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Abstract

We investigate the issue of testing for structural breaks in large cointegrated panels with common and idiosyncratic regressors. We prove a panel Functional Central Limit Theorem. We show that the estimated coefficients of the common regressors have a mixed normal distribution, whilst the estimated coefficients of the idiosyncratic regressors have a normal distribution. We consider strong dependence across the idiosyncratic regressors by allowing for the presence of (stationary and nonstationary) common factors. We show that tests based on transformations of Wald-type statistics have power versus alternatives of order $n^{1/2} T^{-1}$.

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1 Introduction

Since the seminal contributions by Perron (1989) and Rappoport and Reichlin (1989), the literature has produced a comprehensive set of results on the changepoint problem in a time series framework. Hansen (1992) was the first to consider the issue of testing for breaks in a cointegrating regression. We also refer, inter alia, to the articles by Andrews (1993), Andrews and Ploberger (1994), Bai and Perron (1998), and Kejriwal and Perron (2008, 2010). Useful surveys can be found in Banerjee and Urga (2005) and Perron (2006). When extending the framework to a multivariate setting, the literature has shown that the cross sectional dimension can lead to better inference; for example, Bai, Lumsdaine and Stock (1998) show that the estimation of the changepoint in a VAR improves with the dimension of the VAR, due to the presence of cross sectional information. As pointed out by Qu and Perron (2007), a crucial condition is having nonzero correlations across equations, even when including equations without breaks.

A natural development to enhance the power of tests for structural breaks is to use panel data models, especially when cross sectional dependence is present. The inferential theory on structural changes in panels is still underdeveloped. There are a few exceptions: Feng, Kao and Lazarova (2008) and Bai (2010) propose procedures for dating breaks in simple settings with no cross sectional dependence amongst units; Kim (2010, 2011) investigates the estimation of change points in panel time trend models with cross-sectional dependence; Breitung and Eickmeier (2011), Chen, Dolado and Gonzalo (2011) and Han and Inoue (2011) investigate testing for changes in the loadings of a panel factor model.

This paper proposes an estimation and testing framework for slope parameter instability in cointegrated panel regression. Strong cross-sectional dependence among the dependent variables and among regressors is allowed for through the presence of common factors. Our model contains a set of variables that are common across all units (common shocks), and unit-specific variables (idiosyncratic shocks):

\[ y_{it} = \alpha_i + \beta' f_t + \gamma' x_{it} + e_{it}, \]  

(1)

where \( i = 1, \ldots, n \) and \( t = 1, \ldots, T \) and \( \beta \) and \( \gamma \) are \( k \times 1 \) and \( p \times 1 \) respectively. We assume that \( f_t \) and \( x_{it} \) are \( I(1) \) and \( e_{it} \) is \( I(0) \), so that (1) is a cointegrating regression for all units.
Cross-sectional dependence among the $y_{it}$s arises directly from $f_t$. Although here we focus on the case of observable $f_t$, in a working paper version of this article (Kao, Trapani and Urga, 2011a), we consider the case of $f_t$ being unobservable and estimated from a set of exogenous variables. When using the estimated $f_t$s, (1) becomes a factor augmented panel regression, and, as expected, $\beta$ loses its structural interpretation since $f_t$ is identified only up to a rotation. In spite of $\beta$ being not identifiable due to the well-known issue of rotational indeterminacy, inference on breaks on $\beta$ is not affected by this: Wald-type test statistics have the same distribution as in the case of observable $\beta$.

**Main results of this paper**

This paper makes three contributions to the existing literature.

First, we derive a panel Functional Central Limit Theorem (FCLT), which is the building block to study the asymptotics of the partial sample estimates. The FCLT is derived under the basic framework that the regressors $x_{it}$ in (1) are independent across $i$; similarly, we assume that the error term $e_{it}$ also are cross sectionally independent.

Second, we investigate the impact of dependence in the $x_{it}$s across $i$, showing under which conditions the asymptotics remains unchanged. Specifically, we allow for both stationary and nonstationary common factors in the DGP of the $x_{it}$s. The former case is tantamount to assuming that the innovations of $x_{it}$ are (strongly) cross correlated across $i$. We show that, in this case, cross dependence has no impact on the asymptotics: stationary common factors are washed out and do not provide a contribution to the asymptotics, which is driven by the nonstationary components. When nonstationary common factors are present in the DGP of the $x_{it}$s, we show that the asymptotics becomes non-standard (and, therefore, not analytically tractable), since the impact of the common factors is not washed out. In this case, we study the restrictions on the common factors that allow for the asymptotics to be the same as when no cross dependence is present; we show that this is the case only if the common factors are not pervasive (i.e. if they have “small” loadings).

Finally, we show that tests based on Wald-type statistics (Hansen, 1992; Andrews, 1993; Andrews and Ploberger, 1994) have nontrivial power versus local alternatives shrinking at a rate $O_p(1/\sqrt{nT})$, which provides further justification for using panels to enhance the power of tests.
Although the tests are constructed under the alternative of an abrupt change which is common to all units, we show that they have power versus other classes of alternatives, e.g. smooth parameter changes. Also, whilst our tests are designed for a common changepoint alternative, they also have power when breaks occur at different points in time across units. Finally, we study the presence of power when only some units (say \( m_n \)) are subject to a change. We show that, in the extreme case of \( m_n \) finite, tests have power versus local alternatives shrinking as \( O_p \left( \frac{\sqrt{n}}{T} \right) \): when the panel contains many units that do not have a break, there is a loss of power with respect to the case of testing for one unit at a time.

The remainder of the paper is organized as follows. Section 2 discusses estimation under the basic setting of no cross dependence across the \( x_{it} \)s; the section contains the FCLT for the partial sample Fully Modified OLS (henceforth, FM-OLS) estimators. Section 3 extends the basic framework to the case of cross dependent \( x_{it} \)s, presenting the asymptotic theory for the cases of stationary and nonstationary common factors in the DGP of the \( x_{it} \)s (Sections 3.1 and 3.2 respectively). The test statistic and its null distribution are reported in Section 4, where we also analyze the power versus local alternatives. In Section 5 we report the finite sample properties, i.e. size and power, of our proposed tests. Section 6 provides concluding remarks. Technical Lemmas and proofs are in the appendices.

NOTATION. We define \( A^{1/2} \) to be any matrix such that \( A = (A^{1/2}) (A^{1/2})' \). We use \( a \wedge b \) to represent \( \min \{a, b\} \); \( \|v\| \) to denote the Euclidean norm of a vector \( v \), and \( \|A\| \) the Frobenius norm of a matrix \( A \), i.e. \( \|A\| = \sqrt{tr(A'A)} \); “\( \rightarrow \)” to denote the ordinary limit; “\( \Rightarrow \)” to denote weak convergence for sequences of random elements with respect to the Skorohod metric (see e.g. Pollard, 1984, pp. 64-66); “\( \frac{d}{d} \)” to denote convergence in distribution; “\( P \)” to denote convergence in probability, \( [x] \) to denote the integer part, \( W_m \) to denote an \( m \)-dimensional Brownian motion, and \( \bar{W}_m = W_m - \int W_m \) to denote the demeaned version of \( W_m \). More generally, the symbol “\( \bar{\cdot} \)” above a series, say \( y_t \), denotes demeaning, i.e. \( \bar{y}_t = y_t - T^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^T y_t \). We let \( M, M', M'' \ldots < \infty \) be generic positive constants that do not depend on \( n \) or \( T \).
2 Estimation and asymptotic theory

Consider the alternative formulation of (1):

$$y_{it} = \alpha_i + \theta' z_{it} + e_{it},$$

where $\theta \equiv [\beta', \gamma]'$ and $z_{it} \equiv [f_t', x_{it}']'$. Henceforth, we define the long run variance of $e_{it}$ as $\Omega_e$, assuming it to be homogeneous across $i$ for simplicity. Similarly, we define the long run covariance and one sided long run covariance of $z_{it}$ as $\Omega_z$ and $\Lambda_z$ respectively; also, we define the long run covariance and one sided long run covariance between $z_{it}$ and $e_{it}$ as $\Lambda_{ze}$ and $\Lambda_{ze}$ respectively:

$$\Omega_z = \lim_{T \to \infty} E \left[ \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \Delta z_{it} \right) \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \Delta z_{it}' \right) \right]; \quad \Lambda_z = \lim_{T \to \infty} \sum_{t=0}^{T} E [\Delta z_{it} \Delta z_{it}'] ;$$

$$\Omega_{ze} = \lim_{T \to \infty} E \left[ \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \Delta z_{it} \right) \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=1}^{T} e_{it} \right) \right]; \quad \Lambda_{ze} = \lim_{T \to \infty} \sum_{t=0}^{T} E [\Delta z_{it} e_{it}] ;$$

$$\Omega_{e} = \lim_{T \to \infty} E \left[ \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=1}^{T} e_{it} \right)^2 \right].$$

(2)

In order to implement the (infeasible) FM-OLS estimator, let

$$y_{it}^+ = y_{it} - \Delta z_{it}' \Omega_z^{-1} \Omega_{ze},$$

(3)

$$\Lambda_{ze}^+ = \Lambda_{ze} - \Lambda_{ze} \Omega_z^{-1} \Omega_{ze},$$

(4)

with $\Delta z_{it}' \equiv [n^{-1/2} \Delta f_t', \Delta x_{it}']'$, $\Lambda_{ze}' = \left[ n^{-1/2} \Lambda_{fe}, \Lambda_{xe}' \right]'$, and $\Lambda_{ze}^+ = diag \{ n^{-1/2} \Lambda_f, \Lambda_x \}$.

Let $r \in (0, 1)$. The partial sample estimators are given by

$$\hat{\theta}^{FM}_{1,[Tr]} = \left[ \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{t=1}^{[Tr]} z_{it} z_{it}' \right]^{-1} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{t=1}^{[Tr]} (z_{it} \hat{y}_{it}' - \Lambda_{ze}^+) \right],$$

(5)

$$\hat{\theta}^{FM}_{2,[Tr]} = \left[ \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{t=[Tr]+1}^{T} z_{it} z_{it}' \right]^{-1} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{t=[Tr]+1}^{T} (z_{it} \hat{y}_{it}' - \Lambda_{ze}^+) \right].$$

(6)
Equations (3)-(6) define the FM-OLS estimates. The main difference with standard panel FM-OLS estimation is that, in the definition of $\Delta \hat{z}_{it}$, $\Delta f_t$ is normalized by $n^{-1/2}$. To illustrate the rationale of this, consider, as an example, the numerator of (5). This contains the term $\sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \hat{f}_t \Delta f'_t$. In order for it not to diverge, it needs to be normalized by $\frac{1}{\sqrt{nT}}$. Given that the numerator of $\hat{\theta}_{FM}^\varepsilon - \theta$ is normalised by $\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}$, the extra $\frac{1}{\sqrt{T}}$ must be applied.

Let $e_t^f$ and $e_t^x$ be the innovations of $f_t$ and $x_{it}$ respectively, i.e. $f_t = f_{t-1} + e_t^f$ and $x_{it} = x_{it-1} + e_t^x$. Define the $m$-dimensional vector of innovations $E_{it}^x = [e_{it}, e_{it}^f, e_{it}^x]^T$, with $m \equiv p + k + 1$.

In order to study the asymptotics of $\hat{\theta}_{1,[Tr]}$ and $\hat{\theta}_{2,[Tr]}$, we need the following assumption.

**Assumption 1:**

(a) $E_{it}^x = \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} G_s V_{it-s}$, where $V_{it}$ is i.i.d. across $t$ with $E \left(V_{it}\right) = 0$, $E \left[V_{it}V_{it}'\right] = I_m$, $E \left\|V_{it}\right\|^{4+\delta} < \infty$ for some $\delta > 0$ and

$$G_s = \begin{bmatrix} -a' \hat{C}_s \\ \Theta C_s \end{bmatrix},$$

with $a = [1, -\beta', -\gamma]'$, $\Theta = [0_{(p+k)\times 1} I_{p+k}]$ and $\hat{C}_s = \sum_{j=s+1}^{\infty} C_j$; (b) $\sum_{s=0}^{\infty} s^3 \|C_s\| < \infty$; (c) $E_{it}$ is i.i.d. across $i$ with $E \|E_{it}\|^4 < \infty$ for all $i$; (d) letting $G(1) \equiv \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} G_s$, $G^f(1)$ has rank $k$, where $G^f(1)$ is the block on the main diagonal of $G(1)$ corresponding to $f_t$; also, $G^x(1)$ has rank $p$, where $G^x(1)$ is the block on the main diagonal of $G(1)$ corresponding to $x_{it}$; (e) $e_{it}$ and $e_{it}^x$ are independent across $i$.

Assumption 1 states that $E_{it}^x$ is a linear process across time. The assumption requires that the errors $e_{it}$ are cross-sectionally i.i.d. - similarly, the innovations $e_{it}^x$ are assumed to be i.i.d. across $i$. In both cases, this assumption is made only for simplicity. However, all results in the paper hold under milder conditions on cross sectional dependence and heterogeneity for both sequences. For example, Lemma A.2 in Appendix stipulates the asymptotic independence between the estimated $\beta$ and $\gamma$. However, it only requires that $n^{-2} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{n} \left| \tau_{ij}^x \right| = o(1)$, where, letting $E \left(x_{it}x_{jt}'\right) = \tau_{ij,t}^x$, it holds that $\left\| \tau_{ij,t}^x \right\| < \left| \tau_{ij,t}^x \right|$ for all $t$. Similarly, Lemma A.4 contains the panel FCLT. The proof requires that $(nT)^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \sum_{s=1}^{T} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{n} \left| \tau_{ij,ts} \right| = O(1)$, where $\tau_{ij,ts} = E \left(e_{it}e_{jt}\right)$. As well as this assumption, which is very similar to the ones in the panel factor model literature (e.g. Assumption C in Bai, 2003), Lemma A.4 also requires results such
as \( E \left[ n^{-1/2} \sum_{t=1}^{n} e_{it} \right]^{2+\delta} < \infty \) for \( \delta > 0 \), which we prove by applying Burkholder’s inequality (see e.g. Davidson, 2002, p. 242). Again, it would be possible to replace the assumption of cross-sectional independence with some milder requirement, as long as \( E \left[ n^{-1/2} \sum_{t=1}^{n} e_{it} \right]^{2+\delta} < \infty \) still holds. However, the presence of cross dependence is bound to cause problems when covariances such as e.g. \( \lim n \to \infty \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{n} \lim T \to \infty E \left[ \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=1}^{T} e_{it} \right) \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=1}^{T} e_{jt} \right) \right] \) need to be estimated. Unless the order of cross sectional correlation is known, HAC-type estimators are not feasible. Part \( d \) of the assumption entails that \( G_{i}(1)G_{i}(1)' \) is positive definite for each \( i \), which is a standard requirement in the context of cointegration analysis.

Define the \( p \)-dimensional, zero mean, variance transformed Gaussian process \( C_{p}(u; v) \), with covariance structure given by

\[
E \left[ C_{p}(b; a) C_{p}(d; c) \right] = \left[ \frac{(d-a)(b-c)}{(b-a)(d-c)} \right] I_{p}, \tag{7}
\]

for \( a < c < b < d \). From (7), it holds that, e.g. \( E \left[ C_{p}(r; 0) C_{p}(s; 0) \right] = (\min \{ r, s \})^{2} I_{p} \). Note that \( C_{p}(r; 0) \) has the same covariance structure as \( \int W dB - r^{-1} B(1) \int W \), where \( W \) and \( B \) are independent standard Brownian motions of dimensions \( p \) and 1 respectively. However, \( C_{p}(r; 0) \) is normal, whilst \( \int W dB - r^{-1} B(1) \int W \) is mixed normal. Indeed, \( C_{p}(r; 0) \) is the limit of

\[
\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \int W_{i} dB_{i} - r^{-1} B(1) \int W_{i},
\]

under independence across \( i \).

It holds that

**Theorem 1** Under Assumption 1, as \( (n, T) \to \infty \) with \( \frac{n}{T} \to 0 \)

\[
\sqrt{nT} \begin{bmatrix} \beta_{11}^{FM} - \beta \\ \beta_{12}^{FM} - \gamma \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \int_{0}^{r} \tilde{W}_{j}W_{j}' & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{6} \Omega_{x} r^{2} \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} \int_{0}^{r} \tilde{W}_{j}dW_{e+} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \Omega_{x}^{1/2} \Omega_{e+}^{1/2} C_{p}(r; 0) \end{bmatrix},
\]

\[
\sqrt{nT} \begin{bmatrix} \beta_{11}^{FM} - \beta \\ \beta_{22}^{FM} - \gamma \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \int_{0}^{r} \tilde{W}_{j}W_{j}' & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{6} \Omega_{x} (1 - r)^{2} \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} \int_{r}^{1} \tilde{W}_{j}dW_{e+} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \Omega_{x}^{1/2} \Omega_{e+}^{1/2} C_{p}(1; r) \end{bmatrix},
\]

where \( \tilde{W}_{j} \) is a \( k \)-dimensional demeaned Brownian motion with covariance matrix \( \Omega_{f} \), \( \Omega_{x} \) is the long run covariance matrix of \( x_{it} \), and \( W_{e+} \) is a Brownian motion with variance \( \Omega_{e+} = \Omega_{e} - \Omega_{x} \Omega_{x}^{-1} \Omega_{e} \).

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Remarks

T1.1 Theorem 1 contains the FCLT for the partial sample estimator of $\theta$. The finite dimensional distributions of $\hat{\gamma}_{[T]}^{FM} - \gamma$ are normal, which is a difference with respect to the case of a single cointegrating equation, where the partial sample estimates have a mixed normal asymptotic distribution. This is a consequence of cross-sectional averaging (Kao, 1999; Phillips and Moon, 1999), and of having stationary common factors only in the DGP of $x_{it}$. Conversely, the finite dimensional distributions of $\hat{\beta}_{[T]}^{FM} - \beta$ are mixed normal, i.e. the same as in the single equation case. As pointed out by Kao, Trapani and Urga (2011b), this is due to the strong cross dependence arising from the common factors $f_t$, which is not washed out by cross sectional averaging.

T1.2 The distributions of the two estimates, $\hat{\gamma}_{[T]}^{FM}$ and $\hat{\beta}_{[T]}^{FM}$, are asymptotically independent.

This is a consequence of Lemma A.2, which stipulates that the asymptotic covariance matrix of $\sqrt{n}T \left[ \hat{\theta}_{[T]}^{FM} - \theta \right]$ is diagonal. Thus, inference on $\beta$ and $\gamma$ can be carried out separately.

Theorem 1 contains the asymptotics of the infeasible FM-OLS estimator. However, tests require $\sqrt{n}$-consistent estimates of the long run covariance matrices, i.e. letting $\hat{\Omega}_z$ be the estimator of $\Omega_z$, it must hold that $\sqrt{n} \left\| \hat{\Omega}_z - \Omega_z \right\| = o_p(1)$ and similarly for the other estimated long run covariance matrices. Estimation can be carried out along the same lines as in Phillips and Moon (1999, pp. 1084-1085). Define $\hat{e}_{it} = \hat{y}_{it} - \hat{\theta}' \hat{z}_{it}$, where

$$\hat{\theta} = \left[ \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \hat{z}_{it} \hat{z}_{it}' \right]^{-1} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \hat{z}_{it} \hat{y}_{it} \right]; \quad (8)$$

$\hat{\theta}$ is a standard, full sample Least Squares Dummy Variable estimator. Under endogeneity, Assumption 1 entails that $\hat{\theta} - \theta = O_p(T^{-1})$. The estimator is $T$-consistent, and not $\sqrt{n}T$-consistent, due to the presence of the one sided long run covariance matrix $\Lambda_{z\varepsilon}$ which does not vanish in cross sectional averages; see e.g. the discussion in Phillips and Moon (1999, pp. 1083-1084). We consider a restricted, full sample estimation of $\theta$ and of the long run covariance matrices. Alternatively, unrestricted, partial sample estimators could be used. It is expected
that both estimators converge to the same limit under the null and under sequences of local
alternatives, although this is not necessarily so under fixed alternatives (see also the discussion

Let $\Omega_z$ and $\Lambda_z$ be diagonal for simplicity: $\Omega_z = \text{diag}\{\Omega_f, \Omega_x\}$ and $\Lambda_z = \text{diag}\{\Lambda_f, \Lambda_x\}$. Define the autocovariance estimators

$$
\hat{\phi}_{xi,j} = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=j+1}^{T} \Delta x_{it} \Delta x'_{i,t-j} ;
\hat{\phi}_{f,j} = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=j+1}^{T} \Delta f_{t} \Delta f'_{t-j} ;
\hat{\phi}_{xe,i,j} = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=j+1}^{T} \Delta x_{it} \Delta x'_{i,t-j} \hat{e}_{it} \hat{e}_{i,t-j} ;
\hat{\phi}_{fe,i,j} = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=j+1}^{T} \Delta f_{t} \Delta f'_{t-j} \hat{e}_{it} \hat{e}_{i,t-j} ;
\hat{\phi}_{ei,j} = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=j+1}^{T} \hat{e}_{it} \hat{e}_{i,t-j} .
$$

Hence, $\hat{\Omega}_{x,i} = \hat{\phi}_{xi,0} + 2 \sum_{j=1}^{T} \kappa \left( \frac{j}{T} \right) \hat{\phi}_{xi,j}, \hat{\Lambda}_{x,i} = \sum_{j=0}^{T} \kappa \left( \frac{j}{T} \right) \hat{\phi}_{xi,j}$, and similarly the other estimators, using some kernel $\kappa(\cdot)$ with bandwidth $l$. Finally, we compute

$$
\hat{\Omega}_x = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \hat{\Omega}_{x,i} ;
\hat{\Omega}_e = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \hat{\Omega}_{e,i} ;
\hat{\Lambda}_x = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \hat{\Lambda}_{x,i} ;
\hat{\Lambda}_e = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \hat{\Lambda}_{e,i} ;
$$

In Section 3, we present $\sqrt{n}$-consistency results for the long run covariance matrices estimators.

### 3 Cross-correlated regressors

In this section, we analyse the impact of the presence of cross dependence across the regressors, which we model through the presence of common factors, viz.

$$
x_{it} = w_{it} + \Gamma_i g_t ,
$$

where $w_{it}$ is a unit specific nonstationary shock, with $\Gamma_i$ a $p \times q$ matrix and $g_t$ is a set of common factors that could be $I(0)$ or $I(1)$, or a mixture of the two. We firstly consider the case of $g_t$ being $I(0)$, showing that the presence of common factors in the DGP of $x_{it}$ does not alter any of the results that hold when the $x_{it}$s are assumed to be cross sectionally independent.
We then consider the case of $g_t$ being $I(1)$; in such case, we show that it is still possible to conduct standard inference as long as the common factors are not pervasive, i.e. if $\Gamma_i$ is $n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \Gamma_i \Gamma'_i = o(1)$.

The presence of the $g_t$s in (10) also affects $y_{it}$ indirectly. Equation (10) can be further interpreted by considering the reduced form of (1)

$$y_{it} = \alpha_i + \gamma' w_{it} + \beta' f_t + \phi'_i g_t + e_{it},$$

where $\phi_i = \gamma' \Gamma_i$. This is a model with common factors, some of which with a homogeneous set of coefficients (the $f_t$s) and some with a heterogeneous set of coefficients (the $g_t$s).

Recalling (10), we define the DGP of $w_{it}$ as

$$w_{it} = w_{it-1} + e_{it}.$$ 

In Section 3.1, we derive the asymptotics of the partial sample estimator of $\theta$ for the case $g_t \sim I(0)$; the case of $g_t \sim I(1)$ is discussed in Section 3.2.

### 3.1 The case of stationary $g_t$

Let $h_{it} = [f'_t, w'_t]'$. Long run covariance matrices are expected to be the same as in Section 2, since $g_t$ is stationary and thus its impact is expected to be negligible. However, in this section, and in the next one, we use a slightly different notation: the long run covariance and one sided long run covariance of $z_{it}$ are denoted as $\Omega_h$ and $\Lambda_h$ respectively. Also, the long run covariance and one sided long run covariance between $h_{it}$ and $e_{it}$ are $\Omega_{he}$ and $\Lambda_{he}$ respectively; all long run covariance matrices are defined in the same way as in (2). We use the subscript “$h$” since, in view of the stationarity of $g_t$, the only contribution to long run covariance matrices comes from $h_{it}$. Estimates are denoted as $\hat{\Omega}_{e}$, $\hat{\Omega}_{h}$, $\hat{\Lambda}_{h}$, $\hat{\Omega}_{he}$ and $\hat{\Lambda}_{he}$.

The (feasible) FM-OLS estimator is based on
\begin{align*}
y_{it}^+ &= y_{it} - \Delta z_{it}' \hat{\Omega}_h^{-1} \hat{\Omega}_{he}, \\
\hat{\Lambda}_{he}^+ &= \hat{\Lambda}_{he}^1 - \hat{\Lambda}_{he}^1 \hat{\Omega}_h^{-1} \hat{\Omega}_{he},
\end{align*}
\tag{12}

\text{with } \hat{\Lambda}_h^1 = \text{diag} \left\{ n^{-1/2} \hat{\Lambda}_f, \hat{\Lambda}_w \right\} \text{ and } \hat{\Lambda}_{he}^1 = \left[ n^{-1/2} \hat{\Lambda}_f', \hat{\Lambda}_{we}' \right]^T.

The feasible partial sample FM-OLS estimators are given, similarly to (5)-(6), by

\begin{align*}
\hat{\theta}_{1,[Tr]}^{FM} &= \left[ \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{t=1}^{[Tr]} \tilde{z}_{it} \tilde{z}_{it}' \right]^{-1} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{t=1}^{[Tr]} \left( \tilde{z}_{it} \tilde{y}_{it}^+ - \hat{\Lambda}_{he}^+ \right) \right], \\
\hat{\theta}_{2,[Tr]}^{FM} &= \left[ \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{t=[Tr]+1}^T \tilde{z}_{it} \tilde{z}_{it}' \right]^{-1} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{t=[Tr]+1}^T \left( \tilde{z}_{it} \tilde{y}_{it}^+ - \hat{\Lambda}_{he}^+ \right) \right].
\end{align*}
\tag{14} \tag{15}

Let \( E_{it} = \left[ e_{it}, e_{it}'', e_{it}'''' \right]' \), and consider the following assumptions.

**Assumption 1***: Assumption 1 holds for \( E_{it} \).

**Assumption 2**: (a) \( g_t \) is i.i.d. across \( t \) with zero mean, independent of \( E_{it} \), and such that \( E \|g_t\|^{4+\delta} < \infty \) for all \( t \) and \( \delta > 0 \); (b) it holds that \( T^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^{[Tr]} \tilde{g}_t \tilde{g}_t' = O_p(1) \), \( T^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^{[Tr]} \tilde{g}_t \tilde{g}_t' = O_p(1) \) uniformly in \( r \) for all \( i \); (c) it holds that \( E \left\| \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \Delta g_t \Delta w_{it}' \right\|^2 = O(1) \) for all \( i \); (d) \( \Gamma_i \) is non random with \( \|\Gamma_i\| < \infty \) for all \( i \).

Assumption 1* states that \( e_{it}'''' \) is cross sectionally independent (as well as \( e_{it}'' \)). Similarly to Assumption 1, this is imposed only for simplicity, and cross sectional independence could be relaxed. Under Assumption 2, the impact of \( g_t \) on the asymptotics is negligible. Assuming that \( g_t \) is independent over time is made only for convenience. Indeed, \( g_t \) could be assumed to be a Martingale Difference Sequence (MDS), and the proofs would not require any changes; this is also true if \( g_t \) is assumed to be generated by a linear process, as long as it admits an MDS approximation.

When \( g_t \sim I(0) \), the amount of cross dependence among the \( x_{it}s \) is given by \( E \left( x_{it} x_{jt}' \right) = \Gamma_i E \left( g_t g_t' \right) \Gamma_j \), which is \( O(1) \) for all \( t \) under Assumption 2. In view of the \( x_{it}s \) being \( I(1) \),
max \( E(x_t x_t') = O(T) \); thus, having stationary common factors introduces some “weak” cross dependence of relative magnitude \( O \left( \frac{1}{T} \right) \).

Estimates of the long run covariance matrices are computed according to (9). All estimators are \( \sqrt{n} \)-consistent under Assumptions 1* and 2. This is shown in Lemma B.3 in Appendix, where we also show that \( \sqrt{n} \)-consistency requires that

\[
\frac{l}{\sqrt{T}} + \frac{l n}{T} + \frac{n}{l^2 \psi} \to 0, \tag{16}
\]

where \( \psi \) is the Parzen exponent of \( \kappa(\cdot) \) (see Andrews, 1991). This, in turn, entails that \( \frac{n^{1+\varepsilon}}{T} \to 0 \) for some \( \varepsilon > \frac{1}{2\psi} \), which is a stronger restriction on the relative speed of divergence between \( n \) and \( T \) than \( \frac{n}{T} \to 0 \), assumed in Theorem 1. The “optimal” bandwidth \( l^* \) with \( l^* \to \infty \) can be chosen as \( l^* = \arg\min \left[ n \left( \frac{1}{n\sqrt{T}} + \frac{1}{n^2 \psi} \right) \right] \). This entails that \( l^* = \left( \frac{nT}{n+\sqrt{T}} \right)^{\frac{1}{1+2\psi}} \); noting that \( \frac{n^{1+\varepsilon}}{T} \to 0 \) entails \( \frac{n}{\sqrt{T}} \to 0 \), this yields \( l^* = O \left( \left( n^{1+\varepsilon} \right)^{\frac{1}{1+2\psi}} \right) \).

It holds that:

**Proposition 1** Under Assumptions 1* and 2 and equation (16), as \( n, T \to \infty \) with \( \frac{n^{1+\varepsilon}}{T} \to 0 \),

\( \sqrt{nT} \left[ \hat{\theta}_{1,\{Tr\}}^{FM} - \theta \right] \) has the same distribution as in Theorem 1.

Proposition 1 states that, when \( g_t \) is stationary, its impact on the limiting distribution of \( \hat{\theta}_{1,\{Tr\}}^{FM} \) is negligible. Indeed, the asymptotic distribution of \( \hat{\theta}_{1,\{Tr\}}^{FM} \) is the same as in Theorem 1. Thus, even though cross dependence among the \( x_t \)'s is present, inference can be carried out as if no common factors were present in (10). However, the presence of \( g_t \) has an impact on the asymptotics: the relative speed of divergence of \( n \) and \( T \) has to be restricted according to equation (16).

### 3.2 The case of nonstationary \( g_t \)

We turn to discussing the case of nonstationary \( g_t \), and their impact on the asymptotics of \( \hat{\theta}_{1,\{Tr\}}^{FM} \) and \( \hat{\theta}_{2,\{Tr\}}^{FM} \) defined in (12)-(13). Prior to reporting the main results, we discuss the impact of nonstationary \( g_t \) on the asymptotics of the FM-OLS estimator.

In general, in presence of nonstationary \( g_t \) and no further restrictions, the asymptotics of
In view of similar arguments as in Lemma A.2, it can be expected that

\[ \frac{\hat{\theta}^{FM}_{1,[Tr]} - \theta}{\sigma_{\hat{\theta}}^{FM}_{1,[Tr]}} \] is nonstandard. Although \( \theta \) can still be estimated consistently, its limiting distribution depends on several nuisance parameters, which makes testing fraught with difficulties. In order to illustrate the main argument, consider the estimation error \( \hat{\theta}^{FM}_{1,[Tr]} - \theta = [\sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{t=1}^{[Tr]} z_{it}^2]^{-1} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{t=1}^{[Tr]} \left( z_{it} e_{it}^T - \Lambda_{he}^+ \right) \right] \), where we use population quantities for the long run and one-sided covariance matrices, and assume \( \Gamma_i \) is non random. To illustrate the main problems, we focus on the denominator:

\[
\frac{1}{n'T^2} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{t=1}^{[Tr]} \tilde{z}_{it} \tilde{z}_{it}' = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{n'T^2} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{t=1}^{[Tr]} \tilde{f}_i \tilde{f}_i' & \frac{1}{n'T^2} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{t=1}^{[Tr]} \tilde{x}_it \tilde{f}_i' \\ \frac{1}{n'T^2} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{t=1}^{[Tr]} \tilde{x}_it \tilde{f}_i' & \frac{1}{n'T^2} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{t=1}^{[Tr]} \tilde{x}_it \tilde{x}_it' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ b' & c \end{bmatrix}.
\]

Consider \( b = \frac{1}{n'T^2} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{t=1}^{[Tr]} \tilde{f}_i \tilde{w}_it + \frac{1}{n'T^2} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{t=1}^{[Tr]} \tilde{f}_i \tilde{g}_i \Gamma_i' = b_1 + b_2 \). We have \( b_1 = o_p(1) \), by virtue of Lemma A.1 in Appendix. As far as \( b_2 \) is concerned, its order of magnitude is expected to be \( O_p(1) \) unless some restrictions on \( \Gamma_i \) are introduced. A sufficient condition for \( b_2 \) to be negligible is that \( \max_i \| \Gamma_i \| = o(1) \) as \( n,T \to \infty \). If this holds, independence between \( \hat{\beta}^{FM}_{1,[Tr]} - \beta \) and \( \hat{\gamma}^{FM}_{1,[Tr]} - \gamma \) is preserved, and inference on the stability of each vector of parameters can be carried out separately. Also, consider \( c \)

\[
c = \frac{1}{n'T^2} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{t=1}^{[Tr]} \tilde{w}_it \tilde{w}_it' + \frac{1}{n'T^2} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{t=1}^{[Tr]} \Gamma_i \tilde{g}_i \tilde{w}_it' + \frac{1}{n'T^2} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{t=1}^{[Tr]} \tilde{w}_it \tilde{g}_i \Gamma_i' + \frac{1}{n'T^2} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{t=1}^{[Tr]} \Gamma_i \tilde{g}_i \tilde{g}_i' \Gamma_i' = c_1 + c_2 + c_3 + c_4.
\]

In view of similar arguments as in Lemma A.2, it can be expected that \( c_2 \) and \( c_3 \) are \( o_p(1) \). Also, Lemma A.3 stipulates that \( \frac{1}{n'T^2} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{t=1}^{[Tr]} \tilde{w}_it \tilde{w}_it' \xrightarrow{p} \frac{1}{6} \Omega_w r^2 \). Turning to \( c_4 \), its order of magnitude is given by \( \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \| \Gamma_i \|^2 \right) \left( \frac{1}{n'T^2} \sum_{i=1}^{[Tr]} \tilde{g}_i \tilde{g}_i' \right)^2 \), which in general is not negligible unless some restrictions on \( \Gamma_i \) are imposed. Again, \( \max_i \| \Gamma_i \| = o(1) \) would serve the purpose. If this were not the case, then the asymptotic covariance of \( \hat{\gamma}^{FM}_{1,[Tr]} - \gamma \) would be the sum of a non random term, \( \frac{1}{6} \Omega_w r^2 \), and of a random variable, corresponding to the limit of \( c_4 \). As a consequence, the limiting distribution of \( \hat{\gamma}^{FM}_{1,[Tr]} - \gamma \) would depend on several nuisance parameters, such as \( \Omega_w \) and the \( \Gamma_i \)'s (and, thus, on \( p \) and \( q \) also).
In order to study under which conditions Theorem 1 still holds, consider the following assumption.

**Assumption 3:**

(a) \( g_t = g_{t-1} + e_t^g \), with \( e_t^g \) a zero mean, i.i.d. process independent of \( E_{it} \); (b) it holds that \( E \left| \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^{[T]} \tilde{g}_t e_{it} \right|^2 < \infty \), \( \max_i E \left| \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^{[T]} \tilde{g}_t e_{it} \right|^2 < \infty \), \( \max_i E \left| \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^{[T]} \tilde{g}_t e_{it}^w \right|^2 < \infty \) uniformly in \( r \); (c) \( \Gamma_i \) is non random with \( \max_i \| \Gamma_i \| = o \left( n^{-1/4} - \omega/2 \right) \) for some \( \omega > 0 \).

Assumption 3 states that \( g_t \) is nonstationary (part (a)), and it imposes some integrability conditions (part (b)) and some restrictions on the pervasiveness of the factors (part (c)). In principle, part (a) could be made more general, by allowing for serial dependence in \( e_t^g \). Similarly, the high-level assumptions in part (b) could be replaced by more primitive conditions on the moments of \( e_t^g \) (and of \( e_{it} \) and \( e_{it}^w \)). The important condition is part (c), which requires that the \( \Gamma_i \) are of smaller order than \( n^{-1/4} \). This is needed in order to remove the effect of \( g_t \) from the denominator of \( \hat{\theta}_{1, [T]}^{FM} - \theta \), which requires \( \max_i \| \Gamma_i \| = o (1) \). In addition to the discussion above, we need the even stronger condition that \( \max_i \| \Gamma_i \| = o \left( n^{-1/4} \right) \). This is needed in order to wipe out the impact of the \( g_t \)s on the numerator of \( \hat{\theta}_{1, [T]}^{FM} - \theta \). The quantity \( \omega \) plays a role in determining the rate of convergence of long run covariance matrices estimators (see Lemma B.3).

When \( g_t \sim I (1) \), it holds that \( \max_t E \left( x_{it} x'_{it} \right) = \max_t E \left( g_t g'_t \right) = O \left( T n^{-1/2 - \omega} \right) \) under Assumption 3. In view of the \( x_{it} \)s being \( I (1) \), \( \max_t E \left( x_{it} x'_t \right) = O \left( T \right) \); thus, having stationary common factors introduces some “weak” cross dependence of relative magnitude \( O \left( n^{-1/2 - \omega} \right) \).

Similarly to Proposition 1, the estimated long run covariance matrices should be \( \sqrt{n} \)-consistent. In Lemma B.3, we show that \( \hat{\Omega}_w, \hat{\Omega}_e, \hat{\Lambda}_w, \hat{\Omega}_{we}, \hat{\Omega}_{fe}, \hat{\Lambda}_{we} \) and \( \hat{\Lambda}_{fe} \) computed according to (9) are \( \sqrt{n} \)-consistent under Assumptions 1* and 3, as long as

\[
\frac{l \sqrt{n}}{T} + \frac{l}{n^{\omega}} \to 0. \tag{17}
\]

From equation (17), a rule to choose the bandwidth can be derived, in a similar fashion as in the case of stationary \( g_t \). In this case, the “optimal” bandwidth should satisfy \( l^* \to \infty \) and \( l^{**} = \)
\( o\left( \min \left\{ \frac{T}{\sqrt{n}}, n^\omega \right\} \right) \).

It holds that:

**Proposition 2** Under Assumptions 1* and 3 and equation (17), as \((n, T) \to \infty \) with \( \frac{n}{T} \to 0 \),
\[
\sqrt{n} T \left[ \hat{\theta}_{1,[T]}^{FM} - \theta \right]
\]
has the same distribution as in Theorem 1.

Proposition 2 states that when \( g_t \) is nonstationary, it has a negligible impact as long as its loadings are small. This result mirrors Proposition 1. In order to make \( \Gamma_t g_t \) negligible, a restriction on its time series properties was imposed, which allowed to recover the same asymptotics as in Theorem 1. In the context of Proposition 2, in order to have the same asymptotics as in Theorem 1, we need to impose restrictions on the cross-sectional properties of \( \Gamma_t g_t \). When these hold, inference on breaks can be conducted exactly in the same way as if \( g_t \) were stationary, or in absence of \( g_t \).

4 Testing

In this section we present two results. First, we derive the limiting distribution of Wald-type statistics for the null of no changes in \( \theta \). This is a direct application of the asymptotic theory derived above. In particular, test statistics for the null of no change in \( \gamma \) are independent of statistics for the null of no change in \( \beta \). As a consequence of normality, we show that the limiting distribution of Wald-type statistics for no change in \( \gamma \) is the same as in the literature (e.g. Andrews, 1993; Andrews and Ploberger, 1994). As a consequence of mixed normality, we show that the limiting distribution of Wald-type statistics for no change in \( \beta \) is the same as found by Hansen (1992) in the context of a single cointegrating equation.

We also analyse the power versus local alternatives. We show that, as a consequence of the panel approach, tests have power versus alternatives shrinking at a rate \( \frac{1}{\sqrt{nT}} \). Tests also have power versus changes of different magnitude and timing across units.

For each \( r \), we define the test statistic
\[
W_{nT} (r) = \frac{1}{\Omega_{e+}} nT^2 \left[ \hat{\theta}_{1,[T]}^{FM} - \hat{\theta}_{2,[T]}^{FM} \right]' \left[ H_{nT} (r) \right]^{-1} \left[ \hat{\theta}_{1,[T]}^{FM} - \hat{\theta}_{2,[T]}^{FM} \right],
\]
(18)
where \( \hat{\Omega}_e = \hat{\Omega}_e - \hat{\Omega}_{eh} \hat{\Omega}_h^{-1} \hat{\Omega}_{he} \) and

\[
H_{nT}(r) = \left( \frac{1}{nT^2} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{t=1}^{[Tr]} \bar{z}_{it} \bar{z}_{it}' \right)^{-1} + \left( \frac{1}{nT^2} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{t=[Tr]+1}^{T} \bar{z}_{it} \bar{z}_{it}' \right)^{-1},
\]

### 4.1 Null distribution

We report the asymptotic distribution of (18) under the null that \( \theta \) is constant over time.

Define \( s(r) = \left( \int_{0}^{r} W_k W_k' \right)^{-1/2} Z_1 - \left( \int_{r}^{1} W_k W_k' \right)^{-1/2} Z_2 \), where \( W_k \) is a \( k \)-dimensional standard Brownian motion and \( Z_1 \) and \( Z_2 \) are two \( k \)-dimensional standard normals independent of each other and of \( W_k \). Define also \( M(r) = \left[ \left( \int_{0}^{r} W_k W_k' \right)^{-1} + \left( \int_{r}^{1} W_k W_k' \right)^{-1} \right] \). Finally, define

\[
J(r) = \begin{bmatrix}
\frac{1-r}{\nu} C_p(r;0) - \frac{r}{\nu} C_p(1;r) \\
\sqrt{r^2 + (1-r)^2} \\
M^{-1/2}(r) s(r)
\end{bmatrix}
\]

The null distribution is given in the following Theorem.

**Theorem 2** Let Assumption 1 hold. As \( (n,T) \to \infty \) with \( \frac{n}{T} \to 0 \), it holds that

\[
W_{nT}(r) \Rightarrow J'(r) J(r) = Q_k(r) + Q_p(r),
\]

under the null of no break, where \( Q_k(r) \) and \( Q_p(r) \) are independent and defined as

\[
Q_k(r) = s(r)' M^{-1}(r) s(r),
\]

\[
Q_p(r) = \frac{\left\|(1-r)^2 C_p(r;0) - r^2 C_p(1;r)\right\|^2}{r^4 (1-r)^2 + r^2 (1-r)^4}.
\]

For fixed \( r \), \( Q_k(r) \overset{d}{\to} \chi^2_k \), \( Q_p(r) \overset{d}{\to} \chi^2_p \) and \( Q_k(r) + Q_p(r) \overset{d}{\to} \chi^2_{p+k} \). Further, if \( g_t \sim I(0) \) and Assumptions 1* and 2, equation (16) and \( \frac{n^{1+\epsilon}}{T} \to 0 \) hold; or, alternatively, if \( g_t \sim I(1) \), and Assumptions 1* and 3, equation (17) and \( \frac{n}{T} \to 0 \) hold; then (20)-(22) still hold.

### Remarks

**T2.1** Theorem 2 is an application of Theorem 1 (and Propositions 1 and 2) and the Continuous
Mapping Theorem (CMT). The distribution of $Q_k(r)$ is the same as in Hansen (1992), when testing for breaks in the context of a single cointegrating equation; this is a consequence of $\hat{\beta}_{1,[Tr]} - \beta$ (and $\hat{\gamma}_{1,[Tr]} - \gamma$) having a mixed normal asymptotic distribution. Conversely, the distribution of $Q_p(r)$ is the same as in Andrews (1993). This is a consequence of the limiting distribution of $\hat{\beta}_{1,[Tr]} - \beta$ (and $\hat{\gamma}_{1,[Tr]} - \gamma$) being normal - see also Remark T1.1. The Theorem also states that, for fixed $r$, the limiting distribution of the Wald-type statistics is the usual chi-squared one.

T2.2 Note that $Q_k(r)$ and $Q_p(r)$ are independent. This is a consequence of the asymptotic independence between $\hat{\beta}_{1,[Tr]} - \beta$ and $\hat{\gamma}_{1,[Tr]} - \gamma$ stipulated in Theorem 1; see Remark T1.2. As Propositions 1 and 2 show, the same holds for $\hat{\beta}_{1,[Tr]} - \beta$ and $\hat{\gamma}_{1,[Tr]} - \gamma$. Thus, it is possible to conduct separate inference for the constancy of $\beta$ and $\gamma$.

T2.3 Tests for the null of no breaks can be based on $\text{SupW} \equiv \max_{[Tr^*] \leq [Tr] \leq [T - Tr^*]} W_{nT}(r)$, where $r^*$ represents the fraction of the sample trimmed away from the beginning and the end of the sample. The CMT ensures that $\text{SupW} \xrightarrow{d} \sup_{r^* \leq r \leq 1 - r^*} [J'(r) J(r)]$. Alternatively, following Andrews and Ploberger (1994), one can use $\text{AveW} \equiv T^{-1} \sum_{[Tr] = [Tr^*]} W_{nT}(r)$ or $\text{ExpW} \equiv \ln \left( T^{-1} \sum_{[Tr] = [Tr^*]} \exp \left[ \frac{1}{2} W_{nT}(r) \right] \right)$; using the CMT, $\text{AveW} \xrightarrow{d} \int_{r^*}^{1 - r^*} J'(r) J(r) \, dr$ and $\text{ExpW} \xrightarrow{d} \ln \left( \int_{r^*}^{1 - r^*} \exp \left[ \frac{1}{2} J'(r) J(r) \right] \, dr \right)$.

4.2 Consistency

We analyse the power of tests based on Wald-type statistics versus a general class of local-to-null alternatives shrinking as $O_p(1/\sqrt{nT})$. We show that, as far as the time series properties of the power are concerned, the test has nontrivial power versus alternatives of order $O_p(1/T)$, and versus both abrupt and smooth changes. As far as cross-sectional properties are concerned, the test has nontrivial power versus alternatives of order $O_p(1/\sqrt{n})$ (a consequence of the panel approach). Nontrivial power is also attained when different units undergo changes at different points in time. Finally, we discuss the power when only some units (possibly a finite number) have a break. We show that when only a finite number of units have a break, the test has power versus local alternatives of order $O_p(\sqrt{n}/T)$.
We consider the following sequence of local alternatives:

\[ H_a : \theta_{it} = \theta + \frac{\sqrt{n}}{m_nT}\psi_i \left( \frac{t}{T} \right), \quad (23) \]

where \( \psi_i(\cdot) \) is a \((k + p) \times 1\) finite, non-zero function defined on the unit interval, and \( m_n \) is the number of units for which \( \psi_i(\cdot) \neq 0 \) (i.e. the units that do have a break); \( m_n \) can be finite or pass to infinity as \( n \to \infty \).

The properties of \( \psi_i \left( \frac{t}{T} \right) \) are specified in the following assumption.

**Assumption 4:** (a) the function \( \psi_i \left( \frac{t}{T} \right) \) is nonconstant and Riemann integrable; (b) \((n, T) \to \infty\), uniformly in \(r\),

\[
\frac{1}{m_nT} \sum_{i=1}^{m_n} \sum_{t=1}^{[Tr]} \bar{z}_{it} \bar{z}'_{it} \psi_i \left( \frac{t}{T} \right) = O_p(1).
\]

As discussed in Andrews (1993), possible alternative functional forms for \( \psi_i(\cdot) \) include: a single step function, i.e. \( \psi_i(s) = 0 \) if \( s < r \) and \( \psi_i(s) = \Delta \theta \) (finite) if \( s \geq r \), which represents a one-time change on \( \theta \) at \([Tr]\); multiple steps functions that represent multiple changes; time trending functions, i.e. \( \psi_i(\cdot) = t/T \).

Equation (23) encompasses various possible cases of cross-sectional behaviour. As mentioned above, having different \( \psi_i(\cdot) \) across \( i \) entails having breaks of possibly different magnitude. Also, the timing of the breaks (and the presence of breaks itself) is not restricted to be the same across units. Finally, some units may not have any breaks at all, which is taken into account by allowing for \( m_n \) to be strictly smaller than \( n \).

The consistency of tests based on \( W_{nT} (r) \) is in the following Theorem. The expression of the noncentrality parameter \( d(r) \) is in equation (37) in Appendix.

**Theorem 3** Let Assumption 1 hold. As \((n, T) \to \infty \) with \( \frac{n}{T} \to 0 \), it holds that, under \( H_a \),

\[ W_{nT} (r) \Rightarrow [J(r) + d(r)]' [J(r) + d(r)]. \]

The same result holds if: either \( g_t \sim I(0) \) and Assumptions 1* and 2, equation (16) and \( \frac{n^{1+\epsilon}}{T} \to 0 \) hold; or if \( g_t \sim I (1) \) and Assumptions 1* and 3 and equation (17) hold.

**Remarks**

**T3.1** Consider \( m_n = n \), so that (23) states that \( \theta_{it} = \theta + \frac{1}{\sqrt{nT}} \psi_i \left( \frac{t}{T} \right) \). Theorem 3 shows that the test has power versus alternatives shrinking as \( O_p(1/\sqrt{nT}) \). This is a direct consequence
of the $\sqrt{nT}$ rate of convergence in Theorem 1 and Propositions 1 and 2. This finding is directly related to the analysis in Bai, Lumsdaine and Stock (1998), Qu and Perron (2007) and Bai (2010), where it is shown that the quality of the breakpoint estimates improves as the number of cross sectional units increases.

**T3.2** Theorem 3 shows that the test has some well-known time series properties, e.g. the presence of power versus “smooth” changes as opposed to abrupt changes for which it is designed for; this is consistent with the findings in Andrews (1993).

**T3.3** The test also has some cross-sectional properties: albeit designed for the detection of common changepoints, the test exhibits nontrivial power versus breakpoints located at different times for different time series. Thus, cases whereby a common shock introduces breaks in all units but at different points in time due e.g. to different levels of hysteresis or inertia across units are encompassed by the test.

**T3.4** Of course, when $m < n$, the test is bound to have less power. It could be interesting to consider the case when the number of units that do have a break is finite, i.e. $m = O(1)$. Theorem 3 shows that in this case the test has power versus alternatives shrinking at a rate $O_p(\sqrt{n}/T)$. This is worse than in the univariate case where nontrivial power is attained versus alternatives shrinking as $O_p(1/T)$.

### 5 Monte Carlo simulations

In this section, we report some evidence based on synthetic data on the size and power properties of the tests proposed above; in particular, we study the properties of tests based on $SupW$, $AveW$ and $ExpW$ as defined in Remark T2.3; critical values at 5% level are taken from Andrews (1993) and Andrews and Ploberger (1994), based on $r^* = 0.15$. This means that the critical values used for $SupW$, $AveW$ and $ExpW$ are 2.88, 8.85 and 2.06 respectively.

The design of the Monte Carlo exercise is based on (1)

$$y_{it} = \alpha_i + \beta f_t + \gamma x_{it} + e_{it},$$
where we set $p = k = 1$, $\beta = \gamma = 1$ and $\alpha_i$ is simulated as i.i.d. $N(0,1)$ across $i$. Also, we generate $f_t$ and $w_{it}$ in (10) as

$$f_t = f_{t-1} + e^f_t,$$
$$w_{it} = w_{it-1} + e^w_{it},$$

with $e^f_t$ and $e^w_{it}$ both i.i.d. across $t$ and $N(0,1)$; further, $e^w_{it}$ is generated as i.i.d. across $i$. We only report simulations for the case $g_t \sim I(0)$. Unreported experiments for the case $g_t \sim I(1)$ with $\Gamma_i \propto n^{-1/2}$ were equal (to the second decimal) to the ones reported here. In (10), we set $q = 1$ and generate $s_{ft}$ and $w_{it}$ as

$$f_{t} = f_{t-1} + e^f_t,$$
$$w_{it} = w_{it-1} + e^w_{it},$$

with $e^f_t$ and $e^w_{it}$ both i.i.d. across $t$ and $N(0,1)$; further, $e^w_{it}$ is generated as i.i.d. across $i$. We only report simulations for the case $g_t \sim I(0)$. Unreported experiments for the case $g_t \sim I(1)$ were equal (to the second decimal) to the ones reported here. In (10), we set $q = 1$ and generate $s_{ft}$ as i.i.d. $N(1,1)$ across $i$; $g_t$ is i.i.d. $N(0,1)$.

In order to consider serial correlation and endogeneity, we firstly generate $E_{it} = [e_{it}, \hat{e}^f_{it}, \hat{e}^w_{it}]'$ as i.i.d. Gaussian with identity covariance matrix, so as to ensure that $\hat{e}_{it}$ is independent of $e^f_{it}$ and $e^w_{it}$. Contemporaneous correlation is imposed by premultiplying $E_{it}$ by the Choleski factor of

$$
\Pi = \begin{bmatrix}
I_{[Tr]} & 0 & \rho^w 1_{[Tr],n} \\
0 & I_n & \rho^f I_n \\
\rho^w 1_{n,[Tr]} & \rho^f I_n & I_n
\end{bmatrix},
$$

so that $\rho^f$ and $\rho^w$ represent, respectively, the correlation between $e_{it}$ and $\hat{e}^f_{it}$, and $\hat{e}_{it}$ and $\hat{e}^w_{it}$ in the vector $E_{it} = [e_{it}, \hat{e}^f_{it}, \hat{e}^w_{it}]'$; also, $I_{[Tr]}$ denotes an identity matrix of dimension $[Tr]$, $1_{n,[Tr]}$ is a matrix of ones of dimension $n \times [Tr]$, and similarly the other quantities. Serial correlation is induced by creating $E_{it} = [e_{it}, e^f_{it}, e^w_{it}]'$ according to an ARMA(1,1) specification as

$$E_{it} = \rho E_{i,t-1} + \hat{E}_{it} + \vartheta \hat{E}_{i,t-1}.$$

We conduct our simulations under $(\rho^f, \rho^w) = (0.5, 0.5)$, and we consider the following combinations of $(\rho, \vartheta)$: $(0,0), (0.7,0), (0,0.7), (0.7,0.7)$.

We consider combinations of $(n,T)$ with $n = (20, 50, 100)$ and $T = (50, 100, 250)$. When estimating long run covariance matrices, we use the HAC-type estimators discussed in Lemma B.3. As far as the kernel is concerned, we use Bartlett kernel (whose Parzen exponent is $\psi = 1$). As far as the selection of the bandwidth $l$ is concerned, we select it using $l^* = O\left(\frac{n}{\sqrt{T}}\right)^{1+\psi}$,
as discussed in Section 3.1. This entails that \( t^* = \left\lfloor T^{1/3} \right\rfloor \) in our case. Also, tests should be carried out under the restriction that \( n^{3/2} \to 0 \). It can be expected that tests do not have the correct size when this is not the case; however, \( t^* \) still is a minimizer for (16), which should ameliorate this case too.

When computing the power, we consider the following alternative:

\[
\gamma_t = \begin{cases} 
1 & \text{for } t = 1, \ldots, \left\lfloor \frac{T}{2} \right\rfloor \\
1 + c_i & \text{for } t = \left\lfloor \frac{T}{2} \right\rfloor + 1, \ldots, T 
\end{cases},
\]

where \( c_i \sim i.i.d. N(c, 1) \) and \( c \) is set equal to 0.25 and 0.5 in two sets of experiments.

Finally, all simulated data have been computed with 1000 replications.

Table 1 reports empirical rejection frequencies at a 5\% level. Given the number of simulations, a 95\% confidence interval for the empirical size is \( 0.05 \pm 2 \sqrt{\frac{0.05(1-0.95)}{1000}} \approx [0.036, 0.064] \).

As a general finding, tests based on \( \text{SupW} \) have the correct size across almost all experiments; there are only a few cases (corresponding to the presence of MA roots in \( E_{it} \)) in which the test has a tendency to be slightly conservative. On the other hand, tests based on \( \text{AveW} \) and \( \text{ExpW} \) have a tendency to be oversized; this is particularly true for tests based on \( \text{AveW} \). This entails that, for small samples, tests based on \( \text{SupW} \) are preferable, at least as far as size properties are concerned. This, however, vanishes as \( T \) increases; there are few exceptions, all for \( \text{AveW} \), whereas \( \text{ExpW} \) attains the correct size in all cases considered for \( T = 200 \). As predicted by the theory, as \( T \) increases the tests improve, having the correct size. There are few exceptions, in presence of AR roots in the DGP of \( E_{it} \). The impact of \( n \) on the empirical sizes seems to be quite limited: in spite of the theoretical need for the restriction \( n^{3/2} \to 0 \), as \( n \) increases results are relatively stable as long as \( T \) is large. When \( T \) is small relatively to \( n \), the empirical sizes are, especially for the \( \text{AveW} \) statistic, grossly overstated. Finally, the dynamics of \( E_{it} \) has a quite
clear impact on the size. In presence of AR roots, the tests all have a tendency to over-reject, in finite samples; conversely, tests become more conservative when MA roots are present. This is attenuated as $T$ increases.

As far as the power is concerned, we report the empirical rejection frequencies, adjusted for size distortion, in Tables 2 and 3. Two sets of experiments were carried out, setting $c$ in (24) as 0.25 and 0.5 respectively.

The power of all the three tests has a behaviour which is in line with the theory: as $n$ and $T$ increase, the power increases monotonically across all experiments, in both cases of $c = 0.25$ and $c = 0.5$. Indeed, the impact of $n$ is even stronger than predicted by the theory: adapting the results in Theorem 3, the power versus fixed alternatives should grow as $\sqrt{n}T$. It can be noted that, when $n$ is smaller than 200, the tests based on $SupW$ have a smaller power. For sufficiently large $(n, T)$, the power properties of the three tests are very similar. As far as the dynamics of $E_{it}$ is concerned, when AR roots are present, tests are more powerful, ceteris paribus; this is strictly related to the behaviour under $H_0$, where tests, as noted above, have a (slight) tendency to over-reject. Conversely, it is interesting to note that, in presence of MA roots tests, which become more conservative under $H_0$, are more powerful than in the white noise case.

6 Conclusions

In this paper, we derived an inferential theory for testing for an unknown common change point in a cointegrated large panel regression. Cross sectional dependence is allowed for across $y_{it}$ directly (through $f_t$) and in the $x_{it}$s (through $g_t$). We show that the two cases of $g_t$ being stationary and nonstationary have different impacts, and discuss the conditions under which the asymptotics is the same.
We consider Wald-type statistics, showing that under the null the limiting distributions are nuisance parameters free and depend only on the number of regressors. Tests are shown to have nontrivial power versus sequences of local alternatives of order $O_p(1/\sqrt{nT})$; the term $1/\sqrt{n}$ shows the usefulness of the panel approach. Although the tests are designed for the case of one abrupt change common to all units, we show that the tests have power versus smooth, transition-type alternatives (similarly to Andrews, 1993) and also versus heterogeneous changepoints. Monte Carlo evidence shows that tests have the correct size and good power properties, the power gain being substantial as $T$ increases and more moderate for increasing sizes of $n$, consistent with the $\sqrt{n}T$ asymptotics. However, when only some units have a break, our results show that the performance of tests becomes worse than in the one-unit-at-a-time case, as tests have power versus local alternatives shrinking at a rate $O_p(\sqrt{n}/T)$ in the extreme case of a finite number of units having a break.

As well as the issue of nonstationary common factors in $x_{it}$ being an open issue, it would be natural to extend the framework developed here to the multiple breaks case, following a similar approach as Kejriwal and Perron (2008, 2010). Also, our test statistics are based on taking the supremum of the Wald-type statistics over a trimmed interval. Alternatively, the Wald-type statistics could be normalised to take the supremum over the whole sample. This approach is discussed in various contributions (we refer to Csorgo and Horvath, 1997, for a comprehensive review) in a time series setting; it would be interesting to extend it to a panel setting, analysing the role of $n \to \infty$. This is an exciting research agenda for future work.
Appendix: proofs and preliminary Lemmas

Throughout this whole section, we use the notation \( \delta_{nT} \equiv \min \{ \sqrt{n}, \sqrt{T} \} \), and we also define \( h_{it} \equiv [f'_i, w'_i']' \).

The Appendix is organised as follows. We start with a preliminary Lemma of general interest. We then report proofs and preliminary Lemmas for Sections 2-3 and 4 in separate Appendices (Appendix A and B respectively).

**Lemma A.1** Let \( \varphi_I = \varphi_{i-1} + u^x_i \), with \( u^x_i \) a \( v \)-dimensional, zero mean, MDS with \( E(u^x_i u^x_i') = I_v \), and let \( u_i \) be an MDS independent of \( u^x_i \), with unit variance. Then, as \( T \to \infty \) for \( a < c < b < d \)

\[
E \left\{ \frac{1}{T} \sum_{i=[Ta]}^{[Tb]} \left[ \varphi_{i-1} - \frac{1}{T(b-a)} \sum_{i=[Ta]}^{[Tb]} \varphi_{i-1} \right] u_i \times \frac{1}{T} \sum_{i=[Tc]}^{[Td]} \left[ \varphi'_{i-1} - \frac{1}{T(d-c)} \sum_{i=[Tc]}^{[Td]} \varphi'_{i-1} \right] u_i \right\} = \left[ \frac{1}{6} \frac{(d-a)(b-c)}{(b-a)(d-c)} (b-c)^2 \right] I_v. \tag{25}
\]

**Proof.** Let \( \bar{\varphi}_i \) be the demeaned version of \( \varphi_i \) and note

\[
E \left[ \frac{1}{T^2} \sum_{i=[Ta]}^{[Tb]} \bar{\varphi}_{i-1} u_i \left( \sum_{i=[Tc]}^{[Td]} \bar{\varphi}_{i-1} u_i \right)' \right] = E \left[ \frac{1}{T^2} \sum_{i=[Ta]}^{[Tb]} \sum_{j=[Tc]}^{[Td]} \bar{\varphi}_{i-1} \bar{\varphi}'_{j-1} u_i u_j \right] = E \left[ \frac{1}{T^2} \sum_{i=[Tc]}^{[Td]} \sum_{j=[Tc]}^{[Td]} \bar{\varphi}_{i-1} \bar{\varphi}'_{i-1} \right] = E \left( \frac{1}{T^2} \sum_{i=[Tc]}^{[Td]} \bar{\varphi}_{i-1} \bar{\varphi}'_{i-1} \right)
\]
due to the independence of $u_i$ and to $E\left(u_i^2\right) = 1$. We have

$$E\left(\frac{1}{T^2} \sum_{i=[Ta]} \varphi_i \varphi_i'\right) = E\left(\frac{1}{T^2} \sum_{i=[Tc]} \varphi_i \varphi_i'\right)$$

$$+ E\left[\frac{1}{T^2} \sum_{i=[Tc]} \left(\frac{1}{T(b-a)} \sum_{i=[Ta]} \varphi_i \right) \left(\frac{1}{T(d-c)} \sum_{i=[Tc]} \varphi_i\right)\right]$$

$$- E\left[\frac{1}{T^2} \frac{1}{T(b-a)} \left(\sum_{i=[Tc]} \varphi_i \right) \left(\sum_{i=[Ta]} \varphi_{i-1}\right)\right]$$

$$- E\left[\frac{1}{T^2} \frac{1}{T(d-c)} \left(\sum_{i=[Tc]} \varphi_i \right) \left(\sum_{i=[Tc]} \varphi_{i-1}\right)\right]$$

$$= I + II - III - IV.$$

As far as $I$ is concerned, it holds that, as $T \to \infty$, $I = T^{-2} \sum_{i=[Tc]} E\left(\varphi_{i-1} \varphi_{i-1}'\right) = \left[T^{-2} \sum_{i=[Tc]} (i - 1)\right]$ and $I_v = \left(\int_a^b u du\right) I_v = \left(\frac{b^2-a^2}{2}\right) I_v$. Also

$$II = \frac{b-c}{(b-a)(d-c)} \frac{1}{T^3} \sum_{i=[Ta]} \sum_{j=[Tc]} E\left(\varphi_{i-1} \varphi_{j-1}'\right)$$

$$= \frac{b-c}{(b-a)(d-c)} \frac{1}{T^3} \left[\sum_{i=[Tc]} \sum_{j=[Tc]} E\left(\varphi_{i-1} \varphi_{j-1}'\right) + \sum_{i=[Ta]} \sum_{j=[Tc]} E\left(\varphi_{i-1} \varphi_{j-1}'\right)\right]$$

$$= \frac{b-c}{(b-a)(d-c)} \frac{1}{T^3} \left[T(d-c) \sum_{i=[Ta]} (i - 1) + T(d-b) \sum_{i=[Tc]} (i - 1)\right] \times I_v$$

$$= \left[\frac{b-c}{(b-a)(d-c)} (d-c) \int_a^c u du + \int_c^b \int_c^b (u \land v) du dv + (d-b) \int_c^b u du\right] \times I_v$$

$$= \left[\frac{1}{2} \frac{(b-c)}{(b-a)(d-c)} (c^2 - a^2) + \frac{1}{3} \frac{(b-c)}{(b-a)(d-c)} (b^3 - c^3) + \frac{1}{2} \frac{(b-c)}{(b-a)(d-c)} (b^2 - a^2)\right] \times I_v.$$
Similar passages yield

\[
III = \frac{1}{b-a} T^3 \sum_{i=[Ta]}^{[Tc]} \sum_{j=[Ta]}^{[Tb]} E (\varphi_i \varphi_j') \\
= \frac{1}{b-a} T^3 \left[ \sum_{i=[Ta]}^{[Tc]} \sum_{j=[Ta]}^{[Tb]} E (\varphi_i \varphi_j') + \sum_{i=[Ta]}^{[Tc]} \sum_{j=[Tc]}^{[Tb]} E (\varphi_i \varphi_j') \right] \\
= \frac{1}{b-a} T^3 \left[ T(b-c) \sum_{i=[Ta]}^{[Tc]} (i-1) + \sum_{i=[Ta]}^{[Tc]} \sum_{j=[Tc]}^{[Tb]} (i \land j - 1) \right] \times I_v \\
- \frac{1}{b-a} \left[ \int_c^b u du + \int_c^b \int_c^b (u \land v) dudv \right] \times I_v \\
= \left[ \frac{1}{2} \frac{b-c}{b-a} (c^2 - a^2) + \frac{1}{3} \frac{b^3 - c^3}{b-a} \right] \times I_v,
\]

\[
IV = \frac{1}{d-c} T^3 \sum_{i=[Tc]}^{[Td]} \sum_{j=[Tc]}^{[Td]} E (\varphi_i \varphi_j') \\
= \frac{1}{d-c} T^3 \left[ \sum_{i=[Tc]}^{[Td]} \sum_{j=[Tc]}^{[Td]} E (\varphi_i \varphi_j') + \sum_{i=[Tc]}^{[Td]} \sum_{j=[Td]}^{[Tb]} E (\varphi_i \varphi_j') \right] \\
= \frac{1}{d-c} T^3 \left[ \sum_{i=[Tc]}^{[Td]} \sum_{j=[Tc]}^{[Tb]} (i \land j - 1) + T(d-b) \sum_{i=[Tc]}^{[Tb]} (i-1) \right] \times I_v \\
- \frac{1}{d-c} \left[ \int_c^b \int_c^b (u \land v) du dv + (d-b) \int_c^b u du \right] \times I_v \\
= \left[ \frac{1}{3} \frac{b^3 - c^3}{d-c} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{d-b}{d-c} (b^2 - c^2) \right] \times I_v.
\]

Putting everything together, the Lemma follows. QED

Appendix A: proofs of results in Sections 2 and 3

The following three Lemmas are needed to prove Theorem 1 and Proposition 1. The focus of the three Lemmas is on the setup in Section 3.1, of which Section 2 is a special case.
Lemma A.2 Under Assumptions 1* and 2, as \((n,T) \to \infty\), it holds that, uniformly in \(r\)

\[
\frac{1}{nt^2} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \tilde{f}_t x_{it} = O_p \left( \frac{1}{\delta nT} \right).
\]

Proof. We have

\[
\frac{1}{nt^2} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \tilde{f}_t x_{it}' = \frac{1}{nt^2} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \tilde{f}_t \tilde{w}_{it}' + \frac{1}{nt^2} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \tilde{f}_t \tilde{y}_i T' = I + II.
\]

Consider \(I\), and let \(\varsigma_i[T_t] = T^{-2} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \tilde{f}_t \tilde{w}_{it}'\). The Beveridge-Nelson (BN henceforth) decomposition entailed by Assumption 1* allows us to write

\[
\varsigma_i[T_t] = \frac{1}{T^2} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \tilde{f}_t i \tilde{w}_{it}' + R_i[T_t] = \varsigma_i^* + R_i[T_t],
\]

where \(\tilde{f}_t^*\) and \(\tilde{w}_i^*\) are such that \(\Delta \tilde{f}_t^*\) and \(\Delta \tilde{w}_i^*\) are i.i.d. across \(t\) with variances \(\Omega_{\tilde{f}}\) and \(\Omega_{\tilde{w}}\) respectively. As far as the remainder \(R_i[T_t]\) is concerned, Assumption 1* entails that \(R_i^c[T_t] = O_p \left( T^{-1/2} \right)\). This can be proved following the same steps as in Phillips and Moon (1999, p. 1101-1102).

We turn to show that \(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \varsigma_i^* \) is \(O_p \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \right)\). Let \(C\) be the \(\sigma\)-field associated with \(\{f_t\}_{t=1}^{T}\). The sequence \(\varsigma_i^* \) has mean zero: \(E \left[ \varsigma_i^* \mid C \right] = T^{-2} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \tilde{f}_t E \left( \varphi_i^* \right) = 0\), since \(\tilde{w}_i^*\) has mean zero. Also, define the \(\sigma\)-field \(I_t = \{\varsigma_{1t}^*, ..., \varsigma_{Tt}^*\} \cup C\); in view of Assumption 1*, \(E \left[ \varsigma_i^* \mid I_{t-1} \right] = E \left[ \varsigma_i^* \mid C \right] = 0\). This entails that \(\{\varsigma_i^* \mid I_t\}\) is an MDS. Thus, \(n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \varsigma_i^* \) is bounded by the square root of

\[
E \left[ \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \varsigma_i^* \right)^2 \right] = \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i=1}^{n} E \left( \varsigma_i^2 \right) = \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i=1}^{n} E \left[ \left( \frac{1}{T^2} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \tilde{f}_t \tilde{w}_{it}' \right)^2 \right].
\]

This entails that \(n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \varsigma_i^* \) is bounded by \(n^{-1} E \left[ \left( \frac{1}{T^2} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \tilde{f}_t \tilde{w}_{it}' \right)^2 \right]\), which yields \(E \left[ \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \varsigma_i^* \right)^2 \right] = O \left( \frac{1}{n} \right)\). Thus, \(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \varsigma_i^* = O_p \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \right)\). Putting all together

\[
\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \varsigma_i^* = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \varsigma_i^* + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} R_i[T_t] = O_p \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \right) + O_p \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \right),
\]

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whence $I = O_p \left( \delta_{n,T}^{-1} \right)$. Turning to $II$, Assumption 2(b) yields $II = O_p \left( \frac{1}{T} \right)$. QED

**Lemma A.3** Under Assumptions 1* and 2, as $(n, T) \to \infty$

$$\frac{1}{nT^2} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{t=1}^{[Tr]} \tilde{z}_{it} \tilde{Z}_{it}^T \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \int_0^T \tilde{W}_f \tilde{W}_f' & 0_{k \times p} \\ 0_{p \times k} & \frac{1}{6} \Omega_w r^2 \end{bmatrix}.$$  

**Proof.** We have

$$\frac{1}{nT^2} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{t=1}^{[Tr]} \tilde{z}_{it} \tilde{Z}_{it}^T = \frac{1}{nT^2} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{t=1}^{[Tr]} \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{f}_t \tilde{f}_t' \\ \tilde{x}_{it} \tilde{x}_{it}' \end{bmatrix}.$$  

Consider $\frac{1}{nT^2} \sum_{t=1}^{[Tr]} \tilde{f}_t \tilde{f}_t'$. Assumption 1* entails that an FCLT holds, whereby $\frac{1}{nT^2} \sum_{t=1}^{[Tr]} \tilde{f}_t \tilde{f}_t' \Rightarrow \int_0^T \tilde{W}_f \tilde{W}_f'$. The off-diagonal blocks converge to zero in view of Lemma A.2. Finally, consider $\frac{1}{nT^2} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{t=1}^{[Tr]} \tilde{x}_{it} \tilde{x}_{it}' = \frac{1}{nT^2} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{t=1}^{[Tr]} \Gamma_i \tilde{g}_t \tilde{g}_t' + \frac{1}{nT^2} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{t=1}^{[Tr]} \tilde{g}_t \tilde{g}_t' + \frac{1}{nT^2} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{t=1}^{[Tr]} \tilde{w}_it \tilde{w}_it' = I + II + III + IV$. It holds that $I = O_p \left( T^{-1} \right)$, using Assumption 2(b). As far as $II$ and $III$ are concerned, they are both bounded by $\frac{1}{T} \left\| \Gamma_i \right\| E \left[ \frac{\sqrt{T}}{T} \sum_{t=1}^{[Tr]} \tilde{g}_t \tilde{g}_t \right]$, which is $O_p \left( \frac{1}{T} \right)$ based on Assumptions 2(b) and 2(c); this is not the sharpest bound, but it suffices for our purposes. As far as $IV$ is concerned, e.g. Lemma 3 in Baltagi, Kao and Liu (2008) yields $\frac{1}{nT^2} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{t=1}^{[Tr]} \tilde{w}_it \tilde{w}_it' \Rightarrow \frac{1}{6} \Omega_w r^2$. QED

**Lemma A.4** Let $e_{it} = e_{it} - \Delta z_{it}^T \Omega_{he}^{-1} \Omega_{he}$. Under Assumptions 1* and 2, as $(n, T) \to \infty$ with $\frac{n}{T} \to 0$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{nT}} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{t=1}^{[Tr]} (\tilde{z}_{it} e_{it}^+ - \Lambda_{he}^+ \Omega_{he}^{-1} \Omega_{he} \Omega_{he}^{1/2} \Omega_{he}^{1/2} C_p (r; 0)).$$
Proof. We have

\[
\frac{1}{\sqrt{nT}} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{t=1}^{[Tr]} (\varepsilon_{it} e_{it}^+ - \Lambda_{he}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{nT}} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{t=1}^{[Tr]} (h_{it} e_{it}^+ - \Lambda_{he}) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{nT}} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{t=1}^{[Tr]} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ (\Gamma_{it} e_{it}^+ - \Lambda_{gi} \Omega_w^{-1} \Omega_{we}) \end{bmatrix} \]

\[
- \frac{1}{\sqrt{nT}} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{t=1}^{[Tr]} h_{it} \Delta g_{it} t^i \Omega_w^{-1} \Omega_{we} = I + II + III,
\]

where \( e_{it}^+ = e_{it} - \Delta h_{it}^+ \Omega_z^{-1} \Omega_{ze} \) and \( h_{it}^+ = [n^{-1/2} f_{it}, w_{it}]' \).

We start by showing that \( II \) and \( III \) are asymptotically negligible. Consider \( II \)

\[
\frac{1}{\sqrt{nT}} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{t=1}^{[Tr]} (\Gamma_{it} g_{it} e_{it}^+ - \Lambda_{gi} \Omega_z^{-1} \Omega_{ze}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{nT}} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{t=1}^{[Tr]} \Gamma_{it} g_{it} e_{it} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{nT}} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{t=1}^{[Tr]} \Gamma_{it} \Delta g_{it} t^i \Omega_w^{-1} \Omega_{we} \]

\[
- \frac{1}{\sqrt{nT}} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{t=1}^{[Tr]} \left( \Gamma_{it} g_{it}^+ + \Lambda_{gi} \right) \Omega_w^{-1} \Omega_{we} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{nT}} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{t=1}^{[Tr]} \Gamma_{it} g_{it}^+ t^i \Omega_w^{-1} \Omega_{we} = I_A + I_B + I_C + I_D.
\]

We have \( I_A = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^{[Tr]} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \Gamma_i e_{it} \right) g_t + \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^{[Tr]} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \Gamma_i e_{it} \right) \left( \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^{[Tr]} g_t \right) = I_{A1} + I_{A2}. \) Consider \( I_{A1} \), and let \( v_{nt} = \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \Gamma_i e_{it} \right) g_t; v_{nt} \) is an MDS across \( t \) for every \( n \), in view of Assumption 2. Thus, the order of magnitude of \( T^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^{[Tr]} v_{nt} \) is given by the square root of \( E \left\| T^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^{[Tr]} v_{nt} \right\|^2 \). In view of the MDS property, \( E \left\| T^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^{[Tr]} v_{nt} \right\|^2 = T^{-2} \sum_{t=1}^{[Tr]} E \left\| v_{nt} \right\|^2 \); this is bounded by \( T^{-1} \max_{1 \leq t \leq T} E \left\| v_{nt} \right\|^2 \), uniformly in \( r \). We have \( E \left\| v_{nt} \right\|^2 \leq E \left\| g_t \right\|^2 \left( n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left\| \Gamma_i \right\|^2 E \left\| e_{it} \right\|^2 \right) \), using the fact that \( g_t \) is independent of \( e_{it} \). By Assumptions 1*(a) and 2(a), \( E \left\| v_{nt} \right\|^2 < \infty \), whence \( I_A = O_p \left( T^{-1/2} \right) \) uniformly in \( r \). Turning to \( I_{A2} \), Assumption 2 entails that \( \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^{[Tr]} g_t = O_p \left( T^{-1/2} \right) \). Also, \( \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^{[Tr]} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \Gamma_i e_{it} \right) \) is bounded by the square root of \( \frac{1}{nT^2} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{t=1}^{[Tr]} \sum_{s=1}^{[Tr]} \Gamma_i \Gamma_s' \sum_{i=1}^{[Tr]} \sup_t |E (e_{it} e_{is})| \), due to the assumption of cross sectional independence. This is bounded by \( T^{-1} \sup_t \left\| \Gamma_i \right\|^2 \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^{[Tr]} E \left( e_{it} e_{is} \right) \), which is of order \( O(T^{-1}) \) due to the summability assumed in Assumption 1. Thus, \( I_{A2} = \)
$O_p(T^{-1})$. The same logic applies to $H_b$, which is also $O_p(T^{-1/2})$. Consider $H_c$. Note that

$$
\frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^{[Tr]} \Gamma_i g_i g_t' = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^{[Tr]} \Gamma_i g_t g_i' - \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^{[Tr]} \Gamma_i' (\frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^{[Tr]} g_i') \left( \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^{[Tr]} g_t \right); \text{ also, } \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^{[Tr]} g_t = O_p(T^{-1/2}).
$$

Thus, $H_c \leq \sqrt{n} \left\| \Omega_w^{-1} \Omega_{we} \right\| \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \left\| \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^{[Tr]} \Gamma_i g_t g_i' + \Lambda_{g,i} \right\| + O_p(T^{-1})$. By definition, $E(\Gamma_i g_t g_i') = -\Lambda_{g,i}$; also, $\Gamma_i g_t g_i'$ is i.i.d. with finite second moment in view of Assumption 2(a). Thus, $T^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^{[Tr]} (\Gamma_i g_t g_i' - \Lambda_{g,i}) = O_p(T^{-1/2})$ uniformly in $r$. Hence, $H_c = O_p(\sqrt{T})$.

Finally, consider $H_d$. Again $\leq \sqrt{n} \sup_i \left\| \Gamma_i \right\| \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^{[Tr]} g_t g_i' + O_p(T^{-1})$ due to similar arguments. The sequence $g_t g_i'$ is an MDS, since $E \left[ g_t g_{i-1} \mid g_{i-1}, g_{i-2}, \ldots \right] = E [g_t] g_{i-1} = 0$; also, $E \|g_t g_i'\|^2$ is finite in view of Assumption 2(a). Thus, $T^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^{[Tr]} g_t g_i' = O_p(T^{-1/2})$, whence $H_d = O_p(\sqrt{T})$. Putting all together, $II = O_p(\sqrt{T})$ uniformly in $r$.

Consider now $III$ in (26). We have

$$
\frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^{[Tr]} \tilde{h}_{it} \Delta g_t' = \frac{1}{T} \tilde{h}_{i[Tr]} g_{i[Tr]}' - \frac{1}{T} \tilde{h}_{i0} g_0' - \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^{[Tr]} \Delta \tilde{h}_{it} g_{i-1}' = III_a + III_b + III_c.
$$

Given that $E \left\| \tilde{h}_{i[Tr]} g_{i[Tr]}' \right\| \leq (E \left\| \tilde{h}_{i[Tr]} \right\|^2)^{1/2} (E \left\| g_{i[Tr]}' \right\|^2)^{1/2} = O_p(\sqrt{T})$ uniformly in $r$, $III_a = O_p \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \right)$; similarly, in view of Assumptions 1*(c) and 2(a), $E \left\| \tilde{h}_{i0} g_0' \right\| = O_p(1)$, whence $III_b = O_p \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \right)$. Finally, consider $III_c$. We have

$$
\frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^{[Tr]} \Delta \tilde{h}_{it} g_{i-1}' = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^{[Tr]} \Delta \tilde{h}_{it} g_{i-1}' - \left( \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^{[Tr]} \Delta \tilde{h}_{it} \right) \left( \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^{[Tr]} g_{i-1}' \right) = III_{c1} + III_{c2}.
$$

Consider $III_{c1}$; $\Delta \tilde{h}_{it} g_{i-1}'$ is an MDS across $t$, with $E \left\| \Delta \tilde{h}_{it} g_{i-1}' \right\| ^2 \leq \left( E \left\| \Delta \tilde{h}_{it} \right\| ^4 \right)^{1/2} \left( E \left\| g_{i-1}' \right\| ^4 \right)^{1/2} < \infty$ from Assumptions 1*(a) and 2(a), so that $III_{c1} = O_p \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \right)$ uniformly in $r$. As far as $III_{c2}$ is concerned, similar considerations to above yield $III_{c2} = O_p(T^{-1})$. Given that $III$ is bounded by $\sqrt{n} \sup_i \left( E \left\| \frac{1}{T} \sum_{i=1}^{[Tr]} \tilde{h}_{it} \Delta g_i' \right\| \right)$, this yields $III = O_p(\sqrt{T})$ uniformly in $r$.

In view of the above, consider (26):

$$
\frac{1}{\sqrt{nT}} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{t=1}^{[Tr]} (\tilde{z}_{it} e_{it}^+ - \Lambda_{he}^+) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{nT}} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{t=1}^{[Tr]} \left( \tilde{h}_{it} e_{it}^{h+} + \Lambda_{he}^+ \right) + O_p \left( \sqrt{\frac{n}{T}} \right),
$$

uniformly in $r$. As $(n, T) \to \infty$ under $\frac{n}{T} \to 0$, the asymptotics of (26) is driven by $\frac{1}{\sqrt{nT}} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{t=1}^{[Tr]} \left( \tilde{h}_{it} e_{it}^{h+} + \Lambda_{he}^+ \right)$. Assumption 1* entails that a BN decomposition holds for both $\tilde{h}_{it}$ and $e_{it}^{h+}$,
whereby

\[ h_{it}^* = h_{it} + R_{h,it}, \quad (27) \]
\[ e_{it}^{h+} = e_{it}^{h+*} + R_{e, it}, \quad (28) \]

where \( h_{it}^* \) and \( e_{it}^{h+*} \) denote the MDS approximations and \( R_{h,it} \) and \( R_{e, it} \) are squared integrable remainders by Assumption 1* - see Phillips and Moon (1999) for details. Based on (27)-(28), we may write

\[ \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{t=1}^{[Tr]} (\tilde{h}_{it} e_{it}^{h+} - \Lambda_{he}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{t=1}^{[Tr]} h_{it-1} e_{it}^{h+*} + R_{eh,n,[Tr]} \] .

The same passages as in the proof of Lemma 16 in Phillips and Moon (1999, p. 1105) yield that \( R_{eh,n,[Tr]} = O_p(\sqrt{T}) \) uniformly in \( r \), so that as \( (n, T) \to \infty \) with \( n \rightarrow 0 \), the asymptotics is driven by

\[ \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{t=1}^{[Tr]} \tilde{h}_{it-1} e_{it}^{h+*} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{t=1}^{[Tr]} \left( \tilde{f}_{it-1} e_{it}^{h+*} \right) . \]

In view of Lemma A.2, \( \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{t=1}^{[Tr]} \tilde{f}_{it-1} e_{it}^{h+*} \) and \( \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{t=1}^{[Tr]} \tilde{w}_{it-1} e_{it}^{h+*} \) have a diagonal covariance matrix; therefore, they can be studied separately.

Consider first

\[ \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{t=1}^{[Tr]} \tilde{f}_{it-1} e_{it}^{h+*} = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^{[Tr]} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^{n} e_{it}^{h+*} \right) = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^{[Tr]} \tilde{f}_{it-1} e_{nt} . \]

By construction, \( e_{nt} \) is an MDS, it has variance \( \Omega_{e+} \), and it is independent of \( \tilde{f}_{t-1} \). Also

\[ E|e_{nt}|^{2+\delta} \leq M \left( E \left[ \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^{n} e_{it}^2 \right]^{2+\delta} + E \left[ \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^{n} e_{it}^{w+*} \Omega_{w-1} \Lambda_{we} \right]^{2+\delta} + E \left[ e_{f+}^* \Omega_{f} \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \Lambda_{we} \right) \right]^{2+\delta} \right) \]
\[ \leq M \sup_i E|e_{it}^*|^{2+\delta} + M' \sup_i E|e_{it}^{w+*}|^{2+\delta} + M'' E \left| e_{f+}^* \right|^{2+\delta} . \]

To show the last inequality, consider \( n^{-\frac{2+\delta}{2}} E \left| \sum_{i=1}^{n} e_{it}^* \right|^{2+\delta} \). By Burkholder’s inequality, this is bounded by \( n^{-\frac{2+\delta}{2}} E \left| \sum_{i=1}^{n} (e_{it}^*)^2 \right|^{\frac{2+\delta}{2}} \); Holder’s inequality ensures that this, in turn, is bounded
by $n^{-2+\delta} E \left| \sum_{i=1}^{n} |e_{it}|^{2+\delta} \right|^{2+\delta} \left| n^{1-\frac{2}{2+\delta}} \right|^{2+\delta}$. Finally, applying the $C_r$-inequality and Jensen’s inequality, $n^{-2+\delta} E \left| \sum_{i=1}^{n} e_{it}^{x} \right|^{2+\delta} \leq M \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} E |e_{it}|^{2+\delta} \leq M \sup_{i} |e_{it}|^{2+\delta}$. The same applies to $E \left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^{n} e_{it}^{w} \Omega^{-1} A_{w} e_{it} \right|^{2+\delta}$. Thus, by Assumption 1*(a), $E |e_{it}|^{2+\delta}$ is bounded uniformly in $n$.

An FCLT for MDS (see e.g. Hall and Heyde, 1980, Theorem 4.1) holds with $T^{-1/2} \sum_{t=1}^{T} e_{nt} \Rightarrow W_{e+}(r)$. Standard arguments in the theory of weak convergence to stochastic integrals (Phillips, 1988) yield

$$\frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \left( 1 \right) \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^{n} e_{it}^{h+x} \Rightarrow \int_{0}^{T} W_{t} dW_{e+}.$$ 

As far as $\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \bar{w}_{i}^{*} e_{it}^{h+x}$ is concerned, let $\xi_{nt} = n^{-1/2} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \bar{w}_{i}^{*} e_{it}^{h+x}$, and let $p = 1$ for the sake of notational simplicity. Let $C_{\xi_{nt-1}} = \{ \xi_{n1}, \ldots, \xi_{nt-1} \}$; since $e_{it}^{h+x}$ is i.i.d. across time, $E (\xi_{nt} | C_{\xi_{nt-1}}) = 0$. Thus, $\xi_{nt}$ is an MDS. Finally, we show that a Lindeberg condition holds uniformly in $n$. Indeed, let $S_{n[T]}^{2} = E \left( \sum_{i=1}^{T} \xi_{n}^{2} \right)$; it holds that

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} \left| \sum_{t=1}^{T} \frac{\xi_{nt}}{S_{nT}} \right|^{2+\delta} \leq M' \frac{1}{T^{2+\delta}} \sum_{i=1}^{T} \left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \bar{w}_{i}^{*} e_{it}^{h+x} \right|^{2+\delta}$$

$$\leq M'' \frac{1}{T^{2+\delta}} n^{-2+\delta} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \left| \sum_{i=1}^{n} \bar{w}_{i}^{*} e_{it}^{h+x} \right|^{2+\delta}$$

$$\leq M''' \frac{1}{T^{2+\delta}} n^{-2+\delta} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \left( \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left| \bar{w}_{i}^{*} e_{it}^{h+x} \right|^{2+\delta} \right) n^{1-\frac{2}{2+\delta}}$$

$$\leq M'''' \frac{1}{T^{2+\delta}} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \left( \sup_{i} \left| \bar{w}_{i}^{*} \right|^{4+2\delta} \sup_{i} |e_{it}^{h+x}|^{4+2\delta} \right)^{1/2}$$

where we have used, respectively, Burkholder’s inequality (second line), Holder’s inequality (third line), the $C_r$-inequality and convexity (fourth line), the Cauchy-Schwartz inequality (fifth line). By Assumption 1*, $E \left| e_{it}^{h+x} \right|^{4+\delta} < \infty$ for all $i$; also, $\bar{w}_{i}^{*} = \sum_{s=0}^{T-1} \Delta \bar{w}_{s}^{*}$ with
\[
\sup_{t,s} E |\Delta \tilde{w}_{ts}|^{4+2\delta} < \infty, \text{ so that }
\]
\[
\sum_{t=1}^{T} E \left| \frac{\xi nt}{S_{nt}} \right|^{2+\delta} \leq M \frac{1}{T^{2+\delta}} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \left( \sup_{i} \left| \tilde{w}_{it-1} \right|^{4+2\delta} \right)^{1/2}
\]
\[
\leq M' \frac{1}{T^{2+\delta}} \sum_{t=1}^{T} t^{1+\delta/2} \left( \sup_{i,s} \left( 1 \right) \sum_{s=0}^{t-1} \Delta \tilde{w}_{is}^{*} \right)^{4+2\delta} \leq M'' \frac{1}{T^{2+\delta}} \sum_{t=1}^{T} t^{1+\delta/2} = O \left( \frac{1}{T^{\delta/2}} \right).
\]

Thus
\[
\lim \limsup_{T \to \infty} \sum_{n=\infty}^{T} E \left| \frac{\xi nt}{S_{nt}} \right|^{2+\delta} = 0.
\]

An FCLT for MDS can be applied (see e.g. Hall and Heyde, 1980, Theorem 4.1) uniformly in \( n \): that \( n \to \infty \) is only ancillary to the main argument of the proof. The covariance kernel of the process is given by \( \lim_{n,T \to \infty} S_{n,T}^{2} \), which follows from Lemma A.1. QED

We are now ready to report the proof of the main results. The proof of Theorem 1 is a special case of Proposition 1, and thus it is omitted. We present directly the proof of Proposition 1.

**Proof of Proposition 1** It holds that

\[
\sqrt{nT} \left[ \begin{array}{c}
\tilde{\beta}_{1,[Tr]}^{FM} - \beta \\
\tilde{\gamma}_{1,[Tr]}^{FM} - \gamma
\end{array} \right] = \left[ \frac{1}{nT^2} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{t=1}^{[Tr]} \tilde{z}_{it} \tilde{z}_{it}^{T} \right]^{-1} \left[ \frac{1}{\sqrt{nT}} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{t=1}^{[Tr]} \tilde{z}_{it} \tilde{\epsilon}_{it}^{+} - \tilde{\Lambda}_{he}^{+} \right].
\]

Since the covariance matrix is diagonal in view of Lemma A.2, we can study \( \sqrt{nT} \left( \tilde{\beta}_{1,[Tr]}^{FM} - \beta \right) \) and \( \sqrt{nT} \left( \tilde{\gamma}_{1,[Tr]}^{FM} - \gamma \right) \) separately. We define \( \tilde{e}_{it}^{+} = e_{it} - \Delta z_{it}^{T} \tilde{\Omega}_{h}^{-1} \tilde{\Omega}_{hc} \).
Consider the numerator of \( \sqrt{n} (\hat{\beta}_{1,[T]}^{FM} - \beta) \):

\[
\frac{1}{\sqrt{nT}} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{t=1}^{[T]} (\tilde{f}_{it}^+ - \hat{\Lambda}_{fe}^+) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{nT}} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{t=1}^{[T]} (\tilde{f}_{it}^+ - \Lambda_{fe}^+) + \frac{[T]}{T} \sqrt{n} (\hat{\Lambda}_{fe} - \Lambda_{fe}) - \frac{1}{nT} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{t=1}^{[T]} (\tilde{f}_{it}^+ - \Lambda_{fe}) (\hat{\Omega}_{f}^{-1} \hat{\Omega}_{f} - \Omega_{f}^{-1} \Omega_{f}) - \frac{1}{\sqrt{nT}} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{t=1}^{[T]} \hat{f}_{it}^+ (\hat{\Omega}_{w}^{-1} \hat{\Omega}_{w} - \Omega_{w}^{-1} \Omega_{w}) + \frac{[T]}{T} (\hat{\Lambda}_{f} - \Lambda_{f}) \Omega_{f}^{-1} \Omega_{f} = I + II + III + IV + V.
\]

Term II is bounded by \( \sqrt{n} E \| \hat{\Lambda}_{fe} - \Lambda_{fe} \| \), which is \( o_p(1) \) as shown by Phillips and Moon (1999). Turning to III, it is \( o_p(1) \) due to \( T^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^{[T]} (\tilde{f}_{it}^+ - \Lambda_{fe}) \) being \( O_p(1) \) and to \( (\hat{\Omega}_{f}^{-1} \hat{\Omega}_{f} - \Omega_{f}^{-1} \Omega_{f}) \) = \( o_p(1) \). As far as IV is concerned, \( \frac{1}{\sqrt{nT}} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{t=1}^{[T]} \hat{f}_{it}^+ \hat{x}_{it}^+ (\hat{\Omega}_{w}^{-1} \hat{\Omega}_{w} - \Omega_{w}^{-1} \Omega_{w}) \) is at most \( O_p(\sqrt{n}) \); in view of \( \hat{\Omega}_{w}^{-1} \hat{\Omega}_{w} - \Omega_{w}^{-1} \Omega_{w} \) being \( o_p(n^{-1/2}) \), IV = \( o_p(1) \). Finally, V is \( o_p(1) \) in light of \( \hat{\Lambda}_{f} - \Lambda_{f} \) being \( o_p(1) \). The term that dominates is I, and Lemma A.4 gives its asymptotic distribution. The limiting distribution of the denominator is given by Lemma A.2; applying the CMT, the final result follows.

We now turn to \( \sqrt{nT} (\hat{\gamma}_{1,[T]}^{FM} - \gamma) \). Similar passages as above ensure that the asymptotics of the numerator is driven by \( \frac{1}{\sqrt{nT}} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{t=1}^{[T]} (\tilde{x}_{it}^+ - \Lambda_{we}^+) \). Lemmas A.2 and A.4, and the CMT, yield the final result. QED

**Proof of Proposition 2.** Consider the estimation error

\[
\sqrt{nT} \left[ \hat{\beta}_{1,[T]}^{FM} - \beta \right] = \left[ \frac{1}{nT^2} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{t=1}^{[T]} \tilde{z}_{it} \tilde{z}_{it}' \right]^{-1} \left[ \frac{1}{\sqrt{nT}} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{t=1}^{[T]} (\tilde{x}_{it}^+ - \Lambda_{we}^+) \right].
\]

Under Assumptions 1* and 3, the denominator has the same block-diagonal structure as in Lemma A.3, as discussed in the main body of the text. This entails that the asymptotics of \( \sqrt{nT} \left[ \hat{\beta}_{1,[T]}^{FM} - \beta \right] \) is the same as in Theorem 1. As far as \( \sqrt{nT} \left[ \hat{\gamma}_{1,[T]}^{FM} - \gamma \right] \) is concerned, its
denominator converges to \( \frac{1}{n} \Omega_w r^2 \). Turning to the numerator:

\[
\frac{1}{\sqrt{nT}} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{t=1}^{[Tr]} \left( \bar{x}_{it} e_{it}^+ - \tilde{\Lambda}_{we}^+ \right) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{nT}} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{t=1}^{[Tr]} \left( \bar{w}_{it} e_{it}^+ - \tilde{\Lambda}_{we}^+ \right) + o_p(1),
\]

where the \( o_p(1) \) term comes from the \( \sqrt{n} \)-consistency of the long run covariance matrices estimates, in a similar fashion as in the proof of Proposition 1; we use the notation \( \tilde{\Lambda}_{we}^+ \) because, in view of Assumption 3(a), \( g_t \) is expected not to contribute to the one-sided long run covariance. It holds that

\[
\frac{1}{\sqrt{nT}} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{t=1}^{[Tr]} \left( \bar{w}_{it} e_{it}^+ - \tilde{\Lambda}_{we}^+ \right) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{nT}} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{t=1}^{[Tr]} \left( \bar{w}_{it} e_{it}^h - \tilde{\Lambda}_{we}^+ \right) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{nT}} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{t=1}^{[Tr]} \Gamma_i \bar{g}_t e_{it}^+
\]

\[
+ \frac{1}{\sqrt{nT}} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{t=1}^{[Tr]} \bar{w}_{it} \Delta \bar{g}_t \Gamma_i \Omega_w^{-1} \Omega_{we} = I + II + III.
\]

As far as \( I \) is concerned, we know from the proof of Lemma A.4 that it converges to \( \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \Omega_w^{-1/2} \Omega_{e+}^{-1/2} C_p (r; 0) \) uniformly in \( r \) as \( (n, T) \to \infty \) and \( \frac{n}{T} \to 0 \). We now show that \( II \) and \( III \) are negligible. Consider \( II \), and note

\[
II = \frac{1}{\sqrt{nT}} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{t=1}^{[Tr]} \Gamma_i \bar{g}_t e_{it}^h + \frac{1}{\sqrt{nT}} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{t=1}^{[Tr]} \Gamma_i \Delta \bar{g}_t \Gamma_i \Omega_w^{-1} \Omega_{we} = II_a + II_b.
\]

As far as \( II_a \) is concerned, note that \( \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^{[Tr]} \Gamma_i \bar{g}_t e_{it}^h \) has mean zero by virtue of Assumption 3(a); also, conditional on \( g_t \) it is a cross-sectionally independent sequence in view of Assumption 1*. Thus, \( II_a \) is bounded by the square root of \( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} E \left( \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^{[Tr]} \Gamma_i \bar{g}_t e_{it}^h \right)^2 \leq \max_i \| \Gamma_i \|^2 \max_i E \left( \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^{[Tr]} \bar{g}_t e_{it}^h \right)^2 \), which is \( o(1) \) in view of Assumption 3. Turning to \( II_b \), it is bounded by

\[
\frac{1}{\sqrt{nT}} \sum_{i=1}^{n} E \left( \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^{[Tr]} \Gamma_i \Delta \bar{g}_t \Gamma_i \right) \leq \sqrt{n} \max_i \| \Gamma_i \|^2 \max_i E \left( \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^{[Tr]} \bar{g}_t \Delta \Gamma_i \right),
\]

which is \( o(1) \) if \( \sqrt{n} \max_i \| \Gamma_i \|^2 = o(1) \). This entails that \( \max_i \| \Gamma_i \| = o \left( \frac{1}{n^{1/4}} \right) \), which follows from part (c) of Assumption 3.

Finally, we consider \( III \). The sequence \( \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^{[Tr]} \bar{w}_{it} \Delta \bar{g}_t \Gamma_i \) has mean zero and it is, condi-
tionally on $g_t$, cross-sectionally independent across $i$ by Assumption 1*. Thus, $III$ is bounded by the square root of $\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} E \left( \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^{[Tr]} \bar{w}_t \Delta g_t' \Gamma_t' \right)^2 \leq \max_i \|\Gamma_t\|^2 \max_i E \left( \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^{[Tr]} \bar{w}_t \Delta g_t' \right)^2$, which is $o(1)$ in view of Assumption 3. QED

Appendix B: proofs of results in Section 4

In this Appendix, we report the proof of Theorems 2 and 3. Prior to reporting the latter, we show two preliminary lemmas (Lemmas B.1 and B.2), and Lemma B.3, where we discuss the $\sqrt{n}$-consistency of the long run covariance matrices estimators $\hat{\Omega}_w$, $\hat{\Omega}_e$, $\hat{\Omega}_{we}$, $\hat{\Omega}_f$, $\hat{\Omega}_{we}$ and $\hat{\Omega}_{fe}$ under the null and the alternative, for both cases of stationary and nonstationary $g_t$.

Proof of Theorem 2. The proof of the Theorem is an application of Theorem 1 and of Propositions 1 and 2. We show the main passages that lead to show (21)-(22), and then show that $Q_k(r)$ and $Q_p(r)$ have a chi-squared distribution for fixed $r$; passages are reported for the setup of Section 3.

Consider (21)-(22). Theorem 1 and Propositions 1 and 2 state that the limiting distribution of $\hat{\beta}$ and $\hat{\gamma}$ are independent. This is a consequence of Lemma A.2, which states that matrix $H_{nT}(r)$ in (18) is diagonal. Indeed, by Lemma A.2

$$H_{nT}(r) = \begin{bmatrix} \Omega_f^{-1/2} \left[ (\int_0^r \bar{W}_k \bar{W}_k' \right]^{-1} + \left( \int_r^1 \bar{W}_k \bar{W}_k' \right]^{-1} \right] \Omega_f^{-1/2} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{6} \Omega_w \left[ \frac{1}{2r} + \frac{1}{(1-r)^2} \right] \end{bmatrix},$$

(29)

where $\bar{W}_k$ is a $k$-dimensional demeaned standard Brownian motion, and $\Omega_f$ is the long run covariance matrix of $f_t$. Thus, (21) and (22) can be shown separately, using the CMT.

In order to show that $Q_k(r)$ and $Q_p(r)$ have a chi-squared distribution pointwise in $r$, consider $Q_k(r)$ first. We use the fact that $\int_0^r \bar{W}_k dW_u \overset{d}{=} (\int_0^r \bar{W}_k \bar{W}_k')^{1/2} Z$, where $W_u$ is a standard Brownian motion that is independent of $W_k$ and $Z$ a $k$-dimensional standard normal independent of $W_k$. It holds that $\sqrt{nT} \left( \hat{\beta}^{FM}_{1,[Tr]} - \hat{\beta}^{FM}_{2,[Tr]} \right) = \sqrt{nT} \left( \hat{\beta}^{FM}_{1,[Tr]} - \beta \right) - \sqrt{nT} \left( \hat{\beta}^{FM}_{2,[Tr]} - \beta \right);$ using
Theorem 1

\[
\sqrt{n}T \left( \hat{\beta}_{1,[T_r]} - \hat{\beta}_{2,[T_r]} \right) \Rightarrow \Omega_{\epsilon +}^{-1/2} \Omega_{\beta}^{-1/2} \left[ \left( \int_0^r \tilde{W}_k \tilde{W}_k' \right)^{-1} \left( \int_0^r \tilde{W}_k dW_u - \left( \int_0^1 \tilde{W}_k \tilde{W}_k' \right)^{-1} \int_0^1 \tilde{W}_k dW_u \right) \right]
\]

\[= \Omega_{\epsilon +}^{-1/2} \Omega_{\beta}^{-1/2} \left[ \left( \int_0^r \tilde{W}_k \tilde{W}_k' \right)^{-1/2} Z_1 - \left( \int_0^1 \tilde{W}_k \tilde{W}_k' \right)^{-1/2} Z_2 \right].\]

Since \(Z_1\) and \(Z_2\) are independent, conditioning on the \(\sigma\)-field associated with \(\tilde{W}_k\), we have

\[
\Omega_{\epsilon +}^{-1/2} \Omega_{\beta}^{-1/2} \left[ \left( \int_0^r \tilde{W}_k \tilde{W}_k' \right)^{-1/2} Z_1 - \left( \int_0^1 \tilde{W}_k \tilde{W}_k' \right)^{-1/2} Z_2 \right]
\]

where \(Z\) is a \(k\)-dimensional standard normal independent of \(\tilde{W}_k\). Using (29), \(s(r)^t M^{-1} s(r) = Z^*Z \sim \chi^2_k\). This is true for all possible elements of the \(\sigma\)-field associated with \(\tilde{W}_k\). Turning to \(Q_p(r)\), we have

\[
\sqrt{n}T \left( \hat{\gamma}_{1,[T_r]} - \hat{\gamma}_{2,[T_r]} \right) = \sqrt{n}T \left( \hat{\gamma}_{1,[T_r]} - \gamma \right) - \sqrt{n}T \left( \hat{\gamma}_{2,[T_r]} - \gamma \right);\]

thus, using Theorem 1 and Propositions 1 and 2

\[
\sqrt{n}T \left( \hat{\gamma}_{1,[T_r]} - \hat{\gamma}_{2,[T_r]} \right) \Rightarrow \sqrt{6} \Omega_{\epsilon +}^{1/2} \Omega_{\beta}^{-1/2} \left[ \frac{1}{r^2} C_p(r;0) - \frac{1}{(1-r)^2} C_p(1;r) \right];
\]

in view of Lemma A.1, this means that, for fixed \(r\), \(\sqrt{n}T \left( \hat{\gamma}_{1,[T_r]} - \hat{\gamma}_{2,[T_r]} \right) \Rightarrow \sqrt{6} \Omega_{\epsilon +}^{1/2} \Omega_{\beta}^{-1/2} N \left[ 0, \frac{r^2 + (1-r)^2}{r^2 (1-r)^2} I_k \right]\). Using (29), \(Q_p(r)\) is, for every \(r\)

\[
Q_p(r) = \left[ \frac{1}{r^2} + \frac{1}{(1-r)^2} \right]^{-1} \frac{r^2 + (1-r)^2}{r^2 (1-r)^2} \|N(0,I_k)\|^2 \sim \chi^2_p.
\]

**Lemma B.1** Consider the full sample estimator \(\hat{\theta}\) defined in (8). Let Assumptions 1*, 2
and 4 hold, and let \( \Omega_{\Delta g,j} = E \left[ \Delta g_{j} \Delta g'_{i-j} \right] \). Under both \( H_0 \) and \( H_a \), it holds that, for all \( j \)

\[
\hat{\theta} - \theta = O_p \left( \frac{1}{T} \right); \tag{30}
\]

\[
\frac{1}{nT} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \hat{\varepsilon}_{it} \hat{\varepsilon}_{it-j} - \frac{1}{nT} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \varepsilon_{it} \varepsilon_{it-j} = O_p \left( \frac{1}{T} \right); \tag{31}
\]

\[
\frac{1}{nT} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \Delta x_{it} \Delta x'_{it-j} - \frac{1}{nT} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \Delta w_{it} \Delta w'_{it-j} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \Gamma_i \Omega_{\Delta g,j} \Gamma'_i + O_p \left( T^{-1/2} \right) + O_p \left( n^{-1/2} T^{-1/2} \right); \tag{32}
\]

\[
\frac{1}{nT} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \Delta x_{it} \Delta x'_{it-j} \hat{\varepsilon}_{it} \hat{\varepsilon}_{it-j} - \frac{1}{nT} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \Delta x_{it} \Delta x'_{it-j} \varepsilon_{it} \varepsilon_{it-j} = O_p \left( T^{-1} \right); \tag{33}
\]

\[
\frac{1}{nT} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \Delta x_{it} \Delta x'_{it-j} e_{it} e_{it-j} - \frac{1}{nT} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \Delta w_{it} \Delta w'_{it-j} e_{it} e_{it-j} = O_p \left( T^{-1} \right). \tag{34}
\]

**Proof.** Let \( d_i \) be a dummy variable that is equal to 1 if unit \( i \) has a break and zero otherwise. Consider (30), and recall equation (8); under \( H_a \) we have

\[
\hat{\theta} - \theta = \left[ \frac{1}{nT^2} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \bar{z}_{it} \bar{z}'_{it} \right]^{-1} \left[ \frac{1}{nT^2} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \bar{z}_{it} \varepsilon_{it} \right] + \left[ \frac{1}{nT^2} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \bar{z}_{it} \bar{z}'_{it} \right]^{-1} \left[ \frac{1}{nT^2} \frac{\sqrt{n}}{m n T} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \bar{z}_{it} \bar{z}'_{it} \right] \left[ \frac{t}{T} \right] d_i;
\]

as far as the first term is concerned, it is present under \( H_0 \) also. From equation (5.12) in Phillips and Moon (1999, p. 1083), it follows that it is \( O_p \left( T^{-1} \right) \). As far as the second term is concerned, it is present only under \( H_a \); using Assumption 4(b), it holds that it is of magnitude \( O_p \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{nT}} \right) \). Hence, (30) follows immediately.

Consider (31); we report the proof for the case \( j = 0 \). It holds that

\[
\frac{1}{nT} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \hat{\varepsilon}_{it}^2 - \frac{1}{nT} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \varepsilon_{it}^2 = T \left( \hat{\theta} - \theta \right)' \left[ \frac{1}{nT^2} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \bar{z}_{it} \bar{z}'_{it} \right] \left( \hat{\theta} - \theta \right) - 2 \left( \hat{\theta} - \theta \right)' \left[ \frac{1}{nT} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \bar{z}_{it} \varepsilon_{it} \right] = I + II.
\]

Term \( I \) has the same order of magnitude as \( T \left\| \hat{\theta} - \theta \right\|^2 \left\| \frac{1}{nT^2} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \bar{z}_{it} \bar{z}'_{it} \right\|^2 \), which, in view
of (30) and Lemma A.3, is \( O_p \left( \frac{1}{T} \right) \). Also, \( I I \leq \left\| \hat{\theta} - \theta \right\| \left\| \frac{1}{nT} \sum_{t=1}^{n} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \tilde{z}_{it} e_{it} \right\| = O_p \left( \frac{1}{T} \right) \) again using (30) and some passages in its proof. Putting all together, (31) follows.

We turn to (32). It holds that

\[
\frac{1}{nT} \sum_{t=1}^{n} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \Delta x_{it} \Delta x'_{it-j} - \frac{1}{nT} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \Delta w_{it} \Delta w'_{it-j} \\
= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \Gamma_i \left( \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \Delta g_{it} \Delta g'_{it-j} \right) \Gamma'_i + \frac{1}{nT} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \Gamma_i \Delta g_{it} \Delta w'_{it-j} \\
+ \frac{1}{nT} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \Delta w_{it} \Delta g'_{it-j} \Gamma'_i \\
= I + II + III.
\]

Consider I. Under Assumptions 1* and 2, \( \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \Delta g_{it} \Delta g'_{it-j} \) converges to \( \Omega_{\Delta g,j} \); also, \( \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \left( \Delta g_{it} \Delta g'_{it-j} - \Omega_{\Delta g,j} \right) \) is \( O_p \left( T^{-1/2} \right) \) since \( \Delta g_{it} \Delta g'_{it-j} - \Omega_{\Delta g,j} \) has mean zero by construction and \( \Delta g_{it} \Delta g'_{it-j} \) has finite second moment (in view of Assumption 2(a)). Thus, \( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \Gamma_i \left( \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \Delta g_{it} \Delta g'_{it-j} \right) \Gamma'_i \)

\[
= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \Gamma_i \Omega_{\Delta g,j} \Gamma'_i + O_p \left( T^{-1/2} \right). \\

Turning to II, this is bounded by the square root of \( \max_i \left\| \Gamma_i \right\|^2 \text{E} \left\| \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \Delta g_{it} \Delta w'_{it-j} \right\|^2 \), so that \( II = O_p \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{mT}} \right) \) in view of Assumption 2(c).

Term III is the transpose of II. Thus, (32) follows putting everything together.

As far as (33) is concerned, we focus on \( j = 0 \). It holds that

\[
\frac{1}{nT} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \Delta x_{it} \Delta x'_{it} e_{it}^2 - \frac{1}{nT} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \Delta x_{it} \Delta x_{it} e_{it}^2 \\
= \frac{1}{nT} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \Delta x_{it} \Delta x_{it} \left( \hat{\theta} - \theta \right)' \tilde{z}_{it} e_{it} \left( \hat{\theta} - \theta \right) + \frac{1}{nT} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \Delta x_{it} \Delta x_{it} \left( \hat{\theta} - \theta \right)' \tilde{z}_{it} e_{it} \\
= I + II.
\]

Consider I; by the Cauchy-Schwartz inequality, \( I \leq T \left\| \hat{\theta} - \theta \right\|^2 \left[ T^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \left\| \Delta x_{it} \right\|^4 \right]^{1/2} \left[ T^{-3} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \left\| \tilde{z}_{it} \right\|^4 \right]^{1/2} = O_p \left( T^{-1} \right) \). This follows from Theorem 5.3 in Park and Phillips (1999), whereby \( \sum_{t=1}^{T} \left\| \tilde{z}_{it} \right\|^4 = O_p \left( T^3 \right) \). As far as II is concerned, using cross-sectional independence, it is bounded by the square root of \( n^{-1} T^{-2} \left\| \hat{\theta} - \theta \right\|^2 \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{t=1}^{T} E \left[ \left\| \Delta x_{it} \right\|^4 \left\| \tilde{z}_{it} \right\|^2 e_{it}^2 \right] \), which is of order \( O_p \left( T^{-1} \right) \).
Finally, consider (34), focusing on \( j = 0 \); we have

\[
\frac{1}{nT} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \Delta x_{it} \Delta x_{it}^2 \delta_{it}^2 - \frac{1}{nT} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \Delta w_{it} \Delta w_{it}^2 \\
= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \Gamma_i \left( \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \Delta g_t \Delta g_t^2 \delta_{it}^2 \right) \Gamma_i^T + \frac{1}{nT} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \Gamma_i \Delta g_t \Delta g_t^2 \delta_{it}^2 + \frac{1}{nT} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \Delta w_{it} \Delta g_t \Gamma_i \delta_{it}^2 \\
= I + II + III.
\]

Consider I. Assumption 2 states that \( g_t \) is independent of \( e_{it} \). Thus, the same arguments as for the proof of (33) hold. Similar considerations apply to II and III which is the transpose of II.

**Lemma B.2** Let Assumptions 1*, 3 and 4 hold. Under both \( H_0 \) and \( H_a \), it holds that, for all \( j \), (31), (33) and (34) hold. Also

\[
\frac{1}{nT} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \Delta x_{it} \Delta x_{it-j} - \frac{1}{nT} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \Delta w_{it} \Delta w_{it-j} = o_p \left( \frac{1}{n^{1/2+\omega}} \right) + o_p \left( \frac{1}{n^{3/4+\omega/2} \sqrt{T}} \right), \tag{36}
\]

where \( \omega > 0 \) is defined in Assumption 3(c).

**Proof.** Equations (31), (33) and (34) are not affected by the stationarity or non-stationarity of \( g_t \), as it emerges from the proofs of Lemma B.1. Considering (36), we use

\[
\frac{1}{nT} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \Delta x_{it} \Delta x_{it-j} - \frac{1}{nT} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \Delta w_{it} \Delta w_{it-j} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \Gamma_i \left( \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \Delta g_t \Delta g_t^2 \delta_{it}^2 \right) \Gamma_i^T + \frac{1}{nT} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \Gamma_i \Delta g_t \Delta g_t^2 \delta_{it}^2 + \frac{1}{nT} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \Delta w_{it} \Delta g_t \Gamma_i \delta_{it}^2 \\
= I + II + III.
\]

Term I is bounded by \( \max_i ||\Gamma_i||^2 ||\frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \Delta g_t \Delta g_t^2|| \), which is \( o_p \left( n^{-1/2-\omega} \right) \) by Assumption 3(c).

Considering II, using the same bound as for the case of stationary \( g_t \), part (c) of Assumption 3 yields II = \( O_p \left( \frac{1}{n^{3/4+\omega/2} \sqrt{T}} \right) \). The same applies to III.

**Lemma B.3** Let \( \kappa \left( \frac{1}{T} \right) \) be a kernel with Parzen exponent \( \psi > 1/2 \) and bandwidth \( l \to \infty \).

Let Assumptions 1*, 2 and 4 hold, and assume that equation (16) holds. As \( (n,T) \to \infty \), all estimates in (9) are \( \sqrt{n} \)-consistent under both \( H_0 \) and \( H_a \).

Let Assumptions 1*, 3 and 4 hold and assume that equation (17) holds. As \( (n,T) \to \infty \), all
estimates in (9) are $\sqrt{n}$-consistent under both $H_0$ and $H_a$.

**Proof.** We start by proving the $\sqrt{n}$-consistency of $\hat{\Omega}_e$; the proof is valid under both cases of stationary and nonstationary $g_t$. Let $\hat{\Phi}_{e_{i,j}} = T^{-1}\sum_{t=j+1}^{T} e_{it}e_{it-j}$; define $\hat{\Omega}_e = \hat{\Phi}_{e_{i,0}} + 2 \sum_{j=1}^{\ell} \kappa \left( \frac{j}{T} \right) \hat{\Phi}_{e_{i,j}}$. We have

$$
\hat{\Omega}_e - \Omega_e = \bar{\Omega}_e - \Omega_e + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left( \hat{\Phi}_{e_{i,0}} - \Phi_{e_{i,0}} \right) + 2 \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{\ell} \kappa \left( \frac{j}{T} \right) \left( \hat{\Phi}_{e_{i,j}} - \Phi_{e_{i,j}} \right).
$$

Phillips and Moon (1999, p. 1109) show that $\sqrt{n} \left\| \hat{\Omega}_e - \Omega_e \right\| = o_p(1)$. As far as $\hat{\Phi}_{e_{i,j}} - \Phi_{e_{i,j}}$ is concerned, (31) states that it is of order $O_p(T^{-1})$; hence, $\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{\ell} \kappa \left( \frac{j}{T} \right) \left( \hat{\Phi}_{e_{i,j}} - \Phi_{e_{i,j}} \right) = O_p(l/T)$, so that, putting all together, $\sqrt{n} \left\| \hat{\Omega}_e - \Omega_e \right\| = o_p(1) + O_p(l\sqrt{n}/T)$, which is $o_p(1)$.

We now turn to $\hat{\Omega}_w$; the proof for the $\sqrt{n}$-consistency of $\hat{\Lambda}_w$ is similar, and thus omitted. We consider the case of stationary $g_t$ first. Let $\hat{\Phi}_{w_{i,j}} = T^{-1}\sum_{t=j+1}^{T} \Delta w_{it} \Delta w'_{it-j}$; define $\hat{\Omega}_w = \hat{\Phi}_{w_{i,0}} + 2 \sum_{j=1}^{\ell} \kappa \left( \frac{j}{T} \right) \hat{\Phi}_{w_{i,j}}$. We have

$$
\hat{\Omega}_w - \Omega_w = \bar{\Omega}_w - \Omega_w + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left( \hat{\Phi}_{w_{i,0}} - \Phi_{w_{i,0}} \right) + 2 \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{\ell} \kappa \left( \frac{j}{T} \right) \left( \hat{\Phi}_{w_{i,j}} - \Phi_{w_{i,j}} \right).
$$

As before, $\sqrt{n} \left\| \hat{\Omega}_w - \Omega_w \right\| = o_p(1)$. Also

$$
\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left( \hat{\Phi}_{w_{i,0}} - \Phi_{w_{i,0}} \right) + 2 \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{\ell} \kappa \left( \frac{j}{T} \right) \left( \hat{\Phi}_{w_{i,j}} - \Phi_{w_{i,j}} \right)
$$

$$
= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \Gamma_i \left( \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \Delta g_t \Delta g'_t - \Omega_{\Delta g} \right) \Gamma'_i + 2 \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{\ell} \kappa \left( \frac{j}{T} \right) \left( \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \Delta g_t \Delta g'_{t-j} - \Omega_{\Delta g, j} \right) \Gamma'_i + II
$$

$$
= I + II,
$$

where the remainder $II$ comes from (35). Indeed, $II$ is bounded by $O_p \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}T} \right)$, so that $\sqrt{n}II = O_p \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \right) = o_p(1)$ under (16). Considering $I$, Assumption 2 entails that $\Delta g_t$ is a stationary process with finite fourth order cumulant; thus, Proposition 1 in Andrews (1991) yields $I =$
\[ O \left( \sqrt{T} \right) + O \left( t^{-\psi} \right). \] Therefore

\[
\sqrt{n} \left\| \Omega_w - \Omega_o \right\| = o_p \left( 1 \right) + o_p \left( \frac{l}{\sqrt{T}} \right) + o_p \left( \frac{\sqrt{n}}{T} \right) + o_p \left( \frac{\sqrt{n}}{l^\psi} \right),
\]

which is \( o_p \left( 1 \right) \) under (16). The restriction \( \frac{n^{1+\varepsilon}}{T} \to 0 \) comes from noting that \( n = o \left( l^{2\psi} \right) \), so that in order for \( \frac{n{l}}{T} \to 0 \), it is necessary that \( \frac{n^{1+1/(2\psi)+\delta}}{T} \to 0 \) for some \( \delta > 0 \).

When \( g_t \) is nonstationary, using (36), we have

\[
\sqrt{n} \left\| \Omega_w - \Omega_o \right\| = o_p \left( 1 \right) + o_p \left( \ln^{-\omega} \right) + o_p \left( \frac{l}{n^{1/4+\omega/2}T} \right),
\]

which is \( o_p \left( 1 \right) \) under (17).

Finally, consider \( \hat{\Omega}_{we} \) (and, similarly, \( \hat{\Lambda}_{we} \)). Let \( \hat{\Phi}_{wei,j} = T^{-1} \sum_{j=1}^{T} \Delta w_{it}\Delta w_{it-j}e_{it}e_{it-j} \); define \( \hat{\Omega}_{we} = \hat{\Phi}_{wei,0} + 2 \sum_{j=1}^{l} \kappa \left( \frac{t}{\phi} \right) \hat{\Phi}_{wei,j} \). We have \( \hat{\Omega}_{we} = \hat{\Omega}_{we} - \Omega_{we} + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} (\hat{\Phi}_{wei,0} - \Phi_{wei,0}) + 2 \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{l} \kappa \left( \frac{t}{\phi} \right) (\hat{\Phi}_{wei,j} - \Phi_{wei,j}) \). Using (33) and (34), the proof is the same as for \( \Omega_{we} \) in both cases of stationary and nonstationary \( g_t \).

**Proof of Theorem 3** We consider the setup of Section 3. The proof requires showing: that, under \( H_a \), \( \sqrt{n}T \left[ \hat{\theta}_{1[T]}^{FM} - \hat{\theta}_{2[T]}^{FM} \right] \) converges to \( \frac{\sqrt{p}}{2} \Omega_{e}^{-1/2} \Omega_{e}^{1/2} \left[ C_p (r;0) - C_p (1;r) \right] \) plus a noncentrality parameter; and that estimated long run covariance matrices are consistent under \( H_a \). The latter requirement follows from Lemma B.3.

Consider \( \sqrt{n}T \left[ \hat{\theta}_{1[T]}^{FM} - \hat{\theta}_{2[T]}^{FM} \right] = \sqrt{n}T \left[ \hat{\theta}_{1[T]}^{FM} - \theta \right] - \sqrt{n}T \left[ \hat{\theta}_{2[T]}^{FM} - \theta \right] \), and focus on \( \sqrt{n}T \left[ \hat{\theta}_{1[T]}^{FM} - \theta \right] \). We have

\[
\sqrt{n}T \left( \hat{\theta}_{1[T]}^{FM} - \theta \right) = \left( \frac{1}{nT^2} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{t=1}^{[Tr]} \bar{z}_{it} \bar{z}_{it}' \right)^{-1} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{nT}} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{t=1}^{[Tr]} (\bar{z}_{it} \bar{z}_{it}' - \hat{\Lambda}_{he}) \right) + \left( \frac{1}{m_n} \sum_{i=1}^{m_n} \sum_{t=1}^{[Tr]} \bar{z}_{it} \bar{z}_{it}' (t \frac{\psi}{T}) \right) = I + II.
\]

Term \( I \) is not affected by \( H_a \). As far as \( II \) is concerned, it is \( O_p \left( 1 \right) \) by Assumption 4(b). This
entails that $\sqrt{nT} \left[ \hat{\theta}^{FM}_{1[Tr]} - \hat{\theta}^{FM}_{2[Tr]} \right]$ has noncentrality parameter given by

$$
\begin{align*}
\left[ \frac{1}{nT^2} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{t=1}^{[Tr]} \tilde{z}'_{it} \tilde{z}_{it} \right]^{-1} \left[ \frac{1}{m_n T^2} \sum_{i=1}^{m_n} \sum_{t=1}^{[Tr]} \tilde{z}'_{it} \tilde{z}_{it} \psi_i \left( \frac{t}{T} \right) \right] \\
- \left[ \frac{1}{nT^2} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{t=[Tr]+1}^{T} \tilde{z}'_{it} \tilde{z}_{it} \right]^{-1} \left[ \frac{1}{m_n T^2} \sum_{i=1}^{m_n} \sum_{t=[Tr]+1}^{T} \tilde{z}'_{it} \tilde{z}_{it} \psi_i \left( \frac{t}{T} \right) \right] \\
\equiv D_{nT}(r),
\end{align*}
$$

from whence we define

$$
d(r) = \lim_{n,T \to \infty} [H_{nT}(r)]^{-1/2} D_{nT}(r).
\tag{37}
$$

Putting all together, the Theorem follows. QED

**References**


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Table 1: Empirical rejection frequencies at 5% level for the null of no change in γ.
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