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Education

- Aug. 2023 –
Current **Texas Tech University**, Lubbock, Texas
Doctor of Philosophy in Electrical Engineering
GPA: 3.50 / 4.0
Course Highlights: Information Theory, Digital Signal Processing
- Jan. 2022 –
Dec. 2023 **Texas Tech University**, Lubbock, Texas
Master of Science in Industrial Engineering
GPA: 3.50 / 4.0
Course Highlights: Biomedical Design and Manufacturing, Adv. Cognitive Engineering
- Mar. 2019 –
Aug. 2021 **Hansung University**, Seoul, Republic of Korea
Master of Science in Industrial and Management Engineering
Thesis title: A Study on Design Guidelines for Universal Safety
GPA: 4.40 / 4.5
Course Highlights: System Safety Analysis, Work Assessment, Biomechanics, Data Mining
- Mar. 2015 –
Feb. 2019 **Hansung University**, Seoul, Republic of Korea
Bachelor of Science in Industrial and Management Engineering & Computer Engineering (Double Major)
GPA: 3.44 / 4.5

Research Interests

Informatics, Decision Making, Recommender System, Biomedical Imaging, Machine learning, Development and Evaluation, Electronic health records systems, Human Factors, Cognition

Leading Projects

- Jun. 2023 –
Current **“Classification of Cataract disease Types by Various Features”**
PI: Jowoon Chong, TTU
 - Utilized statistical analysis and machine learning techniques to develop a robust method for the classification of cataract diseases types
 - Trained ResNet50 encoder along with various machine learning classification models such as Support Vector Machine (SVM), Extreme Gradient Boosting (XGBoost), Artificial Neural Network and Residual Neural Network (ResNet)
- Apr. 2023 –
Current **“GeneHub: a Web-based Platform for Clinical Genetic Navigation”**
PI: Vasylyeva, Tetyana, TTUHSC, NSF i-corp
 - Developed a user-friendly online platform integrating expertise in web programming and UI/UX design, GeneHub consolidates genetic background, clinical features, treatment options, and ongoing clinical trials for various genetic conditions
 - Implemented generative AI models to generate informative contents for enhance the platform contents
 - To improve the functionality and design of the platform, which was conducted in-depth interviews with healthcare professionals, geneticists, and potential end-users, incorporating their feedback to shape the design and functionality of the platform
- Jan. 2022 –
Jun. 2023 **“Nursing Students’ Cognitive Challenges and Efforts during EHR Use”**
PI: Sandra, Caballero & Changwon, Son, TTUHSC Sim Center
 - Identified specific challenges faced by nursing students using EHR systems in the domains of sensory, perceptual, and motor activity
 - Planned experiments and used Hierarchical Task Analysis (HTA) to systematically understand and analyze the cognitive processes involved in EHR usage
 - Conducted data collection and risk assessment to identify potential challenges and mitigate issues
- Jan. 2022 –
Jun. 2023 **“A Memory-based Approach to First Incident Responders’ Mental Health”**
PI: Changwon, Son, TTU
 - Investigated the impact of VR exposure on traumatic memories, exploring the extent of the effect and how it varies based on the VR content and level of immersion
 - Conducted an extensive literature review to contextualize the research within existing knowledge
 - Developed and designed research methodologies and surveys to systematically collect relevant data, establishing the groundwork for thorough analysis

Publications

- [1] Vaughn, A., Son, C., **Baek, S.**, Caballero, S., & Decker, S. (2023, October). A Mixed-Methods Approach to Understanding Nursing Students' Cognitive Challenges and Workarounds during EHR-related Tasks. In Proceedings of the Human Factors and Ergonomics Society Annual Meeting (p. 21695067231192633). Sage CA: Los Angeles, CA: SAGE Publications. <https://doi.org/10.1177/21695067231192633>
- [2] Vaughn, A., Son, C., **Baek, S.**, Caballero, S., & Decker, S. (2023). Identifying EHR Novice Users' Cognitive Challenges: Mapping Critical Nursing Tasks Using HTA. In Proceedings of the International Symposium on Human Factors and Ergonomics in Health Care (Vol. 12, No. 1, pp. 24-30). Sage CA: Los Angeles, CA: SAGE Publications. <https://doi.org/10.1177/2327857923121007>
- [3] **Baek, S.**, & Jeong, B. Y. (2021). Universal Safety Design (USD) and Sustainability: Comparison of guidelines between Universal Design (UD) and USD. Applied Sciences, 11(10), 4413. <https://doi.org/10.3390/app11104413>
- [4] **Baek, S.**, Jeong, B. Y. (2020). Universal Safety & Design (USD) Guideline in the Era of an Aged and Sustainable Society. Journal of Ergonomics Society of Korea, 39(4), 303-312.

Papers In Preparation

- [1] **Baek, S.**, Sheikhezadei, K. The Application of DMAIC Model in Genetic Research System, (Draft available)
- [2] Son, C., **Baek, S.** Safety II to Safety 4.0: A smart procedure System for Industry 4.0, HFES, (Draft available)

Patents

Baek, S. Y., Fine dust reduction system for bus stops, KR-Application No.10-2020-0085967

Additional Projects

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| Aug. 2023 –
Current | “A Biometric Authentication Technique Using Smartphone Fingertip Photoplethysmography (PPG) Signals” (Manager: Bengie, Ortiz), TTUHSC, NSF i-corp <ul style="list-style-type: none">Developed a classification method for smart devices that removes Motion and Noise Artifacts (MNA) from the raw PPG signal before identifying a person using the MNA reduced PPG signal. |
| Jan. 2023 –
Current | “Inhalation injury grading using transfer learning based on bronchoscopy images and mechanical ventilation period” (Manager: Jowoon, Chong), TTUHSC <ul style="list-style-type: none">Utilized CycleGAN to estimate the severity of a burn wound and assist in determining whether surgery should be performed |
| Jan. 2023 –
Aug. 2023 | “Identifying of Fashion trend and matching rate using machine learning”
(Manager: Julie, Chang & Jowoon, Chong) <ul style="list-style-type: none">Developed a solution to help clothing copyrights and make records for personal design history by using machine learning skills. |
| Jul. 2019 –
Dec. 2019 | “A Study on the Improvement of Usability of School furniture – Desks and Chairs”
(Manager: ByungYong, Jeong), Korean Agency for Technology and Standards <ul style="list-style-type: none">Revised the national standard (KS) based on the latest anthropometric results and student health examination data statistics.Funded by the National Institute of Technology and Standards |
| Apr. 2018 –
Nov. 2018 | “Development of De-Identification Solution for Privacy Protection in Personal Big Data”
(Manager: YeonChul, Cha), Korea Information Security Industry Association <ul style="list-style-type: none">Presented a solution for protecting personal information by using a web server based on the Spring Framework. The process involves reviewing data, performing de-identification, and evaluating the results according to the established system flow. |

Class Projects

- (Total Quality Systems) **“The Application of DMAIC Model in Genetic Research System”**, 2023
- (Human Factor - UI/UX) **“Evaluation and Initial Prototype Design of the Texas Tech University Registration System”**, 2022
- (Advanced Cognitive Engineering) **“Improving Patient Matching in Healthcare Systems by Alleviating Patient Access Representatives Cognitive Workload”**, 2022
- (Data Analytics) **“Analyzing construction accident database to identify which type of accident is caused by which cause, and to find out the correlation between workplace size and accidents”**, 2020

Experience

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| Jun. 2023–
Current | Research Assistant - Texas Tech University <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Biomedical Imaging▪ Machine learning |
| Jan. 2022 –
Jun. 2023 | Research Assistant & Teaching Assistant - Texas Tech University <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Advanced Cognitive Engineering▪ System Safety Engineering |
| Mar. 2019 –
Jul. 2021 | Graduate Assistant - Hansung University <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Work Design▪ Safety and Health management |
| Sep. 2018 –
Dec. 2018 | Intern – Centum Tech <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Data management▪ Research and Development assistant |
| Aug. 2016 –
Dec. 2017 | Undergraduate Research Assistant - Hansung University <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Big data, Database▪ Customer Relationship Management(CRM) |

Awards and Honors

- President's Innovative Award (\$10,000), Texas Tech University, 2023-2024
- TTU Distinguished Graduate Fellowship, Texas Tech, 2023
- Graduate Scholarship (\$10,000), Texas Tech University, 2023
- Best paper award, University Safety Design and Sustainability, Hansung University, 2021
- Bronze prize, Korea Patent Attorneys Association, *Youth Invention Contest*, Hosted by the Korea University Invention Association, 2018

Skills

- Programming: MATLAB, Python, Java, C/C++, HTML5, CS33, SQL, Javascript
- Statistics programs: R, SPSS, STATA, Tableau, PowerBI, Excel
- Languages: Korean, English

Leadership, Outreach and Community service

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| 2022 -2023 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Korean Student Association, Vice President, Texas Tech University▪ Human Factors and Ergonomics Society(HFES), Vice President, Texas Tech University |
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