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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Mechanical Engineering, Brown University	2008–2014
M.S., Mechanical Engineering, Peking University	2005–2008
B.Eng., Mechanical Engineering, Peking University	2001–2005

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Peking University , Associate Professor, College of Engineering	02/2023–present
Peking University , Assistant Professor, College of Engineering	11/2016–02/2023
Dartmouth College , Postdoctoral Associate	07/2016–11/2016
Brown University , Postdoctoral Associate	2014–06/2016

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Solid mechanics, Nanomechanics, Cell mechanics

- Mechanics of cell-nanomaterials interaction
- Mechanics of nanostructured metallic materials

HONORS AND AWARDS

The 2023 Youth Science and Technology Award from the Chinese Society of Theoretical and Applied Mechanics (CSTAM)

The Xu Zhilun Outstanding Teacher Award of Mechanics, CSTAM, 2023

NG Teng Fong/Sino Scholarship for Outstanding Youth Faculty, Peking University, 2021

Peking University-BOE Technology Teacher Award for Excellence in Teaching, 2021

Excellent Young Researcher Award, National Natural Science Foundation of China, 2021–2023

Overseas High-Level Talent Recruitment Programs, 2016

TEACHING

For undergraduates

- Mechanics of Materials (Springs '18–'23)

For graduates

- Introduction to Biophysics (Fall '17)
- Applied Mathematics for Biomedicine (Falls '18–'24)
- Advanced Manufacturing Technology (Springs '21–'23)
- How to Write a Research Paper (Falls '24)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Editorial Board, *Forces in Mechanics*, 2020–present

Editorial Board, *Journal of Mechanics of Materials and Structures*, 2024–present

Reviewer for *ACS Applied Materials & Interfaces*, *ACS Nano*, *Advanced Functional Materials*, *Advanced Materials*, *Advanced Science*, *Biophysical Journal*, *Engineering Fracture Mechanics*, *International Journal of Mechanical Sciences*, *International Journal of Solids and Structures*, *Journal of the Mechanics and Physics of Solids*, *Materials Today*, *Science Advances*, *Small*, *Soft Matter*, etc.

Journal Publications (*corresponding author, †equal contribution)

1. J. L. Li^{†,*}, Q. F. Han[†], X. Z. Han, and X. Yi^{*}, Strength–ductility synergy in Mg-Gd-Y-Zr alloys via texture engineering in bi-directional forging. *Journal of Magnesium and Alloys* (2025).
2. M. Wang, X. Y. Li, and X. Yi^{*}, Deformation, shape transformations, and stability of elastic rod loops within spherical confinement. *Journal of the Mechanics and Physics of Solids* 191, 105771 (2024).
3. F. Zhao, W. B. Liu, X. Yi, Y. Zhang^{*}, and H. L. Duan^{*}, Multiscale modeling of dislocation-mediated plasticity of refractory high entropy alloys. *Journal of the Mechanics and Physics of Solids* 187, 105635 (2024).
4. M. Wang and X. Yi^{*}, Equilibrium analysis of surface-constrained elastic rods: Unveiling contact and internal forces through local geometry. *Journal of the Mechanics and Physics of Solids* 187, 105635 (2024).
5. C. Y. Zhang, Y. X. Fang, C. Shi, H. Y. Yuan, and X. Yi^{*}, Stretching transition of vesicles with confined filament loops: Morphological evolution with filament distortion and reorientation. *Giant* 17, 100233 (2024).
6. H. Y. Tang, H. F. Ye, H. W. Zhang, X. Yi^{*}, and Y. G. Zheng^{*}, Angle-dependent protrusion of cell membranes. *Journal of the Mechanics and Physics of Solids* 183, 105500 (2024).
7. Z. H. Dong, X. Y. Zhang, J. L. Li, S. Y. Peng, Q. Wan^{*}, J. M. Xue^{*}, and X. Yi^{*}, Effects of ion irradiation and temperature on mechanical properties of GaN single crystals under nanoindentation. *Materials* 16(24), 7537 (2023).
8. M. Wang and X. Yi^{*}, Area difference between monolayers facilitates budding of lipid droplets from vesicles. *Soft Matter* 19(39), 7494–7501 (2023).
9. H. L. Liu, M. Yi, J. X. Wang, and X. Yi^{*}, Numerical simulations of powder spreading process in selective laser melting and powder layer characterization. *Chinese Journal of Theoretical and Applied Mechanics* 55(9), 1921–1938 (2023). (in Chinese)
10. J. L. Li, Z. H. Dong, X. Yi^{*}, D. Wu, and R. S. Chen^{*}, Twin evolution in cast Mg-Gd-Y alloys and its dependence on aging heat treatment. *Journal of Magnesium and Alloys* 11(7), 2285–2298 (2023).
11. C. Shi[†], G. J. Zou[†], Z. M. Wu, M. Wang, X. Y. Zhang, H. J. Gao^{*}, and X. Yi^{*}, Morphological transformations of vesicles with confined flexible filaments. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the U. S. A.* 120(18), e2300380120 (2023).
12. Q. F. Han, J. L. Li, and X. Yi^{*}, Overcoming strength–ductility trade-off of nanocrystalline metallic materials by engineering grain boundary, texture, and gradient microstructure. *Journal of the Mechanics and Physics of Solids* 173, 105200 (2023).

13. S. Y. Peng, Y. H. Wang, **X. Yi**, Y. F. Zhang, Y. Liu, Y. Y. Cheng, H. L. Duan, Q. Huang*, and J. M. Xue*, Ion irradiation induced softening in Cr₂AlC MAX phase. *Journal of Alloys and Compounds* 939, 168660 (2023).
14. D. Zou, Z. M. Wu, **X. Yi**, Y. Hui, G. Z. Yang, Y. Liu, Tengjisi, H. F. Wang, A. Brooks, H. L. Wang, X. Liu, Z. P. Xu, M. S. Roberts*, H. J. Gao*, and C.-X. Zhao*, Nanoparticle elasticity regulates the formation of cell membrane-coated nanoparticles and their nano-bio interactions. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the U. S. A.* 120(1), e2214757120 (2023).
15. Z. H. Liang, M. Chen, **X. Yi**, and W. P. Zhu*, Membrane-tension-dominated growth mechanism and size modulation of giant unilamellar vesicles in electroformation. *Journal of the Mechanics and Physics of Solids* 170, 105120 (2023).
16. X. Y. Zhang, C. Shi, Z. M. Wu, and **X. Yi***, Indentation of pore-spanning lipid membranes: Spring-stiffening or -softening responses and apparent stiffness prediction. *Extreme Mechanics Letters* 57, 101917 (2022).
17. H. L. Liu, J. F. Pang, J. X. Wang, and **X. Yi***, New heat source model for accurate estimation of laser energy absorption near free surface in selective laser melting. *Extreme Mechanics Letters* 56, 101894 (2022).
18. H. Y. Wan, Z. Z. Liu*, Q. Q. Han, and **X. Yi***, Laser additive manufacturing of cracking-resistant superalloys. *Aeronautical Science & Technology* 33(9), 26–42 (2022). (in Chinese)
19. F. Y. Lu, H. Y. Wan, X. Ren, L. M. Huang, H. L. Liu, and **X. Yi***, Mechanical and microstructural characterization of additive manufactured Inconel 718 alloy by selective laser melting and laser metal deposition. *Journal of Iron and Steel Research International* 29(8), 1322–1333 (2022).
20. Q. F. Han and **X. Yi***, High pressure-induced elimination of grain size softening in nanocrystalline metals: Grain boundary strengthening overwhelming reduction of intragranular dislocation storage ability. *International Journal of Plasticity* 153, 103261 (2022).
21. Z. H. Dong, X. Y. Zhang, S. Y. Peng, F. Jin, Q. Wan*, J. M. Xue*, and **X. Yi***, Mechanical properties of GaN single crystals upon C ion irradiation: Nanoindentation analysis. *Materials* 15(3), 1210 (2022).
22. X. Ren, H. Peng, J. L. Li, H. L. Liu, L. M. Huang, and **X. Yi***, Selective electron beam melting (SEBM) of pure tungsten: Metallurgical defects, microstructure, texture and mechanical properties. *Materials* 15(3), 1172 (2022).
23. S. Y. Peng, K. Jin*, **X. Yi**, Z. H. Dong, X. Guo, Y. Liu, Y. Y. Cheng, N. N. Jia, H. L. Duan, and J. M. Xue*, Mechanical behavior of the HfNbZrTi high entropy alloy after ion irradiation based on micro-pillar compression tests. *Journal of Alloys and Compounds* 892, 162043 (2021).
24. M. Yi*, K. Chang, C. G. Liang, L. C. Zhou, Y. Y. W. Yang, **X. Yi**, and B.-X. Xu, Computational study of evolution and fatigue dispersity of microstructures by additive manufacturing. *Chinese Journal of Theoretical and Applied Mechanics* 53(12), 3263–3273 (2021). (in Chinese)
25. M. Wang and **X. Yi***, Bulging-to-budding transition of lipid droplets confined within vesicle membranes. *Langmuir* 37(44), 12867–12873 (2021).
26. Z. M. Wu and **X. Yi***, Membrane-mediated interaction of intercellular cylindrical

- nanoparticles. *Physical Review E* 104(3), 034403 (2021).
27. Q. F. Han and X. Yi*, A unified mechanistic model for Hall–Petch and inverse Hall–Petch relations of nanocrystalline metals based on intragranular dislocation storage. *Journal of the Mechanics and Physics of Solids* 154, 104530 (2021).
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 29. X. Y. Li, H. L. Duan, P. Y. Lv*, and X. Yi*, Soft actuators based on liquid–vapor phase change composites. *Soft Robotics* 8(3), 251–261 (2021).
 30. M. Wang and X. Yi*, Bulging and budding of lipid droplets from symmetric and asymmetric membranes: competition between membrane elastic energy and interfacial energy. *Soft Matter* 17(21), 5319–5328 (2021).
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 37. Z. M. Wu and X. Yi*, Structures and mechanical behaviors of soft nanotubes confining adhesive single or multiple elastic nanoparticles. *Journal of the Mechanics and Physics of Solids* 137, 103867 (2020).
 38. L. R. Chen, W. B. Liu, L. Yu, Y. Y. Cheng, K. Ren, H. N. Sui, X. Yi*, and H. L. Duan*, Probabilistic and constitutive models for ductile-to-brittle transition in steels: A competition between cleavage and ductile fracture. *Journal of the Mechanics and Physics of Solids* 135, 103809 (2020).
 39. X. Y. Tang, X. H. Shi, Y. Gan, and X. Yi*, Nanomechanical characterization of pressurized elastic fluid nanovesicles using indentation analysis. *Extreme Mechanics Letters* 34, 100613 (2020).
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- cooperative wrapping of multiple nanoparticles at the same and opposite membrane sides. *Nanoscale* 11(42), 19751–19762 (2019).
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