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# Nonlinear metaphotonics Yuri Kivshar



### From solitons to metamaterials



#### INTERVIEW

#### Journey from solitons to nanophotonics: an interview with Professor Yuri Kivshar

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*Guoqing Chang:* When did you first hear about nonlinear optics? *Yuri Kivshar:* My course had about 100 students who were associated with different departments, including Department of Theoretical Physics and Department of Optics. I was in the Department of Theoretical Physics, and I did not know nonlinear optics at all when I started my research on solitons with Professor Kosevich. It had nothing to do with optics, and we never discussed optics.

Once I went for lunch with some of my classmates from the Department of Optics. One of them told me his research in optics was boring. I asked him why he went there in the first place. He told me that he initially expected to work on nonlinear optics. That was my first time to hear of nonlinear optics. I asked him what nonlinear optics is and he said, "It's about nonlinear effects such as frequency generation, all this nice stuff." And I thought, "Wow, it's probably what may be related to solitons."

Guoqing Chang: How did you move into the soliton research in the context of nonlinear optics? Yuri Kivshar: Solid state physics is a difficult field because it is not

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### From microwaves to optics



### Milestones of electromagnetic metamaterials

### **Beyond Materials**

### **OPN, May 2021**

An obscure paper theorizing negative-index materials was resurrected 30 years later as researchers began to engineer materials to manipulate electromagnetic waves.



A split-ring structure negative-index material, as theorized by Veselago. Courtesy of D.R. Smith  $% \mathcal{A} = \mathcal{A} = \mathcal{A}$ 



#### 1967: Going negative

All known, natural materials have a positive index of refraction, which indicates how much light bends when it enters a substance. But what if, asked Russian physi-



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#### 1999: Demonstrating metamaterials

Metamaterials are engineered to have properties that are not found in nature; the key to these properties is within the material's microstructure—which must be finer than the electromagnetic wavelengths concerned rather than their chemistry. British physicist Sir John Pendry designed such materials with negative electrical permittivity and negative magnetic permeability using loops of wire and split-ring resonators in the 1990s. This demonstration of artificial magnetism, the key ingredient of the negative-index response, launched the field.





CMIP, Duke University

#### 2006: A microwave "invisibility cloak"

In 2000, U.S. physicist David R. Smith demonstrated a negative-index material at microwave frequencies, later unearthing Veselago's 1967 paper. He then teamed up with Pendry and developed the theory of transformation optics (also pioneered by Ulf Leonhardt), which described how metamaterials could manipulate light. In 2006, the team demonstrated an invisibility cloak of sorts—bending microwaves around an object. The proof of concept spurred a flurry of research into how to scale microwave metamaterial designs to optical frequencies.

### **Resonances in metaphotonics**



From: Koshelev, Tonkaev, Kivshar, "Nonlinear chiral metaphotonics", under review

## 1908: Mie theory





#### **Gustav Mie**

- x << 1 : Rayleigh scattering
- x ~ 1 : Mie scattering
- x >>1 : Geometric scattering



$$\begin{split} \mathbf{E}_{r} &= E_{0}e^{-i\omega t}\sum_{n=1}^{\infty}i^{n}\frac{2n+1}{n(n+1)}\left(a_{n}^{r}\mathbf{m}_{o1n}^{(3)}-ib_{n}^{r}\mathbf{n}_{e1n}^{(3)}\right),\\ \mathbf{H}_{r} &= -\frac{k_{2}}{\omega\mu_{2}}E_{0}e^{-i\omega t}\sum_{n=1}^{\infty}i^{n}\frac{2n+1}{n(n+1)}\left(b_{n}^{r}\mathbf{m}_{e1n}^{(3)}+ia_{n}^{r}\mathbf{n}_{o1n}^{(3)}\right), \end{split}$$

$$a_{n}^{r} = -\frac{\mu_{1} j_{n} (N\rho) [\rho j_{n} (\rho)]' - \mu_{2} j_{n} (\rho) [N\rho j_{n} (N\rho)]'}{\mu_{1} j_{n} (N\rho) [\rho h_{n}^{(1)} (\rho)]' - \mu_{2} h_{n}^{(1)} (\rho) [N\rho j_{n} (N\rho)]'}$$
  
$$b_{n}^{r} = -\frac{\mu_{1} j_{n} (\rho) [N\rho j_{n} (N\rho)]' - \mu_{2} N^{2} j_{n} (N\rho) [\rho j_{n} (\rho)]'}{\mu_{1} h_{n}^{(1)} (\rho) [N\rho j_{n} (N\rho)]' - \mu_{2} N^{2} j_{n} (N\rho) [\rho h_{n}^{(1)} (\rho)]'}$$



### Mie resonances at home

### H. Khattak et al, PNAS <u>116,</u> 4000 (2019)









Pavel Ginzburg' group: Appl. Phys. Lett. **120**, 053301 (2022)

### Multipolar response



### Bound state in the continuum (BIC)



### Bound states in the continuum in optics

### **2011** Arrays of coupled waveguides



Frequency

#### **2013** Photonic crystal slabs



#### Hsu et al, Nature 2013

## **Classification of BICs**

# Symmetry-protected (conventional)



in-plane inversion symmetry time reversal symmetry

### Accidental (Friedrich-Wintgen)



in-plane inversion symmetry time reversal symmetry up-down symmetry

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### BIC in a subwavelength resonator



### Recent experimental demonstrations

### **RF** experiment



### **Near-IR experiment**



## Nonlinear nanophotonics





### Nonlinear optics



1958-60: invention of the laser

- 1964: <u>Townes, Basov and Prokhorov</u> shared the **Nobel prize** for their fundamental work leading to the construction of lasers
- 1981: <u>Bloembergen and Schawlow</u> received the **Nobel prize** for their contribution to the development of laser spectroscopy. One typical application of this is *nonlinear optics* which means methods of influencing one light beam with another and permanently joining several laser beams



Nicolaas Bloembergen



Arthur Leonard Schawlow

### A.M. Prokhorov

### **Alexander Mikhaylovich Prokhorov**

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#### LASERS & SOURCES

### Meet Alexander Prokhorov: the Australian-born coinventor of the laser and Nobel Prize winner

While he is a celebrated scientific hero in Russia, his formative years were actually spent in far north Queensland.

Aug. 4, 2016 📮

### **Optical polarisation**

$$\mathbf{P} = \varepsilon_0 \left( \chi^{(1)} \cdot \mathbf{E} + \chi^{(2)} : \mathbf{E}\mathbf{E} + \chi^{(3)} \vdots \mathbf{E}\mathbf{E}\mathbf{E} + \cdots \right)$$
1
2
3

- $\chi(j)$  (j=1,2,...) is j-th order susceptibility;
- $\chi(j)$  is a tensor of rank j+1;
- for this series to converge  $\chi(1)E >>\chi(2)E2 >>\chi(3)E3$
- $\chi(1)$  is the linear susceptibility (dominant contribution). Its effects are included through the refractive index (real part) and the absorption  $\alpha$  (imaginary part).
- $\chi(2)$  is the nonlinear **quadratic** susceptibility (SHG)
- $\chi(3)$  is the nonlinear **cubic** susceptibility (solitons, modulational instability)

## Towards efficient nonlinear nanoantennas



#### Resonant modes

SHG  $\sim \kappa Q_{\omega}^2 Q_{2\omega}$ 

THG  $\sim \kappa Q_{\omega}^3 Q_{3\omega}$ 

#### **MD** resonance

Shcherbakov at al Nano Lett. (2014)



#### Fano effect

Shorokhov at al Nano Lett. (2016)



#### Anapole state

Grinblat et al Nano Lett. (2016)



#### BIC

Carletti et al, Phys Rev Lett (2018)



### Nonlinear response of quasi-BIC states



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### SHG from quasi-BIC states



## High-harmonic generation



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## Metasurfaces



Optical Spin Manipulation

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### Expanding world of metasurfaces



C.W. Qiu, T. Zhang, G. Hu, Y. Kivshar, Nano Letters (2021)

### High-Q quasi-BIC metasurfaces





### Extreme nonlinear optics



### Expected enhanced THG



Collaboration with Qinghai Song



Linear reflection

### Unexpectedly large SHG

slope 3

0.01

SHG

0.02

0.03



### And even fourth harmonics !



P. Tonkaev et al, in preparation

- The study of metamaterials is an active field that now often appears under new brand names of meta-optics or metaphotonics
- Recent advances in meta-optics and metaphotonics are associated with the physics of resonances (including but not limited by) Mie resonances and quasi bound states in the continuum
- Metasurfaces and subwavelength dielectric particles may exhibit strong nonlinear effects including exotic and high-harmonic generation

