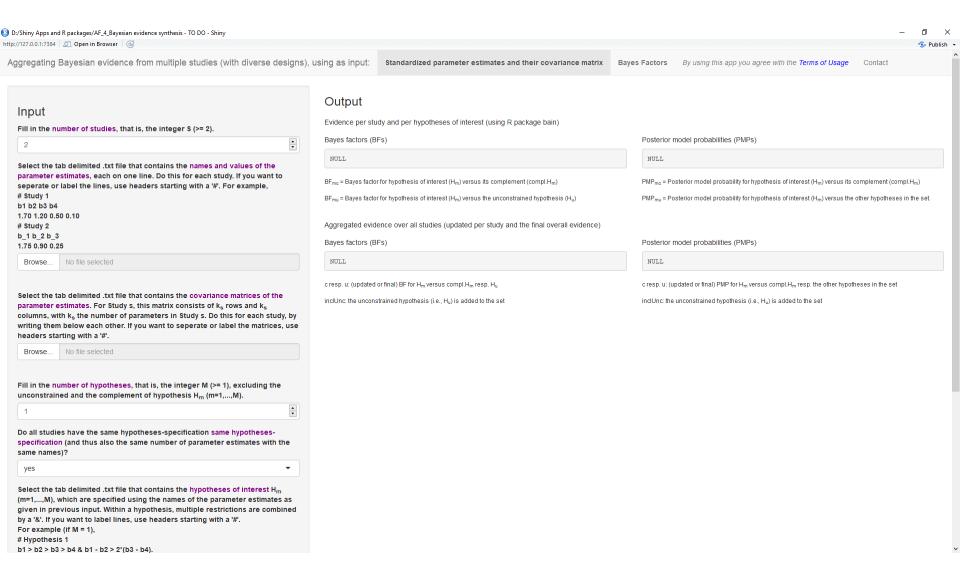
# **Tutorial**

Shiny app 'Bayesian evidence synthesis'

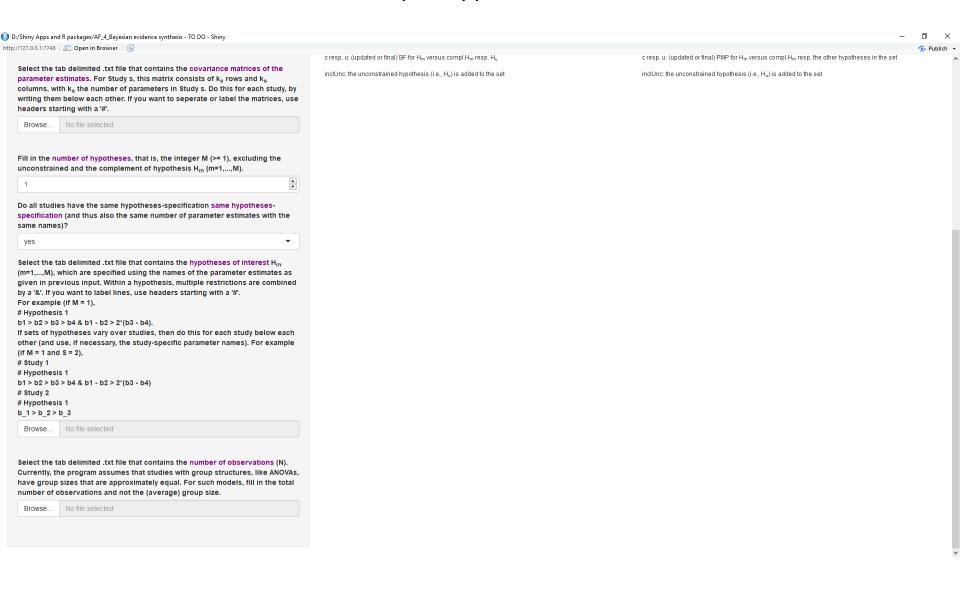
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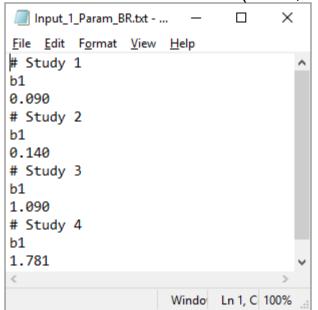
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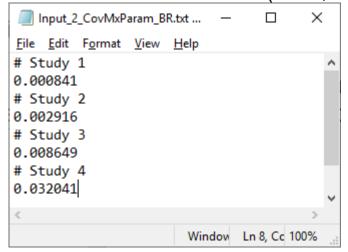
#### Input: One-parameter example

#### Combine evidence from S=4 studies

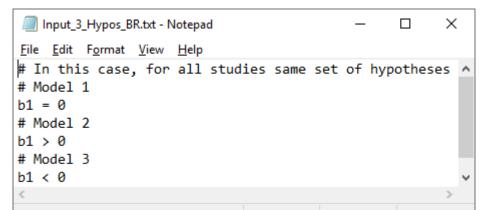
#### Parameter estimates (here, one):



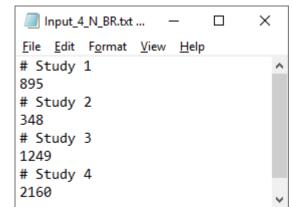
# Their covariance matrix (here, variance):



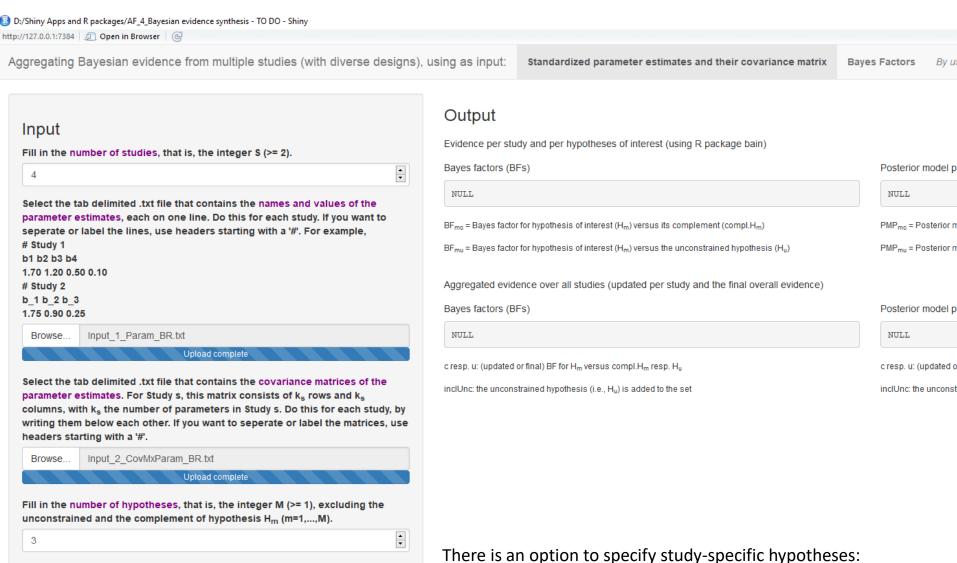
# Hypotheses (same for each)



# N per study



## Example input: Top (zoomed in)



Do all studies have the same hypotheses-specification same hypotheses-

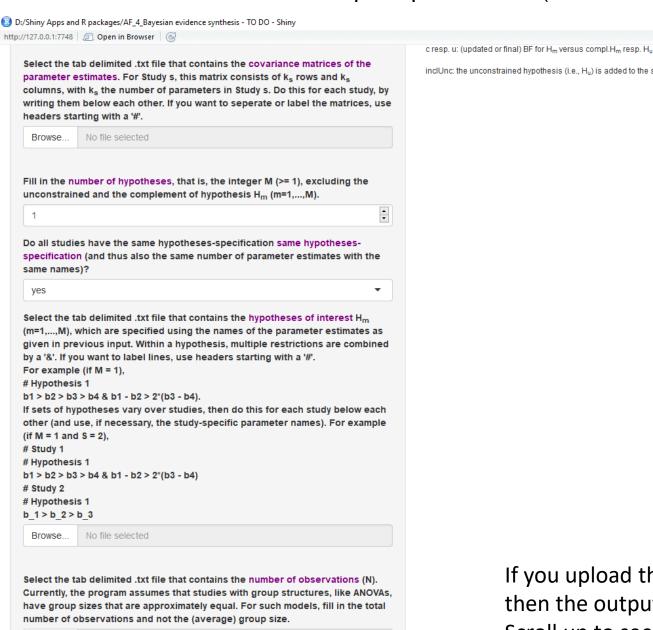
same names)?

yes

specification (and thus also the same number of parameter estimates with the

In case of diverse designs (i.e., conceptual replications), hypotheses representing the same theory may differ because of different operationalization and number of variables.

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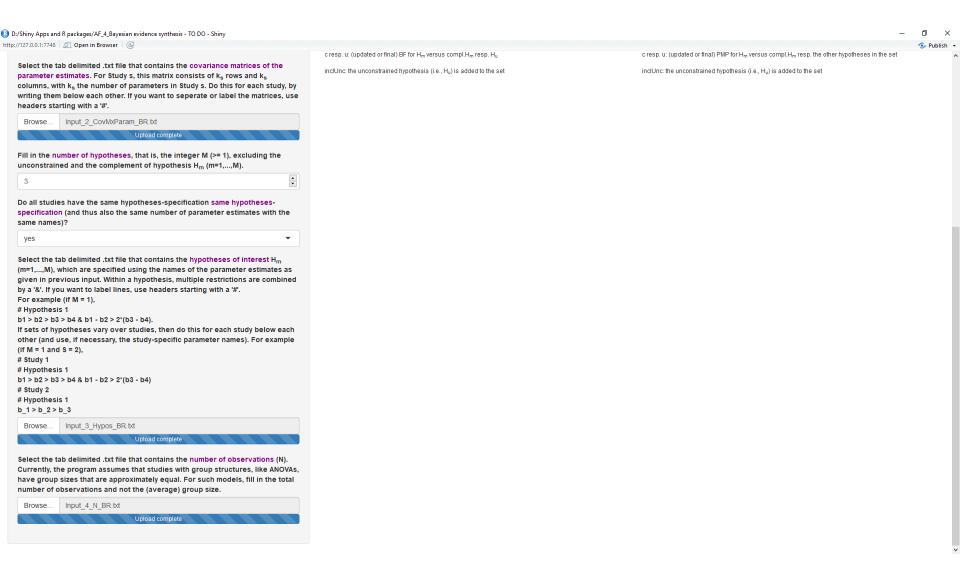
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c resp. u; (updated or final) PMP

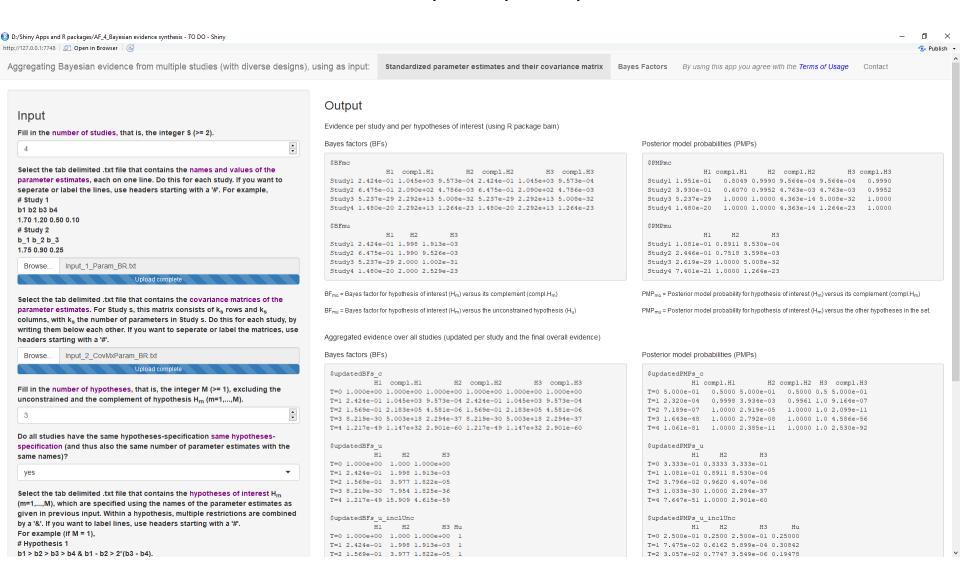
If you upload the file with sample sizes (Ns), then the output will be generated.

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# Example input: Running (can take some time)



# **Example output: Top**



#### Example output: Top (zoomed in)

First: Study-specific output

sing as input:

Standardized parameter estimates and their covariance matrix

**Bayes Factors** 

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#### Output

Evidence per study and per hypotheses of interest (using R package bain)

Bayes factors (BFs)

```
$BFmc

H1 comp1.H1 H2 comp1.H2 H3 comp1.H3

Study1 2.424e-01 1.045e+03 9.573e-04 2.424e-01 1.045e+03 9.573e-04

Study2 6.475e-01 2.090e+02 4.786e-03 6.475e-01 2.090e+02 4.786e-03

Study3 5.237e-29 2.292e+13 5.008e-32 5.237e-29 2.292e+13 5.008e-32

Study4 1.480e-20 2.292e+13 1.264e-23 1.480e-20 2.292e+13 1.264e-23

$BFmu

H1 H2 H3

Study1 2.424e-01 1.998 1.913e-03

Study2 6.475e-01 1.990 9.526e-03

Study3 5.237e-29 2.000 1.002e-31

Study4 1.480e-20 2.000 2.529e-23
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Posterior model probabilities (PMPs)

```
$PMPmc
             Hl compl.Hl
                             H2 compl.H2
                                                H3 compl.H3
Studyl 1.951e-01 0.8049 0.9990 9.564e-04 9.564e-04
                                                     0.9990
Study2 3.930e-01 0.6070 0.9952 4.763e-03 4.763e-03 0.9952
Study3 5.237e-29 1.0000 1.0000 4.363e-14 5.008e-32 1.0000
Study4 1.480e-20 1.0000 1.0000 4.363e-14 1.264e-23 1.0000
$PMPm11
             H1
                    H2
Studyl 1.081e-01 0.8911 8.530e-04
Study2 2.446e-01 0.7518 3.598e-03
Study3 2.619e-29 1.0000 5.008e-32
Study4 7.401e-21 1.0000 1.264e-23
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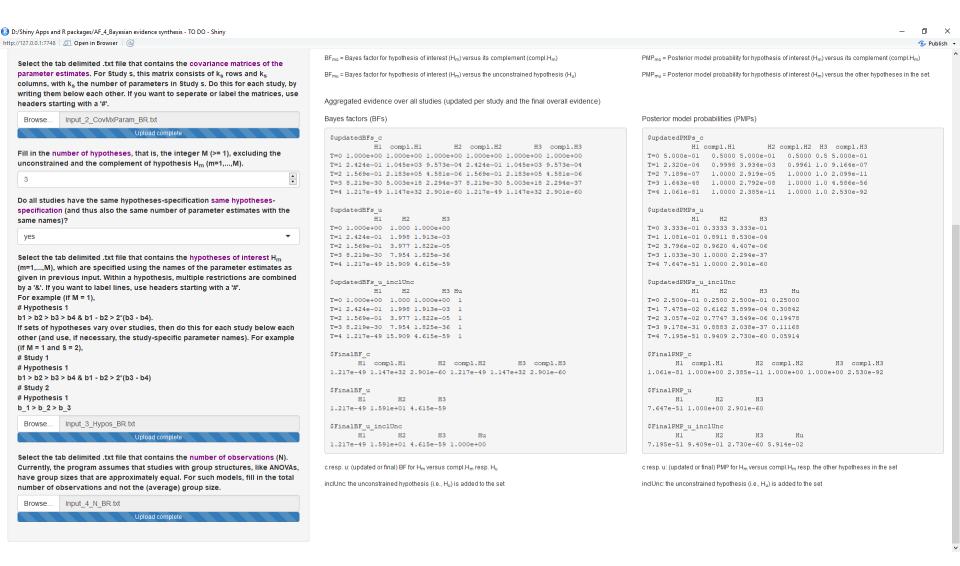
BF<sub>mc</sub> = Bayes factor for hypothesis of interest (H<sub>m</sub>) versus its complement (compl.H<sub>m</sub>)

BF<sub>mu</sub> = Bayes factor for hypothesis of interest (H<sub>m</sub>) versus the unconstrained hypothesis (H<sub>u</sub>)

PMP<sub>mc</sub> = Posterior model probability for hypothesis of interest (H<sub>m</sub>) versus its complement (c

PMP<sub>mu</sub> = Posterior model probability for hypothesis of interest (H<sub>m</sub>) versus the other hypothes

#### Example output: Bottom



# Example output: Bottom (zoomed in) with comments in blue

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 $\bigcirc$  c resp. u: (updated or final) BF for  $H_m$  versus compl. $H_m$  resp.  $H_u$ 

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BF_{mc} = Bayes factor for hypothesis of interest (H_m) versus its complement (compl.H_m)
                                                                                                  PMP<sub>mc</sub> = Posterior model probability for hypothesis of interest (H<sub>m</sub>) versus its complement (compl.H<sub>m</sub>)
             BF<sub>mu</sub> = Bayes factor for hypothesis of interest (H<sub>m</sub>) versus the unconstrained hypothesis (H<sub>u</sub>)
                                                                                                  PMP<sub>mu</sub> = Posterior model probability for hypothesis of interest (H<sub>m</sub>) versus the other hypotheses in the set.
                                                                                                  Corresponding PMPs:
             Aggregated evidence over all studies (updated per study and the final overall evidence)
                                 Against its own complement.
                                                                                                  Posterior model probabilities (PMPs)
                                                                                                                             Look at pairs
                                 So, look at pairs
                                                                                                    SupdatedPMPs c
                                                                   H3 compl.H3
                                                                                                                                    H2 compl.H2 H3 compl.H3
               T=0 1.000e+00 1.000e+00 1.000e+00 1.000e+00 1.000e+00 1.000e+00
                                                                                                                    0.5000 5.000e-01 0.5000 0.5 5.000e-01
               T=1 2.424e-01 1.045e+03 9.573e-04 2.424e-01 1.045e+03 9.573e-04
                                                                                                   T=1 2.320e-04 0.9998 3.934e-03
                                                                                                                                        0.9961 1.0 9.164e-07
               T=2 1.569e-01 2.183e+05 4.581e-06 1.569e-01 2.183e+05 4.581e-06
                                                                                                   T=2 7.189e-07 1.0000 2.919e-05
                                                                                                                                        1.0000 1.0 2.099e-11
               T=3 8.219e-30 5.003e+18 2.294e-37 8.219e-30 5.003e+18 2.294e-37
                                                                                                   T=3 1.643e-48 1.0000 2.792e-08
                                                                                                                                        1.0000 1.0 4.586e-56
               T=4 1.217e-49 1.147e+32 2.901e-60 1.217e-49 1.147e+32 2.901e-60
                                                                                                   T=4 1.061e-81 1.0000 2.385e-11 1.0000 1.0 2.530e-92
                                                                                                                             Look at whole set
               $updatedBFs u
                                                                                                    $updatedPMPs u
               T=0 1.000e+00 1.000 1.000e+00
                                                                                                   T=0 3.333e-01 0.3333 3.333e-01
               T=1 2.424e-01 1.998 1.913e-03
                                                                                                   T=1 1.081e-01 0.8911 8.530e-04
               T=2 1.569e-01 3.977 1.822e-05
                                                                                                   T=2 3.796e-02 0.9620 4.407e-06
              T=3 8.219e-30 7.954 1.825e-36
                                                                                                   T=3 1.033e-30 1.0000 2.294e-37
               T=4 1.217e-49 15.909 4.615e-59
                                                                                                   T=4 7.647e-51 1.0000 2.901e-60
                                                                                                                             Look at whole set, includes H
                                        Against Hu, also includes Hu
               T=0 1.000e+00 1.000 1.000e+00 1
                                                                                                   T=0 2.500e-01 0.2500 2.500e-01 0.25000
               T=1 2.424e-01 1.998 1.913e-03
                                                                                                   T=1 7.475e-02 0.6162 5.899e-04 0.30842
               T=2 1.569e-01 3.977 1.822e-05
                                                                                                   T=2 3.057e-02 0.7747 3.549e-06 0.19478
               T=3 8.219e-30 7.954 1.825e-36
                                                                                                   T=3 9.178e-31 0.8883 2.038e-37 0.11168
               T=4 1.217e-49 15.909 4.615e-59
                                                                                                   T=4 7.195e-51 0.9409 2.730e-60 0.05914
dimbined evidence
               $FinalBF c
                                                                                                   $FinalPMP c
                                                                                                           H1 compl.H1
                                                                                                                                H2 compl.H2
                                                                                                    1.06le-81 1.000e+00 2.385e-11 1.000e+00 1.000e+00 2.530e-92
              $FinalBF u
                                                                                                   $FinalPMP u
                                 H2
               1.217e-49 1.591e+01 4.615e-59
                                                                                                   7.647e-51 1.000e+00 2.901e-60
              $FinalBF u inclUnc
                                                                                                   $FinalPMP u inclUnc
              1.217e-49 1.591e+01 4.615e-59 1.000e+00
                                                                                                   7.195e-51 9.409e-01 2.730e-60 5.914e-02
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c resp. u: (updated or final) PMP for H<sub>m</sub> versus compl.H<sub>m</sub> resp. the other hypotheses in the set

inclUnc: the unconstrained hypothesis (i.e., Hu) is added to the set inclUnc: the unconstrained hypothesis (i.e., H<sub>II</sub>) is added to the set