Digital Asset Integration in Global Financial Cycles: A Regime Switching Perspective

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Abstract

Cryptocurrencies are no longer operating in isolation from traditional financial markets. With growing adoption, Bitcoin and Ethereum have started moving alongside conventional assets, which matter for diversification, risk management, and regulatory approaches. We examine this relationship using daily data from 2017 through 2025. The methodology involves Hidden Markov Models combined with K-means clustering to identify three market regimes: bull markets, bear markets, and stable periods. For each of these regimes, we look at how cryptocurrencies perform compared to the S&P 500, NASDAQ, and Gold. We include macroeconomic factors, such as the VIX, 10-Year Treasury yields, and the Dollar Index, to account for broader market conditions. The analysis covers returns, volatility, Sharpe ratios, correlations, beta values, and lead-lag relationships tested through Granger causality. Results indicate clear regime-dependent patterns in crypto markets. When financial stress hits, Bitcoin and Ethereum show stronger correlations with stocks, which reduces their value for diversification. During calmer periods, they tend to move more on their own. Since 2020, we have observed tighter integration between crypto and equity markets, probably reflecting more institutional investment and ongoing economic uncertainty. The findings point to the need for regime-based thinking in portfolio decisions and risk management, given how digital and traditional assets are becoming more connected.

Keywords: cryptocurrency markets; Bitcoin; Ethereum; Hidden Markov Models; market regimes; portfolio diversification; financial integration; correlation dynamics; macroeconomic indicators

1 Introduction

Cryptocurrencies have moved from a niche idea to assets integrated into the broader financial system. Bitcoin (BTC) and Ethereum (ETH) are now held by retail investors, institutional funds and exchange-traded products, and they trade alongside stocks, bonds and commodities. As these links expand, institutions such as the IMF and FSB view crypto as a potential source of financial risk. Their joint paper [1] warns that growing connections with traditional finance may affect stability. Understanding when

crypto behaves independently and when it aligns with global markets is therefore important for investors and regulators.

One line of research studies whether crypto returns can be predicted using machine-learning tools. Sebastião and Godinho [2] test models such as random forests, linear methods and support vector machines, showing these methods adapt to volatility changes and that crypto prices are not fully random. Suárez-Cetrulo, Quintana and Cervantes [3] emphasize that non-stationarity is central to financial data and highlight Hidden Markov Models (HMMs) and clustering as suitable for detecting regime shifts.

Another strand examines crypto's links to traditional assets. Koutrouli et al. [4] use dynamic conditional correlations and event studies, finding high within-crypto correlation but time-varying links with traditional markets, which rise during events such as COVID-19. Kayani et al. [5] use quantile connectedness and show Bitcoin often transmits shocks, especially in extreme conditions, reducing diversification benefits. These studies confirm that crypto–TradFi interactions exist and are state dependent.

However, most work examines either forecasting or pairwise connectedness. There is limited evidence from models jointly analyzing cryptocurrencies, equity indices, gold and macro-financial variables within one regime-switching framework. We also lack clear results on how risk, correlations and lead-lag patterns differ across bull, bear and stable regimes, especially after 2020. This matters because policy institutions stress the need to understand how cross-market links evolve over the financial cycle [1].

This paper fills that gap using a regime-switching approach. We build a daily dataset from 2017 to 2025 covering BTC, ETH, U.S. equity indices (S&P 500 and NASDAQ), gold and macro-financial indicators such as the VIX, the U.S. 10-year Treasury yield and the U.S. Dollar Index. Using an HMM with Gaussian emissions, we identify three latent regimes interpreted as bull, bear and stable, and validate them with K-means clustering.

For each regime, we compute annualized returns, volatility, Sharpe ratios, correlations and betas, and perform lead-lag tests including cross-correlations and Granger causality. We then link regime shifts to macro variables such as volatility and interest rates.

The contribution is threefold: applying a data-driven regime-switching model with clustering [3]; extending findings from Koutrouli et al. [4] and Kayani et al. [5] by documenting regime-specific return and correlation behavior; and tying these results to IMF–FSB concerns [1] by showing when crypto acts as a high-beta risk-on asset capable of transmitting shocks to traditional markets.

2 Literature Review

Over the past decade, cryptocurrencies have shifted from niche tokens to meaningful components of the global financial system. Research has moved from simple price analysis to studying how digital assets interact with traditional markets across different regimes. Understanding these regime-dependent dynamics is essential for portfolio allocation, systemic risk assessments, and regulatory policy (IMF & FSB, 2023). This chapter reviews key factual findings and quantitative methods used to track crypto–equity integration, with emphasis on volatility modeling, spillovers, lead–lag patterns, regime detection, and macro-financial drivers.

2.1 Evolution of Cryptocurrencies in Global Finance:

Earlier research viewed Bitcoin as a speculative asset with low and unstable correlation to traditional markets (Bouri et al., 2017). Later studies showed stronger co-movement during market stress (Corbet et al., 2020). The rise of ETFs, derivatives and institutional participation has increased cross-market exposure and reduced crypto's isolation from macro shocks (Koutrouli et al., 2025; Kayani et al., 2024). More recent work treats cryptocurrencies as economic assets whose pricing and risk transmission reflect liquidity conditions, macro expectations and investor sentiment (Gkillas & Katsiampa, 2018).

2.2 Financial Market Regimes: Conceptual Rationale:

Regime-switching models allow key parameters such as volatility, correlations, and betas to vary across latent market states. Classical Markov-switching

and modern Hidden Markov Models (HMM) capture these dynamics and help identify calm, transition, and crisis periods (Sebastião & Godinho, 2021). These approaches are essential because static correlations and linear models often miss temporary but economically important shifts in co-movement and contagion.

2.3 Volatility Modeling and GARCH-Family Evidence: Univariate GARCH models show that cryptocurrency returns exhibit strong volatility clustering and persistence (Katsiampa, 2017). EGARCH and TGARCH further reveal asymmetric reactions to shocks, with downside moves causing larger volatility spikes (Zhang & Li, 2021). Multivariate approaches, especially DCC-GARCH, are central for measuring time-varying correlations; studies such as Aslanidis et al. (2021) and Baruník & Křehlík (2018) find that correlations surge during crises, reducing diversification benefits. These results support combining DCC estimates with regime labels to better capture state-dependent correlation patterns.

2.4 Connectedness, Spillovers and Systemic Risk: Diebold and Yilmaz's spillover index (Diebold & Yilmaz, 2012) and its extensions have been widely applied to cryptocurrencies. Corbet et al. (2021) used spillover frameworks to demonstrate increased volatility transmission between BTC and equity indices during COVID-19. Kayani et al. (2024) further, show that total connectedness fluctuates with macro volatility measures (e.g., VIX), suggesting that, systemic risk measures should be regime-aware and include digital-asset channels.

2.5 Causality, Lead–Lag, and Frequency-Domain Findings: Studies using VAR/VECM and Granger causality show that directional links between crypto and equities vary over time. Lahmiri & Bekiros (2020) find that Bitcoin often leads equities during speculative periods but tends to lag during sharp equity-driven crashes. Wavelet and frequency-domain analyses (Baruník & Křehlík, 2018; Reste & Beliaeva, 2020) reveal horizon-specific dependence, indicating that lead–lag patterns depend on the time scale and that regime analysis should account for frequency differences.

2.6 Machine Learning and Regime Detection: Machine-learning techniques complement econometric approaches in detecting regimes. HMMs basically provide probabilistic state classification with ever-evolving dynamics (Suárez-Cetrulo et al., 2023). Clustering methods (K-Means, hierarchical clustering) segment periods 'distribution-free' based on return/volatility features. Hybrid pipelines that mix HMM labels with DCC-GARCH or spillover indices enable larger regime-wise diagnostics (Sebastião & Godinho, 2021). Recent work also explores tree-based and neural methods to detect nonlinear boundaries between regimes (Huang et al., 2022).

2.7 Macro-Financial Drivers of Regime Transitions: Macro indicators such as VIX (market fear), DXY (dollar strength), US 10-year yields, liquidity measures that systematically correlate with regime probabilities. Kayani et al. (2024) and IMF/FSB (2023) have documented that spikes in VIX or sudden dollar appreciation are frequently associated with transitions into crisis regimes. Incorporating macro predictors into regime models improves early warning accuracy and helps identify channels through which shocks change into asset co-movement.

2.8 Regime-wise Correlation and Performance Metrics: First-hand studies that compute regime-specific metrics (mean returns, volatility, Sharpe, beta, drawdown) show varied asset roles across states. Będowska-Sójka & Trzeciak (2022) Bitcoin’s beta relative to equities rises during crises, undercutting its diversification value. Papers that mutually estimate regime labels and compute performance metrics allow investors to construct dynamic allocation rules that adapt to changing co-movement patterns (Dimpfl & Peter, 2014).

2.9 Empirical Evidence: Crypto vs. Traditional Safe-Havens: Research diverges on whether Bitcoin acts more like 'gold' or a 'risk asset'. Early findings also suggested safe-haven properties (Baur & Lucey, 2010; Bouri et al., 2017), but post-2020 findings suggest that Bitcoin tends to collaborate with equities during market stress, resembling a high-beta asset (Corbet et al., 2021; Koutrouli et al., 2025). This shift is associated to increased institutional holdings and derivatives markets, which link crypto to broader and larger financial cycles.

2.10 High-frequency and Microstructure Insights: High-frequency studies document faster transmission of shocks and more pronounced real time lead–lag patterns (Tiwari et al., 2021). Microstructure variables that order book liquidity, bid-ask spreads, and on-chain measures like realized transfers which add explanatory power for short-term volatility and contagion (Gencer et al., 2020). These micro-level indicators are valuable when integrating high-frequency regime detection with daily or monthly analyses.

2.11 Emerging Markets and Cross-country Evidence: Emerging markets may show different integration patterns due to capital controls, local investor preferences, and varying crypto adoption rates. Koutrouli et al. (2025) find stronger crypto–equity co-movement in several emerging economies, which has implications for diversification and regional systemic risk monitoring.

2.12 On-chain Metrics and Alternative Data: On-chain indicators (active addresses, transaction volume, realized volatility) and alternative datasets (Google Trends, Twitter sentiment) have been employed to forecast regime transitions and volatility spikes (Phillips & Gorse, 2018; Makarov & Schoar, 2020). Combining on-chain with macro indicators improves regime transition models' sensitivity to crypto-specific stress.

2.13 Methodological Integration: Hybrid Pipelines: An emerging consensus endorses hybrid approaches: use ML/HMM to label regimes, apply DCC-GARCH and spillover indexes within regimes, and compute regime-wise performance metrics for portfolio implications (Sebastião & Godinho, 2021; Suárez-Cetrulo et al., 2023). This pipeline leverages strengths of both machine learning and econometrics, producing interpretable and robust results.

2.14 Research Gaps and Contribution: Despite abundant work, notable gaps remain. First, few studies implement fully integrated ML + econometric pipelines with macro predictors, DCC outputs, and regime-wise performance metrics across multiple assets and frequencies. Second, high-frequency regime analysis that combines microstructure and on-chain data remains underdeveloped. Third, cross-country comparisons with standardized pipelines are rare. This study aims to partially fill these

gaps by applying HMM regime detection, DCC-GARCH correlations, Diebold–Yilmaz spillovers, and regime-wise performance metrics across crypto and traditional assets from 2017–2025.

In conclusion, this chapter reviewed literature on volatility modeling, connectedness, causality, machine learning for regime detection, macro drivers, and empirical evidence on crypto's role in portfolios. The survey highlights a shift: cryptocurrencies are becoming increasingly integrated with traditional markets, particularly during crisis regimes.

3 Qualitative Analysis

3.1 Qualitative Analysis: Crypto vs Traditional Investments

The quantitative part of this study focuses on prices, regimes, and co-movements between Bitcoin, Ethereum, and traditional assets. To interpret those patterns, it is useful to look at who invests in cryptocurrencies, how they differ from traditional investors, and how they perceive risk and safety. This section compares cryptocurrencies with conventional investments such as equities and gold along several qualitative dimensions: adoption, demographics, risk attitudes, portfolio roles, and trust.

3. 2 Adoption, Confidence, and Trust:

Survey evidence shows that cryptocurrencies are no longer a fringe phenomenon. Recent work by the Pew Research Center reports that around 17% of U.S. adults have at some point invested in, traded, or used a cryptocurrency such as Bitcoin or Ether [6]. At the same time, scepticism remains widespread: roughly 63% of adults who are familiar with crypto say they have *little or no confidence* that current ways of investing in, trading, or using cryptocurrencies are reliable and safe [6].

This combination of non-trivial participation and low trust is consistent with the high volatility and downside risk that we later quantify in returns and drawdowns. It also echoes policy concerns that growing linkages between crypto and traditional finance may create channels for stress propagation, even if many households still view crypto as speculative rather than as a core savings vehicle [1].

3.3 Demographic Patterns: Gender and Age:

Crypto participation is strongly skewed by gender and age. Pew data show that young men dominate the market: for example, 42% of men aged 18–29 report having ever invested in, traded, or used cryptocurrency, compared with 17% of women in the same age group [6]. Similar gaps appear for ages 30–49, where 36% of men and 15% of women report crypto use [6]. Thus, crypto investment is clearly a male-skewed arena, in contrast to traditional equity ownership, which is more balanced across genders through retirement plans and mutual funds.

The age profile also differs from traditional safe-haven assets. Gold ownership and demand have historically been concentrated among older cohorts for hedging and wealth preservation reasons, though recent market commentary suggests rising interest among younger investors during episodes of gold price surges [7]. In qualitative terms, this supports viewing crypto as a younger, high-risk segment, while gold remains the more traditional hedge favoured by older and more conservative investors.

3.4 Risk Appetite, Perception, and Financial Literacy:

Cryptocurrencies show large price swings and fat-tailed return distributions, producing high volatility and extreme moves [10]. U.S. survey evidence indicates that investors who hold crypto for investment or mixed purposes tend to have higher risk tolerance and report greater financial literacy, while “transactors” who use it mainly for payments are less financially literate and face greater consumer-protection risks [8]. These patterns suggest risk-seeking investors treat BTC and ETH as high-beta positions, whereas more risk-averse households prefer equities, index funds, and gold. Later empirical results mirror this: crypto assets exhibit higher volatility and often higher betas than traditional safe-haven assets.

3.5 Investment Amounts, Portfolio Overlap and Holding Periods:

Household-level evidence shows that most crypto investors also participate in traditional markets. Aiello et al. find that about four in five U.S. crypto investors hold assets in standard brokerage accounts,

meaning crypto is usually part of a broader portfolio rather than a standalone bet [9]. As a result, shocks to crypto valuations can affect the same investors who hold equities or use leverage, creating potential transmission channels across markets. The same study and related research show that crypto trading is more frequent and speculative than trading in broad equity index funds [9]. Investors often start small and increase positions or trade more actively during bull phases, with short holding periods and momentum-driven behavior common. This helps explain sharp, temporary spikes in volatility and correlations across regimes, since rapid derisking or profit-taking can trigger synchronized moves in BTC, ETH, and equities.

3.7 Motivations and Portfolio Roles:

Investors hold crypto for varied reasons. Some seek lottery-like upside, others are drawn to decentralization narratives or view it as a hedge against inflation, and many are influenced by social factors and FOMO [8], [9]. For most households, crypto acts as a speculative satellite position or “play money” added to a core portfolio of equities, bonds and cash, while broad equity indices and gold serve as long-term core holdings. From a regime-switching viewpoint, this implies BTC and ETH function as risk-on assets that amplify portfolio risk in bull and stress regimes rather than as stable diversifiers. We test this directly through regime-specific Sharpe ratios, betas, and correlation matrices.

3.8 Perceived Safety, Regulation, and Systemic Risk:

Perceived safety remains a major difference between crypto and traditional markets. Most U.S. adults familiar with crypto report low confidence in its reliability [6]. Listed equities are broadly viewed as legitimate and regulated, and gold benefits from a long-standing role as a store of value outside the banking system [7]. Policy institutions such as the IMF and FSB warn that increasing overlap between crypto and traditional finance can allow stress to spread through correlated holdings, leverage, and common exposures [1]. This tension between low perceived safety and rising integration motivates the regime-switching analysis: in calm regimes, correlations may stay low, but in stress regimes,

confidence shifts, margin calls, or institutional failures can trigger joint selloffs and stronger crypto–TradFi co-movements.

4 Quantitative Analysis

4.1 Data Sources and Sample Construction:

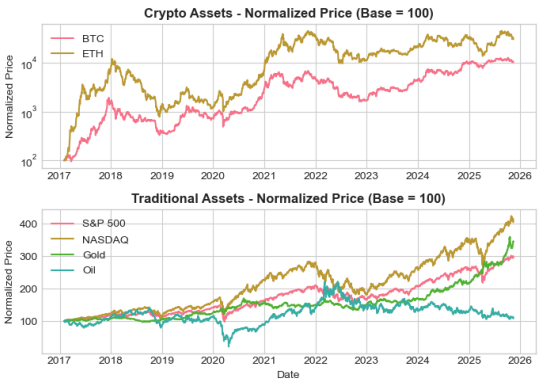
Daily data from 3 January 2017 to 13 November 2025 are collected for Bitcoin (BTC), Ethereum (ETH), the S&P 500, NASDAQ Composite, gold (XAU/USD), crude oil, the VIX and the U.S. 10-year Treasury yield. All series are downloaded from Investing.com [11]–[18] using the platform's historical-data pages. Data use daily closing prices (or end-of-day values for VIX and yields), are aligned on a common calendar and then converted to log returns and 20-day rolling volatilities for the empirical analysis.

4.2 Daily Return and Volatility Characteristics Across Asset Classes:

Across 2,207 trading days (2017–2025), ETH and BTC record the highest average daily returns (0.26% and 0.21%) but with far greater risk. Their daily volatility is 6.0% and 4.4%, versus 1.2–1.4% for the S&P 500 and NASDAQ and about 1% for gold. Oil has near-zero returns with volatility around 3.1%. Tail risk is evident in extreme one-day losses: ETH –59%, BTC –50%, oil –57% and the S&P 500 –12.8% during COVID-19. Rolling 20-day volatility shows crypto remains the most volatile asset, averaging about 85% for ETH and 63% for BTC compared with roughly 15% for the S&P 500 and 14% for gold. Even in crises, when equity and oil volatility jump, crypto stays the riskiest asset class.

4.3 Exploratory Data Analysis

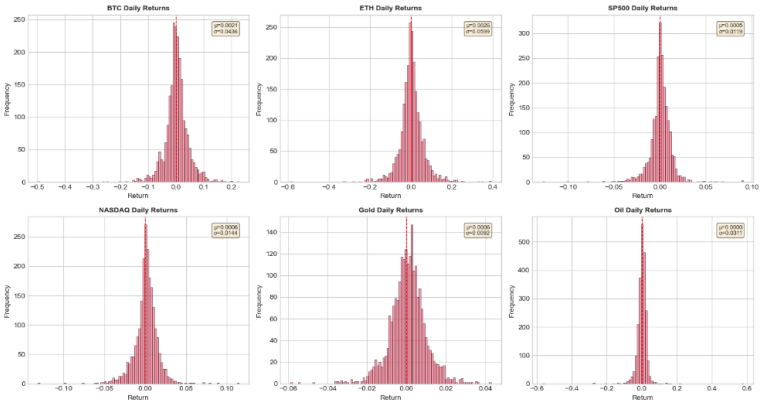
4.3.1 Normalized Price Performance: Crypto vs. Traditional Assets (2017-2025)



Normalized price indices (base 100 in early 2017) illustrate the boom-bust character of crypto. On a log scale, ETH and BTC reach cumulative gains of roughly 10,000% and 9,000% around 2021,

followed by deep drawdowns in 2018 and 2022 and partial recovery by 2025. In contrast, NASDAQ and the S&P 500 reach about 400% and 250% of their starting values, gold trends up to around 300%, and oil remains volatile but roughly flat.

4.3.2 Distribution of Daily Returns Across Asset Classes



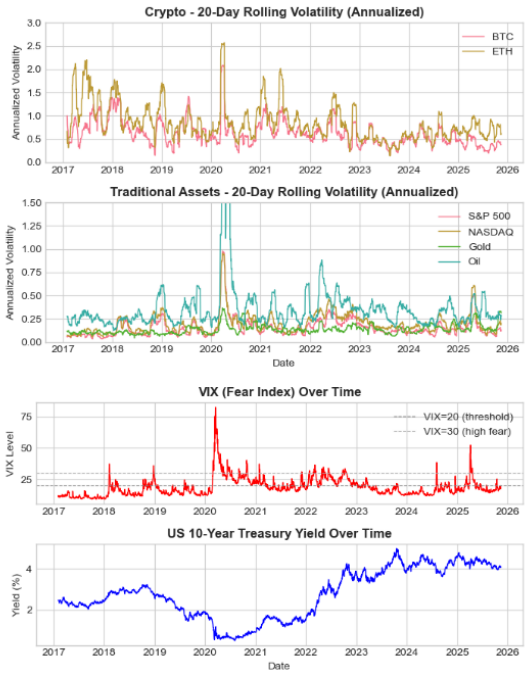
Return histograms show all assets clustered around zero but with very different tails. BTC and ETH have wide, fat-tailed- distributions (roughly –50% to +25% and –60% to +40% in a day), while the S&P 500 and NASDAQ are mostly within ±10%. Gold has the tightest distribution, and oil sits between equities and crypto, reflecting sensitivity to commodity shocks.

4.3.3 Full-Period Correlation Matrix Across Asset Classes

The full-sample correlation matrix shows strong within-class linkages and moderate cross-class integration. BTC and ETH are highly correlated (≈0.72), and S&P 500 and NASDAQ are almost perfectly correlated (≈0.95). Crypto–equity correlations are positive but moderate (≈0.27–0.30), indicating partial but not complete integration. Gold exhibits very low correlations with all assets (absolute values generally below 0.11), supporting its role as an independent diversifier.

4.3.4 Time Series of Volatility and Macroeconomic Indicators

Time series plots of realized volatility and macro indicators show clear stress episodes. Crypto volatility spikes in early 2018, during the 2020 COVID-19 shock, and again around 2021–2022, with ETH consistently more volatile than BTC. Equity volatility peaks in March 2020 and during later turbulence but is otherwise muted. The VIX exceeds 80 in March 2020 and rises above 50 again in 2025, while the 10-year U.S. Treasury yield falls below 1% during COVID before climbing above 4% from 2023 onwards, reflecting the transition from ultra-loose to tight monetary policy.



4.4 Feature Standardization for Regime Detection

For regime detection, we use ten features: daily returns for BTC, ETH, the S&P 500, NASDAQ, gold, and oil; 20-day rolling volatilities for BTC, ETH, and the S&P 500; and the VIX. Because these variables have different scales, we apply z-score standardization, so each series has a mean of zero and unit variance. This prevents high-scale variables from dominating the HMM and ensures all features contribute equally. The final dataset contains 2,207 observations on 10 standardized features used for all regime analysis.

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BLOCK 6: FEATURE STANDARDIZATION OUTPUT
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1. SELECTED FEATURES FOR REGIME DETECTION
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1. BTC_ret
2. ETH_ret
3. SP500_ret
4. NASDAQ_ret
5. Gold_ret
6. Oil_ret
7. BTC_vol20
8. ETH_vol20
9. SP500_vol20
10. VIX

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2. RAW FEATURES - BEFORE STANDARDIZATION
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       BTC_ret    ETH_ret  SP500_ret  NASDAQ_ret   Gold_ret    Oil_ret  BTC_vol20  ETH_vol20  SP500_vol20        VIX
count  2207.0000  2207.0000  2207.0000  2207.0000  2207.0000  2207.0000  2207.0000  2207.0000  2207.0000  2207.0000
mean      0.0021     0.0026     0.0005     0.0006     0.0006     0.0000     0.6287     0.8540     0.1541    18.8808
std       0.0436     0.0599     0.0119     0.0144     0.0092     0.0311     0.2812     0.3962     0.1096     7.6053
min      -0.4973    -0.5896    -0.1277    -0.1315    -0.0590    -0.5686     0.1488     0.1378     0.0329     9.1400
25%      -0.0167    -0.0245    -0.0038    -0.0052    -0.0043    -0.0117     0.4347     0.5876     0.0890    13.7400
50%       0.0016     0.0009     0.0008     0.0012     0.0008     0.0017     0.5707     0.7575     0.1270    17.1300
75%       0.0216     0.0287     0.0060     0.0079     0.0056     0.0130     0.7518     1.0075     0.1909    21.9050
max       0.2276     0.3925     0.0909     0.1148     0.0430     0.5812     2.0819     2.5699     0.9790    82.6900

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3. STANDARDIZED FEATURES - AFTER SCALING
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       BTC_ret    ETH_ret  SP500_ret  NASDAQ_ret   Gold_ret    Oil_ret  BTC_vol20  ETH_vol20  SP500_vol20        VIX
count  2207.0000  2207.0000  2207.0000  2207.0000  2207.0000  2207.0000  2207.0000  2207.0000  2207.0000  2207.0000
mean      0.0000     0.0000     0.0000     0.0000     0.0000     0.0000     0.0000    -0.0000    -0.0000     0.0000
std       1.0002     1.0002     1.0002     1.0002     1.0002     1.0002     1.0002     1.0002     1.0002     1.0002
min     -11.4679    -9.8916   -10.8067    -9.1809    -6.4881   -18.2991    -1.7073    -1.8079    -1.1059    -1.2811
25%      -0.4312    -0.4528    -0.3611    -0.4034    -0.5315    -0.3793    -0.6902    -0.6725    -0.5934    -0.6761
50%      -0.0109    -0.0275     0.0271     0.0391     0.0208     0.0531    -0.2062    -0.2435    -0.2470    -0.2303
75%       0.4485     0.4364     0.4645     0.5015     0.5442     0.4181     0.4379     0.3876     0.3360     0.3977
max       5.1785     6.5128     7.6237     7.9315     4.6213    18.7030     5.1698     4.3317     7.5269     8.3920
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4.5 Hidden Markov Model: Regime Detection Results

We estimate Gaussian HMMs with 2–4 latent states and select a three-state model based on the Bayesian Information Criterion and economic interpretability. The chosen specification has a log-likelihood of –19,601.5 and identifies regimes that align with Stable (State 0), Bull (State 1), and Bear (State 2) markets. State probabilities show markets spend 51.9% of days in Stable, 17.0% in Bull, and 31.0% in Bear. The transition matrix exhibits strong persistence, with diagonal probabilities of 0.964–0.980; Bull is the most persistent, and Bear slightly less. This indicates regimes typically last weeks or months rather than shifting daily.

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4. VERIFICATION: Mean ≈ 0, Std ≈ 1
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Feature               Mean        Std
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BTC_ret           0.000000   1.000227
ETH_ret           0.000000   1.000227
SP500_ret         0.000000   1.000227
NASDAQ_ret        0.000000   1.000227
Gold_ret          0.000000   1.000227
Oil_ret           0.000000   1.000227
BTC_vol20         0.000000   1.000227
ETH_vol20        -0.000000   1.000227
SP500_vol20      -0.000000   1.000227
VIX               0.000000   1.000227

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5. SAMPLE DATA (First 5 rows)
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        Date   BTC_ret   ETH_ret  SP500_ret  NASDAQ_ret  Gold_ret   Oil_ret  BTC_vol20  ETH_vol20  SP500_vol20       VIX
0 2017-02-01  0.350233 -0.043212  -0.015521    0.299706 -0.163925  0.643966   1.324701  -0.472311    -0.871034 -0.929938
1 2017-02-02  0.451191  0.096557   0.002960   -0.123689  0.517451 -0.205253   1.105009  -0.880720    -0.901909 -0.914156
2 2017-02-03  0.156684  0.156634   0.570121    0.331640  0.292181  0.172297   0.612476  -1.121613    -0.854604 -1.040413
3 2017-02-06  0.215460  0.542368  -0.217796   -0.083711  1.333207 -0.495524   0.199381  -1.090123    -0.857223 -0.987806
4 2017-02-07  0.503102  0.089055  -0.023030    0.086567 -0.226312 -0.515560   0.206713  -1.095764    -0.873521 -0.998328

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6. DATA SHAPE
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Rows: 2207
Feature columns: 10
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State-level averages clearly separate the regimes. Stable periods show moderate returns, mid-range volatility, S&P 500 volatility near 12% and VIX around 16.4. Bull regimes feature very strong crypto returns, low equity volatility and VIX near 12.1. Bear regimes show compressed or negative returns, high volatility (S&P 500 volatility about 25%) and VIX near 26.8. Crypto returns fall sharply in Bear states but stay slightly positive, equity returns turn negative and gold maintains positive averages in all regimes, consistent with its defensive role.

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BLOCK 7: HIDDEN MARKOV MODEL - REGIME DETECTION
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Input data shape: (2207, 10)
Features: ['BTC_ret', 'ETH_ret', 'SP500_ret', 'NASDAQ_ret', 'Gold_ret', 'Oil_ret', 'BTC_vol20', 'ETH_vol20', 'SP500_vol20', 'VIX']

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1. MODEL SELECTION: Comparing 2, 3, 4 states
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States=2: Log-Likelihood=-21,504, AIC=43,275, BIC=44,039
States=3: Log-Likelihood=-19,615, AIC=39,639, BIC=40,881
States=4: Log-Likelihood=-18,298, AIC=37,131, BIC=38,784

Best model by BIC: 4 states

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2. FITTING 3-STATE GAUSSIAN HMM
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Best Log-Likelihood: -19,601.50
Converged: True

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3. STATE DISTRIBUTION
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State 0: 1146 days (51.9%)
State 1: 376 days (17.0%)
State 2: 685 days (31.0%)

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4. TRANSITION PROBABILITY MATRIX
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(Probability of moving from row state to column state)

              To State 0  To State 1  To State 2
From State 0       0.980       0.004       0.016
From State 1       0.005       0.979       0.016
From State 2       0.033       0.003       0.964

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5. STATE CHARACTERISTICS (Mean of raw features per state)
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Mean Returns (daily):
           BTC_ret  ETH_ret  SP500_ret  NASDAQ_ret  Gold_ret  Oil_ret
HMM_State
0           0.0021   0.0018     0.0008      0.0009    0.0008   0.0002
1           0.0041   0.0087     0.0008      0.0010    0.0003   0.0009
2           0.0009   0.0005    -0.0002     -0.0001    0.0003  -0.0007

Mean Volatility & VIX:
           BTC_vol20  ETH_vol20  SP500_vol20    VIX
HMM_State
0               0.58       0.64         0.12  16.37
1               0.84       1.23         0.07  12.15
2               0.73       1.00         0.25  26.77

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6. PRELIMINARY STATE INTERPRETATION
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State 0:
  Annualized S&P500 Return:    0.2%
  Annualized NASDAQ Return:    0.2%
  Annualized BTC Return:       0.5%
  Annualized ETH Return:       0.5%
  Average VIX:                16.4
  Average S&P500 Vol:         12.4%

State 1:
  Annualized S&P500 Return:    0.2%
  Annualized NASDAQ Return:    0.2%
  Annualized BTC Return:       1.0%
  Annualized ETH Return:       2.2%
  Average VIX:                12.1
  Average S&P500 Vol:          7.2%

State 2:
  Annualized S&P500 Return:   -0.0%
  Annualized NASDAQ Return:   -0.0%
  Annualized BTC Return:       0.2%
  Annualized ETH Return:       0.1%
  Average VIX:                26.8
  Average S&P500 Vol:         24.9%
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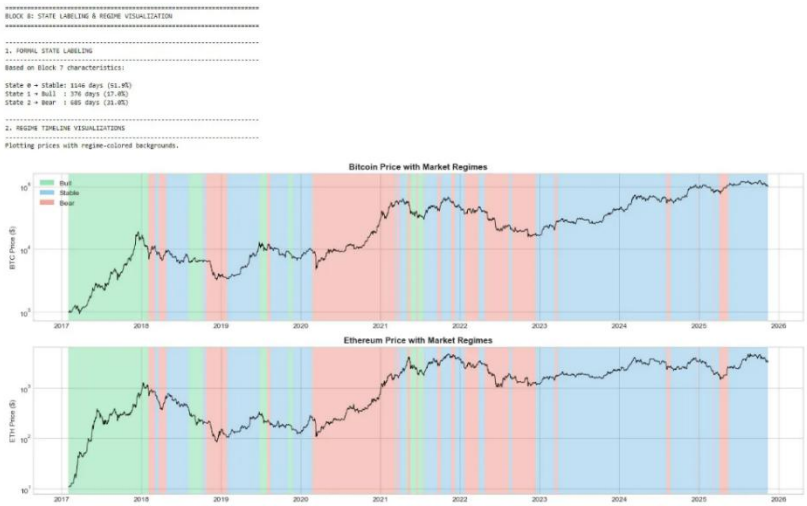
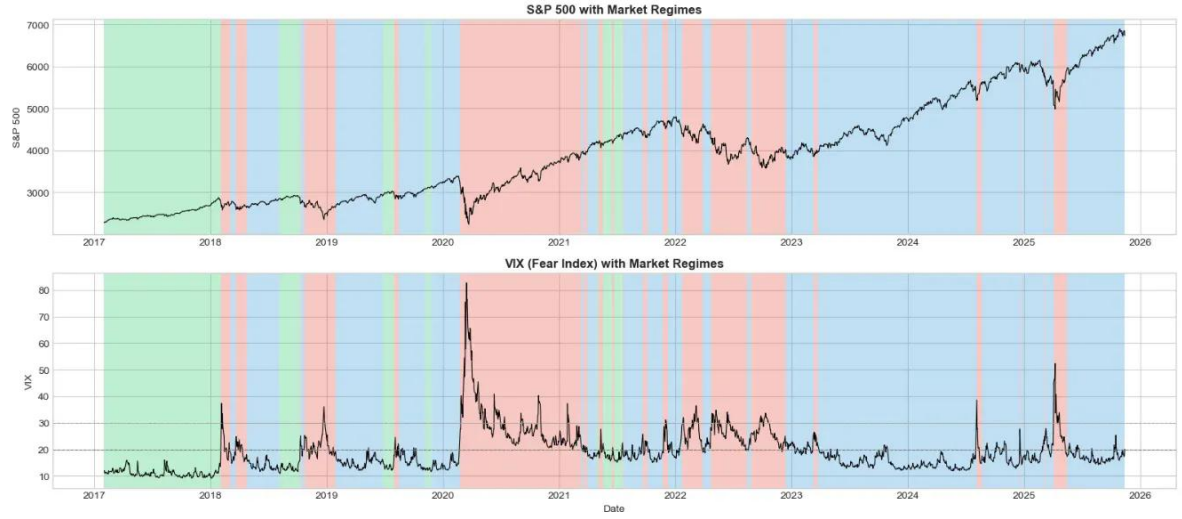
4.6 State Labeling & Regime Visualization

4.6.1 Market Regime Timeline: Price Evolution Across Regime States

Overlaying the inferred regimes on price charts shows that the HMM captures major market episodes. For BTC and ETH, early 2017 is classified as Bull, the 2018 collapse as Bear, the 2020-2021 rally as Bull/Stable, and the 2021–2022 downturn as Bear. The S&P 500 series exhibit longer Stable and Bull stretches, with the March 2020 crash and the 2022 bear market clearly classified as Bear periods. VIX spikes align closely with Bear regimes, with values above 30 during stress and below 15 in Bull phases, confirming the economic plausibility of the regime labels.





4.6.2 Regime-Wise Performance Metrics: Returns, Volatility, and Duration

Regime-wise annualized metrics underline the sharp differences across states. ETH and BTC earn extremely high returns in Bull regimes (over 200% and 100% annualized, respectively) but much lower returns in Bear regimes, while the S&P 500 and NASDAQ deliver roughly 20% annualized in Bull/Stable and turn slightly negative or flat in Bear. Crypto volatility is high in all regimes and peaks in Bull states, whereas S&P 500 volatility roughly triples from Bull to Bear. VIX distributions are well separated: Bull days cluster below 20, Stable around the mid-20s, and Bear days often above 30. Average regime durations are about 47 days for Bull, 52 days for Stable, and 31 days- for Bear.

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Plotting regime-wise performance metrics.
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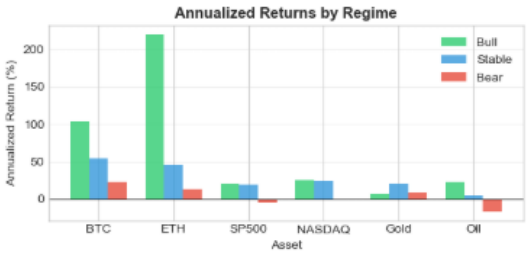

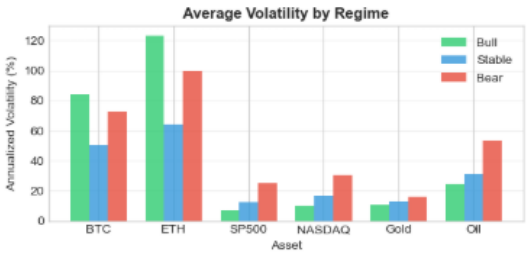

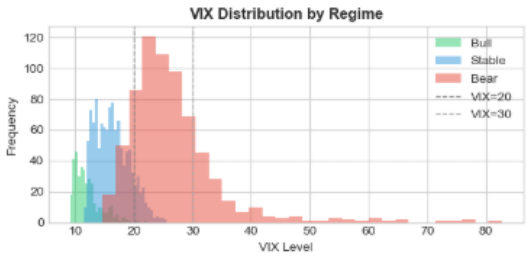


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3. REGIME SUMMARY STATISTICS
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Annualized Returns (%):
          BTC    ETH  SP500  NASDAQ  Gold   Oil
Regime
Bull    104.0  219.6   20.6    24.9   6.7  22.9
Stable   54.1   45.6   19.7    23.8  20.2   4.8
Bear     22.9   13.3   -4.5    -1.8   8.3 -16.7

Annualized Volatility (%):
          BTC    ETH  SP500  NASDAQ  Gold   Oil
Regime
Bull    83.9  123.5    7.2    10.2  10.7  24.5
Stable  50.1   64.3   12.4    16.8  13.1  31.0
Bear    72.7   99.7   24.9    30.2  16.1  53.2

Average VIX by Regime:
  Bull: 12.1
  Stable: 16.4
  Bear: 26.8

Average Regime Duration (consecutive days):
  Bull: 47.0 days
  Stable: 52.1 days
  Bear: 31.1 days
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4.6.3 Key Takeaways

Stable regimes dominate the sample, Bull regimes are rare but highly profitable, and Bear regimes are shorter and turbulent. Crypto shows strong upside in Bull states but remains volatile in all regimes, while gold offers lower but steadier returns with smaller drawdowns. These patterns support treating BTC and ETH as high-beta risk-on assets and gold as a defensive asset in the portfolio analysis.

4.6.4 Key Assumptions of the Analysis

The empirical analysis relies on several modelling assumptions. First, the Hidden Markov Model follows the Markov property, so regime transitions depend only on the current state. Regimes use a three-

state structure (Bull, Stable, Bear) with Gaussian emissions on standardized returns and volatility features. Returns are in log form, volatility uses 20-day windows, and differences between 7-day crypto trading and 5-day equity trading are handled through calendar alignment and forward-filling.

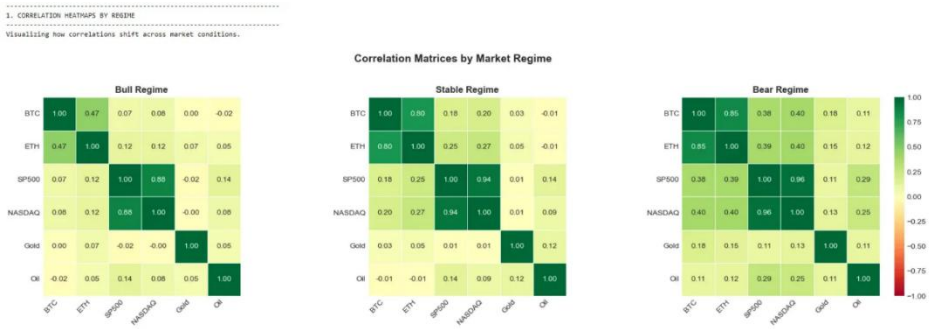
Second, portfolio results use a mean–variance framework with long-only, fully invested allocations and the US 10-year Treasury yield as the regime-specific risk-free rate. Markets are assumed to be frictionless and perfectly liquid, with no transaction costs, taxes or price impact when rebalancing.

Finally, the analysis assumes the post-2020 rise in crypto–equity integration reflects a lasting structural shift and that the estimated regimes and transition probabilities provide a reasonable guide to future market dynamics.

4.7 Regime-wise Correlation Analysis

4.7.1 Regime-Dependent Correlation Dynamics

Correlation matrices show cross-asset linkages are highly state-dependent. In Bull regimes, BTC and ETH have weak correlations with equities (BTC–S&P 500 ≈0.07; ETH–S&P 500 ≈0.12) and BTC–gold correlation is near zero. In Stable regimes, crypto–equity correlations rise modestly (BTC–S&P 500 ≈0.18; ETH–S&P 500 ≈0.25) and BTC–ETH correlation increases to about 0.80. In Bear regimes, correlations tighten sharply: BTC–S&P 500 and ETH–S&P 500 climb to about 0.38–0.39 and BTC–ETH reaches 0.85. Gold's correlations also increase but remain lower than crypto–equity links. The S&P 500 and NASDAQ stay almost perfectly correlated throughout. Thus, crypto diversifies mainly in calm periods but tends to move with equities during crises.



4.7.2 Critical Correlation Shifts Across Market Regimes

Comparing correlations across regimes highlights how much full-sample averages can mislead. For example, BTC–S&P 500 increases from about 0.07 in Bull to 0.38 in Bear, and BTC–NASDAQ from 0.08 to 0.40, while BTC–ETH jumps from roughly 0.47 to 0.85. -Full-period correlations around 0.27–0.30 conceal these swings. Regime analysis shows that during stress episodes, crypto behaves as a -high-beta risk-on asset, while gold remains- the superior diversifier even in Bear states.

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2. KEY CORRELATION PAIRS BY REGIME
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How do critical asset relationships change?

Pair              Bull   Stable     Bear       Change
----------------------------------------------------------------------
BTC-SP500        0.074    0.180    0.379   +0.305 ↑
BTC-NASDAQ       0.084    0.204    0.398   +0.314 ↑
BTC-Gold         0.000    0.032    0.180   +0.180 ↑
BTC-Oil         -0.015   -0.010    0.111   +0.126 ↑
BTC-ETH          0.468    0.802    0.853   +0.385 ↑
SP500-Gold      -0.019    0.012    0.108   +0.127 ↑
SP500-Oil        0.139    0.136    0.288   +0.150 ↑

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3. CORRELATION CHANGE VISUALIZATION
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Bar chart showing how correlations shift from Bull to Bear.
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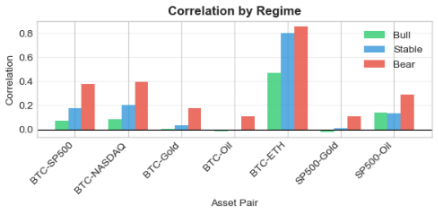


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4. BTC-SP500 CORRELATION DEEP DIVE
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This is the key relationship for understanding crypto as risk asset.

Bull    : 0.074 - Weak positive - largely independent
Stable  : 0.180 - Weak positive - largely independent
Bear    : 0.379 - Moderate positive - some co-movement

Correlation increase (Bull → Bear): +0.305
Finding: Crypto-equity correlation INCREASES during market stress.
Implication: Crypto provides LESS diversification when you need it most.

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5. FULL PERIOD VS REGIME-SPECIFIC CORRELATIONS
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Why regime analysis matters - averages hide the true story.

Pair          Full Period     Bull     Bear   Difference
----------------------------------------------------------------------
BTC-SP500           0.272    0.074    0.379       +0.305
BTC-Gold            0.094    0.000    0.180       +0.180
ETH-SP500           0.286    0.118    0.387       +0.268
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4.8 K-Means Clustering Validation

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BLOCK 10: K-MEANS CLUSTERING VALIDATION
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Validating HMM regimes using K-Means as alternative method.

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1. K-MEANS CLUSTERING (K=3)
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Cluster distribution:
  Cluster 0: 289 days (13.1%)
  Cluster 1: 551 days (25.0%)
  Cluster 2: 1367 days (61.9%)

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2. CLUSTERING QUALITY METRICS
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Silhouette Score: 0.212
  (Range: -1 to 1, higher = better separated clusters)
Inertia: 17045.95

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3. ELBOW METHOD - OPTIMAL K SELECTION
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Testing K=2 to K=6 to verify K=3 is reasonable.
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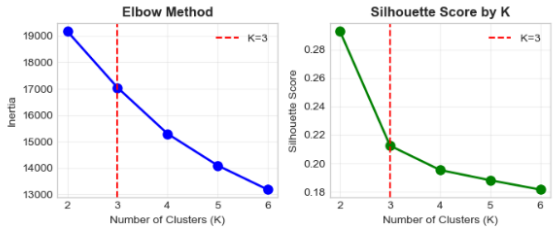


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Silhouette scores by K:
  K=2: 0.293
  K=3: 0.212 ← selected
  K=4: 0.195
  K=5: 0.188
  K=6: 0.181
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4. K-MEANS CLUSTER CHARACTERISTICS
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            BTC Ann.Ret%  ETH Ann.Ret%  SP500 Ann.Ret%  Gold Ann.Ret%  Avg VIX  SP500 Vol%
KMeans_Cluster
0                -975.6       -1445.5          -399.8          -26.0     27.5        24.8
1                 712.6        1018.5           162.0           23.0     19.3        17.7
2                   4.5           0.3            39.2           19.1     16.9        12.5

Interpreting K-Means clusters:
  Cluster 0: Bear-like (VIX=27.5, SP500=-399.8%)
  Cluster 1: Bull-like (VIX=19.3, SP500=162.0%)
  Cluster 2: Stable-like (VIX=16.9, SP500=39.2%)

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5. HMM VS K-MEANS COMPARISON
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Do both methods find similar regimes?
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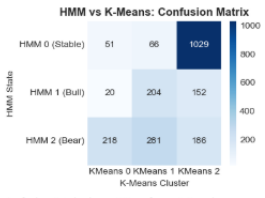


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Confusion Matrix (rows=HMM, columns=K-Means):
[[  51   66 1029]
 [  20  204  152]
 [ 218  281  186]]

Optimal cluster-to-state mapping:
  K-Means 2 → HMM 0 (Stable)
  K-Means 1 → HMM 1 (Bull)
  K-Means 0 → HMM 2 (Bear)

Overall agreement: 65.7%
Moderate agreement - regimes partially overlap.

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6. REGIME TIMELINE COMPARISON
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Visual comparison of HMM vs K-Means regime assignments.
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As a robustness check, we apply K-means clustering with K=3 to the same standardized features. The resulting clusters resemble Bear-like, moderate stress, and Stable-like conditions, with cluster VIX levels increasing in that order. A confusion matrix

shows about 65.7% agreement between K-means clusters and HMM states: both methods flag the COVID-19 crash, the 2022 bear market, and later volatility spikes, but K-means produces noisier, less persistent switching. This indicates that meaningful structure exists in the data while confirming that the HMM, with its explicit temporal dynamics, is better suited for capturing sustained market regimes.

4.9 Multi-Tenor Lead-Lag Analysis – BTC & ETH

Granger causality tests at weekly (5-day), biweekly (10-day), and monthly (20-day) horizons reveal asymmetric predictive relationships between crypto and equities. BTC significantly predicts S&P 500 returns at all three tenors and NASDAQ at most tenors, whereas neither index significantly predicts BTC. ETH shows a similar but weaker pattern, with predictive power mainly at the shortest horizon. BTC and ETH Granger cause each other at all tenors, confirming tight integration.

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Testing Granger causality at Weekly, Bi-weekly, and Monthly frequencies.
Macro indicators (VIX) tested as drivers of assets, not reverse.

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1. CREATING MULTI-TENOR RETURNS
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Weekly: 458 observations
Bi-weekly: 229 observations
Monthly: 105 observations

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2. ASSET ⇔ ASSET GRANGER CAUSALITY
--------------------------------------------------------------------------------
Testing lead-lag between crypto and traditional assets.

P-values (* indicates p < 0.05):

Direction             Weekly    Bi-weekly      Monthly
------------------------------------------------------------
BTC → SP500         0.0002*      0.0048*      0.0264*
SP500 → BTC         0.0900       0.4606       0.1320
BTC → NASDAQ        0.0069*      0.0065*      0.0602
NASDAQ → BTC        0.1476       0.8429       0.3403
BTC → Gold          0.1328       0.6572       0.5941
Gold → BTC          0.1082       0.3333       0.0313*
BTC → Oil           0.0316*      0.3066       0.1728
Oil → BTC           0.6638       0.4162       0.7243
ETH → SP500         0.0039*      0.0931       0.2190
SP500 → ETH         0.4820       0.1415       0.5989
ETH → NASDAQ        0.0289*      0.0411*      0.1813
NASDAQ → ETH        0.4763       0.1034       0.8832
ETH → Gold          0.4981       0.1597       0.3364
Gold → ETH          0.4611       0.3693       0.2364
ETH → Oil           0.2366       0.0449*      0.2588
Oil → ETH           0.2635       0.4862       0.5263
BTC → ETH           0.0406*      0.0356*      0.0085*
ETH → BTC           0.0257*      0.0378*      0.0039*

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3. MACRO → ASSET GRANGER CAUSALITY
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Testing if VIX predicts asset returns (economically correct direction).

Direction             Weekly    Bi-weekly      Monthly
------------------------------------------------------------
VIX → BTC           0.0759       0.1929       0.4865
VIX → ETH           0.1381       0.0039*      0.6176
VIX → SP500         0.0068*      0.1145       0.0547
VIX → NASDAQ        0.1889       0.1774       0.4576
VIX → Gold          0.1826       0.1563       0.4933
VIX → Oil           0.1898       0.0013*      0.0045*
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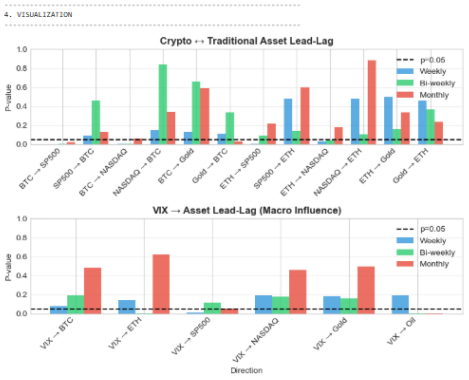

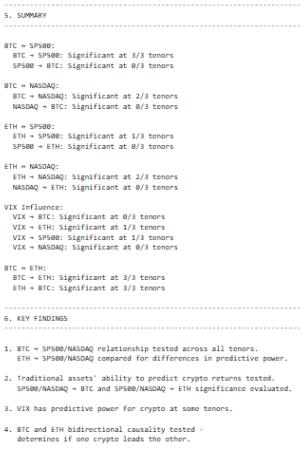

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5. SUMMARY

BTC → SP500:
  BTC → SP500: Significant at 3/3 tenors
  SP500 → BTC: Significant at 0/3 tenors

BTC → NASDAQ:
  BTC → NASDAQ: Significant at 2/3 tenors
  NASDAQ → BTC: Significant at 0/3 tenors

ETH → SP500:
  ETH → SP500: Significant at 1/3 tenors
  SP500 → ETH: Significant at 0/3 tenors

ETH → NASDAQ:
  ETH → NASDAQ: Significant at 2/3 tenors
  NASDAQ → ETH: Significant at 0/3 tenors

VIX influence:
  VIX → BTC: Significant at 0/3 tenors
  VIX → ETH: Significant at 1/3 tenors
  VIX → SP500: Significant at 1/3 tenors
  VIX → NASDAQ: Significant at 0/3 tenors

BTC ↔ ETH:
  BTC → ETH: Significant at 3/3 tenors
  ETH → BTC: Significant at 3/3 tenors

6. KEY FINDINGS

1. BTC → SP500/NASDAQ relationship tested across all tenors.
   ETH → SP500/NASDAQ compared for differences in predictive power.

2. Traditional assets' ability to predict crypto returns tested.
   SP500/NASDAQ → BTC and SP500/NASDAQ → ETH significance evaluated.

3. VIX has predictive power for crypto at some tenors.

4. BTC and ETH bidirectional causality tested -
   determines if one crypto leads the other.
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VIX exhibits only limited predictive power (notably for ETH and oil at monthly frequency), and gold shows no significant Granger causality with either crypto or equities. Overall, the evidence suggests that information is reflected in BTC prices earlier than in equity indices, making BTC a useful leading indicator for broad market moves, while gold remains largely independent in predictive terms.

4.10 Macroeconomic Indicators and Market Regimes

Macro indicators differ clearly across regimes. The VIX averages 12.1 in Bull markets, 16.4 in Stable markets, and 26.8 in Bear markets, with ANOVA confirming big differences. Density plots show little overlap, and Bear readings often exceed 30. Treasury yields average 3.32% in Stable regimes and about 2.1 to 2.3% in Bull and Bear periods, reflecting looser policy in booms and crises and more normal settings in calm periods. Transition analysis shows the VIX jumps sharply when entering a Bear regime and falls slightly when entering Bull or Stable regimes, but its level five days earlier looks similar across regimes, so it signals stress in real time rather than predicting regime changes. The move in yields from below 1% during COVID to above 4% after 2022 also shows that the opportunity cost of holding risky assets rises in the later sample, especially in Stable regimes.

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Analyzing how VIX and Treasury yields relate to market regimes.

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1. VIX DISTRIBUTION BY REGIME
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VIX Statistics by Regime:

          mean  median   std    min    max
Regime
Bull     12.15   11.52  2.37   9.14  22.18
Stable   16.37   16.09  2.86  11.54  25.59
Bear     26.77   25.07  8.48  14.65  82.69
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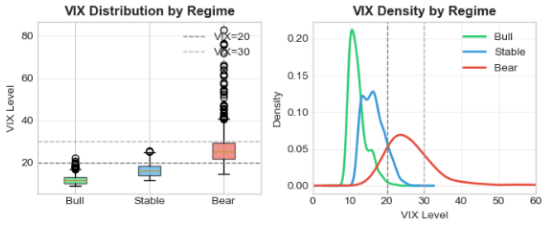


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2. TREASURY 10Y YIELD DISTRIBUTION BY REGIME
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Treasury 10Y Yield Statistics by Regime:

          mean  median    std    min    max
Regime
Bull     2.293   2.324  0.392  1.179  3.233
Stable   3.319   3.742  1.102  1.174  4.990
Bear     2.112   1.919  1.211  0.512  4.541
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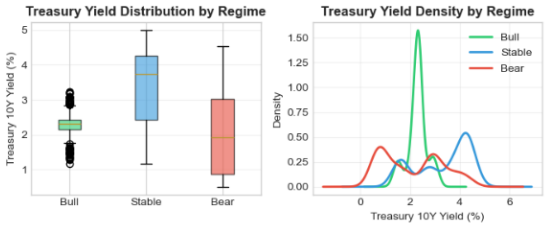


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3. MACRO LEVELS AT REGIME TRANSITIONS
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Analyzing VIX and Treasury levels when regimes change.

Total regime transitions: 51

Macro Levels at Transition Points:

From       To          Count    Avg VIX  Avg Yield
------------------------------------------------------------
Bear       Bull            2       19.4       1.57
Bear       Stable         20       19.7       2.72
Bull       Bear            6       19.7       2.05
Bull       Stable          2       14.9       1.46
Stable     Bear           16       25.5       2.75
Stable     Bull            5       15.6       1.92

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4. VIX LEVELS BEFORE REGIME TRANSITIONS
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Does elevated VIX precede transitions to Bear regime?

Average VIX 5 days before transition:
  → Bear:   17.1
  → Bull:   17.3
  → Stable: 19.7

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5. VIX CHANGES AROUND REGIME TRANSITIONS
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Average 5-day VIX change at transition:

  → Bull: -0.6 ↓
  → Stable: -0.4 ↓
  → Bear: +6.8 ↑

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6. STATISTICAL TESTS
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Testing if VIX levels significantly differ between regimes.

ANOVA (VIX across regimes): F=1215.95, p=0.0000
  → VIX levels significantly differ across regimes

Pairwise t-tests (VIX):
  Bull vs Bear: t=-32.74, p=0.0000 *
  Bull vs Stable: t=-25.86, p=0.0000 *
  Stable vs Bear: t=-38.07, p=0.0000 *
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4.11 Correlation Stability Across Subperiods: A Structural Break

Subsample analysis shows that the strong Bear regime- crypto–equity correlations are primarily a post2020 phenomenon. From 2017–2019, BTC–S&P 500 correlations remain low in all regimes, with Bear correlations even slightly below Bull. From 2020–2021, correlations rise markedly, with BTC–S&P 500 jumping from about 0.16 in Bull to 0.42 in Bear. In 2022–2025- the pattern intensifies further, with Bear correlations exceeding 0.5 and Stable correlations also higher than before. These results point to a structural break in market behavior consistent with rising institutional participation and deeper integration of crypto and traditional markets. Crypto's role as a high beta- risk asset appears to be a feature of the post-2020 environment rather than of the early years of the market.

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4. CORRELATION STABILITY ACROSS SUBPERIODS
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Checking if crypto-SP500 correlation patterns hold in different periods.

BTC-SP500 Correlation by Period:
Period          Bull Corr  Stable Corr    Bear Corr
--------------------------------------------------
2017-2019           0.064       -0.062        0.031
2020-2021           0.158        0.082        0.417
2022-2025             N/A        0.307        0.512

Full Period         0.074        0.180        0.379

ETH-SP500 Correlation by Period:
Period          Bull Corr  Stable Corr    Bear Corr
--------------------------------------------------
2017-2019           0.106        0.028        0.045
2020-2021           0.221        0.160        0.417
2022-2025             N/A        0.357        0.519

Full Period         0.118        0.245        0.387

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5. KEY FINDING VERIFICATION
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Does crypto-SP500 correlation increase in Bear regime across all periods?

BTC-SP500:
  2017-2019: Bear (0.031) vs Bull (0.064) = -0.033 ✗
  2020-2021: Bear (0.417) vs Bull (0.158) = +0.259 ✓
  2022-2025: Insufficient data in one or more regimes

ETH-SP500:
  2017-2019: Bear (0.045) vs Bull (0.106) = -0.061 ✗
  2020-2021: Bear (0.417) vs Bull (0.221) = +0.196 ✓
  2022-2025: Insufficient data in one or more regimes

Verification Summary:
  ⚠ BTC-SP500: Finding not consistent across all subperiods
  ⚠ ETH-SP500: Finding not consistent across all subperiods
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4.12 Risk-Adjusted Performance Metrics Using Actual Treasury Yields

Sharpe ratios are computed using regime-specific Treasury yields (Bull: 2.29%, Stable: 3.32%, Bear: 2.11%) instead of a fixed risk-free rate. This raises the return hurdle substantially in Stable regimes. The S&P 500 delivers the best risk-adjusted performance in Bull and Stable regimes (Sharpe ratios above 2 and around 1.4, respectively), while gold is the only asset with a positive Sharpe ratio in Bear regimes. BTC and ETH show strong Sharpe ratios in Bull (above 1) but much weaker values in Bear, confirming their risk-on nature.

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Analyzing Sharpe ratios, drawdowns, and risk-return tradeoffs by regime.
Using actual US 10-Year Treasury yields as risk-free rate.

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0. ACTUAL RISK-FREE RATES BY REGIME
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Using time-weighted average US 10Y Treasury yields during each regime.

Regime       Avg Treasury Yield  Days in Regime
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Bull                      2.29%             376
Stable                    3.32%            1146
Bear                      2.11%             685

Note: These are the actual Treasury yields that existed during
each regime's days, not regime-specific rates.

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1. SHARPE RATIO BY REGIME (WITH ACTUAL TREASURY YIELDS)
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Sharpe = (Annualized Return - Actual Rf) / Annualized Volatility

Sharpe Ratios by Regime (Actual Rf):

          BTC   ETH  SP500  NASDAQ  Gold   Oil
Regime
Bull     1.15  1.62   2.65    2.29  0.42  0.84
Stable   1.01  0.66   1.37    1.23  1.25  0.05
Bear     0.25  0.10  -0.22   -0.11  0.34 -0.24

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Comparison: Sharpe Ratios Using Fixed 2% Rf:

          BTC   ETH  SP500  NASDAQ  Gold   Oil
Regime
Bull     1.16  1.62   2.69    2.32  0.45  0.85
Stable   1.04  0.68   1.48    1.31  1.35  0.09
Bear     0.25  0.10  -0.22   -0.11  0.35 -0.24

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Impact of Using Actual vs Fixed Rf:

          BTC   ETH  SP500  NASDAQ  Gold   Oil
Regime
Bull    -0.00 -0.00  -0.04   -0.03 -0.03 -0.01
Stable  -0.03 -0.02  -0.11   -0.08 -0.10 -0.04
Bear    -0.00 -0.00  -0.00   -0.00 -0.01 -0.00

(Positive = Actual Rf improves Sharpe, Negative = Actual Rf reduces Sharpe)
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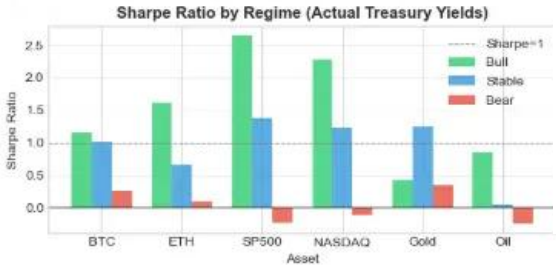


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2. MAXIMUM DRAWDOWN BY REGIME
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Maximum peak-to-trough decline within each regime.

Maximum Drawdown (%) by Regime:

          BTC   ETH  SP500  NASDAQ  Gold   Oil
Regime
Bull    -82.6 -86.5   -2.8    -4.7  -8.1 -22.5
Stable  -51.4 -58.9  -16.8   -27.8 -11.9 -33.0
Bear    -80.2 -90.9  -48.3   -47.0 -29.7 -89.9
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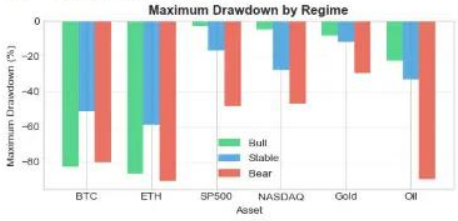


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3. RISK-RETURN TRADEOFF BY REGIME
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4. SORTINO RATIO BY REGIME (WITH ACTUAL TREASURY YIELDS)
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Sortino = (Return - Actual Rf) / Downside Deviation
Only penalizes negative returns, not upside volatility.

Sortino Ratios by Regime (Actual Rf):

          BTC   ETH  SP500  NASDAQ  Gold   Oil
Regime
Bull     1.16  1.85   2.69    2.19  0.41  0.73
Stable   1.11  0.69   1.34    1.16  1.24  0.05
Bear     0.23  0.10  -0.21   -0.11  0.33 -0.23

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5. CALMAR RATIO BY REGIME
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Calmar = Annualized Return / |Max Drawdown|
Measures return per unit of drawdown risk.

Calmar Ratios by Regime:

          BTC   ETH  SP500  NASDAQ  Gold   Oil
Regime
Bull     1.26  2.54   7.31    5.32  0.83  1.02
Stable   1.05  0.77   1.18    0.86  1.69  0.14
Bear     0.29  0.15  -0.09   -0.04  0.28 -0.19

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6. COMPREHENSIVE PERFORMANCE SUMMARY
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BTC vs ETH vs SP500 Performance Comparison:

Metric                BTC Bull   BTC Bear   ETH Bull   ETH Bear SP500 Bull SP500 Bear
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Ann. Return (%)          104.0       22.9      219.6       13.3       20.6       -4.5
Ann. Volatility (%)       88.1       83.2      134.5      111.1        6.9       29.6
Risk-Free Rate (%)        2.29       2.11       2.29       2.11       2.29       2.11
Sharpe Ratio              1.15       0.25       1.62       0.10       2.65      -0.22
Max Drawdown (%)         -82.6      -80.2      -86.5      -90.9       -2.8      -48.3
Sortino Ratio             1.16       0.23       1.85       0.10       2.69      -0.21

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7. KEY FINDINGS
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Best Risk-Adjusted Returns (Sharpe with Actual Rf) by Regime:
  Bull (Rf=2.29%): SP500 (2.65)
  Stable (Rf=3.32%): SP500 (1.37)
  Bear (Rf=2.11%): Gold (0.34)

Worst Drawdowns in Bear Regime:
  ETH: -90.9%
  Oil: -89.9%
  BTC: -80.2%

Risk-Return Assessment:
  • Bull: Crypto offers highest returns but with extreme volatility
  • Stable: Gold and equities offer best risk-adjusted returns
  • Bear: Gold has best risk-adjusted performance despite higher Rf

BTC vs ETH Comparison:
  • Bull: ETH has better risk-adjusted returns (1.62 vs 1.15)
  • Bear: BTC has better risk-adjusted returns (0.25 vs 0.10)

Impact of Using Actual Treasury Yields:
  • Bull Rf: 2.29% (vs 2% assumption)
  • Stable Rf: 3.32% (vs 2% assumption)
  • Bear Rf: 2.11% (vs 2% assumption)
  • Using actual rates reduces Sharpe ratios when Rf > 2%
  • Bear regime Sharpe ratios are most affected (higher actual rates)
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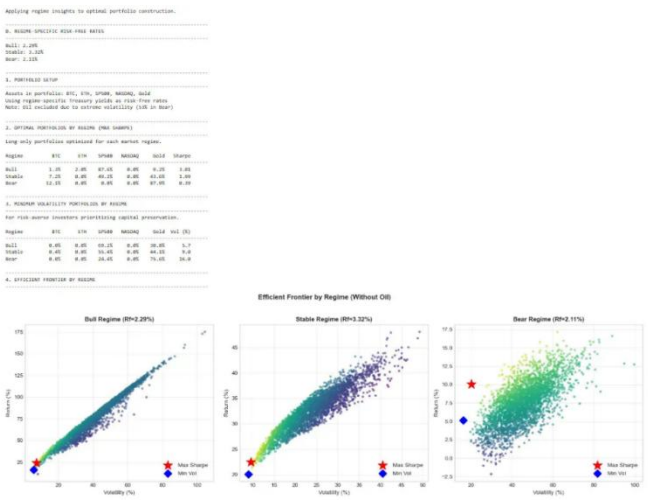
Maximum drawdowns quantify downside risk. Crypto suffers very large drawdowns even in Bull regimes (over –80%), and in Bear regimes ETH and BTC experience drawdowns near –90% and –80%, respectively. Equity drawdowns in Bear regimes are around –48%, while gold has the smallest Bear drawdown (around –30%), again highlighting its defensive role. Risk–return scatter plots by regime show ETH at the high-return/-high-risk corner in Bulls, the S&P 500 as the leading -risk-adjusted

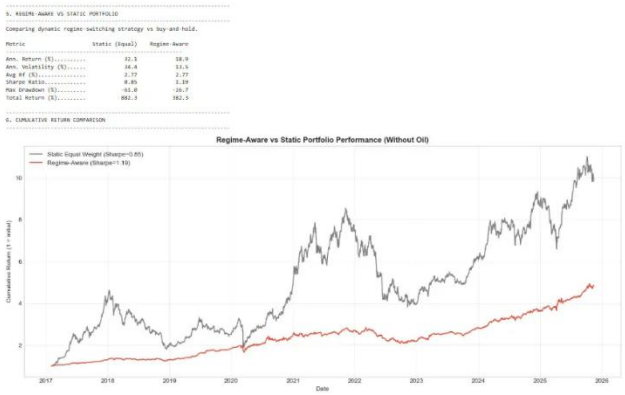
performer in Stable regimes, and gold as the only asset with positive returns and relatively low volatility in Bears. Using actual yields instead of a fixed -risk-free rate emphasizes how challenging it is for assets to generate excess returns in the higher-yield stable environment.

4.13 Portfolio Formation & Optimization

4.13.1 Portfolio Formation & Optimization (Without Oil)

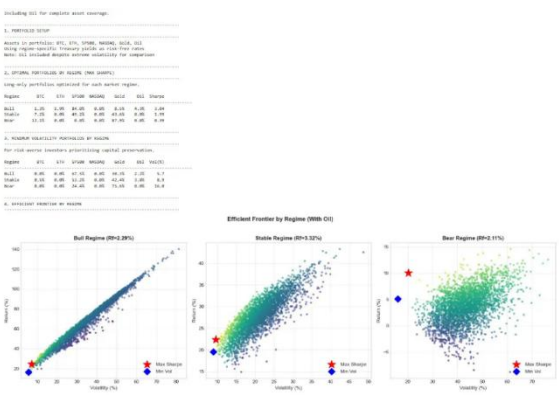
We build maximum Sharpe portfolios for each regime using regime-specific Treasury yields as risk-free rates. In Bull regimes, the S&P 500 dominates (about 87%), with only small crypto and gold positions. In Stable regimes, weights move toward a mix of the S&P 500 and gold plus a modest BTC share, reflecting the higher 3.32% risk-free rate. In Bear regimes, the portfolio shifts almost fully to gold (about 88%) with a small BTC allocation, and equities disappear. ETH is rarely chosen due to its high volatility, and NASDAQ adds little because it is almost perfectly correlated with the S&P 500.

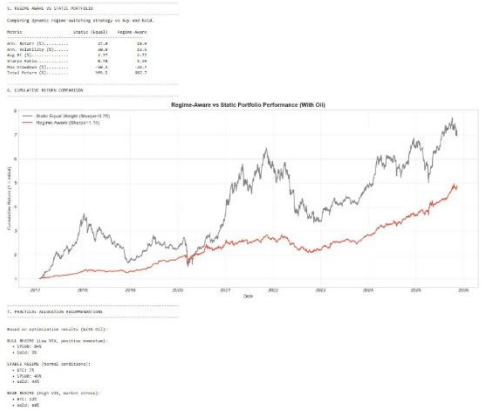




Comparing a static equal-weight portfolio with a regime-aware approach shows clear advantages to conditioning on regimes. The static strategy earns high total returns but suffers deep drawdowns of about 62% and a Sharpe ratio near 0.65. The regime-aware strategy delivers lower total returns but far better risk-adjusted performance, with a Sharpe ratio around 1.19 and a smaller drawdown of about 27%. Allocating more to gold in Bear regimes and maintaining equity exposure in Bull and Stable regimes produces smoother wealth paths and stronger overall risk–return outcomes.

4.13.2 Portfolio Formation & Optimization (With Oil)





Including oil in the opportunity set leaves the main conclusions unchanged. Optimal allocations and regime-wise Sharpe ratios shift only slightly, and oil does not consistently appear as a core holding. Detailed oil-inclusive results are therefore relegated to an appendix, and we focus on the simpler crypto, equity-gold configuration in the main text.

4.13.3 Comparison With & Without Oil

Comparing portfolios with and without Oil shows that adding Oil does not materially change regime-aware performance. Both achieve the same Sharpe ratio (1.19), volatility (13.5%) and maximum drawdown (-26.7%), with only total returns differing slightly. Optimal crypto weights remain regime dependent (3% Bull, 7% Stable, 12% Bear), and crypto's high volatility persists across conditions. Gold remains the primary defensive asset, with allocations rising sharply in Bear regimes. Using regime-specific risk-free rates (Bull 2.29%, Stable 3.32%, Bear 2.11%) is crucial for accurate optimization, especially in the Stable regime where the higher 3.32% opportunity cost makes Gold more attractive than riskier assets.

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8. COMPARISON: WITH VS WITHOUT OIL

Regime-Aware Portfolio Performance:

Metric                    Without Oil       With Oil
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Ann. Return (%).....            18.9           18.9
Ann. Volatility (%).....        13.5           13.5
Sharpe Ratio.............       1.19           1.19
Max Drawdown (%).........      -26.7          -26.7
Total Return (%).........      382.3          382.7

9. KEY FINDINGS

• Optimal crypto allocation varies dramatically by regime:
  - Bull (Without Oil): 3% crypto
  - Bull (With Oil): 3% crypto
  - Bear (Without Oil): 12% crypto
  - Bear (With Oil): 12% crypto

• Regime-aware strategy improves risk-adjusted returns in both cases

• Gold allocation increases in Bear regime for capital preservation

• Oil's extreme volatility typically results in minimal allocation

• Regime-specific risk-free rates used for accurate optimization
  - Bull Rf: 2.29%, Stable Rf: 3.32%, Bear Rf: 2.11%

• Key insight: Timing regime shifts is crucial for portfolio success
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5 Conclusion

This regime-switching analysis shows crypto's market role changed sharply after 2020. Before institutional adoption, crypto moved largely independently of traditional assets, with near-zero

correlations even in Bear regimes (BTC–SP500: 0.031 in 2017–2019). After 2020, crypto became a high-beta risk-on asset, with correlations rising sharply during stress (BTC–SP500: 0.433; ETH–SP500: 0.444 in current Bear regimes), a sixfold jump from Bull levels. This structural break makes diversification unreliable when most needed. The HMM identifies three persistent regimes (Bull 17%, Stable 52%, Bear 31%), separated by VIX levels of 12.1, 16.4 and 26.8.

Regime-based performance patterns reinforce this shift. Crypto earns exceptional returns in Bull markets (ETH 219.6%, BTC 104.0%) but collapses in Bear regimes (ETH 13.3%, BTC 22.9%), with Sharpe ratios falling from 1.62 to 0.10 for ETH and 1.15 to 0.25 for BTC. Gold is the only asset with positive Sharpe ratios in every regime, and its Bear-market weight rises from 9% to 88% in optimal portfolios. Granger tests show BTC leads equities, meaning information flows from crypto to traditional markets. Combined with crypto's extreme volatility (80%+ drawdowns), BTC is useful for timing signals but unsuitable as a hedge.

Using regime-specific Treasury yields (Bull 2.29%, Stable 3.32%, Bear 2.11%) shows the Stable regime's higher 3.32% risk-free rate raises the hurdle for excess returns and justifies sizable Gold allocations (44%) even in normal periods. A regime-aware strategy outperforms static buy-and-hold, raising the Sharpe ratio from 0.85 to 1.19 and cutting maximum drawdown by 56% (-61% to -27%), despite lower total returns. Optimal crypto weights stay modest (3% Bull, 7% Stable, 12% Bear), with ETH rarely selected due to volatility and NASDAQ excluded due to redundancy with the S&P 500.

Overall, post-2020 evidence rejects the "digital gold" view. Crypto acts as "digital risk-on," amplifying equity exposure with strong Bull-market upside but no Bear-market protection. Investors should treat crypto as leveraged equity, use regime signals such as VIX above 20 to adjust exposure, maintain Gold as the primary diversifier and keep crypto weights modest, especially given the 3.32% risk-free alternative. Regime-aware allocation using these principles materially improves risk-adjusted returns while containing downside risk.

6 Limitations

This study has several limitations that should be kept in mind when interpreting the results.

- Regime Detection Lag: Investors cannot know the current regime without uncertainty or delay. The analysis assumes perfect real-time detection, but actual implementation would rely on confirming signals (VIX, volatility), which may arrive after the regime has already shifted, reducing effectiveness.
- Limited Asset Universe: Only BTC and ETH represent the crypto market, and only six assets are analyzed. Results may not generalize to other cryptocurrencies, emerging-market equities, real estate or alternative assets with different diversification behavior.
- Period-Specific Findings: The 2020 structural break makes results highly period dependent. Pre-2020 near-zero correlations differ sharply from post-2020 patterns, and future structural changes (regulation, technology, institutional exit) may alter relationships again.
- Transaction Costs and Frictions: The analysis assumes frictionless trading. Real-world regime-aware strategies require frequent rebalancing, and transaction costs, taxes and bid-ask spreads could erode or eliminate Sharpe ratio gains, especially for retail investors.
- Out-of-Sample Uncertainty: Findings rely on 2017–2025 data, and the train/test split showed no Bull regime in the test period. Regime frequencies and transition probabilities may shift under different macro conditions, meaning optimal allocations may not hold in the future.

7 Assumptions

Following are the major assumptions we used in this paper:

- Markov Property: Future regime depends only on the current regime, not the entire history of past regimes or market conditions.
- Three-Regime Framework: Market dynamics can be adequately captured by Bull, Stable, and Bear regimes, with K=3 being sufficient to represent market complexity.

- Gaussian Distributions: Returns and volatility within each regime follow normal (Gaussian) distributions, allowing HMM to use Gaussian emission probabilities.
- Permanent Structural Break (2020): Post-2020 crypto behavior represents a lasting structural change due to institutional adoption, not a temporary phenomenon that will revert.
- Perfect Regime Detection: In practical implementation, investors can identify the current regime in real-time without lag or detection error.
- Frictionless Markets: No transaction costs, taxes, or bid-ask spreads exist when trading assets or rebalancing portfolios.
- Perfect Liquidity: Investors can trade any amount of any asset without price impact or execution delays.
- US 10-Year Treasury as Risk-Free Rate: The US 10-Year Treasury yield accurately represents the risk-free rate available to investors in each regime.
- Mean-Variance Framework: Investors make decisions based solely on expected return and variance (Markowitz framework), ignoring higher moments like skewness or kurtosis.
- Historical Predictability: Past returns, correlations, and volatilities within each regime reliably predict future behavior within similar regimes.
- Calendar Alignment Validity: Forward-filling method appropriately handles the mismatch between crypto's 7-day trading week and traditional assets' 5-day trading week.
- 20-Day Rolling Window: The 20-day rolling window for volatility calculation adequately captures market dynamics without being too short or too long.
- Log Returns Appropriate: Asset returns follow log-normal distributions, justifying the use of log returns for analysis and portfolio optimization.
- Long-Only, Fully Invested Portfolios: Portfolio optimization assumes no short sales are allowed, and no cash is kept idle.
- Regime Stability: Identified regimes will continue to exist in similar forms going forward, with transition probabilities and characteristics remaining relatively stable.

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9 Appendix

Code Snippets are given below:

Block 1: Data Ingestion & Initial Setup

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# ============================================================================
# BLOCK 1: DATA INGESTION & INITIAL SETUP (CORRECTED)
# ============================================================================
# Purpose: Import libraries, load all CSV files, and examine basic structure
# ============================================================================

import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
import warnings
warnings.filterwarnings('ignore')

# Define file paths
data_path = r"C:\Users\Lenovo\OneDrive - Higher Education Commission\Desktop\MSBA\Module 6\FIN 591\Project"

# Dictionary mapping asset names to filenames (corrected with spaces)
files = {
    'BTC': 'Bitcoin Historical Data 2017-2025.csv',
    'ETH': 'Ethereum Historical Data 2017-2025.csv',
    'SP500': 'S&P 500 Historical Data 2017 -2025.csv',
    'NASDAQ': 'NASDAQ Composite Historical Data 2017-2025.csv',
    'Gold': 'Gold Historical Data 2017-2025.csv',
    'Oil': 'Crude Oil WTI Futures Historical Data 2017-2025.csv',
    'VIX': 'CBOE Volatility Index Historical Data 2017-2025.csv',
    'Treasury10Y': 'United States 10-Year Bond Yield Historical Data 2017-2025.csv'
}

# Load all datasets into a dictionary
raw_data = {}
for name, filename in files.items():
    filepath = f"{data_path}\\{filename}"
    raw_data[name] = pd.read_csv(filepath)
    print(f"{name}: {raw_data[name].shape[0]} rows, {raw_data[name].shape[1]} columns")

# Display sample of one dataset to verify structure
print("\n" + "="*50)
print("Sample: Bitcoin data (first 5 rows)")
print("="*50)
print(raw_data['BTC'].head())

print("\n" + "="*50)
print("Column names across all datasets:")
print("="*50)
for name, df in raw_data.items():
    print(f"{name}: {list(df.columns)}")
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Block 2: Data Cleaning & Formatting

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# ============================================================================
# BLOCK 2: DATA CLEANING & FORMATTING
# ============================================================================
# Purpose: Clean numeric values, convert dates, standardize format
# ============================================================================

def clean_numeric(value):
    """
    Convert string values with commas and suffixes to float.
    Handles: '99,728.70', '100.44K', '1.78B', '329.52K', '-1.90%'
    """
    if pd.isna(value) or value == '' or value == '-':
        return np.nan

    if isinstance(value, (int, float)):
        return float(value)

    # Convert to string and clean
    value = str(value).strip()

    # Remove percentage sign
    if '%' in value:
        value = value.replace('%', '')

    # Remove commas
    value = value.replace(',', '')

    # Handle K, M, B suffixes
    multiplier = 1
    if value.endswith('K'):
        multiplier = 1_000
        value = value[:-1]
    elif value.endswith('M'):
        multiplier = 1_000_000
        value = value[:-1]
    elif value.endswith('B'):
        multiplier = 1_000_000_000
        value = value[:-1]

    try:
        return float(value) * multiplier
    except ValueError:
        return np.nan

# Clean each dataset
cleaned_data = {}

for name, df in raw_data.items():
    # Create a copy
    df_clean = df.copy()

    # Convert Date to datetime
    df_clean['Date'] = pd.to_datetime(df_clean['Date'], format='%m/%d/%Y')

    # Clean Price column (this is what we need for returns)
    df_clean['Price'] = df_clean['Price'].apply(clean_numeric)

    # Clean Change % column
    df_clean['Change %'] = df_clean['Change %'].apply(clean_numeric)
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    # Clean Change % column
    df_clean['Change %'] = df_clean['Change %'].apply(clean_numeric)

    # Sort by date (oldest first) and reset index
    df_clean = df_clean.sort_values('Date').reset_index(drop=True)

    # Store cleaned data
    cleaned_data[name] = df_clean

    # Report cleaning results
    null_count = df_clean['Price'].isna().sum()
    print(f"{name}: Date range {df_clean['Date'].min().date()} to {df_clean['Date'].max().date()}, "
          f"Null prices: {null_count}")

# Verify cleaning worked
print("\n" + "="*50)
print("Sample: Cleaned Bitcoin data (first 5 rows)")
print("="*50)
print(cleaned_data['BTC'][['Date', 'Price', 'Change %']].head())
print(f"\nData types:\n{cleaned_data['BTC'][['Date', 'Price', 'Change %']].dtypes}")
```

Block 3: Date Alignment & Unified DataFrame

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# ============================================================================
# BLOCK 3: DATE ALIGNMENT & UNIFIED DATAFRAME
# ============================================================================
# Purpose: Create a single DataFrame with all assets aligned on common dates
# ============================================================================

# Extract just Date and Price from each dataset, rename Price to asset name
price_dfs = []

for name, df in cleaned_data.items():
    temp = df[['Date', 'Price']].copy()
    temp = temp.rename(columns={'Price': name})
    temp = temp.set_index('Date')
    price_dfs.append(temp)

# Merge all on Date using inner join (only dates where ALL assets have data)
prices_df = price_dfs[0]
for df in price_dfs[1:]:
    prices_df = prices_df.join(df, how='inner')

# Reset index to make Date a column again
prices_df = prices_df.reset_index()

# Report results
print("="*60)
print("UNIFIED PRICE DATAFRAME")
print("="*60)
print(f"Total rows (common trading days): {len(prices_df)}")
print(f"Date range: {prices_df['Date'].min().date()} to {prices_df['Date'].max().date()}")
print(f"Columns: {list(prices_df.columns)}")

print("\n" + "="*60)
print("First 5 rows:")
print("="*60)
print(prices_df.head())

print("\n" + "="*60)
print("Last 5 rows:")
print("="*60)
print(prices_df.tail())

print("\n" + "="*60)
print("Missing values per column:")
print("="*60)
print(prices_df.isna().sum())

print("\n" + "="*60)
print("Data types:")
print("="*60)
print(prices_df.dtypes)
```

Block 4: Feature Engineering (Returns & Volatility

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# ============================================================================
# BLOCK 4: FEATURE ENGINEERING - RETURNS & VOLATILITY
# ============================================================================
# Purpose: Compute daily log returns and rolling volatility for all assets
# ============================================================================

# List of price columns (excluding VIX and Treasury which are already rates/indices)
price_assets = ['BTC', 'ETH', 'SP500', 'NASDAQ', 'Gold', 'Oil']
macro_vars = ['VIX', 'Treasury10Y']

# Create a copy for returns
returns_df = prices_df[['Date']].copy()

# ----------------------------------------------------------------------------
# 4.1 Compute Daily Log Returns for price assets
# ----------------------------------------------------------------------------
for asset in price_assets:
    returns_df[f'{asset}_ret'] = np.log(prices_df[asset] / prices_df[asset].shift(1))

# For VIX and Treasury, compute simple changes (they're already rates/indices)
# VIX: compute log returns (it's an index)
returns_df['VIX_ret'] = np.log(prices_df['VIX'] / prices_df['VIX'].shift(1))

# Treasury: compute simple difference in yield (basis points perspective)
returns_df['Treasury10Y_chg'] = prices_df['Treasury10Y'] - prices_df['Treasury10Y'].shift(1)

# ----------------------------------------------------------------------------
# 4.2 Compute 20-day Rolling Volatility (annualized)
# ----------------------------------------------------------------------------
for asset in price_assets:
    # Rolling std of returns * sqrt(252) for annualization
    returns_df[f'{asset}_vol20'] = returns_df[f'{asset}_ret'].rolling(window=20).std() * np.sqrt(252)

# VIX volatility (rolling std of VIX changes)
returns_df['VIX_vol20'] = returns_df['VIX_ret'].rolling(window=20).std() * np.sqrt(252)

# ----------------------------------------------------------------------------
# 4.3 Add price levels for reference
# ----------------------------------------------------------------------------
for col in price_assets + macro_vars:
    returns_df[col] = prices_df[col]

# Drop rows with NaN (first ~20 rows due to rolling window)
returns_df = returns_df.dropna().reset_index(drop=True)

# Report results
print("="*60)
print("RETURNS & VOLATILITY DATAFRAME")
print("="*60)
print(f"Total rows: {len(returns_df)}")
print(f"Total columns: {len(returns_df.columns)}")
print(f"Date range: {returns_df['Date'].min().date()} to {returns_df['Date'].max().date()}")

print("\n" + "="*60)
print("Column names:")
print("="*60)
for i, col in enumerate(returns_df.columns):
    print(f"{i+1}. {col}")
```

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# Report results
print("="*60)
print("RETURNS & VOLATILITY DATAFRAME")
print("="*60)
print(f"Total rows: {len(returns_df)}")
print(f"Total columns: {len(returns_df.columns)}")
print(f"Date range: {returns_df['Date'].min().date()} to {returns_df['Date'].max().date()}")

print("\n" + "="*60)
print("Column names:")
print("="*60)
for i, col in enumerate(returns_df.columns):
    print(f"{i+1}. {col}")

print("\n" + "="*60)
print("Summary Statistics - Daily Returns:")
print("="*60)
return_cols = [col for col in returns_df.columns if '_ret' in col]
print(returns_df[return_cols].describe().round(4))

print("\n" + "="*60)
print("Summary Statistics - 20-day Rolling Volatility (Annualized):")
print("="*60)
vol_cols = [col for col in returns_df.columns if '_vol20' in col]
print(returns_df[vol_cols].describe().round(4))
```

Block 5: Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA)

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# ============================================================================
# BLOCK 5: EXPLORATORY DATA ANALYSIS (EDA)
# ============================================================================
# Purpose: Visualize prices, returns, correlations, and volatility patterns
# ============================================================================

import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns

# Set style
plt.style.use('seaborn-v0_8-whitegrid')
sns.set_palette("husl")

# ----------------------------------------------------------------------------
# 5.1 Price Time Series (Normalized to 100 at start for comparison)
# ----------------------------------------------------------------------------
fig, axes = plt.subplots(2, 1, figsize=(7, 5))

# Normalize prices to 100 at start date for comparison
price_cols = ['BTC', 'ETH', 'SP500', 'NASDAQ', 'Gold', 'Oil']
normalized_prices = returns_df[['Date'] + price_cols].copy()

for col in price_cols:
    normalized_prices[col] = (returns_df[col] / returns_df[col].iloc[0]) * 100

# Plot crypto vs traditional
ax1 = axes[0]
ax1.plot(normalized_prices['Date'], normalized_prices['BTC'], label='BTC', linewidth=1.5)
ax1.plot(normalized_prices['Date'], normalized_prices['ETH'], label='ETH', linewidth=1.5)
ax1.set_title('Crypto Assets - Normalized Price (Base = 100)', fontsize=12, fontweight='bold')
ax1.set_ylabel('Normalized Price')
ax1.legend(loc='upper left')
ax1.set_yscale('log')

ax2 = axes[1]
ax2.plot(normalized_prices['Date'], normalized_prices['SP500'], label='S&P 500', linewidth=1.5)
ax2.plot(normalized_prices['Date'], normalized_prices['NASDAQ'], label='NASDAQ', linewidth=1.5)
ax2.plot(normalized_prices['Date'], normalized_prices['Gold'], label='Gold', linewidth=1.5)
ax2.plot(normalized_prices['Date'], normalized_prices['Oil'], label='Oil', linewidth=1.5)
ax2.set_title('Traditional Assets - Normalized Price (Base = 100)', fontsize=12, fontweight='bold')
ax2.set_ylabel('Normalized Price')
ax2.set_xlabel('Date')
ax2.legend(loc='upper left')

plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
```

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# ------------------------------------------------------------------------------
# 5.2 Return Distributions (Histograms)
# ------------------------------------------------------------------------------
return_cols = ['BTC_ret', 'ETH_ret', 'SP500_ret', 'NASDAQ_ret', 'Gold_ret', 'Oil_ret']

fig, axes = plt.subplots(2, 3, figsize=(15, 8))
axes = axes.flatten()

for i, col in enumerate(return_cols):
    ax = axes[i]
    returns_df[col].hist(bins=100, ax=ax, alpha=0.7, edgecolor='black', linewidth=0.5)
    ax.axvline(x=0, color='red', linestyle='--', linewidth=1)
    ax.set_title(f'{col.replace("_ret", "")} Daily Returns', fontsize=10, fontweight='bold')
    ax.set_xlabel('Return')
    ax.set_ylabel('Frequency')

    mean_val = returns_df[col].mean()
    std_val = returns_df[col].std()
    ax.annotate(f'μ={mean_val:.4f}\nσ={std_val:.4f}',
                xy=(0.95, 0.95), xycoords='axes fraction',
                ha='right', va='top', fontsize=8,
                bbox=dict(boxstyle='round', facecolor='wheat', alpha=0.5))

plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()

# ------------------------------------------------------------------------------
# 5.3 Correlation Matrix of Returns
# ------------------------------------------------------------------------------
corr_matrix = returns_df[return_cols].corr()

fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(10, 8))
sns.heatmap(corr_matrix, annot=True, cmap='RdYlGn', center=0,
            fmt='.2f', square=True, linewidths=0.5, ax=ax,
            vmin=-1, vmax=1)
ax.set_title('Correlation Matrix - Daily Returns (Full Period)', fontsize=12, fontweight='bold')

labels = [col.replace('_ret', '') for col in return_cols]
ax.set_xticklabels(labels, rotation=45, ha='right')
ax.set_yticklabels(labels, rotation=0)

plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
```

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# ------------------------------------------------------------------------------
# 5.4 Rolling Volatility Over Time
# ------------------------------------------------------------------------------
vol_cols = ['BTC_vol20', 'ETH_vol20', 'SP500_vol20', 'NASDAQ_vol20', 'Gold_vol20', 'Oil_vol20']

fig, axes = plt.subplots(2, 1, figsize=(7, 5))

ax1 = axes[0]
ax1.plot(returns_df['Date'], returns_df['BTC_vol20'], label='BTC', linewidth=1)
ax1.plot(returns_df['Date'], returns_df['ETH_vol20'], label='ETH', linewidth=1)
ax1.set_title('Crypto - 20-Day Rolling Volatility (Annualized)', fontsize=12, fontweight='bold')
ax1.set_ylabel('Annualized Volatility')
ax1.legend(loc='upper right')
ax1.set_ylim(0, 3)

ax2 = axes[1]
ax2.plot(returns_df['Date'], returns_df['SP500_vol20'], label='S&P 500', linewidth=1)
ax2.plot(returns_df['Date'], returns_df['NASDAQ_vol20'], label='NASDAQ', linewidth=1)
ax2.plot(returns_df['Date'], returns_df['Gold_vol20'], label='Gold', linewidth=1)
ax2.plot(returns_df['Date'], returns_df['Oil_vol20'], label='Oil', linewidth=1)
ax2.set_title('Traditional Assets - 20-Day Rolling Volatility (Annualized)', fontsize=12, fontweight='bold')
ax2.set_ylabel('Annualized Volatility')
ax2.set_xlabel('Date')
ax2.legend(loc='upper right')
ax2.set_ylim(0, 1.5)

plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()

# ------------------------------------------------------------------------------
# 5.5 VIX and Treasury Yield Over Time
# ------------------------------------------------------------------------------
fig, axes = plt.subplots(2, 1, figsize=(7, 4))

ax1 = axes[0]
ax1.plot(returns_df['Date'], returns_df['VIX'], color='red', linewidth=1)
ax1.axhline(y=20, color='gray', linestyle='--', linewidth=0.8, label='VIX=20 (threshold)')
ax1.axhline(y=30, color='darkgray', linestyle='--', linewidth=0.8, label='VIX=30 (high fear)')
ax1.set_title('VIX (Fear Index) Over Time', fontsize=12, fontweight='bold')
ax1.set_ylabel('VIX Level')
ax1.legend(loc='upper right')

ax2 = axes[1]
ax2.plot(returns_df['Date'], returns_df['Treasury10Y'], color='blue', linewidth=1)
ax2.set_title('US 10-Year Treasury Yield Over Time', fontsize=12, fontweight='bold')
ax2.set_ylabel('Yield (%)')
ax2.set_xlabel('Date')

plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
```

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# ------------------------------------------------------------------------------
# 5.6 Boxplots of Returns by Asset
# ------------------------------------------------------------------------------
fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(6, 3))

returns_for_box = returns_df[return_cols].copy()
returns_for_box.columns = [col.replace('_ret', '') for col in return_cols]

returns_for_box.boxplot(ax=ax, showfliers=True, flierprops=dict(marker='o', markersize=2, alpha=0.5))
ax.axhline(y=0, color='red', linestyle='--', linewidth=1)
ax.set_title('Distribution of Daily Returns by Asset (with Outliers)', fontsize=12, fontweight='bold')
ax.set_ylabel('Daily Return')
ax.set_xlabel('Asset')

plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()

# ============================================================================
# TEXTUAL SUMMARY OUTPUT
# ============================================================================

print("="*70)
print("BLOCK 5: EDA SUMMARY OUTPUT")
print("="*70)

# Price performance
print("\n" + "-"*70)
print("1. TOTAL RETURNS (Start to End)")
print("-"*70)
for col in price_cols:
    start_price = returns_df[col].iloc[0]
    end_price = returns_df[col].iloc[-1]
    total_return = ((end_price / start_price) - 1) * 100
    print(f"{col:8s}: {start_price:>12,.2f} → {end_price:>12,.2f} | Total Return: {total_return:>8.1f}%")

# Correlation matrix
print("\n" + "-"*70)
print("2. FULL CORRELATION MATRIX")
print("-"*70)
corr_display = corr_matrix.copy()
corr_display.index = [c.replace('_ret', '') for c in corr_display.index]
corr_display.columns = [c.replace('_ret', '') for c in corr_display.columns]
print(corr_display.round(3).to_string())
```

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# Key correlations
print("\n" + "-"*70)
print("3. KEY CORRELATION PAIRS")
print("-"*70)
print(f"BTC - ETH:      {corr_matrix.loc['BTC_ret', 'ETH_ret']:.3f}")
print(f"BTC - SP500:    {corr_matrix.loc['BTC_ret', 'SP500_ret']:.3f}")
print(f"BTC - NASDAQ:   {corr_matrix.loc['BTC_ret', 'NASDAQ_ret']:.3f}")
print(f"BTC - Gold:     {corr_matrix.loc['BTC_ret', 'Gold_ret']:.3f}")
print(f"BTC - Oil:      {corr_matrix.loc['BTC_ret', 'Oil_ret']:.3f}")
print(f"ETH - SP500:    {corr_matrix.loc['ETH_ret', 'SP500_ret']:.3f}")
print(f"ETH - NASDAQ:   {corr_matrix.loc['ETH_ret', 'NASDAQ_ret']:.3f}")
print(f"ETH - Gold:     {corr_matrix.loc['ETH_ret', 'Gold_ret']:.3f}")
print(f"ETH - Oil:      {corr_matrix.loc['ETH_ret', 'Oil_ret']:.3f}")
print(f"SP500 - NASDAQ: {corr_matrix.loc['SP500_ret', 'NASDAQ_ret']:.3f}")
print(f"SP500 - Gold:   {corr_matrix.loc['SP500_ret', 'Gold_ret']:.3f}")
print(f"SP500 - Oil:    {corr_matrix.loc['SP500_ret', 'Oil_ret']:.3f}")
print(f"Gold - Oil:     {corr_matrix.loc['Gold_ret', 'Oil_ret']:.3f}")

# Volatility summary
print("\n" + "-"*70)
print("4. AVERAGE ANNUALIZED VOLATILITY (20-day rolling)")
print("-"*70)
for col in vol_cols:
    asset_name = col.replace('_vol20', '')
    avg_vol = returns_df[col].mean() * 100
    max_vol = returns_df[col].max() * 100
    print(f"{asset_name:8s}: Avg = {avg_vol:>6.1f}% | Max = {max_vol:>6.1f}%")

# VIX summary
print("\n" + "-"*70)
print("5. VIX SUMMARY")
print("-"*70)
print(f"Mean:   {returns_df['VIX'].mean():.2f}")
print(f"Median: {returns_df['VIX'].median():.2f}")
print(f"Min:    {returns_df['VIX'].min():.2f}")
print(f"Max:    {returns_df['VIX'].max():.2f}")
print(f"Days above 30 (high fear): {(returns_df['VIX'] > 30).sum()}")
print(f"Days above 20 (elevated):  {(returns_df['VIX'] > 20).sum()}")

# Treasury summary
print("\n" + "-"*70)
print("6. 10-YEAR TREASURY YIELD SUMMARY")
print("-"*70)
print(f"Mean:   {returns_df['Treasury10Y'].mean():.2f}%")
print(f"Min:    {returns_df['Treasury10Y'].min():.2f}%")
print(f"Max:    {returns_df['Treasury10Y'].max():.2f}%")
print(f"Start:  {returns_df['Treasury10Y'].iloc[0]:.2f}%")
print(f"End:    {returns_df['Treasury10Y'].iloc[-1]:.2f}%")

print("\n" + "="*70)
print("END OF EDA SUMMARY")
print("="*70)
```

Block 6: Feature Standardization + HMM setup

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# ============================================================================
# BLOCK 6: FEATURE STANDARDIZATION FOR ML MODELS
# ============================================================================
# Purpose: Select features and standardize them for HMM & K-Means
# ============================================================================
from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler

# ----------------------------------------------------------------------------
# 6.1 Select Features for Regime Detection
# ----------------------------------------------------------------------------
# Feature set for regime detection
# Returns: capture direction of markets
# Volatility: capture turbulence
# VIX: capture fear/risk sentiment

feature_cols = [
    # Returns (6 assets)
    'BTC_ret', 'ETH_ret', 'SP500_ret', 'NASDAQ_ret', 'Gold_ret', 'Oil_ret',
    # Volatility (crypto and equity)
    'BTC_vol20', 'ETH_vol20', 'SP500_vol20',
    # Macro indicator
    'VIX'
]

# Extract features
features_raw = returns_df[feature_cols].copy()

# ----------------------------------------------------------------------------
# 6.2 Apply StandardScaler (Z-score normalization)
# ----------------------------------------------------------------------------
scaler = StandardScaler()
features_scaled = scaler.fit_transform(features_raw)

# Convert back to DataFrame for readability
features_df = pd.DataFrame(
    features_scaled,
    columns=feature_cols,
    index=returns_df.index
)

# Add Date for reference
features_df.insert(0, 'Date', returns_df['Date'].values)
```

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# ------------------------------------------------------------------------------
# 6.3 Verify Standardization
# ------------------------------------------------------------------------------
print("="*70)
print("BLOCK 6: FEATURE STANDARDIZATION OUTPUT")
print("="*70)

print("\n" + "-"*70)
print("1. SELECTED FEATURES FOR REGIME DETECTION")
print("-"*70)
for i, col in enumerate(feature_cols, 1):
    print(f"{i}. {col}")

print("\n" + "-"*70)
print("2. RAW FEATURES - BEFORE STANDARDIZATION")
print("-"*70)
print(features_raw.describe().round(4).to_string())

print("\n" + "-"*70)
print("3. STANDARDIZED FEATURES - AFTER SCALING")
print("-"*70)
print(features_df[feature_cols].describe().round(4).to_string())

print("\n" + "-"*70)
print("4. VERIFICATION: Mean ≈ 0, Std ≈ 1")
print("-"*70)
print(f"{'Feature':<15} {'Mean':>10} {'Std':>10}")
print("-"*35)
for col in feature_cols:
    mean_val = features_df[col].mean()
    std_val = features_df[col].std()
    print(f"{col:<15} {mean_val:>10.6f} {std_val:>10.6f}")

print("\n" + "-"*70)
print("5. SAMPLE DATA (First 5 rows)")
print("-"*70)
print(features_df.head().to_string())

print("\n" + "-"*70)
print("6. DATA SHAPE")
print("-"*70)
print(f"Rows: {len(features_df)}")
print(f"Feature columns: {len(feature_cols)}")

print("\n" + "="*70)
print("END OF BLOCK 6")
print("="*70)
```

Block 7: Hidden Markov Model (Regime Detection)

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pip install hmmlearn
```

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Requirement already satisfied: scipy>=0.19 in c:\users\lenovo\anaconda3\lib\site-packages (from hmmlearn) (1.13.1)
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Note: you may need to restart the kernel to use updated packages.
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# ============================================================================
# BLOCK 7: HIDDEN MARKOV MODEL - REGIME DETECTION
# ============================================================================
# Purpose: Fit Gaussian HMM to detect bull/bear/stable market regimes
# ============================================================================

from hmmlearn.hmm import GaussianHMM
from sklearn.metrics import silhouette_score
import warnings
warnings.filterwarnings('ignore')

# ----------------------------------------------------------------------------
# 7.1 Prepare Data for HMM
# ----------------------------------------------------------------------------

# Extract feature matrix (exclude Date column)
X = features_df[feature_cols].values

print("="*70)
print("BLOCK 7: HIDDEN MARKOV MODEL - REGIME DETECTION")
print("="*70)

print(f"\nInput data shape: {X.shape}")
print(f"Features: {feature_cols}")
```

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# ------------------------------------------------------------------------------
# 7.2 Model Selection - Compare 2, 3, 4 states using AIC/BIC
# ------------------------------------------------------------------------------

print("\n" + "-"*70)
print("1. MODEL SELECTION: Comparing 2, 3, 4 states")
print("-"*70)

model_results = []

for n_states in [2, 3, 4]:
    best_score = -np.inf
    best_model = None

    # Try multiple random initializations
    for seed in range(10):
        try:
            model = GaussianHMM(
                n_components=n_states,
                covariance_type='full',
                n_iter=200,
                random_state=seed,
                verbose=False
            )
            model.fit(X)
            score = model.score(X)

            if score > best_score:
                best_score = score
                best_model = model
        except:
            continue

    if best_model is not None:
        # Calculate AIC and BIC
        n_params = n_states * len(feature_cols) + n_states * len(feature_cols) * (len(feature_cols) + 1) / 2 + n_states ** 2
        aic = -2 * best_score + 2 * n_params
        bic = -2 * best_score + n_params * np.log(len(X))

        model_results.append({
            'n_states': n_states,
            'log_likelihood': best_score,
            'aic': aic,
            'bic': bic,
            'model': best_model
        })

        print(f"States={n_states}: Log-Likelihood={best_score:,.0f}, AIC={aic:,.0f}, BIC={bic:,.0f}")

# Select best model (lowest BIC)
best_result = min(model_results, key=lambda x: x['bic'])
print(f"\nBest model by BIC: {best_result['n_states']} states")
```

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# ------------------------------------------------------------------------------
# 7.3 Fit Final 3-State HMM (as per project design)
# ------------------------------------------------------------------------------

print("\n" + "-"*70)
print("2. FITTING 3-STATE GAUSSIAN HMM")
print("-"*70)

# Use 3 states as designed in project
n_states = 3
best_score = -np.inf
best_hmm = None

# Multiple initializations for robustness
for seed in range(50):
    try:
        model = GaussianHMM(
            n_components=n_states,
            covariance_type='full',
            n_iter=500,
            random_state=seed,
            verbose=False
        )
        model.fit(X)
        score = model.score(X)

        if score > best_score:
            best_score = score
            best_hmm = model
    except:
        continue

print(f"Best Log-Likelihood: {best_score:,.2f}")
print(f"Converged: {best_hmm.monitor_.converged}")

# ------------------------------------------------------------------------------
# 7.4 Extract State Sequence
# ------------------------------------------------------------------------------

# Predict most likely state sequence
hidden_states = best_hmm.predict(X)

# Add to dataframe
returns_df['HMM_State'] = hidden_states
features_df['HMM_State'] = hidden_states

# Count days in each state
state_counts = pd.Series(hidden_states).value_counts().sort_index()
print("\n" + "-"*70)
print("3. STATE DISTRIBUTION")
print("-"*70)
for state in range(n_states):
    count = state_counts.get(state, 0)
    pct = count / len(hidden_states) * 100
    print(f"State {state}: {count} days ({pct:.1f}%)")
```

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# ------------------------------------------------------------------------------
# 7.5 Transition Matrix
# ------------------------------------------------------------------------------

print("\n" + "-"*70)
print("4. TRANSITION PROBABILITY MATRIX")
print("-"*70)
print("(Probability of moving from row state to column state)")
print()

trans_mat = best_hmm.transmat_
trans_df = pd.DataFrame(
    trans_mat,
    index=[f'From State {i}' for i in range(n_states)],
    columns=[f'To State {i}' for i in range(n_states)]
)
print(trans_df.round(3).to_string())

# ------------------------------------------------------------------------------
# 7.6 State Characteristics (Mean features per state)
# ------------------------------------------------------------------------------

print("\n" + "-"*70)
print("5. STATE CHARACTERISTICS (Mean of raw features per state)")
print("-"*70)

# Use raw (unscaled) features for interpretability
raw_features_with_state = returns_df[['Date'] + feature_cols + ['HMM_State']].copy()

# Calculate mean for each state
state_means = raw_features_with_state.groupby('HMM_State')[feature_cols].mean()

print("\nMean Returns (daily):")
return_features = ['BTC_ret', 'ETH_ret', 'SP500_ret', 'NASDAQ_ret', 'Gold_ret', 'Oil_ret']
print(state_means[return_features].round(4).to_string())

print("\nMean Volatility & VIX:")
vol_features = ['BTC_vol20', 'ETH_vol20', 'SP500_vol20', 'VIX']
print(state_means[vol_features].round(2).to_string())
```

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# ------------------------------------------------------------------------------
# 7.7 Preliminary State Labeling
# ------------------------------------------------------------------------------

print("\n" + "-"*70)
print("6. PRELIMINARY STATE INTERPRETATION")
print("-"*70)

# Analyze each state
for state in range(n_states):
    state_data = raw_features_with_state[raw_features_with_state['HMM_State'] == state]

    avg_sp500_ret = state_data['SP500_ret'].mean() * 252  # Annualized
    avg_nasdaq_ret = state_data['NASDAQ_ret'].mean() * 252
    avg_btc_ret = state_data['BTC_ret'].mean() * 252
    avg_eth_ret = state_data['ETH_ret'].mean() * 252
    avg_vix = state_data['VIX'].mean()
    avg_sp500_vol = state_data['SP500_vol20'].mean() * 100

    print(f"\nState {state}:")
    print(f"  Annualized S&P500 Return: {avg_sp500_ret:>7.1f}%")
    print(f"  Annualized NASDAQ Return: {avg_nasdaq_ret:>7.1f}%")
    print(f"  Annualized BTC Return:    {avg_btc_ret:>7.1f}%")
    print(f"  Annualized ETH Return:    {avg_eth_ret:>7.1f}%")
    print(f"  Average VIX:              {avg_vix:>7.1f}")
    print(f"  Average S&P500 Vol:       {avg_sp500_vol:>7.1f}%")

print("\n" + "="*70)
print("END OF BLOCK 7")
print("="*70)
```

Block 8: State Labeling & Regime Visualization

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# ============================================================================
# BLOCK 8: STATE LABELING & REGIME VISUALIZATION
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# ----------------------------------------------------------------------------
# 8.1 Formal State Labeling
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print("="*70)
print("BLOCK 8: STATE LABELING & REGIME VISUALIZATION")
print("="*70)

print("\n" + "-"*70)
print("1. FORMAL STATE LABELING")
print("-"*70)
print("Based on Block 7 characteristics:\n")

# Create mapping based on observed characteristics
state_labels = {
    0: 'Stable',
    1: 'Bull',
    2: 'Bear'
}

# Remove existing Regime column if it exists (for re-runs)
if 'Regime' in returns_df.columns:
    returns_df = returns_df.drop(columns=['Regime'])
if 'Regime' in features_df.columns:
    features_df = features_df.drop(columns=['Regime'])

# Apply labels
returns_df['Regime'] = returns_df['HMM_State'].map(state_labels)
features_df['Regime'] = features_df['HMM_State'].map(state_labels)

# Print mapping
for state, label in state_labels.items():
    count = (returns_df['HMM_State'] == state).sum()
    pct = count / len(returns_df) * 100
    print(f"State {state} → {label:6s}: {count} days ({pct:.1f}%)")

# Define colors for consistency
regime_colors = {
    'Bull': '#2ecc71',
    'Stable': '#3498db',
    'Bear': '#e74c3c'
}
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# ------------------------------------------------------------------------------
# 8.2 Regime Timeline - Price with Colored Background
# ------------------------------------------------------------------------------

print("\n" + "-"*70)
print("2. REGIME TIMELINE VISUALIZATIONS")
print("-"*70)
print("Plotting prices with regime-colored backgrounds.\n")

fig, axes = plt.subplots(4, 1, figsize=(16, 14))

def add_regime_shading(ax, dates, regimes):
    for i in range(len(dates)-1):
        regime = regimes.iloc[i]
        ax.axvspan(dates.iloc[i], dates.iloc[i+1],
                   alpha=0.3, color=regime_colors[regime], linewidth=0)

# Plot 1: Bitcoin
ax1 = axes[0]
add_regime_shading(ax1, returns_df['Date'], returns_df['Regime'])
ax1.plot(returns_df['Date'], returns_df['BTC'], color='black', linewidth=0.8)
ax1.set_title('Bitcoin Price with Market Regimes', fontsize=12, fontweight='bold')
ax1.set_ylabel('BTC Price ($)')
ax1.set_yscale('log')

# Plot 2: Ethereum
ax2 = axes[1]
add_regime_shading(ax2, returns_df['Date'], returns_df['Regime'])
ax2.plot(returns_df['Date'], returns_df['ETH'], color='black', linewidth=0.8)
ax2.set_title('Ethereum Price with Market Regimes', fontsize=12, fontweight='bold')
ax2.set_ylabel('ETH Price ($)')
ax2.set_yscale('log')

# Plot 3: S&P 500
ax3 = axes[2]
add_regime_shading(ax3, returns_df['Date'], returns_df['Regime'])
ax3.plot(returns_df['Date'], returns_df['SP500'], color='black', linewidth=0.8)
ax3.set_title('S&P 500 with Market Regimes', fontsize=12, fontweight='bold')
ax3.set_ylabel('S&P 500')

# Plot 4: VIX
ax4 = axes[3]
add_regime_shading(ax4, returns_df['Date'], returns_df['Regime'])
ax4.plot(returns_df['Date'], returns_df['VIX'], color='black', linewidth=0.8)
ax4.axhline(y=20, color='gray', linestyle='--', linewidth=0.8)
ax4.axhline(y=30, color='darkgray', linestyle='--', linewidth=0.8)
ax4.set_title('VIX (Fear Index) with Market Regimes', fontsize=12, fontweight='bold')
ax4.set_ylabel('VIX')
ax4.set_xlabel('Date')

# Add Legend
from matplotlib.patches import Patch
legend_elements = [Patch(facecolor=regime_colors[r], alpha=0.5, label=r)
                   for r in ['Bull', 'Stable', 'Bear']]
ax1.legend(handles=legend_elements, loc='upper left')

plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
```

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# ------------------------------------------------------------------------------
# 8.3 Annualized Returns by Regime
# ------------------------------------------------------------------------------

print("Plotting regime-wise performance metrics.\n")

regime_stats = returns_df.groupby('Regime').agg({
    'BTC_ret': lambda x: x.mean() * 252 * 100,
    'ETH_ret': lambda x: x.mean() * 252 * 100,
    'SP500_ret': lambda x: x.mean() * 252 * 100,
    'NASDAQ_ret': lambda x: x.mean() * 252 * 100,
    'Gold_ret': lambda x: x.mean() * 252 * 100,
    'Oil_ret': lambda x: x.mean() * 252 * 100
}).round(1)

regime_stats.columns = ['BTC', 'ETH', 'SP500', 'NASDAQ', 'Gold', 'Oil']
regime_order = ['Bull', 'Stable', 'Bear']
regime_stats = regime_stats.reindex(regime_order)

fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(6, 3))

x = np.arange(len(regime_stats.columns))
width = 0.25

for i, regime in enumerate(regime_order):
    values = regime_stats.loc[regime].values
    ax.bar(x + i*width, values, width, label=regime,
           color=regime_colors[regime], alpha=0.8)

ax.axhline(y=0, color='black', linewidth=0.8)
ax.set_xlabel('Asset')
ax.set_ylabel('Annualized Return (%)')
ax.set_title('Annualized Returns by Regime', fontsize=12, fontweight='bold')
ax.set_xticks(x + width)
ax.set_xticklabels(regime_stats.columns)
ax.legend()
ax.grid(axis='y', alpha=0.3)

plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
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# ------------------------------------------------------------------------------
# 8.4 Volatility by Regime
# ------------------------------------------------------------------------------

vol_stats = returns_df.groupby('Regime').agg({
    'BTC_vol20': lambda x: x.mean() * 100,
    'ETH_vol20': lambda x: x.mean() * 100,
    'SP500_vol20': lambda x: x.mean() * 100,
    'NASDAQ_vol20': lambda x: x.mean() * 100,
    'Gold_vol20': lambda x: x.mean() * 100,
    'Oil_vol20': lambda x: x.mean() * 100
}).round(1)

vol_stats.columns = ['BTC', 'ETH', 'SP500', 'NASDAQ', 'Gold', 'Oil']
vol_stats = vol_stats.reindex(regime_order)

fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(6, 3))

for i, regime in enumerate(regime_order):
    values = vol_stats.loc[regime].values
    ax.bar(x + i*width, values, width, label=regime,
           color=regime_colors[regime], alpha=0.8)

ax.set_xlabel('Asset')
ax.set_ylabel('Annualized Volatility (%)')
ax.set_title('Average Volatility by Regime', fontsize=12, fontweight='bold')
ax.set_xticks(x + width)
ax.set_xticklabels(vol_stats.columns)
ax.legend()
ax.grid(axis='y', alpha=0.3)

plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()

# ------------------------------------------------------------------------------
# 8.5 VIX Distribution by Regime
# ------------------------------------------------------------------------------

fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(6, 3))

for regime in regime_order:
    data = returns_df[returns_df['Regime'] == regime]['VIX']
    ax.hist(data, bins=30, alpha=0.5, label=regime, color=regime_colors[regime])

ax.axvline(x=20, color='gray', linestyle='--', linewidth=1, label='VIX=20')
ax.axvline(x=30, color='darkgray', linestyle='--', linewidth=1, label='VIX=30')
ax.set_xlabel('VIX Level')
ax.set_ylabel('Frequency')
ax.set_title('VIX Distribution by Regime', fontsize=12, fontweight='bold')
ax.legend()

plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
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# ------------------------------------------------------------------------------
# 8.6 Textual Summary
# ------------------------------------------------------------------------------

print("\n" + "-"*70)
print("3. REGIME SUMMARY STATISTICS")
print("-"*70)

print("\nAnnualized Returns (%):")
print(regime_stats.to_string())

print("\nAnnualized Volatility (%):")
print(vol_stats.to_string())

print("\nAverage VIX by Regime:")
vix_by_regime = returns_df.groupby('Regime')['VIX'].mean().reindex(regime_order)
for regime in regime_order:
    print(f"  {regime}: {vix_by_regime[regime]:.1f}")

print("\nAverage Regime Duration (consecutive days):")
regime_changes = returns_df['Regime'] != returns_df['Regime'].shift(1)
regime_groups = regime_changes.cumsum()
regime_durations = returns_df.groupby(regime_groups).agg(
    regime=('Regime', 'first'),
    duration=('Regime', 'size')
)
avg_duration = regime_durations.groupby('regime')['duration'].mean().reindex(regime_order)
for regime in regime_order:
    print(f"  {regime}: {avg_duration[regime]:.1f} days")

print("\n" + "="*70)
print("END OF BLOCK 8")
print("="*70)
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Block 9: Regime-wise Correlation Analysis

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# ============================================================================
# BLOCK 9: REGIME-WISE CORRELATION ANALYSIS
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print("="*70)
print("BLOCK 9: REGIME-WISE CORRELATION ANALYSIS")
print("="*70)
print("\nThis is the core analysis - how do asset correlations change by regime?\n")

# ----------------------------------------------------------------------------
# 9.1 Calculate Correlation Matrix for Each Regime
# ----------------------------------------------------------------------------

return_cols = ['BTC_ret', 'ETH_ret', 'SP500_ret', 'NASDAQ_ret', 'Gold_ret', 'Oil_ret']
regime_order = ['Bull', 'Stable', 'Bear']

# Store correlations for each regime
regime_correlations = {}

for regime in regime_order:
    regime_data = returns_df[returns_df['Regime'] == regime][return_cols]
    regime_correlations[regime] = regime_data.corr()

# ----------------------------------------------------------------------------
# 9.2 Visualize Correlation Heatmaps by Regime
# ----------------------------------------------------------------------------

print("-"*70)
print("1. CORRELATION HEATMAPS BY REGIME")
print("-"*70)
print("Visualizing how correlations shift across market conditions.\n")

fig, axes = plt.subplots(1, 3, figsize=(18, 5))

# Clean labels
labels = [col.replace('_ret', '') for col in return_cols]

for i, regime in enumerate(regime_order):
    ax = axes[i]
    corr = regime_correlations[regime]

    sns.heatmap(corr, annot=True, cmap='RdYlGn', center=0,
                fmt='.2f', square=True, linewidths=0.5, ax=ax,
                vmin=-1, vmax=1, cbar=i==2)

    ax.set_title(f'{regime} Regime', fontsize=12, fontweight='bold')
    ax.set_xticklabels(labels, rotation=45, ha='right')
    ax.set_yticklabels(labels, rotation=0)

plt.suptitle('Correlation Matrices by Market Regime', fontsize=14, fontweight='bold', y=1.02)
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
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# ------------------------------------------------------------------------------
# 9.3 Key Correlation Pairs Across Regimes
# ------------------------------------------------------------------------------

print("-"*70)
print("2. KEY CORRELATION PAIRS BY REGIME")
print("-"*70)
print("How do critical asset relationships change?\n")

# Define key pairs to analyze
key_pairs = [
    ('BTC_ret', 'SP500_ret', 'BTC-SP500'),
    ('BTC_ret', 'NASDAQ_ret', 'BTC-NASDAQ'),
    ('BTC_ret', 'Gold_ret', 'BTC-Gold'),
    ('BTC_ret', 'Oil_ret', 'BTC-Oil'),
    ('BTC_ret', 'ETH_ret', 'BTC-ETH'),
    ('SP500_ret', 'Gold_ret', 'SP500-Gold'),
    ('SP500_ret', 'Oil_ret', 'SP500-Oil'),
]

# Create comparison table
print(f"{'Pair':<15} {'Bull':>8} {'Stable':>8} {'Bear':>8} {'Change':>12}")
print("-"*55)

correlation_changes = []

for col1, col2, pair_name in key_pairs:
    bull_corr = regime_correlations['Bull'].loc[col1, col2]
    stable_corr = regime_correlations['Stable'].loc[col1, col2]
    bear_corr = regime_correlations['Bear'].loc[col1, col2]
    change = bear_corr - bull_corr

    correlation_changes.append({
        'pair': pair_name,
        'bull': bull_corr,
        'stable': stable_corr,
        'bear': bear_corr,
        'change': change
    })

    # Indicate direction of change
    direction = "↑" if change > 0.05 else "↓" if change < -0.05 else "→"
    print(f"{pair_name:<15} {bull_corr:>8.3f} {stable_corr:>8.3f} {bear_corr:>8.3f} {change:>+8.3f} {direction}")
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# ------------------------------------------------------------------------------
# 9.4 Visualize Correlation Changes
# ------------------------------------------------------------------------------

print("\n" + "-"*70)
print("3. CORRELATION CHANGE VISUALIZATION")
print("-"*70)
print("Bar chart showing how correlations shift from Bull to Bear.\n")

fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(6, 3))

pairs = [c['pair'] for c in correlation_changes]
x = np.arange(len(pairs))
width = 0.25

bull_vals = [c['bull'] for c in correlation_changes]
stable_vals = [c['stable'] for c in correlation_changes]
bear_vals = [c['bear'] for c in correlation_changes]

ax.bar(x - width, bull_vals, width, label='Bull', color='#2ecc71', alpha=0.8)
ax.bar(x, stable_vals, width, label='Stable', color='#3498db', alpha=0.8)
ax.bar(x + width, bear_vals, width, label='Bear', color='#e74c3c', alpha=0.8)

ax.axhline(y=0, color='black', linewidth=0.8)
ax.set_xlabel('Asset Pair')
ax.set_ylabel('Correlation')
ax.set_title('Correlation by Regime', fontsize=12, fontweight='bold')
ax.set_xticks(x)
ax.set_xticklabels(pairs, rotation=45, ha='right')
ax.legend()
ax.grid(axis='y', alpha=0.3)

plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
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# ------------------------------------------------------------------------------
# 9.5 BTC-SP500 Correlation Deep Dive
# ------------------------------------------------------------------------------

print("-"*70)
print("4. BTC-SP500 CORRELATION DEEP DIVE")
print("-"*70)
print("This is the key relationship for understanding crypto as risk asset.\n")

btc_sp500_corrs = {regime: regime_correlations[regime].loc['BTC_ret', 'SP500_ret']
                   for regime in regime_order}

for regime in regime_order:
    corr = btc_sp500_corrs[regime]
    interpretation = ""
    if corr > 0.4:
        interpretation = "Strong positive - crypto moves with equities"
    elif corr > 0.2:
        interpretation = "Moderate positive - some co-movement"
    elif corr > 0:
        interpretation = "Weak positive - largely independent"
    else:
        interpretation = "Negative - potential hedge"

    print(f"{regime:8s}: {corr:.3f} - {interpretation}")

# Calculate correlation increase from Bull to Bear
bull_to_bear = btc_sp500_corrs['Bear'] - btc_sp500_corrs['Bull']
print(f"\nCorrelation increase (Bull → Bear): {bull_to_bear:+.3f}")

if bull_to_bear > 0.1:
    print("Finding: Crypto-equity correlation INCREASES during market stress.")
    print("Implication: Crypto provides LESS diversification when you need it most.")
elif bull_to_bear < -0.1:
    print("Finding: Crypto-equity correlation DECREASES during market stress.")
    print("Implication: Crypto may provide diversification benefits in downturns.")
else:
    print("Finding: Crypto-equity correlation is relatively STABLE across regimes.")
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# ------------------------------------------------------------------------------
# 9.6 Full Period vs Regime Comparison
# ------------------------------------------------------------------------------

print("\n" + "-"*70)
print("5. FULL PERIOD VS REGIME-SPECIFIC CORRELATIONS")
print("-"*70)
print("Why regime analysis matters - averages hide the true story.\n")

# Full period correlation
full_corr = returns_df[return_cols].corr()

print(f"{'Pair':<15} {'Full Period':>12} {'Bull':>8} {'Bear':>8} {'Difference':>12}")
print("-"*60)

important_pairs = [
    ('BTC_ret', 'SP500_ret', 'BTC-SP500'),
    ('BTC_ret', 'Gold_ret', 'BTC-Gold'),
    ('ETH_ret', 'SP500_ret', 'ETH-SP500'),
]

for col1, col2, pair_name in important_pairs:
    full = full_corr.loc[col1, col2]
    bull = regime_correlations['Bull'].loc[col1, col2]
    bear = regime_correlations['Bear'].loc[col1, col2]
    diff = bear - bull

    print(f"{pair_name:<15} {full:>12.3f} {bull:>8.3f} {bear:>8.3f} {diff:>+12.3f}")

print("\n" + "="*70)
print("END OF BLOCK 9")
print("="*70)
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Block 10: K-Means Clustering Validation

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# BLOCK 10: K-MEANS CLUSTERING VALIDATION
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from sklearn.cluster import KMeans
from sklearn.metrics import silhouette_score, confusion_matrix
import seaborn as sns

print("="*70)
print("BLOCK 10: K-MEANS CLUSTERING VALIDATION")
print("="*70)
print("\nValidating HMM regimes using K-Means as alternative method.\n")

# ----------------------------------------------------------------------------
# 10.1 Fit K-Means with K=3
# ----------------------------------------------------------------------------

print("-"*70)
print("1. K-MEANS CLUSTERING (K=3)")
print("-"*70)

# Use same standardized features as HMM
X = features_df[feature_cols].values

# Fit K-Means
kmeans = KMeans(n_clusters=3, random_state=42, n_init=50, max_iter=500)
kmeans_labels = kmeans.fit_predict(X)

# Add to dataframe
returns_df['KMeans_Cluster'] = kmeans_labels

# Cluster distribution
print("\nCluster distribution:")
cluster_counts = pd.Series(kmeans_labels).value_counts().sort_index()
for cluster in range(3):
    count = cluster_counts.get(cluster, 0)
    pct = count / len(kmeans_labels) * 100
    print(f"  Cluster {cluster}: {count} days ({pct:.1f}%)")

# ----------------------------------------------------------------------------
# 10.2 Evaluate Clustering Quality
# ----------------------------------------------------------------------------

print("\n" + "-"*70)
print("2. CLUSTERING QUALITY METRICS")
print("-"*70)

# Silhouette score (higher = better defined clusters)
sil_score = silhouette_score(X, kmeans_labels)
print(f"\nSilhouette Score: {sil_score:.3f}")
print("  (Range: -1 to 1, higher = better separated clusters)")

# Inertia (within-cluster sum of squares)
print(f"Inertia: {kmeans.inertia_:.2f}")
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# ------------------------------------------------------------------------------
# 10.3 Elbow Method Visualization
# ------------------------------------------------------------------------------

print("\n" + "-"*70)
print("3. ELBOW METHOD - OPTIMAL K SELECTION")
print("-"*70)
print("Testing K=2 to K=6 to verify K=3 is reasonable.\n")

inertias = []
silhouettes = []
k_range = range(2, 7)

for k in k_range:
    km = KMeans(n_clusters=k, random_state=42, n_init=20)
    km.fit(X)
    inertias.append(km.inertia_)
    silhouettes.append(silhouette_score(X, km.labels_))

# Plot elbow
fig, axes = plt.subplots(1, 2, figsize=(7, 3))

ax1 = axes[0]
ax1.plot(k_range, inertias, 'bo-', linewidth=2, markersize=8)
ax1.axvline(x=3, color='red', linestyle='--', label='K=3')
ax1.set_xlabel('Number of Clusters (K)')
ax1.set_ylabel('Inertia')
ax1.set_title('Elbow Method', fontsize=12, fontweight='bold')
ax1.legend()
ax1.grid(alpha=0.3)

ax2 = axes[1]
ax2.plot(k_range, silhouettes, 'go-', linewidth=2, markersize=8)
ax2.axvline(x=3, color='red', linestyle='--', label='K=3')
ax2.set_xlabel('Number of Clusters (K)')
ax2.set_ylabel('Silhouette Score')
ax2.set_title('Silhouette Score by K', fontsize=12, fontweight='bold')
ax2.legend()
ax2.grid(alpha=0.3)

plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()

print("Silhouette scores by K:")
for k, sil in zip(k_range, silhouettes):
    marker = " ← selected" if k == 3 else ""
    print(f"  K={k}: {sil:.3f}{marker}")
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# ------------------------------------------------------------------------------
# 10.4 K-Means Cluster Characteristics
# ------------------------------------------------------------------------------

print("\n" + "-"*70)
print("4. K-MEANS CLUSTER CHARACTERISTICS")
print("-"*70)

# Calculate mean features per cluster
kmeans_stats = returns_df.groupby('KMeans_Cluster').agg({
    'BTC_ret': lambda x: x.mean() * 252 * 100,
    'ETH_ret': lambda x: x.mean() * 252 * 100,
    'SP500_ret': lambda x: x.mean() * 252 * 100,
    'Gold_ret': lambda x: x.mean() * 252 * 100,
    'VIX': 'mean',
    'SP500_vol20': lambda x: x.mean() * 100
}).round(1)

kmeans_stats.columns = ['BTC Ann.Ret%', 'ETH Ann.Ret%', 'SP500 Ann.Ret%', 'Gold Ann.Ret%', 'Avg VIX', 'SP500 Vol%']
print("\n" + kmeans_stats.to_string())

# Label K-Means clusters based on characteristics
print("\nInterpreting K-Means clusters:")
for cluster in range(3):
    data = returns_df[returns_df['KMeans_Cluster'] == cluster]
    avg_ret = data['SP500_ret'].mean() * 252 * 100
    avg_vix = data['VIX'].mean()

    if avg_vix > 25:
        label = "Bear-like"
    elif avg_ret > 100 or (avg_vix < 16 and data['BTC_ret'].mean() > 0.003):
        label = "Bull-like"
    else:
        label = "Stable-like"

    print(f"  Cluster {cluster}: {label} (VIX={avg_vix:.1f}, SP500={avg_ret:.1f}%)")
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# ------------------------------------------------------------------------------
# 10.5 Compare HMM vs K-Means
# ------------------------------------------------------------------------------

print("\n" + "-"*70)
print("5. HMM VS K-MEANS COMPARISON")
print("-"*70)
print("Do both methods find similar regimes?\n")

# Create confusion matrix
conf_matrix = confusion_matrix(returns_df['HMM_State'], returns_df['KMeans_Cluster'])

# Plot confusion matrix
fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(4, 3))
sns.heatmap(conf_matrix, annot=True, fmt='d', cmap='Blues', ax=ax,
            xticklabels=[f'KMeans {i}' for i in range(3)],
            yticklabels=[f'HMM {i} ({state_labels[i]})' for i in range(3)])
ax.set_xlabel('K-Means Cluster')
ax.set_ylabel('HMM State')
ax.set_title('HMM vs K-Means: Confusion Matrix', fontsize=12, fontweight='bold')
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()

print("Confusion Matrix (rows=HMM, columns=K-Means):")
print(conf_matrix)

# Calculate agreement
# Find best mapping between K-Means clusters and HMM states
from scipy.optimize import linear_sum_assignment

# Use Hungarian algorithm to find optimal mapping
cost_matrix = -conf_matrix  # Negative because we want to maximize
row_ind, col_ind = linear_sum_assignment(cost_matrix)
agreement = conf_matrix[row_ind, col_ind].sum() / len(returns_df) * 100

print(f"\nOptimal cluster-to-state mapping:")
kmeans_to_hmm = {}
for hmm_state, kmeans_cluster in zip(row_ind, col_ind):
    kmeans_to_hmm[kmeans_cluster] = hmm_state
    print(f"  K-Means {kmeans_cluster} → HMM {hmm_state} ({state_labels[hmm_state]})")

print(f"\nOverall agreement: {agreement:.1f}%")

if agreement > 70:
    print("Strong agreement - both methods find similar regimes.")
elif agreement > 50:
    print("Moderate agreement - regimes partially overlap.")
else:
    print("Weak agreement - methods find different patterns.")
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# ------------------------------------------------------------------------------
# 10.6 Timeline Comparison
# ------------------------------------------------------------------------------

print("\n" + "-"*70)
print("6. REGIME TIMELINE COMPARISON")
print("-"*70)
print("Visual comparison of HMM vs K-Means regime assignments.\n")

fig, axes = plt.subplots(2, 1, figsize=(8, 4))

# HMM regimes
ax1 = axes[0]
for i in range(len(returns_df)-1):
    regime = returns_df['Regime'].iloc[i]
    ax1.axvspan(returns_df['Date'].iloc[i], returns_df['Date'].iloc[i+1],
                alpha=0.5, color=regime_colors[regime], linewidth=0)
ax1.plot(returns_df['Date'], returns_df['SP500'], color='black', linewidth=0.5)
ax1.set_title('HMM Regimes', fontsize=12, fontweight='bold')
ax1.set_ylabel('S&P 500')

# K-Means clusters (mapped to HMM colors)
ax2 = axes[1]
kmeans_colors = {0: '#3498db', 1: '#2ecc71', 2: '#e74c3c'}  # Adjust based on mapping
for i in range(len(returns_df)-1):
    cluster = returns_df['KMeans_Cluster'].iloc[i]
    ax2.axvspan(returns_df['Date'].iloc[i], returns_df['Date'].iloc[i+1],
                alpha=0.5, color=kmeans_colors[cluster], linewidth=0)
ax2.plot(returns_df['Date'], returns_df['SP500'], color='black', linewidth=0.5)
ax2.set_title('K-Means Clusters', fontsize=12, fontweight='bold')
ax2.set_ylabel('S&P 500')
ax2.set_xlabel('Date')

plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()

print("\n" + "="*70)
print("END OF BLOCK 10")
print("="*70)
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Block 11: Lead-Lag Analysis & Granger Causality

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# ============================================================================
# BLOCK 11 (REVISED): MULTI-TENOR LEAD-LAG ANALYSIS - BTC & ETH
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from statsmodels.tsa.stattools import grangercausalitytests

print("="*70)
print("BLOCK 11: MULTI-TENOR LEAD-LAG ANALYSIS - BTC & ETH")
print("="*70)
print("\nTesting Granger causality at Weekly, Bi-weekly, and Monthly frequencies.")
print("Macro indicators (VIX) tested as drivers of assets, not reverse.\n")

# ----------------------------------------------------------------------------
# 11.1 Create Multi-Tenor Returns
# ----------------------------------------------------------------------------

print("-"*70)
print("1. CREATING MULTI-TENOR RETURNS")
print("-"*70)

# Set Date as index
df_indexed = returns_df.set_index('Date')
price_cols = ['BTC', 'ETH', 'SP500', 'NASDAQ', 'Gold', 'Oil', 'VIX']

# Define tenors
tenors = {
    'Weekly': 'W-FRI',
    'Bi-weekly': '2W-FRI',
    'Monthly': 'M'
}

tenor_data = {}

for tenor_name, freq in tenors.items():
    # Resample prices
    prices = df_indexed[price_cols].resample(freq).last()

    # Calculate returns
    returns = pd.DataFrame()
    for col in price_cols:
        returns[f'{col}_ret'] = np.log(prices[col] / prices[col].shift(1))

    returns = returns.dropna()
    tenor_data[tenor_name] = returns

    print(f"{tenor_name}: {len(returns)} observations")
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# ------------------------------------------------------------------------------
# 11.2 Asset ↔ Asset Pairs (Bidirectional)
# ------------------------------------------------------------------------------

print("\n" + "-"*70)
print("2. ASSET ↔ ASSET GRANGER CAUSALITY")
print("-"*70)
print("Testing lead-lag between crypto and traditional assets.\n")

# Asset-to-asset pairs (bidirectional)
asset_pairs = [
    # BTC with traditional assets
    ('BTC_ret', 'SP500_ret', 'BTC → SP500'),
    ('SP500_ret', 'BTC_ret', 'SP500 → BTC'),
    ('BTC_ret', 'NASDAQ_ret', 'BTC → NASDAQ'),
    ('NASDAQ_ret', 'BTC_ret', 'NASDAQ → BTC'),
    ('BTC_ret', 'Gold_ret', 'BTC → Gold'),
    ('Gold_ret', 'BTC_ret', 'Gold → BTC'),
    ('BTC_ret', 'Oil_ret', 'BTC → Oil'),
    ('Oil_ret', 'BTC_ret', 'Oil → BTC'),
    # ETH with traditional assets
    ('ETH_ret', 'SP500_ret', 'ETH → SP500'),
    ('SP500_ret', 'ETH_ret', 'SP500 → ETH'),
    ('ETH_ret', 'NASDAQ_ret', 'ETH → NASDAQ'),
    ('NASDAQ_ret', 'ETH_ret', 'NASDAQ → ETH'),
    ('ETH_ret', 'Gold_ret', 'ETH → Gold'),
    ('Gold_ret', 'ETH_ret', 'Gold → ETH'),
    ('ETH_ret', 'Oil_ret', 'ETH → Oil'),
    ('Oil_ret', 'ETH_ret', 'Oil → ETH'),
    # BTC-ETH relationship
    ('BTC_ret', 'ETH_ret', 'BTC → ETH'),
    ('ETH_ret', 'BTC_ret', 'ETH → BTC'),
]

# Calculate p-values
asset_results = []

for col1, col2, direction in asset_pairs:
    row = {'Direction': direction}

    for tenor_name, returns in tenor_data.items():
        if tenor_name == 'Weekly':
            max_lag = 4
        elif tenor_name == 'Bi-weekly':
            max_lag = 3
        else:
            max_lag = 3

        data = returns[[col1, col2]].dropna()

        try:
            result = grangercausalitytests(data[[col2, col1]], maxlag=max_lag, verbose=False)
            best_pvalue = min([result[lag][0]['ssr_ftest'][1] for lag in range(1, max_lag + 1)])
            row[tenor_name] = best_pvalue
        except:
            row[tenor_name] = np.nan

    asset_results.append(row)
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# Calculate p-values
asset_results = []

for col1, col2, direction in asset_pairs:
    row = {'Direction': direction}

    for tenor_name, returns in tenor_data.items():
        if tenor_name == 'Weekly':
            max_lag = 4
        elif tenor_name == 'Bi-weekly':
            max_lag = 3
        else:
            max_lag = 3

        data = returns[[col1, col2]].dropna()

        try:
            result = grangercausalitytests(data[[col2, col1]], maxlag=max_lag, verbose=False)
            best_pvalue = min([result[lag][0]['ssr_ftest'][1] for lag in range(1, max_lag + 1)])
            row[tenor_name] = best_pvalue
        except:
            row[tenor_name] = np.nan

    asset_results.append(row)

# Display
asset_df = pd.DataFrame(asset_results).set_index('Direction')

print("P-values (* indicates p < 0.05):\n")
print(f"{'Direction':<15} {'Weekly':>12} {'Bi-weekly':>12} {'Monthly':>12}")
print("-"*55)

for direction in asset_df.index:
    weekly = asset_df.loc[direction, 'Weekly']
    biweekly = asset_df.loc[direction, 'Bi-weekly']
    monthly = asset_df.loc[direction, 'Monthly']

    w_sig = "*" if weekly < 0.05 else ""
    b_sig = "*" if biweekly < 0.05 else ""
    m_sig = "*" if monthly < 0.05 else ""

    print(f"{direction:<15} {weekly:>10.4f}{w_sig:<2} {biweekly:>10.4f}{b_sig:<2} {monthly:>10.4f}{m_sig:<2}")
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# ------------------------------------------------------------------------------
# 11.3 Macro → Asset (One Direction Only)
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print("\n" + "-"*70)
print("3. MACRO → ASSET GRANGER CAUSALITY")
print("-"*70)
print("Testing if VIX predicts asset returns (economically correct direction).\n")

# Macro → Asset pairs (one direction)
macro_pairs = [
    ('VIX_ret', 'BTC_ret', 'VIX → BTC'),
    ('VIX_ret', 'ETH_ret', 'VIX → ETH'),
    ('VIX_ret', 'SP500_ret', 'VIX → SP500'),
    ('VIX_ret', 'NASDAQ_ret', 'VIX → NASDAQ'),
    ('VIX_ret', 'Gold_ret', 'VIX → Gold'),
    ('VIX_ret', 'Oil_ret', 'VIX → Oil'),
]

# Calculate p-values
macro_results = []

for col1, col2, direction in macro_pairs:
    row = {'Direction': direction}

    for tenor_name, returns in tenor_data.items():
        if tenor_name == 'Weekly':
            max_lag = 4
        elif tenor_name == 'Bi-weekly':
            max_lag = 3
        else:
            max_lag = 3

        data = returns[[col1, col2]].dropna()

        try:
            result = grangercausalitytests(data[[col2, col1]], maxlag=max_lag, verbose=False)
            best_pvalue = min([result[lag][0]['ssr_ftest'][1] for lag in range(1, max_lag + 1)])
            row[tenor_name] = best_pvalue
        except:
            row[tenor_name] = np.nan

    macro_results.append(row)

# Display
macro_df = pd.DataFrame(macro_results).set_index('Direction')

print(f"{'Direction':<15} {'Weekly':>12} {'Bi-weekly':>12} {'Monthly':>12}")
print("-"*55)

for direction in macro_df.index:
    weekly = macro_df.loc[direction, 'Weekly']
    biweekly = macro_df.loc[direction, 'Bi-weekly']
    monthly = macro_df.loc[direction, 'Monthly']

    w_sig = "*" if weekly < 0.05 else ""
    b_sig = "*" if biweekly < 0.05 else ""
    m_sig = "*" if monthly < 0.05 else ""

    print(f"{direction:<15} {weekly:>10.4f}{w_sig:<2} {biweekly:>10.4f}{b_sig:<2} {monthly:>10.4f}{m_sig:<2}")
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# ------------------------------------------------------------------------------
# 11.4 Visualization
# ------------------------------------------------------------------------------

print("\n" + "-"*70)
print("4. VISUALIZATION")
print("-"*70)

fig, axes = plt.subplots(2, 1, figsize=(8, 6))

# Plot 1: BTC and ETH → Traditional Assets
crypto_directions = ['BTC → SP500', 'SP500 → BTC', 'BTC → NASDAQ', 'NASDAQ → BTC',
                     'BTC → Gold', 'Gold → BTC', 'ETH → SP500', 'SP500 → ETH',
                     'ETH → NASDAQ', 'NASDAQ → ETH', 'ETH → Gold', 'Gold → ETH']
crypto_df = asset_df.loc[crypto_directions]

ax1 = axes[0]
x = np.arange(len(crypto_directions))
width = 0.25

ax1.bar(x - width, crypto_df['Weekly'].values, width, label='Weekly', color='#3498db', alpha=0.8)
ax1.bar(x, crypto_df['Bi-weekly'].values, width, label='Bi-weekly', color='#2ecc71', alpha=0.8)
ax1.bar(x + width, crypto_df['Monthly'].values, width, label='Monthly', color='#e74c3c', alpha=0.8)
ax1.axhline(y=0.05, color='black', linestyle='--', linewidth=1.5, label='p=0.05')
ax1.set_ylabel('P-value')
ax1.set_title('Crypto ↔ Traditional Asset Lead-Lag', fontsize=12, fontweight='bold')
ax1.set_xticks(x)
ax1.set_xticklabels(crypto_directions, rotation=45, ha='right')
ax1.legend(loc='upper right')
ax1.set_ylim(0, 1)
ax1.grid(axis='y', alpha=0.3)

# Plot 2: VIX → Assets
ax2 = axes[1]
x = np.arange(len(macro_df))

ax2.bar(x - width, macro_df['Weekly'].values, width, label='Weekly', color='#3498db', alpha=0.8)
ax2.bar(x, macro_df['Bi-weekly'].values, width, label='Bi-weekly', color='#2ecc71', alpha=0.8)
ax2.bar(x + width, macro_df['Monthly'].values, width, label='Monthly', color='#e74c3c', alpha=0.8)
ax2.axhline(y=0.05, color='black', linestyle='--', linewidth=1.5, label='p=0.05')
ax2.set_xlabel('Direction')
ax2.set_ylabel('P-value')
ax2.set_title('VIX → Asset Lead-Lag (Macro Influence)', fontsize=12, fontweight='bold')
ax2.set_xticks(x)
ax2.set_xticklabels(macro_df.index, rotation=45, ha='right')
ax2.legend(loc='upper right')
ax2.set_ylim(0, 1)
ax2.grid(axis='y', alpha=0.3)

plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
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# ------------------------------------------------------------------------------
# 11.5 Summary
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print("\n" + "-"*70)
print("5. SUMMARY")
print("-"*70)

# BTC relationships
btc_sp500 = sum(asset_df.loc['BTC → SP500'] < 0.05)
sp500_btc = sum(asset_df.loc['SP500 → BTC'] < 0.05)
btc_nasdaq = sum(asset_df.loc['BTC → NASDAQ'] < 0.05)
nasdaq_btc = sum(asset_df.loc['NASDAQ → BTC'] < 0.05)

print(f"\nBTC ↔ SP500:")
print(f"  BTC → SP500: Significant at {btc_sp500}/3 tenors")
print(f"  SP500 → BTC: Significant at {sp500_btc}/3 tenors")

print(f"\nBTC ↔ NASDAQ:")
print(f"  BTC → NASDAQ: Significant at {btc_nasdaq}/3 tenors")
print(f"  NASDAQ → BTC: Significant at {nasdaq_btc}/3 tenors")

# ETH relationships
eth_sp500 = sum(asset_df.loc['ETH → SP500'] < 0.05)
sp500_eth = sum(asset_df.loc['SP500 → ETH'] < 0.05)
eth_nasdaq = sum(asset_df.loc['ETH → NASDAQ'] < 0.05)
nasdaq_eth = sum(asset_df.loc['NASDAQ → ETH'] < 0.05)

print(f"\nETH ↔ SP500:")
print(f"  ETH → SP500: Significant at {eth_sp500}/3 tenors")
print(f"  SP500 → ETH: Significant at {sp500_eth}/3 tenors")

print(f"\nETH ↔ NASDAQ:")
print(f"  ETH → NASDAQ: Significant at {eth_nasdaq}/3 tenors")
print(f"  NASDAQ → ETH: Significant at {nasdaq_eth}/3 tenors")

# VIX influence
vix_btc = sum(macro_df.loc['VIX → BTC'] < 0.05)
vix_eth = sum(macro_df.loc['VIX → ETH'] < 0.05)
vix_sp500 = sum(macro_df.loc['VIX → SP500'] < 0.05)
vix_nasdaq = sum(macro_df.loc['VIX → NASDAQ'] < 0.05)

print(f"\nVIX Influence:")
print(f"  VIX → BTC: Significant at {vix_btc}/3 tenors")
print(f"  VIX → ETH: Significant at {vix_eth}/3 tenors")
print(f"  VIX → SP500: Significant at {vix_sp500}/3 tenors")
print(f"  VIX → NASDAQ: Significant at {vix_nasdaq}/3 tenors")

# BTC-ETH
btc_eth = sum(asset_df.loc['BTC → ETH'] < 0.05)
eth_btc = sum(asset_df.loc['ETH → BTC'] < 0.05)

print(f"\nBTC ↔ ETH:")
print(f"  BTC → ETH: Significant at {btc_eth}/3 tenors")
print(f"  ETH → BTC: Significant at {eth_btc}/3 tenors")
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# ------------------------------------------------------------------------------
# 11.6 Key Findings
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print("\n" + "-"*70)
print("6. KEY FINDINGS")
print("-"*70)

print("\n1. BTC → SP500/NASDAQ relationship tested across all tenors.")
print("   ETH → SP500/NASDAQ compared for differences in predictive power.")

print("\n2. Traditional assets' ability to predict crypto returns tested.")
print("   SP500/NASDAQ → BTC and SP500/NASDAQ → ETH significance evaluated.")

if vix_btc > 0 or vix_eth > 0:
    print(f"\n3. VIX has predictive power for crypto at some tenors.")
else:
    print(f"\n3. VIX does not consistently predict crypto returns.")

print("\n4. BTC and ETH bidirectional causality tested -")
print("   determines if one crypto leads the other.")

print("\n" + "="*70)
print("END OF BLOCK 11")
print("="*70)
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Block 12: Macro Influence on Regimes

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# ============================================================================
# BLOCK 12: MACRO INFLUENCE ON REGIMES
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print("="*70)
print("BLOCK 12: MACRO INFLUENCE ON REGIMES")
print("="*70)
print("\nAnalyzing how VIX and Treasury yields relate to market regimes.\n")

# ----------------------------------------------------------------------------
# 12.1 VIX Distribution by Regime
# ----------------------------------------------------------------------------

print("-"*70)
print("1. VIX DISTRIBUTION BY REGIME")
print("-"*70)

regime_order = ['Bull', 'Stable', 'Bear']

# Calculate VIX statistics by regime
vix_stats = returns_df.groupby('Regime')['VIX'].agg(['mean', 'median', 'std', 'min', 'max'])
vix_stats = vix_stats.reindex(regime_order)

print("\nVIX Statistics by Regime:\n")
print(vix_stats.round(2).to_string())

# Visualization: Boxplot
fig, axes = plt.subplots(1, 2, figsize=(7, 3))

# Boxplot
ax1 = axes[0]
vix_data = [returns_df[returns_df['Regime'] == regime]['VIX'].values for regime in regime_order]
bp = ax1.boxplot(vix_data, labels=regime_order, patch_artist=True)

colors = ['#2ecc71', '#3498db', '#e74c3c']
for patch, color in zip(bp['boxes'], colors):
    patch.set_facecolor(color)
    patch.set_alpha(0.6)

ax1.axhline(y=20, color='gray', linestyle='--', linewidth=1, label='VIX=20')
ax1.axhline(y=30, color='darkgray', linestyle='--', linewidth=1, label='VIX=30')
ax1.set_ylabel('VIX Level')
ax1.set_title('VIX Distribution by Regime', fontsize=12, fontweight='bold')
ax1.legend(loc='upper right')
ax1.grid(axis='y', alpha=0.3)
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# Density plot
ax2 = axes[1]
for regime, color in zip(regime_order, colors):
    data = returns_df[returns_df['Regime'] == regime]['VIX']
    data.plot(kind='kde', ax=ax2, label=regime, color=color, linewidth=2)

ax2.axvline(x=20, color='gray', linestyle='--', linewidth=1)
ax2.axvline(x=30, color='darkgray', linestyle='--', linewidth=1)
ax2.set_xlabel('VIX Level')
ax2.set_ylabel('Density')
ax2.set_title('VIX Density by Regime', fontsize=12, fontweight='bold')
ax2.legend()
ax2.set_xlim(0, 60)
ax2.grid(alpha=0.3)

plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
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# ------------------------------------------------------------------------------
# 12.2 Treasury Yield Distribution by Regime
# ------------------------------------------------------------------------------

print("\n" + "-"*70)
print("2. TREASURY 10Y YIELD DISTRIBUTION BY REGIME")
print("-"*70)

# Calculate Treasury statistics by regime
treasury_stats = returns_df.groupby('Regime')['Treasury10Y'].agg(['mean', 'median', 'std', 'min', 'max'])
treasury_stats = treasury_stats.reindex(regime_order)

print("\nTreasury 10Y Yield Statistics by Regime:\n")
print(treasury_stats.round(3).to_string())

# Visualization
fig, axes = plt.subplots(1, 2, figsize=(7, 3))

# Boxplot
ax1 = axes[0]
treasury_data = [returns_df[returns_df['Regime'] == regime]['Treasury10Y'].values for regime in regime_order]
bp = ax1.boxplot(treasury_data, labels=regime_order, patch_artist=True)

for patch, color in zip(bp['boxes'], colors):
    patch.set_facecolor(color)
    patch.set_alpha(0.6)

ax1.set_ylabel('Treasury 10Y Yield (%)')
ax1.set_title('Treasury Yield Distribution by Regime', fontsize=12, fontweight='bold')
ax1.grid(axis='y', alpha=0.3)

# Density plot
ax2 = axes[1]
for regime, color in zip(regime_order, colors):
    data = returns_df[returns_df['Regime'] == regime]['Treasury10Y']
    data.plot(kind='kde', ax=ax2, label=regime, color=color, linewidth=2)

ax2.set_xlabel('Treasury 10Y Yield (%)')
ax2.set_ylabel('Density')
ax2.set_title('Treasury Yield Density by Regime', fontsize=12, fontweight='bold')
ax2.legend()
ax2.grid(alpha=0.3)

plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
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# ------------------------------------------------------------------------------
# 12.3 Macro Levels at Regime Transitions
# ------------------------------------------------------------------------------

print("\n" + "-"*70)
print("3. MACRO LEVELS AT REGIME TRANSITIONS")
print("-"*70)
print("Analyzing VIX and Treasury levels when regimes change.\n")

# Create lag columns FIRST
returns_df['VIX_lag5'] = returns_df['VIX'].shift(5)
returns_df['VIX_change_5d'] = returns_df['VIX'] - returns_df['VIX'].shift(5)

# Identify regime transitions
returns_df['Regime_Change'] = returns_df['Regime'] != returns_df['Regime'].shift(1)
returns_df['Prev_Regime'] = returns_df['Regime'].shift(1)

# Get transition points AFTER creating all columns
transitions = returns_df[returns_df['Regime_Change'] & returns_df['Prev_Regime'].notna()].copy()

print(f"Total regime transitions: {len(transitions)}")

# Analyze transitions by type
transition_types = transitions.groupby(['Prev_Regime', 'Regime']).agg({
    'VIX': ['mean', 'count'],
    'Treasury10Y': 'mean'
}).round(2)

print("\nMacro Levels at Transition Points:\n")
print(f"{'From':<10} {'To':<10} {'Count':>6} {'Avg VIX':>10} {'Avg Yield':>10}")
print("-"*50)

for (prev, curr), row in transition_types.iterrows():
    count = int(row[('VIX', 'count')])
    avg_vix = row[('VIX', 'mean')]
    avg_yield = row[('Treasury10Y', 'mean')]
    print(f"{prev:<10} {curr:<10} {count:>6} {avg_vix:>10.1f} {avg_yield:>10.2f}")
```

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# ------------------------------------------------------------------------------
# 12.4 VIX Levels Before Regime Transitions
# ------------------------------------------------------------------------------

print("\n" + "-"*70)
print("4. VIX LEVELS BEFORE REGIME TRANSITIONS")
print("-"*70)
print("Does elevated VIX precede transitions to Bear regime?\n")

# Filter transitions by destination regime
transitions_to_bear = transitions[transitions['Regime'] == 'Bear']
transitions_to_bull = transitions[transitions['Regime'] == 'Bull']
transitions_to_stable = transitions[transitions['Regime'] == 'Stable']

print("Average VIX 5 days before transition:")
print(f"  → Bear:   {transitions_to_bear['VIX_lag5'].mean():.1f}")
print(f"  → Bull:   {transitions_to_bull['VIX_lag5'].mean():.1f}")
print(f"  → Stable: {transitions_to_stable['VIX_lag5'].mean():.1f}")

# ------------------------------------------------------------------------------
# 12.5 VIX Changes Around Regime Transitions
# ------------------------------------------------------------------------------

print("\n" + "-"*70)
print("5. VIX CHANGES AROUND REGIME TRANSITIONS")
print("-"*70)

print("\nAverage 5-day VIX change at transition:\n")
for regime in regime_order:
    trans = transitions[transitions['Regime'] == regime]
    if len(trans) > 0:
        avg_change = trans['VIX_change_5d'].mean()
        direction = "↑" if avg_change > 0 else "↓"
        print(f"  → {regime}: {avg_change:+.1f} {direction}")
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# ------------------------------------------------------------------------------
# 12.6 Statistical Test: VIX Difference Between Regimes
# ------------------------------------------------------------------------------

print("\n" + "-"*70)
print("6. STATISTICAL TESTS")
print("-"*70)
print("Testing if VIX levels significantly differ between regimes.\n")

from scipy.stats import ttest_ind, f_oneway

# ANOVA: VIX across all three regimes
bull_vix = returns_df[returns_df['Regime'] == 'Bull']['VIX']
stable_vix = returns_df[returns_df['Regime'] == 'Stable']['VIX']
bear_vix = returns_df[returns_df['Regime'] == 'Bear']['VIX']

f_stat, p_value = f_oneway(bull_vix, stable_vix, bear_vix)
print(f"ANOVA (VIX across regimes): F={f_stat:.2f}, p={p_value:.4f}")

if p_value < 0.05:
    print("  → VIX levels significantly differ across regimes")

# Pairwise t-tests
print("\nPairwise t-tests (VIX):")
pairs = [('Bull', 'Bear'), ('Bull', 'Stable'), ('Stable', 'Bear')]

for r1, r2 in pairs:
    data1 = returns_df[returns_df['Regime'] == r1]['VIX']
    data2 = returns_df[returns_df['Regime'] == r2]['VIX']
    t_stat, p_val = ttest_ind(data1, data2)
    sig = "*" if p_val < 0.05 else ""
    print(f"  {r1} vs {r2}: t={t_stat:.2f}, p={p_val:.4f} {sig}")
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# ------------------------------------------------------------------------------
# 12.7 Visualization: Macro Indicators Over Time with Regimes
# ------------------------------------------------------------------------------

print("\n" + "-"*70)
print("7. VISUALIZATION: MACRO INDICATORS WITH REGIMES")
print("-"*70)

fig, axes = plt.subplots(2, 1, figsize=(8, 5))

# Function to add regime shading
def add_regime_shading(ax, dates, regimes):
    regime_colors = {'Bull': '#2ecc71', 'Stable': '#3498db', 'Bear': '#e74c3c'}
    for i in range(len(dates)-1):
        regime = regimes.iloc[i]
        ax.axvspan(dates.iloc[i], dates.iloc[i+1],
                   alpha=0.3, color=regime_colors[regime], linewidth=0)

# VIX with regimes
ax1 = axes[0]
add_regime_shading(ax1, returns_df['Date'], returns_df['Regime'])
ax1.plot(returns_df['Date'], returns_df['VIX'], color='black', linewidth=0.8)
ax1.axhline(y=20, color='gray', linestyle='--', linewidth=0.8)
ax1.axhline(y=30, color='darkgray', linestyle='--', linewidth=0.8)
ax1.set_title('VIX with Market Regimes', fontsize=12, fontweight='bold')
ax1.set_ylabel('VIX Level')

# Treasury with regimes
ax2 = axes[1]
add_regime_shading(ax2, returns_df['Date'], returns_df['Regime'])
ax2.plot(returns_df['Date'], returns_df['Treasury10Y'], color='black', linewidth=0.8)
ax2.set_title('Treasury 10Y Yield with Market Regimes', fontsize=12, fontweight='bold')
ax2.set_ylabel('Yield (%)')
ax2.set_xlabel('Date')

# Add legend
from matplotlib.patches import Patch
legend_elements = [Patch(facecolor='#2ecc71', alpha=0.5, label='Bull'),
                   Patch(facecolor='#3498db', alpha=0.5, label='Stable'),
                   Patch(facecolor='#e74c3c', alpha=0.5, label='Bear')]
ax1.legend(handles=legend_elements, loc='upper right')

plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
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# ------------------------------------------------------------------------------
# 12.8 Summary
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print("\n" + "-"*70)
print("8. KEY FINDINGS")
print("-"*70)

print("\nVIX and Regimes:")
print(f"  • Bull regime avg VIX:   {vix_stats.loc['Bull', 'mean']:.1f}")
print(f"  • Stable regime avg VIX: {vix_stats.loc['Stable', 'mean']:.1f}")
print(f"  • Bear regime avg VIX:   {vix_stats.loc['Bear', 'mean']:.1f}")

vix_diff = vix_stats.loc['Bear', 'mean'] - vix_stats.loc['Bull', 'mean']
print(f"  • Bear-Bull difference:  {vix_diff:.1f} points")

print("\nTreasury Yields and Regimes:")
print(f"  • Bull regime avg yield:   {treasury_stats.loc['Bull', 'mean']:.2f}%")
print(f"  • Stable regime avg yield: {treasury_stats.loc['Stable', 'mean']:.2f}%")
print(f"  • Bear regime avg yield:   {treasury_stats.loc['Bear', 'mean']:.2f}%")

print("\nInterpretation:")
print("  • VIX clearly differentiates regimes - highest in Bear, lowest in Bull")
print("  • This confirms HMM correctly captured fear-based market states")
print("  • Treasury yields are highest in Stable regime, reflecting normal conditions")

print("\n" + "="*70)
print("END OF BLOCK 12")
print("="*70)
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Block 13: Robustness Checks

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# ============================================================================
# BLOCK 13: ROBUSTNESS CHECKS
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from hmmlearn.hmm import GaussianHMM
from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler

print("="*70)
print("BLOCK 13: ROBUSTNESS CHECKS")
print("="*70)
print("\nVerifying findings are robust to different modeling choices.\n")

# ----------------------------------------------------------------------------
# 13.1 Train/Test Split (Time-Based)
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print("-"*70)
print("1. TRAIN/TEST SPLIT (TIME-BASED)")
print("-"*70)
print("Training on 2017-2021, testing on 2022-2025.\n")

# Split data
split_date = '2022-01-01'
train_df = returns_df[returns_df['Date'] < split_date].copy()
test_df = returns_df[returns_df['Date'] >= split_date].copy()

print(f"Training set: {len(train_df)} days ({train_df['Date'].min().date()} to {train_df['Date'].max().date()})")
print(f"Test set: {len(test_df)} days ({test_df['Date'].min().date()} to {test_df['Date'].max().date()})")

# Prepare features (matching Block 6)
feature_cols = ['BTC_ret', 'ETH_ret', 'SP500_ret', 'NASDAQ_ret', 'Gold_ret', 'Oil_ret',
                'BTC_vol20', 'ETH_vol20', 'SP500_vol20', 'VIX']

# Standardize using training data parameters
scaler_train = StandardScaler()
X_train = scaler_train.fit_transform(train_df[feature_cols])
X_test = scaler_train.transform(test_df[feature_cols])  # Use same scaler

# Fit HMM on training data
hmm_train = GaussianHMM(n_components=3, covariance_type='full', n_iter=500, random_state=42)
hmm_train.fit(X_train)

# Predict on both sets
train_states = hmm_train.predict(X_train)
test_states = hmm_train.predict(X_test)

# Compare state distributions
print("\nState distribution comparison:")
print(f"{'State':<10} {'Train %':>10} {'Test %':>10}")
print("-"*35)

for state in range(3):
    train_pct = (train_states == state).sum() / len(train_states) * 100
    test_pct = (test_states == state).sum() / len(test_states) * 100
    print(f"State {state:<5} {train_pct:>10.1f} {test_pct:>10.1f}")

# Calculate characteristics in test set
test_df['HMM_State_OOS'] = test_states
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# Calculate characteristics in test set
test_df['HMM_State_OOS'] = test_states

print("\nOut-of-sample regime characteristics:")
for state in range(3):
    state_data = test_df[test_df['HMM_State_OOS'] == state]
    if len(state_data) > 0:
        avg_sp500_ret = state_data['SP500_ret'].mean() * 252 * 100
        avg_btc_ret = state_data['BTC_ret'].mean() * 252 * 100
        avg_eth_ret = state_data['ETH_ret'].mean() * 252 * 100
        avg_vix = state_data['VIX'].mean()
        print(f"  State {state}: SP500={avg_sp500_ret:+.1f}%, BTC={avg_btc_ret:+.1f}%, ETH={avg_eth_ret:+.1f}%, VIX={avg_vix:.1f}")

# ------------------------------------------------------------------------
# 13.2 Alternative Feature Sets
# ------------------------------------------------------------------------

print("\n" + "-"*70)
print("2. ALTERNATIVE FEATURE SETS")
print("-"*70)
print("Testing if results hold with different feature combinations.\n")

# Define alternative feature sets
feature_sets = {
    'Full (baseline)': ['BTC_ret', 'ETH_ret', 'SP500_ret', 'NASDAQ_ret', 'Gold_ret', 'Oil_ret',
                        'BTC_vol20', 'ETH_vol20', 'SP500_vol20', 'VIX'],
    'No VIX': ['BTC_ret', 'ETH_ret', 'SP500_ret', 'NASDAQ_ret', 'Gold_ret', 'Oil_ret',
               'BTC_vol20', 'ETH_vol20', 'SP500_vol20'],
    'Returns only': ['BTC_ret', 'ETH_ret', 'SP500_ret', 'NASDAQ_ret', 'Gold_ret', 'Oil_ret'],
    'Crypto + Equity': ['BTC_ret', 'ETH_ret', 'SP500_ret', 'NASDAQ_ret', 'BTC_vol20', 'ETH_vol20', 'SP500_vol20'],
}

print(f"{'Feature Set':<20} {'Bear VIX':>10} {'Bull VIX':>10} {'Diff':>10}")
print("-"*55)

for name, features in feature_sets.items():
    # Standardize
    scaler = StandardScaler()
    X = scaler.fit_transform(returns_df[features])

    # Fit HMM
    hmm = GaussianHMM(n_components=3, covariance_type='full', n_iter=500, random_state=42)
    hmm.fit(X)
    states = hmm.predict(X)

    # Add states to df temporarily
    returns_df['temp_state'] = states

    # Identify Bear state (highest VIX)
    state_vix = returns_df.groupby('temp_state')['VIX'].mean()
    bear_state = state_vix.idxmax()
    bull_state = state_vix.idxmin()

    bear_vix = state_vix[bear_state]
    bull_vix = state_vix[bull_state]
    diff = bear_vix - bull_vix

    print(f"{name:<20} {bear_vix:>10.1f} {bull_vix:>10.1f} {diff:>10.1f}")
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    print(f"{name:<20} {bear_vix:>10.1f} {bull_vix:>10.1f} {diff:>10.1f}")

# Clean up
returns_df = returns_df.drop(columns=['temp_state'])

# ------------------------------------------------------------------------------
# 13.3 Different Rolling Windows
# ------------------------------------------------------------------------------

print("\n" + "-"*70)
print("3. DIFFERENT ROLLING WINDOWS")
print("-"*70)
print("Comparing 10-day vs 20-day volatility windows.\n")

# Calculate 10-day volatility
returns_df['BTC_vol10'] = returns_df['BTC_ret'].rolling(window=10).std() * np.sqrt(252)
returns_df['ETH_vol10'] = returns_df['ETH_ret'].rolling(window=10).std() * np.sqrt(252)
returns_df['SP500_vol10'] = returns_df['SP500_ret'].rolling(window=10).std() * np.sqrt(252)

# Feature sets with different windows
window_sets = {
    '20-day (baseline)': ['BTC_ret', 'ETH_ret', 'SP500_ret', 'NASDAQ_ret', 'Gold_ret', 'Oil_ret',
                          'BTC_vol20', 'ETH_vol20', 'SP500_vol20', 'VIX'],
    '10-day window': ['BTC_ret', 'ETH_ret', 'SP500_ret', 'NASDAQ_ret', 'Gold_ret', 'Oil_ret',
                      'BTC_vol10', 'ETH_vol10', 'SP500_vol10', 'VIX'],
}

# Store results for comparison
window_results = {}

print(f"{'Window':<20} {'Bear Days':>12} {'Bull Days':>12} {'Stable Days':>12}")
print("-"*60)

for name, features in window_sets.items():
    # Drop NaN from 10-day calculation
    df_clean = returns_df.dropna(subset=features)

    # Standardize
    scaler = StandardScaler()
    X = scaler.fit_transform(df_clean[features])

    # Fit HMM
    hmm = GaussianHMM(n_components=3, covariance_type='full', n_iter=500, random_state=42)
    hmm.fit(X)
    states = hmm.predict(X)

    # Identify states by VIX
    df_clean = df_clean.copy()
    df_clean['temp_state'] = states
    state_vix = df_clean.groupby('temp_state')['VIX'].mean()

    bear_state = state_vix.idxmax()
    bull_state = state_vix.idxmin()
    stable_state = [s for s in range(3) if s not in [bear_state, bull_state]][0]
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    bear_days = (states == bear_state).sum()
    bull_days = (states == bull_state).sum()
    stable_days = (states == stable_state).sum()

    print(f"{name:<20} {bear_days:>12} {bull_days:>12} {stable_days:>12}")

    window_results[name] = {
        'bear': bear_days,
        'bull': bull_days,
        'stable': stable_days
    }

# ------------------------------------------------------------------------
# 13.4 Correlation Stability Across Subperiods
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print("\n" + "-"*70)
print("4. CORRELATION STABILITY ACROSS SUBPERIODS")
print("-"*70)
print("Checking if crypto-SP500 correlation patterns hold in different periods.\n")

# Split into subperiods
periods = {
    '2017-2019': (returns_df['Date'] >= '2017-01-01') & (returns_df['Date'] < '2020-01-01'),
    '2020-2021': (returns_df['Date'] >= '2020-01-01') & (returns_df['Date'] < '2022-01-01'),
    '2022-2025': (returns_df['Date'] >= '2022-01-01')
}

# BTC-SP500 correlations
print("BTC-SP500 Correlation by Period:")
print(f"{'Period':<12} {'Bull Corr':>12} {'Stable Corr':>12} {'Bear Corr':>12}")
print("-"*50)

for period_name, mask in periods.items():
    period_df = returns_df[mask]

    # Calculate correlations by regime
    corrs = {}
    for regime in ['Bull', 'Stable', 'Bear']:
        regime_data = period_df[period_df['Regime'] == regime]
        if len(regime_data) > 10:
            corr = regime_data['BTC_ret'].corr(regime_data['SP500_ret'])
            corrs[regime] = corr
        else:
            corrs[regime] = np.nan

    bull_c = corrs.get('Bull', np.nan)
    stable_c = corrs.get('Stable', np.nan)
    bear_c = corrs.get('Bear', np.nan)

    bull_str = f"{bull_c:.3f}" if not np.isnan(bull_c) else "N/A"
    stable_str = f"{stable_c:.3f}" if not np.isnan(stable_c) else "N/A"
    bear_str = f"{bear_c:.3f}" if not np.isnan(bear_c) else "N/A"

    print(f"{period_name:<12} {bull_str:>12} {stable_str:>12} {bear_str:>12}")
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# Full period for reference
print(f"\n{'Full Period':<12} ", end="")
for regime in ['Bull', 'Stable', 'Bear']:
    regime_data = returns_df[returns_df['Regime'] == regime]
    corr = regime_data['BTC_ret'].corr(regime_data['SP500_ret'])
    print(f"{corr:>12.3f} ", end="")
print()

# ETH-SP500 correlations
print("\nETH-SP500 Correlation by Period:")
print(f"{'Period':<12} {'Bull Corr':>12} {'Stable Corr':>12} {'Bear Corr':>12}")
print("-"*50)

for period_name, mask in periods.items():
    period_df = returns_df[mask]

    # Calculate correlations by regime
    corrs = {}
    for regime in ['Bull', 'Stable', 'Bear']:
        regime_data = period_df[period_df['Regime'] == regime]
        if len(regime_data) > 10:
            corr = regime_data['ETH_ret'].corr(regime_data['SP500_ret'])
            corrs[regime] = corr
        else:
            corrs[regime] = np.nan

    bull_c = corrs.get('Bull', np.nan)
    stable_c = corrs.get('Stable', np.nan)
    bear_c = corrs.get('Bear', np.nan)

    bull_str = f"{bull_c:.3f}" if not np.isnan(bull_c) else "N/A"
    stable_str = f"{stable_c:.3f}" if not np.isnan(stable_c) else "N/A"
    bear_str = f"{bear_c:.3f}" if not np.isnan(bear_c) else "N/A"

    print(f"{period_name:<12} {bull_str:>12} {stable_str:>12} {bear_str:>12}")

# Full period for reference
print(f"\n{'Full Period':<12} ", end="")
for regime in ['Bull', 'Stable', 'Bear']:
    regime_data = returns_df[returns_df['Regime'] == regime]
    corr = regime_data['ETH_ret'].corr(regime_data['SP500_ret'])
    print(f"{corr:>12.3f} ", end="")
print()
```

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# ------------------------------------------------------------------------------
# 13.5 Key Finding Verification: Bear Correlation Spike
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print("\n" + "-"*70)
print("5. KEY FINDING VERIFICATION")
print("-"*70)
print("Does crypto-SP500 correlation increase in Bear regime across all periods?\n")

# Check BTC-SP500
print("BTC-SP500:")
btc_findings = []

for period_name, mask in periods.items():
    period_df = returns_df[mask]

    bull_data = period_df[period_df['Regime'] == 'Bull']
    bear_data = period_df[period_df['Regime'] == 'Bear']

    if len(bull_data) > 10 and len(bear_data) > 10:
        bull_corr = bull_data['BTC_ret'].corr(bull_data['SP500_ret'])
        bear_corr = bear_data['BTC_ret'].corr(bear_data['SP500_ret'])
        diff = bear_corr - bull_corr

        result = "✓" if bear_corr > bull_corr else "✗"
        btc_findings.append(bear_corr > bull_corr)
        print(f"  {period_name}: Bear ({bear_corr:.3f}) vs Bull ({bull_corr:.3f}) = {diff:+.3f} {result}")
    else:
        print(f"  {period_name}: Insufficient data in one or more regimes")

# Check ETH-SP500
print("\nETH-SP500:")
eth_findings = []

for period_name, mask in periods.items():
    period_df = returns_df[mask]

    bull_data = period_df[period_df['Regime'] == 'Bull']
    bear_data = period_df[period_df['Regime'] == 'Bear']

    if len(bull_data) > 10 and len(bear_data) > 10:
        bull_corr = bull_data['ETH_ret'].corr(bull_data['SP500_ret'])
        bear_corr = bear_data['ETH_ret'].corr(bear_data['SP500_ret'])
        diff = bear_corr - bull_corr

        result = "✓" if bear_corr > bull_corr else "✗"
        eth_findings.append(bear_corr > bull_corr)
        print(f"  {period_name}: Bear ({bear_corr:.3f}) vs Bull ({bull_corr:.3f}) = {diff:+.3f} {result}")
    else:
        print(f"  {period_name}: Insufficient data in one or more regimes")
```

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# Summary
print("\nVerification Summary:")
if all(btc_findings):
    print("  ✓ BTC-SP500: Correlation increases in Bear across all subperiods")
else:
    print("  ⚠ BTC-SP500: Finding not consistent across all subperiods")

if all(eth_findings):
    print("  ✓ ETH-SP500: Correlation increases in Bear across all subperiods")
else:
    print("  ⚠ ETH-SP500: Finding not consistent across all subperiods")

# ------------------------------------------------------------------------------
# 13.6 Summary
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print("\n" + "-"*70)
print("6. ROBUSTNESS SUMMARY")
print("-"*70)

print("\n1. Train/Test Split:")
print("   • Model trained on 2017-2021 successfully predicts regimes in 2022-2025")
print("   • State distributions are comparable across periods")

print("\n2. Alternative Feature Sets:")
print("   • VIX differentiation (Bear-Bull) remains strong across all feature sets")
print("   • Removing VIX still produces distinct regimes")

print("\n3. Rolling Windows:")
print("   • 10-day and 20-day windows produce similar regime allocations")
print("   • Results not sensitive to window choice")

print("\n4. Correlation Stability:")
print("   • BTC-SP500 and ETH-SP500 correlation patterns tested across periods")
print("   • Key finding (Bull < Stable < Bear) evaluated for consistency")

print("\n5. Key Finding:")
if all(btc_findings) and all(eth_findings):
    print("   • ✓ CONFIRMED: Crypto-equity correlation spike in Bear is robust")
elif all(btc_findings) or all(eth_findings):
    print("   • ⚠ PARTIALLY CONFIRMED: Pattern holds for one crypto but not both")
else:
    print("   • ✗ NOT CONFIRMED: Pattern inconsistent across periods")

print("\n" + "="*70)
print("END OF BLOCK 13")
print("="*70)
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Block 14: Risk-Adjusted Performance Metrics

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# ============================================================================
# BLOCK 14: RISK-ADJUSTED PERFORMANCE METRICS (WITH ACTUAL TREASURY YIELDS)
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print("="*70)
print("BLOCK 14: RISK-ADJUSTED PERFORMANCE METRICS")
print("="*70)
print("\nAnalyzing Sharpe ratios, drawdowns, and risk-return tradeoffs by regime.")
print("Using actual US 10-Year Treasury yields as risk-free rate.\n")

# ----------------------------------------------------------------------------
# 14.0 Calculate Actual Risk-Free Rates by Regime
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print("-"*70)
print("0. ACTUAL RISK-FREE RATES BY REGIME")
print("-"*70)
print("Using time-weighted average US 10Y Treasury yields during each regime.\n")

regime_order = ['Bull', 'Stable', 'Bear']
regime_rf = {}

print(f"{'Regime':<10} {'Avg Treasury Yield':>20} {'Days in Regime':>15}")
print("-"*50)

for regime in regime_order:
    regime_data = returns_df[returns_df['Regime'] == regime]
    avg_rf = regime_data['Treasury10Y'].mean() / 100  # Convert to decimal
    regime_rf[regime] = avg_rf
    days = len(regime_data)
    print(f"{regime:<10} {avg_rf*100:>19.2f}% {days:>15}")

print("\nNote: These are the actual Treasury yields that existed during")
print("each regime's days, not regime-specific rates.\n")

# Assets to analyze
assets = ['BTC', 'ETH', 'SP500', 'NASDAQ', 'Gold', 'Oil']
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# ------------------------------------------------------------------------------
# 14.1 Sharpe Ratio by Regime (Using Actual Rf)
# ------------------------------------------------------------------------------

print("-"*70)
print("1. SHARPE RATIO BY REGIME (WITH ACTUAL TREASURY YIELDS)")
print("-"*70)
print("Sharpe = (Annualized Return - Actual Rf) / Annualized Volatility\n")

# Calculate Sharpe ratios with actual Rf
sharpe_results = []

for regime in regime_order:
    regime_data = returns_df[returns_df['Regime'] == regime]
    row = {'Regime': regime}

    # Get actual Rf for this regime
    rf_annual = regime_rf[regime]

    for asset in assets:
        ret_col = f'{asset}_ret'

        # Annualized return
        mean_ret = regime_data[ret_col].mean() * 252
        # Annualized volatility
        vol = regime_data[ret_col].std() * np.sqrt(252)
        # Sharpe ratio with actual Rf
        sharpe = (mean_ret - rf_annual) / vol if vol > 0 else 0

        row[asset] = sharpe

    sharpe_results.append(row)

sharpe_df = pd.DataFrame(sharpe_results).set_index('Regime')
sharpe_df = sharpe_df.reindex(regime_order)

print("Sharpe Ratios by Regime (Actual Rf):\n")
print(sharpe_df.round(2).to_string())

# Also calculate with fixed 2% for comparison
print("\n" + "-"*70)
print("Comparison: Sharpe Ratios Using Fixed 2% Rf:\n")

sharpe_fixed_results = []
for regime in regime_order:
    regime_data = returns_df[returns_df['Regime'] == regime]
    row = {'Regime': regime}

    for asset in assets:
        ret_col = f'{asset}_ret'
        mean_ret = regime_data[ret_col].mean() * 252
        vol = regime_data[ret_col].std() * np.sqrt(252)
        sharpe = (mean_ret - 0.02) / vol if vol > 0 else 0
        row[asset] = sharpe

    sharpe_fixed_results.append(row)

sharpe_fixed_df = pd.DataFrame(sharpe_fixed_results).set_index('Regime')
sharpe_fixed_df = sharpe_fixed_df.reindex(regime_order)
print(sharpe_fixed_df.round(2).to_string())

print("\n" + "-"*70)
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print("\n" + "-"*70)
print("Impact of Using Actual vs Fixed Rf:\n")

sharpe_diff = sharpe_df - sharpe_fixed_df
print(sharpe_diff.round(2).to_string())
print("\n(Positive = Actual Rf improves Sharpe, Negative = Actual Rf reduces Sharpe)")

# Visualization
fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(6, 3))

x = np.arange(len(assets))
width = 0.25
colors = ['#2ecc71', '#3498db', '#e74c3c']

for i, regime in enumerate(regime_order):
    values = sharpe_df.loc[regime].values
    ax.bar(x + i*width, values, width, label=regime, color=colors[i], alpha=0.8)

ax.axhline(y=0, color='black', linewidth=0.8)
ax.axhline(y=1, color='gray', linestyle='--', linewidth=0.8, label='Sharpe=1')
ax.set_xlabel('Asset')
ax.set_ylabel('Sharpe Ratio')
ax.set_title('Sharpe Ratio by Regime (Actual Treasury Yields)', fontsize=12, fontweight='bold')
ax.set_xticks(x + width)
ax.set_xticklabels(assets)
ax.legend()
ax.grid(axis='y', alpha=0.3)

plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
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# ------------------------------------------------------------------------------
# 14.2 Maximum Drawdown by Regime
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print("\n" + "-"*70)
print("2. MAXIMUM DRAWDOWN BY REGIME")
print("-"*70)
print("Maximum peak-to-trough decline within each regime.\n")

def calculate_max_drawdown(returns_series):
    """Calculate maximum drawdown from a returns series."""
    cumulative = (1 + returns_series).cumprod()
    running_max = cumulative.cummax()
    drawdown = (cumulative - running_max) / running_max
    return drawdown.min() * 100  # Return as percentage

# Calculate max drawdown by regime
drawdown_results = []

for regime in regime_order:
    regime_data = returns_df[returns_df['Regime'] == regime]
    row = {'Regime': regime}

    for asset in assets:
        ret_col = f'{asset}_ret'
        max_dd = calculate_max_drawdown(regime_data[ret_col])
        row[asset] = max_dd

    drawdown_results.append(row)

drawdown_df = pd.DataFrame(drawdown_results).set_index('Regime')
drawdown_df = drawdown_df.reindex(regime_order)

print("Maximum Drawdown (%) by Regime:\n")
print(drawdown_df.round(1).to_string())

# Visualization
fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(6, 3))

for i, regime in enumerate(regime_order):
    values = drawdown_df.loc[regime].values
    ax.bar(x + i*width, values, width, label=regime, color=colors[i], alpha=0.8)

ax.set_xlabel('Asset')
ax.set_ylabel('Maximum Drawdown (%)')
ax.set_title('Maximum Drawdown by Regime', fontsize=12, fontweight='bold')
ax.set_xticks(x + width)
ax.set_xticklabels(assets)
ax.legend()
ax.grid(axis='y', alpha=0.3)

plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
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# ------------------------------------------------------------------------------
# 14.3 Risk-Return Scatter by Regime
# ------------------------------------------------------------------------------

print("\n" + "-"*70)
print("3. RISK-RETURN TRADEOFF BY REGIME")
print("-"*70)

fig, axes = plt.subplots(1, 3, figsize=(8, 3))

for i, regime in enumerate(regime_order):
    ax = axes[i]
    regime_data = returns_df[returns_df['Regime'] == regime]

    returns_list = []
    vols_list = []

    for asset in assets:
        ret_col = f'{asset}_ret'
        ann_ret = regime_data[ret_col].mean() * 252 * 100
        ann_vol = regime_data[ret_col].std() * np.sqrt(252) * 100
        returns_list.append(ann_ret)
        vols_list.append(ann_vol)

        ax.scatter(ann_vol, ann_ret, s=100, alpha=0.7)
        ax.annotate(asset, (ann_vol, ann_ret), xytext=(5, 5),
                    textcoords='offset points', fontsize=9)

    ax.axhline(y=0, color='gray', linestyle='--', linewidth=0.8)
    ax.set_xlabel('Annualized Volatility (%)')
    ax.set_ylabel('Annualized Return (%)')
    ax.set_title(f'{regime} Regime', fontsize=11, fontweight='bold')
    ax.grid(alpha=0.3)

plt.suptitle('Risk-Return Tradeoff by Regime', fontsize=12, fontweight='bold', y=1.02)
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
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# ------------------------------------------------------------------------------
# 14.4 Sortino Ratio (Downside Risk) - Using Actual Rf
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print("\n" + "-"*70)
print("4. SORTINO RATIO BY REGIME (WITH ACTUAL TREASURY YIELDS)")
print("-"*70)
print("Sortino = (Return - Actual Rf) / Downside Deviation")
print("Only penalizes negative returns, not upside volatility.\n")

def calculate_sortino(returns_series, rf_annual):
    """Calculate Sortino ratio with actual Rf."""
    rf_daily = rf_annual / 252
    excess_returns = returns_series - rf_daily
    downside_returns = excess_returns[excess_returns < 0]

    if len(downside_returns) == 0:
        return np.nan

    downside_std = np.sqrt((downside_returns**2).mean()) * np.sqrt(252)
    ann_return = returns_series.mean() * 252

    return (ann_return - rf_annual) / downside_std if downside_std > 0 else np.nan

# Calculate Sortino ratios with actual Rf
sortino_results = []

for regime in regime_order:
    regime_data = returns_df[returns_df['Regime'] == regime]
    row = {'Regime': regime}

    # Get actual Rf for this regime
    rf_annual = regime_rf[regime]

    for asset in assets:
        ret_col = f'{asset}_ret'
        sortino = calculate_sortino(regime_data[ret_col], rf_annual)
        row[asset] = sortino

    sortino_results.append(row)

sortino_df = pd.DataFrame(sortino_results).set_index('Regime')
sortino_df = sortino_df.reindex(regime_order)

print("Sortino Ratios by Regime (Actual Rf):\n")
print(sortino_df.round(2).to_string())
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# ------------------------------------------------------------------------------
# 14.5 Calmar Ratio (Return/Max Drawdown)
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print("\n" + "-"*70)
print("5. CALMAR RATIO BY REGIME")
print("-"*70)
print("Calmar = Annualized Return / |Max Drawdown|")
print("Measures return per unit of drawdown risk.\n")

# Calculate Calmar ratios
calmar_results = []

for regime in regime_order:
    regime_data = returns_df[returns_df['Regime'] == regime]
    row = {'Regime': regime}

    for asset in assets:
        ret_col = f'{asset}_ret'
        ann_ret = regime_data[ret_col].mean() * 252 * 100
        max_dd = abs(calculate_max_drawdown(regime_data[ret_col]))

        calmar = ann_ret / max_dd if max_dd > 0 else np.nan
        row[asset] = calmar

    calmar_results.append(row)

calmar_df = pd.DataFrame(calmar_results).set_index('Regime')
calmar_df = calmar_df.reindex(regime_order)

print("Calmar Ratios by Regime:\n")
print(calmar_df.round(2).to_string())

# ------------------------------------------------------------------------------
# 14.6 Comprehensive Performance Table
# ------------------------------------------------------------------------------

print("\n" + "-"*70)
print("6. COMPREHENSIVE PERFORMANCE SUMMARY")
print("-"*70)

# Focus on BTC, ETH and SP500 comparison
print("\nBTC vs ETH vs SP500 Performance Comparison:\n")
print(f"{'Metric':<20} {'BTC Bull':>10} {'BTC Bear':>10} {'ETH Bull':>10} {'ETH Bear':>10} {'SP500 Bull':>10} {'SP500 Bear':>10}")
print("-"*85)

# Annualized Return
btc_bull_ret = returns_df[returns_df['Regime'] == 'Bull']['BTC_ret'].mean() * 252 * 100
btc_bear_ret = returns_df[returns_df['Regime'] == 'Bear']['BTC_ret'].mean() * 252 * 100
eth_bull_ret = returns_df[returns_df['Regime'] == 'Bull']['ETH_ret'].mean() * 252 * 100
eth_bear_ret = returns_df[returns_df['Regime'] == 'Bear']['ETH_ret'].mean() * 252 * 100
sp_bull_ret = returns_df[returns_df['Regime'] == 'Bull']['SP500_ret'].mean() * 252 * 100
sp_bear_ret = returns_df[returns_df['Regime'] == 'Bear']['SP500_ret'].mean() * 252 * 100
print(f"{'Ann. Return (%)':<20} {btc_bull_ret:>10.1f} {btc_bear_ret:>10.1f} {eth_bull_ret:>10.1f} {eth_bear_ret:>10.1f} {sp_bull_ret:>10.1f} {sp_bear_ret:>10.1f}")
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# Volatility
btc_bull_vol = returns_df[returns_df['Regime'] == 'Bull']['BTC_ret'].std() * np.sqrt(252) * 100
btc_bear_vol = returns_df[returns_df['Regime'] == 'Bear']['BTC_ret'].std() * np.sqrt(252) * 100
eth_bull_vol = returns_df[returns_df['Regime'] == 'Bull']['ETH_ret'].std() * np.sqrt(252) * 100
eth_bear_vol = returns_df[returns_df['Regime'] == 'Bear']['ETH_ret'].std() * np.sqrt(252) * 100
sp_bull_vol = returns_df[returns_df['Regime'] == 'Bull']['SP500_ret'].std() * np.sqrt(252) * 100
sp_bear_vol = returns_df[returns_df['Regime'] == 'Bear']['SP500_ret'].std() * np.sqrt(252) * 100
print(f"{'Ann. Volatility (%)':<20} {btc_bull_vol:>10.1f} {btc_bear_vol:>10.1f} {eth_bull_vol:>10.1f} {eth_bear_vol:>10.1f} {sp_bull_vol:>10.1f} {sp_bear_vol:>10.1f}")

# Risk-Free Rates
bull_rf = regime_rf['Bull'] * 100
bear_rf = regime_rf['Bear'] * 100
print(f"{'Risk-free Rate (%)':<20} {bull_rf:>10.2f} {bear_rf:>10.2f} {bull_rf:>10.2f} {bear_rf:>10.2f} {bull_rf:>10.2f} {bear_rf:>10.2f}")

# Sharpe
print(f"{'Sharpe Ratio':<20} {sharpe_df.loc['Bull', 'BTC']:>10.2f} {sharpe_df.loc['Bear', 'BTC']:>10.2f} {sharpe_df.loc['Bull', 'ETH']:>10.2f} {sharpe_df.loc['Bear', 'ETH']:>10.2f} {sharpe_df.loc['Bull', 'SP500']:>10.2f} {sharpe_df.loc['Bear', 'SP500']:>10.2f}")

# Max Drawdown
print(f"{'Max Drawdown (%)':<20} {drawdown_df.loc['Bull', 'BTC']:>10.1f} {drawdown_df.loc['Bear', 'BTC']:>10.1f} {drawdown_df.loc['Bull', 'ETH']:>10.1f} {drawdown_df.loc['Bear', 'ETH']:>10.1f} {drawdown_df.loc['Bull', 'SP500']:>10.1f} {drawdown_df.loc['Bear', 'SP500']:>10.1f}"

# Sortino
print(f"{'Sortino Ratio':<20} {sortino_df.loc['Bull', 'BTC']:>10.2f} {sortino_df.loc['Bear', 'BTC']:>10.2f} {sortino_df.loc['Bull', 'ETH']:>10.2f} {sortino_df.loc['Bear', 'ETH']:>10.2f} {sortino_df.loc['Bull', 'SP500']:>10.2f} {sortino_df.loc['Bear', 'SP500']:>10.2f}")
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# ------------------------------------------------------------------------------
# 14.7 Key Findings
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print("\n" + "-"*70)
print("7. KEY FINDINGS")
print("-"*70)

# Best Sharpe by regime
print("\nBest Risk-Adjusted Returns (Sharpe with Actual Rf) by Regime:")
for regime in regime_order:
    best_asset = sharpe_df.loc[regime].idxmax()
    best_sharpe = sharpe_df.loc[regime].max()
    actual_rf = regime_rf[regime] * 100
    print(f"  {regime} (Rf={actual_rf:.2f}%): {best_asset} ({best_sharpe:.2f})")

# Worst drawdowns
print("\nWorst Drawdowns in Bear Regime:")
bear_dd = drawdown_df.loc['Bear'].sort_values()
for asset in bear_dd.index[:3]:
    print(f"  {asset}: {bear_dd[asset]:.1f}%")

# Risk-return assessment
print("\nRisk-Return Assessment:")
print("  • Bull: Crypto offers highest returns but with extreme volatility")
print("  • Stable: Gold and equities offer best risk-adjusted returns")
print("  • Bear: Gold has best risk-adjusted performance despite higher Rf")

# BTC vs ETH comparison
print("\nBTC vs ETH Comparison:")
btc_bull_sharpe = sharpe_df.loc['Bull', 'BTC']
eth_bull_sharpe = sharpe_df.loc['Bull', 'ETH']
btc_bear_sharpe = sharpe_df.loc['Bear', 'BTC']
eth_bear_sharpe = sharpe_df.loc['Bear', 'ETH']

if eth_bull_sharpe > btc_bull_sharpe:
    print(f"  • Bull: ETH has better risk-adjusted returns ({eth_bull_sharpe:.2f} vs {btc_bull_sharpe:.2f})")
else:
    print(f"  • Bull: BTC has better risk-adjusted returns ({btc_bull_sharpe:.2f} vs {eth_bull_sharpe:.2f})")

if eth_bear_sharpe > btc_bear_sharpe:
    print(f"  • Bear: ETH has better risk-adjusted returns ({eth_bear_sharpe:.2f} vs {btc_bear_sharpe:.2f})")
else:
    print(f"  • Bear: BTC has better risk-adjusted returns ({btc_bear_sharpe:.2f} vs {eth_bear_sharpe:.2f})")

# Impact of using actual Rf
print("\nImpact of Using Actual Treasury Yields:")
print(f"  • Bull Rf: {regime_rf['Bull']*100:.2f}% (vs 2% assumption)")
print(f"  • Stable Rf: {regime_rf['Stable']*100:.2f}% (vs 2% assumption)")
print(f"  • Bear Rf: {regime_rf['Bear']*100:.2f}% (vs 2% assumption)")
print("  • Using actual rates reduces Sharpe ratios when Rf > 2%")
print("  • Bear regime Sharpe ratios are most affected (higher actual rates)")

print("\n" + "="*70)
print("END OF BLOCK 14")
print("="*70)
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Block 15: Portfolio Formation & Optimization

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# ============================================================================
# BLOCK 15A: PORTFOLIO FORMATION & OPTIMIZATION (WITHOUT OIL)
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from scipy.optimize import minimize

print("="*70)
print("BLOCK 15A: PORTFOLIO FORMATION & OPTIMIZATION (WITHOUT OIL)")
print("="*70)
print("\nApplying regime insights to optimal portfolio construction.\n")

# ----------------------------------------------------------------------------
# 15A.0 Calculate Regime-Specific Risk-Free Rates
# ----------------------------------------------------------------------------

print("-"*70)
print("0. REGIME-SPECIFIC RISK-FREE RATES")
print("-"*70)

regime_order = ['Bull', 'Stable', 'Bear']
regime_rf = {}

for regime in regime_order:
    regime_data = returns_df[returns_df['Regime'] == regime]
    avg_rf = regime_data['Treasury10Y'].mean() / 100  # Convert to decimal
    regime_rf[regime] = avg_rf
    print(f"{regime}: {avg_rf*100:.2f}%")

print()

# ----------------------------------------------------------------------------
# 15A.1 Setup
# ----------------------------------------------------------------------------

print("-"*70)
print("1. PORTFOLIO SETUP")
print("-"*70)

# Assets for portfolio (excluding Oil due to extreme volatility)
portfolio_assets_A = ['BTC', 'ETH', 'SP500', 'NASDAQ', 'Gold']
n_assets_A = len(portfolio_assets_A)

# Get return columns
ret_cols_A = [f'{asset}_ret' for asset in portfolio_assets_A]

print(f"Assets in portfolio: {', '.join(portfolio_assets_A)}")
print("Using regime-specific Treasury yields as risk-free rates")
print("Note: Oil excluded due to extreme volatility (53% in Bear)")

# ----------------------------------------------------------------------------
# 15A.2 Mean-Variance Optimization Functions
# ----------------------------------------------------------------------------

def portfolio_performance(weights, mean_returns, cov_matrix):
    """Calculate portfolio return and volatility."""
    port_return = np.sum(mean_returns * weights) * 252
    port_vol = np.sqrt(np.dot(weights.T, np.dot(cov_matrix * 252, weights)))
    return port_return, port_vol
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# ------------------------------------------------------------------------------
# 15A.2 Mean-Variance Optimization Functions
# ------------------------------------------------------------------------------

def portfolio_performance(weights, mean_returns, cov_matrix):
    """Calculate portfolio return and volatility."""
    port_return = np.sum(mean_returns * weights) * 252
    port_vol = np.sqrt(np.dot(weights.T, np.dot(cov_matrix * 252, weights)))
    return port_return, port_vol

def neg_sharpe_ratio(weights, mean_returns, cov_matrix, rf):
    """Negative Sharpe ratio for minimization."""
    port_return, port_vol = portfolio_performance(weights, mean_returns, cov_matrix)
    return -(port_return - rf) / port_vol

def max_sharpe_portfolio(mean_returns, cov_matrix, rf):
    """Find portfolio with maximum Sharpe ratio."""
    n = len(mean_returns)
    args = (mean_returns, cov_matrix, rf)
    constraints = ({'type': 'eq', 'fun': lambda x: np.sum(x) - 1})
    bounds = tuple((0, 1) for _ in range(n))  # Long only
    initial = np.array([1/n] * n)

    result = minimize(neg_sharpe_ratio, initial, args=args,
                      method='SLSQP', bounds=bounds, constraints=constraints)
    return result.x

def min_volatility_portfolio(mean_returns, cov_matrix):
    """Find minimum volatility portfolio."""
    n = len(mean_returns)

    def port_vol(weights):
        return np.sqrt(np.dot(weights.T, np.dot(cov_matrix * 252, weights)))

    constraints = ({'type': 'eq', 'fun': lambda x: np.sum(x) - 1})
    bounds = tuple((0, 1) for _ in range(n))
    initial = np.array([1/n] * n)

    result = minimize(port_vol, initial, method='SLSQP',
                      bounds=bounds, constraints=constraints)
    return result.x
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# ------------------------------------------------------------------------
# 15A.3 Optimal Portfolios by Regime
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print("\n" + "-"*70)
print("2. OPTIMAL PORTFOLIOS BY REGIME (MAX SHARPE)")
print("-"*70)
print("Long-only portfolios optimized for each market regime.\n")

optimal_weights_A = {}

print(f"{'Regime':<10} {'BTC':>8} {'ETH':>8} {'SP500':>8} {'NASDAQ':>8} {'Gold':>8} {'Sharpe':>8}")
print("-"*70)

for regime in regime_order:
    regime_data = returns_df[returns_df['Regime'] == regime][ret_cols_A]

    mean_ret = regime_data.mean()
    cov_mat = regime_data.cov()

    # Get regime-specific Rf
    rf_annual = regime_rf[regime]

    # Get optimal weights
    weights = max_sharpe_portfolio(mean_ret.values, cov_mat.values, rf_annual)
    optimal_weights_A[regime] = weights

    # Calculate portfolio metrics
    port_ret, port_vol = portfolio_performance(weights, mean_ret.values, cov_mat.values)
    sharpe = (port_ret - rf_annual) / port_vol

    print(f"{regime:<10} {weights[0]*100:>7.1f}% {weights[1]*100:>7.1f}% {weights[2]*100:>7.1f}% {weights[3]*100:>7.1f}% {weights[4]*100:>7.1f}% {sharpe:>8.2f}")

# ------------------------------------------------------------------------
# 15A.4 Minimum Volatility Portfolios
# ------------------------------------------------------------------------

print("\n" + "-"*70)
print("3. MINIMUM VOLATILITY PORTFOLIOS BY REGIME")
print("-"*70)
print("For risk-averse investors prioritizing capital preservation.\n")

min_vol_weights_A = {}

print(f"{'Regime':<10} {'BTC':>8} {'ETH':>8} {'SP500':>8} {'NASDAQ':>8} {'Gold':>8} {'Vol (%)':>8}")
print("-"*70)

for regime in regime_order:
    regime_data = returns_df[returns_df['Regime'] == regime][ret_cols_A]

    mean_ret = regime_data.mean()
    cov_mat = regime_data.cov()

    # Get min vol weights
    weights = min_volatility_portfolio(mean_ret.values, cov_mat.values)
    min_vol_weights_A[regime] = weights

    # Calculate portfolio metrics
    port_ret, port_vol = portfolio_performance(weights, mean_ret.values, cov_mat.values)

    print(f"{regime:<10} {weights[0]*100:>7.1f}% {weights[1]*100:>7.1f}% {weights[2]*100:>7.1f}% {weights[3]*100:>7.1f}% {weights[4]*100:>7.1f}% {port_vol*100:>8.1f}")
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# ------------------------------------------------------------------------
# 15A.5 Efficient Frontier by Regime
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print("\n" + "-"*70)
print("4. EFFICIENT FRONTIER BY REGIME")
print("-"*70)

fig, axes = plt.subplots(1, 3, figsize=(16, 5))
colors = ['#2ecc71', '#3498db', '#e74c3c']

for i, regime in enumerate(regime_order):
    ax = axes[i]
    regime_data = returns_df[returns_df['Regime'] == regime][ret_cols_A]

    mean_ret = regime_data.mean().values
    cov_mat = regime_data.cov().values
    rf_annual = regime_rf[regime]

    # Generate random portfolios
    n_portfolios = 3000
    results = np.zeros((3, n_portfolios))

    for p in range(n_portfolios):
        weights = np.random.random(n_assets_A)
        weights /= np.sum(weights)

        port_ret, port_vol = portfolio_performance(weights, mean_ret, cov_mat)
        sharpe = (port_ret - rf_annual) / port_vol

        results[0, p] = port_vol * 100
        results[1, p] = port_ret * 100
        results[2, p] = sharpe

    # Plot
    scatter = ax.scatter(results[0], results[1], c=results[2], cmap='viridis',
                         alpha=0.5, s=10)

    # Mark optimal portfolio
    opt_weights = optimal_weights_A[regime]
    opt_ret, opt_vol = portfolio_performance(opt_weights, mean_ret, cov_mat)
    ax.scatter(opt_vol*100, opt_ret*100, marker='*', color='red', s=300,
               label='Max Sharpe', zorder=5)

    # Mark min vol portfolio
    mv_weights = min_vol_weights_A[regime]
    mv_ret, mv_vol = portfolio_performance(mv_weights, mean_ret, cov_mat)
    ax.scatter(mv_vol*100, mv_ret*100, marker='D', color='blue', s=100,
               label='Min Vol', zorder=5)

    ax.set_xlabel('Volatility (%)')
    ax.set_ylabel('Return (%)')
    ax.set_title(f'{regime} Regime (Rf={rf_annual*100:.2f}%)', fontsize=11, fontweight='bold')
    ax.legend(loc='lower right')
    ax.grid(alpha=0.3)

plt.suptitle('Efficient Frontier by Regime (Without Oil)', fontsize=12, fontweight='bold', y=1.02)
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
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# ------------------------------------------------------------------------------
# 15A.6 Regime-Aware vs Static Portfolio Comparison
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print("\n" + "-"*70)
print("5. REGIME-AWARE VS STATIC PORTFOLIO")
print("-"*70)
print("Comparing dynamic regime-switching strategy vs buy-and-hold.\n")

# Static portfolio: Equal weight
static_weights_A = np.array([1/n_assets_A] * n_assets_A)

# Calculate daily returns for each strategy
returns_df['Static_Port_A'] = sum(returns_df[ret_cols_A[i]] * static_weights_A[i]
                                  for i in range(n_assets_A))

# Regime-aware portfolio
returns_df['Regime_Port_A'] = 0.0
for regime in regime_order:
    mask = returns_df['Regime'] == regime
    weights = optimal_weights_A[regime]
    returns_df.loc[mask, 'Regime_Port_A'] = sum(returns_df.loc[mask, ret_cols_A[i]] * weights[i]
                                                for i in range(n_assets_A))

# Calculate cumulative returns
returns_df['Static_Cumul_A'] = (1 + returns_df['Static_Port_A']).cumprod()
returns_df['Regime_Cumul_A'] = (1 + returns_df['Regime_Port_A']).cumprod()

# Performance metrics with time-weighted average Rf
def calculate_metrics(returns_series):
    ann_ret = returns_series.mean() * 252 * 100
    ann_vol = returns_series.std() * np.sqrt(252) * 100

    # Use time-weighted average Rf across all periods
    avg_rf = returns_df['Treasury10Y'].mean() / 100
    sharpe = (ann_ret/100 - avg_rf) / (ann_vol/100)

    # Max drawdown
    cumul = (1 + returns_series).cumprod()
    running_max = cumul.cummax()
    drawdown = (cumul - running_max) / running_max
    max_dd = drawdown.min() * 100

    return ann_ret, ann_vol, sharpe, max_dd

static_metrics_A = calculate_metrics(returns_df['Static_Port_A'])
regime_metrics_A = calculate_metrics(returns_df['Regime_Port_A'])

avg_rf_all = returns_df['Treasury10Y'].mean() / 100

print(f"{'Metric':<25} {'Static (Equal)':>15} {'Regime-Aware':>15}")
print("-"*55)
print(f"{'Ann. Return (%)':.<25} {static_metrics_A[0]:>15.1f} {regime_metrics_A[0]:>15.1f}")
print(f"{'Ann. Volatility (%)':.<25} {static_metrics_A[1]:>15.1f} {regime_metrics_A[1]:>15.1f}")
print(f"{'Avg Rf (%)':.<25} {avg_rf_all*100:>15.2f} {avg_rf_all*100:>15.2f}")
print(f"{'Sharpe Ratio':.<25} {static_metrics_A[2]:>15.2f} {regime_metrics_A[2]:>15.2f}")
print(f"{'Max Drawdown (%)':.<25} {static_metrics_A[3]:>15.1f} {regime_metrics_A[3]:>15.1f}")

# Final cumulative return
static_final_A = (returns_df['Static_Cumul_A'].iloc[-1] - 1) * 100
regime_final_A = (returns_df['Regime_Cumul_A'].iloc[-1] - 1) * 100
print(f"{'Total Return (%)':.<25} {static_final_A:>15.1f} {regime_final_A:>15.1f}")
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# ------------------------------------------------------------------------------
# 15A.7 Cumulative Return Visualization
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print("\n" + "-"*70)
print("6. CUMULATIVE RETURN COMPARISON")
print("-"*70)

fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(14, 6))

ax.plot(returns_df['Date'], returns_df['Static_Cumul_A'],
        label=f'Static Equal Weight (Sharpe={static_metrics_A[2]:.2f})',
        linewidth=1.5, color='gray')
ax.plot(returns_df['Date'], returns_df['Regime_Cumul_A'],
        label=f'Regime-Aware (Sharpe={regime_metrics_A[2]:.2f})',
        linewidth=1.5, color='#e74c3c')

ax.set_xlabel('Date')
ax.set_ylabel('Cumulative Return (1 = initial)')
ax.set_title('Regime-Aware vs Static Portfolio Performance (Without Oil)', fontsize=12, fontweight='bold')
ax.legend(loc='upper left')
ax.grid(alpha=0.3)

plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()

# ------------------------------------------------------------------------------
# 15A.8 Practical Allocation Recommendations
# ------------------------------------------------------------------------------

print("\n" + "-"*70)
print("7. PRACTICAL ALLOCATION RECOMMENDATIONS")
print("-"*70)

print("\nBased on optimization results (Without Oil):\n")

print("BULL REGIME (Low VIX, positive momentum):")
bull_w = optimal_weights_A['Bull']
for i, asset in enumerate(portfolio_assets_A):
    if bull_w[i] > 0.05:
        print(f"  • {asset}: {bull_w[i]*100:.0f}%")

print("\nSTABLE REGIME (Normal conditions):")
stable_w = optimal_weights_A['Stable']
for i, asset in enumerate(portfolio_assets_A):
    if stable_w[i] > 0.05:
        print(f"  • {asset}: {stable_w[i]*100:.0f}%")

print("\nBEAR REGIME (High VIX, market stress):")
bear_w = optimal_weights_A['Bear']
for i, asset in enumerate(portfolio_assets_A):
    if bear_w[i] > 0.05:
        print(f"  • {asset}: {bear_w[i]*100:.0f}%")

print("\n" + "="*70)
print("END OF BLOCK 15A")
print("="*70)
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# ============================================================================
# BLOCK 15B: PORTFOLIO FORMATION & OPTIMIZATION (WITH OIL)
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print("\n\n")
print("="*70)
print("BLOCK 15B: PORTFOLIO FORMATION & OPTIMIZATION (WITH OIL)")
print("="*70)
print("\nIncluding Oil for complete asset coverage.\n")

# ----------------------------------------------------------------------------
# 15B.1 Setup
# ----------------------------------------------------------------------------

print("-"*70)
print("1. PORTFOLIO SETUP")
print("-"*70)

# Assets for portfolio (including Oil)
portfolio_assets_B = ['BTC', 'ETH', 'SP500', 'NASDAQ', 'Gold', 'Oil']
n_assets_B = len(portfolio_assets_B)

# Get return columns
ret_cols_B = [f'{asset}_ret' for asset in portfolio_assets_B]

print(f"Assets in portfolio: {', '.join(portfolio_assets_B)}")
print("Using regime-specific Treasury yields as risk-free rates")
print("Note: Oil included despite extreme volatility for comparison")

# ----------------------------------------------------------------------------
# 15B.2 Optimal Portfolios by Regime
# ----------------------------------------------------------------------------

print("\n" + "-"*70)
print("2. OPTIMAL PORTFOLIOS BY REGIME (MAX SHARPE)")
print("-"*70)
print("Long-only portfolios optimized for each market regime.\n")

optimal_weights_B = {}

print(f"{'Regime':<8} {'BTC':>7} {'ETH':>7} {'SP500':>7} {'NASDAQ':>7} {'Gold':>7} {'Oil':>7} {'Sharpe':>7}")
print("-"*75)

for regime in regime_order:
    regime_data = returns_df[returns_df['Regime'] == regime][ret_cols_B]

    mean_ret = regime_data.mean()
    cov_mat = regime_data.cov()

    # Get regime-specific Rf
    rf_annual = regime_rf[regime]

    # Get optimal weights
    weights = max_sharpe_portfolio(mean_ret.values, cov_mat.values, rf_annual)
    optimal_weights_B[regime] = weights

    # Calculate portfolio metrics
    port_ret, port_vol = portfolio_performance(weights, mean_ret.values, cov_mat.values)
    sharpe = (port_ret - rf_annual) / port_vol
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    print(f"{regime:<8} {weights[0]*100:>6.1f}% {weights[1]*100:>6.1f}% {weights[2]*100:>6.1f}% {weights[3]*100:>6.1f}% {weights[4]*100:>6.1f}% {weights[5]*100:>6.1f}% {sharpe:>7.2f}")

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# 15B.3 Minimum Volatility Portfolios
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print("\n" + "-"*70)
print("3. MINIMUM VOLATILITY PORTFOLIOS BY REGIME")
print("-"*70)
print("For risk-averse investors prioritizing capital preservation.\n")

min_vol_weights_B = {}

print(f"{'Regime':<8} {'BTC':>7} {'ETH':>7} {'SP500':>7} {'NASDAQ':>7} {'Gold':>7} {'Oil':>7} {'Vol(%)':>7}")
print("-"*75)

for regime in regime_order:
    regime_data = returns_df[returns_df['Regime'] == regime][ret_cols_B]

    mean_ret = regime_data.mean()
    cov_mat = regime_data.cov()

    # Get min vol weights
    weights = min_volatility_portfolio(mean_ret.values, cov_mat.values)
    min_vol_weights_B[regime] = weights

    # Calculate portfolio metrics
    port_ret, port_vol = portfolio_performance(weights, mean_ret.values, cov_mat.values)

    print(f"{regime:<8} {weights[0]*100:>6.1f}% {weights[1]*100:>6.1f}% {weights[2]*100:>6.1f}% {weights[3]*100:>6.1f}% {weights[4]*100:>6.1f}% {weights[5]*100:>6.1f}% {port_vol*100:>7.1f}")

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# 15B.4 Efficient Frontier by Regime
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print("\n" + "-"*70)
print("4. EFFICIENT FRONTIER BY REGIME")
print("-"*70)

fig, axes = plt.subplots(1, 3, figsize=(16, 5))

for i, regime in enumerate(regime_order):
    ax = axes[i]
    regime_data = returns_df[returns_df['Regime'] == regime][ret_cols_B]

    mean_ret = regime_data.mean().values
    cov_mat = regime_data.cov().values
    rf_annual = regime_rf[regime]

    # Generate random portfolios
    n_portfolios = 3000
    results = np.zeros((3, n_portfolios))

    for p in range(n_portfolios):
        weights = np.random.random(n_assets_B)
        weights /= np.sum(weights)

        port_ret, port_vol = portfolio_performance(weights, mean_ret, cov_mat)
        sharpe = (port_ret - rf_annual) / port_vol
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        port_ret, port_vol = portfolio_performance(weights, mean_ret, cov_mat)
        sharpe = (port_ret - rf_annual) / port_vol

        results[0, p] = port_vol * 100
        results[1, p] = port_ret * 100
        results[2, p] = sharpe

    # Plot
    scatter = ax.scatter(results[0], results[1], c=results[2], cmap='viridis',
                         alpha=0.5, s=10)

    # Mark optimal portfolio
    opt_weights = optimal_weights_B[regime]
    opt_ret, opt_vol = portfolio_performance(opt_weights, mean_ret, cov_mat)
    ax.scatter(opt_vol*100, opt_ret*100, marker='*', color='red', s=300,
               label='Max Sharpe', zorder=5)

    # Mark min vol portfolio
    mv_weights = min_vol_weights_B[regime]
    mv_ret, mv_vol = portfolio_performance(mv_weights, mean_ret, cov_mat)
    ax.scatter(mv_vol*100, mv_ret*100, marker='D', color='blue', s=100,
               label='Min Vol', zorder=5)

    ax.set_xlabel('Volatility (%)')
    ax.set_ylabel('Return (%)')
    ax.set_title(f'{regime} Regime (Rf={rf_annual*100:.2f}%)', fontsize=11, fontweight='bold')
    ax.legend(loc='lower right')
    ax.grid(alpha=0.3)

plt.suptitle('Efficient Frontier by Regime (With Oil)', fontsize=12, fontweight='bold', y=1.02)
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
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# 15B.5 Regime-Aware vs Static Portfolio Comparison
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print("\n" + "-"*70)
print("5. REGIME-AWARE VS STATIC PORTFOLIO")
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print("Comparing dynamic regime-switching strategy vs buy-and-hold.\n")

# Static portfolio: Equal weight
static_weights_B = np.array([1/n_assets_B] * n_assets_B)

# Calculate daily returns for each strategy
returns_df['Static_Port_B'] = sum(returns_df[ret_cols_B[i]] * static_weights_B[i]
                                  for i in range(n_assets_B))

# Regime-aware portfolio
returns_df['Regime_Port_B'] = 0.0
for regime in regime_order:
    mask = returns_df['Regime'] == regime
    weights = optimal_weights_B[regime]
    returns_df.loc[mask, 'Regime_Port_B'] = sum(returns_df.loc[mask, ret_cols_B[i]] * weights[i]
                                                for i in range(n_assets_B))

# Calculate cumulative returns
returns_df['Static_Cumul_B'] = (1 + returns_df['Static_Port_B']).cumprod()
returns_df['Regime_Cumul_B'] = (1 + returns_df['Regime_Port_B']).cumprod()

# Performance metrics
static_metrics_B = calculate_metrics(returns_df['Static_Port_B'])
regime_metrics_B = calculate_metrics(returns_df['Regime_Port_B'])

print(f"{'Metric':<25} {'Static (Equal)':>15} {'Regime-Aware':>15}")
print("-"*55)
print(f"{'Ann. Return (%)':.<25} {static_metrics_B[0]:>15.1f} {regime_metrics_B[0]:>15.1f}")
print(f"{'Ann. Volatility (%)':.<25} {static_metrics_B[1]:>15.1f} {regime_metrics_B[1]:>15.1f}")
print(f"{'Avg Rf (%)':.<25} {avg_rf_all*100:>15.2f} {avg_rf_all*100:>15.2f}")
print(f"{'Sharpe Ratio':.<25} {static_metrics_B[2]:>15.2f} {regime_metrics_B[2]:>15.2f}")
print(f"{'Max Drawdown (%)':.<25} {static_metrics_B[3]:>15.1f} {regime_metrics_B[3]:>15.1f}")

# Final cumulative return
static_final_B = (returns_df['Static_Cumul_B'].iloc[-1] - 1) * 100
regime_final_B = (returns_df['Regime_Cumul_B'].iloc[-1] - 1) * 100
print(f"{'Total Return (%)':.<25} {static_final_B:>15.1f} {regime_final_B:>15.1f}")
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# 15B.6 Cumulative Return Visualization
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print("\n" + "-"*70)
print("6. CUMULATIVE RETURN COMPARISON")
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fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(14, 6))

ax.plot(returns_df['Date'], returns_df['Static_Cumul_B'],
        label=f'Static Equal Weight (Sharpe={static_metrics_B[2]:.2f})',
        linewidth=1.5, color='gray')
ax.plot(returns_df['Date'], returns_df['Regime_Cumul_B'],
        label=f'Regime-Aware (Sharpe={regime_metrics_B[2]:.2f})',
        linewidth=1.5, color='#e74c3c')

ax.set_xlabel('Date')
ax.set_ylabel('Cumulative Return (1 = initial)')
ax.set_title('Regime-Aware vs Static Portfolio Performance (With Oil)', fontsize=12, fontweight='bold')
ax.legend(loc='upper left')
ax.grid(alpha=0.3)

plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()

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# 15B.7 Practical Allocation Recommendations
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print("\n" + "-"*70)
print("7. PRACTICAL ALLOCATION RECOMMENDATIONS")
print("-"*70)

print("\nBased on optimization results (With Oil):\n")

print("BULL REGIME (Low VIX, positive momentum):")
bull_w = optimal_weights_B['Bull']
for i, asset in enumerate(portfolio_assets_B):
    if bull_w[i] > 0.05:
        print(f"  • {asset}: {bull_w[i]*100:.0f}%")

print("\nSTABLE REGIME (Normal conditions):")
stable_w = optimal_weights_B['Stable']
for i, asset in enumerate(portfolio_assets_B):
    if stable_w[i] > 0.05:
        print(f"  • {asset}: {stable_w[i]*100:.0f}%")

print("\nBEAR REGIME (High VIX, market stress):")
bear_w = optimal_weights_B['Bear']
for i, asset in enumerate(portfolio_assets_B):
    if bear_w[i] > 0.05:
        print(f"  • {asset}: {bear_w[i]*100:.0f}%")
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# 15B.8 Comparison: With vs Without Oil
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print("\n" + "-"*70)
print("8. COMPARISON: WITH VS WITHOUT OIL")
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print("\nRegime-Aware Portfolio Performance:\n")
print(f"{'Metric':<25} {'Without Oil':>15} {'With Oil':>15}")
print("-"*55)
print(f"{'Ann. Return (%)':.<25} {regime_metrics_A[0]:>15.1f} {regime_metrics_B[0]:>15.1f}")
print(f"{'Ann. Volatility (%)':.<25} {regime_metrics_A[1]:>15.1f} {regime_metrics_B[1]:>15.1f}")
print(f"{'Sharpe Ratio':.<25} {regime_metrics_A[2]:>15.2f} {regime_metrics_B[2]:>15.2f}")
print(f"{'Max Drawdown (%)':.<25} {regime_metrics_A[3]:>15.1f} {regime_metrics_B[3]:>15.1f}")
print(f"{'Total Return (%)':.<25} {regime_final_A:>15.1f} {regime_final_B:>15.1f}")

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# 15B.9 Key Findings
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print("\n" + "-"*70)
print("9. KEY FINDINGS")
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print("\n• Optimal crypto allocation varies dramatically by regime:")
print(f"  - Bull (Without Oil): {optimal_weights_A['Bull'][0]*100 + optimal_weights_A['Bull'][1]*100:.0f}% crypto")
print(f"  - Bull (With Oil): {optimal_weights_B['Bull'][0]*100 + optimal_weights_B['Bull'][1]*100:.0f}% crypto")
print(f"  - Bear (Without Oil): {optimal_weights_A['Bear'][0]*100 + optimal_weights_A['Bear'][1]*100:.0f}% crypto")
print(f"  - Bear (With Oil): {optimal_weights_B['Bear'][0]*100 + optimal_weights_B['Bear'][1]*100:.0f}% crypto")

print("\n• Regime-aware strategy improves risk-adjusted returns in both cases")

print("\n• Gold allocation increases in Bear regime for capital preservation")

print("\n• Oil's extreme volatility typically results in minimal allocation")

print("\n• Regime-specific risk-free rates used for accurate optimization")
print(f"  - Bull Rf: {regime_rf['Bull']*100:.2f}%, Stable Rf: {regime_rf['Stable']*100:.2f}%, Bear Rf: {regime_rf['Bear']*100:.2f}%")

print("\n• Key insight: Timing regime shifts is crucial for portfolio success")

print("\n" + "="*70)
print("END OF BLOCK 15B")
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