

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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**RESEARCH AREAS:** Nonlinear dynamical systems, geometric singular perturbation theory; ODEs and PDEs with multiple time scales; Pattern formation in reaction-diffusion equations; Pulse and spot dynamics, interactions, and self-replication; Applications in bubble dynamics and fluid mechanics; Analysis of reduction methods in chemical kinetics; Pattern formation on embryos; Analysis of renormalization group methods; Normal form theory for nonautonomous systems; Mathematical biology, neurophysiology; torus canards; Operator-splitting methods. Nonlinear Schrödinger equation; Hamiltonian systems and orbits homoclinic to resonance bands.

1992, Ph.D., Applied Mathematics, California Institute of Technology,

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3. “Lobe area in adiabatic Hamiltonian systems,” 1991, *Physica D*, **51**, 205–212, T.J. Kaper and S. Wiggins.
4. “On the structure of separatrix-swept regions in singularly-perturbed Hamiltonian systems,” November 1992, *Journal of Differential and Integral Equations*, **5**, 1363–1381, T.J. Kaper and S. Wiggins.
5. “An analytical study of transport in Stokes flows exhibiting large-scale chaos between eccentric cylinders,” 1993, *Journal of Fluid Mechanics*, **253**, 211–243, T.J. Kaper and S. Wiggins.
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9. “ $N$ -th order operator splitting schemes and nonreversible systems.” 1996, *SIAM Journal on Numerical Analysis*, **33**, no. 1, 349–367, D. Goldman and T.J. Kaper.
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13. “Global dynamics of a rapidly forced cart and pendulum,” 1997, *Nonlinear Dynamics*, **13**, 131–170, with S. Weibel and J. Baillieul.
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17. “On acoustic cavitation of slightly subcritical bubbles,” 1999, *Physics of Fluids*, **11**, pages 274–287, A. Harkin, T.J. Kaper, and A. Nadim.
18. “A reaction-diffusion equation with periodic front dynamics,” 2000, *SIAM Journal on Applied Mathematics*, **60**, pages 1601–1638 G. Medvedev, T.J. Kaper, and N. Kopell.
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20. “Stationary periodic patterns in the 1-D Gray-Scott model,” 2000, *Methods and Applications of Analysis*, **7**, 105–150, D.S. Morgan, A. Doelman, T.J. Kaper.
21. “Alpha-frequency rhythms desynchronize over long cortical distances: a modeling study,” 2000, *J. Computational Neuroscience*, **9(3)**, 271–291, S.R. Jones, D. Pinto, T.J. Kaper, and N. Kopell.
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26. “An unfolding theory approach to bursting in fast-slow systems,” 2001, *Global Analysis of Dynamical Systems*, H. Broer, B. Krauskopf, and G. Vegter, eds., IOP Pub., 277-308, M. Golubitsky, K. Josic, T.J. Kaper.
27. “Spatially periodic and aperiodic multi-pulse patterns in the one-dimensional Gierer-Meinhardt equations,” 2001, *Methods and Applications of Analysis*, **8**, 387-414, A. Doelman, H. v.d. Ploeg, T.J. Kaper.
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29. “Blowup in the nonlinear Schrödinger equation near critical dimension,” 2002, *Journal of Mathematical Analysis and Applications*, **268**, 517-549, V. Rottschäfer and T.J. Kaper.
30. A stability index analysis of 1-D patterns in the Gray-Scott model,” 2002, *Memoirs of the American Mathematical Society*, Number 737, published by the American Mathematical Society, Providence, RI, ISSN 0065-9266, A. Doelman, R.A. Gardner, and T.J. Kaper (a 64 page book).
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32. “Semi-strong pulse interactions in a class of coupled reaction-diffusion equations,” 2003, *SIAM Journal on Applied Dynamical Systems*, **2**, 53-96, A. Doelman and T.J. Kaper.
33. “Coordination of central pattern-generating circuits that control limb movements: the sources of stable differences in intersegmental phases,” 2003, *Journal of Neuroscience*, **23(8)**, 3457-3469, S.R. Jones, T.J.

Kaper, N. Kopell, and B. Mulloney.

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35. “Analysis of state-dependent transitions in frequency and long-distance coordination in a model oscillatory cortical circuit,” 2003, *Journal of Computational Neuroscience*, **15**, 283–298, D. Pinto, S.R. Jones, T.J. Kaper, and N. Kopell.
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38. “Fast and slow dynamics of the Computational Singular Perturbation method,” 2004, *SIAM Journal on Multiscale Modeling and Simulation*, **2**, 613–638, A. Zagaris, H.G. Kaper, T.J. Kaper.
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60. “A showcase of torus canards in neuronal bursters,” 2012, *Journal of Mathematical Neuroscience*, **2(3)**, with J. Burke, M. Desroches, A. M. Barry, and M. A. Kramer.
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62. “Adiabatic stability under semi-strong interactions: the weakly damped regime,” 2013, *Indiana University Mathematics Journal*, with T. Belsky, A. Doelman, and K. Promislow.
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- \* Oleg Mikittchenko (co-advised by C.E. Wayne), Application of resolution of singularities to asymptotic analysis of differential equations.
- \* Margaret Beck, Ph.D. in Mathematics, May 2006 (coadvised by C.E. Wayne). Topics in stability theory for partial differential equations.
- \* Marina Bevzushenko, Ph.D. in Mathematics, Dec 2006. Mathematical modeling of an integro-differential equation arising in neuroscience.
- \* Antonios Zagaris, Ph.D. in Mathematics, May 2005 (co-advised by H. Kaper). Analysis of reduction methods for multiscale phenomena.
- \* David Morgan, Ph.D. in Mathematics, 2001. On the existence and stability of spatial patterns in an activator-inhibitor system that exhibits self-replication.
- \* Stephanie R. Jones, Ph.D. in Mathematics, 2001 (coadvised by N. Kopell). Rhythms in the neocortex and in CPG networks: dynamical systems analyses.
- \* Kinya Ono, Ph.D. in Mathematics, December 2000. Analytical methods for reaction-diffusion equations: critical wave speeds and axisymmetric phenomena.
- \* Anthony Harkin, Ph.D. in Mathematics, 2001 (coadvised by A. Nadim, Mech. Eng.). Nonlinear dynamics of gas bubbles in liquids.
- \* Michael G. Hayes, Ph.D. in Mathematics, July 1999. Geometric analysis of delayed bifurcations.
- \* Georgiy S. Medvedev, Ph.D. in Mathematics, May 1999 (coadvised by N. Kopell). Problems on oscillations and pattern formation in mathematical biology.
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