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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

Space X 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 Space X 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 space X for a rocket launch. This goal of the project is to create a machine learning pipeline to predict if the first stage 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 needs to be in place to ensure a successful landing program.



Section 1

# Methodology

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## Executive Summary

- Data collection methodology:
  - Describe how data was collected
- Perform data wrangling
  - Describe how data was processed
- 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

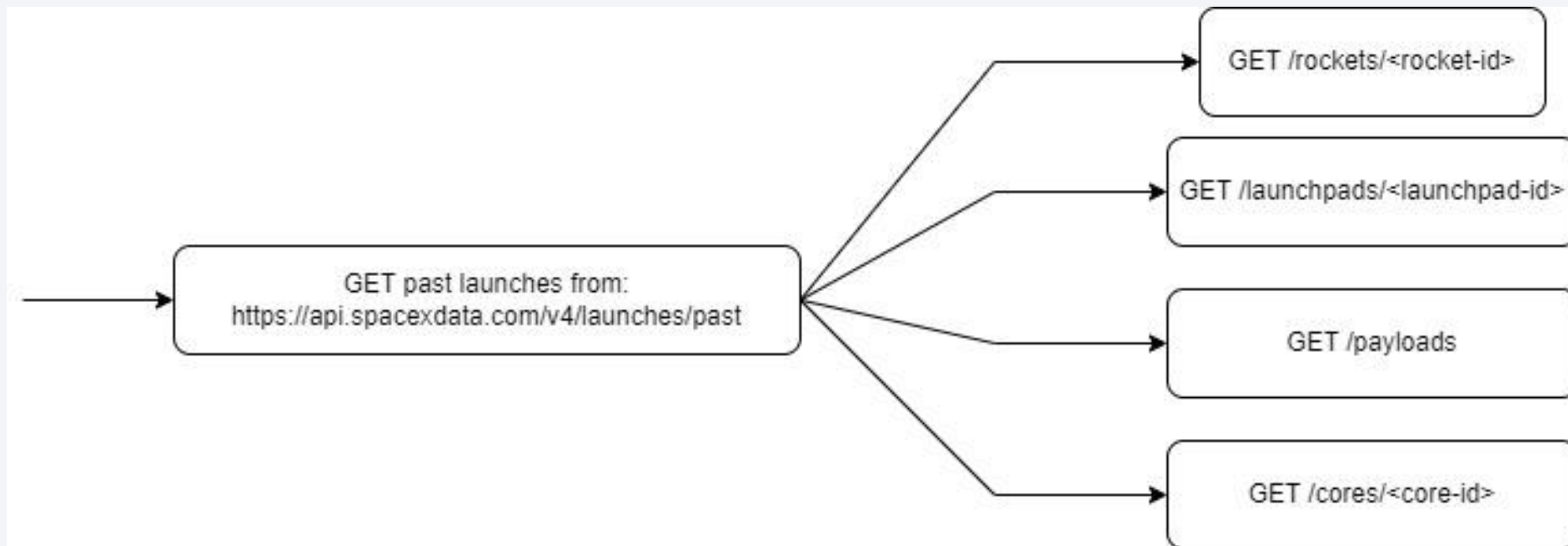
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- Data was collected from the SpaceX API:  
<https://api.spacexdata.com/v4>
- For past launches, the booster version, launch site, payload and core data were collected from the above API.
- The data was filtered to contain only Falcon 9 launches and then finally stored in a Pandas dataframe.

# Data Collection – SpaceX API

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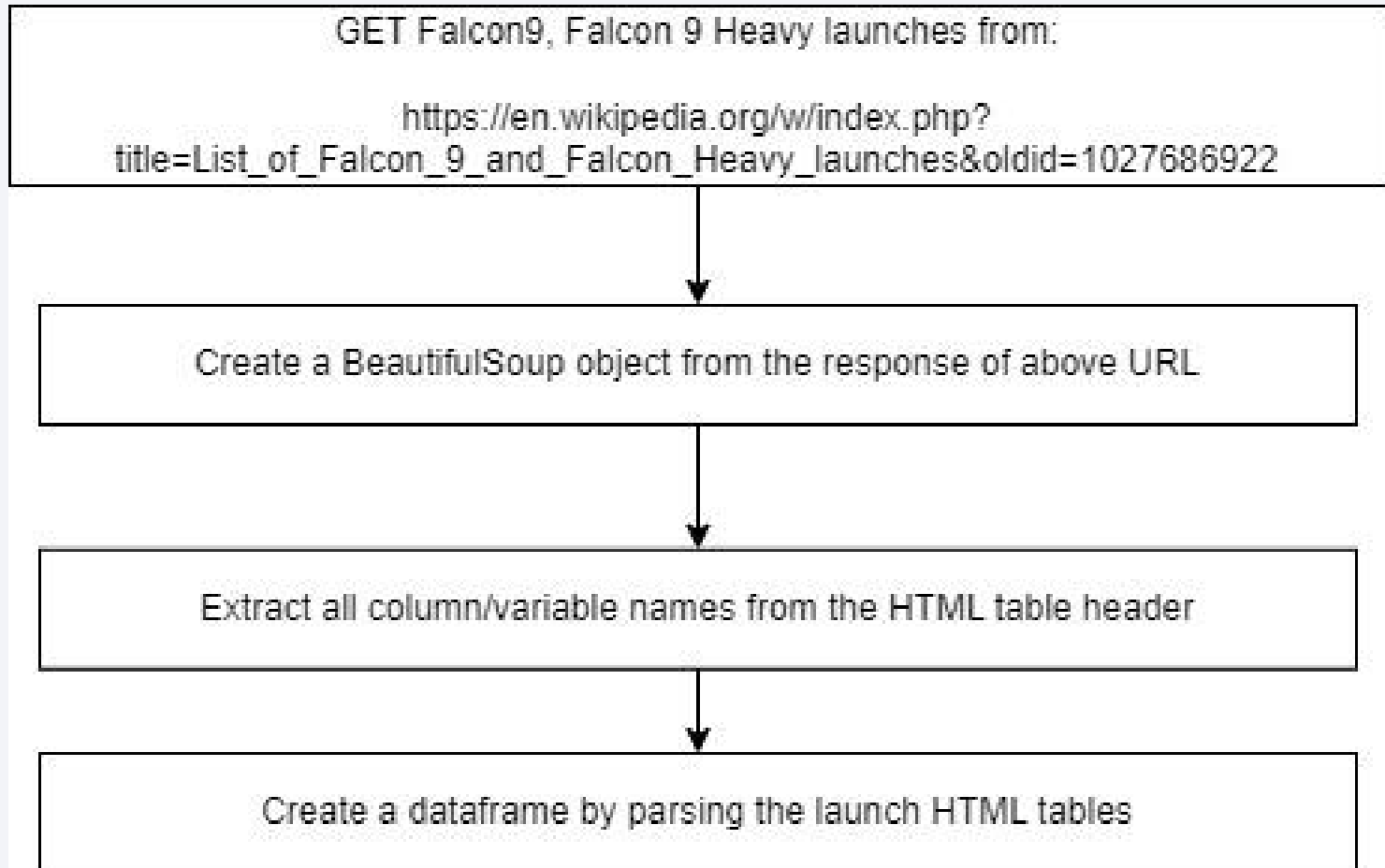




# Data Collection - Scraping

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# Data Wrangling

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- The missing values in the dataframe was handled
- PayloadMass column had a lot of missing values which were replaced by the mean of the PayloadMass
- [https://github.com/shreyasbgr/ibm\\_coursera\\_assignments/blob/main/AI%20Capstone%20Project/Week%201/1-jupyter-labs-spacex-data-collection-api.ipynb](https://github.com/shreyasbgr/ibm_coursera_assignments/blob/main/AI%20Capstone%20Project/Week%201/1-jupyter-labs-spacex-data-collection-api.ipynb)

# EDA with Data Visualization

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- Various charts depicting the relationship of the variables PayloadMass, Flight number, LaunchSite, Orbit Type with each other and with the outcome of the launch: success or failure are plotted
- We also perform feature engineering - to convert categorical features using one hot encoding
- [https://github.com/shreyasbgr/ibm\\_coursera\\_assignments/blob/main/AI%20Capstone%20Project/Week%202/IBM-DSO321EN-SkillsNetwork\\_labs\\_module\\_2\\_jupyter-labs-eda-dataviz.ipynb.jupyterlite.ipynb](https://github.com/shreyasbgr/ibm_coursera_assignments/blob/main/AI%20Capstone%20Project/Week%202/IBM-DSO321EN-SkillsNetwork_labs_module_2_jupyter-labs-eda-dataviz.ipynb.jupyterlite.ipynb)

# EDA with SQL

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- Queries to fetch the unique launch sites, total and average payload mass carried by a booster version, date when first landing outcome was achieved, total number of failure / success outcomes and some complex queries were executed using subqueries
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# Build an Interactive Map with Folium

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- We created a Map using Folium centered at NASA Johnson Space center and then used various folium objects such as Circles and Markers – for denoting each of the launch sites on the Map, Marker Clusters – for showing the success/ failure rates of each launch site, MousePosition to calculate the proximity to the nearest coastline, railways, highways, city
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# Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

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- Summarize what plots/graphs and interactions you have added to a dashboard
- Explain why you added those plots and interactions
- [https://github.com/shreyasbgr/ibm\\_coursera\\_assignments/blob/main/AI%20Capstone%20Project/Week%203/spacex\\_dash\\_app.py](https://github.com/shreyasbgr/ibm_coursera_assignments/blob/main/AI%20Capstone%20Project/Week%203/spacex_dash_app.py)

# Predictive Analysis (Classification)

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- We loaded the data using numpy and pandas, transformed the data, split our data into training and testing.
- We built different machine learning models and tune different hyperparameters using GridSearchCV.
- We used accuracy as the metric for our model, improved the model using feature engineering and algorithm tuning.
- We found the best performing classification model.
- [https://github.com/shreyasbgr/ibm\\_coursera\\_assignments/blob/main/AI%20Capstone%20Project/Week%204/IBM-DSO321EN-SkillsNetwork\\_labs\\_module\\_4\\_SpaceX\\_Machine\\_Learning\\_Prediction\\_Part\\_5.jupyterlite.ipynb](https://github.com/shreyasbgr/ibm_coursera_assignments/blob/main/AI%20Capstone%20Project/Week%204/IBM-DSO321EN-SkillsNetwork_labs_module_4_SpaceX_Machine_Learning_Prediction_Part_5.jupyterlite.ipynb)

# Results

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



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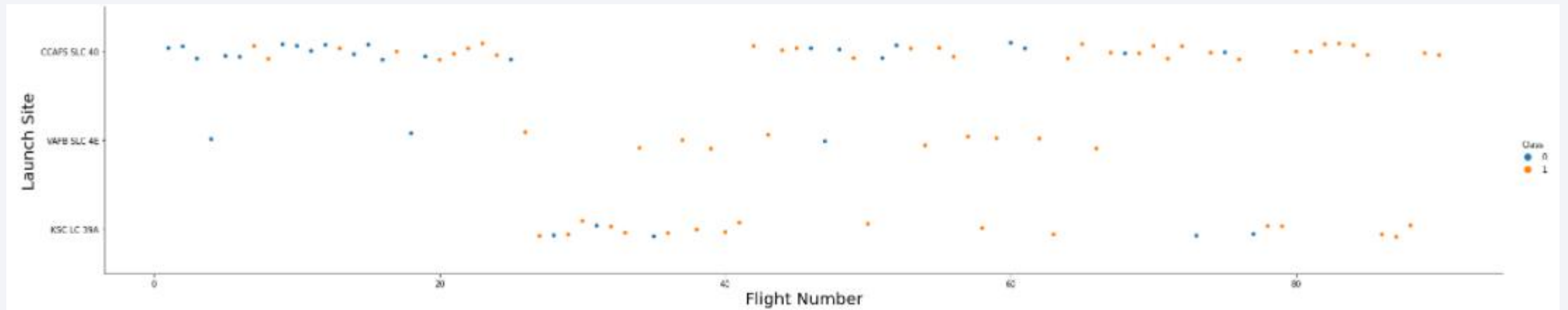
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# Insights drawn from EDA



## Flight Number vs. Launch Site

- From the plot, we found that the larger the flight amount at a launch site, the greater the success rate at a launch site.



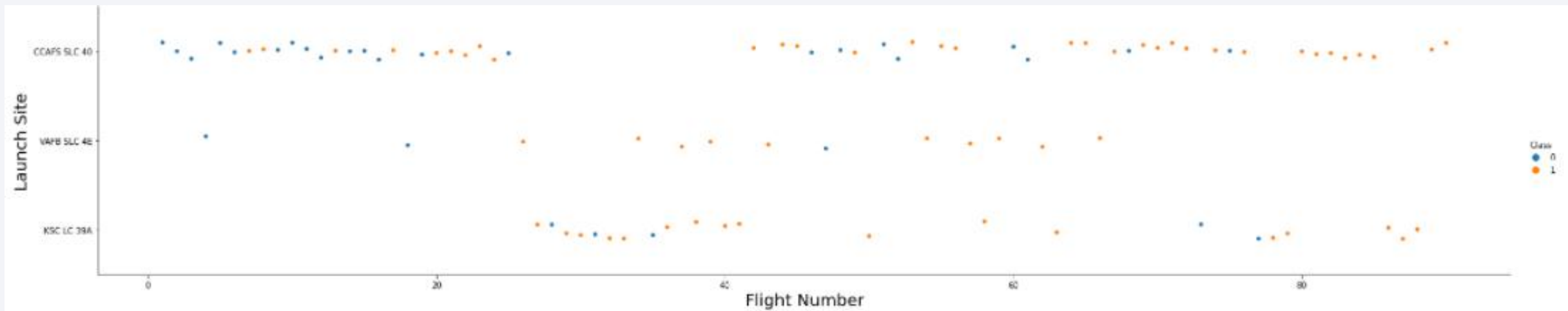


## Payload vs. Launch Site

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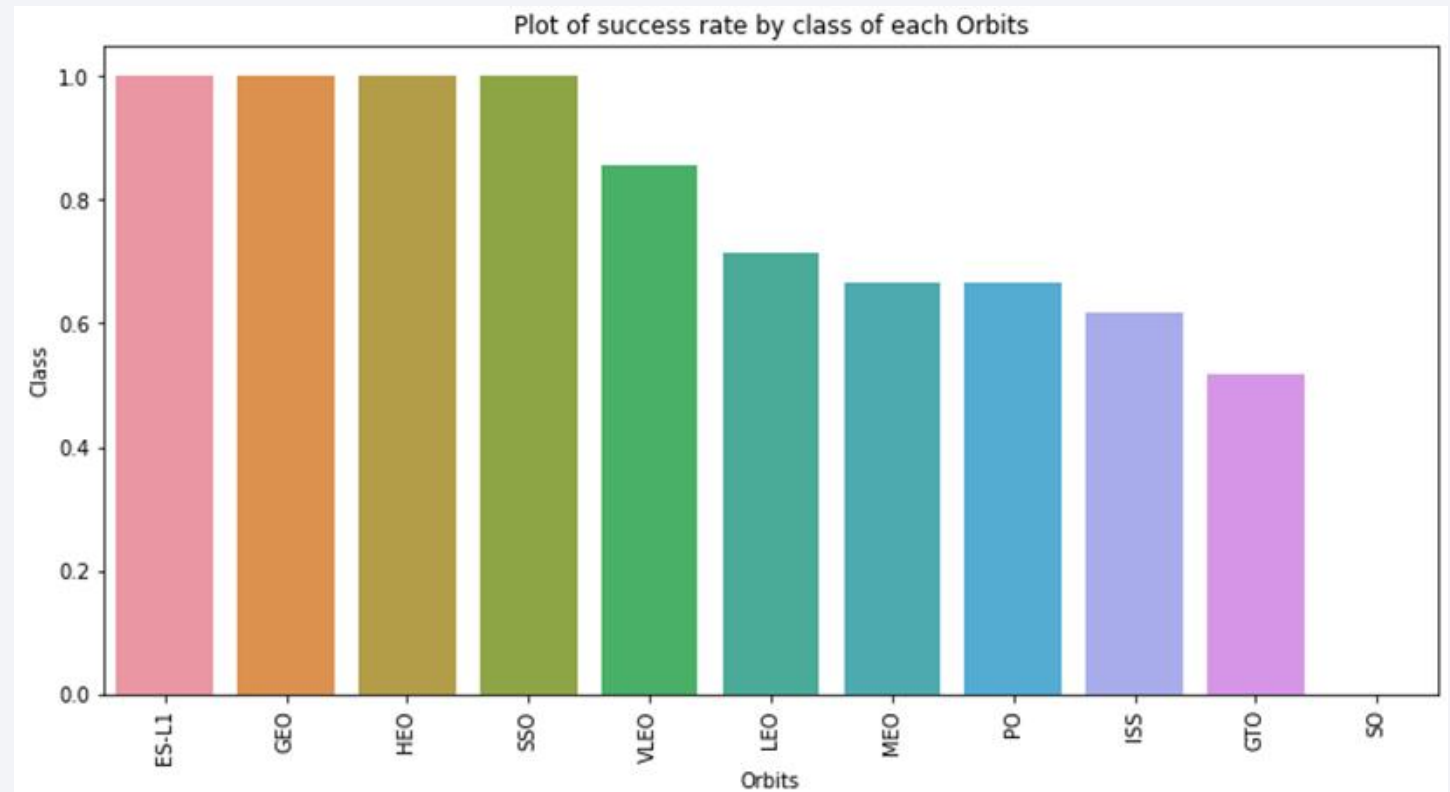


The greater the payload mass for launch site CCAFS SLC 40 the higher the success rate for the rocket.



## Success Rate vs. Orbit Type

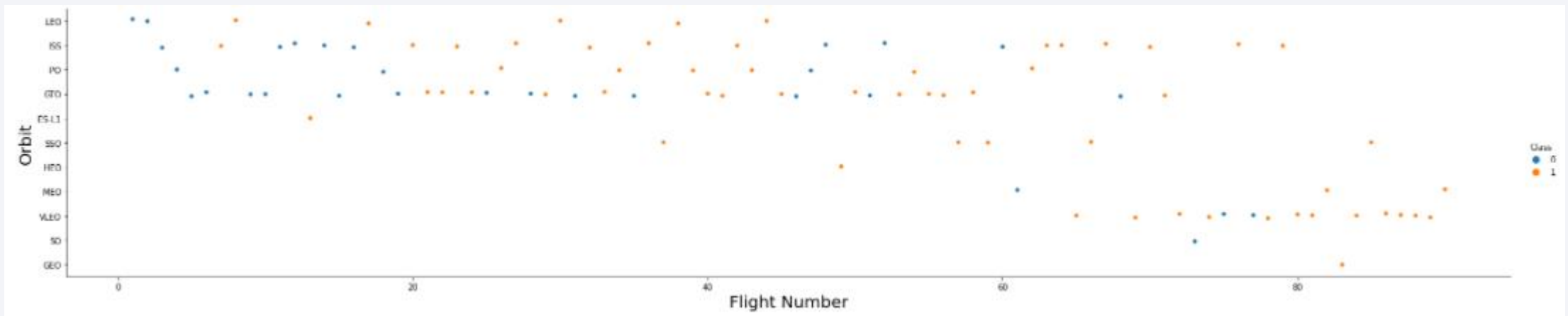
- From the plot, we can see that ES-L1, GEO, HEO, SSO, VLEO had the most success rate.



## Flight Number vs. Orbit Type

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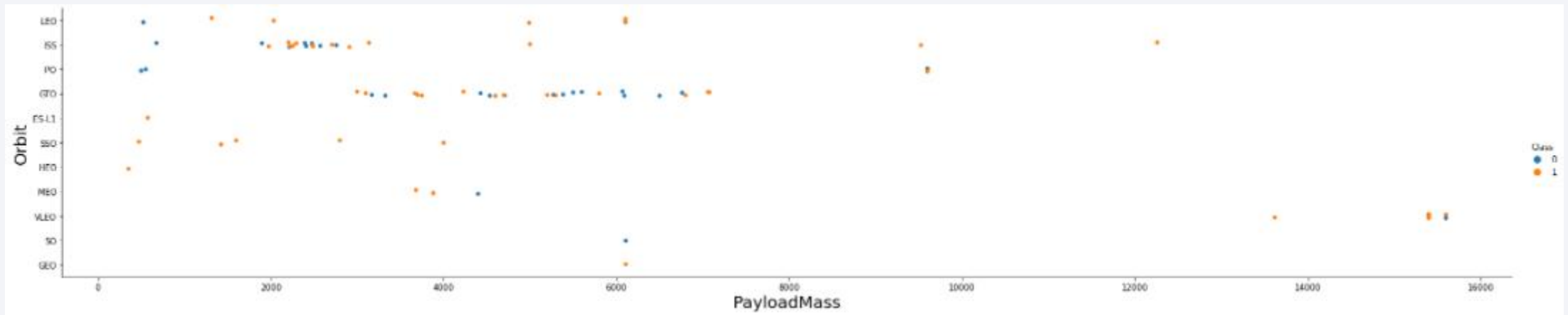
- The plot below shows the Flight Number vs. Orbit type. We observe that in the LEO orbit, success is related to the number of flights whereas in the GTO orbit, there is no relationship between flight number and the orbit.



## Payload vs. Orbit Type

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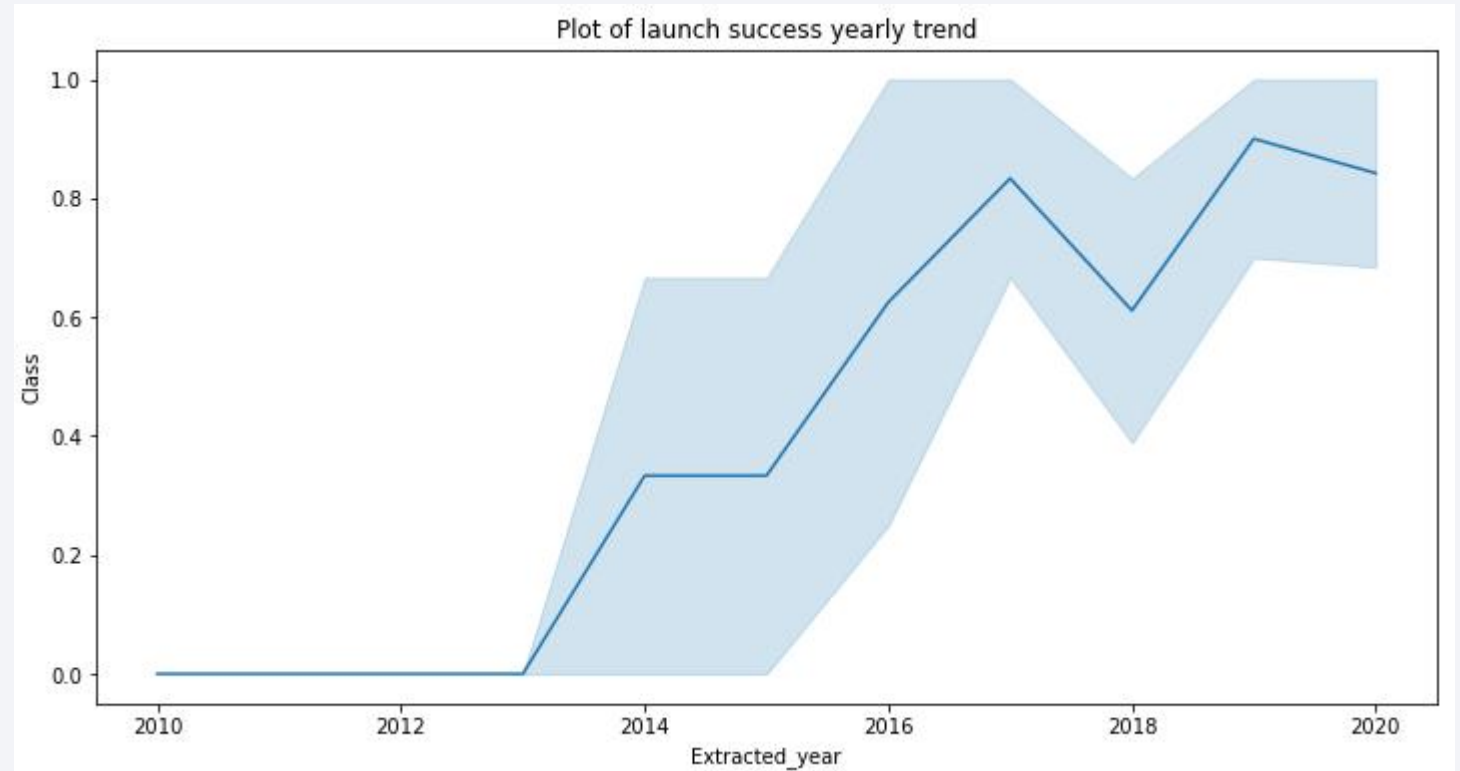
- We can observe that with heavy payloads, the successful landing are more for PO, LEO and ISS orbits.



## Launch Success Yearly Trend

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





## All Launch Site Names

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- 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

- We used the query above to display 5 records where launch sites begin with 'CCA'

# Total Payload Mass

- We calculated the total payload carried by boosters from NASA as 45596 using the query below

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

- We calculated the average payload mass carried by booster version F9 v1.1 as 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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 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

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 2017-03-20**.
- 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.



The background of the slide is a high-quality satellite photograph of Earth taken from space. The image shows the dark blue of the night sky above the horizon, with the bright blue of the atmosphere and the dark blue of the ocean below. Numerous city lights are visible as bright yellow and orange specks, primarily concentrated along the coastlines and in large urban areas. The curvature of the Earth is clearly visible, creating a sense of vastness and global perspective.

Section 3

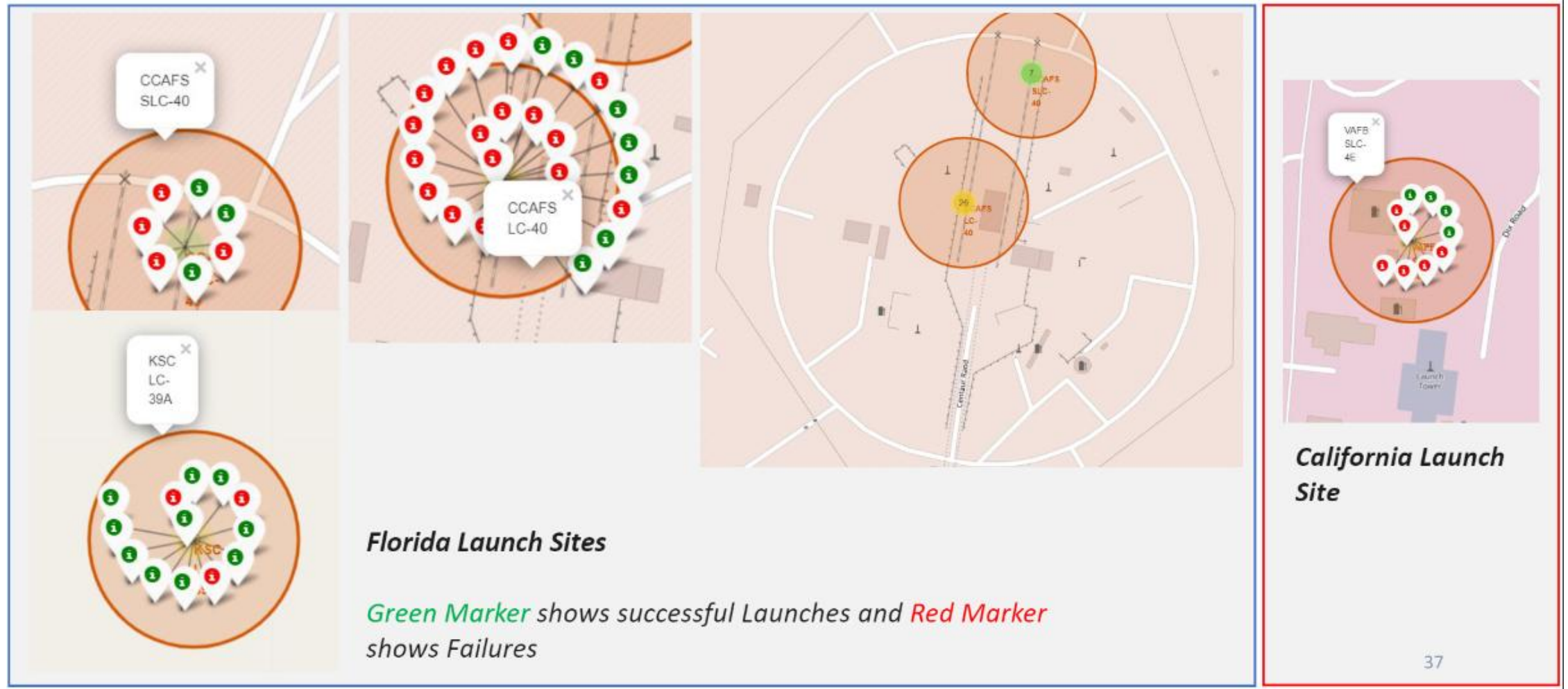
# Launch Sites Proximities Analysis

# All launch sites global map markers

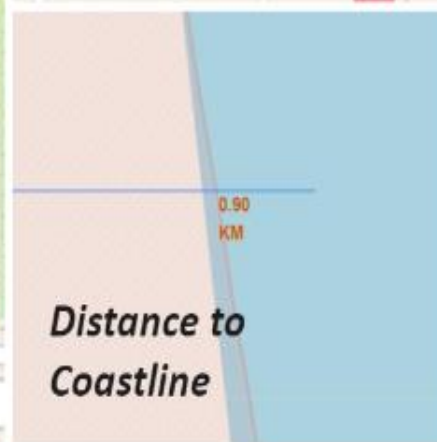




# Markers showing launch sites with color labels



# 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



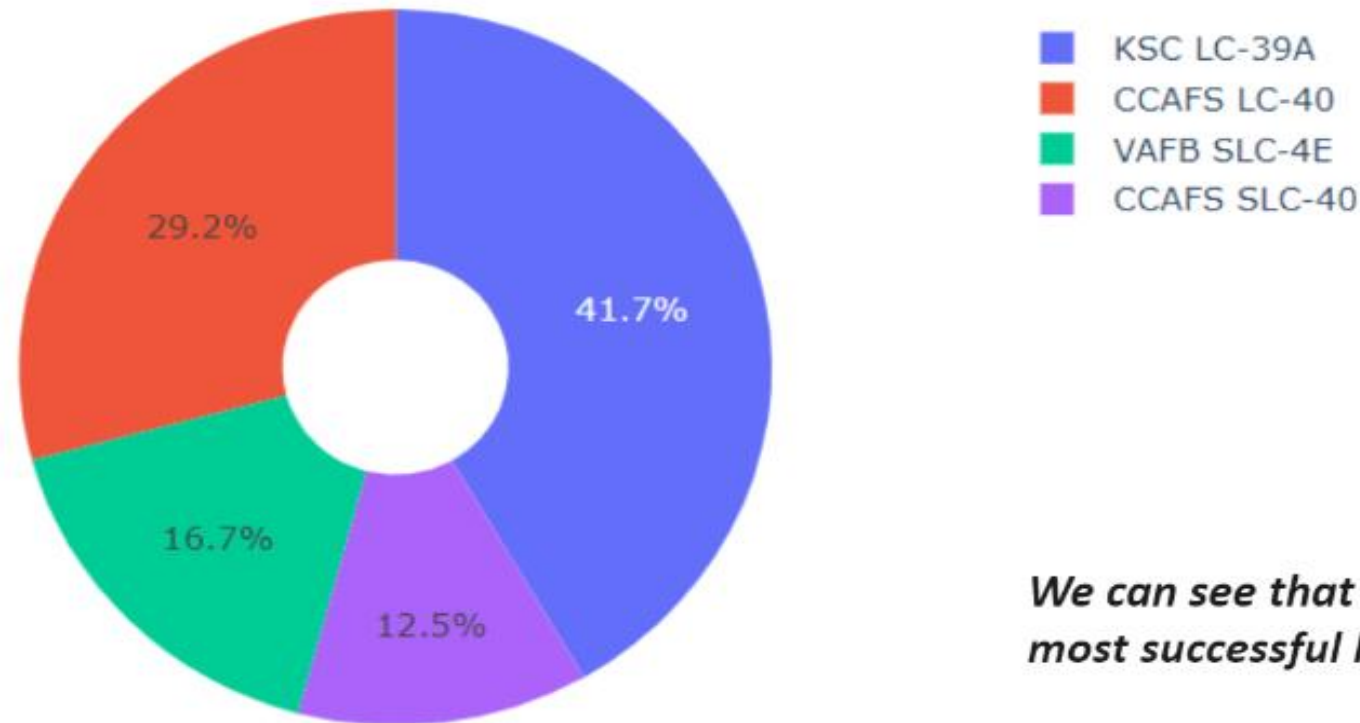


Section 4

# Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

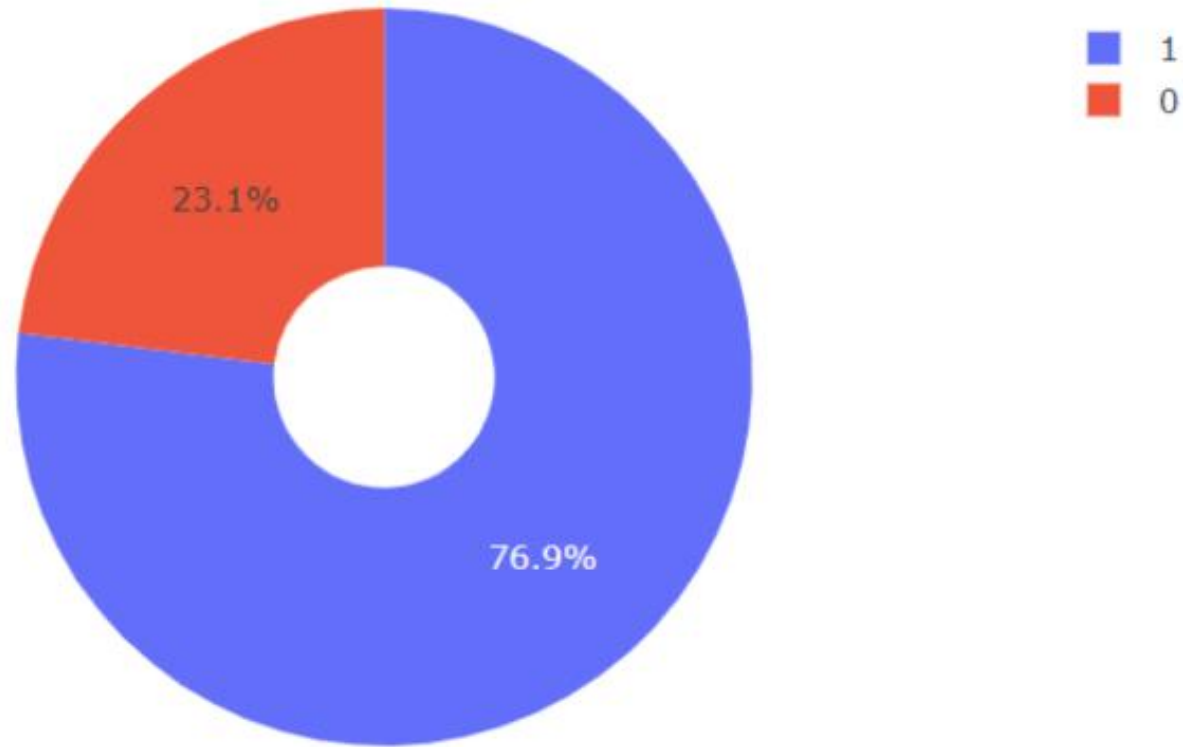
Pie chart showing the success percentage achieved by each launch site

Total Success Launches By all sites



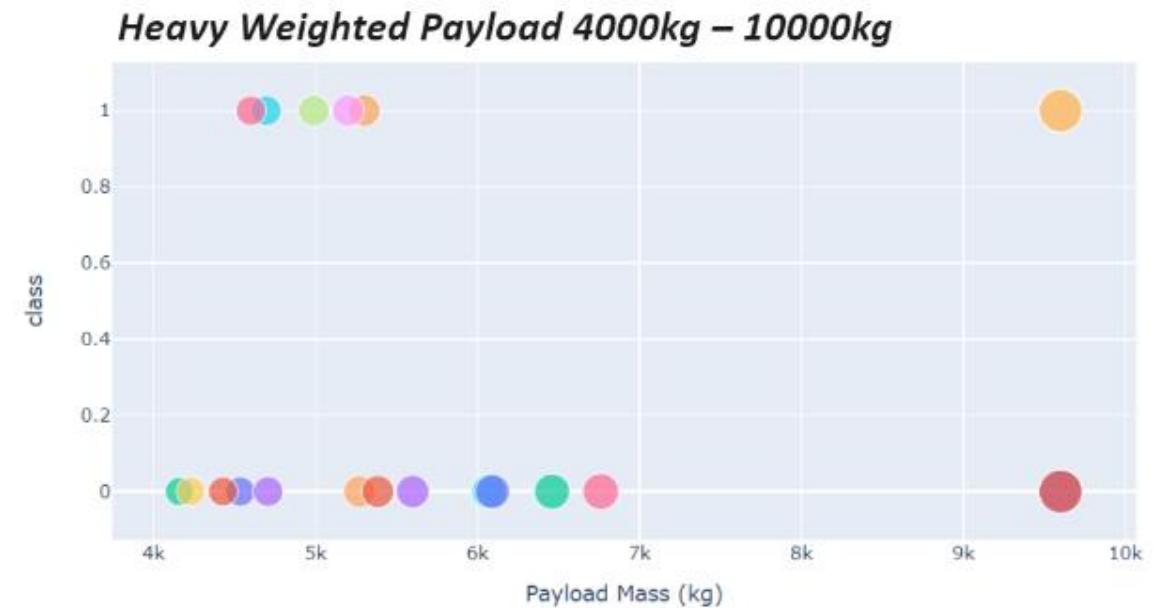
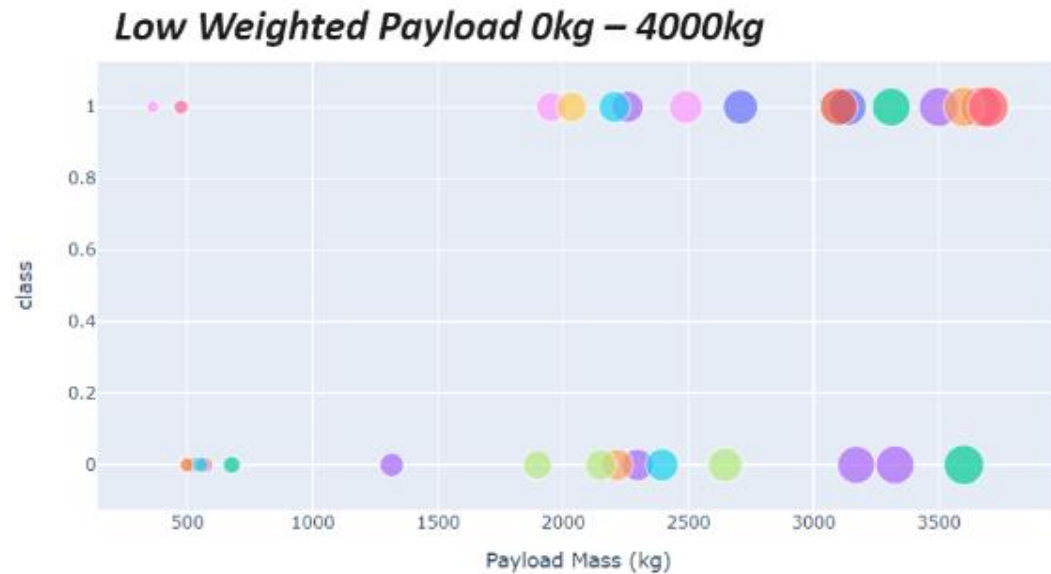
***We can see that KSC LC-39A had the most successful launches from all the sites***

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



***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 5

# Predictive Analysis (Classification)

# Classification Accuracy

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

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

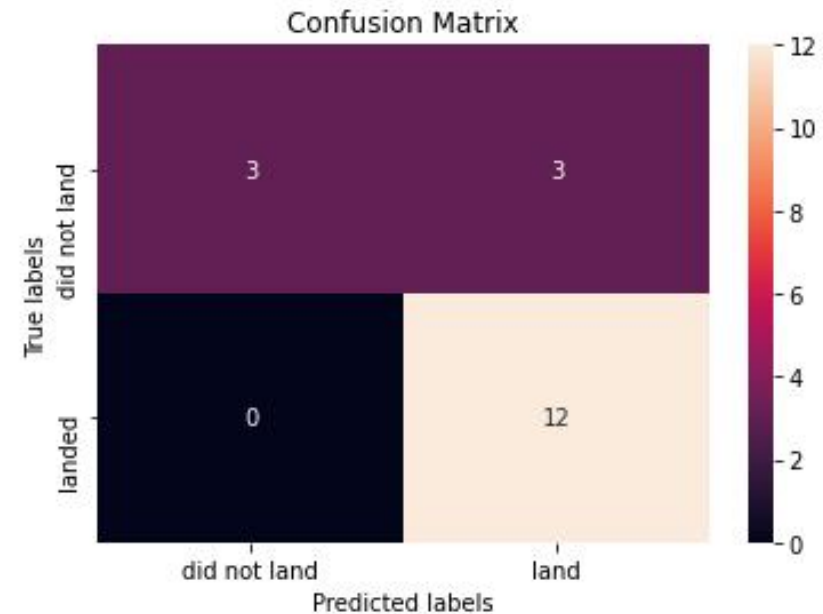
bestalgorithm = max(models, key=models.get)
print('Best model is', bestalgorithm, 'with a score of', models[bestalgorithm])
if bestalgorithm == 'DecisionTree':
    print('Best params is :', tree_cv.best_params_)
if bestalgorithm == 'KNeighbors':
    print('Best params is :', knn_cv.best_params_)
if bestalgorithm == '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 confusion matrix for the decision tree classifier shows that the classifier can distinguish between the different classes. The major problem is the false positives .i.e., unsuccessful landing marked as successful landing by the classifier.



# Conclusions

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!

