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# Winning Space Race with Data Science

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# Outline

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# Executive Summary

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- Summary of methodologies
  - Data collection
  - Data wrangling
  - EDA with visualization
  - EDA with SQL
  - Building an interactive map with Folium
  - Building a Dashboard with Plotly Dash
  - Predictive analysis
- Summary of all results
  - Exploratory data analysis results
  - Interactive analytics demo in screenshot
  - Predictive analysis results

# Introduction

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- Project background and context

We will predict if the Falcon 9 first stage will land successfully. 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.

- Problems that needed solving

- What factors influence the successful landing?
- What parameters should be used for optimal landing?
- What is the probability?



Section 1

# Methodology

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## Executive Summary

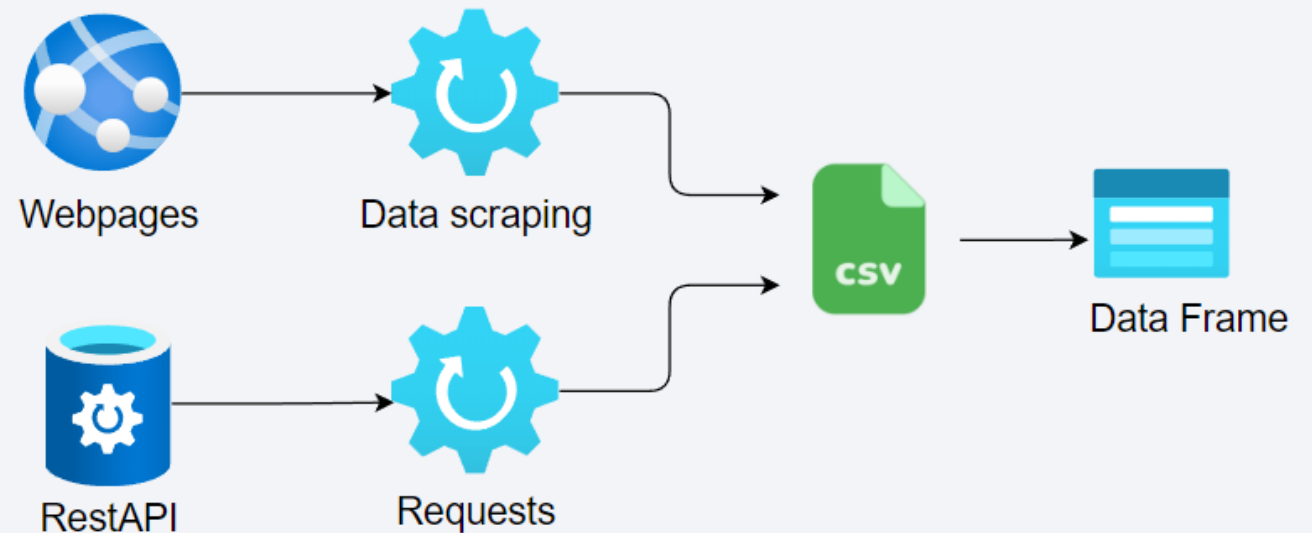
- Data collection methodology:
  - RestAPI and Web Scrapping
- Perform data wrangling
  - Filling in the missing values and deleting unnecessary columns and
  - One Hot Encoding (OHE)
- Perform exploratory data analysis (EDA) using visualization and SQL
- Perform interactive visual analytics using Folium and Plotly Dash
- Perform predictive analysis using classification models
  - How to build, tune, evaluate classification models

# Data Collection

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- How data sets were collected.

We use the SpaceX API to collect data about rockets and their launches and landings. But there is not enough data. To enrich the dataset, we use data parsing from Wikipedia.



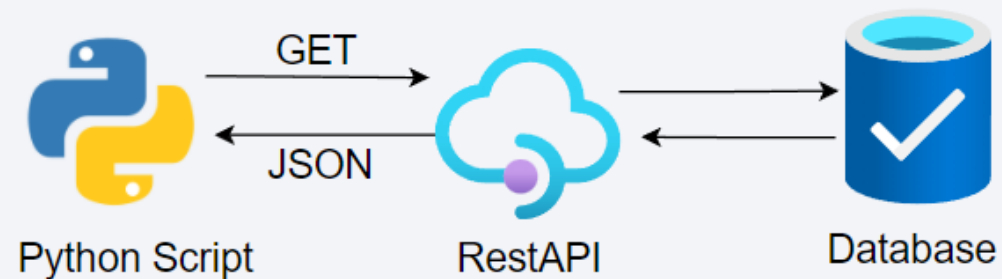
# Data Collection – SpaceX API

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Using Python, we access the SpaceX API and get data in JSON format and combine everything into one dataset

Base URL: `https://api.spacexdata.com/v4/{endpoint}`

Endpoints: rockets, launchpad, payloads, cores, etc.

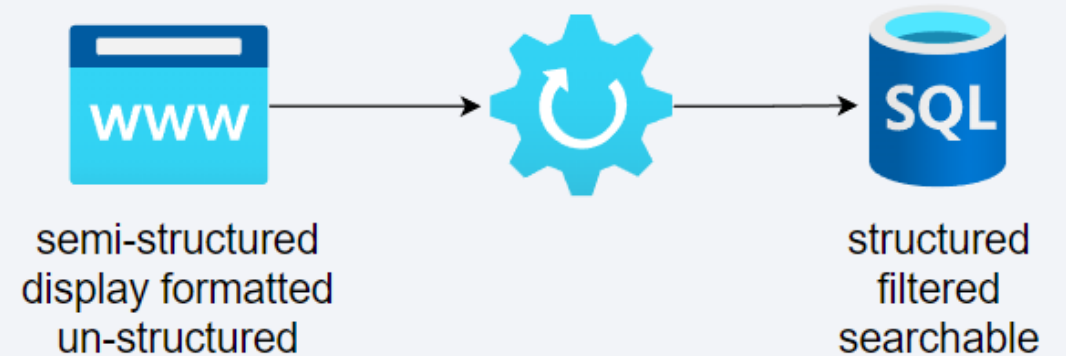




# Data Collection - Scraping

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- Sending an HTTP GET request to the URL of the webpage that we want to scrape which will respond with HTML content (Wikipedia)
- Fetching and parsing the data using **Beautifulsoup**



# Data Wrangling

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In the dataset there is when the rocket landed not successfully. There are launches in our dataset on land (RTLS) or at sea (ASDS / Ocean).

We mainly convert those outcomes into Training Labels with 1 means the booster successfully landed 0 means it was unsuccessful

Perform Exploratory Data Analysis EDA on dataset

Calculate the number of launches at each site

Calculate the number and occurrence of each orbit

Calculate the number and occurrence of mission outcome per orbit type

Export dataset as .CSV

Create a landing outcome label from Outcome column

Work out success rate for every landing in dataset

# EDA with Data Visualization

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## Scatter Graphs being drawn:

- Flight Number VS. Payload Mass
- Flight Number VS. Launch Site
- Payload VS. Launch Site
- Orbit VS. Flight Number
- Payload VS. Orbit Type

## Bar Graph being drawn

- Mean VS. Orbit

## Line Graph being drawn

- Success Rate VS. Year

# EDA with SQL

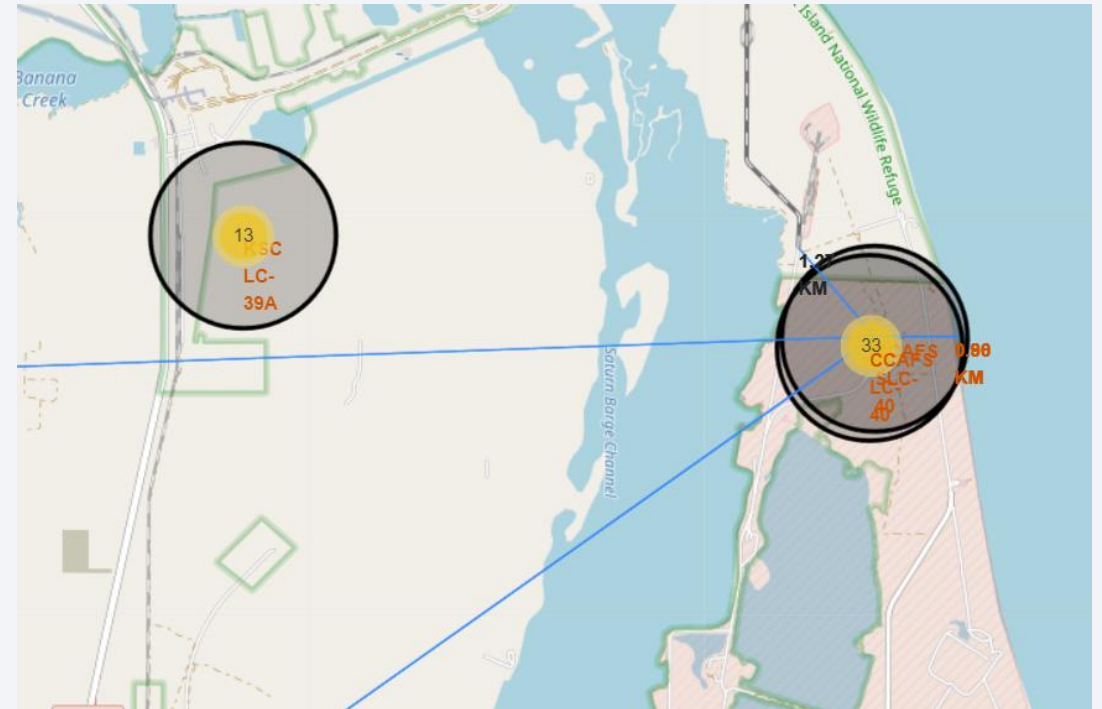
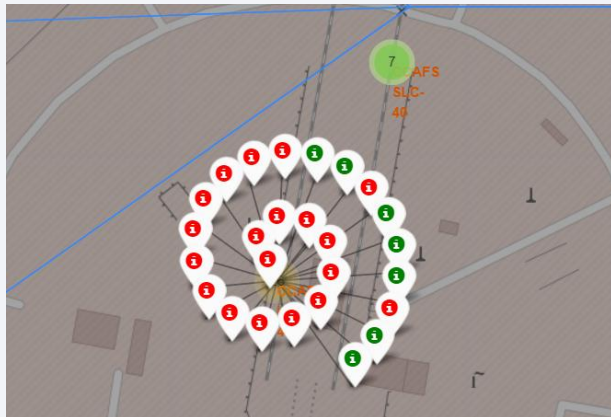
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## Performed SQL queries to gather information about the dataset

- Displaying the names of the unique launch, 'KSC' launches, total payload mass carried by boosters launched by NASA (CRS)
- Displaying average payload mass carried by booster
- Listing the date where the successful landing outcome in drone ship was achieved.
- Listing the names of the boosters which have success in ground
- Listing the total number of successful and failure mission outcomes
- Listing the names of the booster\_versions which have carried the maximum payload mass.
- Listing the records which will display the month names, successful landing\_outcomes in ground pad ,booster versions

# Build an Interactive Map with Folium

Using Haversine's formula we calculated the distance from the Launch Site to various landmarks to find various trends about what is around the Launch Site to measure patterns

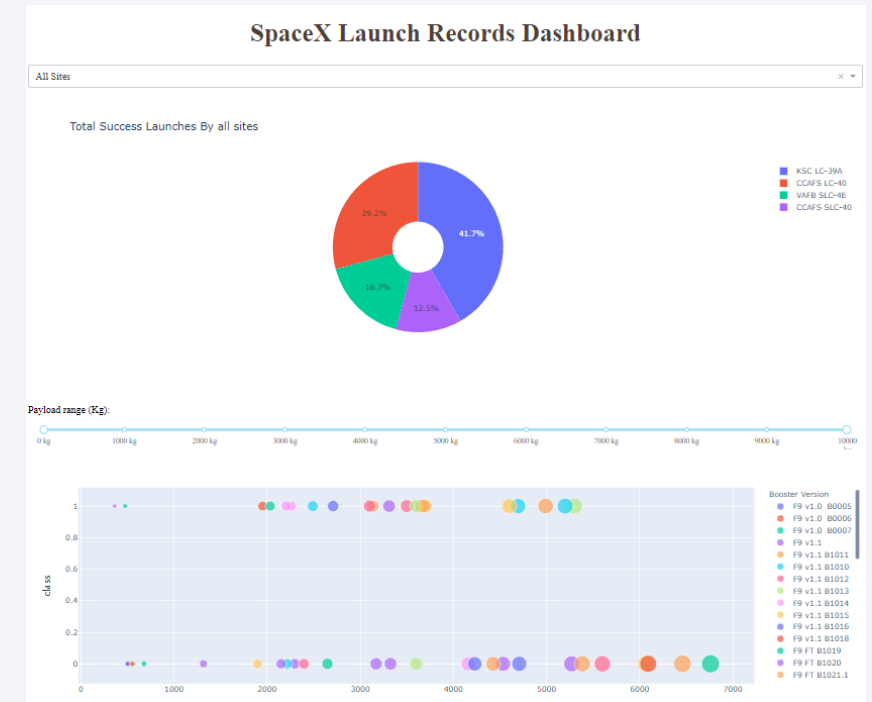




# Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

Created an interactive dashboard with metrics using **Dash**

- Pie Chart showing the total launches by a certain site/all sites
- Scatter Graph showing the relationship with Outcome and Payload Mass (Kg) for the different Booster Versions

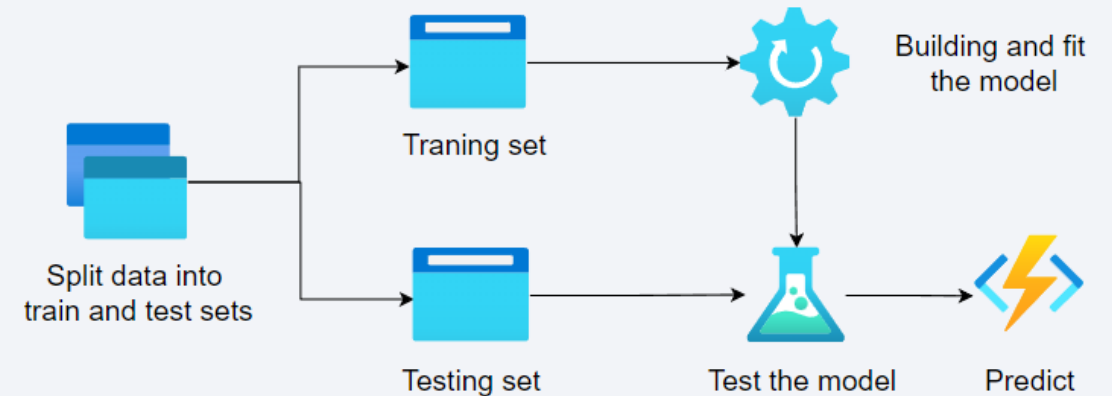


# Predictive Analysis (Classification)

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## How did we get a quality model

- Load our dataset
- Transform data
- Split our data into training and test data sets
- Use learning algorithms and parameters
- Fit and find best parameters with GridSearchCV
- Check the score for each mode
- Improve the model



# Results

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



The background of the slide is a complex, abstract composition. It features a dark blue base color on the left, which transitions into a vibrant, multi-colored area on the right. This transition is achieved through a series of diagonal, overlapping bands and streaks in shades of red, teal, and light blue. A fine, grid-like pattern is visible throughout the image, particularly in the teal and red areas, giving it a digital or data-driven appearance. The overall effect is one of dynamic movement and high-tech aesthetics.

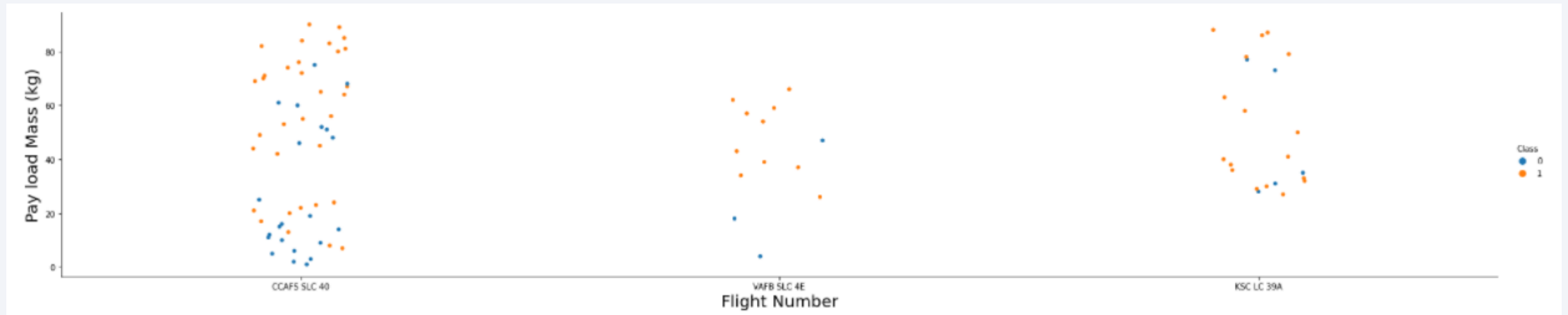
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# Insights drawn from EDA



# Flight Number vs. Launch Site

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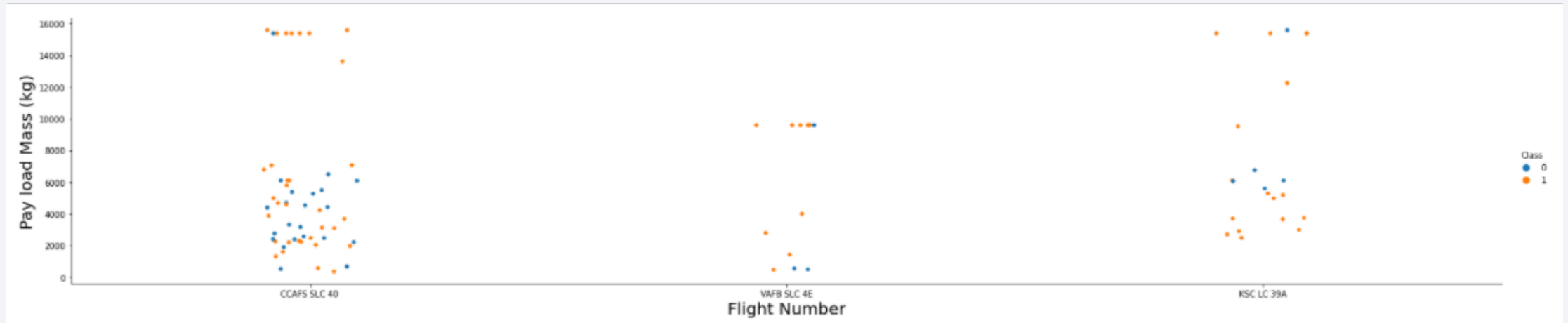


The more amount of flights at a launch site the greater the success rate at a launch site



# Payload vs. Launch Site

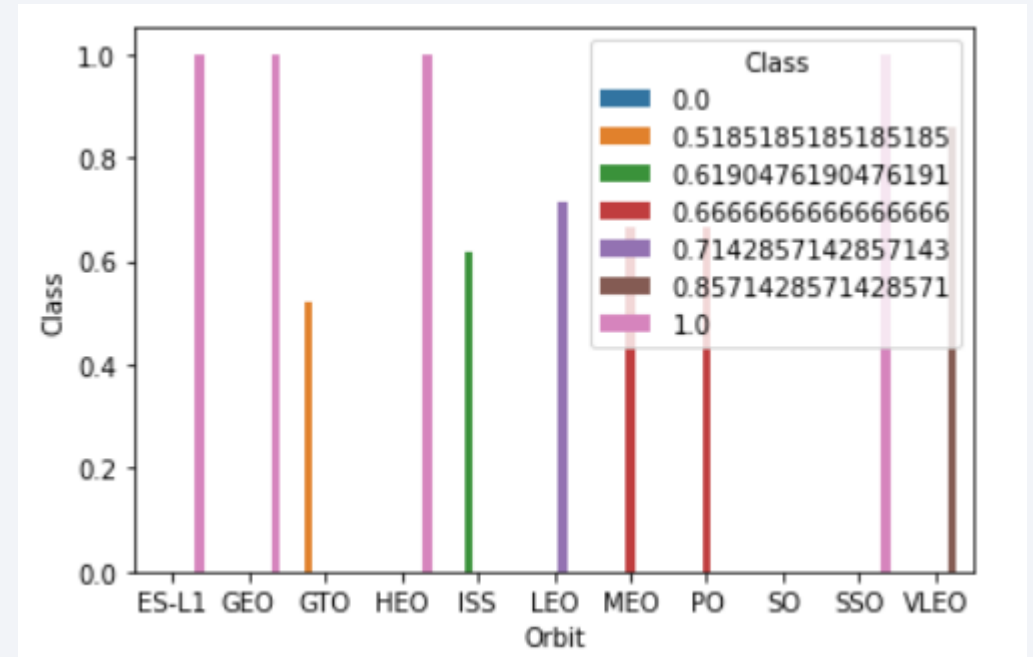
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The greater the payload mass for Launch Site CCAFS SLC 40 the higher the success rate for the Rocket

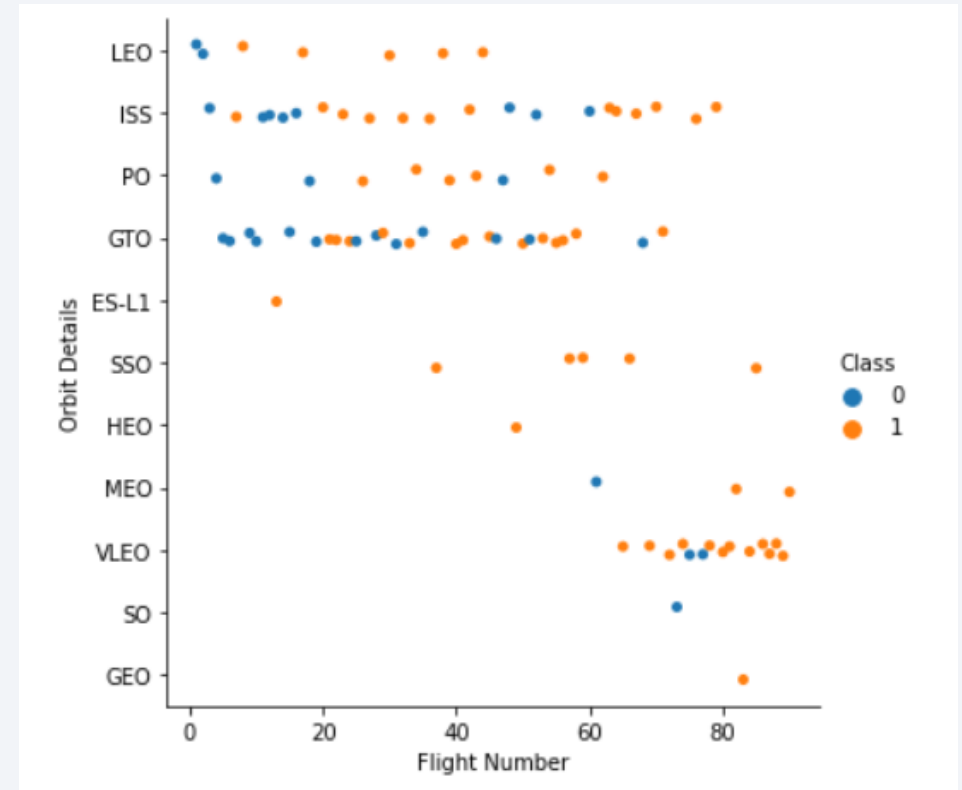
# Success Rate vs. Orbit Type

Orbits ES-L1, GEO, HEO, SSO has the best Success Rate



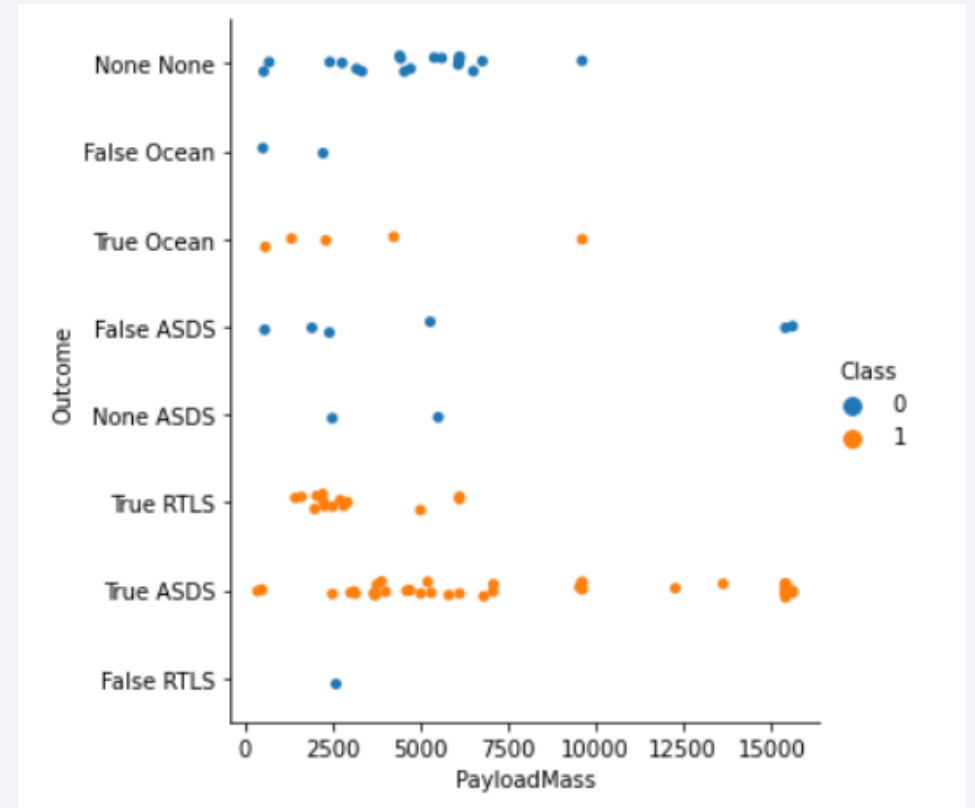
# Flight Number vs. Orbit Type

You should see 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.



# Payload vs. Orbit Type

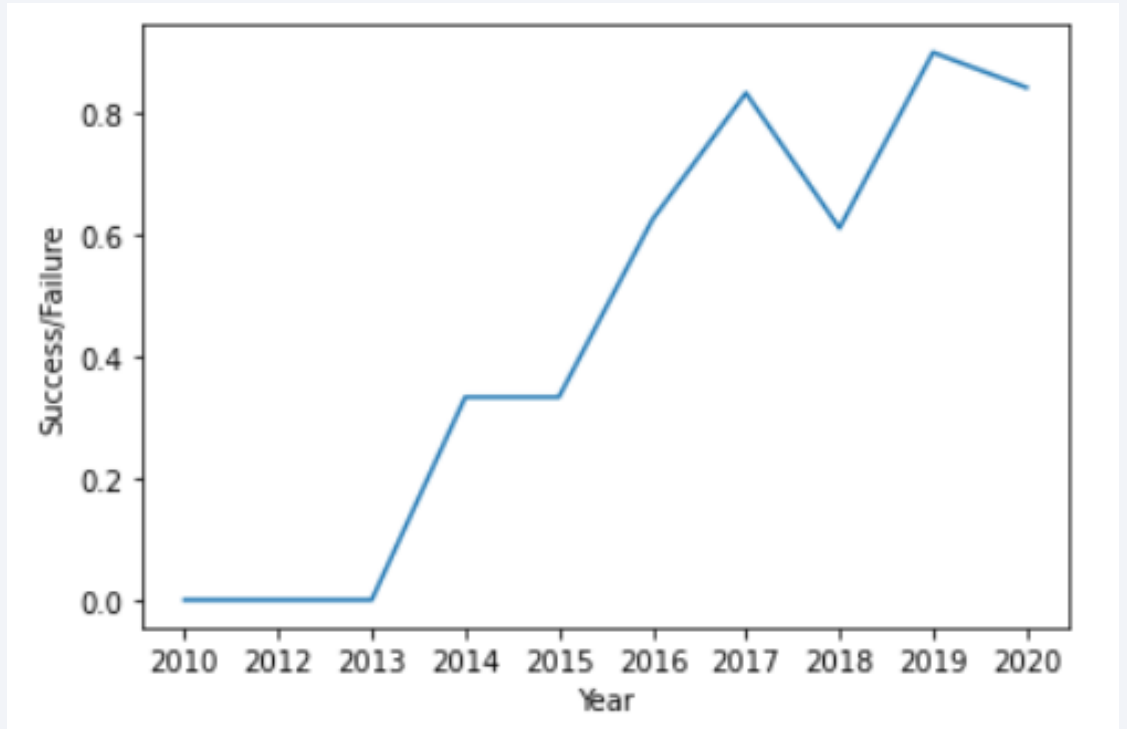
With heavy payloads the successful landing or positive landing rate are more for Polar, LEO and ISS



# Launch Success Yearly Trend

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Here you can observe that the success rate since 2013 kept increasing till 2020





# All Launch Site Names

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The names of the unique launch sites in the space mission

```
select DISTINCT Launch_Site from SPACEXTBL
```

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

# Launch Site Names Begin with 'CCA'

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5 records where launch sites begin with `CCA`

```
select * from SPACEXTBL where Launch_Site like 'CCA%' LIMIT 5
```

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

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Total payload mass carried by boosters launched by NASA (CRS)

```
select SUM(PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_) Mass from SPACEXTBL where Customer = 'NASA (CRS)'
```

mass
45596

# Average Payload Mass by F9 v1.1

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Here you can see average payload mass carried by booster version F9 v1.1

```
select AVG(PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_) mass from SPACEXTBL where Booster_Version = 'F9 v1.1'
```

mass
2928

# First Successful Ground Landing Date

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

```
select MIN(landing) from SPACEXTBL where LANDING__OUTCOME = 'Success (drone ship)'
```

landing
2016-04-08



## Successful Drone Ship Landing with Payload between 4000 and 6000

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The names of boosters which have successfully landed on drone ship and had payload mass greater than 4000 but less than 6000

```
select BOOSTER_VERSION from SPACEXTBL where LANDING__OUTCOME =  
'Success (ground pad)' AND PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_ > 4000 AND PAYLOAD_MA  
SS__KG_ < 6000
```

booster_version
F9 FT B1032.1
F9 B4 B1040.1
F9 B4 B1043.1

# Total Number of Successful and Failure Mission Outcomes

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Calculate the total number of successful and failure mission outcomes

```
sql SELECT Count(*) Attempts FROM SPACEXTBL where MISSION_OUTCOME  
LIKE '%Success%' UNION ALL SELECT Count(*) FROM SPACEXTBL where MI  
SSION_OUTCOME LIKE 'Failure%'
```

attempts
1
100

# Boosters Carried Maximum Payload

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List the names of the booster\_versions which have carried the maximum payload mass

```
select BOOSTER_VERSION as boosterversion from SPACEXTBL where  
PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_=(select max(PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_) from SPACEXTBL)
```

F9 B5 B1048.4
F9 B5 B1049.4
F9 B5 B1051.3
F9 B5 B1056.4
F9 B5 B1048.5
F9 B5 B1051.4

F9 B5 B1049.5
F9 B5 B1060.2
F9 B5 B1058.3
F9 B5 B1051.6
F9 B5 B1060.3
F9 B5 B1049.7

# 2015 Launch Records

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

```
SELECT MONTH(DATE),MISSION_OUTCOME,BOOSTER_VERSION,LAUNCH_SITE  
FROM SPACEXTBL where EXTRACT(YEAR FROM DATE)='2015';
```

1	mission_outcome	booster_version	launch_site
1	Success	F9 v1.1 B1012	CCAFS LC-40
2	Success	F9 v1.1 B1013	CCAFS LC-40
3	Success	F9 v1.1 B1014	CCAFS LC-40
4	Success	F9 v1.1 B1015	CCAFS LC-40
4	Success	F9 v1.1 B1016	CCAFS LC-40
6	Failure (in flight)	F9 v1.1 B1018	CCAFS LC-40
12	Success	F9 FT B1019	CCAFS LC-40

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

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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

```
SELECT LANDING__OUTCOME FROM SPACEXTBL WHERE DATE BETWEEN '2010-06-04'
AND '2017-03-20' ORDER BY DATE DESC;
```

No attempt
Success (ground pad)
Success (drone ship)
Success (drone ship)
Success (ground pad)
Failure (drone ship)
Success (drone ship)
Success (drone ship)
Success (drone ship)
Failure (drone ship)
Failure (drone ship)
Success (ground pad)
Precluded (drone ship)

No attempt
Failure (drone ship)
No attempt
Controlled (ocean)
Failure (drone ship)
Uncontrolled (ocean)
No attempt
No attempt
Controlled (ocean)
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No attempt
No attempt
Uncontrolled (ocean)

No attempt
No attempt
No attempt
Failure (parachute)
Failure (parachute)

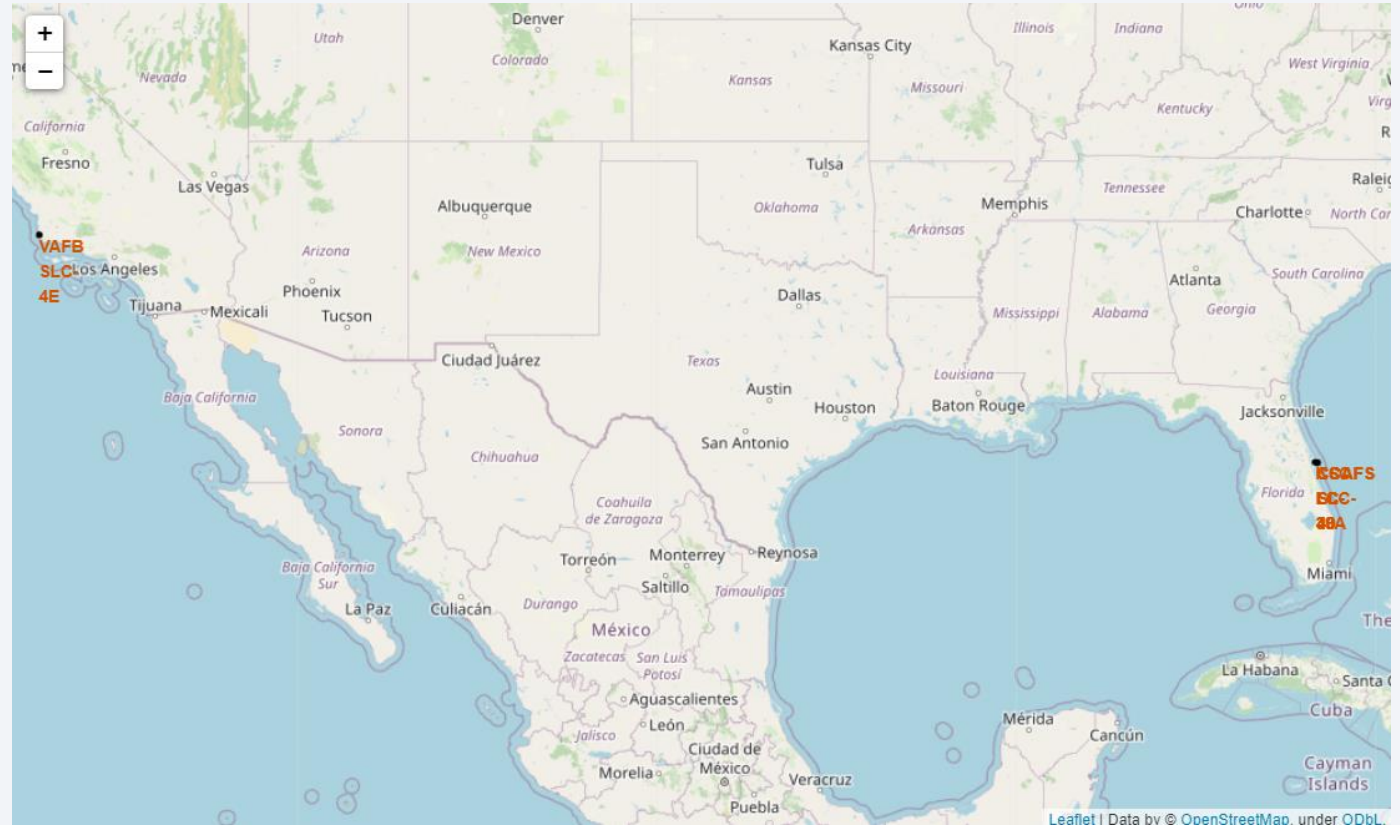
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# Launch Sites Proximities Analysis



# All launch sites

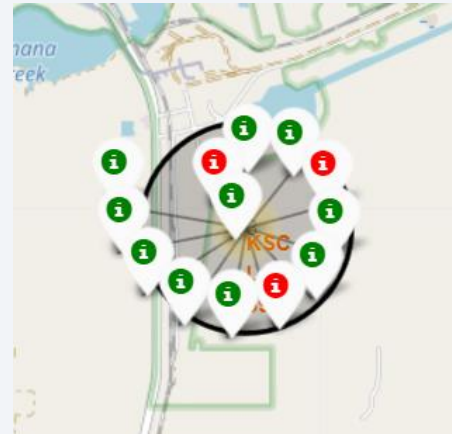
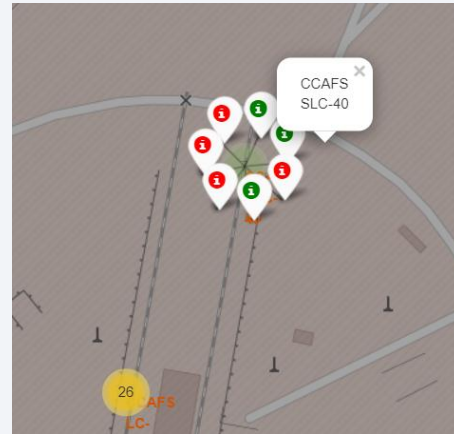
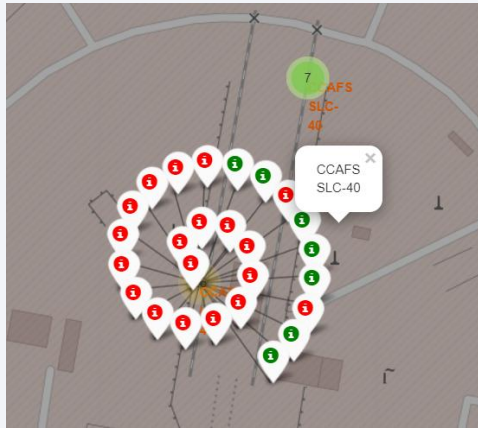
Here we can see that the SpaceX launch sites are in the USA coasts





# Colour Labelled Markers

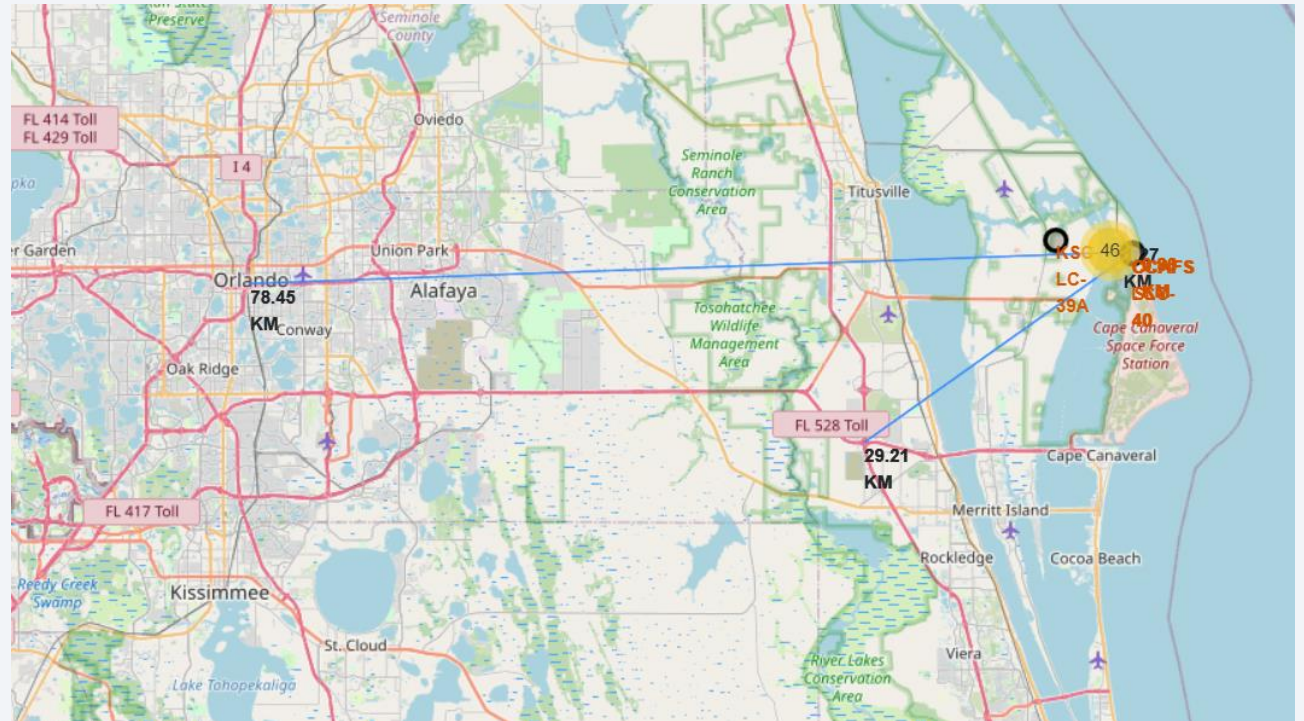
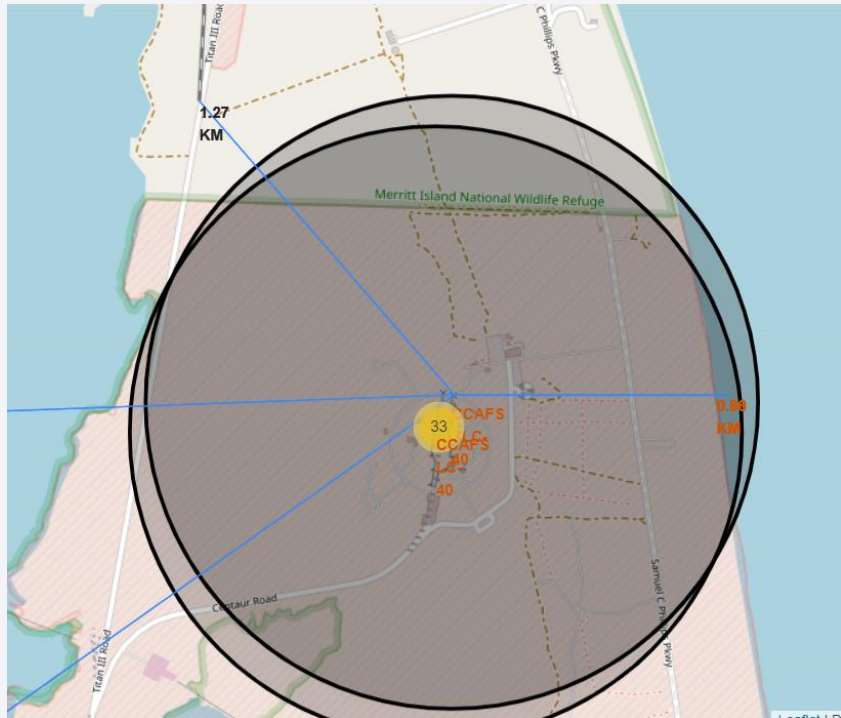
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Green Marker shows successful Launches and Red Marker shows Failures



# Launch Sites distance



Find trends with Haversine formula using CCAFS-SLC-40 as a reference . 78,5 rm to City,  
29 km to highway, 1 km to railway





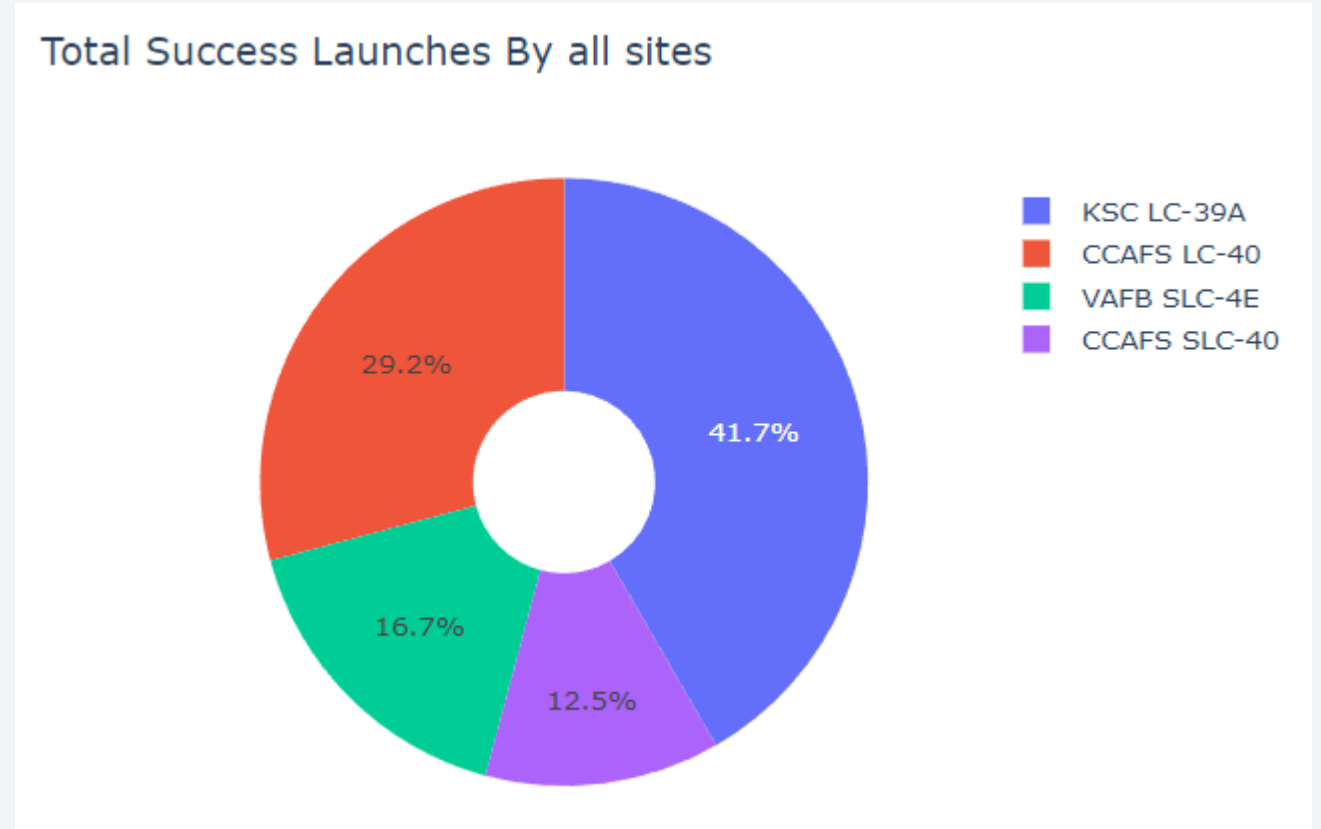
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# Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

# Success launches by all sites

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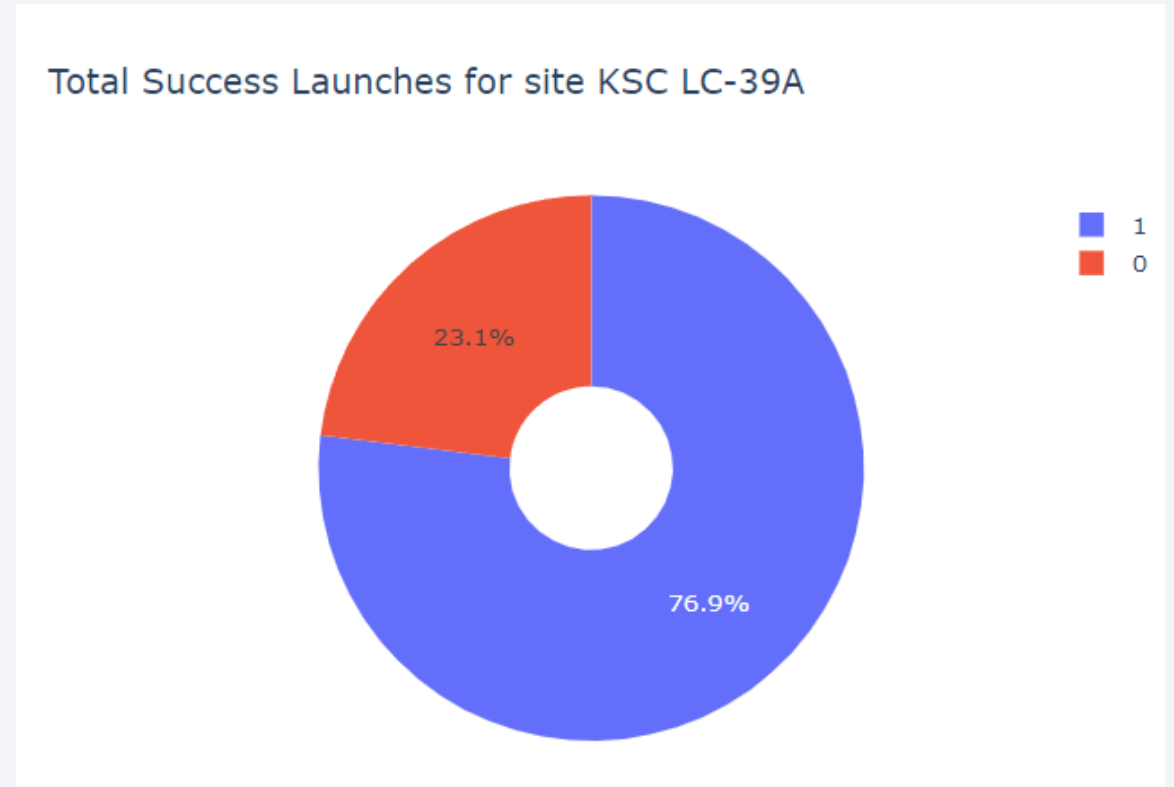
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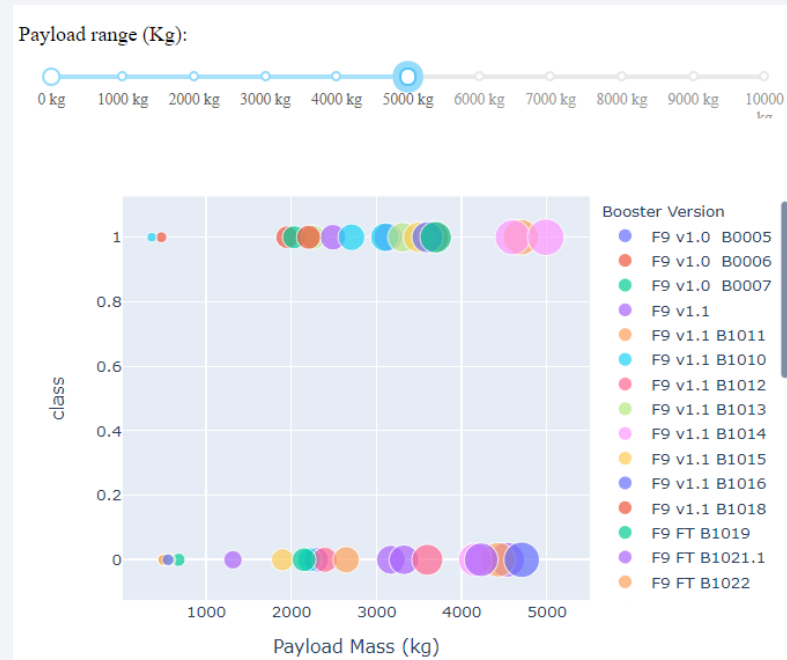
# Launch site with highest launch success ratio

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KSC LC-39A achieved a 76.9% success rate while getting a 23.1% failure rate



# Payload vs. Launch Outcome



the success rates for low weighted payloads is higher than the heavy weighted payloads



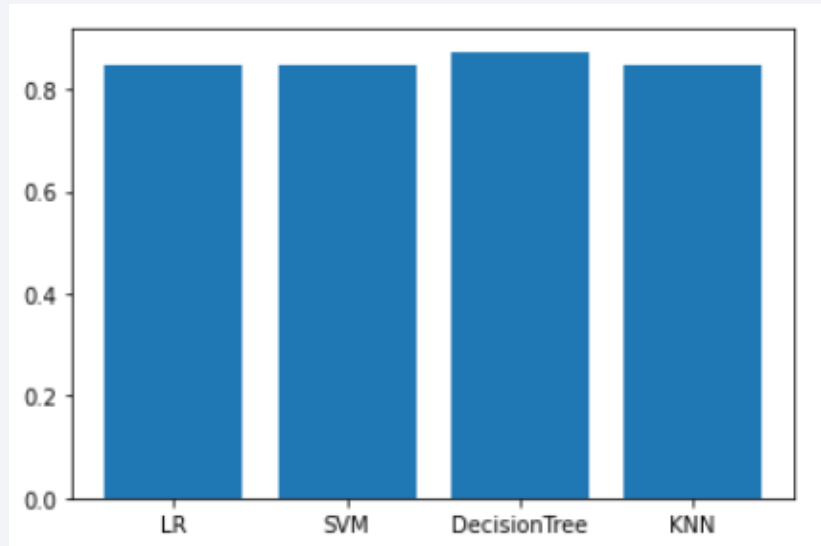
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# Predictive Analysis (Classification)



# Classification Accuracy

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```
== Train set =====  
LR          0.8464285714285713  
SVM         0.8482142857142856  
DecisionTree 0.8732142857142857  
KNN         0.8482142857142858  
  
Best: DecisionTree 0.8732142857142857  
  
== Test set =====  
LR          0.8333333333333334  
SVM         0.8333333333333334  
DecisionTree 0.8888888888888888  
KNN         0.8333333333333334  
  
Best: DecisionTree 0.8888888888888888
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The best model is decision tree with tuned hyperparameters :

criterion: entropy, max\_depth: 2, max\_features: sqrt, min\_samples\_leaf: 4, min\_samples\_split: 10, splitter: best

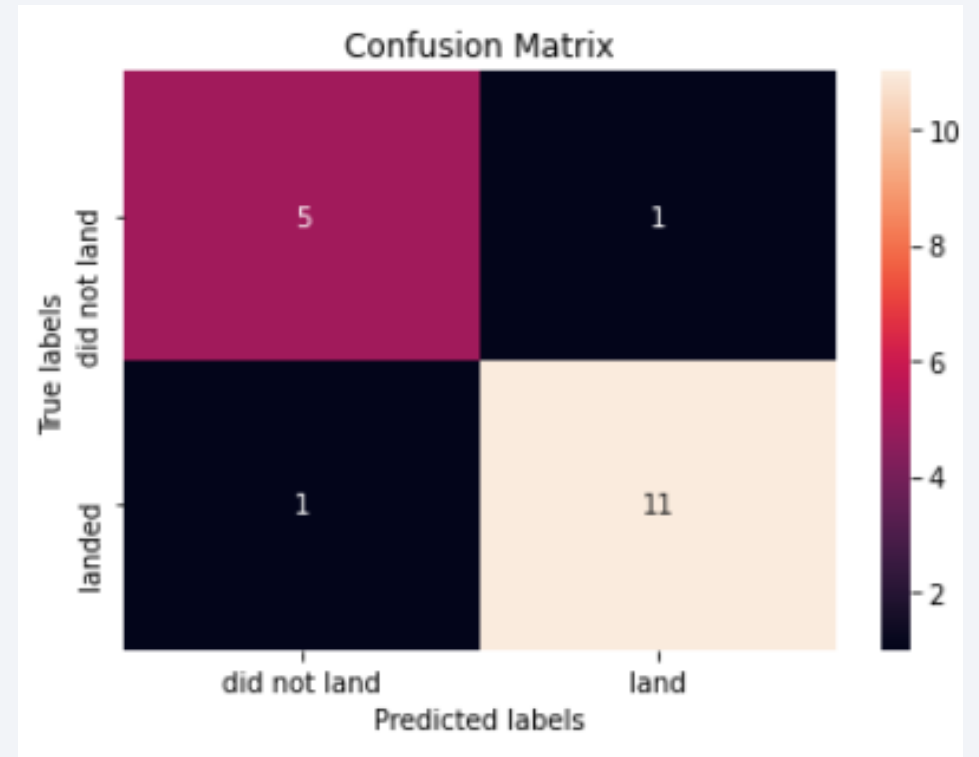
Accuracy : 0.8732142857142857



# Confusion Matrix

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The confusion matrix is an indicator of classification success. We see that our model is quite accurate.



# Conclusions

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- KSC LC-39A had the most successful launch
- Orbit GEO,HEO,SSO,ES-L1 has the best result
- Low weighted payloads perform better than the heavier payloads
- The decision tree classifier is the best in our case (Accuracy : 0.88)

# Appendix

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- SpaceX API Documentation <https://docs.spacexdata.com/>
- Haversine formula [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Haversine\\_formula](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Haversine_formula)
- DASH <https://dash.plotly.com/>
- Github Repository <https://github.com/koav/IBM-DataScience-SpaceX-Project>

Thank you!

