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## Summary

## Biography

I am a catchment hydrologist and hydrogeologist. My research aims to provide a better understanding of how climate, land-use and land management affect the quantity and quality of surface and groundwater over the short- and long-term. I am particularly interested in the diffuse transport of nitrate from agricultural watersheds.

I studied Engineering at Durham University before completing a PhD in Civil and Environmental Engineering at Imperial College London. Then I spent three years working in industry, latterly as Principal Consultant for White Young Green, before moving to Cranfield University as a Lecturer in Soil and Water Engineering in 2007. I joined the Department of Civil Engineering at the University of Bristol in March 2010.

I was recently leader of Work Package Hydrology for the Arctic Biosphere Atmosphere Coupling at Multiple Scales (ABACUS: [www.abacus-ipy.org](http://www.abacus-ipy.org)) research project, funded by the National Environmental Research Council (NERC) as part of the International Polar Year (IPY). In 2008 I was given a Young Investigators' Award by the NERC-UKPopNet ([www.ukpopnet.org](http://www.ukpopnet.org)) to improve hydrological modelling of catchments in the Welsh Uplands, and have also worked as a hydrological consultant for Yorkshire Water, WINGAS Storage UK, Egdon Resources, and the Portland Gas Company.

## Memberships

## Organisations

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