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Winning Space Race with Data Science

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Executive Summary

- Methodologies used for data analysis:
 - Collection through SpaceX API
 - EDA, data wrangling, data visualization, interactive dashboard analytics
 - Machine Learning predictive analytics (supervised learning)
- Result Summary:
 - Machine learning prediction model had an accuracy of above 83%
 - EDA showed the right features for prediction of successful launches

Introduction

- The objective of this data science applied capstone is to see how good another company named Space Y is in terms of launch successes vs SpaceX
- Answers I looked for:
 - A reason why SpaceX does so well at a lower budget is because of successful landings, I want to estimate cost for launches through the success of rocket landings as an independent variable.
 - What geo-location ensures highest rate of launch landing success

Section 1

Methodology

Methodology

Executive Summary

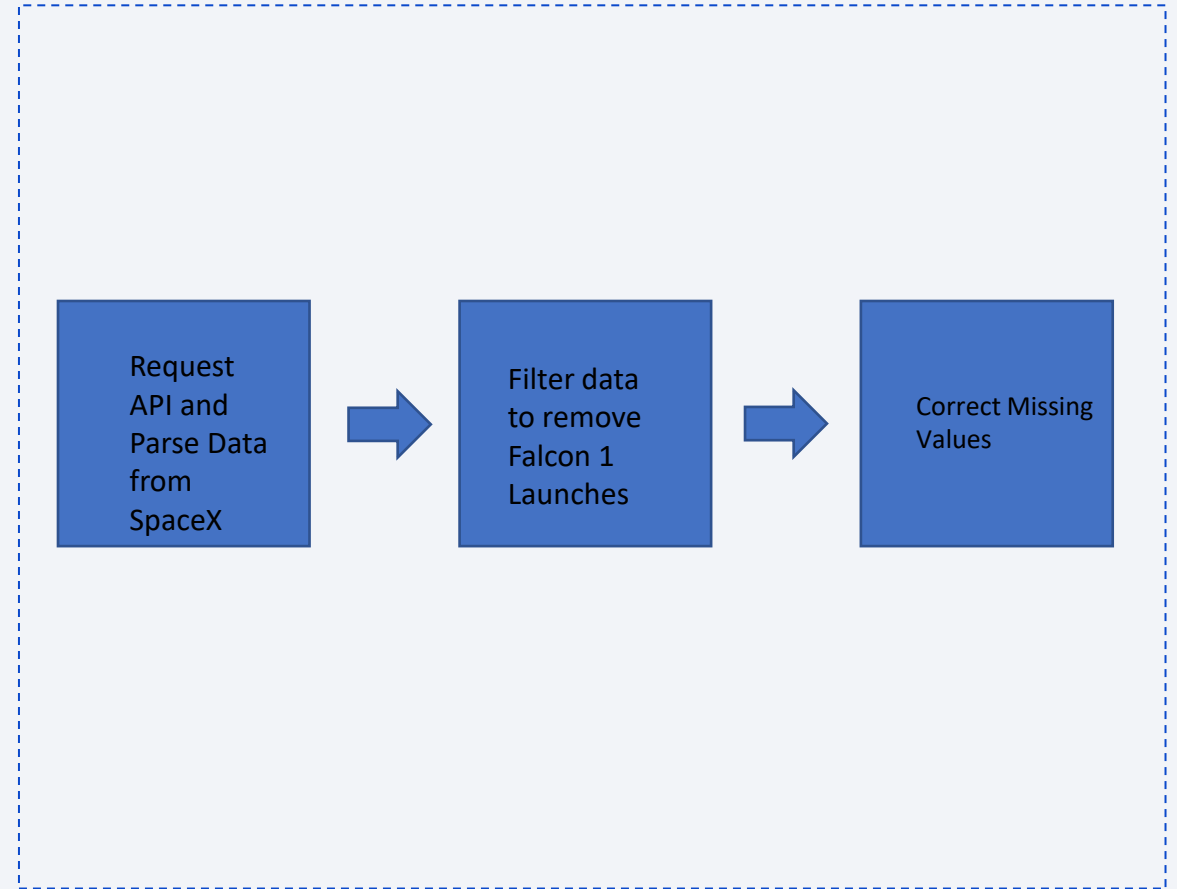
- Data collection methodology:
 - Obtained through SpaceX API
 - WebScraping Wikipedia
- Perform data wrangling
 - Cleaned a few columns and finalized some datatype changes for certain columns.
- Perform exploratory data analysis (EDA) using visualization and SQL
- Perform interactive visual analytics using Folium and Plotly Dash
- Perform predictive analysis using classification models
 - Normalized Data divided into training + test sets, evaluating with 4 different classification models, and finding the best one with $> 87\%$ accurate prediction.

Data Collection

- Data was collected through SpaceX API (<https://api.spacexdata.com/v4/rockets/>)
- Data was collected through Wikipedia WebScraping ([https://en.Wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_falcon/ 9/](https://en.Wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_falcon/9/) and Falcon Heavy Launches).

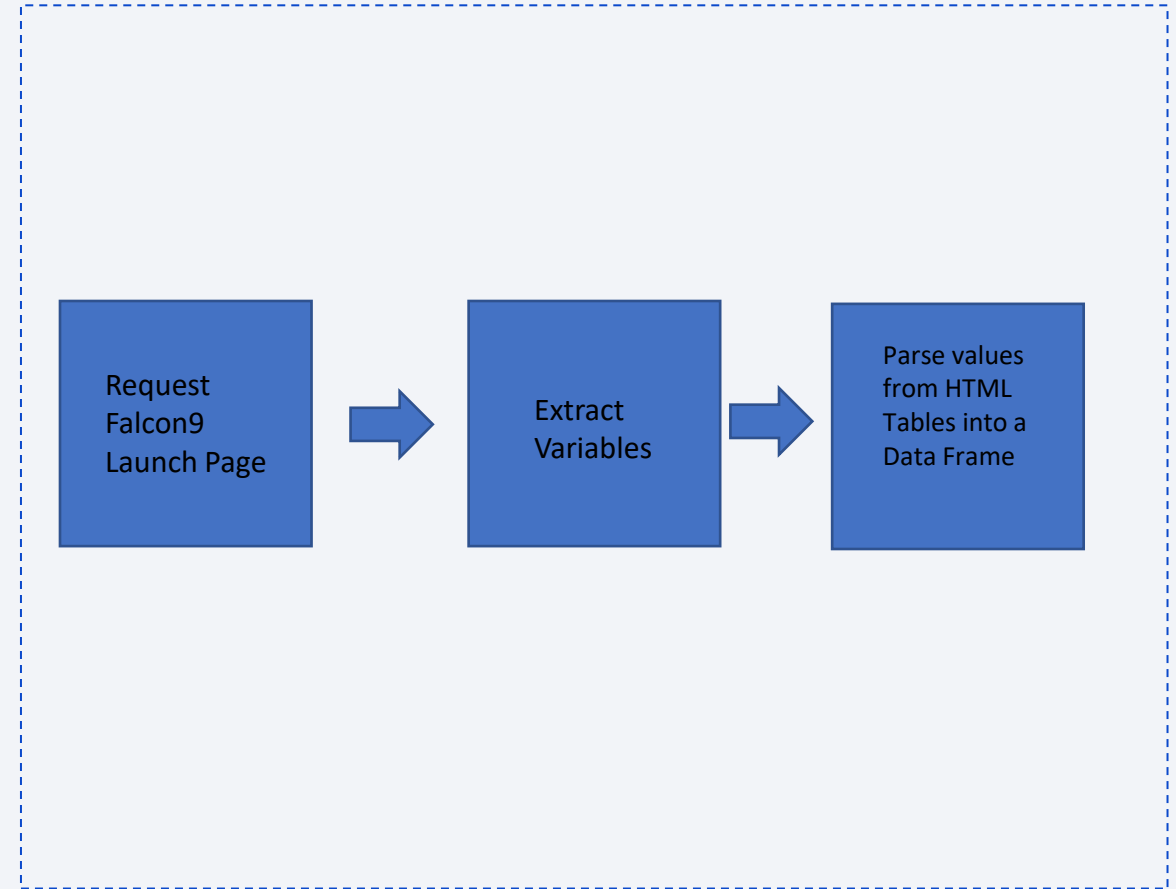
Data Collection – SpaceX API

- Please Refer to flowchart on right for data Collection process:
- Source:
<https://github.com/mgmike123/finalcapstone/blob/main/datacollectionAPI.ipynb>



Data Collection - Scraping

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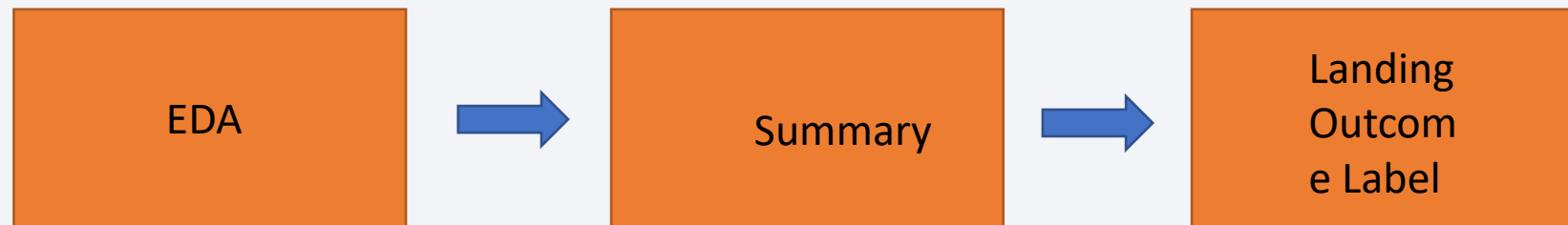


Data Wrangling

- EDA(Exploratory Data Analysis) was performed
- Please refer to the following flowchart

Source:

<https://github.com/mgmike123/finalcapstone/blob/main/dataWrangling.ipynb>



EDA with Data Visualization

- Scatterplots and Bar charts as well as Bar plots were the most used visuals for this lab as I had decided that they did their best job respectively to display the necessary insights on what data was being assessed.
- Source:
<https://github.com/mgmike123/finalcapstone/blob/main/EDAwithvisualization.ipynb>

EDA with SQL

- What I did SQL Query Wise:
 - Names of unique launch sites
 - Top 5 launch sites beginning with 'CCA'
 - Total payload mass on boosters launched by NASA CRS
 - Average payload mass carried by booster F9 1.1
 - Date of first successful landing
 - Names of boosters with success in droning AND payload mass = Between 4000-6000kg
 - Total # of successful missions
 - Total # of failure missions
 - Booster names with highest payload mass
 - Failed landing outcomes for 2015
 - Rank of landing outcomes between 2010-2017

Build an Interactive Map with Folium

- Markers/Circles/Lines/Marker Clusters used in Folium Maps:
 - Used because:
 - Markers: Good for launch site indication
 - Circles: Good for displaying NASA Johnson Space Center
 - Lines: Calculating distance between coordinates on a map
 - Marker Clusters: Groups of events occurring in each coordinate found.

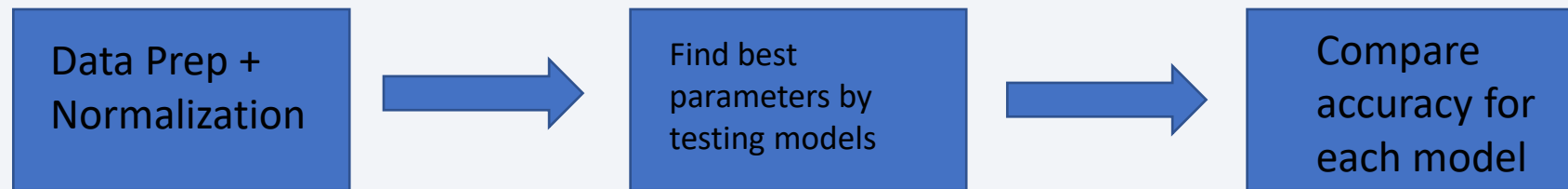
Source: <https://github.com/mgmike123/finalcapstone/blob/main/folium.ipynb>

Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

- Graphs/Plots used in my dashboard:
 - Payload Range
 - Launches by site
- These were the best pair of variables to use to find best places for launches to occur
- Source:
<https://github.com/mgmike123/finalcapstone/blob/main/spacexdashapp.py>

Predictive Analysis (Classification)

- Classification is a supervised machine learning method:
 - I used the four methods of classifications taught: Regression, SVM, Decision Tree, KNN
 - Please refer to the flow chart below:



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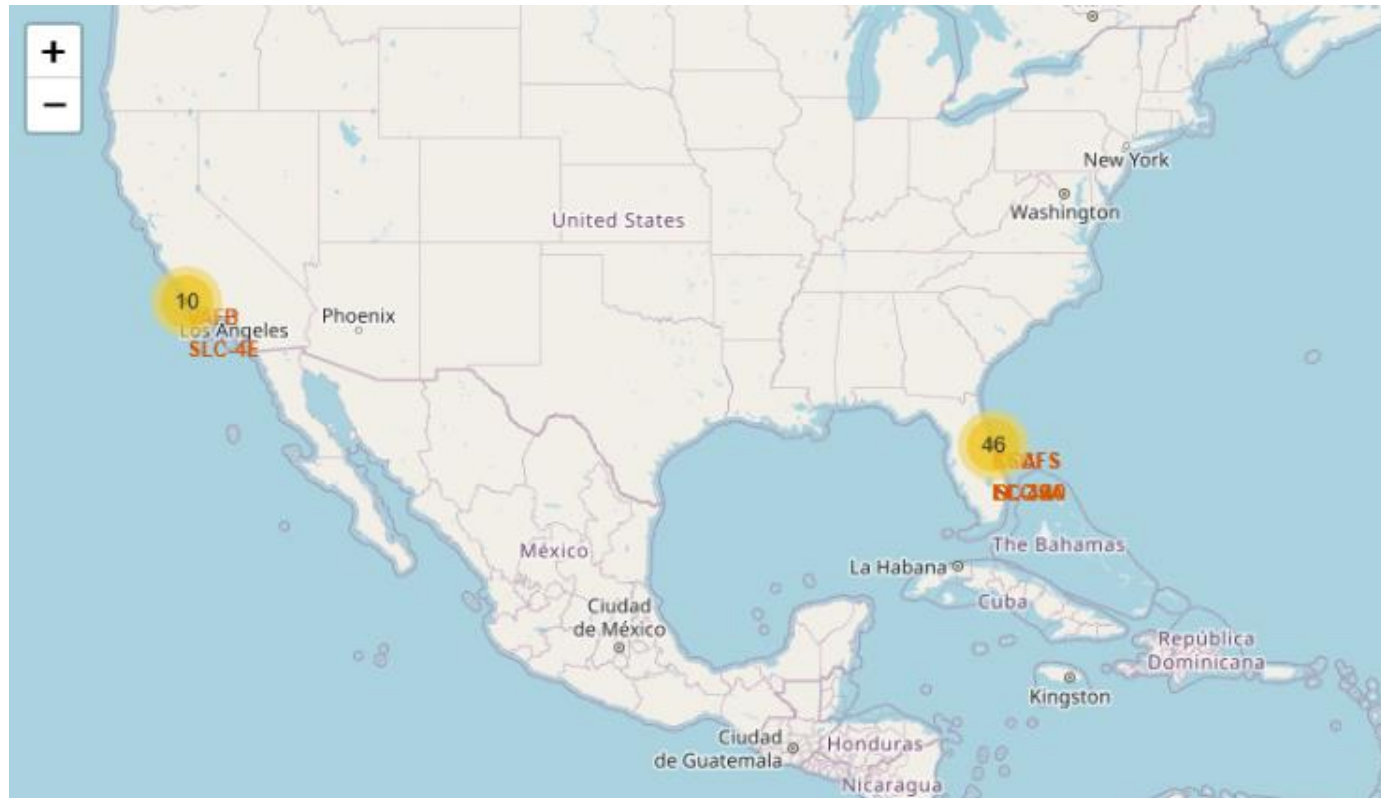
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Results

- Data analysis results:
 - 4 different launch sites located
 - First launch was done to spaceX and NASA
 - First success landing occurred in 2015, 5 years after first launch
 - Falcon 9 booster versions still had good landing when above average payload having
 - Near 100% missions' outcomes were classified as successful
 - Two booster versions failed landing n 2015, f9 B1012 and f9 B1015
 - Linear increase in successful landing outcomes overtime

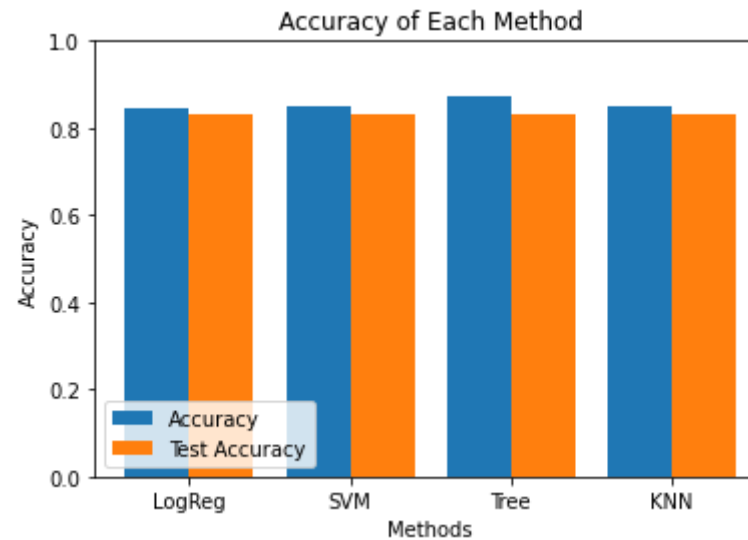
Results

- According to interactive analytics, most launches occurred on east coast launch sites as shown below:



Results

- Decision tree classification was best for prediction of successful landings:



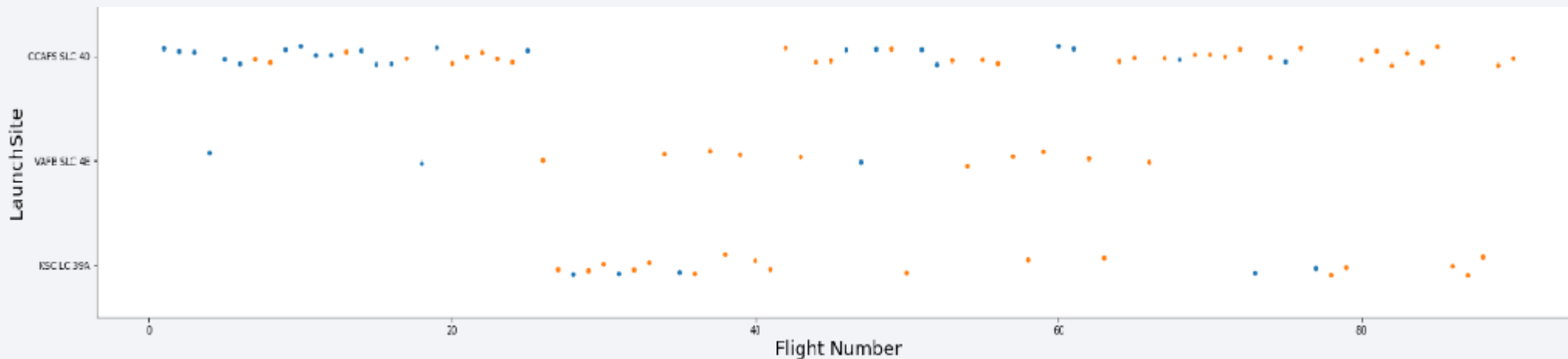
The background of the slide is an abstract composition. It features a dark blue base color. Overlaid on this are numerous diagonal streaks in shades of red and cyan. A faint, light blue grid pattern is also visible, particularly in the lower half of the image. The overall effect is dynamic and technological.

Section 2

Insights drawn from EDA

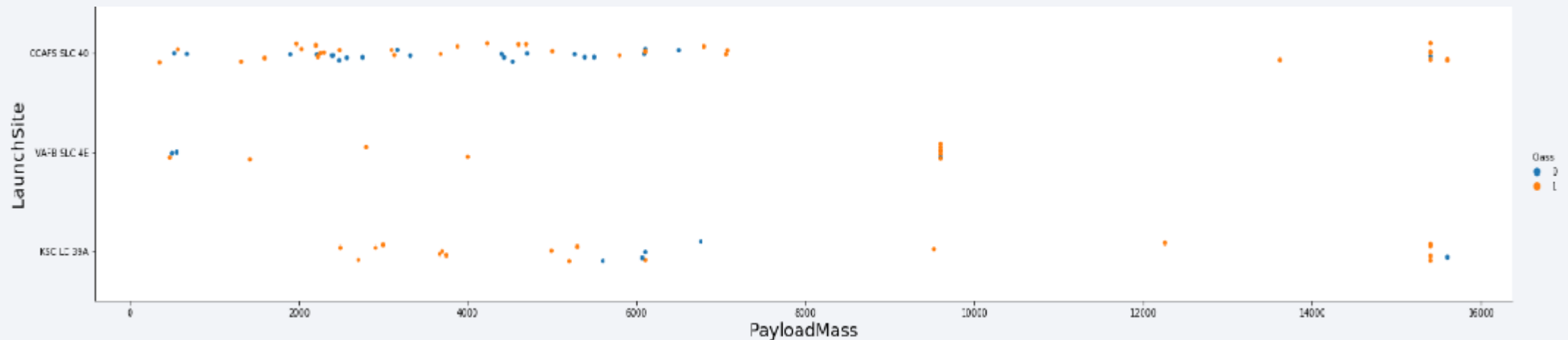
Flight Number vs. Launch Site

- As shown below on my scatter plot: safe conclusion is that best launch site is CCAF5 SLC40
- Overtime improvement in success rate is also displayed



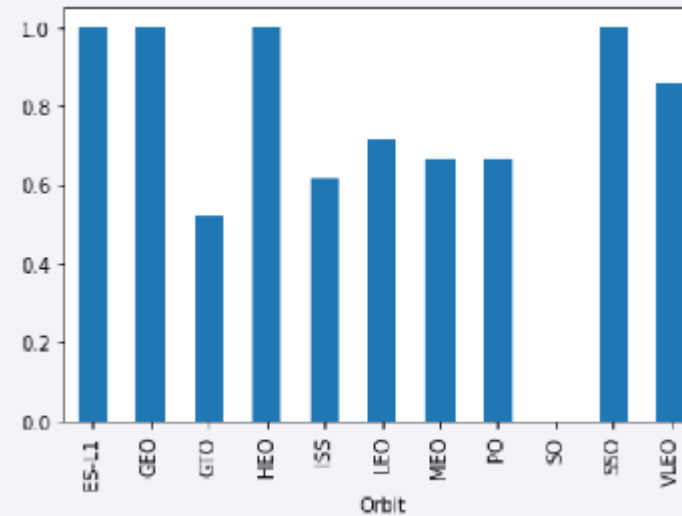
Payload vs. Launch Site

- Good success rate = payloads > 9000 kg



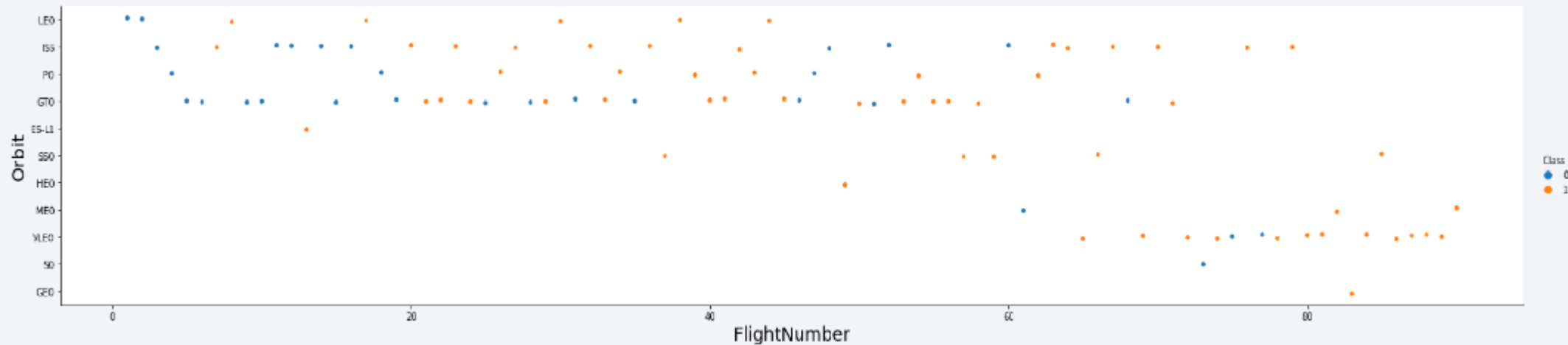
Success Rate vs. Orbit Type

- Best success rate: ES-L1
- Worst success rate: GTO



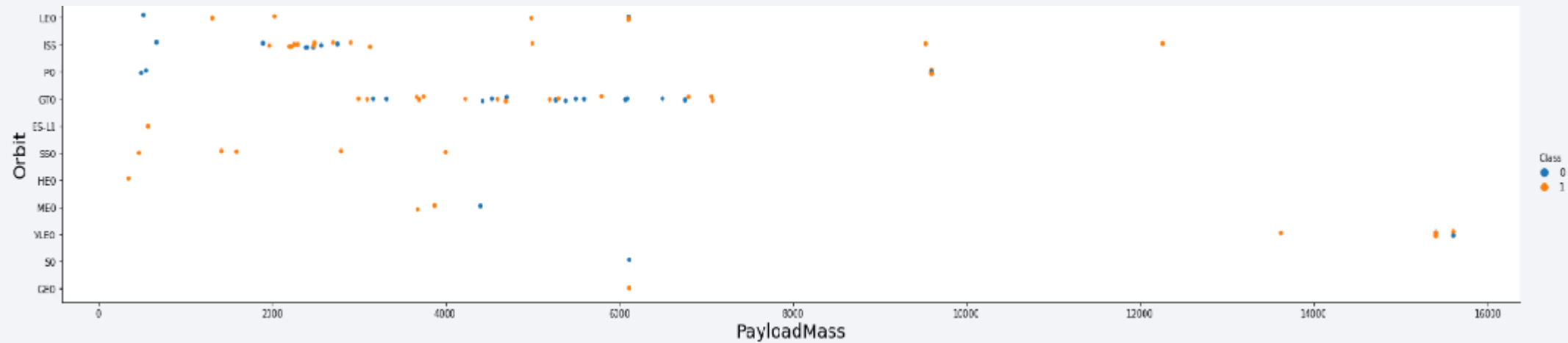
Flight Number vs. Orbit Type

- Linear increase overtime in success rates across all orbit variables



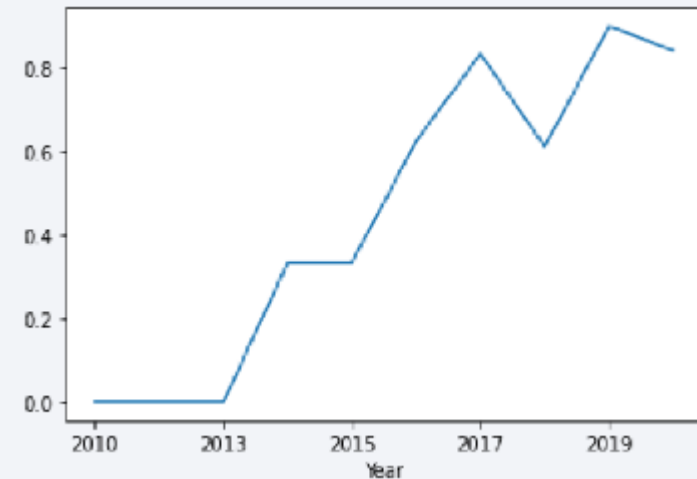
Payload vs. Orbit Type

- Hard to find connection between two axis, however ISS seems promising



Launch Success Yearly Trend

- Huge increase in success rate from 2013 to 2017.



All Launch Site Names

- All launch site names:
 - CCAFS LC-40
 - CCAFS SLC-40
 - KSC LC-39A
 - VAFB SLC-4E
- Obtained through querying unique rows with launch site values from dataset

Launch Site Names Begin with 'CCA'

- As shown below, we see the CCA tag in bold in the dataset.

2010-06-04	18:45:00	F9 v1.0 B0003	CCA FS LC-40	Dragon Spacecraft Qualification Unit	0	LEO	SpaceX	Success	Failure (parachute)
2010-12-08	15:43:00	F9 v1.0 B0004	CCA FS 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	CCA FS LC-40	Dragon demo flight C2	525	LEO (ISS)	NASA (COTS)	Success	No attempt
2012-10-08	00:35:00	F9 v1.0 B0006	CCA FS LC-40	SpaceX CRS-1	500	LEO (ISS)	NASA (CRS)	Success	No attempt
2013-03-01	15:10:00	F9 v1.0 B0007	CCA FS LC-40	SpaceX CRS-2	677	LEO (ISS)	NASA (CRS)	Success	No attempt

Total Payload Mass

- Total payload carried by boosters from NASA:
 - 111,268kg
- Calculated using simple mathematics summing all payloads with CRS in their code respectively.

Average Payload Mass by F9 v1.1

- Avg payload mass carried by booster F9 v1.1:
 - 2,928kg
- Data acquired through the filtering of booster versions and using math to calculate the average.

First Successful Ground Landing Date

- First successful landing outcome:
 - December 22nd, 2015
- To get this data I filtered the data set by successful landing and queried the minimum possible value on the date column

Successful Drone Ship Landing with Payload between 4000 and 6000

- Boosters which have successfully landed on drone ship and had payload mass greater than 4000 but less than 6000
 - F9 BT B1021.2
 - F9 FT B1031.2
 - F9 FT B1022
 - F9 FT B1026
- Selecting distinct booster versions and using a between statement was used to query this information

Total Number of Successful and Failure Mission Outcomes

- Ratio of successful missions to failed missions:
 - 99 occurrences to 1 occurrence
- Groupby statement used on mission outcomes lead to the obtainability of this dataset

Boosters Carried Maximum Payload

- Boosters that carried max payload mass:
 - F9 B5 B1048.4 AND .5
 - F9 B5 B1049.4 AND .5 AND .7
 - F9 B5 B1051.3 AND .4 AND .6
 - F9 B5 B1056.4
 - F9 B5 B1058.3
 - F9 B5 B1060.2 AND .3

2015 Launch Records

- Failed landing_outcomes in drone ship, their booster versions, and launch site names for in year 2015
 - F9 v1.1 B1012 on CCAFS LC-40
 - F9 v1.1 b1015 on CCAFS LC-40

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

- Please examine the table on the right hand side for this information.

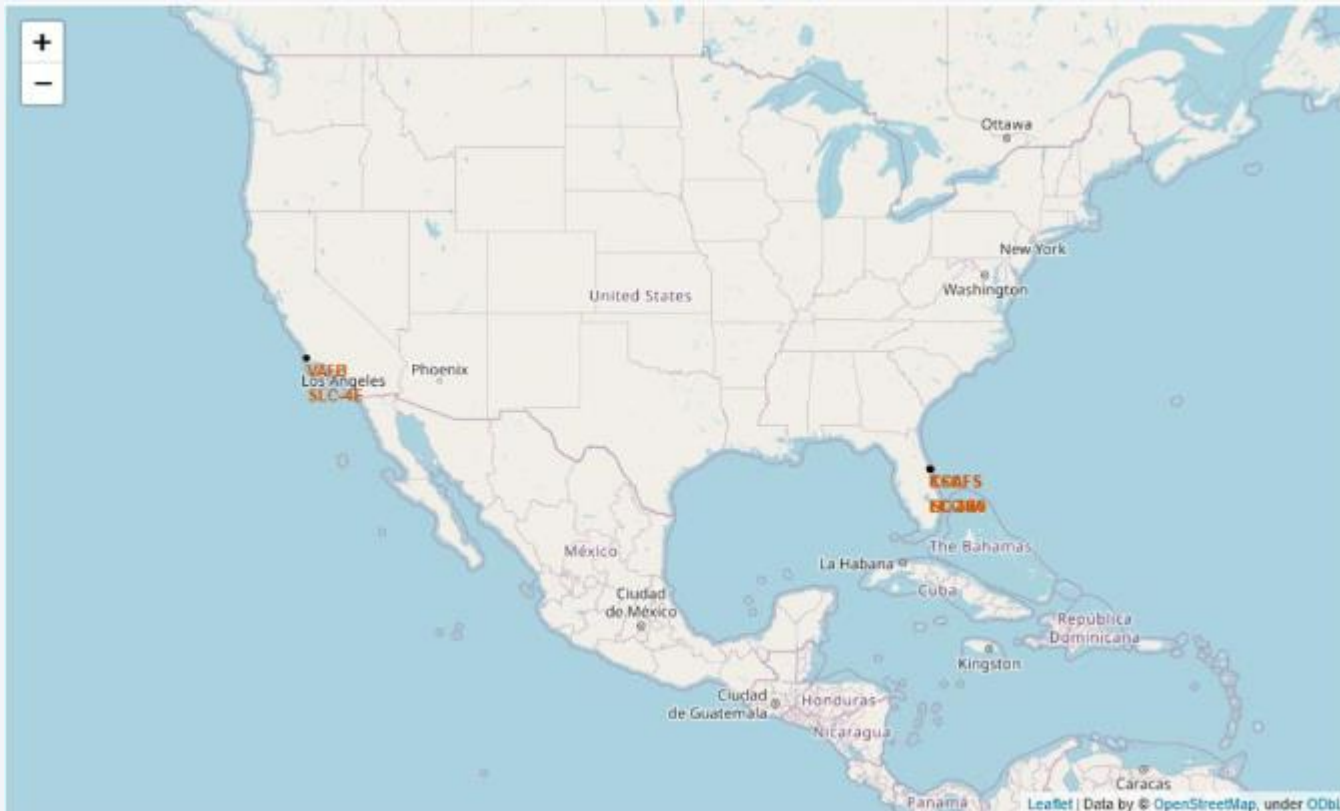
Landing Outcome	Occurrences
No attempt	10
Failure (drone ship)	5
Success (drone ship)	5
Controlled (ocean)	3
Success (ground pad)	3
Failure (parachute)	2
Uncontrolled (ocean)	2
Precluded (drone ship)	1

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 Site Locations



- Most launch sites were located on east coast

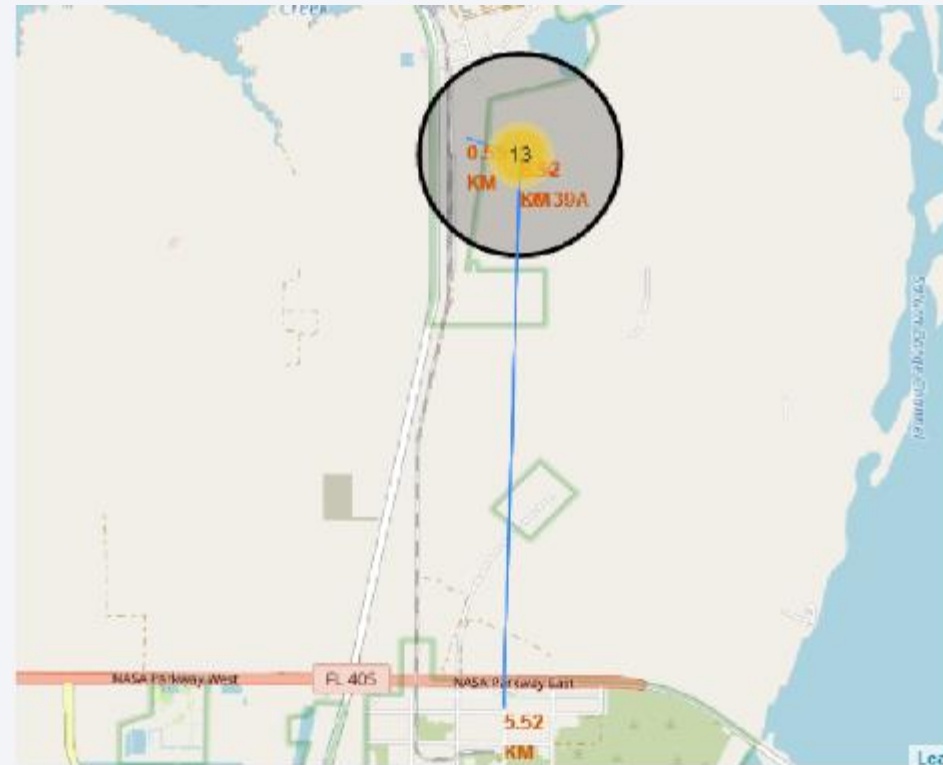
Launch Outcomes by Site

- Green markers label successful attempts, and red markers label failed attempts.



Safety of launch sites by GeoLocation

- As shown on the right, launch site KSC LC-39A being 5.52 km from pathway.



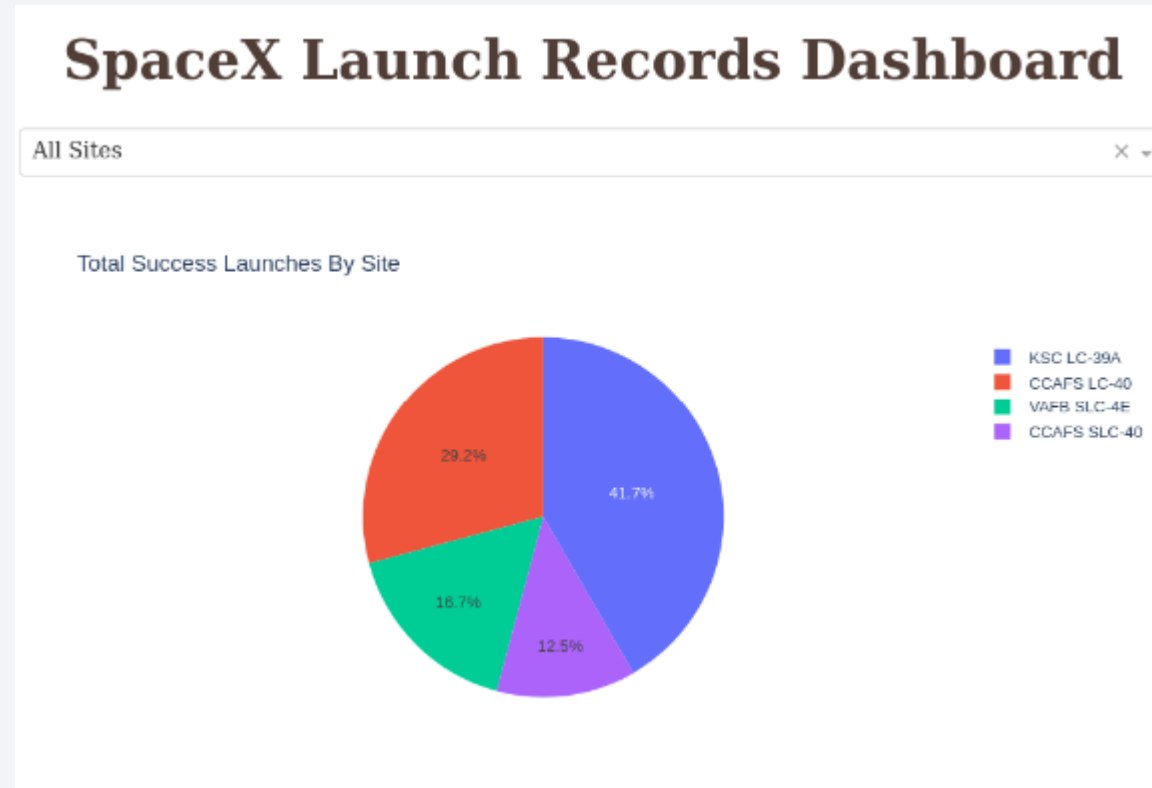


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Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

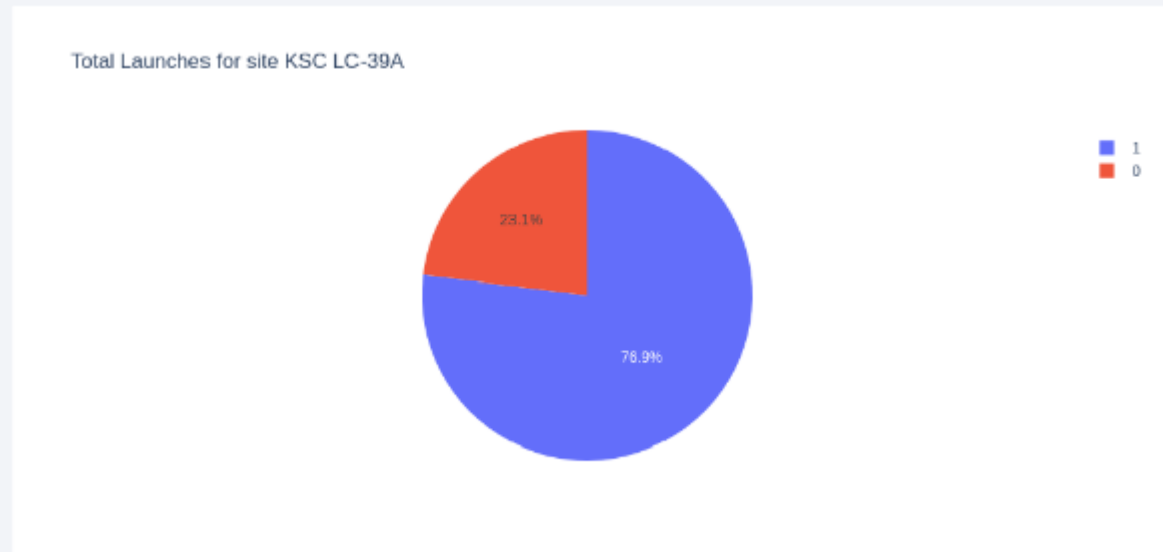
Successful launch count per site

- As shown on pie chart: 41.7% of successful launches occurred on KSC LC-39A



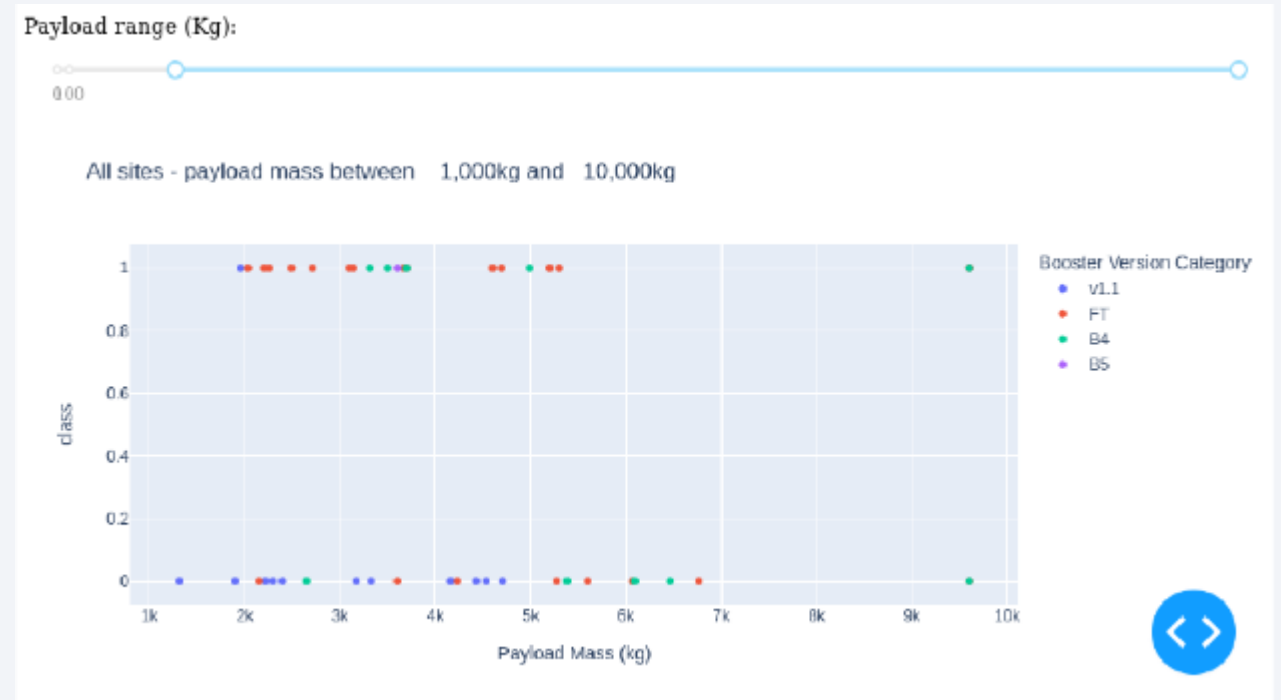
Diving deeper into KSC LC-39A's success

- KSC LC-39A represents a 76.9% success rate



Payload vs Launch Outcome for all sites

- Highest success combination:
 - Payloads < 6000kg
 - Booster version set to: FT

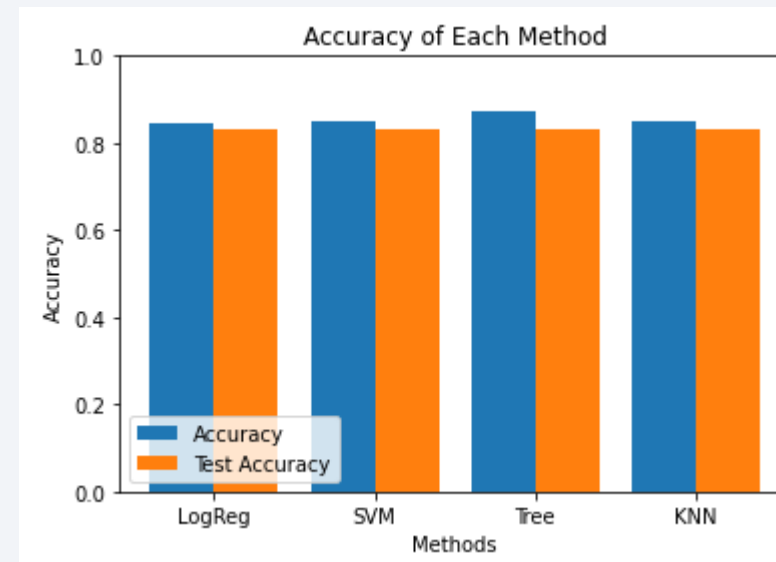


Section 5

Predictive Analysis (Classification)

Classification Accuracy

- As seen by the orange bars on the right, the highest reaching one was the decision tree model, reaching above 83%.



Confusion Matrix

- Confusion matrix performed for decision tree model showed high levels of true positives and true negatives.



Conclusions

- The best launch site was found to be KSC LC-39A
- Launches above 6000-7000kg are safer
- Decision Tree classifier is a safe classification method to use for this analysis

Appendix

- Had some issues on github for some reason, so everything that I was not able to upload there, I have uploaded here as screenshots 😊

Thank you!

