



SpaceX Falcon 9

First stage

Landing Prediction

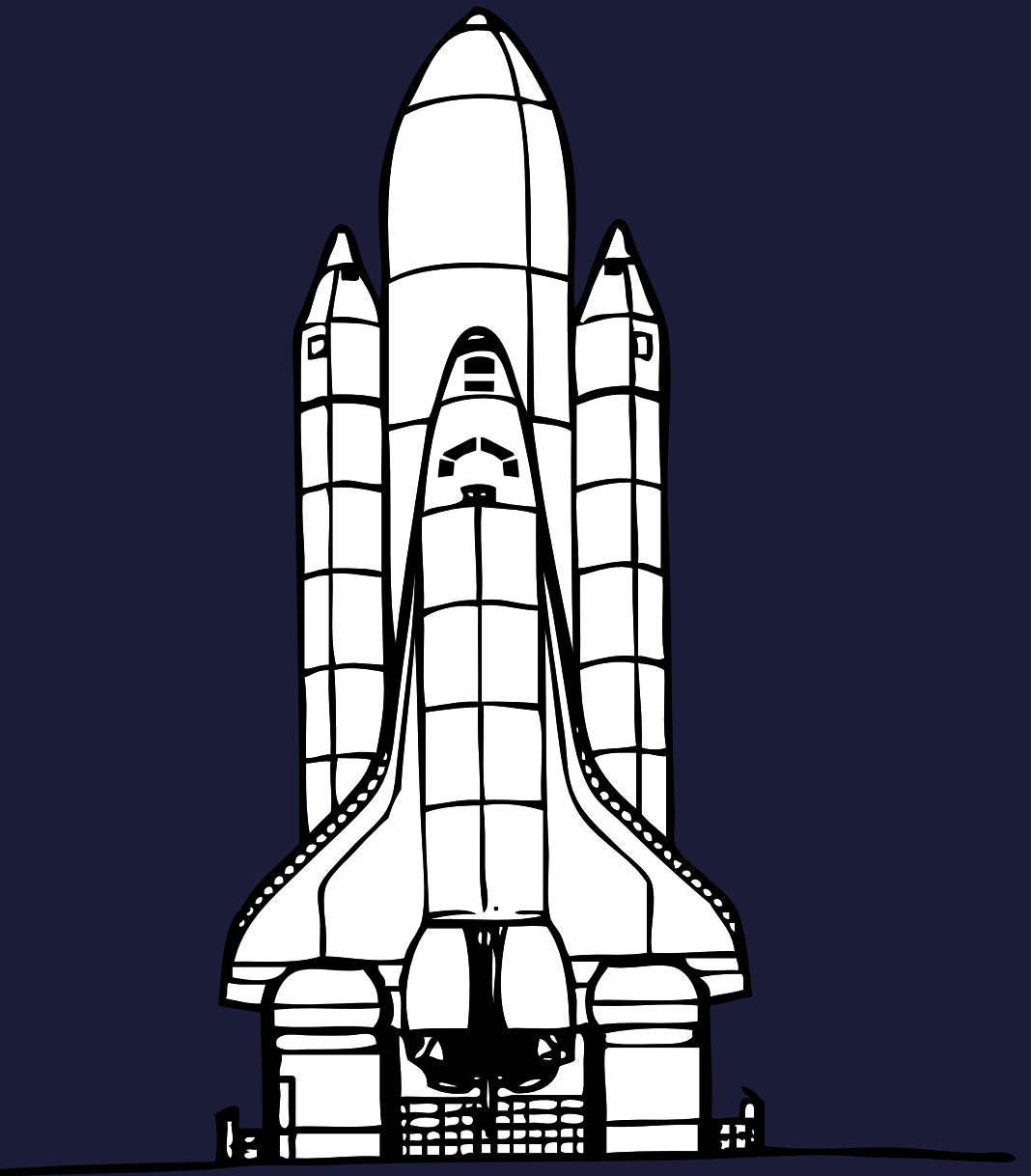
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Data Science Capstone Project

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Executive Summary

We collect SpaceX data using **APIs** and **web scraping**. Then, we apply **exploratory data analysis** to explore and visualize the data. Finally, we use the **Grid Search** method to **identify** the **best machine learning model** for **predicting** the next **landing's classification**.



Introduction

SpaceX's ability to reuse the first stage of its Falcon 9 rocket cuts launch costs to 62 million dollars, while other providers may charge up to 165 million dollars. If we can predict whether the first stage will land successfully, we can estimate the launch costs, which is useful for companies competing with SpaceX.

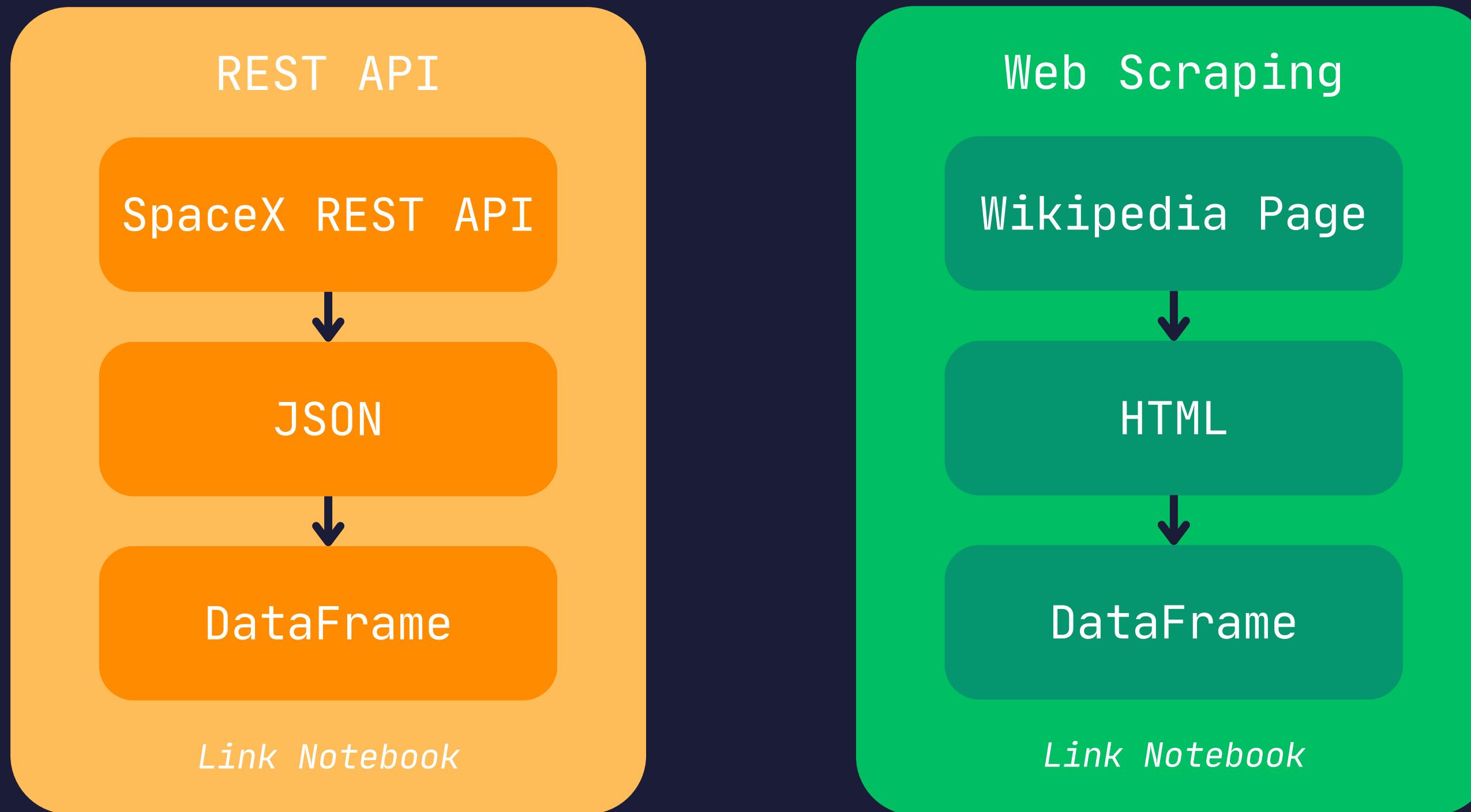
Key Questions:

- Can we predict the success of the first stage landing for new launches based on historical data?
- What factors give the best chance for a successful launch?

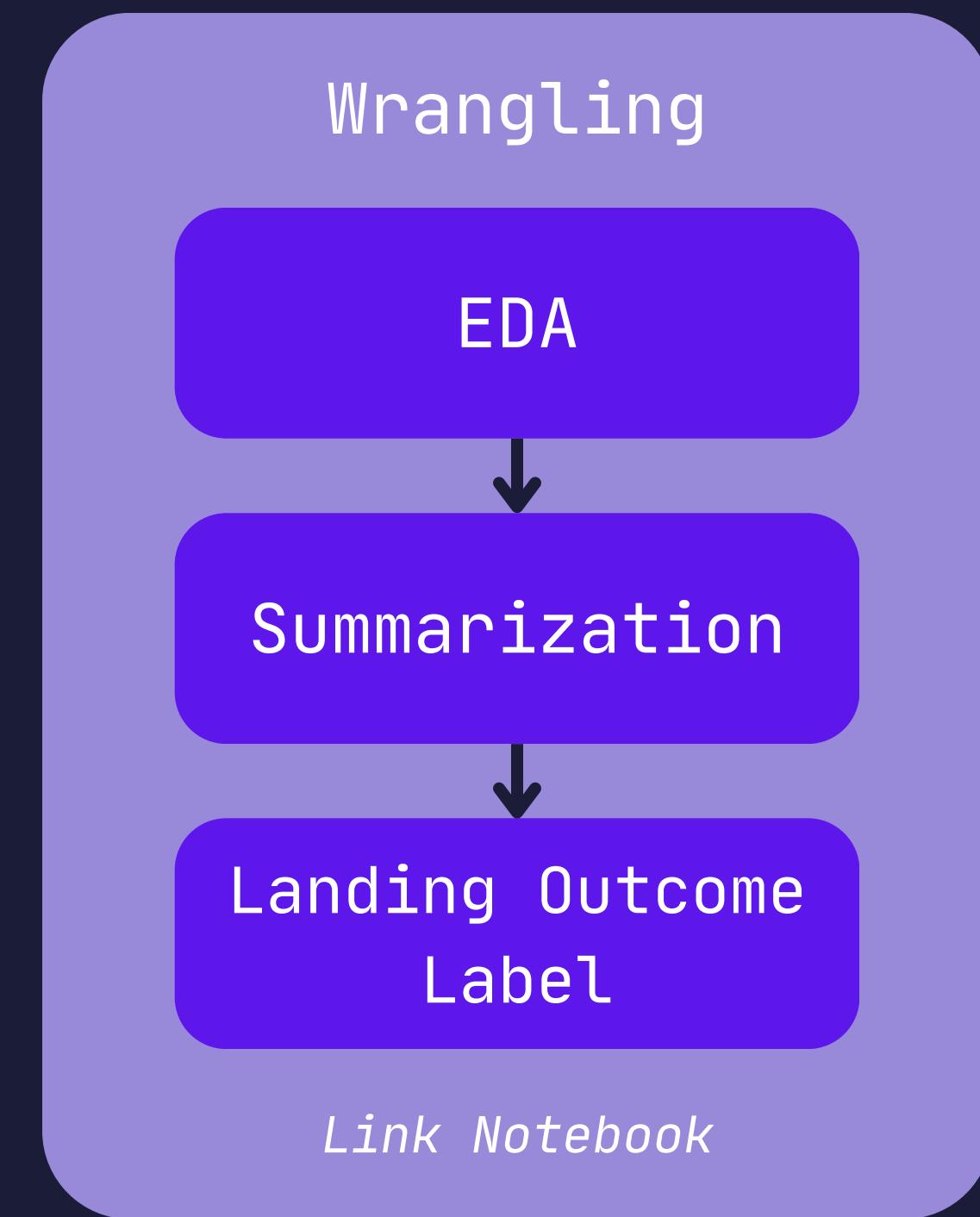
Methodology

- Data collection:
 - SpaceX REST API
 - Web Scraping (Wikipedia)
- Data wrangling
 - Generate landing class from outcome column
- Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA) using visualization and SQL
- Interactive visual analytics using Folium and Plotly Dash
- Predictive analysis using classification models:
 - Using GridSearch to find best fit model

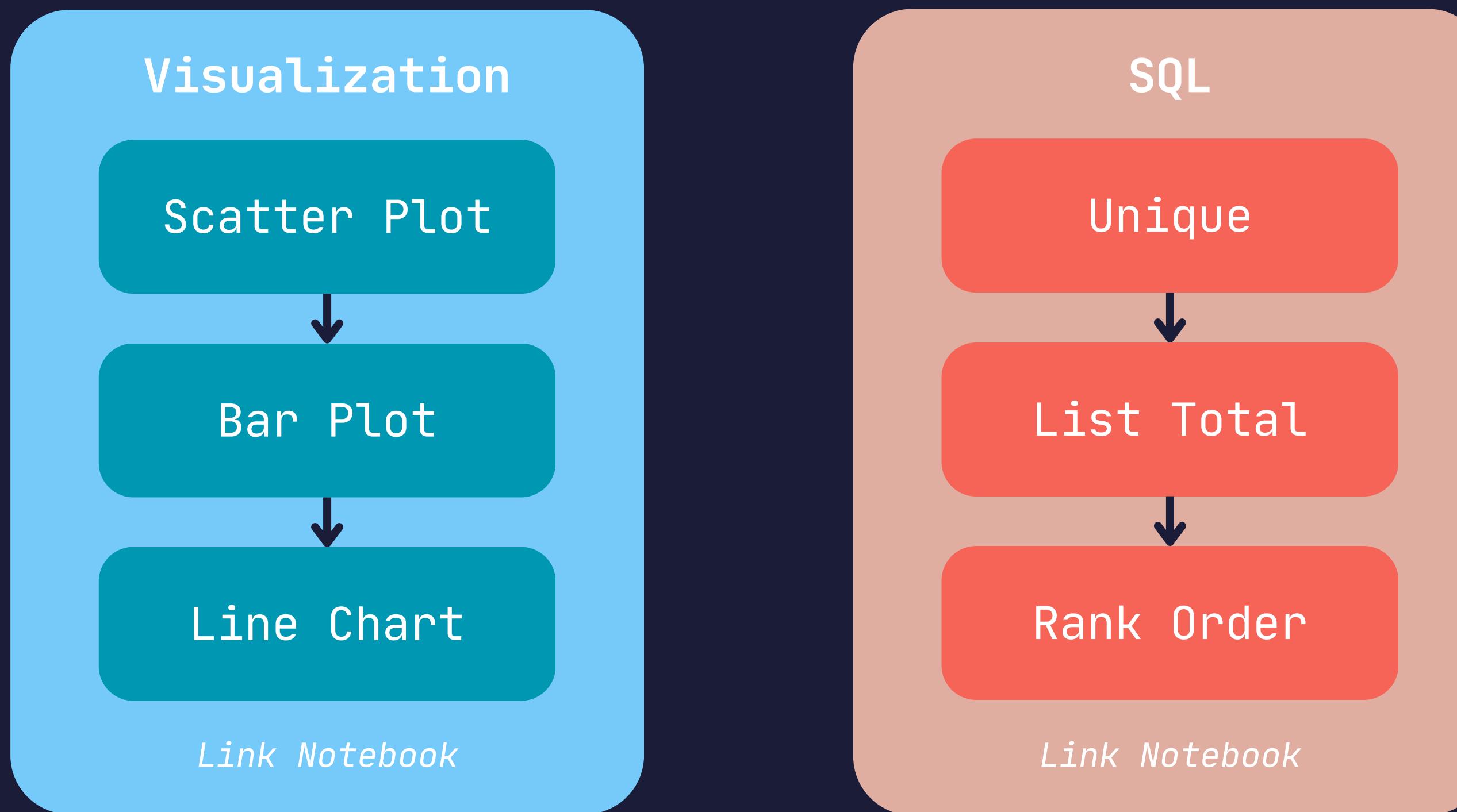
Data Collection



Data Wrangling



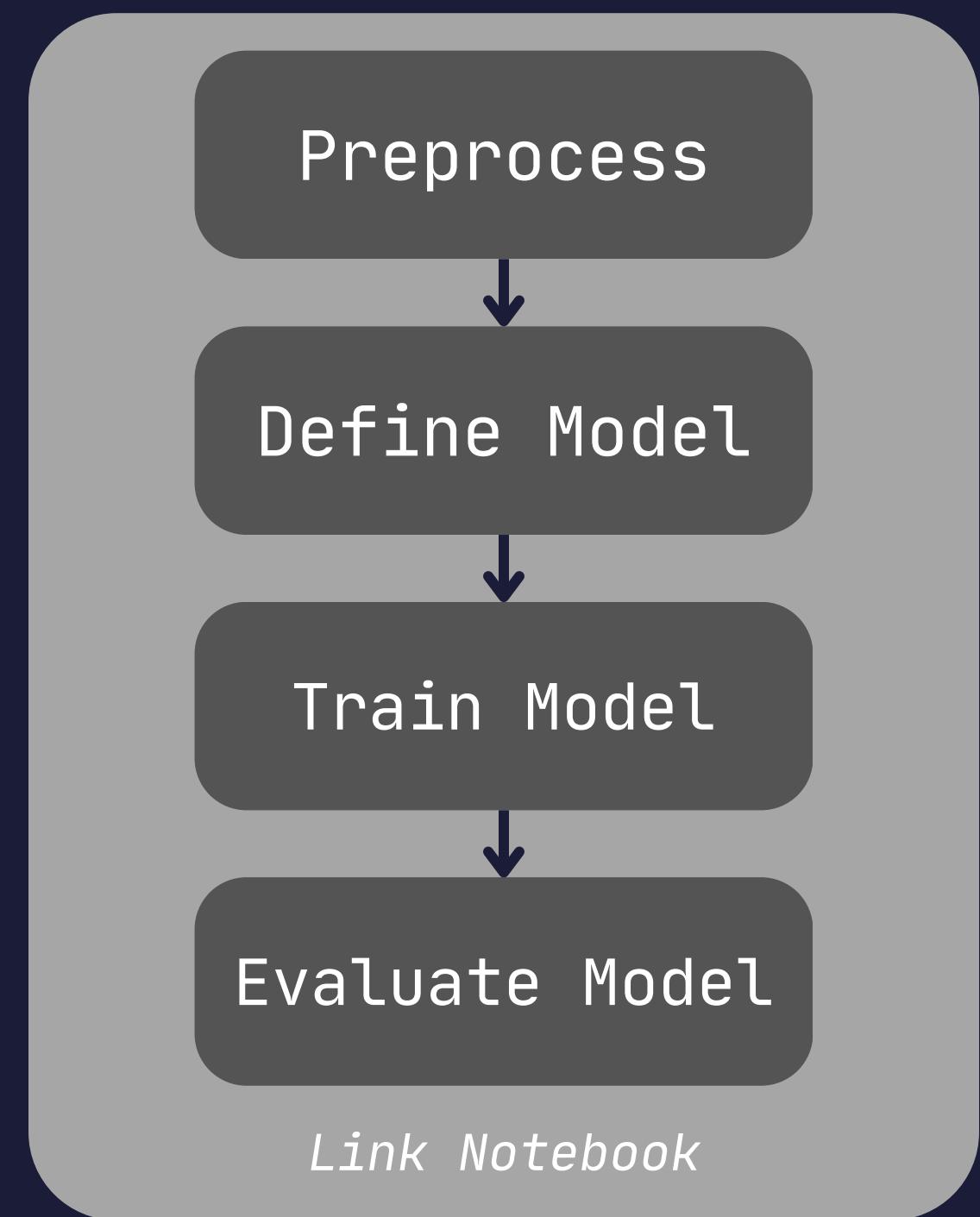
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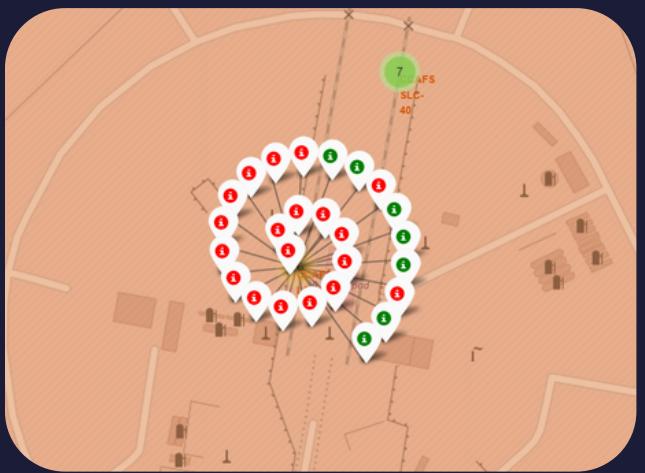
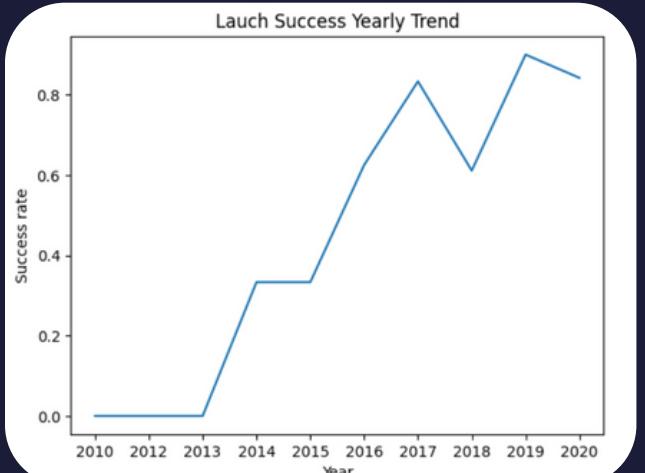
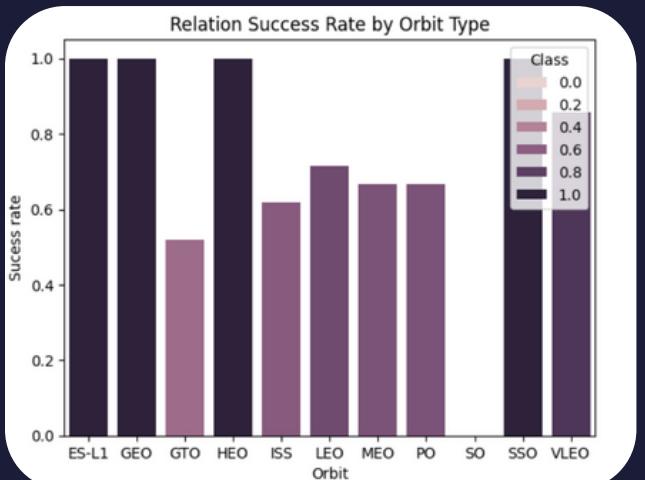
Interactive Map



Predictive Analysis



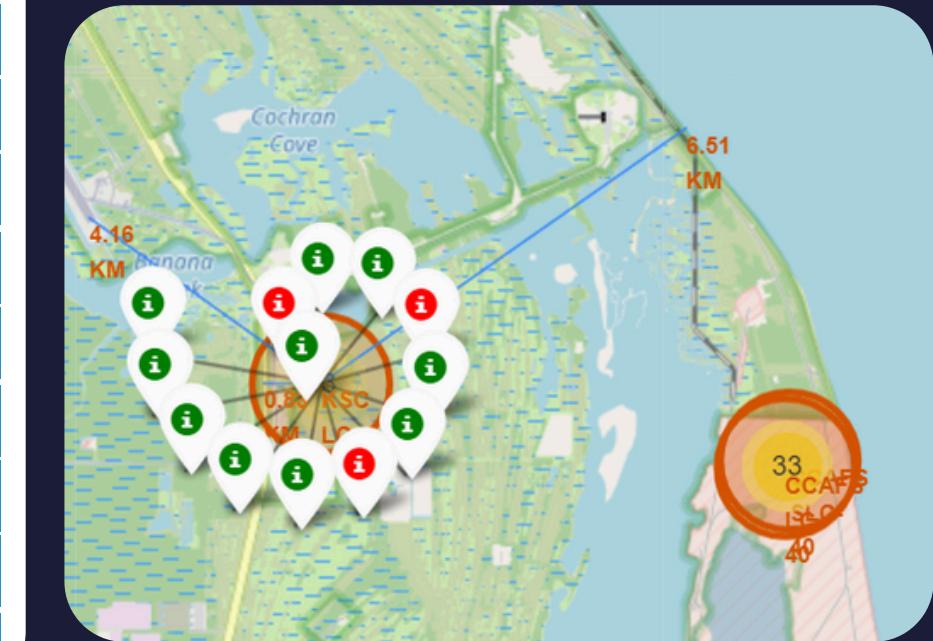
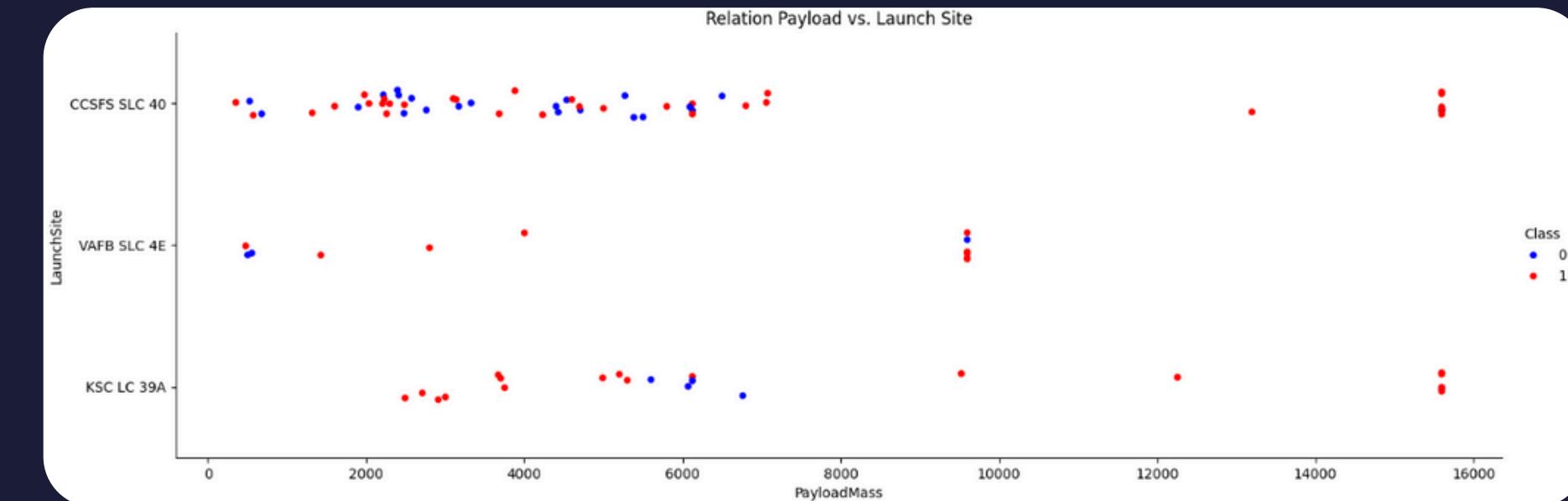
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12 rows



	train accuracy	test accuracy
lr	0.777778	0.944444
svm	0.844444	0.944444
tree	0.855556	0.944444
knn	0.766667	0.944444

Conclusion

The dataset has 90 rows and 83 columns. By splitting it 80/20, we get 72 rows for training and 18 for testing.

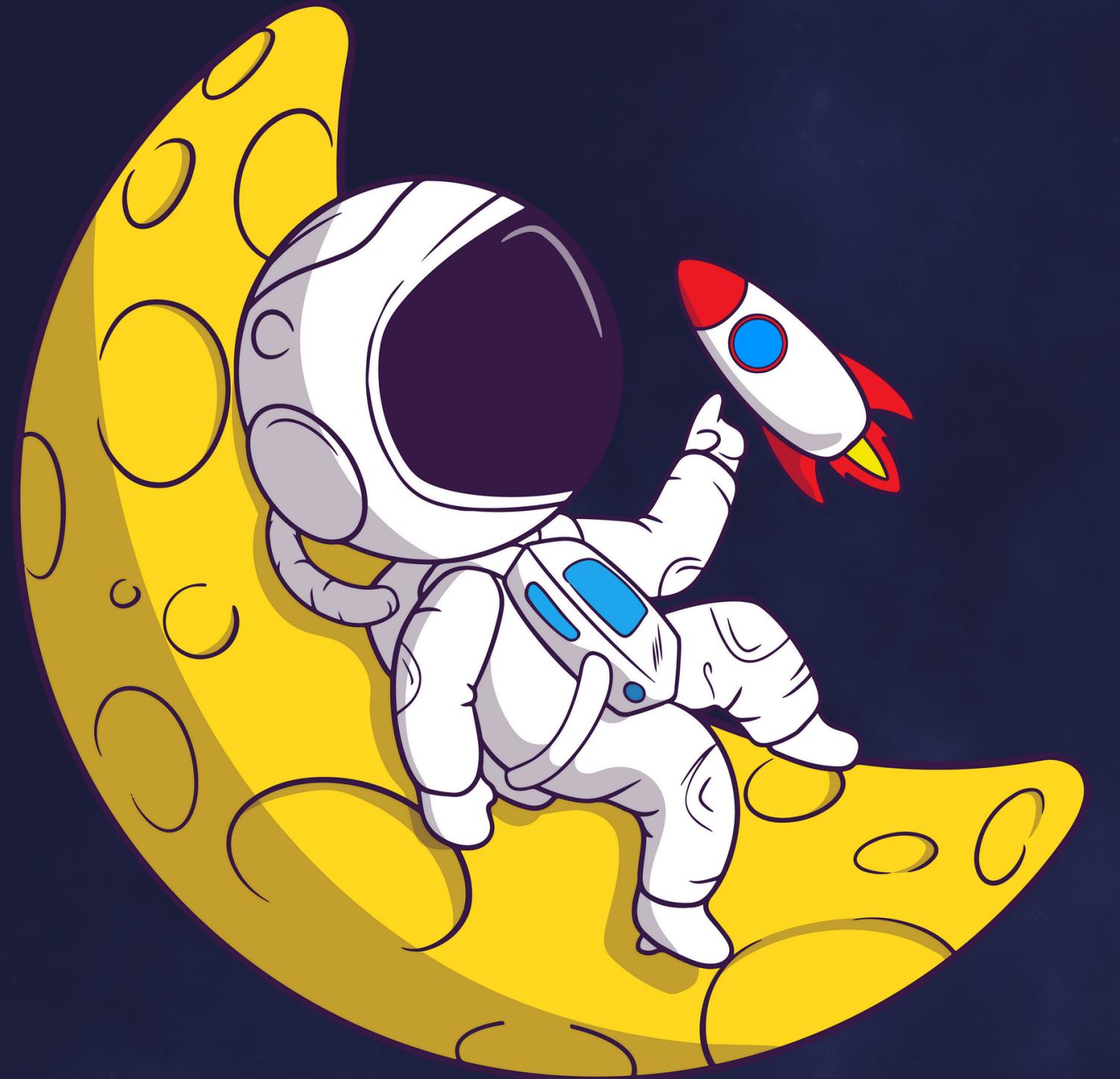
Key insights:

- The best launch site is **KSC LC-39A**.
- Orbit types **ES-L1**, **GEO**, **HEO**, and **SSO** have a **perfect success rate**.
- The **Decision Tree** model is the **most effective** for this dataset.

Appendix

Link

- *GitHub Repository*
- *IBM Data Science Professional Certificate*



Thank You