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# Winning Space Race with Data Science

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# Executive Summary

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## Executive Summary Slide 1: Summary of Methodologies

- **Data Collection:** Acquired dataset from SpaceX API, containing multiple number of samples and features relevant to the classification task.
- **Data Wrangling:** Performed data cleaning (missing values, duplicates), feature selection, and standardized features using StandardScaler.
- **Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA):** Used statistical summaries, visualizations (histograms, boxplots, scatterplots), and SQL queries to understand data distribution and feature relationships.
- **Interactive Visual Analytics:** Built Folium maps for spatial data visualization and Plotly Dash dashboards to interactively explore insights.
- **Predictive Modeling:** Developed multiple classification models including Logistic Regression, Support Vector Machines (SVM), Decision Trees, and K-Nearest Neighbors (KNN).
- **Hyperparameter Tuning:** Employed GridSearchCV with 10-fold cross-validation to optimize model parameters and prevent overfitting.
- **Model Evaluation:** Split data into training and test sets, assessed models via accuracy and confusion matrices.

# Executive Summary

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## Executive Summary Slide 2: Summary of Results

- **Model Performance:**
  - Support Vector Machine (SVM) achieved the highest validation accuracy with optimal kernel and parameters.
  - Logistic Regression provided a strong baseline with interpretable coefficients.
  - Decision Tree and KNN models performed moderately well after tuning.
- **Confusion Matrix Insights:**
  - False positives were the primary source of classification errors, especially in Logistic Regression.
  - True positives were significantly higher in optimized models, confirming their predictive capability.
- **Visualization Outcomes:**
  - EDA visualizations highlighted key feature differences across classes.
  - SQL queries confirmed class distributions and feature statistics.
  - Folium maps revealed spatial patterns, supporting deeper data understanding.
  - Plotly Dash dashboards enabled dynamic interaction with data and model results.
- **Overall Conclusion:**
  - The project successfully identified effective classification models and visualized critical data insights, laying groundwork for further improvements.

# Introduction

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## **Project Background and Context:**

- The project focuses on analyzing a dataset to classify observations accurately into different classes using machine learning.
- Classification models like Logistic Regression, Support Vector Machines, Decision Trees, and K-Nearest Neighbors are applied to identify patterns and make predictions.
- Data science workflow includes data collection, cleaning, exploratory analysis, visualization, modeling, and evaluation to gain actionable insights.
- Understanding the factors influencing classification helps improve decision-making in the relevant domain (e.g., healthcare, marketing, finance).

## **Problems to Find Answers:**

- Which features in the dataset are most influential for predicting the class labels?
- How well can different machine learning models classify the data?
- What are the best hyperparameters for each model to maximize accuracy?
- What types of errors (false positives, false negatives) do the models produce, and how can they be minimized?
- Can interactive visualizations provide deeper insight into data patterns and model performance?



Section 1

# Methodology

# Methodology

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## Executive Summary

- **Data Collection:**  
Collected the data using SpaceX API, containing relevant features and target labels for classification.
- **Data Wrangling:**  
Cleaned data by handling missing values, removing duplicates, and selecting important features. Standardized numerical features for consistency.
- **Data Processing:**  
Transformed raw data into model-ready format, including normalization and encoding categorical variables as needed.
- **Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA):**  
Used visualizations (histograms, scatter plots, box plots) and SQL queries to analyze data distributions, correlations, and class imbalances.
- **Interactive Visual Analytics:**  
Developed interactive geographic visualizations with Folium and dynamic dashboards with Plotly Dash to explore patterns and trends.
- **Predictive Analysis:**  
Built classification models — Logistic Regression, Support Vector Machines, Decision Trees, and K-Nearest Neighbors.
- **Model Building, Tuning, and Evaluation:**  
Applied GridSearchCV with cross-validation to find optimal hyperparameters. Evaluated models using accuracy scores and confusion matrices on test data.

# Data Collection

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The dataset was collected by querying the official SpaceX API, which provides comprehensive and up-to-date information on SpaceX launches, rockets, payloads, and related mission data.

## Step-by-Step Data Collection Flow:

### 1. Identify Data Requirements

- Define the target variables (e.g., launch success/failure) and relevant features (e.g., launch date, rocket type, payload mass).

### 2. Access SpaceX API Endpoint

- Connect to the RESTful SpaceX API endpoint (<https://api.spacexdata.com/v4/launches>) using HTTP requests.
- Authenticate if necessary (SpaceX API is public, so no key required).

### 3. Send API Requests

- Use Python libraries like `requests` or `http.client` to send GET requests.
- Retrieve JSON formatted data containing detailed launch records.

### 4. Extract Relevant Data Fields

- Parse JSON responses to select necessary attributes (e.g., mission name, date, rocket specifications, launch success status).

### 5. Handle Pagination and Data Limits

- For large datasets, manage API pagination or batching to collect all records efficiently.

### 6. Store Raw Data Locally

- Save retrieved data into structured formats such as CSV or JSON files for offline processing.

### 7. Verify Data Completeness and Integrity

- Check for missing or inconsistent entries and document data quality issues.



# Data Collection

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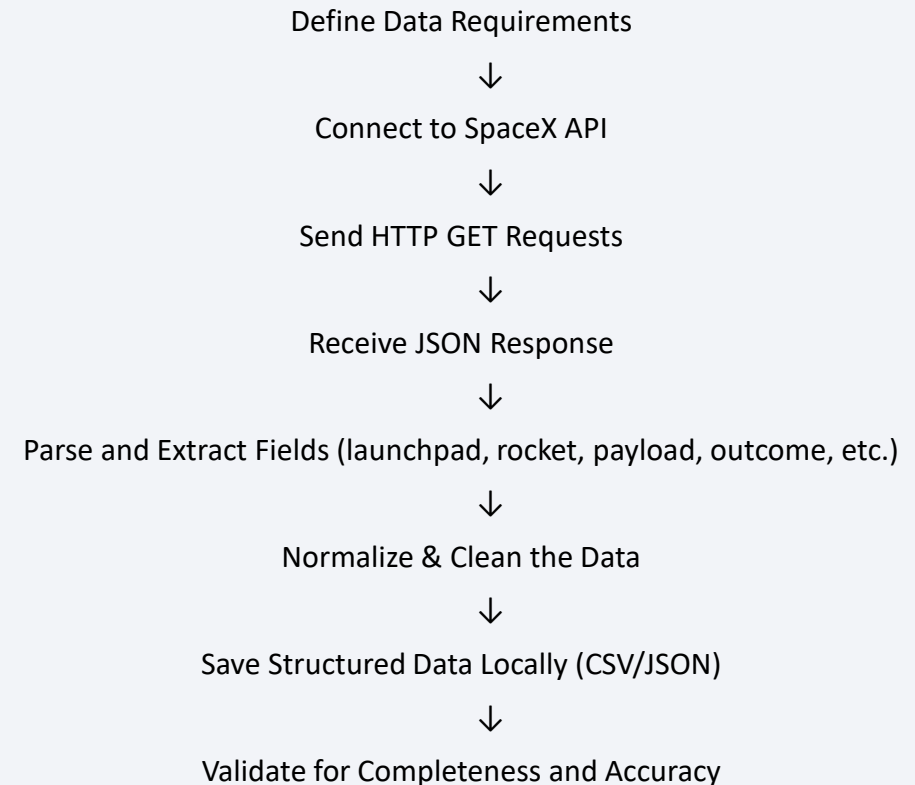
## Key Phrases for Presentation and Flowchart

- Define objectives & select variables
- Connect to SpaceX API endpoint
- Send HTTP GET requests
- Retrieve & parse JSON data
- Extract required fields
- Manage pagination for large data
- Store data locally (CSV/JSON)
- Verify data completeness & quality

# Data Collection – SpaceX API

## Key Phrases (You can bullet these in your slide):

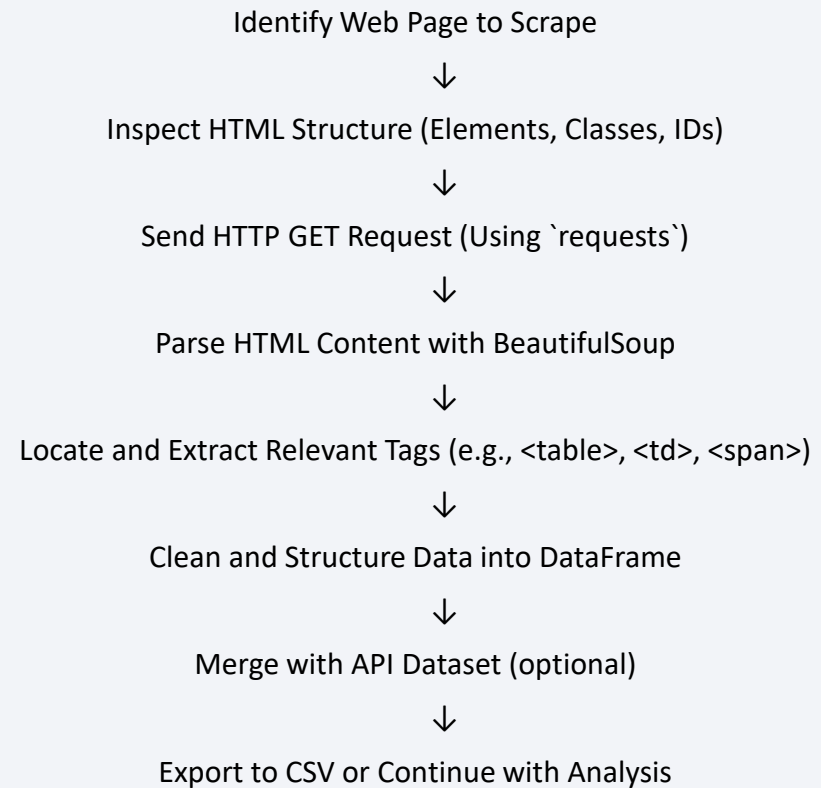
- REST API Integration
  - SpaceX API v4 Endpoint
  - HTTP GET Requests using Python
  - JSON Response Parsing
  - Payload, Launch, Rocket, and Core Data
  - Data Normalization and Structuring
  - CSV File Export for Further Analysis
  - Validation of Retrieved Data
- ❑ The GitHub URL of the completed SpaceX API calls notebook :  
[https://github.com/nitisha3135/Applied Data Science Capstone Project/blob/main/Lab-01-jupyter-labs-spacex-data-collection-api.ipynb](https://github.com/nitisha3135/Applied_Data_Science_Capstone_Project/blob/main/Lab-01-jupyter-labs-spacex-data-collection-api.ipynb)



# Data Collection - Scraping

## Key Phrases For Web Scraping:

- Identify Target Webpage
  - Inspect HTML structure with Developer Tools
  - Use request to Fetch Web Content
  - Parse HTML with BeautifulSoup
  - Locate and Extract Data Tags
  - Clean and Normalize Extracted Data
  - Merge with API Data (if required)
  - Save Final Dataset for EDA and Modeling
- ❑ The GitHub URL of the completed Web Scraping notebook :  
[https://github.com/nitisha3135/Applied\\_Data\\_Science\\_Capstone\\_Project/blob/main/Lab-02-jupyter-labs-webscraping.ipynb](https://github.com/nitisha3135/Applied_Data_Science_Capstone_Project/blob/main/Lab-02-jupyter-labs-webscraping.ipynb)

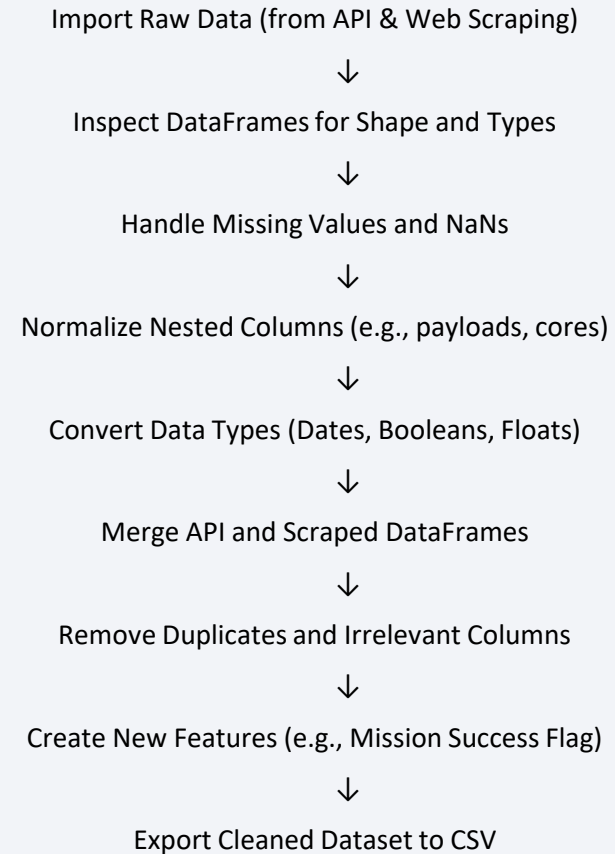


# Data Wrangling

## Key Phrases for Data Wrangling:

- Data Cleaning
- Handling Missing and Null Values
- Type Conversion and Normalization
- Merging DataFrames from Multiple Sources
- Removing Duplicates
- Extracting New Columns (e.g., Year from Date)
- Feature Engineering
- Exporting Cleaned Data to CSV

❑ The GitHub URL of the completed Data Wrangling notebook :  
<https://github.com/nitisha3135/Applied Data Science Capstone Project/blob/main/Lab-03-labs-jupyter-spacex-Data%20wrangling.ipynb>



# EDA with Data Visualization

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To explore data, scatterplots and barplots were used to visualize the relationship between pair of features:

- Payload Mass vs. Flight Number
- Launch Site vs. Flight Number
- Launch Site vs. Payload Mass
- Orbit vs. Flight Number
- Payload Mass vs. Orbit

❑ The GitHub URL of the completed EDA with Data Visualization notebook :

[https://github.com/nitisha3135/Applied\\_Data\\_Science\\_Capstone\\_Project/blob/main/Lab-05-edadataviz.ipynb](https://github.com/nitisha3135/Applied_Data_Science_Capstone_Project/blob/main/Lab-05-edadataviz.ipynb)



# EDA with SQL

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## Summary of SQL Queries Performed:

- The names of the unique launch sites in the space mission
- Top 5 records where launch sites begin with the string 'CCA'
- The total payload mass carried by boosters launched by NASA (CRS)
- Average payload mass carried by booster version F9 v1.1;
- Date when the first successful landing outcome in ground pad was achieved;
- Names of the boosters which have success in drone ship and have payload mass between 4000 and 6000 kg;
- Total number of successful and failure mission outcomes;
- Names of the booster versions which have carried the maximum payload mass;
- Failed landing outcomes in drone ship, their booster versions, and launch site names for in year 2015; and
- Rank of the count of landing outcomes (such as Failure (drone ship) or Success (ground pad)) between the date 2010-06-04 and 2017-03-20.

❑ The GitHub URL of the completed EDA with SQL notebook :  
[https://github.com/nitisha3135/Applied\\_Data\\_Science\\_Capstone\\_Project/blob/main/Lab-04-jupyter-labs-eda-sql-coursera\\_sqlite.ipynb](https://github.com/nitisha3135/Applied_Data_Science_Capstone_Project/blob/main/Lab-04-jupyter-labs-eda-sql-coursera_sqlite.ipynb)

# Build an Interactive Map with Folium

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## Map Objects Created and Added:

### 1.folium.Map:

- **What:** The base map object, centered around a specific coordinate (initially NASA Johnson Space Center).
- **Why:** To provide the geographical context upon which all other elements are overlaid.

### 2.folium.Circle:

- **What:** Circles centered at each launch site coordinate.
- **Why:** To visually mark the locations of the different launch sites on the map.

### 3.folium.Marker (with DivIcon) for Launch Sites:

- **What:** Markers placed at each launch site coordinate, displaying the name of the launch site as a text label.
- **Why:** To clearly identify each launch site by name on the map.

### 4.folium.plugins.MarkerCluster:

- **What:** A layer that groups multiple markers together at higher zoom levels, decluttering the map when many launch outcomes are near each other.
- **Why:** To handle the potentially large number of individual launch outcome markers, making the map more readable.

### 5.folium.Marker (with folium.Icon) for Launch Outcomes:

- **What:** Markers placed at each launch's coordinates, colored green for success and red for failure.
- **Why:** To visually distinguish successful and failed launches at each site, providing insight into the success rates at different locations.

# Build an Interactive Map with Folium

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## 6.folium.plugins.MousePosition:

- **What:** A control added to the map that displays the latitude and longitude of the mouse cursor as it moves over the map.
- **Why:** To allow the user to easily identify coordinates on the map, which is helpful for finding the locations of nearby features (coastline, railways, highways, cities).

## 7.folium.Marker (with DivIcon) for Proximity Distances:

- **What:** Markers placed at the approximate locations of the closest coastline, railway, highway, and city to each launch site, displaying the calculated distance.
- **Why:** To quantify and visualize how close each launch site is to these important geographical features.

## 8.folium.PolyLine:

- **What:** Lines drawn connecting each launch site to the markers representing the closest coastline, railway, highway, and city.
- **Why:** To visually link each launch site with its nearest proximities, making it easier to understand the distances and spatial relationships.

❑ The GitHub URL of the Interactive Map with Folium notebook :

[https://github.com/nitisha3135/Applied\\_Data\\_Science\\_Capstone\\_Project/blob/main/Lab-06-lab\\_jupyter\\_launch\\_site\\_location.jupyterlite.ipynb](https://github.com/nitisha3135/Applied_Data_Science_Capstone_Project/blob/main/Lab-06-lab_jupyter_launch_site_location.jupyterlite.ipynb)

# Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

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- Various graphs and plots were utilized to effectively visualize the data and uncover insightful patterns.
- A **pie chart** was used to display the **percentage of launches by site**, giving a clear understanding of the distribution of launch activities across different SpaceX sites.
- A **histogram or density plot** showcased the **range and distribution of payload masses**, allowing quick identification of common payload capacities.
- The combination of these visualizations made it easier to analyze the relationship between **launch sites and payload ranges**, helping determine the most suitable launch site based on the payload mass.
- This approach provided valuable insights for optimizing future launches by aligning payload requirements with the capabilities of specific launch sites.

❏ The GitHub URL of the Dashboard with Plotly Dash notebook :  
[https://github.com/nitisha3135/Applied\\_Data\\_Science\\_Capstone\\_Project/blob/main/Lab-07-spacex-dash-app.py](https://github.com/nitisha3135/Applied_Data_Science_Capstone_Project/blob/main/Lab-07-spacex-dash-app.py)

# Predictive Analysis (Classification)

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## How We Built, Evaluated, and Tuned Models:

### 1. Data Preparation

- Target variable: class (Launch success: 0 = Fail, 1 = Success)
- Features: Encoded categorical variables and standardized numerical features
- Split dataset into training and testing sets using `train_test_split()`

### 2. Models Trained

- Logistic Regression
- Support Vector Machine (SVM)
- Decision Tree
- K-Nearest Neighbors (KNN)

### 3. Hyperparameter Tuning with GridSearchCV

- Performed cross-validation with `cv=10`
- Tuned model parameters like:
  - Logistic Regression: `C`, `penalty`, `solver`
  - SVM: `kernel`, `C`, `gamma`
  - Decision Tree: `criterion`, `splitter`, `max_depth`, etc.
  - KNN: `n_neighbors`, `algorithm`, `p`



# Predictive Analysis (Classification)

## 4. Model Evaluation Metrics

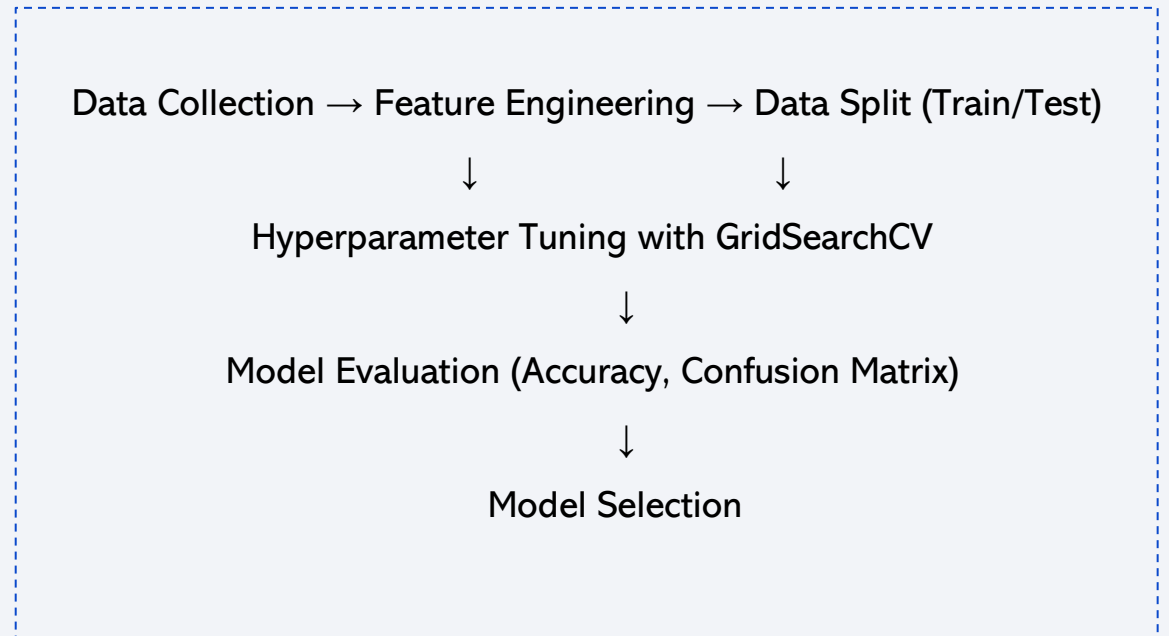
- Accuracy scores
- Confusion matrix (true positives, false positives)
- Test data evaluation using `.score()`

## 5. Best Performing Model

- Based on test set accuracy:  
Support Vector Machine (SVM) with the **rbf kernel** gave the highest accuracy

## 6. Improvements

- Standardized features using `StandardScaler`
- Applied proper hyperparameter tuning
- Evaluated using test data to avoid overfitting



❏ The GitHub URL of the Predictive Analysis notebook :

[https://github.com/nitisha3135/Applied\\_Data\\_Science\\_Capstone\\_Project/blob/main/Lab-08-SpaceX\\_Machine%20Learning%20Prediction\\_Part\\_5.ipynb](https://github.com/nitisha3135/Applied_Data_Science_Capstone_Project/blob/main/Lab-08-SpaceX_Machine%20Learning%20Prediction_Part_5.ipynb)

# Results

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## Exploratory Data Analysis Results:

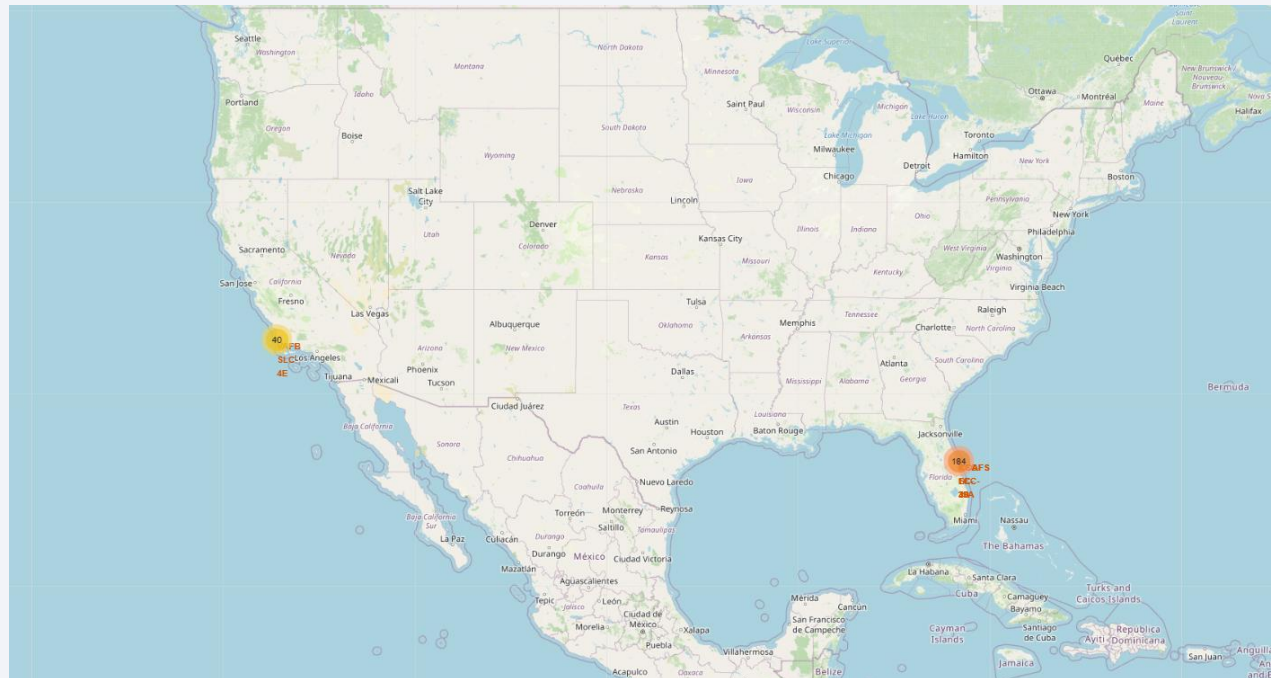
- SpaceX conducted launches from **four distinct launch sites**, each contributing to the mission volume.
- The **initial launches were primarily for NASA and SpaceX's internal missions**, marking the beginning of their commercial space endeavors.
- The **average payload carried by the Falcon 9 v1.1 booster** was calculated to be **2,928 kg**, serving as a baseline for performance comparisons.
- The **first successful landing** of a booster occurred in **2015**, nearly **five years after the inaugural launch**, signifying a major milestone in reusability.
- Several versions of the **Falcon 9 boosters achieved successful landings on drone ships**, particularly those **carrying payloads above the average**, demonstrating improved reliability over time.
- **Mission success rates were exceptionally high**, with **nearly 100%** of launches achieving their intended objectives.
- In **2015**, **two booster versions—F9 v1.1 B1012 and F9 v1.1 B1015—failed** to land on drone ships, highlighting key challenges in the early stages of reusability.
- The **frequency of successful landing outcomes improved steadily year over year**, indicating significant advancements in landing technology and booster control systems.

# Results

## Interactive analytics demo in screenshots:

Summary of insights derived from interactive analysis of the maps:

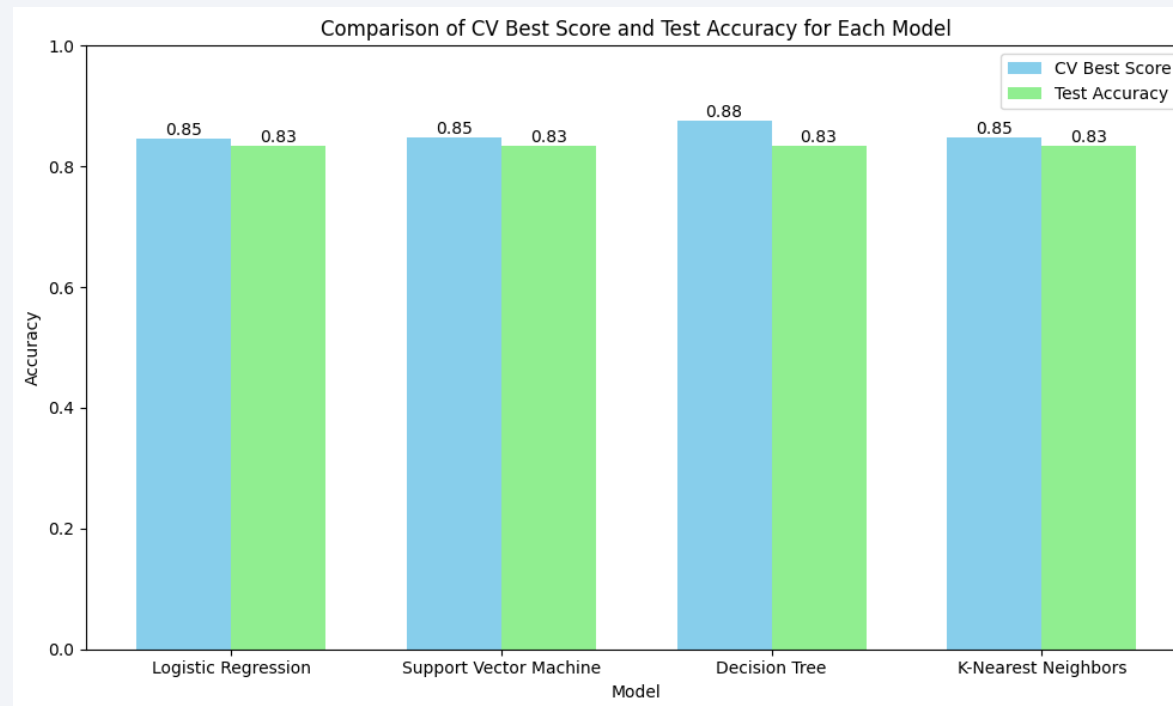
- **Safety and Location:** Launch sites tend to be in relatively unpopulated areas, often near the sea. This coastal proximity offers safety advantages (launch trajectory over water) and potentially logistical benefits for transporting large rocket stages by sea.
- **Logistics:** The presence of good infrastructure around launch sites (as seen with distances to highways and railways) is crucial for the movement of equipment, personnel, and payloads.
- **East Coast Dominance:** The observation that most launches happen at East Coast launch sites (like Cape Canaveral/KSC) is significant and could be related to historical factors, orbital inclinations favored by eastward launches, or the concentration of space-related industries in that region.



# Results

## Predictive analysis results:

The chart compares cross-validation (CV) performance and test accuracy across four models. All models achieved the same test accuracy (approximately 0.83), indicating similar generalization. However, the Decision Tree exhibited the highest CV Best Score (0.88), suggesting potential overfitting as its test accuracy matched the other models.





The background of the slide is an abstract composition. It features a dark blue base color. Overlaid on this are numerous diagonal streaks in shades of red and cyan. A faint, light blue grid pattern is also visible, particularly in the lower half of the image. The overall effect is dynamic and technological.

Section 2

# Insights drawn from EDA



# Flight Number vs. Launch Site

## Key Observations:

### •CCAFS SLC 40:

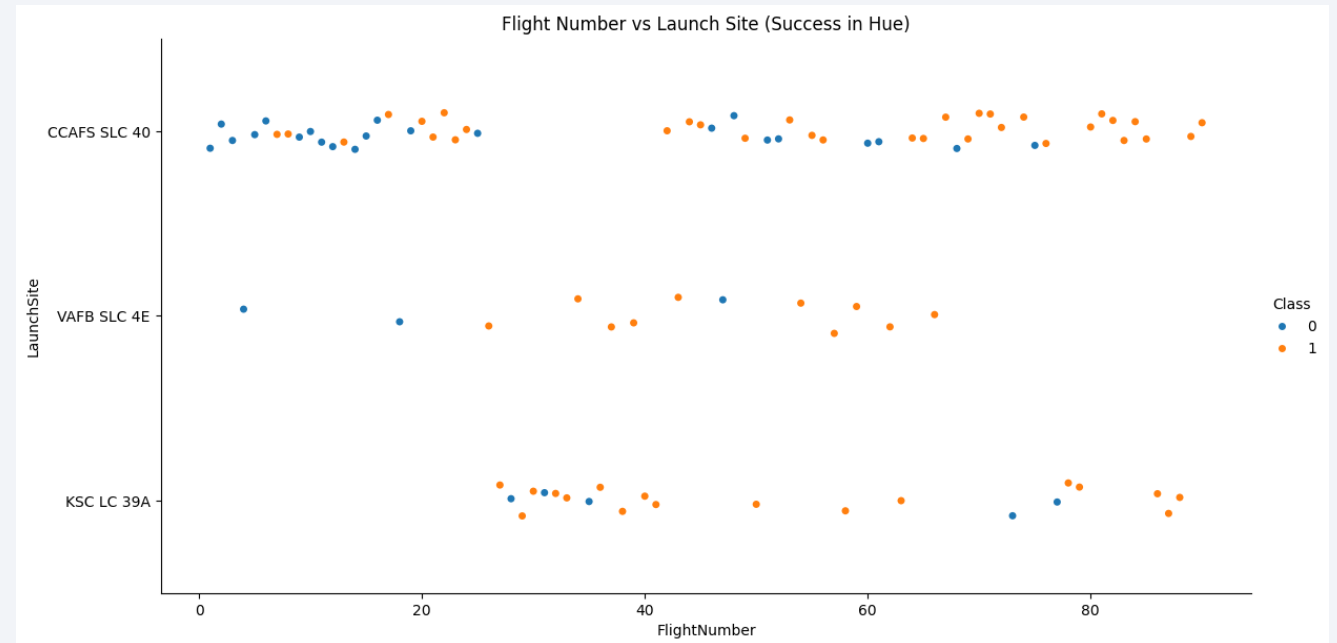
- Has a **high number of launches** across the full range of flight numbers.
- There is a clear **increase in success (more orange dots)** as flight numbers increase, suggesting that reliability improved over time at this site.

### •KSC LC 39A:

- Launches begin after a certain flight number (around flight 25).
- Mostly successful launches are observed (predominantly orange), indicating strong performance at this site.

### •VAFB SLC 4E:

- Fewer launches compared to other sites.
- While early launches show mixed results, later ones tend to be more successful (more orange dots), though with less dense data.



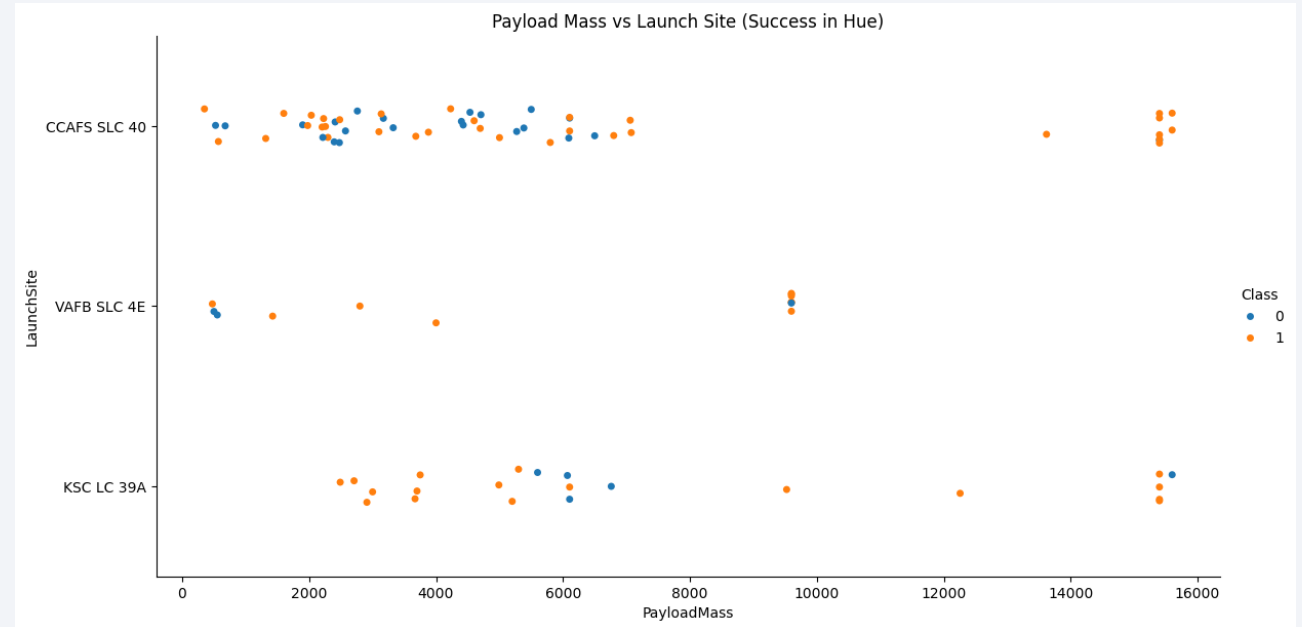
The plot suggests that:

- **Success rates improved as the number of flights increased**, likely due to learning and refinement.
- **CCAFS SLC 40 and KSC LC 39A** emerged as reliable sites with increasing success.
- **Launch experience (flight number)** and **site characteristics** both influence success probability.

# Payload vs. Launch Site

## Interpretation of Payload Mass vs Launch Site Plot:

- **Higher payload missions were mostly successful** (orange dots), especially at **CCAFS SLC 40** and **KSC LC 39A**, indicating strong capability of these sites to handle heavier payloads.
- **KSC LC 39A handled many high-payload missions** (>10,000 kg), with a majority resulting in success.
- **VAFB SLC 4E** had fewer launches, mostly low to mid payloads, but still maintained a fair success rate.
- There is **no strong negative correlation** between increasing payload and mission success — suggesting **SpaceX's launch systems are robust enough** to manage larger payloads without significantly affecting outcome.
- The plot also supports the idea that **launch site and payload capacity jointly affect success rates**, with **site infrastructure likely playing a role** in heavier mission performance.



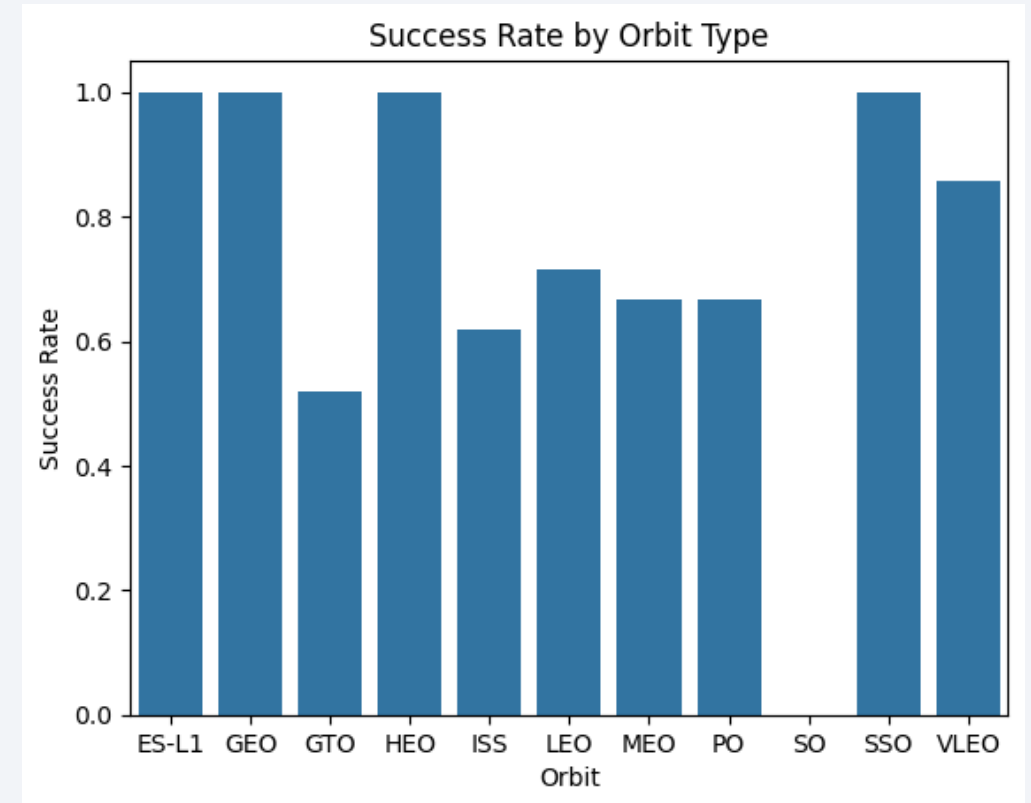
# Success Rate vs. Orbit Type

## Interpretation of Success Rate by Orbit Type

- **ES-L1, GEO, HEO, and SSO orbits show a 100% success rate**, indicating highly reliable missions for these orbit types.
- **VLEO (Very Low Earth Orbit)** also demonstrates a strong success rate, close to **90%**, showing consistent performance.
- **GTO (Geostationary Transfer Orbit)** has the **lowest success rate** (~50%), suggesting it might involve more technical challenges or risks during launch or landing.
- **MEO (Medium Earth Orbit), PO (Polar Orbit), and LEO (Low Earth Orbit)** show moderate success rates, **around 65–75%**, implying variability depending on payload or mission type.
- **ISS (International Space Station)** missions have slightly lower success (~63%), possibly due to strict precision requirements for docking and trajectory.

### Insight:

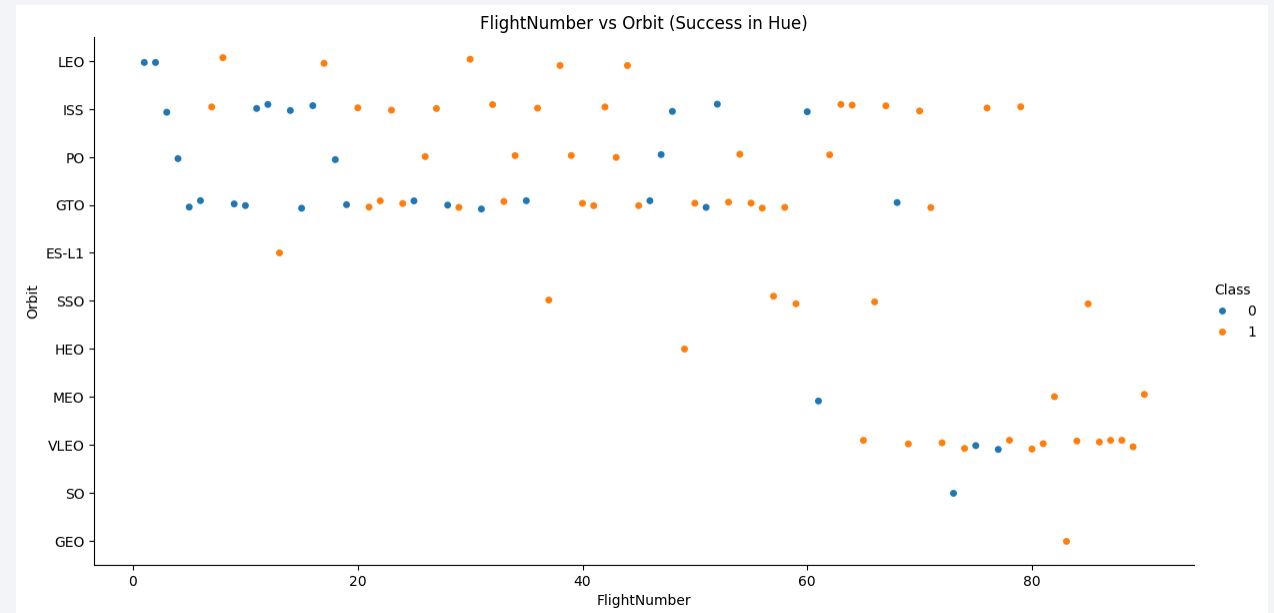
- **Certain orbits demand more precision and control**, potentially reducing success rates.
- **Orbit type clearly influences mission outcomes**, and mission planning should consider risk levels tied to different orbital targets.



# Flight Number vs. Orbit Type

## Interpretation of Flight Number vs Orbit (Success in Hue)

- **Higher flight numbers generally show more successful launches** (more orange points), indicating that experience improves mission outcomes regardless of orbit.
- **Orbits like LEO, ISS, and PO** show successful missions across a wide range of flight numbers, suggesting **consistent performance**.
- **GTO (Geostationary Transfer Orbit)** has multiple early failures (blue dots), even after many flights—confirming it's a **challenging orbit**.
- **SSO, HEO, and GEO** appear later in the flight history and are almost entirely successful, suggesting **SpaceX targeted them once reliability increased**.
- **VLEO shows a mix of successes and failures** but generally improves as flight number increases.



## Insight:

- Mission success correlates with operational experience (flight number).
- Difficult orbits (like GTO) have persistent challenges, while simpler orbits benefit more quickly from iterative improvements.
- Late-stage orbit types (SSO, HEO, GEO) show near-perfect success, indicating maturity in mission execution.

# Payload vs. Orbit Type

## Key Insights by Orbit:

### •GTO (Geostationary Transfer Orbit):

- Heavier payloads (~4000–6000+ kg).
- Noticeable **mix of success and failure**.
- Suggests **GTO remains challenging**, especially with heavier payloads.

### •ISS & LEO:

- Consistently successful with **light to medium payloads (2000–6000 kg)**.
- ISS launches are mostly successful, indicating **strong reliability**.

### •VLEO (Very Low Earth Orbit):

- **Very heavy payloads (up to ~16,000 kg)**.
- Mostly successful, but one or two failures observed.
- Indicates **SpaceX's heavy lift capacity is robust**, though not perfect.

### •PO, SSO, ES-L1:

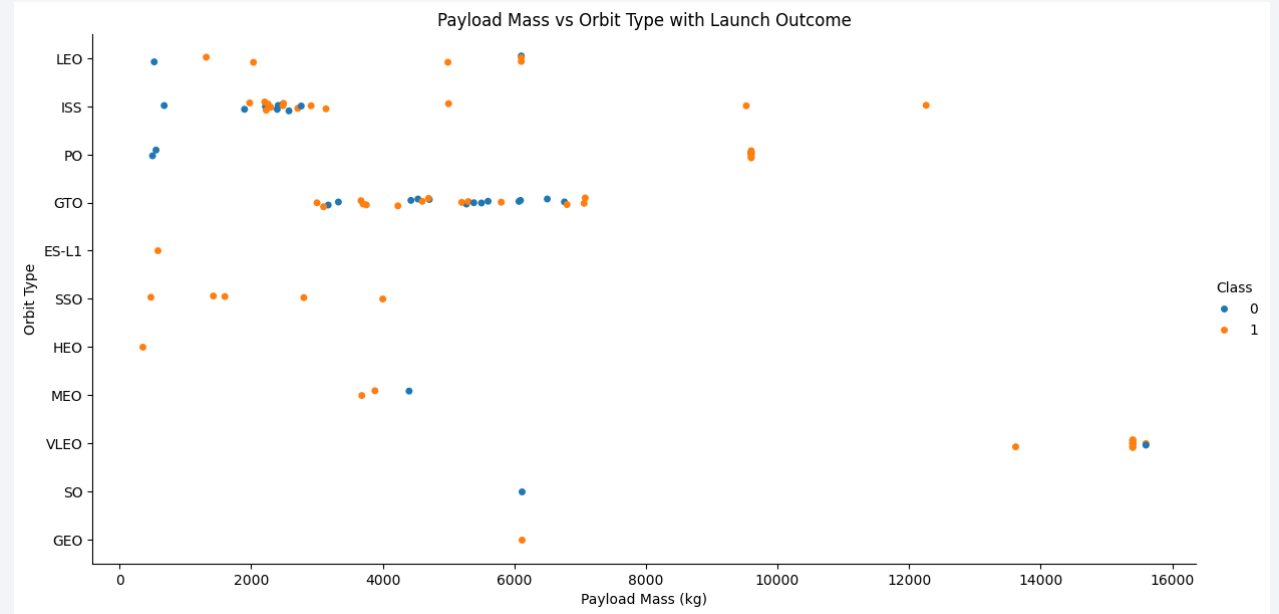
- Lighter payloads overall.
- Show mostly **successful missions**.
- These orbits have **moderate difficulty** but are usually reliable with lower payloads.

### •SO, MEO, HEO:

- Fewer data points.
- Occasional failure seen, but generally successful with light-to-mid payloads.
- Not enough launches to generalize, but **tend toward success**.

### •GEO (Geostationary Orbit):

- Only one data point (heavy failure), likely an outlier or first attempt.





# Launch Success Yearly Trend

## Observations:

### •2010–2013:

- **0% success rate.**
- Indicates **early developmental phase** of SpaceX's launches with repeated failures or no successful launches.

### •2014–2015:

- Gradual improvement, reaching **~33% success**.
- Suggests growing **stability and reliability** in launch operations.

### •2016:

- Jump to **~63% success rate**.
- Reflects **significant technical and operational advancement**.

### •2017:

- **~84% success rate** – a **breakthrough year**.
- SpaceX became one of the most **reliable launch providers** globally.

### •2018:

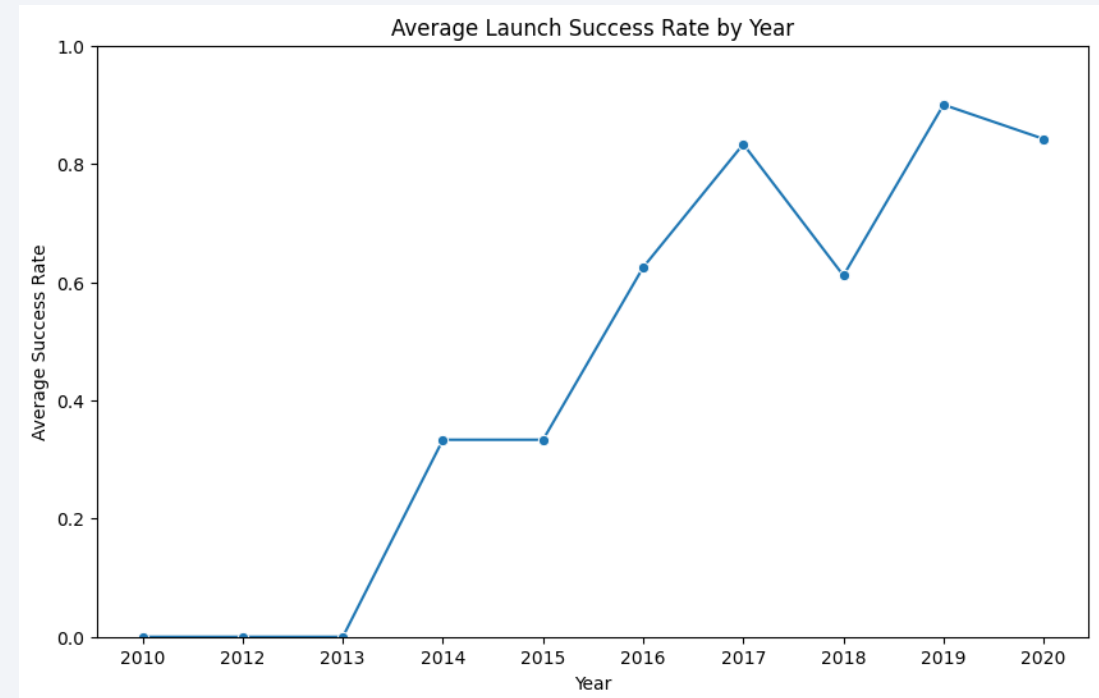
- Slight dip to **~61%**, likely due to a **few mission anomalies or higher-risk missions**.

### •2019:

- Peak success rate at **~90%**, indicating **mature launch technology and process refinement**.

### •2020:

- Maintained high success rate (**~84%**) despite more launches and global disruptions like COVID-19.



# All Launch Site Names

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- The names of the unique launch sites

Launch_Site
CCAFS LC-40
CCAFS SLC-40
KSC LC-39A
VAFB SLC-4E

- They are obtained by selecting unique occurrences of “launch\_site” values from the dataset.

# Launch Site Names Begin with 'CCA'

- The 5 records where launch sites begin with `CCA`

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

- As we can see, they are five samples of Cape Canaveral launches.

# Total Payload Mass

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- The total payload carried by boosters from NASA

TOTAL_PAYLOAD
111268

This aggregate payload mass of 111,268 units (assuming the units are consistent, e.g., kg) represents the total mass delivered to orbit under NASA's CRS missions within the dataset considered. This aggregated metric provides a high-level overview of the logistical throughput achieved through this specific category of spaceflight activities.

# Average Payload Mass by F9 v1.1

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- The average payload mass carried by booster version F9 v1.1

AVG_PAYLOAD
2928.4

**The average payload mass transported by the Falcon 9 booster version v1.1 is approximately 2928.4 kg.**

This value represents the arithmetic mean of the payload masses for all launches that utilized the F9 v1.1 booster. It provides a central tendency for the payload capacity demonstrated by this specific iteration of the Falcon 9.

# First Successful Ground Landing Date

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- Find the dates of the first successful landing outcome on ground pad

**FIRST\_SUCCESS\_GP**

2015-12-22

The successful ground pad landing on December 22, 2015, represents a pivotal moment in the advancement of reusable rocket technology. Prior to this, while there were attempts at controlled landings, achieving a stable and successful touchdown on a designated ground site demonstrated a significant leap in precision and reliability.



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

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- List of the names of boosters which have successfully landed on drone ship and had payload mass greater than 4000 but less than 6000

Booster_Version
F9 FT B1022
F9 FT B1026
F9 FT B1021.2
F9 FT B1031.2

This selection highlights specific booster performances that fall within a defined payload capability range while also demonstrating successful autonomous landing on an offshore platform. This is indicative of a mature stage in reusable launch technology, where specific payload requirements can be met with a high degree of recovery success on drone ships.

# Total Number of Successful and Failure Mission Outcomes

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- Calculate the total number of successful and failure mission outcomes

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

The dataset contains a total of 100 successful mission outcomes and 1 failure (in flight). This indicates a very high success rate for the missions included in this data. The majority of the successful missions are categorized simply as "Success", with a smaller number where the payload status was unclear but the mission was otherwise a success. The single "Failure (in flight)" stands out, highlighting the inherent risks associated with space launches, even within a generally successful program.

# Boosters Carried Maximum Payload

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- List the names of the booster which have carried the maximum payload mass

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

The insight is that **the booster versions listed (F9 B5 B1048.4, F9 B5 B1048.5, F9 B5 B1049.4, F9 B5 B1049.5, F9 B5 B1049.7, F9 B5 B1051.3, F9 B5 B1051.4, F9 B5 B1051.6, F9 B5 B1056.4, F9 B5 B1058.3, F9 B5 B1060.2, F9 B5 B1060.3) are the ones that have carried the maximum payload mass within the dataset.**

This implies that these specific iterations of the Falcon 9 Block 5 booster have demonstrated the highest capacity for lifting cargo into orbit among all the launches recorded. It's important to note that "maximum" here is relative to the data available.

# 2015 Launch Records

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- List of the failed landing\_outcomes in drone ship, their booster versions, and launch site names for in year 2015

Booster_Version	Launch_Site
F9 v1.1 B1012	CCAFS LC-40
F9 v1.1 B1015	CCAFS LC-40

In the year 2015, there were at least two recorded instances of failed landing outcomes on a drone ship:

- Booster Version:** F9 v1.1 B1012, launched from **Launch Site:** CCAFS LC-40.

- Booster Version:** F9 v1.1 B1015, launched from **Launch Site:** CCAFS LC-40.

This highlights the early challenges in achieving reliable autonomous landings on moving platforms at sea. The fact that both failures involved the F9 v1.1 booster version and originated from the same launch site might suggest areas of focus for early engineering improvements.

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

- Ranking of 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

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

**1.Failure (drone ship): 5**

**2.Success (ground pad): 3**

The other landing outcomes listed ("No attempt", "Success (drone ship)", "Controlled (ocean)", "Uncontrolled (ocean)", "Failure (parachute)", "Precluded (drone ship)") are not the specific ones requested for ranking in the first image.

## **Insight:**

Between June 4, 2015, and March 20, 2017, the most frequent of the specified landing outcomes was "**Failure (drone ship)**", occurring 5 times. Following this, "**Success (ground pad)**" occurred 3 times. This ranking provides a direct comparison of the frequency of these two types of landing outcomes during that specific period, indicating that drone ship landing failures were more common than ground pad landing successes within that timeframe.

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





# All Launch Sites' Location Markers on a Global Map

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	Launch Site	Lat	Long
0	CCAFS LC-40	28.562302	-80.577356
1	CCAFS SLC-40	28.563197	-80.576820
2	KSC LC-39A	28.573255	-80.646895
3	VAFB SLC-4E	34.632834	-120.610745

**These are the All Four Launch Sites with their Latitude and Longitude  
And we can see in slide 41, that all sites are marked on Global-Map**





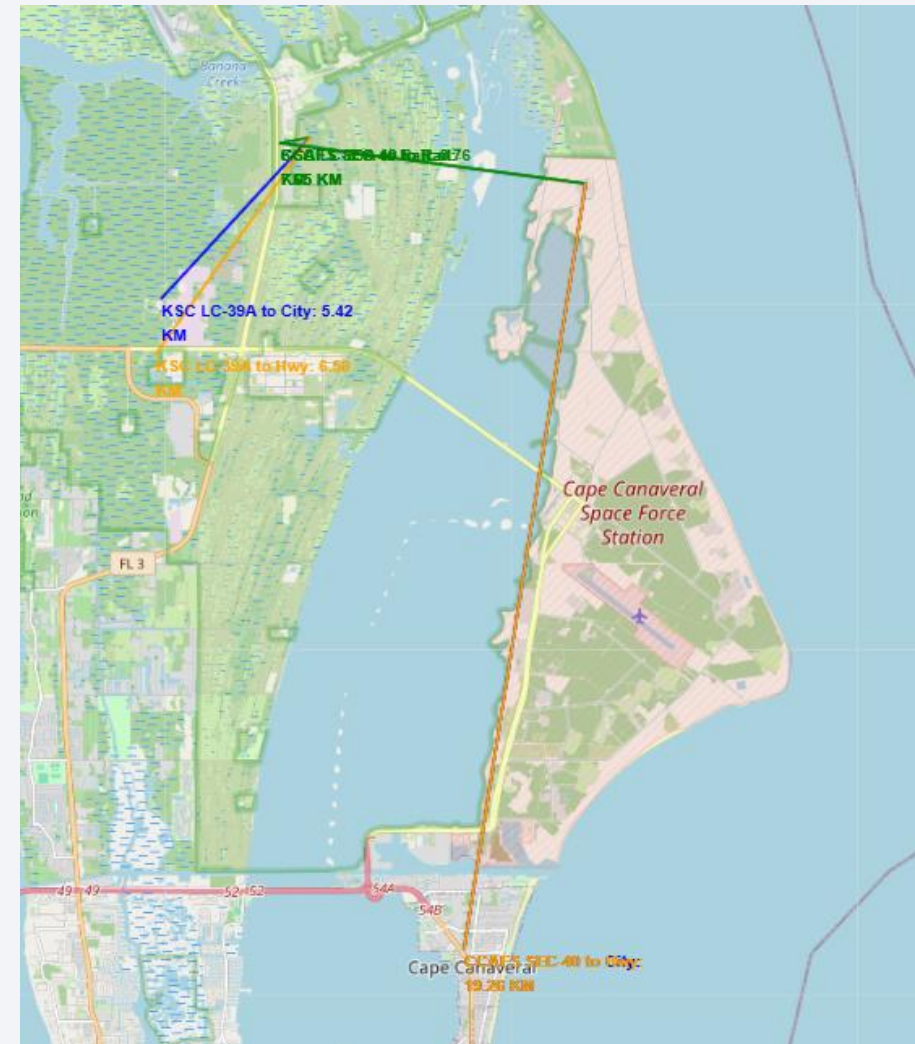
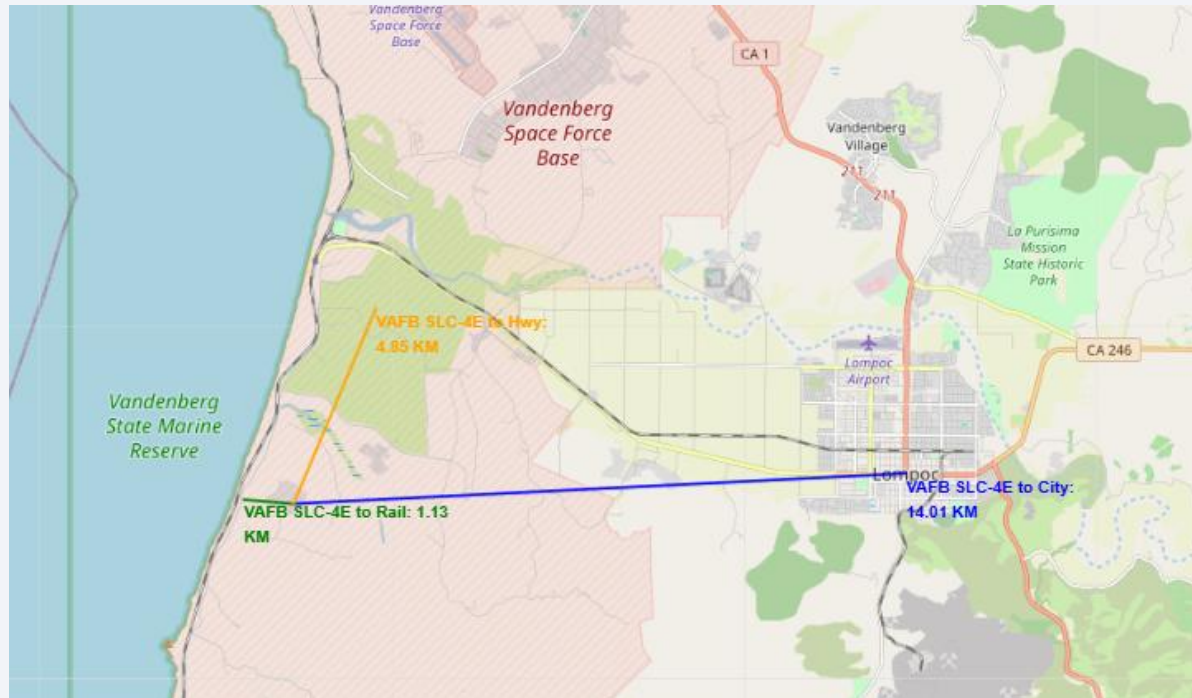
# The Color-Labeled Launch on the Map

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	Launch Site	Lat	Long	class	marker_color
46	KSC LC-39A	28.573255	-80.646895	1	green
47	KSC LC-39A	28.573255	-80.646895	1	green
48	KSC LC-39A	28.573255	-80.646895	1	green
49	CCAFS SLC-40	28.563197	-80.576820	1	green
50	CCAFS SLC-40	28.563197	-80.576820	1	green
51	CCAFS SLC-40	28.563197	-80.576820	0	red
52	CCAFS SLC-40	28.563197	-80.576820	0	red
53	CCAFS SLC-40	28.563197	-80.576820	0	red
54	CCAFS SLC-40	28.563197	-80.576820	1	green
55	CCAFS SLC-40	28.563197	-80.576820	0	red

**Green markers indicate successful and red ones indicate failure.**

# Distances between Railway, Highway, Coastline



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## Image 1: Cape Canaveral Space Force Station (Florida)

- **KSC LC-39A to City:** A blue line indicates this route with a distance of **5.42 KM**. The "City" in this context likely refers to a nearby urban area, possibly Titusville or a part of Cape Canaveral.
- **CCAFS SLC-40 to City:** An orange line shows this route with a distance of **10.26 KM**. Similar to the above, the "City" here is a nearby urban area.
- There's also a green line segment with "**5.66 KM**" and a yellow line segment with "**5.38 KM**" originating from the CCAFS area, but their destinations aren't explicitly labeled as "City" in the same way.

## Image 2: Vandenberg Space Force Base (California)

- **VAFB SLC-4E to Hwy:** An orange line indicates a distance of **4.85 KM** to a highway.
- **VAFB SLC-4E to Rail:** A green line shows a short distance of **1.13 KM** to a railway line.
- **VAFB SLC-4E to City:** A blue line indicates a distance of **14.01 KM** to the city, which is likely Lompoc based on the map context.

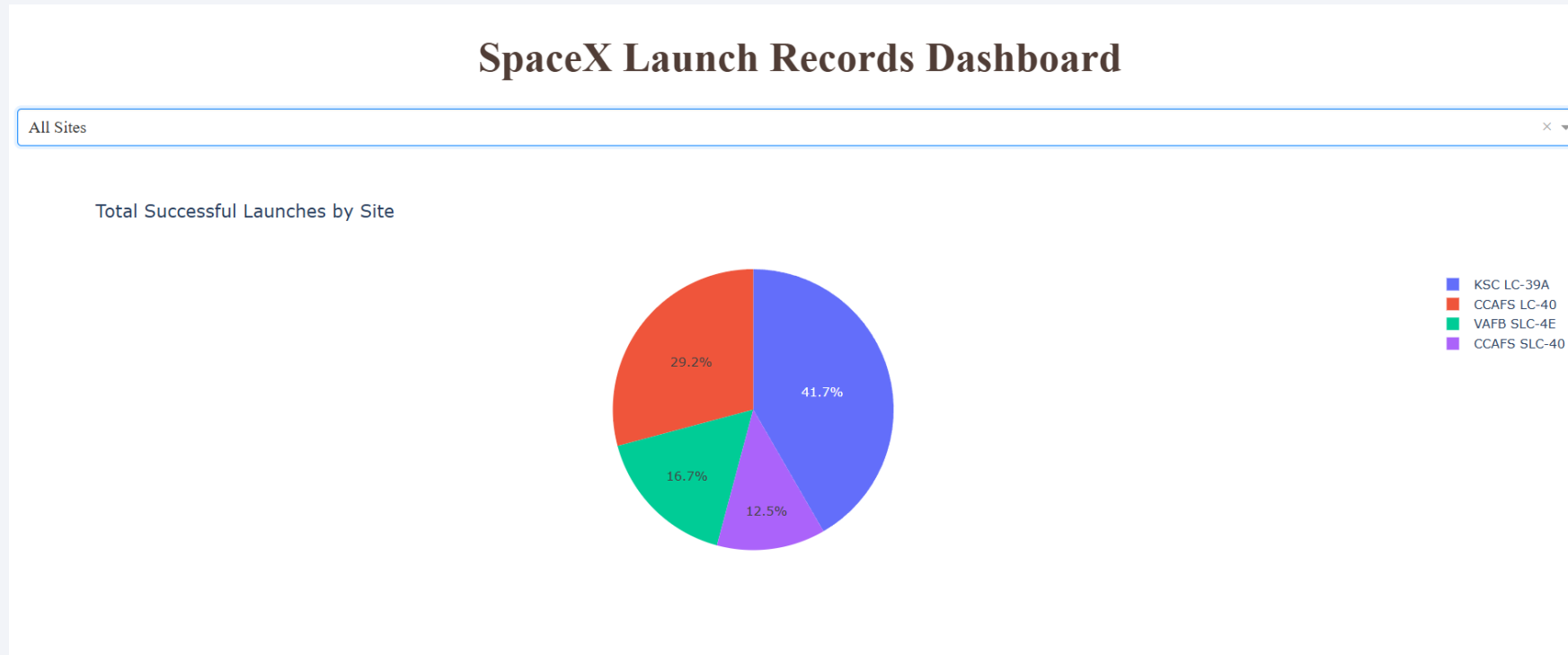




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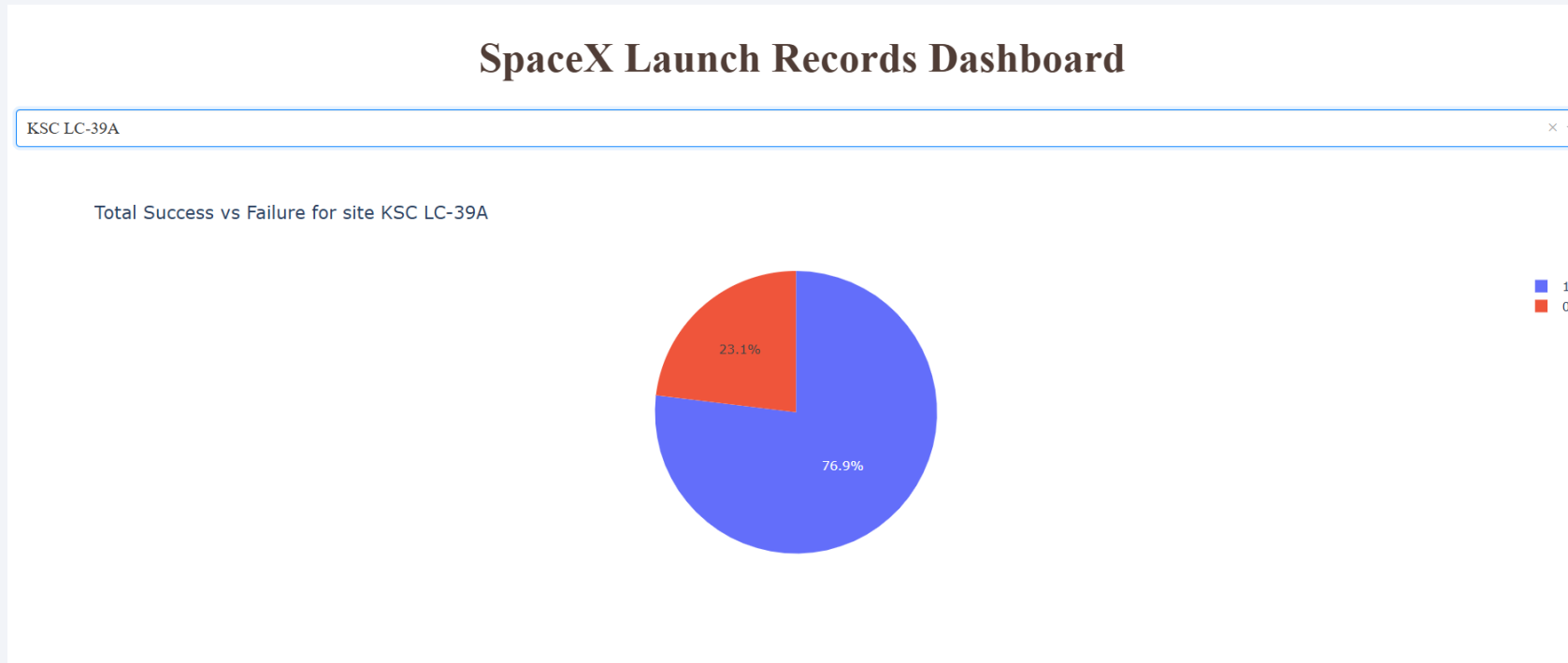
# Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

# Launch Success Count



**Total Successful Launches by Site:** The pie chart shows the distribution of total successful launches across different launch sites.

# Highest Launch Success Ratio



**High Success Rate at KSC LC-39A:** When focusing specifically on the **KSC LC-39A** launch site, the pie chart shows a significantly high success rate of **76.9%** (represented by the blue portion labeled '1'). This indicates that while KSC LC-39A has the highest *number* of successful launches overall, it also demonstrates a strong track record of successful launches *relative to the number of attempts* from this site.

# Payload vs. Launch Outcome



## Payload range approximately 0-10000 kg:

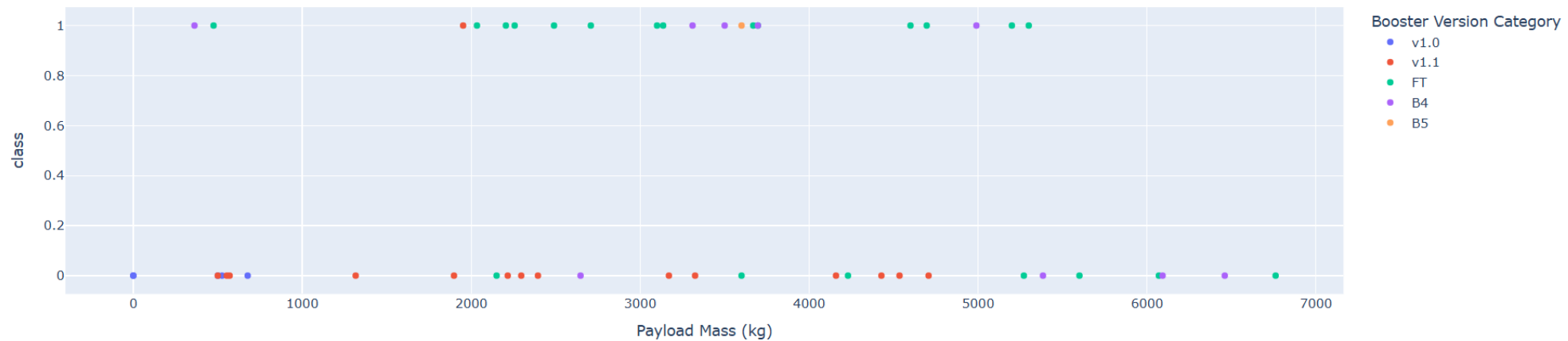
- We see a wider distribution of payload masses, from very low to around 10,000 kg.
- There are successful launches across a broad range of payload masses.
- Failures seem to be concentrated at lower payload masses, although there are some failures at higher masses as well.
- The booster version 'v1.0' (blue) appears only in the lower payload range and mostly corresponds to failures.

# Payload vs. Launch Outcome

Payload range (Kg):



Correlation between Payload and Success for All Sites



## Payload range approximately 0-7000 kg:

- This plot focuses on the lower to mid-range of payload masses.
- We can more clearly see the distribution of successes and failures within this range.
- It still seems that successful launches are prevalent.
- Different booster versions (green, purple, orange, red) show successes within this payload range.





Section 5

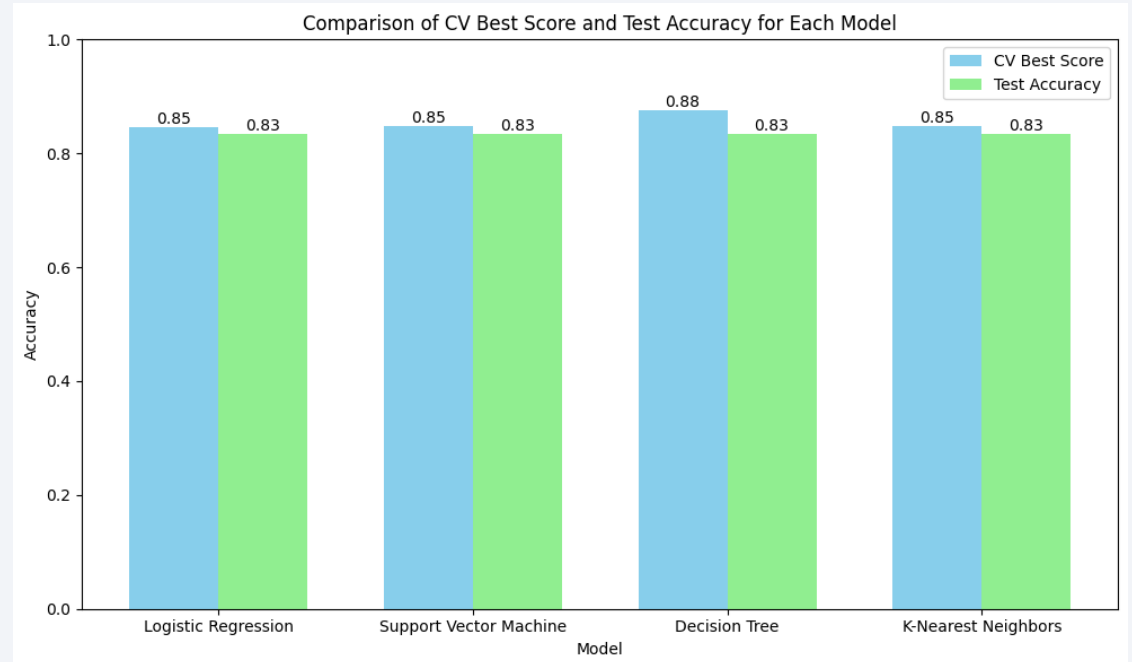
# Predictive Analysis (Classification)



# Classification Accuracy

## Insights from the Chart:

- **Logistic Regression:** The CV Best Score is 0.85, and the Test Accuracy is 0.83. The model seems to generalize reasonably well, with a slight dip in performance on the test set.
- **Support Vector Machine:** Similar to Logistic Regression, the CV Best Score is 0.85, and the Test Accuracy is 0.83. It also shows good generalization.
- **Decision Tree:** This model has the highest CV Best Score at 0.88, but its Test Accuracy is also 0.83. The larger difference between the CV score and the test accuracy *could* suggest a bit more overfitting compared to the linear models, although the test accuracy is still comparable.
- **K-Nearest Neighbors:** The CV Best Score is 0.85, and the Test Accuracy is 0.83, again showing consistent generalization similar to Logistic Regression and SVM.



# Confusion Matrix

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## Insights:

As we've discussed, all four models (Logistic Regression, SVM, Decision Tree, and KNN) achieved the exact same test accuracy. This means there isn't a single 'best' model based purely on accuracy.

To proceed with generating a confusion matrix, we still need to select one of these equally accurate models. Which model would you like to see the confusion matrix for? For instance, we could choose:

- The Logistic Regression model (as it was the first identified as 'best' by the code).
- The Decision Tree model (which had the highest cross-validation score).
- Any of the models, since their test accuracy is identical."

# Conclusions

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- A comprehensive dataset was created by combining **SpaceX API data**, **web scraping**, and **data wrangling techniques**, ensuring the quality and relevance of the collected information.
- **Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA)** was performed using **SQL queries** and **interactive visualizations**, enabling deep insights into mission characteristics and patterns.
- The launch site **KSC LC-39A** emerged as the most successful and reliable location for launches.
- Launches carrying **payloads above 7,000 kg** demonstrated a higher likelihood of mission and landing success, indicating lower operational risk at higher payload ranges.
- Despite early challenges, **landing success rates have consistently improved** over time, showcasing the technological and procedural advancements made by SpaceX.
- Through **machine learning classification models**, particularly the **Decision Tree Classifier**, we were able to predict successful landings using historical mission data. This supports data-driven decision-making to **optimize launch conditions** and **maximize profitability**.

# Appendix

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- Well, any explicit content was not created by me at all.
- But I did all the tasks inside all the labs.
- I've gathered screenshots and all that were important, I'll list all in repository as well.

Thank you!

