

Scalar self-force for generic, bound orbits on Kerr

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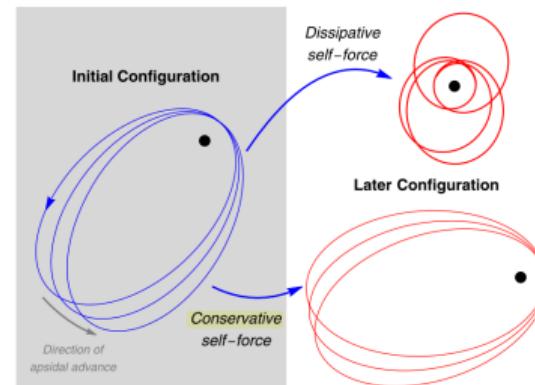


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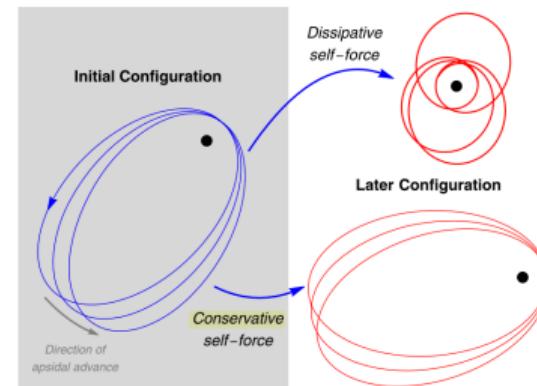


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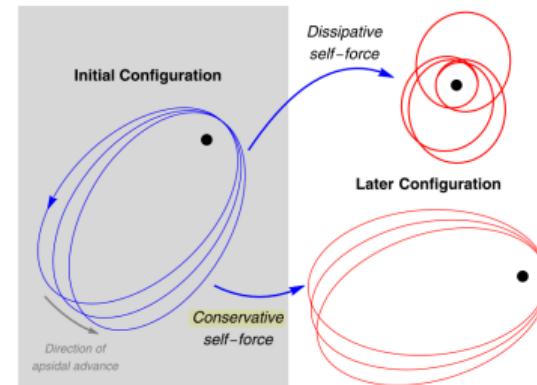


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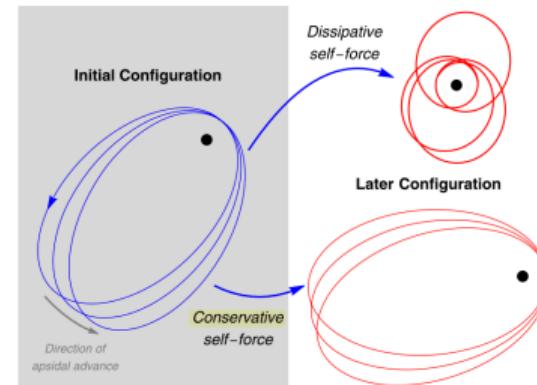


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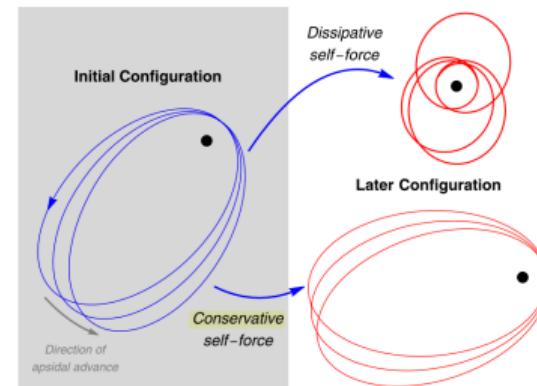


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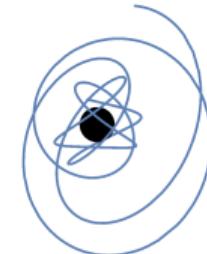
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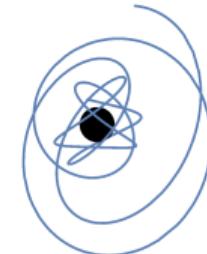
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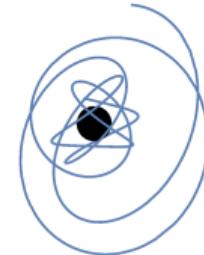
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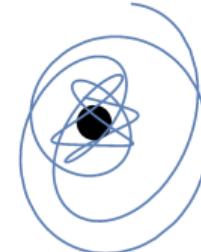
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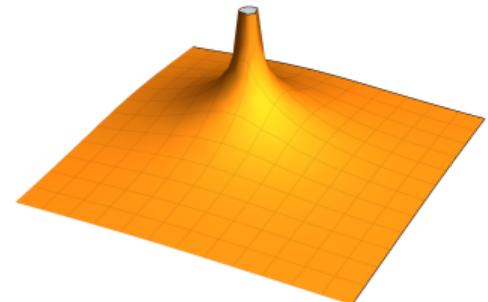


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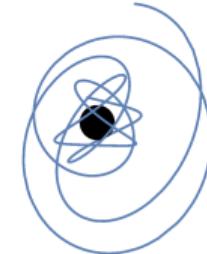
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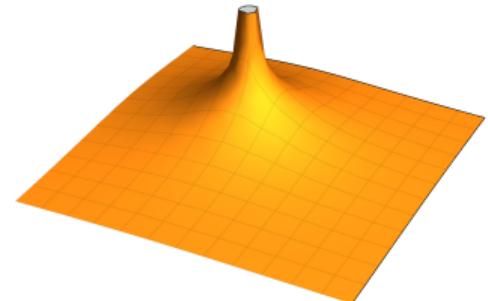
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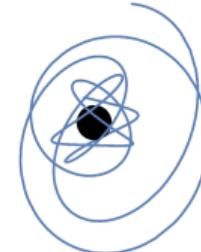
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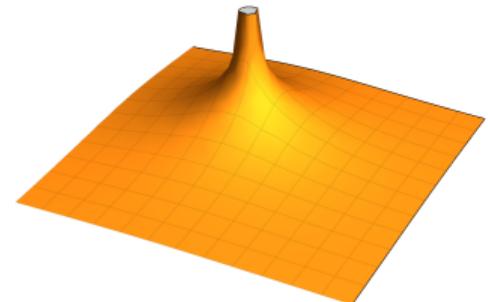
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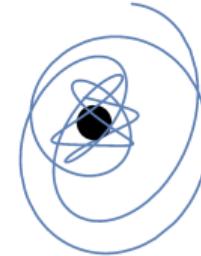
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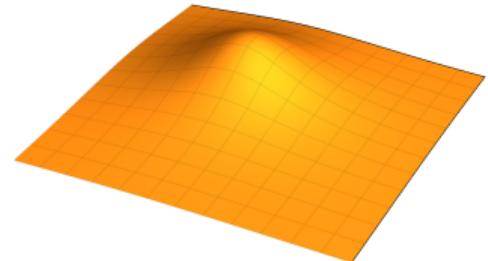
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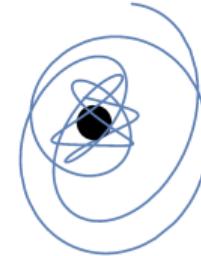
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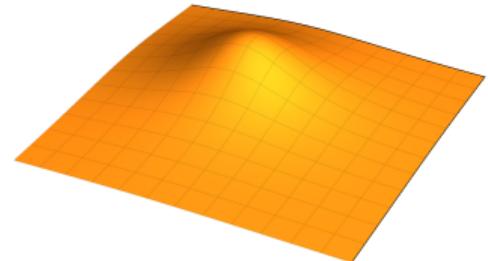


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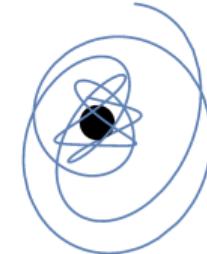
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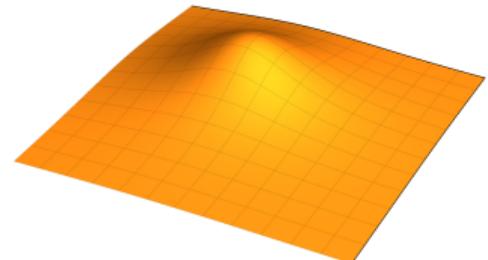
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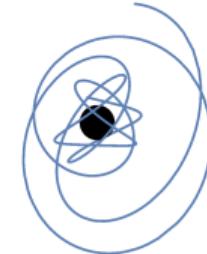
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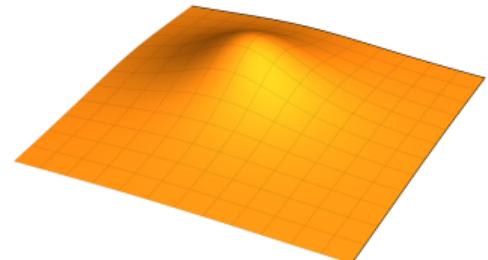
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- (2) Calculate coupling of **spheroidal harmonics** with spherical harmonics

$$S_{lm}(-a^2 \omega^2; \theta) e^{im\varphi} = \sum_{\bar{l}=m}^{\infty} b_{lm}^{\bar{l}} (-a^2 \omega^2) Y_{\bar{l}m}(\theta, \varphi) \quad F_{\alpha}^{\text{self}} = \sum_{\bar{l}=0}^{\infty} [F_{\alpha}^{\bar{l}(\text{cons})} - F_{\alpha}^{\bar{l}(\text{S})}]$$

- (3) Transform **radial Teukolsky functions** to Generalized Sasaki-Nakamura functions

$$\hat{R}_{lmkn}^{\text{up/in}} \rightarrow \hat{X}_{lmkn}^{\pm} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \left[\frac{d^2}{dr_*^2} + U_{lmkn}(r) \right] \tilde{X}_{lmkn}(r) = \tilde{\sigma}_{lmkn}(r) \quad \& \quad \hat{X}^{\pm} \sim \begin{cases} e^{i\omega r_*} & r_* \rightarrow -\infty \\ e^{-i\gamma r_*} & r_* \rightarrow \infty \end{cases}$$

- (4) Compute homogeneous radial solutions $\hat{X}^{\pm} \Rightarrow$ variation of parameters

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- (5) Reconstruct TD solution

$$\tilde{X}_{lm}^{\pm}(t, r) = \sum_{kn} \begin{cases} C_{lmkn}^+ \hat{X}_{lmkn}^+(r) e^{-i\omega_{mkn} t} & r \geq r_p(t) \\ C_{lmkn}^- \hat{X}_{lmkn}^-(r) e^{-i\omega_{mkn} t} & r \leq r_p(t) \end{cases}$$

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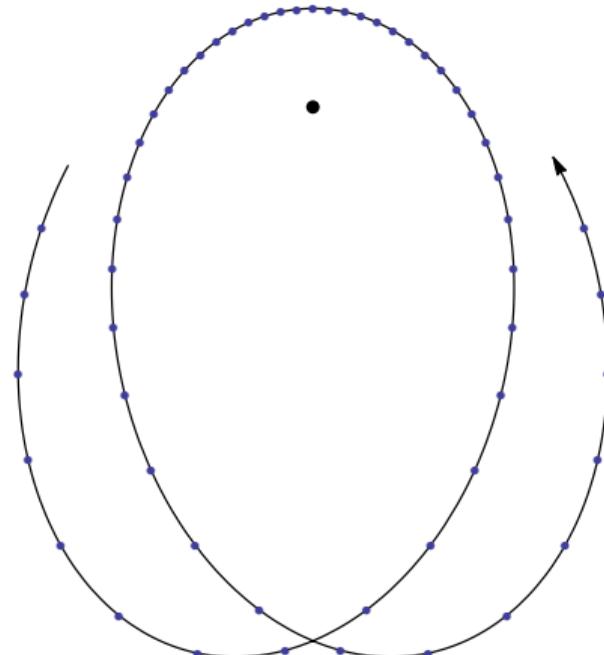
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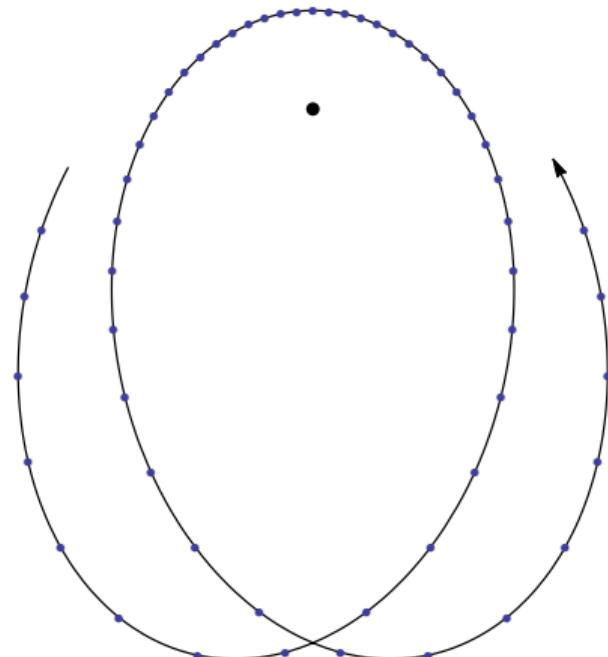
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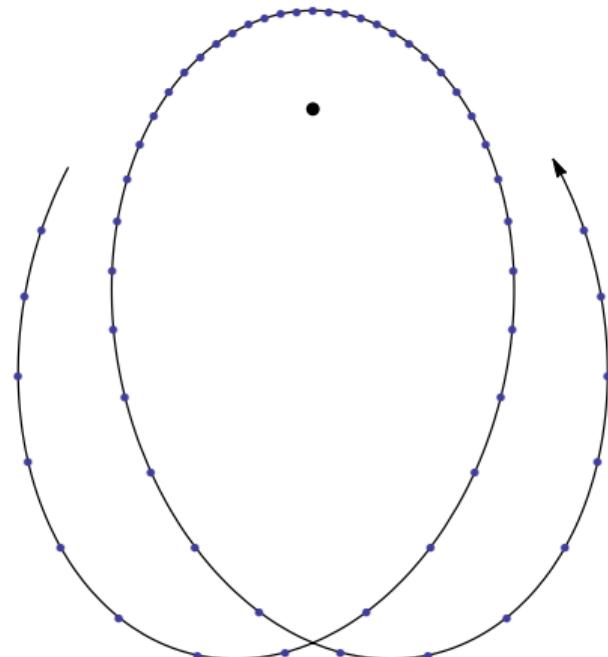
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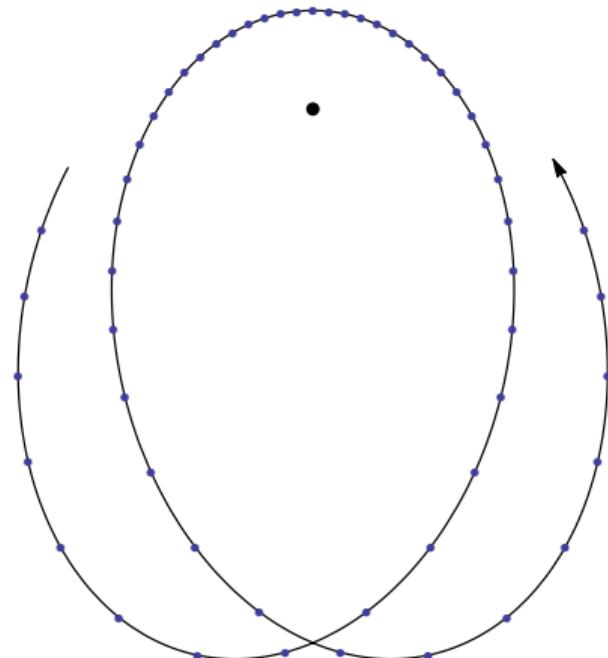
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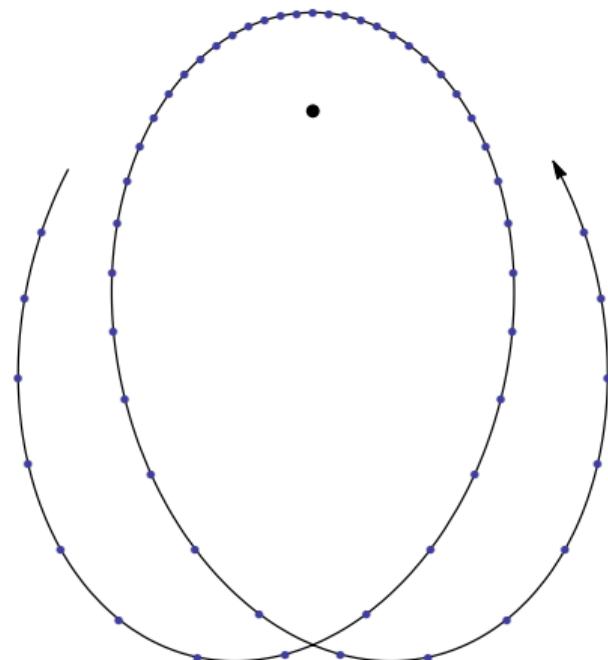
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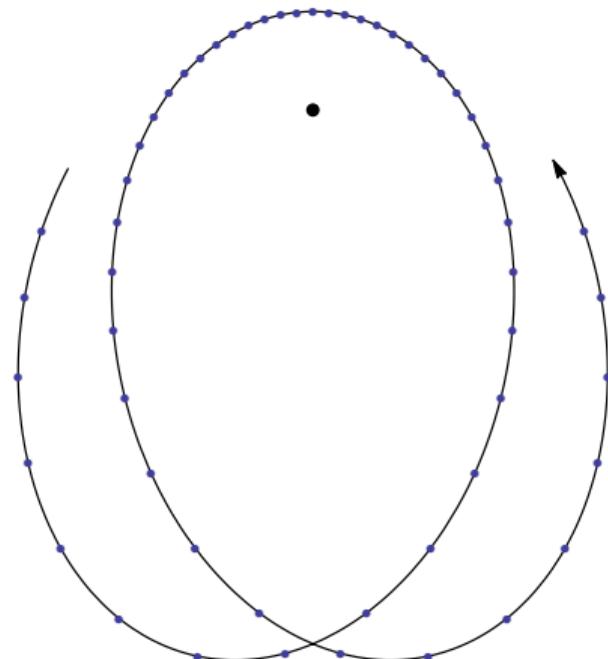
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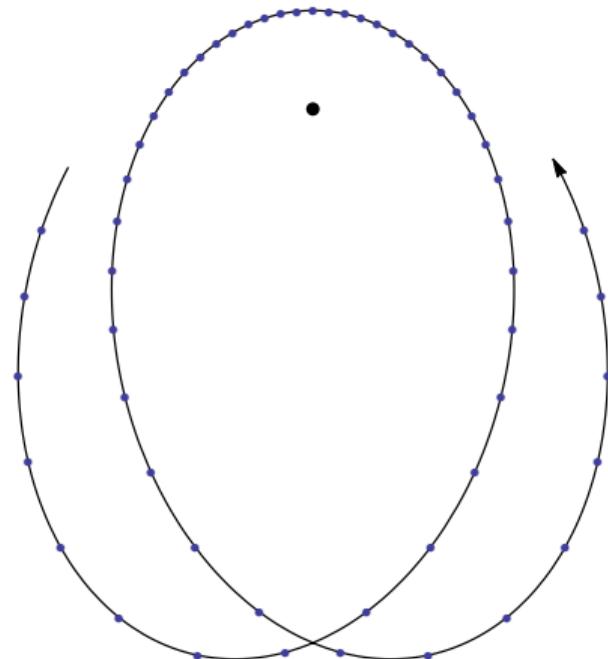
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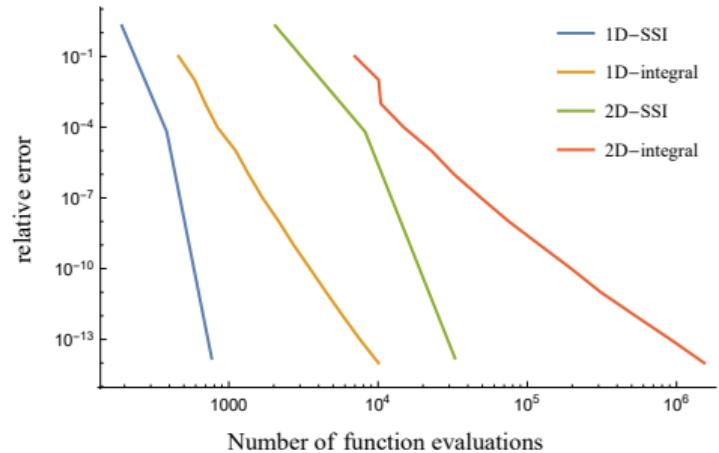
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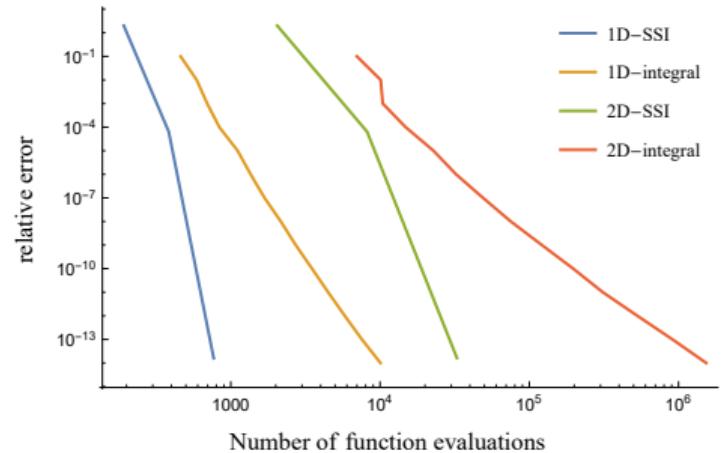
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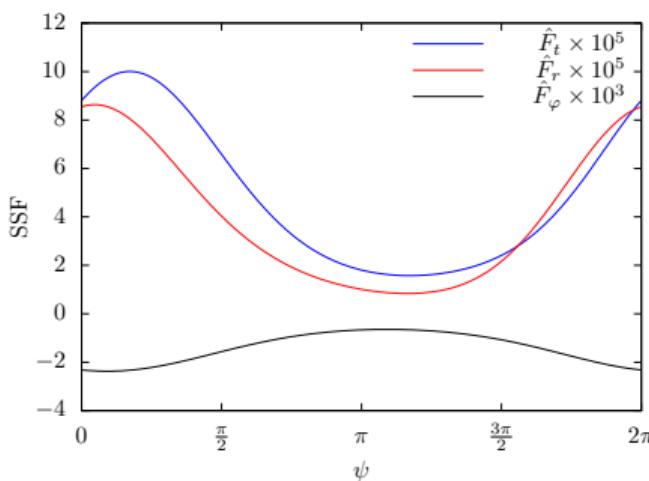
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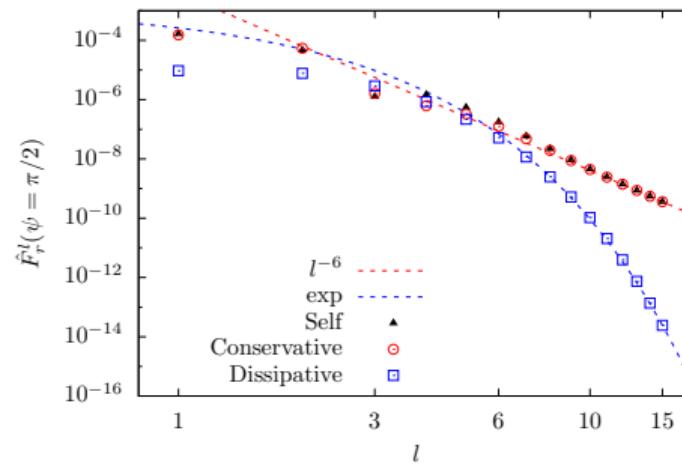
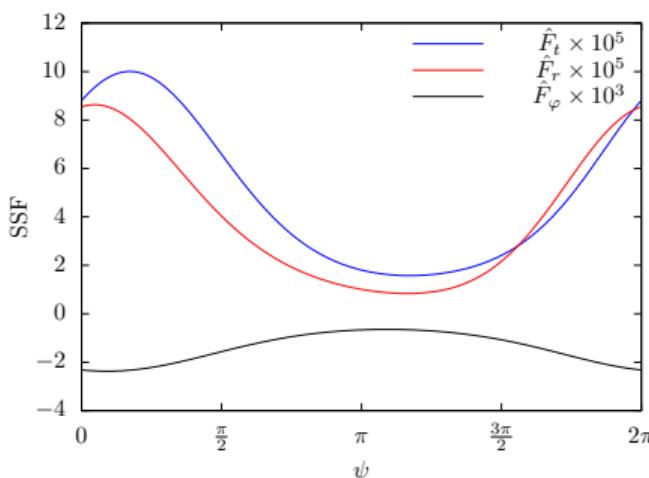
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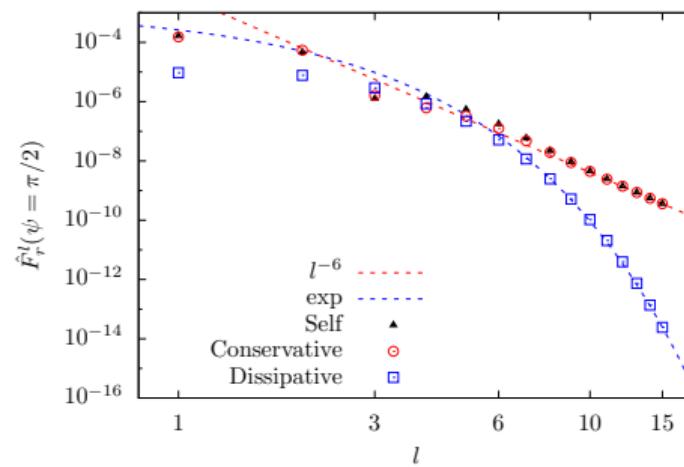
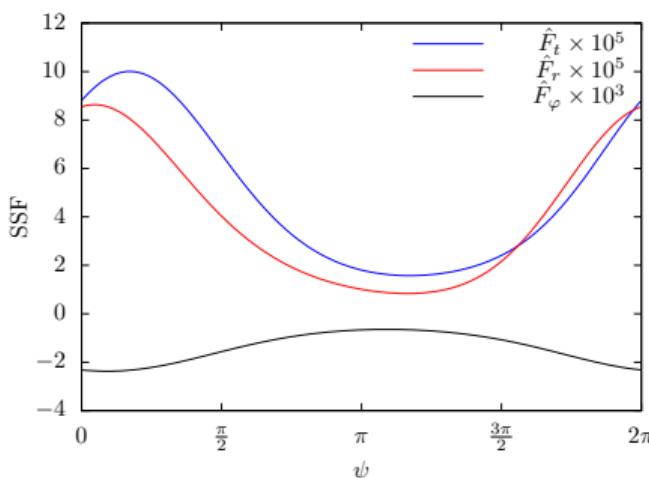
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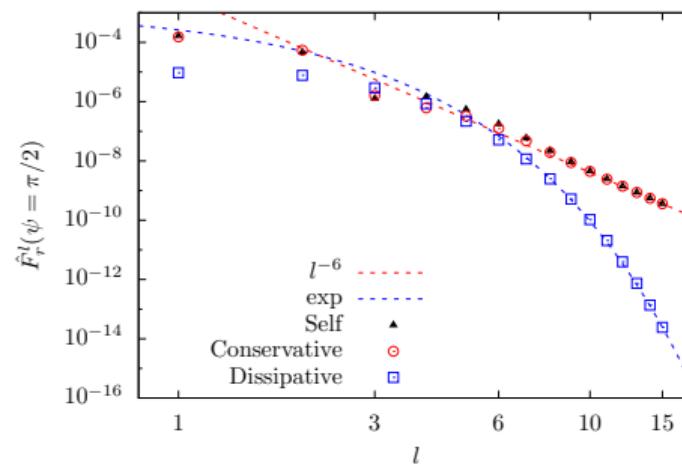
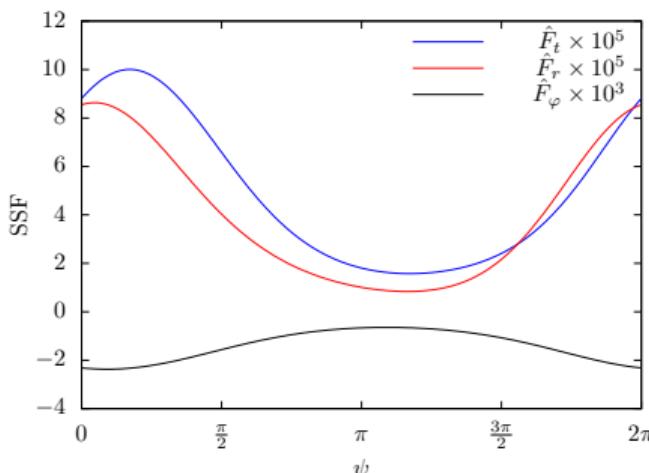
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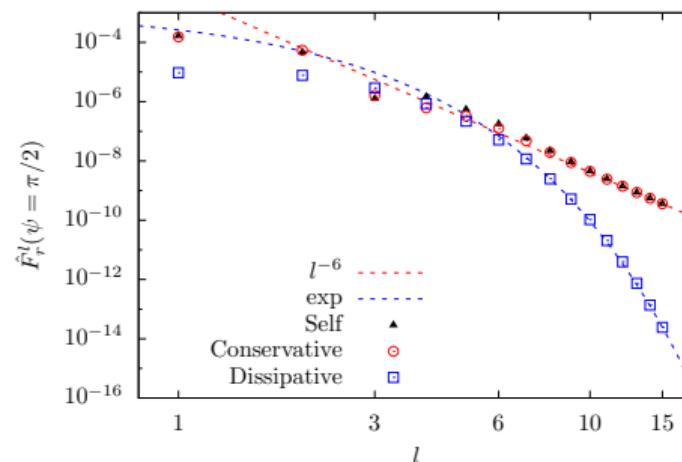
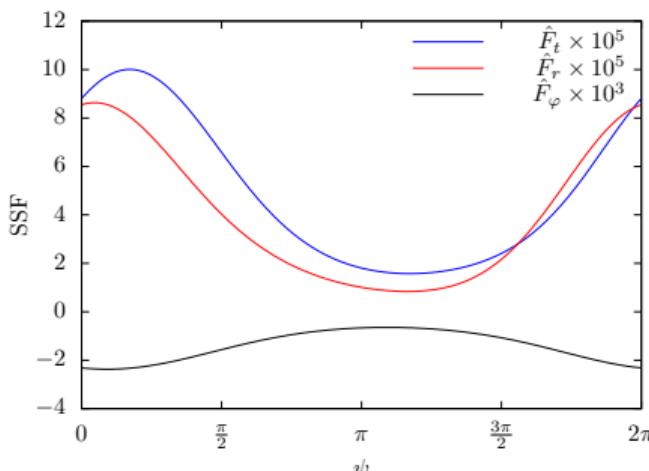
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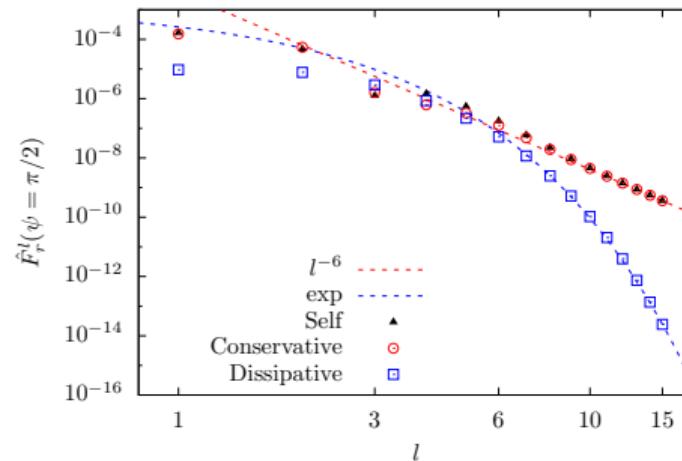
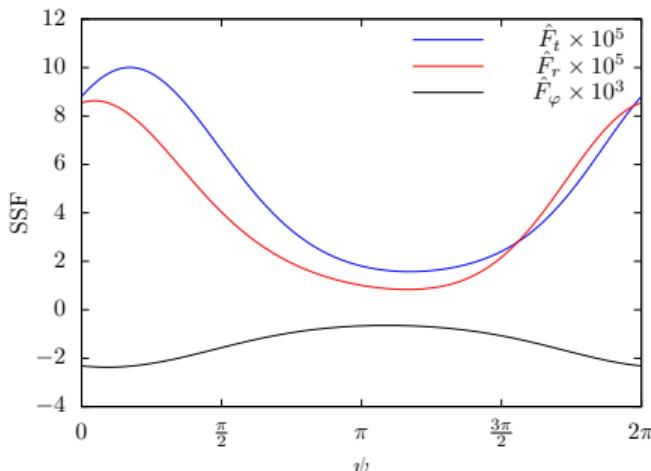
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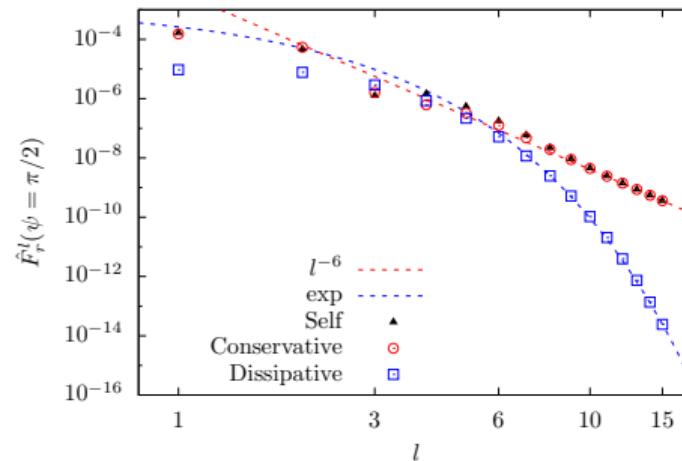
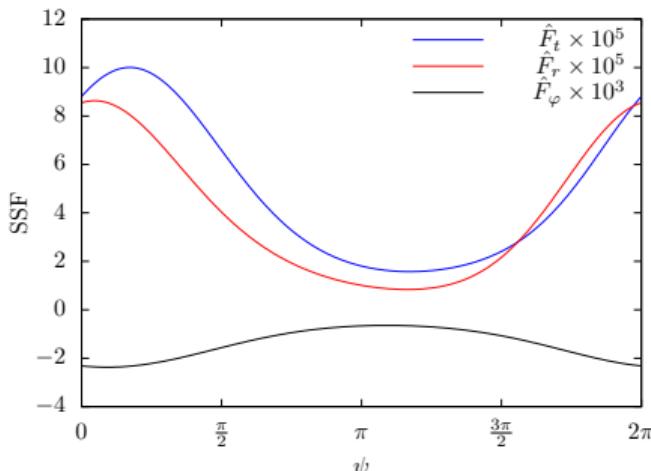
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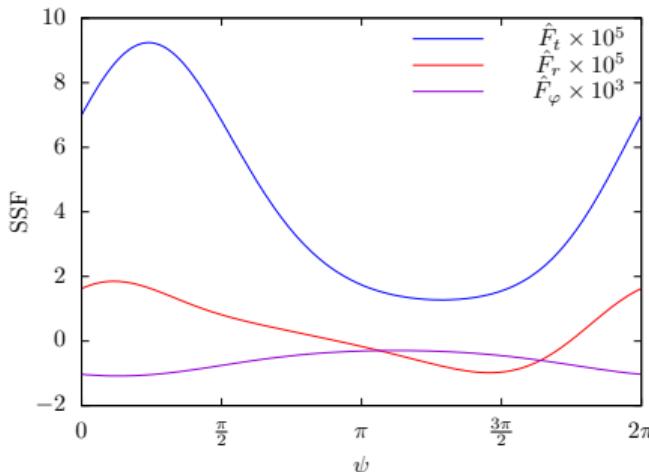
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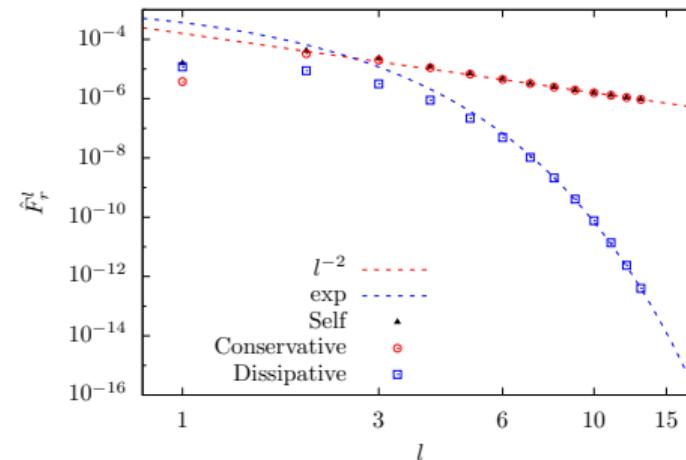
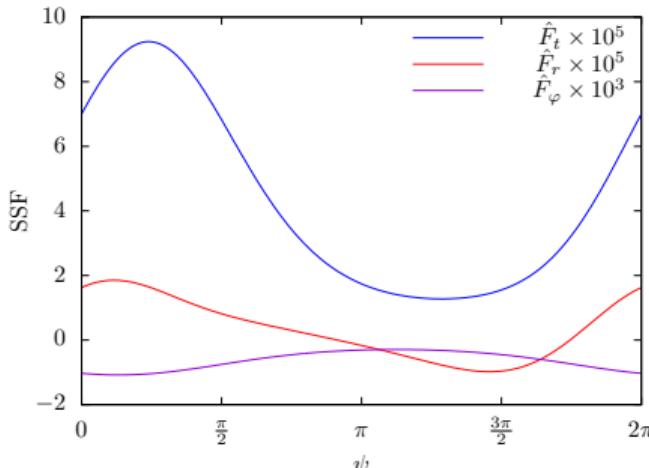
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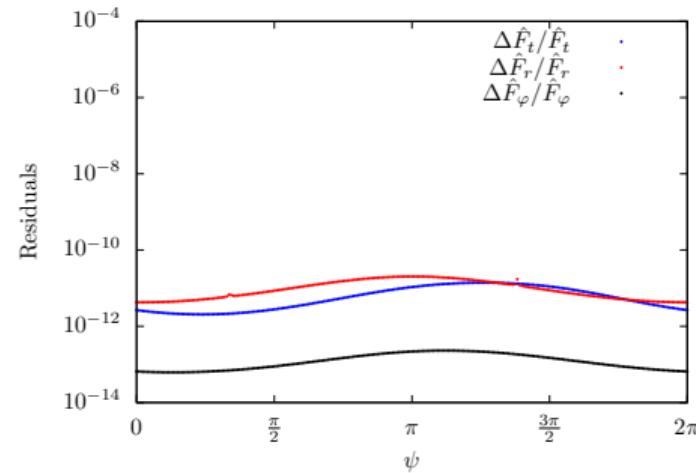
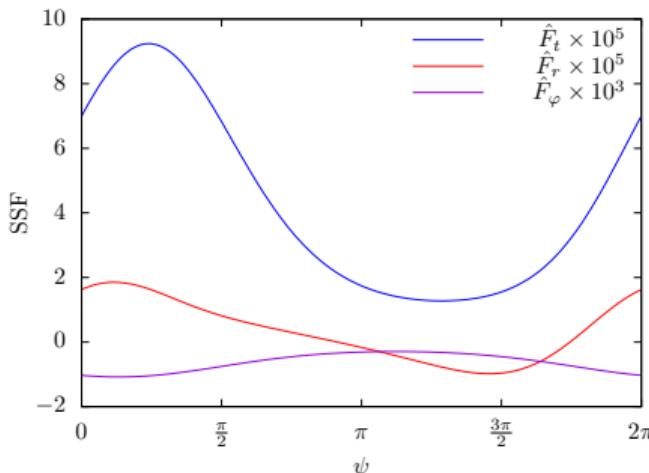
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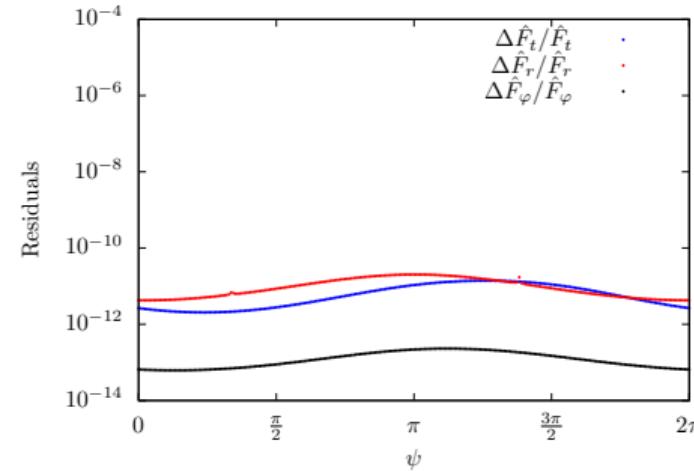
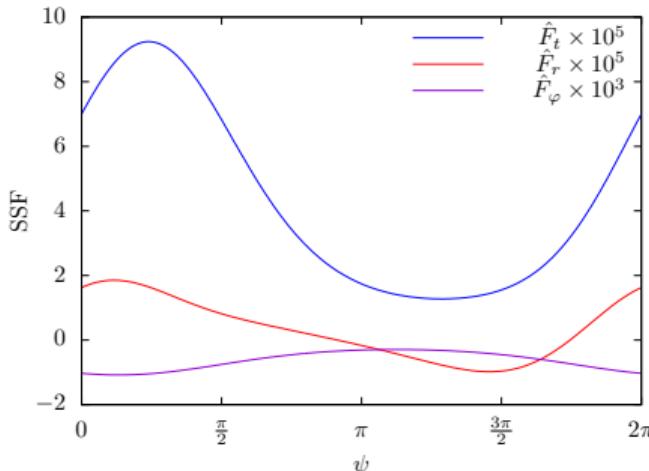
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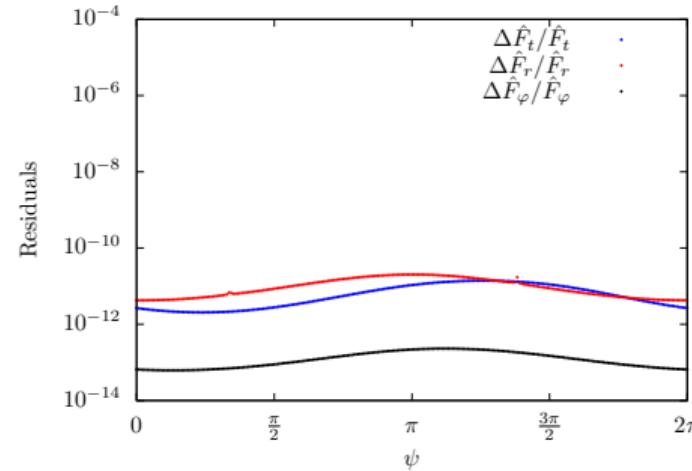
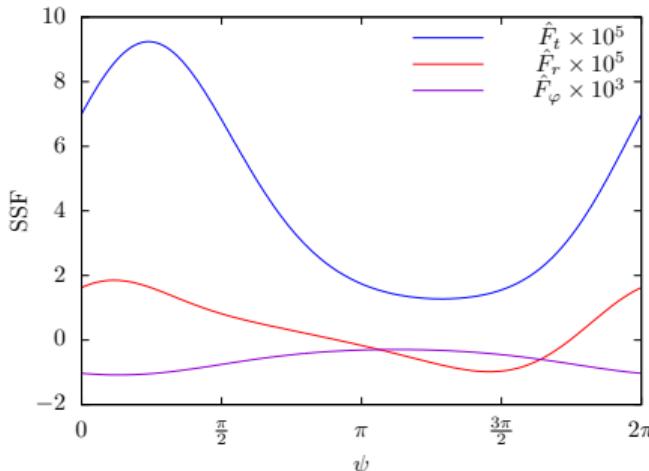
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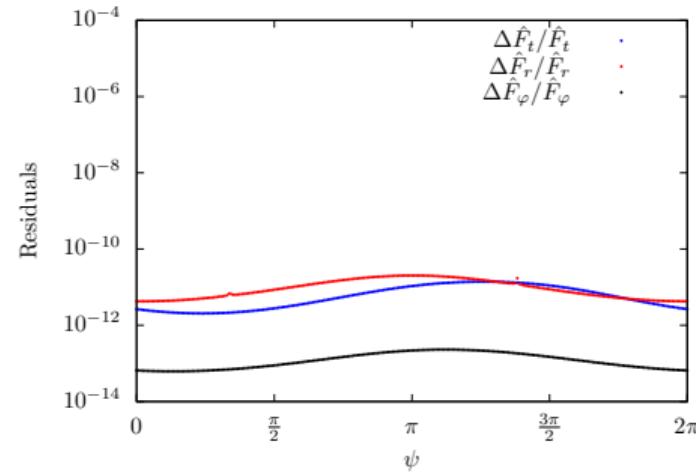
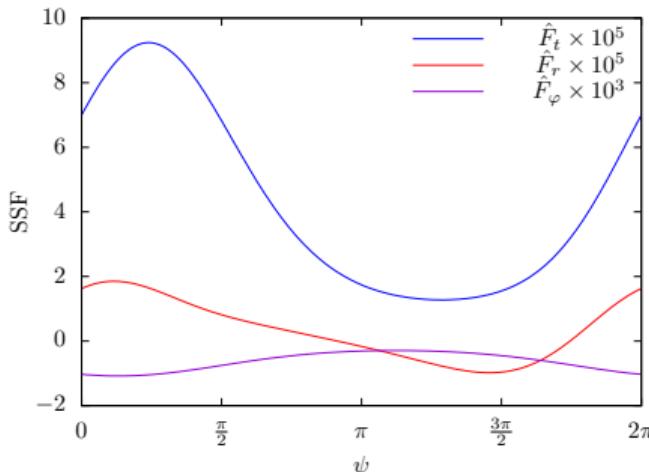
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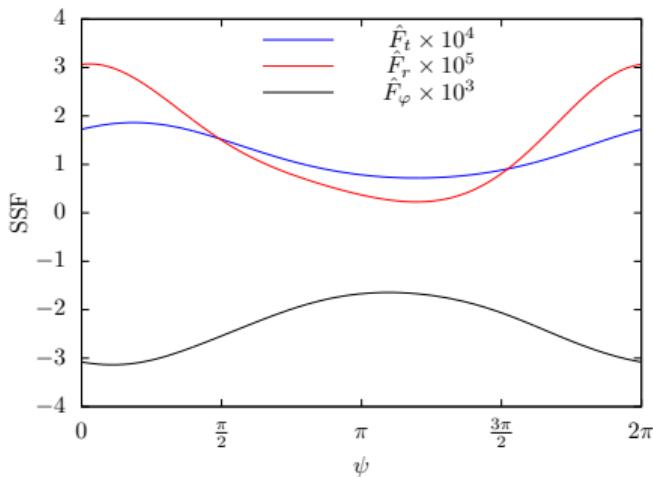
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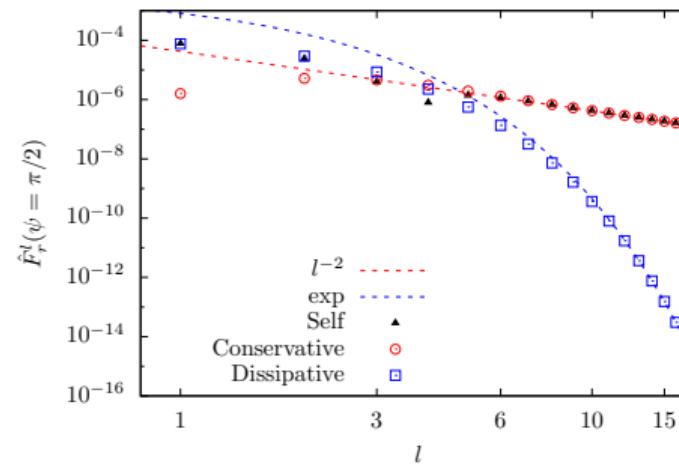
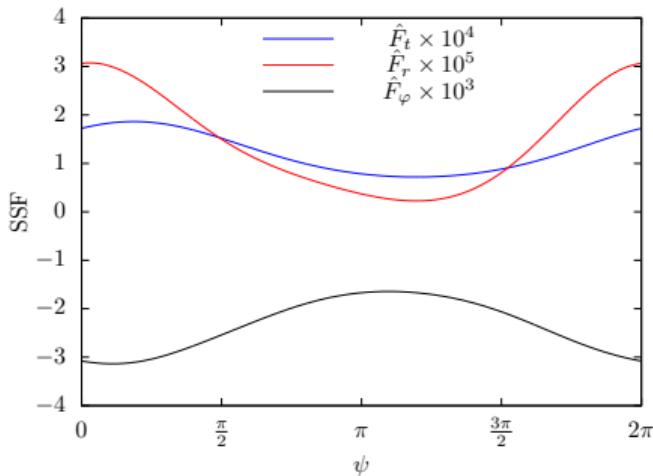
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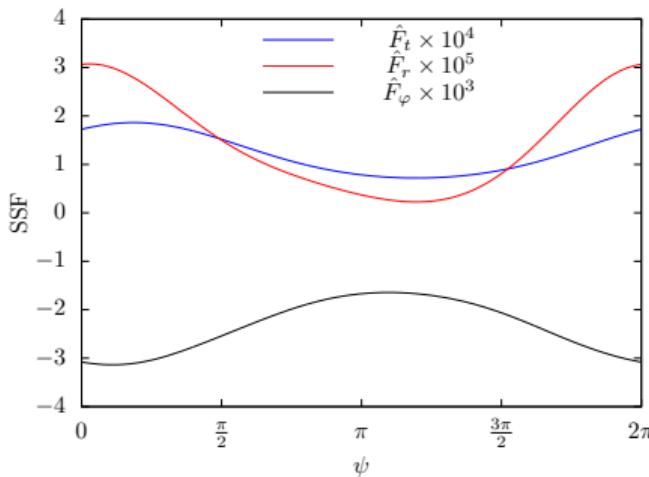


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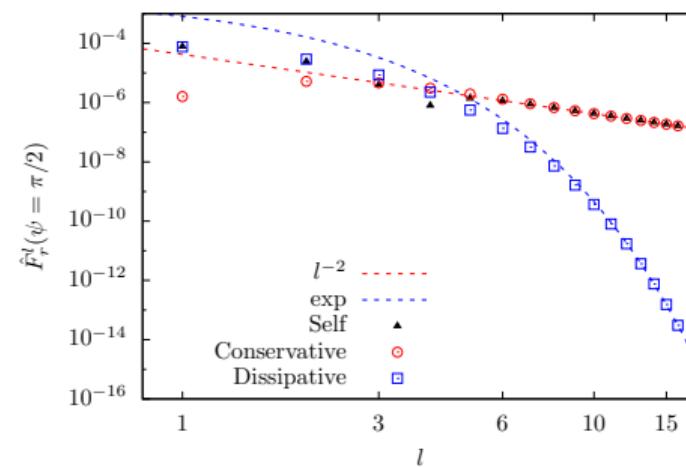
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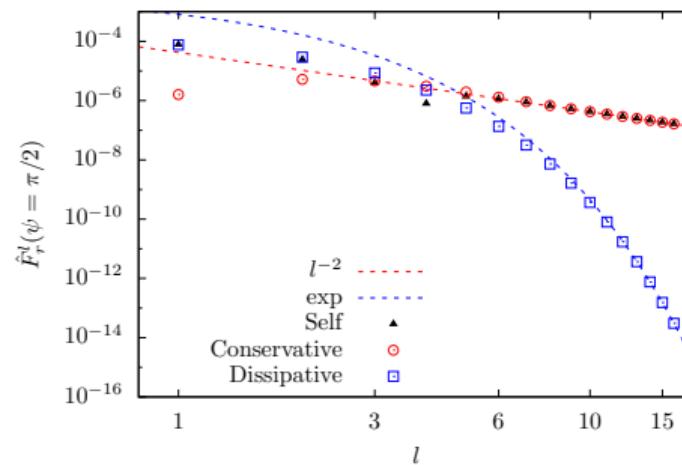
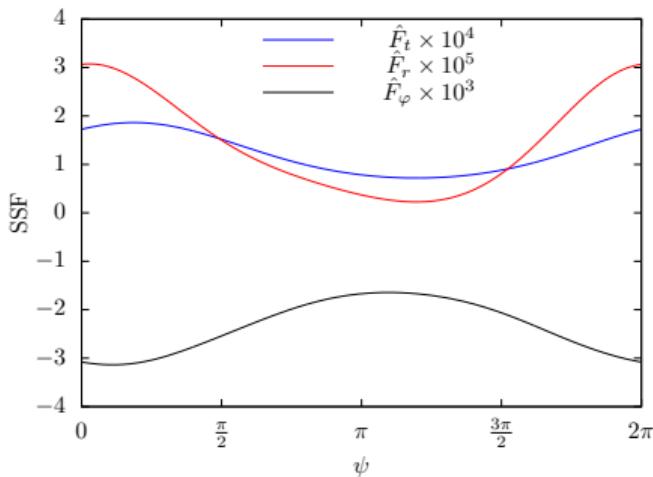
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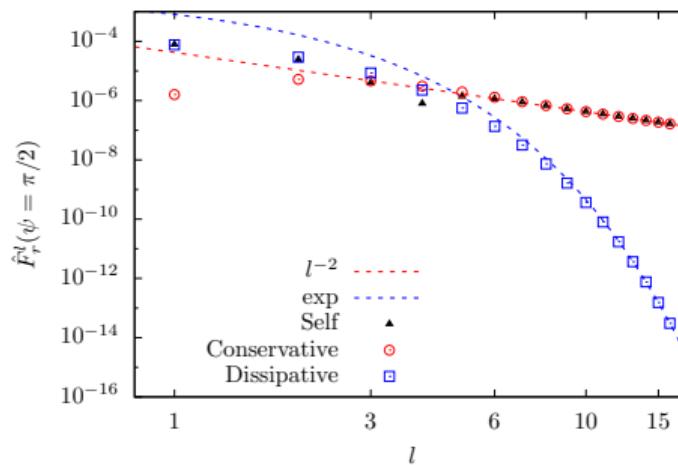
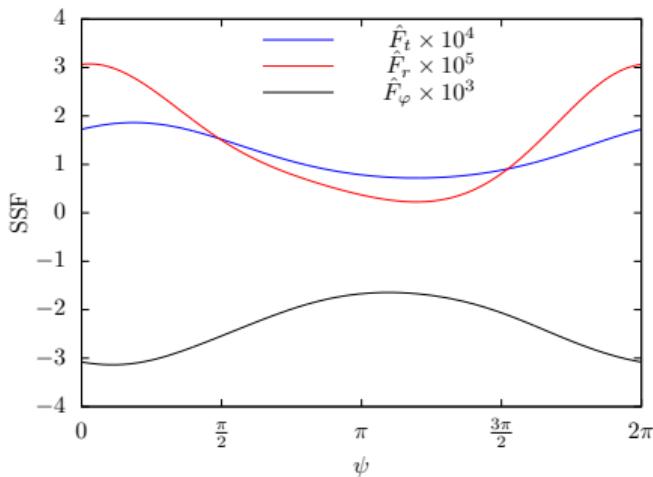
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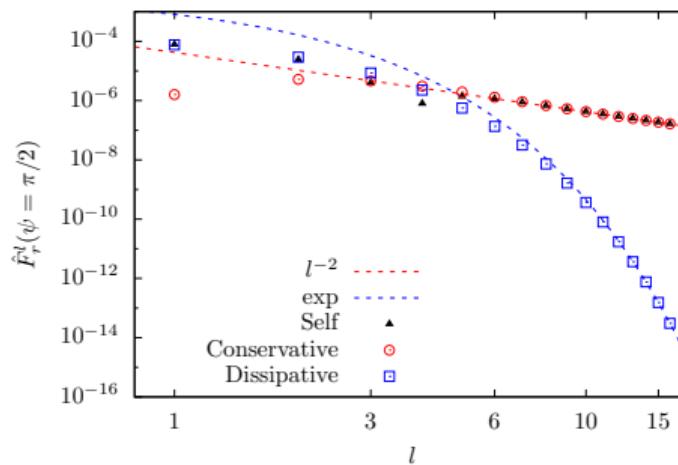
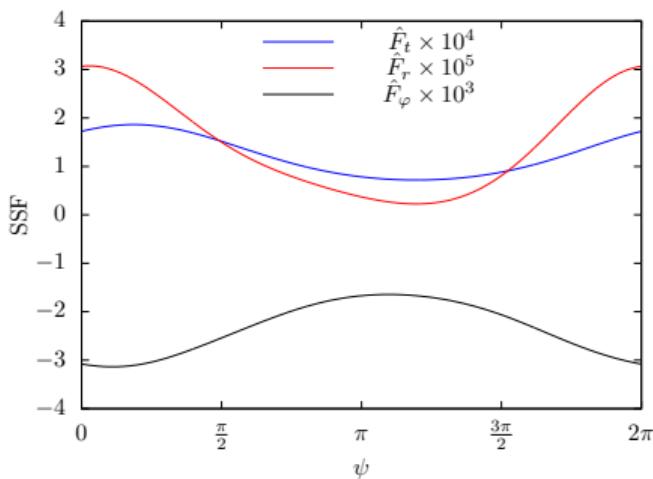
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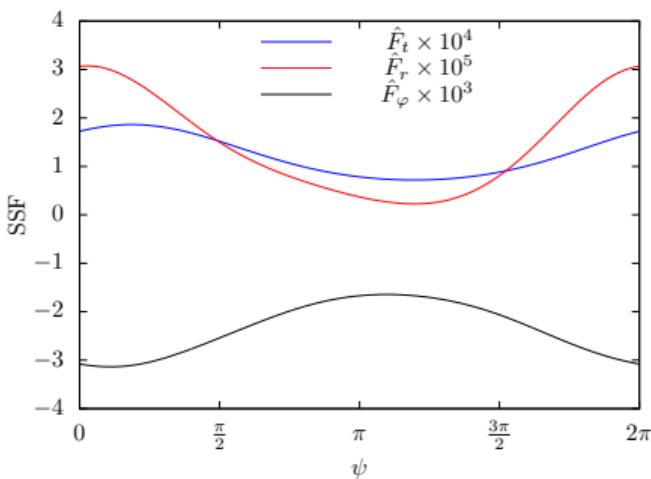
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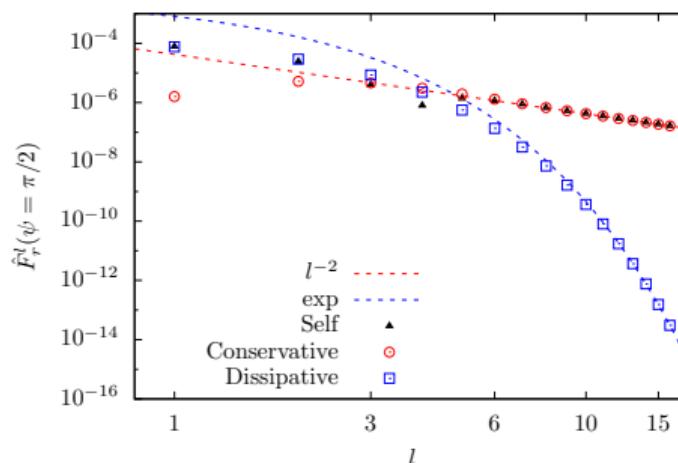
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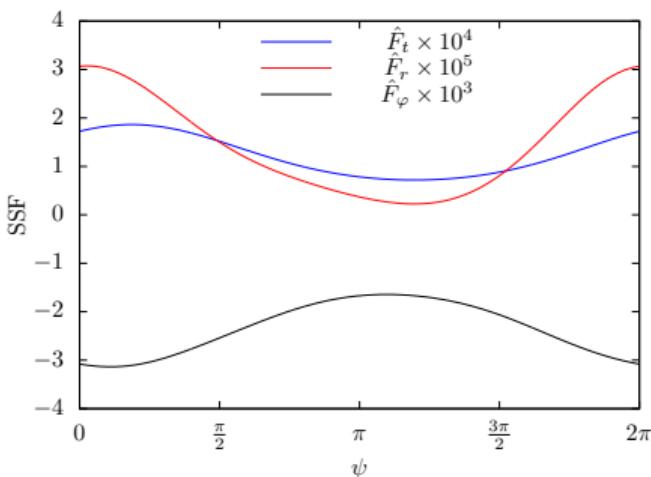
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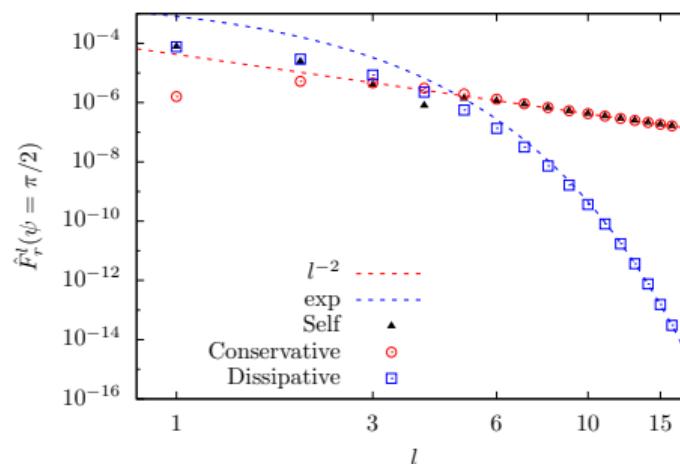
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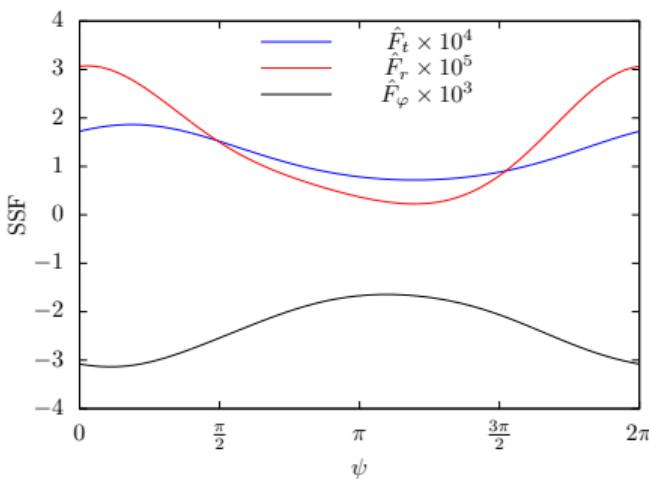
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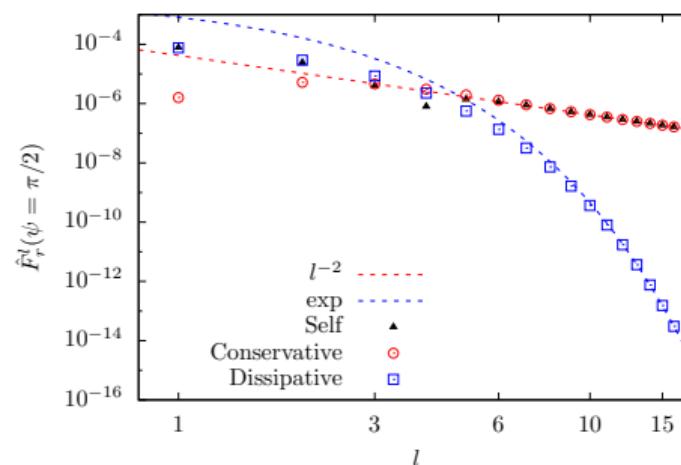
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