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This Reprint surveys cutting-edge laser-based sensing for remote-sensing applications, with an emphasis on spectral imaging and Lidar. It assembles peer-reviewed advances in instrumentation, methods, and deployment strategies that span the ultraviolet to the mid-infrared. Topics span hyperspectral and multispectral imaging; resonance fluorescence and laser spectroscopy; differential absorption and Raman Lidar; Doppler and frequency-modulated schemes; fiber-optic and integrated-photonics sensors; optical waveguides and resonant cavities; laser metrology and interferometry; and algorithmic, data-driven processing.

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