

02_pf_optimization_with_hrp_zipline_benchmark

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1 PF Optimization: HRP vs Markowitz and Equal-Weighted Positions

1.1 Imports & Settings

This notebook requires the conda environment `backtest`. Please see the [installation instructions](#) for running the latest Docker image or alternative ways to set up your environment.

```
[2]: from time import time
import warnings
import sys

from pathlib import Path
import numpy as np
import pandas as pd
import seaborn as sns
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import pandas_datareader.data as web

from logbook import (NestedSetup, NullHandler, Logger,
                     StreamHandler, StderrHandler,
                     INFO, WARNING, DEBUG, ERROR)

from zipline import run_algorithm
from zipline.api import (attach_pipeline, pipeline_output,
                         date_rules, time_rules, record, get_datetime,
                         schedule_function, commission, slippage,
                         set_slippage, set_commission, set_max_leverage,
                         order_target, order_target_percent,
                         get_open_orders, cancel_order)

from zipline.data import bundles
from zipline.utils.run_algo import load_extensions
from zipline.pipeline import Pipeline, CustomFactor
from zipline.pipeline.data import Column, DataSet
from zipline.pipeline.domain import US_EQUITIES
from zipline.pipeline.filters import StaticAssets
from zipline.pipeline.loaders.frame import DataFrameLoader
```

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from pypfopt.efficient_frontier import EfficientFrontier
from pypfopt.hierarchical_portfolio import HRP0pt
from pypfopt import risk_models
from pypfopt import expected_returns

import pyfolio as pf
from pyfolio.plotting import plot_rolling_returns, plot_rolling_sharpe
from pyfolio.timeseries import forecast_cone_bootstrap

```

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[3]: sns.set_style('darkgrid')
      warnings.filterwarnings('ignore')
      np.random.seed(42)

```

1.1.1 Load zipline extensions

Only need this in notebook to find bundle.

```

[4]: load_extensions(default=True,
                    extensions=[],
                    strict=True,
                    environ=None)

```

1.1.2 Logging Setup

```

[5]: # setup stdout logging
      format_string = '[{record.time: %H:%M:%S.%f}]: {record.level_name}: {record.
      ↪message}'
      zipline_logging = NestedSetup([NullHandler(level=DEBUG),
      ↪StreamHandler(sys.stdout,
      ↪format_string=format_string, level=INFO),
      ↪StreamHandler(sys.stdout,
      ↪format_string=format_string, level=WARNING),
      ↪StreamHandler(sys.stderr, level=ERROR)])
      zipline_logging.push_application()
      log = Logger('Algorithm')

```

1.2 Algo Params

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[6]: N_LONGS = 25
      MIN_POSITIONS = 20

```

1.3 Load Data

1.3.1 Quandl Wiki Bundel

```
[7]: bundle_data = bundles.load('quandl')
```

1.3.2 ML Predictions

```
[8]: def load_predictions(bundle):
    path = Path('../12_gradient_boosting_machines/data')
    predictions = (pd.read_hdf(path / 'predictions.h5', 'lgb/train/01')
                  .append(pd.read_hdf(path / 'predictions.h5', 'lgb/test/01')).
    ↪drop('y_test', axis=1))
    predictions = (predictions.loc[~predictions.index.duplicated()]
                  .iloc[:, :10]
                  .mean(1)
                  .sort_index()
                  .dropna()
                  .to_frame('prediction'))
    tickers = predictions.index.get_level_values('symbol').unique().tolist()

    assets = bundle.asset_finder.lookup_symbols(tickers, as_of_date=None)
    predicted_sids = pd.Int64Index([asset.sid for asset in assets])
    ticker_map = dict(zip(tickers, predicted_sids))

    return (predictions
            .unstack('symbol')
            .rename(columns=ticker_map)
            .prediction
            .tz_localize('UTC')), assets
```

```
[9]: predictions, assets = load_predictions(bundle_data)
```

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[10]: predictions.info()
```

```
<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
DatetimeIndex: 753 entries, 2015-01-02 to 2017-12-28
Columns: 995 entries, 0 to 3188
dtypes: float64(995)
memory usage: 5.7 MB
```

1.3.3 Define Custom Dataset

```
[11]: class SignalData(DataSet):
    predictions = Column(dtype=float)
    domain = US_EQUITIES
```

1.3.4 Define Pipeline Loaders

```
[12]: signal_loader = {SignalData.predictions:
                        DataFrameLoader(SignalData.predictions, predictions)}
```

1.4 Pipeline Setup

1.4.1 Custom ML Factor

```
[13]: class MLSignal(CustomFactor):
        """Converting signals to Factor
        so we can rank and filter in Pipeline"""
        inputs = [SignalData.predictions]
        window_length = 1

        def compute(self, today, assets, out, predictions):
            out[:] = predictions
```

1.4.2 Create Pipeline

```
[14]: def compute_signals():
        signals = MLSignal()
        return Pipeline(columns={
            'longs' : signals.top(N_LONGS, mask=signals > 0)
        },
            screen=StaticAssets(assets))
```

1.4.3 Get daily Pipeline results

```
[15]: def before_trading_start(context, data):
        """
        Called every day before market open.
        """
        output = pipeline_output('signals')['longs'].astype(int)
        context.longs = output[output!=0].index
        if len(context.longs) < MIN_POSITIONS:
            context.divest = set(context.portfolio.positions.keys())
        else:
            context.divest = context.portfolio.positions.keys() - context.longs
```

1.5 Define Rebalancing Logic

1.5.1 Equal Weights

```
[16]: def rebalance_equal_weighted(context, data):  
    """  
    Execute orders according to schedule_function() date & time rules.  
    """  
    for symbol, open_orders in get_open_orders().items():  
        for open_order in open_orders:  
            cancel_order(open_order)  
  
    for asset in context.divest:  
        order_target(asset, target=0)  
  
    if len(context longs) > context.min_positions:  
        for asset in context longs:  
            order_target_percent(asset, 1/len(context longs))
```

1.5.2 Markowitz Mean-Variance Optimization

```
[56]: def optimize_weights(prices, short=False):  
    """Uses PyPortfolioOpt to optimize weights"""  
    returns = expected_returns.mean_historical_return(prices=prices,  
                                                       frequency=252)  
    cov = risk_models.sample_cov(prices=prices, frequency=252)  
  
    # get weights that maximize the Sharpe ratio  
    # using solver SCS which produces slightly fewer errors than default  
    # see https://github.com/robertmartin8/PyPortfolioOpt/issues/221  
    ef = EfficientFrontier(expected_returns=returns,  
                           cov_matrix=cov,  
                           weight_bounds=(0, 1),  
                           solver='SCS')  
  
    weights = ef.max_sharpe()  
    if short:  
        return {asset: -weight for asset, weight in ef.clean_weights().items()}  
    else:  
        return ef.clean_weights()
```

```
[57]: def rebalance_markowitz(context, data):  
    """  
    Execute orders according to schedule_function() date & time rules.  
    """  
    for symbol, open_orders in get_open_orders().items():  
        for open_order in open_orders:
```

```

        cancel_order(open_order)

    for asset in context.divest:
        order_target(asset, target=0)

    if len(context longs) > context.min_positions:
        prices = data.history(context.longs, fields='price',
                               bar_count=252+1, # for 1 year of returns
                               frequency='1d')

        try:
            markowitz_weights = optimize_weights(prices)
            for asset, target in markowitz_weights.items():
                order_target_percent(asset=asset, target=target)
        except Exception as e:
            log.warn('{} {}'.format(get_datetime().date(), e))

```

1.5.3 Hierarchical Risk Parity

```

[58]: def rebalance_hierarchical_risk_parity(context, data):
    """
    Execute orders according to schedule_function() date & time rules.
    Uses PyPortfolioOpt to optimize weights
    """
    for symbol, open_orders in get_open_orders().items():
        for open_order in open_orders:
            cancel_order(open_order)

    for asset in context.divest:
        order_target(asset, target=0)

    if len(context.longs) > context.min_positions:
        returns = (data.history(context.longs, fields='price',
                                bar_count=252+1, # for 1 year of returns
                                frequency='1d')
                   .pct_change()
                   .dropna(how='all'))
        hrp_weights = HRPOpt(returns=returns).optimize()
        for asset, target in hrp_weights.items():
            order_target_percent(asset=asset, target=target)

```

1.6 Record Additional Data Points

Define additional variables to capture in the results DataFrame.

```

[59]: def record_vars(context, data):
    """
    Plot variables at the end of each day.

```

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"""
record(leverage=context.account.leverage,
       longs=context.longs)

```

1.7 Initialize Algorithm with PF optimization algorithm

Execute `run_algorithm` once with each algorithm:

1.7.1 Select portfolio optimization algorithm

```

[60]: pf_algos = {
        'ew': rebalance_equal_weighted,
        'markowitz': rebalance_markowitz,
        'hrp': rebalance_hierarchical_risk_parity
    }

```

```

[61]: # more descriptive labels for plots
      algo_labels = {
        'ew': 'Equal Weighted',
        'markowitz': 'Markowitz (MFT)',
        'hrp': 'Hierarchical Risk Parity'
    }

```

Here we set the algo we are going to use:

```

[69]: selected_pf_algo = 'hrp'

```

1.7.2 Schedule rebalancing using selected algo

```

[70]: def initialize(context):
        """
        Called once at the start of the algorithm.
        """

        context.n_longs = N_LONGS
        context.min_positions = MIN_POSITIONS
        context.universe = assets
        context.trades = pd.Series()
        context.longs = 0
        context.pf_algo = pf_algos.get(selected_pf_algo)

        set_slippage(slippage.FixedSlippage(spread=0.00))
        set_commission(commission.PerShare(cost=0.001, min_trade_cost=1))

        schedule_function(context.pf_algo,
                          # run every day after market open
                          date_rules.every_day(),
                          time_rules.market_open(hours=1, minutes=30))

```

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schedule_function(record_vars,
                  date_rules.every_day(),
                  time_rules.market_close())

pipeline = compute_signals()
attach_pipeline(pipeline, 'signals')

```

1.8 Run trading algorithm for each PF optimization approach

```
[71]: dates = predictions.index.get_level_values('date')
      start_date, end_date = dates.min(), dates.max()
```

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[72]: print('Start: {} \nEnd:   {}'.format(start_date.date(), end_date.date()))
```

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Start: 2015-01-02
End:   2017-12-28

```

```
[73]: start = time()
      results = run_algorithm(start=start_date,
                             end=end_date,
                             initialize=initialize,
                             before_trading_start=before_trading_start,
                             capital_base=1e5,
                             data_frequency='daily',
                             bundle='quandl',
                             custom_loader=signal_loader)  # need to modify zipline

      print('Duration: {:.2f}s'.format(time() - start))
```

```

[ 18:22:16.112701]: INFO: after split: asset: Equity(406 [BOFI]), amount: 208,
cost_basis: 21.58, last_sale_price: 83.29
[ 18:22:16.113149]: INFO: returning cash: 0.0
[ 18:23:15.358703]: INFO: Simulated 754 trading days
first open: 2015-01-02 14:31:00+00:00
last close: 2017-12-28 21:00:00+00:00
Duration: 82.44s

```

1.8.1 Persist experiment results

```
[74]: returns, positions, transactions = pf.utils.
      ↪extract_rets_pos_txn_from_zipline(results)
```

```
[75]: with pd.HDFStore('backtests.h5') as store:
      store.put('returns/{}'.format(selected_pf_algo), returns)
      store.put('positions/{}'.format(selected_pf_algo), positions)
      store.put('transactions/{}'.format(selected_pf_algo), transactions)
```



```
[76]: with pd.HDFStore('backtests.h5') as store:
        print(store.info())
```

```
<class 'pandas.io.pytables.HDFStore'>
File path: backtests.h5
/positions/ew                frame          (shape->[700,1])
/positions/hrp               frame          (shape->[700,1])
/positions/markowitz         frame          (shape->[691,1])
/returns/ew                  series          (shape->[754])
/returns/hrp                 series          (shape->[754])
/returns/markowitz           series          (shape->[754])
/transactions/ew             frame          (shape->[24443,8])
/transactions/hrp            frame          (shape->[25332,8])
/transactions/markowitz      frame          (shape->[4489,8])
```

1.9 Comparing results using pyfolio

Once you're run the three algorithms (or those you're interested in), let's compare the results.

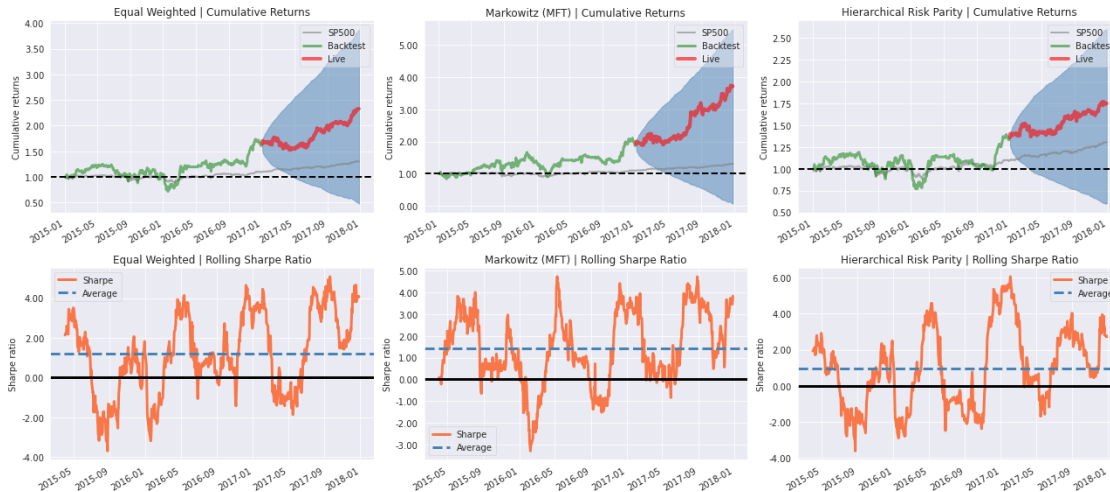
1.9.1 Load benchmark

```
[77]: benchmark = web.DataReader('SP500', 'fred', '2014', '2018').squeeze()
        benchmark = benchmark.pct_change().tz_localize('UTC')
```

1.9.2 Cumulative Returns & Rolling Sharpe Ratios

```
[78]: fig, axes = plt.subplots(ncols=3, nrows=2, figsize=(18, 8))

        for i, (algo, label) in enumerate(algo_labels.items()):
            returns = pd.read_hdf('backtests.h5', f'returns/{algo}')
            plot_rolling_returns(returns,
                                factor_returns=benchmark,
                                live_start_date='2017-01-01',
                                logy=False,
                                cone_std=2,
                                legend_loc='best',
                                volatility_match=False,
                                cone_function=forecast_cone_bootstrap,
                                ax=axes[0][i])
            plot_rolling_sharpe(returns, ax=axes[1][i], rolling_window=63)
            axes[0][i].set_title(f'{label} | Cumulative Returns')
            axes[1][i].set_title(f'{label} | Rolling Sharpe Ratio')
        fig.tight_layout()
```



1.9.3 Tear Sheets

```
[79]: def load_results(experiment='hrp'):
    with pd.HDFStore('backtests.h5') as store:
        returns = store.get('returns/{}'.format(experiment))
        positions = store.get('positions/{}'.format(experiment))
        transactions = store.get('transactions/{}'.format(experiment))
    return returns, positions, transactions
```

Equal Weighted

```
[80]: experiment = 'ew'
returns, positions, transactions = load_results(experiment)

pf.create_full_tear_sheet(returns,
                           positions=positions,
                           transactions=transactions,
                           benchmark_rets=benchmark,
                           live_start_date='2017-01-01',
                           round_trips=True)
```

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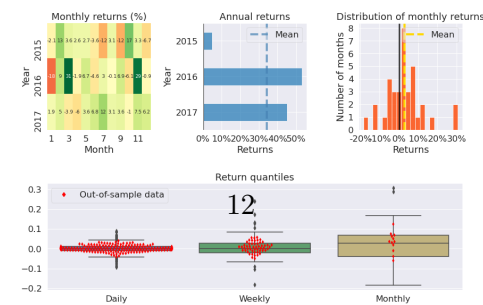
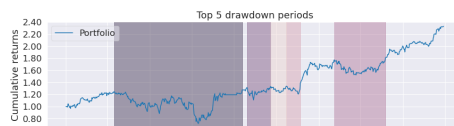
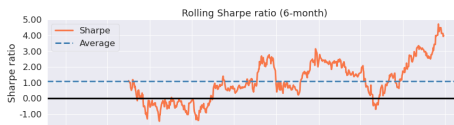
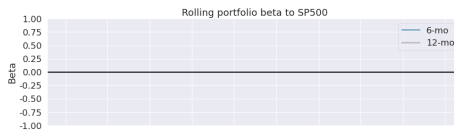
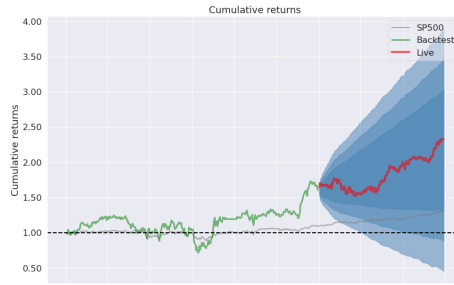
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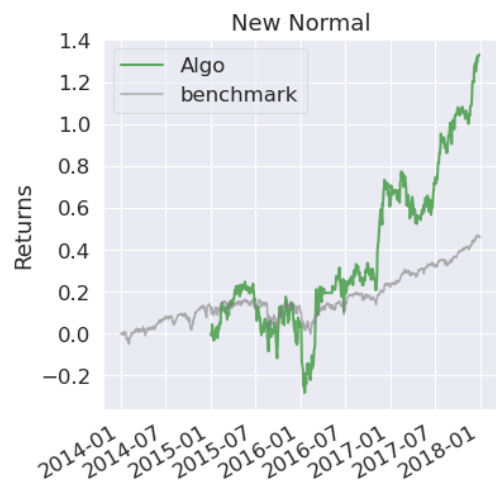
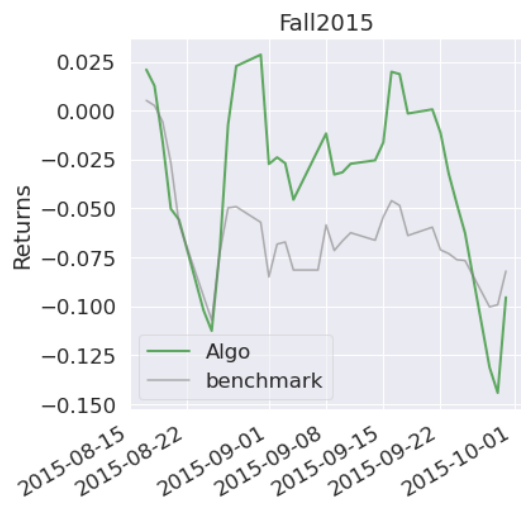
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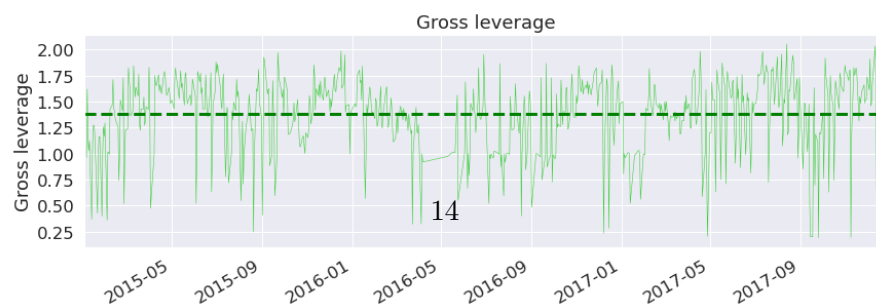
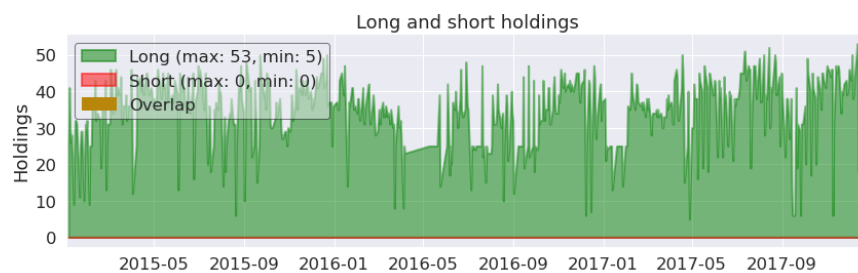
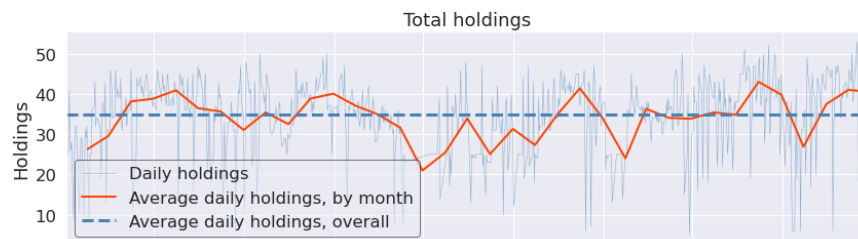
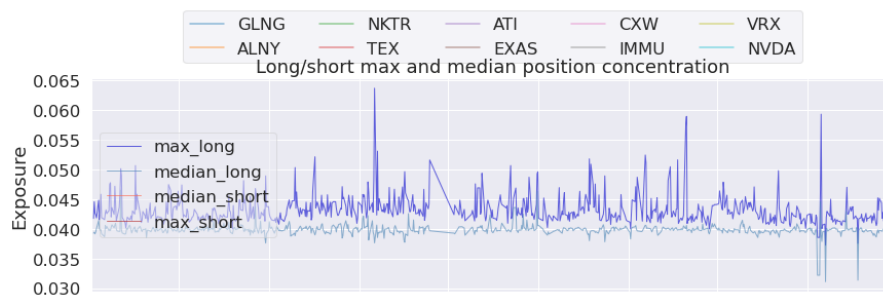
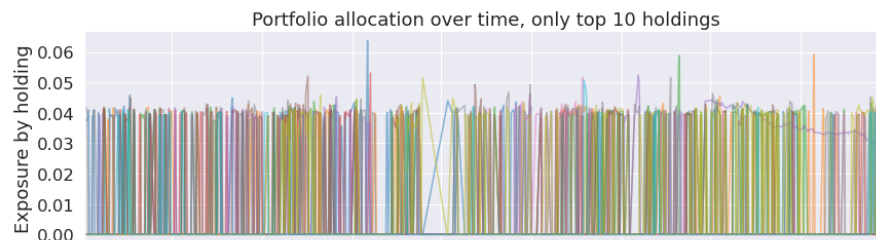
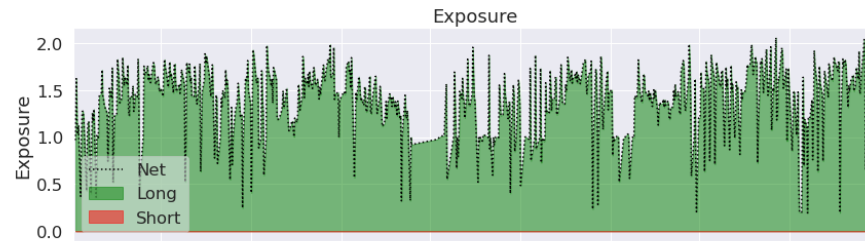
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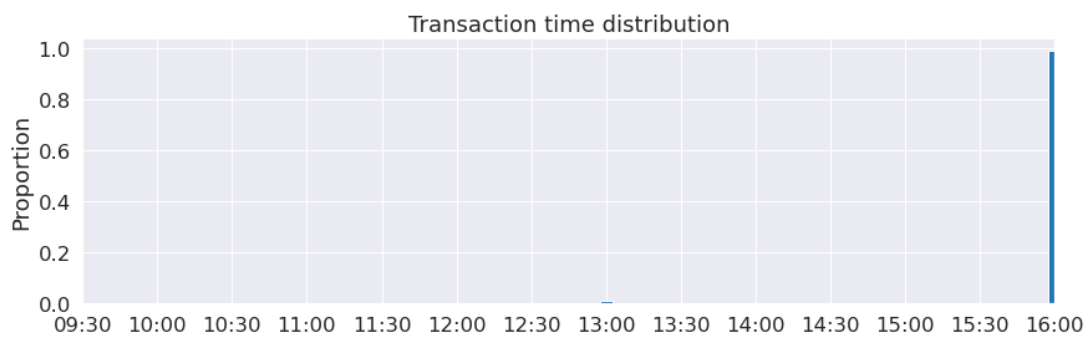
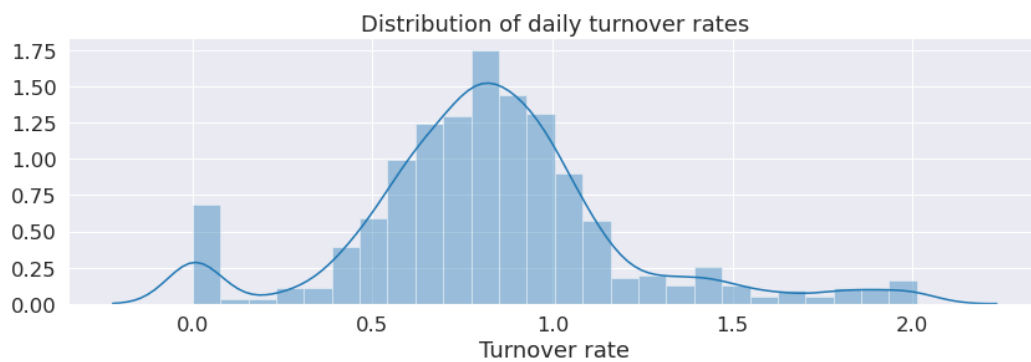
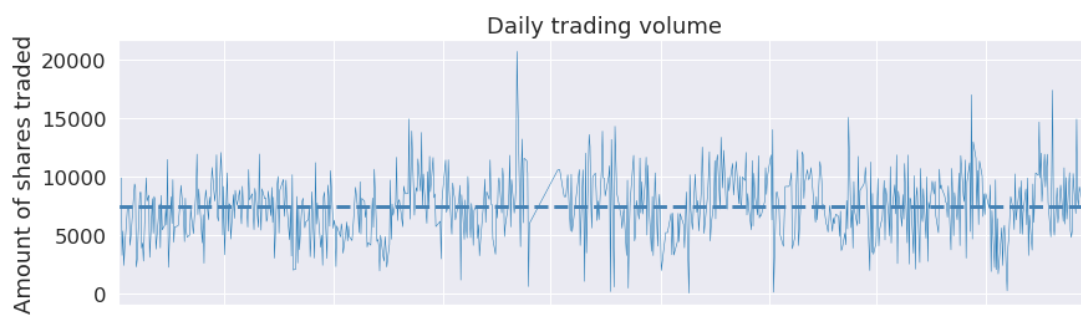
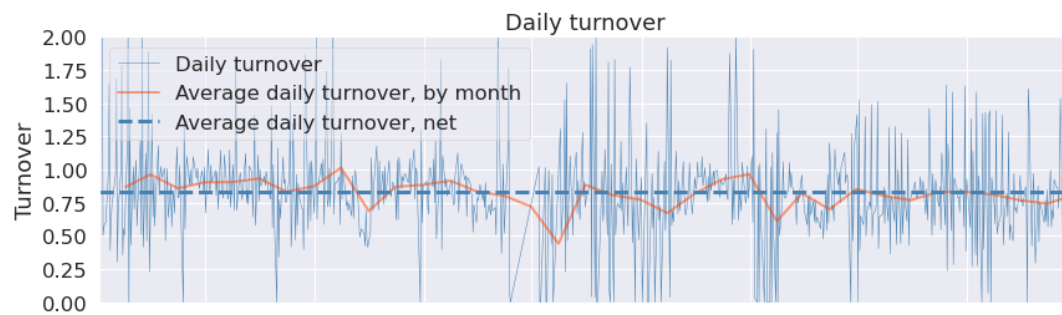
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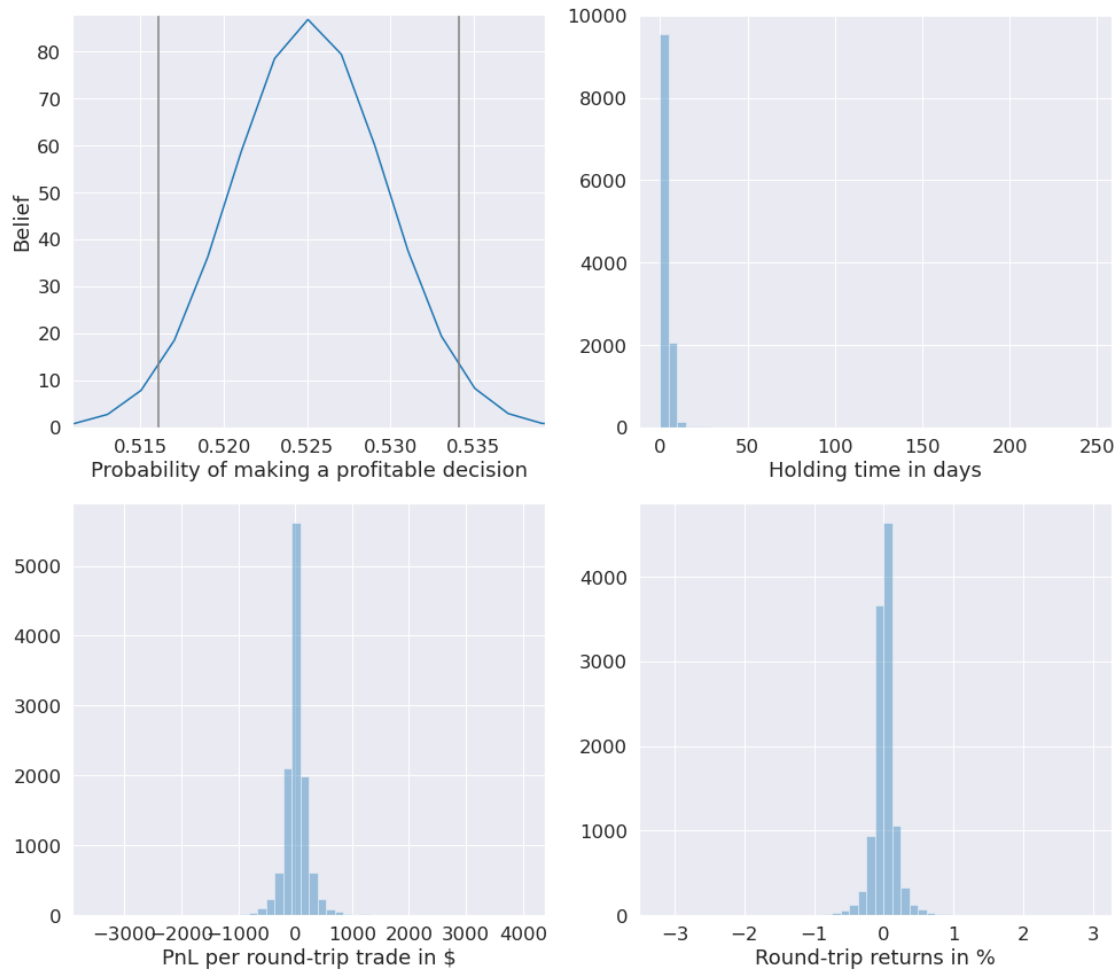
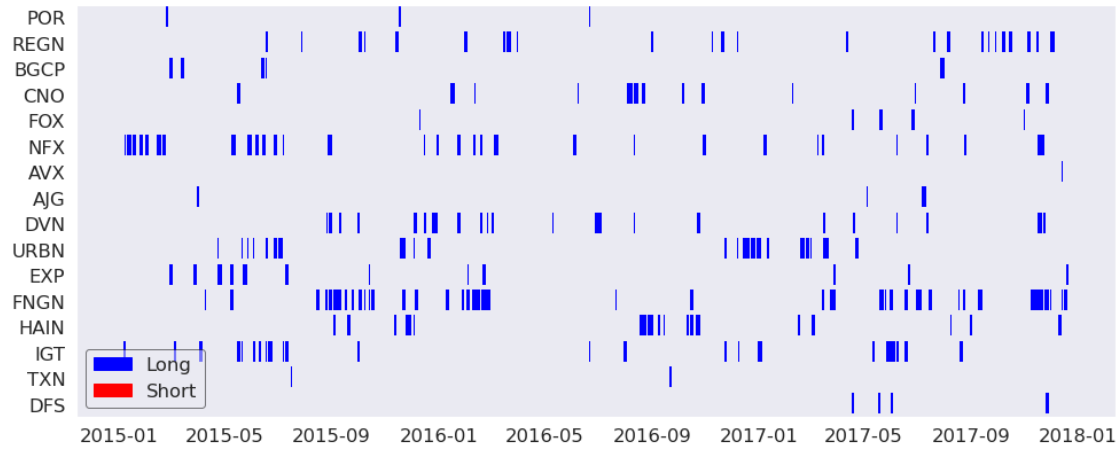
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HRP

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[81]: experiment = 'hrp'
      returns, positions, transactions = load_results(experiment)
```



```
pf.create_full_tear_sheet(returns,
                           positions=positions,
                           transactions=transactions,
                           benchmark_rets=benchmark,
                           live_start_date='2017-01-01',
                           round_trips=True)
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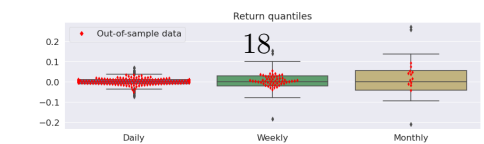
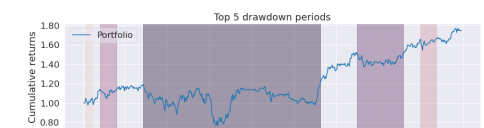
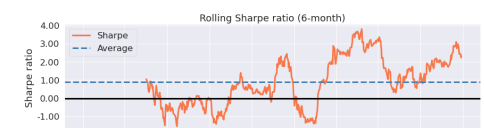
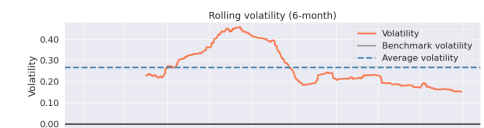
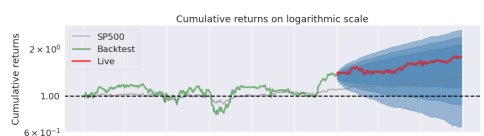
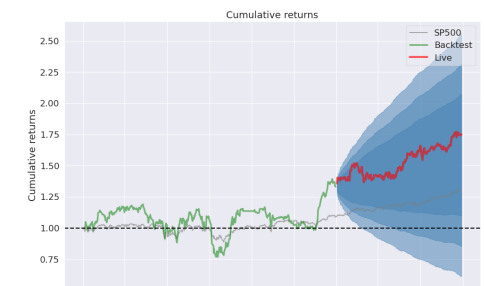
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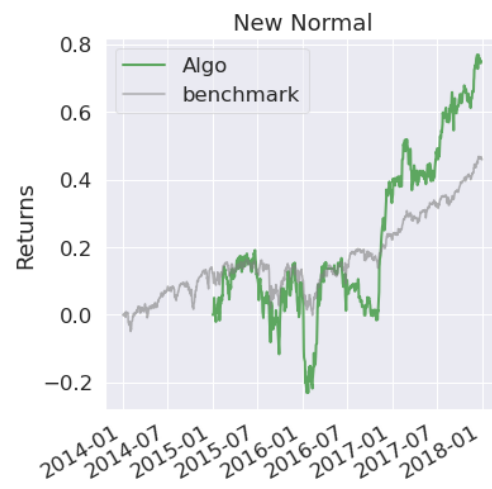
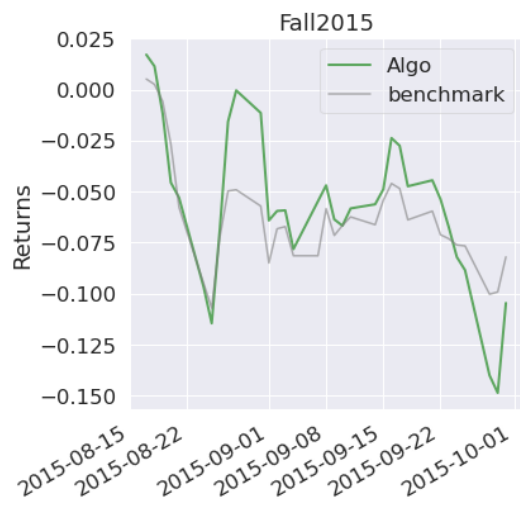
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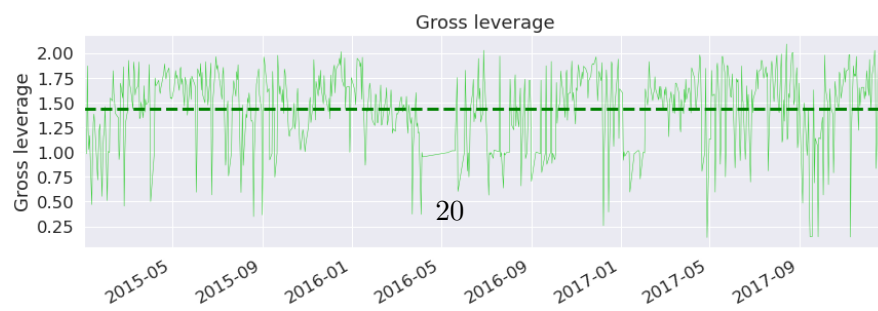
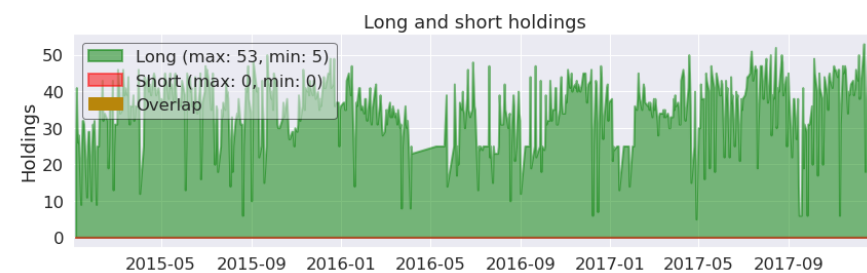
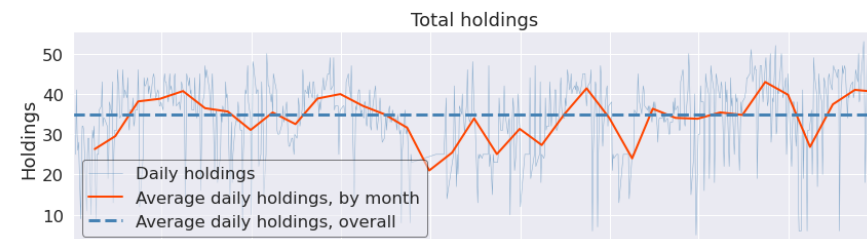
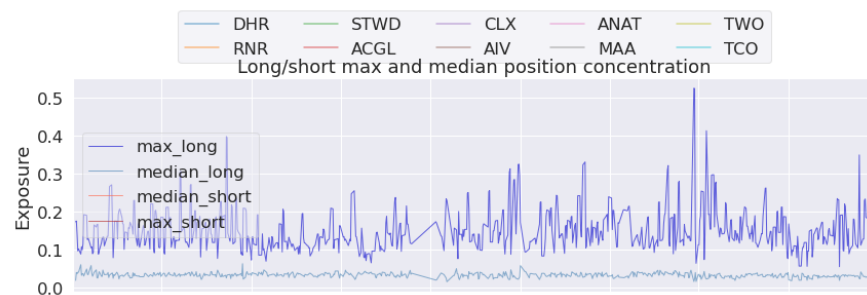
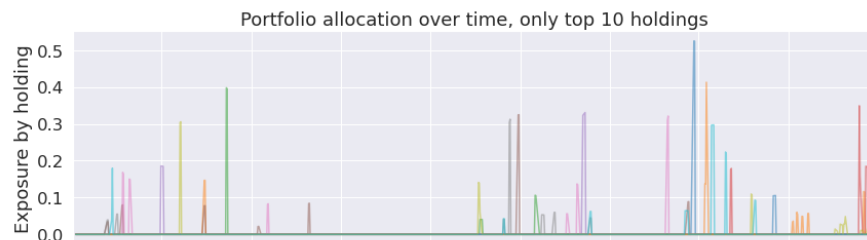
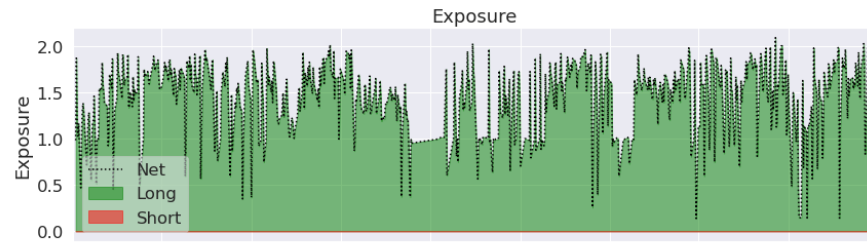
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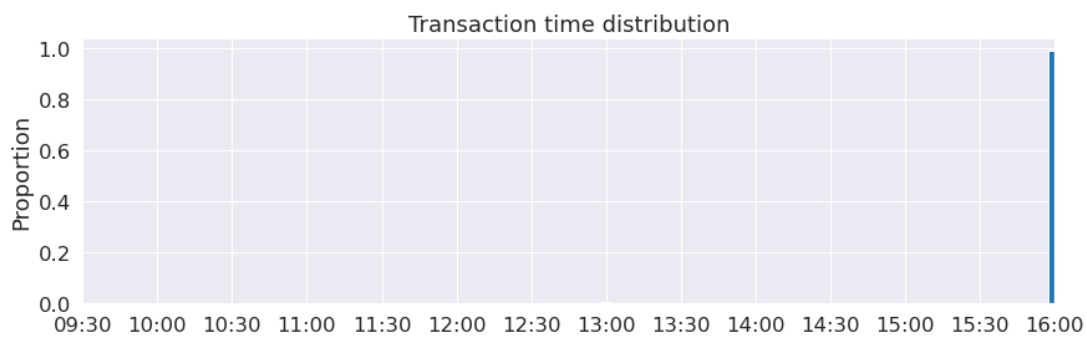
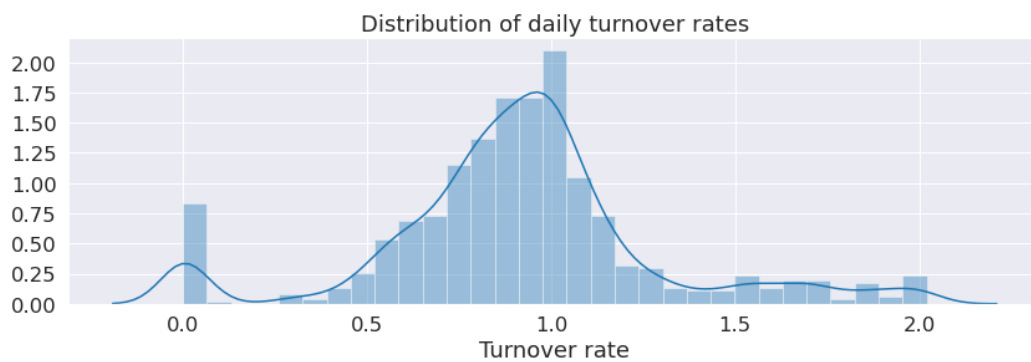
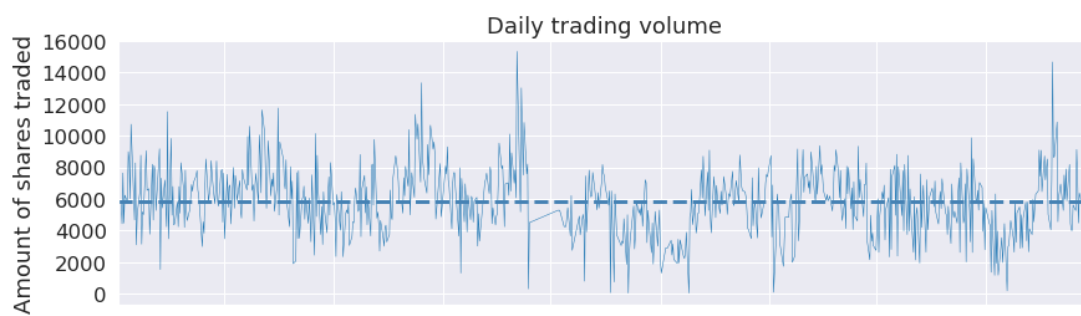
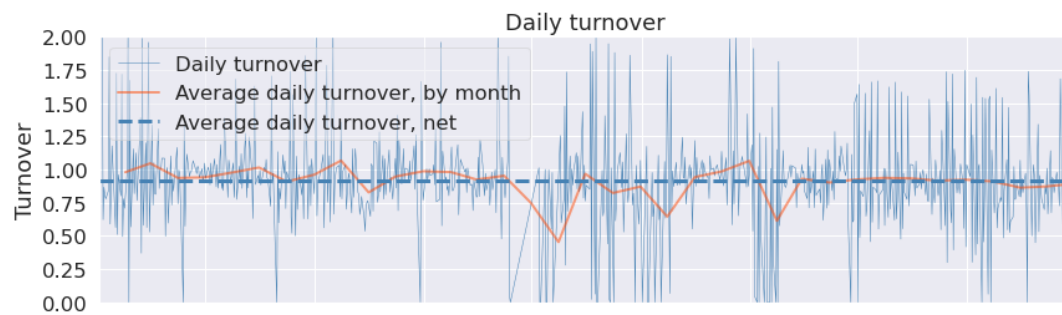
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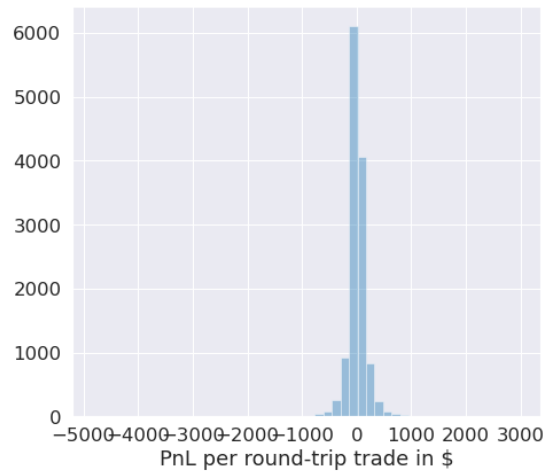
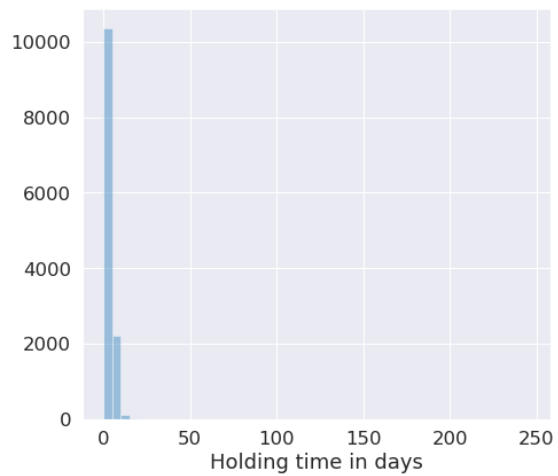
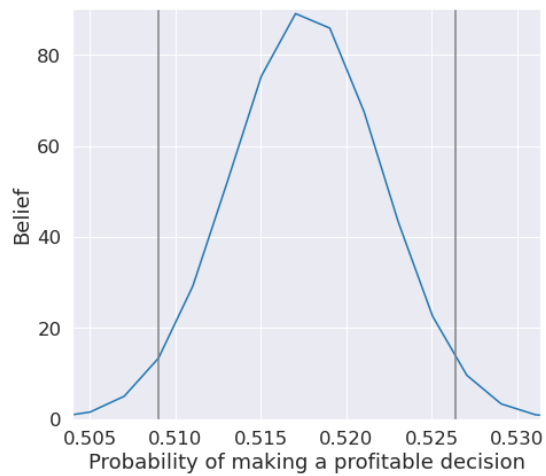
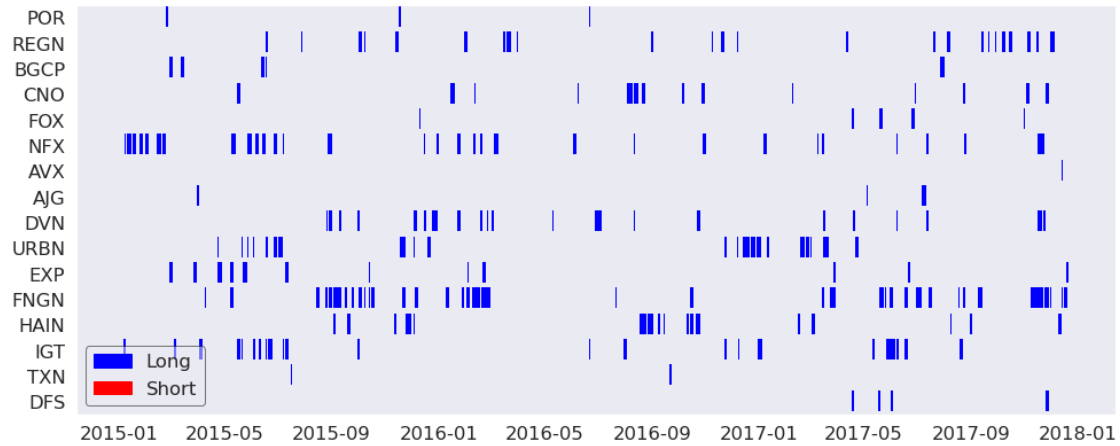
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Markowitz

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[82]: experiment = 'markowitz'
      returns, positions, transactions = load_results(experiment)
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pf.create_full_tear_sheet(returns,
                           positions=positions,
                           transactions=transactions,
                           benchmark_rets=benchmark,
                           live_start_date='2017-01-01',
                           round_trips=True)
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