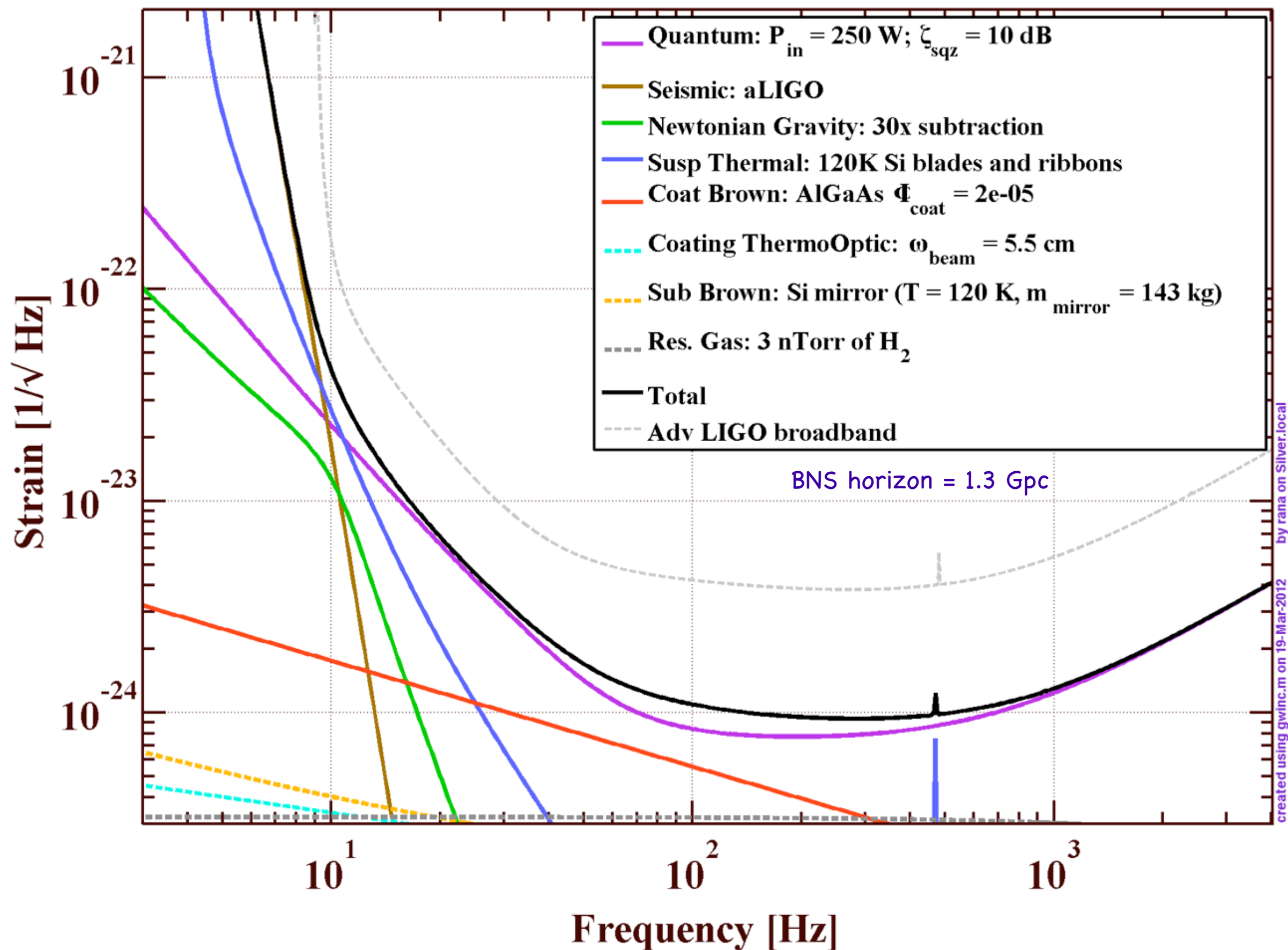


# Issues with LIGO III Blue

Rana Adhikari  
GWADW Elba May 2013  
**G1300XXX-v1**



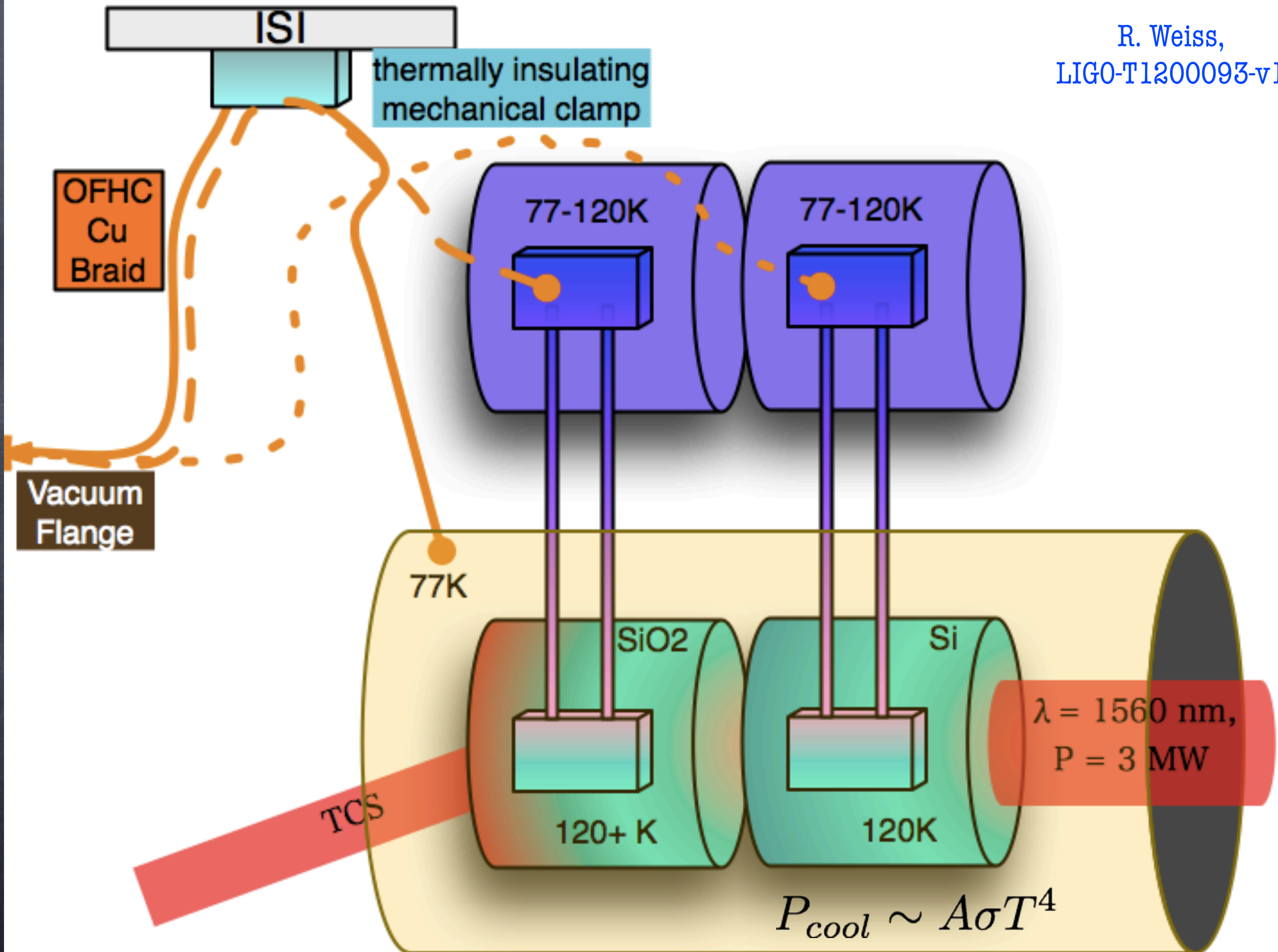




# Design Elements

- FD Squeezing Input is the winner
- Coatings: Probably GaP or GaAs
- Quad SUS w/ Si ribbons on last stage
- 120–160 kg mass: Si @ 117–125 K
- Si: High power (2–3 MW in arms)
- 1555–2222 nm laser;  $P_{\text{laser}} = 444 \text{ W}$
- 10–30x Newtonian Noise sub.





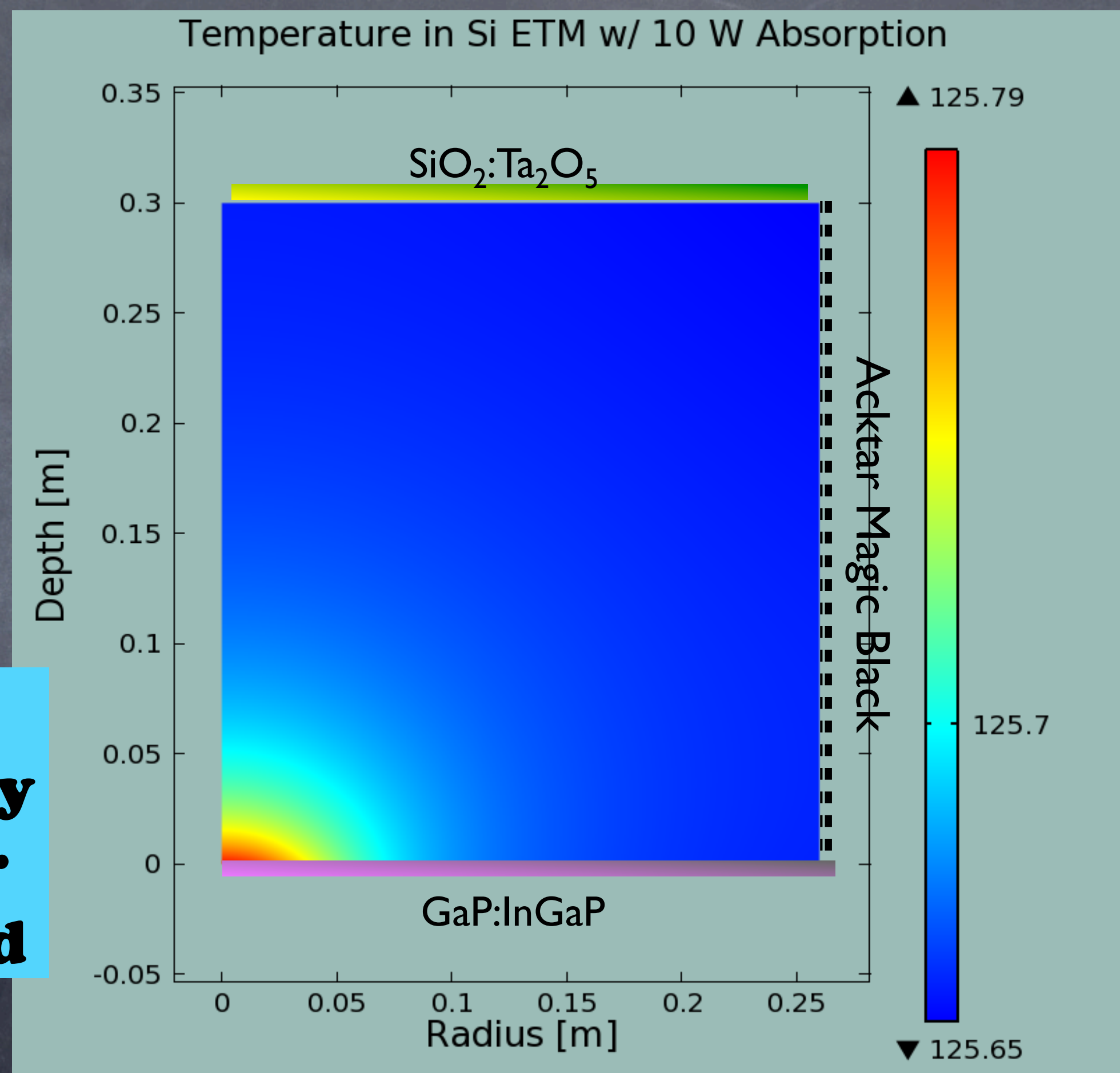
$$\sigma_{SiO_2:Ta_2O_5} \simeq 0.75$$

$$\sigma_{Si} \simeq 0$$

$$\sigma_{GaAs:AlGaAs} \simeq 0.75$$

$$\sigma_{magic} \simeq 1$$

**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





# Thermal Lensing

- Can LIGO/Virgo make it to full power? (my guess is no). We will need FI squeezing to get the baseline sensitivity.
- Possibilities: reduce contamination below 1 ppm, radically better TCS technology, or cryogenics.
- Advantage of cryogenic Si over 300 K SiO<sub>2</sub> is elimination of TCS system.

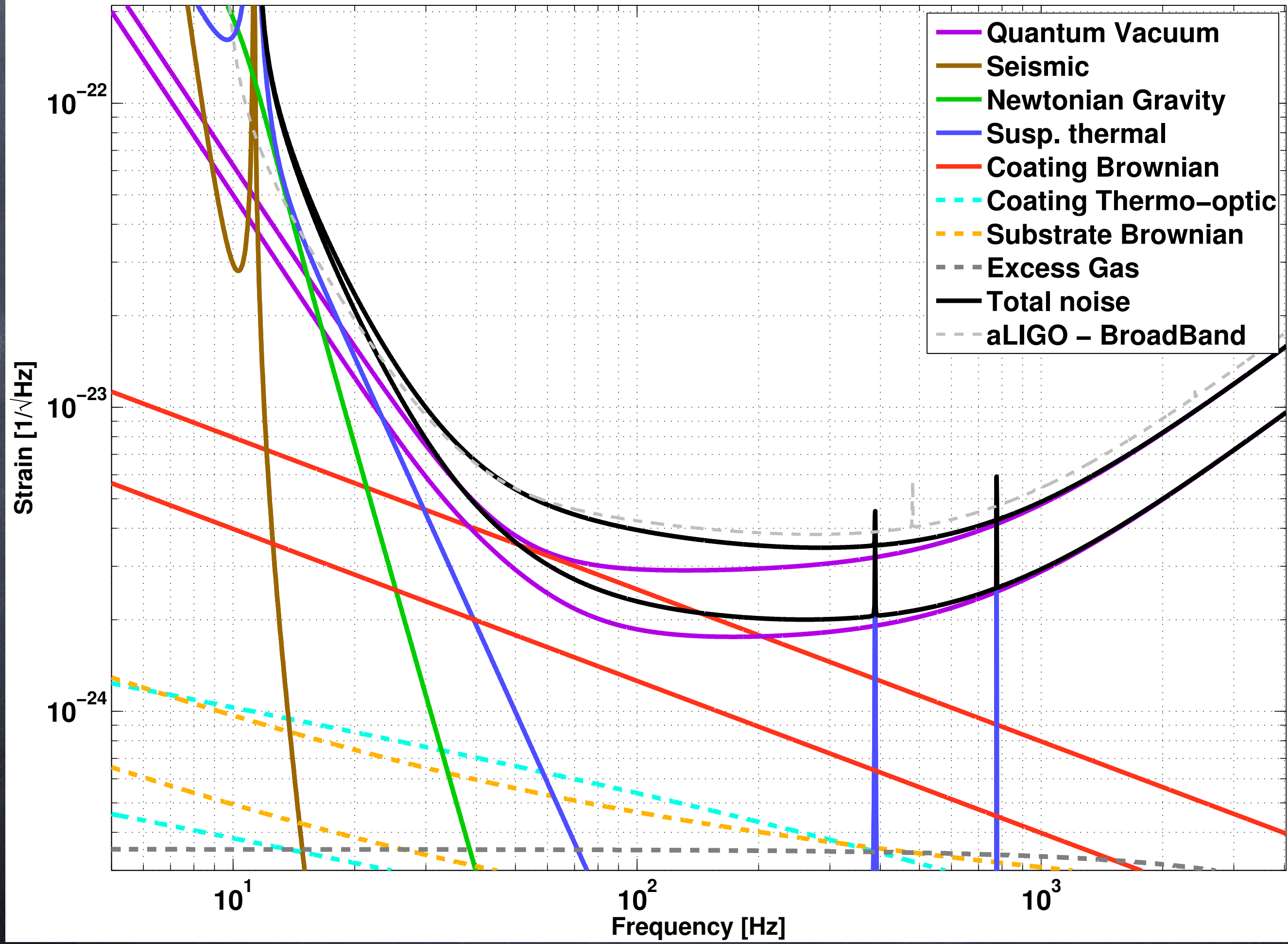


# Moving the Goal Posts

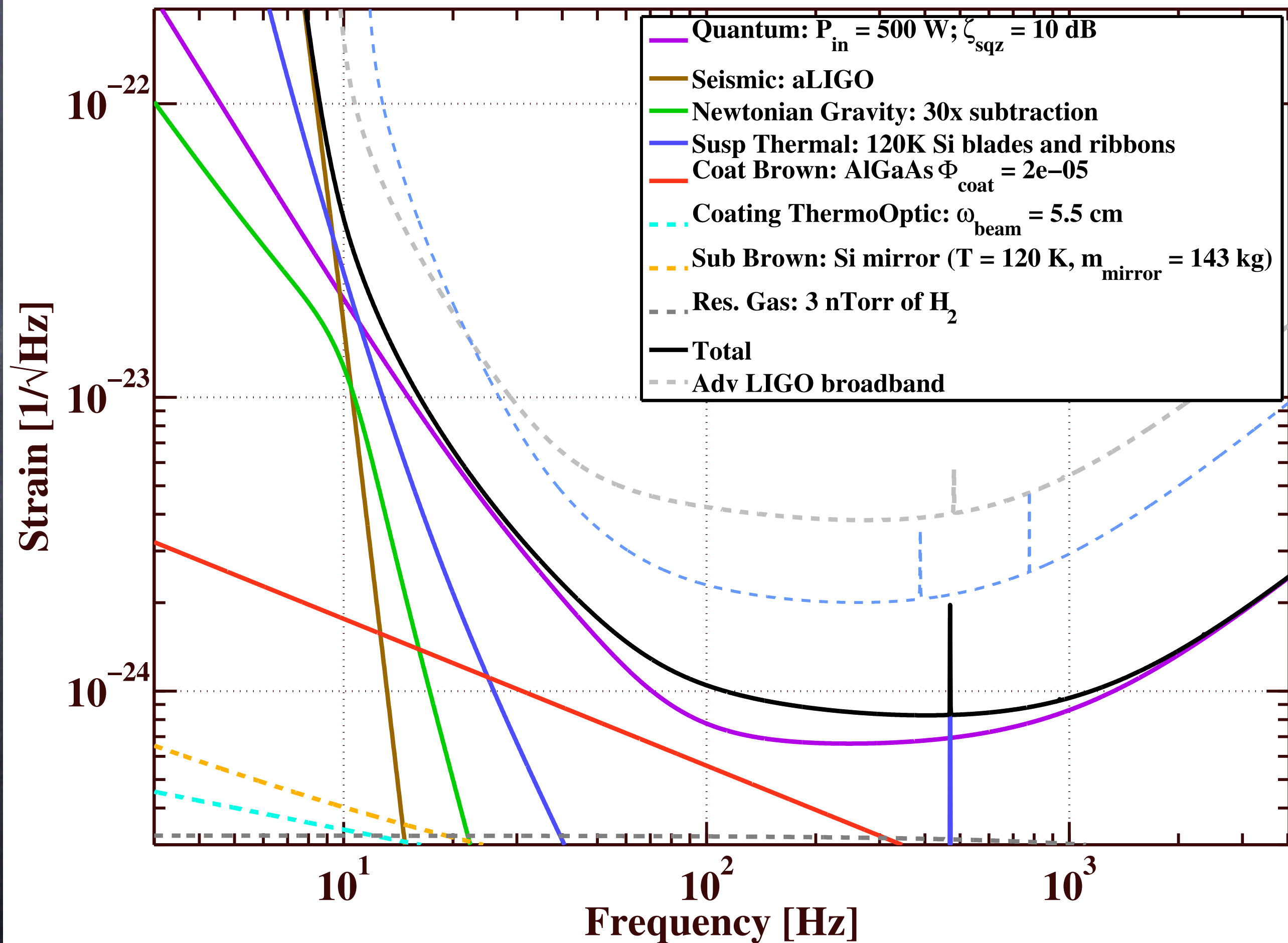
- LIGO will be upgraded incrementally (of course).
- **Very** likely: Squeezing, then Filter Cavity, then crystal coatings (if absorption  $< 3$  ppm)
- ALL 3G LIGO upgrades must be judged relative to this upgraded level.



# Likely Intermediate upgrade to aLIGO









# Biggest Blue Issues

- Absorption in Si mass: bulk absorption from 2-photon  $\rightarrow$  FC, high FC lifetime in FZ Si, need high purity for high Q??
- Cryogenic heat shields without increasing backscatter
- Low phase noise with Silicon
- Cryo SUS prototype to explore issues (see Nic S. talk)



# Is all this a Fantasy?

- People say, "There can be no 3G before detection". Bull. We start pre-detection.



# Is all this a Fantasy?

- People say, "There can be no 3G before detection". Bull. We start pre-detection.
- "Once the people have decided in which direction to focus their will power, the rest is technical details."