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Winning Space Race with Data Science

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Executive Summary

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Introduction

- Project background and context

  SpaceX markets Falcon 9 rocket launches on its website at $62 million, far below the $165 million price tag of other providers. The key reason behind this significant cost difference is SpaceX's ability to reuse the first stage. Thus, predicting the first stage's landing success becomes crucial in determining launch costs. This project aims to create a machine learning pipeline for accurately forecasting the first stage's landing outcome.

- Problems you want to find answers

  - What elements are defining for the successful rocket landing?
  - 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

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

The data was collected using various methods

- Data collection done through get request to the SpaceX API.
- Response content decoded as a Json using .json() function call and turn it into a pandas dataframe using .json_normalize().
- Data was cleaned and filled in missing values where necessary.
- Web scraping made from Wikipedia for Falcon 9 launch records with BeautifulSoup.
- Launch records extracted as HTML table, parsed and converted to a pandas dataframe for future analysis.

Data Collection – SpaceX API

- We used the get request to the SpaceX API to collect data, then cleaned it and did some data wrangling and formatting.

  The link to the notebook is https://github.com/paraisoreavido/IBM-Capstone_project_Falcon9/blob/main/Data%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()
```

```
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
```

Data Collection - Scraping

- We applied web scrapping for 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/paraisoreavido/IBM-Capstone_project_Falcon9/blob/main/Data%20Collection%20with%20Web%20Scraping.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

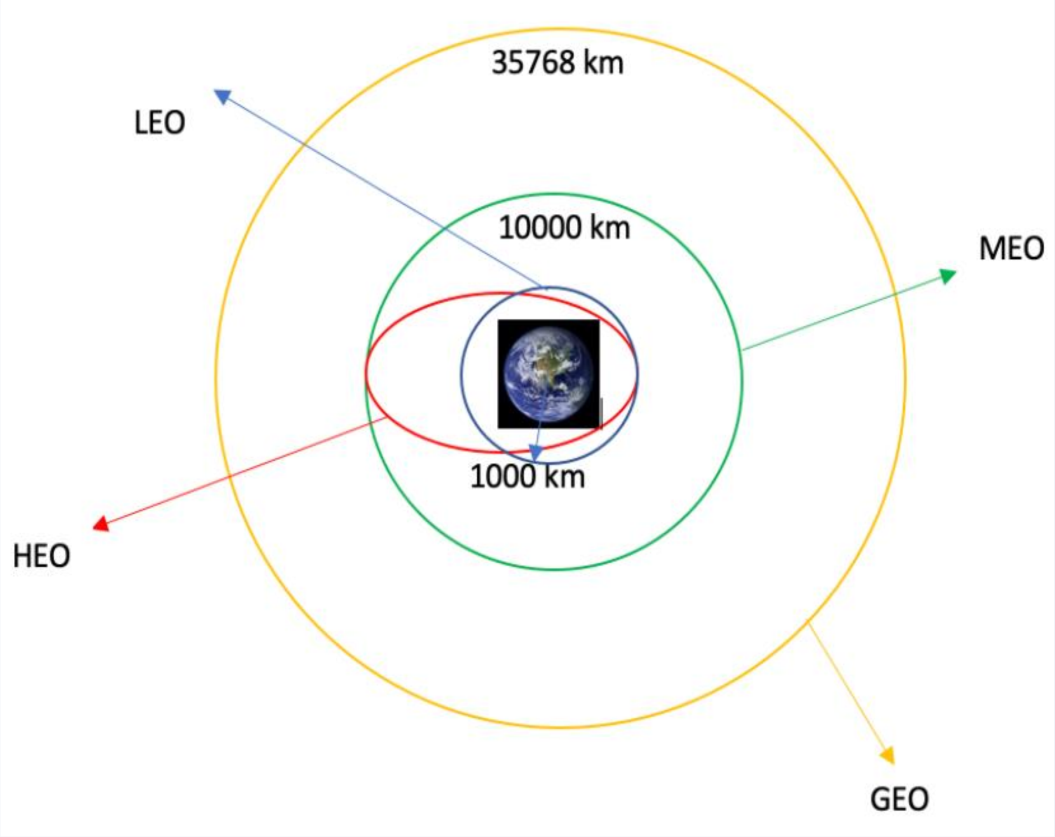
In [10]:
```
column_names = []

# 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

Data Wrangling

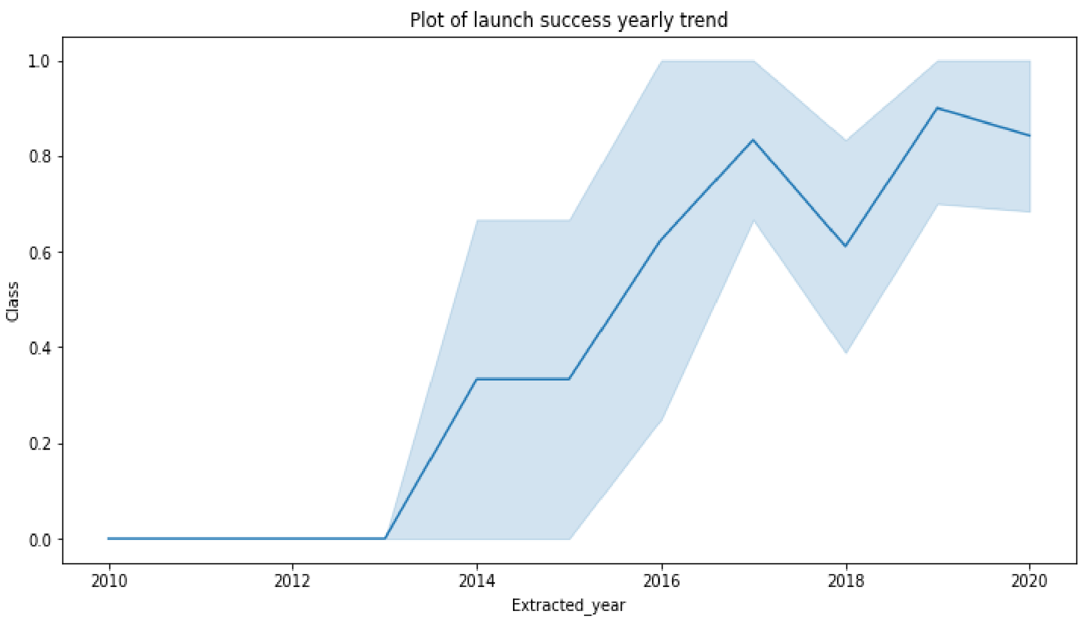


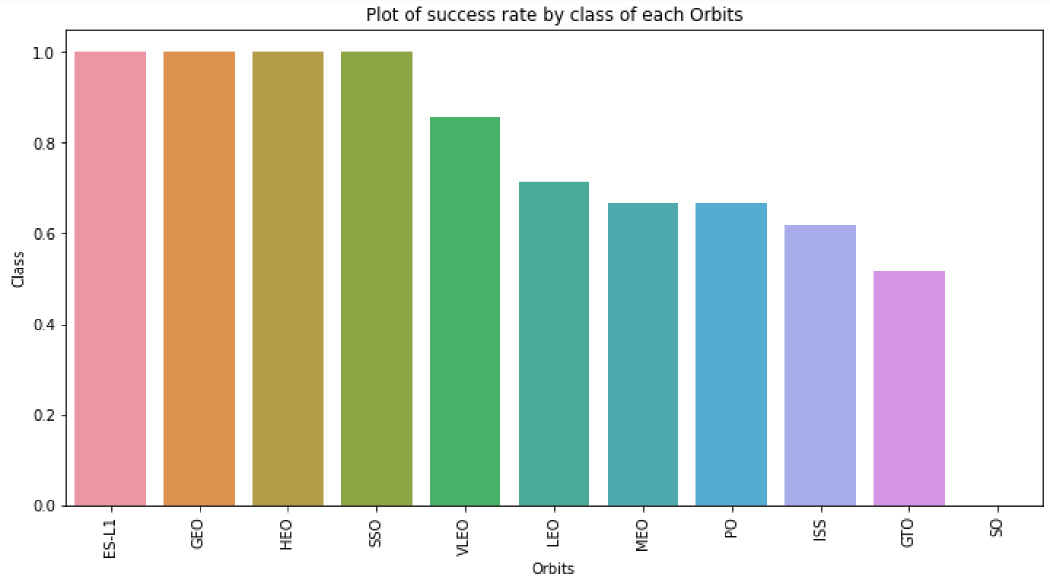
We performed exploratory data analysis, determined training labels, calculated launch site frequencies and orbit occurrences, created a landing outcome label, and exported the results to a CSV file.

The link to the notebook is https://github.com/paraisoreavido/IBM-Capstone_project_Falcon9/blob/main/Data%20Wrangling.ipynb.

EDA with Data Visualization

We analysed 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/paraisoreavido/IBM-Capstone_project_Falcon9/blob/main/EDA%20with%20Data%20Visualization.ipynb

EDA with SQL

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/paraisoreavido/IBM-Capstone_project_Falcon9/blob/main/EDA%20with%20SQL.ipynb

Build an Interactive Map with Folium

We added map objects such as markers, circles, lines for each launch sites to mark the success or failure of launches.

We assigned the feature launch outcomes 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 better success rates.

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

We used Plotly Dash to build an interactive dashboard, then plotted pie charts showing the total launches by a certain sites.

We plotted scatter graph demonstrated the relationship with Outcome and Payload Mass (Kg) for the different booster version.

The link to the notebook is https://github.com/paraisoreavido/IBM-Capstone_project_Falcon9/blob/main/app.py

Predictive Analysis (Classification)

The data was loaded using numpy and pandas, then transformed and split into training and testing.

We built different machine learning models and tune different hyperparameters using GridSearchCV.

Accuracy was used as the metric for our model. The model was improved using feature engineering and algorithm tuning.

We defined the best performing classification model.

The link to the notebook is https://github.com/paraisoreavido/IBM-Capstone_project_Falcon9/blob/main/Machine%20Learning%20Prediction.ipynb

Results

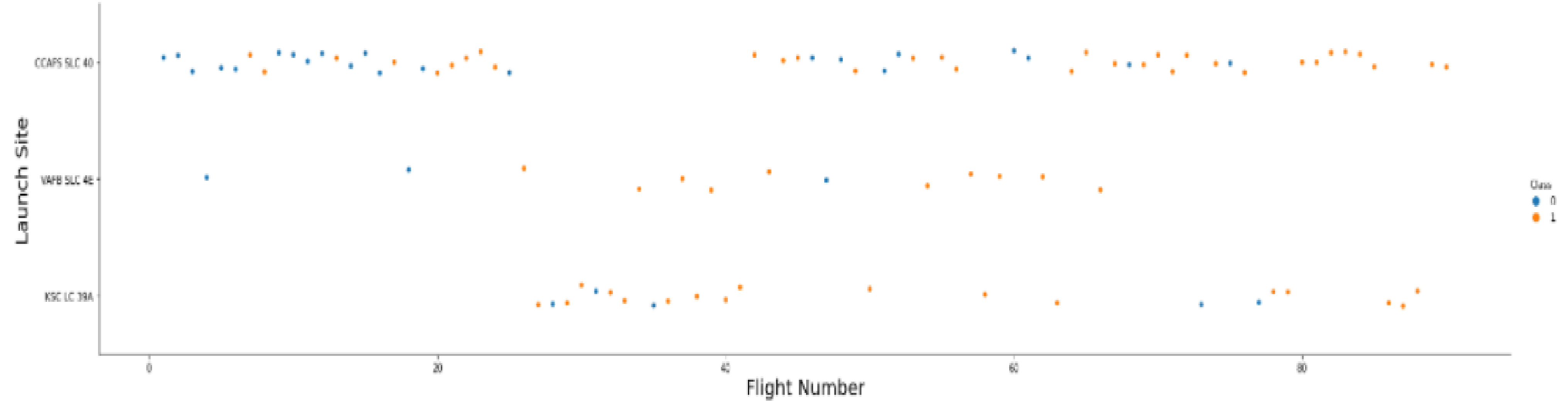
- Exploratory data analysis results
- Interactive analytics demo in screenshots
- Predictive analysis results

Section 2

Insights drawn from EDA

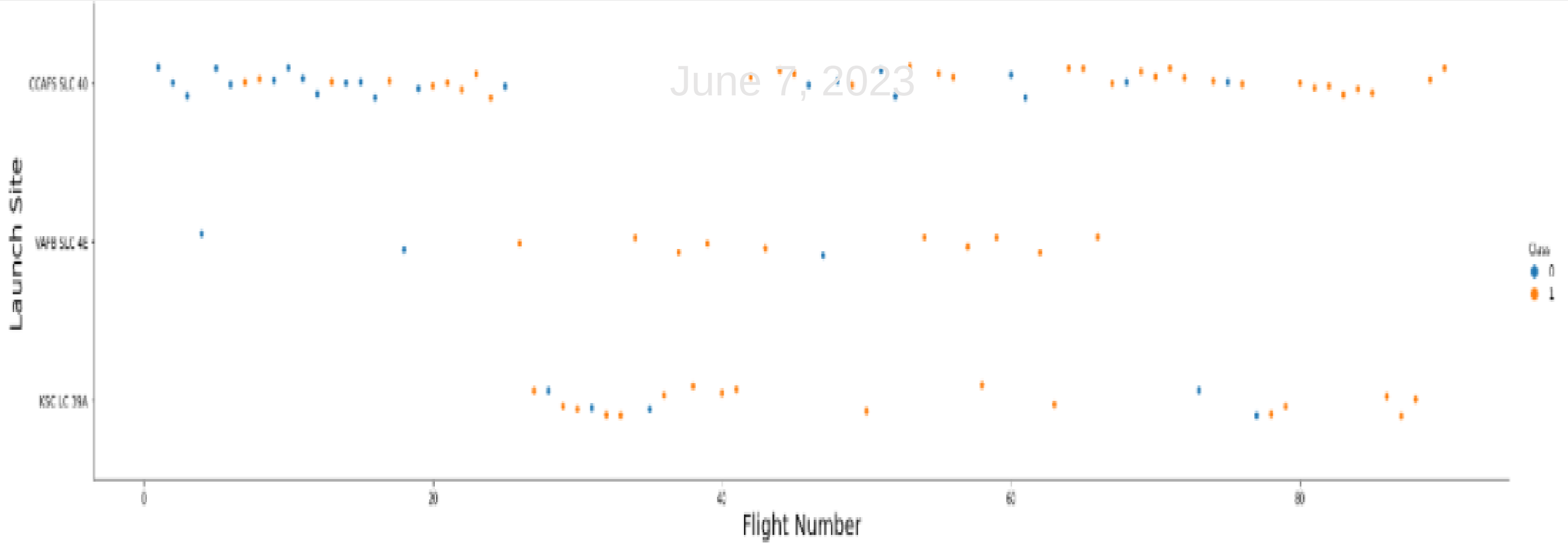
Flight Number vs. Launch Site

- As we can see, the larger the flight amount at a launch site, the greater the success rate at a launch site.



Payload vs. Launch Site

The greater the payload mass for launch site CCAFS SLC 40, the higher the succes rate for the rocket.



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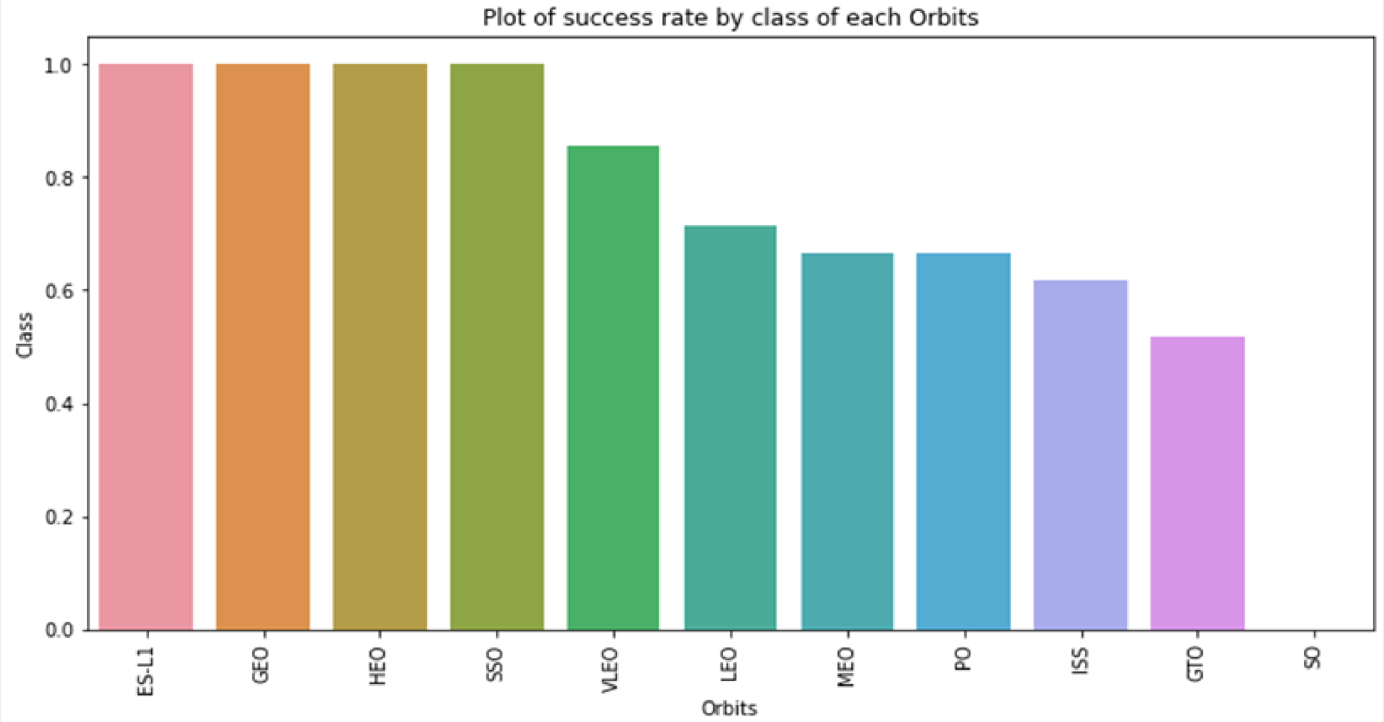
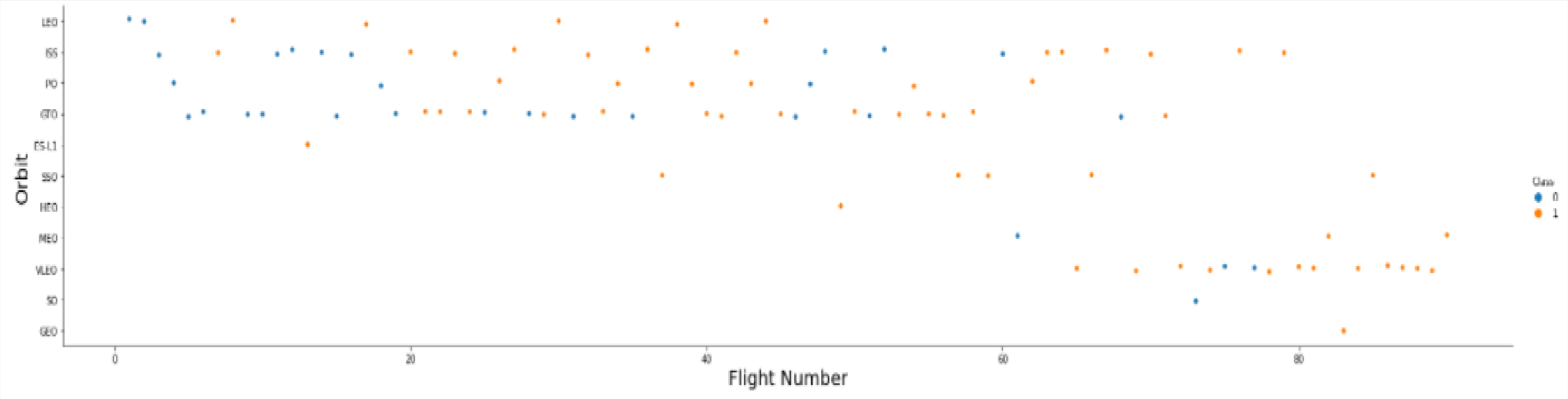
Success Rate vs. Orbit Type

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



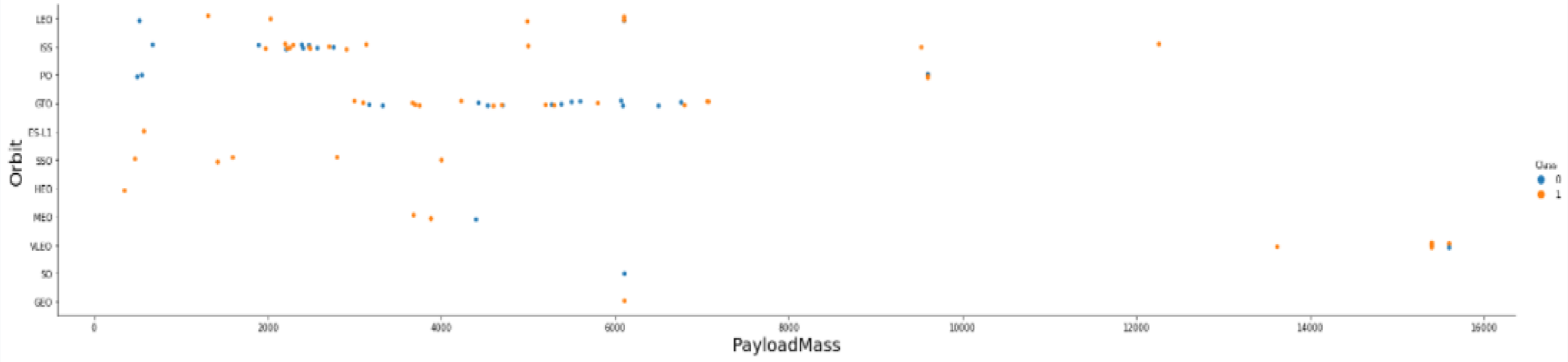
Flight Number vs. Orbit Type

- The plot below shows the Flight Number vs. Orbit type. As we can see, success is related to the number of flights whereas in the GTO orbit. There is no relationship between flight number and orbit.



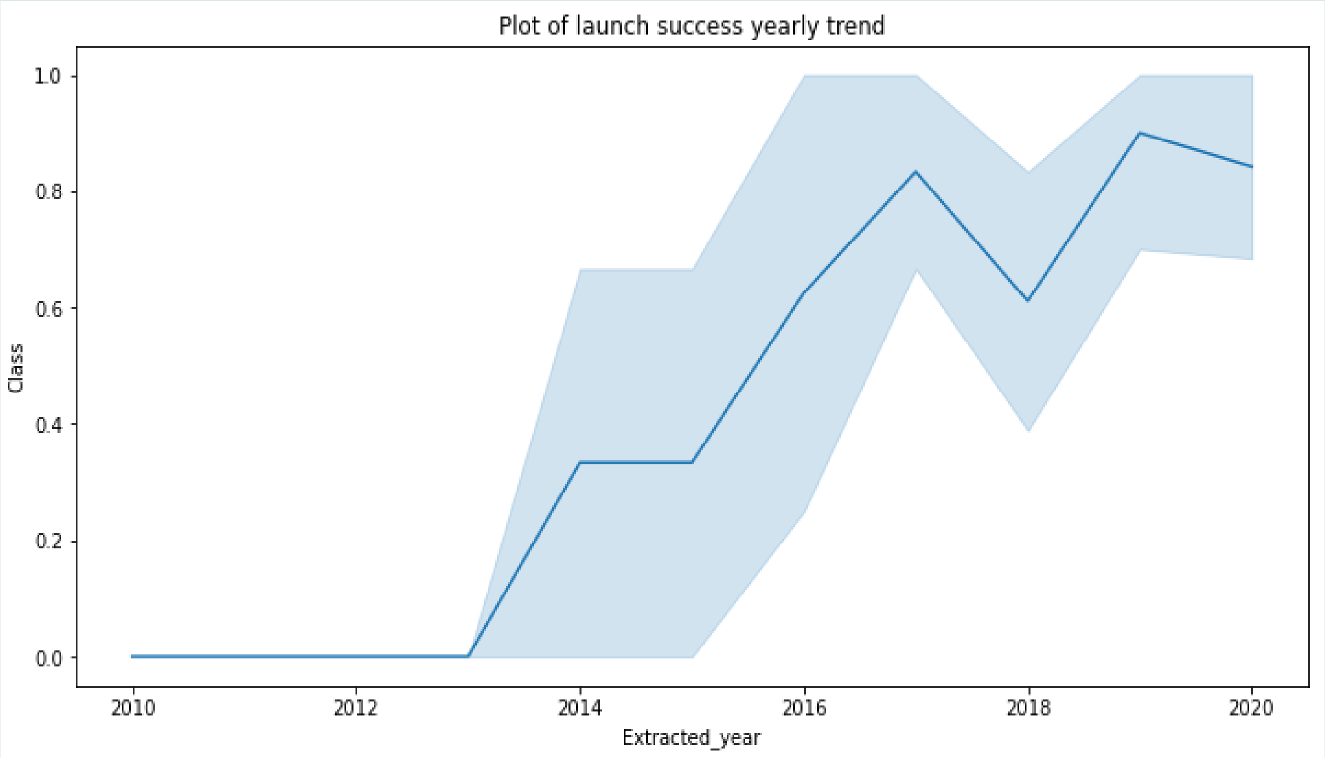
Payload vs. Orbit Type

- With heavy payloads, the successful landing are more for PO, LEO and ISS orbits.



Launch Success Yearly Trend

- Here we observe that success rate increased since 2013 till 2020.



All Launch Site Names

- We used the key word **DISTINCT** to show only unique launch sites from the SpaceX data.

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

In [10]:
```
task_1 = '''
        SELECT DISTINCT LaunchSite
        FROM SpaceX
'''
create_pandas_df(task_1, database=conn)
```

Out[10]:

	launchsite
0	KSC LC-39A
1	CCAFS LC-40
2	CCAFS SLC-40
3	VAFB SLC-4E

Launch Site Names Begin with 'CCA'

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

In [11]:
```
task_2 = '''
        SELECT *
        FROM SpaceX
        WHERE LaunchSite LIKE 'CCA%'
        LIMIT 5
        '''
create_pandas_df(task_2, database=conn)
```

Out[11]:

	date	time	boosterversion	launchsite	payload	payloadmasskg	orbit	customer	missionoutcome	landingoutcome
0	2010-04-06	18:45:00	F9 v1.0 B0003	CCAFS LC-40	Dragon Spacecraft Qualification Unit	0	LEO	SpaceX	Success	Failure (parachute)
1	2010-08-12	15:43:00	F9 v1.0 B0004	CCAFS LC-40	Dragon demo flight C1, two CubeSats, barrel of...	0	LEO (ISS)	NASA (COTS) NRO	Success	Failure (parachute)
2	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
3	2012-08-10	00:35:00	F9 v1.0 B0006	CCAFS LC-40	SpaceX CRS-1	500	LEO (ISS)	NASA (CRS)	Success	No attempt
4	2013-01-03	15:10:00	F9 v1.0 B0007	CCAFS LC-40	SpaceX CRS-2	677	LEO (ISS)	NASA (CRS)	Success	No attempt

The query above was used to display 5 records where launch sites begin with \`CCA\`

Total Payload Mass

Total of 45596 payload carried by boosters from NASA using the query above.

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

In [12]:

```
task_3 = '''
        SELECT SUM(PayloadMassKG) AS Total_PayloadMass
        FROM SpaceX
        WHERE Customer LIKE 'NASA (CRS)'
        '''
create_pandas_df(task_3, database=conn)
```

Out[12]:

	total_payloadmass
0	45596

Average Payload Mass by F9 v1.1

Average payload mass carried by booster version F9 v1.1 is 2928.4

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

In [13]:
```
task_4 = '''
        SELECT AVG(PayloadMassKG) AS Avg_PayloadMass
        FROM SpaceX
        WHERE BoosterVersion = 'F9 v1.1'
        '''
create_pandas_df(task_4, database=conn)
```

Out[13]:

	avg_payloadmass
0	2928.4

First Successful Ground Landing Date

We observed that the dates of the first successful landing outcome on ground pad was 22nd December 2015

```
In [14]:
task_5 = '''
        SELECT MIN(Date) AS FirstSuccessfull_landing_date
        FROM SpaceX
        WHERE LandingOutcome LIKE 'Success (ground pad)'
        '''
create_pandas_df(task_5, database=conn)
```

Out[14]:

	firstsuccessfull_landing_date
0	2015-12-22

Successful Drone Ship Landing with Payload between 4000 and 6000

In [15]:

```
task_6 = '''
        SELECT BoosterVersion
        FROM SpaceX
        WHERE LandingOutcome = 'Success (drone ship)'
            AND PayloadMassKG > 4000
            AND PayloadMassKG < 6000
        '''
create_pandas_df(task_6, database=conn)
```

Out[15]:

	boosterversion
0	F9 FT B1022
1	F9 FT B1026
2	F9 FT B1021.2
3	F9 FT B1031.2

We used the **WHERE** clause to filter for boosters which have successfully landed on drone ship and applied the **AND** condition to determine successful landing with payload mass greater than 4000 but less than 6000

Total Number of Successful and Failure Mission Outcomes

List the total number of successful and failure mission outcomes

In [16]:

```
task_7a = '''
        SELECT COUNT(MissionOutcome) AS SuccessOutcome
        FROM SpaceX
        WHERE MissionOutcome LIKE 'Success%'
        '''

task_7b = '''
        SELECT COUNT(MissionOutcome) AS FailureOutcome
        FROM SpaceX
        WHERE MissionOutcome LIKE 'Failure%'
        '''
print('The total number of successful mission outcome is:')
display(create_pandas_df(task_7a, database=conn))
print()
print('The total number of failed mission outcome is:')
create_pandas_df(task_7b, database=conn)
```

```
The total number of successful mission outcome is:
```

	successoutcome
0	100

```
The total number of failed mission outcome is:
```

Out[16]:

	failureoutcome
0	1

We used wildcard like ‘%’ to filter for **WHERE** MissionOutcome was a success or a failure.

Boosters Carried Maximum Payload

We determined the booster that have carried the maximum payload using a subquery in the **WHERE** clause and the **MAX()** function.

List the names of the booster_versions which have carried the maximum payload mass. Use a subquery

In [17]:

```
task_8 = '''
        SELECT BoosterVersion, PayloadMassKG
        FROM SpaceX
        WHERE PayloadMassKG = (
                                SELECT MAX(PayloadMassKG)
                                FROM SpaceX
                                )
        ORDER BY BoosterVersion
        '''
create_pandas_df(task_8, database=conn)
```

Out[17]:

	boosterversion	payloadmasskg
0	F9 B5 B1048.4	15600
1	F9 B5 B1048.5	15600
2	F9 B5 B1049.4	15600
3	F9 B5 B1049.5	15600
4	F9 B5 B1049.7	15600
5	F9 B5 B1051.3	15600
6	F9 B5 B1051.4	15600
7	F9 B5 B1051.6	15600
8	F9 B5 B1056.4	15600
9	F9 B5 B1058.3	15600
10	F9 B5 B1060.2	15600
11	F9 B5 B1060.3	15600

2015 Launch Records

We used **WHERE** clause, **LIKE**, **AND**, and **BETWEEN** clause conditions to filter failed landings in drone ship, their booster versions, and launch site names in 2015

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

In [18]:
```
task_9 = '''
        SELECT BoosterVersion, LaunchSite, LandingOutcome
        FROM SpaceX
        WHERE LandingOutcome LIKE 'Failure (drone ship)'
            AND Date BETWEEN '2015-01-01' AND '2015-12-31'
        '''
create_pandas_df(task_9, database=conn)
```

Out[18]:

	boosterversion	launchsite	landingoutcome
0	F9 v1.1 B1012	CCAFS LC-40	Failure (drone ship)
1	F9 v1.1 B1015	CCAFS LC-40	Failure (drone ship)

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

Rank the count of landing outcomes (such as Failure (drone ship) or Success (ground pad))

In [19]:

```
task_10 = '''
        SELECT LandingOutcome, COUNT(LandingOutcome)
        FROM SpaceX
        WHERE DATE BETWEEN '2010-06-04' AND '2017-03-20'
        GROUP BY LandingOutcome
        ORDER BY COUNT(LandingOutcome) DESC
        '''
create_pandas_df(task_10, database=conn)
```

Out[19]:

	landingoutcome	count
0	No attempt	10
1	Success (drone ship)	6
2	Failure (drone ship)	5
3	Success (ground pad)	5
4	Controlled (ocean)	3
5	Uncontrolled (ocean)	2
6	Precluded (drone ship)	1
7	Failure (parachute)	1

We selected Landing outcomes and the **COUNT** of landing outcomes from the data and used the **WHERE** clause to filter for landing outcomes **BETWEEN** 2010-06-04 to 2010-03-20.

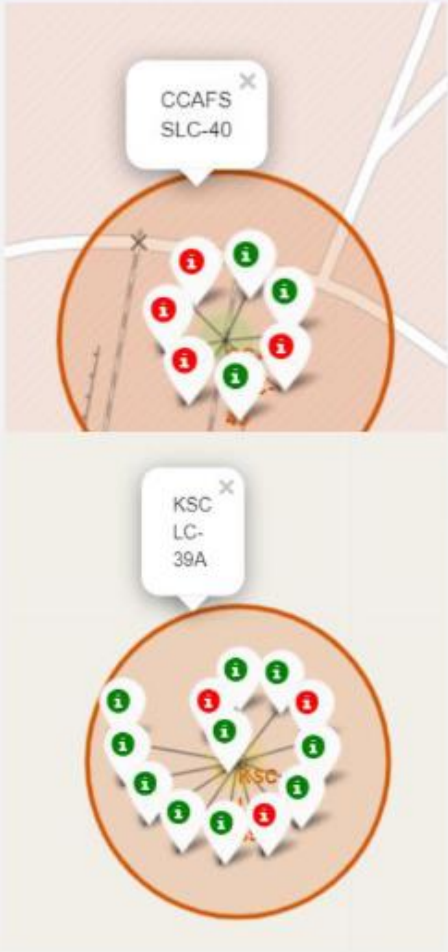
We applied the **GROUP BY** clause to group the landing outcomes and the **ORDER BY** clause to order the grouped landing outcome in descending order.

Section 4

Launch Sites Proximities Analysis

All launch sites global map markers

Markers showing launch sites with color labels



Florida Launch Sites

Green Marker shows successful Launches and Red Marker shows Failures

California Launch Site

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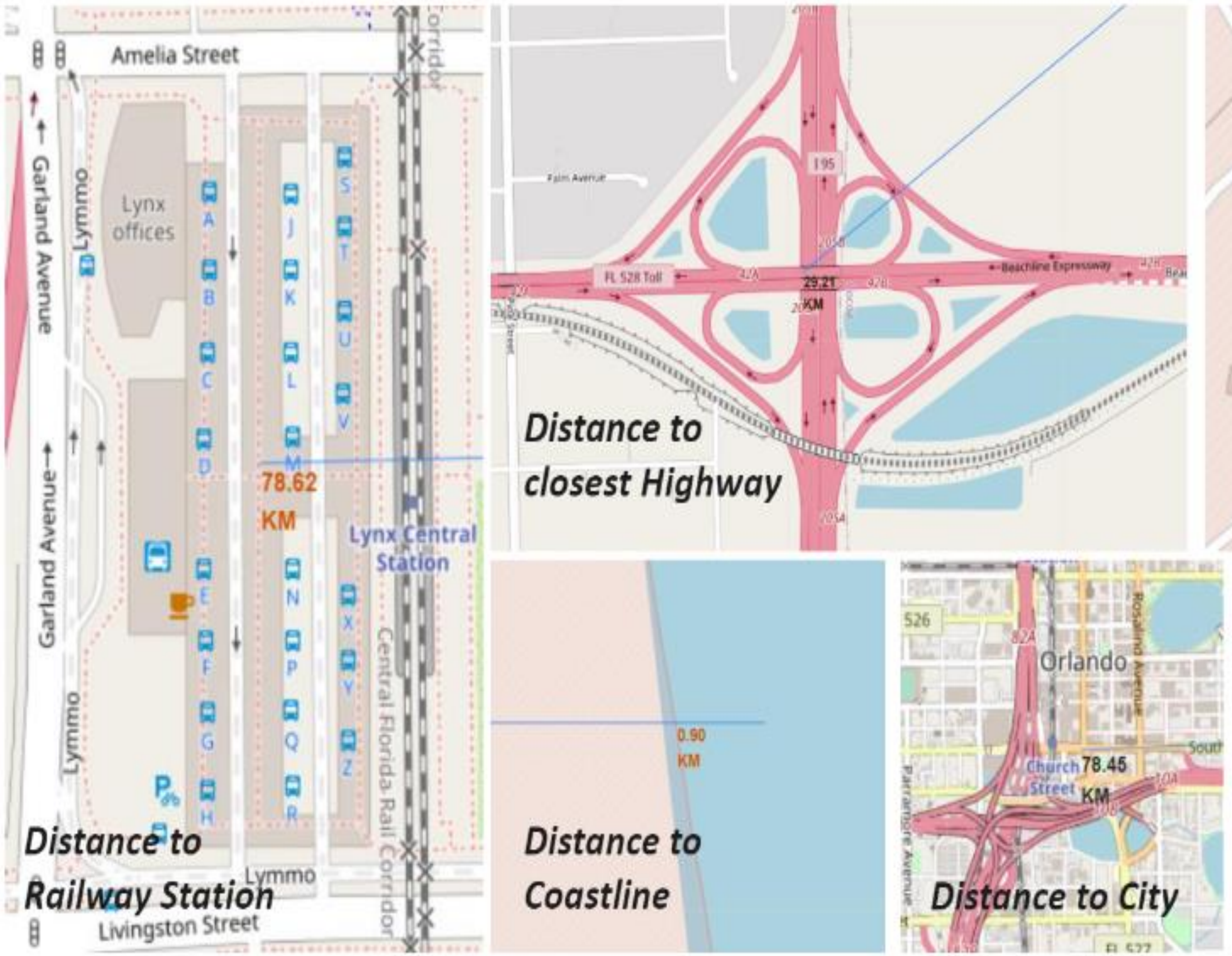
Launch Site distance to landmarks

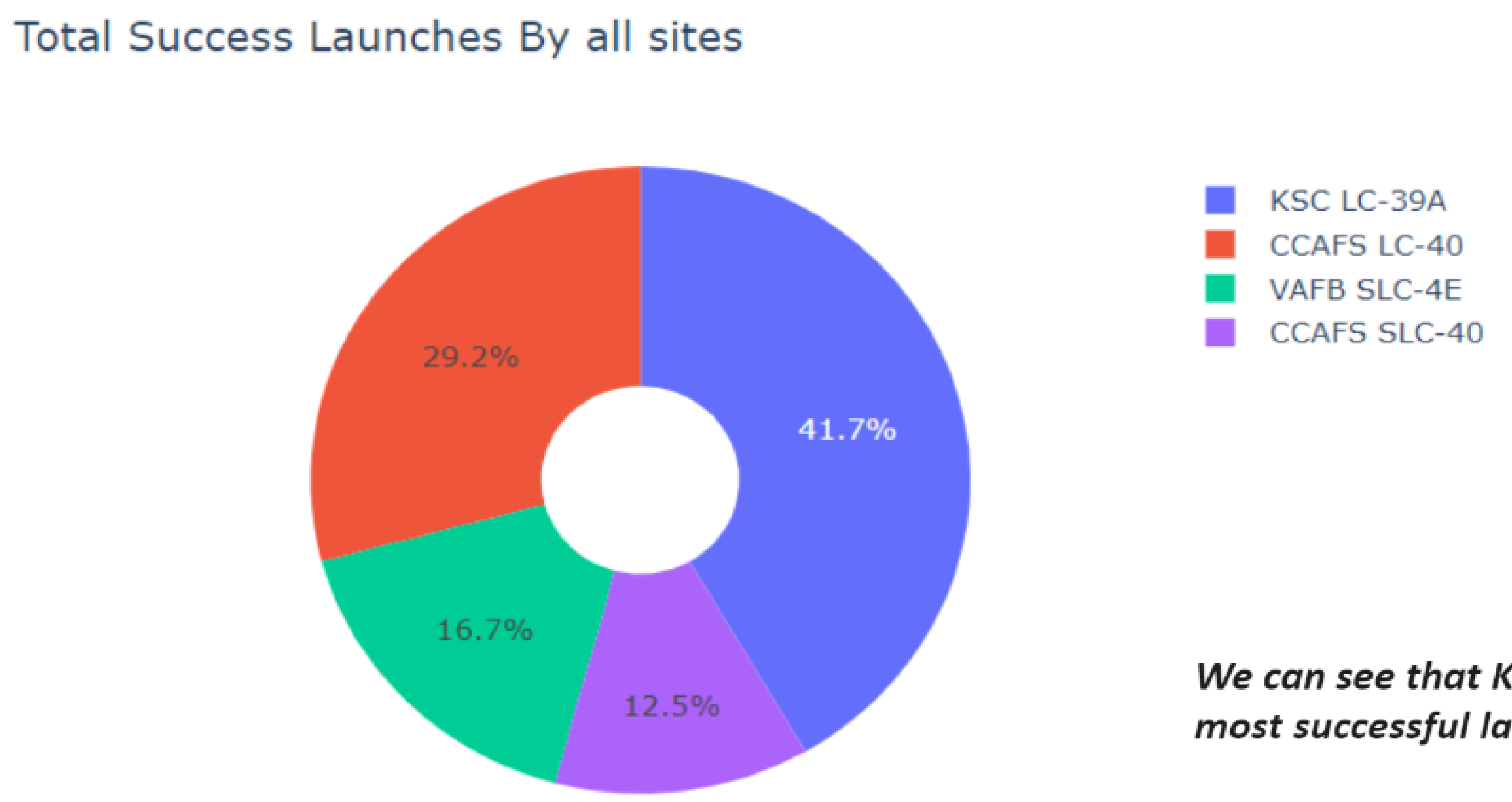


- Are launch sites in close proximity to railways? No
- Are launch sites in close proximity to highways? No
- Are launch sites in close proximity to coastline? Yes
- Do launch sites keep certain distance away from cities? Yes

Section 5

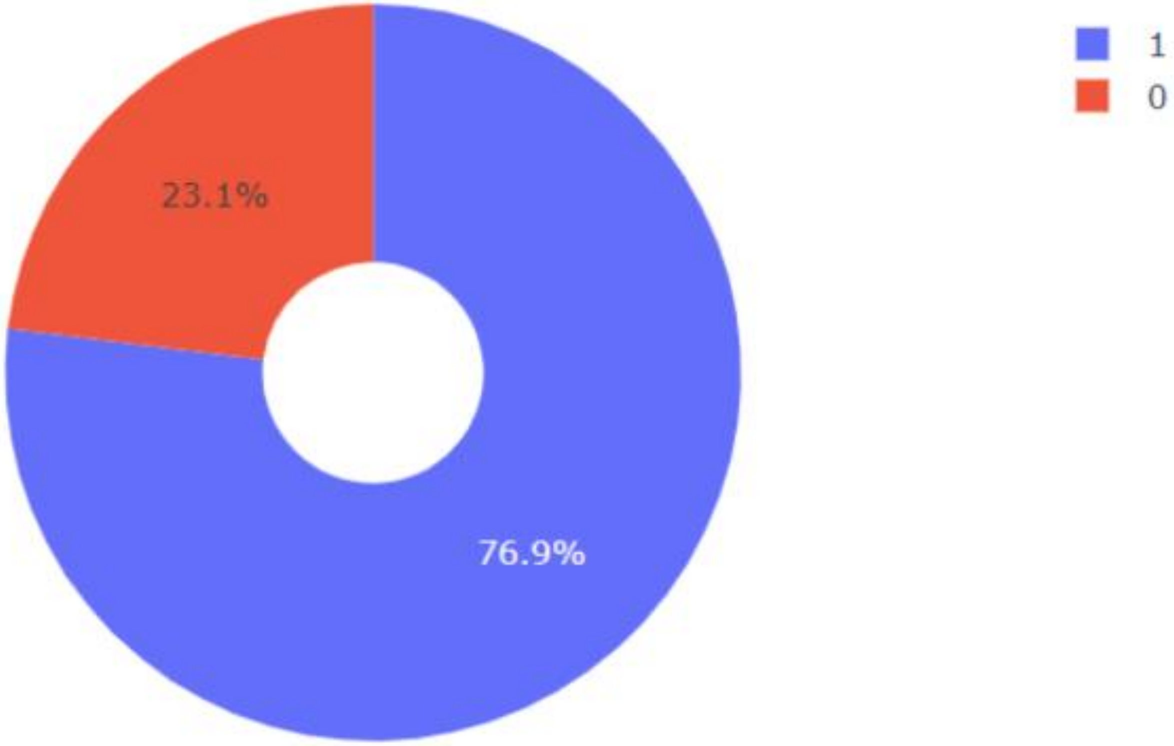
Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

Pie chart showing the success percentage achieved by each launch site



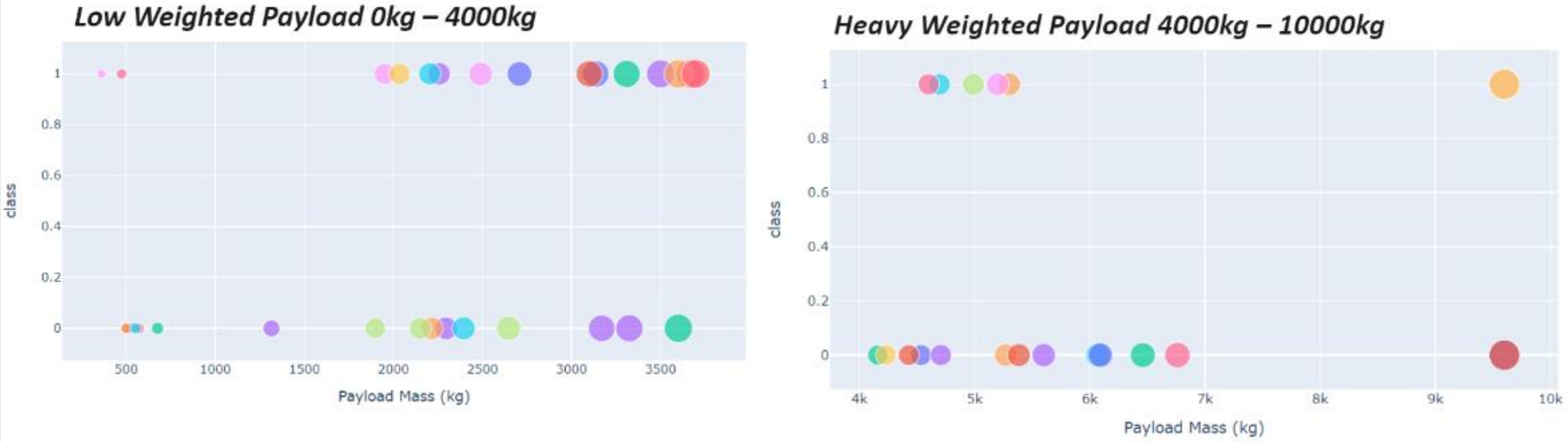
We can see that KSC LC-39A had the most successful launches from all the sites

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



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

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



We can see the success rates for low weighted payloads is higher than the heavy weighted payloads

Section 6

Predictive Analysis (Classification)

Classification Accuracy

- The decision tree classifier has the highest accuracy

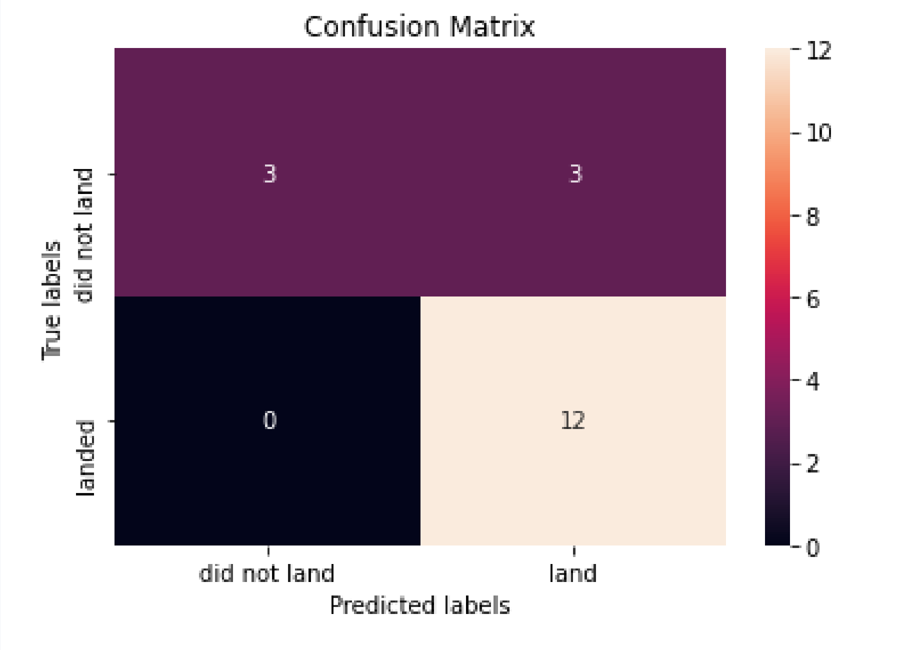
```
models = {'KNeighbors':knn_cv.best_score_,
              'DecisionTree':tree_cv.best_score_,
              'LogisticRegression':logreg_cv.best_score_,
              'SupportVector': svm_cv.best_score_}

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'}
```

Confusion Matrix

The evaluation of the decision tree classifier using the confusion matrix reveals its ability to differentiate between the various classes effectively. However, a notable issue arises in the form of false positives, where the classifier incorrectly identifies unsuccessful landings as successful ones.



Conclusions

We found that launch success rates were influenced by the flight volume at a site, with higher numbers correlating to greater success. The period from 2013 to 2020 showed an increasing trend in launch success. ES-L1, GEO, HEO, SSO, and VLEO orbits displayed the highest success rates, while KSC LC-39A stood out as the most successful launch site. Our analysis determined the Decision Tree classifier as the optimal machine learning algorithm for this project.

Thank you!