

Table 1: Generalized Linear Models: Ablation with respect to the dimensionality of the problem on 50 synthetic and 17 real-world datasets for scenarios 2 and 3. All results within two standard errors of the best average result for each scenario are marked in **bold**. Due to the limitations of the number of features in the real-world data, we can only use 5 datasets for 20 and one dataset for 50 dimensions. Overall, we find that the advantages of the in-context learning approach to deteriorate for higher dimensionalities, with the variational inference methods using a Gaussian approximation performing well for 20 dimensions. This finding is line with work by (Mittal et al., 2025a;b). For 50 dimensions we find that in many cases the used metrics do not allow to significantly discriminate the performance of the different approaches.

| Scenario | Dim. | Model | Synthetic Evaluation | | | Real-World Evaluation | | |
|------------|------|------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| | | | C2ST (\downarrow) | MMD (\downarrow) | \mathcal{W}_2 (\downarrow) | C2ST (\downarrow) | MMD (\downarrow) | \mathcal{W}_2 (\downarrow) |
| Scenario 2 | 5 | Laplace Approximation | 1.000 (\pm 0.000) | 4.853 (\pm 2.333) | 5.770 (\pm 5.946) | 1.000 (\pm 0.000) | 2.572 (\pm 0.206) | 0.809 (\pm 0.149) |
| | | VI: DiagonalNormal | 0.957 (\pm 0.091) | 3.906 (\pm 2.679) | 5.628 (\pm 6.092) | 0.892 (\pm 0.044) | 0.847 (\pm 0.389) | 0.530 (\pm 0.175) |
| | | VI: MultivariateNormal | 0.910 (\pm 0.131) | 3.407 (\pm 2.781) | 5.584 (\pm 6.104) | 0.820 (\pm 0.031) | 0.243 (\pm 0.148) | 0.408 (\pm 0.118) |
| | | VI: Structured Normal | 0.908 (\pm 0.119) | 3.139 (\pm 2.763) | 5.480 (\pm 6.164) | 0.824 (\pm 0.023) | 0.215 (\pm 0.110) | 0.392 (\pm 0.109) |
| | | VI: IAF | 0.968 (\pm 0.063) | 4.416 (\pm 2.473) | 7.474 (\pm 6.235) | 0.888 (\pm 0.067) | 0.921 (\pm 0.860) | 0.942 (\pm 0.733) |
| | | ICL (ours) | 0.839 (\pm 0.072) | 0.707 (\pm 0.658) | 1.111 (\pm 0.300) | 0.768 (\pm 0.033) | 0.143 (\pm 0.089) | 0.411 (\pm 0.094) |
| Scenario 2 | 20 | Laplace Approximation | 1.000 (\pm 0.000) | 2.314 (\pm 0.237) | 3.069 (\pm 1.168) | 1.000 (\pm 0.000) | 2.222 (\pm 0.018) | 2.847 (\pm 0.305) |
| | | VI: DiagonalNormal | 0.904 (\pm 0.168) | 1.292 (\pm 0.937) | 2.863 (\pm 0.919) | 0.990 (\pm 0.009) | 1.277 (\pm 0.452) | 2.483 (\pm 0.318) |
| | | VI: MultivariateNormal | 0.851 (\pm 0.134) | 0.492 (\pm 0.547) | 2.694 (\pm 0.916) | 0.843 (\pm 0.069) | 0.243 (\pm 0.170) | 2.166 (\pm 0.266) |
| | | VI: Structured Normal | 0.697 (\pm 0.065) | 0.070 (\pm 0.099) | 2.497 (\pm 0.993) | 0.655 (\pm 0.031) | 0.029 (\pm 0.025) | 2.191 (\pm 0.271) |
| | | VI: IAF | 0.916 (\pm 0.110) | 1.062 (\pm 1.076) | 4.191 (\pm 0.623) | 0.952 (\pm 0.025) | 0.515 (\pm 0.242) | 3.331 (\pm 0.371) |
| | | ICL (ours) | 0.955 (\pm 0.057) | 1.131 (\pm 1.035) | 4.945 (\pm 0.836) | 0.968 (\pm 0.020) | 0.724 (\pm 0.278) | 4.356 (\pm 0.302) |
| Scenario 2 | 50 | Laplace Approximation | 1.000 (\pm 0.000) | 2.437 (\pm 0.271) | 5.728 (\pm 1.358) | 1.000 (\pm nan) | 2.350 (\pm nan) | 5.620 (\pm nan) |
| | | VI: DiagonalNormal | 0.853 (\pm 0.182) | 0.787 (\pm 0.687) | 6.224 (\pm 1.225) | 0.996 (\pm nan) | 1.080 (\pm nan) | 5.426 (\pm nan) |
| | | VI: MultivariateNormal | 0.878 (\pm 0.150) | 0.688 (\pm 0.620) | 6.206 (\pm 1.244) | 0.994 (\pm nan) | 0.791 (\pm nan) | 5.305 (\pm nan) |
| | | VI: Structured Normal | 0.865 (\pm 0.081) | 0.186 (\pm 0.169) | 5.874 (\pm 1.233) | 0.819 (\pm nan) | 0.093 (\pm nan) | 5.660 (\pm nan) |
| | | VI: IAF | 0.909 (\pm 0.130) | 0.649 (\pm 0.650) | 7.465 (\pm 0.335) | 0.985 (\pm nan) | 0.426 (\pm nan) | 6.426 (\pm nan) |
| | | ICL (ours) | 0.972 (\pm 0.039) | 0.741 (\pm 0.713) | 8.313 (\pm 0.608) | 0.971 (\pm nan) | 0.405 (\pm nan) | 7.718 (\pm nan) |
| Scenario 3 | 5 | Laplace Approximation | 1.000 (\pm 0.000) | 2.203 (\pm 0.997) | 1.170 (\pm 0.949) | 1.000 (\pm 0.000) | 1.841 (\pm 0.185) | 0.729 (\pm 0.175) |
| | | VI: DiagonalNormal | 0.866 (\pm 0.101) | 1.069 (\pm 1.150) | 0.846 (\pm 0.747) | 0.797 (\pm 0.083) | 0.526 (\pm 0.361) | 0.480 (\pm 0.207) |
| | | VI: MultivariateNormal | 0.656 (\pm 0.131) | 0.445 (\pm 1.061) | 0.660 (\pm 0.737) | 0.560 (\pm 0.035) | 0.032 (\pm 0.028) | 0.249 (\pm 0.069) |
| | | VI: Structured Normal | 0.653 (\pm 0.125) | 0.421 (\pm 0.993) | 0.659 (\pm 0.736) | 0.552 (\pm 0.028) | 0.027 (\pm 0.015) | 0.239 (\pm 0.055) |
| | | VI: IAF | 0.751 (\pm 0.148) | 0.939 (\pm 1.349) | 0.964 (\pm 0.924) | 0.673 (\pm 0.141) | 0.399 (\pm 0.543) | 0.563 (\pm 0.433) |
| | | ICL (ours) | 0.611 (\pm 0.070) | 0.089 (\pm 0.114) | 0.423 (\pm 0.348) | 0.576 (\pm 0.027) | 0.037 (\pm 0.026) | 0.257 (\pm 0.044) |
| Scenario 3 | 20 | Laplace Approximation | 1.000 (\pm 0.000) | 2.726 (\pm 1.116) | 4.127 (\pm 1.927) | 1.000 (\pm 0.000) | 2.234 (\pm 0.092) | 3.589 (\pm 0.519) |
| | | VI: DiagonalNormal | 0.912 (\pm 0.134) | 1.704 (\pm 1.467) | 3.933 (\pm 1.574) | 0.983 (\pm 0.014) | 1.298 (\pm 0.443) | 3.147 (\pm 0.557) |
| | | VI: MultivariateNormal | 0.863 (\pm 0.113) | 0.937 (\pm 1.174) | 3.754 (\pm 1.650) | 0.796 (\pm 0.099) | 0.268 (\pm 0.226) | 2.645 (\pm 0.466) |
| | | VI: Structured Normal | 0.768 (\pm 0.109) | 0.302 (\pm 0.518) | 3.151 (\pm 1.663) | 0.722 (\pm 0.073) | 0.131 (\pm 0.141) | 2.579 (\pm 0.399) |
| | | VI: IAF | 0.908 (\pm 0.133) | 1.657 (\pm 1.476) | 5.543 (\pm 1.120) | 0.936 (\pm 0.041) | 0.548 (\pm 0.341) | 3.678 (\pm 0.670) |
| | | ICL (ours) | 0.902 (\pm 0.076) | 1.053 (\pm 0.782) | 6.206 (\pm 0.783) | 0.932 (\pm 0.019) | 0.635 (\pm 0.183) | 5.281 (\pm 0.317) |
| Scenario 3 | 50 | Laplace Approximation | 1.000 (\pm 0.000) | 2.700 (\pm 0.789) | 8.841 (\pm 1.691) | 1.000 (\pm nan) | 2.348 (\pm nan) | 7.049 (\pm nan) |
| | | VI: DiagonalNormal | 0.870 (\pm 0.127) | 1.154 (\pm 1.321) | 9.180 (\pm 1.513) | 0.997 (\pm nan) | 1.393 (\pm nan) | 6.791 (\pm nan) |
| | | VI: MultivariateNormal | 0.896 (\pm 0.101) | 1.027 (\pm 1.157) | 9.175 (\pm 1.555) | 0.998 (\pm nan) | 1.092 (\pm nan) | 6.667 (\pm nan) |
| | | VI: Structured Normal | 0.873 (\pm 0.112) | 0.539 (\pm 0.667) | 9.118 (\pm 1.538) | 0.958 (\pm nan) | 0.420 (\pm nan) | 6.665 (\pm nan) |
| | | VI: IAF | 0.869 (\pm 0.124) | 0.751 (\pm 0.939) | 9.917 (\pm 0.870) | 0.971 (\pm nan) | 0.417 (\pm nan) | 7.411 (\pm nan) |
| | | ICL (ours) | 0.931 (\pm 0.062) | 0.784 (\pm 0.884) | 10.063 (\pm 0.930) | 0.965 (\pm nan) | 0.347 (\pm nan) | 8.482 (\pm nan) |
| Scenario 5 | 5 | Laplace Approximation | 1.000 (\pm 0.000) | 2.060 (\pm 0.472) | 0.797 (\pm 0.577) | 1.000 (\pm 0.000) | 1.982 (\pm 0.126) | 0.623 (\pm 0.084) |
| | | VI: DiagonalNormal | 0.866 (\pm 0.085) | 0.954 (\pm 1.022) | 0.651 (\pm 0.549) | 0.810 (\pm 0.036) | 0.441 (\pm 0.252) | 0.384 (\pm 0.089) |
| | | VI: MultivariateNormal | 0.765 (\pm 0.100) | 0.537 (\pm 1.019) | 0.633 (\pm 1.067) | 0.711 (\pm 0.038) | 0.148 (\pm 0.093) | 0.279 (\pm 0.056) |
| | | VI: Structured Normal | 0.758 (\pm 0.098) | 0.447 (\pm 0.818) | 0.572 (\pm 0.816) | 0.705 (\pm 0.032) | 0.140 (\pm 0.081) | 0.269 (\pm 0.045) |
| | | VI: IAF | 0.814 (\pm 0.105) | 0.953 (\pm 1.165) | 0.881 (\pm 1.067) | 0.777 (\pm 0.106) | 0.684 (\pm 0.939) | 0.625 (\pm 0.525) |
| | | ICL (ours) | 0.621 (\pm 0.063) | 0.067 (\pm 0.080) | 0.299 (\pm 0.195) | 0.610 (\pm 0.045) | 0.046 (\pm 0.020) | 0.242 (\pm 0.038) |
| Scenario 5 | 20 | Laplace Approximation | 1.000 (\pm 0.000) | 2.367 (\pm 0.555) | 2.780 (\pm 1.271) | 1.000 (\pm 0.000) | 2.200 (\pm 0.041) | 2.444 (\pm 0.619) |
| | | VI: DiagonalNormal | 0.938 (\pm 0.098) | 1.153 (\pm 0.954) | 2.552 (\pm 1.147) | 0.967 (\pm 0.012) | 0.547 (\pm 0.233) | 1.973 (\pm 0.452) |
| | | VI: MultivariateNormal | 0.929 (\pm 0.082) | 0.710 (\pm 0.768) | 2.473 (\pm 1.145) | 0.928 (\pm 0.016) | 0.250 (\pm 0.079) | 1.776 (\pm 0.399) |
| | | VI: Structured Normal | 0.909 (\pm 0.082) | 0.397 (\pm 0.442) | 2.246 (\pm 1.244) | 0.924 (\pm 0.018) | 0.202 (\pm 0.094) | 1.775 (\pm 0.430) |
| | | VI: IAF | 0.934 (\pm 0.092) | 1.325 (\pm 1.161) | 4.899 (\pm 1.320) | 0.980 (\pm 0.016) | 0.892 (\pm 0.404) | 3.593 (\pm 0.597) |
| | | ICL (ours) | 0.961 (\pm 0.046) | 1.330 (\pm 1.125) | 5.084 (\pm 1.297) | 0.981 (\pm 0.014) | 1.162 (\pm 0.461) | 4.804 (\pm 0.578) |
| Scenario 5 | 50 | Laplace Approximation | 1.000 (\pm 0.000) | 2.582 (\pm 0.606) | 5.765 (\pm 1.540) | 1.000 (\pm nan) | 2.322 (\pm nan) | 3.485 (\pm nan) |
| | | VI: DiagonalNormal | 0.925 (\pm 0.074) | 0.925 (\pm 1.056) | 6.461 (\pm 1.877) | 0.972 (\pm nan) | 0.186 (\pm nan) | 3.251 (\pm nan) |
| | | VI: MultivariateNormal | 0.934 (\pm 0.064) | 0.825 (\pm 0.972) | 6.404 (\pm 1.882) | 0.969 (\pm nan) | 0.165 (\pm nan) | 3.223 (\pm nan) |
| | | VI: Structured Normal | 0.927 (\pm 0.068) | 0.481 (\pm 0.588) | 6.420 (\pm 1.970) | 0.961 (\pm nan) | 0.072 (\pm nan) | 3.324 (\pm nan) |
| | | VI: IAF | 0.925 (\pm 0.069) | 0.792 (\pm 0.975) | 8.458 (\pm 0.864) | 0.996 (\pm nan) | 0.519 (\pm nan) | 4.645 (\pm nan) |
| | | ICL (ours) | 0.998 (\pm 0.002) | 0.762 (\pm 0.987) | 8.195 (\pm 0.820) | 1.000 (\pm nan) | 0.984 (\pm nan) | 7.288 (\pm nan) |

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| Scenario | Dim. | Model | RMSE Real-World (\downarrow) | RMSE Synthetic (\downarrow) |
|------------|------|------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Scenario 2 | 5 | HMC | 0.559 (± 0.023) | 0.556 (± 0.049) |
| | | Laplace Approximation | 0.561 (± 0.022) | 0.557 (± 0.049) |
| | | VI: DiagonalNormal | 0.560 (± 0.023) | 0.557 (± 0.049) |
| | | VI: MultivariateNormal | 0.559 (± 0.023) | 0.556 (± 0.049) |
| | | VI: Structured Normal | 0.604 (± 0.016) | 0.685 (± 0.054) |
| | | VI: IAF | 0.563 (± 0.023) | 0.557 (± 0.049) |
| | | ICL (ours) | 0.561 (± 0.019) | 0.653 (± 0.049) |
| | | MAP | 0.513 (± 0.023) | 0.522 (± 0.048) |
| | | TabPFN | 0.449 (± 0.034) | 0.498 (± 0.047) |
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| Scenario 2 | 20 | HMC | 0.682 (± 0.029) | 0.536 (± 0.041) |
| | | Laplace Approximation | 0.682 (± 0.030) | 0.538 (± 0.040) |
| | | VI: DiagonalNormal | 0.680 (± 0.029) | 0.539 (± 0.041) |
| | | VI: MultivariateNormal | 0.685 (± 0.029) | 0.537 (± 0.041) |
| | | VI: Structured Normal | 0.746 (± 0.019) | 0.681 (± 0.041) |
| | | VI: IAF | 0.683 (± 0.029) | 0.539 (± 0.041) |
| | | ICL (ours) | 0.777 (± 0.011) | 1.122 (± 0.078) |
| | | MAP | 0.578 (± 0.025) | 0.472 (± 0.039) |
| | | TabPFN | 0.470 (± 0.044) | 0.446 (± 0.038) |
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| Scenario 2 | 50 | HMC | 0.669 ($\pm \text{nan}$) | 0.713 (± 0.060) |
| | | Laplace Approximation | 0.594 ($\pm \text{nan}$) | 0.878 (± 0.068) |
| | | VI: DiagonalNormal | 0.582 ($\pm \text{nan}$) | 0.870 (± 0.065) |
| | | VI: MultivariateNormal | 0.729 ($\pm \text{nan}$) | 0.764 (± 0.066) |
| | | VI: Structured Normal | 0.922 ($\pm \text{nan}$) | 1.116 (± 0.074) |
| | | VI: IAF | 0.695 ($\pm \text{nan}$) | 0.770 (± 0.060) |
| | | ICL (ours) | 1.256 ($\pm \text{nan}$) | 2.343 (± 0.230) |
| | | MAP | 0.301 ($\pm \text{nan}$) | 0.398 (± 0.047) |
| | | TabPFN | 0.235 ($\pm \text{nan}$) | 0.570 (± 0.053) |
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|------------|------|------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Scenario 3 | 5 | HMC | 0.684 (± 0.027) | 0.512 (± 0.040) |
| | | Laplace Approximation | 0.688 (± 0.026) | 0.516 (± 0.040) |
| | | VI: DiagonalNormal | 0.686 (± 0.027) | 0.513 (± 0.040) |
| | | VI: MultivariateNormal | 0.685 (± 0.027) | 0.512 (± 0.040) |
| | | VI: Structured Normal | 0.733 (± 0.016) | 0.607 (± 0.043) |
| | | VI: IAF | 0.686 (± 0.027) | 0.512 (± 0.040) |
| | | ICL (ours) | 0.690 (± 0.023) | 0.588 (± 0.045) |
| | | MAP | 0.646 (± 0.028) | 0.495 (± 0.039) |
| | | TabPFN | 0.556 (± 0.041) | 0.462 (± 0.037) |
| Scenario 3 | 20 | HMC | 1.030 (± 0.045) | 0.621 (± 0.046) |
| | | Laplace Approximation | 1.053 (± 0.047) | 0.755 (± 0.052) |
| | | VI: DiagonalNormal | 1.035 (± 0.043) | 0.734 (± 0.053) |
| | | VI: MultivariateNormal | 1.033 (± 0.039) | 0.705 (± 0.055) |
| | | VI: Structured Normal | 1.095 (± 0.045) | 1.033 (± 0.063) |
| | | VI: IAF | 1.026 (± 0.045) | 0.653 (± 0.047) |
| | | ICL (ours) | 1.770 (± 0.048) | 2.160 (± 0.217) |
| | | MAP | 0.861 (± 0.038) | 0.581 (± 0.050) |
| | | TabPFN | 0.654 (± 0.062) | 0.475 (± 0.039) |
| Scenario 3 | 50 | HMC | 0.858 ($\pm \text{nan}$) | 0.645 (± 0.051) |
| | | Laplace Approximation | 0.866 ($\pm \text{nan}$) | 0.865 (± 0.083) |
| | | VI: DiagonalNormal | 0.788 ($\pm \text{nan}$) | 0.870 (± 0.084) |
| | | VI: MultivariateNormal | 0.819 ($\pm \text{nan}$) | 0.778 (± 0.066) |
| | | VI: Structured Normal | 0.812 ($\pm \text{nan}$) | 1.040 (± 0.103) |
| | | VI: IAF | 0.802 ($\pm \text{nan}$) | 0.846 (± 0.078) |
| | | ICL (ours) | 1.686 ($\pm \text{nan}$) | 3.477 (± 0.604) |
| | | MAP | 0.539 ($\pm \text{nan}$) | 0.618 (± 0.054) |
| | | TabPFN | 0.322 ($\pm \text{nan}$) | 0.534 (± 0.038) |

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|------------|------|------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Scenario 5 | 5 | HMC | 0.699 (± 0.022) | 0.490 (± 0.036) |
| | | Laplace Approximation | 0.699 (± 0.022) | 0.491 (± 0.036) |
| | | VI: DiagonalNormal | 0.702 (± 0.022) | 0.491 (± 0.036) |
| | | VI: MultivariateNormal | 0.698 (± 0.021) | 0.491 (± 0.036) |
| | | VI: Structured Normal | 1.507 (± 0.089) | 0.741 (± 0.053) |
| | | VI: IAF | 0.699 (± 0.022) | 0.490 (± 0.036) |
| | | ICL (ours) | 0.769 (± 0.020) | 0.701 (± 0.049) |
| | | MAP | 0.658 (± 0.022) | 0.471 (± 0.035) |
| | | TabPFN | 0.534 (± 0.040) | 0.442 (± 0.035) |
| Scenario 5 | 20 | HMC | 1.527 (± 0.055) | 0.553 (± 0.044) |
| | | Laplace Approximation | 1.585 (± 0.065) | 0.586 (± 0.043) |
| | | VI: DiagonalNormal | 1.554 (± 0.058) | 0.586 (± 0.042) |
| | | VI: MultivariateNormal | 1.530 (± 0.058) | 0.564 (± 0.043) |
| | | VI: Structured Normal | 2.109 (± 0.156) | 1.054 (± 0.067) |
| | | VI: IAF | 1.548 (± 0.057) | 0.562 (± 0.043) |
| | | ICL (ours) | 3.545 (± 0.288) | 1.626 (± 0.140) |
| | | MAP | 1.254 (± 0.027) | 0.464 (± 0.035) |
| | | TabPFN | 0.668 (± 0.064) | 0.413 (± 0.032) |
| Scenario 5 | 50 | HMC | 1.626 ($\pm \text{nan}$) | 0.521 (± 0.028) |
| | | Laplace Approximation | 1.541 ($\pm \text{nan}$) | 0.655 (± 0.040) |
| | | VI: DiagonalNormal | 1.576 ($\pm \text{nan}$) | 0.639 (± 0.041) |
| | | VI: MultivariateNormal | 1.659 ($\pm \text{nan}$) | 0.592 (± 0.035) |
| | | VI: Structured Normal | 2.076 ($\pm \text{nan}$) | 1.018 (± 0.102) |
| | | VI: IAF | 1.706 ($\pm \text{nan}$) | 0.627 (± 0.040) |
| | | ICL (ours) | 10.319 ($\pm \text{nan}$) | 1.458 (± 0.193) |
| | | MAP | 1.318 ($\pm \text{nan}$) | 0.416 (± 0.018) |
| | | TabPFN | 0.330 ($\pm \text{nan}$) | 0.443 (± 0.024) |