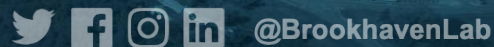




# BNL Scientific Data and Computing Center (SDCC) Site Report

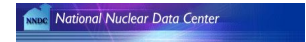
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# SDCC: The Scientific Data and Computing Center

- Located at Brookhaven National Laboratory (BNL) on Long Island, New York
- SDCC was initially formed at BNL in the mid-1990s as the RHIC Computing Facility



Shared multi-program facility serving ~2,000 users from more than 20 projects

# Scientific Data and Computing Center Overview

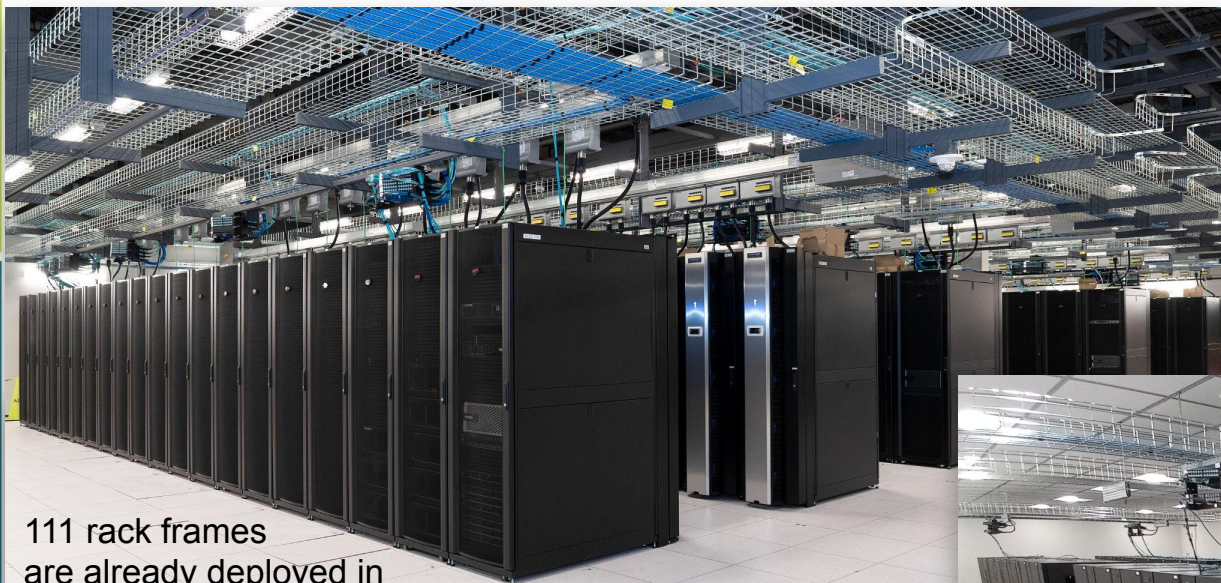
- Tier-0 computing center for the RHIC experiments
- US Tier-1 Computing facility for the ATLAS experiment at the LHC, also one of the ATLAS shared analysis (Tier-3) facilities in the US
- Computing facility for NSLS-II
- US Data center for Belle II experiment
- Providing computing and storage for proto-DUNE/DUNE along w/ FNAL serving data to all DUNE OSG sites
- Also providing computing resources for various smaller / R&D experiments .
- Serving more than **2,000** users from **> 20 projects**
- Developing and providing administrative/collaborative tools:
  - Invenio, Jupyter, BNL Box, Discourse, Gitea, Mattermost, etc.
- BNL was selected as the site for the upcoming major new facility Electron-Ion Collider (EIC/eRHIC)
- sPHENIX - scheduled to start taking data in May



# BNL Core Facility Revitalization (CFR) Project: New Data Center

## New Data Center (Building 725) — 2023Q1: 1.5 Years of Production Operations

- CFR project finished the design phase in the first half of 2019 and completed the construction phase by the end of FY21
- The occupancy of the B725 data center for production CPU and DISK resources for all programs started in 2021Q4 and ramped up in 2022Q1-2023Q1 to the level of 62 racks populated with equipment in the B725 Main Data Hall (MDH)
  - 10 more storage / infrastructure racks are in the process of being configured as of 2023Q1
  - 20 more new HTC CPU racks and 2 more HPC rack are expected to be added to B725 in 2023Q2
- Currently we have two diesel generators installed in B725 diesel generator yard providing covering up to 1.2 MW of total IT payload with N+1 redundancy
  - Two more diesel generators are planned to be added in FY24-25 to provide all IT payload in the B725 data center as it scales beyond 1.2 MW and 2.4 MW thresholds for combined IT payload deployed
- Two library rows in B725 Tape Room are populated with IBM TS4500 tape libraries to serve ATLAS and sPHENIX experiments (4 libraries, 128 tape drives in total).
  - One more library row is expected to be populated in FY24 (2 more IBM TS4500 sPHENIX libraries)
- The completion of the transition of the majority of CPU and DISK resources deployed in SDCC environment to the new B725 datacenter is still expected to be achieved by the end of FY23
  - The vast majority of equipment purchased by SDCC starting from 2021Q3 is being placed in the new data center in preparation for the retirement of the oldest areas of B515 datacenter by Sep 30, 2023

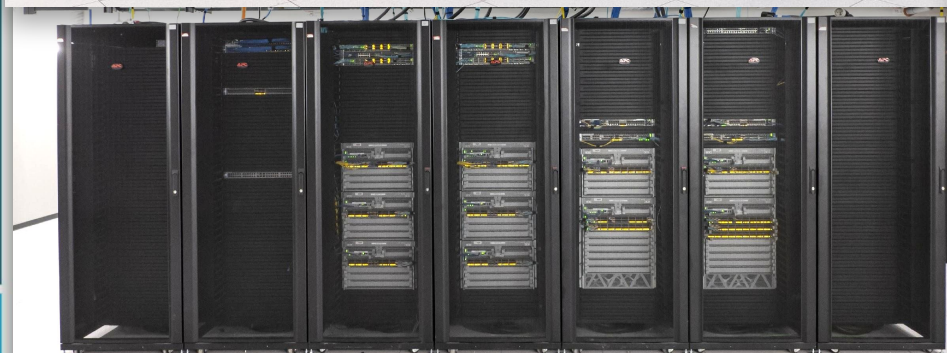


111 rack frames are already deployed in B725 Main Data Hall MDH

84 RDHx units deployed in B725 MDH, out of which 59 are on racks with equipment while 25 are deployed for the future growth



4x 8-frame IBM TS4500 tape libraries are installed in the B725 Tape Room



B725 Central Network Equipment Is Deployed & Active (10x 400 GbE ready Arista modular chassis with 48x line cards slots in total)

# High Throughput Computing

- Providing our users with ~1,900 HTC nodes:
  - ~90,000 logical cores
  - ~1050 kHS06
  - Managed by HTCondor
- Purchased 648 Supermicro SYS-610C-TR nodes for ATLAS and the RHIC experiments (~62k logical cores total)
  - 120 nodes just delivered , rest expect in May
  - Housed in 20 racks
  - System specs:
    - Dual Intel Ice Lake Xeon Gold 6336Y 24-core processors
    - 12x32 GB 3200 MHz ECC DDR4 RAM (384 GB total)
    - 4x2 TB SSD drives
    - 1U form factor
    - 10 Gbps NIC
- Will be purchasing some Supermicro ARM test nodes in April
  - With Ampere Altra CPUs
- All nodes running still running Scientific Linux (SL) 7
  - Preparations for an OS upgrade to Alma Linux in progress
- HTCondor 10.0 fully tested, and a rolling upgrade has begun



*Supermicro SYS-6019U-TR4 Servers*

# High Performance Computing

Currently supporting **5 HPC clusters**

- **Institutional Cluster gen1 (IC) (Retire in Fall)**
  - 216 HP XL190r Gen9 nodes with EDR IB
  - 108 nodes with 2x Nvidia K80
  - 108 nodes with 2x Nvidia P100
- **Skylake Cluster (Retire in Fall)**
  - 64 Dell PowerEdge R640 nodes with EDR IB
- **KNL Cluster (Retire in Fall)**
  - 142 KOI S7200AP nodes with dual rail Omnipath Gen.1 interconnect
- **ML Cluster**
  - 5 HP XL270d Gen10 nodes with EDR IB
  - Each node has 8x Nvidia V100
- **NSLS2 Cluster**
  - 32 Supermicro nodes with EDR IB
  - 13 nodes with 2x Nvidia V100

## Institutional Cluster gen2 (IC) phase 1

36 CPU only nodes + 12 nodes with GPU for CSI, CFN, delivered recently, testing now,

4 LQCD CPU only nodes on order

Specs: 2x Intel Xeon (Ice Lake)

- 512GB DDR4-3200 on CPU nodes
- 1TB DDR4-3200 on GPU nodes
- NDR200 InfiniBand interconnect (200Gbps per uplink)
- 4x Nvidia A100 80GB on GPU nodes

HPL performance from current IC gpu node: **~7.9 TF to ~60TF** IC gen2 GPU node. More than **7x**



*New IC Gen2 Cluster*

# Storage:

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## Disk

- **dCache:** ~74 PB
- **XROOTD:** ~11 PB
- **Lustre:** ~50 PB
- **GPFS:** ~9 PB + 3.4PB(raw) for IC Gen2 to be deployed soon
- **Home hosted S3 Storage for EIC : (now in house )**  
use native Object Storage(CEPH) & Federated ID access

## Tape

- Currently ~220 PB of data in HPSS with ~75k tapes
- 9 Oracle SL8500 and CSI TS4500 in old building.
- Four 8 frame TS4500 tape libraries and data movers

2 for ATLAS (LTO8)

2 for sPHENIX (LTO9)



# Redhat Virtualization

- Redhat Virtualization is end of life in 2024.
- Evaluating Openshift Virtualization and VMware.
  - Leaning towards VMware due to product maturity, features and pricing.
- Moving 600 VMs from RedHat Virtualization to VMware or Openshift will take time.
- Since RHEL7 is also EOL in 2024, we can rebuild RHEL7 VMs as RHEL8 VMs in the new virtualization platform.

## Global Utilization

### CPU

83% Available  
of 100%

Virtual resources - Committed: 707M, Allocated: 731M



### Memory

10.8 Available  
of 18.9 TiB

Virtual resources - Committed: 47M, Allocated: 48M



### Storage

95.6 Available  
of 120.1 TiB

Virtual resources - Committed: 34M, Allocated: 115M





- **Two OKD clusters**  
( sPhenix and ATLAS)  
**In production at SDCC**
  - Each have 7 nodes



## The Science Platform

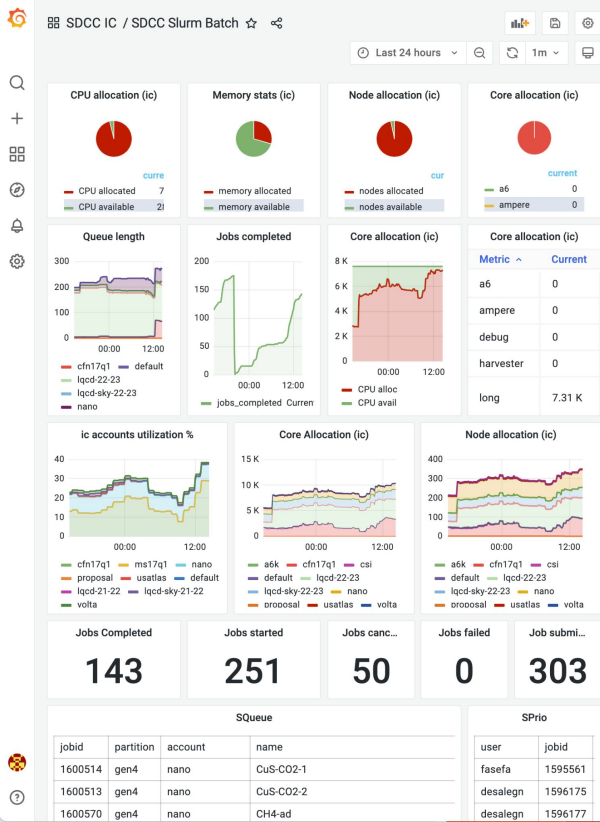
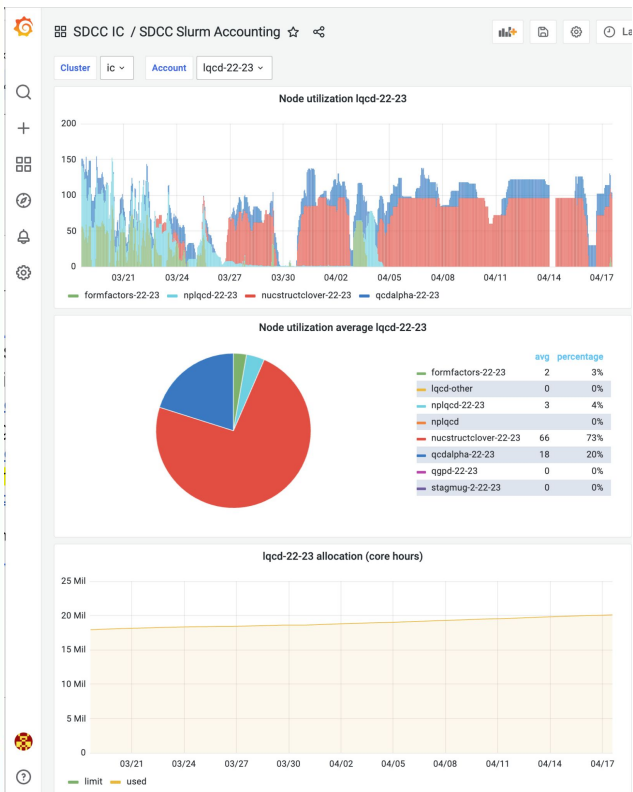
**A collaborative environment for server-side analysis with large datasets**

- Test instance: available for test users
- For production : 4 Compute nodes in purchase:  
Each with 8xH100 SXM GPUs



The image displays two screenshots. The top screenshot shows the OKD console interface in a browser, with a sidebar menu on the left containing options like Administrator, Home, Projects, Search, Explore, Events, Operators, Workloads, Networking, Services, Routes, Ingresses, Network Policies, Storage, Builds, User Management, and Administration. The main content area shows a 'Projects' table with columns for Name, Display Name, Status, and Requester. Two projects are listed: 'grafana' and 'mysql', both with a status of 'Active' and requested by 'chris'. The bottom screenshot shows the SciServer Dashboard, which features a header with 'SciServer Dashboard' and the tagline 'Data, Collaboration, Compute'. Below the header, there are three 'Your Activities' cards: 'Files' (5 Shared User Volumes, 5 Owned User Volumes), 'Groups' (0 Group Invitations, 0 Owned Groups), and 'Compute Jobs' (1 Job Running, 0 Jobs Completed in 24 hours). At the bottom, there are two 'SciServer Apps' cards: 'Compute' (Analyze data with interactive Jupyter notebooks in Python, R and MATLAB) and 'Compute Jobs' (Asynchronously run Jupyter notebooks in Python, R and MATLAB or commands). The footer of the dashboard includes the version 'SciServer - 2.x Dashboard - 2.1.2-328-g088d3a11' and logos for 'Powered by: idies' and 'JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY'.

# Monitoring (some need authentication)



# Allocation Usage for LQCD projects

## BNL SDCC LQCD Projects Usage Summary

### Institutional Cluster

#### (Sky Core Hours)

\*1 K80 GPU Hour = 33.25 SkyCore Hours

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Project	Cluster	Account	Start Date	End Date	Allocation	Allocation Usage	Allocation Usage(%)		Scavenger Usage		
	Annie-IC	lqcd-22-23	2022-07-01	2023-06-30	37,240,000	28,549,339		76.66%		9,826,847	
		Original SPC Allocation		Adjustment	Adjusted SPC Allocation	Usage	Progress(%)	Remain	30Day Usage	30Day BurnRate	
1	nucstructclover-22-23		6,317,500	(2,083,892)		4,233,608	3,724,648	87.98%	508,960	2,435,125	57.52%
2	nplqcd-22-23		8,977,500	2,700,905		11,678,405	9,217,236	78.93%	2,461,169	579,095	4.96%
3	stagmug-2-22-23		11,571,000	(5,946,210)		5,624,790	803,540	14.29%	4,821,250	0	0.00%
4	qcdalpha-22-23		3,391,500	608,536		4,000,036	3,191,717	79.79%	808,319	812,443	20.31%
5	formfactors-22-23		2,982,500	3,595,882		6,588,382	17,185,362	260.84%	0	447,554	6.79%
6	qgpd-22-23		3,990,000	1,124,781		5,114,781	4,252,234	83.14%	862,547	96,425	1.89%
7	UnAllocated:		0	(2)		-2	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%

### Skylake Cluster

#### (Sky Core Hours)

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Project	Cluster	Account	Start Date	End Date	Allocation	Allocation Usage	Allocation Usage(%)		Scavenger Usage		
	Skylake	lqcd-sky-22-23	2022-07-01	2023-06-30	15,750,000	13,731,545		87.18%		0	
		Original SPC Allocation		Adjustment	Adjusted SPC Allocation	Usage	Progress(%)	Remain	30Day Usage	30Day BurnRate	
1	qgpd-22-23		3,000,000	0		3,000,000	2,204,483	73.48%	795,517	0	0.00%
2	4plus8-sky-22-23		7,250,000	0		7,250,000	7,330,694	101.11%	0	548,769	7.57%
3	tworep-sky-22-23		5,500,000	0		5,500,000	4,196,367	76.30%	1,303,633	860,353	15.64%
4	class-c-etap-sky-22-23		20,000	0		20,000	0	0.00%	20,000	0	0.00%
5	UnAllocated:		-20,000	0		-20,000	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%

### KNL Cluster

#### (Sky Core Hours)

\*1 KNL CoreHour = 0.563 SkyCore Hours

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Project	Cluster	Account	Start Date	End Date	Allocation	Allocation Usage	Allocation Usage(%)		Scavenger Usage		
	Frances-KNL	lqcd-knl-22-23	2022-07-01	2023-06-30	7,910,150	24,710,198		312.39%		0	
		Original SPC Allocation		Adjustment	Adjusted SPC Allocation	Usage	Progress(%)	Remain	30Day Usage	30Day BurnRate	
1	stagscale-knl-22-23		4,363,250	0		4,363,250	17,156,849	393.21%	0	1,026,291	23.52%
2	qcdqeda-knl-22-23		3,546,900	0		3,546,900	7,226,256	203.73%	0	2,222,658	62.66%
3	class-c-ft-hmc-knl-22-23		19,705	0		19,705	0	0.00%	19,705	0	0.00%
4	class-c-stagnucff-knl-22-23		0	0		0	327,094	0.00%	0	0	0.00%
5	UnAllocated:		-19,705	0		-19,705	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%

# USQCD Access to SDCC Resources

- Current resources allocated 3 Clusters (7/1/2022-6/30/2023)
  - 657k node-hour allocation on CPU-GPU cluster used ~75% (88% if include scavenger)
  - 508k node-hour allocation on SKY cluster ~75%
  - 262k node-hour allocation on KNL cluster ~ 262%
  - 800 TB of GPFS disk storage
  - Tape Storage:
    - Total LQCD data on tape : ~4.4PB (since 1/2020 )
    - Include Long Term Archive currently ~3.1 PB
- Next allocation Year , we only have 3 month for those clusters available  
Please avoid slow start which often happens during summer !
- Usage policy
  - LQCD Jeopardy Policy (penalty/reward) apply at end of each month.
  - Opportunistic lower priority and scavenger qos available for LQCD after sub-project allocation used up.  
Scavenger Usage does not count towards LQCD allocation ! Job subject to preemption.

# User Support

- Facility website [www.sdcc.bnl.gov](http://www.sdcc.bnl.gov) .
  - New accounts
    - Instructions on website
    - Usually ~24 hours for SDCC to process after verification

However BNL new user guest appointment could take some time. Always apply as early as possible.
  - User support requests (tickets)
    - SDCC policy is to respond within 3 business days. Majority is resolved within this period
  - **!!! Please do contact us or submit ticket when could not find some information you need.**

You may miss the right pages from browsing SDCC web site.
- Bi-weekly meetings between facility staff and program/experimental Liaisons
  - Agenda on <https://indico.bnl.gov/category/200/>
  - Remote access via ZoomGov—Minutes of meeting posted for those who cannot join in person or remotely

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