



BNL Network Status

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BNL

- Supports multiple experiments in various disciplines.
 - Local
 - RHIC; STAR, PHENIX, sPHENIX
 - EIC (future)
 - NSLSII
 - CFN
 - Remote
 - [ATLAS](#), [Belle II](#), etc...



CFN

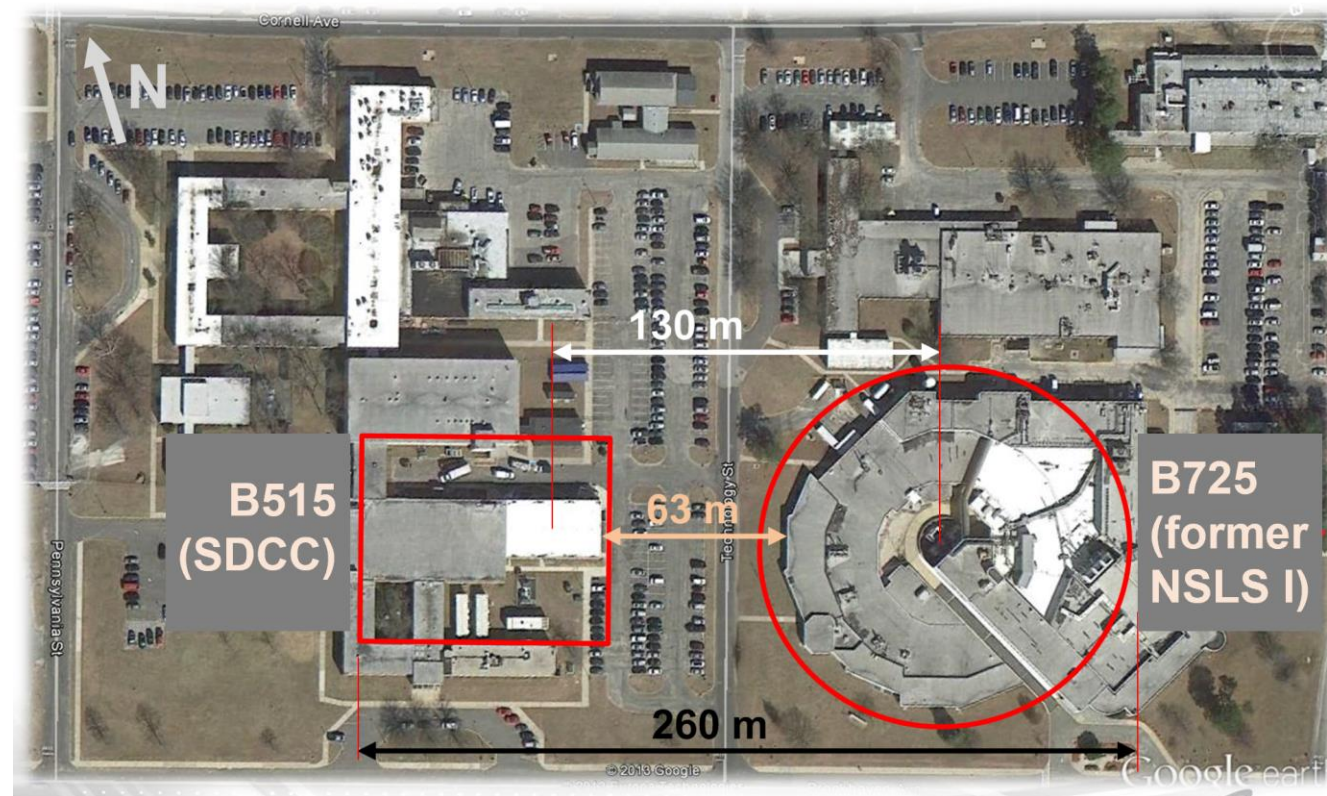


NSLSII

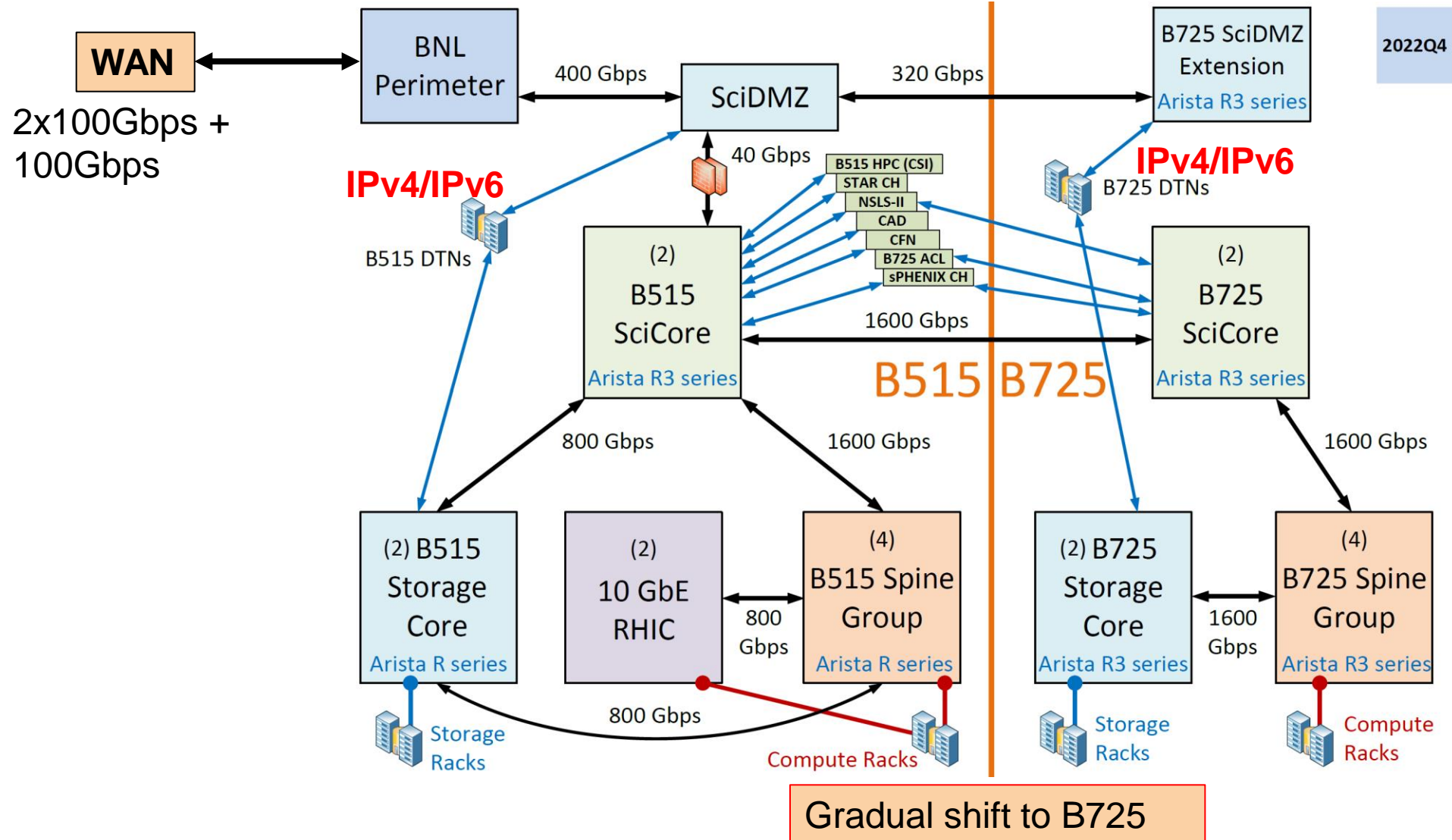
Two physical locations

- B515
 - Existing equipment remains until retirement
- B725 (former NSLSI)
 - All new equipment are installed

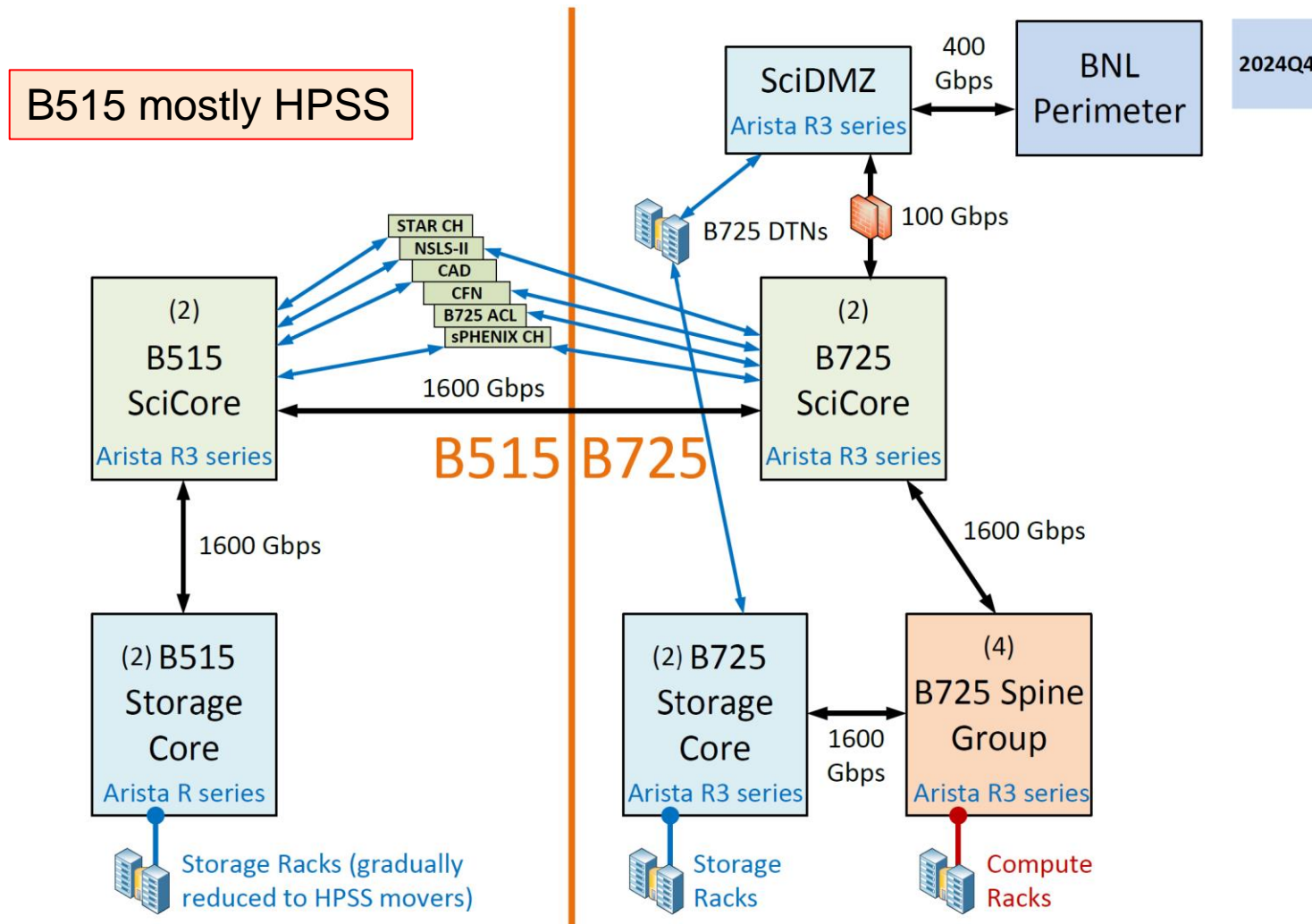
B515 & B725 Data Centers



Network diagrams now



Network Diagram 2024

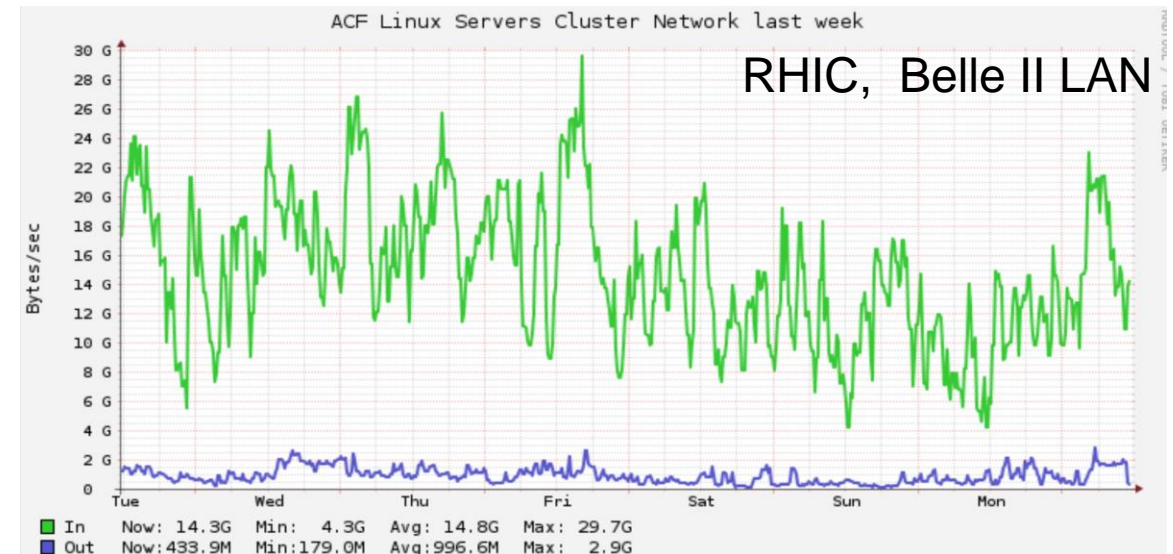
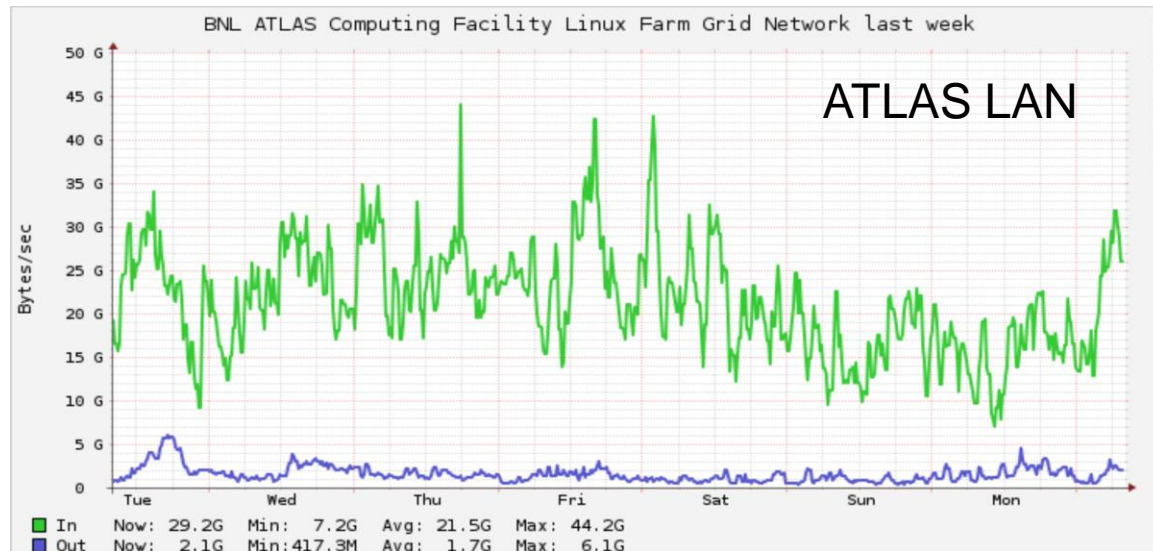
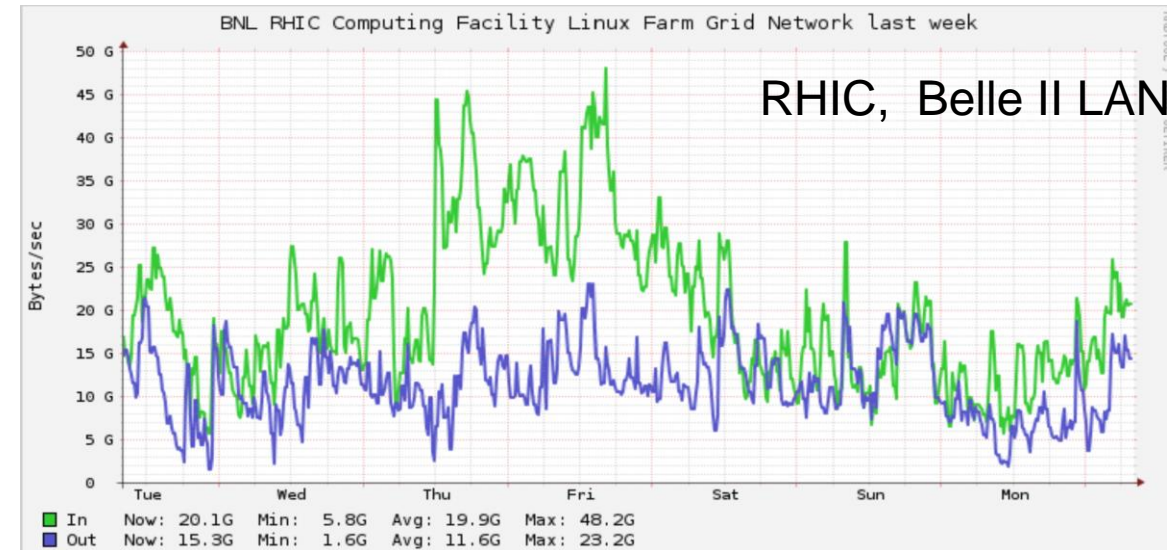
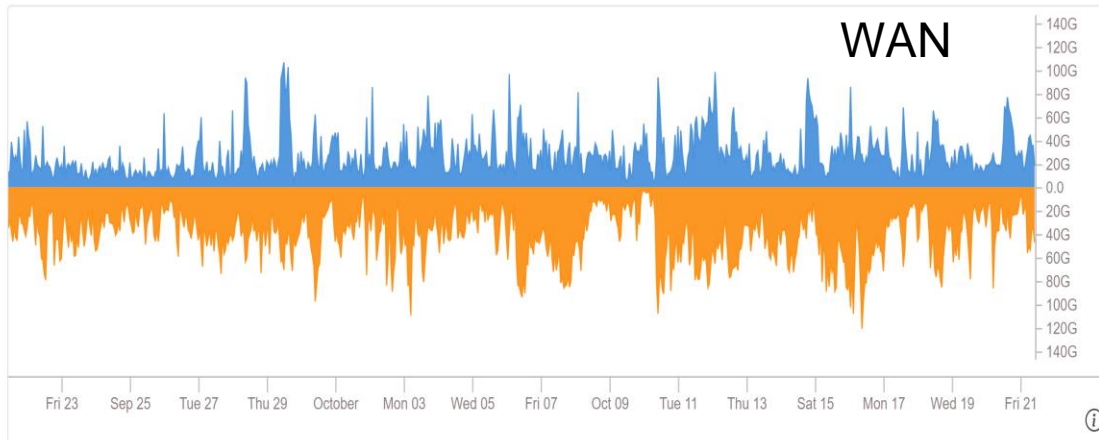


Network throughput

TOTAL SITE TRAFFIC

Last updated an hour ago

■ To site ■ From site



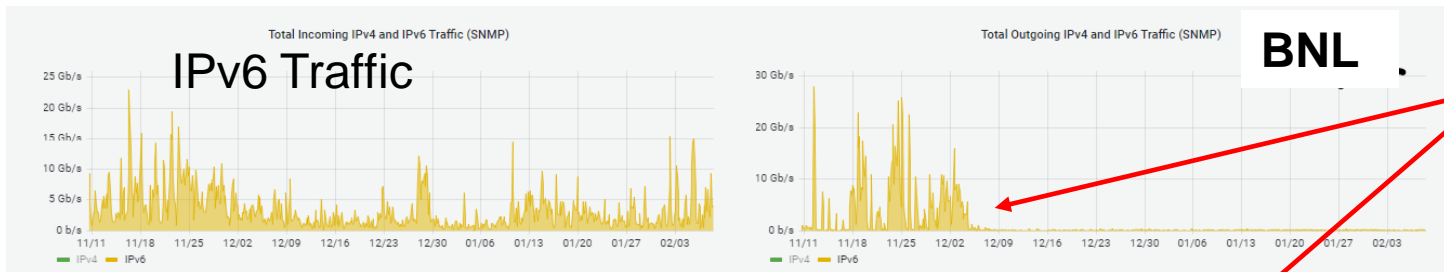
IPv6 at BNL and its disappearance puzzle

- BNL has enabled dual stack 2016.
- It was confirmed to be using IPv6 at that time.

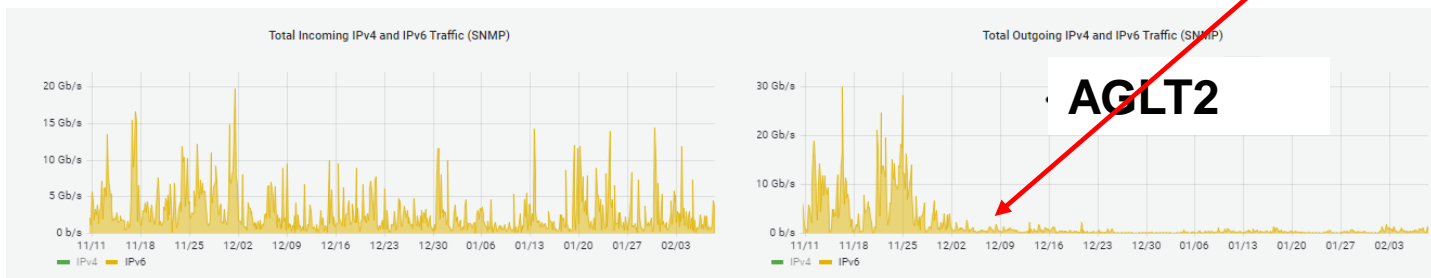
Disappearance Puzzle???

2021-2022

Network monitor is showing the large throughput in IPv4.
(Edoardo...)



Where did they go?



Solution to the puzzle

Only change
2021 ATLAS went from SRM/GridFTP to WebDAV

RFC3484

Another effect of the default policy table is to prefer communication using IPv6 addresses to communication using IPv4 addresses, if matching source addresses are available.



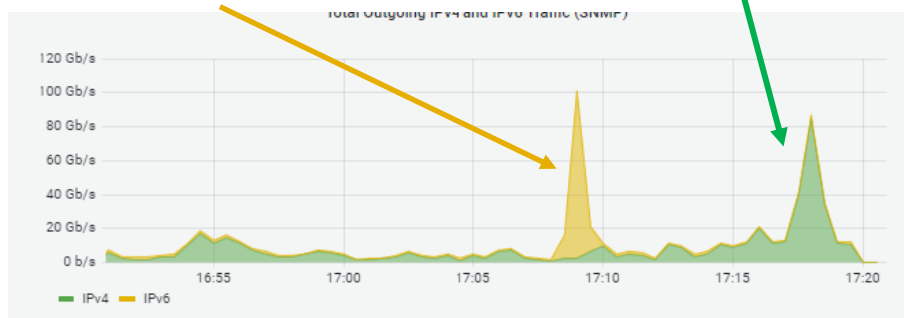
`java.net.preferIPv6Addresses` (default: **false**)

When dealing with a host which has both IPv4 and IPv6 addresses, and if IPv6 is available on the operating system, the default behavior is to prefer using IPv4 addresses over IPv6 ones.

Manual Test

SRM/GridFTP

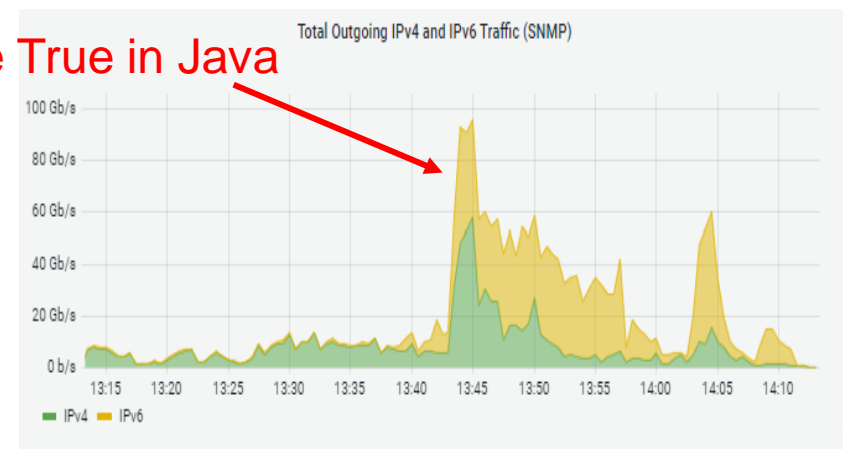
WebDAV



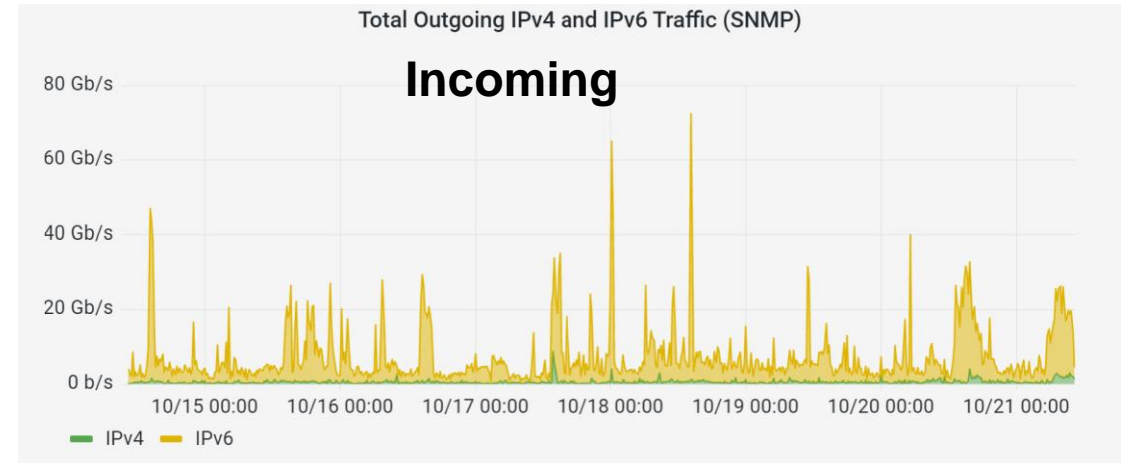
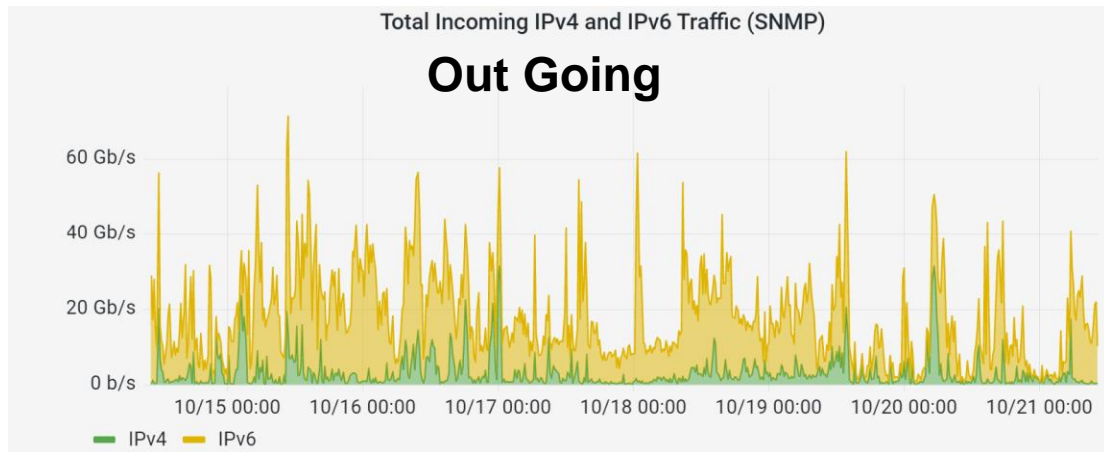
WebDAV doesn't use IPv6!!!

FTS does not specify IPv6 for WebDAV transfer while it does for SRM/GridFTP because WebDAV does not have such a option. -> It is using whatever default!

Set IPv6 Preference True in Java

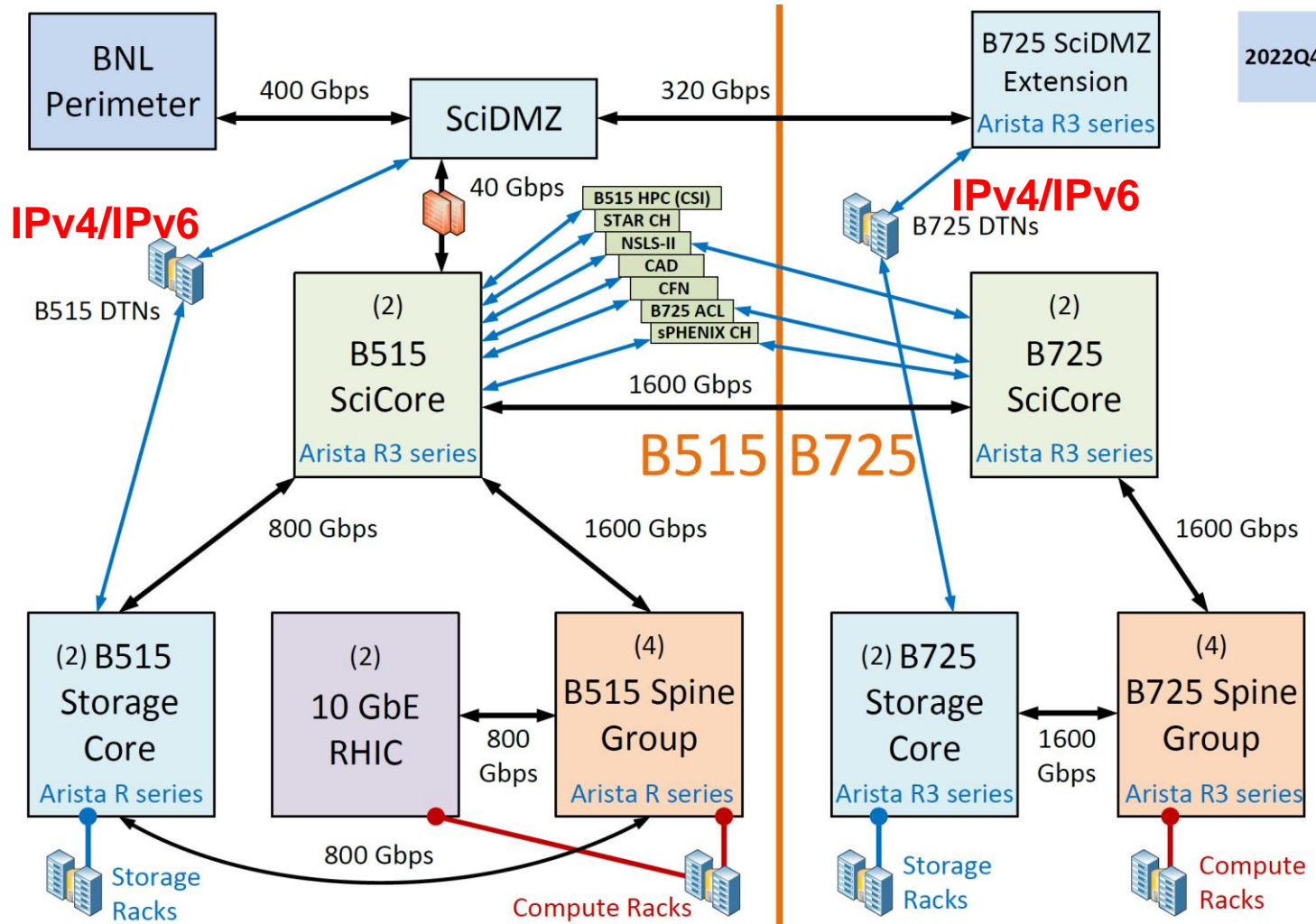


IPv4 vs IPv6 Network throughput



- Still some IPv4
- Whether IPv4 or IPv6 transfer is determined by the destination storage.
 - Incoming transfers in the above plot is determined by BNL while that of the outgoing transfers is by remote destinations.
 - More IPv4 traffic in outgoing while not too much in incoming => Some remote destinations are still misconfigured or not supporting IPv6

Toward IPv6 Only testing



- Dual stack
 - DTNs
 - Storages
- IPv4
 - Worker nodes
 - CVMFS
 - All management services
 - Ssh gateway
 - Configuration and Build management system

Started the process of setting up IPv6 only setup

Conclusions

- BNL network supports all existing experiments well while migrating data center without impact.
- BNL has a plan to support any additional requirements for the future need by the experiments.
- BNL can identify and resolve network issues seen by the experiments.
- BNL has started the process of setting up IPv6 only testing.