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Abstract

This paper proposes a procedure to test for the correct specification of the functional form of the volatility process, within the class of eigenfunction stochastic volatility models (Meddahi, 2001). The procedure is based on the comparison of the moments of realized volatility measures with the corresponding ones of integrated volatility implied by the model under the null hypothesis. We first provide primitive conditions on the measurement error associated with the realized measure, which allow to construct asymptotically valid specification tests. Then we establish regularity conditions under which realized volatility, bipower variation (Barndorff-Nielsen & Shephard, 2004d), and modified subsampled realized volatility (Zhang, Mykland & Aït Sahalia, 2003), satisfy the given primitive assumptions. Finally, we provide an empirical illustration based on three stock from the Dow Jones Industrial Average.

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1 Introduction

Modelling, estimation and testing of financial volatility models has received increasing attention over the recent years, from both a theoretical and an empirical perspective. In fact, accurate specification of volatility is of crucial importance in several areas of financial risk management, such as Value at Risk, and in hedging and pricing of derivatives. Asset prices are typically modelled as diffusion processes; such processes are fully characterized by the drift and volatility function, which describe the conditional instantaneous mean and variance of the asset price. The volatility term has often been modelled as a function of some latent factors, which are also described by diffusion processes.

The specification of the functional form of such diffusion processes has been suggested by economic theory, often constrained by the need of mathematical tractability. Hence the need of devising statistical procedures to test whether a chosen model is consistent with the data at hand.

Several tests have been proposed for the correct specification of the full model, thus including both the drift term and the variance term. A frequently used approach consists in simulating the model under the null hypothesis using a fine grid of parameters values, and then sampling the simulated data at the same frequency of the actual data; one can then obtain an estimator by either minimizing the distance between sample moments of actual and simulated data, as in simulated generalized method of moments (see Duffie & Singleton, 1993), or minimizing the expectation, under the simulated model, of the score of some auxiliary model, as in the efficient method of moments (see e.g. Gallant & Tauchen, 1996; Gallant, Hsieh & Tauchen, 1997; Chernov, Gallant, Ghysels & Tauchen, 2003). Both simulated generalized and efficient method of moments lead to tests for the validity of overidentifying restrictions, whose rejection gives some information about the deficiencies of the tested model. Recently, Altissimo & Mele (2003) have suggested a new estimator based on the minimization of the weighted distance between a kernel estimator of the actual data and of the simulated data. Then, a test based on the difference of the two estimated densities can be constructed.

Another approach consists in testing the distributional assumptions implied by the model under the null hypothesis. For example, Corradi & Swanson (2003) suggest a test based on the comparison of the empirical cumulative distribution function of the actual and of the simulated data; Hong & Li (2003) and Thompson (2002) propose tests based on the probability integral transform, exploiting the fact that if $F(X_t|\mathcal{F}_t)$ is the true conditional distribution of X_t , then $F(X_t|\mathcal{F}_t)$ is distributed as an i.i.d. uniform random variable on $[0, 1]$; and Bontemps & Meddahi (2003a,b) propose testing moment conditions implied by the invariant distribution of the model under the null hypothesis.

All the estimators and the testing procedures mentioned above are based only on data and simulated data on observable variables (e.g. prices of assets), thus avoiding the issue of non observability of the volatility processes.

An alternative approach is to test only for the volatility process, given that, in several instances, such as hedging and pricing of derivative assets, particular interest lies in the specification of the variance term.¹ However, in this case one cannot directly compare actual and simulated volatility moments, or the empirical distribution of actual and simulated volatility, given that the volatility process is not observable. Over the past, squared returns have been a frequently used proxy for volatility. Unfortunately, as pointed out by Andersen & Bollerslev (1998), squared returns are a very noisy proxy for volatility. Implied volatilities, obtained by inverting the option price formulae, are another popular proxy, but are model dependent and incorporate some price of risk, indicating the expected future volatility.

Hence, the need for accurate and model free measures of volatility. Over the last few years there has been great progress in this direction. A new proxy for volatility, termed realized volatility, has been introduced concurrently by Andersen, Bollerslev, Diebold & Labys (2001, 2003) and by Barndorff-Nielsen & Shephard (2001, 2002, 2004a,b), who have provided the relevant limit theory and extensions to the multidimensional case. Assuming that we have M recorded intraday observations for a given asset price process, over a given day, realized volatility is computed by summing up the M squared returns. If prices have continuous paths and are not contaminated by microstructure noise, then realized volatility is a consistent estimator of daily integrated volatility.

It is often believed, though, that (log) price processes may display jumps, due for example to macroeconomic and financial announcement effects. Barndorff-Nielsen & Shephard (2004d) have recently introduced a new realized measure, called bipower variation, which is consistent for integrated volatility when the underlying price process exhibits occasional large jumps.

Finally, Zhang, Mykland & Aït Sahalia (2003) have suggested a new realized measure, hereafter termed modified subsampled realized volatility, which is consistent for integrated volatility when prices are contaminated by microstructure noise.

The availability of these model free measures of integrated volatility immediately suggests their use for testing some parametric models, by comparing some features of the realized measures with those of the model.

This is the object of this paper. Within the class of eigenfunction stochastic volatility models (Meddahi, 2001), which nests all the most popular stochastic volatility models as special cases, this paper proposes a procedure to test for the correct specification of the functional form of the volatility process. The procedure is based on the comparison of the moments of the realized measures with

¹Recall that over a finite time span, the contribution of the drift term is indeed negligible. Specification test for the variance, over a fixed time span and for the case in which the variance depends only on the asset price, have been proposed by Corradi & White (1999), Dette & von Lieres und Wilkau (2003) and Dette, Podolskoj & Vetter (2004). These tests are based on the comparison between a nonparametric estimator and a parametric estimator implied by the null model. Within the same the context, but in the case of increasing time span, Aït Sahalia (1996) fixes the functional form of the drift term and then compares a nonparametric estimator of the density of the variance term with the parametric estimator implied by the joint specification of the drift component and the marginal density.

the corresponding ones of integrated volatility implied by the tested model.

The idea of using moment conditions for estimating and testing stochastic volatility models using realized measures is not new. In fact, Bollerslev & Zhou (2002) have derived analytically the first two conditional moments of the latent volatility process, for the class of affine stochastic volatility models. Then they suggested a generalized method of moments estimator and an associated test for the validity of overidentifying restrictions based on the comparison between the analytical conditional moments of integrated volatility and the corresponding sample moments of realized volatility. Bollerslev & Zhou consider the case of the time span T approaching infinity, for a given number of intraday observations M . The effects of various values of M on the properties of the test are analyzed via a Monte Carlo simulation.

The present paper extends Bollerslev & Zhou's in three directions. First, we consider a double asymptotic theory in which both T and M approach infinity, and we provide regularity conditions on their relative rate of growth. Second, we also consider tests comparing (simulated) moments of integrated volatility with sample moments of bipower variation, thus allowing for possible jumps, and with sample moments of modified subsampled realized volatility, thus allowing for at least some classes of microstructure noise. Finally, we do not confine our attention to affine stochastic volatility models, but we consider the class of eigenfunction stochastic volatility models of Meddahi (2001), where the latent volatility process is modelled as a linear combinations of the eigenfunctions associated with the infinitesimal generator of the diffusion driving the volatility process.

The main reason why we focus on Meddahi's eigenfunction stochastic volatility class is that it ensures that the integrated volatility process has a memory decaying at a geometric rate and has an ARMA(p, p) structure, when the number of eigenfunctions, p , is finite (see Andersen, Bollerslev & Meddahi, 2002, 2004; Barndorff-Nielsen & Shephard, 2001, 2002); and that the measurement error associated with the realized measures has a memory decaying at a fast enough rate. These features are crucial, as in our context both T and M approach infinity.

Indeed, it should be stressed that Barndorff-Nielsen & Shephard (2004a) provide a central limit theorem for the measurement error associated with realized volatility, which holds for a very general class of semimartingale processes. However, their result concerns the fixed time span case, and thus there is no need to impose restrictions on the degree of memory of the volatility process. Of course, if one wishes to construct a testing procedure based on a finite time span, there is no need to consider a specific class of models, and then he can benefit from the generality of Barndorff-Nielsen & Shephard's result.

This paper is organized as follows. Section 2 describes the set-up. Section 3 provides primitive conditions on the measurement error, in terms of its first two moments and autocorrelation structure, which allow to construct tests for overidentifying restrictions, based on the comparison between sample moments of the realized measure and analytical moments of integrated volatility, when the latter are known in closed form. In particular, we provide conditions on the rate at which

the time span can approach infinity, in relation to the rate at which the moments of measurement error approach zero. Section 4 considers the case in which there is no explicit closed form for the moments of integrated volatility. For this case we propose a simulated version of the test based on the comparison of the sample moments of realized measures and sample moments of the simulated integrated volatility process. We also discuss the possibility of constructing a test based on the comparison of sample moments of actual and simulated realized measure, for fixed M . Section 5 provides conditions under which realized volatility, bipower variation and modified subsampled realized volatility satisfy the primitive conditions on the measurement error. In particular, it is emphasized that the rate at which T can grow, relatively to M , differs across the three realized measures. Section 6 provides an empirical illustration of the suggested procedure, based on data on different stocks of the Dow Jones Industrial Average. Finally, Section 7 concludes. All the proofs are gathered in the Appendix.

2 The Model

The observable state variable, $Y_t = \log S_t$, where S_t denotes the price of a financial asset or the exchange rate between two currencies, is modelled as a jump diffusion process with a constant drift term. According to the eigenfunction stochastic volatility class, the variance term is modelled as a measurable function of a latent factor, f_t , which is also generated by a diffusion process. Thus,

$$dY_t = mdt + dz_t + \sqrt{\sigma_t^2} \left(\sqrt{1 - \rho^2} dW_{1,t} + \rho dW_{2,t} \right) \quad (1)$$

and

$$\sigma_t^2 = \psi(f_t) = \sum_{i=0}^p a_i P_i(f_t) \quad (2)$$

$$df_t = \mu(f_t, \boldsymbol{\theta}) dt + \sigma(f_t, \boldsymbol{\theta}) dW_{2,t}, \quad (3)$$

for some $\boldsymbol{\theta} \in \boldsymbol{\Theta} \in \mathbb{R}^{2p+1}$, where $W_{1,t}$ and $W_{2,t}$ refer to two independent Brownian motions, the parameter $\rho \in [0, 1)$ allows for leverage effects and $P_i(f_t)$ denotes the i -th eigenfunction of the infinitesimal generator \mathcal{A} associated with the unobservable state variable f_t .² The pure jump process dz_t specified in (1) is such that

$$Y_t = mt + \int_0^t \sqrt{\sigma_s^2} \left(\sqrt{1 - \rho^2} dW_{1,s} + \rho dW_{2,s} \right) + \sum_{i=1}^{N_t} c_i,$$

²The infinitesimal generator \mathcal{A} associated with f_t is defined by

$$\mathcal{A}\phi(f_t) \equiv \mu(f_t) \phi'(f_t) + \frac{\sigma^2(f_t)}{2} \phi''(f_t)$$

for any square integrable and twice differentiable function $\phi(\cdot)$. The corresponding eigenfunctions $P_i(f_t)$ and eigenvalues $-\lambda_i$ are given by $\mathcal{A}P_i(f_t) = -\lambda_i P_i(f_t)$. For a detailed discussion and analysis on infinitesimal generators and spectral decompositions, see Aït-Sahalia, Hansen & Scheinkman (2004).

where N_t is a finite activity counting process, and c_i is a nonzero i.i.d. random variable, independent of N_t . As N_t is a finite activity counting process, we confine our attention to models characterized by a finite number of jumps over any fixed time span.

As customary in the literature on stochastic volatility models, the volatility process is assumed to be driven by (a function of) the unobservable state variable f_t . Rather than assuming an ad hoc function for $\psi(\cdot)$, the eigenfunction stochastic volatility model adopts a more flexible approach. In fact $\psi(\cdot)$ is modelled as a linear combination of the eigenfunctions of \mathcal{A} associated with f_t . Notice that the a_i 's are real numbers and that p may be infinite. Also, for normalization purposes, it is further assumed that $P_0(f_t) = 1$ and that $\text{var}(P_i(f_t)) = 1$, for any $i \neq 0$. When p is infinite, we also require that $\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} a_i^2 < \infty$. The generality and embedding nature of the approach just outlined stems from the fact that any square integrable function $\psi(f_t)$ can be written as a linear combination of the eigenfunctions associated with the state variable f_t . As a result, most of the widely used stochastic volatility models can be derived as special cases of the general eigenfunction stochastic volatility model. For more details on the properties of these models, see Meddahi (2001) and Andersen, Bollerslev & Meddahi (2002) (hereafter ABM2002).

Finally, notice that we have assumed a constant drift term. This is in line with Bollerslev & Zhou (2002), who assume a zero drift term and justify this with the fact that there is very little predictive variation in the mean of high frequency returns, as supported the empirical findings of Andersen & Bollerslev (1997). Indeed, the test statistics suggested below do not require the knowledge of the drift term. However, some of the proofs make use of the fact that the drift is constant.

Following the widespread consensus that transaction data occurring in financial markets are often contaminated by measurement errors, we assume to have a total of MT observations, consisting of M intradaily observations for T days, for

$$X_{t+j/M} = Y_{t+j/M} + \epsilon_{t+j/M}, \quad t = 1, \dots, T \quad \text{and} \quad j = 1, \dots, M,$$

where

$$\epsilon_{t+j/M} \sim \text{i.i.d.}(0, \nu) \quad \text{and} \quad \text{E}(\epsilon_{t+j/M} Y_{s+i/M}) = 0 \quad \text{for all } t, s, j, i. \quad (4)$$

Thus, we allow for the possibility that the observed transaction price can be decomposed into the efficient one plus a “noise” due to measurement error, which captures generic microstructure effects.

The microstructure noise is assumed to be identically and independently distributed and independent of the underlying prices. This is consistent with the model considered by Ait Sahalia, Mykland & Zhang (2003), Zhang, Mykland & Ait Sahalia (2003), Bandi & Russell (2003a,b).³ Needless to say, when $\nu = 0$, then $\epsilon_{t+j/M} = 0$ (almost surely), and therefore $X_{t+j/M} = Y_{t+j/M}$ (almost surely).

³Recently, Hansen & Lunde (2004) address the issue of time dependence in the microstructure noise, while Awartani, Corradi & Distaso (2004) allow for correlation between the underlying price.

The daily integrated volatility process at day t is defined as

$$IV_t = \int_{t-1}^t \sigma_s^2 ds, \quad (5)$$

where σ_s^2 denotes the instantaneous volatility at time s . Proposition 4.1 in ABM2002 gives the complete moment structure of integrated volatility

$$\begin{aligned} E(IV_t(\boldsymbol{\theta})) &= a_0 \\ \text{var}(IV_t(\boldsymbol{\theta})) &= 2 \sum_{i=1}^p \frac{a_i^2}{\lambda_i^2} (\exp(-\lambda_i) + \lambda_i - 1) \\ \text{cov}(IV_t(\boldsymbol{\theta}), IV_{t-k}(\boldsymbol{\theta})) &= \sum_{i=1}^p a_i^2 \exp(-\lambda_i(k-1)) \frac{(1-\exp(-\lambda_i))^2}{\lambda_i^2}, \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

This set of moments provides the basis for the testing procedure derived in the next Sections. In particular, since IV_t is not observable, different realized measures, based on the sample $X_{t+j/M}$, $t = 1, \dots, T$ and $j = 1, \dots, M$, are used as proxies for it. The realized measure, say $RM_{t,M}$, is a noisy measure of the true integrated volatility process; in fact

$$RM_{t,M} = IV_t + N_{t,M},$$

where $N_{t,M}$ denotes the measurement error associated with the realized measure $RM_{t,M}$. Note that, in the case where $\nu > 0$, any realized measure of integrated volatility is contaminated by two sources of measurement errors, given that it is constructed using contaminated data.

Our objective is to compare the moment structure of the chosen realized measure $RM_{t,M}$ with that of IV_t given in (6). Note that when $p = 1$, $\text{cov}(IV_t(\boldsymbol{\theta}), IV_{t-k_1}(\boldsymbol{\theta}))/\text{cov}(IV_t(\boldsymbol{\theta}), IV_{t-k_2}(\boldsymbol{\theta})) = \exp(-\lambda_1(k_1 - k_2))$, so that, by using mean, variance and two autocovariances of $IV_t(\boldsymbol{\theta})$, we obtain one overidentifying restriction. Analogously, when $p = 2$, we shall be using four autocovariances, as well as mean and variance, in such a way to obtain one overidentifying restriction.⁴ In order to test the correct specification of a given eigenfunction volatility model, we impose the particular parametrization implied by the model under the null hypothesis.

In the sequel, we will first provide primitive conditions on the measurement error $N_{t,M}$, in terms of its moments and memory structure, for the asymptotic validity of tests based on the comparison of the moments of $RM_{t,M}$ with those of IV_t . Then, we shall adapt the given primitive conditions on $N_{t,M}$ to the three considered realized measures of integrated volatility: namely,

(a) realized volatility, defined as

$$RV_{t,M} = \sum_{j=1}^{M-1} (X_{t+(j+1)/M} - X_{t+j/M})^2; \quad (7)$$

⁴However, note that when $p = 2$, in the case of Ornstein-Uhlenbeck and affine processes, $\lambda_2 = 2\lambda_1$. Thus, in this case we have one less parameter to estimate but also one less identifying restriction.

(b) normalized bipower variation, defined as

$$(\mu_1)^{-2}BV_{t,M} = (\mu_1)^{-2} \frac{M}{M-1} \sum_{j=2}^{M-1} |X_{t+(j+1)/M} - X_{t+j/M}| |X_{t+j/M} - X_{t+(j-1)/M}| \quad (8)$$

where $\mu_1 = E|Z| = 2^{1/2}\Gamma(1)/\Gamma(1/2)$ and Z is a standard normal distribution;

(c) modified subsampled realized volatility, defined as

$$\widehat{RV}_{t,l,M}^u = RV_{t,l,M}^{avg} - 2l\widehat{v}_{t,M}, \quad (9)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{v}_{t,M} &= \frac{RV_{t,M}}{2M} = \frac{1}{2M} \sum_{j=1}^{M-1} (X_{t+(j+1)/M} - X_{t+j/M})^2, \\ RV_{t,l,M}^{avg} &= \frac{1}{B} \sum_{b=0}^B RV_{t,l,M}^b = \frac{1}{B} \sum_{b=0}^{B-1} \sum_{j=b+1}^{M-(B-b-1)} (X_{t+jB/M} - X_{t+(j-1)B/M})^2, \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

and $Bl \cong M$; l denotes the subsample size and B the number of subsamples.

In particular, for each considered realized measure we will provide regularity conditions for the relative speed at which T, M, l go to infinity for the asymptotic validity of the associated specification test for integrated volatility.

In the remainder of the paper, two main cases will be considered. The first is when explicit formulae for the moments of the integrated volatility are available, and so the map between the parameters $(a_0, \dots, a_p, \lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_p)$ and the parameters describing the volatility diffusion in (2) is known in closed form; the second case is when explicit formulae for the moments of the integrated volatility are not available. As detailed in the following section, in the first case the parameters of the model will be estimated with a generalized method of moments estimator, while in the second case a simulated method of moments estimator will be employed.

3 The case where the moments are known explicitly

When explicit formulae for the moments of the integrated volatility are available, and so is the map between the parameters $(a_0, \dots, a_p, \lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_p)$ and the parameters describing the volatility diffusion in (2), we can immediately write the set of moment conditions as

$$\bar{\mathbf{g}}_{T,M}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \mathbf{g}_{t,M}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) \quad (11)$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T RM_{t,M} - E(IV_1(\boldsymbol{\theta})) \\ \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T (RM_{t,M} - \overline{RM}_{T,M})^2 - \text{var}(IV_1(\boldsymbol{\theta})) \\ \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T (RM_{t,M} - \overline{RM}_{T,M}) (RM_{t-1,M} - \overline{RM}_{T,M}) - \text{cov}(IV_1(\boldsymbol{\theta}), IV_2(\boldsymbol{\theta})) \\ \vdots \\ \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T (RM_{t,M} - \overline{RM}_{T,M}) (RM_{t-k,M} - \overline{RM}_{T,M}) - \text{cov}(IV_1(\boldsymbol{\theta}), IV_{k+1}(\boldsymbol{\theta})) \end{pmatrix},$$

where $\overline{RM}_{T,M} = T^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^T RM_{t,M}$ and the moments of integrated volatility are computed under the volatility model implied by the null hypothesis. The generalized method of moments (GMM) estimator can be defined as the minimizer of the quadratic form

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_{T,M} = \arg \min_{\boldsymbol{\theta} \in \boldsymbol{\Theta}} \bar{\mathbf{g}}_{T,M}(\boldsymbol{\theta})' \mathbf{W}_{T,M}^{-1} \bar{\mathbf{g}}_{T,M}(\boldsymbol{\theta}). \quad (12)$$

The weighting matrix in (12) is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{W}_{T,M} &= \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T (\mathbf{g}_{t,M}^* - \bar{\mathbf{g}}_{T,M}^*) (\mathbf{g}_{t,M}^* - \bar{\mathbf{g}}_{T,M}^*)' \\ &+ \frac{2}{T} \sum_{v=1}^{p_T} w_v \sum_{t=v+1}^T (\mathbf{g}_{t,M}^* - \bar{\mathbf{g}}_{T,M}^*) (\mathbf{g}_{t-v,M}^* - \bar{\mathbf{g}}_{T,M}^*)', \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

where $w_v = 1 - \frac{v}{p_T-1}$, p_T denotes the lag truncation parameter, $\bar{\mathbf{g}}_{T,M}^* = T^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^T \mathbf{g}_{t,M}^*$ and

$$\mathbf{g}_{t,M}^* = \begin{pmatrix} RM_{t,M} \\ (RM_{t,M} - \overline{RM}_{T,M})^2 \\ (RM_{t,M} - \overline{RM}_{T,M}) (RM_{t-1,M} - \overline{RM}_{T,M}) \\ \vdots \\ (RM_{t,M} - \overline{RM}_{T,M}) (RM_{t-k,M} - \overline{RM}_{T,M}) \end{pmatrix}. \quad (14)$$

Note that the vector $\bar{\mathbf{g}}_{T,M}(\boldsymbol{\theta})$ is $(2p+2) \times 1$, while the parameter space $\boldsymbol{\Theta} \in \mathbb{R}^{2p+1}$; therefore the use of $\bar{\mathbf{g}}_{T,M}(\boldsymbol{\theta})$ in estimating $\boldsymbol{\theta}$ imposes one overidentifying restriction.

Indeed, GMM is not the only available estimation procedure. For example, Barndorff-Nielsen & Shephard (2002) suggested a Quasi Maximum Likelihood Estimator (QMLE) using a state-space approach, based on the series of realized volatilities. Thus, QMLE explicitly takes into account the measurement error between realized and integrated volatility. In the present context, we limit our attention to (simulated) GMM, as our objective is to provide a specification test based on the validity of overidentifying restrictions.

We can define the minimizer of the limiting quadratic form

$$\boldsymbol{\theta}^* = \arg \min_{\boldsymbol{\theta} \in \boldsymbol{\Theta}} \bar{\mathbf{g}}_{\infty}(\boldsymbol{\theta})' \mathbf{W}_{\infty}^{-1} \bar{\mathbf{g}}_{\infty}(\boldsymbol{\theta}), \quad (15)$$

where $\bar{\mathbf{g}}_{\infty}(\boldsymbol{\theta})$ and \mathbf{W}_{∞}^{-1} are the probability limits, as T and M go to infinity, of $\bar{\mathbf{g}}_{T,M}(\boldsymbol{\theta})$ and $\mathbf{W}_{T,M}^{-1}$, respectively.

Hereafter, we shall test the following hypothesis

$$H_0 : \bar{\mathbf{g}}_\infty(\boldsymbol{\theta}^*) = \mathbf{0} \text{ versus } H_A : \bar{\mathbf{g}}_\infty(\boldsymbol{\theta}^*) \neq \mathbf{0}. \quad (16)$$

Note that correct specification of the integrated volatility process implies the satisfaction of the null hypothesis. On the other hand, the test does not have power against a possible stochastic volatility eigenfunction model leading to an integrated volatility having the same first two moments and the same covariance structure as that implied by the null model.

In the sequel, we shall need the following set of assumptions.

Assumption A1: There is a sequence b_M , with $b_M \rightarrow \infty$ as $M \rightarrow \infty$, such that, uniformly in t ,

- (i) $E(N_{t,M}) = O(b_M^{-1})$,
- (ii) $E(N_{t,M}^2) = O(b_M^{-1})$,
- (iii) $E(N_{t,M}^4) = O(b_M^{-3/2})$,
- (iv) either
 - (a) $N_{t,M}$ is strong mixing with size $-r$, where $r > 2$; or
 - (b) $E(N_{t,M}N_{s,M}) = O(b_M^{-2}) + \alpha_{t-s}O(b_M^{-1})$, where $\alpha_{t-s} = O(|t-s|^{-2})$.

Assumption A2: f_t is a time reversible process.

Assumption A3: the spectrum of the infinitesimal generator operator \mathcal{A} of f_t is discrete, and denoted by $\lambda_0 = 0 < \lambda_1 < \dots < \lambda_i < \lambda_{i+1}$, where $i \in \mathbb{N}$ and $-\lambda_i$ is the eigenvalue associated with the i -th eigenfunction $P_i(f_t)$.

Assumption A4: $\boldsymbol{\Theta}$ is a compact set of \mathbb{R}^{2p+1} , with p finite

Assumption A5:

- (i) $\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_{T,M}$ and $\boldsymbol{\theta}^*$ are in the interior of $\boldsymbol{\Theta}$,
- (ii) $E(\partial \mathbf{g}_{t,M}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) / \partial \boldsymbol{\theta} |_{\boldsymbol{\theta}^*})$ is of full rank,
- (iii) $\bar{\mathbf{g}}_\infty(\boldsymbol{\theta})' W_\infty^{-1} \bar{\mathbf{g}}_\infty(\boldsymbol{\theta})$ has a unique minimizer.

Assumption A1 states some primitive conditions on the measurement error $N_{t,M}$. Basically, it requires that its first, second and fourth moments approach zero at a fast enough rate as $M \rightarrow \infty$, and that $E(N_{t,M}N_{t-k,M})$ declines to zero fast enough as both $|k|, M \rightarrow \infty$. As we shall see in Section (), the rate at which b_M^{-1} declines to zero depends on the specific realized measure we use. Assumptions A2 and A3 are the assumptions used by Meddahi (2001, 2002b) and by ABM2002 for the moments and covariance structure of $IV_t(\boldsymbol{\theta})$. One-dimensional diffusions are stationary and ergodic if A2 is satisfied (see e.g. Hansen, Scheinkman & Touzi, 1998), while A3 holds providing

that the infinitesimal generator operator is compact (Hansen, Scheinkman & Touzi, 1998) and is satisfied, for example, in the square root or the log-normal volatility models.⁵

The test statistic for the validity of moment restrictions is given by

$$S_{T,M} = T \bar{\mathbf{g}}_{T,M}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_{T,M})' \mathbf{W}_{T,M}^{-1} \bar{\mathbf{g}}_{T,M}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_{T,M}). \quad (17)$$

The following Theorem establishes the limiting distribution of $S_{T,M}$ under the null hypothesis and consistency of the associated test.

Theorem 1. *Let A1-A5 hold. If as $T, M \rightarrow \infty$, $T/b_M^2 \rightarrow 0$, $p_T \rightarrow \infty$ and $p_T/T^{1/4} \rightarrow 0$, then, under H_0 ,*

$$S_{T,M} \xrightarrow{d} \chi_1^2,$$

and, under H_A ,

$$\Pr(T^{-1} |S_{T,M}| > \varepsilon) \rightarrow 1, \quad \text{for some } \varepsilon > 0.$$

Notice that we require that T grows at a slower rate than b_M^2 . Thus, the slower is the rate of growth of b_M , the stronger is this requirement. The rate of growth of b_M depends on the specific realized measure $RM_{t,M}$ used and will be specified explicitly in Section 5.

As usual, once the null is rejected, inspection of the moment condition vector provides some insights on the nature of the violation.

Remark 1. Recently, Barndorff-Nielsen & Shephard (2004a) have provided a feasible central limit theorem for realized volatility and realized covariance valid for general continuous semimartingale processes, allowing for generic leverage effects. More precisely, they show that $M^{1/2} (RV_{\bar{T}M} - IV_{\bar{T}})$ has a mixed normal limiting distribution, when $M \rightarrow \infty$ and \bar{T} is fixed. Thus, Barndorff-Nielsen & Shephard's feasible central limit theorem applies to the case in which the discrete interval between successive observations approaches zero and the time span remains fixed. In this paper we deal with a double asymptotics in which both T and M go to infinity, and in order to have a valid limit theory we first need to show that

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=1}^T (RM_{t,M} - \mathbf{E}(RM_{t,M})) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=1}^T (IV_t - \mathbf{E}(IV_t)) + o_p(1)$$

and then that $T^{-1/2} \sum_{t=1}^T (IV_t - \mathbf{E}(IV_t))$ satisfies a central limit theorem. For this reason, we need that the memory of IV_t and of $N_{t,M}$ declines at a sufficiently fast rate. This is ensured by the class of stochastic eigenfunction volatility models; in fact, in this class integrated volatility has a memory decaying at a geometric rate and has an ARMA(p, p) structure, when the number of eigenfunctions, p , is finite.

⁵ The spectral decomposition of multivariate diffusion is analyzed by Hansen & Scheinkman (1995) and by Chen, Hansen & Scheinkman (2000). The latter paper also addresses the issue of nonparametric estimation of the drift in multidimensional diffusion processes.

4 The case where the moments are not known explicitly

The testing procedure suggested above requires the knowledge of the specific functional form of the eigenvalues and of the coefficients of the eigenfunctions, λ_i and $a_0, a_i, i = 1, \dots, p$, in terms of the parameters characterizing the volatility process under the null hypothesis.

For the case where this information is not available, we can nevertheless construct a test based on the comparison between the sample moments of the observed volatility measure and the sample moments of simulated integrated volatility. If the null hypothesis is true, the two sets of moments approach the same limit, as T and M approach infinity, otherwise they will converge to two different sets of limiting moments.

As one can notice from (12), a test for the correct specification of mean, variance and covariance structure of integrated volatility can be performed without knowledge of the leverage parameter ρ and/or the (return) drift parameter m . This is because we rule out the possibility of a feedback effect from the observable state variable to the unobservable volatility. Then, our objective is to approximate by simulation the first two moments and a given number of covariances (depending on the number of eigenfunctions of the model under the null hypothesis) of the daily volatility process.

This is somewhat different from the situation in which we simulate the path of the process describing (the log of) the price of the financial asset, we sample the simulated paths at the same frequency as the data, and then we match (functions of) the sample moments of the data and of the simulated data using only observations at discrete time $t = 1, \dots, T$. In fact, in the latter case it suffices to ensure that, for $t = 1, \dots, T$, the difference between the simulated skeleton and the simulated continuous trajectories is approaching zero, in a mean square sense, as the sampling interval approaches zero. Broadly speaking, in the latter case it suffices to have a good approximation of the continuous trajectory only at the same frequency of the data, i.e. at $t = 1, \dots, T$.

On the other hand, in the current context, this does no longer suffice as we need to approximate all the path, given that daily volatility (say from $t - 1$ to t) is defined as the integral of (instantaneous) volatility over the interval $t - 1$ and t . Pardoux and Talay (1985) provide conditions for uniform, almost sure convergence of the discrete simulated path to the continuous path, for given initial conditions. However, such a result holds only on a finite time span. The intuitive reason is that the uniform, almost sure convergence follows from the modulus of continuity of a diffusion (and of the Brownian motion), which holds only over a finite time span.

Therefore we shall proceed in the following manner. For any value θ in the parameter space Θ we simulate a path of length $k + 1$, where k is the highest order autocovariance that we want to include into the moment conditions, using a discrete time interval which can be set to be arbitrarily small. As with a finite time span we cannot rely on the ergodic properties of the underlying diffusion, we need to draw the initial value from the invariant distribution of the volatility model under the null

hypothesis. Such invariant distribution is indeed known in most cases; for example it is a gamma for the square root volatility and it is an inverse gamma for the GARCH-diffusion volatility. Also, at least in the univariate case, we always know the functional form of the invariant density. For each $\boldsymbol{\theta} \in \boldsymbol{\Theta}$, we simulate S paths of length $k + 1$, for S sufficiently large. We then construct the simulated sample moments by averaging over S the relevant quantities. More formally we proceed as follows.

For any simulation $i = 1, \dots, S$, for $j = 1, \dots, N$ and for any $\boldsymbol{\theta} \in \boldsymbol{\Theta}$, we simulate the volatility paths of length $k + 1$ using a Milstein scheme, i.e.

$$\begin{aligned} f_{i,j\xi}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) &= f_{i,(j-1)\xi}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) + \mu(f_{i,(j-1)\xi}(\boldsymbol{\theta}), \boldsymbol{\theta})\xi - \frac{1}{2}\sigma'(f_{i,(j-1)\xi}(\boldsymbol{\theta}), \boldsymbol{\theta})\sigma(f_{i,(j-1)\xi}(\boldsymbol{\theta}), \boldsymbol{\theta})\xi \\ &\quad + \sigma(f_{i,(j-1)\xi}(\boldsymbol{\theta}), \boldsymbol{\theta})(W_{j\xi} - W_{(j-1)\xi}) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2}\sigma'(f_{i,(j-1)\xi}(\boldsymbol{\theta}), \boldsymbol{\theta})\sigma(f_{i,(j-1)\xi}(\boldsymbol{\theta}), \boldsymbol{\theta})(W_{j\xi} - W_{(j-1)\xi})^2, \end{aligned} \quad (18)$$

where $\sigma'(\cdot)$ denotes the derivative of $\sigma(\cdot)$ with respect to its first argument, $\{W_{j\xi} - W_{(j-1)\xi}\}$ is i.i.d. $N(0, \xi)$, $f_{i,0}(\boldsymbol{\theta})$ is drawn from the invariant distribution of the volatility process under the null hypothesis, and finally $N\xi = k + 1$. For each i it is possible to compute the simulated integrated volatility as

$$IV_{i,\tau,N}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \frac{1}{N/(k+1)} \sum_{j=1}^{N/(k+1)} \sigma_{i,\tau-1+j\xi}^2(\boldsymbol{\theta}), \quad \tau = 1, \dots, k+1, \quad (19)$$

where $N/(k+1) = \xi^{-1}$, assumed to be an integer for the sake of simplicity, and

$$\sigma_{i,\tau-1+j\xi}^2(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \psi(f_{i,\tau-1+j\xi}(\boldsymbol{\theta})).$$

Also, averaging the quantity calculated in (19) over the number of simulations S and over the length of the path $k + 1$ yields respectively

$$\overline{IV}_{S,\tau,N}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \frac{1}{S} \sum_{i=1}^S IV_{i,\tau,N}(\boldsymbol{\theta}),$$

and

$$\overline{IV}_{S,N}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \frac{1}{k+1} \sum_{\tau=1}^{k+1} \overline{IV}_{S,\tau,N}(\boldsymbol{\theta}).$$

We are now in a position to define the set of moment conditions as

$$\overline{\mathbf{g}}_{T,M}^* - \overline{\mathbf{g}}_{S,N}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \mathbf{g}_{t,M}^* - \frac{1}{S} \sum_{i=1}^S \mathbf{g}_{i,N}(\boldsymbol{\theta}), \quad (20)$$

where $\mathbf{g}_{t,M}^*$ is defined as in (14) and

$$\frac{1}{S} \sum_{i=1}^S \mathbf{g}_{i,N}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{S} \sum_{i=1}^S IV_{i,1,N}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) \\ \frac{1}{S} \sum_{i=1}^S (IV_{i,1,N}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) - \overline{IV}_{S,N}(\boldsymbol{\theta}))^2 \\ \frac{1}{S} \sum_{i=1}^S (IV_{i,1,N}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) - \overline{IV}_{S,N}(\boldsymbol{\theta})) (IV_{i,2,N}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) - \overline{IV}_{S,N}(\boldsymbol{\theta})) \\ \vdots \\ \frac{1}{S} \sum_{i=1}^S (IV_{i,1,N}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) - \overline{IV}_{S,N}(\boldsymbol{\theta})) (IV_{i,k+1,N}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) - \overline{IV}_{S,N}(\boldsymbol{\theta})) \end{pmatrix}. \quad (21)$$

Similarly to the case analyzed in the previous Section, it is possible to define the simulated method of moments estimator as the minimizer of the quadratic form

$$\widehat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_{T,S,M,N} = \arg \min_{\boldsymbol{\theta} \in \boldsymbol{\Theta}} (\overline{\mathbf{g}}_{T,M}^* - \overline{\mathbf{g}}_{S,N}(\boldsymbol{\theta}))' \mathbf{W}_{T,M}^{-1} (\overline{\mathbf{g}}_{T,M}^* - \overline{\mathbf{g}}_{S,N}(\boldsymbol{\theta})), \quad (22)$$

where $\mathbf{W}_{T,M}^{-1}$ is defined in (13). Also, define

$$\boldsymbol{\theta}^* = \arg \min_{\boldsymbol{\theta} \in \boldsymbol{\Theta}} (\overline{\mathbf{g}}_{\infty}^* - \overline{\mathbf{g}}_{\infty}(\boldsymbol{\theta}))' \mathbf{W}_{\infty}^{-1} (\overline{\mathbf{g}}_{\infty}^* - \overline{\mathbf{g}}_{\infty}(\boldsymbol{\theta})), \quad (23)$$

where $\overline{\mathbf{g}}_{\infty}^*$, $\overline{\mathbf{g}}_{\infty}(\boldsymbol{\theta})$ and \mathbf{W}_{∞}^{-1} are the probability limits, as T , S , M and N go to infinity, of $\overline{\mathbf{g}}_{T,M}^*$, $\overline{\mathbf{g}}_{S,N}(\boldsymbol{\theta})$ and $\mathbf{W}_{T,M}^{-1}$, respectively.

Finally, the statistic for the validity of the moment restrictions is given by

$$Z_{T,S,M,N} = T \left(\overline{\mathbf{g}}_{T,M}^* - \overline{\mathbf{g}}_{S,N}(\widehat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_{T,S,M,N}) \right)' \mathbf{W}_{T,M}^{-1} \left(\overline{\mathbf{g}}_{T,M}^* - \overline{\mathbf{g}}_{S,N}(\widehat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_{T,S,M,N}) \right). \quad (24)$$

Analogously to the case in which the moment conditions were known, we consider the following hypothesis

$$H_0 : (\overline{\mathbf{g}}_{\infty}^* - \overline{\mathbf{g}}_{\infty}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^*)) = \mathbf{0} \quad \text{versus} \quad H_A : (\overline{\mathbf{g}}_{\infty}^* - \overline{\mathbf{g}}_{\infty}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^*)) \neq \mathbf{0}.$$

Before moving on the study of the asymptotic properties of $Z_{T,S,M,N}$ we need some further assumptions.

Assumption A6: The drift and variance functions $\mu(\cdot)$ and $\sigma(\cdot)$, as defined in (3), satisfy the following conditions:

$$(1a) \quad |\mu(f_r(\boldsymbol{\theta}_1), \boldsymbol{\theta}_1) - \mu(f_r(\boldsymbol{\theta}_2), \boldsymbol{\theta}_2)| \leq K_{1,r} \|\boldsymbol{\theta}_1 - \boldsymbol{\theta}_2\|,$$

$$|\sigma(f_r(\boldsymbol{\theta}_1), \boldsymbol{\theta}_1) - \sigma(f_r(\boldsymbol{\theta}_2), \boldsymbol{\theta}_2)| \leq K_{2,r} \|\boldsymbol{\theta}_1 - \boldsymbol{\theta}_2\|,$$

for $0 \leq r \leq k+1$, where $\|\cdot\|$ denotes the Euclidean norm, any $\boldsymbol{\theta}_1, \boldsymbol{\theta}_2 \in \boldsymbol{\Theta}$, with $K_{1,r}$, $K_{2,r}$ independent of $\boldsymbol{\theta}$, and $\sup_{r \leq k+1} K_{1,r} = O_p(1)$, $\sup_{r \leq k+1} K_{2,r} = O_p(1)$.

$$(1b) \quad |\mu(f_{r,N}(\boldsymbol{\theta}_1), \boldsymbol{\theta}_1) - \mu(f_{r,N}(\boldsymbol{\theta}_2), \boldsymbol{\theta}_2)| \leq K_{1,r,N} \|\boldsymbol{\theta}_1 - \boldsymbol{\theta}_2\|,$$

$$|\sigma(f_{r,N}(\boldsymbol{\theta}_1), \boldsymbol{\theta}_1) - \sigma(f_{r,N}(\boldsymbol{\theta}_2), \boldsymbol{\theta}_2)| \leq K_{2,r,N} \|\boldsymbol{\theta}_1 - \boldsymbol{\theta}_2\|, \text{ where } f_{r,N}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = f_{\lfloor \frac{Nr\xi}{k+1} \rfloor}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) \text{ and for any } \boldsymbol{\theta}_1, \boldsymbol{\theta}_2 \in \boldsymbol{\Theta}, \text{ with } K_{1,r,N}, K_{2,r,N} \text{ independent of } \boldsymbol{\theta}, \text{ and } \sup_{r \leq k+1} K_{1,r,N} = O_p(1),$$

$$\sup_{r \leq k+1} K_{2,r,N} = O_p(1), \text{ uniformly in } N.$$

$$(2) \quad |\mu(x, \boldsymbol{\theta}) - \mu(y, \boldsymbol{\theta})| \leq C_1 \|x - y\|, \quad |\sigma(x, \boldsymbol{\theta}) - \sigma(y, \boldsymbol{\theta})| \leq C_2 \|x - y\|,$$

where C_1, C_2 are independent of $\boldsymbol{\theta}$.

(3) $\sigma(\cdot)$ is three times continuously differentiable and $\psi(\cdot)$ is a Lipschitz-continuous function.

Assumption A7: $(\bar{\mathbf{g}}_\infty^* - \bar{\mathbf{g}}_\infty(\boldsymbol{\theta}^*))' \mathbf{W}_\infty^{-1} (\bar{\mathbf{g}}_\infty^* - \bar{\mathbf{g}}_\infty(\boldsymbol{\theta}^*)) < (\bar{\mathbf{g}}_\infty^* - \bar{\mathbf{g}}_\infty(\boldsymbol{\theta}))' \mathbf{W}_\infty^{-1} (\bar{\mathbf{g}}_\infty^* - \bar{\mathbf{g}}_\infty(\boldsymbol{\theta}))$, for any $\boldsymbol{\theta} \neq \boldsymbol{\theta}^*$.

Assumption A8:

(1) $\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_{T,S,M,N}$ and $\boldsymbol{\theta}^*$ are in the interior of $\boldsymbol{\Theta}$.

(2) $\bar{\mathbf{g}}_S(\boldsymbol{\theta})$ is twice continuously differentiable in the interior of $\boldsymbol{\Theta}$, where

$$\mathbf{g}_S(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \frac{1}{S} \sum_{i=1}^S \mathbf{g}_i(\boldsymbol{\theta}), \quad (25)$$

where

$$\bar{\mathbf{g}}_S(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \frac{1}{S} \sum_{i=1}^S \mathbf{g}_i(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{S} \sum_{i=1}^S IV_{i,1}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) \\ \frac{1}{S} \sum_{i=1}^S (IV_{i,1}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) - \bar{IV}_S(\boldsymbol{\theta}))^2 \\ \frac{1}{S} \sum_{i=1}^S (IV_{i,1}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) - \bar{IV}_S(\boldsymbol{\theta})) (IV_{i,2}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) - \bar{IV}_S(\boldsymbol{\theta})) \\ \vdots \\ \frac{1}{S} \sum_{i=1}^S (IV_{i,1}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) - \bar{IV}_S(\boldsymbol{\theta})) (IV_{i,k+1}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) - \bar{IV}_S(\boldsymbol{\theta})) \end{pmatrix}, \quad (26)$$

and, for $\tau = 1, \dots, k+1$,

$$IV_{i,\tau}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \int_{\tau-1}^{\tau} \sigma_{i,s}^2(\boldsymbol{\theta}) ds, \quad \bar{IV}_S(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \frac{1}{k+1} \sum_{\tau=1}^{k+1} \frac{1}{S} \sum_{i=1}^S \int_{\tau-1}^{\tau} \sigma_{i,s}^2(\boldsymbol{\theta}) ds.$$

(3) $E(\partial \bar{\mathbf{g}}_1(\boldsymbol{\theta}) / \partial \boldsymbol{\theta} |_{\boldsymbol{\theta}=\boldsymbol{\theta}^*})$ exists and is of full rank.

Assumption A6-(2)(3), corresponds to Assumption (ii)' in Theorem 6 in Pardoux & Talay (1985), apart from the fact that we also require uniform Lipschitz continuity on the parameter space $\boldsymbol{\Theta}$. Uniform Lipschitz continuity on the real line is a rather strong requirement which is violated by the most popular stochastic volatility models. However, most stochastic volatility models are locally uniform Lipschitz. For example, the square root volatility model, analyzed in the empirical application, is uniform Lipschitz provided that f_t is bounded above from zero, a condition which is satisfied with unit probability. As for the Lipschitz continuity of $\psi(\cdot)$, it is satisfied over bounded sets. Now, note that, since we simulate the paths only over a finite time span, this is not a too strong requirement. In fact, as the diffusion is stationary and (geometrically) ergodic, then the probability that the process escapes from a (large enough) compact set is zero over a finite time span.

Then, we can state the limiting distribution of $Z_{T,S,M,N}$ under H_0 and the properties of the associated specification test.

Theorem 2. Let A1-A4 and A6-A8 hold. Also, assume that as $T \rightarrow \infty$, $M \rightarrow \infty$, $S \rightarrow \infty$, $N \rightarrow \infty$, $T/N^{(1-\delta)} \rightarrow 0$, $\delta > 0$, $T/b_M^2 \rightarrow 0$, $p_T \rightarrow \infty$, $p_T/T^{1/4} \rightarrow 0$, and $T/S \rightarrow 0$. Then, under H_0 ,

$$Z_{T,S,M,N} \xrightarrow{d} \chi_1^2,$$

and, under H_A ,

$$\Pr(T^{-1} |Z_{T,S,M,N}| > \varepsilon) \rightarrow 1, \quad \text{for some } \varepsilon > 0.$$

Given that we require $T/S \rightarrow 0$, the simulation error is asymptotically negligible, and so it is not surprising that the standard J -test for overidentifying restrictions and the simulation based J -test are asymptotically equivalent. If $T/S \rightarrow \pi$, with $0 < \pi < \infty$, one may expect that $(1 + \pi)^{-1/2} Z_{T,S,M,N}$ still has a χ_1^2 limiting distribution. However, this is not the case. The intuitive reason is that we simulate S volatility paths of finite length $k + 1$, instead of a single path of length S . Therefore, the long-run variance of the simulated moment conditions does not coincide with the long-run variance of the realized volatility moment conditions.

Remark 2. Notice that, in Theorems 1 and 2, we have considered the case of mean, variance and a given number of autocovariances of IV_t . In principle, there is no particular reason why to confine our attention to the set of conditions based on the moments defined in (6). In fact, we could just consider a generic set of moment conditions $E(\phi(RM_{t,M}, \dots, RM_{t-k,M}))$, with the function $\phi: \mathbb{R}^{k+1} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{2p+r}$, $r \geq 1$, not necessarily known in closed form, satisfying Assumption A7 above. For any $i = 1, \dots, 2p + r$, we could use a Taylor expansion around integrated volatility, yielding

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_i(RM_{t,M}, \dots, RM_{t-k,M}) &= \phi_i(IV_{t,M}, \dots, IV_{t-k,M}) + \sum_{j=1}^2 \frac{\partial \phi_i}{\partial RM_{t-j,M}} \Big|_{IV_{t-j}} N_{t-j,M} \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^2 \sum_{h=1}^2 \frac{\partial^2 \phi_i}{\partial RM_{t-j,M} \partial RM_{t-h,M}} \Big|_{IV_{t-j}, IV_{t-h}} N_{t-j,M} N_{t-h,M} \\ &\quad + \sum_{j=1}^2 \sum_{h=1}^2 o_p(N_{t-j,M} N_{t-h,M}). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the asymptotic validity of a test based on $E(\phi(RM_{t,M}, \dots, RM_{t-k,M}))$ follows by the same argument used in the proof of Theorem 1 if $E(\phi(RM_{t,M}, \dots, RM_{t-k,M}))$ is known explicitly and of Theorem 2 otherwise.

Finally, in order to construct a simulated GMM test, we could also follow an alternative route. We can simulate the trajectories of both the volatility and log price processes and then sample the latter at the same frequency of the data. Then we can compare the moments of the realized measure of volatility computed using actual and simulated data. If data are simulated from a model which is correctly specified for both the observable asset and the volatility process, then the two set of moments converge to the same limit as $T \rightarrow \infty$, regardless of M . In the context of the applications analyzed below, this is viable only in the case in which we use realized volatility

as the chosen realized measure. In that case, if we properly model the leverage effect and if the constant drift specification is correct, then moments of realized volatility and simulated realized volatility approach the same limit as the time span go to infinity, regardless of whether $M \rightarrow \infty$. However, this is not a viable solution when we use either normalized bipower variation or the modified subsampled realized volatility as the chosen realized measures. In fact, if simulate the log price process without jumps, then the moments of actual and simulated realized bipower variation measures do not converge to the same limit for $T \rightarrow \infty$, for fixed M , unless also the actual log price process does not exhibit jumps. Analogously, also the moments of actual and simulated subsampled realized volatility cannot converge to the same limit for $T \rightarrow \infty$, for fixed M , unless also the actual log price process is observed without measurement error.

In the next Section the testing procedure outlined above will be specialized to the three considered measures of integrated volatility, namely realized volatility, bipower variation and modified subsampled realized volatility.

5 Applications to specific estimators of integrated volatility

Assumption A1 states some primitive conditions on the measurement error between integrated volatility and realized measure. Basically, it requires that the first, second and fourth moments of the error approach zero as $M \rightarrow \infty$, thus implying that the realized measure is a consistent estimator of integrated volatility; and that the autocorrelations of $N_{t,M}$, $\text{corr}(N_{t,M}, N_{s,M})$, decline to zero at a rate depending on both the number of intraday observations (M) and on the absolute distance $|t - s|$.

More precisely, if T grows at a slower rate than b_M^2 , then averages over the number of days (scaled by \sqrt{T}) of sample moments of the realized measure and of the integrated volatility process are asymptotically equivalent. It is immediate to see that the slower the rate at which b_M grows, the stronger is the requirement that $T/b_M^2 \rightarrow 0$. In this section we provide exact rates of growth for b_M and necessary restrictions on the model in (1) and on the measurement error in (4), under which realized volatility, defined as $RV_{t,M}$ in (7), bipower variation, defined as $BV_{t,M}$ in (8) and modified subsampled realized volatility, defined as $\widehat{RV}_{t,M}^u$ in (9), satisfy Assumption A1 and then lead to asymptotically valid specification tests.

5.1 Realized Volatility

Realized volatility has been suggested as an estimator of integrated volatility by. When the (log) price process is a continuous semimartingale, then realized volatility is a consistent estimator of the increments of the quadratic variation (see e.g. Karatzas & Shreve, 1988, Ch.1). The relevant limit theory, under general conditions, also allowing for generic leverage effects, has been provided

by Barndorff-Nielsen & Shephard (2004a), who have shown that

$$\sqrt{M} \left(RV_{\bar{T}M} - \int_0^{\bar{T}} \sigma_s^2 ds \right) \xrightarrow{d} \text{MN} \left(0, 2 \int_0^{\bar{T}} \sigma_s^4 ds \right), \quad (27)$$

for given \bar{T} , where the notation $RM_{\bar{T}M}$ in (27), (28) and (29) means that the realized measure has been constructed using intradaily observations between 0 and \bar{T} .

The result stated above holds for a fixed time span and therefore the asymptotic theory is based on the interval between successive observations approaching zero.

The regularity conditions for the specification test obtained using realized volatility are contained in the following Proposition.

Proposition 1. *Let $dz_t = 0$, a.s. and $\nu = 0$, where dz_t and ν are defined in (1) and in (4), respectively. Then Assumption A1 holds with $RM_{t,M} = RV_{t,M}$ for $b_M = O(M)$.*

From the Proposition above, we see that, when there are no jumps and no microstructure noise in the price process, then Assumption A1 is satisfied for $b_M = M$ and so Proposition 1 holds with $T/M^2 \rightarrow 0$.

5.2 Bipower Variation

Bipower variation has been introduced by Barndorff-Nielsen & Shephard (2004d), who have shown that, when the (log) price process contains a finite number of jumps, and when there is no leverage effect, then

$$\sqrt{M} \left(\mu_1^{-2} BV_{\bar{T}M} - \int_0^{\bar{T}} \sigma_s^2 ds \right) \xrightarrow{d} \text{MN} \left(0, 2.6090 \int_0^{\bar{T}} \sigma_s^4 ds \right). \quad (28)$$

Again, the provided limit theory holds over a finite time span. As one can immediately see from comparing (27) and (28), robustness to rare and large jumps is achieved at the expense of some loss in efficiency. The intuition behind the results by Barndorff-Nielsen and Shephard is very simple. Since only a finite number of jumps can occur over a finite time span, then the probability of having a jump over two consecutive observations will be low, and then this will not induce a bias on the estimator. The fact that when there are no jumps, both $RV_{\bar{T},M}$ and $\mu_1^{-2} BV_{\bar{T},M}$ are consistent estimators for $IV_{\bar{T}}$, with the former being more efficient can be used to construct Hausman type tests for the null hypothesis of no jumps. For example, Huang & Tauchen (2003) suggest different variants of Hausman tests based on the limit theory of Barndorff-Nielsen & Shephard (2004c) and Andersen, Bollerslev & Diebold (2003) provide empirical findings about the relevance of jumps in predicting volatility.

The following Proposition states the regularity conditions on the relative rates of growth of T and M for the specification test constructed using bipower variation.

Proposition 2. *Let $\rho = 0$ and $\nu = 0$, where ρ and ν are defined in (1) and in (4), respectively. Then Assumption A1 holds with $RM_{t,M} = BV_{t,M}$ for $b_M = O(M^{1/2})$.*

In the case of large and occasional jumps, and in the absence of leverage effect, the measurement error associated with the bipower variation process satisfies Assumption A1 for $b_M = M^{1/2}$. Thus, in this case Theorems 1 and 2 apply provided that $T/M \rightarrow 0$. It may seem a little bit strange that in the case of bipower variation the rate of growth of b_M should be slower than in the case of realized volatility. In fact, Barndorff-Nielsen & Shephard (2004c) have shown that both realized volatility, in the continuous semimartingale case, and bipower variation are consistent for integrated volatility at the same rate \sqrt{M} . However, they consider the case of a finite time span, say $0 \leq t \leq \bar{T} < \infty$, and thus, without loss of generality, they can assume that $\sup_{t \leq \bar{T}} \sigma_t^2$ is bounded. On the other hand, in the present context we let the time span approach infinity, and so we simply assume that $\sup_{t \leq T} (\sigma_t^2 / \sqrt{T}) = o_p(1)$. Therefore, the error between bipower variation and realized volatility and the additional error due to the presence of a drift term, are of order $o(T^{1/2}M^{-1})$ instead of $O(M^{-1})$. This is why we require T to grow at a slower rate with respect to M in the bipower variation case.

5.3 Modified Subsampled Realized Volatility

In order to provide an estimator of integrated volatility robust to microstructure errors, Zhang, Mykland & Ait Sahalia (2003) have proposed a subsampling procedure. Under the specification for the microstructure error term detailed in (4), they show that, in the absence of jumps in the price process,

$$M^{1/6} \left(\widehat{RV}_{TM}^u - \int_0^{\bar{T}} \sigma_s^2 ds \right) \xrightarrow{d} (s^2)^{1/2} N(0, 1), \quad (29)$$

for given \bar{T} , where the asymptotic spread s^2 depends on the variance of the microstructure noise, the length of the fixed time span and on integrated quarticity. Inspection of the limiting result given in (29) reveals that the cost of achieving robustness to microstructure noise is paid in terms of a slower convergence rate. The logic underlying the subsampled robust realized volatility of Zhang, Mykland & Ait Sahalia is the following. By constructing realized volatility over non overlapping subsamples, using subsamples of size l , we reduce the bias due to the microstructure error; in fact the effect of doing so is equivalent to using a lower intraday frequency. By averaging over different non overlapping subsamples, we reduce the variance of the estimator. Finally, the estimator of the bias term is constructed using all the M intradaily observations, and so the error due to the fact that we correct the realized volatility measure using an estimator of the bias instead of the true bias, is asymptotically negligible.⁶ Thus, if there are no jumps, and if the subsample length l is of

⁶Zhang, Mykland & Ait Sahalia (2003) consider a more general set-up in which the sampling interval can be irregular. Also note that, as subsamples cannot overlap, Bl is not exactly equal to M ; however such an error is negligible as B and l tend to infinity with M .

order $O(M^{1/3})$, and so the number of non overlapping subsamples is of order $M^{2/3}$, Assumption 1 is satisfied with $RM_{t,M} = \widehat{RV}_{t,M}^u$. The regularity conditions are stated precisely in the following Proposition.

Proposition 3. *Let $dz_t = 0$ a.s., where dz_t is defined in (1). If $l = O(M^{1/3})$, then Assumption A1 holds with $RM_{t,M} = \widehat{RV}_{t,l,M}^u$, for $b_M = M^{1/3}$.*

It is immediate to see that in this case, T has to grow at a rate slower than $M^{2/3}$. However, this is not a too big problem. In fact, one reason for not using the highest possible frequency is that prices are likely to be contaminated by microstructure error, and in general, the signal to noise ratio decreases as the sampling frequency increases. Nevertheless, if we employ a volatility measure which is robust to the effect of microstructure error, we can indeed employ the highest available frequency. In this sense, the requirement that $T/M^{2/3} \rightarrow 0$ is not as stringent as it may seem.

In this paper, we have considered the case of one asset and one latent factor. Extensions to the case of two or more factors driving the volatility process are straightforward. In fact, following Meddahi (2001) and considering, without loss of generality, the case of two independent factors $f_{1,t}$ and $f_{2,t}$, it is possible to expand the instantaneous volatility as

$$\sigma_t^2 = \psi(f_{1,t}, f_{2,t}) = \sum_{i=0}^{p_1} \sum_{j=0}^{p_2} a_{i,j} P_{1,i}(f_{1,t}) P_{2,j}(f_{2,t}) \quad \text{with} \quad \sum_{i=0}^{p_1} \sum_{j=0}^{p_2} a_{i,j}^2 < \infty.$$

Then defining

$$P_{i,j}(\mathbf{f}_t) = P_{1,i}(f_{1,t}) P_{2,j}(f_{2,t}) \quad \text{with} \quad \mathbf{f}_t = (f_{1,t}, f_{2,t})'$$

it is possible to use all the results given in the previous Sections. Of course, in the multifactor case, the reversibility assumption is not necessarily satisfied (a test for the reversibility hypothesis has been provided by Darolles, Florens & Gouriéroux, 2004).

6 Empirical Illustration

In this section an empirical application of the testing procedure proposed in the previous section will be detailed. A stochastic volatility model very popular both in the theoretical and empirical literature is the square root model proposed by Heston (1993). The model takes its name from the fact that the variance process $\sigma_t^2(\boldsymbol{\theta})$ is square root, i.e.

$$d\sigma_t^2(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \kappa(\mu - \sigma_t^2(\boldsymbol{\theta})) dt + \eta \sigma_t(\boldsymbol{\theta}) dW_{2,t}, \quad \kappa > 0.$$

Following Meddahi (2001) it is then possible to define α and the unobservable state variable f_t by

$$\alpha = \frac{2\kappa\mu}{\eta^2} - 1, \quad f_t(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \frac{2\kappa}{\eta^2} \sigma_t^2(\boldsymbol{\theta}).$$

Then the equation describing the dynamic behaviour of f_t is given by

$$df_t(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \kappa(\alpha + 1 - f_t(\boldsymbol{\theta}))dt + \sqrt{2\kappa}\sqrt{f_t(\boldsymbol{\theta})}dW_{2,t}$$

and it turns out that the variance process $\sigma_t^2(\boldsymbol{\theta})$ is explained completely by the first eigenfunction of the infinitesimal generator associated with $f_t(\boldsymbol{\theta})$ through the equation

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma_t^2(\boldsymbol{\theta}) &= a_0 + a_1 P_1(f_t(\boldsymbol{\theta})) \\ &= \mu - \frac{\sqrt{\mu\eta} 2\kappa\mu/\eta^2 - f_t(\boldsymbol{\theta})}{\sqrt{2\kappa} \sqrt{2\kappa\mu/\eta^2}}.\end{aligned}\quad (30)$$

Moreover, in this case $\boldsymbol{\theta} = (\mu, \sqrt{\mu\eta}/\sqrt{2\kappa}, \kappa)'$ and the marginal distribution of $\sigma_t^2(\boldsymbol{\theta})$ is given by a Gamma $\gamma(\alpha + 1, \mu/(\alpha + 1))$.

Using (6), it is possible to obtain the relevant moments for this specific stochastic volatility model. In fact, by considering

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}(IV_t(\boldsymbol{\theta})) &= a_0 = \mu \\ \text{var}(IV_t(\boldsymbol{\theta})) &= 2\frac{a_1^2}{\lambda_1^2}(\exp(-\lambda_1) + \lambda_1 - 1) = \frac{\mu\eta^2}{\kappa^3}(\exp(-\kappa) + \kappa - 1) \\ \text{cov}(IV_t(\boldsymbol{\theta}), IV_{t-1}(\boldsymbol{\theta})) &= a_1^2 \exp\left(\frac{(1-\exp(-\lambda_1))^2}{\lambda_1}\right) = \frac{\mu\eta^2}{2\kappa} \frac{(1-\exp(-\kappa))^2}{\kappa^2} \\ \text{cov}(IV_t(\boldsymbol{\theta}), IV_{t-2}(\boldsymbol{\theta})) &= a_1^2 \exp(-\lambda_1) \frac{(1-\exp(-\lambda_1))^2}{\lambda_1} = \frac{\mu\eta^2}{2\kappa} \exp(-\kappa) \frac{(1-\exp(\kappa))^2}{\kappa^2}\end{aligned}\quad (31)$$

one obtains exactly one overidentifying restriction to test and the elements of the test statistic defined in (17) are given respectively by

$$\bar{\mathbf{g}}_{T,M}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T RM_{t,M} - \mu \\ \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T (RM_{t,M} - \overline{RM}_M)^2 - \frac{\mu\eta^2}{\kappa^3}(\exp(-\kappa) + \kappa - 1) \\ \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T (RM_{t,M} - \overline{RM}_M)(RM_{t-1,M} - \overline{RM}_M) - \frac{\mu\eta^2}{2\kappa} \frac{(1-\exp(-\kappa))^2}{\kappa^2} \\ \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T (RM_{t,M} - \overline{RM}_M)(RM_{t-2,M} - \overline{RM}_M) - \frac{\mu\eta^2}{2\kappa} \exp(-\kappa) \frac{(1-\exp(\kappa))^2}{\kappa^2} \end{pmatrix}\quad (32)$$

and by the results of the calculation required in (13).

The empirical analysis is based on data retrieved from the Trade and Quotation (TAQ) database at the New York Stock Exchange. The TAQ database contains intraday trades and quotes for all securities listed on the New York Stock Exchange, the American Stock Exchange and the Nasdaq National Market System. The data is published monthly since 1993. Our sample contains the three most liquid stocks included in the Dow Jones Industrial Average, namely General Electric, Intel and Microsoft, and extends from January 1, 1997 until December 24, 2002, for a total of 1509 trading days.⁷ Our choice for the stocks included in the sample is motivated by the need of sufficient liquidity in order to compute the subsampled robust realized volatility.

From the original data set, which includes prices recorded for every trade, we extracted 10 seconds and 5 minutes interval data, similarly to Andersen & Bollerslev (1997). The 5 minutes

⁷ Trading days are divided over the different years as follows: 253, 252, 252, 252, 248, 252 from 1997 to 2002. Note that there are 5 days missing in 2001 due to September 11th.

frequency is generally accepted as the highest frequency at which the effect of microstructure biases are not too distorting (see Andersen, Bollerslev, Diebold & Labys, 2001). Conversely, 10 seconds data have been extracted in order to compute the subsampled robust realized volatility.

The price figures for each 10 seconds and 5 minutes intervals are determined as the interpolated average between the preceding and the immediately following transaction prices, weighted linearly by their inverse relative distance to the required point in time. For example, suppose that the price at 15:29:56 was 11.75 and the next quote at 15:30:02 was 11.80, then the interpolated price at 15:30:00 would be $\exp(1/3 \times \log(11.80) + 2/3 \times \log(11.75)) = 11.766$. From the 10 seconds and 5 minutes price series we calculated 10 seconds and 5 minutes intradaily returns as the difference between successive log prices.

The New York Stock Exchange opens at 9:30 a.m. and closes at 4:00 p.m.. Therefore a full trading day consists of 2341 (resp. 79) intraday returns calculated over an interval of 10 seconds (resp. five minutes). For some stocks, and in some days, the first transactions arrive some time after 9:30; in these cases we always set the first available trading price after 9:30 a.m to be the price at 9:30 a.m.. Highly liquid stocks may have more than one price at certain points in time (for example 5 or 10 quotations at the same time stamp is very common for Intel and Microsoft); when there exists more than one price at the required interval, we select the last provided quotation. For interpolating a price from a multiple price neighborhood, we select the closest provided price for the computation.

The square root model for the volatility component has been tested considering all the realized measures considered in Section 5. In particular, the test has been conducted for

- (a) realized volatility, using a time span of a hundred days ($T = 100$) and an intradaily frequency of five minutes ($M = 79$);
- (b) normalized bipower variation, using two different daily time spans ($T = 50, 100$), with $M = 79$;
- (c) subsampled robust realized volatility, using $T = 100$, $M = 2341$, the size of the blocks $l = 30$ and finally the number of blocks $B = 78$.

The results are summarized in Tables 1 to 3. The Tables reveal some interesting findings. First, it seems that the square root model is a good candidate to describe the dynamic behaviour of the volatility, at least in the chosen sample. In fact, especially for General Electric and Microsoft, the model is rejected only for a relatively small fraction of times, irrespective of the realized measure used.

Second, realized volatility is the measure which leads to more frequent rejections. This is not surprising, since realized volatility is not robust to either jumps or microstructure noise in the price process. There are cases where the only measure which does not reject the model is normalized

bipower variation; this is a signal that in that period jumps have occurred in the log price process. For example, this happens for Intel for the periods going from day 701 to 800 and from day 1101 to 1200; for Microsoft, for the periods going from day 901 to 1000. Conversely, there are cases where the only measure which does not reject the model is modified subsampled realized volatility; this is a signal that in that period prices are strongly contaminated by microstructure effects. This happens for General Electric for the periods going from day 601 to 700 and 701 to 800; for Microsoft, for the periods going from day 1101 to 1200 and 1201 to 1300. The test using normalized bipower variation and conducted with $T = 50$, to conform to the regularity conditions in Proposition 2, generally confirms the findings of the test with $T = 100$. Of course, in this case the power of the test may be particularly low, due to smaller number of observations used.

Finally, it is worth mentioning the relative stability of the estimated parameters over different stocks and over different time spans. Specifically, μ ranges from 0.0003 and 0.0004, η from -0.02 to 0.05 and κ from 1 to 3.

7 Concluding Remarks

In this paper a testing procedure for the hypothesis of correct specification of the integrated volatility process is proposed.

The procedure is derived by employing the flexible eigenfunction stochastic volatility model of Meddahi (2001), which embeds most of the stochastic volatility models employed in the empirical literature. The proposed tests rely on some recent results of Barndorff-Nielsen & Shephard (2001, 2002), ABM2002 and Meddahi (2003) establishing the moments and the autocorrelation structure of integrated volatility.

The tests are performed by comparing sample moments of realized measures with those of either the analytical moments of integrated volatility, when these are known, or with those of simulated integrated volatility. We provide primitive conditions on the measurement error between integrated volatility and realized measure, which allow to consider an asymptotically valid test for overidentifying restrictions. We then provide regularity conditions on the relative rate of growth of T, l, M under which realized volatility, normalized bipower variation and modified subsampled realized volatility satisfy the given primitive conditions on the measurement error.

Finally, we report findings from an empirical example in which we test the validity of the square root stochastic volatility model of Heston (1993) for three stocks, namely General Electric, Intel and Microsoft. Overall, the tested model seems to explain reasonably well the dynamic behaviour of the volatility process.

Table 1: Values of the test statistic $S_{T,M}$ for different realized measures - General Electric

Days		$RV_{t,M}$	$\mu_1^{-2}BV_{t,M}$		$\widehat{RV}_{t,l,M}^u$
1 – 100	1-50	1.83	1.69	0.04	2.79
	51-100			1.40	
101 – 200	101-150	0.18	0.04	0.45	0.43
	151-200			0.43	
201 – 300	201-250	2.54	1.87	3.04	1.07
	251-300			0.74	
301 – 400	301-350	1.85	2.15	0.07	0.83
	351-400			1.71	
401 – 500	401-450	14.52	15.83	2.08	11.17
	451-500			0.96	
501 – 600	501-550	0.77	0.27	0.83	1.92
	551-600			1.95	
601 – 700	601-650	5.24	5.99	1.38	3.78
	651-700			4.49	
701 – 800	701-750	4.54	4.38	0.13	0.55
	751-800			3.20	
801 – 900	801-850	0.53	0.25	0.04	1.87
	851-900			1.23	
901 – 1000	901-950	2.71	2.66	0.57	1.13
	951-1000			0.66	
1001 – 1100	1001-1050	3.07	3.45	4.36	3.44
	1051-1100			2.39	
1101 – 1200	1101-1150	2.69	2.96	0.30	1.34
	1051-1100			5.50	
1201 – 1300	1201-1250	0.27	0.30	0.30	0.80
	1251-1300			0.13	
1301 – 1400	1301-1350	4.45	2.84	0.50	2.35
	1351-1400			3.75	
1401 – 1500	1401-1450	7.89	6.00	1.71	5.21
	1451-1500			0.12	

Table 2: Values of the test statistic $S_{T,M}$ for different realized measures - Intel

Days		$RV_{t,M}$	$\mu_1^{-2}BV_{t,M}$		$\widehat{RV}_{t,l,M}^u$
1 – 100	1-50	1.64	0.13	0.01	0.01
	51-100			0.31	
101 – 200	101-150	0.68	0.23	0.09	2.04
	151-200			0.71	
201 – 300	201-250	1.11	1.09	0.16	4.77
	251-300			3.88	
301 – 400	301-350	1.23	1.56	1.27	2.95
	351-400			0.06	
401 – 500	401-450	5.00	3.04	0.64	3.86
	451-500			11.67	
501 – 600	501-550	0.01	0.01	0.17	0.39
	551-600			0.81	
601 – 700	601-650	6.07	3.18	1.12	0.74
	651-700			2.32	
701 – 800	701-750	6.32	3.81	0.38	9.75
	751-800			1.97	
801 – 900	801-850	18.33	8.22	1.48	16.10
	851-900			2.00	
901 – 1000	901-950	6.39	9.56	2.95	13.00
	951-1000			3.40	
1001 – 1100	1001-1050	0.74	2.93	2.21	2.12
	1051-1100			1.36	
1101 – 1200	1101-1150	5.29	1.96	1.38	3.92
	1051-1100			1.90	
1201 – 1300	1201-1250	6.45	6.12	6.39	17.48
	1251-1300			0.16	
1301 – 1400	1301-1350	10.09	0.15	2.42	3.47
	1351-1400			3.40	
1401 – 1500	1401-1450	5.41	4.03	0.82	9.89
	1451-1500			3.03	

Table 3: Values of the test statistic $S_{T,M}$ for different realized measures - Microsoft

Days		$RV_{t,M}$	$\mu_1^{-2}BV_{t,M}$		$\widehat{RV}_{t,l,M}^u$
1 – 100	1-50	2.50	1.08	3.74	1.01
	51-100			1.17	
101 – 200	101-150	1.08	1.25	1.23	2.70
	151-200			2.23	
201 – 300	201-250	3.70	1.91	3.89	1.68
	251-300			2.26	
301 – 400	301-350	0.76	0.07	0.01	3.08
	351-400			1.52	
401 – 500	401-450	1.78	1.20	0.59	1.43
	451-500			1.42	
501 – 600	501-550	0.26	0.67	0.83	0.83
	551-600			0.96	
601 – 700	601-650	1.69	0.39	0.42	1.37
	651-700			0.79	
701 – 800	701-750	1.55	1.93	0.36	3.43
	751-800			1.32	
801 – 900	801-850	1.65	0.81	0.20	3.64
	851-900			1.06	
901 – 1000	901-950	8.39	2.62	1.21	11.40
	951-1000			1.67	
1001 – 1100	1001-1050	1.08	3.30	1.69	2.22
	1051-1100			2.02	
1101 – 1200	1101-1150	10.08	9.71	1.42	2.74
	1051-1100			2.66	
1201 – 1300	1201-1250	4.20	4.32	2.53	1.58
	1251-1300			2.58	
1301 – 1400	1301-1350	14.45	2.79	5.76	1.71
	1351-1400			2.21	
1401 – 1500	1401-1450	6.67	7.13	6.69	11.57
	1451-1500			3.08	

A Appendix

In the sequel, let IV_t and $IV_t(\boldsymbol{\theta}^*)$ denote respectively the “true” underlying daily volatility and the daily volatility implied by the null model, respectively. The proof of Theorem 1 requires the following Lemmas.

Lemma 1. *Given A1-A5, if as $T, M \rightarrow \infty, T/b_M^2 \rightarrow 0$, then, under H_0 ,*

$$\sqrt{T}\bar{\mathbf{g}}_{T,M}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^*) \xrightarrow{d} N(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{W}_\infty),$$

where $\mathbf{W}_\infty = \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \text{var} \left(\sqrt{T}\bar{\mathbf{g}}_{T,M}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^*) \right)$, and

$$\bar{\mathbf{g}}_{T,M}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^*) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T IV_t - E(IV_1(\boldsymbol{\theta}^*)) \\ \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T (IV_t - \bar{IV})^2 - \text{var}(IV_1(\boldsymbol{\theta}^*)) \\ \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T (IV_t - \bar{IV})(IV_{t-1} - \bar{IV}) - \text{cov}(IV_2(\boldsymbol{\theta}^*), IV_1(\boldsymbol{\theta}^*)) \\ \vdots \\ \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T (IV_t - \bar{IV})(IV_{t-k} - \bar{IV}) - \text{cov}(IV_{k+1}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^*), IV_1(\boldsymbol{\theta}^*)) \end{pmatrix}, \quad (33)$$

with the moments of $IV_t(\boldsymbol{\theta}^*)$ given as in (6) but evaluated at $\boldsymbol{\theta}^*$.

A.1 Proof of Lemma 1

We first need to show that

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=1}^T RM_{t,M} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=1}^T IV_t + o_p(1), \quad (34)$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=1}^T \left(RM_{t,M} - \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T RM_{t,M} \right)^2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=1}^T \left(IV_t - \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T IV_t \right)^2 + o_p(1) \quad (35)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=1}^T \left(RM_{t,M} - \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T RM_{t,M} \right) \left(RM_{t-k,M} - \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T RM_{t,M} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=1}^T \left(IV_t - \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T IV_t \right) \left(IV_{t-k} - \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T IV_t \right) + o_p(1). \end{aligned} \quad (36)$$

To show (34), it suffices to show that $\text{var} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=1}^T N_{t,M} \right) = o(1)$.

Given A1(i), and given that $T/b_M^2 \rightarrow 0$, then $\frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=1}^T E(N_{t,M}) = o(1)$. Also, let $\bar{N}_{t,M} = N_{t,M} - E(N_{t,M})$ and note that

$$\text{var} \left(\frac{1}{T^{1/2}} \sum_{t=1}^T (N_{t,M} - E(N_{t,M})) \right) = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T E(\bar{N}_{t,M})^2 + \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{s < t} E(\bar{N}_{t,M} \bar{N}_{s,M})$$

$$+\frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{s>t} \mathbb{E}(\bar{N}_{t,M} \bar{N}_{s,M}), \quad (37)$$

where $\mathbb{E}(\bar{N}_{t,M}^2) = O(b_M^{-1})$, given A1(ii). Now, if A1(iv-a) holds, then for the information set defined as $\mathcal{F}_s = \sigma(X_u, \sigma_u, u \leq s)$

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{s<t} \mathbb{E}(\bar{N}_{t,M} \bar{N}_{s,M}) \right| &= \left| \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{s<t} \mathbb{E}(\bar{N}_{s,M} \mathbb{E}(\bar{N}_{t,M}) | \mathcal{F}_s) \right| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T (\mathbb{E}(N_{t,M}^2)) \sum_{s>t} \alpha_{t-s} \rightarrow 0, \text{ as } M \rightarrow \infty, \end{aligned}$$

because of mixing inequality (see e.g. Davidson, 1994, Theorem 14.2). If instead A1(iv-b) holds, then

$$\frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=0}^{T-1} \sum_{s<t} \mathbb{E}(\bar{N}_{t,M} \bar{N}_{s,M}) = TO(b_M^{-2}) + \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T O(b_M^{-1}) \sum_{s<t} \alpha_{t-s} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } M \rightarrow \infty.$$

This completes the proof for (34). As for (35),

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=1}^T \left(RM_{t,M} - \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T RM_{t,M} \right)^2 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=1}^T \left(IV_t - \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T IV_t \right)^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=1}^T \bar{N}_{t,M}^2 + \frac{2}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=1}^T \bar{N}_{t,M} \left(IV_t - \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T IV_t \right) + o_p(1), \end{aligned} \quad (38)$$

where the $o_p(1)$ comes from the fact that we have replaced $\frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T N_{t,M}$ with $\mathbb{E}(N_{t,M})$. Now,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{var} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=1}^T \bar{N}_{t,M}^2 \right) &= \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \mathbb{E}(\bar{N}_{t,M}^4) + \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{s<t} \mathbb{E}(\bar{N}_{t,M}^2 \bar{N}_{s,M}^2) + \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{s>t} \mathbb{E}(\bar{N}_{t,M}^2 \bar{N}_{s,M}^2) \\ &\rightarrow 0, \end{aligned}$$

given that $\frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \mathbb{E}(\bar{N}_{t,M}^4) \rightarrow 0$ and

$$\frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{s>t} \mathbb{E}(\bar{N}_{t,M}^2 \bar{N}_{s,M}^2) \leq \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{s>t} (\mathbb{E}(\bar{N}_{t,M}^4)) \rightarrow 0$$

by A1(iii) and recalling that $T/b_M^2 \rightarrow 0$. Also, the second term of the right hand side of (38) approaches zero as a direct consequence of Cauchy-Schwartz inequality. This completes the proof of (35).

Finally, (36) follows by a similar argument as that used to show (35). The statement in the Lemma then follows from the central limit theorem for mixing processes. \blacksquare

Lemma 2. *Given A1-A5,*

(i) if as $M, T \rightarrow \infty$, $T/b_M^2 \rightarrow 0$, $p_T \rightarrow \infty$ and $p_T/T^{1/4} \rightarrow 0$, then

$$\mathbf{W}_{T,M}^{-1} \xrightarrow{p} \mathbf{W}_\infty^{-1},$$

where, under H_0 , $\mathbf{W}_\infty = \lim_{T,M \rightarrow \infty} \text{var} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=1}^T \mathbf{g}_{t,M}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^*) \right)$.

(ii) if as $M, T \rightarrow \infty$, $T/b_M^2 \rightarrow 0$, $p_T \rightarrow \infty$ and $p_T/T^{1/4} \rightarrow 0$, then

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_{T,M} \xrightarrow{p} \boldsymbol{\theta}^*.$$

A.2 Proof of Lemma 2

(i) Given Lemma 1, by the same argument used in the proof of Lemma 1 and by Theorem 2 in Newey & West (1987).

(ii) Given A5, it suffices to show that

$$\sup_{\boldsymbol{\theta} \in \Theta} \left| \bar{\mathbf{g}}_{T,M}(\boldsymbol{\theta})' \mathbf{W}_{T,M}^{-1} \bar{\mathbf{g}}_{T,M}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) - \bar{\mathbf{g}}_\infty(\boldsymbol{\theta})' \mathbf{W}_\infty^{-1} \bar{\mathbf{g}}_\infty(\boldsymbol{\theta}) \right| \xrightarrow{p} 0. \quad (39)$$

The desired result then follows by e.g. Gallant & White (1988, ch.3). From part (i), we know that $\mathbf{W}_{T,M}^{-1} \xrightarrow{p} \mathbf{W}_\infty^{-1}$. First note that, by the same argument used in the proof of Lemma 1

$$\bar{\mathbf{g}}_{T,M}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \bar{\mathbf{g}}\bar{\mathbf{v}}_T(\boldsymbol{\theta}) + o_p(1)$$

where the remainder term does not depend on $\boldsymbol{\theta}$ and $\bar{\mathbf{g}}\bar{\mathbf{v}}_T(\boldsymbol{\theta})$ is defined as in (33), but evaluated at a generic $\boldsymbol{\theta}$. As IV_t follows an ARMA process, (39) follows from the uniform law of large numbers for α -mixing processes. \blacksquare

A.3 Proof of Theorem 1

We begin by showing the limiting distribution of the test statistic under the null hypothesis. Via a mean value expansion around $\boldsymbol{\theta}^*$, we have that

$$\sqrt{T}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_{T,M} - \boldsymbol{\theta}^*) = \left(-\nabla_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \bar{\mathbf{g}}_{T,M}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_{T,M})' \mathbf{W}_{T,M}^{-1} \nabla_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \bar{\mathbf{g}}_{T,M}(\bar{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_{T,M}) \right)^{-1} \nabla_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \bar{\mathbf{g}}_{T,M}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_{T,M})' \mathbf{W}_{T,M}^{-1} \sqrt{T} \bar{\mathbf{g}}_{T,M}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^*),$$

where $\bar{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_{T,M} \in \left(\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_{T,M}, \boldsymbol{\theta}^* \right)$.

By the uniform law of large numbers for strong mixing processes, as $M, T \rightarrow \infty$ and $T/b_M^2 \rightarrow 0$,

$$\sup_{\boldsymbol{\theta} \in \Theta} \left| \nabla_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \bar{\mathbf{g}}_{T,M}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) - \text{E}(\nabla_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \bar{\mathbf{g}}\bar{\mathbf{v}}_T(\boldsymbol{\theta})) \right| \xrightarrow{p} 0,$$

where $\bar{\mathbf{g}}\bar{\mathbf{v}}_T(\boldsymbol{\theta})$ is defined as in (33), but evaluated at a generic $\boldsymbol{\theta}$. Given Lemma 2, part (ii), it follows that

$$\nabla_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \bar{\mathbf{g}}_{T,M}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_{T,M}) \xrightarrow{p} \mathbf{d}_0 = \text{E}(\nabla_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \bar{\mathbf{g}}\bar{\mathbf{v}}_T(\boldsymbol{\theta}^*)).$$

Analogously, the same convergence result can be established for $\nabla_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \bar{\mathbf{g}}_{T,M}(\bar{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_{T,M})$. Now, given Lemma 2,

$$\sqrt{T} \bar{\mathbf{g}}_{T,M}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_{T,M}) = (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{d}_{\infty}(\mathbf{d}'_{\infty} \mathbf{W}_{\infty} \mathbf{d}_{\infty})^{-1} \mathbf{d}'_{\infty} \mathbf{W}_{\infty}^{-1}) \sqrt{T} \bar{\mathbf{g}}_{T,M}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^*) + o_p(1),$$

and therefore, given Lemma 1,

$$\sqrt{T} \bar{\mathbf{g}}_{T,M}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_{T,M}) \xrightarrow{d} \mathbf{N}\left(\mathbf{0}, (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{d}_{\infty}(\mathbf{d}'_{\infty} \mathbf{W}_{\infty} \mathbf{d}_{\infty})^{-1} \mathbf{d}'_{\infty} \mathbf{W}_{\infty}^{-1}) \mathbf{W}_{\infty} (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{d}_{\infty}(\mathbf{d}'_{\infty} \mathbf{W}_{\infty} \mathbf{d}_{\infty})^{-1} \mathbf{d}'_{\infty} \mathbf{W}_{\infty}^{-1})'\right).$$

Finally, given Lemma 2 part (ii), and by noting that $(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{W}_{\infty}^{-1/2} \mathbf{d}_{\infty}(\mathbf{d}'_{\infty} \mathbf{W}_{\infty} \mathbf{d}_{\infty})^{-1} \mathbf{d}'_{\infty} \mathbf{W}_{\infty}^{-1/2})$ is idempotent, then

$$\sqrt{T} \mathbf{W}_{T,M}^{-1/2} \bar{\mathbf{g}}_{T,M}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_{T,M}) \xrightarrow{d} \mathbf{N}\left(\mathbf{0}, (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{W}_{\infty}^{-1/2} \mathbf{d}_{\infty}(\mathbf{d}'_{\infty} \mathbf{W}_{\infty} \mathbf{d}_{\infty})^{-1} \mathbf{d}'_{\infty} \mathbf{W}_{\infty}^{-1/2})\right).$$

The limiting distribution under H_0 then follows straightforwardly from Lemma 4.2 in Hansen (1982).

The rate of divergence under the alternative comes straightforwardly from the fact that $\bar{\mathbf{g}}_{\infty}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^*) \neq \mathbf{0}$. ■

The proof of Theorem 2 requires the following lemmas.

Lemma 3. *Given A1-A4, A6-A8, if as $T, S, M, N \rightarrow \infty$, $T/b_M^2 \rightarrow 0$, $T/N^{(1-\delta)} \rightarrow 0$, $\delta > 0$, $T/S \rightarrow 0$, then, under H_0 ,*

$$\sqrt{T}(\bar{\mathbf{g}}_{T,M}^* - \bar{\mathbf{g}}_{S,N}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^*)) \xrightarrow{d} \mathbf{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{W}_{\infty}),$$

where \mathbf{W}_{∞} is the probability of limit of $W_{T,M}$ as defined (13).

A.4 Proof of Lemma 3

$T^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^T \mathbf{g}_{t,M}^*$ can be treated as in the proof of Lemma 1, so that (34), (35) and (36) hold. Similarly to the proof of Lemma 1, we first need to show that

$$\frac{1}{S} \sum_{i=1}^S IV_{i,1,N}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^*) = \frac{1}{S} \sum_{i=1}^S IV_{i,1}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^*) + o_p(T^{-1/2}), \quad (40)$$

$$\frac{1}{S} \sum_{i=1}^S (IV_{i,1,N}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^*) - \overline{IV}_N(\boldsymbol{\theta}^*))^2 = \frac{1}{S} \sum_{i=1}^S (IV_{i,1}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^*) - \overline{IV}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^*))^2 + o_p(T^{-1/2}) \quad (41)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{S} \sum_{i=1}^S (IV_{i,1,N}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^*) - \overline{IV}_N(\boldsymbol{\theta}^*)) (IV_{i,k+1,N}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^*) - \overline{IV}_N(\boldsymbol{\theta}^*)) \\ &= \frac{1}{S} \sum_{i=1}^S (IV_{i,1}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^*) - \overline{IV}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^*)) (IV_{i,k+1}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^*) - \overline{IV}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^*)) + o_p(T^{-1/2}). \end{aligned} \quad (42)$$

As for (40),

$$\frac{1}{S} \sum_{i=1}^S (IV_{i,1,N}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^*) - IV_{i,1}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^*)) = \frac{1}{S} \sum_{i=1}^S \left(\frac{1}{N/(k+1)} \sum_{j=1}^{N/(k+1)} \sigma_{i,j\xi}^2(\boldsymbol{\theta}^*) - \int_0^1 \sigma_{i,u}^2(\boldsymbol{\theta}^*) du \right),$$

where $\xi^{-1} = N/(k+1)$. Now, let $\sigma_{i,r,N}^2(\boldsymbol{\theta}^*) = \sigma_{i, \lfloor Nr\xi/(k+1) \rfloor}^2(\boldsymbol{\theta}^*)$, for $0 \leq r \leq k+1$. Given A6, by Corollary 1.8 in Pardoux & Talay (1985), then

$$\sup_{r \leq (k+1)} N^{1/2(1-\delta)} \left| \sigma_{i, \lfloor Nr\xi/(k+1) \rfloor}^2(\boldsymbol{\theta}^*) - \sigma_{i,r}^2(\boldsymbol{\theta}^*) \right| \xrightarrow{a.s.} 0, \quad \text{as } N \rightarrow \infty \quad (\xi \rightarrow 0).$$

Thus, it follows that

$$\left| \frac{1}{N/(k+1)} \sum_{j=1}^{N/(k+1)} \sigma_{i,j\xi}^2(\boldsymbol{\theta}^*) - \int_0^1 \sigma_{i,u}^2(\boldsymbol{\theta}^*) du \right| = O_{a.s.}(N^{-1/2(1-\delta)}) = o_{a.s.}(T^{-1/2}),$$

as $T/N^{1/(1-\delta)} \rightarrow 0$. By a similar argument, (41) and (42) follow too.

Now, let

$$\frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \mathbf{g}_t^* = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T IV_t \\ \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T (IV_t - \overline{IV})^2 \\ \vdots \\ \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T (IV_t - \overline{IV})(IV_{t-k} - \overline{IV}) \end{pmatrix},$$

and

$$\frac{1}{S} \sum_{i=1}^S \mathbf{g}_i(\boldsymbol{\theta}^*) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{S} \sum_{i=1}^S IV_{i,1}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^*) \\ \frac{1}{S} \sum_{i=1}^S (IV_{i,1}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^*) - \overline{IV}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^*))^2 \\ \vdots \\ \frac{1}{S} \sum_{i=1}^S (IV_{i,1}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^*) - \overline{IV}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^*)) (IV_{i,k+1}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^*) - \overline{IV}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^*)) \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then, given Lemma 1, and given (40), (41) and (42),

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{T} (\overline{\mathbf{g}}_{T,M}^* - \overline{\mathbf{g}}_{S,N}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^*)) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=1}^T \mathbf{g}_t^* - \frac{\sqrt{T}}{\sqrt{S}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{S}} \sum_{i=1}^S \mathbf{g}_i(\boldsymbol{\theta}^*) + o_p(1) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=1}^T (\mathbf{g}_t^* - \mathbb{E}(\mathbf{g}_1^*)) - \frac{\sqrt{T}}{\sqrt{S}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{S}} \sum_{i=1}^S (\mathbf{g}_i(\boldsymbol{\theta}^*) - \mathbb{E}(\overline{\mathbf{g}}_1(\boldsymbol{\theta}^*))) \\ &\quad + \sqrt{T} (\mathbb{E}(\mathbf{g}_1^*) - \mathbb{E}(\overline{\mathbf{g}}_1(\boldsymbol{\theta}^*))) + o_p(1). \end{aligned} \tag{43}$$

The second last term of the right hand side of (43) is zero under the null hypothesis. As any simulation draw is independent of the others, by the central limit theorem for i.i.d. random variables,

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{S}} \sum_{i=1}^S (\mathbf{g}_i(\boldsymbol{\theta}^*) - \mathbb{E}(\overline{\mathbf{g}}_1(\boldsymbol{\theta}^*))) = O_p(1)$$

and, as $T/S \rightarrow 0$, the second term of the right hand side of (43) is $o_p(1)$. The statement follows by the same argument as the one used in Lemma 1. \blacksquare

Lemma 4. *Given A1-A4 and A6-A8, if as $M, T, S, N \rightarrow \infty$, $T/b_M^2 \rightarrow 0$, $T/N^{(1-\delta)} \rightarrow 0$, $\delta > 0$, $T/S \rightarrow 0$, $p_T \rightarrow \infty$ and $p_T/T^{1/4} \rightarrow 0$, then*

$$\widehat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_{T,S,M,N} \xrightarrow{p} \boldsymbol{\theta}^*.$$

A.5 Proof of Lemma 4

Given A7 (unique identifiability), it suffices to show that

$$\left| \frac{1}{N/(k+1)} \sum_{j=1}^{N/(k+1)} \sigma_{i,j\xi}^2(\boldsymbol{\theta}) - \int_0^1 \sigma_{i,u}^2(\boldsymbol{\theta}^*) du \right| = o_p(1) \quad (44)$$

uniformly in $\boldsymbol{\theta}$. The statement then follows from the uniform law of large numbers and unique identifiability, as in the proof of Lemma 2, part (i). Now,

$$\left| \frac{1}{N/(k+1)} \sum_{j=1}^{N/(k+1)} \sigma_{i,j\xi}^2(\boldsymbol{\theta}) - \int_0^1 \sigma_{i,u}^2(\boldsymbol{\theta}) du \right| \leq \sup_{r \leq k+1} |\sigma_{i,r,N}^2(\boldsymbol{\theta}) - \sigma_{i,r}^2(\boldsymbol{\theta})| = O_p(N^{-1/2(1-\delta)}) = o_p(1)$$

pointwise in $\boldsymbol{\theta}$, by Corollary 1.8 in Pardoux & Talay (1985), given A6(2)(3). We now show that A6, parts (1a)(1b), also ensure that $\sup_{r \leq k+1} |\sigma_{i,r,N}^2(\boldsymbol{\theta}) - \sigma_{i,r}^2(\boldsymbol{\theta})|$ is stochastic equicontinuous over $\boldsymbol{\Theta}$.

In fact, for $\boldsymbol{\theta}' \in \boldsymbol{\Theta}$ and $\mathbf{S}(\epsilon) = \{\boldsymbol{\theta} : \|\boldsymbol{\theta} - \boldsymbol{\theta}'\| \leq \epsilon\}$,

$$\begin{aligned} & \sup_{r \leq k+1} \sup_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \sup_{\boldsymbol{\theta}' \in \mathbf{S}(\epsilon)} |(\sigma_{i,r,N}^2(\boldsymbol{\theta}) - \sigma_{i,r}^2(\boldsymbol{\theta})) - (\sigma_{i,r,N}^2(\boldsymbol{\theta}') - \sigma_{i,r}^2(\boldsymbol{\theta}'))| \\ & \leq \sup_{r \leq k+1} \sup_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \sup_{\boldsymbol{\theta}' \in \mathbf{S}(\epsilon)} |\sigma_{i,r}^2(\boldsymbol{\theta}) - \sigma_{i,r}^2(\boldsymbol{\theta}')| + \sup_{r \leq k+1} \sup_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \sup_{\boldsymbol{\theta}' \in \mathbf{S}(\epsilon)} |\sigma_{i,r,N}^2(\boldsymbol{\theta}) - \sigma_{i,r,N}^2(\boldsymbol{\theta}')|. \end{aligned} \quad (45)$$

We begin by showing that the first term of the right hand side of (45) is $o_p(1)$. In fact, given the Lipschitz-continuity of $\psi(\cdot)$,

$$\begin{aligned} \sup_{r \leq k+1} \sup_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \sup_{\boldsymbol{\theta}' \in \mathbf{S}(\epsilon)} |\sigma_{i,r}^2(\boldsymbol{\theta}) - \sigma_{i,r}^2(\boldsymbol{\theta}')| & \leq C \sup_{r \leq k+1} \sup_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \sup_{\boldsymbol{\theta}' \in \mathbf{S}(\epsilon)} |f_{i,r}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) - f_{i,r}(\boldsymbol{\theta}')| \\ & \leq (k+1) \sup_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \sup_{\boldsymbol{\theta}' \in \mathbf{S}(\epsilon)} |\mu(f_r(\boldsymbol{\theta}), \boldsymbol{\theta}) - \mu(f_r(\boldsymbol{\theta}'), \boldsymbol{\theta}')| \\ & \quad + \sup_{r \leq k+1} |W_r| \sup_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \sup_{\boldsymbol{\theta}' \in \mathbf{S}(\epsilon)} |\sigma(f_r(\boldsymbol{\theta}), \boldsymbol{\theta}) - \sigma(f_r(\boldsymbol{\theta}'), \boldsymbol{\theta}')|, \end{aligned} \quad (46)$$

where $\sup_{r \leq k+1} |W_r| \stackrel{d}{=} |W_{k+1}|$ is bounded in probability (see e.g. Karatzas & Shreve, 1988, Ch.8), and $\stackrel{d}{=}$ denotes equality in distribution. Then, given A6, part (1a), the right hand side of (46), approaches zero in probability, as $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$.

The second term on the right hand side of (45), is $o_p(1)$, uniformly in $\boldsymbol{\theta}$, by an analogous argument. By the same argument as in e.g. Davidson (1994, Ch.21.3), pointwise convergence plus stochastic equicontinuity implies uniform convergence. \blacksquare

A.6 Proof of Theorem 2

We begin by analyzing the behavior of the statistic under the null hypothesis. By a similar argument as in the proof of Theorem 1, we have that

$$\begin{aligned} & \sqrt{T} \left(\bar{\mathbf{g}}_{T,M}^* - \bar{\mathbf{g}}_{S,N} \left(\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_{T,S,M,N} \right) \right) \\ &= \left[\mathbf{I} - \nabla_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \left(\bar{\mathbf{g}}_{T,M}^* - \bar{\mathbf{g}}_{S,N} \left(\bar{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_{T,S,M,N} \right) \right) \right] \left(\nabla_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \left(\bar{\mathbf{g}}_{T,M}^* - \bar{\mathbf{g}}_{S,N} \left(\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_{T,S,M,N} \right) \right) \right)' \mathbf{W}_{T,M}^{-1} \\ & \quad \times \nabla_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \left(\bar{\mathbf{g}}_{T,M}^* - \bar{\mathbf{g}}_{S,N} \left(\bar{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_{T,S,M,N} \right) \right) \right)^{-1} \nabla_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \left(\bar{\mathbf{g}}_{T,M}^* - \bar{\mathbf{g}}_{S,N} \left(\bar{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_{T,S,M,N} \right) \right)' \mathbf{W}_{T,M}^{-1} \right] \sqrt{T} \left(\bar{\mathbf{g}}_{T,M}^* - \bar{\mathbf{g}}_{S,N} \left(\boldsymbol{\theta}^* \right) \right). \end{aligned}$$

Now by Lemma 3,

$$\sqrt{T} \left(\bar{\mathbf{g}}_{T,M}^* - \bar{\mathbf{g}}_{S,N} \left(\boldsymbol{\theta}^* \right) \right) \xrightarrow{d} \mathbf{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{W}_{\infty}),$$

and by Lemma 2, part (i) and Lemma 4, $\mathbf{W}_{T,M}^{-1} \xrightarrow{p} \mathbf{W}_{\infty}^{-1}$, $\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_{T,S,M,N} \xrightarrow{p} \boldsymbol{\theta}^*$ and $\bar{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_{T,S,M,N} \xrightarrow{p} \boldsymbol{\theta}^*$.

We now need to show that

$$\nabla_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \left(\bar{\mathbf{g}}_{T,M}^* - \bar{\mathbf{g}}_{S,N} \left(\bar{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_{T,S,M,N} \right) \right) \xrightarrow{p} \mathbf{d}_{\infty}, \quad \text{and} \quad \nabla_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \left(\bar{\mathbf{g}}_{T,M}^* - \bar{\mathbf{g}}_{S,N} \left(\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_{T,S,M,N} \right) \right) \xrightarrow{p} \mathbf{d}_{\infty},$$

where $\mathbf{d}_{\infty} = \mathbf{E}(\nabla_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \bar{\mathbf{g}}_{T,M}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^*))$, and $\bar{\mathbf{g}}_{T,M}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^*)$ is defined in (33).

Given A6 and A8,

$$\frac{1}{S} \sum_{i=1}^S \nabla_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \mathbf{g}_{i,N}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \frac{1}{S} \sum_{i=1}^S \nabla_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \mathbf{g}_i(\boldsymbol{\theta}) + o_p(1),$$

and

$$\frac{1}{S} \sum_{i=1}^S |\nabla_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \mathbf{g}_i(\boldsymbol{\theta}) - \mathbf{E}(\nabla_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \bar{\mathbf{g}}_1(\boldsymbol{\theta}))| = o_p(1),$$

uniformly in $\boldsymbol{\theta}$, by the uniform law of large numbers. Now, $\mathbf{E}(\nabla_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \bar{\mathbf{g}}_1(\boldsymbol{\theta}))$ is equal to the vector of derivatives of mean, variance and autocovariances of daily volatility under the null hypothesis. Therefore, by noting that $\bar{\mathbf{g}}_{T,M}^*$ does not depend on $\boldsymbol{\theta}$,

$$\nabla_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \left(\bar{\mathbf{g}}_{T,M}^* - \bar{\mathbf{g}}_{S,N} \left(\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_{T,S,M,N} \right) \right) = \nabla_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \left(\bar{\mathbf{g}}_{T,M}^* - \bar{\mathbf{g}}_{S,N} \left(\boldsymbol{\theta}^* \right) \right) + o_p(1),$$

and the first term on the right hand side above converges in probability to \mathbf{d}_0 .

Finally, divergence under the alternative can be shown along the same lines as in the proof of Theorem 1. ■

A.7 Proof of Proposition 1

Let $N_{t,M} = \sum_{j=1}^M N_{t-1+j/M}$, where, from Proposition 2.1 in Meddahi (2001),

$$N_{t-1+j/M} = (m/M)^2 + 2m \int_{t-1+(j-1)/M}^{t-1+j/M} \sigma_s(\boldsymbol{\theta}) dW_s$$

$$+ 2 \int_{t-1+(j-1)/M}^{t-1+j/M} \left(\int_{t-1+(j-1)/M}^u \sigma_u(\boldsymbol{\theta}) dW_u \right) \sigma_s(\boldsymbol{\theta}) dW_s,$$

and $W_s = \sqrt{1 - \rho^2} W_{1,s} + \rho W_{2,s}$. Therefore, $E(N_{t,M}) = \sum_{j=1}^M E(N_{t-1+j/M}) = m^2/M$. This satisfies A1 part(i).

Also, given that

$$\int_{t-1+(j-1)/M}^{t-1+j/M} \sigma_s(\boldsymbol{\theta}) dW_s \quad \text{and} \quad \int_{t-1+(j-1)/M}^{t-1+j/M} \left(\int_{t-1+(j-1)/M}^u \sigma_u(\boldsymbol{\theta}) dW_u \right) \sigma_s(\boldsymbol{\theta}) dW_s$$

are martingale difference series, then $N_{t-1+j/M}$ is uncorrelated with its past. Thus $E(N_{t,M} N_{t,s}) = 0$ for all $t \neq s$. This satisfies A1(iv-b).

From Proposition 4.2 in Meddahi (2002a), $\text{var}(N_{t,M}) = M^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^p a_i^2 + o_p(1/M)$ uniformly in t . This proves that A1(ii) is satisfied.

Finally, note that $b_M^2 N_{t,M}^4 = O_p(1)$, since $b_M^{1/2} N_{t,M}$ converges in distribution. Then, A1(iii) is satisfied. \blacksquare

The proof Proposition 2 requires the following two Lemmas. Hereafter, let \tilde{X}_t denote the log price process after the jump component has been removed. Correspondingly, $\widetilde{BV}_{t,M}$ denotes the bipower variation process in the case of no jumps. For notational simplicity, hereafter we omit the scaling factor $M/(M-1)$, used in the definition of (8). Also, Lemma 6 and Proposition 2 are first proved assuming zero drift, i.e. $m = 0$. We then show that the contribution of the drift component is negligible.

Lemma 5. *Given A2-A3, as $T, M \rightarrow \infty$*

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=1}^T BV_{t,M} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=1}^T \widetilde{BV}_{t,M} + o_p(1), \quad (47)$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=1}^T BV_{t,M}^2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=1}^T \widetilde{BV}_{t,M}^2 + o_p(1). \quad (48)$$

A.8 Proof of Lemma 5

We start from proving (47). We can expand

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{j=1}^{M-1} |X_{t-1+(j+1)/M} - X_{t-1+j/M}| |X_{t-1+j/M} - X_{t-1+(j-1)/M}| \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{j=1}^{M-1} \left(\tilde{X}_{t-1+(j+1)/M} - \tilde{X}_{t-1+j/M} + c_{j+1,t} \delta_{j+1,t} \right) \text{sgn}(X_{t-1+(j+1)/M} - X_{t-1+j/M}) \\ & \quad \times \left(\tilde{X}_{t-1+j/M} - \tilde{X}_{t-1+(j-1)/M} + c_{j,t} \delta_{j,t} \right) \text{sgn}(X_{t-1+j/M} - X_{t-1+(j-1)/M}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{j=1}^{M-1} \left(\left(\tilde{X}_{t-1+(j+1)/M} - \tilde{X}_{t-1+j/M} \right) \operatorname{sgn} \left(X_{t-1+(j+1)/M} - X_{t-1+j/M} \right) \right. \\
&\quad \times \left. \left(\tilde{X}_{t-1+j/M} - \tilde{X}_{t-1+(j-1)/M} \right) \operatorname{sgn} \left(X_{t-1+j/M} - X_{t-1+(j-1)/M} \right) \right) \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{j=1}^{M-1} c_{j,t} \delta_{j,t} \left(\tilde{X}_{t-1+(j+1)/M} - \tilde{X}_{t-1+j/M} \right) \operatorname{sgn} \left(X_{t-1+(j+1)/M} - X_{t-1+j/M} \right) \\
&\quad \times \operatorname{sgn} \left(X_{t-1+j/M} - X_{t-1+(j-1)/M} \right) \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{j=1}^{M-1} c_{j+1,t} \delta_{j+1,t} \left(\tilde{X}_{t-1+j/M} - \tilde{X}_{t-1+(j-1)/M} \right) \\
&\quad \times \operatorname{sgn} \left(X_{t-1+(j+1)/M} - X_{t-1+j/M} \right) \operatorname{sgn} \left(X_{t-1+j/M} - X_{t-1+(j-1)/M} \right) \tag{49} \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{j=1}^{M-1} c_{j+1,t} \delta_{j+1,t} c_{j,t} \delta_{j,t} \operatorname{sgn} \left(X_{t-1+(j+1)/M} - X_{t-1+j/M} \right) \operatorname{sgn} \left(X_{t-1+j/M} - X_{t-1+(j-1)/M} \right),
\end{aligned}$$

where $\delta_{j,t} = 1$ if there is at least a jump in the interval $[t-1+(j-1)/M, t-1+j/M]$ and 0 otherwise.

We have to show that:

(a)

$$\begin{aligned}
&\frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{j=1}^{M-1} c_{j+1,t} c_{j,t} \delta_{j+1,t} \delta_{j,t} \operatorname{sgn} \left(X_{t-1+(j+1)/M} - X_{t-1+j/M} \right) \\
&\times \operatorname{sgn} \left(X_{t-1+j/M} - X_{t-1+(j-1)/M} \right) = o_p(1),
\end{aligned}$$

(b)

$$\begin{aligned}
&\frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{j=1}^{M-1} c_{j+1,t} \delta_{j+1,t} \left(\tilde{X}_{t-1+j/M} - \tilde{X}_{t-1+(j-1)/M} \right) \operatorname{sgn} \left(X_{t-1+(j+1)/M} - X_{t-1+j/M} \right) \\
&\times \operatorname{sgn} \left(X_{t-1+j/M} - X_{t-1+(j-1)/M} \right) = o_p(1).
\end{aligned}$$

Now, as for (a),

$$\begin{aligned}
&\left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{j=1}^{M-1} c_{j+1,t} c_{j,t} \delta_{j+1,t} \delta_{j,t} \operatorname{sgn} \left(X_{t-1+(j+1)/M} - X_{t-1+j/M} \right) \operatorname{sgn} \left(X_{t-1+j/M} - X_{t-1+(j-1)/M} \right) \right| \\
&\leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{j=1}^{M-1} |c_{j+1,t}| |c_{j,t}| \delta_{j+1,t} \delta_{j,t} = o_p(1).
\end{aligned}$$

In fact

$$\mathbb{E} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{j=1}^{M-1} |c_{j+1,t}| |c_{j,t}| \delta_{j+1,t} \delta_{j,t} \right)^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{j=1}^{M-1} \mathbb{E}(|c_{j+1,t}|^2) \mathbb{E}(|c_{j,t}|^2) \mathbb{E}(\delta_{j+1,t}) \mathbb{E}(\delta_{j,t}) = O(M^{-1}) \quad (50)$$

since $\mathbb{E}(\delta_{j,t}) = O(1/M)$, given that in any unit span of time we have only a finite number of jumps.

Now, to prove (b), it suffices to show that

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{j=1}^{M-1} |c_{j+1,t}| \delta_{j+1,t} \left| \tilde{X}_{t-1+j/M} - \tilde{X}_{t-1+(j-1)/M} \right| = o_p(1).$$

Since the jumps are independent of the randomness driving the volatility,

$$\mathbb{E} \left(\delta_{j+1,t} \left| \tilde{X}_{t-1+j/M} - \tilde{X}_{t-1+(j-1)/M} \right| \right) = \mathbb{E}(\delta_{i+1,s}) \mathbb{E} \left(\left| \tilde{X}_{t-1+j/M} - \tilde{X}_{t-1+(j-1)/M} \right| \right)$$

for all t, s, i, j . Also, since $c_{j,t}$ is i.i.d. and independent of $\delta_{i,t}$, for all i, j

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{E} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{j=1}^{M-1} |c_{j+1,t}| \delta_{j+1,t} \left| \tilde{X}_{t-1+j/M} - \tilde{X}_{t-1+(j-1)/M} \right| \right)^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{j=1}^{M-1} \mathbb{E}(\delta_{i+1,s}) \mathbb{E}(|c_{j+1,t}|^2) \mathbb{E} \left(\left| \tilde{X}_{t-1+j/M} - \tilde{X}_{t-1+(j-1)/M} \right|^2 \right) = O(M^{-1}). \end{aligned}$$

Finally, given that the number of jumps per day is finite,

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{j=1}^{M-1} \left[\left(\tilde{X}_{t-1+(j+1)/M} - \tilde{X}_{t-1+j/M} \right) \operatorname{sgn} \left(X_{t-1+(j+1)/M} - X_{t-1+j/M} \right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. \times \left(\tilde{X}_{t-1+j/M} - \tilde{X}_{t-1+(j-1)/M} \right) \operatorname{sgn} \left(X_{t-1+j/M} - X_{t-1+(j-1)/M} \right) \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{j=1}^{M-1} \left| \tilde{X}_{t-1+(j+1)/M} - \tilde{X}_{t-1+j/M} \right| \left| \tilde{X}_{t-1+j/M} - \tilde{X}_{t-1+(j-1)/M} \right| + O_p(T^{1/2}M^{-1}). \end{aligned}$$

This concludes the proof of (47); (48) follows by the same argument. \blacksquare

Lemma 6. *Given A2-A3, as $T, M \rightarrow \infty$,*

$$(i) \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \mathbb{E}(BV_{t,M}) = \mu_1^2 \mathbb{E}(IV_1) + o(T^{1/2}M^{-1})$$

$$(ii) \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \mathbb{E}(BV_{t,M}^2) = \mu_1^4 \mathbb{E}(IV_1^2) + o(T^{1/2}M^{-1}).$$

A.9 Proof of Lemma 6

Given Lemma 5, it suffices to show the statement replacing $BV_{t,M}$ with $\widetilde{BV}_{t,M}$.

(i) We can express

$$\frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \mathbb{E} \left(\widetilde{BV}_{t,M} \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{j=1}^{M-1} \mathbb{E} \left(\left| \tilde{X}_{t-1+(j+1)/M} - \tilde{X}_{t-1+j/M} \right| \left| \tilde{X}_{t-1+j/M} - \tilde{X}_{t-1+(j-1)/M} \right| \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{j=1}^{M-1} \mathbb{E} \left(\left| \int_{t-1+j/M}^{t-1+(j+1)/M} \sigma_s dW_{1,s} \right| \left| \int_{t-1+(j-1)/M}^{t-1+j/M} \sigma_s dW_{1,s} \right| \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{j=1}^{M-1} \mathbb{E} \left(\mathbb{E} \left(\left| \int_{t-1+j/M}^{t-1+(j+1)/M} \sigma_s dW_{1,s} \right| \left| \int_{t-1+(j-1)/M}^{t-1+j/M} \sigma_s dW_{1,s} \right| \right) \right. \\
&\quad \left. \left| \int_{t-1+j/M}^{t-1+(j+1)/M} \sigma_s^2 ds, \int_{t-1+(j-1)/M}^{t-1+j/M} \sigma_s^2 ds \right. \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{j=1}^{M-1} \mathbb{E} \left(\mathbb{E} \left(\left| W_{\int_{t-1+j/M}^{t-1+(j+1)/M} \sigma_s^2 ds} \right| \left| W_{\int_{t-1+(j-1)/M}^{t-1+j/M} \sigma_s^2 ds} \right| \right) \right. \\
&\quad \left. \left| \int_{t-1+j/M}^{t-1+(j+1)/M} \sigma_s^2 ds, \int_{t-1+(j-1)/M}^{t-1+j/M} \sigma_s^2 ds \right. \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{j=1}^{M-1} \mathbb{E} \left(\sqrt{\int_{t-1+j/M}^{t-1+(j+1)/M} \sigma_s^2 ds} \sqrt{\int_{t-1+(j-1)/M}^{t-1+j/M} \sigma_s^2 ds} \right) (\mathbb{E}(|W_1|))^2 \\
&= \mu_1^2 \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \mathbb{E} \left(\sum_{j=1}^{M-1} \int_{t-1+j/M}^{t-1+(j+1)/M} \sigma_s^2 ds \right) + o(T^{1/2} M^{-1}) \\
&= \mu_1^2 \mathbb{E}(IV_1) + o(T^{1/2} M^{-1}), \tag{51}
\end{aligned}$$

where the fourth and fifth equality in (51) come from the Dambis and Dubins-Schwartz theorem (see e.g. Karatzas & Shreve, 1988, p.174), which applies given the assumption of no leverage. The sixth equality in (51) follows instead from equation (13) in Barndorff-Nielsen & Shephard (2004c).⁸ (ii) By the same argument as in (i). \blacksquare

A.10 Proof of Proposition 2

Given the two Lemmas above, A1(i) and A1(ii) are satisfied for $b_M = M^{1/2}$. We now show that A1(iv-b) holds. Define the information set

$$\mathcal{F}_t = \sigma \left(\int_{s+j/M}^{s+(j+1)/M} \sigma(u) dW_u, \int_{s+j/M}^{s+(j+1)/M} \sigma^2(u) du, s \leq t, j = 1, \dots, M-1 \right).$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned}
&|\mathbb{E}((BV_{t,M} - IV_t)(BV_{t-k,M} - IV_{t-k}))| \\
&= |\mathbb{E}((BV_{t-k,M} - IV_{t-k}) \mathbb{E}((BV_{t,M} - IV_t) | \mathcal{F}_{t-k}))|
\end{aligned}$$

⁸Equation (13) in Barndorff-Nielsen & Shephard (2004c) states an $O_p(M^{-1})$ error. However, Barndorff-Nielsen & Shephard consider a fixed time span, say \bar{T} and so can assume that $\sup_{t \leq \bar{T}} IV_t \leq \Delta < \infty$. In our case, we instead assume that $\sup_{t \leq T} (IV_t / \sqrt{T}) \xrightarrow{p} 0$.

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq |\mathbb{E}(BV_{t-k,M} - IV_{t-k}) \mathbb{E}(BV_{t,M} - IV_t)| \\ &\quad + |\mathbb{E}((BV_{t-k,M} - IV_{t-k}) \mathbb{E}((BV_{t,M} - IV_t) - \mathbb{E}(BV_{t,M} - IV_t) | \mathcal{F}_{t-k}))|, \end{aligned}$$

where the first term of the right hand side of the inequality above is $O(M^{-1})$ by Lemma 5. As for the second term, by standard mixing inequalities, we have that

$$\begin{aligned} &|\mathbb{E}((BV_{t-k,M} - IV_{t-k}) \mathbb{E}((BV_{t,M} - IV_t) - \mathbb{E}(BV_{t,M} - IV_t) | \mathcal{F}_{t-k}))| \\ &< \left(\mathbb{E} \left((BV_{t-k,M} - IV_{t-k})^2 \right) \right)^{1/2} \\ &\quad \times \left(\mathbb{E} \left(\mathbb{E} \left(\sum_{j=1}^{M-1} \left(\sqrt{\int_{t-1+j/M}^{t-1+(j+1)/M} \sigma_s^2 ds} \sqrt{\int_{t-1+(j-1)/M}^{t-1+j/M} \sigma_s^2 ds} \right. \right. \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. \left. - \int_{t-1+(j-1)/M}^{t-1+j/M} \sigma_s^2 ds - \mathbb{E}(BV_{t,M} - IV_t) \right) \right)^2 \middle| \mathcal{F}_{t-k} \right) \right)^{1/2} \\ &\leq \left(\mathbb{E} \left((BV_{t-k,M} - IV_{t-k})^2 \right) \right)^{1/2} \\ &\quad \times \left(\mathbb{E} \left(\sum_{j=1}^{M-1} \left(\sqrt{\int_{t-1+j/M}^{t-1+(j+1)/M} \sigma_s^2 ds} \sqrt{\int_{t-1+(j-1)/M}^{t-1+j/M} \sigma_s^2 ds} \right. \right. \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. \left. - \int_{t-1+(j-1)/M}^{t-1+j/M} \sigma_s^2 ds - \mathbb{E}(BV_{t,M} - IV_t) \right) \right)^2 \right)^{1/2} \alpha_k, \end{aligned}$$

where α_k approaches zero at a geometric rate as $k \rightarrow \infty$, given that measurable functions of geometrically mixing sequence are also geometrically mixing. Thus, A1(iv-b) is satisfied for $b_M = M^{1/2}$. Finally, A1(iii) is satisfied by the same argument as the one used in the proof of Proposition 1.

It remains to show that the contribution of the drift term is negligible. Now, by the same argument as in Proposition 2 of Barndorff-Nielsen & Shephard (2004c)

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{j=1}^{M-1} \mathbb{E} \left(\left| \tilde{X}_{t-1+(j+1)/M} - \tilde{X}_{t-1+j/M} + mh \right| \left| \tilde{X}_{t-1+j/M} - \tilde{X}_{t-1+(j-1)/M} + mh \right| \right) \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{j=1}^{M-1} \mathbb{E} \left(\left| \tilde{X}_{t-1+(j+1)/M} - \tilde{X}_{t-1+j/M} \right| \left| \tilde{X}_{t-1+j/M} - \tilde{X}_{t-1+(j-1)/M} \right| \right) \\ &= o_p(TM^{-1}) = o_p(Tb_M^{-2}), \end{aligned}$$

for $b_M = M^{1/2}$. The same holds for the second moment and the covariance term, by an analogous argument. \blacksquare

A.11 Proof of Proposition 3

The error term can be rearranged as

$$N_{t,M} = \left(\widehat{RV}_{t,l,M}^u - RV_{t,l,M}^u \right) + \left(RV_{t,l,M}^u - RV_{t,l,M}^{*,avg} \right) + \left(RV_{t,l,M}^{*,avg} - IV_t \right),$$

where

$$RV_{t,l,M}^u = RV_{t,l,M}^{avg} - 2l\nu,$$

with $RV_{t,l,M}^{avg}$ defined as in (10), and

$$RV_{t,l,M}^{*,avg} = \frac{1}{B} \sum_{b=0}^{B-1} RV_{t,l,M}^{*,b} = \frac{1}{B} \sum_{b=0}^{B-1} \sum_{j=b+1}^{M-(B-b-1)} \mathbb{E} \left(Y_{t+jB/M} - Y_{t+(j-1)B/M} \right)^2,$$

Now

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{E} \left(\widehat{RV}_{t,l,M}^u - RV_{t,l,M}^u \right) \\ &= \mathbb{E} (l(\widehat{\nu}_{t,M} - \nu)) = l \mathbb{E} \left(\frac{1}{2M} \sum_{j=1}^{M-1} (X_{t+(j+1)/M} - X_{t+j/M})^2 - \nu \right) \\ &= l \mathbb{E} \left(\frac{1}{2M} \sum_{j=1}^{M-1} (Y_{t+(j+1)/M} - Y_{t+j/M})^2 + \frac{1}{2M} \sum_{j=1}^{M-1} \left((\epsilon_{t+(j+1)/M} - \epsilon_{t+j/M})^2 - 2\nu \right) \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \frac{1}{M} \sum_{j=1}^{M-1} (Y_{t+(j+1)/M} - Y_{t+j/M}) (\epsilon_{t+(j+1)/M} - \epsilon_{t+j/M}) \right) \\ &= l \mathbb{E} \left(\frac{1}{2M} \sum_{j=1}^{M-1} (Y_{t+(j+1)/M} - Y_{t+j/M})^2 \right) = O(lM^{-1}). \end{aligned}$$

Also,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E} \left(RV_{t,l,M}^u - RV_{t,l,M}^{*,avg} \right) &= \frac{1}{B} \sum_{b=0}^{B-1} \sum_{j=b+1}^{M-(B-b-1)} \mathbb{E} \left((\epsilon_{t+(j+1)B/M} - \epsilon_{t+jB/M})^2 - 2\nu \right) \\ & \quad + \frac{1}{B} \sum_{b=0}^{B-1} \sum_{j=b+1}^{M-(B-b-1)} \mathbb{E} \left(\epsilon_{t+(j+1)B/M} - \epsilon_{t+jB/M} \right) (Y_{t+(j+1)B/M} - Y_{t+jB/M}) \\ &= 0 \end{aligned} \tag{52}$$

and

$$\mathbb{E} \left(RV_{t,l,M}^{*,avg} - IV_t \right) = m^2 l^{-1},$$

by the same argument used in the proof of Proposition 1 and by noting that the discrete interval is l^{-1} in the present context. Thus, when $l = O(M^{1/3})$, A1(i) holds with $b_M = M^{1/3}$.

As for the variance of the error term,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{var}(N_{t,M}) &= \text{var} \left(\widehat{RV}_{t,l,M}^u - RV_{t,l,M}^u \right) + \text{var} \left(RV_{t,l,M}^u - RV_{t,l,M}^{*,avg} \right) + \text{var} \left(RV_{t,l,M}^{*,avg} - IV_t \right) \\ & \quad + 2\text{cov} \left(\left(\widehat{RV}_{t,l,M}^u - RV_{t,l,M}^u \right) \left(RV_{t,l,M}^u - RV_{t,l,M}^{*,avg} \right) \right) \\ & \quad + 2\text{cov} \left(\left(\widehat{RV}_{t,l,M}^u - RV_{t,l,M}^u \right) \left(RV_{t,l,M}^{*,avg} - IV_t \right) \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$+2\text{cov}\left(\left(RV_{t,l,M}^u - RV_{t,l,M}^{*,avg}\right)\left(RV_{t,l,M}^{*,avg} - IV_t\right)\right). \quad (53)$$

The first term of the right hand side of (53) can be rearranged as

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{var}\left(\left(\widehat{RV}_{t,l,M}^u - RV_{t,l,M}^u\right)\right) \\ &= \text{var}\left(l\left(\widehat{\nu}_{t,M} - \nu\right)\right) = l^2 \mathbb{E}\left(\left(\frac{1}{2M} \sum_{j=1}^{M-1} \left(X_{t+(j+1)/M} - X_{t+j/M}\right)^2 - 2\nu\right)^2\right) \\ &= \frac{l^2}{4M^2} \sum_{j=1}^{M-1} \mathbb{E}\left(\left(\epsilon_{t+(j+1)/M} - \epsilon_{t+j/M}\right)^2 - 2\nu\right)^2 \\ &\quad + \frac{l^2}{2M^2} \sum_{j=1}^{M-1} \mathbb{E}\left(\left(\left(\epsilon_{t+(j+1)/M} - \epsilon_{t+j/M}\right)^2 - 2\nu\right)\left(\left(Y_{t+j/M} - Y_{t+(j-1)/M}\right)^2\right)\right) \\ &= O\left(\frac{l^2}{M}\right). \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, the second term

$$\begin{aligned} \text{var}\left(RV_{t,l,M}^u - RV_{t,l,M}^{*,avg}\right) &= \text{var}\left(\frac{1}{B} \sum_{b=0}^B \sum_{j=b+1}^{M-(B-b-1)} \left(\left(\epsilon_{t+(j+1)B/M} - \epsilon_{t+jB/M}\right)^2 - 2\nu\right)\right) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{B} \sum_{b=0}^B \sum_{j=b+1}^{M-(B-b-1)} \left(\epsilon_{t+(j+1)B/M} - \epsilon_{t+jB/M}\right) \left(Y_{t+(j+1)B/M} - Y_{t+jB/M}\right) \end{aligned} \quad (54)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{var}\left(\frac{1}{B} \sum_{b=0}^B \sum_{j=b+1}^{M-(B-b-1)} \left(\left(\epsilon_{t+(j+1)B/M} - \epsilon_{t+jB/M}\right)^2 - 2\nu\right)\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{B^2} \sum_{b=0}^B \sum_{j=b+1}^{M-(B-b-1)} \mathbb{E}\left(\left(\left(\epsilon_{t+(j+1)B/M} - \epsilon_{t+jB/M}\right)^2 - 2\nu\right)^2\right) \\ &\quad + \frac{2}{B^2} \sum_{b=0}^B \sum_{j=b+1}^{M-(B-b-1)} \mathbb{E}\left(\left(\left(\epsilon_{t+(j+1)B/M} - \epsilon_{t+jB/M}\right)^2 - 2\nu\right)\left(\left(\epsilon_{t+jB/M} - \epsilon_{t+(j-1)B/M}\right)^2 - 2\nu\right)\right) \\ &= O\left(\frac{l}{B}\right). \end{aligned} \quad (55)$$

Also note that

$$\text{var}\left(\frac{1}{B} \sum_{b=0}^B \sum_{j=b+1}^{M-(B-b-1)} \left(\epsilon_{t+(j+1)B/M} - \epsilon_{t+jB/M}\right) \left(Y_{t+(j+1)B/M} - Y_{t+jB/M}\right)\right)$$

and the covariance term obtained expanding (54) are of a smaller order than the variance term in (55). Finally

$$\text{var}\left(RV_{t,l,M}^{*,avg} - IV_t\right) = O(l^{-1}),$$

by the same argument used in the proof of Proposition 1 and noting that the discrete interval in the present context is l^{-1} . The covariance terms in (53) are of smaller order given that the noise is independent of the price process. Thus, A1(ii) is satisfied for $b_M = M^{1/3}$, given $l = O(M^{1/3})$ and $B = O(M^{2/3})$.

As for A1(iv-b), for all $t \neq s$

$$\mathbb{E} \left(\left(\widehat{RV}_{t,l,M}^u - RV_{t,l,M}^u \right) \left(\widehat{RV}_{s,l,M}^u - RV_{s,l,M}^u \right) \right) = 0$$

$$\mathbb{E} \left(\left(RV_{t,l,M}^u - RV_{t,l,M}^{*,avg} \right) \left(RV_{s,l,M}^u - RV_{s,l,M}^{*,avg} \right) \right) = 0$$

given that $\epsilon_{t+i/M}$ is i.i.d. and is independent of the price process, and

$$\mathbb{E} \left(\left(RV_{t,l,M}^{*,avg} - IV_t \right) \left(RV_{s,l,M}^{*,avg} - IV_s \right) \right) = 0$$

by the same argument used in the proof of Proposition 1. Thus, A1(iv-b) is satisfied.

Finally, $M^{4/6} N_{t,M}^4 = O_p(1)$, given that $M^{1/6} N_{t,M}$ converges in distribution (see Theorem 4 in Zhang, Mykland & Ait Sahalia, 2003), and so A1(iii) holds for $b_M = M^{1/3}$. ■

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