Realized Cryptocurrency Volatility Forecasting

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Crytocurrency Market

- □ Unregulated and unlikely to be regulated
- □ Free market or chaotic market?
- □ An extremly volatile market for sure. Unpredictable volatility?



Figure 1: Chaos and Randomness



Distribution of Logarithmic Returns



Annualized Realized Variance of Major Indices

	AEX	DJI	FTSE	HSI	SPX	SSEC	BTC-G
count	4842	4704	4769	4645	4709	4508	965
mean	0.16	0.12	0.13	0.14	0.12	0.22	0.81
std	0.38	0.29	0.32	0.40	0.32	0.46	1.68
min	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
25%	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.03	0.01
50%	0.05	0.04	0.05	0.05	0.04	0.08	0.29
75%	0.14	0.11	0.12	0.13	0.11	0.22	2.99
max	7.03	5.55	7.74	16.45	7.18	7.70	18.59

Table 1: Realized variance comparison between market indices(Oxford-man Realized Library) and Bitcoin

- Much larger mean, standard deviation and higher extreme values
- Overnight bias correction of *RV* for market indices (Bollerslev et al (2018))
- □ Cause of high *RV*. Volatility? Jump?



Program Trading



Figure 3: One day sample of 5-min freq BTC. Price and Log-return on top panel, Trading Volume on bottom panel

⊡ Same log-return, repeating more than 100 times during 2016

□ 24-hours trading capability, might cause more volatile

Algorithm trading crash (1987 Stock Market Crash)
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Realized Voaltilty and Jumps

- Volatility: A central role in finance, financial derivatives pricing (options, volatility swap), risk management
- ABDL(2001, 2003): "Realized Variance" (*RV*) from high-frequency data with good dynamics (lognormal, long-memory)
- □ Fleming et al.(2001, 2003): Economic value of realized volatilty timing
- Bollerslev et al.(2018): Similary risk (realized volatility) across different asset classes (commodities, currencies, equity, bonds)
- ⊡ Forecasting on *RV* with continous component and jump component (BNS (2004), Corsi et al(2010))



Realized Volatility of Cryptocurrency

- \boxdot Importance of RV on emerging market
- \boxdot Rigorous research contribution to industries
- □ Limited researches on Realized Cryptocurrency Volatility



Figure 4: Daily Trading Volume of Bitcoin



Research Questions

- □ Investigation on realized cryptocurrency variance process
- □ Predictability of realized cryptocurrency volatility
- ☑ Analysis on realized jumps
- Economic value from a better *RV* forecast for investors?



Outline

- 1. Motivation \checkmark
- 2. Realized Variance
- 3. Jump Detection
- 4. HAR Forecasting Model
- 5. Realized Utility Evaluation
- 6. Summary



Continuous-Time Framework

□ A general continous-time jump diffussion process:

 $dp(t) = \mu(t)dt + \sigma(t)dW(t) + \kappa(t)dq(t), 0 \le t \le T \quad (1)$

- p: Logarithmic price
- $\mu :$ Continous and locally bounded variation process
- $\sigma:$ Strictly positive stochastic volatility process with right continuous sample path
- W: Brownian motion
- $\kappa:$ Size of a jumps
- q: Counting measure for jumps



Realized Variance

□ Logarithmic return at time $t + j\Delta$ can be noted as $r_{t+j\Delta}$, where Δ is the sampling frequency

$$r_{t+j\Delta} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} p\left(t+j\Delta\right) - p\left(t+(j-1)\Delta\right) \tag{2}$$

 \square Daily Realized Variance RV_{t+1} for period [t:t+1]

$$RV_{t+1}(\Delta) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \sum_{j=1}^{1/\Delta} r_{t+j\Delta}^2$$
 (3)

 $\square \ RV \text{ converges to Quadratic Variation } QV \text{ as } \Delta \text{ goes to } 0 \\ RV_{t+1}(\Delta) \xrightarrow{p} QV_{t+1}$ (4)



Realized Variance

 \boxdot Variance of p(t) measured by QV

$$QV_{t+1} = \int_{t}^{t+1} \sigma^{2}(s) ds + \sum_{t < s \le t+1} \kappa^{2}(s)$$
 (5)

⊡ Hence, *RV* has

$$RV_{t+1}(\Delta) \xrightarrow{p} \underbrace{\int_{t}^{t+1} \sigma^2(s) ds}_{IV_{t+1}} + \underbrace{\sum_{t < s \le t+1} \kappa^2(s)}_{J_{t+1}}$$
(6)

⊡ Two dynamic components: Intergated Variance (hereafter IV_{t+1}) and jump component (hereafter J_{t+1})



Realized Bipower Variation (BNS(2004)) ■ Realized BiPower Variance (hereafter BPV_{t+1}) for period [t, t + 1]

$$BPV_{t+1}(\Delta) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \frac{\pi}{2} \sum_{j=2}^{h/\Delta} |r_{t+j\Delta}| |r_{t+(j-1)\Delta}| \tag{7}$$

$$BPV \text{ converges to } IV \text{ as } \Delta \text{ goes to } 0 \\ BPV_{t+1}(\Delta) \to \int_{t}^{t+1} \sigma^{2}(s) ds$$
 (8)

 \boxdot Finally, J_{t+1} for period [t, t+1] estimated

$$RV_{t+1}(\Delta) - BPV_{t+1}(\Delta) \xrightarrow{p} \sum_{t < s \le t+1} \kappa^2(s)$$
 (9)

$$J_{t+1} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} max \left\{ RV_{t+1}(\Delta) - BPV_{t+1}(\Delta), 0 \right\}$$

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Data Source

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A free data source: https://www.cryptodatadownload.com/

 5-min freq from 3 different exchanges, 913 trading days (01.01.2016-01.07.2018)&
 1-min freq from 1 exchange, 966 trading days (01.01.2016-23.08.2018)

Realized Labrary, 31 indices realized variance and bipower variance



RV and BPV for Market Indices: FTSE



Figure 5: The Financial Times Stock Exchange 100 Index, 2000-2018



RV and BPV for Market Indices: SSEC



Figure 6: The Shanghai Stock Exchange 50 Index, 2000-2018

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ACF of log(RV): cryptocurrencies



Figure 7: ACF of log(*RV*) decay, BTC-G, BTC-D, ETH-G, ETH-D, XRP, LTC

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ACF of log(RV): Global Indices V.S BTC-G



Figure 8: ACF of log(RV) decay: Comparison between 6 global market indices and BTC-G



Realized Variance Separation



Figure 9: 5-min freq Log-Return of Bitcoin, Realized Volatility, Bipower Volatility and Jump Process





Why BPV Is Biased To Large Jumps



Threshold Bipower Variation

□ Threshold Bipower Variance, hereafter $TBPV_{t+1}$, for period [t, t+1] (Mancini(2009))

$$TBPV_{t+1}(\Delta) = \mu_1^{-2} \sum_{j=2}^{1/\Delta} |r_{t+j\Delta}| |r_{t+(j-1)\Delta}|$$

$$\cdot I \{ |r_{t+j\Delta}|^2 \le \theta_{t+j\Delta} \}$$

$$\cdot I \{ |r_{t+(j-1)\Delta}|^2 \le \theta_{t+(j-1)\Delta} \}$$

: Where $heta_{t+j\Delta} = \mathcal{C}_{ heta}^2 \cdot \widehat{\mathcal{V}}_{t+j\Delta}$, and $\mu_1 = \sqrt{2/\pi}$

BPV: Biased by big jumps, TBPV: Problematic with small jumps



Corrected Threshold Bipower Variation

□ A modified TBPV(Corsi et al. (2010))

$$TBPV_{t+1}(\Delta) = \mu_1^{-2} \sum_{j=2}^{1/\Delta} Z_1(r_{t+j\Delta}, \theta_{t+j\Delta}) \cdot Z_1(r_{t+(j-1)\Delta}, \theta_{t+(j-1)\Delta})$$
(10)

 \boxdot Where Φ and Γ

$$\Phi(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{x} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{\frac{s^2}{2}} ds, \Gamma(\alpha, x) = \int_{x}^{+\infty} s^{\alpha-1} e^{-s} ds \quad (12)$$

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Local Variance Estimation \widehat{V}_t

 \boxdot a non-parametric filter of length 2L + 1 (Fan and Yao, 2003)

$$\widehat{V}_{t}^{Z} = \frac{\sum_{i=-L, i\neq-1, 0, 1}^{L} \mathcal{K}(\frac{i}{L}) \cdot r_{t+i}^{2} \cdot \mathbf{I}\{r_{t+i}^{2} \leq c_{\theta}^{2} \cdot \widehat{V}_{t+i}^{Z-1}\}}{\sum_{i=-L, i\neq-1, 0, 1}^{L} \mathcal{K}(\frac{i}{L}) \cdot \mathbf{I}\{r_{t+i}^{2} \leq c_{\theta}^{2} \cdot \widehat{V}_{t+i}^{Z-1}\}}, Z = 1, 2, 3...$$
(13)

- \square K(x): Gaussian Kernel. C_{θ} : immaterial coefficient, trade-off between effciency and bias
- \odot Initial value $\widehat{V}_t^0 = \inf$; Iteration until converged
- ⊡ Evaluation within each day, avoid using furture information



Threshold Jump

⊡ Test statistics c-z for TJ_t (BNS(2004), Corsi et al.(2010))

$$c-z = \Delta^{-\frac{1}{2}} \frac{\{RV_t - TBPV_t\}RV_t^{-1}}{\sqrt{\left(\frac{\pi^2}{4} + \pi - 5\right)\max\{1, \frac{TTriPV_t}{TBPV_t^2}\}}}$$
(14)

 $Threshold continuous process, hereafter <math>TC_{t+1}$ for period $[t, t+1] TC_{t+1} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} RV_{t+1} - TJ_{t+1}$ (16)

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Volatility Separation





Threshold Volatility Separation



Figure 12: $TJ^{1/2}$ separation. Significant threshold-jumps separation using TBPV. Confidence level $\alpha = 0.9999$ and $c_{\theta} = 3$



Unconditional RV Distribution





Figure 13: Histogram and Epanechinikov KDE of daily log(RV) (annualized) for 5-min freq BTC , bandwidth=1.8

 Close to log-normal distribution, similar to results from previous literatures

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	$RV^{1/2}$	$\log(RV)$	BPV	TBPV	Jump(lpha)	TJump(lpha)
count	965	965	965	965	678	749
mean	0.68	-1.44	0.67	0.60	0.16	0.28
std	0.58	1.78	1.49	1.42	0.52	0.85
min	0.01	-9.77	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5%	0.09	-4.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01
50%	0.54	-1.24	0.19	0.15	0.07	0.11
95%	1.73	1.10	2.63	2.45	0.45	0.89
max	4.31	2.92	17.96	20.77	10.90	14.89
skewness	2.15	-0.54	5.39	6.54	14.83	11.72
kurtosis	7.03	0.45	38.85	62.78	275.28	173.30
ac(1)	0.69	0.79	0.55	0.51	0.12	0.09
ac(7)	0.42	0.64	0.21	0.21	0.07	0.05
ac(30)	0.30	0.42	0.16	0.17	0.01	-0.01
ac(100)	0.15	0.21	0.07	0.08	-0.01	-0.01

Summary Statistics

Table 2: Summary statistics for volatility related measures (annualized) from 5-min freq BTC, ac(n): n-days autocorrelation. Confidence level $\alpha = 0.9999$

- □ More jumps are detected using *TJump* measure
- \odot Long-memory and log-normal of log(RV)

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HAR Models

HAR-CJ

$$\widehat{RV}_{t,t+h} = \alpha + \widehat{CP}^{\top} \cdot \beta_C + \varepsilon_{t,t+h}$$
(17)

 $\widehat{RV}_{t,t+h} = \alpha + \widehat{CP}^{\top} \cdot \beta_{C} + \widehat{JP}^{\top} \cdot \beta_{J} + \varepsilon_{t,t+h}$

$$\begin{array}{ll} & \text{Where } RV_{t_1,t_2} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \frac{1}{t_2 - t_1 + 1} \sum_{t=t_1}^{t_2} RV_t \\ & \text{ } & \widehat{CP} = (\widehat{C}_t, \widehat{C}_{t-7,t}, \widehat{C}_{t-30,t})^\top, \ \widehat{JP} = (\widehat{J}_t, \widehat{J}_{t-7,t}, \widehat{J}_{t-30,t})^\top \\ & \text{ } & \widehat{C}_t = \left\{ C_t, \ TC_t, \ C_t^{Exp}, \ TC_t^{Exp} \right\}, \ \widehat{J}_t = \left\{ J_t, \ TJ_t \right\} \\ & \text{ } & \widehat{RV} = \left\{ RV, \ RV^{1/2}, \log(RV) \right\}. \ \text{Likewise for other variables.} \end{array}$$

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(18)

Performance Evaluation

 \square R^2 of Mincer–Zarnowitz forecasting regressions

☑ Mean Squared Error (MSE)

$$MSE = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \left(RV_t - \widetilde{RV}_t \right)^2$$
(19)

 Heteroskedasticity adjusted Root Mean Square Error (HRMSE) (Bollerslev and Ghysels(1996))

$$HRMSE = \sqrt{\frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \left(\frac{RV_t - \widetilde{RV}_t}{RV_t}\right)^2}$$
(20)

□ QLIKE loss function (Patton(2011))

$$QLIKE = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \left(\log RV_t + \frac{\widetilde{RV}_t}{RV_t} \right)$$
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(21)

	HAR	HAR-CJ	HAR-TCJ	HAR-Exp-CJ	HAR-E×p-TCJ
α	0.122	0.266	0.221	0.237	0.203
	(1.341)	(3.040)	(2.083)	(2.590)	(1.899)
βn	0.242	0.283	0.268	0.528	0.579
. 5	(3.329)	(3.125)	(2.528)	(4.286)	(3.634)
β_W	0.104	0.079	-0.097	0.759	1.229
	(1.127)	(0.675)	(-0.431)	(1.971)	(1.999)
β_M	0.533	0.604	1.023	-0.302	-0.614
	(2.054)	(1.822)	(1.983)	(-1.153)	(-1.352)
β ID	. ,	0.002	0.184	-0.03 8	0.167
55		(0.010)	(1.282)	(-0.232)	(1.226)
R ²	0.389	0.394	0.368	0.404	0.390
MSE	1.597	1.644	1.739	1.623	1.671
QLIKE	1.459	1.673	1.686	1.571	1.591
HRMSE	1.288	1.502	1.468	1.474	1.459

Table 3: RV, (t-values)

- □ Standard errors correction: Bartlett/Newey-West
- ⊡ Positive (insignificant) β_{JD} parameter, contradictory to previous researches

Positive (significant) and persistent impact of C on RV
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	HAR	HAR-CJ	HAR-TCJ	HAR-Exp-CJ	HAR-Exp-TCJ
α	0.063	0.187	0.170	0.167	0.148
	(2.036)	(4.714)	(4.007)	(3.722)	(3.221)
β_D	0.446	0.434	0.413	0.631	0.660
-	(8.262)	(7.784)	(5.980)	(7.846)	(5.935)
β_W	0.201	0.243	0.140	0.278	0.474
	(3.661)	(3.240)	(1.188)	(1.828)	(2.177)
β_M	0.199	0.174	0.306	-0.057	-0.274
	(2.517)	(1.917)	(2.280)	(-0.349)	(-1.062)
β_{ID}	. ,	0.119	0.250	0.058	0.223
		(1.020)	(2.968)	(0.532)	(2.680)
R ²	0.436	0.438	0.455	0.420	0.441
MSE	1.523	1.463	1.426	1.508	1.456
HRMSE	0.773	0.841	0.846	0.804	0.835
QLIKE	0.717	0.851	0.838	0.834	0.844

Table 4: Squared-root model, $RV^{1/2}$, (t-values)

- □ Non-linearity modeling, consistent and more significant results
- Error are based on squared-form, i.e RV
- TJ significant impact on day-ahead volatility, i.e No mean reversion effect

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	HAR	HAR-CJ	HAR-TCJ	HAR-Exp-CJ	HAR-Exp-TCJ
α	-0.316	-0.122	-0.132	-0.477	-0.114
	(-6.096)	(-1.320)	(-0.778)	(-2.904)	(-0.722)
β_D	0.517	0.294	0.178	0.648	0.390
-	(10.519)	(5.723)	(3.756)	(20.826)	(4.607)
β_W	0.312	0.384	0.381	0.448	0.046
	(4.186)	(5.046)	(4.567)	(2.676)	(0.396)
β_M	0.113	0.051	0.044	-0.169	0.188
	(1.992)	(0.744)	(0.597)	(-1.962)	(1.178)
β_{ID}		0.586	0.941	0.225	0.647
		(1.924)	(4.661)	(0.862)	(3.686)
R ²	0.432	0.404	0.435	0.410	0.436
MSE	1.662	1.783	1.694	1.540	1.701
HRMSE	0.605	0.698	0.655	0.689	0.611
QLIKE	0.496	0.653	0.576	0.699	0.551

Table 5: Logarithmic model, log (RV), (t-values)

- □ Positive elasticity w.r.t 1-day-lagged Jump
- ⊡ Threshold separated jumps more informative
- □ Best performance (HRMSE, QLIKE) of log-log model



Realized Utility Framework

Investor: Mean-variance preference with constant sharp ratio on time-varying volatility asset(Bollerslev et al (2018))
 Expected utility function approximation with assuming W_{t+1} ~ N(μ_t, σ_t²), γ^A = - u''/u' as Pratt-Arrow absolute risk aversion function

$$\mathsf{E}[u(W_{t+1})] = \mu_t - \frac{1}{2}\gamma^A \sigma_t^2 \tag{22}$$

 \boxdot Investment: ω_t on Cryptocurrencies and $1-\omega_t$ on risk-free asset at time t

$$W_{t+1} = W_t (1 + r_f + \omega_t r_{t+1})$$
 (23)

Where r_{t+1}, r_f as excess return at time t+1 and risk free return

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Volatility Timing Strategy

□ Under assumption of the known constant Sharp ratio
$$SR = \frac{E(r_{t+1})}{\sqrt{E(RV_{t+1})}}$$
, rewriting expected utility $EU(\omega_t)$ by replacing $V(r_{t+1})$ with RV_{t+1}

$$\mathsf{EU}(\omega_t) = W_t \left[\omega_t \, \mathsf{E}(r_{t+1}) + \frac{\gamma}{2} \omega_t^2 \, \mathsf{V}(r_{t+1}) \right] \tag{24}$$

$$= W_t \left[\omega_t \operatorname{\mathsf{E}}(r_{t+1}) + \frac{\gamma}{2} \omega_t^2 R V_{t+1} \right]$$
(25)

$$= W_t \left[\omega_t SR \cdot \sqrt{RV_{t+1}} + \frac{\gamma}{2} \omega_t^2 RV_{t+1} \right]$$
(26)

Where $\gamma = \gamma^{\mathcal{A}} W_t$ as relative risk aversion

 \boxdot Optimal weight ω_t^* targeting SR/ γ : Volatility timing strategy

$$\omega_t^* = \frac{SR/\gamma}{\sqrt{RV_{t+1}}} \tag{27}$$

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Evaluating *RV* Forecasting

 \boxdot Optimal expected utility function

$$\mathsf{EU}(\omega_t^*) = \frac{SR^2}{2\gamma} W_t \tag{28}$$

⊡ For estimated \widehat{RV}_{t+1} and corresponding optimal $\hat{\omega}_t$, the expected utility per wealth

$$\frac{\mathsf{EU}(\hat{\omega}_t)}{W_t} = \frac{SR^2}{\gamma} \left(\sqrt{\frac{RV_{t+1}}{\widehat{RV}_{t+1}}} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{RV_{t+1}}{\widehat{RV}_{t+1}} \right)$$
(29)

⊡ Realized utility (*RU*): Averaging the realized expression by out-of-sample forecast \widehat{RV}

$$RU\left(\widehat{RV}_{t+1}\right) = \frac{SR^2}{\gamma} \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \left(\sqrt{\frac{RV_{t+1}}{\widehat{RV}_{t+1}}} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{RV_{t+1}}{\widehat{RV}_{t+1}} \right)$$
(30)

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		HAR	HAR-CJ	HAR-TCJ	HAR-Exp-CJ	HAR-Exp-TCJ
h=1	RV	3.547%	3.535%	3.534%	3.536%	3.535%
	$(RV)^{1/2}$	3.418%	3.493%	3.499%	<mark>3.485%</mark>	<mark>3.493%</mark>
	$\log(RV)$	3.137%	3.343%	3.303%	3.364%	3.265%
h =7	RV	3.758%	3.728%	3.747%	3.704%	3.715%
	(RV) ^{1/2}	3.718%	3.776%	3.783%	3.776%	3.780%
	log(RV)	3.568%	<mark>3.733%</mark>	3.640%	3.749%	3.664%
h=30	RV	3.835%	3.751%	3.792%	3.707%	3.733%
	$(RV)^{1/2}$	3.842%	3.787%	3.825%	3.765%	3.775%
	$\log(RV)$	3.780%	3.769%	3.723%	3.675%	3.732%

Empirical Realized Utility Results

Table 6: BTC out-of-sample realized utility evaluated at the maximum value equals to $RU(RV_{t+h}) = \frac{1}{2}SR^2/\gamma = 4\%$. D-M t-test shows Better/Worse comparing with HAR model at 5% Significant level

- □ Jump components provide significant economic value
- ⊡ Models perform better on longer forecast horizon
- \boxdot Non-linear models are better from economic perspective

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Summary

- Realized Volatility Processes
 Differences: Significant larger scale and frequent jumps
 Similarities: Log-noraml distributed and long-memory
 Maybe useful for cryptocurrencies options pricing
- Statistics Findings
 Threshold jump method overcomes consecutive jumps and provides more information
 Significant positive impact from TJ on RV. No mean-reversion
 - Non-linear models perform better
- Economic Perspective Investors gain higher economic value by modeling jumps Longer investment horizon, higher utility Non-linear modeling is necessary to capture more market changes



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Appendix

RV and BPV for Market Indices: SPX



Figure 14: The Standard & Poor's 500 Index, 2000-2018



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α	-0.316	-0.122	-0.132	-0.477	-0.114
	(-6.096)	(-1.320)	(-0.778)	(-2.904)	(-0.722)
β_D	0.517	0.294	0.178	0.648	0.390
-	(10.519)	(5.723)	(3.756)	(20.826)	(4.607)
β_W	0.312	0.384	0.381	0.448	0.046
	(4.186)	(5.046)	(4.567)	(2.676)	(0.396)
β_M	0.113	0.051	0.044	-0.169	0.188
	(1.992)	(0.744)	(0.597)	(-1.962)	(1.178)
β_{JD}		0.586	0.941	0.225	0.647
		(1.924)	(4.661)	(0.862)	(3.686)
β_{IW}		-0.844	-0.406	-0.196	-0.200
		(-2.419)	(-1.343)	(-0.564)	(-0.749)
β_{JM}		-0.363	-0.202	0.009	-0.166
		(-0.753)	(-0.497)	(0.024)	(-0.473)
R ²	0.432	0.404	0.435	0.410	0.436
MSE	1.662	1.783	1.694	1.540	1.701
HRMSE	0.605	0.698	0.655	0.689	0.611
QLIKE	0.496	0.653	0.576	0.699	0.551

Table 7: Logarithmic model, $\log(RV)$, t-values in the parantheses

	HAR	HAR-CJ	HAR-TCJs	HAR-Exp-CJs	HAR-Exp-TCJs
α	0.063	0.187	0.170	0.167	0.148
	(2.036)	(4.714)	(4.007)	(3.722)	(3.221)
β_D	0.446	0.434	0.413	0.631	0.660
	(8.262)	(7.784)	(5.980)	(7.846)	(5.935)
β_W	0.201	0.243	0.140	0.278	0.474
	(3.661)	(3.240)	(1.188)	(1.828)	(2.177)
β_M	0.199	0.174	0.306	-0.057	-0.274
	(2.517)	(1.917)	(2.280)	(-0.349)	(-1.062)
β_{ID}		0.119	0.250	0.058	0.223
		(1.020)	(2.968)	(0.532)	(2.680)
β _{IW}		-0.140	0.074	-0.086	0.081
		(-1.031)	(0.742)	(-0.633)	(0.824)
βIM		-0.107	-0.157	-0.083	-0.113
		(-0.868)	(-1.743)	(-0.747)	(-1.488)
R ²	0.436	0.438	0.455	0.420	0.441
MSE	1.523	1.463	1.426	1.508	1.456
HRMSE	0.773	0.841	0.846	0.804	0.835
QLIKE	0.717	0.851	0.838	0.834	0.844

Table 8: Squared-root model, $RV^{1/2}$, t-values in the parantheses

	HAR	HAR-CJ	HAR-TCJs	HAR-Exp-CJs	HAR-Exp-TCJs
α	0.122	0.266	0.221	0.237	0.203
	(1.341)	(3.040)	(2.083)	(2.590)	(1.899)
βn	0.242	0.283	0.268	0.528	0.579
5	(3.329)	(3.125)	(2.528)	(4.286)	(3.634)
3 _W	0.104	0.079	-0.097	0.759	1.229
	(1.127)	(0.675)	(-0.43)1	(1.971)	(1.999)
β _M	0.533	0.604	1.023	-0.302	-0.614
	(2.054)	(1.822)	(1.983)	(-1.153)	(-1.352)
βın	. ,	0.002	0.184	-0.038	0.167
50		(0.010)	(1.282)	(-0.232)	(1.226)
3 111/		-0.004	0.326	-0.052	0.212
511		(-0.026)	(1.502)	(-0.276)	(1.252)
BIM		-0.704	-0.372	-0.471	-0.183
5101		(-1.749)	(-1.788)	(-1.588)	(-1.119)
R ²	0.389	0.394	0.368	0.404	0.390
MSE	1.597	1.644	1.739	1.623	1.671
QLIKE	1.459	1.673	1.686	1.571	1.591
HRMSE	1.288	1.502	1.468	1.474	1.459

Out-of-Sample Forecast, *RV* form

Table 9: RV, t-values in the parantheses



Log-return Distribution, Full Sample



Figure 15: Histogram of BTC 5-min log-return, 1st, Jan 2016 to 1st, July 2018

- \odot Log-returns range in [-0.137, 0.137]
- Zero dropped
- ☑ Suspicious values dropped

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Log-return Distribution, Since 2017



Figure 16: Histogram of BTC 5-min log-return, 1st, Jan 2017 to 1st, July 2018

- \Box Log-returns range in [-0.084, 0.087]
- Zero values dropped
- Suspicious values dropped

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Log-return Distribution, Full Sample



Figure 17: Histogram of ETH 5-min log-return, 1st, Jan 2016 to 1st, July 2018

- \boxdot Log-returns range in [-0.425, 0.448]
- Zero dropped
- ☑ Suspicious values dropped

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Log-return Distribution, Since 2017



Figure 18: Hisogram of ETH 5-min log-return, 1st, Jan 2017 to 1st, July 2018

- \boxdot Log-returns range in [-0.145, 0.129]
- Zero dropped
- ☑ Suspicious values dropped

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\boxdot Rolling window within each day

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