



THWARTS 2019 DETAILED SCHEDULE

MONDAY OCTOBER 14TH

7:30 – 8:00 Breakfast & Opening Remarks

Opening remarks by **Franklin T. Lombardo**

8:00 – 9:00 Keynote Lecture

Chasing Science: Reflections on 45 Years of Storm Intercept.

Erik Rasmussen

Senior Research Scientist, VORTEX-SE Coordinating Scientist, CIMMS NSSL and the University of Oklahoma.

9:00 – 10:30 Technical Session #1: Numerical Model & Simulation

- 1.1 Hindcasting the damage of Ottawa-Gatineau tornado outbreak of September 2018: a computational fluid and structural mechanics approach
Geleta, T¹, Gairola, A.*¹, and Bitsuamlak, G.T.^{1,2}
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- 1.2 Amplitude of different frequencies in the turbulent wind using Fourier and wavelet analysis
R. Panneer Selvam¹
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- 1.3 Numerical simulation of a laboratory tornado simulator capable of translation
Ryan Honerkamp*¹ and Guirong Yan¹
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- 1.4 High-resolution numerical simulations of the interactions of tornadoes with terrain and buildings
Anthony E. Reinhart*^{1,2}, David J. Bodine³, Martin Satrio^{3,4}, Franklin T. Lombardo⁵, and Takashi Maruyama⁶
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- 1.5 Effect of few sine waves as inflow turbulence on building peak pressure
Zahra Mansouri*¹ and R. Panneer Selvam¹
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- 1.6 Comparison of tornado wind field with experiment and effect of chamber geometry on vortex touchdown
Sumit Verma*¹ and R. Panneer Selvam¹
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10:30 – 10:45 Coffee break

10:45 – 12:15 Technical Session #2: Measurement & Observation

- 2.1 Targeted observations by radar and UAS of supercells (TORUS) 2019: first look
Donald Burgess*¹
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- 2.2 Statistical evaluation of the relationship between southern-end supercells and tornado production tendencies
Susan L. Beveridge*¹, Jana Lesak Houser¹, and Sara R. Marzola¹
¹Ohio University, Athens, OH 45701, USA.
- 2.3 What about the thermodynamics?
Karen Kosiba*¹ and Josh Wurman¹
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2.4 Radar observations of tornadic debris plumes

Ernest J. Ostuno*¹

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2.5 Close-range radar observations and high-resolution damage survey of a large, intense tornado in a forested area

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2.6 Study of tornado vortex induced loads on attached canopies in low rise buildings

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12:15 – 13:45 Lunch

13:45 – 15:15 Technical Session #3: Measurement & Observation; Community Impact & Planning

3.1 Finding every tornado in Canada – The Northern Tornadoes Project in 2019

David Sills*¹

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3.2 Implementing advanced drone techniques on damage surveys

Connell Miller*¹, **Gregory Kopp**¹, and **David Sills**¹

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3.3 Semantic segmentation of aerial SFM point clouds for post windstorm damage assessment

Mohammad Ebrahim Mohammadi¹, **Richard L. Wood***¹, and **Daniel P. Watson**¹

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3.4 Discrete and distributed error assessment of aerial point clouds for post tornado three-dimensional scene reconstruction

Yijun Liao¹ and **Richard L. Wood***¹

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3.5 Accelerating post-event data collection and analysis using artificial intelligence

Ali Lenjani*¹, **Shirley J. Dyke**^{1,2}, **Ilias Bilonis**¹, **Chul Min Yeum**³, and **Arindam Gan Chowdhury**⁴

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3.6 Automated approach to mine remote sensing data to support building-level classification of tornado damage and pre-event building characteristics

P. Shane Crawford*¹, **Alexander Hainen**², **Pataya Scott**^{1,3}, **Marc Levitan**¹, **Judith Mitrani-Reiser**¹, and **Andrew Graettinger**⁴

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15:15 – 15:30 Coffee break

15:30 – 16:30 Technical Session #4: Community Impact & Planning; Experimentation

4.1 Modeling behavioral response to tornado hazard messaging: an interdisciplinary application of behavioral economics

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4.2 Evaluating the socio-technical interactions contributing to wind damage in an artificial neural network model

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4.3 Community-level resilience assessment of a simulated EF-5 tornado in Joplin using IN-CORE Beta

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4.4 Which household emergency plans are more helpful in tornadoes? Through the lens of gerontology

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16:30 – 17:00 Break and walk to facility tour

17:00 – 18:00 Facility tour: National Petascale Computing Facility

The tour to the National Petascale Computing Facility will depart from and return to the conference location (iHotel). The location is within walking distance from the iHotel.

19:00 Dinner at Maize at the Station (not included with registration)

We invite THWARTS 2019 attendees to join us for dinner at Maize at the Station (100 N Chestnut St, Champaign, IL 61820). This is an informal event to encourage interactions among attendees. The event is not included with the registration fees and every attendee must pay for their own (dinner at Maize is ~ \$15). There will be ride share options from the iHotel which will be announced later, although there is no guarantee of finding a ride there, there are multiple options such as UBER, local taxi and bus. If you are planning to attend this event, please fill out the following google form such that we can know in advance the number of people to expect and reserve enough tables for us. Here is the link: <https://forms.gle/Heht5d3NRXgNykqM6>





TUESDAY OCTOBER 15TH

8:30 – 9:00 Breakfast

9:00 – 10:30 Roundtable discussion: "Promoting interdisciplinary tornado research"

Roundtable discussion of the entire community
Session chaired by **David B. Roueche**

10:30 – 10:45 Coffee break

10:45 – 12:15 Technical Session #5: Measurement & Observation; Community Impact & Planning

5.1 Damage indicators and wind speed estimation of tornadoes in rural areas

Daniel M. Rhee*¹ and Franklin T. Lombardo¹

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5.2 Tornadoes and crop lodging

Mark Sterling*¹ and Chris Baker¹

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5.3 Using deep neural networks to automate tree-fall pattern direction

William Wang*¹, Gregory Kopp¹, David Sills¹, Daniel Rhee², Mark Daley¹, and Emilio Hong¹

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5.4 Estimates of the range of wind speeds that cause tree fall failure for specific trees within the forest stands in Brazil and Georgia

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5.5 Effect of wind directionality in tornado design load

Sudhan S. Banik*¹, Peter J. Vickery¹, and Lawrence A. Twisdale¹

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5.6 Development of tornado load methodology and incorporation into the ASCE 7-22 standard for minimum design loads on buildings

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12:15 – 13:45 Lunch

13:45 – 15:15 Technical Session #6: Community Impact & Planning; Measurement & Observation; ASCE Tornado Wind Speed Estimation

6.1 Garage door wind damage vulnerabilities for residential and Commercial Buildings

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6.2 A method for adding intensity information to NWS preliminary tornado damage paths

Christopher Karstens*¹, Bryan Smith¹, Rich Thompson¹, and Somer Erikson^{2,1}

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6.3 Leveraging recent post-tornado damage findings to evaluate Kansas tornado vulnerability

Elaina J. Sutley*¹, Remy Lequesne¹, Jae Kim¹, William Kirkham¹, and Jared Clements¹

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6.4 Multi-Tier Analysis of the 3 March 2019 Beauregard, AL Tornado and Impacts on Structural Loading

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- 6.5 Sticky issues with using vehicles as damage indicators and insights from new field data
Fred L. Haan*¹ and David B. Roueche²
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- 6.6 Assessing the failure wind speeds of manufactured homes subjected to tornado winds
Brett M. Davis*¹ and David B. Roueche¹
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15:15 – 15:30 Coffee break

15:30 – 17:00 Technical Session #7: Numerical Modeling & Simulation

- 7.1 On the role of flow acceleration in defining tornado wind loads on a low rise building
Matthew S. Mason*¹
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- 7.2 High-resolution simulations of tornado-like vortices with fully-developed turbulence
Nathan A. Dahl*^{1,2} and David S. Nolan³
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- 7.3 Influence of swirl ratio and radial Reynolds number on wind characteristics of multi-vortex tornadoes
Yi Zhao¹ and Guirong Yan*¹
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- 7.4 Computation method in performance-based design for wind engineering: introduction and application
Ali Merhi*¹ and Chris Letchford¹
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- 7.5 An investigation of terrain-related effects on the vertical wind profiles in simulated tornadoes
Zachary Wienhoff*¹, Franklin T. Lombardo¹, David J. Bodine⁴, Anthony E. Reinhart^{2,3}, Martin Satrio^{4,5}
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- 7.6 Future of THWARTS and Interdisciplinary Tornado Collaboration
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17:00 – 17:15 Refreshments & Closing Remarks

Closing remarks by **Franklin T. Lombardo**

