666667	3987.000000	1.000000	0.666667	0.000000	0.666667	5.000000	0.666667	-80.577366	28.561857	0.666667
PO	36.333333	7583.666667	1.333333	0.888889	0.333333	0.777778	3.222222	1.555556	-120.610829	34.632093	0.666667
SO	73.000000	6104.959412	4.000000	0.000000	1.000000	0.000000	5.000000	3.000000	-80.603956	28.608058	0.000000
SSO	60.800000	2060.000000	2.400000	1.000000	0.800000	1.000000	4.600000	3.200000	-112.604136	33.418046	1.000000
VLEO	78.928571	15315.714286	3.928571	1.000000	1.000000	1.000000	5.000000	3.928571	-80.586862	28.578358	0.857143

- Above is a portion of the data obtained for the bar graph. Please see appendix.

# Payload vs. Orbit Type

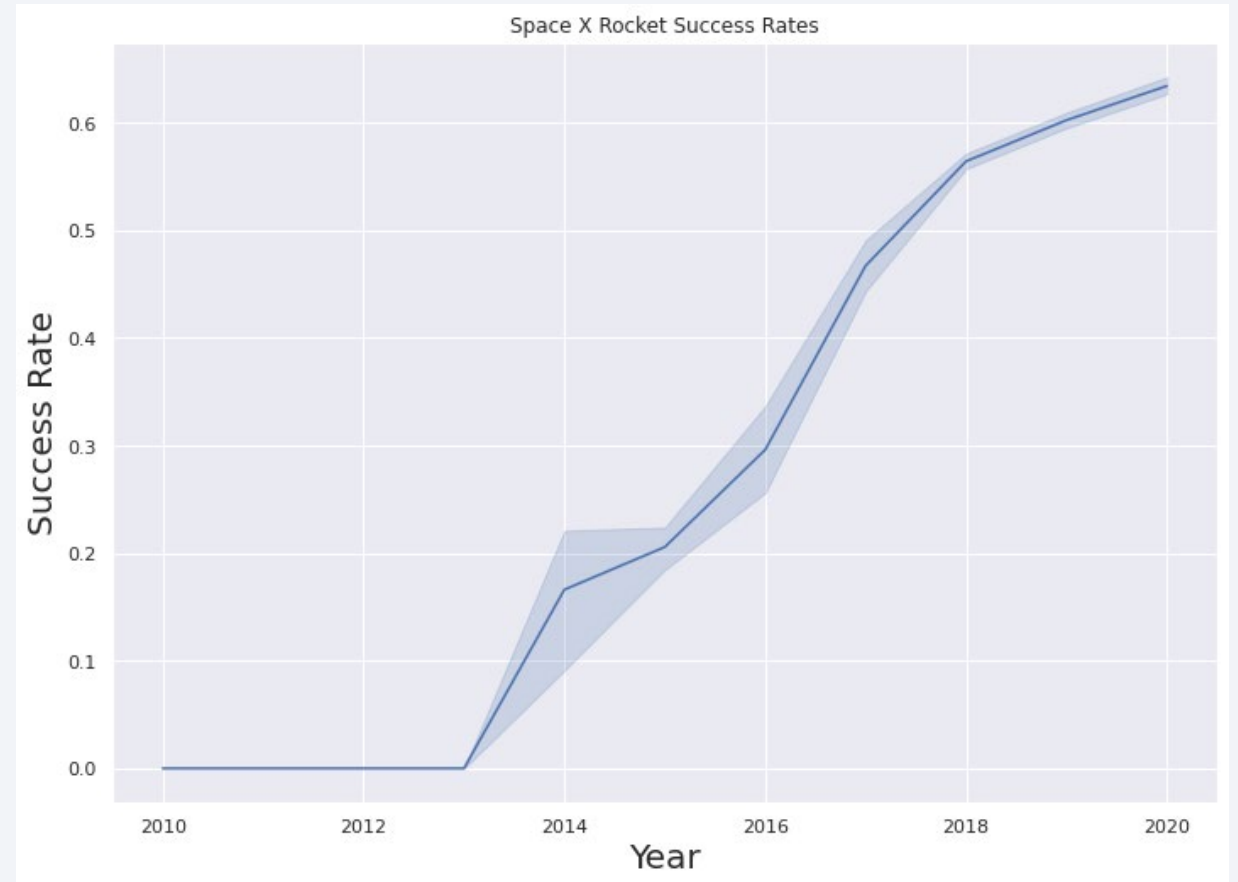
- Some orbit types are more frequently used such as GTO and ISS
- There is a varying degree of success for the most common types of orbit types used



# Launch Success Yearly Trend

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- Since 2013, the success rate has continued to increase over time
- 2018 shows an inflection point that may suggest a plateauing of success rate





# All Launch Site Names

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## Task 1

*Display the names of the unique launch sites in the space mission*

In [14]: `%sql SELECT DISTINCT LAUNCH_SITE as "Launch_Sites" FROM SPACEXTBL;`

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Done.

Out[14]:

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

- Space X uses 4 launch sites. This information was obtained through a SQL query.

# Launch Site Names Begin with 'CCA'

## Task 2

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

In [15]: `%sql SELECT * FROM SPACEXTBL WHERE LAUNCH_SITE LIKE 'CCA%' LIMIT 5;`

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Done.

Out[15]:

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

- Above are 5 records with a launch site that begins with “CCA” obtained by a SQL query

# Total Payload Mass

## Task 3

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

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In [19]: %sql SELECT SUM(PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_) AS "Total payload mass by NASA (CRS)" FROM SPACEXTBL WHERE CUSTOMER = 'NASA (CRS)';
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Done.

Out[19]: Total payload mass by NASA (CRS)

45596
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- Above is the total payload mass by NASA (CRS) obtained by a SQL query

# Average Payload Mass by F9 v1.1

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## Task 4

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

In [20]: `%sql SELECT AVG(PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_) AS "Average payload mass by Booster Version F9 v1.1" FROM SPACEXTBL WHERE BOOSTER_VERSION = 'F9 v1.1';`

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Done.

Out[20]: **Average payload mass by Booster Version F9 v1.1**

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- Above is the result of a SQL query returning the average payload mass by Booster Version F9 v1.1

# First Successful Ground Landing Date

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## Task 5

List the date when the first successful landing outcome in ground pad was achieved.

*Hint: Use min function*

In [21]: `%sql SELECT MIN(DATE) AS "Date of first successful landing outcome in ground pad" FROM SPACEXTBL WHERE LANDING__OUTCOME = 'Success (ground pad)';`

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Done.

Out[21]: **Date of first successful landing outcome in ground pad**

2015-12-22

- 2015-12-22 was the date of the first successful landing by Space X
- This was obtained using a SQL query



# Successful Drone Ship Landing with Payload between 4000 and 6000

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## 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*

In [ ]: `%sql SELECT BOOSTER_VERSION FROM SPACEXTBL WHERE LANDING__OUTCOME = 'Success (drone ship)' AND PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_ BETWEEN 4000 AND 6000;`

- This query would yield the number of successful and failures of missions. It appears the query was not run. See Appendix

# Total Number of Successful and Failure Mission Outcomes

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## Task 7

*List the total number of successful and failure mission outcomes*

In [22]: `%sql SELECT number_of_success_outcomes, number_of_failure_outcomes FROM (SELECT COUNT(*) AS number_of_success_outcomes FROM SPAC  
EXTBL WHERE MISSION_OUTCOME LIKE 'Success%'`

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cape_char>".  SQLSTATE=42601 SQLCODE=-104  
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ACEXTBL WHERE MISSION_OUTCOME LIKE 'Success%']  
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- This query returned an error.

# Boosters Carried Maximum Payload



## Task 8

List the names of the booster\_versions which have carried the maximum payload mass. Use a subquery

In [23]:

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%sql SELECT DISTINCT BOOSTER_VERSION FROM SPACEXTBL WHERE PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_ =(SELECT MAX(PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_) FROM SPACEXTBL);
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Done.
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Out[23]:

**booster\_version**

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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

- Above is the list of booster versions that have carried the maximum payload mass

# 2015 Launch Records

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## Task 9

List the failed landing\_outcomes in drone ship, their booster versions, and launch site names for in year 2015

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

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Done.

Out[24]:

DATE	booster_version	launch_site
2015-01-10	F9 v1.1 B1012	CCAFS LC-40
2015-04-14	F9 v1.1 B1015	CCAFS LC-40

- Only 2 results returned for the above SQL query determining how many failed landing outcomes in 2015 with their associated details

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

## 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

In [25]: `%sql SELECT LANDING__OUTCOME, COUNT(LANDING__OUTCOME) AS Landing_Count FROM SPACEXTBL WHERE DATE BETWEEN '2010-06-04' AND '2017-03-20' GROUP BY LAN`

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Done.

Out[25]:

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

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

- In ascending order is the count of landing outcomes between 2010-06-04 and 2017-03-20

A satellite view of Earth from space, showing the curvature of the planet and city lights at night. The image is a composite of a solid blue background on the left and a satellite photograph of Earth on the right. The Earth's surface is dark, with numerous bright yellow and orange lights representing cities and urban areas. The horizon of the Earth is visible as a curved line separating the dark surface from the deep blue of space.

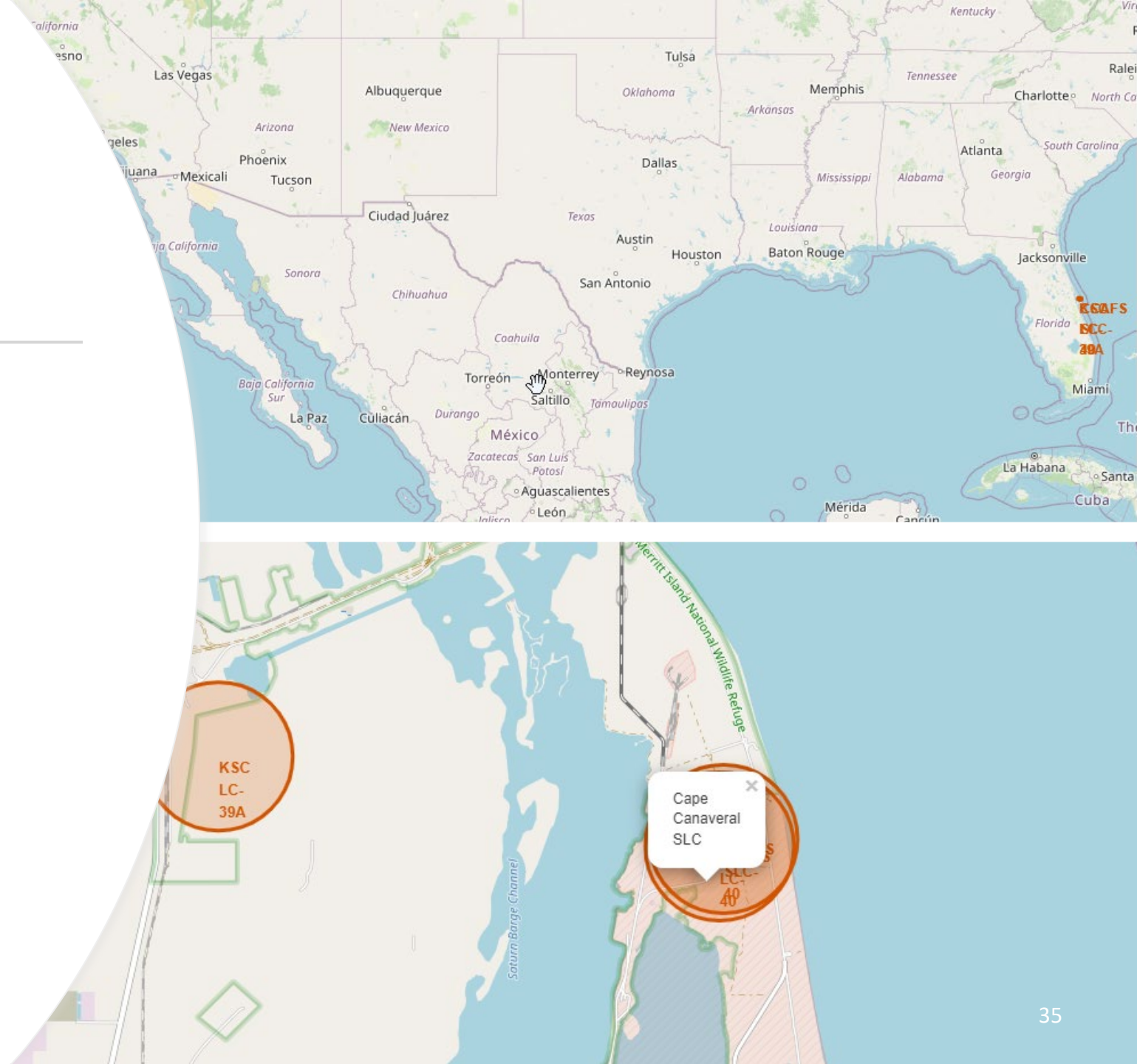
Section 3

# Launch Sites Proximities Analysis



# Space X Launch Sites

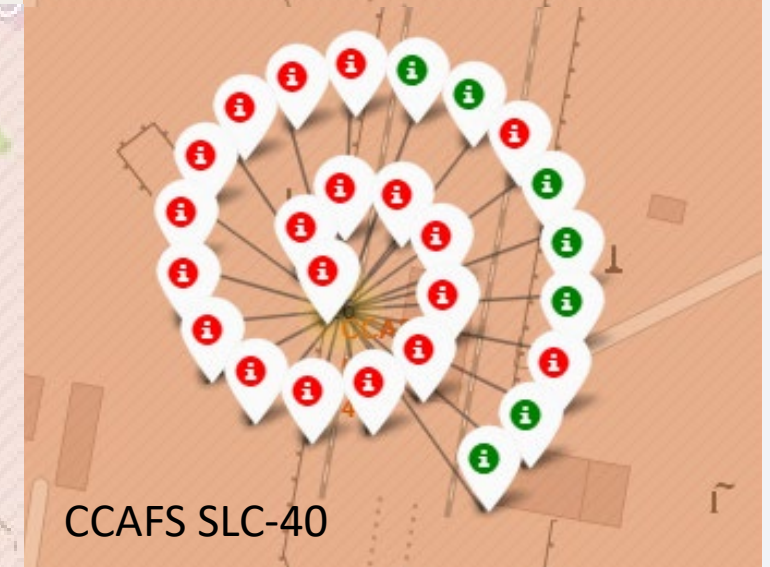
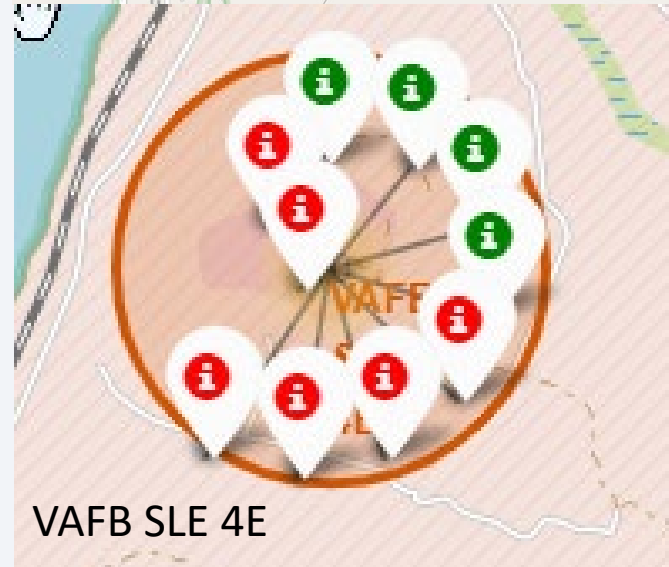
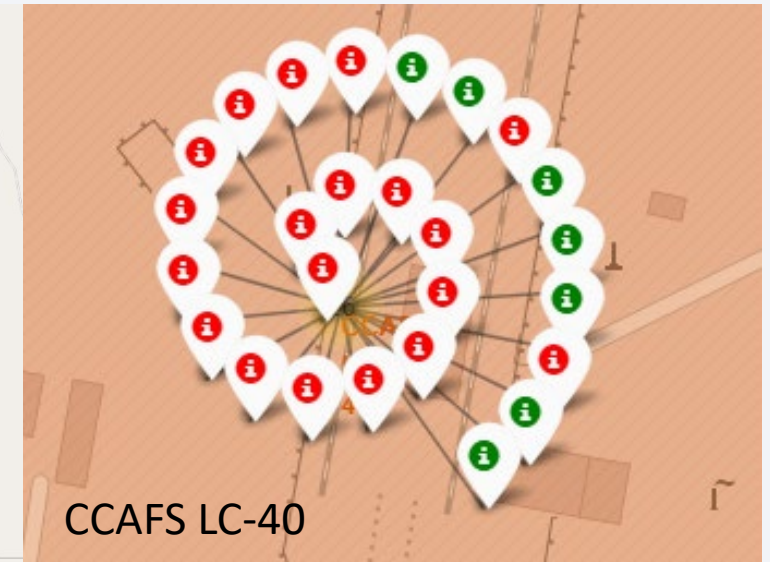
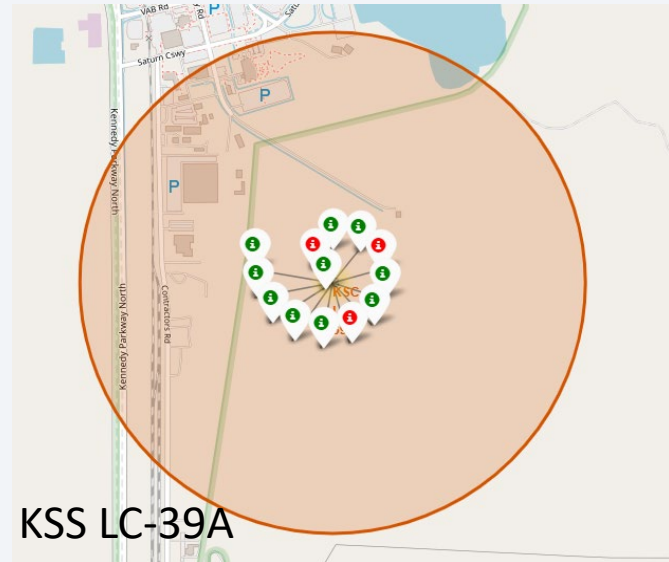
- The Space X Launch Sites are located in California and Florida and are on the coastal regions of those states
- This Map allows you zoom in to better appreciate the detail of the site





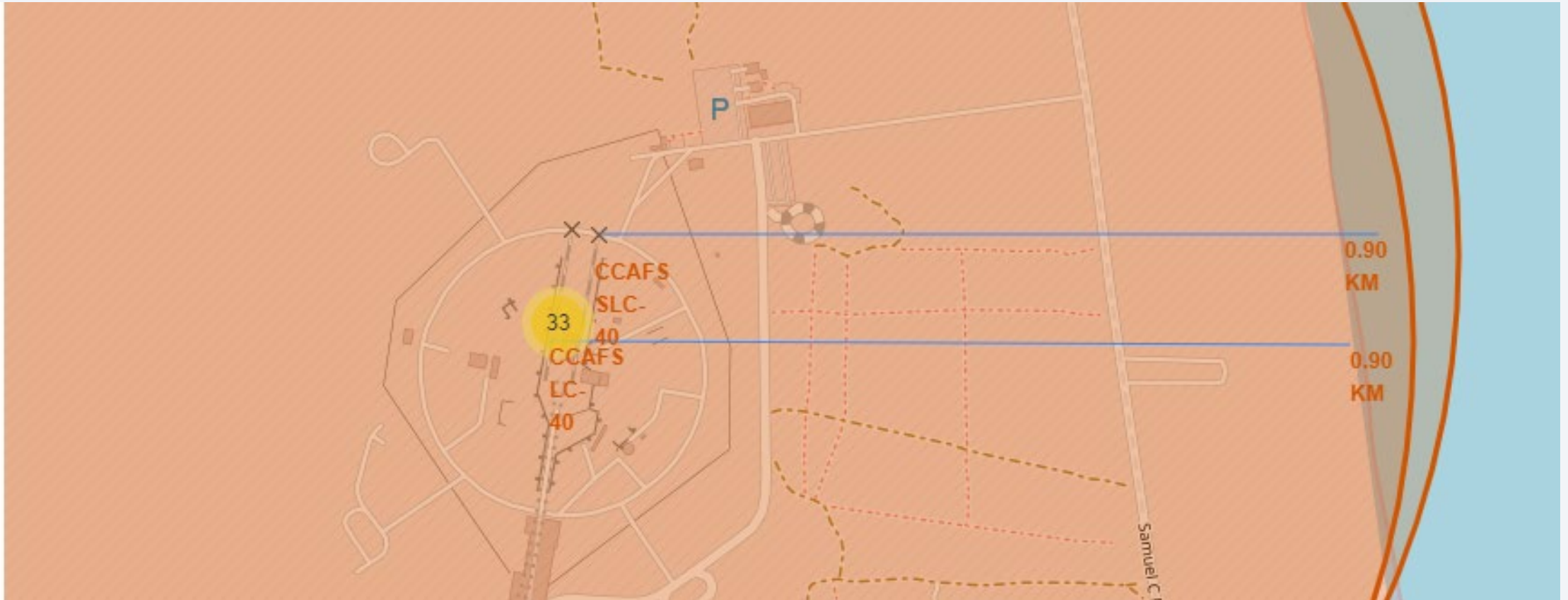
# Successful Launches at each site

- All 4 sites are demonstrated at varying levels of zoom on the interactive map
- **Green** icons show a successful landing while **Red** icons demonstrate and unsuccessful landing
- Clicking on the site shows the entire marker cluster



# Launch site to surrounding landmark

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- The distance from CCAFS-LC 40 to the ocean is 0.9km.
- The proximity to the coast seems important for launches to mitigate aborted and failed launches

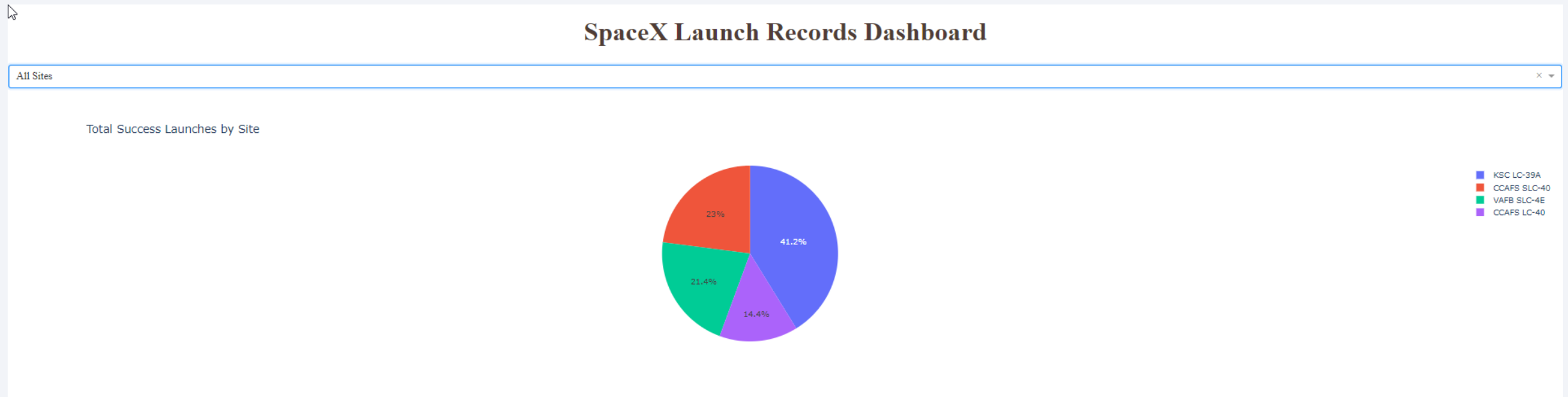




Section 4

# Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

# Successful Launches per Site



- This chart shows that KSC LC-39A has the most successful launches

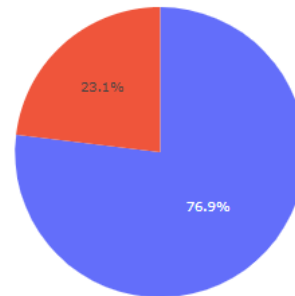
# Most Successful Site

## SpaceX Launch Records Dashboard

KSC LC-39A

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Total Success Launches for Site KSC LC-39A

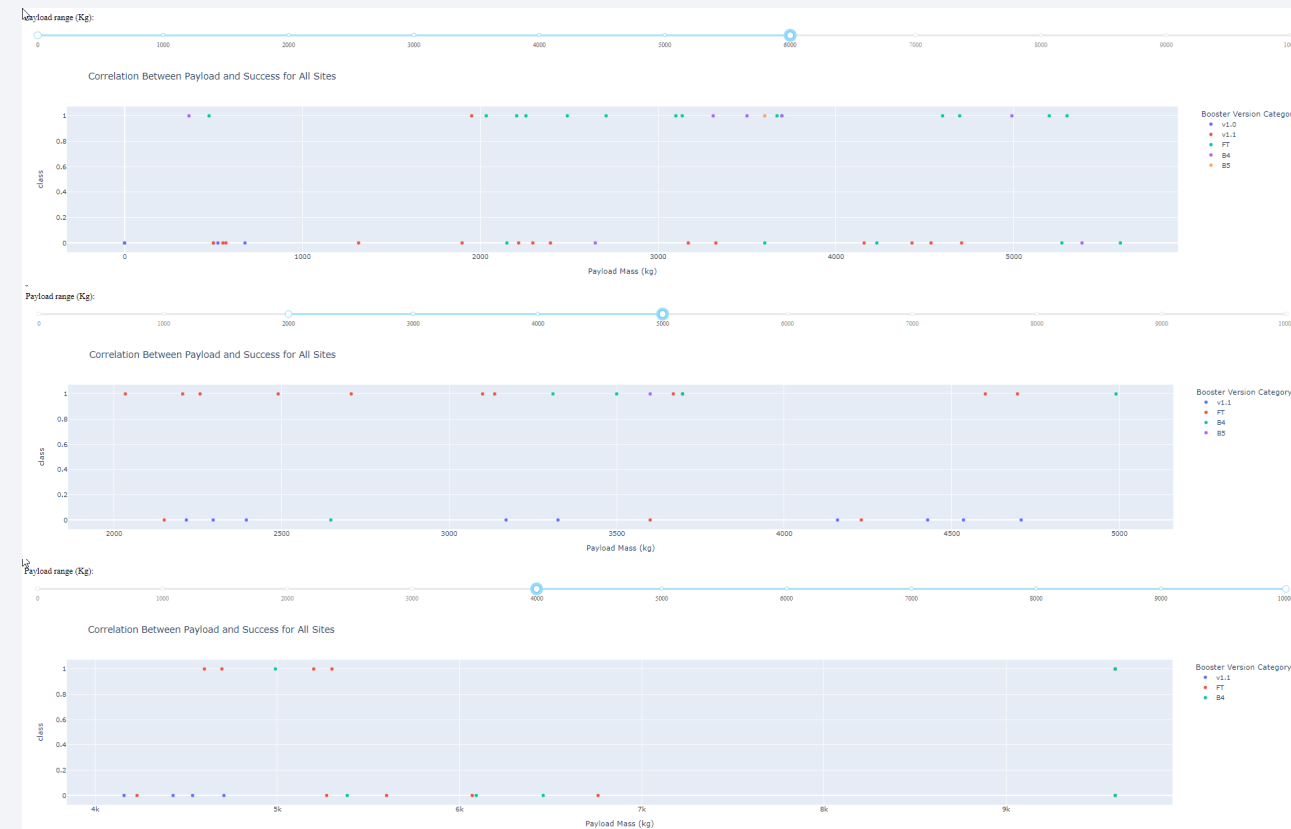


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- KSC LC-39A is the most successful launch site with a 76.9% success rate.

# Payload and Success Rates

- 3 screen shots from the dashboard are attached
- Booster version FT appears to be the most successful.
- The range that seem to have the most success is between 2000kg and 6000kg. It does have its fair share of unsuccessful landings as well suggesting it is the most common payload launched



Section 5

# Predictive Analysis (Classification)



# Classification Accuracy

## TASK 12

Find the method performs best:

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In [66]: #All the accuracies are the same. The scores were different however
ml_scores = {'Logistic regression': [logreg_cv.best_score_], 'SVM': [svm_cv.best_score_], 'Decision tree': [tree_cv.best_score_], 'K Nearest Neighbors': [knn_cv.best_score_]}
df1 = pd.DataFrame.from_dict(ml_scores, orient='index', columns=['Best scores'])
df1
```

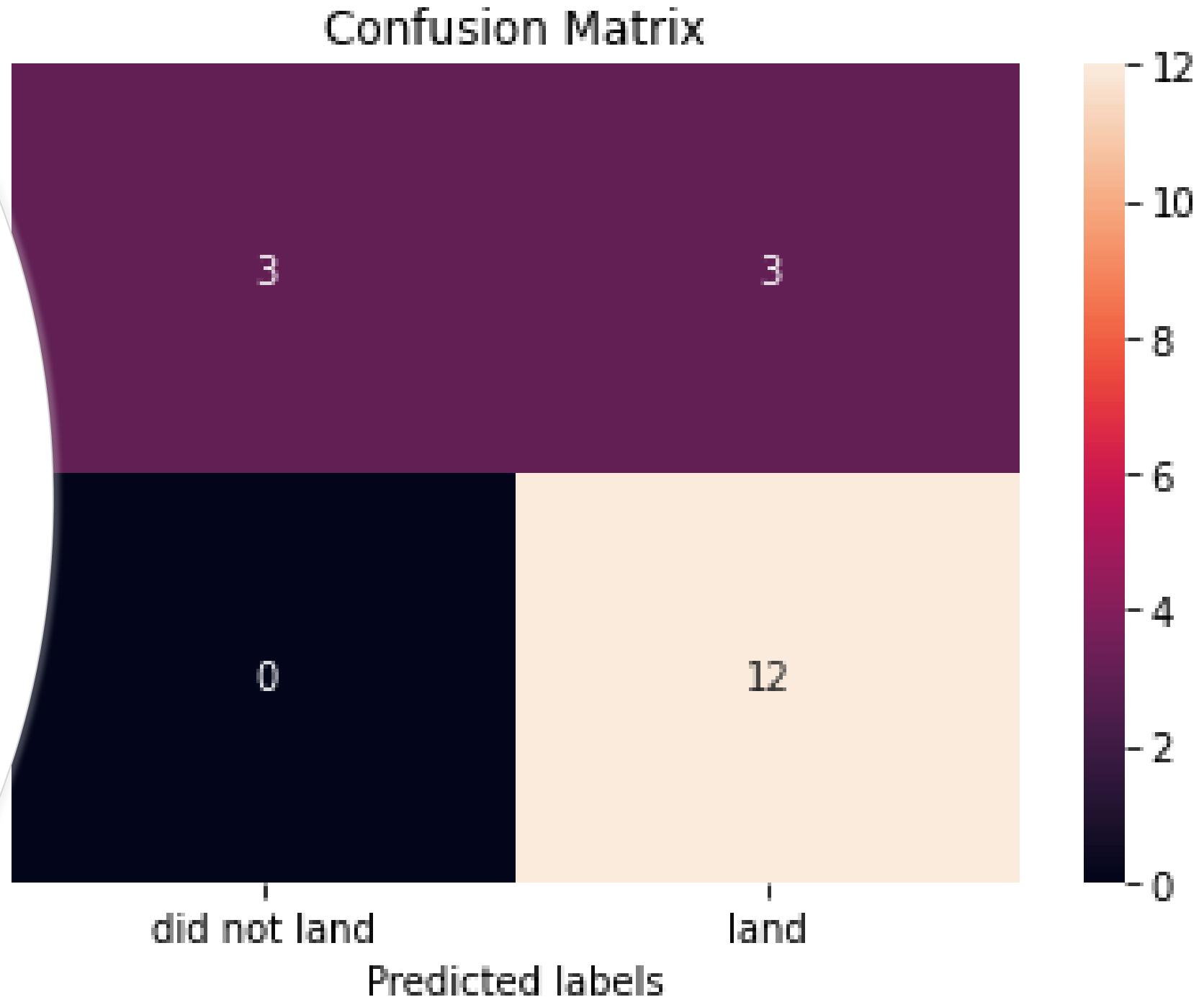
Out[66]:

Best scores	
Logistic regression	0.846429
SVM	0.848214
Decision tree	0.889286
K Nearest Neighbors	0.848214

- All model accuracies were the same however the Decision Tree did score the best compared to the other 3 models tested
- Please see appendix

## Confusion Matrix

- This is the confusion matrix of the Decision Tree
- It produced:
  - 12 correct positives
  - 3 false positives
  - 3 correct negatives
  - 0 false negatives



# Conclusions

- Over time, Space X has been more successful and are doing so at an accelerated rate but potentially plateauing
- KSC LC-39A is the site that yields the most successful launches
- Boosters with payloads between 2000kg-6000kg are the most frequent and most successful
- The Decision Tree algorithm has the best results for prediction of successful launches
- 4 orbit types have the most successful landings: ES-L1, SSO, HEO and GEO

# Appendix

- Flight Number vs. Orbit Type: Only realized that I only completed a portion of the work. I have run out of free computing to correct this
- Classification Accuracy Slide: Was unaware that a bar graph needed to be produced. The scores were produced however I have run out of free computing to correct this
- Successful Drone Ship Landing with Payload between 4000 and 6000: It appears I forgot to run the code. I have run out of free computing to correct this

Thank you!

