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# Winning Space Race with Data Science

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# Executive Summary

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# Introduction

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- Project background and context
  - 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. 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 space X for a rocket launch. This goal of the project is to create a machine learning pipeline to predict if the first stage will land successfully.
- Problems you want to find answers
  - What factors determine if the rocket will land successfully?
  - The interaction amongst various features that determine the success rate of a successful landing.
  - What operating conditions needs to be in place to ensure a successful landing program.



Section 1

# Methodology

# Methodology

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## Executive Summary

- Data collection methodology:
  - Data was collected using SpaceX API and web scraping from Wikipedia.
- Perform data wrangling
  - One-hot encoding was applied to categorical features
- 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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- The data was collected using various methods
  - Data collection was done using get request to the SpaceX API.
  - Next, we decoded the response content as a Json using `.json()` function call and turn it into a pandas dataframe using `.json_normalize()`.
  - We then cleaned the data, checked for missing values and fill in missing values where necessary.
  - In addition, we performed web scraping from Wikipedia for Falcon 9 launch records with BeautifulSoup.
  - The objective was to extract the launch records as HTML table, parse the table and convert it to a pandas dataframe for future analysis.

# Data Collection – SpaceX API

- We used the get request to the SpaceX API to collect data, clean the requested data and did some basic data wrangling and formatting.
- <https://github.com/meetpandya4715/IBMDDataScienceCapstoneProject/blob/main/nbs/1.%20Data%20Collection%20API.ipynb>

1. Get request for rocket launch data using API

```
In [6]: spacex_url="https://api.spacexdata.com/v4/launches/past"
```

```
In [7]: response = requests.get(spacex_url)
```

2. Use json\_normalize method to convert json result to dataframe

```
In [12]: # Use json_normalize method to convert the json result into a dataframe
         # decode response content as json
         static_json_df = res.json()
```

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In [13]: # apply json_normalize
         data = pd.json_normalize(static_json_df)
```

3. We then performed data cleaning and filling in the missing values

```
In [30]: rows = data_falcon9['PayloadMass'].values.tolist()[0]

         df_rows = pd.DataFrame(rows)
         df_rows = df_rows.replace(np.nan, PayloadMass)

         data_falcon9['PayloadMass'][0] = df_rows.values
         data_falcon9
```



- We applied web scrapping to webscrap Falcon 9 launch records with BeautifulSoup
- We parsed the table and converted it into a pandas dataframe.
- The link to the notebook is <https://github.com/meetpan-dya4715/IBMDDataScienceCapstoneProject/blob/main/nbs/2.%20Data%20Collection%20and%20Web scraping.ipynb>

```
1. Apply HTTP Get method to request the Falcon 9 rocket launch page

In [4]: static_url = "https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=List_of_Falcon_9_and_Falcon_Heavy_launches&oldid=1027686922"

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

Out[5]: 200

2. Create a BeautifulSoup object from the HTML response

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

3. Extract all column names from the HTML table header

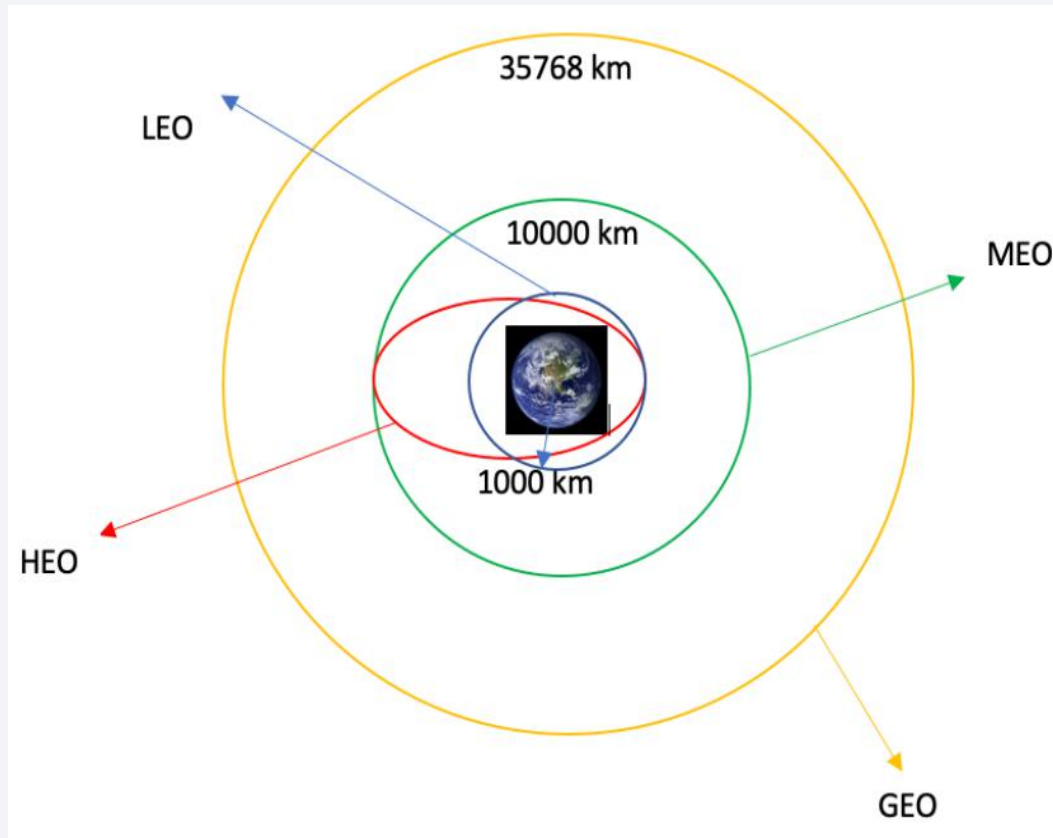
In [10]: column_names = []

        # Apply find_all() function with 'th' element on first_launch_table
        # Iterate each th element and apply the provided extract_column_from_header() to get a column name
        # Append the Non-empty column name ('if name is not None and len(name) > 0') into a list called column_names

        element = soup.find_all('th')
        for row in range(len(element)):
            try:
                name = extract_column_from_header(element[row])
                if (name is not None and len(name) > 0):
                    column_names.append(name)
            except:
                pass

4. Create a dataframe by parsing the launch HTML tables
5. Export data to csv
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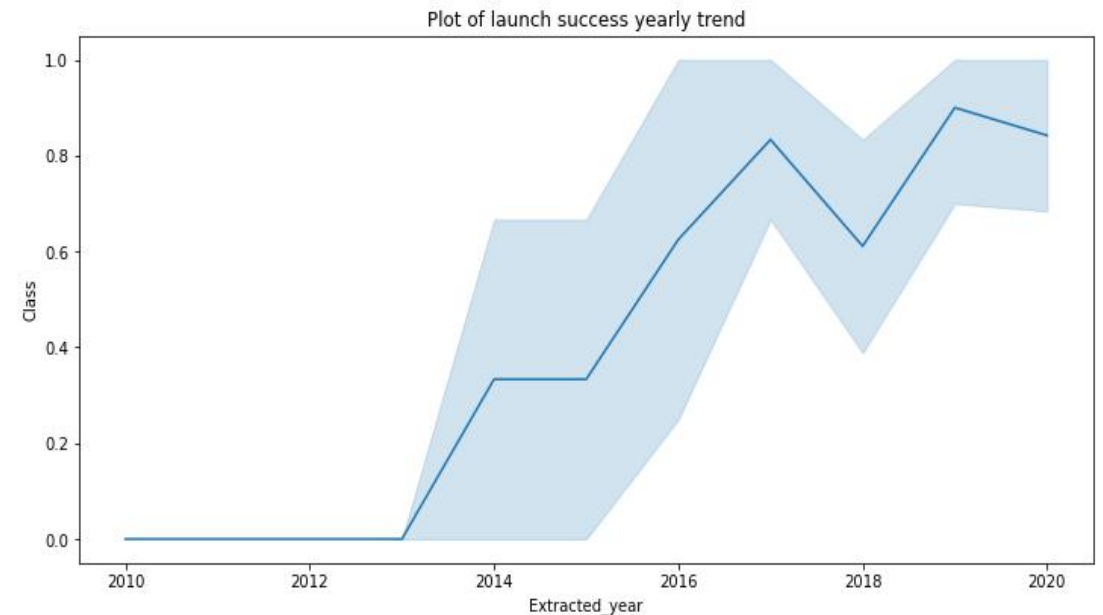
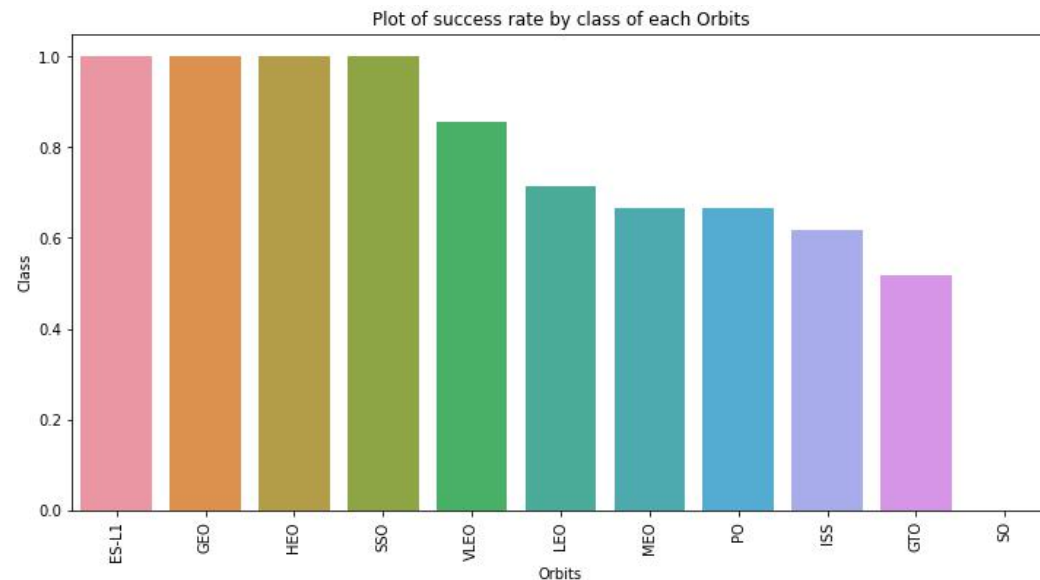
## Data Wrangling



- We performed exploratory data analysis and determined the training labels.
- We calculated the number of launches at each site, and the number and occurrence of each orbits
- We created landing outcome label from outcome column and exported the results to csv.
- The link to the notebook is <https://github.com/meetpandya4715/IBMDataScienceCapstoneProject/blob/main/nbs/3.%20EDA.ipynb>

# EDA with Data Visualization

- We explored the data by visualizing the relationship between flight number and launch Site, payload and launch site, success rate of each orbit type, flight number and orbit type, the launch success yearly trend.



- The link to the notebook is <https://github.com/meetpandya4715/BMDataScienceCapstoneProject/blob/main/nbs/jupyter-labs-eda-dataviz.ipynb>

# EDA with SQL

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- We loaded the SpaceX dataset into a PostgreSQL database without leaving the jupyter notebook.
  - We applied EDA with SQL to get insight from the data. We wrote queries to find out for instance:
    - The names of unique launch sites in the space mission.
    - The total payload mass carried by boosters launched by NASA (CRS)
    - The average payload mass carried by booster version F9 v1.1
    - The total number of successful and failure mission outcomes
    - The failed landing outcomes in drone ship, their booster version and launch site names.
  - The link to the notebook is  
<https://github.com/meetpandya4715/IBMDDataScienceCapstoneProject/blob/main/nbs/jupyter-labs-eda-sql-coursera.ipynb>
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# Build an Interactive Map with Folium

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- We marked all launch sites, and added map objects such as markers, circles, lines to mark the success or failure of launches for each site on the folium map.
- We assigned the feature launch outcomes (failure or success) to class 0 and 1.i.e., 0 for failure, and 1 for success.
- Using the color-labeled marker clusters, we identified which launch sites have relatively high success rate.
- We calculated the distances between a launch site to its proximities. We answered some question for instance:
  - Are launch sites near railways, highways and coastlines.
  - Do launch sites keep certain distance away from cities.



# Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

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- We built an interactive dashboard with Plotly dash
- We plotted pie charts showing the total launches by a certain sites
- We plotted scatter graph showing the relationship with Outcome and Payload Mass (Kg) for the different booster version.
- The link to the notebook is  
[https://github.com/meetpandya4715/IBMDDataScienceCapstoneProject/blob/main/py\\_files/spacex\\_dash\\_app.py](https://github.com/meetpandya4715/IBMDDataScienceCapstoneProject/blob/main/py_files/spacex_dash_app.py)

# Predictive Analysis (Classification)

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- We loaded the data using numpy and pandas, transformed the data, split our data into training and testing.
  - We built different machine learning models and tune different hyperparameters using GridSearchCV.
  - We used accuracy as the metric for our model, improved the model using feature engineering and algorithm tuning.
  - We found the best performing classification model.
  - The link to the notebook is  
[https://github.com/meetpandya4715/IBMDDataScienceCapstoneProject/blob/main/nbs/S  
paceX\\_Machine%20Learning%20Prediction\\_Part\\_5.ipynb](https://github.com/meetpandya4715/IBMDDataScienceCapstoneProject/blob/main/nbs/SpaceX_Machine%20Learning%20Prediction_Part_5.ipynb)
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# Results

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





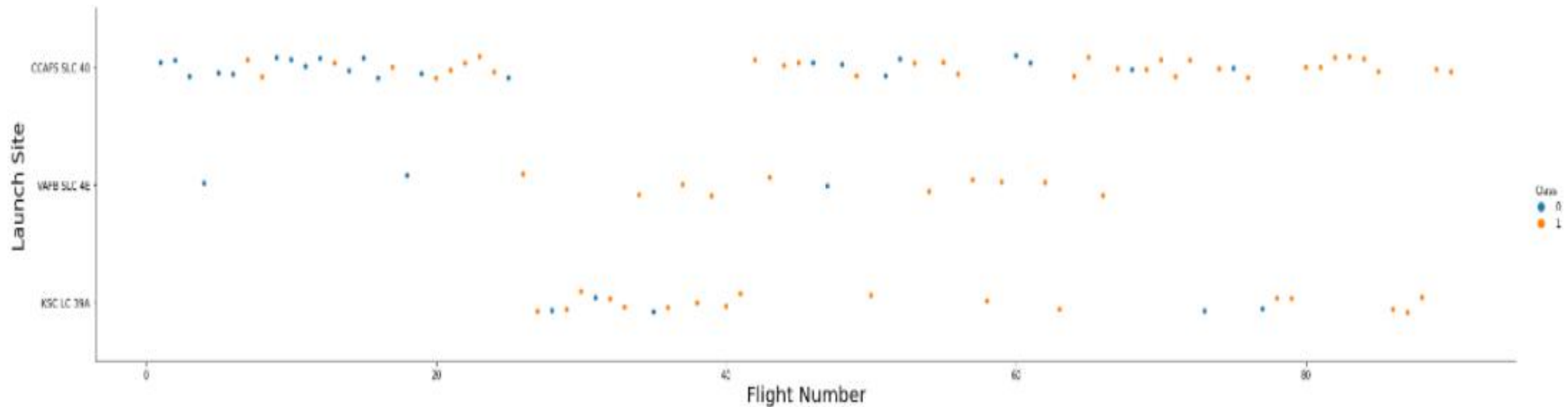
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# Insights drawn from EDA



# Flight Number vs. Launch Site

- From the plot, we found that the larger the flight amount at a launch site, the greater the success rate at a launch site.





# Payload vs. Launch Site

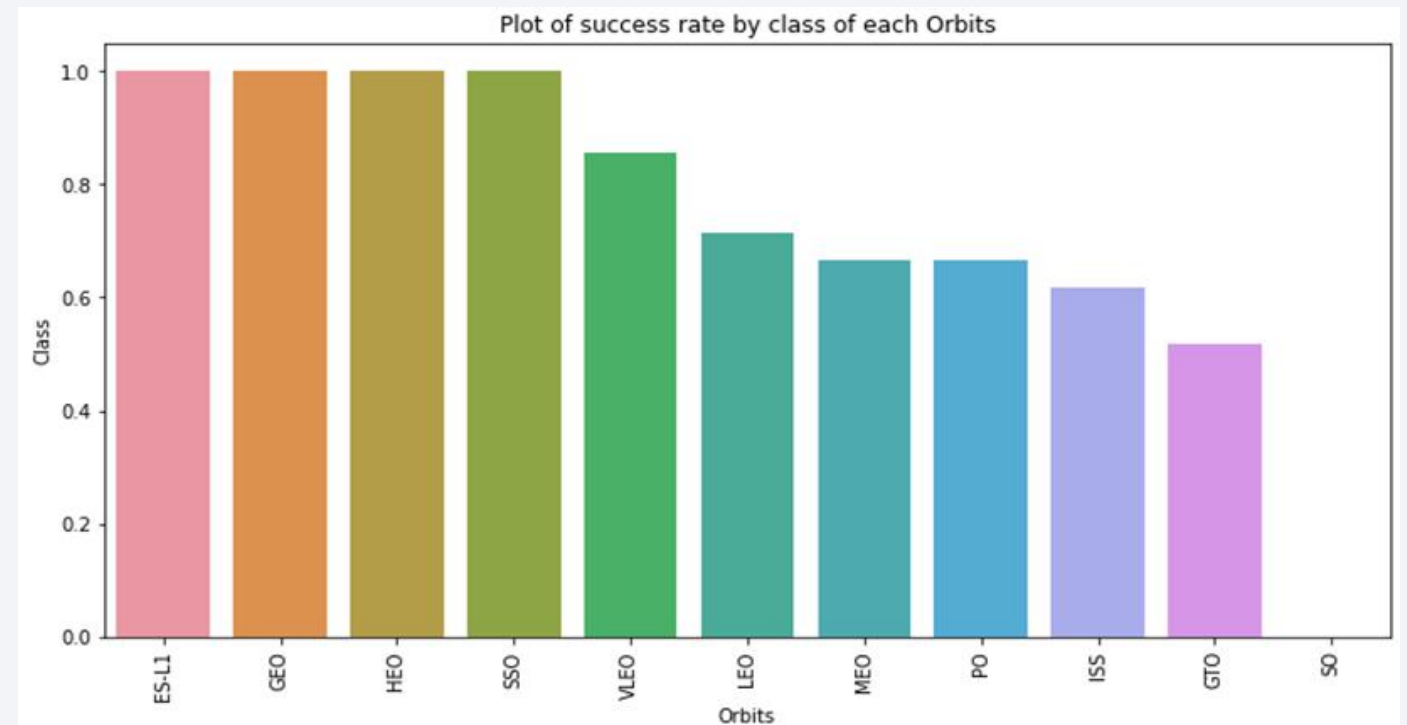
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- scatter plot of payload vs launch site.

# Success Rate vs. Orbit Type

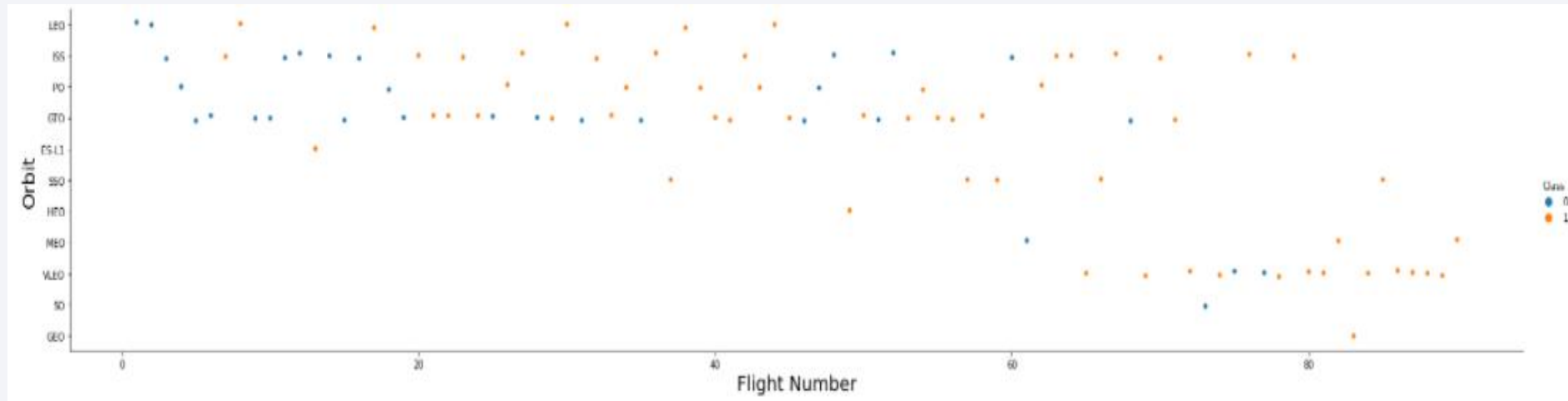
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- From the plot, we can see that ES-L1, GEO, HEO, SSO, VLEO had the most success rate.



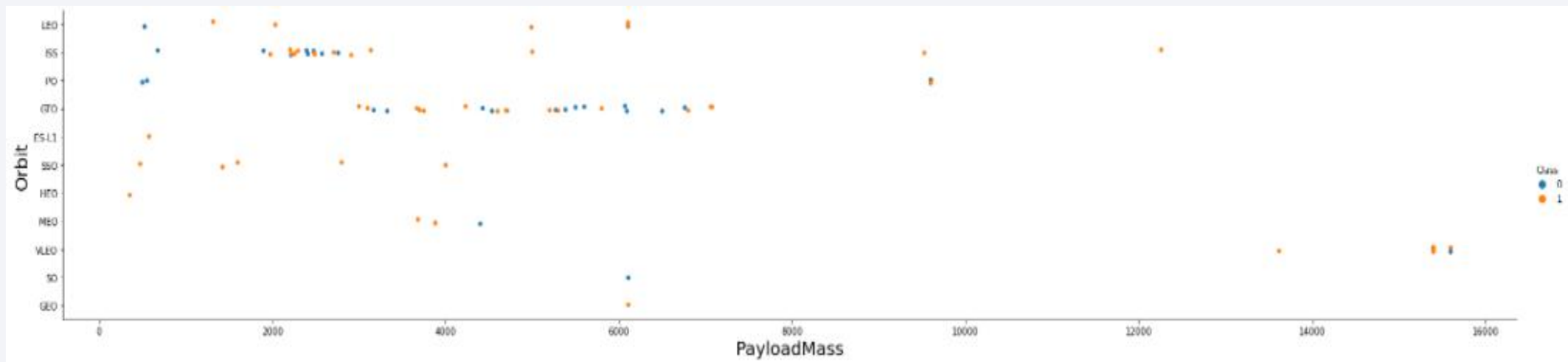
# Flight Number vs. Orbit Type

- The plot below shows the Flight Number vs. Orbit type. We observe that in the LEO orbit, success is related to the number of flights whereas in the GTO orbit, there is no relationship between flight number and the orbit.



# Payload vs. Orbit Type

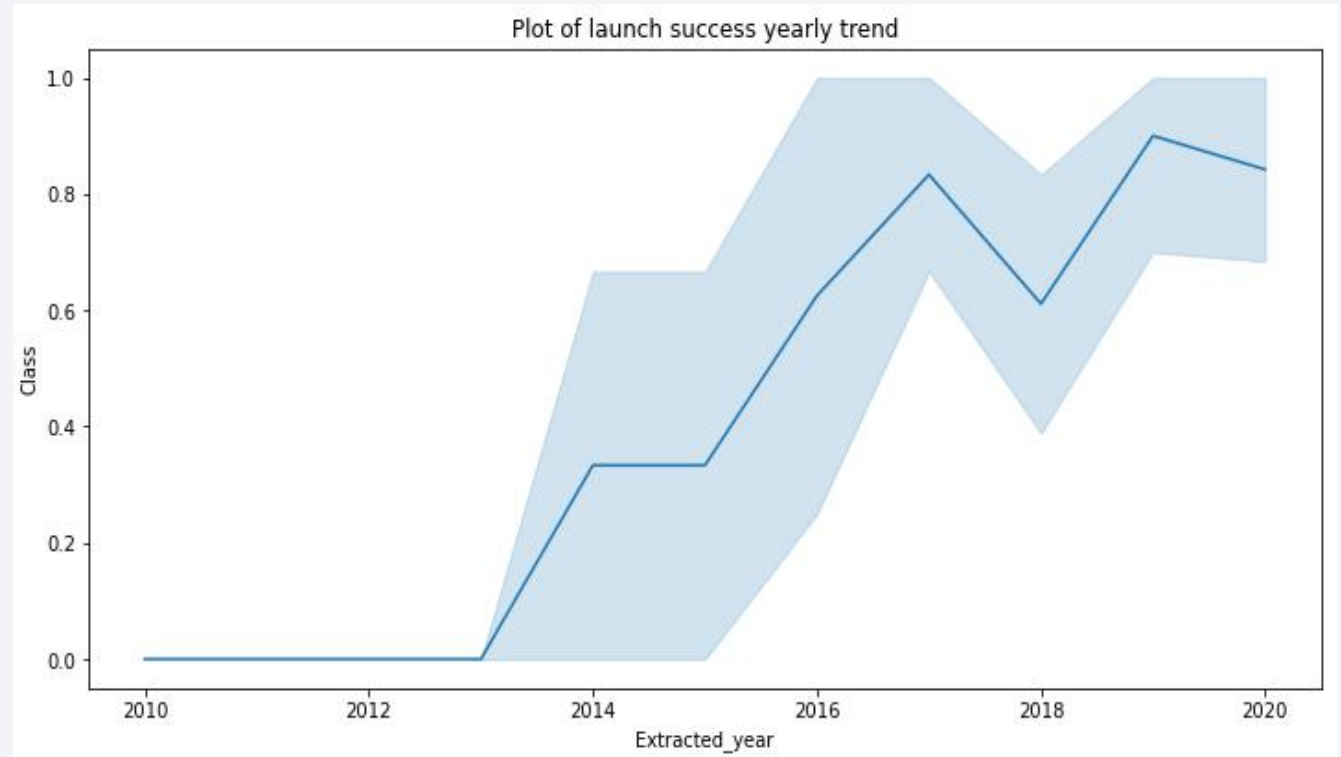
- We can observe that with heavy payloads, the successful landing are more for PO, LEO and ISS orbits.



# Launch Success Yearly Trend

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- From the plot, we can observe that success rate since 2013 kept on increasing till 2020.





# All Launch Site Names

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- use unique() function in select query

```
In [7]: %%sql
        select unique(launch_site) from spacextbl
        * ibm_db_sa://fpz16464:***@3883e7e4-18f5-4afe-be
        498/bludb
        Done.
```

Out[7]:

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

# Launch Site Names Begin with 'CCA'

- for this query we use like operator in where clause

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

In [8]: %%sql

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select * from spacextbl where launch_site like 'CCA%' limit 5;
```

```
* ibm_db_sa://fpz16464:***@3883e7e4-18f5-4afe-be8c-fa31c41761d2.bs2io90l08kqb1od8lcg.databases.appdomain.cloud:31498/bludb  
Done.
```

Out[8]:

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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- we use sum to find total payload mass and like operator to filter out only nasa customers.

## Task 3

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

```
In [16]: %sql select sum(payload_mass_kg) as total_payload_nasa from spacextbl where customer like '%NASA%'
* ibm_db_sa://fpz16464:***@3883e7e4-18f5-4afe-be8c-fa31c41761d2.bs2io90l08kqb1od8lcg.databases.appdom
498/bludb
Done.
```

```
Out[16]: total_payload_nasa
          107010
```

# Average Payload Mass by F9 v1.1

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- we use avg() function on payload\_mass\_\_kg\_ column and like operator on booster\_version in where clause

## Task 4

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

```
In [20]: %sql select avg(payload_mass__kg_) as avg_payload_F9v1p1 from spacextbl where booster_version like 'F9 v1.1%';  
* ibm_db_sa://fpz16464:***@3883e7e4-18f5-4afe-be8c-fa31c41761d2.bs2io90l08kqblod8lcg.databases.appdomain.cloud:31498/bludb  
Done.
```

```
Out[20]: avg_payload_f9v1p1  
2534
```

# First Successful Ground Landing Date

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- used min() date where mission\_outcome was success.

## Task 5

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

*Hint: Use min function*

```
In [23]: %sql select min(date) from spacextbl where mission_outcome = 'Success'
```

```
* ibm_db_sa://fpz16464:***@3883e7e4-18f5-4afe-be8c-fa31c41761d2.bs2io90l08kqb1od8lcg.databases.appdomain.cloud:31498/bludb  
Done.
```

```
Out[23]: 1  
2010-06-04
```



# Successful Drone Ship Landing with Payload between 4000 and 6000

- used unique() function for booster\_version column, checked mission\_outcome and used between clause for payload range.

```
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 [24]: %%sql
select unique(booster_version) from spacextbl
where
    mission_outcome = 'Success' and
    payload_mass_kg_ between 4000 and 6000;

* ibm_db_sa://fpz16464:***@3883e7e4-18f5-4afe-be8c-fa31c41761d2.bs2io90l08kqb1od8lcg.databases.appdomain.cloud:31498/bludb
Done.

Out[24]: booster_version
F9 B4 B1040.2
F9 B4 B1040.1
F9 B5 B1046.2
F9 B5 B1046.3
F9 B5 B1047.2
F9 B5 B1048.3
F9 B5 B1051.2
F9 B5 B1058.2
F9 B5B1054
F9 B5B1060.1
F9 B5B1062.1
F9 FT B1021.2
F9 FT B1031.2
F9 FT B1032.2
F9 FT B1020
F9 FT B1022
F9 FT B1026
F9 FT B1030
F9 FT B1032.1
F9 v1.1
F9 v1.1 B1011
F9 v1.1 B1014
F9 v1.1 B1016
```

# Total Number of Successful and Failure Mission Outcomes

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- used count() aggregate function and group by clause on mission\_outcome

## Task 7

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

```
In [26]: %sql select mission_outcome, count(*) from spacextbl group by mission_outcome
* ibm_db_sa://fpz16464:***@3883e7e4-18f5-4afe-be8c-fa31c41761d2.bs2io90l08kqb1
498/bludb
Done.
```

```
Out[26]:
```

mission_outcome	2
Failure (in flight)	1
Success	99
Success (payload status unclear)	1

# Boosters Carried Maximum Payload

- used subquery to find out maximum payload mass then used unique() function on booster\_version.

## Task 8

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

```
: %sql
select unique(booster_version) from spacextbl
where payload_mass_kg = (
    select max(payload_mass_kg) from spacextbl
);
```

```
* ibm_db_sa://fpz16464:***@3883e7e4-18f5-4afe-be8c-fa31c41761d2.bs2io90l08kqb1od8lc
498/bludb
Done.
```

```
: 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
F9 B5 B1060.2
F9 B5 B1060.3
```

# 2015 Launch Records

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- applied year() function on date column in where column to get the data of 2015.

## Task 9

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

```
In [50]: %%sql
select date, "Landing_Outcome", booster_version, launch_site from spacextbl
where
    "Landing_Outcome" = 'Failure (drone ship)' and
    year(date) = 2015;

* ibm_db_sa://fpz16464:***@3883e7e4-18f5-4afe-be8c-fa31c41761d2.bs2io90l08kqb1od8lcg.dat
498/bludb
Done.
```

```
Out[50]:
```

DATE	Landing_Outcome	booster_version	launch_site
2015-01-10	Failure (drone ship)	F9 v1.1 B1012	CCAFS LC-40
2015-04-14	Failure (drone ship)	F9 v1.1 B1015	CCAFS LC-40

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

- used table expression or derived table to get data between given date range, grouped final data by landing outcome, used count() function in select statement with order by desc clause at the end.

## 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*

```
|: %%sql
select "Landing_Outcome", count(*) as count from
  (select * from spacextbl where date between '2010-06-04' and '2017-03-20')
group by "Landing_Outcome" order by count desc

* ibm_db_sa://fpz16464:***@3883e7e4-18f5-4afe-be8c-fa31c41761d2.bs2io90l08kqb1od8lcg.databases.appdomain.cloud:31498/bludb
Done.
```

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

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.

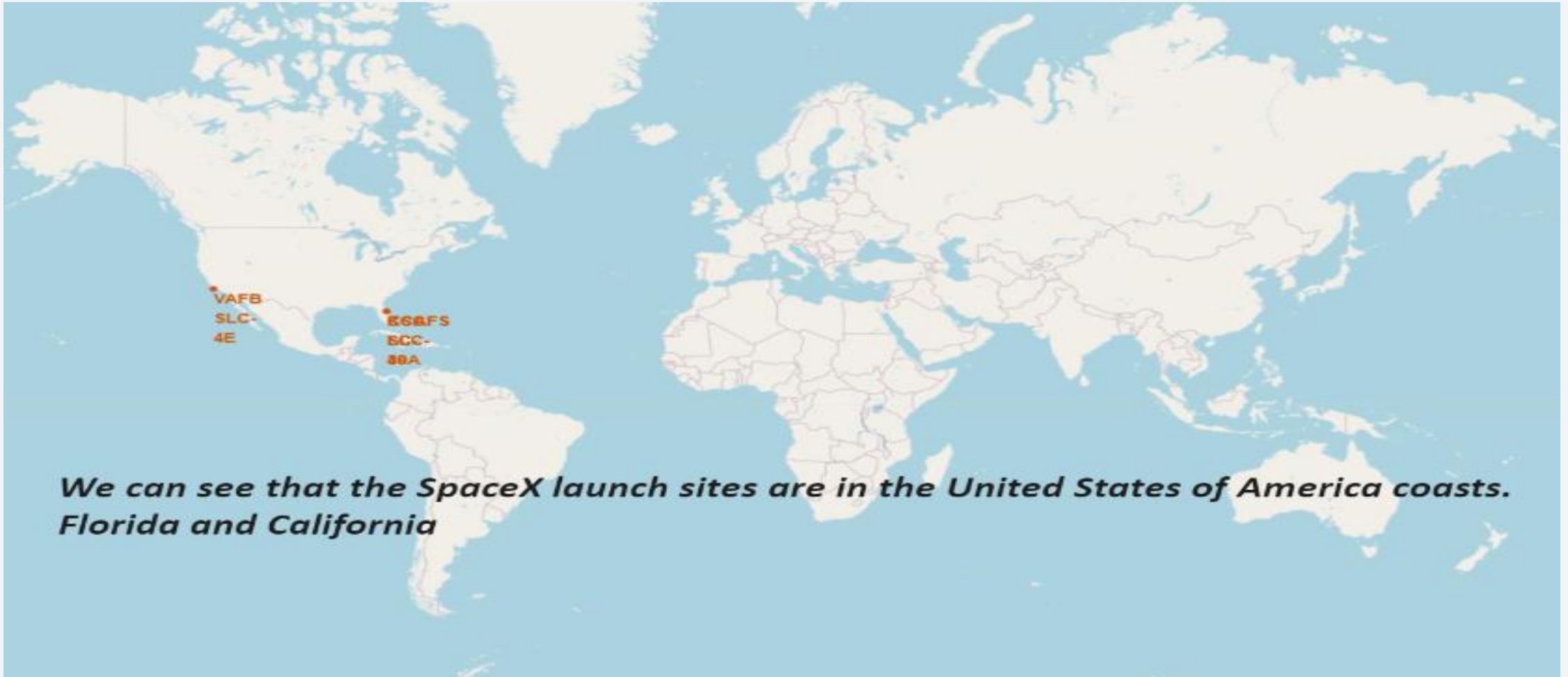
Section 3

# Launch Sites Proximities Analysis



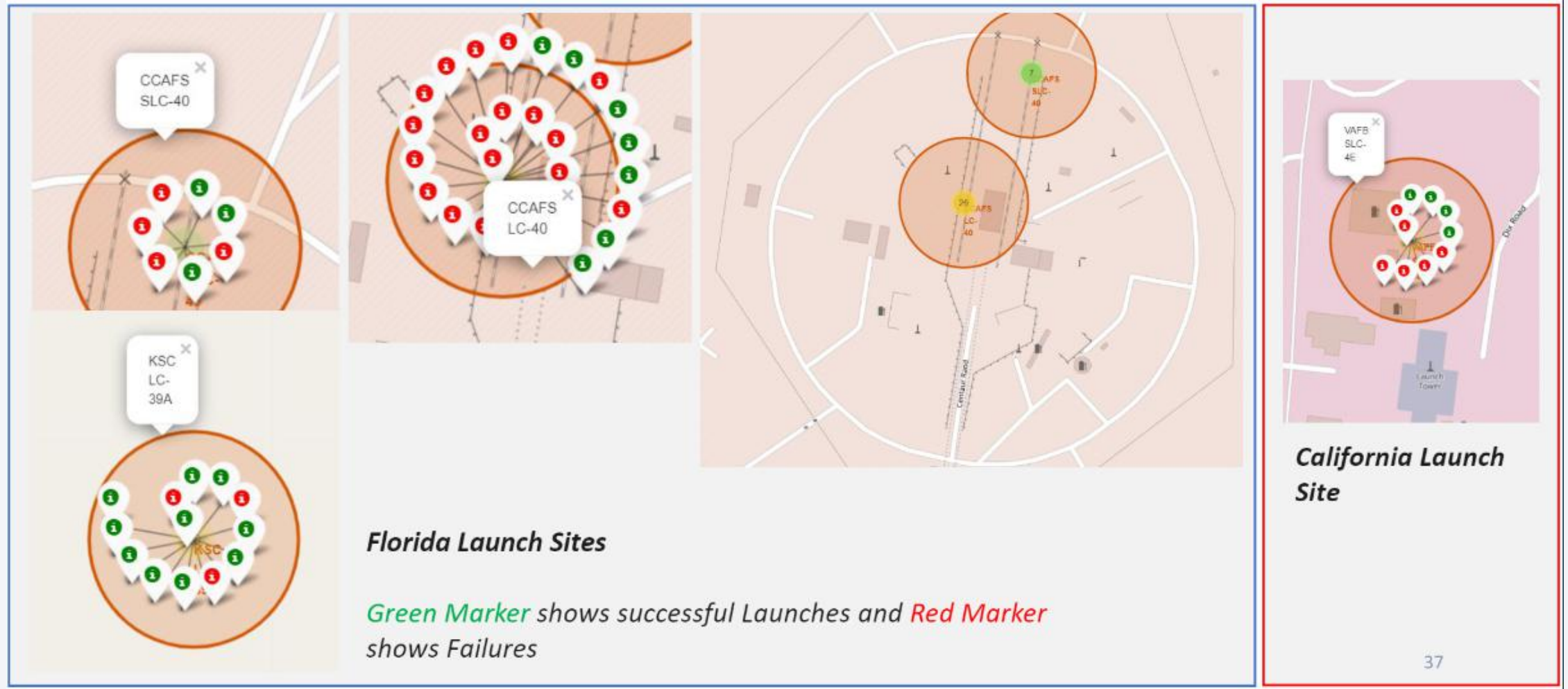
## All launch sites global map markers

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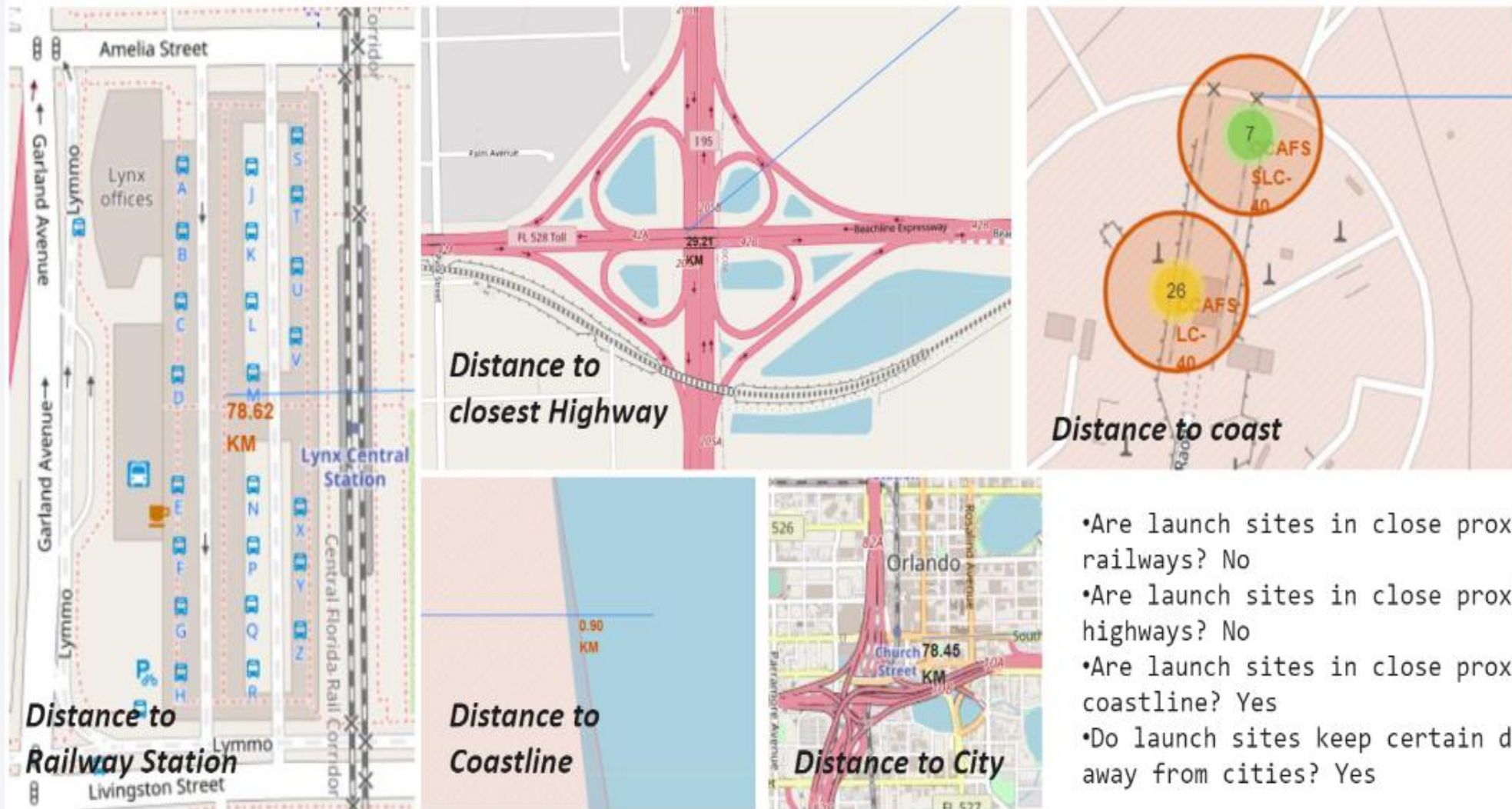




## Markers showing launch sites with color label



## Launch Site distance to landmarks



- Are launch sites in close proximity to railways? No
- Are launch sites in close proximity to highways? No
- Are launch sites in close proximity to coastline? Yes
- Do launch sites keep certain distance away from cities? Yes



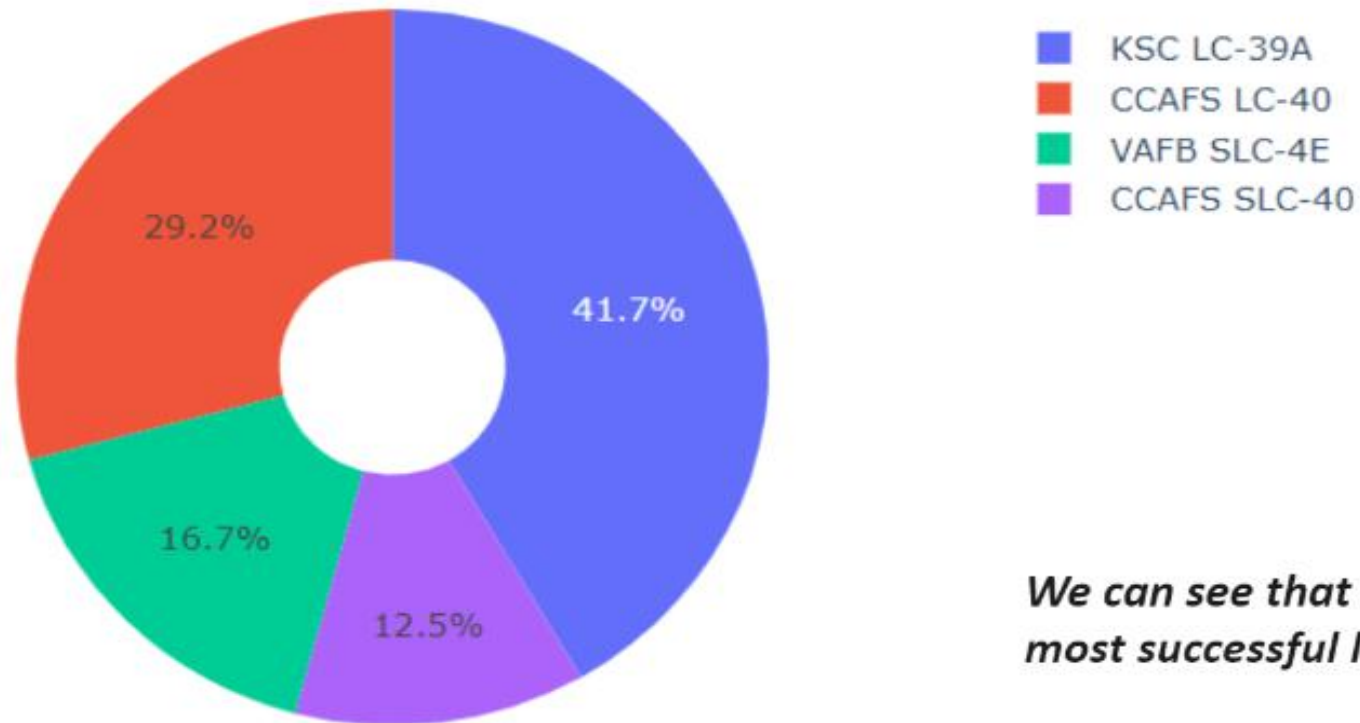


Section 4

# Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

## Pie chart showing the success percentage achieved by each launch site

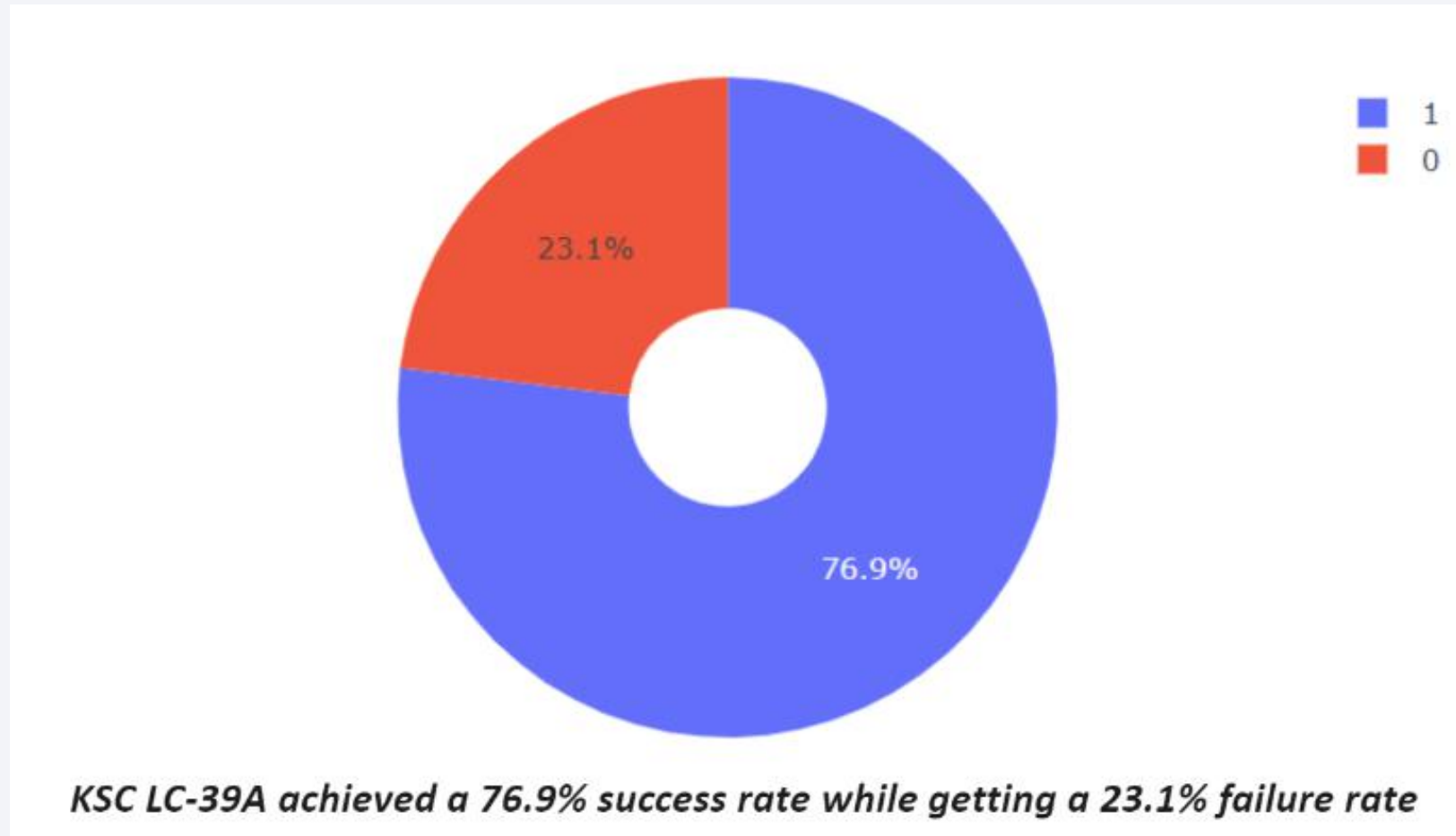
Total Success Launches By all sites



***We can see that KSC LC-39A had the most successful launches from all the sites***

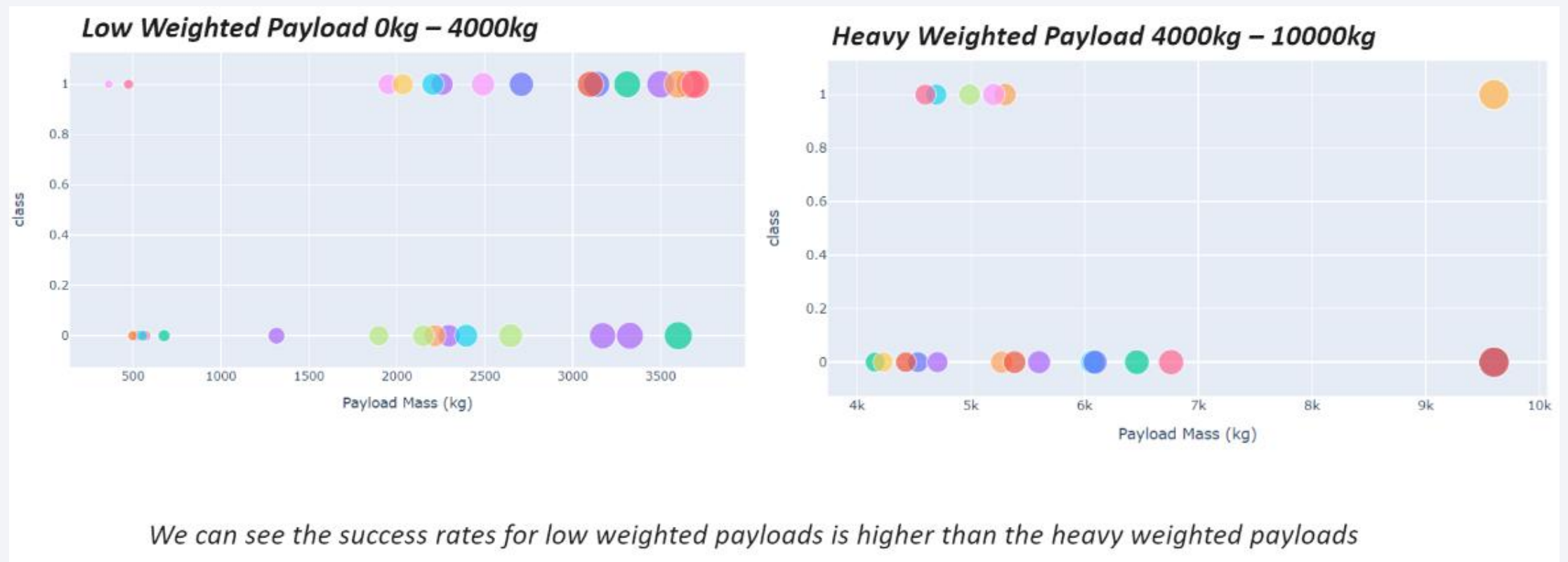
## Pie chart showing the Launch site with the highest launch success ratio

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## Scatter plot of Payload vs Launch Outcome for all sites, with different payload selected in the range slider

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Section 5

# Predictive Analysis (Classification)

- The decision tree classifier is the model with the highest classification accuracy

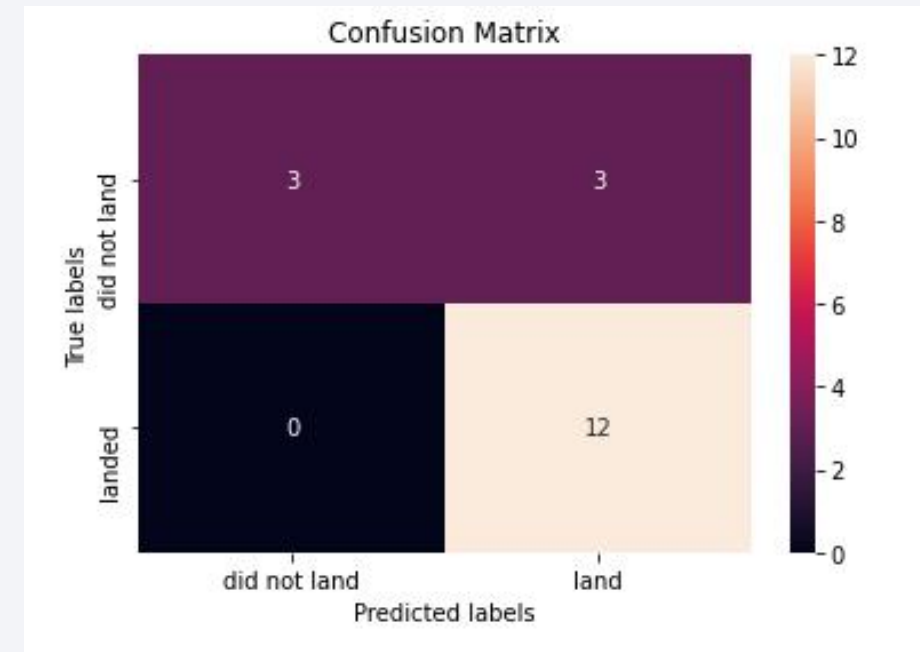
```
models = {'KNeighbors': knn_cv.best_score_,
          'DecisionTree': tree_cv.best_score_,
          'LogisticRegression': logreg_cv.best_score_,
          'SupportVector': svm_cv.best_score_}

bestalgorithm = max(models, key=models.get)
print('Best model is', bestalgorithm, 'with a score of', models[bestalgorithm])
if bestalgorithm == 'DecisionTree':
    print('Best params is:', tree_cv.best_params_)
if bestalgorithm == 'KNeighbors':
    print('Best params is:', knn_cv.best_params_)
if bestalgorithm == 'LogisticRegression':
    print('Best params is:', logreg_cv.best_params_)
if bestalgorithm == 'SupportVector':
    print('Best params is:', svm_cv.best_params_)
```

Best model is DecisionTree with a score of 0.8732142857142856

Best params is : {'criterion': 'gini', 'max\_depth': 6, 'max\_features': 'auto', 'min\_samples\_leaf': 2, 'min\_samples\_split': 5, 'splitter': 'random'}

- The confusion matrix for the decision tree classifier shows that the classifier can distinguish between the different classes. The major problem is the false positives .i.e., unsuccessful landing marked as successful landing by the classifier.



# Conclusions

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We can conclude that:

- The larger the flight amount at a launch site, the greater the success rate at a launch site.
- Launch success rate started to increase in 2013 till 2020.
- Orbits ES-L1, GEO, HEO, SSO, VLEO had the most success rate.
- KSC LC-39A had the most successful launches of any sites.
- The Decision tree classifier is the best machine learning algorithm for this task.



Thank you!

