



Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology
Stability of Convective Loops – S2T Unit

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Position summary:

[The Shocks, Solitons & Turbulence \(S2T\) Unit](#) is looking for a postdoctoral scholar to study the stability of convective loops using mathematical and computational techniques. We want to understand how acoustic wave generation and propagation can be engineered and optimized depending on the heat source/sink strengths and positions, the orientation of the loop (with respect to gravity), and the operating point in the thermodynamic space (phase diagram). This research is part of a larger effort to design eco-friendly energy convertors for water extraction. The work is theoretical in nature, and we are looking for talented applied mathematicians. However, the S2T team also builds simple demonstrators and there is ample scope for the theory to be directly fed into the lab. For this reason, excellent team spirit is required.

Working Location:

1919-1 Tancha, Onna-son, Okinawa, Japan 904-0495

Responsibilities:

1. Perform innovative research in the context given above (see position summary)
2. Publish the results in high-quality journals
3. Present the results at conferences

Qualifications:

(Required)

1. PhD in Fluid Mechanics, or related discipline
2. Solid experience with stability analyses and/or high-performance computing



3. Proficiency in English

(Preferred)

1. Experience with compressible flows and thermodynamics
2. Experience with linear-stability and bifurcation theories
3. Experience with Python and Fortran languages

Report to:

Professor Emile Touber / Shocks, Solitons and Turbulence Unit

Starting Date:

As early as possible

Term & Working hours:

Term: Full-time, fixed term appointment for 3 years

Working hours: Discretionary

Compensation & Benefits:

Compensation in accordance with the OIST Employee Compensation Regulations

Benefits:

- Relocation, housing and commuting allowances
- Annual paid leave and summer holidays
- Health insurance (Private School Mutual Aid <http://www.shigakukyosai.jp/>)
- Welfare pension insurance (kousei-nenkin)
- Worker's accident compensation insurance (roudousha-saigai-hoshou-hoken)

How to Apply:

Apply by emailing your Submission Documents to:

emile.touber[at]oist.jp

(Please replace [at] with @ before using this email address)

Submission Documents:

- Cover letter in English
- Curriculum vitae in English
- Contact details of at least two referees



Application Due Date:

Open until filled

Declaration:

- * OIST Graduate University is an equal opportunity, affirmative action educator and employer and is committed to increasing the diversity of its faculty, students and staff. The University strongly encourages women and minority candidates to apply.
- * Information provided by applicants or references will be kept confidential, documents will not be returned. All applicants will be notified regarding the status of their applications.
- * Please view our policy for rules on external professional activities
(<https://groups.oist.jp/acd/information-disclosure/>).
- * Further details about the University can be viewed on our website (www.oist.jp).