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# Winning Space Race with Data Science

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# Executive Summary

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- Summary of methodologies
  - Data Collection
  - Data Wrangling
  - EDA with data visualization
  - Building Folium powered interactive maps
  - Building a Plotly Dash powered Dashboard
  - Classification predictive analysis
- Summary of all results
  - EDA
  - Interactive Analysis
  - Predictive Analysis

# Introduction

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- Project background and context:
  - Space tourism will be a big thing. Companies must find the way to create the most sustainable way to take people to space. Leading this race is SpaceX with the Falcon 9 Rockets. Each launch costs SpaceX about 62 million dollars a much smaller value when compared with the 165 million dollars that other providers must spend. The reason for the difference? Reusability! The first stage of the rocket can be reused as long as it lands.
- Problems you want to find answers
  - The goal of the project is to predict if the first stage of the SpaceX Falcon9 rocket will land successfully.



Section 1

# Methodology

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## Executive Summary

- Data collection methodology:
  - SpaceX REST API
  - Web Scrapping from Wikipedia
- Perform data wrangling
  - OHE for Machine Learning and data cleaning of null, nan values and irrelevant collumns
- Perform exploratory data analysis (EDA) using visualization and SQL
- Perform interactive visual analytics using Folium and Plotly Dash
- Perform predictive analysis using classification models
  - LR, KNN, SVM and DT models were built, trained and evaluated

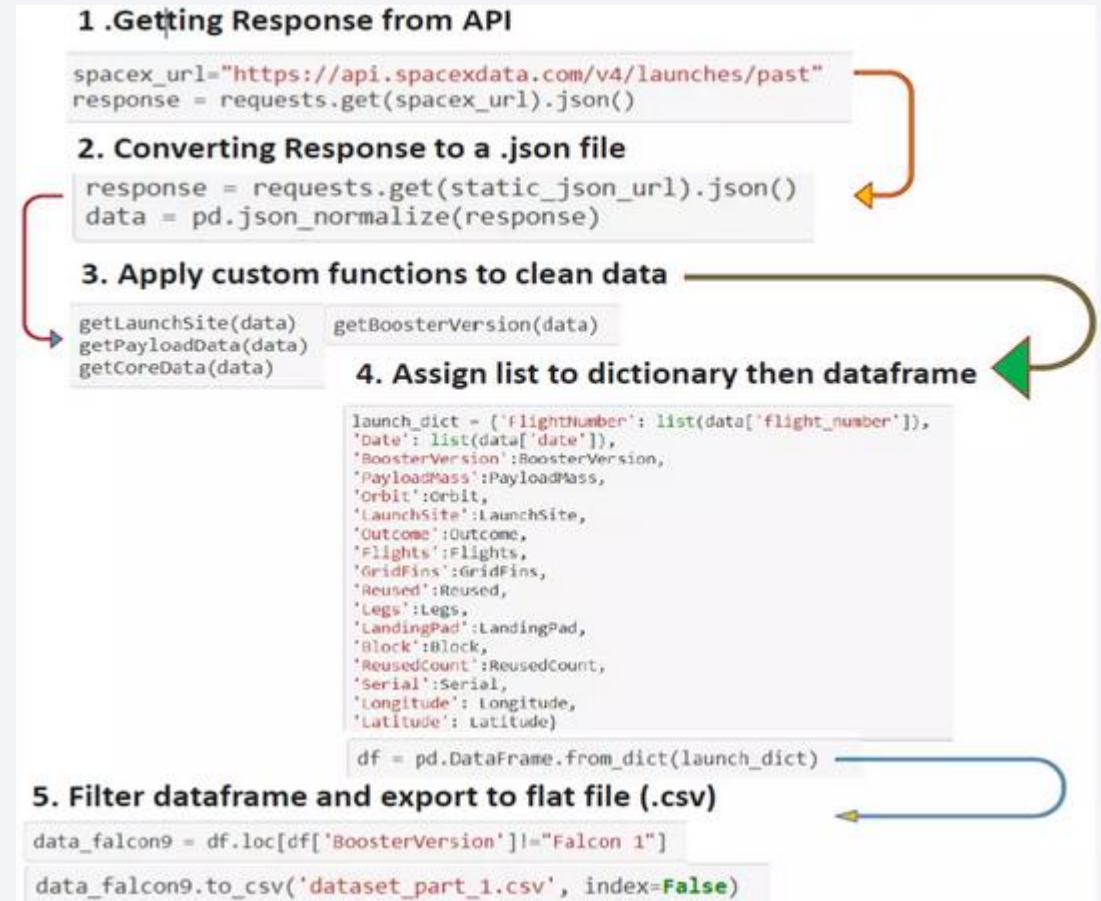
# Data Collection

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- Sources
  - Wikipedia Web Scraping Using BeautifulSoup
  - Information provided by the SpaceX REST API
    - Launches
    - Rocket Used
    - Payload Delivered
    - Launch and Landing info
    - Landing Outcome (if it landed or if an unscheduled rapid disassembly happened)

# Data Collection – SpaceX API

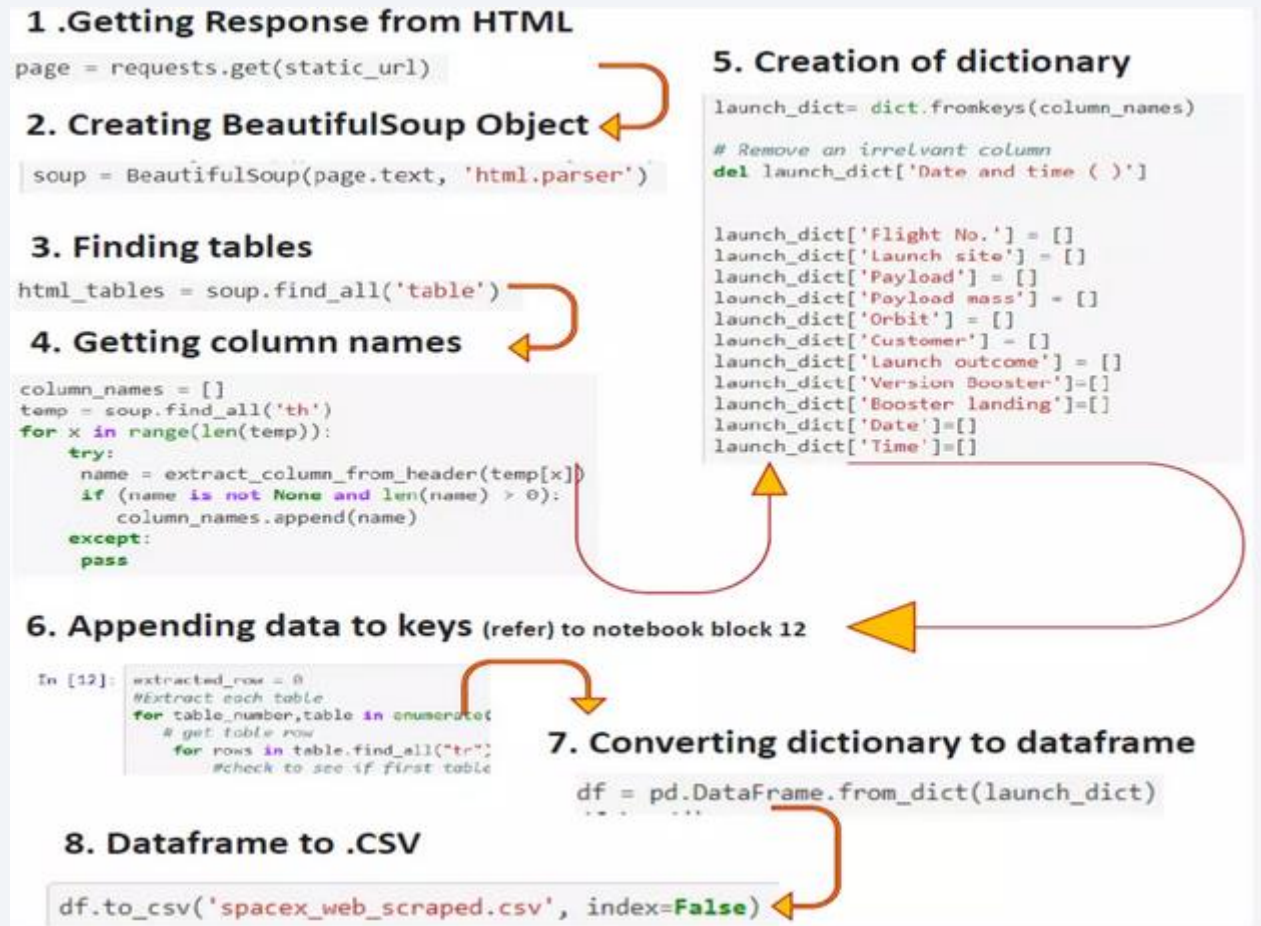
- SpaceX REST API for Data Collection
- [GitHub - SpaceX API requests](#)





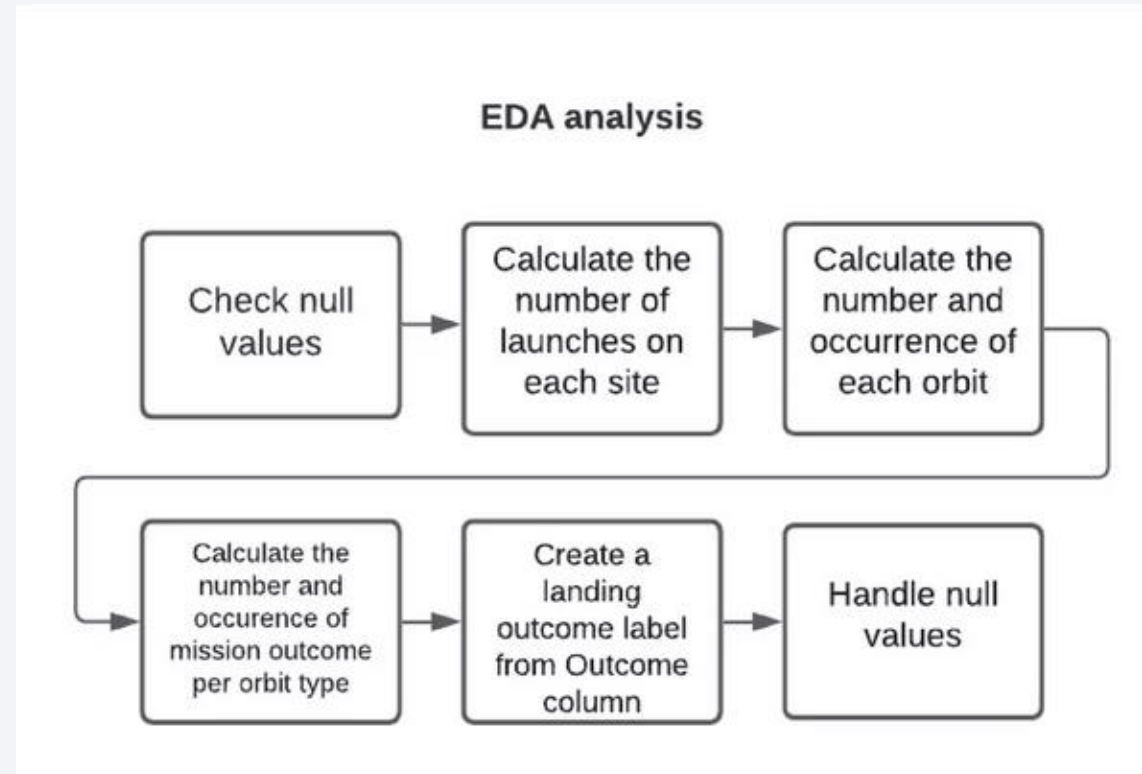
# Data Collection - Scraping

- Web Scraping Wikipedia pages
- [Github - WebScraping](#)



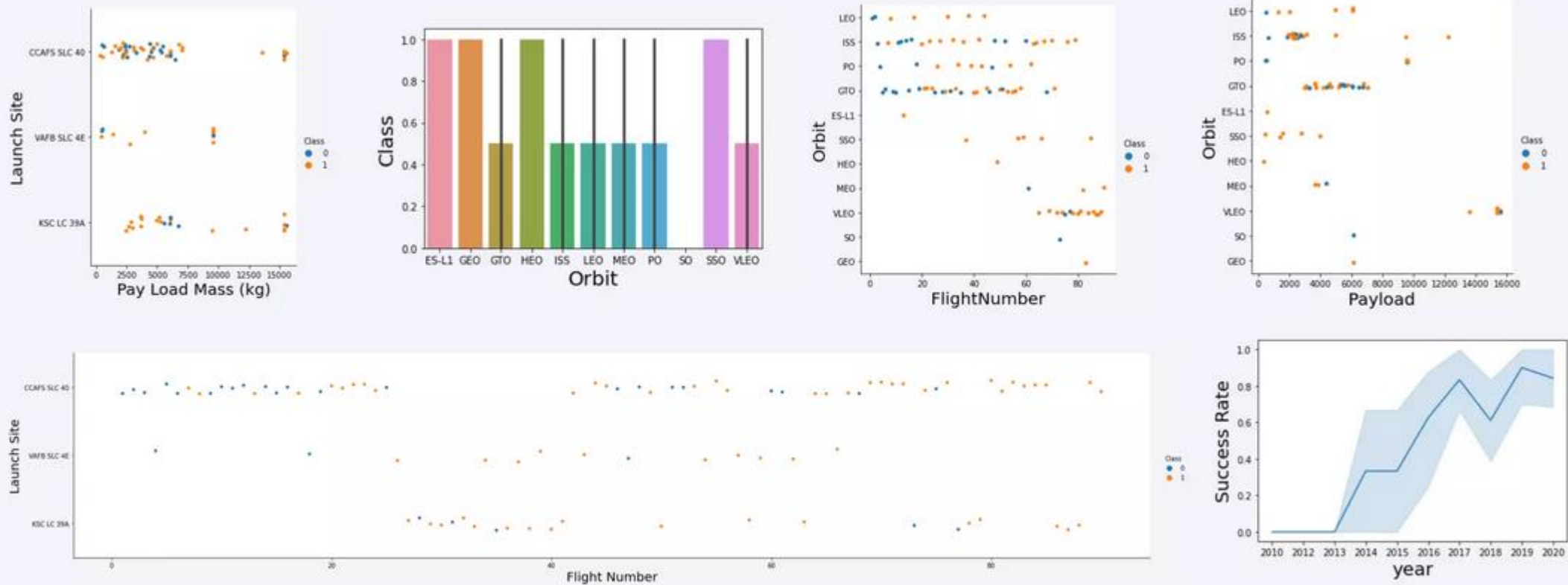
# Data Wrangling

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- [Github - Data Wrangling](#)

# EDA with Data Visualization



- [Github- Viz](#)

# EDA with SQL

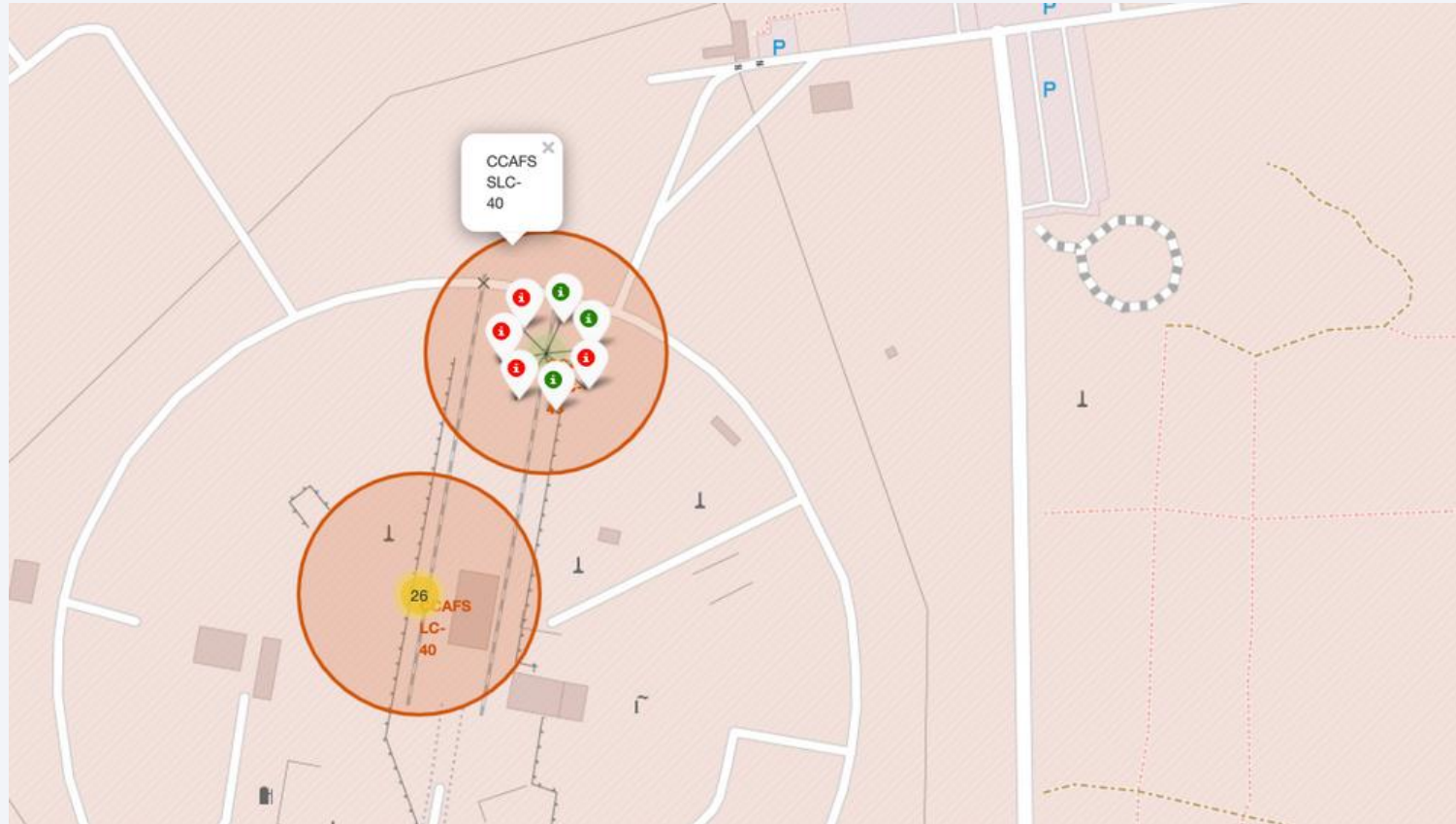
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- Some queries performed:
  - Displaying singular and combined categories
  - Listing the successful events
  - Ranking the outcomes on a given interval

[Github - SQL](#)

# Build an Interactive Map with Folium

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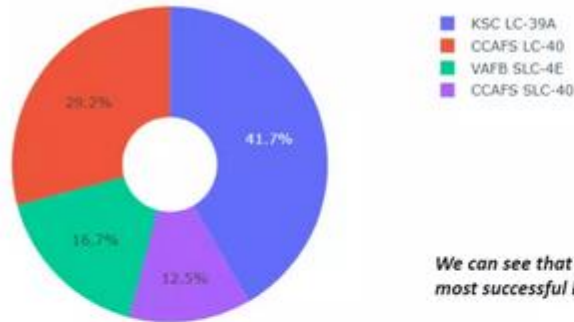


- [Github - Folium](#)

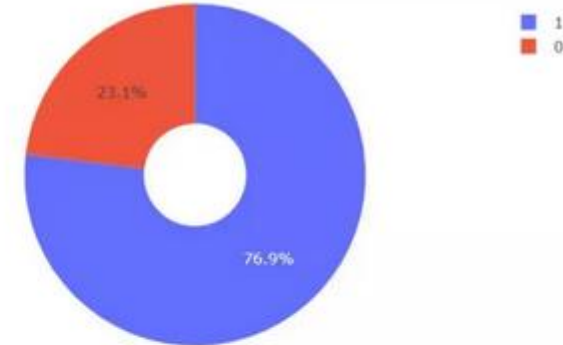


# Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

Total Success Launches By all sites

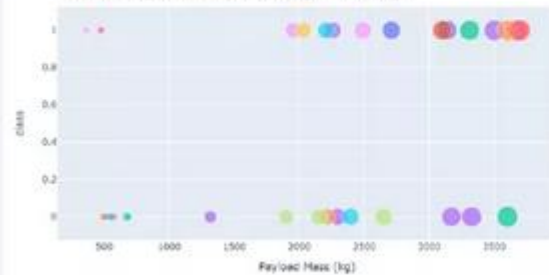


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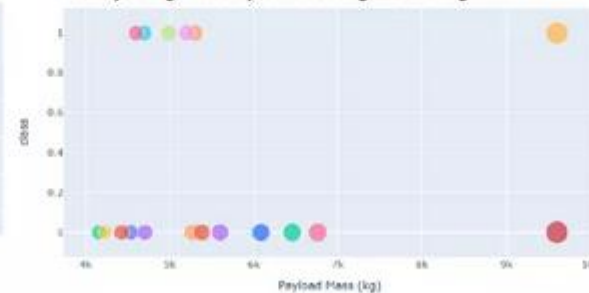


*KSC LC-39A achieved a 76.9% success rate while getting a 23.1% failure rate*

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*

- [Github - Plotly Dash](#)

# Predictive Analysis (Classification)

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- Both the SVM and the KNN got an accuracy score of 83.3%, the highest amongst the 4 models trained.
- The SVM also has the best under the curve performance at 0.958

[Github - Machine Learning](#)

# Results

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- SVM, KNN and LR work well in terms of accuracy
- Heavy payloads generally landing to fail
- The success rate of launches and landings as risen throughout the years
- Orbit GEO,HEO,SSO,ES L1 has provides the best rate for sucess



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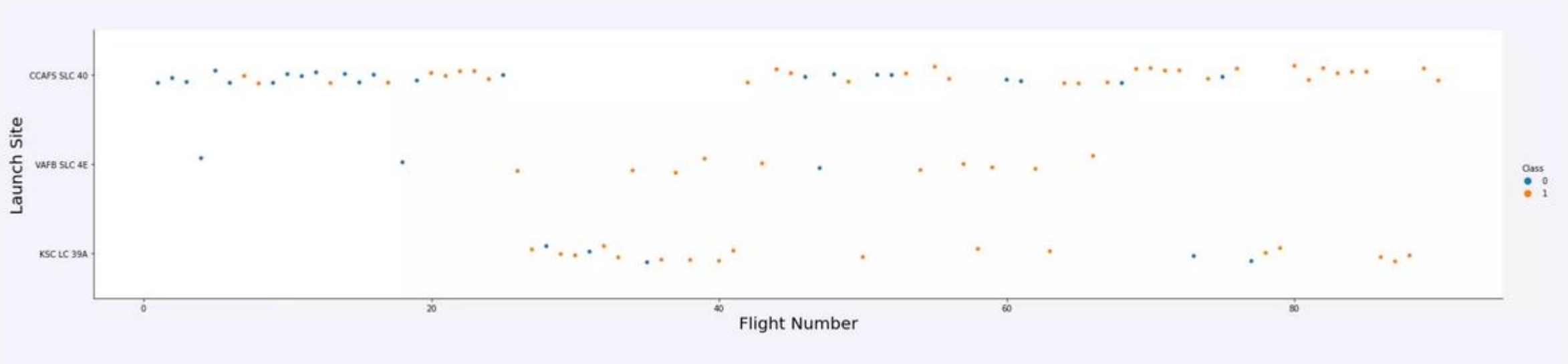
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# Insights drawn from EDA



# Flight Number vs. Launch Site

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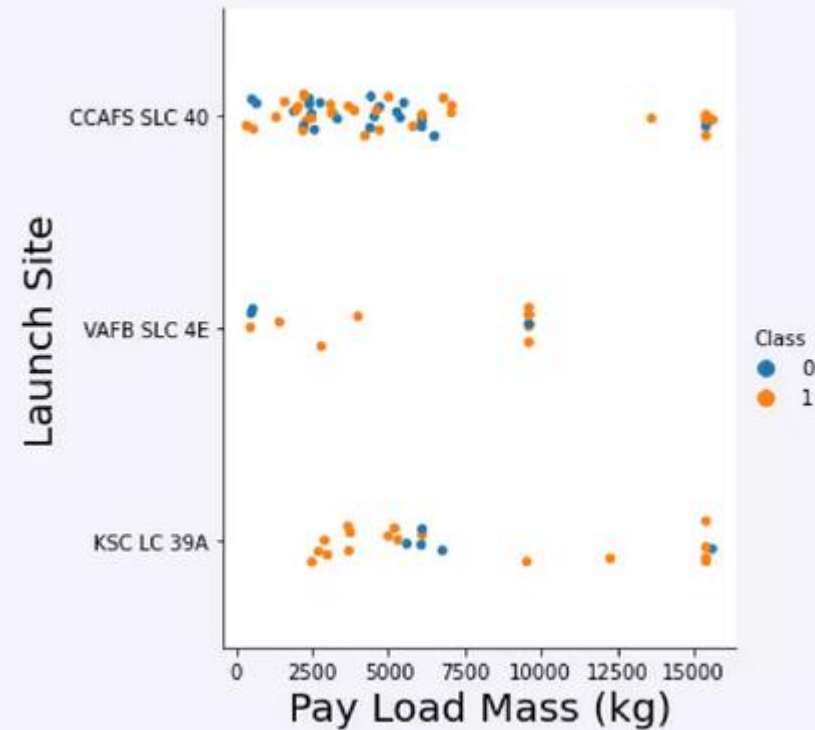
- CCAFS SLC 40 Launches have the best performance



# Payload vs. Launch Site

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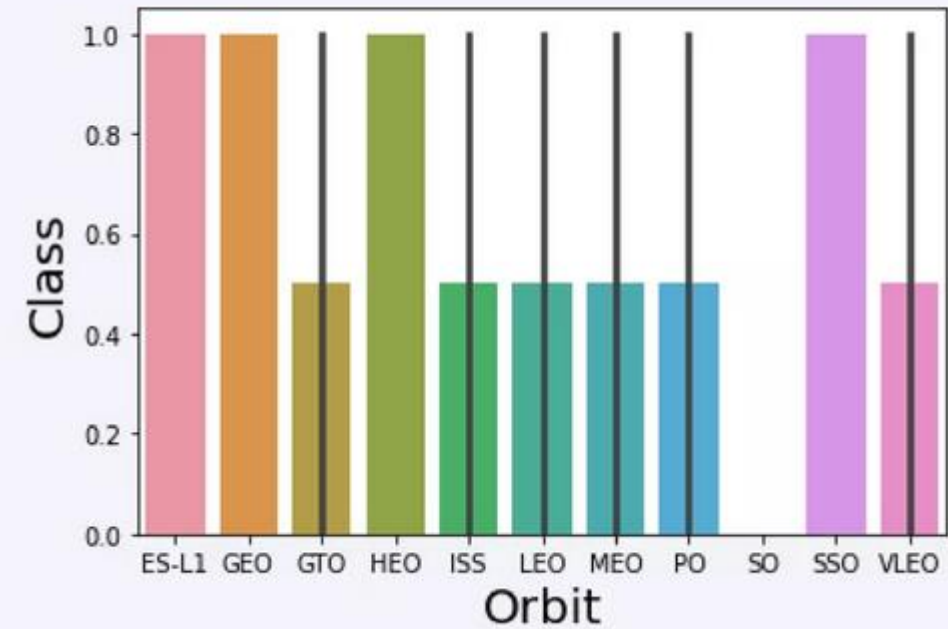
- Showing the correlation between launch Site and the payload mass



# Success Rate vs. Orbit Type

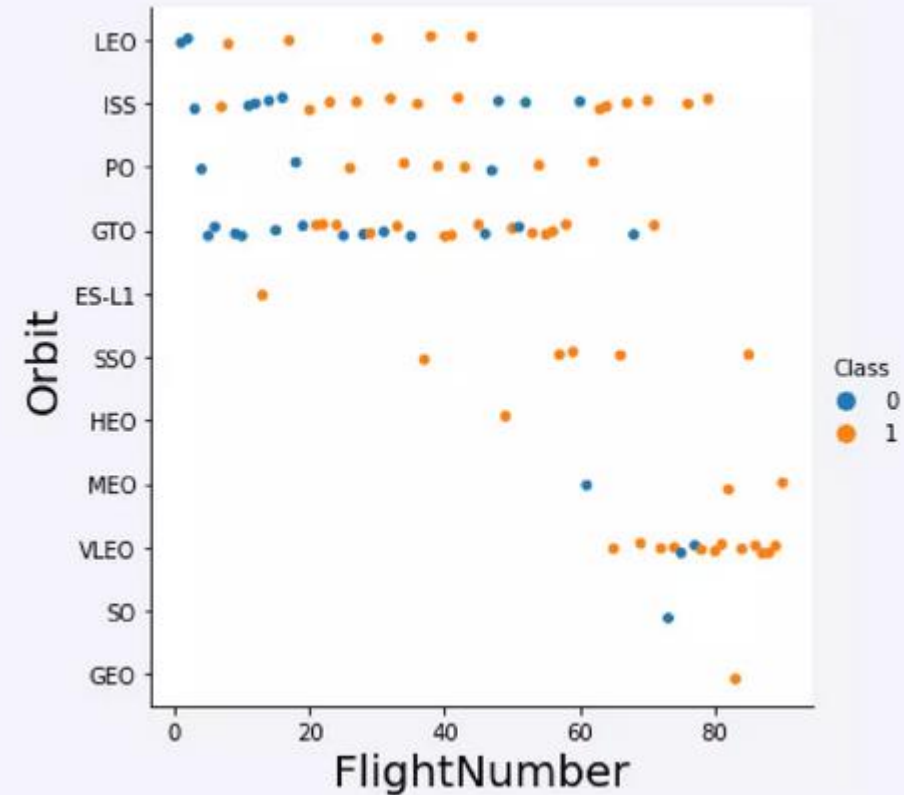
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- Success rate of each orbit



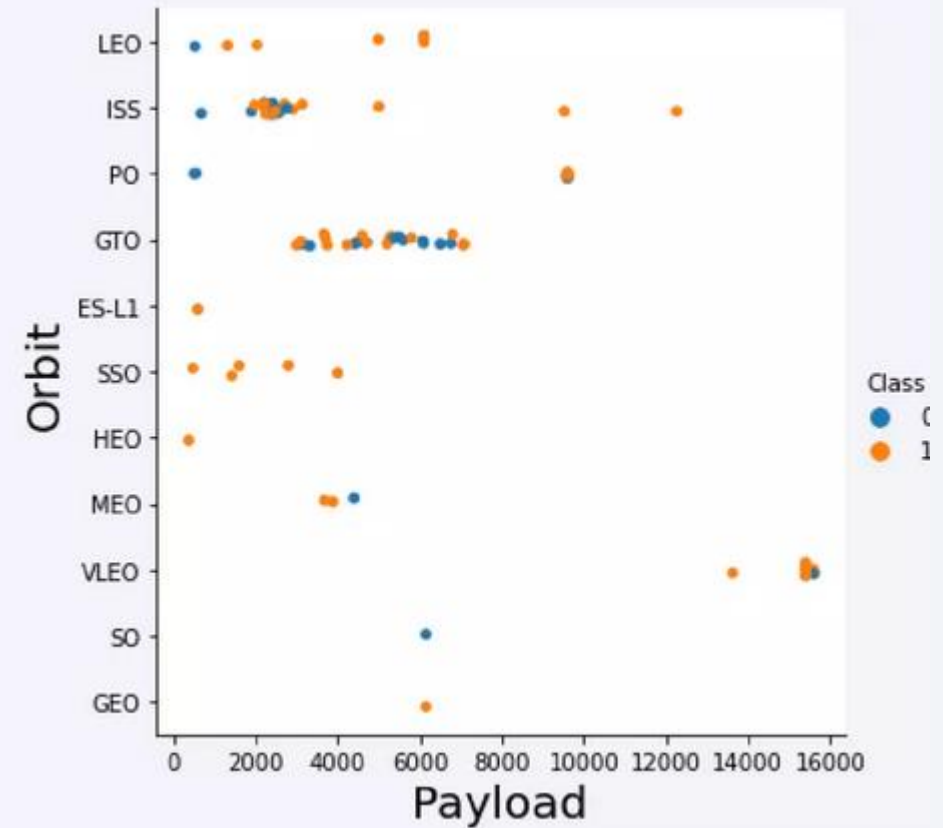
# Flight Number vs. Orbit Type

- Types of orbit for each flight number.



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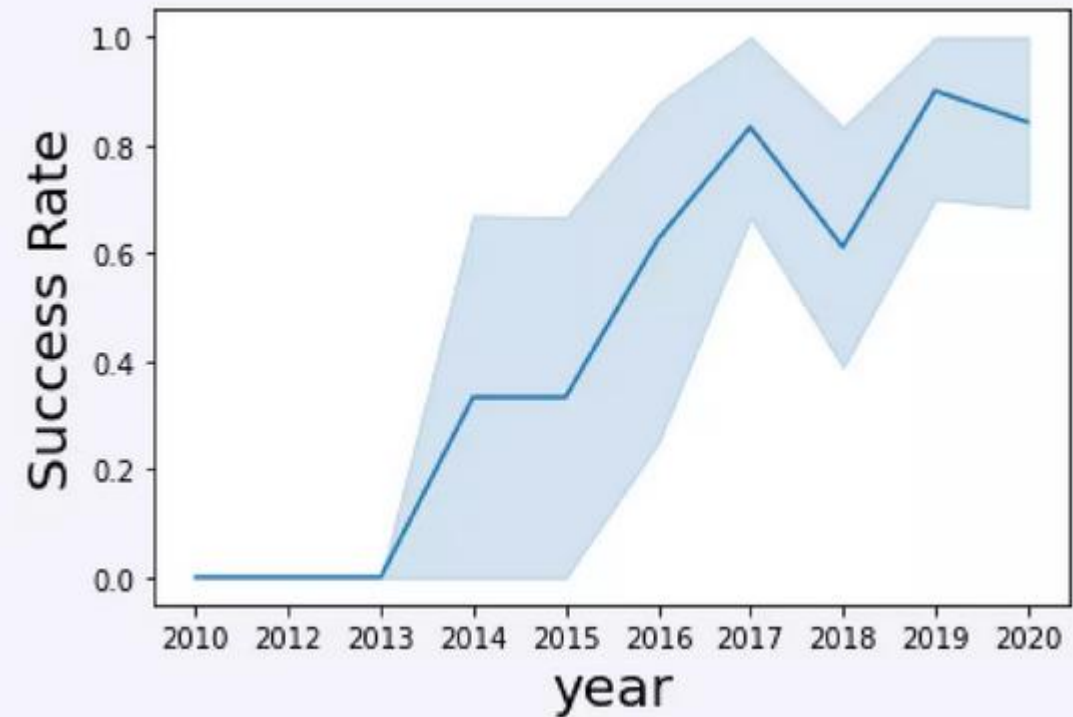
- A scatter plot that explain the relationship between the payload mass and the orbit chosen



# Launch Success Yearly Trend

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- Launch success has experienced an uprising trend throughout the years





# All Launch Site Names

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- Find the names of the unique launch sites
- %sql select distinct(LAUNCH\_SITE) from SPACEXTBL

**launch\_site**

CCAFS LC-40

CCAFS SLC-40

KSC LC-39A

VAFB SLC-4E

# Launch Site Names Begin with 'CCA'

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- Find 5 records where launch sites begin with `CCA`
- %sql select \* SPACEXTBL 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

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- Total payload carried by boosters from NASA
- % select sum(PAYLOAD\_MASS\_KG\_) from PACEXTBL where CUSTOMER = NASA (CRS)

45596

# Average Payload Mass by F9 v1.1

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- Average payload mass carried by booster version F9 v1.1
- %sql select avg(PAYLOAD\_MASS\_KG\_) from SPACEXTBL where BOOSTER\_VERSION = 'F9 v1.1'

2928.400000

# First Successful Ground Landing Date

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- Dates of the first successful landing outcome on ground pad
- %sql select min(DATE) from SPACEXTBL where Landing\_Outcome 0 'Success (ground pad)'

2015-12-22



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

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- Names of boosters which have successfully landed on drone ship and had payload mass greater than 4000 but less than 6000
- %sql select BOOSTER\_VERSION from SPACEXTBL 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

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- Total number of successful and failure mission outcomes
- %sql select count(MISSION\_OUTCOME) from SPACEXTBL where MISSION\_OUTCOME = 'Success' or MISSION\_OUTCOME = 'Failure (in flight)'

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# Boosters Carried Maximum Payload

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- Names of the booster which have carried the maximum payload mass
- %sql select BOOSTER\_VERSION from SPACEXTBL 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

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- Failed landing\_outcomes in drone ship, their booster versions, and launch site names for in year 2015
- %sql select\* from SPACEXTBL 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)

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

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- Ranking the count of landing outcomes (such as Failure (drone ship) or Success (ground pad)) between the date 2010-06-04 and 2017-03-20, in descending order
- %sql select\* from SPACEXTBL 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)

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.

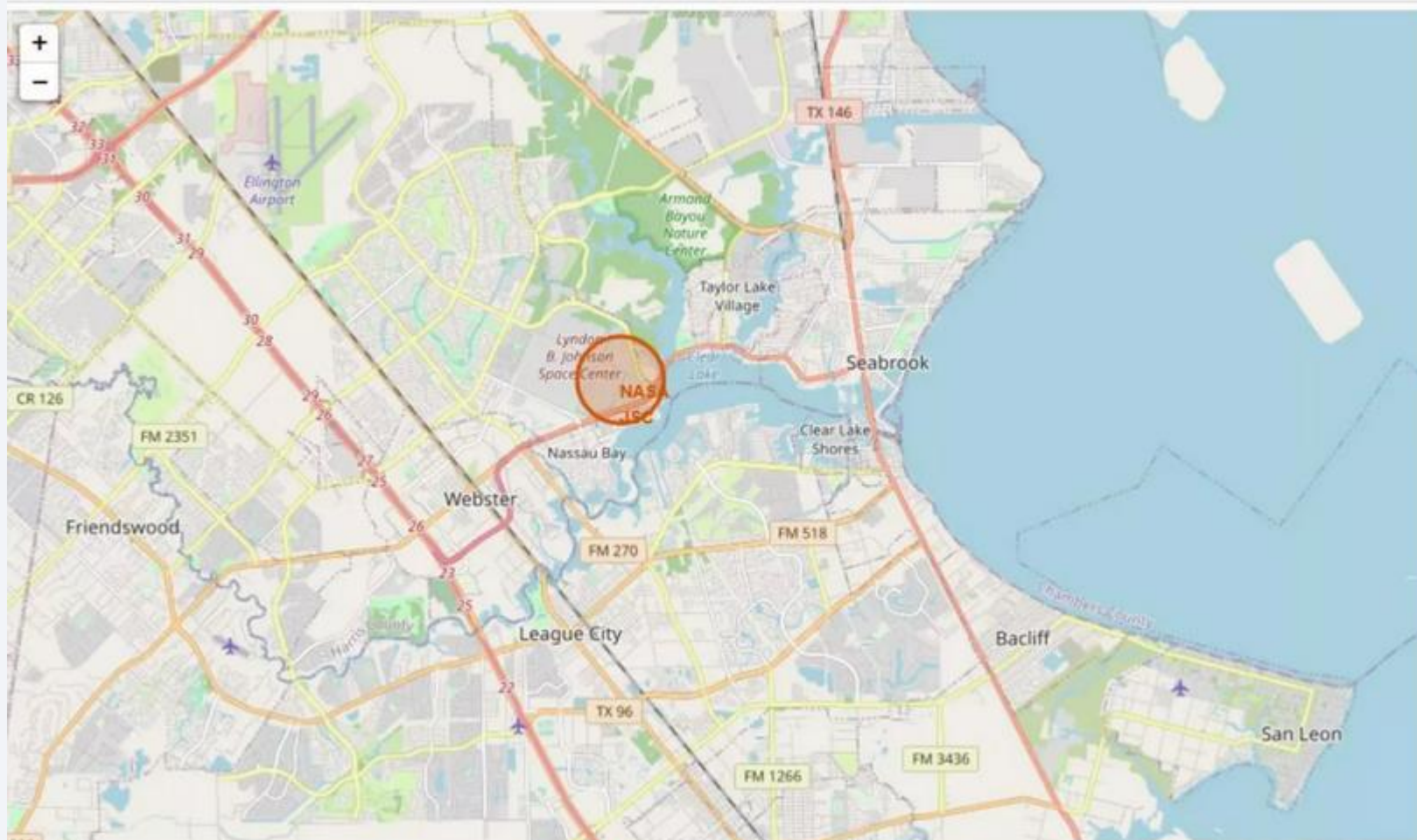
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# Launch Sites Proximities Analysis



# Launch Site Location

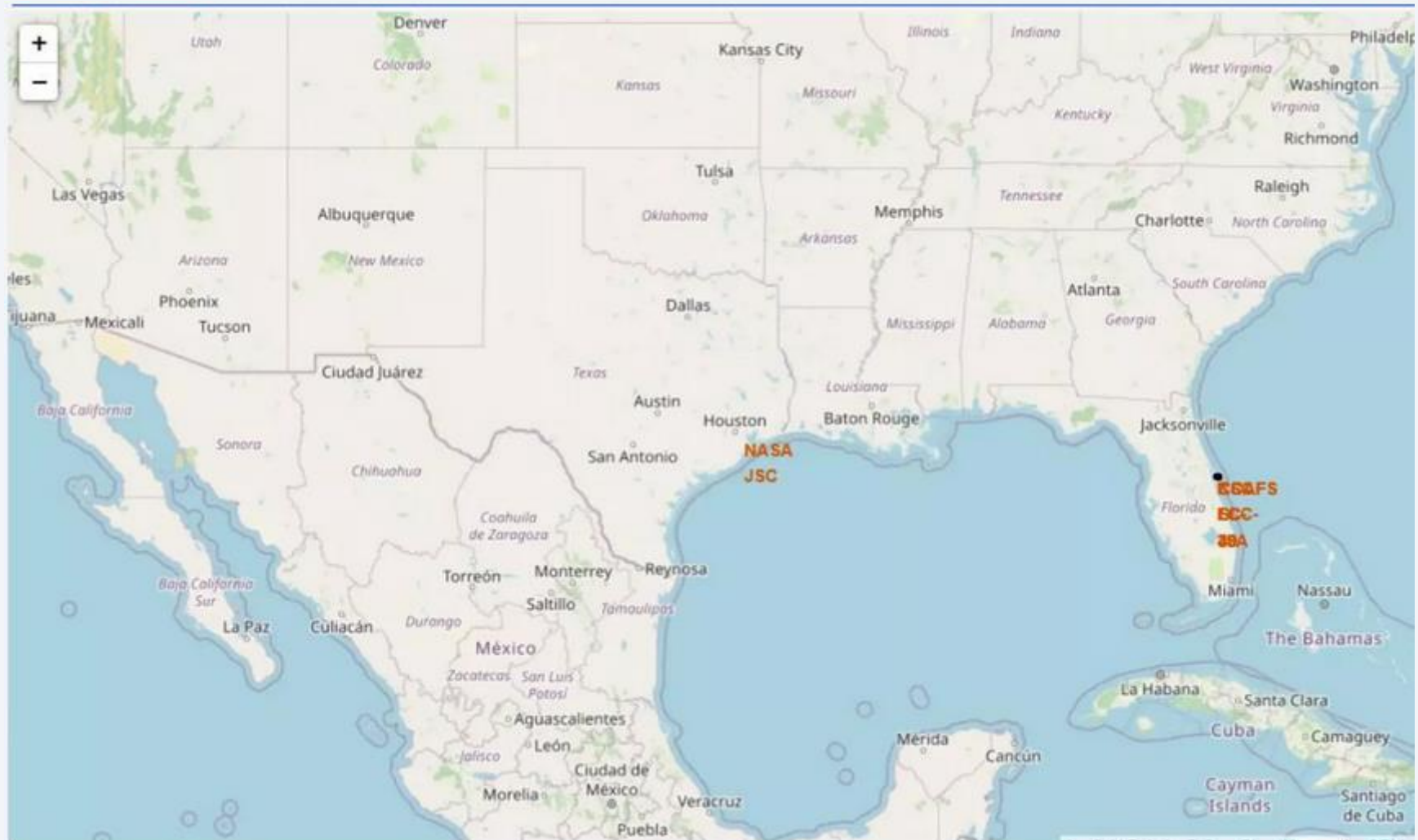
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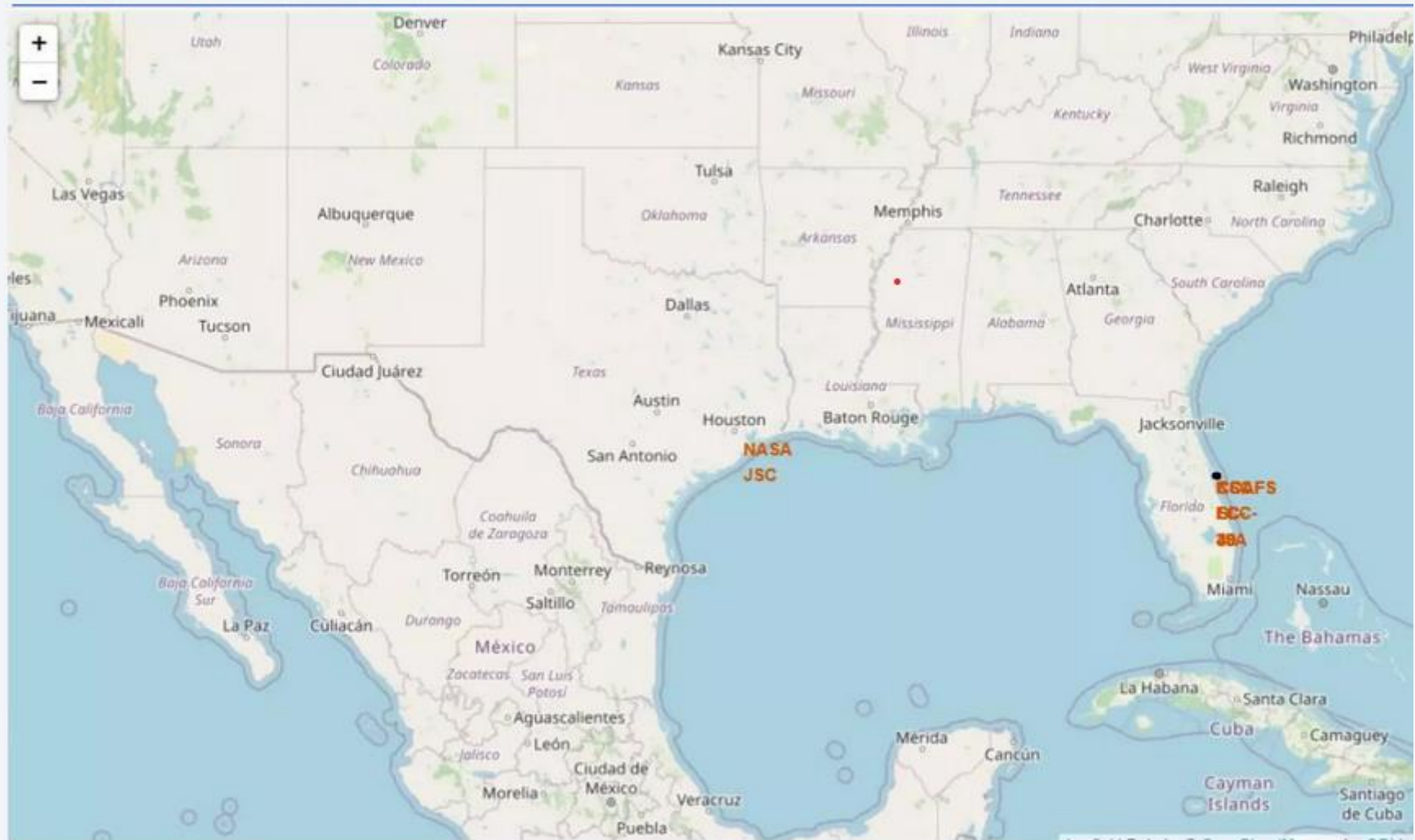


# Successful vs Unsuccessful launches on a map

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# Distances from launch site to proximities







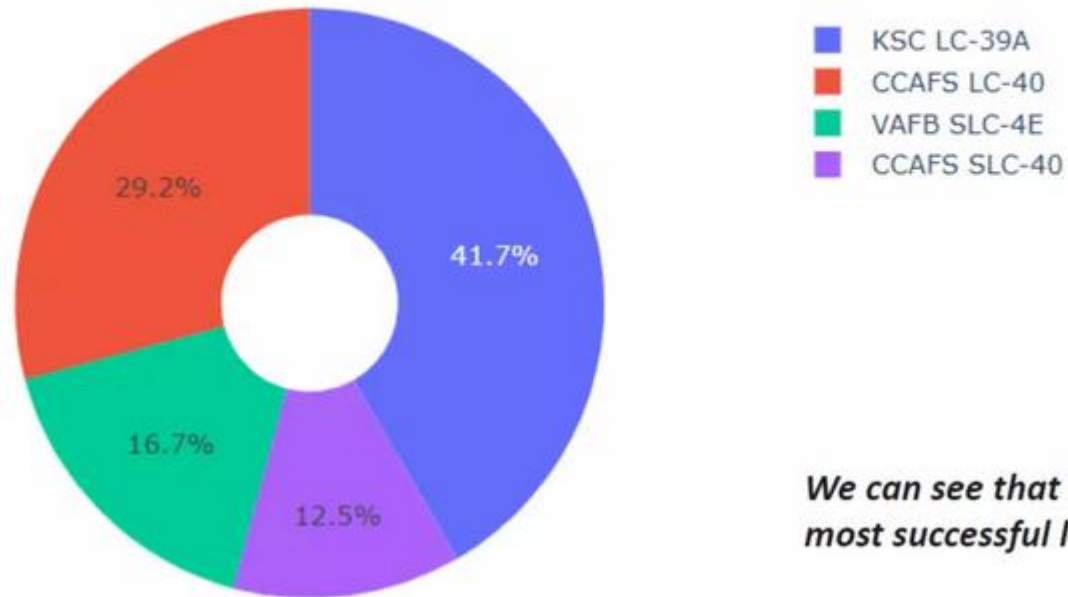
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# Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

# Success Percentages by Launch Site

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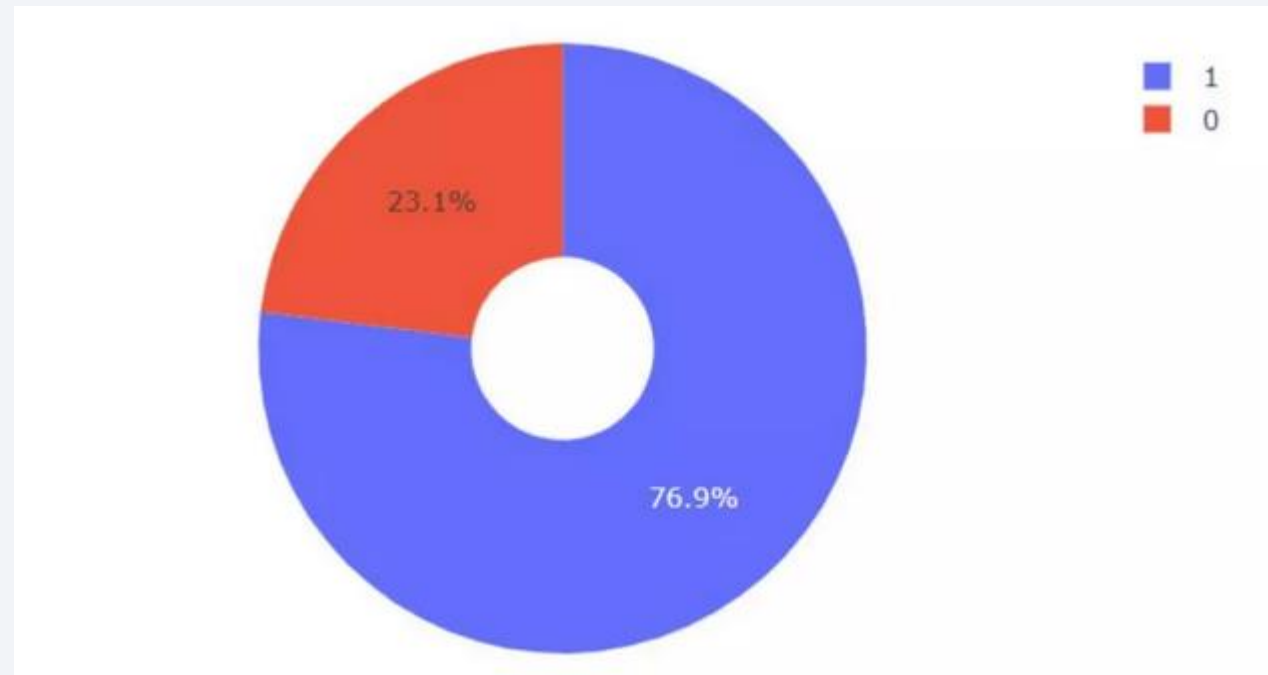
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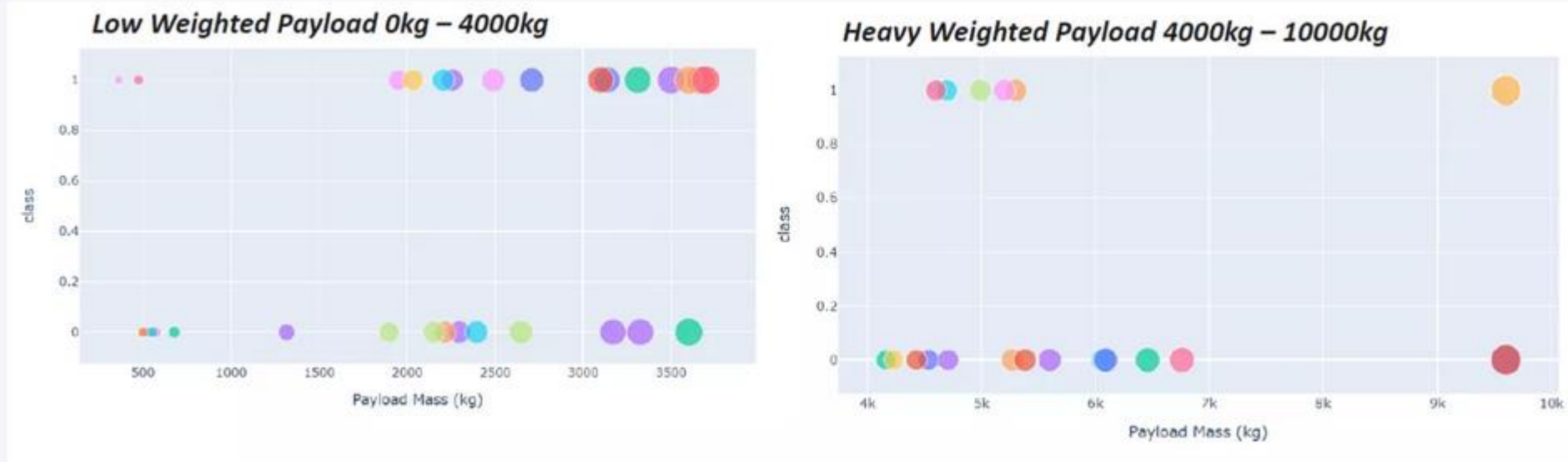
# Success Rate by Site

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# Payload Mass vs Outcome

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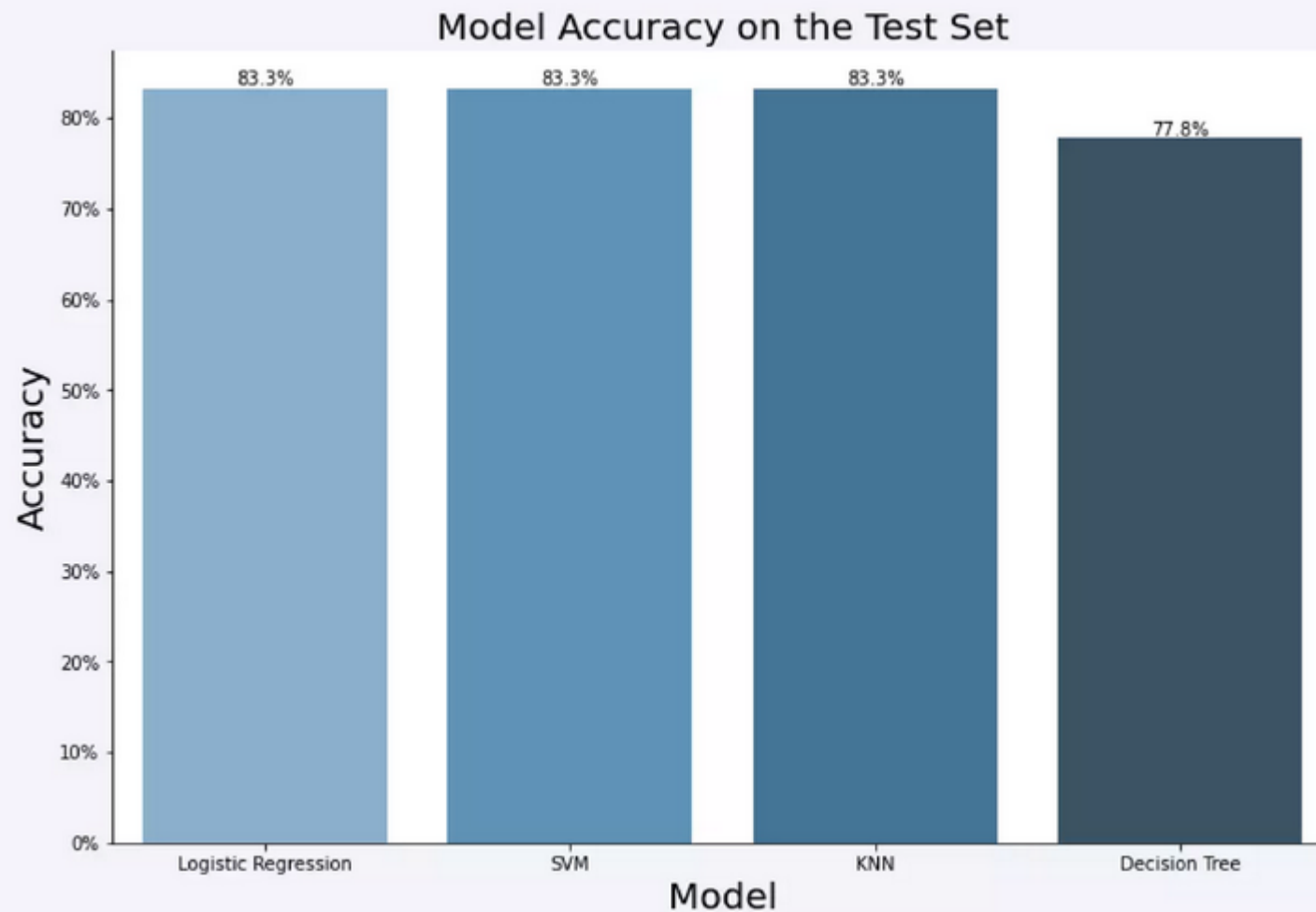


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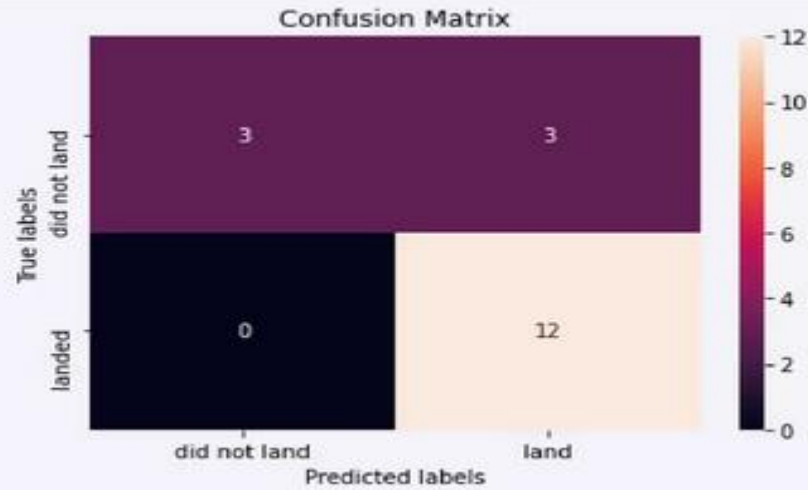
# Predictive Analysis (Classification)

# Classification Accuracy

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# Confusion Matrix



# Conclusions

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- SVM, KNN and LR can all be used to predict the landing outcome with the same accuracy
- Heavier Payloads generally perform worse than lighter ones
- The success of SpaceX Landings has been increasing throughout the years
- Some launch sites have better performance, such as the KSC LS 39A. This might be because sites like this generally are used for launches with lighter payloads
- Some orbits like the GEO,HEO,SSO,ES L1 have better rates than other, the reasons for these orbital differences were not studied.



Thank you!

