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Editorial Review

Review

As the field grew, Agrawal decided to split this text off from his Nonlinear Fiber Optics, which is more concerned with the discipline's fundamentals. This edition is intended for senior undergraduates, graduate students, engineers and technicians in the telecommunications industry, and scientists working with fiber optics and optical communications. It covers the building blocks of light-wave technology--fiber-based gratings, couplers, and interferometers--as well as amplifiers and lasers made using rare-earth-doped fibers; pulse-compression techniques; fiber-optic communication systems; and soliton-based transmission schemes. Book News, Inc.®, Portland, OR

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Since the publication of the first edition of Nonlinear Fiber Optics in 1989, this field has virtually exploded. A major factor behind such tremendous growth was the advent of fiber amplifiers, made by doping silica or fluoride fibers with rare-earth ions such as erbium and neodymium. Such amplifiers revolutionized the design of fiber-optic communication systems, including those making use of optical solitons whose very existence stems from the presence of nonlinear effects in optical fibers. Optical amplifiers permit propagation of lightwave signals over thousands of kilometers as they can compensate for all losses encountered by the signal in the optical domain. At the same time, fiber amplifiers enable the use of massive wavelength-division

multiplexing (WDM) and have led to the development of lightwave systems with capacities exceeding 1 Tb/s. Nonlinear fiber optics plays an increasingly important role in the design of such high-capacity lightwave systems. In fact, an understanding of various nonlinear effects occurring inside optical fibers is almost a prerequisite for a lightwave-system designer.

While preparing the third edition of Nonlinear Fiber Optics, my intention was to bring the book up to date so that it remains a unique source of comprehensive coverage on the subject of nonlinear fiber optics. An attempt was made to include recent research results on all topics relevant to the field of nonlinear fiber optics. Such an ambitious objective increased the size of the book to the extent that it was necessary to split it into two separate books, thus creating this new book Applications of Nonlinear Fiber Optics. The third edition of Nonlinear Fiber Optics deals with the fundamental aspects of the field. This book is devoted to the applications of nonlinear fiber optics, and its use requires knowledge of the fundamentals covered in Nonlinear Fiber Optics. Please note that when an equation or section number is prefaced with the letter A, that indicates that the topic is covered in more detail in the third edition of Nonlinear Fiber Optics.

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The potential readership is likely to consist of senior undergraduate students, graduate students enrolled in the M.S. and Ph.D. programs, engineers and technicians involved with the telecommunication industry, and scientists working in the fields of fiber optics and optical communications. This volume may be a useful text for graduate and senior-level courses dealing with nonlinear optics, fiber optics, or optical communications that are designed to provide mastery of the fundamental aspects. Some universities may even opt to offer a high-level graduate course devoted solely to nonlinear fiber optics. The problems provided at the end of each chapter should be useful to instructors of such a course.

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