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Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics















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- * To increase public awareness of exciting research and development in Louisiana.
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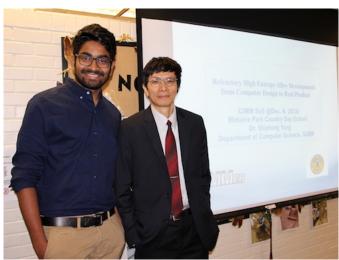


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