

Supporting Information for: "Statistics and Forecasting of Aftershocks during the 2019 Ridgecrest, California, Earthquake Sequence"

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Introduction

The Supporting Information for this article includes Tables S1-S3 with the parameters of the Gamma distribution, which was used as a prior distribution for the parameters of the three models considered in the work. It also includes plots illustrating the fit of the compound OU (Figure S1) and the ETAS (Figure S2) models. The MCMC sampling of the model parameters for the OU (Figures S4-S5), the compound OU (Figures S6-S8), the ETAS (Figures S9-S11) models are provided for one specific training and forecasting time intervals. The forecast evolution during 330 days after the occurrence of the M7.1 mainshock is given in Figure S12. The additional quantile scores of the plots are given in Figures S13-S16.

The data analysis was performed using computer scripts written in Matlab and can be requested from the author.

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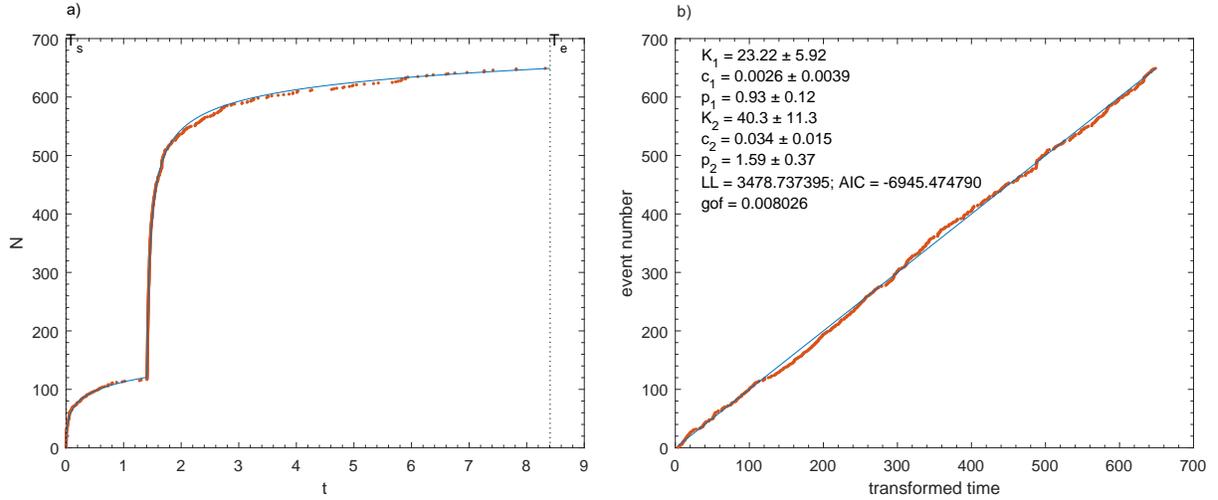


Figure S1. The fitting of the compound Omori-Utsu law, equation (5), to the 2019 Ridgecrest sequence. $T_0 = 0$ corresponds to the occurrence of M6.4 foreshock on 2019/07/04 (17:33:49 UTC). a) The cumulative number of earthquakes is plotted as solid symbols. The corresponding fit of the compound Omori-Utsu law to the cumulative numbers is given as solid curve during the time interval $[T_0, T_e] = [0, 8.407]$ days. This includes 7 days of aftershocks after the M7.1 mainshock. b) The number of earthquakes is plotted in transformed time. All earthquakes above magnitude $m \geq 3.2$ were used.

The Epidemic Type Aftershock Sequence (ETAS) model

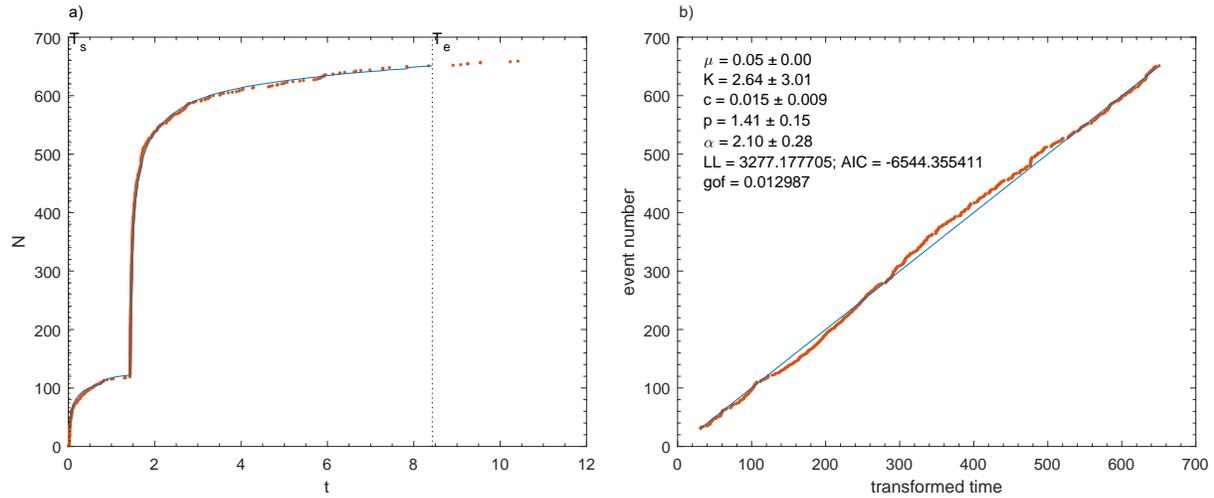


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Markov Chain Monte Carlo sampling

The Omori-Utsu (OU) model parameters

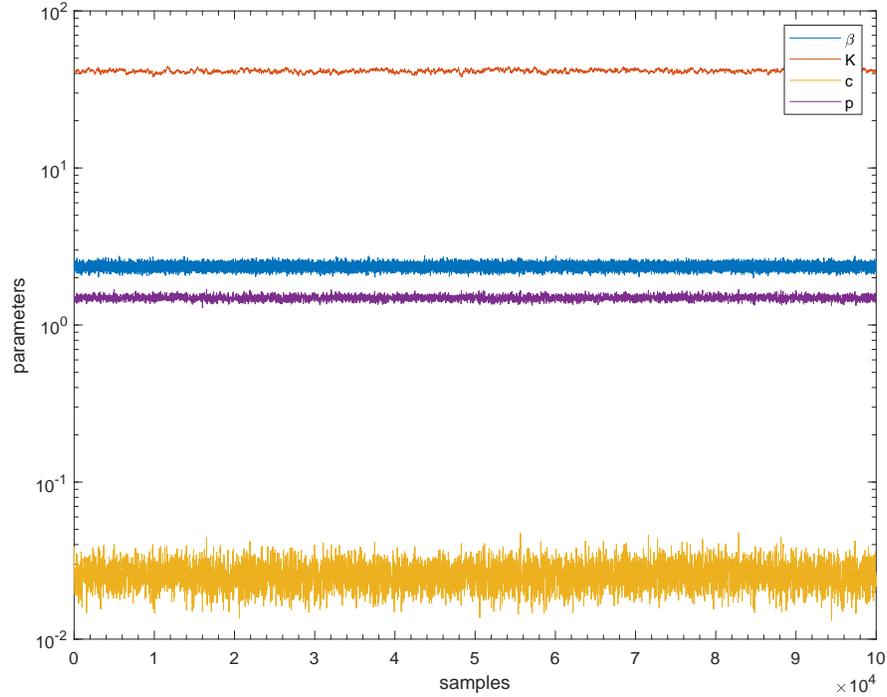


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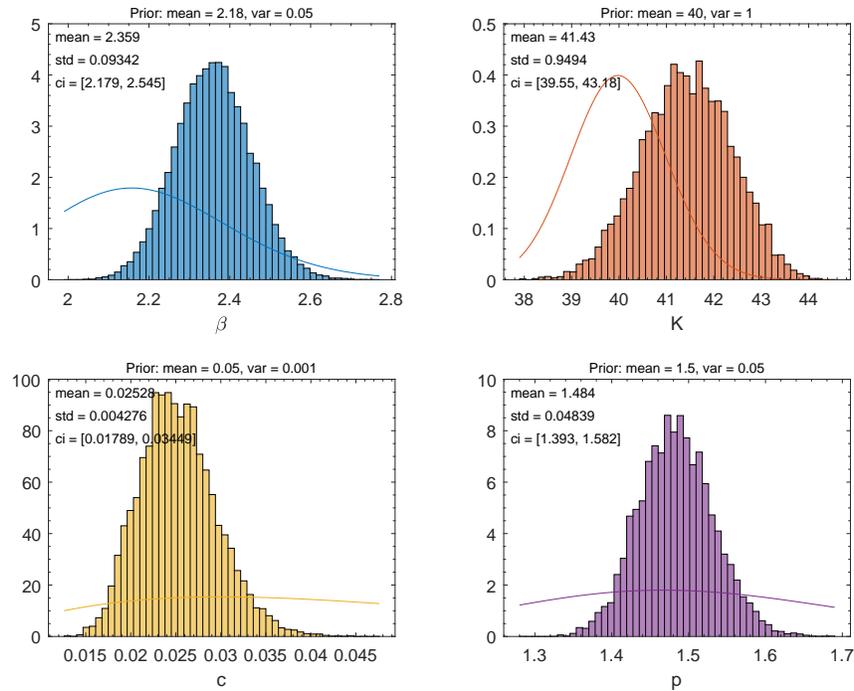


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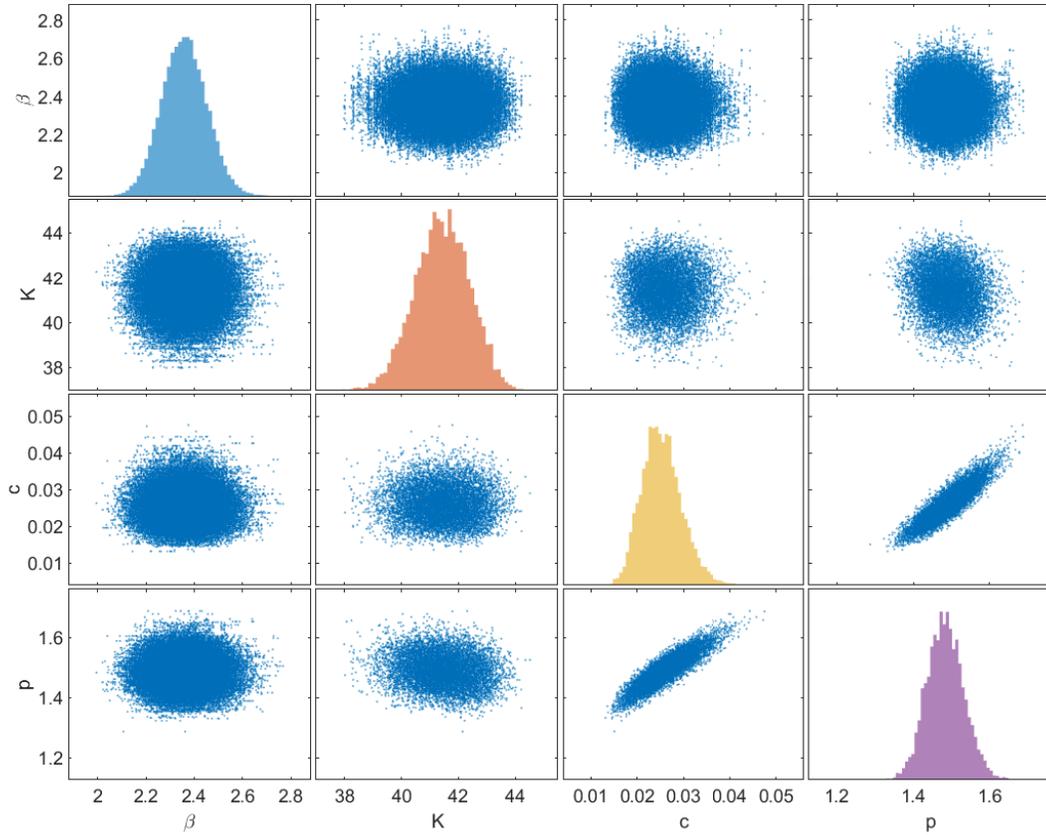


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The compound OU model parameters

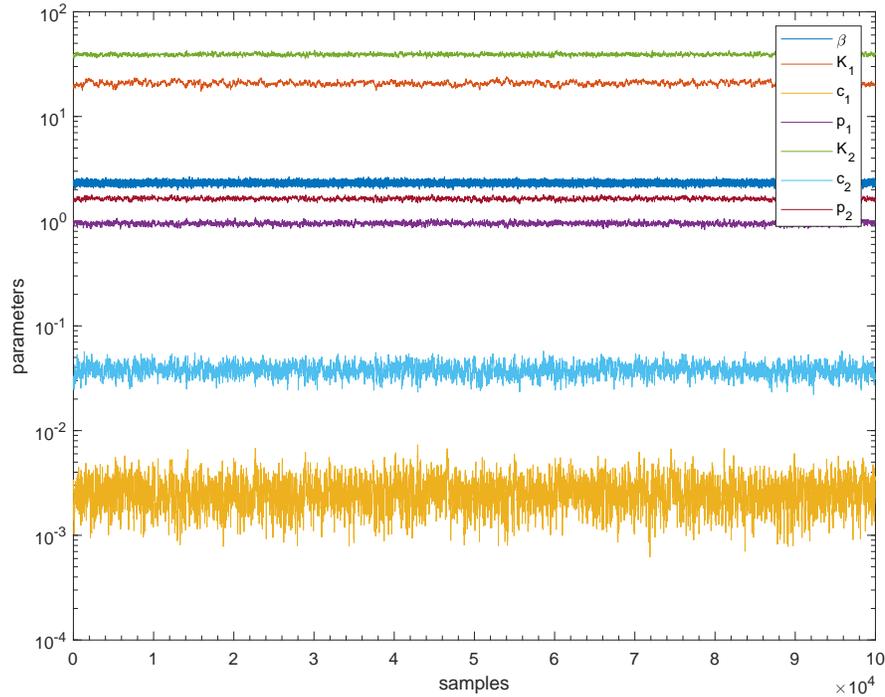


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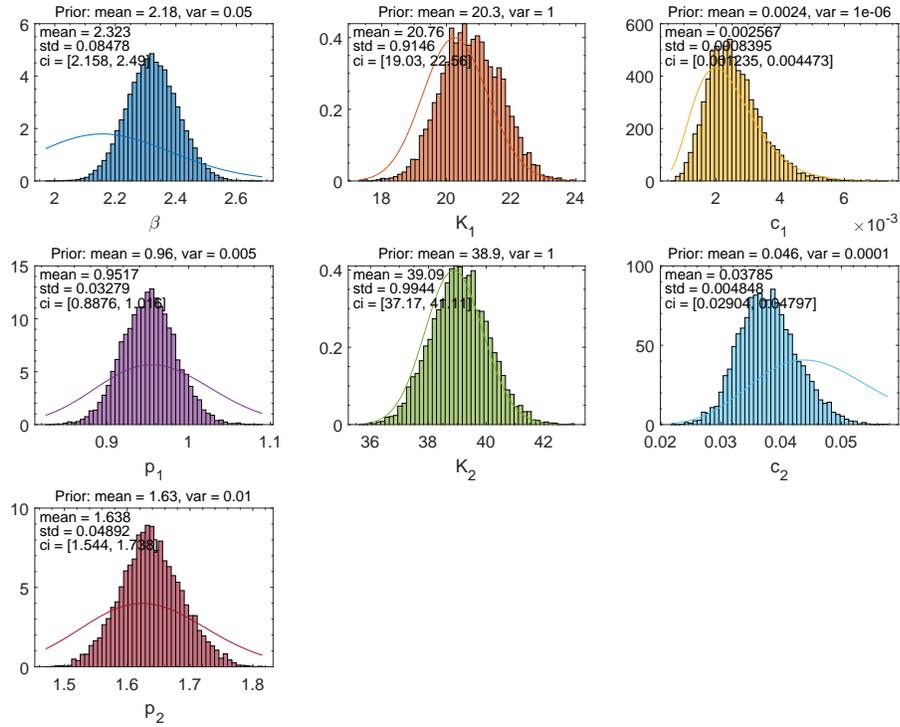


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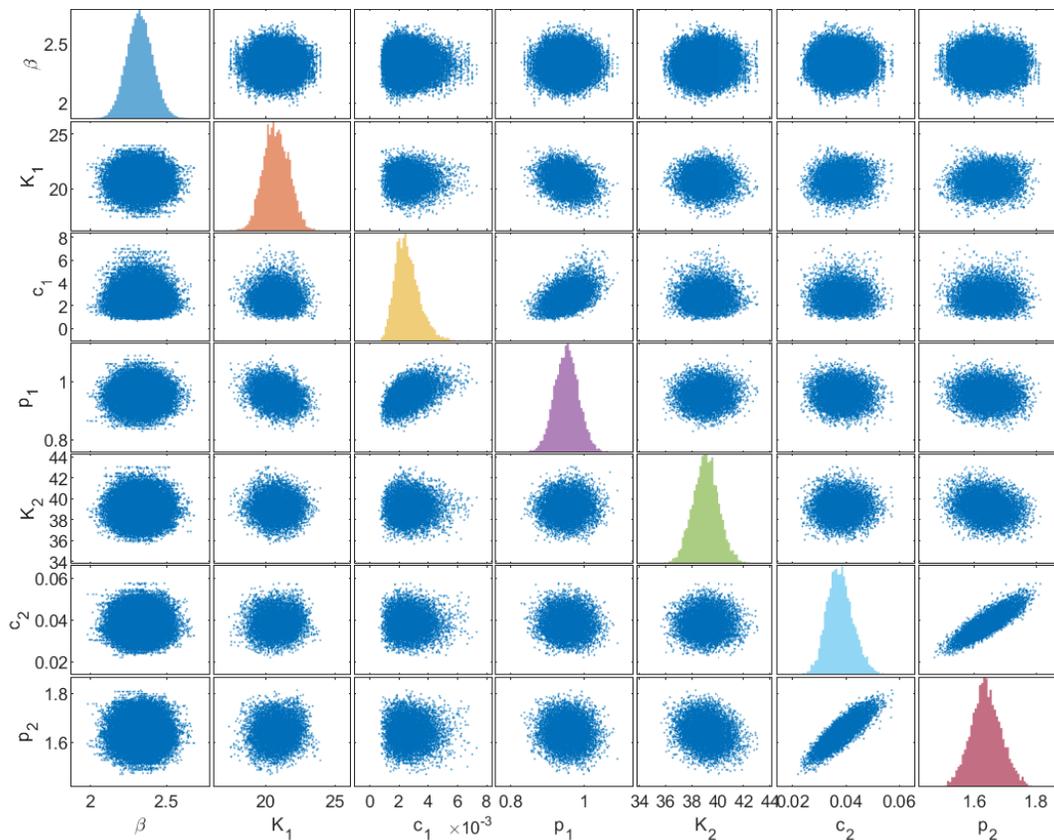


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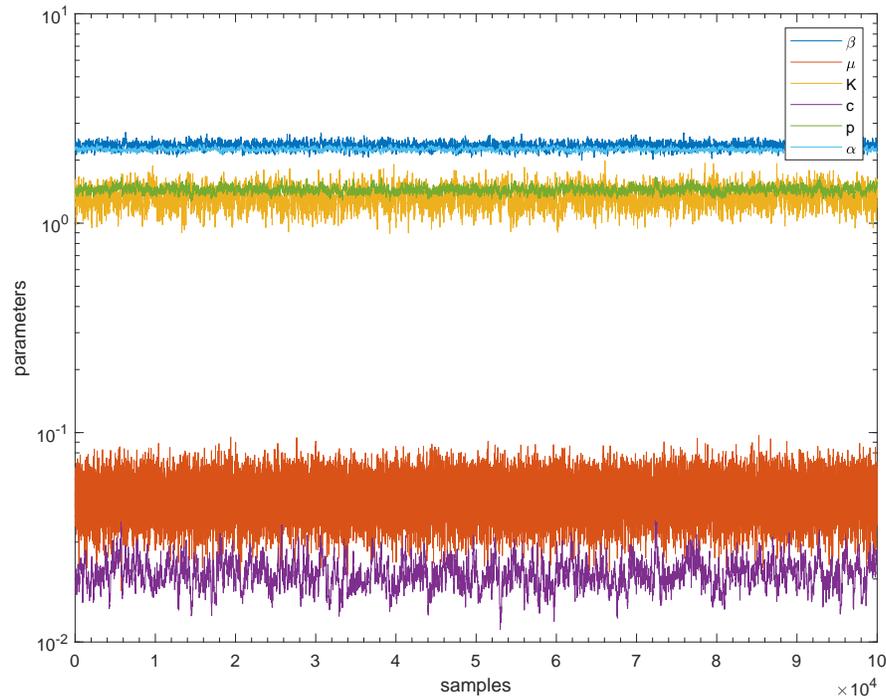


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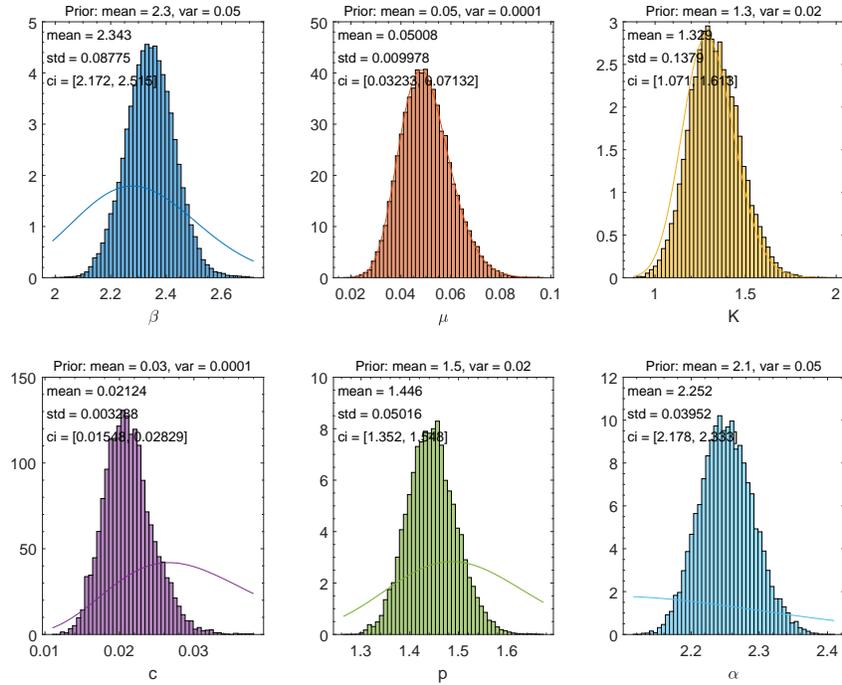


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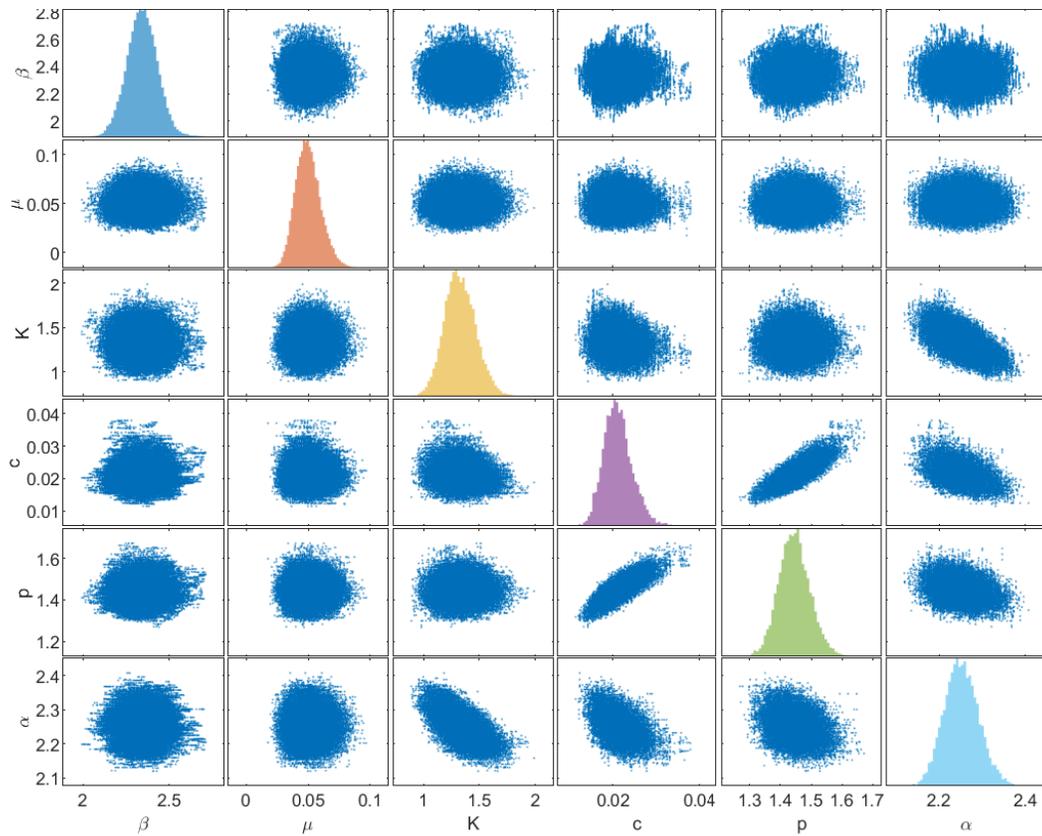


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