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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

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. 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 SpaceX for a rocket launch. The main objective of the project is to create an ML model that is able to predict if the first stage of the rocket launches 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 need to be in place to ensure a successful landing program.



Section 1

# 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 datasets were collected using various methods:
  - Data was collected by sending a get request to the SpaceX API.
  - The response content was decoded as a Json object using `.json()` function call and turned into a pandas dataframe using `.json_normalize()`.
  - The data is cleaned and checked for missing values. These missing values are then filled when required.
  - Web scraping is performed on the Wikipedia page for Falcon 9 launch records using the BeautifulSoup package.
  - The objective was to extract the launch records as an HTML table then parse the table and convert it to a pandas dataframe for future analysis.

# Data Collection – SpaceX API

- A get request was to the SpaceX API to collect and clean the requested data. Some data wrangling and formatting was required to perform data analysis.
- The link to the notebook is [https://github.com/nujrarian/IBM\\_DataScience\\_Capstone/blob/main/1-jupyter-labs-spacex-data-collection-api.ipynb](https://github.com/nujrarian/IBM_DataScience_Capstone/blob/main/1-jupyter-labs-spacex-data-collection-api.ipynb)

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         data_falcon9
```



# Data Collection - Scraping

- Web scrapping is used on the Falcon 9 launch records with BeautifulSoup
- Link:  
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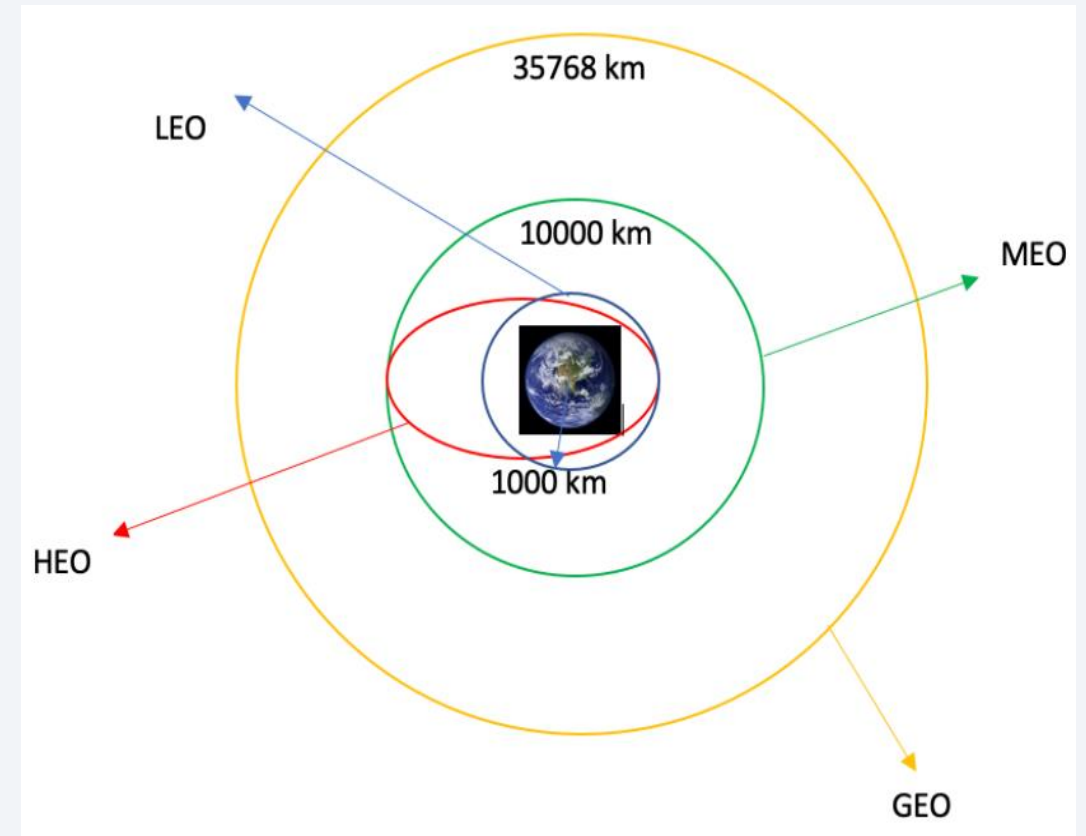
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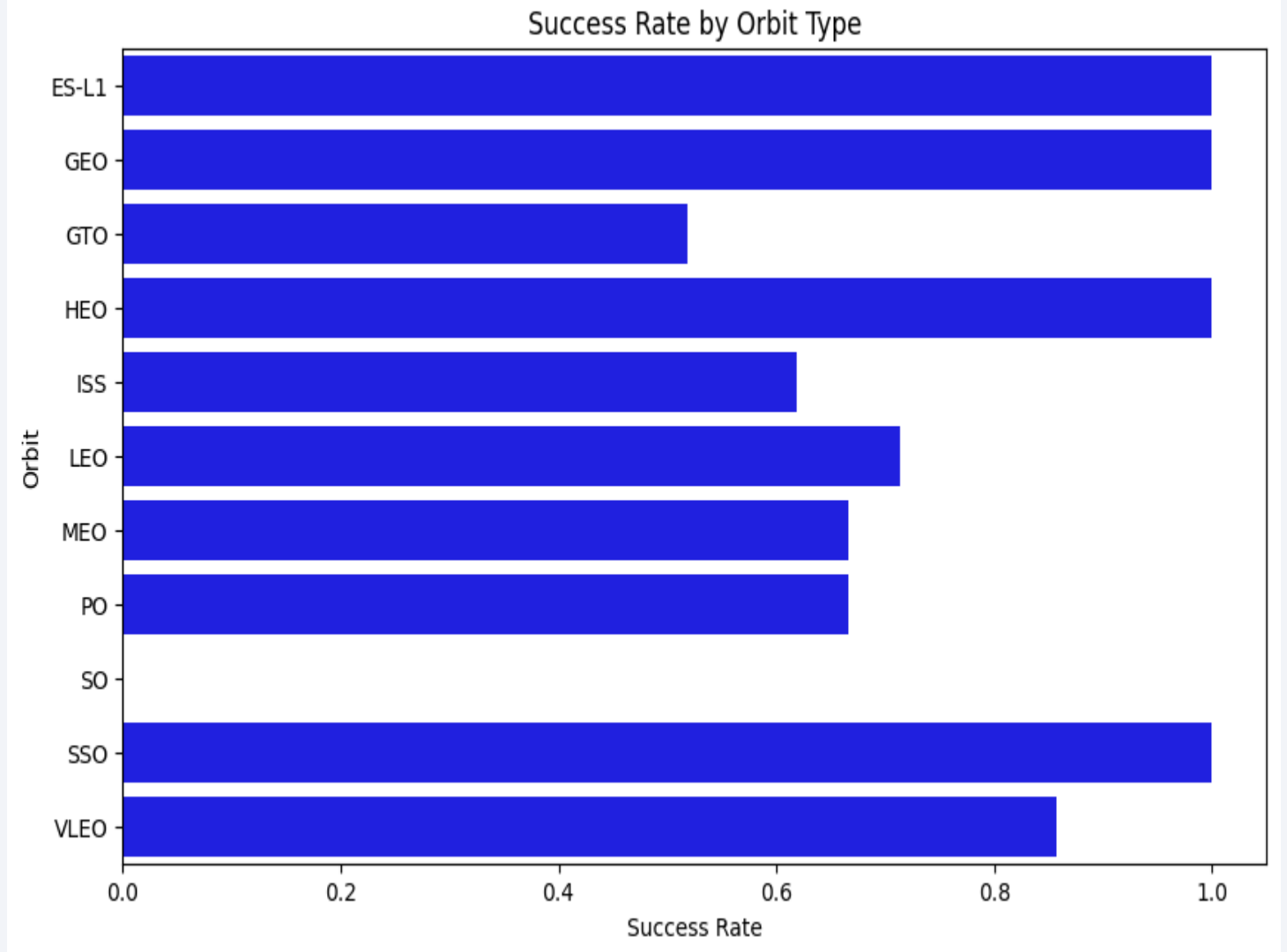
# Data Wrangling

- Exploratory data analysis is performed to determine the training labels.
- Calculated the number of launches at each site, and the number and occurrence of each orbits
- Created landing outcome label from outcome column and exported the results to csv.
- [https://github.com/nujrarian/IBM\\_DataScience\\_Capstone/blob/main/2-labs-jupyter-spacex-Data%20wrangling.ipynb](https://github.com/nujrarian/IBM_DataScience_Capstone/blob/main/2-labs-jupyter-spacex-Data%20wrangling.ipynb)



# EDA with Data Visualization

- The data was explored 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.
- Link:  
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# EDA with SQL

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- The SpaceX dataset is loaded into a PostgreSQL database.
- EDA with SQL is performed to get insight from the data. Queries were used to find out:
  - 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/nujrarian/IBM\\_DataScience\\_Capstone/blob/main/2.5-jupyter-labs-eda-sql-coursera\\_sqlite.ipynb](https://github.com/nujrarian/IBM_DataScience_Capstone/blob/main/2.5-jupyter-labs-eda-sql-coursera_sqlite.ipynb)

# Build an Interactive Map with Folium

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- All launch sites were marked, and added map objects such as markers, circles, lines to mark the success or failure of launches for each site on the folium map.
- The feature launch outcomes (failure or success) were set to 0 and 1.i.e., 0 for failure, and 1 for success.
- Using the color-labeled marker clusters, the launch sites having relatively high success rate were identified.
- Calculated the distances between a launch site to its proximities. The following questions were answered:
  - 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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- Built an interactive dashboard with Plotly dash.
- Plotted pie charts showing the total launches by a certain sites.
- Plotted scatter graph showing the relationship with Outcome and Payload Mass (Kg) for the different booster version.
- Link: [https://github.com/nujrarian/IBM\\_DataScience\\_Capstone/blob/main/app.py](https://github.com/nujrarian/IBM_DataScience_Capstone/blob/main/app.py)

# Predictive Analysis (Classification)

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- Loaded the data using numpy and pandas, transformed the data, split our data into training and testing.
- Built different machine learning models and tune different hyperparameters using GridSearchCV.
- Used accuracy as the metric for the model, improved the model using feature engineering and algorithm tuning.
- The best performing classification model were found.
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# Results

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- 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. A faint, light blue grid pattern is also visible, particularly in the lower half of the image. The overall effect is dynamic and technological.

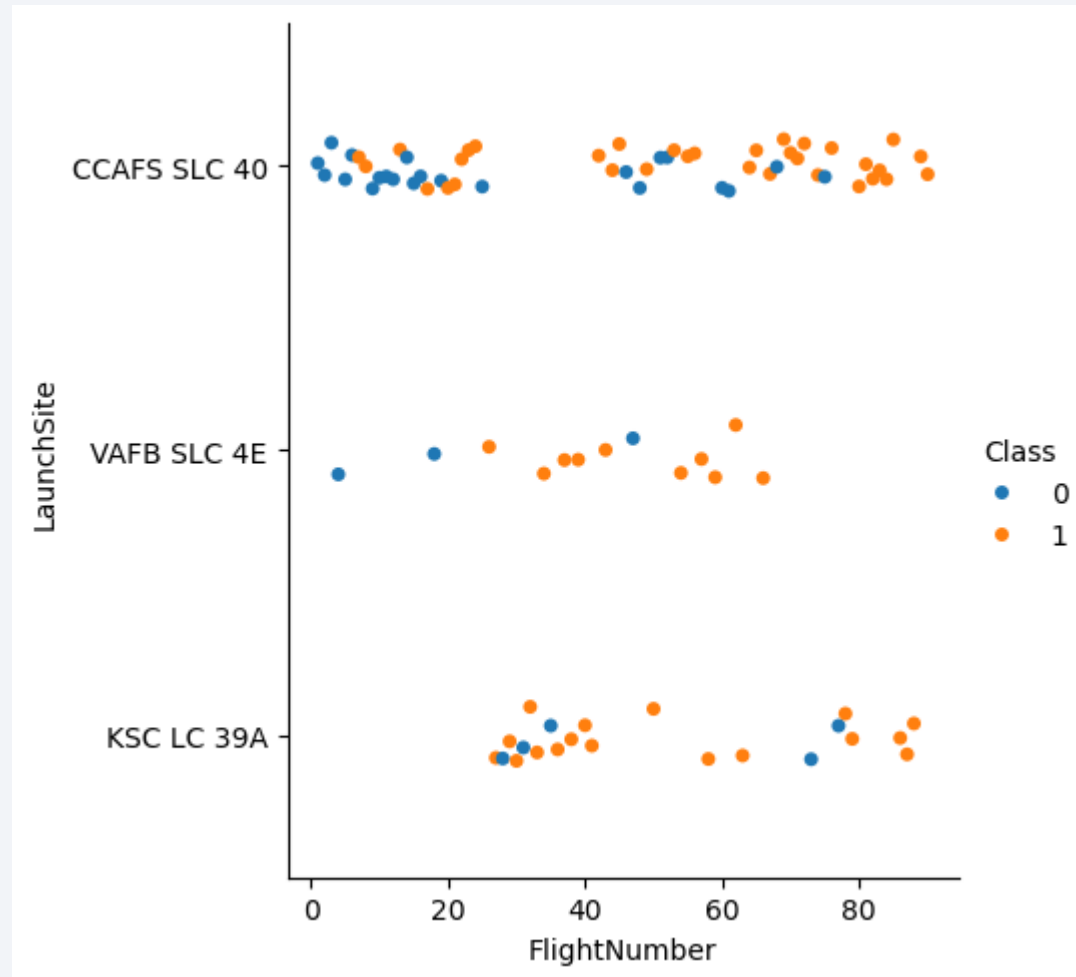
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# Insights drawn from EDA



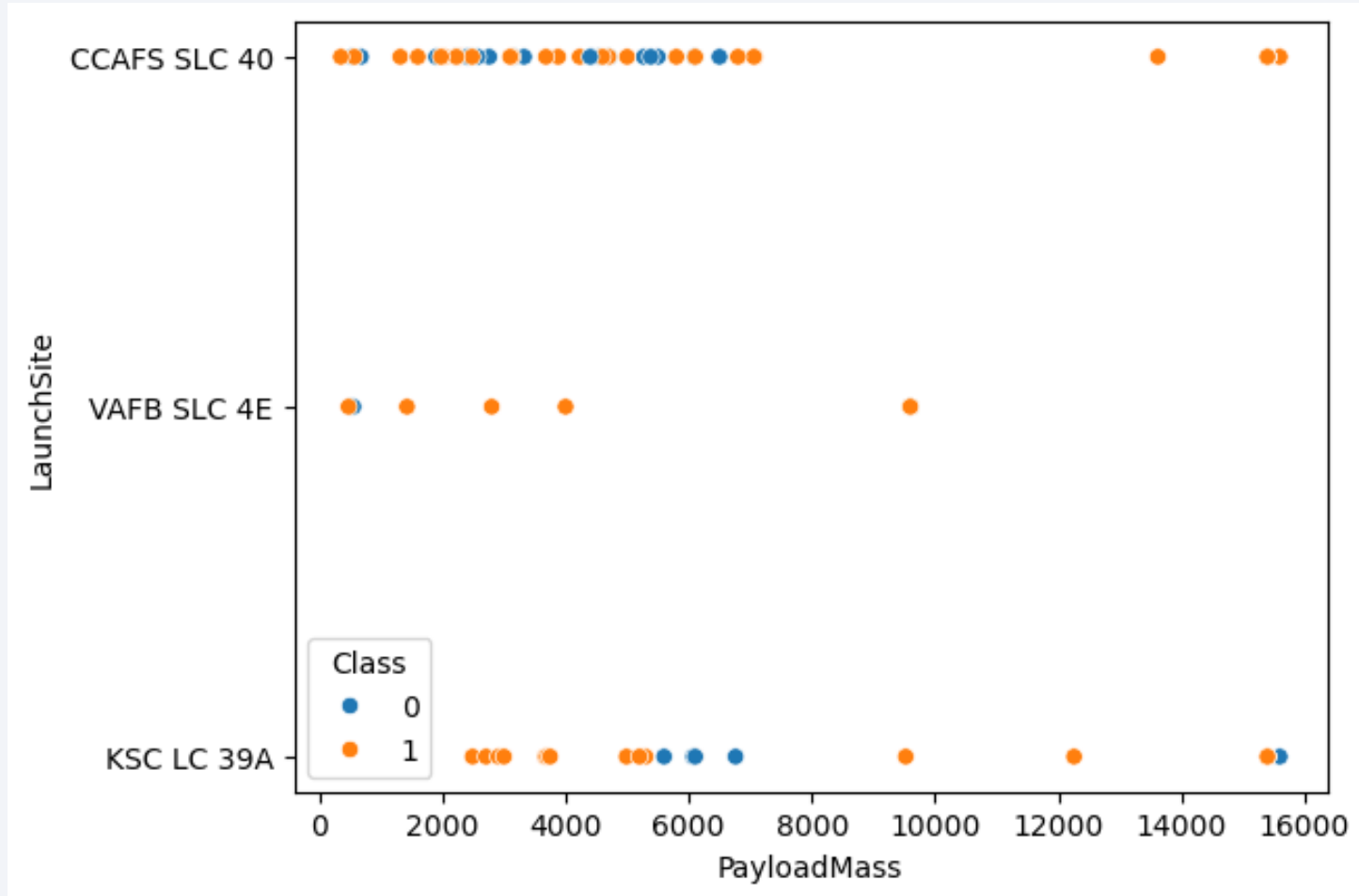
# Flight Number vs. Launch Site

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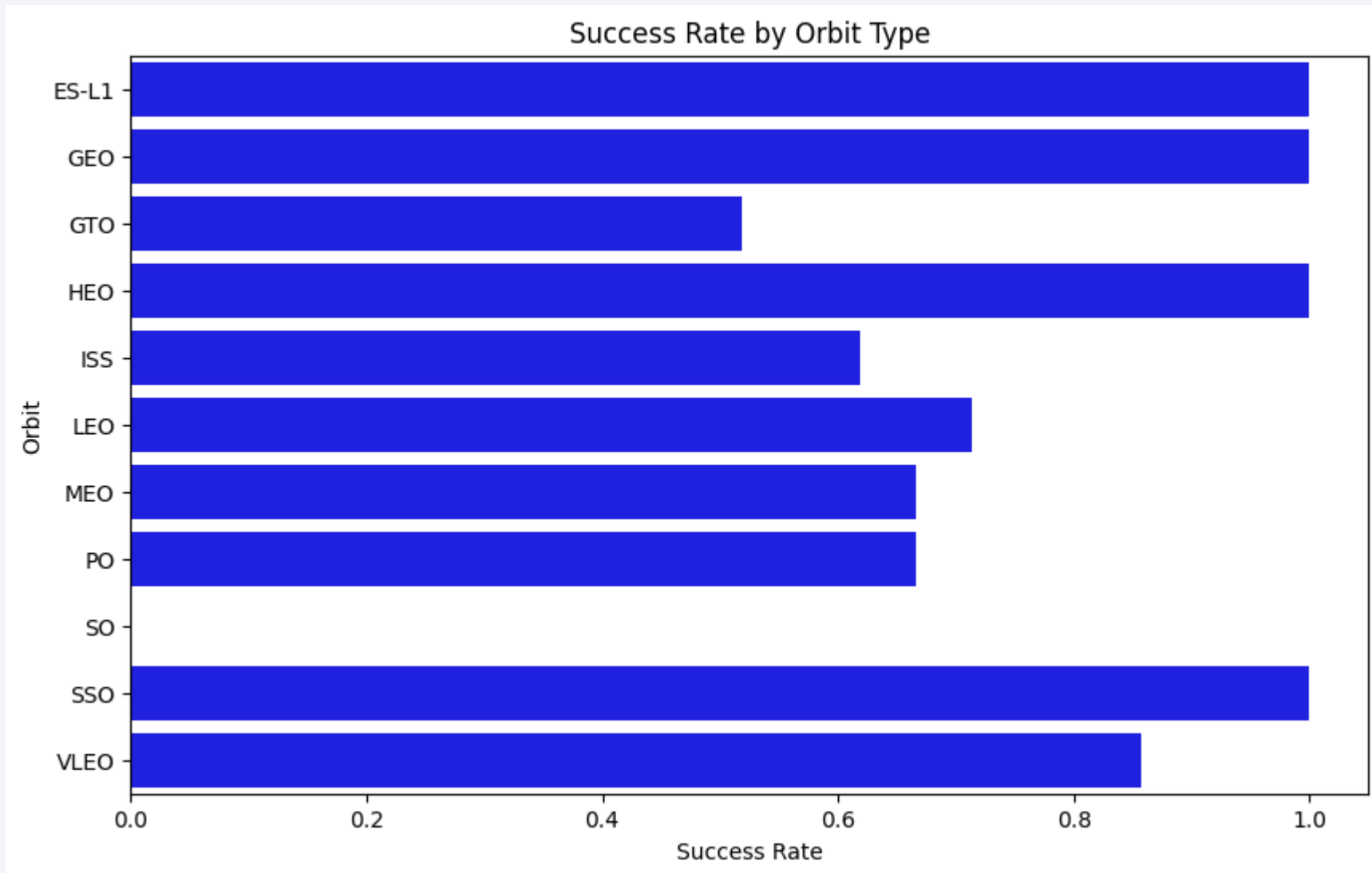


# Payload vs. Launch Site



# Success Rate vs. Orbit Type

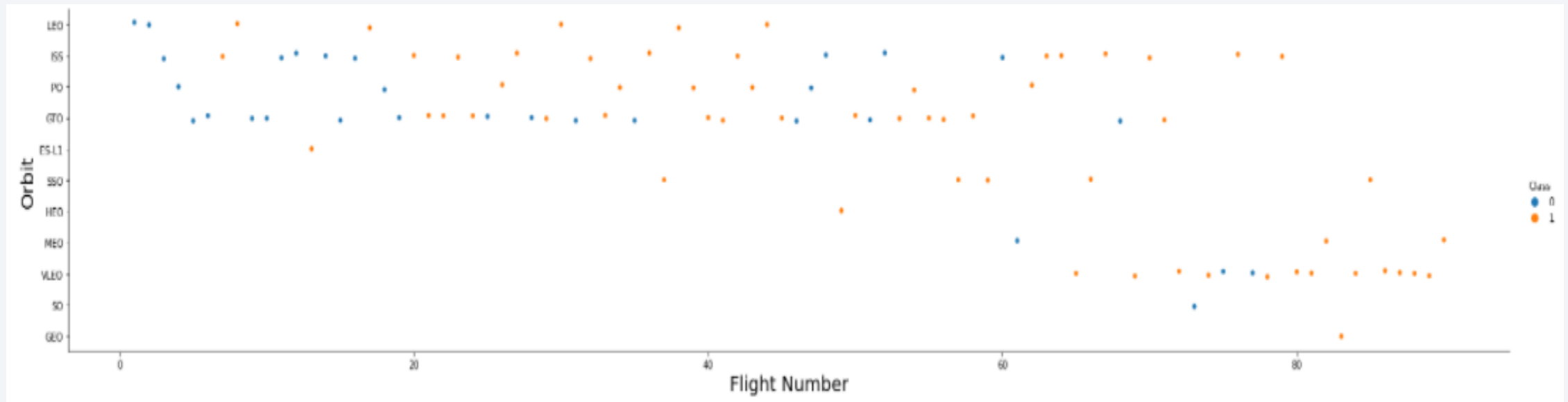
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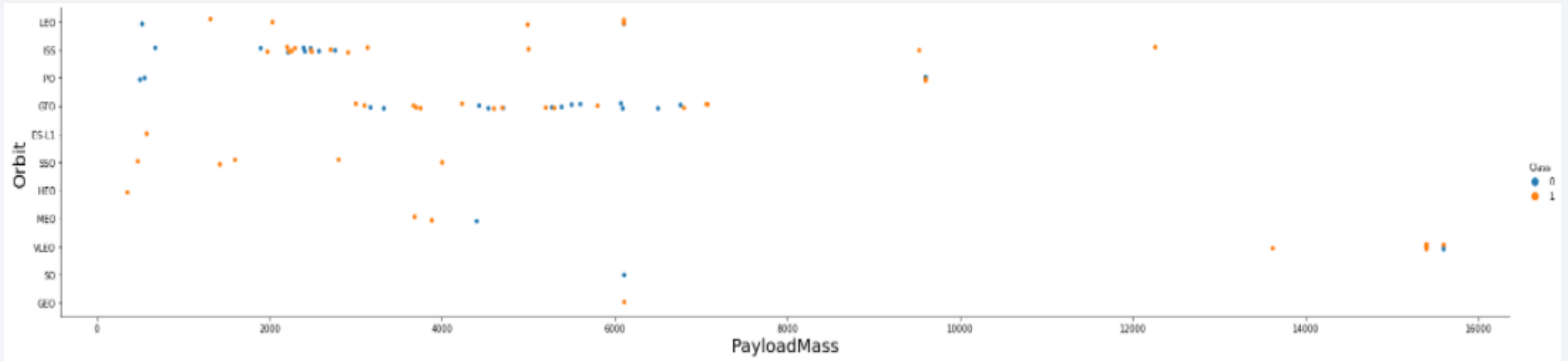
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- The plot below shows the Flight Number vs. Orbit type.



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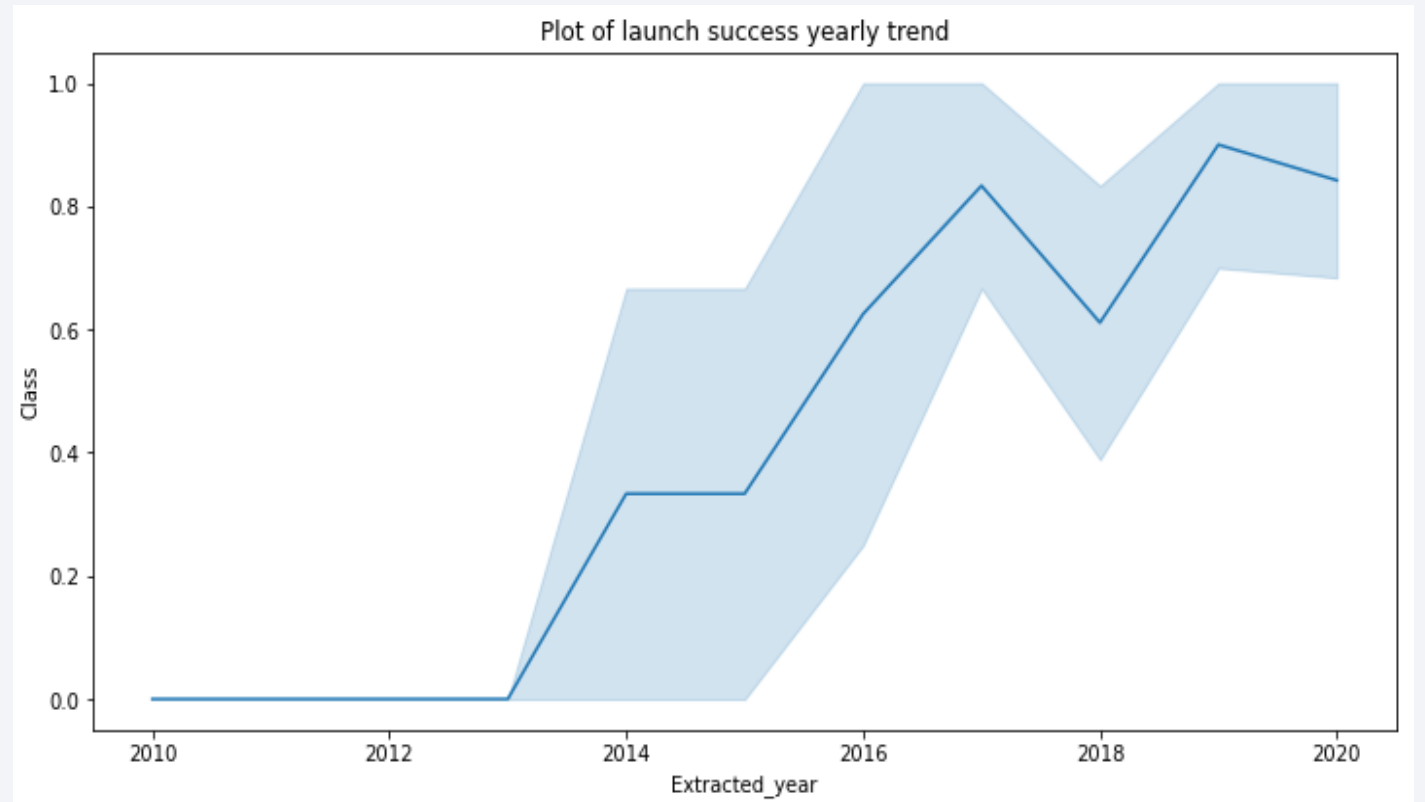
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# Launch Success Yearly Trend

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





# All Launch Site Names

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- The key word **DISTINCT** was used 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'

- Used the query shown to display 5 records where launch sites begin with 'CCA'

```
In [10]:  
%sql SELECT * FROM SPACEXTABLE WHERE "Launch_Site" LIKE 'CCA%' LIMIT 5  
* sqlite:///my_data1.db  
Done.  
Out[10]:
```

Date	Time (UTC)	Booster_Version	Launch_Site	Payload	PAYLOAD_MASS_KG_	Orbit	Ct
2010-06-04	18:45:00	F9 v1.0 B0003	CCAFS LC-40	Dragon Spacecraft Qualification Unit	0	LEO	
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)	
2012-05-22	7:44:00	F9 v1.0 B0005	CCAFS LC-40	Dragon demo flight C2	525	LEO (ISS)	
2012-10-08	0:35:00	F9 v1.0 B0006	CCAFS LC-40	SpaceX CRS-1	500	LEO (ISS)	
2013-03-01	15:10:00	F9 v1.0 B0007	CCAFS LC-40	SpaceX CRS-2	677	LEO (ISS)	

# Total Payload Mass

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- Calculated the total payload carried by boosters from NASA.

```
In [11]:
```

```
%sql SELECT SUM("PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_") FROM SPACEXTABLE WHERE "Customer" LIKE 'NASA
```

```
* sqlite:///my_data1.db
```

```
Done.
```

```
Out[11]:
```

```
SUM("PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_")
```

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45596
```

# Average Payload Mass by F9 v1.1

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- Calculated the average payload mass carried by booster version F9 v1.1

## Task 4

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

In [12]:

```
%sql SELECT AVG("PAYLOAD_MASS_KG_") FROM SPACEXTABLE WHERE "Booster_Version" = 'F9 v1.1'
```

```
* sqlite:///my_data1.db
```

Done.

Out[12]:

```
AVG("PAYLOAD_MASS_KG_")
```

```
2928.4
```

# First Successful Ground Landing Date

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- Observed that the dates of the first successful landing outcome on ground pad.

```
In [13]:
```

```
%sql SELECT MIN("Date") FROM SPACEXTABLE WHERE "Mission_Outcome" = 'Success'
```

```
* sqlite:///my_data1.db
```

```
Done.
```

```
Out[13]:
```

```
MIN("Date")
```

```
2010-06-04
```



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

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- 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.

In [14]:

```
%sql SELECT "Booster_Version" FROM SPACEXTABLE WHERE "Mission_Outcome" = 'Success'
```

```
* sqlite:///my_data1.db
```

Done.

Out[14]:

Booster_Version
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F9 v1.1
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F9 v1.1 B1011
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F9 v1.1 B1014
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F9 v1.1 B1016
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F9 FT B1020
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# Total Number of Successful and Failure Mission Outcomes

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- Calculated total number of MissionOutcome values that are a success or a failure.

```
In [15]:
%sql SELECT "Mission_Outcome", COUNT(*) AS "Total" FROM SPACEXTABLE GROUP BY "Mission_Outcome"
* sqlite:///my_data1.db
Done.
Out[15]:
```

Mission_Outcome	Total
Failure (in flight)	1
Success	98
Success	1
Success (payload status unclear)	1

# Boosters Carried Maximum Payload

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

In [21]:

```
%sql SELECT "Booster_Version" FROM SPACEXTABLE WHERE PAYLOAD_MASS_KG_ = (SELECT M
```

```
* sqlite:///my_data1.db
```

Done.

Out[21]:

Booster_Version
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F9 B5 B1048.4
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F9 B5 B1049.4
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F9 B5 B1051.3
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F9 B5 B1056.4
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F9 B5 B1048.5
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F9 B5 B1051.4
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# 2015 Launch Records

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- Used a combinations of the **WHERE** clause, **LIKE**, **AND**, and **BETWEEN** conditions to filter for failed landing outcomes in drone ship, their booster versions, and launch site names for year 2015

In [32]:

```
%sql SELECT substr(Date, 6,2) as "Month","Landing_Outcome","Booster_Version","Launch_Site"
```

```
* sqlite:///my_data1.db
```

Done.

Out[32]:

Month	Landing_Outcome	Booster_Version	Launch_Site
01	Failure (drone ship)	F9 v1.1 B1012	CCAFS LC-40
04	Failure (drone ship)	F9 v1.1 B1015	CCAFS LC-40

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

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

```
In [33]:  
%sql SELECT "Landing_Outcome", COUNT("Landing_Outcome") AS "Count" FROM SPACEXTABL  
* sqlite:///my_data1.db  
Done.  
Out[33]:  


| Landing_Outcome        | Count |
|------------------------|-------|
| No attempt             | 10    |
| Success (drone ship)   | 5     |
| Failure (drone ship)   | 5     |
| Success (ground pad)   | 3     |
| Controlled (ocean)     | 3     |
| Uncontrolled (ocean)   | 2     |
| Failure (parachute)    | 2     |
| Precluded (drone ship) | 1     |


```

A satellite view of Earth from space, showing the curvature of the planet and the glowing lights of cities and continents against the dark background of space. The Earth's surface is a mix of dark blue oceans and lighter blue/white landmasses, with numerous bright yellow and orange lights indicating urban areas.

Section 3

# Launch Sites Proximities Analysis

# All launch sites global map markers



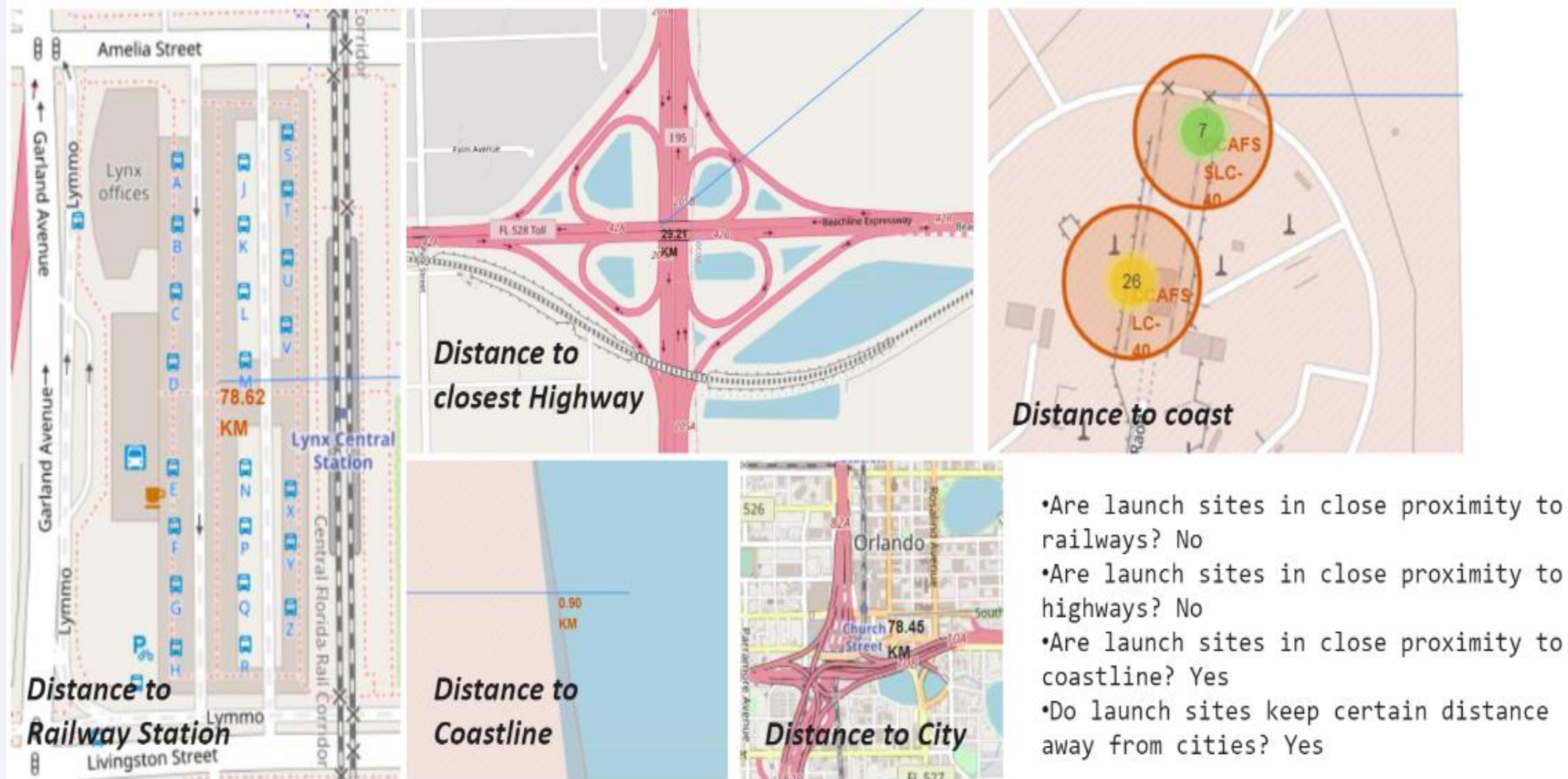


# Markers showing launch sites with color labels





# Launch Site distance to landmarks







Section 4

# Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

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

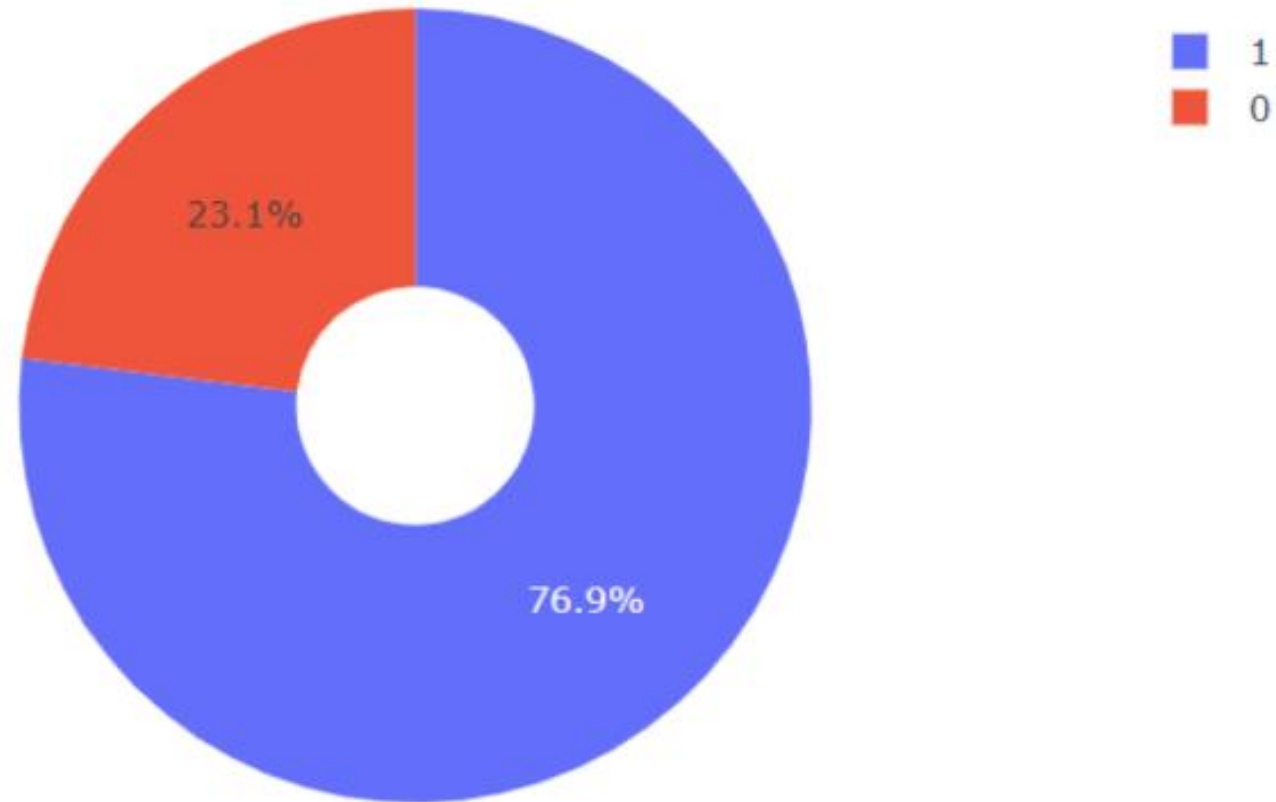
Total Success Launches By all sites



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

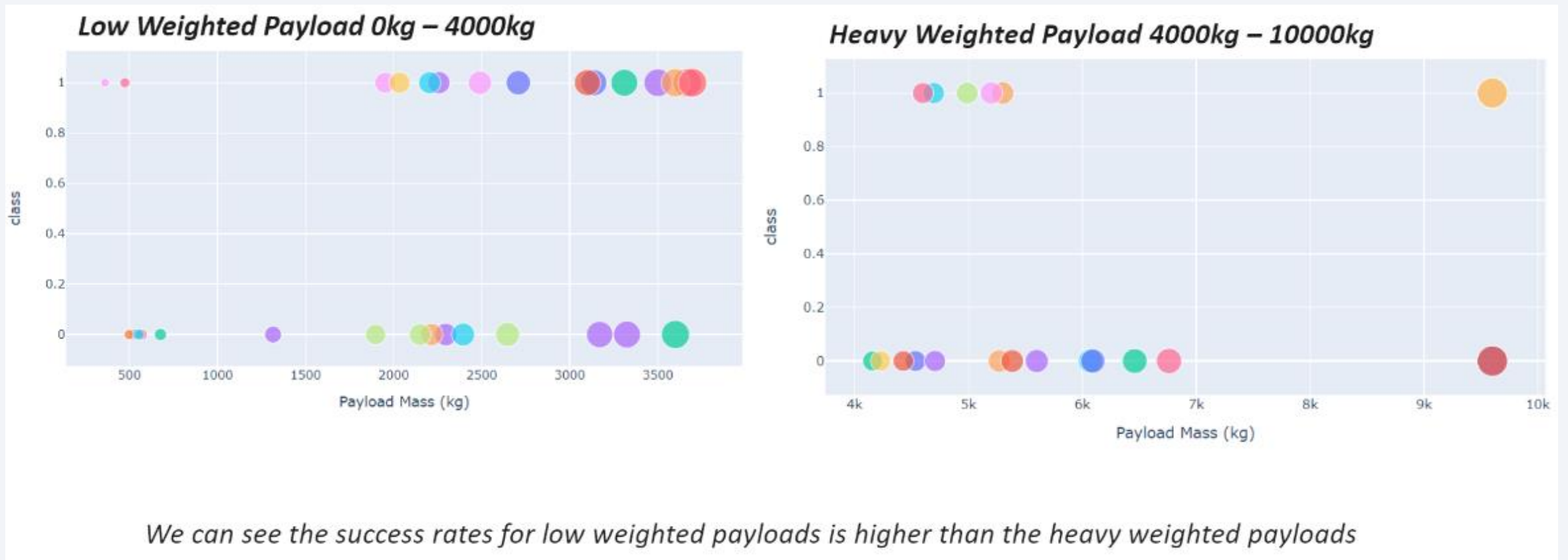
## Pie chart showing the Launch site with the highest launch success ratio

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***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





Section 5

# Predictive Analysis (Classification)

# Classification Accuracy

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

In [38]:

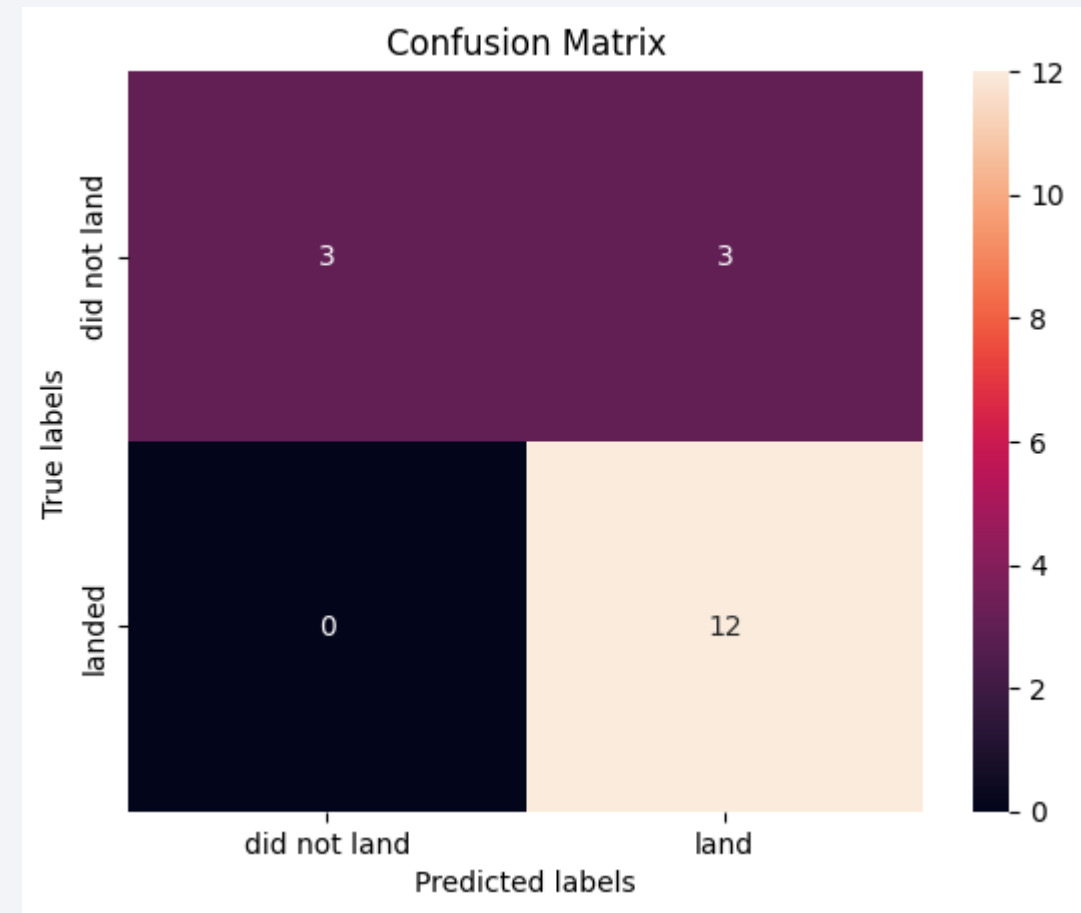
```
models = {'KNeighbors': knn_cv.best_score_,
          'DecisionTree': tree_cv.best_score_,
          'LogisticRegression': logreg_cv.best_score_,
          'SupportVector': svm_cv.best_score_}

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

```
Best model is DecisionTree with a score of 0.8625
DT params: {'criterion': 'entropy', 'max_depth': 12, 'max_features': 'sqrt', 'min_s
amples_leaf': 2, 'min_samples_split': 10, 'splitter': 'random'}
```

# Confusion Matrix

- The confusion matrix for the decision tree classifier shows that the classifier can distinguish between the different classes.





# 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!

