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Bucharest University, Faculty of Physics 1983 – 1989 University Diploma

Bucharest University, Faculty of Mathematics-Mechanics 1990-1997 University Diploma

Texas A&M University, din College Station, Texas, USA 1997 – 1999 M.S. in Physics,
Nuclear Physicas

Texas A&M University, din College Station, Texas, USA 1999-2002 PhD in Physics,
Condensed Matter Physics.

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Professional experience:

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| Description Astronomical Institute of Romanian Academy Research | 1990 - 1991 | Physicist |
| Biotehnos S.A Research | 1991 - 1992 | Physicist |
| Institute of Physical-Chemistry “I.G. Murgulescu” of Romanian Academy Research | 1992 - 1997 | Researcher |
| Texas A&M University Research and teaching | 1997 - 2002 | Graduate student |
| University of Texas at Arlington Research | 2003 | Postdoc Researcher |
| Arizona State University Research | 2003-2005 | Postdoc Researcher |
| Universite de Montreal Research | 2005-2007 | Postdoc Researcher |
| International Centre of Biodynamics, Bucharest Research | 2007-2010 | SR II |
| National Institute for Research and Development in Microtehnologies, Bucharest Research | 2010-2014 | SR II |
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Postdoctoral experience:

1. Postdoctoral Researcher, University of Texas at Arlington (www.uta.edu), Electrical Engineering Department, *January 2003-May 2003*.
2. Postdoctoral Researcher, Arizona State University (www.asu.edu), Chemical and Materials Engineering Department, *May 2003-June 2005*.
3. Postdoctoral Researcher, University of Montreal (www.umontreal.ca), Chemistry Department, Montreal, Canada, *July 2005-July 2007*

Research experience:

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Research topics: Electronic structure and optical properties of materials (crystals, molecules and low dimensional nanostructures): ab-initio and empirical methods. Quantum transport in nanostructures. Ab-initio molecular dynamics (Car-Parrinello). Dielectric response of living cells. Dynamical systems. Computational Physics. Plasmonics. Simulations of composites

Referee for

1. 4th International Symposium on Nanostructures and Mesoscopic Systems (NanoMES 2003), Tempe Arizona (FEB 17-21, 2003); International Semiconductor Conference (CAS), since 2011;
2. Journals: Physical Review (A, B, Letters) since 2004, European Physics Letters since 2010, Physics Letters A since 2008, Plasmonics and Journal of Nanoparticles Research since 2011, Rom. J. of Information Sci. & Tech. (ROMJIST) since 2016, etc.

Experience (including in management) in national/international programs/projects:

| Project name | Financed by | Role* |
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| NASA Cooperative Agreement No. NCC-1-02038 2003 for High efficiency solar cells | NASA, USA | M |
| Texas Advanced Technology program under Grant No. 003656-0029-2003 for Silicon based quantum devices | State of Texas, USA | M |
| ONR contract N00014-02-1-1025 | Office of Naval Research, USA | M |
| NSERC Grant No. 311791-05 | NSERC, Canada | M |
| NSERC Grant No. 315160-05 | NSERC, Canada | M |
| Dielectric modeling of biological cells and Hetero-structures using efficient algorithms for boundary integral method- Project Number IDEAS-120/2007 | CNCSIS | PI |
| Interaction of low-dimensional systems with electromagnetic/phonon fields through plasmon resonances POSDRU/89/1.5/S/63700 | POSDRU | PI |
| Carbon quantum dots: exploring a new technology for next generation optoelectronic devices Project Number PNII-ID-PCCE-2011-2-0069 | UEFISCDI | M |

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| Computational design and engineering of functional ferroic interfaces COMPFER, Project Number PN-III-P4-ID-PCE- 2020-1985 | UEFISCDI | M |
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Abbreviations *: M – member in the research team; PI –principal investigator

Teaching and mentorship experience

Coordination of Diploma Theses for BS degrees

6. George Boldeiu, *Numerical methods for studying capacitance and electric fields*, Thesis, BS, Physics Faculty, Bucharest University, 2014.
5. Mihail Sochirca, *Theoretical and numerical studies of capacitance with applications in nanotechnology*, Thesis, BS, Electronics and Telecommunications Faculty, Bucharest Polytechnic University, 2013.
4. Bogdan Bită, *Dielectric response of biological cells interacting with electromagnetic fields*, Thesis, BS, Physics Faculty, Bucharest University, 2012.
3. Razvan Mihai Tuica, *Interaction of living cells with electromagnetic fields*, Thesis, BS, Electronics and Telecommunications Faculty, Bucharest Polytechnic University, 2012.
2. Iulian Starciuc, *Calculation of localized plasmon resonances in metallic nanoparticles*, Thesis, BS, Electronics and Telecommunications Faculty, Bucharest Polytechnic University, 2012.
1. Alexandru Marin, *Calculation of electric field and polarizability for some combinations of spherical particles with applications in biology and plasmonics*, Thesis, BS, Electronics and Telecommunications Faculty, Bucharest Polytechnic University, 2011.

Foreign languages: English (very good), French (good).

Publications :

Publications in ISI ranked journals

35. C Tibeica, **T Sandu**, R Plugaru, O Nedelcu, N Plugaru , "Parametric simulations of composite barrier FTJs under external bias at room temperature", *Results in Physics*, **47**, 106350, (2023)
34. **T Sandu**, C Tibeica, R Plugaru, O Nedelcu, N Plugaru, Insights into electron transport in a ferroelectric tunnel junction, *Nanomaterials*, 12(10), 1682 (2022).
33. D. Mladenovic, **T. Sandu**, D. Dragoman, "Electrical rectification in asymmetric graphene nanoribbons with pores", *Physica E*, volume 124, 114240 (2020).
32. **T. Sandu**, C. Tibeica, "A perspective on effective medium models of thermal conductivity in (ultra) nanocrystalline diamond films", *Applied Surface Science*, Volume 492, Pages 309-313 (2019).

31. **T. Sandu**, C. Tibeica, O. Nedelcu, M. Gologanu, “Modal Approach to the Theory of Energy Transfer Mediated by a Metallic Nanosphere”, Rom. J. of Information Sci. & Tech. (ROMJIST), Vol. 22(1), pp. 3-13, (2019).
30. **T. Sandu**, M. Gologanu, R. Voicu, G. Boldeiu, V. Moagar-Poladian, “Modeling issues regarding thermal conductivity of graphene-based nanocomposites”, Rom. J. of Information Sci. & Tech. (ROMJIST), Volume 21, Issue 1, 82-92, (2018).
29. C. Pachi, **T. Sandu**, C. Tibeica, A. Avram, L. M. Veca, R. Popa, M. Popescu, R. Gavrilă, C. Popov, V. Avramescu, “Fabrication and characterization of suspended microstructures of ultrananocrystalline diamond”, Rom. J. of Information Sci. & Tech. (ROMJIST), Volume 21, Issue 1, 49-60, (2018).
28. R. C. Voicu, **T. Sandu**, “Analytical results regarding electrostatic resonances of surface phonon/plasmon polaritons: separation of variables with a twist”, Proc. R. Soc. A 473, 20160796, (2017).
27. A. I. Istrate, M. Veca, F. Nastase, A. Baracu, R. Gavrilă, F. Comanescu, V. Tucureanu, A. Dinescu, **T. Sandu**, “Scaling the graphene-silicon heterojunctions: fabrication and characterization”, Rom. J. of Information Sci. & Tech. (ROMJIST), Volume 19, Issue 3, 282-294, (2016).
26. **Titus Sandu**, “The Rabi Hamiltonian in the Dispersive Regime”, Romanian Journal of Physics, volume 60, Numbers 5-6, pp. 711-715, (2015). [arXiv:1502.00514](https://arxiv.org/abs/1502.00514)
25. George Boldeiu, Victor Moagar-Poladian, **Titus Sandu** “Dielectric Sensing with Back-Gated Nanowires”, Rom. J. of Information Sci. & Tech. (ROMJIST), Volume 17, Number 4, 405–416, (2014).. [arXiv:1504.05713](https://arxiv.org/abs/1504.05713)
24. **Titus Sandu**, “Near-Field and Extinction Spectra of Rod-Shaped Nanoantenna Dimers”, PROCEEDINGS OF THE ROMANIAN ACADEMY, Series A, volume 15, Issue 4, pp. 338-345, (2014).
23. **Titus Sandu**, George Boldeiu, “How shape affects plasmonic properties of metallic nanospheres”, Digest Journal of Nanomaterials and Biostructures, volume 9, Issue 3, pp. 1255-1262, (2014)
22. **Titus Sandu**, George Boldeiu, Victor Moagar-Poladian, “Applications of electrostatic capacitance and charging”, J. Appl. Phys. 114 (22), 224904, (2013).
21. **Titus Sandu**, “Eigenmode Decomposition of the Near-Field Enhancement in Localized Surface Plasmon Resonances of Metallic Nanoparticles”, Plasmonics, 8(2) 391-402, (2013);
20. Rodica Plugaru, **Titus Sandu**, Neculai Plugaru, "First principles study and variable range hopping conductivity in disordered Al/Ti/Mn-doped ZnO", Results in Physics, **2**, 190–197 (2012)
19. **Titus Sandu**, “Shape effects on localized surface plasmon resonances in metallic nanoparticles”, J. Nanopart. Res., **14**, 905 (2012); DOI 10.1007/s11051-012-0905-6
18. **Titus Sandu**, Daniel Vrinceanu, and Eugen Gheorghiu, “*Surface Plasmon Resonances of Clustered Nanoparticles*,” Plasmonics, **6**, 407–412, (2011).
17. **Titus Sandu**, Radu I. Iftimie, “*Bandgaps and band bowing in semiconductor alloys*”, Solid State Comm. **150**, 888-892, (2010).
16. **Titus Sandu**, Daniel Vrinceanu, and Eugen Gheorghiu, “*Linear dielectric response of clustered living cells*”, Phys. Rev. E **81**, 021913 (2010).
15. **Titus Sandu**, “*Dynamics of a quantum oscillator strongly coupled to a two-level system*” Physics Letters A **373**, 2753–2759, (2009).

14. **Titus Sandu**, “Comments on Spin-dependent tunneling through a symmetric semiconductor barrier: The Dresselhaus effect” Phys Rev. B **76**, 197301, (2007).
13. **Titus Sandu**, “Dynamics of a two-level system coupled with a quantum oscillator: The very strong coupling limit”, Phys. Rev. B. **74**, 113405 (2006); cond-mat/0608483.
12. **Titus Sandu** and W. P. Kirk, “Electronic and optical properties of beryllium chalcogenides/silicon”, Phys. Rev. B. **73**, 235307 (2006); cond-mat/0608514.
11. **Titus Sandu**, Athanasios Chantis, and Radu Iftimie, “Spin tunneling through an indirect barrier”, Phys. Rev. B. **73**, 075313, 2006; cond-mat/0601297.
10. **Titus Sandu**, “Optical matrix elements in tight-binding models with overlap”, Phys. Rev. B. **72**, 125105, 2005; cond-mat/0507204.
9. **Titus Sandu** and W. P. Kirk, “Generalized band anticrossing model for highly mismatched semiconductors applied to $BeSe_xTe_{1-x}$ ”, Phys. Rev. B. **72**, 073204, 2005; cond-mat/0507189.
8. **T. Sandu** and W. P. Kirk, “The role of emitter quasi-bound state and scattering on intrinsic bistability in resonant tunneling diodes”, Physica E **22**/4, 815, 2004.
7. **Titus Sandu**, Gerhard Klimeck, and W. P. Kirk, “Off-center electron transport in resonant Tunneling diodes due to incoherent scattering”, Phys. Rev. B **68**, 115320, 2003.
6. **T. Sandu** and W. P. Kirk, “Intrinsic bistability and emitter scattering in resonant tunneling diodes”, Physica E **19**, 83 2003.
5. **T. Sandu**, V. Chihaiia, and W. P. Kirk, “Dynamic Squeezing in a Single-Mode Boson Field Interacting with 2-Level System” J. Luminescence **101**, 101 2003.
4. **T. Sandu**, R. Lake and W.P. Kirk “The effect of interface quality on Si/SiO₂ resonant tunnel diodes”, Superlatt. Microstruct. **30**, 201 2001.
3. V. Chihaiia, **T. Sandu**, and M. Vass, “Formation and Growth of Atomic Clusters. An Ab Initio Study for Small Clusters of Li ($N= 2 - 8$)”, Romanian Journal of Physics, Vol. **43**, No 5-6, 409-420, 1998.
- 2 Cristina Bercu, Liliana Lupan, Rodica Bandula, Marilena Vasilescu, **Titus Sandu**, and Laura Mitran, “Study of the Molecular Properties of Proflavine, Acridine Yellow and Methylene Blue in Micellar Solutions”, Revue Roumaine de Chimie, **42**(8), 693, 1997.
1. C.Bercu, T.Oncescu, L.Lupan, R.Bandula, M.Vasilescu, **T.Sandu**, and L.Mitran, “The Modification of the Molecular Properties of Some Dyes in Sodium Dodecyl Sulphate (SDS) Micellar Aqueous Solution”, Fresenius J. Anal. Chem. **355**, 753 1996.

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20. O.T. Nedelcu, C. Tibeica, C. Parvulescu, **T. Sandu**, “Experiments on dielectrophoretic handling and holographic microscopy imaging of microparticles with targeted applications to biological cell manipulation and visualisation”, 45th IEEE International Semiconductor Conference – CAS 2022 , Romania, October 12-14, Proceedings, p. 265-268, (2022).

19. **T. Sandu**, C. Tibeica, O. Nedelcu, R. Plugaru, N. Plugaru, “Non-linear I-V characteristics of Co/BTO/LSMO ferroelectric tunnel junction” , 45th IEEE International Semiconductor Conference – CAS 2022 , Romania, October 12-14, Proceedings, p. 113-116, (2022).
18. **T. Sandu**, C Tibeica, R Plugaru, O Nedelcu, N Plugaru, Physical modeling of ferroelectric tunnel junctions, 44th IEEE International Semiconductor Conference – CAS 2021, Romania, October 6-8, Proceedings, pp. 85-88 (2021).
17. **T Sandu**, OT Nedelcu, M Gologanu, Electromagnetic Interference Shielding Assessment from Mixing Formulae, 43rd IEEE International Semiconductor Conference – CAS 2019, Romania, October 7-9, Proceedings, pp. 221-224 (2020).
16. **Titus Sandu**, “Atomistic Models of Nanosystems”, 42nd IEEE International Semiconductor Conference – CAS 2019, Sinaia, Romania, October 9-12, Proceedings, pp. 93-96 (2019).
15. **Titus Sandu**, Catalin Tibeica, Oana T. Nedelcu, Mihai Gologanu, “Analytical analysis of the plasmonic enhancement of resonance energy transfer in the vicinity of a spherical nanoparticle”, 41th IEEE International Semiconductor Conference – CAS 2018, Sinaia, Romania, October 10-12, Proceedings, pp. 137-140, (2018).
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12. **Titus Sandu**, *Simpler description of the quantum dynamics in the ultra-strong coupling of the Rabi Hamiltonian*, 40th IEEE International Semiconductor Conference – CAS 2017, Sinaia, Romania, Proceedings, pp. 245-246, (2017).
11. **Titus Sandu**, George Boldeiu, Rodica Voicu, Mihai Gologanu, Modeling thermal conductivity of graphene-based nanocomposites, 40th IEEE International Semiconductor Conference – CAS 2017, Sinaia, Romania, Proceedings, pp. 209-212, (2017).
10. **Titus Sandu**, C. Tibeica, R. Voicu, A heuristic look at plasmon resonances in graphene nanodisks, 39th IEEE International Semiconductor Conference – CAS 2016, Sinaia, Romania, 2016, Proceedings, pp. 105-108, 2016.
9. **Titus Sandu**, “*Calculation of dielectrophoretic force acting on biological cells and on micro-and nanoparticles*”, 38th IEEE International Semiconductor Conference – CAS 2015, Sinaia, Romania, 12-14 Oct. 2015, Proceedings, pp. 215 – 218, 2015
8. George Boldeiu, Victor Moagar-Poladian, **Titus Sandu** “Capacitance of Back-Gated Nanowires in Various Dielectric Embeddings”, IEEE CAS Proceedings 2014, pp. 273-276.
7. **Titus Sandu** “Fluorescence and Fluorescence Quenching in a Two-Level System”, IEEE CAS Proceedings 2014, pp. 269-271.
6. **Titus Sandu**, George Boldeiu, Rodica Plugaru, Charging and Capacitance of Conductors by the Integral Equation Approach, IEEE CAS 2013 Proceedings, IEEE Catalog Number: CFP13CAS-PRT, ISBN:978-1-4673-5670-1, ISSN: 1545-827X, vol 2, p. 289-292 (2013)

5. **Titus Sandu**, George Boldeiu, “Extinction Spectra and Near-Field Enhancement of Metallic Nanoparticles”, ”, IEEE Catalog Number: CFP12CAS-PRT, ISBN:978-1-4673-0736-9, ISSN: 1545-827X, vol 2, pp. 441-444 (2012).
4. **Titus Sandu**, V. Buiculescu, “Near-Field Enhancement of a Rod-Like Nanoantenna: Electrostatic Versus Fully Retarded Results”, IEEE CAS Proceeding, IEEE Catalog Number: CFP12CAS-PRT, ISBN:978-1-4673-0736-9, ISSN: 1545-827X, vol 2, p. 415-418 (2012).
3. **Titus Sandu**, “A Boundary Integral Equation Method for Plasmon Resonances in Metallic Nanoparticles”, IEEE CAS Proceeding, ISBN:978-1-61284-171-7, ISSN: 1545-827X, IEEE Catalog Number: CFP11CAS-PRT, vol. 2, p. 399-402, (2011).
2. **T. Sandu**, "Quantitative Assessment of the Single-Band Modeling the Silicon Based Resonant Tunneling Devices", IEEE CAS Proceeding, ISBN 978-14244-5781-6; ISSN 1545-827X, IEEE Catalog number: CFP10CAS-PRT, vol. 2, p. 443- 446, (2010)
1. **T. Sandu** and W. P. Kirk, “*Band bowing in BeSe_xTe_{1-x}*“, AIP Conference Proceedings vol. 772, p. 175, 2005

PhD dissertation:

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Numerical simulations of quantum devices

ProQuest Dissertations And Theses; Thesis (Ph.D.)--Texas A&M University, 2002; Publication Number: AAI3072527; ISBN: 9780493922515; Source: Dissertation Abstracts International, Volume: 63-11, Section: B, page: 5303.; 163 p.

Books and books chapters

Titus Sandu, “From biological cells to semiconductor and metallic nanoparticles: the same recipe with different flavors”, **book chapter** in Series in Micro and Nanoengineering, vol. 24, Nanomaterials, Nanoparticles, Nanodevices, published by the Publishing House of the Romanian Academy, 2016