

Curriculum Vitae

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Description: Medical AI researcher with a background in mathematical modelling, biophysics and machine learning. Strong international network, including leading research hospitals in Norway and the UK. Good teaching and supervision experience.

Key Metrics

Research Experience:	9 years, 6 in Norway, 3 in the UK.
Publications:	14 scientific articles, 10 as first author or shared first author, 9 conference/workshop proceedings, 158 citations, h-index 8.
Supervision:	1 PhD student, 3 MSc students, 3 interns 1 summer school group (3 PhD, 1 MSc students).
Teaching:	Lecturer/teacher in 2 MSc level courses, 3 years teaching assistance experience. Published 1 guide to scientific programming.

Employment History

- 2021- **Postdoctoral Researcher**, Department of Computational Physiology, Simula Research Laboratory. Funding: PROCARDIO Centre for Excellent Innovation (Norwegian Research Council). Main Partner: Oslo University Hospital. Research Topics: Deep learning with medical images, biophysical simulation of the heart.
- 2019-2021 **Postdoctoral Researcher**, Biomedical Informatics Research Group, Department of Informatics, University of Oslo. Funding: Pharmatox Strategic Research Initiative (UiO). Research Topics: Bioinformatics, machine learning, computational immunology.
- 2016-2019 **Research Associate**, School of Biomedical Engineering and Imaging Sciences, St. Thomas Hospital, King's College London, UK. Funding: Young Investigator Grant (UK Medical Research Council). Research Topics: Cardiac electrophysiology simulation, medical image analysis, cardiac arrhythmias.
- 2013-2016 **PhD Student**, Biomedical Computing Group, Simula Research Laboratory, Oslo, Norway. Funding: Centre for Biomedical Computing (Excellent Research Centre scheme, Norwegian Research Council). Research Topics: Data assimilation and inverse problems, cardiac mechanics, echocardiographic image analysis.
- 2012-2013 **IT Trainee**, Statkraft AS, Oslo, Norway
- 2012 **Scientific Programmer**, Micromagnetics Computational Modelling Group, University of Southampton, UK.
- 2008-2010 **IT Consultant and Software Developer**, IDS-Scheer AG, Freiburg, Germany.

Education

- 2017 **PhD in Computer Science**, University of Oslo, Norway
Thesis: *Adjoint Data Assimilation Methods for Cardiac Mechanics*
Advisors: Marie Rognes, Joakim Sundnes.
- 2012 **MSc in Mathematics**, University of Oslo, Norway
Thesis: *A Newton's Method Finite Element Algorithm for Fluid-Structure Interaction*
Advisors: Anders Logg, Marie Rognes.
- 2008 **Honours BSc in Mathematics with Minor in German Studies**, Trent University, Canada, Grade: A. Exchange year in Freiburg, Germany.

Supervision

- Fall 2022 **(Interns) Bendik Dalen, Natascha Augustin**, *Deep learning based motion tracking in Cardiac MRI*, Simula Research Laboratory. Main Supervisor.
- 2022 **(Summer School Project Group, 3 PhD Students, 1 MSc student)**, *Automated Cardiac Mechanics Modelling with Evolutionary Polynomial Regression*, Main supervisor.
- 2022- **(MSc) Nikola Poli**, *Deep Learning Risk Assessment of Myocardial Scars in Dilated Cardiomyopathy Patients using Electrophysiology Simulations*, MSc thesis in data analytics at BI Norwegian Business School. Co-supervisor together with Molly Maleckar and Rogelio Mancisidor.
- 2021- **(MSc) Frida Westby**, *Cancer Prediction with Longitudinal Serum RNA Measurements and Machine Learning*, MSc thesis in computational science at the University of Oslo, Norway. Main supervisor together with Molly Maleckar, Sinan Umu, and Trine Rounge.
- 2017-2018 **(MEng) Charlotta Malvuccio**, *Quantification of Scar Heterogeneity in Non-Ischemic Dilated Cardiomyopathy*, MEng thesis in biomedical engineering at King's College London, UK. Co-supervisor together with Martin Bishop.
- 2015-2017 **(PhD) Henrik Finsberg**, *Patient-Specific Computational Modeling of Cardiac Mechanics*, PhD thesis in computer science at the University of Oslo. Informal supervisor, together with Samuel Wall and Joakim Sundnes.
- 2013 **(Intern) Karl Erik Holter**, *Inverse Cardiac Mechanics with Kalman Filtering*, Summer internship at Simula Research Laboratory, Oslo, Norway. Main supervisor, together with Marie Rognes.

Teaching

- 2022- **Teacher**, *Lecture on Medical Digital Twins*, School of Economics, Innovation and Technology, Kristiania University College, Oslo, Norway. Designed and held lecture, lead exercise in pitching startup companies.
- 2022 **Volunteer Instructor**, *Coding Course for Ukrainian Refugees*, Simula Research Laboratory, Oslo, Norway. Taught Python and microbit coding to 15-20 children and young adults for 3 hours a week.
- 2022- **Teacher**, *Reading Course in Statistical Survival Analysis*, Institute for Informatics, University of Oslo, Norway. Personalized course for MSc student Frida Westby. Designed curriculum and coding exercises. Provided weekly teaching and guidance.
- 2021- **Lecturer**, *Machine Learning Fundamentals*, Summer School in Computational Physiology, Simula Research Laboratory, Norway. Designed lecture slides and coding exercises for around 30 students from diverse backgrounds (biomedical engineering, computer science, mathematics and biology). Recorded Youtube lecture.
- 2021 **Practice Group Teacher**, *Machine Learning for Image Analysis*, Institute for Informatics, University of Oslo, Norway. Lead online practice sessions over zoom for up to 100 students.

Marked assignments.

- 2017 **Practice Group Teacher**, *Introduction to Biomedical Engineering*, Department of Imaging Sciences and Biomedical Engineering, King's College London, UK. Lead a practice session.
- 2011-2012 **Practice Group Teacher**, *Calculus I and II*, Department of Mathematics, University of Oslo, Norway. Lead practice sessions and marked assignments for BSc students and incoming high school students (preparatory summer course).

Institutional Responsibilities

- 2016-2017 **Board Member and Employee Representative**, Simula School of Research and Innovation, Oslo, Norway.
- 2014-2016 **Founder and Leader**, Simula PhD Student Forum, Oslo, Norway.
- 2013-2015 **Union Representative**, Technical-Scientific Association (Tekna), Oslo, Norway.

Public Engagement and Media

- 2021 **Online Blog Entry**, *Changes in heart shape can predict future sudden cardiac arrest*, King's College Online News
- 2021 **Video Lecture**, *Machine Learning Fundamentals*, Youtube.
- 2019 **Live Interview**, *Meet the Future You*, Big Bang Science Fair, Birmingham, UK.
- 2018 **Online Event for high school students**, *I am a Scientist: Get me Out of Here!*, London, UK.
- 2017 **Popular Science Article**, *Har utviklet modell for personlige datahjerter*, Titan online magazine.
- 2016 **Podcast Interview**, *Working as a bioengineering researcher*, 99 Career Options.
- 2015 **Interactive Presentation for high school students**, *'How does the heart Pump?*, Simula Research Laboratory, Oslo, Norway.

Scientific Seminar Organization

- 2022 **Seminar Organiser**, *Simulation in Mitral Valve Prolapse and Dilated Cardiomyopathy*, PROCardio Spring and Fall Workshops, Oslo, Norway.

Select Invited Talks

- 2022 **Colloquium: Cardiac Electro-Mechanics Research Group**, *Automated cardiac constitutive modelling with evolutionary energy functions*, King's College London, UK
- 2022 **Conference: Computing in Cardiology**, *Towards an automated pipeline to create patient specific 3D LV geometry models of patients with mitral annular disjunction*, Tampere, Finland
- 2021 **Colloquium: Computing in Science and Education**, *10 simple rules for quick and dirty scientific programming*, University of Oslo, Norway
- 2021 **Colloquium: Cardiac Modelling and Imaging Biomarkers**, *10 simple rules for quick and dirty scientific programming*, King's College London, UK
- 2018 **Conference: Computing in Cardiology**, *The effects of non-ischemic fibrosis texture and density on mechanisms of reentry*, Maastricht, NL
- 2018 **Conference: Heart Rhythm Scientific Sessions (competitive with 30% acceptance rate)**, *Scar density predicts transmural reentry in non-ischemic dilated cardiomyopathy*, Boston, USA
- 2017 **Conference: Computational Biomedical Engineering**, *Computational model to understand the mechanistic link between midwall fibrosis and arrhythmic risk in non-ischemic dilated*

cardiomyopathy, Pittsburgh, USA

Awards

- 2006 **Baden-Württemberg Stipendium (€6000)**, for a year of academic exchange in Freiburg, Germany.
- 2005 **Trent University Scholarship (\$1000)**, for academic excellence during my BSc studies, Peterborough, Canada.

Review Services

Regular reviewer for the following journals: *European Heart Journal*, *Frontiers in Cardiovascular Medicine*, *Computers in Biology and Medicine*, *Cardiovascular Engineering and Technology*, *International Journal for Numerical Methods in Biomedical Engineering*.