

Section b: Curriculum vitae (max. 2 pages)

PERSONAL INFORMATION

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• EDUCATION

2003 PhD. Thesis title: Software and Numerical Methods for the Incompressible Navier-Stokes Equations. Supervisors: Hans Petter Langtangen and Aslak Tveito.
Department of Informatics, University of Oslo, Norway.
1999 Cand.Scient, Department of Informatics, University of Oslo, Norway.

• CURRENT POSITIONS

2015 – present Professor, Division of Mechanics, Department of Mathematics, University of Oslo, Norway
2014 – present Adjunct Chief Research Scientist (equivalent to Professor), Department of Numerical Analysis and Scientific Computing, Simula Research Laboratory, Norway
2019 – present Consultant, Expert Analytics, Norway

• PREVIOUS POSITIONS

2014 – 2015 Associate Professor, Department of Mathematics, University of Oslo, Norway
2007 – 2017 Group leader at Center of Excellence, Center for Biomedical Computing, Norway
2007 – 2014 Senior Research Scientist, Simula Research Laboratory, Norway
2003 – 2014 Associate Professor (20%), Department of Informatics, University of Oslo, Norway
2003 – 2007 Postdoctoral Fellow, Simula Research Laboratory, Norway

• GRANTS AND AWARDS

2022-2026 PI: “Computational Hydrology project” (7 MNOK) strategic initiative “Sustainability” at the Faculty of Natural Sciences, UiO
2022 Researcher of the Year Award, Simula Research Laboratory
2020 – 2024 PI: “Alzheimer’s Physics” (12 MNOK), FRIPRO, Research Council of Norway (RCN)
2019– 2023 PI: “SciML – Scientific Machine Learning”, (16 MNOK), IKTPLUSS, RCN
2018 – 2021 Workpackage leader of “Novel cascade technology for optimal utilization of animal and marine by products “ (2MNOK), collaborative project (BIONÆR), RCN
2017– 2021 PI: “OPSECTS – Optimal Patient Specific Electro Convulsive Therapy Simulator”, (4 MNOK) PhD student joint with industry partner Expert Analytics, RCN
2017– 2019 co-PI: Developing the course “Computational Mathematical Modeling” (900 KNOK), with Logg (Chalmers) and Matheisen (Copenhagen), Nordforsk
2017– 2018 co-PI: “Brain, aging and neurodegenerative disease” (80 KNOK), exchange with Neuroscientists in Toulouse, RCN
2015– 2016 co-PI: “Improved intercranial pressure estimations using cloud-based simulations of the cerebral blood flow” (200 KEUR), within the Fortissimo project, EU-7th FP
2011– 2015 PI: “Patient-specific mathematical modeling with applications to clinical medicine: Stroke and syringomyelia” (7 MNOK), RCN funded as a result of being shortlisted for ERC funding

• SUPERVISION OF GRADUATE STUDENTS AND POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWS

2002 – 2023 13 postdocs (11 as main supervisor; 5 of which are ongoing)/32 PhD students (14 as main supervisor; 4 of which are ongoing)/44 Master Students (26 as main supervisor; 2 of which are ongoing). Institutions for PhD students: University of Oslo (28); University of Siegen (1); Istituo Italiano di Tecnologia (1), Norwegian University of Science and Technology (2).

• TEACHING ACTIVITIES (University of Oslo) (Spring: S, Fall: F)

2015 – 2023 Lecturer – MEK4250 – Computational Mechanics S15, S16, S17, S18, S19, S21, S23

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| 2020 – 2022 | Lecturer – MEK4300 – Viscous Flow and Turbulence F22 |
| 2017 – 2018 | Lecturer – MEK3570 – Computational Solid Mechanics F17, F18 |
| 2014 – 2019 | Lecturer – MEK3220 – Continuum Mechanics F14, F15, F16, F19 |
| 2013 – 2014 | Lecturer – INF-MAT5650 – Finite Elements for Partial Differential Equations S13, S14 |
| 2012 – 2013 | Lecturer – INF-MAT3360 – Partial Differential Equations S12, S13 |
| 2004 – 2009 | Lecturer – INF5670 – Numerical Methods for Navier-Stokes equations F04, F06, F07, F09 |
| 2002 – 2010 | Lecturer – INF5600 – Iterative Methods and Multigrid S02, S03, S04, S05, S07, S10 |
| 2004 – 2007 | Lecturer – INF5660 – Advanced problem solving with high level languages S04, S05, S06, V07 |

• ORGANISATION OF SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS

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| 2022 | Organizer, Glymphatic Symposium (50 participants), Oslo, Norway |
| 2021 | Organizer, Glymphatic Symposium (50 participants), Oslo, Norway |
| 2019 | Organizer, CSF Symposium (50 participants), Oslo, Norway |
| 2019 | Organizer, Bio-mechanics workshop (50 participants) |
| 2018 | Organizer, Bio-Mechanics workshop on micro-circulation and plasticity in tissue (50 participants), Norway |
| 2017 | Organizer, Biomechanics of Living Systems from Cells to Organisms (50 participants), Norway |
| 2013 | Organizer, Nordic Seminar of Computational Mechanics (150 participants), Norway |
| 2007-2017 | Organised various workshops at the Center of Excellence “Biomedical Computing”, Norway |

• INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Invited Referee for Research Councils (12):

2023 ANR, French National Research Agency; 2023 Wellcome Trust, UK; 2022 Czech Science Foundation, GACR; 2022 FWF Austrian Science Fund; 2021 U.S. Army Program: Biomathematics; 2021 FONDECYT, National Research and Development Agency, Chile; 2019 Université libre de Bruxelles (ULB); 2012 & 2017 The French National Research Agency (ANR); 2016 Canadian Council for the Arts, Killam Fellowship; 2013 & 2016 Research Foundation Flanders (FWO), Belgium

Habilitation/PhD evaluation committee (15):

2023 PhD thesis: Yun Bin (Oxford University, UK), 2023 PhD thesis: Björn Sigurdsson (University of Copenhagen, Denmark), 2019 PhD thesis: Paolo Zuniga (Universidad del Bio-Bio, Chile), 2019 PhD thesis: Lorenzo Sala (University of Strasbourg, France), 2019 PhD thesis: Mats Brun (University of Bergen, Norway), 2017 Habilitation thesis: Marcela Szopos (University of Strasbourg, France), 2017 PhD thesis: Helena Sviholva University of Prague, Czech Republic), 2016 PhD thesis: Kartik Jain (University of Seigen, Germany), 2016 PhD thesis: Guilia Pizzichelli (Istituto Italiano di Tecnologia, Pisa, Italy), 2015 PhD thesis: Erika Lindstrøm (University of Oslo, Norway), 2010 PhD thesis: Arne Morten Kvarving (NTNU, Trondheim, Norway), 2010 PhD thesis: Sylfest Glimsdal (University of Oslo, Norway)

• REVIEWING ACTIVITIES

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| 2020 – | Editorial Board; Frontiers in Computational Physics, Frontiers in Bioengineering and Biotechnology |
| 2019 – | Editorial Board; Fluid and Barriers in the CNS |

• MAIN COLLABORATORS:

Medicine: Per Kristian Eide, Department of Neurosurgery, University Hospital of Oslo, Norway; Geir Ringstad, Department of Radiology, University Hospital of Oslo, Norway; Laura Bojarskaite and Rune Enger at Basic Medicine, University of Oslo, Norway, Anders Eklund, Department of Radiation Sciences, University of Umeå, Sweden; *Mathematics:* Miroslav Kuchta and Marie Rognes, Simula Research Laboratory, Oslo, Norway; Paolo Zunino MOX, Politecnico Milan, Italy; Ludmil Zikatanov, Penn State University, US; Ricardo Ruiz-Baier, Monash University, Australia;

Appendix: All on-going grants and submitted grants applications of the PI (Funding ID)
Mandatory information (not counted towards page limits)

On-going grants (Please indicate "No funding" when applicable):

| <i>Project Title</i> | <i>Funding s</i> | <i>Amount (Euros)</i> | <i>Period</i> | <i>Role of the</i> | <i>Relation to current ERC proposal</i> |
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| SciML | RCN | 1.6 M | 2019-2023 | PI | No relation (the project is soon done and was concerned with initial and simplified inverse/ML modelling) |
| Alzheimer's physics | RCN | 1.2 M | 2020-2024 | PI | No relation (the project is soon done and was concerned with simplified modelling) |

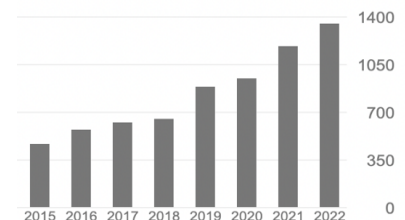
Grant applications (Please indicate "None" when applicable):

| <i>Project Title</i> | <i>Funding sou</i> | <i>Amou (Euro</i> | <i>Period</i> | <i>Role of the PI</i> | <i>Relation to current ERC proposal³</i> |
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| Brain Fluids | Jebsen found | 2.5 M | 2024-2028 | Partner | No significant relation (Our role in this project is: Image based quantification and the use of established models - the project focuses on translational aspects rather than model and method development) |

Section c: Ten years track-record (max. 2 pages)

Throughout my research career, I have built an inter-disciplinary research group with strong ties to both basic and medical science, rooted in applied mathematics and computational mechanics, and developed an excellent network of collaborators. Over the past 10 years, I have led a research group of 5-10 PhD students and postdocs, developed important new knowledge and tools that are transforming my research and clinical fields, and organized numerous topical meetings to facilitate their sharing and use. I have also taught hundreds of university students a combination of state-of-the-art methods and tools, practical programming experience and habits, and inter-disciplinary perspectives, all in service of enticing the next generation of scientists to tackle critical societal challenges.

| | All | Since 2017 |
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| Citations | 8563 | 5685 |
| h-index | 39 | 30 |
| i10-index | 87 | 77 |



My track record of groundbreaking research over the past 10 years spans several different disciplines, including numerical analysis, scientific computing, biomechanics, and neuroscience. In *numerical analysis and scientific computing*, I am the main developer of the theory of operator preconditioning. I have developed this technique along several different tracks, including fluid flow, poro-elasticity, inverse problems, fractional problems and multi-physics problems. I have published two highly cited works on this topic [2,4] and more than 29 papers in mathematical journals since 2013 including 16 in SIAM journals. I have been actively developing scientific software resulting in several open source packages, of which FEniCS is the most recognized (I was a FEniCS core developer from 2006-2016). FEniCS is widely recognized as a game-changer for finite element methods, and our book on the topic from 2012 has more than 3300 citations. In 2016 I entered the field of *neuroscience* in the context of brain fluids and glymphatics and have published 25 papers on the subject in journals such as Brain, PNAS, and Nature Comm. My image-based analysis, which includes every step from image analysis to mesh generation and computational modeling, has transformed clinical practice at Oslo University Hospital in Norway. Together with clinical collaborators, I have published several papers, including a highly cited article [8], that are transforming the field in terms of the tools available for clinical assessment and quantification, as well as computational modeling.

My research has always been rooted in open science, open source software and dedication to enabling the community with easy-to-use software tools for general application. In total, I have published 127 articles together with 212 co-authors and have a citations/H-index (May 2023) of 3957/31 (Scopus) and 9055/40 (Google Scholar). Thirteen of my publications have more than 100 citations. I have co-authored 3 books and co-edited 2 books, as well as 51 book chapters or refereed proceedings. According to “AD Scientific Index 2023”, I am the *Best Scientist in Mechanical Engineering* at the University of Oslo and ranked fourth in all of Norway. I believe my particular contribution is the result of deliberately developing advanced tools for the broader research community, making it easier for other scientists to advance their research.

I have built a productive research group and an exceptional network of national and international collaborations that cover the range of topics, from applied mathematics to neuroscience and clinical medicine, that are needed to meet the challenges inherent in this proposal. My expertise at the intersection of these disciplines makes me uniquely positioned to identify key challenges in this multi-disciplinary setting. Tackling such challenges will be transformative not only for the project at hand, but potentially for mathematics, modeling and medicine more generally.

INVITED LECTURES AT INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS:

Invited keynote/plenary(17) :

More than 150 presentations at conferences and workshops internationally and nationally, *including plenary/keynote* at: The 10th International Conference on Numerical Methods and Applications NM&A'22, Borovets, Bulgaria (2022); The 6th Cerebrospinal Fluid Dynamics Symposium, Gainesville, Florida, USA (2022); The Glymphatic System: From Theoretical Models to Clinical applications, Copenhagen, Denmark (2021); Monash Workshop on Numerical Differential Equations and Applications, Melbourne, Australia (2020); Mathematical Models in Health Sciences, Nantes,

France (2018); I Mathematical and Numerical Modeling of the Cardiovascular System, iNdAM, Rome, Italy (2018); Enumath Voss, Norway (2017); Interpore, Rotterdam, Netherlands (2017); HPCSE, Ostrava, Czech Republic (2017); Cerebrospinal Fluid Dynamics Society Meeting, Atlanta, USA (2017); American Association of Spine Radiology, San Diego, USA (2017); American Society of Neuroradiology, Chicago, USA (2015); International Hydrocephalus Imaging Working Group, Chicago, USA (2015); Cerebrospinal Fluid Dynamics Society Meeting, Amiens, France (2015); Gordon Conference on Flow & Transport in Permeable Media, Portland, USA (2014); Preconditioning Conference, Oxford, UK (2013); Modelling of Physiological Flows, Sardinia, Italy (2013).

SELECTED PAPERS: Below is a selection of the 10 publications from the last 10 years that are relevant to **aClearBrain**. It is important to note that the order of authors varies across disciplines. Authors are listed alphabetically for the mathematical papers [1-5] to signify more equal contributions. For the neuroscience papers [6- 10], I am listed as the second to last author, which signifies that I am the senior author for the technical and modeling parts:

[1] Boon WM, Koch T, Kuchta M, Mardal KA. Robust Monolithic Solvers for the Stokes--Darcy Problem with the Darcy Equation in Primal Form. *SIAM J. on Scientific Computing*. **2022**;44(4):B1148-74.

[2] Lee JJ, Mardal KA, Winther R. Parameter-robust discretization and preconditioning of Biot's consolidation model. *SIAM J. on Scientific Computing*. **2017 (highly cited, cf Web of Science)**

[3] Zapf B, Haubner J, Kuchta M, Ringstad G, Eide PK, Mardal KA. Investigating molecular transport in the human brain from MRI with physics-informed neural networks. *Scientific Reports*. **2022**, Sep 14;12(1)

[4] Mardal KA, Sogn J, and Takacs S. "Robust Preconditioning and Error Estimates for Optimal Control of the Convection--Diffusion--Reaction Equation with Limited Observation in Isogeometric Analysis." *SIAM J. on Numerical Analysis* 60.1 (**2022**): 195-221.

[5] Mardal KA, Rognes ME, Thompson TB, Valnes LM. Mathematical modeling of the human brain: from magnetic resonance images to finite element simulation. *Springer Nature*; **2022 (Book)**

[6] Bojarskaite L, Bjørnstad DM, Vallet A, Binder KM, Cunen C, Heuser K, Kuchta M, Mardal KA, Enger R. Sleep cycle-dependent vascular dynamics enhance perivascular cerebrospinal fluid flow and solute transport. *Nature Comm.* 14.1 (**2023**) 953.

[7] Eide PK, Vinje V, Pripp AH, Mardal KA, Ringstad G. Sleep deprivation impairs molecular clearance from the human brain. *Brain*. **2021** Mar;144(3):863-74 (> **100 citations**)

[8] Ringstad G, Valnes LM, Dale AM, Pripp AH, Vatnehol SA, Emblem KE, Mardal KA, Eide PK. Brain-wide glymphatic enhancement and clearance in humans assessed with MRI. *Journal of Clinical Investigations: Insight*. **2018** Jul 26;3(13) (**highly cited, cf Web of Science**).

[9] Holter KE, Kehlet B, Devor A, Sejnowski TJ, Dale AM, Omholt SW, Ottersen OP, Nagelhus EA, Mardal KA, Pettersen KH. Interstitial solute transport in 3D reconstructed neuropil occurs by diffusion rather than bulk flow. *Proc. National Academy of Sciences*. **2017 (> 200 citations)**

[10] Koch T, Vinje V, Mardal KA. "Estimates of the permeability of extra-cellular pathways through the astrocyte endfoot sheath." *Fluids and Barriers of the CNS* 20.1, **2023**

DISSEMINATION TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC:

| Year | Topic and venue |
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| 2023 | VG (most selling newspaper in Norway) reported on our findings on sleep |
| 2021 | VG reported on our findings of sleep-related clearance and dementia |
| 2019 | National TV (NRK) and radio (P1) + Forskning.no: featured our work on brain clearance |
| 2018 | Our research on Alzheimer's appeared in VG, Norway's top selling newspaper |
| 2017 | Our research on Alzheimer's and waste clearance during sleep was featured on national TV |

FUNDING TRACK RECORD:

10 projects of 51 MNOK since 10 year from funders incl RCN, EU