

2025 International Vacuum Insulation Symposium

September 10-11, 2025

Crowne Plaza Hotel Downtown Knoxville

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Day 1			
Time	Event	Location & Topics	Lead
Wednesday, September 10, 2025			
8:00 am - 8:25 am	Registration/Breakfast Served	Summit	Nicole White Kristen Summey Deandra Scott
8:25 am – 8:30 am	Introduction of keynote presenters and IVIS 2025 organizing committee members	Summit	Som Shrestha
8:30 am - 8:40 am	Welcome Address (Organizing Committee) / Working Breakfast	Summit	Josh Pihl, Buildings and Transportation Science Division Director, ORNL
8:40 am - 9:00 am	Keynote: Advancing High-Performance Envelopes: DOE R&D on Vacuum Insulated Technologies for Affordable, Resilient Buildings / Working Breakfast	Summit	Sven Mumme, Technology Manager for Opaque Envelope and Thermal Energy Storage R&D, Building Technologies Office (BTO) at the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE)
9:00 am - 10:15 am	Session 1: Core Materials and Their Properties. Session Chair: Prof. Harjit Singh, Brunel University of London, UK. Location: Summit		
9:00 am - 9:25 am	S1P1: Analysis of outgassing from natural fibers VIP core to improve their long-term performance. Achutha Tamraparni, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, USA		
9:25 am - 9:50 am	S1P2: Thermal performance evaluation of Calcium Silicate and Fumed Silica composite core materials for Vacuum Insulation Panels. Mahmood Alam / Waseem Abbasi, University of Brighton, UK		

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9:50 am - 10:15 am	S1P3: Development of Compacted Panels Based on Micronized Micro- and Nanocellular Polymers for Vacuum Insulation Panels (VIPs) <i>Victoria Bernardo, University of Valladolid, Spain</i>
10:15 am - 10:30 am	Coffee Break
10:30 am - 12:10 pm	Session 2: Core Materials and Their Properties. Session Chair: <i>Dr. Stefano Fantucci, Politecnico di Torino, Italy</i> . Location: Summit
10:30 am - 10:55 am	S2P1: Life cycle assessment of various core materials for vacuum insulation panels used at temperatures up to 70 °C. <i>Harjit Singh / Tarek Raad, Brunel University of London, UK</i>
10:55 am - 11:20 am	S2P2: Core materials for vacuum insulation panels made of renewable resources – characterization of selected thermal and mechanical aspects. <i>Sebastian Treml, Forschungsinstitut für Wärmeschutz, Germany</i>
11:20 am - 11:45 am	S2P3: On the reusability of expanded perlite cores- A critical step towards green vacuum insulation panels, <i>Dron Kaushik / Tarek Raad, Brunel University of London, UK</i>
11:45 am - 12:10 pm	S2P4: Development and Research of VIP Cool Box Manufactured with High-performance Phase Change Materials and its Ultra Long-term Thermal Insulation Performance. <i>Jason Lee, Nantong Ecotherm Insulations Co., Ltd., China</i>
12:10 pm - 1:30pm	Working Lunch: Summit Posters Presentations: Salon A. Lead: Som Shrestha - Developing an Active Vacuum Insulation System for Buildings. <i>Kaarle Strailey, University of Alaska Fairbanks, USA</i>. - Study of Low-Cost VIP Core by Utilizing High-Fibrous Content. <i>Mark Connell, Rincon Consulting, USA</i>. - Thermal Testing Challenges in Conversion of Waste Sourced Bio Fiber Material into Vacuum Insulation Panel. <i>Sai Bhargav Annavaajjala, University of Massachusetts Lowell, USA</i> - Innovative Vacuum Insulated Glass Manufacturing: Low-Temperature Metallic Soldering and Pump-Out-Port-Free Sealing. <i>Adrian Song, LEADUS</i> Exhibition: Mezzanine
1:30 pm - 3:10 pm	Session 3: Core Materials Properties, Performance Evaluation, and Testing. Session Chair: <i>Achutha Tamraparni, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, USA</i> . Location: Summit
1:30 pm - 1:55 pm	S3P1: Medium-term thermal insulation performance test of an in situ-installed transparent vacuum insulation panel. <i>Erkki Hirvonen, Hokkaido University, Japan</i>
1:55 pm - 2:20pm	S3P2: Cost-effective thermal conductivity measurement system for vacuum insulation panels at temperatures up to 500 °C. <i>Dron Kaushik, Brunel University of London, UK</i>

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2:20 pm - 2:45 pm	S3P3: Long-term performance of glass fiber Vacuum Insulation Panels exposed to severe operating conditions in buildings. <i>Stefano Fantucci, Politecnico di Torino, Italy</i>
2:45 pm - 3:10 pm	S3P4: Cost-effective VIPs with aerogel cores. <i>Massimo Bertino, Virginia Commonwealth University, USA</i>
3:10 pm - 3:25 pm	Coffee Break
3:25 pm - 5:05 pm	Session 4: Performance Evaluation and Testing. Session Chair: <i>Anthony Aldykiewicz, Saint-Gobain USA</i> . Location: Summit
3:25 pm - 3:55 pm	S4P1: Long-term thermal performance of vacuum insulation panels in district heating pipes: Nine years of field measurements. <i>Ali Naman Karim, Chalmers University of Technology, Sweden</i>
3:50 pm - 4:15 pm	S4P2: Vacuum Insulation Panel Heat-Loss and Overall Thermal Resistance Based on Thermal Modeling. <i>David Yarbrough, R&D Services, Inc., USA</i>
4:15 pm - 4:40 pm	S4P3: Climate Dependent Aging of Vacuum Insulation Panels (VIPs). <i>Phalguni Mukhopadhyaya, University of Victoria, Canada</i>
4:40 pm - 5:05 pm	S4P4: Performance Evaluation of Vacuum Insulated Panel (VIP) Retrofits. <i>John Peavey / Emishaw Iffa, Home Innovation Research Lab, USA / Oak Ridge National Laboratory, USA</i>
5:05 pm - 6:00 pm	IVIS Board meeting – Summit Lead: <i>Harjit Singh, Brunel University of London, UK</i>
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	Working Dinner , Location Summit Lead: Anthony Aldykiewicz IVIS Lifetime Achievement Awards Keynote presentations <i>Prof. Harjit Singh, IVIS Scientific Committee, Brunel University of London, UK</i> <i>John Peavey, Home Innovation Research Lab, USA</i> . Next Generation Wall Retrofit Panels with Integrated VIPs: Installation Options and Methods.
8:30 pm	Adjourn

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8:00 am - 8:30 am	Registration/Breakfast Served	Summit	Nicole White Kristen Summey Deandra Scott
8:30 am - 8:45 am	Keynote "Overview of ARPA-E GLASING (Galvanizing Leaps in Advanced Super Insulating Glass) Program" / Working Breakfast	Summit	Jungho Kim, Program Director, Advanced Projects Research Agency-Energy (ARPA-E), USA
8:45 am - 9:00 am	Keynote	Summit	Vladimir Pogač, President of the Vacuum Insulation Panel Association (VIPA)
9:00 am - 10:15 am	Session 5: Innovations in Vacuum Insulated Glazing. Session Chair: <i>Dr. Som Shrestha, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, USA</i> . Location: Summit		
9:00 am - 9:25 am	S5P1: Experimental and Simulation Analysis of Thermal Transmittance of Vacuum Insulated Glazing for Predicting Service Life. <i>Alexander Hayes, National Research Council of Canada, Canada</i>		
9:25 am - 9:50 am	S5P2: Transparent vacuum insulation panels for window insulation retrofit. <i>Takao Katsura, Hokkaido University, Japan</i>		
9:50 am - 10:15 am	S5P3: Innovations in VIG and the Barriers to Adoption. <i>Mahabir Bhandari, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, USA</i>		
10:15 am - 10:30 am	Coffee Break		
10:30 am - 12:10 pm	Session 6: Monitoring and Predictive Techniques of VIPs and Innovations in Vacuum Insulated Glazing. Session Chair: <i>Prof. G. Kumaresan, Anna University, India</i> . Location: Summit		
10:30 am - 10:55 am	S6P1: Residual Gas Conductance in Vacuum Insulated Glass. <i>Alliston Watts / Cenk Kocer, National Renewable Energy Laboratories (NREL) / University of Sydney</i>		
10:55 am - 11:20 am	S6P2: Updated VIG Thermal Performance Model in the WINDOW Software Tool. <i>Charlie Curcija, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, USA</i>		
11:20 am - 11:45 am	S6P3: Real-Time Vacuum Monitoring and Lifespan Prediction of Vacuum Insulation Panels Using Fiber Bragg Grating Sensors and Acoustic Vibration Techniques. <i>Jason Lee / Zhaofeng Chen, Nanjing University of Aeronautics and Astronautics, China</i>		

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11:45 am - 12:10 pm	S6P4: Real-Time Structural Health Monitoring of VIPs Using Metal Oxide and MXene-Based Sensors. <i>Jason Lee / Mahdi Mourad Laichaoui, Nantong Ecotherm Insulations Co., Ltd. / Nanjing University of Aeronautics and Astronautics, China</i>		
12:10 pm – 12:20 pm	Group Photo		
12:20 pm - 1:30 pm	Working Lunch: Summit Posters Presentations: Salon A. Lead: Som Shrestha - Developing an Active Vacuum Insulation System for Buildings. <i>Kaarle Strailey, University of Alaska Fairbanks, USA.</i> - Study of Low-Cost VIP Core by Utilizing High-Fibrous Content. <i>Mark Connell, Rincon Consulting, USA.</i> - Thermal Testing Challenges in Conversion of Waste Sourced Bio Fiber Material into Vacuum Insulation Panel. <i>Sai Bhargav Annavaajjala, University of Massachusetts Lowell, USA</i> - Innovative Vacuum Insulated Glass Manufacturing: Low-Temperature Metallic Soldering and Pump-Out-Port-Free Sealing. <i>Adrian Song, LEADUS</i> Exhibition: Mezzanine		
1:30 pm - 5:00 pm	VIG Forum. Location Salon C		
1:30 pm - 3:10 pm	Session 7: Applications in Industry and Construction. Session Chair: <i>Dr. Mahmood Alam, University of Brighton, UK.</i> Location: Summit		
1:30 pm - 1:55 pm	S7P1: Industrialization of Vacuum Insulation in Aviation Industry. <i>Vakhtang Latsuzbaya, University of Stuttgart, Germany</i>		
1:55 pm - 2:20 pm	S7P2: Performance Assessment of District Cooling System for a Commercial Building in hot climate zone of India. <i>Kumaresan Govindaraj, Anna University, India</i>		
2:20 pm - 2:45 pm	S7P3: All-in-One Design and Fabrication of Vacuum Insulation Panels for Ultra-Efficient Pipeline Thermal Management. <i>Zhou Chen, Nanjing Tech University, China</i>		
2:45 pm - 3:10 pm	S7P4: Advanced Cryogenic Insulation Solutions Utilizing Vacuum Insulation Panels for Temperatures Below - 150°C. <i>Jason Lee / Zhaofeng Chen, Nanjing University of Aeronautics and Astronautics, China</i>		
3:10 pm - 3:25 pm	Coffee Break		

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3:25 pm – 4:40 pm	Session 8: Innovations and Advanced Designs. Session Chair: <i>Prof. Phalguni Mukhopadhyaya, University of Victoria, Canada</i> . Location: Summit		
3:25 pm - 3:50 pm	S8P1: Self-Healing Ultra-High Barrier Films for Vacuum Insulation Panels. <i>Natasha Ghezawi, University of Tennessee, USA</i>		
3:30 pm - 4:15 pm	S8P2: Scalable Thermal Insulation Structures with Switchable Thermal Resistance for Thermal Insulation and Storage. <i>Yao Zhai / Vladyslav Sazhen, University of Missouri, USA</i>		
4:15 pm - 4:40 pm	S8P3: Structure design and performance study of high temperature resistant Vacuum Insulation Panel. <i>Lixia Yang, Nanjing University of Aeronautics and Astronautics, China</i>		
4:40 pm - 5:20 pm	Brainstorming session: Deployment barriers of VIPs and VIGs Lead: <i>Mark Connell, Rincon Consulting</i> Location: Summit		
5:20 pm - 5:30 pm	Best Paper Awards, Closing remarks, announcement of next IVIS location & adjourn Location: Summit Lead: Mark Connell		

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Oak Ridge National Laboratory Tour

Prior registration and approval are required for the lab tour

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ORNL Tours				
Time	Event	Lead	Attendees	Place
September 12 th , 2025				
8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	Load Buses for ORNL Tours	Nicole White	All registered for the tour	Crown Plaza Knoxville 401 W Summit Hill Dr Knoxville, TN 37902
8:30 a.m. - 9:00a.m.	Depart Crown Plaza Knoxville Downtown head towards ORNL (Rocky Top Tours)	Nicole White	All registered for the tour	Crown Plaza Knoxville 401 W Summit Hill Dr Knoxville, TN 37902
9:00 a.m. - 9:50a.m.	Arrive at ORNL and badge in	Nicole White	All	Visitor Center
9:50 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Arrive at MaxLab & Unload bus; meet in the front lobby	Nicole White	All	Bldg. 4020, Front Lobby
10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	MaxLab Tours	Kuma Sumathipala, Achutha Tamraparni, Mahabir Bhandari, Mikael Salonvaara	All	Bldg. 4020
10:45 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.	Load Buses Transition to Graphite Reactor	Nicole White	All	

10:50 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.	Graphite Reactor (first nuclear reactor intended for continuous operation) Tour	Brian Fricke	All	Bldg. 3001
11:45a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Load Buses Transition to 5100	All	All	
12:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.	Highlights from the ORNL Building Technologies Program Working Lunch	Melissa Lapsa	All	Bldg. 5100 RM 128
1:15 p.m. – 1:20 p.m.	Transition to Summit Supercomputer Tour	Nicole White	All	
1:20 p.m. – 1:50 p.m.	Summit Supercomputer Tour	John Holmen Bill Renaud	All	Bldg. 5600
1:50 p.m. – 2:20 p.m.	Transition to Manufacturing Demonstration Facility (MDF) Hardin Valley Campus	Nicole White	All	
2:20 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. -	Unload buses; Meet in front lobby	Nicole White	All	Bldg. 2360HVC
2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	MDF Tour (4 groups)	Emma Betters Tyler Crisp Justin West Shramana Ghosh	All	Bldg. 2360HVC
3:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.	Load buses	Nicole White	All	Outside 2360HVC
3:45 p.m. – 4:10 p.m.	Depart for Crown Plaza Knoxville Downtown	All		Crown Plaza Knoxville 401 W Summit Hill Dr Knoxville, TN 37902
4:10 p.m.	Arrival at Crown Plaza Knoxville Downtown; then depart	Depart	Depart	Depart