

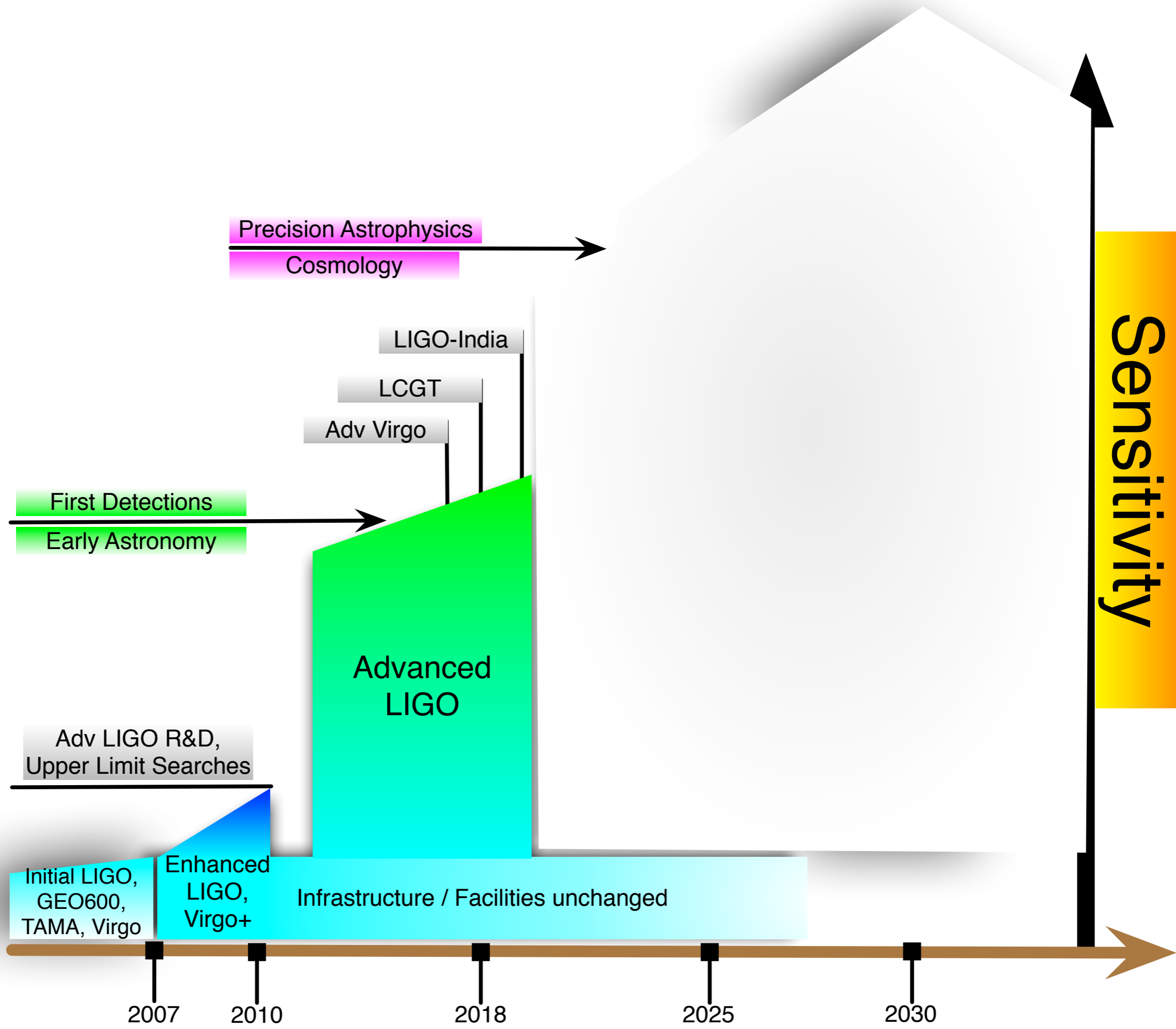
LIGO III: Blue Concept

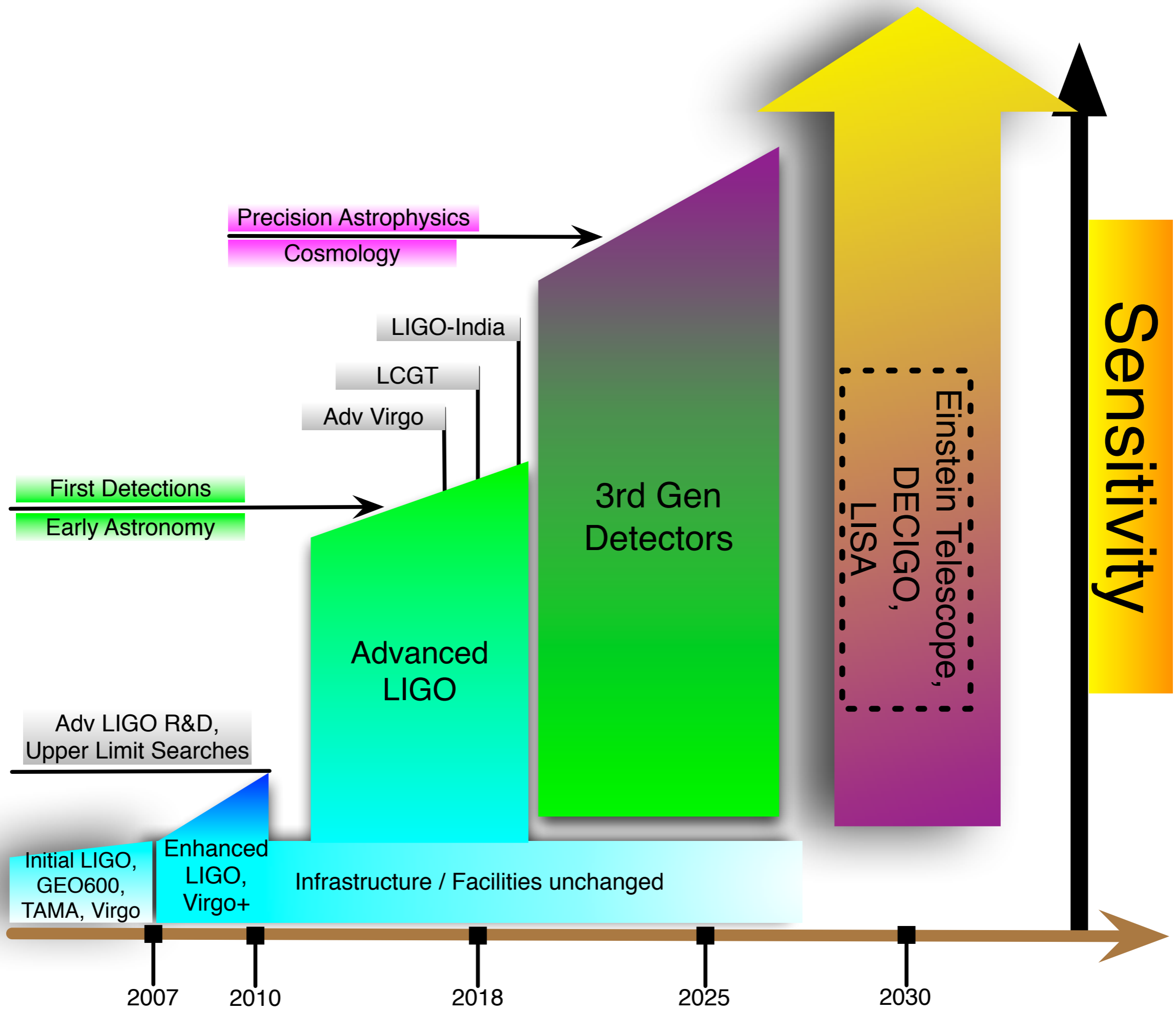


*Where do we come from?
What are we?
Where are we going?
-- Paul Gauguin*

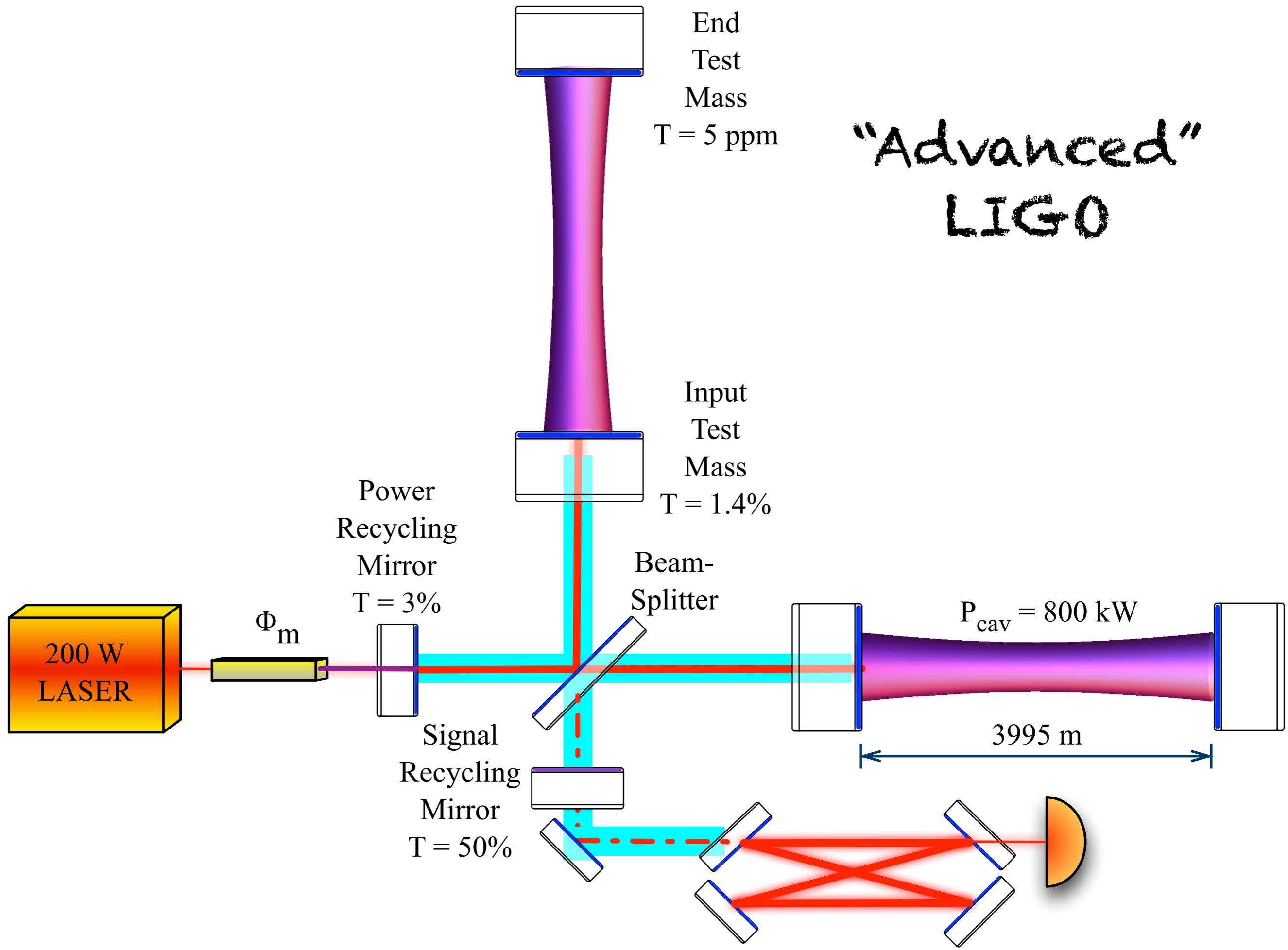
Rana Adhikari for the Blue Team

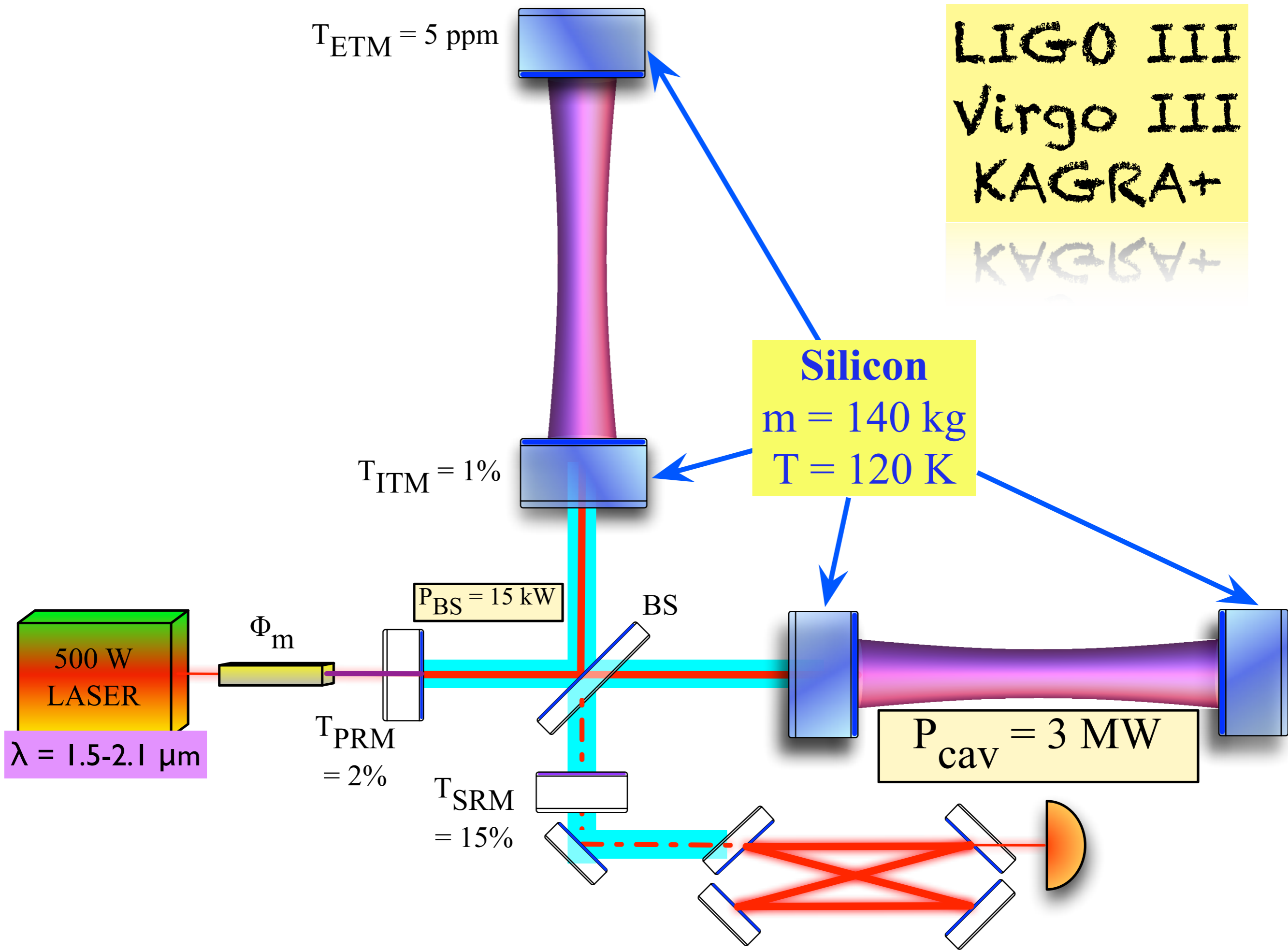
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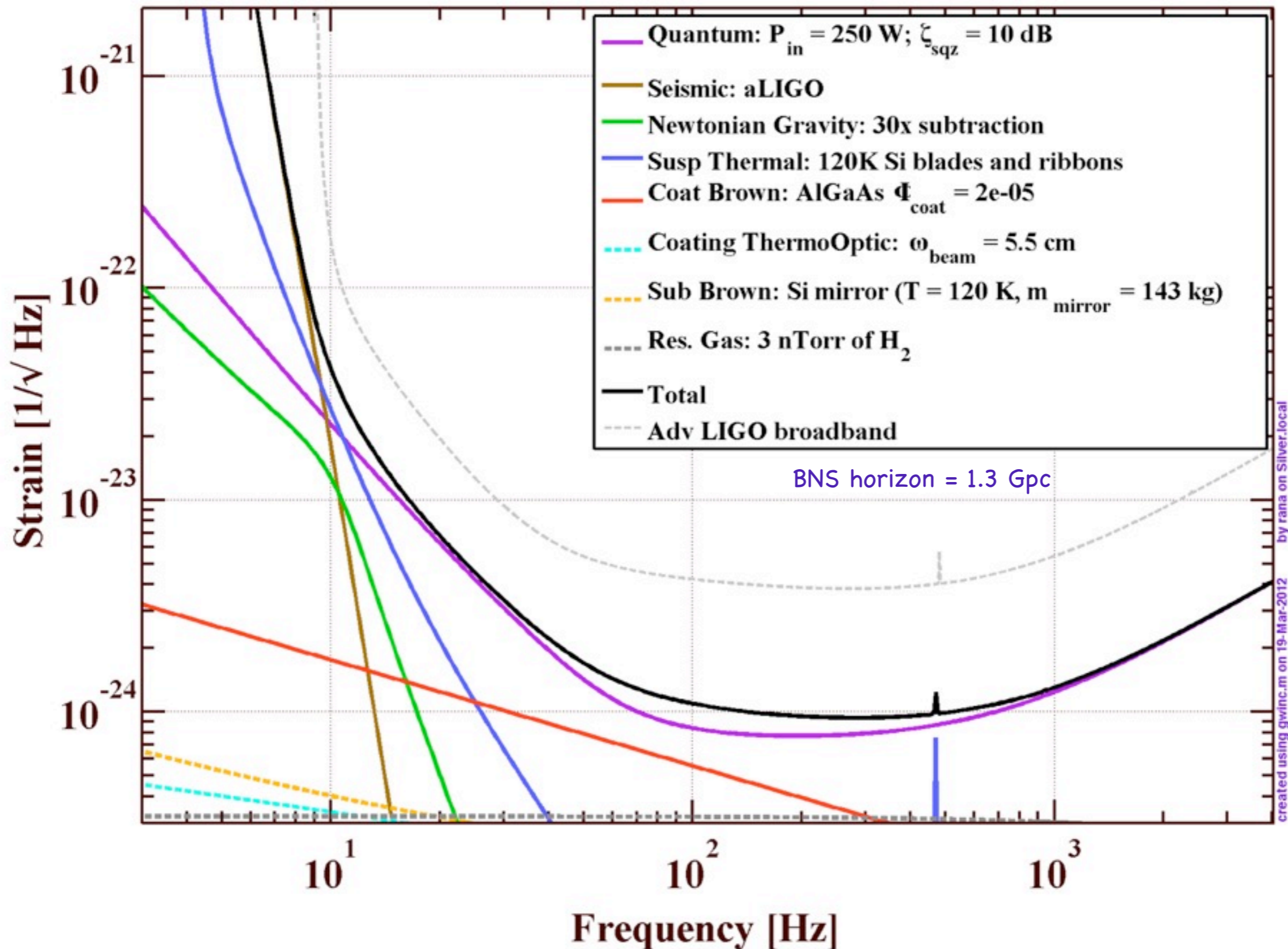




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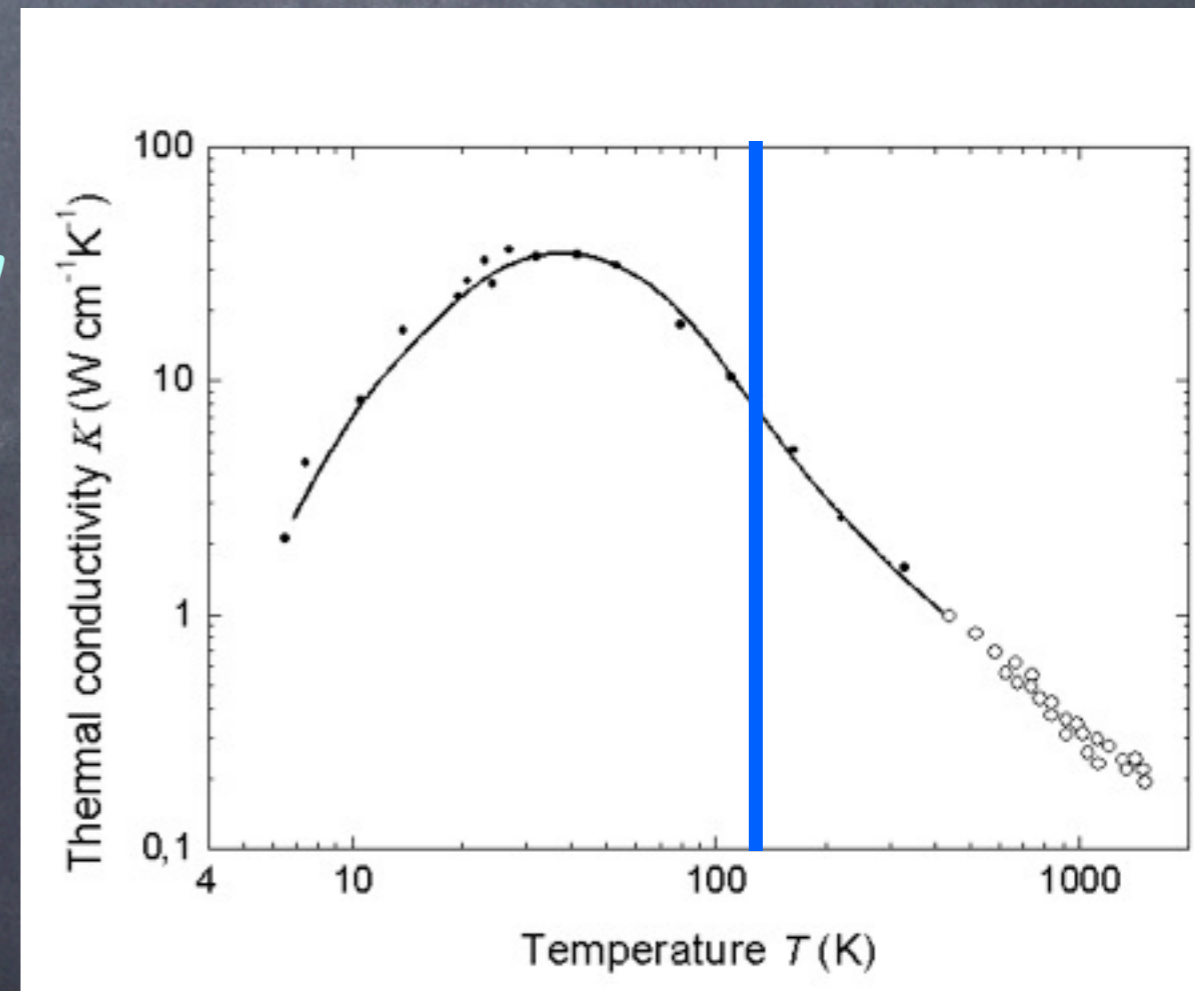






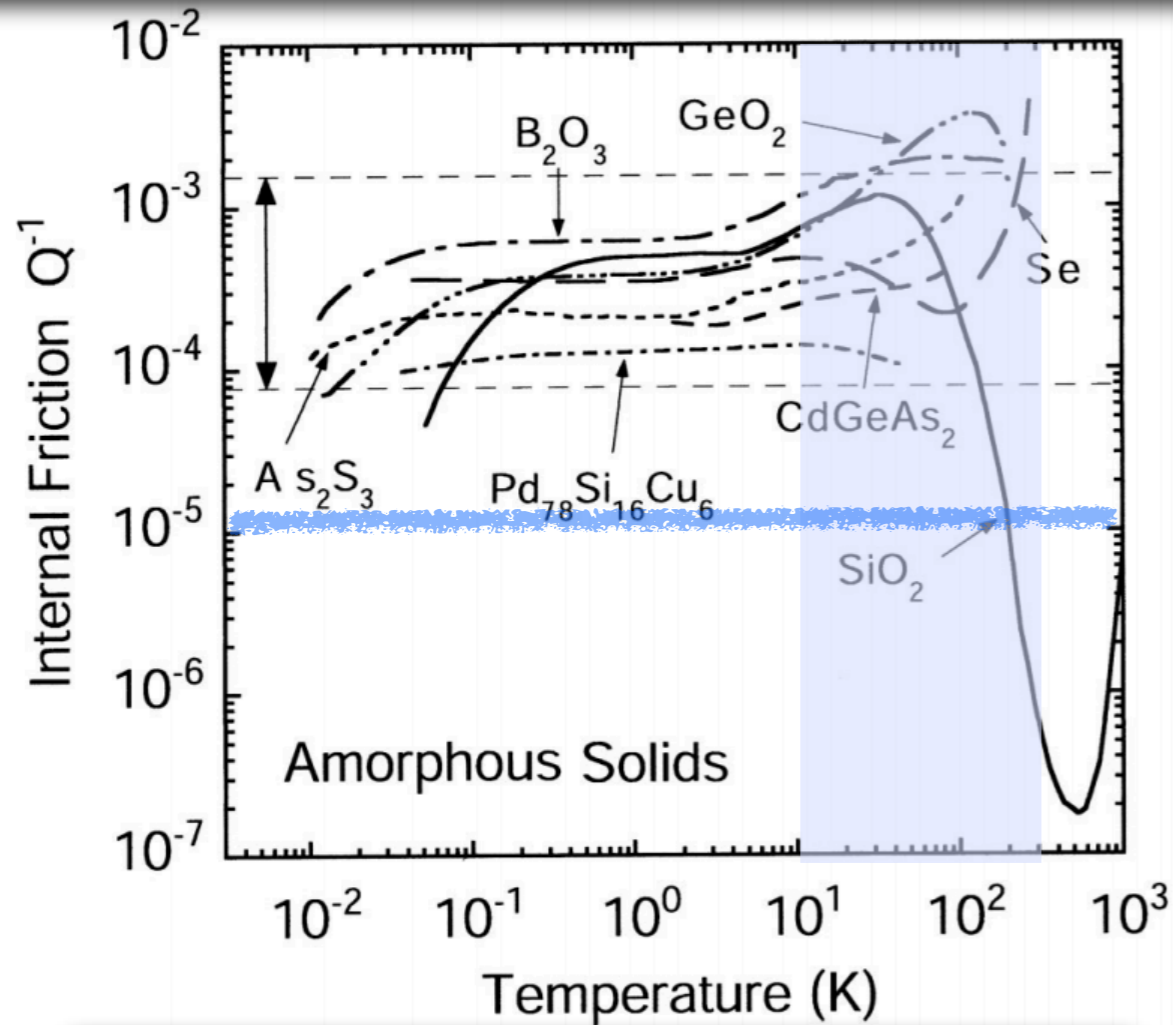
Design Elements

- FD Squeezing Input is the winner
- Coatings: AlGaAs, AlGaP, AlGaN, AlGaSb,...
- Quad SUS w/ Si ribbons on last stage
- 120–160 kg mass: Si @ 119–121 K
- Si: High power (3 MW in arms)
- 1555–2222 nm laser; $P = 444$ W
- 10–30x Newtonian Noise sub.



Why Crystal Mirror Coatings?

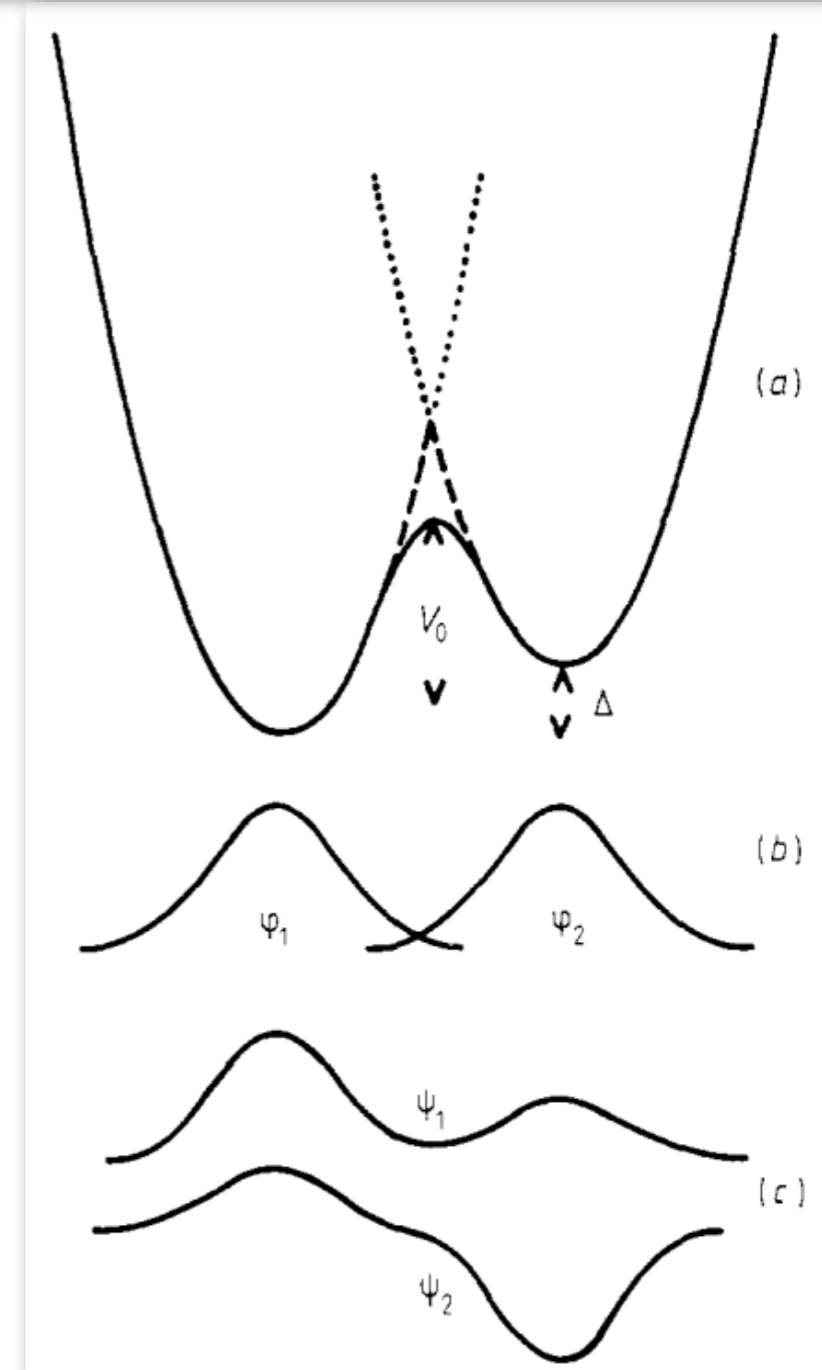
Why a ratio of 10^4 in dissipation?



R.O. Pohl, et al., Rev. Mod. Phys. (2002)

- Nearly all high quality optical coatings use amorphous oxides.
- Nearly all amorphous materials have a (low Q) large internal friction.

2-level tunneling model



W.A. Phillips, Rep. Prog. Phys. (1987)

Xylophone Concept is totally Wrong

- Xylophone Concept:

(Cold / Low Power / Low f)

(Hot / High Power /
High f)

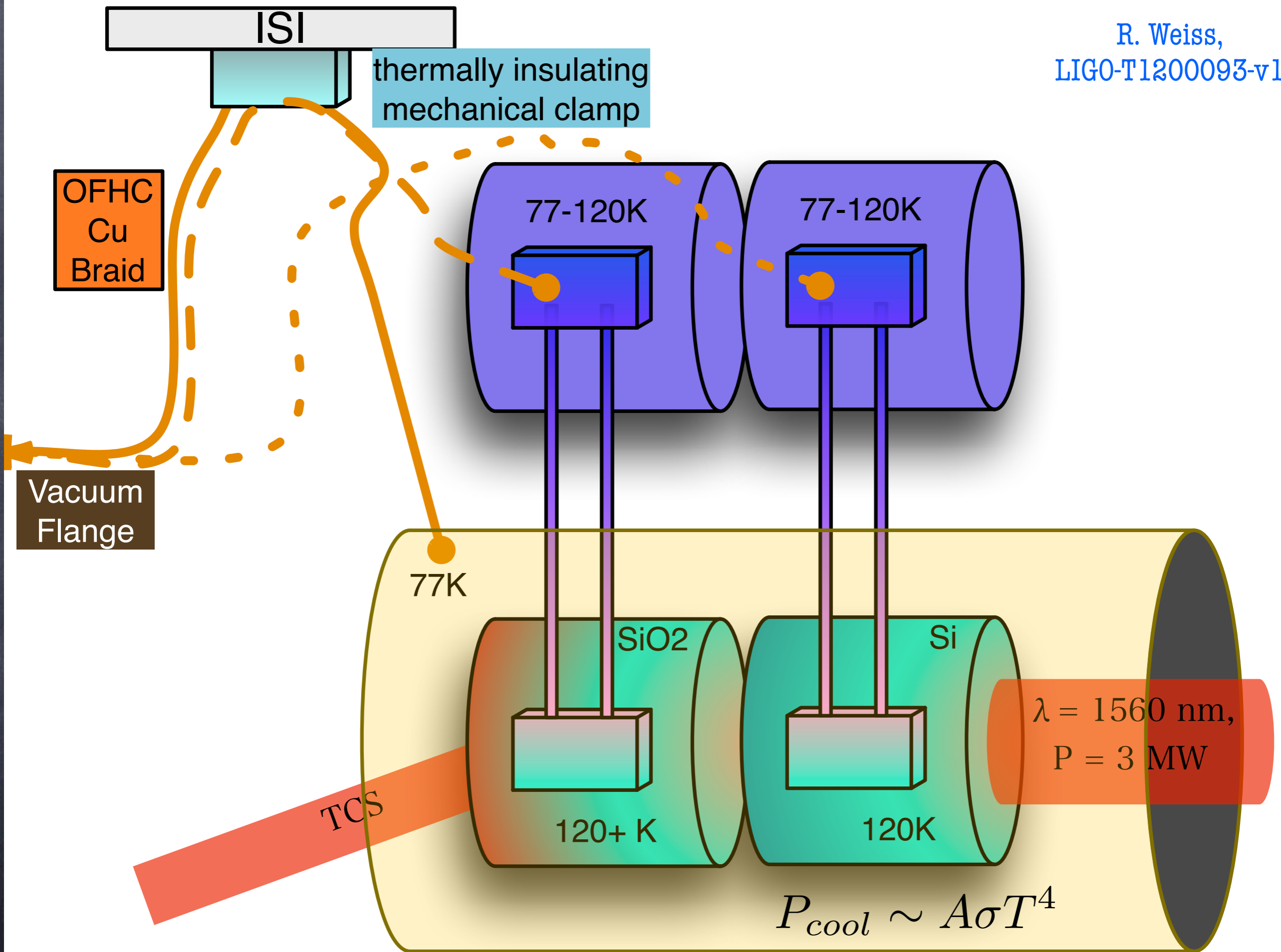
Low Radiation
Pressure

Low Shot Noise

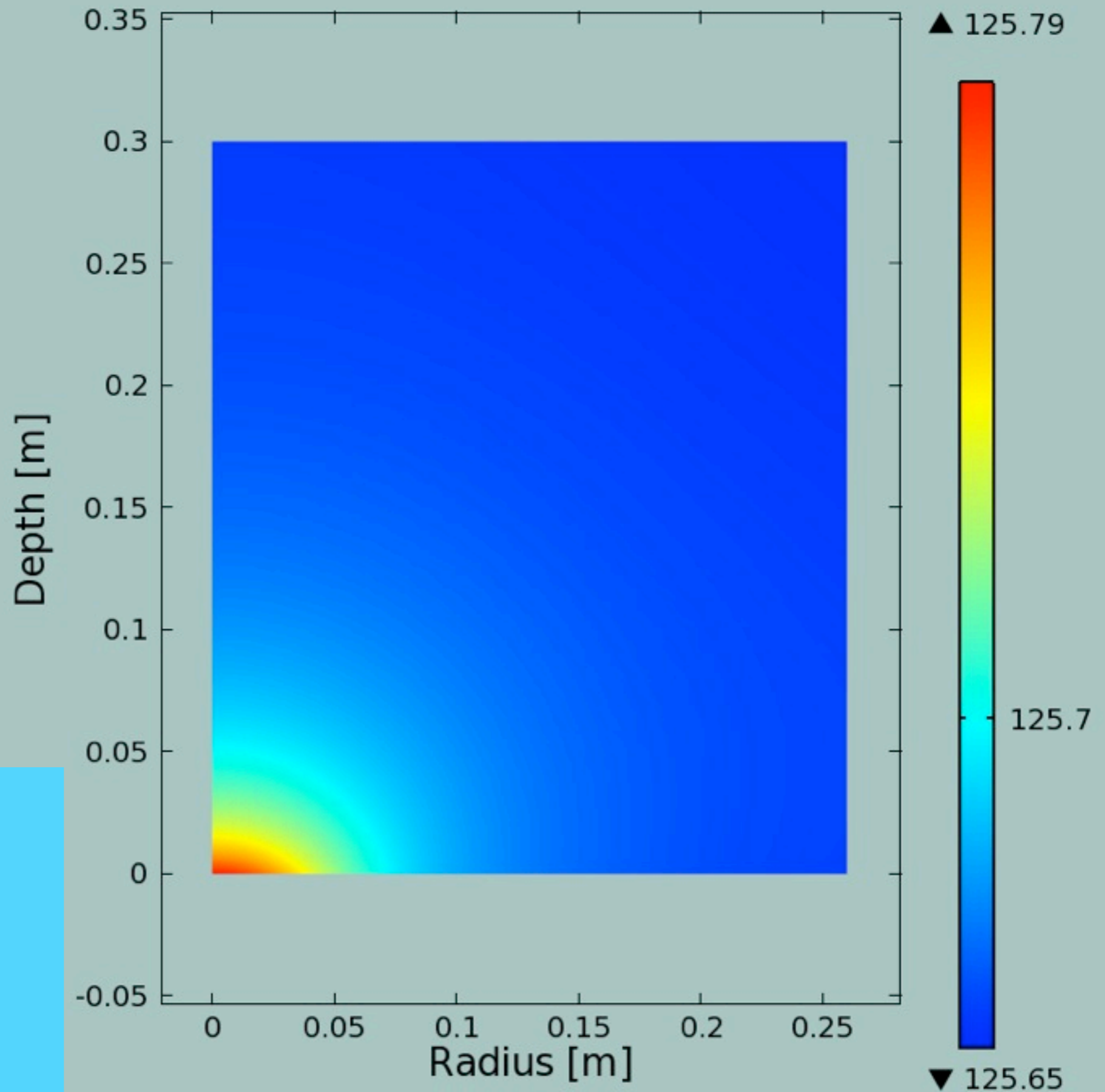
- THE REAL high power limit is thermal distortion: limited by thermal conductivity (k)

**150 KG SILICON:
- SIGG/SIDLES: OK
- PI: NOT SO BAD
- RPN: USUAL**

- $k_{\text{silica}} = 1.4$
 $k_{\text{silicon}} @ 120 \text{ K} = 500$



Temperature in Si ETM w/ 10 W Absorption



**Radiative
Cooling Only
i.e. no fiber
cooling reqd**

Juicy Research Opportunities

- Develop Si ribbons & blades
- Need reliable Absorption meas. @ 1500–2000 nm @ 120 K
- AlGaX coatings on Silicon are unproven
- Develop a 500 W laser at 1500–2000 nm
- Cryogenics for 77–130 K
- Si: High power (3 MW in arms)
- 30x Newtonian Noise subtraction

