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Development of a New Spectrograph for Aurora Observation

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A new spectrograph, which has a FOV of 180 degree, wavelength range of 420-735nm, wavelength resolution of 1nm, and sensitivity of 0.061cts/R/sec/pixel at 558nm, has been developed. The spectrometer will be deployed in Longyearbyen, Spittsbergen in March.

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Actual performance of the spectrometer (wavelength range of 420-735nm, wavelength resolution of 1nm, and sensitivity (at 558nm) of 0.061cts/R/sec/pixel) was obtained through calibration performed using NIPR calibration facility.

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