



THWARTS 2023 DETAILED SCHEDULE

MONDAY AUGUST 14TH

08:00 – 09:00 Registration & Breakfast

09:00 – 09:15 Opening Remarks

Opening remarks by **Franklin T. Lombardo**

09:15 – 09:45 Keynote Lecture

Toward a First Ever ASCE Standard on Wind Speed Estimation in Severe Storms.

James LaDue

Acting Director of the National Windstorm Impact Reduction Program (NWIRP) in the Engineering Laboratory at the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST).

09:45 – 10:15 Keynote Lecture

Engineering Design for Tornadoes.

Marc L. Levitan

Lead Research Engineer for the National Windstorm Impact Reduction Program at the National Institute of Standards and Technology.

10:15 – 10:20 Break

10:20 – 12:00 Technical Session #1: Tornado Prediction and Wind Flow Characteristics

1.1 TORNADOCAST: A 2D dynamical modelling system for the prediction of tornado characteristics

Trapp, R.J.^{1*}; Sessa, M.¹; Allen, J.²; and Robinson, E.³

¹Department of Atmospheric Sciences, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign; ²Department of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences, Central Michigan University; ³Aon, Chicago.

1.2 Characterizing Extreme Near-Surface Winds in Tornadoes and Hurricanes

Kosiba, K.^{1*}; and Wurman, J.^{1*}

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1.3 Automated Large-Scale Tornado Treefall Detection and Directional Analysis Using Machine Learning

Butt, D.^{1*}; and Kopp, G.A.¹

¹Northern Tornadoes Project, Western University, London, ON, Canada.

1.4 Radar And Satellite-Based Tools For Predicting Locations Of Tornadogenesis Within Quasi-Linear Convective Systems

Wolff, E.^{1*}; Trapp, R.J.¹; and Nesbitt, S.W.¹

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1.5 Insights into Tornadogenesis from LES Supercell Simulations

Orf, L.^{1*}

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12:00 – 13:00 Lunch

13:00 – 15:20 Technical Session #2: Resilience of the Built Environment and Communities

2.1 Investigation Of Resilience-Based Hazard Mitigation Strategies for Tornado-Stricken Communities Using Agent-Based Modelling Approach

Han, X.^{1*}; and Koliou, M.¹

¹Zachry Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, Texas A&M University.

2.2 Quantifying Risk Perception of Tornado Hazards Using Behavioral Economic Modeling

Graham, M.E.^{1*}; Gelino B.W.²; Sutley E.J.¹; and Reed, D.D.^{1,3}

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2.3 Harnessing Post-Disaster Data for Refined Tornado Damage Predictions in Community Resilience Models

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2.4 Unstructured to actionable: extracting wind event impact data for enhanced infrastructure resilience.

Pham, H.^{1*}; and Arul, M.¹

¹Virginia Tech.

2.5 New Methodology to Study Tornado Outbreaks Based on Social Susceptibility Metric: December 2021 Tornado Outbreak.

Johnston, B.^{1*}; and Van de Lindt, J.W.¹

¹Colorado State University.

2.6 Tornado Hazard Assessment for Multiple Critical Facilities considering Tornado Outbreaks in the Northeastern US Region.

Banik, S.^{1*}; and Twisdale, L.A.²

¹Applied Research Associates, Inc. Raleigh; ²Consultant, Raleigh.

2.7 Physical-Social Interdependent Recovery Modeling following an EF5 Tornado

Wang, W.^{1*}; Van de Lindt, J.W.¹; Hamideh, S.²; and Sutley, E.³

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15:20 – 15:40 Coffee break

15:40 – 17:00 Facility tour: Newmark Civil Engineering Laboratory & Smart Bridge

The tour to the facilities will depart from and return to the conference location (iHotel). We invite THWARTS 2023 attendees to join us for a tour to the NewMark Civil Engineering Laboratory & The Kavita and Lalit Bahl Smart Bridge. Transportation to the facilities and back to the conference center will be arranged and announced later.

If you are planning to attend this event, please fill out the following google form so that we provide proper arrangements.

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19:00 Dinner at Houlihan's Restaurant + Bar (not included with registration)

We invite THWARTS 2023 attendees to join us for dinner at [Houlihan's Restaurant & Bar](#) (located in the iHotel: 1900 S 1st 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 will pay for their own. If you are planning to attend this event, please fill out [this google form](#) such that we can know in advance the number of people to expect and reserve enough tables for us.





TUESDAY AUGUST 15TH

08:30 – 09:00 Breakfast & Networking

09:00 – 10:40 Technical Session #3: Tornado Wind Effects

3.1 Wind Performance of Residential Garage Doors

Merhi, A.^{1*}; Morrison, M.J.¹; and Brown-Giammanco T.M.²

¹Insurance Institute for Business & Home Safety; ²National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST).

3.2 Unique Damage Instances and Characteristics in the Rolling Fork, Ms, Tornado Of 24 March 2023

Lyza, A.W.^{1*}; Wagner, M.A.^{1,2}; Rasmussen, E.N.²; Candela, D.^{3,1,2}; Ortega, K.L.^{1,2}; Satrio, C.^{1,2}; Pounds, L.^{1,2}; and Sizemore, A.⁴

¹Cooperative Institute for Severe and High-Impact Weather Research and Operations, University of Oklahoma; ²NOAA/OAR/National Severe Storms Laboratory; ³School of Meteorology, University of Oklahoma; ⁴NOAA/National Weather Service Birmingham, AL.

3.3 Multi-Method Near-Surface Wind Speed Estimates of the 24 March 2023 Rolling Fork, Ms Tornado

Johnson, D.R.^{1*}; Roueche, D.B.¹; and Rittelmeyer, B.M.¹

¹Auburn university

3.4 A Novel Digital Twin Framework of Electric Power Infrastructure Systems Subjected to Strong-Wind Hazards

Braik, A.^{1*}; and Koliou¹

¹Zachry Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, Texas A&M University.

3.5 Deep Learning Based Automated Tree-Fall Detection

Nasimi M.^{1*}; and Wood, R.L.¹

¹University of Nebraska-Lincoln

10:40 – 10:50 Break

10:50 – 12:00 Technical Session #4: Numerical Models & Simulations

4.1 Effects of the Local Wind Field Curvature of Tornado-Like Flows on The Aerodynamics of a Low-Rise Building

Brusco, S.^{1*}; and Kopp, G.A.¹.

¹Faculty of Engineering, Western University, London, ON, Canada.

4.2 Assessing Tornado Intensity, Treefall, and Terrain Interactions via Remote Sensing

Wood, R.L.^{1*}; Peterson, C.J.²; Nasimi, M.¹; Moon, S.M.³; Dev, C.⁴; Godfrey, C.M.⁵; and Lombardo, F.T.³

¹University of Nebraska-Lincoln; ²University of Georgia; ³University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign; ⁴University of Kansas; ⁵University of North Carolina.

4.3 Using Machine Learning Models to Efficiently Search Large Sets of Damage Survey Images for Particular Damage Indicators

Haan Jr.; F.^{1*}; Jha, A.¹; and Rajbhandari, R.¹

Calvin University.

4.4 An Open-Source Automated Tornado Intensity Assessment for Treefalls

Rhee, D.M.^{1,2}; Lombardo, F.T.¹; Kopp, G.A.³; and Sills D.M.L.³

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12:00 – 13:00 Lunch





13:00 – 14:40 Technical Session #5: Measurement & Observation.

- 5.1 Effects of Complex Terrain on The Near-Surface Wind Field of 10 December 2021 Kentucky Tornado
Moon, S.M.^{1*}; and Lombardo, F.T.¹
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- 5.2 Modeling Tornado-Like Vortices in Straight-Line Wind Simulators
Khaled, F.^{1*}; and Lombardo, F.T.¹
¹University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.
- 5.3 The Influence of Thunderstorm Type on Extreme Near-Surface Wind Speeds: Iowa Case Study
Roegner, D.^{1*}; Lombardo, F.T.¹; Wienhoff, Z.²; and Rhee, D.³
¹University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign; ²Haag Engineering; ³National Institute of Standards and Technology.
- 5.4 Informed Treefall Pattern Analysis Wind Estimation Of 2021 Quad- State Tornado Near Downtown Mayfield, Kentucky
Rhee, D.M.^{1*}; Levitan, M.L.¹; and LaDue, J.G.¹
¹University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign; ²National Institute of Standards and Technology; ³Northern Tornadoes Project, Western university, London, ON, Canada.
- 5.5 To Evaluate the Effect of Varying Lengths of Attached Canopies on Roof Surfaces of Low-Rise Buildings Under the Influence of Tornado Like Flow
Moizuddin, M.¹; Goyal, R.^{2*}; and Matsui, M.³
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14:40 – 15:00 Closing Remarks

Closing remarks by **Franklin T. Lombardo**

15:00 – 15:30 Refreshments

