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At the Institute of Nonlinear Mechanics, University of Stuttgart, a position as

## **PhD researcher / Post-doc (f/m/d)**

with the research topic

### **Numerical methods for the continuation of periodic solutions of nonsmooth dynamical systems**

is to be filled. The applicant either intends a doctoral degree (PhD) or seeks a post-doctoral position. The position (TV-L E13) is initially limited to 3 years. An extension up to 5 years is possible in principle.

Research at our institute addresses questions in mechanics from theoretical, numerical, and experimental perspectives. The institute's research focus lies on the mechanics and dynamics of nonsmooth mechanical systems. Further information about the Institute of Nonlinear Mechanics can be found at [www.inm.uni-stuttgart.de](http://www.inm.uni-stuttgart.de).

#### **Research Topic**

Nonlinear frequency response functions (FRFs) of unilaterally constrained mechanical systems with friction are highly useful for avoiding resonances in applications such as rotor machinery. Since these systems typically involve frictional contact, a nonsmooth modeling approach is required. The computation of nonlinear FRFs relies on specialized numerical methods that allow branches of periodic solutions to be continued in parameter space. However, the development of continuation methods tailored to nonsmooth systems remains a challenging task.

We appreciate your interest in the position. For further questions, please contact:

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#### **Requirements**

A completed Master's degree (resp. PhD degree) in Mechanical Engineering, Technical Cybernetics, Simulation Technology, Mathematics, or a related field. Strong interest in theoretical mechanics, mathematics, and numerical methods is expected.

## **We offer**

- An established, inspirational and supportive research environment at the Institute for Nonlinear Mechanics.
- An excellent opportunity towards becoming an independent researcher. This includes the exposure to the academic field via conference visits and training programs to support your first steps as an early career scientist.

Please send your application, including CV and transcripts (Master's and Bachelor's, resp. PhD thesis and publications), in a single PDF document by e-mail to [leine@inm.uni-stuttgart.de](mailto:leine@inm.uni-stuttgart.de).

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We look forward to your application!