Postdoc opening in computational active fluids at NJU Suzhou

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Start: 1 Jan 2026, or on a mutually agreed on date thereafter
Appointment: 2 years, with a possibility to extend for 2-3 years
Salary: 240,000 CNY per annum (including social insurance)

Motivation

Active fluids are soft materials whose constituent elements can directly supply and dissipate energy. Because of this internal energy flux, active fluids can display a multitude of interesting phenomena ranging from enhanced diffusion to active turbulence and even "superfluidic" rheologies. Despite the tremendous progress in the study of active fluids over the last few decades, to date, there have been relatively few studies that have carefully incorporated *hydrodynamic interactions* among the active particles, thus limiting our physical understanding of active fluids as well as their potential applications in materials design and medical technology. This is where we want to make a contribution. Using the recently developed *Active Fast Stokeisan Dynamics* framework [1-2], we aim to perform rigorous, large-scale hydrodynamic simulations of active suspensions to elucidate their dynamical and rheological behaviours in realistic and flowing conditions [3-4].

Job description

We seek a highly motivated postdoc with a computational background to join us at NJU Suzhou from 1 January 2026. The candidate must have a PhD degree in a related area (fluid mechanics, engineering physics, applied mathematics, mechanical engineering, chemical engineering, etc) by the time the position starts. Programming skills are necessary, preferably in C++/CUDA. Prior research experience in active matter hydrodynamics is advantageous but not required.

The duty of the job includes mainly research (literature review, code development, numerical simulation, data analysis, participance in national/international conferences, publication) and some minor management (help coadvising students in the group).

The initial appointment is for 2 years, which may be extended for 2-3 years if there are mutual interest and available funding. The annual base pay is 240,000 CNY, including social insurance; see the HR document (in Chinese) for the official policy.

We strive to create a free and inclusive environment where everyone feels comfortable expressing themselves. We understand the potential stress and uncertainty of the job, and will do our best to help our group members build their academic network and advance their own career.

How to apply

Please send your CV and one representative paper to Dr. Zhouyang Ge (zhoge@nju.edu.cn), and briefly explain why you want to join us. Informal inquiries are welcome.

References

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