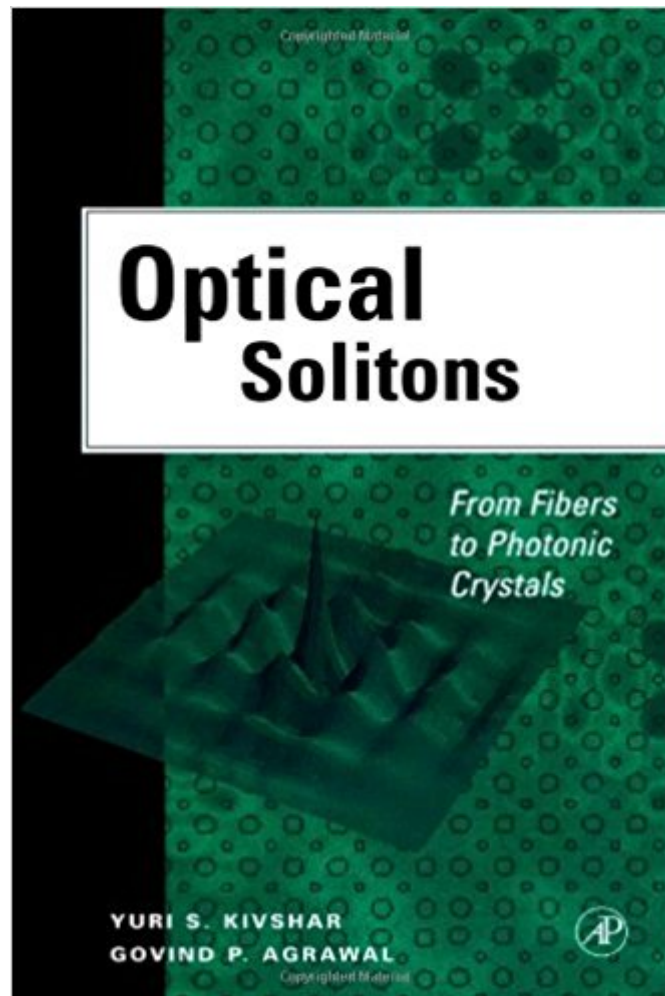




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# Optical Solitons: From Fibers To Photonic Crystals



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The current research into solitons and their use in fiber optic communications is very important to the future of communications. Since the advent of computer networking and high speed data transmission technology people have been striving to develop faster and more reliable communications media. Optical pulses tend to broaden over relatively short distances due to dispersion, but solitons on the other hand are not as susceptible to the effects of dispersion, and although they are subject to losses due to attenuation they can be amplified without being received and re-transmitted. This book is the first to provide a thorough overview of optical solitons. The main purpose of this book is to present the rapidly developing field of Spatial Optical Solitons starting from the basic concepts of light self-focusing and self-trapping. It will introduce the fundamental concepts of the theory of nonlinear waves and solitons in non-integrated but physically realistic models of nonlinear optics including their stability and dynamics. Also, it will summarize a number of important experimental verification of the basic theoretical predictions and concepts covering the observation of self-focusing in the earlier days of nonlinear optics and the most recent experimental results on spatial solitons, vortex solitons, and soliton interaction & spiraling. \* Introduces the fundamental concepts of the theory of nonlinear waves and solitons through realistic models \* Material is based on authors' years of experience actively working in and researching the field\* Summarizes the most important experimental verification of the basic theories, predictions and concepts of this ever evolving field from the earliest studies to the most recent

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I am working in the Quantum Optics Research Lab at San Francisco State University. And I meet with many difficulties to find book or any material in Internet which could explain basic ideas about different optical solitons in photonic crystals. This book is great, a specially for someone who have no idea what is a spatial, dark, or vortex soliton. This book has many chapters in which authors discuss step by step not only theory of formation of all kinds of solitons, but also give experimental

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