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1 Scenario 1: Conditional on Model Type

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## === Running M3 Analysis ===
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```
## === SCENARIO 1: 30 levels (10 obs each) ===
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```
## Converged at iteration 9  
## Max relative change: 6.10e-06
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##  
## Exact posterior parameters:
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```
## E[beta]: 5.253169 0.4526869 0.4673524 0.4262505
```

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```
## E[tau_e]: 0.5052656
```

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```
##  
## Running Laplace approximation...
```

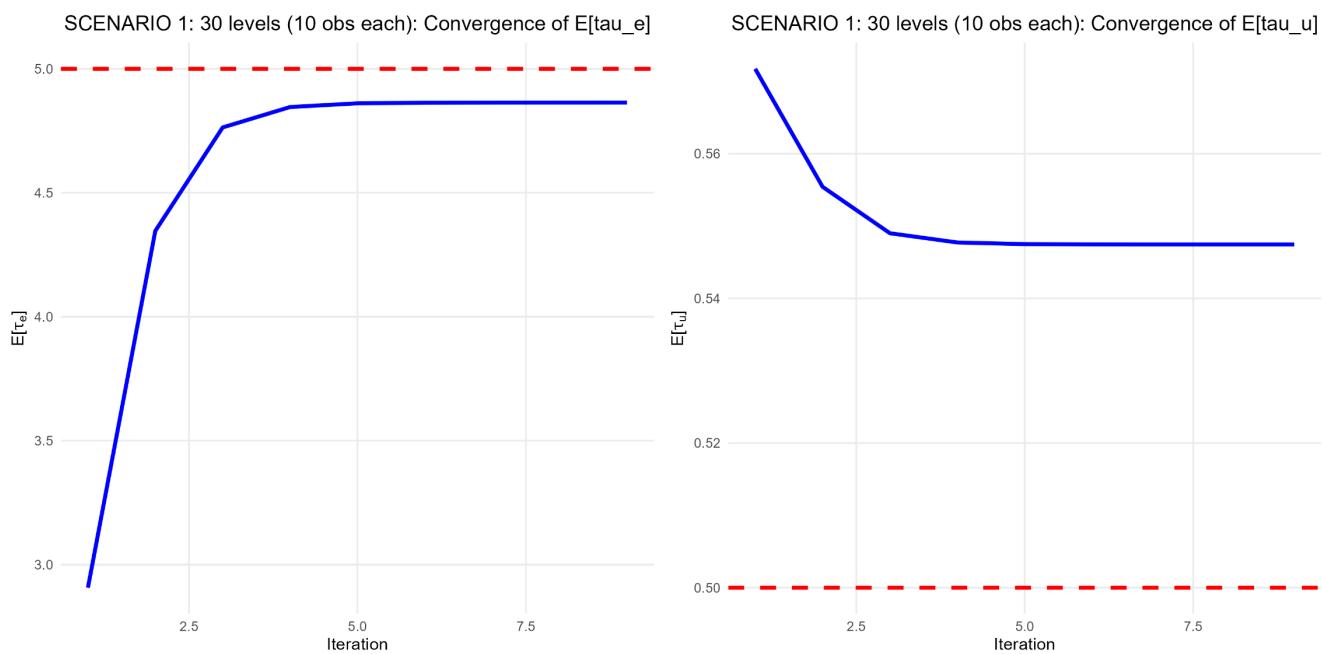
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```
## Laplace MAP estimates:
```

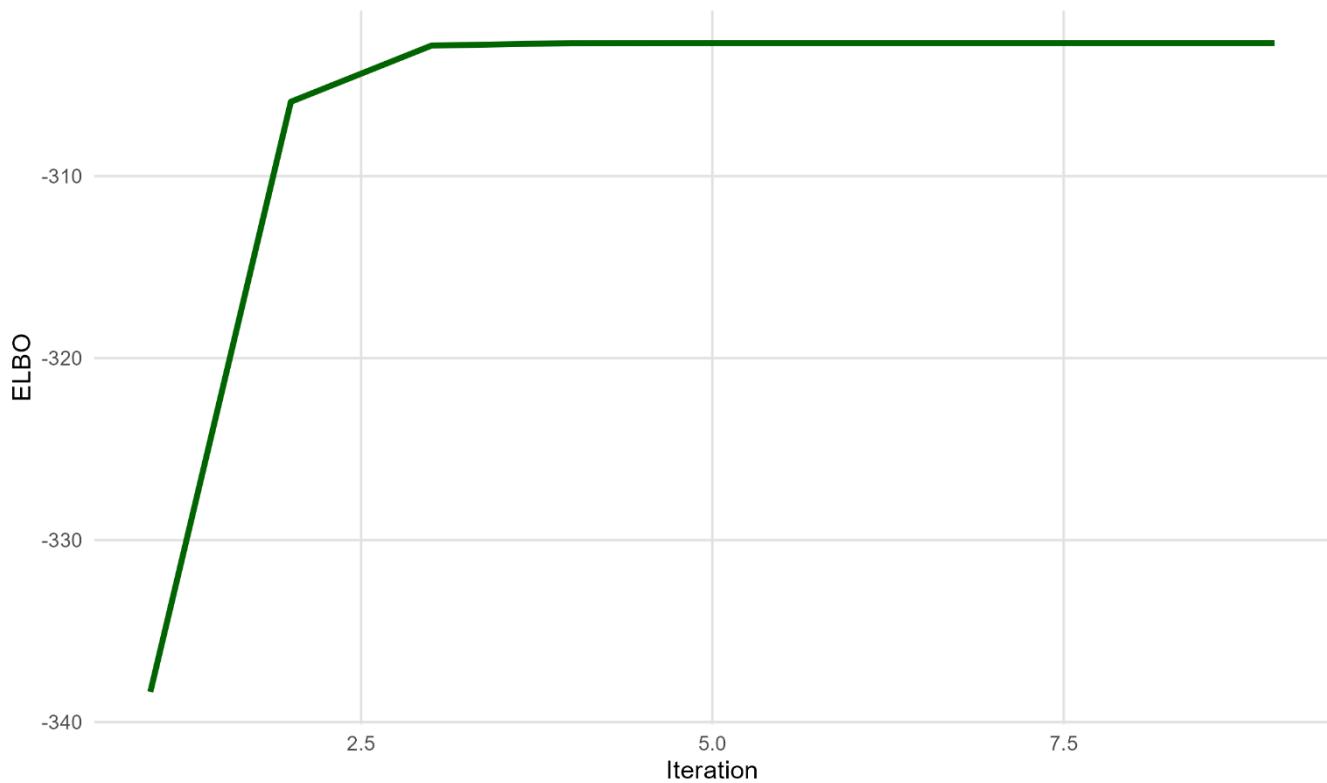
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```
## beta: 5.254224 0.4904948 0.5289162 0.4710682  
## tau_e: 5.853474  
## tau_u: 0.5431257
```

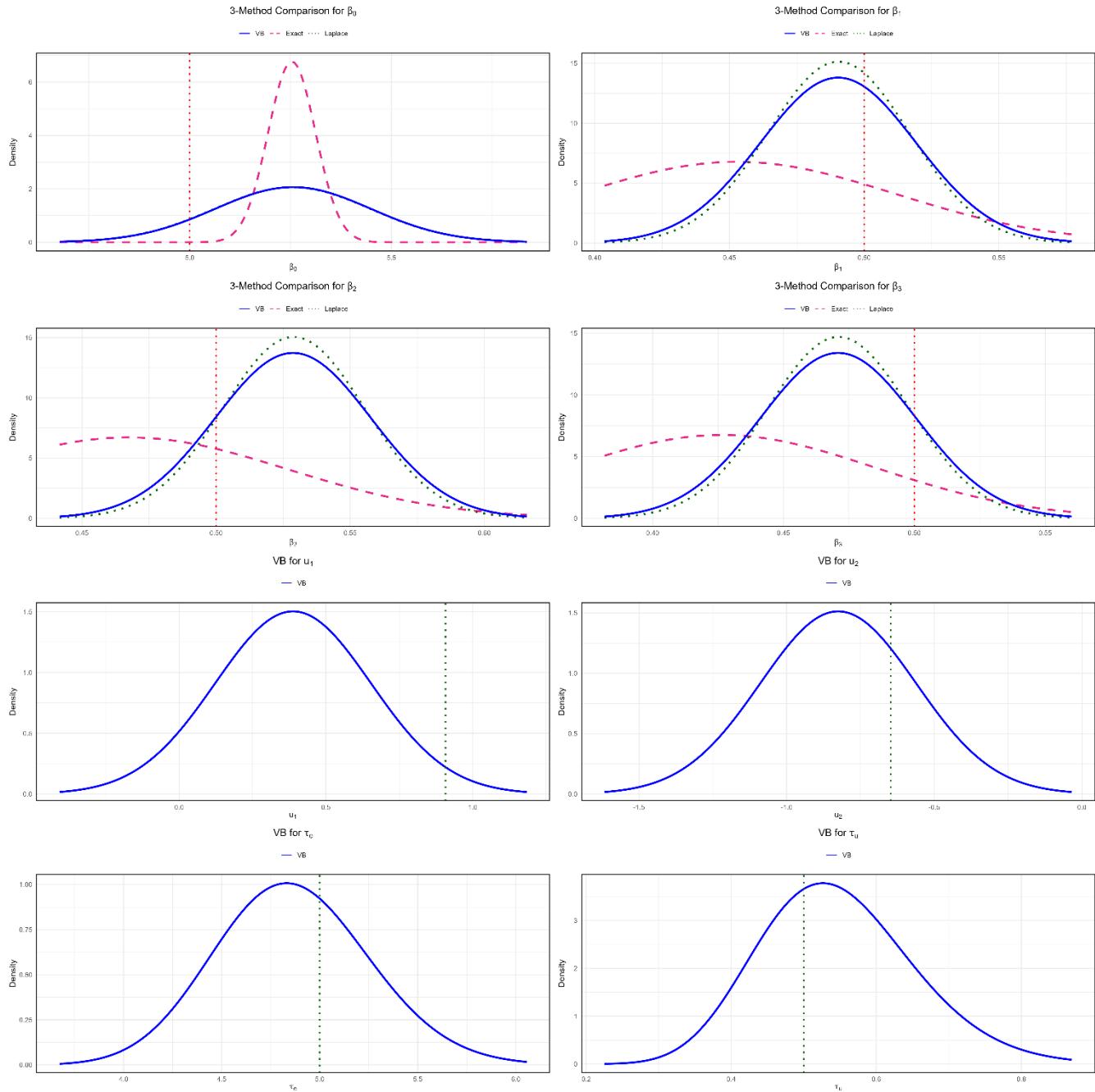
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SCENARIO 1: 30 levels (10 obs each): ELBO Convergence



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## M3: 8-panel ggplot saved
```



2 Scenario 2: Conditional on Model Type (M3 only)

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```
##  
## === SCENARIO 2: 6 levels (50 obs each) ===
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```
## Converged at iteration 7  
## Max relative change: 6.30e-06
```

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```
##  
## Exact posterior parameters:
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```
## E[beta]: 3.974663 0.4981715 0.4861898 0.4321623
```

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```
## E[tau_e]: 0.42704
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```
##  
## Running Laplace approximation...
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```
## Laplace MAP estimates:
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```
## beta: 3.957505 0.5074171 0.4734573 0.4890945
```

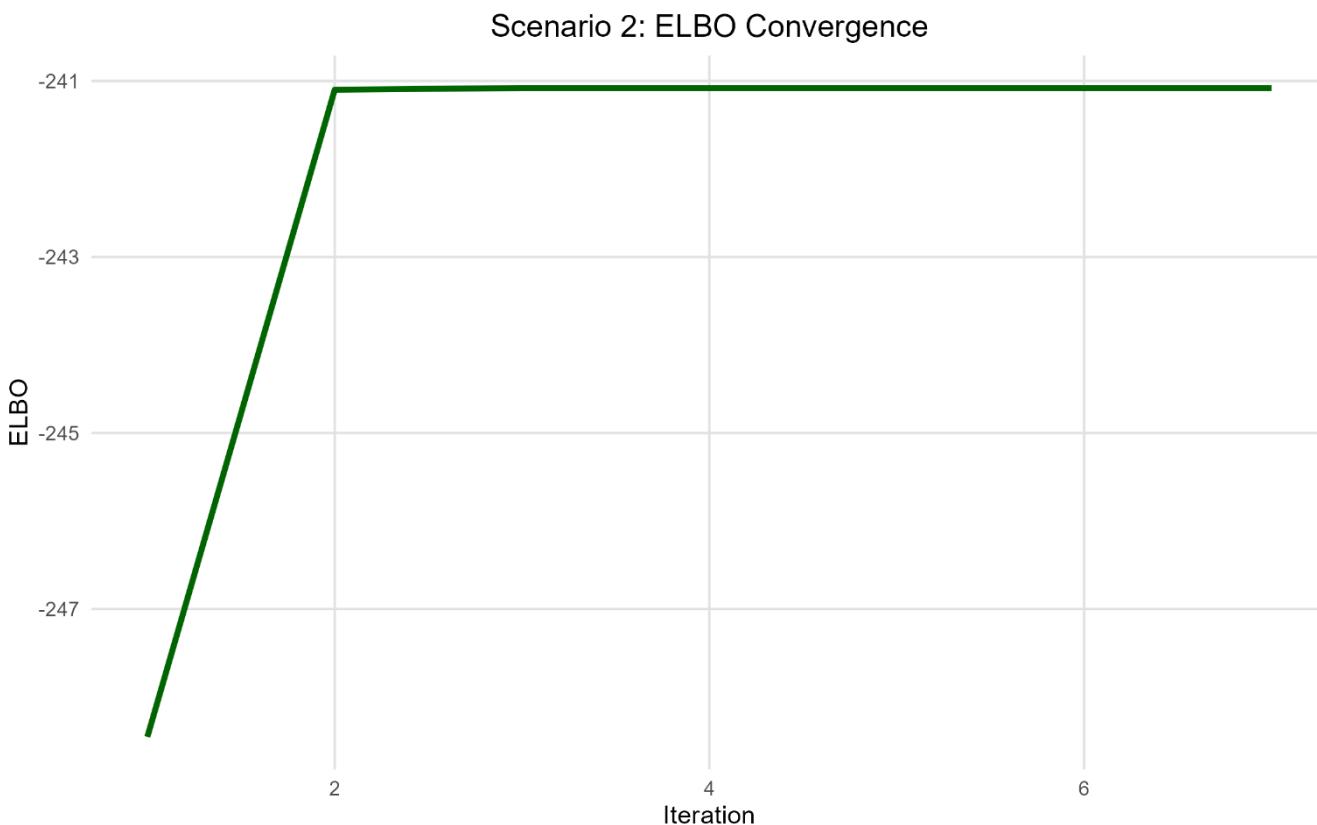
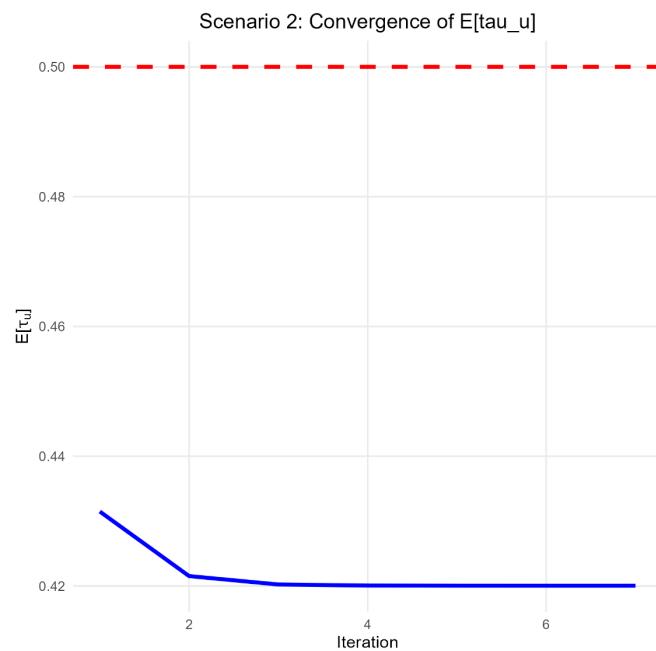
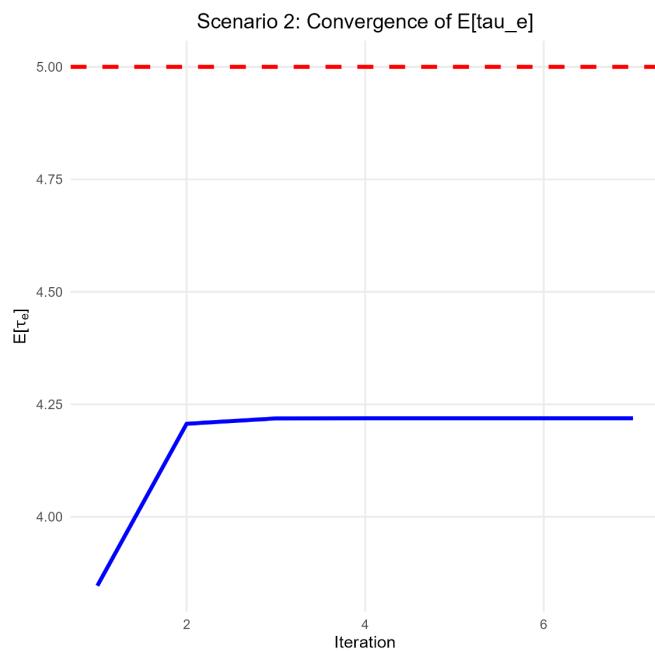
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```
## tau_e: 4.320447
```

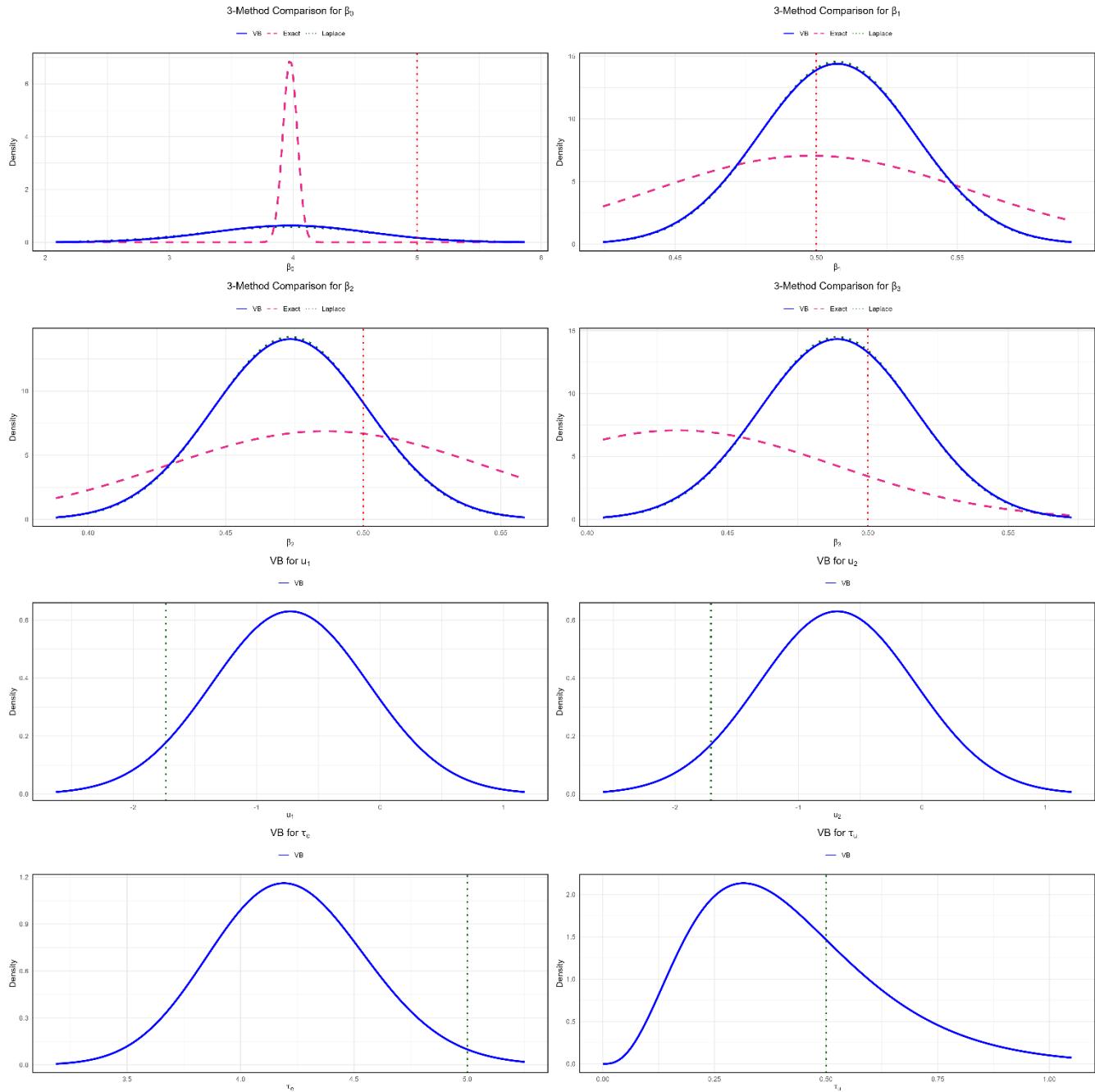
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```
## tau_u: 0.3603174
```

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```
## 6 levels: 8-panel ggplot saved
```



3 Comparison Between Scenarios (M3 only)

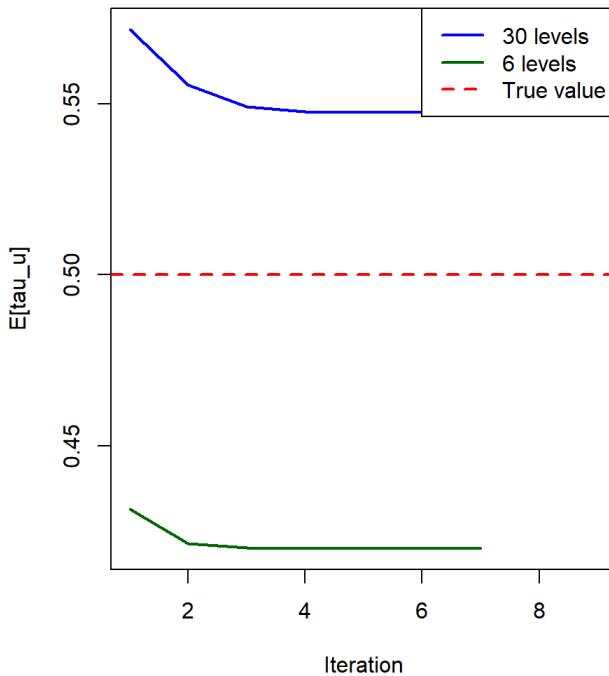
```
## Parameter True_Value Scenario_30 Scenario_6
## 1 E[tau_e]      5.0   4.8640457  4.2190771
## 2 E[tau_u]      0.5    0.5474557  0.4200384
## 3 sigma^2_e     0.2    0.2055902  0.2370187
## 4 sigma^2_u     2.0   1.8266317  2.3807349
```

```
##
## Under-dispersion in tau_u estimates:
```

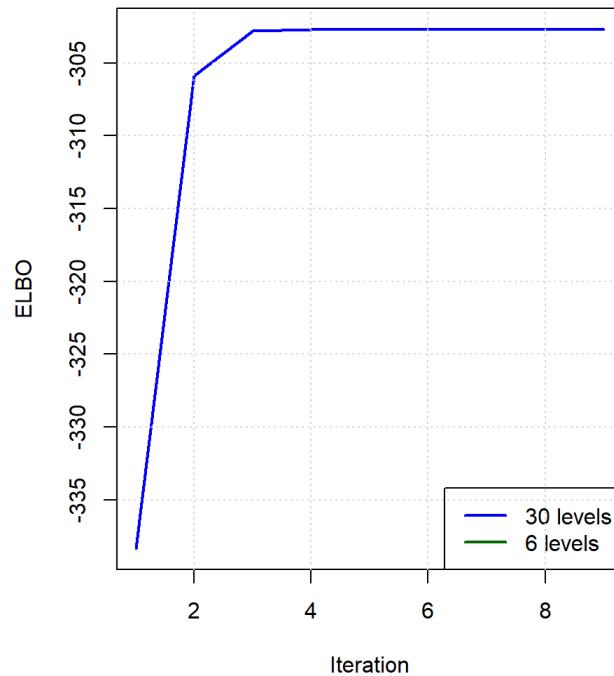
```
## 30 levels: VB tau_u = 0.5475 vs True = 0.5 (ratio: 1.0949 )
```

```
## 6 levels:  VB tau_u = 0.42 vs True = 0.5 (ratio: 0.8401 )
```

Comparison: $E[\tau_u]$ Convergence



Comparison: ELBO Convergence



Sample Size Effects on τ_u (Multi-Configuration Analysis)

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```
## Multi-Configuration  $\tau_u$  Analysis
```

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```
## =====
```

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```
##  
## --- Running: Q=5 (n=60 per group) ---  
## Converged at iteration 8  
## Max relative change: 1.44e-05  
## VB E[ $\tau_u$ ]: 1.4992  
##  
## --- Running: Q=10 (n=30 per group) ---  
## Converged at iteration 7  
## Max relative change: 1.71e-05  
## VB E[ $\tau_u$ ]: 2.6993  
##  
## --- Running: Q=20 (n=15 per group) ---  
## Converged at iteration 7  
## Max relative change: 1.59e-05  
## VB E[ $\tau_u$ ]: 5.0595  
##  
## --- Running: Q=50 (n=6 per group) ---  
## Converged at iteration 9  
## Max relative change: 2.64e-05  
## VB E[ $\tau_u$ ]: 11.2881
```

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```
##  
## =====
```

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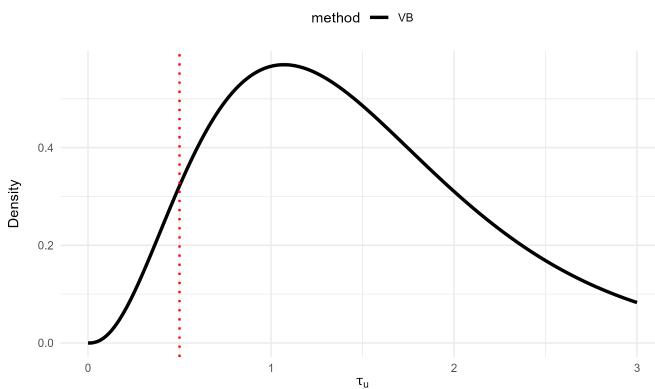
```
##  $\tau_u$  comparison plot saved to figs/ $\tau_u$ _sample_size_comparison.png
```

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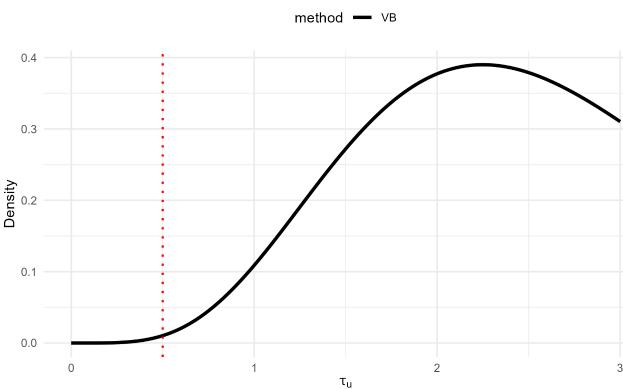
Effect of Sample Size Per Group on τ_u Posterior

VB approximation improves as observations per random effect level increase

Q=5 (n=60 per group)
VB $E[\tau_u] = 1.499$



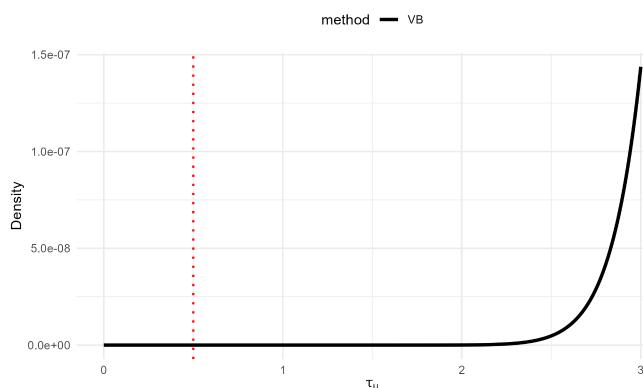
Q=10 (n=30 per group)
VB $E[\tau_u] = 2.699$



Q=20 (n=15 per group)
VB $E[\tau_u] = 5.059$



Q=50 (n=6 per group)
VB $E[\tau_u] = 11.288$

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Diagnostic Summary: τ_u Across Configurations

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##	Q	n_per_group	VB_tau_u	VB_SD_tau_u
## 1	5	60	1.499189	0.8013504
## 2	10	30	2.699301	1.1019850
## 3	20	15	5.059461	1.5254848
## 4	50	6	11.288077	2.2137740

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```
## <div id="iqqeytkkmt" style="padding-left:0px;padding-right:0px;padding-top:10px;padding-bottom:10px;overflow-x:auto;overflow-y:auto;width:auto;height:auto;">
##   <style>#iqqeytkkmt table {
##     font-family: system-ui, 'Segoe UI', Roboto, Helvetica, Arial, sans-serif, 'Apple Color Emoji', 'Segoe UI Emoji', 'Segoe UI Symbol', 'Noto Color Emoji';
##     -webkit-font-smoothing: antialiased;
##     -moz-osx-font-smoothing: grayscale;
##   }
##
## #iqqeytkkmt thead, #iqqeytkkmt tbody, #iqqeytkkmt tfoot, #iqqeytkkmt tr, #iqqeytkkmt td, #iqqeytkkmt th {
##   border-style: none;
## }
##
## #iqqeytkkmt p {
##   margin: 0;
##   padding: 0;
## }
##
## #iqqeytkkmt .gt_table {
##   display: table;
##   border-collapse: collapse;
##   line-height: normal;
##   margin-left: auto;
##   margin-right: auto;
##   color: #333333;
##   font-size: 16px;
##   font-weight: normal;
##   font-style: normal;
##   background-color: #FFFFFF;
##   width: auto;
##   border-top-style: solid;
##   border-top-width: 2px;
##   border-top-color: #A8A8A8;
##   border-right-style: none;
##   border-right-width: 2px;
##   border-right-color: #D3D3D3;
##   border-bottom-style: solid;
##   border-bottom-width: 2px;
##   border-bottom-color: #A8A8A8;
##   border-left-style: none;
##   border-left-width: 2px;
##   border-left-color: #D3D3D3;
## }
##
## #iqqeytkkmt .gt_caption {
##   padding-top: 4px;
##   padding-bottom: 4px;
```

```
## }
##
## #iqqeytkkmt .gt_title {
##   color: #333333;
##   font-size: 125%;
##   font-weight: initial;
##   padding-top: 4px;
##   padding-bottom: 4px;
##   padding-left: 5px;
##   padding-right: 5px;
##   border-bottom-color: #FFFFFF;
##   border-bottom-width: 0;
## }
##
## #iqqeytkkmt .gt_subtitle {
##   color: #333333;
##   font-size: 85%;
##   font-weight: initial;
##   padding-top: 3px;
##   padding-bottom: 5px;
##   padding-left: 5px;
##   padding-right: 5px;
##   border-top-color: #FFFFFF;
##   border-top-width: 0;
## }
##
## #iqqeytkkmt .gt_heading {
##   background-color: #FFFFFF;
##   text-align: center;
##   border-bottom-color: #FFFFFF;
##   border-left-style: none;
##   border-left-width: 1px;
##   border-left-color: #D3D3D3;
##   border-right-style: none;
##   border-right-width: 1px;
##   border-right-color: #D3D3D3;
## }
##
## #iqqeytkkmt .gt_bottom_border {
##   border-bottom-style: solid;
##   border-bottom-width: 2px;
##   border-bottom-color: #D3D3D3;
## }
##
## #iqqeytkkmt .gt_col_headings {
##   border-top-style: solid;
##   border-top-width: 2px;
##   border-top-color: #D3D3D3;
##   border-bottom-style: solid;
```

```
##   border-bottom-width: 2px;
##   border-bottom-color: #D3D3D3;
##   border-left-style: none;
##   border-left-width: 1px;
##   border-left-color: #D3D3D3;
##   border-right-style: none;
##   border-right-width: 1px;
##   border-right-color: #D3D3D3;
## }
##
## #iqqeytkkmt .gt_col_heading {
##   color: #333333;
##   background-color: #FFFFFF;
##   font-size: 100%;
##   font-weight: normal;
##   text-transform: inherit;
##   border-left-style: none;
##   border-left-width: 1px;
##   border-left-color: #D3D3D3;
##   border-right-style: none;
##   border-right-width: 1px;
##   border-right-color: #D3D3D3;
##   vertical-align: bottom;
##   padding-top: 5px;
##   padding-bottom: 6px;
##   padding-left: 5px;
##   padding-right: 5px;
##   overflow-x: hidden;
## }
##
## #iqqeytkkmt .gt_column_spacer_outer {
##   color: #333333;
##   background-color: #FFFFFF;
##   font-size: 100%;
##   font-weight: normal;
##   text-transform: inherit;
##   padding-top: 0;
##   padding-bottom: 0;
##   padding-left: 4px;
##   padding-right: 4px;
## }
##
## #iqqeytkkmt .gt_column_spacer_outer:first-child {
##   padding-left: 0;
## }
##
## #iqqeytkkmt .gt_column_spacer_outer:last-child {
##   padding-right: 0;
## }
```

```
##  
## #iqqeytkkmt .gt_column_spanner {  
##   border-bottom-style: solid;  
##   border-bottom-width: 2px;  
##   border-bottom-color: #D3D3D3;  
##   vertical-align: bottom;  
##   padding-top: 5px;  
##   padding-bottom: 5px;  
##   overflow-x: hidden;  
##   display: inline-block;  
##   width: 100%;  
## }  
##  
## #iqqeytkkmt .gt_spanner_row {  
##   border-bottom-style: hidden;  
## }  
##  
## #iqqeytkkmt .gt_group_heading {  
##   padding-top: 8px;  
##   padding-bottom: 8px;  
##   padding-left: 5px;  
##   padding-right: 5px;  
##   color: #333333;  
##   background-color: #FFFFFF;  
##   font-size: 100%;  
##   font-weight: initial;  
##   text-transform: inherit;  
##   border-top-style: solid;  
##   border-top-width: 2px;  
##   border-top-color: #D3D3D3;  
##   border-bottom-style: solid;  
##   border-bottom-width: 2px;  
##   border-bottom-color: #D3D3D3;  
##   border-left-style: none;  
##   border-left-width: 1px;  
##   border-left-color: #D3D3D3;  
##   border-right-style: none;  
##   border-right-width: 1px;  
##   border-right-color: #D3D3D3;  
##   vertical-align: middle;  
##   text-align: left;  
## }  
##  
## #iqqeytkkmt .gt_empty_group_heading {  
##   padding: 0.5px;  
##   color: #333333;  
##   background-color: #FFFFFF;  
##   font-size: 100%;  
##   font-weight: initial;
```

```
## border-top-style: solid;
## border-top-width: 2px;
## border-top-color: #D3D3D3;
## border-bottom-style: solid;
## border-bottom-width: 2px;
## border-bottom-color: #D3D3D3;
## vertical-align: middle;
## }
##
## #iqqeytkkmt .gt_from_md > :first-child {
##   margin-top: 0;
## }
##
## #iqqeytkkmt .gt_from_md > :last-child {
##   margin-bottom: 0;
## }
##
## #iqqeytkkmt .gt_row {
##   padding-top: 8px;
##   padding-bottom: 8px;
##   padding-left: 5px;
##   padding-right: 5px;
##   margin: 10px;
##   border-top-style: solid;
##   border-top-width: 1px;
##   border-top-color: #D3D3D3;
##   border-left-style: none;
##   border-left-width: 1px;
##   border-left-color: #D3D3D3;
##   border-right-style: none;
##   border-right-width: 1px;
##   border-right-color: #D3D3D3;
##   vertical-align: middle;
##   overflow-x: hidden;
## }
##
## #iqqeytkkmt .gt_stub {
##   color: #333333;
##   background-color: #FFFFFF;
##   font-size: 100%;
##   font-weight: initial;
##   text-transform: inherit;
##   border-right-style: solid;
##   border-right-width: 2px;
##   border-right-color: #D3D3D3;
##   padding-left: 5px;
##   padding-right: 5px;
## }
```

```
## #iqqeytkkmt .gt_stub_row_group {  
##   color: #333333;  
##   background-color: #FFFFFF;  
##   font-size: 100%;  
##   font-weight: initial;  
##   text-transform: inherit;  
##   border-right-style: solid;  
##   border-right-width: 2px;  
##   border-right-color: #D3D3D3;  
##   padding-left: 5px;  
##   padding-right: 5px;  
##   vertical-align: top;  
## }  
##  
## #iqqeytkkmt .gt_row_group_first td {  
##   border-top-width: 2px;  
## }  
##  
## #iqqeytkkmt .gt_row_group_first th {  
##   border-top-width: 2px;  
## }  
##  
## #iqqeytkkmt .gt_summary_row {  
##   color: #333333;  
##   background-color: #FFFFFF;  
##   text-transform: inherit;  
##   padding-top: 8px;  
##   padding-bottom: 8px;  
##   padding-left: 5px;  
##   padding-right: 5px;  
## }  
##  
## #iqqeytkkmt .gt_first_summary_row {  
##   border-top-style: solid;  
##   border-top-color: #D3D3D3;  
## }  
##  
## #iqqeytkkmt .gt_first_summary_row.thick {  
##   border-top-width: 2px;  
## }  
##  
## #iqqeytkkmt .gt_last_summary_row {  
##   padding-top: 8px;  
##   padding-bottom: 8px;  
##   padding-left: 5px;  
##   padding-right: 5px;  
##   border-bottom-style: solid;  
##   border-bottom-width: 2px;  
##   border-bottom-color: #D3D3D3;
```

```
## }
##
## #iqqeytkkmt .gt_grand_summary_row {
##   color: #333333;
##   background-color: #FFFFFF;
##   text-transform: inherit;
##   padding-top: 8px;
##   padding-bottom: 8px;
##   padding-left: 5px;
##   padding-right: 5px;
## }
##
## #iqqeytkkmt .gt_first_grand_summary_row {
##   padding-top: 8px;
##   padding-bottom: 8px;
##   padding-left: 5px;
##   padding-right: 5px;
##   border-top-style: double;
##   border-top-width: 6px;
##   border-top-color: #D3D3D3;
## }
##
## #iqqeytkkmt .gt_last_grand_summary_row_top {
##   padding-top: 8px;
##   padding-bottom: 8px;
##   padding-left: 5px;
##   padding-right: 5px;
##   border-bottom-style: double;
##   border-bottom-width: 6px;
##   border-bottom-color: #D3D3D3;
## }
##
## #iqqeytkkmt .gt_striped {
##   background-color: rgba(128, 128, 128, 0.05);
## }
##
## #iqqeytkkmt .gt_table_body {
##   border-top-style: solid;
##   border-top-width: 2px;
##   border-top-color: #D3D3D3;
##   border-bottom-style: solid;
##   border-bottom-width: 2px;
##   border-bottom-color: #D3D3D3;
## }
##
## #iqqeytkkmt .gt_footnotes {
##   color: #333333;
##   background-color: #FFFFFF;
##   border-bottom-style: none;
```

```
##   border-bottom-width: 2px;
##   border-bottom-color: #D3D3D3;
##   border-left-style: none;
##   border-left-width: 2px;
##   border-left-color: #D3D3D3;
##   border-right-style: none;
##   border-right-width: 2px;
##   border-right-color: #D3D3D3;
## }
##
## #iqqeytkkmt .gt_footnote {
##   margin: 0px;
##   font-size: 90%;
##   padding-top: 4px;
##   padding-bottom: 4px;
##   padding-left: 5px;
##   padding-right: 5px;
## }
##
## #iqqeytkkmt .gt_sourcenotes {
##   color: #333333;
##   background-color: #FFFFFF;
##   border-bottom-style: none;
##   border-bottom-width: 2px;
##   border-bottom-color: #D3D3D3;
##   border-left-style: none;
##   border-left-width: 2px;
##   border-left-color: #D3D3D3;
##   border-right-style: none;
##   border-right-width: 2px;
##   border-right-color: #D3D3D3;
## }
##
## #iqqeytkkmt .gt_sourcenote {
##   font-size: 90%;
##   padding-top: 4px;
##   padding-bottom: 4px;
##   padding-left: 5px;
##   padding-right: 5px;
## }
##
## #iqqeytkkmt .gt_left {
##   text-align: left;
## }
##
## #iqqeytkkmt .gt_center {
##   text-align: center;
## }
##
```

```
## #iqqeytkkmt .gt_right {  
##   text-align: right;  
##   font-variant-numeric: tabular-nums;  
## }  
##  
## #iqqeytkkmt .gt_font_normal {  
##   font-weight: normal;  
## }  
##  
## #iqqeytkkmt .gt_font_bold {  
##   font-weight: bold;  
## }  
##  
## #iqqeytkkmt .gt_font_italic {  
##   font-style: italic;  
## }  
##  
## #iqqeytkkmt .gt_super {  
##   font-size: 65%;  
## }  
##  
## #iqqeytkkmt .gt_footnote_marks {  
##   font-size: 75%;  
##   vertical-align: 0.4em;  
##   position: initial;  
## }  
##  
## #iqqeytkkmt .gt_asterisk {  
##   font-size: 100%;  
##   vertical-align: 0;  
## }  
##  
## #iqqeytkkmt .gt_indent_1 {  
##   text-indent: 5px;  
## }  
##  
## #iqqeytkkmt .gt_indent_2 {  
##   text-indent: 10px;  
## }  
##  
## #iqqeytkkmt .gt_indent_3 {  
##   text-indent: 15px;  
## }  
##  
## #iqqeytkkmt .gt_indent_4 {  
##   text-indent: 20px;  
## }  
##  
## #iqqeytkkmt .gt_indent_5 {
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##   text-indent: 25px;
## }
##
## #iqqeytkkmt .katex-display {
##   display: inline-flex !important;
##   margin-bottom: 0.75em !important;
## }
##
## #iqqeytkkmt div.ReactTable > div.rt-table > div.rt-thead > div.rt-tr.rt-tr-group-h
eader > div.rt-th-group:after {
##   height: 0px !important;
## }
## </style>
##   <table class="gt_table" data-quarto-disable-processing="false" data-quarto-boot
strap="false">
##   <thead>
##     <tr class="gt_heading">
##       <td colspan="4" class="gt_heading gt_title gt_font_normal" style>τ_u Estima
tes Across Group Configurations</td>
##     </tr>
##     <tr class="gt_heading">
##       <td colspan="4" class="gt_heading gt_subtitle gt_font_normal gt_bottom_bord
er" style>Demonstrating sample size effects on variance component estimation</td>
##     </tr>
##     <tr class="gt_col_headings">
##       <th class="gt_col_heading gt_columns_bottom_border gt_right" rowspan="1" co
lspan="1" scope="col" id="Q">Q</th>
##       <th class="gt_col_heading gt_columns_bottom_border gt_right" rowspan="1" co
lspan="1" scope="col" id="n_per_group">n_per_group</th>
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## Key Finding:
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## As observations per group increase (Q decreases),
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## VB approximation improves (SD_ratio → 1.0)
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