

Abstract Submitted  
for the APR08 Meeting of  
The American Physical Society

Sorting Category: A13. (E)

**Detection confidence tests for Inspiral Candidate Events**<sup>1</sup> SARAH CAUDILL, Louisiana State University, LIGO SCIENTIFIC COLLABORATION, VIRGO COLLABORATION — In order to detect gravitational-wave signals from compact binary inspiral, the LSC-Virgo Compact Binary Coalescence group is using an analysis pipeline which aims to reduce the false alarm rate without rejecting gravitational-wave signals. However, because of the non-Gaussian, non-stationary noise exhibited by the LIGO detectors, a large number of false alarms are found at the end of the pipeline. The Compact Binary Coalescence group has been developing a detection checklist for the validation of candidate-events. This detection checklist consists of a series of further tests including data quality checks, analysis of the candidate appearance, parameter consistency studies, coherent analysis, which aim to corroborate a detection or to eliminate a false alarm. In this talk, the methodology used for candidate validation will be presented and illustrated with interesting examples of candidates.

<sup>1</sup>LSC/VIRGO Collaboration

Prefer Oral Session  
 Prefer Poster Session

Sarah Caudill  
caudill@phys.lsu.edu  
Louisiana State University

Date submitted: 15 Jan 2008

Electronic form version 1.4