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# Winning Space Race with Data Science

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# Executive Summary

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This project attempted to predict the future landing success of the first stage of the Falcon 9 rocket.

- Summary of methodologies

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7. Predictive Analysis

- Summary of results

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2. Interactive analysis results
3. Predictive analysis results

# Introduction

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## Project background and context:

The Falcon 9 is well known to save money when putting payloads into space. Much of this is done by cutting costs by reusing the first stage. If we can predict whether the first stage will land, we can ostensibly determine the price of the launch. This project aims to make exactly such a prediction using ML.

## Problems you want to find answers to:

- What variables affect the chance of the rocket landing successfully?
- How likely is it that the first stage will be successful?
- How to raise the chances of this success?



Section 1

# Methodology

# Methodology

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## Executive Summary

- Data collection methodology:
  - Data was collected using SpaceX Rest API and scraped from Wikipedia
- Perform data wrangling
  - One hot encoding was applied; less useful columns were dropped.
- Perform exploratory data analysis (EDA) using visualization and SQL
- Perform interactive visual analytics using Folium and Plotly Dash
- Perform predictive analysis using classification models

# Data Collection

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As mentioned earlier, data was collected in 2 ways.

SpaceX API: The API gives all the data needed, including info on the rocket used, payload delivered, landing outcome etc. The get request is decoded into a pandas dataframe using `.json_normalize()`. Then it is cleaned.

Wikipedia: Data is scraped using HTML's BeautifulSoup.

# Data Collection – SpaceX API

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- My URL is:

[https://github.com/kvnstv1/Capstone-  
/blob/56cfb941c4dca3dcf088375  
416f31daf92c96afb/REST%20API.  
ipynb](https://github.com/kvnstv1/Capstone/blob/56cfb941c4dca3dcf088375416f31daf92c96afb/REST%20API.ipynb)

1. First we use the Get request for the launch data using the API.
2. Next we use the `json_normalize()` method to convert the json output to a dataframe.
3. Finally, we performed data cleaning and filled in the missing values.



# Data Collection - Scraping

- Using BeautifulSoup for scraping data from a Wikipedia page, we then parse the table and convert it into a pandas dataframe.
- The URL is:  
<https://github.com/kvnstv1/Capstone/blob/17b6205d4399c7b8d04e136a7706f90f9f72e629/Web%20scraping.ipynb>

First, let's perform an HTTP GET method to request the Falcon9 Launch HTML page, as an HTTP response.

```
In [5]: # use requests.get() method with the provided static_url
# assign the response to a object
response = requests.get(static_url).text
```

Create a BeautifulSoup object from the HTML response

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In [6]: # Use BeautifulSoup() to create a BeautifulSoup object from a response text content
soup = BeautifulSoup(response, 'html.parser')
```

Print the page title to verify if the BeautifulSoup object was created properly

```
In [7]: # Use soup.title attribute
soup.title
```

```
Out[7]: <title>List of Falcon 9 and Falcon Heavy launches - Wikipedia</title>
```

```
In [8]: # Use the find_all function in the BeautifulSoup object, with element type `table`
# Assign the result to a list called `html_tables`
html_tables = soup.find_all('table')
```

Starting from the third table is our target table contains the actual launch records.

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In [9]: # Let's print the third table and check its content
first_launch_table = html_tables[2]
print(first_launch_table)
```

# Data Wrangling

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- Data analysis was done by calculating the number of launches, calculating the number and occurrence of each orbit, the number of missions of each type and creating a landing outcome label.
- My github URL is:  
[https://github.com/kvnstv1/Capstone  
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/blob/381625c51016fc16689931c1c1ba1dd6e78545f9984/Data%20wrangling%20\(2\).ipynb](https://github.com/kvnstv1/Capstone/blob/381625c51016fc16689931c1c1ba1dd6e78545f9984/Data%20wrangling%20(2).ipynb)

```
In [6]: # Apply value_counts on Orbit column  
df["Orbit"].value_counts()
```

```
Out[6]: GTO      27  
ISS       21  
VLEO      14  
PO         9  
LEO         7  
SSO         5  
MEO         3  
ES-L1       1  
HEO         1  
SO          1  
GEO         1  
Name: Orbit, dtype: int64
```

**TASK 3: Calculate the number and occurrence of mission outcome per orbit type**

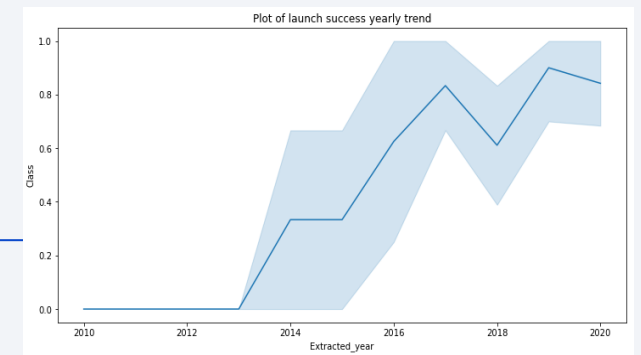
Use the method `.value_counts()` on the column `Outcome` to determine the number of `landing_outcomes`. Then assign it to a variable `landing_outcomes`.

```
In [7]: # landing_outcomes = values on Outcome column  
landing_outcomes = df["Outcome"].value_counts()  
landing_outcomes
```

```
Out[7]: True ASDS      41  
None None           19  
True RTLS           14  
False ASDS           6  
True Ocean           5  
False Ocean           2  
None ASDS             2  
False RTLS            1  
Name: Outcome, dtype: int64
```

# EDA with Data Visualization

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- I used 3 different types of charts.
  - Scatter graphs were used because they are very good to show how much one variable is affected by another i.e. correlation.
  - I used bar graphs because I can compare sets of data at a glance, as stated in the question prompt.
  - I used a line graph because it can map out trends over time and can come in very handy for making predictions. This is part of the state goal of the exercise.
- URL: [https://github.com/kvnstv1/Capstone-/blob/8c250db3b61ecd946a57764cc7427deec65a4b95/Data%20visualization%20\(1\).ipynb](https://github.com/kvnstv1/Capstone-/blob/8c250db3b61ecd946a57764cc7427deec65a4b95/Data%20visualization%20(1).ipynb)

# EDA with SQL

- Using bullet point format, summarize the SQL queries you performed
  - Connect to the database
  - 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
  - List the total number of successful and failure mission outcomes
  - List the names of the booster\_versions which have carried the maximum payload mass. Use a subquery
  - List the failed landing\_outcomes in drone ship, their booster versions, and launch site names for in 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
- <https://github.com/kvnstv1/Capstone-/blob/e73df4cfe33eebea9453b8fe6607dbfac4b2f263/EDA%20with%20SQL.ipynb>

# Build an Interactive Map with Folium

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- Summarize what map objects such as markers, circles, lines, etc. you created and added to a folium map. Explain why you added those objects.
1. I marked all the launch sites on a map using latitude and longitude. I made a circle marker around each launch site with a label of the name of the site as well as the number of occurrences.
  2. I marked the successful or failed launches on a map.

The link is: [https://github.com/kvnstv1/Capstone-/blob/072917ace14dce378424292bddf5afcc5ea4f859/lab\\_jupyter\\_launch\\_site\\_location%20\(1\).ipynb](https://github.com/kvnstv1/Capstone-/blob/072917ace14dce378424292bddf5afcc5ea4f859/lab_jupyter_launch_site_location%20(1).ipynb)



# Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

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- Made an interactive dashboard in python and plotted pie charts showing total launches by select sites
- URL: <https://github.com/kvnstv1/Capstone-/blob/ffdbbb5200a4bffd5e197591b48cec021a9c8a8c/SpacexApp.py>

# Predictive Analysis (Classification)

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- Loading the data using numpy and pandas, we transformed it and split our data into training and testing.
- We tested different machine learning algorithms presented during the course.
- Using accuracy as a metric, we improved available models.
- We found the best performing classification
- URL below:
- [https://github.com/kvnstv1/Capstone-/blob/b376eab7dfa59d5c054e8797ec5ff31209228588/SpaceX\\_Machine%20Learning%20Prediction\\_Part\\_5%20\(2\).ipynb](https://github.com/kvnstv1/Capstone-/blob/b376eab7dfa59d5c054e8797ec5ff31209228588/SpaceX_Machine%20Learning%20Prediction_Part_5%20(2).ipynb)

# Results

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Best Algorithm is Tree with a score of 0.8732142857142857 Best Params is : {'criterion': 'entropy', 'max_depth': 4, 'max_features': 'sqrt', 'min_samples_leaf': 2, 'min_samples_split': 10, 'splitter': 'best'}
```

- 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 base color. Overlaid on this are numerous diagonal streaks in shades of red and cyan, creating a sense of motion and depth. A faint, light blue grid pattern is also visible, particularly in the lower-left quadrant. The overall effect is high-tech and digital.

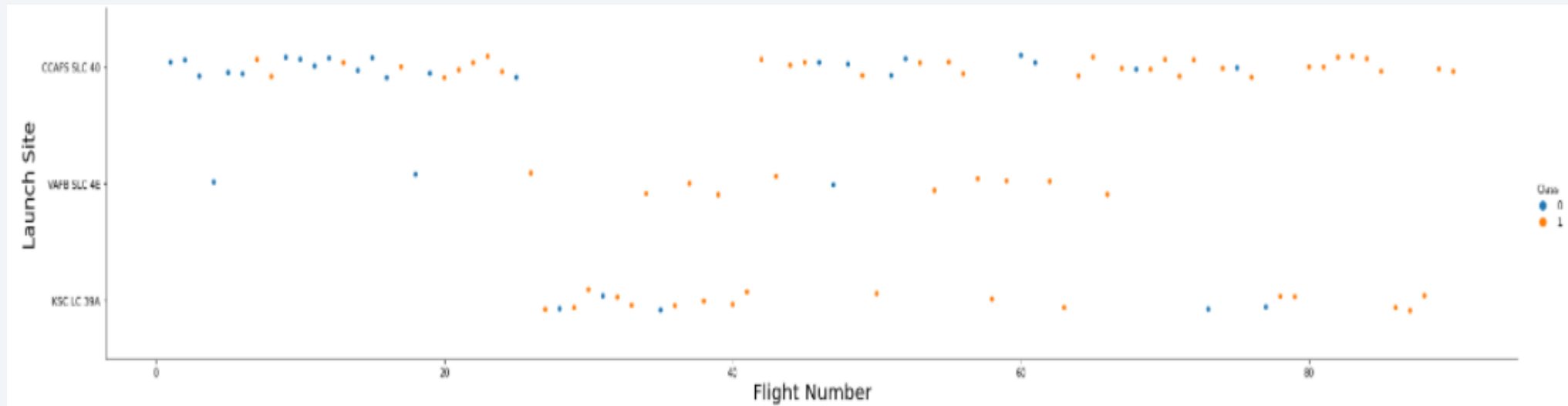
Section 2

# Insights drawn from EDA



# Flight Number vs. Launch Site

- From the plot, we see a direct correlation between flight amount at a launch site and the success rate at a launch site.

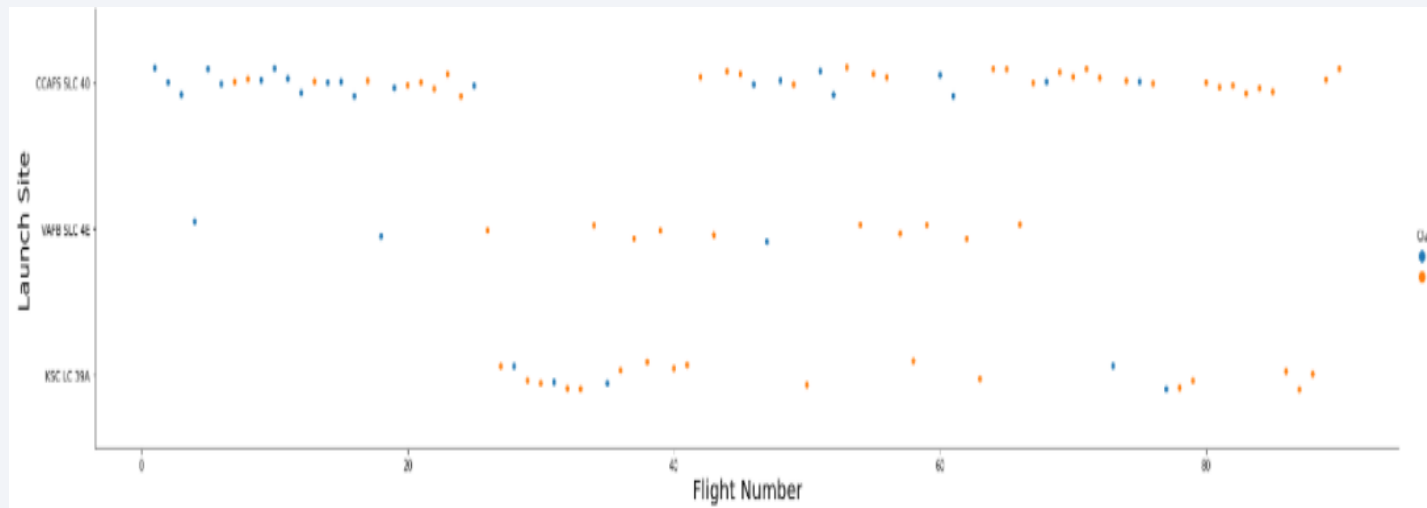




# Payload vs. Launch Site

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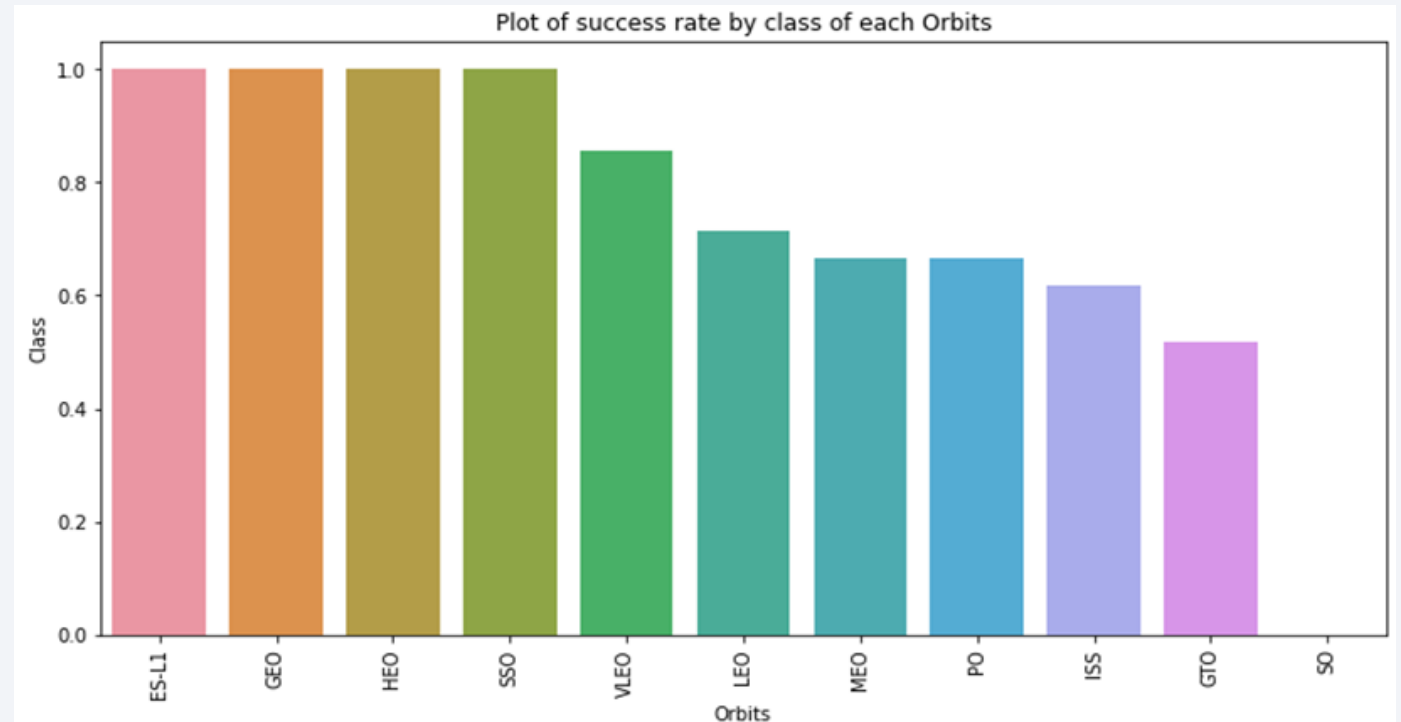
- The greater the payload mass for launch site CCAFS SLC 40, the higher the success rate.



# Success Rate vs. Orbit Type

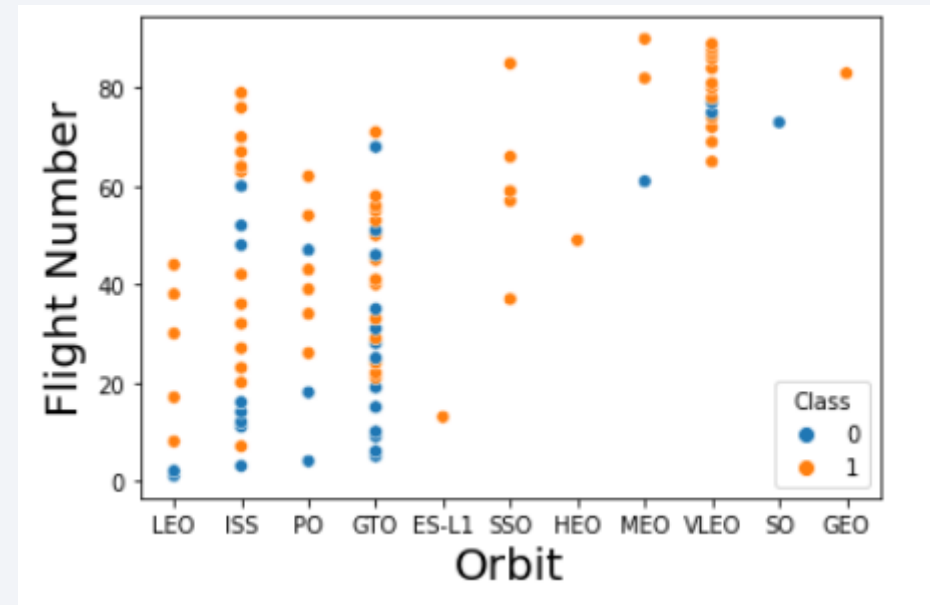
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Orbit GEO, HEO, SSO, ES-L1 has the best success rate.



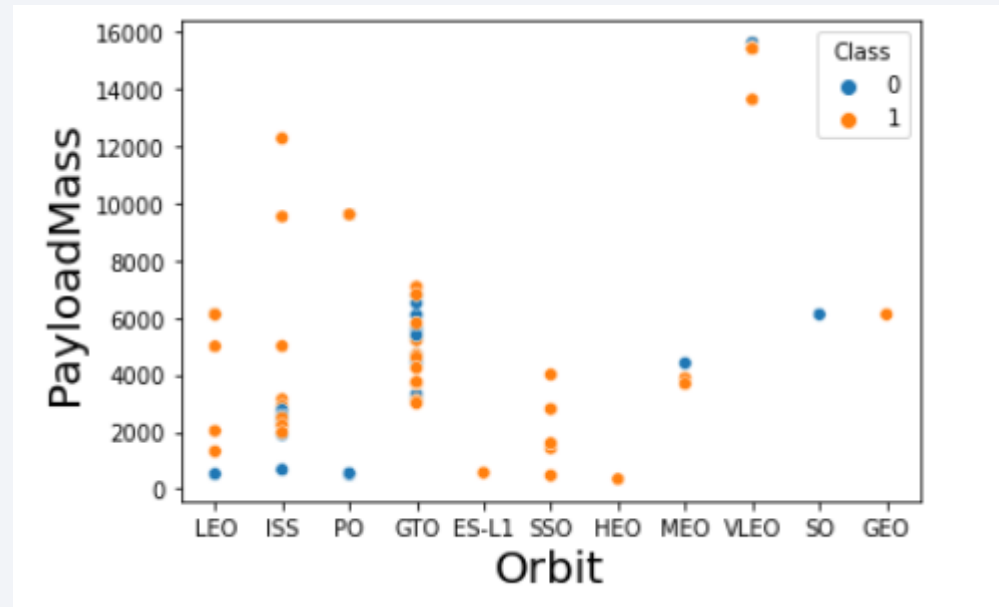
# Flight Number vs. Orbit Type

Evidently, it can be seen 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

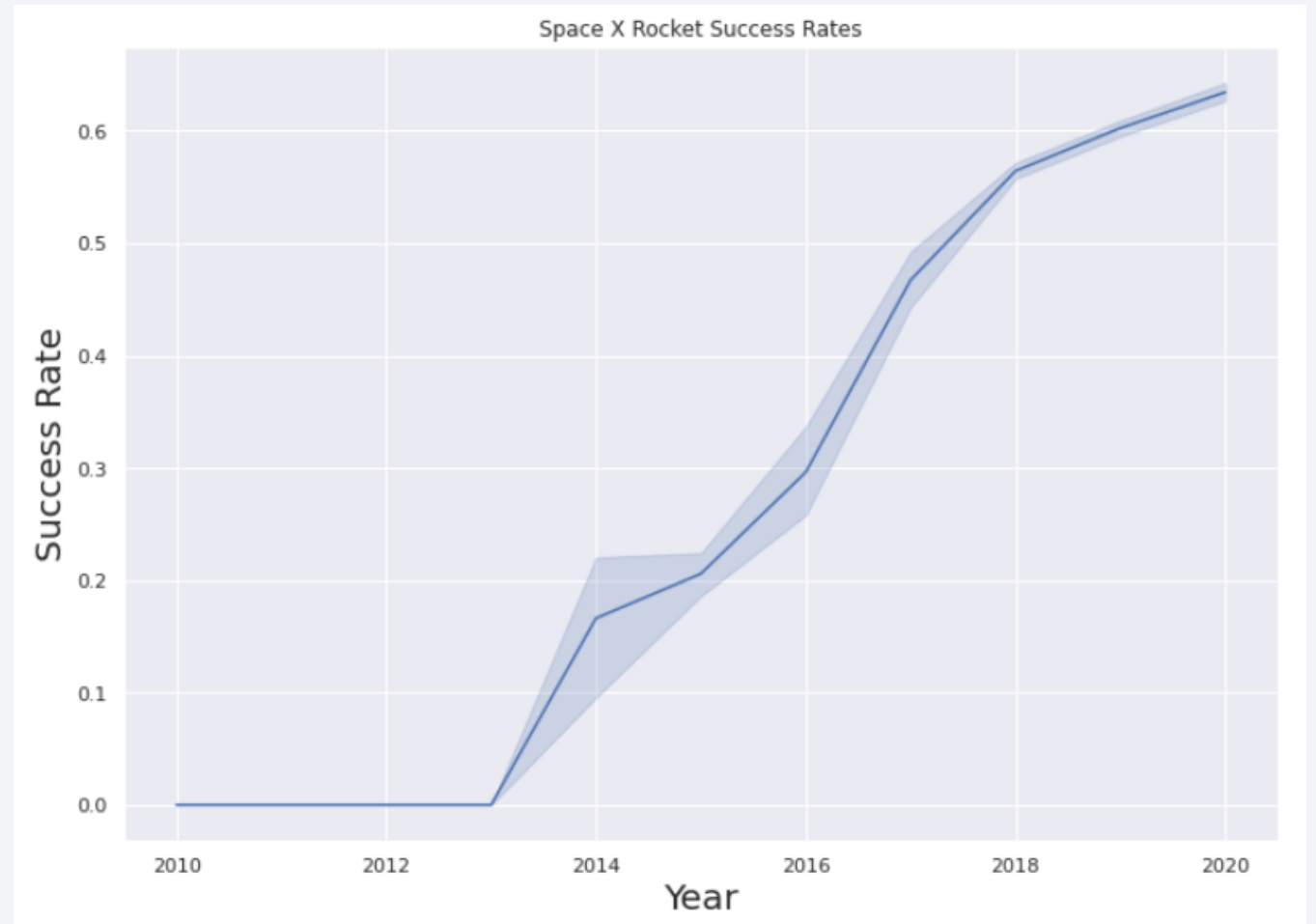
Heavy payloads have a negative influence on GTO orbits and positive influence on GTO and polar LEO orbits.



# Launch Success Yearly Trend

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The success rate since 2013 has been increasing!





# All Launch Site Names

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- *Find the names of the unique launch sites*
- %sql select Unique(LAUNCH\_SITE) from SPACEXDATASET;
- *Present your query result with a short explanation here*
- Using the word DISTINCT in the query means that it will only unique in the LAUNCH\_SITE column from SPACEXTBL. I used network lab because DB2 **REFUSED** to work.

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

# Launch Site Names Begin with 'CCA'

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- Find 5 records where launch sites begin with `CCA`
  - %sql SELECT \* from SPACEXTBL where (LAUNCH\_SITE) LIKE 'CCA%' LIMIT 5;
- Present your query result with a short explanation here
  - Using the word LIMIT 5 in the query means that it will only show 5 records from SPACEXTBL and LIKE keyword has a wild card with the words 'CCA%' the percentage the end suggests that the launch\_site name must start with CCA

launch_site
CCAFS LC-40
CCAFS LC-40
CCAFS LC-40
CCAFS LC-40
CCAFS LC-40

# Total Payload Mass

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- Calculate the total payload carried by boosters from NASA
  - %sql select sum(PAYLOAD\_MASS\_\_KG\_) as payloadmass from SPACEXTBL WHERE customer = 'NASA (CRS)';
- Present your query result with a short explanation here
  - Using the function SUM summates the total in the column payload\_mass\_kg\_. The where clause filters the dataset to only perform calculations on customer NASA (CRS)

payloadmass
45596

# Average Payload Mass by F9 v1.1

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- Calculate the average payload mass carried by booster version F9 v1.1
  - %sql select avg(PAYLOAD\_MASS\_\_KG\_) as payloadmass from SPACEXTBL where Booster\_Version = 'F9 v1.1';
- Present your query result with a short explanation here
  - Using the function AVG works out the average in the column PAYLOAD\_MASS\_\_KG\_. The where clause filters the dataset to only perform calculate on Booster\_Version = 'F9 v1.1'.

payloadmass
2928

# First Successful Ground Landing Date

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- Find the dates of the first successful landing outcome on ground pad
  - %sql select min(DATE) from SPACEXTBL where landing\_\_outcome = 'Success (drone ship)';
- Present your query result with a short explanation here
  - Using the function MIN works out the minimum data in the column DATE, the where clause filters the dataset to only perform calculates on landing\_\_outcome = 'Success (drone ship)'.

1
2016-04-08



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

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- List the names of boosters which have successfully landed on drone ship and had payload mass greater than 4000 but less than 6000
  - %sql select Booster\_Version from SPACEXTBL where landing\_\_outcome = 'Success (drone ship)' and payload\_mass\_\_kg\_ > 4000 AND payload\_mass\_\_kg\_ < 6000;
- Present your query result with a short explanation here
  - Selecting only Booster\_Version, the where filters the dataset to landing\_\_outcome = 'Success (drone ship)', the AND clause specifies additional filter conditions payload\_mass\_\_kg\_ > 4000 AND payload\_mass\_\_kg\_ < 6000.

booster_version
F9 FT B1022
F9 FT B1026
F9 FT B1021.2
F9 FT B1031.2

# 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(MISSION\_OUTCOME) as missionoutcomes from SPACEXTBL GROUP BY MISSION\_OUTCOME;
- Present your query result with a short explanation here
  - Count shows the total number, group by shows different kinds.

missionoutcomes
1
99
1

# Boosters Carried Maximum Payload

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- List the names of the booster which have carried the maximum payload mass
  - %sql select BOOSTER\_VERSION as boosterversion from SPACEXTBL where PAYLOAD\_MASS\_\_KG\_=(select max(PAYLOAD\_MASS\_\_KG\_) from SPACEXTBL);
- Present your query result with a short explanation here
  - Subquery put the maximum payload mass, select BOOSTER\_VERSION from SPACEXTBL, and where evaluates PAYLOAD\_MASS\_\_KG\_ = max value.

boosterversion
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
  - %sql SELECT MONTH(DATE),MISSION\_OUTCOME,BOOSTER\_VERSION,LAUNCH\_SITE FROM SPACEXTBL where landing\_\_outcome = 'Failure (drone ship)' and EXTRACT(YEAR FROM DATE)='2015';
- Present your query result with a short explanation here
  - where filters landing\_\_outcome = 'Failure (drone ship)' and EXTRACT(YEAR FROM DATE)='2015', and select shows information

1	mission_outcome	booster_version	launch_site
1	Success	F9 v1.1 B1012	CCAFS LC-40
4	Success	F9 v1.1 B1015	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
  - %sql SELECT LANDING\_\_OUTCOME, DATE FROM SPACEXTBL WHERE (landing\_\_outcome IN ('Failure (drone ship)', 'Success (ground pad)')) AND (DATE BETWEEN '2010-06-04' AND '2017-03-20') ORDER BY DATE DESC;
- Present your query result with a short explanation here
  - Select LANDING\_\_OUTCOME and DATE columns, from SPACEXTBL, Where filters date between 2010-06-04 and 2017-03-20 and landing\_\_outcome is Failure (drone ship) or Success (ground pad).

landing__outcome	DATE
Success (ground pad)	2017-02-19
Success (ground pad)	2016-07-18
Failure (drone ship)	2016-06-15
Failure (drone ship)	2016-03-04
Failure (drone ship)	2016-01-17
Success (ground pad)	2015-12-22
Failure (drone ship)	2015-04-14
Failure (drone ship)	2015-01-10

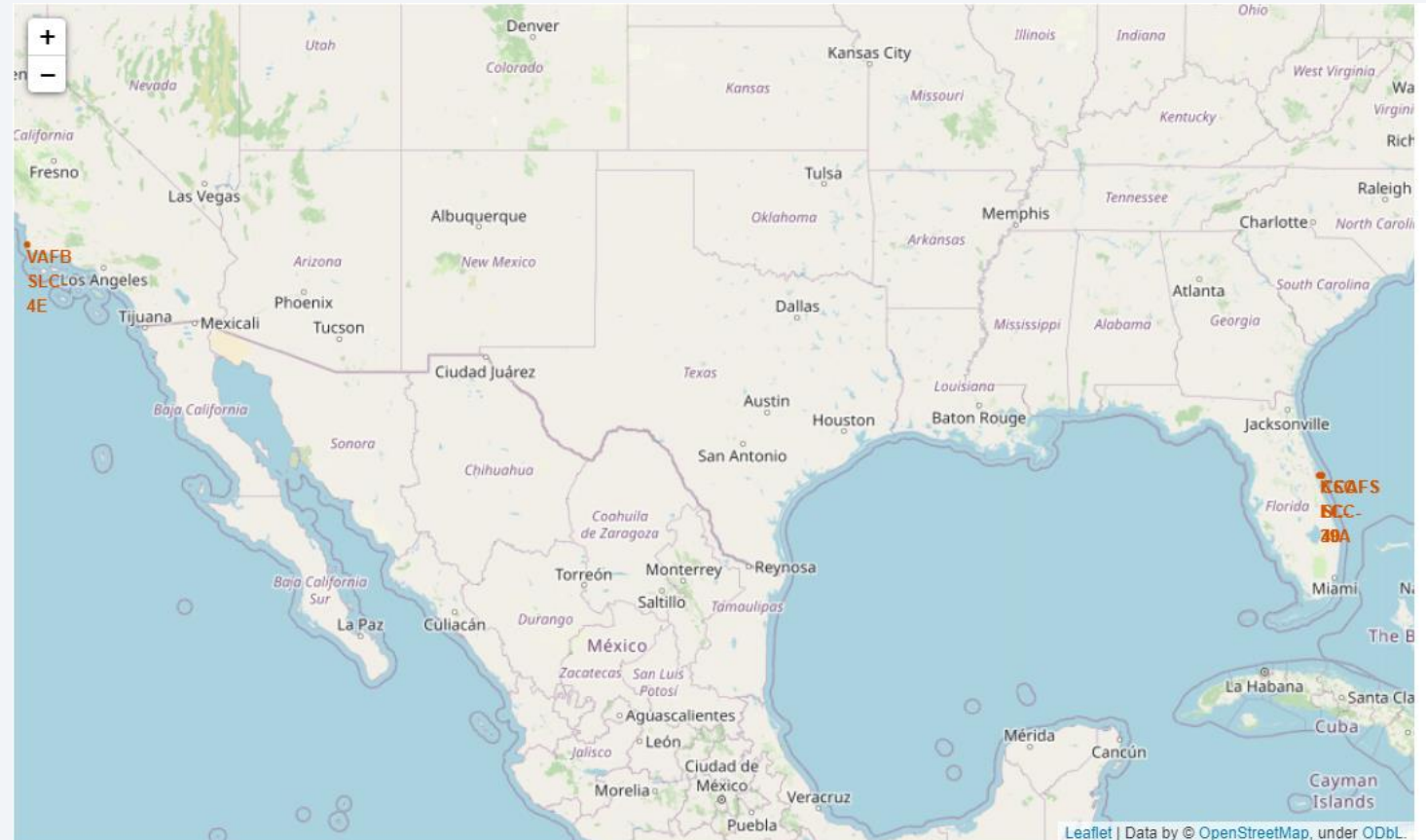
A satellite view of Earth from space, showing the curvature of the planet and city lights at night. The background is a deep blue gradient.

Section 3

# Launch Sites Proximities Analysis

# All launch sites marked on a map

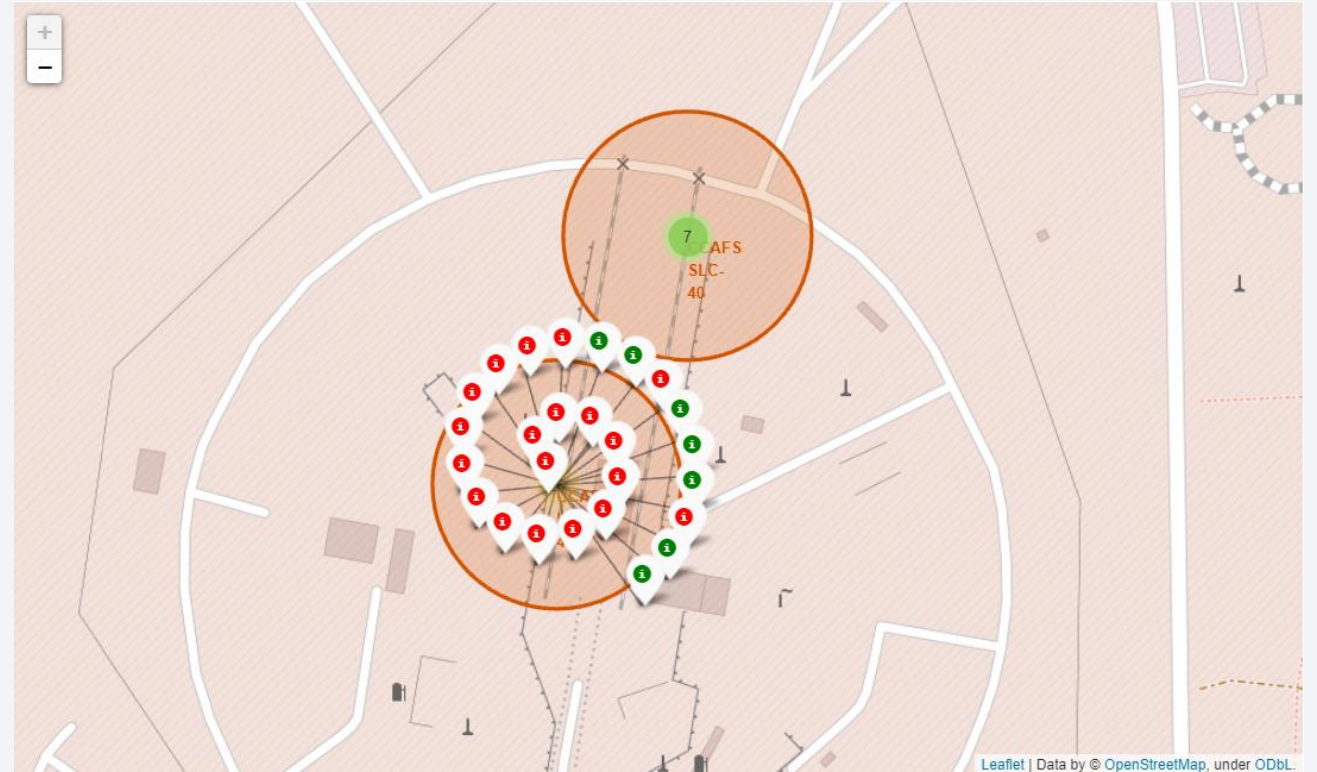
- SpaceX launch sites are along American coasts, in FL and CA.





# Mark successful and failed launches

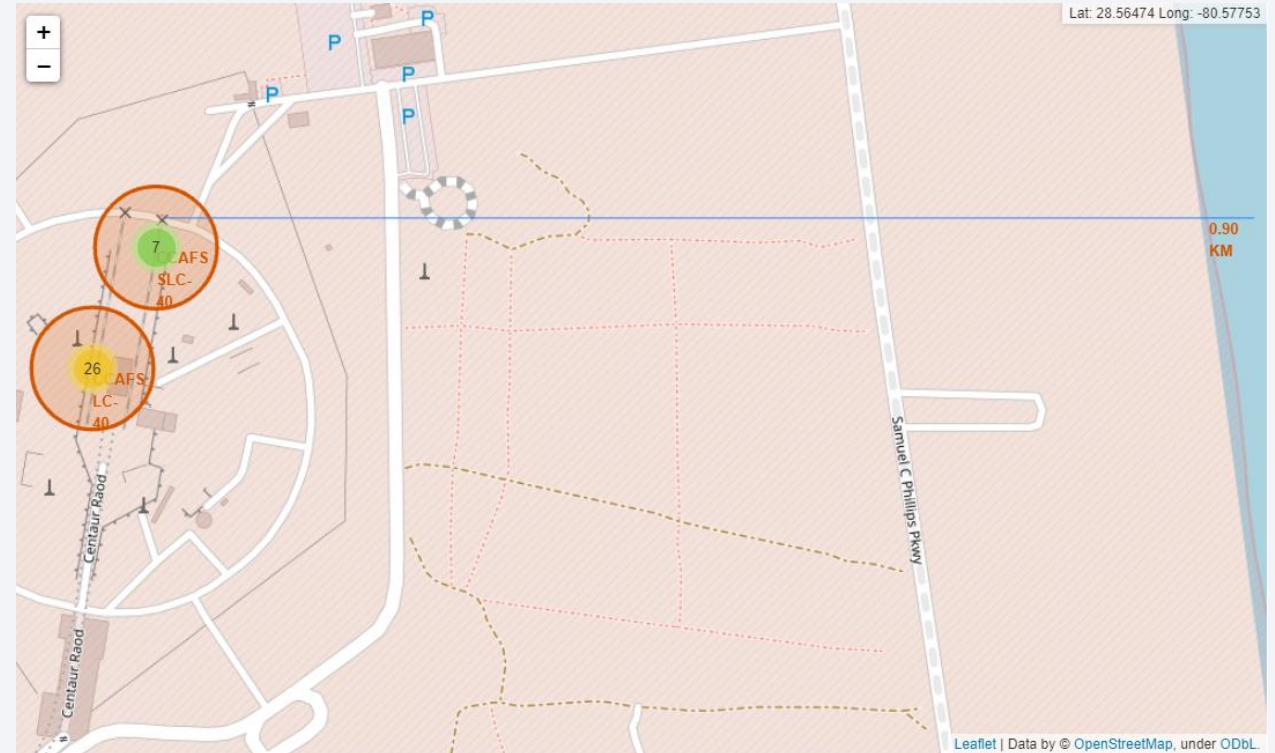
- Green shows successful launches; red shows failures...





# Calculate distances

Purely as an example, I show the distance to the coastline.





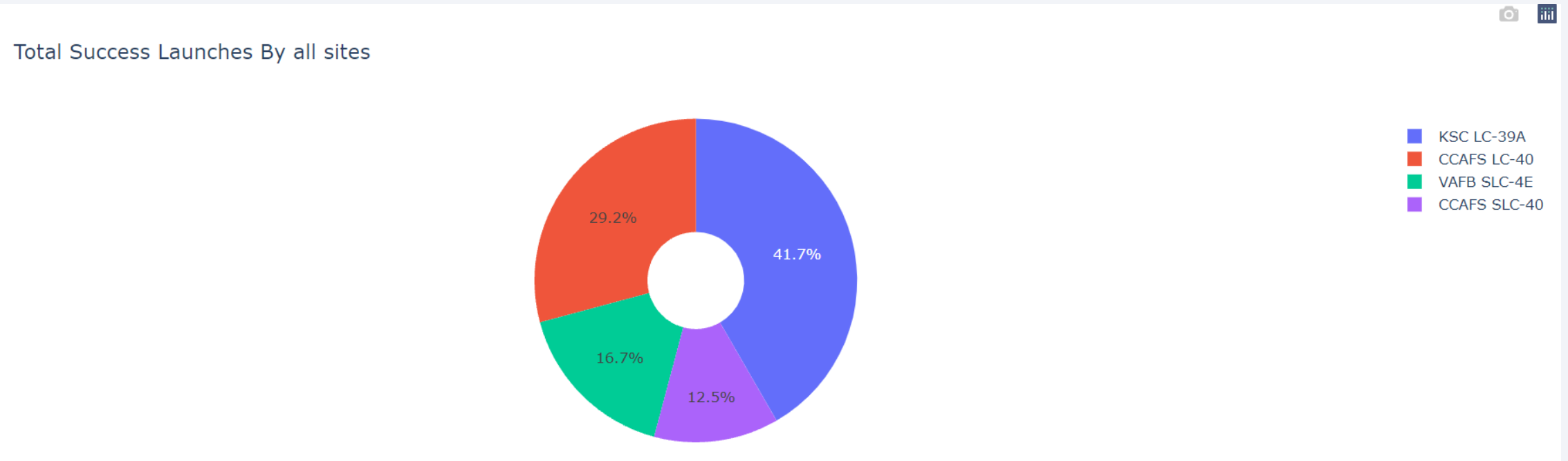
Section 4

# Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

# Total success launch by all sites

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We can see that KSC LC-39A had the most successful launches.



# Total successful launches for KSC LC-39A

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- KSC LC-39A achieved a 76.9% success rate!

Total Success Launches for site KSC LC-39A



# Payload vs. Mass with different payload

- The success rate for low weighted payloads is higher than the heavy.



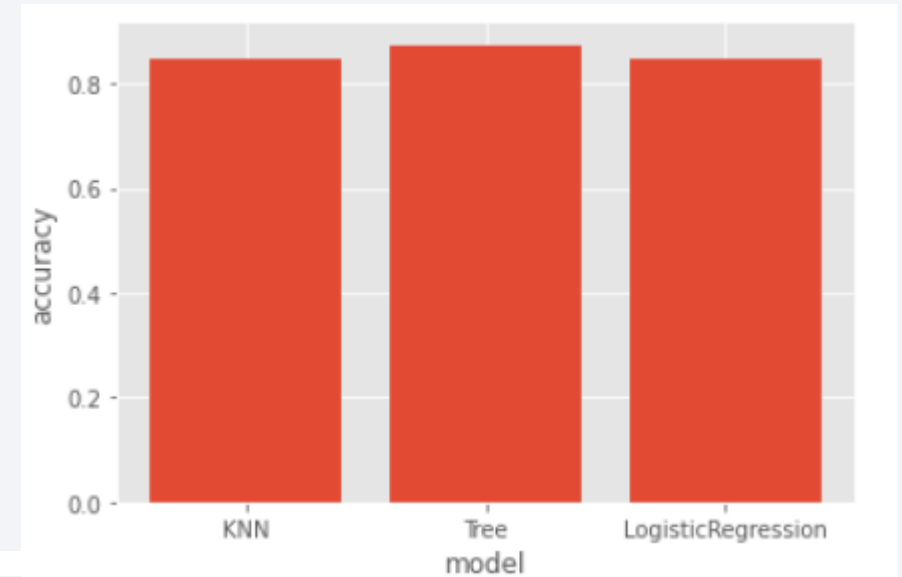


Section 5

# Predictive Analysis (Classification)

# Classification Accuracy

- Classification tree is most accurate!



```
algorithms = {'KNN':knn_cv.best_score_, 'Tree':tree_cv.best_score_, 'LogisticRegression':logreg_cv.best_score_}
bestalgorithm = max(algorithms, key=algorithms.get)
print('Best Algorithm is',bestalgorithm,'with a score of',algorithms[bestalgorithm])
if bestalgorithm == 'Tree':
    print('Best Params is :',tree_cv.best_params_)
if bestalgorithm == 'KNN':
    print('Best Params is :',knn_cv.best_params_)
if bestalgorithm == 'LogisticRegression':
    print('Best Params is :',logreg_cv.best_params_)
```

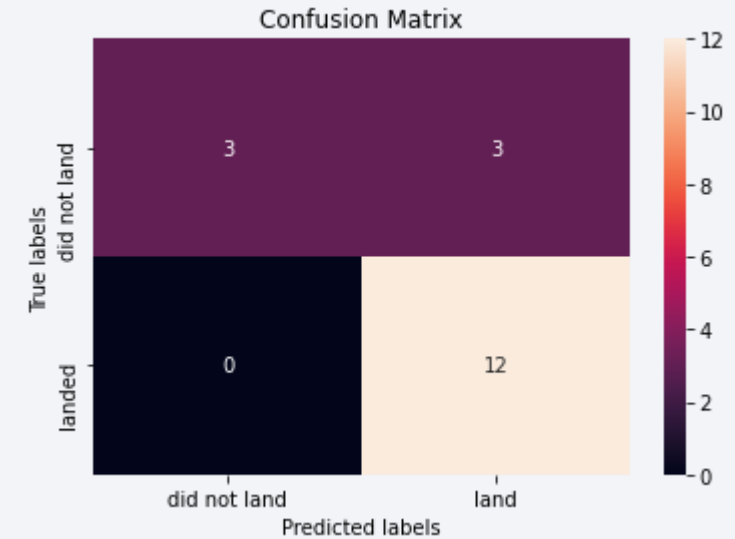
Best Algorithm is Tree with a score of 0.8732142857142857

Best Params is : {'criterion': 'gini', 'max\_depth': 4, 'max\_features': 'sqrt', 'min\_samples\_leaf': 2, 'min\_samples\_split': 2, 'splitter': 'best'}

# Confusion Matrix

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- Tree can distinguish between the different classes. False positives are a major problem.





# Conclusions

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- The tree is best for machine learning in this dataset.
- Low weighted payloads perform better
- Success rates rise over time.
- KSC LC-39A had the most successful launch history
- Orbit GEO, HEO, SSO, ED-L1 had equally successful launch rates.

# Appendix

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- Nothing here I guess?

Thank you!

