

Winning Space Race with Data Science

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Executive Summary

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Introduction

- 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.
- Problems you want to find answers
 - The project task is to predict if the first stage of the SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket will land successfully or not.

Section 1

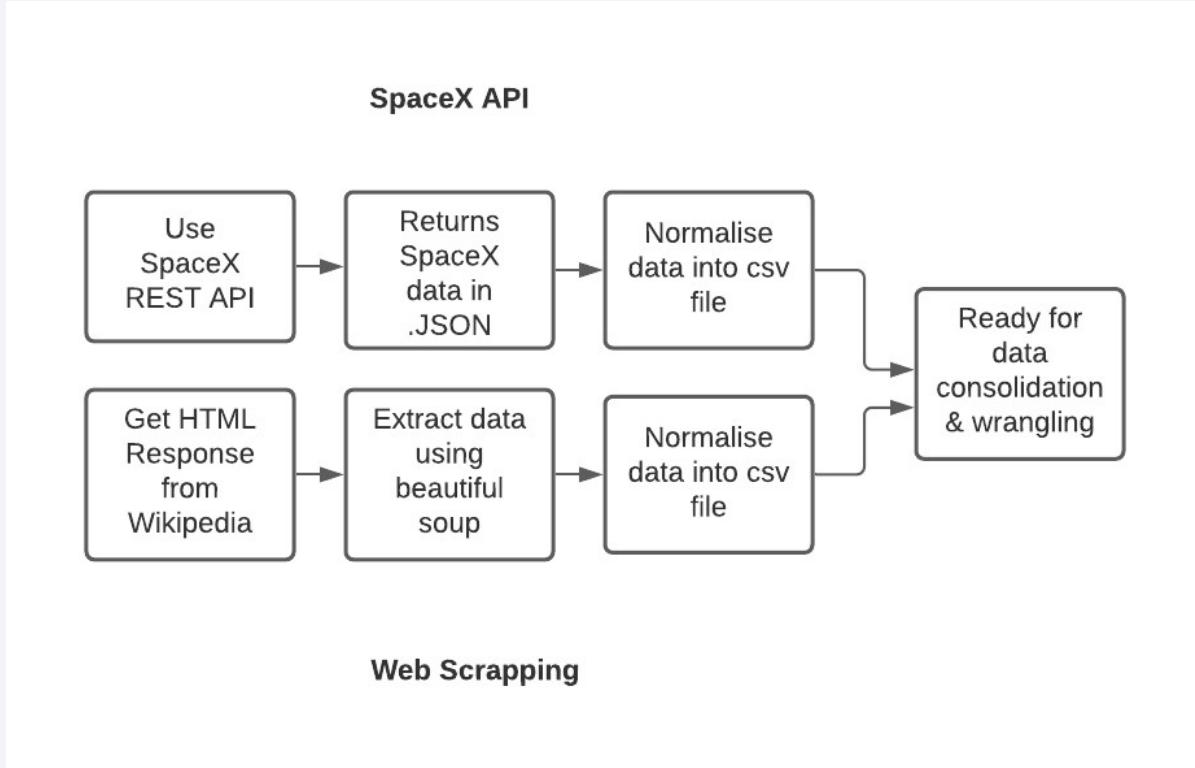
Methodology

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Executive Summary

- **Data collection methodology:**
 - SpaceX Rest API
 - Web Scrapping from Wikipedia
- **Perform data wrangling**
 - One Hot Encoding data fields for Machine Learning and data cleaning of null values and irrelevant 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**
 - Logistic Regression, KNN, SVM, Decision Tree models have been built and evaluated for the best classifier

Data Collection



- Data was collected from the following dataset:
 - SpaceX launch data gathered from the SpaceX REST API.
 - Data about launches includes information about the rocket used, payload delivered, launch specifications, landing specifications, and landing outcome.
 - BeautifulSoup can be used for web scraping Wikipedia to gather Falcon 9 Launch data.

Data Collection - SpaceX API

- Data collection with SpaceX REST calls

1 .Getting Response from API

```
spacex_url="https://api.spacexdata.com/v4/launches/past"  
response = requests.get(spacex_url).json()
```

2. Converting Response to a .json file

```
response = requests.get(static_json_url).json()  
data = pd.json_normalize(response)
```

3. Apply custom functions to clean data

```
getLaunchSite(data)  
getPayloadData(data)  
getCoreData(data)
```

```
getBoosterVersion(data)
```

4. Assign list to dictionary then dataframe

```
launch_dict = {'FlightNumber': list(data['flight_number']),  
'Date': list(data['date']),  
'BoosterVersion':BoosterVersion,  
'PayloadMass':PayloadMass,  
'orbit':Orbit,  
'LaunchSite':LaunchSite,  
'Outcome':Outcome,  
'Flights':Flights,  
'GridFins':GridFins,  
'Reused':Reused,  
'Legs':Legs,  
'LandingPad':LandingPad,  
'Block':Block,  
'ReusedCount':ReusedCount,  
'Serial':Serial,  
'Longitude': Longitude,  
'Latitude': Latitude}
```

```
df = pd.DataFrame.from_dict(launch_dict)
```

5. Filter dataframe and export to flat file (.csv)

```
data_falcon9 = df.loc[df['BoosterVersion']!='Falcon 1']
```

```
data_falcon9.to_csv('dataset_part_1.csv', index=False)
```

[Link to notebook](#)

Data Collection - Web Scraping

- Web Scrapping from Wikipedia

[Link to notebook](#)

1 .Getting Response from HTML

```
page = requests.get(static_url)
```

2. Creating BeautifulSoup Object

```
soup = BeautifulSoup(page.text, 'html.parser')
```

3. Finding tables

```
html_tables = soup.find_all('table')
```

4. Getting column names

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

6. Appending data to keys (refer) to notebook block 12

```
In [12]: extracted_row = 0
#Extract each table
for table_number,table in enumerate(soup.findAll('table')):
    # get table row
    for rows in table.findAll("tr"):
        #check to see if first
```

8. Dataframe to .CSV

```
df.to_csv('spacex_web_scraped.csv', index=False)
```

5. Creation of dictionary

```
launch_dict= dict.fromkeys(column_names)

# Remove an irrelevant column
del launch_dict['Date and time ( )']

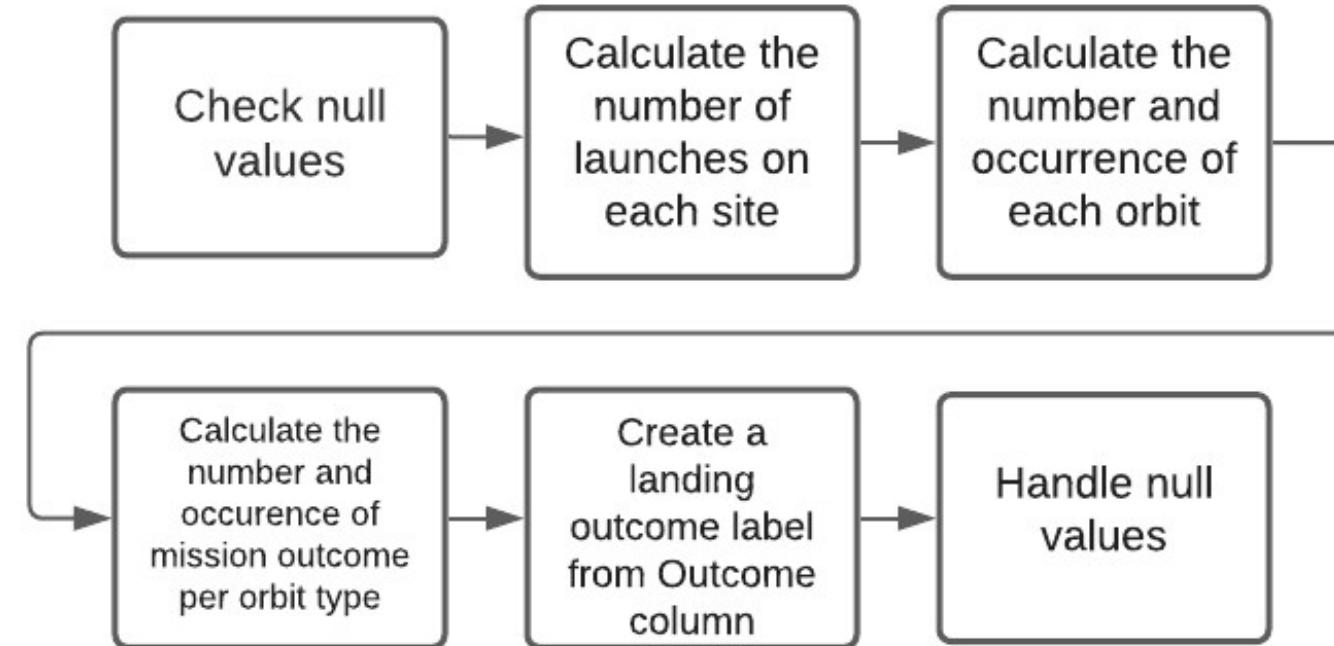
launch_dict['Flight No.'] = []
launch_dict['Launch site'] = []
launch_dict['Payload'] = []
launch_dict['Payload mass'] = []
launch_dict['Orbit'] = []
launch_dict['Customer'] = []
launch_dict['Launch outcome'] = []
launch_dict['Version Booster']= []
launch_dict['Booster landing']= []
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launch_dict['Time']= []
```

7. Converting dictionary to dataframe

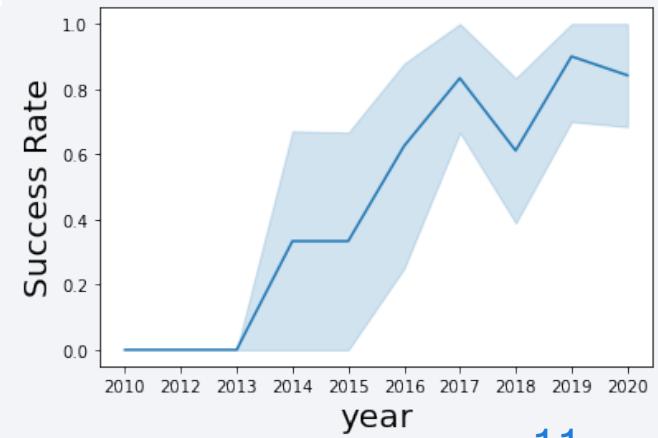
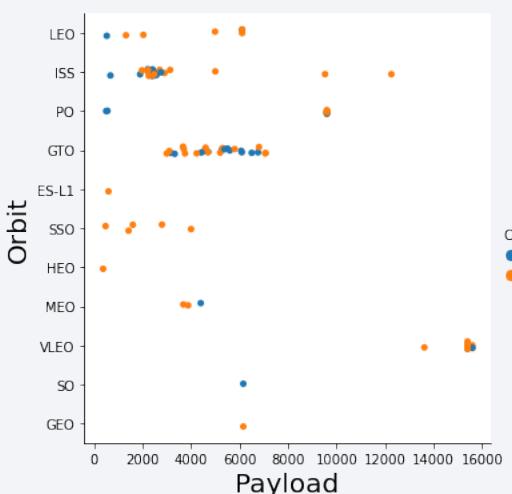
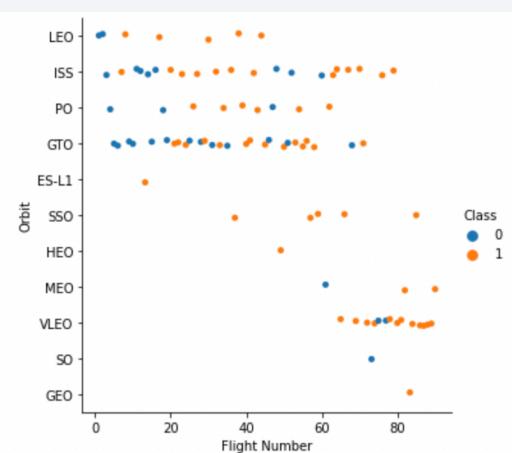
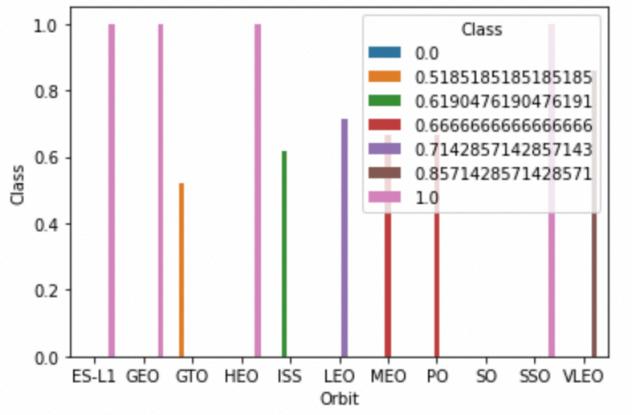
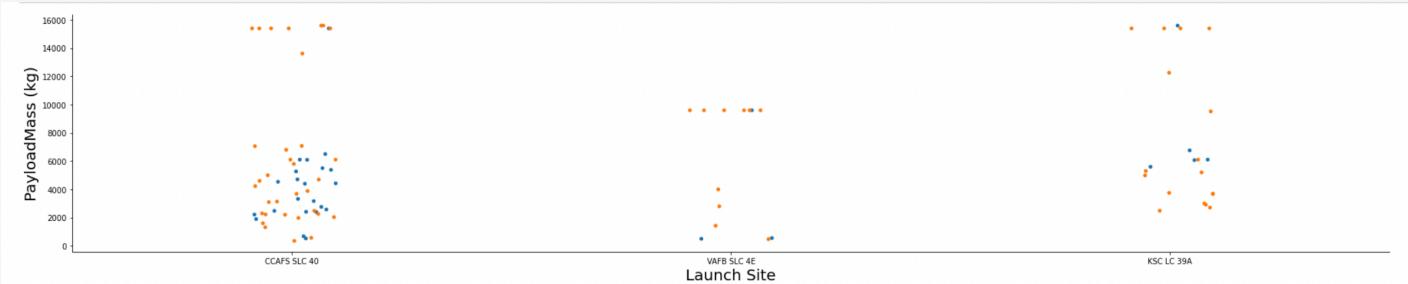
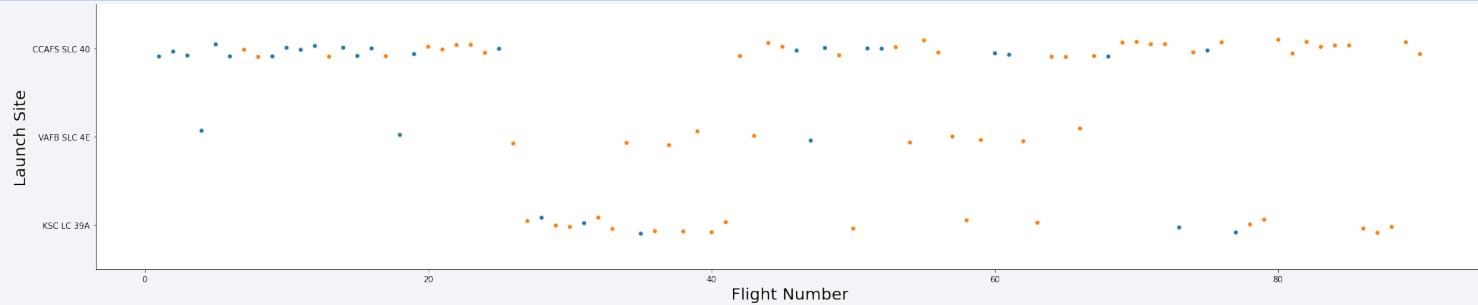
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Data Wrangling

EDA analysis



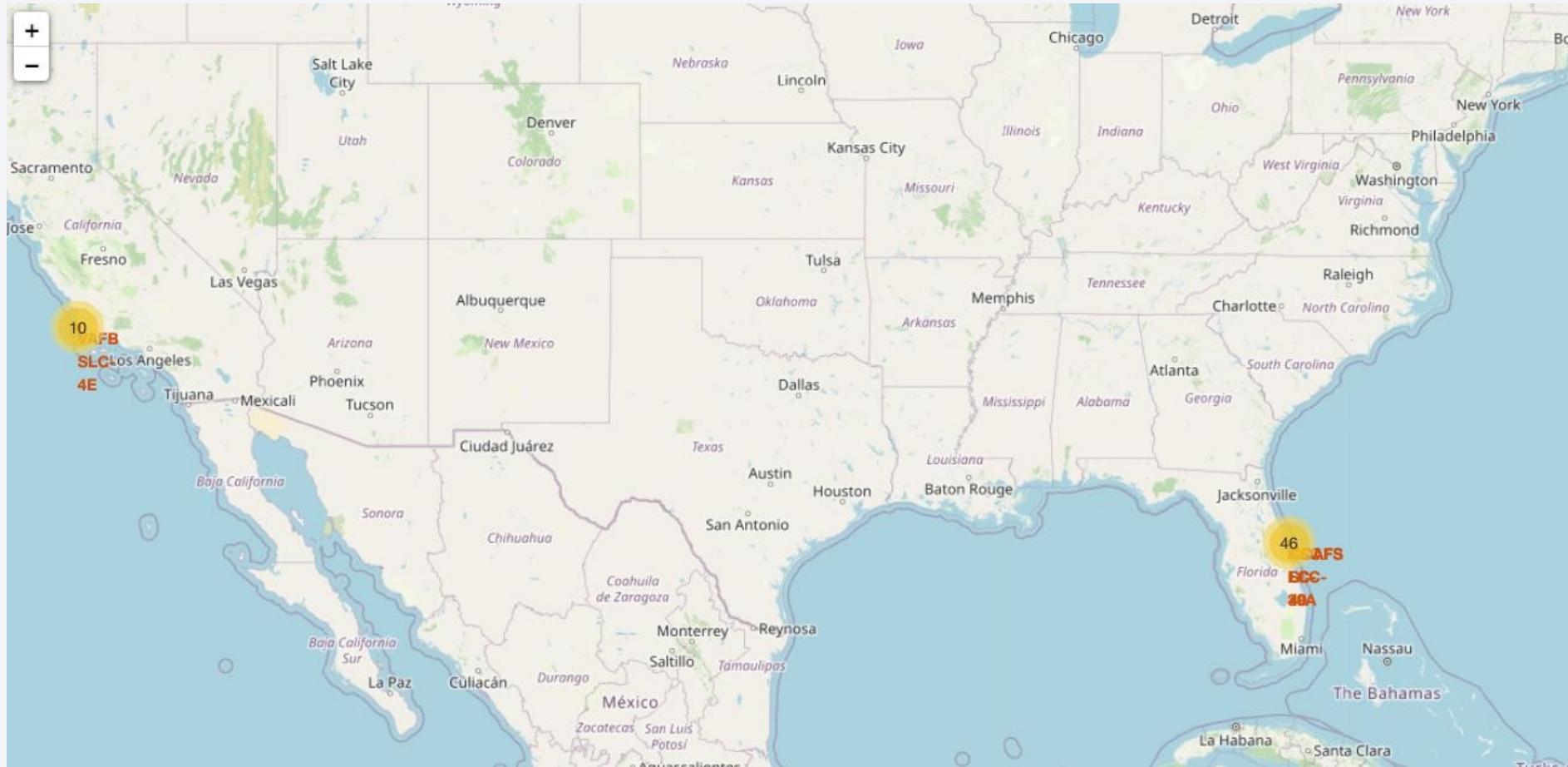
EDA with Data Visualisation



EDA with SQL

- **Tasks performed:**
 - Displayed the names of the unique launch sites in the space mission
 - Displayed 5 records where launch sites begin with the string 'KSC'
 - Displayed the total payload mass carried by boosters launched by NASA (CRS)
 - Displayed average payload mass carried by booster version F9 v1.1
 - Listed the date where the successful landing outcome in drone ship was achieved.
 - Listed the names of the boosters which have success in ground pad and have payload mass greater than 4000 but less than 6000
 - Listed the total number of successful and failure mission outcomes
 - Listed the names of the booster_versions which have carried the maximum payload mass.
 - Listed the records which will display the month names, successful landing_outcomes in ground pad ,booster versions, launch_site for the months in year 2017
 - Ranked the count of successful landing_outcomes between the date 2010/06/04 and 2017/03/20 in descending order.

Build an Interactive Map with Folium



Map markers have been added to the map with aim to finding an optimal location for building a launch site

Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

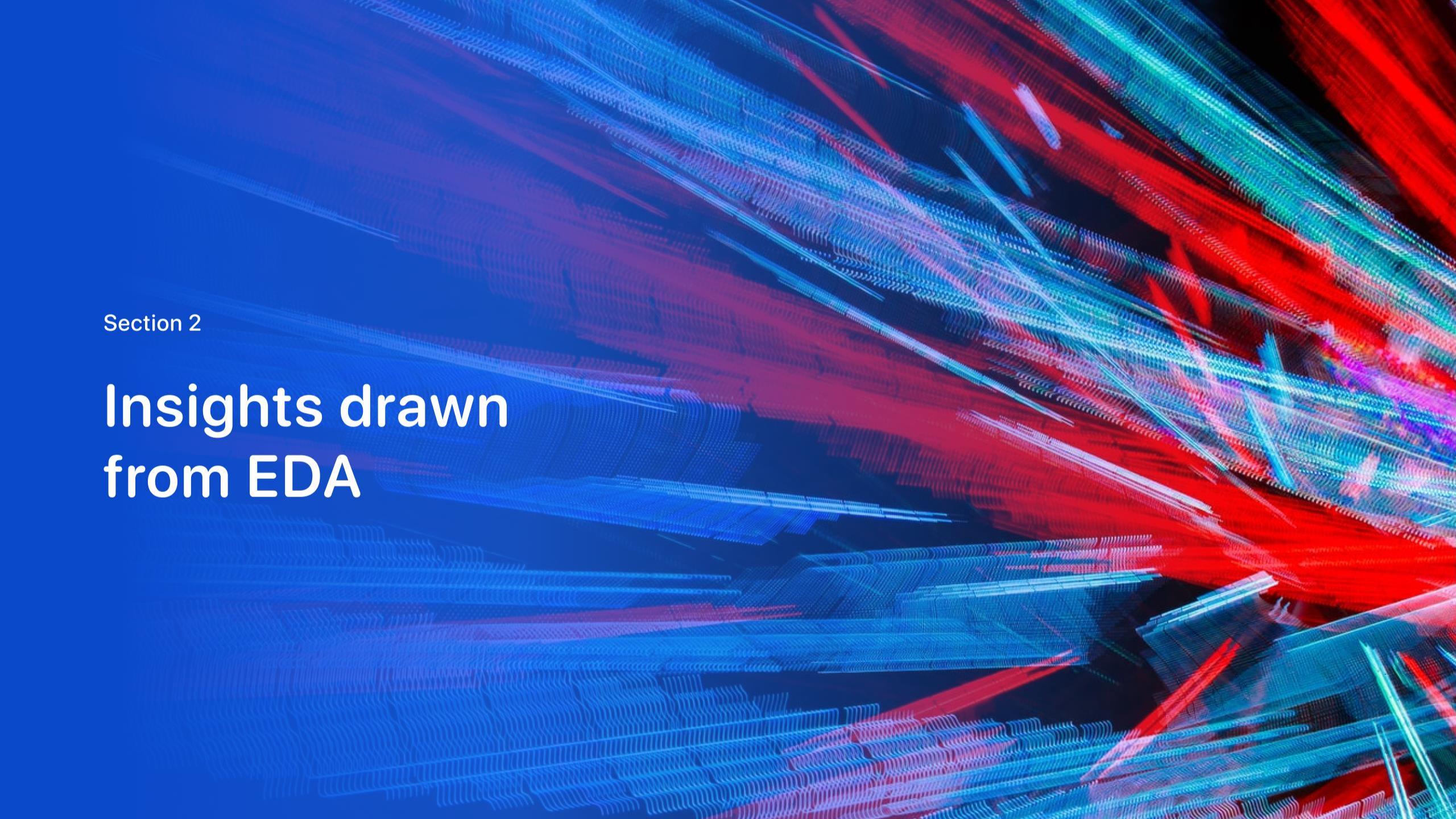


Predictive Analysis (Classification)

- The SVM, KNN, and Logistic Regression model achieved the highest accuracy at 94.4%.

Results

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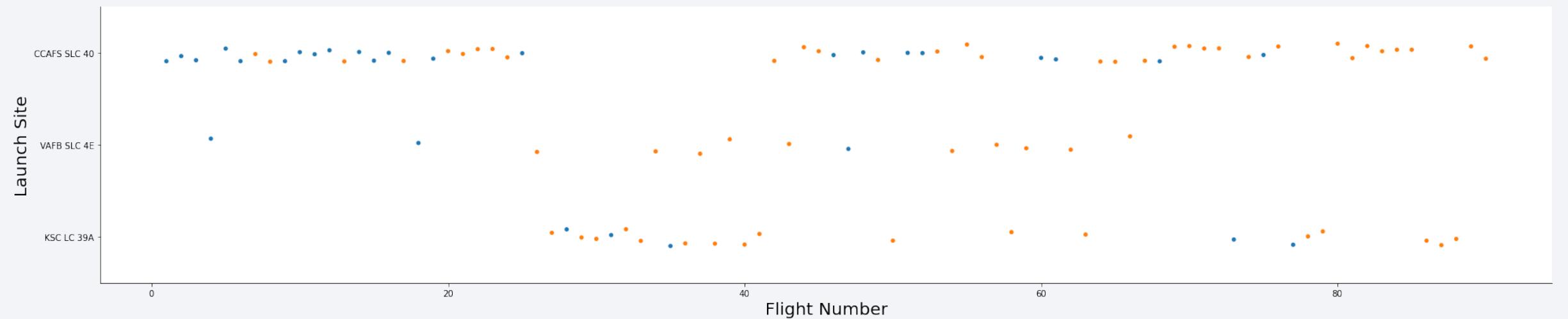
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Section 2

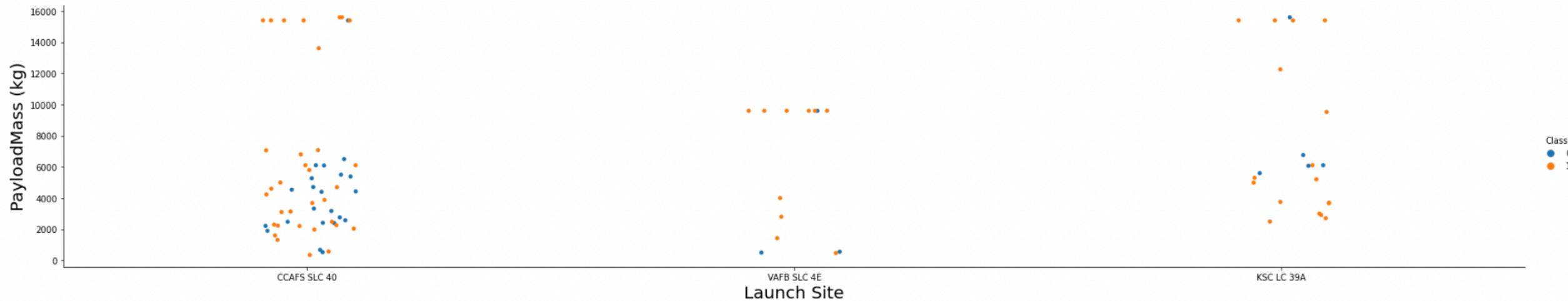
Insights drawn from EDA

Flight Number vs. Launch Site

- Launches from the site of CCAFS SLC 40 are much higher than launches from other sites.

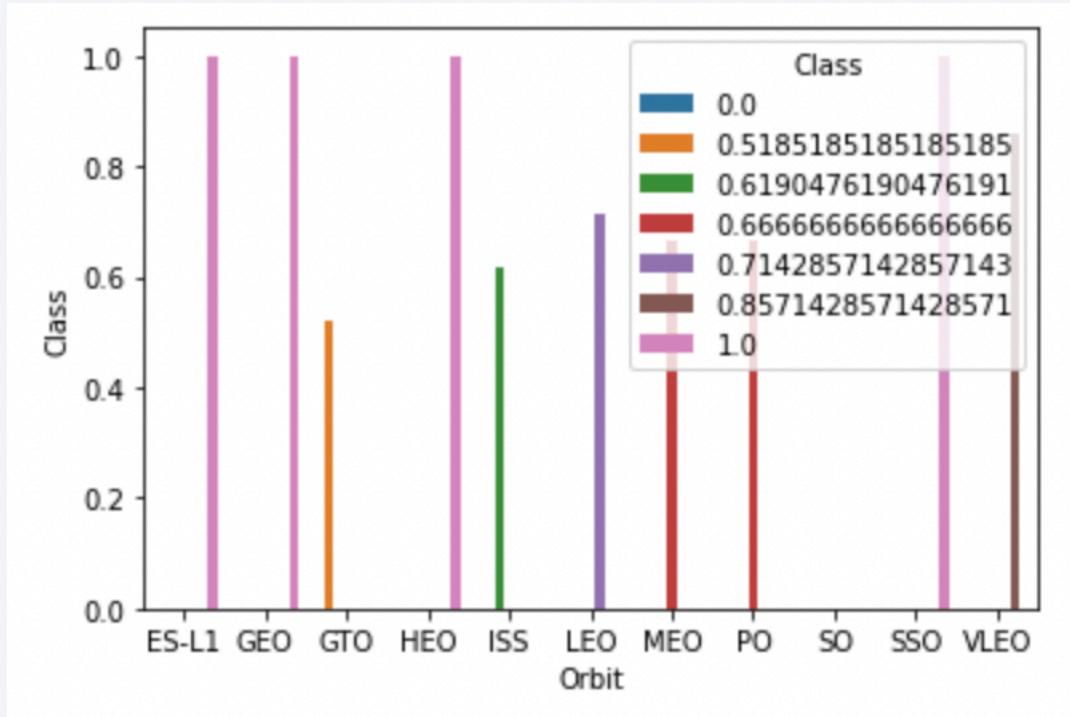


Payload vs. Launch Site



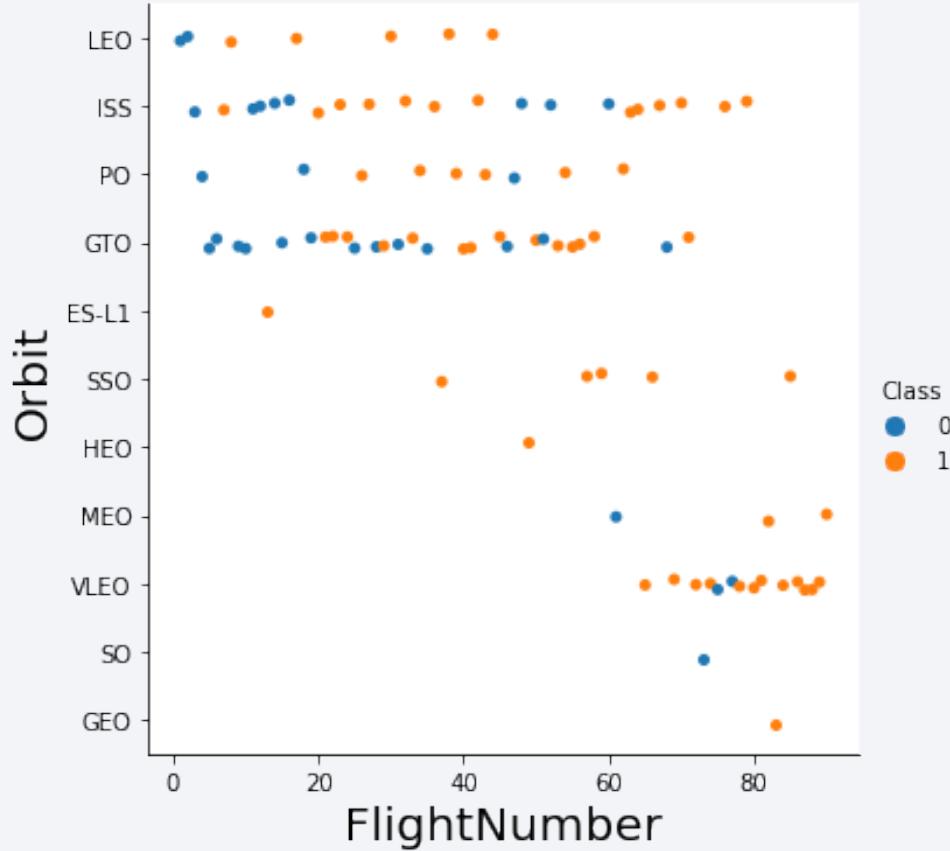
- The majority of launches with lower mass have been from CCAFS SLC 40.
- For VAFB, there is no launch above 10000 kg.

Success Rate vs. Orbit Type



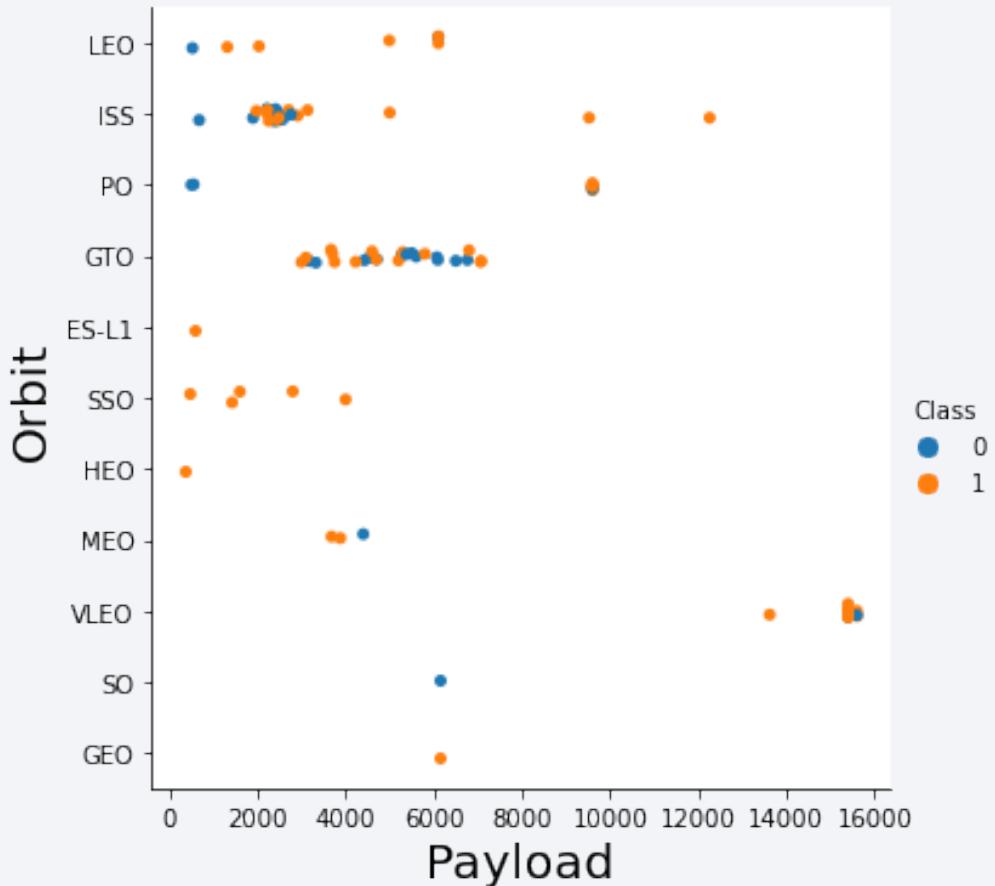
- The orbit types of ES-L1, GEO, HEO, SSO have one the highest success rates.

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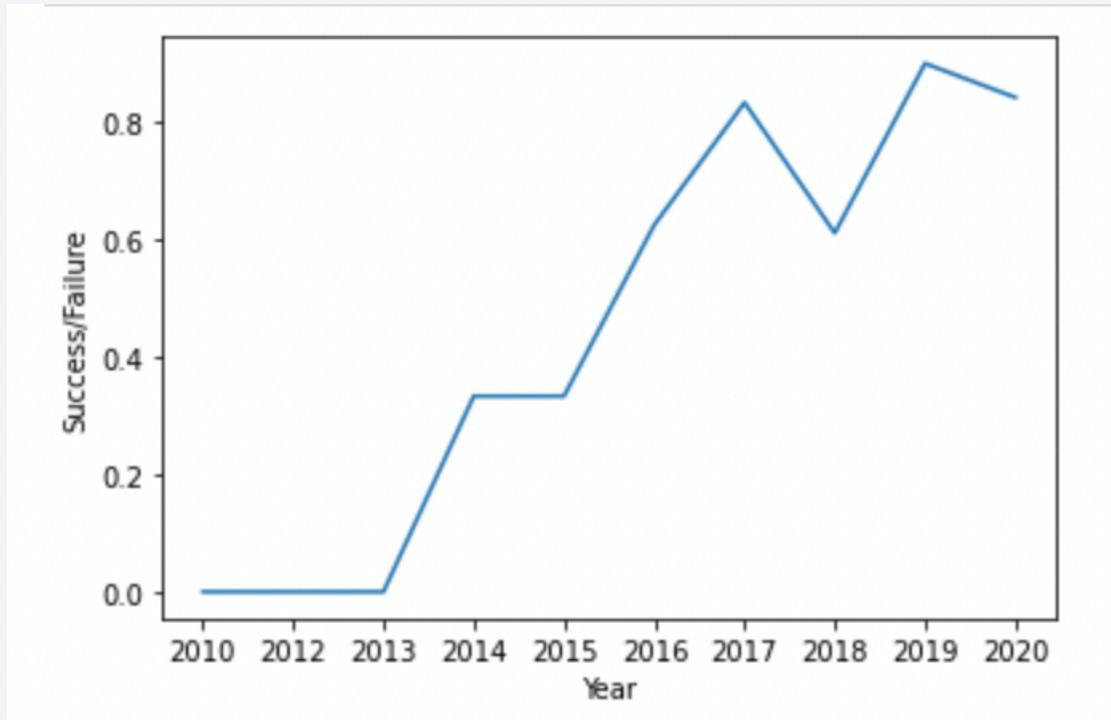
- For LEO, the later launches were successful.
- Towards the end, more launches can be seen from VLEO.

Payload vs. Orbit Type



- A strong correlation can be seen between GTO and Payload at the range around 4000 - 7500, as well as between ISS and Payload at 2000.

Launch Success Yearly Trend



- Launch success rate has increased significantly since 2013, potentially due to advancement in the field of technology.

All Launch Site Names

- %sql select distinct(LAUNCH_SITE) from spacex

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

Launch Site Names Begin with 'CCA'

- %sql select * from spacex where LAUNCH_SITE like 'CCA%' limit 5

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

- %sql select sum(PAYLOAD_MASS_KG_) from spacex where CUSTOMER = 'NASA (CRS)'



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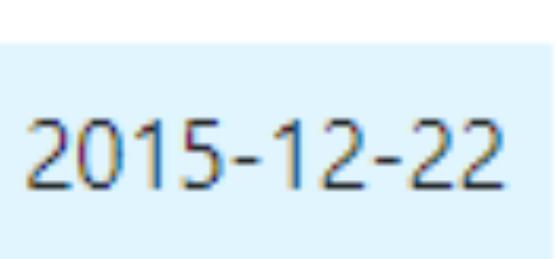
Average Payload Mass by F9 v1.1

- %sql select avg(PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_) from spacex where BOOSTER_VERSION = 'F9 v1.1'

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2928.400000
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First Successful Ground Landing Date

- %sql select min(DATE) from spacex where Landing__Outcome = 'Success (ground pad)'



2015-12-22

Successful Drone Ship Landing with Payload between 4000 and 6000

- %sql select BOOSTER_VERSION from spacex where Landing_Outcome = 'Success (drone ship)' and 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

- %sql select count(MISSION_OUTCOME) from spacex where MISSION_OUTCOME = 'Success' or MISSION_OUTCOME = 'Failure (in flight)'



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Boosters Carried Maximum Payload

- %sql select BOOSTER_VERSION from spacex where PAYLOAD_MASS_KG_ = (select max(PAYLOAD_MASS_KG_) from SPACEXTBL)

booster_version
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

- %sql select * from spacex where Landing__Outcome like 'Success%' and (DATE between '2015-01-01' and '2015-12-31') order by date desc

time_utc_	booster_version	launch_site	payload	payload_mass_kg_	orbit	customer	mission_outcome	landing_outcome
14:39:00	F9 FT B1031.1	KSC LC-39A	SpaceX CRS-10	2490	LEO (ISS)	NASA (CRS)	Success	Success (ground pad)
17:54:00	F9 FT B1029.1	VAFB SLC-4E	Iridium NEXT 1	9600	Polar LEO	Iridium Communications	Success	Success (drone ship)
05:26:00	F9 FT B1026	CCAFS LC-40	JCSAT-16	4600	GTO	SKY Perfect JSAT Group	Success	Success (drone ship)
04:45:00	F9 FT B1025.1	CCAFS LC-40	SpaceX CRS-9	2257	LEO (ISS)	NASA (CRS)	Success	Success (ground pad)
21:39:00	F9 FT B1023.1	CCAFS LC-40	Thaicom 8	3100	GTO	Thaicom	Success	Success (drone ship)
05:21:00	F9 FT B1022	CCAFS LC-	JCSAT-14	4600	GTO	SKY Perfect JSAT	Success	Success (drone ship)

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

- %sql select * from spacex where Landing__Outcome like 'Success%' and (DATE between '2010-06-04' and '2017-03-20') order by date desc

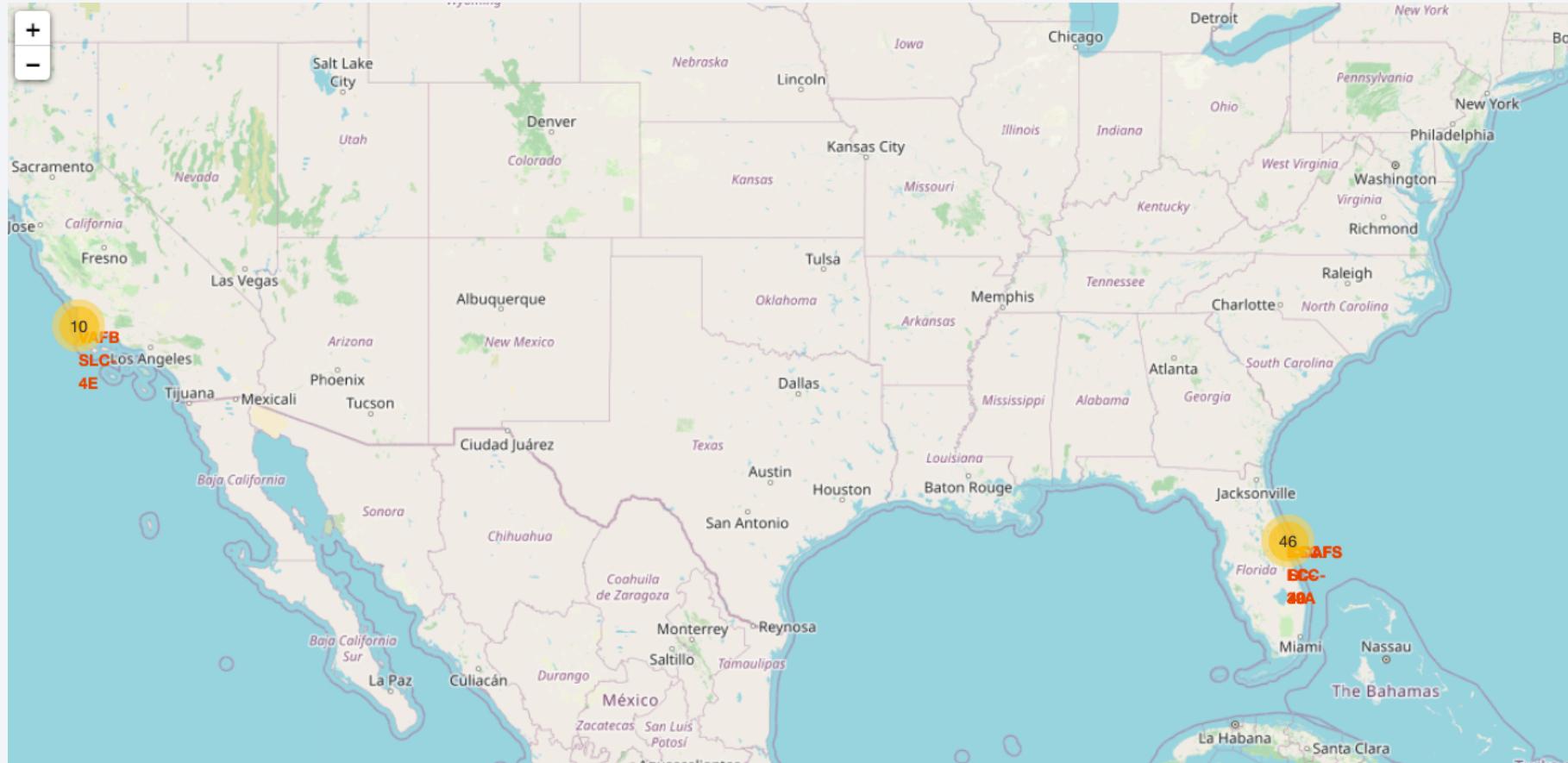
2016-05-27	21:39:00	F9 FT B1023.1	CCAFS LC-40	Thaicom 8	3100	GTO	Thaicom	Success	Success (drone ship)	
2016-05-06	05:21:00	F9 FT B1022	CCAFS LC-40	JCSAT-14	4696	GTO	SKY Perfect JSAT Group	Success	Success (drone ship)	
2016-04-08	20:43:00	F9 FT B1021.1	CCAFS LC-40	SpaceX CRS-8	3136	LEO (ISS)	NASA (CRS)	Success	Success (drone ship)	
2015-12-22	01:29:00	F9 FT B1019	CCAFS LC-40	OG2 Mission 2 11 Orbcomm-OG2 satellites	2034	LEO	Orbcomm	Success	Success (ground pad)	

The background of the slide is a photograph taken from space at night. It shows the curvature of the Earth's horizon against a dark blue sky. City lights are visible as numerous small white and yellow dots, primarily concentrated in the lower right quadrant where a large urban area is illuminated. In the upper right corner, there is a bright, horizontal green glow, likely representing the aurora borealis or a similar atmospheric phenomenon.

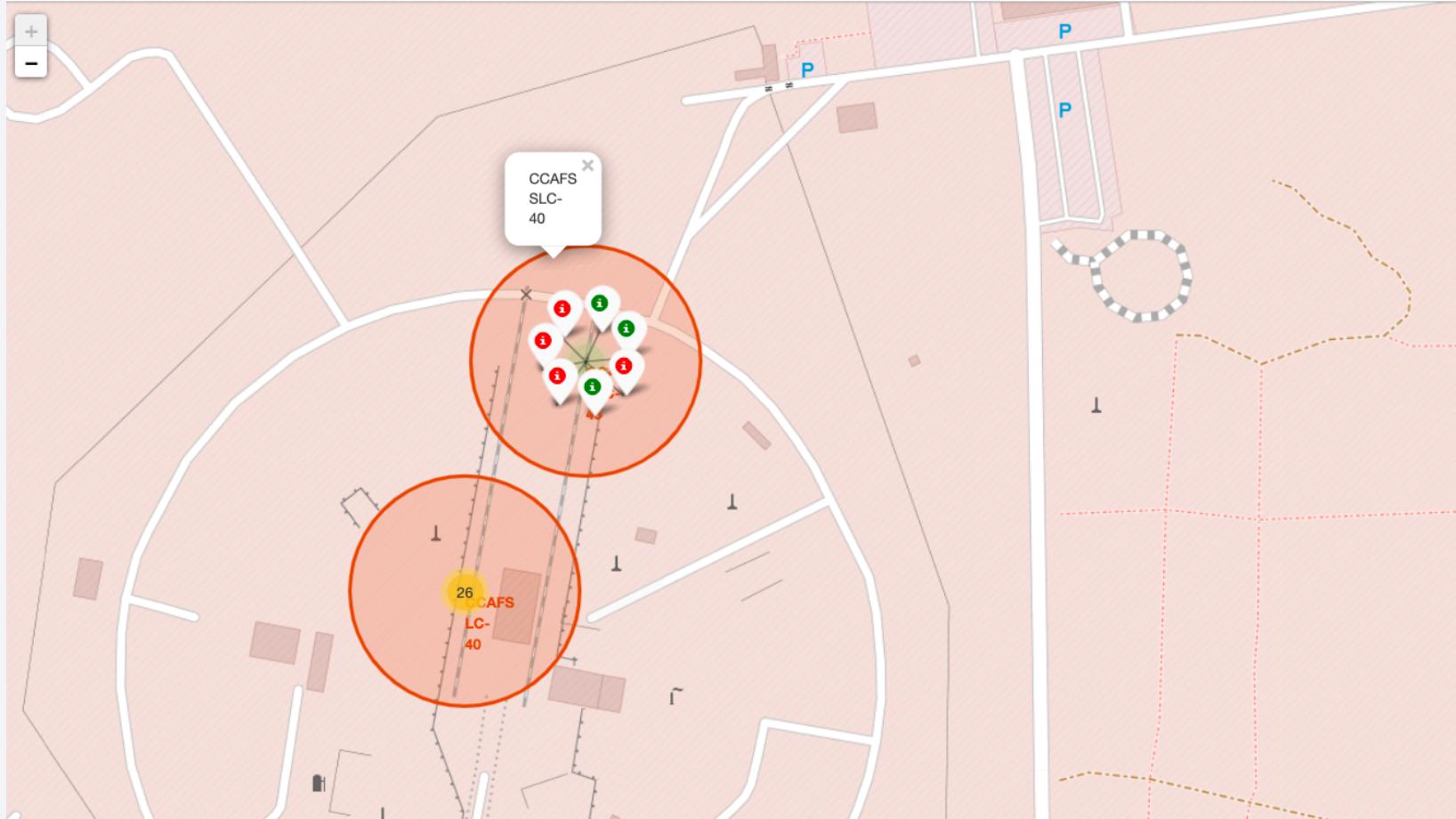
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Launch Sites Proximities Analysis

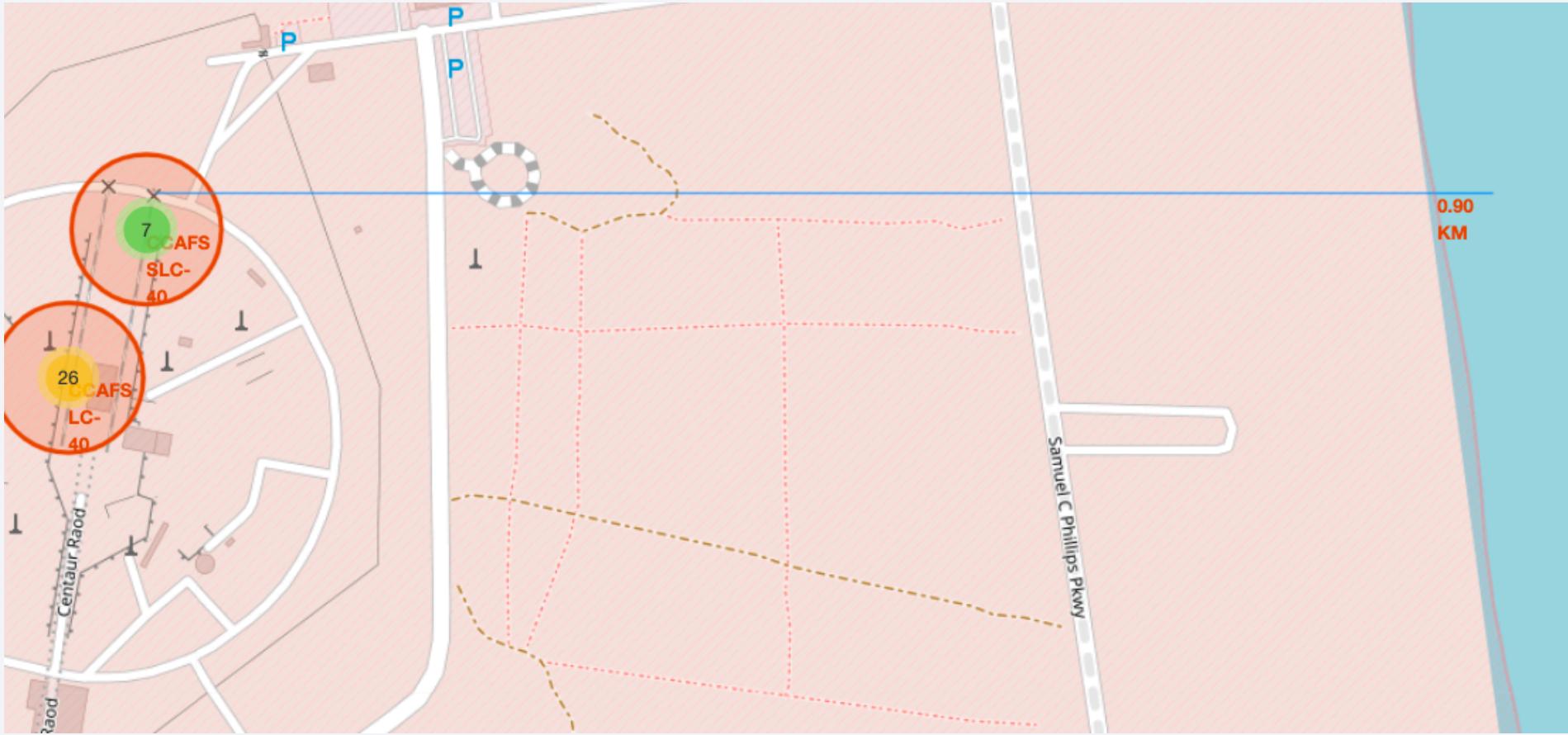
All launch sites marked on a map



Success/failed launches marked on the map

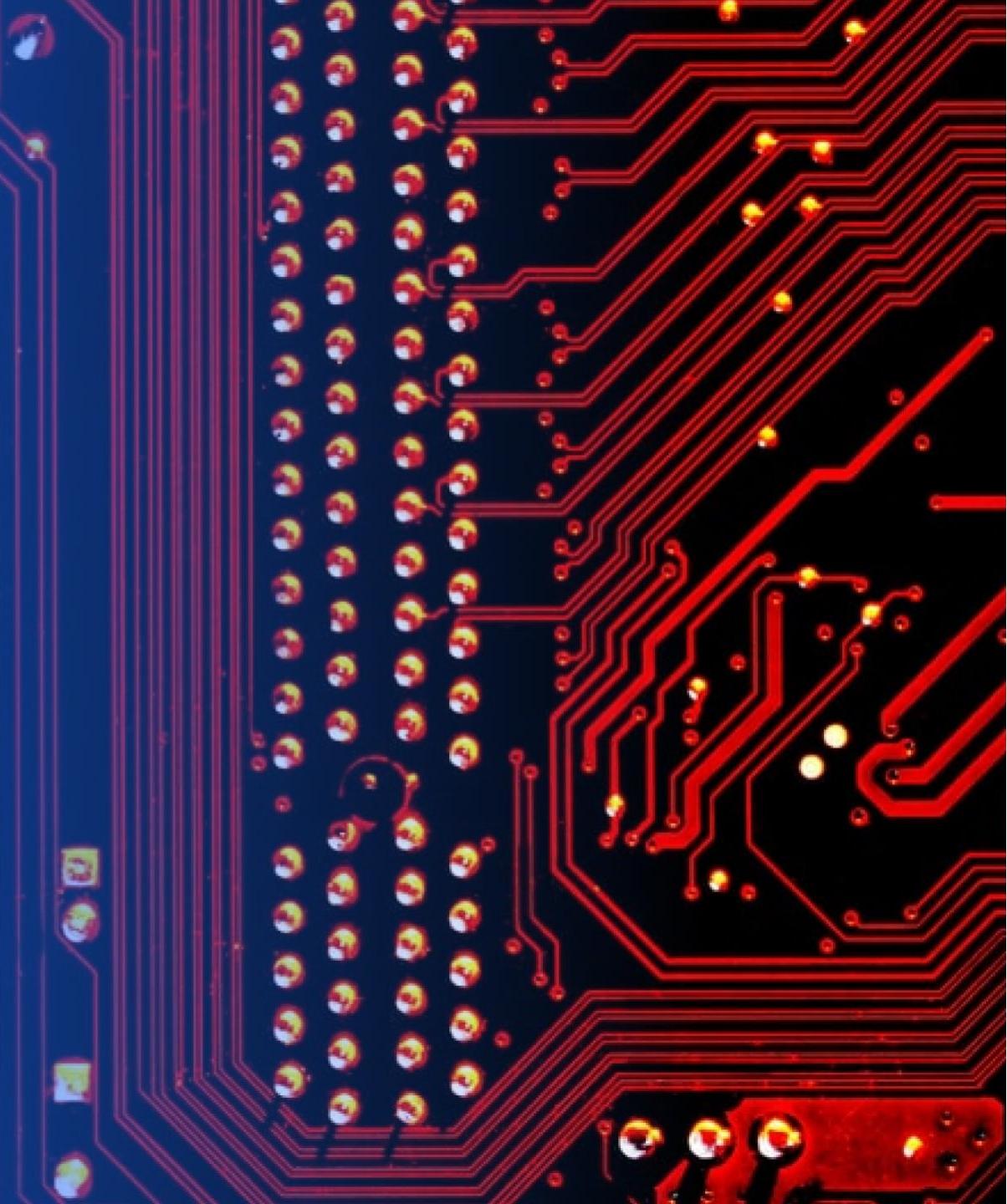


Distances between a launch site to its proximities

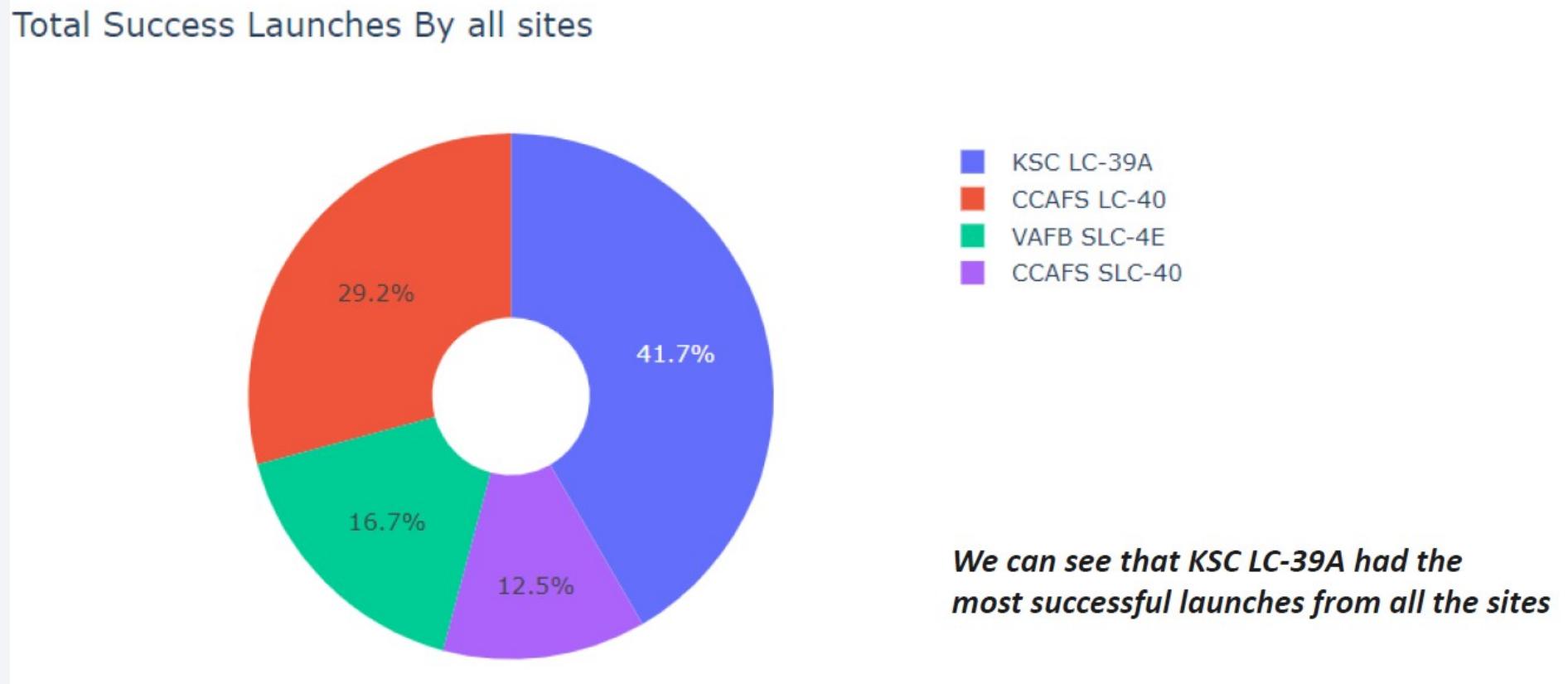


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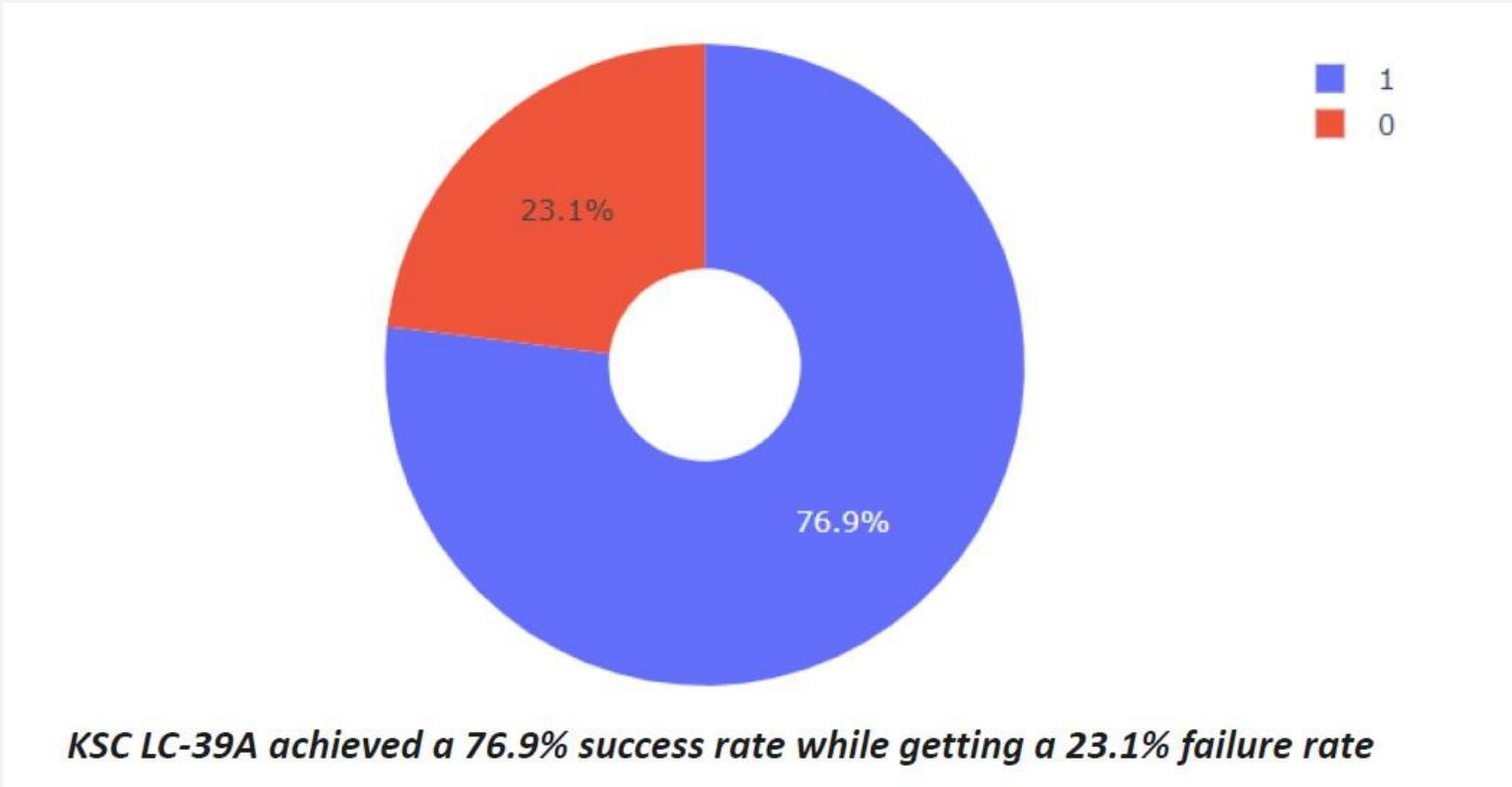
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Total success launches by all sites

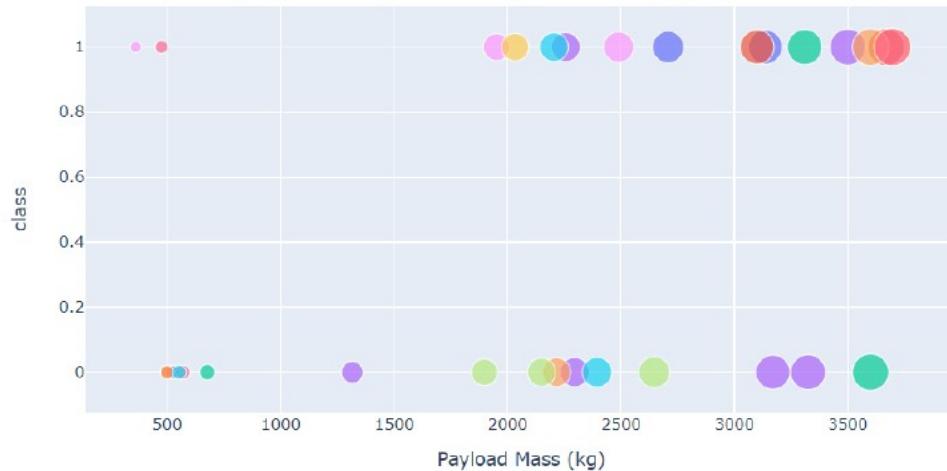


Success rate by site

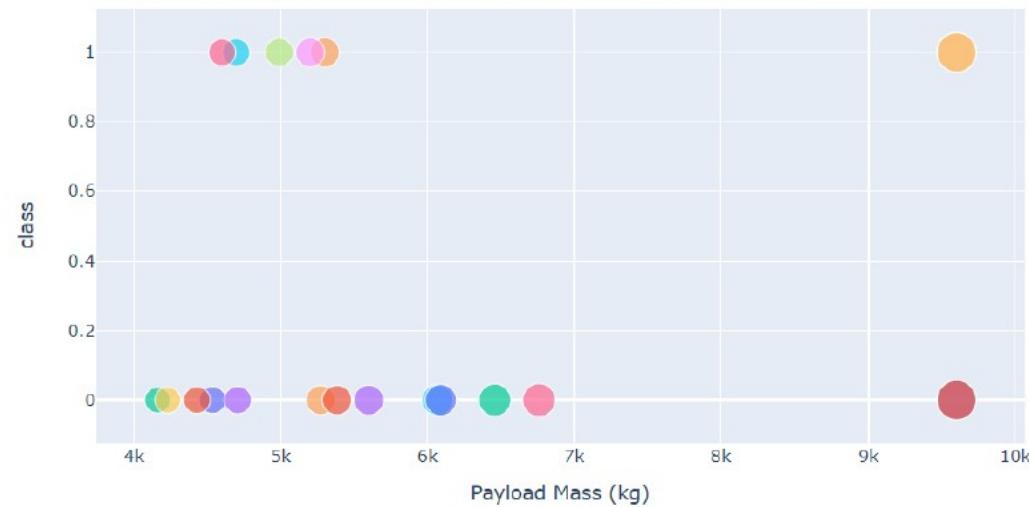


Payload vs launch outcome

Low Weighted Payload 0kg – 4000kg



Heavy Weighted Payload 4000kg – 10000kg



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

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Section 6

Predictive Analysis (Classification)

Classification Accuracy

Scores on test data for each method

Logistic Regression: 0.944

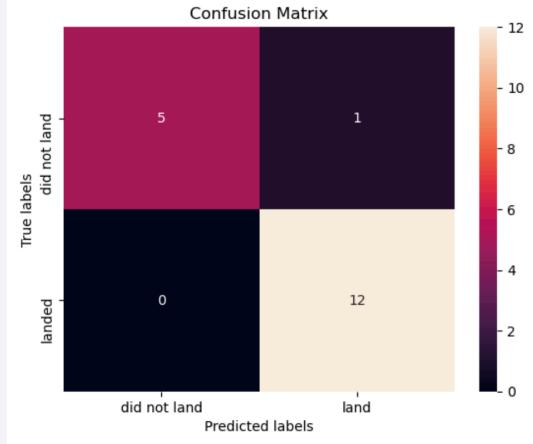
SVM: 0.944

Decision Tree: 0.667

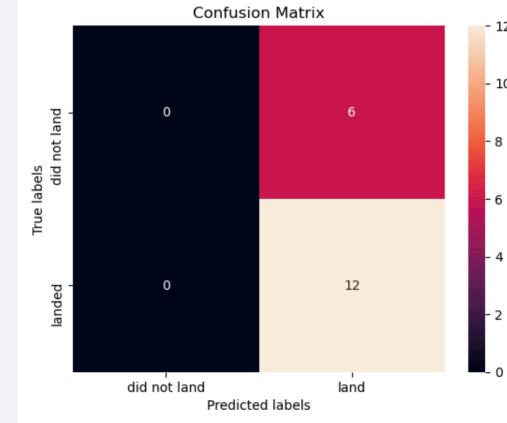
KNN: 0.944

So, except for Decision Tree, all other methods performed equally better.

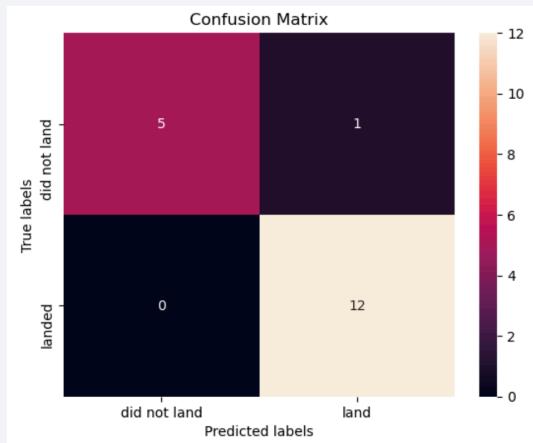
Confusion Matrix



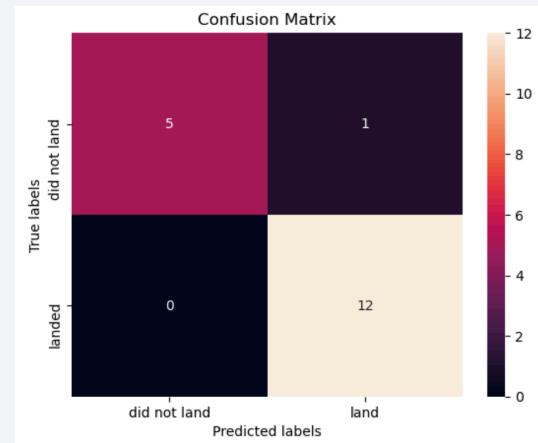
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Tree



SVM



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