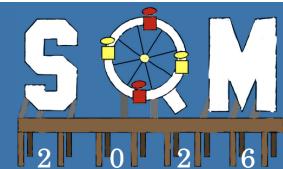


Session Program

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Plenary

Monday 23 March

08:45

Plenary: Opening, Experimental Highlights I

Session | Location: University of California - Los Angeles Los Angeles, California

08:45-09:00 **Opening Ceremony**

09:00-09:40

Overview of Strangeness and Heavy Flavor in High Energy Nuclear Collisions

Speaker

Berndt Mueller

09:40-10:05 **STAR Highlight I - Recent Results from Beam Energy Scan II**

Speaker

Ashish Pandav

10:05-10:30 **ALICE Highlight I - Recent Results from Light Flavor**

Speaker

Chiara Pinto

10:30

Plenary: Experimental Highlights II

Session | Location: University of California - Los Angeles Los Angeles, California

11:00-11:25 **sPHENIX Highlights**

Speaker

Gregory Ottino

11:25-11:50 **CMS Highlights**

Speaker

Raghunath Pradhan

11:50-12:15 **ATLAS Highlights**

Speaker

Benjamin Jacob Gilbert

12:15-12:40 **LHCb Highlights**

Speaker

Thomas Boettcher

12:40

Plenary: Experimental Highlights III

Session | Location: University of California - Los Angeles Los Angeles, California

14:15-14:40 **ALICE Highlight II - Recent Results from Heavy Flavor**

Speaker

Fabio Catalano

14:40-15:00 **PHENIX Highlights**

	Speaker Iurii Mitrankov
	15:00-15:20 NA61/SHINE Highlights
	Speaker Antoni Marcinek
	15:20-15:40 HADES Highlights
	Speaker Anar Rustamov
16:05	15:40-16:05 STAR Highlight II: Study of Small Systems and the Search for New, Exotic Physics
	Speaker Jiangyong Jia
16:35	Plenary: Theory Overview Session Location: University of California - Los Angeles Los Angeles, California
	16:35-17:05 Theory Overview: QCD Phase Structure at High Density Region
	Speaker Agnieszka Sorensen
	17:05-17:35 Theory Overview: Chirality, Polarization and Spin Alignment in Heavy-Ion Collisions
	Speaker Shuzhe Shi
18:05	17:35-18:05 Theory Overview: Dynamics Model Simulations for Heavy-Ion Collisions
	Speaker Lipei Du

Thursday 26 March

08:45

Plenary: Bulk Properties with Light/Strange Hadrons

Session | Location: University of California - Los Angeles Los Angeles, California

08:45-09:10

Experimental Review on Bulk Properties and Light/Strange Hadron Production in Heavy-Ion Collisions

Speaker

Shusu Shi

09:10-09:35

Theoretical Review on Bulk Properties and Light/Strange Hadron Production in Heavy-Ion Collisions

Speaker

Yuuka Kanakubo

09:35-10:00

Femtoscopy, Final State Interactions and Exotic Particle Search

Speaker

Laura Serksnyte

10:00-10:25

Nuclei and Hypernuclei Production in Heavy-Ion Collisions

Speaker

Guannan Xie

10:25

10:55

Plenary: QCD Phase Structure

Session | Location: University of California - Los Angeles Los Angeles, California

10:55-11:20

Experimental Review on QCD Critical Point Search

Speaker

Xiaofeng Luo

11:20-11:45

Theoretical Review on QCD Critical Point Predictions

Speaker

Maneesha Pradeep

11:45-12:10

Recent Developments in Lattice QCD

Speaker

Heng-Tong Ding

12:35

Experimental Review on Global Polarization and Spin Alignment in Heavy-Ion Collisions

Speaker

Takafumi Niida

14:15

Plenary: Heavy Flavors

Session | Location: University of California - Los Angeles Los Angeles, California

14:15-14:40 **Experimental Review on Open Heavy Flavor Measurements****Speaker**

Mattia Faggin

14:40-15:05 **Theoretical Review on Open Heavy Flavor in Medium****Speaker**

Hongxi Xing

15:05-15:30 **Experimental Review on Quarkonia Measurements****Speaker**

Luca Micheletti

15:30-15:55 **Theoretical Review on Quarkonia in Medium****Speaker**

Peter Petreczky

15:55

Friday 27 March

08:45

Plenary: New Developments

Session | Location: University of California - Los Angeles Los Angeles, California

08:45-09:10 **Strangeness and Heavy Flavor Production in Small Systems**

Speaker

Sruthy Das

09:10-09:35 **Baryon Transport from Light to Strange Quarks**

Speaker

Chun Yuen Tsang

09:35-10:00 **Open Quantum System Approaches for Heavy-Ion Collisions**

Speaker

Alexander Rothkopf

10:00-10:25 **Nuclear Matter Equation-of-State and Astrophysics**

Speaker

Mateus Pelicer

10:25

10:55

Plenary: Future Programs

Session | Location: University of California - Los Angeles Los Angeles, California

10:55-11:20 **LHC Upgrades and Future Physics Programs**

Speaker

David Chinellato

11:20-11:40 **Future Fixed Target Program @SPS**

Speaker

Enrico Scomparin

11:40-12:00 **CBM @FAIR**

Speaker

Frederic Linz

12:00-12:20 **Strange and Heavy Flavor Physics at EIC and ePIC status**

Speaker

Rongrong Ma

12:20

14:00

Plenary: Summary and Flash Talks

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14:00-14:45 **Conference Summary**

Speaker

Helen Caines

15:30	14:45-15:30	Flash Talks
16:00		Plenary: Awards and Closing
	Session Location:	University of California - Los Angeles Los Angeles, California
	16:00-16:10	Andre Mischke's Award
	16:10-16:30	JSPC Journal's Award
	16:30-16:45	SQM 2027/2028
17:00	16:45-17:00	Closing