

Bandpass wavelengths for Landsat 8 OLI and TIRS sensor, compared to Landsat 7 ETM+ sensor

Note: atmospheric transmission values for this graphic were calculated using MODTRAN for a summertime mid-latitude hazy atmosphere (circa 5 km visibility).

Landsat-7 ETM+ Bands (μm)			Landsat-8 OLI and TIRS Bands (μm)		
			30 m Coastal/Aerosol	0.435 - 0.451	Band 1
Band 1	30 m Blue	0.441 - 0.514	30 m Blue	0.452 - 0.512	Band 2
Band 2	30 m Green	0.519 - 0.601	30 m Green	0.533 - 0.590	Band 3
Band 3	30 m Red	0.631 - 0.692	30 m Red	0.636 - 0.673	Band 4
Band 4	30 m NIR	0.772 - 0.898	30 m NIR	0.851 - 0.879	Band 5
Band 5	30 m SWIR-1	1.547 - 1.749	30 m SWIR-1	1.566 - 1.651	Band 6
Band 6	60 m TIR	10.31 - 12.36	100 m TIR-1	10.60 - 11.19	Band 10
			100 m TIR-2	11.50 - 12.51	Band 11
Band 7	30 m SWIR-2	2.064 - 2.345	30 m SWIR-2	2.107 - 2.294	Band 7
Band 8	15 m Pan	0.515 - 0.896	15 m Pan	0.503 - 0.676	Band 8
			30 m Cirrus	1.363 - 1.384	Band 9

Table 2-1. OLI and TIRS Spectral Bands Compared to ETM+ Spectral Bands

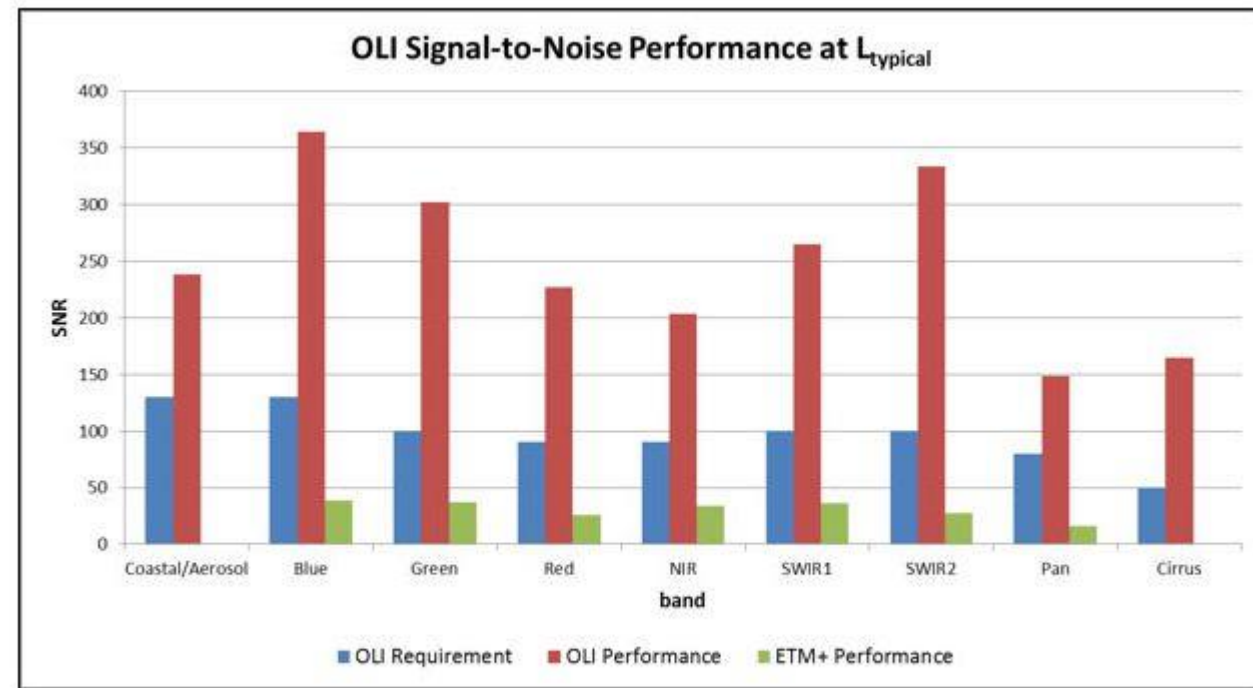


Figure 2-3. OLI Signal-To-Noise (SNR) Performance at L_{typical}

5.2 OLI Top of Atmosphere Reflectance

Similar to the conversion to radiance, the 16-bit integer values in the level 1 product can also be converted to Top of Atmosphere (TOA) reflectance. The following equation is used to convert level 1 DN values to TOA reflectance:

$$\rho_{\lambda}' = M_{\rho} * Q_{cal} + A_{\rho}$$

where:

ρ_{λ}' = Top-of-Atmosphere Planetary Spectral Reflectance, without correction for solar angle. (Unitless)

M_{ρ} = Reflectance multiplicative scaling factor for the band (REFLECTANCEW_MULT_BAND_n from the metadata).

A_{ρ} = Reflectance additive scaling factor for the band (REFLECTANCE_ADD_BAND_N from the metadata).

Q_{cal} = Level 1 pixel value in DN

Note that ρ_{λ}' is not true TOA Reflectance, because it does not contain a correction for the solar elevation angle. This correction factor is left out of the level 1 scaling at the users' request; some users are content with the scene-center solar elevation angle in the metadata, while others prefer to calculate their own per-pixel solar elevation angle across the entire scene. Once a solar elevation angle is chosen, the conversion to true TOA Reflectance is:

$$\rho_{\lambda} = \frac{\rho_{\lambda}'}{\sin(\theta)}$$

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θ = Solar Elevation Angle (from the metadata, or calculated).