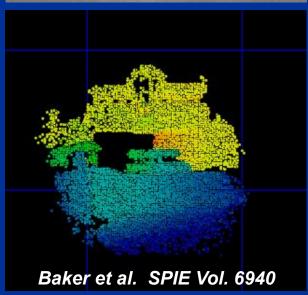


#### High Gain InAs e-APDS with Excess Noise Factors Approaching a Solid State Photo-Multiplier

- APDs can improve receiver sensitivity by providing signal amplification in the detecting photodiode
- e-APDs provide amplification with minimal noise
- Benefiting applications with fewer photons
  - Active or 3D imaging (short integration times)
  - Hyperspectral imaging (spread spectrum)
  - Range finding
  - C0<sub>2</sub> monitoring
  - Photon counting
- Other benefits
  - Use lower power sources for active imaging
  - Use smaller optics collecting less light



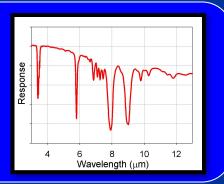




# Multispectral and hyperspectral imaging with QDIPs

Night vision and surveillance

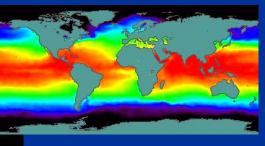
Chemical/material identification



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Medical imaging



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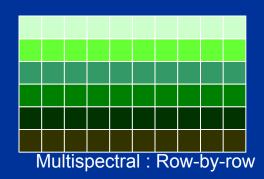
#### Why Algorithmic spectrometer?

QDIPs are 2 terminal devices.

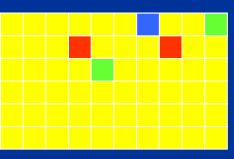
Can be dynamically configured



High resolution multicolour FPA



Multispectral : Full FPA



Multispectral: Pixel-by-pixel

Future Intelligent

Sensors?
No moving parts

No cooled optical filters needed



### **Conclusion & Questions**

- EEE team develop new theories, proof of concepts of novel material and sensing techniques with typical conclusions such as
  - Low strain QDIPs with between 30 and 80 stacks have been grown, dark current results show no strain effects
  - QDIPs can be used with algorithmic spectrometer to image filters in the LWIR and MWIR regions – promising for material classification such as polyurethane e.t.c.
- Is this enough or can we do more?



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