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○ **RESEARCHER PROFILE**

PhD / R1: First stage Researcher

Postdoc / R2: PhD holders

Researcher, Assistant Professor/ Senior Lecturer / R3: Established Researcher

Professor, Tenure track / R4: Leading Researcher

Other \_\_\_\_\_ (PLS specify)

○ **JOB TITLE** (Ex.: Three-year PhD position in Medical chemistry.... / Two-year Postdoc position in Sociology)

**Two-year Post-Doctoral position on experimental and numerical fluid dynamics**

○ **RESEARCH FIELD(S) AND DISCIPLINES<sup>1</sup>**

**Experimental and numerical fluid dynamics**

○ **JOB /OFFER DESCRIPTION** (max. 50,000 characters) (Work environment, Funding (ANR grant, A\*midex, ...), duty, etc.)

Membrane separation techniques, used to separate the constituents of a mixture by driving it through a semi-permeable membrane, are ubiquitous in industry (wastewater treatment), medical sciences (dialysis) or environmental issues (desalination). They suffer from the accumulation of the retained materials near or inside the membrane, which deteriorates their performances, due to various mechanisms such as adsorption, scaling, osmotic pressure or the build up of a gel layer. These mechanisms remain poorly understood, as they are numerically difficult to model and occur near opaque membranes hindering optical measurement techniques. These mechanisms also impact the hydrodynamics at stake in the separation devices. Reciprocally, these mechanisms can also be used to act upon and abate accumulation, by promoting hydrodynamic instabilities for instance.

This Post-Doc position endeavors to address these phenomena in a Taylor-Couette cell, where brine is driven in the gap between a semi-permeable rotating inner cylinder and a clear impermeable fixed outer cylinder. A two-pronged approach will be adopted over the 24 months of the contract.

First, building on previous work, direct numerical simulations by spectral methods and stability analyses will be developed, to address in this configuration the dynamics of centrifugal instabilities and solute accumulation, coupled by osmotic pressure.

Then, an experimental rig must be designed and build. Beyond the coupling by osmotic pressure, its use should also be extended to cope with other mechanisms related to solute accumulation such as mineral scaling. To the best of our knowledge, such an experimental set-up is no longer operated

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anywhere in the world, despite the fact that it offers the best configuration to accurately study the mechanisms at stake in membrane separation. To this end, measurements of the velocity field will be performed by PIV.

Moreover, the postdoctoral fellow will interact with undergraduate and postgraduate students in relation with the experiments.

- o **WHAT WE OFFER** (*Benefits, salary, professional opportunities, etc.*)  
Less than 3 years after PhD net salary: 1982 euros / month  
More than 3 years after PhD net salary: 2323 euros / month

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- o **TYPE OF CONTRACT**  
 PERMANENT       TEMPORARY       TO BE DEFINED
- o **JOB STATUS**  
 FULL TIME       PART TIME       NEGOTIABLE
- o **HOURS PER WEEK** 35
- o **IS THE JOB FUNDED THROUGH AN EU RESEARCH FRAMEWORK PROGRAMME?**  
 YES       NO
- o **APPLICATION DEADLINE** (Day/Month/YYYY) & **TIME** (00:00) (If not applicable, report the envisaged starting date).  
1<sup>st</sup> of July 2023
- o **ENVISAGED STARTING DATE** (Day/Month/YYYY)  
1<sup>st</sup> of September 2023
- o **ENVISAGED DURATION** (Nb of month)  
24
- o **WORK LOCATION(S)**

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- o **QUALIFICATIONS, REQUIRED EDUCATION LEVEL, PROFESSIONAL SKILLS, RESEARCH REQUIREMENTS**  
*(max. 3000 characters)*  
Basic qualification: Ph.D. in experimental and/or numerical fluid mechanics  
The student must have a solid knowledge of fluid mechanics, ideally in both laboratory experimental tasks (PIV installation and measurement) and numerical simulations (spectral methods, HPC), more realistically in one of them.
- o **SOFT SKILLS** *(Ex.: Autonomy, Teamwork, Analytical and critical thinking, Listening and observing, Empathy, Flexibility and adaptability, Linguistics, communicative and plurilingual, Co-operation, Conflict-resolution ...)*  
Autonomy, Teamwork, Analytical and critical thinking
- o **REQUESTED DOCUMENTS OF APPLICATION, SELECTION PROCESS**
  - CV with copy of PhD and committee final report.
  - List of publications.
  - Motivation letter.
- o **WHERE TO APPLY** *(Email OR Website only)*
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