ULYANA PITERBARG

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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Computer Science (GPA 3.9/4.0) — 2021 - 2026
New York University
Advisors: Prof. Rob Fergus, Prof. Lerrel Pinto

B.S., Mathematics with Computer Science (GPA 4.9/5.0) — 2017 - 2021
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Advisors: Prof. Joshua Tenenbaum, Prof. Jörn Dunkel

HONORS & AWARDS

National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship — 2022-2025
Google DeepMind Ph.D. Scholarship — 2021-2022
NYU Henry M. MacCracken Doctoral Fellowship — 2021-2026
MIT Quest for Intelligence Undergraduate Research and Innovation Scholarship — 2020-2021
EPFL School of Life Sciences Summer Research Program Fellowship — 2018
National Merit Scholarship — 2017

EMPLOYMENT

Ph.D. Research Intern, Applied Science Team, *Google LLC* — 2021
Researcher, Ocean Processes, *Climate Modeling Alliance* — 2020-2021
Investment Associate Intern, *Bridgewater Associates LP* — 2020
Software Engineering Intern, Machine Learning Operations, *Spell* — 2019
Technical Assistant, Space Systems and Technology Division, *MIT Lincoln Laboratory* — 2017-2018
Exhibitions Design Intern, *American Museum of Natural History* — 2017

PUBLICATIONS

Allen, K. R., Smith, K., **Piterbarg, U.**, Chen, R., & Tenenbaum, JB. (In Preparation). Rapid multi-task learning with relational program policies.

Piterbarg, U., Pinto, L., & Fergus, R. (2023). NetHack is hard to hack. *37th Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS).*

Ramadhan, A., Marshall, J., Souza, A., Lee, XK., **Piterbarg, U.**, Hillier, A., LeClaire Wagner, G., & Rackauckas, C. (2023). Capturing missing physics in climate model parameterizations using neural differential equations. *arXiv preprint arXiv:2010.12559 (In Submission to JAMES).*

Allen, K. R., Smith, K., **Piterbarg, U.**, Chen, R., & Tenenbaum, JB. (2020). Abstract strategy learning underlies flexible transfer in physical problem solving. In *CogSci.*

INVITED TALKS

Structured Losses for Neural Simulators of Turbulent Flows, *Google Accelerated Sciences* — 2021
The Cognitive Bases of Flexible Transfer in Physical Problem Solving, *Google Brain* — 2021

TEACHING

Lecturer and Teaching Assistant, *Introduction to Robot Intelligence (CSCI-UA 480-072)* 2023
New York University
Department of Computer Science

Teaching Assistant, *Seminar in Analysis (18.104)* 2021
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Department of Mathematics

Undergraduate Teaching Assistant, *Computational Cognitive Science (9.66/9.660/6.804)* 2019
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Department of Brain and Cognitive Sciences

ADVISING

Carla Garcia Medina (now Research Engineer at *Google LLC*) 2022-2023

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Council Member, *MIT Council for Math Majors* 2020-2021
Mentor, *MIT Undergraduate Society of Women in Math* 2019-2021
Mentor, *MIT Society of Women Engineers* 2019-2021
Volunteer, *Rolnick Observatory* 2015-2017
Member, *Westport Astronomical Society* 2015-2017
Data Contributor, *International Occulation Timing Association* 2015-2017

EXPERTISE

Training and Fine-tuning Foundation Models (Microsoft DeepSpeed, HuggingFace)
Machine Learning Workflows (PyTorch, Tensorflow, JAX, SciKitLearn)
Physical Simulators (MuJoCo, PyBullet)
Differentiable Programming (Julia, JAX, Taichi)

PROGRAMMING LANGUAGES

Python	Advanced Proficiency
GoLang	Intermediate Proficiency
JavaScript/CSS/HTML	Intermediate Proficiency
Julia	Intermediate Proficiency
MATLAB	Intermediate Proficiency
C/C++	Intermediate Proficiency

SPOKEN LANGUAGES

English	Native/Fluent
French	Working Proficiency (DELF B2)
Ukrainian	Limited Working Proficiency