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### *Research Interests*

Development of theoretical understanding of the properties of disordered systems, with emphasis on electron and photon localization, photonic crystals, random lasers, left-handed materials, metamaterials, nonlinear systems, and amorphous semiconductors. The theoretical models developed are often quite sophisticated to accurately reflect the complexity of real materials. In addition, we are completing experiments on metamaterials and photonic crystals.

### *Short Curriculum Vitae*

Costas Soukoulis received his B.S. in Physics from Univ. of Athens in 1974. He obtained his doctoral degree in Physics from the Univ. of Chicago in 1978. From 1978 to 1981 he was visiting Assistant Professor at the Physics Dept. at Univ. of Virginia. He spent 3 years (1981-84) at Exxon Research and Engineering Co. and since 1984 has been at Iowa State Univ. (ISU) and Ames Laboratory. He has been an associated member of FORTH since 1983 and was a Professor (part time) at Dept. of Materials Science and Engineering at Univ. of Crete (2001-2011). He has courtesy appointments at the Departments of Aerospace Engineering and Electrical and Computer Engineering at Iowa State University.

He has approximately 390 publications, more than 150 invited lectures at national and international conferences, and about 134 invited talks at institutions. More than 20000 citations, an h-factor of 74 and 3 patents for PBGs and LHMs. Graduated 17 PhD students and co-advised 4 others. Has obtained several grants to support his research from DOE, NSF, DARPA, ONR, AFOR, NATO, EPRI, and European Community. He is the senior Editor of the new Journal *"Photonic Nanostructures: Fundamentals and Applications,"* and editor of *Optics Letters (2008-2011)*, and he is a member of editorial board of *Physical Review Letters*. Finally, a textbook entitled *Wave Propagation: From Electrons to Photonic crystals and Left-handed Materials*, was published by Princeton University Press 2008.

Prof. Soukoulis is Fellow of the *American Physical Society*, *Optical Society of America*, and *American Association for the Advancement of Science*. He received the ISU Outstanding Achievement in Research in 2001, and the senior *Humboldt Research Award* in 2002; he shared the *Descartes award* for collaborative research on left-handed materials in 2005; the first *Frances M. Craig* endowed chair in Physics at ISU in 2007; *Honorary Doctorate from Vrije Universiteit in Brussels*, Belgium in May 2011, and has been shared the *2013 James C. McGroddy Prize of APS* for New Materials (*"For the discovery of metamaterials").* Prof. Soukoulis has been a member or a chairman of various International Scientific Committees responsible for various International Conferences. He has served on several boards and committees for organizations, including NSF, DOE, and European Union.

Prof. Soukoulis and his collaborators at Ames Lab. have achieved international recognition for their work on theoretical understanding and experimental realization of photonic bandgap (PBG) materials. In particular in 1990 and 1994, they were the first to suggest photonic crystal designs (*diamond lattice and the woodpile structure*, *respectively*), which gave the largest omni directional photonic band gaps. This was a critical time in the early stages of the field, when some doubted the feasibility of PBG materials. Many experimental groups all over the world still use his woodpile structure to fabricate PCs at optical wavelengths.

Prof. Soukoulis has been instrumental in bringing forward the revolutionary fields of photonic crystals (PCs) and left-handed metamaterials (LHMs), extending the realm of electromagnetism (EM), and opening exciting new applications. In particular, Prof. Soukoulis and his colleagues were the first to demonstrate magnetic response and negative index of refraction at optical frequencies, which do not exist in natural materials.

Still another is the development of a theoretical model for the study of lasing in disordered systems, the so-called "random lasers." By the way, all three of these accomplishments have led to an enormous number of subsequent theoretical and experimental studies, by many groups from around the world.

Prof. Soukoulis has proven that he has the ability to productively change research fields and to establish new interdisciplinary approaches. The PCs field came into existence due partly to the work of Soukoulis and his collaborators on finding the conditions for localizing EM waves. Their work on semiconductor physics helped them to first find a periodic lattice that will give a gap for EM waves. This way the first PCs was obtained and a new field was generated. The same happened with the field of LHMs, which was an extension of the PC field.

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