

SMM Quantitative Trading Strategy

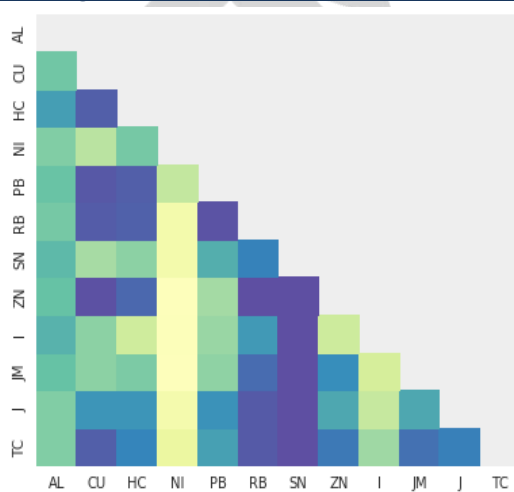
Contract	Arbitrage Type	
Non-Ferrous	SHFE Copper	Inter-Commodity
	SHFE Aluminum	None
	SHFE Lead	None
	SHFE Zinc	Inter-Commodity
	SHFE Nickel	None
Ferrous	SHFE Steel Rebar	Inter-Commodity
	SHFE Hot-rolled coil	None
	DCE Iron Ore	None
	DCE Coke	None
	DCE Coking Coal	None
	ZCE Thermal Coal	None

Source: SHFE, SMM

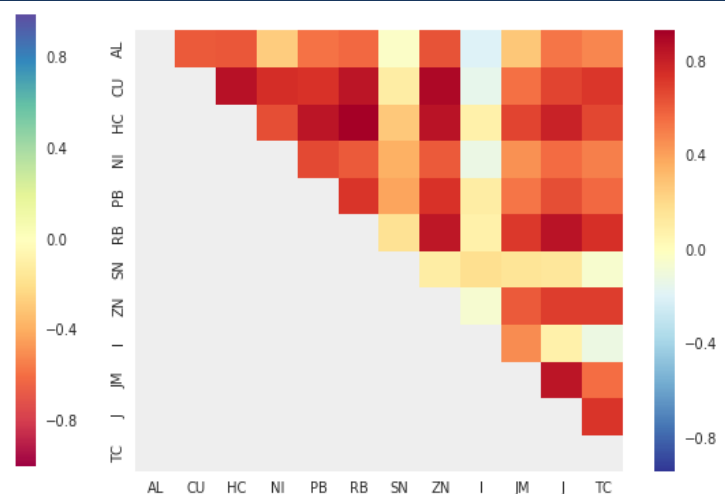
Methodology:

In this report, we use the statistical arbitrage strategy to find the historically correlated underlying assets, the profitability of pairs trading is selected by using the co-integration method in China's commodity market over the period of 2017 to 2018.

Co-integration Matrix



Correlation Matrix:



Source: SMM

Note: Darker colors indicate higher correlation/co-integration

In this report, in order to select potential underlying assets for pairs trading, the two-stage correlation and cointegration approach was used. We choose the high-correlated pairs ($\rho > 0.80$) as follows:

Table1: Selected Correlation Matrix

	CU	HC	NI	PB	RB	ZN
CU	1.0000	0.8640	0.7559	0.7424	0.8508	0.9040
HC	0.8640	1.0000	0.6516	0.8510	0.9364	0.8578
NI	0.7559	0.6516	1.0000	0.6699	0.6171	0.6205
PB	0.7424	0.8510	0.6699	1.0000	0.7369	0.7437
RB	0.8508	0.9364	0.6171	0.7369	1.0000	0.8440
ZN	0.9040	0.8578	0.6205	0.7437	0.8440	1.0000

Source: SMM

The second step is to apply the unit root test (in this case, the ADF method is applied) to identify the feasibility of the potential trading pairs, and then we use linear regression to determine the integration equation (in mt). After standardising the residuals series, we determine the long/short position of each portfolio as follows:

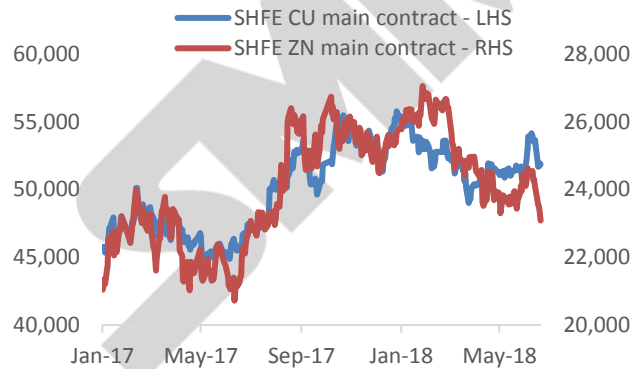
Table2: Trading Pairs

Contract	Trading Pair	Portfolio	Position
SHFE Copper	SHFE Zinc	CU1808-2*ZN1808	Short
SHFE Zinc	SHFE Steel Rebar	ZN1808 -6*RB1810	Long

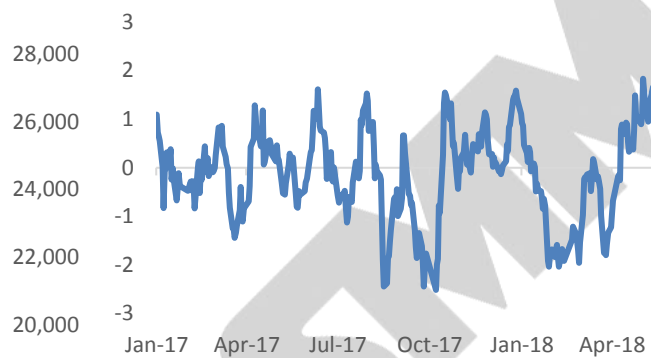
SHFE copper pair trading analysis

CU1808-2*ZN1808

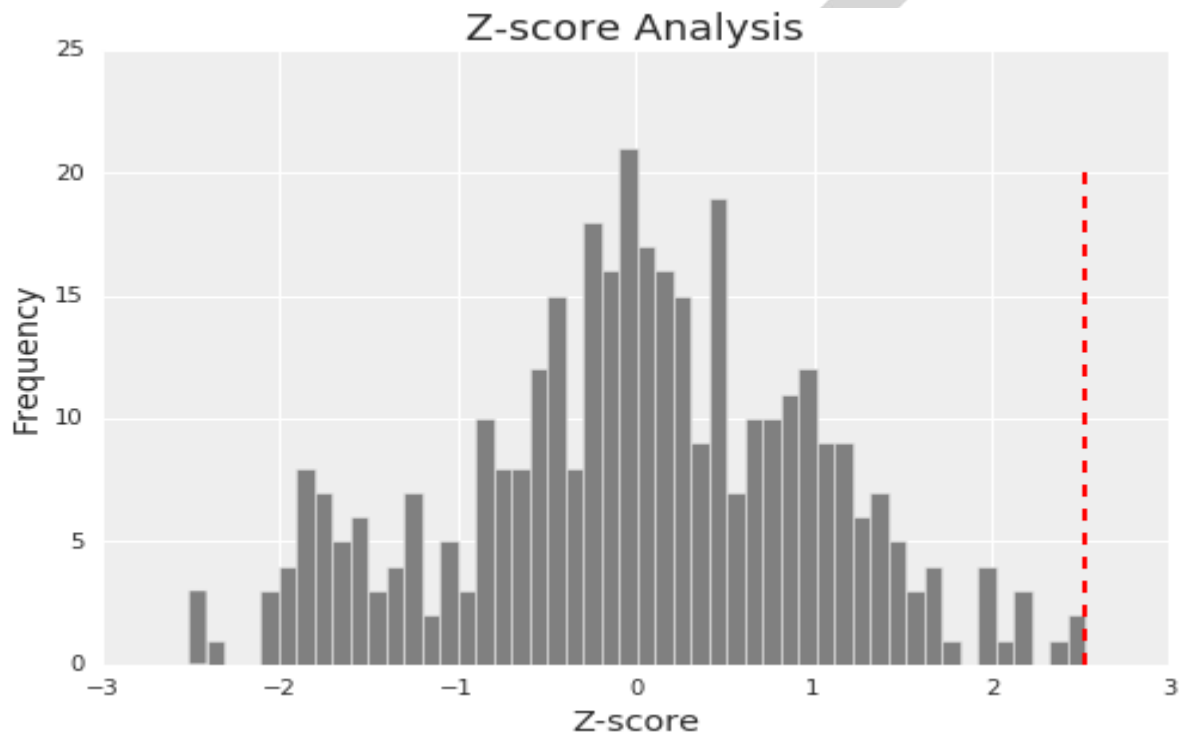
1.SHFE Close Price(Yuan/mt)



2.Residual Series



3.Histogram



Dash line: Current z-score by June 22,2018

Source: SHFE, SMM

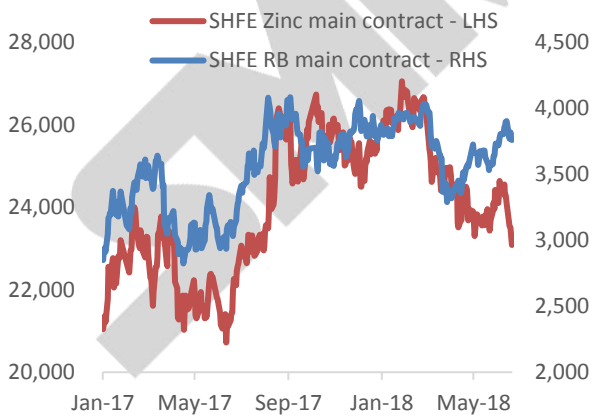
Statistical arbitrage analysis: By June 22,2018, the standardised residual of the corresponding portfolio CU1808-2*ZN1808 is 2.52 which is **higher than 100%** of the sample observed. **Thus, SMM forecasts the spread to revert to the previous mean.**

Recommended strategy: **Take the short position of the portfolio and close the position when the standardised residual close to zero.**

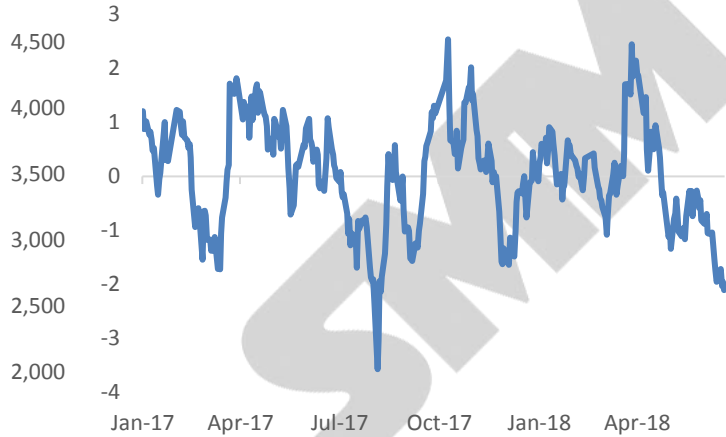
SHFE zinc pair trading analysis

ZN1808 -6*RB1810

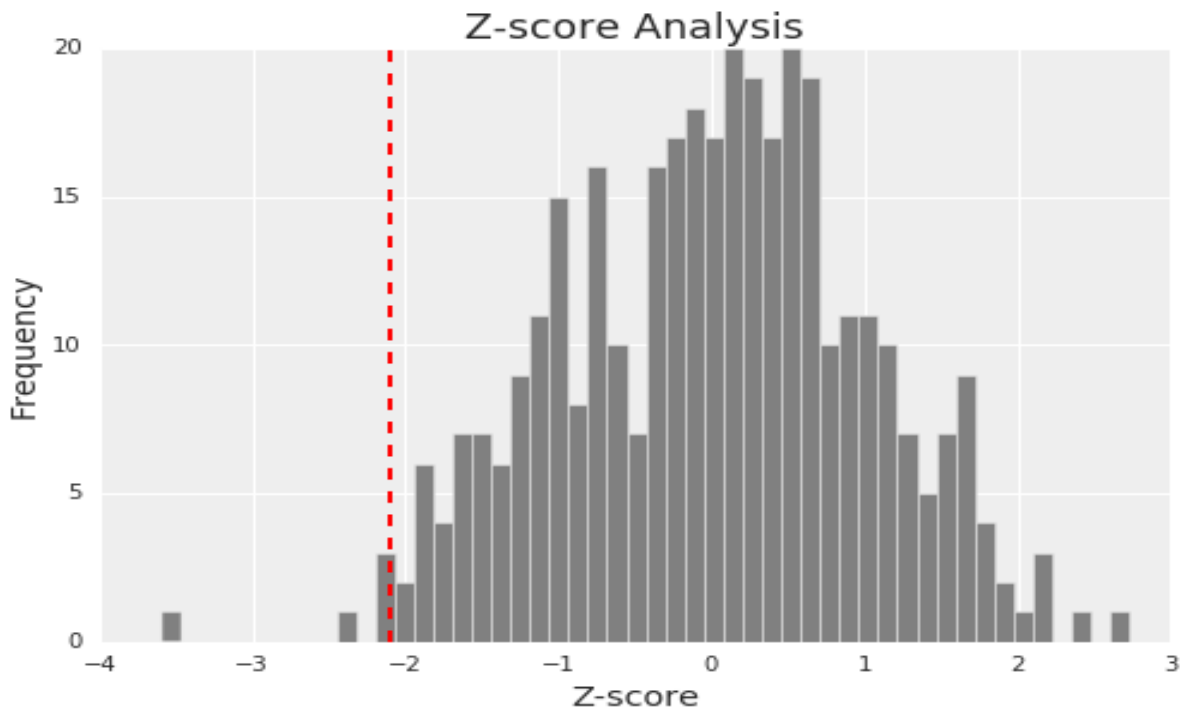
1.SHFE Close Price(Yuan/mt)



2.Residual Series



3.Histogram



Dash line: Current z-score by June22,2018

Source: SHFE, SMM

Statistical arbitrage analysis: By June22,2018, the standardised residual of the corresponding portfolio ZN1808 - 6*RB1810 is -2.09 which is **lower than 98%** of the sample observed. **Thus, SMM forecasts the spread to revert to the previous mean.**

Recommended strategy: **Take the long position of the portfolio and close the position when the standardised residual close to zero.**

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