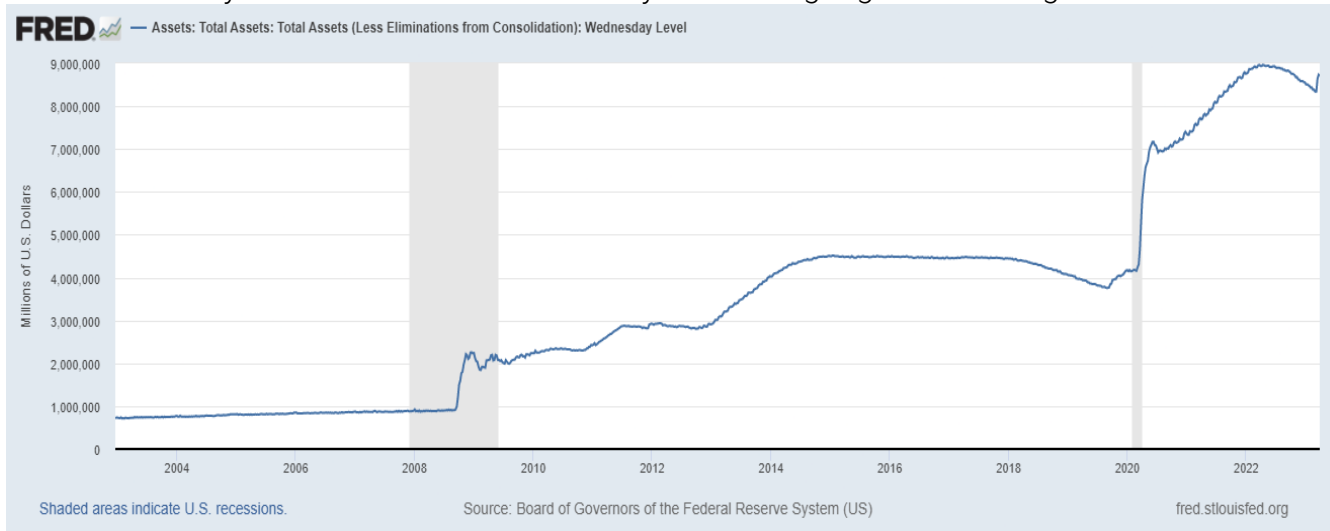




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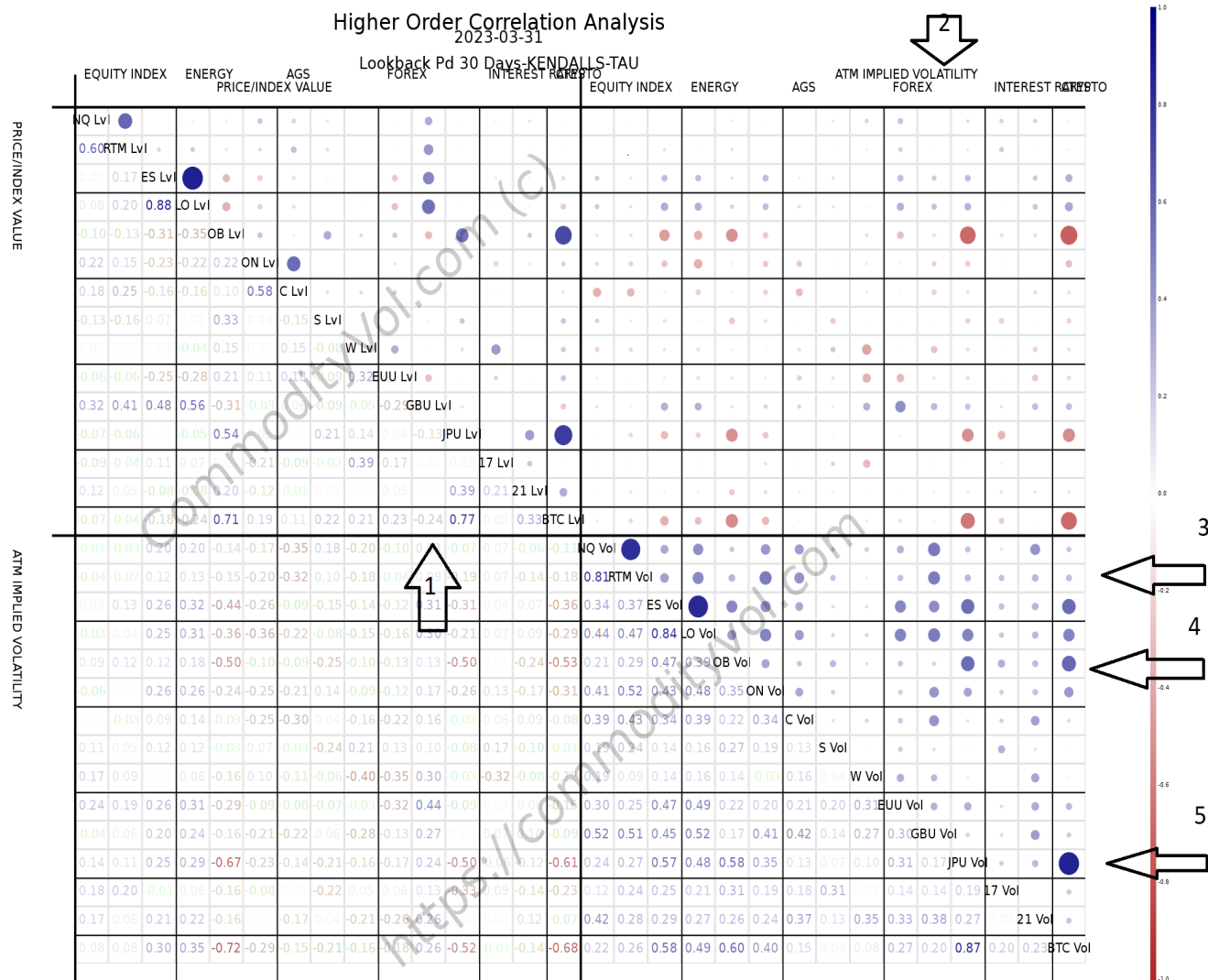
We are pleased to welcome you to our March 2023 Report.

What a month! In hockey there is the concept of the stick save. It is a desperate attempt to interfere with a goal, which, against all odds, succeeds. The FED has made an art of this. We, in these parts, are not friendly to the machinations of the central banker. However, the regularity that it is squashing the near Armageddon scenario is uncanny. How long this can go is uncertain. It has persisted longer than we would have thought possible. Still, the balance sheet cannot be ignored. Presumably, this cannot go on forever. At every attempt to limit the balance sheet, major markets have fallen out of bed. Although CPI is not white hot, it is also not back to its halcyon days performance. The other fascinating aspect of the modern world is the ability of the OECD central banks to coordinate. They seem to understand that they either hang together or hang alone.



As in prior months, we briefly look at cross asset correlations over the last 30 days. In this case, we look at a robust correlation measure called Kendall's Tau on the percent changes in front month prices and differences of implied vols. The correlations which we first saw last month seem to have gotten more pronounced. As in previous periods, the FX correlation to equity indexes and energy is quite explicit (see the column labeled 1). Looking the column labeled 2, we see that there is correlation between FX vol and the returns of many commodities. Finally, 3 and 4 show the correlations between the index and energy vol to the vol complexes of many other commodities. It is this author's recollection that the number of colors on the vol change/price return and vol change/vol change have never been so bold. Correlations are popping up where they have been

seldom observed.



Energy

For all the turmoil in markets, energy was mostly calm. Crude prices were up small. Natural gas rallied, but against its highs the rally is anemic. Heating oil tumbled, with refined gasoline rallying. Implied volatility was down for the major commodity futures. The rally in natty gas brought its vol down 0.18 vol points (or 18.6%). Vol dribbled out of the other commodities in this sector as well.

Energy ATM

[WTI Crude Detail](#)

[Brend Crude Detail](#)

[US Natty Gas Detail](#)

[Details Energy](#)

Equity Index

You would not be surprised to see that most equity indexes were down. However, they were down in the 3-4% range. Consistent with our introduction, the central bank

coordination prevented the Silicon Valley Bank debacle and the generally horrible duration management at US banks from snowballing into a major crash. The VIX index was up 2.83 points, which translates into 15.8% change. This is broadly in line with the 2.7 point increase in SP500 vol. Again, the markets did not panic. The highs of vol were quickly sold off.

[EquityIndex ATM](#)

[SP500 Detail](#)

[VIX Detail](#)

Interest Rates

Interest rate futures were down. As usual, the magnitude of the price change is probably some function of duration. Eurodollar futures were down 0.108 while the ultra bond future was down 9.59 (or 6.6%). On the other hand, vol has increased across the board for the Treasury complex. The 5 Year note vol moved up 1.4 vol points, while the 30 Year implied vol was up 3.1 vol points. Uncertainty in the government market has picked up. This should be worrying to the market.

[Interest Rates ATM](#)

[30 Year Bond Detail](#)

[10 Year Note Detail](#)

[Ultrabond](#)

Foreign Exchange

The US Dollar was stronger against all major currencies except for the Peso. Vol spiked for the Peso and Brazilian Real, with the slide in Crypto vol continuing this month.

[Foreign Exchange ATM](#)

[Yen Detail](#)

[Euro Detail](#)

[Bitcoin Detail](#)

[Ethereum Detail](#)

Metals

With the Fed expanding its balance sheet, you might think that the precious metals would rally and vol would spike. In reality, the precious metals were all sold off. Copper was mildly up, approximately unchanged. Vol was up for the biggest losers (palladium and platinum), but down for the other commodities.

[Metals ATM](#)

[Gold Detail](#)

[Silver Detail](#)

[Copper Detail](#)

Agriculture

Ags were a massive mixed bag. Feeder cattle, live cattle and hogs were up strong. Hogs were the biggest gainer, rising 15% with its vol rallying. Corn, wheat and oats were all down in dramatic fashion. The declining commodities all experienced rising implied volatilities. Against a backdrop of droughts and uncertainty in Ukrainian exports, it is surprising that grains are not rallying.

[Ags ATM](#)
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At The Money Roundup of Products

exch/prod	desc	futures chng [%]	vol chng [%]
CME/DK	Class IV Milk	-0.100 [-0.5%]	-0.058 [-63.9%]
CBT/C	Corn	+0.248 [+3.9%]	+0.005 [+2.9%]
CME/62	Feeder Cattle	+12.525 [+6.7%]	+0.018 [+19.7%]
CBT/KW	KC HRW Wheat	+0.615 [+7.5%]	-0.025 [-8.7%]
CME/LN	Lean Hog	-9.700 [-11.4%]	-0.067 [-28.6%]
CME/48	Live Cattle	+3.225 [+2.0%]	+0.008 [+8.1%]
CME/NF	Nonfat Dry Milk	-1.750 [-1.4%]	-0.040 [-57.2%]
CBT/O	Oats	+0.288 [+8.6%]	-0.130 [-23.3%]
CBT/14	Rough Rice	-0.105 [-0.6%]	+0.030 [+22.4%]
CBT/S	Soybean	+0.112 [+0.8%]	-0.002 [-1.4%]
CBT/06	Soybean Meal	-4.300 [-0.9%]	+0.029 [+14.5%]
CBT/07	Soybean Oil	-5.340 [-8.8%]	+0.016 [+6.0%]
CBT/W	Wheat	-0.177 [-2.5%]	-0.035 [-11.4%]

EquityIndex

exch/prod	desc	futures chng [%]	vol chng [%]
CBT/YM	E-Mini Dow	+767.000 [+2.3%]	-0.023 [-13.3%]
CME/NQ	E-Mini Nasdaq	+1340.000 [+11.2%]	-0.038 [-14.5%]
CME/RTO	E-Mini Russell 2000	-86.300 [-4.5%]	-0.010 [-4.4%]
CME/RTM	E-Mini Russell EOM	-103.600 [-5.4%]	-0.020 [-8.5%]
CME/ES	E-Mini S&P 500	+181.250 [+4.6%]	-0.025 [-12.6%]
CBOE/VIX	VIX Volatility Index	-1.880 [-9.1%]	-0.145 [-18.5%]

InterestRates

exch/prod	desc	futures chng [%]	vol chng [%]
CBT/26	2 YR US Treasury Note	+1.566 [+1.5%]	+0.007 [+22.9%]
CBT/25	5 YR US Treasury Note	+2.867 [+2.7%]	+0.006 [+9.0%]
CBT/21	10 YR US Treasury Note	+3.922 [+3.5%]	+0.001 [+1.3%]
CBT/17	30 YR US Treasury Bond	+7.031 [+5.7%]	-0.011 [-7.4%]
CME/ED	Eurodollar	-0.132 [-0.1%]	+0.009 [+185.1%]
CBT/UBE	Long Term US Treasury Bond	+6.719 [+5.0%]	-0.023 [-12.3%]

Forex

exch/prod	desc	futures chng [%]	vol chng [%]
CME/ADU	AUDUSD 2pmfix	-0.008 [-1.1%]	-0.021 [-16.9%]
CME/BTC	Bitcoin	+5210.000 [+22.1%]	+0.067 [+13.5%]
CME/CAU	CADUSD 2pmfix	+0.004 [+0.6%]	-0.013 [-18.4%]
CME/CHU	CHFUSD 2pmfix	+0.027 [+2.5%]	-0.008 [-9.7%]
CME/ETH	Ethereum Futures	+196.000 [+11.9%]	+0.043 [+7.8%]
CME/EUU	EURUSD 2pmfix	+0.018 [+1.7%]	-0.012 [-15.1%]
CME/GBU	GBPUSD 2pmfix	+0.031 [+2.6%]	-0.030 [-30.4%]
CME/JPU	JPYUSD 2pmfix	+0.000 [+2.2%]	-0.021 [-17.9%]
CME/MP	Mexican Peso	+0.001 [+1.2%]	-0.007 [-5.9%]
CME/NE	New Zealand	+0.000 [+0.0%]	-0.007 [-5.3%]

Energy

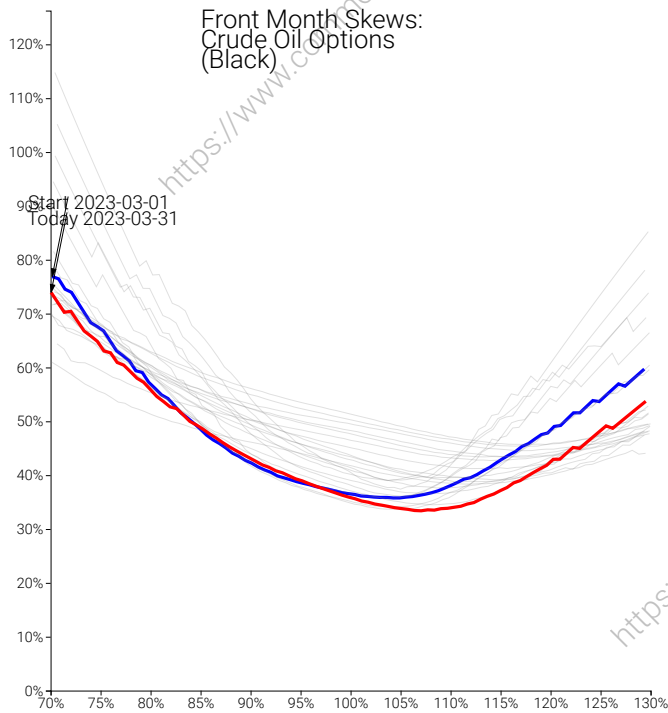
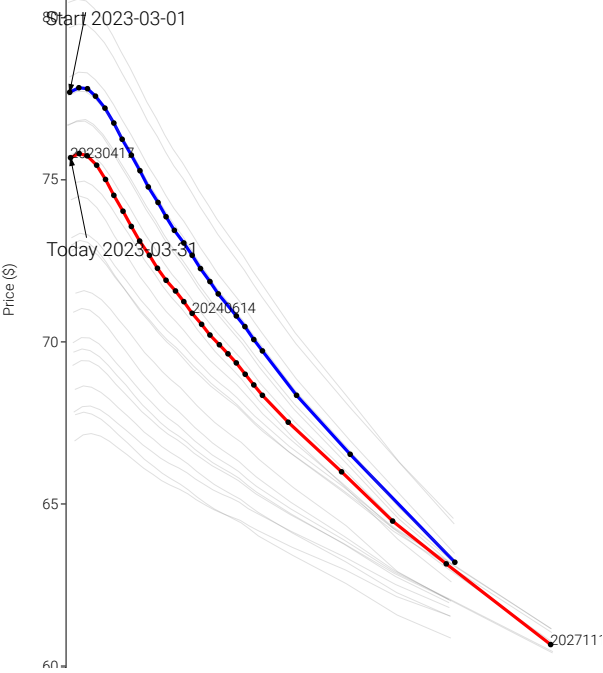
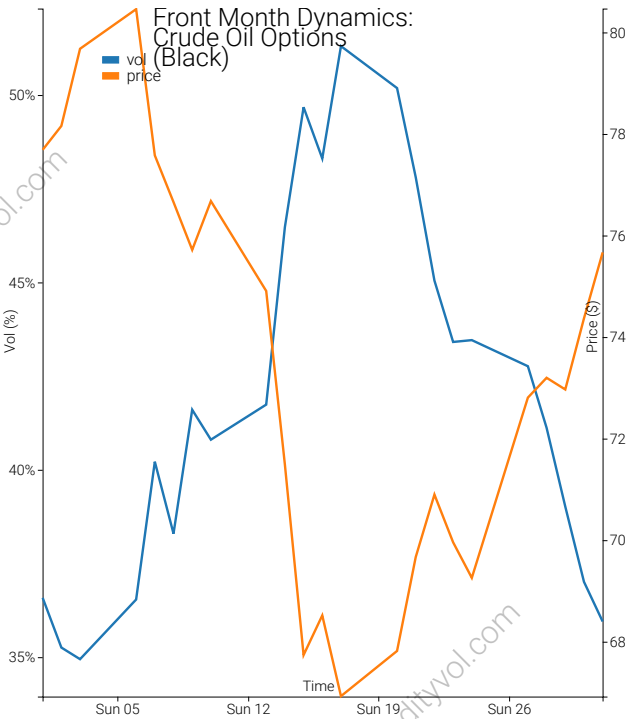
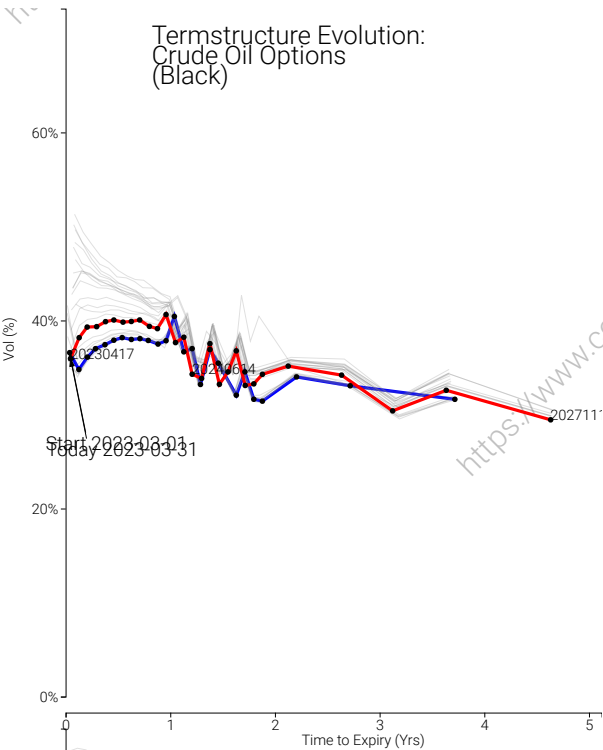
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NYMEX/BZO	Brent Crude Oil Margin	-4.420 [-5.2%]	+0.031 [+9.5%]
NYMEX/BE	Brent Euro Style	-3.800 [-4.5%]	+0.009 [+2.6%]
NYMEX/CVR	Chicago Ethanol(platts) Average Price	+0.288 [+13.5%]	+0.010 [+7.7%]
NYMEX/LO	Crude Oil	-2.020 [-2.6%]	-0.006 [-1.7%]
NYMEX/LN	European Natural Gas	-0.595 [-21.2%]	+0.129 [+16.6%]
NYMEX/E7	Henry Hub Financial Last Day	-0.595 [-21.2%]	+0.113 [+14.4%]
NYMEX/JKO	LNG Japan/korea Marker (platts) Average Price	-1.065 [-7.3%]	-0.037 [-2.1%]
NYMEX/ON	Natural Gas	-0.595 [-21.2%]	+0.124 [+15.9%]
NYMEX/OH	NY Harbor ULSD	-0.253 [-8.8%]	-0.073 [-18.5%]
NYMEX/OB	RBOB	+0.006 [+0.2%]	-0.040 [-10.9%]

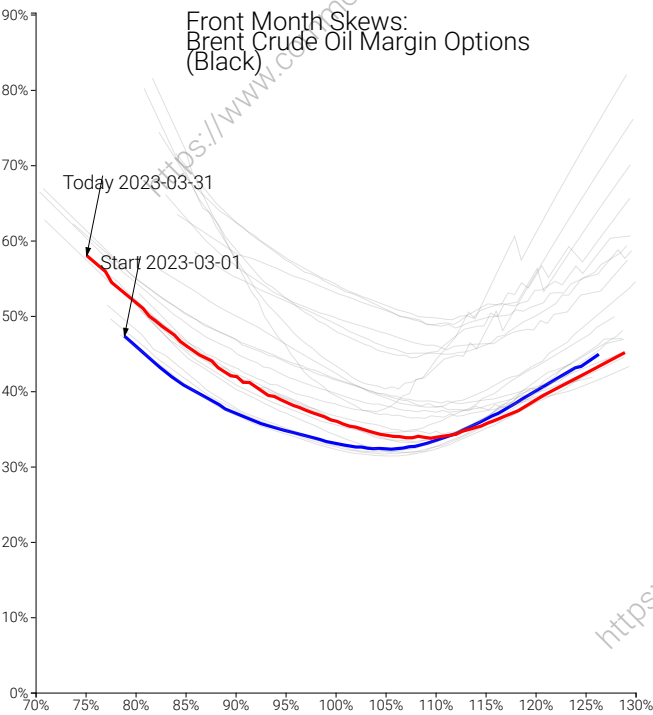
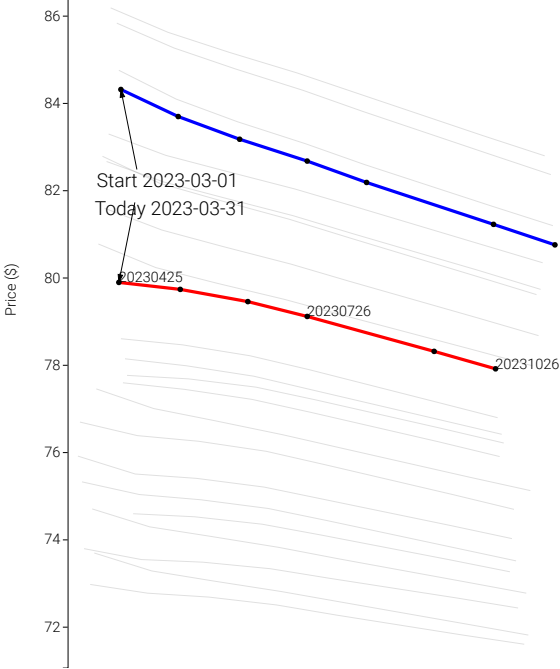
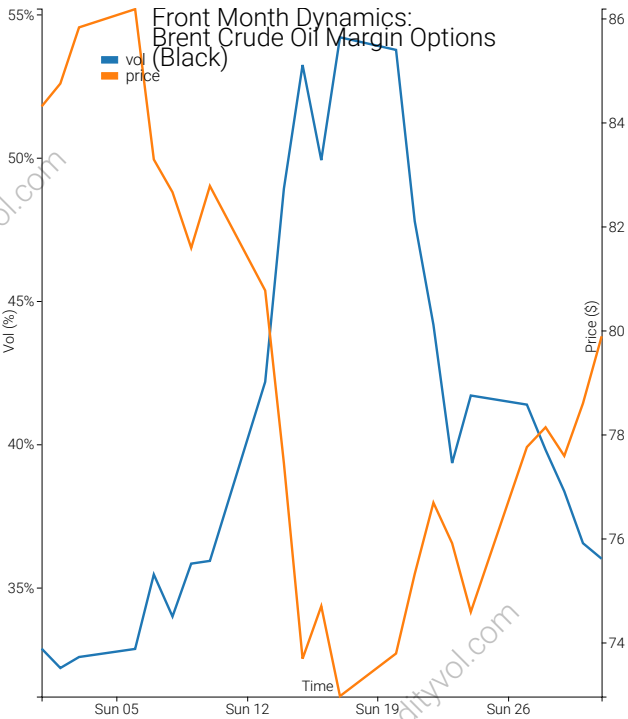
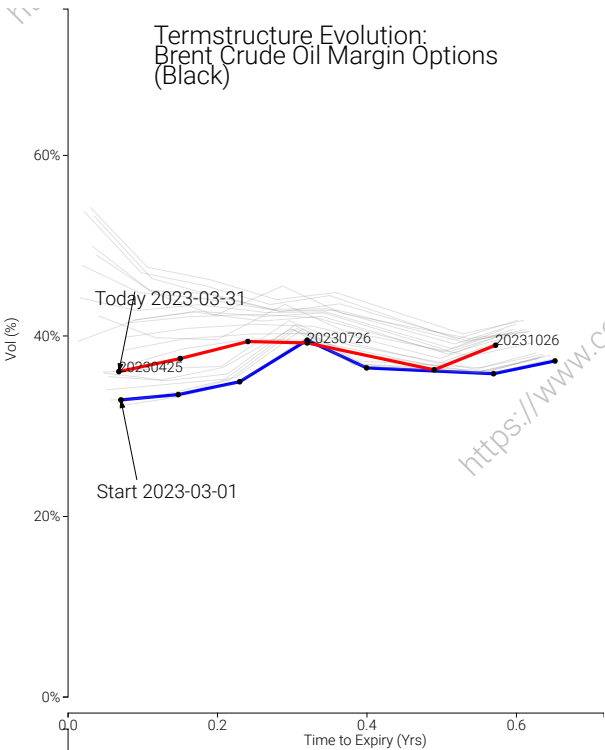
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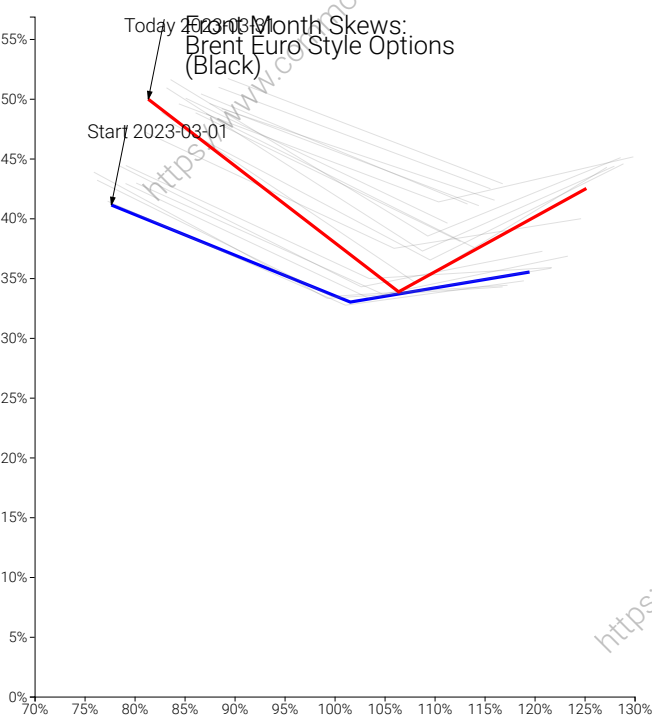
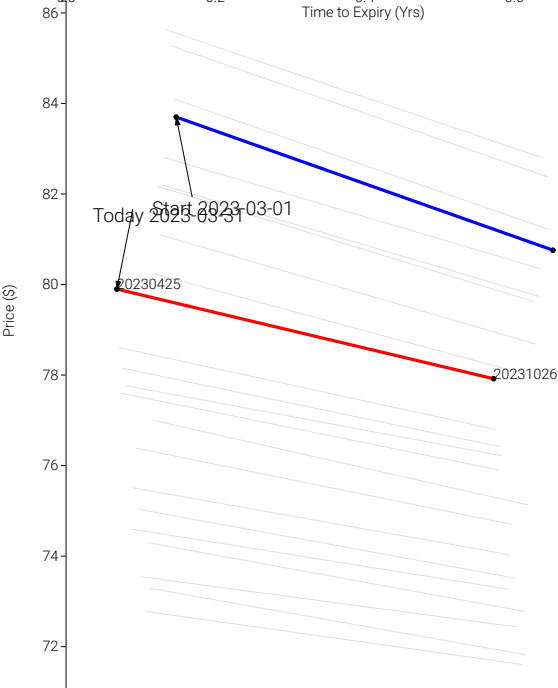
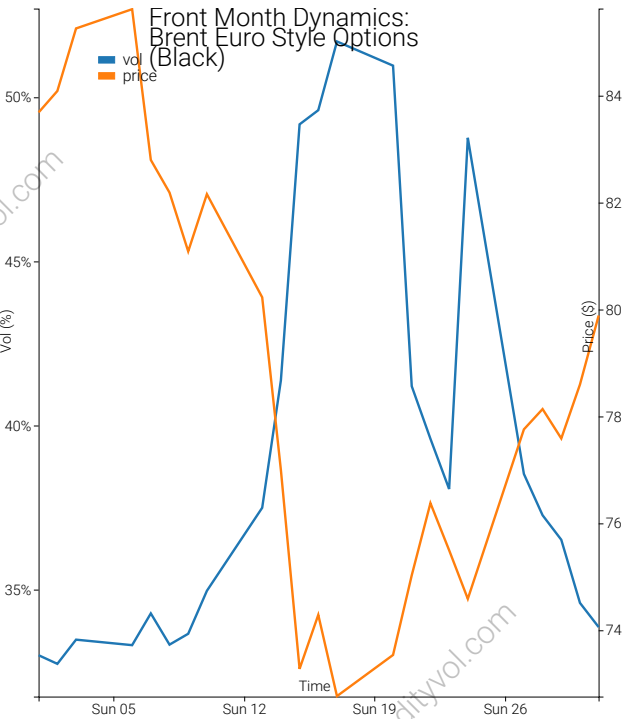
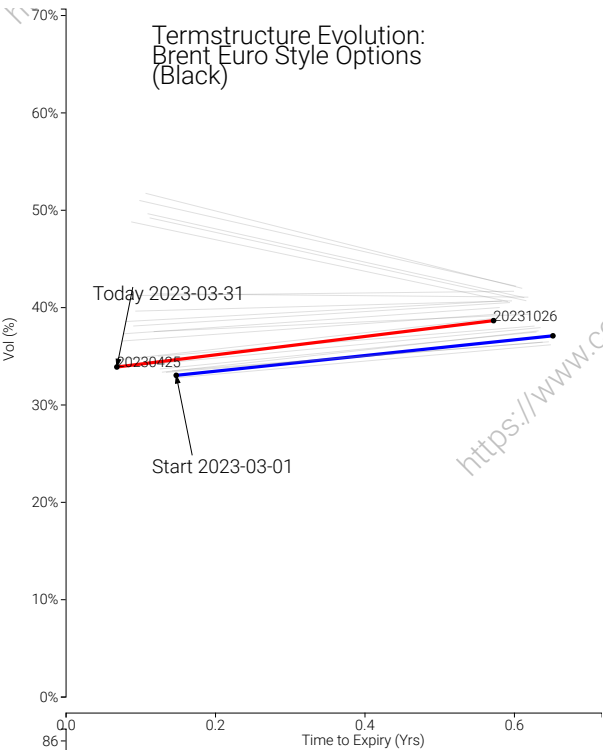
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COMEX/HX	Copper	-0.066 [-1.6%]	-0.046 [-17.7%]
COMEX/OG	Gold	+140.800 [+7.6%]	+0.015 [+11.0%]
NYMEX/PAO	Palladium	+30.400 [+2.1%]	-0.042 [-8.1%]
NYMEX/PO	Platinum	+41.300 [+4.3%]	-0.060 [-17.3%]
COMEX/SO	Silver	+3.061 [+14.5%]	+0.013 [+5.1%]

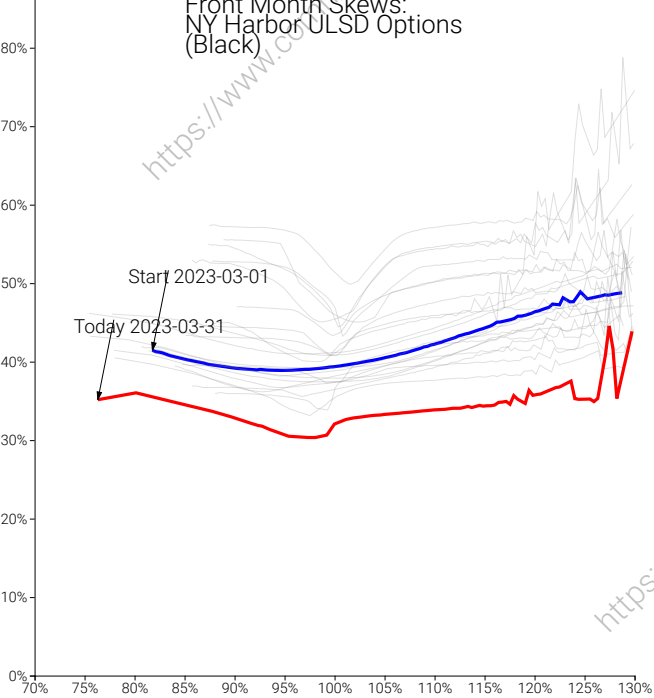
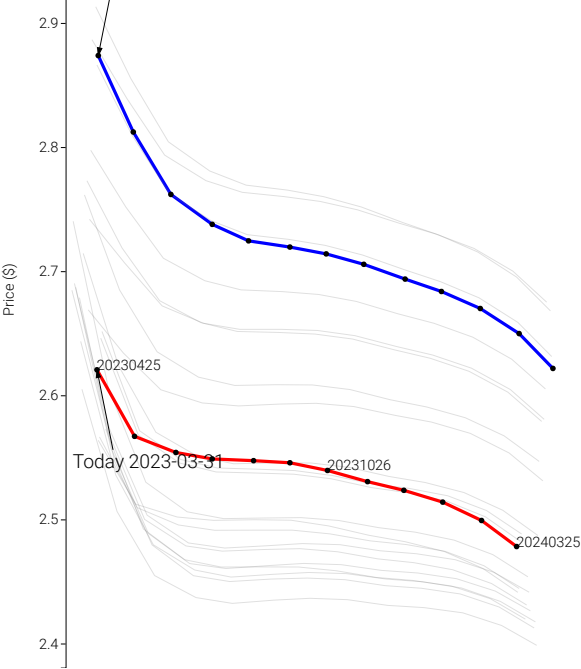
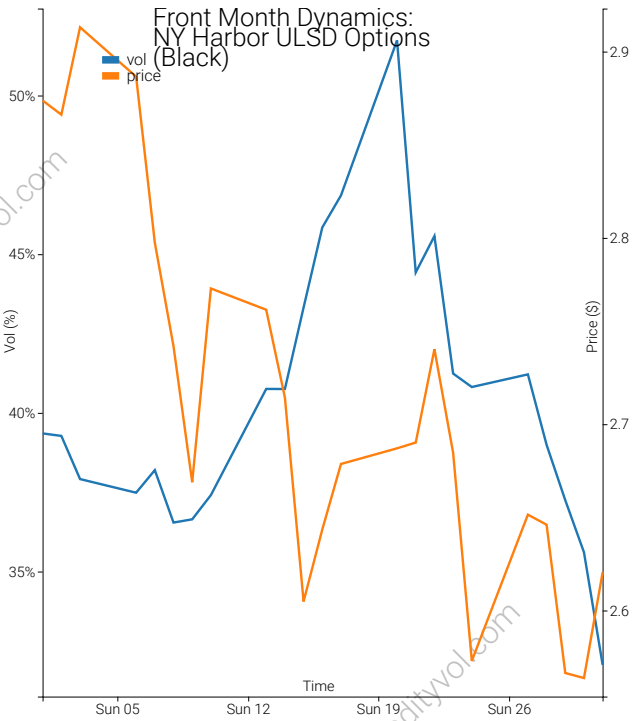
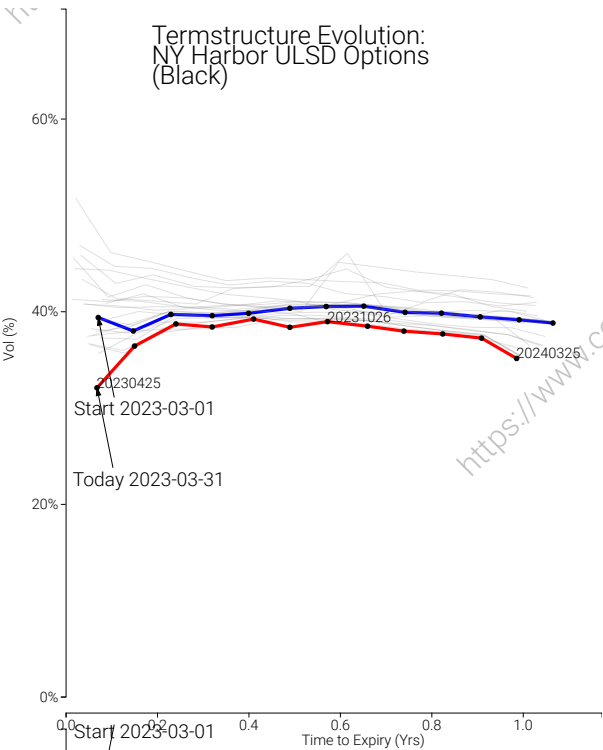
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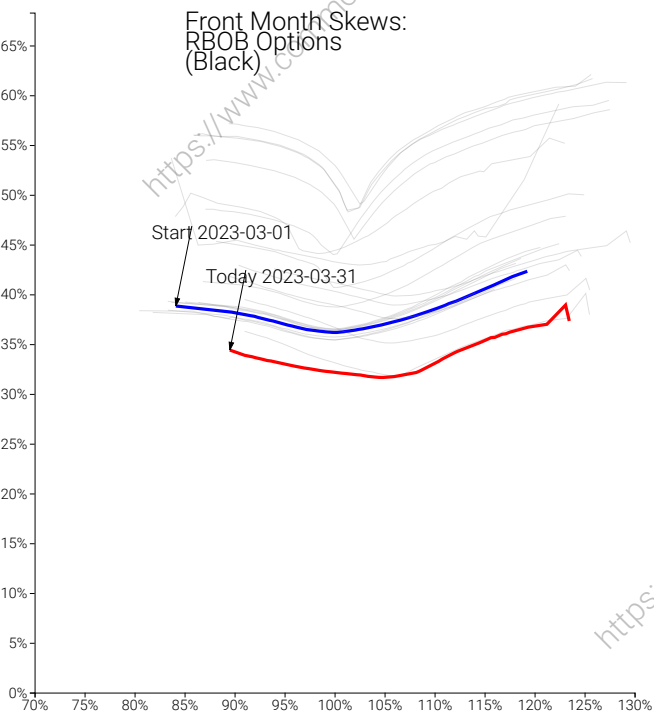
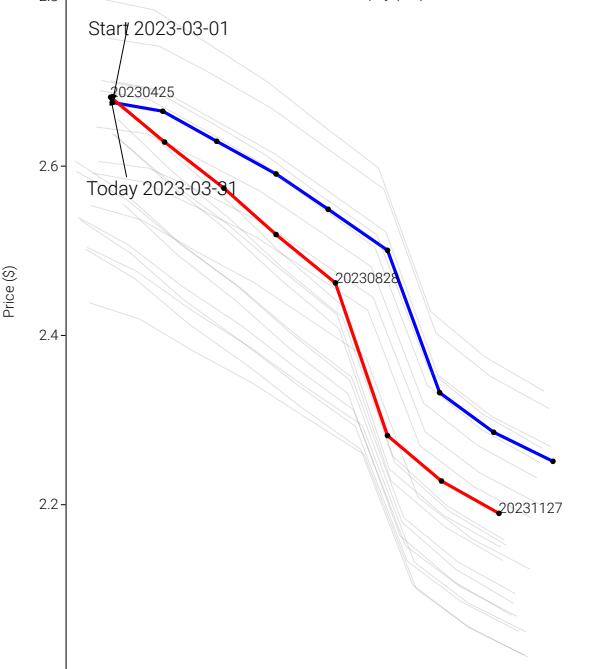
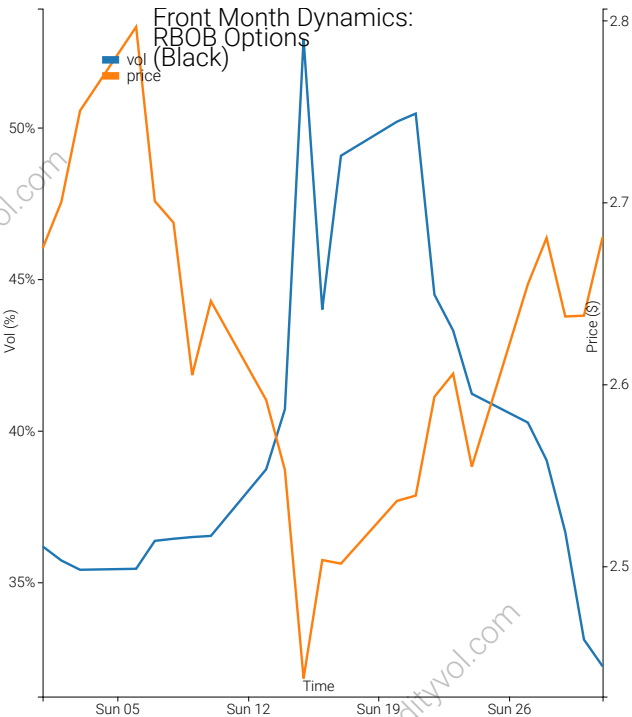
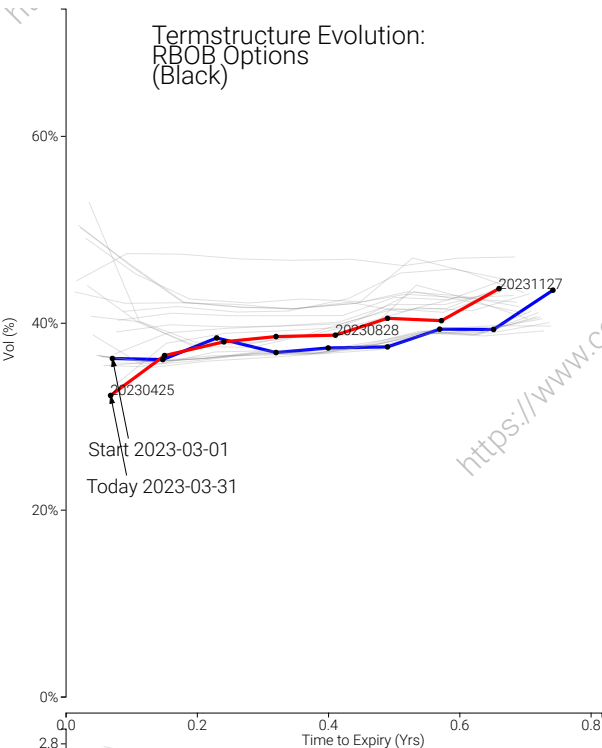
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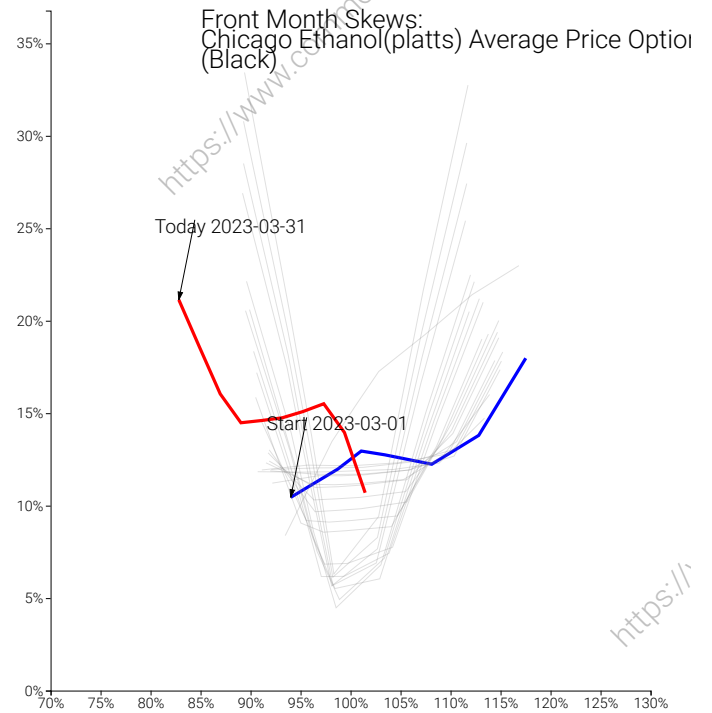
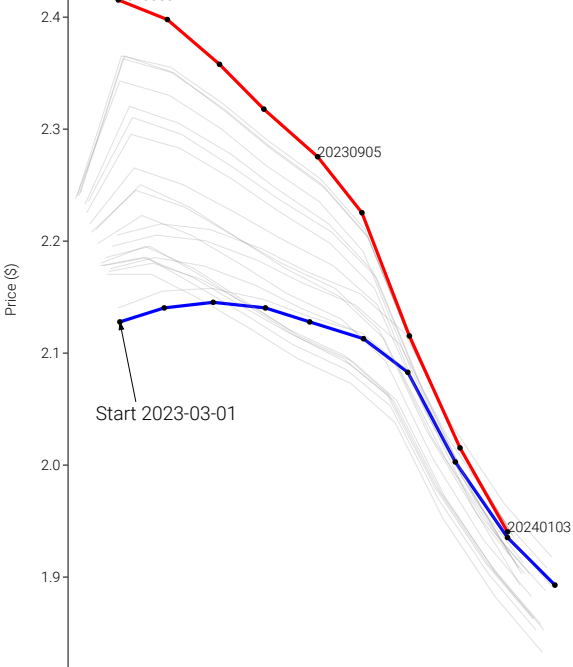
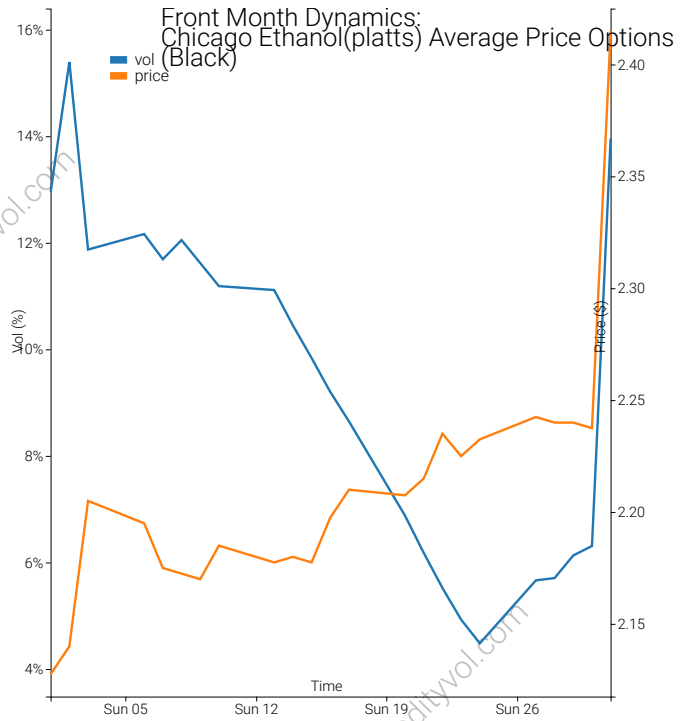
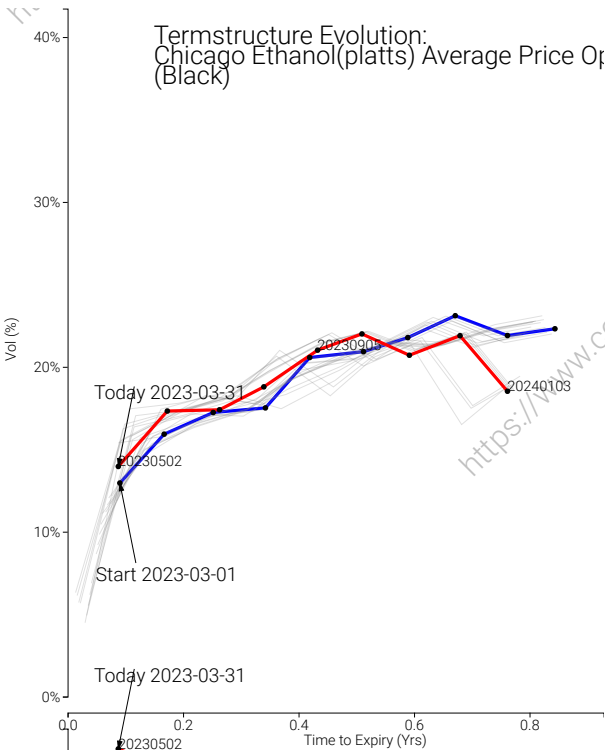




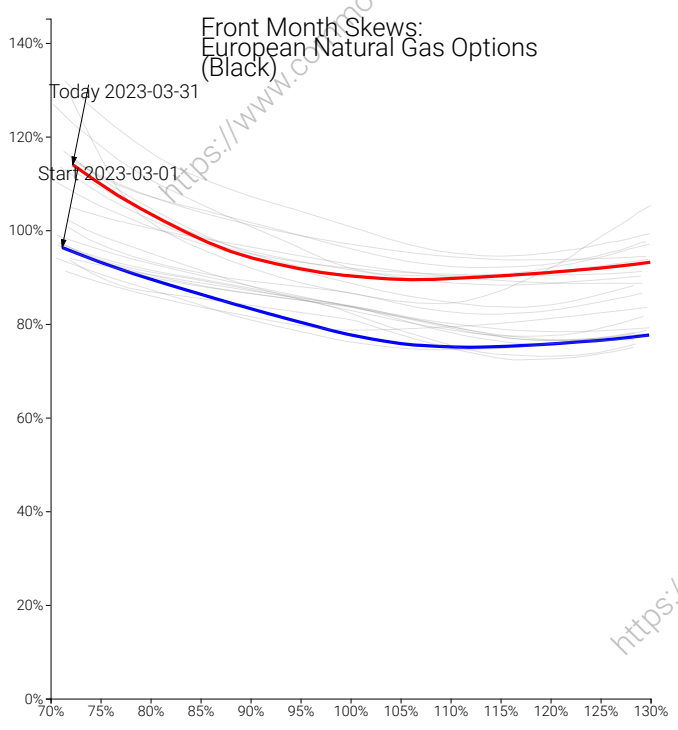
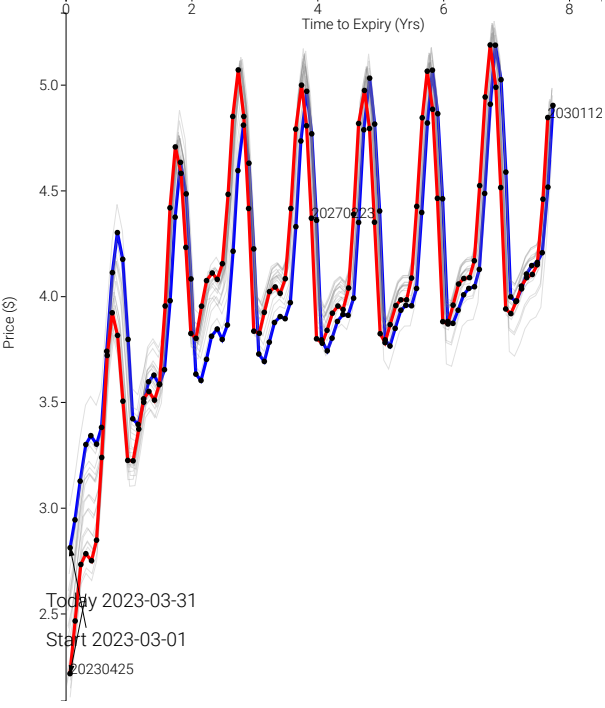
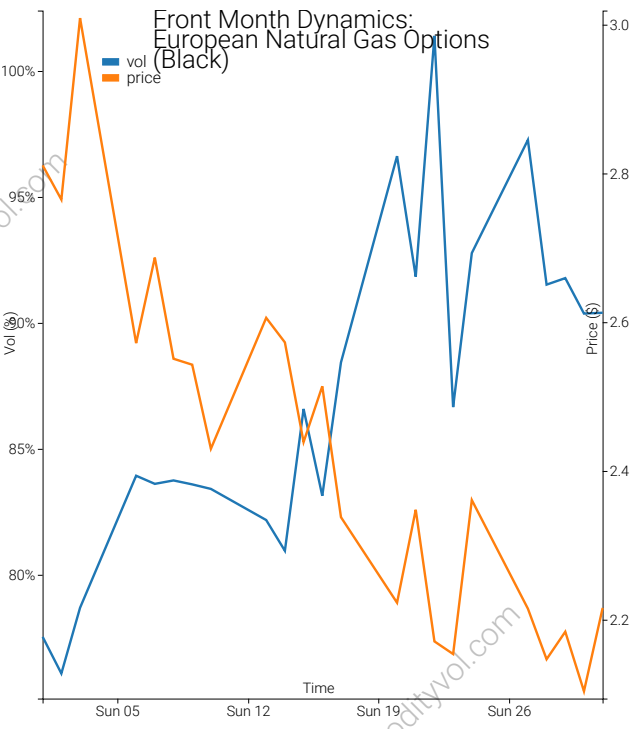
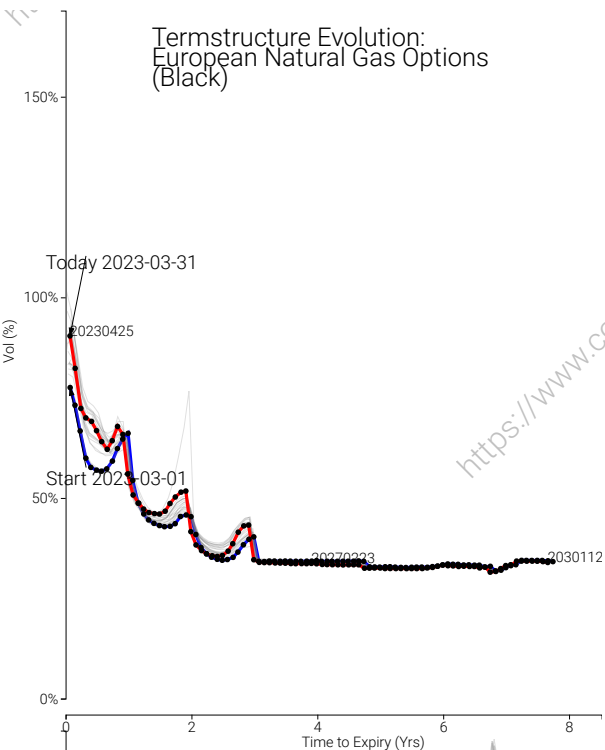


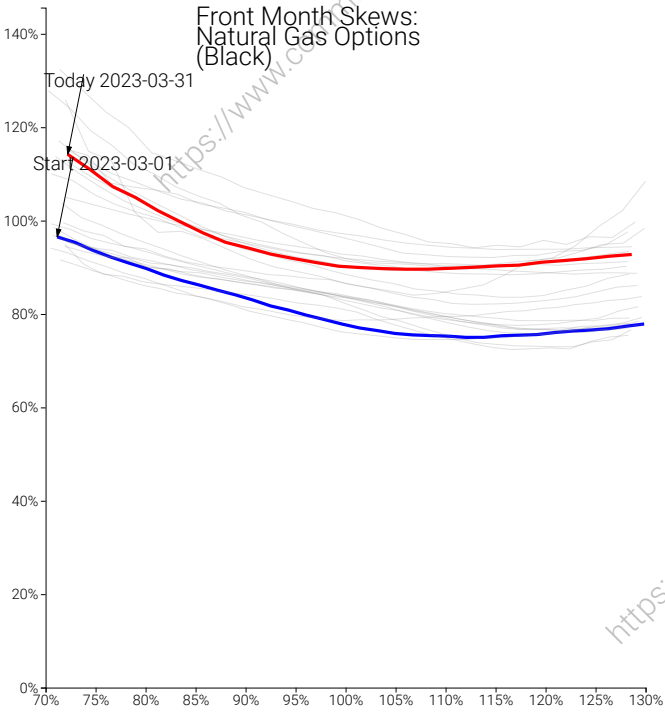
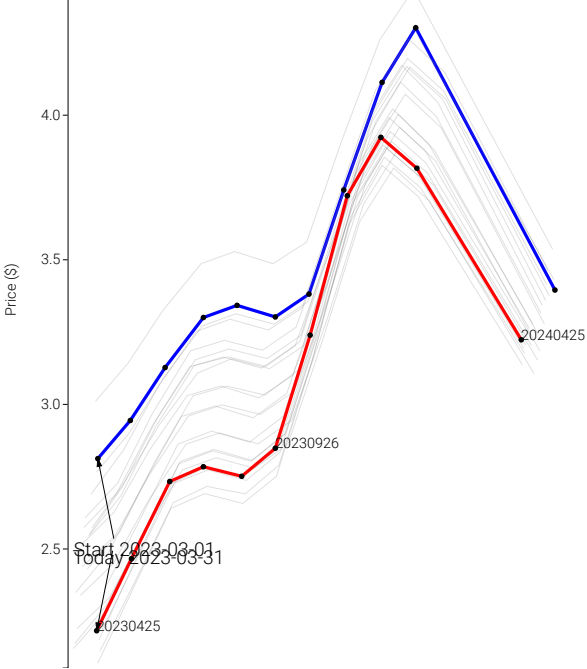
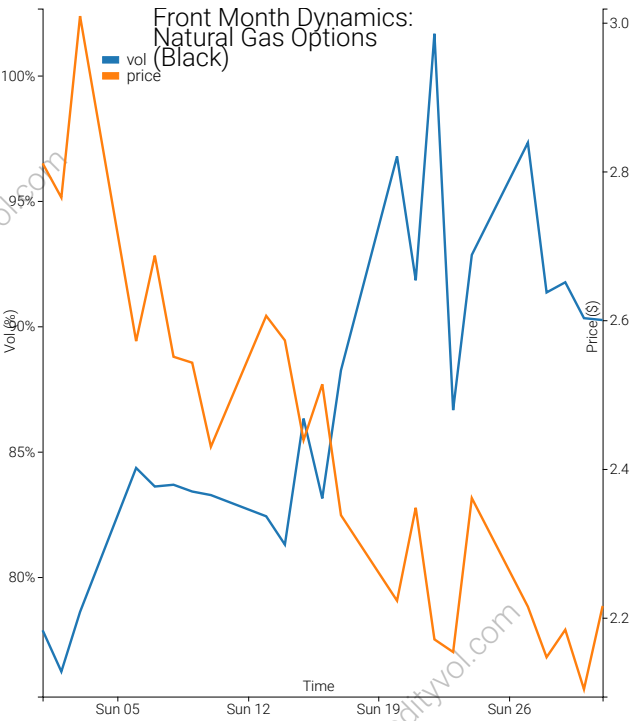
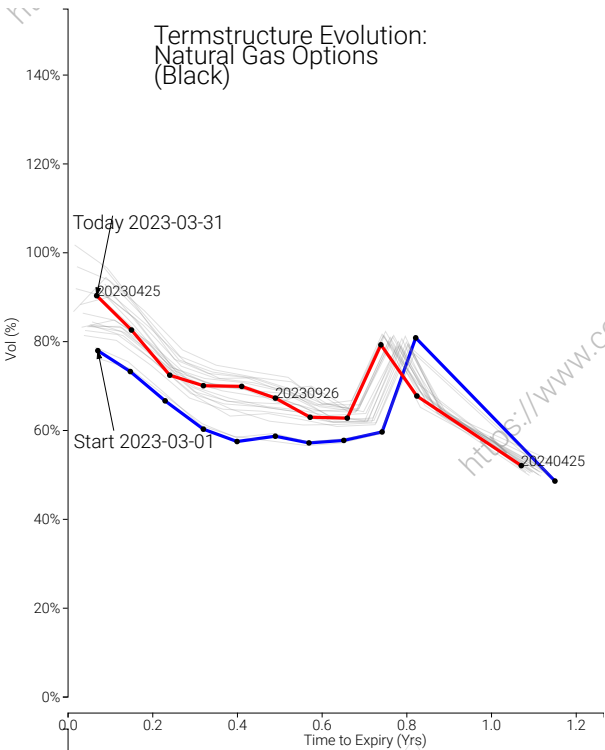


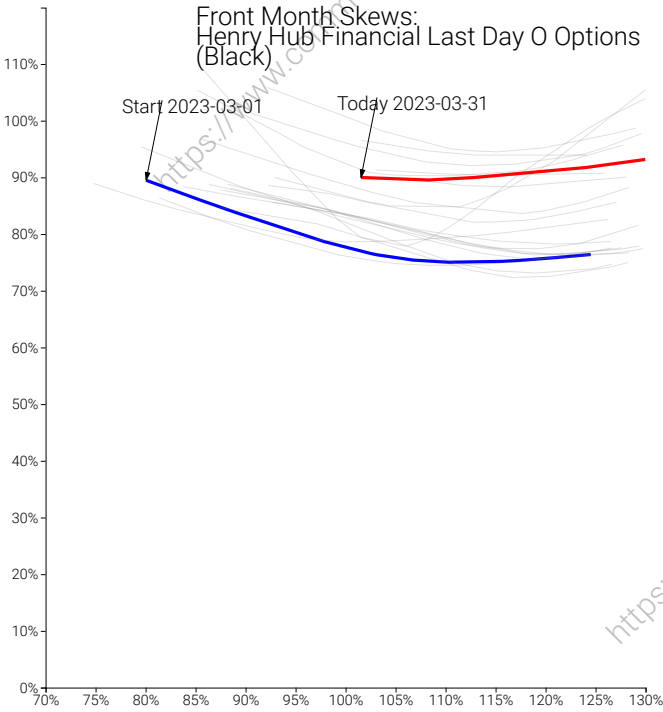
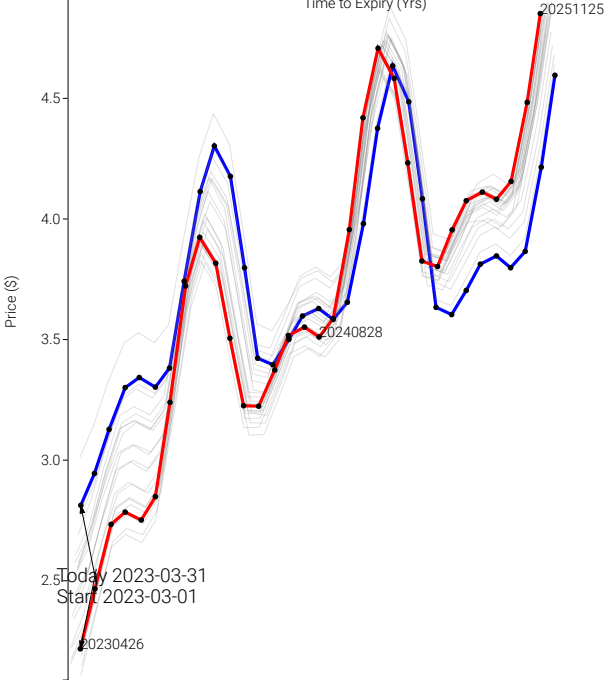
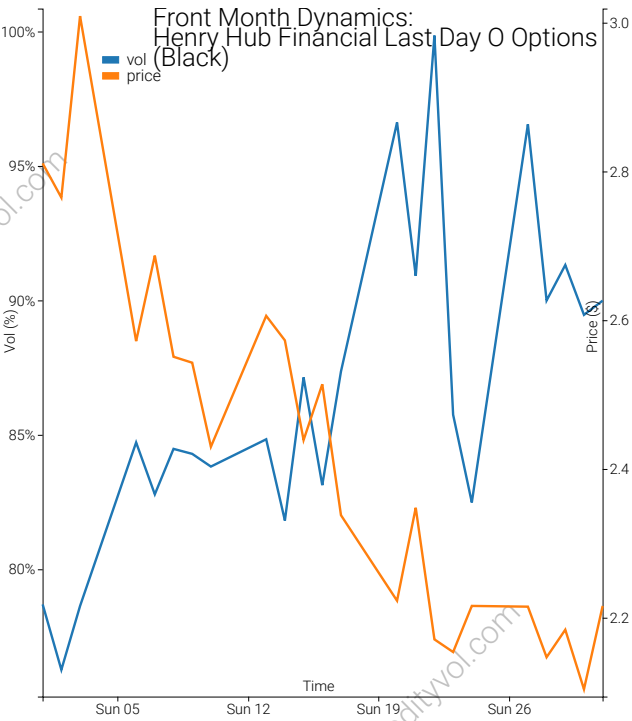
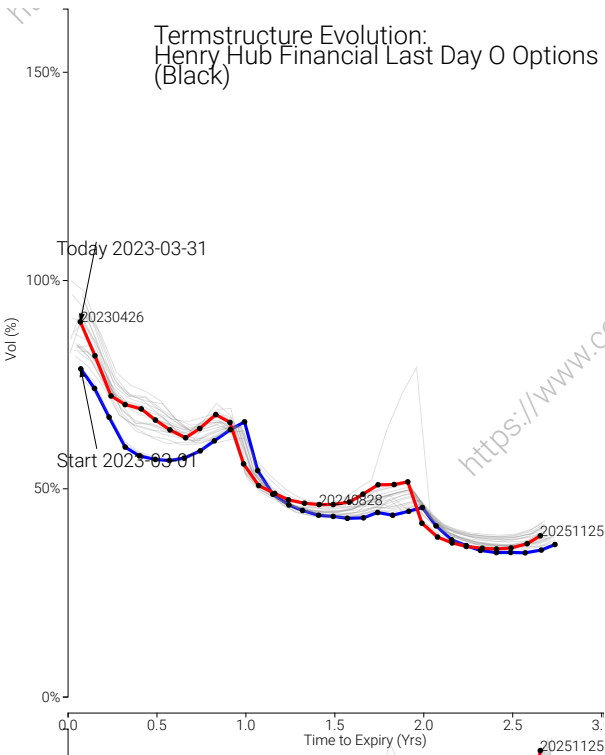


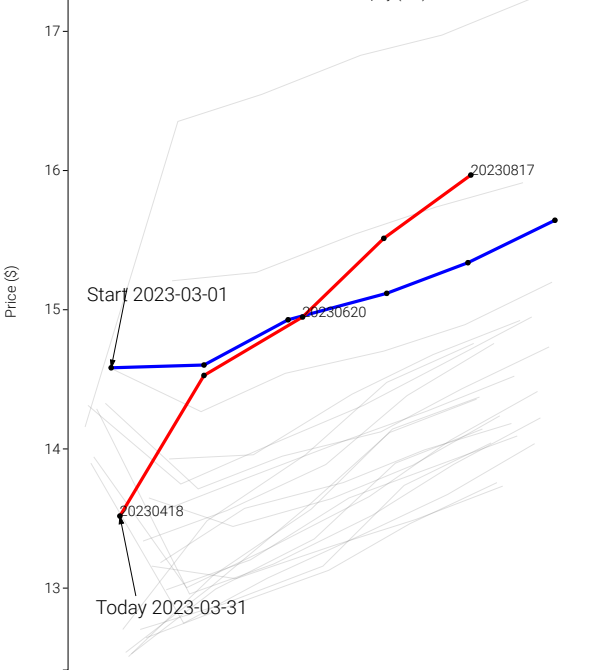
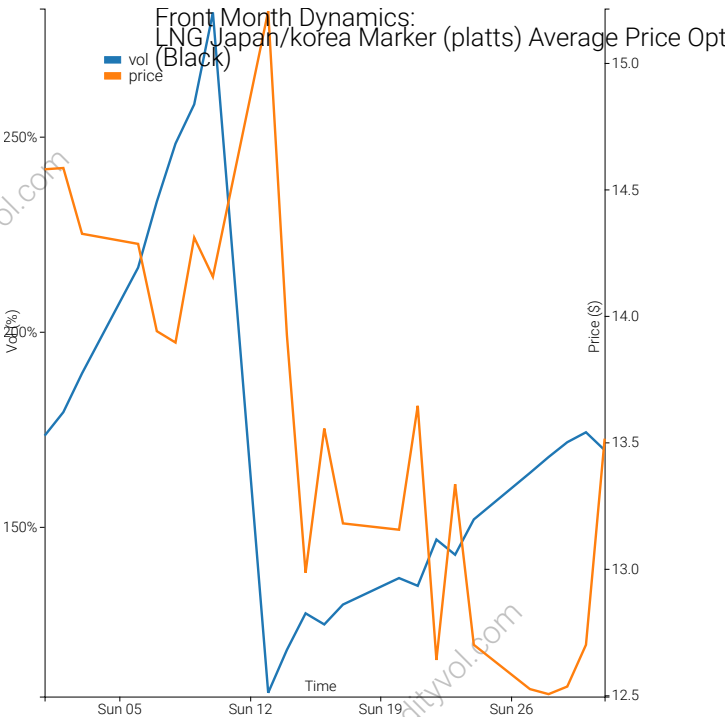
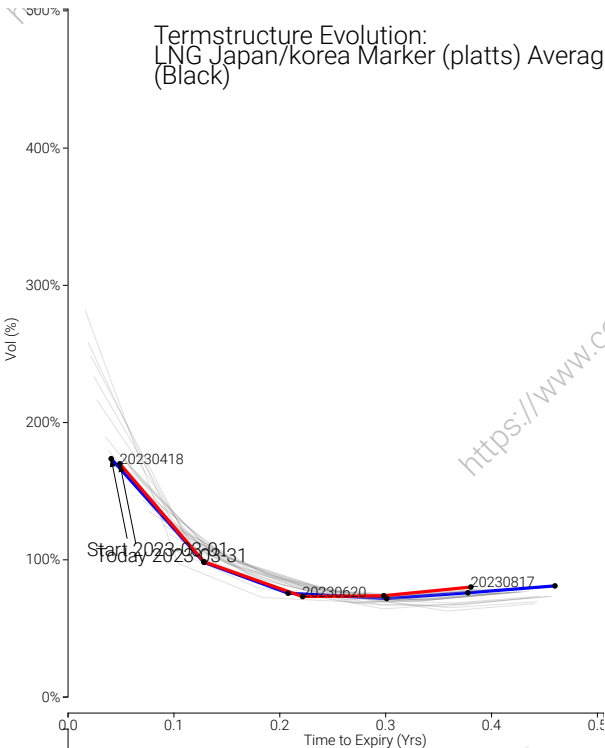


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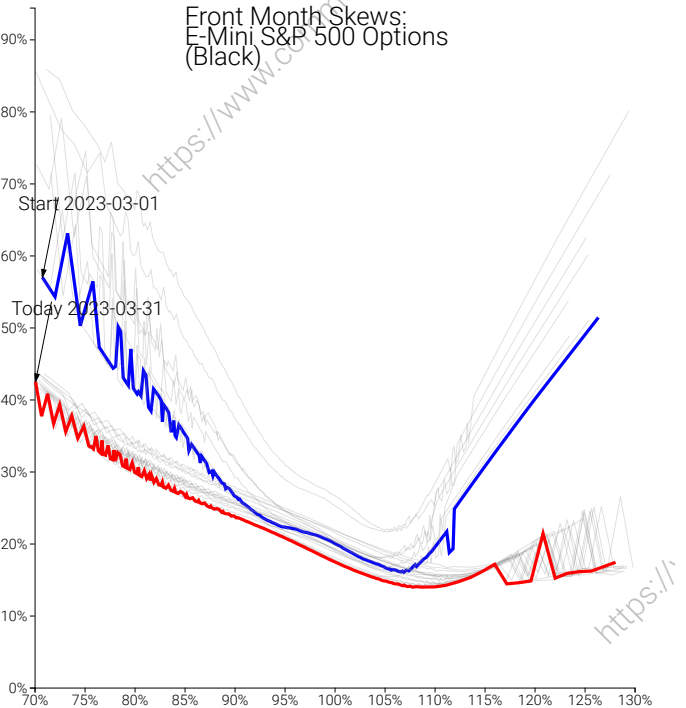
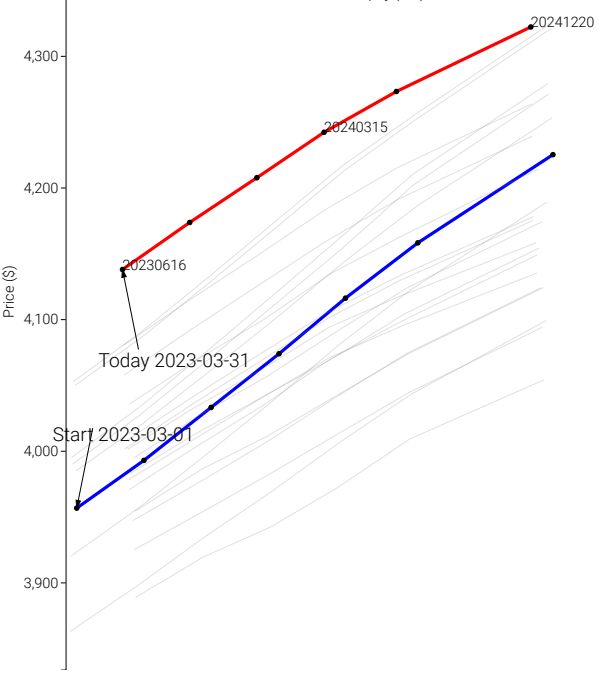
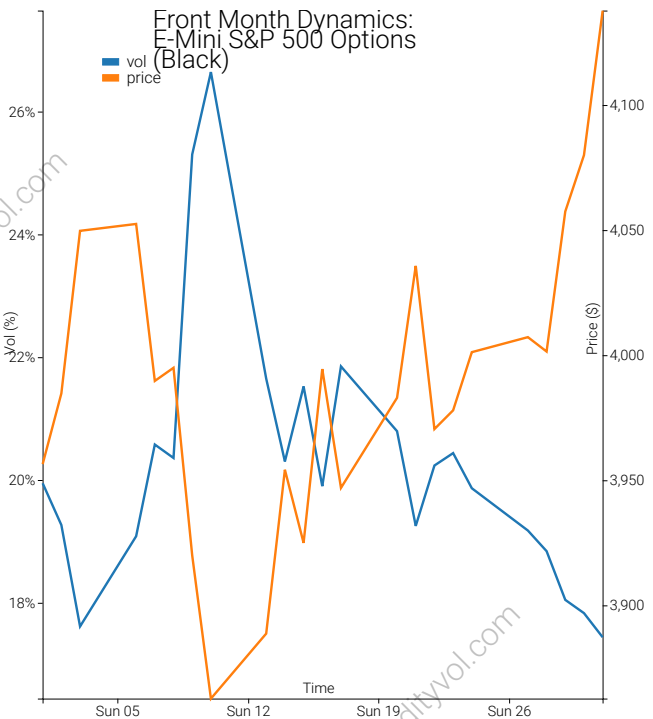
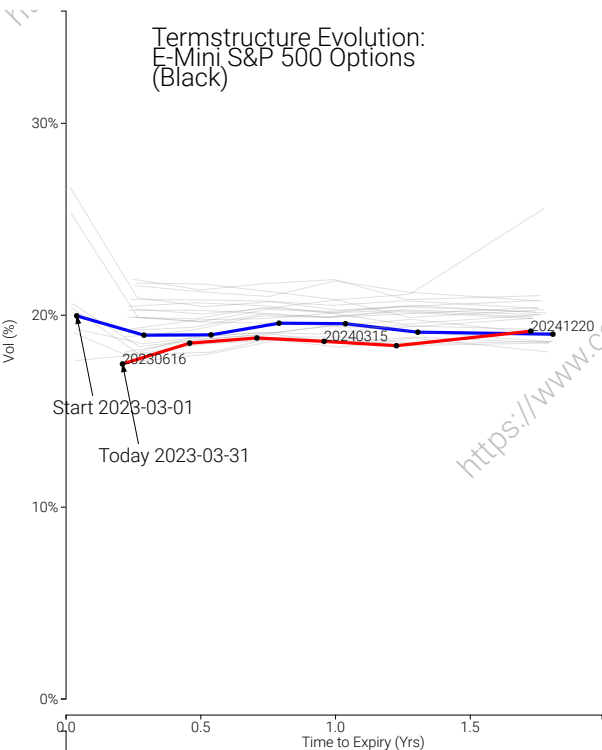


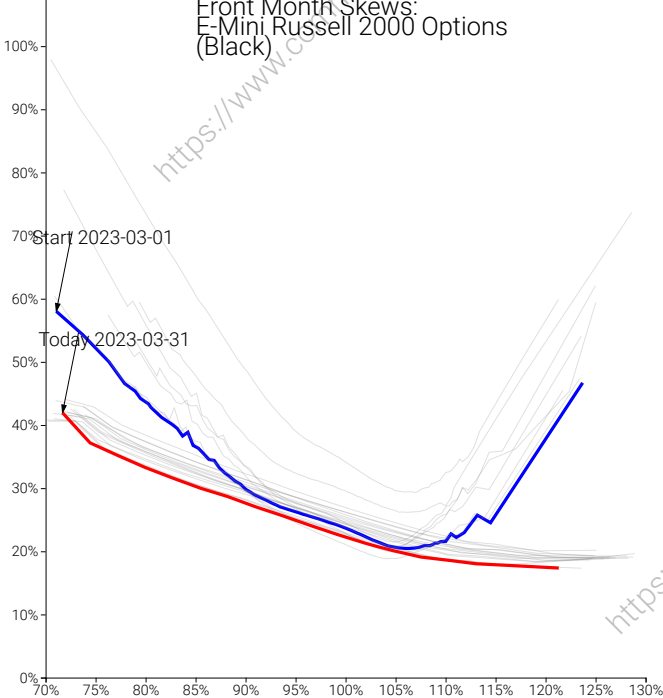
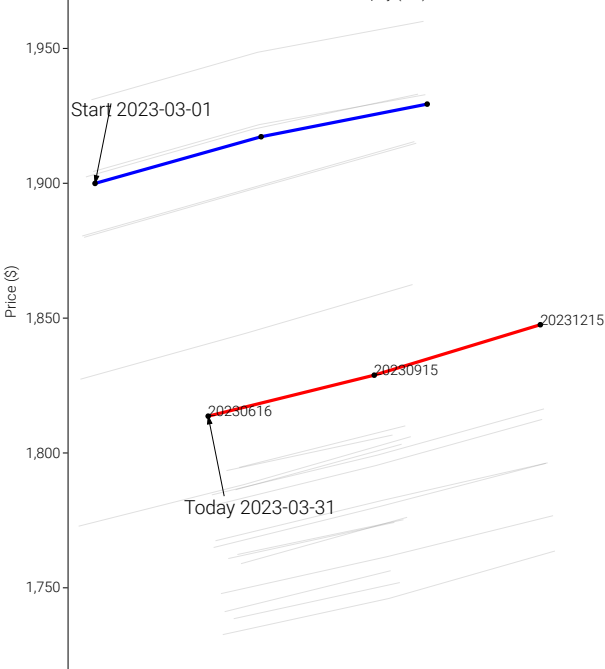
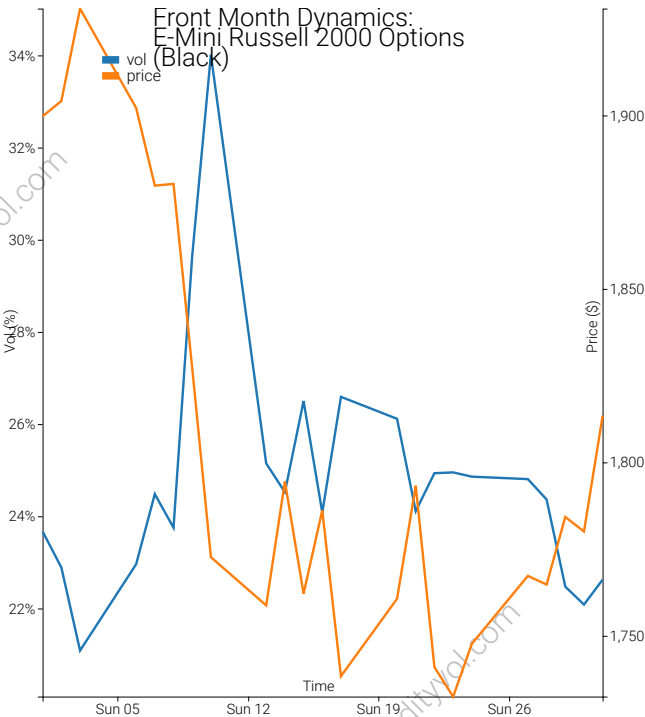
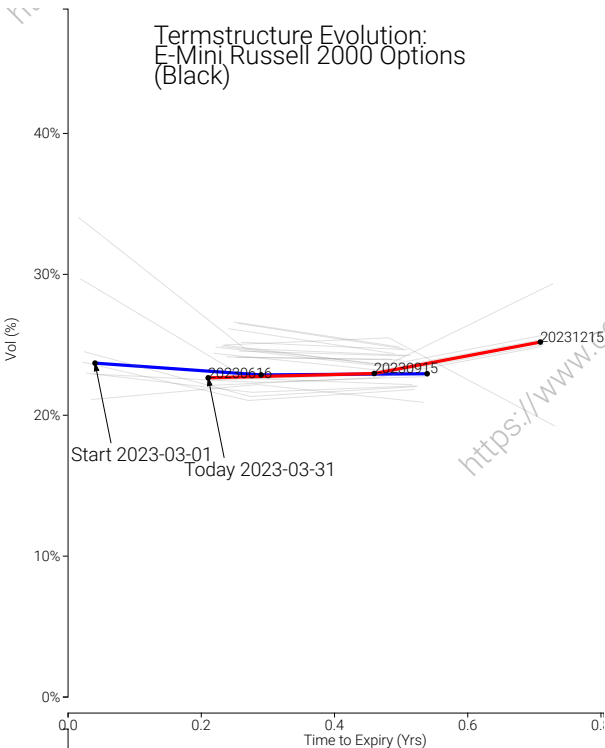


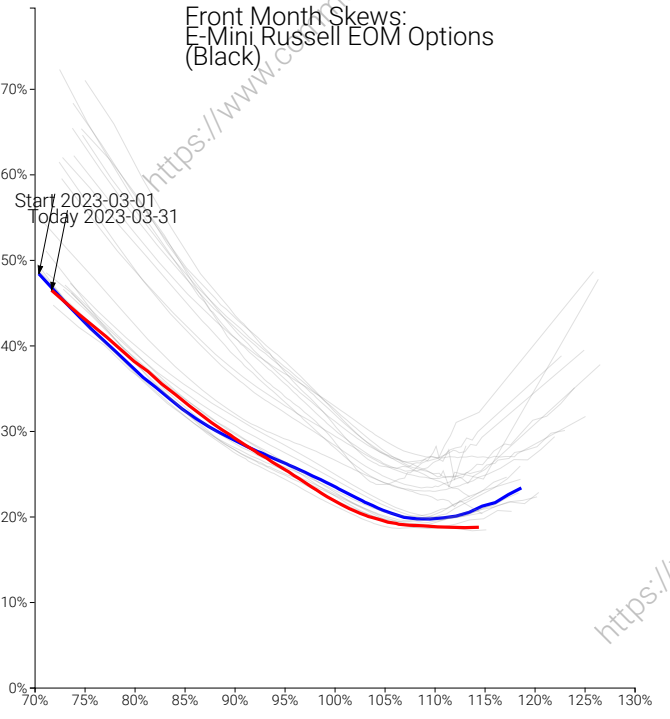
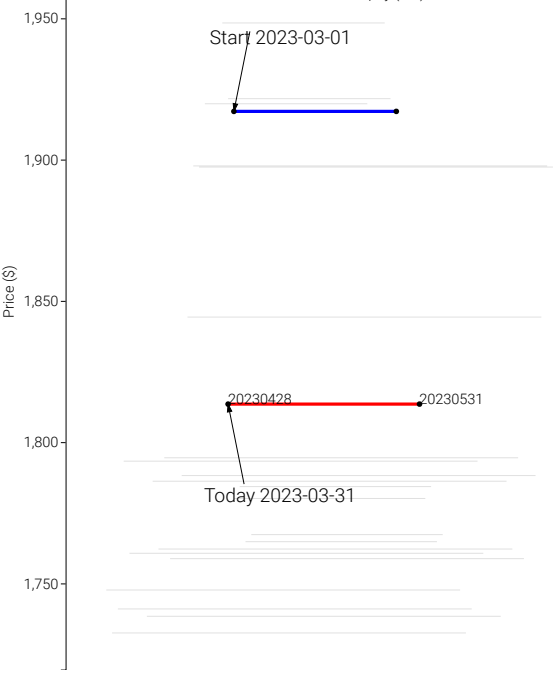
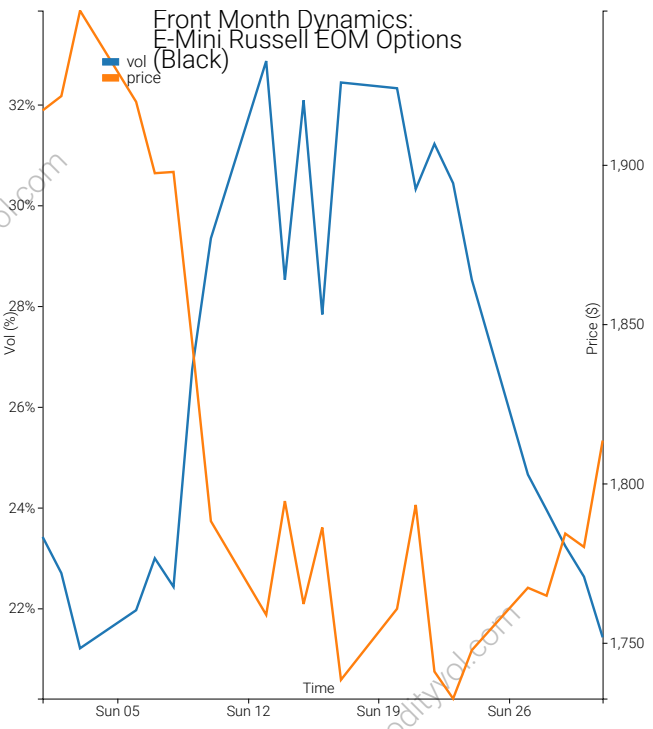
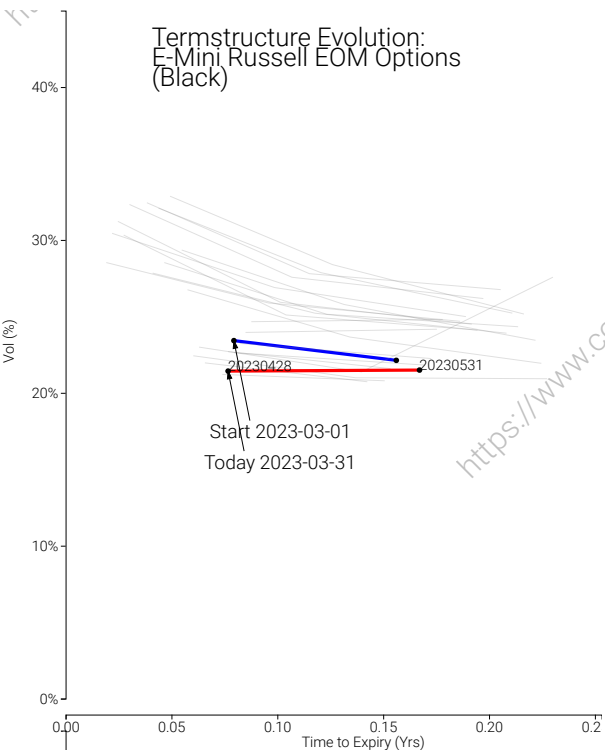


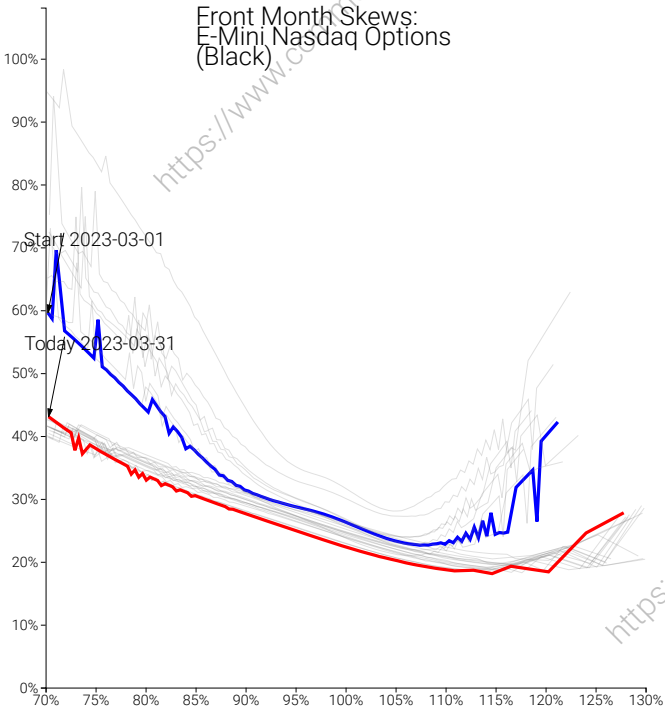
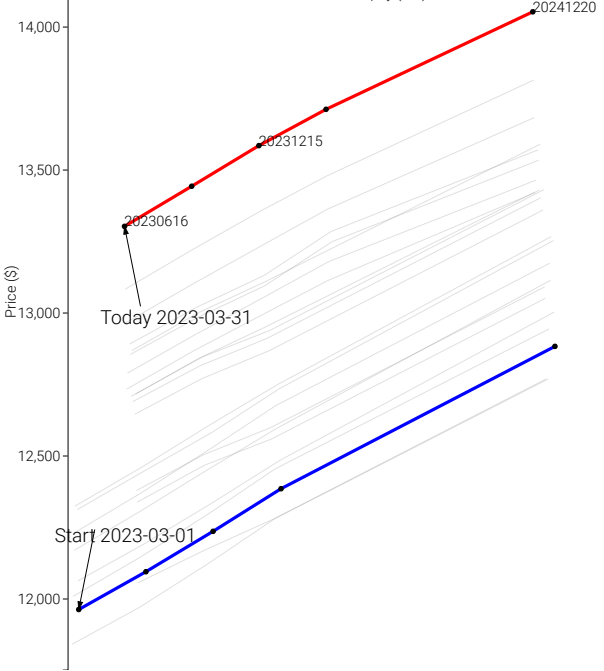
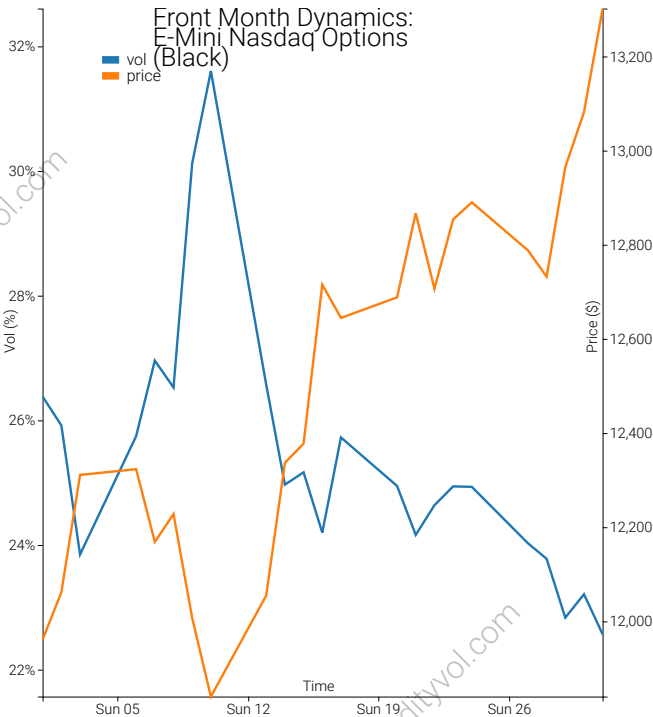
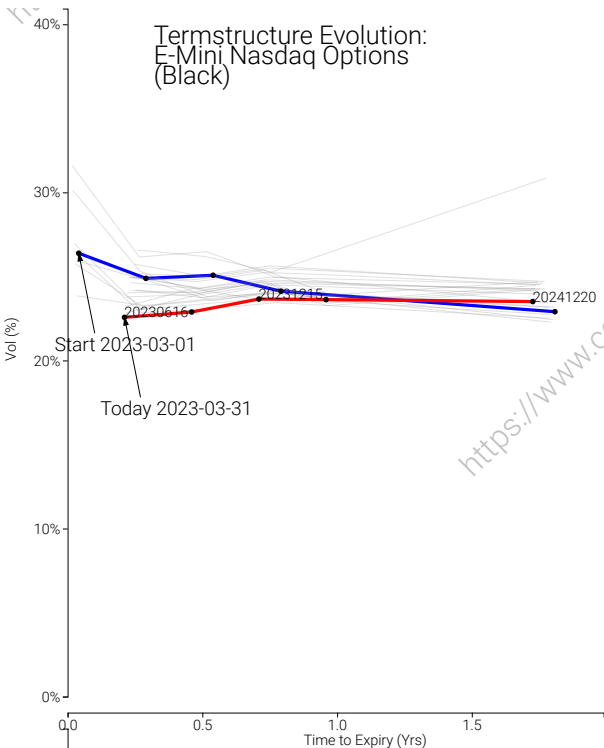


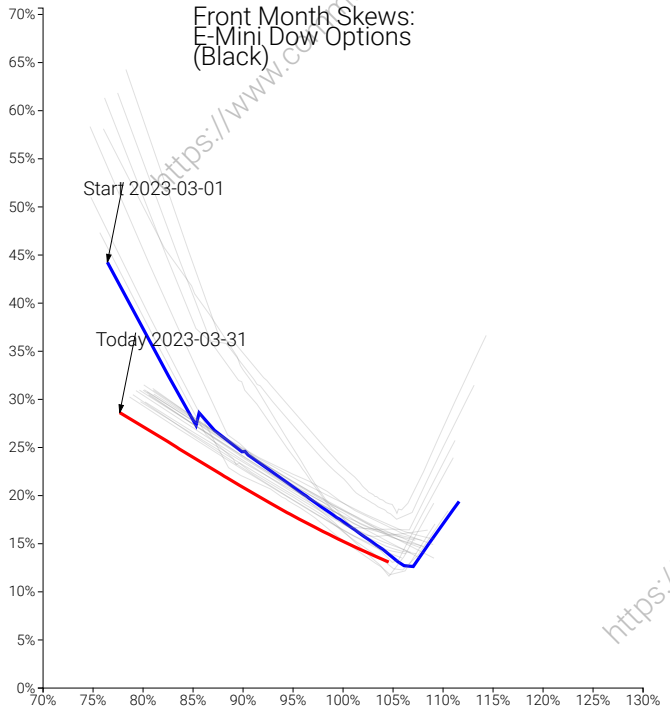
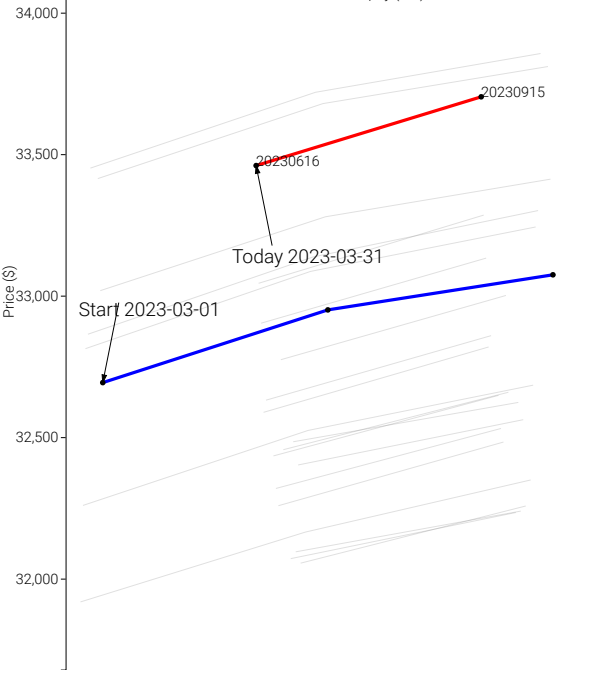
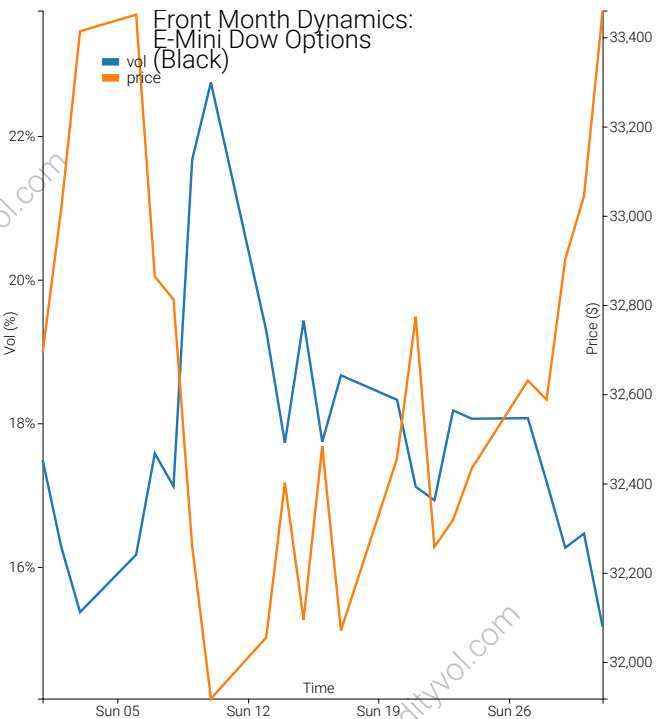
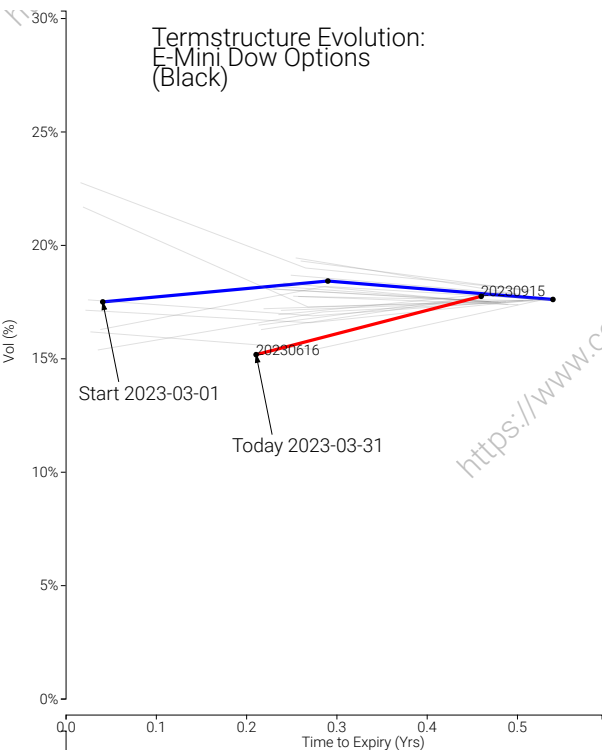
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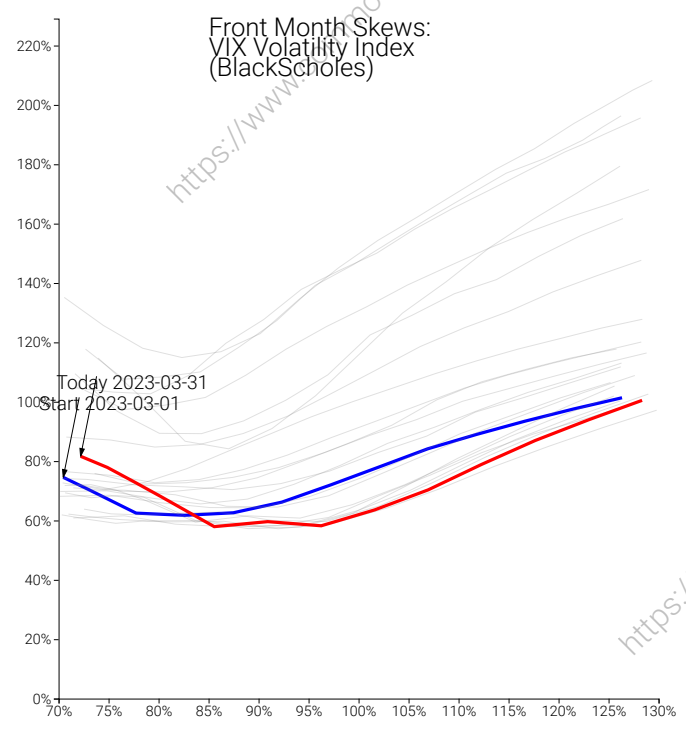
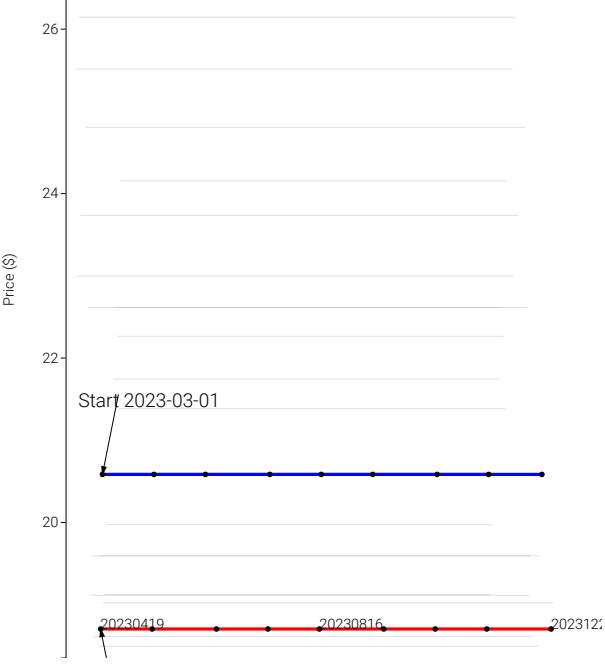
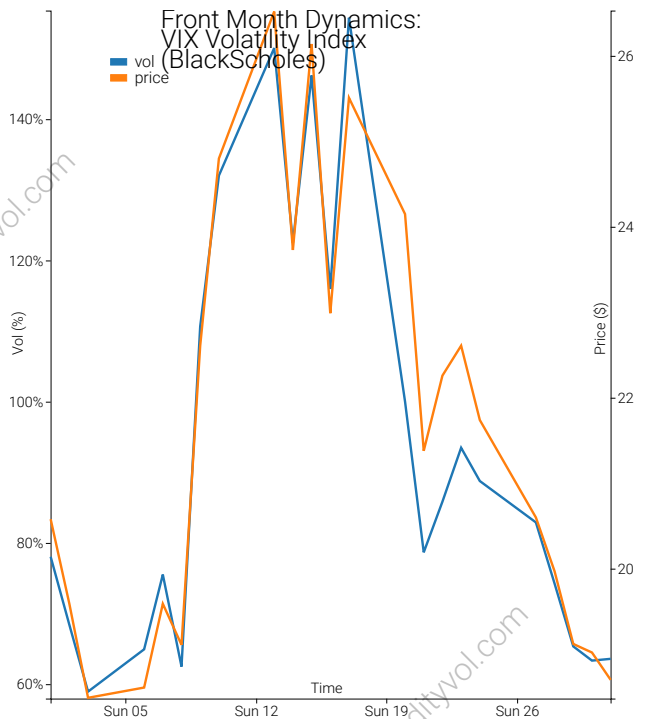
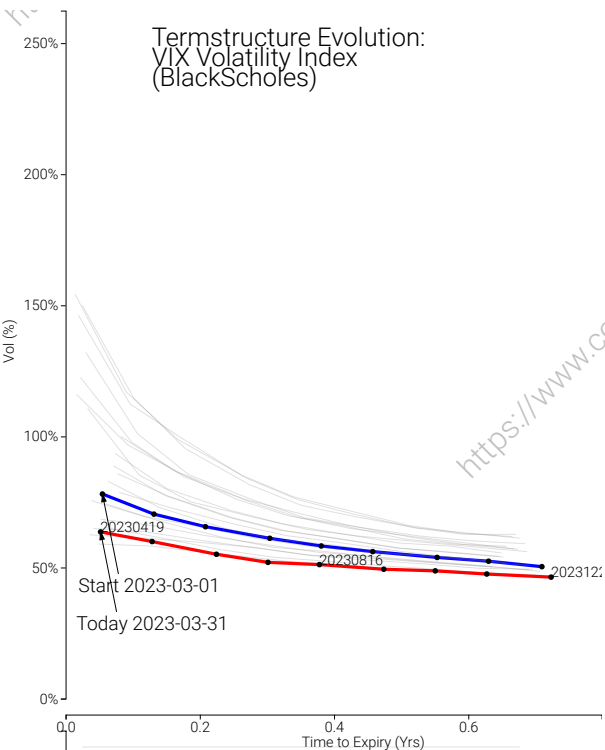




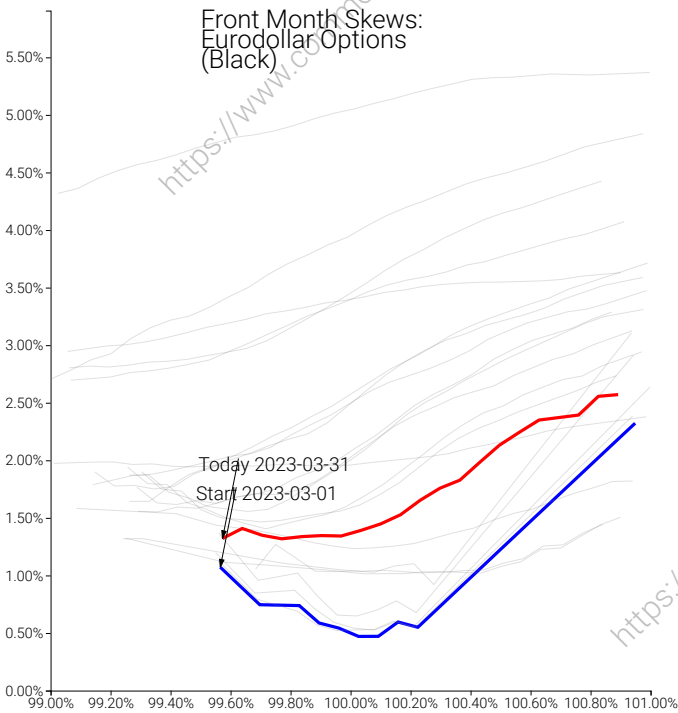
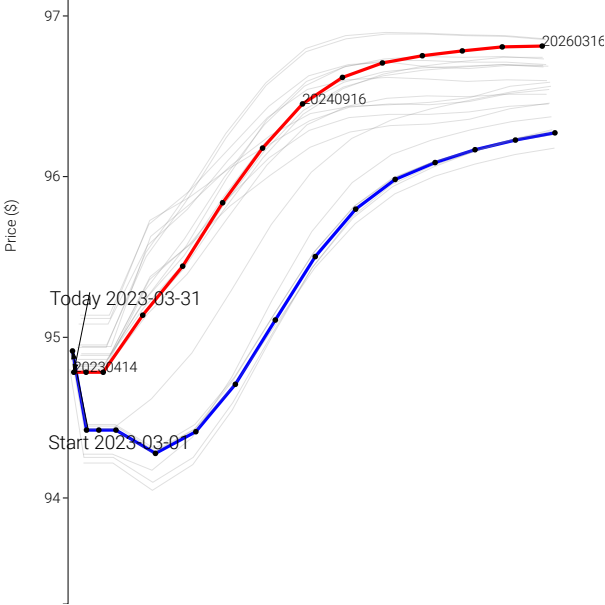
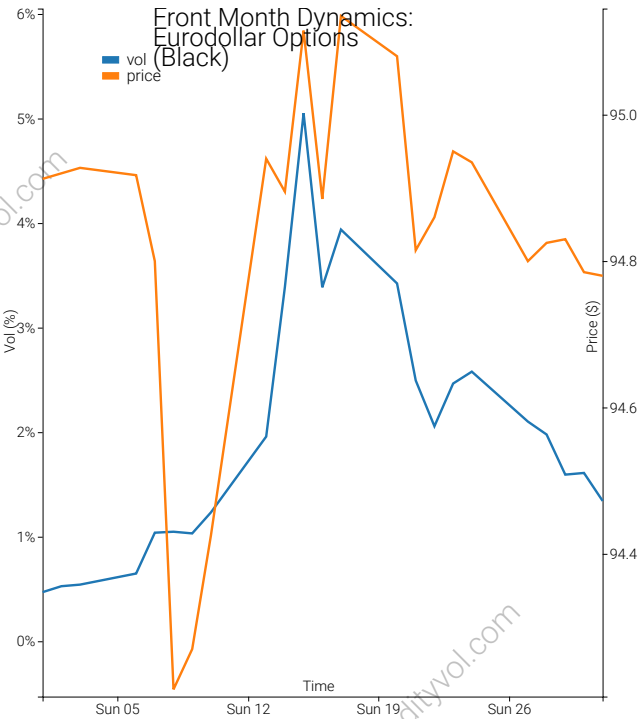
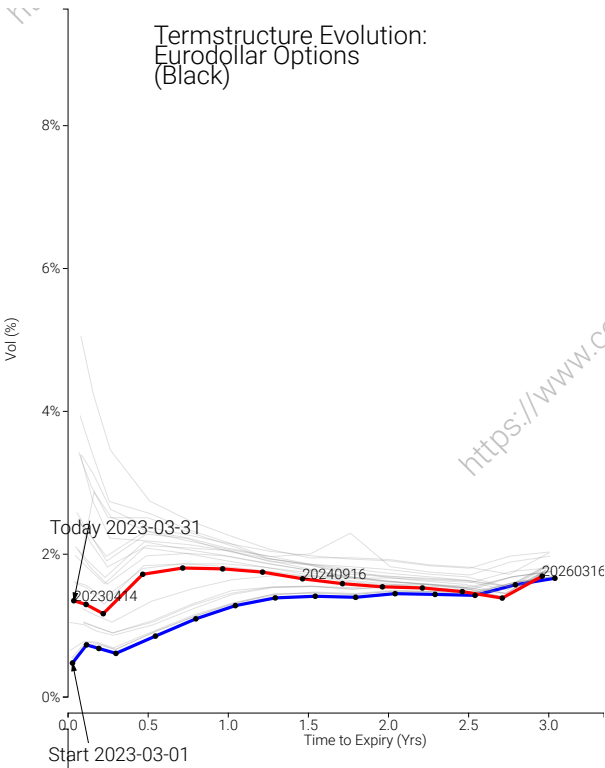


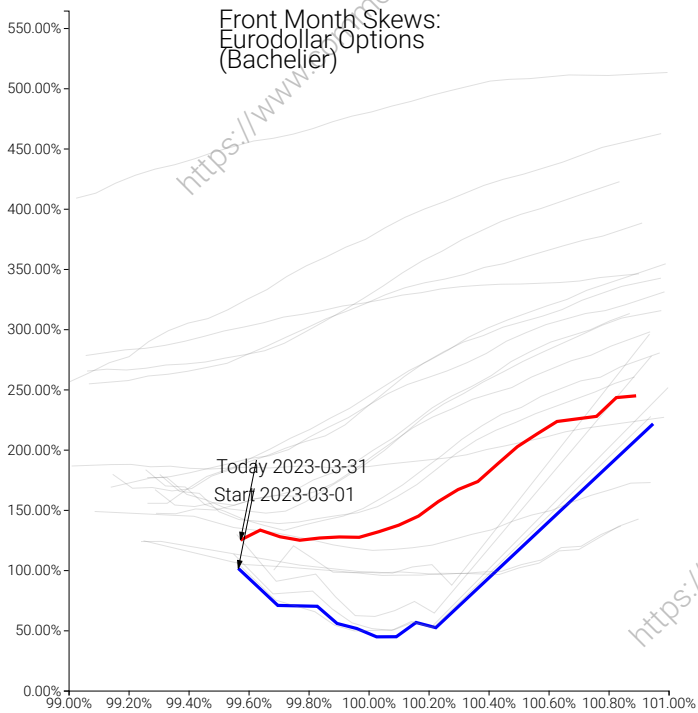
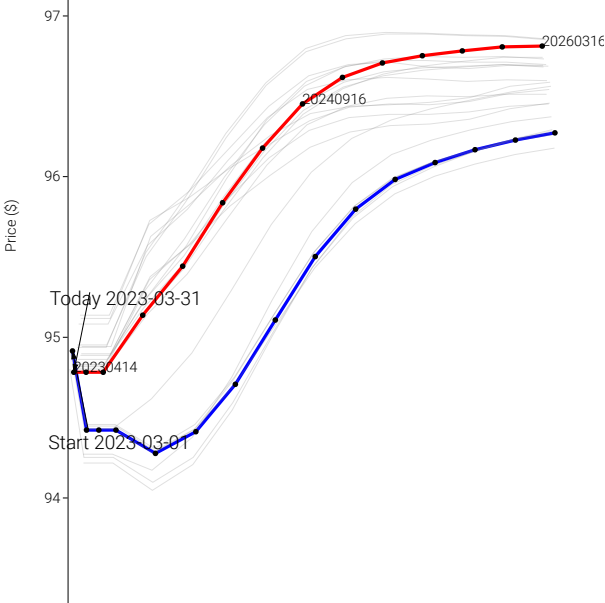
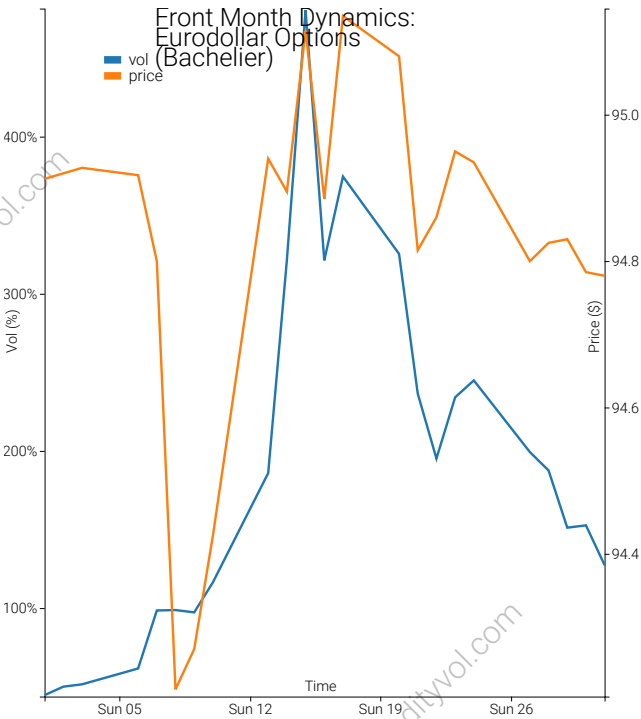
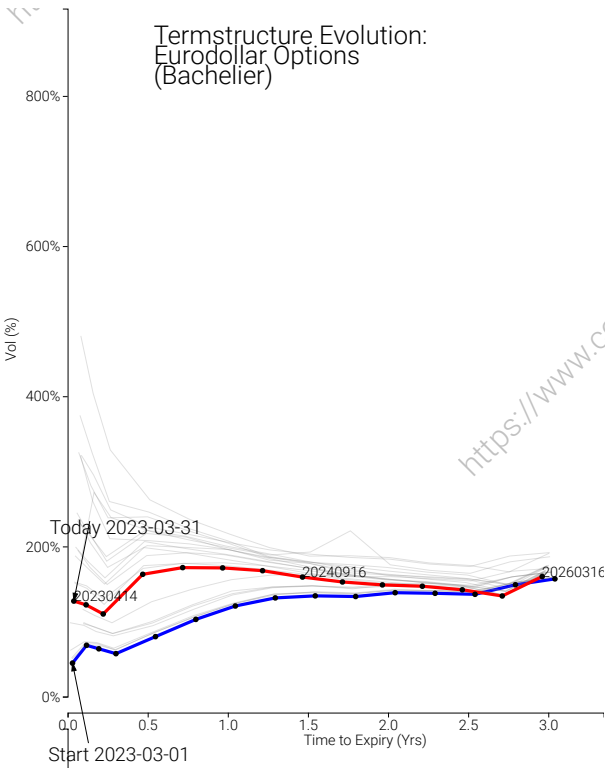


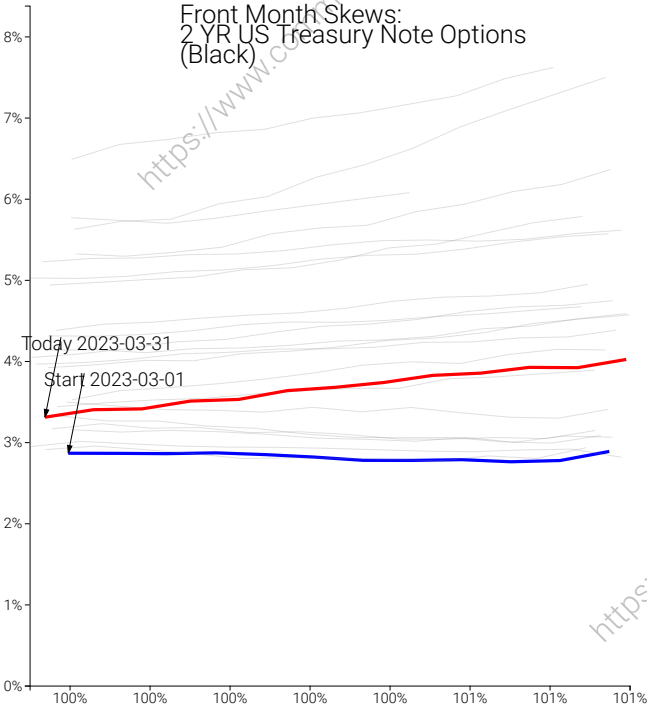
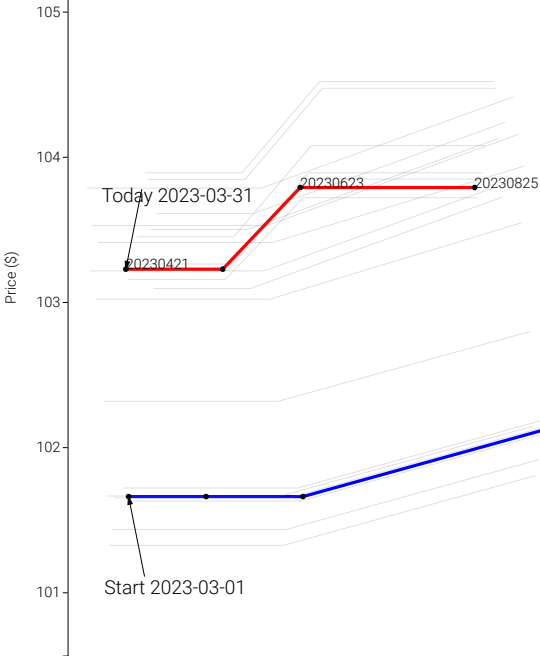
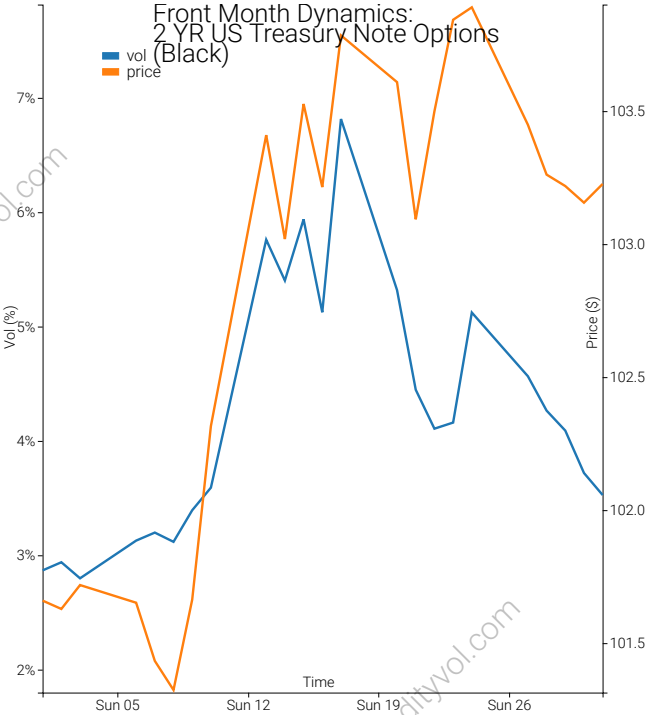
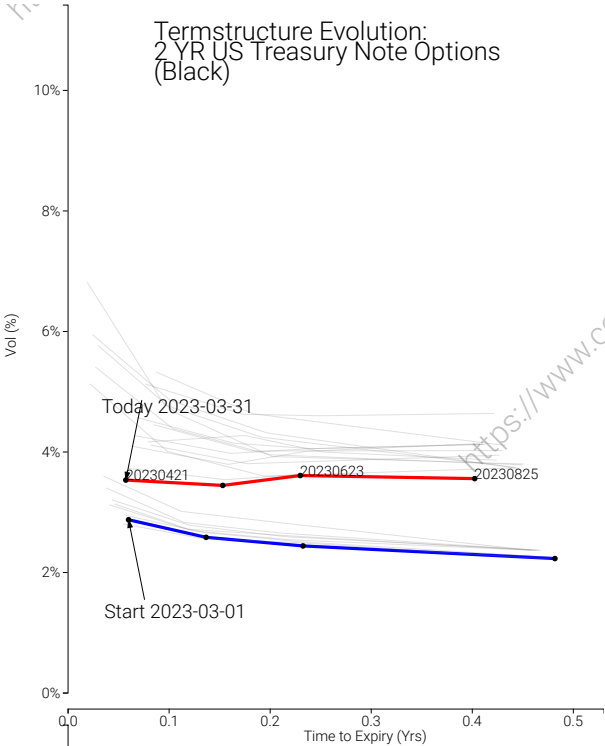


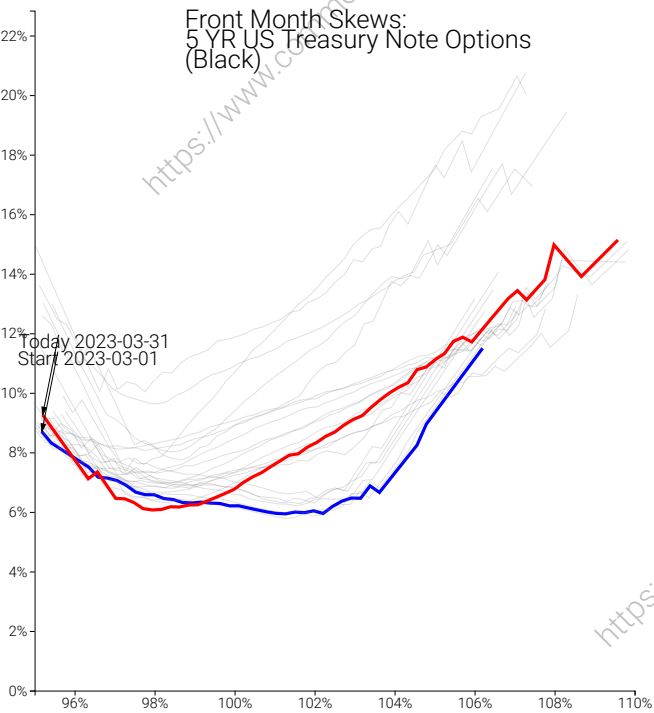
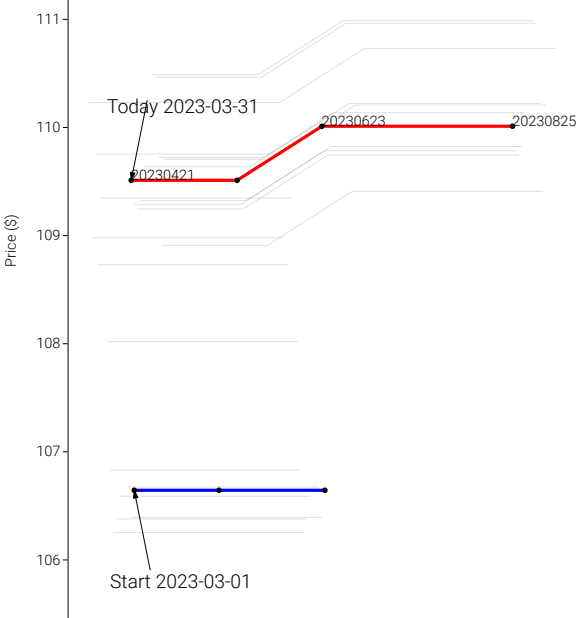
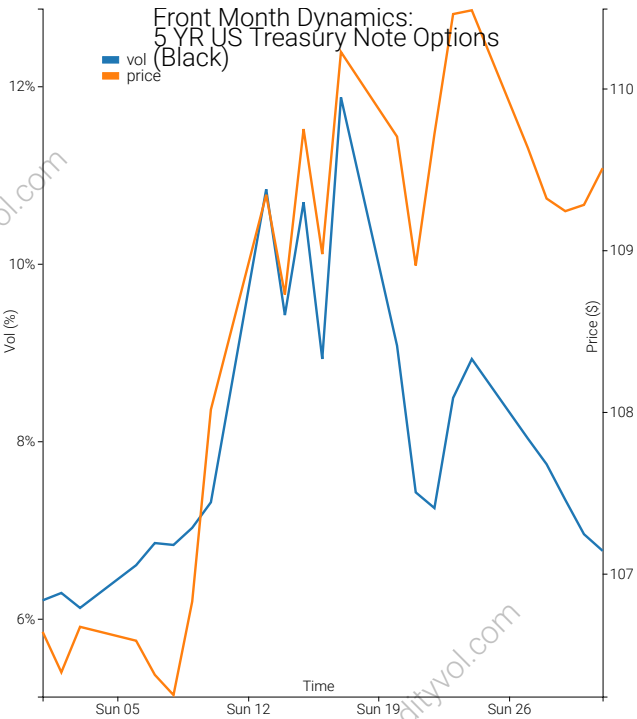
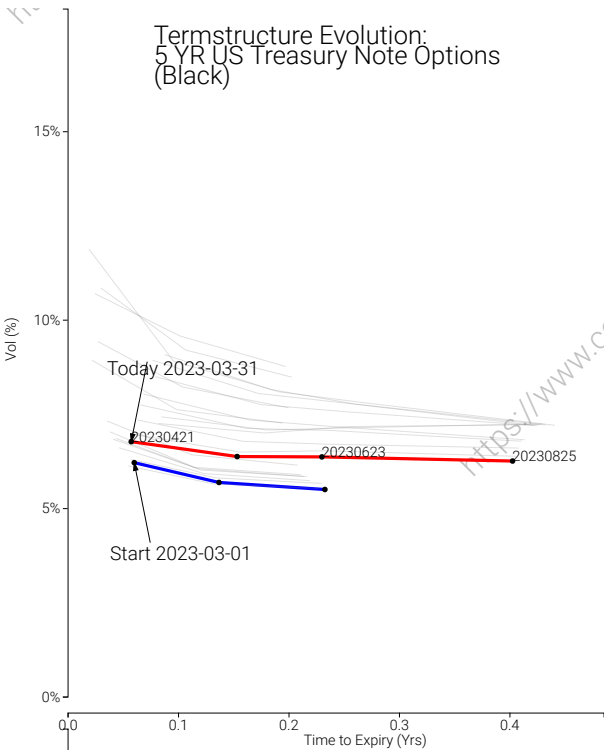


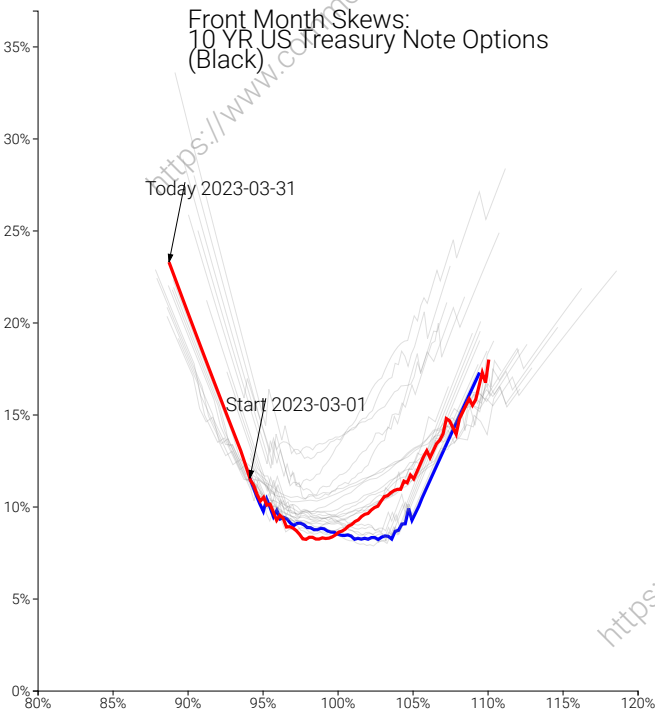
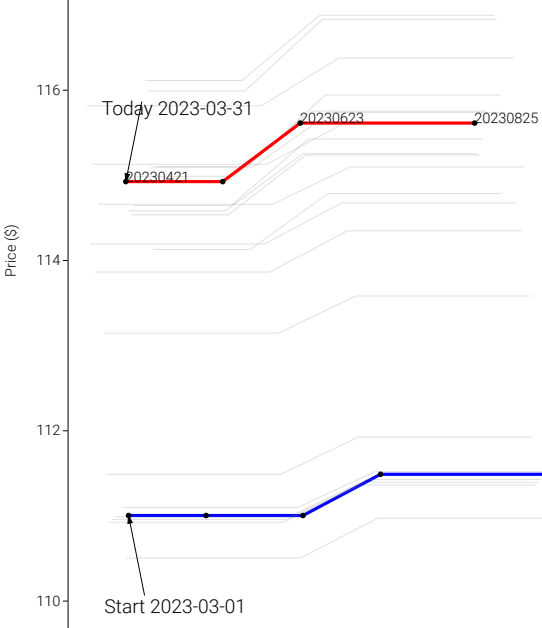
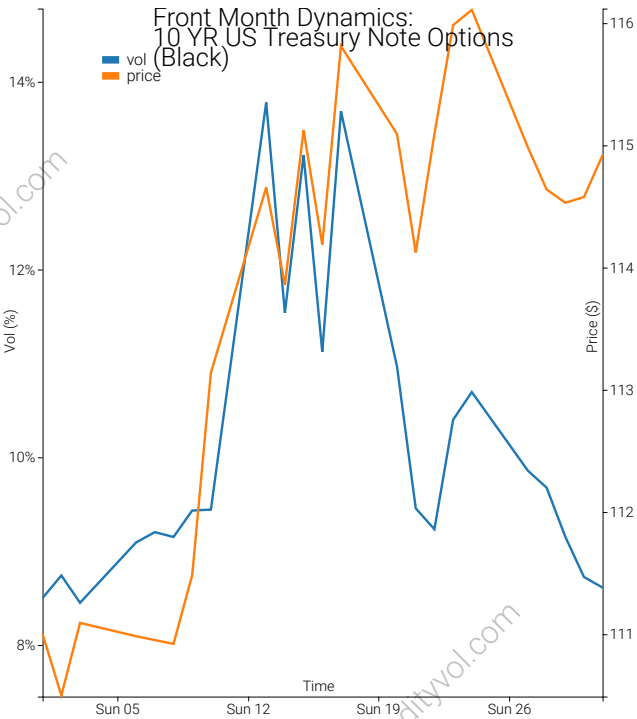
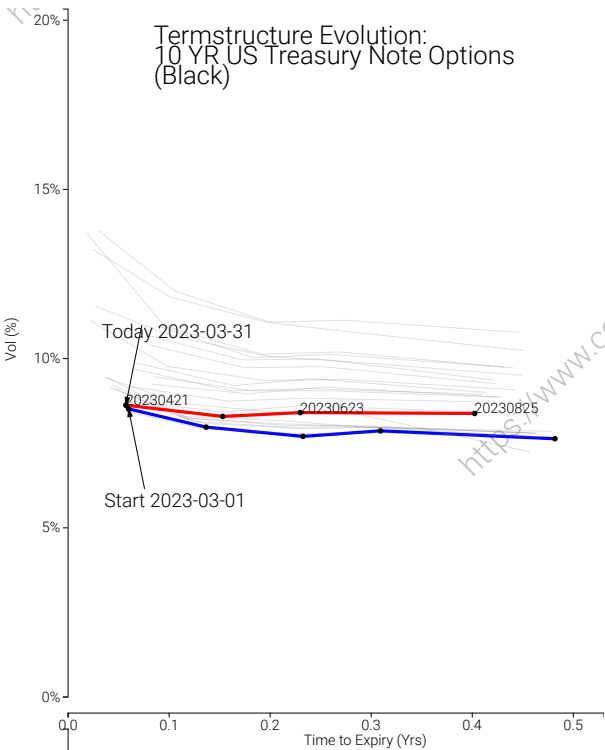
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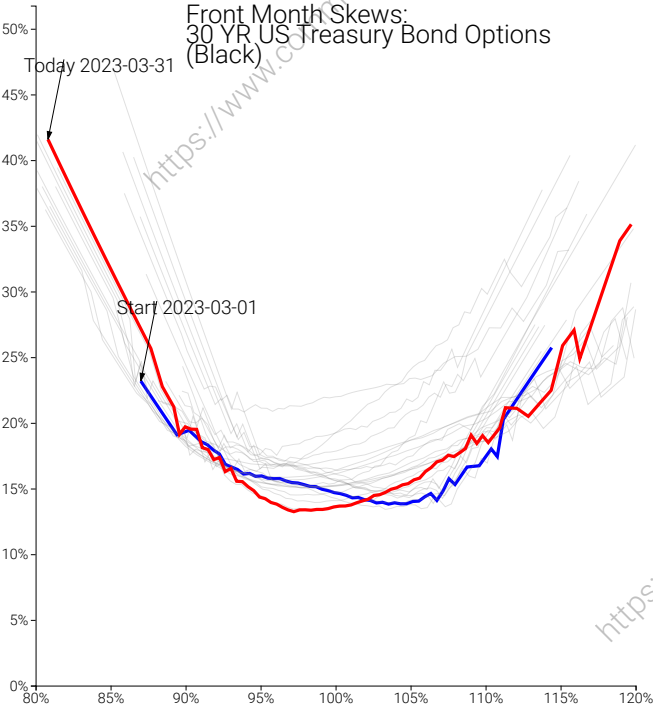
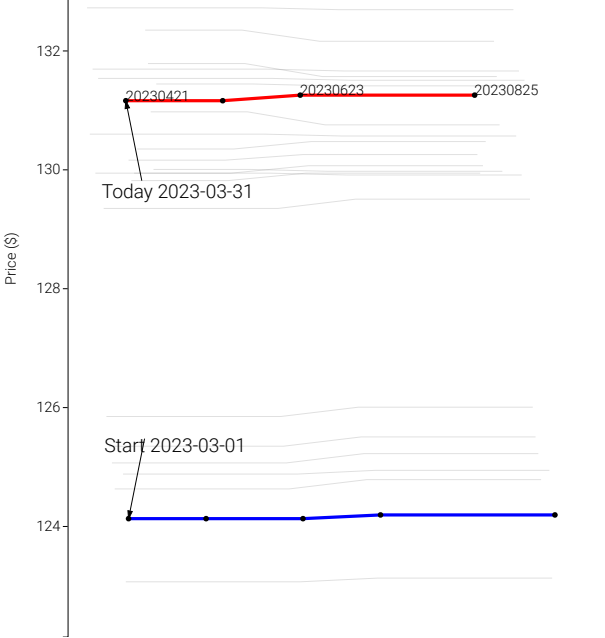
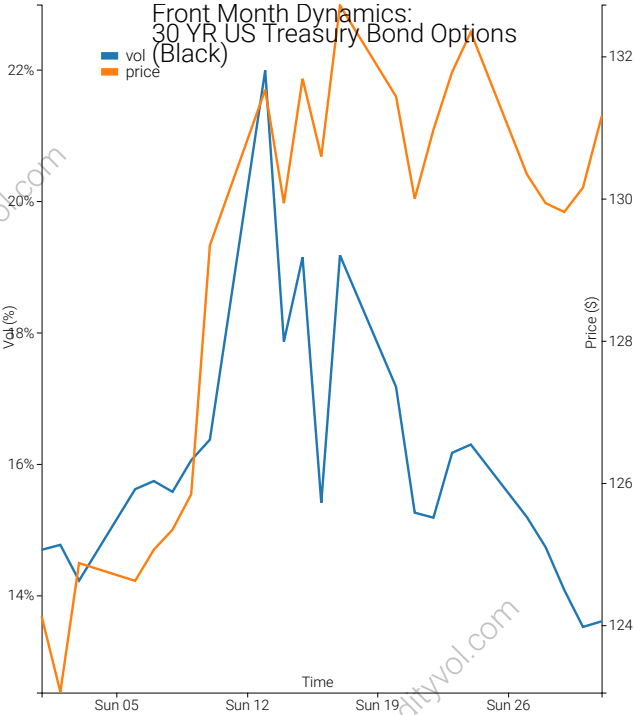
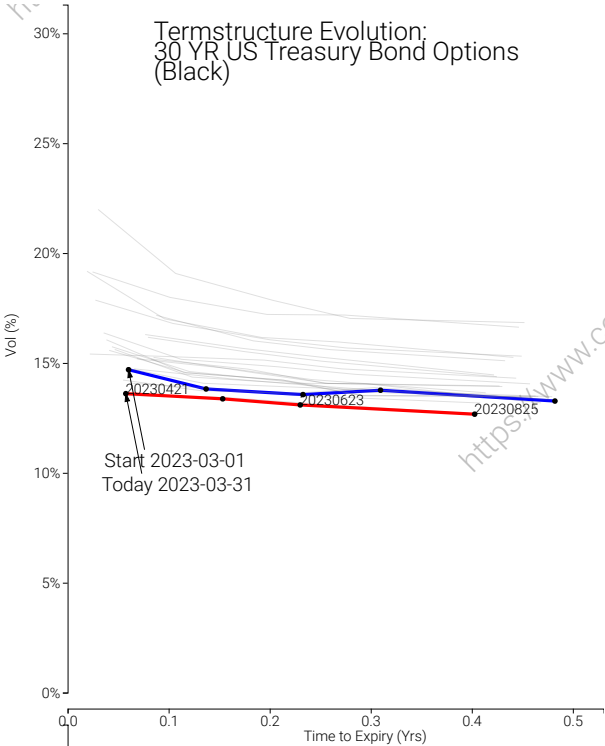


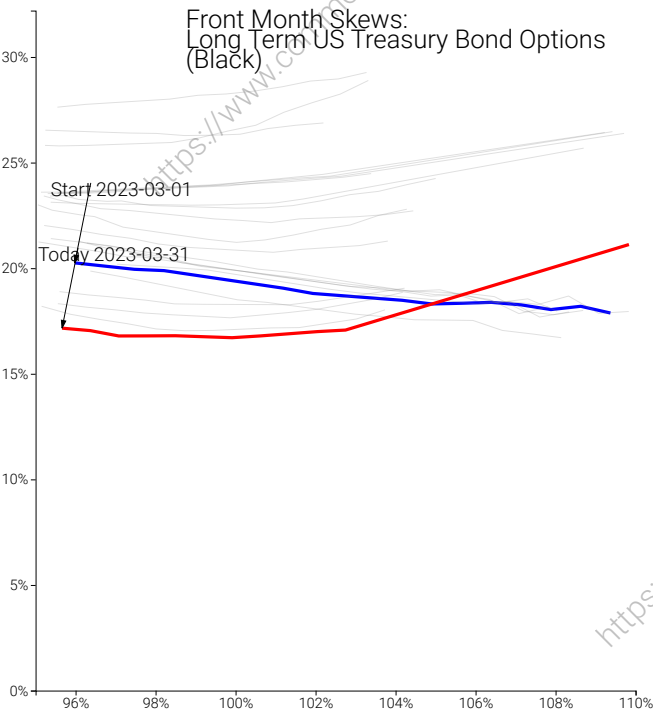
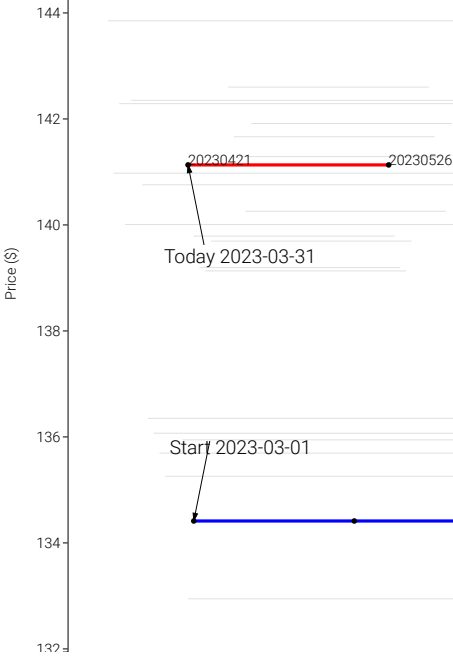
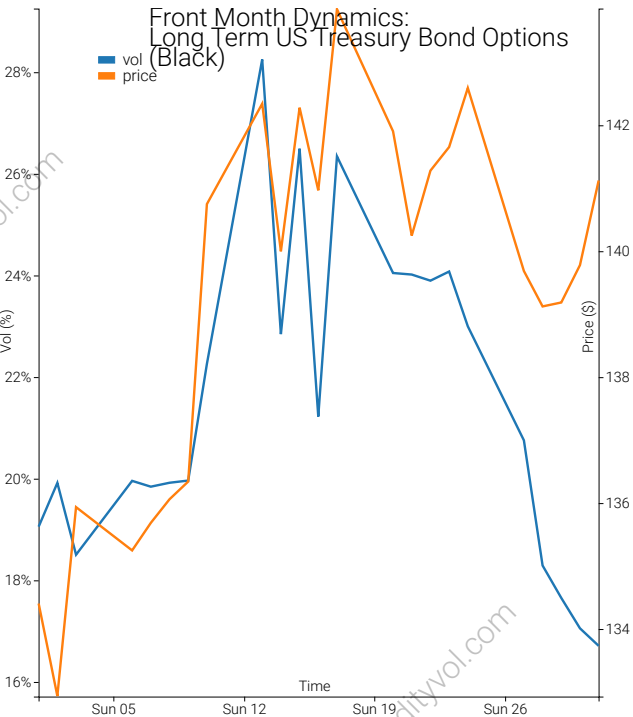
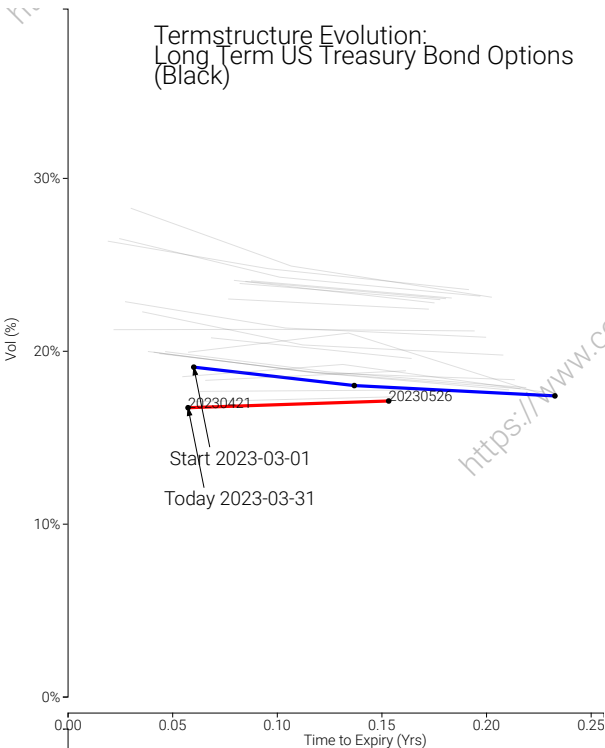




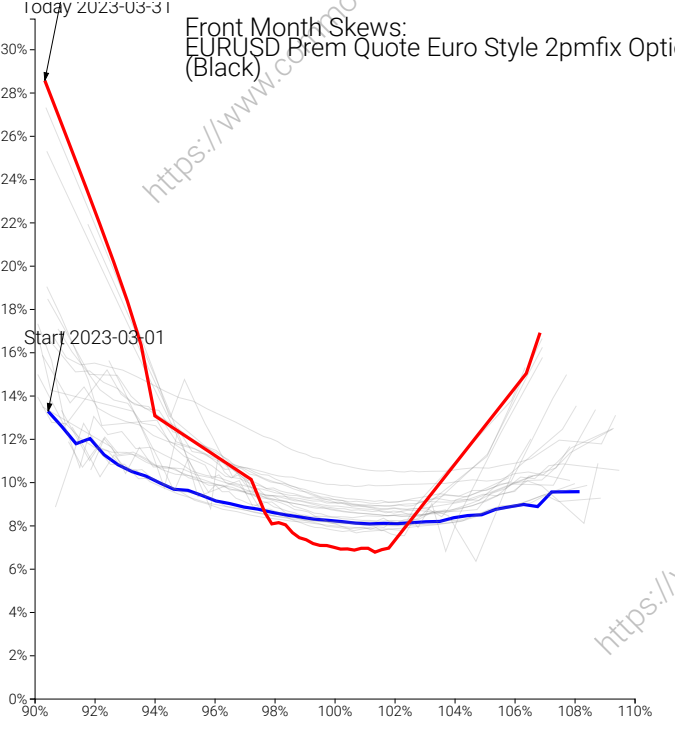
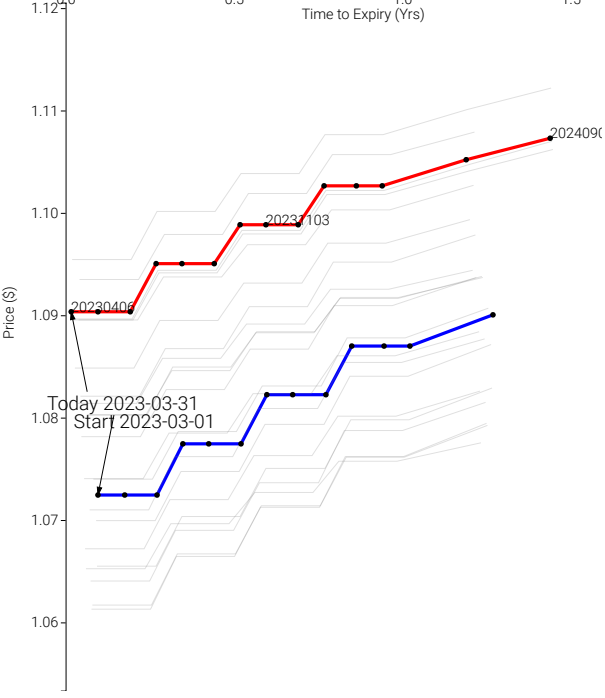
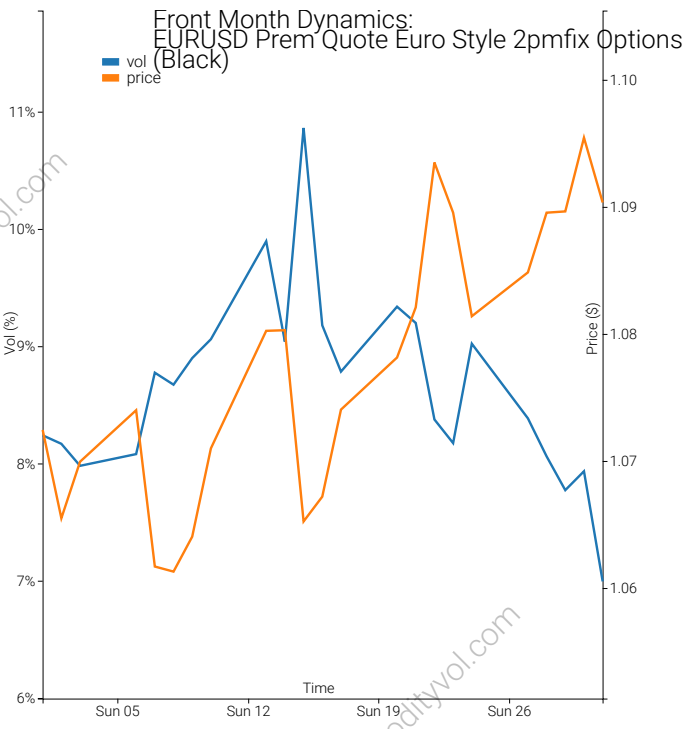
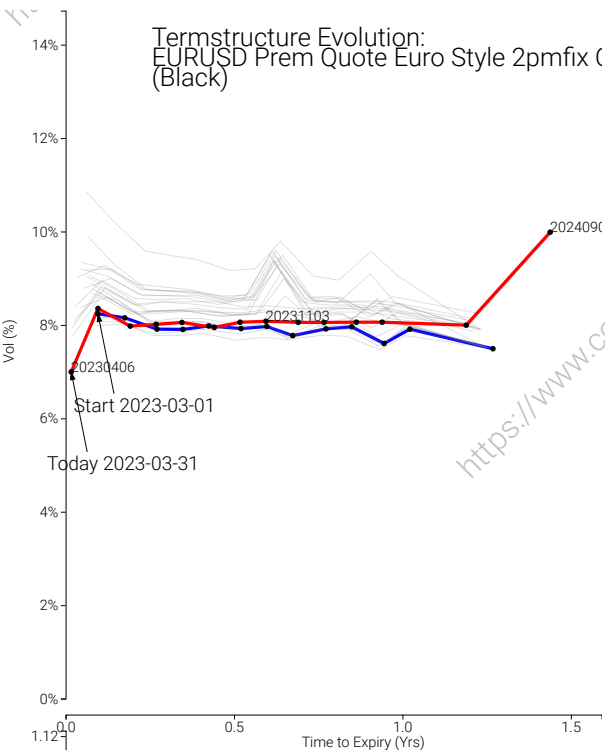


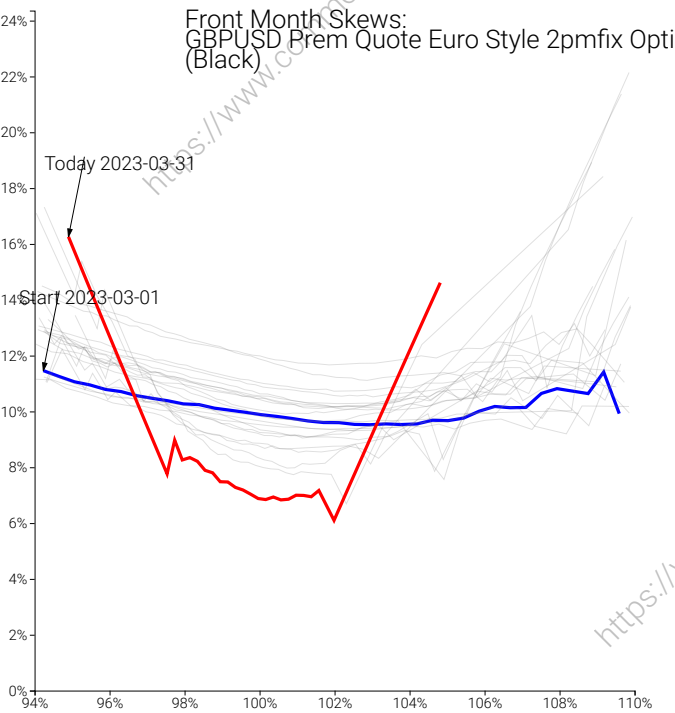
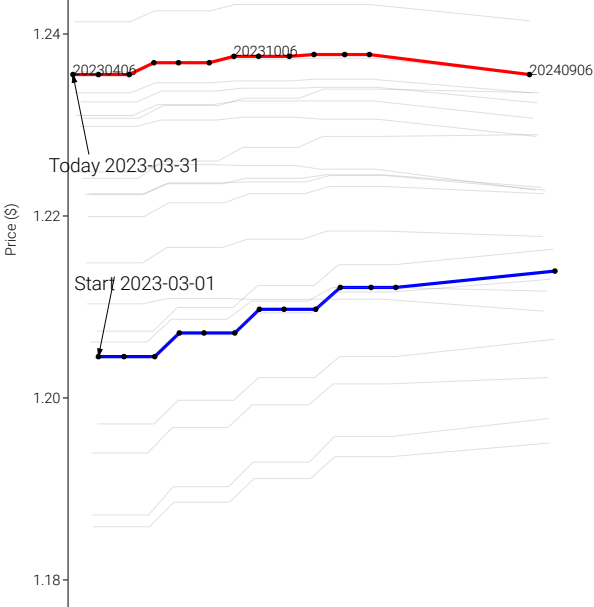
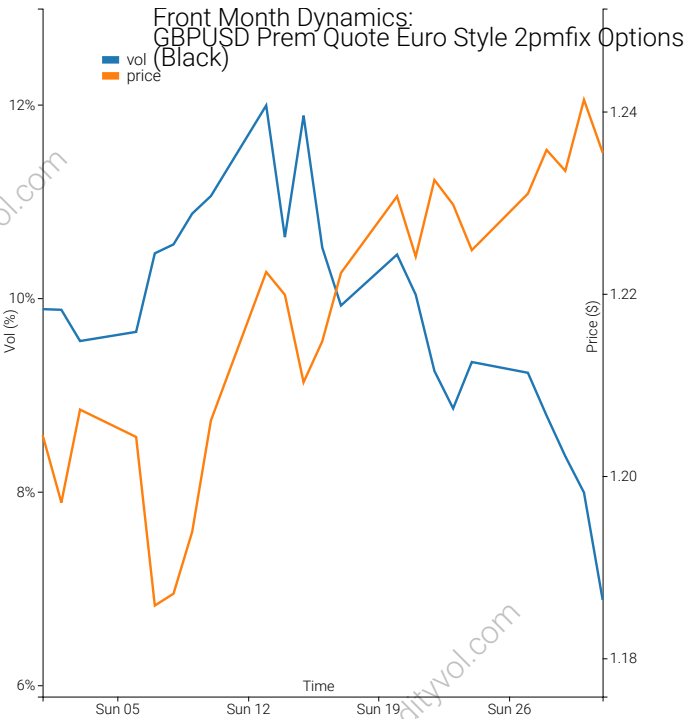
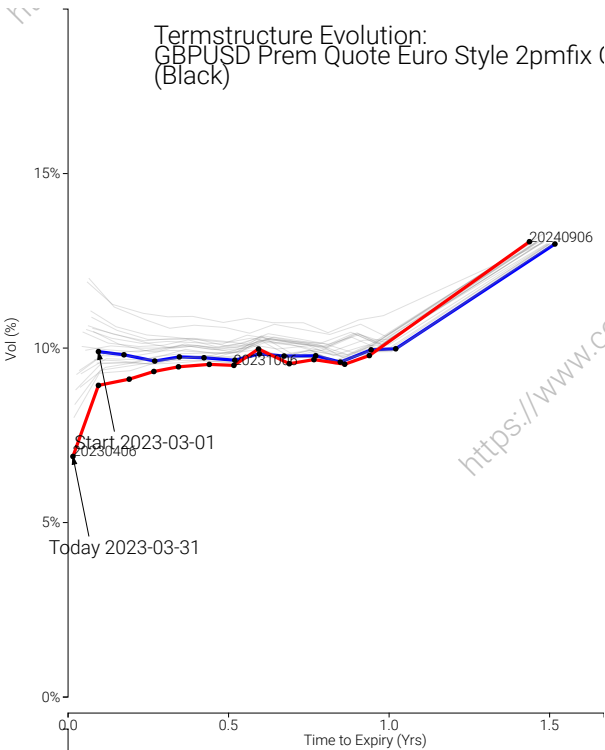


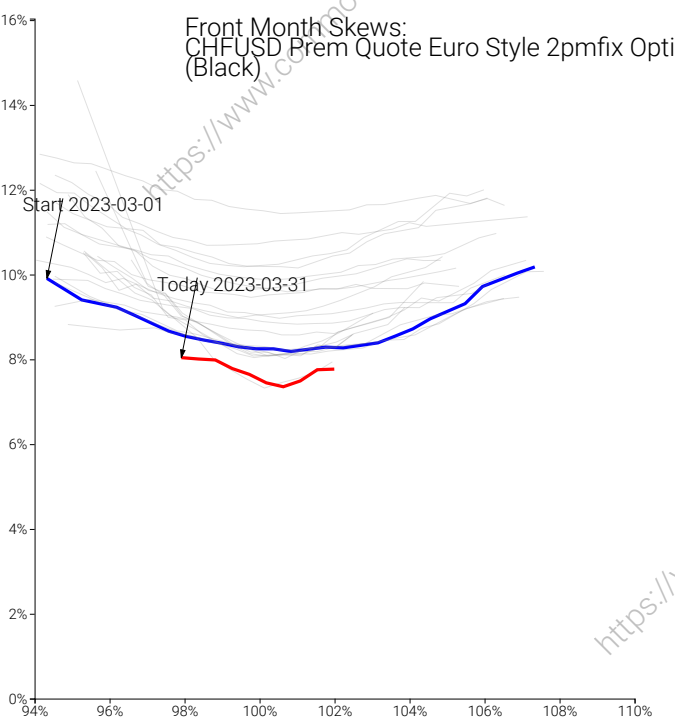
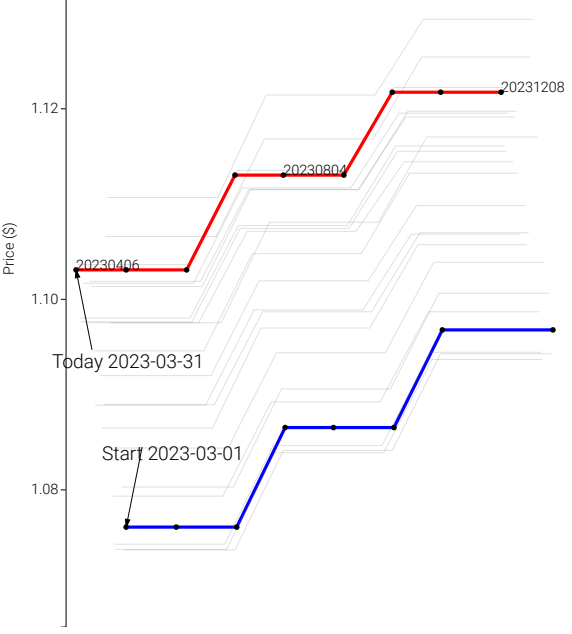
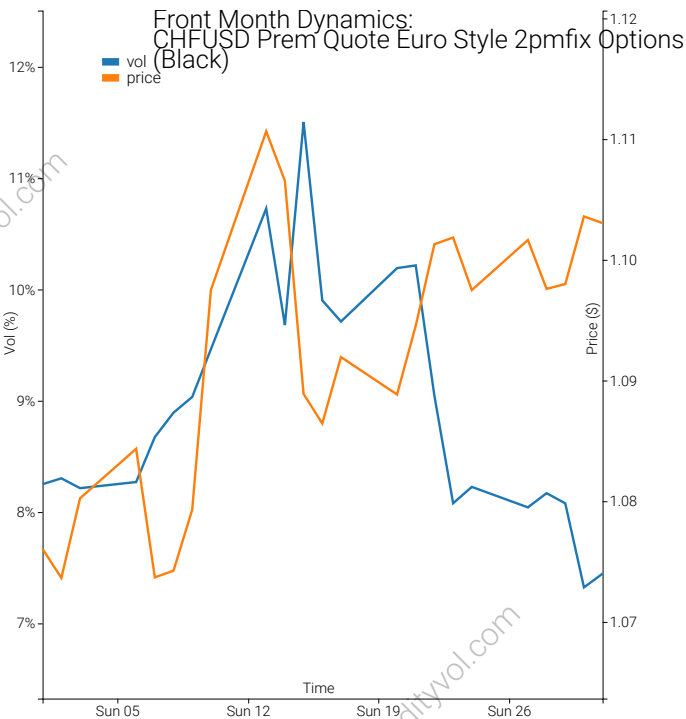
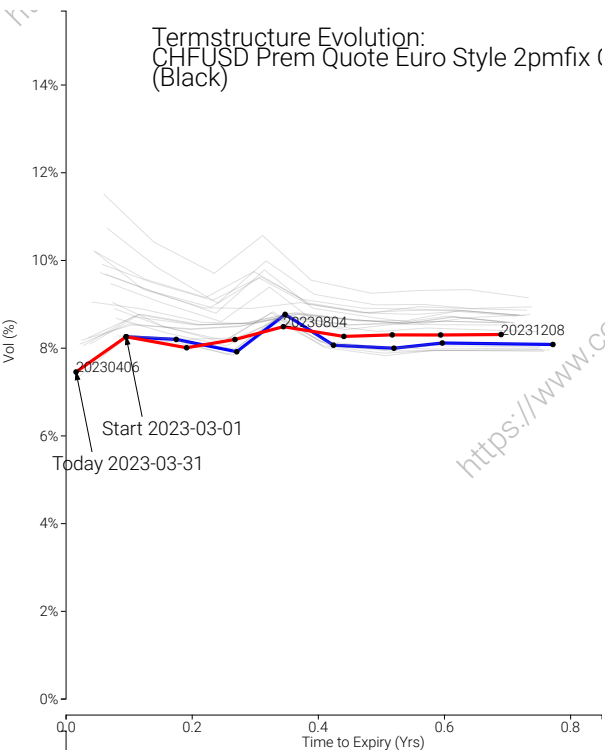


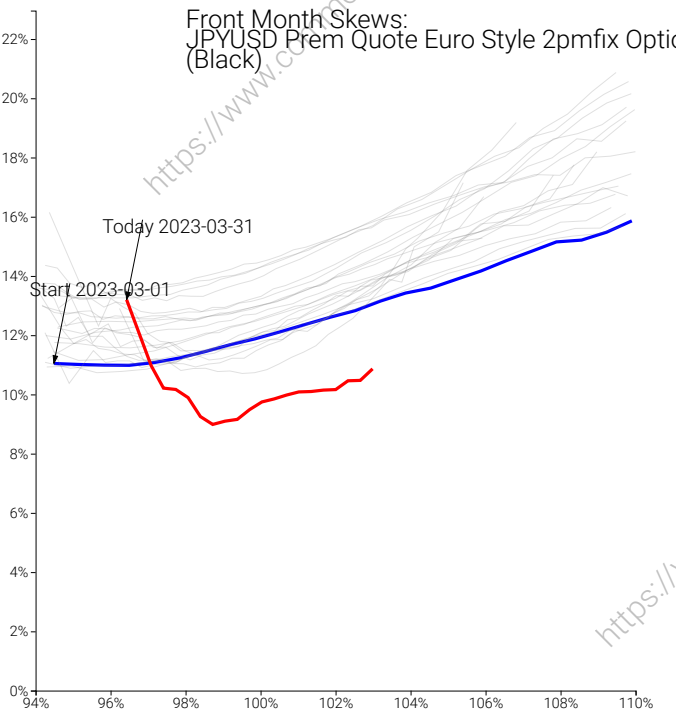
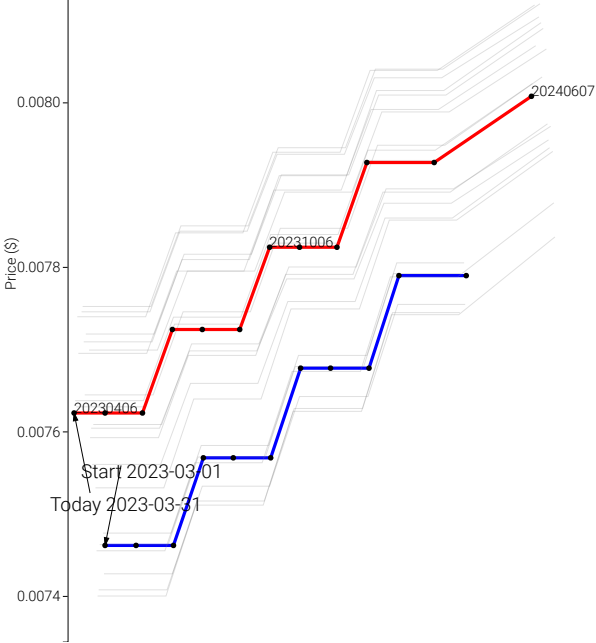
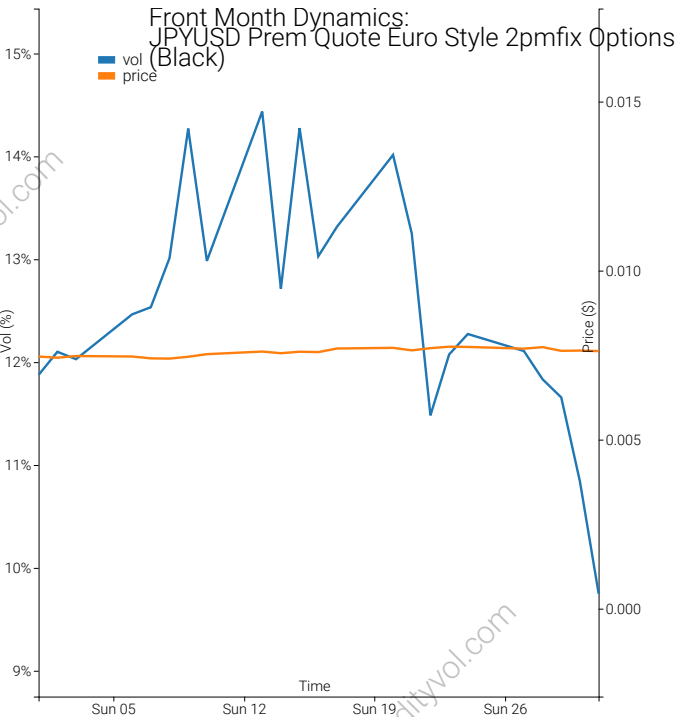
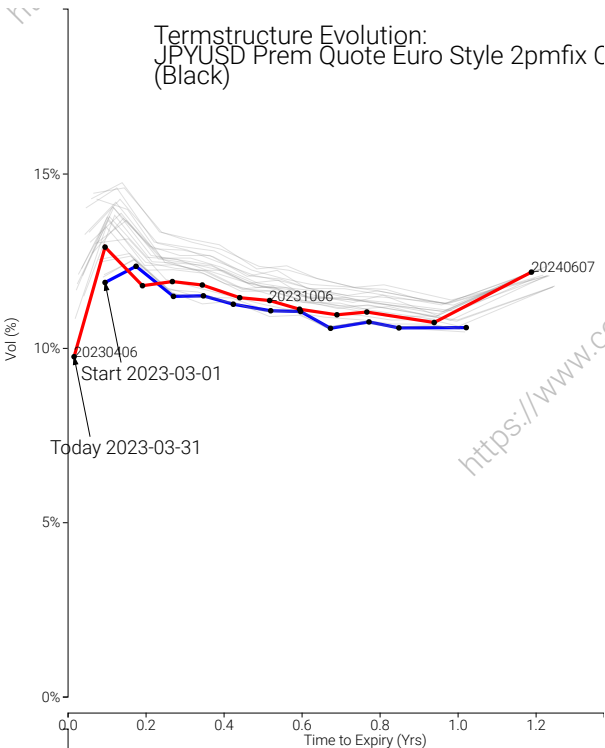


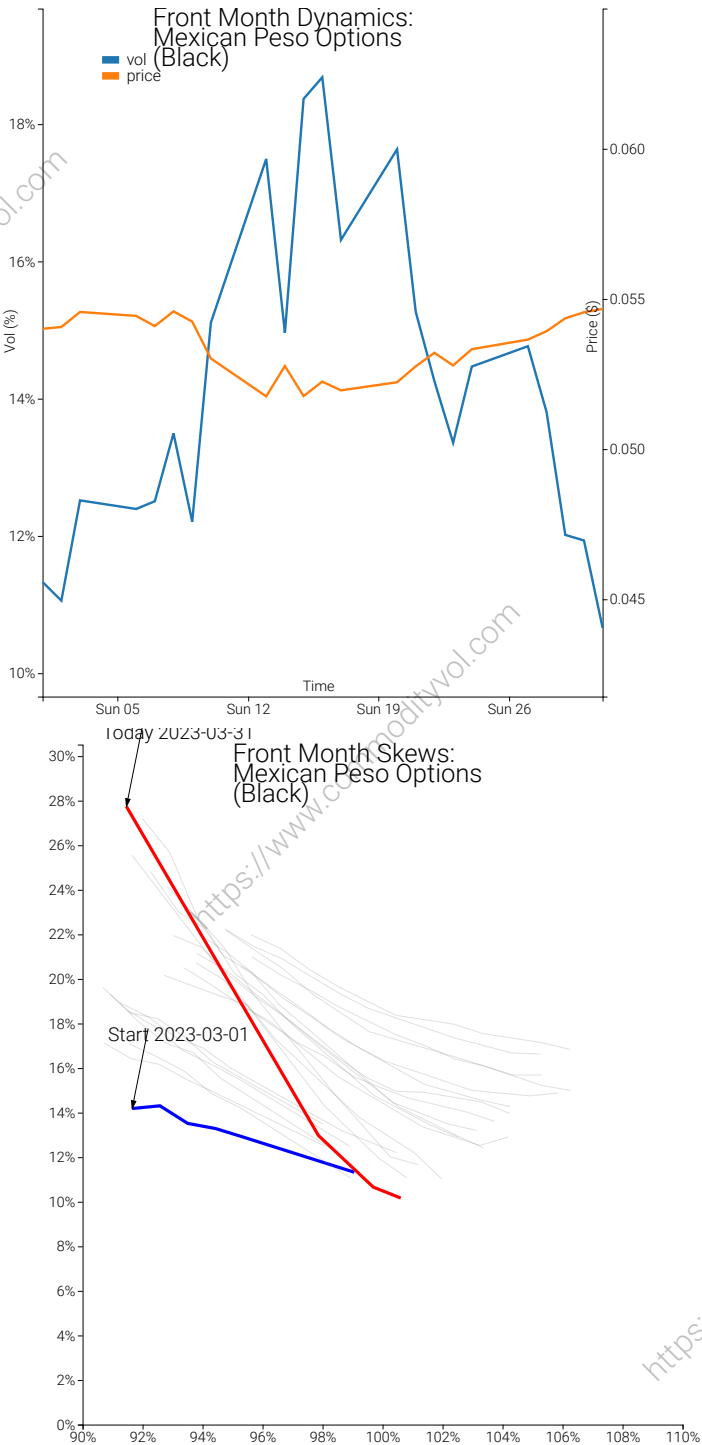
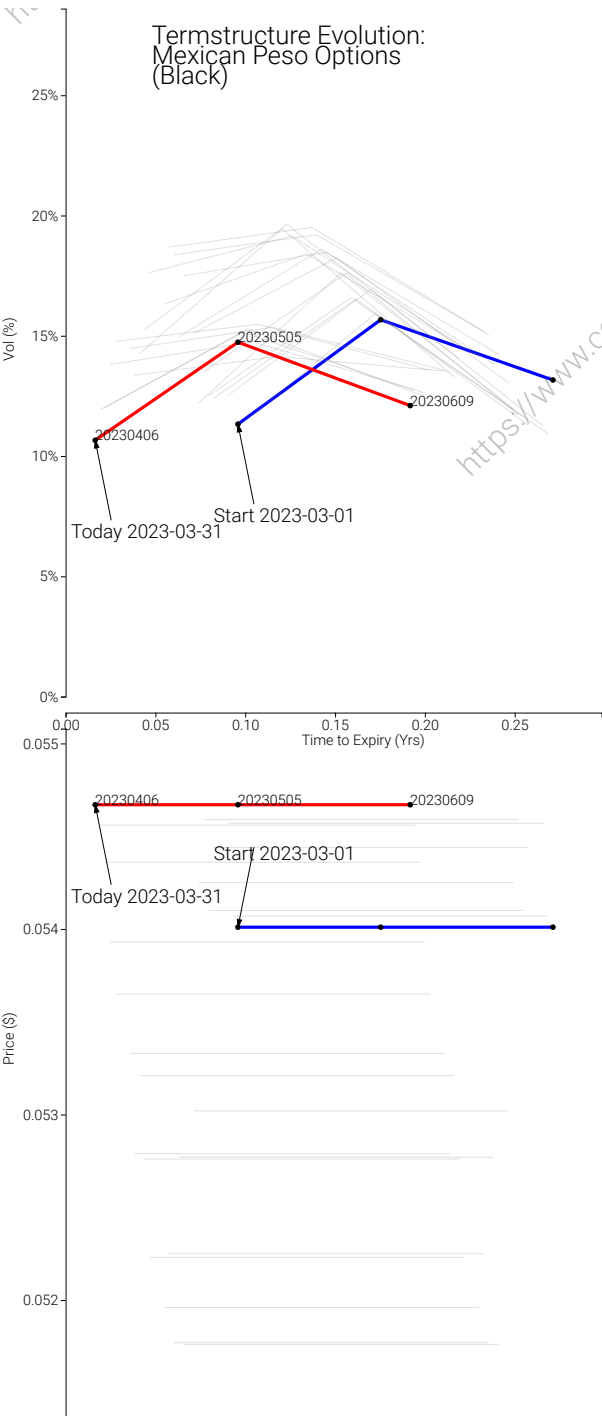
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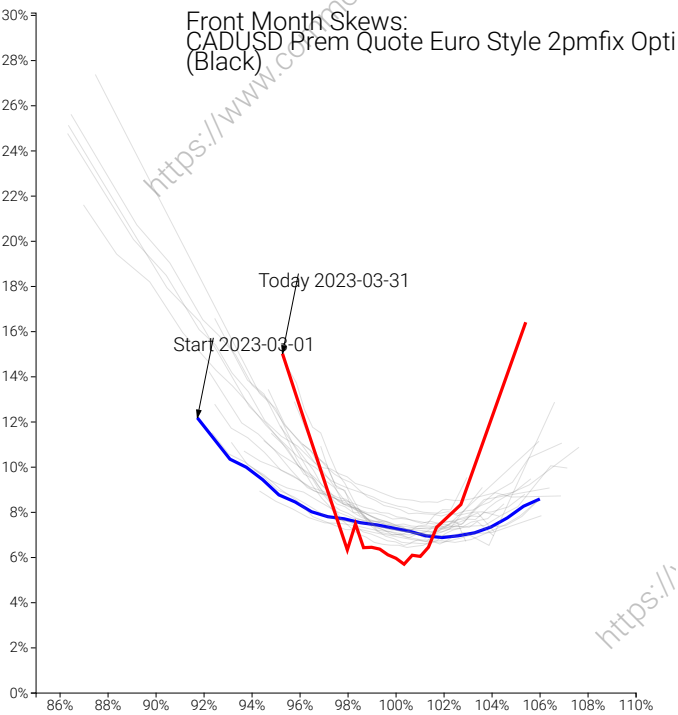
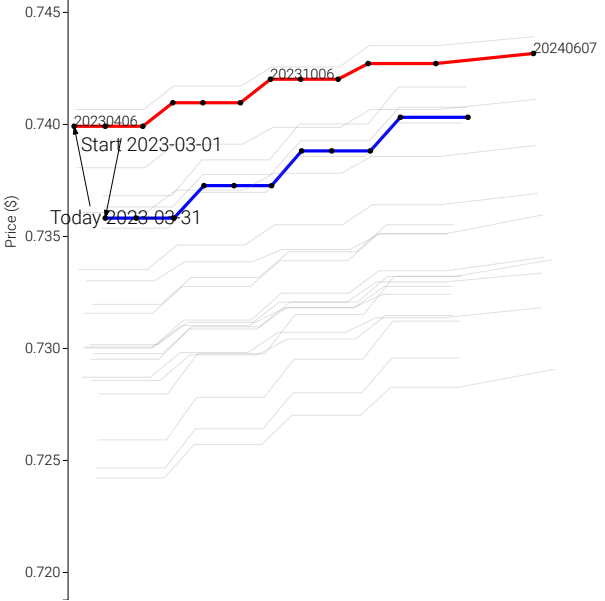
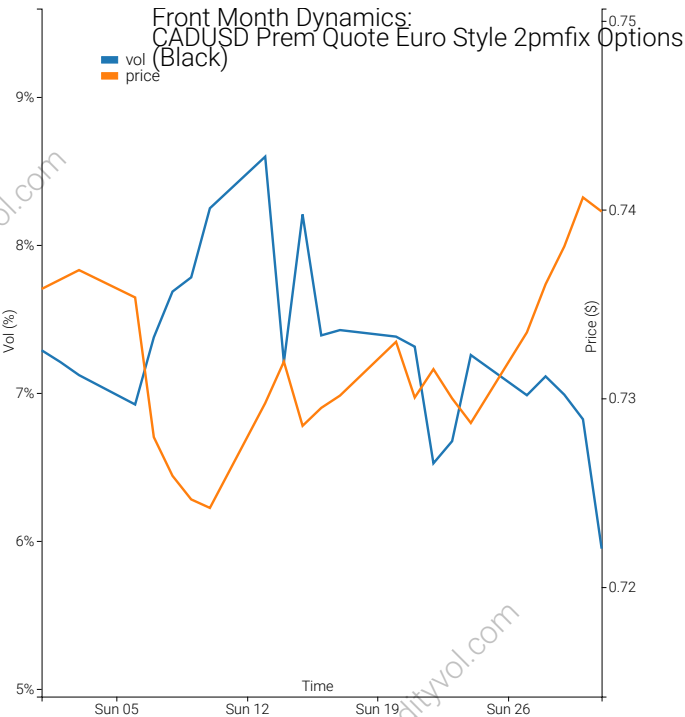
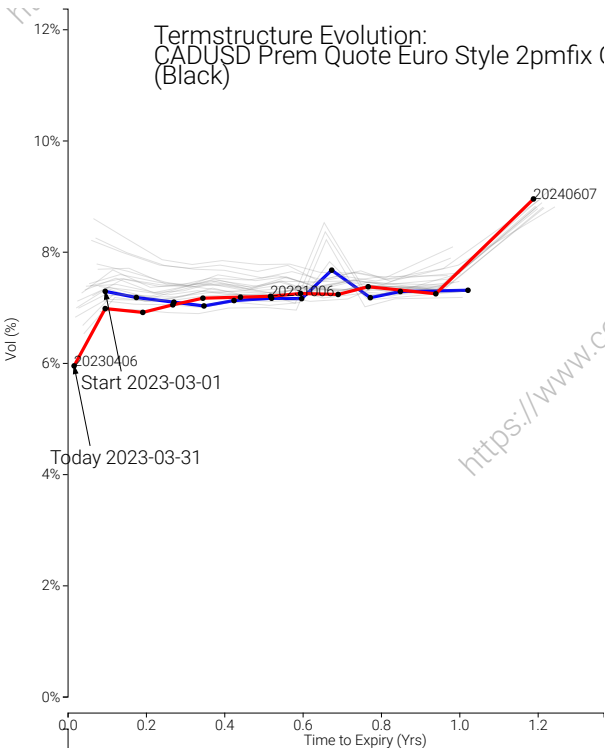


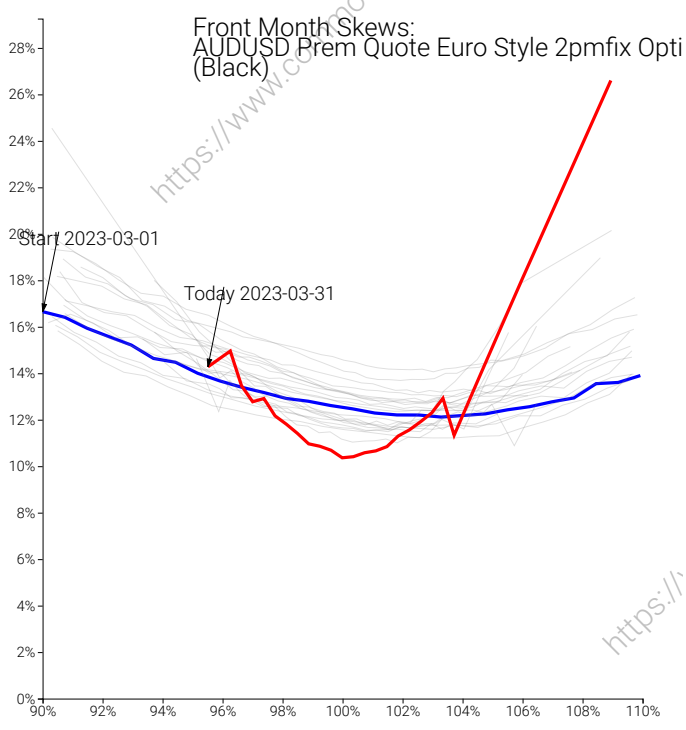
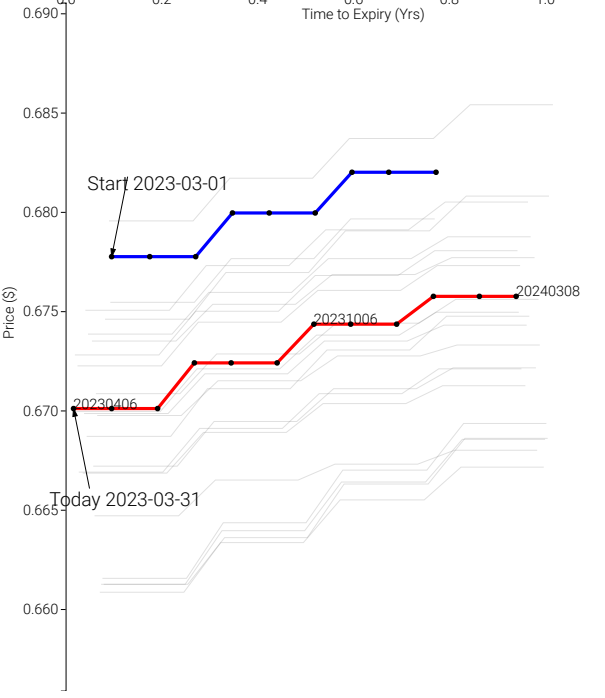
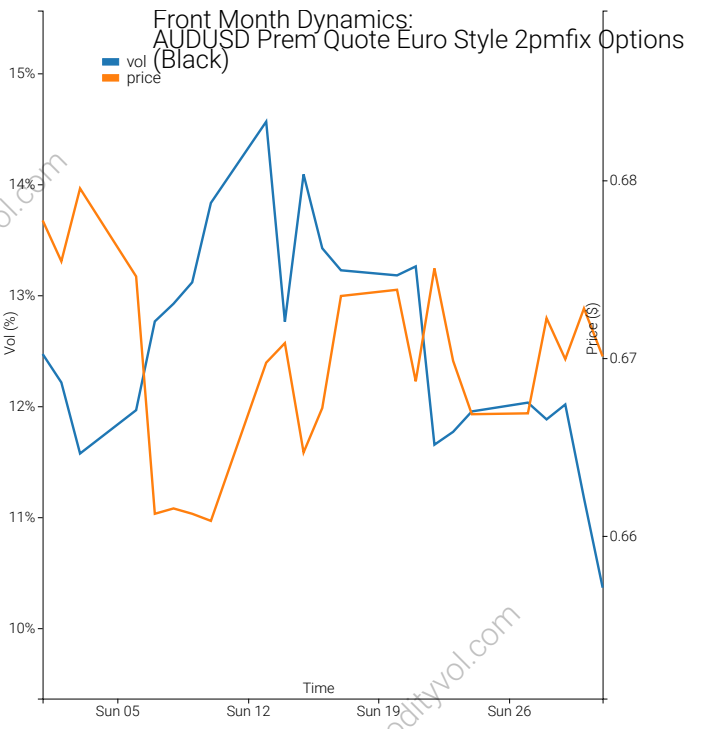
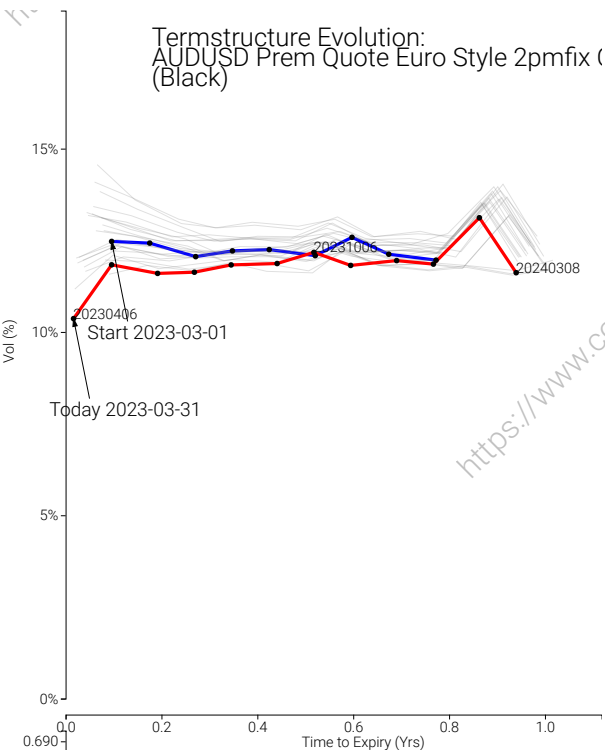


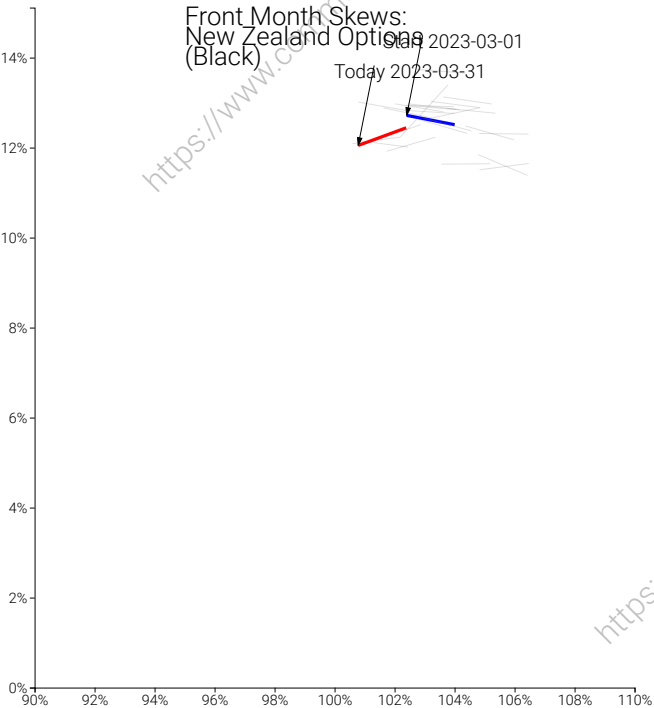
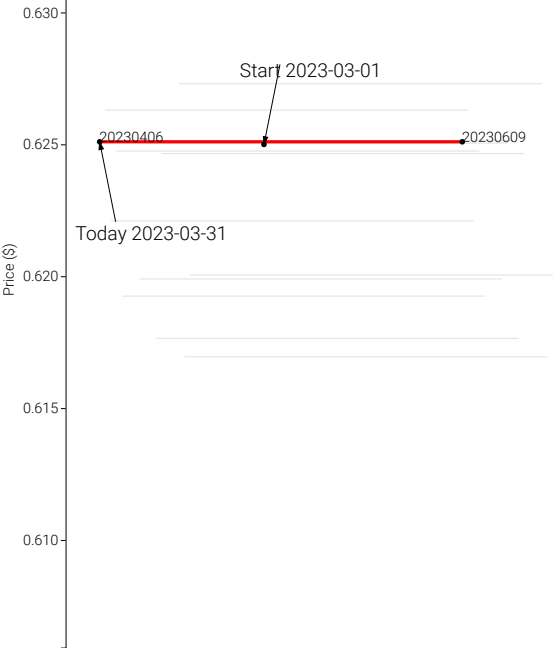
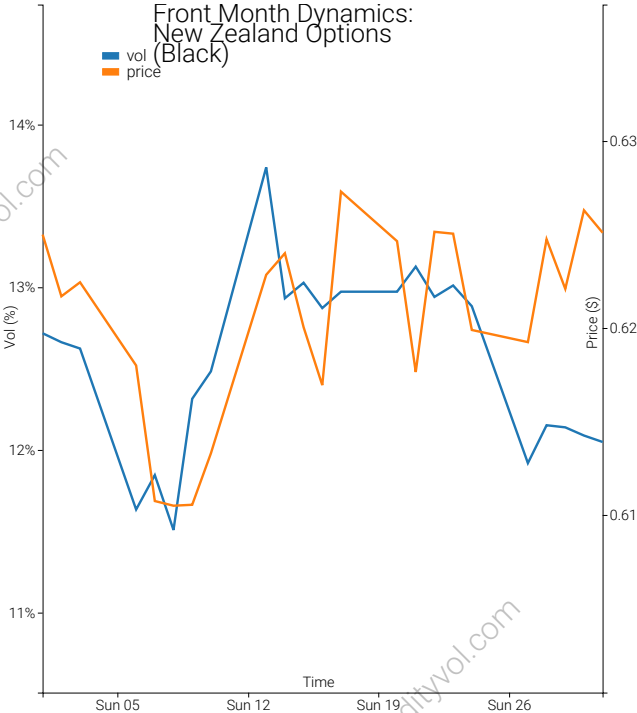
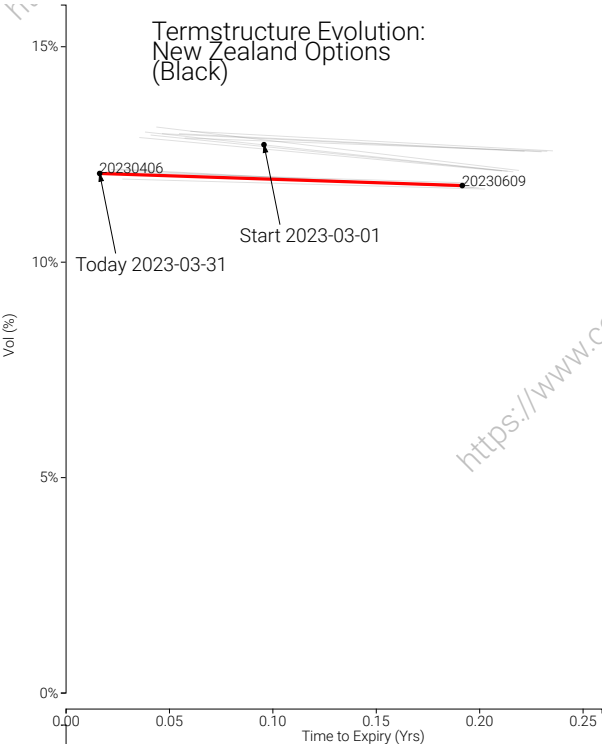


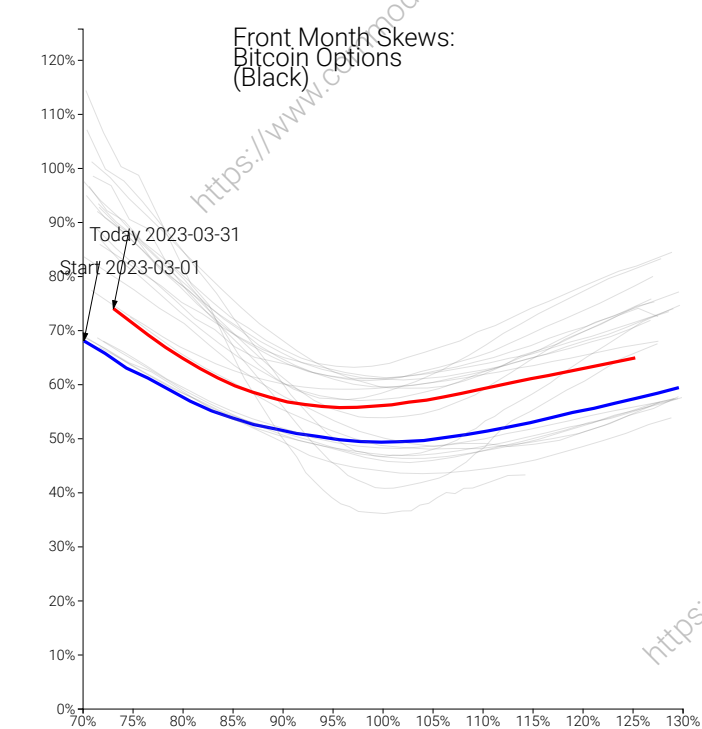
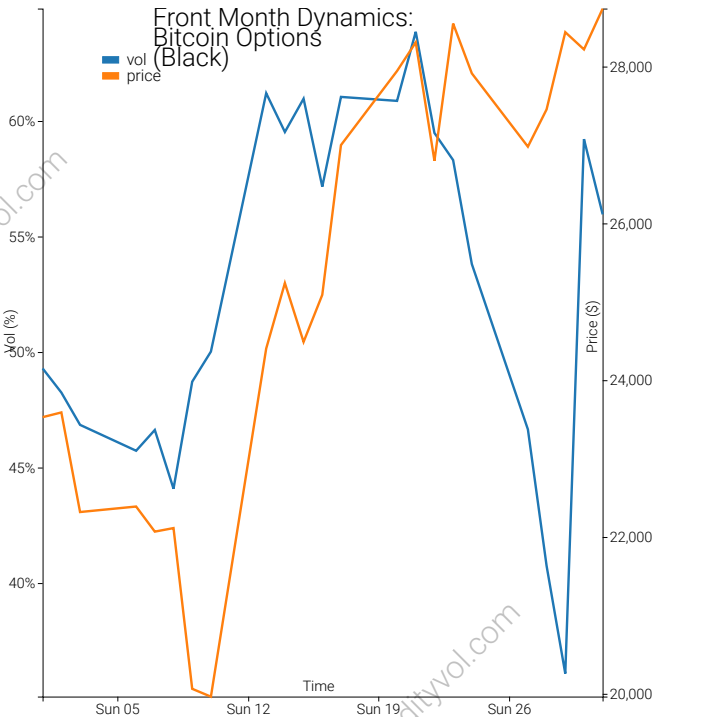
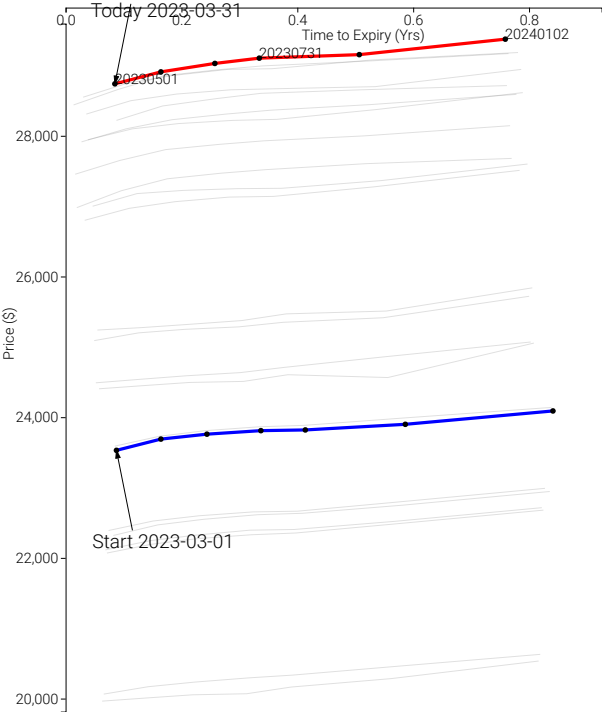
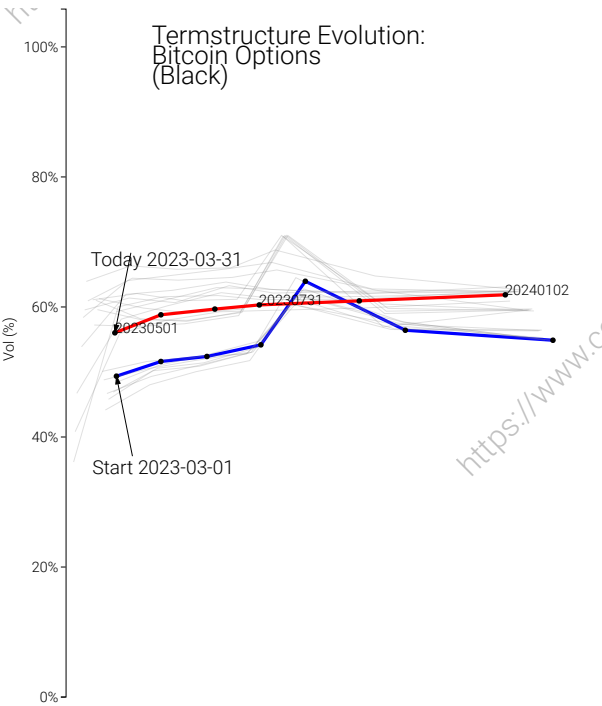


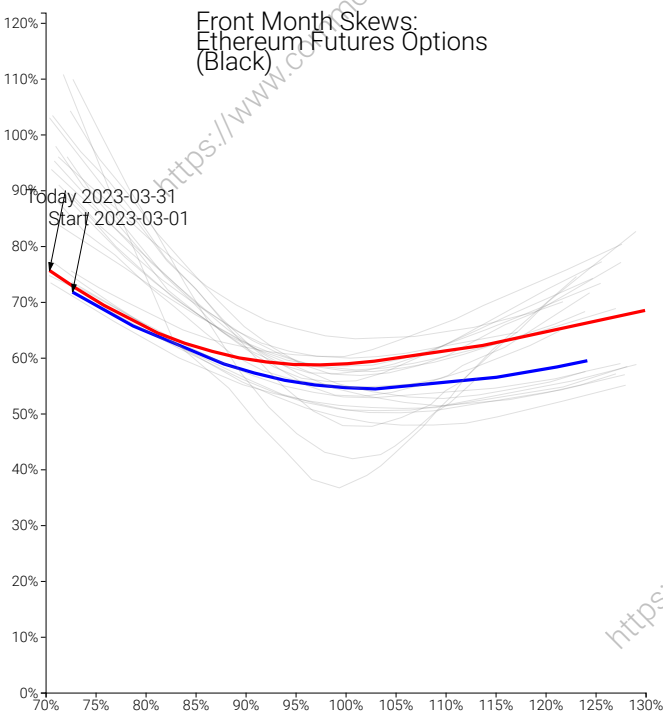
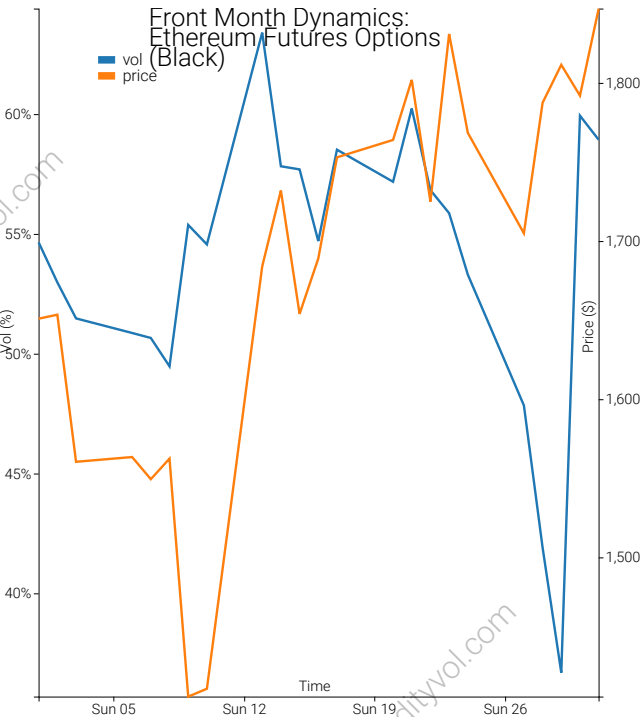
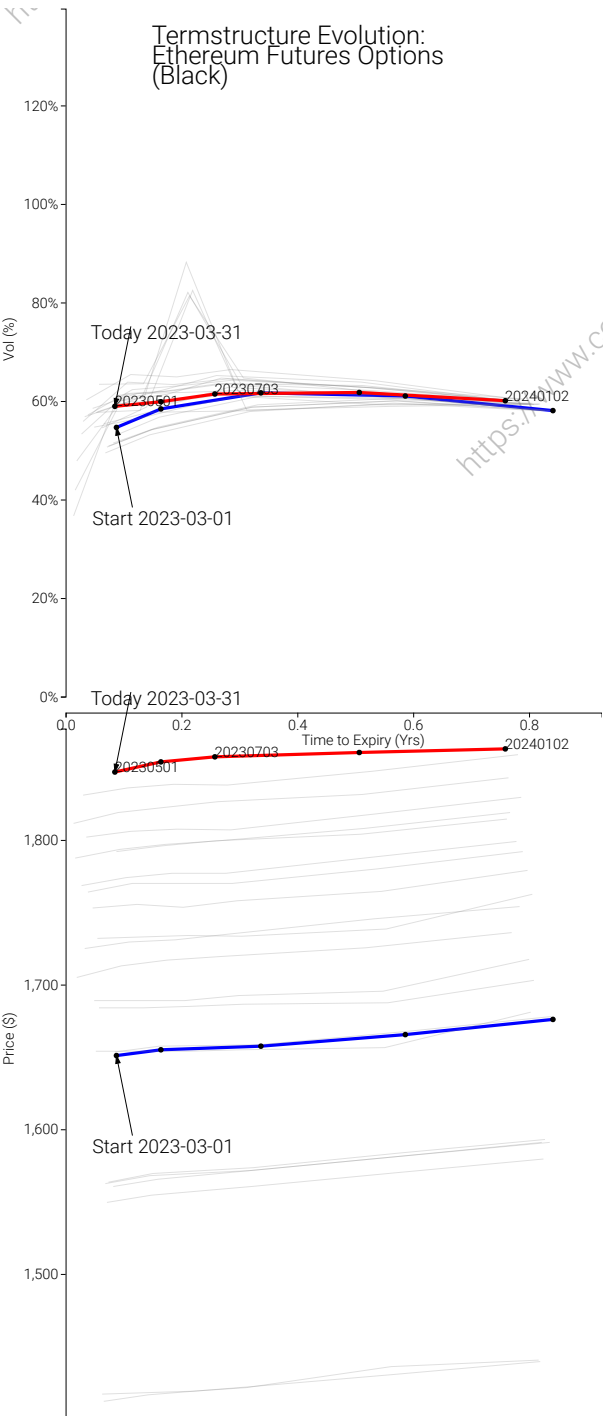




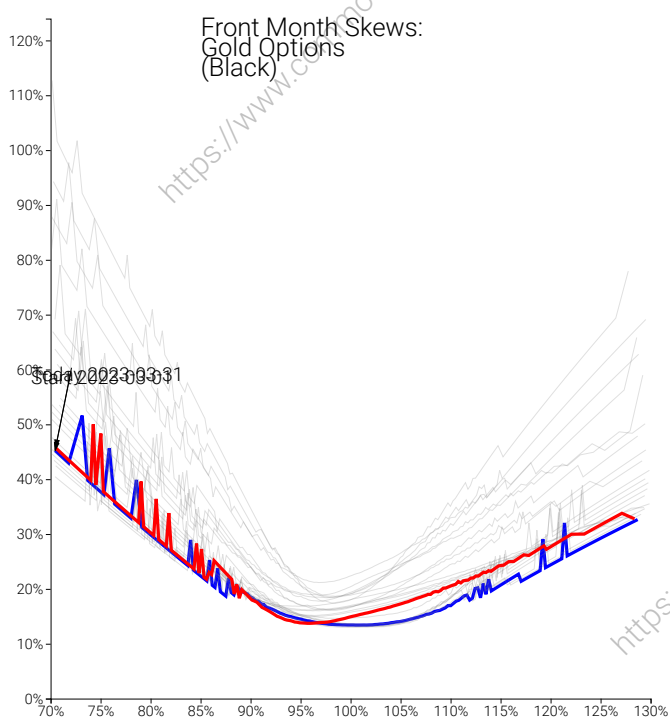
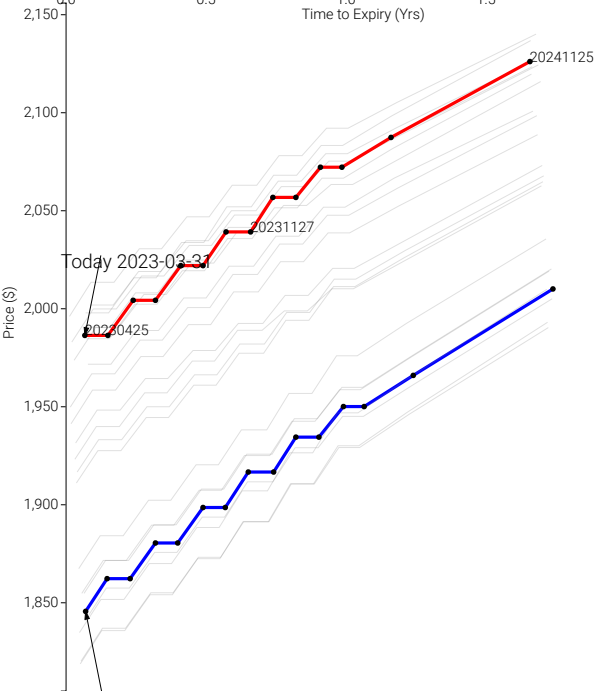
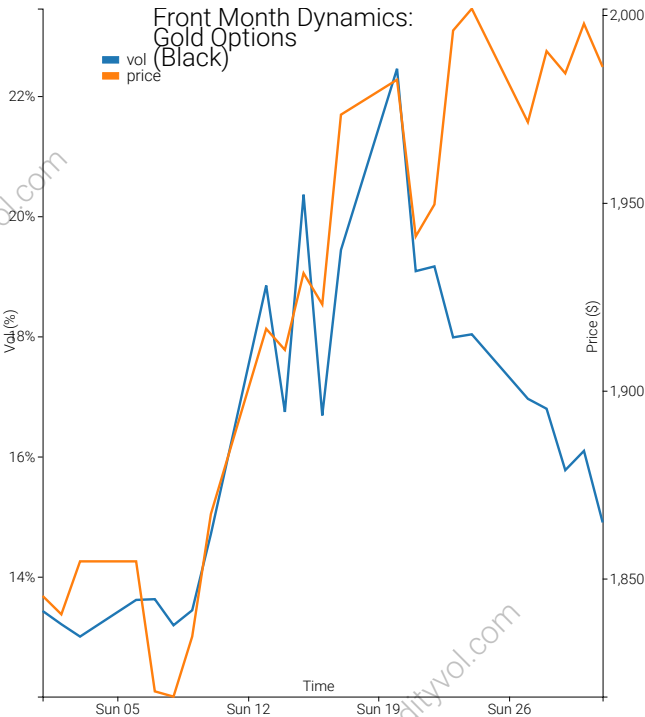
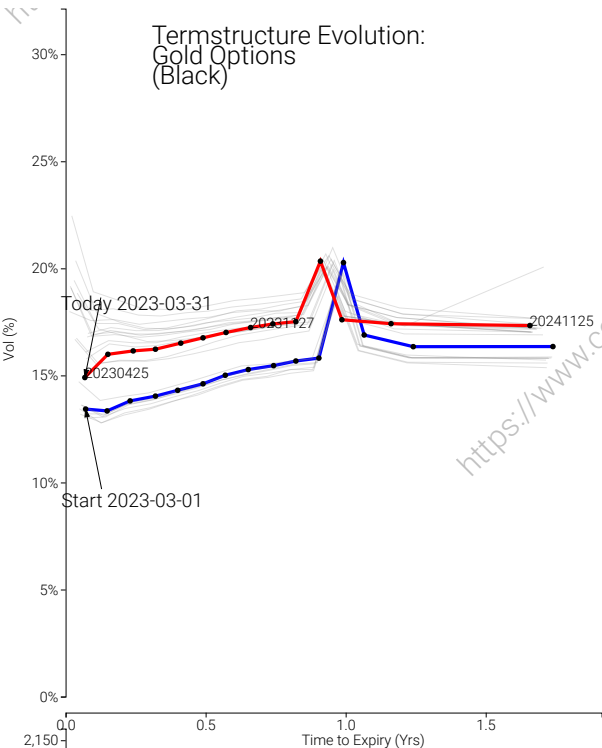


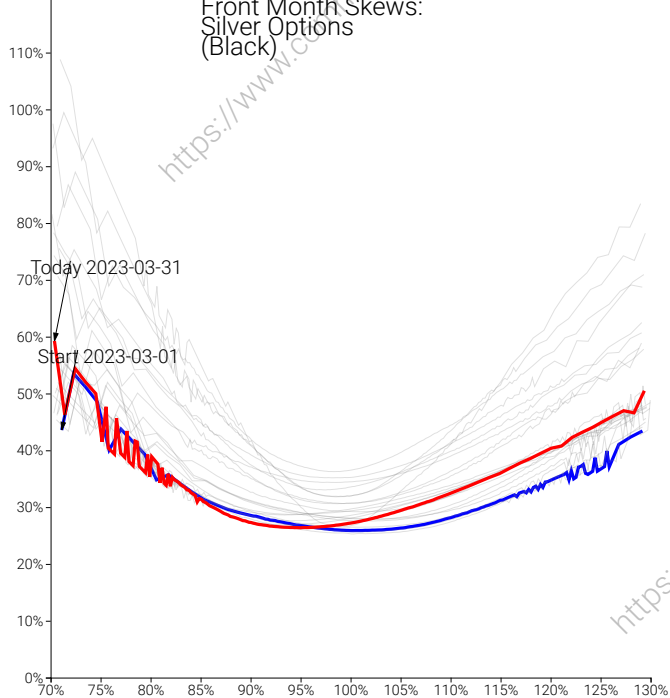
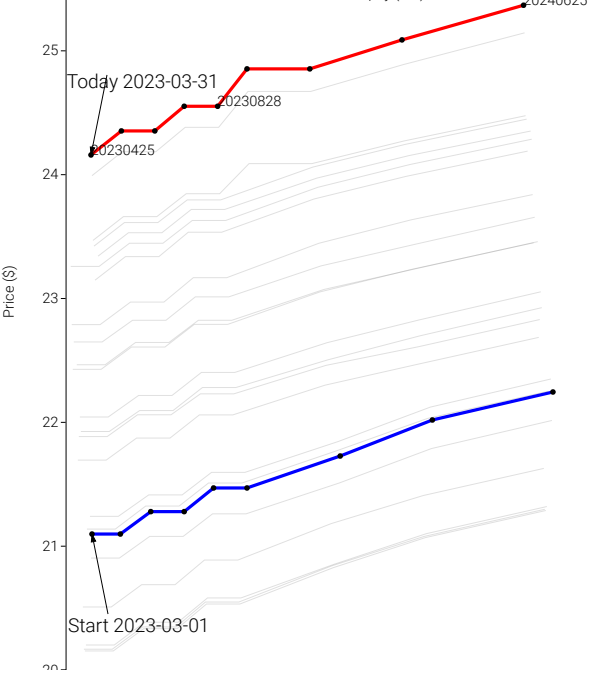
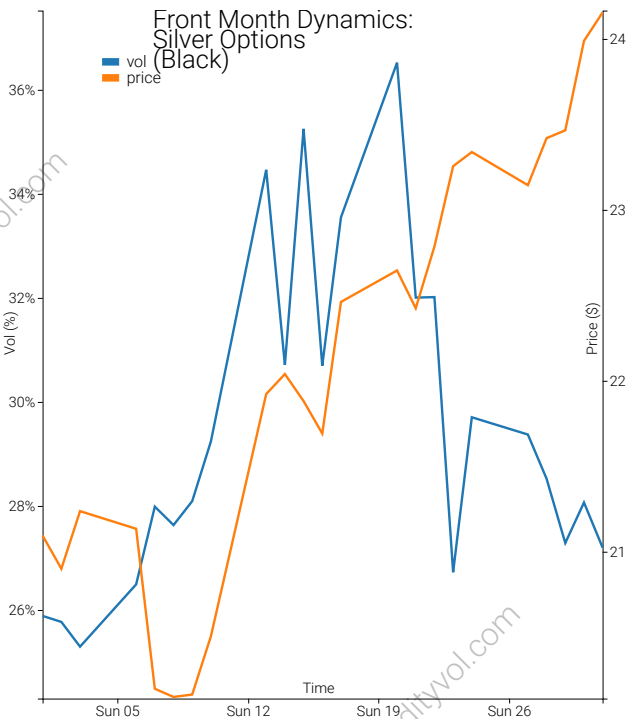
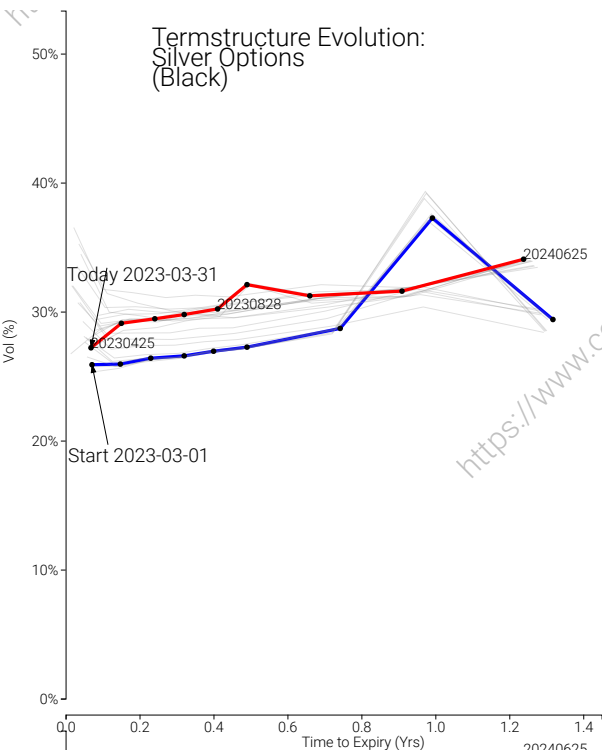


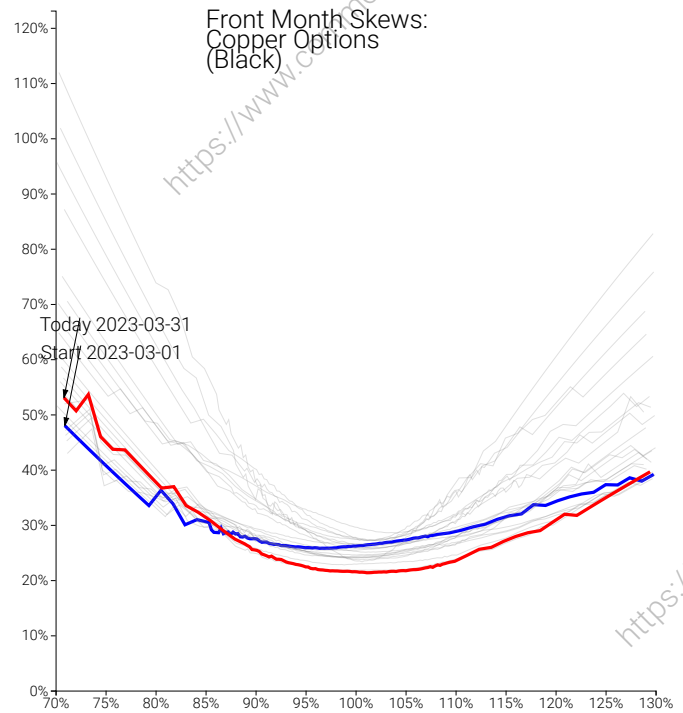
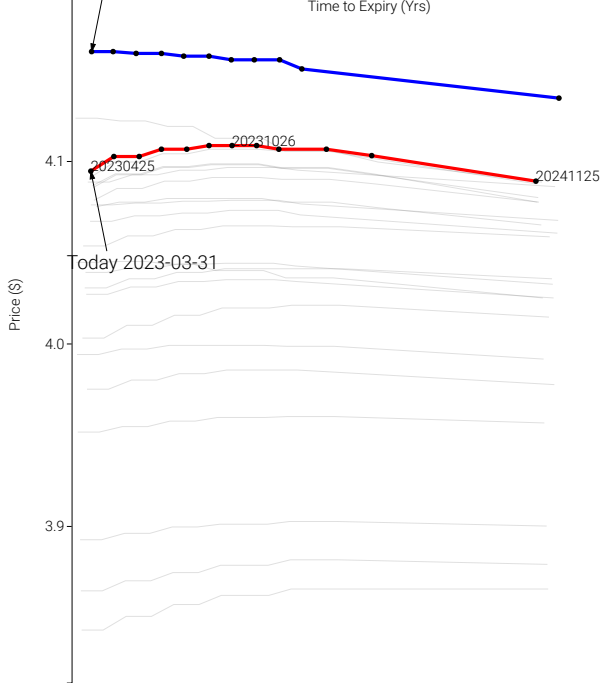
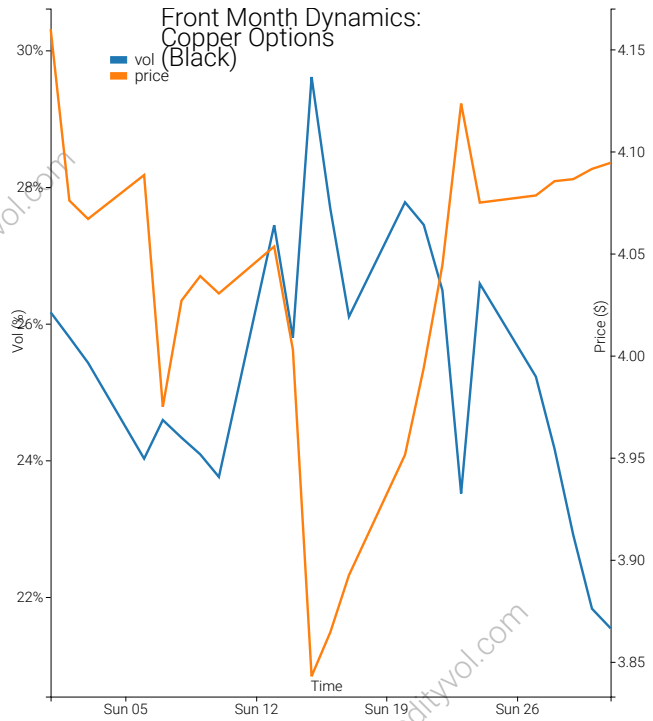
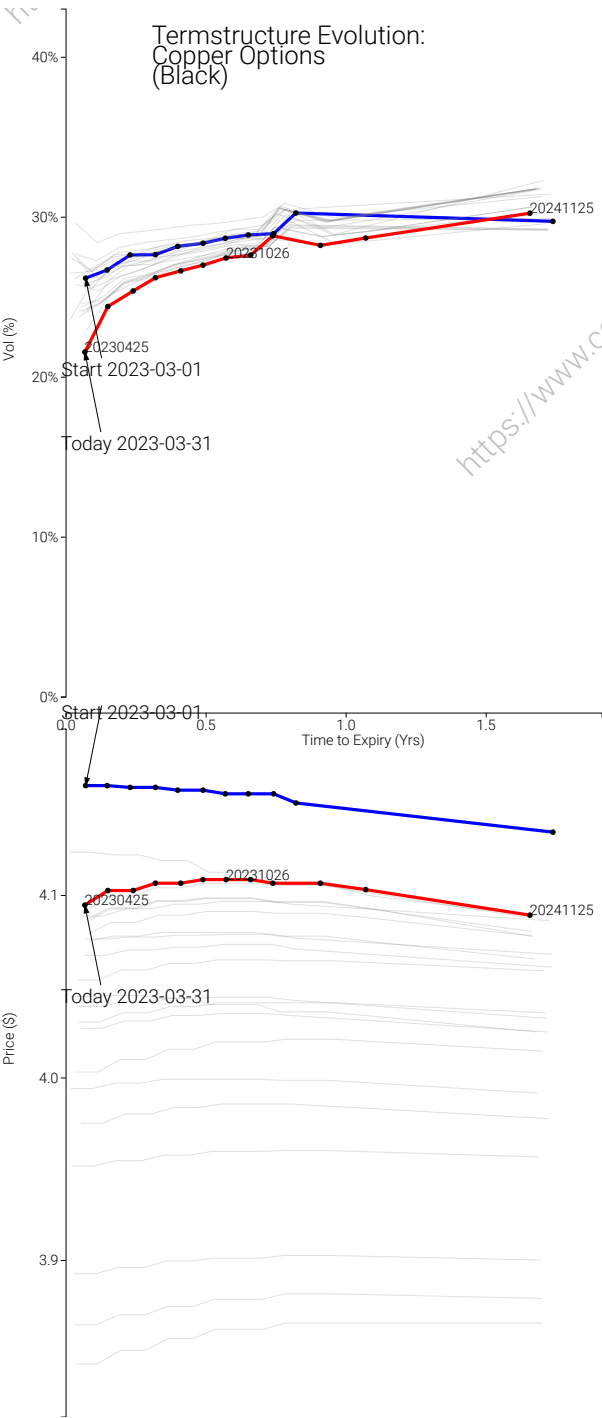


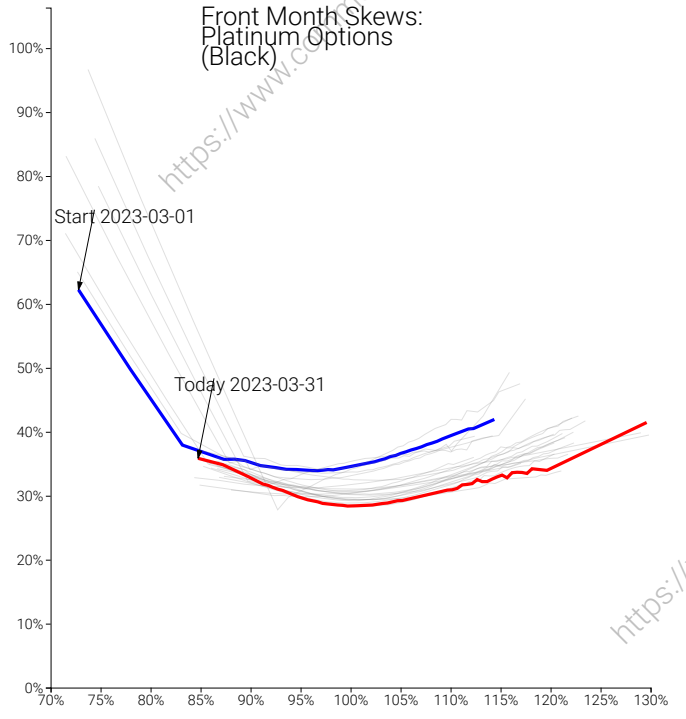
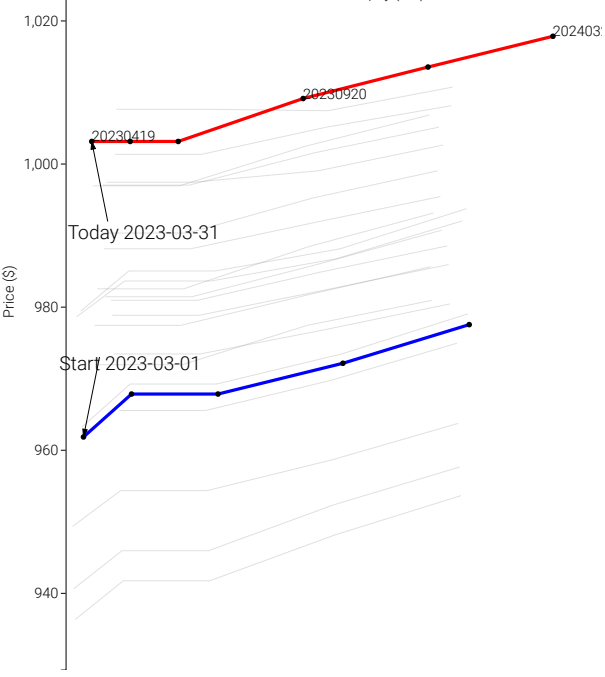
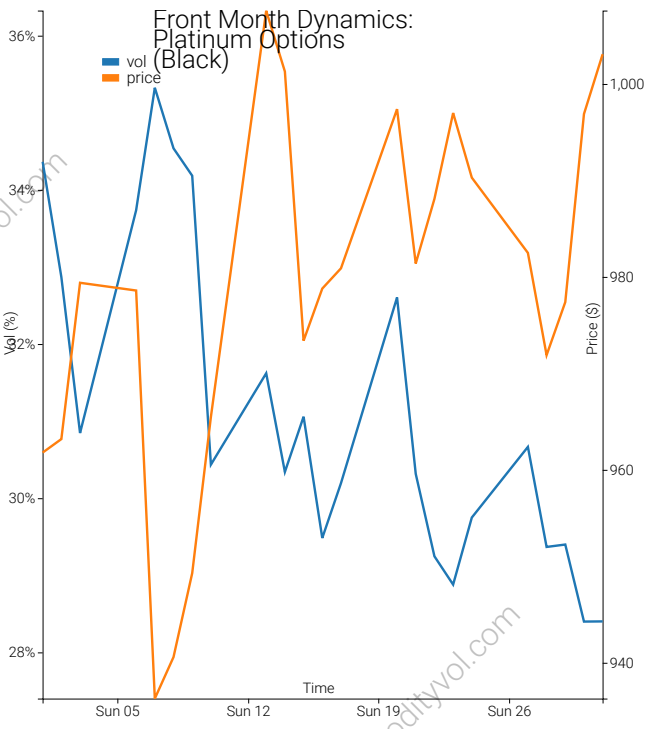
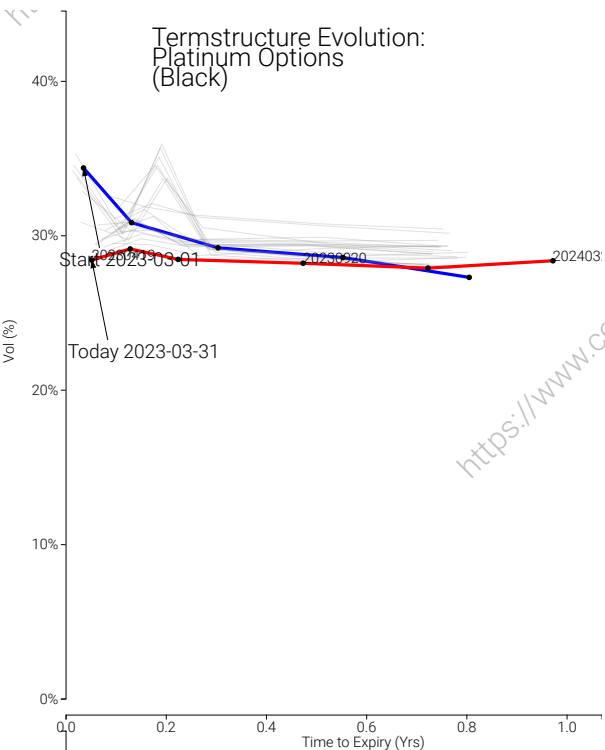


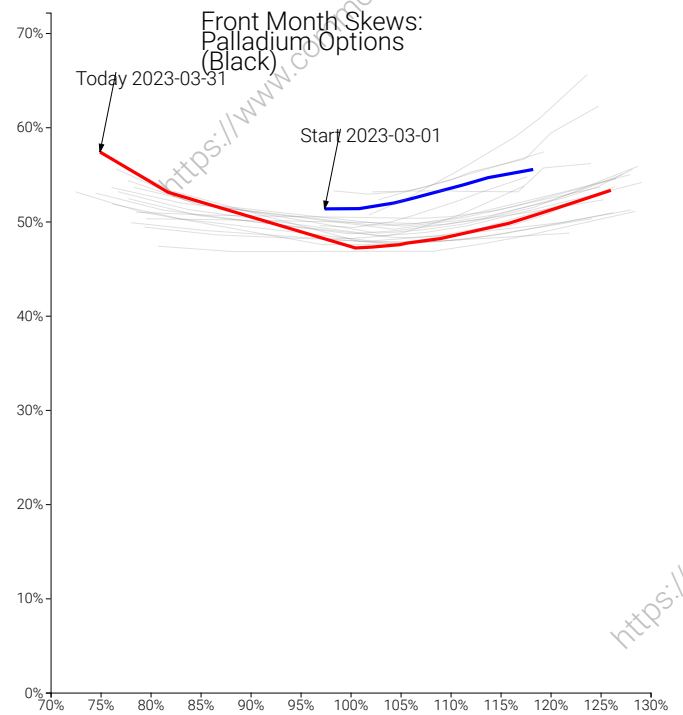
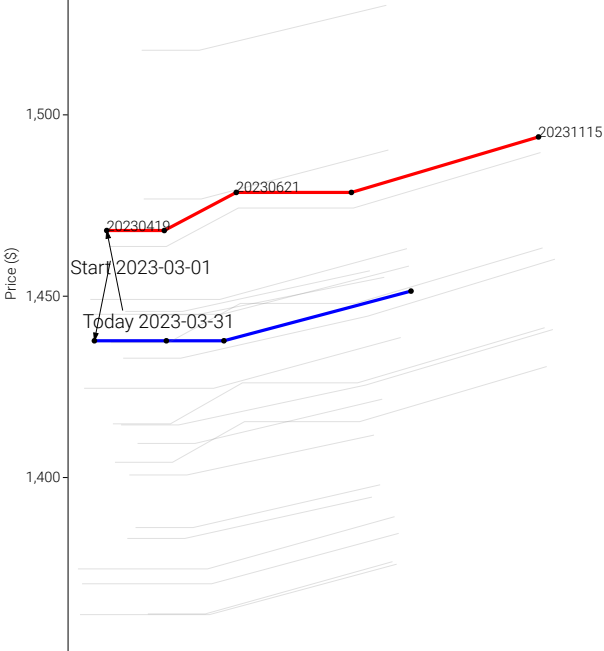
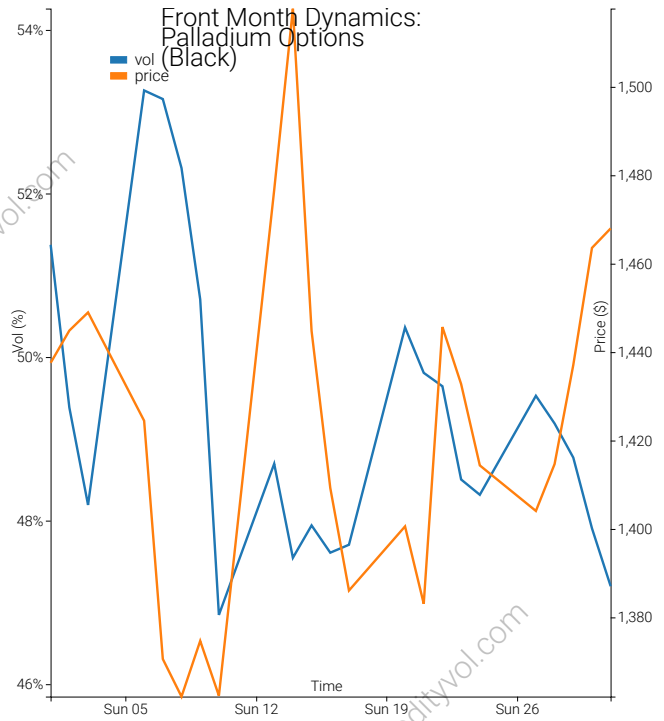
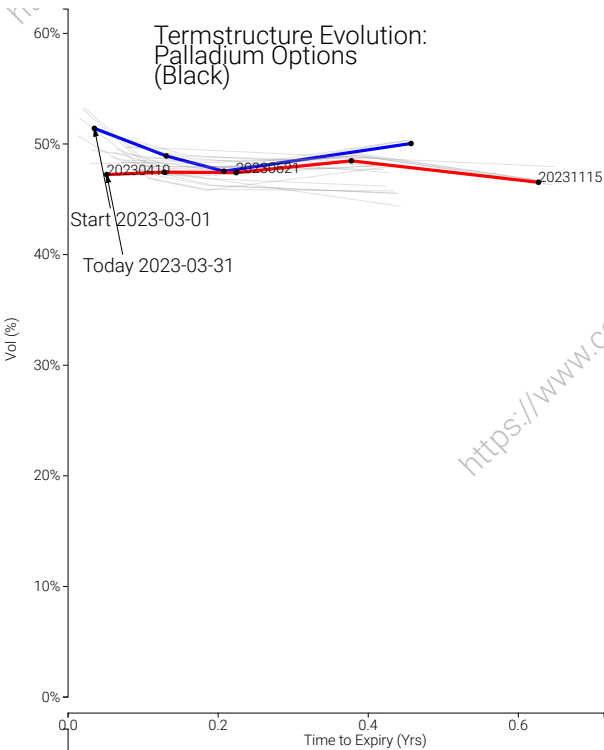
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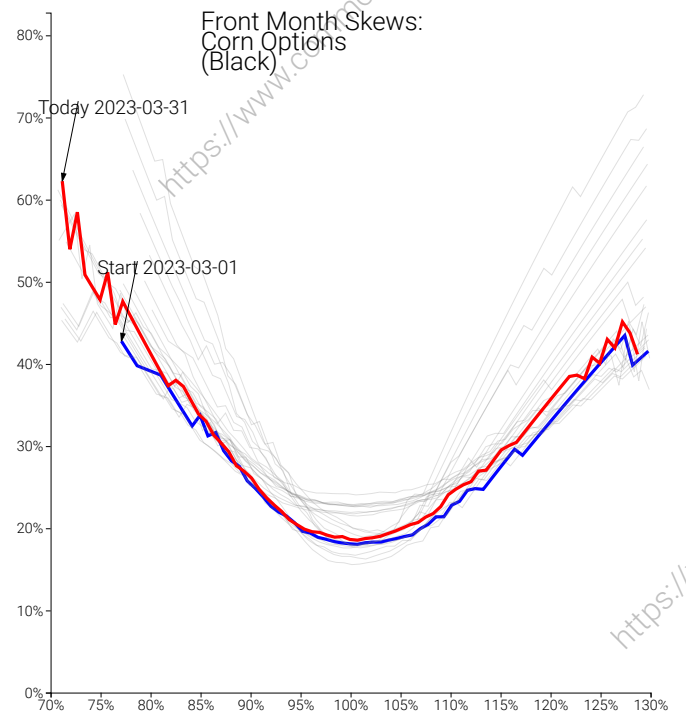
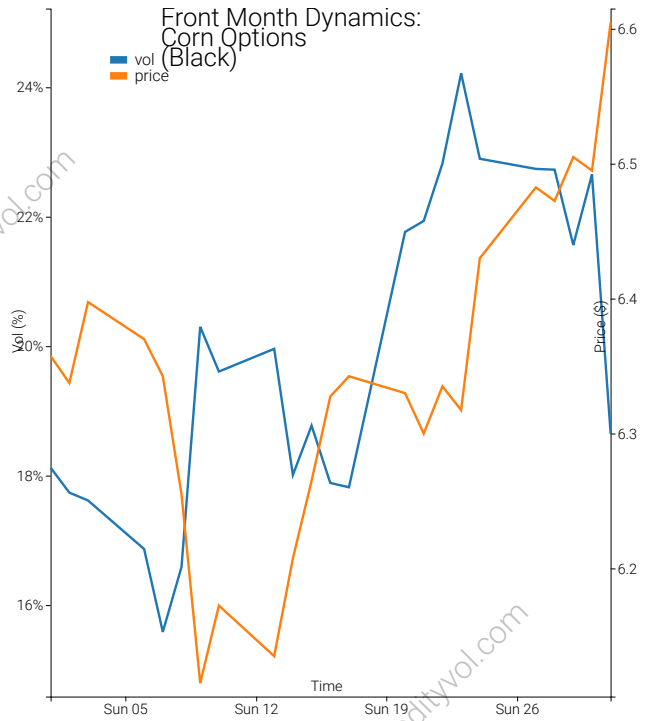
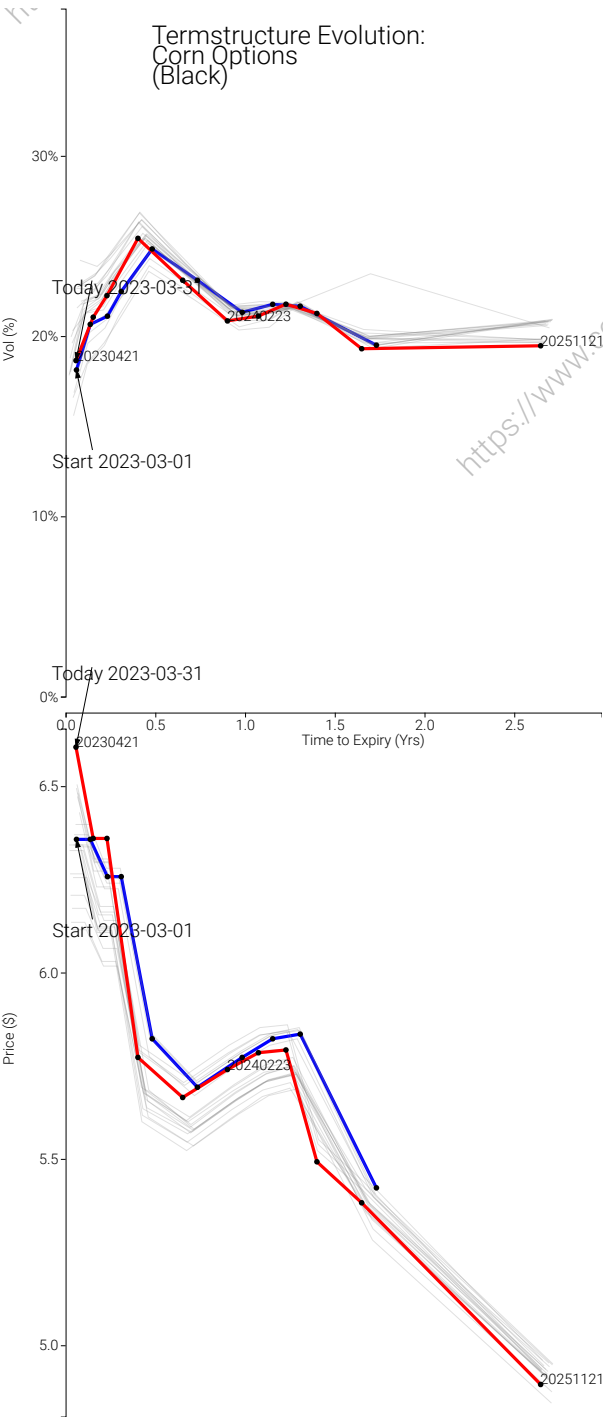


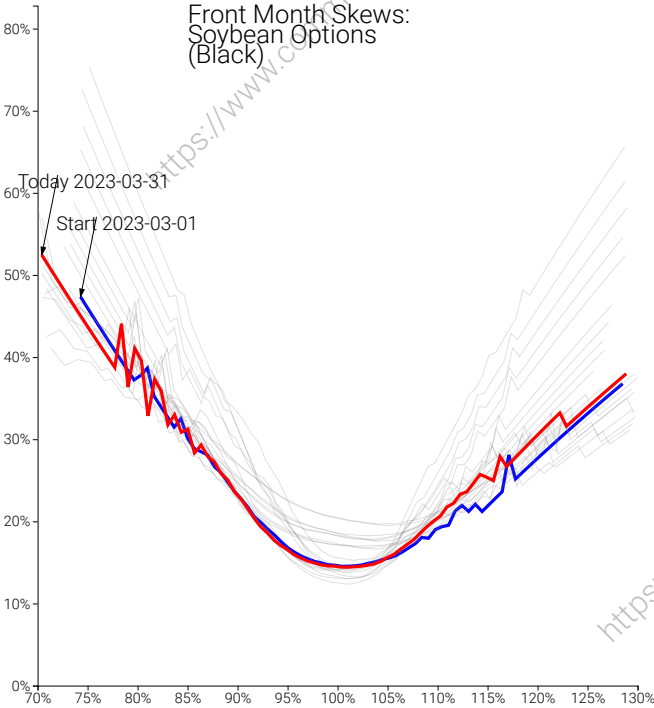
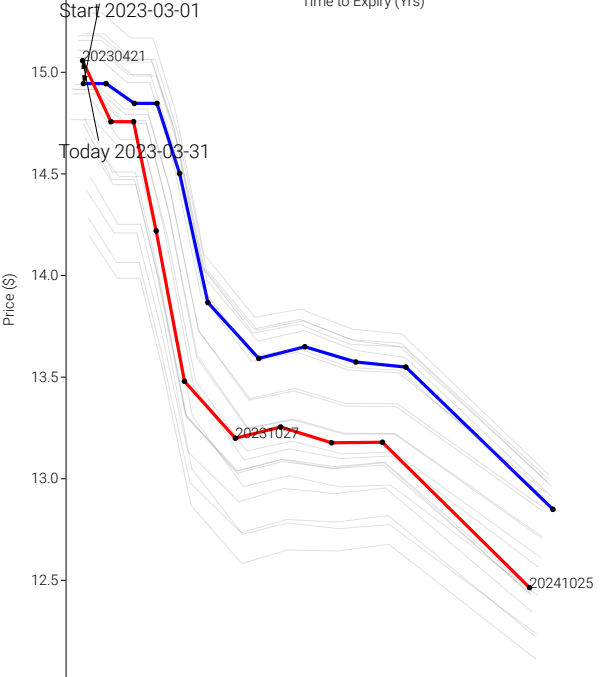
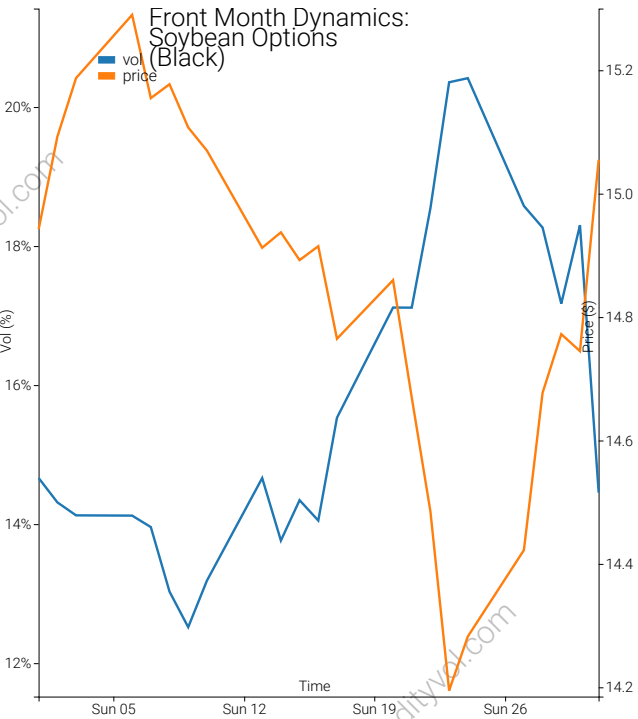
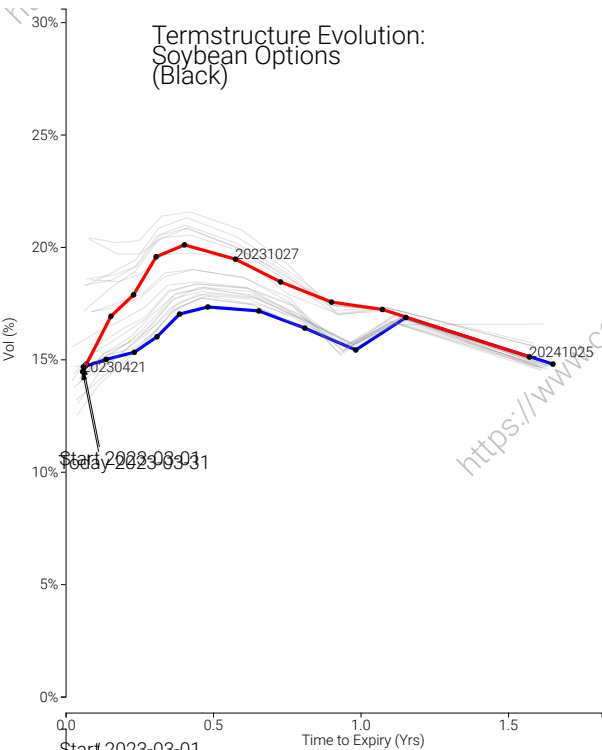


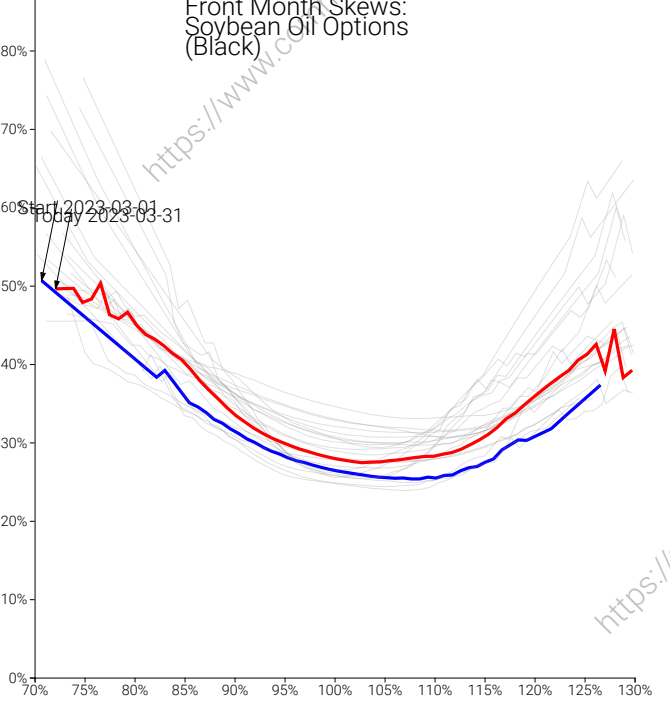
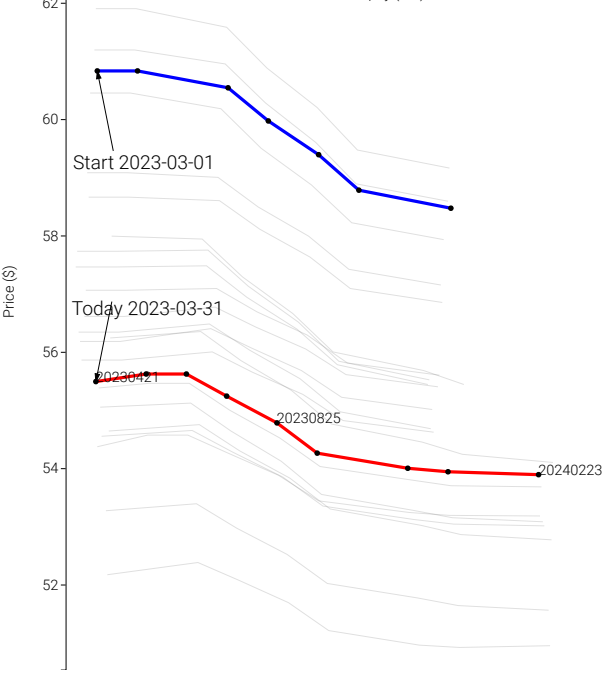
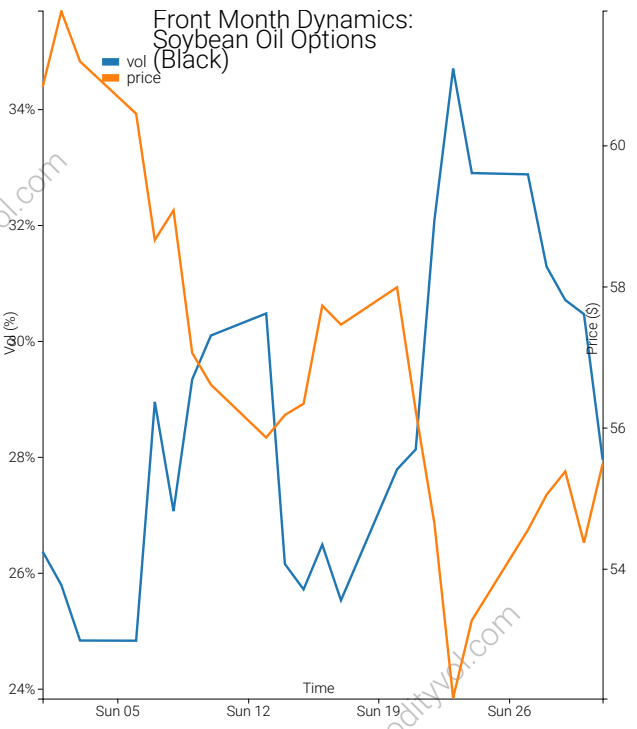
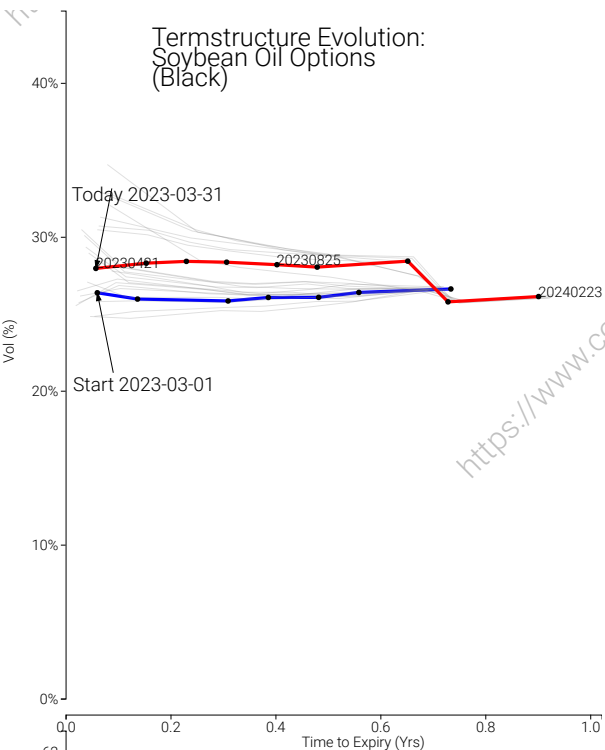


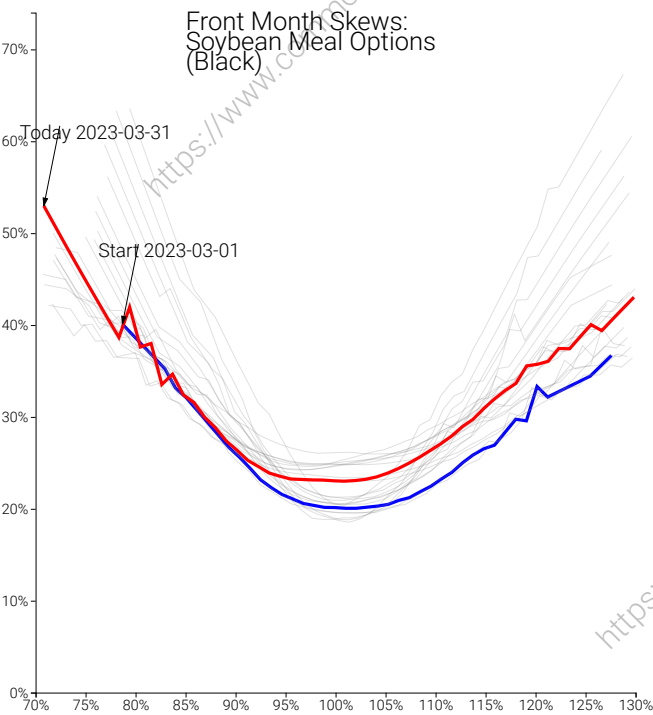
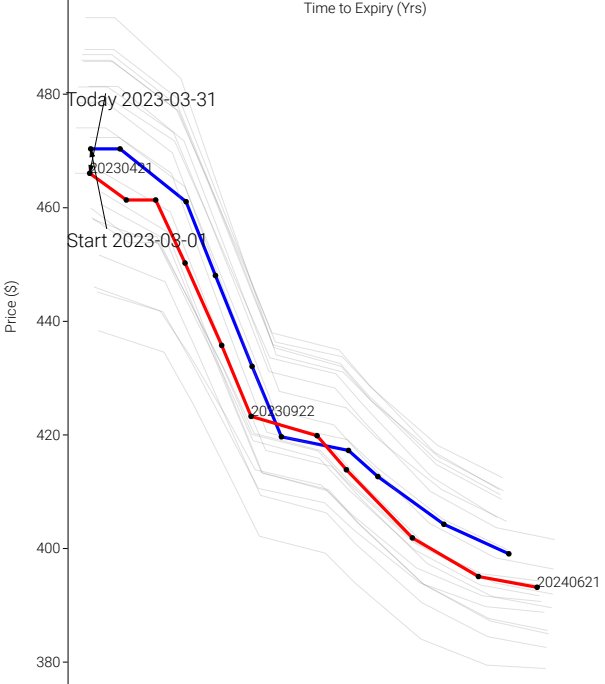
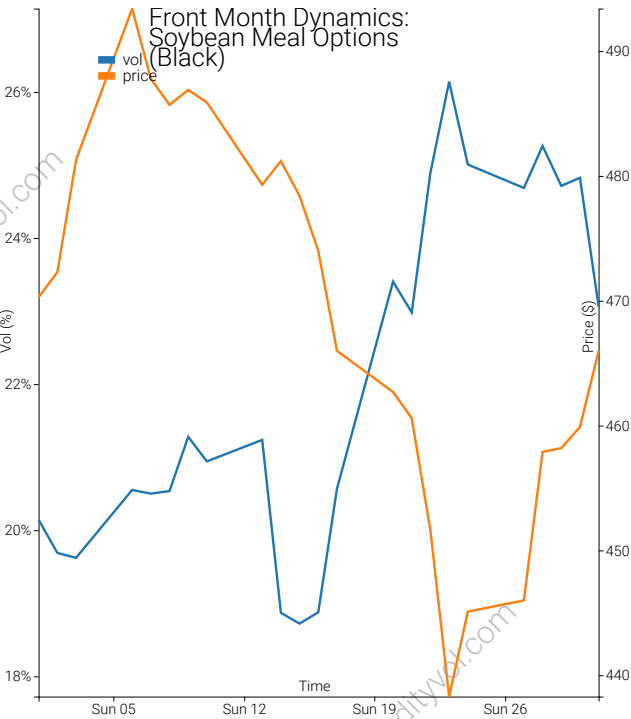
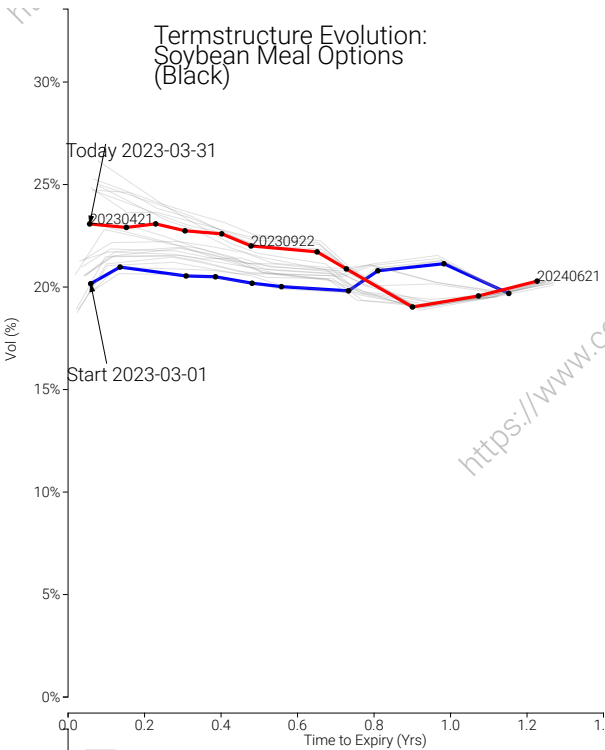


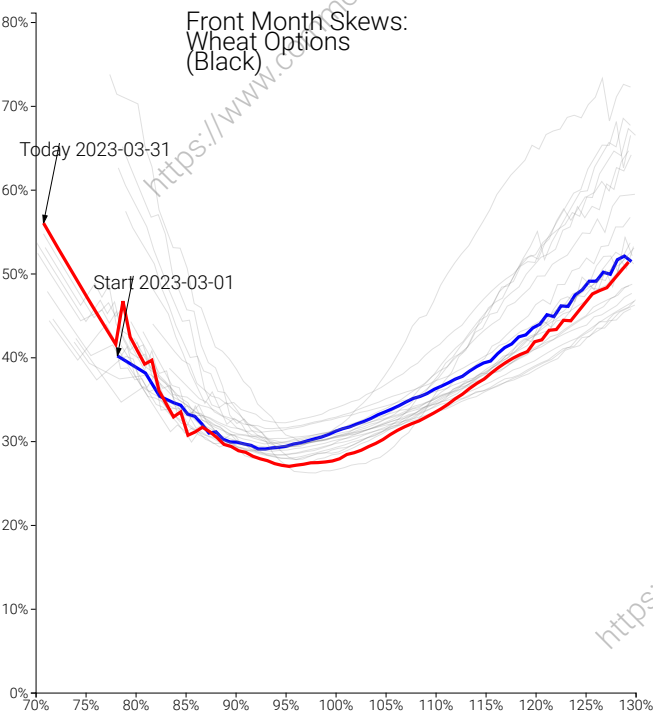
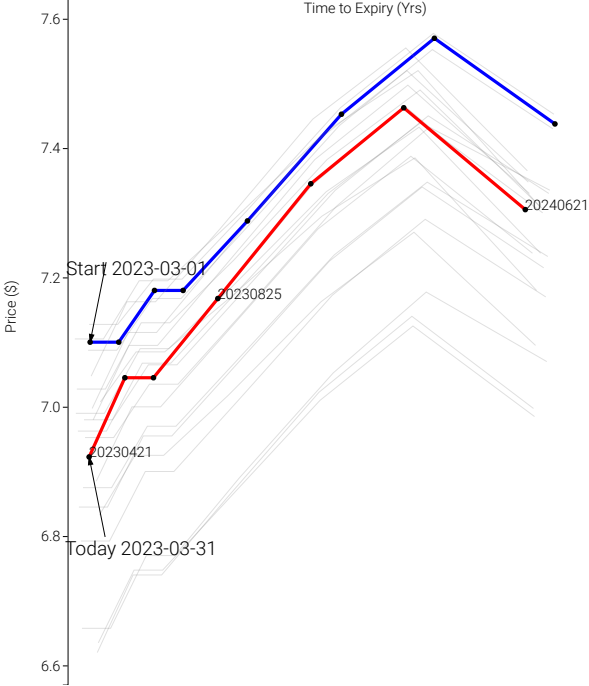
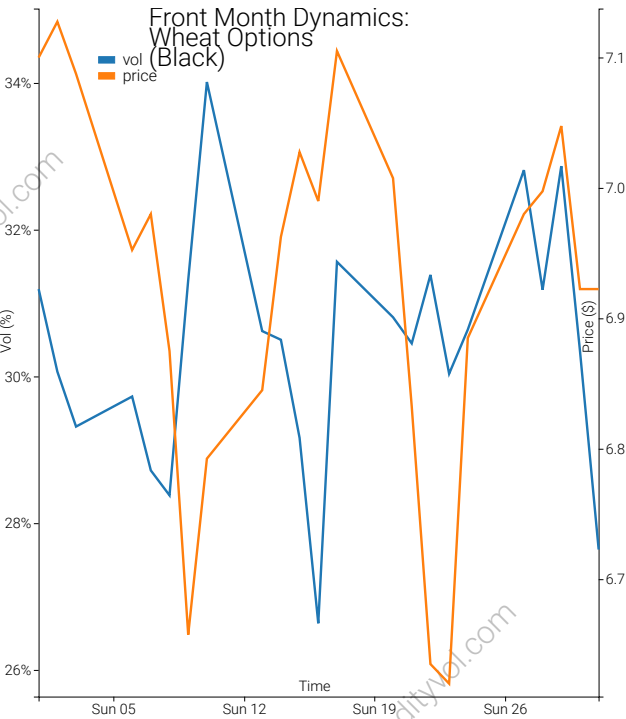
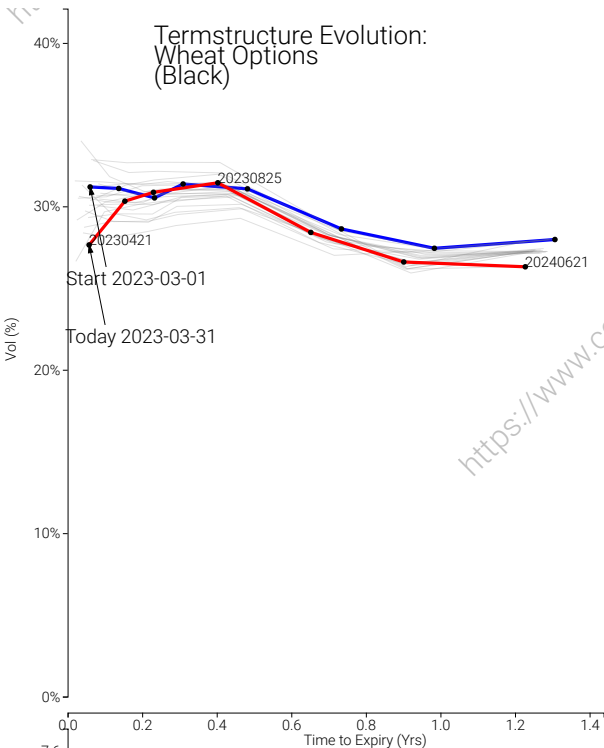
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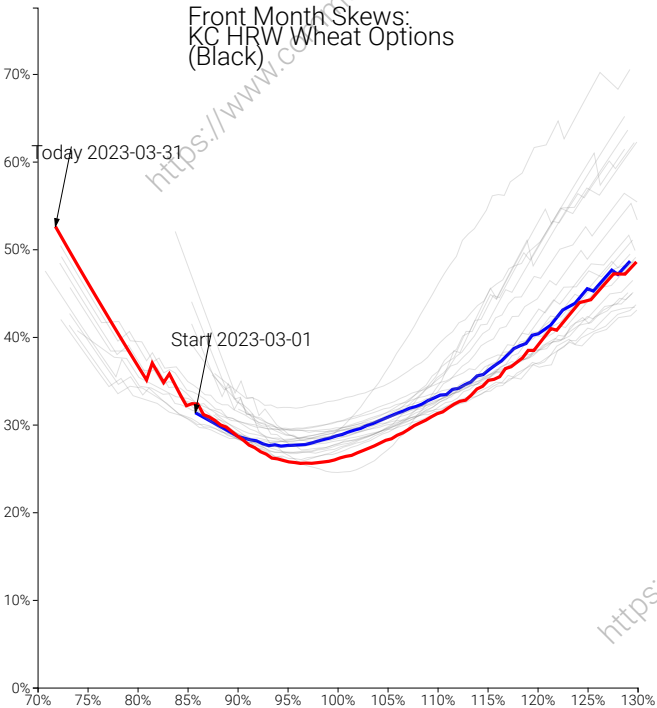
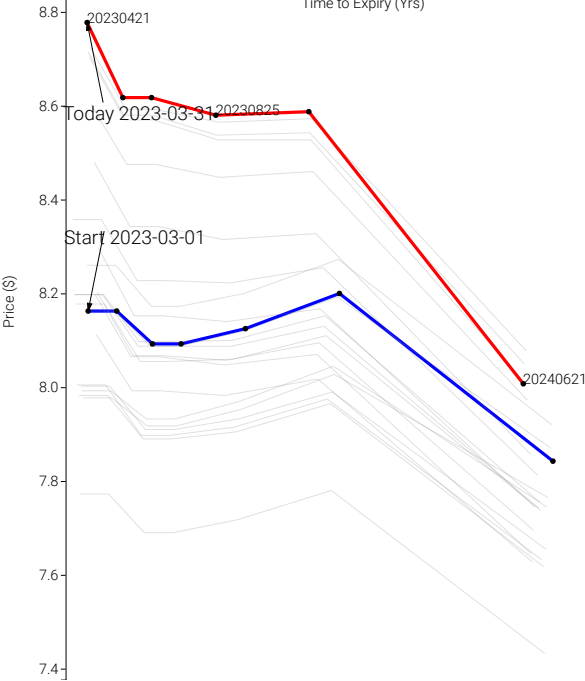
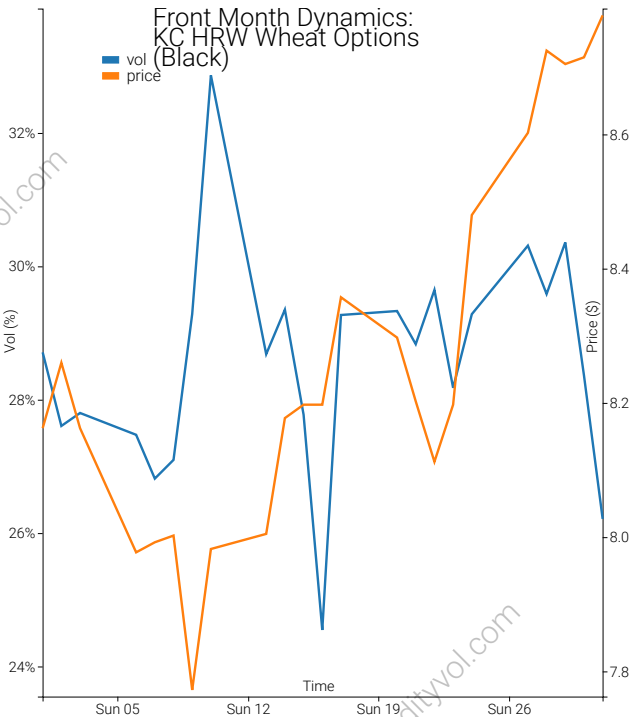
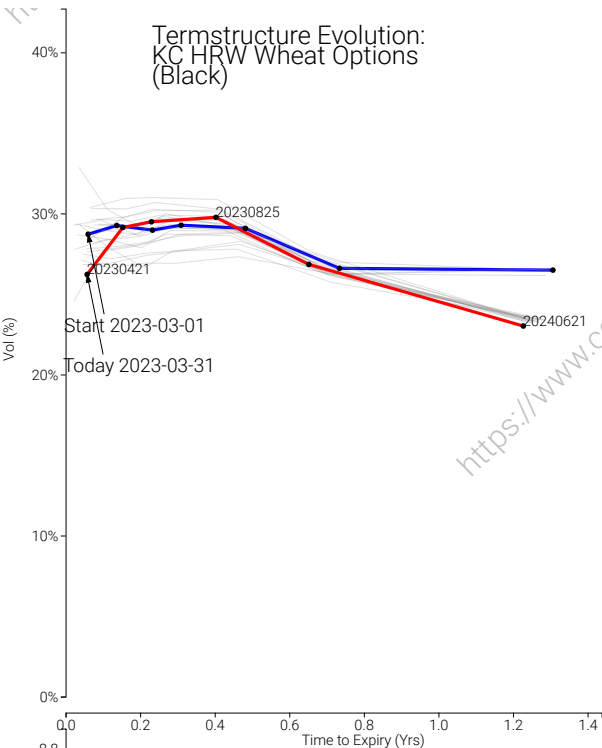


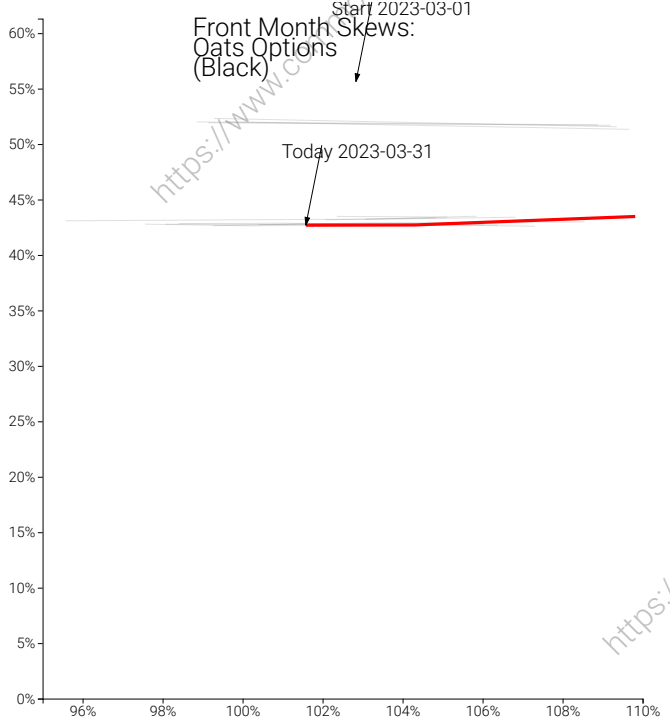
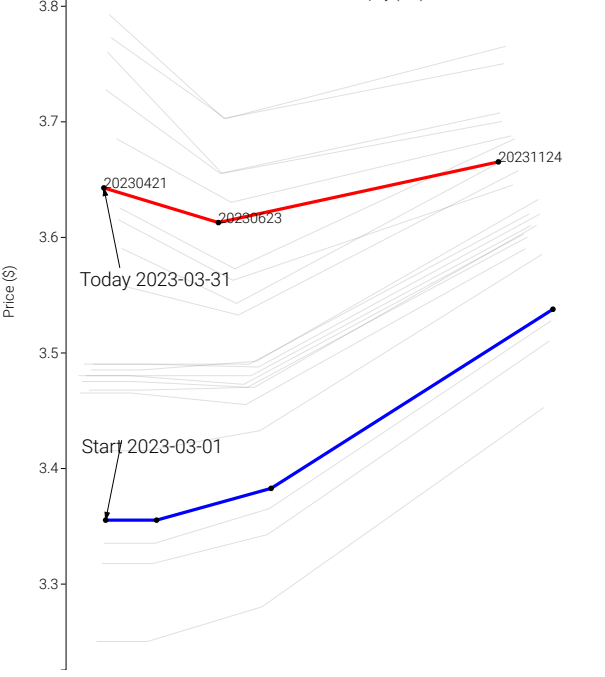
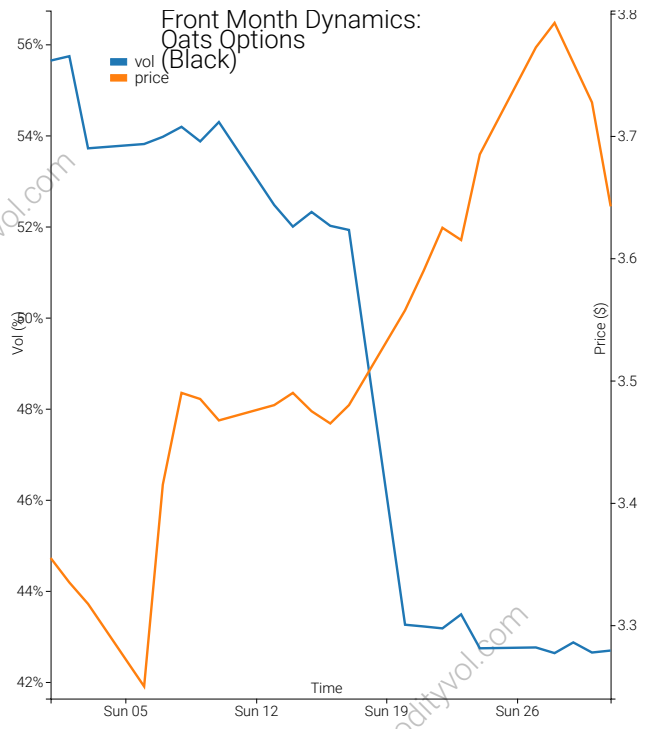
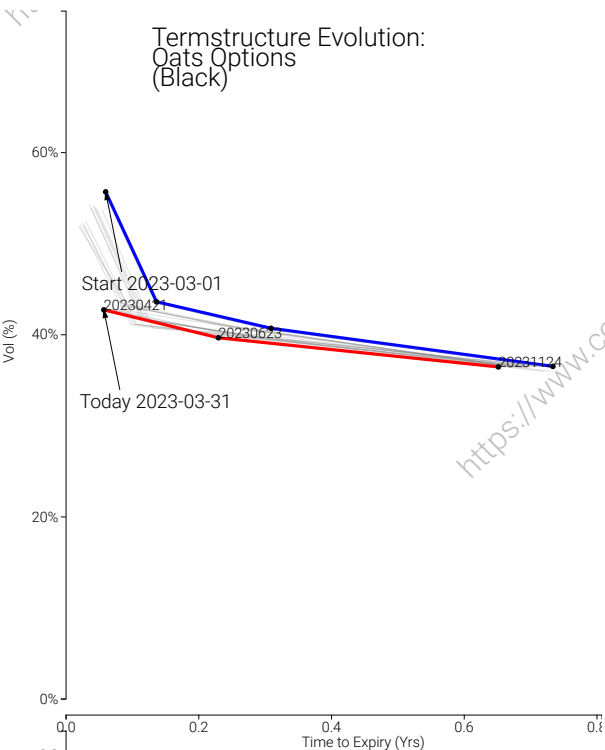


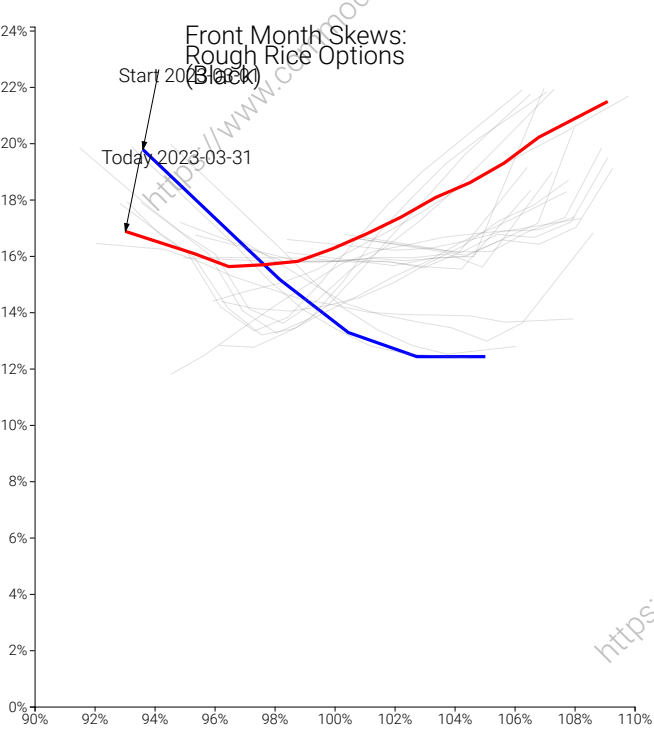
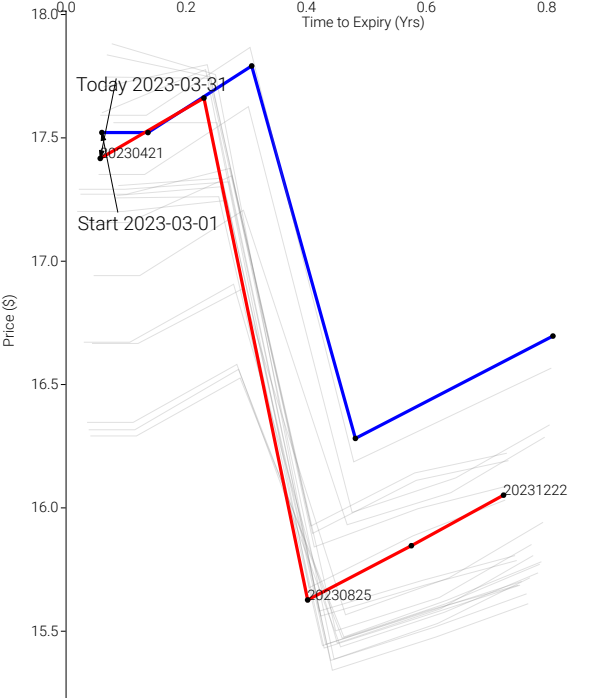
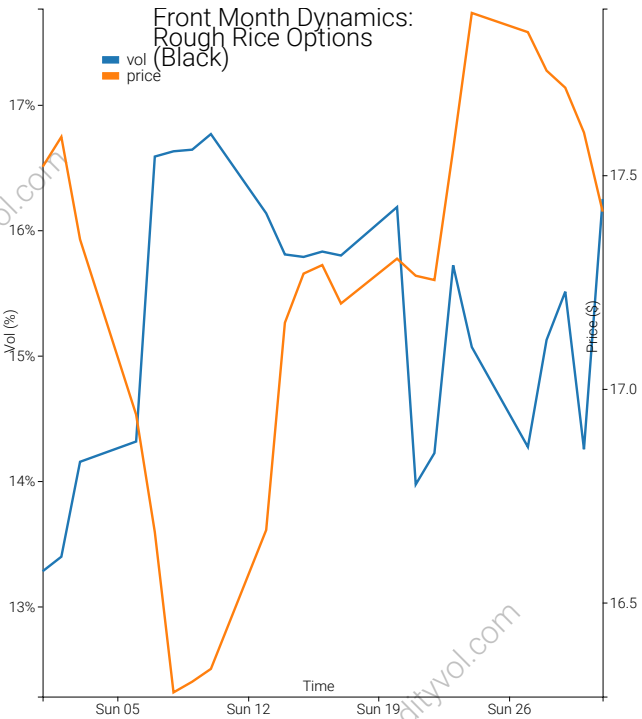
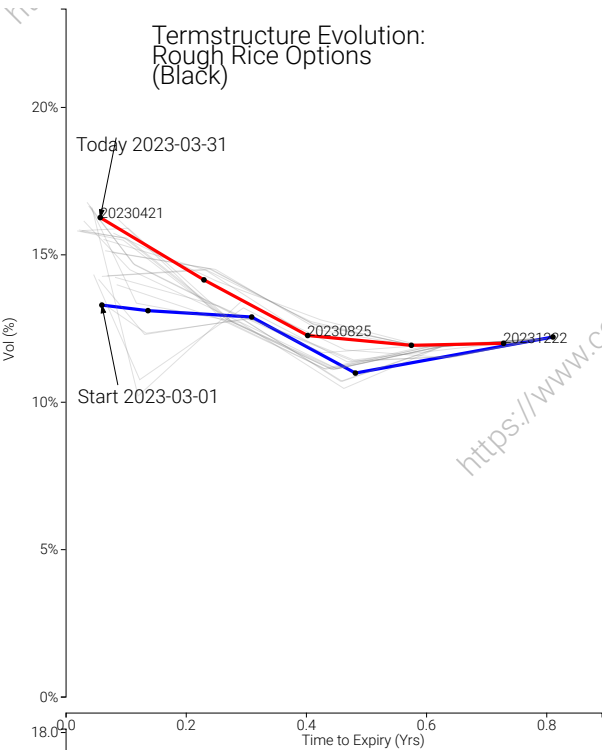


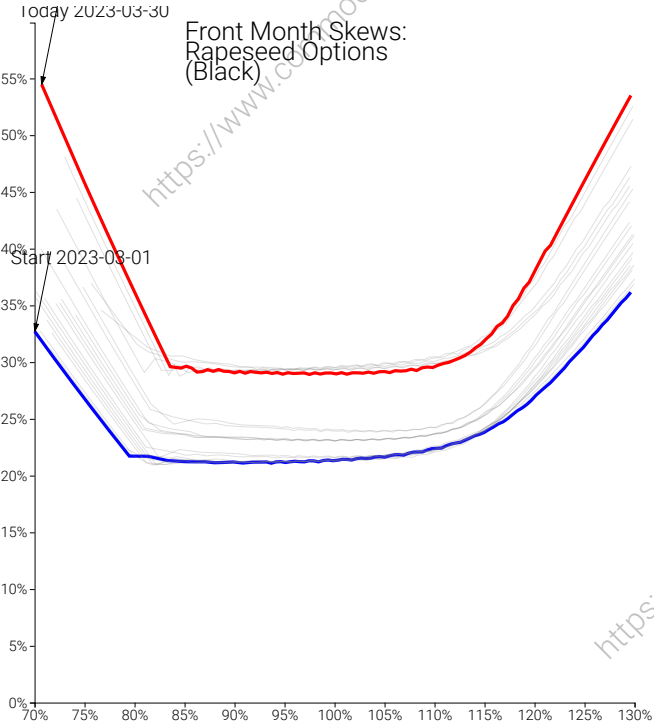
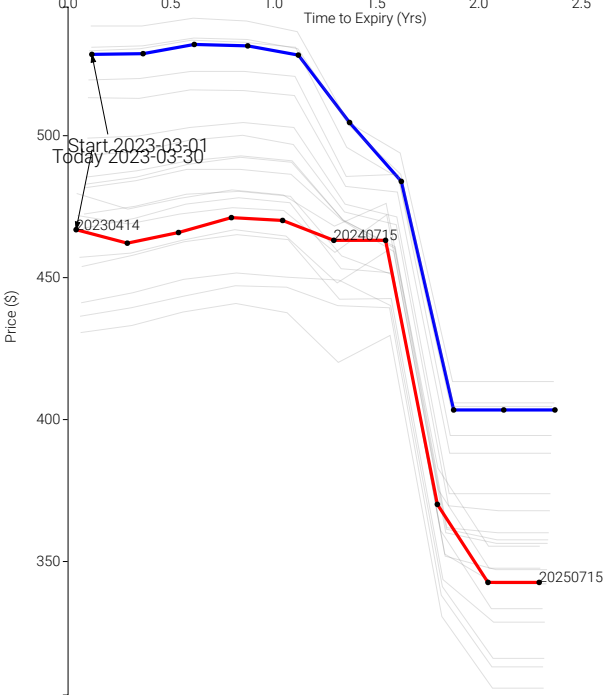
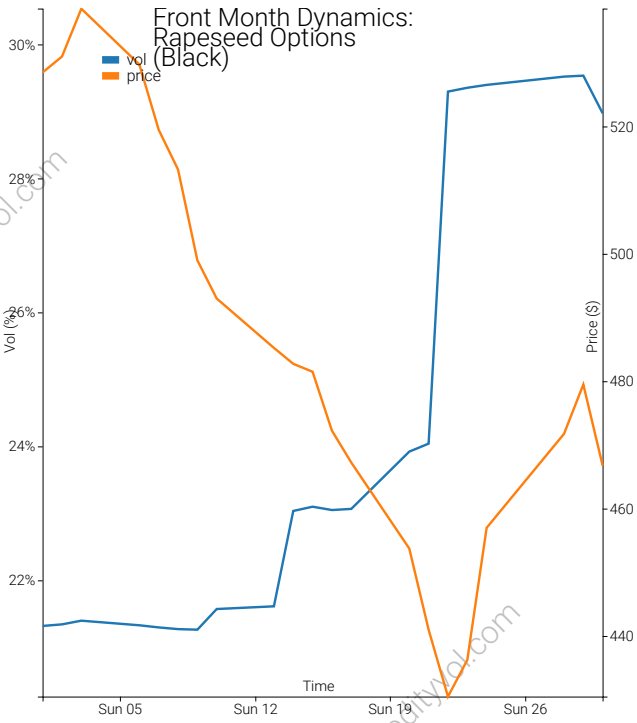
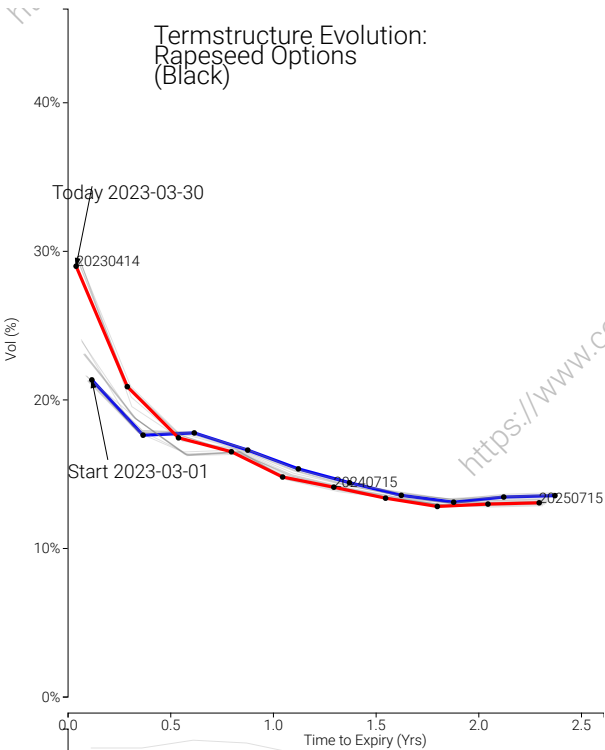




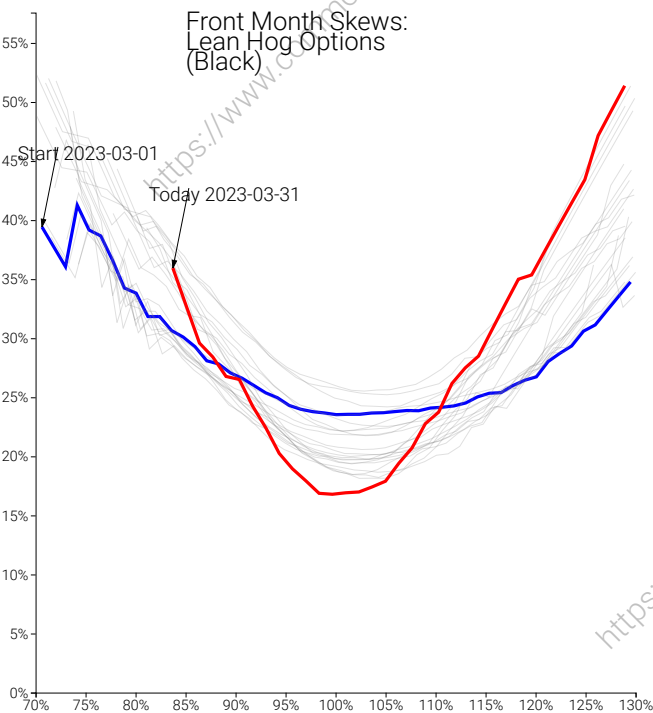
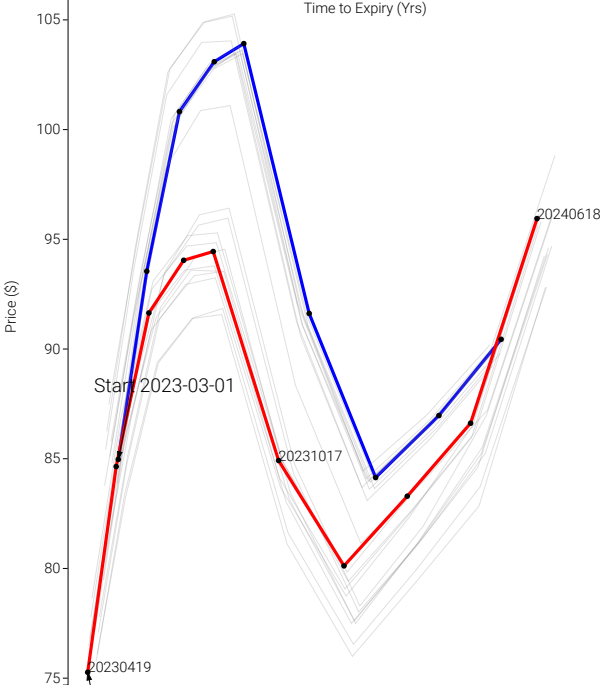
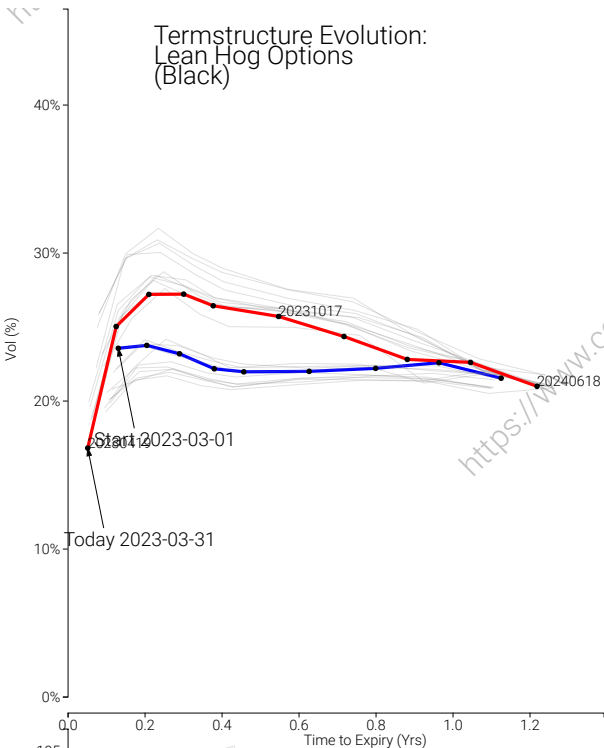


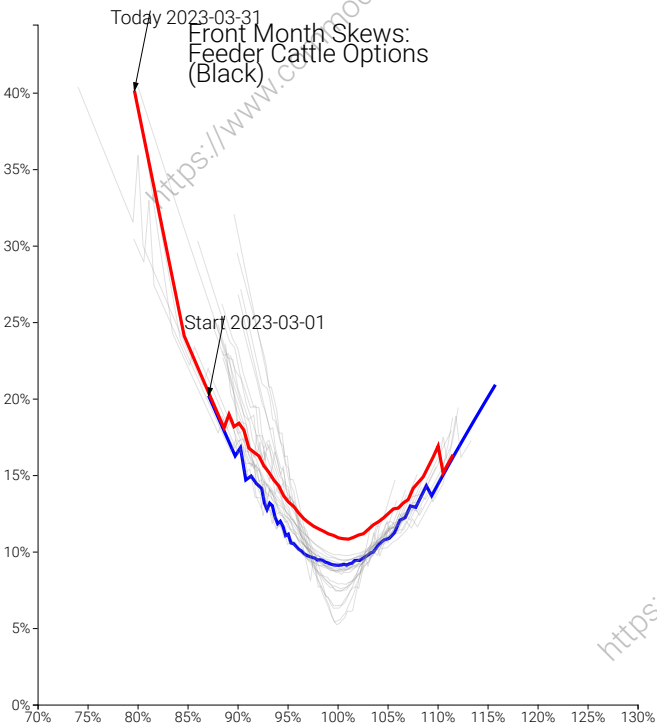
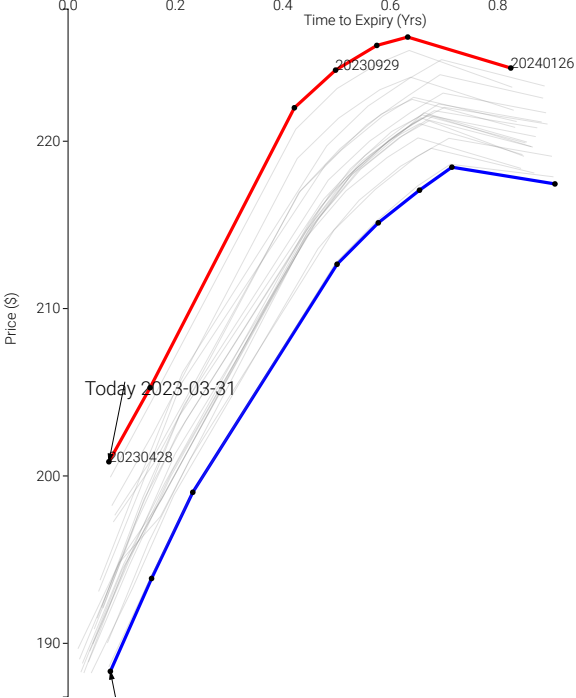
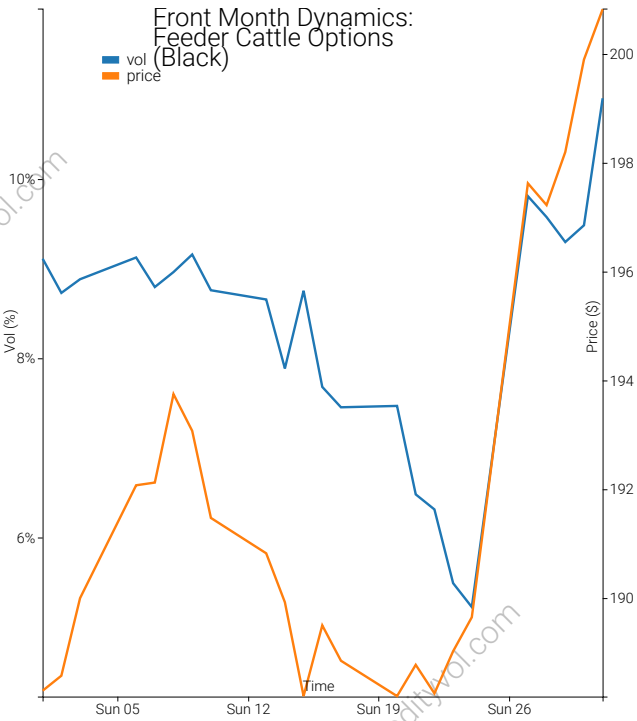
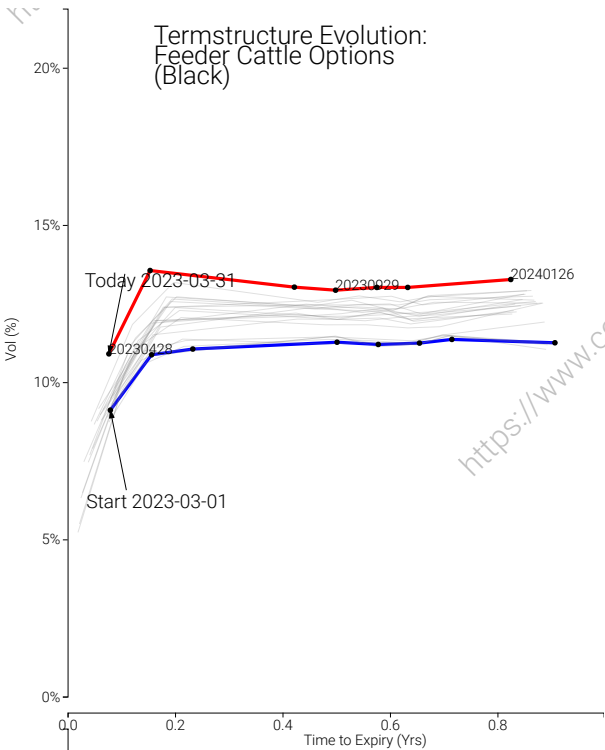


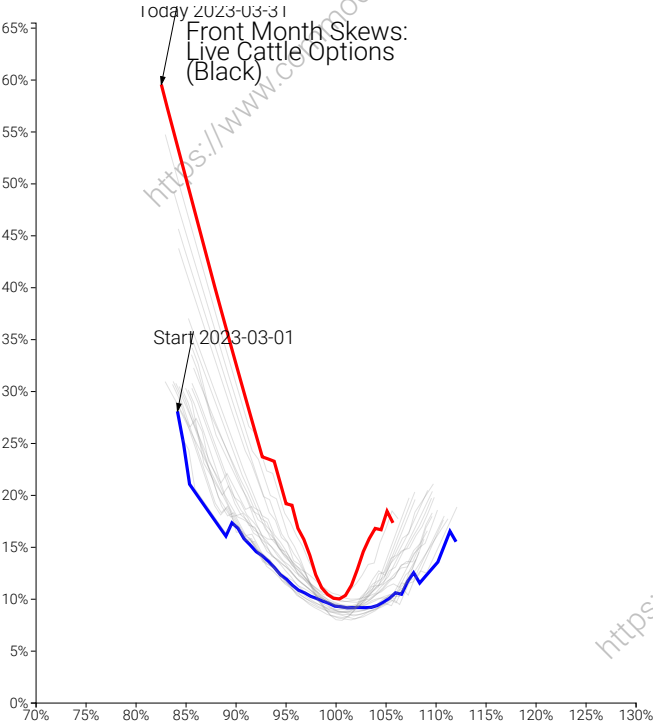
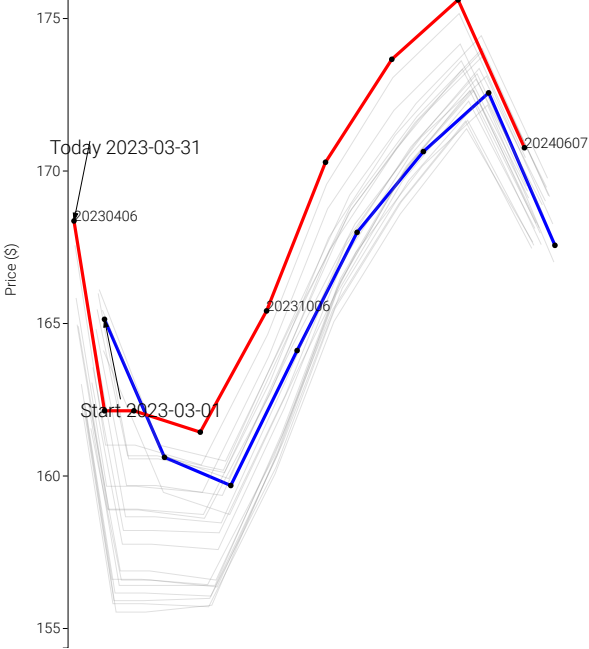
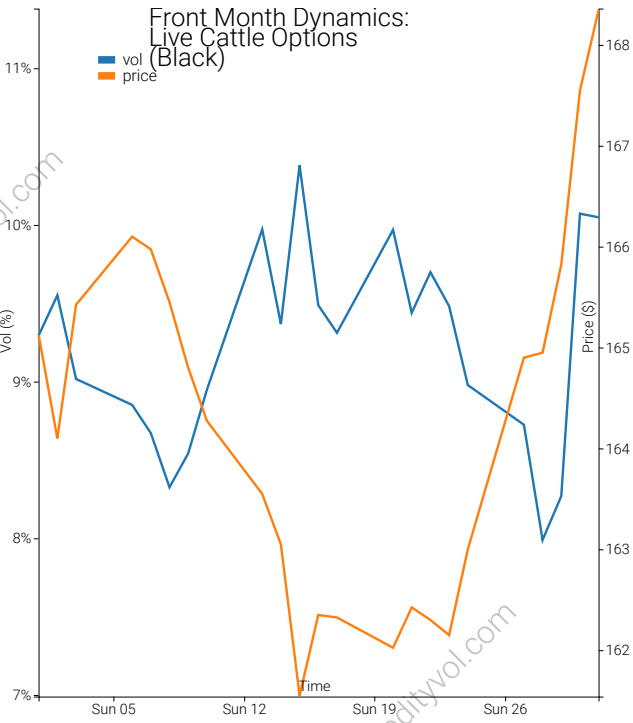
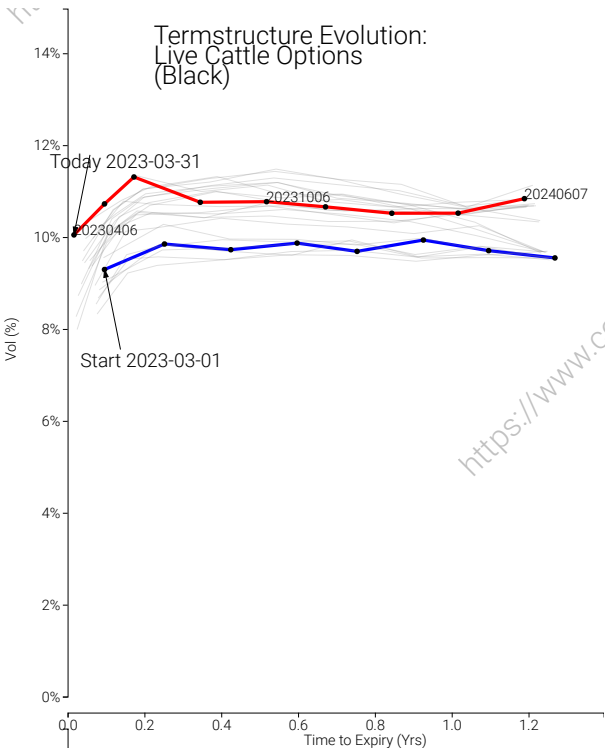


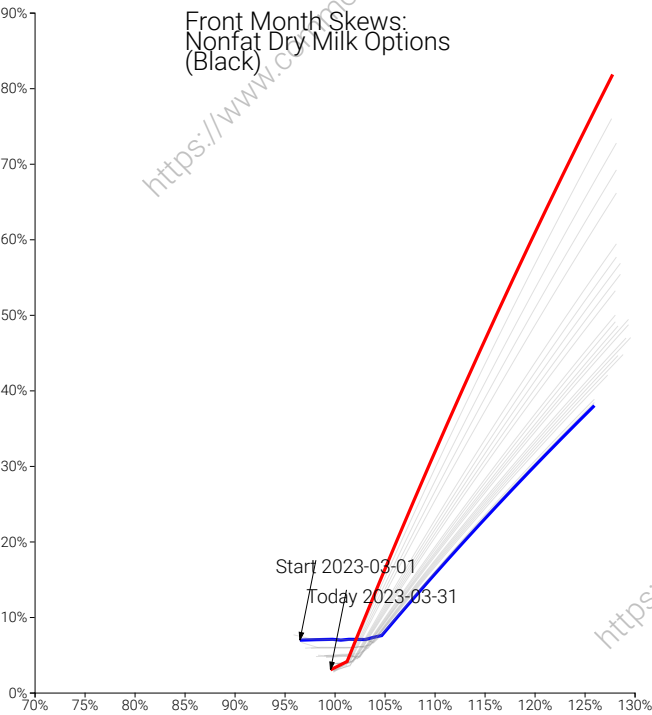
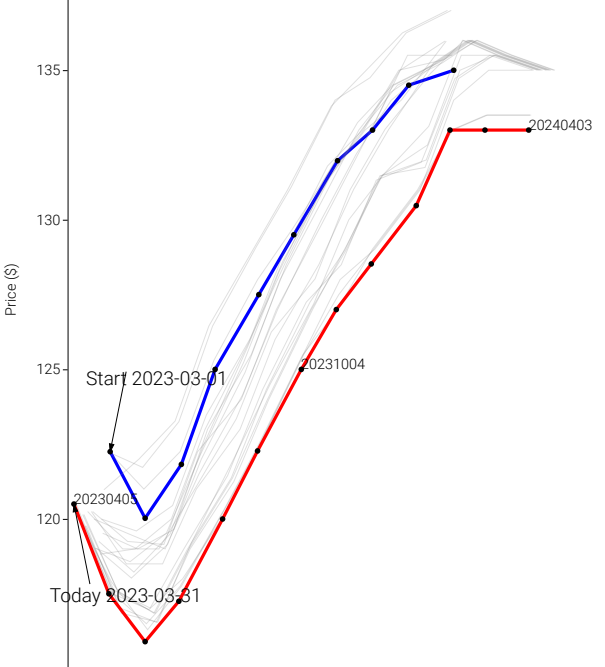
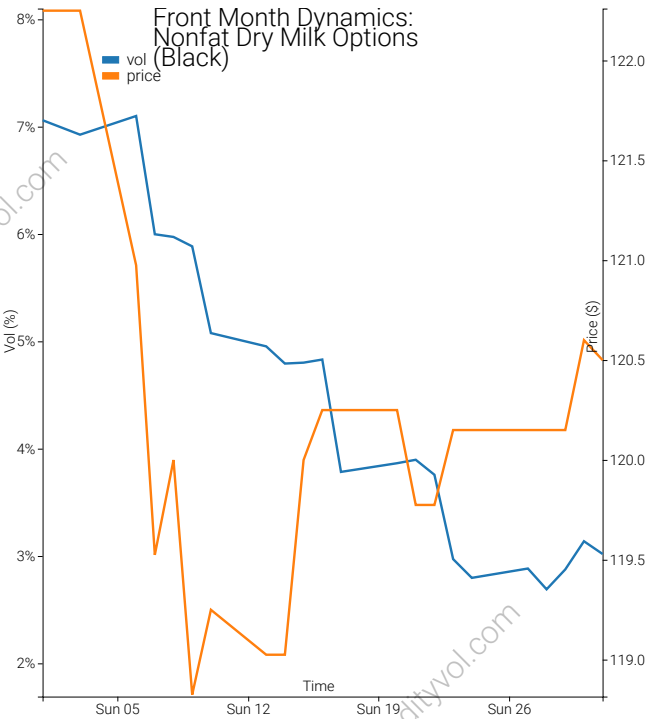
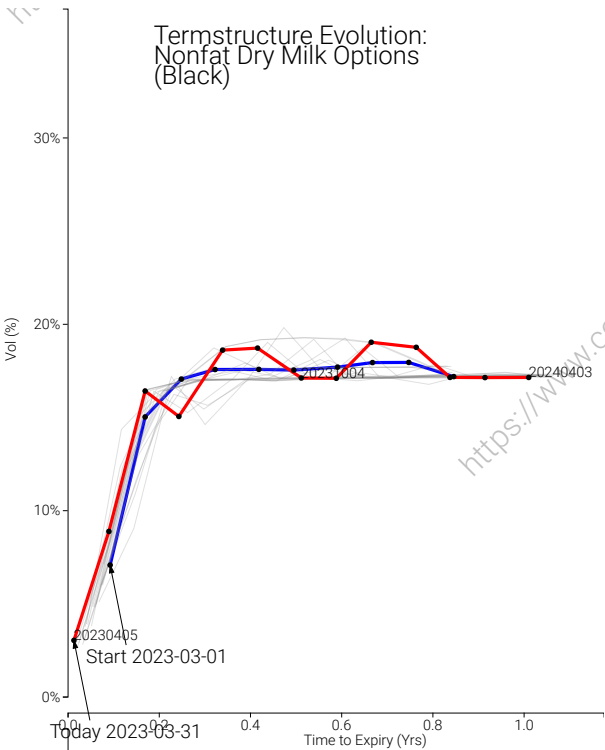


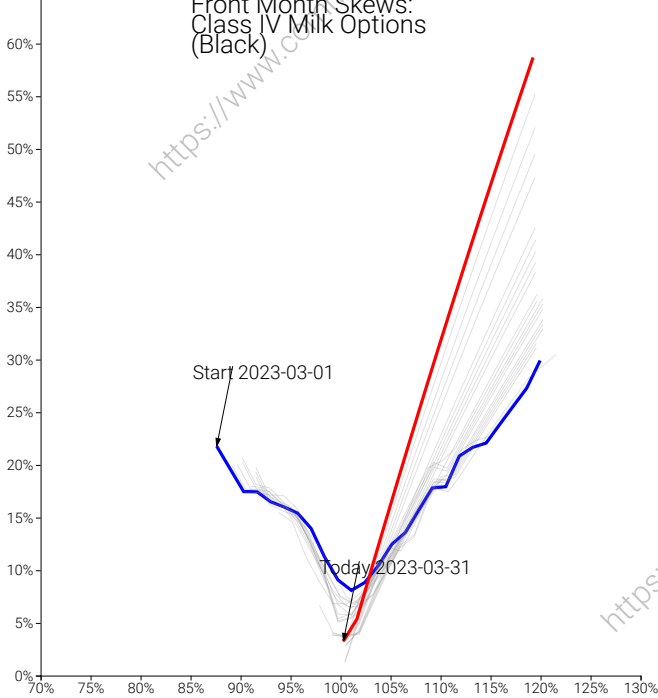
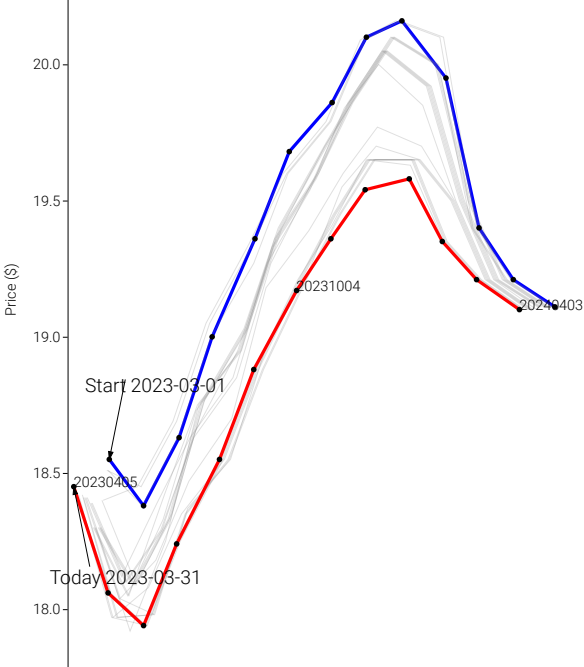
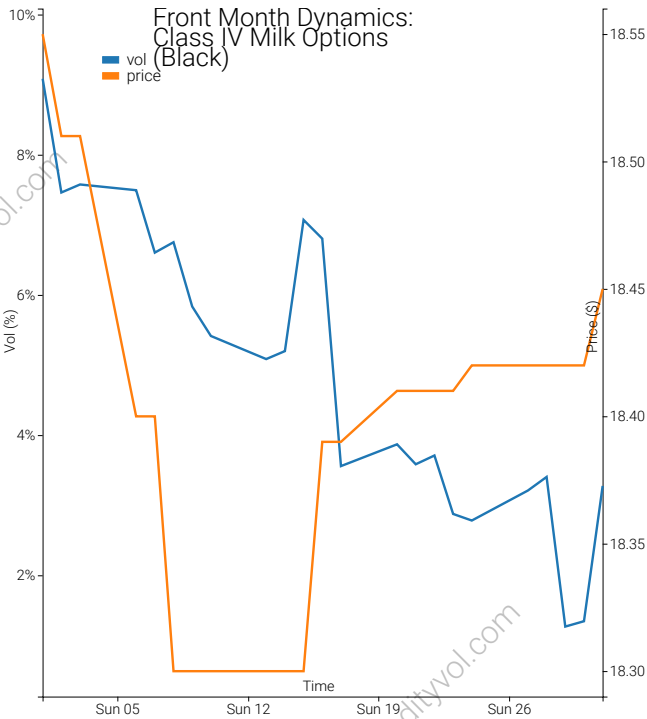
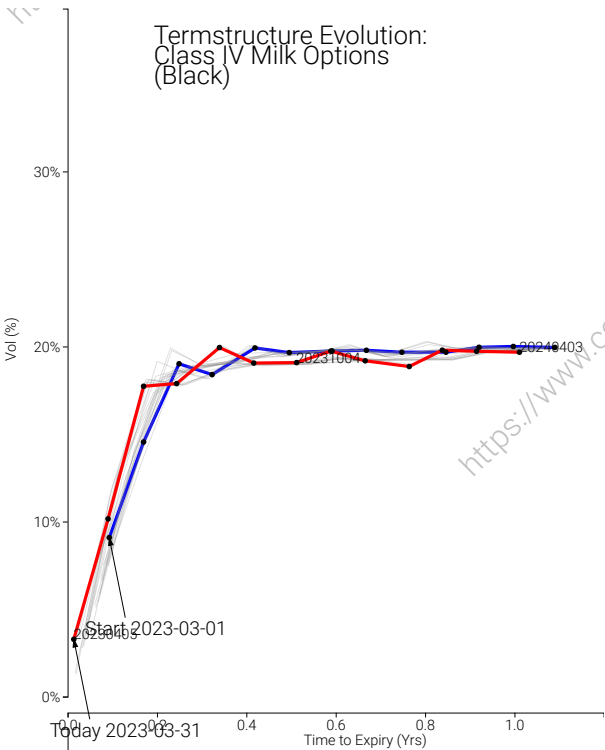
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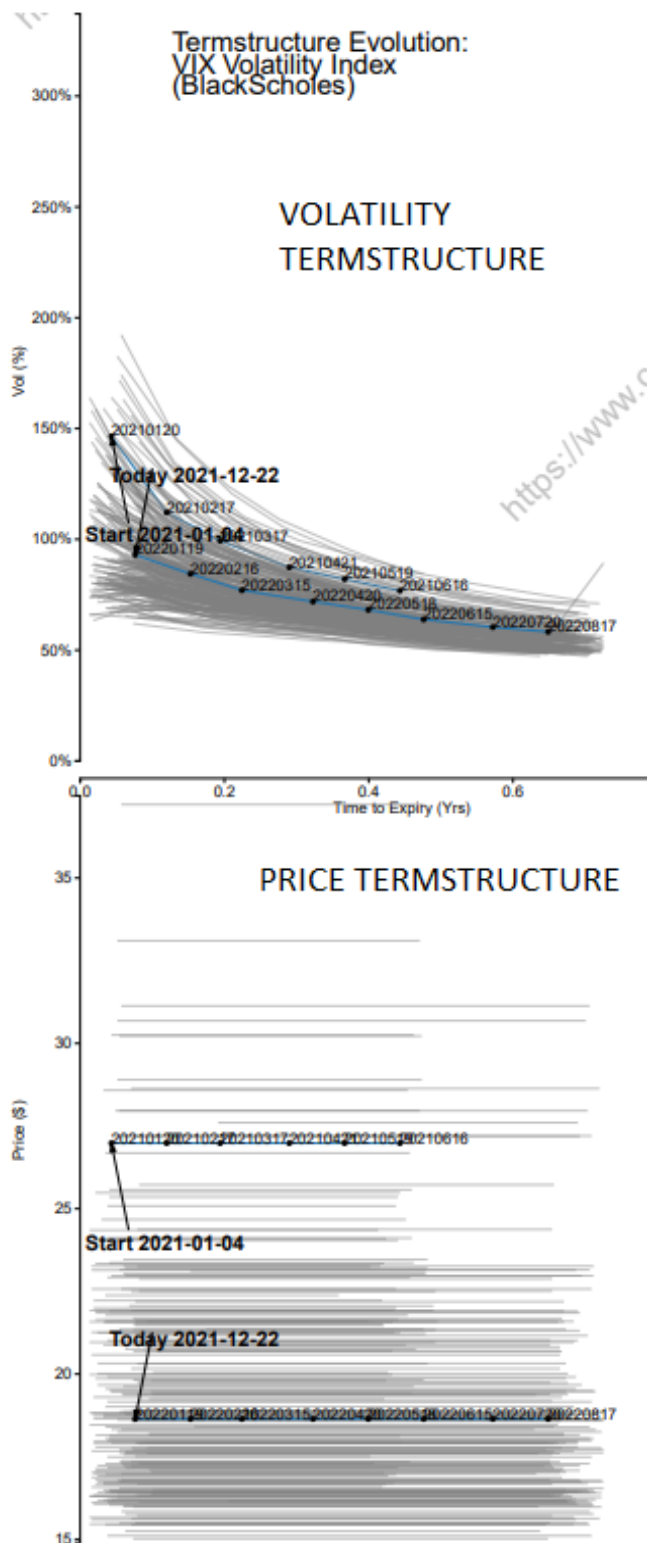


Explanation:

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.

At the Money Volatility and Price Term Structures:

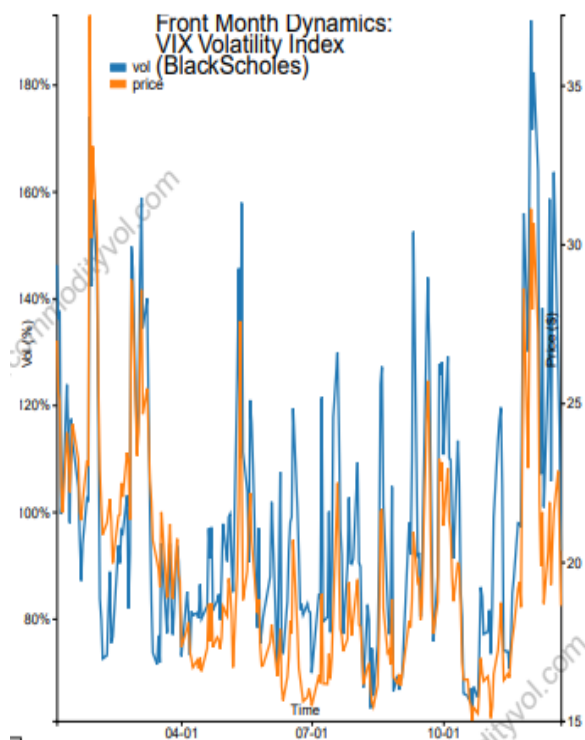
Stacked on top of the other on the left hand side, see the termstructures of vol and the (underlying) futures contract price.



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:

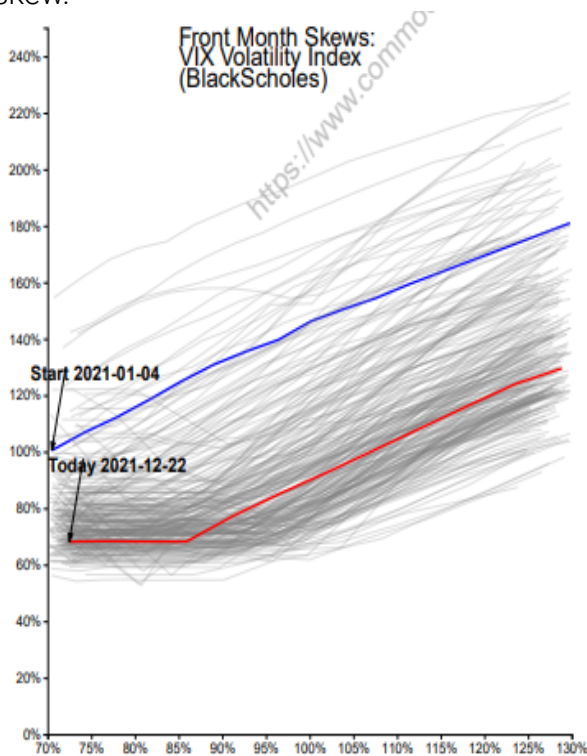
On the right hand panel we have the price and implied volatility of the front month contract.



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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