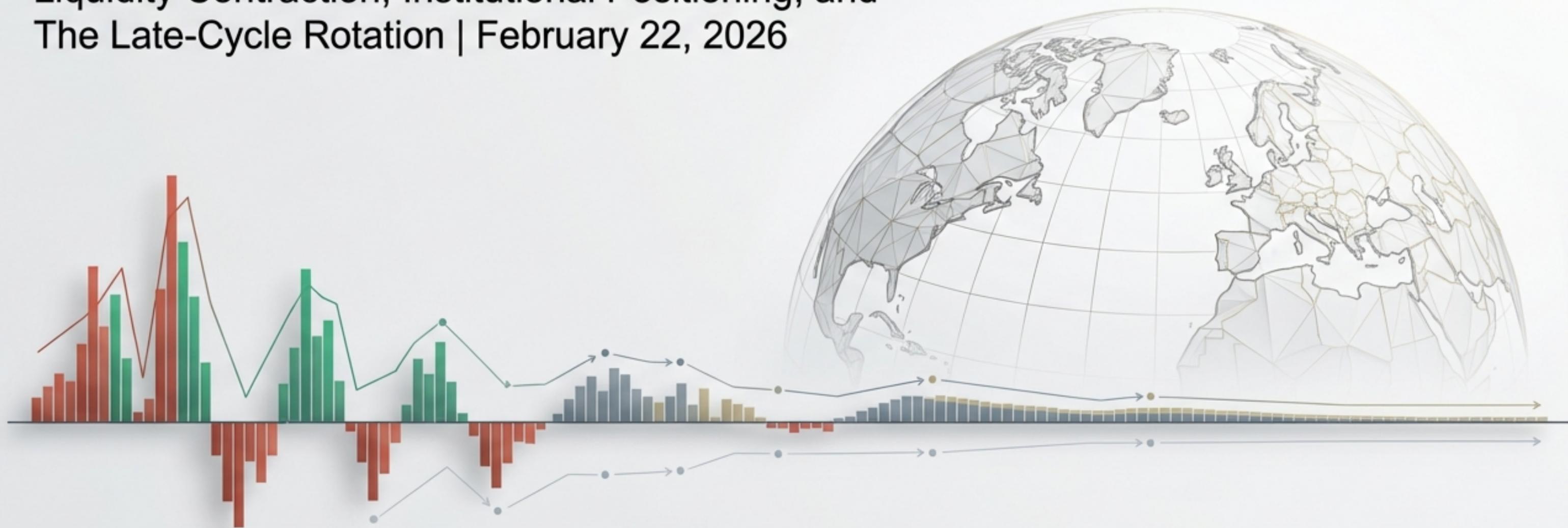


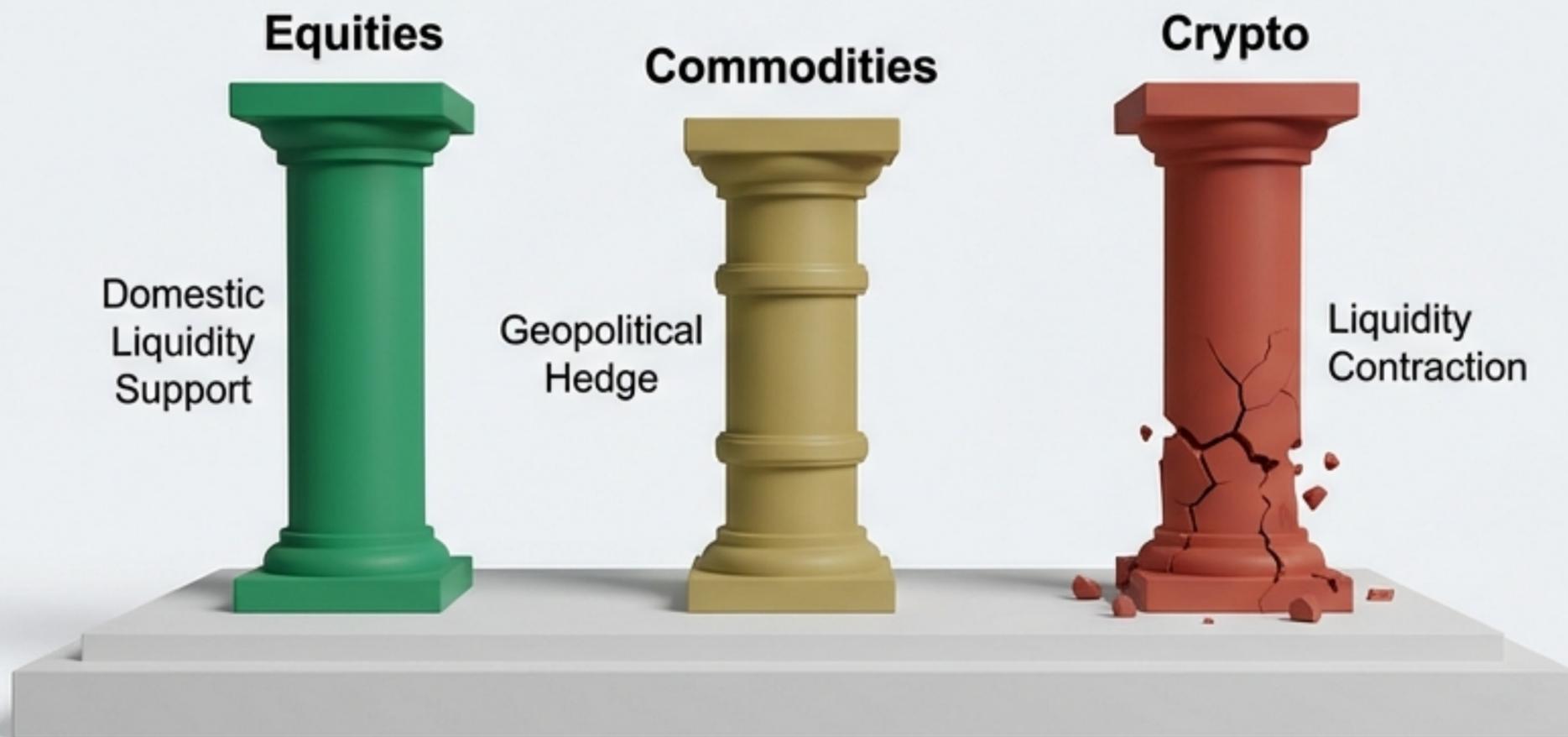
Global Markets & Digital Assets: Strategic Outlook

Liquidity Contraction, Institutional Positioning, and
The Late-Cycle Rotation | February 22, 2026



Executive Summary: The Divergence in Risk Appetite

The Signal Tower



Risk Appetite
Neutral / Defensive
Crypto Volume
BTC -63.10% ETH -54.38%
Institutional Bias
Hedged / Selective

Global markets are bifurcated. Equities are buoyed by domestic flows and sectoral rotation, while Crypto faces 'Volatile Stabilization' amid falling volumes.

STRATEGY: Transition from directional aggression to Volatility Management

Macro Regime: Uneven Risk Appetite & Selective Volatility

Divergence Scale

Real Assets

- **Equities:** Supported by domestic liquidity and corporate outlook revisions.
- **Commodities:** Strength driven by supply narratives.



Real Assets
(Commodities/Equities)

Speculative Liquidity
(Altcoins)

Speculative & Hedging

- **Derivatives:** Hedging upside exposure (Calls) rather than directional bets.
- **Analyst Insight:** “We are witnessing ‘Shadow Deflation’ in digital assets—prices are stable, but participation is evaporating.”

Regional Analysis: The 'Indian Shield' Against Global Fragmentation



While global crypto liquidity dries up, domestic equity markets remain insulated by strong internal liquidity and sectoral rotation.

- **Mechanism:** Domestic flows absorb foreign selling pressure.
- **Key Drivers:** Tariff policies and Corporate Outlooks dominate headlines.

STRATEGIC ACTION: Focus on Inflation-Sensitive Assets. Avoid high-beta global tech correlated to crypto weakness.

Risk Regime Analysis: Fractured Market Sentiment



Equities



Commodities



Crypto

Key Insight:

Volatility is **stabilizing** in equities but remains prone to 'Ept.' 'Episodic Spikes' in digital assets due to thin order books.

Data Points:

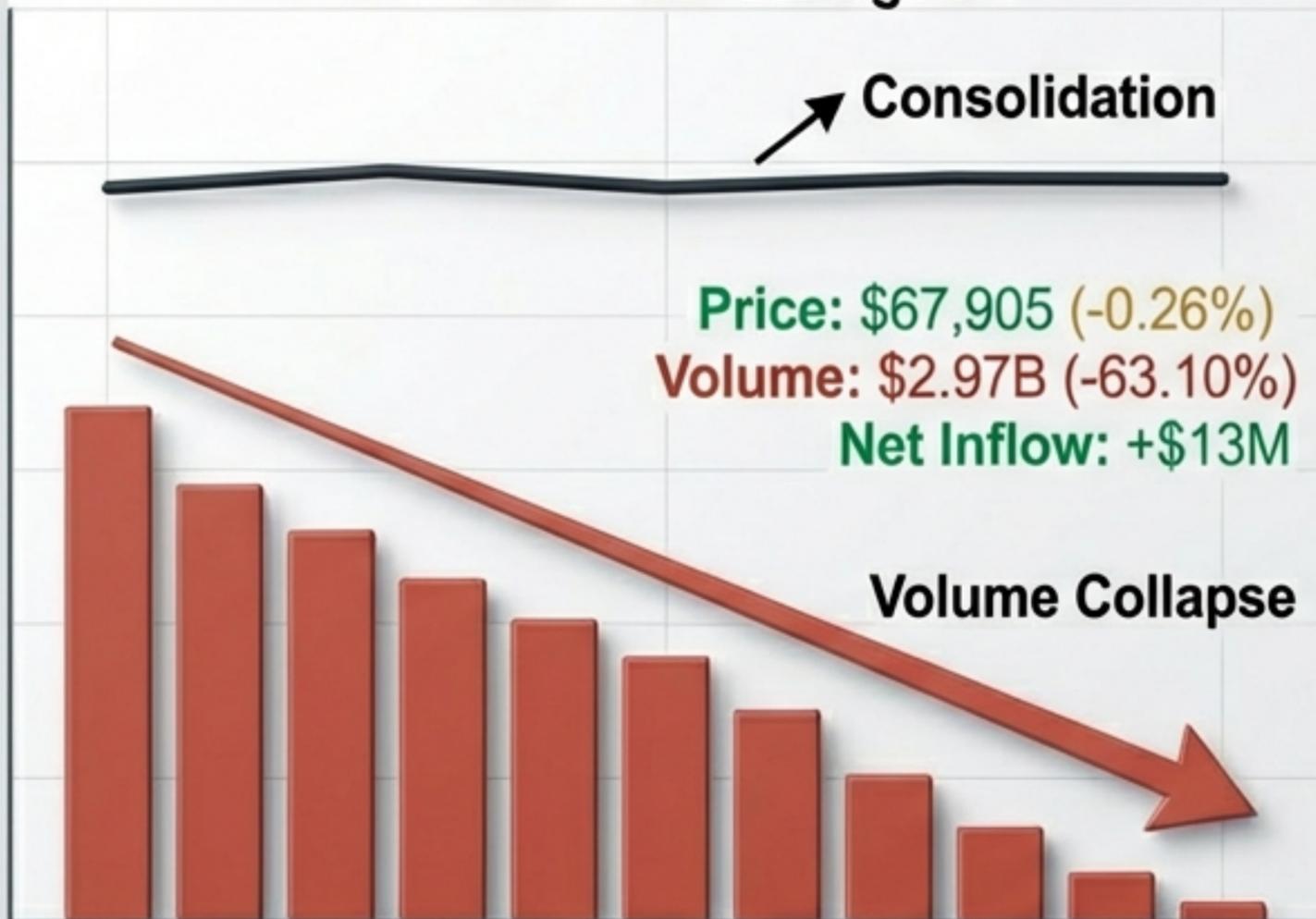
- **Volatility Outlook:** Compression before Expansion.
- **Funding Rates:** Negative (Bearish Bias).

Analyst Insight: This divergence—stable prices with falling liquidity—historically precedes a major volatility breakout.

Market Leaders: Consolidation Amidst Volume Collapse

Bitcoin

Price vs. Volume Divergence



Ethereum

Price vs. Volume Divergence

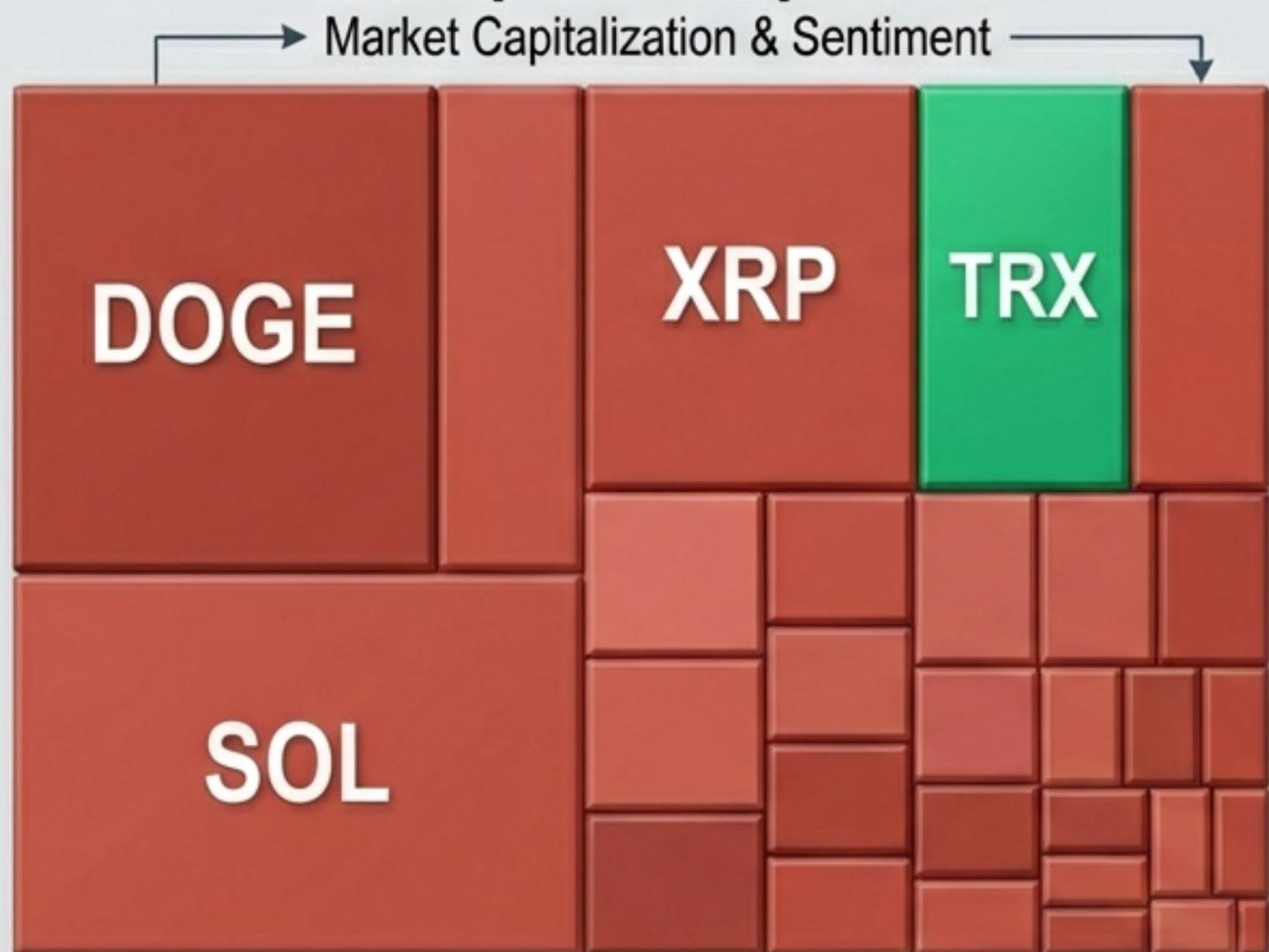


Key Insight:

Price resilience + Participation collapse = 'Coiled Market' vulnerable to sharp moves.

Altcoin Sector: Broad-Based Weakness & Retail Fatigue

Heatmap Decomposition



Relative Performance (7d)



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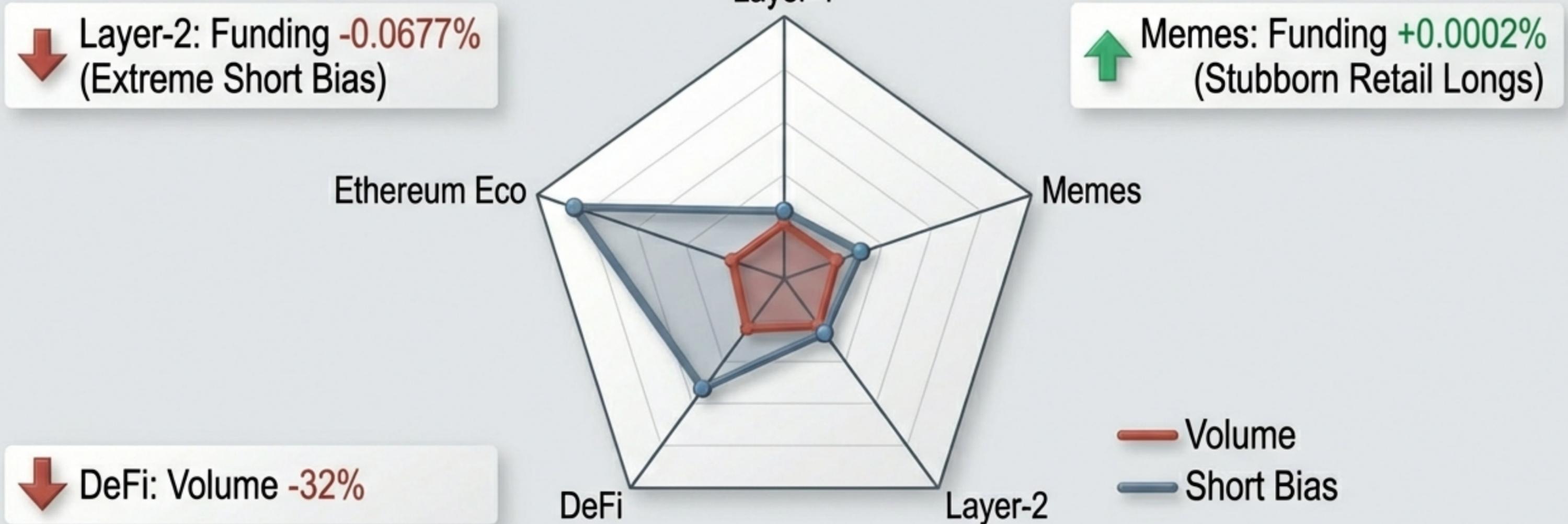
- **DOGE**: Retail unwinding accelerating (-57% Vol).
- **XRP**: Net Outflows -\$15.43M.
- **TRX**: Defensive rotation, stable inflows.

Key Insight:

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Ecosystem Deep Dive: Capital Rotation Dynamics

Capital Rotation Dynamics (Spider Chart)

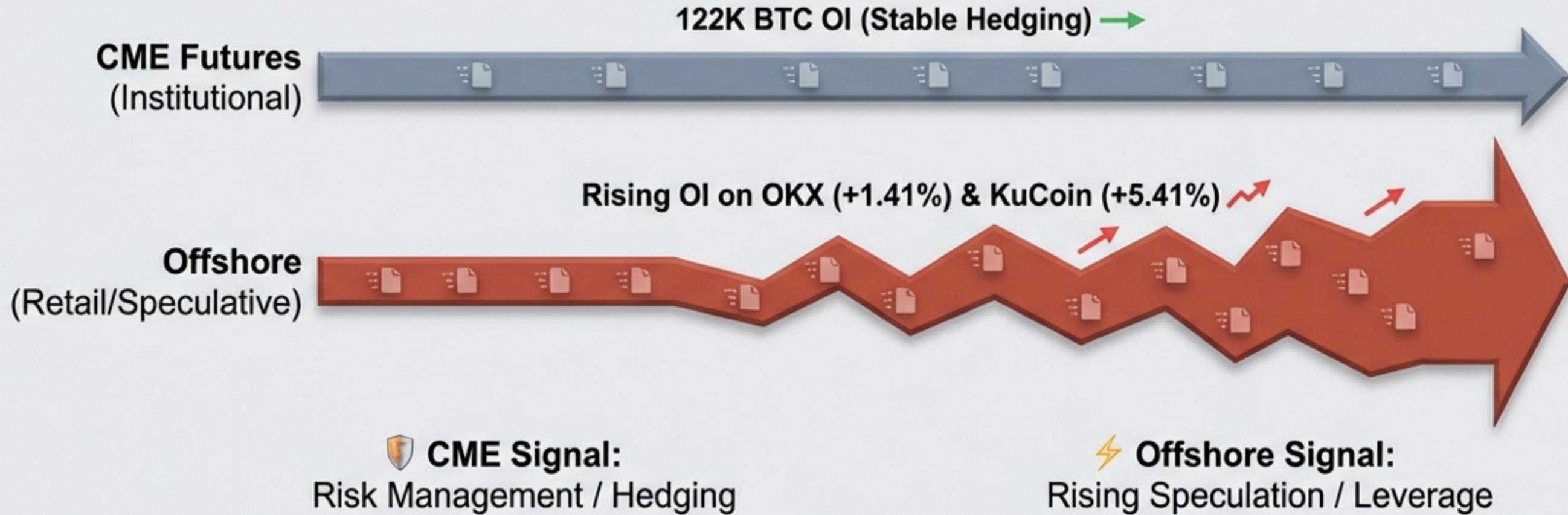


Key Insight:

Layer-2s and DeFi are seeing rising Open Interest despite falling prices—a classic signal of leveraged shorting.

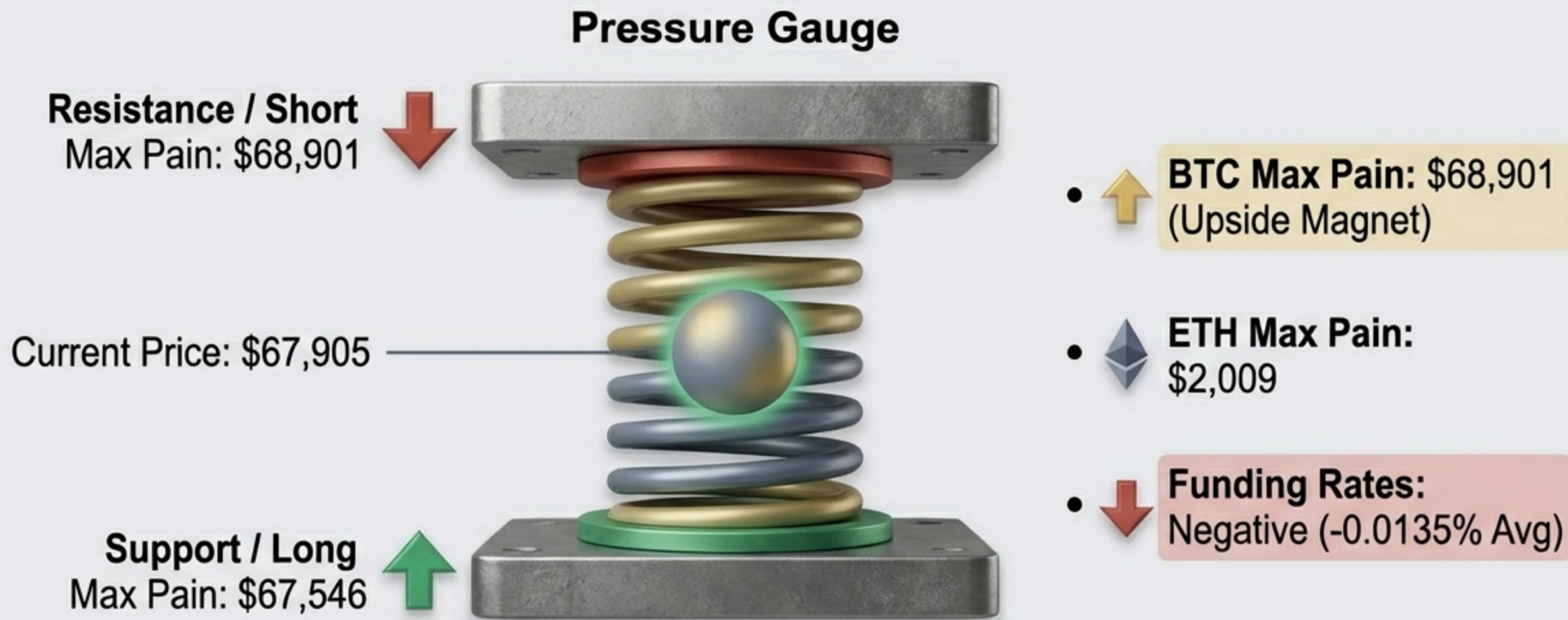
Institutional Positioning: The CME vs. Offshore Divide

Flow Divergence



Key Insight:
Divergence between CME stability and Offshore leverage often precedes "Liquidity Hunts" (wicks).

Derivatives Structure: Volatility Compression & Max Pain



➔ **Strategic Action: Watch for a 'Short Squeeze' if BTC reclaims \$68,900** ←

Supply Dynamics: Identifying Inflationary Risks

Timeline of Impact



Key Insight: Upcoming massive unlocks for ID and SCR create structural headwinds; price correction likely due to supply dilution.

Strategic Action: Avoid assets with >10% supply unlocks in the next 30 days.

Technical Strategy: Playing the Consolidation Range

Tactical Map

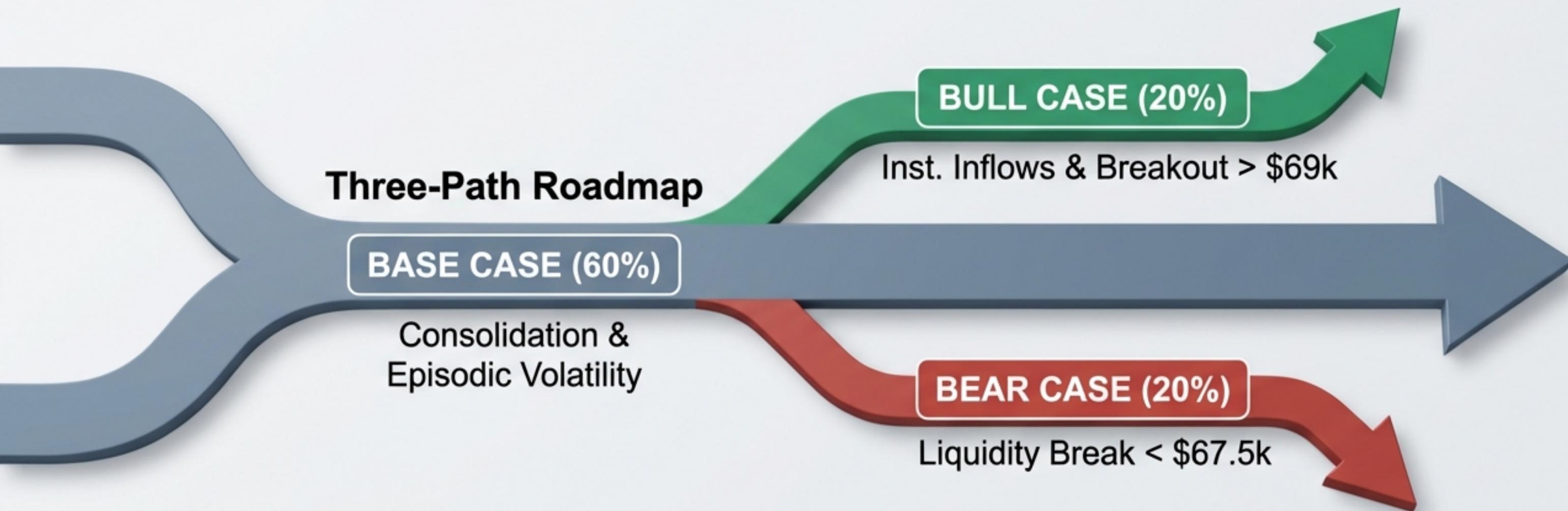


Indicators Panel

- ↓ **Momentum:** Weakening
- ↓ **RSI/Volume:** Divergence (Bearish)
- ↔ **Trend:** Sideways / Distribution

➔ **Strategic Action:** Range-bound trading strategies (Mean Reversion) are superior to Trend Following currently. ←

Strategic Scenarios: Probability-Weighted Outcomes

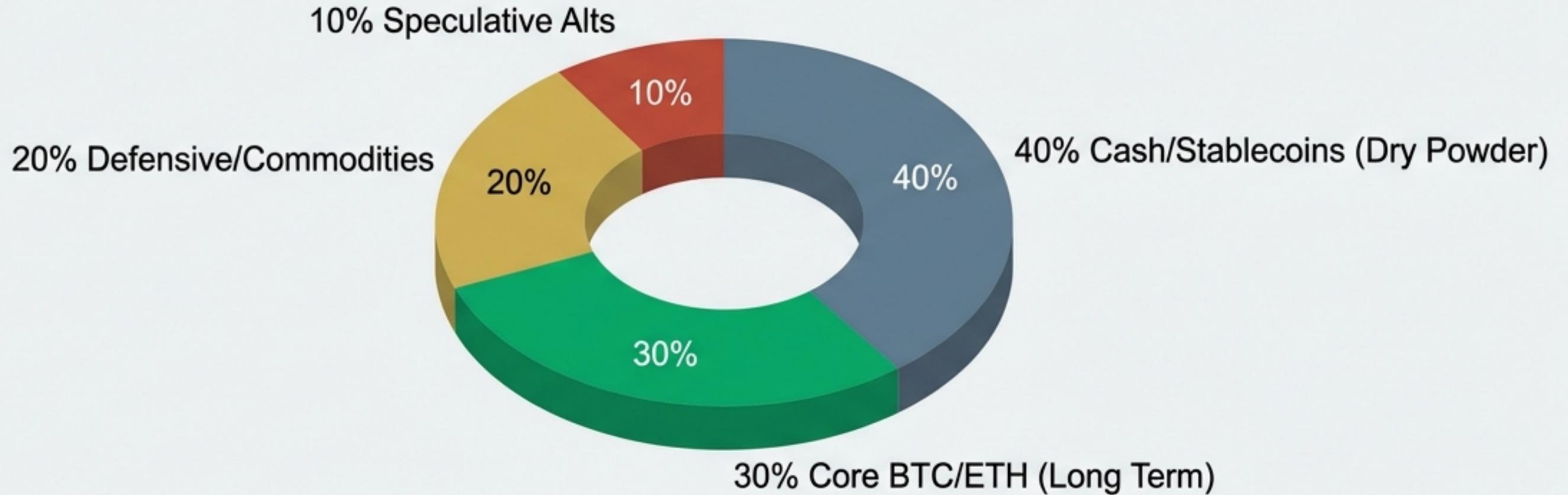


Trigger Analysis
Bear Trigger: Liquidity deterioration breaks support.

Trigger Analysis
Bull Trigger: Flip to positive funding + Volatility Breakout.

Key Insight: Highest probability is continued consolidation within the range.

Portfolio Strategy: Capital Preservation & Optionality



Key Insight: The environment demands ‘Optionality’ over ‘Direction.’
Keep dry powder for the inevitable volatility expansion.

“Markets are not in panic, but in controlled risk reduction.”

Final Intelligence: Navigating the Transition



1. **Liquidity is King:** Monitor volume over price; current stability is fragile. High-quality, sheal evitiony can stop during a storm.
2. **Institutional Wall:** CME positioning suggests hedging, not exiting.
3. **The Trigger:** Watch for macro policy changes to break the "Coil".

Focus on liquidity indicators and cross-asset correlations.