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# Winning Space Race with Data Science

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# Outline

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# Executive Summary

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- Summary of methodologies

Data was collected either through web scraping, csv files or using wget to determine if the SpaceX Falcon9 rocket lands successfully.

Visualizations were used to look at the data using Folium.

- Summary of all results

EDA Results

Interactive Analytics

Predictive Analysis

# Introduction

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- Project background and context

SpaceX advertises Falcon 9 rocket with a cost of \$62M and can sell at this price because they reuse the first stage of the rocket. If we can determine if the first stage will land successfully we can determine the cost of a launch.

- Problems you want to find answers

Will the first stage of the rocket land successfully?

What factors can influence a successful landing?



Section 1

# Methodology

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## Executive Summary

- Data collection methodology:
  - Data was collected either through SpaceX Rest API, webscraping, csv files or using wget
  - Perform data wrangling
  - Data was processed using pandas, numpy, machine learning, SQL and Visual techniques.
- Perform exploratory data analysis (EDA) using visualization and SQL
- Perform interactive visual analytics using Folium and Plotly Dash
  - Markers and measurements were used to visually see our data on a map. We also used Plotly to see our data in pie charts and a scatter plot.
- Perform predictive analysis using classification models
  - Classification machine learning models were used to train and test our data.

# Data Collection

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- Describe how data sets were collected.

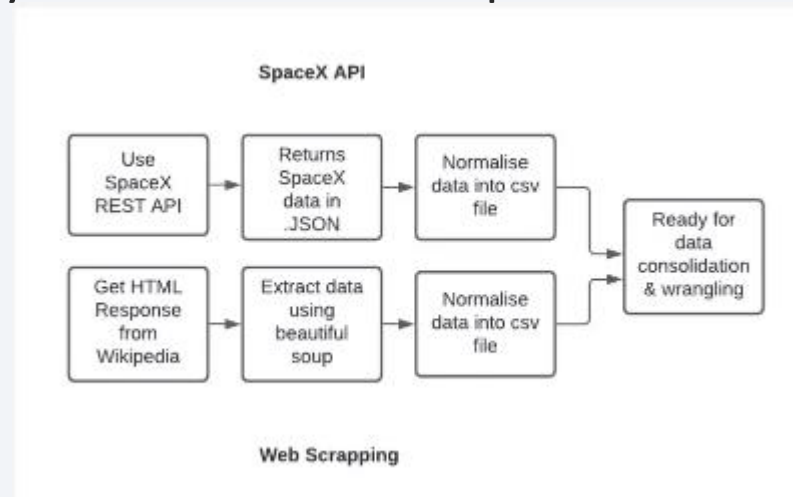
## SpaceX API

Using BeautifulSoup, webscraping was performed on a wiki page

Using wget data was analyzed from a site

I also downloaded a csv file on my local machine to analyze the data in Excel

- You need to present your data collection process use key phrases and flowcharts



# Data Collection – SpaceX API

- Data collection with SpaceX REST calls
- <https://github.com/jrgrajek/Capstone.git>

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

Decode the response content as a Json  
then turn it into a Pandas dataframe

```
data_json = response.json()
data=pd.json_normalize(data_json)
```

Clean our data

Store data from requests in lists to then create a new df

Combine columns into a dictionary from:

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

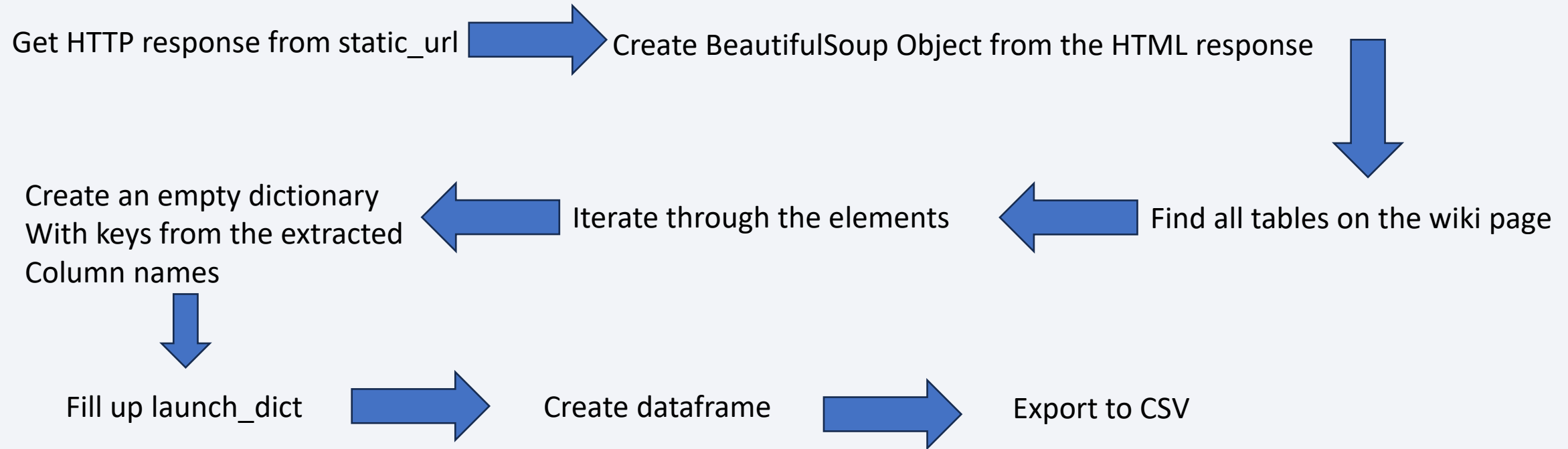
Assign List to Dictionary then df

Filter df for only Falcon 9



# Data Collection - Scraping

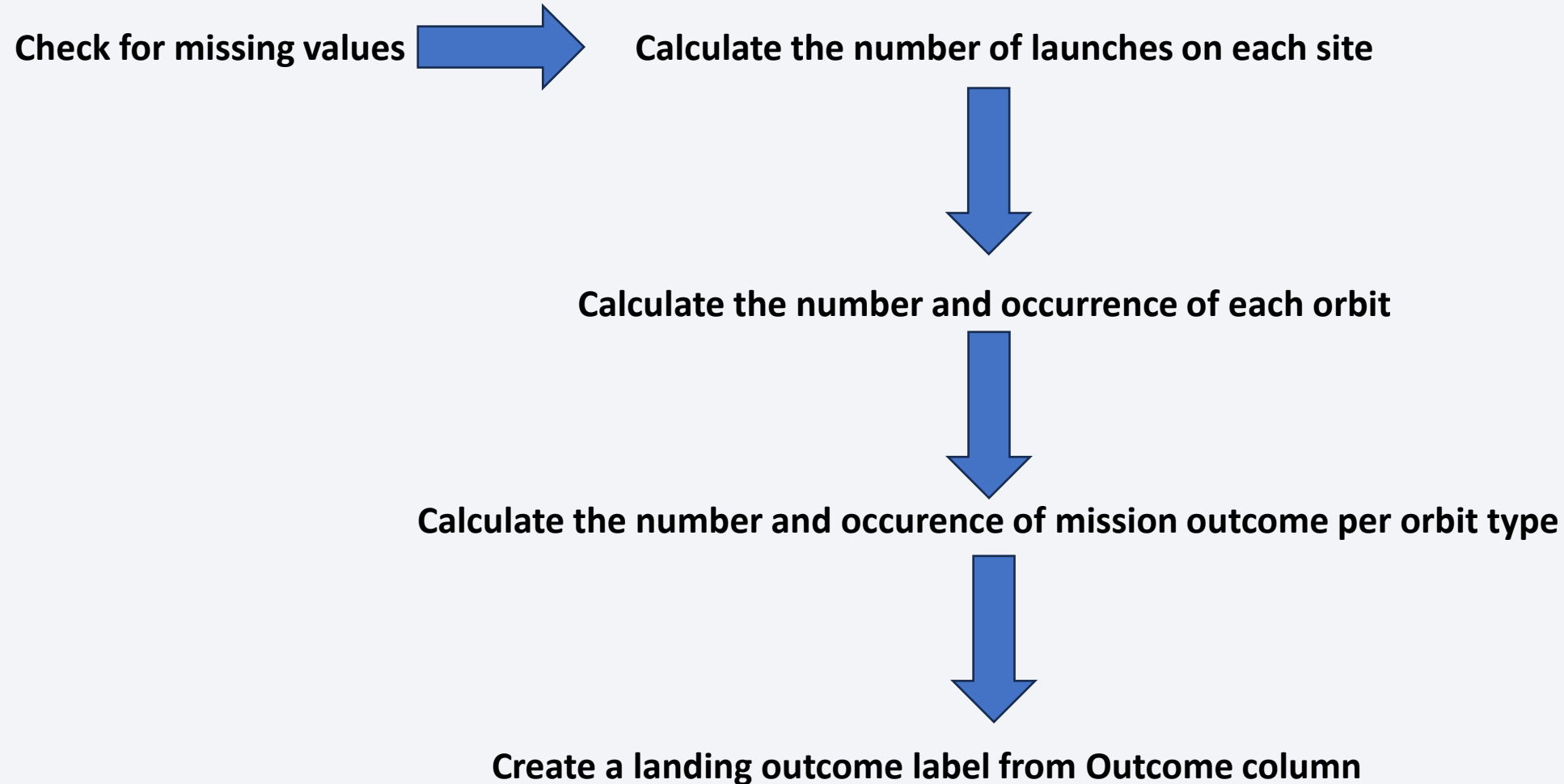
- <https://github.com/jrgrajek/Webscrapping.git>



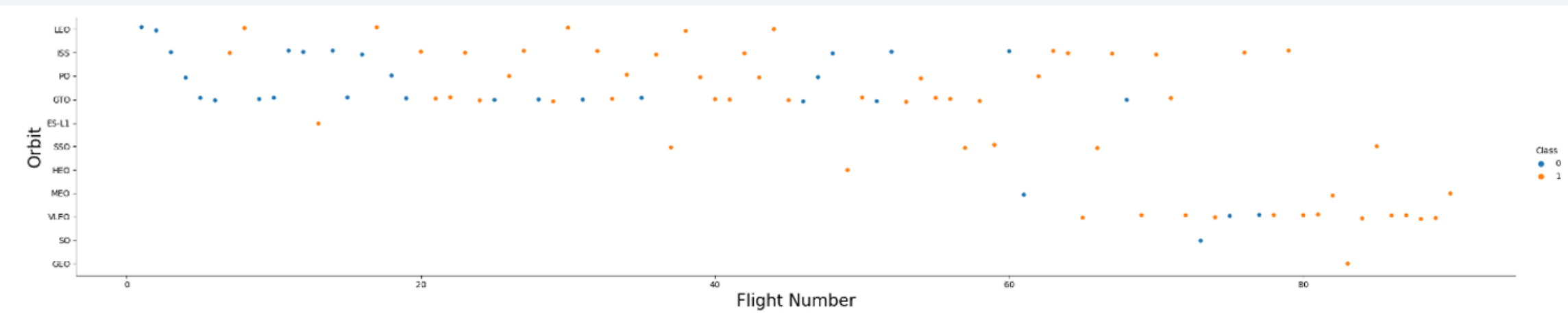
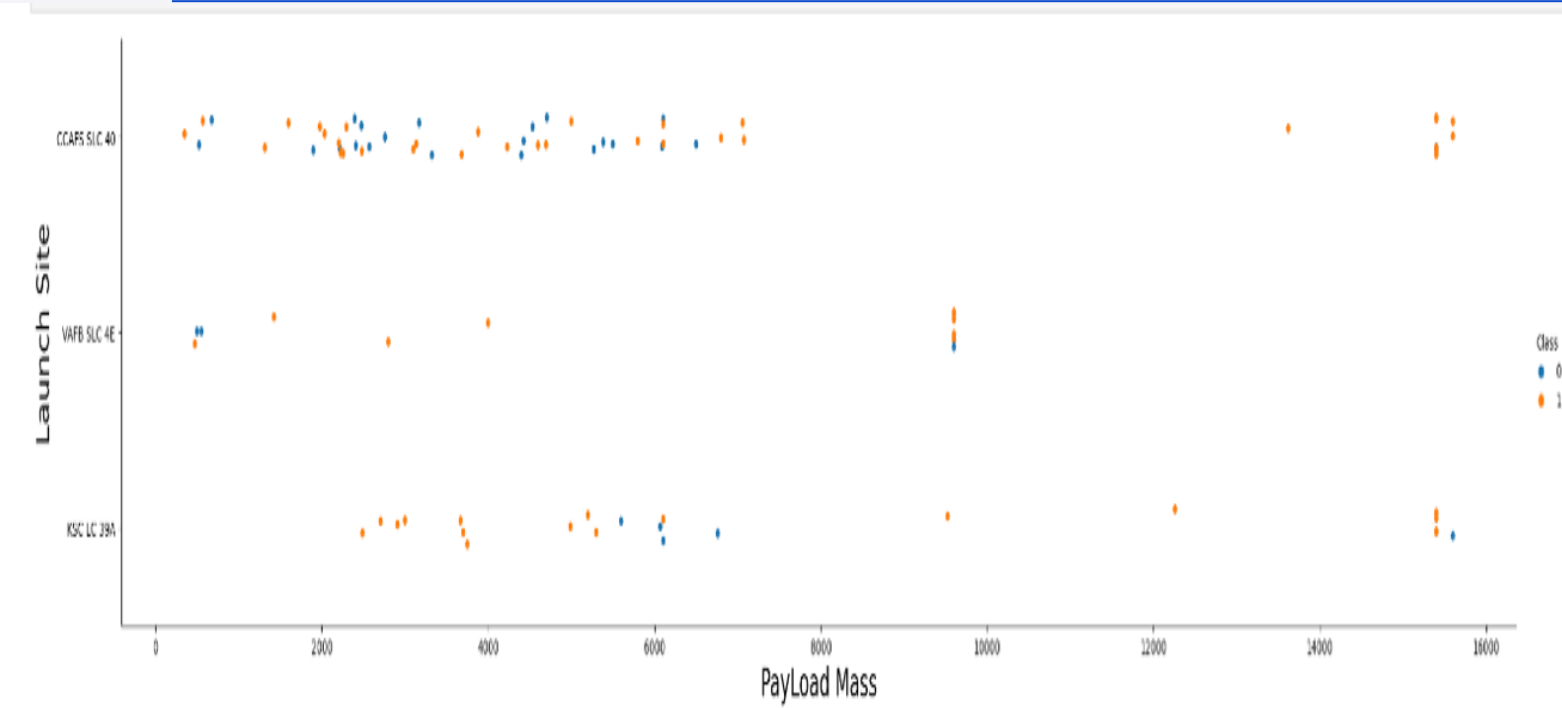
# Data Wrangling

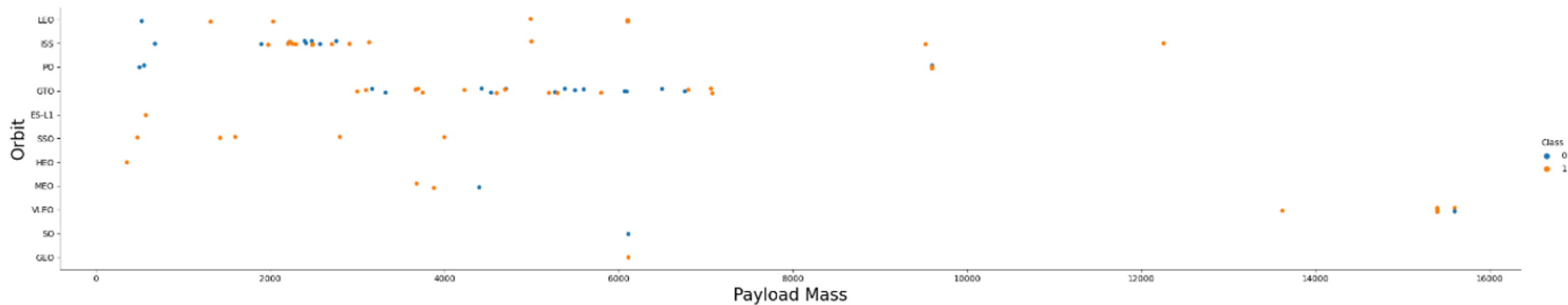
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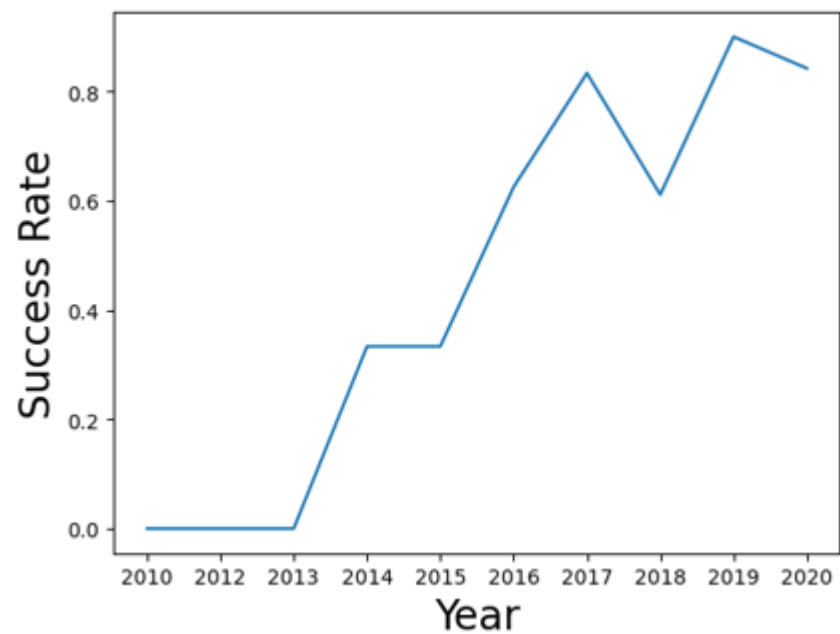


# EDA with Data Visualization





Success rate steadily climbing since 2013!!



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## SQL queries performed

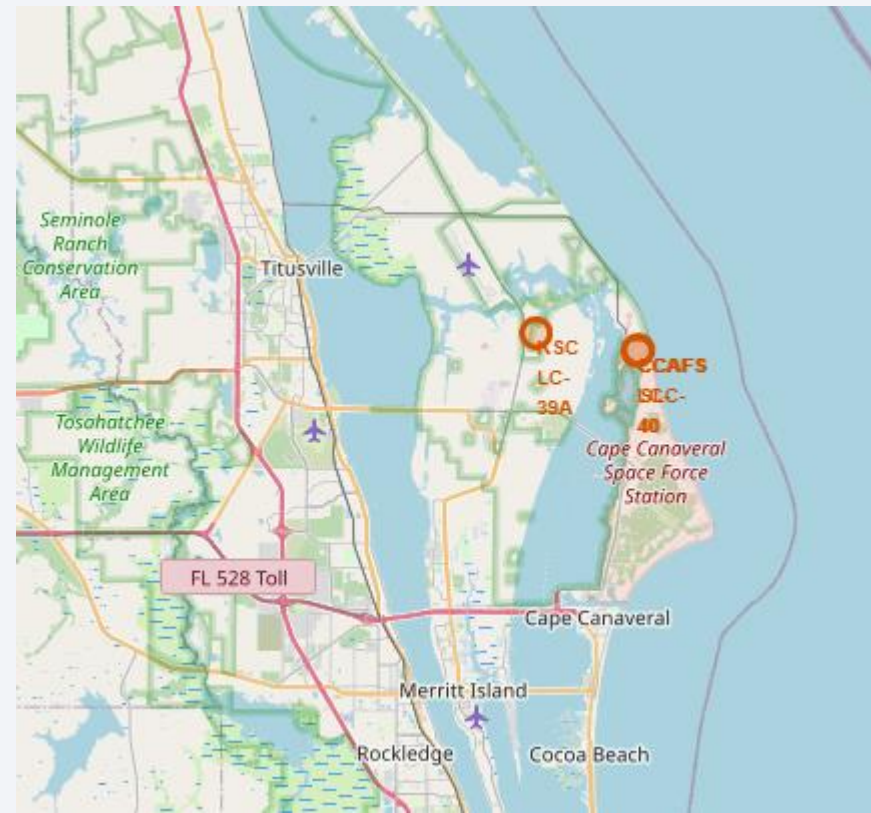
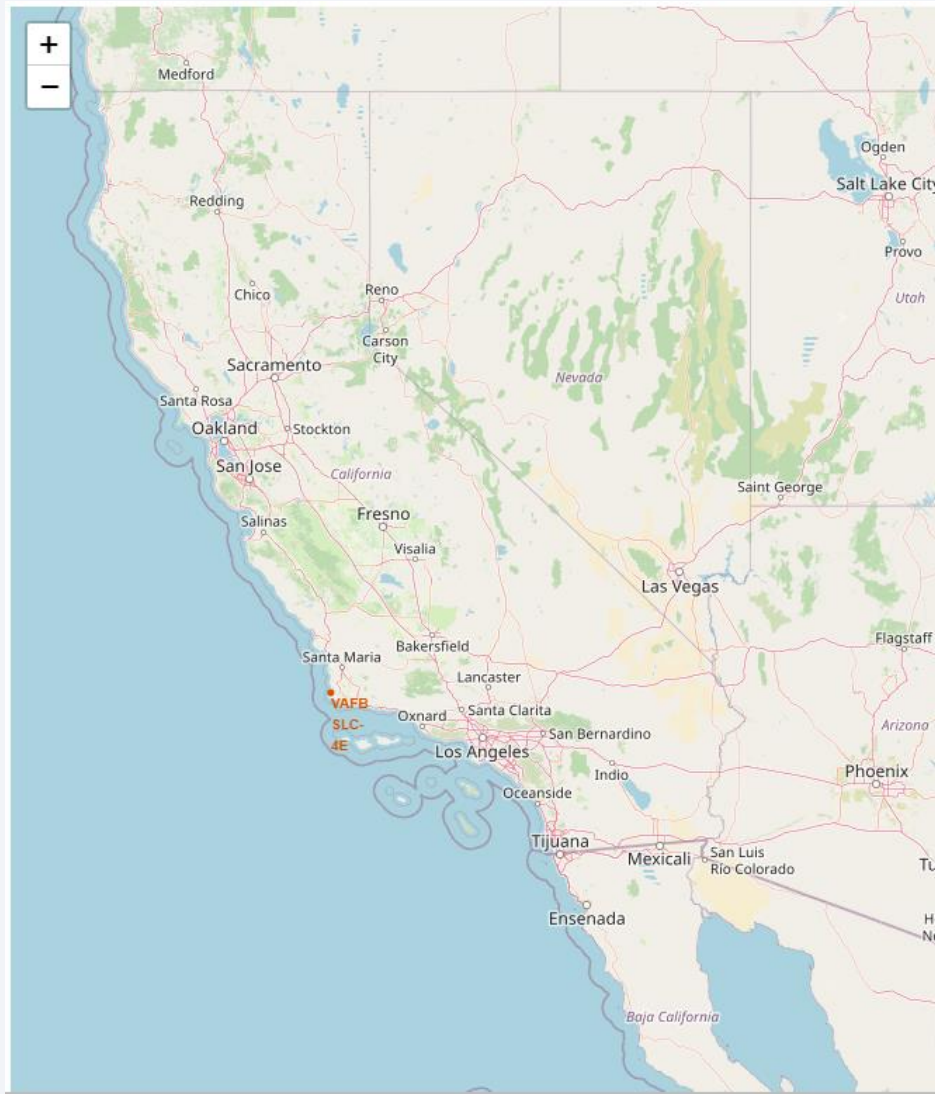
- Display the names of the unique launch sites in the space mission
- Display 5 records where launch sites begin with the string 'CCA'
- Display the total payload mass carried by boosters launched by NASA (CRS)
- Display average payload mass carried by booster version F9 v1.1
- List the date when the first succesful landing outcome in ground pad was achieved
- List the names of the boosters which have success in drone ship and have payload mass greater than 4000 but less than 6000
- List the total number of successful and failure mission outcomes
- List the names of the booster\_versions which have carried the maximum payload mass. Use a subquery
- List the records which will display the month names, failure landing\_outcomes in drone ship ,booster versions, launch\_site for the months in year 2015
- Rank 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

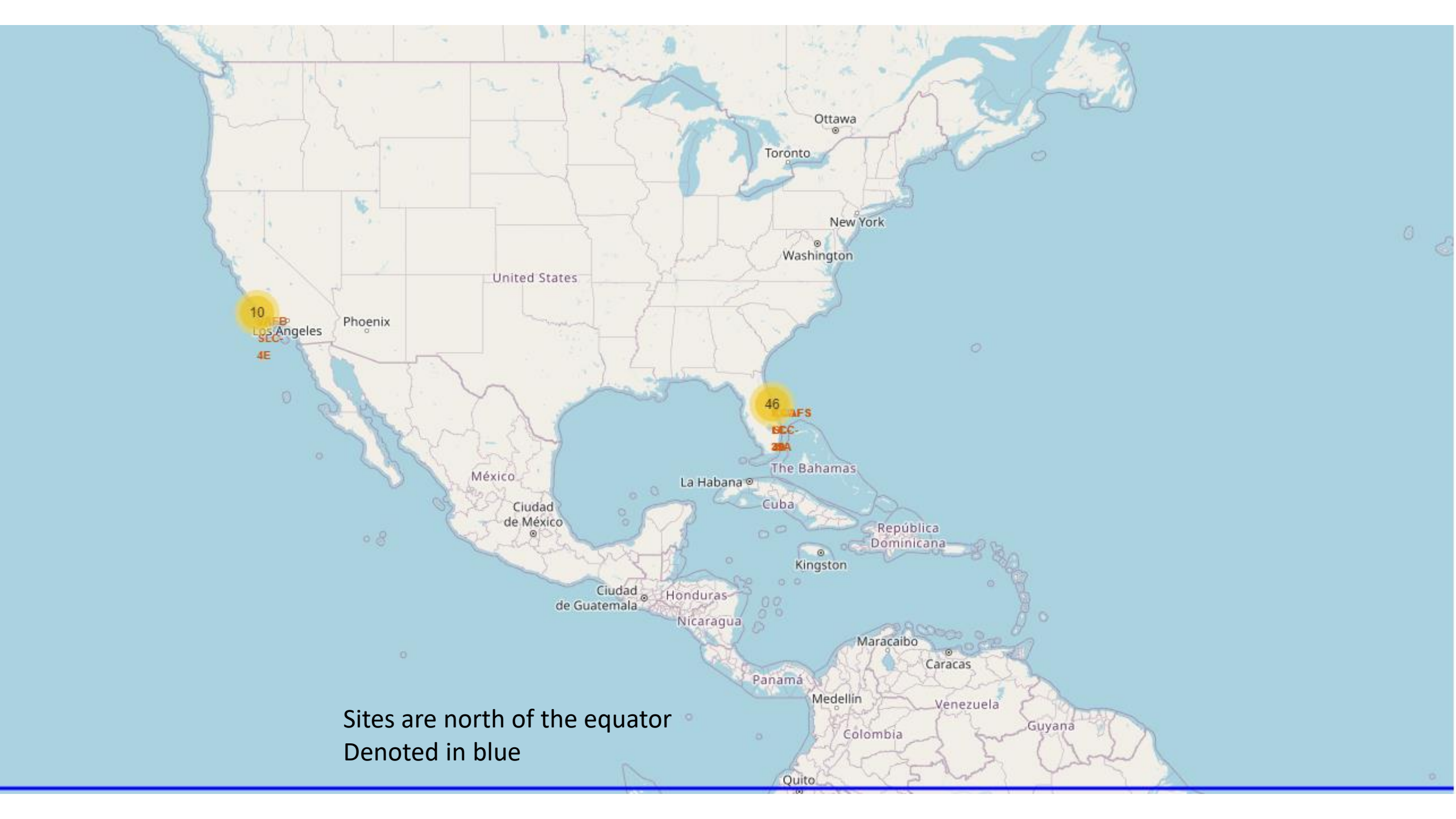


# Build an Interactive Map with Folium

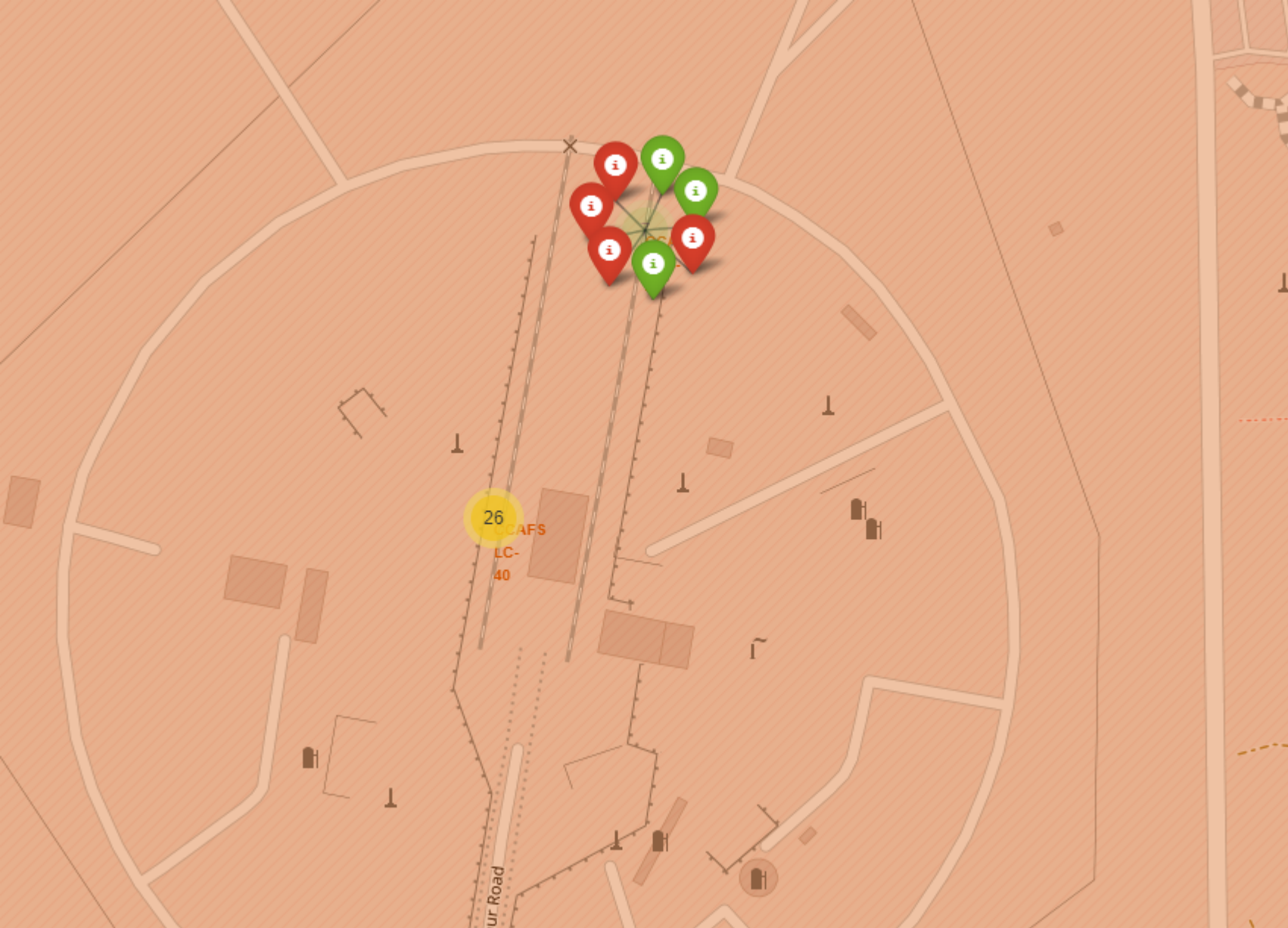
<https://github.com/jrgrajek/Folium.git>

Markers were added to find a great site for building a launch site

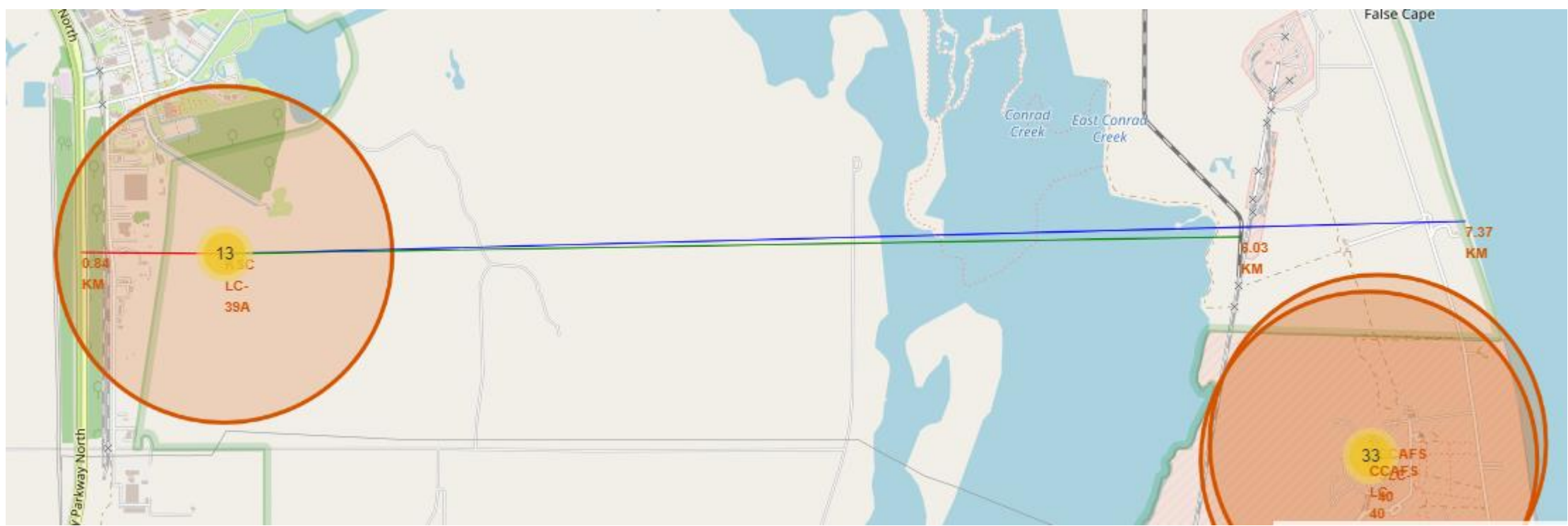




Sites are north of the equator  
Denoted in blue



Markers were added denoting  
Success or Failure of launch by  
Clicking on the marker



Distance to the coast, railway and nearest highway



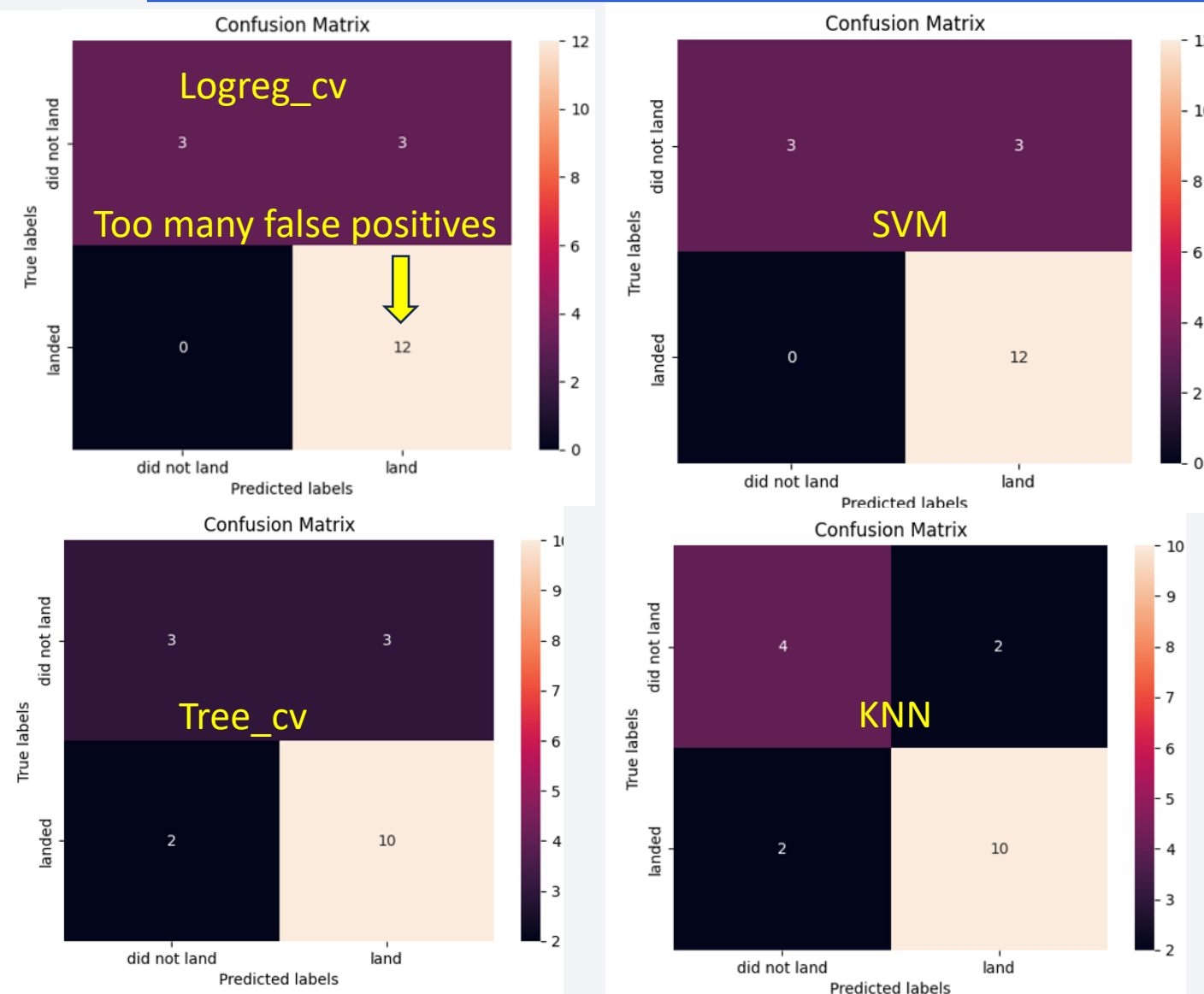
# Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

<https://github.com/jrgrajek/Plotly.git>





# Predictive Analysis (Classification)



# Results

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All machine learning models gave similar results in the 80%+ range

Low weighted payloads perform much better than heavier payloads

KSC LC 39A had the most successful launches of the sites

SpaceX has steadily increased their success rate since 2013



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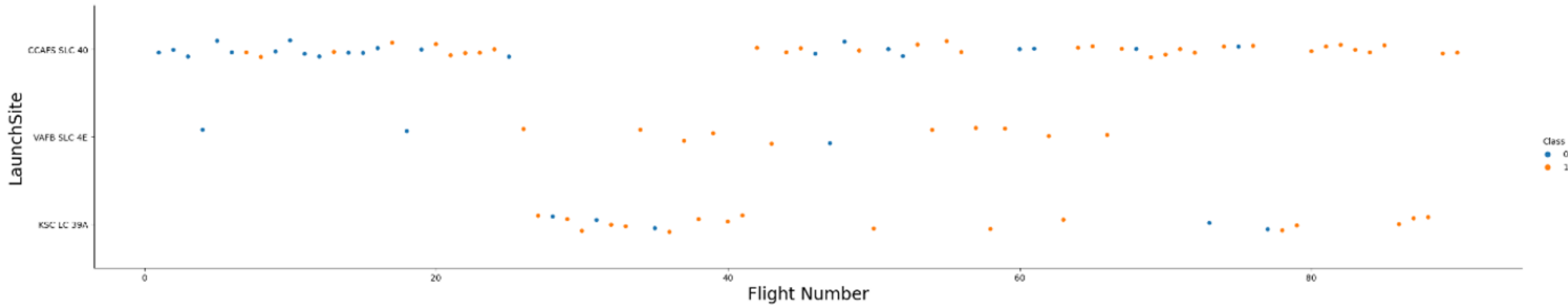
Section 2

# Insights drawn from EDA



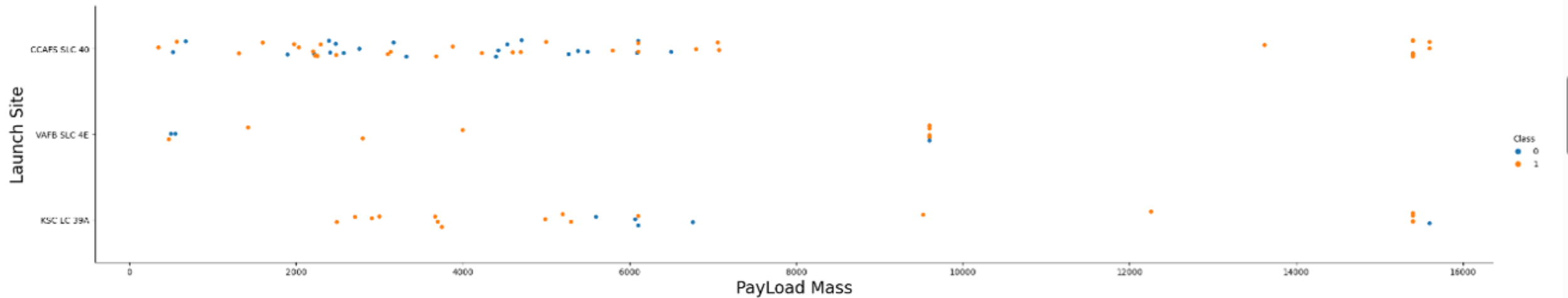
# Flight Number vs. Launch Site

- Scatter plot of Flight Number vs. Launch Site



CCAFS SLC 40 have many more launches

# Payload vs. Launch Site



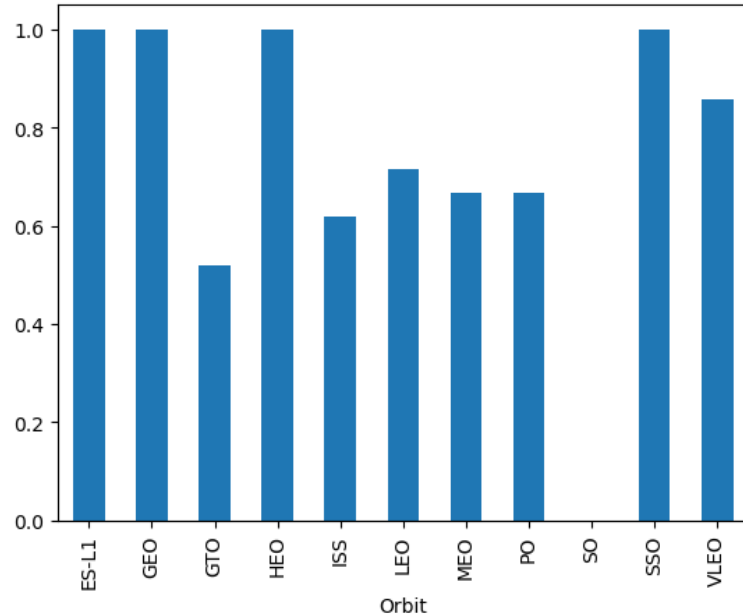
Most launches have Payload Mass < 7500 kg

VAFB-SLC has no payloads > 10,000 kg



# Success Rate vs. Orbit Type

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ES-L1, GEO, HEO and SSO have a success rate of 100%

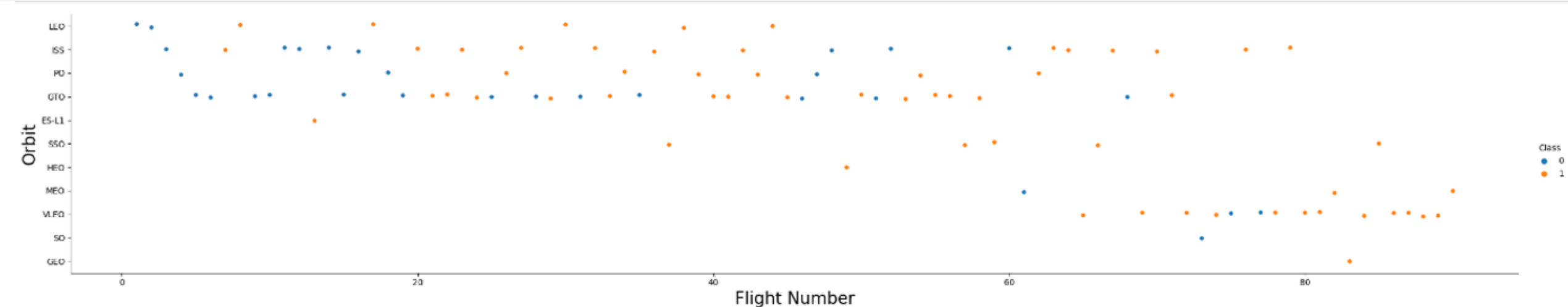
SO has no success

# Flight Number vs. Orbit Type

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LEO orbit success appears to be related to the # of flights

There appears to be no relationship between flight # when in GTO orbit

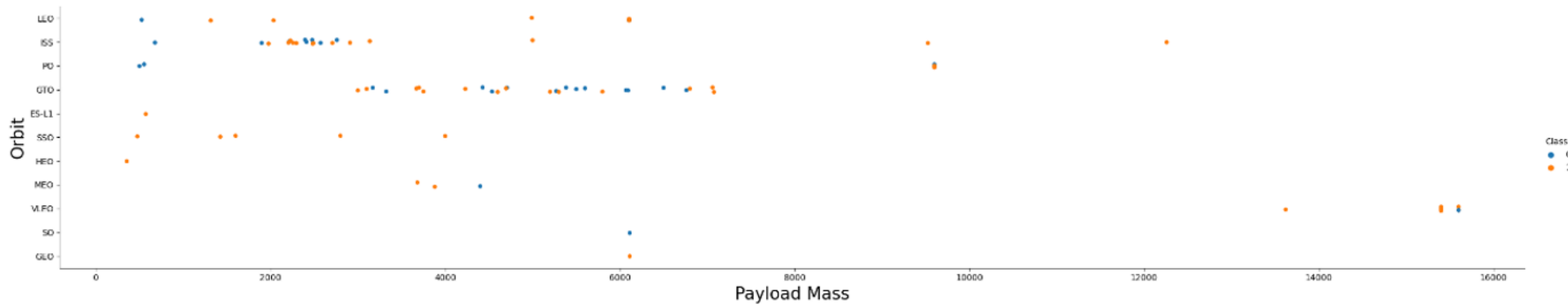


# Payload vs. Orbit Type

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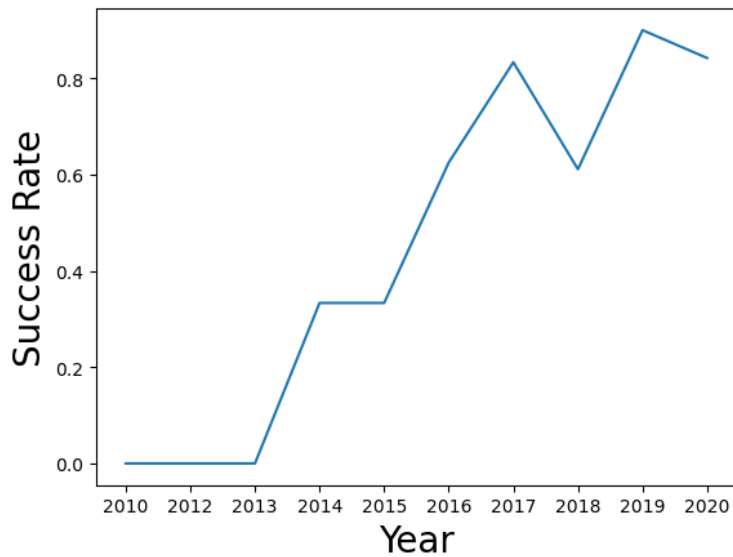
Polar, LEO and ISS have more success with heavy payloads

GTO can't be distinguished for heavy payloads



# Launch Success Yearly Trend

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you can observe that the success rate since 2013 kept increasing till 2020

Success has steadily climbed from 2013 but has since leveled off in recent data

# All Launch Site Names

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```
%sql select DISTINCT "Launch_Site" from SPACEXTBL
```

```
* sqlite:///my_data1.db
```

Done.

**Launch\_Site**

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CCAFS LC-40

VAFB SLC-4E

KSC LC-39A

CCAFS SLC-40



# Launch Site Names Begin with 'CCA'

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- %sql select \* from 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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```
: %sql select SUM(PAYLOAD_MASS_KG_) from SPACEXTBL where Customer = 'NASA (CRS)';
* sqlite:///my_data1.db
Done.
: SUM(PAYLOAD_MASS_KG_)
      45596
```

# Average Payload Mass by F9 v1.1

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Display average payload mass carried by booster version F9 v1.1

```
: %sql select AVG(PAYLOAD_MASS_KG_) from SPACEXTBL where Booster_Version = 'F9 v1.1';
```

```
* sqlite:///my_data1.db
```

Done.

```
: AVG(PAYLOAD_MASS_KG_)
```

AVG(PAYLOAD_MASS_KG_)
2928.4

# First Successful Ground Landing Date

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```
: %sql select MIN(Date) from SPACEXTBL where Landing_Outcome = 'Success (ground pad)'  
* sqlite:///my_data1.db  
Done.  
:  
: MIN(Date)  
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2015-12-22
```

# Successful Drone Ship Landing with Payload between 4000 and 6000

```
%sql SELECT DISTINCT BOOSTER_VERSION FROM SPACEXTBL WHERE PAYLOAD_MASS_KG_ BETWEEN 4000 AND 6000 AND LANDING_OUTCOME = 'Success (drone ship)';
```

```
* sqlite:///my_data1.db
```

```
Done.
```

Booster_Version
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F9 FT B1022
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F9 FT B1026
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F9 FT B1021.2
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F9 FT B1031.2
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# Total Number of Successful and Failure Mission Outcomes

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```
%sql SELECT MISSION_OUTCOME, COUNT(*) AS TOTAL FROM SPACEXTBL GROUP BY MISSION_OUTCOME ORDER BY MISSION_OUTCOME;
```

```
* sqlite:///my_data1.db
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```
Done.
```

Mission_Outcome	TOTAL
Failure (in flight)	1
Success	98
Success	1
Success (payload status unclear)	1



# Boosters Carried Maximum Payload

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```
%sql select Booster_Version FROM SPACEXTBL where payload_mass__kg_=(select MAX(payload_mass__kg_) from Spacextbl)
```

```
* sqlite:///my_data1.db
```

Done.

Booster_Version
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F9 B5 B1048.4
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F9 B5 B1049.4
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F9 B5 B1051.3
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F9 B5 B1056.4
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F9 B5 B1048.5
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F9 B5 B1051.4
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F9 B5 B1049.5
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F9 B5 B1060.2
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F9 B5 B1058.3
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F9 B5 B1051.6
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F9 B5 B1060.3
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F9 B5 B1049.7
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# 2015 Launch Records

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```
%sql SELECT substr(Date,4,2) as 'Month Number', substr(Date,7,4) as 'Year', 'Booster_Version', 'Launch_Site' FROM SPACEXTBL  
WHERE substr(Date,7,4) = '2015' and 'Landing_Outcome' = 'Failure (drone ship)';|
```

Month Number	Year	Booster_Version	Launch_Site
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# Rank Landing Outcomes Between 2010-06-04 and 2017-03-20

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```
%%sql SELECT "LANDING_OUTCOME", COUNT(*) as 'COUNT' FROM SPACEXTBL  
  
WHERE substr(Date,1,4) || substr(Date,6,2) || substr(Date,9,2)  
  
between '20100604' and '20170320' GROUP BY "Landing_Outcome" ORDER BY "COUNT" DESC;
```

\* sqlite:///my\_data1.db

Done.

Landing_Outcome	COUNT
No attempt	10
Success (ground pad)	5
Success (drone ship)	5
Failure (drone ship)	5
Controlled (ocean)	3
Uncontrolled (ocean)	2
Precluded (drone ship)	1
Failure (parachute)	1

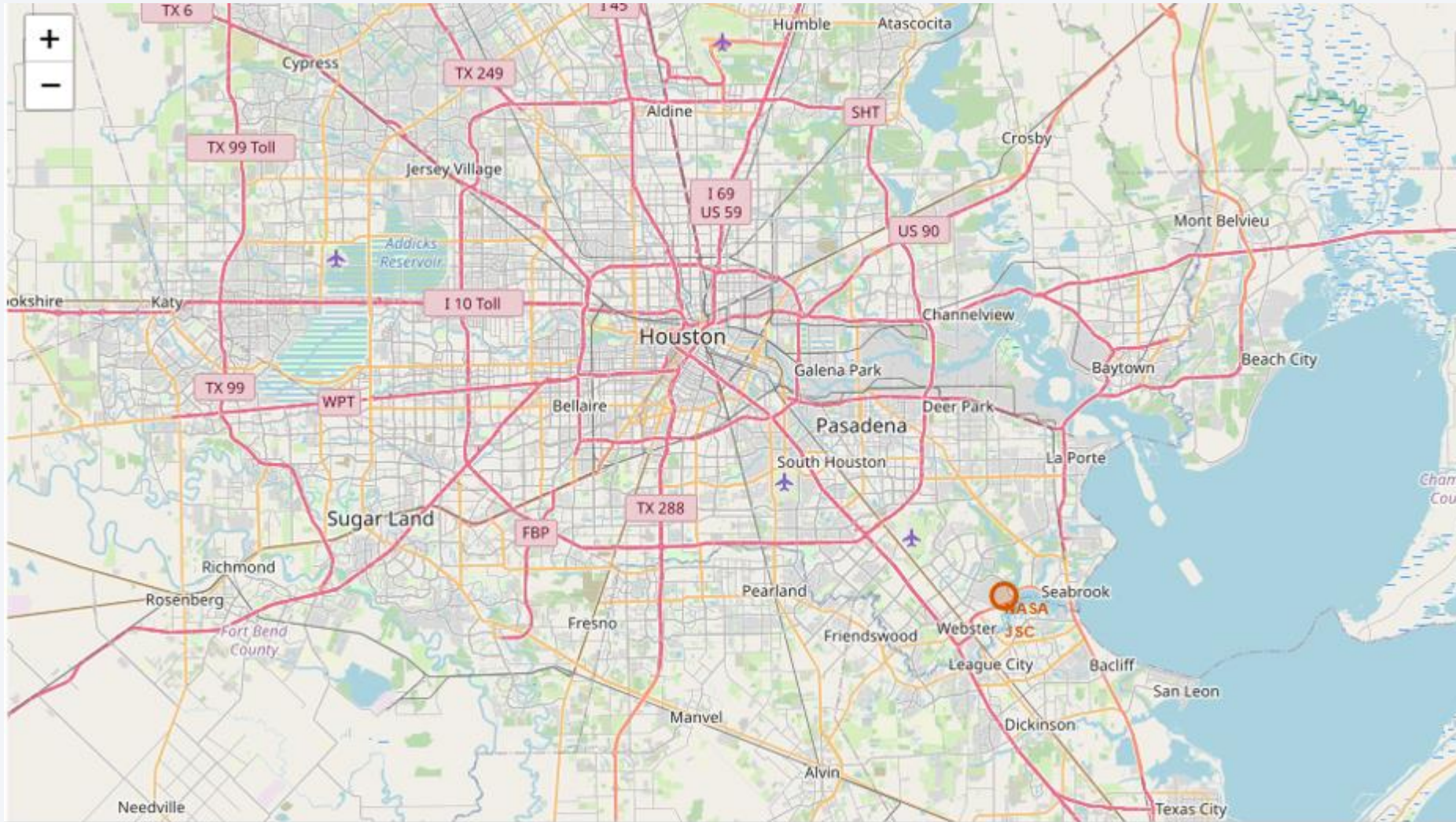
A satellite view of Earth from space, showing the curvature of the planet and city lights at night. The background is a deep blue gradient.

Section 3

# Launch Sites Proximities Analysis



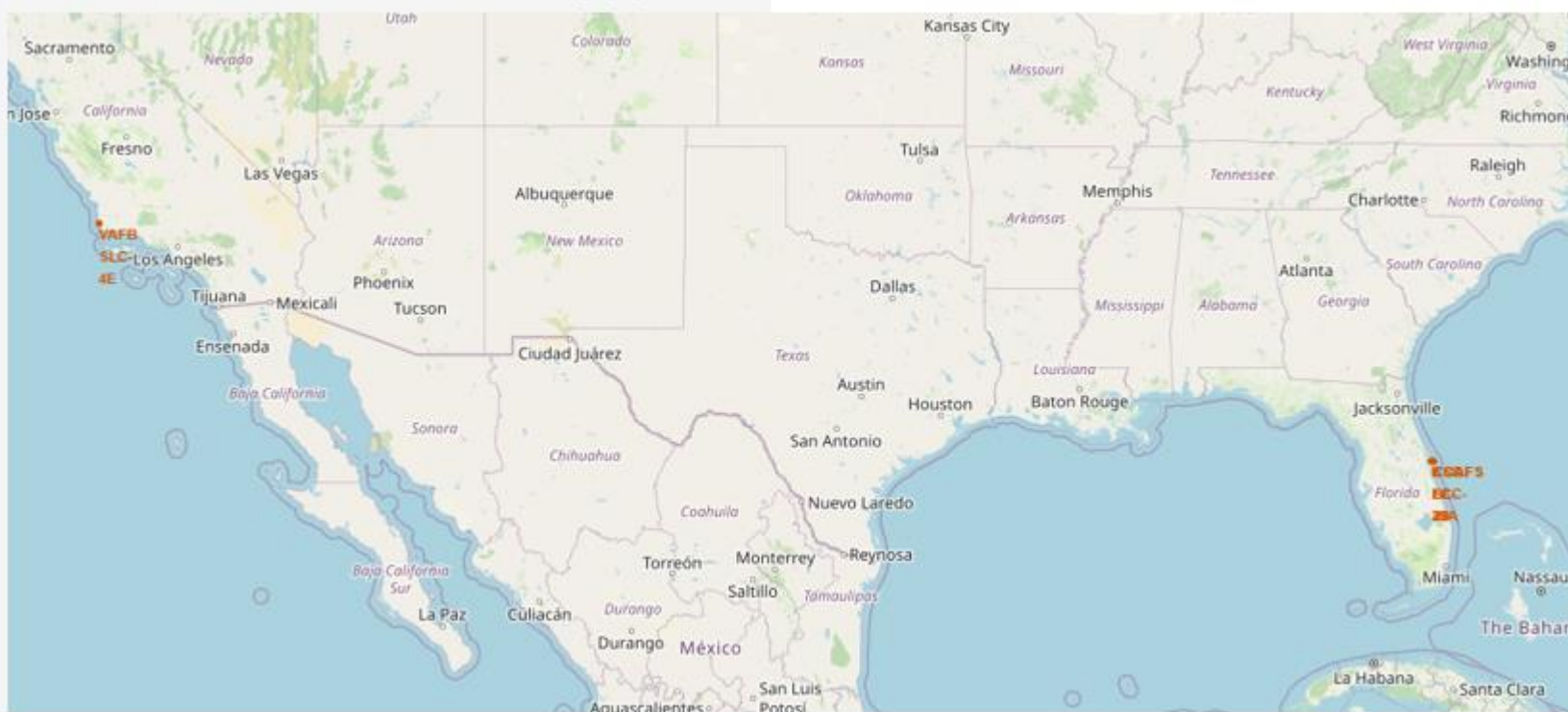
# <Folium Map Screenshot 1>



Upon zooming in to  
The marker for  
Houston you will  
Find a small yellow  
circle

# Launch Sites with circle labels and popup labels

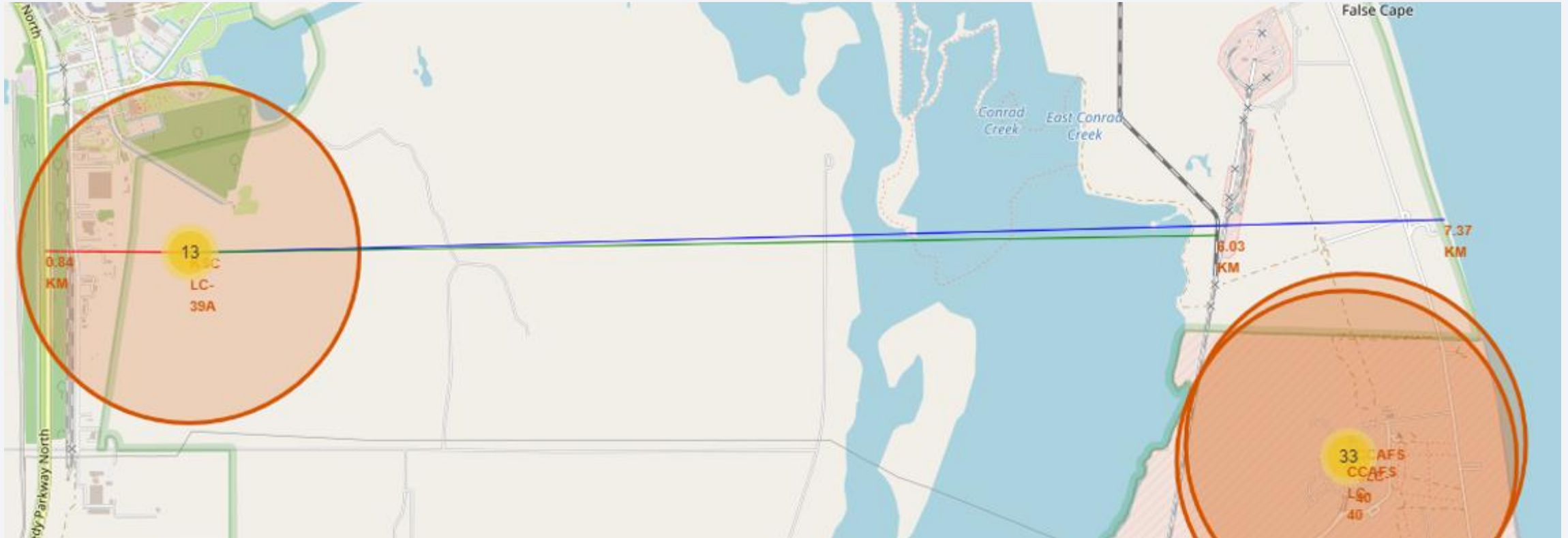
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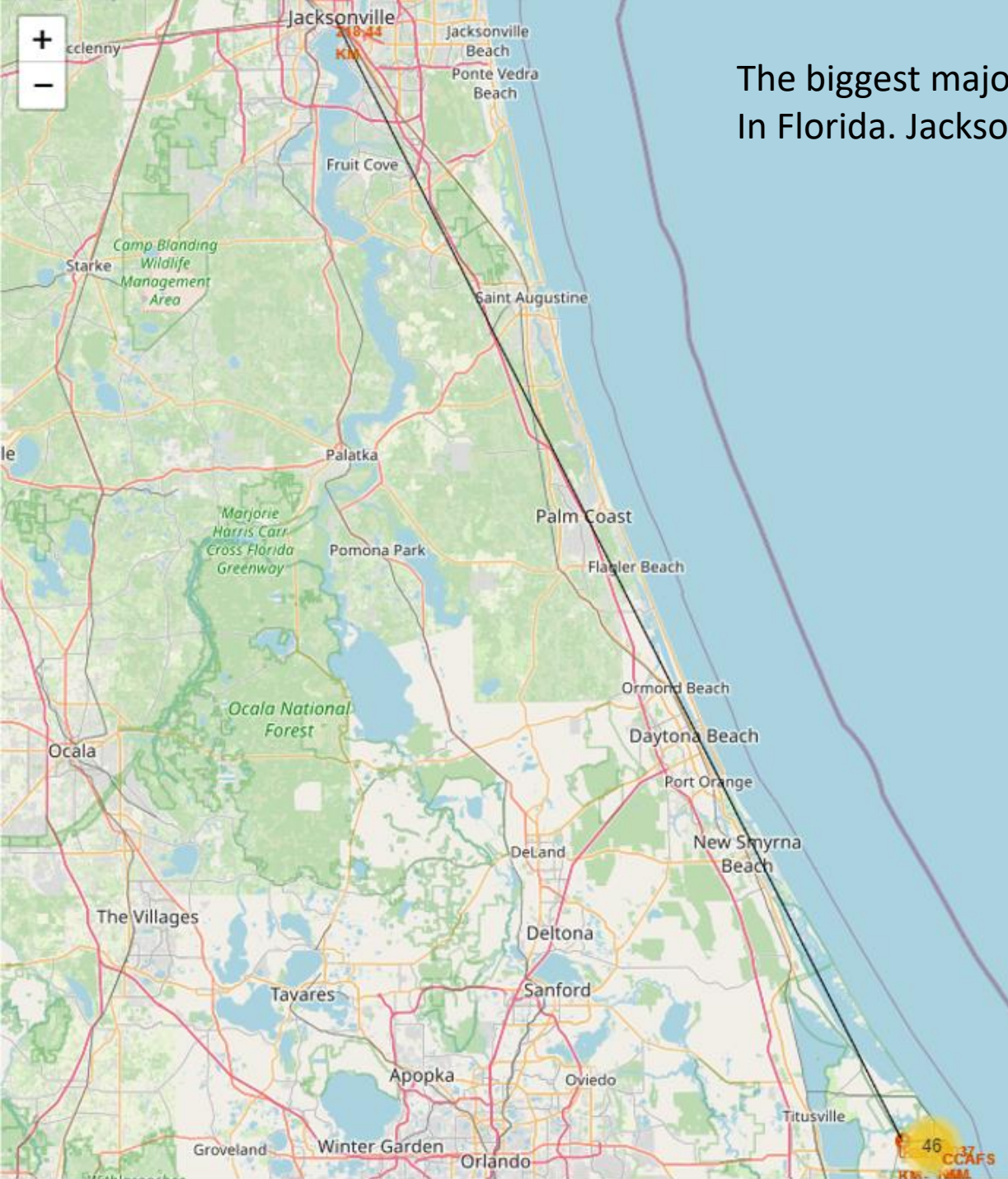




# KSC LC-39A with distances to the coast, rail and highway

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The biggest major city is far from the 2 sites  
In Florida. Jacksonville is about 218 km away





Section 4

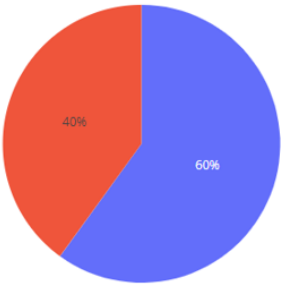
# Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

# Dashboard by Site using Dash

## SpaceX Launch Records Dashboard

VAFB SLC-4E

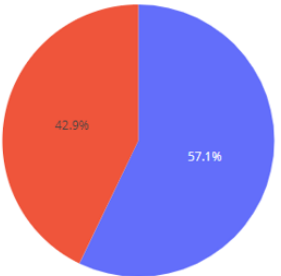
Total success launches for site VAFB SLC-4E



## SpaceX Launch Records Dashboard

CCAFS SLC-40

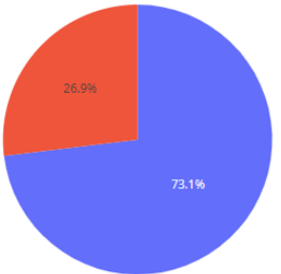
Total success launches for site CCAFS SLC-40



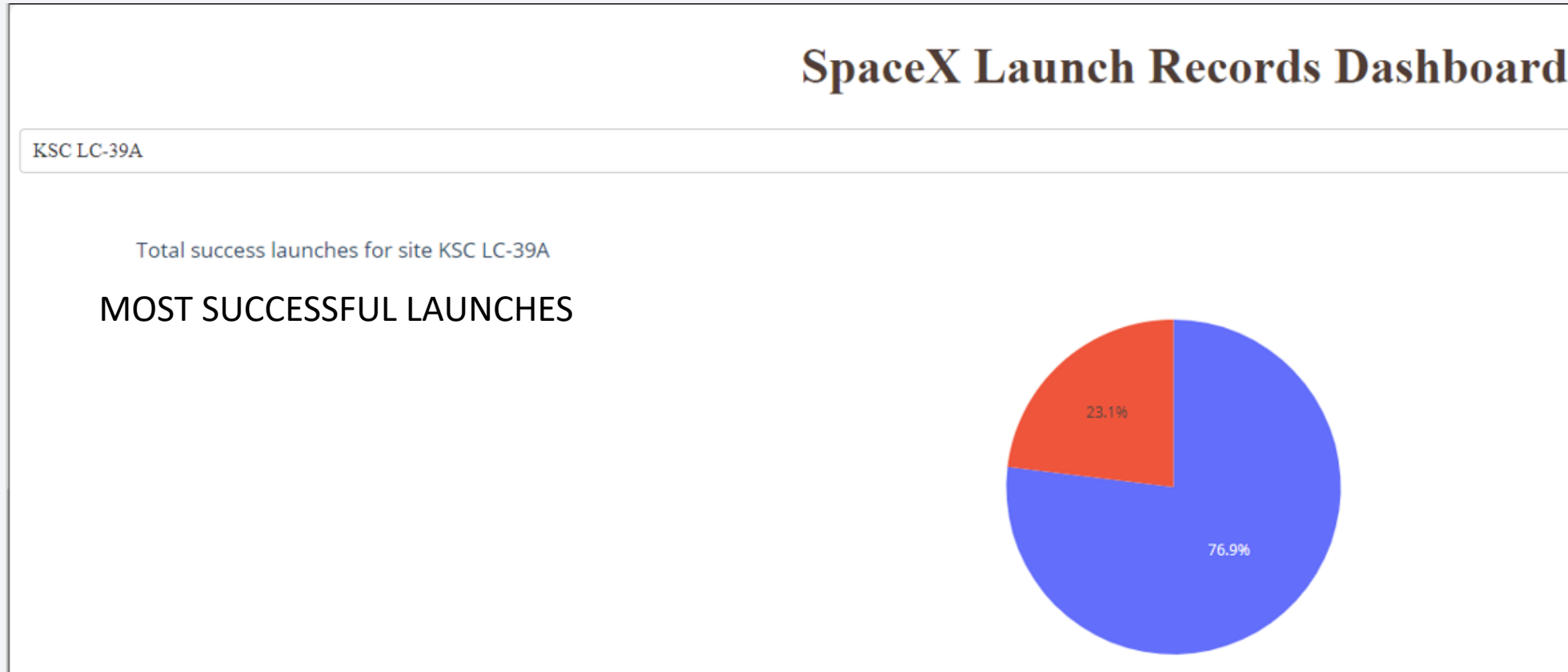
## SpaceX Launch Records Dashboard

CCAFS LC-40

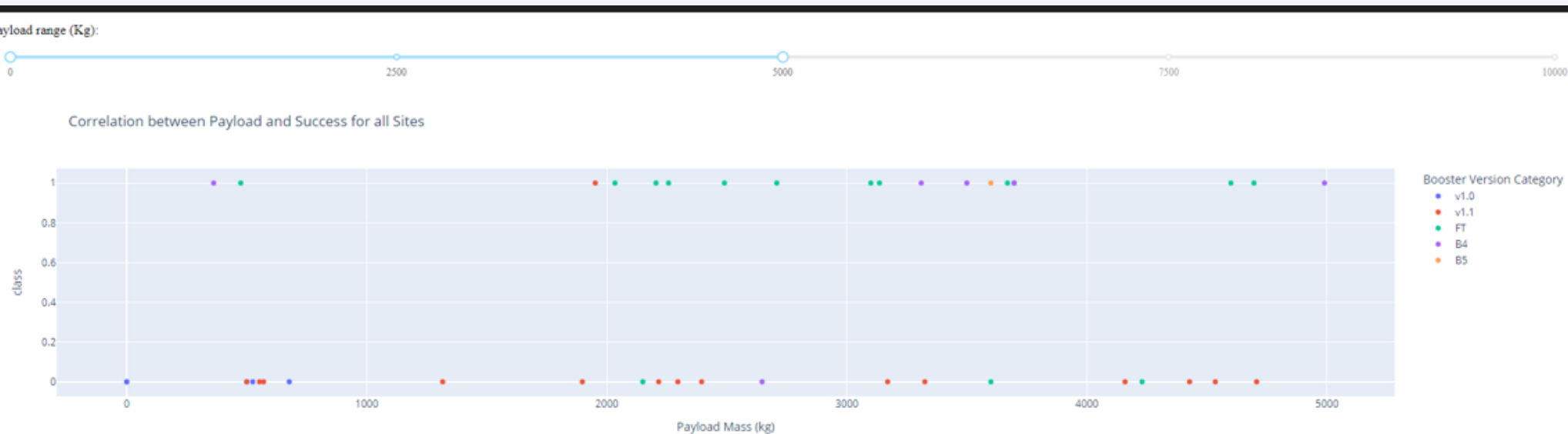
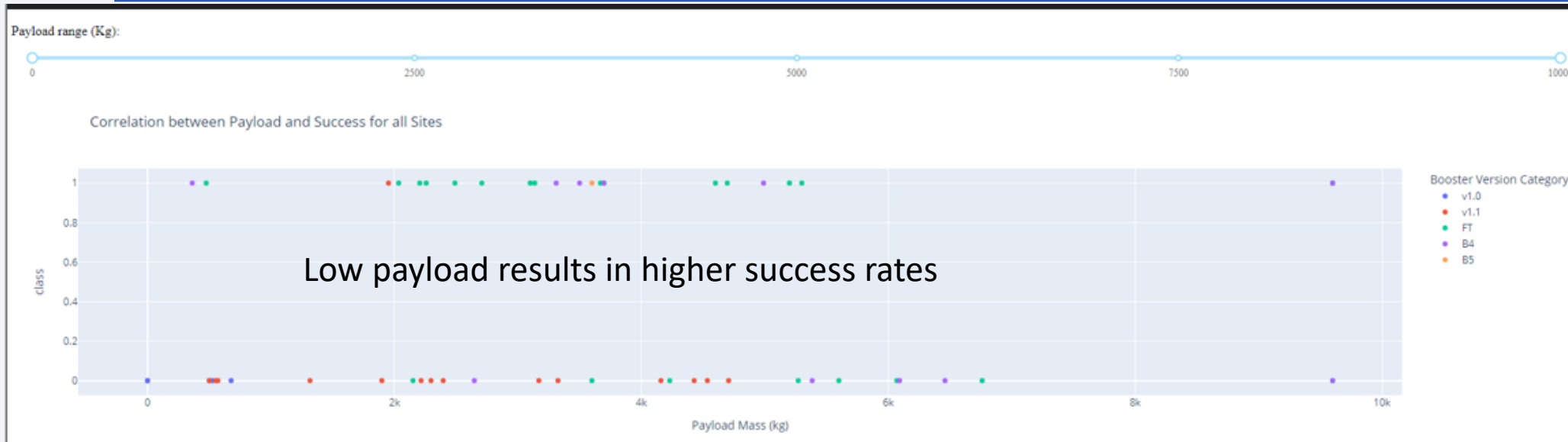
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## <Dashboard Screenshot 2>



# Payload for all sites and Payload for Payload $\leq 5,000$ kg





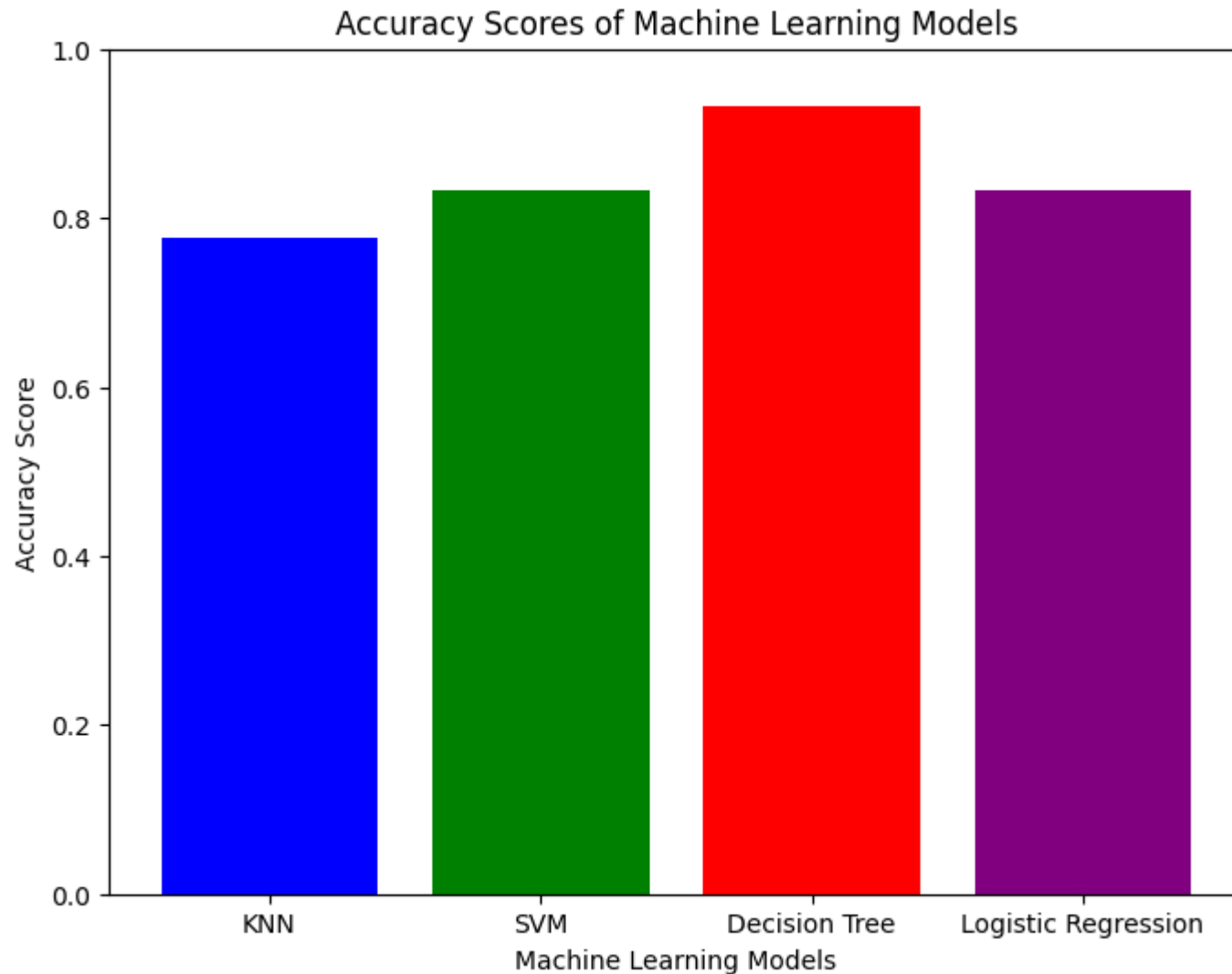


Section 5

# Predictive Analysis (Classification)

# Classification Accuracy

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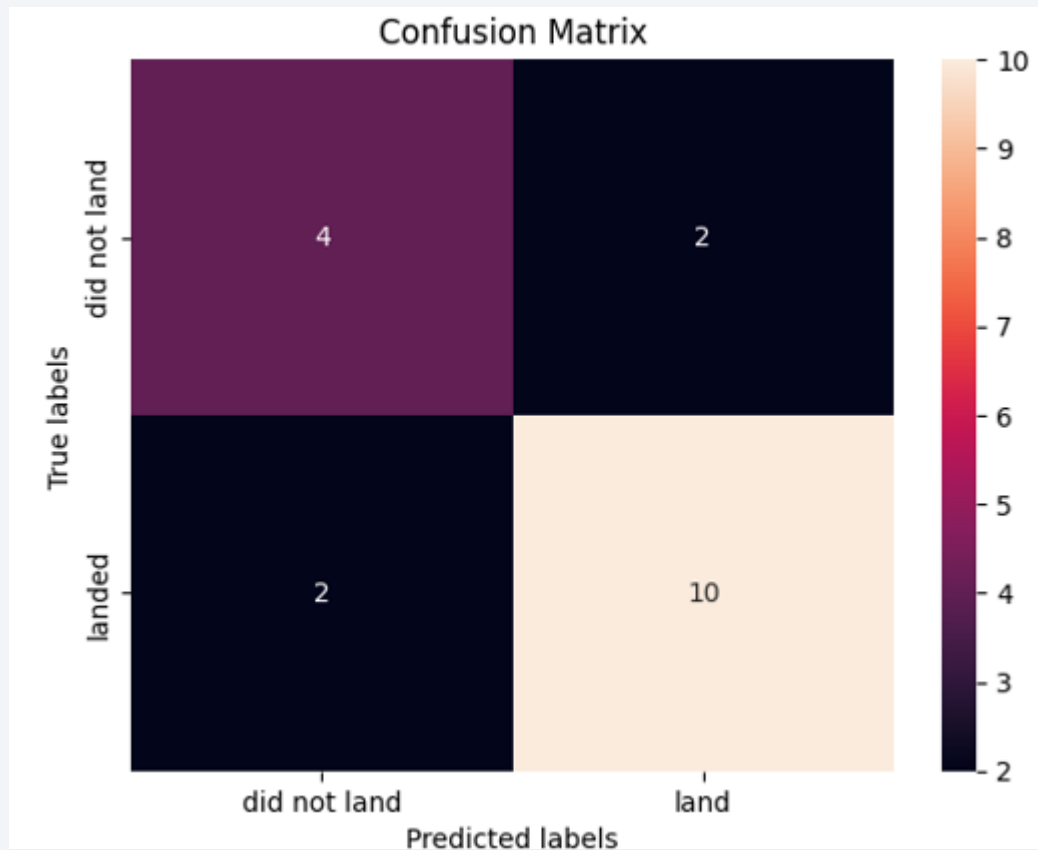


Decision Tree gave the best results but All models were fairly close.

# Confusion Matrix

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KNN performed best as it had the least false Positives and more true negatives



# Conclusions

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- Successful landings of the Falcon 9 have increased since 2013 enabling SpaceX to beat their competitors on price as they can reuse part of the first stage.
- Lighter payloads fare better than heavier payloads
- KSC LC-39A had the most successful launches of our sites
- Orbits with the best success rates were: HEO, GEO, ES L1 and SSO

# Appendix

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- All codes can be found in my Github [jgrajek/](#). I created separate repositories for each module so it would be easy to find the file as the descriptions the lab makes were not always evident.

Thank you!

