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A photonic crystal is an optical medium that has spatially periodic (or close to periodic) structure. The main feature of such a medium is that the spectrum of allowed frequencies may have gaps that consist of forbidden frequencies. However, if the medium is nonlinear, it possesses spatially localized light patterns with forbidden frequencies - the so-called gap solitons.

In certain cases gap solitons can be described as localized solutions of a periodic stationary nonlinear Schrödinger equation. In this talk we present a result on the existence of gap solitons in dimensions one and two. (Received February 21, 2013)