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 Large Language Models (LLM, SLM, VLM), Speech Recognition and Text-to-Speech, Human Motion Understanding and Generation, Multimodal Conversational Agents

PUBLICATIONS

I. Multimodal Alignment of LLMs for Speech and Visual Understanding and Generation

- (c) KinMo: Kinematic-aware Human Motion Understanding and Generation
- 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.
- (b) Contextual Gesture: Co-Speech Gesture Video Generation through Context-aware Gesture Representation

 ACM MM 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
- (a) 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.

II. LLM Agent for Personalized Recommendation and Nutrition Recognition

- (d) Adaptive Constraint Relaxation in Personalized Nutrition Recommendations: An LLM-Driven Knowledge Graph Retrieval Approach

 AMIA 2025
 - Designed an LLM-Driven Knowledge Graph Retrieval System for Personalized Food Recommendation, with LLM-driven constraint analysis and structured relaxation strategies, to resolve "all-ornothing" limitation for traditional constraint-based recommendation system.
- (c) Self-Reflection Visual Agents for Precise Nutrition Recognition and Personalized Meal Preparation

 Submitted to BSN 2025
 - Designed an self-reflection chatbot which can provide personalized meal preparation and recommendation based on provided information and requested conversations, with extra feature on providing precise nutrition recognition based on user input.
- (b) DEMENTIA-PLAN: An Agent-Based Framework for Multi-Knowledge Graph Retrieval Augmented Generation in Dementia Care.

 AAAI W
 - Introduced an innovative retrieval-augmented generation framework that enhances conversations with mild-stage dementia patients by intelligently integrating multiple knowledge graphs with Large Language Models.
- (a) Knowledge-Infused LLM-Powered Conversational Health Agent: A Case Study for Diabetes Patients.

 EMBC 2024

• Developed a nutrition assessment chatbot powered by a large language model (LLM), incorporating external nutrition knowledge sources, which can analyze user nutritional input and provide a risk assessment.

III. LLM-enhanced Automatic Speech Recognition

- (a) MedSpeak: Knowledge Enhanced ASR Error Correction framework for Spoken Medical Question Answering submitted to Interspeech2025
 - a novel knowledge-enhanced retrieval augmented generation framework through a medical knowledge graph (KG) capturing semantic relationships and phonetic similarities between medical terms

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

- Multimodal Alignment of LLMs for Human Motion Understanding and Text/Audio-driven Motion Generation/Editing (Paper I.a, I.b, I.c).
- 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

2020

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2018