2018-00457 - Exascale enabled finite element solvers for nanophotonics

Contract type : Public service fixed-term contract
Renewable contract : Oui
Level of qualifications required : PhD or equivalent
Fonction : Temporary scientific engineer
Level of experience : From 3 to 5 years

About the research centre or Inria department
The Inria Sophia Antipolis - Méditerranée center counts 37 research teams and 9 support departments. The center's staff (about 600 people including 400 Inria employees) is composed of scientists of different nationalities (250 foreigners of 50 nationalities), engineers, technicians and administrators. 1/3 of the staff are civil servants, the others are contractual. The majority of the research teams at the center are located in Sophia Antipolis and Nice in the Alpes-Maritimes. Six teams are based in Montpellier and a team is hosted by the computer science department of the University of Bologna in Italy. The Center is a member of the University and Institution Community (ComUE) "Université Côte d'Azur (UCA)".

Context
Nachos is a joint project-team between Inria and the Jean-Alexandre Dieudonné Mathematics Laboratory at University Nice Sophia Antipolis. The team gathers applied mathematicians and computational scientists who are collaboratively undertaking research activities aiming at the design, analysis, development and application of innovative numerical methods for systems of partial differential equations (PDEs) modelling nanoscale light-matter interaction problems. In this context, the team is developing the DIOGENeS [https://diogenes.inria.fr/] software suite, which implements several Discontinuous Galerkin (DG) type methods tailored to the systems of time- and frequency-domain Maxwell equations possibly coupled to differential equations modeling the behaviour of propagation media at optical frequencies. DIOGENeS is a unique numerical framework leveraging the capabilities of DG techniques for the simulation of multiscale problems relevant to nanophotonics and nanoplasmonics.

Assignment
The team is involved in a recently launched multi-partner European initiative toward the establishment of a highly productive programming environment for heterogeneous exascale computing. In this context our main objective is to demonstrate that, thanks to the programming models and software tools offered by this environment, we can achieve highly scalable implementations of finite element type solvers for the simulation of nanoscale light/matter interactions that we develop in the framework of the DIOGENeS software suite.

Main activities
More precisely, the successful candidate will be assigned two main missions. On one hand, he/she will leverage advanced programming models and environments developed by other partners of this European project in order to develop accelerator-enabled versions of DG kernels currently exploited in the DIOGENeS software suite. On the other hand, he/she will contribute to the implementation of innovative high order finite element type solvers that are inherently adapted to highly parallel systems. This part of the work will also be conducted in close collaboration with Ph.D and postdoctoral fellows of the team who are currently investigating a new family of highly scalable multiscale finite element solvers for the solution of the PDE models relevant to nanophotonics.

Skills
Candidates will preferably hold a PhD degree in applied mathematics/scientific computing.

Required skills:
- Sound knowledge of numerical analysis and development of finite element type...
methods for computational physics;
- A concrete experience in numerical modeling for computational electromagnetics will be an asset;
- Strong programming skills and exposure to object-oriented model;
- Knowledge and experience of Fortran 95/2000x;
- Knowledge and experience of MPI, OpenMP and OpenACC;
- Fluent spoken and written English.

Benefits package
- Subsidised catering service
- Partially-reimbursed public transport
- Social security
- Paid leave
- Flexible working hours
- Sports facilities

Remuneration
Gross salary: between 2632€ and 2936€ (depends on the experience)