

SNEWS Update

Neutrino 2014

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- What's new since Nu2012
- Review of operational mode/nomenclature
- Operational mode history
- Other notes

Since last SNEWS meeting at Neutrino 2012:

- **Server code has been running with very little downtime at BNL;**
regular shift checks by SNEWS 'subgroup'
bnlboom1 now virtualized
- **Backup server at the U. of Bologna also running smoothly**
 - receives alarms from clients
 - email output only enabled if other server or BNL network disabled (few times per year)
 - part of regular shift check
- **Grant from NSF through mid-2015**
(undergrad+outreach+travel)
will reapply this fall

Operational Mode History

Since Spring 2009: operational mode **4.0**
SK+LVD+ Borexino+IceCube

Since Fall 2013: operational mode **5.0**
SK+LVD+Borexino+IceCube+KamLAND

Very soon: **6.0**, with Daya Bay
(extensive testing period complete)

Packet Types

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PING: test only

ALARM: action depends on level flag

RETRACTION: remove alarm from queue in
time windows (for given expt)

Level flags (decided by individual experiment)

TEST: for test queue

POSSIBLE: for alarm queue, lower quality

GOOD: for alarm queue, all OK

RETRACTED: removal packet (redundant)

OVERRIDE: for alarm queue, confirmed good

Coincidence Alert Types

**GOLD alert: clean, unambiguous
AUTOMATED alert, to
experimenters and astronomers**

**SILVER alert: coincidence with
one or more problems, to
experimenters only (NOT lost, just delayed)**

- calibration or other tag on any alarm
- too few in coincidence at distant locations
- history of high rate

Experiments define procedure for each

GOLD alert must have *all* of the following conditions met: (otherwise, it's SILVER)

1. A two- or more fold coincidence within 10 seconds



→ modify for more experiments

2. At least two experiments at different laboratories



3. Two or more alarms flagged as GOOD



4. Rate of alarms in past time intervals for at least 2 experiments involved must not be too high



(require $<1/100$ yr accidental coincidence)

Notes on Rate Lookback Criterion

For intervals $\{T_i\}=\{10 \text{ min}, 1 \text{ hr}, 10 \text{ hr}, 1 \text{ d}, 3 \text{ d}, 1 \text{ wk}, 1 \text{ mo}\}$

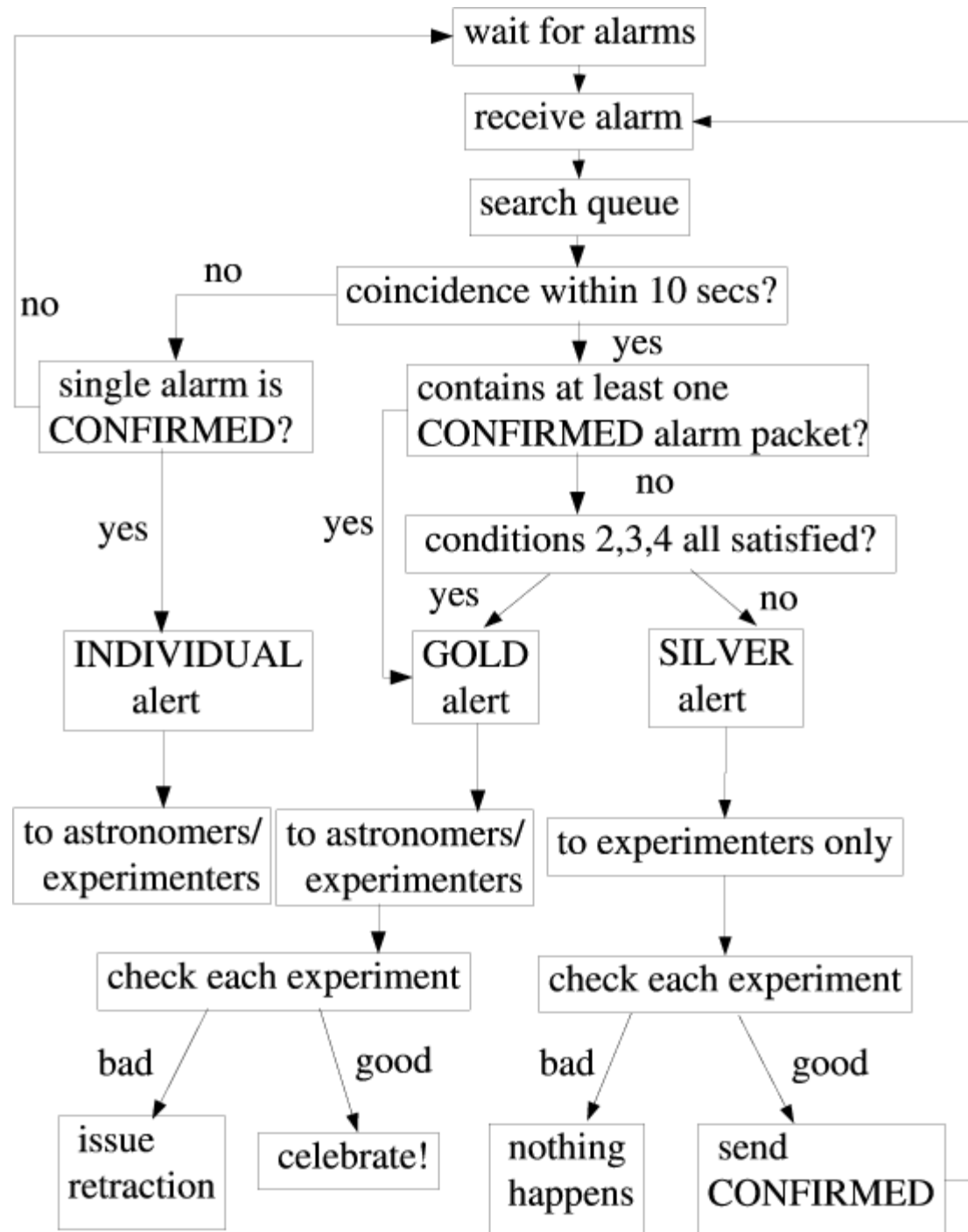
require *consistency with specified rate*,
depending on no. of active experiments

**For the $\{n_i\}$ alarms sent by each experiment,
require the Poisson probabilities $\{P_i\}$**

$$\mathcal{P}_i = \sum_{n=n_i}^{\infty} (\lambda_{\max} T_i)^n e^{-\lambda_{\max} T_i} / n!$$

each to be greater than P_{thr}

Flowchart



Alert Dissemination

- PGP-signed email sent to `snews-alert` mailing list maintained at BNL
(anyone can sign up)
- Addresses include Sky&Telescope AstroAlert mailing list
- Subscriber list is private for SPAM/security reasons but is available upon request
- 'Express-line' output to experiments upon request
(+ ANTARES, LIGO)

Planned Downtime Table

This table is automatically generated.

NOTE THAT ALL TIMES ARE IN UTC

Only recent entries are printed.

Entry No.	Experiment	Start Date and Time				End Date and Time				Grade	Comment
		Year	Month	Day	Hour	Year	Month	Day	Hour		

Grading corresponds to the following rough levels:

- Red: Detector is completely dead.
- Yellow: Detector is mostly sensitive to a supernova burst but alarm is offline (e.g. during calibrations).
- Green: Detector is on but alarm is offline.

Click [here](#) to download an entry form.

Problems, questions, suggestions? Send email to snews-downtime@snews.bnl.gov

Planned Downtime Entry Form

Entry number:

☒ New ☐ Modify ☐ Delete

Name of person entering record:

E-mail:

Experiment:

ANONE (The Almost Never Off Neutrino Experiment)
IceCube
KamLAND
LVD
Borexino
Super-Kamiokande

Short descriptive comment (e.g., "Calibration", "Power Outage", etc.):

Start of Downtime:

Year:	Month:	Day:	Hour:	Minute:	Time Zone:
2010	January	1	00		UTC
2011	February	2	01		America/Montreal
2012	March	3	02	00	Asia/Tokyo
2013	April	4	03	15	US/Eastern
2014	May	5	04	30	US/Central
	June	6	05	45	US/Mountain
	July	7	06		US/Pacific
	August	8	07		Europe/Rome

Summary

**SNEWS server running smoothly at BNL
with backup at Bologna:**

SK IV, LVD, Borexino, IceCube, KamLAND
DB soon!

**Version 5.0 of operational mode in effect,
6.0 soon**

Don't forget about the downtime page