ABL Digital Cryptoglobal Weekly

Cross-Exchange Crypto Analytics | week ending 2026-07-27

15 majors + derivatives, options & flows | BTC dominance 56% | 734 days

REGIME: Neutral

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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Crypto Dashboard

Market state and the week's key readings across majors, options and flows.

REGIME	BTC DOM	BTC DVOL	FEAR&GREED
Neutral	**56%**	**37**	**30**

MAJORS (price | 7d | 30d | 90d)

BTC	65,296.24	+0.1%	+8.9%	-14.5%
ETH	1,966.49	+3.3%	+25.1%	-14.1%
SOL	76.51	-1.6%	+8.7%	-9.0%
BNB	573.00	+0.4%	+3.0%	-8.2%
XRP	1.11	-0.4%	+5.8%	-19.8%
DOGE	0.07	+0.8%	-2.3%	-26.9%
ADA	0.17	-2.6%	+13.9%	-33.0%
AVAX	6.64	+1.0%	+3.3%	-27.6%
LINK	8.80	+2.5%	+20.7%	-4.8%
TRX	0.33	+1.3%	+3.2%	+2.5%
DOT	0.81	-1.8%	-0.5%	-34.0%
NEAR	1.84	-7.0%	-1.6%	+36.5%
LTC	46.93	-0.9%	+11.4%	-15.8%
BCH	219.30	-0.3%	+12.2%	-51.6%
SUI	0.72	-6.1%	+4.9%	-22.4%

ETH/BTC 0.03012 | alt-breadth 36% of majors beating BTC (30d)

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Regime & Market State

The Markov posterior on BTC returns is the definition of indecision: Neutral 0.50, Risk-on 0.491, Risk-off 0.009. The near-zero Risk-off probability is the meaningful part — the model sees very low odds of an imminent trend-down regime, consistent with BTC's flat 7-day return (+0.1%) and a recovering 30-day tape (+9%) even as the 90-day print remains a painful -14%. In practice this is a market that has repaired the acute downside but has not generated the momentum to flip convincingly Risk-on. Fear & Greed at 30, roughly flat week-on-week, tells the same story: capitulation has passed but greed has not returned. For an investor, the read is a low-conviction, mean-reverting tape — one where fresh risk should be sized against the absence of trend rather than added aggressively, because the model is not yet paying you to be long the regime.

Bitcoin Dominance & Alt-Season

BTC dominance at 56.5% against ETH's 10.2%, with ETH/BTC at just 0.0301, describes a market where capital has not broadly rotated down the risk curve. The decisive tell is alt-breadth: only 36% of majors have beaten BTC over 30 days, comfortably below the 50% threshold that would mark a genuine broadening. That keeps the "alt-season" label off the table. But the headline masks a bifurcation — ETH (+25% 30d), LINK (+21%), ADA (+14%), BCH (+12%) and LTC (+11%) are running hard, while DOGE (-2%), NEAR (-2%) and DOT (~0%) languish and the long tail bleeds on a 90-day basis (ADA -33%, DOT -34%, BCH -52%). So this is not broad risk-seeking; it is a selective, quality-and-narrative-led bid concentrated in ETH and a handful of large caps. The investor implication: express alt exposure through the leaders showing relative strength rather than a basket, because breadth this thin historically resolves by the leaders fading toward BTC rather than the laggards catching up.

Cross-Asset Correlation Structure

Crypto is trading as a macro risk-asset, not a decoupled store of value. The DCC-GARCH BTC~Nasdaq correlation sits at +0.43 (90-day static +0.40, 365-day +0.46), meaning roughly half of Bitcoin's variance is currently shared with US equity beta — but the low persistence parameter (0.212) says that linkage is unstable and can decay quickly, so this is a regime-conditional coupling, not a structural one. Against gold, the correlation has risen to +0.41 on 90 days (from +0.16 on the year), hinting at a modest "debasement/liquidity" trade running alongside the risk-asset behavior. The dollar and rates relationships have strengthened in the risk-on direction — BTC~DXY -0.38 and BTC~10Y -0.21 on 90 days — so crypto is currently rewarded by easier financial conditions and a softer dollar. The practical takeaway: near-term BTC direction is more likely to be dictated by Nasdaq and the dollar than by anything crypto-native, and any equity drawdown should be assumed to transmit into crypto until that +0.43 correlation demonstrably breaks.

Derivatives & Positioning

Positioning is clean to the point of being uncommitted. Perp funding is only marginally positive across the board — BTC 0.007%, ETH 0.008%, SOL 0.010% per 8h — nowhere near the levels that flag crowded longs, and futures basis is actually in mild backwardation (BTC -4bp, ETH -3bp, SOL -3bp), which tells you spot is trading at a premium to futures and there is no eager leveraged long paying to be carried. Open interest is moderate (BTC $6.8bn, ETH $4.7bn, SOL $0.7bn). The "so what" cuts two ways: on the constructive side, there is little long leverage to liquidate, so the downside from a forced-deleveraging cascade is limited; on the cautious side, the absence of positive carry and the backwardation signal that traders are not paying to be long, consistent with the Neutral regime. That SOL carries the highest funding on the smallest OI is worth flagging as the most speculatively-financed of the three — the first place a positioning washout would show up.

Options & Volatility

The options surface is calm on the front end but is quietly bidding protection. BTC DVOL at 37 is subdued, and the IV term structure is gently upward-sloping (30 for 28-Jul rising to 35 into 31-Jul, easing to 34 by 7-Aug), so the market expects a modest volatility bump into month-end rather than a shock. The BTC put/call ratio at 0.43 skews toward calls in flow terms, yet the 25-delta skew of +13.4 shows downside puts are meaningfully richer than equivalent calls — the classic signature of a market that is complacent on realized vol but paying up for tail insurance. ETH's surface is hotter across the board: DVOL 51, put/call 0.49, skew +13.7 and a term structure climbing from 43 to 48, quantifying the market's expectation that ETH is where the movement is. On max-pain, BTC spot (65,559) sits just below the 66,000 pin and ETH spot (1,973) just above its 1,925 pin — both close enough that dealer gravitational pull is a real force into expiry, arguing for range-bound price action absent an external catalyst. For an investor, cheap front-end vol plus elevated skew makes owning downside convexity relatively attractive versus selling it.

Flows, Stablecoins & the OTC Question

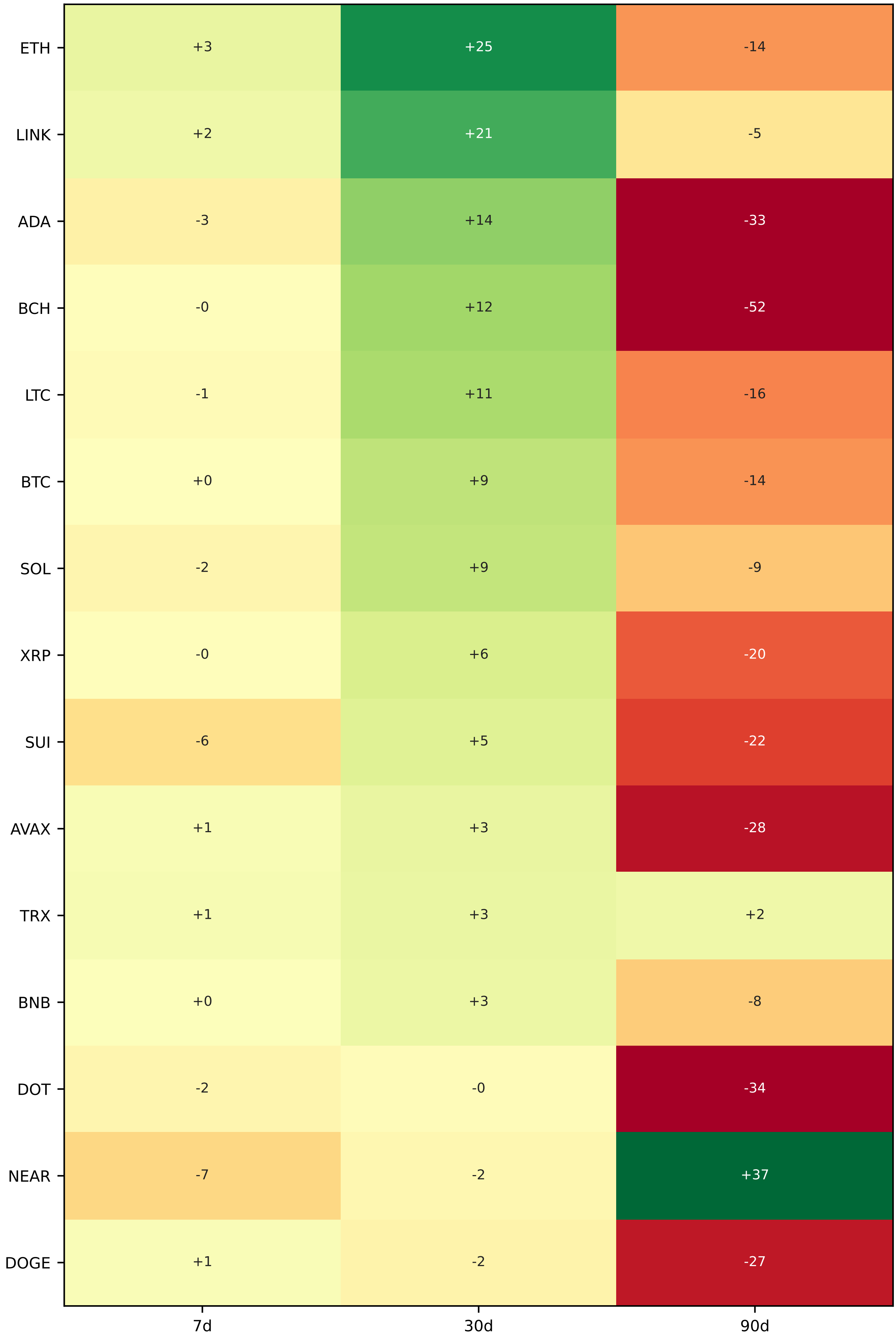
Let me be explicit up front: true OTC volume is opaque and unobservable — no one reporting a precise OTC figure is being honest — so we proxy latent demand through stablecoin supply and on-chain activity only. On that basis, dry powder is ample but static: stablecoin supply stands at $309bn, up just 0.2% over 7 days. The capital is there, but it is not being minted into the system at a pace that would signal fresh inbound demand — a sidelined, wait-and-see posture that fits the Neutral regime and the flat Fear reading. DeFi TVL at $77bn (+1.4% on the week) shows a modestly firmer on-chain bid, consistent with the ETH-led leadership on the majors board, but it is a marginal build, not a surge. The honest synthesis: the balance-sheet capacity for a rally exists on the sidelines, but the flow data gives no evidence it is being deployed yet — so treat the stablecoin float as optionality on demand, not as demand already in motion.

Key Risks & What to Watch

The dominant risk is macro transmission: with BTC~Nasdaq at +0.43, an equity drawdown or a dollar/rates surprise would likely drag crypto lower regardless of on-chain fundamentals, and the elevated 25-delta skew shows the options market is already paying for that scenario. The second risk is narrowness — a 36% alt-breadth reading and PC1 explaining 69% of majors' variance mean this market is still overwhelmingly a single BTC-beta factor, so diversification across alts is largely illusory and a BTC stumble would drag the leaders (ETH, LINK) down with it. On lead-lag, weekly predictive skill is modest at best — treat any cross-asset "signal" as a weak prior, not a trade trigger. Concretely, the view turns more constructive if: the regime posterior tips Risk-on above ~0.6, stablecoin supply growth accelerates above ~1% weekly (real dry-powder deployment), alt-breadth climbs through 50%, and the BTC futures basis flips back into positive contango. It turns defensive if: the BTC~Nasdaq correlation holds above +0.4 while Nasdaq weakens, the 25-delta skew pushes toward the high-teens (protection panic), ETH/BTC rolls over back below 0.029 (leadership failing), or SOL funding spikes as a positioning washout begins. Watch the 66,000 BTC and 1,925 ETH max-pain pins into expiry as the near-term center of gravity.

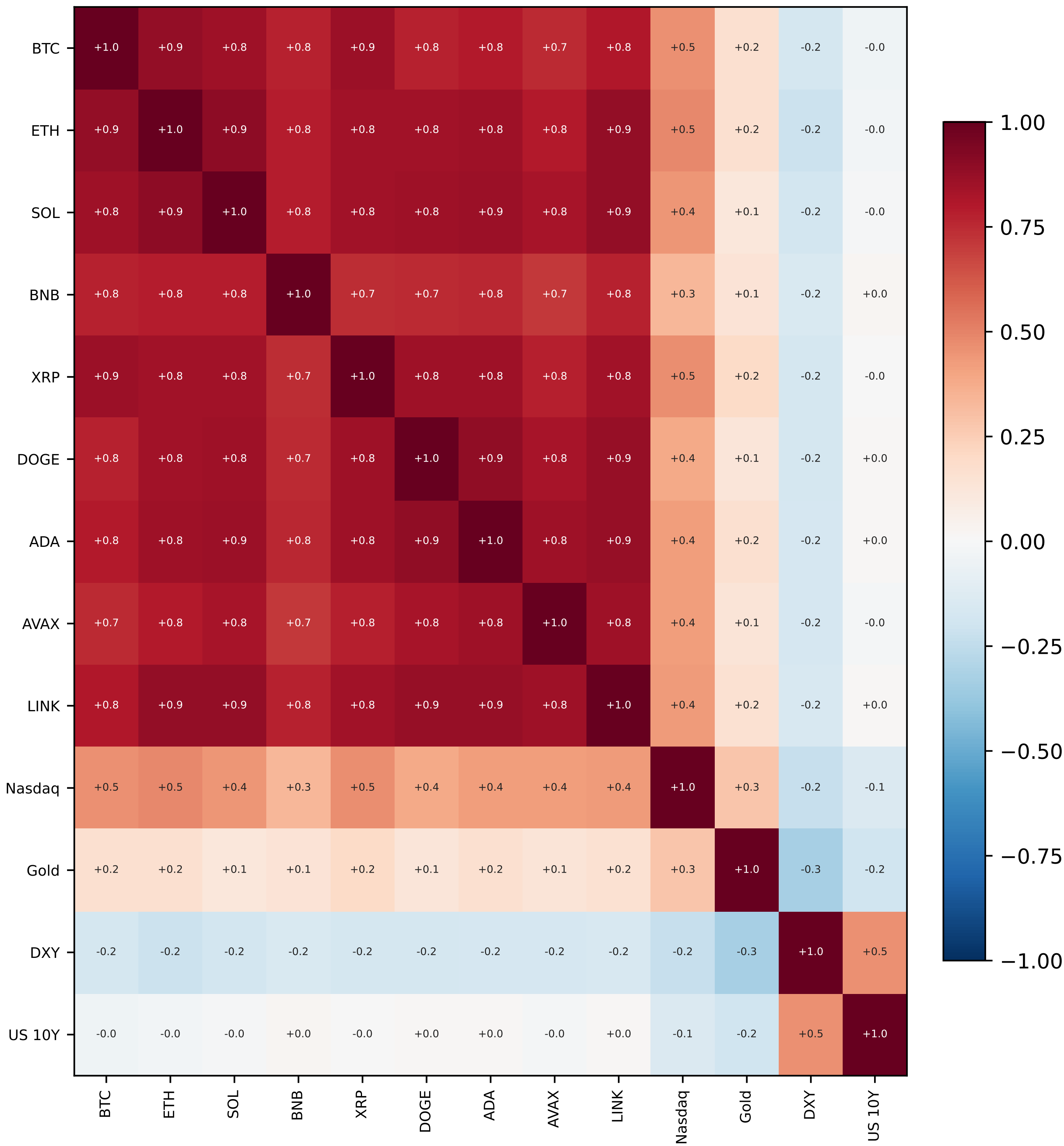
Returns Heatmap

Price return (%) by coin over 7 / 30 / 90 days.



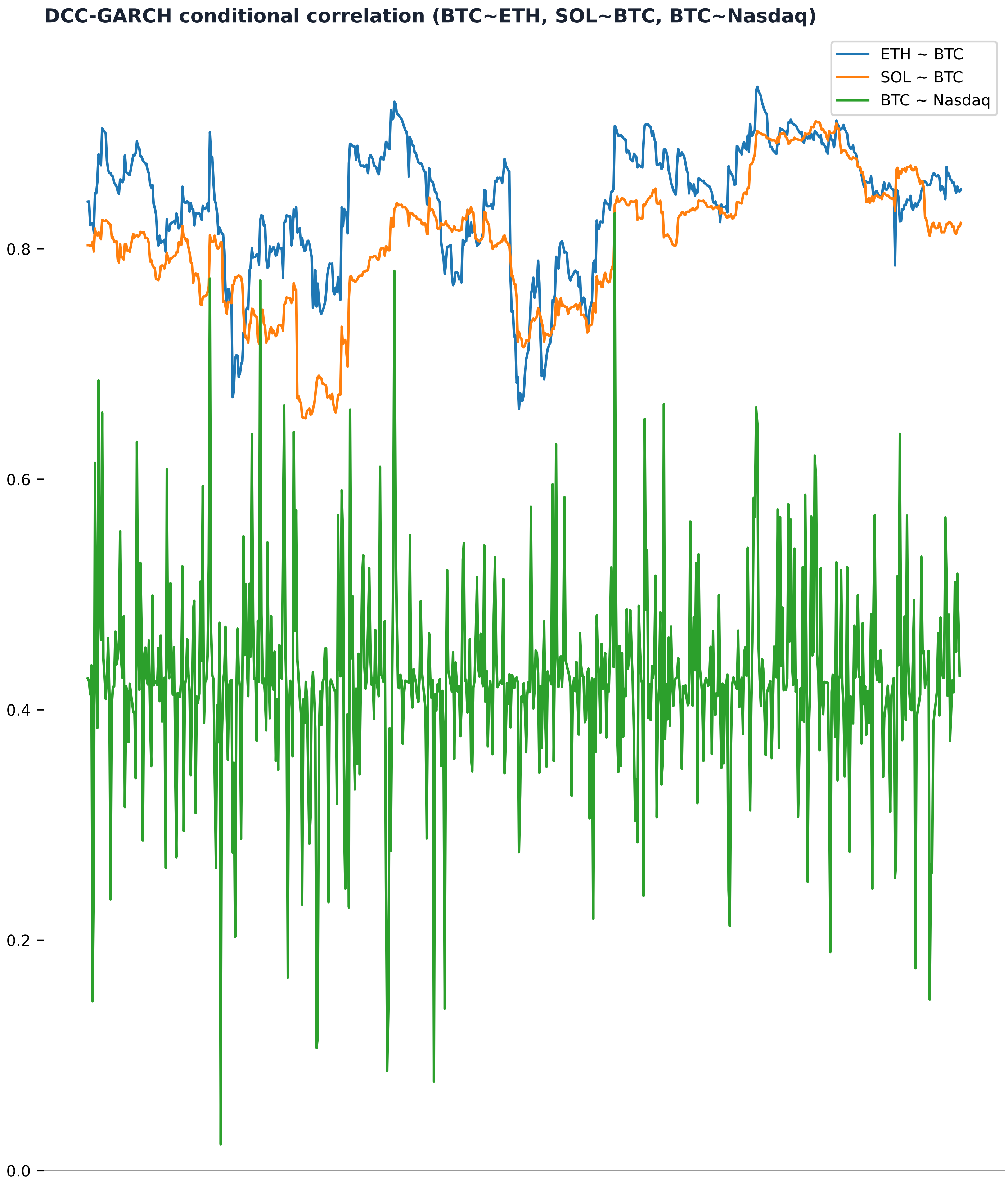
365-Day Correlation (daily returns)

Crypto majors + macro risk context.



Regime & Conditional Correlations

Markov-switching regime on BTC: Neutral. Posterior: Risk-on 0.49, Neutral 0.50, Risk-off 0.01



Now: ETH ~ BTC +0.85, SOL ~ BTC +0.82, BTC ~ Nasdaq +0.43. A rising BTC~Nasdaq correlation = crypto trading as a macro risk-asset.

Perpetual Derivatives & Positioning

Binance USD-M perps: funding (leverage/sentiment), basis, open interest. Positive funding = longs pay shorts (crowded long).

COIN	FUNDING %	BASIS (bp)	OI ($bn)
BTC	+0.007	-4	6.84
ETH	+0.008	-3	4.71
SOL	+0.010	-3	0.66

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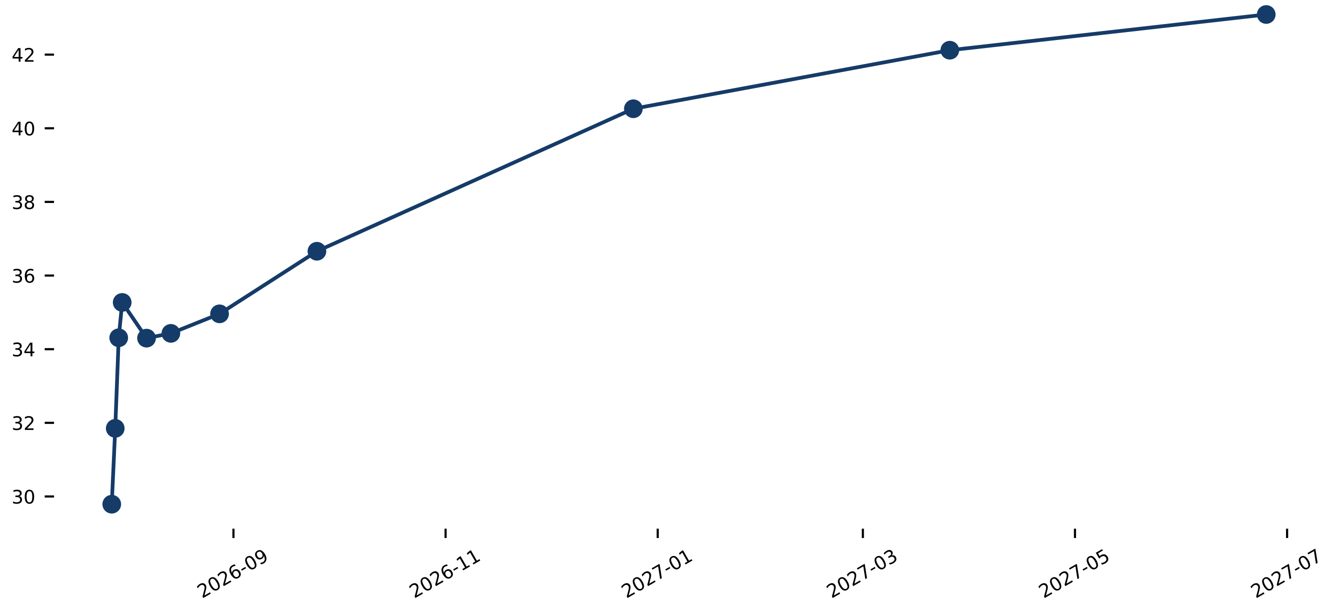
Options & Volatility (Deribit)

BTC & ETH options: DVOL, open interest, put/call, max-pain, 25d skew and the implied-vol term structure.

BTC

DVOL 37.0 | OI 435,906 BTC | put/call 0.43 | max-pain 66,000 (spot 65,559) | 25d skew +13.4

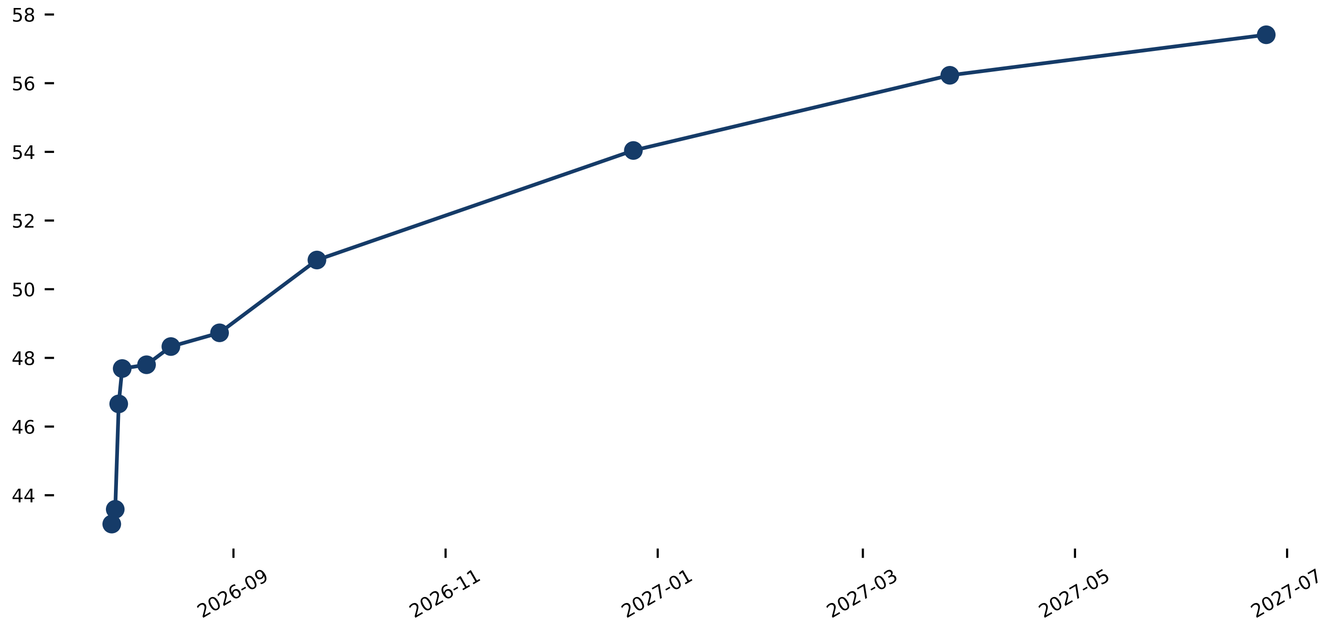
BTC implied-vol term structure (ATM %)



ETH

DVOL 51.0 | OI 1,726,920 ETH | put/call 0.49 | max-pain 1,925 (spot 1,973) | 25d skew +13.7

ETH implied-vol term structure (ATM %)



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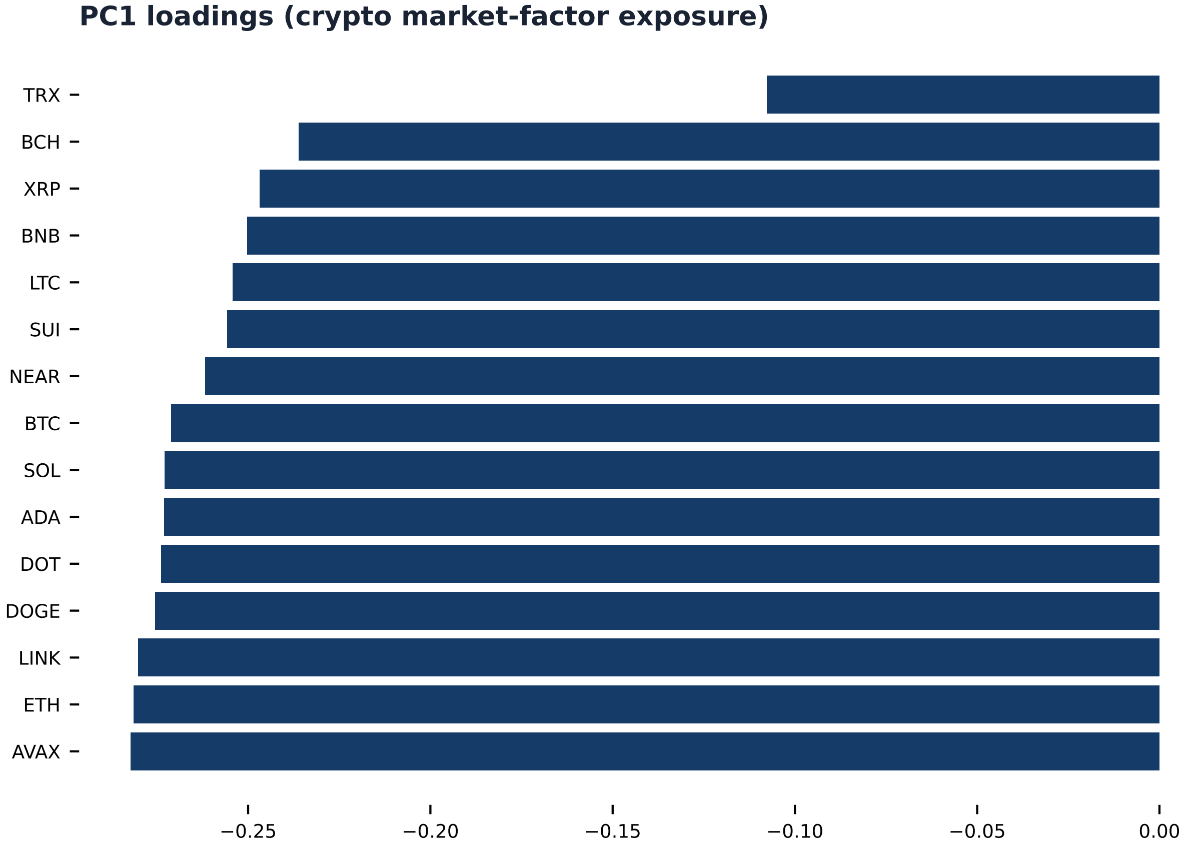
Stablecoin supply = fiat 'dry powder'; DeFi TVL = on-chain risk appetite. True OTC volume is opaque (private, off-order-book) and is PROXIED by these on-chain flows - there is no clean OTC tape.

Stablecoin supply	**$309 bn**	+0.2% 7d
DeFi TVL	**$77 bn**	+1.4% 7d
Fear & Greed	**30 (Fear)**	vs 29 a week ago
BTC dominance	**56.5%**	
Total crypto mcap	**$2.32 T**	

Deeper on-chain (exchange net-flows/reserves, whale wallets, NUPL/SOPR) needs a paid on-chain key (Glassnode/CryptoQuant) - the free build uses stablecoin & TVL flows as the accumulation/distribution proxy.

Risk Concentration & Lead-Lag

PCA on majors' daily returns: PC1 explains 69% of variance. High PC1 = the market is one big BTC-beta trade (little diversification w



DOES BTC LEAD THE ALTS? (BTC change -> alt next-day change; modest weekly skill)

Alt	Contemp. corr	BTC 1-day lead
ETH	+0.83	-0.00
SOL	+0.80	-0.02
XRP	+0.67	+0.01
DOGE	+0.78	+0.00

Historical Trend - Key Metrics

Key readings from every weekly report, most recent on the right. Cells are colour-coded green (favourable / risk-on), amber (neutral) and red (adverse / risk-off) so the multi-month trend is readable at a glance.

R+ risk-on / favourable   N neutral   R- risk-off / adverse

	02-20	02-27	03-06	03-13	03-20	03-27	04-03	04-10	04-17	04-24	05-01	05-08
Regime	R+	R+	R+	R+	N	R-	R-	R+	R+	R+	R+	R+
BTC.D %	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Alt-breadth %	36	50	29	57	50	14	64	21	7	7	7	21
BTC DVOL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fear&Greed	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
BTC 1w %	-1.2	-3.1	+3.4	+4.2	-0.6	-5.9	+0.9	+9.0	+5.7	+0.4	+0.9	+2.6

	05-15	05-22	05-29	06-05	06-12	06-19	06-26	07-03	07-10	07-13	07-20	07-27
Regime	R+	R+	R+	R-	R+	R+	N	R+	R+	R+	N	N
BTC.D %	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	56	56	56
Alt-breadth %	57	71	57	36	21	36	21	7	43	50	50	36
BTC DVOL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	38	36	37
Fear&Greed	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	28	29	30
BTC 1w %	-1.4	-4.5	-2.8	-17.0	+4.3	-0.0	-5.5	+4.2	+2.5	-2.2	+3.2	+0.1

Each column is one weekly report - read left (older) to right (latest) for the trend over the past months.