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## Education

- 2008**      **Ph.D., Biomedical Engineering;** The Johns Hopkins University (Baltimore, MD)
- 2002**      **B.Sc., Biomedical Engineering;** Tulane University (New Orleans, LA)

## Professional Experience

- 2019 –**      **Research Professor,** Computational Physiology, Simula Research Laboratory, Incorporated, Walnut Creek, CA.
- 2017 – 2019**      **Director,** Models and Theory, The Allen Institute for Cell Science, Seattle, WA.
- 2015 – 2016**      **Senior Scientist,** Computational Cardiac Modeling, Simula Research Laboratory, Oslo, Norway  
**Training Coordinator,** AFib-TrainNet EU MCSA ITN  
**Coordinator,** SysAFib ERA CoSysMed European Project
- 2012 – 2016**      **Board Member,** Simula Research Laboratory, Center for Cardiological Innovation (SFI) Board of Directors
- 2012 – 2015**      **Director,** Simula School of Research and Innovation, Oslo, Norway
- 2011 – 2012**      **Deputy Director for Simulation and Modeling,** Center for Cardiological Innovation (CCI), a Norwegian Center for Research Innovation (SFI)
- 2011 – 2012**      **Research Department Head,** Computational Cardiac Modeling, Simula Research Laboratory, Oslo, Norway
- 2010**      **Research Group Leader,** Computational Cardiac Modeling and Center for Biomedical Computing, Simula Research Laboratory, Oslo, Norway
- 2009**      **Postdoctoral Research Fellow,** Center for Biomedical Computing, Scientific Computing, Simula School of Research and Innovation, Oslo, Norway

## Grants and Fellowships

- 2016 – 2019**      SysAFib: Systems medicine for diagnosis and stratification of atrial fibrillation  
ERA CoSysMed, European Commission and BIOTEK2021 Research Council of Norway
- 2015 – 2019**      EU Training Network on Novel Targets and Methods in Atrial Fibrillation (AFib-TrainNet), Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions, European Commission
- 2015 – 2018**      “Risk factors for sudden cardiac death during acute myocardial infarction (MI-RISK)”, Novo Nordisk Foundation Interdisciplinary Synergy Grant
- 2014 – 2015**      PREPARE2: Increased science awareness among youth, Simula School of Research and Innovation, PROFORSK, Research Council of Norway
- 2014**      Expert Advisor Policy Fellowship, The Research Council of Norway Brussels Office
- 2012 – 2013**      Can Simulation shed light on a complex disease process?, Simula Research Laboratory/University of California San Diego, IS-BILAT, Research Council of Norway
- 2011 – 2019**      The Center for Cardiological Innovation, Simula Research Laboratory, SFI Program, Research Council of Norway

## Pre-print or Under Peer Review

Building a 3D Integrated Cell. Gregory R. Johnson, Rory M. Donovan-Maiye, **Mary M. Maleckar**. Posted December 21, 2017. bioRxiv 238378; doi: <https://doi.org/10.1101/238378>

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- 2018** Ounkomol C, Seshamani S, **Maleckar MM**, Collman F, Johnson GR. Label-free prediction of three-dimensional fluorescence images from transmitted-light microscopy. *Nat Methods*. 2018 Sep 17. doi: 10.1038/s41592-018-0111-2. [Epub ahead of print]

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- 2017** Vagos MR, Arevalo H, de Oliveira BL, Sundnes J, **Maleckar MM**. A computational framework for testing arrhythmia marker sensitivities to model parameters in functionally calibrated populations of atrial cells. *Chaos*. 2017 Sep;27(9):093941.

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- 2016** Skibsbbye L, Jespersen T, Christ T, **Maleckar MM**, van den Brink J, Tavi P, Koivumäki JT. Refractoriness in human atria: Time and voltage dependence of sodium channel availability. *J Mol Cell Cardiol*. 2016 Dec;101:26-34.

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- 2015** S. Kallhovd, S.U. Gerald, J. Saberniak, K. Haugaa, **MM Maleckar**. Localization and not Extent of Fibrofatty Infiltration is the Primary Factor Determining Conduction Disturbance in a Computational Model of Arrhythmogenic Cardiomyopathy. *Proceedings IEEE e-Health and Bioengineering 2015*. EHB 2015, November 19-21, 2015, Iasi, Romania.
- 2014** **Maleckar MM**, Lines GT, Koivumäki J, Cordeiro JM, Calloe K. NS5806 partially restores action potential duration but fails to ameliorate calcium transient dysfunction in a computational model of canine heart failure, 2014 Nov;16 Suppl 4:iv46-iv55.

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- 2012** Koivumäki J, Christ T, Seemann G, and **Maleckar MM**. Divergent action potential morphology in human atrial cells vs. tissue: underlying ionic mechanisms, In: *Computing in Cardiology*, ed. by Alan Murray, vol. 39, pp. 121-124, Alan Murray (ISBN: 978-1-4673-2076-4), 2012. Refereed proceedings.

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**2011**

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**Maleckar MM**, Greenstein JL, Giles WR, and Trayanova NA. Electrotonic coupling between human atrial myocytes and fibroblasts alters excitability and repolarization. *Biophysical Journal* 97(8): 2179-2190, 2009.

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## Selected Conferences and Talks

**Maleckar MM**. Stem cell organization using label-free imaging and a novel generative model. *Biophysical Society Annual Meeting Computational Biology Platform*. February 18th, 2018. BPS 2018, San Francisco, CA. Invited talk.

**Maleckar MM**. Capturing variance: integrating a moving target. *Building the Cell 2017 Subgroup Meeting*, December 2nd, 2017, ASCB, Philadelphia, PA. Invited talk.

**Maleckar MM**. Putting the pieces together: Towards supplementing sparse clinical data with multi physics simulation *Foundation Teofilo Rossi di Montelera Forum* 2015, December 6-9, 2015, Lugano, Switzerland. Invited talk.

**Maleckar MM**. How many ionic models do we need for modelling of the atria? *Atrial Signals 2015*, Karlsruhe, Germany, 22.-24. October. Invited talk.

**Maleckar MM**. Patient-specific modeling: how good do we have to be? *TRM Forum* 2013, December 1-3, 2013, Lugano, Switzerland. Invited talk.

**Maleckar MM**, Lines GT, Koivumäki JT, Calloe K, Cordeiro JM. Ca<sup>2+</sup>-transient dysfunction and ion channel therapy: what can we gather from a computational model of canine heart failure? *EHRA Scientific Sessions 2013, 37th Annual Meeting of the ESC Working Group on Cardiac Cellular Electrophysiology*, 2013. Poster and presentation.

**Maleckar MM**. Towards Modeling Arrhythmogenic Cardiomyopathy – Can Simulation Shed Light on a Complex Disease Process? *Cardiac Physiome Workshop*, San Diego, October 30 – November 2, 2012. Invited talk.

**Maleckar MM**. Modeling the effects of rotigaptide in atrial tissue: a cautionary tale. *9th International Conference of Numerical Analysis and Applied Mathematics*, September 19-25, 2011. Invited talk.

## Professional Affiliations

- 2016 – present, Member, American Society for Cell Biology
- 2011 – present, Member, Scandinavian Physiological Society
- 2011 – present, Member, Biophysical Society
- 2011 – present, Member, European Society of Cardiology Working Group on Cellular Cardiac Electrophysiology
- 2012 – present, Member, European Society of Cardiology Working Group on eCardiology
- 2009 – present, Member, Heart Rhythm Society
- 2009 – present, Member, American Association for the Advancement of Science

## Other

- English (native); Spanish (C2); Norwegian (B2)
- 10+ years consultation experience in science communication, including presentation, popular, and technical writing.