

PostDoc position: 'Magneto-ionic devices for neuromorphic computing'

at the Centre for Nanoscience and Nanotechnology (C2N), Palaiseau, France



Magneto-ionics is an emerging field that offers great potential for reducing power consumption in spintronics memory applications. By combining the concept of voltagecontrolled ionic motion from memristor technologies, typically used in neuromorphic applications, with spintronics, this field also provides a unique opportunity to create a new generation of neuromorphic functionalities based on spintronics devices. Our group has been at the forefront of investigating the magneto-ionic control of magnetic anisotropy, magnetic domain wall motion, and the Dzyaloshinskii Moriya interaction in various materials [1-3]. Through our research, we have demonstrated large, reversible, and non-volatile effects in magnetic properties due to the chemical interaction between the mobile ions and the magnetic atoms. These findings have significant implications for the development of low-power spintronics memory and neuromorphic devices.

We are currently seeking a highly motivated candidate to join our team and work on an experimental research project focused on **designing synaptic functionalities in magneto-ionic gating devices**. The ultimate goal of the project is to integrate magneto-ionic artificial synapses into an artificial neural network hardware demonstrator. The project will greatly benefit from our team's collective expertise in both magnetoionics (Liza Herrera Diez) and neuromorphic computing architectures (Damien Querlioz). The successful candidate will join the team INTEGNANO (www.integnano.c2n.u-psud.fr) at the Centre for Nanoscience and Nanotechnology, a leading research institute in the Paris-Saclay area with over 400 researchers, 2800 m^2 of clean room facilities and a long tradition of spintronics research. This project will also benefit from collaborations within a network of spintronics collaborators in Europe, USA and Japan.

Candidates motivated to work on this project are invited to apply for an 18 month post doc position, with possibilities for extension, starting in September 2023. Candidates should demonstrate expertise in a relevant area of experimental device spintronics and have significant experience in nanofabrication. An excellent level of English is required. Experience in magneto-ionics, magnetic domain wall dynamics and/or neuromorphic spintronics will be a great advantage.

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