ABL Digital Cryptoglobal Weekly

Cross-Exchange Crypto Analytics | week ending 2026-08-03

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

REGIME: Neutral

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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%	36	28

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

BTC	62,422.39	-2.0%	-1.1%	-22.9%
ETH	1,836.80	-2.8%	+3.2%	-22.2%
SOL	72.37	-2.4%	-11.4%	-16.2%
BNB	584.89	+3.4%	+1.7%	-7.2%
XRP	1.06	-0.1%	-8.0%	-24.7%
DOGE	0.07	-1.2%	-10.5%	-39.5%
ADA	0.19	+20.4%	-2.6%	-28.6%
AVAX	6.44	+0.7%	-7.5%	-31.5%
LINK	8.16	-2.4%	+2.0%	-16.4%
TRX	0.33	+0.6%	+0.5%	-5.2%
DOT	0.81	+6.3%	-8.9%	-37.1%
NEAR	1.71	+1.4%	-14.5%	+31.7%
LTC	44.03	-4.3%	-1.8%	-21.9%
BCH	209.84	-0.9%	-11.2%	-54.5%
SUI	0.68	+0.5%	-10.1%	-29.3%

ETH/BTC 0.02943 | alt-breadth 29% of majors beating BTC (30d)

Cryptoglobal Analysis

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Regime & Market State

The BTC-based Markov filter is unambiguous about ambiguity: a 89.4% Neutral posterior with the Risk-on and Risk-off tails both compressed (8.0% and 2.6%). That is a market with no conviction in either direction, and the price tape confirms it — BTC is -2.0% on the week and -1% on the month, essentially flat in the near term while carrying a heavy -23% 90-day drawdown. The implication is that the recent damage is already done and the market is now grinding sideways to digest it, rather than either capitulating or recovering. Sentiment corroborates: Fear & Greed at 28 is squarely in Fear but has actually improved marginally from 30 a week ago, so we are not in a fear spiral, just a low-energy, risk-averse holding pattern. For an investor this argues against chasing either tail — the base case is continued range-bound chop, and the edge is in positioning and volatility structure rather than directional bets.

Bitcoin Dominance & Alt-Season

BTC dominance at 56.2% against ETH's 9.9%, with ETH/BTC pinned at 0.0294, describes a market where capital is huddled in the majors' safest asset. Alt breadth is the tell: only 29% of majors have beaten BTC over the trailing 30 days, well short of the ~50%+ threshold that would mark a genuine broadening of risk appetite. This is a BTC-led tape, not a broad-risk one — the total $2.23T market cap is being held up disproportionately by Bitcoin, and the long tail is bleeding (DOGE -10%, NEAR -15%, SOL -11% on 30d). The idiosyncratic exceptions prove the rule: ADA's +20.4% weekly pop and NEAR's lone-positive +32% 90-day print are single-name stories, not evidence of a rotation. For an investor, the message is that alt beta is not being rewarded; until dominance rolls over and breadth climbs through 40-50%, the risk-adjusted home remains BTC, and diversified alt exposure is carrying drawdown risk without a rotational tailwind.

Cross-Asset Correlation Structure

Crypto's macro tether has loosened at exactly the moment it matters. The static BTC~Nasdaq correlation is +0.45 over 365 days but only +0.36 over 90 days, and the DCC-GARCH conditional estimate reads +0.38 with very low persistence (0.30) — meaning the equity linkage is currently modest and, critically, not sticky, so BTC is trading more on its own flows than as a levered Nasdaq proxy right now. That partial decoupling is a double edge: crypto is less hostage to an equity selloff, but it also forfeits the tailwind if stocks rally. Meanwhile BTC~Gold has risen to +0.42 (90d) from +0.16 (365d) and BTC~DXY has deepened to -0.39, so on the margin BTC is behaving more like a debasement/soft-dollar hedge than a pure risk asset — a constructive medium-term narrative if it holds. Internally, though, the market remains one trade: ETH~BTC and SOL~BTC sit at +0.88 and +0.83-0.85 with DCC persistence near unity (0.97-0.998), and PCA shows PC1 absorbing 69% of majors' variance. That single BTC-beta factor dominance means alt diversification buys you almost no genuine diversification — when BTC moves, everything moves — so the only real hedge is reducing net exposure, not reshuffling among majors.

Derivatives & Positioning

The derivatives complex is the cleanest signal in this briefing, and it reads de-risked. BTC funding at 0.003%/8h is effectively neutral — no crowded long paying to be there — while the futures basis is negative at -3bp, a mild backwardation that signals spot demand is not being chased with leverage and that carry traders have stepped back. ETH is slightly more bearish still: funding is negative (-0.001%/8h) with basis at -4bp, and SOL echoes it at -5bp basis. Open interest is moderate ($7.0bn BTC, $4.3bn ETH, $0.6bn SOL), not stretched. The investor takeaway is twofold. First, there is little long leverage to flush, so a violent long-liquidation cascade is less likely than in an overheated market — downside, if it comes, would be spot-driven and grinding rather than a leverage air-pocket. Second, the absence of any positive funding or basis means there is no bullish leverage building either; nobody is positioned for upside. This is a market waiting, not leaning.

Options & Volatility

Options are where the caution is loudest. BTC DVOL at 35.7 is subdued in absolute terms, and the IV term structure is nearly flat around 31-32 across August, so the market is not pricing an imminent volatility event — yet the 25-delta skew at 21.3 is extreme, meaning puts are dramatically bid over calls. That combination — cheap-ish overall vol but a steep put premium — is the signature of investors buying downside insurance rather than betting on a crash, exactly consistent with the de-leveraged, protection-seeking posture in the perps. The put/call ratio of 0.53 looks call-heavy at face value, but read against the skew it is better understood as overwriter/covered-call flow into a bid for tail protection. Positioning geography matters here: BTC spot at $62,843 sits below the $66,000 max-pain, so dealer gravity and the pin want higher into expiry, but the rich skew means any move lower forces protective hedging that amplifies the drop. ETH tells a more nervous story — DVOL 50.4 (far above BTC's), skew a milder 11.8, IV ~47, spot $1,841 under $2,000 max-pain — so ETH carries both higher expected volatility and a larger gap to its pin. For an investor, owning downside convexity is expensive on BTC but the flat term structure makes calendar and overwriting structures relatively attractive.

Flows, Stablecoins & the OTC Question

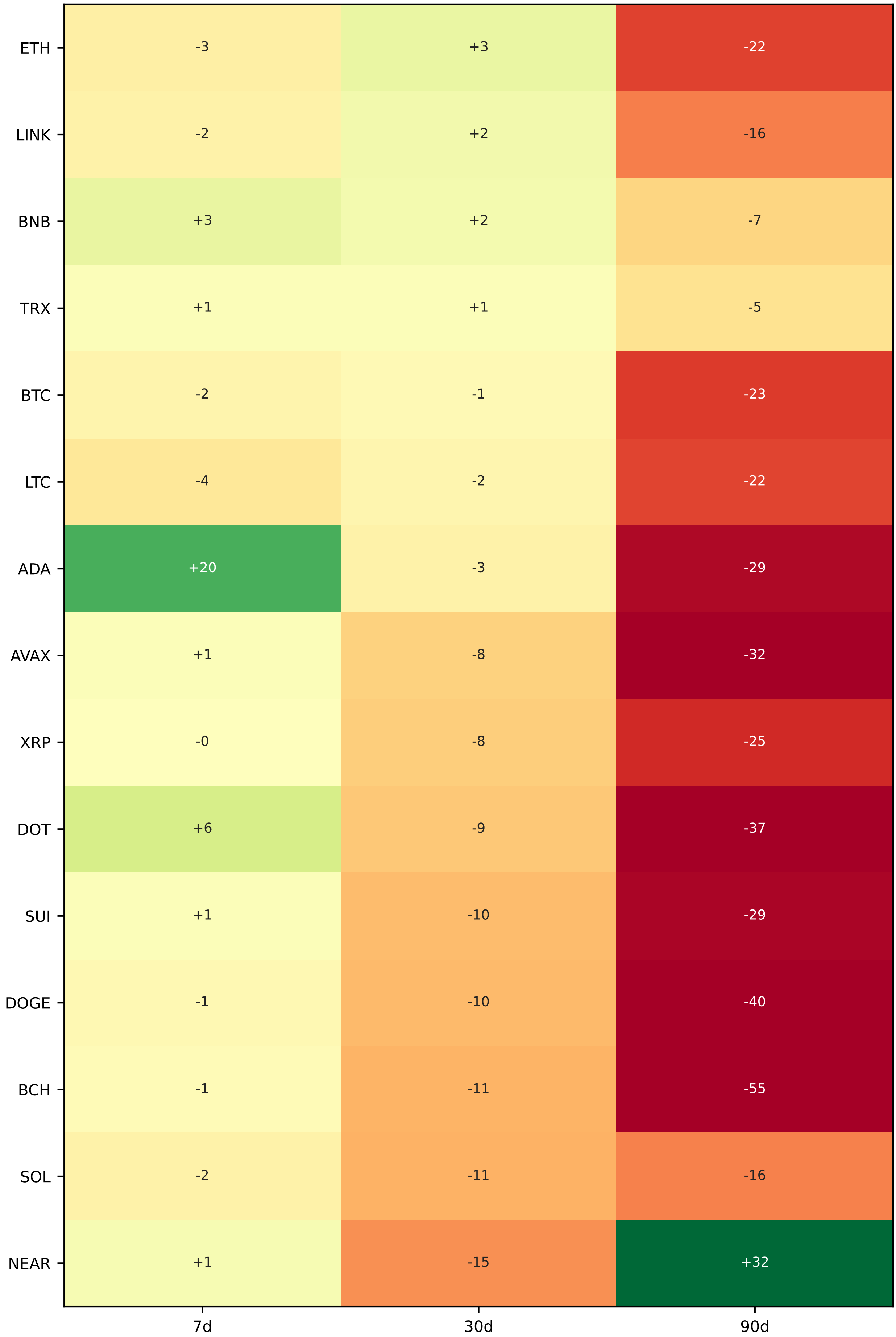
True OTC volume is opaque — there is no reliable tape for it — so we proxy it through stablecoin supply and on-chain flows and treat any inference as directional, not precise. Stablecoin supply stands at $306bn but is down 0.5% over 7 days, meaning the dry-powder reserve that would fund a risk bid is flat-to-shrinking rather than building; capital is not visibly staging for entry. DeFi TVL at $74bn is down 4.0% on the week, a steeper contraction that reflects both price drawdown and genuine deleveraging/withdrawal on-chain. Together these proxies point to net risk reduction, not accumulation — consistent with the Fear reading and the defensive derivatives posture. What we cannot see is whether large holders are quietly accumulating via OTC desks; a rising stablecoin float with flat spot price is the on-chain fingerprint that would suggest it, and we do not have that here. The honest read is that the visible flow data shows patient-to-cautious capital, and there is no proxy evidence of stealth OTC accumulation at present — but absence of evidence in an opaque channel is not evidence of absence.

Key Risks & What to Watch

The dominant risk is a spot-led downside break: with BTC below max-pain, skew at 21.3, and TVL/stablecoins contracting, a move lower would meet thin dealer support and trigger self-reinforcing protective hedging, even without a leverage cascade. The secondary risk is a macro re-coupling — the BTC~Nasdaq link is loose now (DCC +0.38, low persistence), but low persistence cuts both ways and it could snap back tight into any equity stress, re-importing risk-off correlation just when internal breadth is weak and PC1 dominance (69%) means everything moves together. On lead-lag, note plainly that weekly predictive skill is modest — these signals frame odds, not certainties, and should size positions rather than dictate timing. What would confirm the cautious view: funding turning decisively negative across BTC/ETH, basis deepening past -10bp, and DVOL rising while skew stays rich. What would change it to constructive: BTC dominance rolling below ~54% with alt breadth pushing above 45%, stablecoin supply inflecting higher (accumulating dry powder), funding/basis normalizing to a small positive carry, and the 25-delta skew compressing back toward the low teens as protection demand fades. Until one of those clusters prints, the base case remains a de-risked, range-bound, BTC-led Neutral tape.

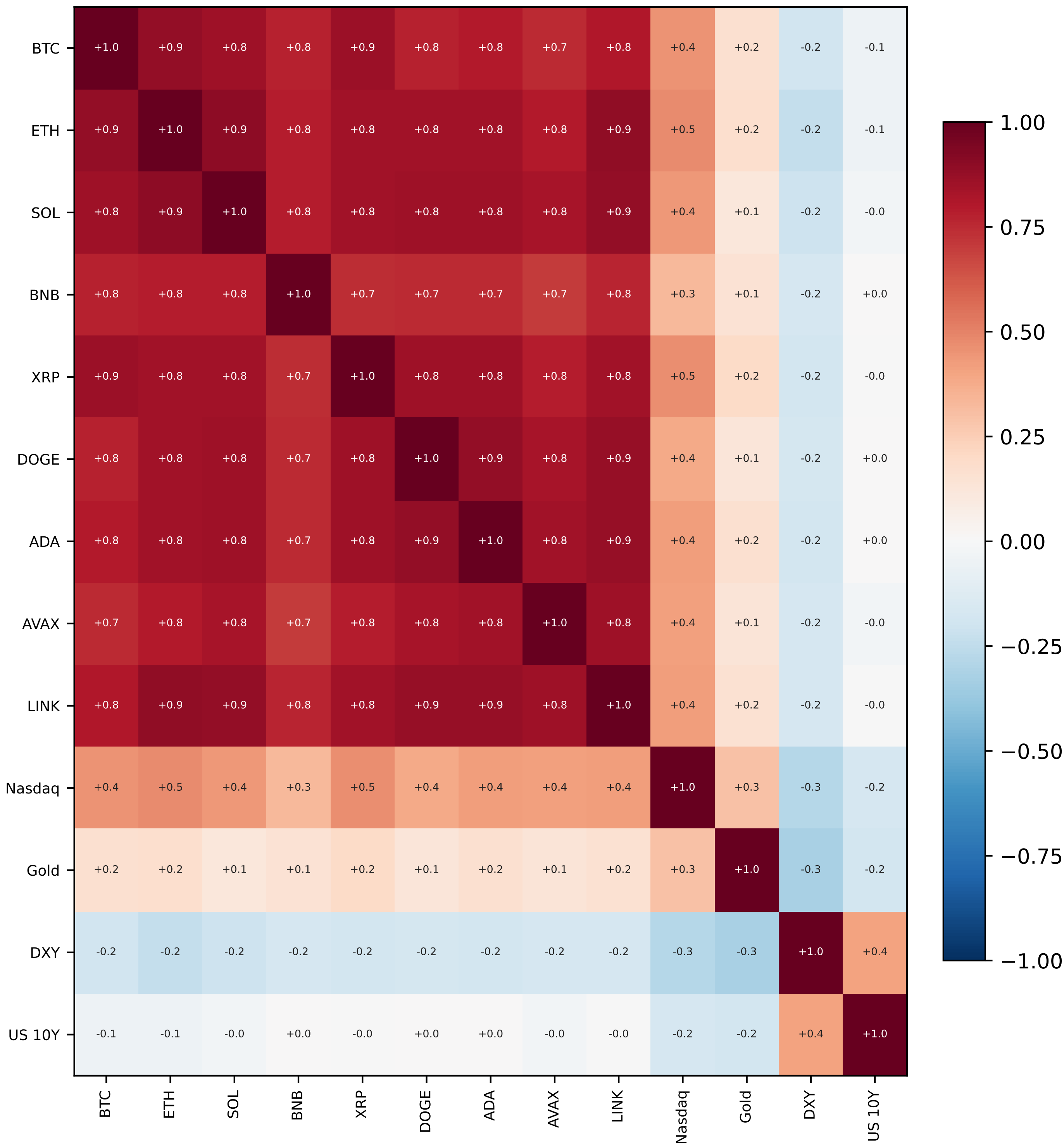
Returns Heatmap

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



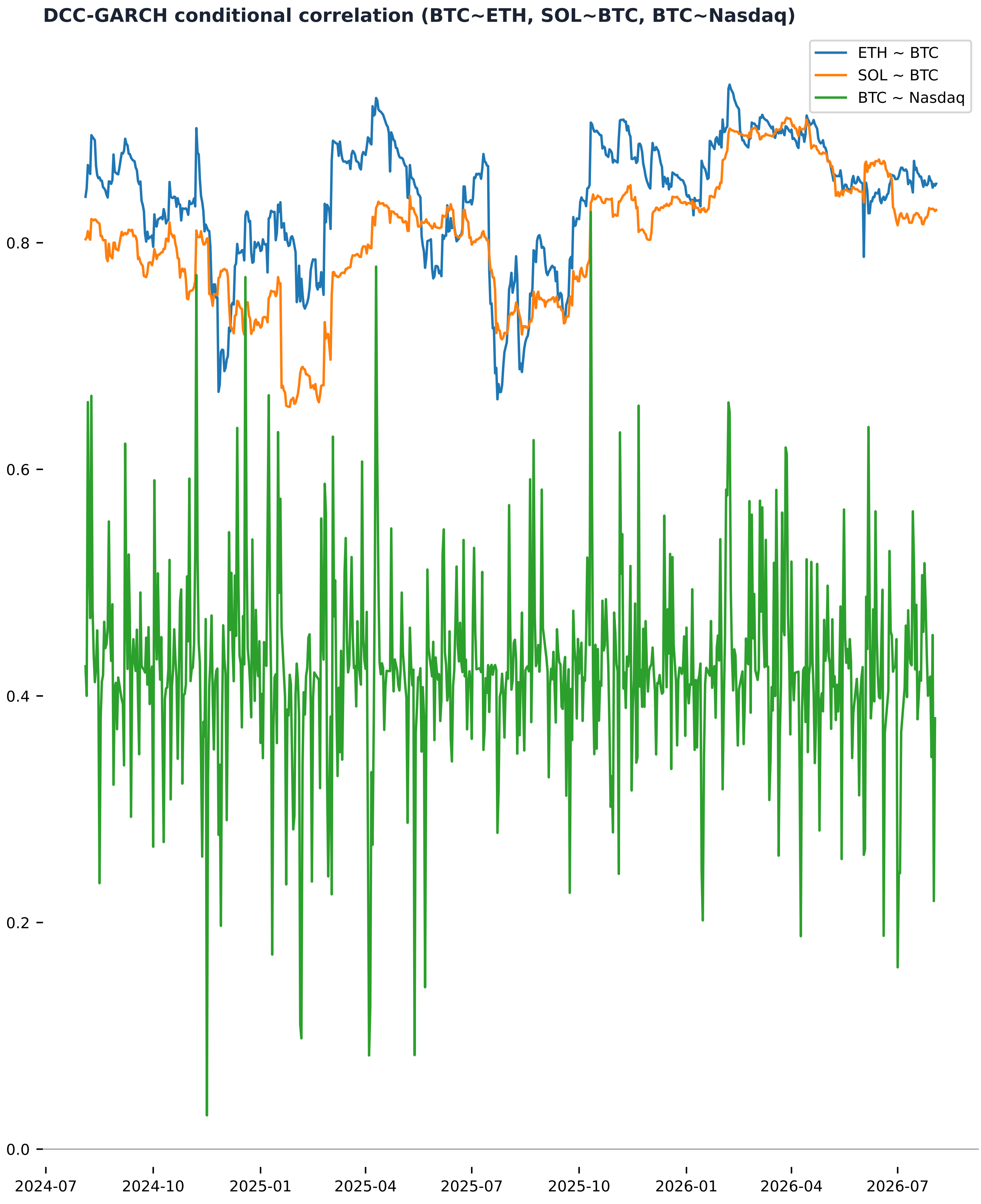
365-Day Correlation (daily returns)

Crypto majors + macro risk context.



Regime & Conditional Correlations

Markov-switching regime on BTC: Neutral. Posterior: Risk-on 0.08, Neutral 0.89, Risk-off 0.03



Now: ETH ~ BTC +0.85, SOL ~ BTC +0.83, BTC ~ Nasdaq +0.38. 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).

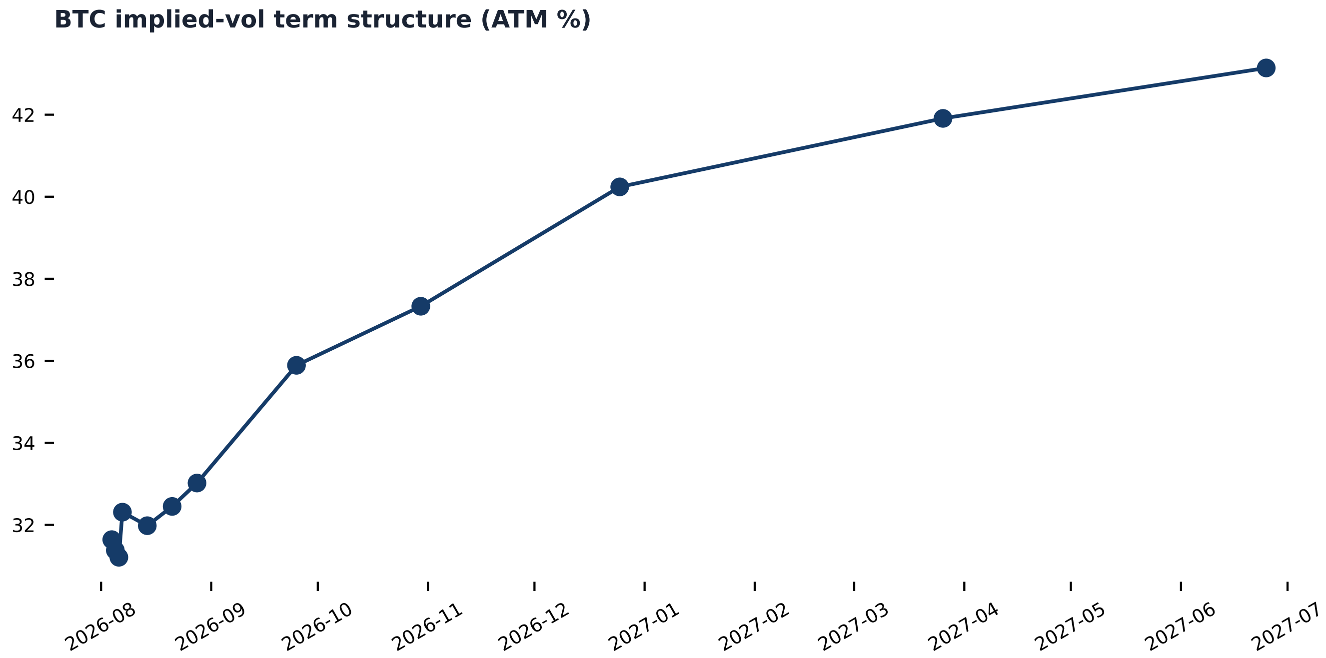
COIN	FUNDING %	BASIS (bp)	OI ($bn)
BTC	+0.003	-3	6.96
ETH	-0.001	-4	4.35
SOL	+0.004	-5	0.59

Options & Volatility (Deribit)

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

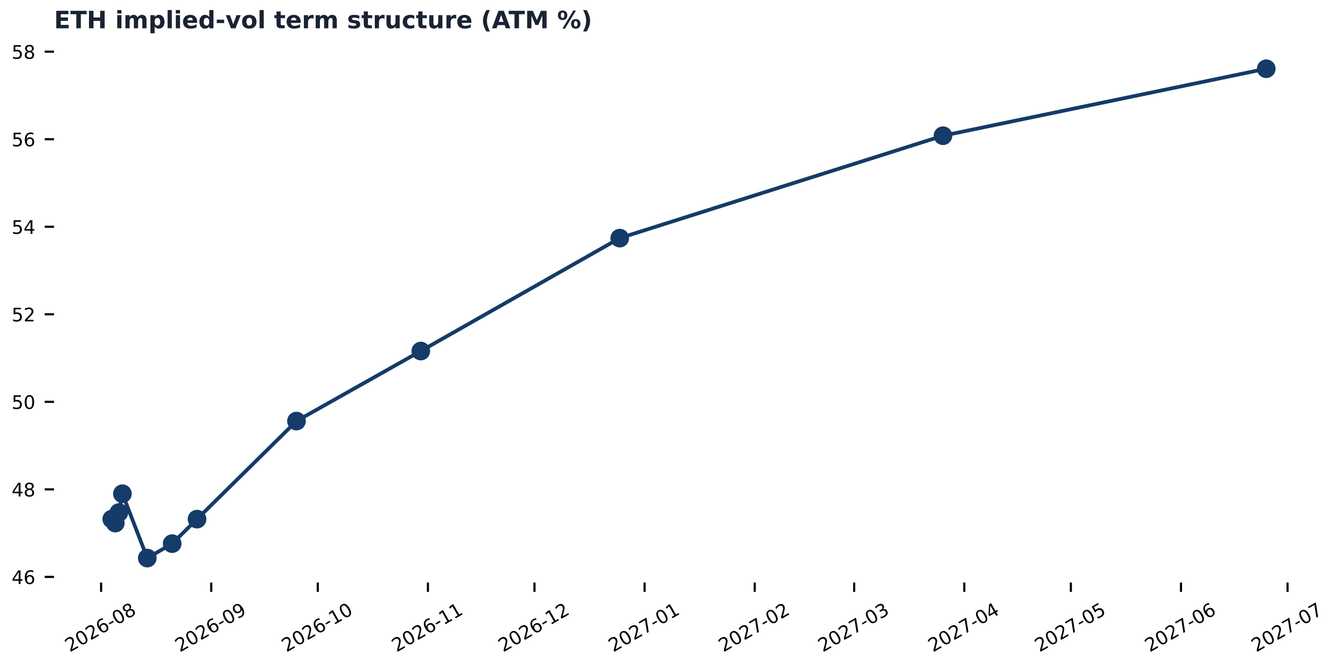
BTC

DVOL 35.7 | OI 328,765 BTC | put/call 0.53 | max-pain 66,000 (spot 62,843) | 25d skew +21.3



ETH

DVOL 50.4 | OI 1,542,571 ETH | put/call 0.53 | max-pain 2,000 (spot 1,841) | 25d skew +11.8



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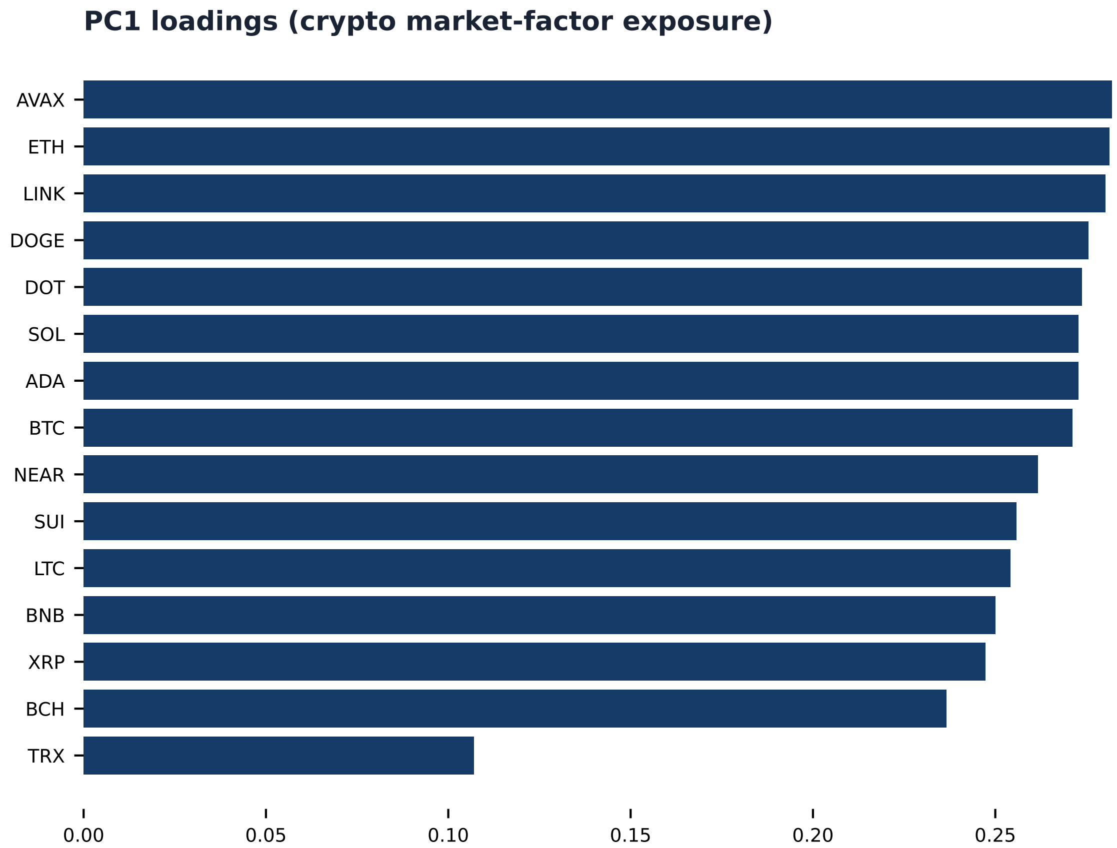
Stablecoin supply = fiat 'dry powder'; DeFi TVL = on-chain risk appetite. True OTC volume is opaque (private, off-order-book) and is PROXIED by these on-chain flows - there is no clean OTC tape.

Stablecoin supply	**$306 bn**	-0.5% 7d
DeFi TVL	**$74 bn**	-4.0% 7d
Fear & Greed	**28 (Fear)**	vs 30 a week ago
BTC dominance	**56.2%**	
Total crypto mcap	**$2.23 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	+0.84	-0.01
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

	02-27	03-06	03-13	03-20	03-27	04-03	04-10	04-17	04-24	05-01	05-08	05-15	05-22	05-29	06-05	06-12	06-19	06-26	07-03	07-10	07-13	07-20	07-27	08-03
Regime	R+	R+	R+	N	R-	R-	R+	R+	R+	R+	R+	R+	R+	R+	R-	R+	R+	N	R+	R+	R+	N	N	N
BTC.D %	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	56	56	56	56
Alt-breadth %	50	29	57	50	14	64	21	7	7	7	21	57	71	57	36	21	36	21	7	43	50	50	36	29
BTC DVOL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	38	36	37	36
Fear&Greed	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	28	29	30	28
BTC 1w %	-3.1	+3.4	+4.2	-0.6	-5.9	+0.9	+9.0	+5.7	+0.4	+0.9	+2.6	-1.4	-4.5	-2.8	-17.0	+4.3	-0.0	-5.5	+4.2	+2.5	-2.2	+3.2	+0.1	-2.0

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