

# 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. The project aims 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 among various features determines 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 visualisation and SQL
- Perform interactive visual analytics using Folium and Plotly Dash
- Perform predictive analysis using classification models
  - How to build, tune, and evaluate classification models

# Data Collection

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- The data was collected using various methods
  - Data collection was done using get request to the SpaceX API.
  - Next, we decoded the response content as a Json using the json() function call and turn it into pandas dataframe using .json\_normalize().
  - We then cleaned the data, checked for missing values and fill in missing values where necessary.
  - In addition, we performed web scraping from Wikipedia for Falcon 9 launch records with BeautifulSoup.
  - The objective was to extract the launch records as HTML table, parse the table and convert it to pandas dataframe for future analysis.

# Data Collection – SpaceX API

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- We used the get request to the SpaceX API to collect data, clean the requested data and did some basic data wrangling and formatting.

## Data Collection - Scraping

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- We applied web scrapping to find Falcon 9 launch records with BeautifulSoup
- We parsed the table and converted it into a pandas dataframe.

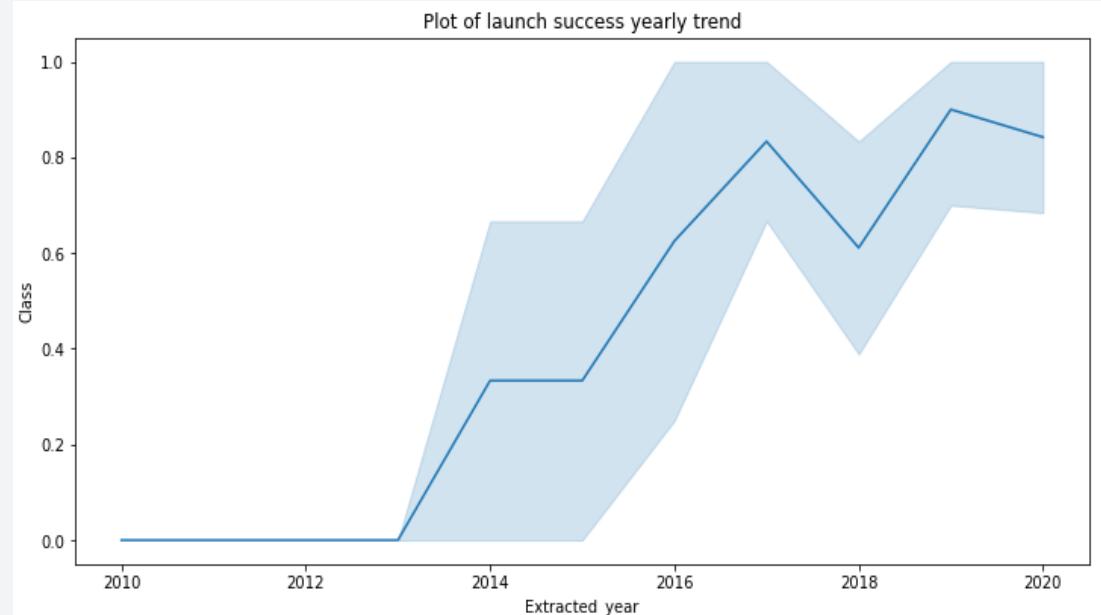
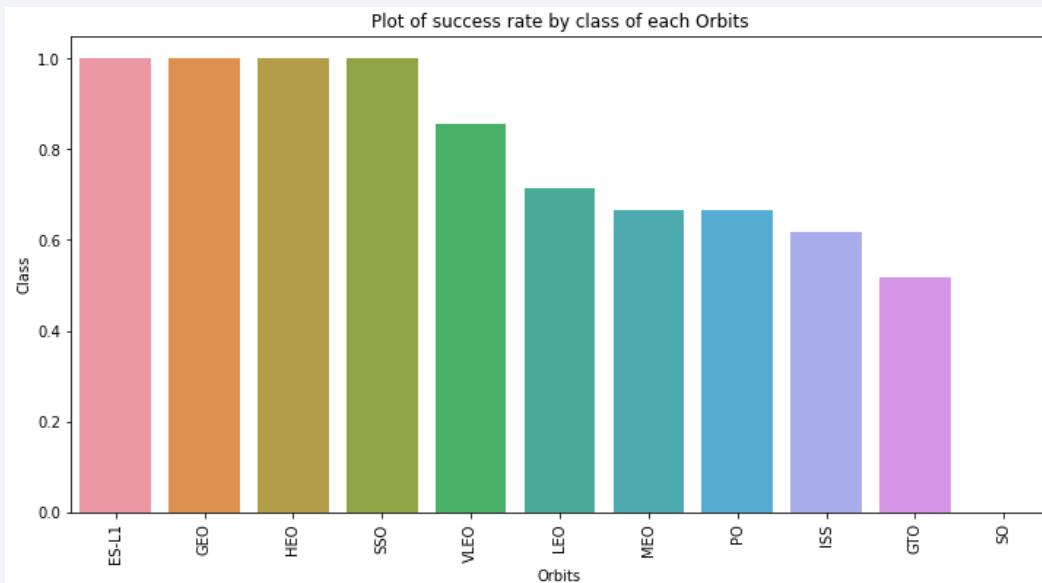
# Data Wrangling

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- We performed exploratory data analysis and determined the training labels.
- We calculated the number of launches at each site and the number and occurrence of each orbit
- We created a landing outcome label from the outcome column and exported the results to a CSV file.

# EDA with Data Visualization

- We explored the data by visualising the relationship between flight number and launch Site, payload and launch site, the success rate of each orbit type, flight number and orbit type, and the launch success yearly trend.



# EDA with SQL

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- 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 failed mission outcomes
  - The failed landing outcomes in drone ship, their booster version and launch site names.

# Build an Interactive Map with Folium

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- We marked all launch sites and added map objects such as markers, circles, and lines to mark the success or failure of launches for each site on the folium map.
- We assigned the feature launch outcomes (failure or success) to class 0 and 1. i.e., 0 for failure, and 1 for success.
- Using the colour-labelled marker clusters, we identified which launch sites have relatively high success rates.
- We calculated the distances between a launch site to its proximities. We answered some questions for instance:
  - Are launch sites near railways, highways and coastlines?
  - Do launch sites keep a certain distance away from cities.?

# Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

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- We built an interactive dashboard with Plotly dash
- We plotted pie charts showing the total launches by certain sites
- We plotted a scatter graph showing the relationship between Outcome and Payload Mass (Kg) for the different booster versions.

# Predictive Analysis (Classification)

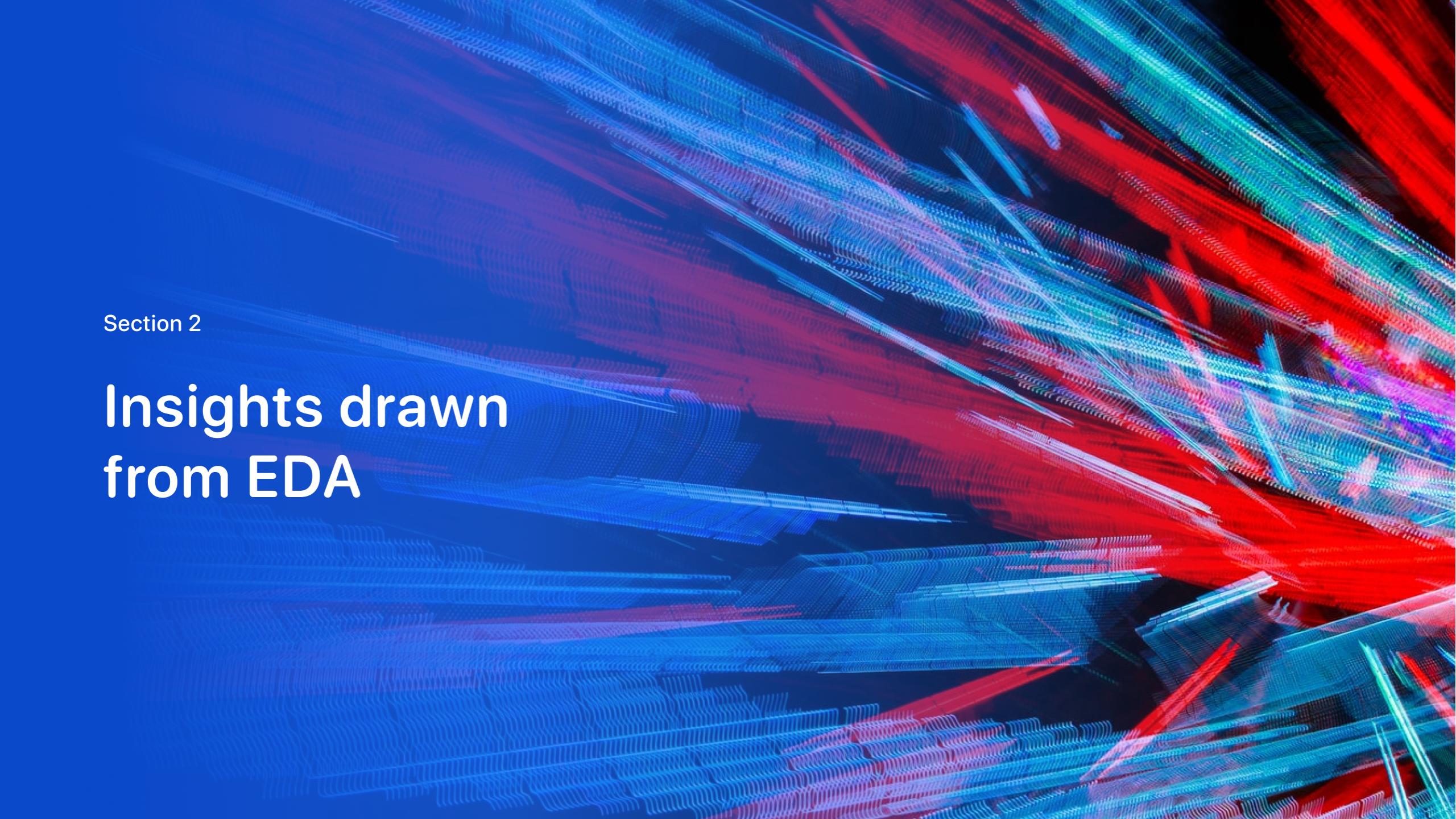
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- We loaded the data using Numpy and Pandas, transformed the data, and split our data into training and testing.
- We built different machine-learning models and tune different hyperparameters using GridSearchCV.
- We used accuracy as the metric for our model and improved the model using feature engineering and algorithm tuning.
- The best-performing classification model is found.

# Results

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

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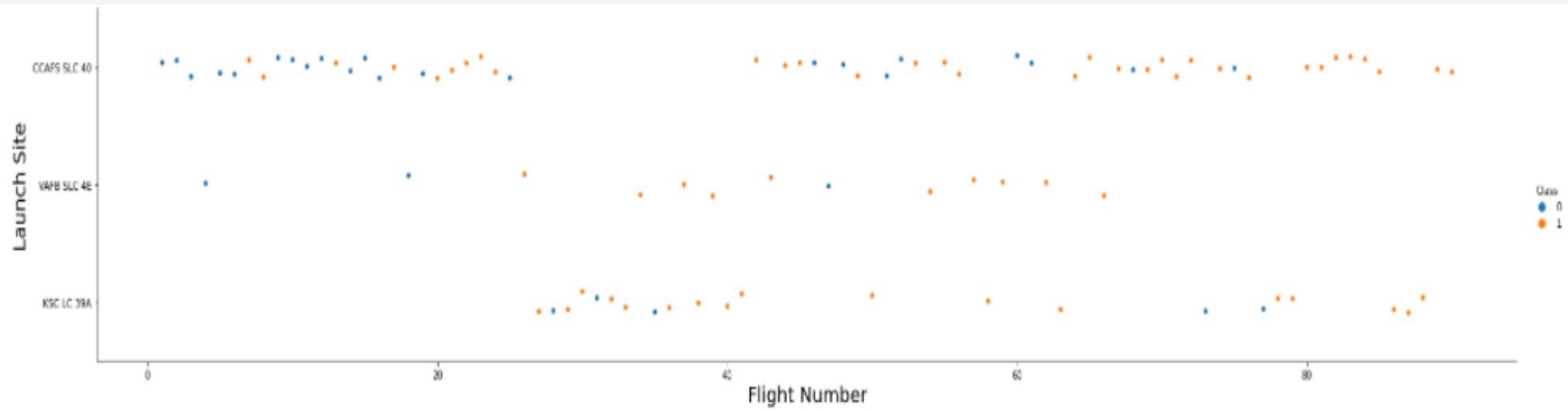
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## Insights drawn from EDA

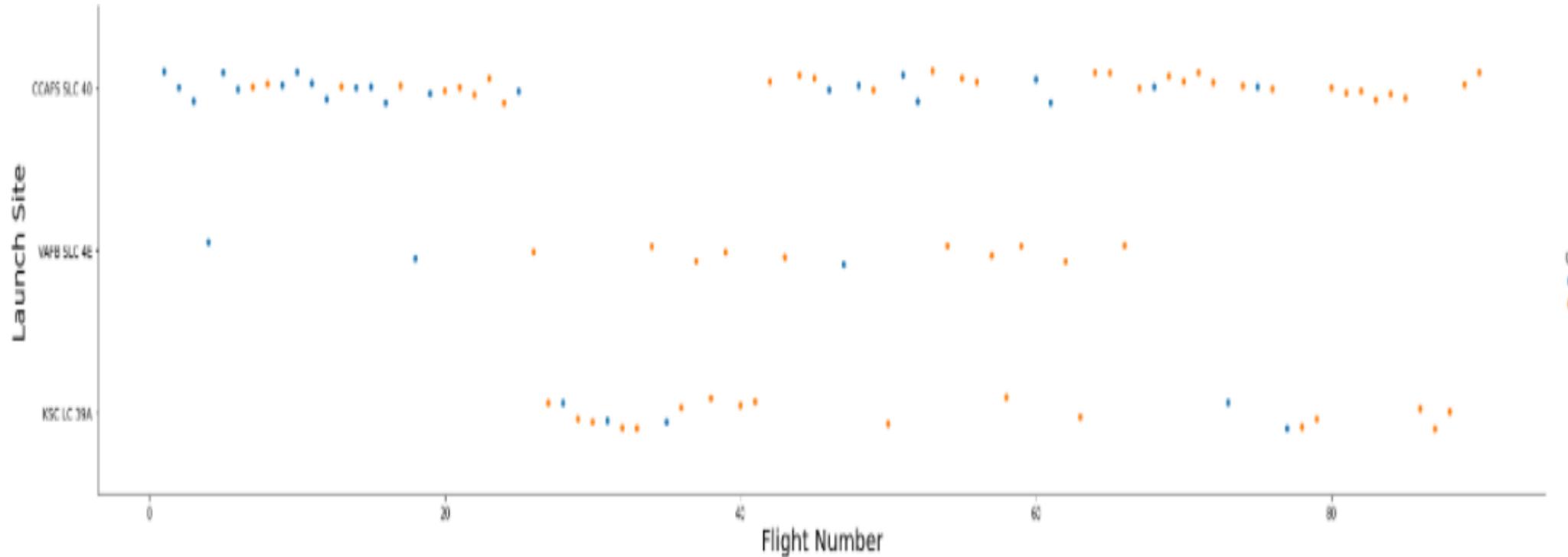
# Flight Number vs. Launch Site

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

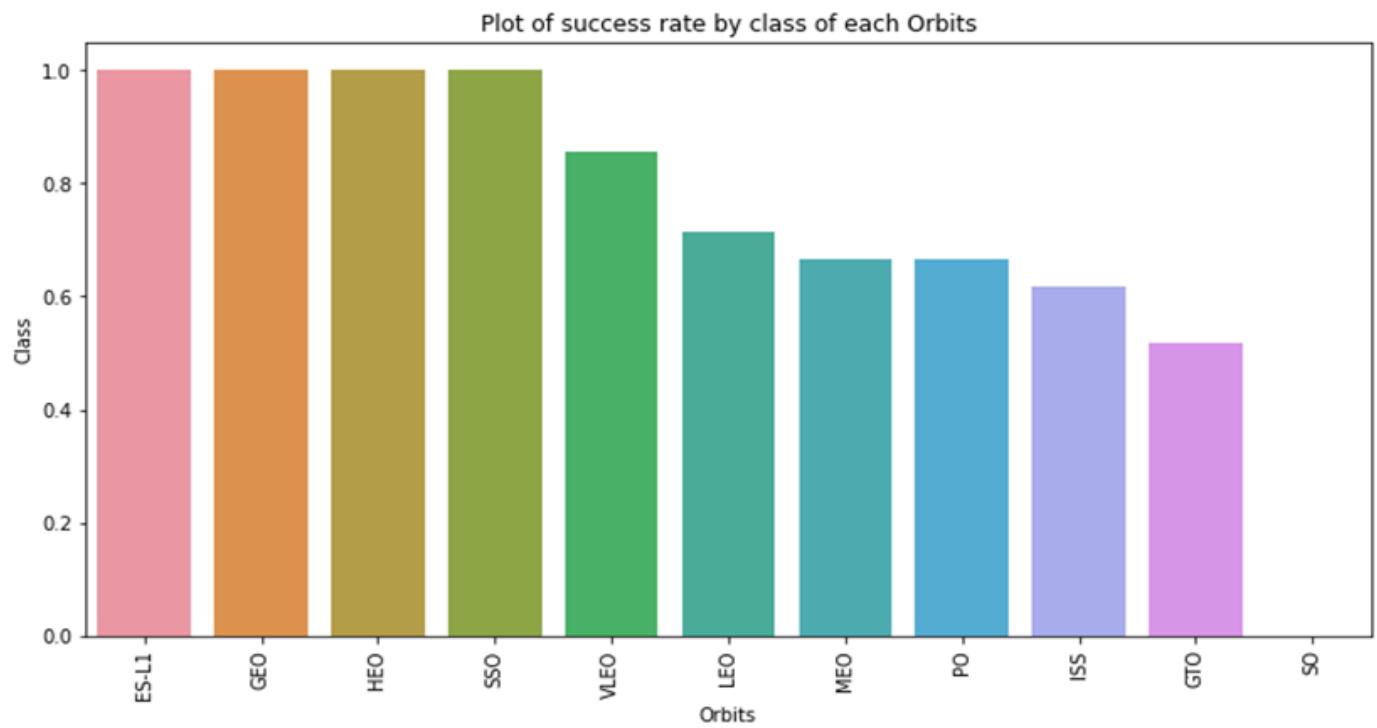


# Payload vs. Launch Site



# Success Rate vs. Orbit Type

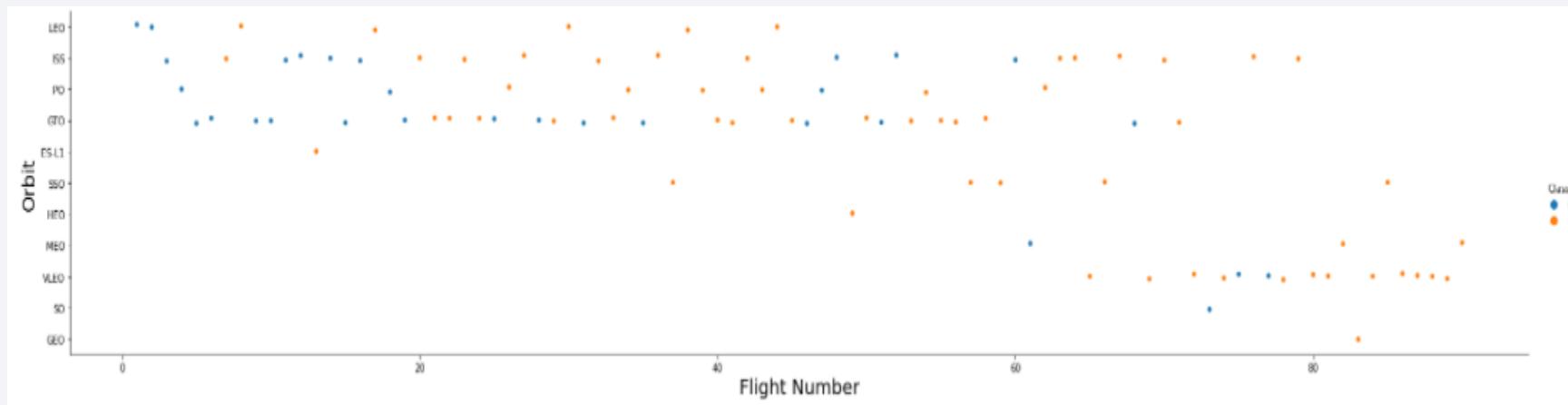
- From the plot, we can see that ES-L1, GEO, HEO, SSO, and VLEO had the most success rate.



# Flight Number vs. Orbit Type

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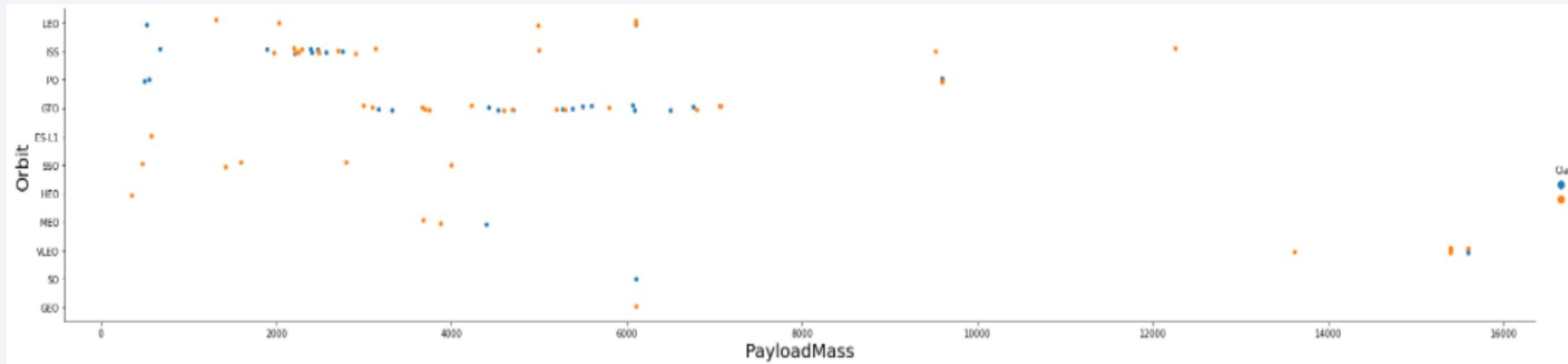
- The plot below shows the Flight Number vs. Orbit type. We observe that in the LEO orbit, success is related to the number of flights whereas in the GTO orbit, there is no relationship between flight number and the orbit.



# Payload vs. Orbit Type

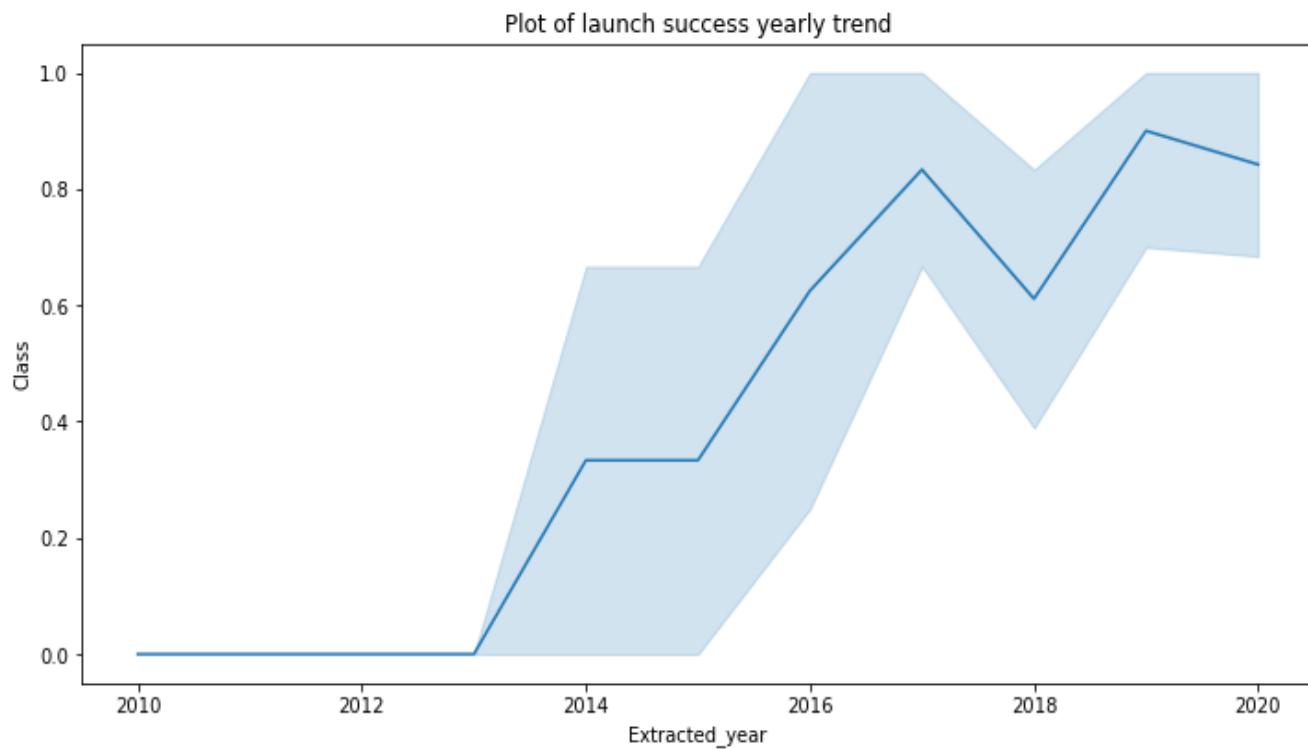
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- We can observe that with heavy payloads, the successful landing is more for PO, LEO and ISS orbits.



# Launch Success Yearly Trend

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



# All Launch Site Names

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

In [10]:

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

```
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

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- 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
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# 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

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0	2015-12-22
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# 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

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

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- We used 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
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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.

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Section 4

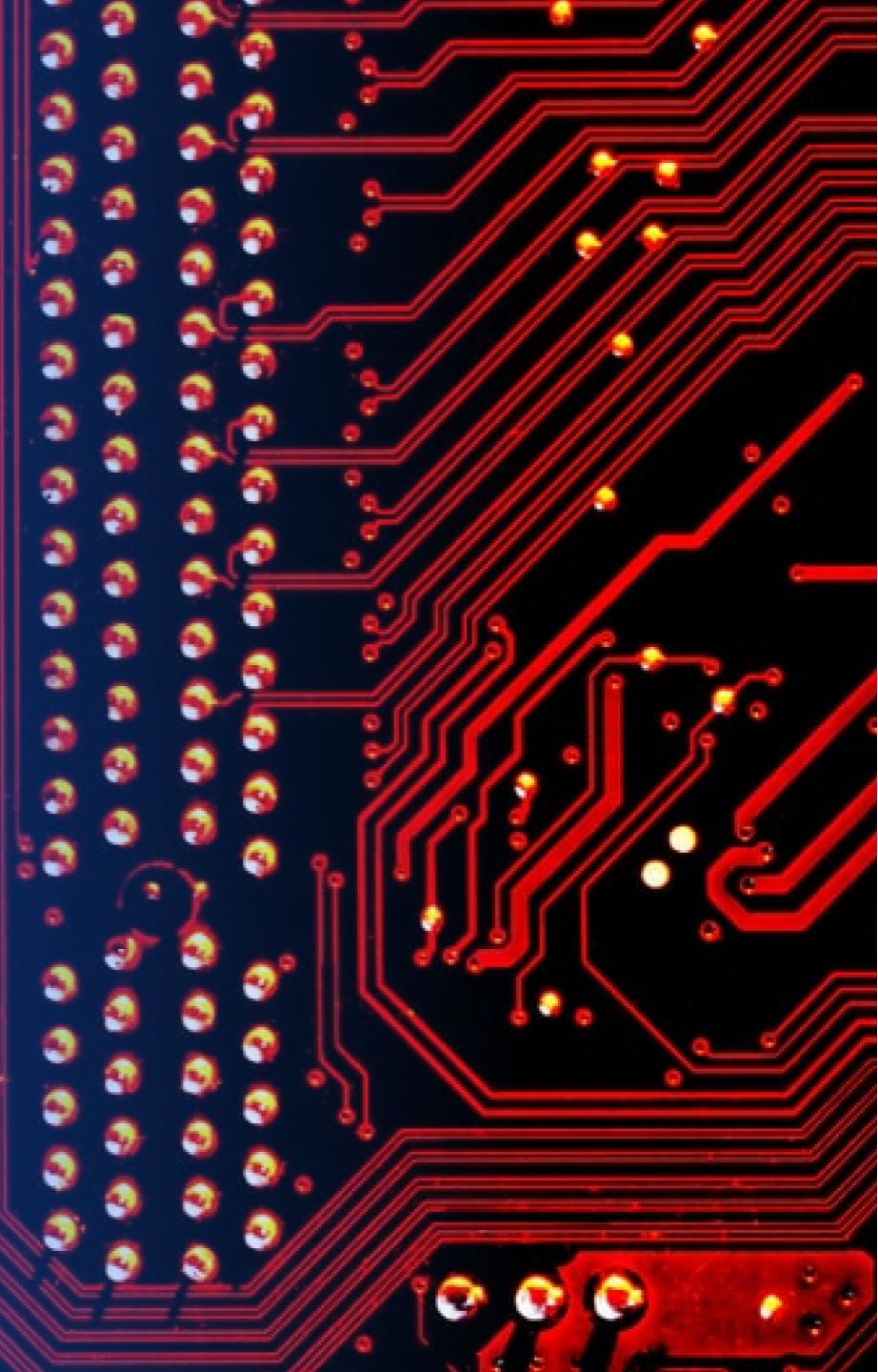
# Launch Sites Proximities Analysis

# All launch sites global map markers



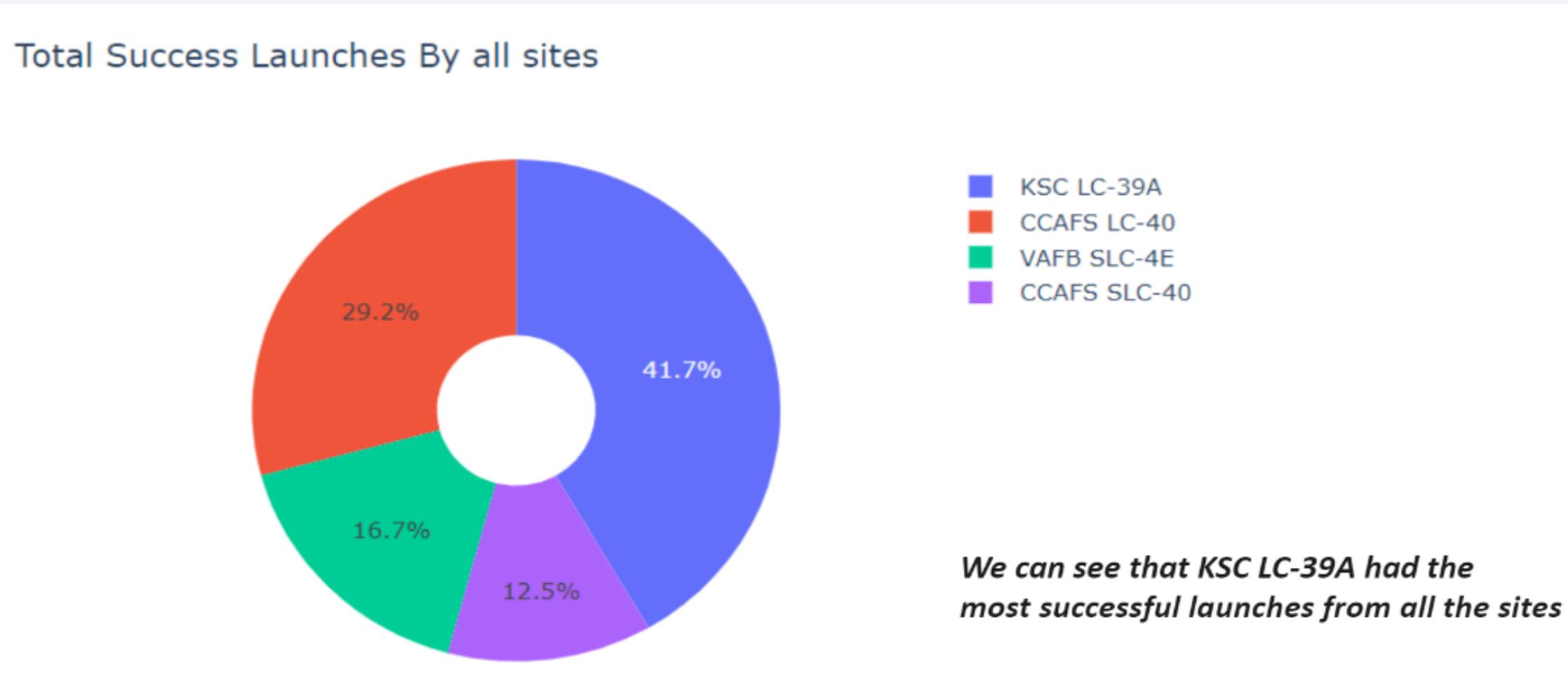
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# Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

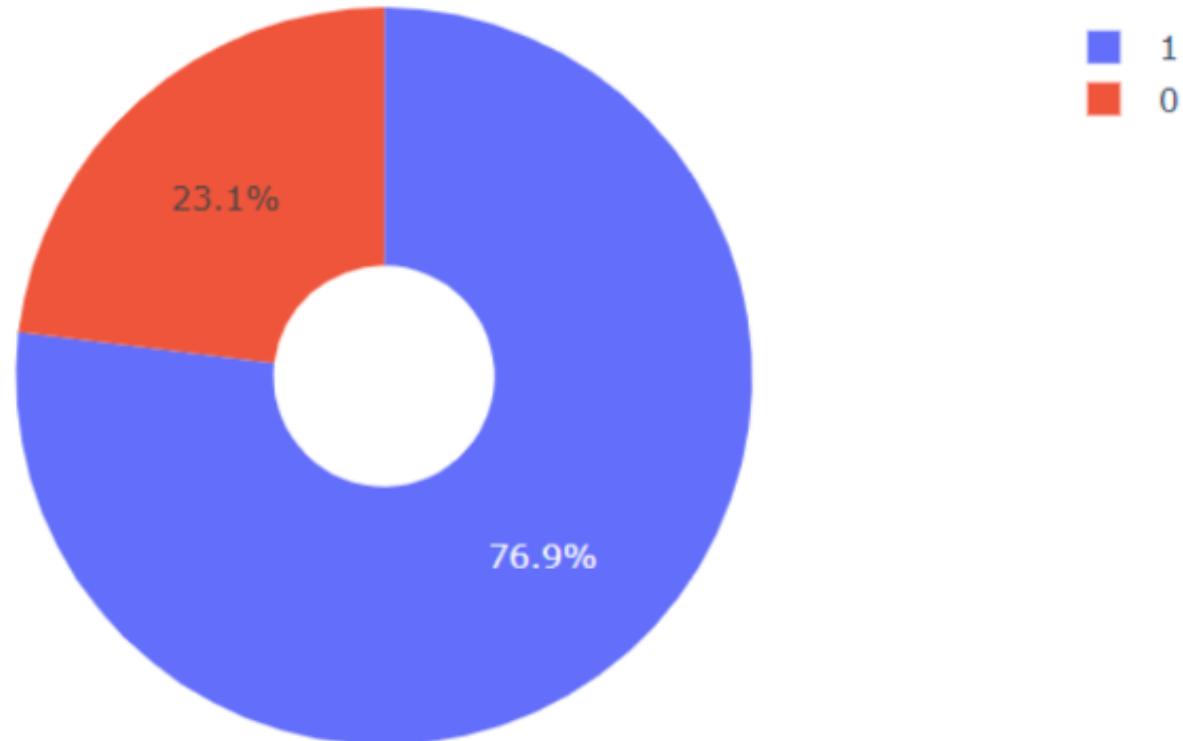


## Pie chart showing the success percentage achieved by each launch site

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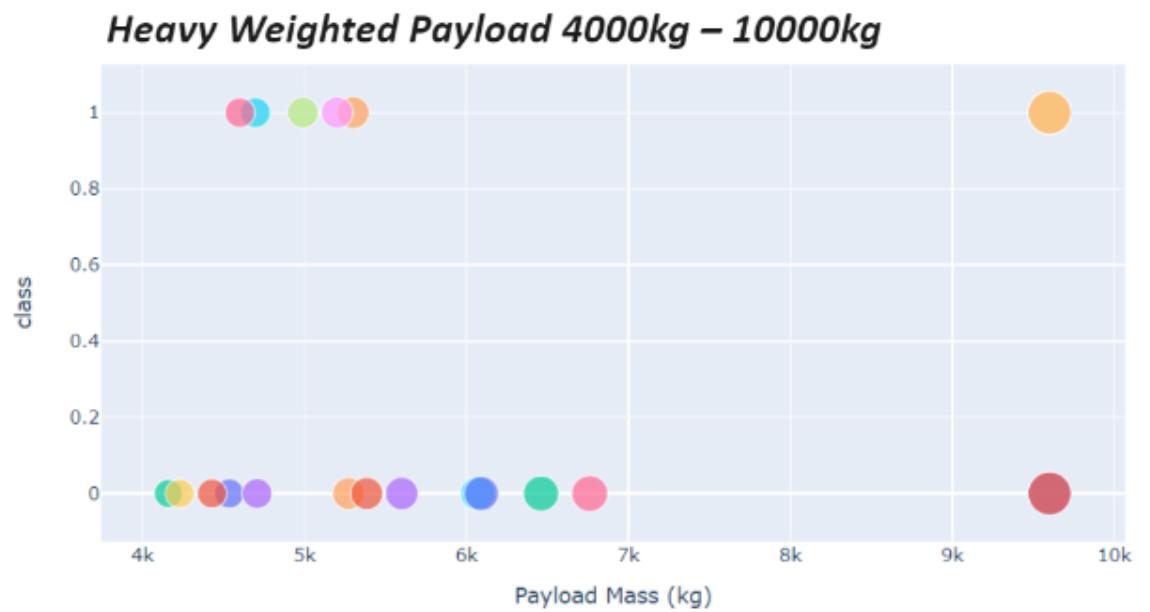
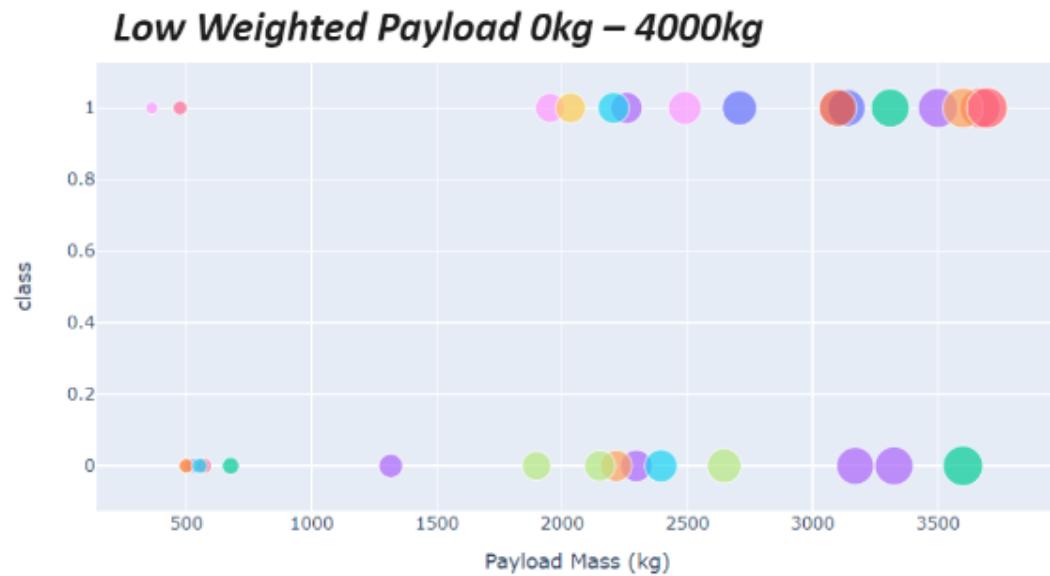


Pie chart showing the Launch site with the highest launch success ratio



*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

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Section 6

# Predictive Analysis (Classification)

# Classification Accuracy

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

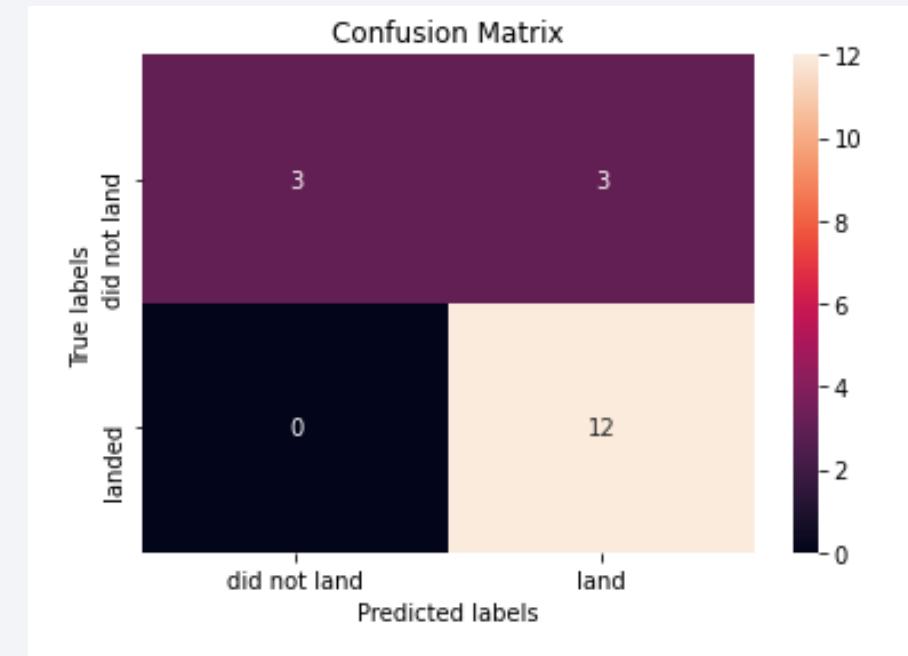
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models = {'KNeighbors':knn_cv.best_score_,  
          'DecisionTree':tree_cv.best_score_,  
          'LogisticRegression':logreg_cv.best_score_,  
          'SupportVector': svm_cv.best_score_}  
  
bestalgorithm = max(models, key=models.get)  
print('Best 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_)
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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'}
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# Confusion Matrix

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- 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., an unsuccessful landing is marked as a successful landing by the classifier.



# 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!

