



A LARGE LANGUAGE MODEL-ASSISTED VIETNAMESE SPEECH-TO-SIGN LANGUAGE TRANSLATION SYSTEM

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WHY?

- ✓ Deaf communities in Vietnam have **limited access to spoken information** in education and daily services.
- ✓ Existing VSL systems often rely on **dictionary lookup** or **handcrafted animations**, leading to **unnatural and discontinuous motions**.
- ✓ Progress is limited by **scarce aligned Vietnamese Speech-Text-Sign data** and challenges in modeling **prosody** and **non-manual cues**.



RESEARCH QUESTION

How can Vietnamese speech and text be translated into **continuous and expressive** VSL motions **without gloss supervision**?

EXPECTED RESULTS

- ✓ **Smoother, more stable** continuous sign motions.
- ✓ Better **prosody-gesture alignment**.
- ✓ Richer **non-manual expressions**.

CONTRIBUTIONS

- ✓ Prosody-aware, gloss-free VSL generation system
- ✓ A new aligned Vietnamese Speech-Text-Sign dataset
- ✓ A reusable pipeline for low-resource sign languages

VI-SIGN

WHAT?

We propose **Vi-Sign**, an **end-to-end** system that translates Vietnamese speech/text into **continuous VSL motions**:

- ✓ **Gloss-free** (does not require gloss supervision).
- ✓ **LLM-assisted**: uses an LLM to infer sentence-level structure, emphasis, and prosodic cues.
- ✓ **Prosody-aware control signals** to improve rhythm and continuity.
- ✓ A new aligned Speech-Text-Sign dataset (~**6,000 sentences**).

OVERVIEW

Vi-Sign translates Vietnamese speech/text into continuous VSL motions by combining **LLM-based sentence-level reasoning** with **prosody-aware motion control**. The inferred control signals are refined to generate **smooth, stable**, and **expressive** sign movements.

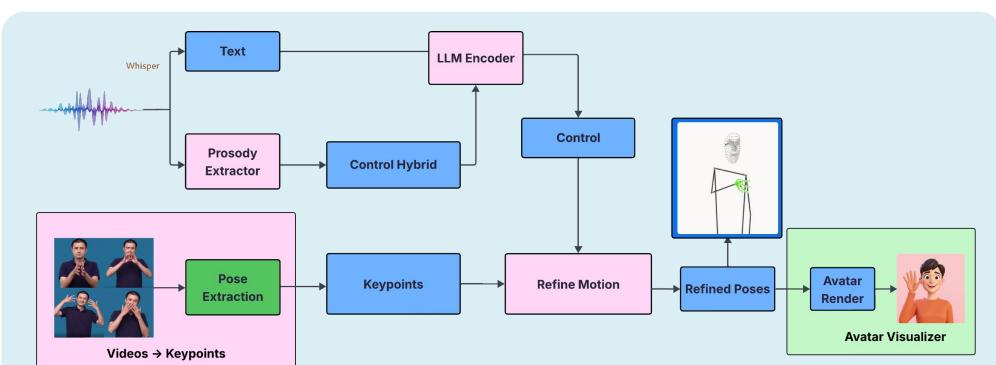


Fig. 1. Pipeline for Vietnamese Speech-to-Sign Translation.

DATA CONSTRUCTION

- **Aligned** Speech-Text-Sign **dataset**.
- **High-quality audio** for prosody modeling.
- **Keypoint-based** sign representation.
- **Multiple signers** to improve generalization.

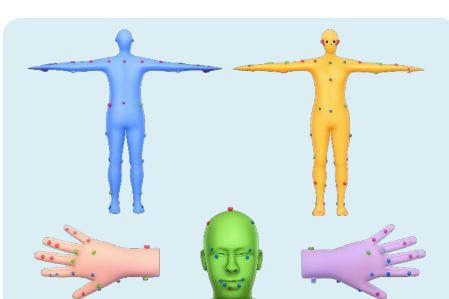


Fig. 2. Keypoint-based Sign Representation

LLM-ASSISTED CONTROL

- LLM for **sentence-level context**.
- Predicts **expressive control signals**.
- Adapts Vietnamese syntax to VSL.
- **No gloss supervision** required.

MOTION GENERATION

- Generates **continuous sign motion**.
- **Temporal refinement** for smoothness.
- **Geometric consistency** constraints.
- **Avatar-based visualization**.



CONCLUSION

- ✓ **Vi-Sign** is a prosody-aware, gloss-free Vietnamese Speech-to-Sign system.
- ✓ Using **LLM-based sentence-level reasoning**, Vi-Sign generates **smooth, stable**, and **expressive** VSL motions.
- ✓ The pipeline is reusable for **low-resource sign languages**.