Postdoctoral Researcher: Laser-plasma interaction modeling and simulation

The Center for Exascale Simulation of Plasma-coupled Combustion (XPACC — http://xpacc.illinois.edu) at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign seeks a Postdoctoral Research Associate in the area of Laser-plasma interaction modeling and simulation. Specific tasks will be to

• Develop models and descriptions of a laser-induced-breakdown as an ignition source, including both its energy deposition and shock-induced vorticity,
• Develop practical predictive models for ignition, and
• Work with experimental team to plan experiments and measurements to inform models.

Faculty working in this area within XPACC include Marco Panesi, Jonathan Freund, Nick Glumac, and Greg Elliott.

This is a large center-level effort, and there will be tremendous opportunities for leadership and career development within the center. There will also be opportunities for close collaborative interaction with computer scientists, computational scientists, and experimentalists, as well as the international high-performance computing community. Interest and ability to interact productively with our DOE sponsors is essential. The center also includes more senior staff-level personnel, which provides opportunities for promotion within XPACC.

XPACC researchers have access to state-of-the-art computing platforms at all DOE/NNSA labs and the Blue Waters system (https://bluewaters.ncsa.illinois.edu/) at the University of Illinois.

Applicants should have a PhD in a Mechanical or Aerospace Engineering or Physics or a related field. A competitive salary will be set in accordance with University of Illinois policy. Appointments will be for 1 year, with the possibility of renewal for additional years.

To apply, email applications in PDF format to xpacc@illinois.edu. These should include a full CV (including publications and details of graduate studies) and at least 3 references. The target start date is November 15, 2015. Please be sure to indicate the specific position to which you are applying.

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