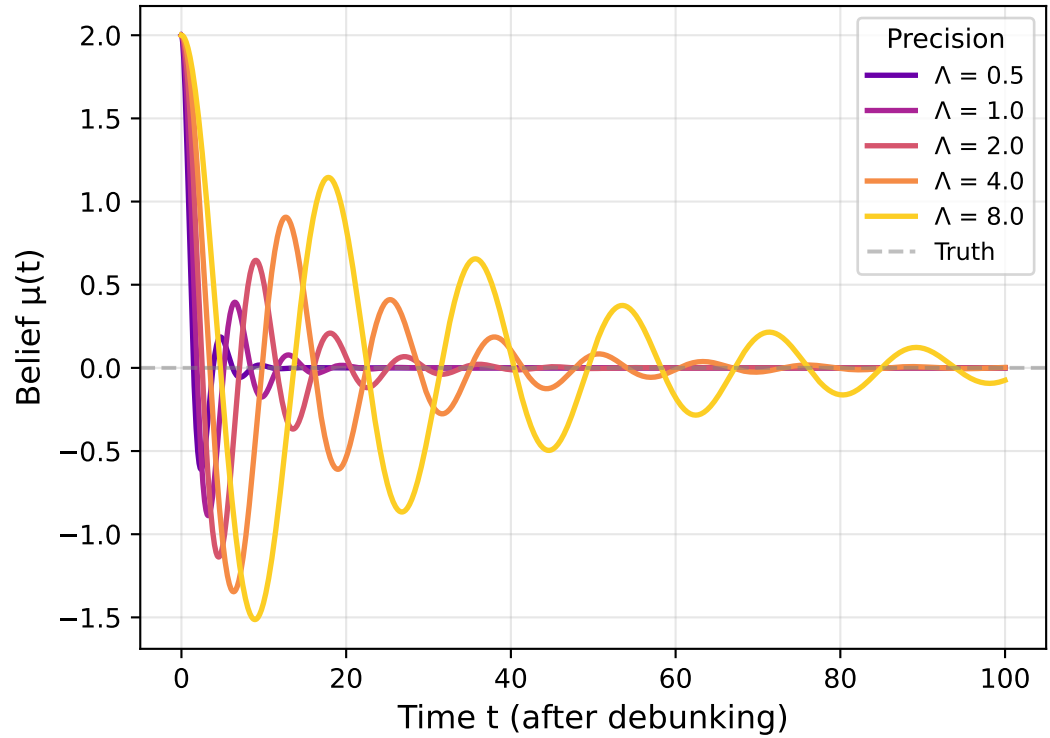
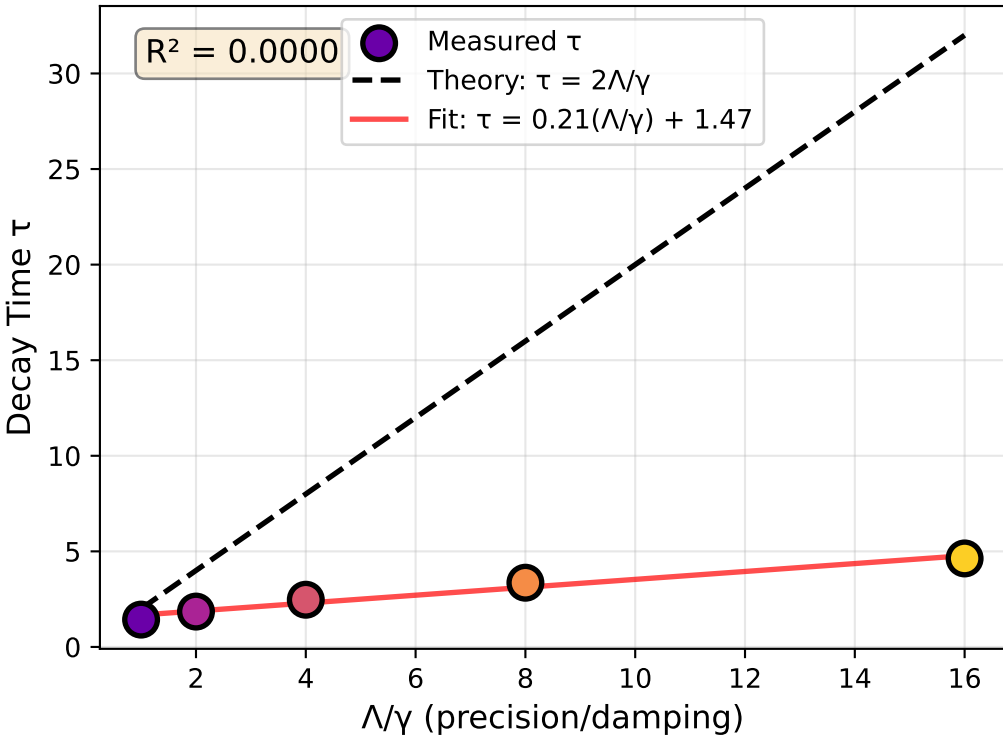


Belief Perseverance: Decay Time Proportional to Precision

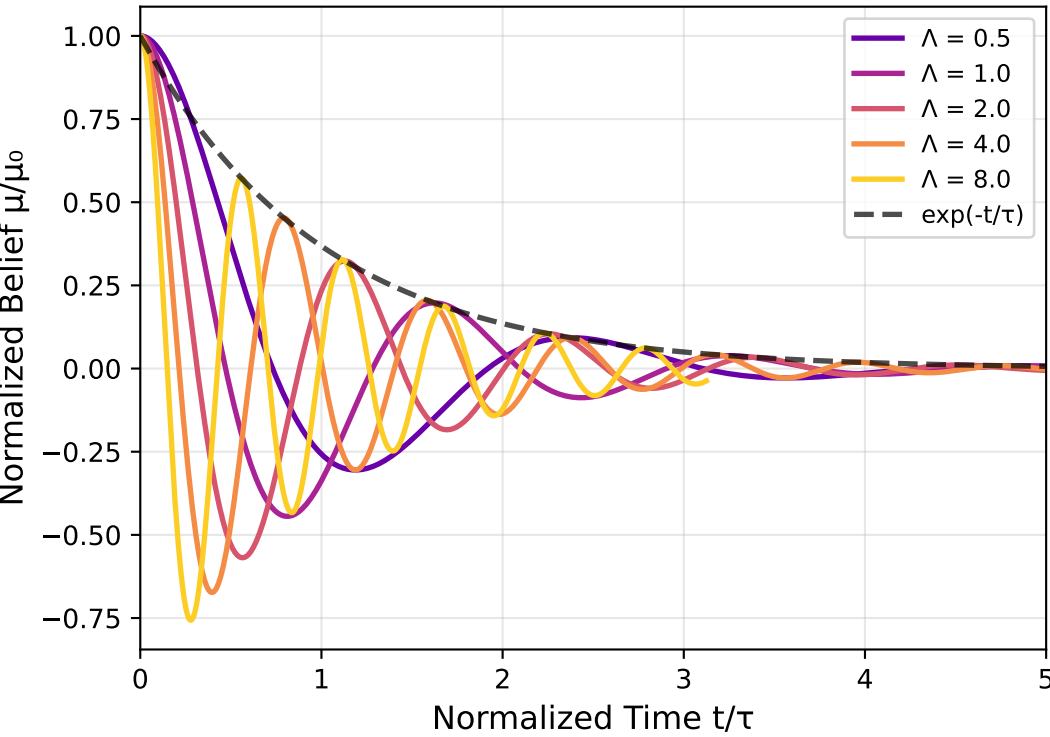
Belief Decay After Debunking



Decay Time vs Λ/γ : $\tau \propto \Lambda/\gamma$



Universal Decay (Scaled by τ)



BELIEF PERSEVERANCE (Eq. 43)

Decay Time Formula:

$$\tau = M/\gamma = \Lambda/\gamma$$

"High-precision beliefs have long decay times"

SIMULATION RESULTS:

Damping $\gamma = 0.5$

Precision range: 0.5 - 8.0

τ range: 1.43 - 4.63

τ ratio: 3.24

Λ ratio: 16.00

THE DEBUNKING PROBLEM (Section 4.5):

- Immediate debunking is INEFFECTIVE
- Belief flows PAST correction target
- Must time the belief trajectory

Example from Eq. 44:

If $\Lambda_A = 10$, $\Lambda_B = 1$, γ equal:

$$\tau_A/\tau_B = \Lambda_A/\Lambda_B = 10$$

"Agent A's false beliefs persist TEN TIMES longer than B's despite identical evidence exposure!"