

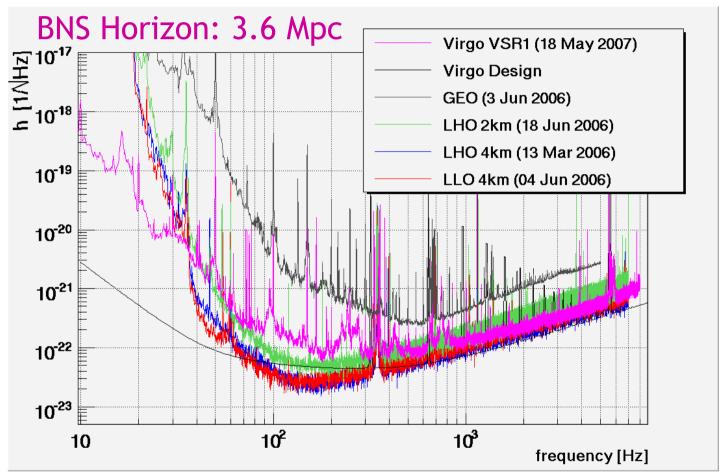
# Virgo Status

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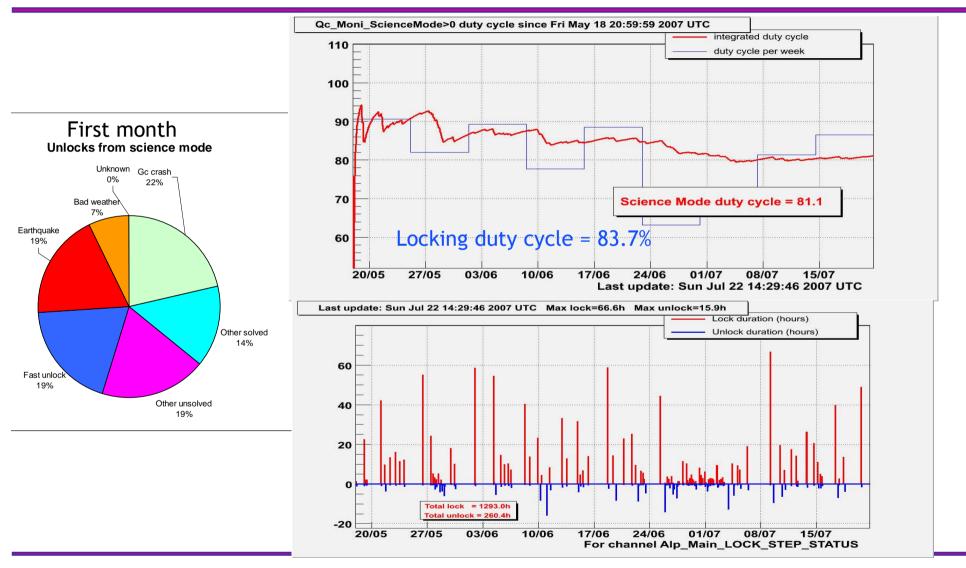
# Virgo Sensitivity



Virgo Science Run 1 (VSR1) started on May 18th

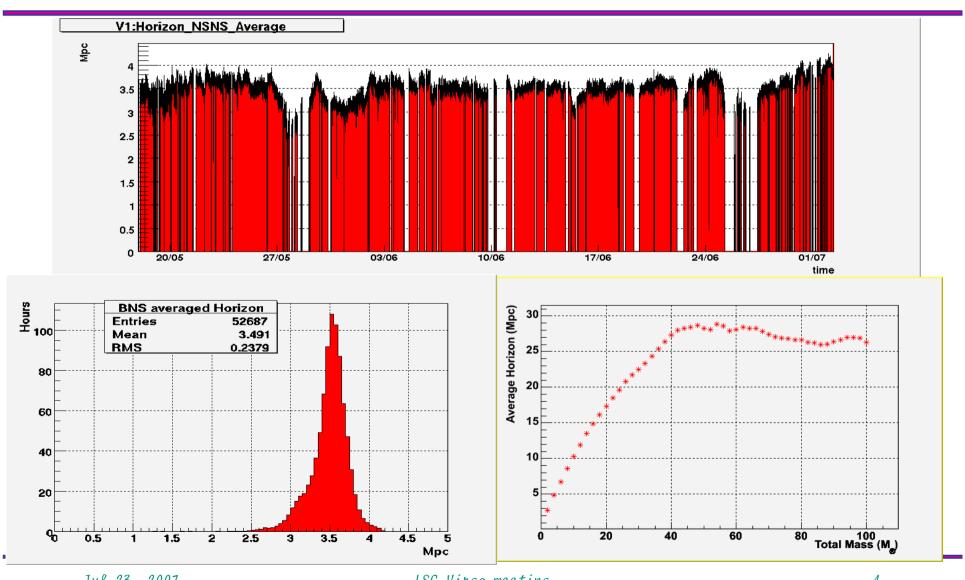


## VSR1 duty cycle





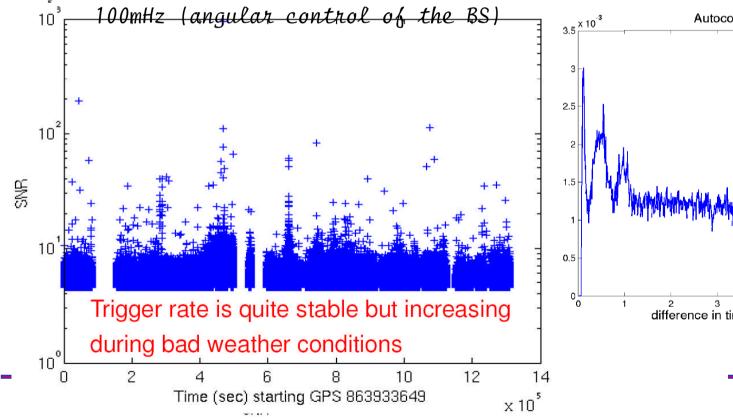
## VSR1 horizon for inspiral sources

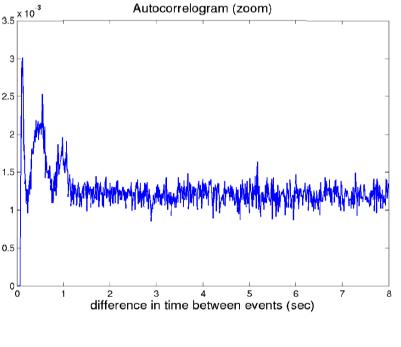


# ((O)))Bursts: first looks at first month of VSR1

- · Peak correlator analysis of the first month of run
  - ◆ Reasonable distribution with some tails, decaying rapidly.
  - ◆ Trigger rate about 0.13 Hz @ SNR 5 (no DQ applied), rather stable.

◆ Autocorrelogram was showing structures at 0.6Hz (suspension) and

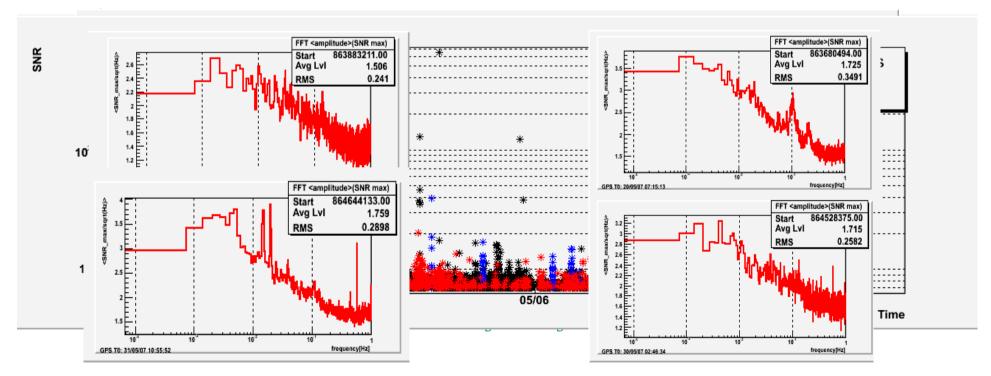






# Inspiral: first look at first month of VSR1

- BNS search [0.9 3] M
  - ◆ Reprocessed data (beginning) + online analysis
  - ◆ Raw trigger distributions and fluctuations appear better than during WSRs
  - ◆ Commissioning people identified the origin of some of the loudest events
  - ◆ First tests with vetoes appear promising.
  - ◆ For most of the time, no particular spectral features in the SNR time series





#### From VSR1 to Virgo+

#### • Target:

Virgo+ online at the same time of eLIGO (i.e. mid-2009) with a sensitivity as good as the one of eLIGO.

- Post VSR1/fall 2007:
  - ◆ Several months of commissioning (low and mid frequency)
- 2008
  - ◆ Install the different part of the Virgo+ upgrade in a few bunches
- 2009
  - ◆ Global commissioning
  - ◆ Start the second Virgo Science Run (VSR2) around mid 2009

Our priority is to complete the Virgo+ installation in due time



#### Virgo+ definition

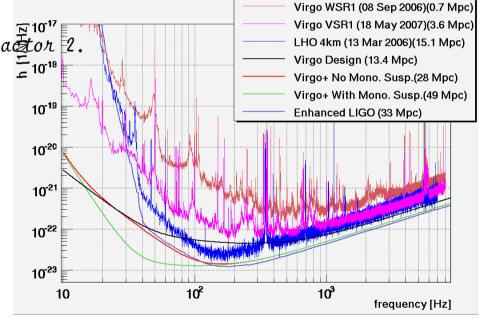
- The exact Virgo+ definition, is still under discussion
- Goal: provide a sensitivity (inspiral horizon) at least as

good as eLIGO,

◆ better than the Virgo design by a factor 2.

• Virgo+ baseline

- ◆ Increase of the laser power.
- ◆ Thermal Compensation System
- ◆ New mirrors, higher finesse
- ◆ New reference mass
- ◆ New electronic
- ◆ Monolithic suspension (?)
  - » Very challenging
  - » Science interest
  - » Prepare the Advanced version of the detector
- Last April: first review of the Virgo+ proposed upgrades.
- Next fall: second review





## Vata taking during Virgo+ preparation

We believe that the best strategy to increase our chance to observe an event is to move as soon as possible to Virgo+.

- Keep the priority for detector improvement and commissioning.
- Take each opportunity to collect data in "astrowatch" mode.
  - ◆ The length of these short data taking will not be driven by the data analysis needs
- This Strategy was presented during the July EGO council meeting
  - ◆ No request to change it.



#### Advanced Virgo

#### • Goal

- ◆ Sensitivity 10 times beyond Virgo design
- ◆ Back online at 2013-2014 horizon

#### • Main foreseen changes

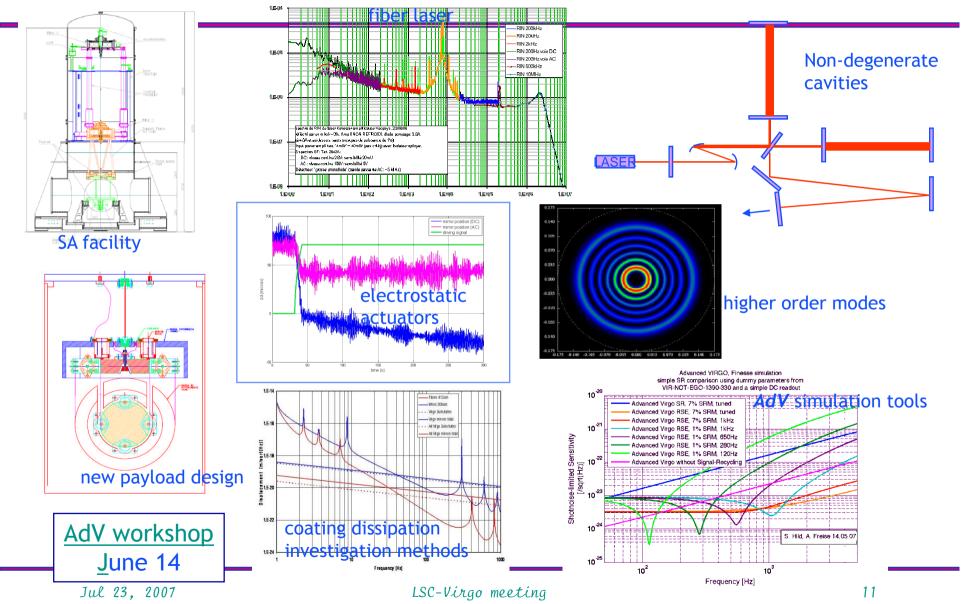
- ◆ Higher laser power
- ◆ Signal recycling
- ◆ Heavier mirrors
- ◆ Better coatings
- ◆ Beam waist position

#### • Effort ramping up

- ◆ Priority put on commissioning and Virgo+
- Structure in place
  - ◆ Working groups, coordinators
  - ◆ Institutions expect first design and cost for the end of the year

Suspensions already compliant with advanced design

#### June 14th AdV Workshop - Some Topics





#### Other news

- Collaboration composition
  - ◆ INFN Genova has joint the Virgo collaboration
  - ◆ Few people from INFN Padova-Trento asked to join the Virgo Collaboration » G. Prodi + 3 persons. (part time)
- The Einstein Telescope (E.T.) Design Study proposal "almost" approved
  - ◆ Joint European proposal (GEO + Virgo)
  - ◆ Underground, 30km beam pipe, Advanced suspension, Low thermal noise...

