



Mixed-frequency quantile regressions to forecast value-at-risk and expected shortfall

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Abstract

Although quantile regression to calculate risk measures is widely established in the financial literature, when considering data observed at mixed-frequency, an extension is needed. In this paper, a model is built on a mixed-frequency quantile regressions to directly estimate the Value-at-Risk (VaR) and the Expected Shortfall (ES) measures. In particular, the low-frequency component incorporates information coming from variables observed at, typically, monthly or lower frequencies, while the high-frequency component can include a variety of daily variables, like market indices or realized volatility measures. The conditions for the weak stationarity of the daily return process are derived and the finite sample properties are investigated in an extensive Monte Carlo exercise. The validity of the proposed model is then explored through a real data application using two energy commodities, namely, Crude Oil and Gasoline futures. Results show that our model outperforms other competing specifications, on the basis of some popular VaR and ES backtesting test procedures.

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1 Introduction

Risk management has spurred a vast literature in financial econometrics to meet the challenges imposed by the Basel-II and Basel-III agreements and develop model-based approaches to calculate regulatory capital requirements (Kinateder, 2016) in a forecasting perspective. For *tail market risk*, special attention was devoted to the Value-at-Risk (VaR) measure at a given confidence level τ , $\text{VaR}(\tau)$, defined as the worst portfolio value movement (return) to be expected at $1 - \tau$ probability over a specific horizon (Jorion, 1997). The VaR measure is complemented by another tail risk measure called Expected Shortfall (ES), defined as the conditional expectation of returns in excess of the VaR (see Acerbi & Tasche, 2002a, Rockafellar & Uryasev, 2002, among others). Unlike VaR, ES is a coherent risk measure (Artzner et al., 1999; Acerbi & Tasche, 2002b) and provides deeper information on the shape and the heaviness of the tail in the loss distribution. Together, such measures represent the most popular benchmark in the risk management practice (Christoffersen & Gonçalves, 2005; Sarykalin et al., 2008).

Being the τ -quantile of a portfolio return distribution, the $\text{VaR}(\tau)$ can be predicted as the product of the portfolio volatility forecast times the quantile of the hypothesized distribution. For the first component, volatility clustering, modeled by conditionally autoregressive models (such as the ARCH/GARCH - Engle, 1982; Bollerslev, 1986), produces good forecasts capable of reproducing well known stylized facts of financial time series, including skewed behavior and fat tails (Cont, 2001, Engle & Patton, 2001, among others). Further improvements were made possible by the direct predictability of realized measures of financial volatility (Andersen et al., 2006b). While a choice of a specific parametric distribution for the innovation term may be uninformative for model parameter estimation (Bollerslev & Wooldridge, 1992), unless a few extreme events (e.g. the Flash Crash of May 2005 or the presence of outliers, Carnero et al., 2012) occur, a wrong choice of distribution for the innovation term delivers inaccurate quantiles and hence an inadequate $\text{VaR}(\tau)$ forecasting: see for example Manganelli and Engle (2001) and El Ghourabi et al. (2016).

As an alternative, the $\text{VaR}(\tau)$ can be directly derived through quantile regression methods (Koenker & Bassett, 1978; Engle & Manganelli, 2004) where no distributional hypothesis is required. A first suggestion in this direction comes from Koenker and Zhao (1996) who use quantile regression for a particular class of ARCH models, i.e., the Linear ARCH models (Taylor, 1986), chosen for its ease of tractability in deriving theoretical properties. Subsequent refinements are, for instance, Xiao and Koenker (2009), Lee and Noh (2013), Zheng et al. (2018) for GARCH models, Noh and Lee (2016) who consider asymmetry, Chen et al. (2012) who consider nonlinear regression quantile approach with intra-day price, Bayer (2018) who combines VaR forecasts via penalized quantile regressions, Taylor (2019) who considers the Asymmetric Laplace distribution to jointly estimate VaR and ES and the multivariate generalization of Merlo et al. (2021).

A relatively recent stream of literature investigates the value of information provided by data available at both high- and low-frequency incorporated into the same model in assessing the dynamics of financial market activity: this is the case of the GARCH-MIDAS model proposed by Engle et al. (2013) (building on the MI(xed)-DA(ta) Sampling approach by Ghysels et al., 2007), the regime switching GARCH-MIDAS of Pan et al. (2017), the recent paper by Xu et al. (2021) who consider a MIDAS component in the Conditional Autoregressive Value-at-Risk (CAViAR) of Engle and Manganelli (2004), the work of Pan et al. (2021) where the parameters of the GARCH-MIDAS models for jointly calculating VaR and ES are obtained through the loss function of Fissler and Ziegel (2016), and the

contribution of Xu et al. (2022) who calculate the weekly tail risks of three market indices using information from daily variables.

The main contribution of this paper is a novel Mixed-Frequency Quantile Regression model (MF-QR, extending Koenker & Zhao, 1996): we show how the constant term in the quantile regression can be written as a function of data sampled at lower frequencies (and hence becomes a low-frequency component), while the high-frequency component is regulated by the daily data. As a result, with the aim of capturing dependence on the business cycle, we benefit from the information contained in low-frequency variables (cf. Mo et al., 2018, Conrad & Loch, 2015, among others), and we achieve a rather flexible representation of volatility dynamics. Since both components enter additively, our model can be seen as a quantile model version of the Component GARCH by Engle and Lee (1999).

In the proposed model, we also include a predetermined variable observed daily, typically a realized measure: this adds the “ $-X$ ” component in the resulting MF-QR- X model. This variable can capture extra information useful in modeling and forecasting future volatility and may improve the accuracy of tail risk forecasts. Such a use in the quantile regression framework is not new in itself: the paper by Gerlach and Wang (2020) jointly forecasts VaR and ES and Zhu et al. (2021) predict VaR by adopting a GARCH- X model for the volatility term. Also the work of Žikeš and Baruník (2016) uses the realized measures in the context of quantile regressions to investigate the features of conditional quantiles of realized volatility and asset returns.

The proposed MF-QR- X specification and its nested alternatives (including the QR version of Koenker and Zhao 1996) belong to the class of semi-parametric models, without resorting to restrictive assumptions about the error term distribution and are able to calculate the VaR directly. Such a model can also jointly forecast the VaR and ES via the Asymmetric Laplace distribution as proposed by Taylor (2019).

From a theoretical point of view, we provide the conditions for the weak stationarity of the daily return process suggested. The finite sample properties are investigated through an extensive Monte Carlo exercise. The empirical application is carried out on the VaR and ES predictive capability for two energy commodities, the West Texas Intermediate (WTI) Crude Oil¹ and the Reformulated Blendstock for Oxygenate Blending (RBOB) Gasoline futures, both observed daily. The period under investigation starts on January 2010 and ends on July 2022, covering both the Covid-19 pandemic and some consequences of the Russian aggression of Ukraine. The competing models consist of many common parametric, semi-parametric and non-parametric choices. Some parametric models like the GARCH-MIDAS use the same low-frequency variable employed in the proposed MF-QR- X specification. Given our empirical interest in evaluating risks related to energy commodities, a relevant choice for such a variable is the geopolitical risk (GPR) index proposed by Caldara and Iacoviello (2022), observed monthly.² The resulting VaR and ES predictions are evaluated in- and out-of-sample, according to the customary backtesting procedures: our out-of-sample period starts on January 2017 and ends on July 2022, and the VaR and ES forecasts are obtained using a rolling window that updates the parameter estimates every five, ten and twenty days. The results show that our MF-QR- X outperforms all the other competing models considered, proving the merits of resorting to a mixed-frequency source of information. The useful contribution of a low-frequency variable in a risk management perspective thus lies in

¹ The VaR and ES of this commodity have been recently investigated by Kuang (2022)

² The monthly GPR index we use is built through an automated text-search on the articles of ten newspapers in relationship to eight risk categories. Such an index has been extensively used in many recent contributions concerning oil volatility (see, for instance, Liu et al., 2019, Mei et al., 2020, Qin et al., 2020, among others).

its capability of capturing secular movements in the conditional distributions related to risk factors slowly shifting through time.

The rest of the paper is organized as follows. In Sect. 2 we introduce the notation and the basis for a dynamic model for the VaR and ES and we provide details of the conditional quantile regression approach. Section 3 presents our MF-QR-X model. Section 4 is devoted to the Monte Carlo experiment. Section 5 details the backtesting procedures. Section 6 illustrates the empirical application. Conclusions follow.

2 Approaches to VaR and ES estimation

For the purposes of this paper we will adopt a double time index, i, t , where $t = 1, \dots, T$ scans a low frequency time scale (i.e., monthly) and $i = 1, \dots, N_t$ identifies the day of the month, with a varying number of days N_t in the month t , and an overall number N of daily observations $N = \sum_{t=1}^T N_t$. Let the daily returns $r_{i,t}$ be, as customarily defined, the log-first differences of prices of an asset or a market index, and let the information available at time i, t be $\mathcal{F}_{i,t}$. In what follows, we are interested in the conditional distribution of returns, with the assumption:

$$r_{i,t} = \sigma_{i,t} z_{i,t} \quad \text{with } t = 1, \dots, T, i = 1, \dots, N_t, \quad (1)$$

where $z_{i,t} \stackrel{iid}{\sim} (0, 1)$ have a cumulative distribution function denoted by $F(\cdot)$. The zero conditional mean assumption in Eq. (1) is not restrictive; in fact, when explicitly modeled, such a conditional mean is very close to zero, consistently with the market efficiency hypothesis.

Based on this setup, the conditional (one-step-ahead) VaR for day i, t at τ level ($VaR_{i,t}(\tau)$) for $r_{i,t}$ is defined as

$$Pr(r_{i,t} < VaR_{i,t}(\tau) | \mathcal{F}_{i-1,t}) = \tau,$$

i.e., the τ -th conditional quantile of the series $r_{i,t}$, given $\mathcal{F}_{i-1,t}$; consequently, we can write

$$VaR_{i,t}(\tau) \equiv Q_{r_{i,t}}(\tau | \mathcal{F}_{i-1,t}) = \sigma_{i,t} F^{-1}(\tau), \quad (2)$$

where $F^{-1}(\tau) = \inf \{z_{i,t} : F(z_{i,t}) \geq \tau\}$. For a given τ , the traditional volatility-quantile approach to estimate the $VaR_{i,t}(\tau)$ is thus based on modeling $\sigma_{i,t}$ from a dynamic model of either the conditional variance of returns (following Engle, 1982, Bollerslev, 1986) or as a conditional expectation of a realized measure (Andersen et al., 2006a) and retrieving the constant $F^{-1}(\tau)$ either parametrically or nonparametrically. In either case, from an empirical point of view, it turns out that distribution tests mostly reject specific parametric choices, and that using the empirical distributions is prone to bias/variance problems and lack of stability through time.

Alternatively, we can estimate $Q_{r_{i,t}}(\tau | \mathcal{F}_{i-1,t})$ directly using a quantile regression approach (Koenker & Bassett, 1978; Engle & Manganelli, 2004) which has become a widely used technique in many theoretical problems and empirical applications. While classical regression aims at estimating the mean of a variable of interest conditioned to regressors, quantile regression provides a way to model the conditional quantiles of a response variable with respect to a set of covariates in order to have a more robust and complete picture of the entire conditional distribution. This approach is quite suitable to be used in all the situations where specific features, like skewness, fat-tails, outliers, truncation, censoring and heteroskedasticity are present. The basic idea behind the quantile regression approach, as shown by Koenker and Bassett (1978), is that the τ -th quantile of a variable of interest (in

our case $r_{i,t}$), conditional on the information set $\mathcal{F}_{i-1,t}$, can be directly expressed as a linear combination of a $q + 1$ vector of variables $x_{i-1,t}$ (including a constant term), with parameters Θ_τ , that is:

$$Q_{r_{i,t}}(\tau | \mathcal{F}_{i-1,t}) = x'_{i-1,t} \Theta_\tau. \quad (3)$$

An estimator for the $(q + 1)$ vector of coefficients Θ_τ is obtained minimizing a suitable loss function (also known as check function):

$$\hat{\Theta}_\tau = \arg \min_{\Theta} \sum \rho_\tau(r_{i,t} - x'_{i-1,t} \Theta_\tau), \quad (4)$$

with $\rho_\tau(u) = u(\tau - \mathbb{1}(u < 0))$, where $\mathbb{1}(\cdot)$ denotes an indicator function. In our context, the advantage of such an approach is to avoid the need to specify the distribution of $z_{i,t}$ in Eq. (1), either parametrically or nonparametrically.

Following the approach by Koenker and Zhao (1996), we assume a dependence of $\sigma_{i,t}$ on past absolute values of returns:

$$\sigma_{i,t} = \beta_0 + \beta_1|r_{i-1,t}| + \dots + \beta_q|r_{i-q,t}|, \quad \text{with } t = 1, \dots, T, i = 1, \dots, N_t, \quad (5)$$

with $0 < \beta_0 < \infty, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_q \geq 0$. Thus, substituting the generic term $x_{i-1,t}$ in Eq. (3) with the specific vector in Eq. (5), we have

$$\sigma_{i,t} = (1, |r_{i-1,t}|, \dots, |r_{i-q,t}|)' (\beta_0, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_q) = x'_{i-1,t} \Theta. \quad (6)$$

Such an approach turns out to be convenient, since it allows for a direct comparability of the two setups to estimate the $\text{VaR}(\tau)$ in Eq. (2):

$$\text{VaR}_{i,t}(\tau) = \begin{cases} x'_{i-1,t} \Theta F^{-1}(\tau) & \text{volatility-quantile} \\ x'_{i-1,t} \Theta_\tau & \text{conditional quantile regression,} \end{cases} \quad (7)$$

which establishes the equivalence $\Theta F^{-1}(\tau) = \Theta_\tau$ which will prove useful later in our Monte Carlo simulations. Moreover, as also pointed out by Koenker and Zhao (1996), what we estimate in the conditional quantile regression framework are the parameters in Θ_τ , which are different from the parameters included in Θ of the volatility-quantile context. While the parameters in Θ are constrained to be non-negative, the parameters in Θ_τ may be negative depending on the value of τ . The volatility-quantile and conditional quantile regression options in Eq. (7) give rise to the so-called parametric and semi-parametric models for the VaR, respectively. Alternatively, the most prominent example of a non-parametric approach to derive the VaR is the Historical Simulation (HS - Hendricks, 1996). The HS model calculates this risk measure as the empirical quantile over a window of returns with length w , that is:

$$\text{VaR}_{i,t}(\tau) = Q_{r_{i,t}^w}(\tau), \quad (8)$$

where $r_{i,t}^w = (r_{i-w,t}, r_{i-w+1,t}, \dots, r_{i-1,t})$.

The linear representation in (5) can be further justified by noting that the term $\sigma_{i,t}$ defining the volatility of returns can also be seen as the conditional expectation of absolute returns in the Multiplicative Error Model representation used by Engle and Gallo (2006):

$$|r_{i,t}| = \sigma_{i,t} \eta_{i,t}. \quad (9)$$

The term $\eta_{i,t}$ is an i.i.d. innovation with non-negative support and unit expectation, and the Eq. (9) can be used to derive an estimate of the VaR. The representation in (5) can also be seen as a simple and convenient nonlinear autoregressive model for $|r_{i,t}|$ with multiplicative errors, which we hold as the maintained base specification to explore the merits of our proposal. Moreover, this lays the grounds for extending the approach, using other specifications for

$\sigma_{i,t}$ in Eq. (5) as functions of past volatility-related observable variables. For example, as an alternative, we can consider:

$$\sigma_{i,t} = \omega + \alpha_1 r v_{i-1,t} + \dots + \alpha_q r v_{i-q,t}, \quad \text{with } t = 1, \dots, T, i = 1, \dots, N_t,$$

with $r v_{i,t}$ the daily realized volatility.

A similar framework can be adopted to calculate the ES, following, again, the same parametric, non-parametric and semi-parametric approaches as before. The parametric models with Gaussian error distribution calculate the ES through:

$$ES_{i,t}(\tau) = -h_{i,t}^{1/2} \frac{\phi(\Phi^{-1}(\tau))}{\tau}, \quad (10)$$

where $h_{i,t}$ is the conditional variance, $\phi(\cdot)$ and $\Phi^{-1}(\tau)$ are the probability density function (PDF) and quantile function of the standard Gaussian distribution, respectively. The parametric models with Student's t error distribution calculate the ES via:

$$ES_{i,t}(\tau) = -h_{i,t}^{1/2} \left(\frac{g_\nu(G_\nu^{-1}(\tau))}{\tau} \right) \left(\frac{\nu + (G_\nu^{-1}(\tau))^2}{\nu - 1} \right) \sqrt{\frac{\nu - 2}{\nu}}, \quad (11)$$

where g_ν and $G_\nu^{-1}(\tau)$ are the PDF and quantile function of the Student's t with ν degrees of freedom, respectively.

The HS calculates the ES as follows:

$$ES_{i,t}(\tau) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^w r_{t-w-1+i} \mathbb{1}_{(r_{t-w-1+i} \leq VaR_{i,t}(\tau))}}{\sum_{i=1}^w \mathbb{1}_{(r_{t-w-1+i} \leq VaR_{i,t}(\tau))}}, \quad (12)$$

where $VaR_{i,t}(\tau)$ is the VaR obtained through Eq. (8).

Following Taylor (2019), the quantile regression framework allows to jointly estimate the VaR and ES by maximizing the following Asymmetric Laplace density (ALD), that is:

$$f(r_{i,t} | VaR_{i,t}(\tau), \tau) = \frac{\tau - 1}{ES_{i,t}(\tau)} \exp \left(\frac{(r_{i,t} - VaR_{i,t}(\tau)) (\tau - \mathbb{1}_{(r_{i,t} \leq VaR_{i,t}(\tau))})}{\tau ES_{i,t}(\tau)} \right), \quad (13)$$

where the ES in (13) is calculated as:

$$ES_{i,t}(\tau) = (1 + \exp(\gamma_{ES})) VaR_{i,t}(\tau). \quad (14)$$

We now move to the introduction of our MIDAS extension to the model in (5) in a quantile regression framework, taking advantage of the well-known predictive power of low-frequency variables for the volatility observed at a daily frequency (e.g. Conrad & Kleen, 2020). We also add an “-X” term to the proposed specification. This additional high-frequency variable could be a lagged realized measure of volatility (see also Gerlach & Wang, 2020, within a CAViAR context), in order to add the informational content of a more accurate measure to the volatility dynamics, or a volatility index, like the VIX, or even accommodate asymmetric effects associated to negative returns.

3 The MF-QR-X model

3.1 Model specification and properties

In order to take advantage of the information coming from variable(s) observed at different frequency, we introduce a low-frequency component in model (5). This low-frequency term

represents a one-sided filter of K lagged realizations of a given variable MV_t (any low-frequency variable), through a weighting function $\delta(\omega)$, where $\omega = (\omega_1, \omega_2)$. Our resulting Mixed-Frequency Quantile Regression (MF-QR) model becomes:

$$r_{i,t} = \left[\left(\beta_0 + \theta \left| \sum_{k=1}^K \delta_k(\omega) MV_{t-k} \right| \right) + (\beta_1|r_{i-1,t}| + \dots + \beta_q|r_{i-q,t}|) \right] z_{i,t} \quad (15)$$

$$\equiv [(\beta_0 + \theta|WS_{t-1}|) + (\beta_1|r_{i-1,t}| + \dots + \beta_q|r_{i-q,t}|)] z_{i,t}, \quad (16)$$

where the parameter θ represents the impact of the weighted summation of the K past realizations of MV_t , observed at each period t , that is, $WS_{t-1} = \sum_{k=1}^K \delta_k(\omega) MV_{t-k}$. The importance of each lagged realization of MV_t depends on $\delta(\omega)$, which can be assumed as a Beta or Exponential Almon lag function (see, for instance, Ghysels & Qian, 2019). Here we use the former function, that is:

$$\delta_k(\omega) = \frac{(k/K)^{\omega_1-1} (1 - k/K)^{\omega_2-1}}{\sum_{j=1}^K (j/K)^{\omega_1-1} (1 - j/K)^{\omega_2-1}}. \quad (17)$$

Equation (17) is a rather flexible function able to accommodate various weighting schemes. Here we follow the literature and give a larger weight to the most recent observations, that is, we set $\omega_1 = 1$ and $\omega_2 \geq 1$. The resulting weights $\delta_k(\omega)$ are at least zero and at most one, and their sum equals one, so that $\sum_{k=1}^K \delta_k(\omega) MV_{t-k}$ is an affine combination of $(MV_{t-1}, \dots, MV_{t-K})$.

In order to refine the VaR dynamics in our model, we include a predetermined variable $X_{i,t}$, so that we can explore the empirical merits of such an extended specification, already present in the GARCH and MEM literature (Han & Kristensen, 2015; Engle & Gallo, 2006). Such a variable may be the realized volatility of the asset or a market volatility index (see the use of the VIX in Amendola et al., 2021, among others). The resulting eXtended Mixed-Frequency Quantile Regression model, labelled MF-QR-X, becomes:

$$r_{i,t} = [(\beta_0 + \theta|WS_{t-1}|) + (\beta_1|r_{i-1,t}| + \dots + \beta_q|r_{i-q,t}| + \beta_x|X_{i-1,t}|)] z_{i,t}. \quad (18)$$

In either Eqs. (16) or (18), the first component (including the constant) depends only on the low-frequency term (changing at every t , according to the term WS_{t-1}), while the second comprises variables changing daily (i.e., every i, t) and include lagged returns and the high-frequency term. In such a representation, the two components enter additively, in the spirit of the component model of Engle and Lee (1999):

$$r_{i,t} = [\sigma_t^{LF} + \sigma_{i,t}^{HF}] z_{i,t}, \quad (19)$$

which, for the MF-QR-X model, becomes

$$r_{i,t} = \left[\underbrace{(\beta_0 + \theta|WS_{t-1}|)}_{\sigma_t^{LF}} + \underbrace{(\beta_1|r_{i-1,t}| + \dots + \beta_q|r_{i-q,t}| + \beta_x|X_{i-1,t}|)}_{\sigma_{i,t}^{HF}} \right] z_{i,t}. \quad (20)$$

In the following theorem we show that, under mild conditions, the process in (20) is weakly stationary:

Theorem 1 *Let MV_t and $X_{i,t}$ be weakly stationary processes. Assume that $\beta_0 > 0$, $\beta_1, \dots, \beta_q, \beta_x \geq 0$ and $\theta \geq 0$. Let $z^* \equiv (E|z_{i,t}|^p)^{1/p} < \infty$, for $p = \{1, 2\}$ and the polynomial*

$$\phi(\lambda) = z^* (\beta_1 \lambda^{q+1} + \beta_2 \lambda^q + \dots + \beta_q \lambda^{q-2}) - \lambda^{q+2} \quad (21)$$

has all roots λ inside the unit circle. Then the process $r_{i,t}$ in (20) is weakly stationary.

Proof: see ‘‘Appendix A’’.

3.2 Inference on the MF-QR-X Model

In order to make inference on the MF-QR-X model, we need to solve Eq. (4) where

$$x_{i-1,t} = (1, |WS_{t-1}|, |r_{i-1,t}|, \dots, |r_{i-q,t}|, |X_{i-1,t}|)' \quad (22)$$

$$\Theta_\tau = (\beta_{0,\tau}, \theta_\tau, \beta_{1,\tau}, \dots, \beta_{q,\tau}, \beta_{X,\tau}). \quad (23)$$

The estimation of the vector Θ_τ is encumbered by the fact that the mixed-frequency term WS_{t-1} is not observable, as it depends on the unknown ω_2 parameter of the weighting function $\delta_k(\omega)$, also to be estimated. To make estimation feasible, we resort to the expedient of profiling out³ the parameter ω_2 , through a two-step procedure: we first fix ω_2 at an initial arbitrary value, say $\omega_2^{(b)}$, which turns the vector $x_{i-1,t}$ into a completely observable counterpart, in short $x_{i-1,t}^{(b)}$. This gives a solution to the minimization of the loss function, which is dependent on $\omega_2^{(b)}$, that is,

$$\widehat{\Theta}_\tau(\omega_2^{(b)}) \equiv \widehat{\Theta}_\tau^{(b)} = \arg \min_{\Theta_\tau} \sum \rho_\tau \left(r_{i,t} - \left(x_{i-1,t}^{(b)} \right)' \Theta_\tau \right). \quad (24)$$

This procedure is repeated over a grid of B values for ω_2 , so that we have $\left\{ \widehat{\Theta}_\tau^{(b)} \right\}_{b=1}^B$, and the chosen overall estimator is $\left(\widehat{\omega}_2^*, \widehat{\Theta}_\tau^{(*)} \right)$, corresponding to the smallest overall value of the loss function.

Accordingly, the MF-QR-X estimator of the VaR is

$$\widehat{Q}_{r_{i,t}}(\tau | \mathcal{F}_{i-1,t}) = \left(x_{i-1,t}^{(*)} \right)' \widehat{\Theta}_\tau^{(*)}. \quad (25)$$

Summarizing, the proposed MF-QR-X is thus a flexible VaR model not requiring any distributional assumptions for the error term and accommodating both low-frequency and high-frequency additional variables. In Sect. 6, we will elaborate on its capability to jointly estimate the VaR and ES, adopting the approach proposed by Taylor (2019).

To obtain reliable VaR and ES estimates in our model (25), an important issue is the choice of the optimal number of lags q for the daily absolute returns in Eq. (5). To that end, we select the lag order suggested by a sequential likelihood ratio (LR) test on individual lagged coefficients (see also Koener & Machado, 1999). In particular, for a given τ , at each step j of the testing sequence over a range of J values, we compare the unrestricted model where the number of lags is set equal to j (labelled U, with an associated loss function $V_{U,\tau}^{(j)}$), against a restricted model where the number of lags is $j - 1$ (labelled R, with an associated loss function $V_{R,\tau}^{(j-1)}$). In this setup, the null hypothesis of interest is

$$H_0 : \beta_j = 0, \quad (26)$$

i.e., the coefficient on the most remote lag is zero. The procedure starts contrasting a lag-1 model against a model with just a constant, then a lag-2 against a lag-1, and so on.

³ A profiling out strategy was used by Engle et al. (2013) for the parameter K in the GARCH-MIDAS model.

Table 1 Percentage of rejection of the LR test for the null $\beta_j = 0$

N	VaR coverage								
	$\tau = 0.01$			$\tau = 0.05$			$\tau = 0.1$		
	1250	2500	5000	1250	2500	5000	1250	2500	5000
$\beta_1 = 0$	99.56	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
$\beta_2 = 0$	97.66	100.00	100.00	99.88	100.00	100.00	99.82	100.00	100.00
$\beta_3 = 0$	85.76	99.14	100.00	95.60	99.94	100.00	94.34	99.86	100.00
$\beta_4 = 0$	52.88	82.84	98.44	69.36	93.16	99.70	65.78	90.70	99.58
$\beta_5 = 0$	4.46	4.98	4.90	5.38	6.30	6.56	6.40	6.34	6.56
$\beta_6 = 0$	4.86	5.24	5.00	5.14	5.56	5.80	5.16	5.58	5.92

The table presents the percentage of rejection for the null in the first column, across all the Monte Carlo replicates, for three different configurations of N and τ

For a given τ , at each step j , we calculate the test statistic

$$LR_{\tau}^{(j)} = \frac{2 \left(V_{R,\tau}^{(j-1)} - V_{U,\tau}^{(j)} \right)}{\tau (1 - \tau) s(\tau)}, \tag{27}$$

where $s(\tau)$ is the so-called sparsity function estimated accordingly to Siddiqui (1960) and Koenker and Zhao (1996). Under the adopted configuration, $LR_{\tau}^{(j)}$ is asymptotically distributed as a χ_1^2 , so that we select q to be the last value of j in the sequence, for which we reject the null hypothesis.

4 Monte Carlo simulation

The finite sample properties of the sequential test and of the estimator of the MF-QR model⁴ can be investigated by means of a Monte Carlo experiment. In what follows we consider $R = 5000$ replications of the data generating process (DGP):

$$r_{i,t} = (\beta_0 + \theta |W S_{t-1}| + \beta_1 |r_{i-1,t}| + \beta_2 |r_{i-2,t}| + \beta_3 |r_{i-3,t}| + \beta_4 |r_{i-4,t}|) z_{i,t},$$

where we assume a $\mathcal{N}(0, 1)$ distribution for $z_{i,t}$ and we set to zero the relevant initial values for $r_{i,t}$. Moreover, the stationary variable MV_t entering the weighted sum $W S_{t-1}$ is assumed to be drawn from an autoregressive AR(1) process $MV_t = \varphi MV_{t-1} + e_t$, with $\varphi = 0.7$ and the error term e_t following a Skewed t -distribution (Hansen, 1994), with degrees of freedom $df = 7$ and skewing parameter $sp = -6$. The frequency of MV_t is monthly and $K = 24$. The values of the parameters (collected in a vector Θ) are detailed in the first column of the Tables 2, 3 and 4. For the simulation exercise we consider $N = 1250$, $N = 2500$ and $N = 5000$ observations, to mimic realistic daily samples. Having fixed $K = 24$ (that is, two years of monthly data), the number of daily observations should be large enough to allows for model estimation. In our case, we set this limit to 1250 daily observations. Finally, three different levels of the VaR coverage level τ are chosen: 0.01, 0.05, and 0.10.

In the Monte Carlo experiment, we start by evaluating the features of the LR test for the lag selection in Eq. (27). To that end, we test sequentially $H_0 : \beta_j = 0$ over J steps at

⁴ For simplicity, we have focused here on the case without the “-X” component.

Table 2 Monte Carlo estimates, $\tau = 0.01$

	True Θ	$\overline{\Theta}$ $N = 1250$	MSE	$\overline{\Theta}$ $N = 2500$	MSE	$\overline{\Theta}$ $N = 5000$	MSE
β_0	0.050	0.079	0.040	0.064	0.019	0.058	0.009
θ	0.125	0.124	0.013	0.126	0.007	0.125	0.003
β_1	0.300	0.286	0.009	0.292	0.005	0.296	0.002
β_2	0.250	0.236	0.008	0.242	0.004	0.246	0.002
β_3	0.200	0.187	0.008	0.194	0.004	0.196	0.002
β_4	0.150	0.143	0.007	0.146	0.004	0.149	0.002
ω_2	2.000	1.993	0.010	1.991	0.010	1.984	0.010

The first column shows the true values of the Θ coefficients in the DGP. Simulations were replicated 5000 times, according to three different window lengths: $N = 1250$, $N = 2500$, and $N = 5000$. Columns $\overline{\Theta}$ report the averages of the estimated parameters across replications. Columns labeled *MSE* refer to the Mean Square Error of the estimated coefficients relative to the true values

Table 3 Monte Carlo estimates, $\tau = 0.05$

	True Θ	$\overline{\Theta}$ $N = 1250$	MSE	$\overline{\Theta}$ $N = 2500$	MSE	$\overline{\Theta}$ $N = 5000$	MSE
β_0	0.050	0.066	0.025	0.057	0.012	0.053	0.006
θ	0.125	0.123	0.008	0.125	0.004	0.125	0.002
β_1	0.300	0.294	0.006	0.297	0.003	0.299	0.002
β_2	0.250	0.242	0.006	0.246	0.003	0.248	0.001
β_3	0.200	0.195	0.005	0.196	0.003	0.198	0.001
β_4	0.150	0.146	0.005	0.148	0.002	0.149	0.001
ω_2	2.000	1.991	0.010	1.985	0.010	1.977	0.009

The first column shows the true values of the Θ coefficients in the DGP. Simulations were replicated 5000 times, according to three different window lengths: $N = 1250$, $N = 2500$, and $N = 5000$. Columns $\overline{\Theta}$ report the averages of the estimated parameters across replications. Columns labeled *MSE* refer to the Mean Square Error of the estimated coefficients relative to the true values

a significance level α . Since the DGP is a fourth-order process, we expect to have a high rejection rate when the null involves a zero restriction on coefficients β_j , $j = 1, \dots, 4$. In order to confirm the expected low rate of rejections, we extend the sequence of testing of further β_j 's, up to $J = 6$.

Looking at the Table 1, where we report the percentages of rejections for different VaR coverage levels $\tau = 0.01, 0.05, 0.1$ at the nominal significance level of $\alpha = 5\%$ across replications, we validate the good behavior of the test. Overall, the sequential test procedure satisfactorily identifies the number of lags to be included in the MF-QR model, with the performance improving with the number of observations, especially for $H_0 : \beta_4 = 0$; for the latter case, the percentage of rejections of the null increases considerably across coverage levels when $N = 5000$.

Turning to the small sample properties of our estimator, the evaluation is done in terms of the original coefficients in the DGP, collected in the vector $\Theta = (\beta_0, \theta, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_q)$, using

Table 4 Monte Carlo estimates, $\tau = 0.1$

	True Θ	$\bar{\Theta}$ $N = 1250$	MSE	$\bar{\Theta}$ $N = 2500$	MSE	$\bar{\Theta}$ $N = 5000$	MSE
β_0	0.050	0.063	0.026	0.057	0.013	0.053	0.006
θ	0.125	0.124	0.009	0.124	0.004	0.125	0.002
β_1	0.300	0.296	0.006	0.297	0.003	0.299	0.002
β_2	0.250	0.244	0.006	0.246	0.003	0.248	0.002
β_3	0.200	0.196	0.006	0.198	0.003	0.199	0.002
β_4	0.150	0.145	0.005	0.148	0.003	0.149	0.001
ω_2	2.000	1.992	0.010	1.986	0.010	1.979	0.009

The first column shows the true values of the Θ coefficients in the DGP. Simulations were replicated 5000 times, according to three different window lengths: $N = 1250$, $N = 2500$, and $N = 5000$. Columns $\bar{\Theta}$ report the averages of the estimated parameters across replications. Columns labeled *MSE* refer to the Mean Square Error of the estimated coefficients relative to the true values

the relationship with the quantile regression parameters Θ_τ , i.e., $\Theta = \Theta_\tau / F^{-1}(\tau)$.⁵ In Tables 2, 3 and 4 we report the Monte Carlo averages of the parameters ($\hat{\Theta}$) across replications for three levels of τ , and the estimated Mean Squared Errors relative to the true values.

Overall, the proposed model presents good finite sample properties: independently of the τ level chosen, for small sample sizes, the estimates appear, in general, slightly biased, although, reassuringly, the MSE of the estimates relative to the true values always decreases as the sample period increases.

5 Model evaluation

In order to evaluate the quality of the tail risk estimates we can resort to a set of tests suitable to the needs of risk management. Above all, the backtesting procedure is very popular in evaluating risk measure performance (see the reviews of Campbell, 2006, Nieto & Ruiz, 2016, among others). For our model we use the Actual over Expected (AE) exceedance ratio and five other tests in this class: the Unconditional Coverage (UC, Kupiec, 1995), the Conditional Coverage (CC, Christoffersen, 1998), and the Dynamic Quantile (DQ, Engle & Manganelli, 2004) tests for the VaR and the UC and CC tests for the ES (Acerbi & Szekely, 2014).

The AE exceedance ratio is the number of times that the VaR measures have been violated over the expected VaR violations. The closer to one the ratio, the better is the model to forecast VaRs. The UC test is a *LR*-based test, where the null hypothesis assesses whether the actual frequency of VaR violations is equal to the chosen τ level. Formally, the null hypothesis of the UC test is

$$H_0 : \pi = \tau,$$

where $\pi = \mathbb{E}[L_{i,t}(\tau)]$, with $L_{i,t}(\tau) = \mathbb{1}_{(r_{i,t} < VaR_{i,t}(\tau))}$ representing the series of VaR violations. The UC test statistic is asymptotically χ^2 distributed, with one degree of freedom, assuming independence of the $L_{i,t}(\tau)$ series.

⁵ As per the parameter ω_2 , the grid search is done over 100 values and the applied rescaling factor is equal to 1, as its value is unaffected by τ .

Another critical aspect to test for is the independence of VaR violations over time. The main idea is to discard models whose VaR forecasts are violated in subsequent days. Moreover, if the assumption of independence is not satisfied by the violations, the asymptotic results on the distribution of the UC test can fail to hold. The independence test used in this context is that of Christoffersen (1998), where the null hypothesis consists of independence of $L_{i,t}(\tau)$, while the alternative hypothesis is that $L_{i,t}(\tau)$ follows a first-order Markov Chain. Under H_0 , the LR -based test is asymptotically χ^2 distributed, with one degree of freedom.

An overall assessment of the VaR measures is given by the CC test conducted on both null hypotheses of the UC and of the independence tests jointly (asymptotically the test statistic is χ^2 distributed, with two degrees of freedom).

The DQ test also applies to the independence of the VaR violations jointly with the correctness of the number of violations as the CC test, but it was shown (Berkowitz et al., 2011) to have more power over it. In particular, the DQ test consists of running a linear regression where the dependent variable is the sequence of VaR violations and the covariates are the past violations and possibly any other explanatory variables. More in detail, let $Hit_{i,t}(\tau) = L_{i,t}(\tau) - \tau$ be the so-called series of the *hit* variable. This series, under correct specification, should have zero mean, be serially uncorrelated and, moreover, uncorrelated with any other past observed variables. The DQ test can be carried via the following OLS regression:

$$Hit_{i,t}(\tau) = \beta_0 + \sum_{k=1}^{K_1} \beta_k Hit_{i-k,t}(\tau) + \sum_{k=1}^{K_2} \gamma_k Z_{i-k,t}(\tau) + u_{i,t}, \quad (28)$$

where $u_{i,t}$ is the error term and $Z_{i,t}(\tau)$'s include potentially relevant variables belonging to the available information set, like, for instance, previous *Hits*, lagged VaR or past returns. In matrix notation, the OLS regression in (28) becomes:

$$\mathbf{Hit} = \mathbf{Z}\boldsymbol{\psi} + \mathbf{u}, \quad (29)$$

where the vector \mathbf{Hit} has dimension N (with N indicating the total number of observations), the matrix of predictors \mathbf{Z} has dimension $N \times (K_1 + K_2 + 1)$, the vector $\boldsymbol{\psi} = (\beta_0, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_{K_1}, \gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_{K_2})$ has dimension $(K_1 + K_2 + 1)$, and the error vector \mathbf{u} has dimension N . Under correct specification we test the null $\boldsymbol{\psi} = \mathbf{0}$ with a test statistic:

$$DQ_{CC} = \frac{\hat{\boldsymbol{\psi}}' \mathbf{Z}' \mathbf{Z} \hat{\boldsymbol{\psi}}}{\tau(1-\tau)} \xrightarrow{d} \chi^2_{K_1+K_2+1},$$

where $\hat{\boldsymbol{\psi}}$ is the estimated vector of coefficients obtained from the OLS regression in (29).

For the expected shortfall ES , the UC test of Acerbi and Szekely (2014) is based on the following statistic:

$$Z_{UC} = \frac{1}{N(1-\tau)} \sum_{i=1}^{N_t} \sum_{t=1}^T \frac{r_{i,t} L_{i,t}(\tau)}{ES_{i,t}(\tau)} + 1. \quad (30)$$

If the distributional assumptions are correct, the expected value of Z_{UC} is zero, that is $\mathbb{E}(Z_{UC}) = 0$. The CC test of Acerbi and Szekely (2014) has the following statistic:

$$Z_{CC} = \frac{1}{NumFail} \sum_{i=1}^{N_t} \sum_{t=1}^T \frac{r_{i,t} L_{i,t}(\tau)}{ES_{i,t}(\tau)} + 1, \quad (31)$$

where $NumFail = \sum_{i=1}^{N_t} \sum_{t=1}^T L_{i,t}(\tau)$. If the distributional assumptions are correct, the expected value of Z_{CC} , given that there is at least one *VaR* violation, is zero, i.e.

Table 5 Summary statistics

	Obs.	Min.	Max.	Mean	SD	Skew.	Kurt.
Full sample: 2010/2022-07							
Crude Oil	3160	-0.602	0.320	0.006	0.029	-2.840	80.150
Gasoline	3159	-0.385	0.224	0.016	0.027	-1.603	30.230
VIX	3159	0.006	0.052	1.165	0.005	2.359	10.367
GPR	151	-0.451	0.863	2.250	0.219	1.093	2.045
In-sample: 2010/2016							
Crude Oil	1760	-0.108	0.116	-0.022	0.021	0.131	2.877
Gasoline	1759	-0.162	0.217	-0.012	0.022	0.131	9.388
VIX	1759	0.007	0.030	1.129	0.004	1.760	3.506
GPR	84	-0.364	0.737	1.851	0.197	1.099	1.956
Out-of-sample: 2017/2022-07							
Crude Oil	1400	-0.602	0.320	0.042	0.036	-3.334	73.037
Gasoline	1400	-0.385	0.224	0.050	0.031	-2.268	31.855
VIX	1400	0.006	0.052	1.210	0.006	2.300	9.368
GPR	67	-0.451	0.863	2.750	0.244	1.020	1.621

The table reports the number of observations (Obs.), the minimum (Min.) and maximum (Max.), the mean (multiplied by 100), the standard deviation (SD), the Skewness (Skew.) and the excess kurtosis (Kurt.). The variables are: the daily close-to-close log-returns of WTI Crude Oil and RBOB Gasoline, the daily VIX and the first difference of the monthly GPR index divided by its lagged realization

$\mathbb{E}(Z_{CC} | NumFail > 0) = 0$. The UC and CC tests are one-sided and reject the null when the model underestimates the risk (significantly negative test statistic).

6 Empirical analysis

In this section, we apply the MF-QR-X model to estimate⁶ VaR and ES for the daily log-returns of two energy commodities: the WTI Crude Oil and the RBOB Gasoline futures.⁷ The low-frequency variable is the monthly GPR index, which enters our mixed-frequency models as the first difference divided by one lagged realization. The “-X” variable is the VIX index.⁸ The period of investigation covers almost 13 years, from January 2010 to July 2022 on a daily basis, split between in- (from January 2010 to December 2016) and out-of-sample periods (from January 2017 to July 2022). The data are summarized in Table 5, and plotted in Fig. 1.

We compare the estimated VaR and ES with several well-known competitive specifications belonging to the class of parametric (GARCH, GJR (Glosten et al., 1993), and GARCH-MIDAS, with Gaussian and Student’s t error distributions), non-parametric (HS)

⁶ In terms of computational efforts, it is worth noting that the proposed MF-QR-X model is not excessively demanding. For instance, VaR and ES (via maximization of the ALD) are obtained in 4s, considering five years of data, with the -X variable, on the following PC: HP EliteDesk 800 G8 Desktop, Intel i7-11700, 32 GB of RAM.

⁷ Both the WTI and RBOB futures have been downloaded from the Yahoo Finance site (with, respectively, ticks “CL=F” and “RBOB=F”).

⁸ Taken from the Yahoo finance site and transformed by dividing it by $\sqrt{252} \cdot 100$, in order to express it as daily volatility.

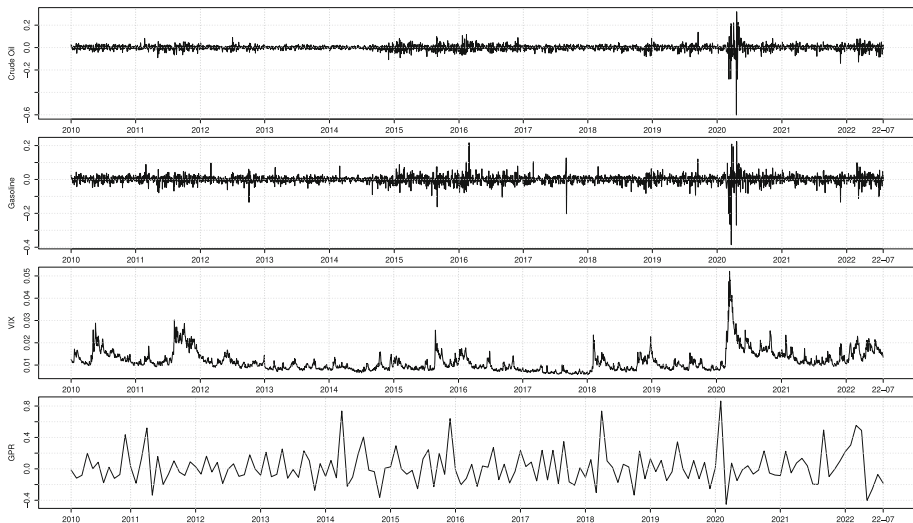


Fig. 1 Crude Oil, Gasoline, VIX and GPR

and semi-parametric models (the Symmetric Absolute Value (SAV), Asymmetric Slope (AS) and Indirect GARCH (IG) specifications of the CAViaR (Engle & Manganelli, 2004)). As per the mixed-frequency specifications, the same low-frequency variable (GPR index) is inserted as the low-frequency variable in the GARCH-MIDAS specifications as well as our proposed MF-QR and MF-QR-X models. All the functional forms of these models are reported in Table 6.

In-sample analysis

Tables 7 reports the p -values of the LR test (Eq. (27)) using $\tau = 0.05$, on the period from 2010 to 2016, for the two commodities under investigation, which suggests the inclusion of up to six, respectively, five lagged daily log-returns in the models for the Crude Oil and Gasoline futures.

As regards the number of lagged realizations entering the low-frequency component, we choose $K = 36$, for all mixed frequency models. The in-sample estimated parameters for the parametric (with Quasi Maximum Likelihood standard errors, cf. Bollerslev & Wooldridge, 1992) and semi-parametric models (with bootstrap-based standard errors, as done also by Xu et al., 2021) are reported in Tables 8 (Crude Oil) and 9 (Gasoline). The algorithm used to obtain the bootstrap standard errors is sketched in “Appendix B”. Note that for the proposed MF-QR-X model, the low-frequency parameters as well as the parameters associated to the “-X” variable are generally significant.

The in-sample backtesting evaluations are reported in Tables 10 (Crude Oil) and 11 (Gasoline). All models pass the chosen backtesting procedures (p -values in columns 3–7), with a strong preference for the longer windows in the HS non-parametric model.

Table 6 Model specifications

Model	Functional form	Err. Distr.
GARCH-N	$r_{i,t} \mathcal{F}_{i-1,t} = \sqrt{h_{i,t}}\eta_{i,t}$ $h_{i,t} = \omega + \alpha r_{i-1,t}^2 + \beta h_{i-1,t}$	$\eta_{i,t} \stackrel{i.i.d.}{\sim} \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$
GARCH-t	$r_{i,t} \mathcal{F}_{i-1,t} = \sqrt{h_{i,t}}\eta_{i,t}$ $h_{i,t} = \omega + \alpha r_{i-1,t}^2 + \beta h_{i-1,t}$	$\eta_{i,t} \stackrel{i.i.d.}{\sim} t_\nu$
GJR-N	$r_{i,t} \mathcal{F}_{i-1,t} = \sqrt{h_{i,t}}\eta_{i,t}$ $h_{i,t} = \omega + (\alpha + \gamma \mathbb{1}_{(r_{i-1,t} < 0)}) r_{i-1,t}^2 + \beta h_{i-1,t}$	$\eta_{i,t} \stackrel{i.i.d.}{\sim} \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$
GJR-t	$r_{i,t} \mathcal{F}_{i-1,t} = \sqrt{h_{i,t}}\eta_{i,t}$ $h_{i,t} = \omega + (\alpha + \gamma \mathbb{1}_{(r_{i-1,t} < 0)}) r_{i-1,t}^2 + \beta h_{i-1,t}$	$\eta_{i,t} \stackrel{i.i.d.}{\sim} t_\nu$
GM-N	$r_{i,t} \mathcal{F}_{i-1,t} = \sqrt{\pi_{i,t}} \times \xi_{i,t} \eta_{i,t}$ $\xi_{i,t} = (1 - \alpha - \beta - \gamma/2) + (\alpha + \gamma \cdot \mathbb{1}_{(r_{i-1,t} < 0)}) \frac{r_{i-1,t}^2}{\pi_{i,t}} + \beta \xi_{i-1,t}$ $\pi_{i,t} = \exp \left\{ m + \zeta \sum_{k=1}^K \delta_k(\omega) M V_{i-k} \right\}$	$\eta_{i,t} \stackrel{i.i.d.}{\sim} \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$
GM-t	$r_{i,t} \mathcal{F}_{i-1,t} = \sqrt{\pi_{i,t}} \times \xi_{i,t} \eta_{i,t}$ $\xi_{i,t} = (1 - \alpha - \beta - \gamma/2) + (\alpha + \gamma \cdot \mathbb{1}_{(r_{i-1,t} < 0)}) \frac{r_{i-1,t}^2}{\pi_{i,t}} + \beta \xi_{i-1,t}$ $\pi_{i,t} = \exp \left\{ m + \zeta \sum_{k=1}^K \delta_k(\omega) M V_{i-k} \right\}$	$\eta_{i,t} \stackrel{i.i.d.}{\sim} t_\nu$
HS	$VaR_{i,t}(\tau) = Q_{\tau}^{w,t}$	
SAV	$r_{i,t}^w = (r_{i-w,t}, r_{i-w+1,t}, \dots, r_{i-1,t})$ $VaR_{i,t}(\tau) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 VaR_{i-1,t}(\tau) + \beta_2 r_{i-1,t} $	
AS	$VaR_{i,t}(\tau) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 VaR_{i-1,t}(\tau) + (\beta_2 \mathbb{1}_{(r_{i-1,t} > 0)} + \beta_3 \mathbb{1}_{(r_{i-1,t} < 0)}) r_{i-1,t} $	
IG	$VaR_{i,t}(\tau) = -\sqrt{\beta_0 + \beta_1 VaR_{i-1,t}(\tau) + \beta_2 r_{i-1,t}^2}$	

Table 6 continued

Model	Functional form	Err. Distr.
QR	$r_{i,t} \mathcal{F}_{i,t-1} = \sigma_{i,t}z_{i,t}$ $\sigma_{i,t} = (\beta_0 + \beta_1 r_{i-1,t} + \dots + \beta_q r_{i-q,t})$	$z_{i,t} \stackrel{i.i.d.}{\sim} (0, 1)$
QR-X	$r_{i,t} \mathcal{F}_{i,t-1} = \sigma_{i,t}z_{i,t}$ $\sigma_{i,t} = (\beta_0 + \beta_1 r_{i-1,t} + \dots + \beta_q r_{i-q,t} + \beta_X X_{i-1,t})$	$z_{i,t} \stackrel{i.i.d.}{\sim} (0, 1)$
MF-QR	$r_{i,t} \mathcal{F}_{i,t-1} = \sigma_{i,t}z_{i,t}$ $\sigma_{i,t} = (\beta_0 + \theta WS_{i-1} + \beta_1 r_{i-1,t} + \dots + \beta_q r_{i-q,t})$ $WS_{i-1} = \sum_{k=1}^K \delta_k(\omega)MV_{i-k}$	$z_{i,t} \stackrel{i.i.d.}{\sim} (0, 1)$
MF-QR-X	$r_{i,t} \mathcal{F}_{i,t-1} = \sigma_{i,t}z_{i,t}$ $\sigma_{i,t} = (\beta_0 + \theta WS_{i-1} + \beta_1 r_{i-1,t} + \dots + \beta_q r_{i-q,t} + \beta_X X_{i-1,t})$ $WS_{i-1} = \sum_{k=1}^K \delta_k(\omega)MV_{i-k}$	$z_{i,t} \stackrel{i.i.d.}{\sim} (0, 1)$

The table reports the functional forms for the parametric models, that is GARCH, GJR, and GARCH-MIDAS models, with Gaussian and Student's t distributions for the errors (GARCH-N, GARCH-t, GJR-N, GJR-t, GM-N, and GM-t, respectively), the non-parametric models (Historical Simulations with length window w , (HS, Hendricks, 1996)) and the semi-parametric models, that is Asymmetric Absolute Value (SAV), Asymmetric Slope (AS), Indirect GARCH (IG), Quantile regression (QR, Koenker & Zhao, 1996), Quantile Regression with X component (QR-X), Mixed-Frequency Quantile Regression (MF-QR) and Mixed-Frequency Quantile Regression with X component (MF-QR-X) models. Labels in bold indicate models using a low-frequency variable

Table 7 LR test, p -values of the null $\beta_j = 0$

Index	$\beta_1 = 0$	$\beta_2 = 0$	$\beta_3 = 0$	$\beta_4 = 0$	$\beta_5 = 0$	$\beta_6 = 0$	$\beta_7 = 0$	$\beta_8 = 0$	$\beta_9 = 0$
Crude Oil	0.000	0.000	0.037	0.017	0.146	0.002	0.059	0.464	0.514
Gasoline	0.000	0.022	0.063	0.820	0.012	0.370	0.242	0.139	0.984

The table reports the p -values of LR test according to the procedure highlighted in Sect. 3.2, for the null in column. Sample period: from January 2010 to December 2016

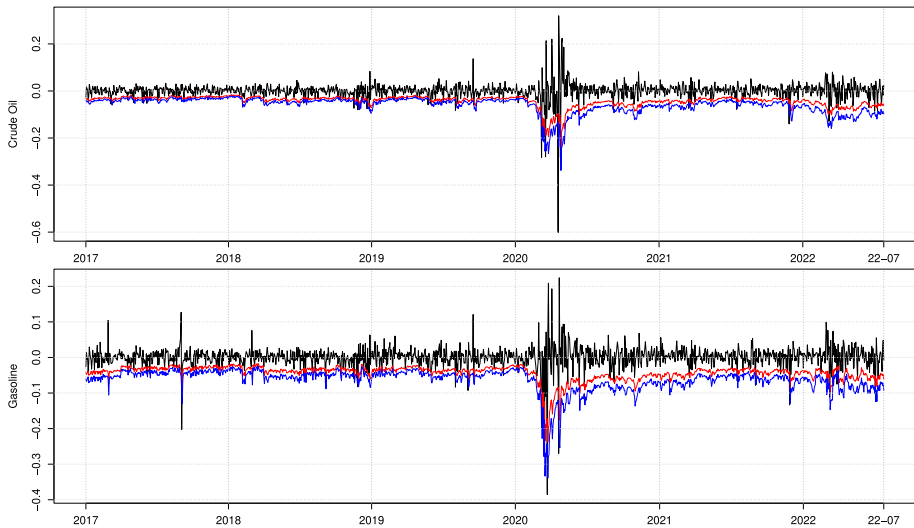


Fig. 2 MF-QR-X VaR and ES forecasts. **Notes:** Plot of the Crude Oil (top) and Gasoline (bottom) daily log-returns (black lines) and of the VaR (red lines) and ES (blue lines) forecasts obtained from the MF-QR-X model. Sample period: from January 2017 to July 2022

Out-of-sample evaluation

The empirical analysis is completed by the out-of-sample analysis. In line with Lazar and Xue (2020), the one-step-ahead VaR and ES forecasts of the parametric and semi-parametric models are obtained with parameters estimated every five days, using a rolling window of size 1500 observations. For our main MF-QR-X model, the VaR and ES forecasts are graphically reported in Fig. 2.

The results of the out-of-sample evaluations are synthesized in Tables 12 (Crude Oil) and 13 (Gasoline), respectively. While the AE ratios closest to one are seen for model GM-N for Crude Oil in Table 12, and for model QR for Gasoline (Table 13), a more formal statistical evaluation of the VaR and ES performances by different models is given by backtesting procedures. Contrary to the in-sample period where almost all the models passed the backtesting procedures, going out-of-sample, the proposed MF-QR-X is the only one that fails to reject the null for all the VaR and ES tests for both the Crude Oil and the Gasoline log-returns (while the QR model passes all tests only for the latter), with more scattered and less systematic evidence for the other models, but with a consistent failure of all the tests by GM-t, short window HS and SAV, AS and IG. In “Appendix C”, we also report the results of the backtesting evaluations using a slower frequency (ten/twenty days) of parameter updates. The results

Table 8 In-sample estimates for Crude Oil

	ω	α	β	γ	m	θ	ω_2	ν	β_1	β_2	β_3	β_4	β_5	β_6	β_X	γ_{ES}
GARCH-N	0.000 (0.000)	0.074 (0.182)	0.922*** (0.203)													
GARCH-t	0.000 (0.000)	0.07 (0.086)	0.926*** (0.092)				7.99*** (1.751)									
GJR-N	0.000 (0.000)	0.011 (0.292)	0.939 (0.673)	0.091 (0.673)												
GJR-t	0.000 (0.000)	0.011 (0.031)	0.946*** (0.056)	0.078 (0.048)			8.931*** (2.341)									
GM-N		0.071** (0.029)	0.92*** (0.034)		-7.718*** (0.328)	4.519*** (0.838)	1.001 (0.838)									
GM-t		0.067*** (0.029)	0.926*** (0.034)		-7.813*** (0.99)	10.079 (21.514)	1.19** (0.583)	8.16 (25.366)								
SAV	-0.069*** (0.01)								-0.968*** (0.284)	0.015 (0.066)						-0.927*** (0.149)
AS	0.000 (0.000)								0.972*** (0.014)	0.005 (0.027)	-0.098*** (0.025)					-1.134*** (0.144)
IG	0.000 (0.000)								0.864*** (0.061)	0.291** (0.113)						-1.073*** (0.39)
QR	-0.015*** (0.002)								-0.215** (0.093)	-0.385*** (0.094)	-0.197** (0.094)	-0.134 (0.093)	-0.006 (0.083)	-0.238*** (0.092)		-1.123*** (0.141)
QR-X	-0.011*** (0.004)								-0.225** (0.091)	-0.347*** (0.095)	-0.153 (0.096)	-0.108 (0.089)	-0.041 (0.093)	-0.207** (0.093)	-0.548* (0.314)	-1.177*** (0.143)
MF-QR	-0.01*** (0.002)						-0.461*** (0.112)	1.2	-0.241*** (0.080)	-0.346*** (0.089)	-0.079 (0.079)	-0.104 (0.078)	0.080 (0.073)	-0.199** (0.082)		-1.041*** (0.136)

Table 8 continued

	ω	α	β	γ	m	θ	ω_2	ν	β_1	β_2	β_3	β_4	β_5	β_6	β_X	γ_{ES}
MF-QR-X	0.002 (0.001)					-0.596*** (0.115)	1.1		-0.228* (0.117)	-0.322*** (0.114)	0.010 (0.104)	-0.066 (0.114)	0.072 (0.102)	-0.19* (0.100)	-1.185*** (0.086)	-1.157*** (0.352)

The table reports the in-sample estimates of the parametric and semi-parametric models (whose functional forms are in Table 6). To save space, β_0 and ζ reported in Table 6 corresponds here to ω and θ , respectively. Parametric models use Quasi Maximum Likelihood standard errors, semi-parametric models use bootstrap-based standard errors. The weighting parameters of the proposed MF-QR and MF-QR-X models are without the standard errors because they are obtained (and not estimated) via profiling out the weighting parameter ω_2 , as described in Sect. 3.2. *, ** and *** represent the significance at levels 10%, 5% and 1%, respectively. The sample covers the period from 4 January 2010 to 30 December 2016 (1760 observations). The VaR and ES are calculated at the level $\tau = 0.05$

Table 9 In-sample estimates for Gasoline

	ω	α	β	γ	m	θ	ω_2	ν	β_1	β_2	β_3	β_4	β_5	β_X	γ_{ES}
GARCH-N	0.000 (0.000)	0.117* (0.062)	0.838*** (0.096)												
GARCH-t	0.000 (0.000)	0.038*** (0.011)	0.955*** (0.014)					4.702*** (0.679)							
GJR-N	0.000 (0.000)	0.075 (0.084)	0.861*** (0.089)	0.056 (0.063)											
GJR-t	0.000 (0.000)	0.000 (0.005)	0.974*** (0.004)	0.043*** (0.01)				4.735*** (0.679)							
GM-N		0.168*** (0.057)	0.675*** (0.116)		-8.316*** (0.164)	38.342*** (3.223)	1.001*** (0.206)								
GM-t		0.033 (0.093)	0.96*** (0.131)		-7.786*** (0.358)	10.653* (5.953)	1.001*** (0.181)	4.651*** (0.706)							
SAV	-0.001 (0.001)								0.857*** (0.052)	-0.227*** (0.068)					-0.763*** (0.129)
AS	-0.001 (0.001)								0.859*** (0.055)	-0.167** (0.08)	-0.262*** (0.084)				-0.718*** (0.136)
IG	0.000 (0.000)								0.754*** (0.098)	0.509** (0.22)					-0.73*** (0.251)
QR	-0.016*** (0.003)								-0.319*** (0.115)	-0.207* (0.116)	-0.21* (0.115)	-0.064 (0.11)	-0.316*** (0.121)		-0.696*** (0.141)
QR-X	-0.013** (0.005)								-0.315*** (0.122)	-0.221* (0.128)	-0.225* (0.115)	-0.074 (0.106)	-0.291** (0.116)	-0.315 (0.4)	-0.719*** (0.157)
MF-QR	-0.011*** (0.002)						-0.606*** (0.158)	1.200	-0.317*** (0.113)	-0.214* (0.115)	-0.137 (0.108)	-0.069 (0.102)	-0.087 (0.095)		-0.954*** (0.133)

Table 9 continued

	ω	α	β	γ	m	θ	ω_2	ν	β_1	β_2	β_3	β_4	β_5	β_X	γ_{ES}
MF-QR-X	-0.001 (0.004)					-0.762** (0.357)	1.000		-0.272** (0.106)	-0.156 (0.106)	-0.156 (0.105)	-0.04 (0.098)	-0.036 (0.088)	-0.894*** (0.16)	-0.941*** (0.133)

The table reports the in-sample estimates of the parametric and semi-parametric models (whose functional forms are in Table 6). To save space, β_0 and ζ reported in Table 6 corresponds here to ω and θ , respectively. Parametric models use Quasi Maximum Likelihood standard errors, semi-parametric models use bootstrap-based standard errors. The weighting parameters of the proposed MF-QR and MF-QR-X models are without the standard errors because they are obtained (and not estimated) via profiling out the weighting parameter ω_2 , as described in Sect. 3.2. *, ** and *** represent the significance at levels 10%, 5% and 1%, respectively. The sample covers the period from 4 January 2010 to 30 December 2016 (1759 observations). The VaR and ES are calculated at the level $\tau = 0.05$

Table 10 In-sample backtesting for Crude Oil

	VaR			ES		
	AE	UC	CC	DQ	UC	CC
GARCH-N	1.080	0.449	0.695	0.198	0.058	0.449
GARCH-t	1.159	0.135	0.327	0.118	0.051	0.135
GJR-N	1.068	0.516	0.733	0.296	0.084	0.516
GJR-t	1.125	0.238	0.489	0.142	0.093	0.238
GM-N	1.068	0.516	0.733	0.408	0.06	0.516
GM-t	1.136	0.199	0.433	0.254	0.069	0.199
HS (w=25)	1.716	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
HS (w=50)	1.398	0.000	0.001	0.000	0.000	0.000
HS (w=100)	1.318	0.003	0.014	0.001	0.002	0.003
HS (w=250)	1.023	0.827	0.688	0.000	0.22	0.827
HS (w=500)	1.045	0.664	0.84	0.000	0.127	0.664
SAV	1.000	1.000	0.979	0.779	0.458	1.000
AS	0.989	0.913	0.936	0.054	0.488	0.913
IG	1.000	1.000	0.958	0.488	0.439	1.000
QR	1.000	1.000	0.759	0.926	0.463	1.000
QR-X	1.000	1.000	0.979	0.983	0.479	1.000
MF-QR	0.989	0.913	0.712	0.925	0.500	0.913
MF-QR-X	1.000	1.000	0.958	0.811	0.477	1.000

The table reports the Actual over Expected exceedance ratio (AE), the p -values of the Unconditional Coverage (UC, Kupiec, 1995), Conditional Coverage (CC, Christoffersen, 1998), Dynamic Quantile (DQ, Engle & Manganelli, 2004) tests for the VaR, and the UC and CC tests for ES (Acerbi & Szekely, 2014) tests. Bold indicates that the model in row passes the test at the 5% significance level. The sample covers the period from 4 January 2010 to 30 December 2016 (1760 observations). The VaR and ES are calculated at the level $\tau = 0.05$

are quite robust to different frequency updating schemes, as it can be seen in Tables from 14, 15, 16 and 17.

7 Concluding remarks

This paper suggested the inclusion of mixed-frequency (MF) components in a quantile regression (QR) approach to VaR and ES estimations, within a dynamic model of volatility with the original introduction of a low- and a high-frequency (“-X”) components: the outcome was labelled MF-QR-X model. Given its nature of quantile regression, no explicit distribution for the returns is necessary and robustness to outliers in the data is guaranteed.

Starting from the assessment of the weak stationarity conditions of our semi-parametric MF-QR-X process, we suggested an estimation procedure the performance of which was investigated through an extensive Monte Carlo exercise in finite samples. Overall, we have satisfactory properties of the estimates and the resulting VaR forecasts are robust to some misspecification in the weighting parameter entering the mixed-frequency component.

Energy commodities—Crude Oil and Gasoline futures—take the center stage in the illustration of the empirical performance, both in- and out-of-sample, of the proposed MF-QR-X

Table 11 In-sample backtesting for Gasoline

	VaR			ES		
	AE	UC	CC	DQ	UC	CC
GARCH-N	0.955	0.663	0.78	0.994	0.136	0.663
GARCH-t	1.114	0.28	0.542	0.533	0.088	0.28
GJR-N	0.921	0.441	0.736	0.929	0.198	0.441
GJR-t	0.989	0.917	0.937	0.778	0.28	0.917
GM-N	0.966	0.746	0.792	0.995	0.189	0.746
GM-t	1.069	0.513	0.73	0.593	0.167	0.513
HS (w=25)	1.58	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
HS (w=50)	1.239	0.026	0.057	0.016	0.000	0.026
HS (w=100)	1.035	0.74	0.889	0.059	0.091	0.74
HS (w=250)	1.046	0.66	0.837	0.106	0.149	0.66
HS (w=500)	1.001	0.996	0.408	0.001	0.272	0.996
SAV	1.001	0.996	0.758	0.925	0.477	0.996
AS	1.001	0.996	0.958	0.993	0.476	0.996
IG	1.001	0.996	0.979	0.959	0.478	0.996
QR	1.001	0.996	0.958	0.971	0.485	0.996
QR-X	0.989	0.917	0.982	0.926	0.5	0.917
MF-QR	1.001	0.996	0.758	0.982	0.478	0.996
MF-QR-X	1.001	0.996	0.408	0.817	0.491	0.996

The table reports the Actual over Expected exceedance ratio (AE), the p -values of the Unconditional Coverage (UC, Kupiec, 1995), Conditional Coverage (CC, Christoffersen, 1998), Dynamic Quantile (DQ, Engle & Manganelli, 2004) tests for the VaR, and the UC and CC tests for ES (Acerbi & Szekely, 2014) tests. Bold indicates that the model in row passes the test at the 5% significance level. The sample covers the period from 4 January 2010 to 30 December 2016 (1759 observations). The VaR and ES are calculated at the level $\tau = 0.05$

model, contrasting it against several popular parametric, non-parametric and semi-parametric alternatives. The results are encouraging since our model is the only model consistently passing all the VaR and ES backtesting procedures out-of-sample for the Crude Oil log-returns (together with the QR model for the Gasoline log-returns). The empirical results support the use of MF-QR-X models to exploit the information content of mixed-frequency data in a risk management framework.

Further research may focus on the multivariate extension of the tail risk forecasts, as done by Torres et al. (2015), Di Bernardino et al. (2015), Bernardi et al. (2017), and Petrella and Raponi (2019), among others. Another interesting point would be the investigation of the performance of the MF-QR-X with an asymmetric term, both for what concerns the daily returns and the low-frequency component, as done by Amendola et al. (2019), for instance.

Table 12 Out-of-sample backtesting for Crude Oil

	VaR			ES		
	AE	UC	CC	DQ	UC	CC
GARCH-N	1.171	0.151	0.356	0.018	0.000	0.151
GARCH-t	1.357	0.004	0.014	0.001	0.000	0.004
GJR-N	1.200	0.096	0.249	0.019	0.000	0.096
GJR-t	1.314	0.01	0.032	0.001	0.000	0.01
GM-N	1.014	0.903	0.757	0.001	0.000	0.903
GM-t	1.486	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
HS (w=25)	1.671	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
HS (w=50)	1.400	0.001	0.004	0.000	0.000	0.001
HS (w=100)	1.300	0.014	0.021	0.000	0.000	0.014
HS (w=250)	1.229	0.058	0.047	0.000	0.000	0.058
HS (w=500)	1.157	0.188	0.011	0.000	0.006	0.188
SAV	2.543	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
AS	3.314	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
IG	2.414	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
QR	1.086	0.468	0.646	0.844	0.006	0.468
QR-X	0.900	0.383	0.529	0.029	0.001	0.317
MF-QR	1.229	0.058	0.136	0.128	0.000	0.058
MF-QR-X	0.957	0.711	0.701	0.804	0.128	0.711

The table reports the Actual over Expected exceedance ratio (AE), the p -values of the Unconditional Coverage (UC, Kupiec, 1995), Conditional Coverage (CC, Christoffersen, 1998), Dynamic Quantile (DQ, Engle & Manganelli, 2004) tests for the VaR, and the UC and CC tests for the ES (Acerbi & Szekely, 2014). Bold indicates that the model in row passes the test in column at the 5% significance level. Models' labels and functional forms are in Table 6. The sample covers the period from 3 January 2017 to 27 July 2022 (1400 observations). Every model has been refitted once every 5 days. The rolling window used is of 1500 observations. The VaR and ES are calculated at the level $\tau = 0.05$

Table 13 Out-of-sample backtesting for Gasoline

	VaR			ES		
	AE	UC	CC	DQ	UC	CC
GARCH-N	1.057	0.627	0.76	0.958	0.018	0.627
GARCH-t	1.243	0.044	0.13	0.133	0.009	0.044
GJR-N	1.071	0.544	0.735	0.943	0.009	0.544
GJR-t	1.157	0.188	0.415	0.657	0.016	0.188
GM-N	0.800	0.076	0.182	0.000	0.348	0.076
GM-t	1.571	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
HS (w=25)	1.714	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
HS (w=50)	1.371	0.002	0.002	0.001	0.000	0.002
HS (w=100)	1.200	0.096	0.058	0.000	0.003	0.096
HS (w=250)	1.171	0.151	0.066	0.000	0.004	0.151
HS (w=500)	1.114	0.335	0.027	0.000	0.037	0.335

Table 13 continued

	VaR			ES		
	AE	UC	CC	DQ	UC	CC
SAV	2.186	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
AS	2.271	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
IG	1.771	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
QR	1.000	1.000	0.436	0.801	0.168	1.000
QR-X	0.843	0.166	0.017	0.000	0.000	0.041
MF-QR	1.071	0.544	0.515	0.207	0.017	0.544
MF-QR-X	0.971	0.805	0.899	0.596	0.416	0.805

The table reports the Actual over Expected exceedance ratio (AE), the p -values of the Unconditional Coverage (UC, Kupiec, 1995), Conditional Coverage (CC, Christoffersen, 1998), Dynamic Quantile (DQ, Engle & Manganelli, 2004) tests for the VaR, and the UC and CC tests for the ES (Acerbi & Szekely, 2014). Bold indicates that the model in row passes the test in column at the 5% significance level. Models' labels and functional forms are in Table 6. The sample covers the period from 3 January 2017 to 27 July 2022 (1400 observations). Every model has been refitted once every 5 days. The rolling window used is of 1500 observations. The VaR and ES are calculated at the level $\tau = 0.05$

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Appendix A

Proof of Theorem 1

Proof Let $\|x\|_p = (E|x|^p)^{1/p}$, and recall that MV_t and $X_{i,t}$ are assumed to be weakly stationary processes. Let s be the compact time notation *in lieu of* i, t , that is,

$$s \equiv \sum_{j=1}^{t-1} N_j + i.$$

Moreover, let $\sigma_s = (\beta_0 + \beta_1|r_{s-1}| + \cdots + \beta_q|r_{s-q}| + \theta|WS_{s-1}| + \beta_X|X_{s-1}|)$. Note that WS_t , obtained as an affine combination of $(MV_{t-1}, \dots, MV_{t-K})$, is weakly stationary.

From the model in (20), we can write:

$$\begin{aligned} \|r_s\|_p &= \|\sigma_s z_s\|_p \\ &= \|\sigma_s\|_p \cdot \|z_s\|_p, \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.1})$$

given the independence between σ_s and z_s . For $p = 1$, the *right hand side* (RHS) of (A.1) is zero, because $z_s \stackrel{i.i.d.}{\sim} (0, 1)$.

Let us now focus on $p = 2$; let us replace the second term of the RHS of (A.1), having assumed that $\|z_s\|_2 = z^* < \infty$:

$$\|r_s\|_r = z^* (E(\beta_0 + \beta_1|r_{s-1}| + \cdots + \beta_q|r_{s-q}| + \theta|WS_{s-1}| + \beta_X|X_{s-1}|)^2)^{1/2} \quad (\text{A.2})$$

$$\leq z^* (\beta_0 + \beta_1\|r_{s-1}\|_2 + \cdots + \beta_q\|r_{s-q}\|_2 + \theta\|WS_{s-1}\|_2 + \beta_X\|X_{s-1}\|_2). \quad (\text{A.3})$$

Let us now translate this expression in matrix notation. Therefore, let us collect terms in a vector indexed by s , that is,

$$\xi_s = (\|r_s\|_2, \dots, \|r_{s-q+1}\|_2, \|WS_s\|_2, \|X_s\|_2)'$$

and let the $(q+2) \times (q+2)$ dimensional companion matrix A , the vectors b and c

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} z^*\beta_1 & z^*\beta_2 & \cdots & z^*\beta_{q-1} & z^*\beta_q & z^*\theta & z^*\beta_x \\ 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \cdots & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad b = \begin{bmatrix} z^*\beta_0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad c = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \|WS_s\|_2 \\ \|X_s\|_2 \end{bmatrix},$$

where we have made us of the fact that, because of the stationarity of WS_s and X_s , the vector c does not depend on time. Thus, we have:

$$\xi_s \leq A\xi_{s-1} + b + c. \quad (\text{A.4})$$

Substituting recursively ξ_{s-1} backwards, and letting I_{q+2} be the identity matrix of size $(q+2)$,

$$\begin{aligned} \xi_s &\leq A(A\xi_{s-2} + b + c) + b + c \\ &\leq A^2\xi_{s-2} + Ab + b + Ac + c \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.5})$$

$$\leq A^2 \xi_{s-2} + (I_{q+2} + A) b + (I_{q+2} + A) c \tag{A.6}$$

$$\leq A^3 \xi_{s-3} + (I_{q+2} + A + A^2) b + (I_{q+2} + A + A^2) c \tag{A.7}$$

⋮

$$\leq A^m \xi_{s-m} + (I_{q+2} + A + A^2 + \dots + A^{m-1}) b + (I_{q+2} + A + A^2 + \dots + A^{m-1}) c. \tag{A.8}$$

Recall the characteristic polynomial of A is $\phi(\lambda)$, defined by Eq. (21), namely,

$$\phi(\lambda) = z^* (\beta_1 \lambda^{q+1} + \beta_2 \lambda^q + \dots + \beta_q \lambda^{q-2}) - \lambda^{q+2}, \tag{A.9}$$

which has all eigenvalues λ lie inside the unit circle. When $m \rightarrow \infty$, for the eigen-decomposition theorem, this implies that

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} A^m = 0, \tag{A.10}$$

and that

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} (I_{q+2} + A + A^2 + \dots + A^{m-1}) = (I_{q+2} - A)^{-1}. \tag{A.11}$$

Putting terms together, therefore, as $m \rightarrow \infty$ we can say that

$$\xi_s \leq (I_{q+2} - A)^{-1} b + (I_{q+2} - A)^{-1} c < \infty, \tag{A.12}$$

that is the RHS converges to a finite expression not depending on time, establishing the result. □

Appendix B

In what follows, we illustrate the bootstrap procedure used to calculate the standard errors. For simplicity, we focus on the QR model with just only one lag, being the procedure easily extensible to the other semi-parametric models. Let $\widehat{\Theta}_\tau = (\widehat{\beta}_{0,\tau}, \widehat{\beta}_{1,\tau})$ be the estimated vector of parameters for the QR model. The resulting VaR is then $\widehat{Q}_{r_{i,t}}(\tau)$. Letting $r_{i,t}^{(boot)}$ be the bootstrap returns, we assume that $r_{1,1}^{(boot)} = r_{1,1}$. The step-by-step procedure to obtain the bootstrap standard errors is as follows:

1. Obtain the standardized residuals as $\widehat{z}_{i,t} = r_{i,t} / |\widehat{Q}_{r_{i,t}}(\tau)|$, for all i and t .
2. Sample with replacement from $\widehat{z}_{i,t}$, obtaining the bootstrap residuals $\widehat{z}_{i,t}^{(boot)}$.
3. Obtain the bootstrap series of VaR as $\widehat{Q}_{r_{i,t}^{(boot)}} = \widehat{\beta}_{0,\tau} + \widehat{\beta}_{1,\tau} r_{i-1,t}^{(boot)}$.
4. Obtain the bootstrap series of returns as $r_{i,t}^{(boot)} = |\widehat{Q}_{r_{i,t}^{(boot)}}| \widehat{z}_{i,t}^{(boot)}$.
5. Repeat 2–4 for all i and t to get one complete bootstrap series of $r_{i,t}^{(boot)}$.
6. Estimate the VaR using $r_{i,t}^{(boot)}$, obtaining $\widehat{\beta}_{0,\tau}^{(boot)}$ and $\widehat{\beta}_{1,\tau}^{(boot)}$.
7. Repeat steps 2-6 *BOOT* number of times, obtaining the bootstrap series $\left\{ \widehat{\beta}_{0,\tau} \right\}_{boot=1}^{BOOT}$ and $\left\{ \widehat{\beta}_{1,\tau} \right\}_{boot=1}^{BOOT}$.

The bootstrap standard errors for $\widehat{\beta}_{0,\tau}$ and $\widehat{\beta}_{1,\tau}$ are then obtained as sample standard deviations of the series $\left\{ \widehat{\beta}_{0,\tau} \right\}_{boot=1}^{BOOT}$ and $\left\{ \widehat{\beta}_{1,\tau} \right\}_{boot=1}^{BOOT}$, respectively. It is worth noting that the previous

procedure can be naturally extended to the models dedicated to the joint estimation of VaR and ES measures.

Appendix C

See Tables 14, 15, 16 and 17.

Table 14 Out-of-sample backtesting for Crude Oil. Re-fitting period: 10 days

	VaR			ES		
	AE	UC	CC	DQ	UC	CC
GARCH-N	1.157	0.188	0.415	0.017	0.000	0.188
GARCH-t	1.357	0.004	0.014	0.001	0.000	0.004
GJR-N	1.200	0.096	0.249	0.019	0.000	0.096
GJR-t	1.314	0.01	0.032	0.001	0.000	0.010
GM-N	1.014	0.903	0.97	0.020	0.004	0.903
GM-t	1.329	0.007	0.027	0.000	0.000	0.007
HS (w = 25)	1.671	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
HS (w = 50)	1.400	0.001	0.004	0.000	0.000	0.001
HS (w = 100)	1.300	0.014	0.021	0.000	0.000	0.014
HS (w = 250)	1.229	0.058	0.047	0.000	0.000	0.058
HS (w = 500)	1.157	0.188	0.011	0.000	0.006	0.188
SAV	1.286	0.019	0.01	0.004	0.01	0.019
AS	1.886	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
IG	1.429	0.001	0.000	0.000	0.002	0.001
QR	1.071	0.544	0.722	0.915	0.012	0.544
QR-X	0.971	0.805	0.154	0.000	0.000	0.621
MF-QR	1.200	0.096	0.219	0.581	0.000	0.096
MF-QR-X	0.986	0.902	0.685	0.563	0.085	0.902

The table reports the Actual over Expected exceedance ratio (AE), the p -values of the Unconditional Coverage (UC, Kupiec, 1995), Conditional Coverage (CC, Christoffersen, 1998), Dynamic Quantile (DQ, Engle & Manganelli, 2004) tests for the VaR, and the UC and CC tests for ES (Acerbi & Szekely, 2014). Bold indicates that the model in row passes the test at the 5% significance level. Models' labels and functional forms are in Table 6. The sample covers the period from 3 January 2017 to 27 July 2022 (1400 observations). Every model has been refitted once every 10 days. The rolling window used is of 1500 observations. The VaR and ES are calculated at the level $\tau = 0.05$

Table 15 Out-of-sample backtesting for Crude Oil. Re-fitting period: 20 days

	VaR			ES		
	AE	UC	CC	DQ	UC	CC
GARCH-N	1.143	0.23	0.476	0.015	0.000	0.230
GARCH-t	1.329	0.007	0.027	0.001	0.000	0.007
GJR-N	1.186	0.121	0.300	0.016	0.000	0.121
GJR-t	1.314	0.010	0.032	0.001	0.000	0.010
GM-N	1.057	0.627	0.517	0.058	0.001	0.627
GM-t	1.257	0.033	0.101	0.073	0.000	0.033
HS (w=25)	1.671	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
HS (w=50)	1.400	0.001	0.004	0.000	0.000	0.001
HS (w=100)	1.300	0.014	0.021	0.000	0.000	0.014
HS (w=250)	1.229	0.058	0.047	0.000	0.000	0.058
HS (w=500)	1.157	0.188	0.011	0.000	0.006	0.188
SAV	1.114	0.335	0.263	0.149	0.126	0.335
AS	1.543	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
IG	1.114	0.335	0.263	0.582	0.084	0.335
QR	1.086	0.468	0.646	0.853	0.007	0.468
QR-X	1.043	0.715	0.001	0.000	0.000	0.535
MF-QR	1.200	0.096	0.219	0.509	0.000	0.096
MF-QR-X	0.971	0.805	0.699	0.521	0.091	0.805

The table reports the Actual over Expected exceedance ratio (AE), the p -values of the Unconditional Coverage (UC, Kupiec, 1995), Conditional Coverage (CC, Christoffersen, 1998), Dynamic Quantile (DQ, Engle & Manganelli, 2004) tests for the VaR, and the UC and CC tests for ES (Acerbi & Szekely, 2014). Bold indicates that the model in row passes the test at the 5% significance level. Models' labels and functional forms are in Table 6. The sample covers the period from 3 January 2017 to 27 July 2022 (1400 observations). Every model has been refitted once every 20 days. The rolling window used is of 1500 observations. The VaR and ES are calculated at the level $\tau = 0.05$

Table 16 Out-of-sample backtesting for Gasoline. Re-fitting period: 10 days

	VaR			ES		
	AE	UC	CC	DQ	UC	CC
GARCH-N	1.057	0.627	0.76	0.958	0.018	0.627
GARCH-t	1.257	0.033	0.102	0.088	0.007	0.033
GJR-N	1.071	0.544	0.735	0.943	0.009	0.544
GJR-t	1.157	0.188	0.415	0.655	0.016	0.188
GM-N	0.914	0.456	0.385	0.01	0.098	0.456
GM-t	1.357	0.004	0.001	0.000	0.000	0.004
HS (w=25)	1.714	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
HS (w=50)	1.371	0.002	0.002	0.001	0.000	0.002
HS (w=100)	1.2	0.096	0.058	0.000	0.003	0.096
HS (w=250)	1.171	0.151	0.066	0.000	0.004	0.151
HS (w=500)	1.114	0.335	0.027	0.000	0.037	0.335
SAV	1.343	0.005	0.002	0.008	0.010	0.005
AS	1.343	0.005	0.002	0.001	0.016	0.005
IG	1.214	0.075	0.174	0.129	0.088	0.075
QR	1.029	0.807	0.493	0.706	0.108	0.807
QR-X	0.886	0.317	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.100
MF-QR	1.043	0.715	0.510	0.237	0.022	0.715
MF-QR-X	0.986	0.902	0.939	0.421	0.380	0.902

The table reports the Actual over Expected exceedance ratio (AE), the p -values of the Unconditional Coverage (UC, Kupiec, 1995), Conditional Coverage (CC, Christoffersen, 1998), Dynamic Quantile (DQ, Engle & Manganelli, 2004) tests for the VaR, and the UC and CC tests for ES (Acerbi & Szekely, 2014). Bold indicates that the model in row passes the test at the 5% significance level. Models' labels and functional forms are in Table 6. The sample covers the period from 3 January 2017 to 27 July 2022 (1400 observations). Every model has been refitted once every 10 days. The rolling window used is of 1500 observations. The VaR and ES are calculated at the level $\tau = 0.05$

Table 17 Out-of-sample backtesting for Gasoline. Re-fitting period: 20 days

	VaR			ES		
	AE	UC	CC	DQ	UC	CC
GARCH-N	1.057	0.627	0.76	0.958	0.018	0.627
GARCH-t	1.243	0.044	0.128	0.101	0.009	0.044
GJR-N	1.071	0.544	0.735	0.943	0.009	0.544
GJR-t	1.157	0.188	0.415	0.652	0.015	0.188
GM-N	1.043	0.715	0.51	0.357	0.01	0.715
GM-t	1.429	0.001	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.001
HS (w=25)	1.714	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
HS (w=50)	1.371	0.002	0.002	0.001	0.000	0.002
HS (w=100)	1.200	0.096	0.058	0.000	0.003	0.096
HS (w=250)	1.171	0.151	0.066	0.000	0.004	0.151
HS (w=500)	1.114	0.335	0.027	0.000	0.037	0.335
SAV	1.329	0.007	0.009	0.000	0.011	0.23
AS	1.171	0.151	0.231	0.349	0.068	0.151
IG	1.086	0.468	0.697	0.854	0.162	0.468
QR	1.014	0.903	0.468	0.659	0.128	0.903
QR-X	1.057	0.627	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.456
MF-QR	1.057	0.627	0.517	0.023	0.017	0.627
MF-QR-X	0.957	0.711	0.844	0.544	0.428	0.711

The table reports the Actual over Expected exceedance ratio (AE), the p -values of the Unconditional Coverage (UC, Kupiec, 1995), Conditional Coverage (CC, Christoffersen, 1998), Dynamic Quantile (DQ, Engle & Manganelli, 2004) tests for the VaR, and the UC and CC tests for ES (Acerbi & Szekely, 2014). Bold indicates that the model in row passes the test at the 5% significance level. Models' labels and functional forms are in Table 6. The sample covers the period from 3 January 2017 to 27 July 2022 (1400 observations). Every model has been refitted once every 20 days. The rolling window used is of 1500 observations. The VaR and ES are calculated at the level $\tau = 0.05$

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