

- Wagenmakers (2007) details a means to estimating the Bayes Factor (BF) of our data in support of one model or another using BIC. Essentially, it gives us a measure of the extent to which our data support a particular model.
- BFs are estimated using the BIC value for each model - BIC penalises additional parameters so the BF captures possible overfitting (i.e., too many parameters on our model).
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**Interpretation of the Bayes Factor in Terms of Evidence
(cf. Raftery, 1995, Table 6)**

Bayes Factor BF_{01}	$\Pr(H_0 D)$	Evidence
1–3	.50–.75	weak
3–20	.75–.95	positive
20–150	.95–.99	strong
>150	>.99	very strong

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$$BF = 485$$

A BF of 485 is “Very Strong” evidence in support of the null hypothesis.