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"Terahertz and Optical Plasmonics: current and future applications"
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This talk is a survey of rapidly developing THz technology in three main applications:
- THz microscopy and imaging,
- THz spectroscopy (including biosensors),
- THz telecommunications.

These applications are possible thanks to the progress on sources, detectors and passive devices. For the sources, quantum cascade lasers (QCL), frequency multipliers and optoelectronic approach like photomixing at 800nm and 1.55µm will be highlighted. For the detectors, special interest is given to Schottky diodes. New promising concepts like recently demonstrated SPASER (Surface Plasmon Amplification by Stimulated Emission of Radiation) will be presented. An important part of this talk is dedicated to THz passive devices with classical but also plasmonic approaches like planar and non-planar antennas, filters, Goubau-Sommerfeld waveguides, and focusing structures. The different combinations of these fundamental bricks (at THz and optical frequencies) allow ambitious applications like recently demonstrated THz nanoscopy and THz imaging (in airport screening lines) which are proofs of the importance of THz technology for civil and security applications.