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### Degrees:

1995 Ph.D. In Physics.  
University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign  
1991 M.Sc. in Physics  
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign  
1988 Masters in Physics  
Universidade de Brasília, Brasília, Brazil

### Professional Experience

Sep 2015 to Present	Professor Department of Physics and Astronomy, Northeastern Illinois University, Chicago, IL
Jan 2015 to June 2015	Visiting Professor Instituto de Física, Universidade de Brasília, Brasília, DF, Brazil
July 2011 to June 2020	Chair Earth Science, Environmental Science, and Physics, Northeastern Illinois University, Chicago, IL
Sep 2009 to Aug 2015	Associate Professor Department of Physics and Astronomy, Northeastern Illinois University, Chicago, IL
Sep 2006 to Aug 2009	Assistant Professor Department of Physics and Astronomy, Northeastern Illinois University, Chicago, IL
Sep 2005 to Aug 2006	Visiting Lecturer Physics and Astronomy Department, Northeastern Illinois University, Chicago, IL
Jan 2005 to Apr 2005	Visiting Scholar
Jul 2004 to Sep 2004	Chemistry Division, Argonne National Laboratory, Argonne, IL
Jan 2004 to Apr 2004	
Jan 2001 to Jul 2003	
Aug 1996 to July 2005	Assistant Professor Instituto de Física, Universidade de Brasília, Brasília, DF, Brazil
Sep 1995 to Jul 1996	Pos-Doctoral Researcher Instituto de Física, Universidade de Brasília, Brasília, DF, Brazil

### Teaching Experience (Graduate)

#### Instituto de Física, Universidade de Brasília, Brasília, DF, Brazil

Topics of Molecular Physics 1 – Mar to Jul/96  
Topics of Electronic Structure – Apr to Jul/99, and Aug to Dec/99  
Elaboration of Ph.D. thesis project – Mar to Jul/2000  
Group Theory Applications in Physics – Aug to Dec/2000  
Quantum Theory 1 – Aug to Dec/2003

Topics of Electronic Structure – Sep to Dec/2004

### **Teaching Experience (Undergraduate)**

#### **Physics and Astronomy Department, Northeastern Illinois University, Chicago, IL**

College Physics I	Spring 2006, Summer 2006, Fall 2006, Spring 2007, Spring 2008
College Physics II	Fall 2007, Fall 2008, Fall 2009, Spring 2010, Fall 2010, Spring 2011
Physics I Laboratory	Fall 2005, Spring 2006, Summer 2006, Spring 2007, Spring 2008, Spring 2017
Physics II Laboratory	Fall 2008, Fall 2009, Spring 2010, Fall 2010, Spring 16
Physics I with Calculus	Fall 2005, Spring 2006, Spring 2007
University Physics I with Lab	Fall 2013, Fall 2014, Fall 2015, Fall 2016
University Physics II	Spring 2009, Fall 2012
University Physics II with Lab	Spring 2013, Spring 2014, Spring 2016, Spring 2017
Physics II Seminar	Spring 2010, Fall 2010
Physics III	Spring 2009
Modern Physics I	Fall 2011
Modern Physics Lab	Spring 2011, Spring 2013
Introductory Mathematical Physics	Fall 2005
Mechanics I	Fall 2008, Fall 2010, Fall 2018
Quantum Mechanics I	Fall 2007, Fall 2009, Fall 2017
Thermal Physics	Spring 2012
Introduction to Solid State Physics	Spring 2018
Envir. Sci. Research & Practice	Spring 2018
Electricity and Magnetism	Spring 2019
Interdisciplinary Seminar in STEM	Spring 2019

#### **Instituto de Física, Universidade de Brasilia, Brasilia, DF, Brazil**

Physics 1 (Mechanics) –	Sep/96 to Feb/1997 and Mar to Aug/98
Experimental Physics 1 (Mechanics) –	Sep/96 to Feb/97, Apr to Jul/97, Aug to Dec/97, Mar to Aug/98, Oct/98 to Feb/99, Apr to Jul/99, Aug to Dec/2000 and Aug to Dec/2003.
Experimental Physics 2 –	Apr to Jun/2004, Sep to Dec/2004
Experimental Physics 2 to Chemists –	Sep/96 to Feb/97
Structure of Matter 2 (Atomic Physics) –	Apr to Jul/97
Structure of Matter 4 (Molecular Physics) –	Aug to Dec/97
Quantum Physics –	Oct/98 to Feb/99 and Apr to Jul/99
Quantum Mechanics –	Aug to Dec/99 and Mar to Jul/2000

### **Graduate Student Advising**

1. Washington B. Silva, "Basis Functions for the Computation of Vibrational Spectra of Molecules using the Quantum Monte Carlo Method." M.Sc. dissertation, Instituto de Física, Universidade de Brasília, Brasília, DF, Brazil, 2000.
2. Washington B. Silva. "Vibrational Spectra of  $H_n^+$  Clusters ." PhD Thesis, Instituto de Física, Universidade de Brasília, Brasília, DF, Brazil, (May 2004)
3. Angelo M. Maniero. "Study of Electronic Structure of Molecules: Application to the Generation of Potential Energy Surfaces and to the Electron-Molecule Elastic Scattering". Ph.D. Thesis, Instituto de Física, Universidade de Brasília, Brasília, DF, Brazil, (April 2003)
4. Nelson Fernando Cho. "Hydrogen bonding in Magnesium Clusters", M.Sc. dissertation, , Instituto de Física, Universidade de Brasília, Brasília, DF, Brazil, (July 2005).

### **Undergraduate Student Advising**

1. Narin Ratanavade and Michael Cline (in collaboration with Dr. S. Srinivas) "Qualitative and Quantitative Analysis of Ag-Cluster/CO Interactions", Fall 2007 and Spring 2008. NEIU
2. Michael Cline (in collaboration with Dr. S. Srinivas and Dr. A. Fraiman) "Quantum Chemical Analysis of the Diels-Alder Reaction using Gaussian 03". Fall 2006 and Spring 2007. NEIU
3. Serge Toguem, "Coanda and Bernoulli Effects", Fall 2006 and Spring 2007. NEIU.
4. Steve Burkland, "Computational Modeling of Cluster-molecule Systems", Summer 2009 through Spring 2010.
5. Greg Freimark, "Computational Modeling of Cluster-molecule Systems", Summer 2009 through Spring 2010.
6. Indira Bambur, "Computational Modeling of Cluster-molecule Systems", Summer 2009 through Spring 2010.
7. Sean Jensen, "Molecular Dynamics/Monte Carlo Simulations of Physical Systems", Summer 2010
8. Maksym Dzyz, "Molecular Dynamics/Monte Carlo Simulations of Physical Systems", Summer 2010.
9. Jayati Gohel, "Molecular Dynamics/Monte Carlo Simulations of Physical Systems", Summer 2010.
10. Matt Pembroke, "Molecular Dynamics/Monte Carlo Simulations of Physical Systems", Summer 2010.
11. Steve Burkland, "Molecular Dynamics/Monte Carlo Simulations of Physical Systems", Summer 2010.
12. Sergio Guerrero, "Designing and Implementing a Wind Generator at NEIU", Summer 2012.
13. Max Hansen, "Designing and Implementing a Wind Generator at NEIU", Summer 2012.
14. Thomas McLaughlin, "Designing and Implementing a Wind Generator at NEIU", Summer 2012.
15. Esosa Ogbomo, "Designing and Implementing a Wind Generator at NEIU", Summer 2012.
16. Steve Roothaan, "Designing and Implementing a Wind Generator at NEIU", Summer 2012.
17. Caroline Williams, "Designing and Implementing a Wind Generator at NEIU", Summer 2012.
18. Bryan Loeding, "Designing Laboratory and Computer Activities for Matter & Interactions", Summer 2013.
19. Max Hansen, "Designing Laboratory and Computer Activities for Matter & Interactions", Summer & Fall 2013, and Spring 2014.
20. Caroline Williams, "Self-Healing Quantum Monte Carlo Method for Excited State Vibrational Spectra of Floppy Molecules", Fall 2013.

21. Bilguun S. Woods, "Self-Healing Quantum Monte Carlo Method for Excited State Vibrational Spectra of Floppy Molecules", Fall 2013 and Spring 2014.
22. Cesar Bustos, "Molecular Dynamics Study of the Reaction of Carbon Monoxide with Small Silver Clusters", Summer 2014.
23. David Capota, "Molecular Dynamics Study of the Reaction of Carbon Monoxide with Small Silver Clusters", Summer 2014.
24. John Gonzales, "Molecular Dynamics Study of the Reaction of Carbon Monoxide with Small Silver Clusters", Summer 2014.
25. Bilguun Woods, "Molecular Dynamics Study of the Reaction of Carbon Monoxide with Small Silver Clusters", Summer 2014.
26. Cesar Bustos, "Dynamics studies of electronic and magnetic properties of graphene nanoribbons", Summer 2016.
27. Vincent Vangelista, "Computer Simulations of Spiral Waves", Summer 2018.
28. Karl Amjad-Ali, "Computer Simulations of Spiral Waves", Summer 2018.
29. Minhyeok Kwon, "Computer Simulations of Spiral Waves", Summer 2018.
30. Erica Albrigo, "Modeling Spiral Patterns in the Environment", Summer 2019
31. Brenda Munoz, "Modeling Spiral Patterns in the Environment", Summer 2019.
32. Genghis Husameddin, "Modeling Spiral Patterns in the Environment", Summer 2019.
33. Jacob Pagan, "Modeling Spiral Patterns in the Environment", Summer 2019.

## Special Skills

Programming. Experienced with Windows, LINUX and UNIX operating systems, PC and Macintosh.

## Publications

1. **Paulo H. Acioli** "Diffusion as a First Model of Spread of Viral Infection", Am. J. Phys. **88**, 600 (2020).
2. Vincent Vangelista, Karl Amjad-Ali, Minhyeok Kwon, and **Paulo H. Acioli** , " Effects of randomization of characteristic times on spiral wave generation in a discrete excitable medium", accepted in AIP Advances (2020)
3. **Paulo H Acioli**, "Predicting the Photoelectron Spectrum of Quasi Octahedral Al<sub>6</sub>Mo<sup>-</sup> Cluster", ChemistryOpen 9, 545-549 (2020)
4. **P. H. Acioli**, "An example of computer modeling to teach energy conservation concepts", Am. J. Phys. **87**, 543 (2019).
5. **Paulo H. Acioli**, Xinxing Zhang, Kit H. Bowen Jr., and Julius Jellinek, "Electron Binding Energy Spectra of Al<sub>n</sub>Mo<sup>-</sup> Clusters: Measurements, Calculations, and Theoretical Analysis", J. Phys. Chem. C **123(13)**, 7810-7817 (2018).
6. **P. H. Acioli** and J. Jellinek, Theoretical Analysis of Photoelectron Spectra of Pure and Mixed Metal Clusters: Disentangling Size, Structure and Composition Effects, J. Chem. Phys. C **121**, 16665-16672 (2017).
7. Wiliam F. da Cunha, **Paulo H. Acioli**, Pedro Henrique de Oliveira Neto, Ricardo Gargano, and Geraldo Magela e Silva, "Polaron Properties in Armchair Graphene Nanoribbons", J. Phys. Chem. A **120(27)**, 4893-4900 (2016).

8. Pedro Henrique de Oliveira Neto, Demério A. da Silva Filho, Luiz F. Roncaratti, **Paulo H. Acioli** and Geraldo Magela e Silva, "Low-Temperature Seebeck Coefficients for Polaron-Driven Thermoelectric Effect in Organic Polymers", *J. Phys. Chem. A* **120(27)**, 4923-4927 (2016).
9. P. H. Oliveira Neto, Demério A. da Silva Filho, W. F. Cunha, **P. H. Acioli**, and G. M. E Silva, The Limit of Exciton Diffusion in Highly Ordered  $\pi$ -Conjugated Systems, *J. Phys. Chem. C* **119**, 19654 (2015)
10. Bilguun S. Woods and **Paulo H. Acioli**, "Drag Assisted Simulated Annealing Method for Geometry Optimization of Molecules", *Procedia Computer Science* **51**, 1878 (2015).
11. **Paulo H. Acioli** and Sudha Srinivas, "Silver and Gold Mediated Nucleobases Bonding", *J. Mol. Mod.* **20(8)**, 2391 (2014).
12. **Paulo H Acioli** and Sudha Srinivas, "Experiential Learning of Classical Mechanics Through Molecular Dynamics", *Proceedings of the World Conference in Physics Education 2012, Istambul, Turkey* (2014)
13. **Paulo H. Acioli**, Steve Burkland, and Sudha Srinivas, "An exploration of the potential energy surface of the seven atom silver cluster and a carbon monoxide ligand", *Eur. Phys. J. D*, 66 215 (2012).
14. A. M. Maniero, **P. H. Acioli**, G. M. e Silva, and, R. Gargano, "Theoretical calculations of a new potential energy surface for the H + Li<sub>2</sub> reaction", accepted for publication in *Chem. Phys. Lett.* (2010)
15. **P. H. Acioli**, N. Ratanavade, M. R. Cline, and S. Srinivas, Density functional Theory study of Ag-Cluster/CO Interactions, in *ICCS 2009, Part II, Lecture Notes in Computer Science 5545*, G. Allen et al., Eds., Springer-Verlag, Berlin-Heidelberg, 2009, pp. 203-210
16. **P. H. Acioli**, Z. Xie, B. J. Braams, and J. M. Bowman, Vibrational Ground State properties of H<sub>5</sub><sup>+</sup> and its Isotopomers from Diffusion Monte Carlo Calculations, *J. Chem. Phys.* **128**, 104318 (2008).
17. G. M. e Silva, R. Gargano, W. B. da Silva, L. F. Roncaratti, and **Paulo H. Acioli**, Quantum Monte Carlo and Genetic Algorithm Study of the Potential Energy Surface of the H<sub>5</sub><sup>+</sup> Molecule, *Int. J. Quant. Chem.* **108(13)**, 2318 (2008).
18. J. Jellinek and **P. H. Acioli**, Computational Electron Spectroscopy of Gas Phase Metal Clusters, in *The Chemical Physics of Solid Surfaces, Vol. 12, Clusters: From Gas Phase to Deposited*, D. Woodruff (Ed) (Amsterdam, Elsevier, 2007) p. 299-326.
19. J. Jellinek, **Paulo H. Acioli**, J. G.-Rodeja, W. Zheng, O. C. Thomas, and K. H. Bowen, Jr., Mn<sub>n</sub><sup>-</sup> Clusters: Subnanometer Half-Metallicity, *Phys. Rev. B* **74**, 153401 (2006)..
20. J. Jellinek and **P. H. Acioli**, Computational Electron Spectroscopy - Application to Magnesium Clusters, *Lecture Series in Computer and Computational Sciences, Vol. 3*. G. Marouis and T. Simos, Eds. VSP, Leiden, 2005, pp. 59 to 74.
21. J.-L. Wang, **P. H. Acioli**, and J. Jellinek, Structure and Magnetism of V<sub>n</sub>Bz<sub>n+1</sub> Sandwich Clusters, *J. Amer. Chem. Soc. (communications)* **127**, 2812 (2005).
22. A. M. Maniero and **P. H. Acioli**, Potential energy curves of Li<sub>2</sub> and LiH from a full configuration interaction pseudopotential procedure. *Int. J. Quant. Chem.* **103**, 711 (2005).
23. Frederico V. Prudente, Luis S. Costa, and **Paulo H. Acioli**, Guiding Function and Basis Function Optimization in Correlation Function Quantum Monte Carlo Calculations of Vibrational Excited States in Molecules, *J. Chem. Phys. A* **108**, 1305 (2004).
24. J. Jellinek, and **P. H. Acioli**, Metal Clusters and Metallicity: The Paradigm of Magnesium, in "Metal Ligand Interactions Molecular-, Nano-, and Macro-Systems in Complex Environments", p. 121, Ed. by N. Russo, D. R. Salahub and M. Witko. (Kluwer Academic Publishers, 2003)
25. **P. H. Acioli** and J. Jellinek, Theoretical Determination of Electron Binding Energy Spectra of Anionic Magnesium Clusters. *Eur. Phys. J. D* **24**, 27 (2003).
26. J. Jellinek, and **P. H. Acioli**, Converting Kohn-Sham Eigenenergies into Electron Binding Energies. *J. Chem. Phys.* **118**, 7783 (2003).

27. J. Jellinek, and **P. H. Acioli**, "Magnesium Clusters: Structural and Electronic Properties and the Size-Induced Nonmetal-to-Metal Transition" Erratum, *J. of Phys. Chem. A* **107**, 1670 (2003)
28. W. B. Silva, E. A. Correa, **P. H. Acioli**, and R. Gargano, Quantum and Classical Study of the Vibrational States of  $H_2^+$  and  $H_3^+$  Molecules. *Int. J. Quant. Chem.* **95**, 149 (2003).
29. **P. H. Acioli** and J. Jellinek, Electron Binding Energies of Anionic Magnesium Clusters and the Nonmetal-to-Metal Transition. *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **89(21)**, 213402 (2002)
30. J. Jellinek, and **P. H. Acioli**, Magnesium Clusters: Structural and Electronic Properties and the Size-Induced Nonmetal-to-Metal Transition. *J. of Phys. Chem. A* **106(45)**, 10919 (2002)
31. G. M. e Silva, and **P. H. Acioli**, Dynamical effects on the competition between polarons and bipolarons in conjugated polymers. *Journal of Molecular Structure (THEOCHEM)* **538**, 45 (2001)
32. C. S. Pinheiro, **P. H. Acioli** and G. M. e Silva, Logical switching with the use of bipolarons in conjugated polymers. *Journal of Molecular Structure (THEOCHEM)* **539**, 55 (2001)
33. W. B. Silva, and **P. H. Acioli**, Trial wave functions for the calculation of vibrational states of molecules using quantum Monte Carlo. *The Journal of Chemical Physics*, **114(22)**, 9720 (2001).
34. F. V. Prudente, L. S. Costa, and **P. H. Acioli**, Correlation Function quantum Monte Carlo studies of rovibrational excited states in molecules. *Journal of Physics B - Atomic Molecular and Optical Physics* **33(22)**, R285 (2000)
35. L. S. Costa, F. V. Prudente, and **P. H. Acioli**, Generalized Rotating Wave Functions for Quantum Monte Carlo Calculations of Rovibrational levels of N-body Systems. *Physical Review A.*, **61**, 12506 (2000)
36. **P. H. Acioli**, L. S. Costa, and F. V. Prudente, Quantum Monte Carlo study of vibrational states of Silanone. *Chemical Physics Letters.*, **321**, 121 (2000)
37. L. S. Costa, F. V. Prudente, **P. H. Acioli**, J. J. S. Neto, and J. D. M. Vianna, A Study of Confined Quantum Systems using the Woods-Saxon Potential. *Journal of Physics B - Atomic Molecular and Optical Physics.* , **32**, 2461 (1999)
38. G. M. e Silva, and **P. H. Acioli**, Dynamics of Charge Propagation in Molecular Circuits, *Journal of Molecular Structure(THEOCHEM)* **464(1-3)**, 67 (1999)
39. G. M. e Silva, and **P. H. Acioli**, Investigation of Charge Transport in Molecular Switches with Neural Networks. *Journal of Computational Chemistry.* **20(10)**, 1060 (1999)
40. **P. H. Acioli** and J. J. S. Neto, Quantum Monte Carlo Calculation of the Vibrational Levels of Planar Acetylene. *Journal of Molecular Structure(THEOCHEM)* **464(1-3)** 145 (1999)
41. F. V. Prudente, and **P. H. Acioli**, Quantum Monte Carlo Study of rovibrational states of Molecular Systems. *Chemical Physics Letters.* **302/3(4)**, 249 (1999)
42. **P. H. Acioli**, L. S. Costa and F. V. Prudente, Quantum Monte Carlo Study of Rovibrational States Utilizing Rotating Wavefunctions: Application to  $H_2O$ . *J of Chem. Phys.* **111**, 6311 (1999)
43. G. M. e Silva, **P. H. Acioli** and Y. Ono, Dynamics of Charge Propagation on Branching Off Conjugated Polymers. *Journal of the Physical Society of Japan.* , **67(11)**, 3881 (1998)
44. F. V. Prudente, **P. H. Acioli** and J. J. Soares Neto, The Fitting of Potential Energy Surfaces with Neural Networks: Application to the Study of Vibrational Levels of  $H_3^+$ . *The Journal of Chemical Physics* **109(20)**, 8801 (1998)
45. **P. H. Acioli** and G. M. e Silva, Dynamics of Charge Transfer in Molecular Switches, *Synthetic Metals* **87**, 249 (1997)
46. **P. H. Acioli**, G. M. e Silva, and A. C. Pedroza, Estimating the Correlation Energies of Diatomic Molecules and Atoms with Neural Networks, *Journal of Computational Chemistry.* **18**, 1407 (1997)

47. **P. H. Acioli**, Review of Quantum Monte Carlo and its Applications, Journal of Molecular Structure (THEOCHEM). , **394(2-3)**, 75 (1997)
48. **P. H. Acioli** and D. Ceperley, A Quantum Monte Carlo Study of Jellium Surfaces: Electronic Densities and Pair Correlation Functions. Physical Review B, **54(24)**, 17199 (1996)
49. **P. H. Acioli** and D. Ceperley, The Generation of Pseudopotentials from Correlated Wave Functions. The Journal of Chemical Physics, **100(11)**, 8169 (1994)

### Invited Talks

1. **P. H. Acioli**, Computational Photoelectron Spectroscopy of Mixed Metal Clusters, Energy, Materials, Nanotechnology Meeting on Quantum, Vienna, Austria, June 18-22, 2017
2. **P. H. Acioli**, Exciton Mobility in Organic Photovoltaic Materials, Energy, Materials, Nanotechnology Meeting, Beijing, China, April 21-25, 2016
3. **P. H. Acioli**, Computational Vibrational Spectroscopy using Correlation Function Quantum Monte Carlo, Cherry L. Emerson Center for Scientific Computation, Emory University, May 21, 2007.
4. **P. H. Acioli**, Computational Vibrational Spectroscopy, Department of Physics, NEIU, March 21, 2006.
5. **P. H. Acioli**, Metal Clusters and Metallicity, Department of Physics, NEIU, Nov. 15, 2005.
6. **P. H. Acioli**, Structural and Electronic Properties of Magnesium Clusters, III Meeting of the Brazilian Materials Research Society (SBPMAT), Foz do Iguaçu, Brazil, Oct. 10-13, 2004.
7. **P. H. Acioli**, Electronic and Vibrational Spectroscopy of Molecules and Clusters, II Workshop on Molecular Physics and Spectroscopy, Universidade Federal Fluminense, Niteroi, Brazil, Nov. 3 to Dec 3, 2004.
8. **P. H. Acioli**, Magnesium Clusters and the Size-Induced Non-Metal to Metal Transition. Workshop on the Simulation and Modeling of Nanostructures, International Centre for Condensed Matter Physics, Brasília, Brazil, Dec 2-5, 2003.
9. **P. H. Acioli**, Transforming Kohn-Sham Eigenenergies into Electron Binding Energies: Theory and Applications to Atoms, Molecules, and Clusters. I Brazilian Meeting on Theoretical and Computational Physics, Brasília, DF, Brazil, April 6-9, 2003.
10. **P. H. Acioli**, The Quantum Monte Carlo Method, V Brazilian School of Electronic Structure, Águas de Lindóia, SP, Brazil, July 1996.
11. **P. H. Acioli**, Electronic Correlation and the Quantum Monte Carlo Method, VIII Brazilian Symposium of Theoretical Chemistry, Caxambu, MG, Brazil, November, 1995.

### Papers in Congress

1. **Paulo H. Acioli**, "Computational Modeling: From the Classroom to Condensed Matter Physics", Bernard J. Brommel Distinguished Research Professor Lecture, April 24, 2019, NEIU, Chicago, IL.
2. Karl Amjad-Ali , Minhyeok Kwon, Vincent Vangelista , and **Paulo H. Acioli**, "Computational Modeling and Analysis of Spiral Waves", poster presented at the 2019 Illinois LSAMP Symposium – 25 Years of

- Building STEM Pathways, February 22 -23, 2019, Lisle, IL. (This poster was tied for first-place poster presentation in Physics)
3. **Paulo H. Acioli**, Rachel Trana, Elisabet Head, Joseph Hibdon Jr., Ken Nicholson, "The NEIU PEERS Project: Embedding Research in the University Physics Sequence", presentation at the 2019 AAPT Winter Meeting, Jan. 12-15, 2019, Houston, TX.
  4. **Paulo H. Acioli**, Spiral Wave Modeling, talk at the 9th NEIU Faculty Research Symposium, Nov. 16, 2018, NEIU, Chicago, IL.
  5. Karl Amjad-Ali , Minhyeok Kwon, Vincent Vangelista , and **Paulo H. Acioli**, "Computational Modeling and Analysis of Spiral Waves", poster presented at the 2018 National SACNAS Meeting, San Antonio, TX, October 11-13, 2018.
  6. Vincent Vangelista, Karl Amjad-Ali, Minhyeok Kwon, and **Paulo H. Acioli**, "Computational Modeling and Analysis of Spiral Wave Behavior", poster presented at the 2018 National SACNAS Meeting, San Antonio, TX, October 11-13, 2018.
  7. Vincent Vangelista, Karl Amjad-Ali, Minhyeok Kwon, **Paulo H. Acioli**, "A Computational Analysis of Spiral Waves", student podium presentation at the 10th SCSE Symposium, September 21, 2018, NEIU El Centro, Chicago, IL.
  8. Karl Amjad-Ali, Minhyeok Kwon, Vincent Vangelista, **Paulo H. Acioli**, "Computational Modeling and Analysis of Spiral Waves", student poster presentation at the 10th SCSE Symposium, September 21, 2018, NEIU El Centro, Chicago, IL.
  9. Elisabet Head, Joseph Hibdon Jr., Rachel Trana, Ken Nicholson, **Paulo H. Acioli**, Scott Mayle, and Sudha Srinivas, Incorporating Student Research into the Introductory STEM Curriculum, Presentation at the Chicago Symposium Series: Excellence in Teaching Mathematics and Science: Research and Practice, Northeastern Illinois University and North Park University, April 13, 2018, Chicago, IL.
  10. **Paulo H. Acioli**, Sudha Srinivas, Scott Mayle, Elisabet Head, Ken Nicholson, Rachel Trana, Joseph Hibdon Jr., Embedding Research in University Physics I and II: the NEIU PEERS Project , Presentation at the Midwest HSI Conference: Catalysing Progress in STEM, May. 3-4, 2018, Chicago, IL.
  11. **P. Acioli**, E. Head, J. Hibdon Jr., K. Nicholson, S. Srinivas, R. Trana, Experiential Research In Introductory STEM Courses: The PEERS project at Northeastern Illinois University, Poster presented at the Gordon Research Conference: Novel Research in Energy Topics, and Transformative Methods for Teaching Undergraduate Students About Energy Concepts, June10-15, 2018, Bryant University, Smithfield, RI.
  12. **Paulo Acioli**, Rachel Trana, Elisabet Head, and Joseph Hibdon Jr., "Introducing Experiential Research in the STEM Classroom: Tiered Community of Learners and Peer-Leaders", facilitated discussion at the AAC&U: Transforming STEM Higher Education: Discovery, Innovation, and the Value of Evidence conference, Nov. 2-4, 2017, San Francisco, CA.
  13. **Paulo Acioli**, Sudha Srinivas, Elisabet Head, Ken Nicholson, and Rachel Trana, "Embedding Research in Undergraduate STEM Curricula: The NEIU PEERS Project", oral presentation in the 2017 Winter Meeting of AAPT, Feb. 18-21, 2017, Atlanta, GA.
  14. Sudha Srinivas, **Paulo Acioli**, Elisabet Head,, Joseph Hibdon,, Rachel Trana, The NEIU Peer Enhanced Experiential Research in STEM (PEERS) Project, poster to be presented in the 2017 Winter Meeting of AAPT, Feb. 18-21, 2017, Atlanta, GA.
  15. Gulnara Karimova (Earth Science Student), Vincent Vangelista (Physics Student), and **Paulo Acioli**, "Computational Modeling of Asteroid Collisions", Poster presented at the Twenty-Fourth Annual Student Research and Creative Activities Symposium, April 15, 2016, NEIU, Chicago, IL.
  16. Ken Nicholson, **Paulo Acioli**, Elisabet Head, Joseph Hibdon, Sudha Srinivas, and Rachel Trana, The Peer Enhanced Experiential Research in STEM (PEERS) Project at NEIU, Oral Presentation at the Science Education for New Civic Engagements and Responsibilities (SENCER) Summer Institute 2016, July 28th-Aug. 1st, 2016, Chicago, IL.

17. E. Head, S. Srinivas, **P. Acioli**, K. Nicholson, J. Hibdon, R. Trana, L. Filus, and M. Sztainberg, The Peer Enhanced Experiential Research in STEM (PEERS) Project at NEIU, Poster presented at the North-Central Regional Meeting of the Geological Society of America, April 18-19, 2016, Champaign, IL.
18. Joseph Hibdon, Lidia Filus, Elisabet Head, Sudha Srinivas, Kenneth Nicholson, Rachel Trana, and **Paulo Acioli**, The Peer Enhanced Experiential Research in STEM (PEERS) project at Northeastern Illinois University: Mathematics Component, oral presentation at the 2016 Joint Mathematics Meetings, Jan 6-9, 2016, Seattle, WA.
19. **Paulo H. Acioli**, "Computational Dynamics: From Molecules to Galaxies", Workshop presented at the 7th Workshop of Mathematical and Statistical Modeling, NEIU, Chicago, IL, Dec. 11-12, 2015.
20. S. Srinivas, **P. Acioli**, K. Nicholson, E. Head, R. Adler, M. Sztainberg and L. Filus, The Peer Enhanced Experiential Research in STEM (PEERS) Project at NEIU, Poster presented at the American Association of Colleges and Universities (AACU) Crossing Boundaries: Transforming STEM Education, November 12-14, 2015, Seattle, WA.
21. **P. Acioli**, S. Srinivas, E. Head, J. Hibdon, L. Filus, R. Trana, M. Sztainberg, and K. Nicholson, Peer Enhanced Experiential Research in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics, Oral presentation at the NEIU Sixth Annual Faculty Research & Creative Activities Symposium, Nov. 13, 2015, NEIU, Chicago, IL.
22. **Paulo H. Acioli**, "Drag Assisted Simulated Annealing", Oral presentation at the NEIU Sixth Annual Faculty Research & Creative Activities Symposium, NEIU, Chicago, IL. Nov. 13, 2015.
23. Bilguun Woods and **Paulo H. Acioli**, "Drag Assisted Simulated Annealing Method for Geometry Optimization of Molecules", Oral presentation in the International Conference on Computational Science, Reykjavik, Iceland, June 1-3, 2015.
24. **P. H. Acioli** and S. Srinivas, "Silver and Gold mediated nucleobases bonding", Oral presentation at the 2013 Quitel (Theoretical Chemists of Latin Expression Conference), Granada, Spain, June 30-July 5, 2013.
25. **P. H. Acioli**, S. Burkland, and S. Srinivas, "An exploration of the potential energy surface of the seven atom silver cluster and a carbon monoxide ligand", Poster at the 2013 Quitel (Theoretical Chemists of Latin Expression Conference), Granada, Spain, June 30-July 5, 2013.
26. **Paulo H. Acioli**, Steve Burkland, and Sudha Srinivas, "An exploration of the potential energy surface of the seven atom silver cluster and a carbon monoxide ligand", Oral presentation at the Annual NEIU Faculty Research Symposium, Northeastern Illinois University, Chicago, IL, Nov. 16, 2012.
27. **Paulo H Acioli** and Sudha Srinivas, "Experiential Learning of Classical Mechanics Through Molecular Dynamics", Oral presentation at the World Conference in Physics Education 2012, Istanbul, Turkey, July 2012.
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66. **P. H. Acioli** and D. M. Ceperley, Exchange and Correlation Holes in Jellium Surfaces, Talk at the Electronic Exchange and Correlation in Advanced Materials Workshop (EXCAM-96), Ecole Polytechnique, Palaiseau, Paris, France, September, 1996.
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## Referee or Member of Editorial Board

### Referee:

Physical Review A, B, E, Letters  
Journal of Electron Spectroscopy and Related Phenomena  
Chemical Physics Letters  
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New Journal of Chemistry  
Journal of Physical Chemistry  
Journal of Molecular Structure(Theochem)  
Journal of Molecular Modeling  
Journal of Physics and Chemistry of Solids

## Proposal Reviewer

2012 NSF Reviewer  
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2018 NSF Reviewer  
2019 Austrian Science Fund (FWF)  
2020 NSF Reviewer

### **Participation in Organizing Committees**

XXII National Meeting of Condensed Matter Physics, São Lourenço, MG, Brazil, 1999.

VI Brazilian School of Electronic Structure, Santa Maria, RS, Brazil, July 1998.

### **Membership in Scientific Societies**

American Physical Society (APS)

American Association of Physics Teachers (AAPT)

### **Funded Grants**

PI (with other faculty in STEM) on the proposal "Peer Enhanced Experiential Research in STEM (PEERS)" submitted to the NSF-DUE-IUSE program. This project is designed to advance the research skills of undergraduate majors in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) at Northeastern Illinois University (2014). \$426,738.

CO-PI (with other faculty in STEM) on the NSF-S-STEM grant to create at Northeastern Illinois University (NEIU) a four-year support system for a cohort of motivated incoming freshmen in the STEM disciplines (2008)- \$598,003

### **Awards**

Argonne National Laboratory Pacesetter award for the extraordinary effort and efficiency in procurement, assembly, testing, and setting up a 128-processor Beowulf cluster. July 2002.

2018 NEIU Bernard Brommel Distinguished Research Professor Awardee.