Pengfei Zhang Applying for Summer 2025 Internship (starting June 2025) with F1 OPT

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EDUCATION

| Year | Degree | Institute | GPA |
|-------------|---------------------------------|---|----------|
| Fall 2022 - | PHD student in Computer Science | University of California, Irvine | 3.93/4.0 |
| 2017 - 2021 | B.Eng in Computer Science | University of Science and Technology of China | 3.45/4.3 |

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- Languages. Python, C++, Java, Web Frontend Languages (Vue Framework), Verilog.
- Frameworks. Pytorch, Kafka, Spring Boot, Vue (Ant Design), Langchain, Flask, MySQL, Redis.
- Research Fields: Multimodal Generation, Diffusion models, Retrieval Augmented Generation, Speech Generation, Conversational AI, Large Language Models, Text/Audio-driven Motion Synthesis

PUBLICATIONS

• Selected Publications

- 5. KinMo: Kinematic-aware Human Motion Understanding and Generation
- Submitted to ICCV 2025
- Designed an automatic LVM-based dataset collection pipeline that enhances the existing text-motion benchmark by incorporating proposed novel motion representation that decomposes into distinct body movements.
- Introduced a hierarchical motion semantics approach that progressively fuses joint-group level movements and interaction information into the global action-level semantics for modality alignment.
- 4. Contextual Gesture: Co-Speech Gesture Video Generation through Context-aware Gesture Representation Submitted to ICML 2025
 - A framework that improves co-speech gesture video generation through three innovative components: (1) a chronological speech-gesture alignment that temporally connects two modalities, (2) a contextualized gesture tokenization that incorporate speech context into motion pattern representation through distillation
- 3. MedSpeak: Knowledge Enhanced ASR Error Correction framework for Spoken Medical Question Answering submitted to Interspeech 2025
 - a novel knowledge-enhanced retrieval augmented generation framework through a medical knowledge graph (KG) capturing semantic relationships and phonetic similarities between medical terms
- 2. DEMENTIA-PLAN: An Agent-Based Framework for Multi-Knowledge Graph Retrieval-Augmented Generation in Dementia Care.

 AAAI W
- Handformer2T: A Lightweight Regression-based model for Interacting Hands Pose Estimation from a single RGB Image

 WACV 2024
 - Designed a lightweight but high performance model which proposed hand-level tokenization in the transformer based model for interacting hand pose estimation, where only one token was used for each hand.

SOFTWARE AND PROGRAMMING PROJECTS

Distributed Chatroom with LLaMa-Powered Summarization

Jan. 2024 - Mar. 2024

- Implemented A Multi-topic Web Chatroom which can provide backup on previous conversations and LLaMa Powered summarizations after each refresh
- Developed the frontend using React, the backend using Spring Boot (Java) and Kafka, and the database using Redis.
- Implemented Cache Feature on each summarization, which largely decreases latency and improves fault tolerance
- OpenCHA an Automatic Conversational Health Agent

Oct. 2023 - Present (Collaborative Lab Projects)

 Implemented a Conversational Health Agent framework leveraging LLMs-based agents (ReAct) as problem solvers, which can address health tasks like stress estimation. Built the frontend using Vue and backend using flask.

Working Experience

• Research Science Intern at Flawless. AI. Inc in Los Angeles

Jun. 2024 - Sep. 2024

- Research on Human Text/Audio-driven Motion Understanding, Generation, Editing, and Rendering (Conf. 4, 5)
- Research Intern in the Chinese University of Hong Kong in Hong Kong

May. 2022 - Aug. 2022

AWARDS

- Dean's award from UCI 2022-2023
- National Encouragement Scholarship (top 20%) from USTC