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Professor, Electrical & Computer Engineering

Professor, Biomedical Engineering

Professor, Materials Science & Engineering

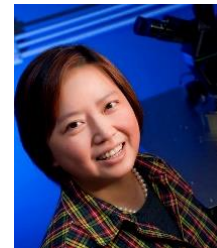
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Education and Training:

Postdoc, Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)

Ph.D., Mechanical Engineering, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST)

Positions and Employment:

2011 – present Professor, College of Engineering¹, Boston University

2006 – 2011 Associate Professor, College of Engineering, Boston University

2002 – 2006 Assistant Professor, College of Engineering, Boston University

2000 – 2001 Research Scientist, Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, MIT

Other Positions:

2020 – present Co-Founder and Chief Technology Officer, Acoulent LLC

2018 – present Co-Founder and Chief Technology Officer, Primetaz LLC

2016 – present Associate Director, Nanotechnology Innovation Center ([BU nano](#))

2015 – present Director, NSF Research Experiences for Teachers ([RET Site](#))

2015 – present Director, NSF Research Experiences for Undergraduates ([REU Site](#))

2008 – 2011 Associate Chair, Department of Mechanical Engineering, Boston University

Major Honors/Awards/Special Recognitions:

• **ASME Robert Henry Thurston Lecture Award (2024)**

Established in 1925 to honor ASME's inaugural president, the Robert Henry Thurston Lecture provides an esteemed platform for a leader in pure and/or applied science and engineering to present to the Society, delving into topics of broad interest, resonating profoundly within the engineering community.

• **Honoree of Fast Company Innovation by Design Awards (2024)**

Recognized in the materials category, which "honors material innovations that lead to greener, better products". "We seek projects and ideas with a spark of ingenuity—something that solves a problem, improves a product, or pushes people, companies, and industries to be better versions of themselves".

• **Finalist of the Falling Walls Science Breakthroughs of the Year (2023 & 2024)**

"These outstanding breakthroughs will change the face of the world and impressively prove what ingenuity, curiosity and courage can achieve".

• **Member of the European Academy of Sciences and Arts (2023)**

"Members are elected for outstanding achievements in science, arts and governance, and their exceptional standing in society as a result of their scientific work, publications or leadership".

• **Finalist of IET Excellence and Innovation Awards - International Award (2023)**

"The IET Excellence and Innovation Awards shine a spotlight on the ground-breaking innovations and best practices in engineering, science and technology, and the fantastic trailblazers who are changing the course of our future".

• **Sigma Xi Walston Chubb Award for Innovation (2023)**

The Walston Chubb Award for Innovation, presented by Sigma Xi, The Scientific Research Honor Society, celebrates pioneering research endeavors that venture into new scientific territories, provide inventive solutions to enduring scientific or engineering dilemmas, or introduce methodologies poised to shape the scientific or engineering landscape.

¹ Appointments in Mechanical Engineering, Electrical & Computer Engineering, Biomedical Engineering, Materials Science and Engineering and the Photonics Center at Boston University.

- **IEEE EMBS Technical Achievement Award (2023)**

The IEEE EMBS Technical Achievement Award is a prestigious accolade presented by the IEEE Engineering in Medicine and Biology Society (EMBS) to recognize significant contributions and innovations in the field of biomedical engineering.

- **ASME Per Bruel Gold Medal (2023)**

The Per Bruel Gold Medal honors individuals who have demonstrated exceptional accomplishments and outstanding merit in the realm of noise control and acoustics. This recognition requires a demonstrable application of noise control and acoustics principles to significantly advance the art and science of mechanical engineering.

- **STAT Madness All-Star Award (2023)**

Annually, STAT Madness, sponsored by STAT News, a prominent health media outlet within the Boston Globe Media network, aims to recognize and celebrate the most groundbreaking innovations in the fields of science and medicine.

- **Finalist of E&T Innovation Awards - Chief Engineer of the Year (2022)**

This award recognizes chief engineers and innovators who have "demonstrated excellence in engineering and technology innovation as well as leadership".

- **Guggenheim Fellowship (2022)**

The Guggenheim Fellowship, awarded by the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation, recognizes individuals with exceptional scholarly productivity or outstanding creative talent in the arts, supporting exceptional individuals in their pursuit of scholarship in any field of knowledge and creation in any art form, under the freest possible conditions.

- **Distinguished Professor of Engineering (2022)**

The Distinguished Professor of Engineering title at Boston University is conferred upon individuals with an extensive and distinguished record of impactful research and service to their profession. This prestigious title is held throughout their career at the university, acknowledging their enduring contributions to the field of engineering.

- **Rajen Kilachand Award for Integrated Life Science and Engineering (2021)**

The Rajen Kilachand Fund for Integrated Life Science and Engineering acknowledges exemplary interdisciplinary research and pioneering solutions aimed at addressing pressing societal challenges and medical ailments.

- **Finalist of E&T Innovation Awards (2020 & 2021)**

Excellence in R&D (2020), Digital Health and Social Care (2021), Tech for Good (2021)

The E&T Innovation Awards, which "recognize and celebrate the very best new innovations across the breadth of science, engineering and technology".

- **Invented Here! Honoree (2020 & 2021)**

Chosen by Boston Patent Law Association for patents "Apparatus for improving magnetic resonance imaging" and "Air-transparent selective sound silencer using ultra-open metamaterial".

- **Finalist of IET Achievement Medal (2020)**

Finalist for the IET Achievement Medal for "major and distinguished contributions in various sectors of engineering and technology".

- **Fellow of National Academy of Inventors (2019)**

This Fellow Program aims to "highlight academic inventors who have demonstrated a prolific spirit of innovation in creating or facilitating outstanding inventions that have made a tangible impact on quality of life, economic development and the welfare of society".

- **IET Innovation Award on Emerging Technology Design (2019)**

The IET Innovation Awards recognize and celebrate "the most pioneering engineering and technology innovations from energy and sustainability to transport and healthcare."

- **Innovator of the Year Award (2018)**

Bestowed annually by Boston University on a faculty member who "translates his/her world-class research into inventions and innovations that benefit humankind".

- **Charles DeLisi Award and Distinguished Lecture (2018)**

The Charles DeLisi Award and Distinguished Lecture honors Boston University faculty "who have made outstanding contributions to engineering and society".

- **IEEE Sensors Council Technical Achievement Award (2016)**

Conferred by the IEEE Sensors Council, this award recognizes individuals for notable contributions and advancements in the field of sensors and sensing technology throughout their career.

- **Inaugural Distinguished Faculty Fellow (2009)**

An honor given to engineering faculty at Boston University "who is on a clear trajectory toward exemplary leadership career in all dimensions of science and engineering."

- **Fellow of APS** (American Physical Society, 2019)

- **Fellow of IEEE** (Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, 2017)

- **Associate Fellow of AIAA** (American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics, 2017)

- **Fellow of AAAS** (American Association for the Advancement of Science, 2016)

- **Fellow of AIMBE** (American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering, 2016)

- **Fellow of Optica** (formerly known as The Optical Society, 2016)

- **Fellow of ASME** (American Society of Mechanical Engineers, 2015)

- E.U.-U.S. National Academy of Engineering Invitee (ages: 30-45, 2011)

- National Academy of Engineering Invitee (ages: 30-45, 2007)

Recent Research and Innovation on Metamaterials at Boston University:

- I. [For clinical medical imaging technologies](#), including magnetic resonance imaging and ultrasound, in order to yield revolutionary increases in performance as well as disruptive new capabilities for diagnosis/therapy;
- II. [For acoustic silencing and noise reduction](#), making the world quieter by addressing long-standing noise issues in a wide range of mechanical systems, in which highly efficient, air-permeable sound silencers are required, such as fan, propeller, or engine noise reduction, as well as smart sound barriers, among many others;
- III. [With tunable and nonlinear responses for photonic and optical applications](#), to boost the development of next-generation (6G) terahertz communication and develop high-performance infrared and visible optical systems by providing high-end components, including emitters, detectors, filters, and lenses, among others.

Selected Recent Journal Papers (authored as Corresponding Author):

- I.1. [Boosting magnetic resonance imaging signal-to-noise ratio using magnetic metamaterials](#)
G. Duan, X. Zhao, S.W. Anderson, **X. Zhang***
Communications Physics – Nature, 2019, 2: 35

- I.2. [Intelligent metamaterials based on nonlinearity for magnetic resonance imaging](#)
X. Zhao, G. Duan, K. Wu, S.W. Anderson, **X. Zhang***
Advanced Materials, 2019, 31: 1905461

- I.3. [Nonreciprocal magnetic coupling using nonlinear meta-atoms](#)
X. Zhao, K. Wu, C. Chen, T.G. Bifano, S.W. Anderson, **X. Zhang***
Advanced Science, 2020, 7: 2001443

- I.4. [Auxetics-inspired tunable metamaterials for magnetic resonance imaging](#)
K. Wu, X. Zhao, T.G. Bifano, S.W. Anderson, **X. Zhang***
Advanced Materials, 2022, 34: 2109032

- I.5. [Helmholtz coil-inspired volumetric wireless resonator for magnetic resonance imaging](#)
X. Zhu, K. Wu, S.W. Anderson, **X. Zhang***
Advanced Materials Technologies, 2023, 8: 2301053

- I.6. [Computational-design enabled wearable and tunable metamaterials via freeform auxetics for magnetic resonance imaging](#)

- K. Wu, X. Zhu, T.G. Bifano, S.W. Anderson, **X. Zhang***
Advanced Science, 2024, 11: 2400261
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- I.7. [Wearable coaxially-shielded metamaterial for magnetic resonance imaging](#)
X. Zhu, K. Wu, S.W. Anderson, **X. Zhang***
Advanced Materials, 2024, 36: 2313692
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- I.8. [Wireless, customizable coaxially shielded coils for magnetic resonance imaging](#)
K. Wu, X. Zhu, S.W. Anderson, **X. Zhang***
Science Advances, 2024, 10: eadn5195
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- I.9. [Metamaterial-enhanced near-field readout platform for passive microsensor tags](#)
K. Wu, G. Duan, X. Zhao, C. Chen, S.W. Anderson, **X. Zhang***
Microsystems & Nanoengineering – Nature, 2022, 8: 28
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- I.10. [A robust near-field body area network based on coaxially-shielded textile metamaterial](#)
X. Zhu, K. Wu, X. Xie, S.W. Anderson, **X. Zhang***
Nature Communications, 2024, 15: 6569
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- II.1. [Horn-like space-coiling metamaterials toward simultaneous phase and amplitude modulation](#)
R. Ghaffarivardavagh, J. Nikolajczyk, R.G. Holt, S. Anderson, **X. Zhang***
Nature Communications, 2018, 9: 1349
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- II.2. [Ultra-open acoustic metamaterial silencer based on Fano-like interference](#)
R. Ghaffarivardavagh, J. Nikolajczyk, S. Anderson, **X. Zhang***
Physical Review B, 2019, 99: 024302
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- II.3. [Broadband labyrinthine acoustic insulator](#)
A. Chen, X. Zhao, Z. Yang, S. Anderson, **X. Zhang***
Physical Review Applied, 2022, 18: 064057
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- II.4. [Composite acoustic metamaterial for broadband low-frequency acoustic attenuation](#)
A. Chen, Z. Yang, X. Zhao, S. Anderson, **X. Zhang***
Physical Review Applied, 2023, 20: 014011
-
- II.5. [Angle-variant metamaterial with reconfigurable phase modulation](#)
A. Chen, Z. Yang, S.W. Anderson, **X. Zhang***
Physical Review Applied, 2024, 21: 014062
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- II.6. [Two-sided acoustic modulator for broadband and individual control of reflected and transmitted sound waves](#)
A. Chen, **X. Zhang***
Physical Review Applied, 2024, 22: 044010
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- III.1. [Electromechanically tunable metasurface transmission waveplate at terahertz frequencies](#)
X. Zhao, J. Schalch, J. Zhang, H.R. Seren, G. Duan, R.D. Averitt, **X. Zhang***
Optica, 2018, 5: 303-310
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- III.2. [Optically modulated ultra-broadband all-silicon metamaterial terahertz absorbers](#)
X. Zhao, Y. Wang, J. Schalch, G. Duan, K. Cremin, J. Zhang, C. Chen, R.D. Averitt, **X. Zhang***
ACS Photonics, 2019, 6: 830-837
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- III.3. [Diatom frustule-inspired metamaterial absorbers: the effect of hierarchical pattern arrays](#)
A. Li, X. Zhao, G. Duan, S.W. Anderson, **X. Zhang***
Advanced Functional Materials, 2019, 29: 1809029
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- III.4. [Terahertz investigation of bound states in the continuum of metallic metasurfaces](#)
X. Zhao, C. Chen, K. Kaj, I. Hammock, Y. Huang, R.D. Averitt, **X. Zhang***
Optica, 2020, 7: 1548-1554
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- III.5. [Tunable toroidal response in a reconfigurable terahertz metamaterial](#)
C. Chen, K. Kaj, Y. Huang, X. Zhao, R.D. Averitt, **X. Zhang***
Advanced Optical Materials, 2021, 9: 2101215
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- III.6. [On-demand terahertz surface wave generation with microelectromechanical-system-based metasurface](#)

C. Chen, K. Kaj, X. Zhao, Y. Huang, R.D. Averitt, **X. Zhang***

Optica, 2022, 9: 17-25

III.7. [Broadband terahertz silicon membrane metasurface absorber](#)

Y. Huang, K. Kaj, C. Chen, Z. Yang, S.R. Haque, Y. Zhang, X. Zhao, R.D. Averitt, **X. Zhang***

ACS Photonics, 2022, 9: 1078-1095

III.8. [Tunable bound states in the continuum in a reconfigurable terahertz metamaterial](#)

Y. Huang, K. Kaj, C. Chen, Z. Yang, R.D. Averitt, **X. Zhang***

Advanced Optical Materials, 2023, 11: 2300559

III.9. [Diatom Cribellum-inspired hierarchical metamaterials: Unifying perfect absorption towards subwavelength color printing](#)

X. Xie, Y. Huang, Z. Yang, A. Li, **X. Zhang***

Advanced Materials, 2024, 36: 2403304

Recent Notable Media Recognitions:

- Article: [Custom-Tuned Materials](#)
 - Article: [Making the World a Lot Quieter](#)
 - YouTube: [Ultra-Open Acoustic Metamaterial Silencer](#)
 - Podcasts: [No More Noise: Metamaterials Can Make the World a Quieter Place](#)
 - Article: [Magnetic Metamaterial Can "Turn Up the Volume" of MRI](#)
 - YouTube: [Magnetic Metamaterial Can "Turn Up the Volume" of MRI](#)
 - Article: [Speeding Up MRI Scans to Save Lives](#)
 - YouTube: [Speeding Up MRI Scans to Save Lives](#)
 - Article: [This Bizarre Looking Helmet Can Create Better Brain Scans](#)
 - YouTube: [This Bizarre Looking Helmet Can Create Better Brain Scans](#)
 - Article: [Unleashing the Power of Metamaterials to Improve MRI Imaging](#)
 - Article: [Making MRI More Globally Accessible: How Metamaterials Offer Affordable, High-Impact Solutions](#)
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Principal Patents (as Lead Inventor):

- Air-transparent selective sound silencer using ultra-open metamaterial
- Phased array ultra open metamaterials for broadband acoustic silencing
- Apparatus for improving magnetic resonance imaging
- Nonlinear and smart metamaterials useful to change resonance frequencies

Publications Featured on Journal Covers:

[Diatom Cribellum-inspired hierarchical metamaterials](#), *Advanced Materials* **36**(33), 2024.

[Wearable coaxially-shielded metamaterial for magnetic resonance imaging](#), *Advanced Materials* **36**(31), 2024.

[Computational-design enabled wearable and tunable metamaterials](#), *Advanced Science* **11**(26), 2024.

[Steady-state monitoring of oxygen in a high-throughput organ-on-chip platform](#), *Analyst* **148**(15), 2023.

[Auxetics-inspired tunable metamaterials for MRI](#), *Advanced Materials* **34**(6), 2021.

[Tunable toroidal response in a reconfigurable metamaterial](#), *Advanced Optical Materials* **9**(22), 2021.

[Nonreciprocal magnetic coupling using nonlinear meta-atoms](#), *Advanced Science* **7**(19), 2020.

[Intelligent metamaterials for magnetic resonance imaging](#), *Advanced Materials* **31**(49), 2019.

[Graphene nanofluids as thermal management materials](#), *ACS Applied Nano Materials* **2**(11), 2019.

[Diatom frustule-inspired metamaterial absorbers](#), *Advanced Functional Materials* **29**(22), 2019.

[Ultra-broadband all-silicon metamaterial absorbers](#), *ACS Photonics* **6**(4), 2019.

Silicon nanowires on *Coscinodiscus Species* diatom frustules, *Small* **14**(47), 2018.
Electromechanically tunable metasurface transmission waveplate, *Optica* **5**(3), 2018.
Voltage-tunable THz metamaterials, *Microsystems & Nanoengineering* **2**(3-4), 2016.
Tunable meta-liquid crystals, *Advanced Materials* **28**(8), 2016.
Terahertz field electron emission, *Applied Physics Letters* **107**(23), 2015.
Micro- and nano-lithography aided by unicellular algae, *Extreme Mechanics Letters* **4**, 2015.
3D terahertz metamaterials, *Journal of Micromechanics & Microengineering* **22**(4), 2012.
Metamaterial silk composites at terahertz frequencies, *Advanced Materials* **22**(32), 2010.

Research Highlights by Science and Nature:

Reconfigurable metasurfaces, *Science* **360**.
 Metamaterials to see in THz, *Science* **334**.
 Metamaterial Persian carpets, *Nature* **456**.
 Near-perfect 'black', *Nature* **453**.
 Filling the THz gap, *Science* **320**.

Honors/Awards at Boston University:

The Hariri Institute for Computing's Focused Research Program (2024)
 Nanoscience & Nanotechnology Award (2006, 2008, 2009, 2013, 2014, 2015)
 The Ignition Award (2018, 2020)
 Technology Development Award (2004, 2008)
 Berman Future of Light Prize Award (2009, 2013)
 Materials Science Innovation Grant Award (2016)
 Schlumberger Research Fellowship Award (2015, 2016)
 Nanotechnology Pilot Grant Award (2018)
 Dean's Catalyst Award (2009, 2012, 2016)
 The President's Award (2007, 2012)
 The Provost's Award (2008)
 SPRInG Award (2002)

Best Paper/Best Poster Awards:

2020: Microsystems & Nanoengineering – Nature Highly Cited Paper Award
 2020: Springer Nature 2019 Highlights – one of the most popular articles by Springer Nature
 2013: International Workshop on Optical Terahertz Science and Technology Best Poster Award
 2013: ASME Global Congress on Nanoengineering for Medicine & Biology Outstanding Paper Award
 2011: International Conference on Surface Plasmon Photonics Best Poster Award
 2011: Journal of Physics D: Applied Physics 2010 Highlights
 2010: IEEE Sensors Best Poster Award
 2009: Journal of Micromechanics & Microengineering 2008 Highlights
 2009: Journal of Physics D: Applied Physics 2008 Highlights
 2008: ASME Society-Wide Micro and Nanotechnology Poster Forum Best Paper Award

Best Dissertation Awards:

2023: BU College of Engineering PhD Societal Impact Award (Student/Advisor: Wu/Zhang)
 2019: BU Mechanical Engineering Best Dissertation Award (Student/Advisor Duan/ Zhang)
 2013: BU Mechanical Engineering Best Dissertation Award (Student/Advisor: Du/Zhang)
 2012: BU Mechanical Engineering Best Dissertation Award (Student/Advisor: Fan/Zhang)
 2011: BU Engineering Best Dissertation Award (Student/Advisor: Zheng/Zhang)
 2011: Ebner Graduate Thesis with Greatest Commercial Potential (Student/Advisor: Kaanta/Zhang)
 2010: BU Engineering Best Dissertation Award (Student/Advisor: Tao/Zhang)
 2009: Ebner Graduate Thesis with Greatest Commercial Potential (Student/Advisor: Hansen/Zhang)

Conferences Presentations

Over 300 conference presentations delivered in collaboration with students, postdocs, and colleagues over the past two decades. This includes numerous invited talks at prestigious conferences such as the IEEE IEDM, IEEE MEMS, IEEE NEMS, IEEE Sensors, Transducers, APCOT, IRMMW-THz, OTST, PIERS, I3S, META, ERMER, TechConnect World, and annual meetings of societies such as MRS, ASME, ASA, ACS, AIAA, TMS, SPIE, and others.

First/Current Positions Held by Former PhD Graduates and Postdocs from Zhang Lab in the USA:

University Professors:

University of California, Berkeley; University of California, Los Angeles; Virginia Tech; Ohio State University; University of Texas at Austin; Miami University; Boston University School of Medicine.

Independent Investigators at National Laboratories:

Draper Laboratory; Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory; MIT Lincoln Laboratory; Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory

Scientists at Major Labs, Centers, and Hospitals:

MIT Media Lab; Boston Medical Center; Brigham & Women's Hospital; Massachusetts General Hospital

Scientists/Engineers in Industry:

Agilent; Amazon; Analog Devices; Apple; Aramco; ASML; BioNTech; Entegris; Fraunhofer; GE Global Research; GE Renewable Energy; Keysight; Marvell Technology; Medtronic; Merck; Meta; PerkinElmer; Tesla; Western Digital

Scientists/Engineers at Startups:

Accion Systems; Argo AI; Cambridge Electronics; Lilliputian; Primetaz; RayVio

Director, NSF Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU Site), Boston University Photonics Center (2015-present):

Overseeing a program that annually hosts ten undergraduate students in mentored, hands-on research experiences within Boston University's vibrant research community. This REU Site emphasizes broadening STEM talent by prioritizing the recruitment of underrepresented minorities (URM), women, and students from diverse backgrounds. Each cohort includes at least 50% URM, 50% women, and 50% participants from 2- and 4-year colleges with limited research opportunities. Through focused recruitment, the program consistently reaches 70% female and 80% URM participation, including Black or African American, Hispanic or Latino, and American Indian or Alaska Native students.

Director, NSF Research Experiences for Teachers (RET Site), Boston University Photonics Center (2015-present):

Directing an annual program that immerses ten high school and community college teachers—particularly those from underrepresented minority (URM) backgrounds—in Boston University laboratory research experiences. This RET Site focuses on educators from high-needs, high-minority high schools and community colleges in Greater Boston. In Massachusetts, "high-needs" schools are characterized by a high percentage of low-income students, English Language Learners (ELLs), and students with disabilities.

Associate Director, Boston University Nanotechnology Innovation Center (BU nano, 2016-present):

Supporting the Boston University Nanotechnology Innovation Center (BU nano), an interdisciplinary research center advancing nanoscience, nanoengineering, and nanotechnology to address critical challenges in medicine, manufacturing, and energy. BU nano includes over 60 faculty members from 10 departments within the College of Engineering, College of Arts & Sciences, and School of Medicine, fostering interdisciplinary research and innovation.

News stories on metamaterials that significantly improve the performance of MRI:

"MRI is a complicated imaging modality and improving it requires a deep understanding of the physics involved," [*Healthcare-in-Europe*]. Dr. Zhang's metamaterials "boost MRI performance without increased magnetic field," [*Electronic Design & Microwaves & RF*]; "allow for more possibilities and the chance to simplify the technology," [*Science Times*]; "revolutionize MRI and medical imaging," [*Sathel Energia & MedImaging.net*]. "Shortening MRI examinations is paramount to maximizing the capacity. Not to mention revenue, as well as the overall patient experience of this powerful imaging technology," [*EurekaAlert!*]. "The arrangement of this metamaterial is truly groundbreaking and innovative," [*NIH*];

"an additive technology," [*Pioneering Minds*]; "potentially making the modality more widely available for patients at lower costs," [*HealthImaging*]. "Crisper MRI now possible," [*Medgadget*]; "tiny structures that could end up making a massive impact," [*Radiology Business*]; "making the entire MRI process faster, safer, and more accessible to patients around the world," [*Phys.org*]. "Not bad for a few coils of wire," [*Physics World*]; "cost effective MRIs might soon become a reality," [*MDDI*]. "Quantum leap," [*Radiology Business*]; "a substantial improvement in image quality for the first time," [*NIH*]; "things will get seamless very soon," [*Times Tech Pharm*]. We can "even envision the metamaterial being used with ultra-low field MRI," [*EurekAlert!*]; "which uses magnetic fields that are thousands of times lower than the standard machines currently in use," [*Phys.org*]. "This would open the door for MRI technology to become widely available around the world," [*Science Daily*].

News stories on metamaterials that can create better brain scans:

"You can keep your hat on (in the MRI). If I told you an MRI revolution was coming, you probably wouldn't expect it to come dressed like this," [*Medical Republic*]. "It may look like a bizarre bike helmet, or a piece of equipment found in Doc Brown's lab in Back to the Future, yet this gadget made of plastic and copper wire is a technological breakthrough with the potential to revolutionize medical imaging," [*Imaging Technology News*]. "Despite its playful look, the device is actually a metamaterial, packing in a ton of physics, engineering and mathematical know-how," [*Science Daily*]. "Funky helmet enhances MRI brain scans. What if a simple device, made from plastic and copper wire, could help with all of these issues, and look like a goofy toy for kids in the process? Look no further." [*Medgadget*]. "Thanks to the playful design, the piece of headwear looks like it's straight from a mad scientist's laboratory, but there is a method to the madness. The uses of these magnificent metamaterials spread far and wide," [*The Optimist Daily*]. "Raising the floor beyond all expectations. There is hope among the researchers that the technology will eventually have enough in the tank to work with low-field MRI scanners. Assuming the said goal is realized, people living in underdeveloped areas will also end up getting a fair shot at reaping its benefits," [*Medhealth Outlook*].

News stories on metamaterials that enable air-permeable sound silencing and noise reduction:

"Though less publicized than its notorious air and water counterparts, noise pollution is a growing problem," [*Geek.com*]. Dr. Zhang and her team at Boston University "have recently made a remarkable discovery," [*Bold Business*]; "have created a new kind of material," [*Smithsonian*]; "have come up with a solution that outperforms them all," [*Gizmodo*]; and "have done the seemingly impossible," [*ASME*]. "Shape blocking sound," [*Alliant*]. "This is quite a feat of metamaterial design," [*Fabbaloo*]; which "could help bring peace and quiet to our lives," [*Digital Trends*]. "Whether at work, in health or in transport, this soundproofing ring could change our lives," [*Business Insider*]; "to curtail noise from aircraft, fans and HVAC systems without interfering with the airflow," [*Smithsonian*]. "So there are all kinds of mechanical applications that would benefit from lightweight, see-through soundproofing that can stop noise, but still allow air to flow freely. And that's what Zhang's team did," [*The Wall Street Journal*]. "Metamaterials block noise without hindering air flow," [*Design News*]; "with endless applications for the technology in different fields," [*SolidSmack*]. "Ring of silence," [*Thomas Insights*]. "A meta-material to end noise pollution," [*Plastics le mag*]; "that is as cool as it sounds!" [*Mashable*]. "The potential uses are endless," [*Built in Boston*]. "There's really no limit to the possibilities," [*Fast Company*]. "The strongest sound insulation research in history!" [*TechOrange*]. "The industry is crazy!" [*L'Usine nouvelle*]. "This could be a whole new industry," [*Fabbaloo*]; and "we may finally have a 3DPrinter popular hit," [*WIRED*]. "The structure is also very lightweight and looks beautiful," [*Mashable*]. "The discovery could have a significant impact on architecture and design," [*Hunker*]. "A new (and quiet) era of acoustics is opening up," [*Discoveries News*]. "The mindfulness industry, which is set to become a \$2 billion business by 2022 may also benefit from these advances," [*Future Science News*]. "The future is coming, and it's just the right volume," [*Curiosity*].

Journal Publications

#denotes graduate students/postdocs supervised by Prof. Xin Zhang; *denotes corresponding author by X. Zhang.

- [203]. [Ballistic transport enhanced heat convection at nanoscale hotspots](#)
S. Xu, Y. Xu, J. Zhang, J. Gao, X. Wang,, **X. Zhang**, Y. Xue#
Journal of Applied Physics, 2024, 136(16): 164306
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- [202]. [Two-sided acoustic modulator for broadband and individual control of reflected and transmitted sound waves](#)
A. Chen#, **X. Zhang***
Physical Review Applied, 2024, 22(4): 044010
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- [201]. [Learning to reconstruct accelerated MRI through K-space cold diffusion without noise](#)
G. Shen#, M. Li#, C.W. Farris, S.W. Anderson, **X. Zhang***
Scientific Reports – Nature, 2024, 14: 21877
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- [200]. [A robust near-field body area network based on coaxially-shielded textile metamaterial](#)
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- [199]. [Diatom Cribellum-inspired hierarchical metamaterials: Unifying perfect absorption towards subwavelength color printing](#)
X. Xie#, Y. Huang#, Z. Yang#, A. Li#, **X. Zhang***
Advanced Materials, 2024, 36(33): 2403304
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- [198]. [Wireless, customizable coaxially shielded coils for magnetic resonance imaging](#)
K. Wu#, X. Zhu#, S.W. Anderson, **X. Zhang***
Science Advances, 2024, 10(24): eadn5195
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- [197]. [All-silicon active bound states in the continuum terahertz metamaterials](#)
Y. Huang#, K. Kaj, Z. Yang#, E. Alvarado, W. Man, Y. Zhang, V. Ramaprasad, R.D. Averitt, **X. Zhang***
Optics and Laser Technology, 2024, 179: 111176
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- [196]. [Wearable coaxially-shielded metamaterial for targeted magnetic resonance imaging](#)
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- [194]. [Angle-variant metamaterial with reconfigurable phase modulation](#)
A. Chen#, Z. Yang#, S. Anderson, **X. Zhang***
Physical Review Applied, 2024, 21(1): 014062
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