

# What can Snowmass13 teach us about Snowmass21?

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# Planning the Future of U.S. Particle Physics

Report of the 2013 Community Summer Study

## Chapter 9: Computing

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# Lattice field theory for the energy and intensity frontiers: Scientific goals and computing needs

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## 1.1 Introduction

One of the foremost goals of high-energy physics is to test the Standard Model of particle physics and to search for indications of new physics beyond. Towards this aim, the experimental high-energy physics program is pursuing three complementary approaches: experiments at the “energy frontier” try to directly produce non-Standard Model particles in collisions at large center-of-mass energies; experiments at the “cosmic frontier” look for astronomical evidence of new interactions and aim to detect cosmically-produced non-Standard-Model particles through their interaction with ordinary matter; while experiments at the “intensity frontier” [1] make precise measurements of rare processes and look for discrepancies with the Standard Model. In many cases, interpretation of the experimental measurements requires a quantitative understanding of the nonperturbative dynamics of the quarks and gluons in the underlying process. Lattice gauge theory provides the only known method for *ab initio* quantum chromodynamics (QCD) calculations with controlled uncertainties, by casting the fundamental equations of QCD into a form amenable to high-performance computing. Thus, facilities for numerical lattice QCD are an essential theoretical adjunct to the experimental high-energy physics program. This report describes the computational and software infrastructure resources needed for lattice gauge theory to meet the scientific goals of the future energy- and intensity-frontier experimental programs. We focus on the efforts and plans in the US, but comparable efforts are ongoing in Europe and Japan.

- Community Planning Meeting 2012 at FNAL, Oct. 2012
  - Group discussions on the second day
- Community Summer Study Meeting 2013, University of Minnesota (Snowmass on the Mississippi)
- Separate Report of the Snowmass 2013 Computing Frontier working group on Lattice Field Theory: 23 pages + 7 pages of references (11 citations).
- Based on USQCD White Paper: 42 pages + 7 pages of references

## LATTICE QCD AT THE INTENSITY FRONTIER

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- Lot's of effort by many people!
- Snowmass21 will have more workshops/meetings
- What was gained in terms of physics? computing?

**Table 1-2.** Available resources for lattice-QCD simulations assumed for the planned program of physics calculations. The conversion factors for lattice-QCD sustained Tflop/sec-years, assuming 8000 hours per year, is 1 Tflop/sec-year = 3.0M core-hour on BlueGene/Q hardware, and 1 Tflop/sec-year = 6.53M core-hour on BlueGene/P and Cray hardware.

Year	Leadership Class (Tflop/sec-yrs)	Dedicated Capacity Hardware (Tflop/sec-yrs)
2015	430	325
2016	680	520
2017	1080	800
2018	1715	1275
2019	2720	1900

**20 B BlueGene Q core hours!**

- Doing a lot more already than in 2012
  - RBC/UKQCD collab already had 2-3 long discussions on LOI's
    - will submit several LOI's
  - topical groups planning one or more dedicated workshops
- Is this the best way to spend our time?
  - Bottom up inclusive
  - Do we break through?
- Snowmass21 report goes to (?)
  - P5
  - HEPAP
- There are no lattice people on either (any computational scientists?)
- Better to focus on physics? (several lattice conveners)
- or better to focus on computing? (several lattice conveners)