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**Trends in Performance Limits of the HOT Infrared Photodetectors**

by Antoni Rogalski, Piotr Martyniuk\*, Małgorzata Kopytko and Weida Hu  
*Appl. Sci.* **2021**, *11*(2), 501; <https://doi.org/10.3390/app11020501>

**Article:**

**Performance Evaluation of a THz Pulsed Imaging System: Point Spread Function, Broadband THz Beam Visualization and Image Reconstruction**

by Marta Di Fabrizio\*, Annalisa D'Arco\*, Sen Mou, Luigi Palumbo, Massimo Petrarca, and Stefano Lupi  
*Appl. Sci.* **2021**, *11*(2), 562; <https://doi.org/10.3390/app11020562>

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