

Chris is excused - news:

- **Advanced Virgo** was locked on the dark fringe
 - We hope to soon join the observing run with LIGO.
- **Einstein Telescope**: drilling in Limburg (300 m depth)
 - First results to be presented on 4 April.
- Public update on the 2nd **Advanced LIGO** observing run:

"The second Advanced LIGO run began on November 30, 2016 and is currently in progress. As of February 23 approximately 30 days of Hanford-Livingston coincident science data have been collected, with a scheduled break between December 22, 2016 and January 4, 2017.

The average reach of the LIGO network for binary merger events has been around 70 Mpc for 1.4+1.4 Msun, 300 Mpc for 10+10 Msun and 700 Mpc for 30+30 Msun mergers, with relative variations in time of the order of 10%.

So far, **3 event candidates**, identified by online analysis using a loose false-alarm-rate threshold of one per month, have been identified and shared with astronomers who have signed memoranda of understanding with LIGO and Virgo for electromagnetic followup. A thorough investigation of the data and offline analysis are in progress; results will be shared when available."