

Title: Self Force Differences

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Motivation for Self-force Differences

Self-force difference

- Consider a particle in two different spacetimes which differ only far away from the particle's position and compute the difference in the self-force.

$$f_{\text{diff}} = f_{(\mathcal{M}_1, g_1)} - f_{(\mathcal{M}_2, g_2)}$$

- We do calculations using the Schwarzschild exterior with different interiors.

Advantages

- Easy to calculate, no need for regularization.
- Once the self-force for Schwarzschild is known, it is very simple to get the force in spacetimes with different interiors.
- This difference can be used to probe the locality of the force.



Locality

- Self-force is an integral over the entire infinite past of the particle.

$$f^\mu = q^2(\delta_\nu^\mu + u^\mu u_\nu) \int_{-\infty}^{\tau^-} \nabla^\nu G_+(z(\tau), z'(\tau)) d\tau'$$

- How far back in the past history of the particle do we really need to go in order to evaluate the self-force?
- Or more broadly, in what situations can the self-force be written as a local expression?

Practical use for Locality?

- If the tail is moderately local, one could replace the particle's worldline with anything we want in the region before the tail starts to matter, making calculation far easier.
- For example a zoom-whirl orbit could be replaced by a circular orbit.
- This type of trick could make frequency-domain techniques viable for even very complicated



Schwarzschild Scalar Wave Equation

The scalar field equation for a non-minimally coupled scalar field is

$$[\square - \xi R] \Phi = -4\pi\rho(x^\mu)$$

Solving the field equation is done using Green's functions. It satisfies:

$$(\square - \xi R) G(x, x') = \frac{-4\pi}{\sqrt{-g}} \delta^4(x - x') .$$

The Green's function is decomposed into a mode sum,

$$G(x, x') = \int d\omega \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-l}^l Y^{lm}(\theta, \phi) Y^{lm*}(\theta', \phi') g_{l\omega}(r, r') e^{-i\omega t} e^{i\omega t'}$$

After decomposing we get:

$$g''_{l\omega}(r) + \frac{2(r-M)}{r(r-2M)} g'_{l\omega}(r) - \left(\frac{l(l+1)}{r(r-2M)} - \frac{\omega^2}{(1-\frac{2M}{r})^2} \right) g_{l\omega}(r) = -\frac{4\pi}{r(r-2M)} \delta(r-r') .$$

Choose the solutions to correspond to the retarded Green's function.

$R_{l\omega}^H$, **purely ingoing radiation** at horizon, and $R_{l\omega}^\infty$, **purely outgoing radiation** at infinity.

$$g_{l\omega} = \frac{4\pi}{M} \frac{1}{\Delta W(R_{l\omega}^H(r'), R_{l\omega}^\infty(r'))} R_{l\omega}^H(r_{<}) R_{l\omega}^\infty(r_{>})$$

$(r_{<}/r_{>} \text{ for } r, r')$

$W(R_{l\omega}^H, R_{l\omega}^\infty)$ is the Wronskian
Delta is $r(r-2M)$



General Interior Spacetime

Arbitrary static spherically symmetric interior metric with a matter distribution confined $r < r_0$

$$ds^2 = \begin{cases} -e^{2\Phi} dt^2 + e^{2\Lambda} d\bar{r}^2 + \bar{r}^2 d\Omega^2 & r < r_0 \\ -(1 - \frac{2M}{r}) dt^2 + (1 - \frac{2M}{r})^{-1} dr^2 + r^2 d\Omega^2 & r > r_0 \end{cases}$$

Following the same method as before, we get:

$$g''_{l\omega}(\bar{r}) + \left(-\Lambda'(\bar{r}) + \frac{2}{\bar{r}} - \Phi'(\bar{r}) \right) g'_{l\omega}(\bar{r}) - e^{2\Lambda(\bar{r})} \left(\frac{l(l+1)}{\bar{r}^2} + e^{-2\Phi(\bar{r})} \omega^2 + \xi R \right) g_{l\omega}(\bar{r}) = 0 \quad r < r_0$$

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Instead of ingoing radiation at the horizon, we want a regular solution at the origin. It can be proven that there is only **one interior regular solution** at the origin,

$$g_{l\omega}^{in} = A_l I_{l\omega}(r).$$

Outside of the matter, the delta function is canceled off by the Schwarzschild solution. The general solution has a smooth correction determined by **matching** at the boundary r_0 .

$$g_l^{out} = \frac{4\pi}{M \Delta W(R_i^H(r'), R_i^\infty(r'))} \frac{1}{R_i^H(\bar{r} <) R_i^\infty(\bar{r} >)} + \boxed{C_l R_i^\infty(\bar{r})} \quad C_l = R_{l\omega}^\infty(r_0) \frac{I'_{l\omega}(r_0) R_{l\omega}^H(r_0) - I_{l\omega}(r_0) R_{l\omega}^{H'}(r_0)}{I'_{l\omega}(r_0) R_{l\omega}^\infty(r_0) - I_{l\omega}(r_0) R_{l\omega}'(r_0)}$$

"Schwarzschild part"

smooth correction



Difference in Fields

$$g_{l\omega}^{out} = \frac{4\pi}{M} \frac{1}{\Delta W(R_{l\omega}^H(r'), R_{l\omega}^\infty(r'))} R_{l\omega}^H(r_{<}) R_{l\omega}^\infty(r_{>}) + C_l R_{l\omega}^\infty(r) \quad \text{Arbitrary Interior}$$

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So, if we are to look only at the difference between the self-forces, then we only need to worry about evaluating the smooth correction term, which unlike the solution to Schwarzschild **does not diverge and is finite**. The part of the Green's function contributing to the self force difference is given by:

$$g_{l\omega}^{diff} = R_{l\omega}^\infty(r_q) R_{l\omega}^\infty(r) \frac{I'_{l\omega}(r_0) R_{l\omega}^H(r_0) - I_{l\omega}(r_0) R_{l\omega}^{H'}(r_0)}{I'_{l\omega}(r_0) R_{l\omega}^\infty(r_0) - I_{l\omega}(r_0) R_{l\omega}^{\infty'}(r_0)}$$

Next step is to look at specific cases.



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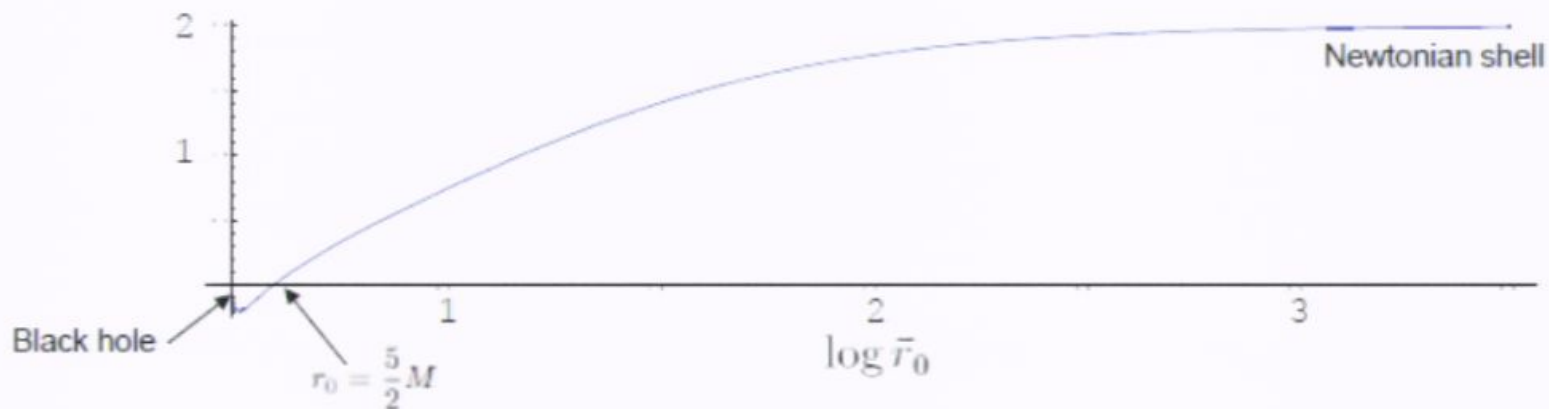


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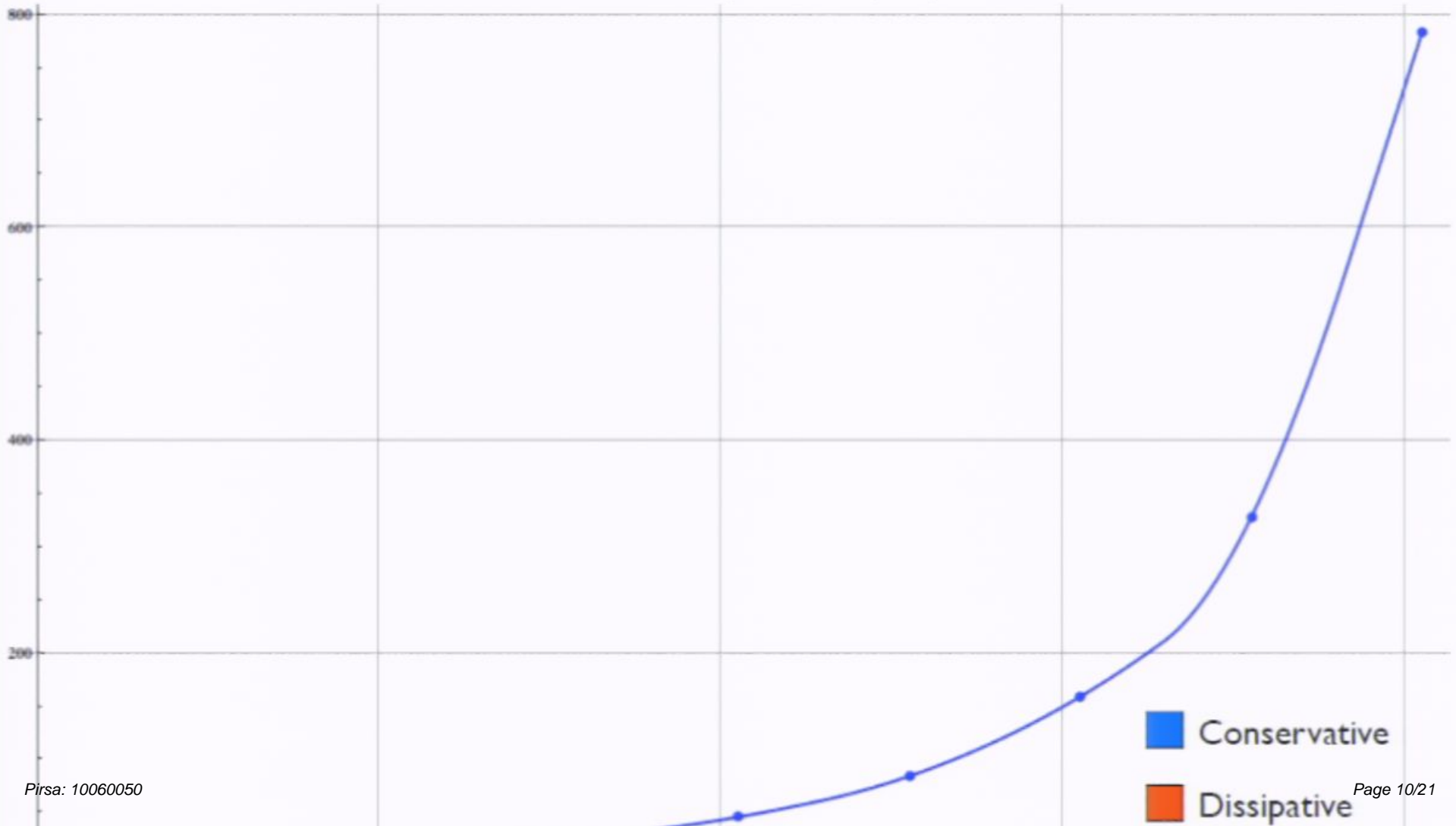


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Circular Orbit: Checks

-Integration Check

-Constant Wronskian Check

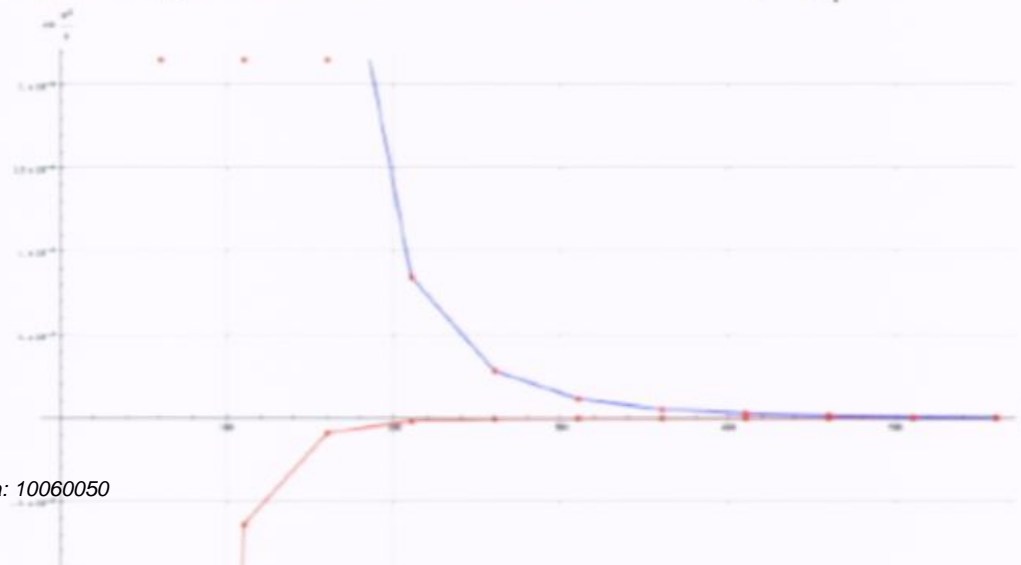
-Results agree starting integration at different points

-Flux check

-dissipative self-force matches energy flux

-Results for dissipative self-force without shell in agreement with known results (Gralla, Friedman, Wiseman, 2005)

-Vanishing of self-force difference for large r_q



$$r_0 = 150$$

$$r_q = [160, 600]$$

$$\xi = 1$$

 Conservative

 Dissipative



Conclusions

- Self-force differences are **easy to compute**, requiring no renormalization
- Once you know the self-force in Schwarzschild, it is **easy to get** the self-force for any other interior (boson star?)
- We considered a non-minimally coupled scalar field.
 - The leading order far field self-force (difference) on a static charge outside an arbitrary (SS) interior is proportional to ξ .
 - Explicitly computed the far field static self-force (difference) for a thin shell spacetime.
 - Numerically computed self-force differences for a scalar charge in circular orbit around a thin shell.
 - Conservative self-force difference much larger than the Dissipative self-force difference
- The conservative self-force is very big when the charge is near the shell!

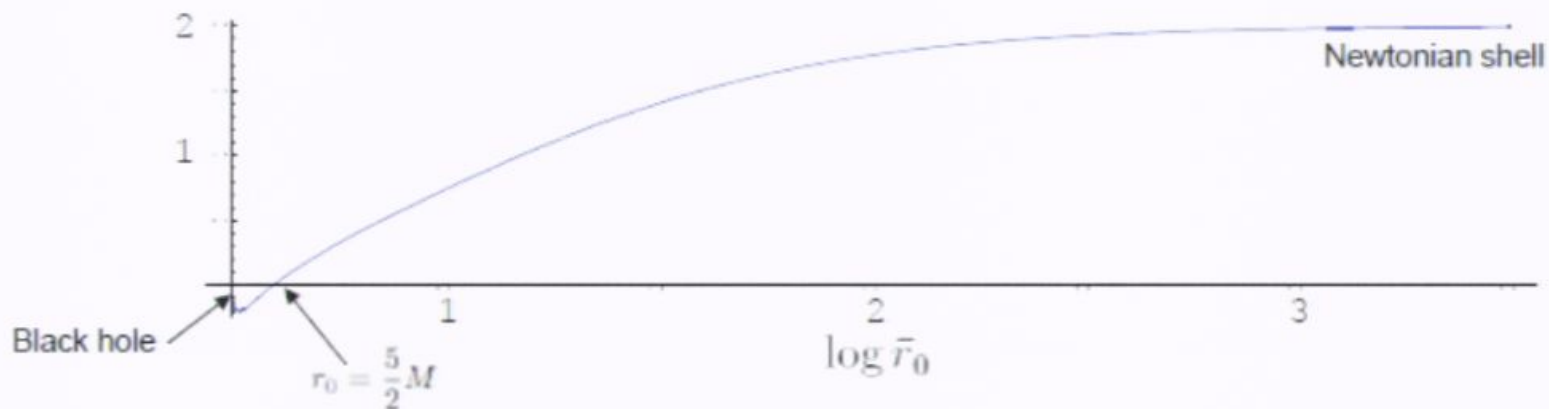


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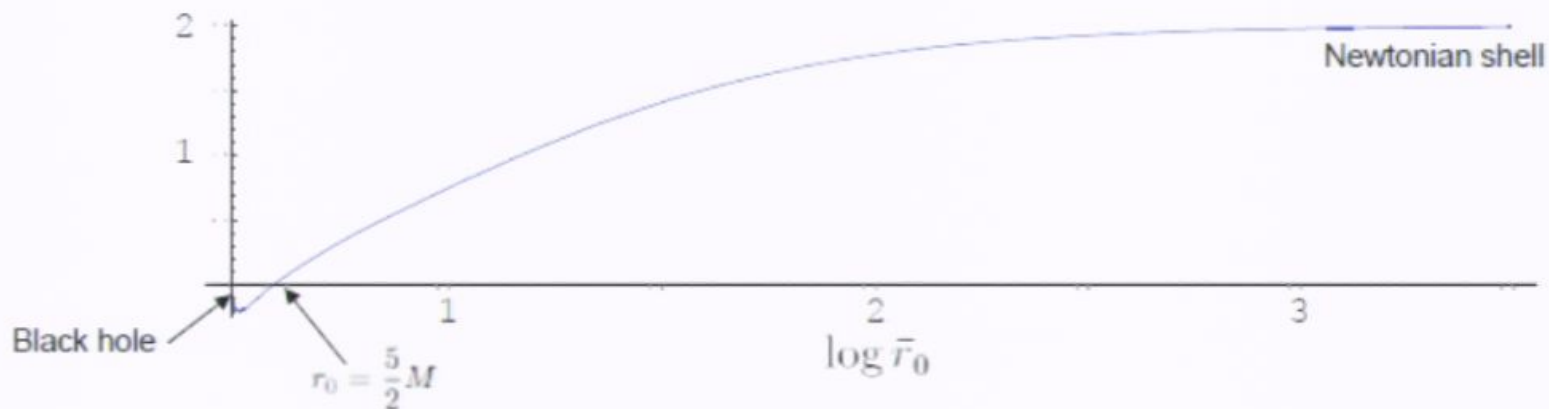


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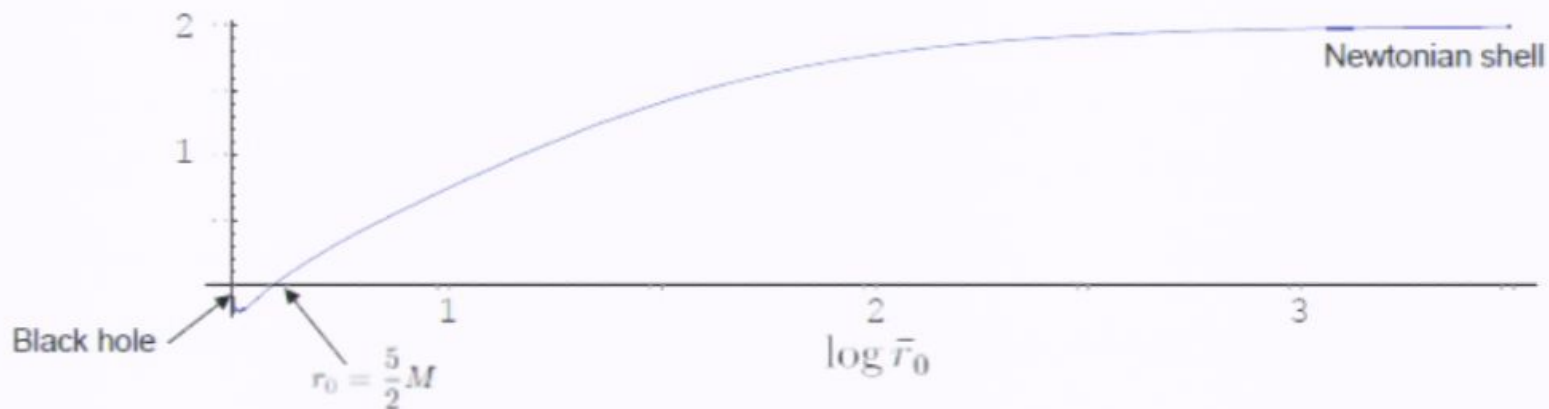


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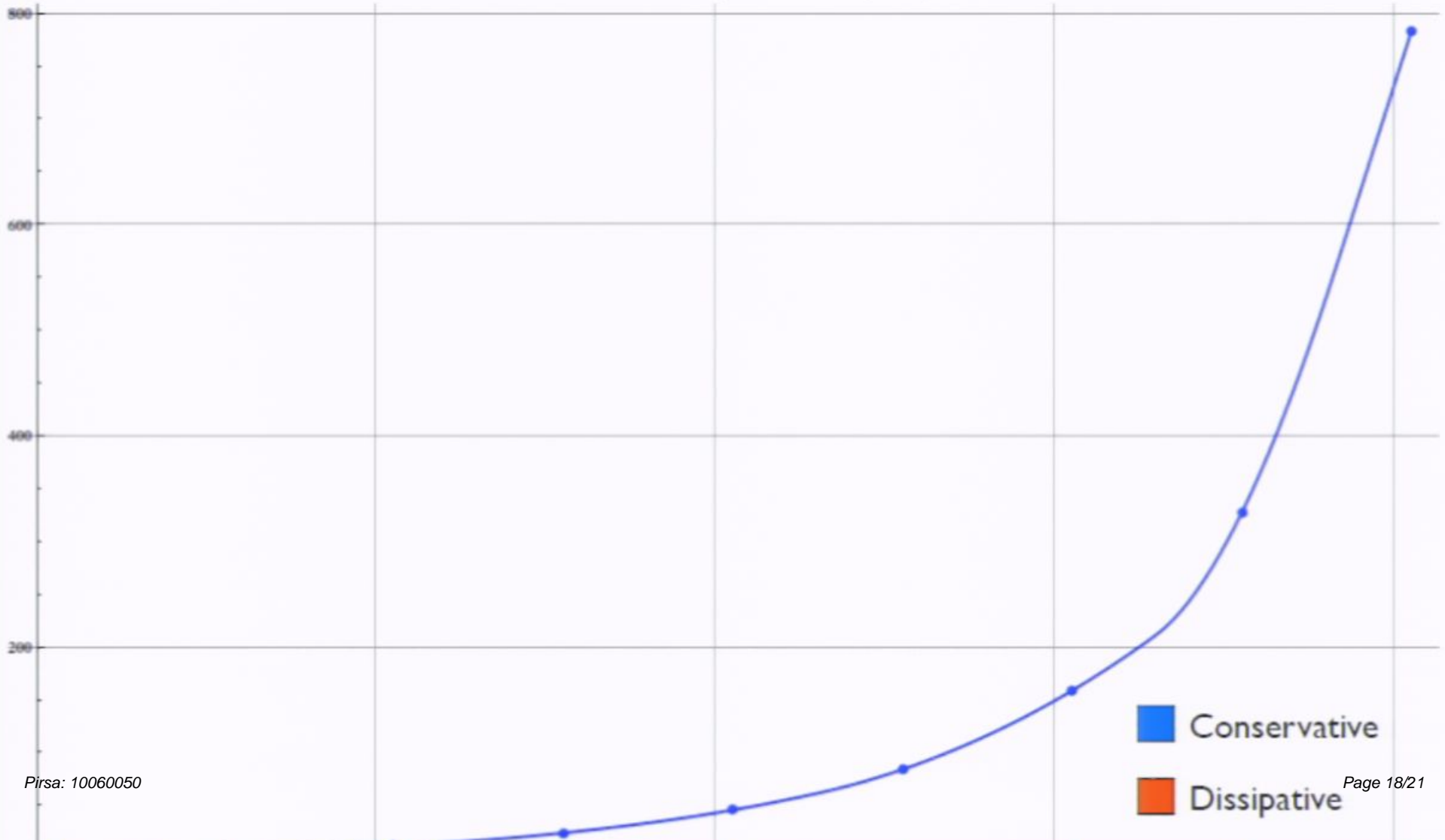


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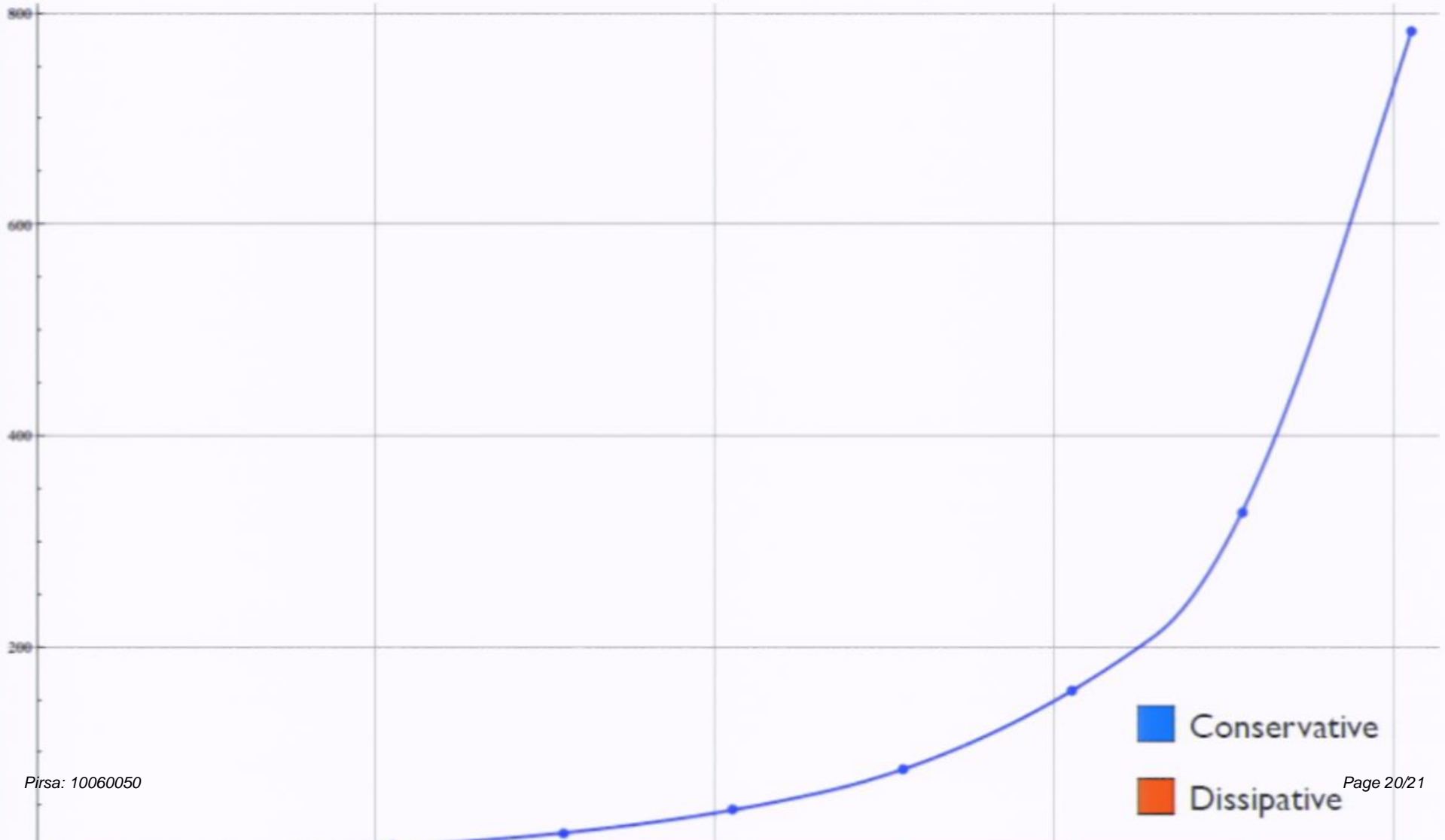


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