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Winning Space Race with Data Science

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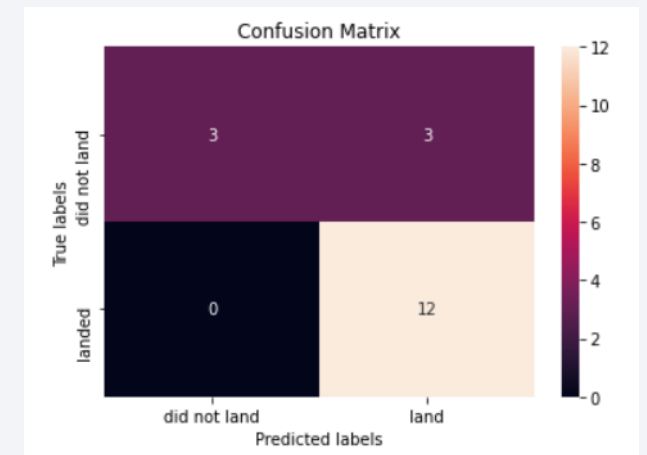
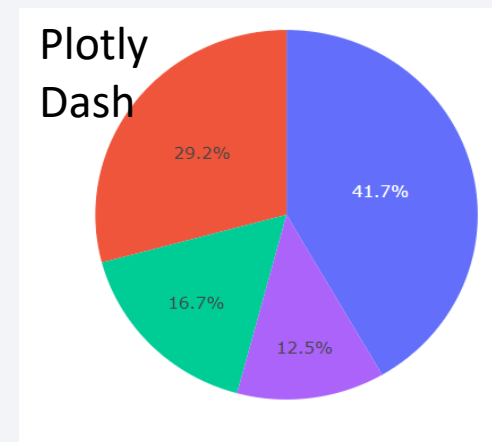
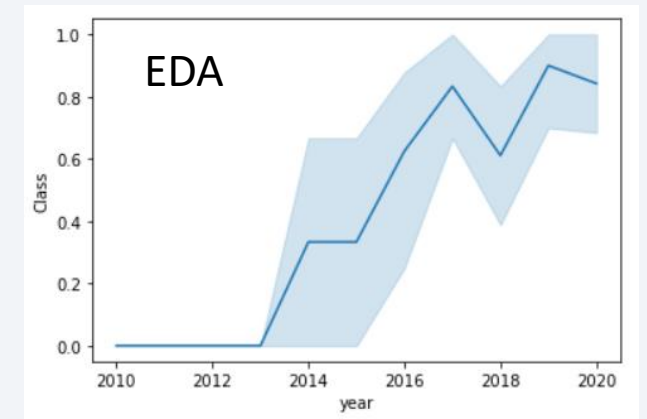
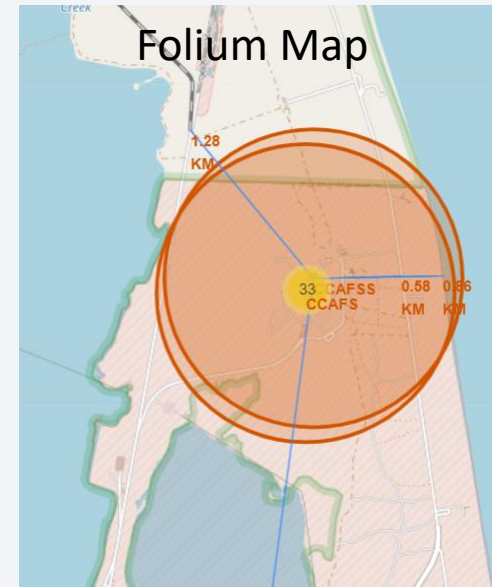
Executive Summary

- Summary of methodologies

- Data Collection with API and Web scraping
- Data Wrangling
- Exploratory Data Analysis and Visualization
- Interactive Maps with Folium and Dashboard with Plotly Dash
- Predictive Analysis for various classification models

- Summary of all results

- Interactive Data Visualization
- Best Classification Model for Predictive Analysis



Model evaluation

Introduction

- SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket launches cost \$62 M
- Other providers cost \$165M
- Why are costs so different?
- because SpaceX can reuse the first stage!

Problems of interest:

- What factors determine successful rocket landing?
- Understanding Relationship among different predictor variables and outcome
- Predict if the first stage will land successfully or not



Landing Success

Motivation

- Graduated from a university in Florida and lived in Florida for about five years
- Have witnessed rocket launches in KSC!
- Data Science project with SpaceX launches gave great opportunity to explore data and factors behind launch success and failure





Section 1

Methodology

Methodology

Executive Summary

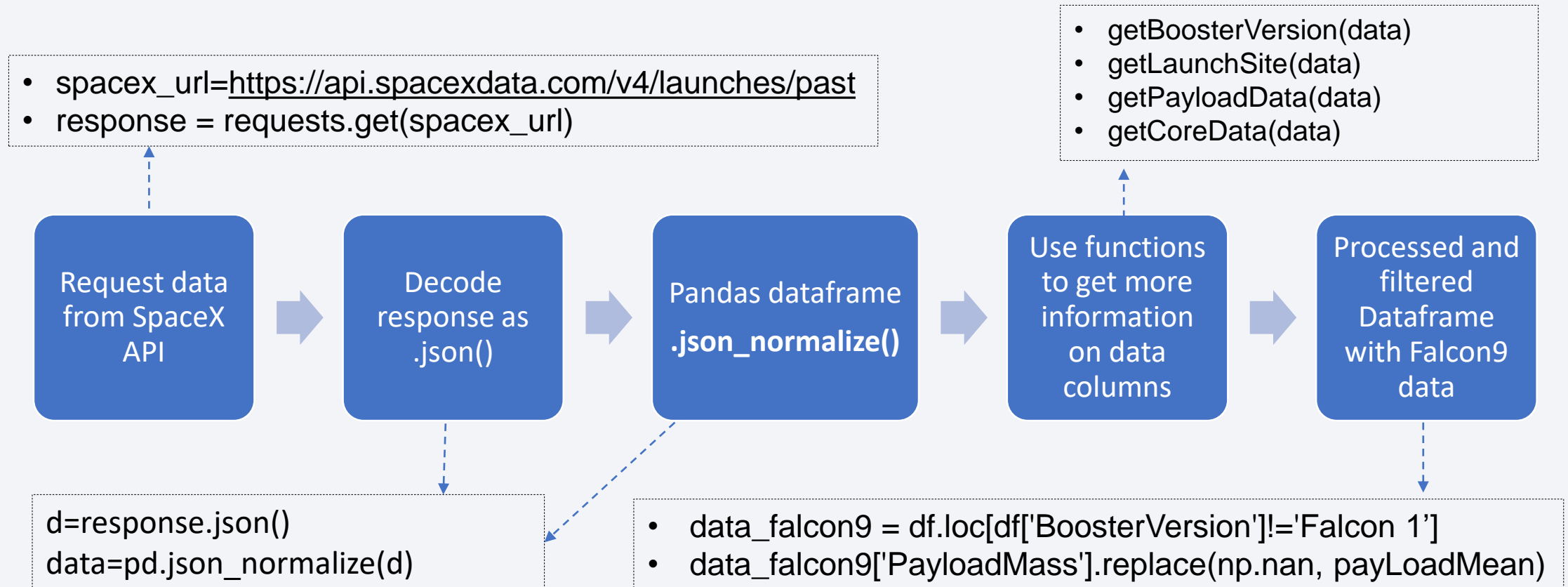
- Data collection:
 - SpaceX API was requested to get information about SpaceX launches
 - Web scraping of Wikipedia page* to collect Falcon 9 historical launch records
- Data wrangling
 - Converting outcome labels and other data for training supervised models
- Exploratory data analysis (EDA) using visualization and SQL
- Interactive visual analytics using Folium and Plotly Dash
- Predictive analysis using classification models
 - Split Data into train and test, use train data for training different classification models, evaluate model accuracy using test data

Data Collection

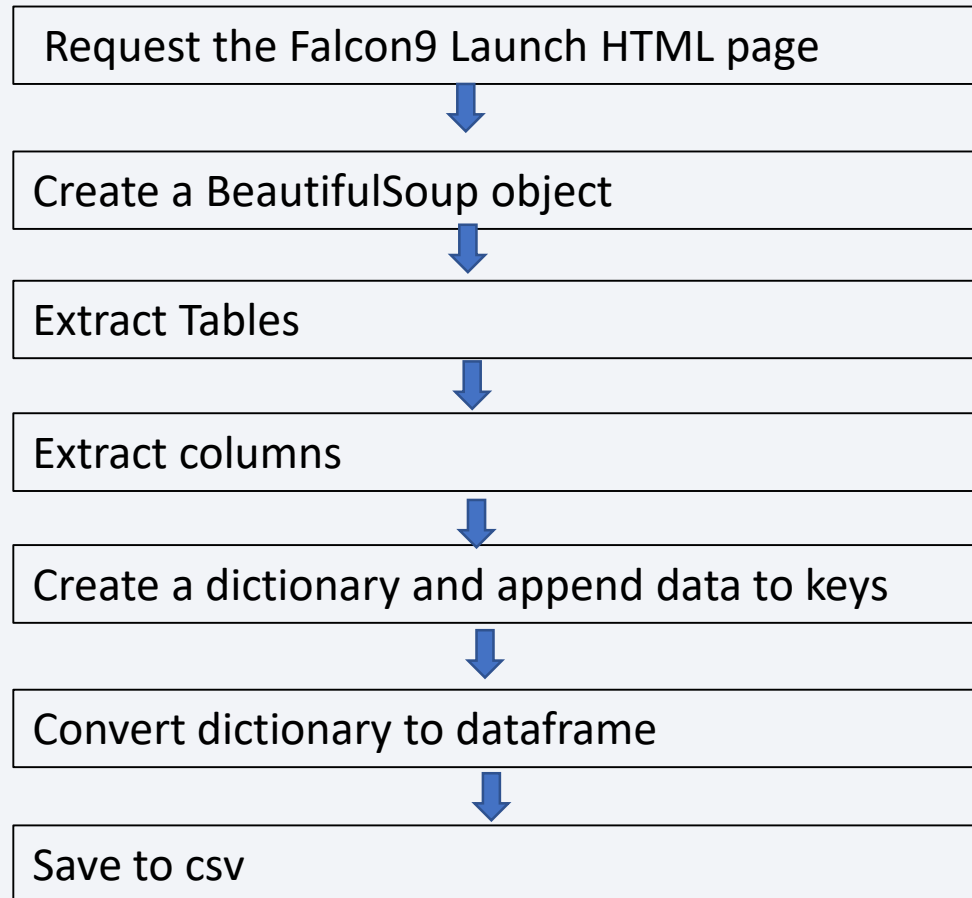
- Relevant data on SpaceX to predict rocket launch outcomes was gathered
- SpaceX API was requested to get launches related data
- Web scraping of SpaceX Wikipedia page to collect Falcon 9 historical launch records



Data Collection – SpaceX API



Data Collection - Scraping



[GitHub URL scraping](#)

static_url=<https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=List of Falcon 9 and Falcon Heavy launches&oldid=1027686922>

```
html_data = requests.get(static_url).text
```

```
soup = BeautifulSoup(html_data, 'html5lib')
```

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

```
column_names = []  
for row in first_launch_table.find_all('th'):  
    name = extract_column_from_header(row)  
    if name != None and len(name) > 0:  
        column_names.append(name)
```

```
launch_dict= dict.fromkeys(column_names)
```

Flight No.	Launch site	Payload	Payload mass	Orbit	Customer	Launch outcome	Version Booster	Booster landing	Date	Time
1	CCAFS	Dragon Spacecraft Qualification Unit	NaN	LEO	SpaceX	Success\n	F9 v1.0B0003.1	Failure	4 June 2010	18:45
2	CCAFS	Dragon	NaN	LEO	NASA	Success	F9 v1.0B0004.1	Failure	8 December 2010	15:43

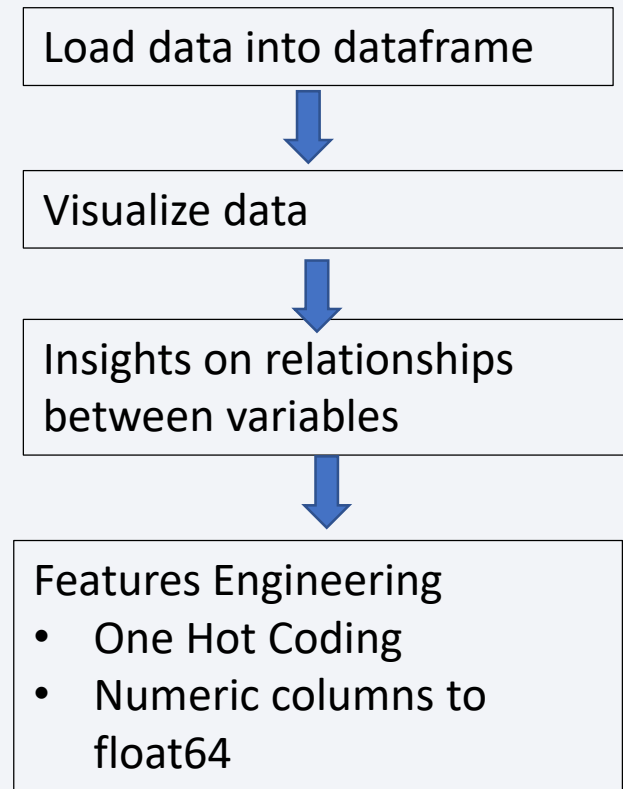
Data Wrangling

- Data was preprocessed, explored and Outcome labels for training models determined -
 - % missing values in each attribute: `df.isnull().sum()/ df.count()*100`
 - Identify which columns are numerical and categorical: `df.dtypes`
 - Number of launches per orbit type: `df['Orbit'].value_counts()`
 - Number of landing outcomes: `df['Outcome'].value_counts()`
 - Landing Class was created with 0 as Success and 1 as failure in landing
 - Dummy variables were created for categorical columns

EDA with Data Visualization

- Various charts were plotted to visualize relationships between various variables of interest
 - FlightNumber vs PayloadMass
 - Flight Number vs Launch Site
 - Payload and Launch Site
 - Success rate per Orbit Type
 - FlightNumber and Orbit type
 - Launch success yearly trend from 2013 to 2020

[GitHub URL EDA Visualization](#)



EDA with SQL

- The SQL queries performed to gain insights on payloads, mission outcomes, launch sites and landing outcomes



- `%sql select unique(launch_site) from SPACEXTBL`
- `%sql select avg(payload_mass__kg_) as avg_payload_mass from SPACEXTBL where (booster_version) like 'F9 v1.1';`
- `%sql select min(DATE) as firstSuccessGroundDate from SPACEXTBL where LANDING__OUTCOME='Success (ground pad)';`
- `%sql select BOOSTER_VERSION from SPACEXTBL where PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_=(select max(PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_) from SPACEXTBL);`
- `%sql select MISSION_OUTCOME,count(MISSION_OUTCOME) as cnt from SPACEXTBL GROUP BYMISSION_OUTCOME;`

[GitHub URL EDA SQL](#)

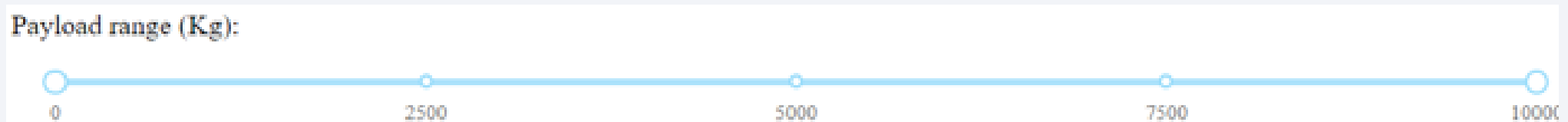
Build an Interactive Map with Folium

- Does launch success depend on the location and proximities of a launch site?
- What factors decide building a launch site?
- Folium Map objects created to visualize launch sites on global map
 - Circle – highlighting circle area with location name on coordinates
 - Marker Cluster and markers- mark for each site launch success (green) and failure(red)
 - Mouse Position -get the coordinate (Lat, Long) for a mouse over on the map
 - PolyLine –draw a line between a launch site to city, coast, railway, highway locations

[GitHub URL Folium Map](#)

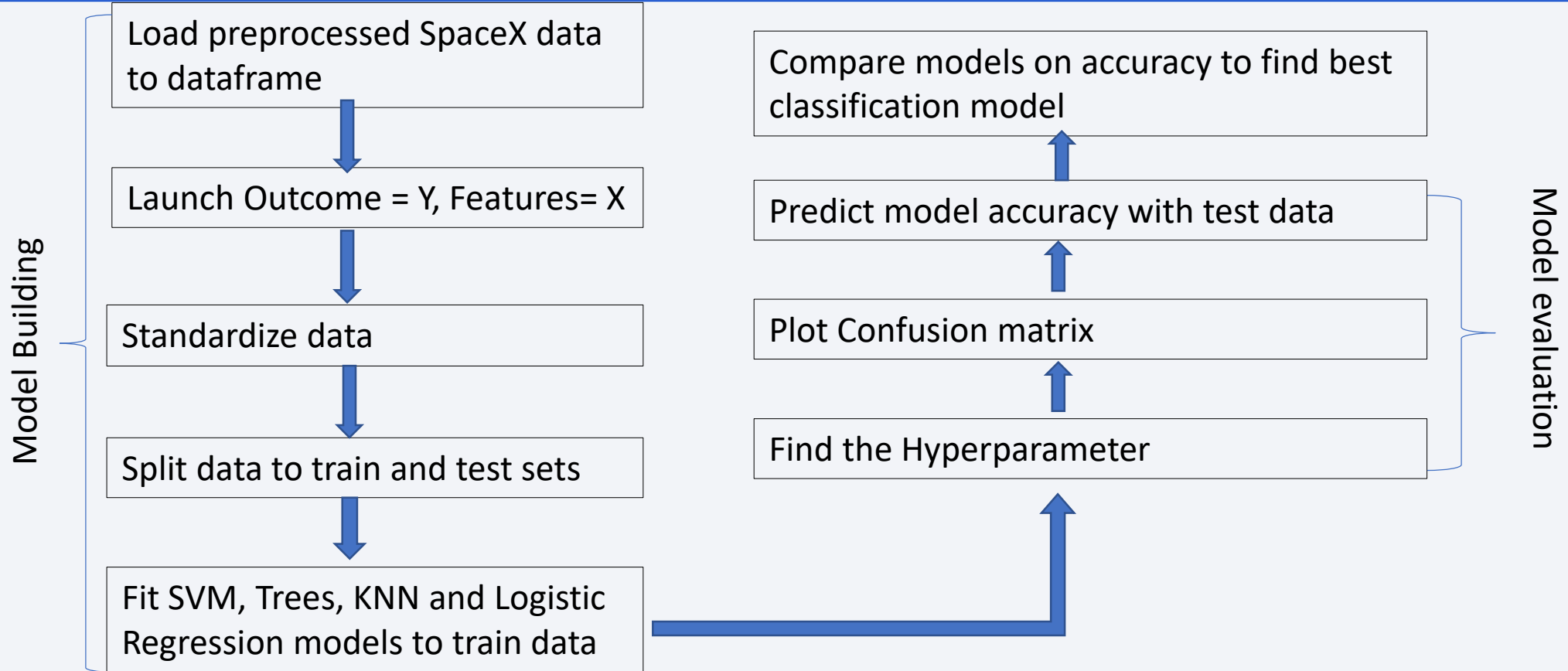
Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

- Interactive Dashboard with Plotly Dash developed to visualize and compare
 - Total successful launches for all launch sites
 - Launch site wise success and failure ratio
 - Effect of Payload mass on success/ failure rates and booster versions
- Dropdown menu was used to display success/failure rate for sites
- Slider was added to select payload range



[GitHub URL PlotlyDash](#)

Predictive Analysis (Classification)



[GitHub URL predictive analysis](#)

Results

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

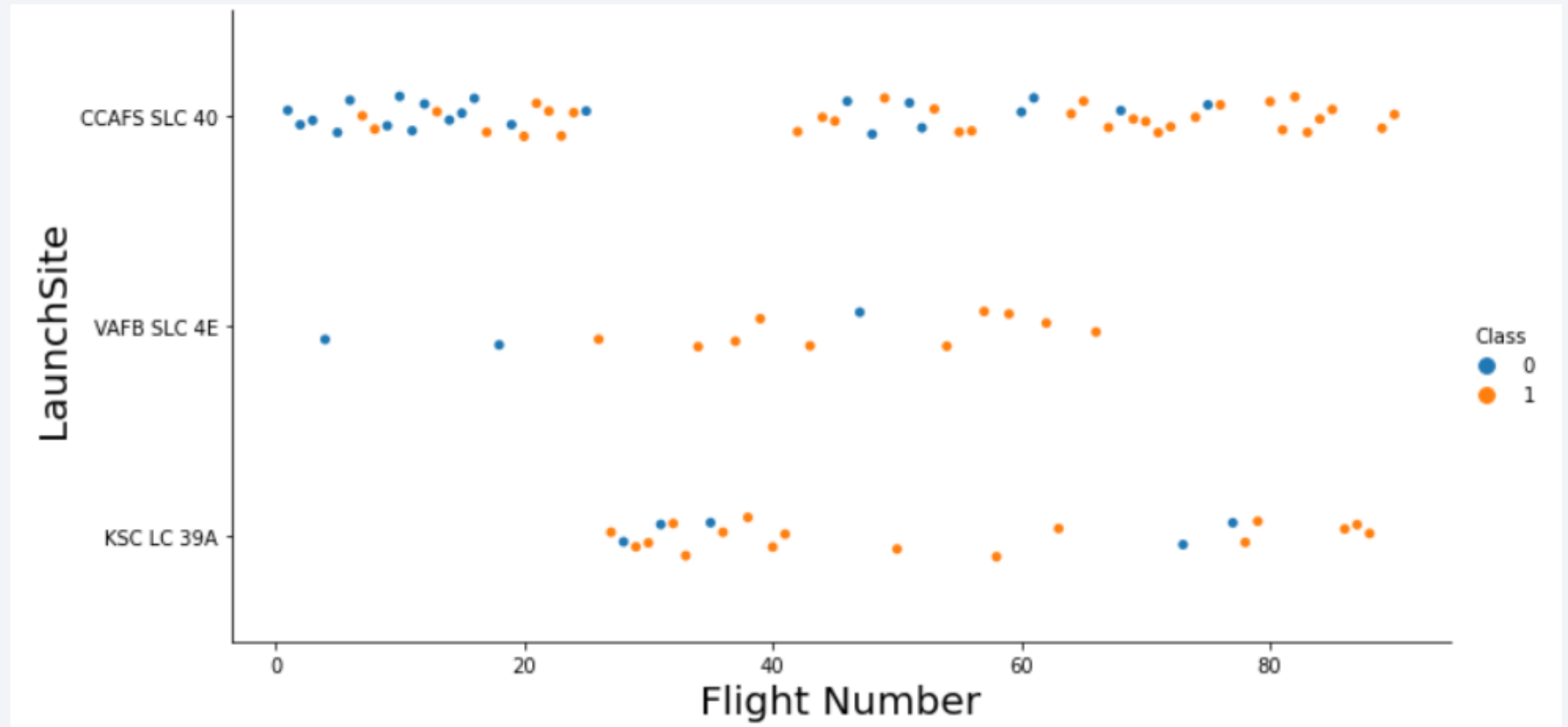


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Insights drawn from EDA

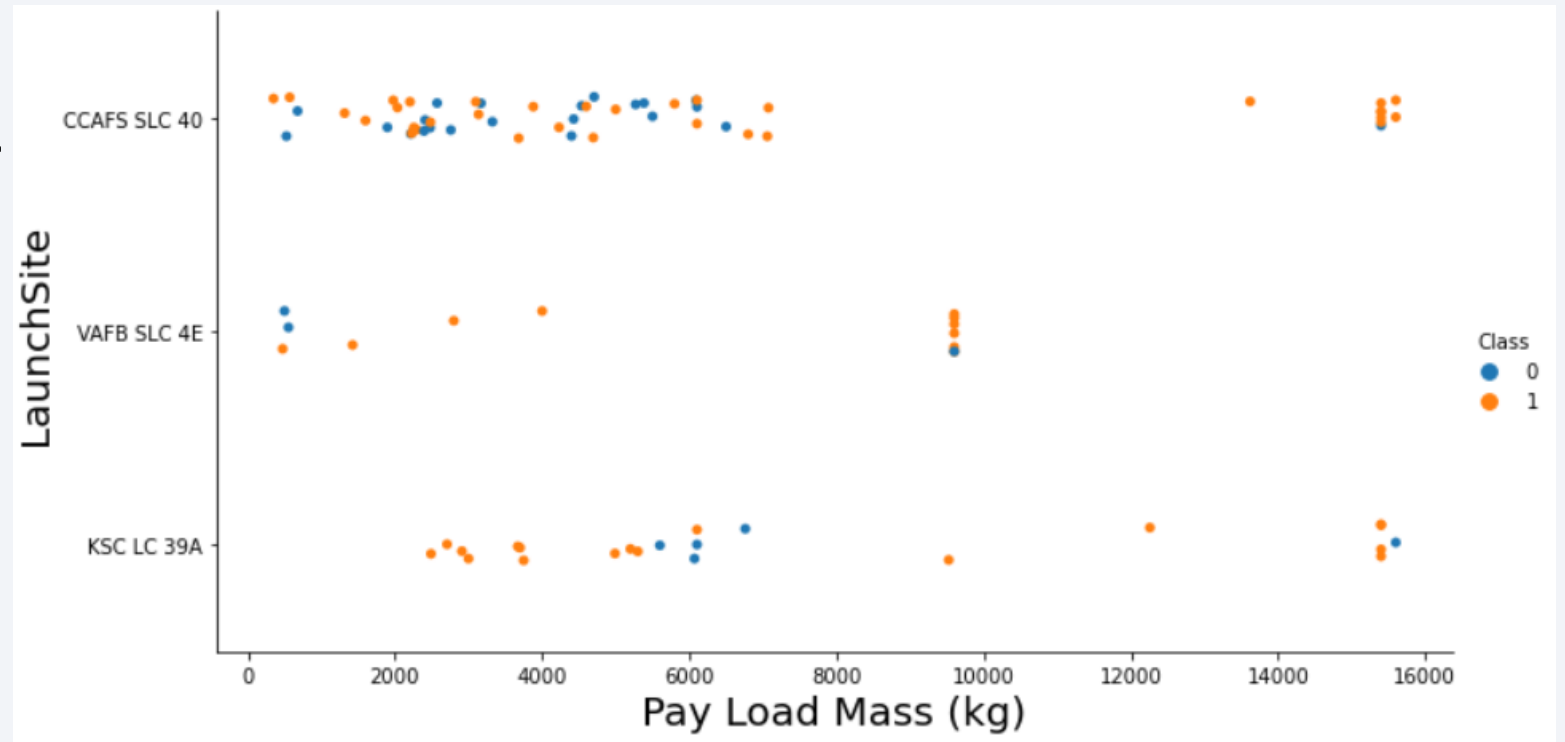
Flight Number vs. Launch Site

- CCAFS: Success rate increases as flight numbers increase beyond 65
- VAFB: Success rate increases after 20 Flight Number
- Many launches between range of 0 to 25 Flight Numbers for CCAFS site while KSC has none



Payload vs. Launch Site

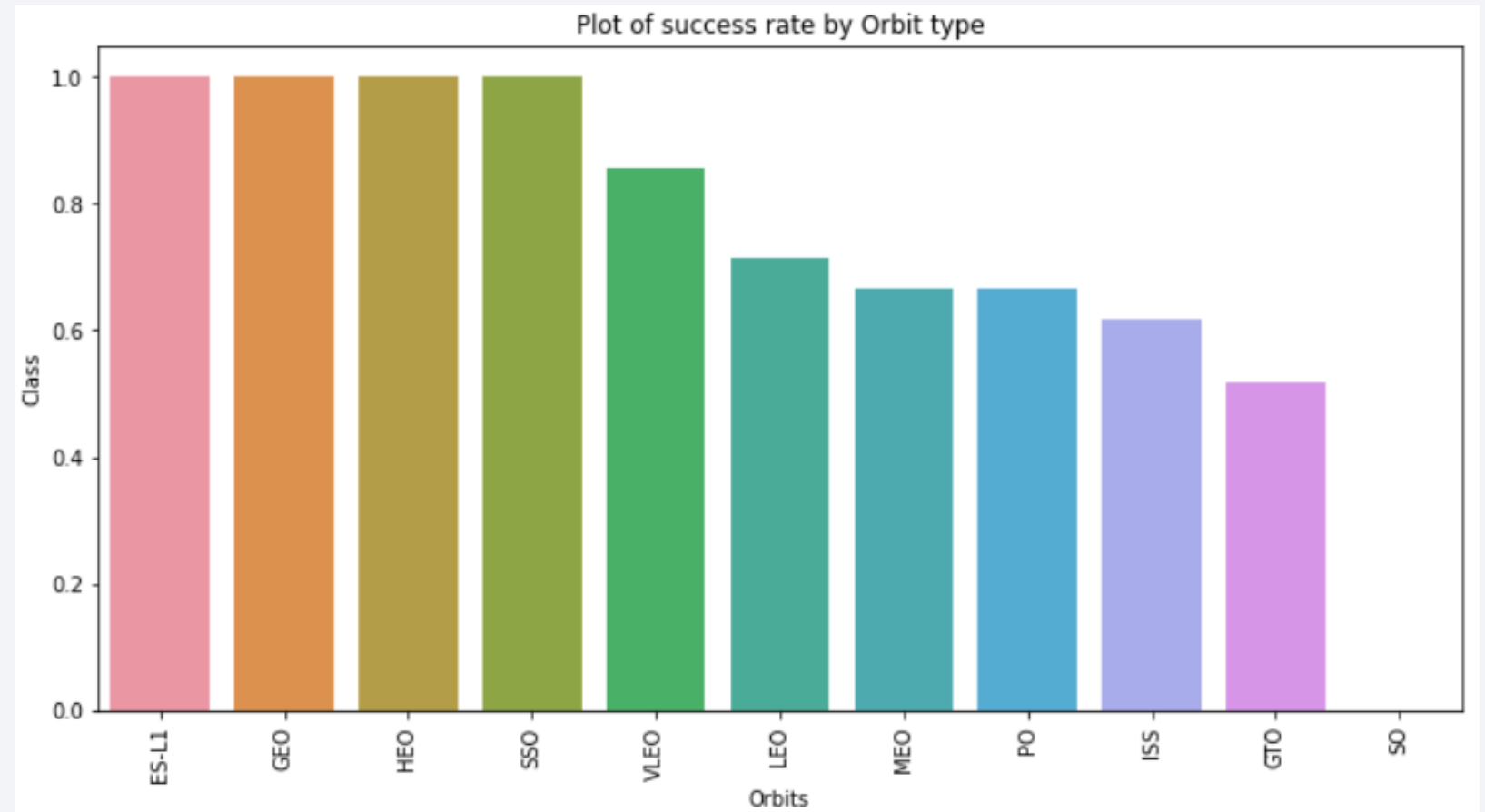
- VAFB-SLC launch site:
no rockets launched for
heavy pay load mass
(greater than 10000)



Success Rate vs. Orbit Type

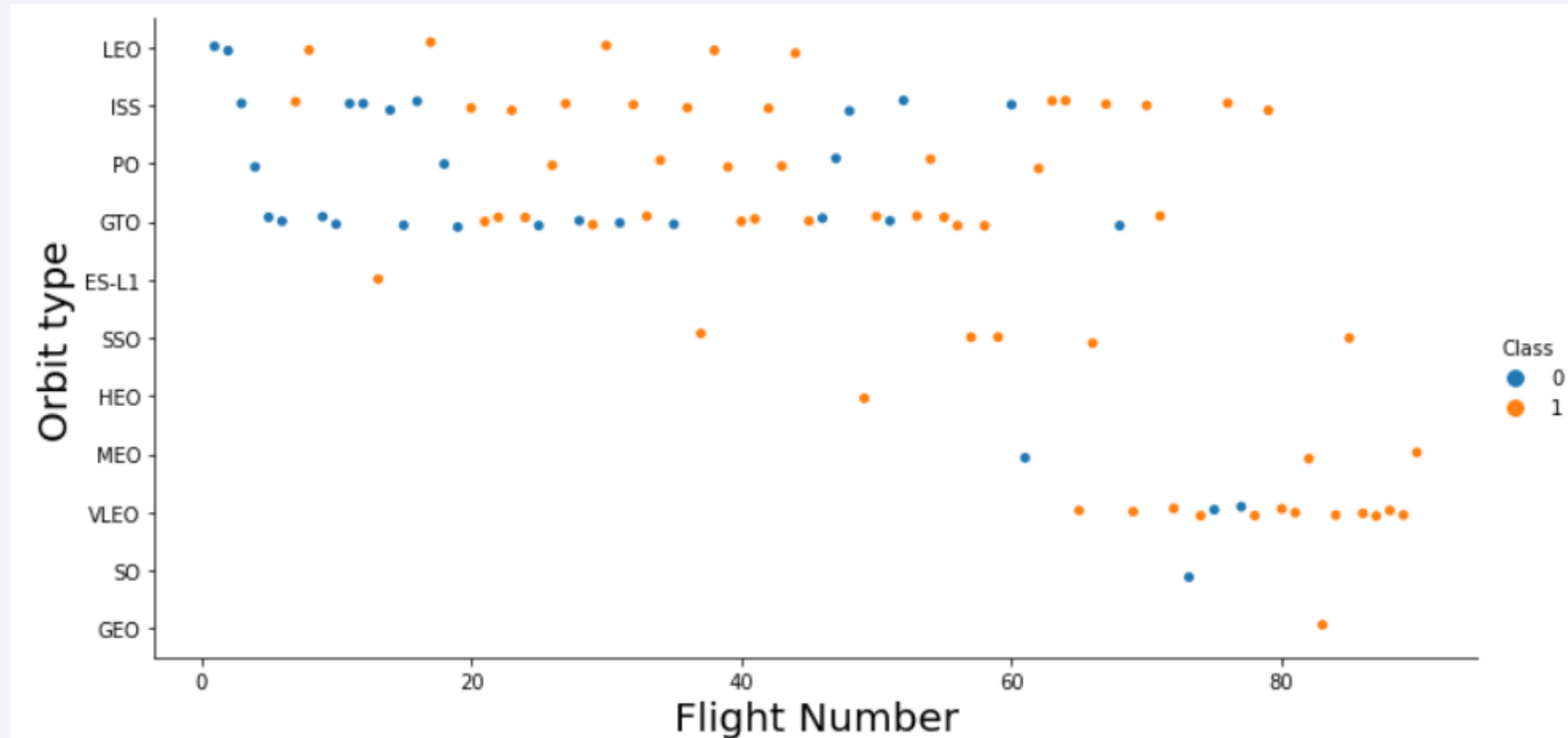
- High Success rate Orbits:

- ES-L1
- GEO
- HEO
- SSO



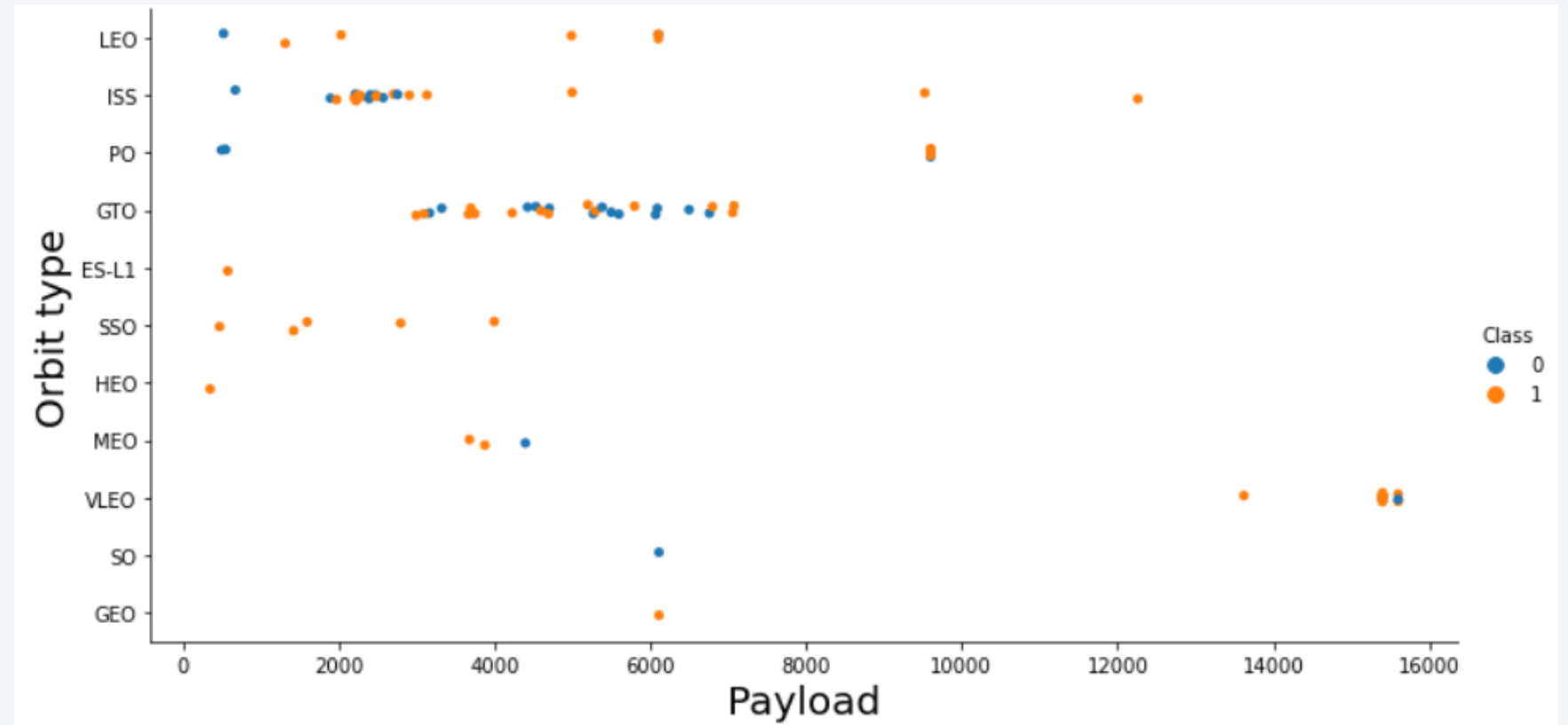
Flight Number vs. Orbit Type

- LEO orbit:
Success rate increases with Flight Number
- GTO orbit: no relationship with Flight Number



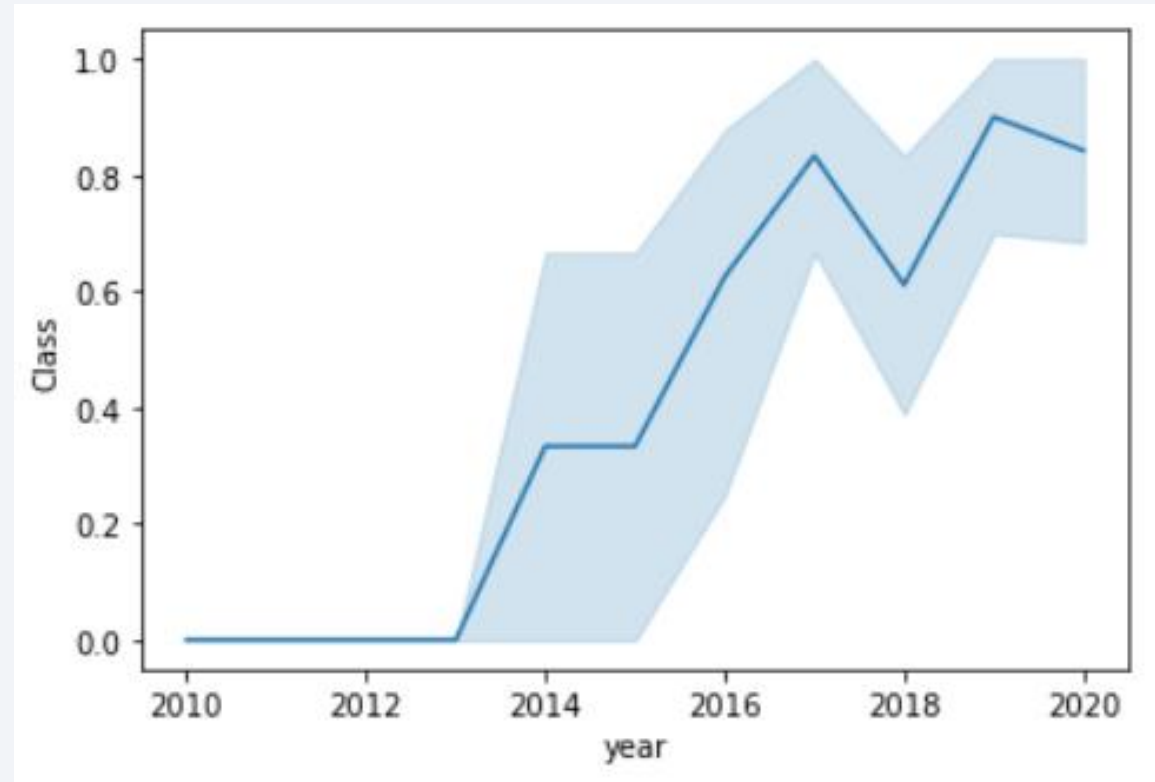
Payload vs. Orbit Type

- With heavy payloads the successful landing or positive landing rate are more for PO, LEO and ISS
- No specific pattern for GTO



Launch Success Yearly Trend

- The success rate increasing since 2013 till 2020



All Launch Site Names

- There are four different launching sites of SpaceX in US

SQL magic query

```
%sql select unique(launch_site) from SPACEXTBL
```



Result

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

Launch Site Names Begin with 'CCA'

- There are 2 launch sites that begin with CCA
- First 5 records fetched from sql query are from CCAFS LC-40 site only!

Result from sql query

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

- Total payload mass carried by boosters from NASA was

SQL magic query

```
%sql select sum(payload_mass__kg_) as payloadMass from  
SPACEXTBL where customer= 'NASA (CRS)';
```



Result

payloadmass
45596

Average Payload Mass by F9 v1.1

- Average Payload Mass carried by booster version is F9 v1.1 was 2928 kg

SQL magic query

```
%sql select avg(payload_mass__kg_) from  
SPACEXTBL where (booster_version) like 'F9  
v1.1';
```



Result

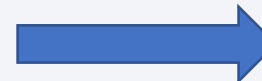
avg_payload_mass
2928

First Successful Ground Landing Date

- First successful landing outcome on ground pad was on 2015-12-22

SQL magic query

```
%sql select min(DATE) as firstSuccessGroundDate from  
SPACEXTBL where LANDING__OUTCOME ='Success  
(ground pad)';
```



Result

firstsuccessgrounddate
2015-12-22

Successful Drone Ship Landing with Payload between 4000 and 6000

- Four Boosters have successfully landed on drone ship and had payload mass between 4000 and 6000

SQL magic query

```
%sql select BOOSTER_VERSION from SPACEXTBL  
where LANDING__OUTCOME='Success (drone ship)'  
and PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_ BETWEEN 4000 and 6000;
```



Result

booster_version
F9 FT B1022
F9 FT B1026
F9 FT B1021.2
F9 FT B1031.2

Total Number of Successful and Failure Mission Outcomes

- Total there were 101 mission outcomes in the database
- Only one of the outcome is Failure while 100 are a Success
- Among 100 success outcomes, payload status of one mission was unclear

SQL magic query

```
%sql select  
MISSION_OUTCOME,count(MISSION_OUTCOME) as  
counts from SPACEXTBL GROUP BY  
MISSION_OUTCOME;
```



Result

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

Boosters Carried Maximum Payload

- There are 12 boosters which have carried the maximum payload mass

SQL magic query

```
%sql select BOOSTER_VERSION from SPACEXTBL where  
PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_=(select max(PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_)  
from SPACEXTBL);
```



Result

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

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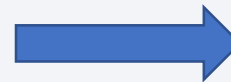
F9 B5 B1049.7

2015 Launch Records

- There were two failed landing outcomes in drone ship from CCAFS launch site in 2015

SQL magic query

```
%sql SELECT BOOSTER_VERSION,LAUNCH_SITE FROM  
SPACEXTBL where  
landing__outcome='Failure (drone ship)'AND  
EXTRACT(YEAR FROM DATE)='2015';
```



Result

booster_version	launch_site
F9 v1.1 B1012	CCAFS LC-40
F9 v1.1 B1015	CCAFS LC-40

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

- Between the date 2010-06-04 and 2017-03-20, there are 31 landing outcome records
- Among 31 landing outcomes, 'No attempt' has highest rank (10) while landing outcome 'Precluded (drone ship)' has lowest rank (1)

landing__outcome	con
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

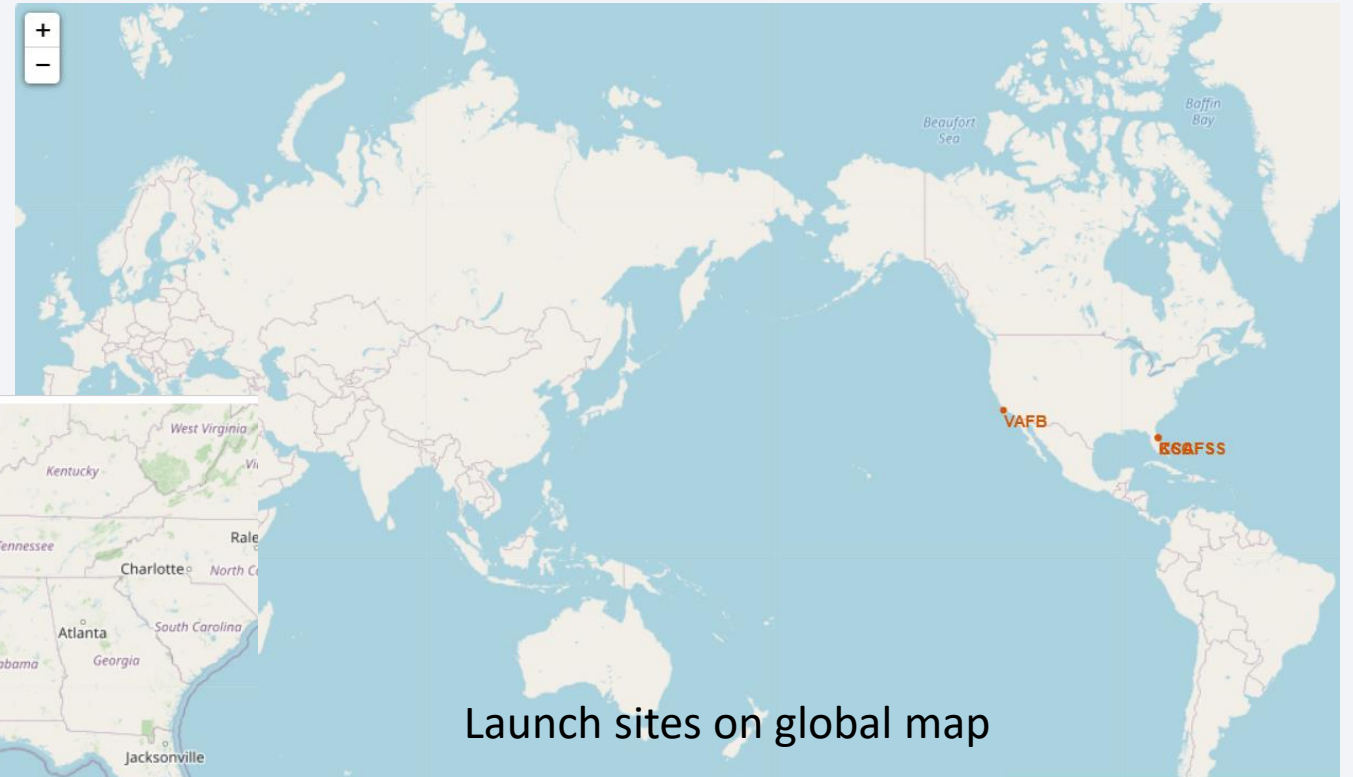
A satellite view of Earth from space, showing the curvature of the planet and city lights at night. The background is a deep blue gradient.

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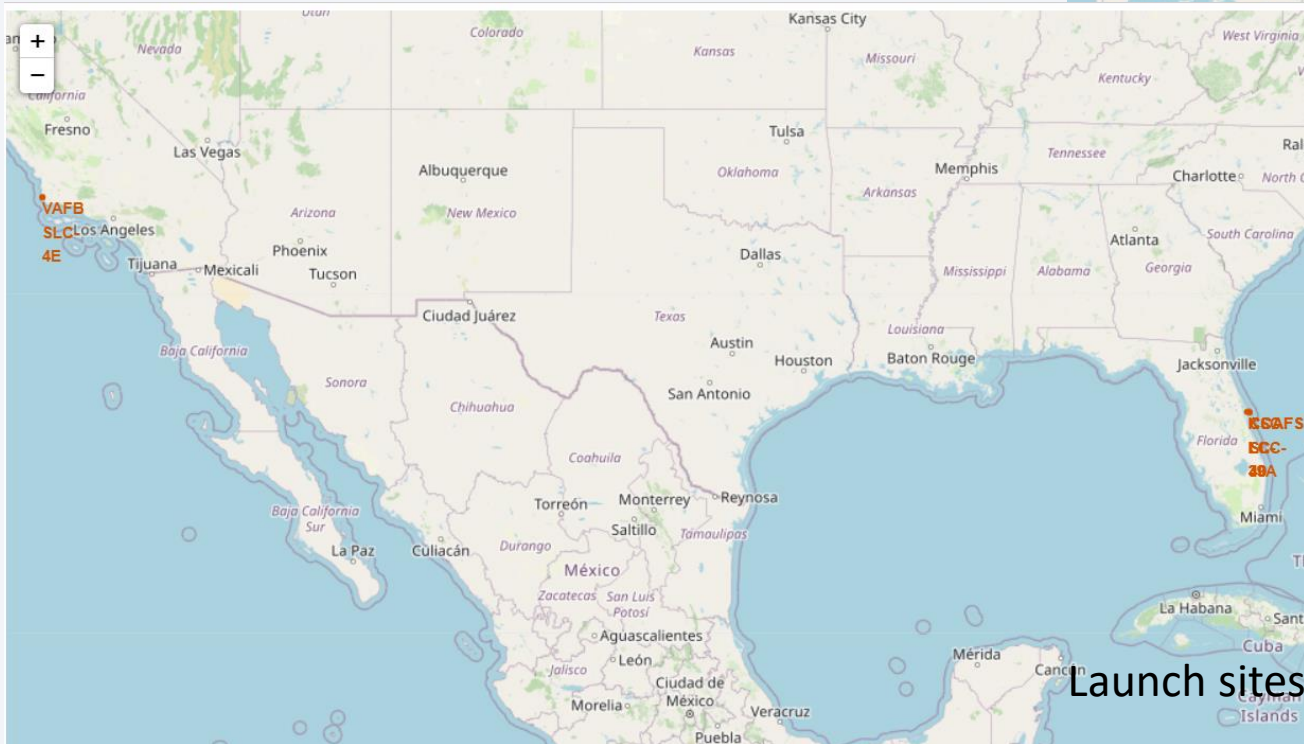
Launch Sites Proximities Analysis

SpaceX Launching Sites on Global Map

- 4 launch sites of SpaceX in USA
- 3 launch sites: East Coast
- 1 launch site: West Coast



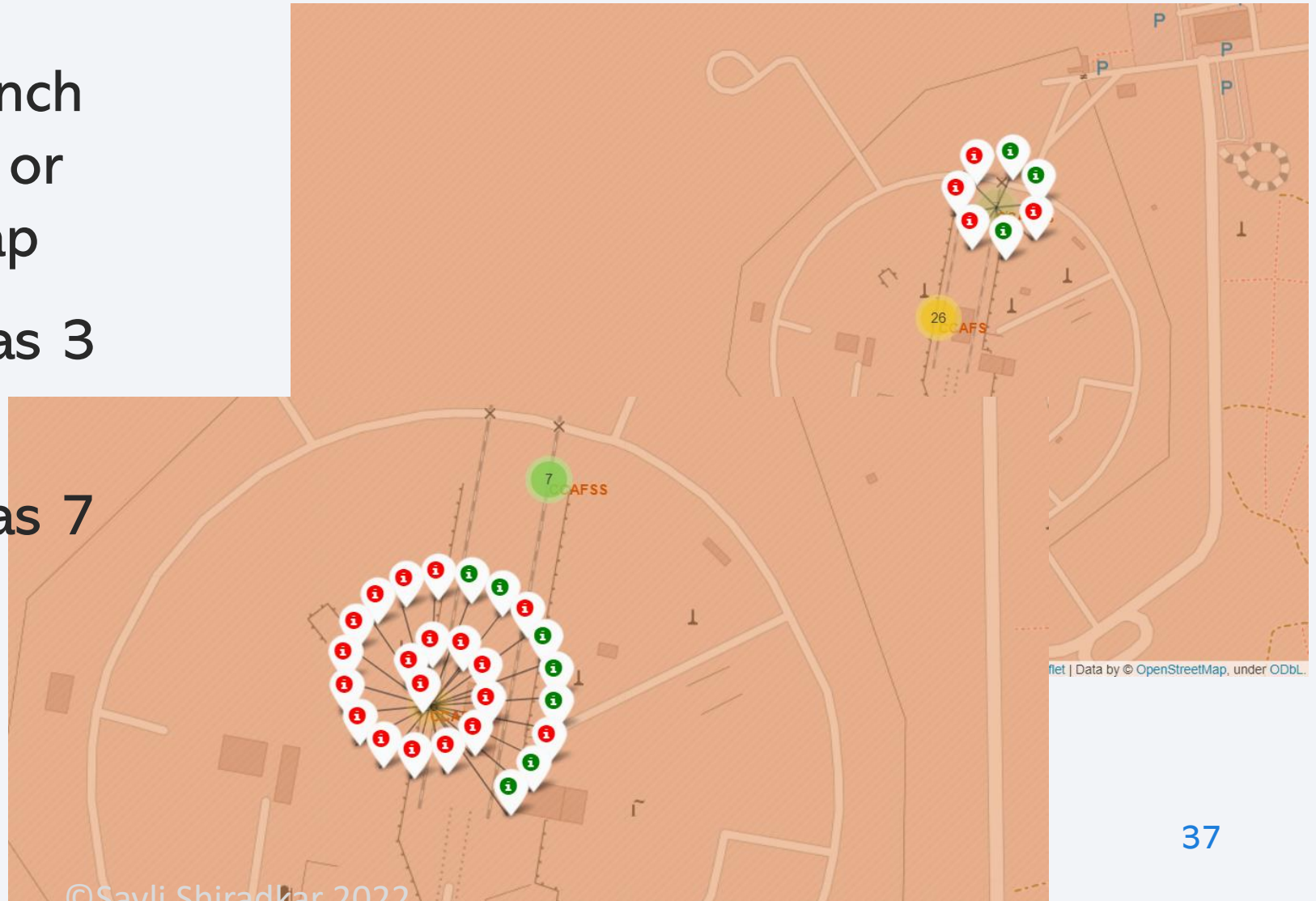
Launch sites on global map



Launch sites on USA map

Launch Outcomes per Launch Sites

- We can visualize launch outcome as Success or Failure on folium map
- CCAFS LC-40 site has 3 successes
- CCAFS LC-40 site has 7 successes



Distance between Launch Site and its proximities

- Folium map shows distance between Launch Site CCAFS SLC-40 and its proximities
- Launch site to
 - Coastline = 0.86 KM
 - Railway track=1.28 KM
 - Melbourne city = 51.43 KM
 - Highway=0.58 KM
- Launch site is away from city for public safety
- Launch site is closer to coastline to provide additional boost to the rocket and in case of catastrophe, debris can fall in ocean





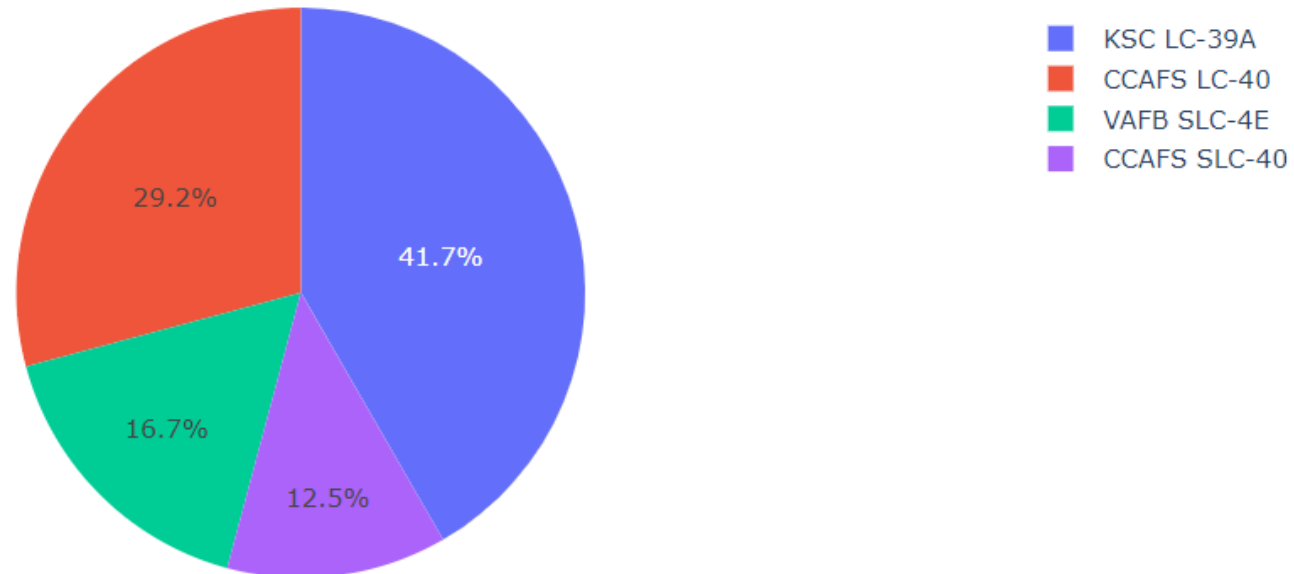
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Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

launch success count for all sites

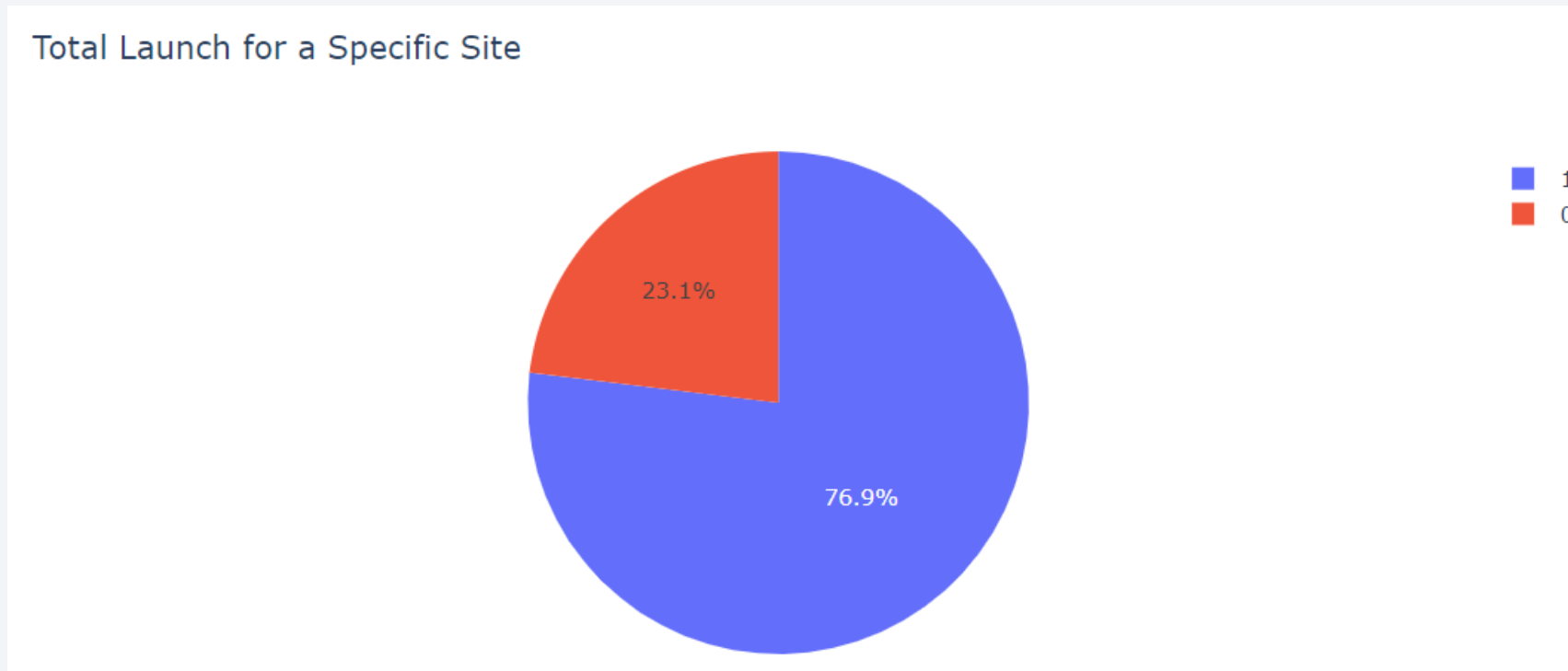
- Number of launches with Success for all sites of SpaceX is shown in pie-chart
- Highest Success in KSC LC-39A site while lowest success rate is observed in CCAFS SLC-40

Total Launches for All Sites



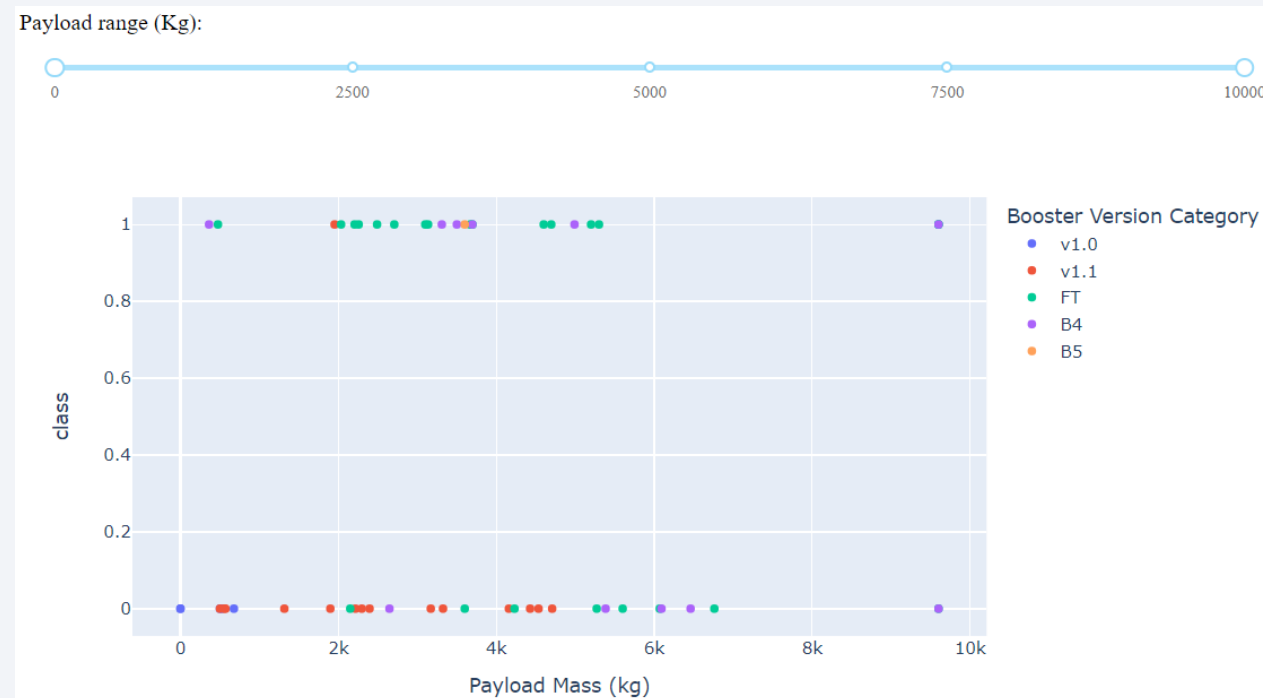
Launch site with highest success ratio

- KSC LC-39A site has highest launch success ratio with 76.9% launch Success rate and 23.1% failure rate



Payload vs. Launch Outcome

- Payload range varies between 362 to 9600 Kg for the highest launch success and 0 to 9600 Kg for the lowest launch success rate
- As the payload increases, success rate decreases
- Success rate of Launches is highest for Booster version category FT

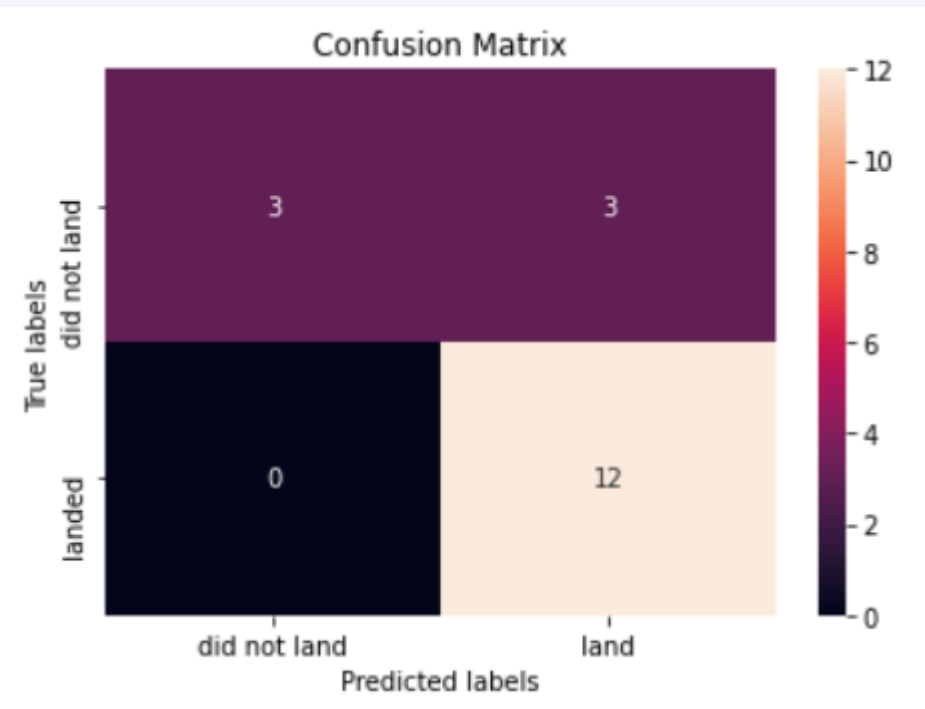


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Predictive Analysis (Classification)

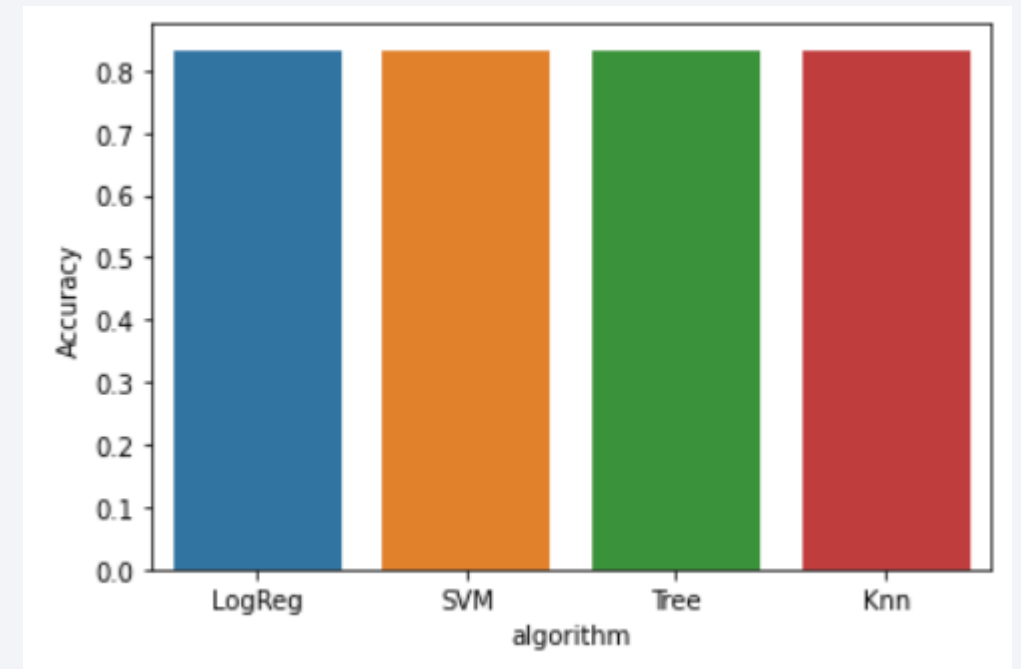
Confusion Matrix

- Confusion matrix for KNN, Tree, SVM and logistic Regression algorithms is same
- It correctly predicts landing Success outcomes
- However, for landing failures, models predict half of the times correctly
- False positive prediction rate 50%



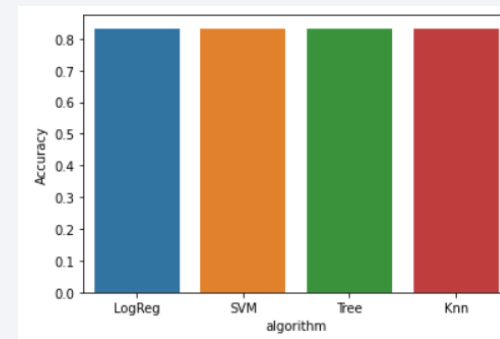
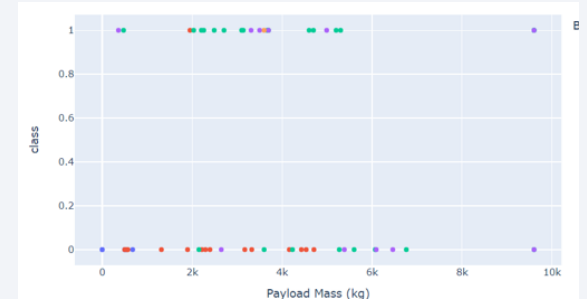
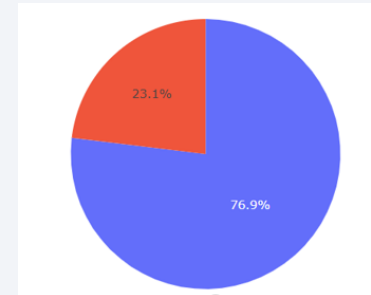
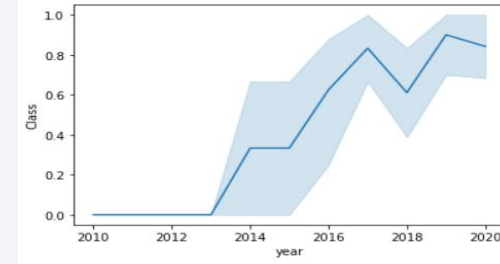
Classification Accuracy

- Four classification models are built for first stage landing prediction :
 - Logistic Regression
 - SVM
 - Tree
 - Knn
- All built classification models have same classification accuracy=0.8334

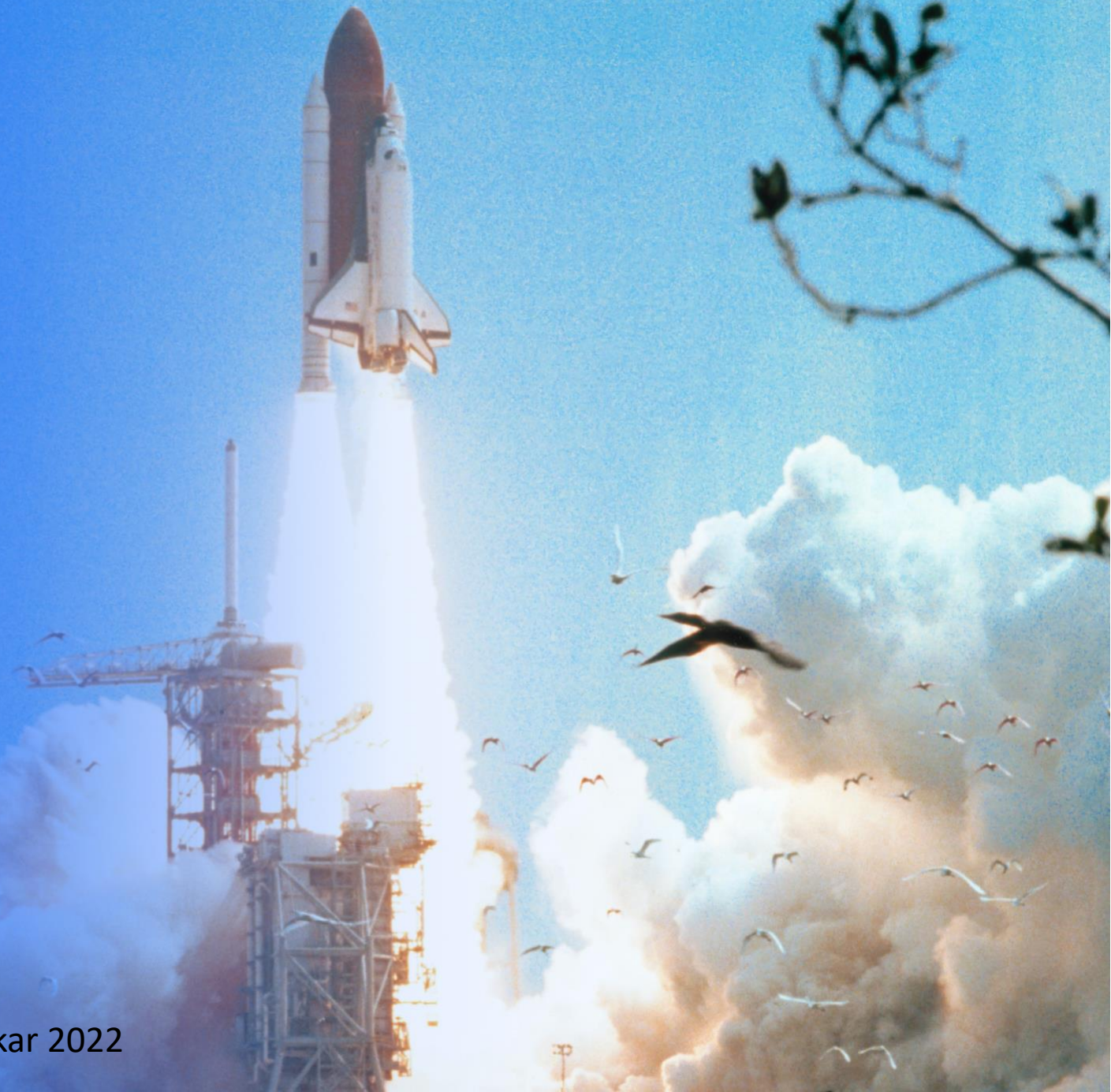


Conclusions

- SpaceX Launch Success Rate has been increasing since 2013
- High Success Rate Orbits: ES-L1, GEO, HEO, SSO
- Highest launch Success: KSC LC-39A site
- As payload increases, success rate seem to decrease
- KNN, SVM, LogReg and Decision Tree models have same accuracy (0.8334) for predicting launch outcome
- Future work: need to refine models further to improve accuracy



Thank you!



References

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