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## **The Large-Area Picosecond Photon Detector (LAPPD<sup>TM</sup>), an Ideal Tool for Quantum Optics**

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The large-area picosecond photodetector (LAPPD<sup>TM</sup>) is an ultrafast imaging detector with single-photon sensitivity.

It can supply a continuous stream of photon-detection events, resolved spatially to about  $0.5 \times 0.5 \text{ mm}^2$  on an area of  $20 \times 20 \text{ cm}^2$ , and temporally to about 50 ps.

The time resolution approaches the coherence time of light filtered with dielectric-layer interference filters, and so, the detector can then resolve photon occupations in each longitudinal mode of light.

Furthermore, if used with diffraction-limited optics matched to the spatial resolution, the detector can also resolve about 400 by 400 transverse modes.

LAPPD<sup>TM</sup> is thus an enabling technology for quantum optics where photon occupation numbers in each electromagnetic-field mode in 6-dimensional phase space are relevant, for example photon-correlation experiments (Hanbury Brown - Twiss, or ghost imaging).

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