

Supplementary Information for:

Parallel Scaling of Elite Wealth in Ancient Roman and Modern Cities with Implications for Inequality and Sustainability

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Introduction

This document serves as the supplementary material for the study “**Parallel Scaling of Elite Wealth in Ancient Roman and Modern Cities with Implications for Inequality and Sustainability.**” It provides detailed information about the data, methods, and analytical approaches employed in the study, along with additional results, figures, and tables to support the primary findings.

The supplementary material complements the main text by documenting the technical aspects of the analysis, ensuring reproducibility and transparency. It includes scripts, data summaries, model diagnostics, and additional plots that underpin the conclusions drawn in the manuscript. For users interested in reanalyzing the data or adapting the methods, the required code is available in the project repository on GitHub, which has also been archived with Zenodo.

Document Structure

- **Summary Tables of Outputs:** Consolidated tables listing all output files generated during the analysis.
- **Trace Plots for All Analyses:** A list of all traceplots produced in the order they appear in the summary table of outputs.

- **Posterior Summaries for Scaling Parameters from All Analyses:** A table summarizing the posterior densities for the key scaling parameters from each analysis.
- **Analysis Workflow:** Detailed descriptions of data wrangling, modeling, and results validation.
 - **1. Data Wrangling:** Preparation of datasets used in the analyses.
 - **2. Model Fitting:** Bayesian modeling approaches and diagnostics.
 - **3. Results:** Extended tables and plots supporting the main manuscript.
 - **4. Supplemental Analyses:** Alternative model testing and additional robustness checks.

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Summary Table of Outputs

File Naming Conventions

Please refer to this table to understand the file naming conventions used in the R script and the subsequent tables containing the output file names.

File Name Convention	Description
<code>post_summary_<model>.csv</code>	Contains parameter summaries (e.g., mean, confidence intervals) for a model.
<code>tplots_<model>.png</code>	Trace plots of MCMC chains for the specified model.
<code>geweke_<model>.csv</code>	Geweke diagnostic results for the specified model.
<code>grrhat_<model>.csv</code>	R-hat convergence diagnostic for the specified model.
<code>resid_<model>.png</code>	Residual diagnostic plots for the specified model.
<code>waic_<model>.csv</code>	WAIC model comparison metrics for the specified model.
<code>loo_<model>.csv</code>	Leave-One-Out cross-validation results for the specified model.
<code>city_outliers_<model>.csv</code>	Identifies cities considered outliers for the specified model.
<code>scaling_posteriors.png</code>	Posterior density plots for scaling parameters.
<code>analysis_results_summary</code>	Summary of main results across all models.
<code>lppd.csv</code>	Log Point-wise Predictive Density for all models and all observations.

Main Analyses, Plot Files

Context	Script Section	Filename
Summary	Plot Scaling Param Posterior Densities	scaling_posteriors.pdf
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Model Diagnostic	First Analysis	resid_allmonuments.pdf
Model Diagnostic	First Analysis	resid_allmonuments.png
Model Diagnostic	Second Analysis	resid_allwalls.pdf
Model Diagnostic	Second Analysis	resid_allwalls.png
Model Diagnostic	Fourth Analysis	resid_epigraphy.pdf
Model Diagnostic	Fourth Analysis	resid_epigraphy.png
Model Diagnostic	Third Analysis	resid_filtmonuments.pdf
Model Diagnostic	Third Analysis	resid_filtmonuments.png
Model Diagnostic	Fifth Analysis	resid_hnwi.pdf
Model Diagnostic	Fifth Analysis	resid_hnwi.png
Model Diagnostic	Sixth Analysis	resid_tallbuildings.pdf
Model Diagnostic	Sixth Analysis	resid_tallbuildings.png
MCMC Diagnostic	First Analysis	tplots_allmonuments.pdf
MCMC Diagnostic	First Analysis	tplots_allmonuments.png
MCMC Diagnostic	First Analysis	tplots_allmonuments_nozero.pdf
MCMC Diagnostic	First Analysis	tplots_allmonuments_nozero.png
MCMC Diagnostic	First Analysis	tplots_allmonuments_nozero_provinces.pdf
MCMC Diagnostic	First Analysis	tplots_allmonuments_nozero_provinces.png
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MCMC Diagnostic	Third Analysis	tplots_filtmonuments.pdf

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Main Analyses, Numeric Files (csv)

Context	Script Section	Filename
Summary	Results Summary	analysis_results_summary.csv
Summary	First Analysis	post_summary_allmonuments.csv
Summary	First Analysis	post_summary_allmonuments_nozero.csv
Summary	Second Analysis	post_summary_allwalls.csv
Summary	Second Analysis	post_summary_allwalls_nozero.csv
Summary	Fourth Analysis	post_summary_epigraphy.csv
Summary	Fourth Analysis	post_summary_epigraphy_nozero.csv
Summary	Third Analysis	post_summary_filtmonuments.csv
Summary	Third Analysis	post_summary_filtmonuments_nozero.csv
Summary	Fifth Analysis	post_summary_hnwi.csv
Summary	Sixth Analysis	post_summary_tallbuildings.csv
Summary	Collate Main Results Table	rsquared.csv
Summary	Plot Scaling Param Posterior Densities	scaling_samples.csv
Model Diagnostic	First Analysis	city_outliers_allmonuments.csv
Model Diagnostic	Second Analysis	city_outliers_allwalls.csv
Model Diagnostic	Fourth Analysis	city_outliers_epigraphy.csv
Model Diagnostic	Third Analysis	city_outliers_filtmonuments.csv
Model Diagnostic	Fifth Analysis	city_outliers_hnwi.csv
Model Diagnostic	Sixth Analysis	city_outliers_tallbuildings.csv
MCMC Diagnostic	First Analysis	geweke_allmonuments.csv
MCMC Diagnostic	First Analysis	geweke_allmonuments_nozero.csv

Context	Script Section	Filename
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MCMC Diagnostic	Fourth Analysis	geweke_epigraphy.csv
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MCMC Diagnostic	Fifth Analysis	geweke_hnwi.csv
MCMC Diagnostic	Sixth Analysis	geweke_tallbuildings.csv
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MCMC Diagnostic	First Analysis	grrhat_allmonuments_nozero.csv
MCMC Diagnostic	Second Analysis	grrhat_allwalls.csv
MCMC Diagnostic	Second Analysis	grrhat_allwalls_nozero.csv
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MCMC Diagnostic	Third Analysis	grrhat_filtmonuments_nozero.csv
MCMC Diagnostic	Fifth Analysis	grrhat_hnwi.csv
MCMC Diagnostic	Sixth Analysis	grrhat_tallbuildings.csv

Supplementary Analyses, Plot Files

Context	Script Section	Filename
Model Diagnostic	Supplemental: Model Comparison	resid_allmonuments_linlog.pdf
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MCMC Diagnostic	Supplemental: Outlier Effects	tplots_allmonuments_sup.pdf

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Supplementary Analyses, Numeric Files (csv)

Context	Script Section	Filename
Summary	Supplemental: Model Comparison	model_comparison.csv
Summary	Supplemental: Model Comparison	post_summary_allmonuments_linlog.csv
Summary	Supplemental: Outlier Effects	post_summary_allmonuments_sup.csv
Summary	Supplemental: Model Comparison	post_summary_allwalls_linlog.csv
Summary	Supplemental: Model Comparison	post_summary_epigraphy_linlog.csv
Summary	Supplemental: Model Comparison	post_summary_filtmonuments_loglin.csv
Summary	Supplemental: Model Comparison	post_summary_hnwi_linlog.csv
Summary	Supplemental: Outlier Effects	post_summary_hnwi_sup.csv
Summary	Supplemental: Model Comparison	post_summary_tallbuildings_linlog.csv
Summary	Supplemental: Model Comparison	waic.csv

Context	Script Section	Filename
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Model Diagnostic	Supplemental: Model Comparison	city_outliers_filtmonuments_loglin.csv
Model Diagnostic	Supplemental: Model Comparison	city_outliers_hnwi_linlog.csv
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MCMC Diagnostic	Supplemental: Model Comparison	grrhat_hnwi_linlog.csv
MCMC Diagnostic	Supplemental: Outlier Effects	grrhat_hnwi_sup.csv
MCMC Diagnostic	Supplemental: Model Comparison	grrhat_tallbuildings_linlog.csv

Summary Table of Key Model Posteriors

Note

In the table below, the focal posterior summaries (lower and upper 95% CI, mean, and standard error) of parameters from the models are presented. For the archaeological data analyses, only the top-level scaling parameters in the model hierarchies are presented. This was intentional because the lower-level (group-level) parameters correspond to Roman provinces and there are 50+ for each model, making their presentation in a table unwieldy. Please see the csv files in the Output folder of the project repository (and the Summary Table of Outputs above) for the statistical summaries of the relevant group-level parameters. In line with the Methods section of the paper (and the R code) the parameters b_0 and b_1 refer to the intercept and focal scaling coefficients for the archaeological analyses.

Consolidated Parameter Summary

model	param	lower	upper	mean	stdd
allmonuments	b_0	2.88	5.19	4.12	0.45
allmonuments	b_1	0.91	1.48	1.17	0.11
allmonuments_linlog	b_0	2.81	5.09	4.06	0.44
allmonuments_linlog	b_1	0.97	1.54	1.23	0.11
allmonuments_nozero	b_0	3.06	5.33	4.27	0.44
allmonuments_nozero	b_1	0.84	1.4	1.1	0.11
allmonuments_sup	b_0	2.85	5.21	4.13	0.45
allmonuments_sup	b_1	0.9	1.49	1.18	0.11
allwalls	b_0	2.46	5.93	4.44	0.66
allwalls	b_1	0.69	1.55	1.06	0.16
allwalls_linlog	b_0	2.21	5.47	4.03	0.64

model	param	lower	upper	mean	stdd
allwalls_linlog	b1	0.81	1.65	1.19	0.16
allwalls_nozero	b0	2.64	5.86	4.43	0.63
allwalls_nozero	b1	0.69	1.5	1.06	0.16
epigraphy	b0	3.26	5.85	4.64	0.5
epigraphy	b1	0.79	1.44	1.09	0.13
epigraphy_linlog	b0	2.76	5.78	4.36	0.57
epigraphy_linlog	b1	0.85	1.6	1.2	0.14
epigraphy_nozero	b0	2.13	6.1	4.19	0.78
epigraphy_nozero	b1	0.68	1.69	1.18	0.2
filtmonuments	b0	2.83	5.18	4.1	0.47
filtmonuments	b1	0.92	1.49	1.18	0.11
filtmonuments_loglin	b0	2.9	5.19	4.16	0.44
filtmonuments_loglin	b1	0.94	1.52	1.21	0.11
filtmonuments_nozero	b0	3.18	5.53	4.45	0.46
filtmonuments_nozero	b1	0.79	1.38	1.06	0.11
hnwi	intercept	-4.32	0.93	-1.73	1.01
hnwi	scaling	0.09	0.44	0.27	0.07
hnwi_linlog	intercept	-14.33	6.91	-4.19	4.16
hnwi_linlog	scaling	0.22	1.7	0.95	0.29
hnwi_sup	intercept	-4.26	0.97	-1.73	1.01
hnwi_sup	scaling	0.09	0.44	0.27	0.07
tallbuildings	intercept	-6.59	-2.53	-4.58	0.78
tallbuildings	scaling	0.41	0.69	0.55	0.05
tallbuildings_linlog	intercept	-18.51	7.59	-5.07	5.06
tallbuildings_linlog	scaling	1.7	3.72	2.71	0.39

Trace Plots for All Analyses

Trace Plots

This section contains the trace plots (`tplots_...png`) for the MCMC diagnostics.

tplots_allmonuments.png

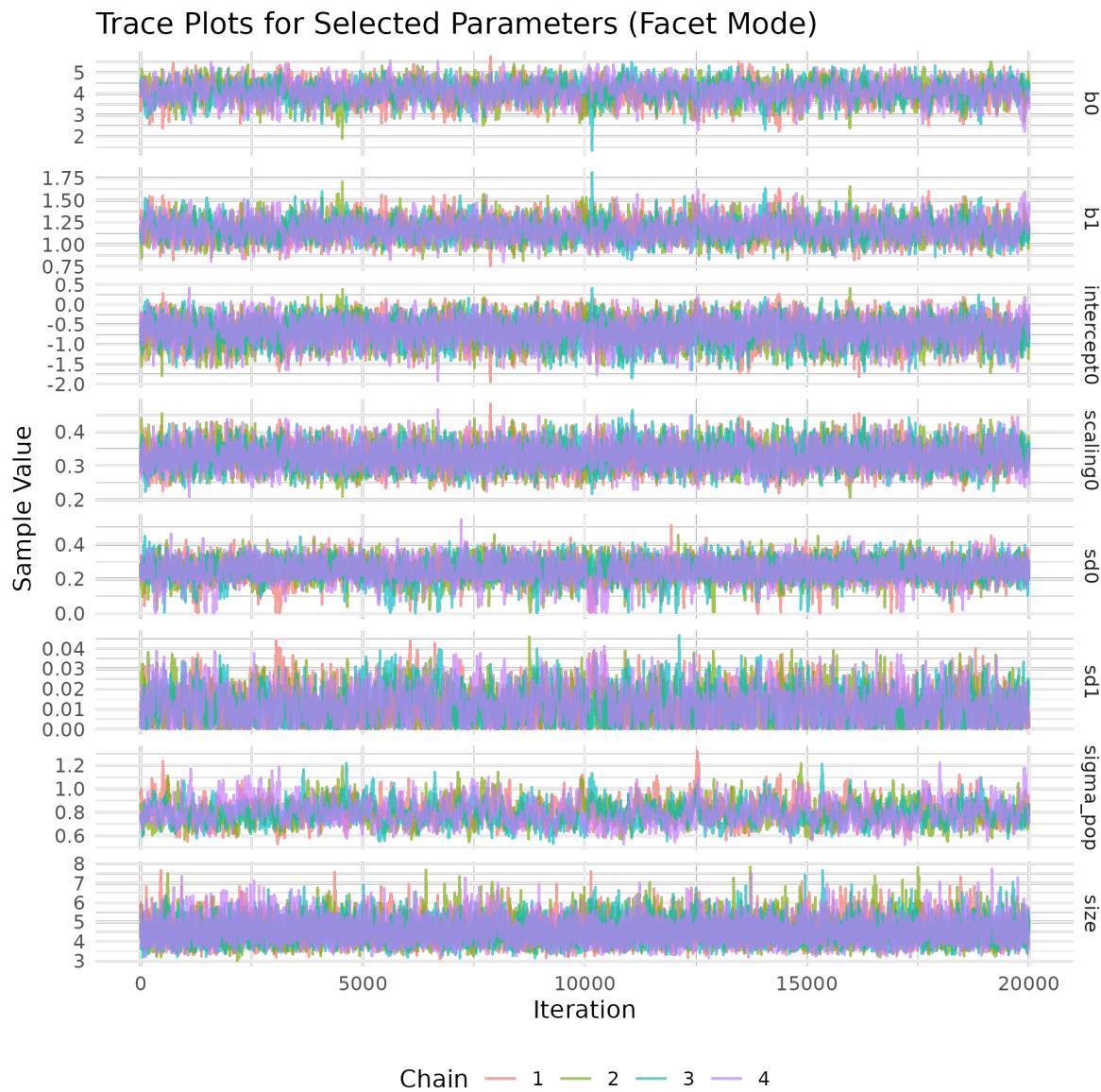


Figure 1: tplots_allmonuments.png

tplots_allmonuments_nozero.png

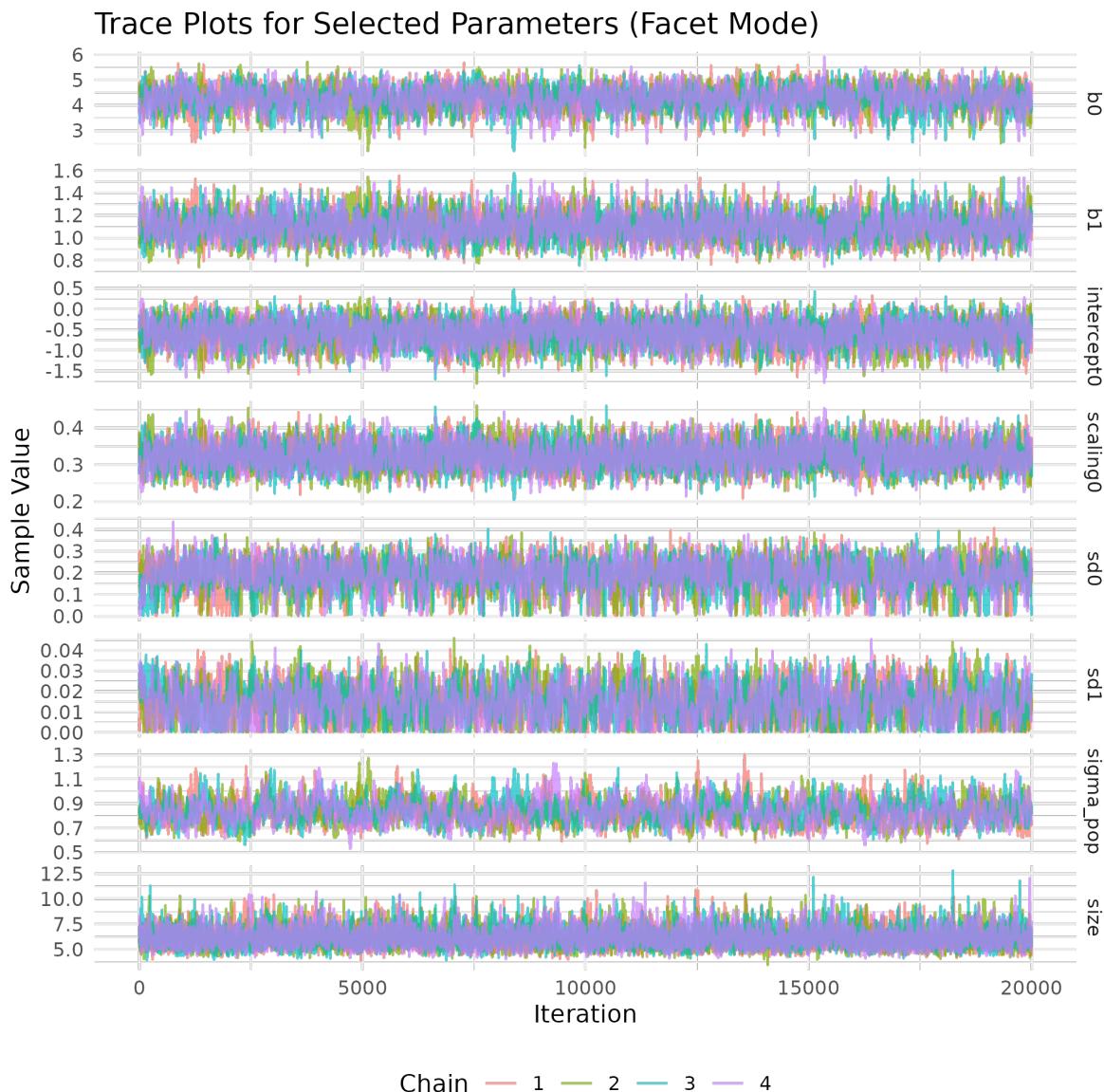


Figure 2: tplots_allmonuments_nozero.png

tplots_allmonuments_nozero_provinces.png

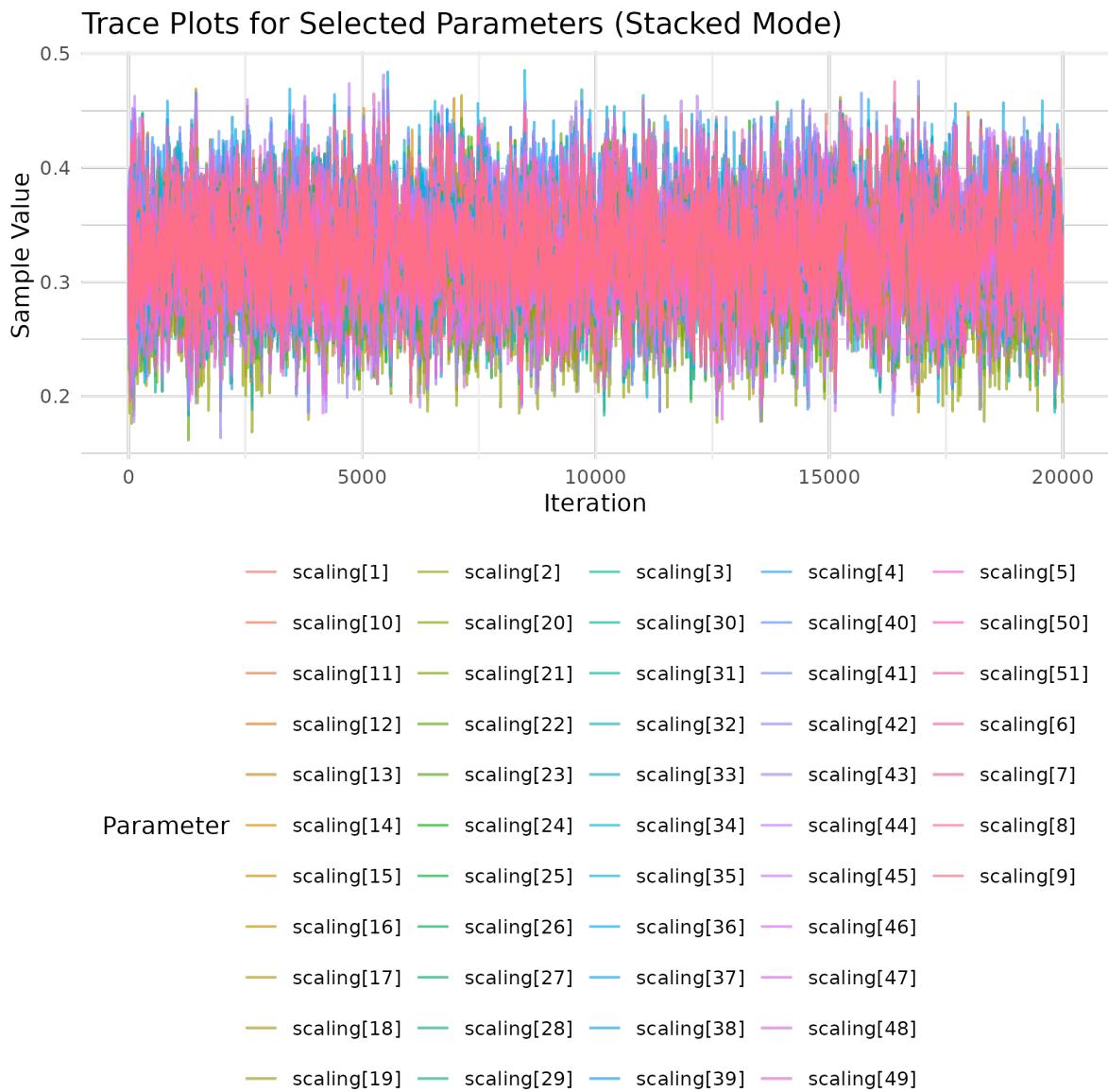


Figure 3: tplots_allmonuments_nozero_provinces.png

tplots_allmonuments_provinces.png

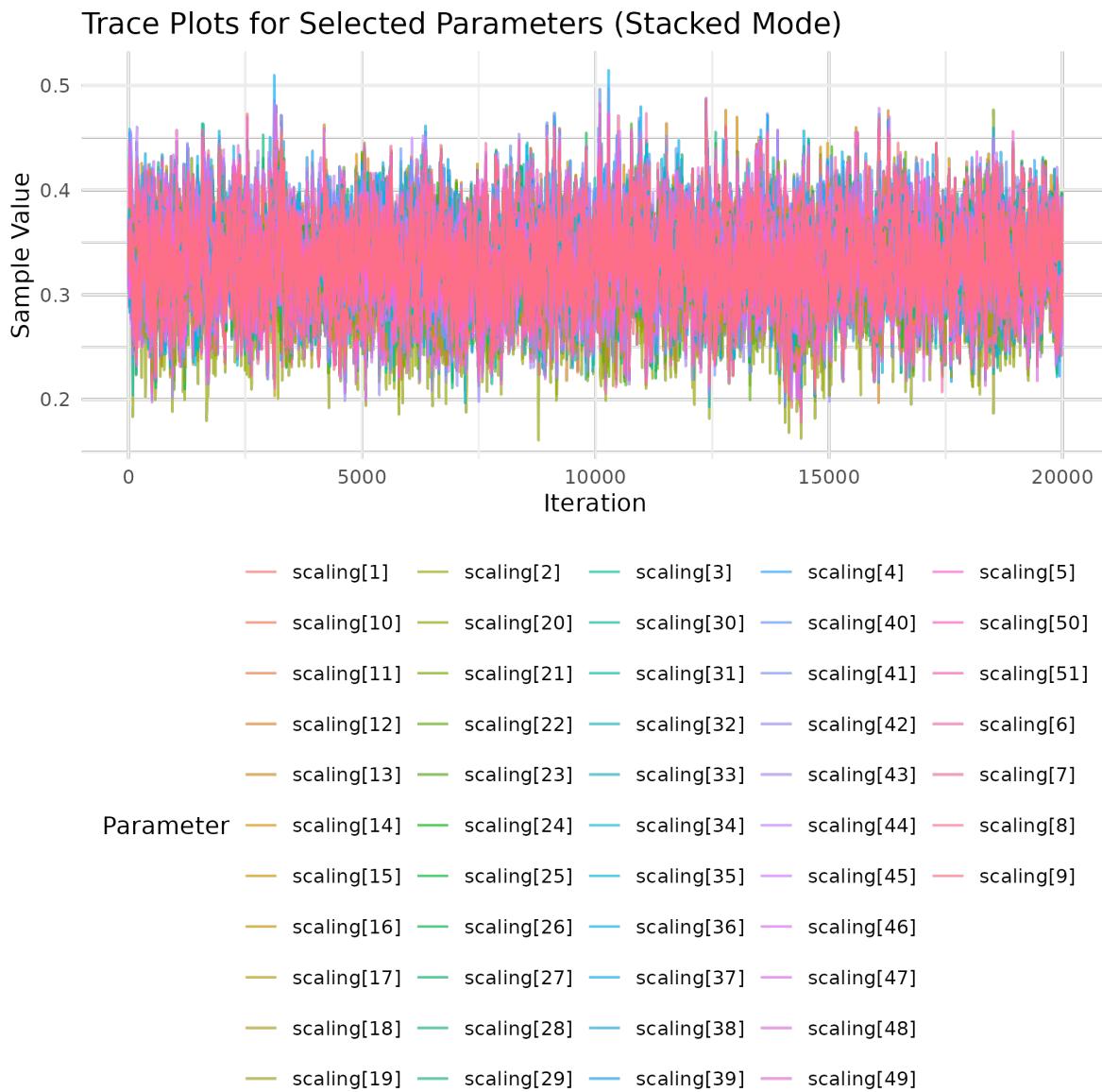


Figure 4: tplots_allmonuments_provinces.png

tplots_allwalls.png

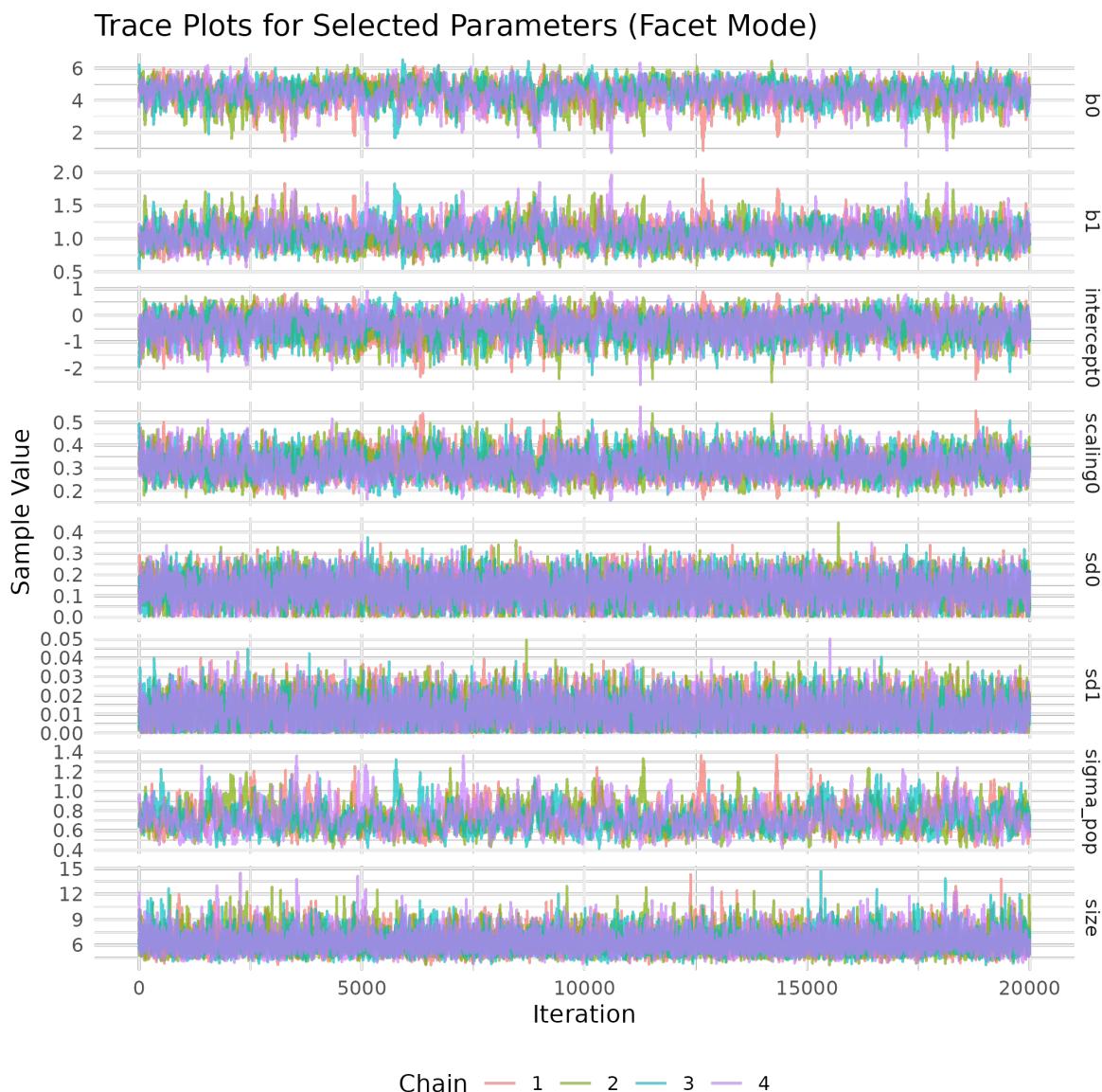


Figure 5: tplots_allwalls.png

tplots_allwalls_nozero.png

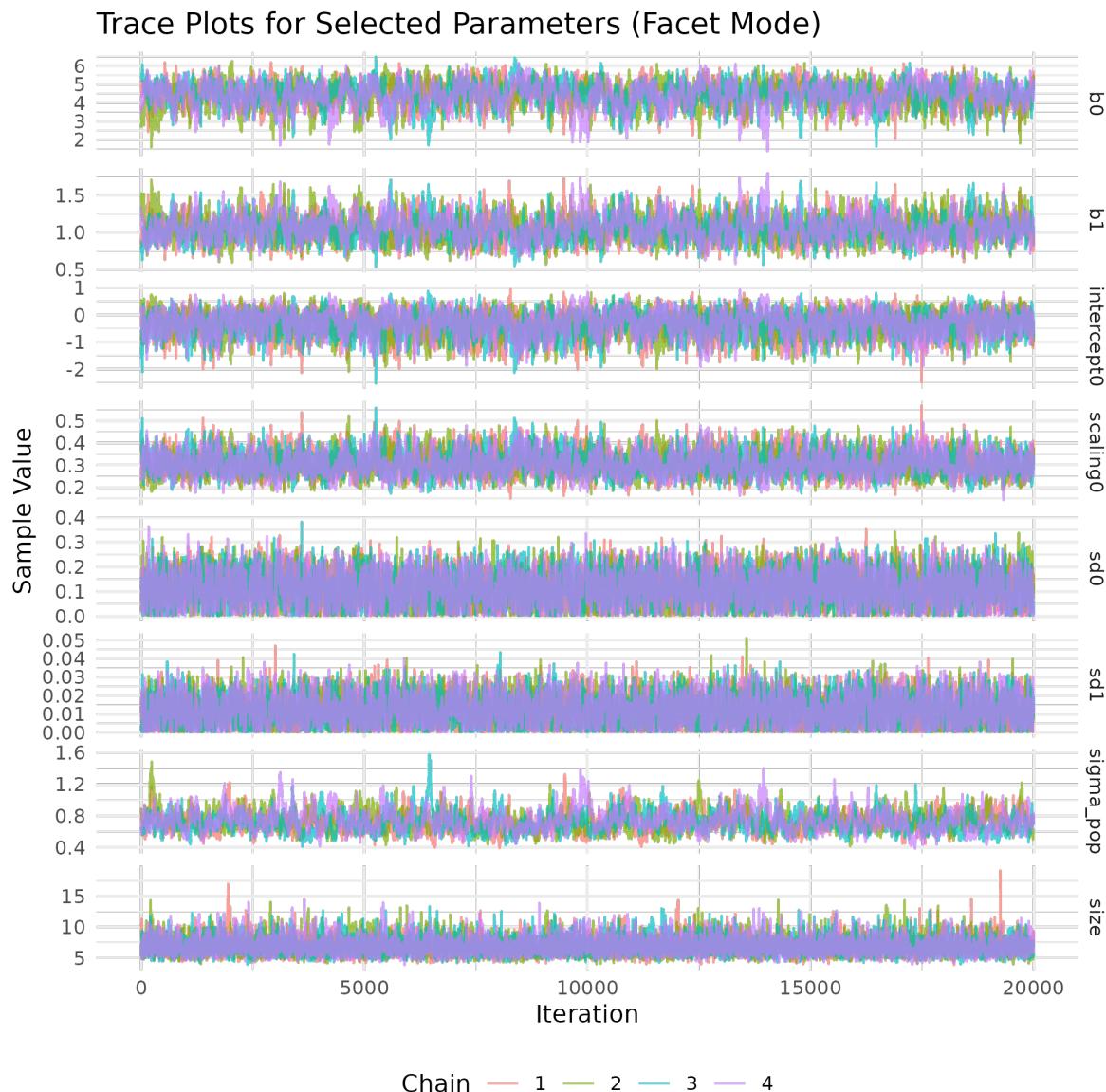


Figure 6: tplots_allwalls_nozero.png

tplots_allwalls_nozero_provinces.png

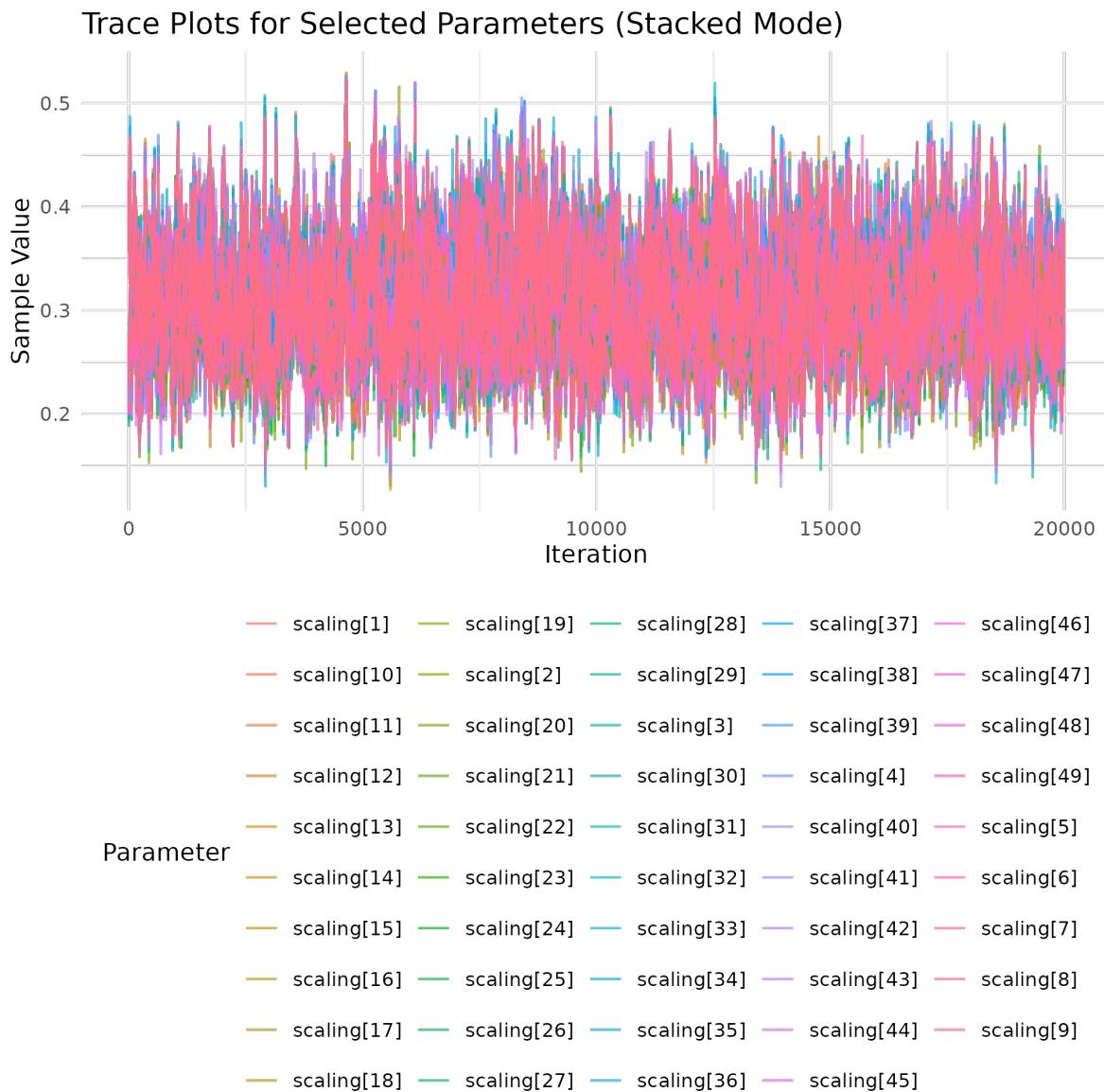


Figure 7: tplots_allwalls_nozero_provinces.png

tplots_allwalls_provinces.png

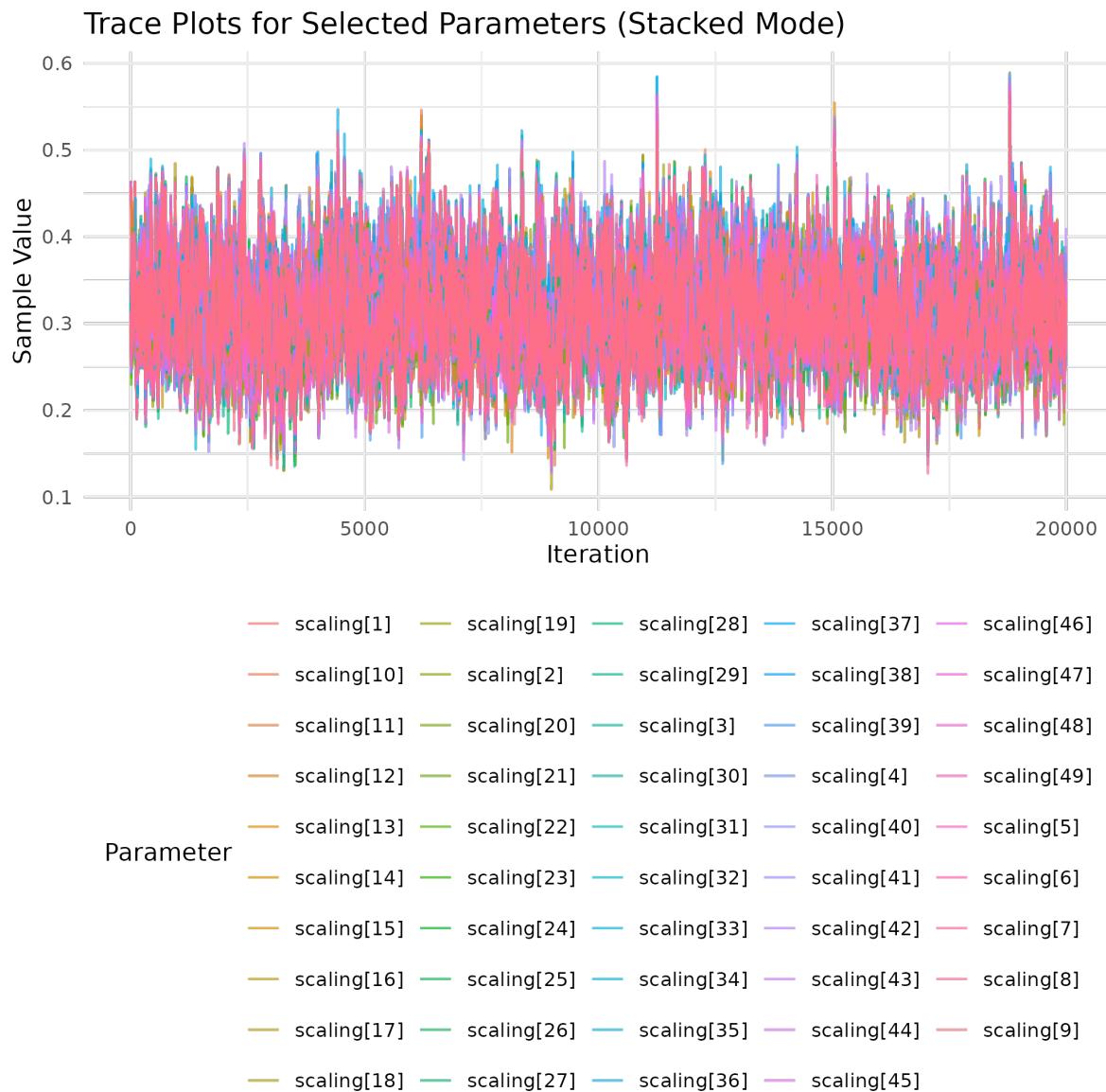


Figure 8: tplots_allwalls_provinces.png

tplots_epigraphy.png

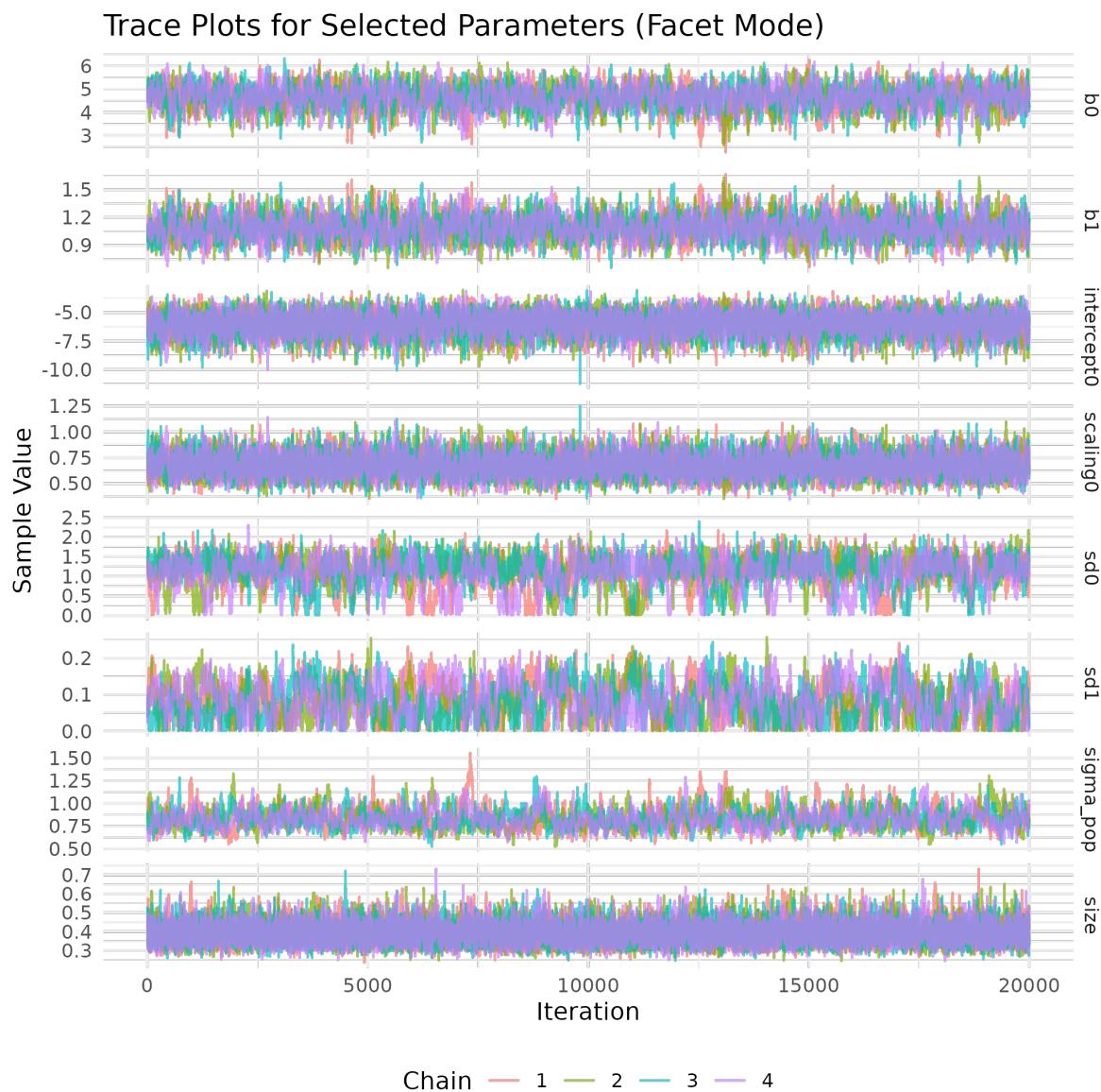


Figure 9: tplots_epigraphy.png

tplots_epigraphy_nozero.png

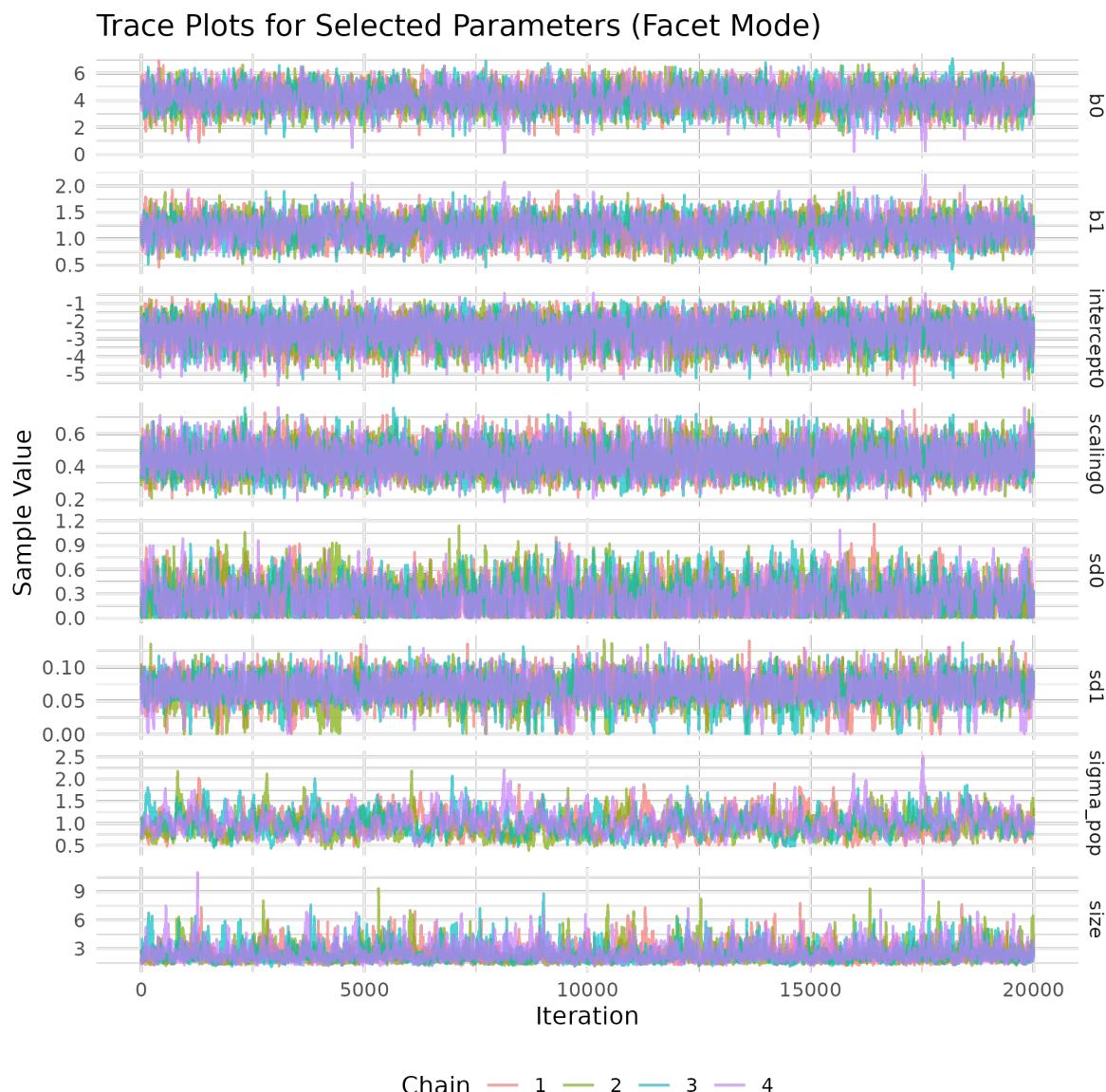


Figure 10: tplots_epigraphy_nozero.png

tplots_epigraphy_nozero_provinces.png

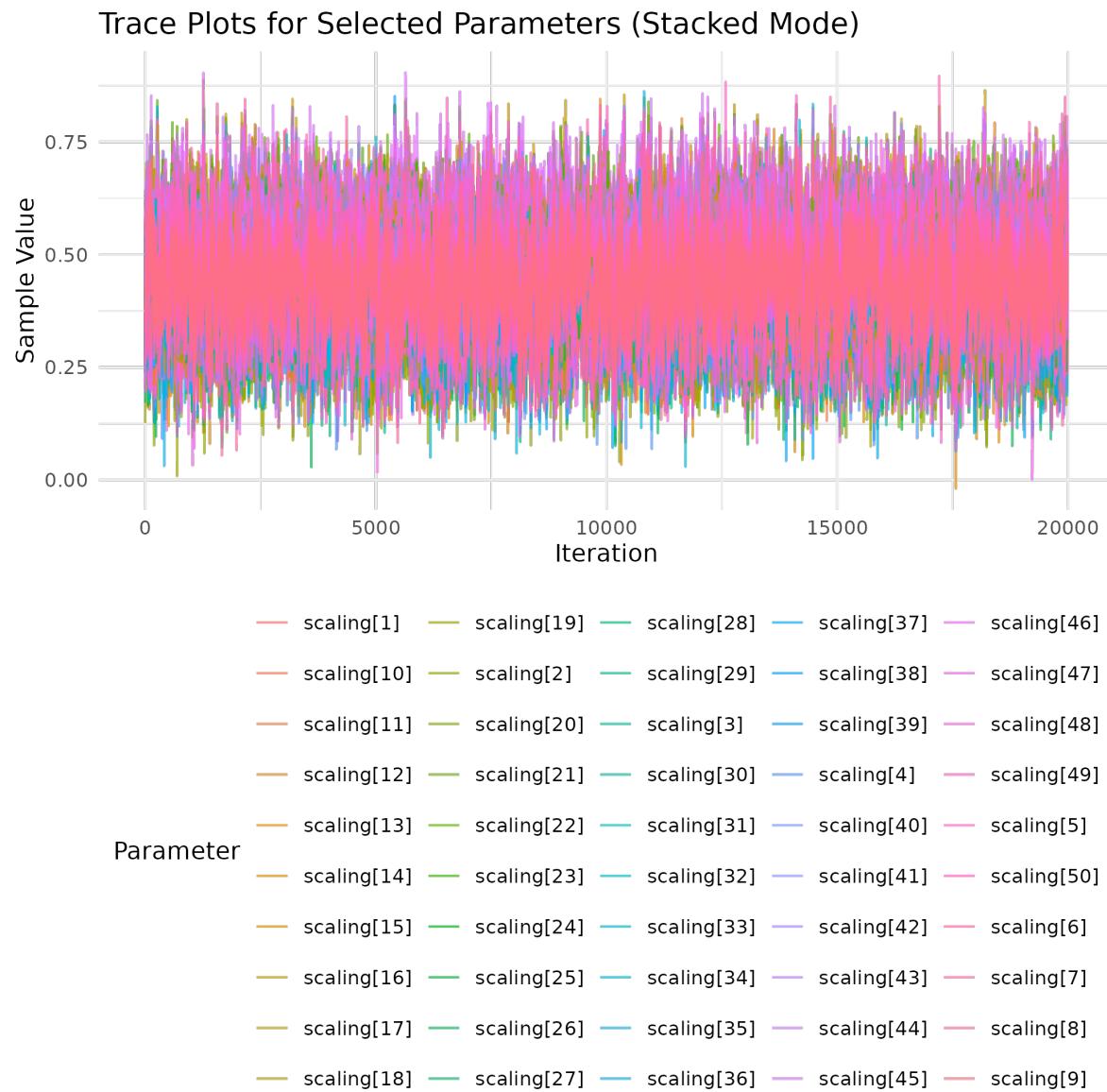


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tplots_epigraphy_provinces.png

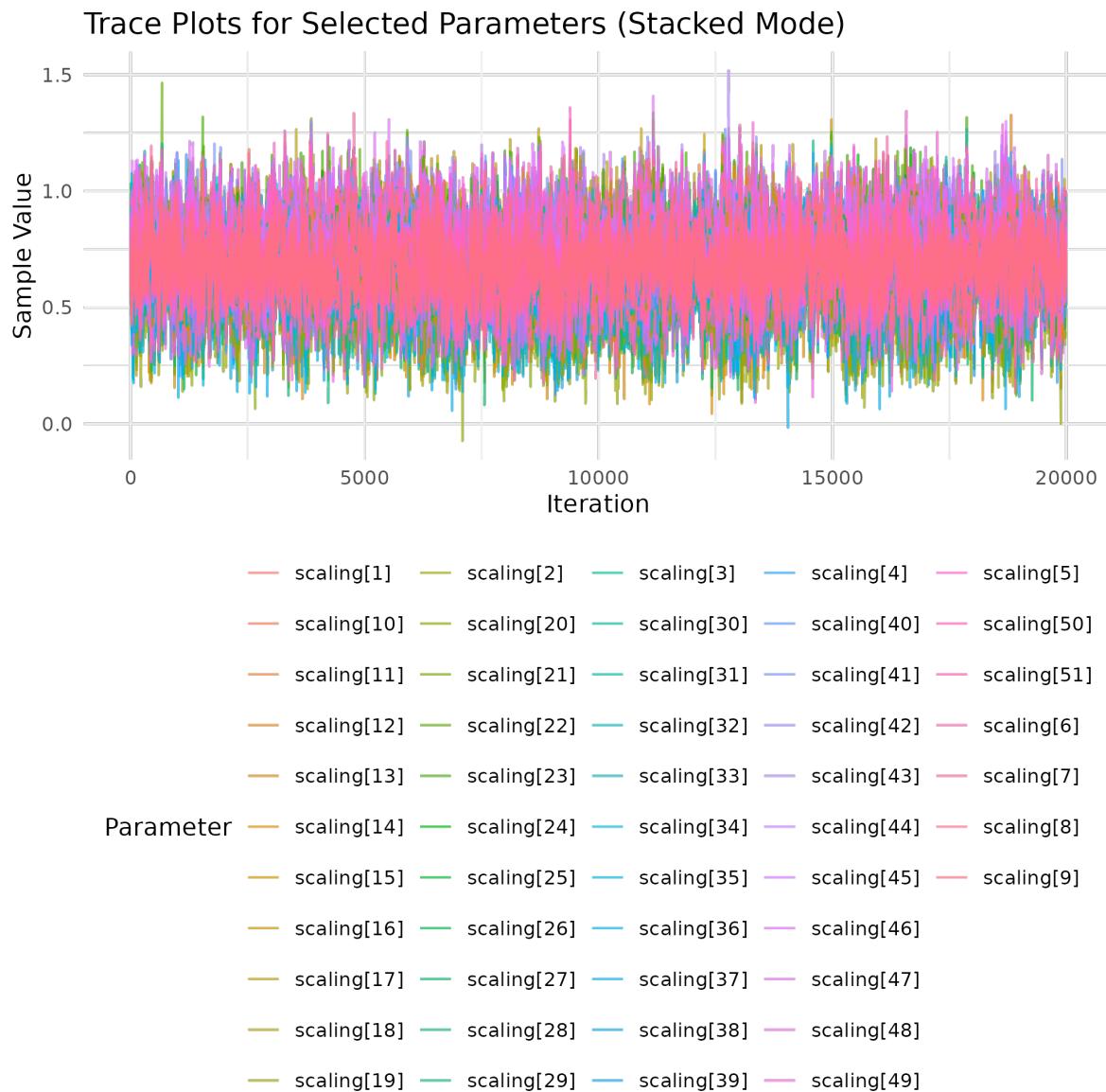


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tplots_filtmonuments.png

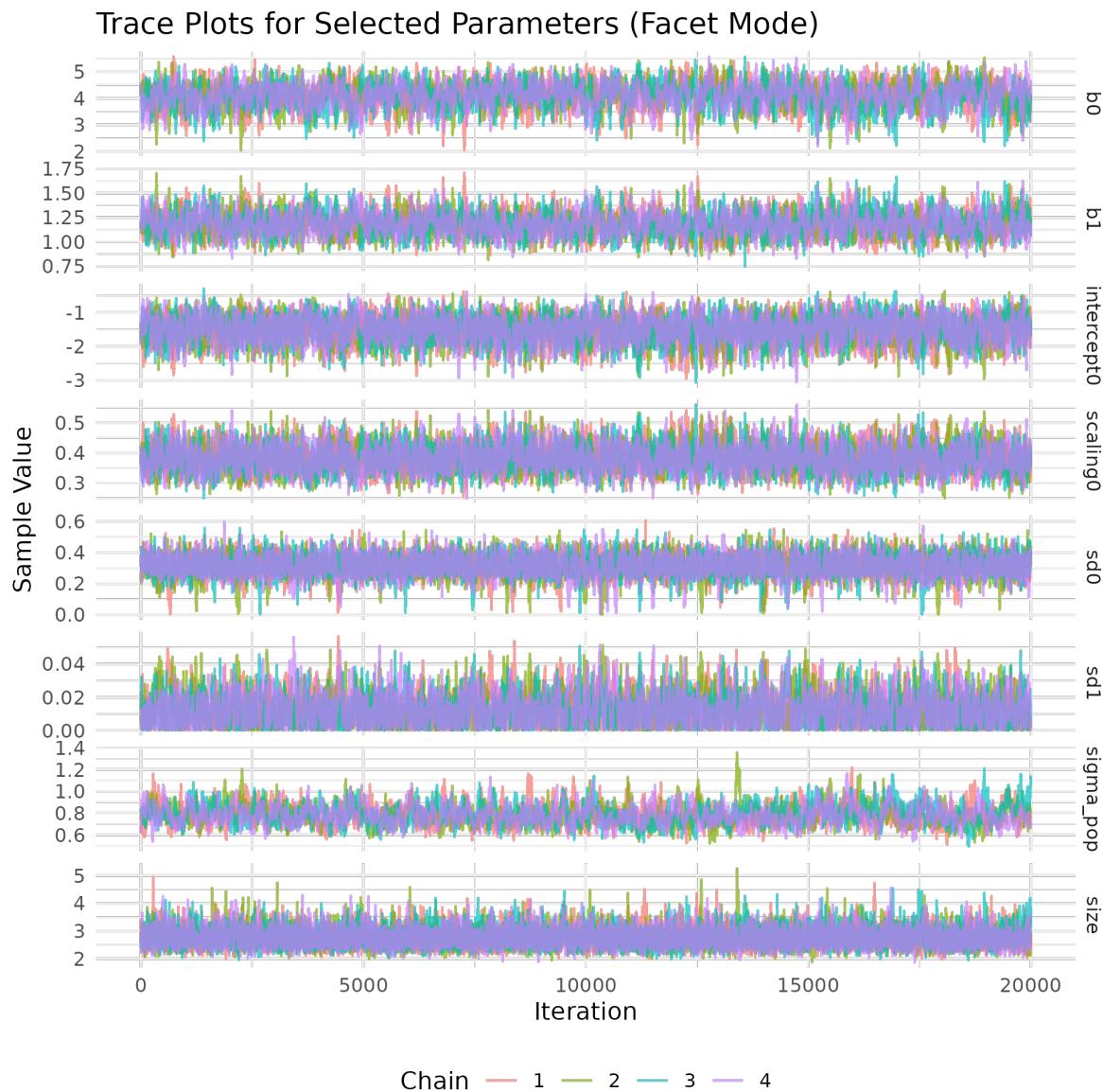


Figure 13: tplots_filtmonuments.png

tplots_filtmonuments_nozero.png

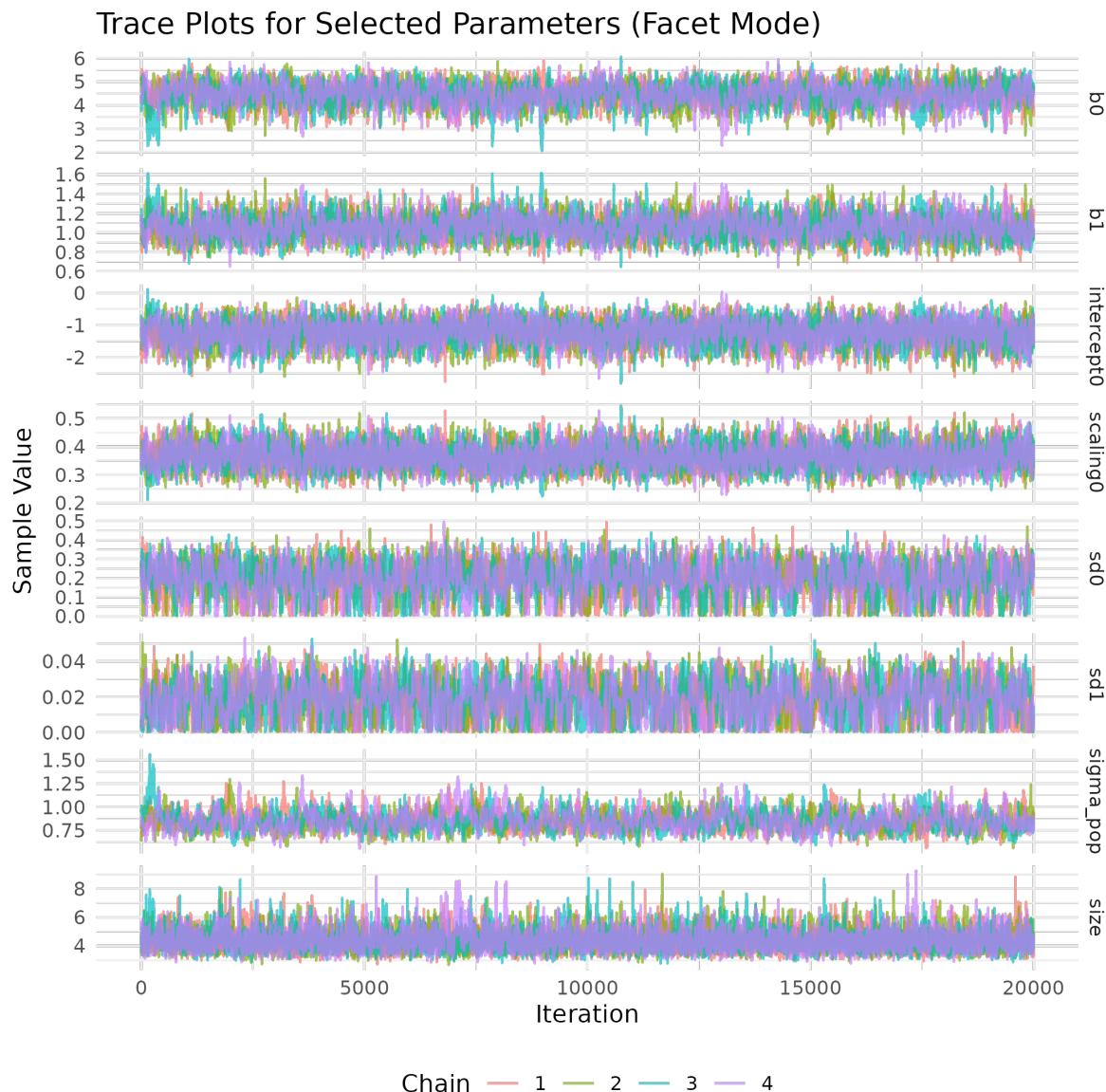


Figure 14: tplots_filtmonuments_nozero.png

tplots_filtmonuments_nozero_provinces.png

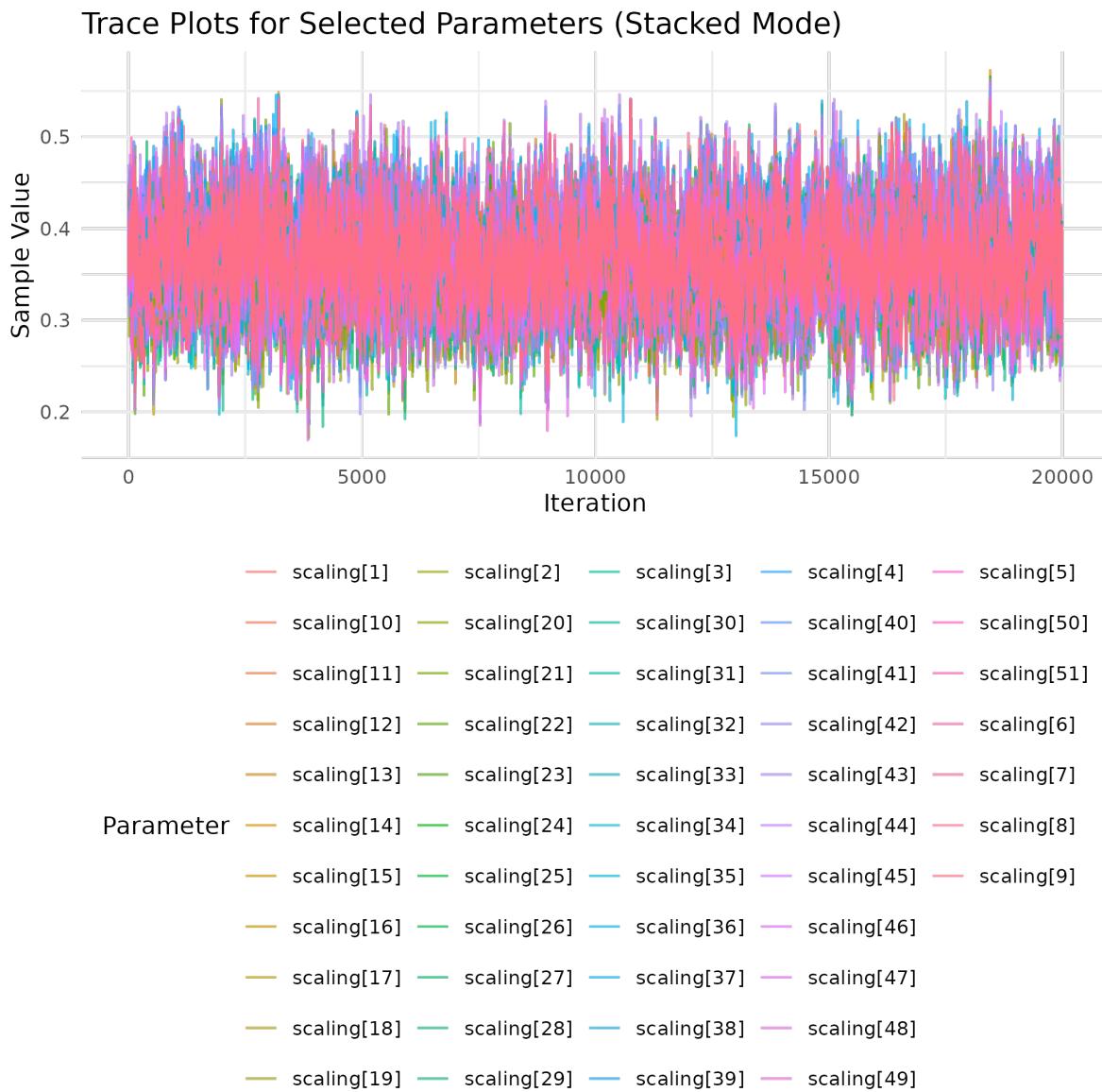


Figure 15: tplots_filtmonuments_nozero_provinces.png

tplots_filtmonuments_provinces.png

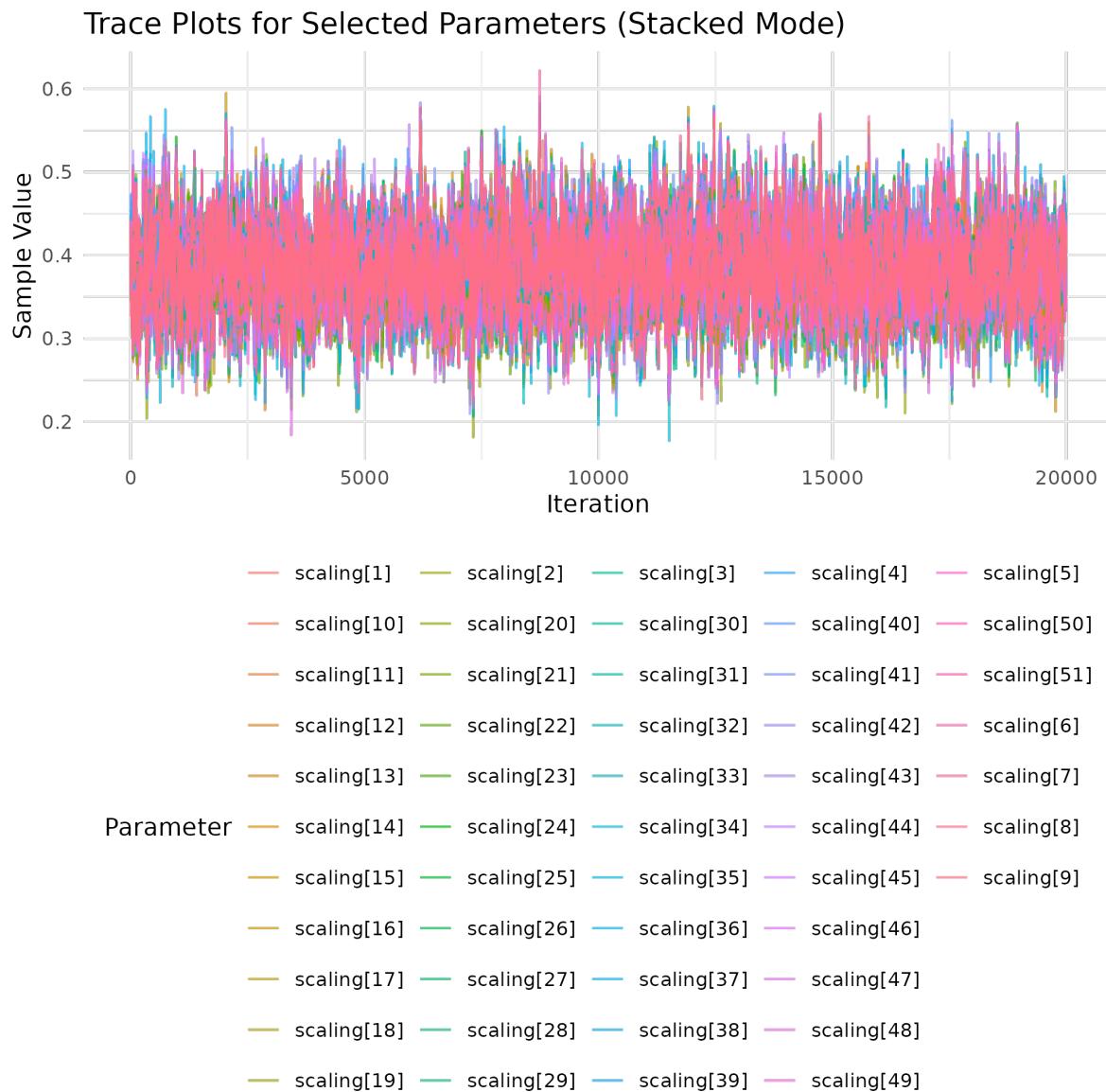


Figure 16: tplots_filtmonuments_provinces.png

tplots_hnwi.png

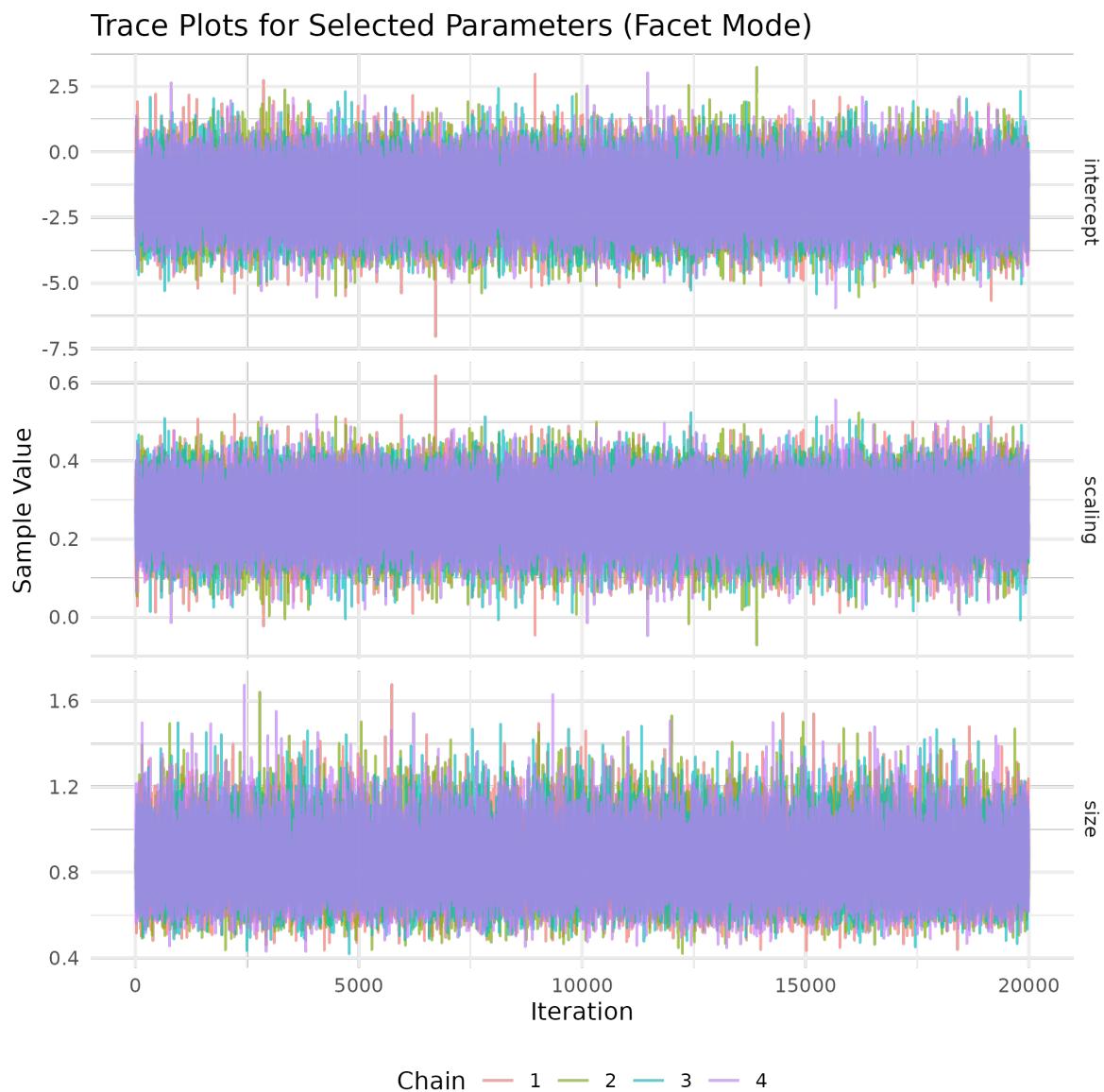


Figure 17: tplots_hnwi.png

tplots_tallbuildings.png

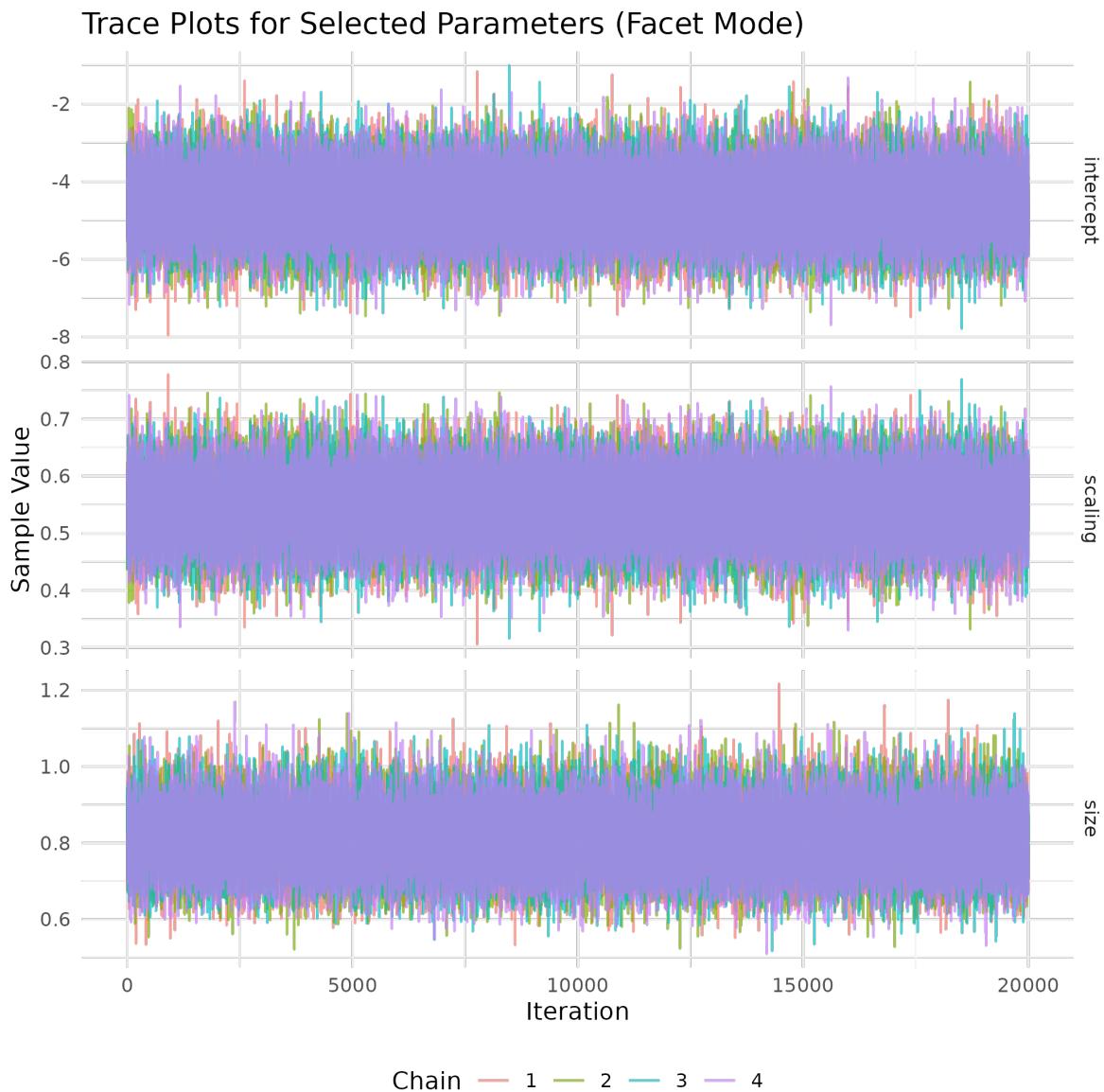


Figure 18: tplots_tallbuildings.png

tplots_allmonuments_linlog.png

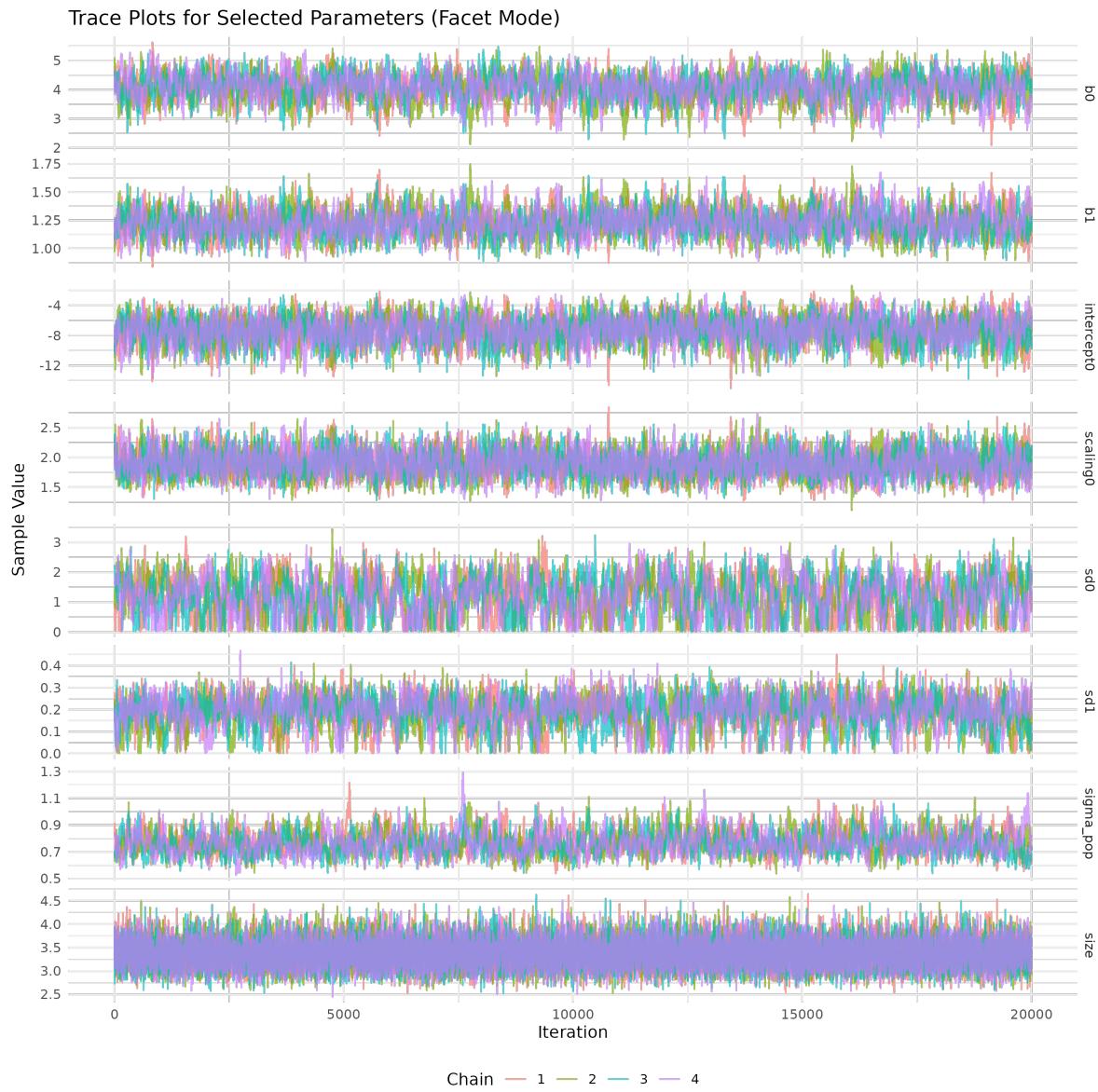


Figure 19: tplots_allmonuments_linlog.png

tplots_allmonuments_linlog_provinces.png

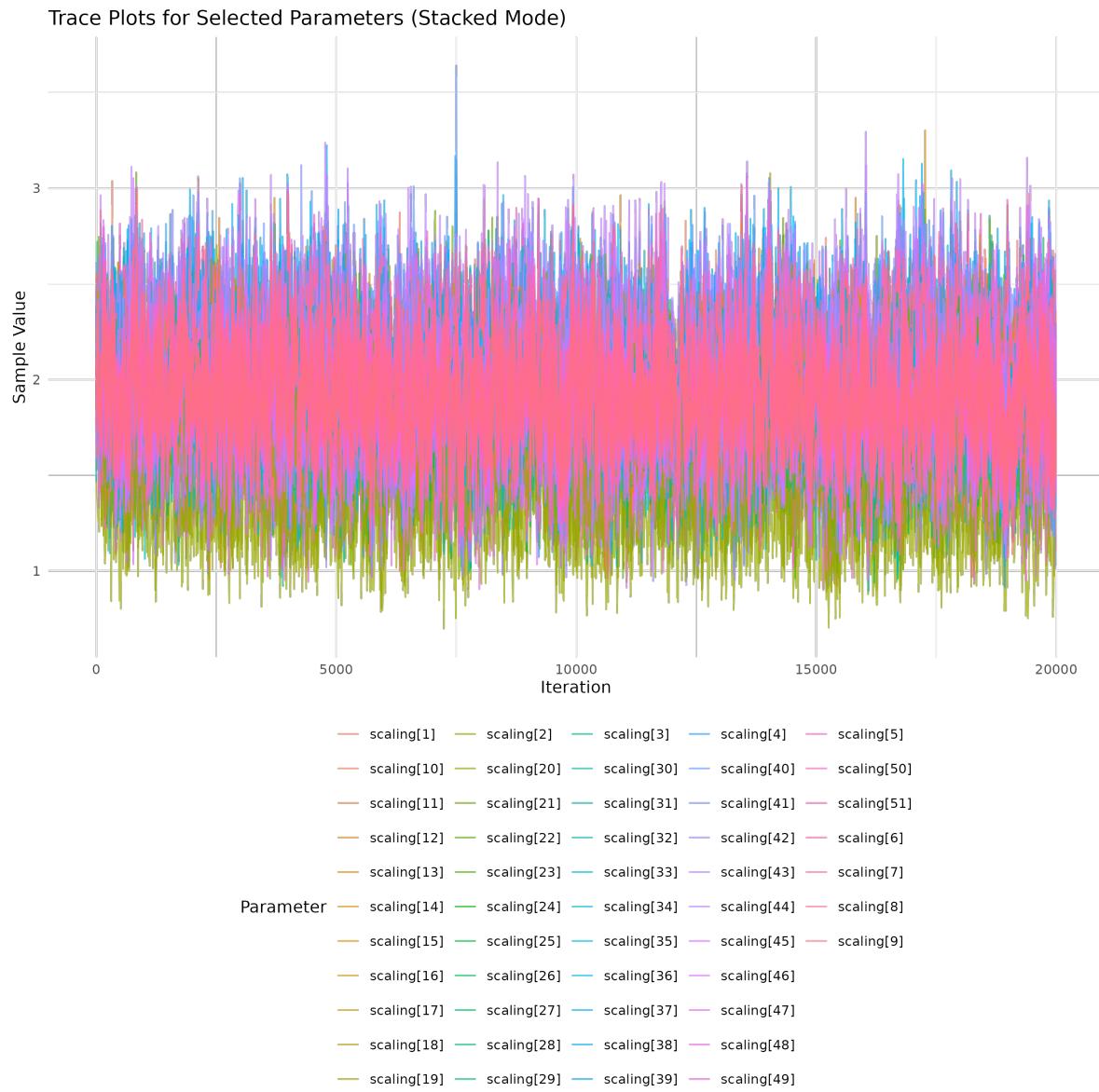


Figure 20: tplots_allmonuments_linlog_provinces.png

tplots_allmonuments_sup.png

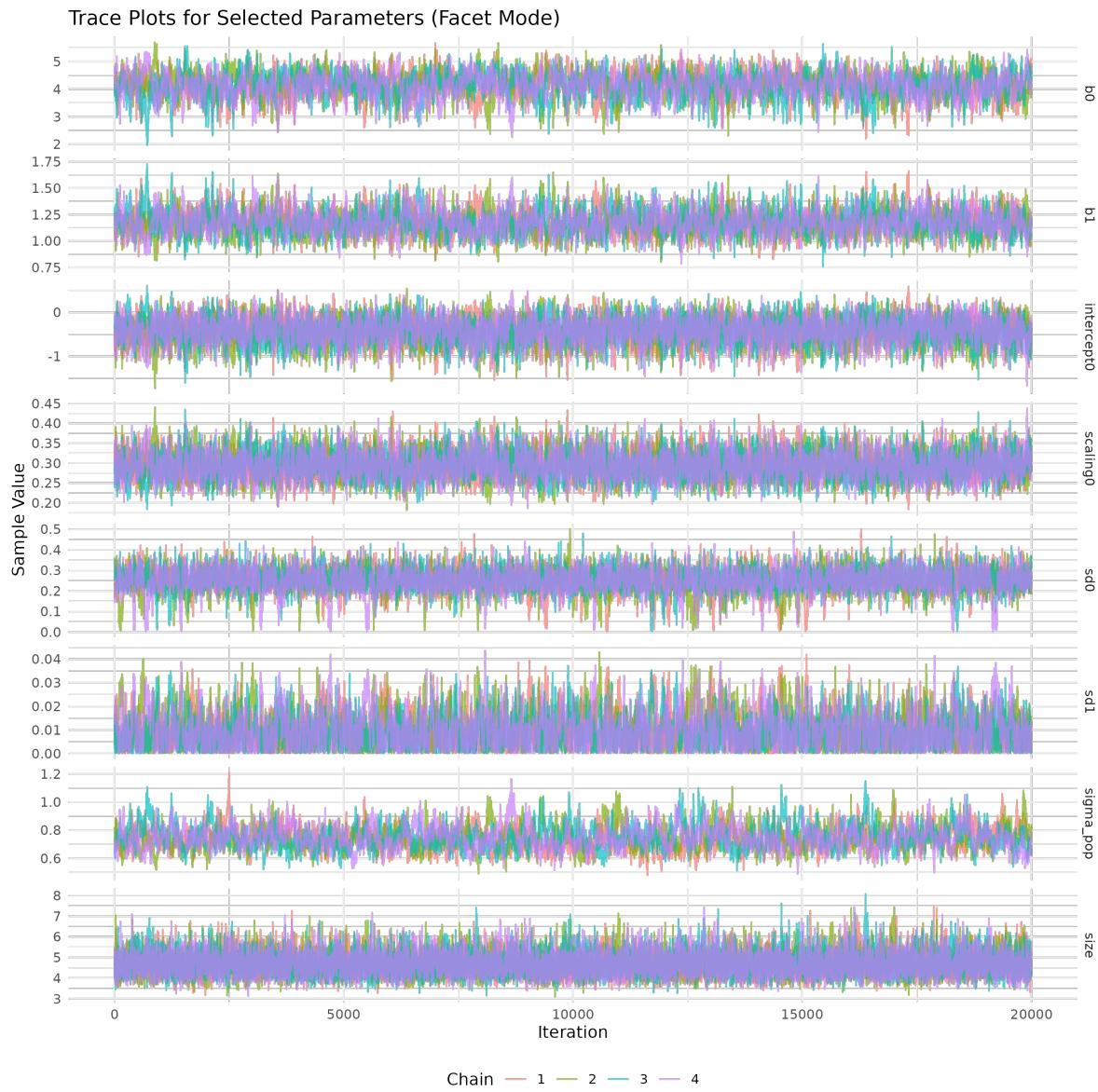


Figure 21: tplots_allmonuments_sup.png

tplots_allmonuments_sup_provinces.png

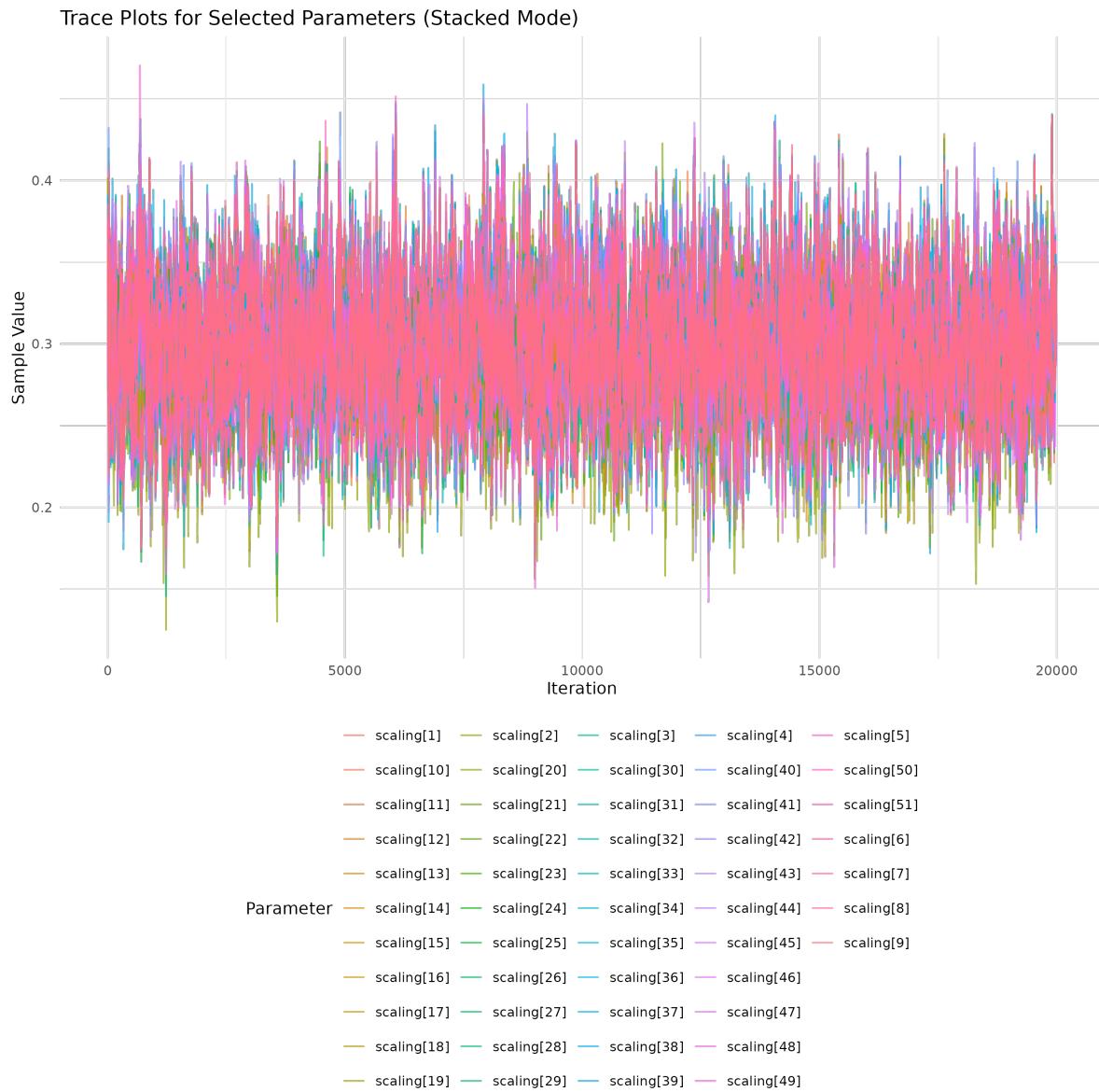


Figure 22: tplots_allmonuments_sup_provinces.png

tplots_allwalls_linlog.png

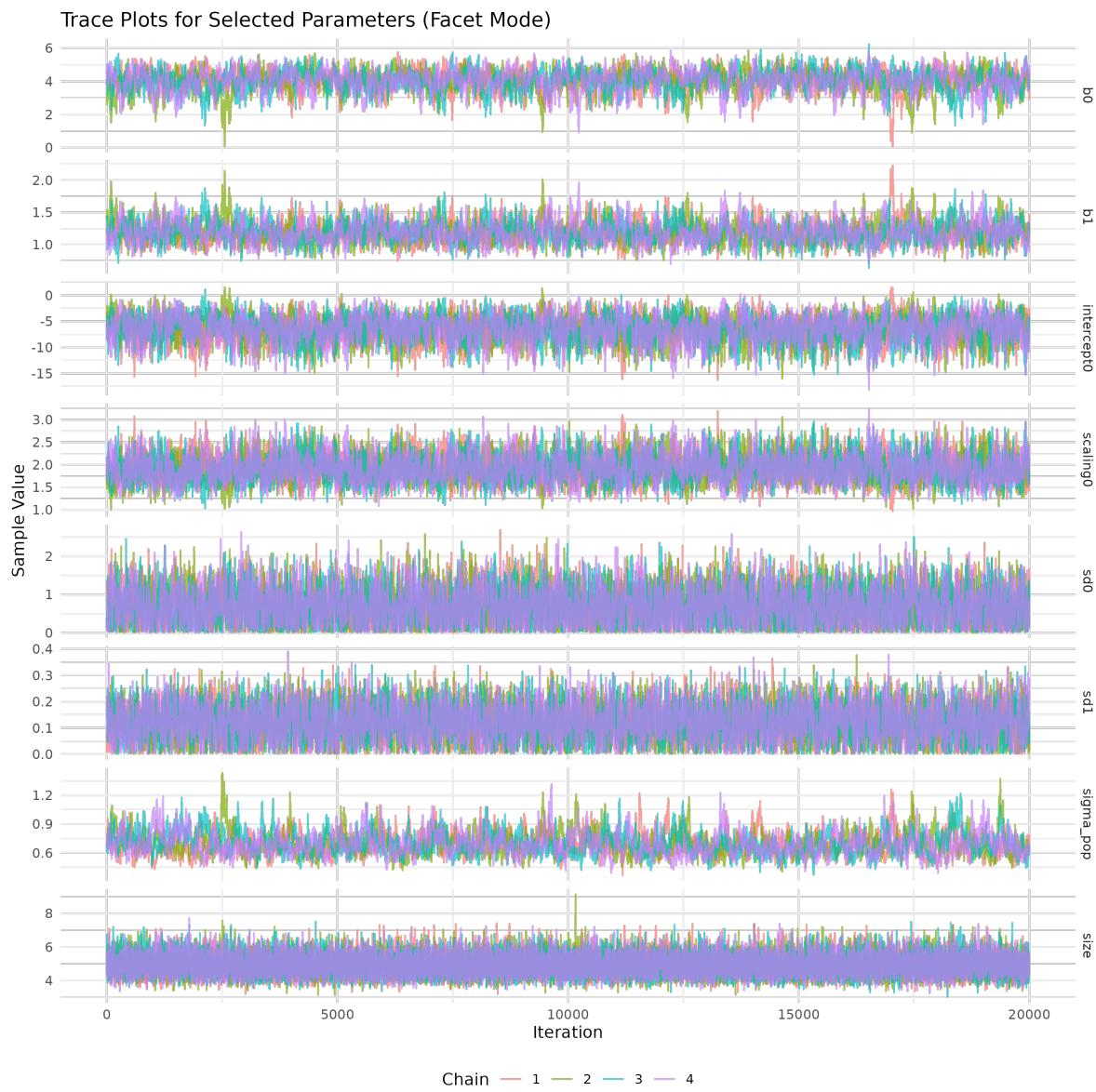


Figure 23: tplots_allwalls_linlog.png

tplots_allwalls_linlog_provinces.png

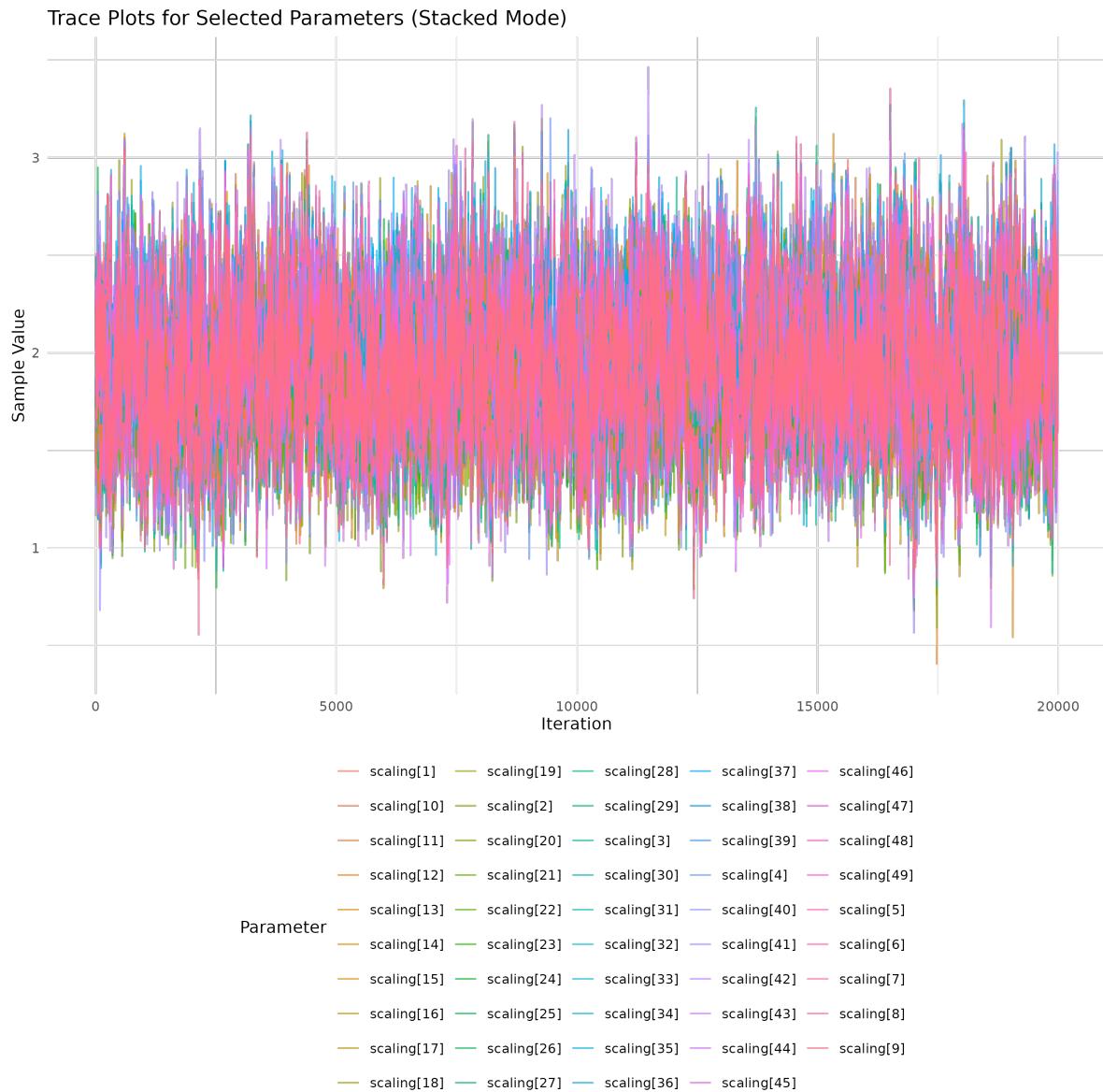


Figure 24: tplots_allwalls_linlog_provinces.png

tplots_epigraphy_linlog.png

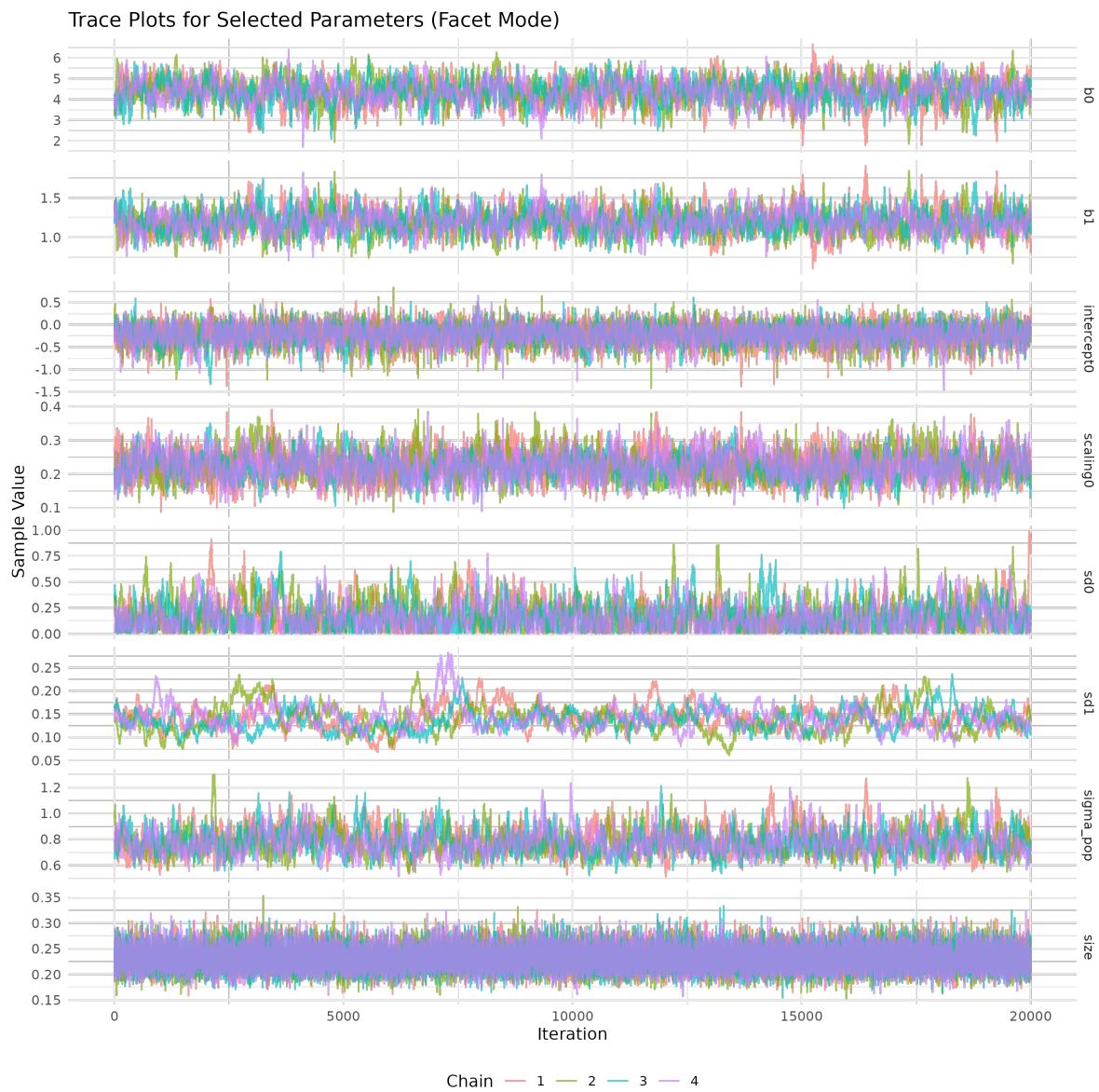


Figure 25: tplots_epigraphy_linlog.png

tplots_epigraphy_linlog_provinces.png

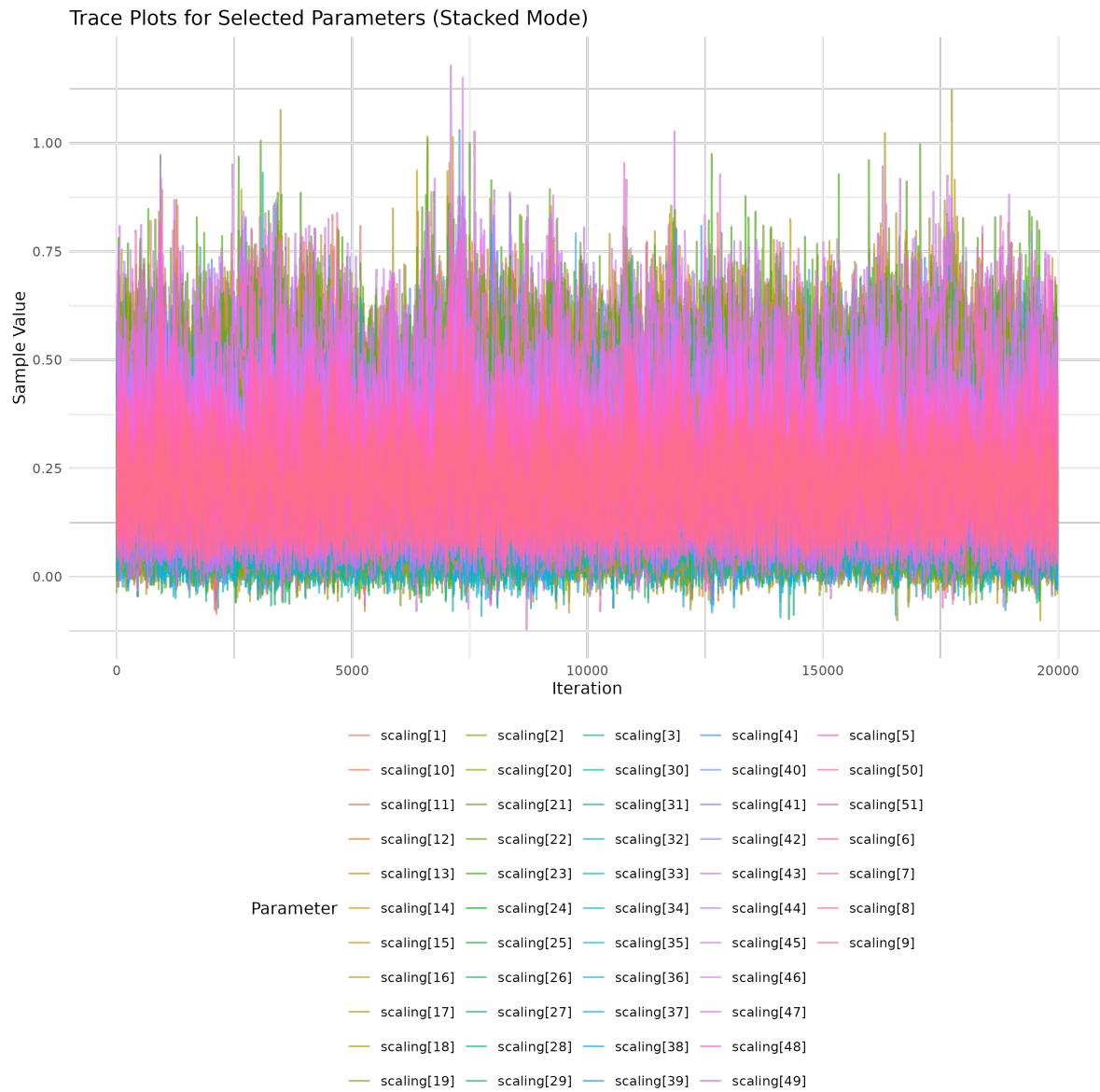


Figure 26: tplots_epigraphy_linlog_provinces.png

tplots_filtmonuments_loglin.png

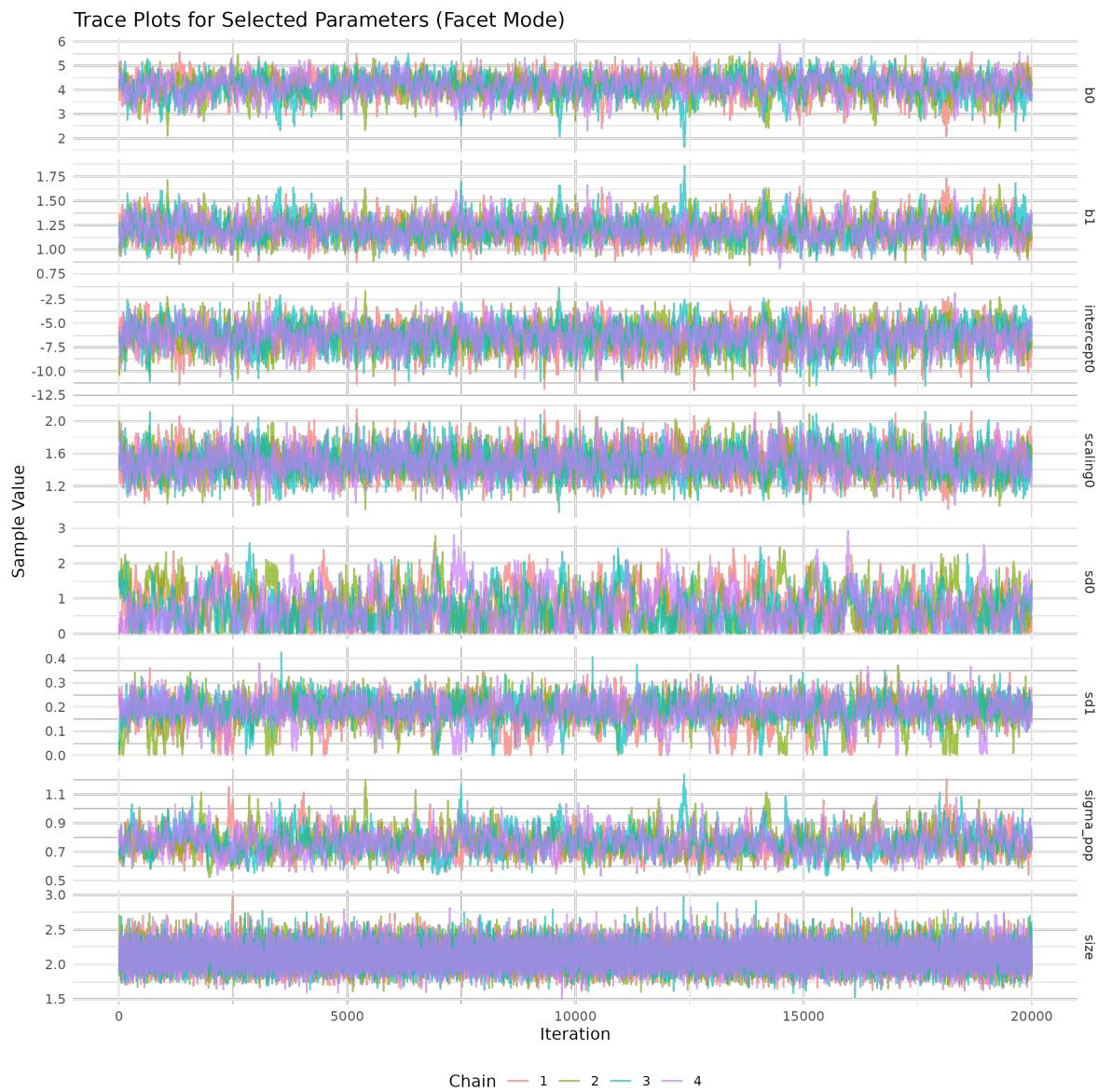


Figure 27: tplots_filtmonuments_loglin.png

tplots_filtmonuments_loglin_provinces.png

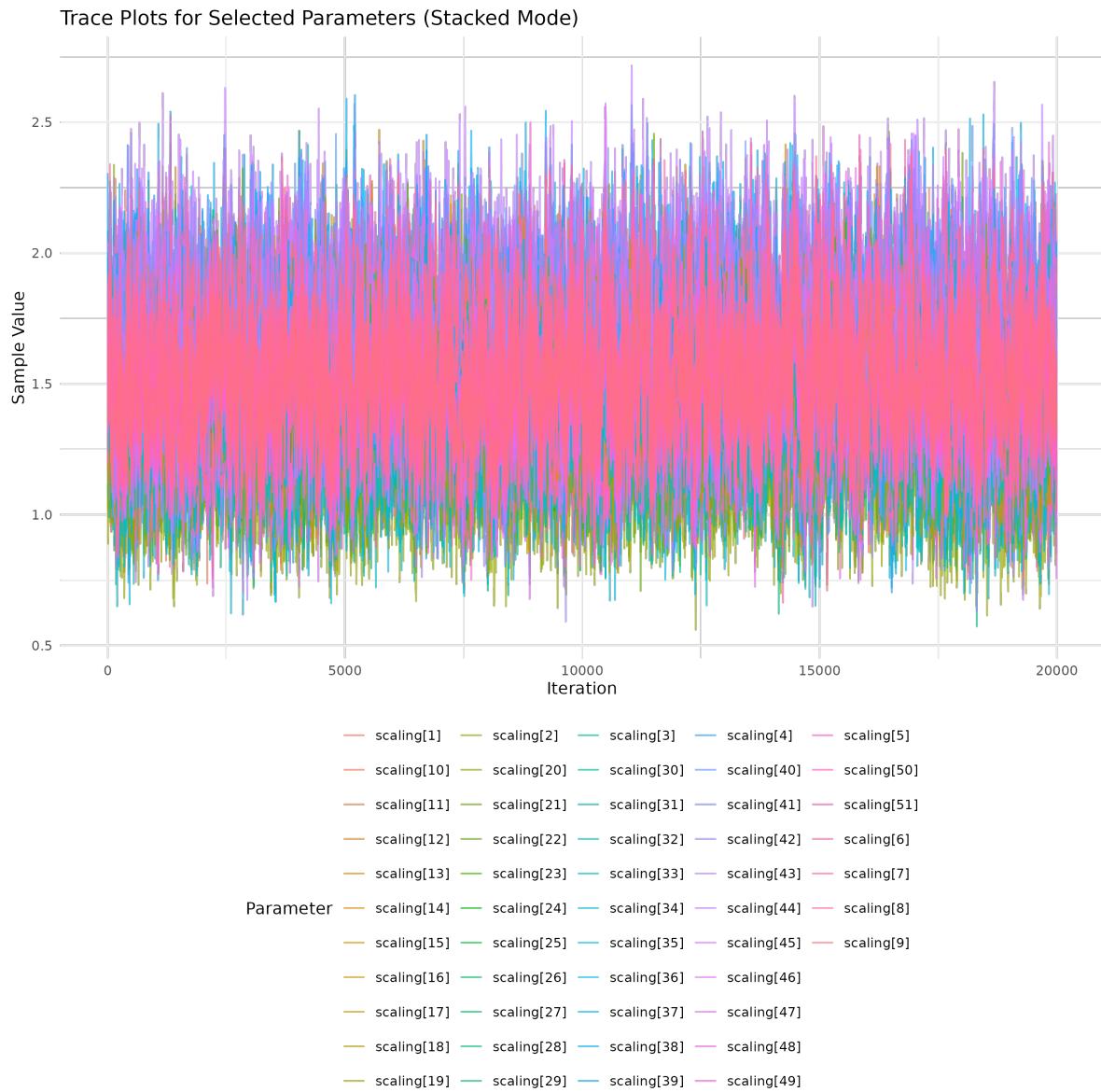


Figure 28: tplots_filtmonuments_loglin_provinces.png

tplots_hnwi_linlog.png

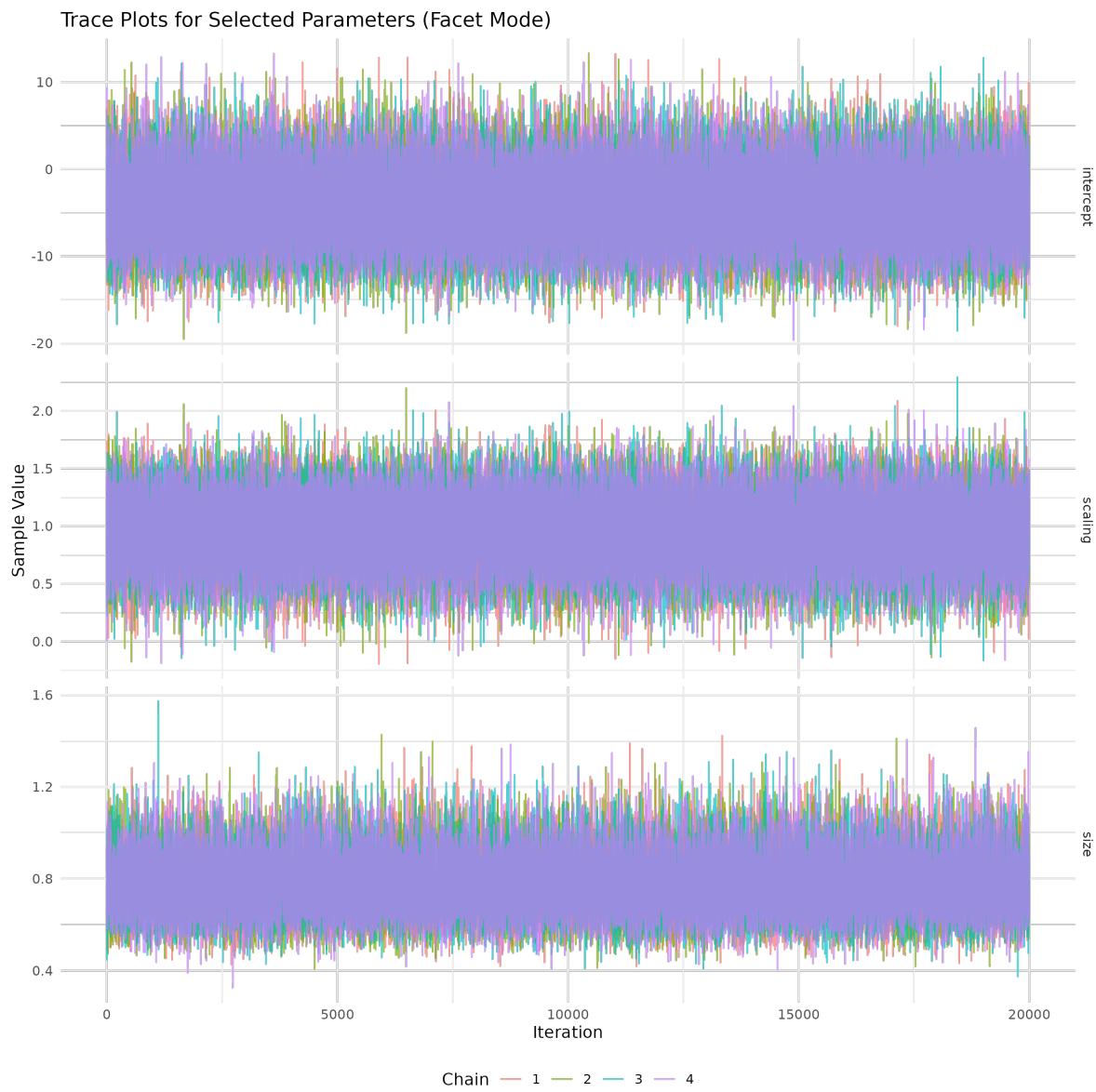


Figure 29: tplots_hnwi_linlog.png

tplots_hnwi_sup.png

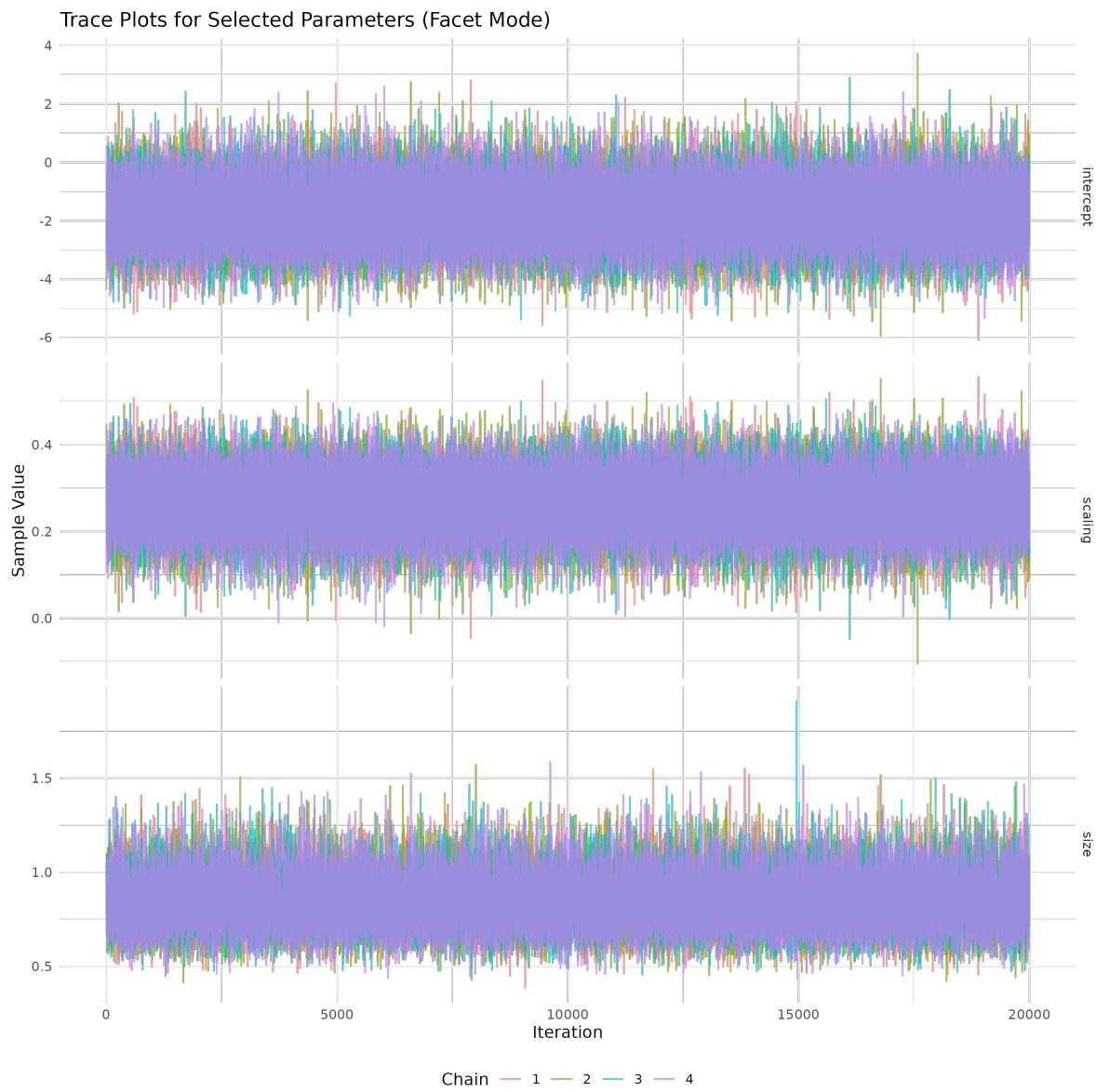


Figure 30: tplots_hnwi_sup.png

tplots_tallbuildings_linlog.png

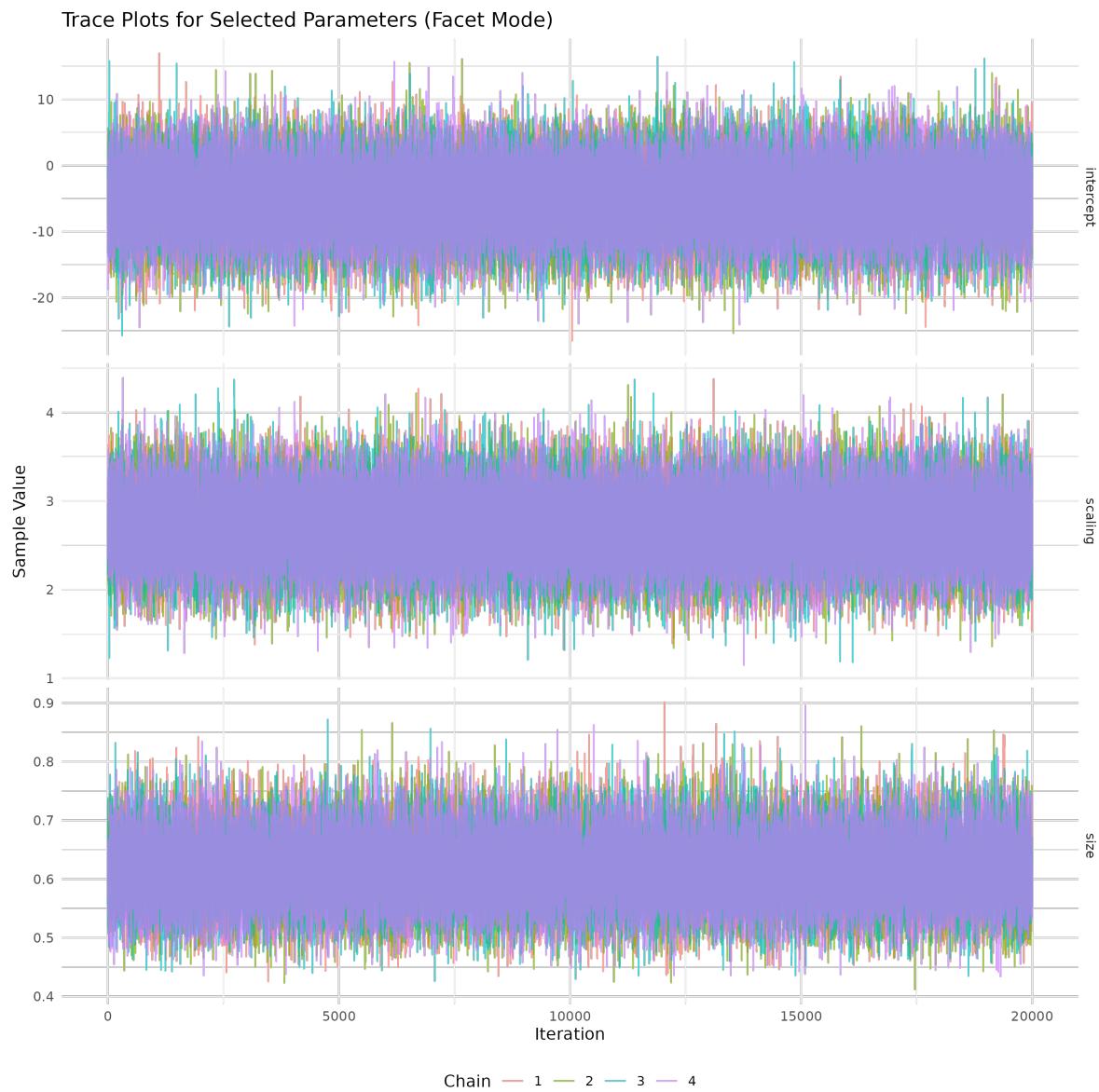


Figure 31: tplots_tallbuildings_linlog.png

Analysis Workflow

The following sections describe the analytical steps taken in relation to the section headings in the primary R script (`Src/urban_wealth_scale.R`). Each section below briefly describes the aim of the relevant section of the script along with the data sources, key operations, and outputs.

1. Data Wrangling

This section processes data from various sources to prepare it for analysis, including Roman cities, epigraphic records, high-net-worth individuals (HNWI), and tall buildings.

1.1 Roman Cities Data

- **Sources:**

- Population and area data: `Data/Hanson2016_CitiesDatabase_OxREP.xlsx`
- Population estimates: `Data/population_size.csv`

- **Key Operations:**

- Merge population estimates with area data.
- Filter monumental constructions (excluding walls and non-monumental structures).
- Extract relevant columns: Area, monuments, province, coordinates.
- Identify wall-determined areas and compute sample size (`n_roman`).

Outputs:

- Cleaned dataset: `RomanUrban`
- Columns:

- `Area, Province, Longitude, Latitude, Monuments, Monuments_filt`
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1.2 Epigraphic Data

- **Source:**

- Epigraphic inscriptions database: https://zenodo.org/record/4888168/files/EDH_text_cleaned

- **Key Operations:**

- Extract building/dedicatory inscriptions.

- Validate and extract geographic coordinates.
- Calculate distances from cities to inscriptions.
- Count inscriptions within each city's radius.

Outputs:

- Updated dataset: RomanUrban
 - New column: InscriptionCount
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1.3 HNWI Data

- **Source:**
 - High-net-worth individuals: Data/hnwi_by_city.xlsx
 - Population data: Data/worldcities.csv
- **Key Operations:**
 - Match population data with HNWI cities.
 - Manually resolve inconsistencies (e.g., “Hong Kong (SAR China)” -> “Hong Kong”).
 - Remove rows with missing population values.
 - Assign zero values to missing billionaire counts.

Outputs:

- Cleaned dataset: global_hnwi
 - Key columns: City, Country_cleaned, population, Billionaires
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1.4 Tall Buildings Data

- **Source:**
 - Dataset of tall buildings: Data/MPI_150m_Dataset.xlsx
- **Key Operations:**
 - Filter rows with missing population data.

Outputs:

- Cleaned dataset: `tall_buildings`
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Cleanup

Unnecessary objects are removed to optimize the workspace: - Retained objects: `RomanUrban`, `global_hnwi`, `tall_buildings`, `walls_idx`.

2. Defining the Core Bayesian (Nimble) Models

This section implements Bayesian models using the Nimble framework to estimate scaling parameters while accounting for uncertainty in population sizes and count data. The models are defined for both archaeological (Roman) and modern datasets and involve comparisons between power-law and linear-log scaling relationships.

2.1 General Approach

- **Objective:** Simultaneously estimate missing population sizes and scaling parameters.
 - **Innovations:**
 - Use of a negative binomial distribution to model count data, addressing overdispersion.
 - Flexible parameters to account for differences across Roman provinces.
 - **MCMC Parameters:**
 - Iterations: `niter = 80000`
 - Burn-in: `nburnin = 20000 (25%)`
 - Thinning: `thin = 3`, resulting in 20000 samples per chain.
 - Chains: `nchains = 4`
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2.2 Archaeological Models

2.2.1 Power-Law Model

- **Purpose:** Estimate monument scaling parameters based on Roman cities data.
- **Key Features:**
 - Province-level variations in intercept and scaling parameters (v as province index).
 - Negative binomial distribution to handle count data.
 - Log-log population-area linking.

Outputs:

- Posterior distributions for parameters:
 - Intercepts: `intercept0`, `intercept_raw[k]`
 - Scaling coefficients: `scaling0`, `scaling_raw[k]`
 - Dispersion parameter: `size`
 - Population linking coefficients: `b0`, `b1`, `sigma_pop`
- Predictions and fitted values: `y_hat[n]`

2.2.2 Linear-Log Model

- **Purpose:** Provide an alternative to the power-law model.
- **Key Features:**
 - Similar to the power-law model but with linear-log population scaling.

Outputs:

- Posterior distributions analogous to the power-law model.
-

2.3 Modern Models

2.3.1 Power-Law Model

- **Purpose:** Estimate scaling relationships in modern datasets (HNWI, tall buildings).
- **Key Features:**
 - Intercept and scaling parameters on a log-log scale.
 - Negative binomial distribution for count data.

Outputs:

- Posterior distributions for parameters:
 - `intercept`
 - `scaling`
 - Dispersion parameter: `size`
- Predictions and fitted values: `y_hat[n]`

2.3.2 Linear-Log Model

- **Purpose:** Provide a linear-log alternative for modern datasets.

Outputs:

- Posterior distributions analogous to the power-law model.
-

2.4 Model Outputs

All models produce:

- **Posterior distributions** for scaling parameters (`Output/posterior_*`).
- **MCMC Diagnostics:** - Trace plots: `Output/mcmc_trace_*` - Effective sample size: `Output/effective_sample_size_*`
- **Model Fit Metrics:** - WAIC and LOOIC values for comparisons (`Output/waic.csv`, `Output/looic.csv`).

Notes

- The models are structured to allow future extensions or modifications (e.g., adding hierarchical effects).
- Additional thinning is applied during plotting to accommodate memory constraints.

3. Utility Functions

This section outlines the custom utility functions developed to assist with the analysis, including visualization, diagnostics, and output generation.

3.1 Visualization Functions

`stacked_traceplot`

- **Purpose:** Creates trace plots of MCMC chains with options for faceted or stacked visualizations.
- **Inputs:**
 - `mcmc_obj`: MCMC output object.
 - `params`: Parameters to plot.
 - `mode`: Visualization mode (`facet` or `stacked`).
 - `thin`: Thinning interval for MCMC samples.
- **Output:** A `ggplot2` object displaying MCMC trace plots.

`plot_residual_intervals`

- **Purpose:** Visualizes credible intervals for model residuals.
 - **Inputs:**
 - `mcmc_obj`: MCMC output object.
 - `y`: Observed data.
 - `y_hat_param`: Predicted values from the model.
 - `cr_level`: Credible interval level (default 0.95).
 - `outlier_indices`: Highlight outliers (optional).
 - **Output:** A plot with residual intervals and optional outlier annotations.
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3.2 Diagnostics Functions

`output_geweke`

- **Purpose:** Outputs Geweke diagnostic scores for convergence.
- **Inputs:**
 - `g`: Geweke diagnostic object.
 - `modelname`: Name of the model.
 - `outfolder`: Path to save the output file.
- **Output:** A CSV file with Geweke statistics for model parameters.

`output_gr_rhat`

- **Purpose:** Outputs Gelman-Rubin `R_hat` diagnostics.
- **Inputs:**
 - `mcmc_out`: MCMC output object.
 - `modelname`: Name of the model.
 - `outfolder`: Path to save the output file.
- **Output:** A CSV file summarizing `R_hat` diagnostics.

`output_ess`

- **Purpose:** Calculates and outputs Effective Sample Size (ESS).
 - **Inputs:**
 - `mcmc_out`: MCMC output object.
 - `modelname`: Name of the model.
 - `outfolder`: Path to save the output file.
 - **Output:** A CSV file with ESS values for each parameter.
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3.3 Summary and Model Evaluation Functions

`output_posterior_summary`

- **Purpose:** Outputs posterior summaries (mean, standard deviation, and credible intervals).
- **Inputs:**
 - `mcmc_out`: MCMC output object.
 - `modelname`: Name of the model.
 - `outfolder`: Path to save the output file.
- **Output:** A CSV file summarizing posterior distributions.

`rsquared`

- **Purpose:** Calculates pseudo R-squared values for model fit.
- **Inputs:**
 - `y`: Observed values.
 - `y_hat`: Predicted values.
- **Output:** R-squared values.

`output_rsquared`

- **Purpose:** Outputs pseudo R-squared values.
 - **Inputs:**
 - `y`: Observed values.
 - `mcmc_out`: MCMC output object.
 - `y_hat_param`: Predicted parameter.
 - **Output:** A CSV file summarizing R-squared values for models.
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3.4 Model Comparison Functions

`output_waic`

- **Purpose:** Outputs WAIC scores for model comparison.
- **Inputs:**
 - `waic`: WAIC object from model fit.
 - `modelname`: Name of the model.
- **Output:** A CSV file with WAIC scores.

`output_lppd`

- **Purpose:** Outputs log-posterior predictive density (LPPD) values.
 - **Inputs:**
 - `waic_dets`: Detailed WAIC results.
 - `modelname`: Name of the model.
 - **Output:** A CSV file summarizing LPPD values.
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3.5 Scaling Parameter Functions

`output_scaling`

- **Purpose:** Extracts scaling parameter samples and saves them in a long format for plotting.
- **Inputs:**
 - `mcmc_out`: MCMC output object.
 - `modelname`: Name of the model.
 - `parameter`: Target scaling parameter.
- **Output:** A CSV file with scaling parameter samples.

4. Core Analysis Wrapper

The `run_scaling_analysis` function orchestrates the analysis, from model building to output generation. This section outlines the steps involved, along with the file-naming conventions for each output type, to guide users in locating relevant results within the repository.

4.1 Overview

The wrapper function performs the following tasks: 1. Constructs and compiles the Bayesian model. 2. Configures and runs the MCMC process. 3. Generates diagnostics and summaries. 4. Saves results and visualizations to the `Output` directory.

4.2 Key Analytical Steps and Output Patterns

4.2.1 Model Construction and Compilation

- **Steps:**
 - Defines the Nimble model using `scalingCode`.
 - Configures MCMC sampling, including special samplers for correlated parameters.
 - **Outputs:**
 - Intermediate model objects (`compiled_model`, `compiled_mcmc`), not saved to files.
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4.2.2 Running MCMC

- **Steps:**
 - Runs the MCMC chains with specified iterations, burn-in, and thinning.
 - Monitors parameters of interest and computes WAIC along with other diagnostic stats.
 - **Output Patterns:**
 - **WAIC Scores:** Output/waic_<modelname>.csv
 - **Pointwise LPPD (Log Posterior Predictive Density):**
 - * Details: Output/loo_pw_<modelname>.csv
 - * Estimates: Output/loo_est_<modelname>.csv
 - **Outliers with Pareto k Diagnostics:** Output/city_outliers_<modelname>.csv
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4.2.3 Visual Diagnostics

- **Steps:**
 - Generates trace plots for monitored parameters.
 - Optionally, produces province-specific trace plots for archaeological models.
 - **Output Patterns:**
 - **Trace Plots:**
 - * General: Output/tplots_<modelname>.pdf and Output/tplots_<modelname>.png
 - * Province-Specific: Output/tplots_<modelname>_provinces.pdf and Output/tplots_<modelname>_provinces.png
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4.2.4 Convergence and Posterior Summaries

- **Steps:**
 - Computes convergence diagnostics (**Geweke**, **Gelman-Rubin R_hat**).
 - Extracts posterior summaries, including credible intervals and means.
 - **Output Patterns:**
 - **Geweke Diagnostic:** Output/geweke_<modelname>.csv
 - **Gelman-Rubin R_hat:** Output/grrhat_<modelname>.csv
 - **Posterior Summaries:** Output/post_summary_<modelname>.csv
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4.2.5 Model Fit and Residual Diagnostics

- **Steps:**
 - Calculates pseudo R-squared for model fit.
 - Generates residuals vs. predicted plots with credible intervals.
 - **Output Patterns:**
 - **Pseudo R-Squared:** `Output/rsquared_<modelname>.csv`
 - **Residual Diagnostics:**
 - * Plot: `Output/resid_<modelname>.pdf` and `Output/resid_<modelname>.png`
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4.2.6 Scaling Parameter Samples

- **Steps:**
 - Extracts MCMC samples for scaling parameters for later cross-model comparisons.
 - **Output Pattern:**
 - `Output/scaling_samples.csv`
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4.3 Additional Notes

- **Custom Cleanup:**
 - Objects not required for subsequent analyses are removed to optimize memory usage.
- **Parallel Execution:**
 - The function supports running multiple chains in parallel for computational efficiency. This allowed us to run multiple shorter chains, but the complexity of the model means that the Geweke statistic was less useful for determining convergence and we relied, as a result, more heavily on \hat{R} —this only made a difference in the epigraphic linear-log model where the individual chains contained more autocorrelation for the `sd_0` parameter.

This function ensures all relevant outputs are systematically saved, enabling reproducibility and detailed exploration of results.

5. Scatter Plots of the Data

This section visualizes the data analyzed in the study through a series of scatter plots. Three types of plots are produced: log-log, linear, and linear-log, with offsets applied where necessary to handle zero values.

5.1 Log-Log Scatter Plots

Description:

- Plots log-transformed values of key variables to explore scaling relationships.
- Offset of +1 applied to avoid issues with zero values in logarithmic transformations while still illustrating the basic patterns in the data.

Included Variables:

- RomanUrban:
 - Area vs. Monuments
 - Area vs. Monuments (filtered)
 - Area vs. InscriptionCount
- global_hnwi:
 - Population vs. Billionaires
- tall_buildings:
 - Population vs. 150 m+ Buildings

Output File Naming Pattern:

- Combined plots saved as:
 - PDF: Output/point_scatters.pdf
 - PNG: Output/point_scatters.png

5.2 Linear Scatter Plots

Description:

- Plots raw (untransformed) values of the same variables.
- Useful for identifying linear trends or deviations.

Included Variables:

- **RomanUrban:**
 - Area vs. Monuments
 - Area vs. Monuments (filtered)
 - Area vs. InscriptionCount
- **global_hnwi:**
 - Population vs. Billionaires
- **tall_buildings:**
 - Population vs. 150 m+ Buildings

Output File Naming Pattern:

- Combined plots saved as:
 - PDF: Output/point_scatters_linear.pdf
 - PNG: Output/point_scatters_linear.png
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5.3 Linear-Log Scatter Plots**Description:**

- Plots raw values for the x-axis and log-transformed values for the y-axis.
- Offset of +1 applied to y-axis values to handle zeros.

Included Variables:

- **RomanUrban:**
 - Area vs. log(Monuments + 1)
 - Area vs. log(Monuments (filtered) + 1)
 - Area vs. log(InscriptionCount + 1)
- **global_hnwi:**
 - Population vs. log(Billionaires + 1)
- **tall_buildings:**
 - Population vs. log(150 m+ Buildings + 1)

Output File Naming Pattern:

- Combined plots saved as:
 - PDF: Output/point_scatters_linear_log.pdf
 - PNG: Output/point_scatters_linear_log.png
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These scatter plots provide a comprehensive visual overview of the data relationships and scaling patterns explored in the study.

6. First Analysis: All Monuments

This section presents the analysis of the relationship between urban area and the number of monuments across all Roman cities. The analysis is conducted twice: 1. Using the full dataset. 2. Excluding cities with zero monuments.

6.1 Analysis with Full Dataset

Description:

- Examines the scaling relationship between urban area and monument count using all available data.

Model Parameters:

- **Name:** allmonuments
- **Type:** Power-law model
- **Inputs:**
 - **Dependent Variable:** Number of monuments (Monuments).
 - **Predictor:** Log-transformed area ($\log(\text{Area})$).
 - **Population Proxy:** Log-transformed population estimates ($\log(\text{pop_est})$).
 - **Province Index:** Integer-encoded province identifiers.

Constants and Data:

- N: Number of cities in the dataset.
- K: Number of unique provinces.
- v: Province indices.
- y: Monument counts.
- x: Log-transformed area.
- pop: Log-transformed population estimates.

Initialization:

- Parameters initialized to plausible starting values (e.g., scaling coefficients, intercepts).

Outputs:

- WAIC, LPPD, posterior summaries, and diagnostics for the scaling model.
- Output file naming pattern:
 - WAIC: Output/waic_allmonuments.csv
 - Posterior Summaries: Output/post_summary_allmonuments.csv
 - Residuals: Output/resid_allmonuments.pdf and Output/resid_allmonuments.png
 - Trace Plots: Output/tplots_allmonuments.pdf and Output/tplots_allmonuments.png

6.2 Analysis Excluding Cities with Zero Monuments

Description:

- Repeats the analysis excluding cities with zero reported monuments to check the robustness of the scaling relationship.

Model Parameters:

- **Name:** allmonuments_nozero
- **Type:** Power-law model
- **Inputs:**
 - **Dependent Variable:** Number of monuments (`Monuments > 0`).
 - **Predictor:** Log-transformed area (`log(Area)`).
 - **Population Proxy:** Log-transformed population estimates (`log(pop_est)`).
 - **Province Index:** Integer-encoded province identifiers.

Constants and Data:

- Similar to the full dataset analysis but using only cities where `Monuments > 0`.

Initialization:

- Same initialization values as the full dataset analysis.

Outputs:

- WAIC and posterior summaries for the scaling model.
- Output file naming pattern:
 - WAIC: `Output/waic_allmonuments_nozero.csv`
 - Posterior Summaries: `Output/post_summary_allmonuments_nozero.csv`
 - Trace Plots: `Output/tplots_allmonuments_nozero.pdf` and `Output/tplots_allmonuments_nozero.html`

7. Second Analysis: Walled Cities Only

This section analyzes the relationship between urban area and the number of monuments, focusing exclusively on cities where urban areas are defined by walls. As with the first analysis, this is conducted twice: 1. Using all walled cities. 2. Excluding cities with zero monuments.

7.1 Analysis with All Walled Cities

Description:

- Examines scaling relationships for cities where walls were used to define urban areas.
- Helps to explore whether walled cities exhibit different scaling dynamics compared to the full dataset and accounts for the possible bias in using walled areas (or less discrete archaeological indicators of site size) to estimate the population-area relationships.

Model Parameters:

- **Name:** allwalls
- **Type:** Power-law model
- **Inputs:**
 - **Dependent Variable:** Number of monuments (Monuments).
 - **Predictor:** Log-transformed area ($\log(\text{Area})$).
 - **Population Proxy:** Log-transformed population estimates ($\log(\text{pop_est})$).
 - **Province Index:** Integer-encoded province identifiers.

Constants and Data:

- N: Number of walled cities in the dataset.
- K: Number of unique provinces.
- v: Province indices.
- y: Monument counts.
- x: Log-transformed area.
- pop: Log-transformed population estimates.

Initialization:

- Parameters initialized with values identical to the first analysis.

Outputs:

- WAIC, LPPD, posterior summaries, and diagnostics for the scaling model.
- Output file naming pattern:
 - WAIC: Output/waic_allwalls.csv
 - Posterior Summaries: Output/post_summary_allwalls.csv
 - Residuals: Output/resid_allwalls.pdf and Output/resid_allwalls.png
 - Trace Plots: Output/tplots_allwalls.pdf and Output/tplots_allwalls.png

7.2 Analysis Excluding Cities with Zero Monuments

Description:

- Focuses on walled cities with at least one monument, removing cities with zero reported monuments.

Model Parameters:

- **Name:** allwalls_nozero
- **Type:** Power-law model
- **Inputs:**
 - **Dependent Variable:** Number of monuments (`Monuments > 0`).
 - **Predictor:** Log-transformed area ($\log(\text{Area})$).
 - **Population Proxy:** Log-transformed population estimates ($\log(\text{pop_est})$).
 - **Province Index:** Integer-encoded province identifiers.

Constants and Data:

- Similar to the first analysis but filtered to include only cities where `Monuments > 0`.

Initialization:

- Parameters initialized with the same values as the full walled city analysis.

Outputs:

- WAIC and posterior summaries for the scaling model.
 - Output file naming pattern:
 - WAIC: `Output/waic_allwalls_nozero.csv`
 - Posterior Summaries: `Output/post_summary_allwalls_nozero.csv`
 - Trace Plots: `Output/tplots_allwalls_nozero.pdf` and `Output/tplots_allwalls_nozero.png`
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7.3 Notes

- Walled cities provide a subset of the data that may exhibit distinct scaling properties due to their architectural and social significance.
- By excluding zeros, the robustness of scaling patterns is further examined within this subset.
- As before, all outputs are saved in the `Output` directory, with consistent naming conventions.

This analysis delves deeper into the dynamics of monument scaling, focusing on a distinctive subset of urban settlements.

8. Third Analysis: Above Ground Monuments Only

This section focuses on monuments explicitly identified as “above ground” in the dataset, excluding features like walls, forums, and other non-symbolic constructions. The analysis is conducted twice: 1. Using all cities. 2. Excluding cities with zero filtered monuments.

8.1 Analysis with All Cities

Description:

- Explores scaling relationships using a filtered count of symbolic monuments (`Monuments_filt`), focusing solely on above-ground, non-defensive structures.

Model Parameters:

- **Name:** `filtmonuments`
- **Type:** Power-law model
- **Inputs:**
 - **Dependent Variable:** Number of symbolic monuments (`Monuments_filt`).
 - **Predictor:** Log-transformed area ($\log(\text{Area})$).
 - **Population Proxy:** Log-transformed population estimates ($\log(\text{pop_est})$).
 - **Province Index:** Integer-encoded province identifiers.

Constants and Data:

- N: Number of cities in the dataset.
- K: Number of unique provinces.
- v: Province indices.
- y: Filtered monument counts.
- x: Log-transformed area.
- pop: Log-transformed population estimates.

Initialization:

- Identical to the first two analyses.

Outputs:

- WAIC, LPPD, posterior summaries, and diagnostics for the scaling model.
 - Output file naming pattern:
 - WAIC: `Output/waic_filtmonuments.csv`
 - Posterior Summaries: `Output/post_summary_filtmonuments.csv`
 - Residuals: `Output/resid_filtmonuments.pdf` and `Output/resid_filtmonuments.png`
 - Trace Plots: `Output/tplots_filtmonuments.pdf` and `Output/tplots_filtmonuments.png`
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8.2 Analysis of Visible Above-Ground Monuments

Description:

- Re-examines the scaling relationship after filtering the monument data (resulting in adjusted counts per city) to exclude cases from the monuments database without significant above-ground expression (e.g., city grid, roads, fora, etc.).

Model Parameters:

- **Name:** `filtmonuments_nozero`
- **Type:** Power-law model
- **Inputs:**
 - **Dependent Variable:** Number of symbolic monuments (`Monuments_filt > 0`).
 - **Predictor:** Log-transformed area (`log(Area)`).
 - **Population Proxy:** Log-transformed population estimates (`log(pop_est)`).
 - **Province Index:** Integer-encoded province identifiers.

Constants and Data:

- Similar to the full dataset analysis but filtered to exclude zeros.

Initialization:

- Same as the previous analyses.

Outputs:

- WAIC and posterior summaries for the scaling model.
 - Output file naming pattern:
 - WAIC: `Output/waic_filtmonuments_nozero.csv`
 - Posterior Summaries: `Output/post_summary_filtmonuments_nozero.csv`
 - Trace Plots: `Output/tplots_filtmonuments_nozero.pdf` and `Output/tplots_filtmonuments_nozero.html`
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8.3 Notes

This analysis provides additional insights into scaling relationships specific to symbolic, above-ground monuments.

9. Fourth Analysis: Epigraphy

This section investigates the scaling relationships for inscriptions (epigraphy) found in or near cities. The analysis is conducted twice: 1. Using all cities with epigraphic data. 2. Excluding cities with zero recorded inscriptions.

9.1 Analysis with All Cities

Description:

- Examines scaling relationships using the count of inscriptions (`InscriptionCount`).
- Inscriptions are treated as a proxy for cultural or symbolic activity within cities.

Model Parameters:

- **Name:** epigraphy
- **Type:** Power-law model
- **Inputs:**
 - **Dependent Variable:** Number of inscriptions (`InscriptionCount`).
 - **Predictor:** Log-transformed area (`log(Area)`).
 - **Population Proxy:** Log-transformed population estimates (`log(pop_est)`).
 - **Province Index:** Integer-encoded province identifiers.

Constants and Data:

- **N:** Number of cities in the dataset.
- **K:** Number of unique provinces.
- **v:** Province indices.
- **y:** Inscription counts.
- **x:** Log-transformed area.
- **pop:** Log-transformed population estimates.

Initialization:

- Identical to the earlier analyses.

Outputs:

- WAIC, LPPD, posterior summaries, and diagnostics for the scaling model.
- Output file naming pattern:
 - WAIC: `Output/waic_epigraphy.csv`
 - Posterior Summaries: `Output/post_summary_epigraphy.csv`
 - Residuals: `Output/resid_epigraphy.pdf` and `Output/resid_epigraphy.png`
 - Trace Plots: `Output/tplots_epigraphy.pdf` and `Output/tplots_epigraphy.png`

9.2 Analysis Excluding Cities with Zero Inscriptions

Description:

- Re-analyzes scaling relationships for cities with at least one recorded inscription.

Model Parameters:

- **Name:** epigraphy_nozero
- **Type:** Power-law model
- **Inputs:**
 - **Dependent Variable:** Number of inscriptions (`InscriptionCount > 0`).
 - **Predictor:** Log-transformed area (`log(Area)`).
 - **Population Proxy:** Log-transformed population estimates (`log(pop_est)`).
 - **Province Index:** Integer-encoded province identifiers.

Constants and Data:

- Similar to the full dataset analysis but filtered to exclude cities with zero inscriptions.

Initialization:

- Same as the previous analyses.

Outputs:

- WAIC and posterior summaries for the scaling model.
- Output file naming pattern:
 - WAIC: `Output/waic_epigraphy_nozero.csv`
 - Posterior Summaries: `Output/post_summary_epigraphy_nozero.csv`
 - Trace Plots: `Output/tplots_epigraphy_nozero.pdf` and `Output/tplots_epigraphy_nozero.png`

9.3 Notes

- This analysis provides insights into the relationship between city size and epigraphic activity specifically tied to monument dedications (the product of euregetism).
- Excluding zeros ensures that scaling relationships are robust and not influenced by cities lacking any recorded inscriptions (which are anyway highly unlikely to represent reality as explained in the main text).

This analysis provides a robustness check on using monuments of unknown sponsorship or funding.

10. Fifth Analysis: High Net Worth Individuals (HNWI)

This section examines the scaling relationship between city population and the count of billionaires residing in cities. The analysis uses data for modern cities with available high net worth individual (HNWI) information.

10.1 Analysis Description

Description:

- Explores the scaling of billionaires (HNWI) with city population size.
- This analysis focuses exclusively on modern cities with population and billionaire count data.

Model Parameters:

- **Name:** hnwi
- **Type:** Power-law model
- **Inputs:**
 - **Dependent Variable:** Count of billionaires in each city (**Billionaires**).
 - **Predictor:** Log-transformed population size ($\log(\text{population})$).

Constants and Data:

- **N:** Number of cities in the dataset.
- **y:** Count of billionaires.
- **pop:** Log-transformed population size.

Initialization:

- **Scaling Parameter (`scaling`):** Initialized to 0.
- **Intercept Parameter (`intercept`):** Initialized to 0.
- **Dispersion Parameter (`size`):** Initialized to 1.

Outputs:

- WAIC, LPPD, posterior summaries, and diagnostics for the scaling model.
 - Output file naming pattern:
 - WAIC: `Output/waic_hnwi.csv`
 - Posterior Summaries: `Output/post_summary_hnwi.csv`
 - Residuals: `Output/resid_hnwi.pdf` and `Output/resid_hnwi.png`
 - Trace Plots: `Output/tplots_hnwi.pdf` and `Output/tplots_hnwi.png`
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10.2 Notes

- This analysis provides insights into the distribution of extreme wealth relative to urban population size in modern cities.
- The results are critical for understanding wealth concentration patterns in contemporary urban systems.

11. Sixth Analysis: Tall Buildings

This section investigates the scaling relationship between city population and the number of skyscrapers (buildings taller than 150 meters). Skyscrapers are often proxies for urban wealth and engineering capacity, symbolizing status and economic power.

11.1 Analysis Description

Description:

- Explores the scaling of tall buildings (`150 m+ Buildings`) with city population size.
- This analysis uses a modern dataset exclusively focused on cities with recorded skyscrapers.

Model Parameters:

- **Name:** tallbuildings
- **Type:** Power-law model
- **Inputs:**
 - **Dependent Variable:** Count of skyscrapers taller than 150 meters (150 m+ Buildings).
 - **Predictor:** Log-transformed population size ($\log(\text{Population})$).

Constants and Data:

- N: Number of cities in the dataset.
- y: Count of skyscrapers.
- pop: Log-transformed population size.

Initialization:

- **Scaling Parameter (scaling):** Initialized to 0.
- **Intercept Parameter (intercept):** Initialized to 0.
- **Dispersion Parameter (size):** Initialized to 1.

Outputs:

- WAIC, LPPD, posterior summaries, and diagnostics for the scaling model.
- Output file naming pattern:
 - WAIC: Output/waic_tallbuildings.csv
 - Posterior Summaries: Output/post_summary_tallbuildings.csv
 - Residuals: Output/resid_tallbuildings.pdf and Output/resid_tallbuildings.png
 - Trace Plots: Output/tplots_tallbuildings.pdf and Output/tplots_tallbuildings.png

11.2 Notes

- This analysis connects the physical manifestation of wealth concentration (skyscrapers) with urban population scaling.

This analysis complements the broader project by addressing a modern architectural dimension of elite wealth scaling.

12. Plot Scaling Parameter Posterior Densities

This section visualizes the posterior densities of the scaling parameter (`scaling`) across all analyses. The plot aggregates results from the different subsets of data analyzed earlier, providing a comparative overview of scaling behavior across diverse urban proxies and contexts.

12.1 Analysis Description

Purpose:

- To compare the posterior distributions of the scaling parameter for all the analyses, highlighting differences or consistencies across datasets and models.

Visualization:

- **Density Plot:** Displays posterior densities for the scaling parameter across analyses.
- **Vertical Reference Lines:**
 - Red dashed lines at $x = 0.15$ and $x = 0.85$, indicating the predicted scaling coefficient values from Settlement Scaling Theory for average per-capita wealth and infrastructure, respectively.

Aesthetic Features:

- **Color Palette:** A high-contrast palette to distinguish between analyses.
 - **Patterns:** Alternating patterns (e.g., solid, striped) to enhance readability in both color and grayscale formats.
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12.2 Output Description

Plot:

- File Names:
 - PDF: `Output/scaling_posteriors.pdf`
 - PNG: `Output/scaling_posteriors.png`

Inputs:

- Aggregated scaling parameter samples stored in `Output/scaling_samples.csv`.
 - The `analysis` column distinguishes the dataset/model associated with each sample.
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13. Collate Main Results Table

This section aggregates the top-level results from the various analyses into a single summary table for easy reference. The table includes the posterior summaries for the scaling parameter and other relevant metrics like the R-squared value for each analysis.

13.1 Analysis Description

Purpose:

- To create a concise summary table (`analysis_results_summary.csv`) that allows readers to quickly understand and compare the key outputs of each analysis. The results are presented in the main paper.

Contents:

- **Columns:**

- `analysis`: The name of the analysis (e.g., “allmonuments”, “hnwi”).
- `mean`: The posterior mean of the scaling parameter.
- `lower`: The lower bound of the 99% highest posterior density (HPD) interval.
- `upper`: The upper bound of the 99% HPD interval.
- `stddev`: The posterior standard deviation.
- `r_squared`: The pseudo R-squared value for the analysis.

- **Rows:**

- Each row corresponds to one analysis.
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13.2 Example Table Structure

Below is an example of the table structure with a few blank rows as placeholders:

analysis	mean	lower	upper	stdd	r_squared
allmonuments
hnwi
tallbuildings
...

13.3 Output Description

File Name:

- `Output/analysis_results_summary.csv`
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13.4 Notes

- The `analysis` column provides a direct link to the corresponding subset of data and analysis.
- Readers can use this table to identify high-level patterns or investigate specific analyses in greater detail by referring to the outputs from earlier steps.
- This summary table is a crucial component for interpreting the results presented in the main text and supplementary materials.

Supplemental Analyses Workflow

This section describes the supplemental analyses conducted to compare model fits and examine outlier effects. It includes both linear-log model comparison and outlier robustness checks.

1. Model Comparison

Purpose:

- Compare the fit of the power-law model against a linear-log alternative for various datasets.

Steps:**1. Prepare Data:**

- For each dataset (`allmonuments`, `allwalls`, `filtmonuments`, `epigraphy`, `hnwi`, and `tallbuildings`), prepare the inputs: response variable (y), predictor (x or pop), and constants (Consts).

2. Run Linear-Log Models:

- Use `scalingCode_linlog` and `run_scaling_analysis()` to analyze each dataset.

Output File Patterns:

- Posterior summaries: `Output/post_summary_<modelname>.linlog.csv`
- WAIC and LOOIC values: `Output/waic.csv` (merged with `Output/loo_est_<modelname>.csv`)
- Scaling parameter samples: `Output/scaling_samples.csv`

Analysis Mapping:

Analysis	Model Name	Key Output Files
All Monuments	<code>allmonuments_linlog</code>	<code>post_summary_allmonuments_linlog.csv</code>
Walled Only	<code>allwalls_linlog</code>	<code>post_summary_allwalls_linlog.csv</code>
Above Ground	<code>filtmonuments_loglin</code>	<code>post_summary_filtmonuments_loglin.csv</code>
Epigraphy	<code>epigraphy_linlog</code>	<code>post_summary_epigraphy_linlog.csv</code>
HNWI	<code>hnwi_linlog</code>	<code>post_summary_hnwi_linlog.csv</code>
Tall Buildings	<code>tallbuildings_linlog</code>	<code>post_summary_tallbuildings_linlog.csv</code>

2. WAIC/LOOIC Summary**Purpose:**

- Aggregate and compare WAIC and LOOIC values for model evaluation.

Output File:

- `Output/waic_looic_csv`: Combines WAIC and LOOIC values into a single summary table.
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3. Outlier Effects

Purpose:

- Assess the impact of extreme outliers on scaling parameter estimates for the primary datasets.

Steps:

1. Identify outlier cities using `Output/city_outliers_<modelname>.csv`.
2. Exclude outliers from the datasets and rerun the analyses with the power-law model.

Output File Patterns:

- **Posterior summaries:** `Output/post_summary_<modelname>.sup.csv`

Analysis Mapping:

Analysis	Model Name	Key Output Files
All Monuments	<code>allmonuments_sup</code>	<code>post_summary_allmonuments_sup.csv</code>
HNWI	<code>hnwi_sup</code>	<code>post_summary_hnwi_sup.csv</code>
Tall Buildings	<code>tallbuildings_sup</code>	<code>post_summary_tallbuildings_sup.csv</code>

Supplemental Notes

- **File Organization:** All outputs are stored in the `Output/` subdirectory.
- **Scaling Parameter Summary:** The file `Output/scaling_samples.csv` aggregates scaling parameter samples across analyses for posterior density plots.
- **Model Comparison Summary:** The file `Output/waic_looic_csv` includes WAIC and LOOIC values for both power-law and linear-log models.

This structure ensures transparency and traceability for all supplemental analyses.