Post-doctoral position in Physics
Lunds universitet, Lunds Tekniska Högskola, Fysiska institutionen

Lund University was founded in 1666 and is repeatedly ranked among the world’s top 100 universities. The University has 42 000 students and 7 400 staff based in Lund, Helsingborg and Malmö. We are united in our efforts to understand, explain and improve our world and the human condition.

LTH forms the Faculty of Engineering at Lund University, with approximately 9 000 students. The research carried out at LTH is of a high international standard and we are continuously developing our teaching methods and adapting our courses to current needs.

The Department of Physics is with a staff of about 350 scientists and educators one of the largest departments within Lund University. There are seven research divisions and a number of research centres within the department. The research activities at the department cover a broad spectrum of modern physics. www.fysik.lu.se/english.

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- to develop the intense attosecond beam line in order to do XUV-XUV pump/probe experiments.

Work duties
The main duties involved in a post-doctoral position is to conduct research. Teaching may also be included, but up to no more than 20% of working hours. The position shall include the opportunity for three weeks of training in higher education teaching and learning.

The work will be to operate a femtosecond titanium-sapphire laser system, generate attosecond pulses by high-order harmonic generation in gases, transport and manipulate XUV radiation, and perform applications in atomic and molecular systems in gas phase. The work may include both temporal and spatial characterization of ultrashort XUV pulses. Supervision of master degree projects and PhD students is expected.

Qualification requirements
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Additional requirements:
- Very good oral and written proficiency in English.
- Experience with femtosecond laser systems and/or XUV radiation

Assessment criteria and other qualifications
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**Type of employment** Temporary position longer than 6 months

**Contract type** Full time

**First day of employment** 2018-03-01

**Salary** monthly

**Number of positions** 1

**Working hours** 100

**City** Lund

**County** Skåne län

**Country** Sweden

**Reference number** PA2018/301

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