

FlashMo: Geometric Interpolants and Frequency-Aware Sparsity for Scalable Efficient Motion Generation

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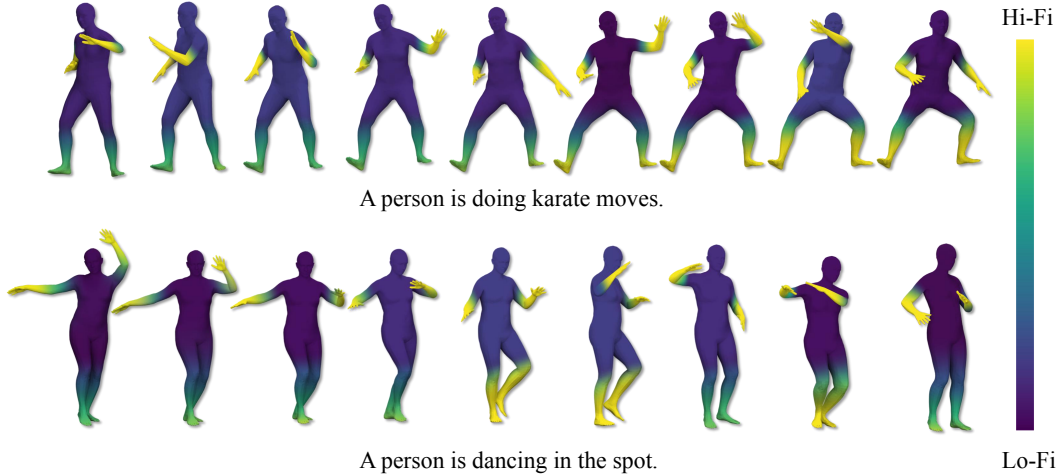


Figure 1: **Frequency of human motion.** The diagram illustrates that dynamic motions exhibit higher frequencies, while static motions correspond to lower frequencies. This observation provides key insights for the frequency-aware sparsification design of our FlashMo.

Abstract

Diffusion models have recently advanced 3D human motion generation by producing smoother and more realistic sequences from natural language. However, existing approaches face two major challenges: high computational cost during training and inference, and limited scalability due to reliance on U-Net inductive bias. To address these challenges, we propose **FlashMo**, a frequency-aware sparse motion diffusion model that prunes low-frequency tokens to enhance efficiency without custom kernel design. We further introduce *MotionSiT*, a scalable diffusion transformer based on a joint-temporal factorized interpolant with Lie group geodesics over $SO(3)$ manifolds, enabling principled generation of joint rotations. Extensive experiments on the large-scale MotionHub V2 dataset and standard benchmarks including HumanML3D and KIT-ML demonstrate that our method significantly outperforms previous approaches in motion quality, efficiency, and scalability. Compared to the state-of-the-art 1-step distillation baseline, FlashMo reduces **12.9%** inference time and FID by **34.1%**.

1 Introduction

The conditional generation of 3D motions has recently garnered significant attention due to its broad applicability across various domains, including robot manipulation [65], urban planning [11], virtual

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[83] and augmented reality [87], game development [21, 101], and video creation [5]. Notably, recent progress in text-to-motion generation, particularly with autoregressive [100, 60, 59, 30, 85, 39, 92] and diffusion models [70, 93, 7, 94, 44, 73], has enabled the synthesis of natural human motion from natural language. While VQ-VAE-based autoregressive methods achieve outstanding quantitative results, they generate less natural motion with jitters due to frame-wise noise arising from directly decoding discrete tokens, and fine-grained motion details are sometimes lost during token discretization [13]. In contrast, motion diffusion models generate smoother and more realistic human motion, showing a promising trend in human motion generation [73, 74, 95]. However, despite their strengths, diffusion-based approaches still face two significant challenges, collectively limiting their applicability in real-world scenarios.

(1) **Efficiency.** Motion diffusion suffers from high computational cost, as well as long training and inference times [41]. Existing efficient methods such as step distillation [17, 16, 41], step reduction [104], and linear models [99, 89] either require additional training of teacher models or involve complex scanning mechanisms, resulting in overengineering and low efficiency.

(2) **Scalability.** Recent works in image [24, 54, 48, 71] and video generation [82, 72] indicate that the U-Net [64] inductive bias is not critical for diffusion [24], while plain transformer denoisers show promising scalability. However, existing motion diffusion models are mostly restricted conventional U-Net architectures on smaller datasets [31, 61], resulting in limited and unexplored scalability.

To tackle the first challenge without additional engineering, we leverage intrinsic data characteristics. We observe that dynamic motion, which is more important [97, 100], exhibits higher frequency compared to static motion in generation process, as shown in Figure 1. Hence, we design a frequency-aware sparsification mechanism that dynamically prunes tokens corresponding to low frequency motion, enhancing efficiency while preserving high frequency motion at the attention head level. This structured sparsification allows seamless adaptation to hardware-efficient exact attention [19, 18, 67] without the need to customize kernels, which further enhances the efficiency. Furthermore, the unified training and inference sparsification strategy resolves the sparsity granularity gap, enabling a **2.25×** speedup over full attention while maintaining comparable performance.

To tackle the second challenge, we design MotionSiT, along with FlashMo, tailored for motion diffusion, which differs from the standard SiT that interpolates all dimensions together in Euclidean space. Instead, we perform temporal-spatial factorized interpolant with Lie group geodesics on the manifolds of joint rotations. This benefits our diffusion on the $so(3)$ representation of joint rotations [26, 37] and makes it more feasible to scale training on larger datasets [50]. Comprehensive analyses also validate the effectiveness of each component and their synergistic integration.

Furthermore, to demonstrate the efficiency and scalability of FlashMo, we pretrain on the large-scale open-source dataset MotionHub V2 [50] and evaluate our method on standard text-to-motion benchmarks, including HumanML3D [31] and KIT-ML [61]. The results in Figure 5 show our method significantly outperforms prior approaches in terms of motion quality, efficiency, and scalability.

The contributions of our paper can be summarized as follows:

- We present FlashMo, a frequency-aware sparse motion diffusion that prunes low-frequency tokens to improve efficiency without kernel customization. Moreover, our trainable sparsification strategy eliminates the sparsity granularity gap between training and inference, achieving a **2.25×** speedup over full attention without sacrificing performance.
- We introduce MotionSiT, a diffusion transformer with factorized Lie group interpolant that enables scalable motion diffusion on $SO(3)$ manifolds of joint rotations.
- To evaluate our method’s efficiency and scalability, we conduct comprehensive experiments on the pretraining dataset MotionHub V2 [50] and downstream benchmarks including HumanML3D [31] and KIT-ML [61]. The results show that our model outperforms previous methods and achieves outstanding balance between efficiency and performance. Compared to the state-of-the-art 1-step distillation baseline (MotionPCM), FlashMo reduces inference time by 12.9% and FID by 34.1%.

2 Related Work

Motion diffusion. Diffusion models have been widely adopted for human motion generation due to their strong ability to synthesize realistic and diverse sequences [70, 93, 7, 94, 44, 73, 95, 42, 80,

3.2 MotionSiT

MotionSiT is a latent generative model. Given a motion representation $\mathbf{M} \in \mathbb{M}^{L \times D}$ where L denotes the motion length and D the spatial feature dimension encoded from rotations, we apply a VAE to compress $\mathbf{M}$ along the temporal axis. The encoder maps $\mathbf{M}$ to a latent representation $\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{T \times S}$, where $T = L/r$ is the reduced temporal resolution with compression ratio r , and S is the latent dimension in spatial direction. Compared to standard SiT as in *Appendix A.1*, which targets image generation, motion generation differs due to its temporal-spatial structure and the manifold geometry of motion representations. According to these characteristics, our MotionSiT introduces following geometric interpolant tailored for motion.

Temporal-spatial factorized interpolant. The original SiT assumes each input sample is a flat vector and defines a simple linear stochastic interpolant between a noise sample $\epsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(0, I)$ and the data sample x^* via:

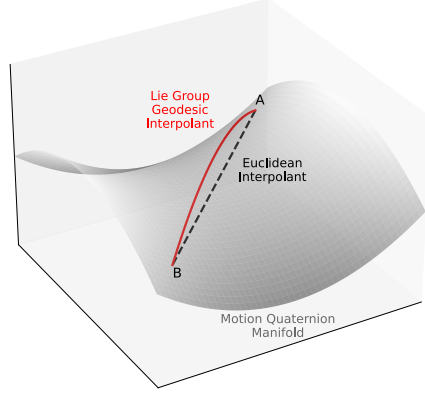
$$x_t = \alpha(t)x^* + \sigma(t)\epsilon.$$

While effective for image data, this formulation overlooks the heterogeneous nature of motion representation, where temporal and spatial dimensions carry distinct physical meanings and roles in motion representation.

Hence, we introduce a *temporal-spatial factorized interpolant (FI)*, which applies independent noise schedules along the temporal and spatial dimensions. Specifically, we define:

$$x_t = \alpha_T(t) \odot \alpha_S(t) \odot x^* + \sigma(t)\epsilon,$$

where $\alpha_T(t) \in \mathbb{R}^T$ and $\alpha_S(t) \in \mathbb{R}^S$ are scalar schedules for temporal and spatial dimensions, respectively. The element-wise product $\odot$ is broadcasted to modulate x^* at each timestep and spatial location individually. This factorization allows flexible noise control across time and joints, reflecting motion’s structural characteristics.



Lie group geodesics interpolant. Another limitation of interpolation in vanilla SiT lies in its assumption of Euclidean geometry, as shown in Figure 3. However, for motion representation, joint orientations are commonly expressed as rotation matrices in $\text{SO}(3)$ [26, 37]. Applying such interpolation directly to the motion manifold leads to geometric inconsistency in joint rotations.

Figure 3: **Euclidean interpolant vs. Lie group geodesics interpolant.**

Hence, we introduce the *Lie group geodesic interpolant (LI)* to respect the underlying manifold structure through Lie group geodesics. Given a target motion sample $x^* \in \mathcal{G}$, where $\mathcal{G}$ denotes a Lie group, we first map x^* to its tangent space $\mathfrak{g}$ using the logarithmic map $\log : \mathcal{G} \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}$. We then interpolate within the tangent space before mapping back to the manifold with the exponential map:

$$x_t = \text{Exp}(\alpha(t) \cdot \log(x^*) + \sigma(t) \cdot \epsilon),$$

where ϵ is Gaussian noise in the Lie algebra $\mathfrak{g}$. This approach ensures that the interpolated sample x_t always lies on the manifold and that noise is injected in a way that respects the local geometry of the motion space.

Geometric factorized interpolant. Building on the temporal-spatial factorization introduced earlier, we now incorporate the Lie group geodesic to define the *geometric factorized interpolant (GFI)* in MotionSiT. Specifically, for motion representation lies on a manifold such as $\text{SO}(3)$, we perform geodesic interpolant on both temporal and spatial dimension:

$$x_t^{\tau,s} = \text{Exp}(\alpha_T(t)_\tau \cdot \alpha_S(t)_s \cdot \log(x^{*\tau,s}) + \sigma(t) \cdot \epsilon^{\tau,s}),$$

where $x^{*\tau,s}$ denotes the motion state at time τ and spatial location s , and $\epsilon^{\tau,s}$ is Gaussian noise in the corresponding tangent space. This formulation combines the benefits of temporal-spatial control while preserves the geometric consistency of joint rotations during interpolation.

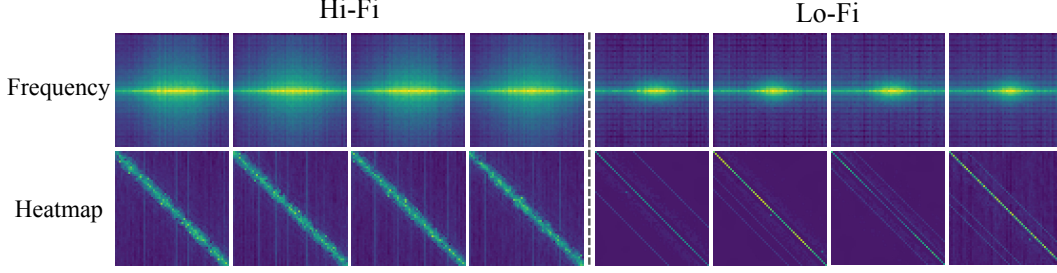


Figure 4: **Frequency magnitude vs. attention heatmap of attention heads.** The frequency magnitude is computed with the Fast Fourier Transform (FFT) and averaged over 100 latent motion features. Brighter colors indicate higher magnitudes. Pixels closer to the center represent lower frequencies. Both maps are visualized from the last layer of MotionSiT.

3.3 Frequency-Aware Sparsification

Through observation of the frequency of attention heads in the upper part of Figure 4, the heads can be categorized into Hi-Fi and Lo-Fi groups. Moreover, the lower part of Figure 4 shows that Hi-Fi and Lo-Fi heads exhibit clearly distinct patterns in the attention heatmap, providing strong empirical evidence for designing dynamic token sparsification.

Frequency-aware head partition. Given the number of head N_h , we first partition the N_h attention heads based on their frequency with an ratio $\beta \in [0, 1]$, where the first βN_h heads are low-frequency (Lo-Fi) heads $\mathcal{H}_{Lo}$ and the remaining $(1 - \beta)N_h$ heads are high-frequency (Hi-Fi) heads $\mathcal{H}_{Hi}$.

$$\mathcal{H}_{Lo} \subset \{1, \dots, N_h\}, \text{ with } |\mathcal{H}_{Lo}| = \beta N_h, \text{ and } \mathcal{H}_{Hi} = \{1, \dots, N_h\} \setminus \mathcal{H}_{Lo}$$

Full attention for Hi-Fi heads. Given a motion latent representation $\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{T \times S}$, for each attention head $h \in \mathcal{H}_{Hi}$, we define projection matrices $\mathbf{W}_q^{(h)}, \mathbf{W}_k^{(h)}, \mathbf{W}_v^{(h)} \in \mathbb{R}^{S \times d_k}$, where d_k is the hidden dimensions for a head. We project $\mathbf{X}$ into $\mathbf{Q}, \mathbf{K}, \mathbf{V}$ for each head:

$$\mathbf{Q}[\mathbf{X}]^{(h)} = \mathbf{X} \mathbf{W}_q^{(h)}, \quad \mathbf{K}[\mathbf{X}]^{(h)} = \mathbf{X} \mathbf{W}_k^{(h)}, \quad \mathbf{V}[\mathbf{X}]^{(h)} = \mathbf{X} \mathbf{W}_v^{(h)},$$

where $\mathbf{Q}[\mathbf{X}]^{(h)}, \mathbf{K}[\mathbf{X}]^{(h)}, \mathbf{V}[\mathbf{X}]^{(h)} \in \mathbb{R}^{T \times d_k}$. We then calculate full attention for each Hi-Fi head:

$$\text{Attention}(\mathbf{Q}[\mathbf{X}]^{(h)}, \mathbf{K}[\mathbf{X}]^{(h)}, \mathbf{V}[\mathbf{X}]^{(h)}), \text{ where } h \in \mathcal{H}_{Hi}.$$

Sparse attention for Lo-Fi heads. We perform attention-guided sparsification on Lo-Fi heads, adaptively pruning less important low-frequency motion tokens while preserving key motions

Attention-based adaptive token selection. Previous works [100] have successfully incorporated attention-guidance for selecting key motion tokens. However, they are limited to attention masking and do not adapt the masking ratio across layers. In contrast, our sparsification is adaptive across layers based on their attention distribution.

Given a full attention score in each head $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{Q}[\mathbf{X}]^{(h)} \mathbf{K}[\mathbf{X}]^{(h)\top} \in \mathbb{R}^{T \times T}$, the cumulative attention score a_x for each token x is calculated by summing the corresponding column, and the normalized cumulative attention score $\tilde{a}_x$ by averaging over the non-zero entries in that column.

$$a_x = \sum_{c=1}^T \mathbf{A}_{c,x}, \quad \tilde{a}_x = \frac{\sum_{c=1}^T \mathbf{A}_{c,x}}{\sum_{c=1}^T \mathbb{I}[\mathbf{A}_{c,x} \neq 0]}.$$

We then select the minimum number of tokens κ whose cumulative attention scores reach the threshold γ of the total attention mass:

$$\kappa = \min \left\{ \kappa \in \mathbb{Z} \left| \sum_{i=1}^{\kappa} a_{\text{sorted}(i)} \geq \gamma \sum_{i=1}^T a_{\text{sorted}(i)} \right. \right\},$$

where $a_{\text{sorted}(i)}$ denotes the i -th highest attention score, obtained by sorting cumulative attention scores a in descending order.

We then select the top κ tokens from $\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{T \times S}$ according to their normalized cumulative attention scores $\tilde{a}_x$, and obtain the selected token matrix $\mathbf{Z} \in \mathbb{R}^{\kappa \times S}$, where $\kappa < T$. This allows κ to vary depending on the distribution of attention scores in each attention layer:

$$\mathcal{T}_\kappa = \text{Top-}\kappa(\tilde{a}_x), \quad \mathbf{Z} = \mathbf{X}[\mathcal{T}_\kappa, :], \quad \mathbf{Z} \in \mathbb{R}^{\kappa \times S}.$$

Sparse attention calculation. For each attention head $h \in \mathcal{H}_{\text{Lo}}$, we project $\mathbf{X}$ into $\mathbf{Q}$, and $\mathbf{Z}$ into $\mathbf{K}, \mathbf{V}$ for each head:

$$\mathbf{Q}[\mathbf{X}]^{(h)} = \mathbf{X}\mathbf{W}_q^{(h)}, \quad \mathbf{K}[\mathbf{Z}]^{(h)} = \mathbf{Z}\mathbf{W}_k^{(h)}, \quad \mathbf{V}[\mathbf{Z}]^{(h)} = \mathbf{Z}\mathbf{W}_v^{(h)},$$

where $\mathbf{Q}[\mathbf{X}]^{(h)} \in \mathbb{R}^{T \times d_k}$, and $\mathbf{K}[\mathbf{Z}]^{(h)}, \mathbf{V}[\mathbf{Z}]^{(h)} \in \mathbb{R}^{\kappa \times d_k}$. We then calculate sparse attention for each Lo-Fi head:

$$\text{Attention}(\mathbf{Q}[\mathbf{X}]^{(h)}, \mathbf{K}[\mathbf{Z}]^{(h)}, \mathbf{V}[\mathbf{Z}]^{(h)}), \quad \text{where } h \in \mathcal{H}_{\text{Lo}}.$$

Sparse multi-head attention. Hence our frequency-aware sparse multi-head attention can be calculated as:

$$\text{Sparse-MHA}(\mathbf{X}) = \text{Concat} \left[\begin{cases} \text{Attention}(\mathbf{Q}[\mathbf{X}]^{(h)}, \mathbf{K}[\mathbf{X}]^{(h)}, \mathbf{V}[\mathbf{X}]^{(h)}), & h \in \mathcal{H}_{\text{Hi}} \\ \text{Attention}(\mathbf{Q}[\mathbf{X}]^{(h)}, \mathbf{K}[\mathbf{Z}]^{(h)}, \mathbf{V}[\mathbf{Z}]^{(h)}), & h \in \mathcal{H}_{\text{Lo}}, \end{cases} \right] \mathbf{W}_o$$

where $\mathbf{W}_o \in \mathbb{R}^{(N_h \cdot d_k) \times S}$ projects back to the original latent dimension.

4 Experiments

4.1 Datasets and Evaluation Metrics

Datasets. For pretraining, we utilize the recent large-scale open-source dataset MotionHub V2 [50], which contains 142,350 motion clips and 259,998 captions. For downstream evaluation, we conduct experiments on standard text-to-motion (T2M) datasets, including HumanML3D [31] and KIT-ML [61]. HumanML3D comprises 14,616 motion clips, each accompanied by three textual descriptions, resulting in a total of 44,970 captions. The KIT-ML dataset consists of 3,911 motions paired with 6,278 textual descriptions. For both datasets, we adopt the pose representation defined in T2M [31] to ensure consistency in motion representation across evaluations.

Evaluation metrics. We adopt standard evaluation metrics to assess different aspects of our experiments. We use FID and R-Precision to evaluate the realism and accuracy of generated motions, MultiModal Distance to measure motion-text alignment, and a diversity metric to quantify variation in motion features. Additionally, we employ the Multi-Modality (MModality) metric to assess diversity among motions generated from the same text description. Moreover, we calculate Average Inference Time (AIT) for showing efficiency.

4.2 Implementation Details

The encoder and decoder of the VAE consist of 4 layers with a compression rate $r = 4$. MotionSiT has a depth of 8, with a frequency ratio $\beta = 0.5$ and an attention threshold $\gamma = 0.95$. Both the VAE and MotionSiT use 4 attention heads with a latent dimension of 512. We employ a frozen text encoder from CLIP ViT-B/32. A constant learning rate of 1×10^{-4} is used, with a batch size of 256 and the AdamW optimizer. For fair comparison, each model is trained for 6K epochs during the VAE stage and 3K epochs during the diffusion stage. We adopt 1000 diffusion steps during training and 10 sampling steps during inference. All experiments are conducted on an Intel Xeon Platinum 8469C CPU at 2.60GHz, with a single NVIDIA H20 96G GPU and 32GB of RAM.

Table 1: Comparison of text-to-motion generation on HumanML3D [31] and KIT-ML [61] datasets. → indicates the closer to real data, the better. **Bold** and underline indicate best and second best results.

Method	Venue	AIT(s) ↓	R-Precision ↑			FID ↓	MM Dist ↓	Diversity →	MModality ↑
			Top-1	Top-2	Top-3				
HumanML3D [31]									
Real	-	-	0.511±.003	0.703±.003	0.797±.002	0.002±.000	2.974±.008	9.503±.065	-
MMM [60]	CVPR 2024	0.081	0.504±.003	0.696±.003	0.794±.002	0.080±.003	2.998±.007	9.411±.058	1.164±.041
MoMask [30]	CVPR 2024	0.120	0.521±.002	0.713±.002	0.807±.002	0.045±.002	2.958±.008	-	1.241±.040
BAMM [59]	ECCV 2024	0.411	0.525±.002	0.720±.003	0.814±.003	0.055±.002	2.919±.008	9.717±.089	1.687±.051
MoGenTS [85]	NeurIPS 2024	0.181	0.529±.003	0.719±.002	0.812±.002	0.033±.001	2.867±.006	9.570±.077	-
MotionLCM [17] (1-step)	ECCV 2024	0.030	0.502±.003	0.701±.002	0.803±.002	0.467±.012	3.022±.009	9.631±.066	2.172±.082
MotionLCM [17] (2-step)	ECCV 2024	0.035	0.505±.003	0.705±.002	0.805±.002	0.368±.011	2.986±.008	9.640±.052	2.187±.094
MotionLCM [17] (4-step)	ECCV 2024	0.043	0.502±.003	0.698±.002	0.798±.002	0.304±.012	3.012±.007	9.607±.066	2.259±.092
EMDM [104]	ECCV 2024	0.050	0.498±.007	0.684±.006	0.786±.006	0.112±.019	3.110±.027	9.551±.078	1.641±.078
Motion Mamba [99]	ECCV 2024	0.058	0.502±.003	0.693±.002	0.792±.002	0.281±.009	3.060±.058	9.871±.084	2.294±.058
StableMoFusion [38]	MM 2024	0.499	0.553±.003	0.748±.002	0.841±.002	0.098±.003	-	9.748±.092	1.774±.051
MotionLCM-V2 [16] (1-step)	Preprint 2024	0.031	0.546±.003	0.743±.002	0.837±.002	0.072±.003	2.767±.007	9.577±.070	1.858±.056
MotionLCM-V2 [16] (2-step)	Preprint 2024	0.038	0.551±.003	0.745±.002	0.836±.002	0.049±.003	2.765±.008	9.584±.066	1.834±.052
MotionLCM-V2 [16] (4-step)	Preprint 2024	0.050	0.553±.003	0.746±.002	0.837±.002	0.056±.003	2.773±.009	9.598±.067	1.758±.056
Light-T2M [89]	AAAI 2025	0.151	0.511±.003	0.699±.002	0.795±.002	0.040±.002	3.002±.008	-	1.670±.061
MotionPCM [41] (1-step)	Preprint 2025	0.031	0.560±.002	0.752±.003	0.844±.002	0.044±.003	2.711±.008	9.559±.081	1.772±.067
MotionPCM [41] (2-step)	Preprint 2025	0.036	0.555±.002	0.749±.002	0.839±.002	0.033±.002	2.739±.007	9.618±.088	1.760±.068
MotionPCM [41] (4-step)	Preprint 2025	0.045	0.559±.003	0.752±.003	0.842±.002	0.030±.002	2.716±.008	9.575±.082	1.714±.062
FlashMo (Ours)	-	0.027	0.562±.004	0.754±.005	0.847±.005	0.041±.002	2.711±.006	9.614±.056	2.812±.046
FlashMo w/ pretrain (Ours)	-	0.027	0.568±.005	0.761±.002	0.851±.003	0.029±.002	2.703±.005	9.601±.073	2.851±.069
KIT-ML [61]									
Real	-	-	0.424±.005	0.649±.006	0.779±.006	0.031±.004	2.788±.012	11.08±.097	-
MMM [60]	CVPR 2024	-	0.404±.005	0.621±.005	0.744±.004	0.316±.028	2.977±.019	10.91±.101	1.232±.039
MoMask [30]	CVPR 2024	-	0.433±.007	0.656±.005	0.781±.005	0.204±.011	2.779±.022	-	1.131±.043
BAMM [59]	ECCV 2024	-	0.438±.009	0.661±.009	0.788±.005	0.183±.013	2.723±.026	11.01±.094	1.609±.065
MoGenTS [85]	NeurIPS 2024	-	0.445±.006	0.671±.006	0.797±.005	0.143±.004	2.711±.024	10.92±.090	-
EMDM [104]	ECCV 2024	-	0.443±.006	0.660±.006	0.780±.005	0.261±.014	2.874±.015	10.96±.093	1.343±.089
Motion Mamba [99]	ECCV 2024	-	0.419±.006	0.645±.005	0.765±.006	0.307±.041	3.021±.025	11.02±.098	1.678±.064
StableMoFusion [38]	MM 2024	-	0.445±.006	0.660±.005	0.782±.004	0.258±.029	-	10.94±.077	1.362±.062
Light-T2M [89]	AAAI 2025	-	0.444±.006	0.670±.007	0.794±.005	0.161±.009	2.746±.016	-	1.005±.036
MotionPCM [41] (1-step)	Preprint 2025	-	0.433±.007	0.654±.007	0.781±.008	0.355±.011	2.820±.022	10.78±.078	1.337±.047
MotionPCM [41] (2-step)	Preprint 2025	-	0.437±.005	0.664±.005	0.787±.006	0.294±.011	2.844±.018	10.83±.094	1.254±.050
MotionPCM [41] (4-step)	Preprint 2025	-	0.443±.005	0.664±.004	0.789±.005	0.336±.013	2.881±.023	10.76±.096	1.258±.056
FlashMo (Ours)	-	-	0.449±.002	0.670±.004	0.799±.002	0.152±.004	2.709±.005	10.64±.074	3.287±.042
FlashMo w/ pretrain (Ours)	-	-	0.453±.001	0.679±.004	0.807±.003	0.132±.005	2.701±.005	10.79±.093	3.591±.070

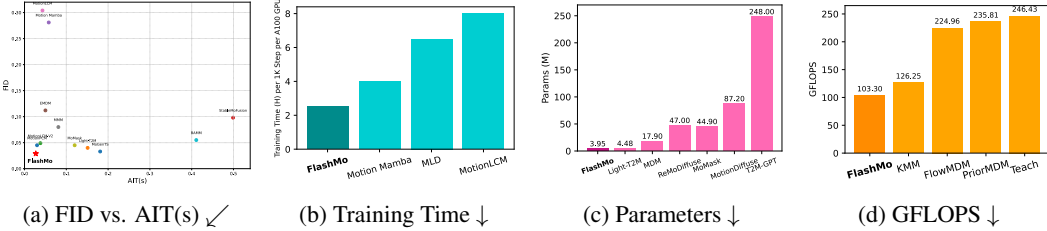


Figure 5: **Efficiency comparison.** The figure demonstrates that FlashMo achieves the lowest inference time, training time, model size, and FLOPs while maintaining superior performance compared to other methods.

4.3 Comparative Study

We compare our method with recent efficient motion diffusion models and VQ-VAE-based models on both HumanML3D and KIT-ML. We include both our model trained from scratch and the version pretrained on MotionHub V2 [50]. And we follow T2M [31] and report the average over 20 runs with 95% confidence intervals. The results in Table 1 demonstrate that our method consistently outperforms other approaches across most quantitative performance metrics, achieving a 10% efficiency improvement compared to previous fastest 1-step distillation [17], without the need to train an additional teacher model. Please see the full comparison table in *Appendix D*.

Efficiency. We compare our method with other approaches in terms of Average Inference Time (AIT), training time, model parameters, and GFLOPs. For the inference setting, we follow [7] to calculate AIT, measured on the same Tesla V100 GPU. The results in Figure 5 and Table 1 demonstrate that our method not only achieves superior performance but also maintains the lowest inference time, training time, model size, and GFLOPs.

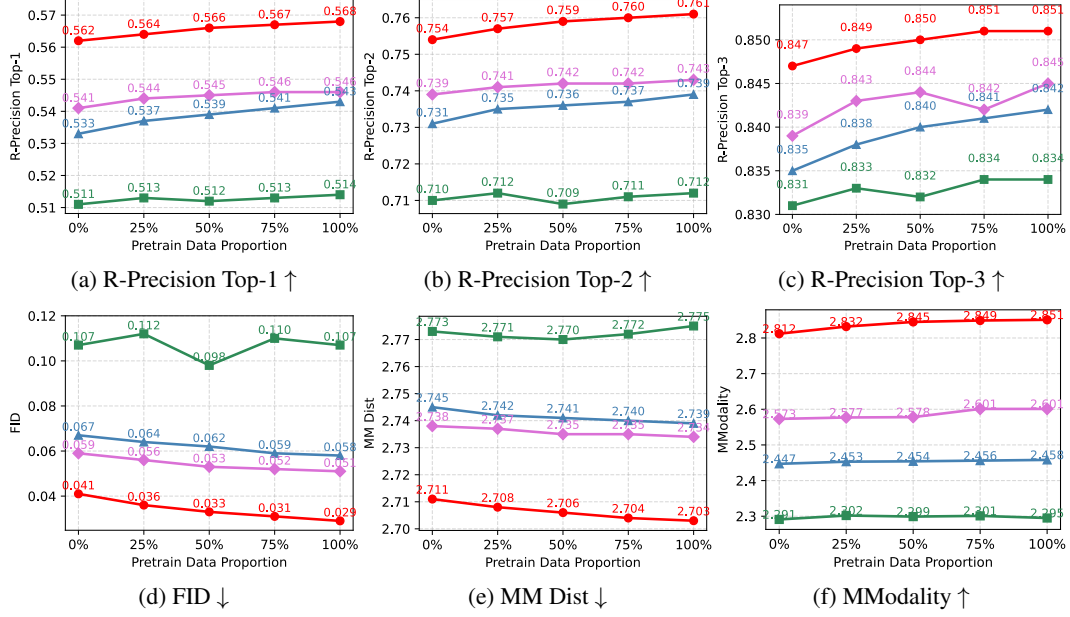


Figure 6: **Scaling trend.** The figure demonstrates the scaling trends of different denoiser designs (U-Net, DiT, SiT, and MotionSiT) with varying proportions of pretraining data. The results show that our MotionSiT exhibits superior scalability and outperforms other methods.

Table 2: **Interpolants design.** The model is trained from scratch on HumanML3D [31]. The right arrow $\rightarrow$ means that the closer to the real motion, the better. **Bold** indicates the best result.

Method	R Precision $\uparrow$			FID $\downarrow$	MM Dist $\downarrow$	Diversity $\rightarrow$	MModality $\uparrow$
	Top 1	Top 2	Top 3				
Real	0.511 $\pm$.003	0.703 $\pm$.003	0.797 $\pm$.002	0.002 $\pm$.000	2.974 $\pm$.008	9.503 $\pm$.065	-
SBDM-VP	0.503 $\pm$.002	0.705 $\pm$.005	0.791 $\pm$.003	0.094 $\pm$.015	2.774 $\pm$.009	9.642 $\pm$.078	2.209 $\pm$.063
Linear	0.535 $\pm$.001	0.733 $\pm$.004	0.837 $\pm$.005	0.065 $\pm$.009	2.744 $\pm$.007	9.595 $\pm$.069	2.449 $\pm$.088
GVP	0.542 $\pm$.005	0.741 $\pm$.003	0.840 $\pm$.001	0.058 $\pm$.002	2.736 $\pm$.008	9.588 $\pm$.043	2.600 $\pm$.039
FI (Linear)	0.544 $\pm$.001	0.743 $\pm$.003	0.842 $\pm$.005	0.054 $\pm$.002	2.732 $\pm$.005	9.590 $\pm$.077	2.659 $\pm$.064
FI (GVP)	0.507 $\pm$.005	0.710 $\pm$.002	0.802 $\pm$.006	0.089 $\pm$.008	2.784 $\pm$.001	9.632 $\pm$.057	2.218 $\pm$.067
LI (Linear)	0.551 $\pm$.005	0.748 $\pm$.001	0.844 $\pm$.003	0.048 $\pm$.002	2.730 $\pm$.014	9.602 $\pm$.047	2.705 $\pm$.029
LI (GVP)	0.550 $\pm$.001	0.745 $\pm$.001	0.841 $\pm$.003	0.044 $\pm$.005	2.725 $\pm$.012	9.633 $\pm$.072	2.788 $\pm$.075
GFI (Linear)	0.562$\pm$.004	0.754$\pm$.005	0.847$\pm$.005	0.041$\pm$.002	2.711$\pm$.006	9.614 $\pm$.056	2.812$\pm$.046

4.4 Ablation Study

Scalability. To showcase our method’s scalability, we compare various denoiser architectures against our backbone using different proportions of pretraining data. As shown in Figure 6, our method consistently improves performance as data increases, demonstrating strong scalability and generalization capability. This scaling trend shows promising results for 3D human motion generation, as larger amounts of motion data can be acquired by HMR [28, 15] and MoCap [20, 36], highlighting a promising direction for foundational motion generative models.

Interpolants design. The interpolant approach is one of the key innovations in FlashMo. Since we propose the geometrically factorized interpolant, the choice of an appropriate interpolant function becomes particularly important. Both score-based [69] and velocity-field diffusion models [54] have explored different interpolant functions $\alpha(t)$ and variances $\sigma(t)$, as discussed in Appendix A.1. The results in Table 2 show that our geometric factorized interpolant with a linear interpolation function significantly outperforms other interpolants. Furthermore, when leveraging the factorized interpolant, the linear function exhibits a notable advantage compared to GVP, which contrasts with SiT [54] where GVP demonstrates better performance. This is mathematically sound because although factorization better aligns with the temporal-spatial structure of motion, combining it with

Table 3: **Sparsification parameters.** The model is trained from scratch on HumanML3D [31]. The right arrow $\rightarrow$ means that the closer to the real motion, the better. **Bold** indicates the best result.

Method	AIT(s) $\downarrow$	R Precision $\uparrow$			FID $\downarrow$	MM Dist $\downarrow$	Diversity $\rightarrow$	MModality $\uparrow$
		Top 1	Top 2	Top 3				
Real	-	0.511 $\pm$.003	0.703 $\pm$.003	0.797 $\pm$.002	0.002 $\pm$.000	2.974 $\pm$.008	9.503 $\pm$.065	-
Full Attention	0.061	0.565 $\pm$.002	0.759 $\pm$.004	0.850 $\pm$.006	0.033 $\pm$.004	2.708 $\pm$.003	9.598 $\pm$.042	2.833 $\pm$.043
$\beta = 0.75 \ \gamma = 0.93$	0.014	0.466 $\pm$.003	0.652 $\pm$.005	0.747 $\pm$.006	0.644 $\pm$.003	3.316 $\pm$.007	9.638 $\pm$.071	1.073 $\pm$.042
$\beta = 0.75 \ \gamma = 0.95$	0.016	0.517 $\pm$.005	0.694 $\pm$.001	0.798 $\pm$.004	0.305 $\pm$.005	3.035 $\pm$.003	9.745 $\pm$.055	2.653 $\pm$.025
$\beta = 0.75 \ \gamma = 0.97$	0.019	0.538 $\pm$.001	0.723 $\pm$.004	0.819 $\pm$.002	0.097 $\pm$.004	2.734 $\pm$.005	9.649 $\pm$.053	2.707 $\pm$.052
$\beta = 0.50 \ \gamma = 0.93$	0.023	0.515 $\pm$.001	0.690 $\pm$.006	0.792 $\pm$.003	0.065 $\pm$.004	2.752 $\pm$.005	9.598 $\pm$.042	2.619 $\pm$.071
$\beta = 0.50 \ \gamma = 0.95$	0.027	0.562$\pm$.004	0.754$\pm$.005	0.847$\pm$.005	0.041 $\pm$.002	2.711$\pm$.006	9.614 $\pm$.056	2.812$\pm$.046
$\beta = 0.50 \ \gamma = 0.97$	0.035	0.559 $\pm$.002	0.752 $\pm$.005	0.844 $\pm$.007	0.040 $\pm$.003	2.713 $\pm$.004	9.442 $\pm$.064	2.820 $\pm$.043
$\beta = 0.25 \ \gamma = 0.93$	0.042	0.545 $\pm$.005	0.742 $\pm$.002	0.810 $\pm$.006	0.107 $\pm$.003	2.935 $\pm$.004	9.465$\pm$.031	2.364 $\pm$.045
$\beta = 0.25 \ \gamma = 0.95$	0.048	0.560 $\pm$.002	0.753 $\pm$.004	0.846 $\pm$.001	0.040 $\pm$.003	2.711$\pm$.002	9.657 $\pm$.063	2.819 $\pm$.035
$\beta = 0.25 \ \gamma = 0.97$	0.053	0.562$\pm$.005	0.753 $\pm$.002	0.845 $\pm$.003	0.039$\pm$.004	2.715 $\pm$.002	9.633 $\pm$.053	2.826$\pm$.063

Table 4: **Model configurations.** The model is trained from scratch on HumanML3D [31]. The right arrow $\rightarrow$ means that the closer to the real motion, the better. **Bold** and underline indicate best and second best results.

Method	AIT(s) $\downarrow$	R Precision $\uparrow$			FID $\downarrow$	MM Dist $\downarrow$	Diversity $\rightarrow$	MModality $\uparrow$
		Top 1	Top 2	Top 3				
Real	-	0.511 $\pm$.003	0.703 $\pm$.003	0.797 $\pm$.002	0.002 $\pm$.000	2.974 $\pm$.008	9.503 $\pm$.065	-
$N_h = 2$	0.024	0.532 $\pm$.004	0.732 $\pm$.002	0.814 $\pm$.002	0.064 $\pm$.003	2.954 $\pm$.005	<u>9.616$\pm$.024</u>	2.426 $\pm$.064
$N_h = 6$	0.032	0.561 $\pm$.001	0.750 $\pm$.006	0.841 $\pm$.002	0.041 $\pm$.004	2.710 $\pm$.002	9.785 $\pm$.053	2.810 $\pm$.061
$N_h = 8$	0.039	0.566$\pm$.006	<u>0.752$\pm$.003</u>	0.847$\pm$.002	<u>0.039$\pm$.006</u>	2.709 $\pm$.003	9.692 $\pm$.047	2.809 $\pm$.083
$r = 2$	0.035	0.542 $\pm$.002	0.745 $\pm$.005	0.839 $\pm$.006	0.047 $\pm$.002	2.722 $\pm$.001	9.684 $\pm$.074	2.793 $\pm$.025
Depth = 4	0.023	0.541 $\pm$.006	0.740 $\pm$.001	0.836 $\pm$.002	0.050 $\pm$.004	2.728 $\pm$.001	9.688 $\pm$.074	2.807 $\pm$.047
Depth = 6	0.025	0.553 $\pm$.003	0.749 $\pm$.002	0.840 $\pm$.005	0.045 $\pm$.002	2.719 $\pm$.005	9.704 $\pm$.036	2.809 $\pm$.064
Depth = 10	0.033	<u>0.565$\pm$.003</u>	0.754$\pm$.006	<u>0.846$\pm$.001</u>	0.038$\pm$.001	2.708$\pm$.007	9.719 $\pm$.064	<u>2.811$\pm$.057</u>
Ours	0.027	0.562 $\pm$.004	0.754$\pm$.005	0.847$\pm$.005	0.041 $\pm$.002	2.711 $\pm$.006	9.614$\pm$.056	2.812$\pm$.046

GVP breaks the variance preserving property, which is a theoretical guarantee in score-based and velocity-field diffusion training. In contrast, the linear interpolant does not have this issue.

Sparsification parameters. We conducted experiments with different head ratios β and attention thresholds γ , keeping all other settings the same. The results in Table 3 show that increasing the number of Lo-Fi heads and pruning more tokens improves speed but leads to a decrease in performance. In contrast, our sparsification parameters achieve an excellent balance between efficiency and sparsity, delivering performance comparable to full attention while achieving a **2.25 $\times$** speedup, enabled by unified training and inference without token granularity mismatch.

Model configurations. We investigate different model configuration including number of heads N_h and model depth of MotionSiT, compression ratio r of VAE, compare to our default settings ($N_h = 4$, $r = 4$, depth = 8). The results in Table 4 demonstrate the robustness of our model across different configurations. While increasing the model’s depth and number of attention heads improves metrics such as FID and MM Dist, it sacrifices efficiency. Our chosen configuration balances performance and efficiency.

5 Conclusion

We present FlashMo, a frequency-aware sparse motion diffusion framework that addresses both efficiency and scalability challenges in 3D human motion generation. By introducing a unified training and inference sparsification strategy, FlashMo achieves a **2.25 $\times$** speedup over full attention without compromising motion quality. Our proposed MotionSiT architecture leverages a geometrically factorized interpolant with Lie group geodesics, enabling principled modeling of joint rotations on $SO(3)$ manifolds. Extensive experiments on HumanML3D, and KIT-ML validate the effectiveness of FlashMo, demonstrating significant improvements over state-of-the-art methods in both performance and efficiency. Beyond empirical gains, FlashMo highlights the importance of respecting manifold geometry in diffusion processes, demonstrating that modeling motion trajectories along $SO(3)$ geodesics preserves rotational consistency and yields smoother, physically coherent human motions compared to Euclidean approximations.

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Appendix

A Preliminaries

A.1 Scalable Interpolant Transformer (SiT)

Scalable Interpolant Transformers (SiT) [54] is a diffusion transformer [58] based on *stochastic interpolants*, which defines a class of time-indexed stochastic processes that map a noise sample $\mathbf{x}_0 \sim p_0$ to an intermediate point $\mathbf{x}(t)$ over $t \in [0, 1]$. These interpolants are defined without requiring a target sample $\mathbf{x}_1$ (as in standard DDPMs), and instead use structured noise perturbation with learned dynamics to generate samples.

The interpolant is defined as:

$$\mathbf{x}(t) = \alpha(t)\mathbf{x}_0 + \sigma(t)\epsilon, \quad \epsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(0, I),$$

where $\alpha(t)$ and $\sigma(t)$ are time-dependent scalar functions, $\mathbf{x}_0$ is a noise sample (analogous to initial state in forward diffusion). It holds that $\mathbf{x}(0) = \mathbf{x}_0$, and $\mathbf{x}(1)$ ideally follows p_1 , the data distribution.

These interpolants allow generation and learning without explicitly simulating a forward diffusion trajectory from $\mathbf{x}_1$ to $\mathbf{x}_0$ as in traditional diffusion models.

Forward SDE. The forward generative process in diffusion models is typically described using a stochastic differential equation of the form:

$$d\mathbf{x} = f(\mathbf{x}, t) dt + g(t) d\mathbf{w}_t,$$

where $f(\mathbf{x}, t)$ is a drift function, $g(t)$ is a diffusion coefficient, $\mathbf{w}_t$ is standard Brownian motion.

Reverse-time SDE. The reverse-time dynamics of this process can be derived from the theory of time-reversal of stochastic processes. The reverse time SDE is:

$$d\mathbf{x} = [f(\mathbf{x}, t) - g(t)^2 \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \log p_t(\mathbf{x})] dt + g(t) d\bar{\mathbf{w}}_t,$$

where $\nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \log p_t(\mathbf{x})$ is the *score function*, which denotes the gradient of the log-density at time t , $d\bar{\mathbf{w}}_t$ is a reverse-time Brownian motion.

This reverse-time SDE shows that, to sample from the data distribution starting from noise, we need to access the time-dependent score function of intermediate states. This is typically learned using score matching in diffusion models.

Probability flow ODE. An alternative, deterministic formulation of the same marginal distributions is given by the probability flow ODE:

$$\frac{d\mathbf{x}}{dt} = f(\mathbf{x}, t) - \frac{1}{2}g(t)^2 \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \log p_t(\mathbf{x}).$$

Unlike the reverse SDE, this ODE yields a deterministic mapping from $\mathbf{x}_0$ to $\mathbf{x}_1$. Critically, both the reverse-time SDE and the probability flow ODE share the same marginal distribution $p_t(\mathbf{x})$ for each t .

This connection allows one to model generation either stochastically (via sampling the reverse SDE) or deterministically (via integrating the ODE). In SiT, the idea is to sidestep direct score estimation and instead predict the time-derivative of the interpolant path.

Velocity fields and learning objectives. Rather than explicitly learning the score function $\nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \log p_t(\mathbf{x})$, SiT models the trajectory of the interpolant $\mathbf{x}(t)$ by learning its *velocity field*:

$$\mathbf{v}(\mathbf{x}(t), t) := \frac{d\mathbf{x}(t)}{dt}.$$

Given the analytic form of the interpolant:

$$\mathbf{x}(t) = \alpha(t)\mathbf{x}_0 + \sigma(t)\epsilon,$$

its time derivative is:

$$\frac{d\mathbf{x}(t)}{dt} = \dot{\alpha}(t)\mathbf{x}_0 + \dot{\sigma}(t)\epsilon.$$

Since $\mathbf{x}_0$ and ϵ are both known (sampled during training), this velocity is analytically computable.

The SiT model learns a velocity estimator $\mathbf{v}_\theta(\mathbf{x}(t), t)$ by minimizing the expected squared error between the predicted and true velocity:

$$\mathcal{L}(\theta) = \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{x}_0, \epsilon} \left[\int_0^1 \left\| \mathbf{v}_\theta(\mathbf{x}(t), t) - \frac{d\mathbf{x}(t)}{dt} \right\|^2 dt \right].$$

This learning objective removes the need for score estimation or denoising objectives and allows SiT to scale better.

Interpolants design. The choice of interpolant functions $\alpha(t)$, the deterministic scaling of the input noise $\mathbf{x}_0$ and $\sigma(t)$, the time-dependent standard deviation controlling the magnitude of the stochastic perturbation directly determines the geometry of the stochastic path $\mathbf{x}(t) = \alpha(t)\mathbf{x}_0 + \sigma(t)\epsilon$. This, in turn, influences training dynamics, sample quality, and generalization. Below, we describe two common interpolant designs that capture different trade-offs

The linear interpolant is defined as:

$$\alpha(t) = 1 - t, \quad \sigma(t) = \sqrt{t}.$$

This design induces a *linear* interpolation in the input $\mathbf{x}_0$ and a *square-root* scaling of the noise. At $t = 0$, we have $\mathbf{x}(0) = \mathbf{x}_0$; at $t = 1$, $\alpha(1) = 0$ and $\sigma(1) = 1$, hence $\mathbf{x}(1) = \epsilon$, a pure noise sample.

This interpolant is simple and intuitive, but its marginal distribution $p_t(\mathbf{x})$ varies in both mean and variance across time. Specifically:

$$\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{x}(t)] = \alpha(t)\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{x}_0] = 0, \quad \text{Var}[\mathbf{x}(t)] = \alpha(t)^2 + \sigma(t)^2 = (1 - t)^2 + t.$$

Thus, the total variance is time-varying.

To address the variance inconsistency, the GVP interpolant is constructed such that the total variance remains constant over time:

$$\alpha(t)^2 + \sigma(t)^2 = 1.$$

A canonical choice under this constraint is:

$$\alpha(t) = \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}t\right), \quad \sigma(t) = \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}t\right).$$

This design ensures that:

$$\mathbf{x}(t) \sim \mathcal{N}(0, I), \quad \forall t \in [0, 1].$$

That is, the marginal distribution of $\mathbf{x}(t)$ stays isotropic Gaussian throughout the path. This simplifies score estimation and enhances training stability. Moreover, the smooth transition from $\mathbf{x}_0$ to noise is nonlinear, leading to smoother gradients and more coherent sample trajectories.

The choice between them depends on downstream task requirements and model capacity.

A.2 Lie Groups for Rigid Body Rotations and Motions

Rigid body rotations and transformations in three-dimensional space are not elements of Euclidean space, but instead belong to structured non-Euclidean manifolds with group structures, specifically Lie groups. This geometric structure is critical for ensuring mathematically consistent operations such as interpolation, averaging, and noise perturbation, which are frequently needed in motion analysis and generation tasks.

The Special Orthogonal Group $\text{SO}(3)$. The space of all 3D rotation matrices forms a Lie group known as the special orthogonal group:

$$\text{SO}(3) = \{R \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3} \mid R^\top R = I, \det(R) = 1\},$$

which is a compact, connected, non-commutative Lie group of dimension 3. Each element of $\text{SO}(3)$ represents a proper rotation in $\mathbb{R}^3$, and the group operation is matrix multiplication. The non-Euclidean nature of $\text{SO}(3)$ implies that standard linear operations, such as averaging two rotation matrices or interpolating between them, may lead to results that no longer lie on the manifold.

The Special Euclidean Group SE(3). For full rigid body transformations, including both rotation and translation, the appropriate Lie group is SE(3):

$$\text{SE}(3) = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} R & t \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{4 \times 4} \mid R \in \text{SO}(3), t \in \mathbb{R}^3 \right\},$$

which is a 6-dimensional, non-compact, non-commutative Lie group. The group operation is again matrix multiplication, and SE(3) encapsulates both orientation and position of a rigid body in space.

Lie Algebras and Local Coordinates. Associated with each Lie group $\mathcal{G}$ is a Lie algebra $\mathfrak{g}$, which serves as the tangent space at the identity element and provides a local, linear coordinate system for the manifold. For SO(3), the Lie algebra $\mathfrak{so}(3)$ consists of all 3D skew-symmetric matrices:

$$\mathfrak{so}(3) = \{A \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3} \mid A^\top = -A\}.$$

A standard isomorphism between $\mathbb{R}^3$ and $\mathfrak{so}(3)$ is provided by the **hat operator**:

$$[\omega]_\times = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -\omega_3 & \omega_2 \\ \omega_3 & 0 & -\omega_1 \\ -\omega_2 & \omega_1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \omega \in \mathbb{R}^3,$$

which maps a vector to its corresponding skew-symmetric matrix. The inverse operation is the **vee operator**, mapping from $\mathfrak{so}(3)$ to $\mathbb{R}^3$.

Exponential and Logarithmic Maps. The **exponential map** $\exp : \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}$ and its inverse, the **logarithmic map** $\log : \mathcal{G} \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}$, provide the tools to move between the manifold and its tangent space. For SO(3), the exponential map is given in closed form by Rodrigues' formula:

$$\exp([\omega]_\times) = I + \frac{\sin \theta}{\theta} [\omega]_\times + \frac{1 - \cos \theta}{\theta^2} [\omega]_\times^2, \quad \theta = \|\omega\|.$$

This constructs a rotation matrix corresponding to a rotation of angle θ around axis $\omega/\|\omega\|$. The logarithmic map inverts this operation, computing the minimal-axis rotation vector ω corresponding to a given rotation matrix R :

$$\log(R) = \frac{\theta}{2 \sin \theta} (R - R^\top), \quad \theta = \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{\text{Tr}(R) - 1}{2} \right).$$

Interpolation and Perturbation on Lie Groups. A major benefit of the Lie group structure is that interpolation and noise perturbation can be carried out in the tangent space, ensuring that the results lie back on the manifold after mapping. Given two rotations $R_1, R_2 \in \text{SO}(3)$, a geodesic interpolation can be defined via:

$$R(t) = R_1 \cdot \exp(t \cdot \log(R_1^\top R_2)), \quad t \in [0, 1],$$

which traces the shortest path on the manifold between R_1 and R_2 . More generally, any operation of the form:

$$R = \exp(\omega), \quad \omega \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \Sigma),$$

defines a distribution on SO(3) by sampling from a Gaussian in the tangent space $\mathbb{R}^3$ and mapping to the manifold via the exponential map. Such constructions are widely used in manifold-aware generative models and motion synthesis.

Extensions to SE(3). For rigid body motion in SE(3), the corresponding Lie algebra $\mathfrak{se}(3)$ is a 6-dimensional space encoding translational and rotational velocities. Elements of $\mathfrak{se}(3)$ are typically expressed using twist coordinates $(v, \omega) \in \mathbb{R}^6$, and the exponential or logarithmic maps generalize accordingly. The Baker-Campbell-Hausdorff formula governs the non-linear composition of transformations, and matrix representations of exp and log are available via the theory of screw motions.

This Lie group machinery forms the mathematical foundation for handling rotation and transformation data in a consistent, geometry-aware manner, and is indispensable in domains such as robotics, graphics, and motion modeling.

B User Study

This study conducts a comprehensive user evaluation of our method compared with MotionLCM [17] and MoGenTS [85]. We assess the real-world applicability of motion sequences generated by Motion Anything and baseline models using a Google Forms survey completed by 50 participants. As shown in Figure 7, the user interface presents 3–4 motion clips (Videos 1–3/4) generated by the same model, followed by a comparative set (Videos A–C) from different models. Participants evaluate each animation based on motion accuracy and overall user experience, using a 3-point scale (1 = low, 3 = high). In the comparison section, users select the model they perceive as most realistic and engaging. This evaluation is designed to measure both the fidelity of the generated motion to real-world human movement and the overall effectiveness of each model in delivering visually compelling results.

Results:

- Our method achieved a motion quality rating of **2.92**, with **94%** of participants agreeing that it produces high-quality motion with minimal jitter, sliding, or unrealistic artifacts.
- For motion diversity, we received a rating of **2.86**, with **90%** of participants indicating that our method generates complex and varied motion sequences.
- In terms of text-motion alignment, our model scored **2.80**, and **82%** of users reported that the generated motions were well-aligned with the given text descriptions.
- Notably, **92%** of participants preferred our method over competing approaches.

C Qualitative Results

To qualitatively evaluate our performance in text-to-motion generation, we compare the visualizations generated by our method with those produced by both state-of-the-art diffusion and VQ-VAE based methods specializing in text-to-motion generation, including MotionLCM [17] and MoGenTS [85]. The text prompts are customized based on the HumanML3D [31] test set. As shown in Figure 8 and video demos, our method generates motions with superior quality, greater diversity, and better alignment between text and motion compared to the previous state-of-the-art methods.

D Full Comparison Tables

To comprehensively evaluate our method on text-to-motion generation, we report full comparisons with prior approaches in Table 5 and 6. Our method consistently achieves state-of-the-art performance on both HumanML3D [31] and KIT-ML [61], outperforming existing baselines across all metrics.

E Broader Impacts

Our work advances the field of 3D human motion generation by addressing key limitations in efficiency and scalability that hinder real-world deployment. By introducing frequency-aware sparsification and a scalable transformer architecture with principled geometric modeling, FlashMo offers a more practical solution for generating realistic human motion at scale. This has broad implications for downstream applications such as human-robot interaction, AR/VR environments, animation, and digital avatars. By reducing computational demands without sacrificing quality, our approach lowers the barrier to adoption in resource-constrained settings and paves the way for real-time, interactive, and embodied AI systems.

F Limitations and Future Work

Currently, our design has not yet explored other interpolant functions, and we still rely on learning latent diffusion models on the tangent space. In future work, we will investigate how different interpolant forms benefit temporal-spatial factorization and Lie group geometric interpolation for improved motion modeling. Moreover, we will continue to investigate manifold geometry in motion generation from an optimization perspective.

Table 5: Comparison of text-to-motion generation on HumanML3D [31] dataset. $\rightarrow$ indicates the closer to real data, the better. **Bold** and underline indicate best and second best results. Efficient motion diffusion models are highlighted in blue.

Method	Venue	AIT(s) ↓	R-Precision ↑			FID ↓	MM Dist ↓	Diversity $\rightarrow$	MModality ↑
			Top-1	Top-2	Top-3				
Real	-	-	0.511 $\pm$.003	0.703 $\pm$.003	0.797 $\pm$.002	0.002 $\pm$.000	2.974 $\pm$.008	9.503 $\pm$.065	-
TM2T [32]	ECCV 2022	0.760	0.424 $\pm$.003	0.618 $\pm$.003	0.729 $\pm$.002	1.501 $\pm$.017	3.467 $\pm$.011	8.589 $\pm$.076	2.424 $\pm$.093
T2M-GPT [92]	CVPR 2023	0.380	0.492 $\pm$.003	0.679 $\pm$.002	0.775 $\pm$.002	0.141 $\pm$.005	3.121 $\pm$.009	9.722 $\pm$.082	1.831 $\pm$.048
CoMo [39]	ECCV 2024	0.620	0.502 $\pm$.002	0.692 $\pm$.007	0.790 $\pm$.002	0.262 $\pm$.004	3.032 $\pm$.015	9.936 $\pm$.066	1.013 $\pm$.046
MMM [60]	CVPR 2024	0.081	0.504 $\pm$.003	0.696 $\pm$.003	0.794 $\pm$.002	0.080 $\pm$.003	2.998 $\pm$.007	9.411 $\pm$.058	1.164 $\pm$.041
MoMask [30]	CVPR 2024	0.120	0.521 $\pm$.002	0.713 $\pm$.002	0.807 $\pm$.002	0.045 $\pm$.002	2.958 $\pm$.008	-	1.241 $\pm$.040
BAMM [59]	ECCV 2024	0.411	0.525 $\pm$.002	0.720 $\pm$.003	0.814 $\pm$.003	0.055 $\pm$.002	2.919 $\pm$.008	9.717 $\pm$.089	1.687 $\pm$.051
MoGenTS [85]	NeurIPS 2024	0.181	0.529 $\pm$.003	0.719 $\pm$.002	0.812 $\pm$.002	0.033 $\pm$.001	2.867 $\pm$.006	9.570 $\pm$.077	-
MDM [70]	ICLR 2023	24.74	0.320 $\pm$.005	0.498 $\pm$.004	0.611 $\pm$.007	0.544 $\pm$.044	5.566 $\pm$.027	9.559 $\pm$.086	2.799 $\pm$.072
MotionDiffuse [93]	TPAMI 2024	14.74	0.491 $\pm$.001	0.681 $\pm$.001	0.782 $\pm$.001	0.630 $\pm$.001	3.113 $\pm$.001	9.410 $\pm$.049	1.553 $\pm$.042
MLD [7]	CVPR 2023	0.217	0.481 $\pm$.003	0.673 $\pm$.003	0.772 $\pm$.002	0.473 $\pm$.013	3.196 $\pm$.010	9.724 $\pm$.082	2.413 $\pm$.079
ReMoDiffuse [94]	ICCV 2023	0.624	0.510 $\pm$.005	0.698 $\pm$.006	0.795 $\pm$.004	0.103 $\pm$.004	2.974 $\pm$.016	9.018 $\pm$.075	1.795 $\pm$.043
M2DM [44]	ICCV 2023	-	0.497 $\pm$.003	0.682 $\pm$.002	0.763 $\pm$.003	0.352 $\pm$.005	3.134 $\pm$.010	9.926 $\pm$.073	3.587 $\pm$.072
Fg-T2M [73]	ICCV 2023	-	0.492 $\pm$.002	0.683 $\pm$.003	0.783 $\pm$.002	0.243 $\pm$.019	3.109 $\pm$.007	9.278 $\pm$.072	1.614 $\pm$.049
FineMoGen [95]	NeurIPS 2023	-	0.504 $\pm$.002	0.690 $\pm$.002	0.784 $\pm$.002	0.151 $\pm$.008	2.998 $\pm$.008	9.263 $\pm$.094	2.696 $\pm$.079
GraphMotion [42] (50-step)	NeurIPS 2023	0.776	0.496 $\pm$.003	0.686 $\pm$.003	0.778 $\pm$.002	0.118 $\pm$.008	3.143 $\pm$.009	9.796 $\pm$.069	2.603 $\pm$.095
GraphMotion [42] (150-step)	NeurIPS 2023	2.552	0.504 $\pm$.003	0.699 $\pm$.002	0.785 $\pm$.002	0.116 $\pm$.007	3.070 $\pm$.008	9.692 $\pm$.067	2.766 $\pm$.096
B2A-HDM [80]	AAAI 2024	-	0.511 $\pm$.002	0.699 $\pm$.002	0.791 $\pm$.002	0.084 $\pm$.004	3.020 $\pm$.010	9.526 $\pm$.080	1.914 $\pm$.078
M2D2M [12]	ECCV 2024	-	-	-	0.799 $\pm$.002	0.087 $\pm$.004	3.018 $\pm$.008	9.672 $\pm$.086	2.115 $\pm$.079
MotionLCM [17] (1-step)	ECCV 2024	<u>0.030</u>	0.502 $\pm$.003	0.701 $\pm$.002	0.803 $\pm$.002	0.467 $\pm$.012	3.022 $\pm$.009	9.631 $\pm$.066	2.172 $\pm$.082
MotionLCM [17] (2-step)	ECCV 2024	0.035	0.505 $\pm$.003	0.705 $\pm$.002	0.805 $\pm$.002	0.368 $\pm$.011	2.986 $\pm$.008	9.640 $\pm$.052	2.187 $\pm$.094
MotionLCM [17] (4-step)	ECCV 2024	0.043	0.502 $\pm$.003	0.698 $\pm$.002	0.798 $\pm$.002	0.304 $\pm$.012	3.012 $\pm$.007	9.607 $\pm$.066	2.259 $\pm$.092
EMDM [104]	ECCV 2024	0.050	0.498 $\pm$.007	0.684 $\pm$.006	0.786 $\pm$.006	0.112 $\pm$.019	3.110 $\pm$.027	<u>9.551</u> $\pm$.078	1.641 $\pm$.078
Motion Mamba [99]	ECCV 2024	0.058	0.502 $\pm$.003	0.693 $\pm$.002	0.792 $\pm$.002	0.281 $\pm$.009	3.060 $\pm$.058	9.871 $\pm$.084	2.294 $\pm$.058
StableMoFusion [38]	MM 2024	0.499	0.553 $\pm$.003	0.748 $\pm$.002	0.841 $\pm$.002	0.098 $\pm$.003	-	9.748 $\pm$.092	1.774 $\pm$.051
MotionLCM-V2 [16] (1-step)	Preprint 2024	0.031	0.546 $\pm$.003	0.743 $\pm$.002	0.837 $\pm$.002	0.072 $\pm$.003	2.767 $\pm$.007	9.577 $\pm$.070	1.858 $\pm$.056
MotionLCM-V2 [16] (2-step)	Preprint 2024	0.038	0.551 $\pm$.003	0.745 $\pm$.002	0.836 $\pm$.002	0.049 $\pm$.003	2.765 $\pm$.008	9.584 $\pm$.066	1.833 $\pm$.052
MotionLCM-V2 [16] (4-step)	Preprint 2024	0.050	0.553 $\pm$.003	0.746 $\pm$.002	0.837 $\pm$.002	0.056 $\pm$.003	2.773 $\pm$.009	9.598 $\pm$.067	1.758 $\pm$.056
MMDM-t [8]	Preprint 2024	-	0.464 $\pm$.006	0.654 $\pm$.007	0.754 $\pm$.005	0.319 $\pm$.026	3.288 $\pm$.023	9.299 $\pm$.064	2.741 $\pm$.112
MMDM-b [8]	Preprint 2024	-	0.435 $\pm$.006	0.627 $\pm$.006	0.733 $\pm$.007	0.285 $\pm$.032	3.363 $\pm$.029	9.398 $\pm$.088	2.701 $\pm$.083
FTMoMamba [47]	Preprint 2024	-	0.489 $\pm$.003	0.680 $\pm$.002	0.777 $\pm$.002	0.181 $\pm$.009	3.151 $\pm$.009	9.789 $\pm$.085	2.277 $\pm$.099
Light-T2M [89]	AAAI 2025	0.151	0.511 $\pm$.003	0.699 $\pm$.002	0.795 $\pm$.002	0.040 $\pm$.002	<u>3.002</u> $\pm$.008	-	1.670 $\pm$.061
Free-MDM [6]	Preprint 2025	0.045	0.466 $\pm$.008	0.657 $\pm$.007	0.757 $\pm$.005	0.256 $\pm$.045	-	9.666 $\pm$.080	-
Free-StableMoFusion [6]	Preprint 2025	0.036	0.520 $\pm$.013	0.707 $\pm$.003	0.803 $\pm$.006	0.051 $\pm$.002	-	9.480 $\pm$.005	-
MotionPCM [41] (1-step)	Preprint 2025	0.031	0.560 $\pm$.002	0.752 $\pm$.003	0.844 $\pm$.002	0.044 $\pm$.003	<u>2.711</u> $\pm$.008	9.559 $\pm$.081	1.772 $\pm$.067
MotionPCM [41] (2-step)	Preprint 2025	0.036	0.555 $\pm$.002	0.749 $\pm$.002	0.839 $\pm$.002	0.033 $\pm$.002	<u>2.739</u> $\pm$.007	9.618 $\pm$.088	1.760 $\pm$.068
MotionPCM [41] (4-step)	Preprint 2025	0.045	0.559 $\pm$.003	0.752 $\pm$.003	0.842 $\pm$.002	0.030 $\pm$.002	<u>2.716</u> $\pm$.008	9.575 $\pm$.082	1.714 $\pm$.062
Fg-T2M++ [74]	ICCV 2025	-	0.513 $\pm$.002	0.702 $\pm$.002	0.801 $\pm$.003	0.089 $\pm$.004	2.925 $\pm$.007	9.223 $\pm$.114	2.625 $\pm$.084
BioMoDiffuse [43]	Preprint 2025	-	0.547 $\pm$.003	0.743 $\pm$.002	0.835 $\pm$.002	0.071 $\pm$.003	2.784 $\pm$.008	9.567 $\pm$.086	1.919 $\pm$.063
HiSTF Mamba [90] (10-step)	Preprint 2025	0.690	0.488 $\pm$.005	0.685 $\pm$.004	0.784 $\pm$.005	0.189 $\pm$.018	3.101 $\pm$.022	9.712 $\pm$.090	2.529 $\pm$.044
HiSTF Mamba [90] (15-step)	Preprint 2025	-	0.504 $\pm$.005	0.699 $\pm$.005	0.798 $\pm$.005	0.249 $\pm$.023	3.053 $\pm$.022	9.383 $\pm$.091	2.276 $\pm$.036
ACMo [76]	Preprint 2025	-	0.493 $\pm$.002	0.698 $\pm$.003	0.795 $\pm$.002	0.102 $\pm$.003	2.973 $\pm$.006	9.749 $\pm$.082	2.614 $\pm$.100
FlashMo (Ours)	-	0.027	<u>0.562</u> $\pm$.004	<u>0.754</u> $\pm$.005	<u>0.847</u> $\pm$.005	0.041 $\pm$.002	<u>2.711</u> $\pm$.006	9.614 $\pm$.056	2.812 $\pm$.046
FlashMo w/ pretrain (Ours)	-	0.027	0.568 $\pm$.005	0.761 $\pm$.002	0.851 $\pm$.003	0.029 $\pm$.002	2.703 $\pm$.005	9.601 $\pm$.073	<u>2.851</u> $\pm$.069

Section 1 There are two major questions for Section 1. The first question requests you to overall qualify the motions provided, and for the second question please choose the best motion from a set of motions.	Section 1.2
Section 1.1	
The sim appears to walk forward bend slightly grabbing an object with their left hand.	
	a 
A person is spinning with is arms spread out and then he falls over.	
	b 
He starts to dance a lot.	
	c 
Question 1 Please assess the overall quality of the provided motion generations. Specifically, determine whether they exhibit noticeable jitter, sliding, or unrealistic movement, and select the statement that best reflects your evaluation. ☐ The motion generation is completely unusable. ☐ The visualization is acceptable, but there are several aspects that need improvement. ☐ The visualization is strong, highlighting the potential impact and promising future for applications.	Question 4 Which video you believe that has the best motion quality? ☐ a ☐ b ☐ c
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Question3 Please evaluate the overall degree of match between the texts and their corresponding motions provided, and select the option that best reflects your assessment: ☐ There is little to no alignment between the texts and motions. ☐ The texts and motions align fairly well, though some details inconsistencies remain. ☐ The texts and motions are well-aligned, accurately reflecting each other.	Question 6 Which motion do you believe best aligns with or reflects the text: "Person walks forwards straight while stumbling"? ☐ a ☐ b ☐ c

Figure 7: User study Google Forms. The User Interface (UI) used in our user study.

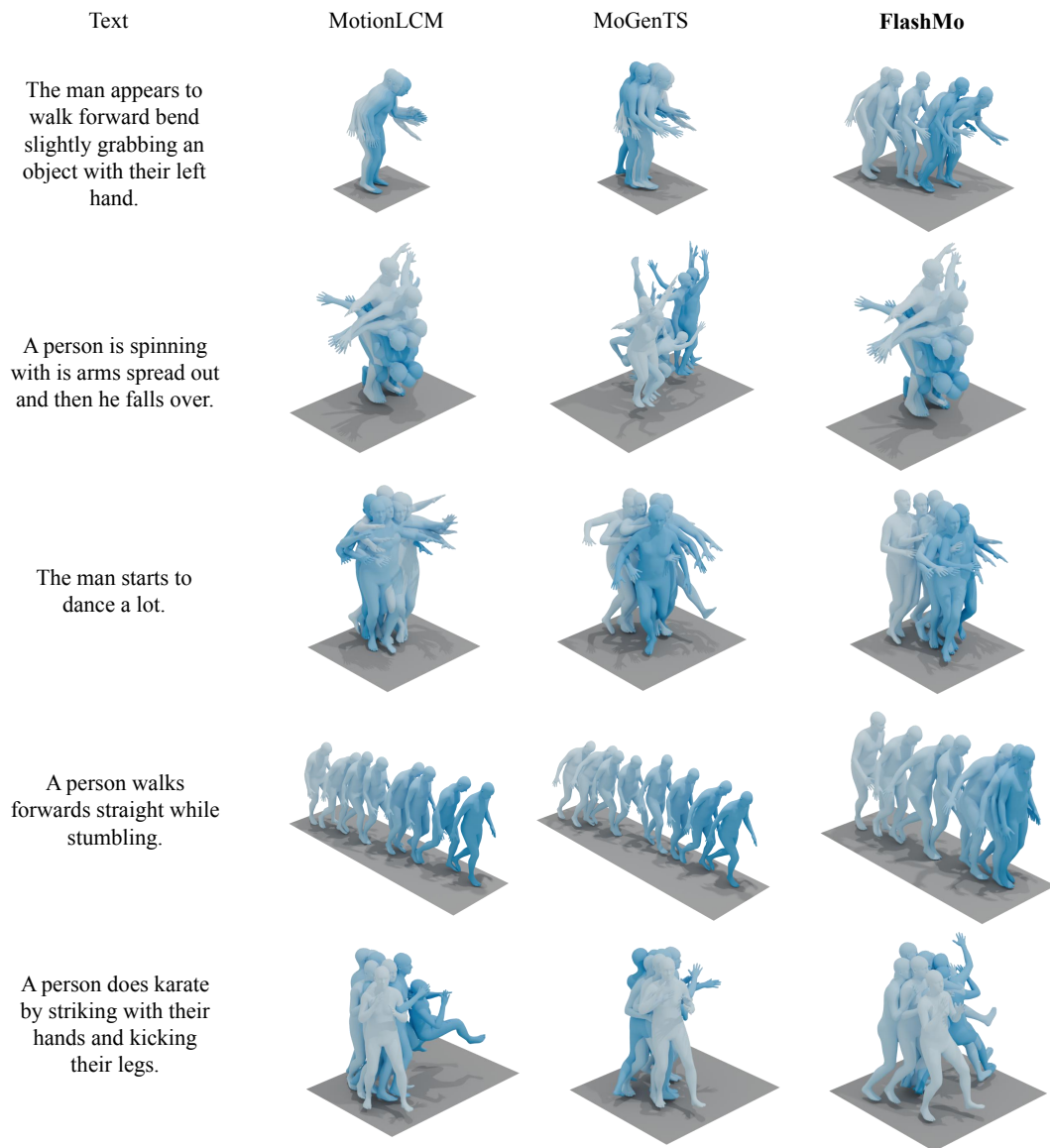


Figure 8: **Qualitative evaluation on HumanML3D [31] test set.** We qualitatively compared the visualizations generated by our method with those produced by MotionLCM [17] and MoGenTS [85].

Table 6: Comparison of text-to-motion generation on KIT-ML [61] dataset. $\rightarrow$ indicates the closer to real data, the better. **Bold** and underline indicate best and second best results. Efficient motion diffusion models are highlighted in blue.

Method	Venue	R-Precision $\uparrow$			FID $\downarrow$	MM Dist $\downarrow$	Diversity $\rightarrow$	MModality $\uparrow$
		Top-1	Top-2	Top-3				
Real	-	0.424 $\pm$.005	0.649 $\pm$.006	0.779 $\pm$.006	0.031 $\pm$.004	2.788 $\pm$.012	11.08 $\pm$.097	-
TM2T [32]	ECCV 2022	0.280 $\pm$.005	0.463 $\pm$.006	0.587 $\pm$.005	3.599 $\pm$.153	4.591 $\pm$.026	9.473 $\pm$.117	3.292 $\pm$.081
T2M-GPT [92]	CVPR 2023	0.416 $\pm$.006	0.627 $\pm$.006	0.745 $\pm$.006	0.514 $\pm$.029	3.007 $\pm$.023	10.92 $\pm$.108	1.570 $\pm$.039
CoMo [39]	ECCV 2024	0.422 $\pm$.009	0.638 $\pm$.007	0.765 $\pm$.011	0.332 $\pm$.045	2.873 $\pm$.021	10.95 $\pm$.196	1.249 $\pm$.008
MMM [60]	CVPR 2024	0.404 $\pm$.005	0.621 $\pm$.005	0.744 $\pm$.004	0.316 $\pm$.028	2.977 $\pm$.019	10.91 $\pm$.101	1.232 $\pm$.039
MoMask [30]	CVPR 2024	0.433 $\pm$.007	0.656 $\pm$.005	0.781 $\pm$.005	0.204 $\pm$.011	2.779 $\pm$.022	-	1.131 $\pm$.043
BAMM [59]	ECCV 2024	0.438 $\pm$.009	0.661 $\pm$.009	0.788 $\pm$.005	0.183 $\pm$.013	2.723 $\pm$.026	11.01 $\pm$.094	1.609 $\pm$.065
MoGenTS [85]	NeurIPS 2024	0.445 $\pm$.006	<u>0.671</u> $\pm$.006	0.797 $\pm$.005	0.143 $\pm$.004	2.711 $\pm$.024	10.92 $\pm$.090	-
MDM [70]	ICLR 2023	0.164 $\pm$.004	0.291 $\pm$.004	0.396 $\pm$.004	0.497 $\pm$.021	9.191 $\pm$.022	10.85 $\pm$.109	1.907 $\pm$.214
MotionDiffuse [93]	TPAMI 2024	0.417 $\pm$.004	0.621 $\pm$.004	0.739 $\pm$.004	1.954 $\pm$.062	2.958 $\pm$.005	11.10 $\pm$.143	0.730 $\pm$.013
MLD [7]	CVPR 2023	0.390 $\pm$.008	0.609 $\pm$.008	0.734 $\pm$.007	0.404 $\pm$.027	3.204 $\pm$.027	10.80 $\pm$.117	2.192 $\pm$.071
ReMoDiffuse [94]	ICCV 2023	0.427 $\pm$.014	0.641 $\pm$.004	0.765 $\pm$.055	0.155 $\pm$.006	2.814 $\pm$.012	10.80 $\pm$.105	1.239 $\pm$.028
M2DM [44]	ICCV 2023	0.405 $\pm$.003	0.629 $\pm$.005	0.739 $\pm$.004	0.502 $\pm$.049	3.012 $\pm$.015	11.38 $\pm$.079	3.273 $\pm$.045
Fg-T2M [73]	ICCV 2023	0.418 $\pm$.005	0.626 $\pm$.004	0.745 $\pm$.004	0.571 $\pm$.047	3.114 $\pm$.015	10.93 $\pm$.083	1.019 $\pm$.029
FineMoGen [95]	NeurIPS 2023	0.432 $\pm$.006	0.649 $\pm$.005	0.772 $\pm$.006	0.178 $\pm$.007	2.869 $\pm$.014	10.85 $\pm$.115	1.877 $\pm$.093
GraphMotion [42] (50-step)	NeurIPS 2023	0.417 $\pm$.008	0.635 $\pm$.006	0.755 $\pm$.004	0.262 $\pm$.021	3.085 $\pm$.031	11.21 $\pm$.106	3.568 $\pm$.132
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B2A-HDM [80]	AAAI 2024	0.436 $\pm$.006	0.653 $\pm$.006	0.773 $\pm$.005	0.367 $\pm$.020	2.946 $\pm$.024	10.86 $\pm$.124	1.291 $\pm$.047
M2D2M [12]	ECCV 2024	-	-	0.753 $\pm$.006	0.378 $\pm$.023	3.012 $\pm$.021	10.71 $\pm$.121	2.061 $\pm$.067
EMDM [104]	ECCV 2024	0.443 $\pm$.006	0.660 $\pm$.006	0.780 $\pm$.005	0.261 $\pm$.014	2.874 $\pm$.015	10.96 $\pm$.093	1.343 $\pm$.089
Motion Mamba [99]	ECCV 2024	0.419 $\pm$.006	0.645 $\pm$.005	0.765 $\pm$.006	0.307 $\pm$.041	3.021 $\pm$.025	11.02 $\pm$.098	1.678 $\pm$.064
StableMoFusion [38]	MM 2024	0.445 $\pm$.006	0.660 $\pm$.005	0.782 $\pm$.004	0.258 $\pm$.029	-	10.94 $\pm$.077	1.362 $\pm$.062
MMDM-t [8]	Preprint 2024	0.432 $\pm$.006	0.643 $\pm$.007	0.760 $\pm$.006	0.237 $\pm$.013	2.938 $\pm$.025	10.84 $\pm$.125	1.457 $\pm$.129
MMDM-b [8]	Preprint 2024	0.386 $\pm$.007	0.603 $\pm$.006	0.729 $\pm$.006	0.408 $\pm$.022	3.215 $\pm$.026	10.53 $\pm$.100	2.261 $\pm$.144
Light-T2M [89]	AAAI 2025	0.444 $\pm$.006	0.670 $\pm$.007	0.794 $\pm$.005	0.161 $\pm$.009	2.746 $\pm$.016	-	1.005 $\pm$.036
Free-MDM [6]	Preprint 2025	0.382 $\pm$.006	0.587 $\pm$.006	0.707 $\pm$.007	0.401 $\pm$.033	-	10.73 $\pm$.102	-
Free-StableMoFusion [6]	Preprint 2025	0.431 $\pm$.003	<u>0.671</u> $\pm$.001	0.789 $\pm$.002	0.155 $\pm$.079	-	10.90 $\pm$.045	-
MotionPCM [41] (1-step)	Preprint 2025	0.433 $\pm$.007	0.654 $\pm$.007	0.781 $\pm$.008	0.355 $\pm$.011	2.820 $\pm$.022	10.78 $\pm$.078	1.337 $\pm$.047
MotionPCM [41] (2-step)	Preprint 2025	0.437 $\pm$.005	0.664 $\pm$.005	0.787 $\pm$.006	0.294 $\pm$.011	2.844 $\pm$.018	10.83 $\pm$.094	1.254 $\pm$.050
MotionPCM [41] (4-step)	Preprint 2025	0.443 $\pm$.005	0.664 $\pm$.004	0.789 $\pm$.005	0.336 $\pm$.013	2.881 $\pm$.023	10.76 $\pm$.096	1.258 $\pm$.056
Fg-T2M++ [74]	IJCV 2025	0.442 $\pm$.006	0.657 $\pm$.005	0.781 $\pm$.004	<u>0.135</u> $\pm$.004	2.696 $\pm$.011	10.99 $\pm$.105	1.255 $\pm$.078
BioMoDiffuse [43]	Preprint 2025	0.448 $\pm$.008	0.666 $\pm$.005	0.788 $\pm$.005	0.211 $\pm$.011	2.772 $\pm$.017	<u>11.11</u> $\pm$.094	1.380 $\pm$.050
HiSTF Mamba [90] (10-step)	Preprint 2025	0.437 $\pm$.006	0.651 $\pm$.006	0.772 $\pm$.006	0.289 $\pm$.021	2.846 $\pm$.018	10.92 $\pm$.096	1.512 $\pm$.088
HiSTF Mamba [90] (15-step)	Preprint 2025	0.440 $\pm$.006	0.657 $\pm$.006	0.774 $\pm$.006	0.293 $\pm$.017	2.819 $\pm$.015	10.93 $\pm$.099	1.347 $\pm$.056
FlashMo (Ours)	-	<u>0.449</u> $\pm$.002	0.670 $\pm$.004	<u>0.799</u> $\pm$.002	0.152 $\pm$.004	2.709 $\pm$.005	10.64 $\pm$.074	3.287 $\pm$.042
FlashMo w/ pretrain (Ours)	-	0.453 $\pm$.001	0.679 $\pm$.004	0.807 $\pm$.003	0.132 $\pm$.005	2.701 $\pm$.005	10.79 $\pm$.093	<u>3.591</u> $\pm$.070

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