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Transition Edge Superconducting detector arrays for a 40-200 μm spectrometer on the SPICA telescope

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Invited paper

We present the detector requirements for a spectrometer instrument designed to cover the 40-200 um wavelength range from a cooled space-borne telescope such as the proposed Japanese SPICA mission.

We discuss possible solutions using transition edge superconducting (TES) bolometers for achieving the required detector sensitivity, speed, dynamic range and number of pixels within the constraints of a space-borne platform.