

Preface

We are pleased to present the proceedings of the 7th International Conference of Protective Structures “ICPS7”, which was successfully held from 12 to 15 May 2025 in Abu Dhabi. Abu Dhabi is an emerging global hub for innovation and education with cutting-edge research facilities, prestigious academic institutions, and a vibrant cityscape, offering a perfect setting for the ICPS7 conference. The first ICPS international conference on protective structures in this dynamically developing region provided a unique opportunity for many researchers from around the world to communicate and exchange insights.

ICPS originated in 2010 in Manchester, UK (1st ICPS). This global event has since traversed the globe, making impactful stops in Potsdam, Germany, in 2013 (2nd ICPS/ISIEMS), Newcastle, Australia, in 2015 (3rd ICPS), Beijing, China, in 2016 (4th ICPS), Poznan, Poland, in 2018 (5th ICPS) and Auburn, USA, in 2023 (6th ICPS). The organizing committee was pleased to present the conference program with four reputable keynote speakers in the field of material engineering. In addition, more than 150 presentations covered most domains in the field of material and impact loadings. Also, four sponsors and exhibitors from leading instrument-providing and cutting-edge technology companies in the field participated in the event.

This conference was organised by the Technology Innovation Institute (TII), a global research centre dedicated to pushing the frontiers of knowledge. Our teams of scientists, researchers, and engineers worked in an open, flexible, and agile environment to deliver discovery science and transformative technologies. Our work means we will not only be prepared for the future; we will create it. Working together, we were committed to inspiring innovation for a better tomorrow. TII is part of the Abu Dhabi Government’s Advanced Technology Research Council (ATRC), which oversees technology research in the emirate.

We hope this proceeding will be a valuable resource and inspiration for researchers.

Yours Sincerely
The Organizing Committee

Address of the Conference Chair

Dr. Rafael Santiago
Senior Director Technology
Innovation Institute (TII)



As the Conference Chair, I am delighted to introduce these proceedings, a collective testament to the exceptional research, ingenuity, and collaboration that define our field.

ICPS7 brings together a vibrant community of engineers, scientists, and innovators dedicated to advancing the science and application of protective structures. This proceeding reflects the dynamic exchange of ideas, the depth of exploration, and the global relevance of the work being presented. It offers a snapshot of where we stand today and, more importantly, where we are headed.

In an era defined by complex challenges and rapidly evolving threats, the role of protective structures has never been more critical. This conference provides a vital platform for sharing new findings, methodologies, and technologies to help shape safer and more resilient societies. The work represented in these abstracts highlights our community's commitment to advancing the frontiers of knowledge and delivering real-world impact.

I would like to extend my deepest appreciation to all the authors, organisers, reviewers, keynote speakers, sponsors, participants and staff for their dedication and support. Your efforts make ICPS7 a truly international and inspiring event.

I invite you to explore the pages ahead with curiosity and enthusiasm. May they spark new ideas, foster meaningful collaborations, and inspire continued excellence in our shared pursuit of innovation and safety.

Warm Regards,
Dr. Rafael Santiago

Acknowledgement

We would like to extend our deepest gratitude to H.E. Faisal Al Bannai, Dr. Najwa Aaraj and Prof. Vincenzo Giannini for their generous and unwavering support for ICPS7. We sincerely appreciate the International Association of Protective Structures (IAPS) for endorsing this conference in Abu Dhabi and the Advanced Technology Research Council (ATRC). Special acknowledgement to Prof. Zhongwei Guan and Geeta Gidwani for their invaluable support throughout the planning and organisation of the event. Finally, we would like to recognise and thank everyone who contributed to the success of the conference, including our dedicated conference members, authors, and scientific committee, for their commitment and hard work.

Conference Committee

Local Committee Members



Dr. Rafael Santiago
Conference Chair
Senior Director in Material Research Centre
Technology Innovation Institute, UAE



Dr. Alia Ruzanna Aziz
Program Chair
Senior Reseacher,
Technology Innovation Institute, UAE



Omar Ba Nabila
Co-Program Chair
Senior Engineer
Technology Innovation Institute, UAE



Andrew Chopra
ICPS7 Event Manager
Senior Manager – Events
Technology Innovation Institute, UAE

IAPS Steering Committee

Prof. Mark Stewart, University of Technology Sydney, Australia
Prof. James S. Davidson, Auburn University, United States of America
Prof. Piotr Sielicki, Poznan University of Technology, Poland
Prof. Qin Fang, Army Engineering University of PLA, China
Prof. Norbert Gebbeken, University of the Bundeswehr Munich, Germany
Prof. Hong Hao, Guangzhou University, China / Curtin University, Australia
Prof. Qingming Li, University of Manchester, England, United Kingdom
Prof. Zhong-Xian Li, Tianjin University, China
Prof. Jeffrey Packer, University of Toronto, Canada
Prof. Masuhiro Beppu, National Defense Academy, Japan
Prof. David Yankelevsky, Technion-Israel Institute of Technology, Israel
Dr. Rafael Santiago, Technology Innovation Institute, United Arab Emirates

Scientific Committee

Prof. Wesley Cantwell, Khalifa University, United Arab Emirates
Prof. Guoxing Lu, Swinburne University of Technology, Australia
Prof. Dora Karagiozova, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Bulgaria
Prof. Xiaowei Chen, China Academy of Engineering Physics, China
Prof. Dong Ruan, Swinburne University of Technology, Australia
Prof. Marcílio Alves, University of São Paulo, Brazil
Prof. Steeve Chung Kim Yuen, University of Cape Town, South Africa
Prof. Jin Zhou, Xian Jiaotong University, China
Prof. Magnus Langseth, Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Norway
Prof. Sandro Amico, Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil
Prof. Victor Shim, National University of Singapore (NUS), Singapore
Prof. Avraham Dancygier, Technion - Israel Institute of Technology, Israel
Prof. Flavio Silva, Pontificia Universidade Católica do Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
Prof. Jian Xiong, Harbin Institute of Technology, China
Prof. Guangyong Sun, Hunan University, China
Prof. Tore Borvik, Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Norway
Prof. Francois Boussu, GEMTEX ROUBAIX, France
Prof. Michael Seica, University of Toronto, Canada
Prof. Yanchao Shi, Tianjin University, China
Prof. Yang Ding, Tianjin University, China
Prof. Jiabao Yan, Tianjin University, China
Prof. Licheng Guo, Harbin Institute of Technology, China
Prof. Yanhong Chen, Harbin Institute of Technology, China
Prof. Xianfeng Zhang, Nanjing University of Science and Technology, China
Prof. Daniel Ambrosini, University of Cuyo, Mendoza, Argentina
Prof. Yong Lu, University of Edinburgh, Scotland, United Kingdom
Prof. Ser Tong Quek, National University of Singapore
Prof. Zhongwei Guan, University of Liverpool, United Kingdom
Assoc. Prof. Vegard Aune, Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Norway
Assoc. Prof. Jian Cui, Tianjin University, China
Dr. Waleed Ahmed, United Arab Emirates University, UAE
Dr. Teresa Fras, French-German Research Institute of Saint-Louis (ISL), France
Dr. Ehsan Noroozinejad, University of British Columbia (UBC), Canada
Dr. Leopold Kruszka, Military University of Technology, Poland
Dr. Ziwen Xu, Harbin Institute of Technology, China
Dr. Hasan Al Rifaie, Poznan University of Technology, Poland
Dr. Mohd Zuhri Mohamed Yusoff, University Putra Malaysia, Malaysia
Dr. S Kanna Subramaniyan, Universiti Tun Hussein Onn, Malaysia
Dr. Lei Yang, Johns Hopkins University, United States of America
Dr. Tomas Gajewski, Poznan University of Technology, Poland
Alexander Stolz, Fraunhofer EMI, Germany

Sponsors & Exhibitors

Gold Sponsors



ANSYS “Founded in 1970, Ansys is a world leader in numerical simulation, specializing in the development of advanced software solutions that enable engineers to virtually design, test and validate products before they go into production. Its tools cover various fields such as fluid mechanics, electromagnetism and structural dynamics.

Through a unique expertise and more than 30 years of experience, THIOT INGENIERIE is a world leader for studying the behavior of materials in fast dynamics conditions. With more than 30 experts we develop and supply fast dynamics equipment for research centers and manufacturers all over the world.

THIOT INGENIERIE also boasts the first private Shock Physics laboratory, with cutting-edge test equipment and metrology solutions. Its combination with our know-how in numerical calculation aims to study the behavior of materials and structures under shock stress (crashes, ballistic impacts, blasts, etc.) in the minutest detail to enable our customers to develop the most reliable products capable of handling the threats they face

Exhibitors & Publishing Partner

