# Frank Liu

I am a Ph.D. Student at Arizona State University, advised by Robert LiKamWa in the Meteor Studio. I am interested in enhancing human computer interaction experiences through mixed reality and machine learning, advancing education and encouraging overall health and wellness. I enjoy working on projects that incorporate my diverse skillset in signal processing, physical prototyping, machine learning and human-computer interaction.

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# **EDUCATION**

PhD Computer Engineering, Arizona State University

2018 - Present Advisor: Robert LiKamWa

BS Electrical Engineering – with Departmental Honors, University of Washington

2014 - 2018 Advisor: Hanchuan Li, Shwetak Patel

Summer 2020 Lean Six Sigma Green Belt

Summer 2016 University of California, Berkeley

Courses taken: Python and Big Data, Biostatistics

# SELECTED PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

P4 Geppetteau: Enabling haptic perceptions of virtual fluids in various vessel profiles using a string-driven haptic interface

Shahabedin Sagheb\*, **Frank Wencheng Liu\***, Alex Vuong, Shiling Dai, Ryan Wirjadi, Yueming Bao, Robert Likamwa

TEI '23: Proceedings of the Seventeenth International Conference on Tangible, Embedded, and Embodied Interaction, Warsaw, Poland

P3 Spatial Audio Empowered Smart speakers with Xblock - A Pose-Adaptive Crosstalk Cancellation Algorithm for Free-moving Users

**Frank Wencheng Liu\*,** Anish Narsipur\*, Andrew Kemeklis, Lucy Song, Robert Likamwa CPS-IoT Week '23: 2nd ACM International Workshop on Intelligent Acoustic Systems and Applications, San Antonio, Texas

P2 SWISH: A shifting-weight interface of simulated hydrodynamics for haptic perception of virtual fluid vessels Shahabedin Sagheb, **Frank Wencheng Liu**, Alireza Bahremand, Assegid Kidane, Robert LiKamWa ACM UIST 2019, New Orleans, Louisiana

P1 SoberComm: Exploring the Feasibility of Facilitating Alcohol Dependent Patients to Improve Family Communication using Mobile Phones

Chuang-Wen You, Hung-Yeh Lin, Yaliang Chuang, Yi-Ching Huang, Jui-Ting Tsai, Shan Jean Wu, Chia-Hua Kuo, Ming-Chyi Huang, **Frank Wencheng Liu**, Jane Yung-Jen Hsu, Hui-Ching Wu.

ACM Interactive, Mobile, Wearable and Ubiquitous Technologies (IMWUT) September 2019

#### **HONORS & AWARDS**

Dean's Fellowship, Arizona State University

- Awarded to top 4% of admitted graduate students with significant leadership and research capabilities

Peter E. Crouch Excellence Fund, 2020-2021, Arizona State University

Ira A. Fulton Fellowship, 2019-2020, Arizona State University

Herbold Foundation Fellowship, 2019-2020, Arizona State University

Engineering Graduate Fellowship, 2019-2021, Arizona State University

Priscilla and Melvin Wilson Endowed Scholar, University of Washington

IEEE HKN Honors Society, University of Washington

- Scholastic achievement in the top 30% of graduating class

Husky Leadership Certificate, University of Washington

#### WORKING EXPERIENCE

Summer 2022 OPPO (InnoPeak Technology), Pal Alto, California

Research Intern

Worked on developing state-of-the-art gesture recognition for smartwatch applications

Summer 2020 Mochi Fresh, Tempe, Arizona

Independent Consultant

Utilizing DMAIC, I developed workflow optimizations to reduce restaurant variability and waste. Through

my contributions, Mochi Fresh nearly doubled revenue and halved drink making times.

Summer 2019 Clobotics, Bellevue, Washington

Computer Vision and Machine Learning Research Intern.

Shipped an end to end price tag decoding system for price and barcode reading for both android and GCP

Created and labeled US retail price tag dataset for training and testing.

Summer 2018 National Taiwan University - IoX Center, Gongguan, Taiwan

Research Intern. Mentor: Professor Bing You

Award of Excellence: Significant contributions in shipping android application SoberComm, allows alcohol

dependent individuals and their family members to monitor alcohol usage.

Spring 2018 Roxy Device, Seattle, Washington

Startup Intern.

Lead generation and public outreach for customer acquisition. Built, assembled, and QA tested Roxy Device

hardware systems.

Winter 2017 Microsoft, Redmond, Washington

Consultant.

Created labs, lessons and course content for the "Introduction to Device Programming" EDX (MICROSOFT COURSE) [DEV295X] using Microsoft's IOT Pack for Raspberry Pi for audience of thousand+ students.

#### **PATENTS**

#### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Fall 2023: Teaching Assistant for AME 494: "Spatial Audio for XR" and AME 360 "Designing Mixed-Reality Arizona State

Experiences" University

Fall 2022, Spring 2023: Co-Instructor for AME551, "Designing Extended-Reality Experiences"

Fall 2019: Teaching Assistant for AME 494, "Musical Microprocessors"

Spring 2019: Teaching Assistant for AME 394, "Introduction to Mixed Reality"

University of Fall 2016, Spring 2017, Spring 2018: Grader and Teaching Assistant for EE215,

Washington "Introduction to Circuits"

Spring 2017, Classroom Instructor Coding with Kids

Taught coding course curriculum for scratch at local Seattle elementary schools.

#### **SERVICE**

Volunteer Hotmobile 2022, Poster and Demo Student Organizer

TEI 2019

Mentor Summer 2019, Advanced Robotics at the University of Washington

Summer 2019, Hacklodge Seattle

Fall 2017 – Spring 2018, The College of Engineering Student Advisory Council at University of Washington Member

Interviewed students and faculty about mental health on campus and prepared a recommendation report

#### **INVITED TALKS**

October 2023 VR Club – Teaching VR in Highschools and Developing the Next Generation of Learners

Presented for EdPlus at ASU

April 2023 A Stem Education You can Feel: Bringing Chemistry, Fluids, and Haptics into VR Learning

Presented at Doctoral Academic Salon hosted by CCNU

April 2022 Digital Culture Speaker Series: A metaverse you can feel, building haptics for mixed reality

Scholar-Donor From my exemplary leadership and service on campus, I was personally invited by Michael Bragg, Dean of

the College of Engineering at UW, as a speaker for the 2017-2018 Scholar-Donor Recognition Luncheon.

### **LEADERSHIP**

TedXASU Organizing Team

Spring 2019

Event with 1000+ tickets sold. Advised the development for the TedxASU application on android and iOS. Assisted in speaker selection, providing insights to the rest of the organizing team. Served

in full capacity for event setup and takedown

Sunhacks Organizing Team

Fall 2018

Lead marketing campaigns selling out tickets for 300+ participants

Organized the largest hackathon in Phoenix Area; Sunhacks, ASU's 36-hour hackathon

Advanced Robotics at the University of Washington

Annotated meetings and weekly sprints coordinating 90 members

Raised over 18,000 in funding through philanthropy efforts and sponsorships

Refiller Robot Lead; Designed and conducted CAD reviews; wrote embedded software (C, C++, Spring 2017 - Summer 2018

Arduino) for robot control systems

Summer 2018 Placed 3rd in International Regionals | Summer 2017 Placed 31st out of 241 at

International DJI Robomasters competition in Shenzhen, China

# REFERENCES

Robert LiKamWa likamwa@asu.edu

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