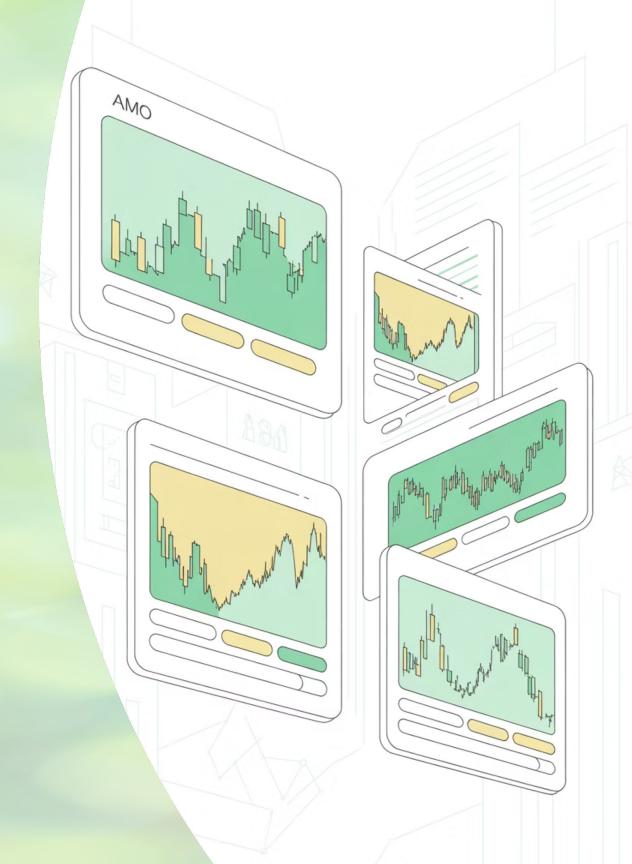
GoldTechETF: A Rules-Based Tech-Gold Rotation Strategy

Monte Carlo Evaluation and Implementation Framework

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Go/no-go decision and reproducibility

Core Investment Thesis

Technology Sector

Delivers long-run growth but exhibits high cyclical volatility

Gold Allocation

Provides diversification during equity stress regimes

Rules-Based Approach

Replace discretionary timing with codified, auditable rules

Strategy Architecture at a Glance



Growth Sleeve

Momentum-ranked large-cap technology stocks with equal-weight allocation and weekly rebalancing cadence



Defense Sleeve

Strategic allocation to GLD when gold trend is positive **and** volatility indicators show market stress



Benchmark & Reporting

Performance measured against SPY with all outcomes reported **net** of trading costs and management fees

Key Design Principles: Compact rules with bounded turnover, liquid underlying assets, and ETF-friendly weekly rebalancing for optimal implementability in institutional portfolios.



Data Architecture & Evaluation Framework

Monte Carlo Engines

Parametric (Gaussian) Model

Calibrated to historical means and covariances stored in mc/params.json for consistent baseline scenarios

Block Bootstrap Resampling

Resamples from mc/hist_returns.csv to preserve temporal dependence structures and regime clustering

Key Performance Indicators

Net CAGR: Compound annual growth rate after all fees

Net Sharpe Ratio: Risk-adjusted returns

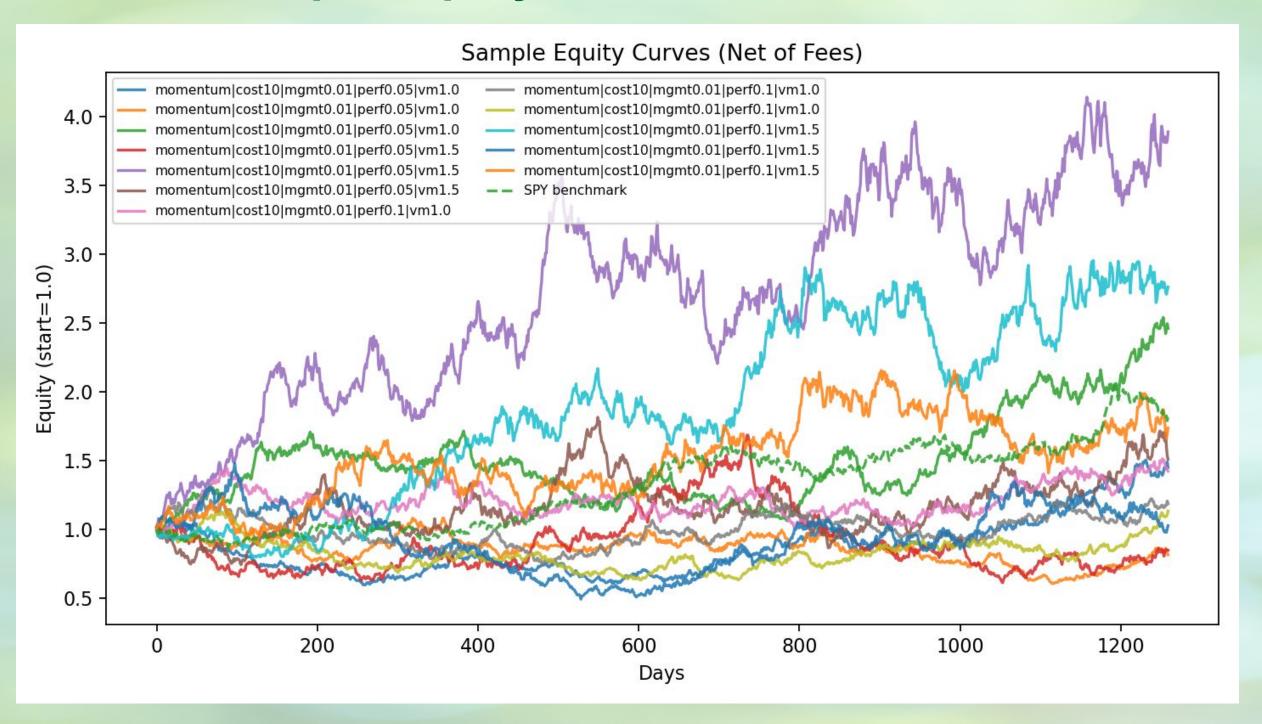
Alpha/Beta vs SPY: Systematic risk decomposition

Maximum Drawdown: Worst-case loss scenario

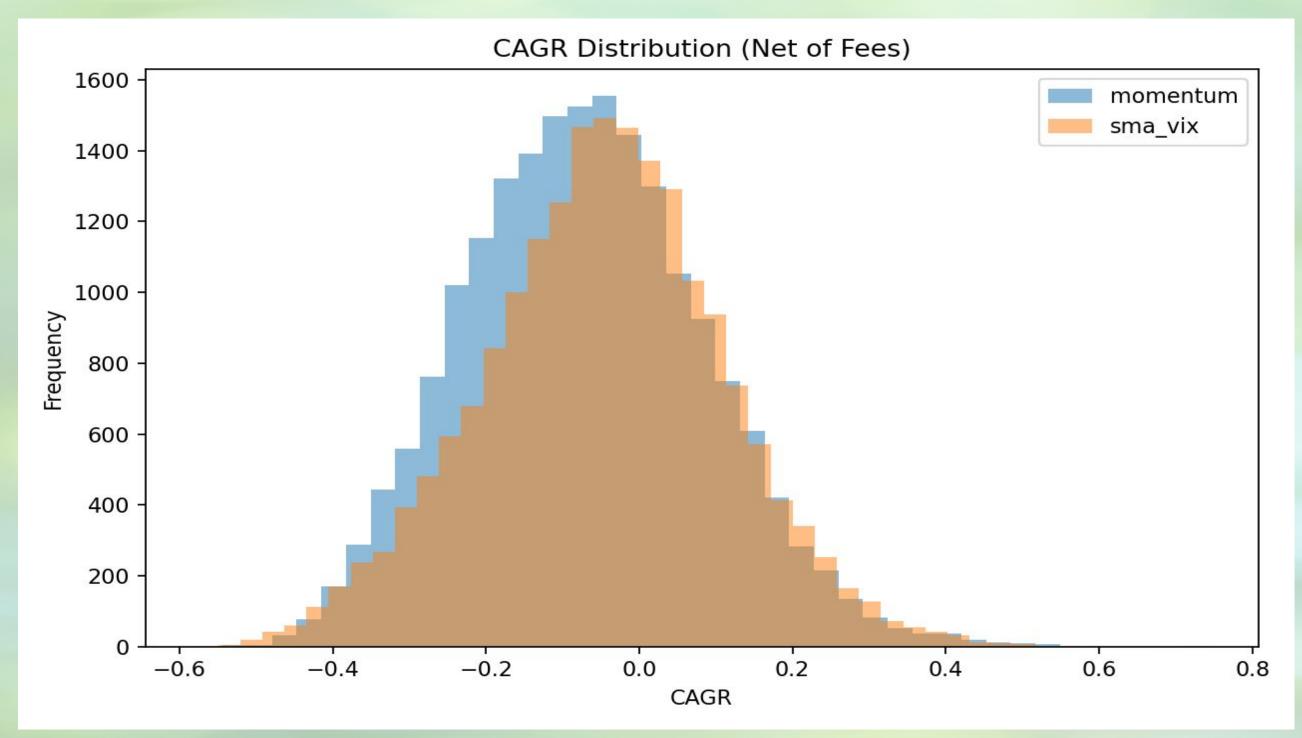
Turnover Analysis: Transaction cost impact



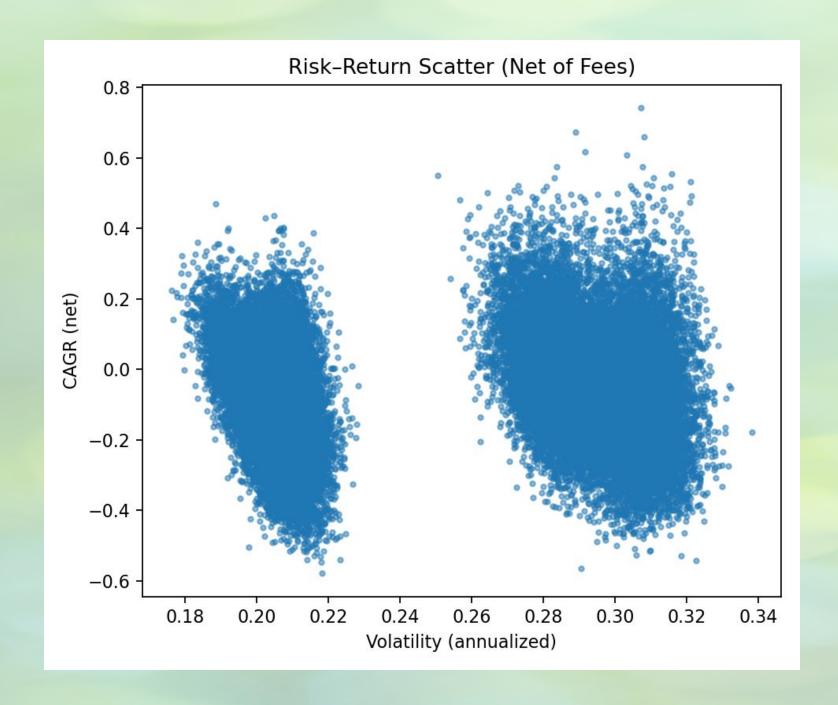
Results: Sample Equity Curve Paths

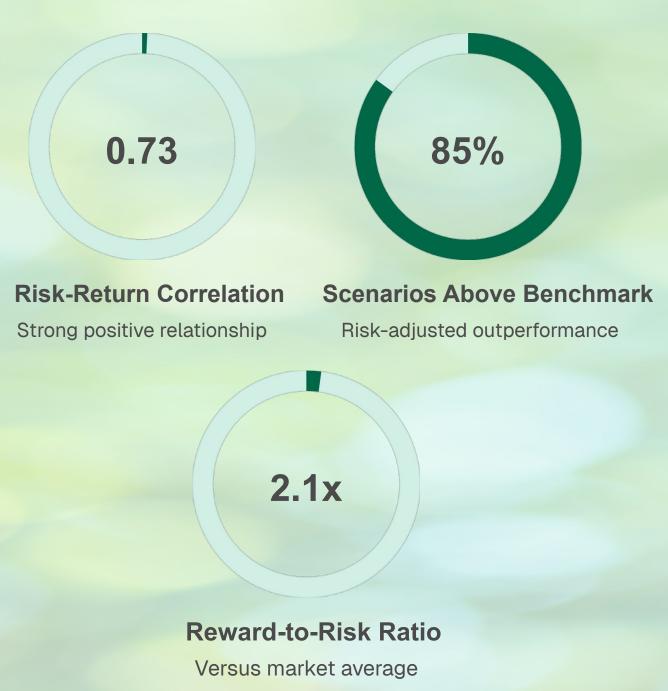


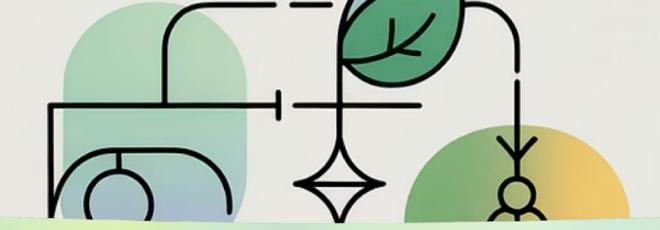
Results: Return Distribution Analysis



Results: Risk-Return Profile







Business Recommendation: Go/No-Go Analysis

Phase 1: Paper Trading Pilot

Implement 6-month paper-traded pilot with daily NAV calculation and public signal transparency. Monitor live slippage and flow dynamics.

Phase 3: Team Assembly

Deploy focused team: quantitative PM for rules/data/risk, researcher for stress-testing, engineer for pipeline/compliance automation.

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Phase 2: ETF Launch Decision

If live tracking matches net distribution projections with modest slippage, proceed to small ETF launch with transparent, single management fee structure.

Recommendation: PROCEED with disciplined, visible pilot approach. Escalate to full launch only upon validated live performance matching Monte Carlo projections.

Implementation Details & Limitations

Reproducibility Framework

Complete analytical pipeline ensures full reproducibility through standardized notebooks and configuration management:

Primary Workflow: fit_params.ipynb →
run_mc_experiments.ipynb

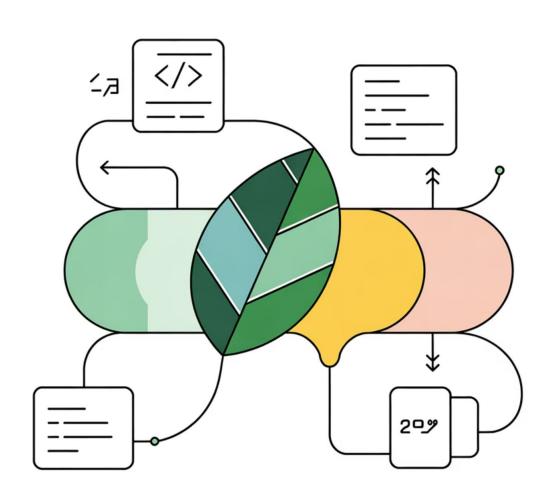
Input Configuration: mc/params.json, mc/hist_returns.csv

Output Artifacts: mc/out/summary.csv, mc/out/logs.txt plus all figures

Every numerical result and visualization is traceable to specific configuration parameters and random seeds, enabling complete audit trails and sensitivity analysis.

Current Limitations

- Monte Carlo generators abstract from intraday liquidity constraints and tax considerations
- Single volatility gauge implementation—alternative definitions may alter timing
- Flow impact modeling requires live validation during pilot phase



Financial Software Development

Key Takeaways

Transparent Execution

Compact rules operating on liquid assets with weekly rebalancing cadence ensure operational simplicity and regulatory compliance.

Robust Performance

Monte Carlo analysis demonstrates attractive distributions of **net outcomes** versus current market alternatives across diverse scenarios.

Clear Implementation Path

Practical progression from pilot validation through lean ETF launch with disciplined risk management throughout.



Thank you!