

Radiance from Earth (modelled as black-body at 290K) $L_T = L_E + L_S^{uw}$ Calculate over the entire ground-pixel area $R_T^{rad}|_{ph} = L_T A_{gp}$ Calculate over the entire solid-angle subtended by instrument aperture $R_T^{sen}|_{ph} = \frac{R_T^{rad}|_{ph}}{|\mathbf{R}|^2} (\frac{D_{ap}}{2})^2 \pi$

R: Distance from satellite to ground-pixel
D: diameter of instrument aperture

$$R_T^{det}|_{ph}=R_T^{sen}|_{ph} au_{op}$$
 effiency of the optical system (aperture to Focal-plane) $N_{ph}=R_T^{det}|_{ph}T_i$ Integration time $N_e=N_{ph}Q_E$ Quantum efficiency i.e. efficiency of photon to electron conversion at the detector on Focal plane