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Equipment Description	Expense
Lexel - Argon Laser	\$41,135
Bruker - EPR Spectrometer System Upgrade	\$8,874
Newport Corporation - precision long-travel stage	\$12,413
Deltronic Crystal Industries - crystals	\$5,424
Computer System for motion controllers	\$14,749
Integrated Photonic Systems - motion controller system	\$5,461
Coherent - UV laser tube	\$33,449
Vytran Corporation - fusion splicer and fiber strength tester	\$38,150

Key accomplishments using the above equipment are:

- 1) We performed experiments to reveal how light alters the refractive index of germanium-doped optical fibers. We found that loading the fiber with hydrogen turns on a separate physical mechanism so that all of the Ge atoms become photosensitive, instead of only the Ge defects.
- 2) We perfected methods of writing long-period gratings in fibers with no unwanted harmonics or sidelobes.
- 3) We fabricated a large number of fiber gratings in germanium-doped fibers and supplied these gratings to other research groups for demonstration of systems applications. These include using fiber gratings as adjustable dispersion compensators and as adjustable delay elements in a fiberoptic network.
- 4) We performed and presented new results on the strength of gratings written through the polymer coating of optical fibers.
- 5) We invented a new type of fiber sensor that needs no spectrometer and that works in real time. It senses either temperature or strain.

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