



## Challenges for frequent LandCover mapping

Frequent availability of EU-39-wide

- Homogenous coverages
- Multispectral coverages
- Cloud-free coverages
- VHR coverages
- Harmonized to Sen-2 spectral information

Would allow for

- Shorter update cycles
- Consideration of small landscape features
- Identification of change processes





## PLANET'S answer

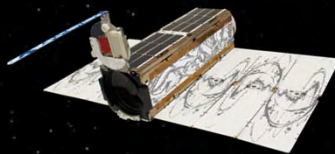
- Exploitation of largest fleet of EO satellites
- Development of next Generation of DOVE satellites
- Launch of 48 SuperDOVE satellites
- Launch of 6 more SkySat satellites
- Development of PlanetFusion product



## PLANET'S CONSTELLATIONS

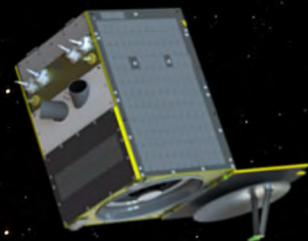


RapidEye  
Satellite Archive 2009-  
2019



**130** + 48

Dove Satellites  
PlanetScope

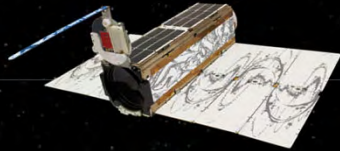


**21** SkySat  
Satellites

Last updated: Sept-2020



# + Planet's Constellations



**130+**

Dove Satellites  
PlanetScope

**48 SuperDove  
launched**

Last updated: Feb 2021

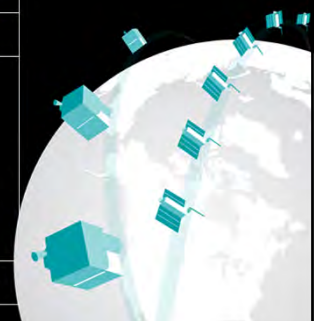
Orbit characteristics	Sun-synchronous
Orbit Altitude (reference)	475km (~98° inclination)
Max/Min Latitude Coverage	±81.5° (depending on season)
Equator Crossing Time	9:30 - 11:30 am (local solar time)
Ground Sample Distance (nadir)	3.7m (approximate at reference orbit altitude)
Maximum Image Strip per orbit	20,000 km <sup>2</sup>
Revisit Time	Daily at nadir
Image Capture Capacity	200 million km <sup>2</sup> /day



## DATA SPECS PLANETSCOPE

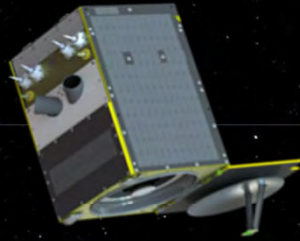
	PS2 Dove Classic	PS2.SD Dove-R	PSB.SD SuperDove
Sensor Type	Four-band frame Imager with a split-frame VIS+NIR filter	Four-band frame imager with butcher-block filter providing blue, green, red, and NIR stripes	Eight-band frame imager with butcher-block filter providing blue, green, red, red-edge, and NIR stripes
Single Frame Size	24 km x 8 km (approximate)	24 km x <b>16 km</b> (approximate)	<b>32.5 km x 19.6 km</b> (approximate)
Ground Sampling Distance (GSD)	3-4 m	3-4 m	3-4 m
Pixel Resampled	3.0 / 3.125 m	3.0	3.0
Telescope and Camera	Bayer mask CCD sensor	<b>Split frame CCD sensor</b>	<b>Split frame CCD sensor</b>
Spectral Bands	455 – 515 nm Blue 500 – 590 nm Green 590 – 670 nm Red Red-edge NIR 780 – 860 nm	<b>464- 517 nm</b> <b>547- 585 nm</b> <b>650- 682 nm</b> <b>846- 888 nm</b>	464 - 517 547 – 585 650 – 682 <b>733 – 748</b> 846 – 888 ..... ..... .....
Pixel depth	12 bit (stored with 16bit)	12 bit (stored with 16bit)	12 bit (stored with 16bit)

\* Improved specs marked in yellow





## Planet's Constellations



**21** SkySat  
Satellites

Last updated: Oct 2020

Orbit characteristics Sun-synchronous / inclined

Orbit Altitude (reference) 450 / 400 km

Equator Crossing Time 10:30 SkySat 3- 6, 14- 15  
13:00 SkySat 1 and SkySat 2  
13:00 SkySat 8-13

Variable SkySat 16-21

Ground Sample Distance (nadir) Panchromatic: 0.64m / **0.58 m**  
Multispectral: 0.81m

Revisit Time **Up-to 12 times daily for selected targets, 5-7 on worldwide average**

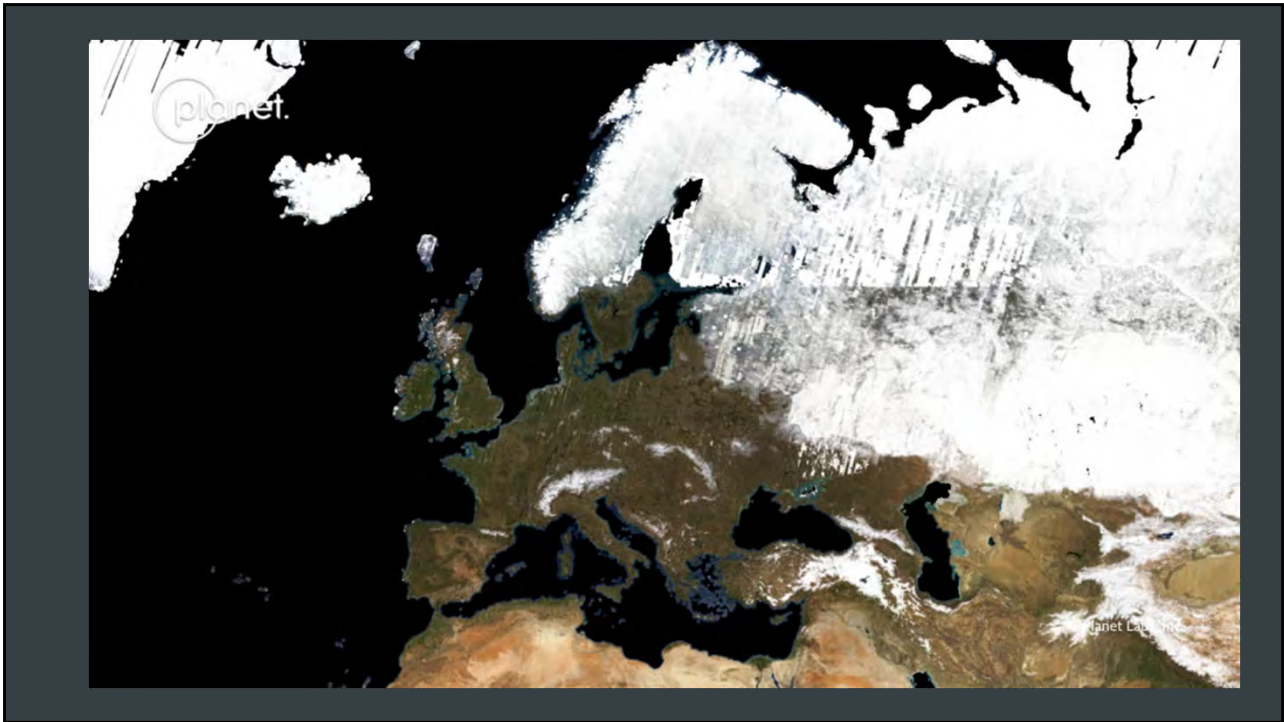
Image Capture Capacity 500 K km<sup>2</sup>/day



## DATA SPECS SKYSAT

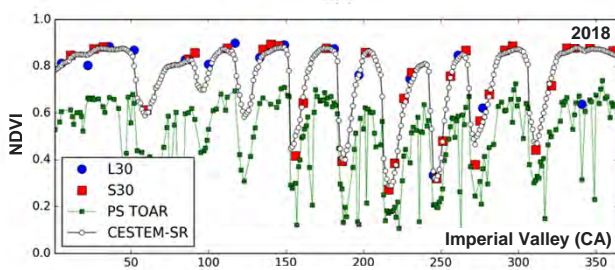
	SkySats at sun-synchronous orbits	SkySats at inclined orbits
Equator Crossing Time	10.30 a.m. +1.30 p.m. (approx.)	variable
Swath Width	6.0 km	5.7 km
Ground Sampling Distance (GSD incl. SuperResolution processing)	0.64 m PAN 0.81 m MS	0.58 m PAN 0.72 m MS
Camera	3x CMOS Frame Camera	3x CMOS Frame Camera
Spectral Bands (*λfwhm)		
Blue	450 – 515	450 – 515
Green	515 – 595	515 – 595
Red	605 – 695	605 – 695
NIR	740 – 900	740 – 900
PAN	450 – 900	450 – 900
Pixel depth	11 bit (stored with 16bit)	11 bit (stored with 16bit)
Absolute spectral calibration	5%	5%





## Planet Fusion: the future of time-series data

CESTEM: CubeSat-Enabled Spatio-Temporal Enhancement Method



Daily (gapfree) tracking of vegetation dynamics



Sensor data fusion

- PlanetScope
- LANDSAT-8
- Sentinel-2
- Sentinel-1
- MODIS
- Sentinel-3
- VIIRS



Harmonized stacks that are more than the sum of the parts

NDVI phenology validation

