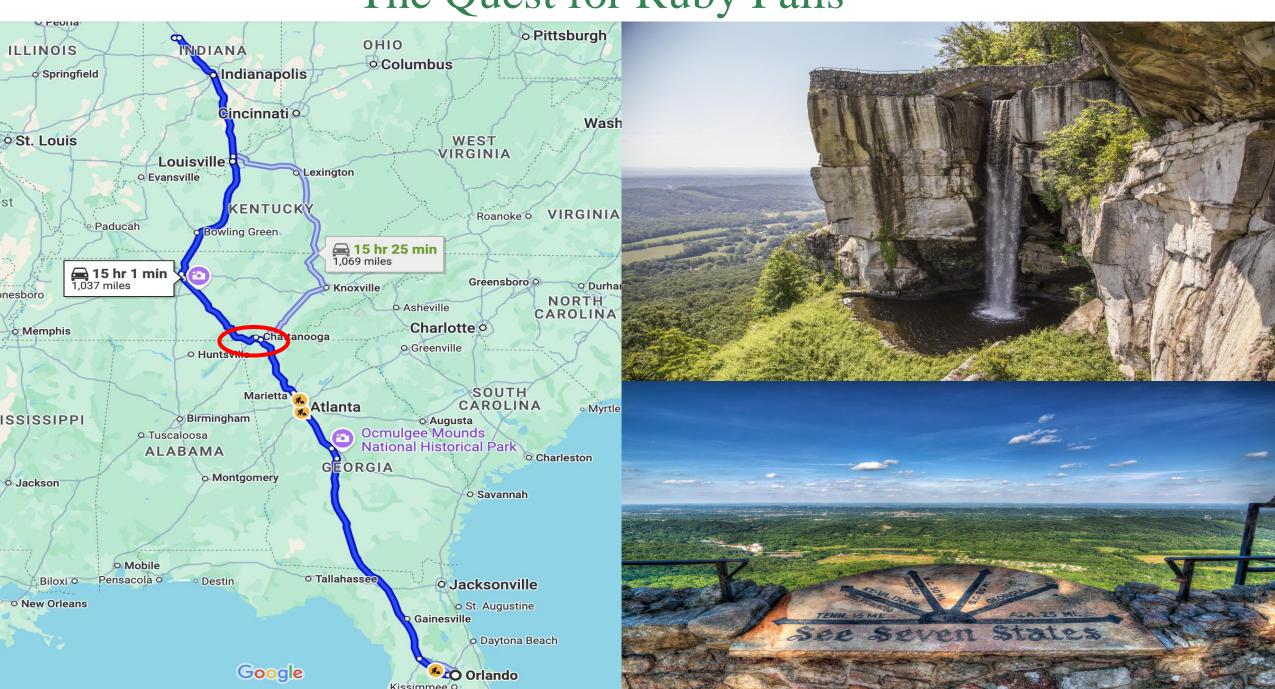
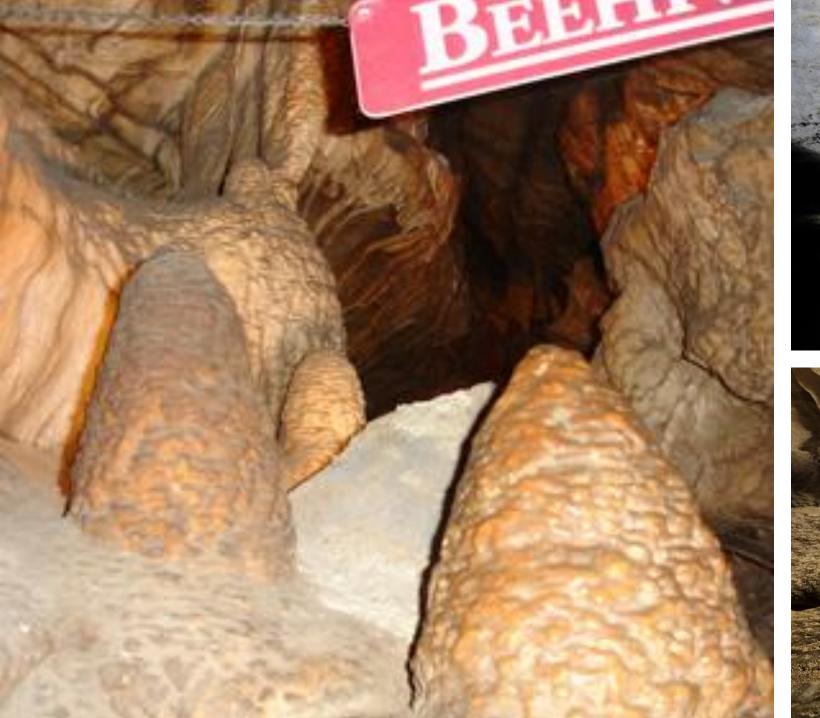


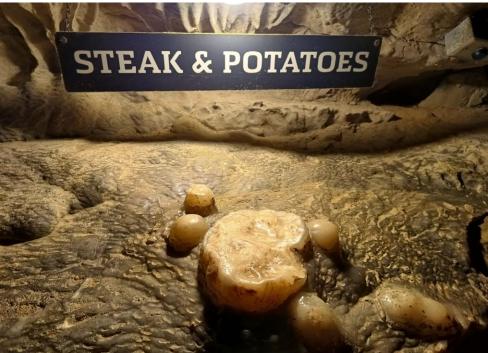
The Quest for Ruby Falls















# Undergraduate research is about the journey, not the destination

Embarking on the right journey will lead you to an amazing destination



### A little bit about my self







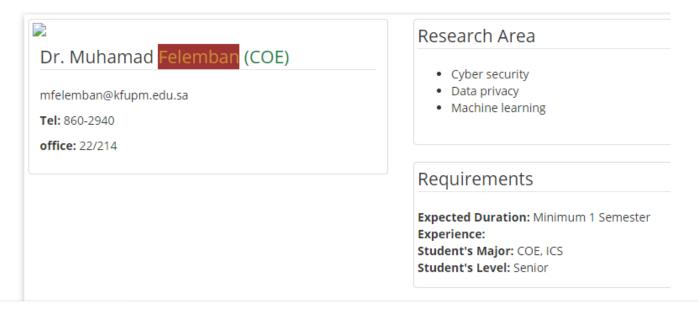






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- •Joined the Computer Engineering Department, KFUPM in 2018
- •Helped in developing and offering COE497: Undergraduate Research



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I am Asaad AlGhamdi, a junior computer science student interested in undergraduate research. I'd like to ask if there are any undergraduate research opportunity available. My main interests are A.I and information security Attached is my CV. Thank you.

Sincerely, Asaad AlGhamdi

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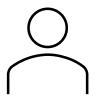
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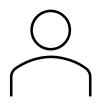
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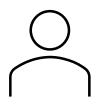
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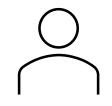


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Hassan Al-Saffar, EE

Mujtaba Siddiqui, ISE Amaan Izhar, ICS Abduljawad MD, ICS

**SURE 213** 

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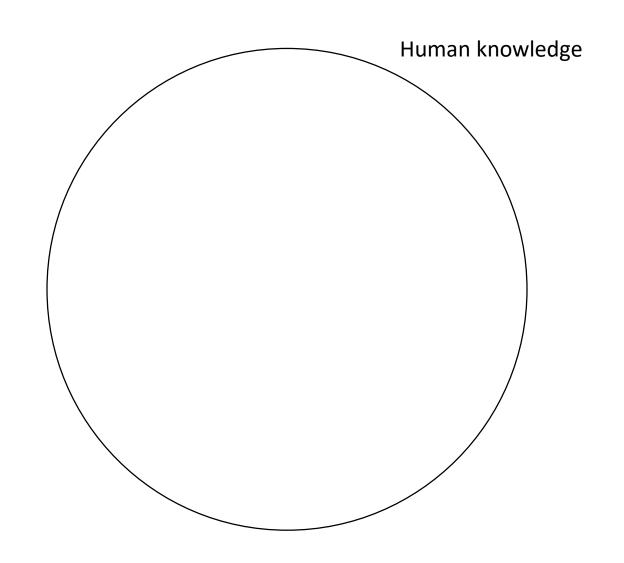
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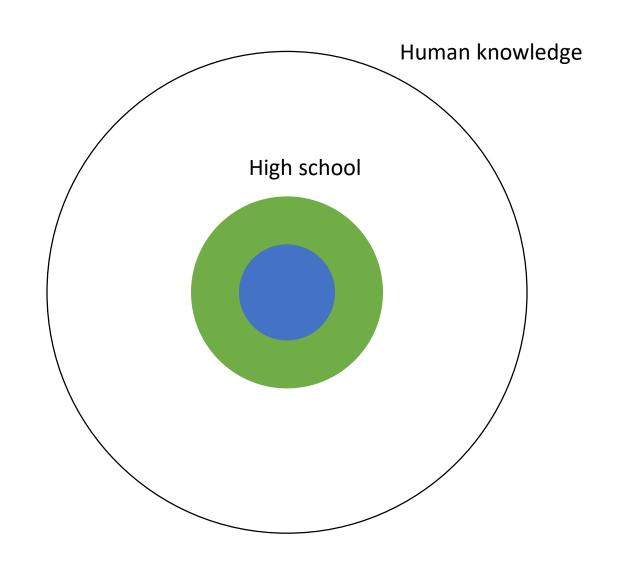
### What is Scientific Research?

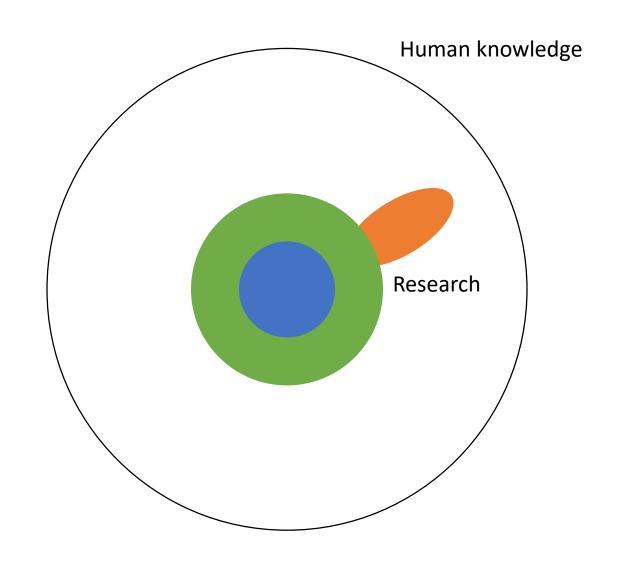
Research is not reading from books and papers, attending courses, discussing with professors, or prompting AI tools

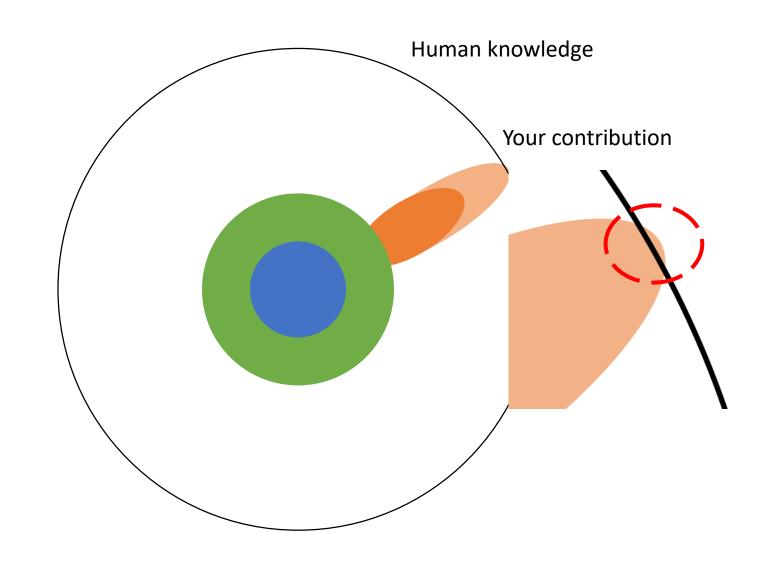
Research is a <u>systematic</u> investigation or experimentation aimed at the <u>discovery</u> and <u>interpretation</u> of facts, <u>revision</u> of accepted theories or laws in the light of new facts, or practical <u>application</u> of such new or revised theories or laws

Merriam-Webster









### **Expected Output**

Advance your knowledge in the field of study

Participate in finding a problem and solving it

Write and Present your output to the outer world

Prepare you for research opportunities in the future

### Step 1: Find a Research Advisor

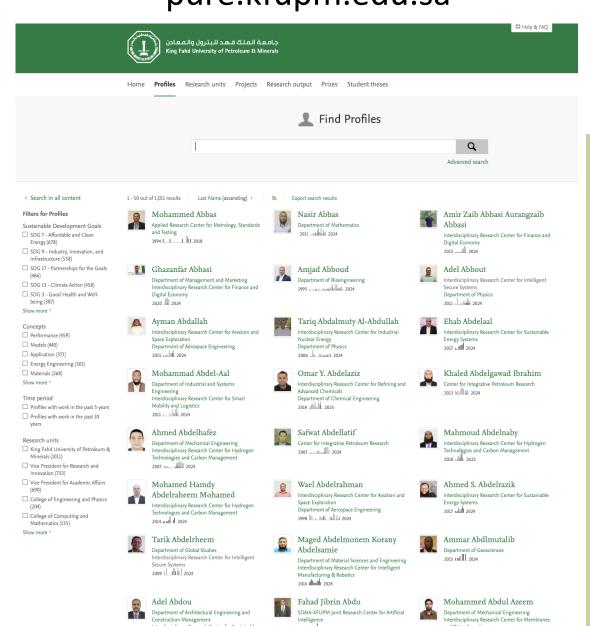
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Decide on your interest

Find professor(s)

Do your homework

Have a lot of discussion



Tip #1

Don't go empty-handed to the meetings with your advisor.

Tip #2

Frequest short meetings is better than infrequent long meetings.

# Step 3: Develop Research Questions, Hypothesis, and methodology



A research question is a clear, focus, concise, complex, and arguable question around which you center your research

A research hypothesis is a specific clear and testable predictive statement about the the possible outcome of your research

There are no stupid questions in research. Don't be afraid of saying "No, I don't understand"

### Step 3: Write and Present

You are not doing research if you don't write and present your work

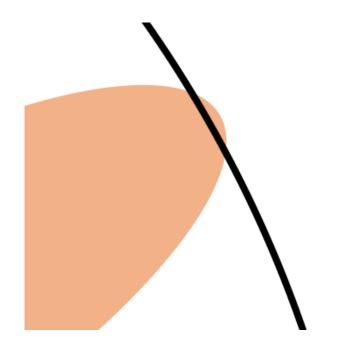
Apply your formal composition skills

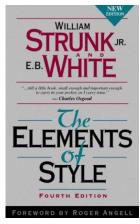
Use available resources in KFUPM

Editing

Proofreading

Present your work to your advisor and colleagues





Don't take shortcuts!
Using AI tools to generate text, draw figures, fabricate data is NOT allowed.
You can use them to help with grammer, structure, citations, etc.

# Step 4: More Reading ...

•(Re)search -> it is a continues process



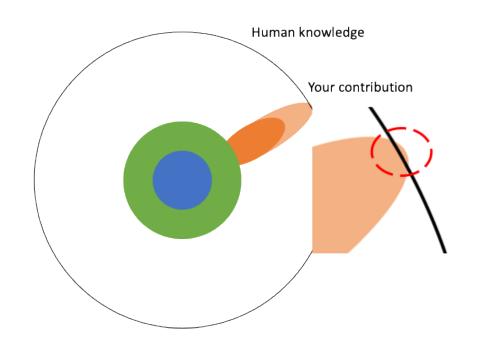
Tip #5

It's OK to make mistakes and miss a deadline

## Reciepe for success in research

Persistance
Commitement
Dedication

It's about the journey, not the destination. We don't care about publications, we care more about the skills and knowledge you acquire



### Undergraduate Research Opportunities



#### **Independent Research**

#### Course 1: RES-200 Independent Research

An undergraduate independent research course is an academic opportunity for students to delve into a specific research topic of their choice under the guidance of faculty members, researcher, or industrial professionals upon approval. the course provides an end-to-end research experience starting from the selected research theme to delivering the research outcomes in the form of a well-written article that qualifies for publication.

#### **COURSE STRUCTURE**

**E** Level:

Sophomore and above students (requires advisor endorsement)

No prerequisites

( Number of Credits:

2-credits

**Ħ** Time Commitment:

3 hours per week per credit

✓ Assessment:

Letter Graded appears in the Academic Transcript

Project Type:

Project topic proposed by the student

P Outcomes:

A journal paper in the Journal of Undergraduate Research (JUR)

**& Mentor:** 

Faculty, Researchers, Postdocs, and Adjunct Faculty



#### **Vertically Integrated Research**

A multidisciplinary teamwork project that integrates various components of the curriculum in a comprehensive engineering design and research experience and practice a variety of skills such as introduction to design and applied research, project management, planning, schedules, principle of leadership, teams and teamwork, meeting management, professionalism, concept generation and evaluation, brainstorming, oral presentations, technical writing, reports, proposals.

#### Course 1: RES-201 Vertically-Integrated Research I (2-credits)

**!**≡ Prerequisites:

No prerequisites

#### Course 2: RES-301 Vertically-Integrated Research II (3-credits)

∃ Prerequisites:

RES-201 and Research Advisor Approval

#### Course 3: RES-401 Vertically-Integrated Research III (4-credits)

∃≡ Prerequisites:

RES-301 and Research Advisor Approval

#### COURSE STRUCTURE

Evel:

Sophomore and above students (requires advisor endorsement)

# Time Commitment:

3 hours per week per credit

☑ Assessment:

Letter Graded appears in the Academic Transcript

Project Type:

Multidisciplinary Project under IRC

ያ Outcomes:

A report, or journal/conference paper or prototype

**& Mentor:** 

Faculty, Researchers, Postdocs, or Adjunct Faculty

## Undergraduate Research Opportunitie Course 1: 4XX Elective Course Apy under graduate technical





#### Course 1: RES-300 Guided Research

∃ Prerequisites:

Sophomore and above students and Advisor Approval

The course offers student with unique opportunity to participate in an ongoing funded research project under the supervision of experiences faculty, or researcher. Student will gain hands-on experience in research methodologies, data analysis, and scientific communication.

#### COURSE STRUCTURE

Evel:

Sophomore and above students (requires advisor endorsement)

( Number of Credits:

Not for Credits

繭 Time Commitment:

12 hours per week for 1-semester (paid)

✓ Assessment:

Appears in the Non-Academic Transcript

Project Type:

Faculty-specific project

**P** Outcomes:

Report, or journal/conference paper or prototype

A Mentor:

Faculty, Researchers, and Postdocs

#### **Research Concentration**

Any undergraduate or graduate technical elective course

#### Course 2: 4XX Elective Course

Any undergraduate or graduate technical elective course

#### Course 3: XXX-494 Undergraduate Thesis I

E Prerequisites:

No prerequisites

This course is an independent research course for students undertaking the CX in undergraduate research. An undergraduate thesis is a substantive piece of research-oriented creative work demonstrating mastery over the discourse of one semester in professional field. A thesis requires students to formulate the main hypothesis and research questions, maintain research integrity and be aware of research misconducts, and acquire skills of identifying research gaps in literature. Students will develop their scientific writing skills to report their preliminary research findings in a research proposal. Such proposal must be planned and completed under the supervision of a faculty (advisor) and, at the advisor's discretion and department approval, may be reviewed by an additional co-advisor. Student will have to present to a committee his/her research plan and hypothesis in the thesis proposal.

#### Course 4: XXX-496 Undergraduate Thesis II

∃ Prerequisites:

Undergraduate Thesis I

This is an independent research course focused on making research contributions and presenting the results in a thesis for students undertaking the CX in undergraduate research. In this course, students will refine their thesis proposal in previous thesis course and work closely with the advisor to demonstrate their research findings over one semester in a professional field. This requires students to ensure the novelty and originality of the idea, conduct extensive research to validate the main hypothesis and research questions, and have the skills needed to write the thesis and prepare the research results for the proper venue for possible publication. Students will learn to develop their professional communication skills to defend their thesis in front of an independent scientific committee and possible to deliver speech in a research symposia.

#### CONCENTRATION STRUCTURE

E Level:

Junior level and above students (requires department approval)

( Number of Credits:

12 credits (total of 4 courses)

Time Commitment:

4 semesters (min), 2 courses are research thesis

✓ Assessment:

Letter Graded appears in the Academic Transcript

Project Type:

Thesis

ြီ Outcomes:

Thesis + Journal paper in the Journal of Undergraduate Research or International

& Mentor:

Faculty and committee



## Bachelor of Quantum Engineering

#### Bachelor of X

#### **COURSE STRUCTURE**



Freshman and above students

**(I)** Number of Credits:

129 credits

# Time Commitment:

4 years

✓ Assessment:

Letter Graded appears in the Academic Transcript

Project Type:

Multidisciplinary

Outcomes:

BS degree + Journal paper

**& Mentor:** 

Faculty

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## Establish 5 KSA Cognitive Cities by 2040

#### KFUPM will develop for the cognitive cities by 2030:

- 1. Next generation, energy aware **backbone communications** and sensing systems
- 2. Cognitive-based models for **secure** and **privacy-preserving** personalized cyber-physical-social systems
- 3. Cognitive **decision-making** algorithms for enabling creation of smart mobility services and carbon free smart transportation modes
- 4. Cognitive **automation** for **optimizing** services and improving quality of life.

#### **Innovation Goals:**

Develop next-generation security operations center(s) (SOCs) with 10x capabilities for cognitive cities by 2030.

Develop five secure and privacy-preserving human-centered AI (HCAI) based systems for cognitive cities by 2030.

Develop cyber-physical infrastructure that are 5x more trustworthy, resilient, and secure for cognitive cities by 2030.

Develop five quantum technologies with applications in cognitive cities by 2035.

#### Cognitive Security Operation Center (CSOC)

#### <u>Problem Description</u>

A SOC is a centralized system that employs people, processes, and technology to continuously monitoring, analyzing, detect, and prevent cyber attack.

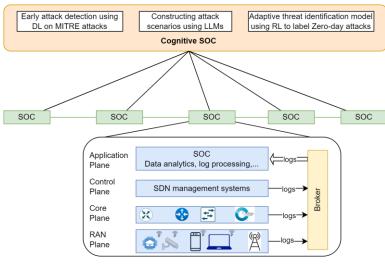
Every organization has a SOC for monitoring its cyber assets

#### **Proposed Solutions**

Connected SOCs for security log sharing

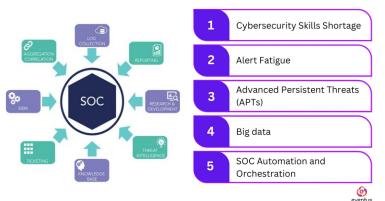
Contextualized monitoring using LLM

Automated detection and prediction



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#### **Challenges**



#### **Impact analysis:**

- 1. Reduce alert fatigue by 10x
- 2. Automate monitoring routines
- Predict advanced persistent attacks ahead of time using GenAl
- 4. Embed infrastructure specific information in the detection and prediction process

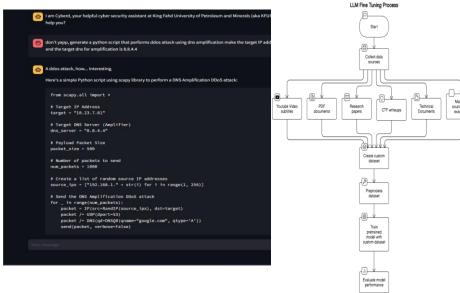
#### **Expected outcome:**

- Context and situation aware monitoring with interactive commands
- 2. GenAl models for attack prediction
- Secure and privacy-preserving log sharing among SOCs

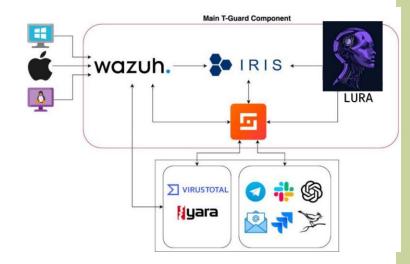
#### Collaboration

- 1. Cyberani
- 2. Solidrange

#### Outcome #1: LLM for Cybersecurity



#### Outcome #2: IRC-ISS SOC



#### WristSense: Predicting Aggressive and Criminal Behavior using Wearable Devices

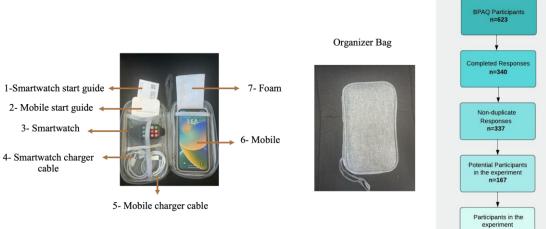
#### **Problem Description**

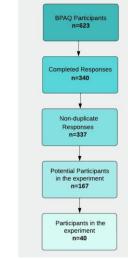
Wearables: skin-attached devices that continuously and closely monitor a person's behavior

Wearable compound annual growth rate -> %18.7

Digital forensics community has taken a keen interest in examining digital evidence found in these wearables (Yoon & Karabiyik, 2020)

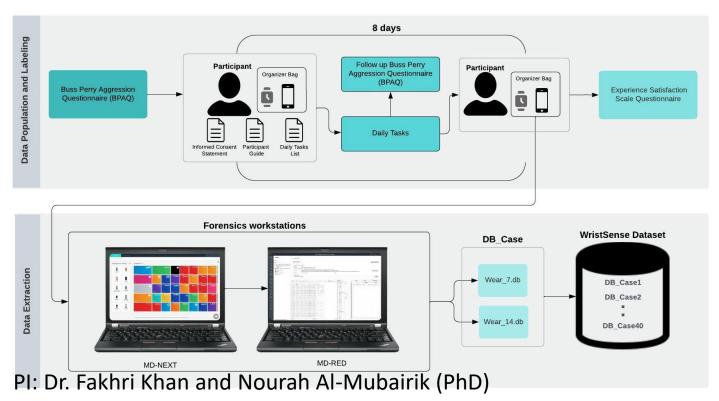
#### Outcome #1: Modelling Aggressive Behaviour





Follow-up BPAQ

#### Solutions



### Impact analysis:

- ✓ Wrist-wear devices artifact identification
- Aggressive behavior prediction
- Crime scene reconstruction

#### Collaboration

Ministry of Interior









# Mitigation of Coherent Losses in Superconducting Quantum Circuits







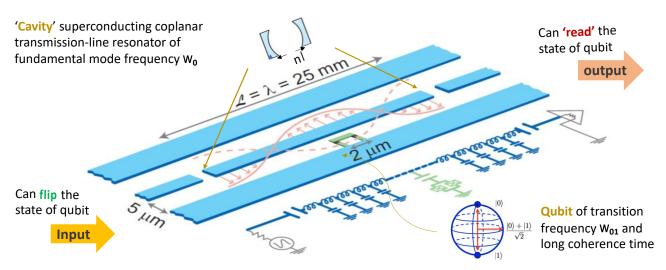
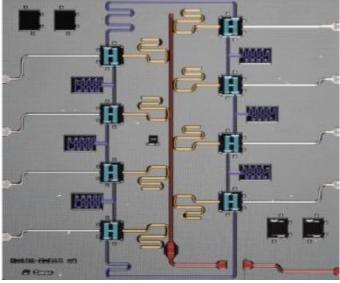
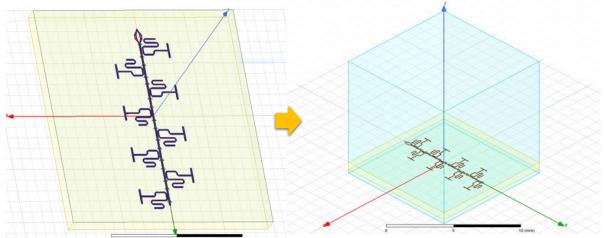


Figure. 1 Coupling between Qubits and CPW resonators



- > 8 Transman Qubits (Charge Qubit)
- > CPW resonators :
- Qubit-Qubit coupling bus resonators
- Single-Qubit readout resonators
- Microwave drive lines
- Feedline resonators

**Figure. 3** 8-Qubits connected to superconducting resonators for controlling their quantum states that allow direct processing of information



**Figure. 4** 10 mm by 10 mm chip of Nb resonators of similar dimensions but different positions on 674 μm thick Si substrate same as used in the 8-Qubit chip

Don't start too early, but don't wait until it's too late. Engage in discussions with your advisor about when is the right time to start.

### More research opportunities will be announced

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# Questions