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Thema der Dissertation

### **Mathematical modelling and simulation of epithelial-to-mesenchymal transitions leading to cell migration**

#### **Abstract:**

The primary project of this PhD thesis is the study of epithelial-to-mesenchymal transitions (EMT), which are complex cellular processes, playing a crucial role in neural tube formation and also occur in wound healing, fibrosis and the initial stage of metastasis.

Our mathematical model is a differential inclusion (i.e. a set-valued ODE), which is well-posed due to results from the theory of prox-regular sets. We used a new and very performant numerical method from computer graphics, called position-based dynamics (PBD). This allowed us to perform large scale parameter studies that lead to new biological hypotheses, which Eric Theveneau tested in his lab with in vivo experiments.

In a second project, we apply kinetic theory to a particle system with constraints. Such systems occur for example in muscle tissue models. Despite the constraints, we could show well-posedness and convergence of the mean-field limit.

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