



**Applied Data Science Capstone:**

# **SpaceX Falcon9 First Stage Landing Prediction**

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# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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- **Cost unpredictability – major risk for commercial space exploration companies**
- **Reusable rockets reduce the cost of launching payloads to orbit 10x to 100x**
  - **SpaceX's Falcon 9 reuses the most expensive part of the rocket - Stage One**
- **Ability to predict Stage One's success helps determine the cost of the launch**
- **Focus on features contributing to successful launches will drive down the cost for SpaceY**

# INTRODUCTION

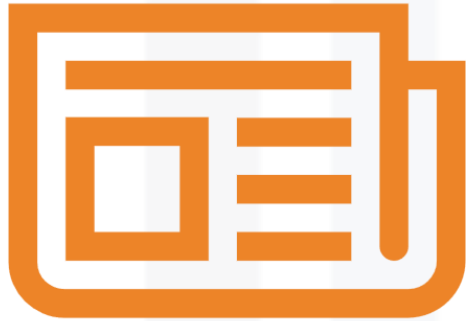
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- **Commercial space age: Private companies revolutionizing space exploration and travel**
- **Top business strategy: Driving down launch costs**
- **Answer: Reusable rockets**
- **SpaceX's Falcon 9: Reusing most expensive element - Stage 1**
- **Predicting Falcon 9's Stage 1 success = Determining the cost of launch**
- **ML Model to predict launch outcome + highlight features contributing to success => Cost forecast for SpaceY**

# DATASET

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- **Rocket launch data from SpaceX REST-API**
- **Web-scraping data from Wikipedia**
  - HTML page parsed using BeautifulSoup
- **Missing values: Replaced with the 'mean' value**
- **Landing outcomes converted to Classes (0=Failure, 1=Success) with Y = classification variable representing the outcome of each launch.**

# METHODOLOGY: OVERVIEW

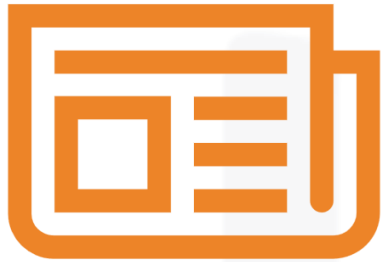
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- **Analytic Approach: Predictive Modeling using multiple Classification Algorithms:**
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  - SVM
  - Decision Tree Classifier
  - KNN
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# METHODOLOGY: DATA COLLECTION AND DATA WRANGLING

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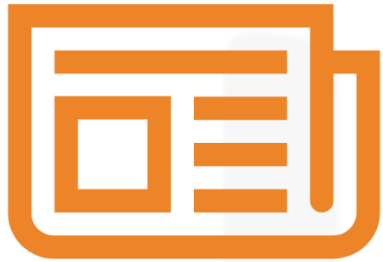


## DATA COLLECTION FROM API:

- SpaceX REST-API as data source
- Auxiliary functions to extract data
- Parse received JSON file and normalize it into a pandas dataframe
- Store data as lists and combine into a dictionary
- Create a pandas dataframe from the dictionary
- Filter the dataframe to only include Falcon9 launches
- Deal with missing values ('mean' for 'PayloadMass')
- Export the final dataframe to CSV

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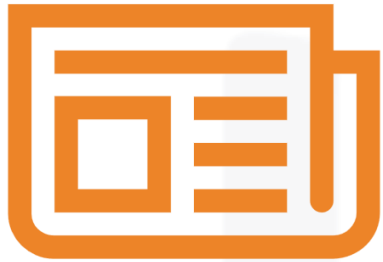
## CONTINUED (DATA COLLECTION FROM WEB-SCRAPING):

- Web-scrape launch records from Wikipedia
- Extract Falcon9 launch records HTML table
- Parse HTML table with BeautifulSoup
- Extract column/variable names from the HTML table header and create an empty dictionary with keys from the extracted column names
- Remove HTML noise from the parsed data and fill in the dictionary
- Create a dataframe from the clean dictionary



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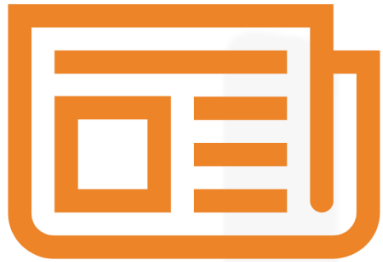


## CONTINUED (DATA WRANGLING):

- Launch Sites: CCAFS LC-40, CCAFS SLC-40, KSC LC-39A, VAFB SLC-4E; placed in the column 'LaunchSite'
- Calculate the number of launches for each site
- Calculate the occurrence of mission outcomes
- Create a landing outcome label from 'Outcome' column
- Create a classification variable 'Class' to represent the outcome of each launch (0 = Failure, 1 = Success).
- Determine the success rate (`df["Class"].mean()`)

# METHODOLOGY: EDA AND INTERACTIVE VISUAL ANALYTICS

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- Load the SQL extension and connect to the database
- Load SpaceX dataset into SQLite table
- Remove blank rows from table
- Perform EDA using SQL queries with the SQL magic commands
  - Identify the attributes that can be used to determine if the first stage can be reused
  - Combine multiple features for additional information (i.g. LaunchSite+PayloadMass)
  - Determine if there is an annual trend for launch success rate

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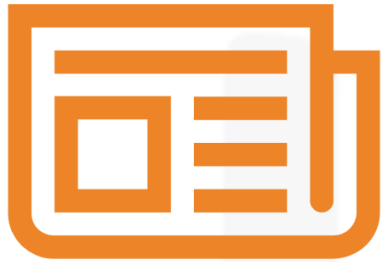


## CONTINUED (FEATURE ENGINEERING):

- Via plotting, determine which attributes are correlated with successful landings
- Based on plotting results, select the features to be used in success prediction: 'FlightNumber', 'PayloadMass', 'Orbit', 'LaunchSite', 'Flights', 'GridFins', 'Reused', 'Legs', 'LandingPad', 'Block', 'ReusedCount', 'Serial'
- One Hot Encoding: convert categorical variables to numeric, preparing the data for an ML model
- Cast the entire dataframe to variable type 'float64'

# METHODOLOGY: EDA AND INTERACTIVE VISUAL ANALYTICS

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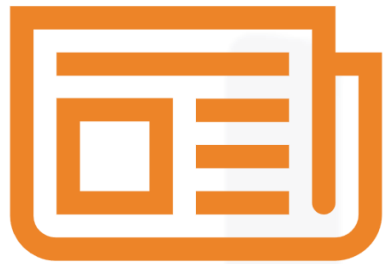


## CONTINUED (INTERACTIVE VISUAL ANALYTICS):

- **Build interactive visual analytics for stakeholders: Folium map and Plotly Dash dashboard**
- **Analyze launch site geo and proximities with Folium:**
  - **Mark launch site locations and their proximities on a Folium map**
  - **Identify the optimal launch site**
- **Build a dashboard application with Dash**
  - **The application to contain input components (a dropdown list and a range slider) to interact with a pie chart and a scatter point chart**

# METHODOLOGY: PREDICTIVE ANALYSIS

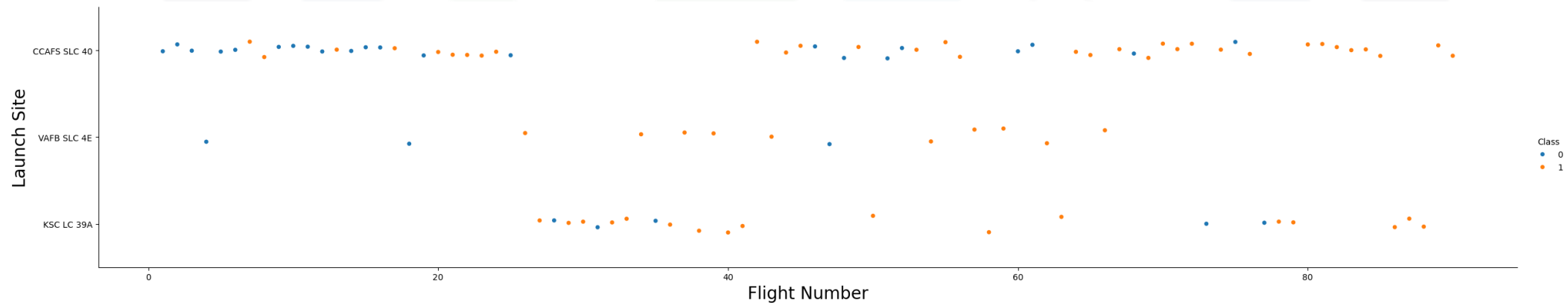
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# • RESULTS: EDA WITH VISUALIZATION

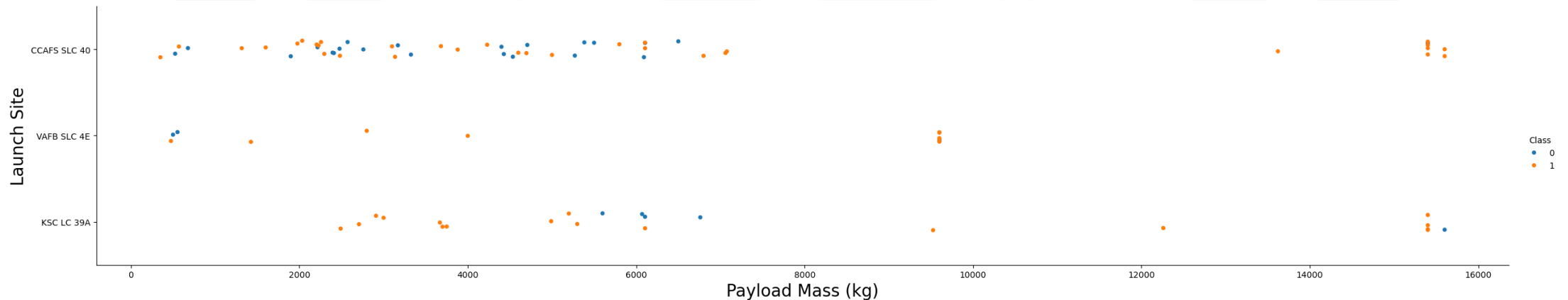
## TASK 1: Visualize relationship between Flight Number and Launch Site



**INSIGHT:** There are more successful outcomes (Class 1, Red) for launch sites VAFB SLC 4E and KSC LC 39A, than for launch site CCAFS SLC 40

- **RESULTS: EDA WITH VISUALIZATION**

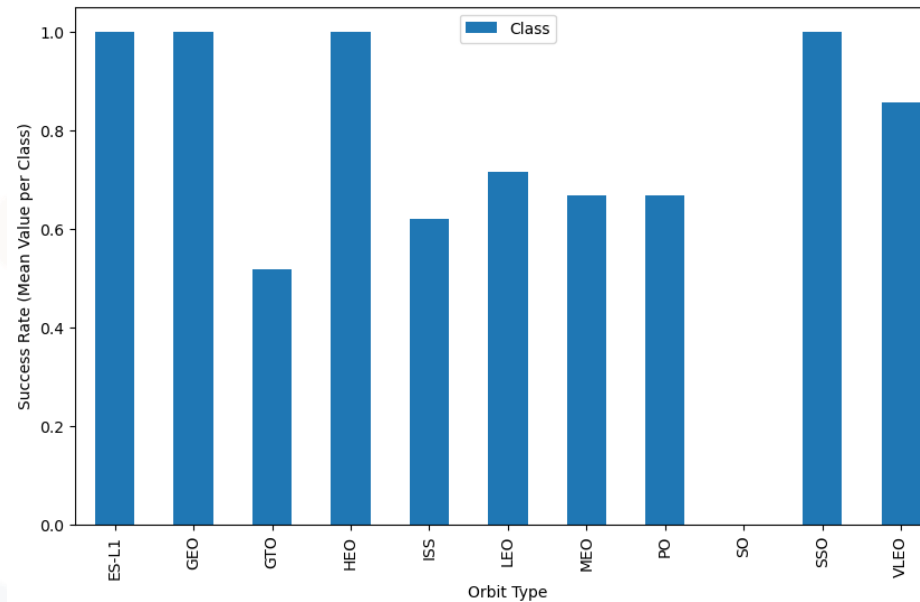
## **TASK 2: Visualize the relationship between Payload and Launch Site**



***INSIGHT: For the VAFB-SLC launch site, there are no rockets launched with heavy payload mass (greater than 10000)***

- **RESULTS: EDA WITH VISUALIZATION**

**TASK 3: Visualize relationship between Success Rate and Orbit Type:**

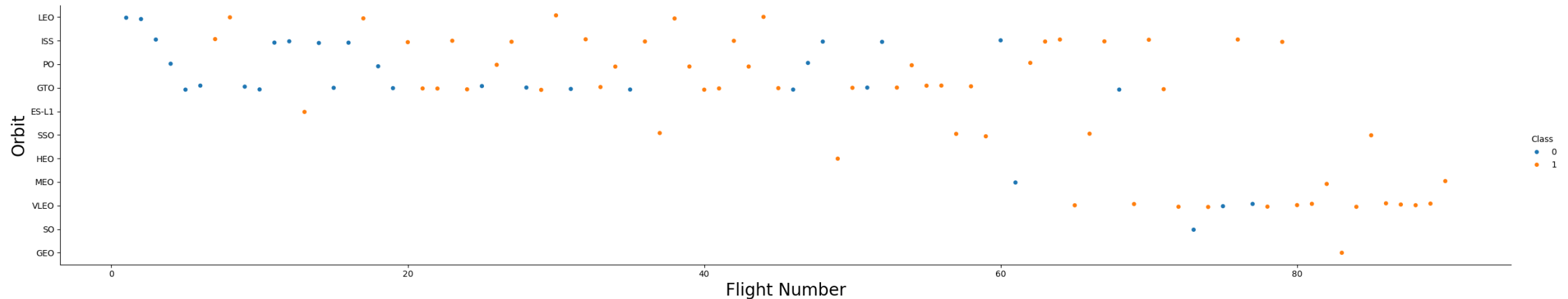


***INSIGHT: Orbit types with highest success rate (=1) are: ES-L1, GEO, HEO, SSO.***



# • RESULTS: EDA WITH VISUALIZATION

## TASK 4: Visualize the relationship between FlightNumber and Orbit Type



***INSIGHT: In the LEO orbit, success appears related to the number of flights; there seems to be no relationship between success rate and flight number when in GTO orbit.***

# • RESULTS: EDA WITH VISUALIZATION

## TASK 5: Visualize the relationship between Payload and Orbit Type

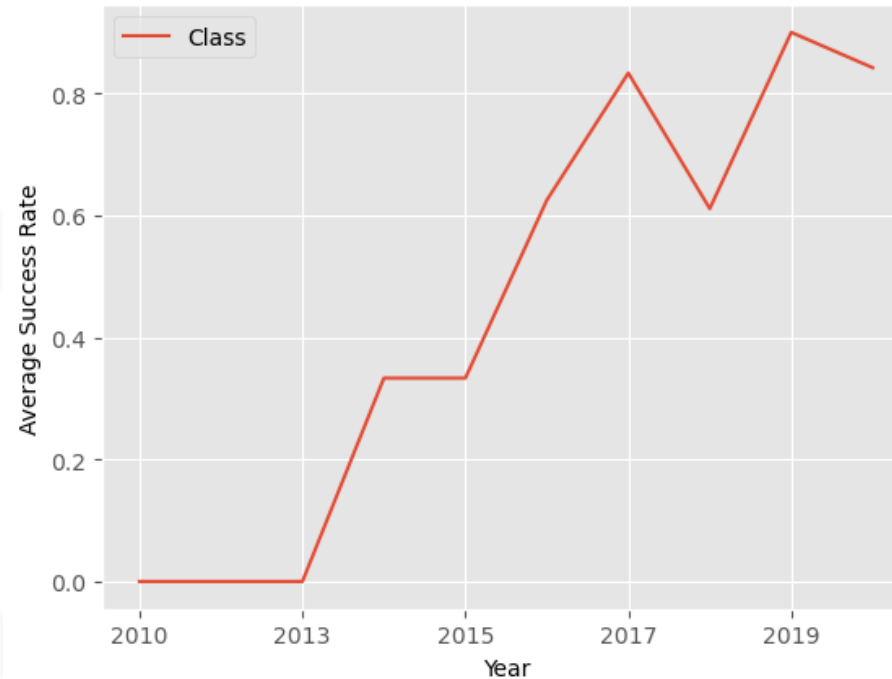


**INSIGHT:** With heavy payloads, the success rate is higher for Polar, LEO, and ISS. However, for GTO we cannot distinguish this as clearly since both positive and negative landings are common.

- **RESULTS: EDA WITH VISUALIZATION**

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### **TASK 6: Visualize Launch Success Yearly Trend**



***INSIGHT: Success rate was increasing between 2013 and 2020.***

# • RESULTS: EDA with SQL

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## Connecting to the database:

```
1 %reload_ext sql
2 %config SqlMagic.displaylimit = 15
```

```
1 !pip install --upgrade sqlalchemy
```

...

```
1 # Connecting to the database
2 %sql mysql+pymysql://root:iruka123@localhost/SpaceX
3
4 # Verifying the connection is successful
5 result = %sql SELECT 1
6 if result:
7     print("Connected to the database.")
8 else:
9     print("Failed to connect to the database.")
```

Connecting to 'mysql+pymysql://root:\*\*\*@localhost/SpaceX'

Running query in 'mysql+pymysql://root:\*\*\*@localhost/SpaceX'

1 rows affected.

Connected to the database.

- # RESULTS: EDA with SQL

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**Task 1: Display the names of the unique launch sites in the space mission**

```
1 %%sql
2
3 select distinct Launch_Site from spacextbl
```

Running query in 'mysql+pymysql://root:\*\*\*@localhost/SpaceX'

4 rows affected.

Launch_Site
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CCAFS LC-40
-------------

VAFB SLC-4E
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KSC LC-39A
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CCAFS SLC-40
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# • RESULTS: EDA with SQL

## Task 2: Display 5 records where launch sites begin with the string 'CCA'

```
1 %sql select * from spacextbl where Launch_Site like 'CCA%' limit 5
```

Running query in 'mysql+pymysql://root:\*\*\*@localhost/SpaceX'

5 rows affected.

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	7:44:00	F9 v1.0 B0005	CCAFS LC-40	Dragon demo flight C2	525	LEO (ISS)	NASA (COTS)	Success	No attempt
2012-10-08	0:35:00	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

# • RESULTS: EDA with SQL

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**Task 3: Display the total payload mass carried by boosters launched by NASA (CRS)**

```
1 %sql SELECT sum(PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_) from spacextbl where Customer = 'NASA (CRS)'
```

Running query in 'mysql+pymysql://root:\*\*\*@localhost/SpaceX'

1 rows affected.

sum(PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_)
------------------------

45596.0
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- **RESULTS: EDA with SQL**

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### Task 4: Display average payload mass carried by booster version F9 v1.1

```
1 %sql SELECT AVG(PAYLOAD_MASS_KG_) from spacextbl where Booster_Version = 'F9 v1.1'
```

Running query in 'mysql+pymysql://root:\*\*\*@localhost/SpaceX'

1 rows affected.

AVG(PAYLOAD_MASS_KG_)
2928.4



- # RESULTS: EDA with SQL

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**Task 5: List the date when the first successful landing outcome in ground pad was achieved.**

```
1 %sql SELECT MIN(Date) from spacextbl where Landing_Outcome = 'Success (ground pad)'
```

Running query in 'mysql+pymysql://root:\*\*\*@localhost/SpaceX'

1 rows affected.

MIN(Date)
-----------

2015-12-22
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# • RESULTS: EDA with SQL

**Task 6: List the names of the boosters which have success in drone ship and have payload mass greater than 4000 but less than 6000**

```
1 %%sql
2
3 SELECT Booster_Version from spacextbl where Landing_Outcome = 'Success (drone ship)'
4 and PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_ between 4001 and 5999
```

Running query in 'mysql+pymysql://root:\*\*\*@localhost/SpaceX'

4 rows affected.

Booster_Version
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F9 FT B1022
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F9 FT B1026
-------------

F9 FT B1021.2
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F9 FT B1031.2
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# • RESULTS: EDA with SQL

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## Task 7: List the total number of successful and failure mission outcomes

```
1 %%sql
2
3 SELECT COUNT(*) AS Total_Outcome_Count, SUM(Mission_Outcome like '%Success%')
4 AS Successful, SUM(Mission_Outcome like '%Failure%') AS Failed
5 FROM spacextbl
```

Running query in 'mysql+pymysql://root:\*\*\*@localhost/SpaceX'

1 rows affected.

Total_Outcome_Count	Successful	Failed
101	100	1

# • RESULTS: EDA with SQL

**Task 8: List the names of the booster\_versions which have carried the maximum payload mass. Use a subquery.**

```
1 %%sql
2
3 SELECT Booster_Version, PAYLOAD_MASS_KG_ from spacextbl
4 where PAYLOAD_MASS_KG_ = (SELECT MAX(PAYLOAD_MASS_KG_) from spacextbl)
```

Running query in 'mysql+pymysql://root:\*\*\*@localhost/SpaceX'

7 rows affected.

Booster_Version	PAYLOAD_MASS_KG_
F9 FT B1029.1	9600
F9 FT B1036.1	9600
F9 B4 B1041.1	9600
F9 FT B1036.2	9600
F9 B4 B1041.2	9600
F9 B5B1048.1	9600
F9 B5 B1049.2	9600

# • RESULTS: EDA with SQL

**Task 9: 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.**

```
1 %%sql
2
3 SELECT Year(Date) as "Year", Monthname(Date) as "Month", Booster_Version, Launch_Site,
4 Landing_Outcome from spacextbl
5 where Landing_Outcome = 'Failure (drone ship)' and Year(Date) = 2015
```

Running query in 'mysql+pymysql://root:\*\*\*@localhost/SpaceX'

2 rows affected.

Year	Month	Booster_Version	Launch_Site	Landing_Outcome
2015	January	F9 v1.1 B1012	CCAFS LC-40	Failure (drone ship)
2015	April	F9 v1.1 B1015	CCAFS LC-40	Failure (drone ship)

# • RESULTS: EDA with SQL

**Task 10: 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.**

```
1 %%sql
2
3 SELECT Landing_Outcome, COUNT(Landing_Outcome) as Count
4 FROM spacextbl WHERE Date between '2010-06-04' and '2017-03-20'
5 GROUP BY Landing_Outcome
6 ORDER BY Count DESC;
```

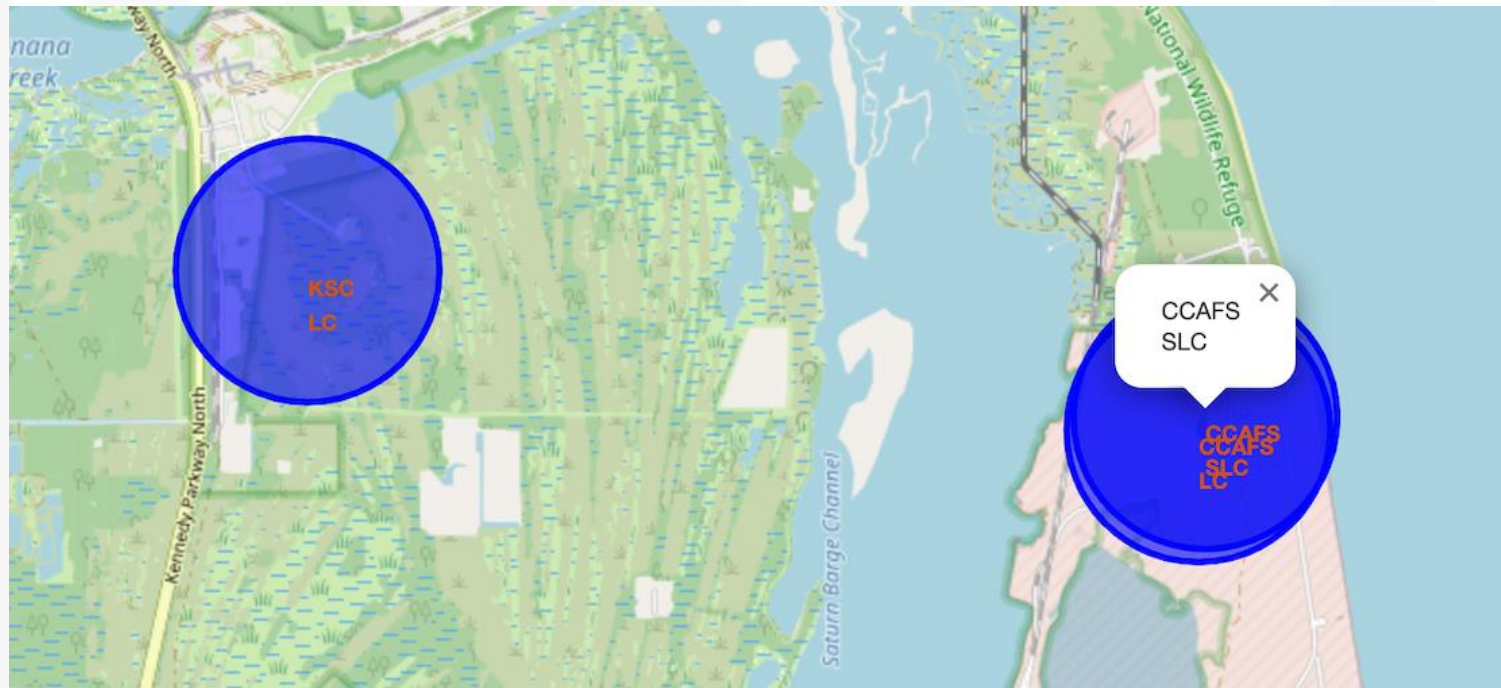
Running query in 'mysql+pymysql://root:\*\*\*@localhost/SpaceX'

8 rows affected.

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

- **RESULTS: Interactive FOLIUM Map**

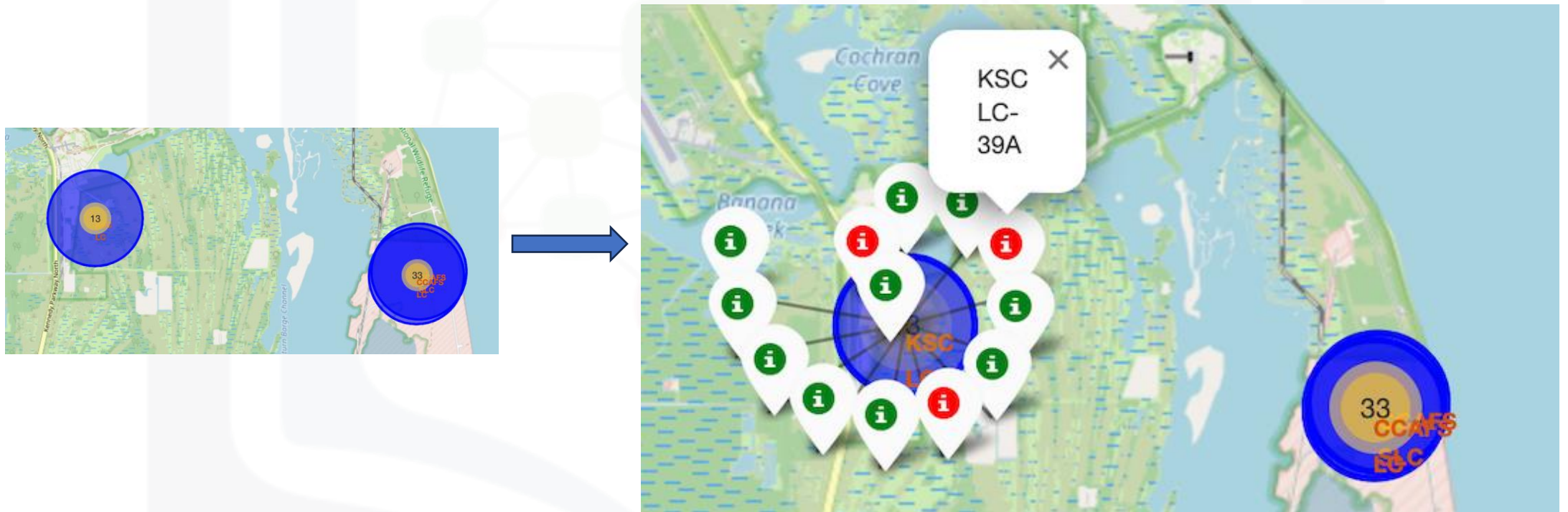
Task 1: Create and add *folium.Circle* and *folium.Marker* for each launch site on the site map.





- **RESULTS: Interactive FOLIUM Map**

**TASK 2: Mark the successful/failed launches for each site on the map**

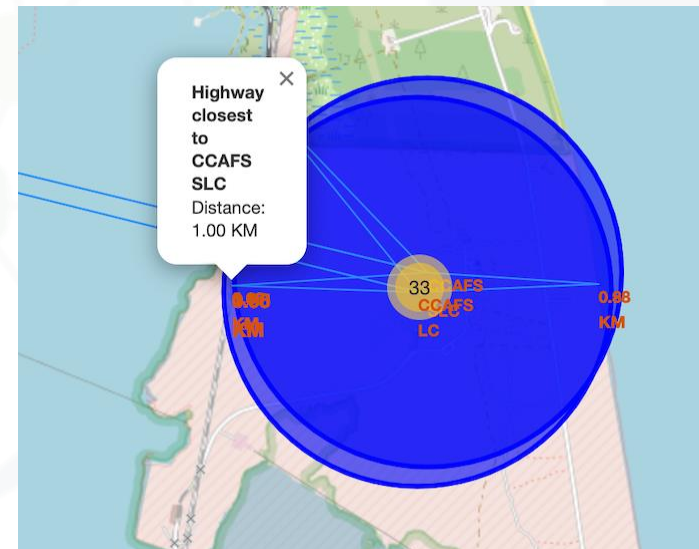
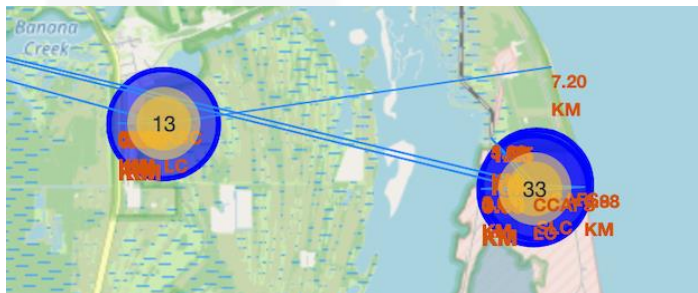




# • RESULTS: Interactive FOLIUM Map

**TASK 3: Calculate the distance between a launch site and its proximities**

- Add a *MousePosition* for coordinates
- Create and add a *folium.Marker* on the selected proximity
- Display the distance between the proximity and launch site
- Draw a *PolyLine* between the proximity and launch site



# • RESULTS: Plotly DASH Dashboard

## TASK 1: Add a Launch Site Drop-Down Input Component

```
# TASK 1: Add a dropdown list to enable Launch Site selection
# The default select value is for ALL sites
dcc.Dropdown(id='site-dropdown',
             options=[
                 {'label': 'All Sites', 'value': 'ALL'},
                 {'label': 'CCAFS LC-40', 'value': 'CCAFS LC-40'},
                 {'label': 'CCAFS SLC-40', 'value': 'CCAFS SLC-40'},
                 {'label': 'KSC LC-39A', 'value': 'KSC LC-39A'},
                 {'label': 'VAFB SLC-4E', 'value': 'VAFB SLC-4E'},
             ],
             value='ALL',
             placeholder="Select a Launch Site HERE",
             searchable=True
             ),
```



## SpaceX Launch Records Dashboard

All Sites

All Sites

CCAFS LC-40

CCAFS SLC-40

KSC LC-39A

VAFB SLC-4E

# • RESULTS: Plotly DASH Dashboard

## TASK 2: Add a callback function to render success-pie-chart based on selected site dropdown

```
3 # Callback for launch sites dropdown and pie chart
4 @app.callback(
5     Output(component_id='success-pie-chart', component_property='figure'),
6     Input(component_id='site-dropdown', component_property='value'))
7
8 def get_pie_chart(entered_site):
9     filtered_df = spacex_df
10    if entered_site == 'ALL':
11        fig = px.pie(filtered_df, values='class',
12                     names='Launch Site',
13                     title='Total Success Launches by Site',
14                     color_discrete_map={'0': 'blue', '1': 'red'})
15    else:
16        filtered_df = spacex_df[spacex_df['Launch Site'] == entered_site]
17        success_count = filtered_df[filtered_df['class'] == 1].shape[0]
18        failure_count = filtered_df[filtered_df['class'] == 0].shape[0]
19
20        fig = px.pie(
21            names=['Success', 'Failure'],
22            values=[success_count, failure_count],
23            title=f'Success and Failure Counts for {entered_site}',
24            color_discrete_map={'Failure': 'blue', 'Success': 'red'})
25    )
```

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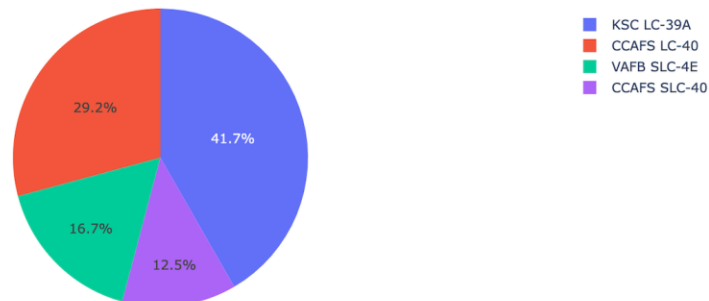
## TASK 2: Continued

```
# TASK 2: Add a pie chart to show the total successful launches count for all sites  
# If a specific launch site was selected, show the Success vs. Failed counts for the site  
html.Div(dcc.Graph(id='success-pie-chart'),  
html.Br(),
```

### SpaceX Launch Records Dashboard

All Sites × ▾

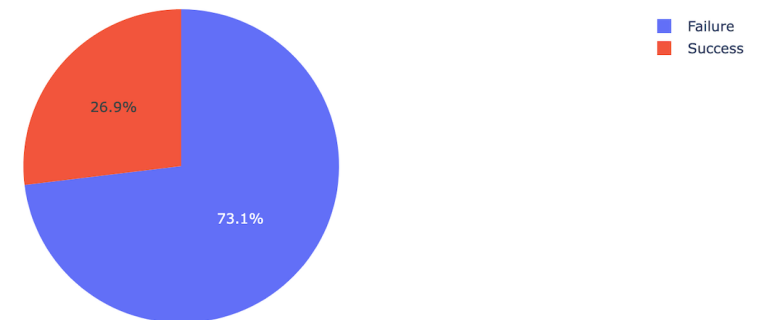
Total Success Launches by Site



### SpaceX Launch Records Dashboard

CCAFS LC-40 × ▾

Success and Failure Counts for CCAFS LC-40



# • RESULTS: Plotly DASH Dashboard

## TASK 3: Add a Range Slider to select payload

```
# TASK 3: Add a slider to select payload range
dcc.RangeSlider(
    id='payload-slider',
    min=0,
    max=10000,
    step=1000,
    marks={0: '0',
           2500: '2500',
           5000: '5000',
           7500: '7500',
           10000: '10000'},
    value=[0, 10000]

    html.Div(id='slider-output-container'),
    html.Br(),
```



Payload range (Kg):



Selected payload range: 0 to 10000 Kg



# • RESULTS: Plotly DASH Dashboard

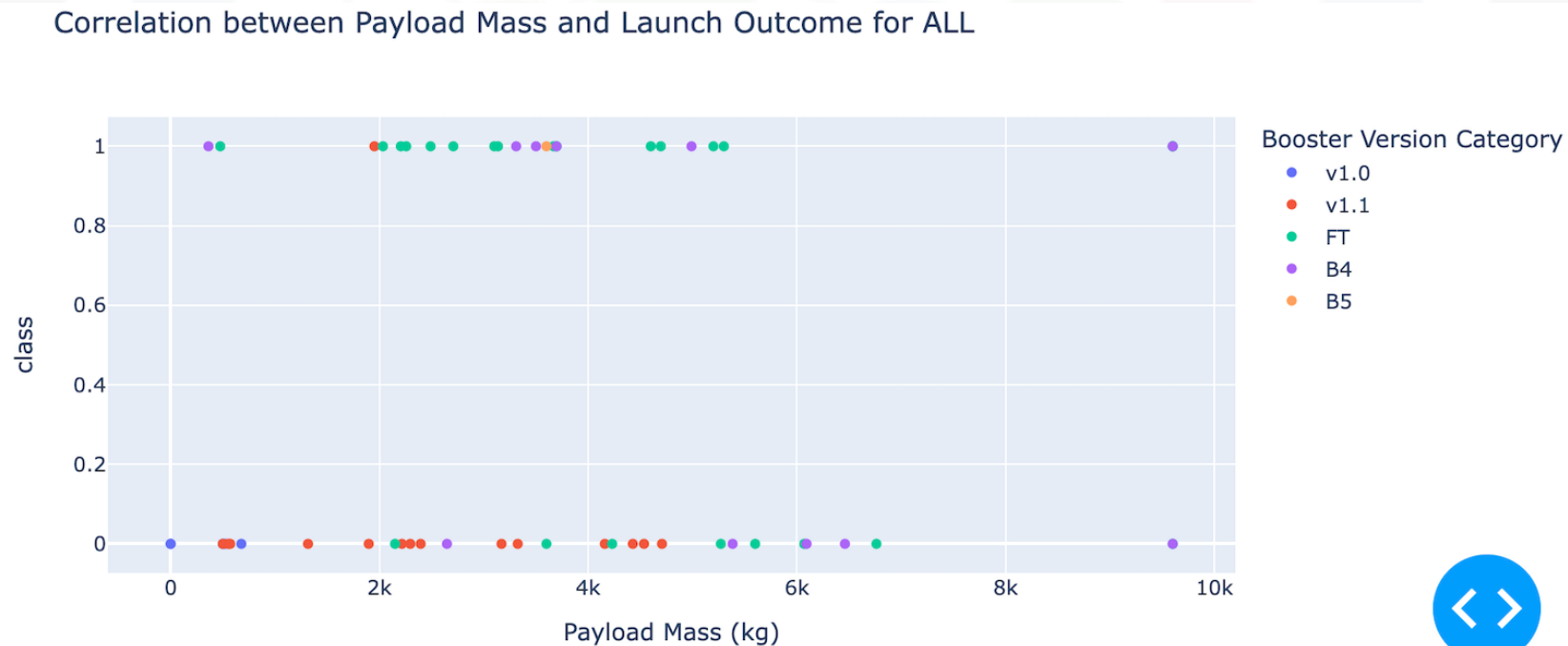
## TASK 4: Add a callback function to render the success-payload-scatter-chart scatter plot

```
1 # Callback for scatter plot
2 @app.callback(
3     Output(component_id='success-payload-scatter-chart', component_property='figure'),
4     [Input(component_id='site-dropdown', component_property='value'),
5      Input(component_id='payload-slider', component_property='value')]
6 )
7 def update_scatter_chart(entered_site, payload_range):
8     scatter_df = spacex_df.copy()
9
10    # Apply filtering based on site
11    if entered_site != 'ALL':
12        scatter_df = scatter_df[scatter_df['Launch Site'] == entered_site]
13
14    # Apply filtering based on payload range
15    scatter_df = scatter_df[(scatter_df['Payload Mass (kg)'] >= payload_range[0]) &
16                            (scatter_df['Payload Mass (kg)'] <= payload_range[1])]
17
18    # Create the scatter plot
19    fig = px.scatter(scatter_df,
20                    x='Payload Mass (kg)',
21                    y='class',
22                    color='Booster Version Category',
23                    hover_name='Booster Version Category',
24                    title=f'Correlation between Payload Mass and Launch Outcome for {entered_site}',
25                    size_max=60)
26
27    return fig
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```

# • RESULTS: Plotly DASH Dashboard

## TASK 4: Continued

```
# TASK 4: Add a scatter chart to show the correlation between payload and launch success  
html.Div(dcc.Graph(id='success-payload-scatter-chart'),  
])
```



- **RESULTS: Plotly DASH Dashboard**

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**DASH App Link:**

[DashAppKseniaKai](#)



- # RESULTS: Predictive Analysis

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**TASK 1:** Create a NumPy array from the column Class in data, by applying the method `to_numpy()` then assign it to the variable Y, making sure the output is a Pandas series (only one bracket `df['name of column']`).

```
1 Y = data['Class'].to_numpy()  
2  
3 print(Y[0:10])
```

```
[0 0 0 0 0 0 1 1 0 0]
```

# • RESULTS: Predictive Analysis

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**TASK 2:** Standardize the data in X, then reassign it to the variable X using the provided transform: *transform = preprocessing.StandardScaler()*

```
1 from sklearn import preprocessing
2
3 X = preprocessing.StandardScaler().fit(X).transform(X)
4
5 print('Normalized X Arrays:\n', X[:1, :5])
```

Normalized X Arrays:

```
[[-1.71291154e+00 -1.94814463e-16 -6.53912840e-01 -1.57589457e+00
  -9.73440458e-01]]
```

# • RESULTS: Predictive Analysis

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**TASK 3:** Use the function `train_test_split` to split the data `X` and `Y` into training and test data. Set the parameter `test_size` to 0.2 and `random_state` to 2. The training data and test data should be assigned to the following labels: `X_train`, `X_test`, `Y_train`, `Y_test`.

```
1 X_train, X_test, Y_train, Y_test = train_test_split(X, Y, test_size=0.2, random_state=2)
```

We can see we only have 18 test samples:

```
1 Y_test.shape
```

```
(18,)
```

# • RESULTS: Predictive Analysis

**TASK 4:** Create a *logistic regression* object, then create a *GridSearchCV* object `logreg_cv` with `cv = 10`. Fit the object to find the best parameters from the dictionary parameters.

```
1 LR = LogisticRegression()  
2 LR
```

▼ LogisticRegression  
LogisticRegression()

```
1 parameters = {"C": [0.01, 0.1, 1], 'penalty': ['l2'], 'solver': ['lbfgs']}  
2  
3 logreg_cv = GridSearchCV(LR, parameters, cv=10)
```

```
1 logreg_cv.fit(X_train, Y_train)
```

► GridSearchCV  
► estimator: LogisticRegression  
    ► LogisticRegression

We output the `GridSearchCV` object for logistic regression.

We display the best parameters using the data attribute `best_params_` and the accuracy on the validation data using the data attribute `best_score_`.

```
1 print('Tuned hyperparameters:', logreg_cv.best_params_)  
2 print('Accuracy:', logreg_cv.best_score_)
```

Tuned hyperparameters: {'C': 0.01, 'penalty': 'l2', 'solver': 'lbfgs'}  
Accuracy: 0.8464285714285713

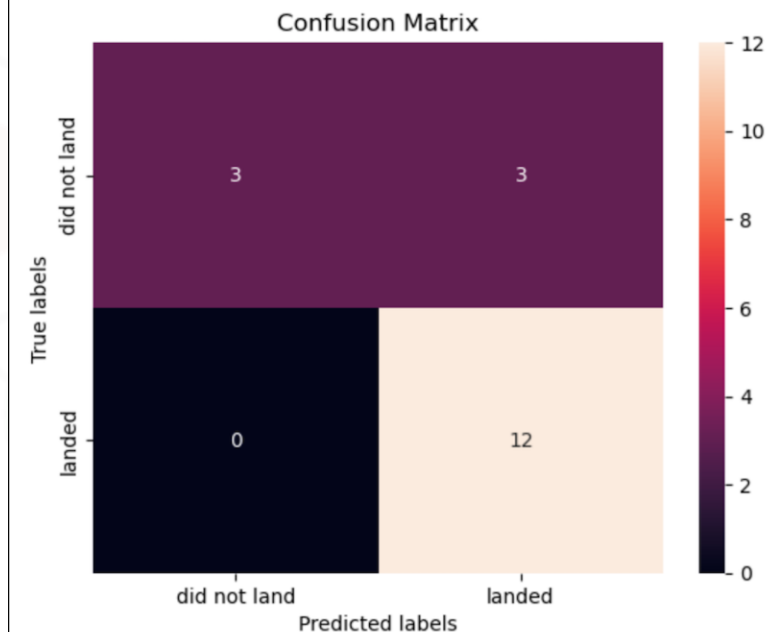
# • RESULTS: Predictive Analysis

**TASK 5: Calculate the accuracy on the test data using the method score:**

```
1 print(logreg_cv.score(X_test, Y_test))
```

0.8333333333333334

```
1 yhat=logreg_cv.predict(X_test)
2
3 plot_confusion_matrix(Y_test,yhat)
```



Examining the confusion matrix, we see that logistic regression can distinguish between the different classes.

We see that the major problem is **false positives**.

# • RESULTS: Predictive Analysis

**TASK 6: Create a support vector machine object, then create a GridSearchCV object svm\_cv with cv - 10. Fit the object to find the best parameters from the dictionary parameters.**

```
1 svm = SVC()  
2 svm
```

▼ SVC

SVC()

```
1 parameters = {'kernel':('linear','rbf','poly','rbf','sigmoid'),  
2               'C': np.logspace(-3, 3, 5),  
3               'gamma':np.logspace(-3, 3, 5)}  
4  
5 svm_cv = GridSearchCV(svm, parameters, cv=10)  
6 svm_cv
```

► GridSearchCV

► estimator: SVC

► SVC

```
1 svm_cv.fit(X_train, Y_train)  
2  
3 print('Tuned hyperparameters:',svm_cv.best_params_)  
4 print('Accuracy:',svm_cv.best_score_)
```

Tuned hyperparameters: {'C': 1.0, 'gamma': 0.03162277660168379, 'kernel': 'sigmoid'}  
Accuracy: 0.8482142857142856

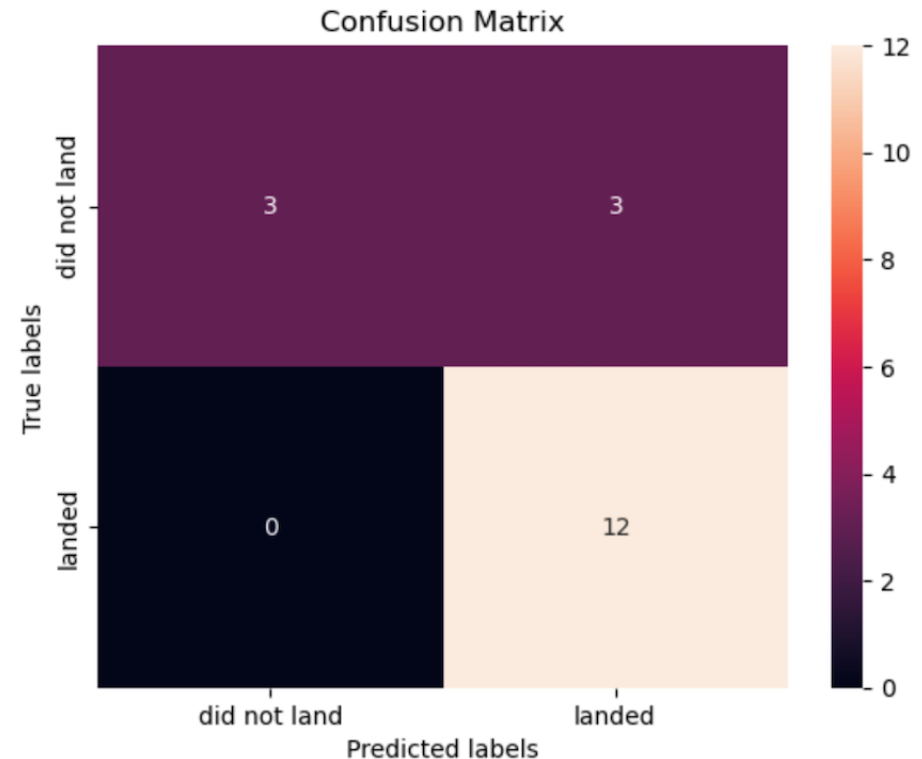
# • RESULTS: Predictive Analysis

**TASK 7: Calculate the accuracy on the test data using the method score:**

```
1 print(svm_cv.score(X_test, Y_test))
```

0.8333333333333334

```
1 yhat=svm_cv.predict(X_test)  
2 plot_confusion_matrix(Y_test,yhat)
```



# • RESULTS: Predictive Analysis

**TASK 8: Create a decision tree classifier object, then create a GridSearchCV object tree\_cv with cv = 10. Fit the object to find the best parameters from the dictionary parameters.**

```
1 tree = DecisionTreeClassifier()
2 tree
```

▼ DecisionTreeClassifier  
DecisionTreeClassifier()

```
1 parameters = {'criterion': ['gini', 'entropy'],
2               'splitter': ['best', 'random'],
3               'max_depth': [2*n for n in range(1,10)],
4               'max_features': ['auto', 'sqrt'],
5               'min_samples_leaf': [1, 2, 4],
6               'min_samples_split': [2, 5, 10]}
7
8 tree_cv = GridSearchCV(tree, parameters, cv=10)
9 tree_cv
```

► GridSearchCV  
► estimator: DecisionTreeClassifier  
► DecisionTreeClassifier

```
1 tree_cv.fit(X_train,Y_train)
```

...

```
1 print('Tuned hyperparameters:',tree_cv.best_params_)
2 print('Accuracy:',tree_cv.best_score_)
```

Tuned hyperparameters: {'criterion': 'gini', 'max\_depth': 4, 'max\_features': 'sqrt', 'min\_samples\_leaf': 1, 'min\_samples\_split': 2, 'splitter': 'random'}  
Accuracy: 0.8875



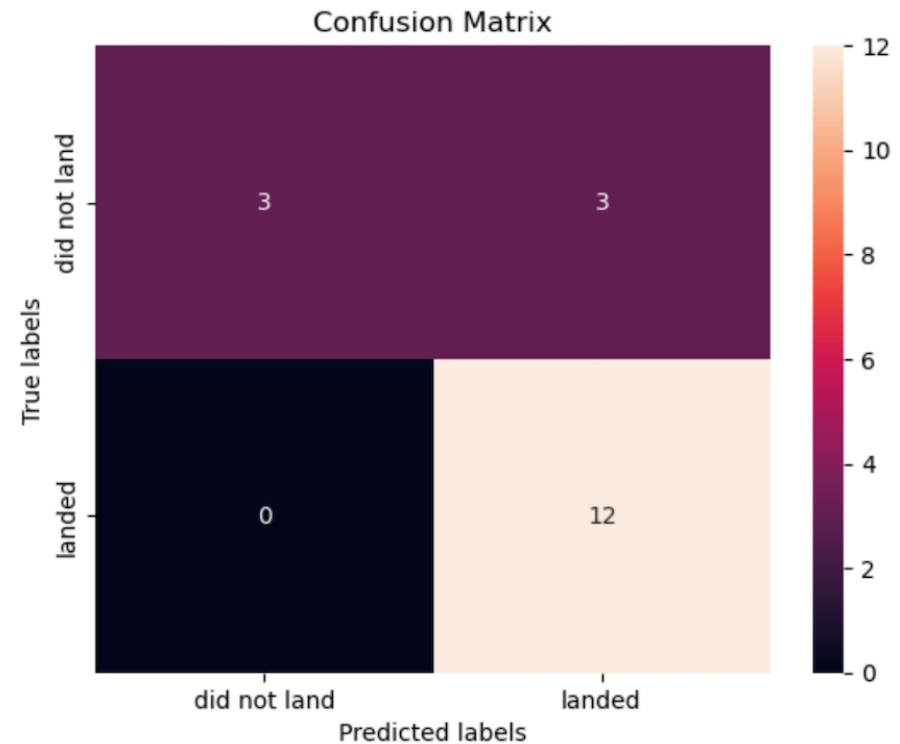
# • RESULTS: Predictive Analysis

**TASK 9: Calculate the accuracy of tree\_cv on the test data using the method score:**

```
1 print(tree_cv.score(X_test, Y_test))
```

0.8333333333333334

```
1 yhat = tree_cv.predict(X_test)
2 plot_confusion_matrix(Y_test,yhat)
```



# • RESULTS: Predictive Analysis

**TASK 10: Create a k-nearest neighbors object, then create a GridSearchCV object knn\_cv with cv = 10. Fit the object to find the best parameters from the dictionary parameters.**

```
1 KNN = KNeighborsClassifier()  
2 KNN
```

▼ KNeighborsClassifier  
KNeighborsClassifier()

```
1 parameters = {'n_neighbors': [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10],  
2               'algorithm': ['auto', 'ball_tree', 'kd_tree', 'brute'],  
3               'p': [1, 2]}  
4  
5 KNN_cv = GridSearchCV(KNN, parameters, cv=10)  
6 KNN_cv
```

► GridSearchCV  
► estimator: KNeighborsClassifier  
    ► KNeighborsClassifier

```
1 KNN_cv.fit(X_train, Y_train)  
2  
3 print('Tuned hyperparameters:', KNN_cv.best_params_)  
4 print('Accuracy:', KNN_cv.best_score_)
```

Tuned hyperparameters: {'algorithm': 'auto', 'n\_neighbors': 10, 'p': 1}  
Accuracy: 0.8482142857142858

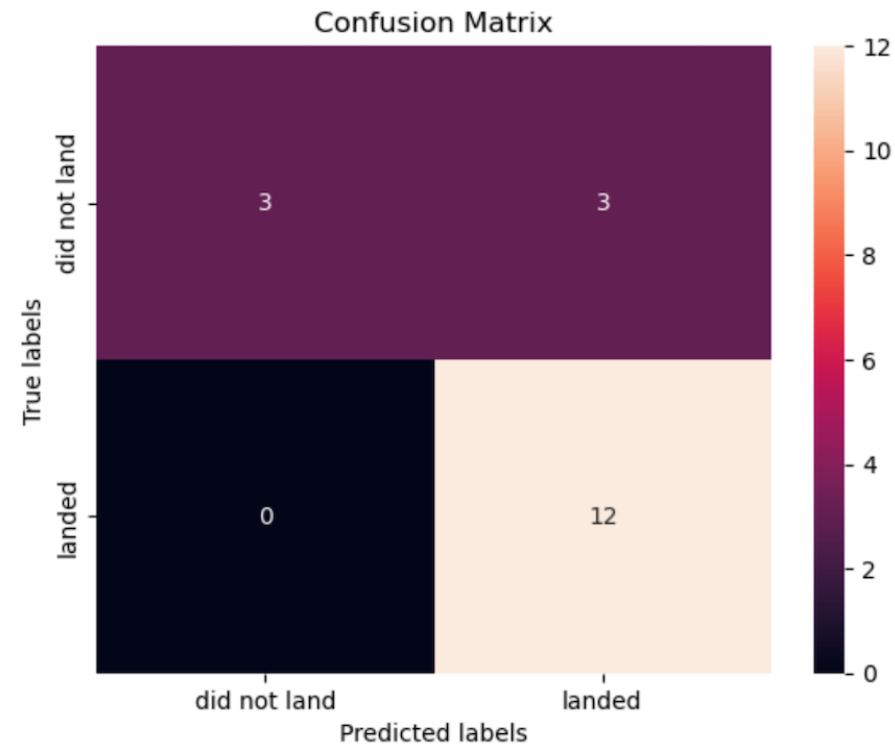
# • RESULTS: Predictive Analysis

**TASK 11: Calculate the accuracy of KNN\_cv on the test data using the method score:**

```
1 print(KNN_cv.score(X_test, Y_test))
```

0.8333333333333334

```
1 yhat = KNN_cv.predict(X_test)
2 plot_confusion_matrix(Y_test,yhat)
```



# • RESULTS: Predictive Analysis

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**TASK 12: Find the method that performs best**

**Tested Models:**

- **Logistic Regression**
- **Support Vector Machine**
- **Decision Tree Classifier**
- **K-Nearest Neighbors**

**All tested models perform very similarly with the accuracy score of 83.33% on a test set. The difference is observed with the accuracy score on a training set, where Decision Tree Classifier stands out with training accuracy of 0.875.**

# DISCUSSION

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- Is it possible to predict a successful launch/landing?
- Yes! By analyzing multiple features pertaining to a launch, and creating an ML model, it is possible to predict a success rate of a launch.
- *SpaceY* can focus on the features that contribute most to a successful launch/landing =>
- More efficient budget allocation =>
- Staying competitive in a commercial rocket market

# CONCLUSION

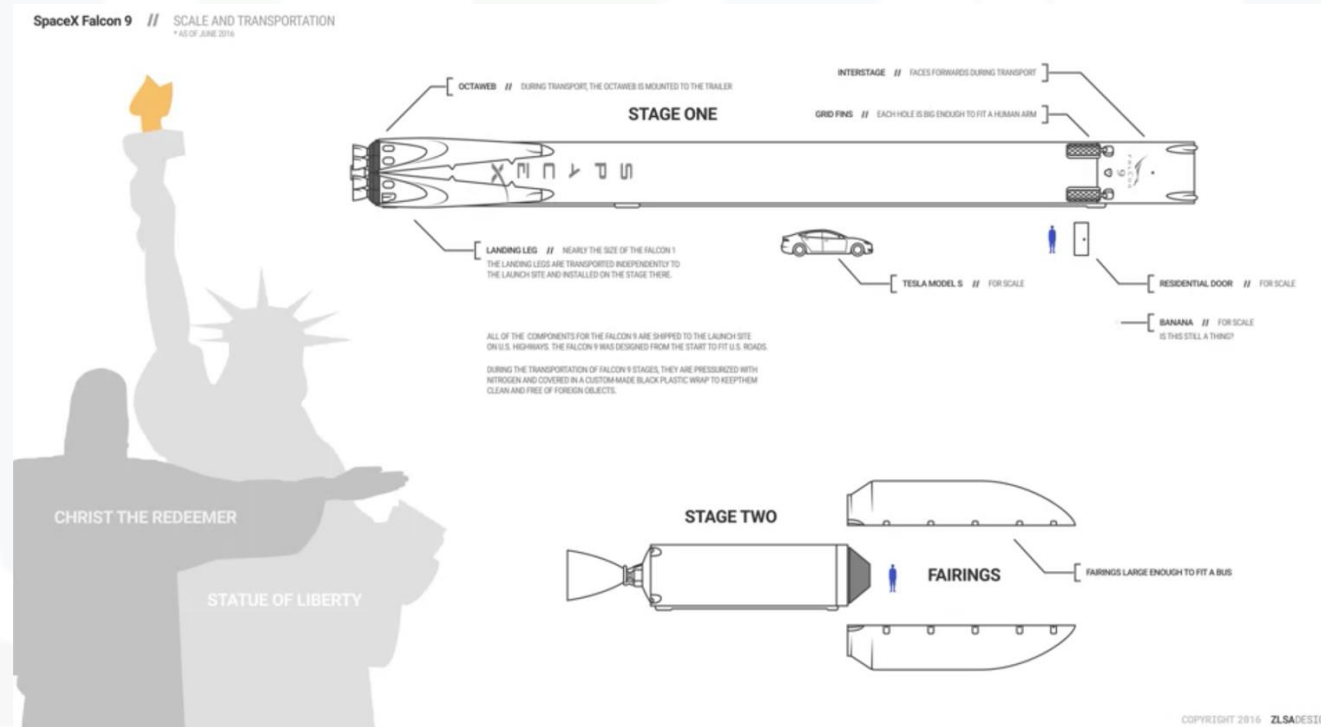
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- Multiple factors and features contribute to launch/landing success
- Importance of geo factors (proximities: railroads, highways, coastline) + launch site location => More successful outcomes for VAFB SLC 4E and KSC LC 39A (77% Success Rate)
- BUT: for the VAFB-SLC, no rockets launched with heavy payloads (>10K) => Payload mass IMPORTANCE
- Multiple ML models tested: similar performance on training sets, BUT on test set – Decision Tree Classifier stands out

# APPENDIX

- Falcon 9 Visual Size Guide (*by Forest Katsch, at zlsadesign.com*)



# APPENDIX

- Falcon 9 Specs Overview (<https://www.spacex.com/vehicles/falcon-9/>)

FALCON 9	
OVERVIEW	
HEIGHT	70 m / 229.6 ft
DIAMETER	3.7 m / 12 ft
MASS	549,054 kg / 1,207,920 lb
PAYLOAD TO LEO	22,800 kg / 50,265 lb
PAYLOAD TO GTO	8,300 kg / 18,300 lb
PAYLOAD TO MARS	4,020 kg / 8,860 lb