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**Summary**

I have a broad range of research interests across the field of applied mathematics, but I focus particularly on engineering related applications. My specialities include

- mathematical modelling (mostly engineering related, but I enjoy broader challenges and I've done some work in the bio-sciences),
- the dynamics of nonlinear systems,
- numerical methods for dynamical systems (particularly in the area of bifurcation analysis), and
- systems with delay (mostly delay differential equations).

At the moment, I am branching out into stochastic dynamics and, in particular, I'm looking the links between mathematical models and physical reality — can we use numerical methods designed to investigate mathematical models on physical experiments? (Answer: YES!)

If you are interested in working with me on any of these topics, please feel free to drop me an [email](#) (see my contact details).

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