# MAXIMUM CONDITIONAL ALPHA TEST FOR CONDITIONAL MULTI-FACTOR MODELS 

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## Supplementary Material

The Supplementary Material consists of ten parts (Sections S1 S10. Section S1 provides eight useful lemmas, Section S 2 provides the proof of Theorem 1, Section S3 provides the proof of Theorem 2, Section $\mathbf{S 4}$ provides the proof of Proposition 1, Section 55 provides the proof of Theorem 3, Section S6 describes the test portfolios, Section S7 presents the empirical evidence for the time-varying coefficients and sparse alternatives based on real data, Section S8 reports the simulation results of conditional multi-factor models with latent factors, Section S9 reports the simulation results of the MAX test proposed by Feng et al. $(2022)$, and Section S10 provides the simulation results for a student- $t$ distribution error.

## S1 Eight Useful Lemmas

We only present the proof of Lemmas 5 and 8, Lemmas 1, 3, and 4 are borrowed from Ma et al. (2020), Lemma 2 is borrowed from Cai et al.
(2014), Lemma 6 can be obtained directly through Bonferroni inequality (Wang, 2012), and the Lemma 7 is directly borrowed from Fan and Han (2017).

Lemma 1. Define $\rho_{i 0 t}=\alpha_{i}(t / T)-\gamma_{i 0}^{0 \top \widetilde{B}}(t / T)$ and $\rho_{i j t}=\beta_{i j}(t / T)-$ $\boldsymbol{\gamma}_{i j}^{0 \top} \boldsymbol{B}(t / T)$ for $1 \leq j \leq d$ and $1 \leq i \leq N$. Then, under Assumption (A.1), there exist $\gamma_{i 0}^{0} \in \mathbb{R}^{L}$ and $\gamma_{i j}^{0} \in \mathbb{R}^{L}$ such that $\sup _{1 \leq t \leq T}\left|\rho_{i 0 t}\right|=$ $O\left(L^{-r}\right)$ and $\sup _{1 \leq t \leq T}\left|\rho_{i j t}\right|=O\left(L^{-r}\right)$ as $T \rightarrow \infty$.

Lemma 2. (Bonferroni Inequality). Let $\mathcal{A}=\bigcup_{k=1}^{N} \mathcal{A}_{k}$. For any $K<$ [N/2], we have

$$
\sum_{k=1}^{2 K}(-1)^{k-1} \mathcal{V}_{k} \leq P(\mathcal{A}) \leq \sum_{k=1}^{2 K-1}(-1)^{k-1} \mathcal{V}_{k}
$$

where $\mathcal{V}_{k}=\sum_{1 \leq i_{1}<\cdots<i_{k} \leq N} P\left(\mathcal{A}_{i_{1}} \cup \cdots \cup \mathcal{A}_{i_{k}}\right)$.

Lemma 3. Under Assumption (A.3), there exist constants $0<c_{z} \leq C_{z}<$ $\infty$ with probability one,

$$
\begin{aligned}
& c_{z} L^{-1} \leq \lambda_{\min }\left(\mathbb{Z}^{\top} \mathbb{Z} / T\right) \leq \lambda_{\max }\left(\mathbb{Z}^{\top} \mathbb{Z} / T\right) \leq C_{z} L^{-1}, \\
& c_{z} L \leq \lambda_{\min }\left\{\left(\mathbb{Z}^{\top} \mathbb{Z} / T\right)^{-1}\right\} \leq \lambda_{\max }\left\{\left(\mathbb{Z}^{\top} \mathbb{Z} / T\right)^{-1}\right\} \leq C_{z} L,
\end{aligned}
$$

as $T \rightarrow \infty$.

Lemma 4. Under Assumption (A.3) (i), there exist constants $0<c_{m} \leq$ $C_{m} \leq 1$ such that $c_{m} T \leq \mathbf{1}_{T}^{\top} \boldsymbol{M}_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbf{1}_{T} \leq C_{m} T$.

Lemma 5. Under Assumptions (A.1)-(A.4), we have

$$
P\left\{\max _{1 \leq i, j \leq N}\left|\widehat{\sigma}_{i j}-\sigma_{i j}\right|>C_{\sigma}\left(\sqrt{L \frac{\log (N)}{T}}+L^{-r}\right)\right\} \rightarrow 0
$$

for some constant $C_{\sigma}>0$.

Proof: Under Assumptions (A.2)-(A.4), by the Bernstein inequality, there exist two finite positive constants $C_{1}$ and $C_{2}$ such that the event

$$
\mathbb{A}=\left\{\max _{i}\left|\frac{1}{T} \sum_{i=1}^{T} \varepsilon_{i t} \varepsilon_{j t}-\sigma_{i j}\right|<C_{1} \sqrt{\frac{\log N}{T}} ; \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^{T}\left\|\mathbf{f}_{t}\right\|^{2}<C_{2}\right\}
$$

occurs with the probability approaching one. In addition, there further exist two finite positive constants $C_{3}$ and $C_{4}$ such that the event $\mathbb{B}=$ $\left\{\max _{i, j} \frac{1}{T}\left|\sum_{t=1}^{T} f_{j t} \varepsilon_{i t}\right|<C_{3} \sqrt{\frac{\log N}{T}} ; \max _{i} \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \varepsilon_{i t}^{2}<C_{4}\right\}$ occurs with the probability approaching one. Then, on the event $\mathbb{A} \cap \mathbb{B}$, by the triangular and Cauchy-Schwarz inequalities, we obtain

$$
\begin{aligned}
\max _{i, j}\left|\widehat{\sigma}_{i j}-\sigma_{i j}\right| \leq C_{1} \sqrt{\frac{\log (N)}{T}} & +2 \max _{i} \sqrt{\frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^{T}\left(\widehat{\varepsilon}_{i t}-\varepsilon_{i t}\right)^{2} C_{4}} \\
& +\max _{i} \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^{T}\left(\varepsilon_{i t}-\widehat{\varepsilon}_{i t}\right)^{2}
\end{aligned}
$$

where $\widehat{\varepsilon}_{i t}$ is the $t$-th element of $\mathbf{M}_{\widetilde{\mathbb{Z}}} \mathbf{R}_{i}$.
Denote $\boldsymbol{\rho}_{i t}=\rho_{i t 0}+\sum_{j=1}^{d} \rho_{i j t} f_{j t}, \boldsymbol{\rho}_{i}=\left(\boldsymbol{\rho}_{i 1}, \ldots, \boldsymbol{\rho}_{i T}\right)^{\top}, \mathbf{P}_{\widetilde{\mathbb{Z}}}=\widetilde{\mathbb{Z}}\left(\widetilde{\mathbb{Z}}^{\top} \widetilde{\mathbb{Z}}\right)^{-1} \widetilde{\mathbb{Z}}^{\top}$,
and $\mathbf{P}_{\mathbb{Z}}=\mathbb{Z}\left(\mathbb{Z}^{\top} \mathbb{Z}\right)^{-1} \mathbb{Z}^{\top}$. Then, we have $\mathbf{R}_{i}=\alpha_{i, A C A} \mathbf{1}_{T}+\mathbb{Z} \gamma_{i}+\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_{i}+\boldsymbol{\rho}_{i}$, and

$$
\begin{align*}
& \max _{i} T^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^{T}\left(\widehat{\varepsilon}_{i t}-\varepsilon_{i t}\right)^{2} \\
& =\max _{i} T^{-1}\left(-\mathbf{P}_{\widetilde{\mathbb{Z}}} \varepsilon_{i}+\mathbf{M}_{\widetilde{\mathbb{Z}}} \boldsymbol{\rho}_{i}\right)^{\top}\left(-\mathbf{P}_{\widetilde{\mathbb{Z}}} \varepsilon_{i}+\mathbf{M}_{\widetilde{\mathbb{Z}}} \boldsymbol{\rho}_{i}\right) \\
& \leq \max _{i} 2 T^{-1} \varepsilon_{i}^{\top} \mathbf{P}_{\widetilde{\mathbb{Z}}} \varepsilon_{i}+2 T^{-1} \boldsymbol{\rho}_{i}^{\top} \mathbf{M}_{\widetilde{\mathbb{Z}}} \boldsymbol{\rho}_{i} \\
& \leq \max _{i} 2 T^{-1} \varepsilon_{i}^{\top} \mathbf{P}_{\mathbb{Z}} \varepsilon_{i}+2 T^{-1} \varepsilon_{i}^{\top}\left(\mathbf{P}_{\mathbb{Z}}-\mathbf{P}_{\widetilde{\mathbb{Z}}}\right) \varepsilon_{i}+2 T^{-1} \boldsymbol{\rho}_{i}^{\top} \boldsymbol{\rho}_{i} . \tag{S1.1}
\end{align*}
$$

We next prove the three parts involved in (S1.1) separately. For the first part of (S1.1), according to Lemma 3, there exist finite positive constants $C_{5}-C_{7}$ such that

$$
\begin{align*}
& \max _{i} T^{-1} \varepsilon_{i}^{\top} \mathbf{P}_{\mathbb{Z}} \varepsilon_{i} \\
& \leq \max _{i} T^{-2} \varepsilon_{i}^{\top} \mathbb{Z}^{\top} \varepsilon_{i} \lambda_{\max }\left[\left(\frac{1}{T} \mathbb{Z}^{\top} \mathbb{Z}\right)^{-1}\right] \\
& \leq \max _{i} C_{5} L T^{-2} \varepsilon_{i}^{\top} \mathbb{Z} \mathbb{Z}^{\top} \varepsilon_{i} \\
& =\max _{i} C_{5} L T^{-2}\left[\sum_{l=1}^{L}\left(\sum_{t \in\{|l(t)-l| \leq q-1\}} \widetilde{B}_{l}(t / T) \varepsilon_{i t}\right)^{2}+\sum_{j=1}^{d} \sum_{l=1}^{L}\left(\sum_{t \in\{|l(t)-l| \leq q-1\}} f_{j t} B_{l}(t / T) \varepsilon_{i t}\right)^{2}\right] \\
& \leq C_{6} L^{-1} \sum_{l=1}^{L}\left\{\max _{i}\left(\frac{L}{T} \sum_{t \in\{|l(t)-l| \leq q-1\}} \varepsilon_{i t}\right)^{2}+\max _{i, j}\left(\frac{L}{T} \sum_{t \in\{|l(t)-l| \leq q-1\}} f_{j t} \varepsilon_{i t}\right)^{2}\right\} \\
& \leq C_{7} L \frac{\log (N)}{T} . \tag{S1.2}
\end{align*}
$$

For the second part of (S1.1), we have

$$
\max _{i} T^{-1} \varepsilon_{i}^{\top}\left(\mathbf{P}_{\mathbb{Z}}-\mathbf{P}_{\widetilde{\mathbb{Z}}}\right) \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_{i}=\max _{i} T^{-1} \varepsilon_{i}^{\top} \mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbf{1}_{T}\left(\mathbf{1}_{T}^{\top} \mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbf{1}_{T}\right)^{-1} \mathbf{1}_{T}^{\top} \mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{Z}} \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_{i}
$$

By Hoeffding inequality, we have

$$
\begin{aligned}
& P\left[\max _{i} T^{-1} \varepsilon_{i}^{\top}\left(\mathbf{P}_{\mathbb{Z}}-\mathbf{P}_{\widetilde{Z}}\right) \varepsilon_{i} \geq C_{8} \log (N) / T\right] \\
\leq & \sum_{i=1}^{N} P\left[T^{-1 / 2}\left|\left(\mathbf{1}_{T}^{\top} \mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbf{1}_{T}\right)^{-1 / 2} \mathbf{1}_{T}^{\top} \mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{Z}} \varepsilon_{i}\right| \geq C_{8} \sqrt{\log (N) / T}\right] \\
\leq & \exp \left(-C_{9} \log (N)\right) .
\end{aligned}
$$

For the third part of (S1.1), there exists finite positive constant $C_{8}$ such that

$$
\begin{equation*}
\max _{i} T^{-1} \boldsymbol{\rho}_{i}^{\top} \boldsymbol{\rho}_{i} \leq \max _{i} T^{-1}(d+1) \sum_{t=1}^{T}\left\{\rho_{i t 0}^{2}+\sum_{j=1}^{d} \rho_{i j t}^{2} f_{j t}^{2}\right\}<C_{8} L^{-2 r} \tag{S1.3}
\end{equation*}
$$

where the last inequality is a result of Lemma 1. Combining the results in S1.2 and S1.3., we have $\max _{i, j}\left|\widehat{\sigma}_{i j}-\sigma_{i j}\right| \leq C_{\sigma}\left(\sqrt{\frac{L \log (N)}{T}}+L^{-r}\right)$ for positive constant $C_{\sigma}$ with the probability approaching one, which completes the proof of this lemma.

Lemma 6. Let $\chi_{i, T}$ be a random variable with a chi-squared distribution of degree $T$, then we should have $\max _{i}\left|T^{-1} \chi_{i, T}-1\right|=O_{p}(\sqrt{\log (N) / T})$ for any $1 \leq i \leq N$.

Lemma 7. For any arbitrary symmetric matrices $\mathbf{A}$ and $\mathbf{B}$, we have

$$
\left|\lambda_{i \mathbf{A}}-\lambda_{i \mathbf{B}}\right| \leq\|\mathbf{A}-\mathbf{B}\| \quad \text { and } \quad\left\|\boldsymbol{\zeta}_{i \mathbf{A}}-\boldsymbol{\zeta}_{i \mathbf{B}}\right\| \leq \frac{\sqrt{2}\|\mathbf{A}-\mathbf{B}\|}{\min \left\{\left|\lambda_{i-1, \mathbf{A}}-\lambda_{i \mathbf{B}}\right|,\left|\lambda_{i+1, \mathbf{A}}-\lambda_{i \mathbf{B}}\right|\right\}},
$$

where $\lambda_{i \mathbf{C}}$ 's and $\boldsymbol{\zeta}_{i \mathbf{C}}$ 's are the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of any arbitrary matrix $\mathbf{C}$ for $i \geq 1$, and $\boldsymbol{\zeta}_{0}=\infty$.

Lemma 8. Under Assumptions (A.1), (A.3), (A.5), and (A.6), we further assume $\widetilde{\mu}_{e-1}-\widetilde{\mu}_{e} \geq d_{N}$ for some positive constant $d_{N}$ and for any $e=$ $2, \cdots, v$. If $\log (N)=o(L)$, we can obtain that

$$
\max _{1 \leq i \leq N}\left|\widehat{\sigma}_{\epsilon, i i}-\sigma_{\epsilon, i i}\right|=O_{p}\left(L^{-r}+L^{1 / 2} T^{-1 / 2}\right) .
$$

Proof. Recall that $\mathbf{R}_{i}=\alpha_{i, A C A} \mathbf{1}_{T}+\mathbb{Z} \boldsymbol{\gamma}_{i}+\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_{i}+\boldsymbol{\rho}_{i}$, and $\widehat{\varepsilon}_{i}=\mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbf{R}_{i}=$ $\mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbf{1}_{T} \alpha_{i, A C A}+\mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{Z}} \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_{i}+\mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{Z}} \boldsymbol{\rho}_{i}$. Note that $\widehat{\sigma}_{\boldsymbol{\epsilon}, i i}=T^{-1} \widehat{\boldsymbol{\epsilon}}_{i}^{\top} \widehat{\boldsymbol{\epsilon}}_{i}$ with $\widehat{\boldsymbol{\epsilon}}_{i}^{\top}=\mathbf{M}_{\widehat{\mathbf{x}}} \widehat{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}}_{i}^{\top}$. As a result, we have $\widehat{\sigma}_{\epsilon, i i}=T^{-1} \widehat{\varepsilon}_{i}^{\top} \mathbf{M}_{\widehat{\mathbf{X}}} \widehat{\varepsilon}_{i}$, which leads to

$$
\begin{align*}
& \max _{i}\left|\widehat{\sigma}_{\boldsymbol{\epsilon}, i i}-\sigma_{\boldsymbol{\epsilon}, i i}\right| \\
& =\left|T^{-1} \widehat{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}}_{i}^{\top} \mathbf{M}_{\widehat{\mathbf{x}}} \widehat{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}}_{i}-T^{-1} \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{i}^{\top} \mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{Z}} \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{i}+T^{-1} \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{i}^{\top} \mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{Z}} \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{i}-\sigma_{\boldsymbol{\epsilon}, i i}\right|  \tag{S1.4}\\
& \leq \max _{i}\left|T^{-1} \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{i}^{\top} \mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{Z}} \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{i}-\sigma_{\boldsymbol{\epsilon}, i i}\right|+\max _{i}\left|T^{-1} \widehat{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}}_{i}^{\top} \mathbf{M}_{\widehat{\mathbf{x}}} \widehat{\varepsilon}_{i}-T^{-1} \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{i}^{\top} \mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{Z}} \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{i}\right| \\
& =\widetilde{I}_{1}+\widetilde{I}_{2} .
\end{align*}
$$

We first consider $\widetilde{I}_{1}$. Note that $\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{i}$ follows a multivariate normal distribution with mean zero and covariance matrix $\sigma_{\boldsymbol{\epsilon}, i i} I_{T}$. As a result, $\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{i}^{\top} \mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{Z}} \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{i} / \sigma_{\epsilon, i i}$ follows a chi-square distribution of degree $T-L$. Thus, according to Lemma 6. we can obtain that

$$
\begin{align*}
\widetilde{I}_{1}= & \max _{i}\left|T^{-1} \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{i}^{\top} \mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{Z}} \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{i}-\sigma_{\epsilon, i i}\right| \\
& \leq \max _{i}\left|T^{-1} \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{i}^{\top} \mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{Z}} \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{i}-(T-L) \sigma_{\epsilon, i i} / T\right|+L \max _{i}\left|\sigma_{\epsilon, i i}\right| / T  \tag{S1.5}\\
& =\max _{i} \sigma_{\epsilon, i i}\left|T^{-1} \chi_{T-L}-(T-L) / T\right|+L \max _{i} \sigma_{\epsilon, i i} / T \\
& =O_{p}\left(\sqrt{\log (N) / T}+L T^{-1}\right) .
\end{align*}
$$

## S1. EIGHT USEFUL LEMMAS

For $\widetilde{I}_{2}$, under the null hypothesis, we have we have $\widehat{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}}_{i}=\mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{Z}} \varepsilon_{i}+\mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{Z}} \boldsymbol{\rho}_{i}$ and $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_{i}=\mathbf{X} \boldsymbol{\lambda}_{i}+\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{i}$. Then,

$$
\begin{aligned}
\widetilde{I}_{2}= & \max _{i}\left\{\left|T^{-1} \widehat{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}}_{i}^{\top} \mathbf{M}_{\widehat{\mathbf{x}}} \widehat{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}}_{i}-T^{-1} \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{i}^{\top} \mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{Z}} \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{i}\right|\right\} \\
= & \max _{i}\left\{\left|T^{-1} \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{i}^{\top} \mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbf{M}_{\widehat{\mathbf{x}}} \mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{Z}} \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{i}-T^{-1} \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{i}^{\top} \mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{Z}} \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{i}\right|\right\}+\max _{i}\left|T^{-1} \boldsymbol{\lambda}_{i}^{\top} \mathbf{X}^{\top} \mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbf{M}_{\widehat{\mathbf{x}}} \mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbf{X} \boldsymbol{\lambda}_{i}\right| \\
& +\max _{i}\left|T^{-1} \boldsymbol{\rho}_{i}^{\top} \mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbf{M}_{\widehat{\mathbf{x}}} \mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{Z}} \boldsymbol{\rho}_{i}\right|+\max _{i}\left|2 T^{-1} \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{i}^{\top} \mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbf{M}_{\widehat{\mathbf{x}}} \mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbf{X} \boldsymbol{\lambda}_{i}\right|+\max _{i} 2\left|T^{-1} \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{i}^{\top} \mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbf{M}_{\widehat{\mathbf{x}}} \mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{Z}} \boldsymbol{\rho}_{i}\right| \\
& +\max _{i}\left|2 T^{-1} \boldsymbol{\rho}_{i}^{\top} \mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbf{M}_{\widehat{\mathbf{x}}} \mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbf{X} \boldsymbol{\lambda}_{i}\right| \\
= & J_{1}+J_{2}+J_{3}+J_{4}+J_{5}+J_{6} .
\end{aligned}
$$

Then, we give the order of $J_{i}$ for $i=1, \ldots, 6$ in the following four steps.
We consider $J_{1}$ to $J_{3}$ in Steps I to III, respectively, and $J_{4}$ to $J_{6}$ in Step IV.
Step I. Before we give the order of $J_{1}$, we first bound the difference $\mathbf{P}_{\widehat{\mathbf{x}}}$ and $\mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{x}}$. We have that

$$
\left\|\mathbf{P}_{\hat{\mathbf{x}}}-\mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{x}}\right\| \leq\left\|\mathbf{P}_{\hat{\mathbf{x}}}-\mathbf{P}_{\tilde{\mathbf{x}}}\right\|+\left\|\mathbf{P}_{\tilde{\mathbf{x}}}-\mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{x}}\right\| .
$$

According to Theorem 2 of Wang (2012), we have

$$
\left\|\mathbf{P}_{\tilde{\mathbf{x}}}-\mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{X}}\right\| \leq \operatorname{tr}^{1 / 2}\left\{\left(\mathbf{P}_{\tilde{\mathbf{x}}}-\mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{X}}\right)^{2}\right\}=O_{p}\left(T^{-1 / 2}\right)
$$

Next, we provide the order of $\left\|\mathbf{P}_{\widehat{\mathbf{x}}}-\mathbf{P}_{\tilde{\mathbf{x}}}\right\|$ according to Lemma 7. Accordingly, by Cauchy-Schwarz inequality, we have

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \left\|\mathbf{P}_{\widehat{\mathbf{X}}}-\mathbf{P}_{\widetilde{\mathbf{X}}}\right\|_{2}^{2} \\
& =T^{-2}\left\|\widehat{\mathbf{X}} \widehat{\mathbf{X}}^{\top}-\widetilde{\mathbf{X}} \widetilde{\mathbf{X}}^{\top}\right\|^{2}=T^{-2}\left\|\widehat{\mathbf{X}} \widehat{\mathbf{X}}^{\top}-\widehat{\mathbf{X}} \widetilde{\mathbf{X}}^{\top}+\widehat{\mathbf{X}} \widetilde{\mathbf{X}}^{\top}-\widetilde{\mathbf{X}} \widetilde{\mathbf{X}}^{\top}\right\|^{2} \\
& \leq 2 T^{-2}\left\|\widehat{\mathbf{X}} \widehat{\mathbf{X}}^{\top}-\widehat{\mathbf{X}} \widetilde{\mathbf{X}}^{\top}\right\|^{2}+2 T^{-2}\left\|\widehat{\mathbf{X}} \widetilde{\mathbf{X}}^{\top}-\widetilde{\mathbf{X}} \widetilde{\mathbf{X}}^{\top}\right\|^{2}=4 T^{-1}\|\widehat{\mathbf{X}}-\widetilde{\mathbf{X}}\|^{2}
\end{aligned}
$$

Accordingly, by Lemma 7, we have

$$
\left\|T^{-1 / 2} \widehat{\mathbf{X}}-T^{-1 / 2} \widetilde{\mathbf{X}}\right\| \leq \sqrt{2 v}\left\|(T N)^{-1} \widehat{\mathcal{E}} \widehat{\mathcal{E}}^{\top}-(T N)^{-1} \mathcal{E} \mathcal{E}^{\top}\right\| / K_{\min },
$$

where $K_{\text {min }}=\min _{e \in\{1 \ldots, v\}}\left\{\left|\widehat{\mu}_{e-1}-\widetilde{\mu}_{e}\right|,\left|\widehat{\mu}_{e+1}-\widetilde{\mu}_{e}\right|\right\}$. Under $H_{0}, \boldsymbol{\alpha}_{A C A}=0$,
we obtain

$$
\begin{align*}
\left\|(N T)^{-1} \widehat{\mathcal{E}} \widehat{\mathcal{E}}^{\top}-(N T)^{-1} \mathcal{E} \mathcal{E}^{\top}\right\| \leq & \left\|(N T)^{-1} \mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{Z}} \boldsymbol{\rho} \boldsymbol{\rho}^{\top} \mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{Z}}\right\|+2\left\|(N T)^{-1} \mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathcal{E} \boldsymbol{\rho}^{\top} \mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{Z}}\right\| \\
& +\left\|(N T)^{-1} \mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathcal{E} \mathcal{E}^{\top} \mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{Z}}-(N T)^{-1} \mathcal{E} \mathcal{E}^{\top}\right\| . \tag{S1.6}
\end{align*}
$$

Moreover, one can easily verify that $\lambda_{\max }\left(N^{-1} T^{-1} \boldsymbol{\rho} \boldsymbol{\rho}^{\top}\right)=O_{p}\left(L^{-2 r}\right)$ using S1.3), where $\boldsymbol{\rho}=\left(\boldsymbol{\rho}_{1}, \cdots, \boldsymbol{\rho}_{T}\right)^{\top} \in \mathbb{R}^{T \times N}$. Then,

$$
\left\|(N T)^{-1} \mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{Z}} \boldsymbol{\rho} \boldsymbol{\rho}^{\top} \mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{Z}}\right\| \leq \lambda_{\max }\left(\mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{Z}}\right)\left\|(N T)^{-1} \boldsymbol{\rho} \boldsymbol{\rho}^{\top}\right\|=O_{p}\left(L^{-2 r}\right)
$$

Moreover, we also can easily verify that $\lambda_{\max }\left(N^{-1} T^{-1} \mathcal{E E}^{\top}\right)=O_{p}(1)$ by Assumption (A.6). Then, we can also obtain

$$
\begin{aligned}
\left\|(N T)^{-1} \mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathcal{E} \boldsymbol{\rho}^{\top} \mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{Z}}\right\| & \leq \lambda_{\max }\left(\mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{Z}}\right)\left\|(N T)^{-1} \mathcal{E} \boldsymbol{\rho}^{\top}\right\| \\
& \leq(N T)^{-1} \lambda_{\max }^{1 / 2}\left(\mathcal{E} \mathcal{E}^{\top}\right) \lambda_{\max }^{1 / 2}\left(\boldsymbol{\rho} \boldsymbol{\rho}^{\top}\right)=O_{p}\left(L^{-r}\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

For the third term of (S1.6), we have that

$$
\begin{aligned}
\left\|(N T)^{-1} \mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathcal{E} \mathcal{E}^{\top} \mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{Z}}-(N T)^{-1} \mathcal{E \mathcal { E }}^{\top}\right\| & \leq 2(N T)^{-1}\left\|\mathbf{P}_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathcal{E} \mathcal{E}^{\top}\right\|+(N T)^{-1}\left\|\mathbf{P}_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathcal{E} \mathcal{E}^{\top} \mathbf{P}_{\mathbb{Z}}\right\|^{2} \\
& \leq 2(N T)^{-1}\left\|\mathbf{P}_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathcal{E}\right\|\|\mathcal{E}\|+(N T)^{-1}\left\|\mathbf{P}_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathcal{E}\right\|^{2}
\end{aligned}
$$

Next, we bound the order of $\left\|\mathbf{P}_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathcal{E}\right\|$. According to the definition of $\mathbf{P}_{\mathbb{Z}}$, the eigen-decomposition of $\mathbf{P}_{\mathbb{Z}}$ can be written as $U_{P} U_{P}^{\top}$, where $U_{P}$ is the $N \times L$
matrix consisting of the first $L$ eigenvectors of $\mathbf{P}_{\mathbb{Z}}$. Then,

$$
\left\|\mathbf{P}_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathcal{E}\right\| \leq\left\|U_{P}^{\top} \mathcal{E}\right\| \leq\left\|U_{P}^{\top} \mathbf{X} \boldsymbol{\Lambda}\right\|+\left\|U_{P}^{\top} \boldsymbol{\epsilon}\right\| \leq\left\|U_{P}^{\top} \mathbf{X}\right\|\|\boldsymbol{\Lambda}\|+\left\|U_{P}^{\top} \boldsymbol{\epsilon}\right\| .
$$

Since elements in $\mathbf{X}_{t}$ and $\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{i}$ are independent normal random variables, according to Tomioka and Suzuki (2014), we have $\left\|U_{P}^{\top} \mathbf{X}\right\|=O_{p}(\sqrt{L})$ and $\left\|U_{P}^{\top} \boldsymbol{\epsilon}\right\|=O_{p}(\sqrt{N L})$. According to Assumption (A.6), $\|\boldsymbol{\Lambda}\|=O(\sqrt{N})$. Thus

$$
\left\|(N T)^{-1} \mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathcal{E E}^{\top} \mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{Z}}-(N T)^{-1} \mathcal{E E}^{\top}\right\| \leq O_{p}(\sqrt{L / T})
$$

Accordingly, we can obtain that

$$
\left\|(N T)^{-1} \widehat{\mathcal{E}} \widehat{\mathcal{E}}^{\top}-(N T)^{-1} \mathcal{E} \mathcal{E}^{\top}\right\|=O_{p}\left(\sqrt{L / T}+L^{-r}\right)
$$

Next, we consider $K_{\text {min }}$. Note that

$$
\left|\widehat{\mu}_{e-1}-\widetilde{\mu}_{e}\right|=\left|\widehat{\mu}_{e-1}-\widetilde{\mu}_{e-1}+\widetilde{\mu}_{e-1}-\widetilde{\mu}_{e}\right| \geq\left|\widetilde{\mu}_{e-1}-\widetilde{\mu}_{e}\right|-\left|\widehat{\mu}_{e-1}-\widetilde{\mu}_{e-1}\right| .
$$

By the assumption that $\left|\widetilde{\mu}_{e-1}-\widetilde{\mu}_{e}\right| \geq d_{N}$ for any $e=2, \ldots, v$. Moreover, by Lemma 7 again, we have

$$
\left|\widehat{\mu}_{e-1}-\widetilde{\mu}_{e-1}\right| \leq\left\|(T N)^{-1} \widehat{\mathcal{E}} \widehat{\mathcal{E}}^{\top}-(T N)^{-1} \mathcal{E} \mathcal{E}^{\top}\right\|=o_{p}(1) .
$$

Consequently, with the probability approaching one,

$$
2 K_{\min } \geq\left|\widehat{\mu}_{e-1}-\widetilde{\mu}_{e}\right| \geq d_{N}
$$

Combining the above results, we can obtain that

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left\|\mathbf{P}_{\widehat{\mathbf{x}}}-\mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{X}}\right\|=O_{p}\left(L^{-r}+\sqrt{L / T}\right) \tag{S1.7}
\end{equation*}
$$

Now we consider $J_{1}$. We have

$$
J_{1}=\max _{i}\left|T^{-1} \varepsilon_{i}^{\top} \mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{Z}}\left(\mathbf{I}_{T}-\mathbf{M}_{\widehat{\mathbf{x}}}\right) \mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{Z}} \varepsilon_{i}\right|=\max _{i}\left|T^{-2} \varepsilon_{i}^{\top} \mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{Z}} \widehat{\mathbf{X}} \widehat{\mathbf{X}}^{\top} \mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{Z}} \varepsilon_{i}\right|
$$

By the definition of $\widehat{\mathbf{X}}$, we have $\mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{Z}} \widehat{\mathbf{X}}=\widehat{\mathbf{X}}$. Thus, we have

$$
\begin{aligned}
J_{1} & =\max _{i}\left|T^{-2} \varepsilon_{i}^{\top} \widehat{\mathbf{X}} \widehat{\mathbf{X}}^{\top} \varepsilon_{i}\right| \leq \max _{i} T^{-1}\left|\varepsilon_{i}^{\top}\left(\mathbf{P}_{\widehat{\mathbf{x}}}-\mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{x}}\right) \varepsilon_{i}\right|+\max _{i} T^{-1}\left|\varepsilon_{i}^{\top} \mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{x}} \varepsilon_{i}\right| \\
& \leq O_{p}\left(\left\|\mathbf{P}_{\widehat{\mathbf{x}}}-\mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{X}}\right\|\right)+O_{p}(\sqrt{\log (N) / T})=O_{p}\left(L^{-r}+\sqrt{L / T}\right) .
\end{aligned}
$$

Step II. Now we consider $J_{2}$. Recall that $\operatorname{tr}\left\{\mathbf{X}^{\top} \mathbf{M}_{\widetilde{\mathbf{x}}} \mathbf{X}\right\}=O_{p}(1)$ Wang, 2012). We obtain

$$
\begin{aligned}
J_{2} & =\max _{i} T^{-1}\left\|\mathbf{M}_{\widehat{\mathbf{x}}} \mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbf{X} \boldsymbol{\lambda}_{i}\right\|^{2} \leq 2 \max _{i} T^{-1}\left\|\mathbf{M}_{\widehat{\mathbf{x}}} \mathbf{P}_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbf{X} \boldsymbol{\lambda}_{i}\right\|^{2}+2 \max _{i} T^{-1}\left\|\mathbf{M}_{\widehat{\mathbf{x}}} \mathbf{X} \boldsymbol{\lambda}_{i}\right\|^{2} \\
& \leq 2 \max _{i} T^{-1}\left\|\mathbf{P}_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbf{X} \boldsymbol{\lambda}_{i}\right\|^{2}+2 \max _{i} T^{-1}\left\|\left(\mathbf{M}_{\widehat{\mathbf{x}}}-\mathbf{M}_{\mathbf{X}}\right) \mathbf{X} \boldsymbol{\lambda}_{i}\right\|^{2} \\
& =O_{p}\left(L / T(1+\sqrt{\log (N) / L})+L^{-2 r}+L / T\right)=O_{p}\left(L^{-2 r}+L / T\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

Step III. For $J_{3}$, we have

$$
\max _{i} T^{-1} \boldsymbol{\rho}_{i}^{\top} \mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbf{M}_{\widehat{\mathbf{x}}} \mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{Z}} \boldsymbol{\rho}_{i} \leq \max _{i} T^{-1} \boldsymbol{\rho}_{i}^{\top} \boldsymbol{\rho}_{i}=O_{p}\left(L^{-2 r}\right)
$$

Step IV. For $J_{4}$, by Cauchy-Schwarz inequality, we have

$$
J_{4} \leq \max _{i}\left\|T^{-1 / 2} \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{i}^{\top} \mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{Z}}\right\|\left\|T^{-1 / 2} \mathbf{M}_{\widehat{\mathbf{x}}} \mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbf{X} \boldsymbol{\lambda}_{i}\right\|=O_{p}\left(\sqrt{L / T}+L^{-r}\right)
$$

where the last equality is due to the order of $J_{2}$ and Lemma 6. Similarly, we have

$$
J_{5} \leq \max _{i}\left\|T^{-1 / 2} \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{i}^{\top}\right\|\left\|T^{-1 / 2} \mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbf{M}_{\widehat{\mathbf{x}}} \mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{Z}} \boldsymbol{\rho}_{i}\right\|=O_{p}\left(L^{-r}\right)
$$

For $J_{6}$,

$$
J_{6} \leq \max _{i}\left\|T^{-1 / 2} \boldsymbol{\rho}_{i}^{\top} \mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{Z}}\right\|\left\|T^{-1 / 2} \mathbf{M}_{\widehat{\mathbf{x}}} \mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbf{X} \boldsymbol{\lambda}_{i}\right\| \leq O_{p}\left(L^{-r} \sqrt{L / T}+L^{-2 r}\right)
$$

Combining all of these results above, we have $\widetilde{I}_{2}=O_{p}\left(L^{-r}+\sqrt{L / T}\right)$, which completes the proof of Lemma 8 .

## S2 Proof of Theorem 1

Denote $\boldsymbol{\theta}=\left(\mathbf{1}_{T}^{\top} \mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbf{1}_{T}\right)^{-1} \mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbf{1}_{T}$ and let $\theta_{t}$ be the $t$-th element of $\boldsymbol{\theta}$. After simple calculation, we have

$$
\begin{aligned}
\widehat{\alpha}_{i, A C A} & =\left(\mathbf{1}_{T}^{\top} \mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbf{1}_{T}\right)^{-1} \mathbf{1}_{T}^{\top} \mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbf{R}_{i} \\
& =\alpha_{i, A C A}+\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_{i}^{\top} \boldsymbol{\theta}+\boldsymbol{\rho}_{i}^{\top} \boldsymbol{\theta} \\
& =\alpha_{i, A C A}+\sum_{t=1}^{T} \varepsilon_{i t} \theta_{t}+\sum_{t=1}^{T} \boldsymbol{\rho}_{i t} \theta_{t} .
\end{aligned}
$$

Define $\mathbf{h}=\left(h_{1}, \cdots, h_{T}\right)^{\top}=\mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbf{1}_{T}, V_{i t}=\varepsilon_{i t} h_{t} / \sigma_{i i}^{1 / 2}, U_{i t}=V_{i t}+\boldsymbol{\rho}_{i t} h_{t} / \sigma_{i i}^{1 / 2}$. Let $\widehat{V}_{i t}=V_{i t} I\left(\left|V_{i t}\right| \leq \tau_{T}\right)$ for $t=1, \cdots, T$ and $i=1, \cdots, N$, where $\tau_{T}=2 \xi_{t}^{-1} \eta^{-1 / 2} \sqrt{\log (N+T)}$. Here, $\eta$ is the constant defined in Assumption (A.2), and $\xi_{t} \rightarrow 0$ will be specified later. Further, define $W_{i}=$ $\sum_{t=1}^{T} U_{i t} /\left(\mathbf{1}_{T}^{\top} \mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbf{1}_{T}\right)^{1 / 2}, \widetilde{W}_{i}=\sum_{t=1}^{T} V_{i t} /\left(\mathbf{1}_{T}^{\top} \mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbf{1}_{T}\right)^{1 / 2}$, and $\widehat{W}_{i}=\sum_{t=1}^{T} \widehat{V}_{i t} /\left(\mathbf{1}_{T}^{\top} \mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbf{1}_{T}\right)^{1 / 2}$. We next prove the theorem in two steps. In the first step, we prove that
for any $x \in \mathbb{R}$, as $N \rightarrow \infty$,
$P\left[\max _{1 \leq i \leq N} \widehat{W}_{i}^{2}-2 \log (N)+\log \{\log (N)\} \leq x\right] \rightarrow \exp \left\{-\frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \exp \left(-\frac{x}{2}\right)\right\}$.
In the second step, we show that the difference between $\widehat{W}_{i}$ and $W_{i}$ is negligible such that $\max _{i}\left|W_{i}-\widehat{W}_{i}\right|=o_{p}(1 / \log (N))$.

Step I. We first prove that for any $x \in \mathbb{R}$, as $N \rightarrow \infty$,
$P\left[\max _{1 \leq i \leq N} \widehat{W}_{i}^{2}-2 \log (N)+\log \{\log (N)\} \leq x\right] \rightarrow \exp \left\{-\frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \exp \left(-\frac{x}{2}\right)\right\}$.

Let $x_{N}=(2 \log (N)-\log \{\log (N)\}+x)^{1 / 2}$ and $F=\left(\mathbf{f}_{t}, t=1, \cdots, T\right)$. It follows from Lemma 2 that for any fixed $K \leq[N / 2]$,

$$
\begin{align*}
& \sum_{k=1}^{2 K}(-1)^{k-1} \sum_{1 \leq i_{1}<\cdots<i_{k} \leq N} P\left(\left|\widehat{W}_{i_{1}}\right| \geq x_{N}, \cdots,\left|\widehat{W}_{i_{k}}\right| \geq x_{N} \mid F\right) \leq P\left(\max _{1 \leq i \leq N}\left|\widehat{W}_{i}\right| \geq x_{N} \mid F\right) \\
& \leq \sum_{k=1}^{2 K-1}(-1)^{k-1} \sum_{1 \leq i_{1}<\cdots<i_{k} \leq N} P\left(\left|\widehat{W}_{i_{1}}\right| \geq x_{N}, \cdots,\left|\widehat{W}_{i_{k}}\right| \geq x_{N} \mid F\right) \tag{S2.2}
\end{align*}
$$

Define $|\widehat{\mathbf{W}}|_{\min }=\min _{1 \leq b \leq k}\left|\widehat{W}_{i_{b}}\right|$. Then, under Assumptions (A.2) and (A.4), by Theorem 1 in Zaitsev (1987), we have

$$
\begin{align*}
P\left(|\widehat{\mathbf{W}}|_{\min } \geq x_{N} \mid F\right) \leq & P\left\{|\mathcal{Z}|_{\min } \geq x_{N}-\iota_{T} \log ^{-1 / 2}(N)\right\} \\
& +c_{1} k^{5 / 2} \exp \left\{-\frac{T^{1 / 2} \iota_{T}}{c_{2} k^{3} \tau_{T} \log ^{1 / 2}(N)}\right\} \tag{S2.3}
\end{align*}
$$

where $c_{1}$ and $c_{2}$ are finite positive constants, $\iota_{T}$ is to be specified later, and $\mathcal{Z}=\left(\mathcal{Z}_{i_{1}}, \cdots, \mathcal{Z}_{i_{k}}\right)^{\top}$ is a $k$-dimensional normal vector with the covariance matrix $\Pi_{\mathcal{Z}}$ satisfying $\operatorname{cov}\left(\mathcal{Z}_{i_{k}}, \mathcal{Z}_{i_{j}}\right)=\Pi_{i_{k} i_{j}}$, where $\Pi$ is the correlation matrix
of $\mathbf{E}_{t}$. Because $\log (N)=o\left(T^{1 / 9}\right)$, we can let $\iota_{T} \rightarrow 0$ sufficiently slowly, such that

$$
\begin{equation*}
c_{1} k^{5 / 2} \exp \left\{-\frac{T^{1 / 2} \iota_{T}}{c_{2} k^{3} \tau_{T} \log (N)^{1 / 2}}\right\}=O\left(N^{-\xi}\right) \tag{S2.4}
\end{equation*}
$$

for any large $\xi>0$. It then follows from (S2.2), (S2.3), and (S2.4) that

$$
\begin{equation*}
P\left(\max _{1 \leq i \leq N}\left|\widehat{W}_{i}\right| \geq x_{N} \mid F\right) \leq \sum_{k=1}^{2 K-1}(-1)^{k-1} \sum_{1 \leq i_{1}<\cdots<i_{k} \leq N} P\left\{|\mathcal{Z}|_{\min } \geq x_{N}-\iota_{T} \log (N)^{-1 / 2}\right\}+o(1) \tag{S2.5}
\end{equation*}
$$

Similarly, using Theorem 1 in Zaitsev (1987) again, we can obtain

$$
\begin{equation*}
P\left(\max _{1 \leq i \leq N}\left|\widehat{W}_{i}\right| \geq x_{N} \mid F\right) \geq \sum_{k=1}^{2 K}(-1)^{k-1} \sum_{1 \leq i_{1}<\cdots<i_{k} \leq N} P\left\{|\mathcal{Z}|_{\min } \geq x_{N}-\iota_{T} \log (N)^{-1 / 2}\right\}-o(1) \tag{S2.6}
\end{equation*}
$$

By (S2.5), (S2.6), and the proof of Theorem 1 in Cai et al. (2014), we have
$P\left[\max _{1 \leq i \leq N} \widehat{W}_{i}^{2}-2 \log (N)+\log \{\log (N)\} \leq x \mid F\right] \rightarrow \exp \left\{-\frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \exp \left(-\frac{x}{2}\right)\right\}$,
where the right term is not affected by $F$. Thus, (S2.1) is proved.
Step II. We next prove that $\max _{i}\left|W_{i}-\widehat{W}_{i}\right|=o_{p}\{1 / \log (N)\}$. Note that $\max _{i}\left|W_{i}-\widehat{W}_{i}\right| \leq \max _{i}\left(\left|\widetilde{W}_{i}-\widehat{W}_{i}\right|+\left|W_{i}-\widetilde{W}_{i}\right|\right)$. We then consider the two terms $\max _{i}\left|\widetilde{W}_{i}-\widehat{W}_{i}\right|$ and $\max _{i}\left|W_{i}-\widetilde{W}_{i}\right|$ separately. We first prove
that $\max _{1 \leq i \leq N}\left|\widetilde{W}_{i}-\widehat{W}_{i}\right|=o_{p}\{1 / \log (N)\}$. We have that

$$
\begin{aligned}
& P\left\{\max _{1 \leq i \leq N}\left|\widetilde{W}_{i}-\widehat{W}_{i}\right| \geq \frac{1}{\log (N)}\right\} \\
& \leq P\left(\max _{1 \leq i \leq N} \max _{1 \leq t \leq T}\left|V_{i t}\right| \geq \tau_{T}\right) \\
& \leq \sum_{1 \leq i \leq N} \sum_{1 \leq t \leq T} P\left(\left|V_{i t}\right| \geq \tau_{T}\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

For any $\xi_{t} \rightarrow 0$, we obtain

$$
\begin{aligned}
P\left(\left|V_{i t}\right| \geq \tau_{T}\right)= & P\left(\left|\varepsilon_{i t} / \sigma_{i i}^{1 / 2}\right| \geq\left|h_{t}^{-1}\right| \tau_{T}\right) \\
= & P\left(\left|\varepsilon_{i t} / \sigma_{i i}^{1 / 2}\right| \geq\left|h_{t}^{-1}\right| \tau_{T},\left|h_{t}^{-1}\right| \geq \xi_{t}\right) \\
& +P\left(\left|\varepsilon_{i t} / \sigma_{i i}^{1 / 2}\right| \geq\left|h_{t}^{-1}\right| \tau_{T},\left|h_{t}^{-1}\right|<\xi_{t}\right) \\
\leq & P\left(\left|\varepsilon_{i t} / \sigma_{i i}^{1 / 2}\right| \geq \xi_{t} \tau_{T}\right)+P\left(\left|h_{t}\right| \geq \xi_{t}^{-1}\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

We consider the above two parts separately. We first calculate $P\left(\left|\varepsilon_{i t} / \sigma_{i i}^{1 / 2}\right| \geq\right.$ $\xi_{t} \tau_{T}$ ). Under Assumption (A.2), by the Markov inequality, we then obtain

$$
\begin{equation*}
P\left(\left|\varepsilon_{i t} / \sigma_{i i}^{1 / 2}\right| \geq \xi_{t} \tau_{T}\right) \leq \mathcal{K} \exp \left(-\eta \xi_{t}^{2} \tau_{T}^{2}\right)=\mathcal{K}(N+T)^{-4} \tag{S2.7}
\end{equation*}
$$

We next calculate $P\left(\left|h_{t}\right| \geq \xi_{t}^{-1}\right)$. Define $\boldsymbol{\kappa}=\left(\mathbb{Z}^{\top} \mathbb{Z}\right)^{-1}\left(\mathbb{Z}^{\top} \mathbf{1}_{T}\right)=\left(\mathbb{Z}^{\top} \mathbb{Z} / T\right)^{-1}\left(\mathbb{Z}^{\top} \mathbf{1}_{T} / T\right)=$ $\left(\kappa_{1}, \cdots, \kappa_{(1+d) L}\right)^{\top}$ and $\widetilde{\boldsymbol{\kappa}}=\left\{\mathbb{E}\left(\mathbb{Z}^{\top} \mathbb{Z}\right) / T\right\}^{-1} \mathbb{E}\left(\mathbb{Z}^{\top} \mathbf{1}_{T} / T\right) . \quad$ By the definition of $h_{t}$, we have $P\left(\left|h_{t}\right| \geq \xi_{t}^{-1}\right)=P\left(\left|1-\sum_{k=1}^{(1+d) L} \kappa_{k} Z_{t k}\right| \geq \xi_{t}^{-1}\right) \leq$ $P\left(\left|\sum_{k=1}^{(1+d) L} \kappa_{k} Z_{t k}\right| \geq \xi_{t}^{-1}-1\right)$. Under Assumption (A.3) and $L=o\left(T^{1 / 3}\right)$, by the result in Ma et al. (2020), we have $\left\|\mathbb{E}\left(\mathbb{Z}^{\top} \mathbf{1}_{T} / T\right)\right\|_{\infty}=O\left(L^{-1}\right)$, $\left\|\left\{\mathbb{E}\left(\mathbb{Z}^{\top} \mathbb{Z}\right) / T\right\}^{-1}\right\|_{\infty}=O(L),\left\|\mathbb{Z}^{\top} \mathbf{1}_{T} / T-\mathbb{E}\left(\mathbb{Z}^{\top} \mathbf{1}_{T} / T\right)\right\|_{\infty}=O_{p}(\log T / \sqrt{T L})$
and $\left\|\left(\mathbb{Z}^{\top} \mathbb{Z} / T\right)^{-1}-\left\{\mathbb{E}\left(\mathbb{Z}^{\top} \mathbb{Z}\right) / T\right\}^{-1}\right\|_{\infty}=O_{p}\left(L^{2} \log T / \sqrt{T L}\right)$. Then, we obtain $\|\widetilde{\boldsymbol{\kappa}}\|_{\infty} \leq\left\|\left\{\mathbb{E}\left(\mathbb{Z}^{\top} \mathbb{Z}\right) / T\right\}^{-1}\right\|_{\infty}\left\|\mathbb{E}\left(\mathbb{Z}^{\top} \mathbf{1}_{T} / T\right)\right\|_{\infty}=O(1)$, and

$$
\begin{aligned}
\|\boldsymbol{\kappa}-\widetilde{\boldsymbol{\kappa}}\|_{\infty} \leq & \left\|\mathbb{Z}^{\top} \mathbf{1}_{T} / T-\mathbb{E}\left(\mathbb{Z}^{\top} \mathbf{1}_{T} / T\right)\right\|_{\infty}\left\|\left\{\mathbb{E}\left(\mathbb{Z}^{\top} \mathbb{Z}\right) / T\right\}^{-1}\right\|_{\infty} \\
& +\left\|\left(\mathbb{Z}^{\top} \mathbb{Z} / T\right)^{-1}-\left\{\mathbb{E}\left(\mathbb{Z}^{\top} \mathbb{Z}\right) / T\right\}^{-1}\right\|_{\infty}\left\|\mathbb{Z}^{\top} \mathbf{1}_{T} / T\right\|_{\infty} \\
= & O_{p}\left(L^{1 / 2} \log T / T^{1 / 2}\right) .
\end{aligned}
$$

Thus, $\boldsymbol{\kappa} \xrightarrow{p} \widetilde{\boldsymbol{\kappa}}$ as $T \rightarrow \infty$, and $\kappa_{i}$ is bounded by a positive constant $C_{\kappa}$ with the probability tending to one. By the fact that $\left|\sum_{l=1}^{L} B_{l}(t / T)\right|$ is bounded by a positive constant $C^{\prime}$ and Assumption (A.3) (ii), we have

$$
\begin{align*}
P\left(\left|h_{t}\right| \geq \xi_{t}^{-1}\right) & \leq P\left(\left|\sum_{k=1}^{(1+d) L} \kappa_{k} Z_{t k}\right| \geq \xi_{t}^{-1}-1\right) \\
& \leq P\left(C_{\kappa} \sum_{k=1}^{(1+d) L}\left|Z_{t k}\right| \geq \xi_{t}^{-1}-1\right) \\
& \leq P\left\{C_{\kappa} C^{\prime}\left(1+\sum_{j=1}^{d}\left|f_{j t}\right|\right) \geq \xi_{t}^{-1}-1\right\}  \tag{S2.8}\\
& \leq P\left\{C_{\kappa} C^{\prime}\left(1+d \max _{1 \leq j \leq d}\left|f_{j t}\right|\right) \geq \xi_{t}^{-1}-1\right\} \\
& \leq \exp \left[-\left\{b_{1}^{-1} d^{-1} C_{\kappa}^{-1} C^{\prime-1}\left(\xi_{t}^{-1}-1-C_{\kappa} C^{\prime}\right)\right\}^{a_{1}}\right]
\end{align*}
$$

Combining the results (S2.7) and (S2.8), we have

$$
\begin{align*}
& P\left\{\max _{1 \leq i \leq N}\left|\widetilde{W}_{i}-\widehat{W}_{i}\right| \geq \frac{1}{\log (N)}\right\} \\
& \leq N T\left\{P\left(\left|\varepsilon_{i t} / \sigma_{i i}^{1 / 2}\right| \geq \xi_{t} \tau_{T}\right)+P\left(\left|h_{t}\right| \geq \xi_{t}^{-1}\right)\right\} \\
& \leq \mathcal{K} N T(T+N)^{-4}+N T \exp \left[-\left\{b_{1}^{-1} d^{-1} C_{\kappa}^{-1} C^{\prime-1}\left(\xi_{t}^{-1}-1-C_{\kappa} C^{\prime}\right)\right\}^{a_{1}}\right] \rightarrow 0 \tag{S2.9}
\end{align*}
$$

by setting $\xi_{t}=o\left[\{\log (N)+\log (T)\}^{-1 / a_{1}}\right]$.
We next prove that $\max _{1 \leq i \leq N}\left|\widetilde{W}_{i}-W_{i}\right|=o_{p}(1 / \log (N))$. Under Assumption (A.3), there exist two finite positive constants $\widetilde{C}_{z}$ and $\breve{C}_{z}$, such that

$$
\begin{align*}
\max _{i}\left|W_{i}-\widetilde{W}_{i}\right| & =\left(\mathbf{1}_{T}^{\top} \mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbf{1}_{T}\right)^{-1 / 2} \max _{i} \sum_{t=1}^{T}\left|\rho_{i t} h_{t}\right| / \sigma_{i i}^{1 / 2} \\
& \leq \widetilde{C}_{z} T^{-1 / 2} \max _{i} \sum_{t=1}^{T}\left|\left(\rho_{i t 0}+\sum_{j=1}^{d} \rho_{i j t} f_{j t}\right)\left(1-\sum_{k=1}^{(1+d) L} \kappa_{k} Z_{t k}\right)\right| \\
& \leq \breve{C}_{z} T^{-1 / 2} L^{-r} \sum_{t=1}^{T}\left(1+\sum_{j=1}^{d}\left|f_{j t}\right|\right)^{2} \\
& =O_{p}\left(L^{-r} T^{1 / 2}\right)=o_{p}(1 / \log (N)) \tag{S2.10}
\end{align*}
$$

Thus, by S2.9) and S2.10), we obtain $\max _{i}\left|W_{i}-\widehat{W}_{i}\right| \leq \max _{i}\left(\left|\widetilde{W}_{i}-\widehat{W}_{i}\right|+\right.$ $\left.\left|W_{i}-\widetilde{W}_{i}\right|\right)=o_{p}(1 / \log (N))$.

Accordingly, we obtain

$$
\left|\max _{1 \leq i \leq N} W_{i}^{2}-\max _{1 \leq i \leq N} \widehat{W}_{i}^{2}\right| \leq 2 \max _{1 \leq i \leq N}\left|W_{i}\right| \max _{1 \leq i \leq N}\left|W_{i}-\widehat{W}_{i}\right|+\max _{1 \leq i \leq N}\left|W_{i}-\widehat{W}_{i}\right|^{2}=o_{p}(1)
$$

which immediately leads to

$$
\begin{align*}
& P\left[\max _{1 \leq i \leq N} W_{i}^{2}-2 \log (N)+\log \{\log (N)\} \leq x\right] \\
& =P\left[\max _{1 \leq i \leq N} \widehat{W}_{i}^{2}-2 \log (N)+\log \{\log (N)\} \leq x+\max _{1 \leq i \leq N} \widehat{W}_{i}^{2}-\max _{1 \leq i \leq N} W_{i}^{2}\right] \\
& =P\left[\max _{1 \leq i \leq N} \widehat{W}_{i}^{2}-2 \log (N)+\log \{\log (N)\} \leq x+o_{p}(1)\right] \tag{S2.11}
\end{align*}
$$

Recall that $W_{i}^{2}=\left(\mathbf{1}_{T}^{\top} \mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbf{1}_{T}\right)\left(\widehat{\alpha}_{i, A C A}-\alpha_{i, A C A}\right)^{2} / \sigma_{i i}$. Then, by S2.1 and (S2.11), we have

$$
\begin{align*}
& P\left[\max _{1 \leq i \leq N} \frac{\left(\mathbf{1}_{T}^{\top} \mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbf{1}_{T}\right)\left(\widehat{\alpha}_{i, A C A}-\alpha_{i, A C A}\right)^{2}}{\sigma_{i i}}-2 \log (N)+\log \{\log (N)\} \leq x\right] \\
& \rightarrow \exp \left\{-\frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \exp \left(-\frac{x}{2}\right)\right\} \tag{S2.12}
\end{align*}
$$

Accordingly, to prove the theorem, it suffices to show that

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left|\max _{1 \leq i \leq N} \frac{\left(\widehat{\alpha}_{i, A C A}-\alpha_{i, A C A}\right)^{2}}{\left(\mathbf{1}_{T}^{\top} \mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbf{1}_{T}\right)^{-1} \widehat{\sigma}_{i i}}-\max _{1 \leq i \leq N} \frac{\left(\widehat{\alpha}_{i, A C A}-\alpha_{i, A C A}\right)^{2}}{\left(\mathbf{1}_{T}^{\top} \mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbf{1}_{T}\right)^{-1} \sigma_{i i}}\right|=o_{p}(1) . \tag{S2.13}
\end{equation*}
$$

By the triangle inequality, (S2.13) follows as

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \left|\max _{1 \leq i \leq N} \frac{\left(\widehat{\alpha}_{i, A C A}-\alpha_{i, A C A}\right)^{2}}{\left(\mathbf{1}_{T}^{\top} \mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbf{1}_{T}\right)^{-1} \widehat{\sigma}_{i i}}-\max _{1 \leq i \leq N} \frac{\left(\widehat{\alpha}_{i, A C A}-\alpha_{i, A C A}\right)^{2}}{\left(\mathbf{1}_{T}^{\top} \mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbf{1}_{T}\right)^{-1} \sigma_{i i}}\right| \\
& \leq \max _{1 \leq i \leq N}\left|\frac{\left(\widehat{\alpha}_{i, A C A}-\alpha_{i, A C A}\right)^{2}}{\left(\mathbf{1}_{T}^{\top} \mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbf{1}_{T}\right)^{-1} \sigma_{i i}}\right|\left|\frac{\sigma_{i i}}{\widehat{\sigma}_{i i}}-1\right| \\
& \leq \max _{1 \leq i \leq N}\left|\frac{\left(\widehat{\alpha}_{i, A C A}-\alpha_{i, A C A}\right)^{2}}{\left(\mathbf{1}_{T}^{\top} \mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbf{1}_{T}\right)^{-1} \sigma_{i i}}\right| \max _{1 \leq i \leq N}\left|\frac{\sigma_{i i}}{\widehat{\sigma}_{i i}}-1\right|
\end{aligned}
$$

First, by (S2.12), we have

$$
\begin{equation*}
\max _{1 \leq i \leq N}\left|\frac{\left(\widehat{\alpha}_{i, A C A}-\alpha_{i, A C A}\right)^{2}}{\left(\mathbf{1}_{T}^{\top} \mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbf{1}_{T}\right)^{-1} \sigma_{i i}}\right|=O_{p}\{\log (N)\} \tag{S2.14}
\end{equation*}
$$

In addition, by Lemma 5, we have

$$
\begin{align*}
\max _{1 \leq i \leq N}\left|\frac{\sigma_{i i}}{\widehat{\sigma}_{i i}}-1\right| & \leq \max _{1 \leq i \leq N} \frac{1}{\left|\widehat{\sigma}_{i i}\right|} \max _{1 \leq i \leq N}\left|\sigma_{i i}-\widehat{\sigma}_{i i}\right| \leq C \max _{1 \leq i \leq N}\left|\sigma_{i i}-\widehat{\sigma}_{i i}\right|  \tag{S2.15}\\
& =O_{p}\left\{\sqrt{L \log (N) / T}+L^{-r}\right\} .
\end{align*}
$$

Combining the results in (S2.14) and (S2.15), we have

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \left|\max _{1 \leq i \leq N} \frac{\left(\widehat{\alpha}_{i, A C A}-\alpha_{i, A C A}\right)^{2}}{\left(\mathbf{1}_{T}^{\top} \mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbf{1}_{T}\right)^{-1} \widehat{\sigma}_{i i}}-\max _{1 \leq i \leq N} \frac{\left(\widehat{\alpha}_{i, A C A}-\alpha_{i, A C A}\right)^{2}}{\left(\mathbf{1}_{T}^{\top} \mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbf{1}_{T}\right)^{-1} \sigma_{i i}}\right| \\
& =O_{p}\left[\frac{L^{1 / 2}\{\log (N)\}^{3 / 2}}{T^{1 / 2}}+L^{-r} \log (N)\right]=o_{p}(1) .
\end{aligned}
$$

Thus, S2.13 is proved. Consequently, we have

$$
\begin{align*}
P\left[\max _{1 \leq i \leq N} \frac{\left(\mathbf{1}_{T}^{\top} \mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbf{1}_{T}\right)\left(\widehat{\alpha}_{i, A C A}-\alpha_{i, A C A}\right)^{2}}{\widehat{\sigma}_{i i}}-2\right. & \log (N)+\log \{\log (N)\} \leq x] \\
& \rightarrow \exp \left\{-\frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \exp \left(-\frac{x}{2}\right)\right\} \tag{S2.16}
\end{align*}
$$

which completes the proof of Theorem 1.

## S3 Proof of Theorem 2

Using the results proved in Theorem 1, we define
$\mathrm{MCA}=\max _{1 \leq i \leq N} \frac{\left(\mathbf{1}_{T}^{\top} \mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbf{1}_{T}\right) \widehat{\alpha}_{i, A C A}^{2}}{\widehat{\sigma}_{i i}}$ and $\mathrm{MCA}_{1}=\max _{1 \leq i \leq N} \frac{\left(\mathbf{1}_{T}^{\top} \mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbf{1}_{T}\right)\left(\widehat{\alpha}_{i, A C A}-\alpha_{i, A C A}\right)^{2}}{\widehat{\sigma}_{i i}}$.

Then, by the proof of Theorem 1, we have

$$
P\left[\mathrm{MCA}_{1}-2 \log (N)+\log \{\log (N)\} \leq x\right] \rightarrow \exp \left\{-\frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \exp \left(-\frac{x}{2}\right)\right\}
$$

This result implies that

$$
P\left[\mathrm{MCA}_{1} \leq 2 \log (N)-\frac{1}{2} \log \{\log (N)\}\right] \rightarrow 1
$$

by setting $x=\frac{1}{2} \log \{\log (N)\}$. Note that $\max _{1 \leq i \leq N}\left|\alpha_{i, A C A} / \sigma_{i i}^{1 / 2}\right| \geq \sqrt{8 \log (N) /\left(c_{m} T\right)}$ by the definition of $\mathcal{U}\left(2 \sqrt{2} / \sqrt{c_{m}}\right)$. Consequently, by the triangle inequality, we have

$$
\begin{aligned}
\mathrm{MCA} & \geq \max _{1 \leq i \leq N} \frac{\left(\mathbf{1}_{T}^{\top} \mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbf{1}_{T}\right) \alpha_{i, A C A}^{2}}{2 \widehat{\sigma}_{i i}}-\mathrm{MCA}_{1} \\
& \geq \max _{1 \leq i \leq N} \frac{\left(\mathbf{1}_{T}^{\top} \mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbf{1}_{T}\right) \alpha_{i, A C A}^{2}}{2 \sigma_{i i}}-\mathrm{MCA}_{1}-\max _{1 \leq i \leq N} \frac{\left(\mathbf{1}_{T}^{\top} \mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbf{1}_{T}\right) \alpha_{i, A C A}^{2}}{2 \sigma_{i i}} \frac{\left|\widehat{\sigma}_{i i}-\sigma_{i i}\right|}{\sigma_{i i}}
\end{aligned}
$$

According to Lemma 5, we have $\max _{i}\left|\widehat{\sigma}_{i i}-\sigma_{i i}\right|=O_{p}\left(L^{-r}+\sqrt{L / T}\right)=$ $O_{p}(\sqrt{L / T})$ since $L^{-r} \sqrt{T} \log (N)=o_{p}(1)$. If $\max _{i}\left(\mathbf{1}_{T}^{\top} \mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbf{1}_{T}\right) \alpha_{i, A C A}^{2} / 2 \sigma_{i i}=$ $o_{p}(\sqrt{T / L})$, then we have

$$
\begin{aligned}
\mathrm{MCA} & \geq \max _{1 \leq i \leq N} \frac{\left(\mathbf{1}_{T}^{\top} \mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbf{1}_{T}\right) \alpha_{i, A C A}^{2}}{2 \sigma_{i i}}-\mathrm{MCA}_{1}-o_{p}(1) \\
& \geq 4 \log (N)-2 \log (N)+\frac{1}{2} \log \{\log (N)\} \\
& \geq 2 \log (N)-\log \{\log (N)\}+q_{\lambda},
\end{aligned}
$$

which implies

$$
P\left(\Psi_{\lambda}=1\right)=P\left\{\mathrm{MCA} \geq 2 \log (N)-\log (\log (N))+q_{\lambda}\right\} \rightarrow 1
$$

as $N, T \rightarrow \infty$. If $\left(\mathbf{1}_{T}^{\top} \mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbf{1}_{T}\right) \alpha_{i, A C A}^{2} / 2 \sigma_{i i} \geq C_{\alpha}(\sqrt{T / L})$, for some constants $C_{\alpha}$, then

$$
\begin{aligned}
\mathrm{MCA} & \geq C_{\alpha} \sqrt{T / L}-2 \log (N)+\frac{1}{2} \log \log (N)-C_{\alpha} \sqrt{T / L} o_{p}(1) \\
& \geq C_{\alpha} / 2 \sqrt{T / L} \geq 2 \log (N)-\log \{\log (N)\}+q_{\lambda}
\end{aligned}
$$

which completes the proof of Theorem 2.

## S4 Proof of Proposition 1

One can easily verify that $\mathcal{S}\left(k_{N}, \varpi\right) \subseteq \mathcal{U}\left(2 \sqrt{2} / \sqrt{c_{m}}\right)$. Then, by the results of Theorem 2, the power of MCA converges to one for this case. Accordingly, it suffices to show that $P\left(\mathrm{~T}_{H}>z_{1-\lambda}\right) \rightarrow \lambda$.

Under the proposition assumptions, one can also verify that assumptions (A1)-(A3) and conditions (C.1)-(C.2) used in Ma et al. (2020) are valid. Then, by the results of Theorem 2 in Ma et al. (2020), we have $\widehat{\sigma}_{N T}^{-1}=O_{p}\left(N^{1 / 2}\right)$, and the HDA test statistic $\mathrm{T}_{H}$ follows the asymptotic normal distribution with mean $\gamma^{0}$ and variance one under the alternative hypotheses, where $\gamma^{0}=\lim _{(N, T) \rightarrow \infty} \widehat{\sigma}_{N T}^{-1} N^{-1} T^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^{N} \alpha_{i, A C A}^{2}\left(\mathbf{1}_{T}^{\top} \mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbf{1}_{T}\right)^{2}$. Accordingly, as $\min (N, T) \rightarrow \infty$,

$$
P\left(\mathrm{~T}_{H}>z_{1-\lambda}\right) \rightarrow \Phi\left(\gamma^{0}-z_{1-\lambda}\right),
$$

where $\Phi(\cdot)$ denotes the cumulative distribution of a standard normal distri-
bution. Therefore, to prove the theorem, it suffices to show $\gamma^{0} \rightarrow 0$ when $\boldsymbol{\alpha}_{A C A} \in \mathcal{S}\left(k_{N}, \varpi\right)$ with the probability approaching one.

According to Lemma 4, we have

$$
\begin{aligned}
\gamma^{0} & \leq \lim _{(N, T) \rightarrow \infty} \widehat{\sigma}_{N T}^{-1} N^{-1} T^{-1}\left(C_{m} T\right)^{2} \sum_{i=1}^{N} \alpha_{i, A C A}^{2} \\
& \leq \lim _{(N, T) \rightarrow \infty} \widehat{\sigma}_{N T}^{-1} N^{-1} C_{m}^{2} T N^{p}\left\{8 N^{\varpi} /\left(c_{m} T\right)\right\} \max _{1 \leq i \leq N} \sigma_{i i} \\
& \leq \lim _{(N, T) \rightarrow \infty} 8 C_{m}^{2} c_{m}^{-1}\left(N^{p+\varpi-1 / 2}\right) \max _{1 \leq i \leq N} \sigma_{i i}=0 .
\end{aligned}
$$

Combining the results above, we have $P\left(\mathrm{~T}_{H}>z_{1-\lambda}\right) \rightarrow \lambda$, which completes the entire proof.

## S5 Proof of Theorem 3

Define $W_{i}^{*}=\sigma_{\boldsymbol{\epsilon}, i i}^{-1 / 2}\left(\mathbf{1}_{T}^{\top} \mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbf{1}_{T}\right)^{1 / 2}\left(\widehat{\alpha}_{i, A C A}-\left(\mathbf{1}_{T}^{\top} \mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbf{1}_{T}\right)^{-1} \mathbf{1}_{T}^{\top} \mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{Z}} \widehat{\mathbf{X}} \widehat{\boldsymbol{\lambda}}_{i}\right)$. We prove Theorem 3 in two steps. In Step I, we provide the distribution of $\max _{i} W_{i}^{* 2}$. In Step II, we provide the distribution of $\widetilde{M C A}$.

Step I. After a simple calculation, we have

$$
\begin{aligned}
W_{i}^{*} & =\widetilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}}^{\top} \mathbf{R}_{i}-\tilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}}^{\top} \widehat{\mathbf{X}} \widehat{\boldsymbol{\lambda}}_{i}-\tilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}}^{\top} \mathbf{X}^{\top}\left(\mathbf{X}^{\top} \mathbf{X}\right)^{-1} \mathbf{X} \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{t}+\widetilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}}^{\top} \mathbf{X}^{\top}\left(\mathbf{X}^{\top} \mathbf{X}\right)^{-1} \mathbf{X} \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{i} \\
& =\widetilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}}^{\top}\left(\mathbf{I}_{T}-\mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{X}}\right) \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{i}+\widetilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}}^{\top} \boldsymbol{\rho}_{i}+\widetilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}}^{\top}\left(\mathbf{X} \boldsymbol{\lambda}_{i}-\widehat{\mathbf{X}} \widehat{\boldsymbol{\lambda}}_{i}\right)+\widetilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}}^{\top} \mathbf{X}^{\top}\left(\mathbf{X}^{\top} \mathbf{X}\right)^{-1} \mathbf{X} \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{i},
\end{aligned}
$$

where $\widetilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}}=\left(\sigma_{\epsilon, i i} \mathbf{1}_{T}^{\top} \mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbf{1}_{T}\right)^{-1 / 2} \mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbf{1}_{T}$.
Similarly to in the proof of Theorem 1 , we define $h^{*}=\mathbf{M}_{\mathbf{X}} \mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbf{1}_{T}$, $V_{i t}^{*}=\epsilon_{i t} h_{t}^{*} / \sigma_{\epsilon, i i}^{1 / 2}$. Let $\widehat{V}_{i t}^{*}=V_{i t}^{*} I\left(\left|V_{i t}^{*}\right| \leq \tau_{T}\right)$ for $t=1, \cdots, T$ and $i=$
$1, \cdots, N$, where $\tau_{T}=2 \xi_{t}^{-1} \sqrt{\log (N+T)}$, where $\xi_{t} \rightarrow 0$ is the same as that in Theorem 1. Further, define $\widetilde{W}_{i}^{*}=\sum_{t=1}^{T} V_{i t}^{*} /\left(\mathbf{1}_{T}^{\top} \mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbf{1}_{T}\right)^{1 / 2}, \bar{W}_{i}^{*}=$ $\sum_{t=1}^{T} V_{i t}^{*} /\left(\mathbf{1}_{T}^{\top} \mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbf{M}_{\mathbf{X}} \mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbf{1}_{T}\right)^{1 / 2}$, and $\widehat{W}_{i}^{*}=\sum_{t=1}^{T} \widehat{V}_{i t}^{*} /\left(\mathbf{1}_{T}^{\top} \mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbf{M}_{\mathbf{X}} \mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbf{1}_{T}\right)^{1 / 2}$.

To prove that $\max _{i} W_{i}^{* 2}$ converges to the type I extreme value distribution, we first prove that $\widehat{W}_{i}^{* 2}$ converges to the type I extreme value distribution. Then we prove $\max _{1 \leq i \leq N}\left|W_{i}^{*}-\widehat{W}_{i}^{*}\right|=o_{p}(1 / \log (N))$.

Using the same techniques as those in the proof of Theorem 1, we can prove that
$P\left[\max _{1 \leq i \leq N} \widehat{W}_{i}^{* 2}-2 \log (N)+\log \{\log (N)\} \leq x\right] \rightarrow \exp \left\{-\frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \exp \left(-\frac{x}{2}\right)\right\}$.
For conciseness, we omit the details here.
Next, we prove that $\max _{i}\left|W_{i}^{*}-\widehat{W}_{i}^{*}\right|=o_{p}(1 / \log (N))$. Note that $\max _{i}\left|W_{i}^{*}-\widehat{W}_{i}^{*}\right| \leq \max _{i}\left(\left|W_{i}^{*}-\widetilde{W}_{i}^{*}\right|+\left|\widetilde{W_{i}^{*}}-\bar{W}_{i}^{*}\right|+\left|\bar{W}_{i}^{*}-\widehat{W}_{i}^{*}\right|\right)$. Then, we consider the three terms separately.

For $\max _{i}\left|W_{i}^{*}-\widetilde{W}_{i}^{*}\right|$, we have

$$
\begin{aligned}
\max _{i}\left|W_{i}^{*}-\widetilde{W}_{i}^{*}\right|= & \max _{i}\left|\widetilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}}^{\top} \boldsymbol{\rho}_{i}+\widetilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}}^{\top}\left(\mathbf{X} \boldsymbol{\lambda}_{i}-\widehat{\mathbf{X}} \widehat{\boldsymbol{\lambda}}_{i}\right)+\widetilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}}^{\top} \mathbf{X}^{\top}\left(\mathbf{X}^{\top} \mathbf{X}\right)^{-1} \mathbf{X} \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{i}\right| \\
= & \max _{i}\left|\widetilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}}^{\top}\left(\mathbf{X} \boldsymbol{\lambda}_{i}-\mathbf{P}_{\widehat{\mathbf{X}}} \mathbf{X} \boldsymbol{\lambda}_{i}+\left(\mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{X}}-\mathbf{P}_{\widehat{\mathbf{X}}}\right) \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{i}+\mathbf{M}_{\widehat{\mathbf{x}}} \boldsymbol{\rho}_{i}\right)\right| \\
= & \max _{i}\left|\widetilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}}^{\top}\left(\mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{X}}-\mathbf{P}_{\widehat{\mathbf{X}}}\right) \mathbf{X} \boldsymbol{\lambda}_{i}\right|+\max _{i}\left|\widetilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}}^{\top}\left(\mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{X}}-\mathbf{P}_{\widehat{\mathbf{X}}}\right) \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{i}\right| \\
& +\max _{i} \widetilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}}^{\top}\left(\mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{X}}-\mathbf{P}_{\widehat{\mathbf{X}}}\right) \boldsymbol{\rho}_{i} \mid \\
= & I^{(1)}+I^{(2)}+I^{(3)} .
\end{aligned}
$$

For $I^{(1)}$, according to Assumption (A.7), we have that

$$
\begin{aligned}
I^{(1)} & =\max _{i}\left\|\mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{X}}-\mathbf{P}_{\widehat{\mathbf{X}}}\right\|\left\|\widetilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}}^{\top} \mathbf{X} \boldsymbol{\lambda}_{i}\right\| \\
& \leq \max _{i}\left\|\boldsymbol{\lambda}_{i}\right\|\left\|\mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{X}}-\mathbf{P}_{\widehat{\mathbf{x}}}\right\|\left\|\widetilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}}^{\top} \mathbf{X}\right\|
\end{aligned}
$$

According to the normal assumption, we have that $\left\|\tilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}}^{\top} \mathbf{X}\right\|=O_{p}(1)$. Recall that $\left\|\mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{X}}-\mathbf{P}_{\widehat{\mathbf{x}}}\right\|=O_{p}\left(\sqrt{L / T}+L^{-r}\right)=O_{p}(\sqrt{L / T})$ since $L^{-r} \sqrt{T} \log (N)=$ $o(1)$. Under Assumptions (A.6) and (A.7), we have $I^{(1)}=o_{p}(1 / \log (N))$. Similarly, we have $I^{(2)}=o_{p}(1 / \log (N))$. And $I^{(3)}=o_{p}(1 / \log (N))$ can be obtained as the same as that in the proof of Theorem 1.

For $\max _{i}\left|\bar{W}_{i}^{*}-\widehat{W}_{i}^{*}\right|$, we have that

$$
\begin{aligned}
& P\left\{\max _{1 \leq i \leq N}\left|\bar{W}_{i}^{*}-\widehat{W}_{i}^{*}\right| \geq \frac{1}{\log (N)}\right\} \\
& \leq P\left(\max _{1 \leq i \leq N} \max _{1 \leq t \leq T}\left|V_{i t}^{*}\right| \geq \tau_{T}\right) \\
& \leq \sum_{1 \leq i \leq N} \sum_{1 \leq t \leq T} P\left(\left|V_{i t}^{*}\right| \geq \tau_{T}\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

For any $\xi_{t} \rightarrow 0$, we obtain

$$
\begin{aligned}
P\left(\left|V_{i t}^{*}\right| \geq \tau_{T}\right)= & P\left(\left|\epsilon_{i t} / \sigma_{\epsilon, i i}^{1 / 2}\right| \geq\left|h_{t}^{*-1}\right| \tau_{T}\right) \\
= & P\left(\left|\epsilon_{i t} / \sigma_{\epsilon, i i}^{1 / 2}\right| \geq\left|h_{t}^{*-1}\right| \tau_{T},\left|h_{t}^{*-1}\right| \geq \xi_{t}\right) \\
& +P\left(\left|\epsilon_{i t} / \sigma_{\epsilon, i i}^{1 / 2}\right| \geq\left|h_{t}^{*-1}\right| \tau_{T},\left|h_{t}^{*-1}\right|<\xi_{t}\right) \\
\leq & P\left(\left|\epsilon_{i t} / \sigma_{\epsilon, i i}^{1 / 2}\right| \geq \xi_{t} \tau_{T}\right)+P\left(\left|h_{t}^{*}\right| \geq \xi_{t}^{-1}\right) .
\end{aligned}
$$

We consider the above two parts separately. First, we calculate $P\left(\left|\epsilon_{i t} / \sigma_{\epsilon, i i}^{1 / 2}\right| \geq\right.$
$\left.\xi_{t} \tau_{T}\right)$. According to the normal assumption, we have

$$
\begin{equation*}
P\left(\left|\epsilon_{i t} / \sigma_{i i}^{1 / 2}\right| \geq \xi_{t} \tau_{T}\right) \leq \mathcal{K}(N+T)^{-4} \tag{S5.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

Next, we calculate $P\left(\left|h_{t}^{*}\right| \geq \xi_{t}^{-1}\right)$. Recall that $\boldsymbol{\kappa}=\left(\mathbb{Z}^{\top} \mathbb{Z}\right)^{-1}\left(\mathbb{Z}^{\top} \mathbf{1}_{T}\right)=$ $\left(\mathbb{Z}^{\top} \mathbb{Z} / T\right)^{-1}\left(\mathbb{Z}^{\top} \mathbf{1}_{T} / T\right)=\left(\kappa_{1}, \cdots, \kappa_{(1+d) L}\right)^{\top}$ and $\widetilde{\boldsymbol{\kappa}}=\left\{\mathbb{E}\left(\mathbb{Z}^{\top} \mathbb{Z}\right) / T\right\}^{-1} \mathbb{E}\left(\mathbb{Z}^{\top} \mathbf{1}_{T} / T\right)$.

According to the proof of Theorem 1, we have that $\boldsymbol{\kappa} \rightarrow \widetilde{\boldsymbol{\kappa}}$ with probability tending to 1 , and $\kappa_{i}$ is bounded. Following the definition of $h_{t}^{*}$, we have

$$
\begin{align*}
& P\left(\left|h_{t}^{*}\right| \geq \xi_{t}^{-1}\right)=P\left(\left|1-\sum_{k=1}^{(1+d) L} \kappa_{k} Z_{t k}-\mathbf{X}_{t}^{\top}\left(\mathbf{X}^{\top} \mathbf{X}\right)^{-1} \mathbf{X}^{\top} \mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbf{1}_{T}\right| \geq \xi_{t}^{-1}\right) \\
\leq & P\left(\left|\sum_{k=1}^{(1+d) L} \kappa_{k} Z_{t k}\right| \geq\left(\xi_{t}^{-1}-1\right) / 2\right)+P\left(\left|\mathbf{X}_{t}^{\top}\left(\mathbf{X}^{\top} \mathbf{X}\right)^{-1} \mathbf{X}^{\top} \mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbf{1}_{T}\right| \geq\left(\xi_{t}^{-1}-1\right) / 2\right) \tag{S5.2}
\end{align*}
$$

The first term of $(S 5.2)$ is less than $\exp \left(-C_{1}^{*}\left(\xi_{t}^{-1}-1-C_{2}^{*}\right)^{a_{1}}\right)$, for some constants $C_{1}^{*}$ and $C_{2}^{*}$, which is proved in the proof of Theorem 1. For the second term of $(\sqrt[S 5.2]{ })$, according to Assumption (A.5), we have that $\mathbb{E}\left(T^{-1} \mathbf{X}^{\top} \mathbf{X}\right)=$ $\mathbf{I}_{v}, \operatorname{Var}\left(T^{-1 / 2} \mathbf{X}^{\top} \mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbf{1}_{T}\right)=T^{-1} \mathbb{E}\left(\operatorname{Var}\left(\mathbf{X}^{\top} \mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbf{1}_{T} \mid \mathbb{Z}\right)\right) \leq T^{-1} \mathbb{E}\left(\mathbf{1}_{T}^{\top} \mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbf{1}_{T}\right) \mathbf{I}_{v}$. Denote $\varpi_{1}=T^{-1 / 2}\left(T^{-1} \mathbf{X}^{\top} \mathbf{X}\right)^{-1} \mathbf{X}^{\top} \mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbf{1}_{T}$. Thus, the elements in $\varpi_{1}$ are bounded in probability. Under the normal assumption of $\mathbf{X}_{t}$, via 'Hoeffding
inequality', we have

$$
\begin{aligned}
& P\left(\left|\mathbf{X}_{t}^{\top}\left(\mathbf{X}^{\top} \mathbf{X}\right)^{-1} \mathbf{X}^{\top} \mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbf{1}_{T}\right| \geq\left(\xi_{t}^{-1}-1\right) / 2\right) \\
\leq & P\left(\left|\sum_{k=1}^{v} T^{-1 / 2} X_{t v} \varpi_{t}\right| \geq\left(\xi_{t}^{-1}-1\right) / 2\right) \\
\leq & P\left(\left|\sum_{k=1}^{v} T^{-1 / 2} X_{t v} C_{3}^{*}\right| \geq\left(\xi_{t}^{-1}-1\right) / 2\right) \\
\leq & \exp \left(-C_{4}^{*} T\left(\xi_{t}^{-1}-1\right)^{2}\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

for some constants $C_{3}^{*}$ and $C_{4}^{*}$.
Then, we have

$$
\begin{aligned}
& P\left\{\max _{1 \leq i \leq N}\left|\bar{W}_{i}^{*}-\widehat{W}_{i}^{*}\right| \geq \frac{1}{\log (N)}\right\} \\
& \leq N T\left\{P\left(\left|\epsilon_{i t} / \sigma_{\epsilon, i i}^{1 / 2}\right| \geq \xi_{t} \tau_{T}\right)+P\left(\left|h_{t}^{*}\right| \geq \xi_{t}^{-1}\right)\right\} \\
& \leq \mathcal{K} N T(T+N)^{-4}+N T \exp \left(-C_{1}^{*}\left(\xi_{t}^{-1}-1-C_{2}^{*}\right)^{a_{1}}\right)+N T \exp \left(-C_{4}^{*} T\left(\xi_{t}^{-1}-1\right)^{2}\right) \rightarrow 0
\end{aligned}
$$

For $\max _{i}\left|\widetilde{W}_{i}^{*}-\bar{W}_{i}^{*}\right|$, we have
$\max _{i}\left|\widetilde{W}_{i}^{*}-\bar{W}_{i}^{*}\right|=\max _{i}\left|\bar{W}_{i}^{*}\right|\left|\frac{\mathbf{1}_{T}^{\top} \mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbf{M}_{\mathbf{X}} \mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbf{1}_{T}}{\mathbf{1}_{T}^{\top} \mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbf{1}_{T}}-1\right| \leq 3 \log (N)\left|\frac{\mathbf{1}_{T}^{\top} \mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{X}} \mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbf{1}_{T}}{\mathbf{1}_{T}^{\top} \mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbf{1}_{T}}\right|$.
As $\frac{1}{T} \mathbf{X}^{\top} \mathbf{X} \xrightarrow{p} I_{v}$, and $\operatorname{Var}\left(\mathbf{X}^{\top} \mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbf{1}_{T} / \sqrt{\mathbf{1}_{T}^{\top} \mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbf{1}_{T}}\right)$ is bounded, we have that $\frac{\mathbf{1}_{T}^{\top} \mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbf{P X}_{\mathbf{X}} \mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbf{1}_{T}}{\mathbf{1}_{T}^{\top} \mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbf{1}_{T}}=O_{p}(1 / T)$. Then $\max _{i}\left|\widetilde{W}_{i}^{*}-\bar{W}_{i}^{*}\right|=o_{p}(1 / \log (N))$.

Accordingly, we obtain

$$
\left|\max _{1 \leq i \leq N} W_{i}^{* 2}-\max _{1 \leq i \leq N} \widehat{W}_{i}^{* 2}\right| \leq 2 \max _{1 \leq i \leq N}\left|W_{i}^{*}\right| \max _{1 \leq i \leq N}\left|W_{i}^{*}-\widehat{W}_{i}^{*}\right|+\max _{1 \leq i \leq N}\left|W_{i}^{*}-\widehat{W}_{i}^{*}\right|^{2}=o_{p}(1)
$$

which immediately leads to

$$
\begin{align*}
& P\left[\max _{1 \leq i \leq N} W_{i}^{* 2}-2 \log (N)+\log \{\log (N)\} \leq x\right] \\
& =P\left[\max _{1 \leq i \leq N} \widehat{W}_{i}^{* 2}-2 \log (N)+\log \{\log (N)\} \leq x+\max _{1 \leq i \leq N} \widehat{W}_{i}^{* 2}-\max _{1 \leq i \leq N} W_{i}^{* 2}\right] \\
& =P\left[\max _{1 \leq i \leq N} \widehat{W}_{i}^{* 2}-2 \log (N)+\log \{\log (N)\} \leq x+o_{p}(1)\right] . \tag{S5.3}
\end{align*}
$$

Step II. Recall that

$$
\widetilde{\mathrm{MCA}}=W_{i}^{* 2} \sigma_{\epsilon, i i} / \hat{\sigma}_{\epsilon, i i} .
$$

Thus to prove Theorem 3, we only need $\max _{i}\left|\sigma_{\epsilon, i i} / \hat{\sigma}_{\epsilon, i i}-1\right|=o_{p}(1 / \log (N))$, which can be proven using Lemma (8).

## S6 Test portfolios

We use a total of 334 bivariate-sorted portfolios from model factors and prominent return anomalies as test assets in the empirical analyses. We start from a set of 100 portfolios: $255 \times 5$ portfolios sorted by size and book-to-market ratio, $255 \times 5$ portfolios sorted by size and operating profitability, $255 \times 5$ portfolios sorted by size and investment, and $255 \times 5$ portfolios sorted by size $5 \times 5$ and momentum. We then add to these 100 portfolios 234 additional portfolios obtained from anomalies. In particular, we try to include several prominent return anomalies, and they are as follows: (i)
accruals (see Sloan, 1996), hereafter AC; (ii) market $\beta$ (see Black et al., 1972; Fama and MacBeth, 1973), hereafter $\beta$; (iii) net share issues (see Ikenberry et al., 1995; Loughran and Ritter, 1995), hereafter NSI; (iv) daily variance (see Ang et al., 2006), hereafter Var; (v) daily residual variance (see Ang et al., 2006, Fu, 2009), hereafter RVar; (vi) short-term reversal (see Jegadeesh, 1990; Lehmann, 1990), hereafter STR; (vii) long-term reversal (see De Bondt and Thaler, 1985), hereafter LTR. Specifically, the sets of 234 additional portfolios include: $255 \times 5$ size-AC portfolios, $255 \times 5$ size$\beta$ portfolios, $355 \times 7$ size-NSI portfolios, $255 \times 5$ size-Var portfolios, 25 $5 \times 5$ size-RVar portfolios, $255 \times 5$ size-STR portfolios, $255 \times 5$ size-LTR portfolios, and 49 industry portfolios employed by Ahmed et al. (2019). The data of the 334 test portfolios and the descriptions of the portfolio construction are available from Kenneth French's website.

## S7 Real Data Application

We now apply the MCA test to assess the efficiency hypothesis in U.S.'s stock markets, and compare it with the HDA test from Ma et al. (2020) to illustrate the superiority of the MCA test in dealing with sparse alternatives.

## S7.1 Data description

Consider the three-factor model proposed by Fama and French (1993),

$$
R_{i t}-R_{f t}=\alpha_{i t}+\beta_{i 1 t}\left(\mathrm{MKT}_{t}-R_{f t}\right)+\beta_{i 2 t} \mathrm{SMB}_{t}+\beta_{i 3 t} \mathrm{HML}_{t}+\varepsilon_{i t}
$$

for $i=1, \cdots, N$ and $t=1, \cdots, T$, where $R_{i t}$ is the return for test asset $i$, $R_{f t}$ is the risk-free rate, $\mathrm{MKT}_{t}, \mathrm{SMB}_{t}$, and $\mathrm{HML}_{t}$ are constituted market, size, and value factors at month $t$, respectively. A total of 334 bivariatesorted portfolios are investigated, which have been commonly used in the financial literature (e.g., Fama and French (2015, 2016, 2018, 2020); Kozak et al. (2018); Ahmed et al. (2019); Feng et al. (2020)). A more detailed description of the portfolios is provided in SectionS6 in the supplementary material. The time series of factors and portfolios are from Kenneth French's website for the period January 1981 to December 2020 (480 months).

## S7.2 Are alphas and betas time-varying?

Before testing the Fama-French three-factor model, it is necessary to check whether the values of alphas and betas are indeed time-varying. Here we first divide the 40 years into four 10 year sub-periods. Then we examine the constancy of the alphas and betas over the full period and four subperiods based on the constant coefficient (CC) test proposed by Ma et al. (2020). The results are provided in Table S.1, which contains the rejection

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Table S.1: The rejection rates of the CC test based on the Fama-French three-factor model over the full period and four sub-periods at the three significance levels $\lambda=$ $0.1,0.05,0.01$.

| Time period | $\lambda=0.1$ | $\lambda=0.05$ | $\lambda=0.01$ |
| :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $1 / 1981-12 / 2020$ | 0.940 | 0.934 | 0.919 |
| $1 / 1981-12 / 1990$ | 0.488 | 0.407 | 0.338 |
| $1 / 1991-12 / 2000$ | 0.862 | 0.805 | 0.757 |
| $1 / 2001-12 / 2010$ | 0.823 | 0.707 | 0.650 |
| $1 / 2011-12 / 2020$ | 0.497 | 0.392 | 0.329 |



Figure 1: The rejection rates of the CC test based on the Fama-French three-factor model using 120 -month rolling windows with a significance level of $5 \%$.
ratios of the CC test at the three significant levels $\lambda=0.1,0.05,0.01$. For the full period, the CC test indicates a decisive rejection of alphas and betas homogeneity in time series, and the rejection rates are close to 1 at all significance levels. Similar results have been found in the four subperiods, especially the subperiods $1 / 1991-12 / 2000$ and $1 / 2001-12 / 2010$. To further corroborate the conclusion, CC test is also conducted over the 120 month rolling windows. The results are provided in Figure 1. As shown in Figure 1, the rejection rates are always large, which supports that alphas and betas are time-varying. These evidences indicate that the conditional time-varying multi-factor model is more suitable than the traditional timeinvariant multi-factor model.

## S7.3 Empirical Results

We employ the MCA and HDA tests to assess the market efficiency of the U.S.'s stock market. We also report the results for our proposed $\widetilde{\text { MCA }}$ test from Section 3 (MCA1 hereafter). We first assess the market efficiency over the full 40-year period and each 10-year sub-period. Then, we study the changes in the market efficiency over time through the 120 month rolling windows. Here, the order of B-splines is set at 3 for all estimation windows, and the number of interior knots $n$ is determined via BIC, as discussed
in Section 2.2. The results are provided in Table S.2 and Figure 2. The number of significant nonzero elements in $\widehat{\boldsymbol{\alpha}}_{A C A},|S|$, is defined as $|S|=$ $\#\left|\widehat{\alpha}_{i, A C A} / \widehat{\sigma}_{i i}^{1 / 2}\right| \geq \sqrt{4 \log (N) / T}, i=1, \cdots, 334$.

For the full 40 -year period and the $1 / 1981-12 / 1990$ sub-period, the number of significant nonzero components in $\widehat{\boldsymbol{\alpha}}_{A C A}$ is sufficiently large, 17 and 38 , respectively, which indicates that $\widehat{\boldsymbol{\alpha}}_{A C A}$ is medium dense. Both the MCA and HDA tests reject the market efficiency assumption at a significant level of 0.01 . By contrast, in the $1 / 2001-12 / 2010$ sub-period, only one portfolio with a significant nonzero $\widehat{\alpha}_{i, A C A}$ value is detected, which indicates the strong sparsity of $\widehat{\boldsymbol{\alpha}}_{A C A}$. In this sub-period, the $p$-values of the MCA and HDA tests are 0.000 and 0.189 , respectively. The MCA test can reject the null hypothesis at a significant level of 0.01 , while the HDA test cannot. The MCA test is more powerful. Furthermore, we find that MCA1 is highly powerful and rejects the null hypothesis in any cases.

The $p$-values of the MCA, MCA1, and HDA tests and the $|S|$ sequences over time are shown in Figure 2. The time interval can be divided into two parts: 1991-1999 and 1999-2020. In the initial time interval 1991-1999, the number of significant nonzero components is sufficiently large, between 10 and 38 , which indicates that $\widehat{\boldsymbol{\alpha}}_{A C A}$ is medium dense. In this case, the proportion of non-zero alphas is between $3.0 \%$ and $11.4 \%$, which is similar

Table S.2: The mean-variance efficiency tests are based on the Fama-French three-factor model. The values of test statistics for the MCA, MCA1, and HDA are denoted as MCA, MCA1, and HDA, respectively. The $p$ values of the MCA, MCA1, and HDA tests are denoted as $\mathrm{p}(\mathrm{MCA})$, $\mathrm{p}(\mathrm{MCA} 1)$, and $\mathrm{p}(\mathrm{HDA})$, respectively.

| Time period | MCA | $\mathrm{p}(\mathrm{MCA})$ | MCA1 | $\mathrm{p}(\mathrm{MCA} 1)$ | HDA | $\mathrm{p}(\mathrm{HDA})$ | $\|S\|$ |
| ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $1 / 1981-12 / 2020$ | 47.358 | 0.000 | 171.973 | 0.000 | 11.475 | 0.000 | 17 |
| $1 / 1981-12 / 1990$ | 114.830 | 0.000 | 124.732 | 0.000 | 8.546 | 0.000 | 38 |
| $1 / 1991-12 / 2000$ | 34.485 | 0.000 | 35.755 | 0.000 | 3.142 | 0.002 | 6 |
| $1 / 2001-12 / 2010$ | 21.980 | 0.001 | 24.465 | 0.000 | 1.314 | 0.189 | 1 |
| $1 / 2011-12 / 2020$ | 29.490 | 0.000 | 53.380 | 0.000 | 3.911 | 0.000 | 4 |

to the $8.3 \%$ obtained in the simulation study (for $N=500$, and $p=0.6$ ). All three tests tend to reject the null hypothesis. A large number of anomaly portfolio excess returns decline or even disappear starting in the mid 1990s, especially after 2000 (e.g., Jones and Pomorski (2017); Fama and French (2021)). In the next time interval 1999-2020, the number of significant nonzero components becomes small, which indicates that $\boldsymbol{\alpha}_{A C A}$ tends to be sparse. In this case, the proportion of non-zero alphas is $3.0 \%$, close to the $2.4 \%$ obtained in the simulation study (for $N=500$, and $p=0.4$ ). The MCA and MCA1 tests tend to reject the null hypothesis, while the HDA tends to accept it. Based on these results, we conclude that the proposed MCA test is more inclined to reject the null hypothesis than the HDA test.
(a)

(b)


Figure 2: Dynamic movement of the mean-variance efficiency by testing the FamaFrench three-factor model using a 120-month rolling window. The blue horizontal line corresponds to the significance level $\lambda=0.05$. (a) Time variation in $p$-values of the MCA, MCA1, and HDA tests; (b) Number of significant nonzero components in $\widehat{\boldsymbol{\alpha}}_{A C A}$.

## S8 Simulation Results for Maximum Conditional Alpha Test with Latent Factors

We conduct Monte Carlo experiments to illustrate the finite sample performance of the proposed test under conditional multi-factor models with latent factors. Specifically, we simulate the random error $\varepsilon_{i t}$ from a latent factor model, that is,

$$
\varepsilon_{i t}=\boldsymbol{\lambda}_{i}^{\top} \mathbf{X}_{t}+\epsilon_{i t},
$$

for $i=1, \cdots, N, t=1, \cdots, T$, where $\varepsilon_{t}=\left(\varepsilon_{1 t}, \cdots, \varepsilon_{N t}\right)^{\top} \in \mathbb{R}^{N}, \lambda_{i}=$ $\left(\lambda_{i 1}, \cdots, \lambda_{i v}\right)^{\top} \in \mathbb{R}^{v}$, and $\mathbf{X}_{t}=\left(X_{1 t}, \cdots, X_{v t}\right)^{\top} \in \mathbb{R}^{v}$ is the low dimension of $v$ unknown latent factors. Here, $\mathbf{X}_{t}$ and $\boldsymbol{\lambda}_{i}$ are independently drawn from a standard normal distribution. We consider two different numbers of latent factors $(v=1,3)$, that is, the latent factor models include one factor or three factors. The experimental results are summarized in Table S.3. which show that the empirical size and power performances of the proposed factor-adjusted MCA test are stable.

## S9 Simulation Results of the MAX Test

To assess the performance of the MAX test (Feng et al., 2022) in testing alpha coefficients under sparse alternatives, simulation studies were con-

S10. SIMULATION RESULTS FOR STUDENT-T DISTRIBUTION ERRORS ducted for Examples 1 and 2. The simulations considered three different sample sizes, three different numbers of test assets, and four different error distributions. The summarized results are presented in Table S.4, and they reveal significant size distortions in the MAX test. This outcome is expected since the MAX test is specifically designed for time-invariant factor loadings, while Examples 1 and 2 involve time-varying factor loadings.

## S10 Simulation Results for Student- $t$ Distribution Errors

The sizes and powers of the MCA and HDA tests with student- $t$ distribution errors are summarized in Table S.5. We consider the standardized $t_{5}$ distribution: $\widetilde{e}_{i t} \sim t(5) / \sqrt{5 / 3}$. We find that the simulation results are quantitatively similar to the results for normal, exponential, and mixture distribution errors.

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Table S.3: Size and Power of the proposed MCA test under conditional multi-factor models with latent factors for Example 1 with normal distribution errors.

| $T$ | $N$ | size | $p=1$ | $p=0.8$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { power } \\ & p=0.6 \end{aligned}$ | $p=0.4$ | $p=0.2$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $v=1$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 120 | 50 | 0.052 | 0.552 | 0.746 | 0.864 | 0.926 | 0.954 |
|  | 100 | 0.056 | 0.608 | 0.796 | 0.908 | 0.928 | 0.966 |
|  | 200 | 0.048 | 0.708 | 0.872 | 0.944 | 0.966 | 0.97 |
|  | 500 | 0.04 | 0.778 | 0.944 | 0.978 | 0.972 | 0.978 |
| 240 | 50 | 0.048 | 0.606 | 0.734 | 0.898 | 0.958 | 0.988 |
|  | 100 | 0.054 | 0.782 | 0.868 | 0.958 | 0.976 | 0.996 |
|  | 200 | 0.048 | 0.866 | 0.95 | 0.996 | 0.99 | 0.996 |
|  | 500 | 0.056 | 0.962 | 0.992 | 0.992 | 0.998 | 0.998 |
| 360 | 50 | 0.048 | 0.66 | 0.77 | 0.918 | 0.982 | 0.998 |
|  | 100 | 0.06 | 0.836 | 0.886 | 0.984 | 0.996 | 0.998 |
|  | 200 | 0.05 | 0.942 | 0.978 | 1 | 0.998 | 1 |
|  | 500 | 0.044 | 0.984 | 0.998 | 1 | 0.996 | 1 |
| $v=3$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 120 | 50 | 0.046 | 0.466 | 0.708 | 0.828 | 0.906 | 0.956 |
|  | 100 | 0.06 | 0.574 | 0.794 | 0.904 | 0.93 | 0.984 |
|  | 200 | 0.062 | 0.662 | 0.854 | 0.944 | 0.954 | 0.978 |
|  | 500 | 0.06 | 0.774 | 0.936 | 0.968 | 0.97 | 0.952 |
| 240 | 50 | 0.058 | 0.582 | 0.768 | 0.878 | 0.96 | 0.986 |
|  | 100 | 0.056 | 0.792 | 0.846 | 0.958 | 0.982 | 0.998 |
|  | 200 | 0.044 | 0.884 | 0.948 | 0.974 | 0.984 | 0.996 |
|  | 500 | 0.056 | 0.974 | 0.988 | 0.998 | 0.996 | 1 |
| 360 | 50 | 0.054 | 0.654 | 0.776 | 0.914 | 0.976 | 0.994 |
|  | 100 | 0.046 | 0.834 | 0.886 | 0.986 | 0.99 | 0.998 |
|  | 200 | 0.052 | 0.928 | 0.968 | 0.992 | 0.992 | 0.998 |
|  | 500 | 0.05 | 0.98 | 0.994 | 0.998 | 0.996 | 1 |

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Table S.4: The empirical sizes of the MAX test for testing conditional alphas with a nominal level of 5\%, where Normal, Exponential, Mixture and $t$ distributions refer to the distribution from which the error term is generated.

| distribution from which the error term is generated. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  |  | Example 1 |  |  | Example 2 |  |  |  |  |
| $T$ | $N$ | Normal | Exp | Mix | $t$ | Normal | Exp | Mix | $t$ |
| 120 | 50 | 0.19 | 0.23 | 0.172 | 0.198 | 0.246 | 0.346 | 0.28 | 0.278 |
|  | 100 | 0.276 | 0.278 | 0.23 | 0.26 | 0.312 | 0.406 | 0.36 | 0.358 |
|  | 200 | 0.392 | 0.38 | 0.336 | 0.308 | 0.398 | 0.528 | 0.476 | 0.47 |
|  | 500 | 0.44 | 0.436 | 0.442 | 0.41 | 0.58 | 0.624 | 0.582 | 0.578 |
| 240 | 50 | 0.174 | 0.204 | 0.194 | 0.196 | 0.228 | 0.286 | 0.242 | 0.246 |
|  | 100 | 0.252 | 0.242 | 0.222 | 0.242 | 0.316 | 0.326 | 0.346 | 0.306 |
|  | 200 | 0.278 | 0.304 | 0.246 | 0.306 | 0.38 | 0.432 | 0.376 | 0.39 |
|  | 500 | 0.402 | 0.428 | 0.388 | 0.334 | 0.494 | 0.524 | 0.494 | 0.5 |
| 360 | 50 | 0.194 | 0.182 | 0.188 | 0.18 | 0.242 | 0.276 | 0.254 | 0.216 |
|  | 100 | 0.236 | 0.26 | 0.236 | 0.22 | 0.326 | 0.29 | 0.272 | 0.3 |
|  | 200 | 0.282 | 0.332 | 0.24 | 0.288 | 0.378 | 0.42 | 0.39 | 0.356 |
|  | 500 | 0.384 | 0.346 | 0.336 | 0.35 | 0.496 | 0.51 | 0.552 | 0.514 |

Table S.5: Size and power of MCA and HDA tests from Examples 1 and 2 with $t$ distribution errors.

|  |  | size |  | $\frac{\text { power(dense) }}{p=1}$ |  | power(medium dense) |  |  |  | power(sparse) |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $p=0.8$ | $p=0.6$ |  | $p=0.4$ |  | $p=0.2$ |  |
| $T$ | $N$ |  |  | MCA | HDA | MCA | HDA | MCA | HDA | MCA | HDA | MCA | HDA | MCA | HDA |
| Example 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 120 | 50 | 0.046 | 0.058 |  |  | 0.762 | 0.894 | 0.732 | 0.828 | 0.712 | 0.674 | 0.802 | 0.616 | 0.848 | 0.458 |
|  | 100 | 0.052 | 0.058 | 0.84 | 0.928 | 0.81 | 0.872 | 0.808 | 0.726 | 0.77 | 0.42 | 0.918 | 0.484 |
|  | 200 | 0.05 | 0.062 | 0.904 | 0.954 | 0.828 | 0.868 | 0.852 | 0.71 | 0.888 | 0.39 | 0.9 | 0.23 |
|  | 500 | 0.049 | 0.054 | 0.898 | 0.946 | 0.894 | 0.898 | 0.88 | 0.644 | 0.87 | 0.24 | 0.918 | 0.138 |
| 240 | 50 | 0.046 | 0.05 | 0.758 | 0.892 | 0.748 | 0.852 | 0.752 | 0.624 | 0.826 | 0.526 | 0.95 | 0.446 |
|  | 100 | 0.053 | 0.044 | 0.81 | 0.932 | 0.814 | 0.874 | 0.864 | 0.684 | 0.848 | 0.334 | 0.936 | 0.386 |
|  | 200 | 0.046 | 0.038 | 0.898 | 0.956 | 0.854 | 0.894 | 0.836 | 0.58 | 0.906 | 0.274 | 0.966 | 0.16 |
|  | 500 | 0.052 | 0.042 | 0.934 | 0.982 | 0.928 | 0.91 | 0.898 | 0.544 | 0.922 | 0.152 | 0.966 | 0.08 |
| 360 | 50 | 0.042 | 0.05 | 0.76 | 0.892 | 0.742 | 0.83 | 0.738 | 0.596 | 0.842 | 0.452 | 0.94 | 0.32 |
|  | 100 | 0.038 | 0.036 | 0.83 | 0.94 | 0.848 | 0.896 | 0.852 | 0.68 | 0.886 | 0.33 | 0.964 | 0.3 |
|  | 200 | 0.046 | 0.048 | 0.89 | 0.948 | 0.864 | 0.882 | 0.868 | 0.542 | 0.91 | 0.196 | 0.982 | 0.124 |
|  | 500 | 0.052 | 0.04 | 0.94 | 0.986 | 0.918 | 0.92 | 0.924 | 0.484 | 0.954 | 0.126 | 0.982 | 0.074 |
| Example 2 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 120 | 50 | 0.04 | 0.056 | 0.742 | 0.886 | 0.678 | 0.826 | 0.644 | 0.648 | 0.672 | 0.542 | 0.802 | 0.47 |
|  | 100 | 0.038 | 0.051 | 0.82 | 0.924 | 0.78 | 0.856 | 0.76 | 0.718 | 0.73 | 0.452 | 0.86 | 0.454 |
|  | 200 | 0.052 | 0.045 | 0.868 | 0.948 | 0.808 | 0.862 | 0.77 | 0.624 | 0.786 | 0.342 | 0.874 | 0.246 |
|  | 500 | 0.056 | 0.037 | 0.908 | 0.954 | 0.876 | 0.884 | 0.806 | 0.512 | 0.83 | 0.238 | 0.866 | 0.136 |
| 240 | 50 | 0.036 | 0.044 | 0.728 | 0.89 | 0.698 | 0.822 | 0.666 | 0.642 | 0.724 | 0.496 | 0.832 | 0.382 |
|  | 100 | 0.052 | 0.038 | 0.774 | 0.924 | 0.818 | 0.888 | 0.772 | 0.66 | 0.762 | 0.326 | 0.906 | 0.344 |
|  | 200 | 0.042 | 0.044 | 0.888 | 0.954 | 0.824 | 0.89 | 0.854 | 0.628 | 0.826 | 0.226 | 0.944 | 0.14 |
|  | 500 | 0.046 | 0.04 | 0.914 | 0.964 | 0.906 | 0.904 | 0.88 | 0.488 | 0.892 | 0.14 | 0.944 | 0.07 |
| 360 | 50 | 0.048 | 0.052 | 0.702 | 0.886 | 0.716 | 0.848 | 0.69 | 0.608 | 0.718 | 0.42 | 0.852 | 0.332 |
|  | 100 | 0.052 | 0.044 | 0.824 | 0.926 | 0.808 | 0.892 | 0.76 | 0.646 | 0.764 | 0.276 | 0.942 | 0.296 |
|  | 200 | 0.048 | 0.048 | 0.878 | 0.96 | 0.86 | 0.91 | 0.826 | 0.564 | 0.834 | 0.194 | 0.948 | 0.124 |
|  | 500 | 0.062 | 0.038 | 0.94 | 0.982 | 0.904 | 0.916 | 0.89 | 0.444 | 0.906 | 0.098 | 0.95 | 0.064 |

