



**Status of coalescing binaries search  
activities in Virgo**  
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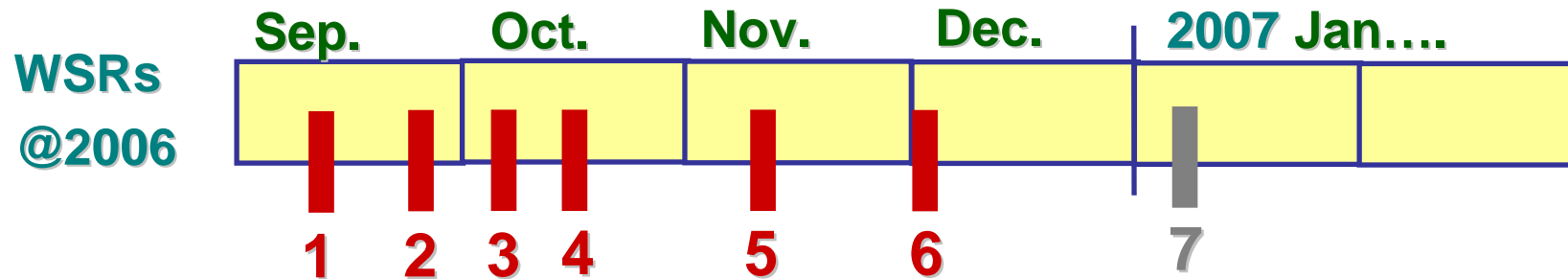
# Introduction on Coalescing Binaries activities:

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## The Virgo CB group tasks:

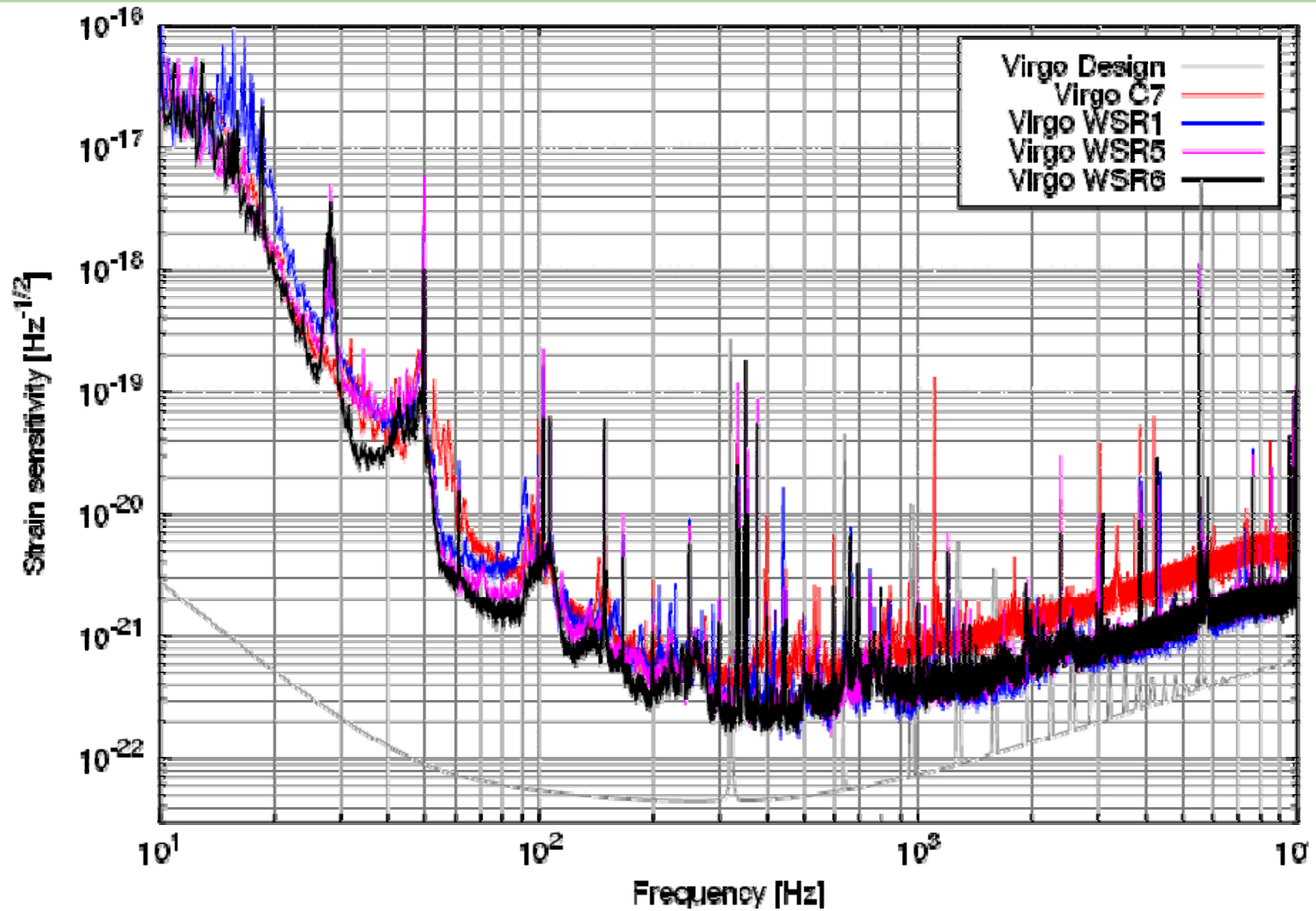
- Binary Neutron Stars search
  - Two pipelines up and running (online and offline)
  - Detector non-stationarity still significant
  - Vetoes
- We are working to extend to:
  - non spinning Black Hole
  - Spinning binaries
  - High mass ratio binary system
- Network Analysis
  - Small scale real data exchange between LIGO and Virgo
  - Coherent analysis
  - Timing accuracy

# Weekly Science Runs (WSR)



- WSR stands for *Periodic Weekend Data Taking*
- Collect “**Science mode**” data without any experiment performed on the detector
- The interferometer run in recycled “**science mode**”
- Take data in controlled conditions to exercise data analysis procedures
- Give some **feedback** to commissioning
- Only “**calibration**” and “**hardware injection**” are allowed (CB and Burst signals).
- **On-line** data analysis is performed running the Multi-Band and Merlino CB Analysis processes.
- ITF status and behaviour monitoring
- **Off-line** analysis

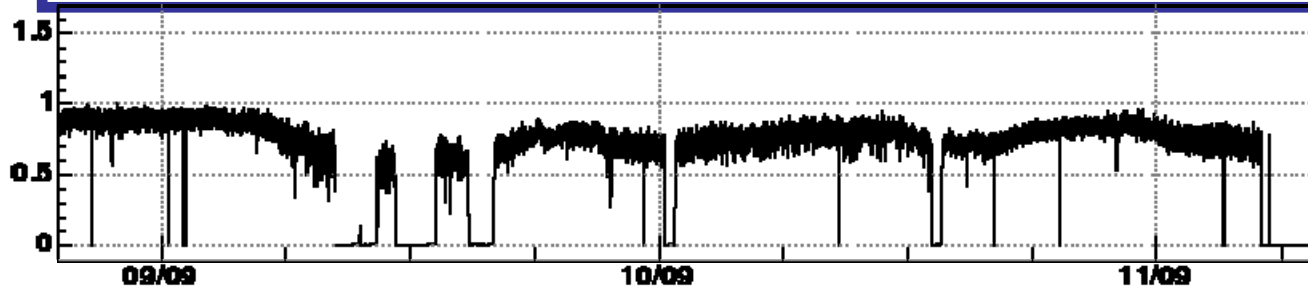
# Data Quality: WSRs sensitivity



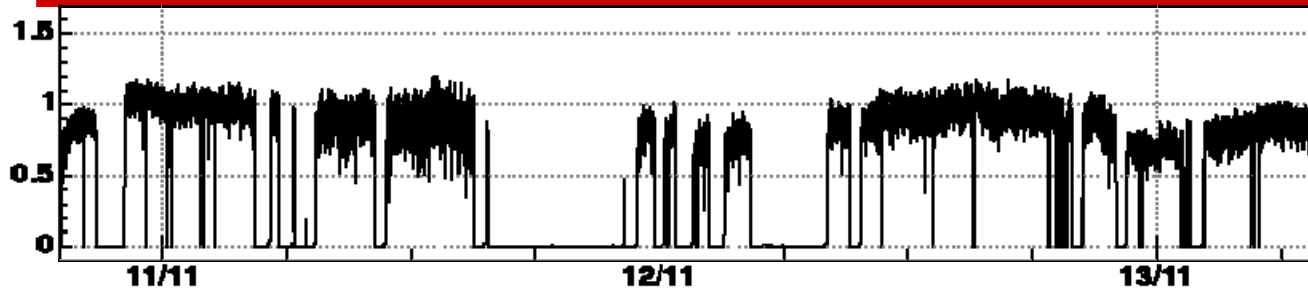
# horizon distance and sensitivity

Averaged Horizon for NS NS [Mpc]

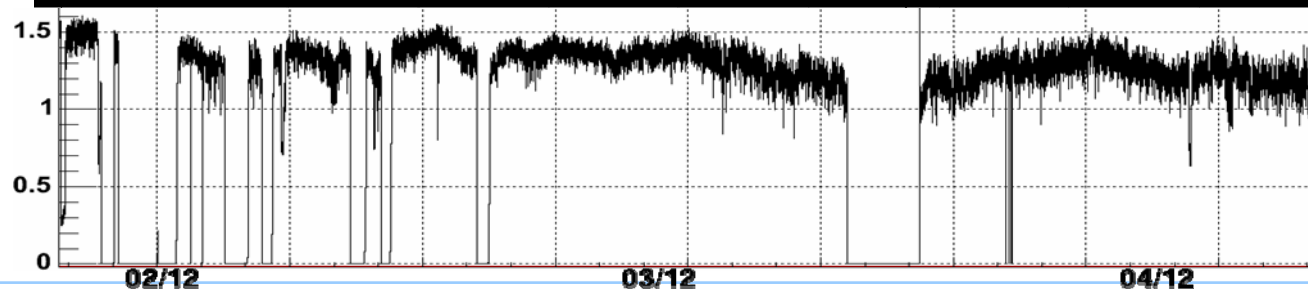
**WSR1:** Duty cycle 87.7% - Longest lock 15 h



**WSR5:** Duty cycle 64.2% - Longest lock 10 h

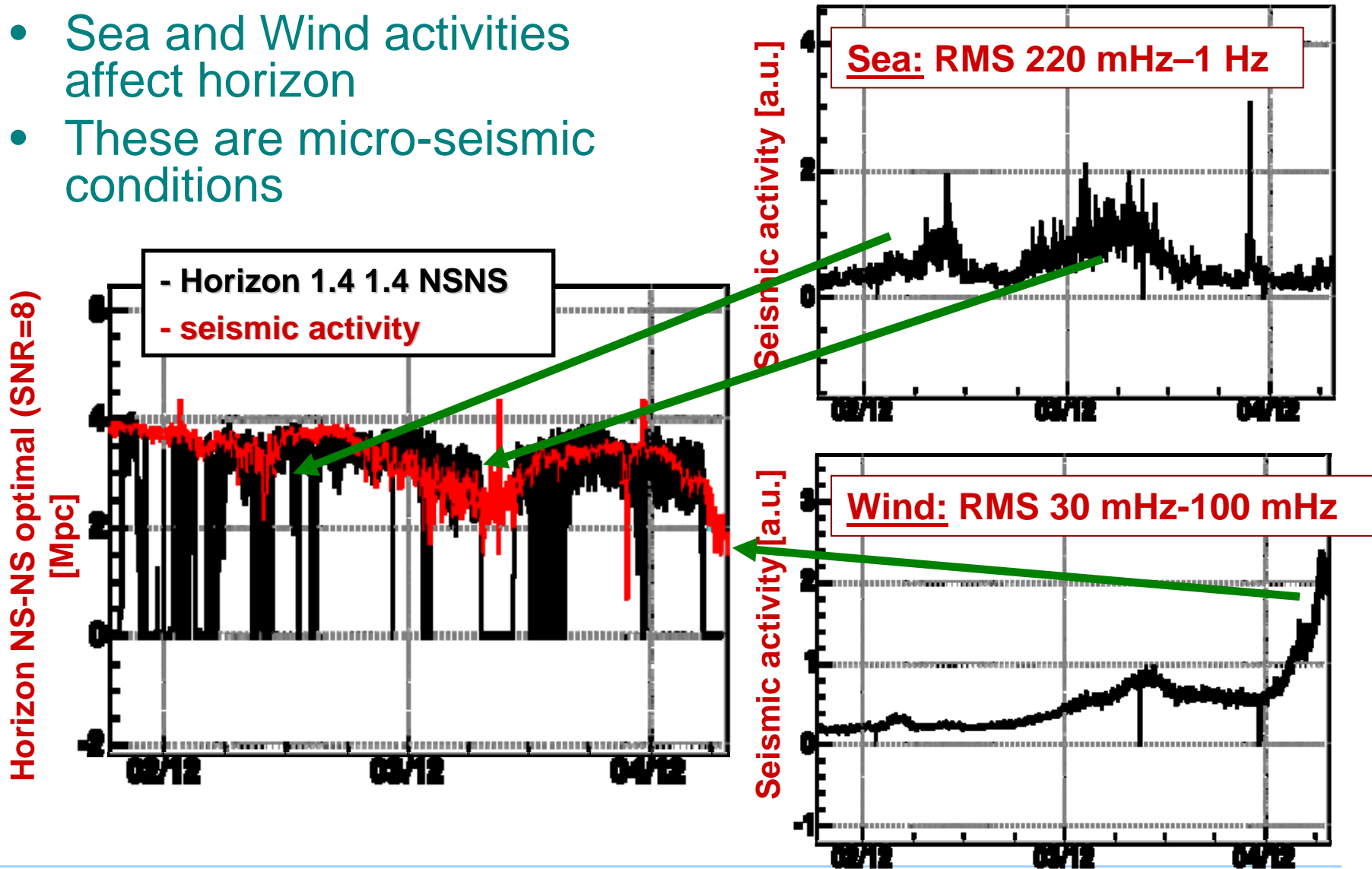


**WSR6:** Duty cycle 80.5% - Longest lock 18 h



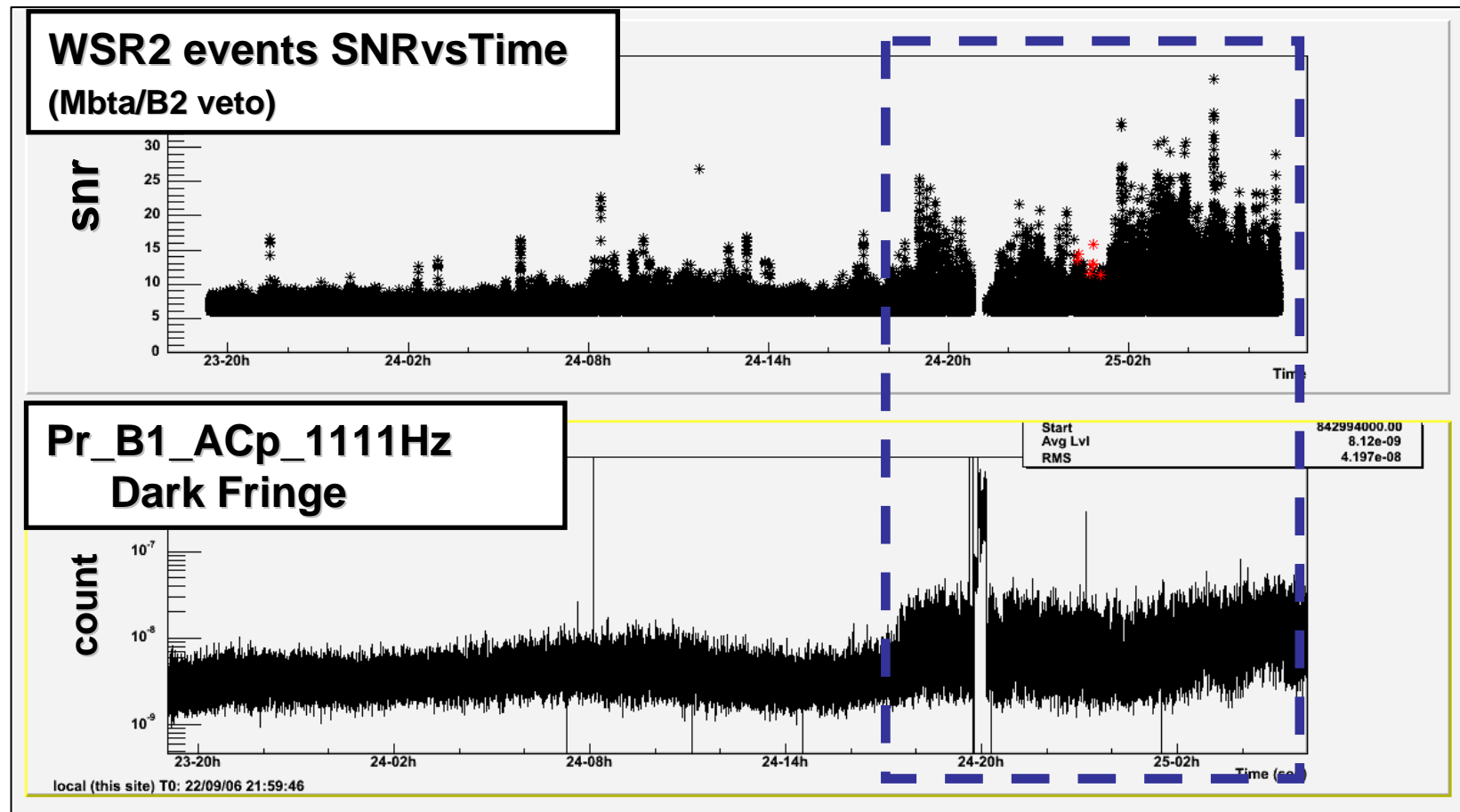
# Horizon distance and environmental conditions

- Sea and Wind activities affect horizon
- These are micro-seismic conditions



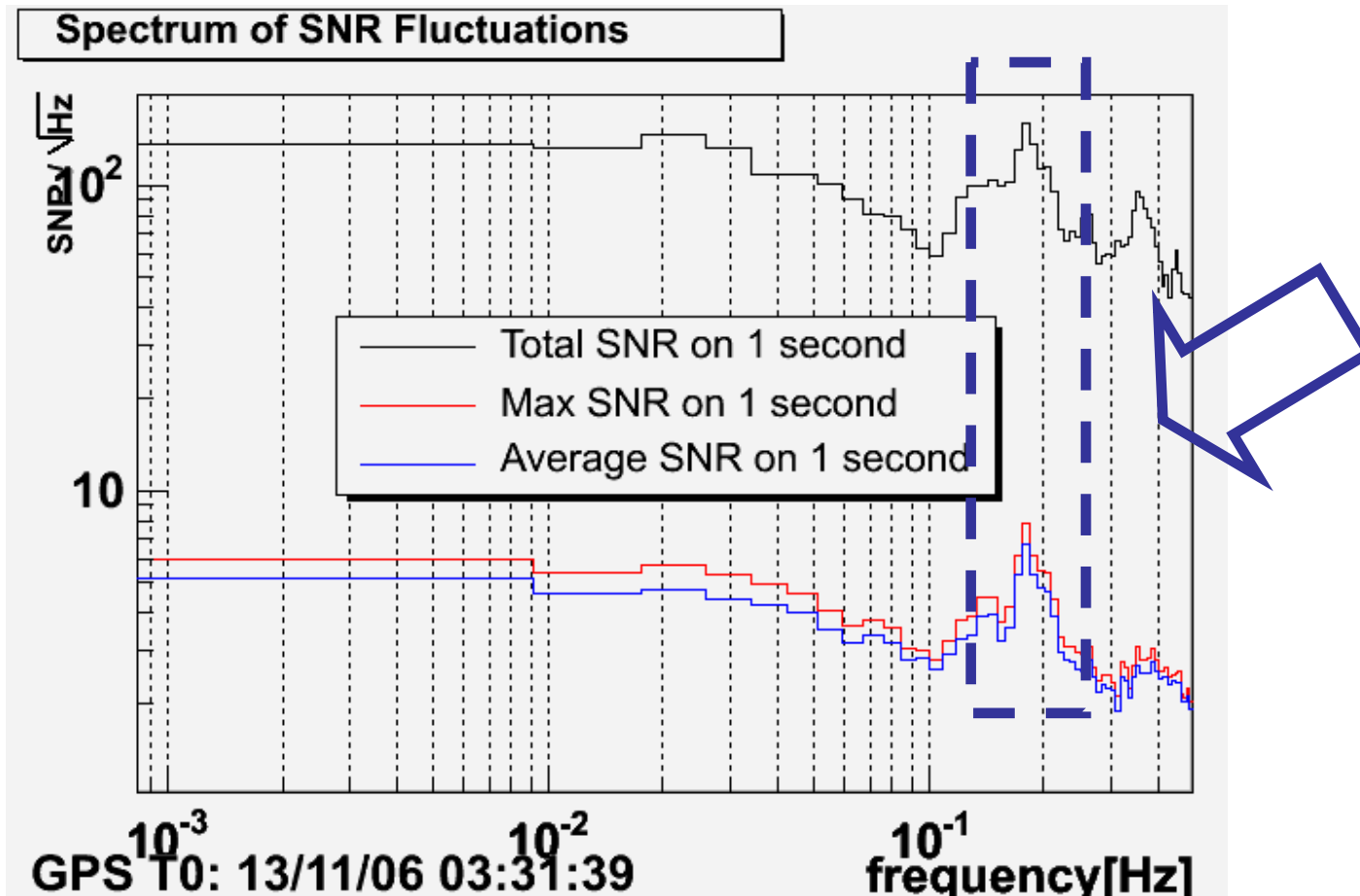
# Triggers amplitude and detector behavior

- CB trigger rate correlated to amplitude of laser frequency line injected at 1111 Hz, measuring the coupling of frequency noise to the dark fringe



# Trigger rate and detector behavior

- Correlation between CB trigger rate and micro seismic peak





# WSR: CB hardware injections

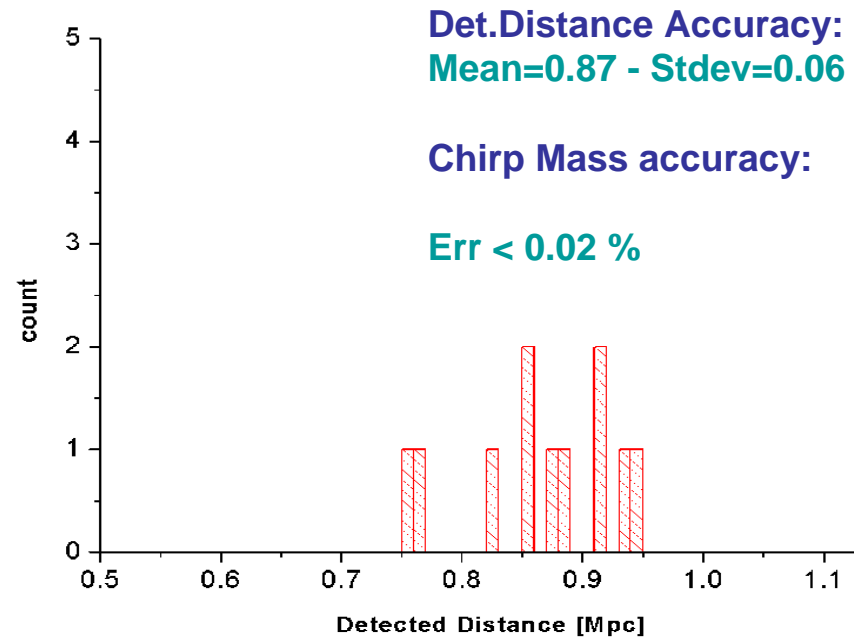
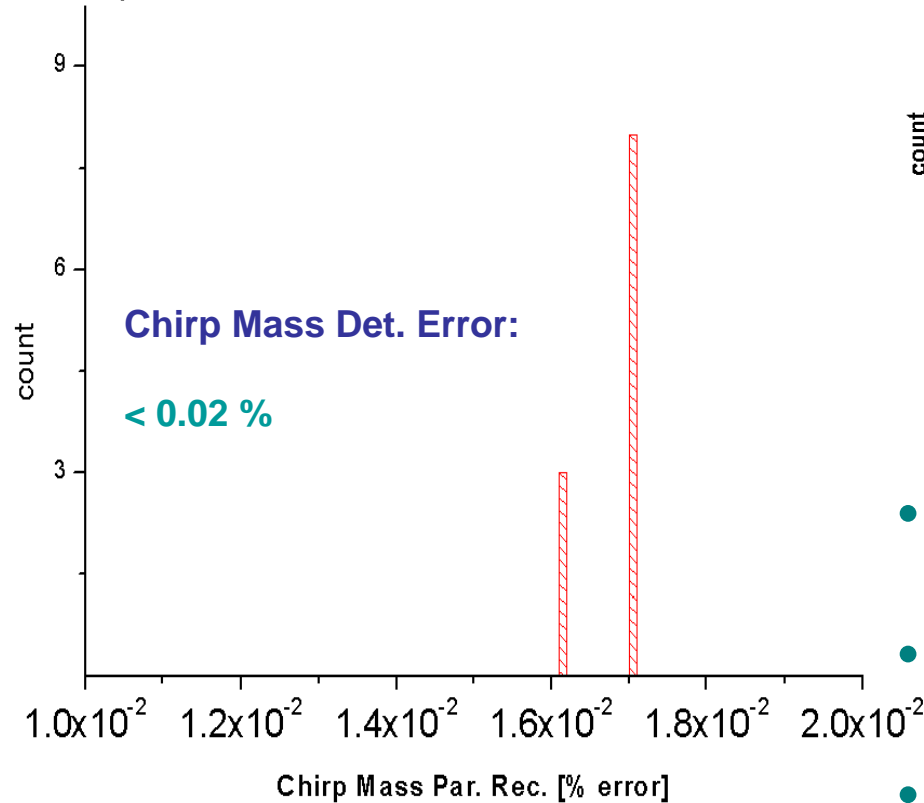
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- Hardware Injections
  - This activity is performed in the first and last run night
  - CB signals and Burst signals are injected
  - A single Taylor CB signal with  $[1.39; 1.47]$ Ms and  $f_l=50$
- Analysis parameters
  - The template bank covers the  $[0.9-3]$  Ms space
  - 98% minimal match
  - Threshold  $SNR=6$  and Chi2 veto
  - Data clustered with 10ms time

# WSR Hardware Injection: parameters reconstruction WSR 5 (e.g. Merlino)

M\_WSR5 - HJ1 - Detected Distance Histogram

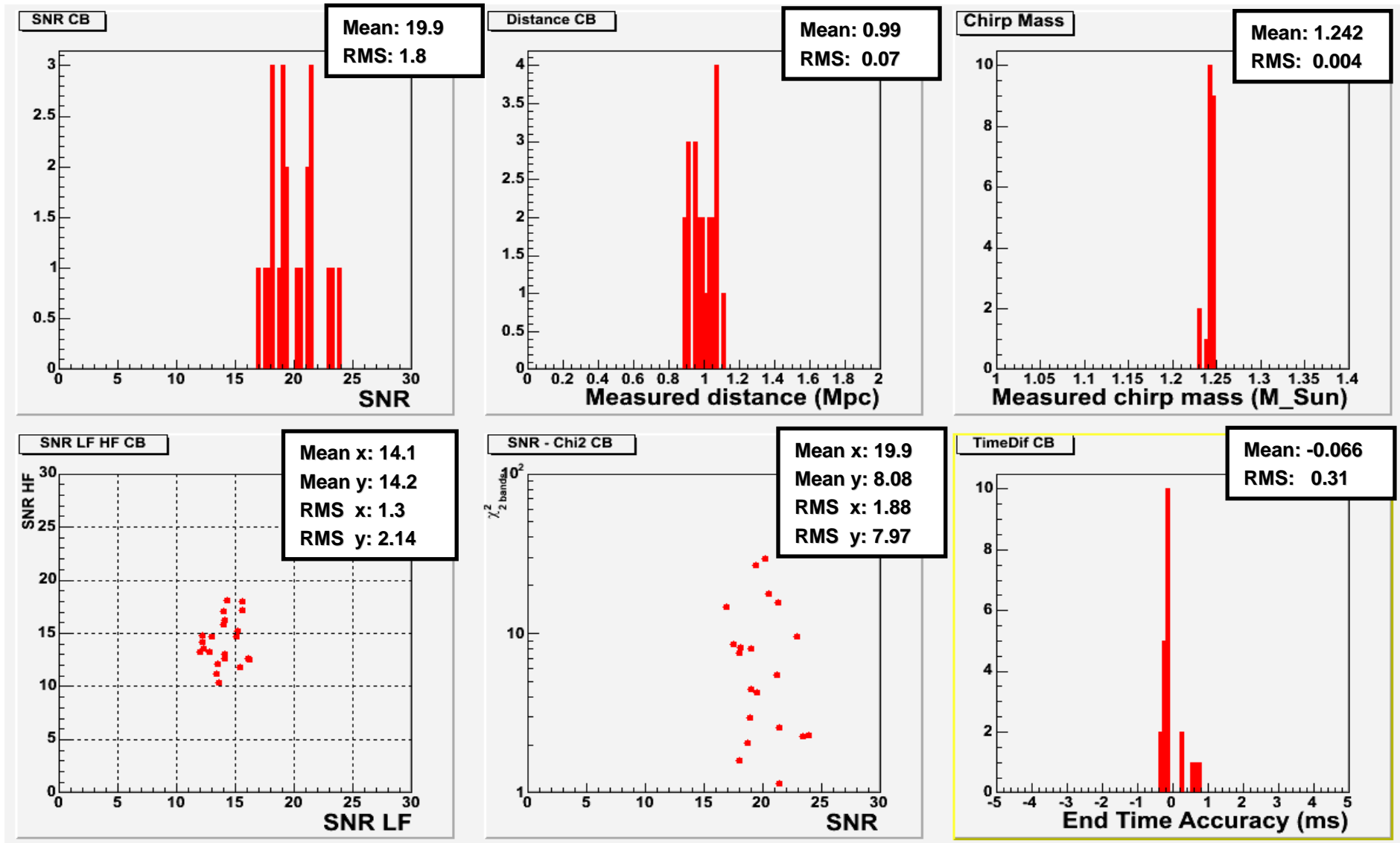
M\_WSR5\_HJ1 - Detected Events  
% error Chirp Mass Event recon.



- But the expected distance was 1.08 Mpc
- Mbita and Merlino provides the same results
- Calibration error due to failure in actuation electronics, fixed later on

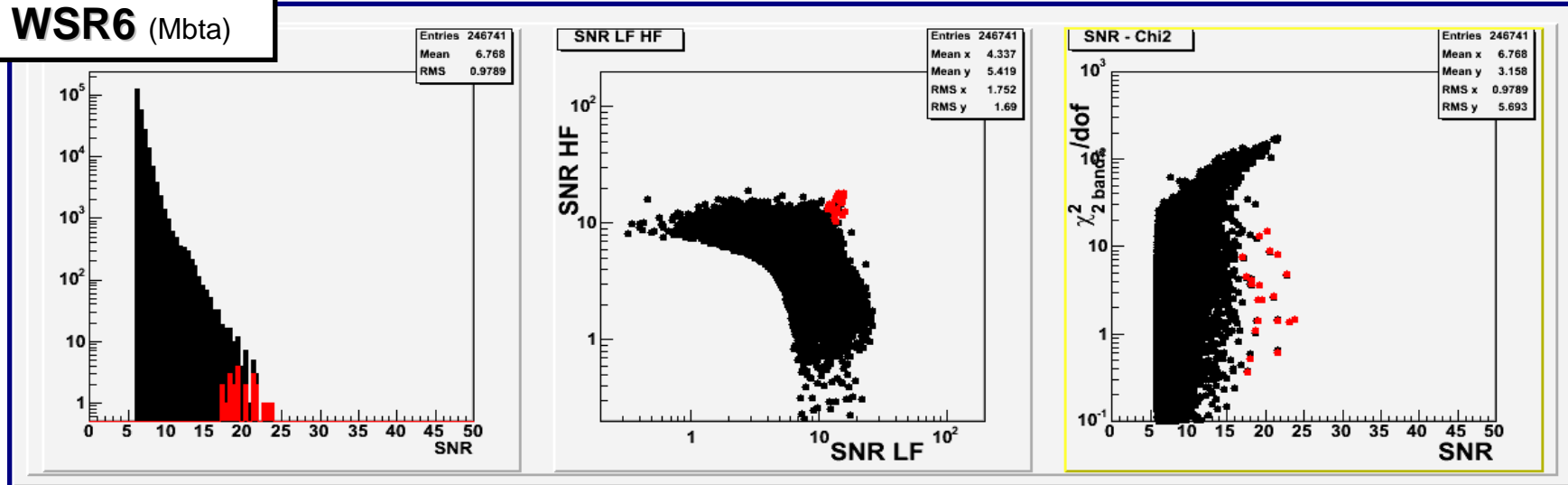


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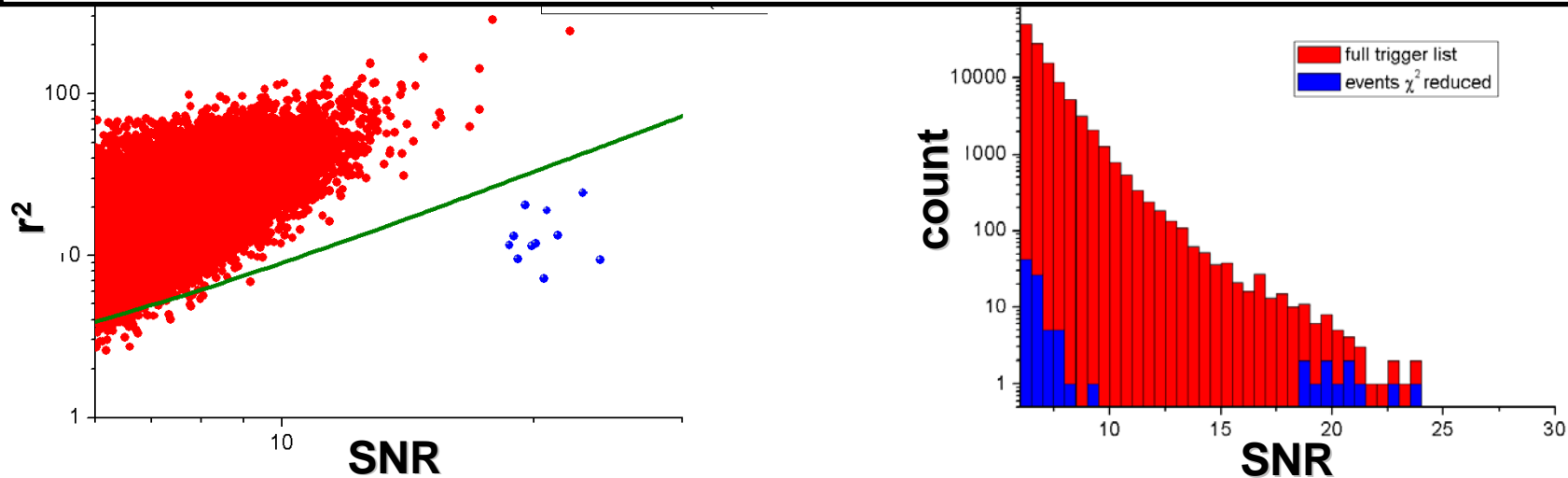


# WSR Hardware Injection: Detection and Chi2 veto

**WSR6 (Mbta)**



**WSR5 (Merlino)**

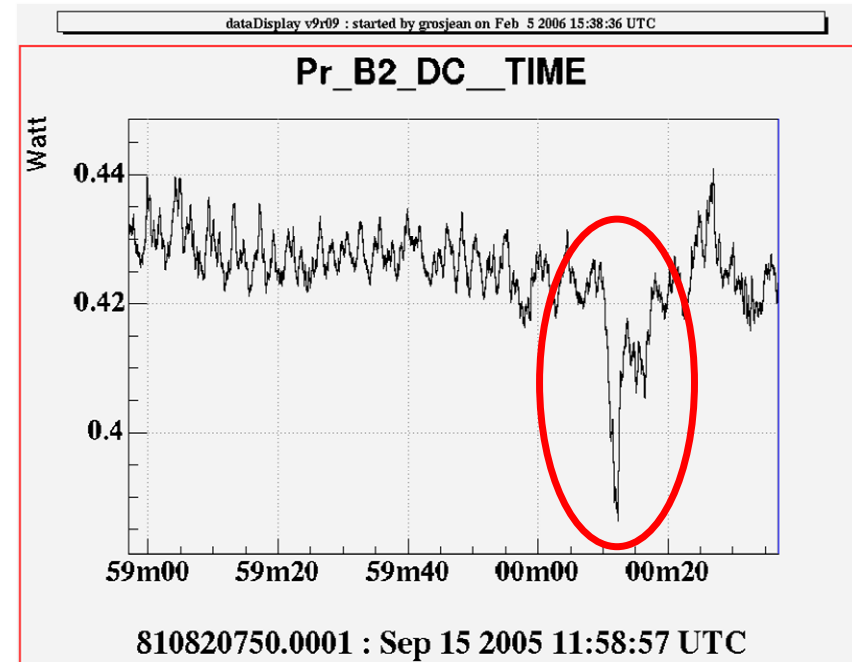


## Veto a priori data quality cuts:

- Monitor for saturation in coil current in NE and WE towers
- Monitor for picomotor
- Monitor SSFS saturation
- ...

## A posteriori:

- Remove high SNR triggers
  - Power variation in cavities: e.g. B2
- We follow the mean and RMS behavior of Pint\_B2

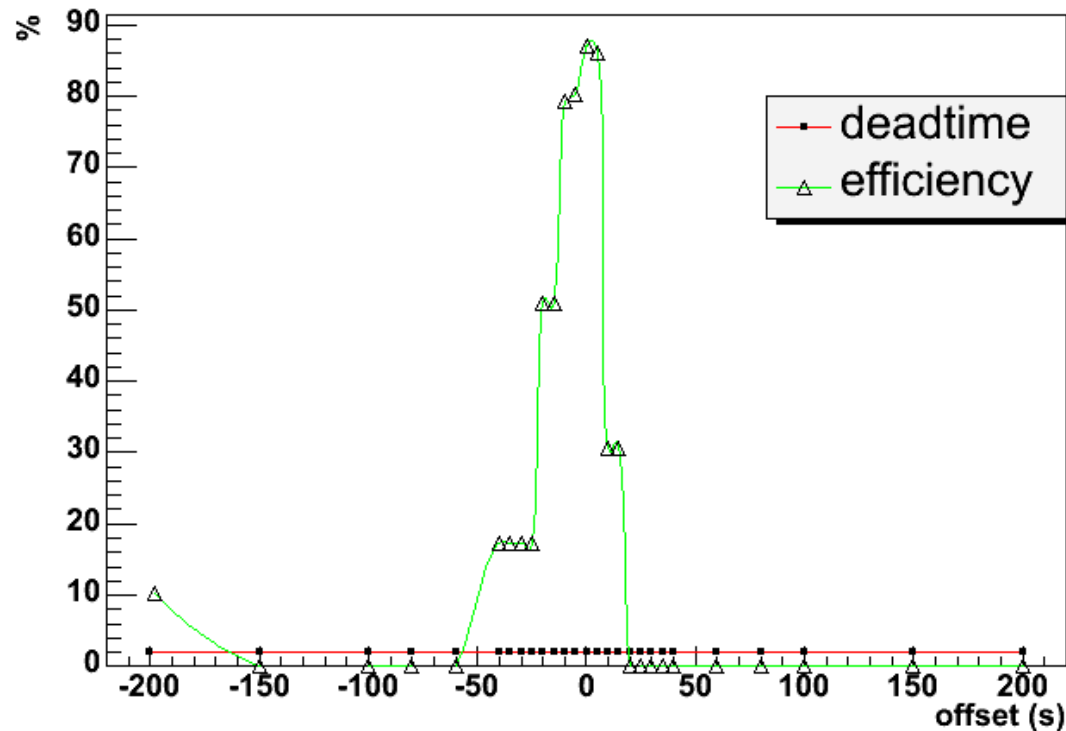


- Comparing RMS with a reference value, we flag a period as: beginning of noisy period

# WSR1 and B2 Veto efficiency

- The periods tagged as noisy by "B2 veto" are well correlated to high SNR triggers
- As when applying an offset to these periods the rejection efficiency decreases

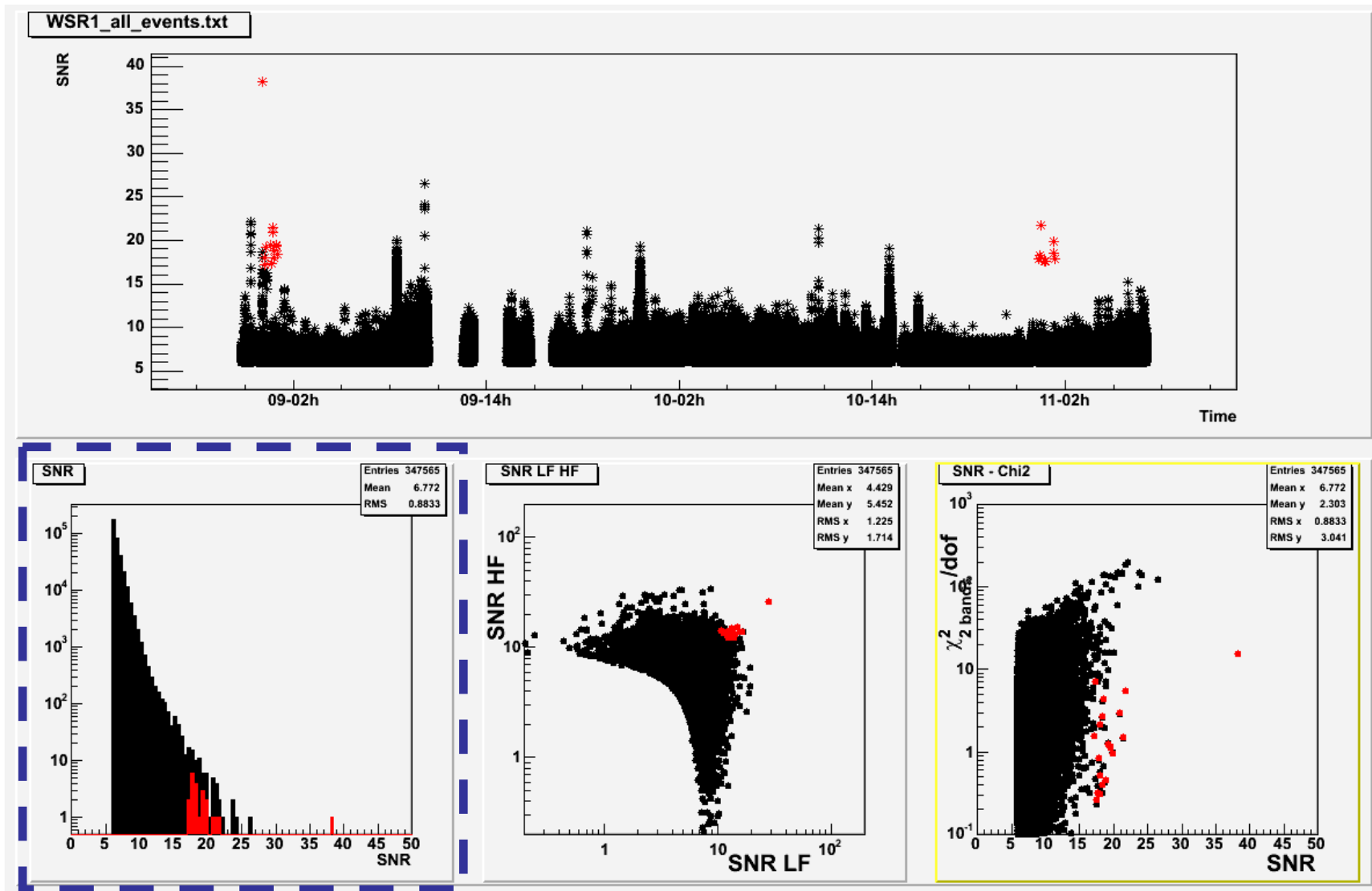
Efficiency and deadtime (SNR > 15) Injection removed



**we are not randomly excluding events.**

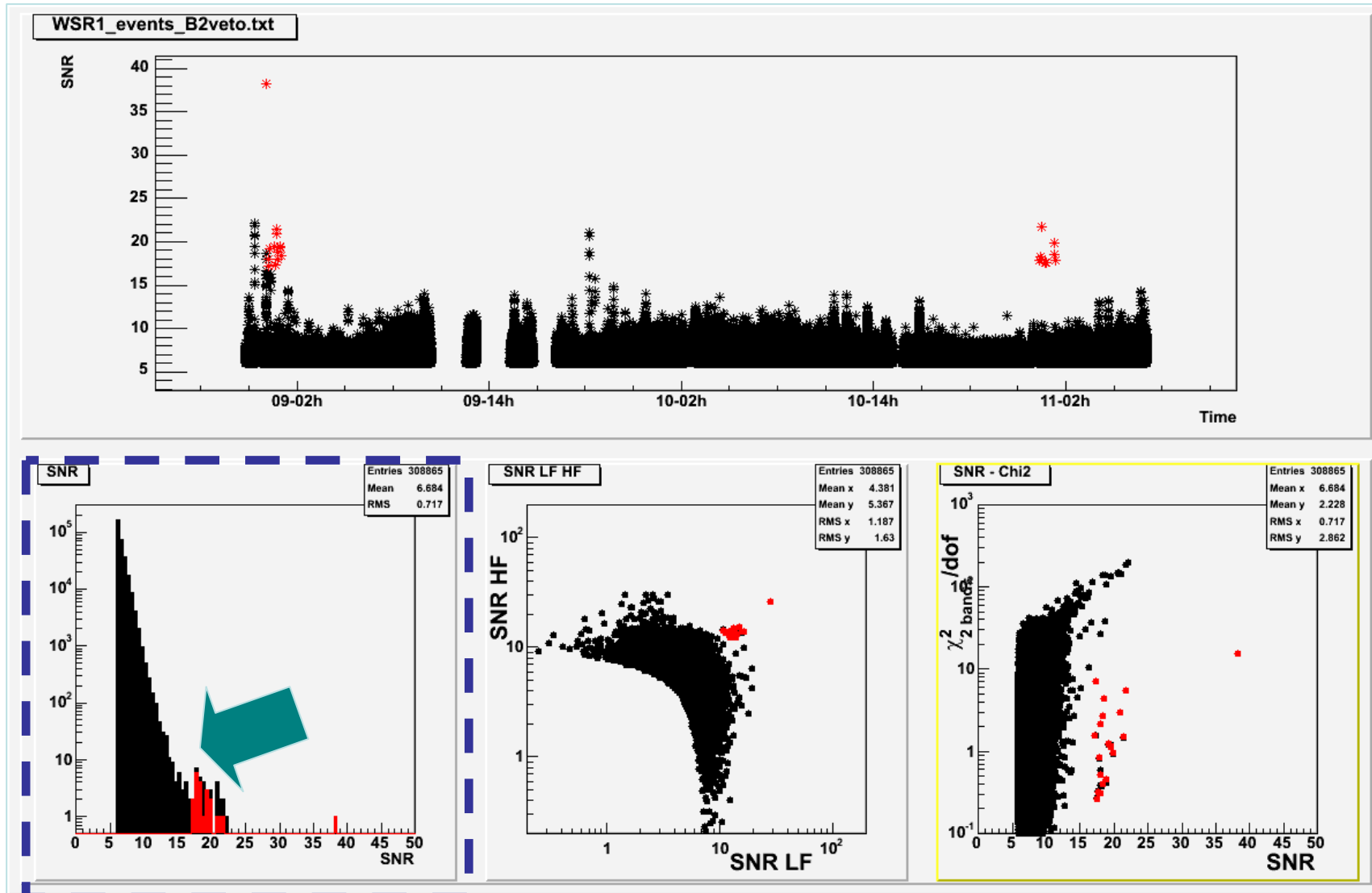
# B2 Veto applied on WSR1 data

## The original data set



# B2 Veto applied on WSR1 data

## The data set after the B2 veto





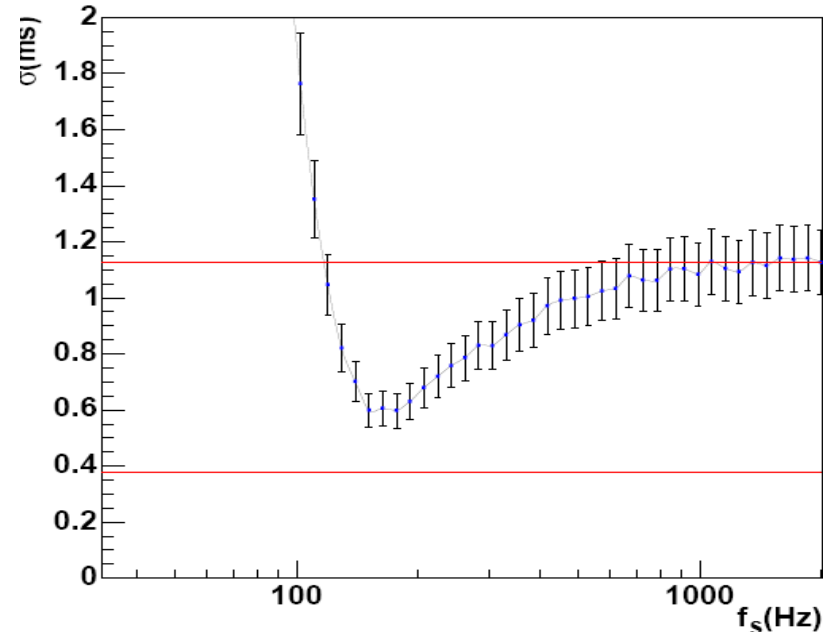
# Network Analysis: Timing Accuracy (poster)

- Source direction reconstruction by a network of detectors depends on signal timing accuracy at each site
- In a template bank analysis, timing uncertainties are dominated by errors due to signal/template parameter mismatch
- This error accumulates across the frequency band as signal timing is usually taken at the end (max frequency)



Study how **timing accuracy can be improved** considering a reference time at some intermediate frequency.

H1-V timing accuracy resolution



"timing accuracy variation between H1 and Virgo as a function of the reference frequency  $f_s$ "

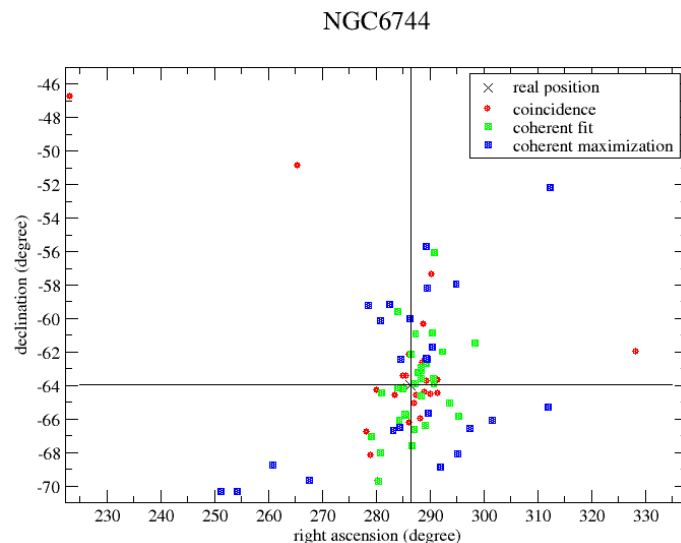
*Poster Session D.Grosjean*

# Network Analysis: Coherent Analysis (poster)

- In order to start a gravitational wave sky-map, it is important the accuracy in the source parameters estimation
  - There are two different methods to analyze network data and extracting stellar parameters:
- 1) Compare event list, searching from a compatible ones on each detector
  - 2) “construct” an ideal detector equivalent to the network, to which each real detector coherently contributes

 **Coincidence Analysis**

 **Coherent Analysis**



*Poster Session S. Birindelli*

**How can a coherent follow-up improve source direction reconstruction?**

# Conclusions

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- **Binary neutron stars search**
  - **Mature pipelines**
  - **Use WSR data to test and refine the analysis procedure**
  - **Understand how detector non stationarities affect the analysis**
  - **Work on data quality and vetoes**
  - **Pipelines now routinely run online, providing useful information**
- **Now moving to extend the search**
  - **Wider parameter range**
  - **Share the load between the two pipelines**
- **Prepare network data analysis**