

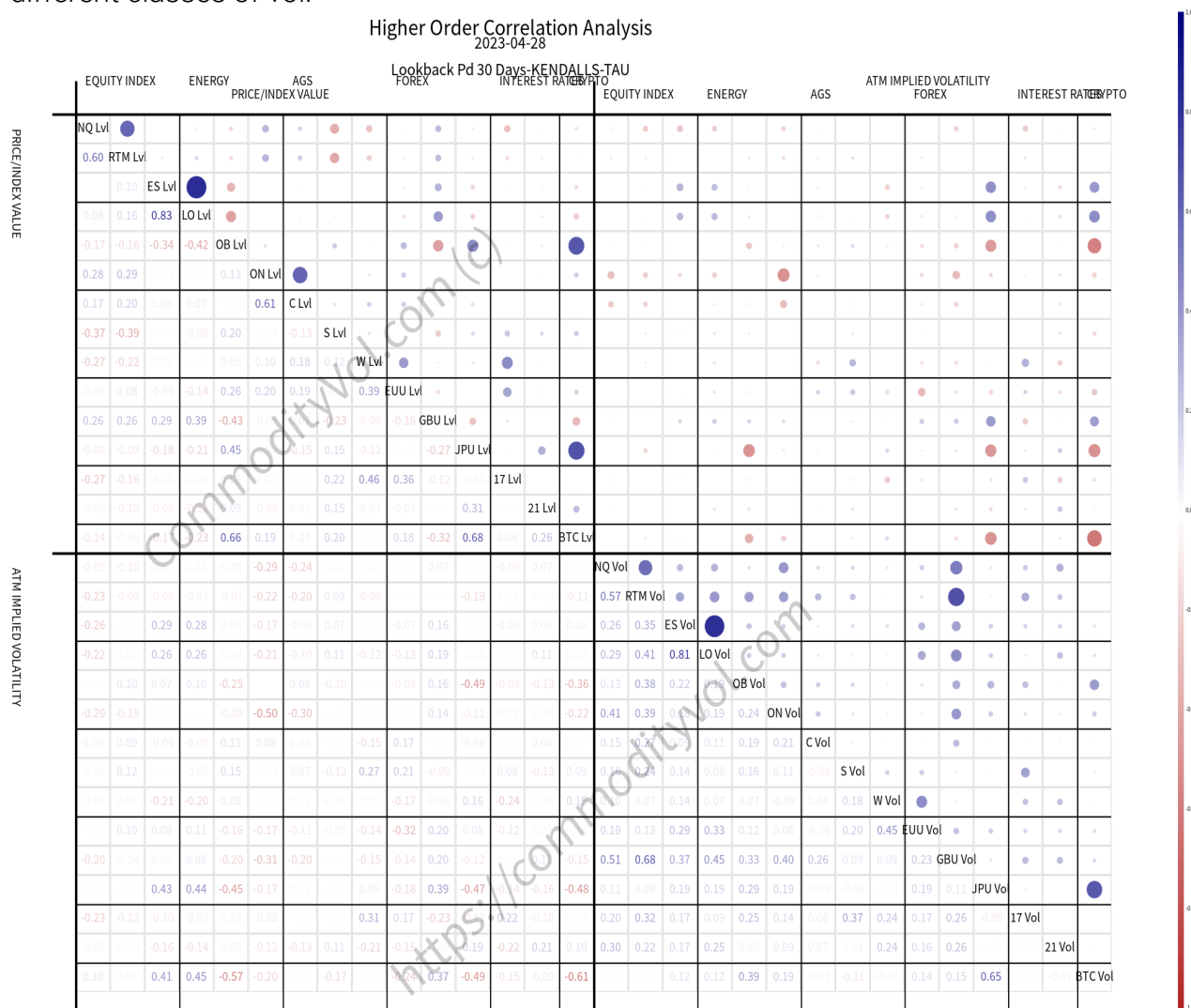


Welcome to our March 2023 Recap:

We are pleased to welcome you to our April 2023 Report.

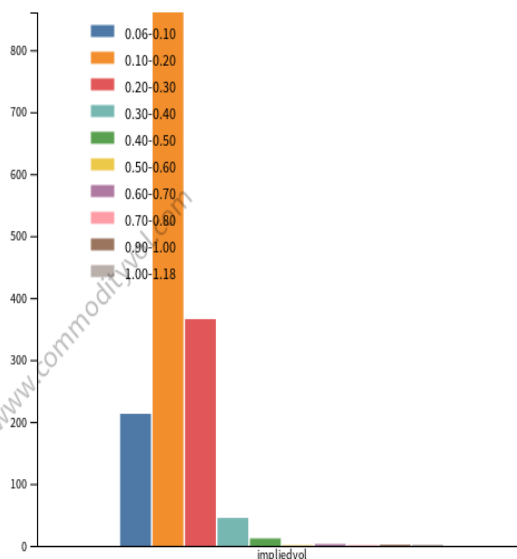
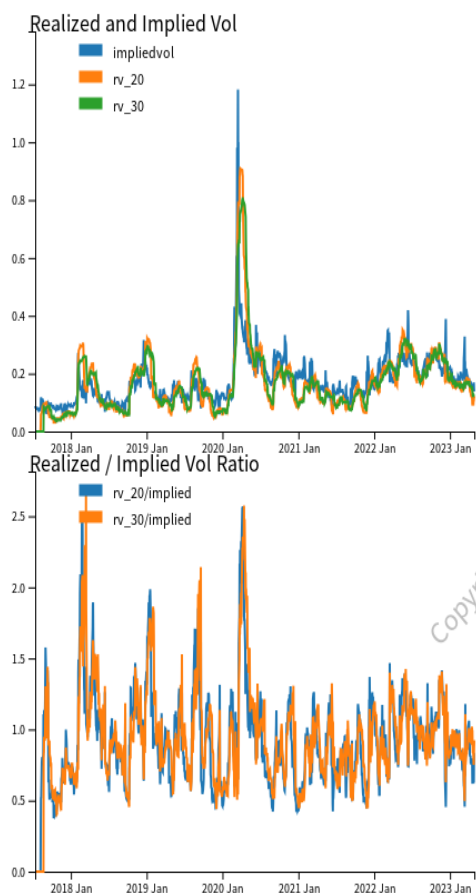
Lots of interesting things are happening in the world of finance, economy and commodities. A growing drum beat of recession talk dominates FinTwit and the financial press. There is also the back drop of earnings to the current month. The earnings reports have been, on net, good with some notable exceptions. The major banks like JP Morgan reported healthy profits. However, the bankruptcy of First Republic Bank continues this stealth banking crisis. The tightening of credit conditions for commercial lending also adds fuel to the fire of recession talk. While our view is decidedly negative on many economic aspects, we do not believe price levels will ameliorate. If the economic models typically predict reduced inflation as economic activity stumbles, we believe that there will be profound sector differences. Finished goods' demands may suffer, the price escalators still need to resolve themselves. More aggressive policies with respect to the combined West's biggest trading partner (China) will not help this. The Fed and other central banks will have a tough choice, more inflation or massive recession. History shows that they choose inflation. The Goldilocks period of Greenspan/Bernanke is gone.

As in prior months, we briefly look at cross asset correlations over the last 30 days using Kendall's Tau statistic on price and vol differences. The colors are a bit more muted on the heat map this month. There is a pronounced correlation between Nasdaq and Russell futures. There is an unclear correlation between Oil (CL) and SP500 futures. If we go across and look at the vol to price correlation, we see a streak of correlations between different commodity futures and the vol changes of the Yen. Vol to vol correlations are strongly pronounced among indexes between themselves, indexes and energy, indexes and fx, with the British pound correlated to many different classes of vol.



In terms of indexes, we are surprised at how tranquil the index vol market has been. Looking at S&P 500 futures vol, we see low realized and implied volatility levels. If we look at the ratio of realized / implied, the number is significantly below 1. This means either the market is expecting an uptick in future vol, or long premium players are paying for an expensive lottery ticket. It isn't clear how gamma could be funding the theta of these very expensive (relatively) options.

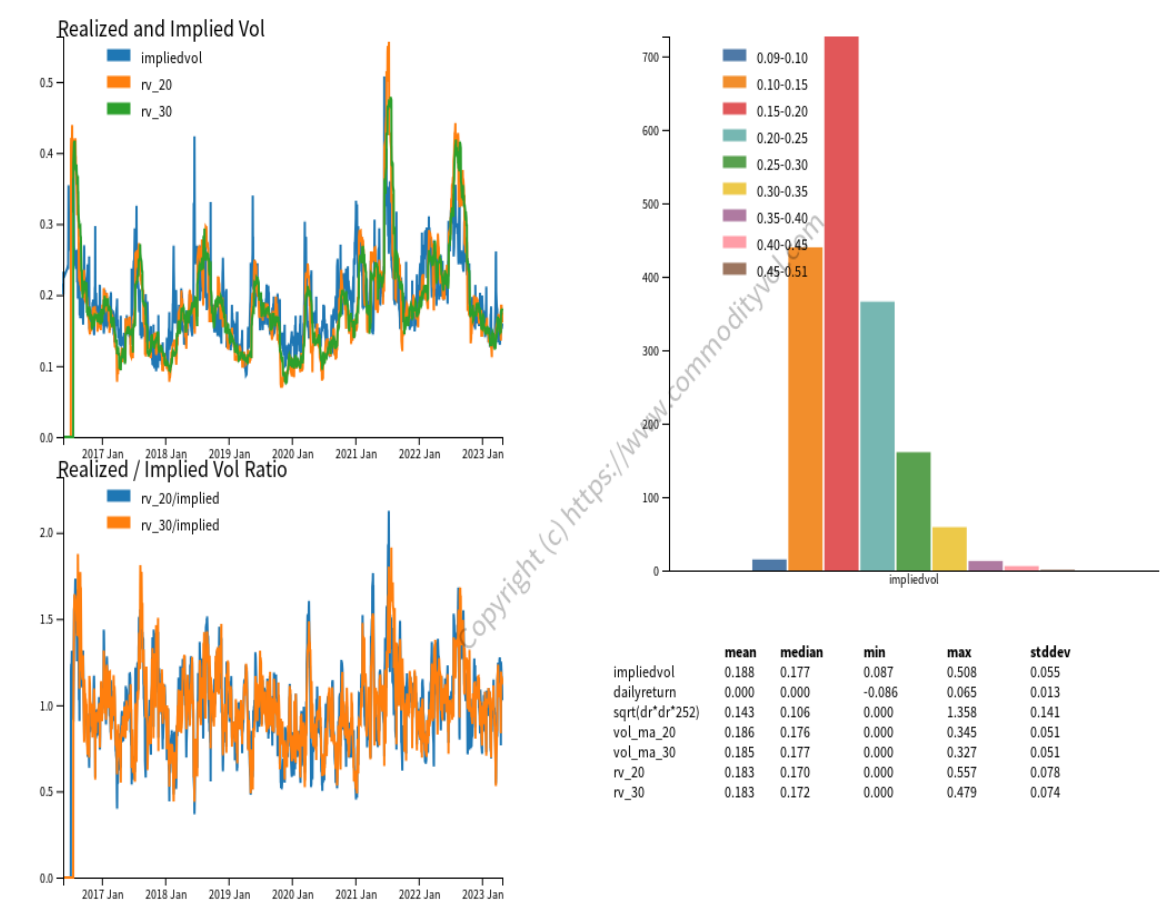
E-Mini S&P 500 Options Front Month 50Δ



	mean	median	min	max	stddev
impliedvol	0.174	0.160	0.057	1.182	0.084
dailyreturn	0.000	0.000	-0.110	0.094	0.013
sqrt(dr*dr*252)	0.129	0.084	0.000	1.739	0.155
vol_ma_20	0.172	0.161	0.000	0.594	0.076
vol_ma_30	0.171	0.155	0.000	0.518	0.074
rv_20	0.165	0.146	0.000	0.908	0.116
rv_30	0.167	0.153	0.000	0.809	0.113

As an aside, we show Soybean vol's realized/implied statistics. The ratio meanders about 1, but the market looks much more balanced.

Soybean Options Front Month 50Δ



Energy

Energy has been more or less quiet (at least in volatility terms). Crude futures were down 5-6% and vol also was down approximately the same percentage. Heating oil and refined blended gasoline were also down 11 and 8% respectively. Perhaps the heating oil move is in relation to the end of the heating season in the northeast. This flies in the face of natural gas which added nearly 15%. The trend of declining oil prices, including its derivatives, is consistent with a growing glut in demand, coupled with more bearish outlook for the summer driving season. On the vol front, everything except Ethanol vol was down. Natty gas was down a full 28 vol points, while the other vols were down by single digits.

[Energy ATM](#)

[WTI Crude Detail](#)

[Brend Crude Detail](#)

[US Natty Gas Detail](#)

[Details Energy](#)

Equity Index

ES (E-Mini SP500) was up a bit less than one percent this month. Vol was down 3 vol points at the money. VIX, on the other hand, was down 2.7 points which corresponds to nearly 15%. Its vol was also down about 3.3 vol points. The Nasdaq100 futures were closer to unchanged, with the Russell Futures down about 2.2%. Vol was uniformly down from 2 to 3 vol points across the NQ and RUT complex.

[EquityIndex ATM](#)

[SP500 Detail](#)

[VIX Detail](#)

Interest Rates

The interest futures were all down. The magnitudes of the moves were not large, 0.1 to 0.3%. What was interesting is that typically curve moves are duration weighted. It does not appear these moves were weighted. The story with vol was also hard to understand. The Eurodollar and SOFR front month vol slipped, which looks like a big percentage move (on price based vol at a low level). However, the move in the Two Year Treasury vol was the smallest (percentage wise) change, and the biggest change was the 5 Year Treasury implied vol. This suggests some worry around the mid curve.

[Interest Rates ATM](#)

[30 Year Bond Detail](#)

[10 Year Note Detail](#)

[SOFR](#)

Foreign Exchange

Except for crypto, the FX moves were tame this month. The Yen lost some ground against the dollar. In crypto, both Bitcoin and Ethereum rallied by 4%, hopes of the end of Crypto Winter spring up like tulips after the last frost. Vol imploded everywhere, except, in the Swiss Franc. The still murky UBS/Swissbank merger cannot be a positive for the Swiss economy nor for the (once?) unimpregnable Franc.

[Foreign Exchange ATM](#)

[Yen Detail](#)

[Euro Detail](#)

[Bitcoin Detail](#)

Ethereum Detail

Metals

It was a rally in silver colored metals. Silver, Platinum and Palladium all rallied heartily. Gold was slightly down, while copper fell nearly 4%. With the West talking about stronger Russian sanctions, perhaps some of the rally in platinum and palladium is sanctions driven. The deviation between gold and silver is a bit of a puzzle. Clearly, if inflation is the worry, both should have rallied. Copper's woes are a reflection of the broader concern around economic performance. Vol was offered strongly in everything except copper.

Metals ATM

Gold Detail

Silver Detail

Copper Detail

Agriculture

Ags were a massive mixed bag (it seems like they are every month). Feeder cattle and hogs were up strong. Hogs were the biggest gainer, rising 6.9% with its vol breaking hard. Corn, wheat and the bean complex were all down in dramatic fashion. Beans, wheat and corn all experienced rising implied volatilities. Bean oil and meal vol declined sharply.

Ags ATM

Wheat Detail

Oats Detail

Corn Detail

Lean Hog

Live Cattle Detail

Ags Details

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At The Money Roundup of Products

exch/prod	desc	futures chng [%]	vol chng [%]
CME/DK	Class IV Milk	-0.090 [-0.5%]	-0.077 [-78.0%]
CBT/C	Corn	-0.728 [-11.1%]	+0.043 [+23.5%]
CME/62	Feeder Cattle	+12.025 [+6.0%]	+0.016 [+14.9%]
CBT/KW	KC HRW Wheat	-0.990 [-11.3%]	+0.040 [+14.6%]
CME/LN	Lean Hog	+5.125 [+6.9%]	-0.036 [-20.0%]
CME/48	Live Cattle	-2.650 [-1.6%]	-0.012 [-10.8%]
CME/NF	Nonfat Dry Milk	-1.225 [-1.0%]	-0.062 [-71.1%]
CBT/O	Oats	-0.362 [-10.4%]	+0.018 [+4.2%]
CBT/14	Rough Rice	+0.295 [+1.7%]	-0.002 [-1.5%]
CBT/S	Soybean	-1.027 [-6.8%]	+0.017 [+11.8%]
CBT/06	Soybean Meal	-31.800 [-6.9%]	-0.031 [-13.4%]
CBT/07	Soybean Oil	-5.010 [-8.8%]	-0.022 [-7.4%]
CBT/W	Wheat	-0.597 [-8.6%]	+0.032 [+11.0%]

Forex

exch/prod	desc	futures chng [%]	vol chng [%]
CME/ADU	AUDUSD 2pmfix	-0.018 [-2.6%]	-0.029 [-20.9%]
CME/BTC	Bitcoin	+1210.000 [+4.3%]	-0.102 [-18.4%]
CME/CAU	CADUSD 2pmfix	-0.007 [-0.9%]	-0.014 [-17.9%]
CME/CHU	CHFUSD 2pmfix	+0.021 [+1.9%]	+0.011 [+14.2%]
CME/ETH	Ethereum Futures	+71.000 [+3.9%]	-0.118 [-20.3%]
CME/EUU	EURUSD 2pmfix	+0.011 [+1.0%]	+0.000 [+0.4%]
CME/GBU	GBPUSD 2pmfix	+0.015 [+1.2%]	-0.004 [-4.9%]
CME/JPU	JPYUSD 2pmfix	-0.000 [-3.2%]	-0.007 [-6.5%]
CME/MP	Mexican Peso	+0.001 [+1.0%]	-0.018 [-15.0%]
CME/NE	New Zealand	-0.010 [-1.7%]	-0.020 [-16.1%]

InterestRates

exch/prod	desc	futures chng [%]	vol chng [%]
CBT/26	2 YR US Treasury Note	-0.305 [-0.3%]	-0.003 [-8.7%]
CBT/25	5 YR US Treasury Note	-0.156 [-0.1%]	-0.013 [-17.7%]
CBT/21	10 YR US Treasury Note	-0.250 [-0.2%]	-0.013 [-14.0%]
CBT/17	30 YR US Treasury Bond	-0.281 [-0.2%]	-0.023 [-16.5%]
CME/ED	Eurodollar	-0.130 [-0.1%]	-0.006 [-35.4%]
CBT/UBE	Long Term US Treasury Bond	-0.813 [-0.6%]	-0.029 [-16.9%]
CME/S0	One-year Mid-curve Three-month SOFR	-0.070 [-0.1%]	-0.002 [-6.8%]
CME/SR3	Three-month SOFR	-0.155 [-0.2%]	-0.005 [-33.0%]

Metals

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COMEX/HX	Copper	-0.155 [-3.8%]	+0.002 [+0.8%]
COMEX/OG	Gold	-1.300 [-0.1%]	-0.010 [-6.0%]
NYMEX/PAO	Palladium	+51.900 [+3.6%]	-0.077 [-15.8%]
NYMEX/PO	Platinum	+93.700 [+9.4%]	-0.017 [-5.9%]
COMEX/SO	Silver	+1.205 [+5.0%]	-0.017 [-6.2%]

EquityIndex

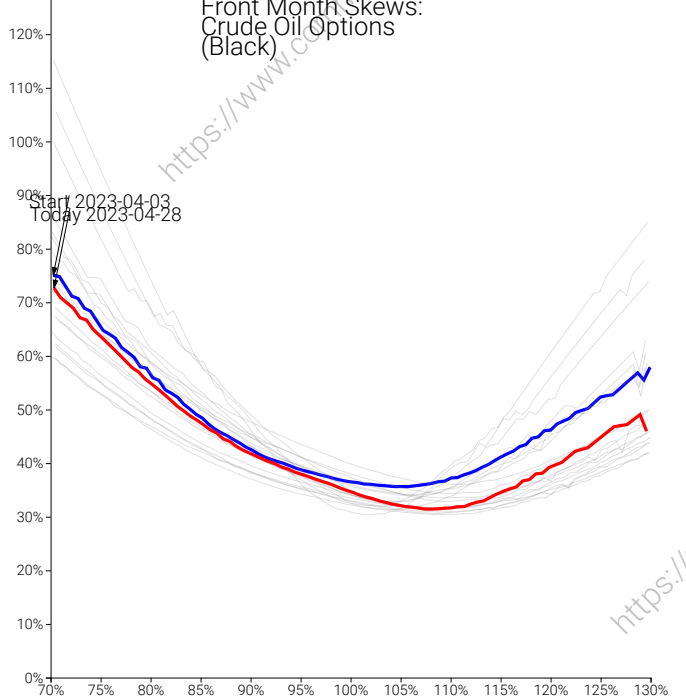
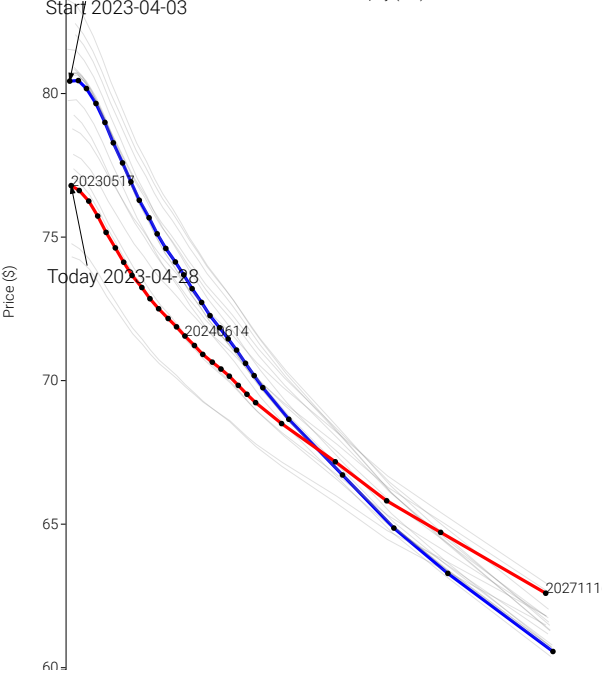
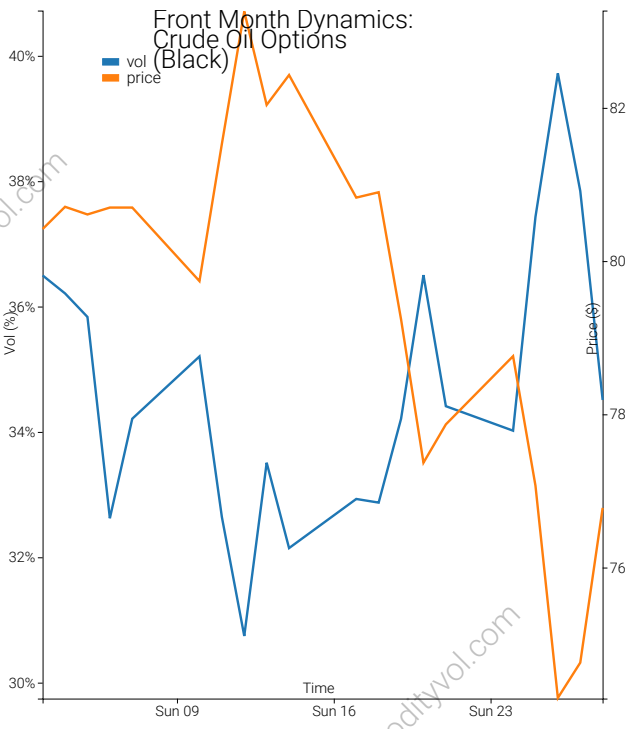
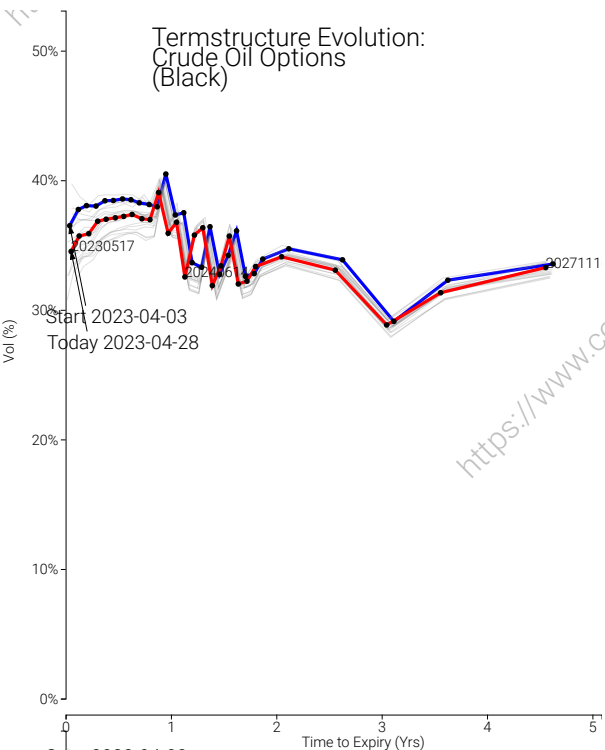
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CBT/YM	E-Mini Dow	+414.000 [+1.2%]	-0.021 [-13.7%]
CME/NQ	E-Mini Nasdaq	+50.250 [+0.4%]	-0.030 [-13.6%]
CME/RTO	E-Mini Russell 2000	-39.400 [-2.2%]	-0.031 [-14.1%]
CME/RTM	E-Mini Russell EOM	-39.400 [-2.2%]	-0.034 [-15.8%]
CME/ES	E-Mini S&P 500	+34.750 [+0.8%]	-0.031 [-18.4%]
CBOE/VIX	VIX Volatility Index	-2.770 [-14.9%]	-0.033 [-5.1%]

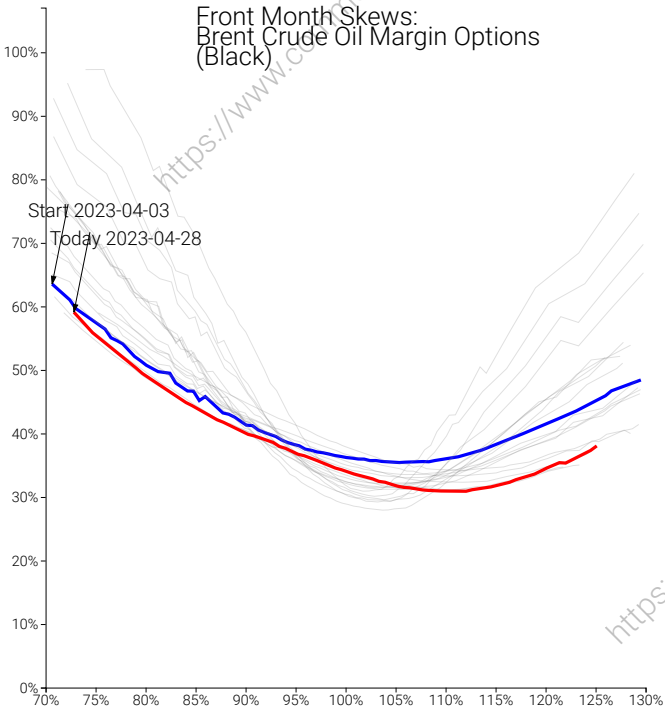
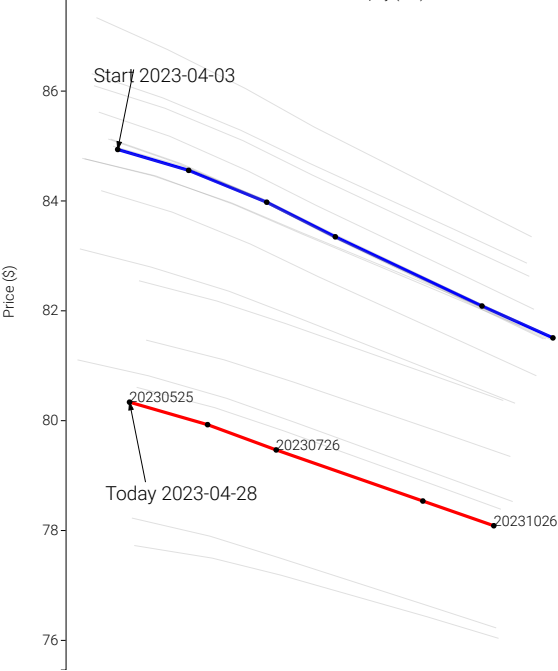
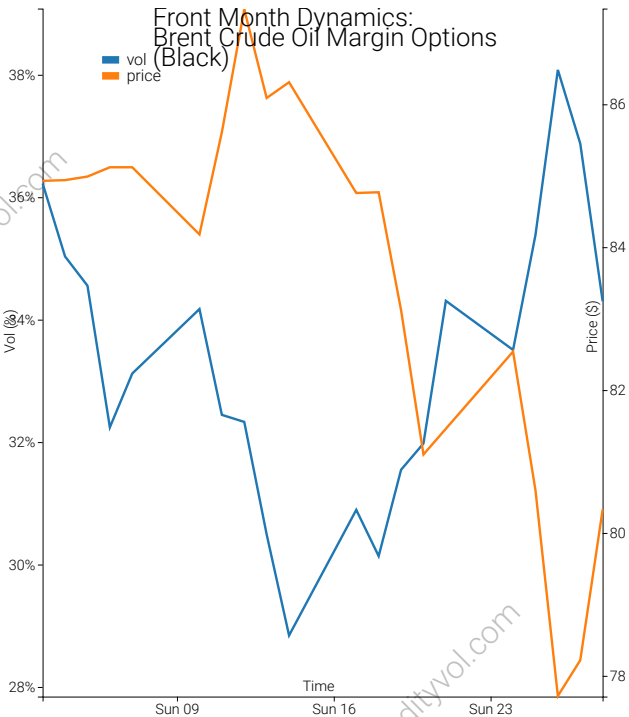
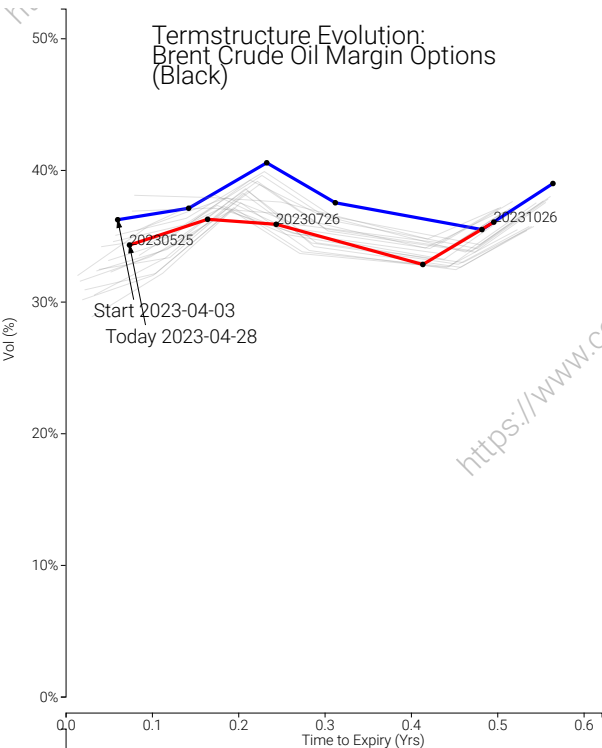
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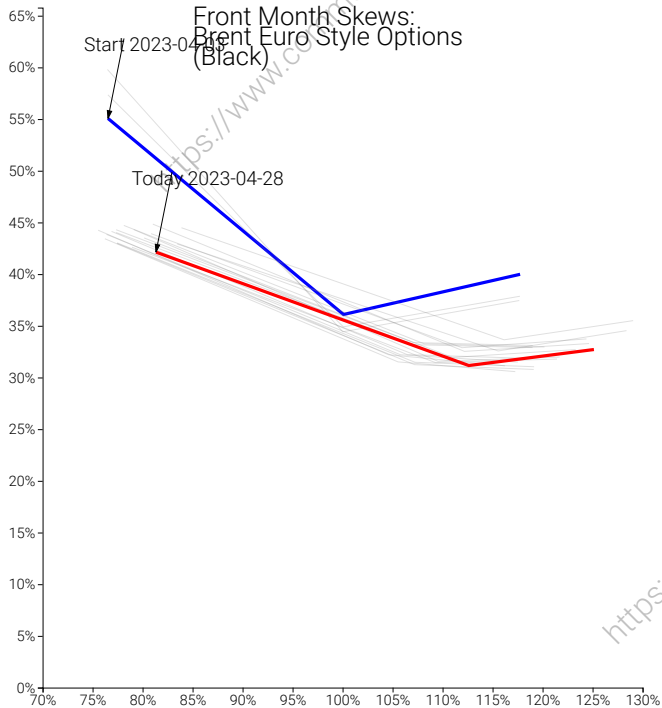
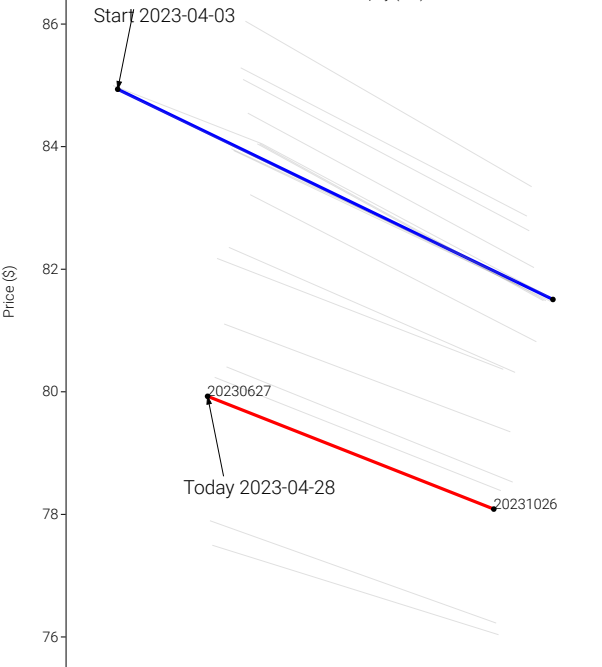
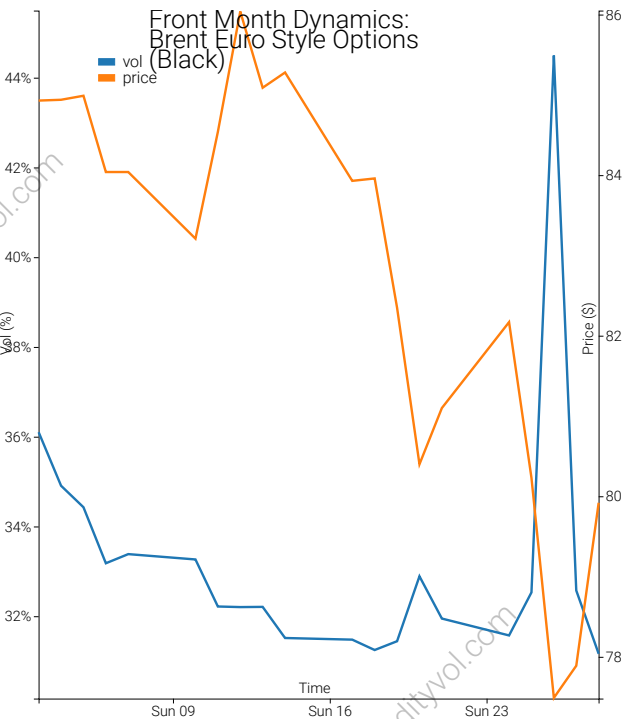
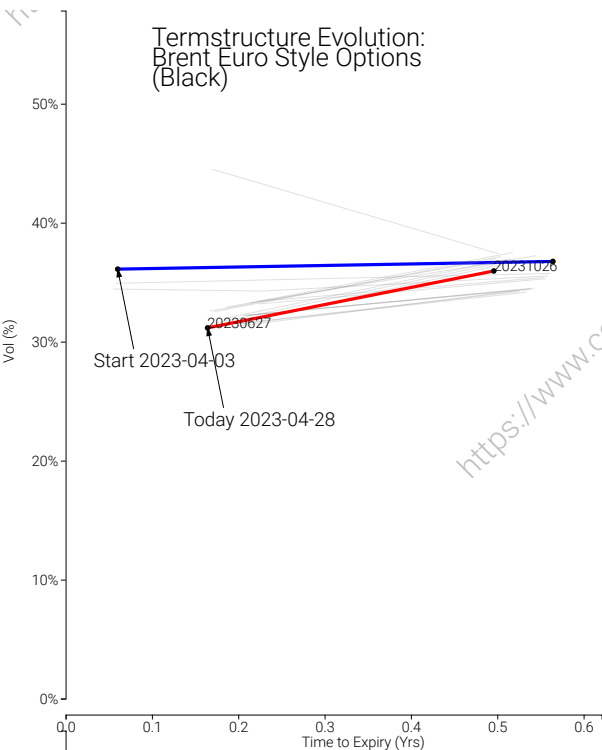
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NYMEX/BZO	Brent Crude Oil Margin	-4.600 [-5.4%]	-0.019 [-5.3%]
NYMEX/BE	Brent Euro Style	-5.010 [-5.9%]	-0.049 [-13.7%]
NYMEX/CVR	Chicago Ethanol(platts) Average Price	-0.025 [-1.0%]	+0.012 [+8.3%]
NYMEX/LO	Crude Oil	-3.640 [-4.5%]	-0.020 [-5.4%]
NYMEX/LN	European Natural Gas	+0.313 [+14.9%]	-0.280 [-29.7%]
NYMEX/E7	Henry Hub Financial Last Day	+0.313 [+14.9%]	-0.281 [-29.8%]
NYMEX/ON	Natural Gas	+0.313 [+14.9%]	-0.279 [-29.6%]
NYMEX/OH	NY Harbor ULSD	-0.285 [-10.7%]	-0.004 [-1.2%]
NYMEX/OB	RBOB	-0.227 [-8.2%]	-0.036 [-10.2%]

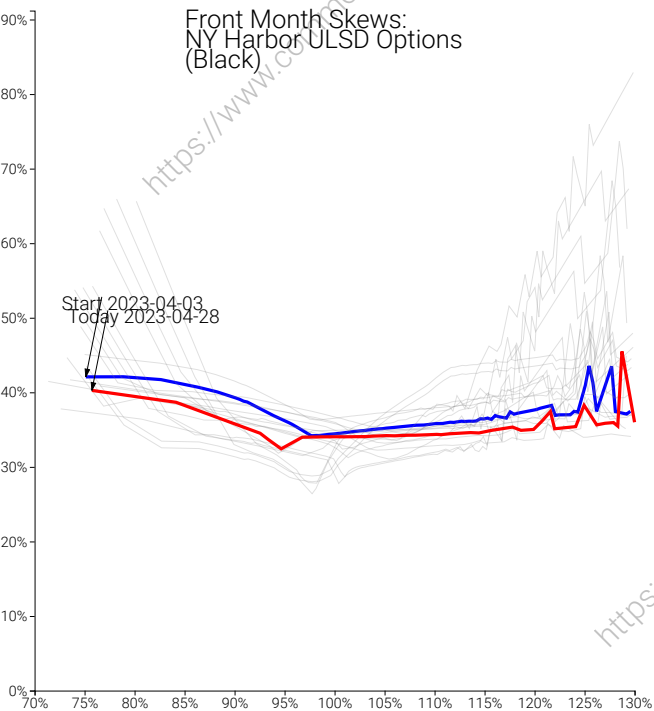
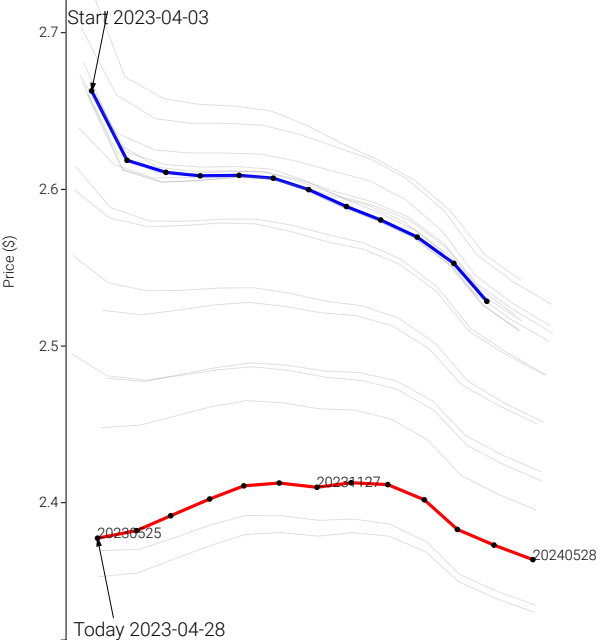
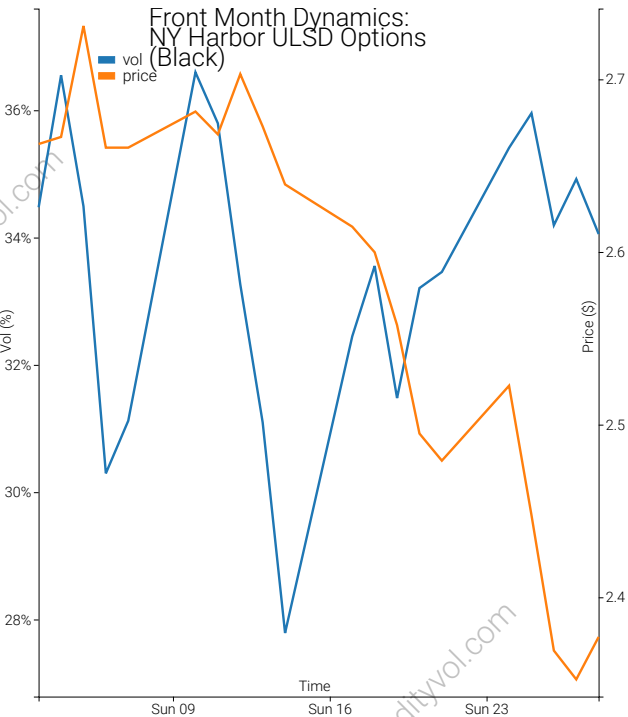
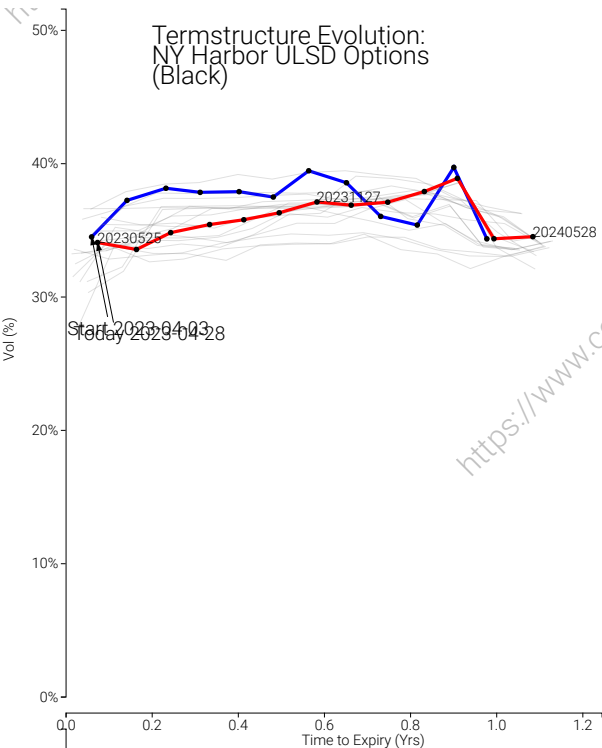
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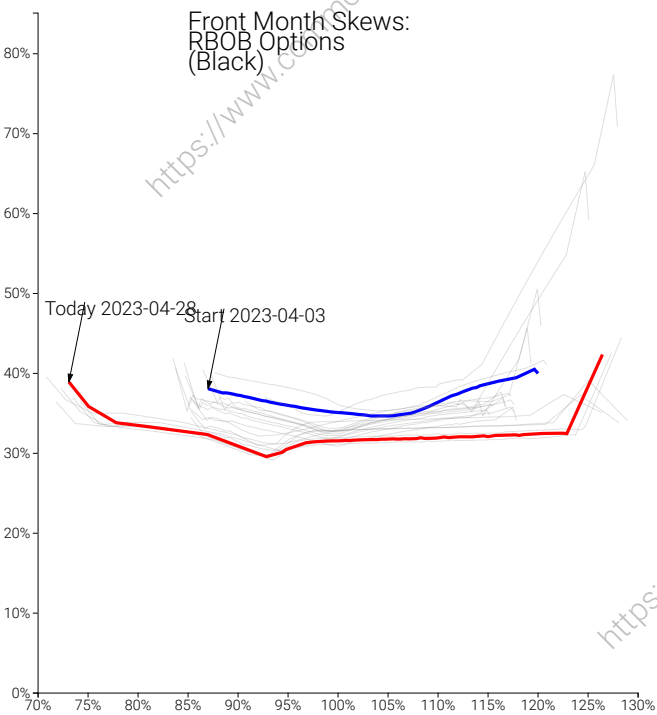
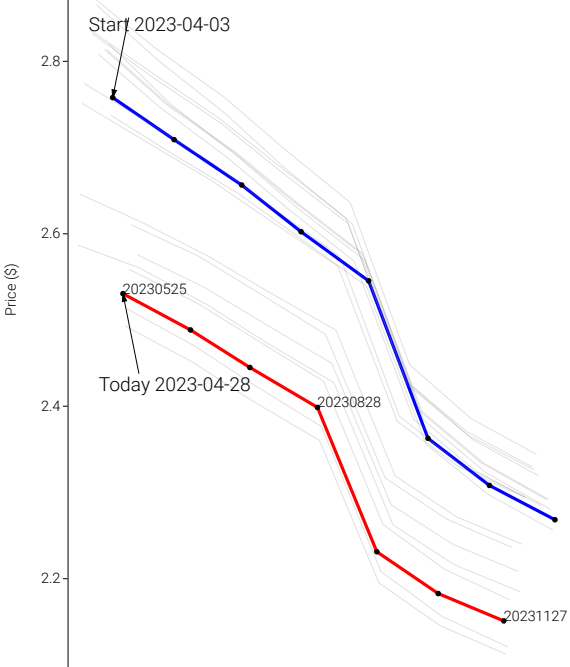
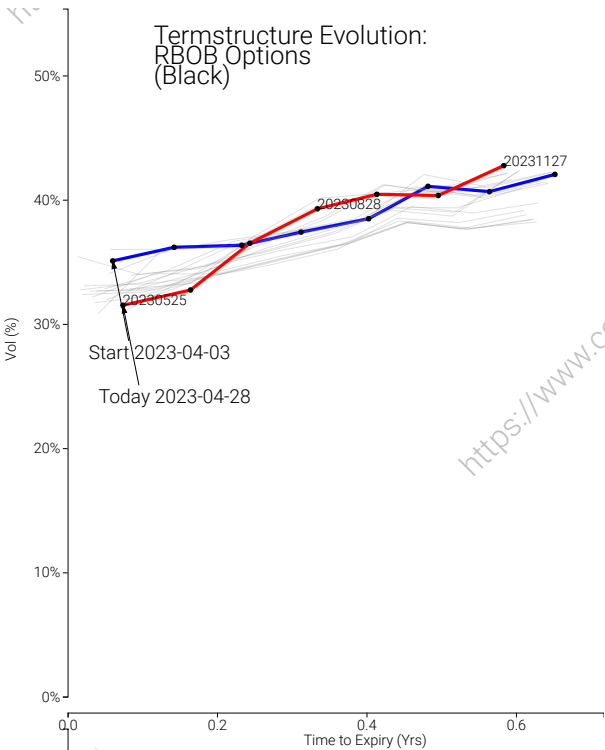
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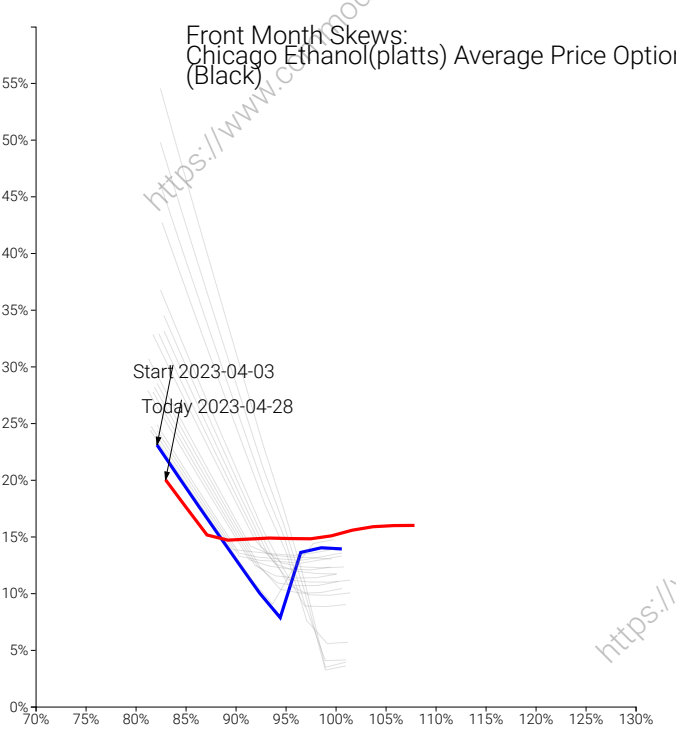
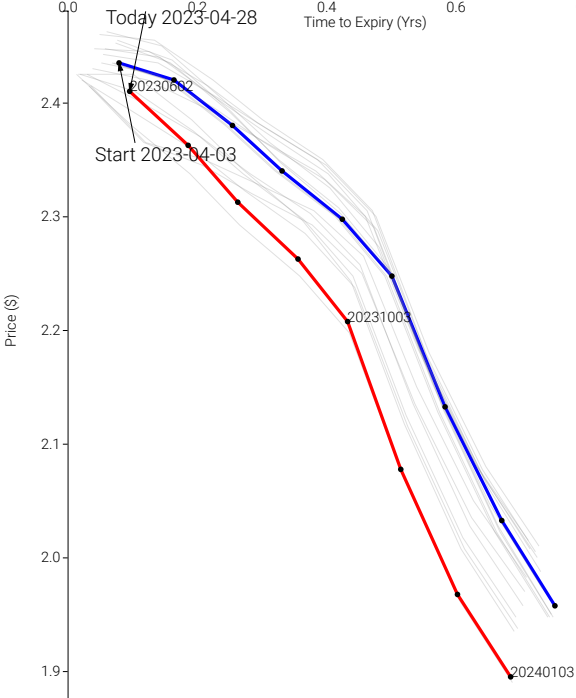
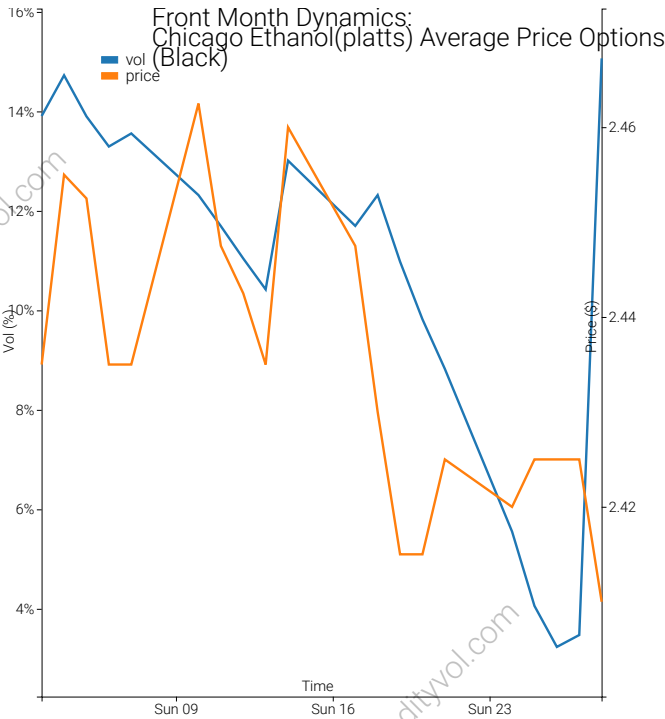
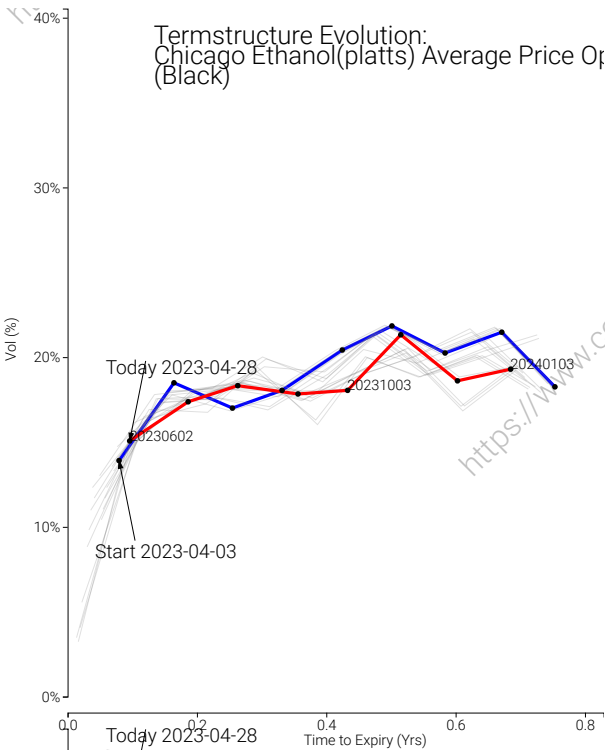




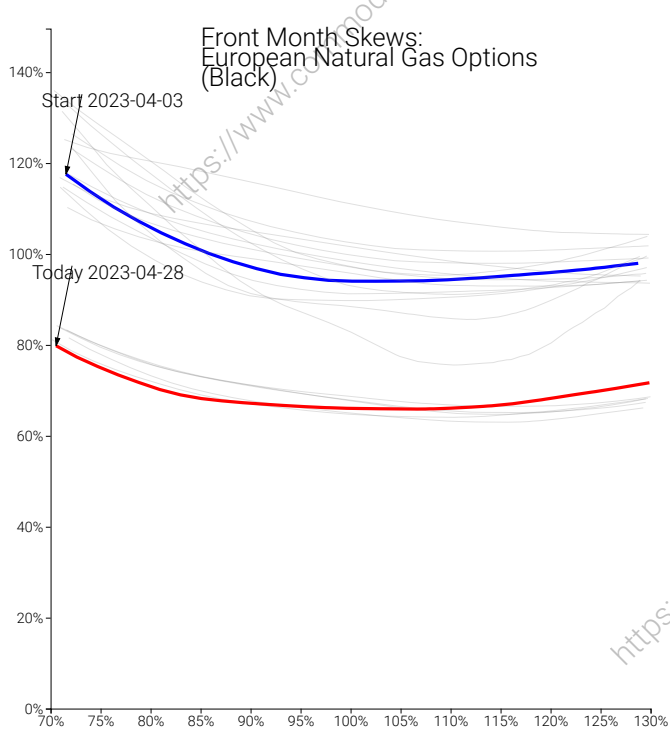
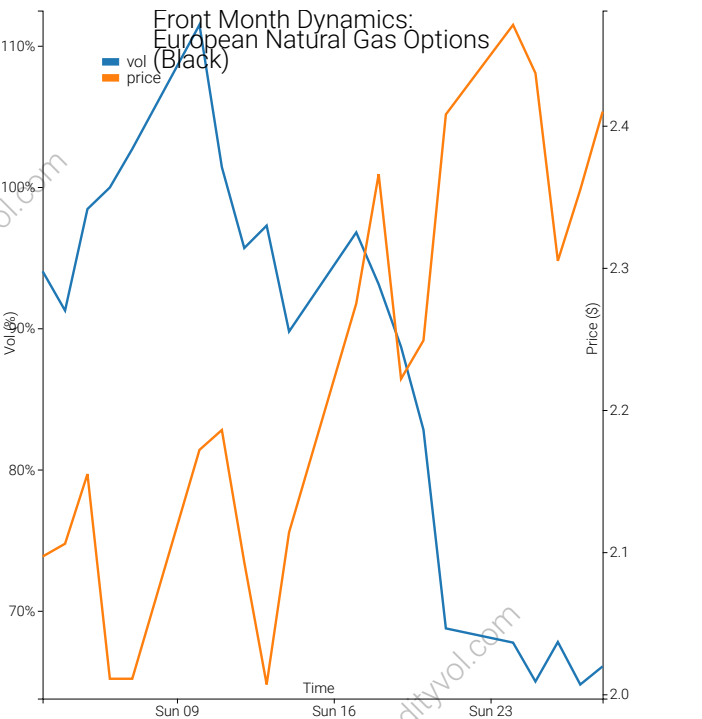
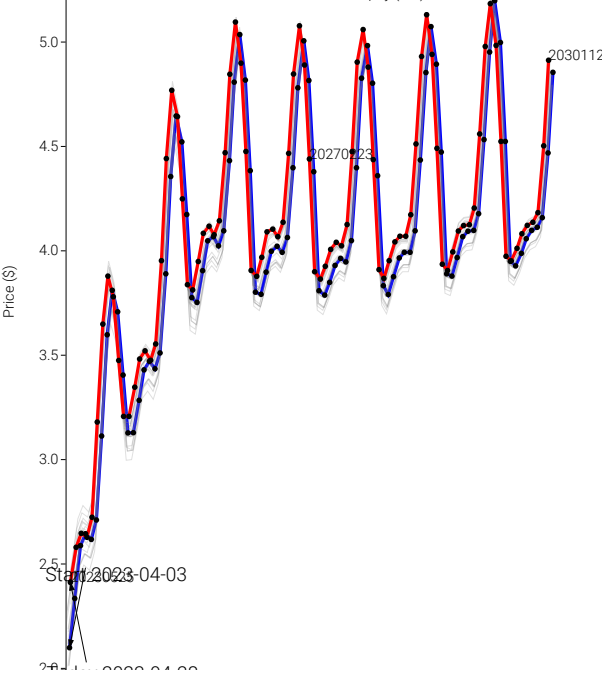
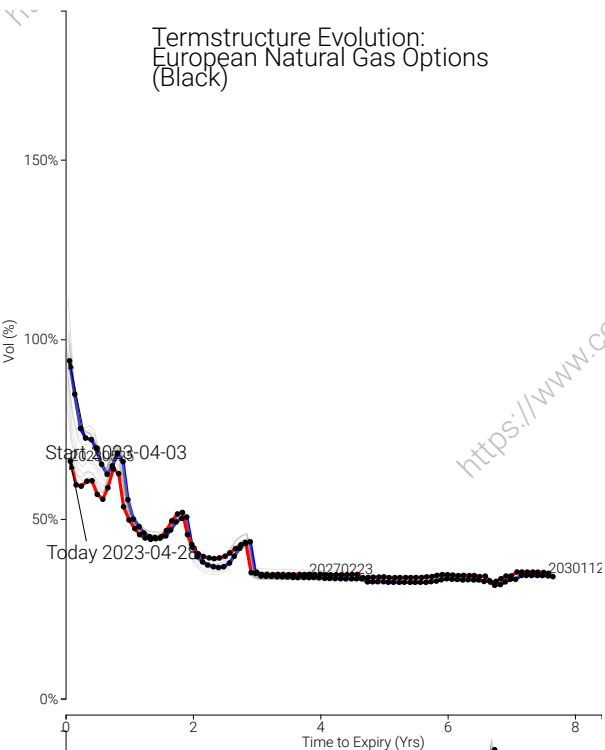


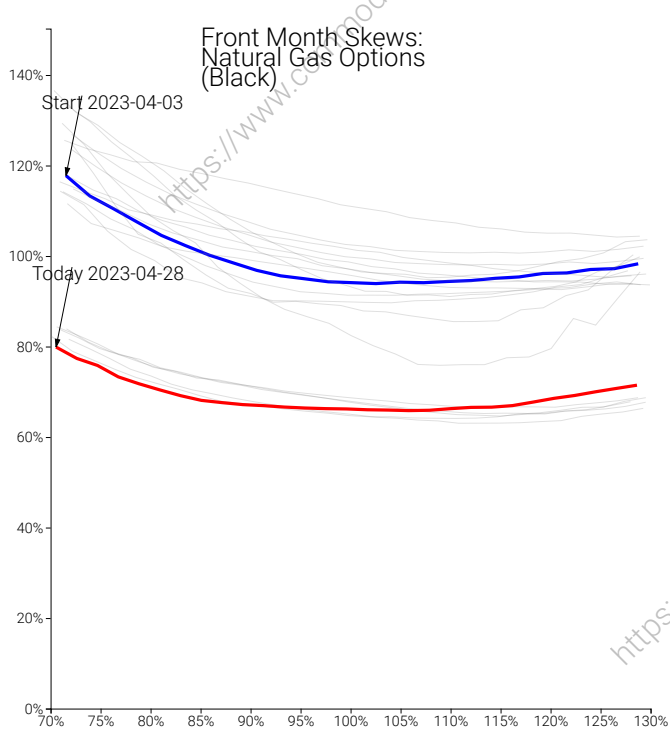
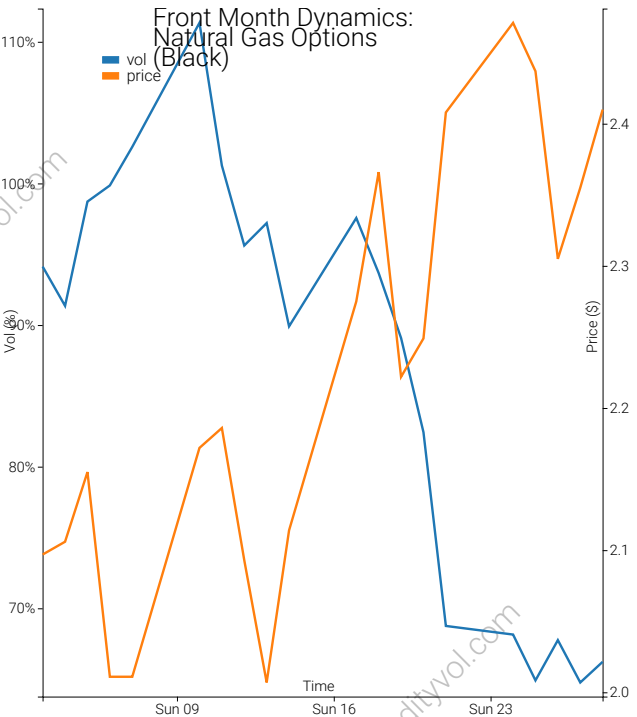
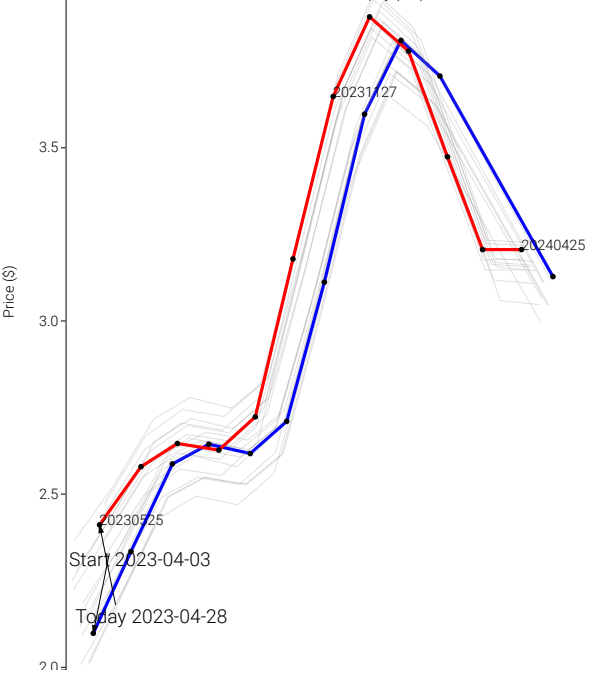
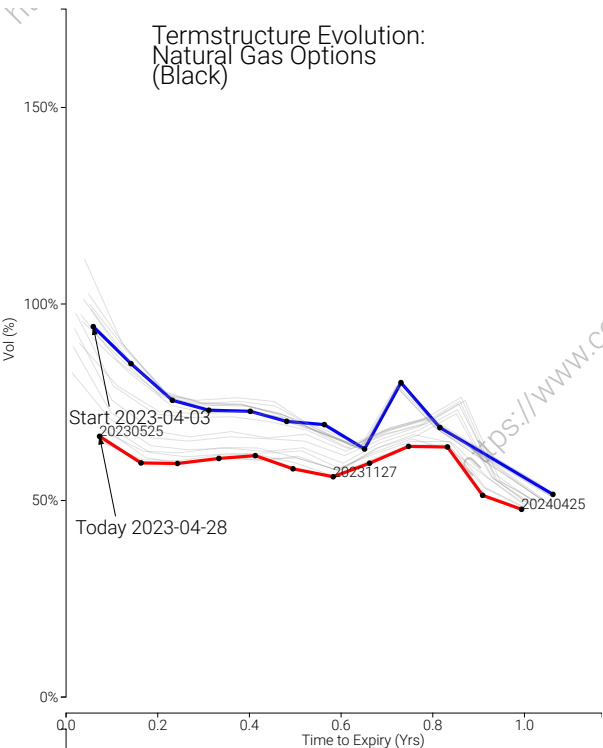


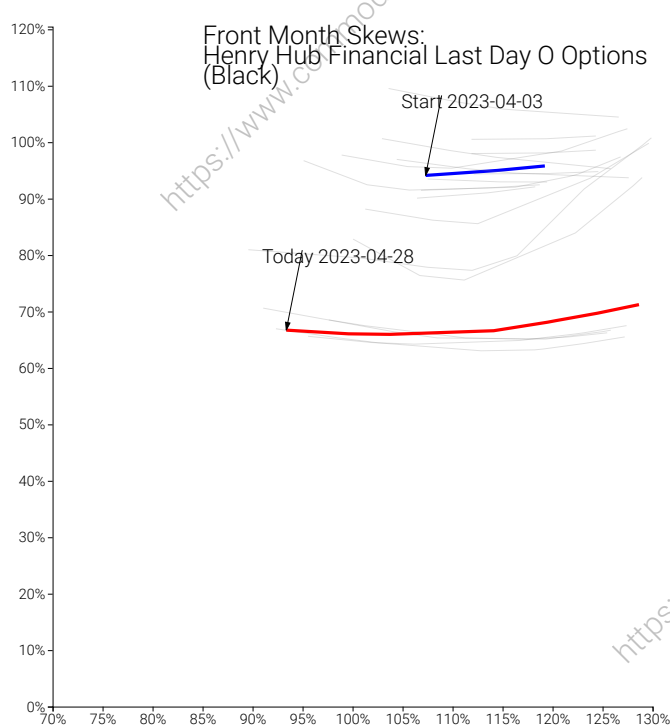
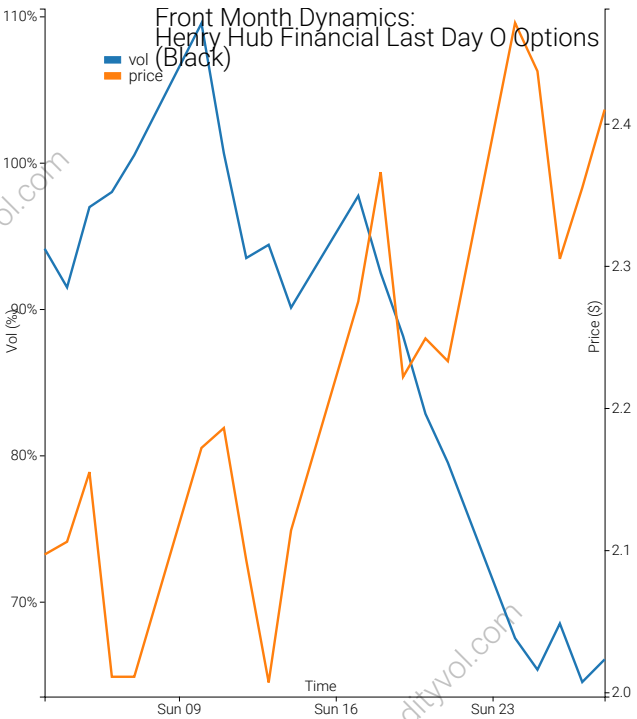
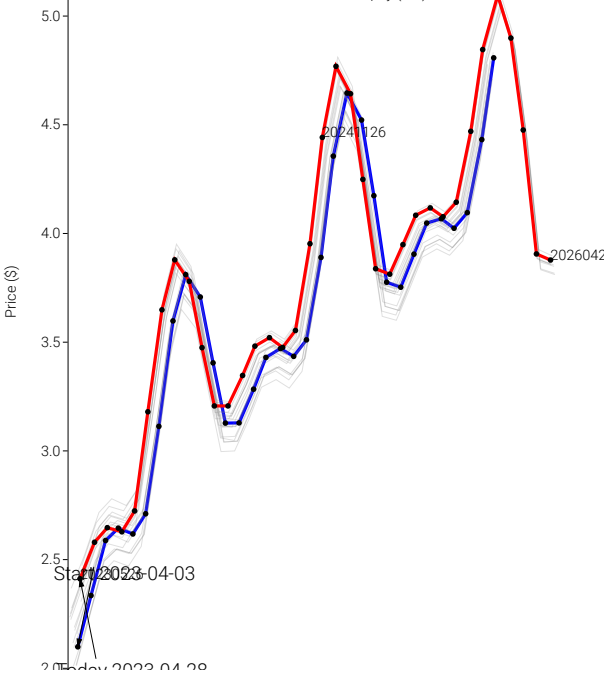
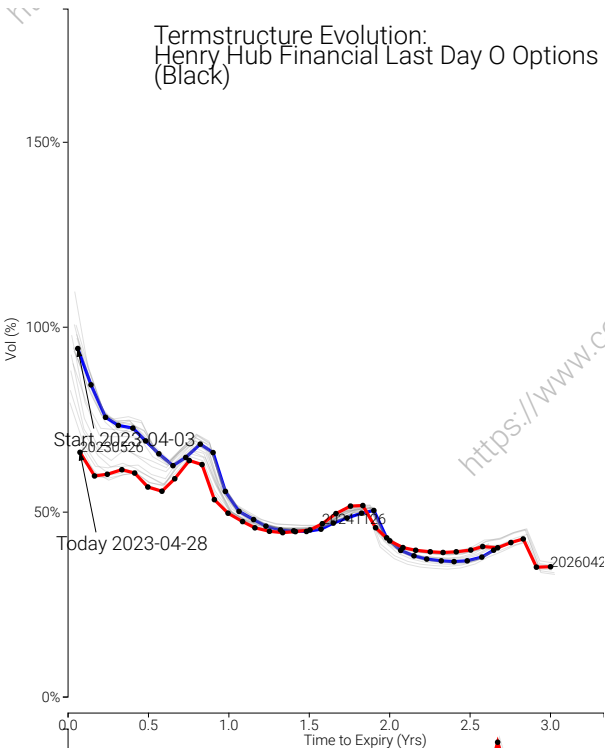




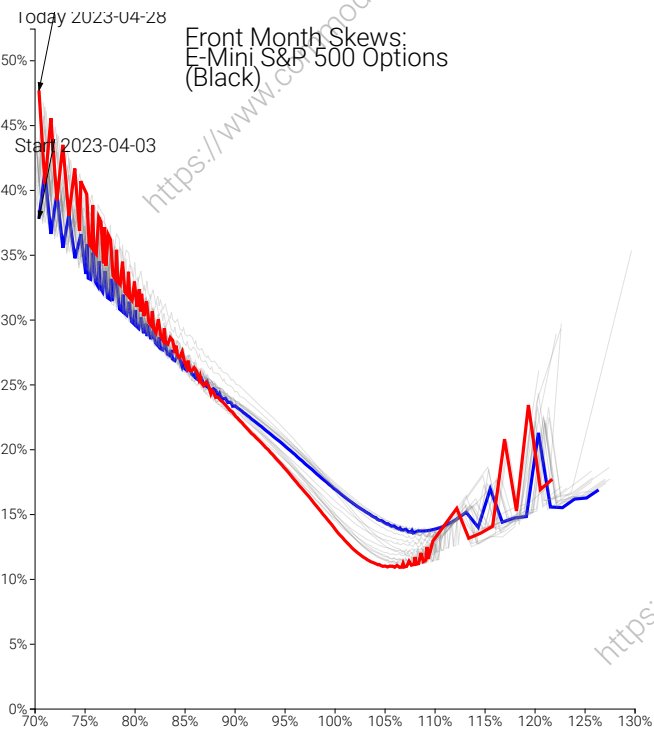
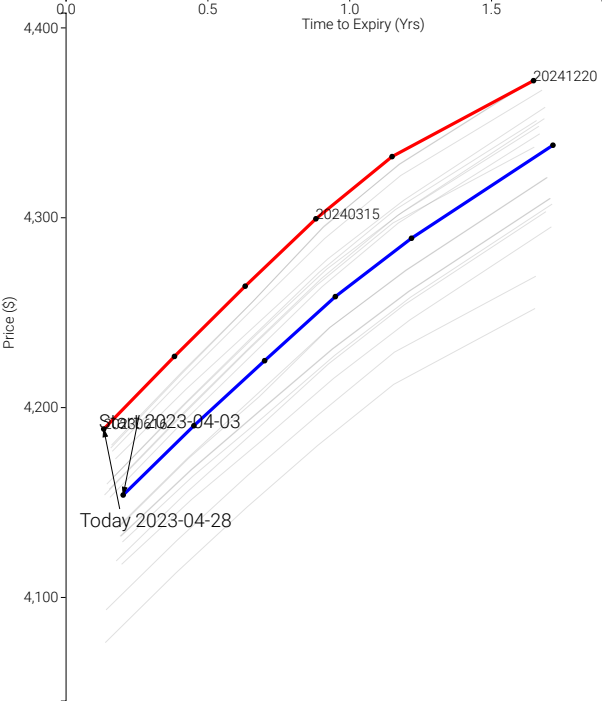
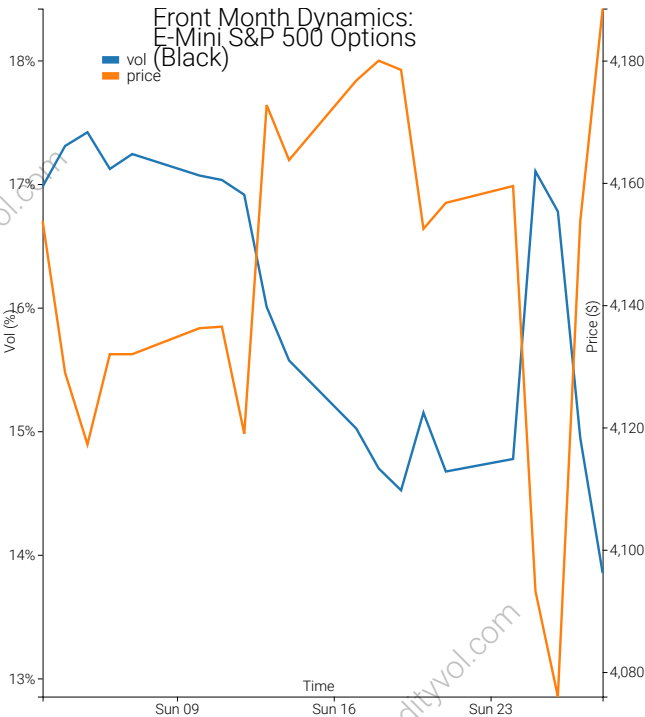
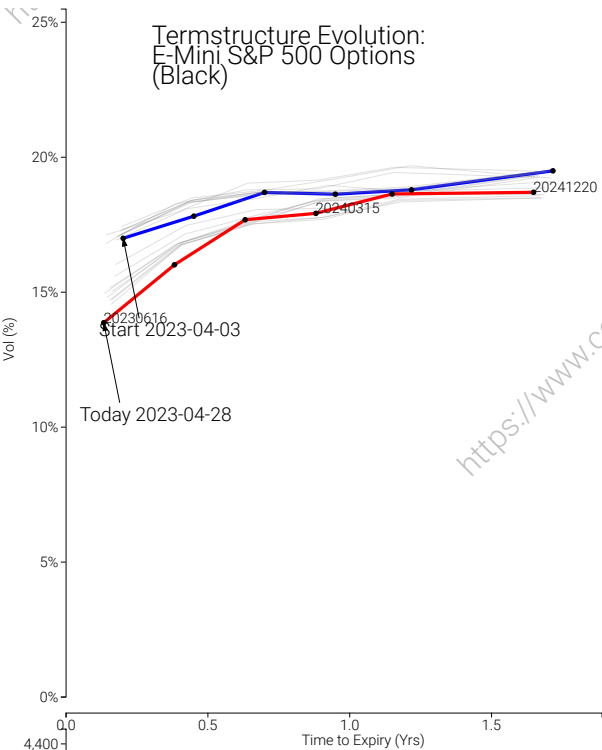
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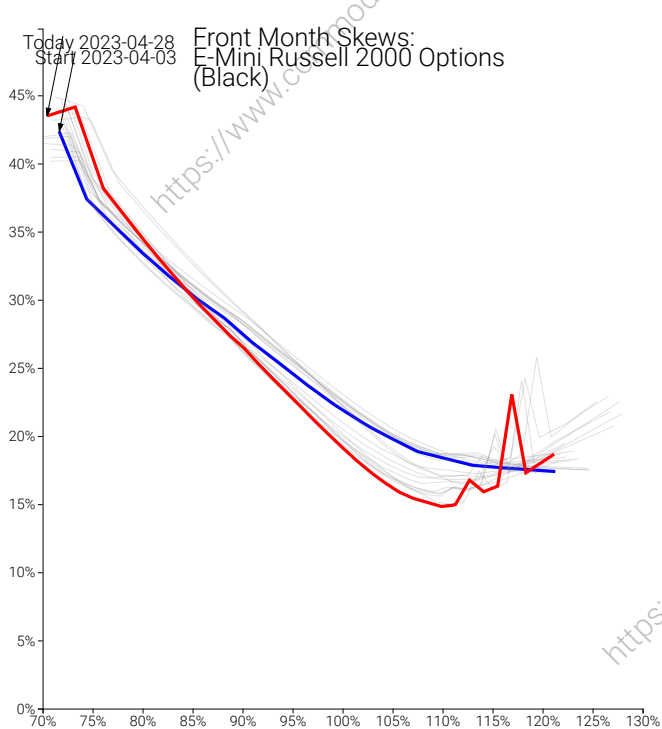
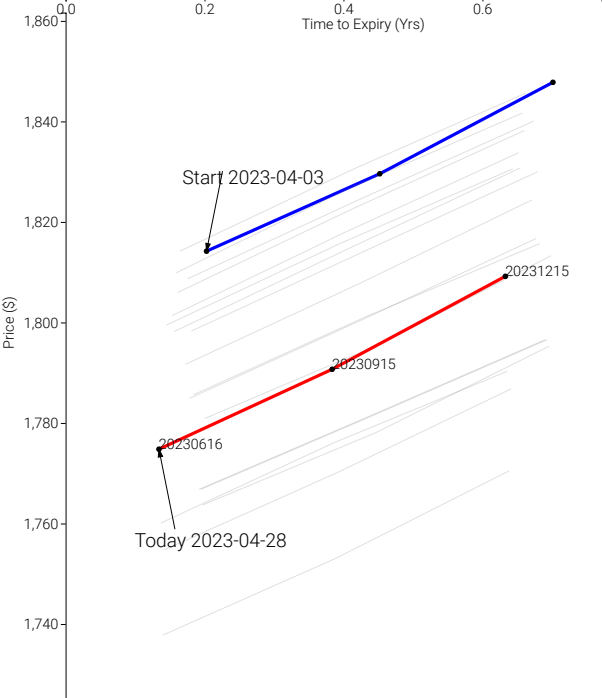
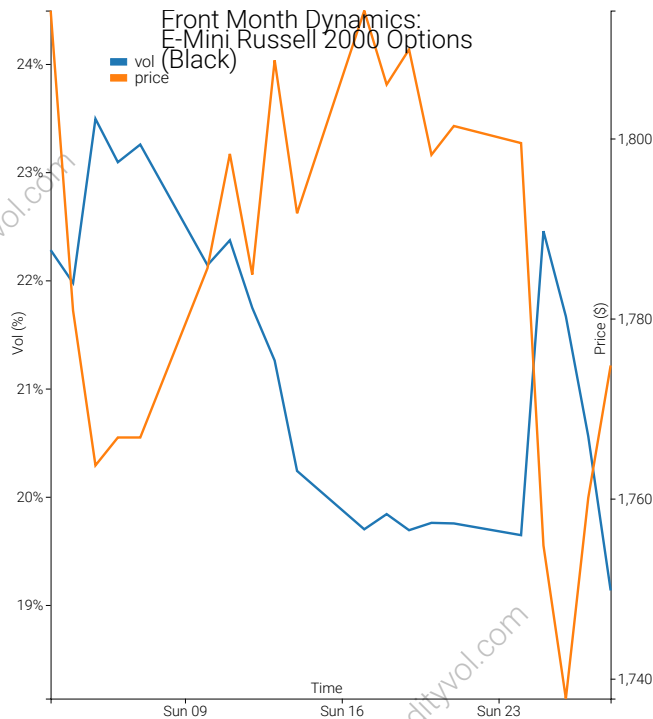
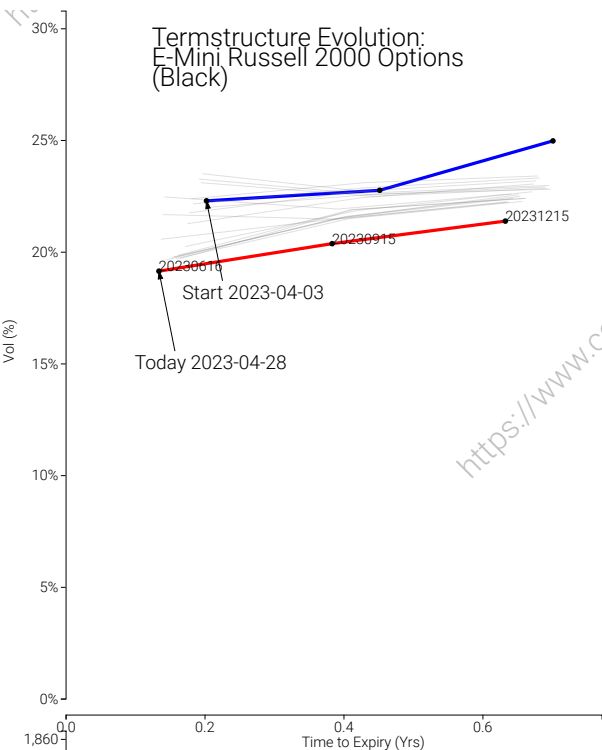


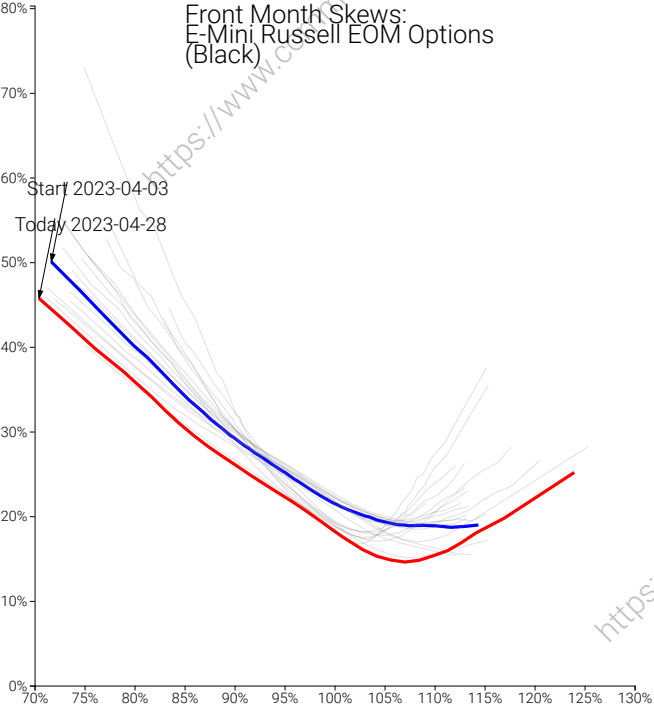
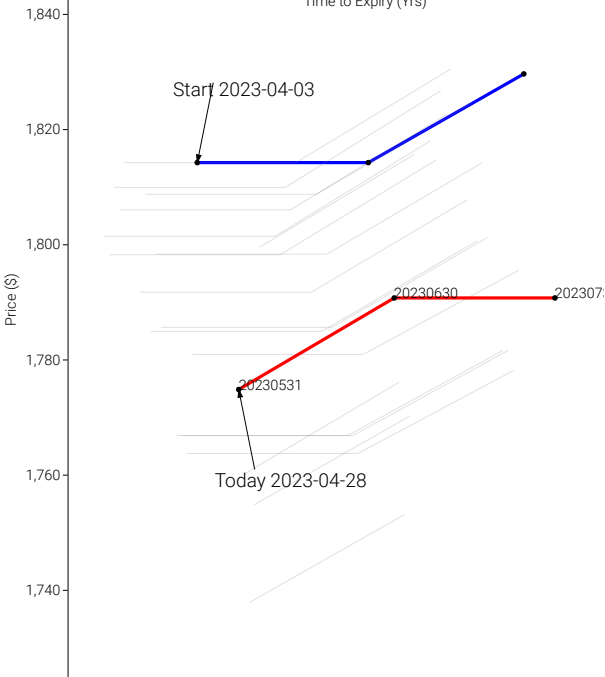
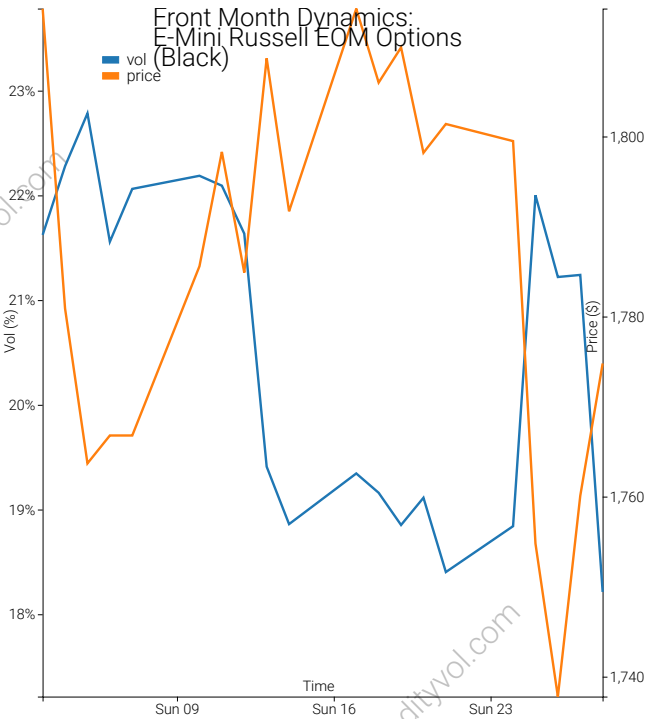
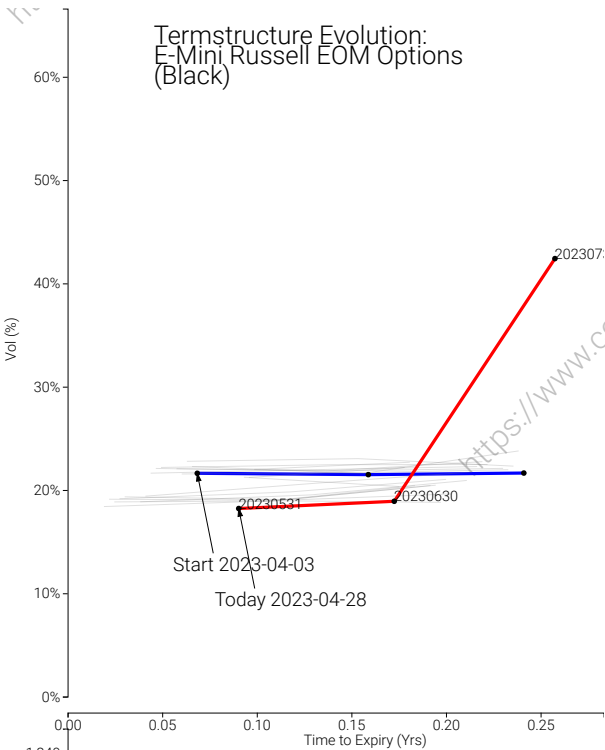


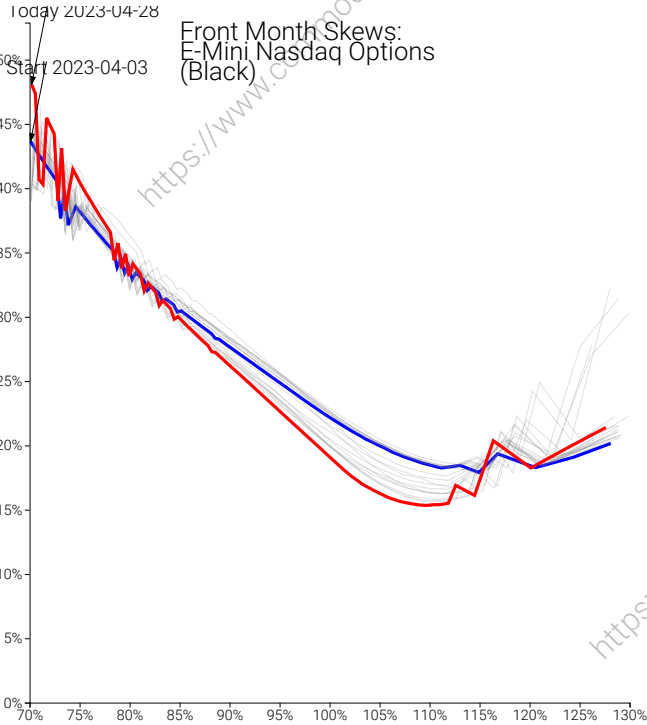
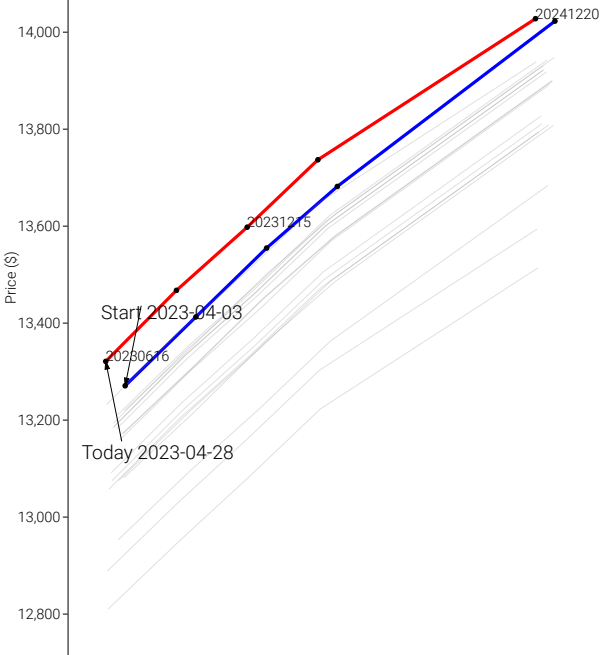
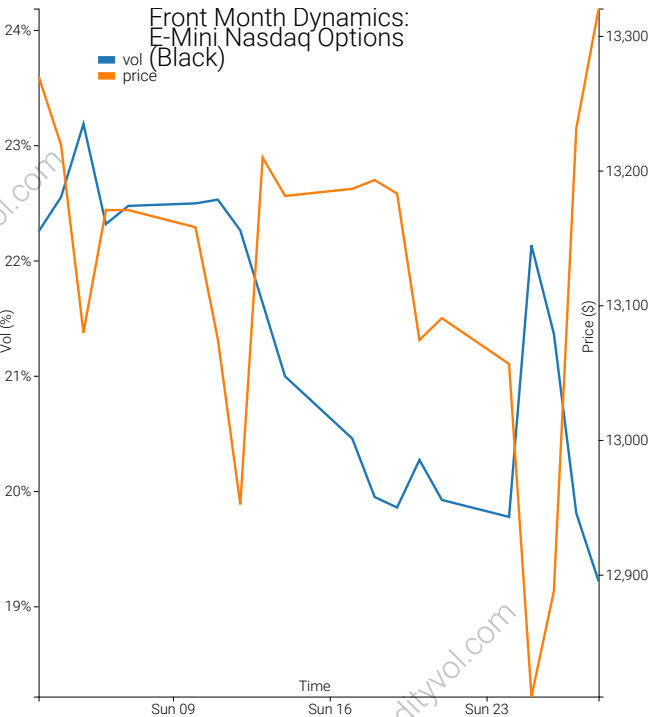
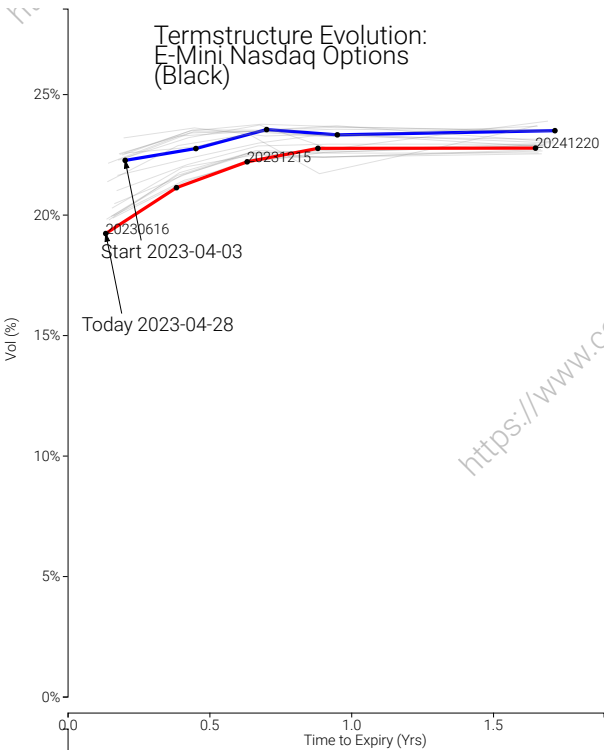


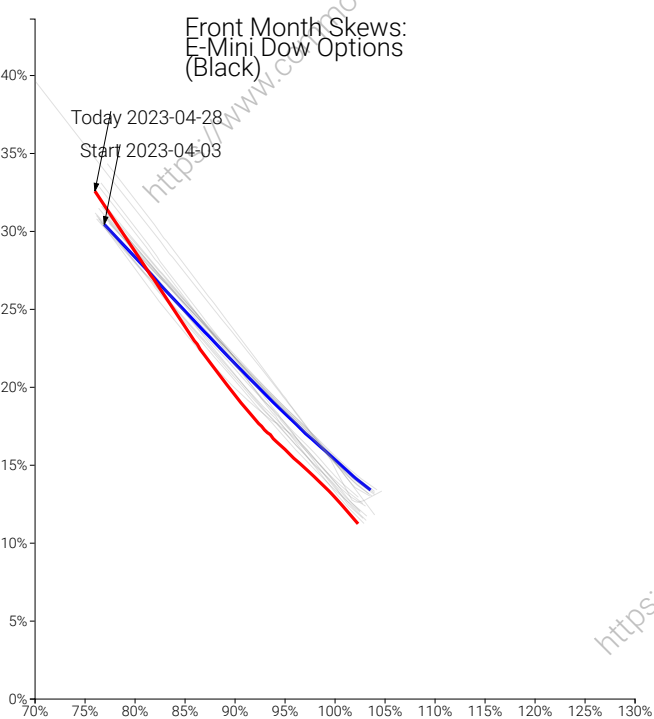
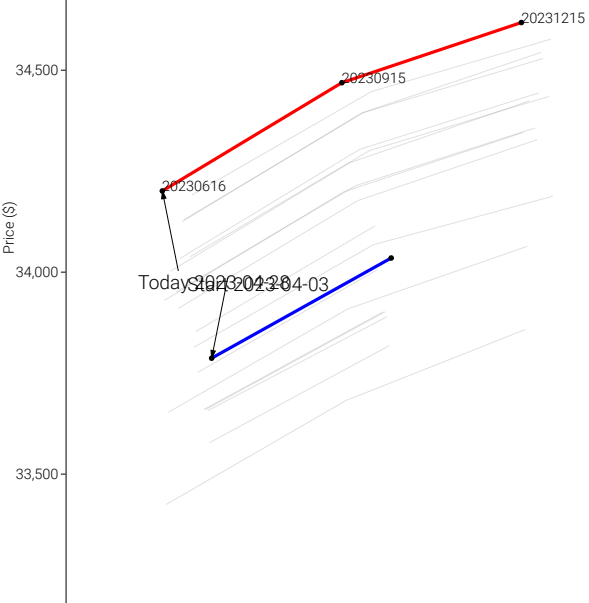
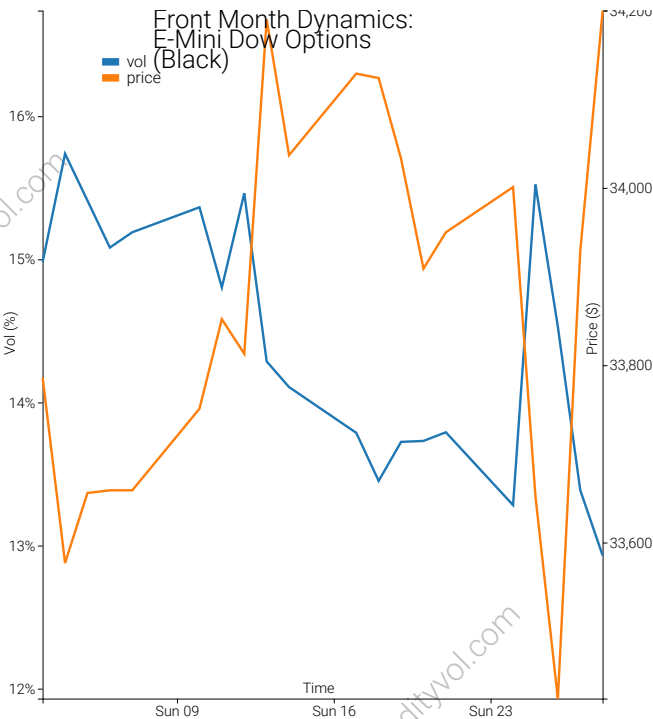
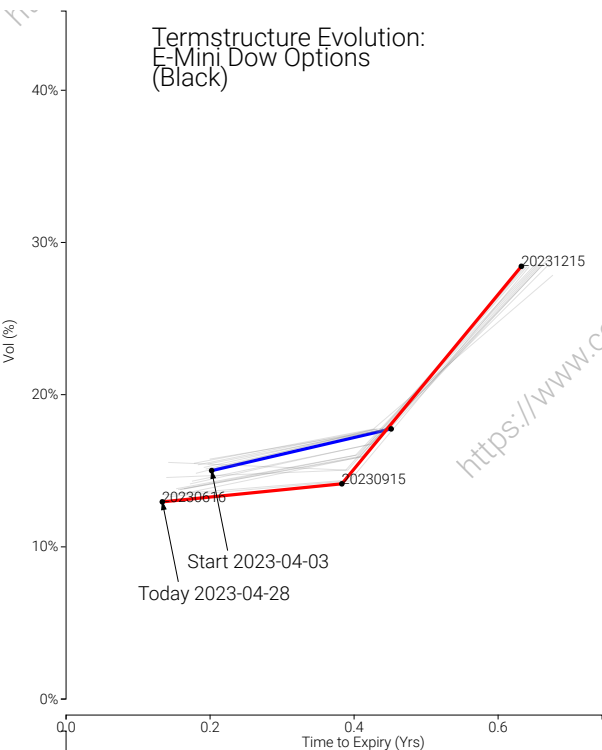
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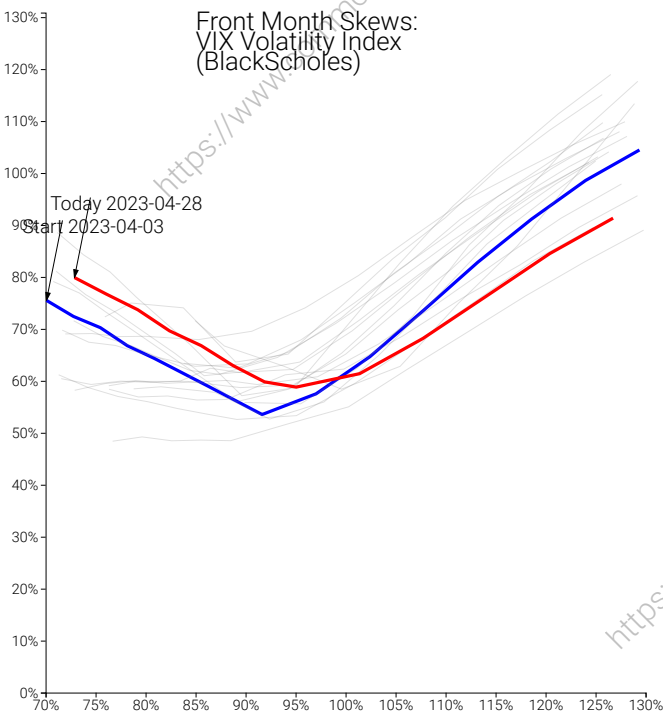
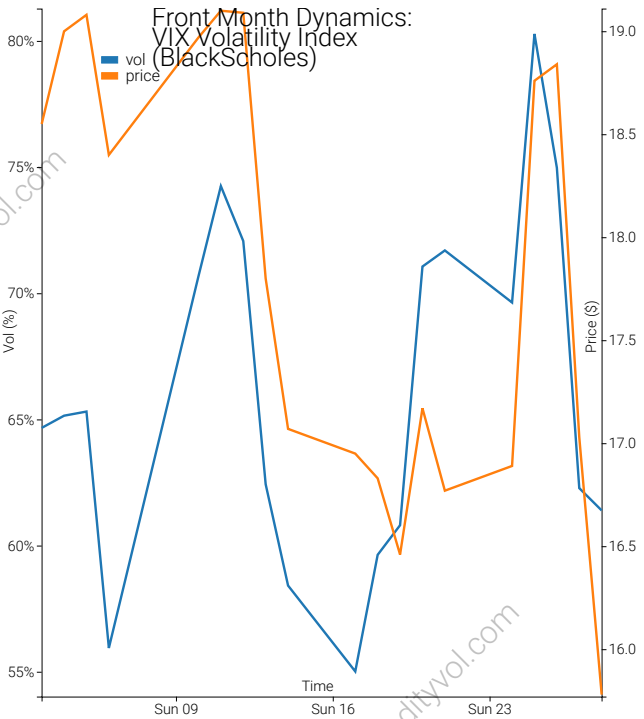
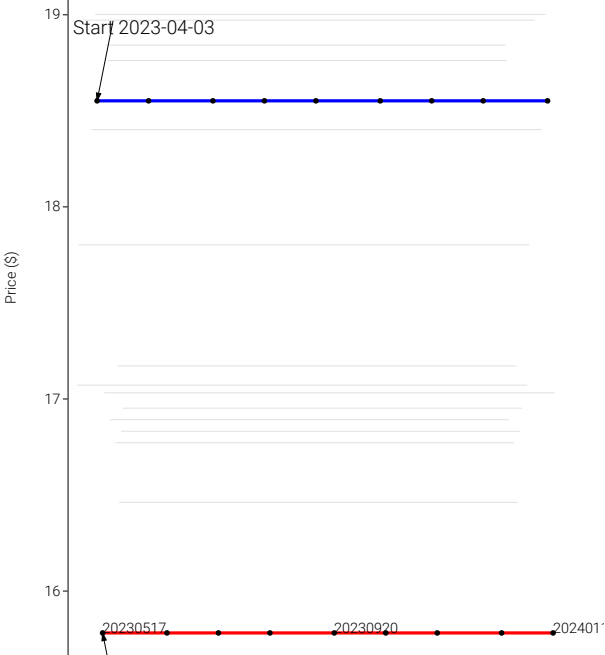
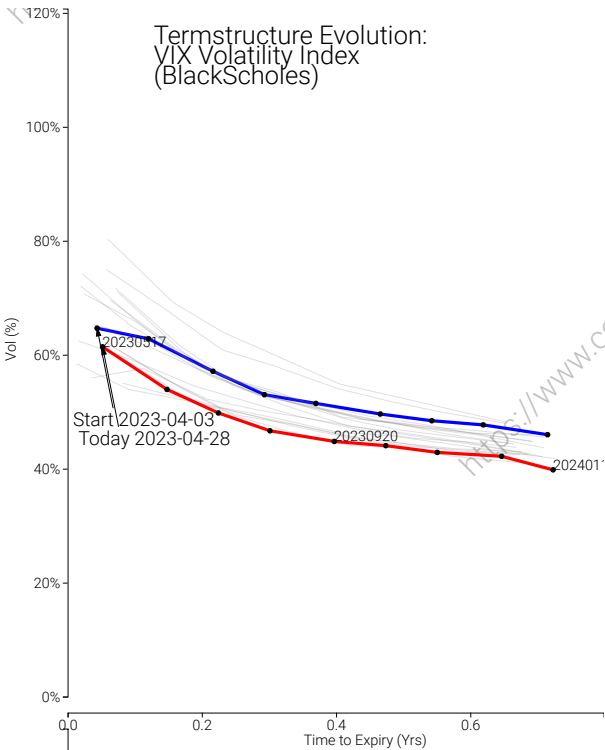




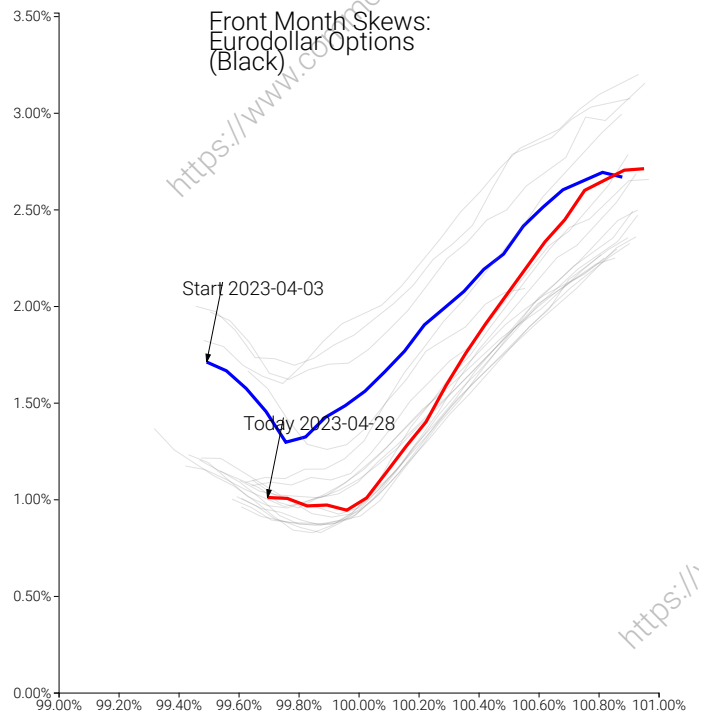
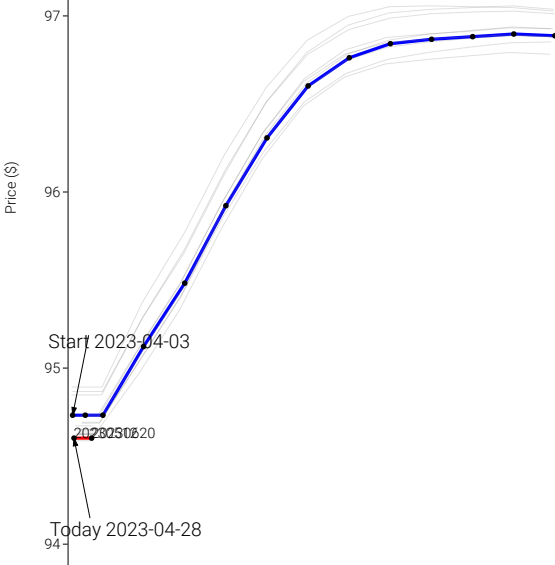
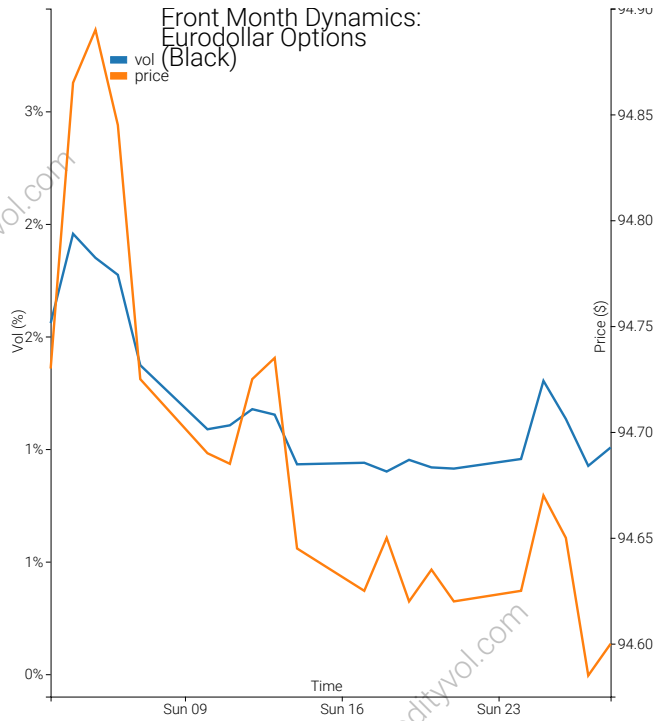
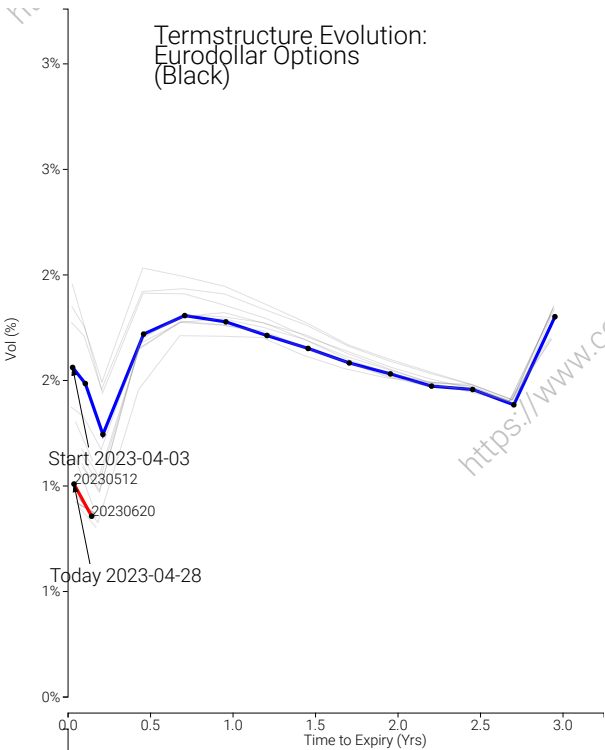


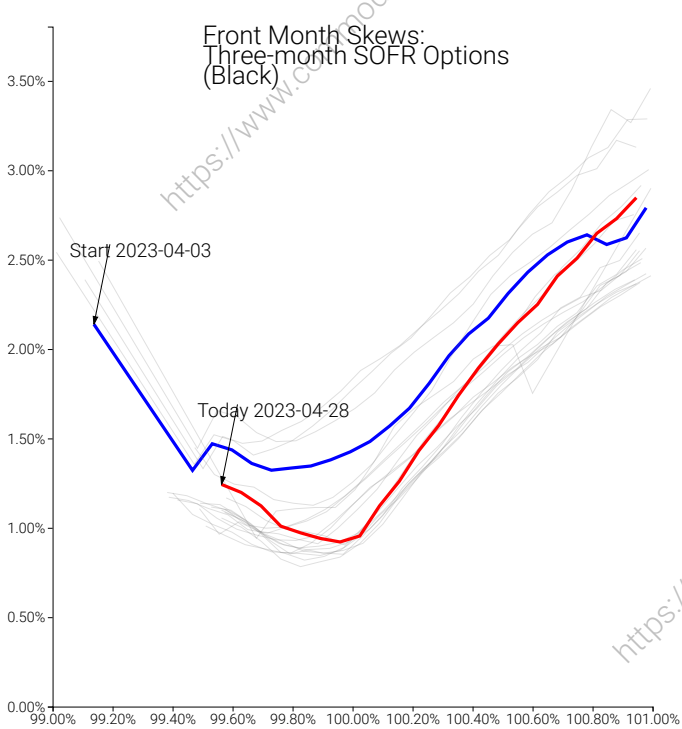
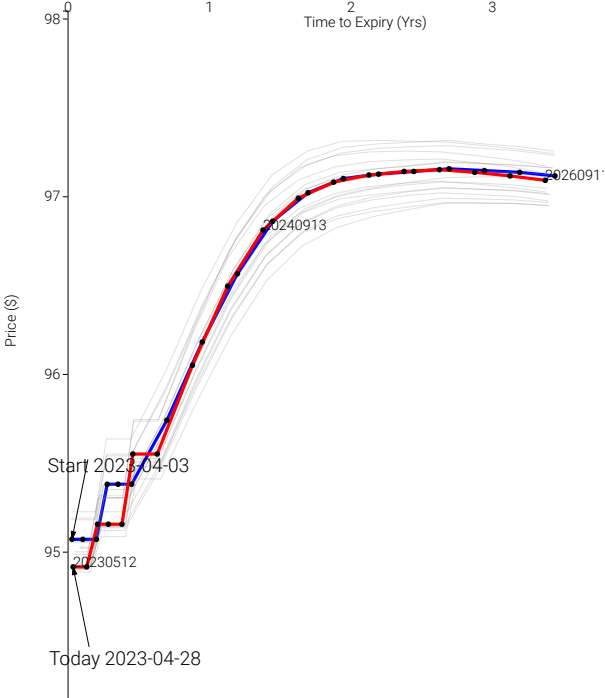
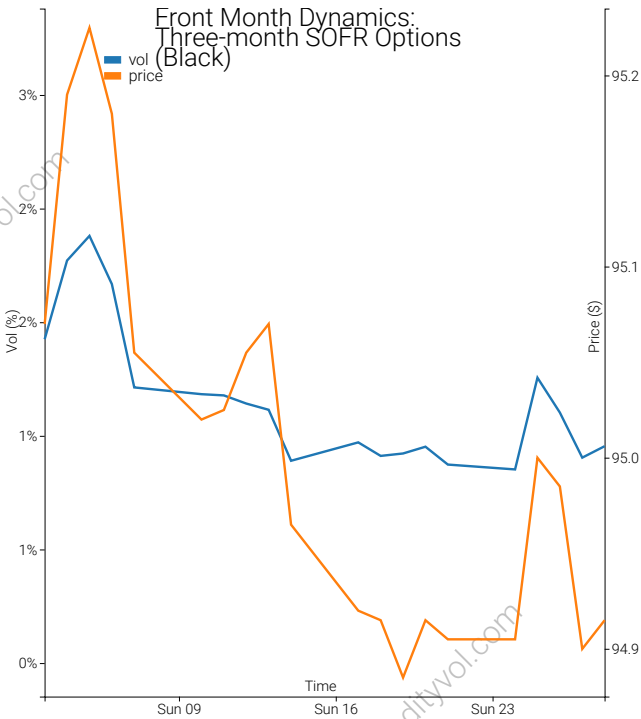
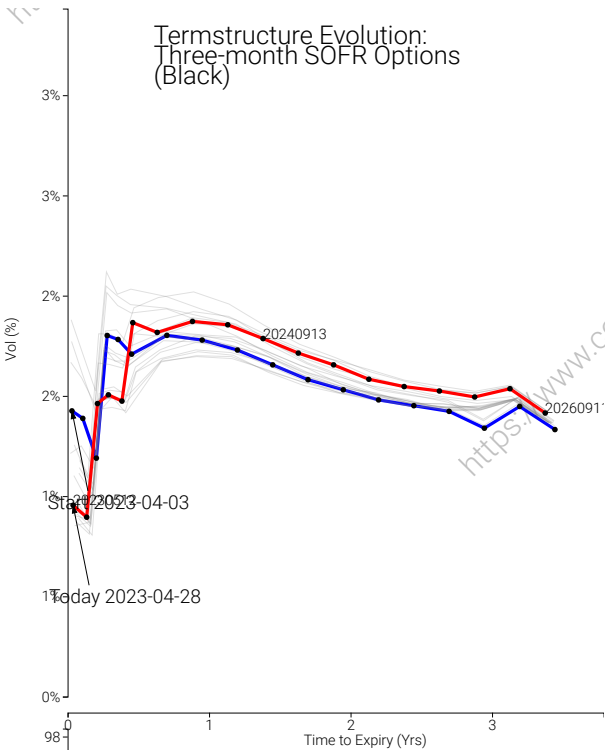


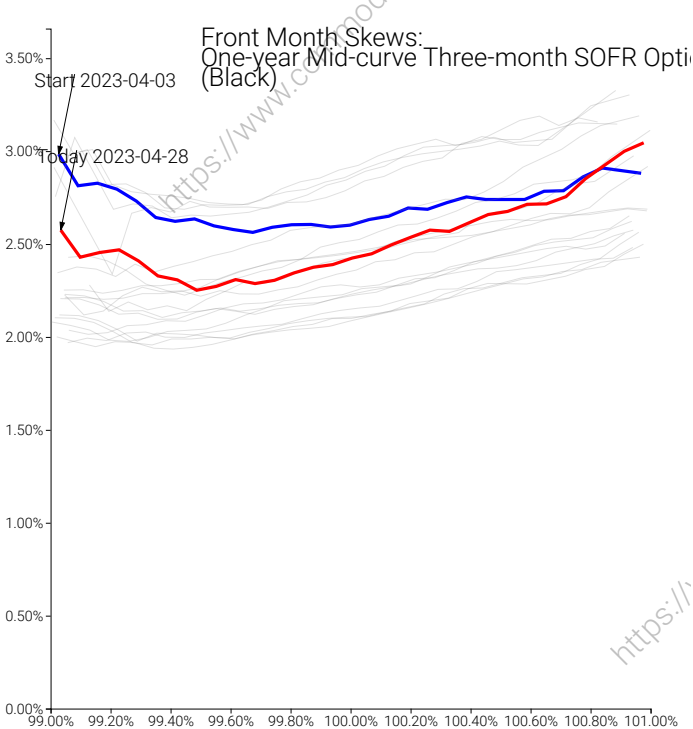
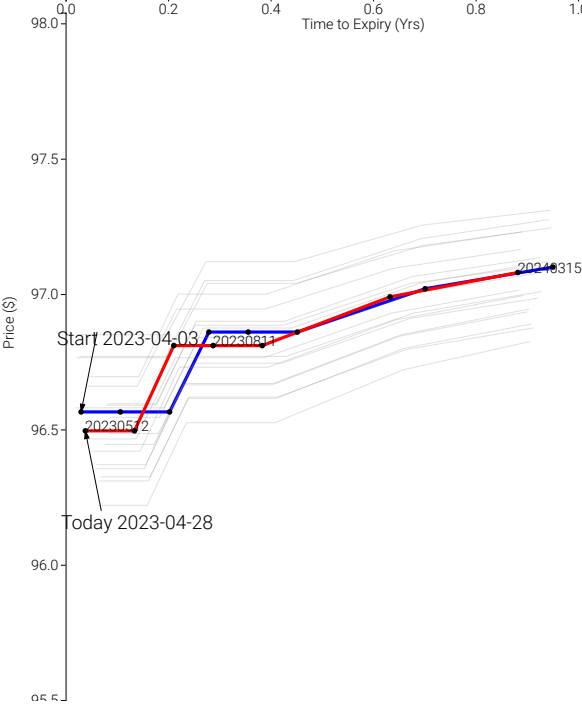
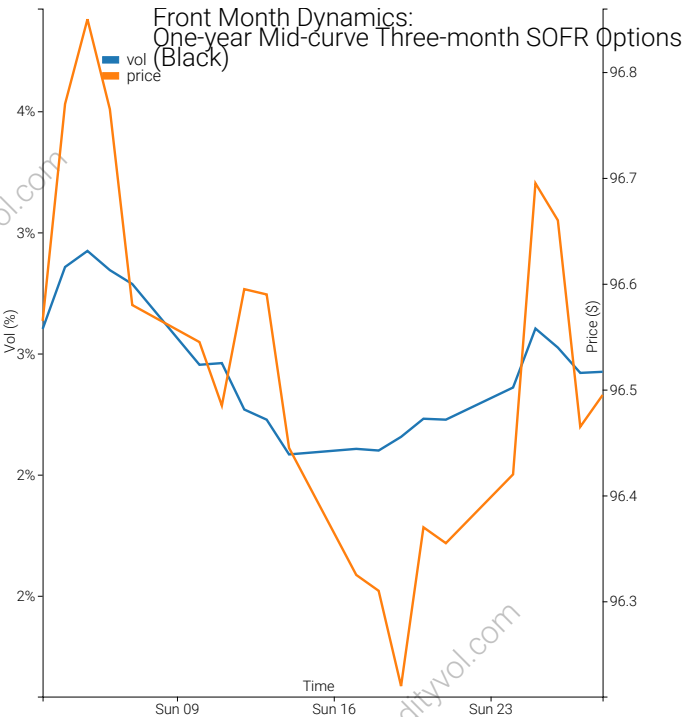
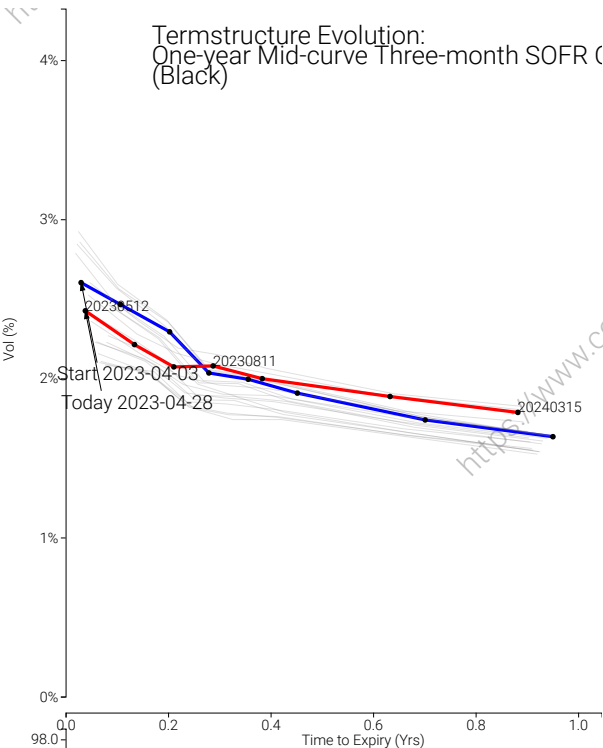


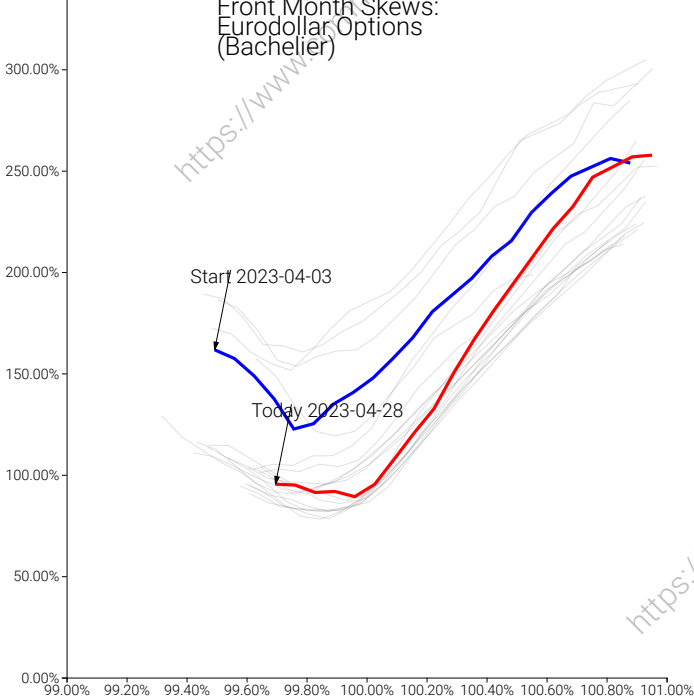
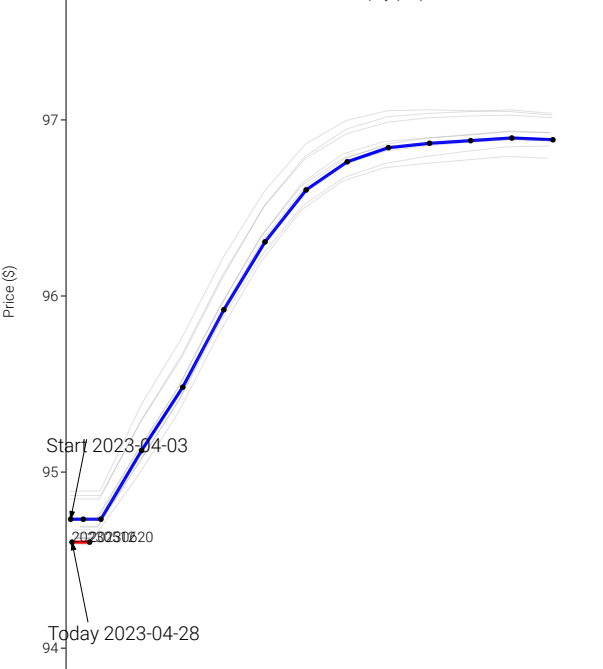
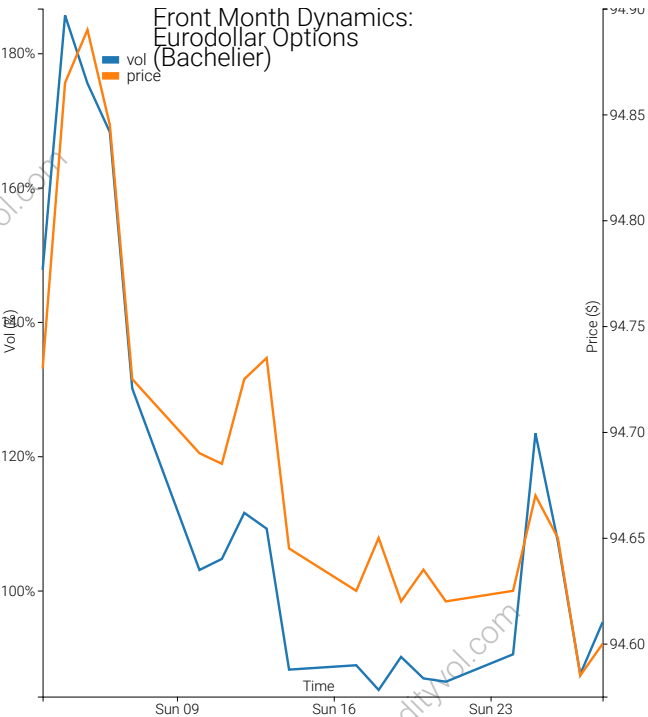
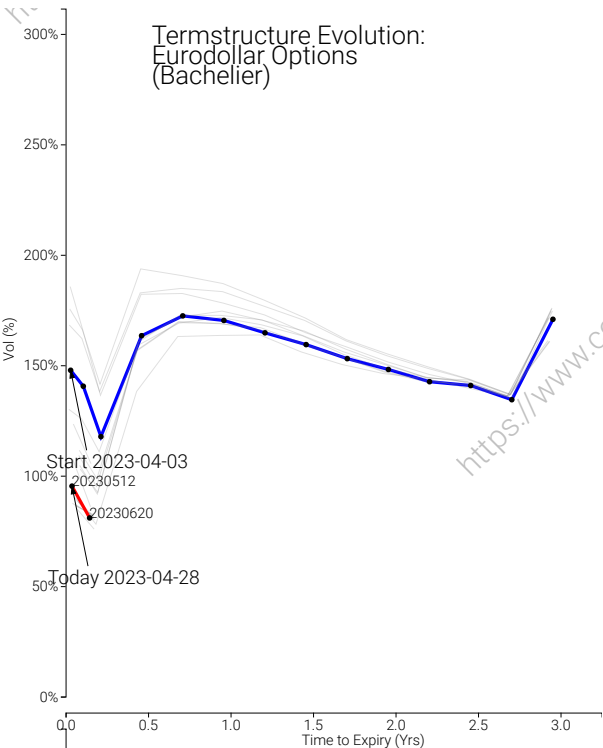


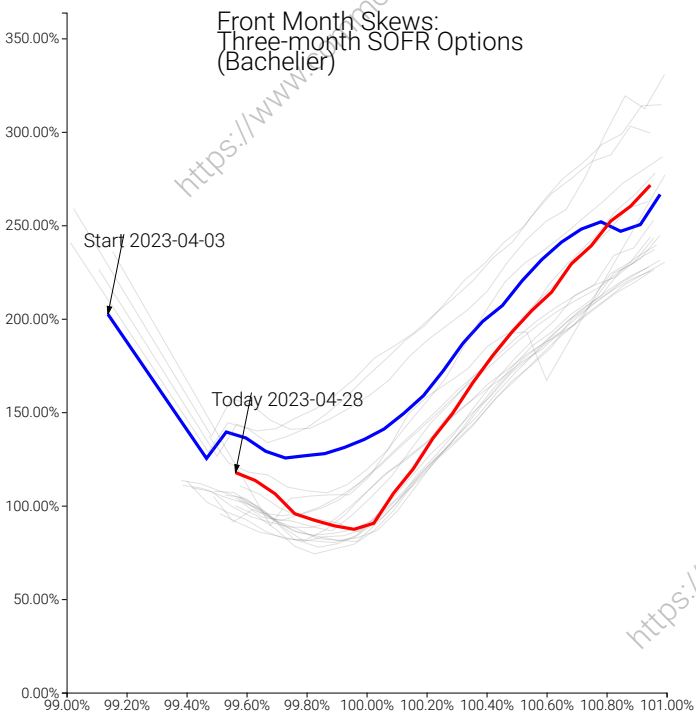
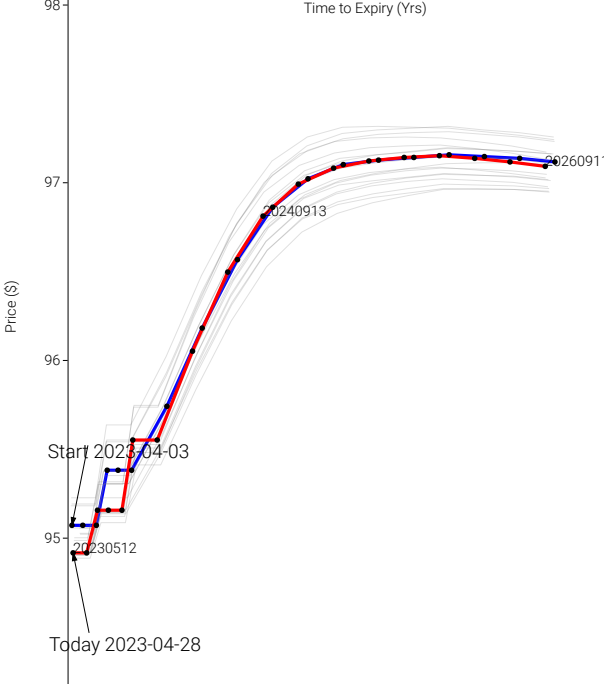
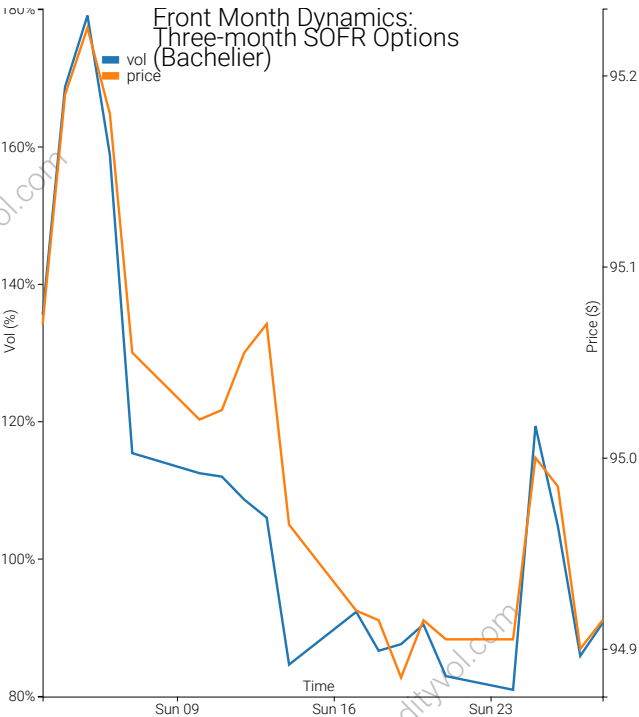
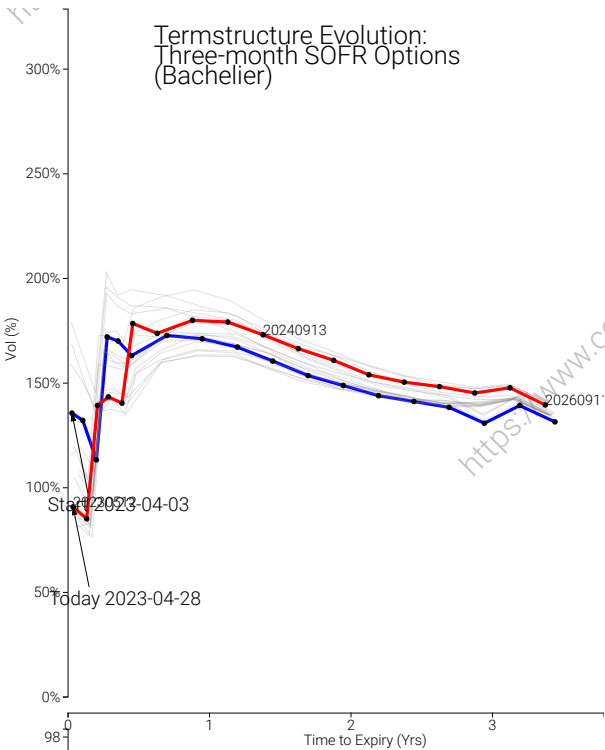
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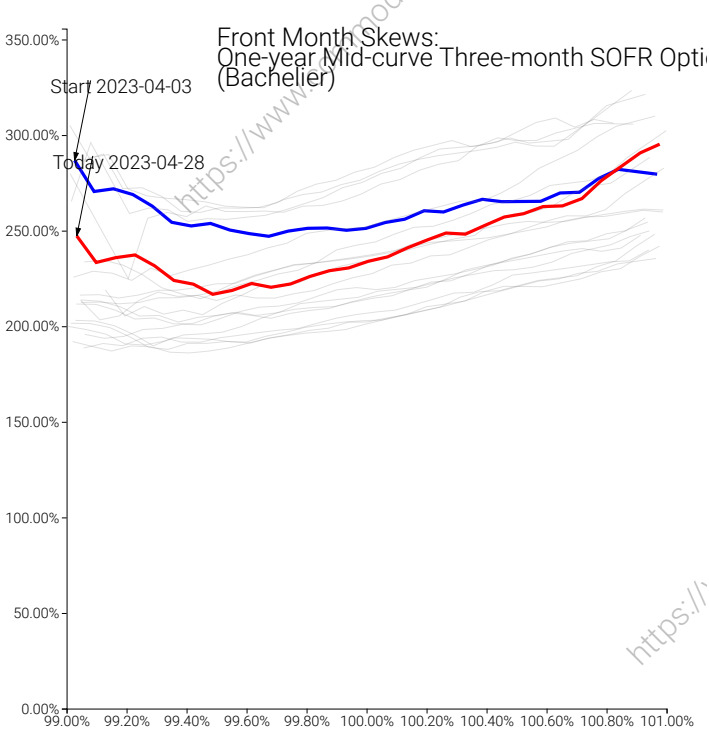
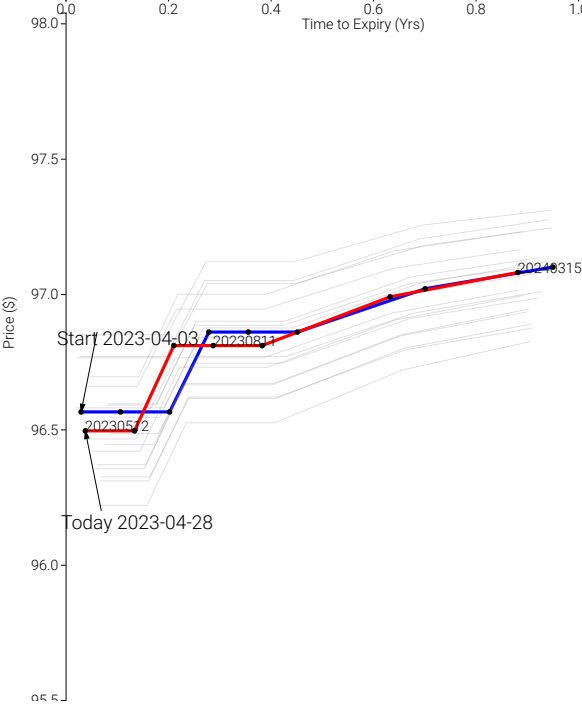
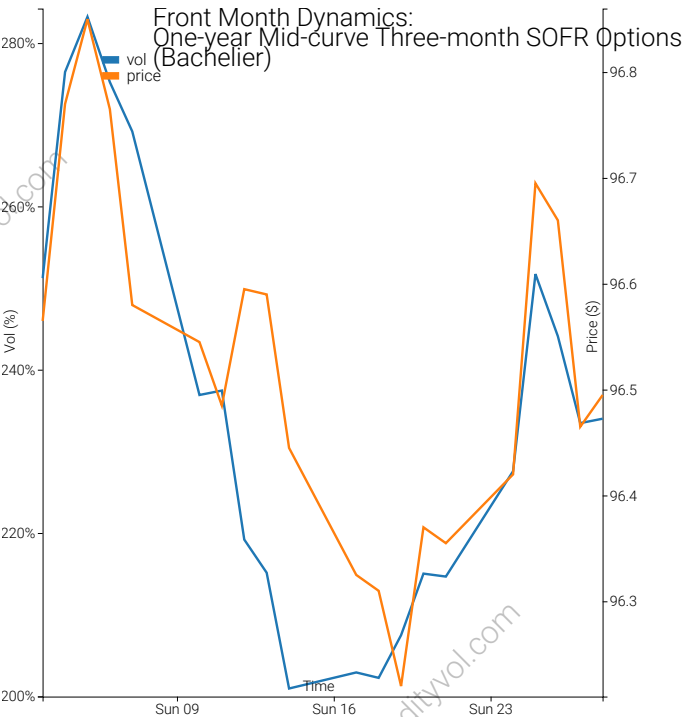
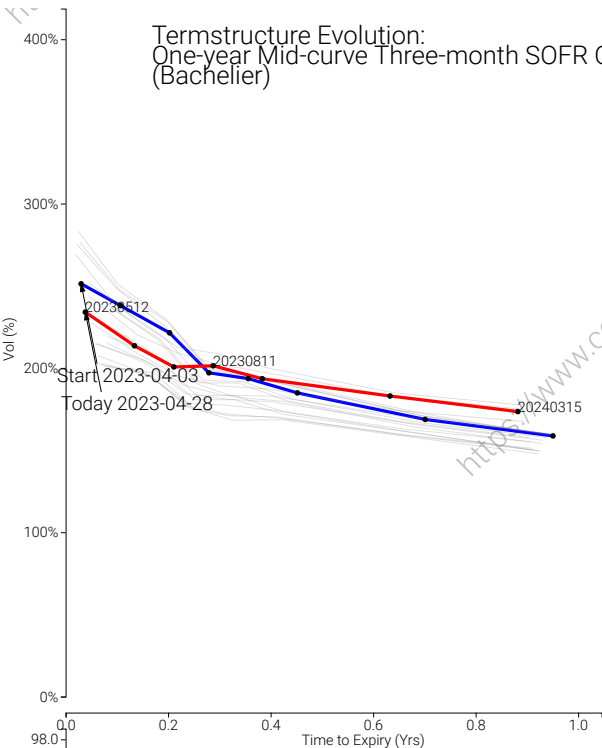


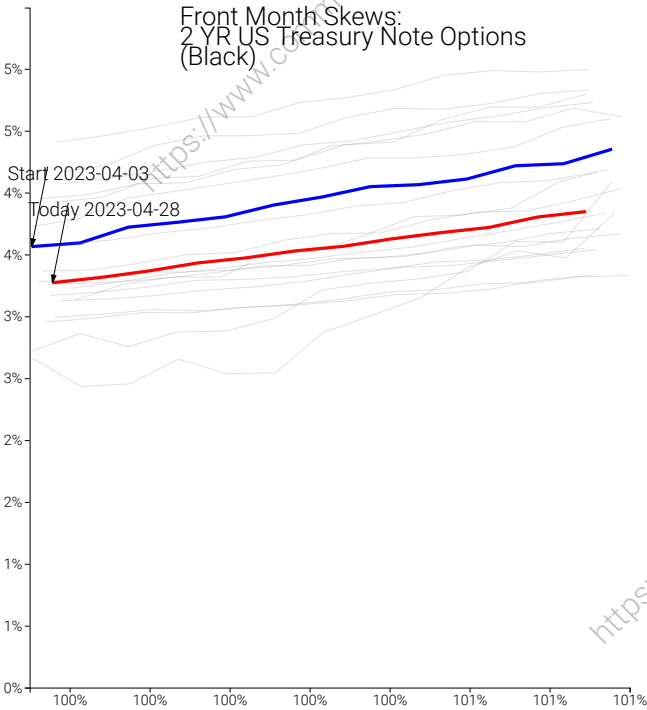
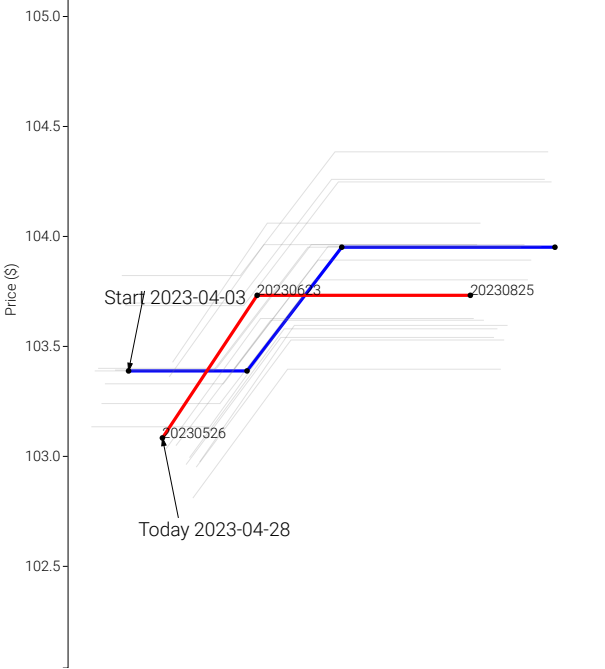
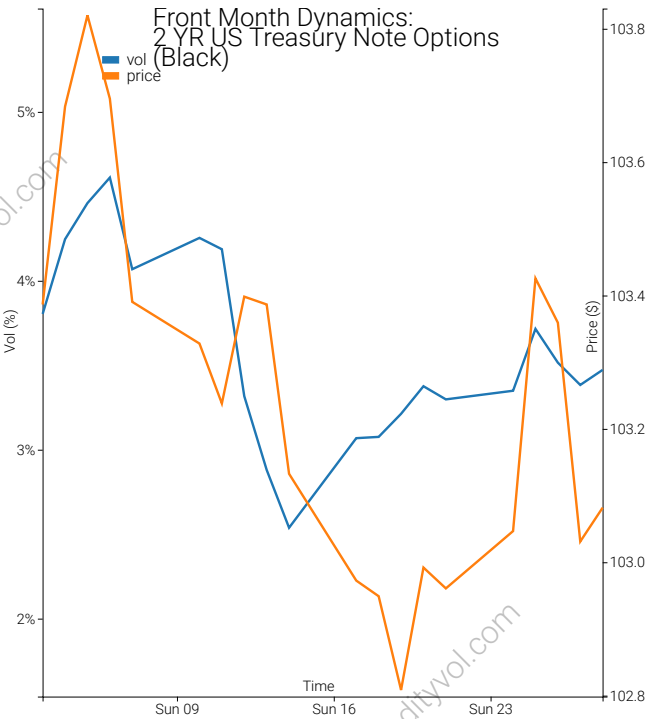
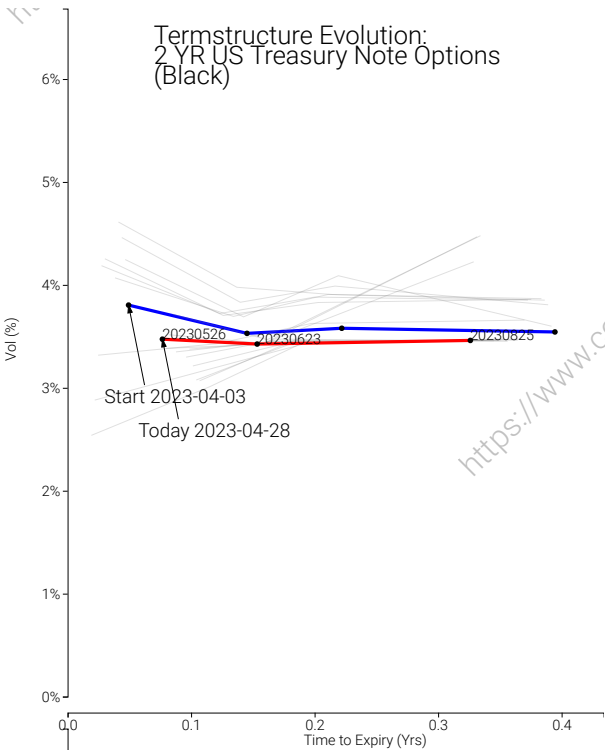


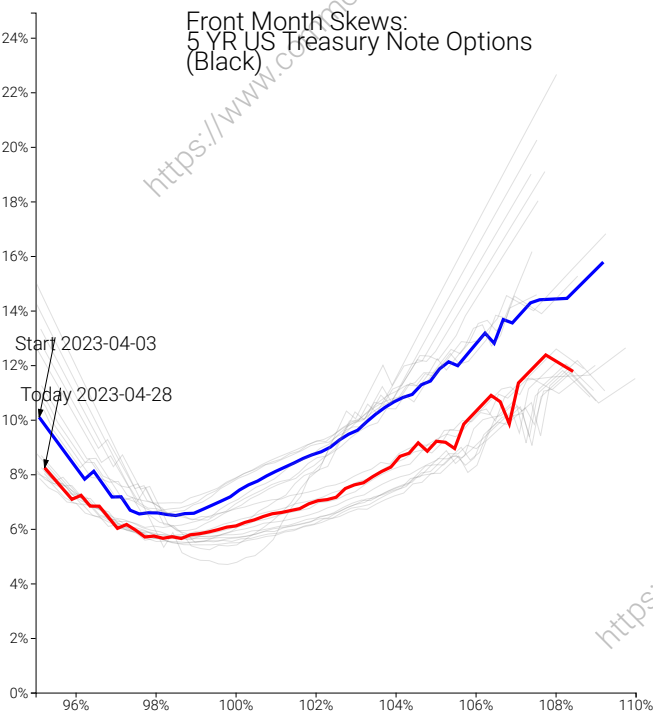
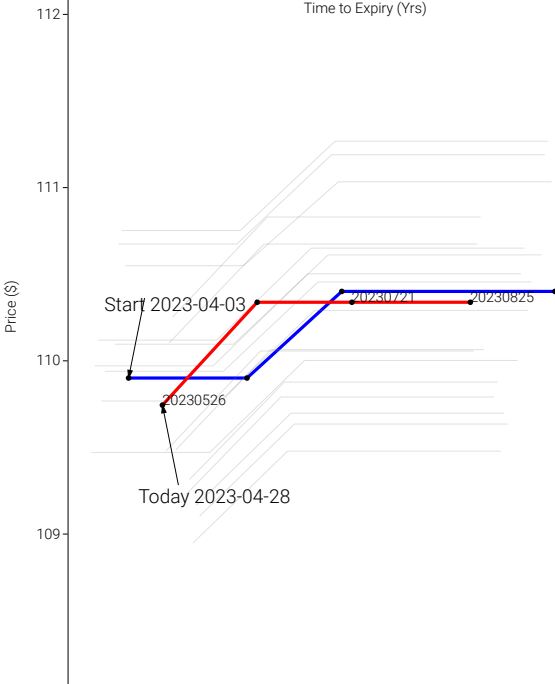
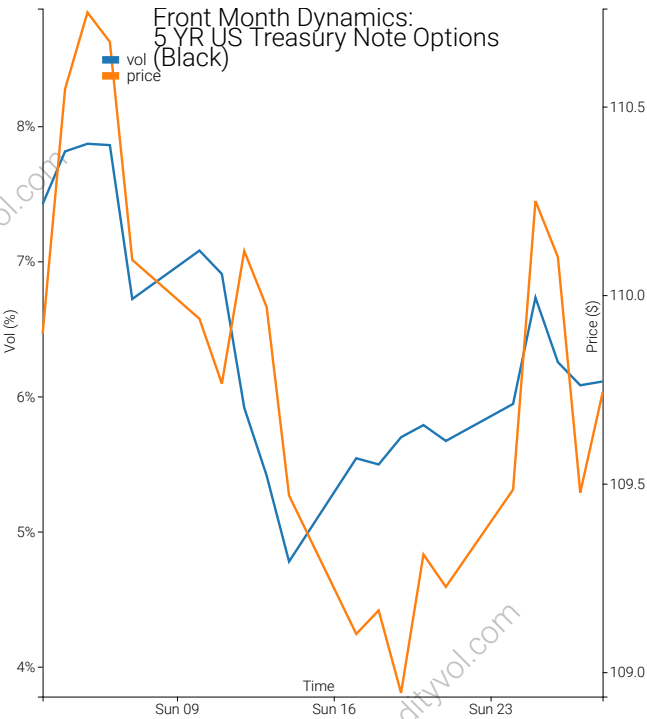
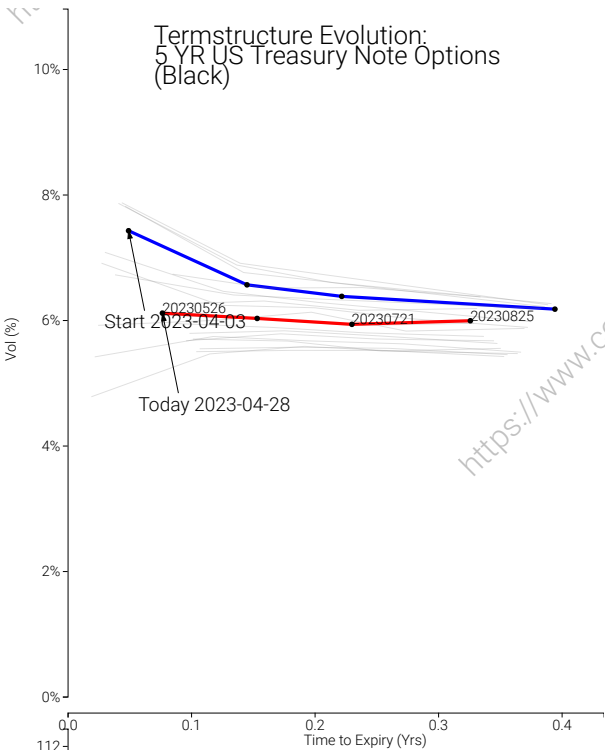


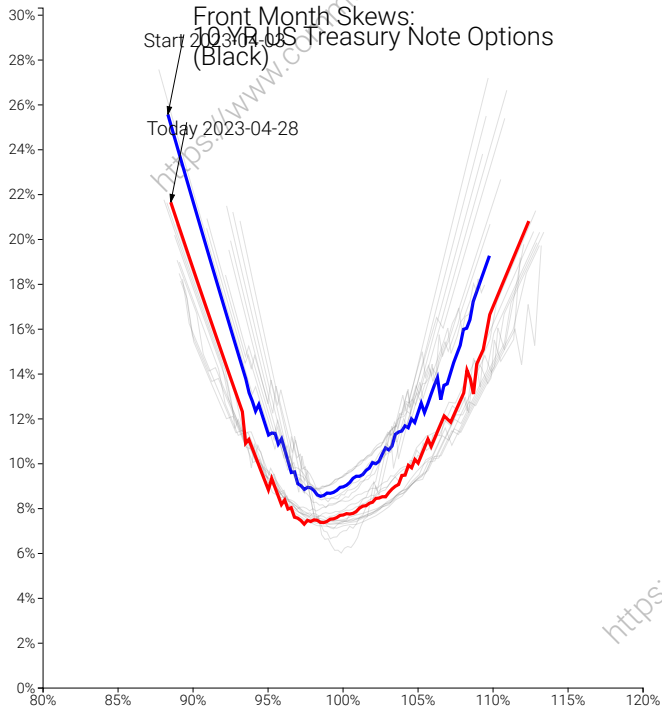
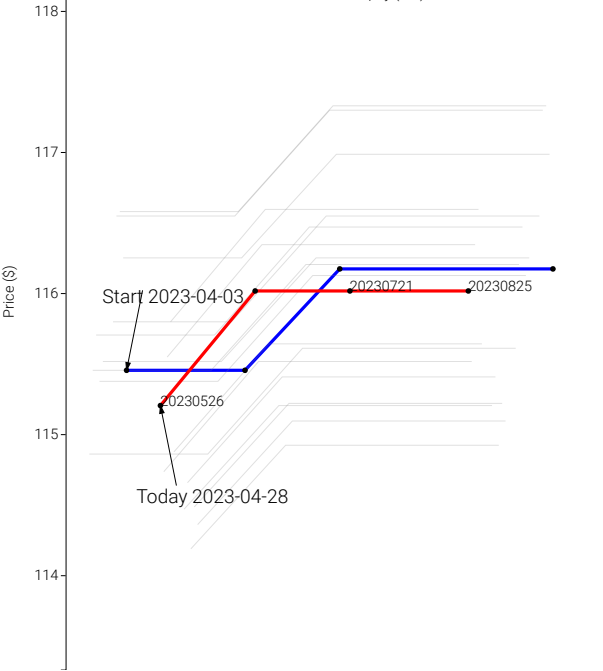
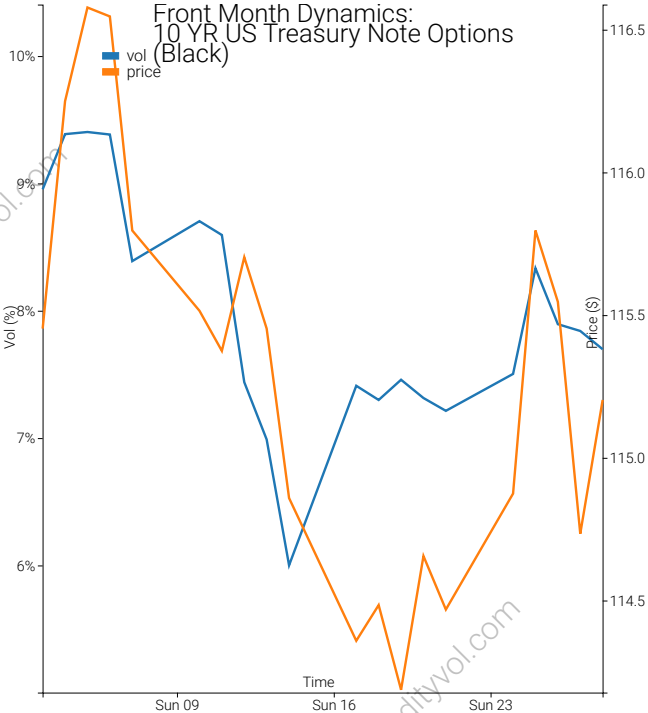
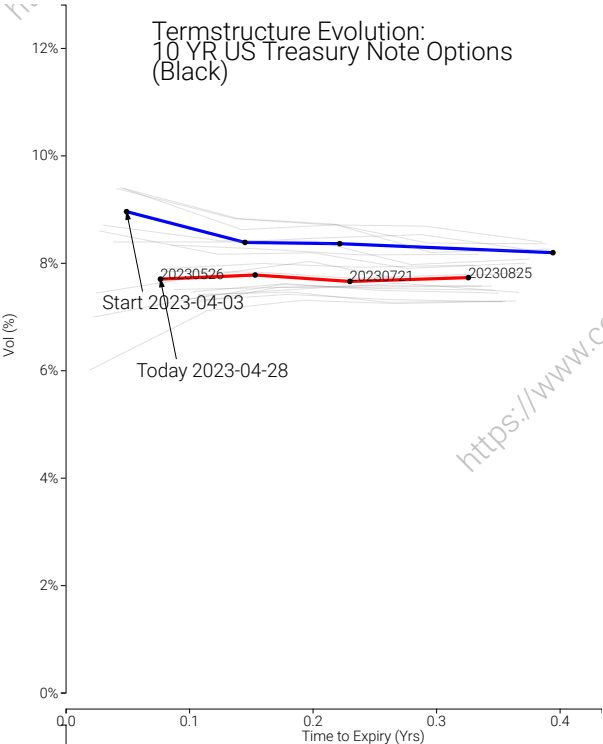


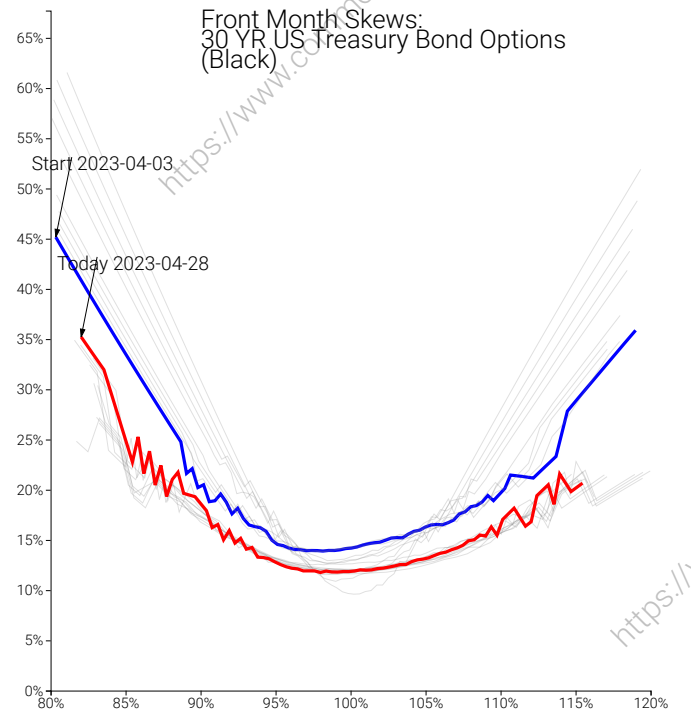
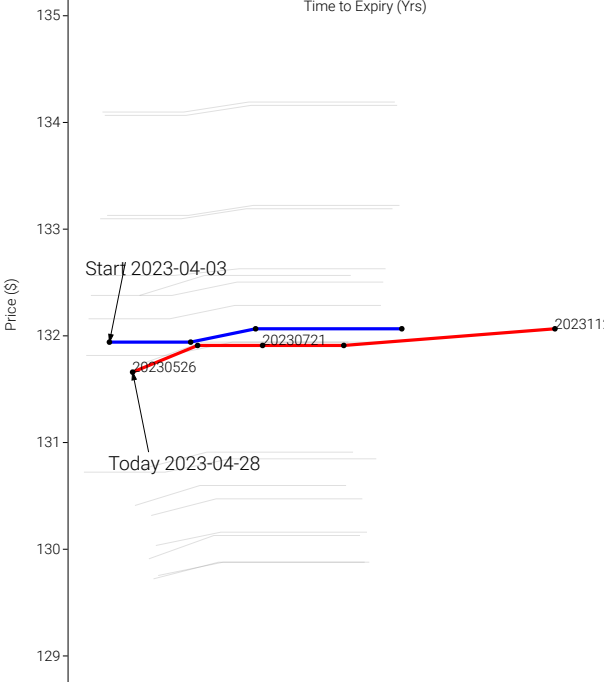
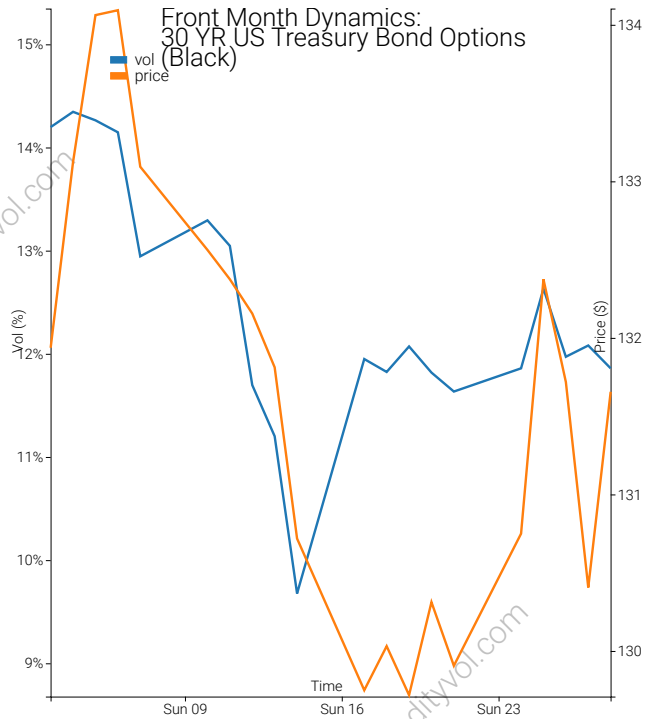
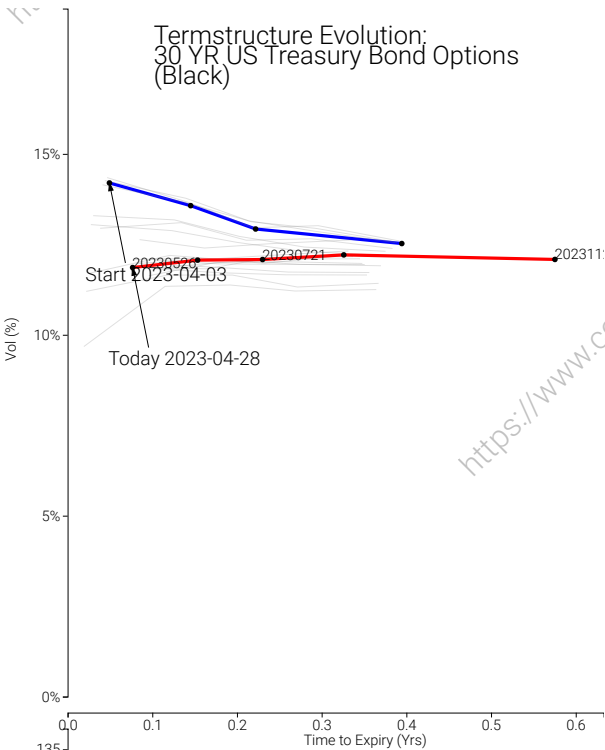


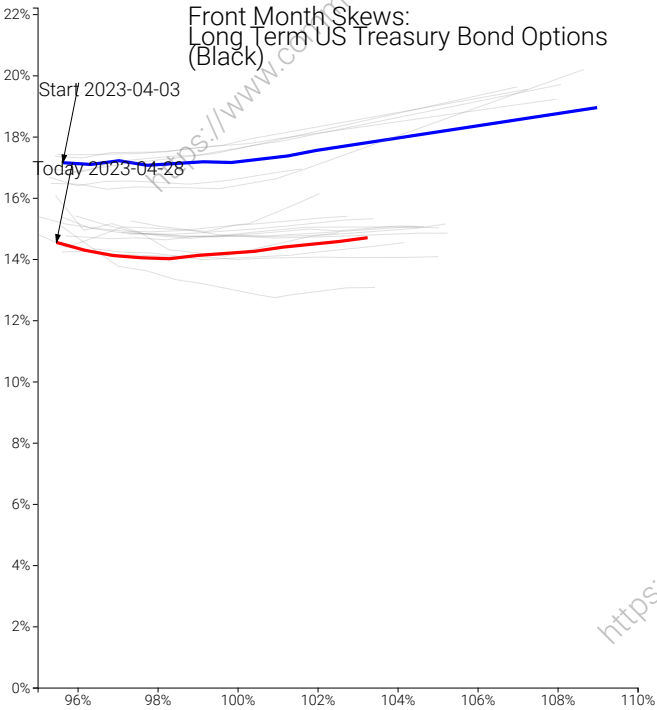
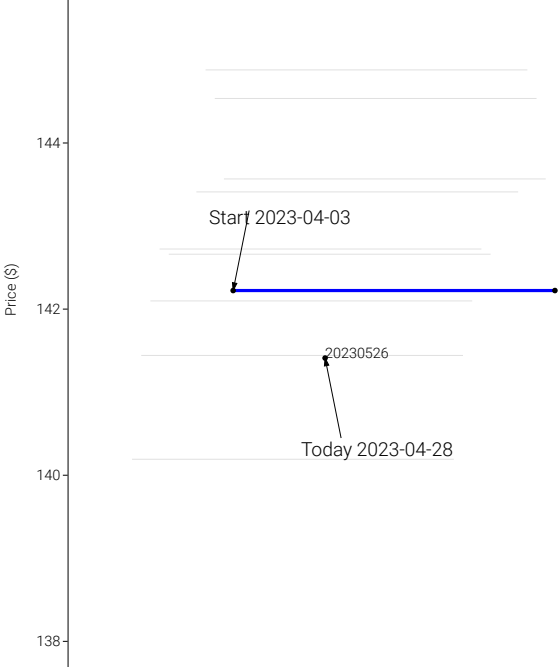
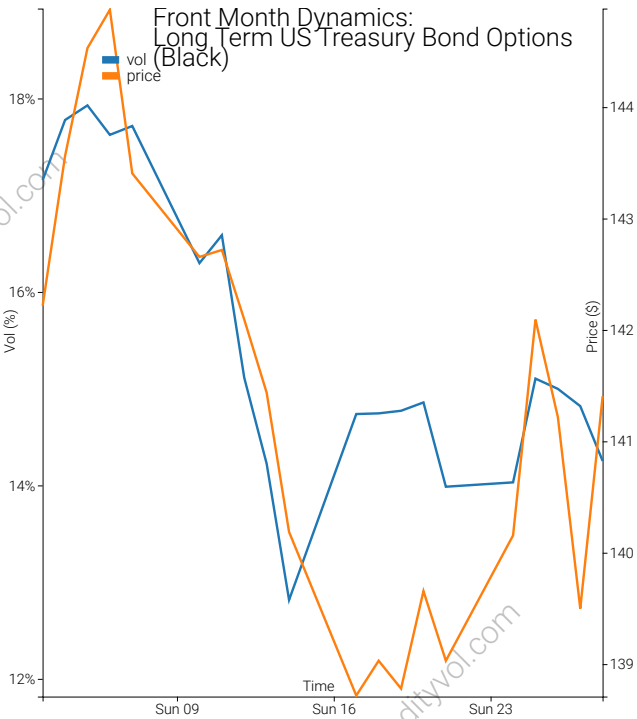
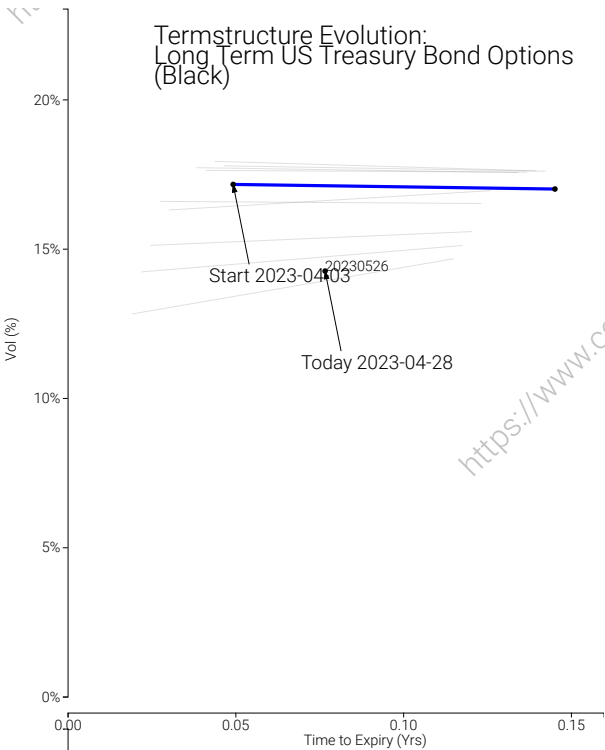




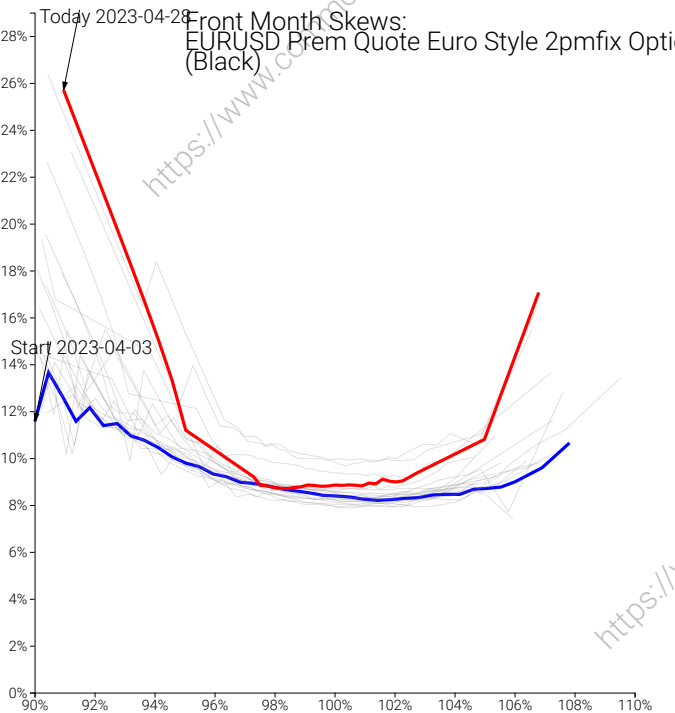
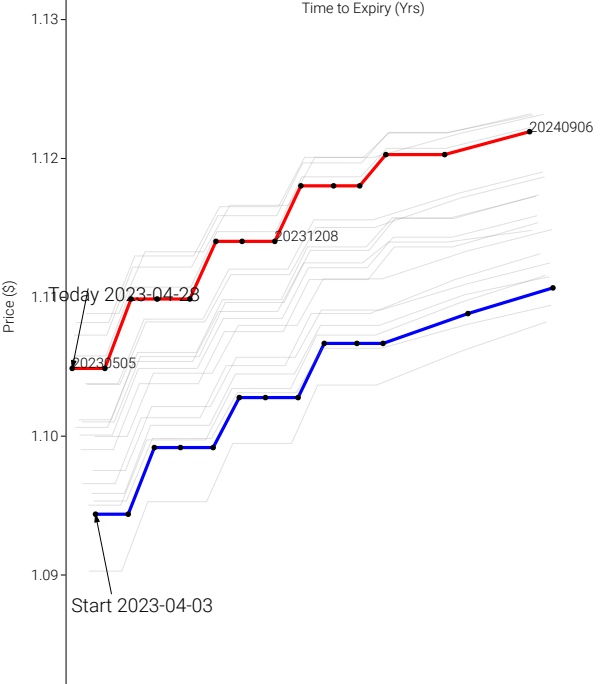
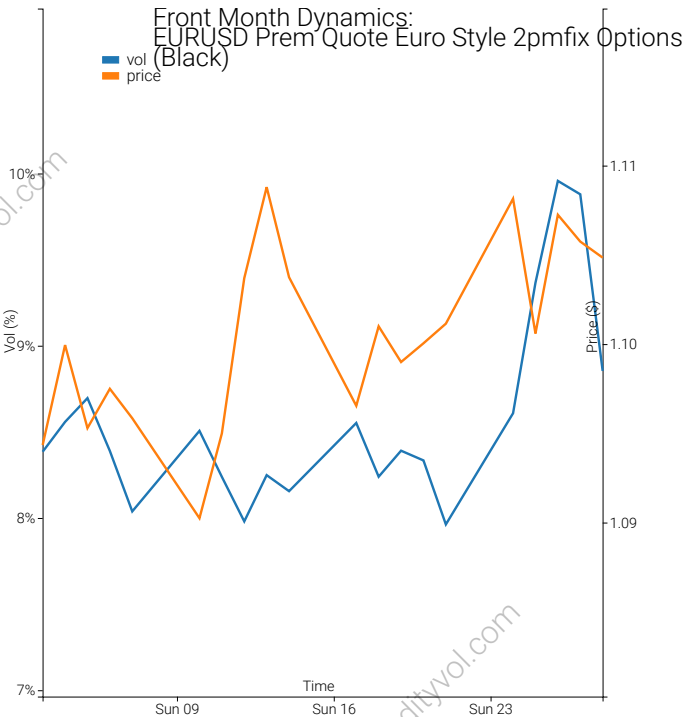
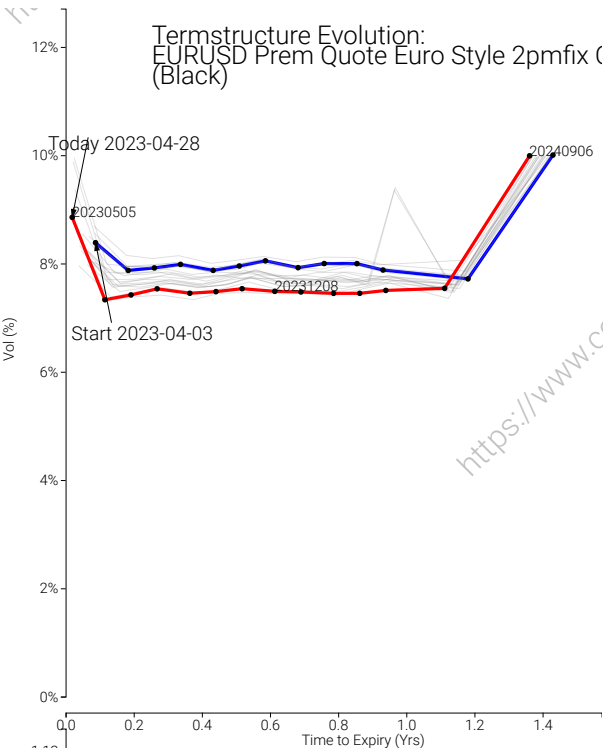


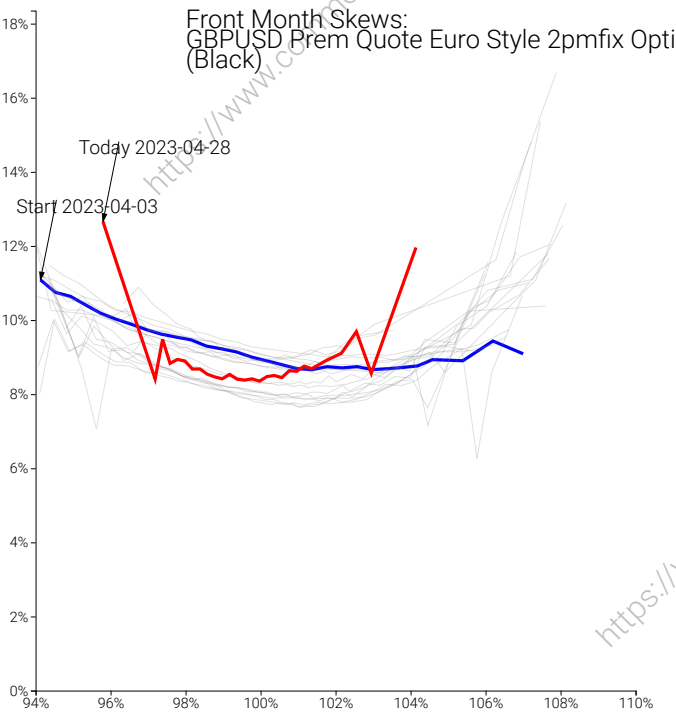
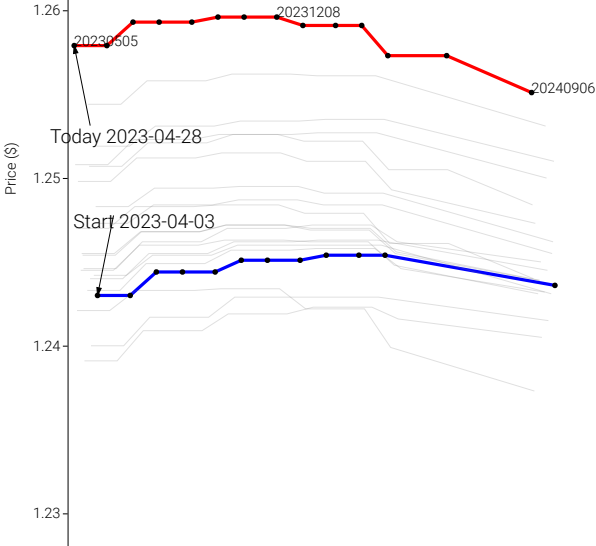
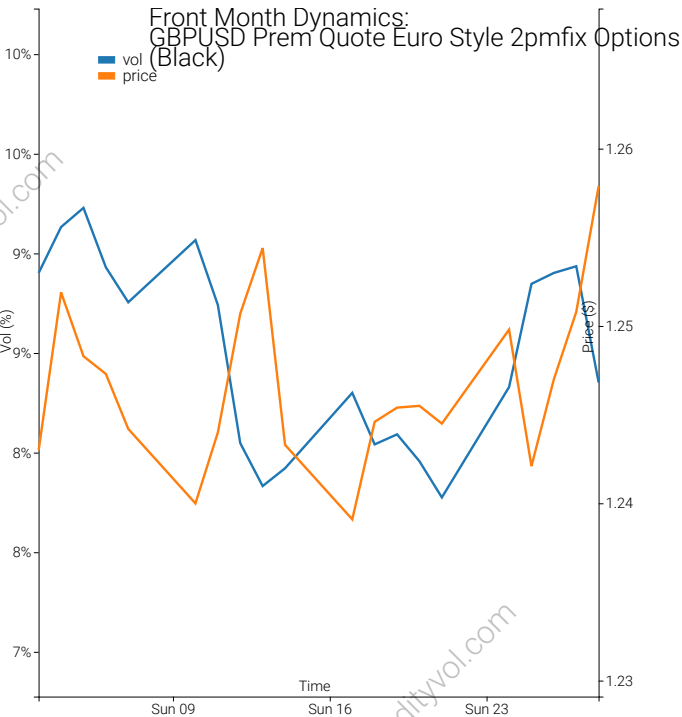
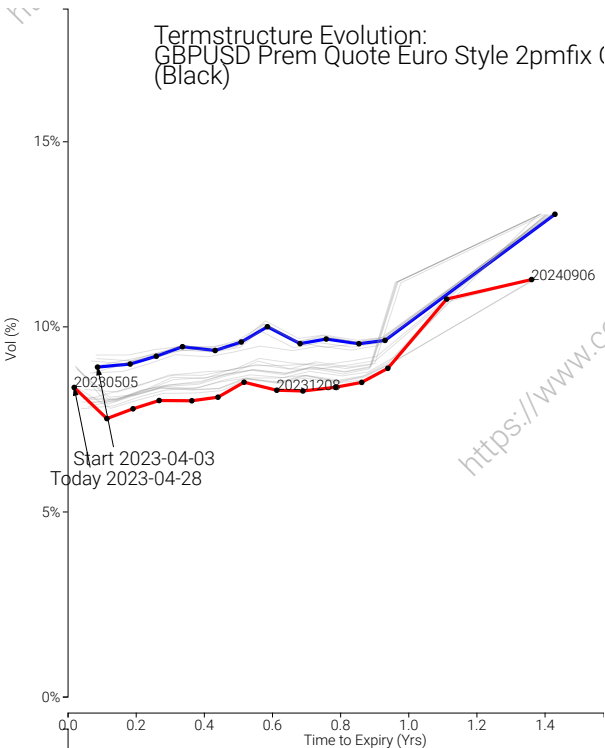


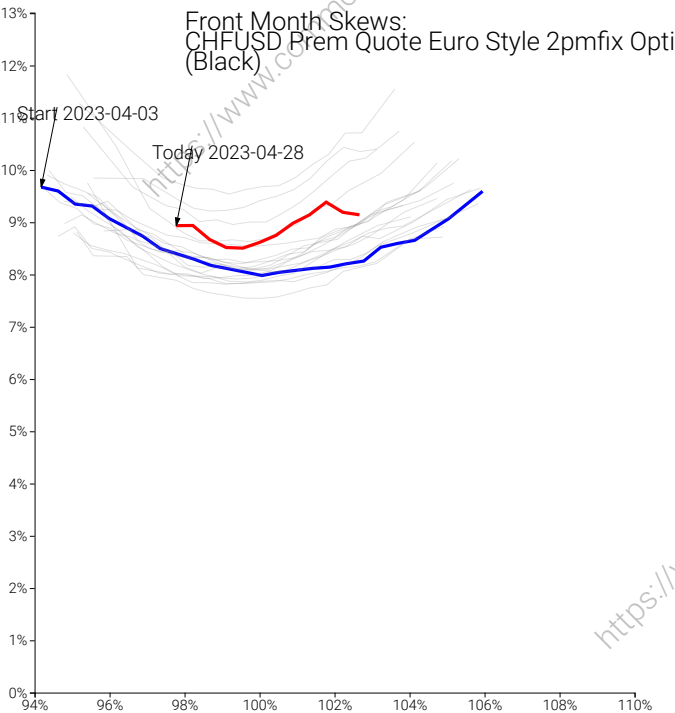
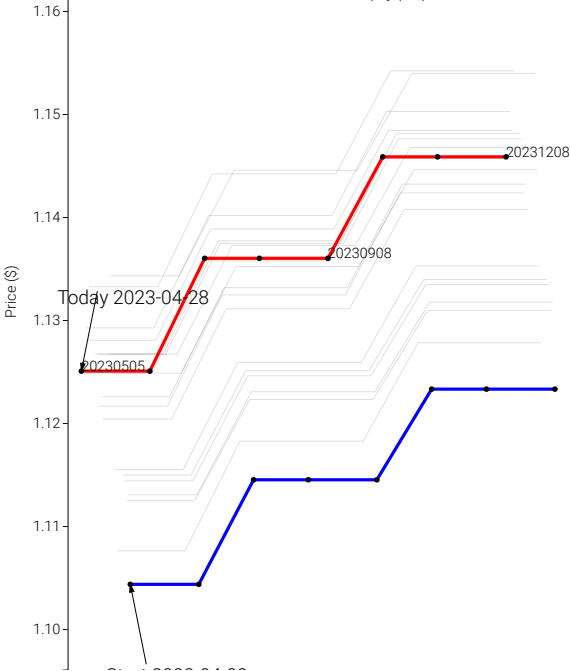
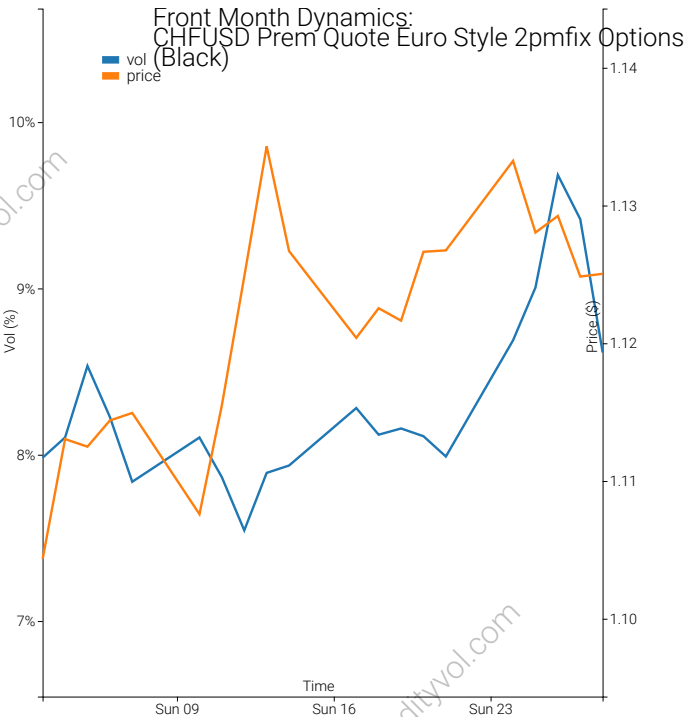
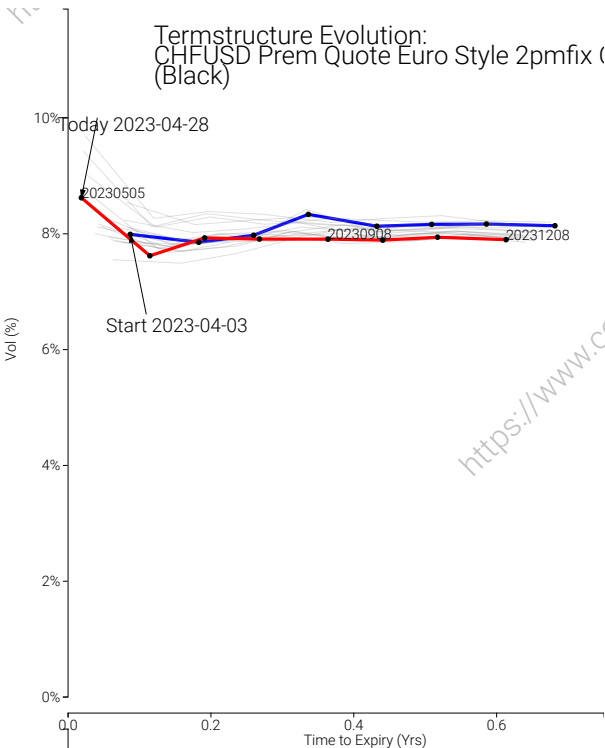


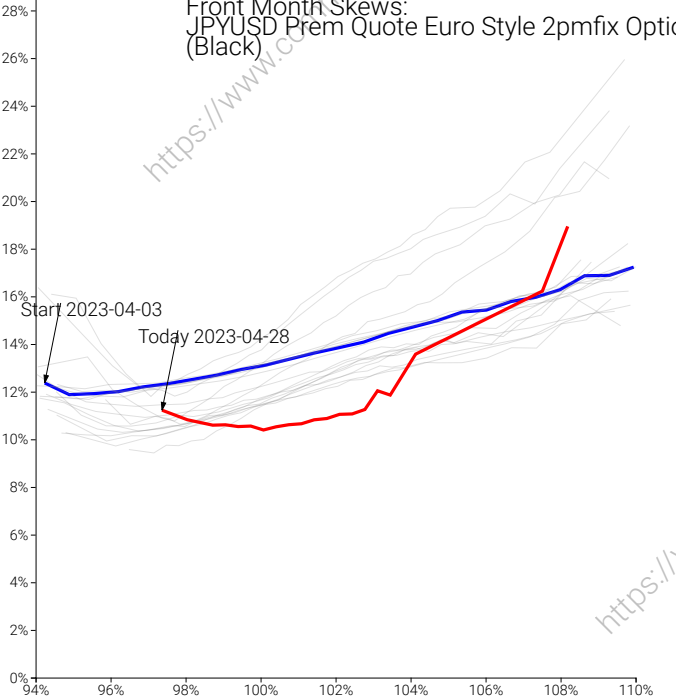
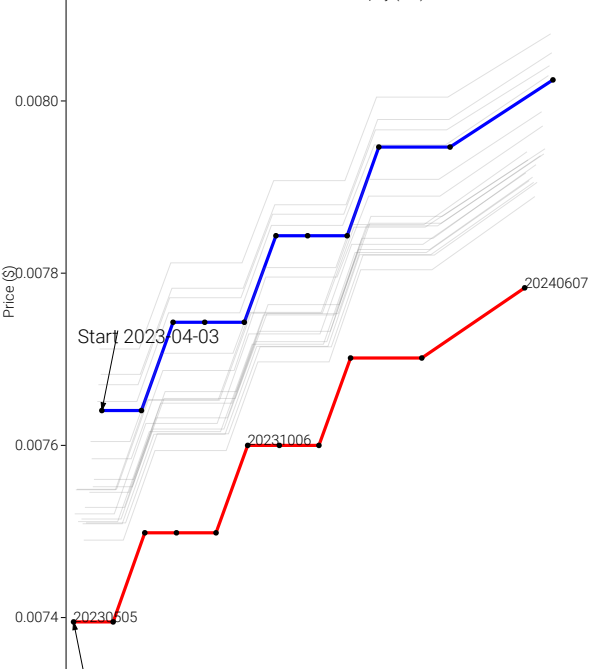
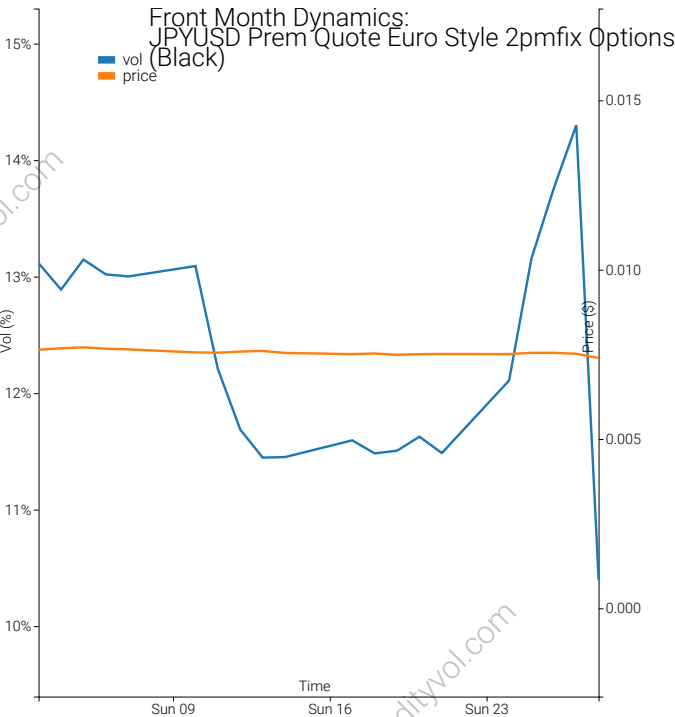
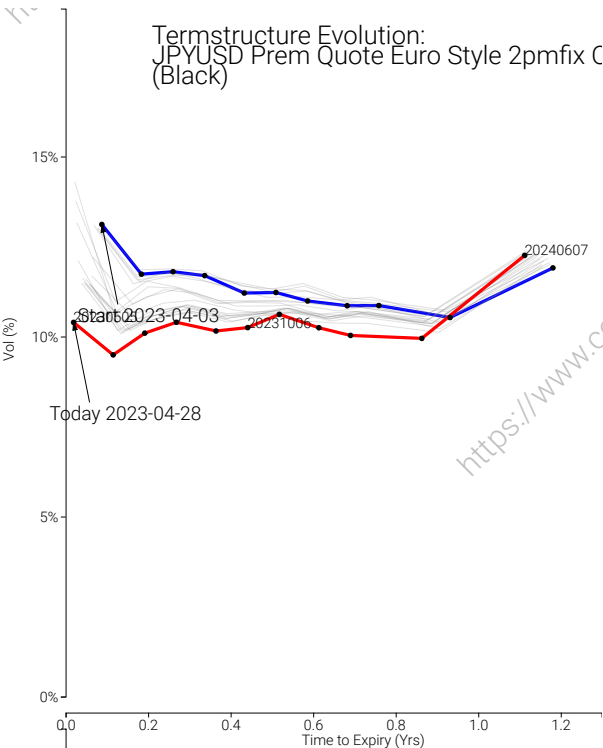


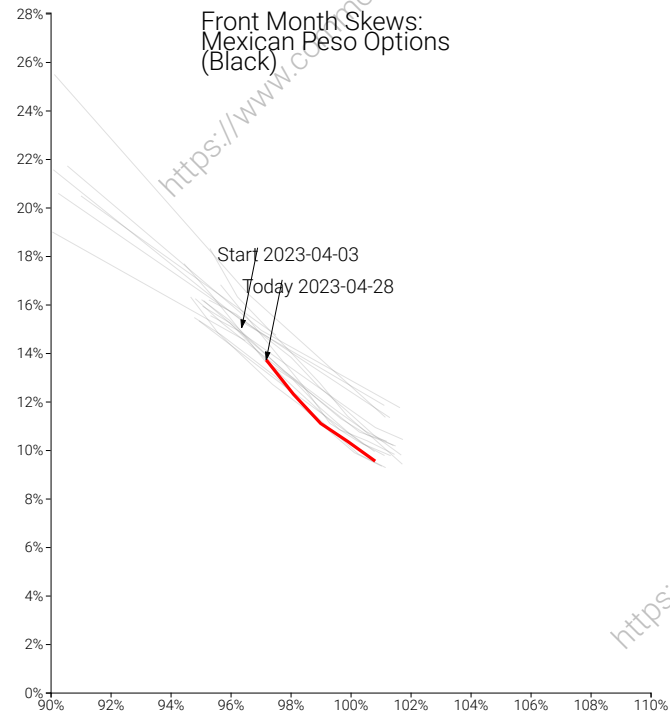
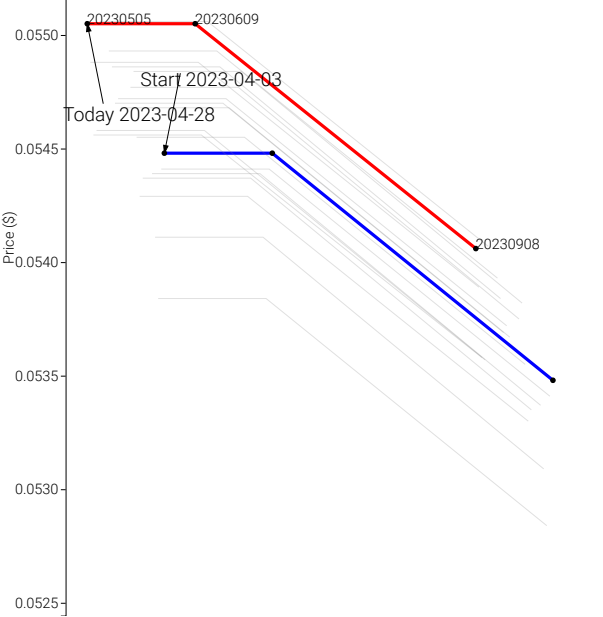
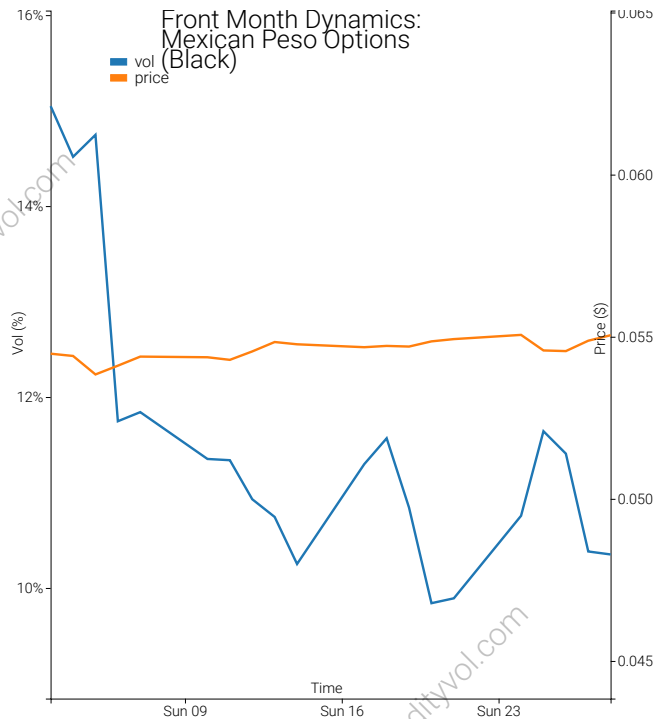
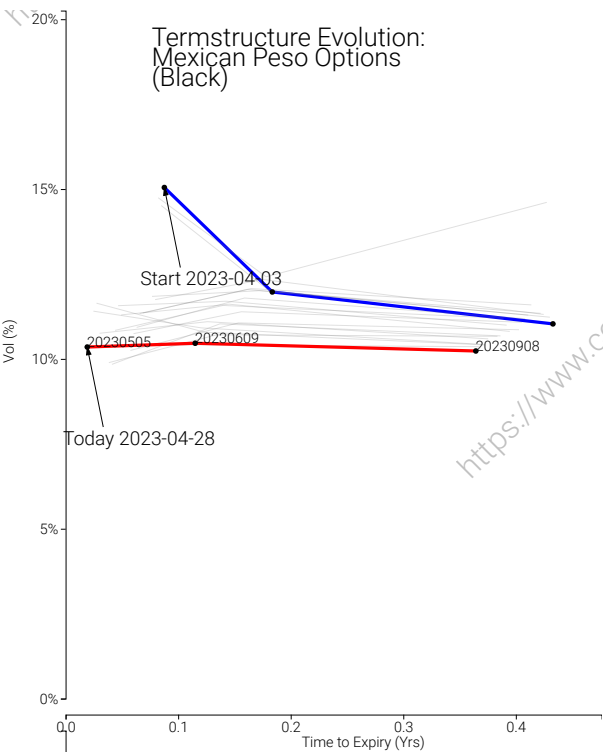
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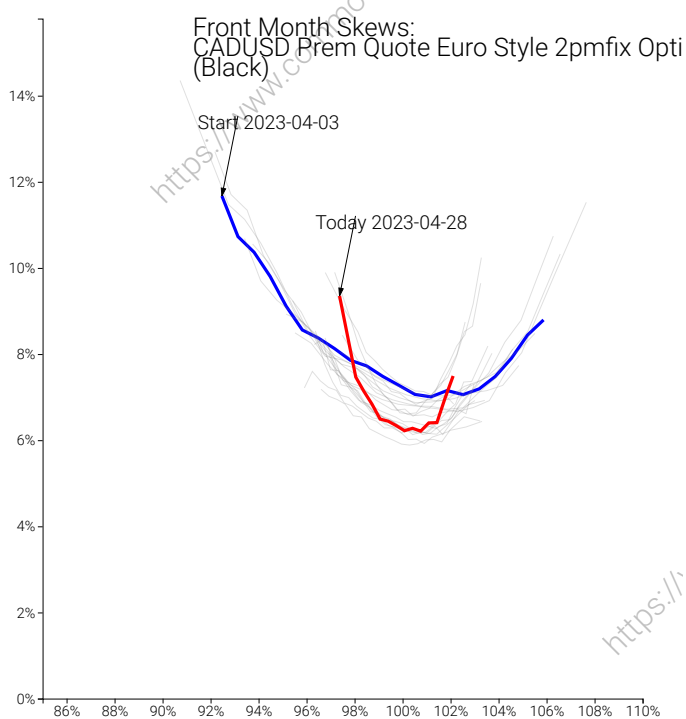
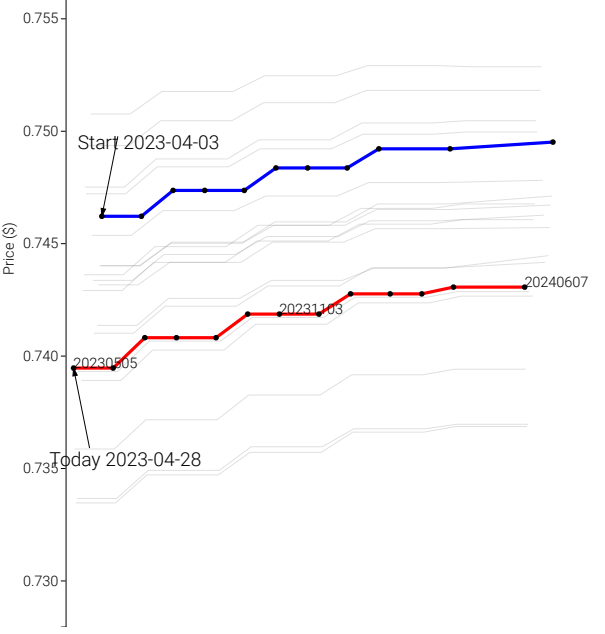
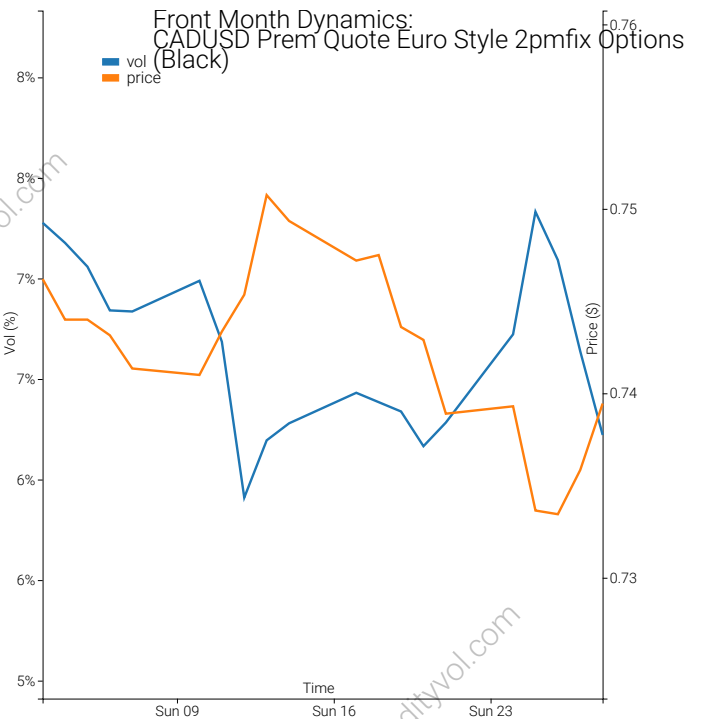
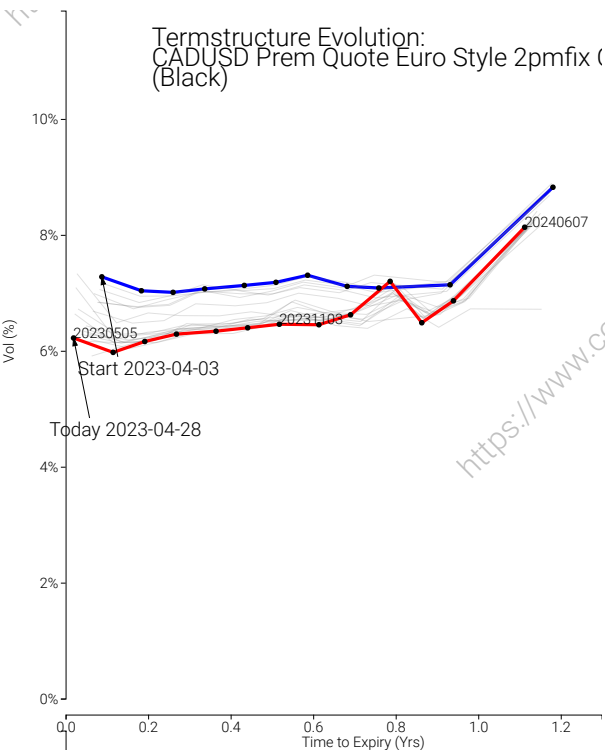


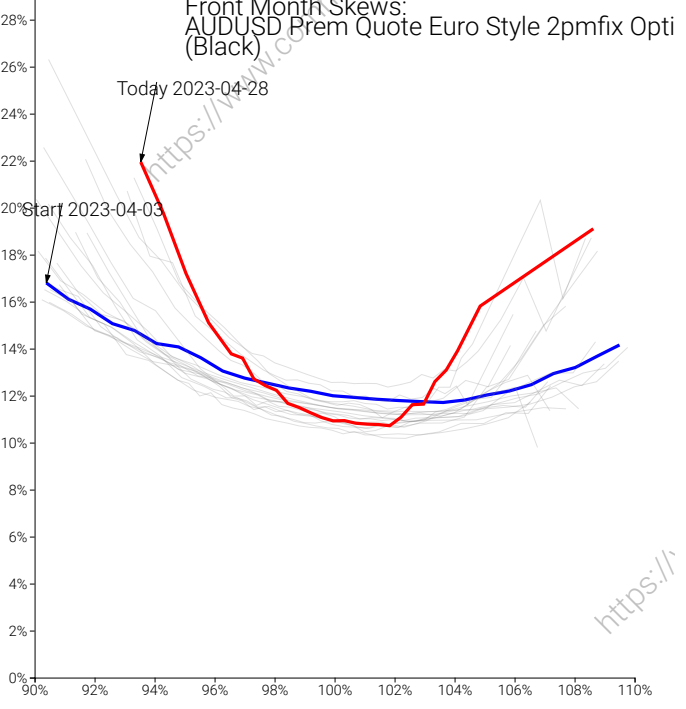
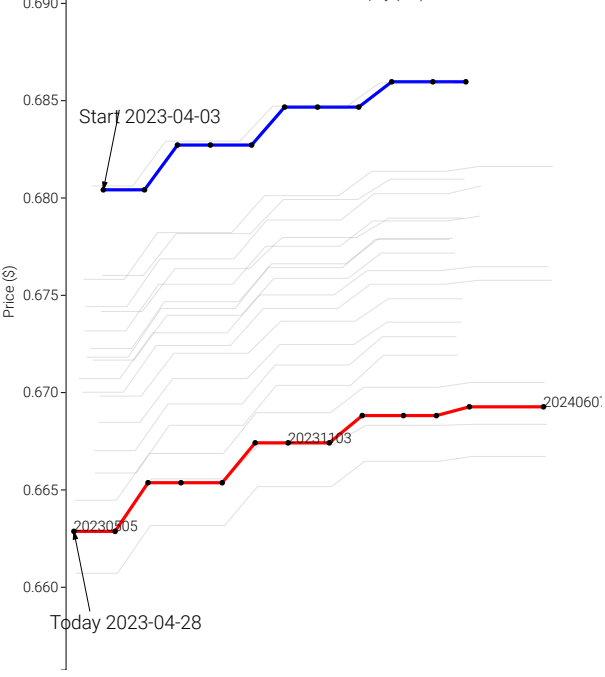
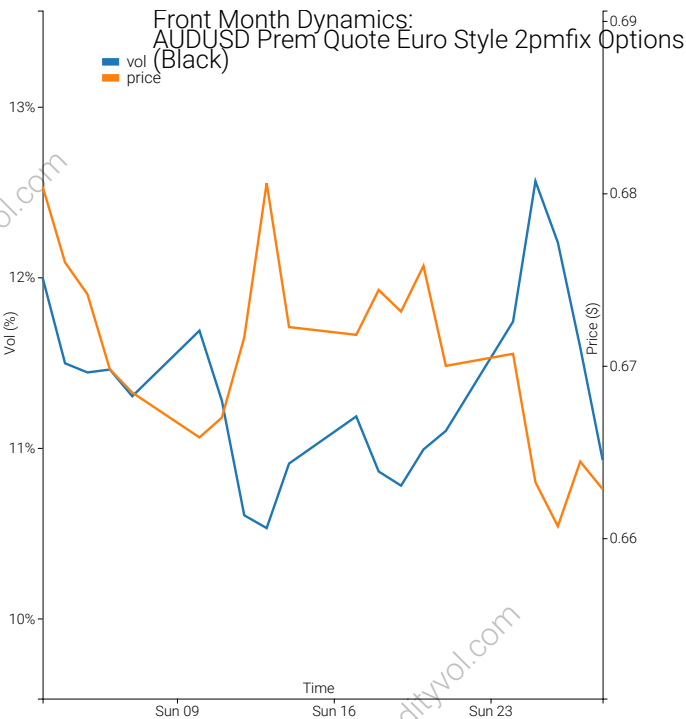
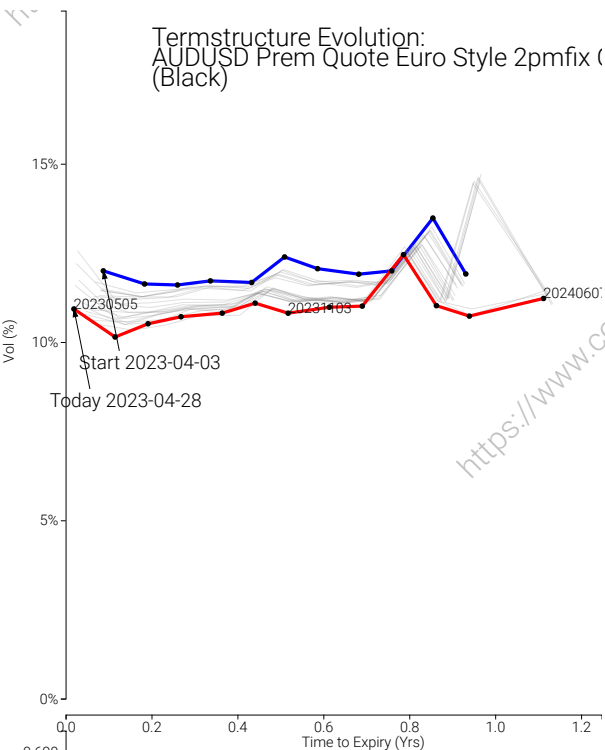


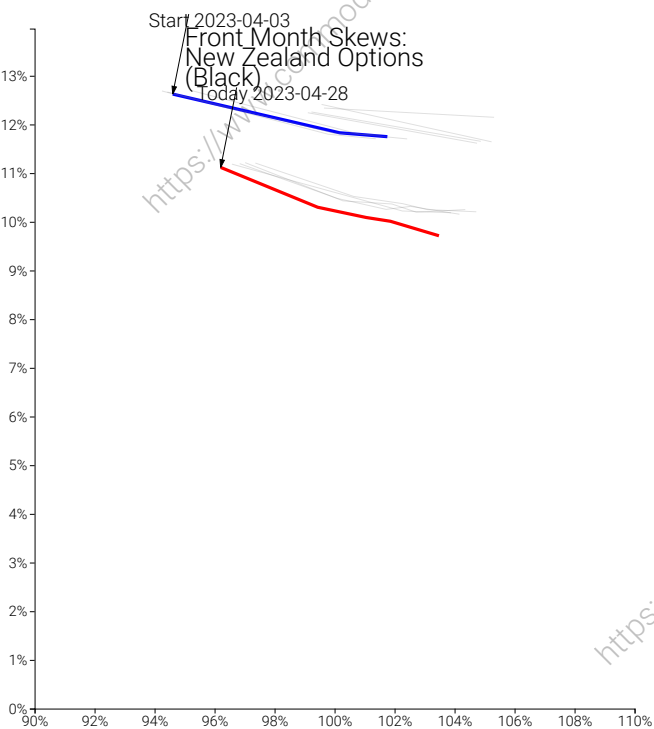
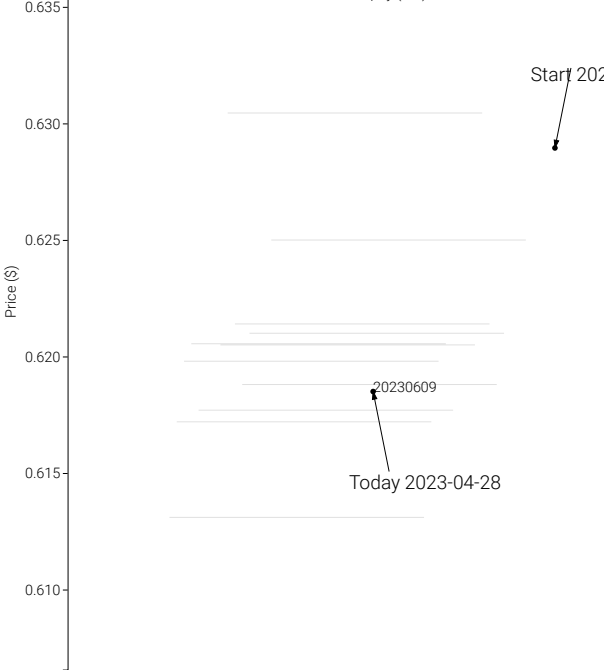
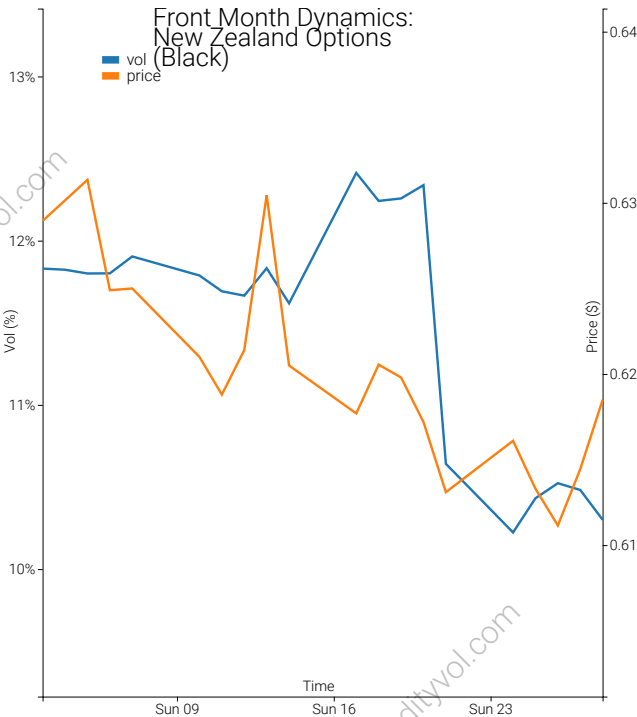
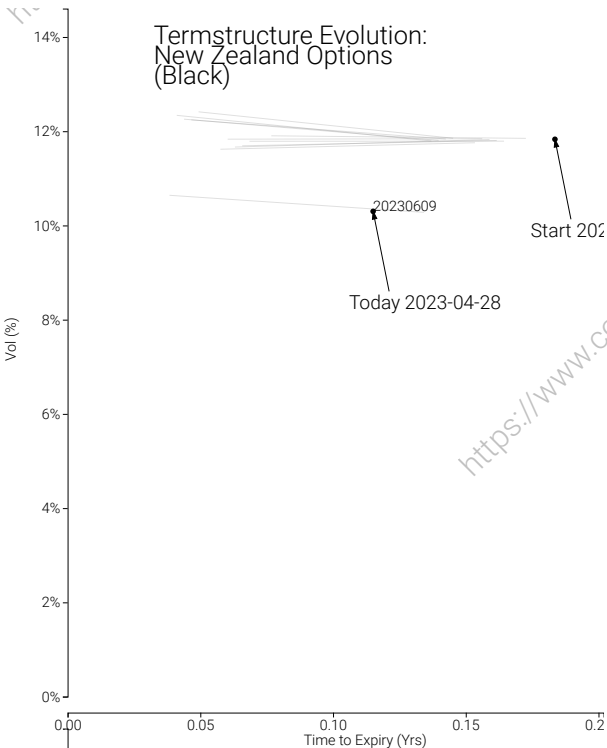


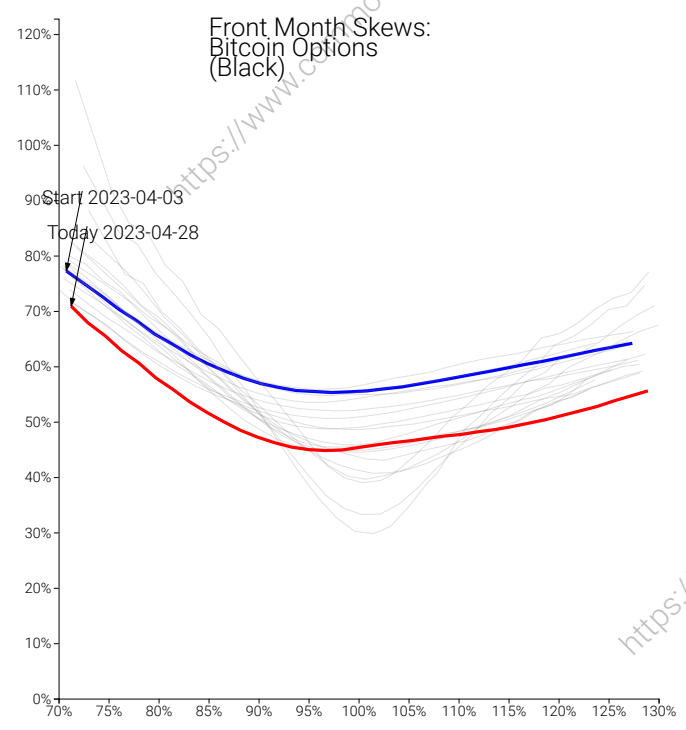
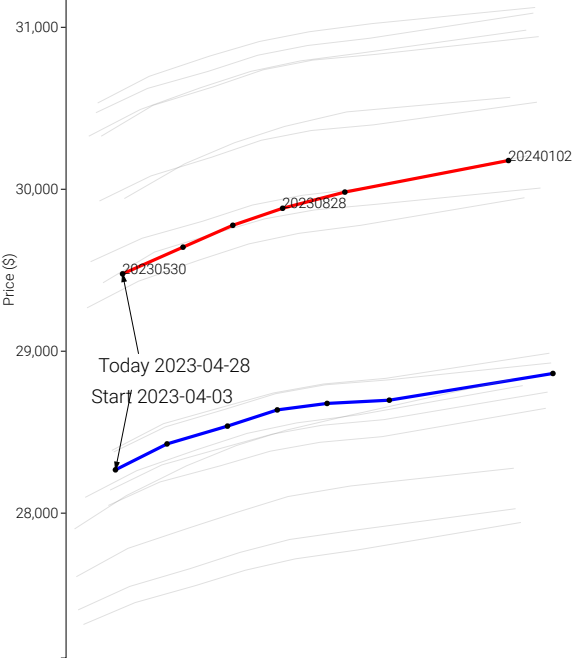
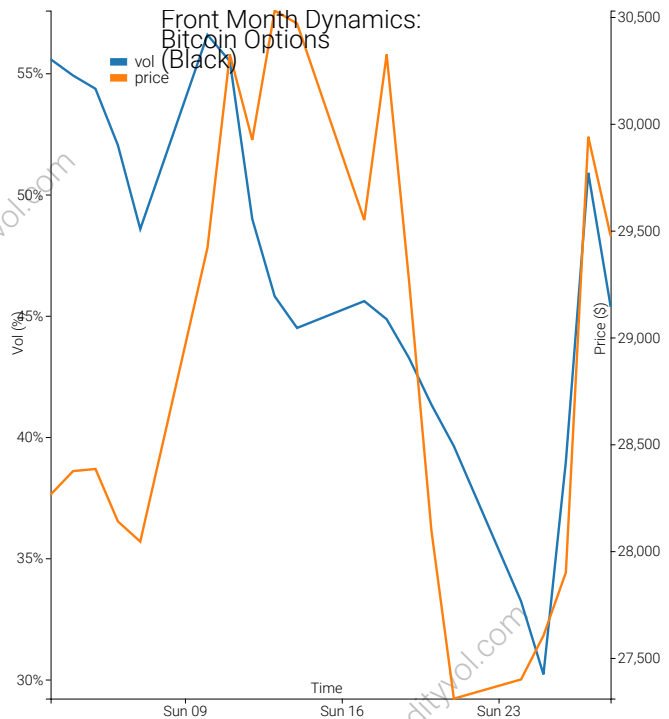
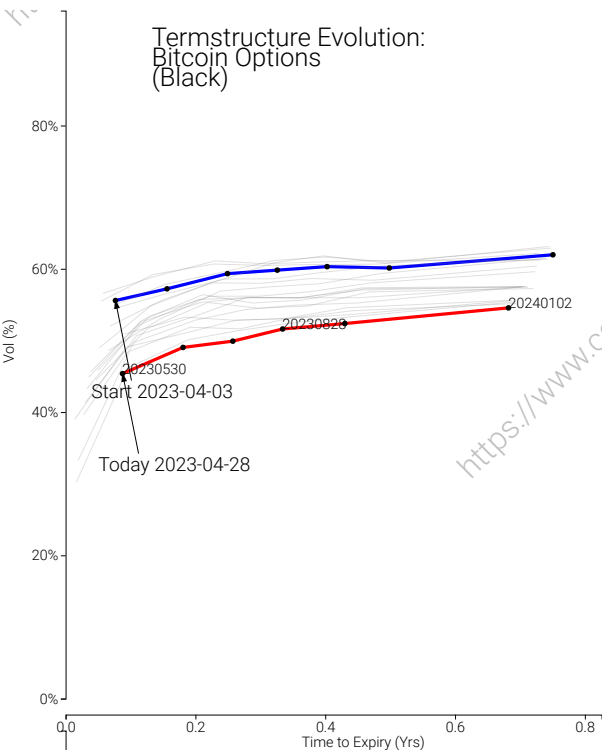


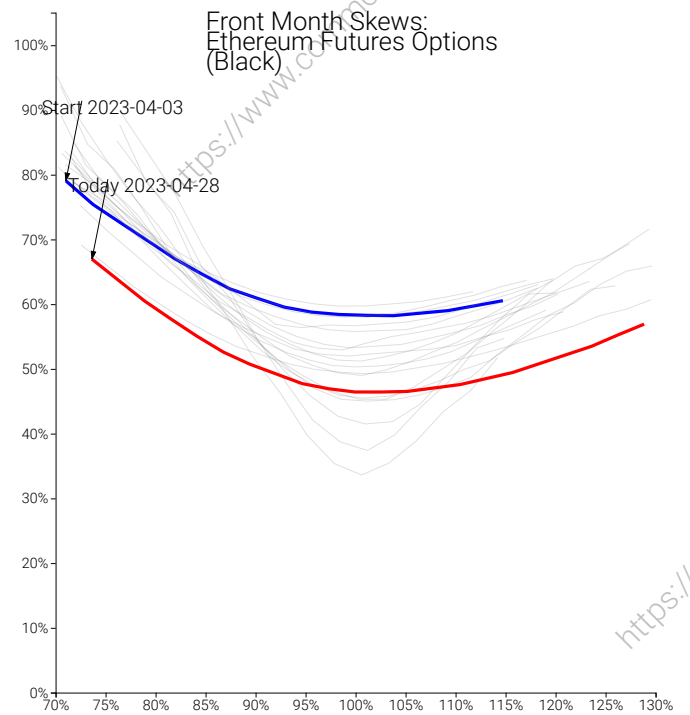
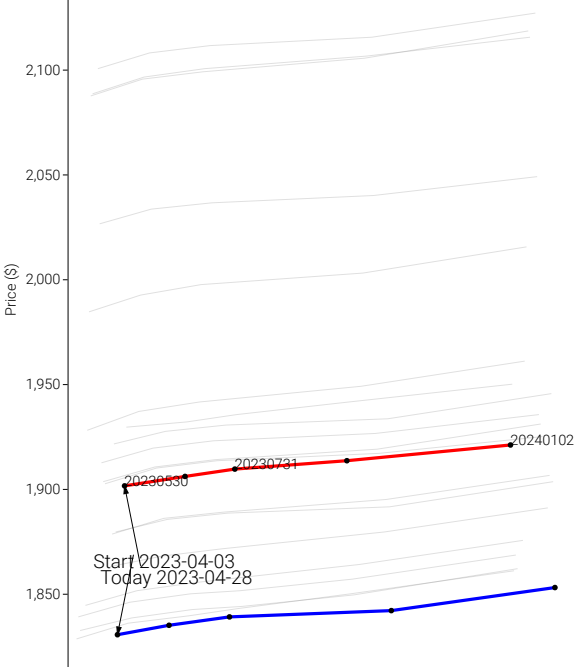
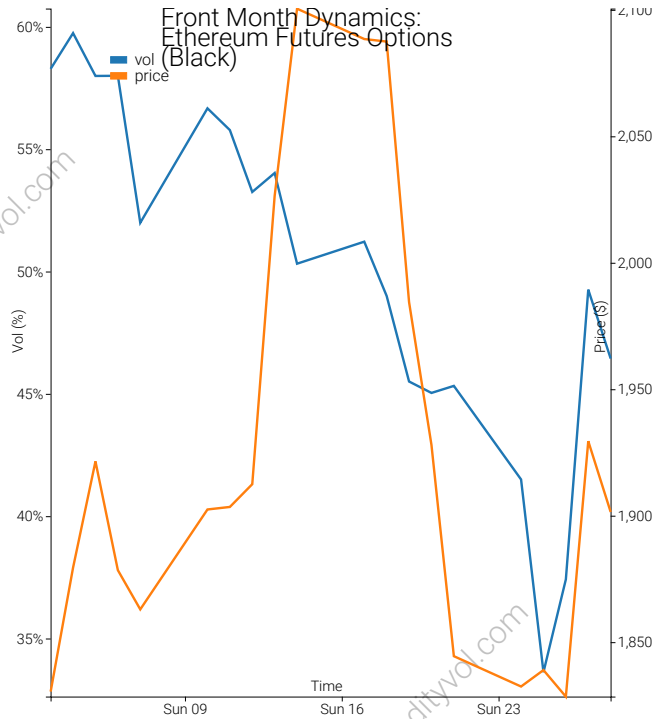
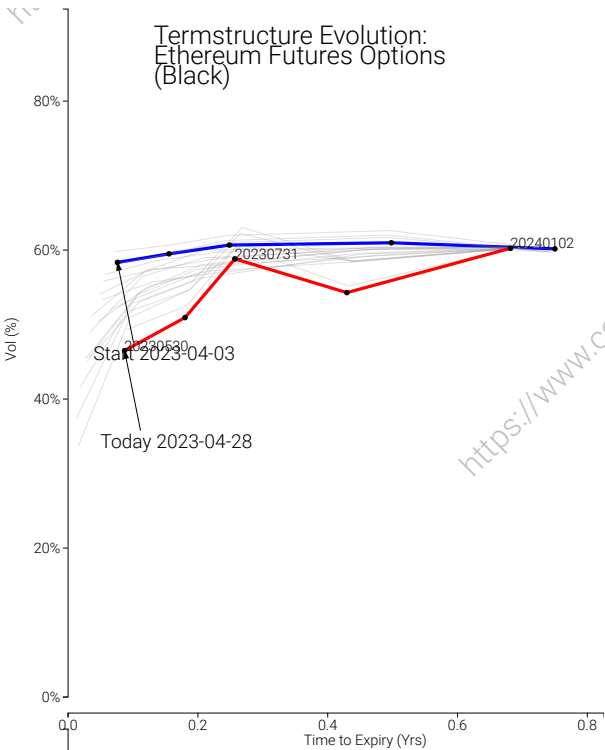




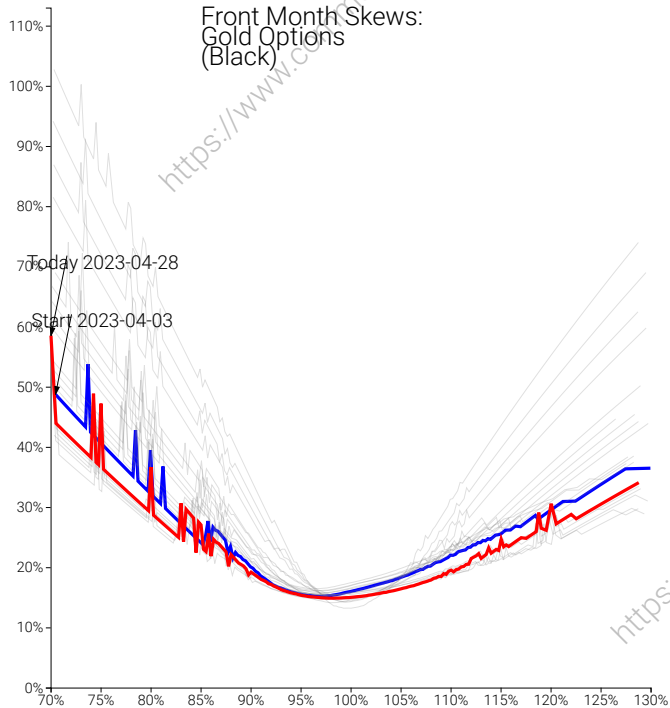
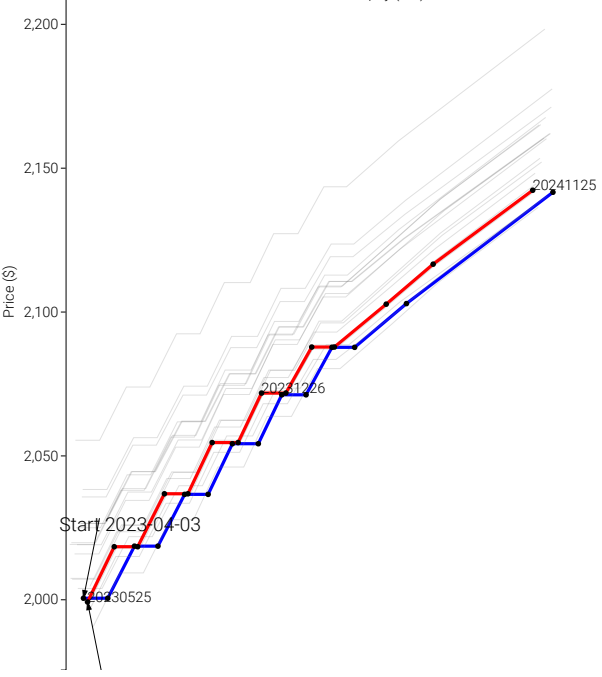
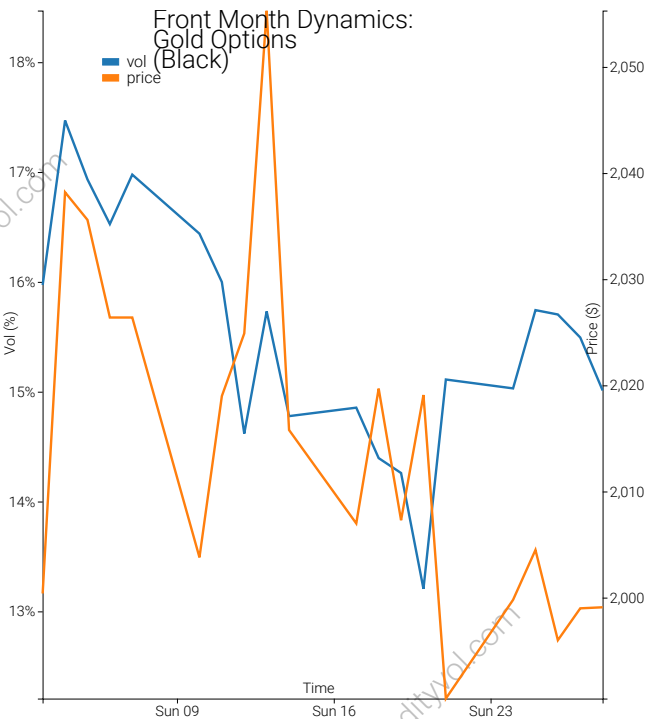
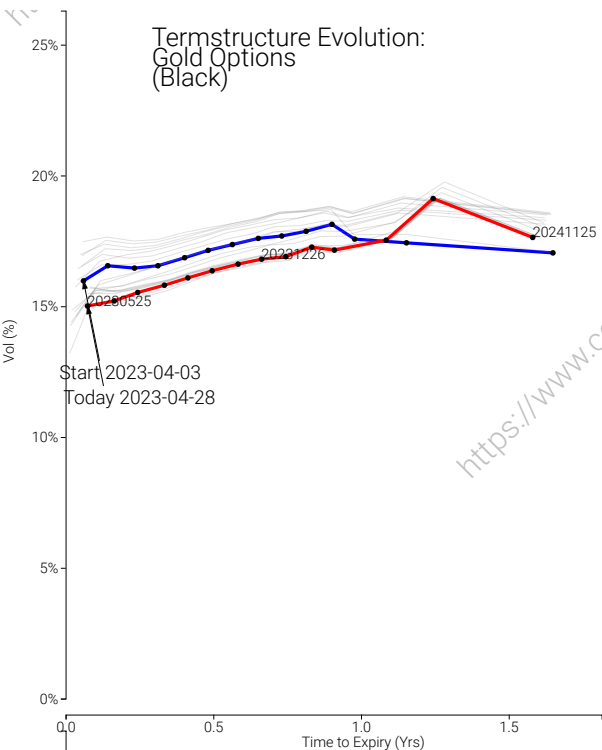


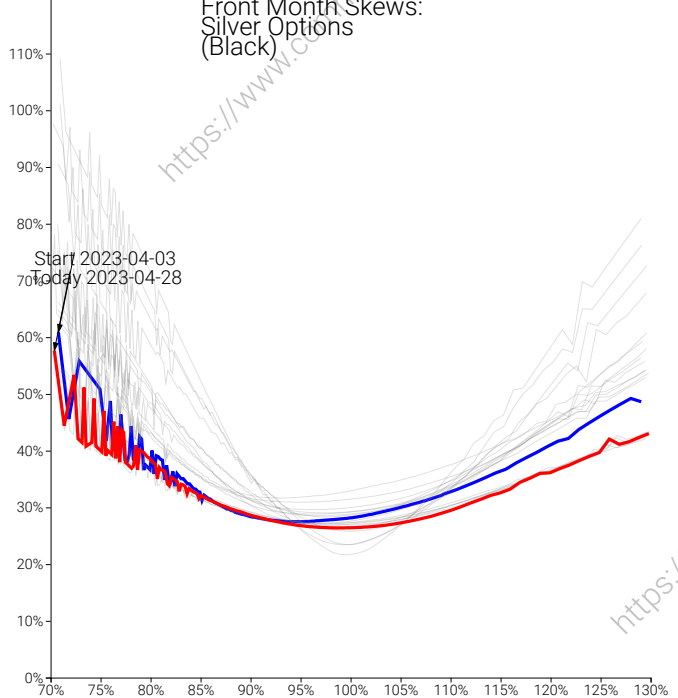
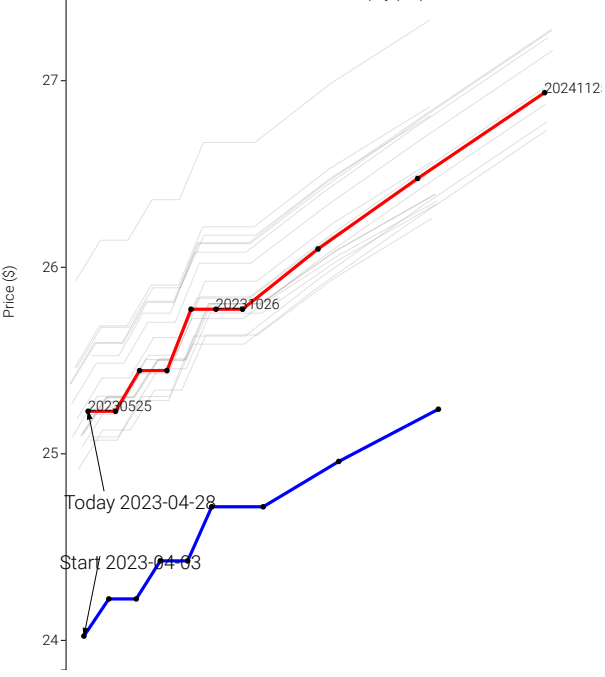
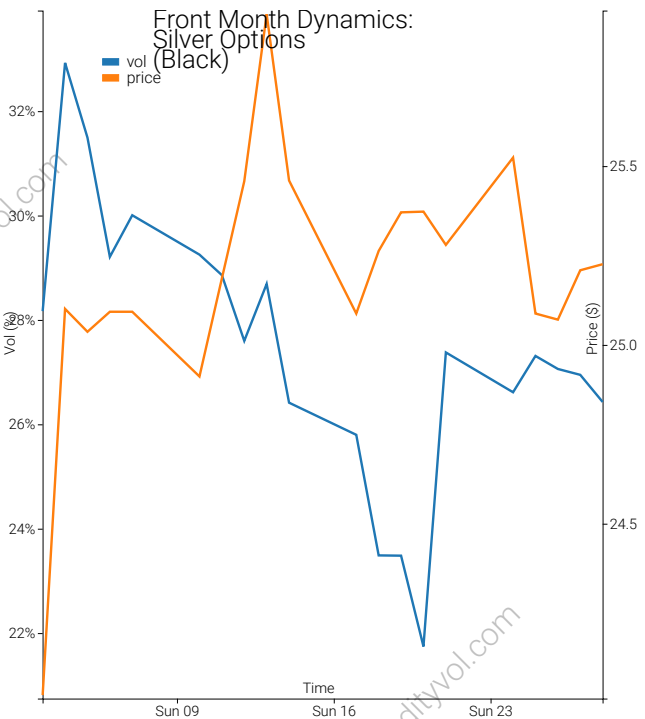
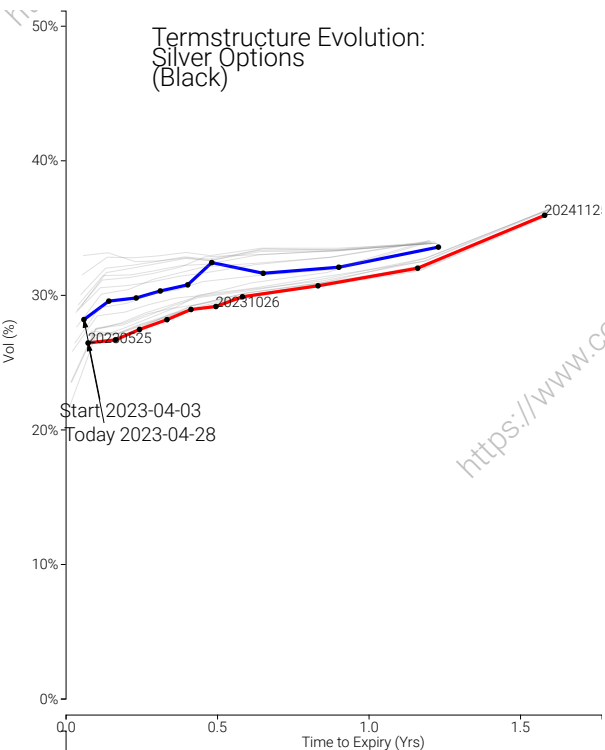


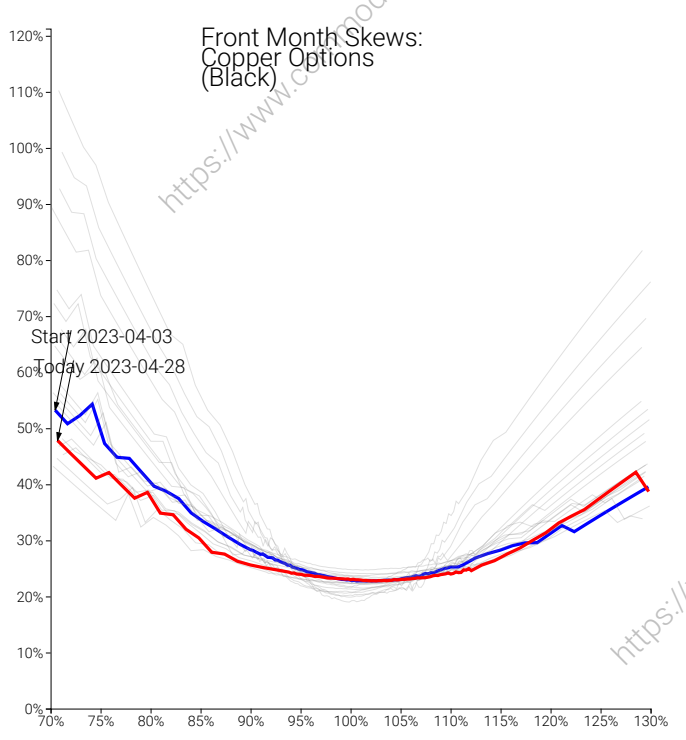
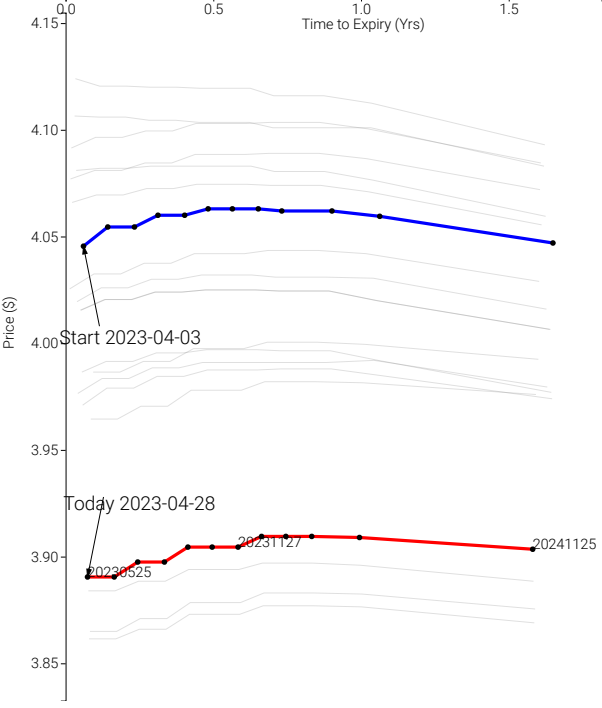
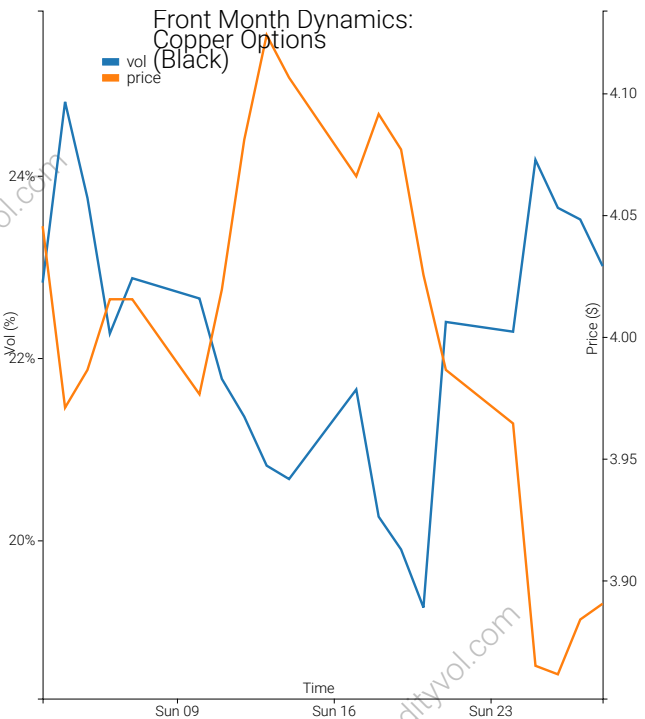
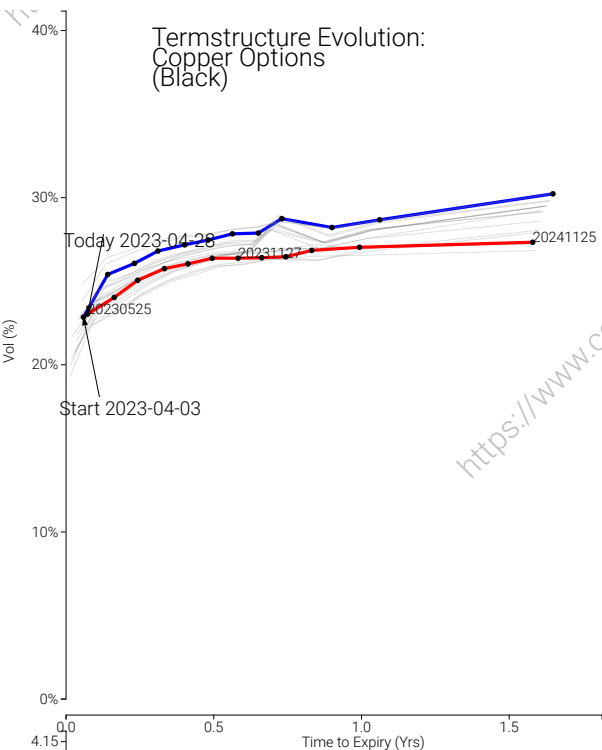


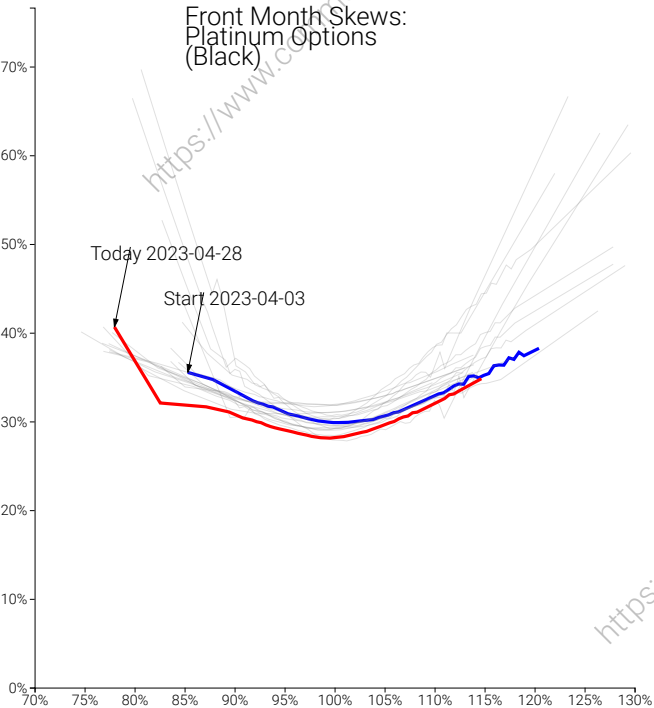
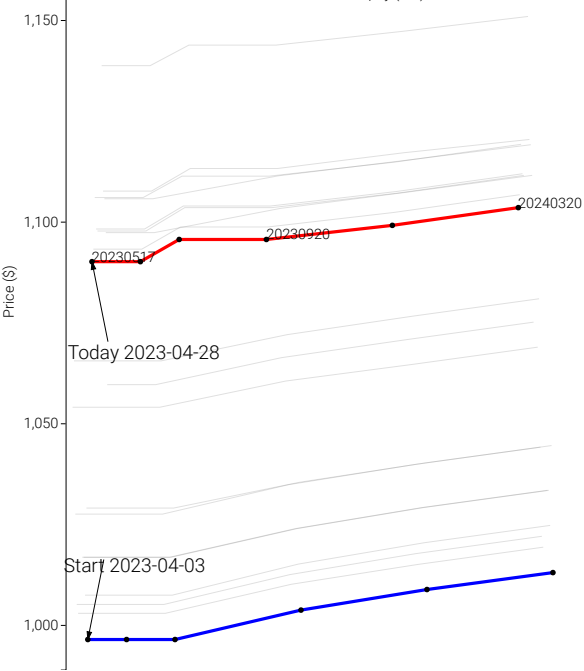
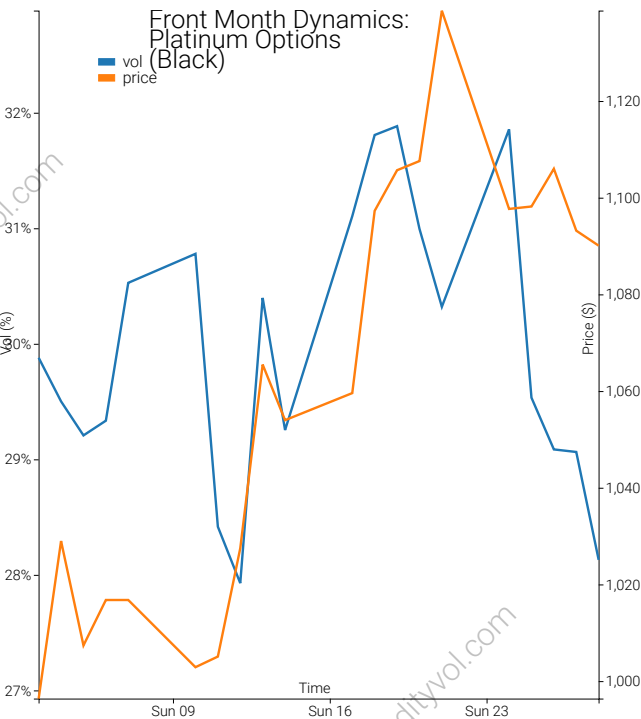
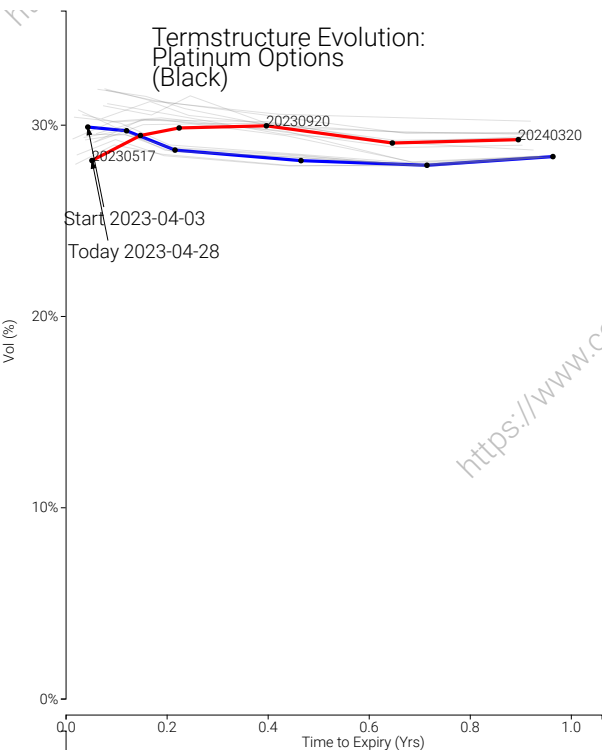


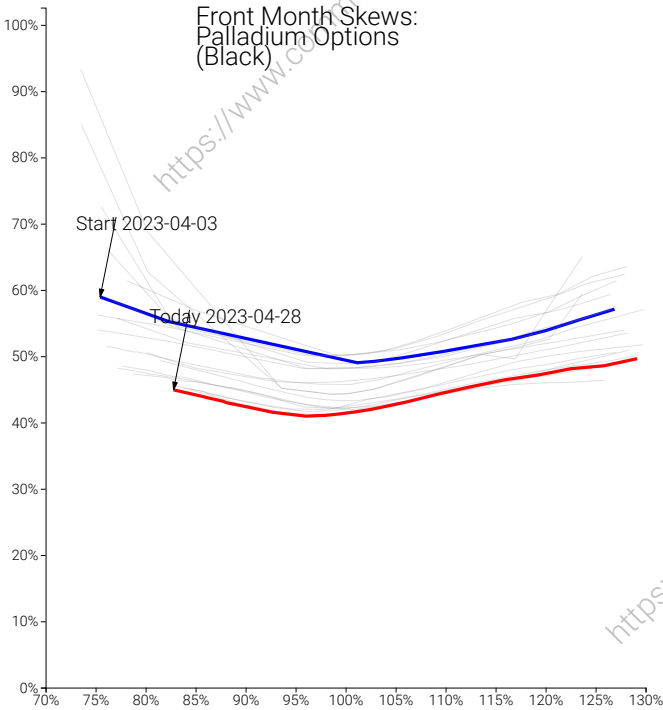
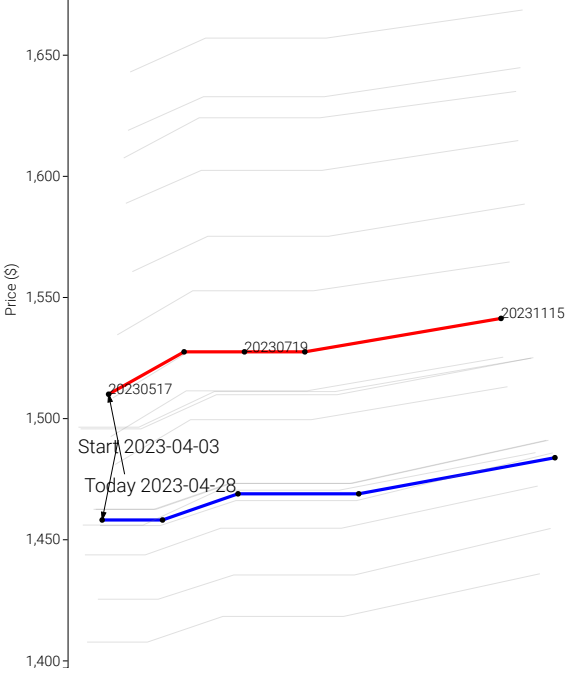
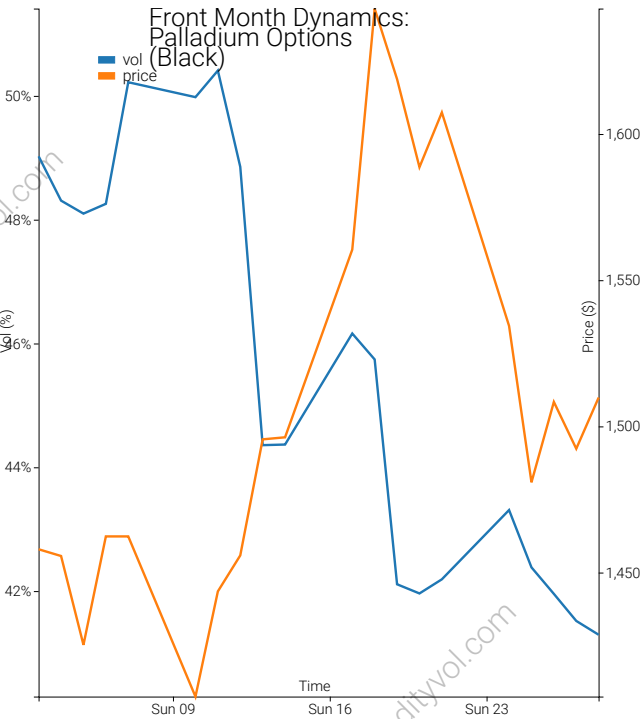
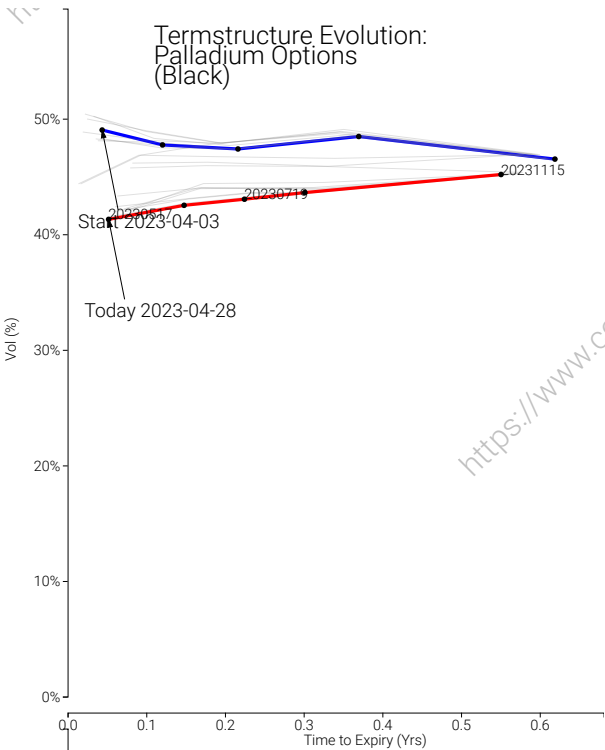
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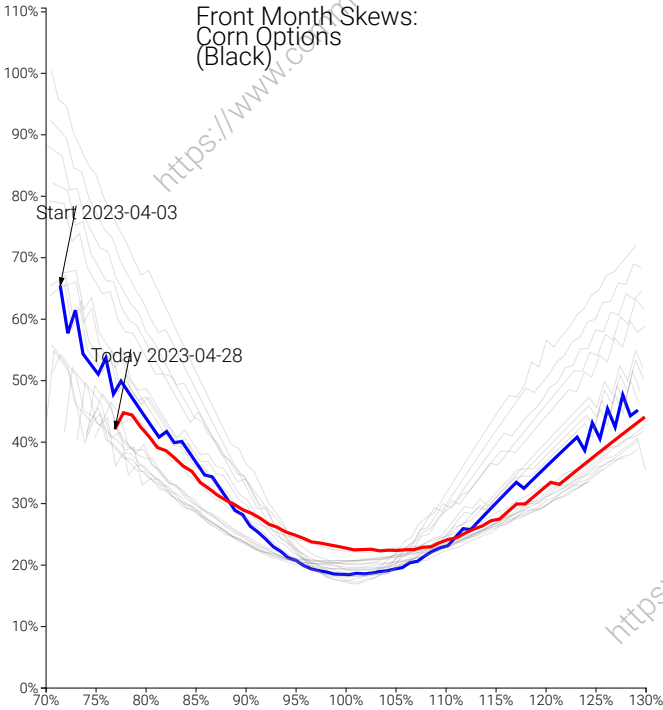
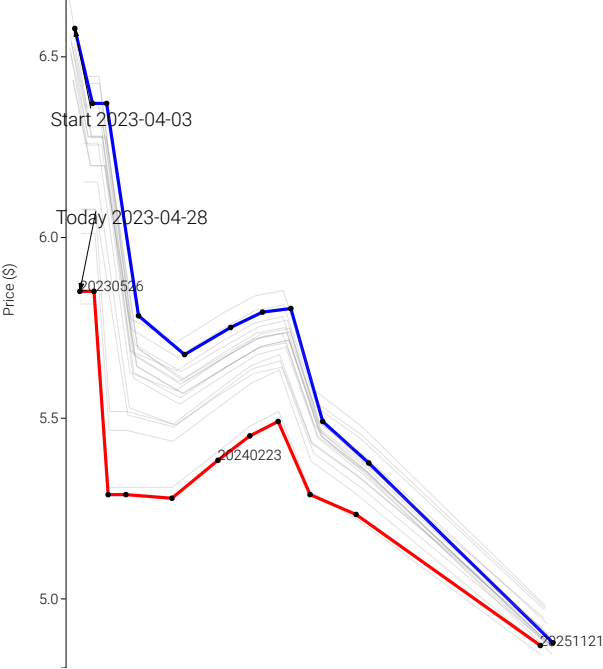
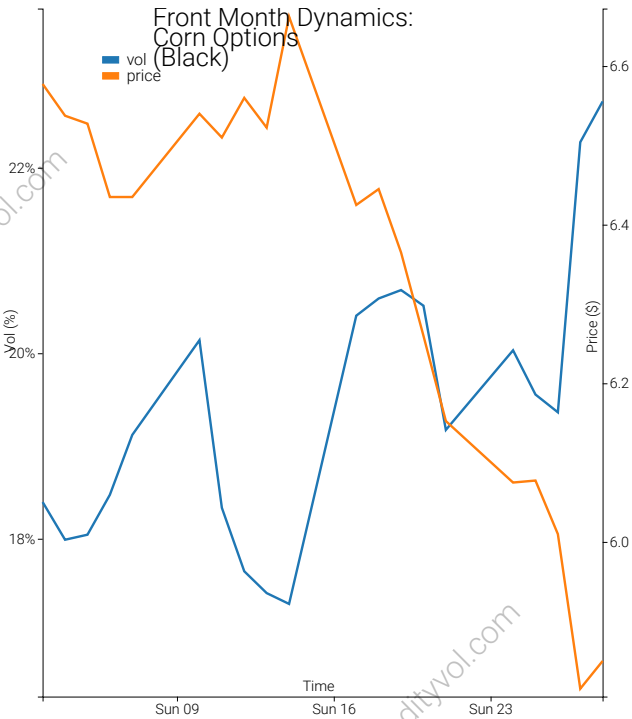
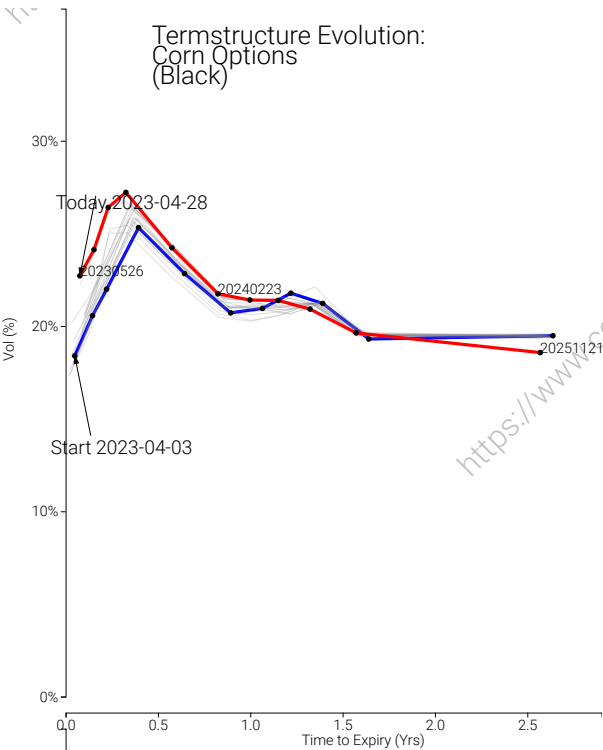


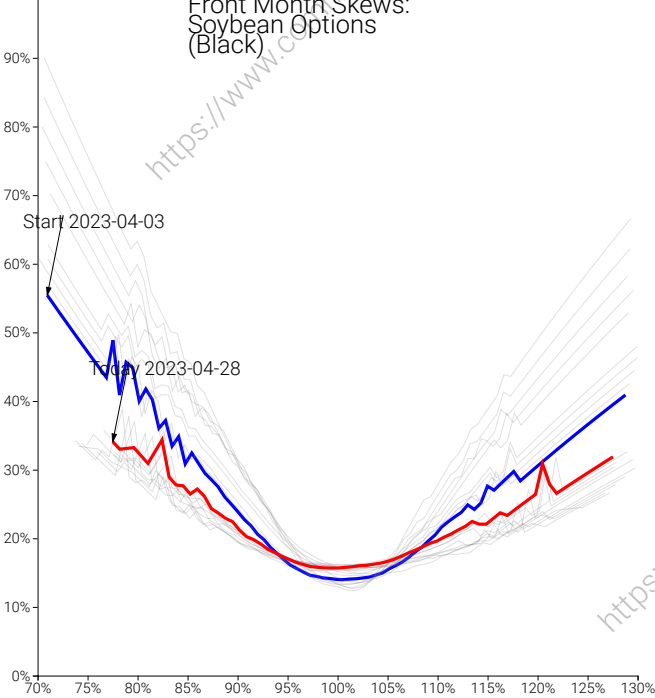
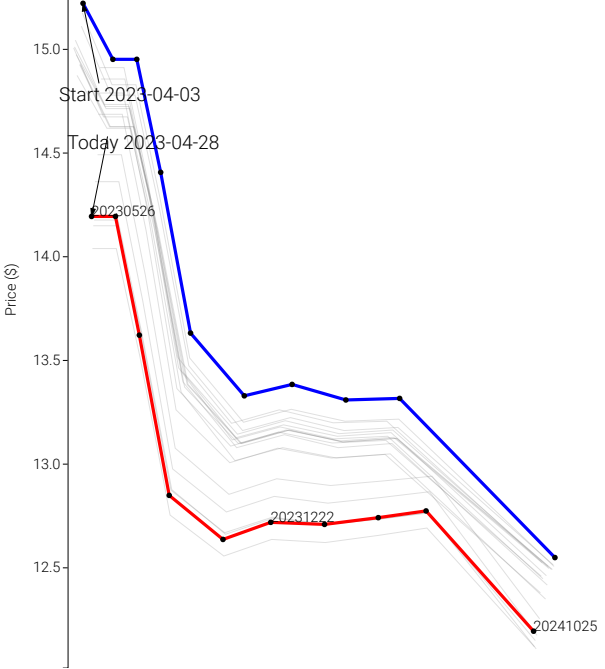
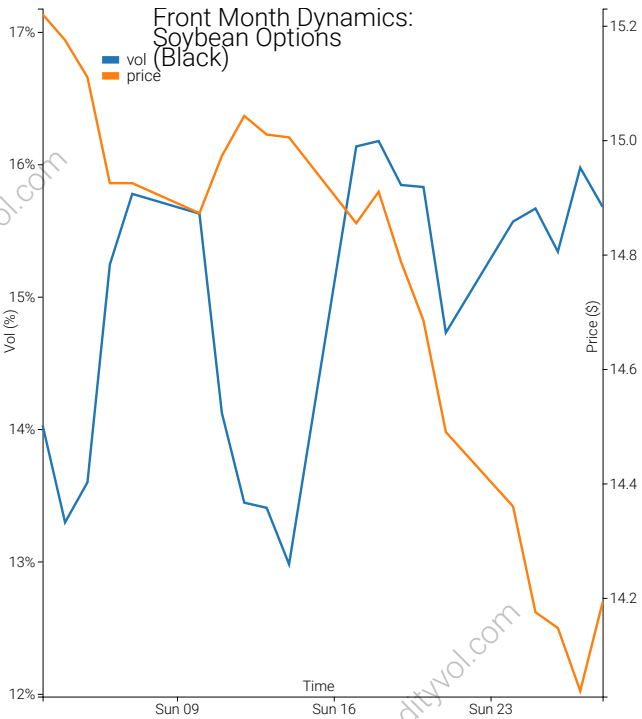
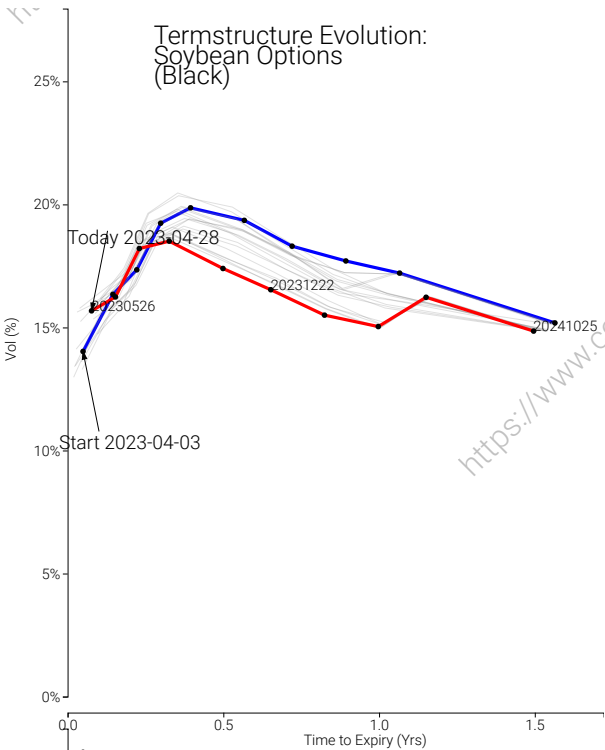


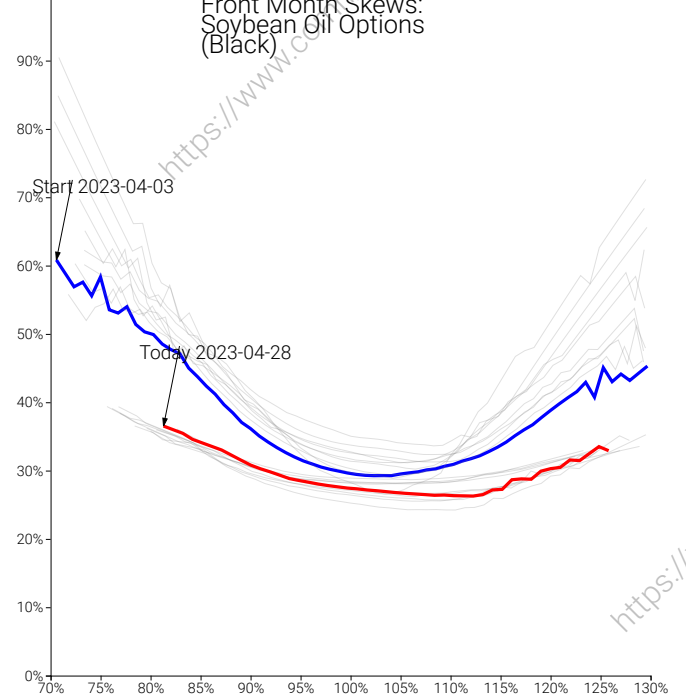
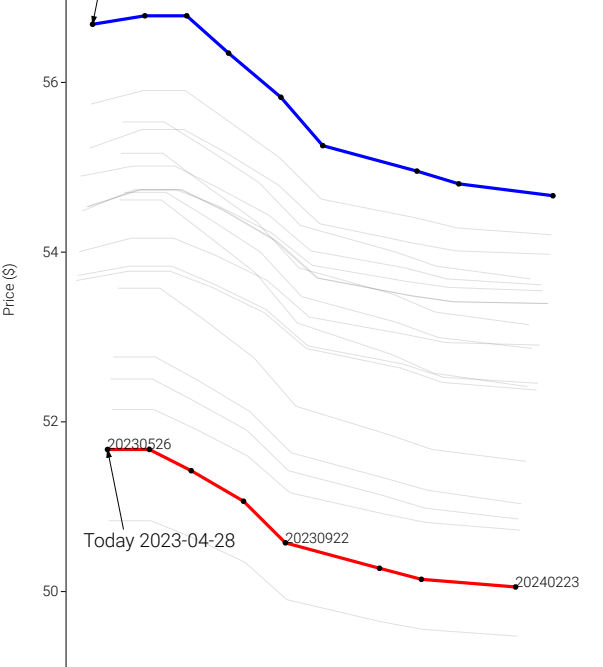
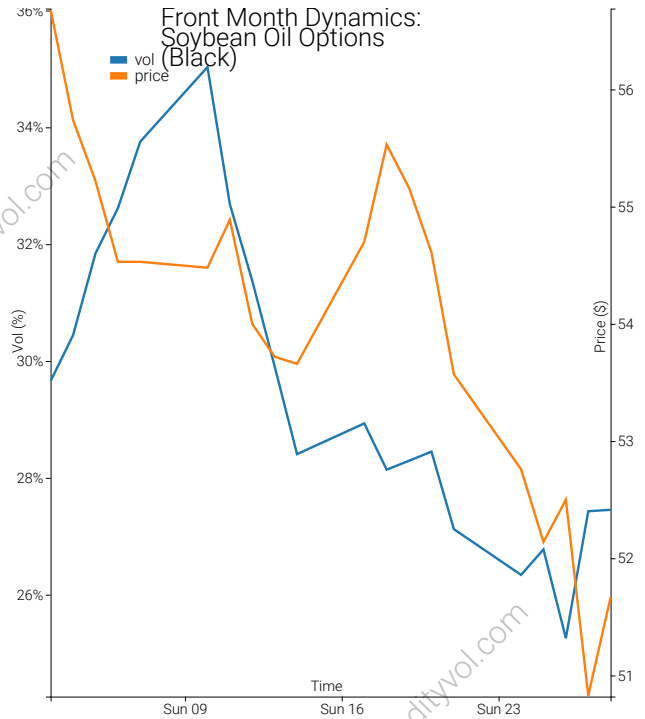
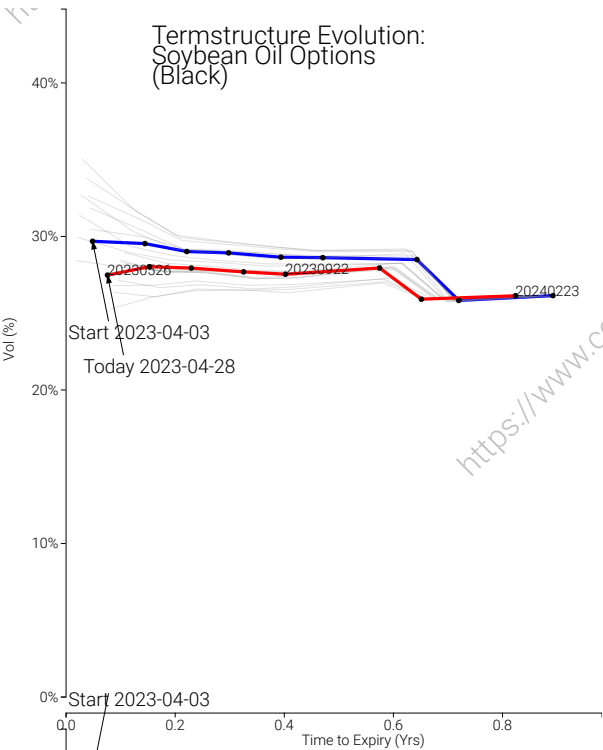


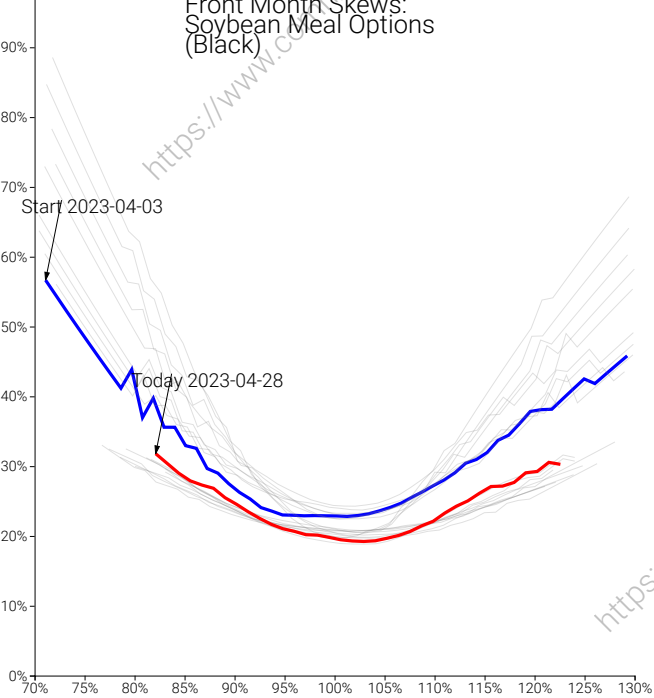
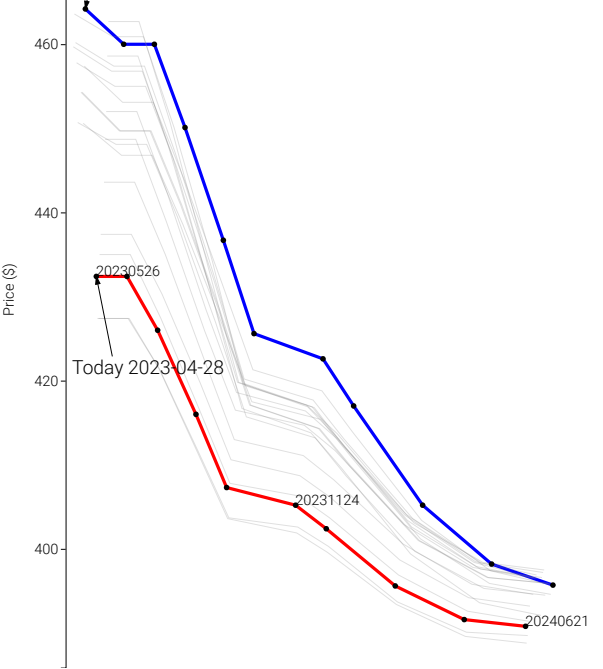
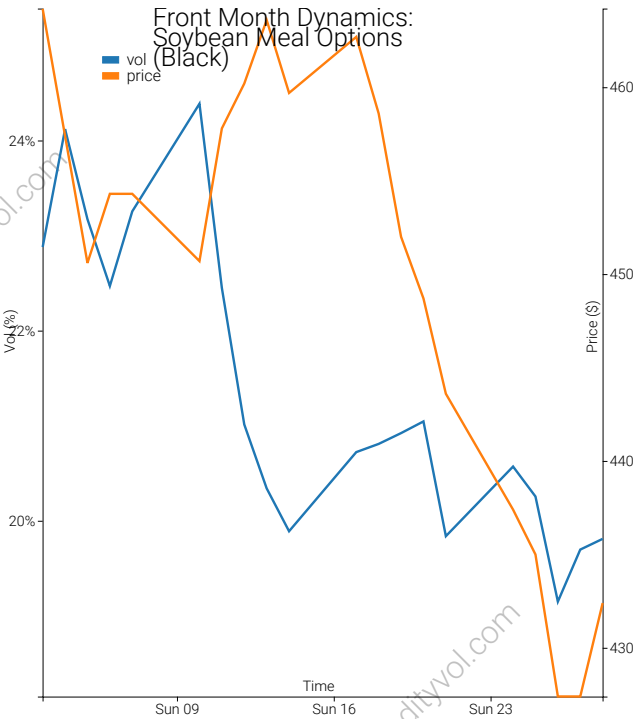
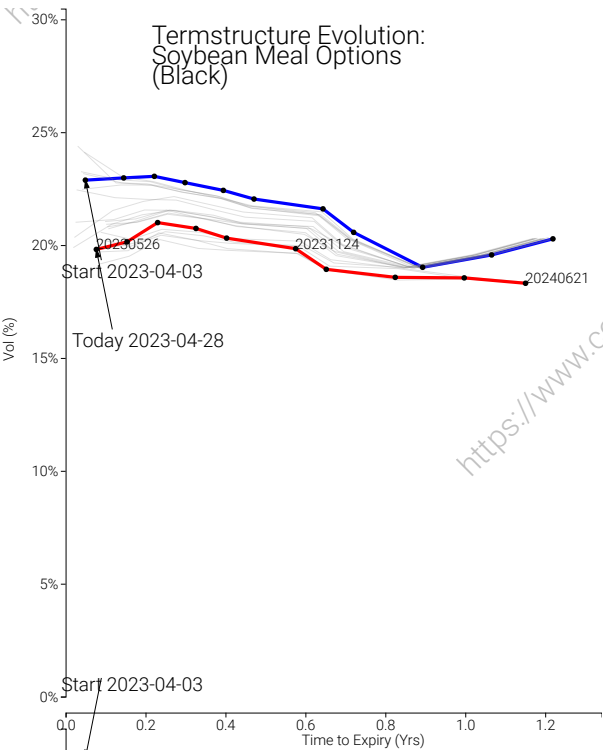


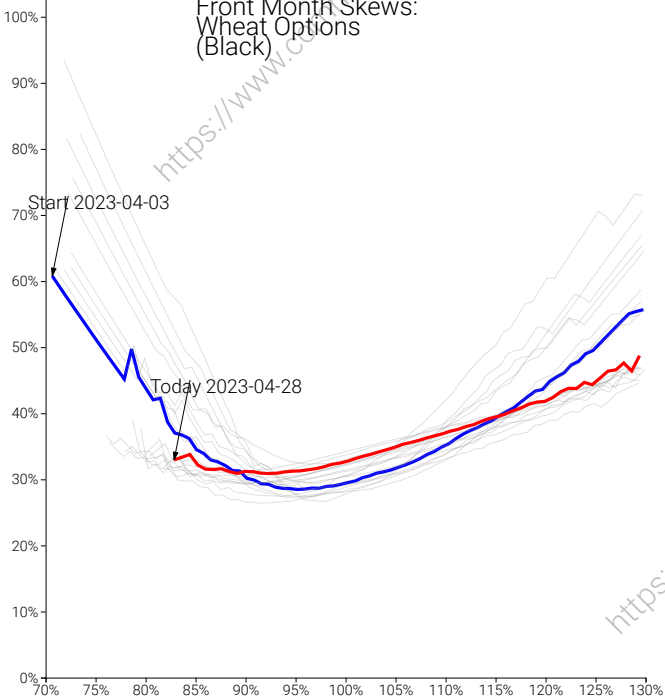
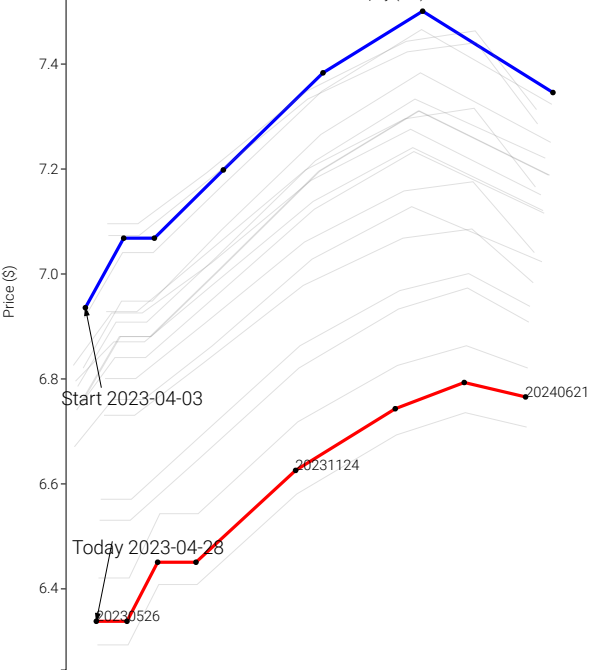
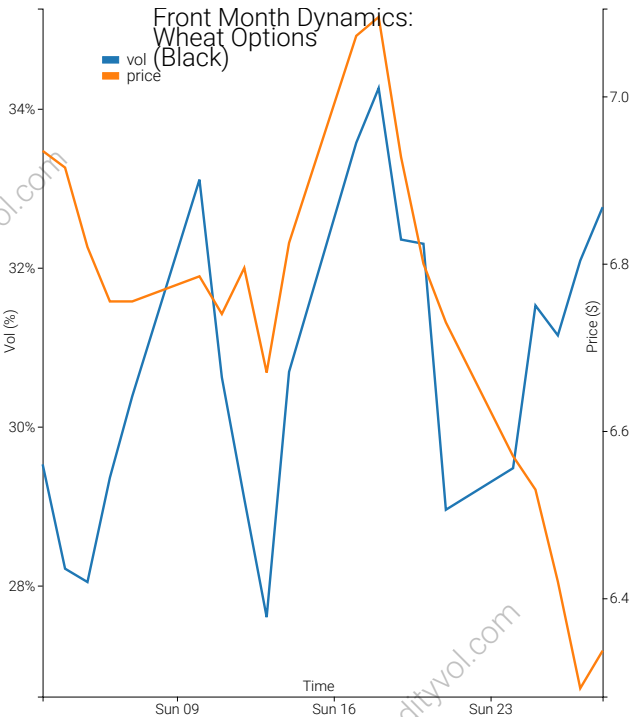
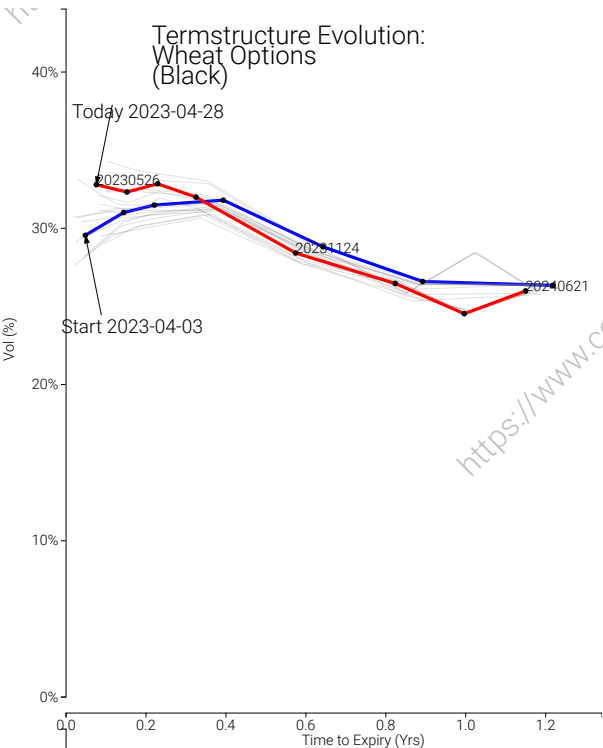
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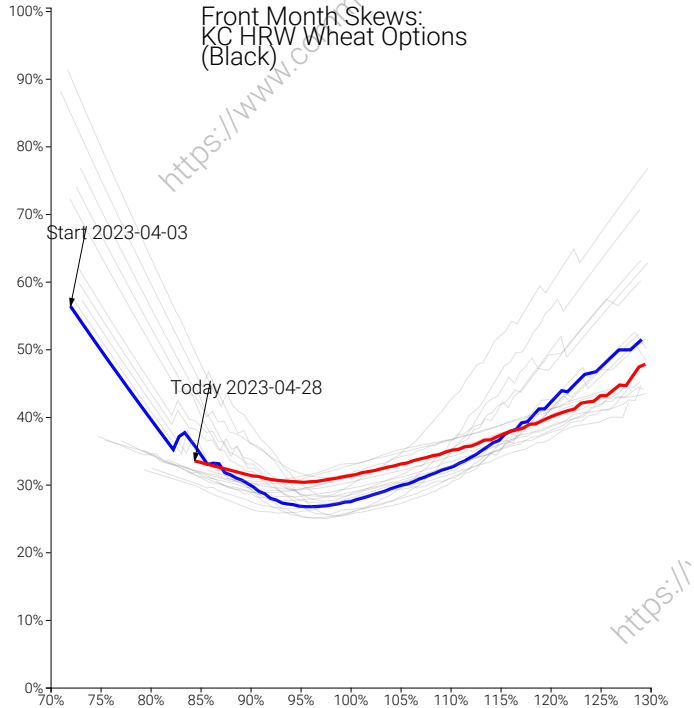
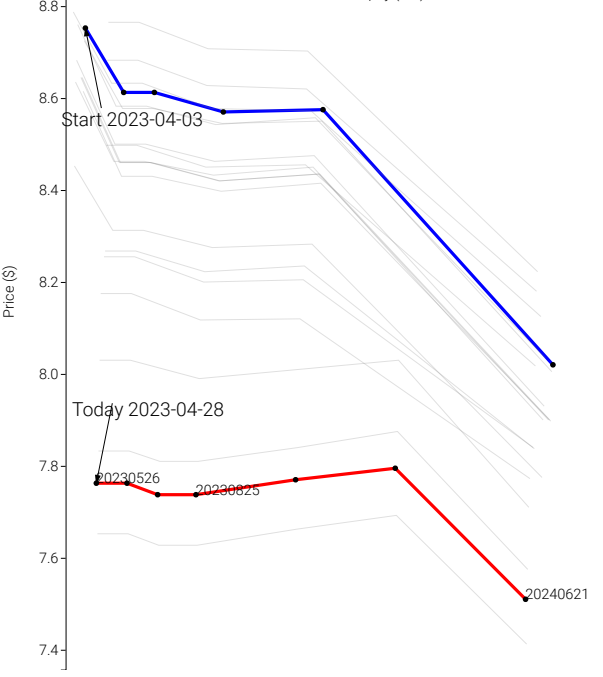
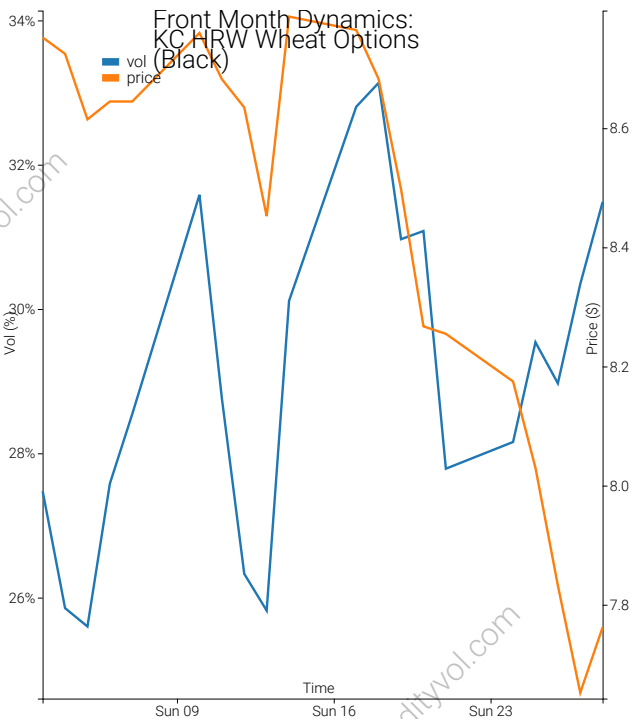
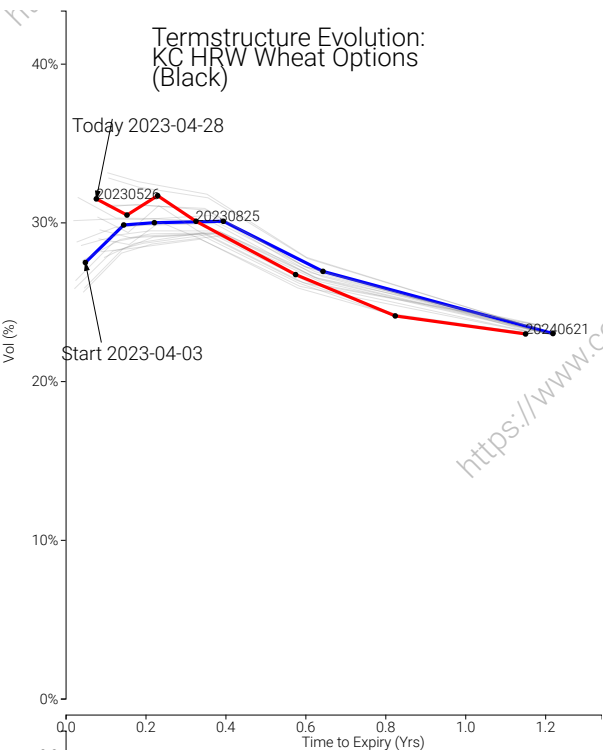


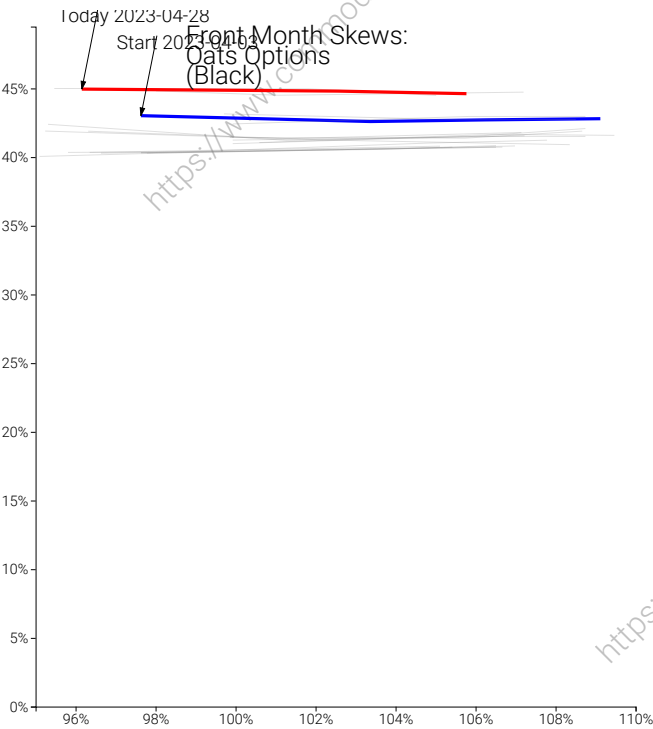
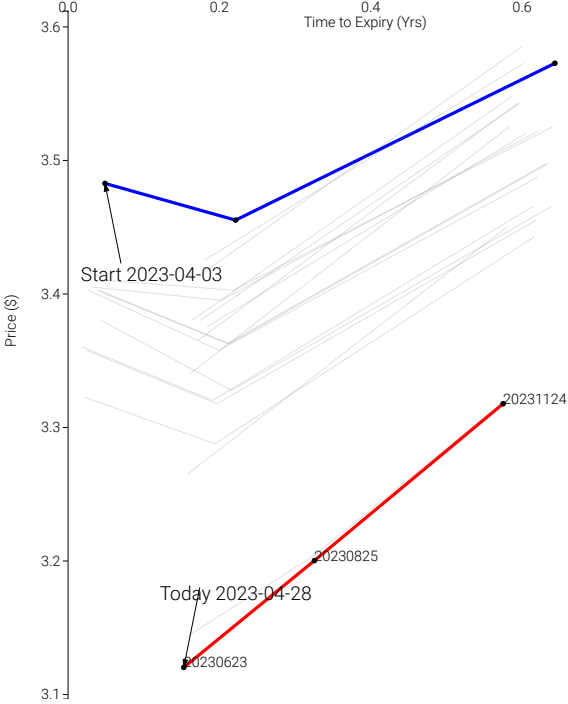
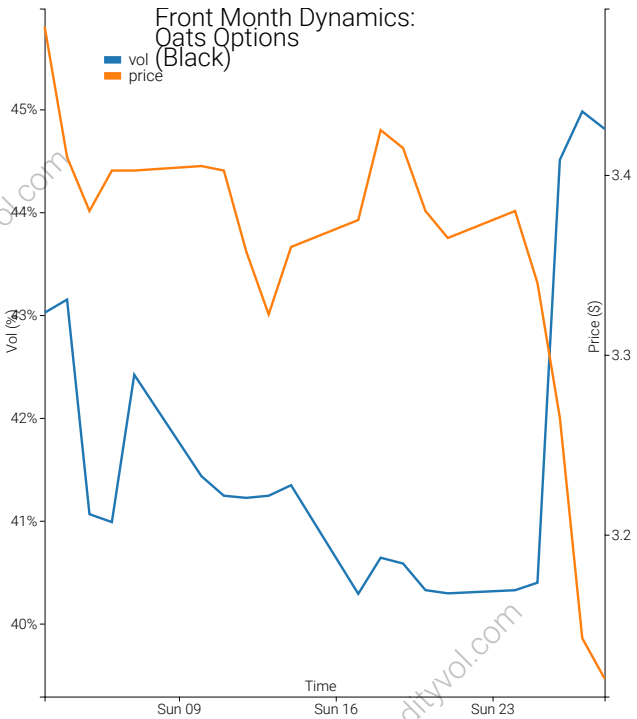
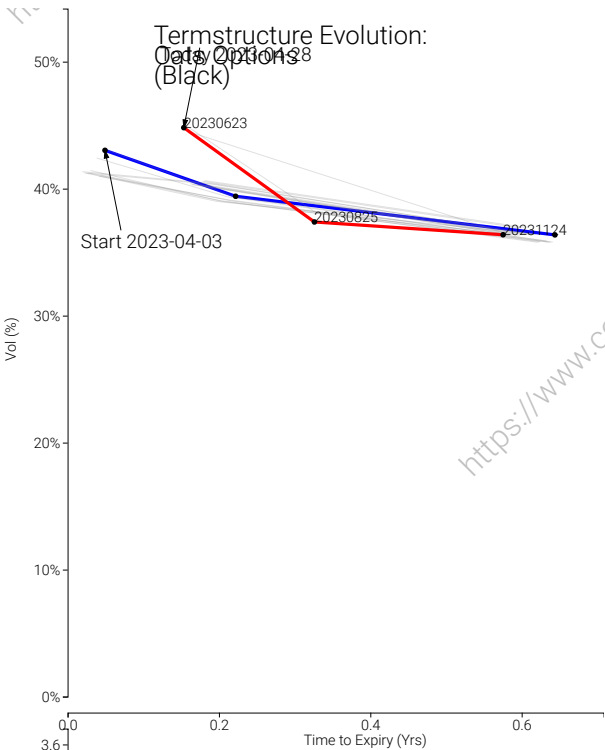


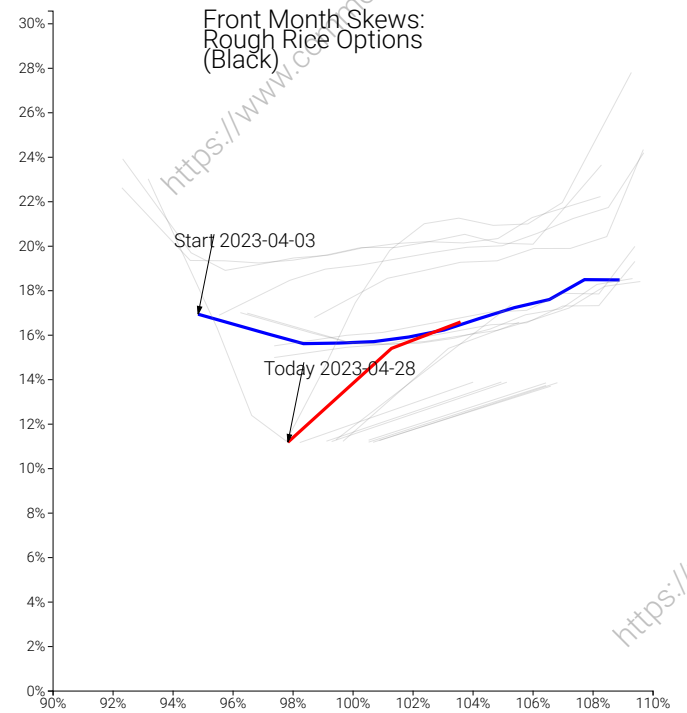
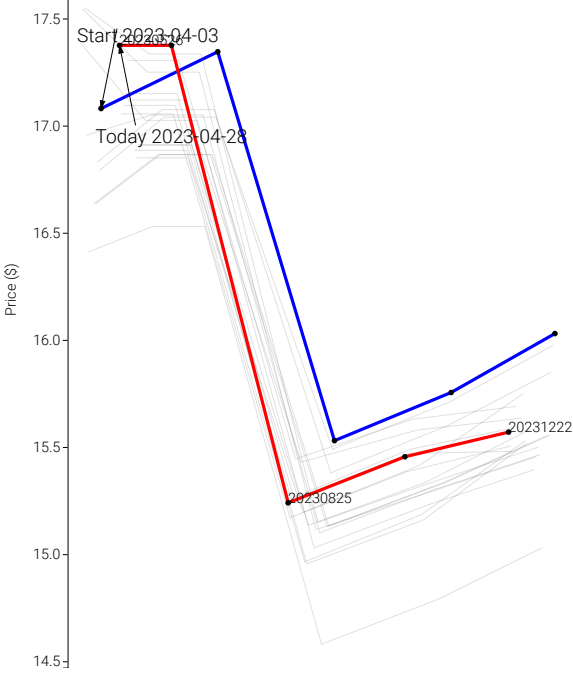
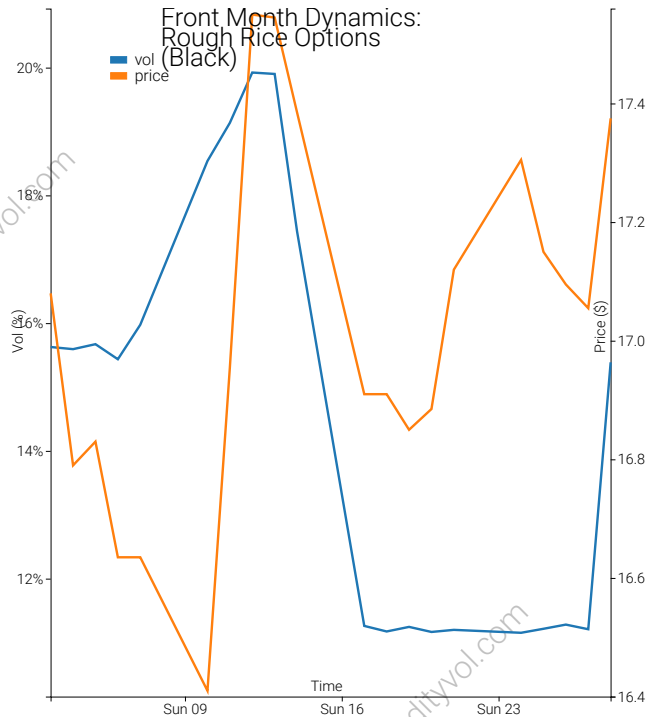
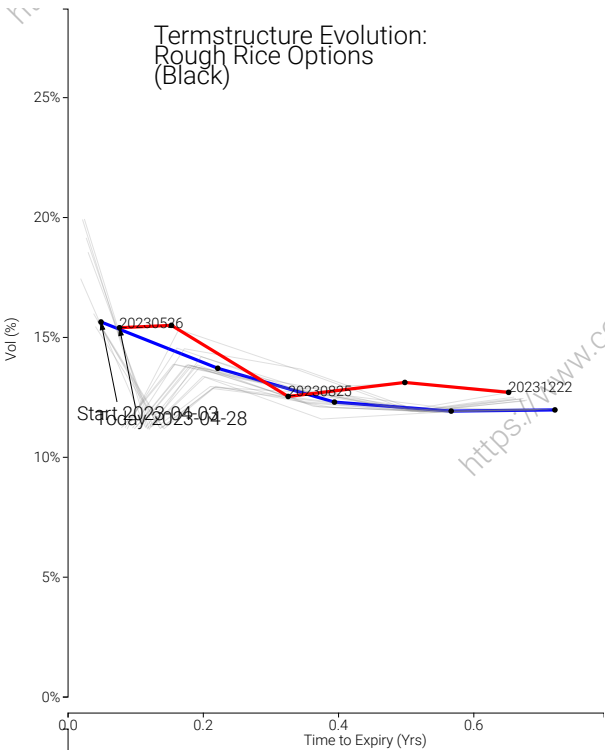


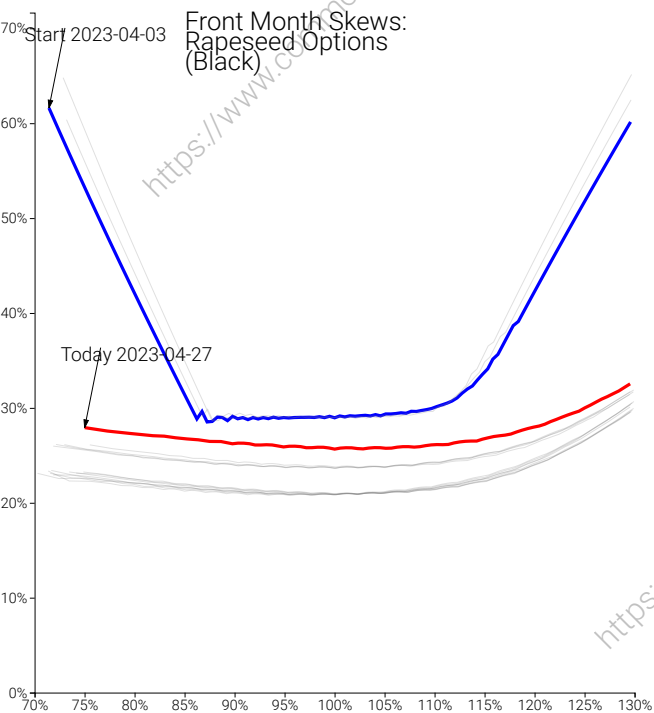
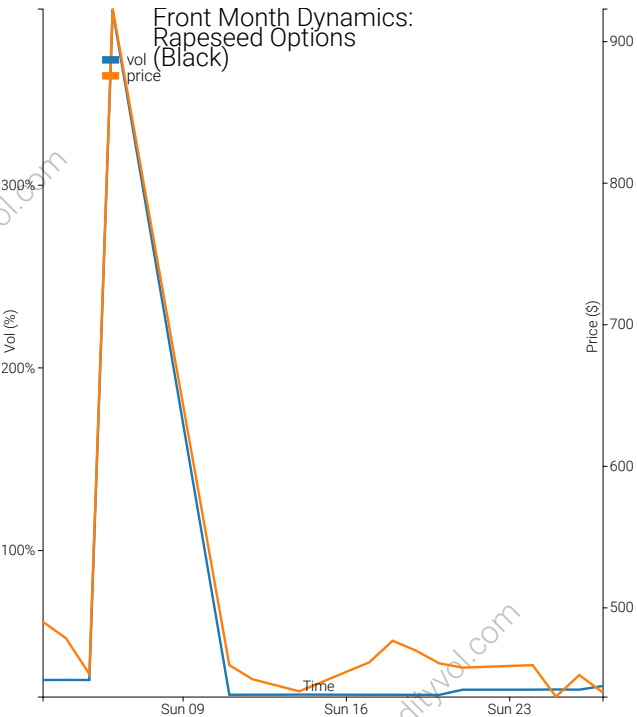
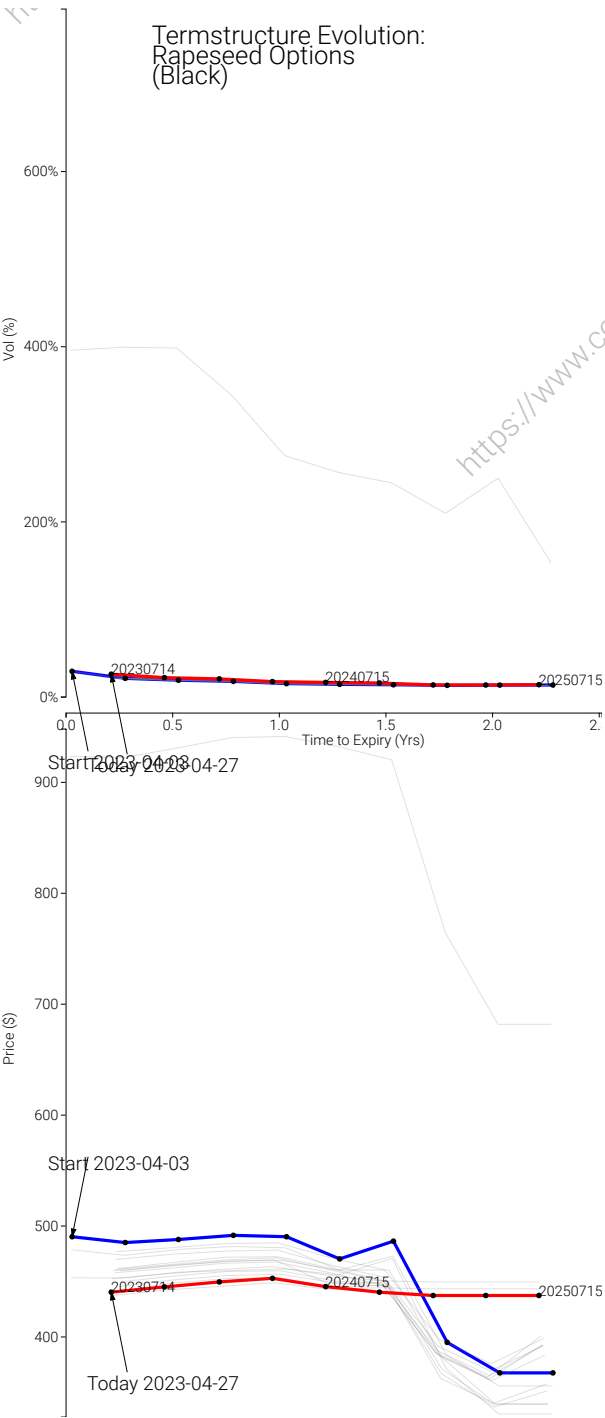




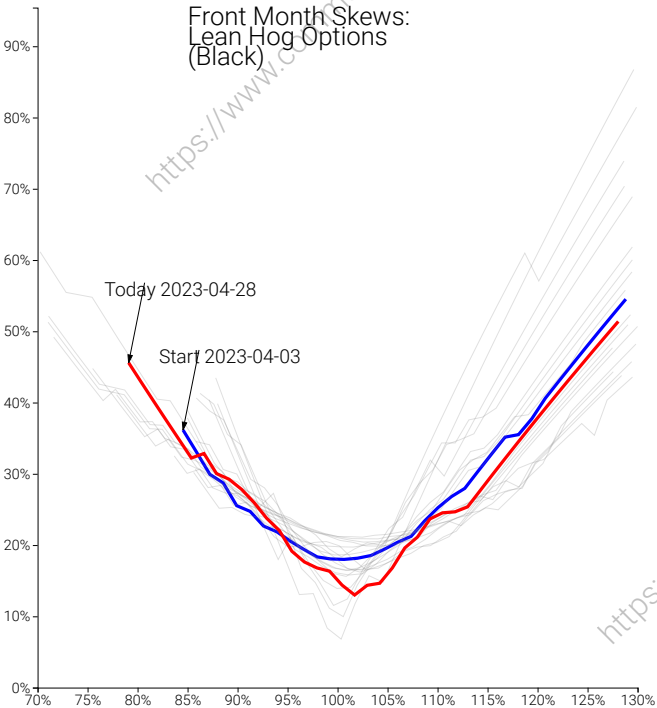
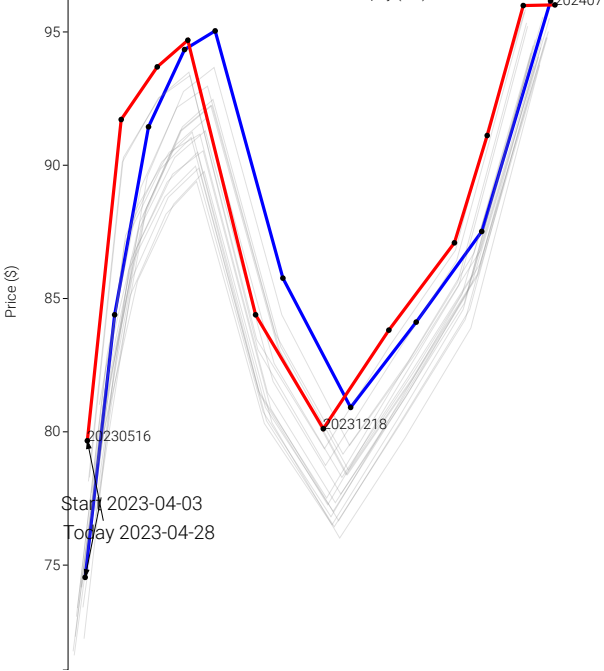
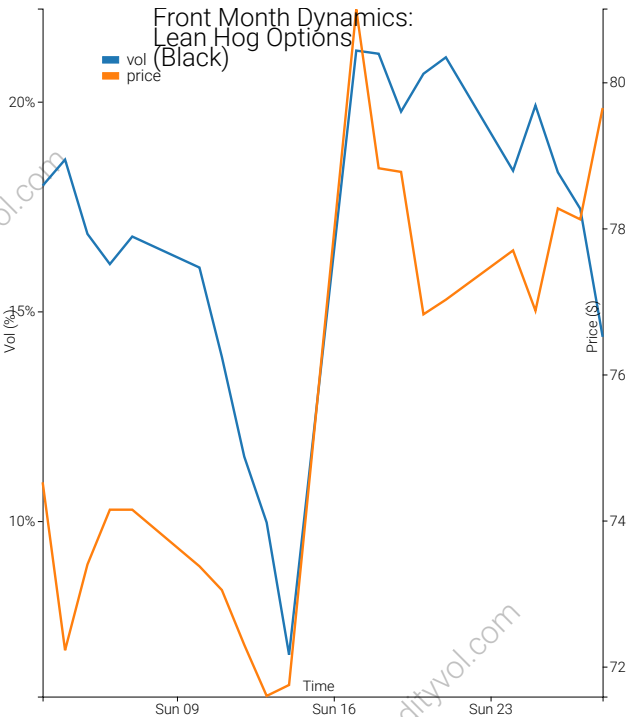
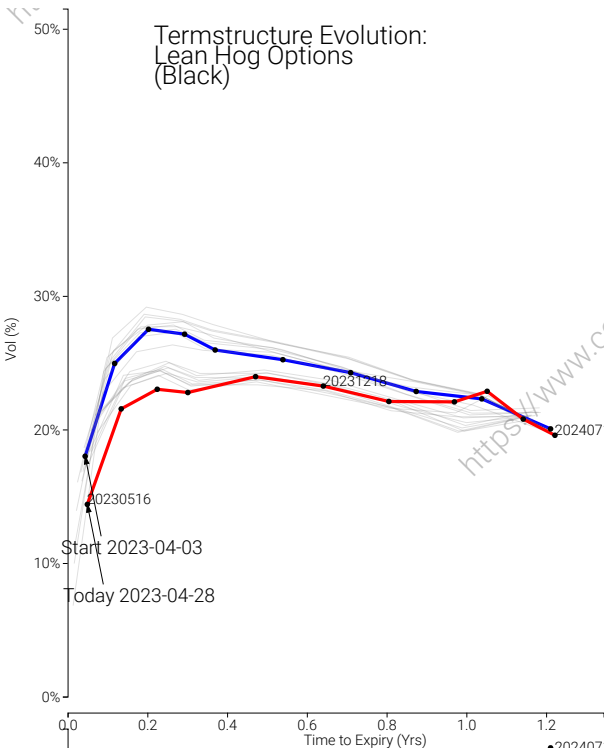


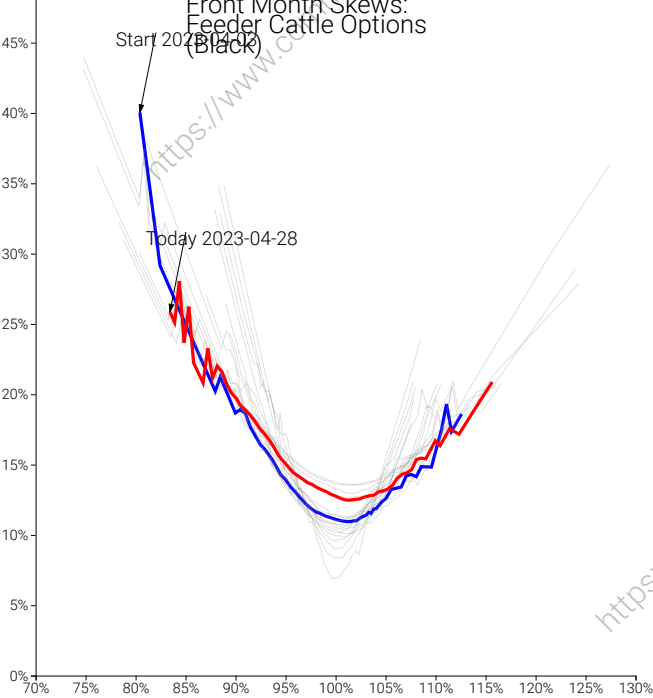
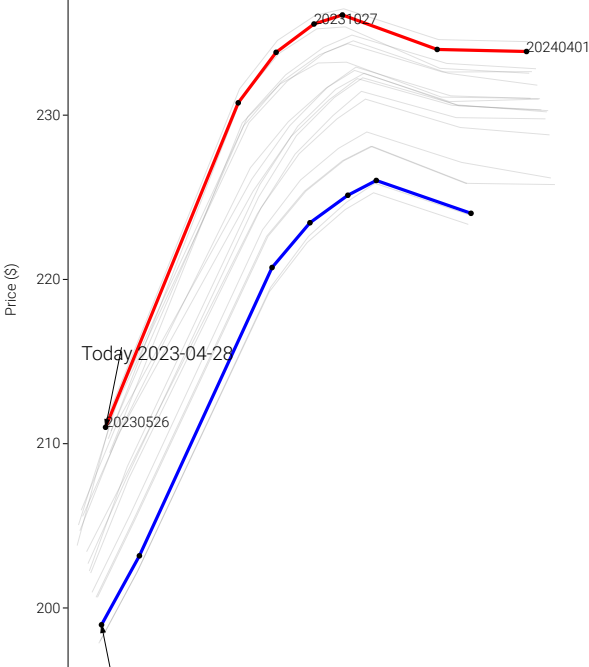
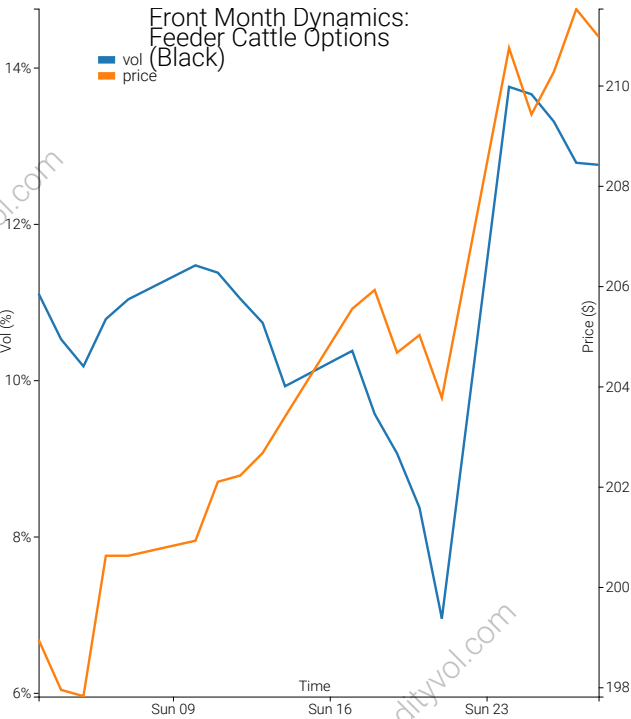
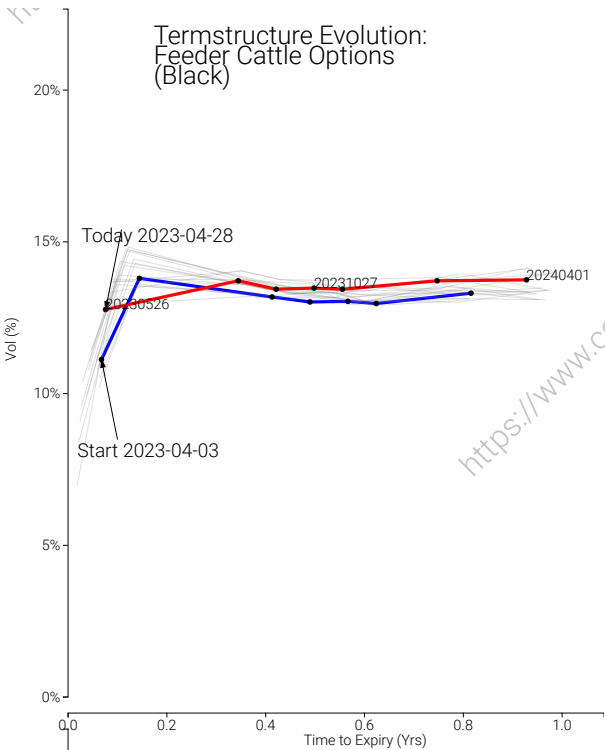


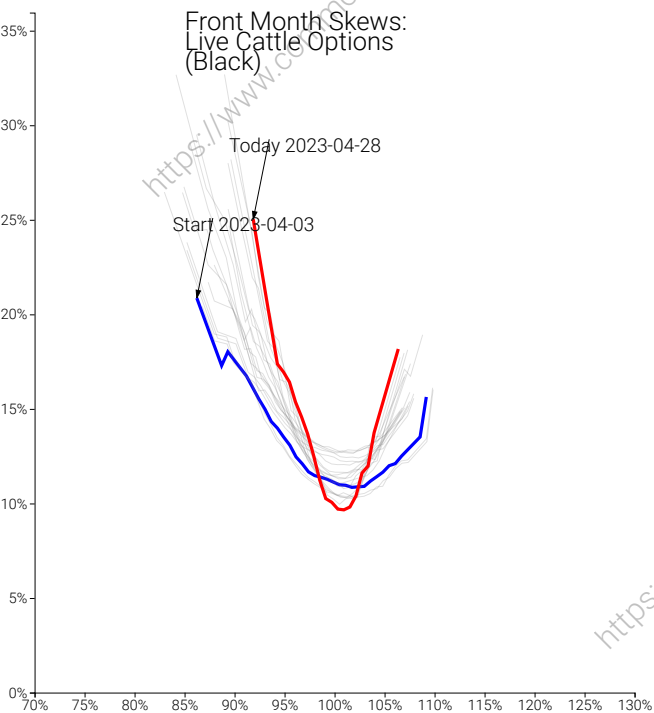
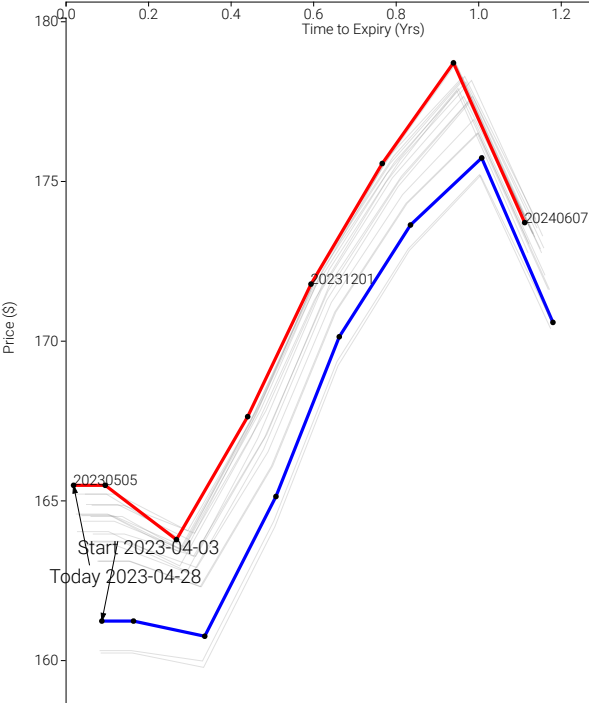
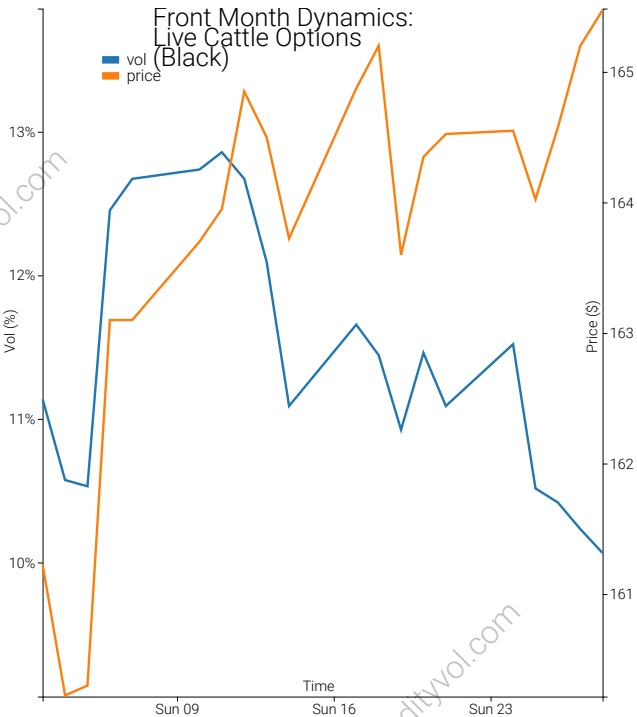
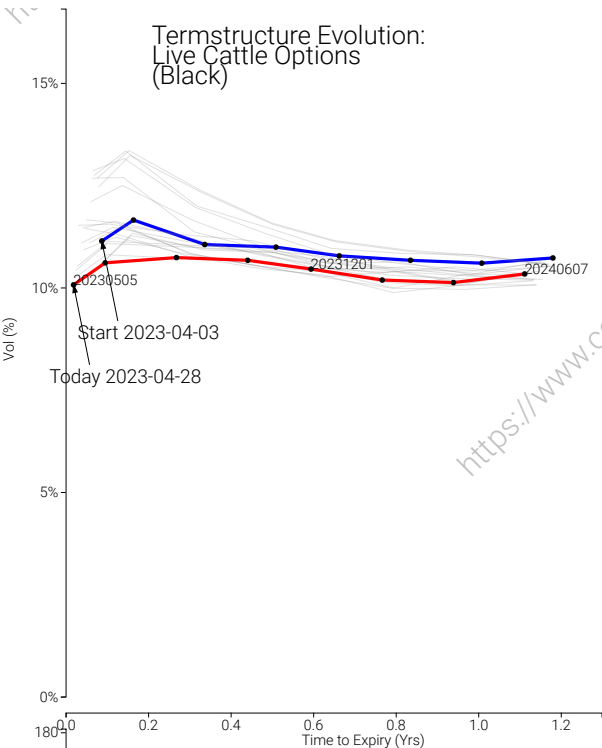


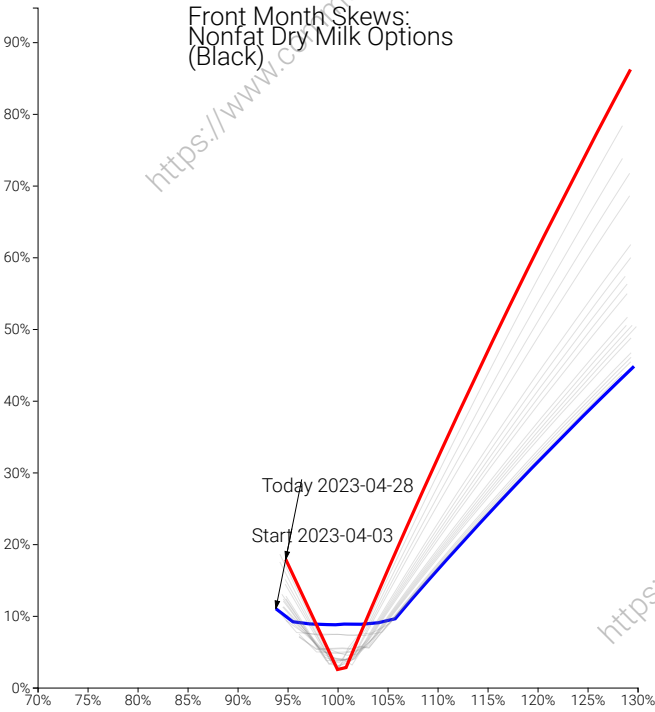
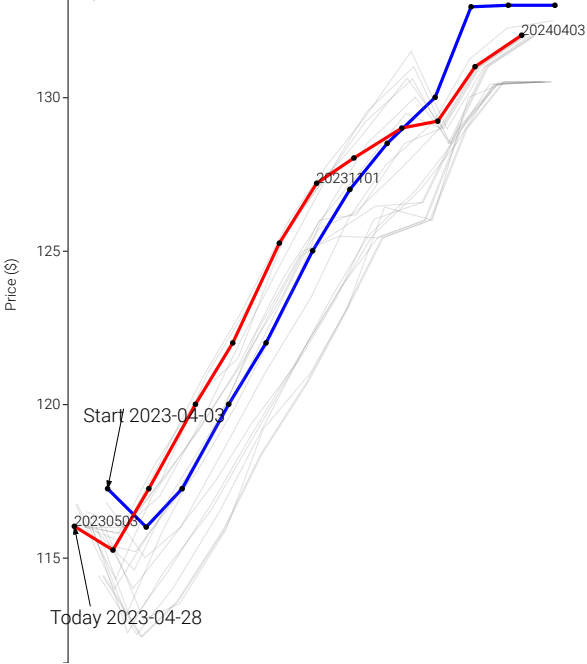
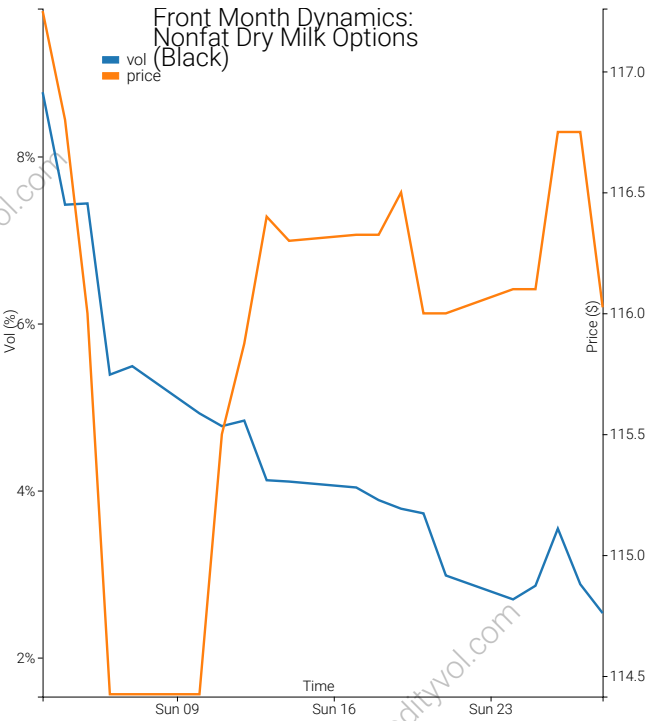
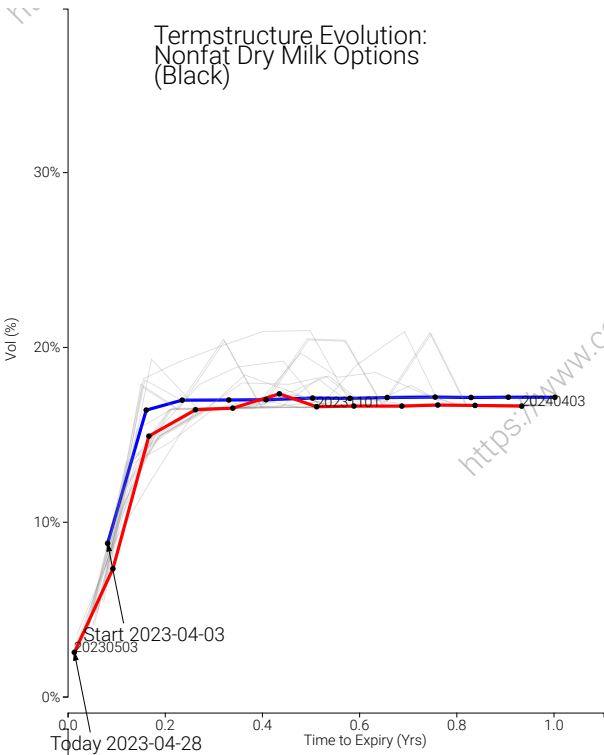


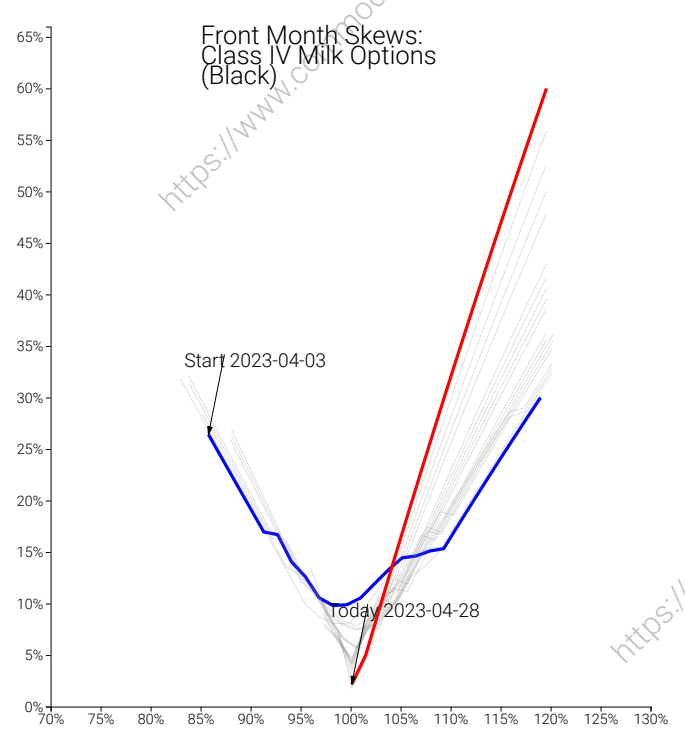
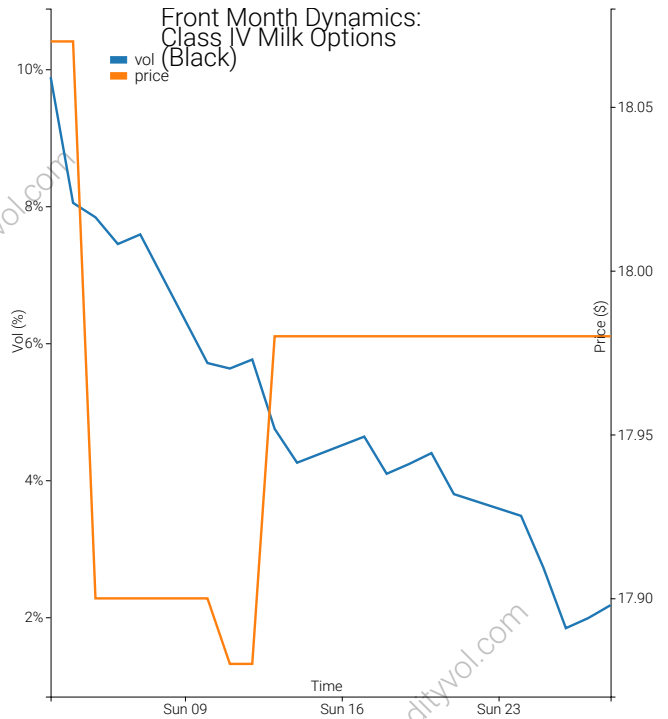
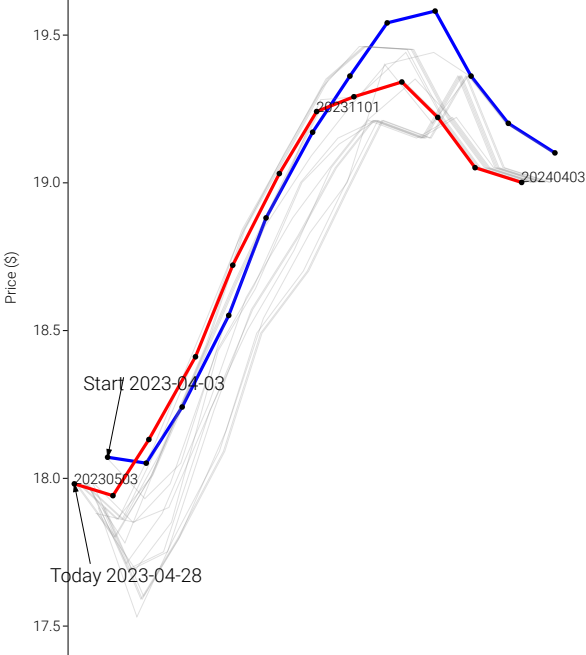
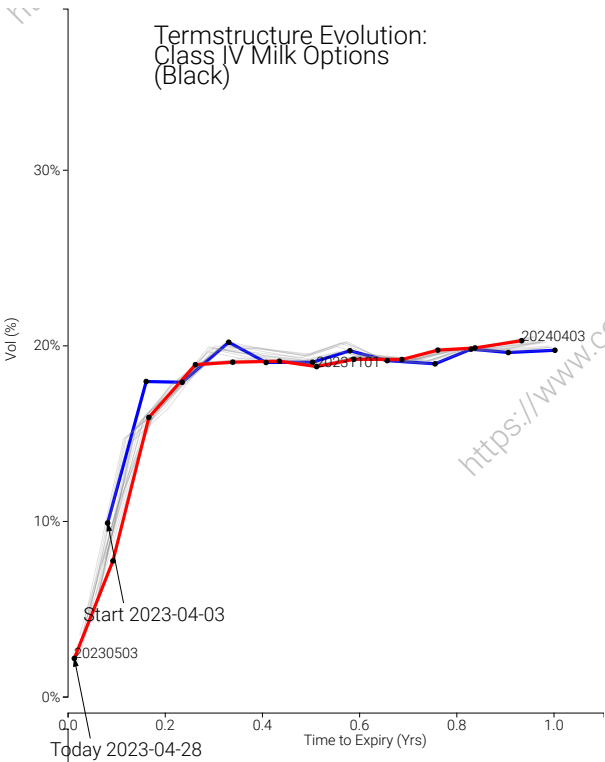
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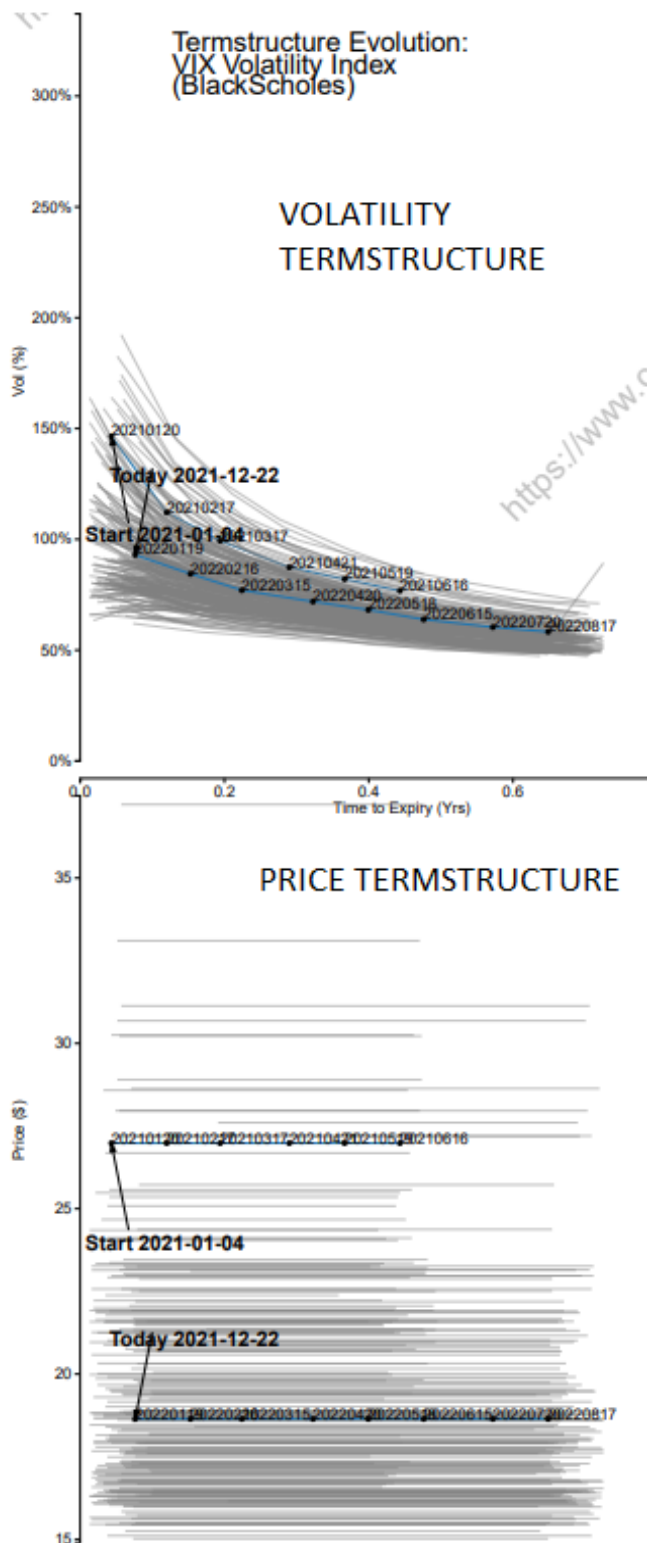


Explanation:

The document is composed of two parts. There is a tabular portion which summarizes the changes in front month futures prices and the changes in the at the money front month implied volatility. The results are presented as raw differences and percentage changes. The plots in this document try to give a feel for the evolution of the futures and options for each product type. The skew/termstructure/xyplots are broken out by major asset classes: Indexes, Fixed Income and so on.

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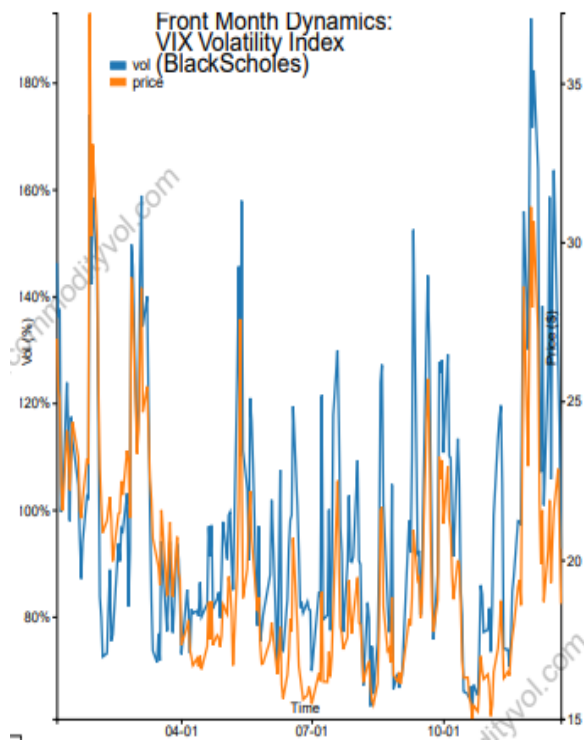
Stacked on top of the other on the left hand side, see the termstructures of vol and the (underlying) futures contract price.



The starting curve is the termstructure at the beginning of the period. This curve is labelled start and is typically colored blue. The ending curve is typically colored red and denoted by the text: Today. The greyed out lines are the termstructures for each day of the period. The hope is that the range of movements becomes apparent.

Front Month At the Money Volatility and Front Month Price Over the Year:

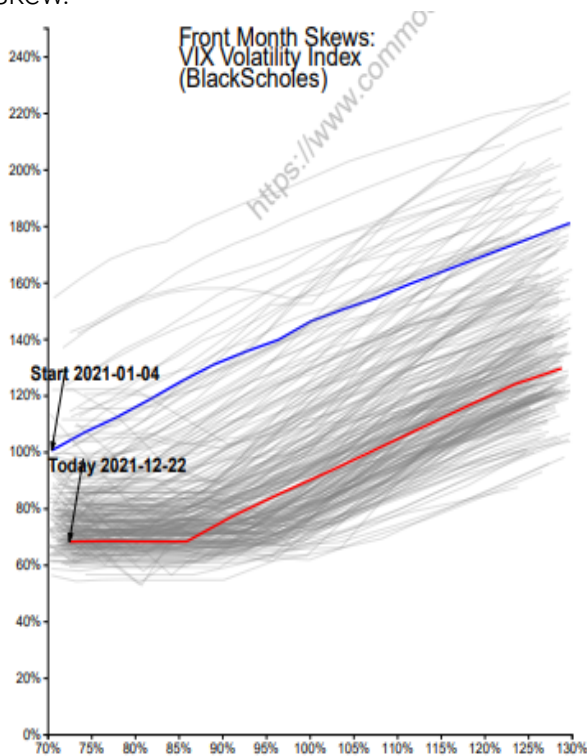
On the right hand panel we have the price and implied volatility of the front month contract.



At the money implied volatility is shown in blue and the axis on the left should be used to read off the values. The front month futures price is in orange and the right hand axis is where its value can be read.

Front Month Skew:

On the right hand in the bottom panel we have the starting front month skew and the ending front month skew.



The front month skew is shown for the starting date. The starting curve is labelled as 'Start' and captioned with the date. The starting curve is blue. Conversely, the ending curve is shown in red and labeled Today. The y-axis shows the implied volatility and the x-axis shows the moneyness. The moneyness is a way to normalize the skew so that it is comparable across time.

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