Nataliya Nechyporenko

Education

- 2021 Present **Ph.D. Student in Computer Science**, *University of Colorado Boulder (CU Boulder)*, Boulder, CO, USA, Advisor Prof. Alessandro Roncone
 - 2016 2017 Masters's Degree in Advanced Robotics II (EMARO+), Jaume I University, Castellón, Spain
 - 2015 2016 Masters's Degree in Advanced Robotics I (EMARO+), École Centrale de Nantes, Nantes, France
 - 2012 2015 Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering, University of Connecticut (UConn), Storrs, CT, USA

Awards and Honors

- 2024 2026 Apple Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning (AIML) Fellowship
- 2021 2024 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship (NSF GRFP)
 - 2021 Early Career Professional Development Fellowship
 - 2014 Pratt & Whitney Teaching and Mentoring Fellowship
- 2012 2015 Dean's List, School of Engineering Academic Scholarships

Work Experience

- Summer 2024 **AIML Research Science Intern**, Apple, Cupertino, CA, USA Researched data collection methods for Imitation Learning.
 - 2018 2021 Robotics Software Engineer, *LUUM*, Berkeley, CA, USA
 Core developer of the software architecture for robot applied eyelash extensions.
 - 2017 2018 **Robotics Software Engineer**, *Dorabot*, Shenzhen, Guangdong Province, China Core developer of the robot package and mail sorting solution.
- Summer 2015 Ship Systems Engineering Intern, General Dynamics EB, New London, CT, USA Analyzed electro-mechanical devices for chilled water systems in submarines.
- Summer 2014 **Combustion Engineering Intern**, Zeeco, Plainville, CT, USA Designed cost-efficient valve train assemblies for burner and boiler systems.

Academic Service

- 2025 Co-organizer of the Navigating Contact Dynamics in Robotics Workshop, $RSS\ 2025,$ Los Angeles, CA, USA
- 2021-2025 Reviewer for conferences, journals, and workshops
 International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems (IROS 2023), International
 Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA 2024), Robotics and Automation
 Letters (RA-L 2025), Workshops at Robotics Science and Systems (RSS 2022 and 2025)
 - 2022 Co-organizer of the Close-Proximity Human-Robot Collaboration Workshop, RSS 2022, Columbia University, NY, USA

Community Service

- Launching 'Ideas in Motion', CU Boulder, CO, USA Organized an interactive poster session to boost collaboration between the graduate students in the engineering department.
- Leading a Robotics Summer Camp, Lafayette Public Library, Lafayette, CO, USA 2022 Raised funding and led a robotics summer camp for middle schoolers. The goal of the camp was to bring robotics to children in the community.
- 2012 2015 Volunteer at the Science Bowl and Science Olympiad, UConn, Storrs, CT, USA

Teaching and Mentoring

- 2021-2025 Research Mentorship, CU CS Department, Boulder, CO, USA 1 PhD student, 7 Master's students, 3 Undergraduate students.
 - Workshop on Research Fellowships, CU CS Department, Boulder, CO, USA 2025 Advised students on how to secure external funding for their PhD research.
 - 2024 Career Mentorship, CU CS Department, Boulder, CO, USA Led several sessions with career advice for prospective PhD students.
 - 2014 Teaching Assistant Thermodynamics, UConn ME Department, Storrs, CT, USA
- 2012 2013 Physics and Math Tutor, UConn Quantitative Learning Center, Storrs, CT, USA

Enterpreneurship

- Summer 2025 Independent Consultant, Curate Innovation, Boulder, CO, USA Offering specialized expertise for a company (details cannot be disclosed).
- Summer 2025 NSF I-Corps R2M, Venture Partners at CU Boulder, Boulder, CO, USA Over four-weeks, our team dove deeper into customer discovery and finding a market for our innovation.
 - Spring 2025 NSF I-Corps Starting Blocks, Venture Partners at CU Boulder, Boulder, CO, USA Over three weeks, our team gained an introductory understanding of the commercialization process and tested ideas with real potential customers.

Skills

Hardware

Software and Programming (C++, C, Python, Matlab, JS, Tex), ROS1, ROS2, Drake, MoveIt!, OMPL, PyBullet, PyTorch, Isaac Sim, CuRobo. Panda, Baxter, Sawyer, Iris Drone, PUMA, Yaskawa, EPSON, Interbotix, and Staubli Robotics Arms. Kinect, RealSense, ZED, and Luxonis Cameras

Languages Fluent in English, Ukrainian, and Russian. Conversational French and Spanish.

Publications

- N. Nechyporenko, Y. Zhang, S. Campbell, and A. Roncone, "Morphit: Flexible spherical approximation of robot morphology for representation-driven adaptation," in IEEE Transactions on Robotics (T-RO), 2025 [Under Review].
- N. Nechyporenko, H. Ryan, C. Webb, M. Sivapurapu, and J. Zhang, "Armada: Augmented reality for robot manipulation and robot-free data acquisition," in IEEE Robotics and Automation Letters (RA-L), 2025 [Under Review].
- Y. Gautam, N. Nechyporenko, C.-H. Lin, A. Roncone, and M. M. Nicotra, "Compliant

- explicit reference governor for contact," in Workshop on Human-Robot Contact and Manipulation (HRCM RSS), 2025.
- P. Huang, Y. Hu, **N. Nechyporenko**, D. Kim, W. Talbott, and J. Zhang, "Emotion: Expressive motion sequence generation for humanoid robots with in-context learning," in *IEEE Robotics and Automation Letters* (RA-L), 2025.
- N. Nechyporenko, C. Escobedo, S. Kadekodi, and A. Roncone, "CAT-RRT: Motion planning admits contact one link at a time," in *IEEE/RSJ International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems (IROS)*, 2023.
- C. Escobedo, N. Nechyporenko, S. Kadekodi, and A. Roncone, "A framework for the systematic evaluation of obstacle avoidance and object-aware controllers," in *IEEE/RSJ International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems (IROS)*, 2022.
- N. Nechyporenko, A. Morales, and A. P. del Pobil, "Grasping strategies for picking items in an online shopping warehouse," in *Intelligent Autonomous Systems (IAS 15)*, 2019.
- J. Perez, A. C. Attanasio, **N. Nechyporenko**, and P. J. Sanz, "A deep learning approach for underwater image enhancement," in *Biomedical Applications Based on Natural and Artificial Computing: International Work-Conference on the Interplay Between Natural and Artificial Computation (IWINAC)*, 2017.
- A. P. del Pobil, M. Kassawat, A. J. Duran, M. Arias, **N. Nechyporenko**, A. Mallick, E. Cervera, D. Subedi, I. Vasilev, D. Cardin, *et al.*, "UJI RobInLab's approach to the Amazon Robotics Challenge 2017," in *IEEE International Conference on Multisensor Fusion and Integration for Intelligent Systems (MFI)*, 2017.