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Introduction

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- Nonclassical field states
- Quantum entanglement
- Quantum states engineering and reconstruction
- Atom optics and quantum simulators with cold atoms
- Neutron, atom, and molecular quantum optics
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In conclusion, we thank all the conference participants and the authors of the submitted manuscripts for their contributions. Our special thanks also go the members of the program committee of this conference for their involvement into setting a good program.

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