



Quarterly Data Quality Reports at Planet

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OUR CONSTELLATIONS



Flock	Dove-Classic (PS)	RapidEye	SkySat	Dove-R (PS)
Sensor Type	Four-band frame imager with a split-frame NIR filter	Multispectral push-broom	Multispectral / Panchromatic push-frame	Four-stripe push-frame imager
Spectral Bands	Blue: 455 - 515 nm Green: 500 - 590 nm Red: 590 - 670 nm NIR: 780 - 860 nm	Blue: 440 - 510 nm Green: 520 - 590 nm Red: 630 - 685 nm Red Edge: 690-730 nm NIR: 760 - 850 nm	Blue: 450 - 515 nm Green: 515 - 595 nm Red: 605 - 695 nm NIR: 740 - 900 nm PAN: 450 - 900 nm	Blue: 490 nm Green: 565 nm Red: 665 nm NIR: 865 nm
Orbit	SSO	SSO	SSO	SSO
GSD	~3.0 m	~6.5 m	~1.0 m (~0.8 pan)	~3.0 m
Frame Size / Swath Width	~ 24.6 km x 16.4 km	77 km	~ 3.2 km x 1.4 km (single camera)	~ 26 km
Crossing Time	9:30 - 11:30 am	11:00 am	10:30 - 13:00	9:30 - 11:30



DATA QUALITY REPORTS AT ESA

▾ Data Product Quality Reports

The MPC-CC provides a monthly status of the quality of Sentinel-2 L1C and L2A products via respective Data Quality Reports (DQR). The DQRs provides information on the monitoring and measurement of L1C and L2A product performances against the proposed specification, viz:

Geometric Performance

- Geometric Calibration Status
- Absolute Geolocation
- Multi-Spectral Registration
- Multi-Temporal Registration

Radiometric Performance

- Radiometric Calibration Status
- Radiometric Uncertainty
- Noise
- Modulation Transfer Function

It also documents observed anomalies and known issues, the list of defective pixels, and any processing chain improvements resulting in an increment of the Processing Baseline.

[Latest Data Quality Reports](#)



DATA QUALITY REPORTS AT PLANET

- Following the structure of the monthly data quality reports for Sentinel 2
- Create quarterly data quality reports
 - L1 Data Quality Report PlanetScope
 - L1 Data Quality Report SkySat
 - L2 Data Quality Report PlanetScope
- If not stated otherwise, all the results presented here are from the Q3 2019 reports





DATA QUALITY REPORTS AT PLANET

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Introduction	✓	✓	✓		Radiom. Uncertainty	✓	✓	✓
Performance Overview	✓	✓	✓		Interoperability	✓		
Exposure Settings	✓				Noise	✓	✓	
Geom. Reference Data	✓	✓			Focus	✓	✓	
Absolute Geolocation	✓	✓			Product Format	✓	✓	✓
Band Registration	✓	✓			Product Anomalies	✓	✓	✓
Temporal Registration	✓	✓			Pixel Status	✓		
Relative Geolocation	✓	✓			Product Features	✓	✓	✓
Radiometric Status	✓	✓			Active Satellites	✓		





L1 Data Quality Report PlanetScope

Woody Island, South China Sea – March 28, 2018

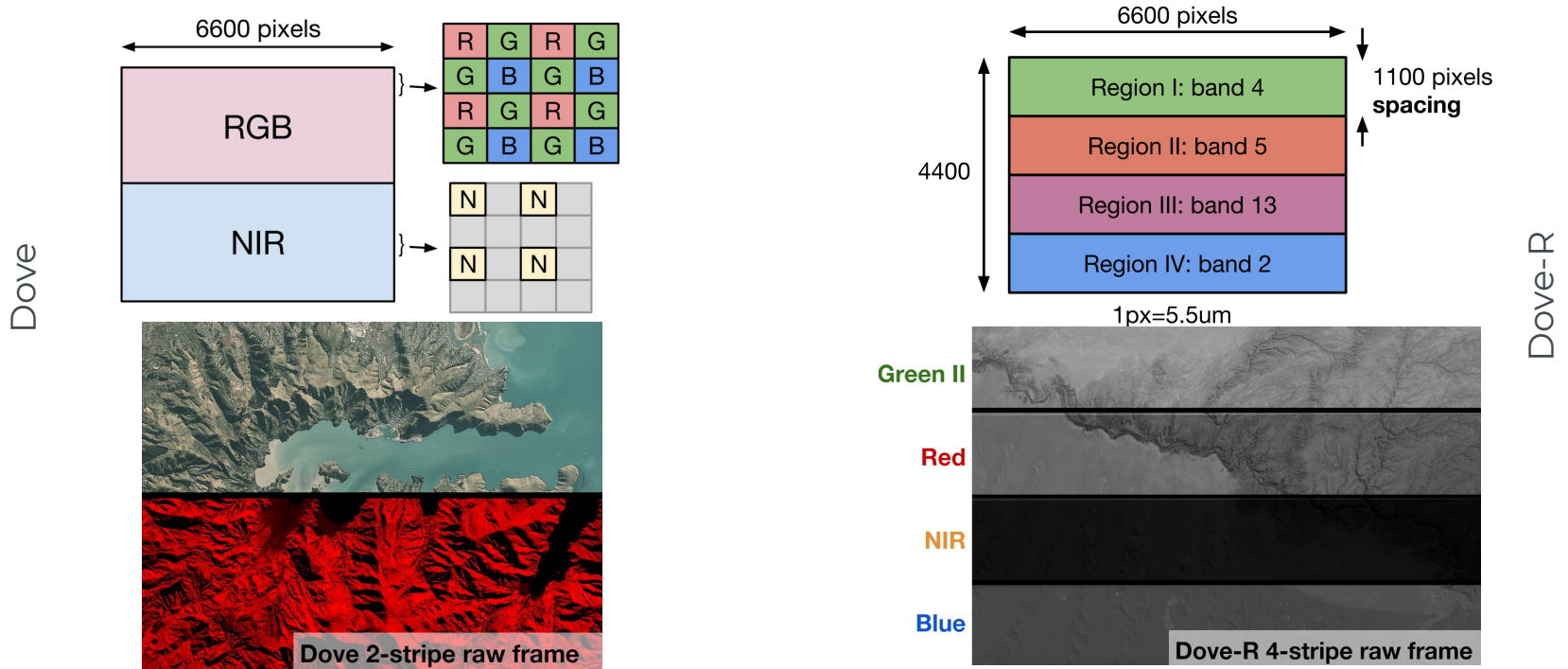




PLANETSCOPE SATELLITES

Dove-Classic and Dove-R (Refresh)

- Currently Dove-R makes up ~35% of the PlanetScope data





L1 DATA QUALITY REPORT PLANETSCOPE

Geometry

Dove-Classic
shown

Absolute Geolocation

Average RMSE rad [m]	PCTL90(RMSE rad) [m]	STD(RMSE rad) [m]
3.6	6.8	2.3

Temporal Registration

Average RMSE rad [m]	PCTL90(RMSE rad) [m]	STD(RMSE rad) [m]
1.8	3.1	2.4

Relative Geolocation

Average RMSE rad [m]	PCTL90(RMSE rad) [m]	STD(RMSE rad) [m]
1.2	2	1.6

Band Registration

Band Combination	Average RMSE rad [m]
Blue - Green	0.140
Blue - Red	0.158
Blue - NIR	1.602
Green - Red	0.160
Green - NIR	1.550
Red - NIR	1.671

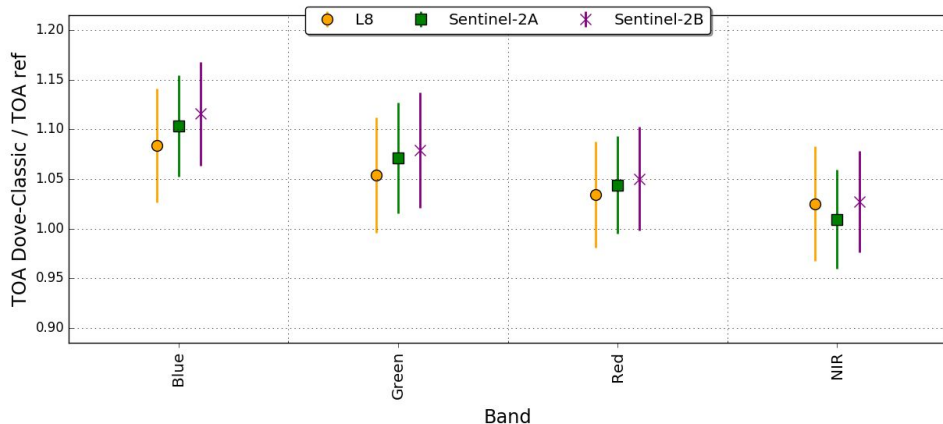




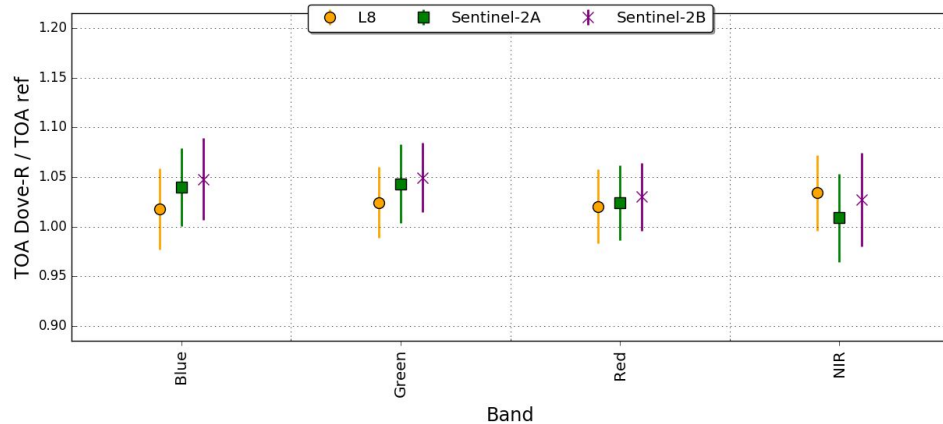
L1 DATA QUALITY REPORT PLANETSCOPE

Radiometry

Dove-Classic: Comparison of radiometric accuracy to references



Dove-R: Comparison of radiometric accuracy to references



Band	Dove-Classic		Dove-R	
	Gain Coefficient	Standard Deviation	Gain Coefficient	Standard Deviation
Blue	1.103	0.054	1.036	0.042
Green	1.070	0.058	1.040	0.038
Red	1.044	0.051	1.025	0.036
NIR	1.019	0.052	1.021	0.045



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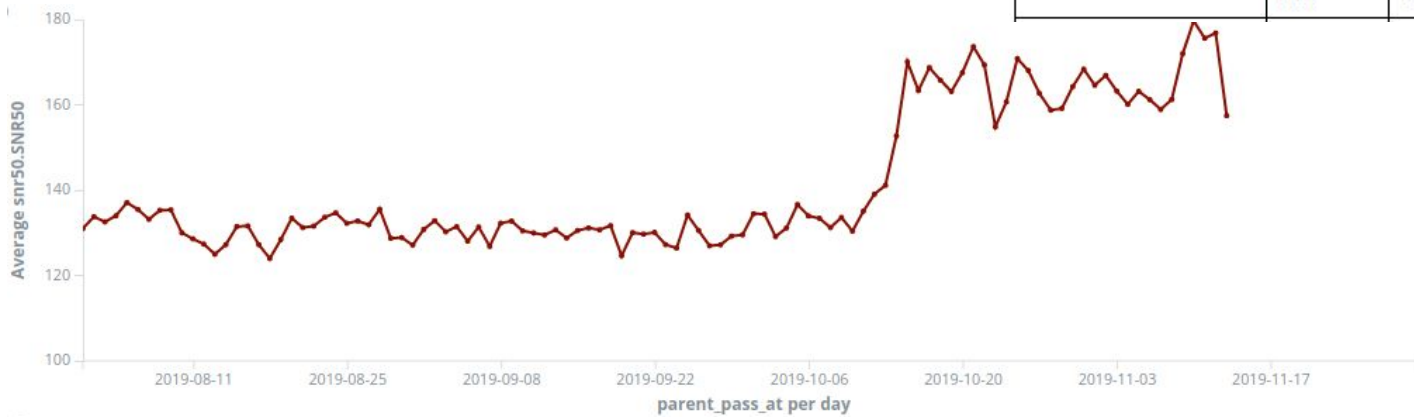
Noise

Dove-Classic
shown

SNR50 - measured from the raster data at 50% of the dynamic range of each scene

Satellite	SNR50 luminance
Two-stripe Dove-Classic	140.777

Satellite	Band	Average reference radiance (W·sr ⁻¹ ·m ⁻²)
Two-stripe Dove-Classic	Red	110
	Green	86
	Blue	130
	NIR	266

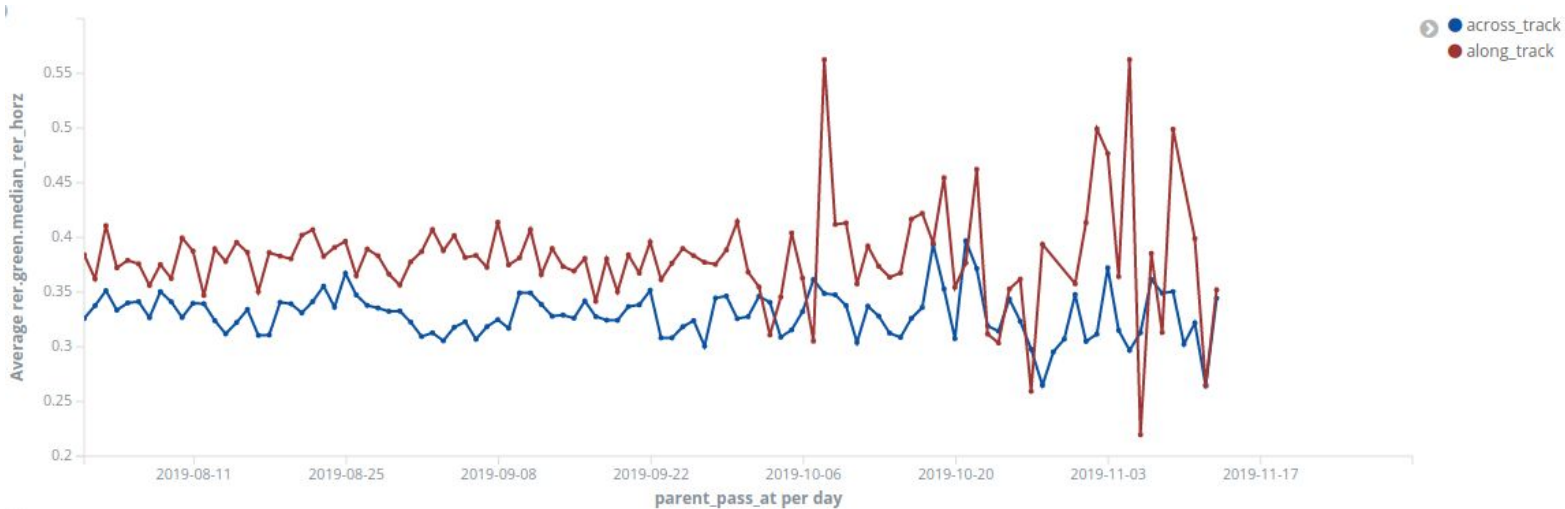




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Focus

Satellite	RER green across track		RER green along track	
	native	Normalized to 3m GSD	native	Normalized to 3m GSD
Two-stripe Dove-Classic	0.329	0.26	0.378	0.297
Four-stripe Dove-R	0.329	0.25	0.362	0.274





L1 DATA QUALITY REPORT PLANETSCOPE

Product Anomalies

Major known anomalies, actively being worked on and planned to be fixed in the future

- Blurry overlap between successive scenes
- Tonal difference between successive scenes
- Saturation and Blooming - significantly less frequent in Dove-R
- Tap imbalance
- NIR misalignment - only Dove-Classic
- Misalignment between successive scenes
- Missing scenes in a Strip
- Frame-rate issue

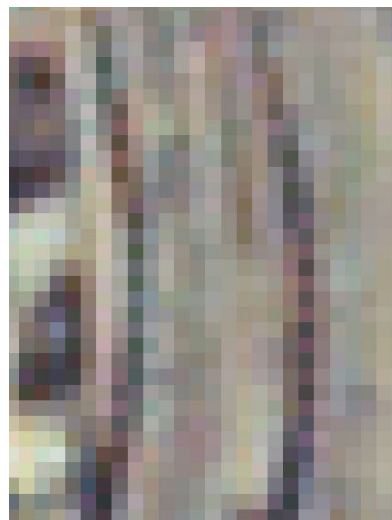
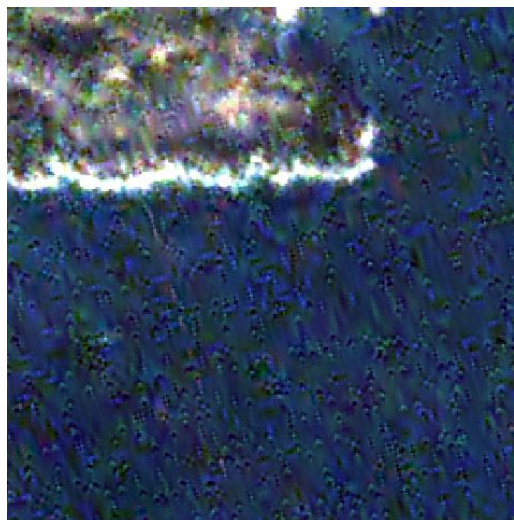
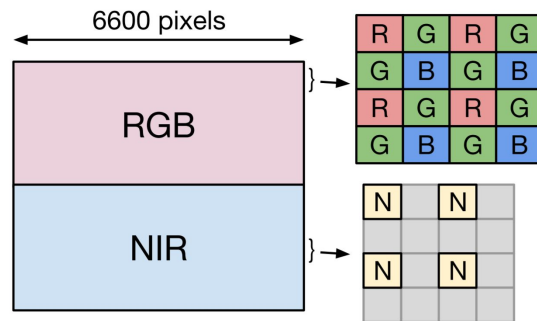




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Product Features - Dove-Classic

- J2K compression artifacts
- Zipper artifact through debayering



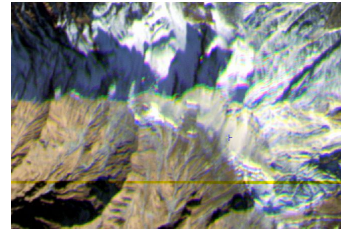
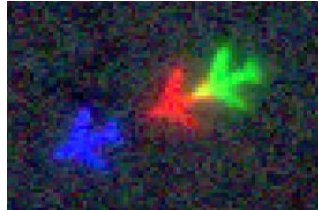
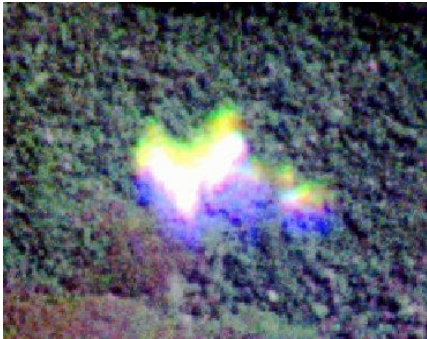


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Product Features - Dove-R

- Clouds
- Planes
- Steep terrains
- Waves

Region I: band 4
Region II: band 5
Region III: band 13
Region IV: band 2





L1 Data Quality Report SkySat

Woody Island, South China Sea – March 28, 2018





L1 DATA QUALITY REPORT SKYSAT

Geometry

Absolute Geolocation

Sample Size	Average RMSE rad [m]	PCTL90(RMSE rad) [m]
858	4.3	7.4

Band Registration

Band Combination	Average RMSE rad [m]
Blue-Green	0.15
Blue-Red	0.19
Blue-NIR	0.3
Green-Red	0.12
Green-NIR	0.25
Red-NIR	0.24

Temporal Registration

Sample Size	Average RMSE rad [m]	PCTL90(RMSE rad) [m]
749	4.1	7.6

Relative Geolocation

Sample Size	Average RMSE rad [m]	PCTL90(RMSE rad) [m]
12362	1.7	3.2



L1 DATA QUALITY REPORT SKYSAT

Radiometry

Calibrated using RadCalNet

Validated using RapidEye and LandSat-8 crossovers

Well within 10%





L1 DATA QUALITY REPORT SKYSAT

Noise

Differential SNR (gSNR):

$$gSNR = \sqrt{M} \frac{N_{15} - N_7}{\sqrt{N_{15} + N_{noise}^2}}$$

readout

N_{15} and N_7 : number of electrons in the well of a pixel due to 15% or 7% lambertian reflectivity

M : number of measurements

N_{noise} : number of noise electrons during

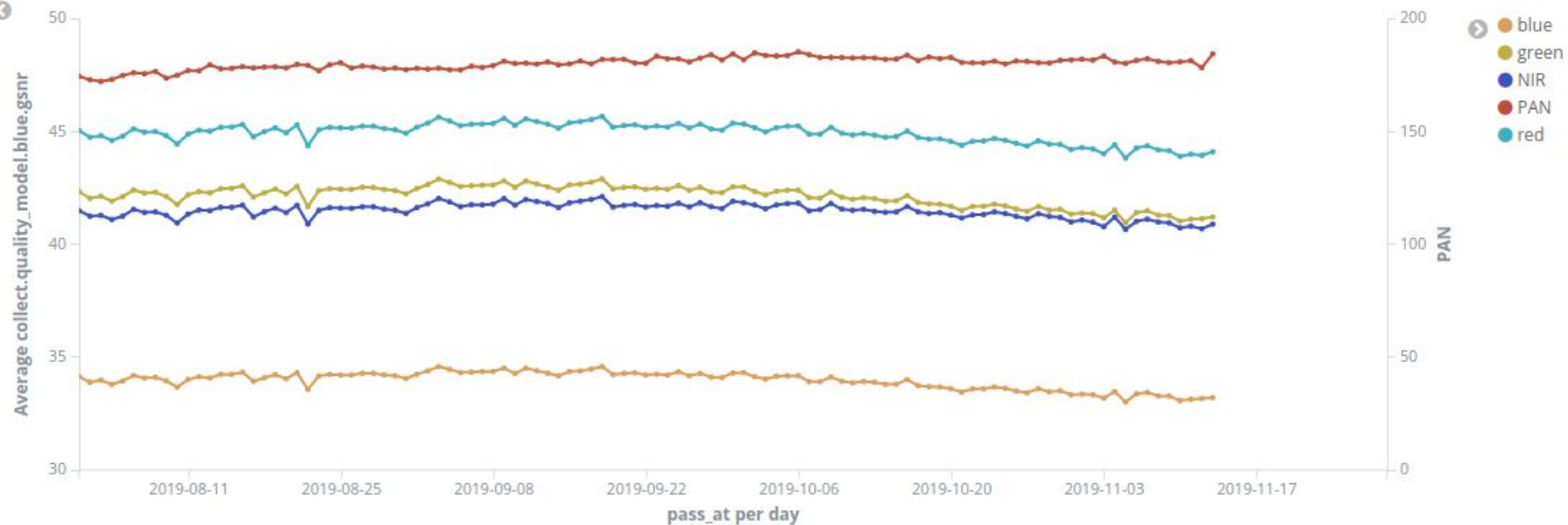
gSNR	blue	green	red	NIR	PAN
Average	34.21	42.44	45.27	41.83	181.29



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Noise

gSNR	blue	green	red	NIR	PAN
Average	34.21	42.44	45.27	41.83	181.29

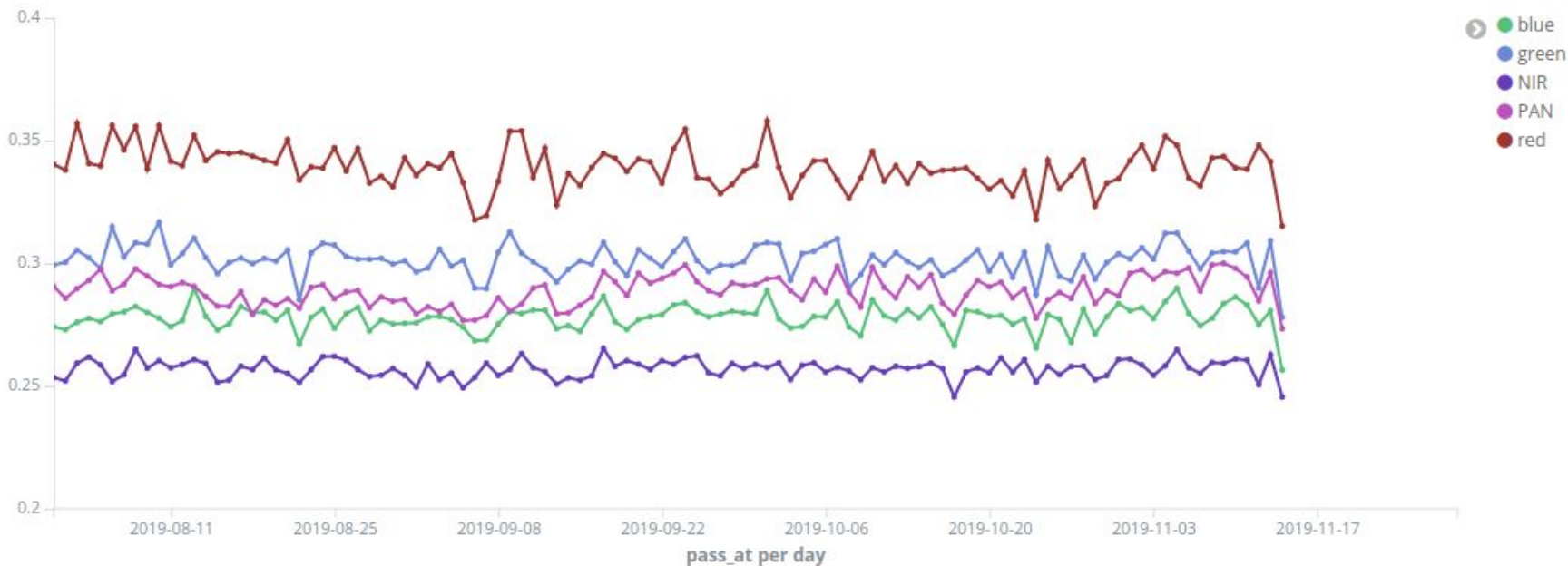




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Focus

RER	blue	green	red	NIR	PAN
Average	0.275	0.301	0.336	0.255	0.284



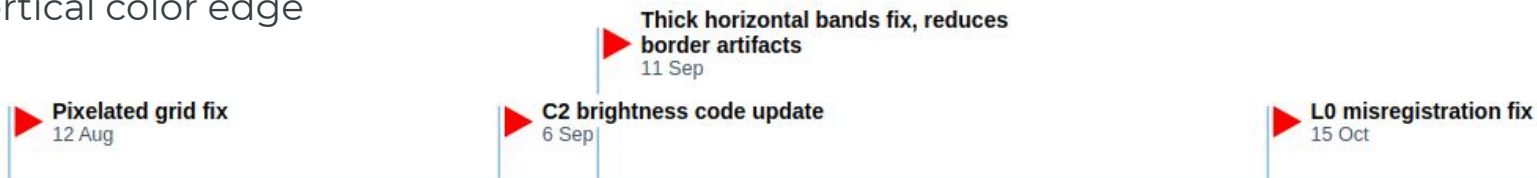


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Product Anomalies

Major known anomalies, actively being worked on and planned to be fixed in the future

- Border Artifacts - **reduced by 4 percent points since Sept 11th**
- Column Streaking
- C2 brightness - **code updated on Sept 6th, reduced by 2.6 percent points**
- Black edge
- ~~Pixelated grid~~ - **fix pushed out on Aug 12th**
- ~~Thick horizontal bands~~ - **fix pushed out on Sept 11th**
- ~~L0 misregistration~~ - **fix pushed out on Oct 15th**
- Image warping
- Vertical color edge

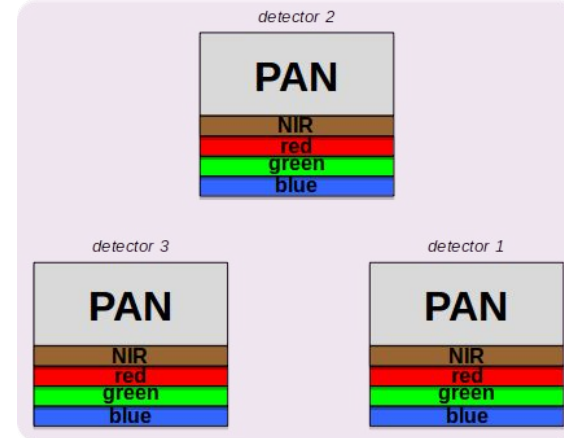
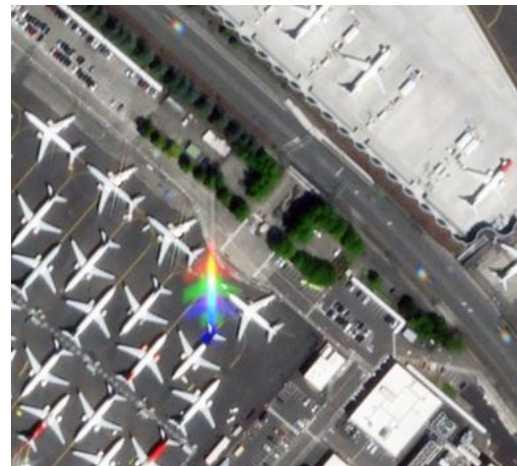




L1 DATA QUALITY REPORT SKYSAT

Product Features

- Gapping (only SkySat-1)
- Parallax blurring
- Movement and Terrain





L2 Data Quality Report PlanetScope

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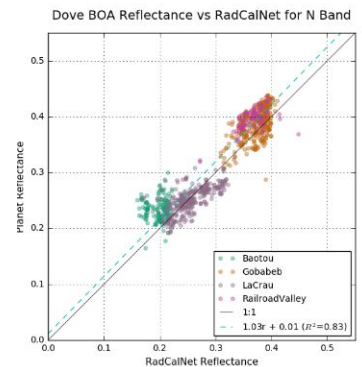
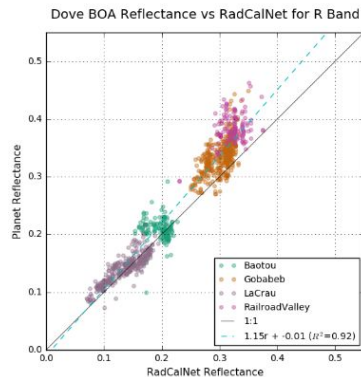
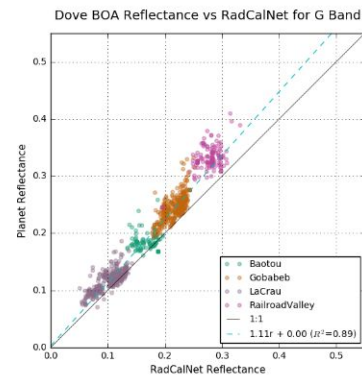
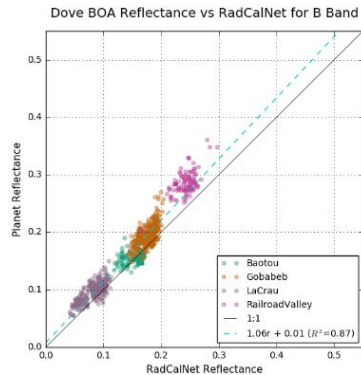


L2 DATA QUALITY REPORT PLANETSCOPE

- No formal product requirements exists
- Radiometric Accuracy of Surface Reflectance Product
- Product Anomalies
- Product Features

Table 1: Measured Performances for Doves

Band	Absolute Accuracy %	Precision %	Uncertainty % (1 sigma)
Blue	10.42	13.59	17.13
Green	11.62	11.90	16.64
Red	10.30	11.32	15.31
NIR	7.91	11.81	14.21





CONCLUSION AND OUTLOOK

- The data quality reports bring transparency and openness into the IQ processes and status at Planet
- **The data quality reports show the current IQ status and are separate from product requirements or commitments and SLAs !!!**
- Availability
 - Q2 2019 reports are available in the support portal with customer-only visibility
 - <https://support.planet.com/hc/en-us/categories/360001160454-White-Papers-Guides>
 - Q3 2019 reports will be released soon
 - You can contact me directly or anyone within the Payload Group at Planet
- We are working on having accompanying data packets for each of the reports





Planet Labs Payload Group

An aerial photograph of a coastal landscape, likely in Australia, showing turquoise water, sandy beaches, and brownish land. The image is used as a background for a thank-you message.

Thank you for your Attention!

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