



Welcome to our August 2022 Recap:

We are pleased to welcome you to our August 2022 month end report.

The summer doldrums have come and gone. With the unofficial end of summer, Labor Day, almost upon us, we survey the price and volatility landscape. While the doldrums might have been in effect, the equity markets and energy didn't seem to get the memo. We discuss this in the next few paragraphs and welcome you to this report.

The US dollar's strength hasn't waned just yet. The dollar was strong against all major currencies including crypto. The lone standout was the Mexican Peso. The interesting feature in the Peso market is the massive bid in the put wing. BTC continued to deflate; vol seems to have gone along for the ride. Of the major currencies, the Pound and the Yen were the most down. Vol came off for both currencies, at the money.

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The interest rate picture got an update this week, with the Fed's Jackson Hole retreat ended. The market was not terribly pleased. The entire price term structure fell. The longer term 30 Year contract fell more (as might be expected). The short end of the Treasury curve fell 1% while the Ultra Bond futures fell 6.5%. The Eurodollars were almost unchanged. Vol is steadily marching up in the space. One gets the feeling the Fed is fighting a losing battle. It will be interesting to see if a materializing recession brings nominal rates down, or something new is a foot.

[Interest Rates ATM](#)

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Equity indexes meandered downwards this month, giving up last month's gains. The major indexes were down 2 to 4%. ATM implied vol was up in the 10 to 14% range. The VIX index rallied 3.03 vol points, or about 13%. This is in line with the vol move in indexes. Earnings season and the pending Christmas spending rush will start to take center stage. The erosion in housing values, inflation, and general reduction in credit quality are sure to weigh on markets.

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Metals, with the exception of platinum, were all down. Perhaps this is the result of tightening monetary policy and a general reduction in economic activity. It is hard to understand how supposed inflation hedges, like gold and silver, aren't hitting new highs. One reads about a 'natural gas' moment coming in silver, but so far that's been a pipe dream. That being said, silver did show a large pop in implied volatility.

[Metals ATM](#)

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Lumber continued last month's tumble. The rates coupled with recession fears caused futures to tumble 9.5%, and vols declined. Lean Hog prices fell dramatically, and vol spiked. Corn and Bean Oil were the biggest winners, up about 11 and 8% respectively. There were a lot of violent moves in vol. This is not surprising considering China, the lack of fertilizer, late summer weather, and the approaching harvests.

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[Lean Hog Detail](#)

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The reigning champion for the commodity most likely to give risk managers heart attacks is definitely Natural Gas! Whether domestically or in Europe, Bratty Natty rallied yet again. In Europe, the TFT futures rallied another 21%. The markets seem to have thinned dramatically, so anything beyond the first month or two is suspect. US Natural Gas prices were no slouches either. They were up 10%. European natural gas vol was up dramatically, but American gas vol was down, as is typical. In the US, Heating Oil rallied while Crude, both WTI and Brent, and Refined Gasoline declined. The vol moves across the board were large and violent.

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At The Money Roundup of Products

exch/prod	desc	futures chng [%]	vol chng [%]
CBT/YM	E-Mini Dow	-1235.000 [-3.8%]	+0.025 [+14.1%]
CME/NQ	E-Mini Nasdaq	-677.250 [-5.2%]	+0.038 [+14.5%]
CME/RTO	E-Mini Russell 2000	-40.800 [-2.2%]	+0.025 [+10.0%]
CME/RTM	E-Mini Russell EOM	-34.200 [-1.8%]	+0.034 [+13.6%]
CME/ES	E-Mini S&P 500	-164.000 [-4.0%]	+0.029 [+14.4%]
CBOE/VIX	VIX Volatility Index	+3.030 [+13.3%]	+0.082 [+10.3%]

InterestRates

exch/prod	desc	futures chng [%]	vol chng [%]
CBT/26	2 YR US Treasury Note	-1.039 [-1.0%]	+0.003 [+13.2%]
CBT/25	5 YR US Treasury Note	-2.992 [-2.6%]	+0.004 [+6.4%]
CBT/21	10 YR US Treasury Note	-4.453 [-3.7%]	+0.006 [+7.3%]
CBT/17	30 YR US Treasury Bond	-8.844 [-6.1%]	+0.003 [+2.2%]
CME/ED	Eurodollar	-0.067 [-0.1%]	-0.002 [-23.8%]
CBT/UBE	Long Term US Treasury Bond	-10.438 [-6.5%]	+0.000 [+0.0%]

exch/prod	desc	futures chng [%]	vol chng [%]
CME/DK	Class IV Milk	-0.830 [-3.3%]	+0.034 [+39.5%]
CBT/C	Corn	+0.635 [+10.5%]	-0.093 [-24.2%]
CME/62	Feeder Cattle	+2.800 [+1.6%]	-0.026 [-19.3%]
CBT/KW	KC HRW Wheat	+0.460 [+5.3%]	-0.061 [-13.0%]
CME/LN	Lean Hog	-28.925 [-24.0%]	+0.099 [+67.9%]
CME/48	Live Cattle	+5.800 [+4.2%]	+0.021 [+19.2%]
CME/LB	Lumber110	-50.600 [-9.5%]	-0.034 [-5.4%]
CME/NF	Nonfat Dry Milk	-16.550 [-9.6%]	+0.024 [+43.3%]
CBT/O	Oats	-0.448 [-10.2%]	-0.009 [-1.7%]
CBT/14	Rough Rice	+1.180 [+7.1%]	+0.038 [+25.2%]
CBT/S	Soybean	-0.095 [-0.7%]	-0.104 [-29.3%]
CBT/06	Soybean Meal	-9.000 [-2.1%]	-0.077 [-21.9%]
CBT/07	Soybean Oil	+4.810 [+7.5%]	-0.127 [-28.5%]
CBT/W	Wheat	+0.313 [+3.9%]	-0.064 [-13.4%]

Forex

exch/prod	desc	futures chng [%]	vol chng [%]
CME/ADU	AUDUSD 2pmfix	-0.018 [-2.5%]	-0.005 [-3.7%]
CME/BTC	Bitcoin	-2965.000 [-12.9%]	-0.051 [-7.2%]
CME/BR	BRLUSD Monthly	-0.001 [-0.3%]	+0.005 [+2.5%]
CME/CAU	CADUSD 2pmfix	-0.016 [-2.1%]	-0.003 [-3.7%]
CME/CHU	CHFUSD 2pmfix	-0.030 [-2.9%]	+0.004 [+4.6%]
CME/EUU	EURUSD 2pmfix	-0.023 [-2.3%]	+0.000 [+0.1%]
CME/GBU	GBPUSD 2pmfix	-0.065 [-5.3%]	-0.005 [-4.0%]
CME/JPU	JPYUSD 2pmfix	-0.000 [-5.2%]	-0.039 [-25.7%]
CME/MP	Mexican Peso	+0.001 [+1.6%]	-0.016 [-11.2%]
CME/NE	New Zealand	-0.021 [-3.3%]	-0.021 [-14.4%]

Energy

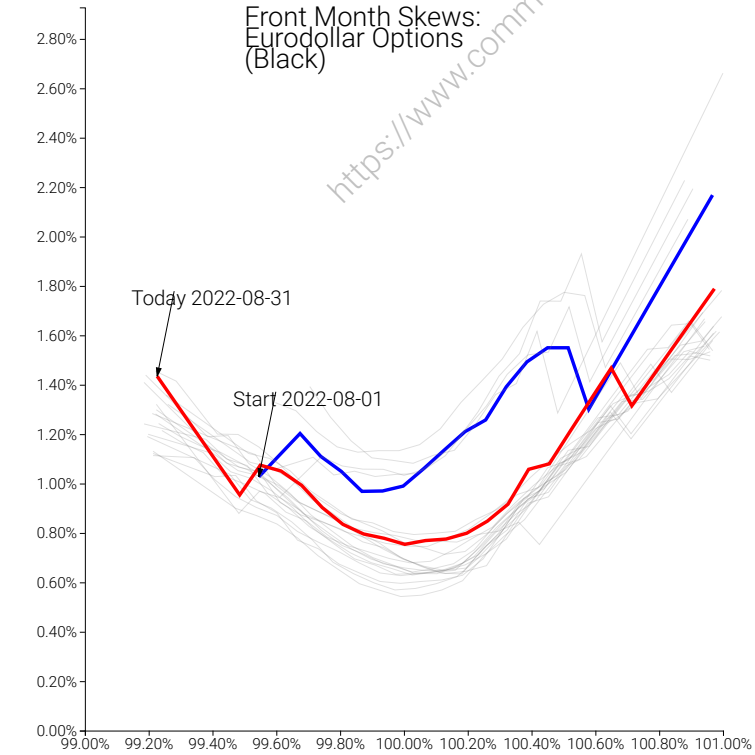
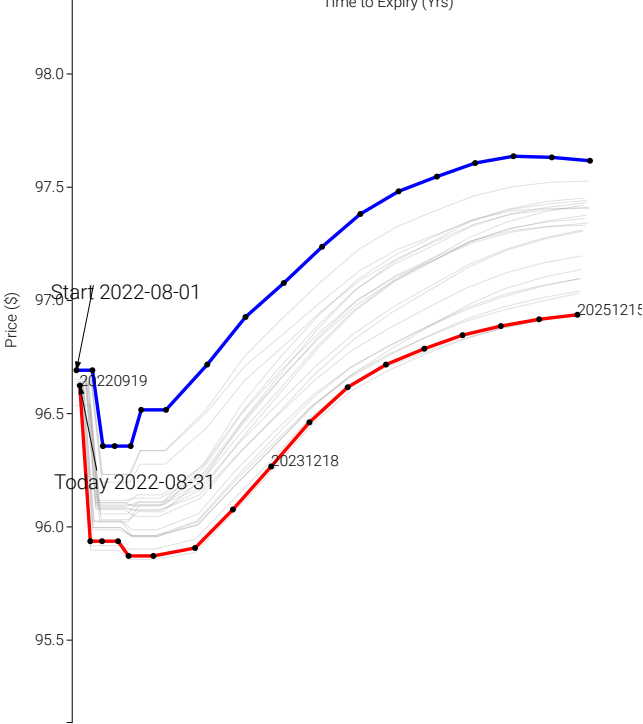
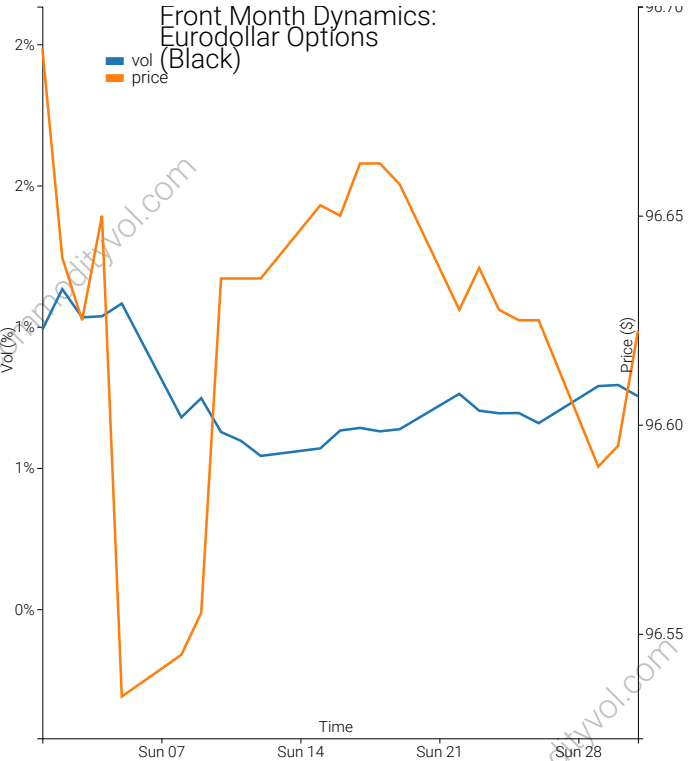
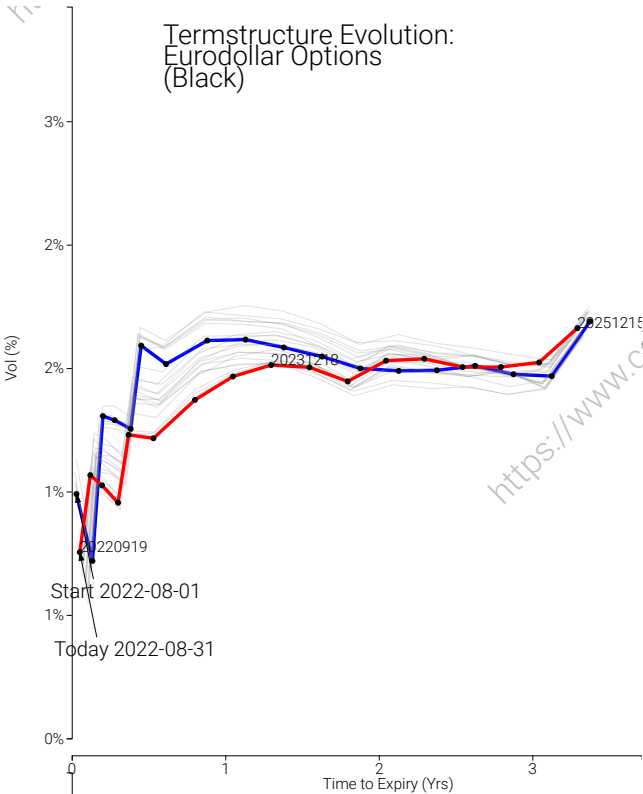
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NYMEX/BZO	Brent Crude Oil Margin	-4.390 [-4.4%]	+0.008 [+1.6%]
NYMEX/BE	Brent Euro Style	-5.820 [-5.8%]	+0.054 [+11.8%]
NYMEX/CVR	Chicago Ethanol(platts) Average Price	-0.060 [-2.3%]	+0.001 [+0.6%]
NYMEX/LO	Crude Oil	-4.340 [-4.6%]	+0.010 [+2.1%]
NYMEX/TFO	Dutch TTF Natural Gas	+43.756 [+21.8%]	+2.110 [+116.9%]
NYMEX/LN	European Natural Gas	+0.844 [+10.2%]	-0.116 [-13.3%]
NYMEX/E7	Henry Hub Financial Last Day	+0.844 [+10.2%]	-0.123 [-14.2%]
NYMEX/ON	Natural Gas	+0.844 [+10.2%]	-0.116 [-13.3%]
NYMEX/OH	NY Harbor ULSD	+0.227 [+6.6%]	-0.035 [-6.4%]
NYMEX/OB	RBOB	-0.567 [-18.9%]	+0.026 [+5.0%]

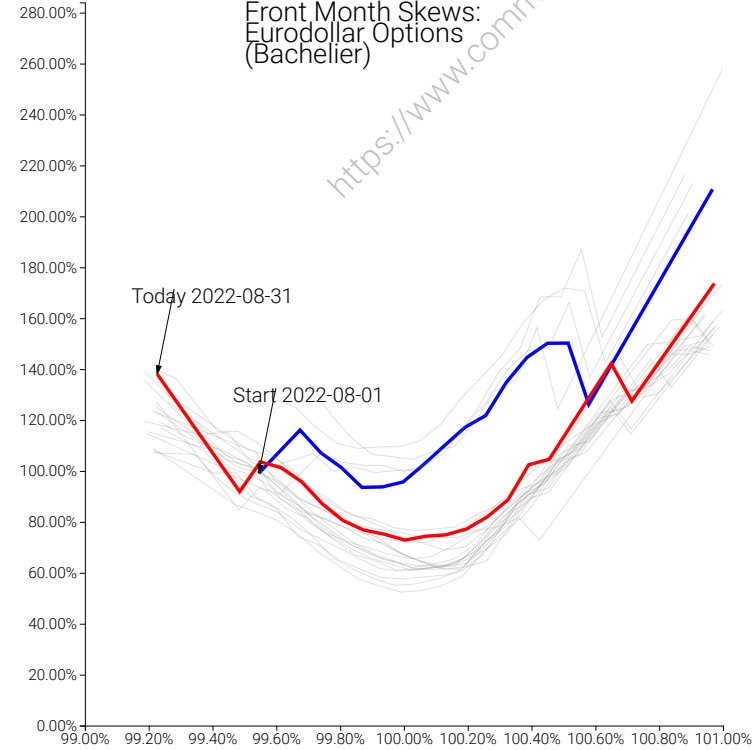
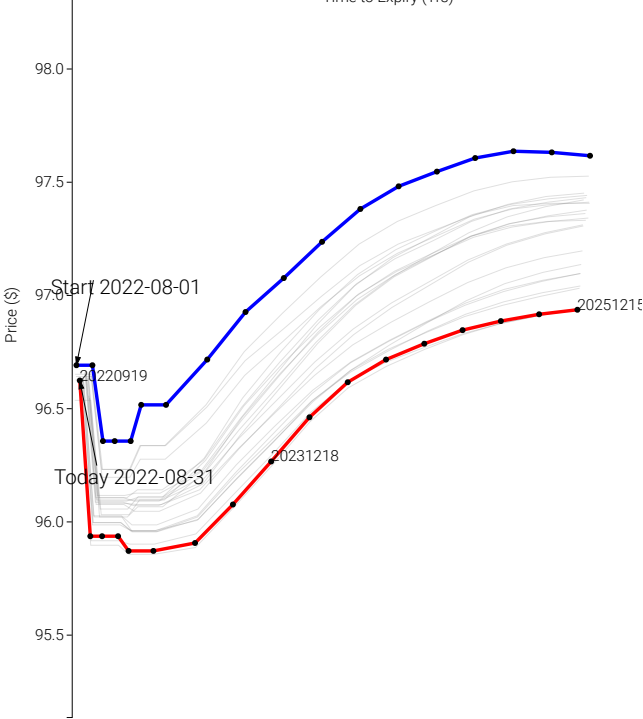
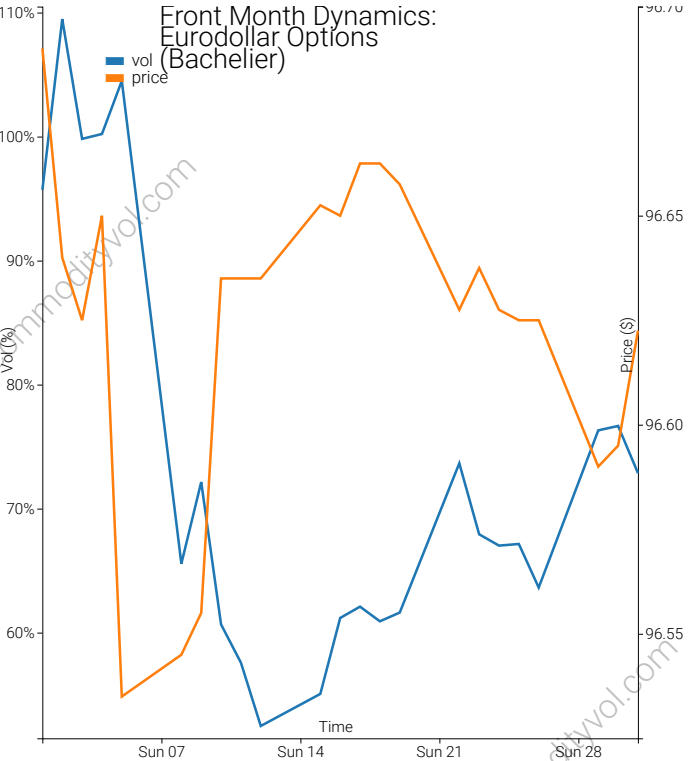
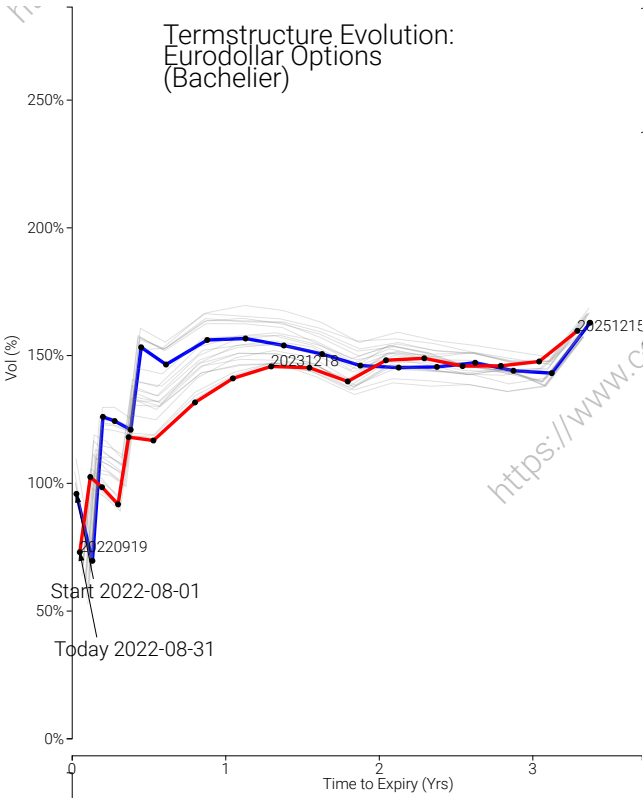
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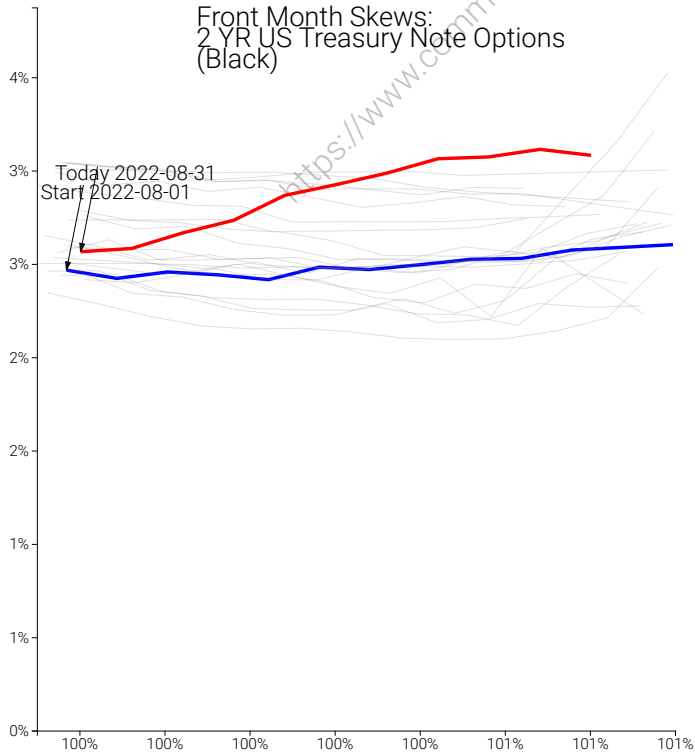
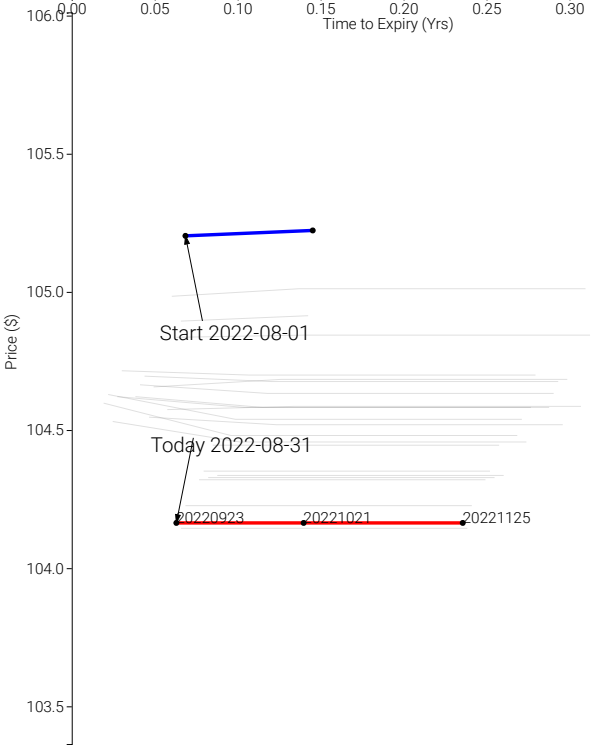
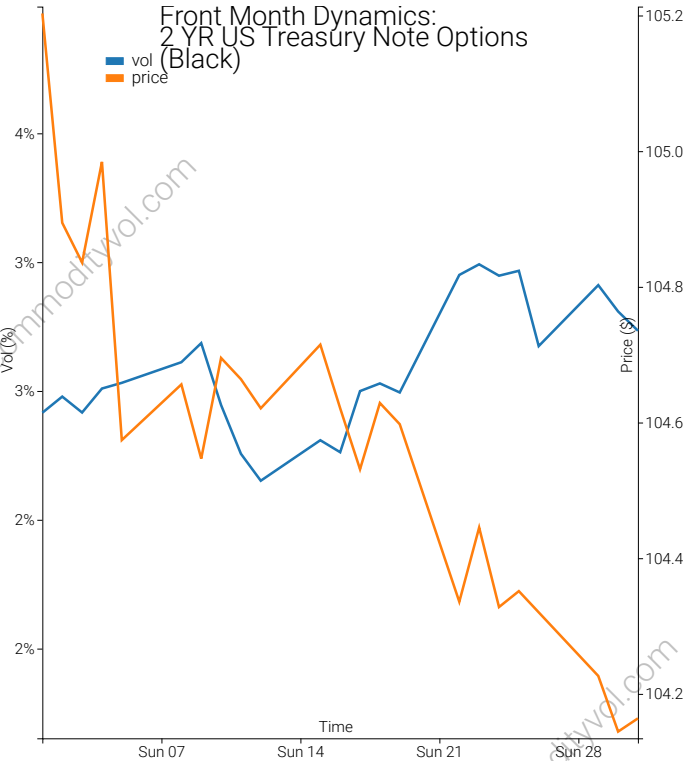
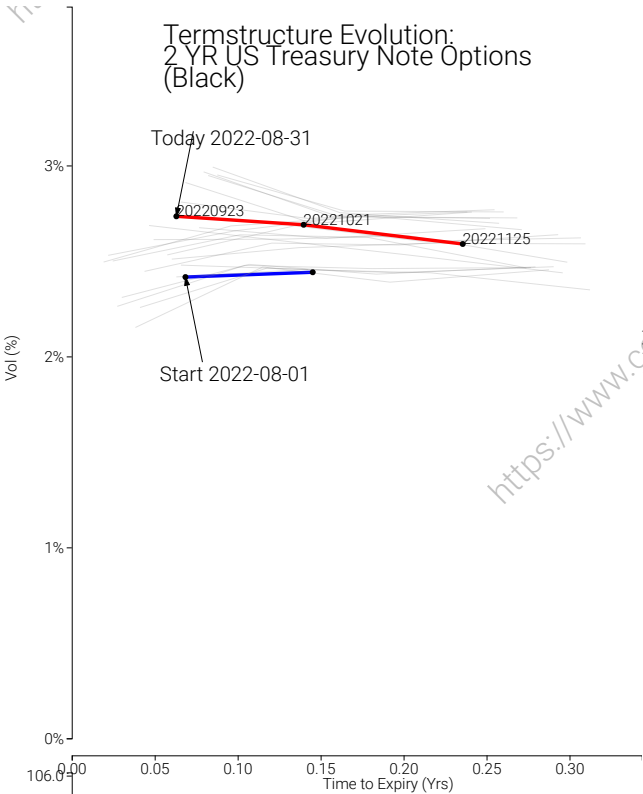
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COMEX/HX	Copper	-0.024 [-0.7%]	-0.014 [-4.3%]
COMEX/OG	Gold	-60.700 [-3.4%]	-0.002 [-1.3%]
NYMEX/PAO	Palladium	-120.500 [-5.5%]	-0.004 [-0.8%]
NYMEX/PO	Platinum	-74.600 [-8.3%]	-0.007 [-2.1%]
COMEX/SO	Silver	-2.480 [-12.2%]	+0.021 [+7.5%]

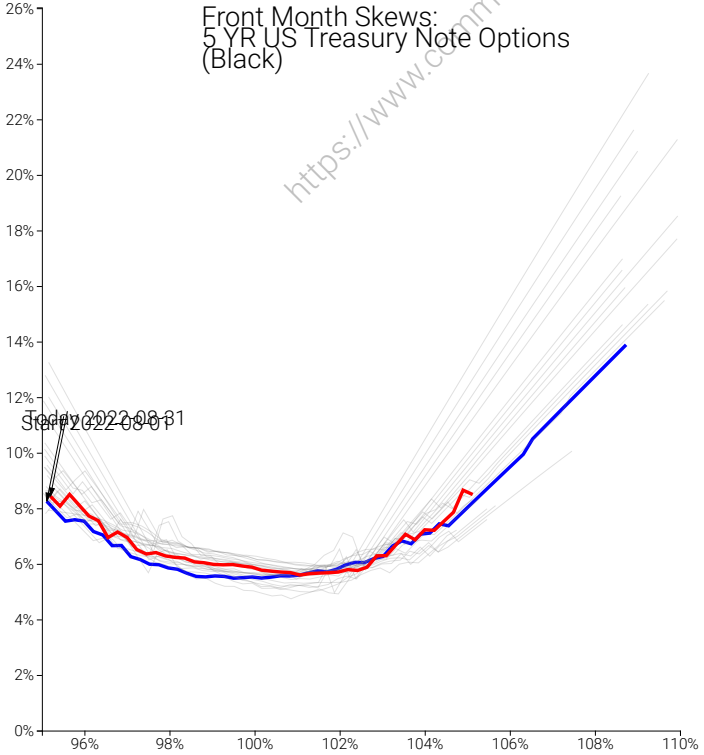
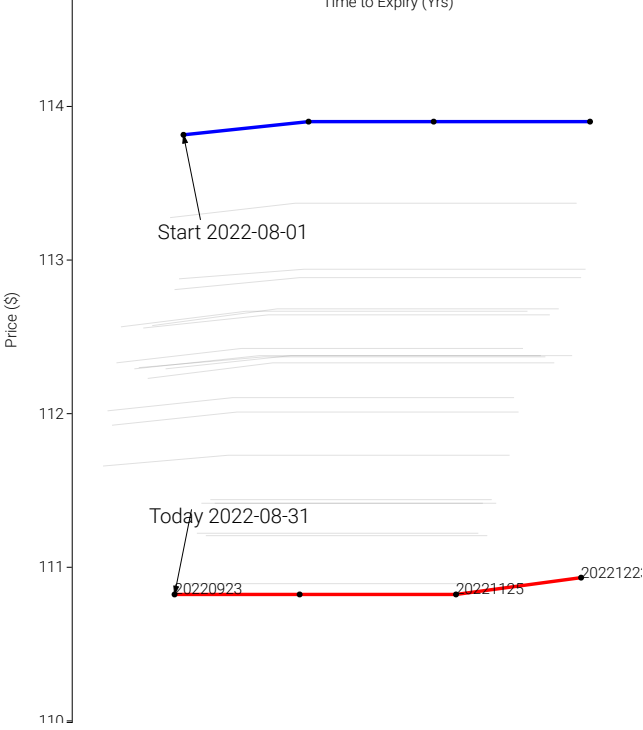
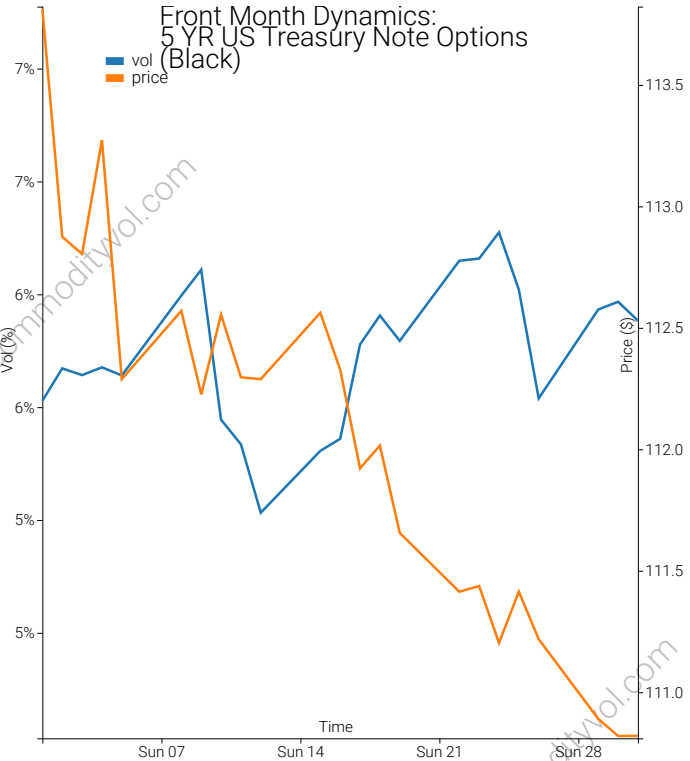
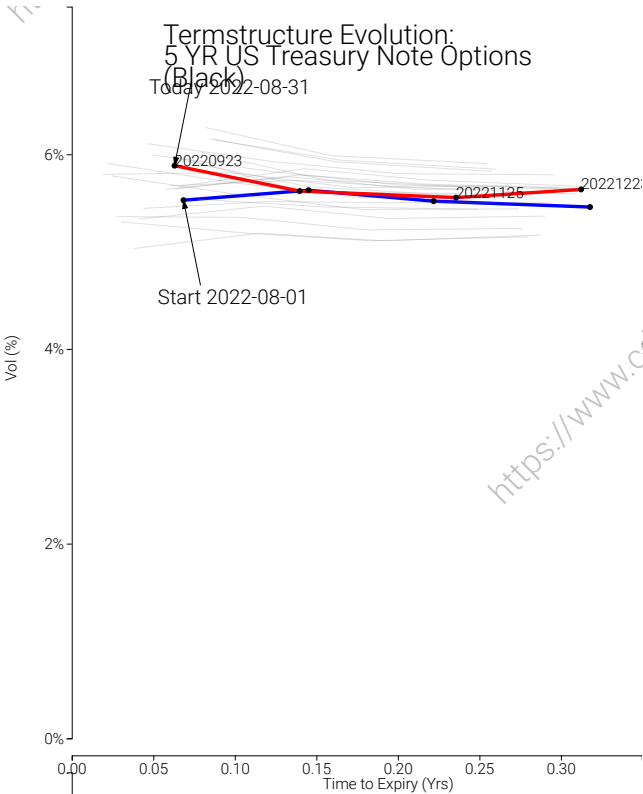
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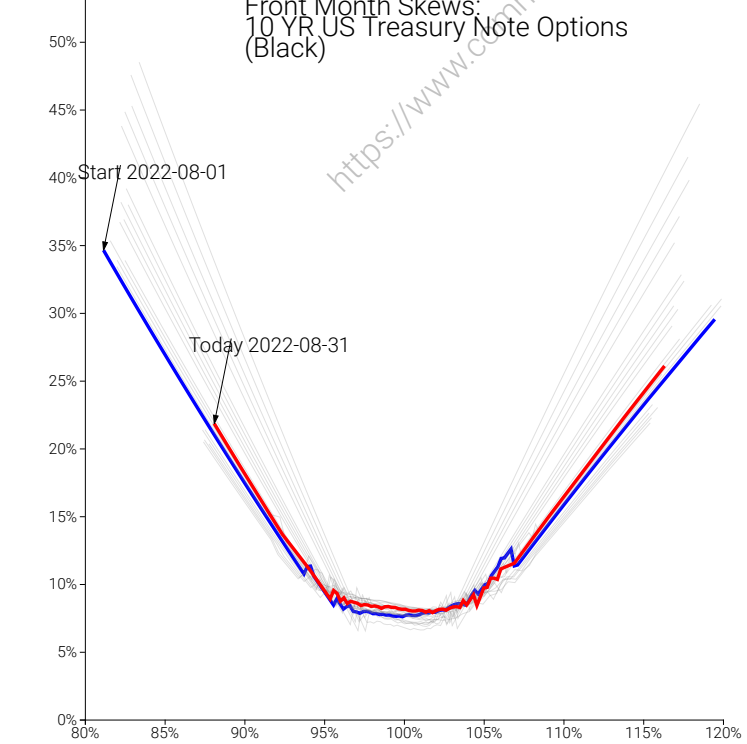
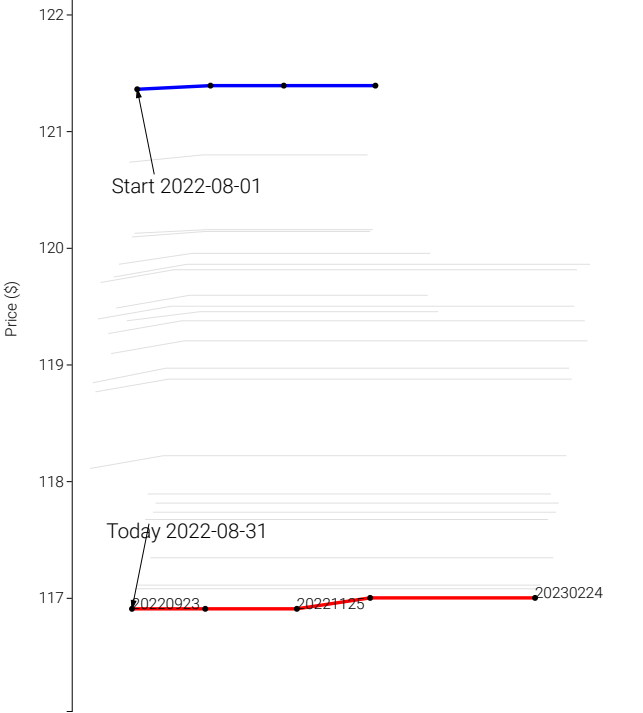
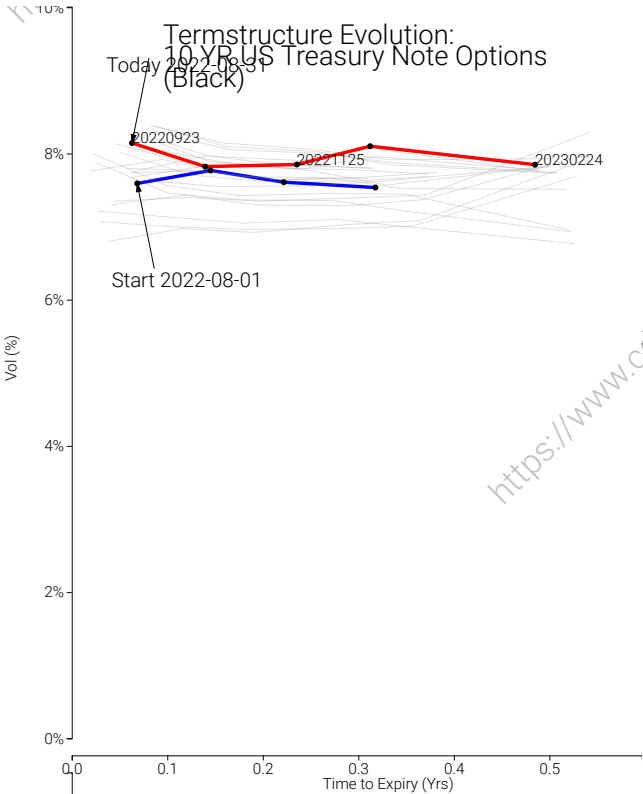
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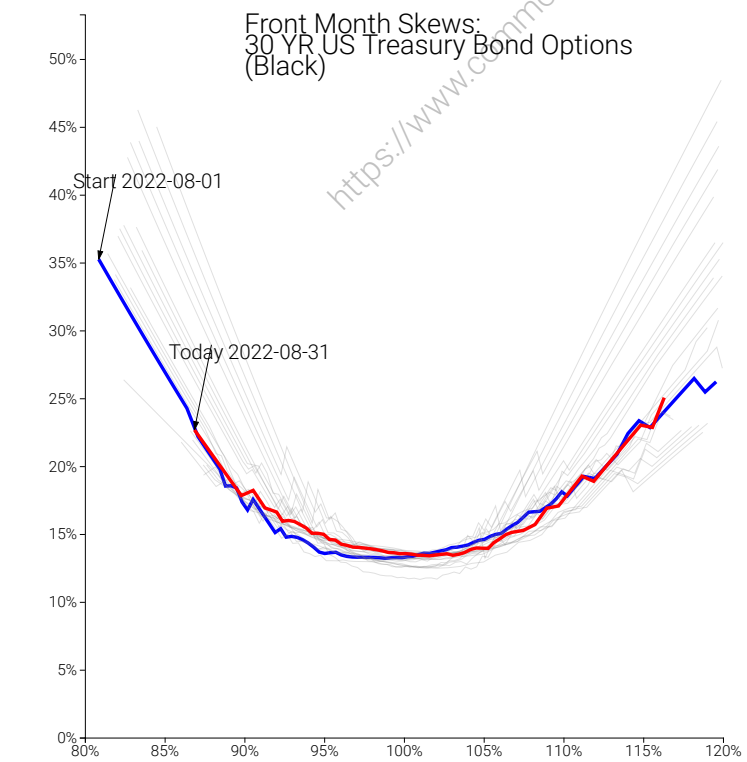
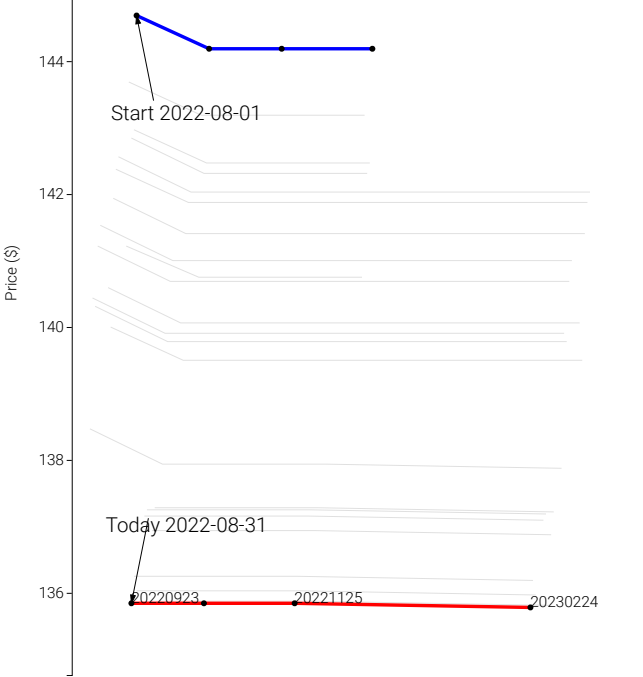
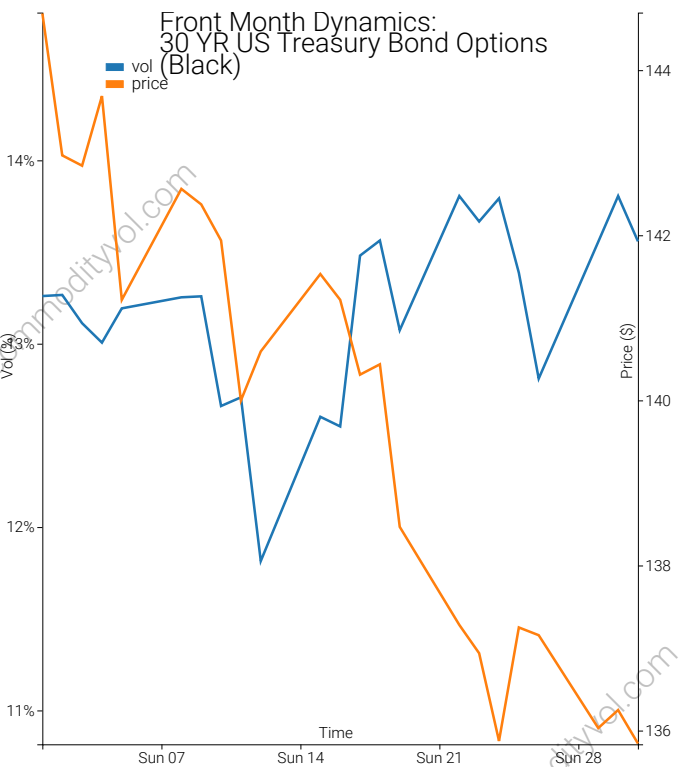
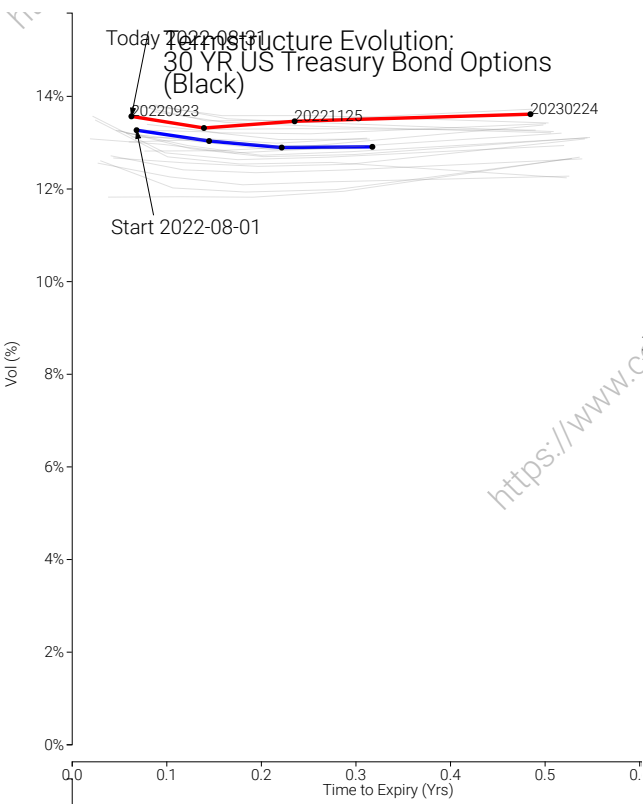


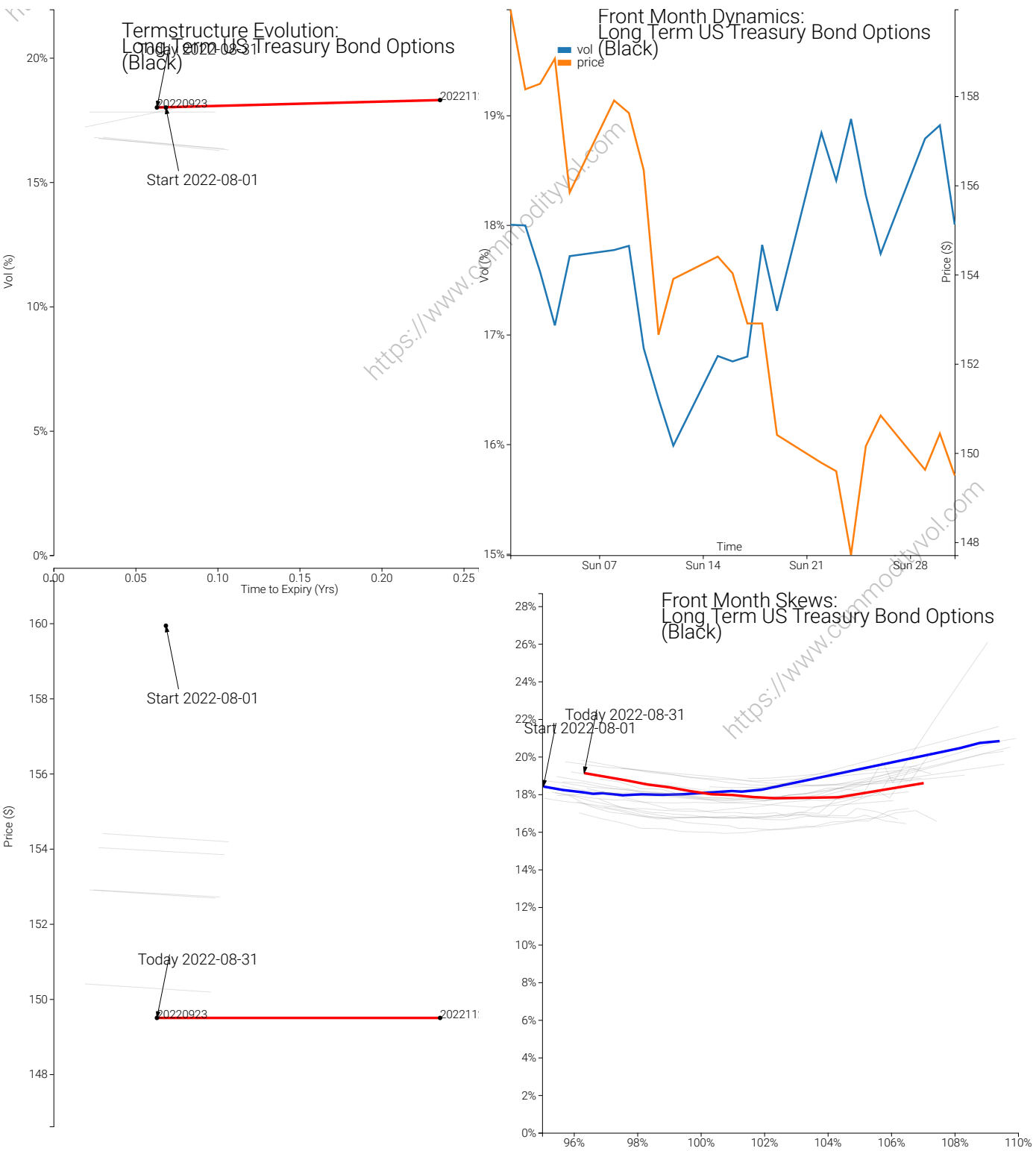




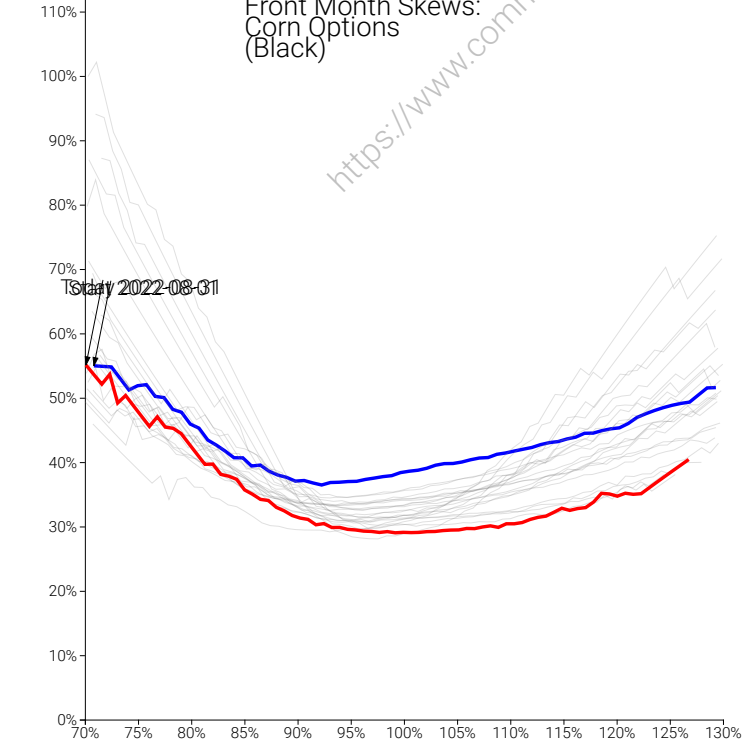
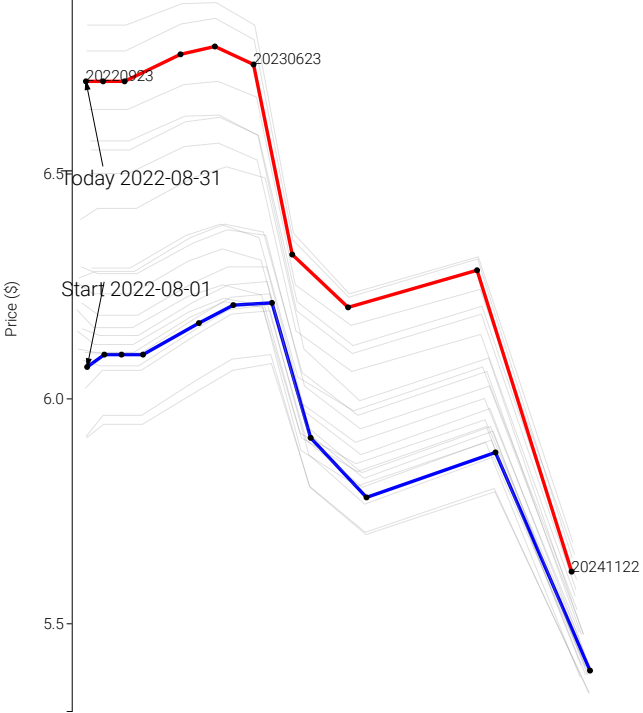
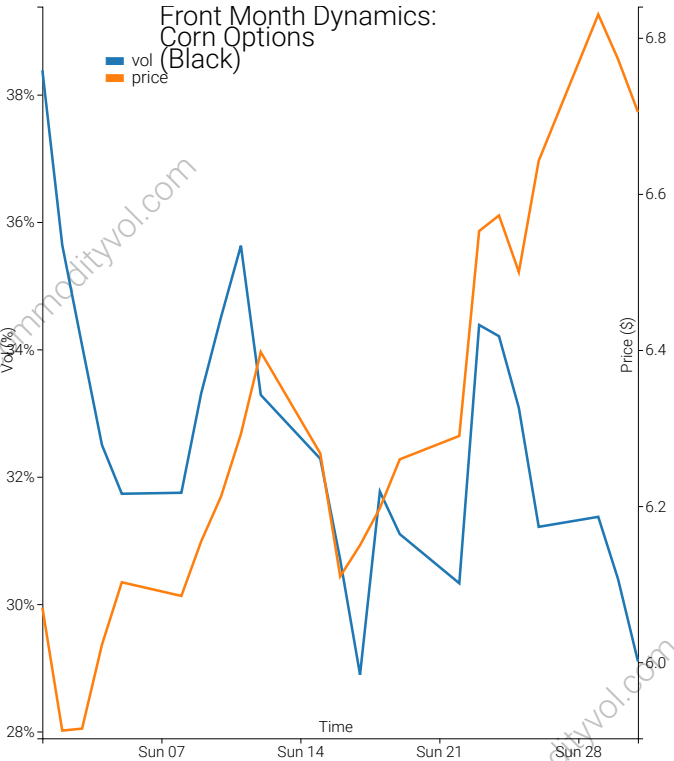
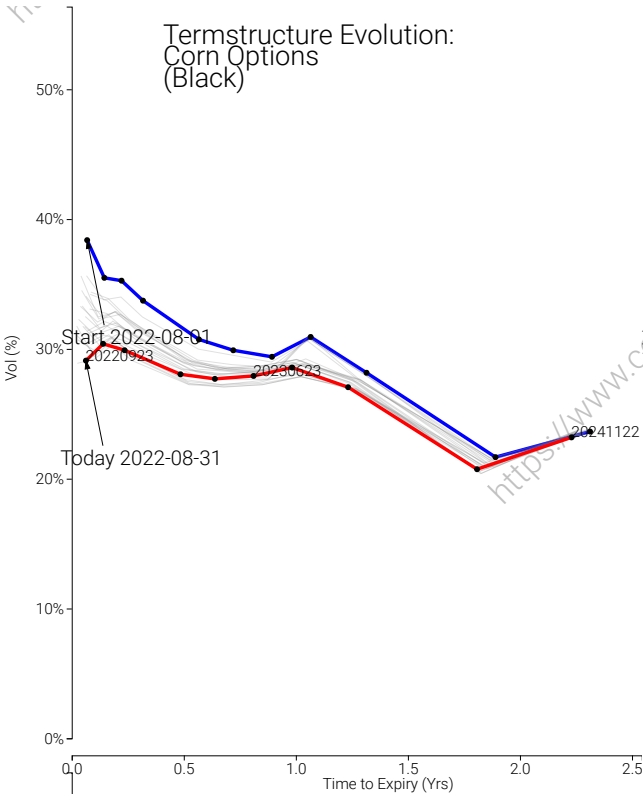


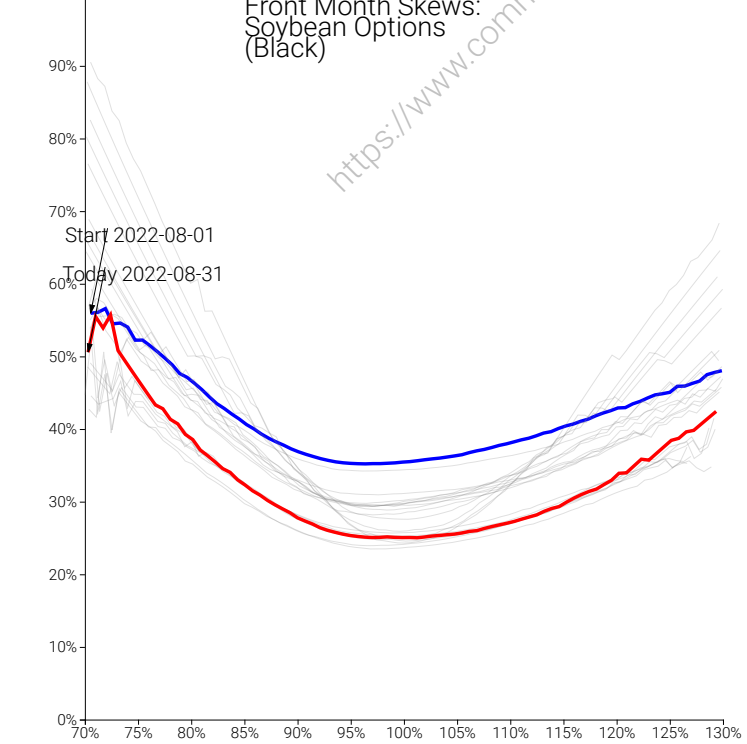
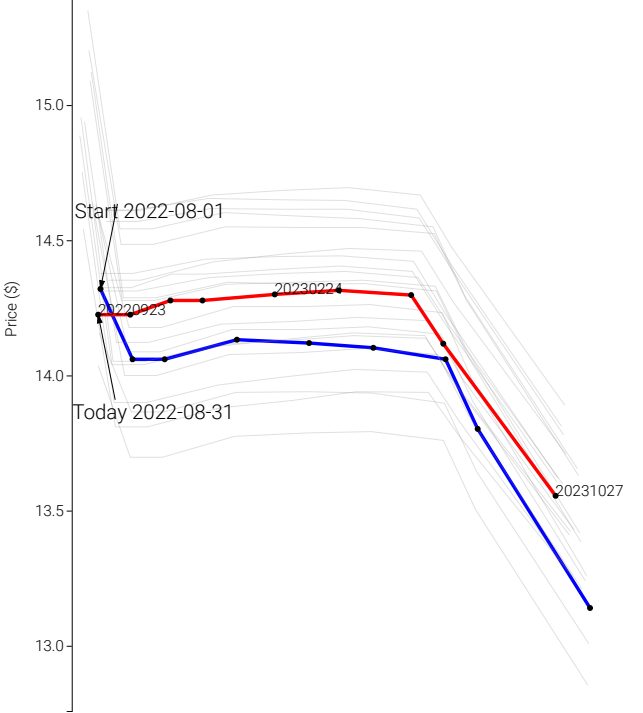
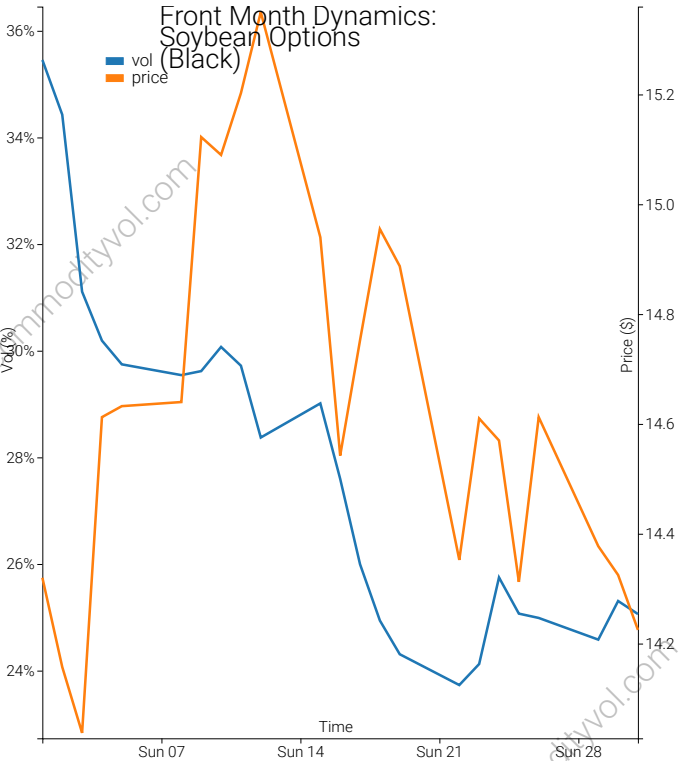
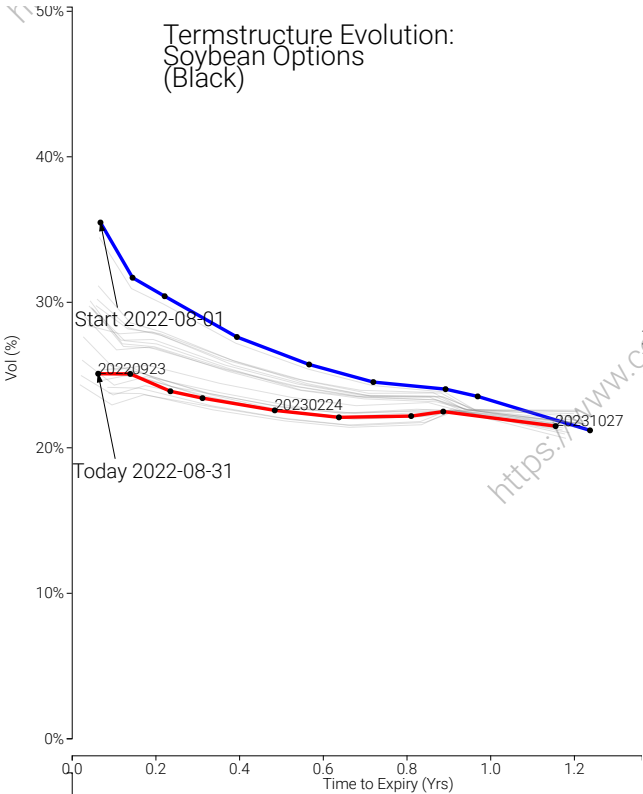


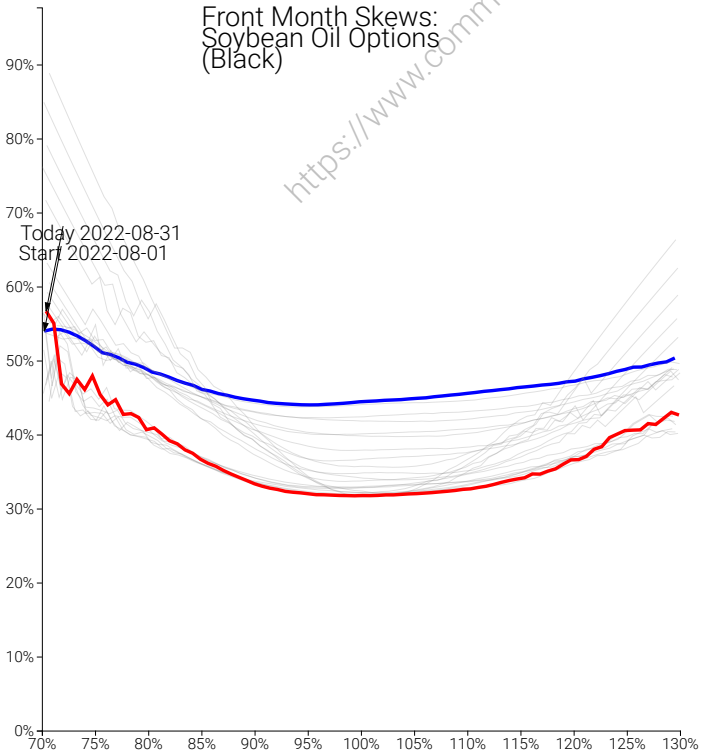
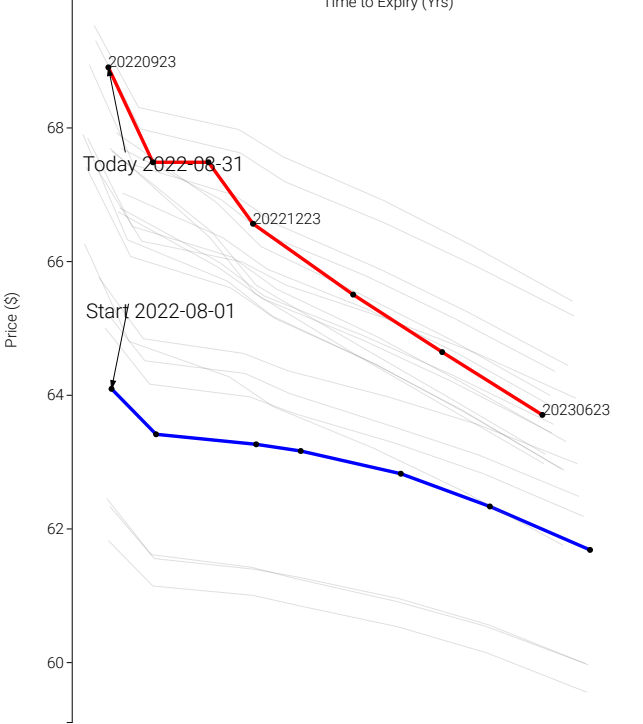
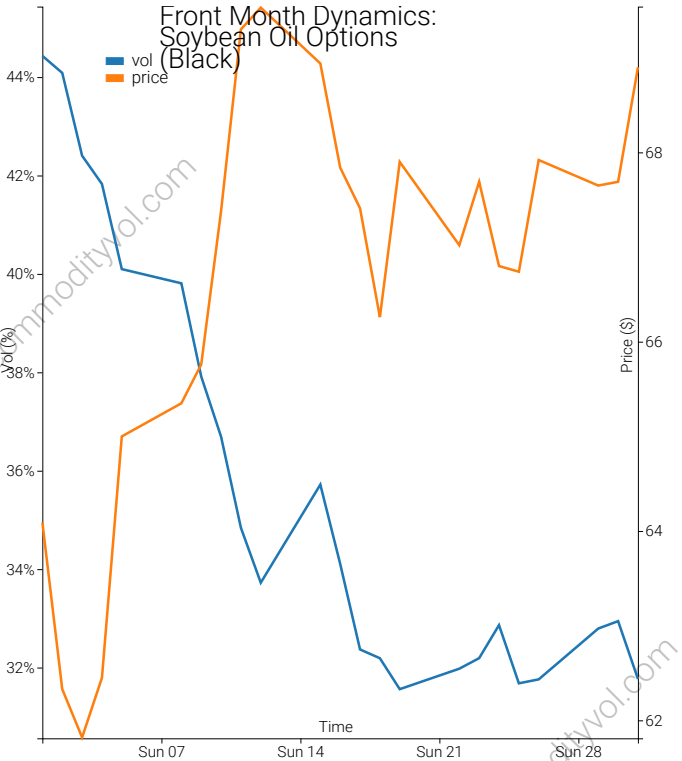
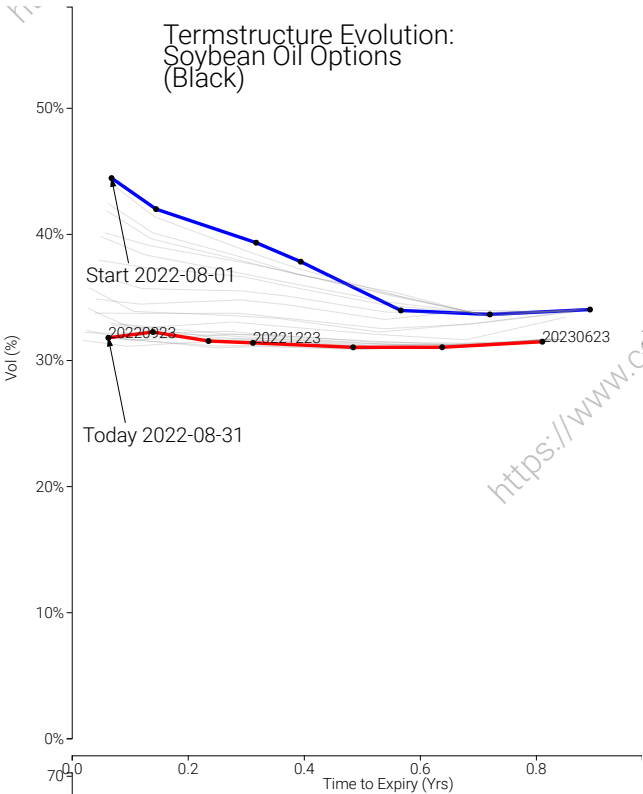


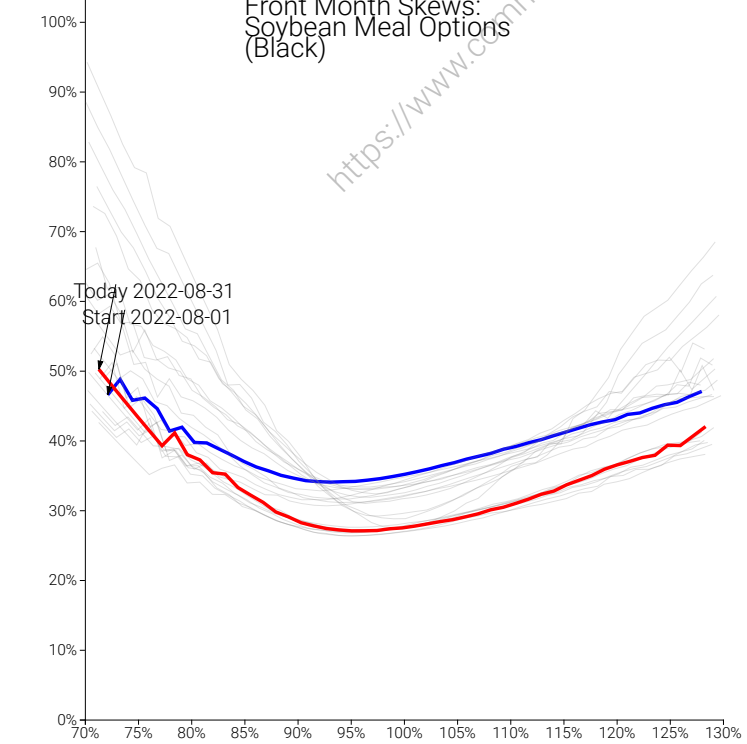
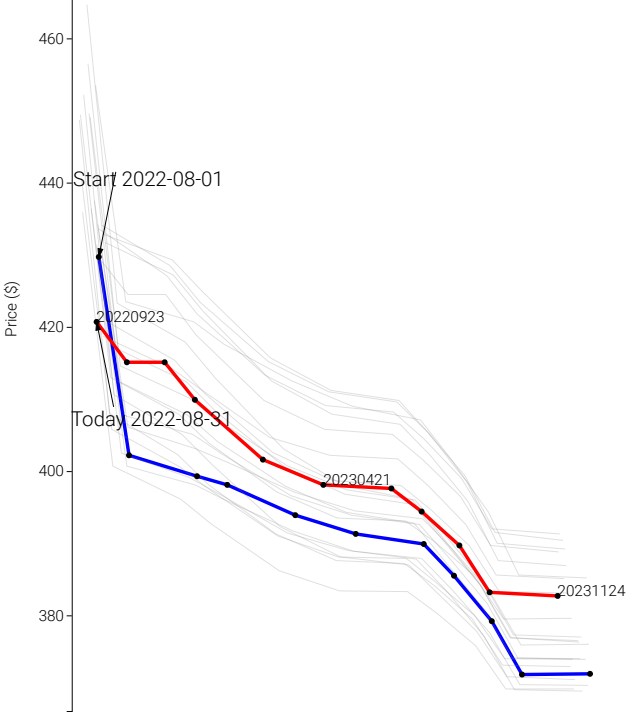
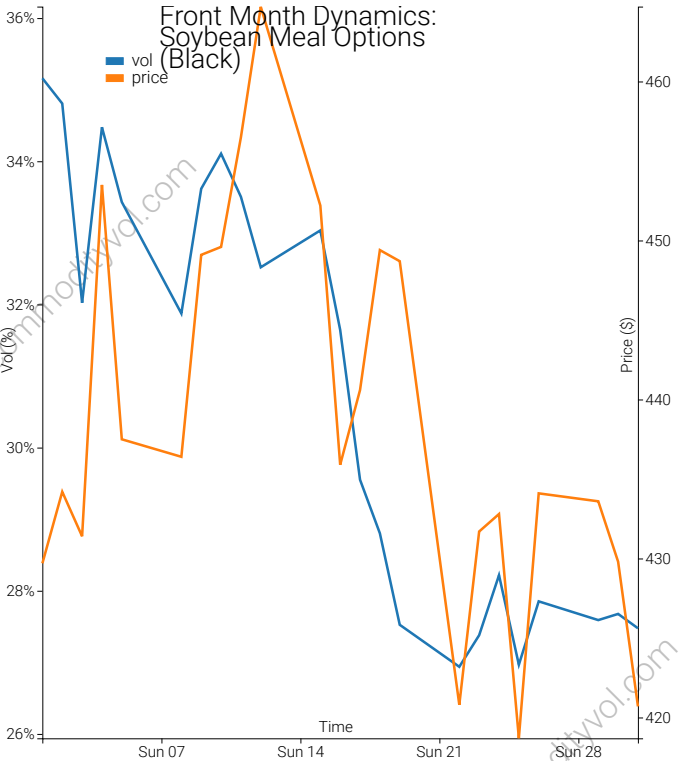
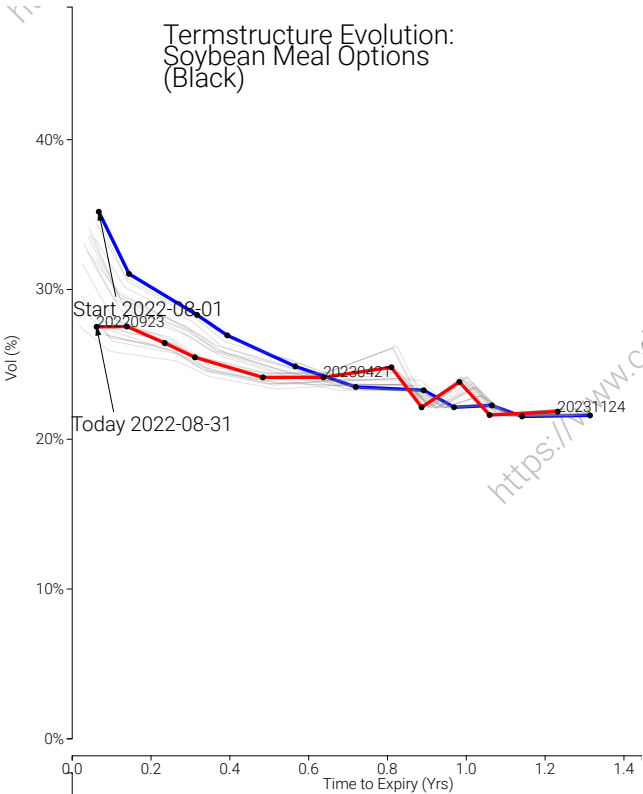


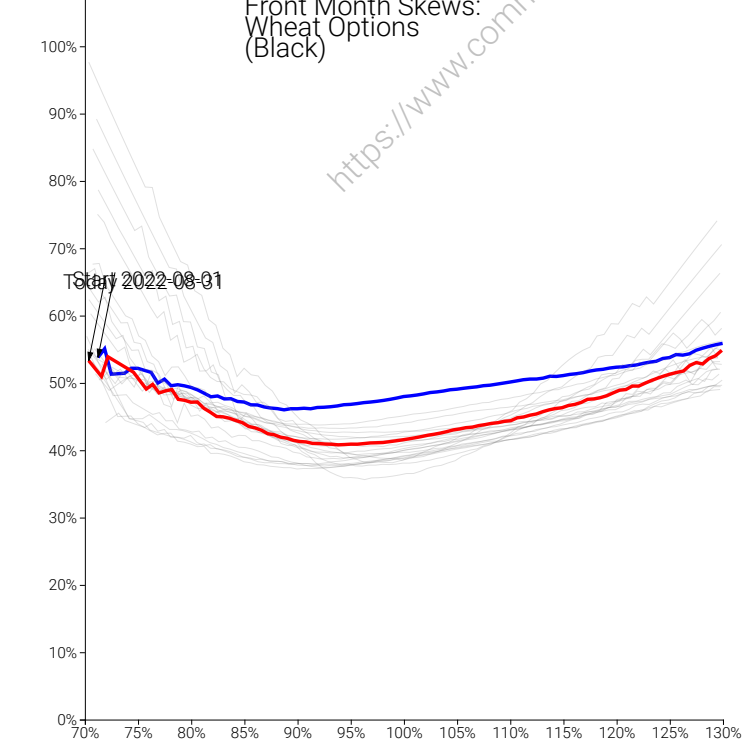
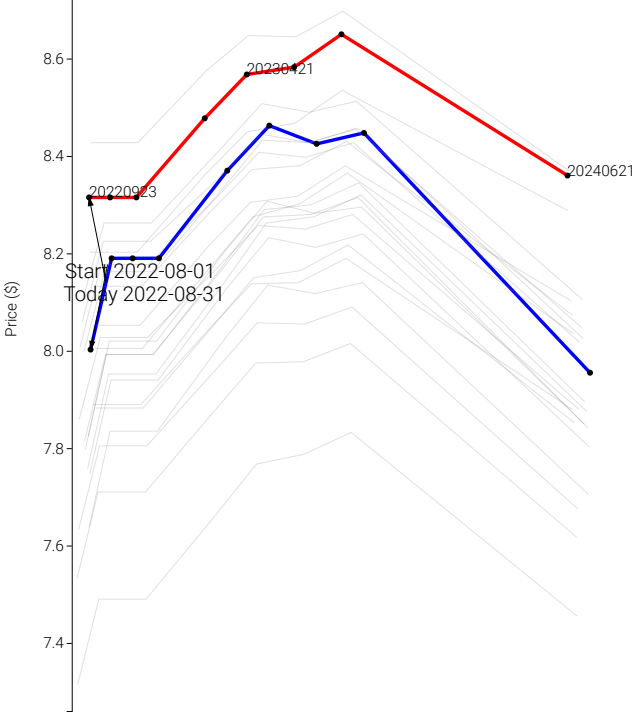
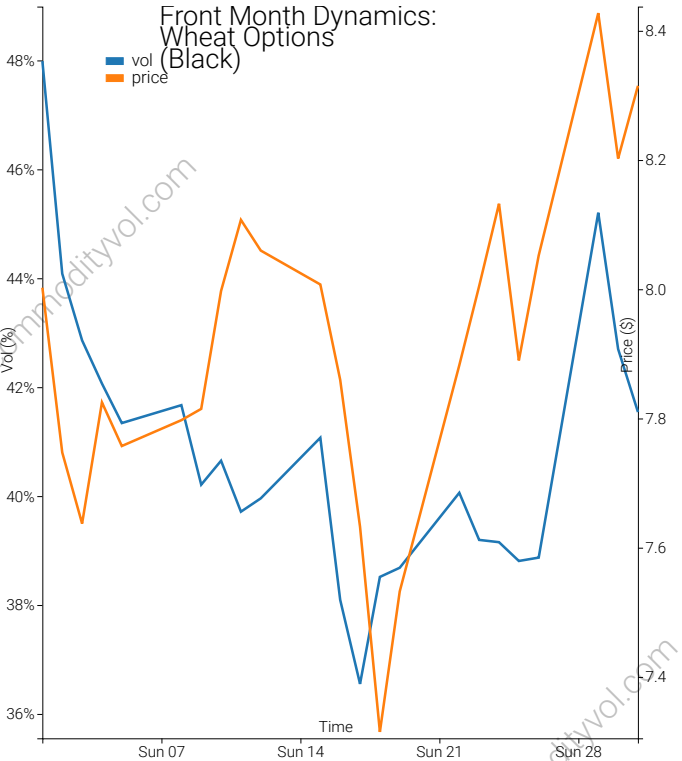
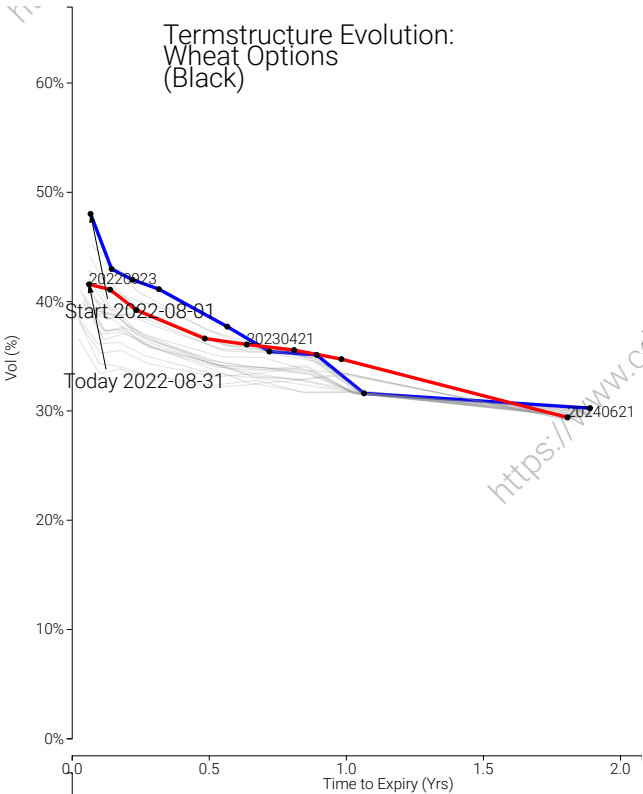
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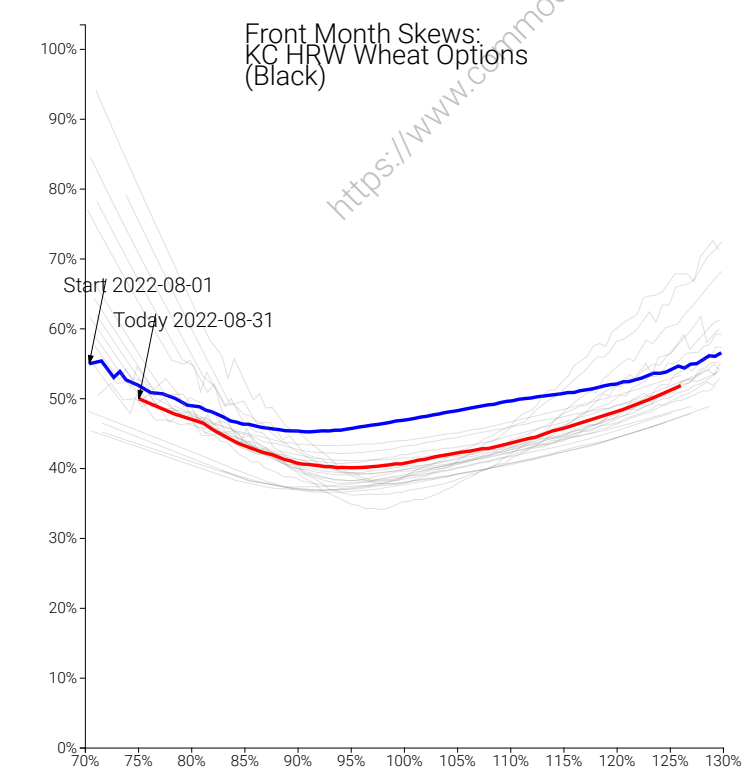
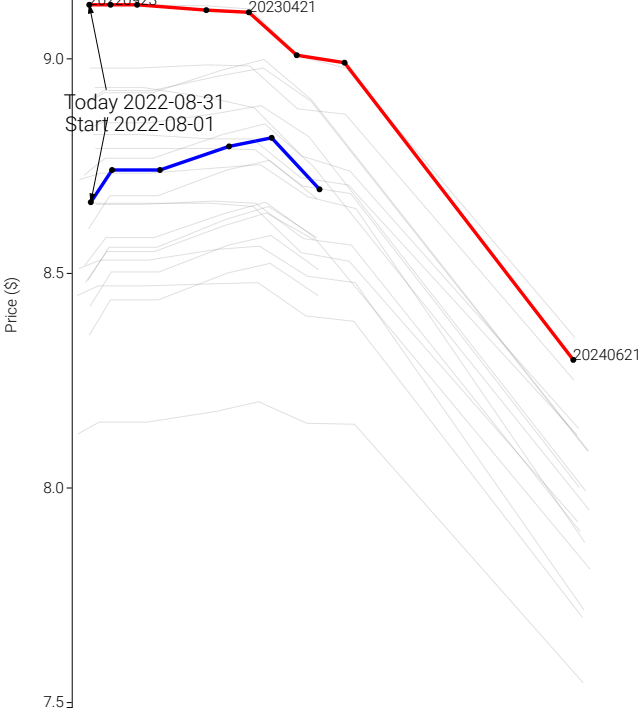
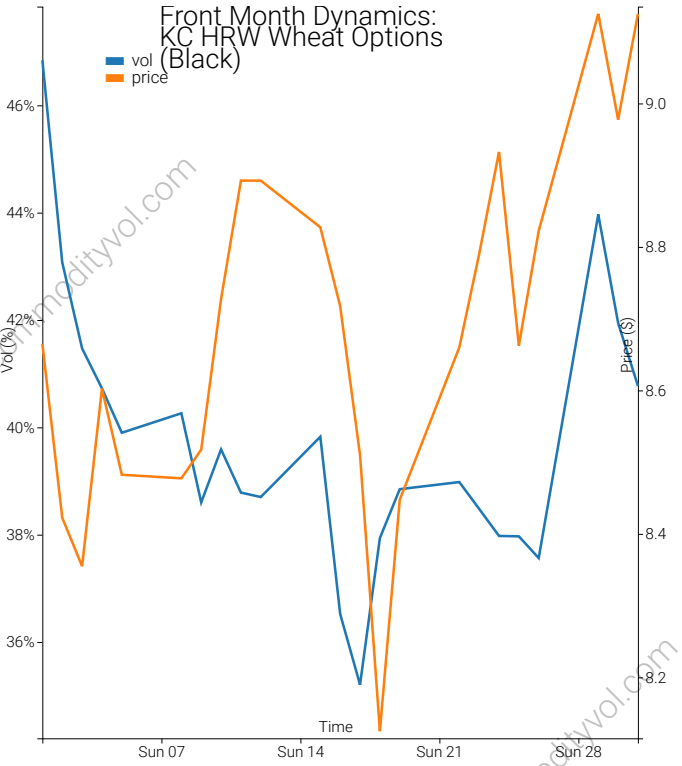
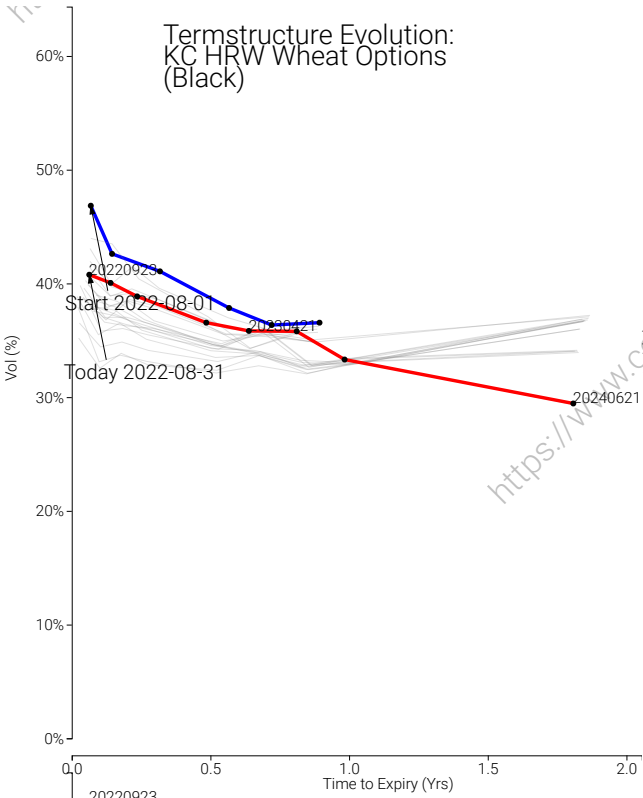


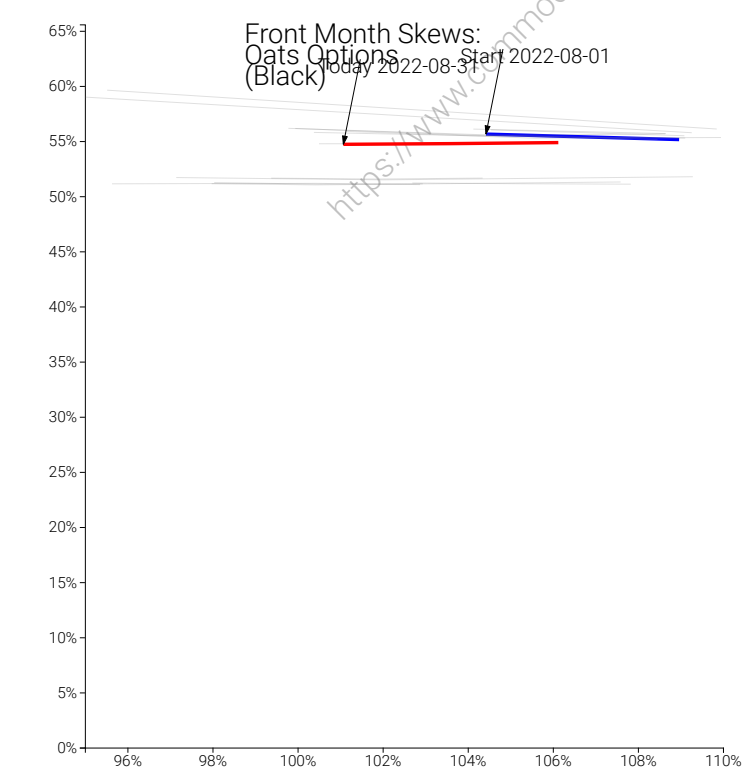
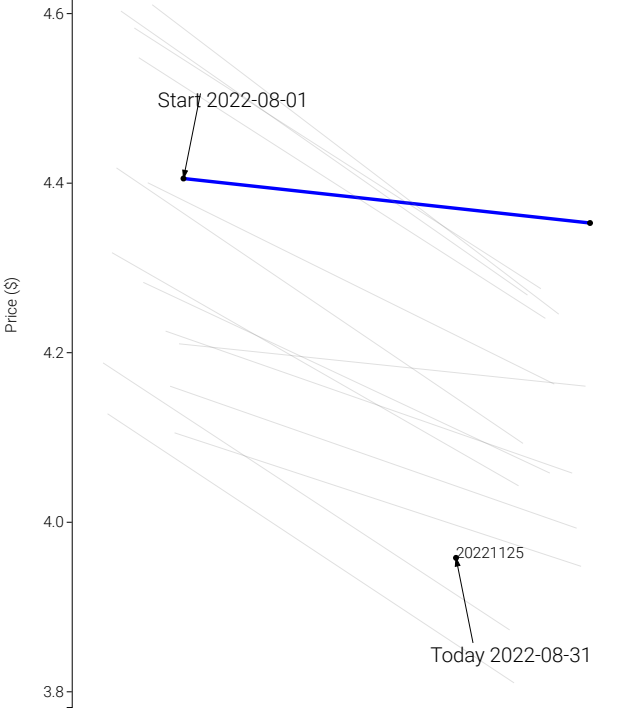
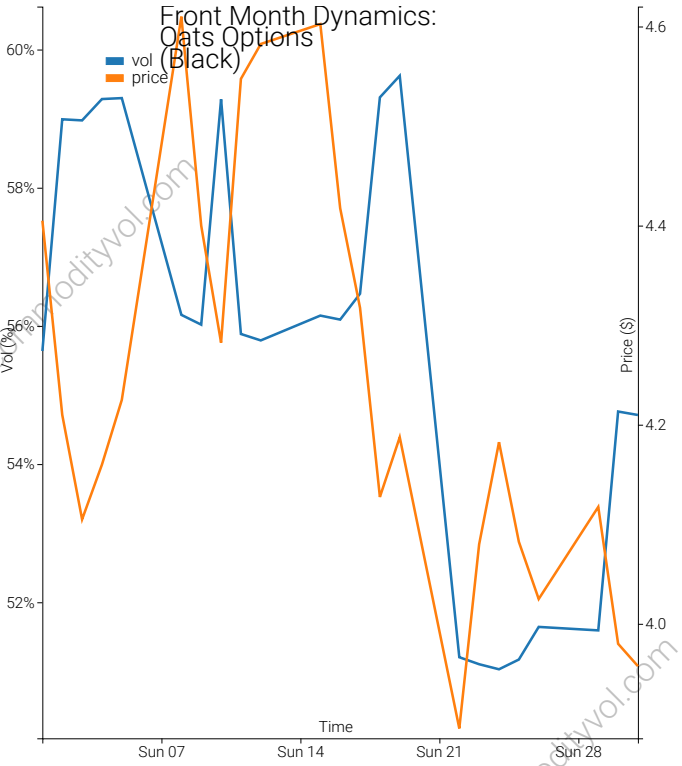
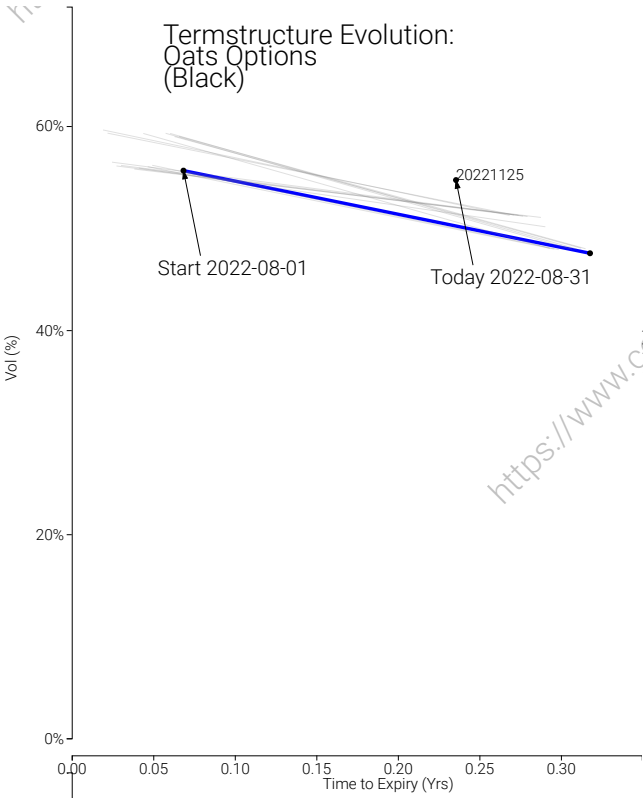


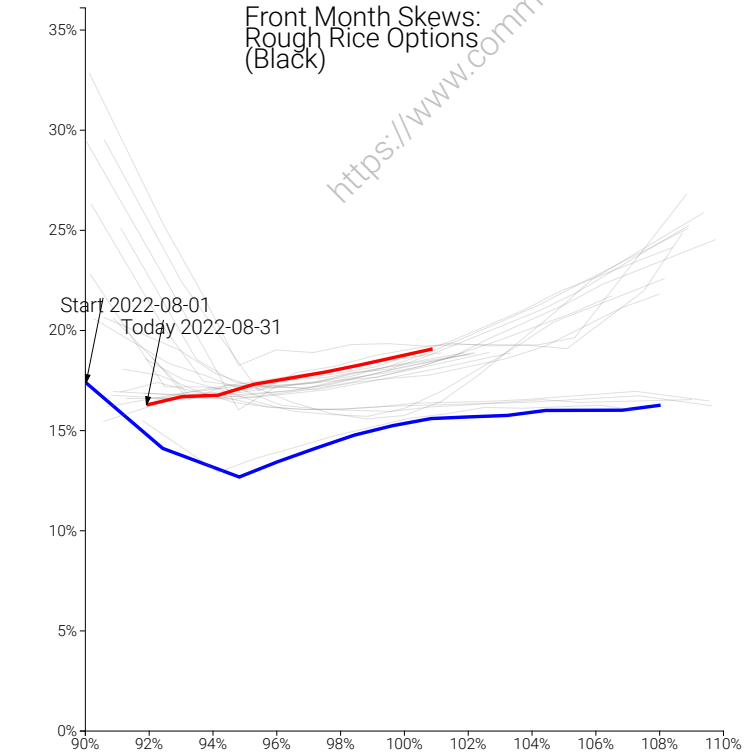
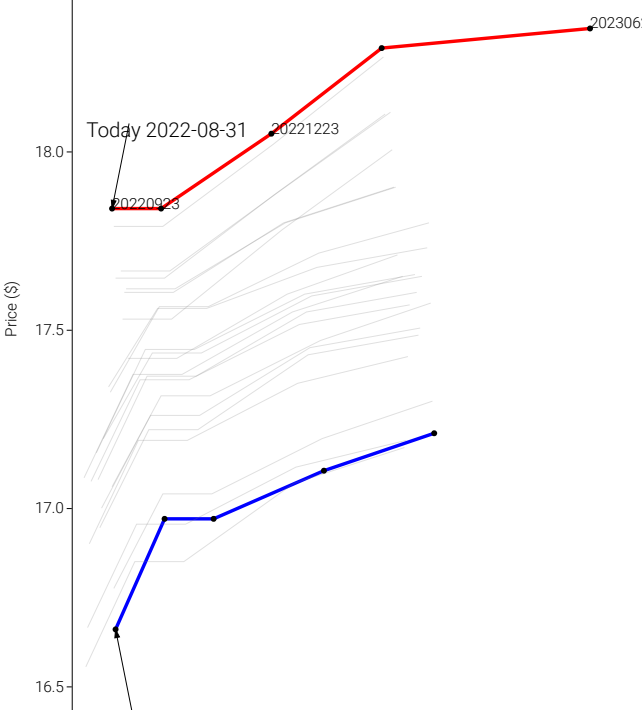
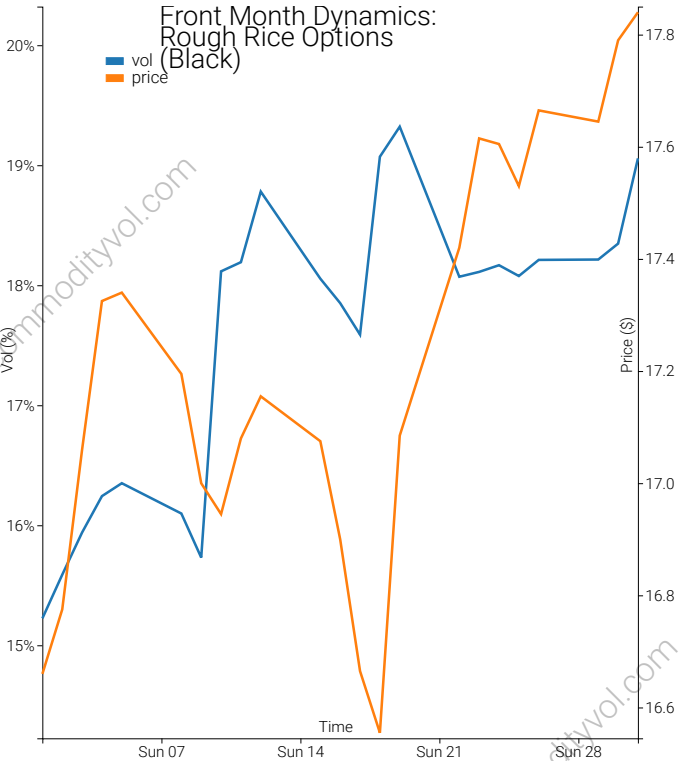
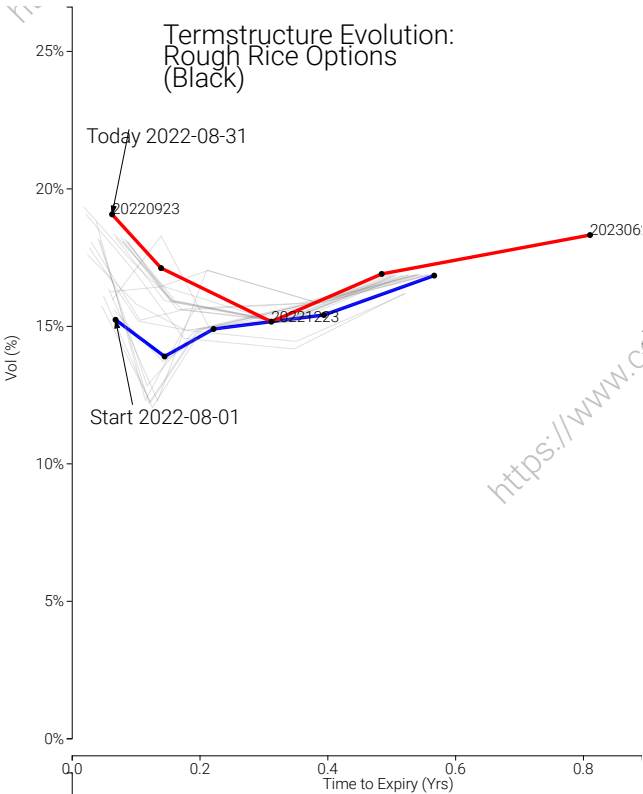


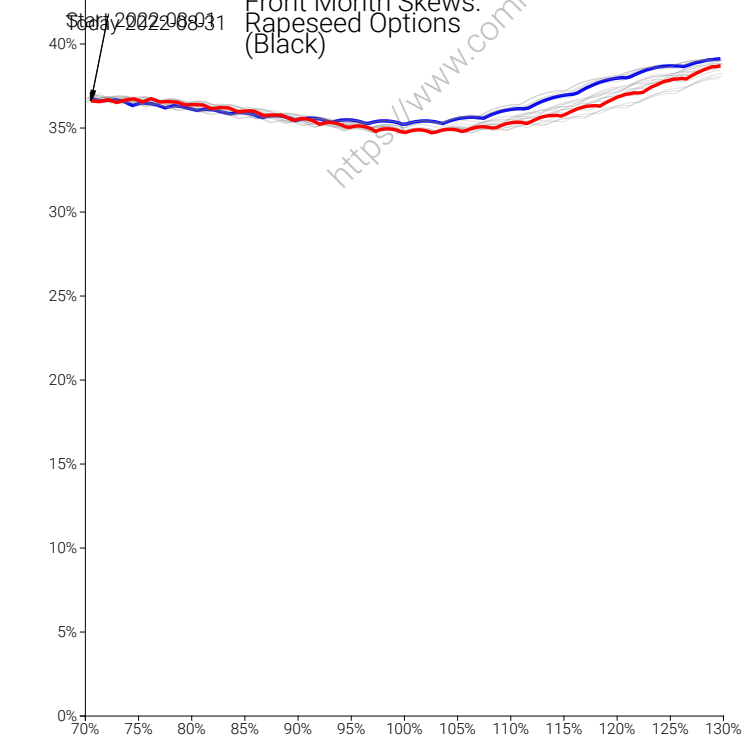
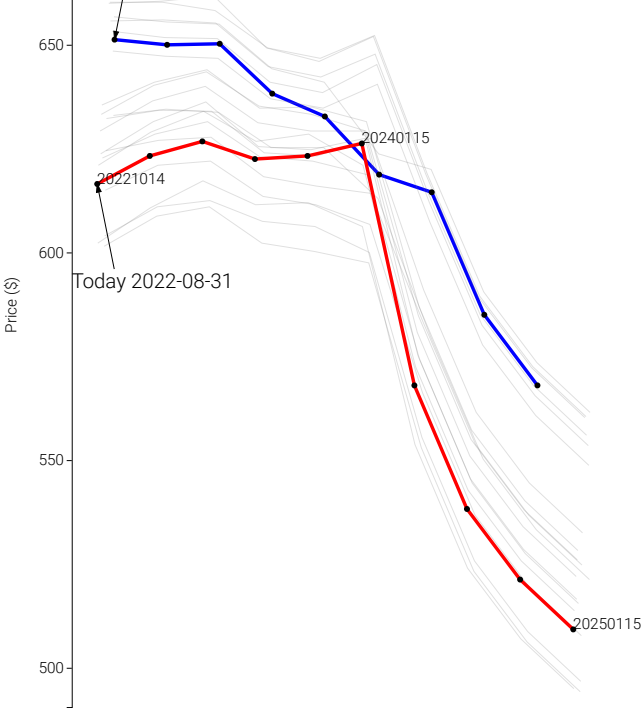
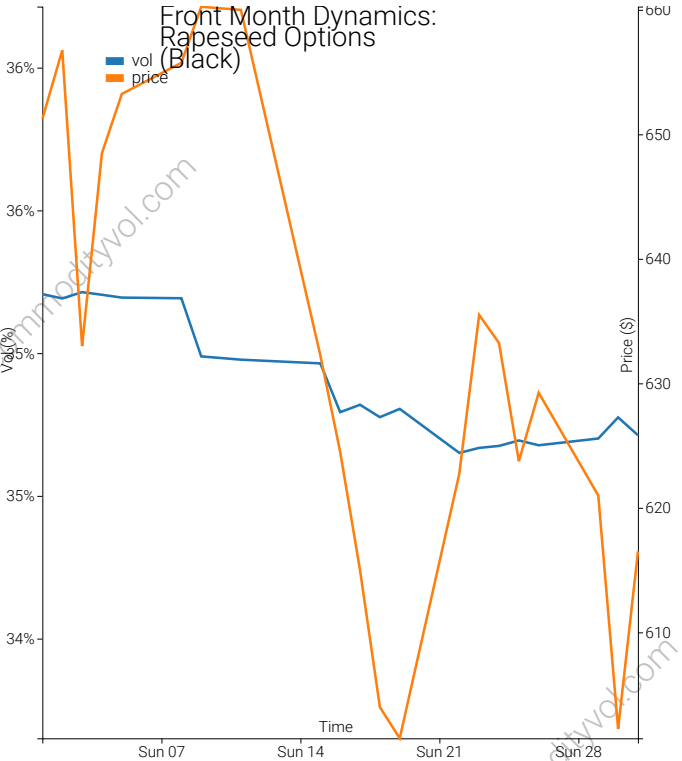
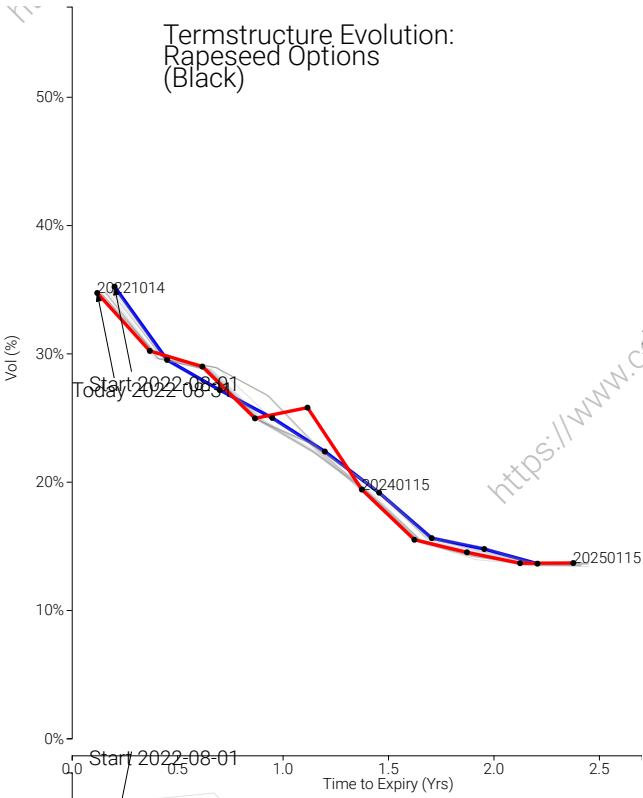


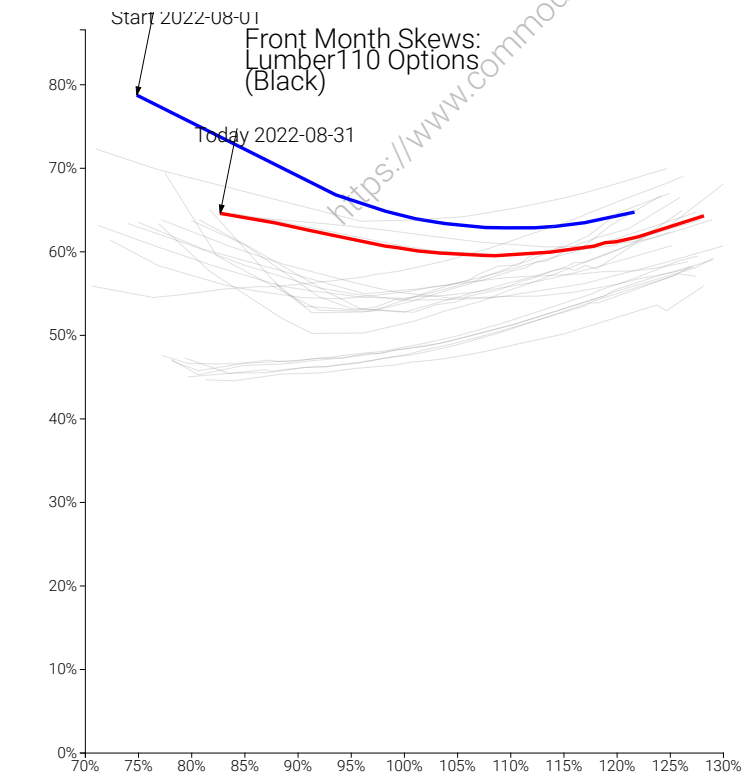
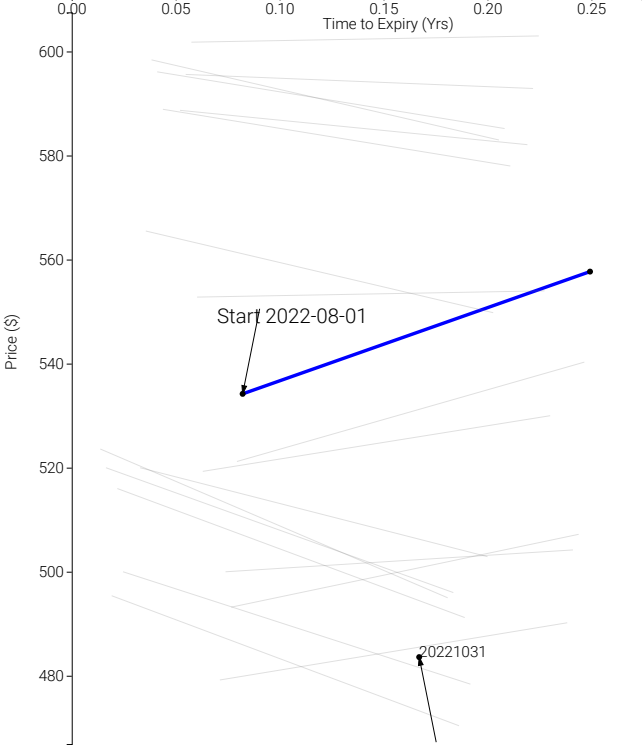
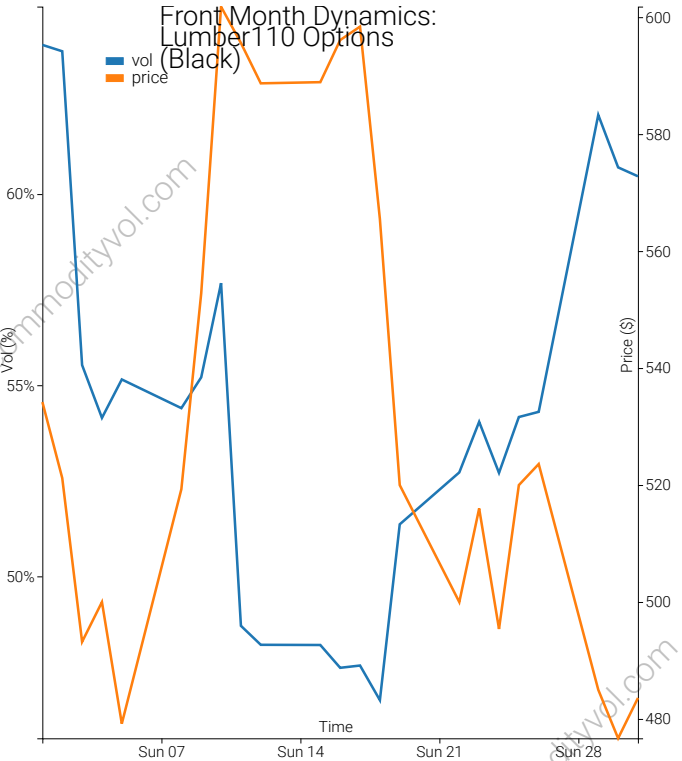
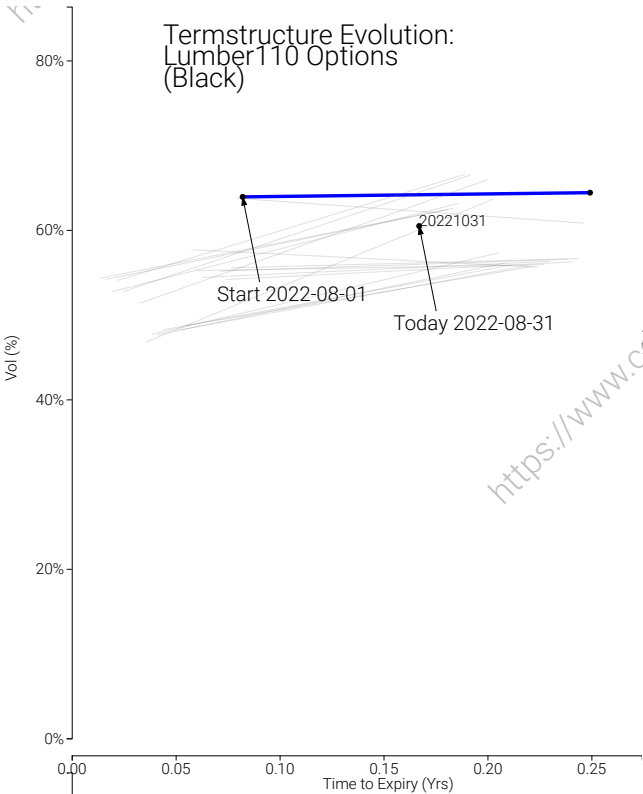




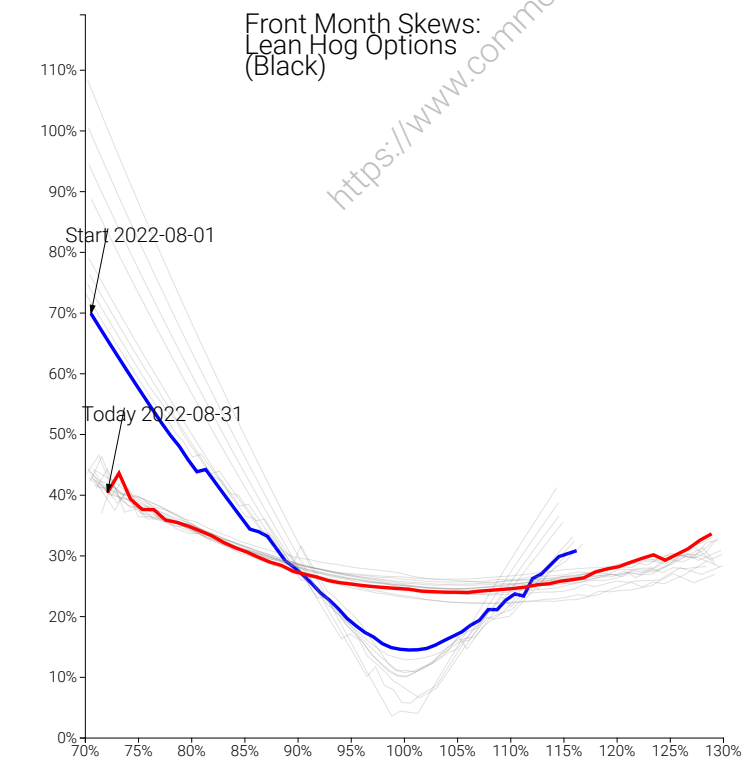
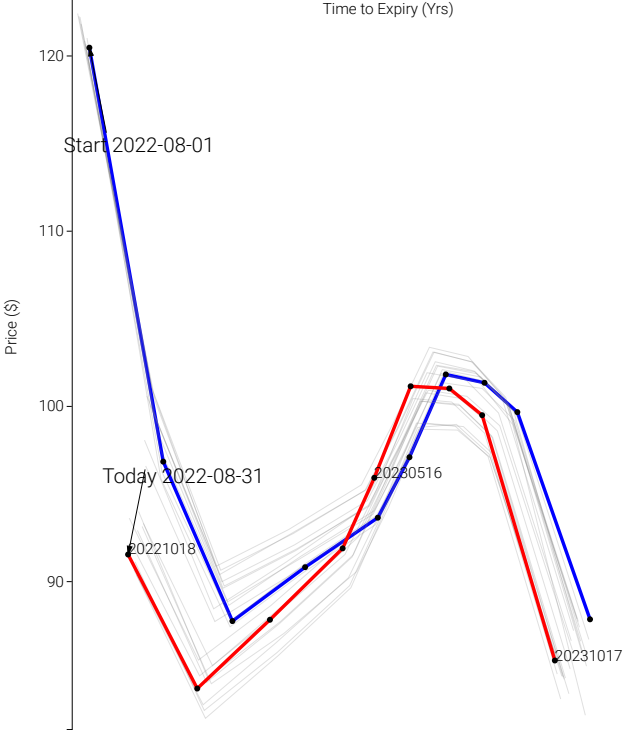
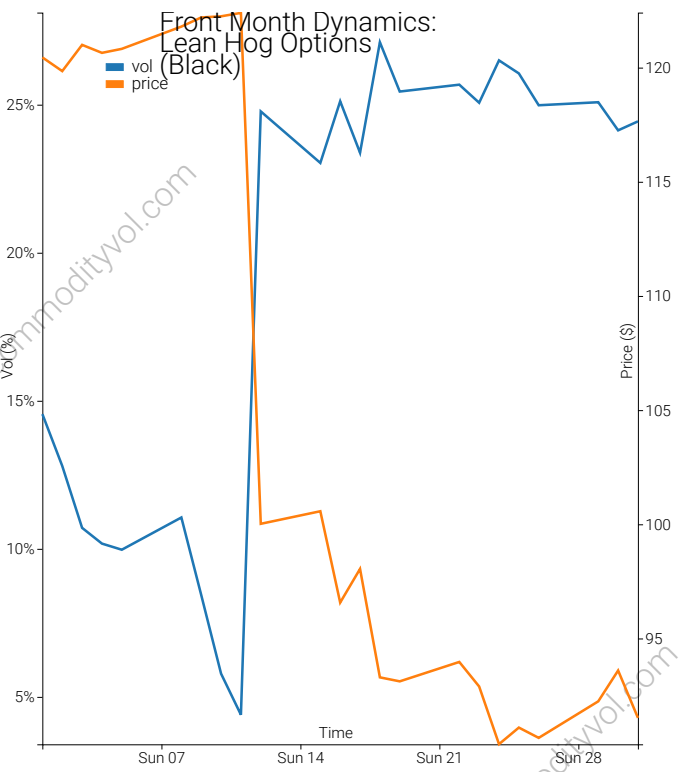
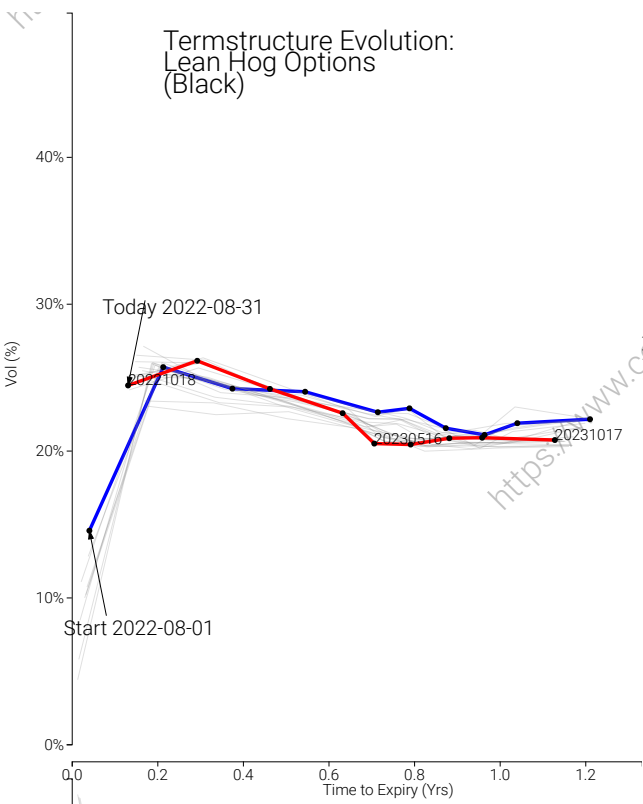


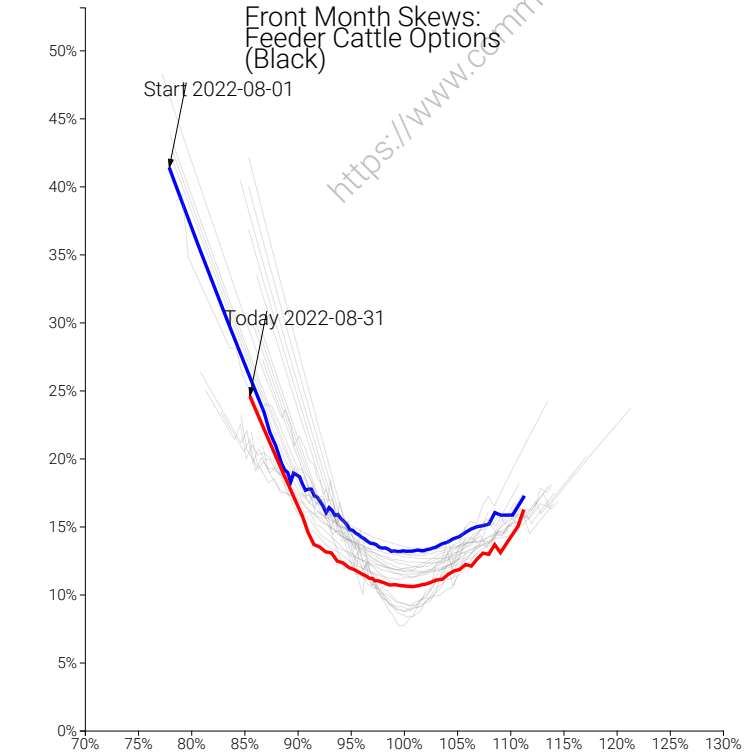
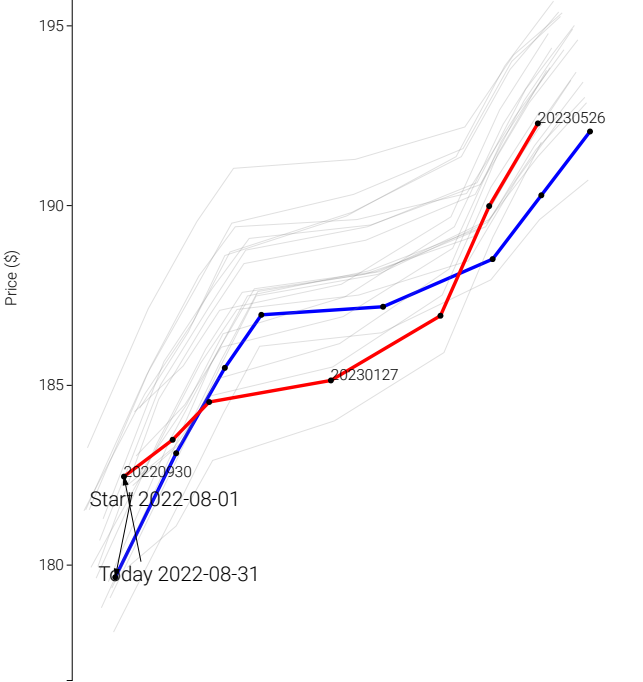
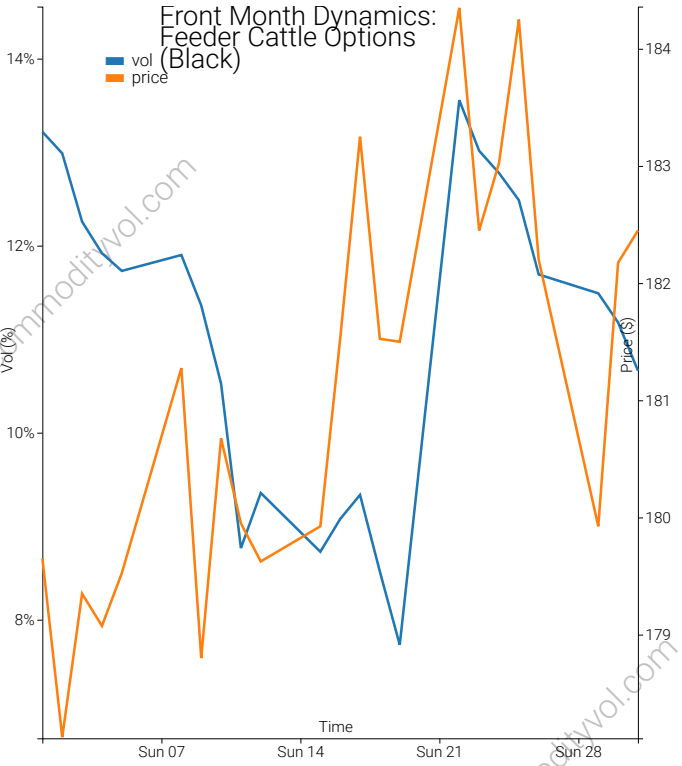
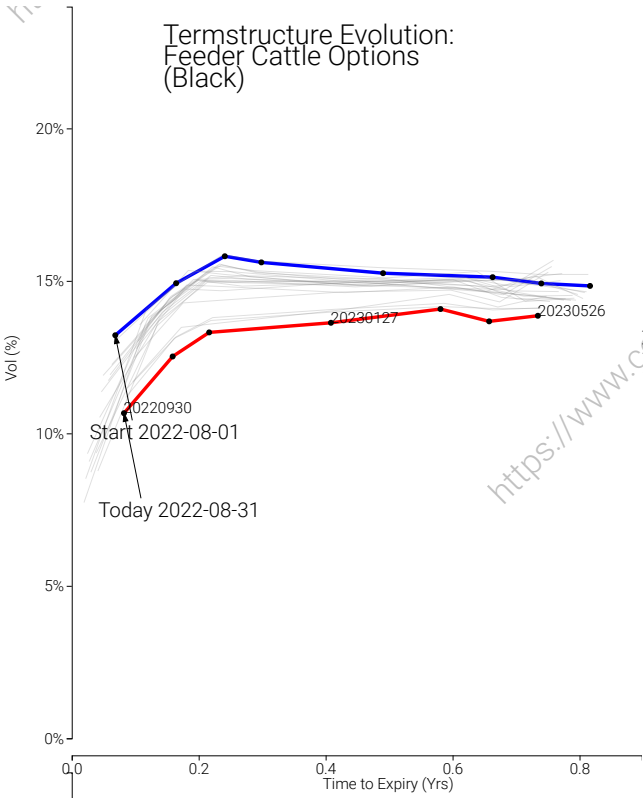


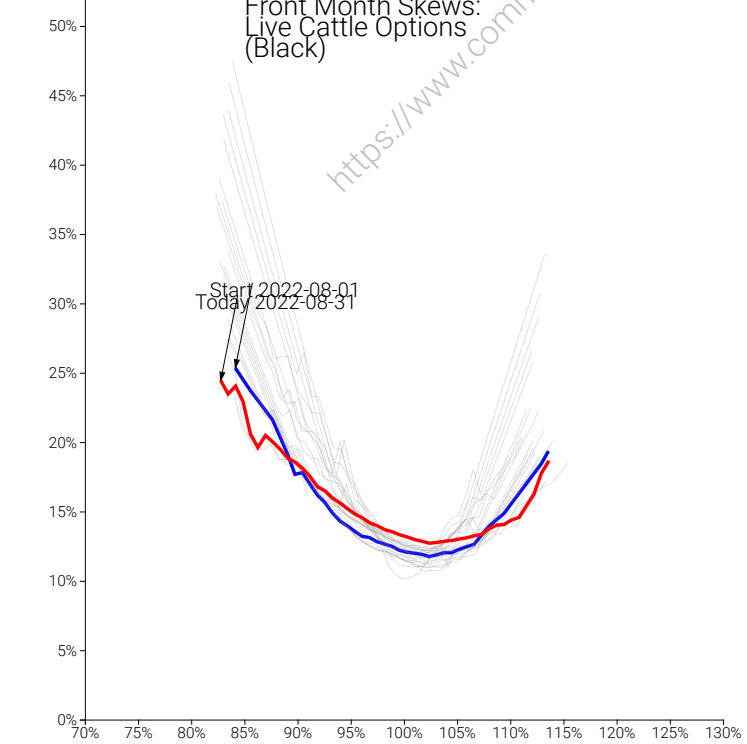
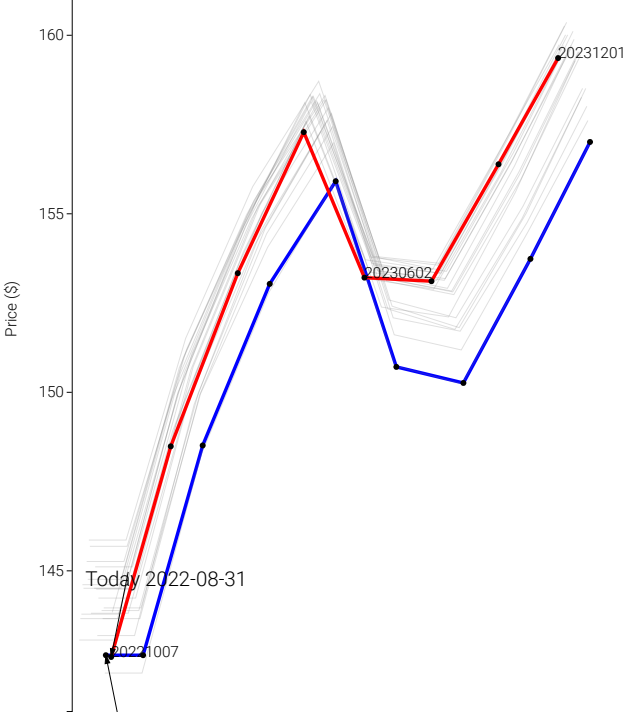
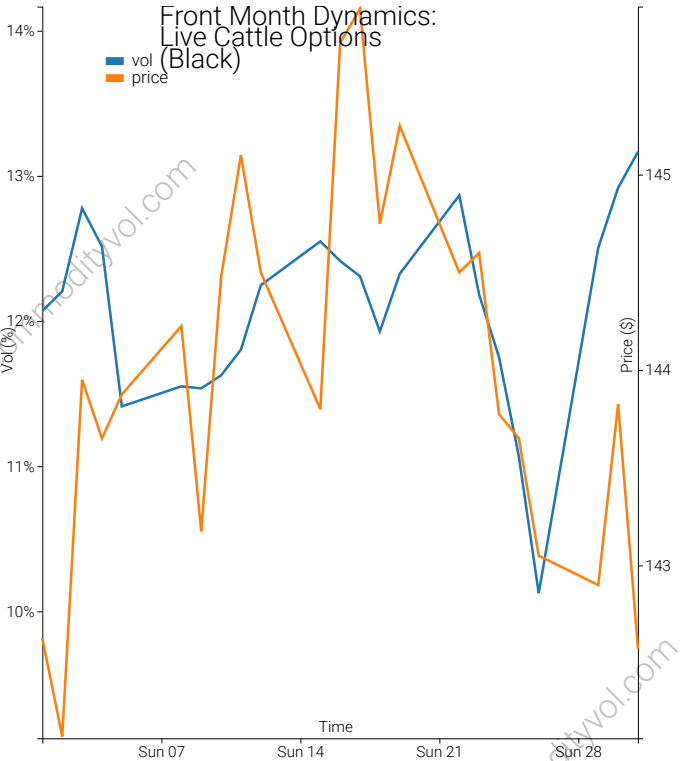
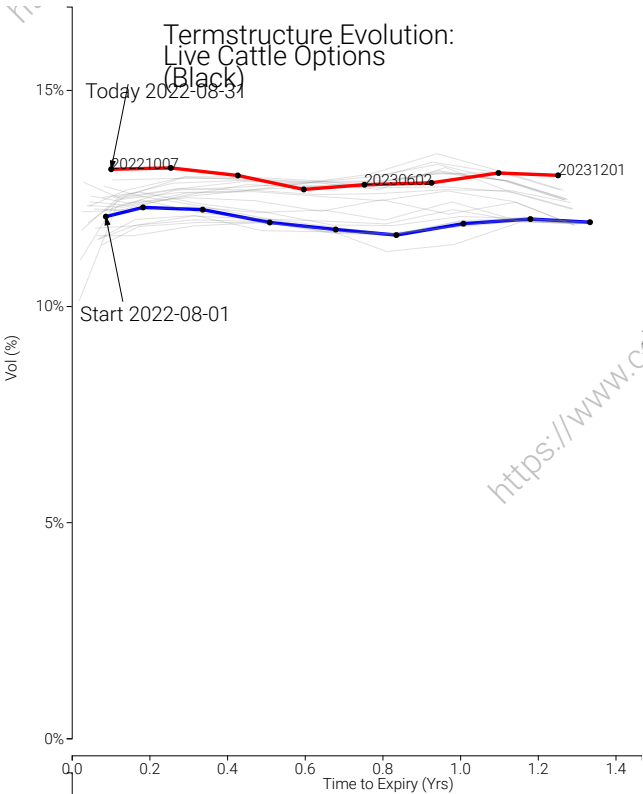


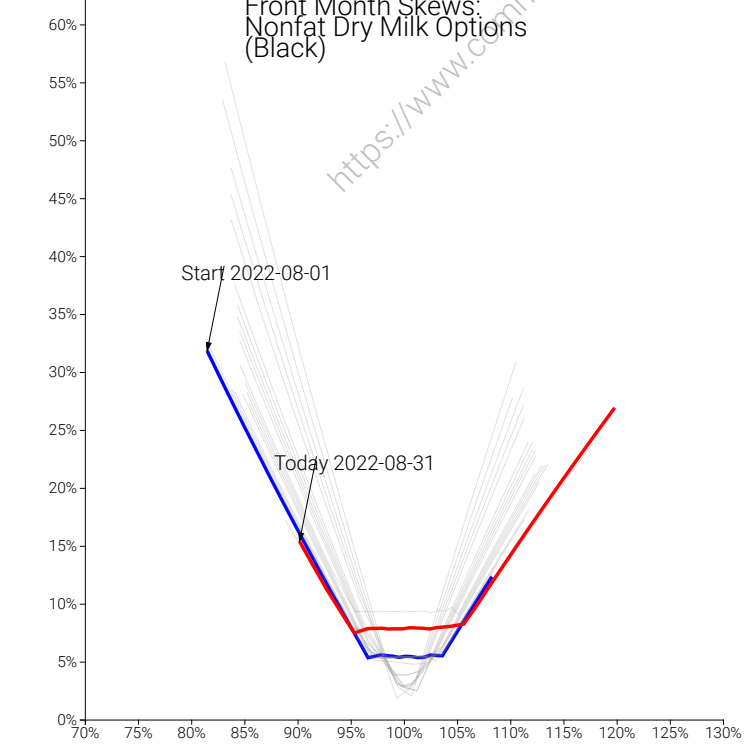
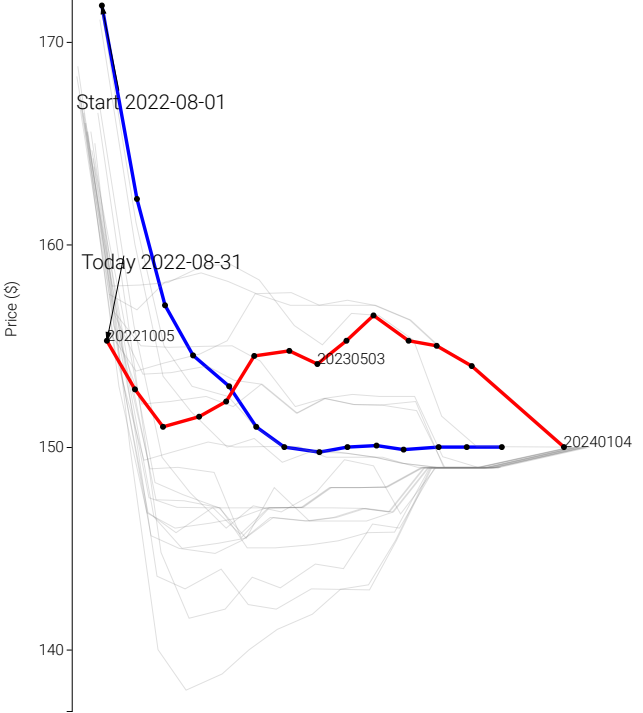
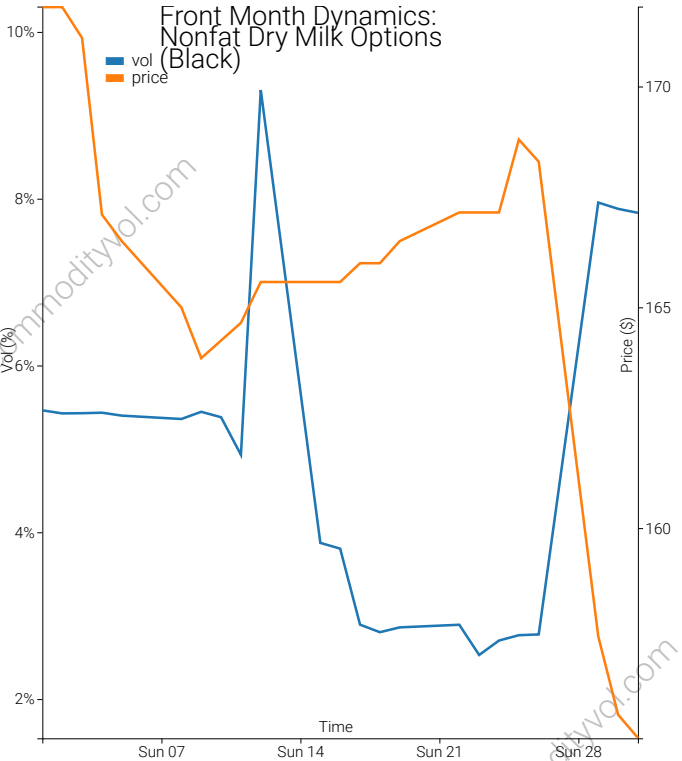
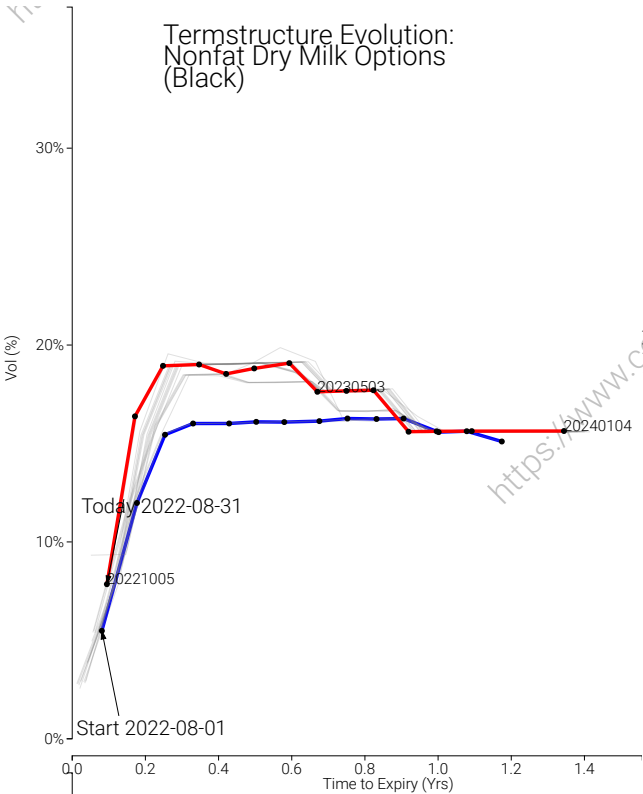


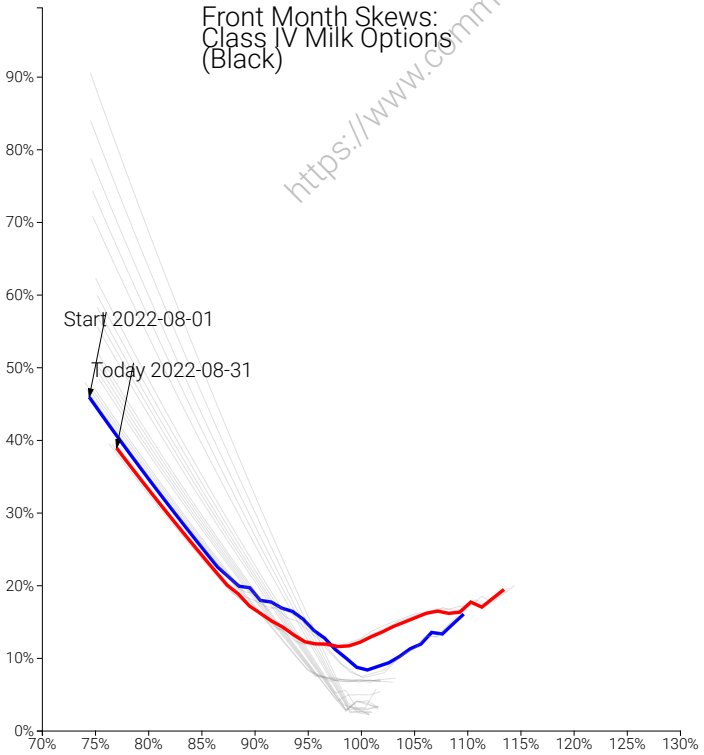
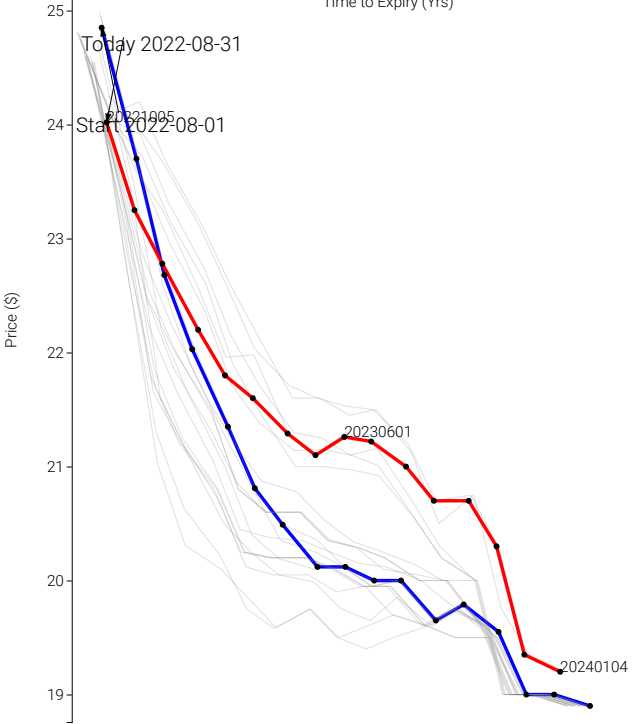
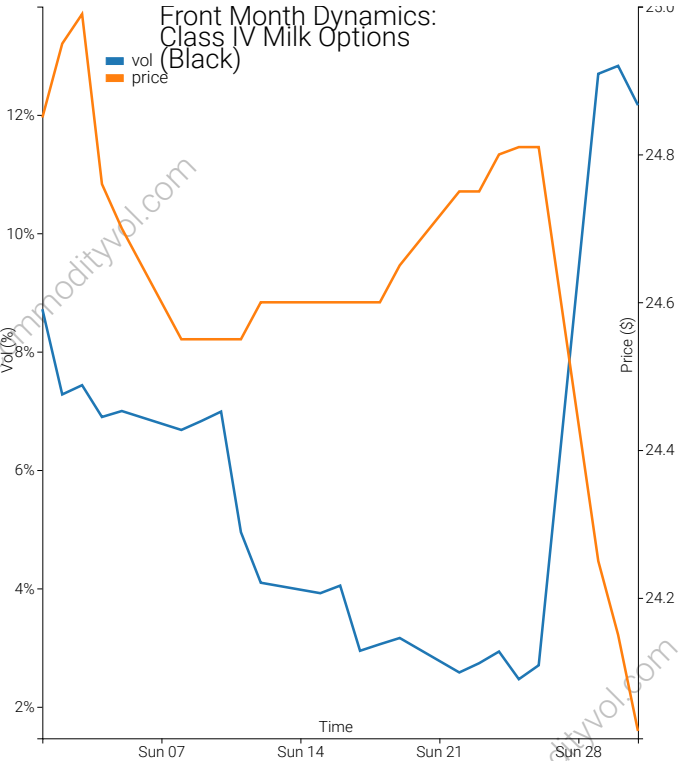
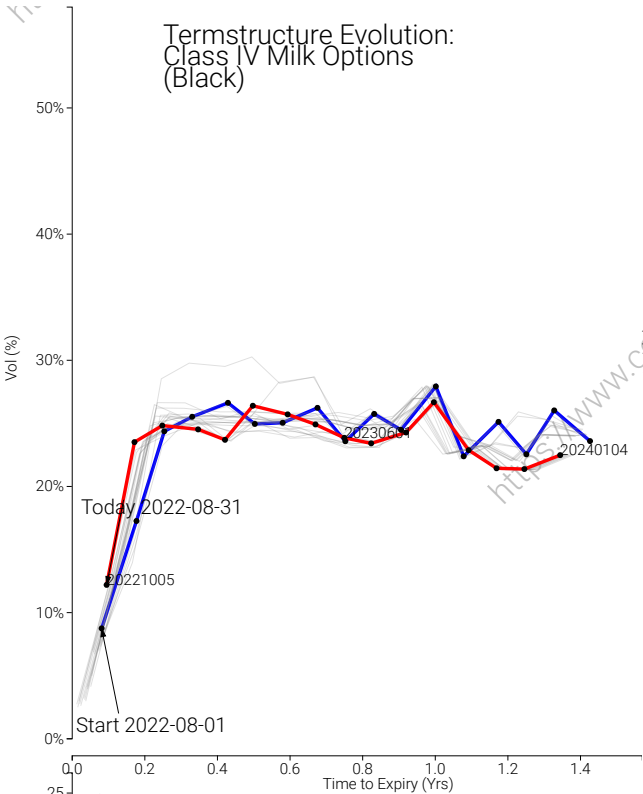
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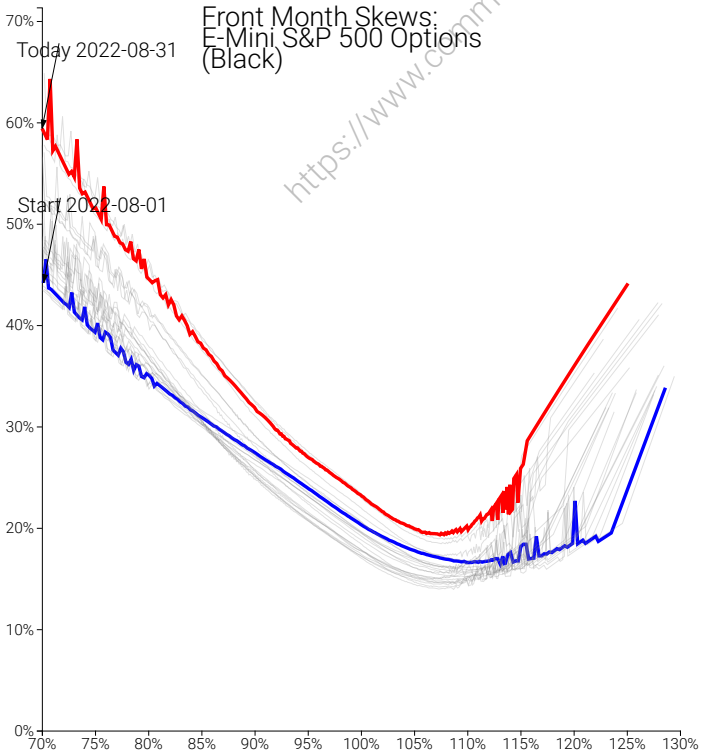
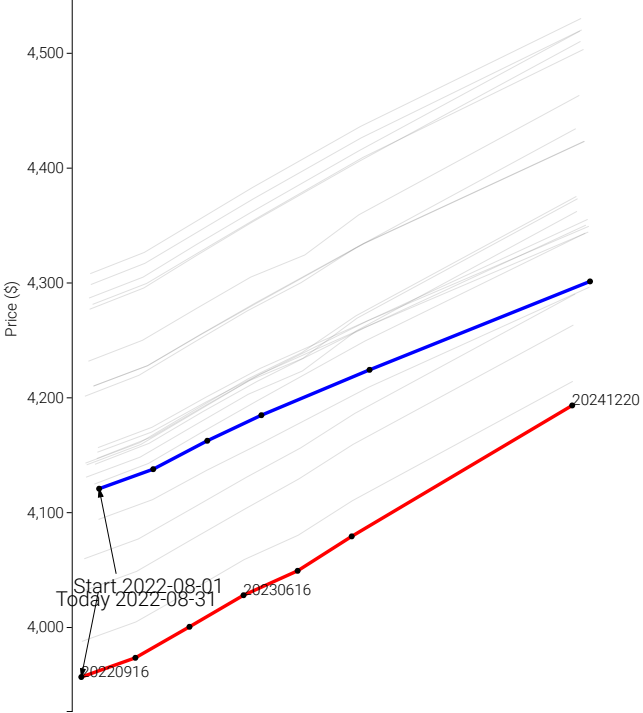
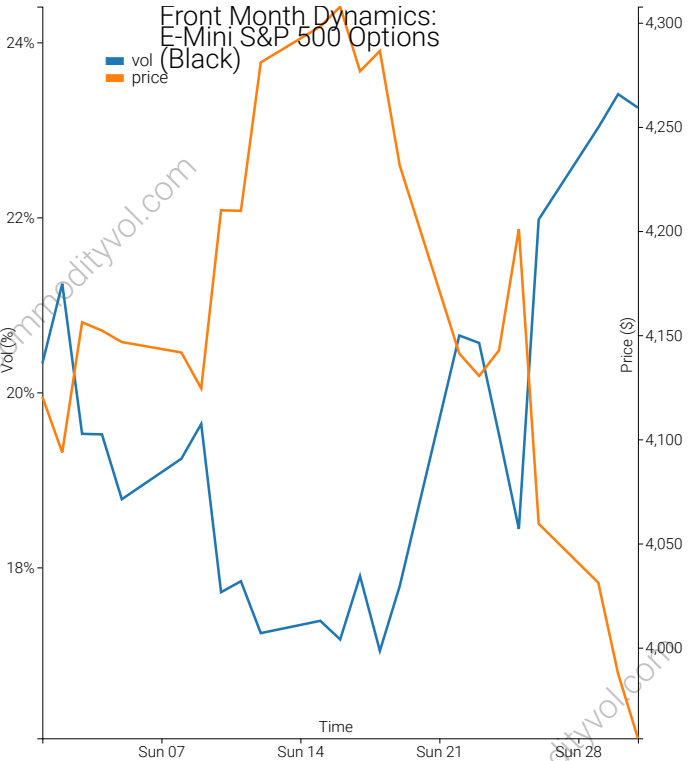
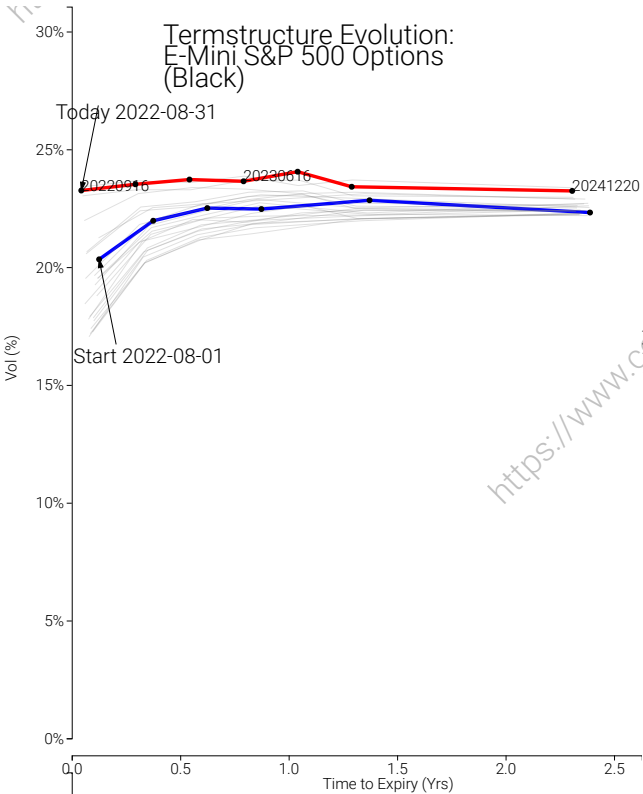


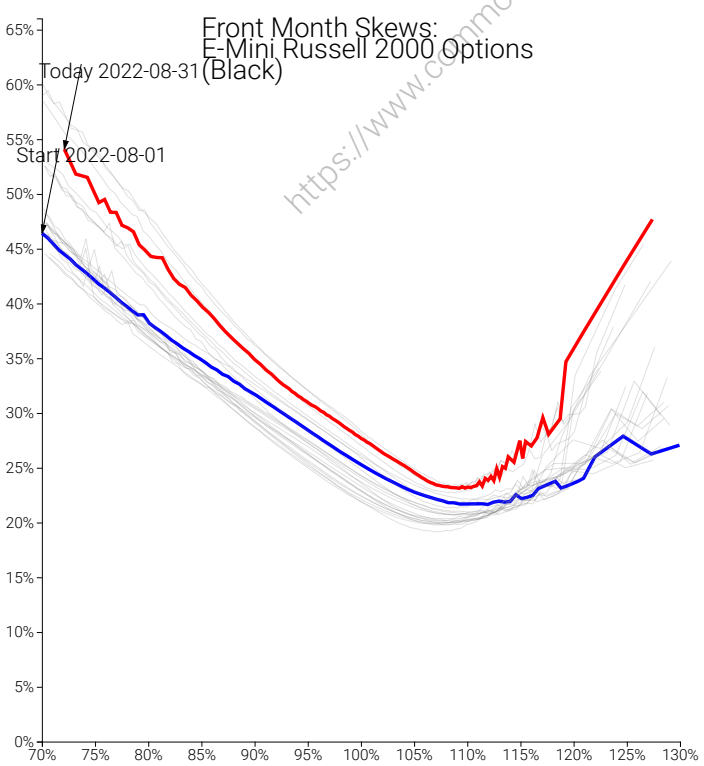
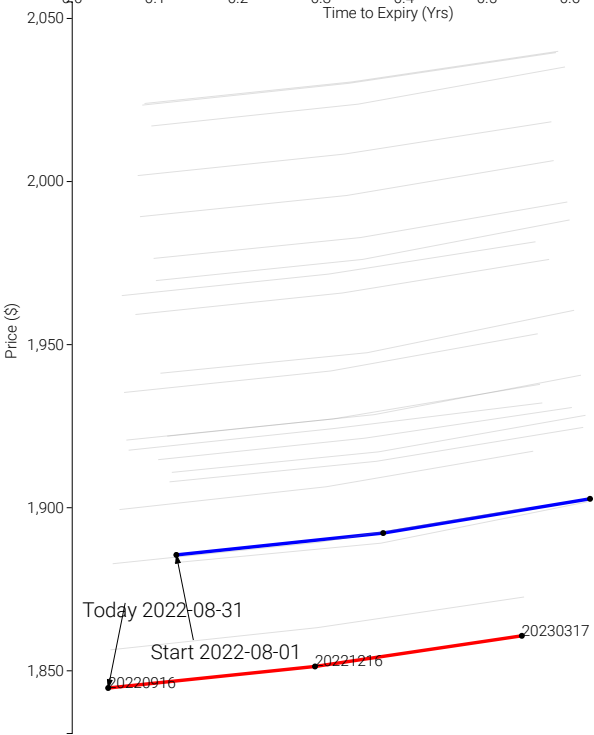
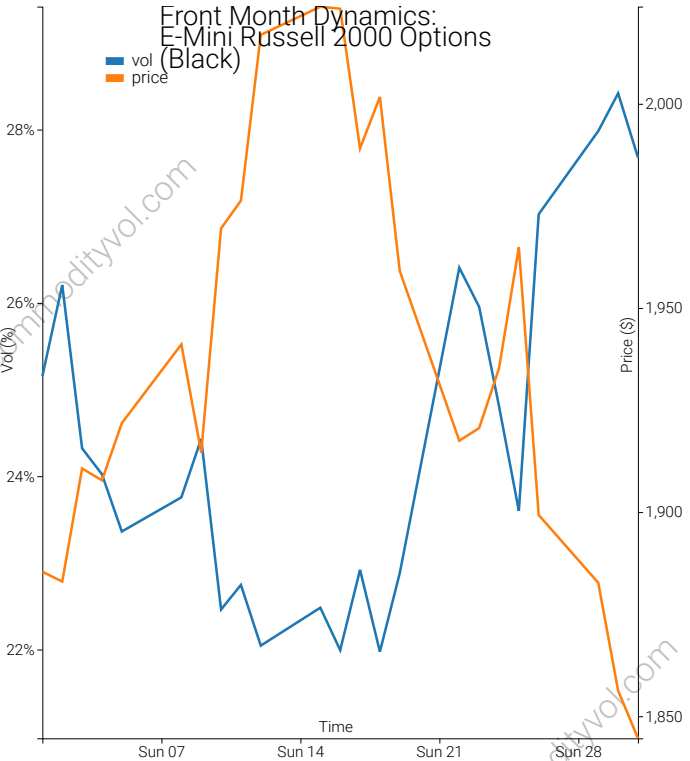
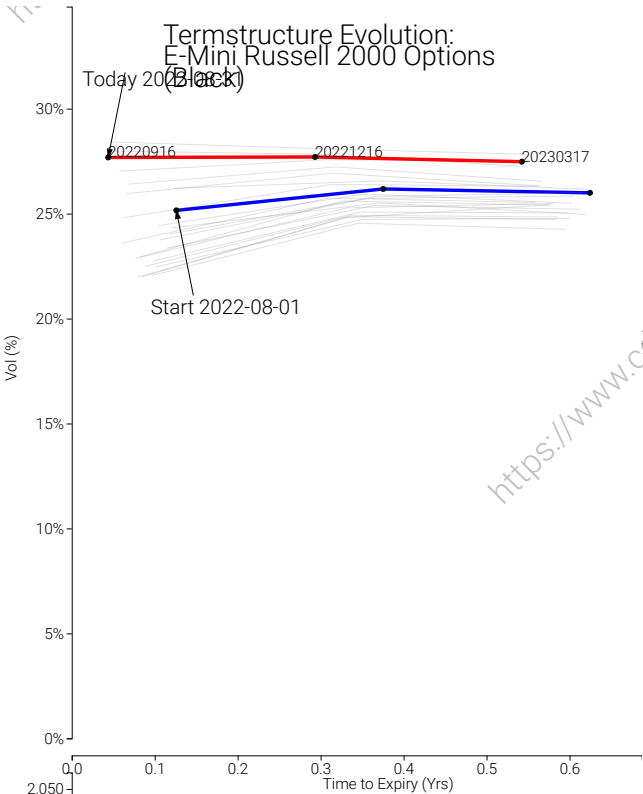


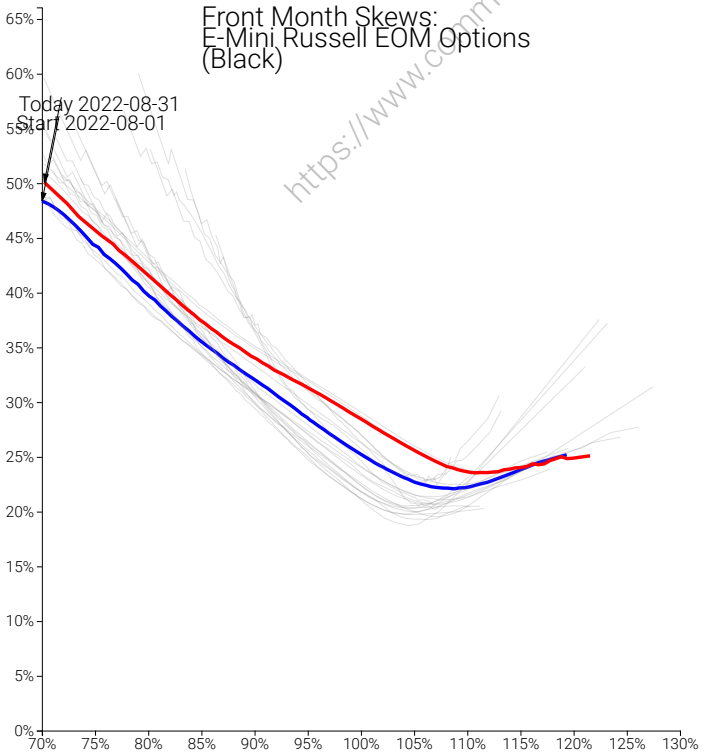
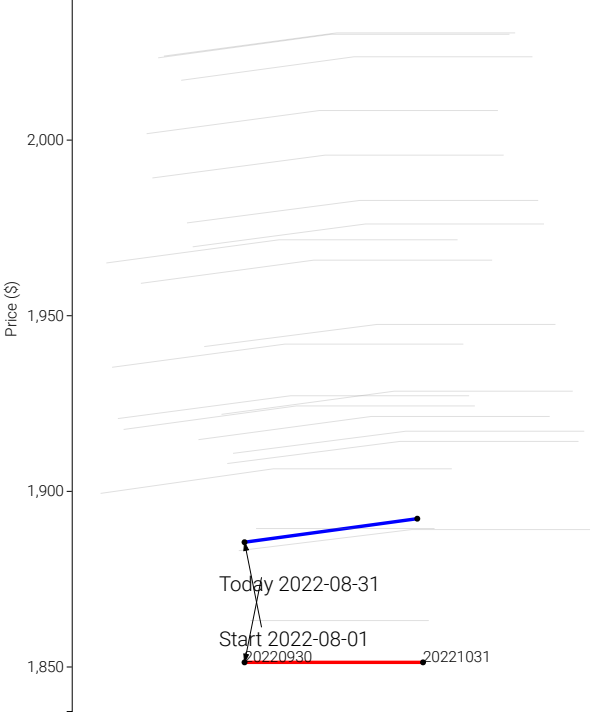
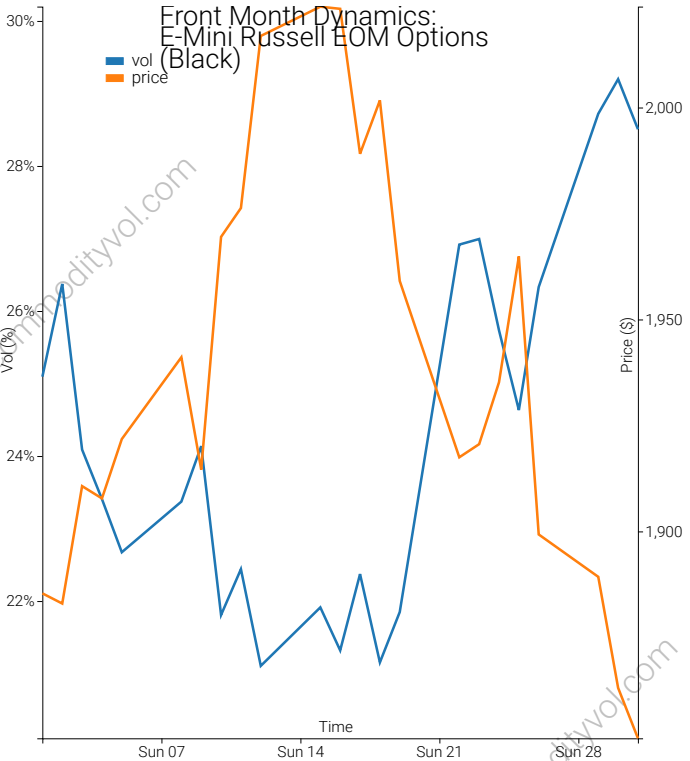
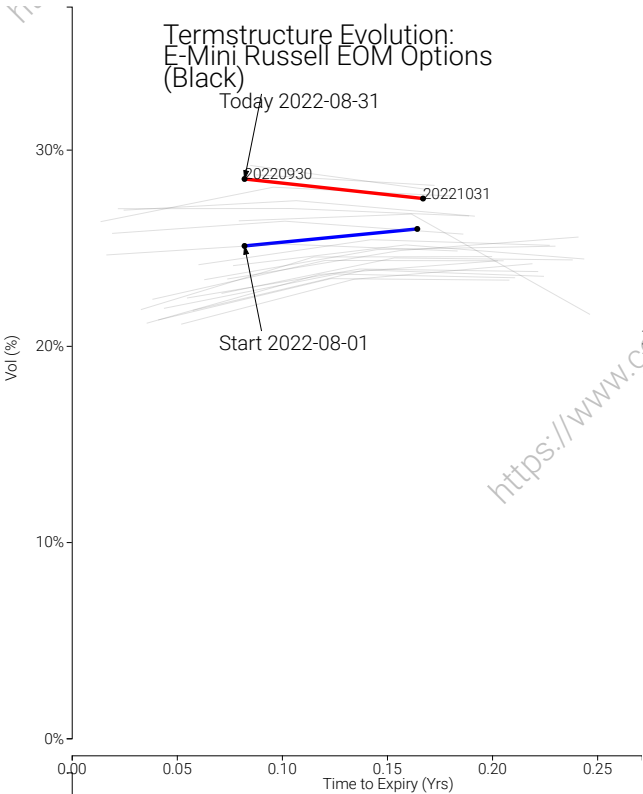


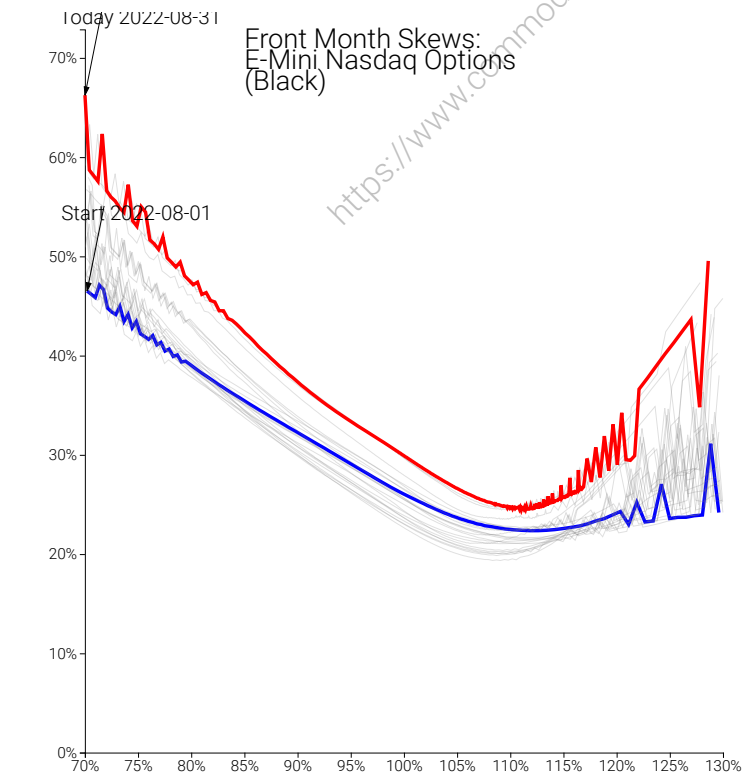
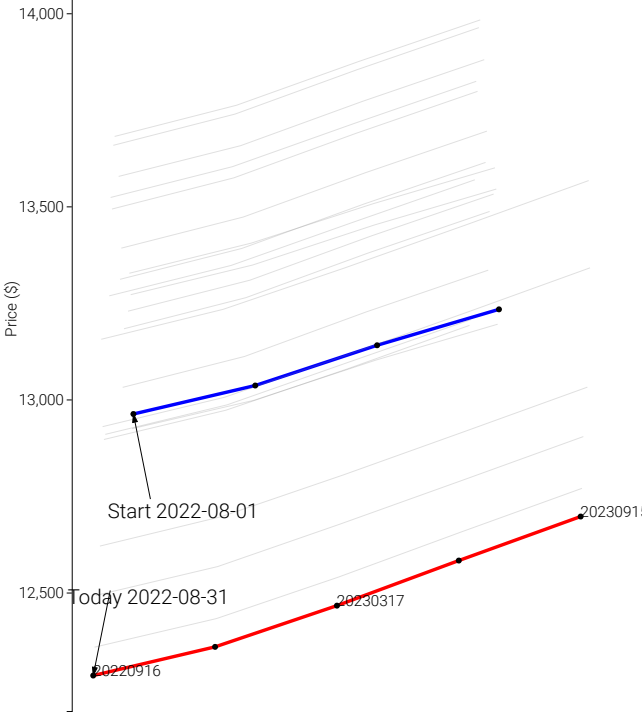
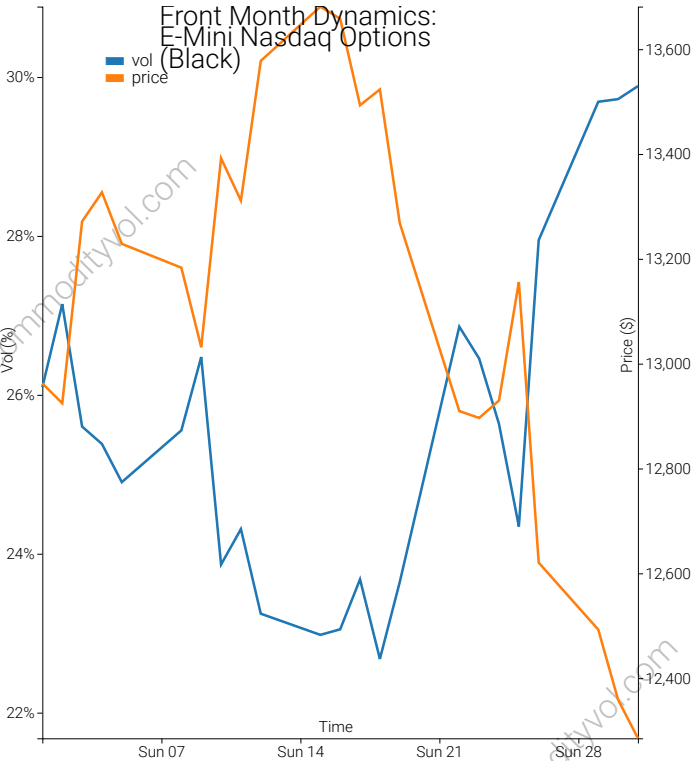
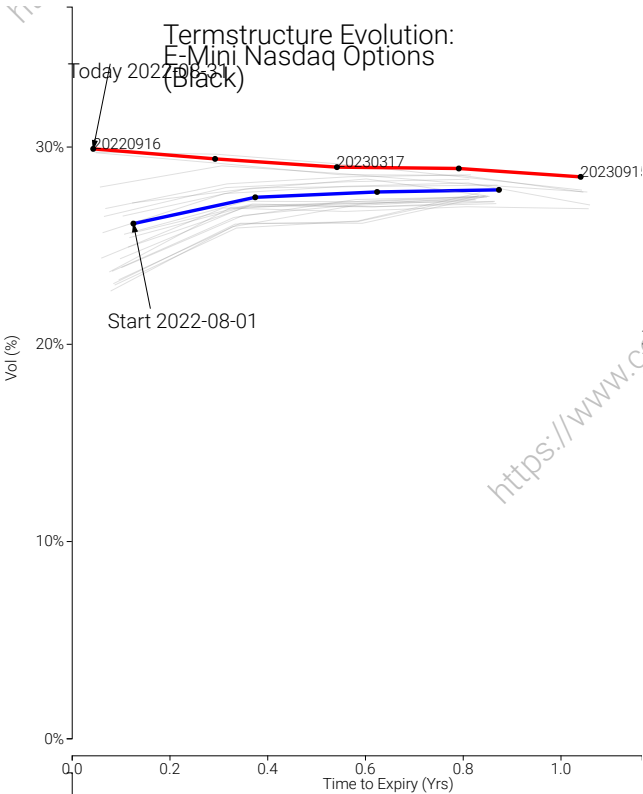


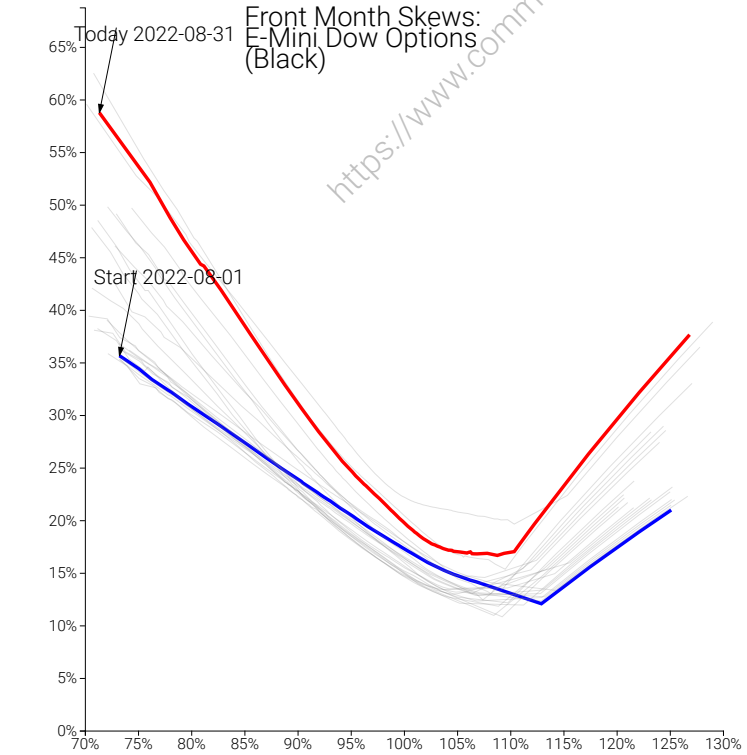
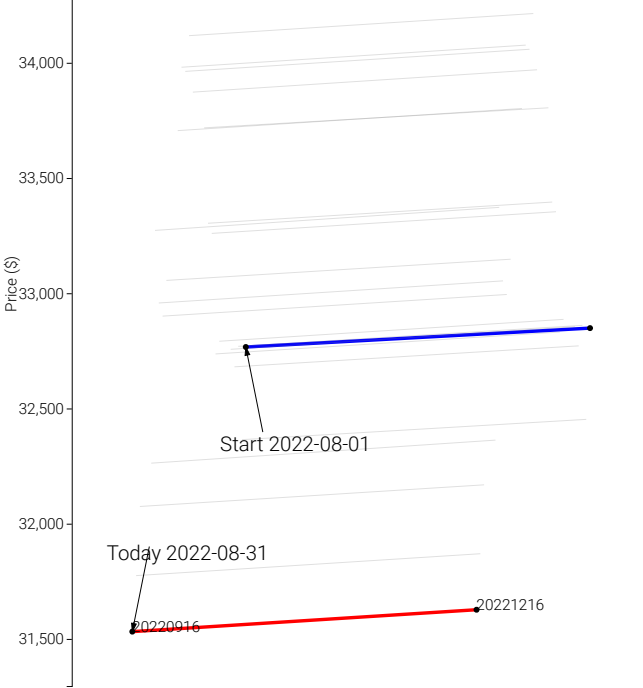
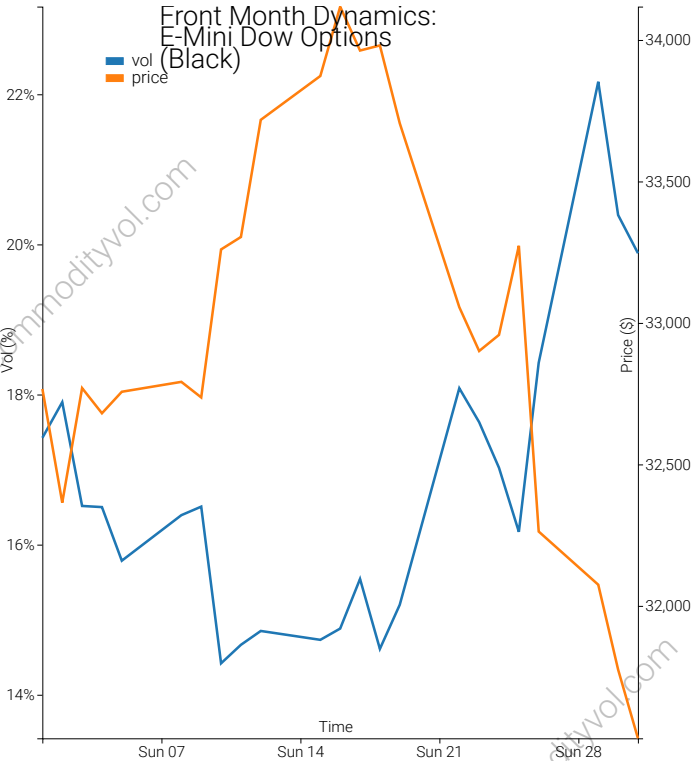
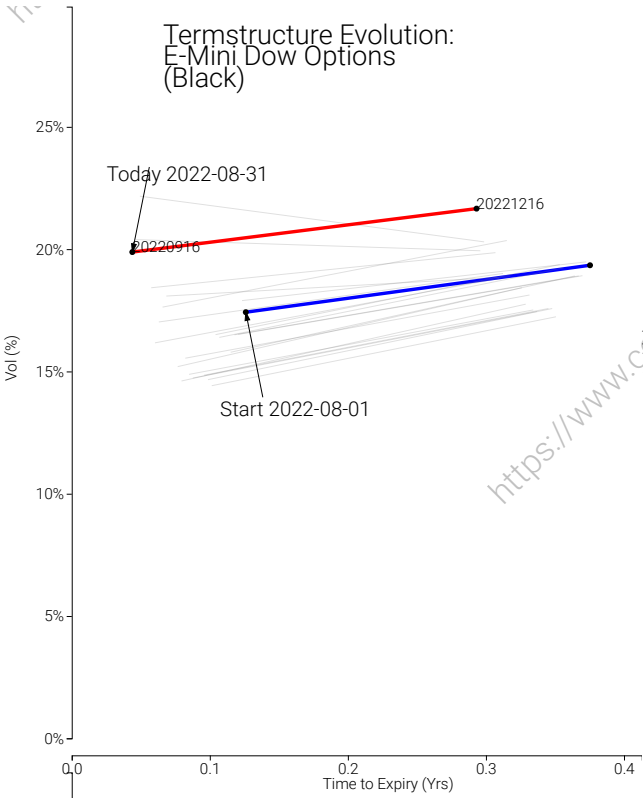
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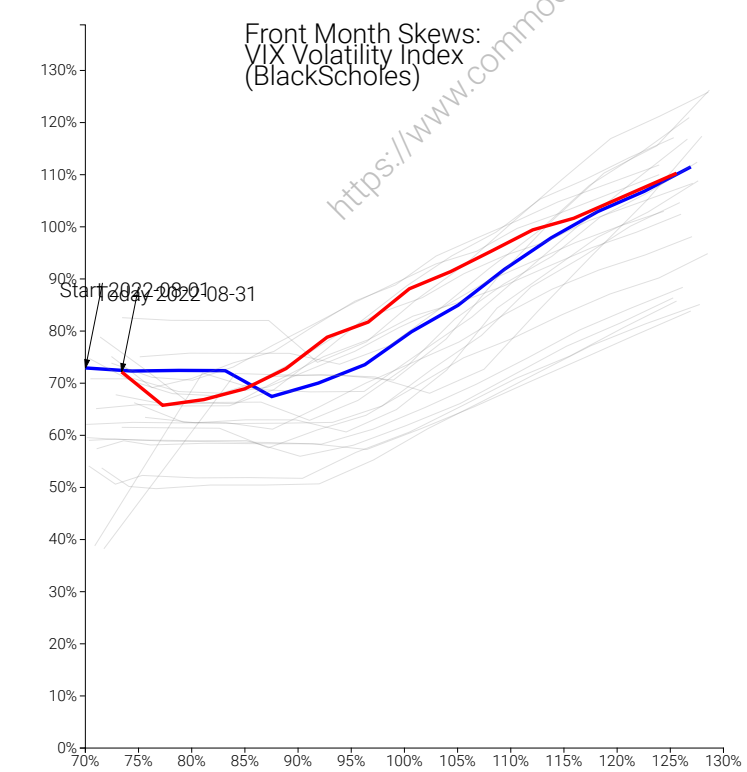
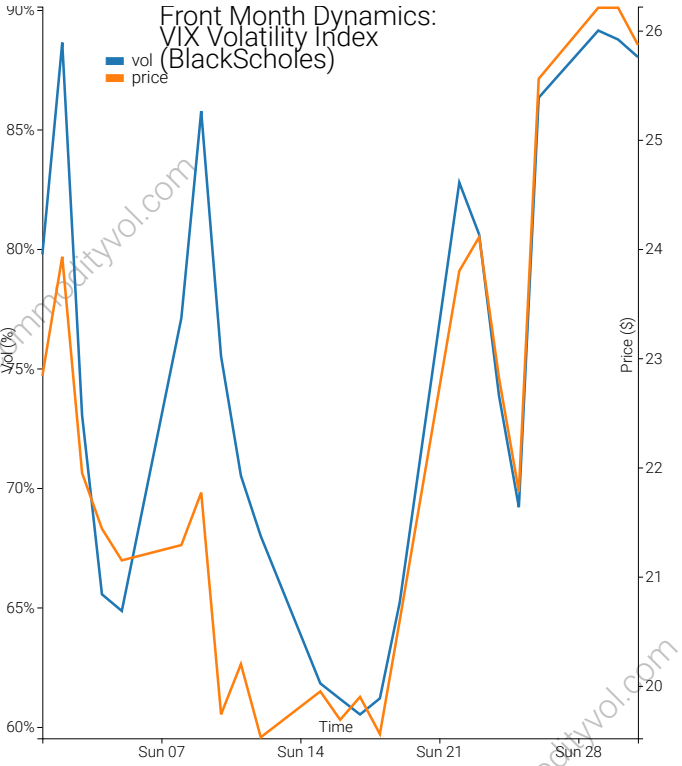
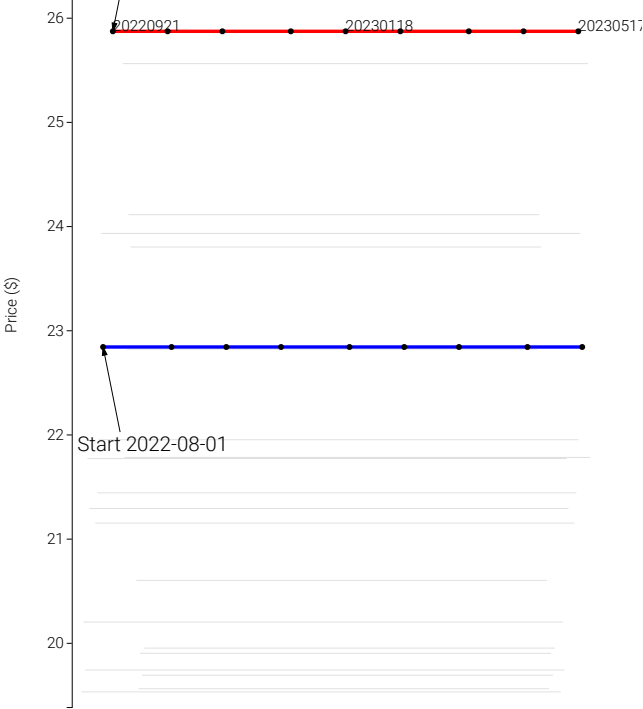
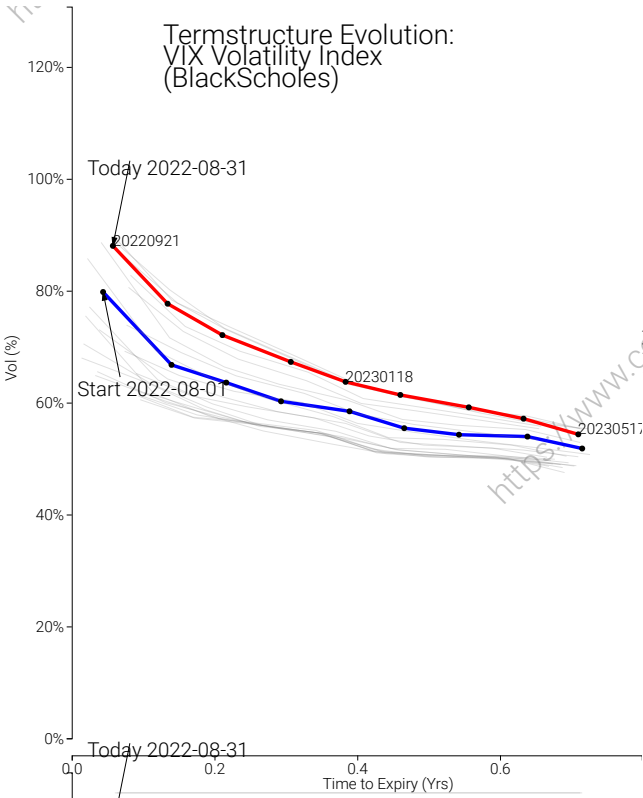




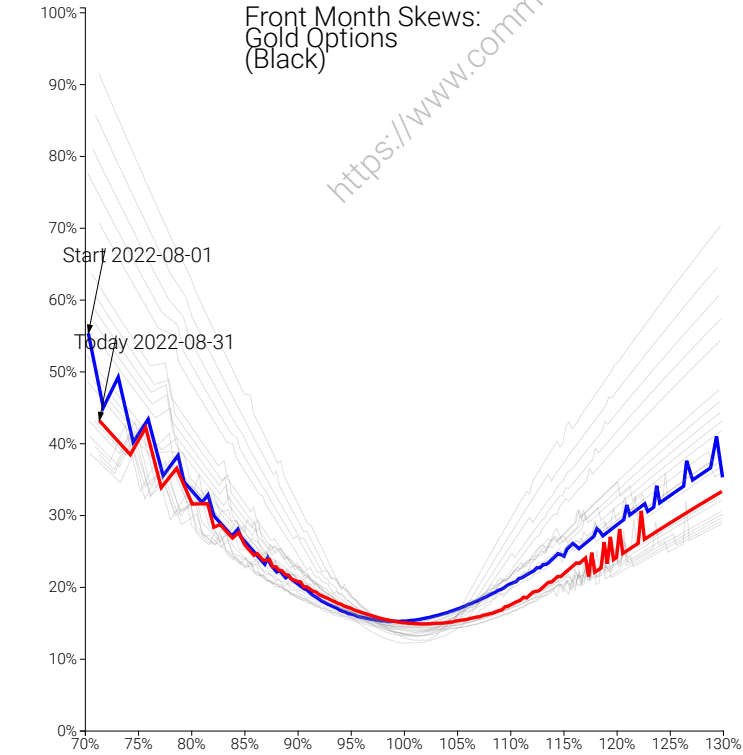
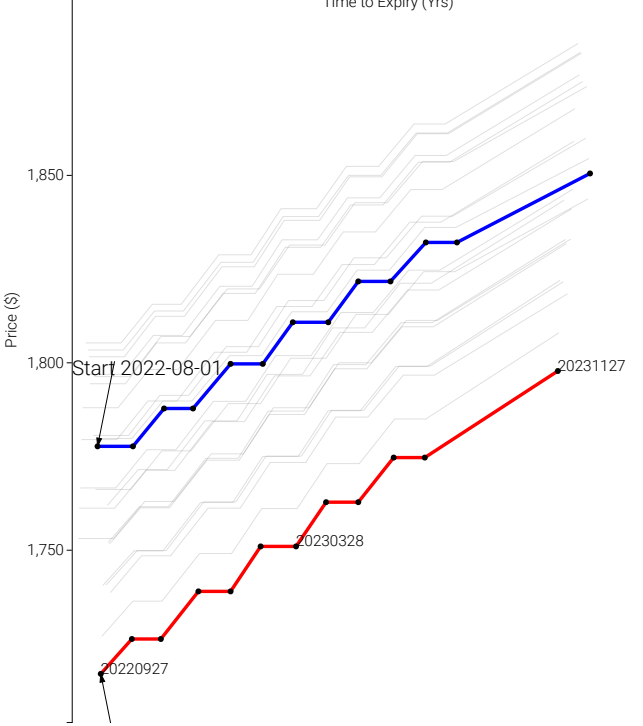
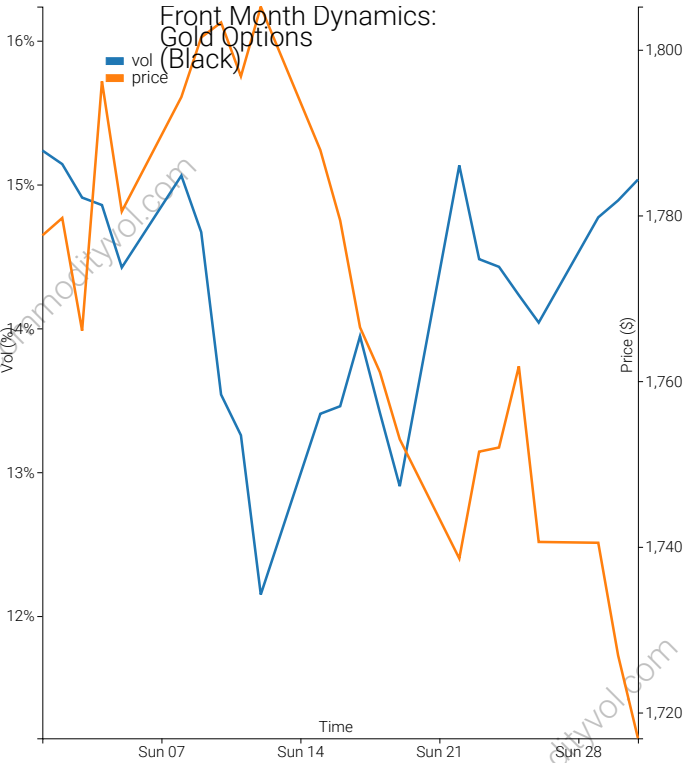
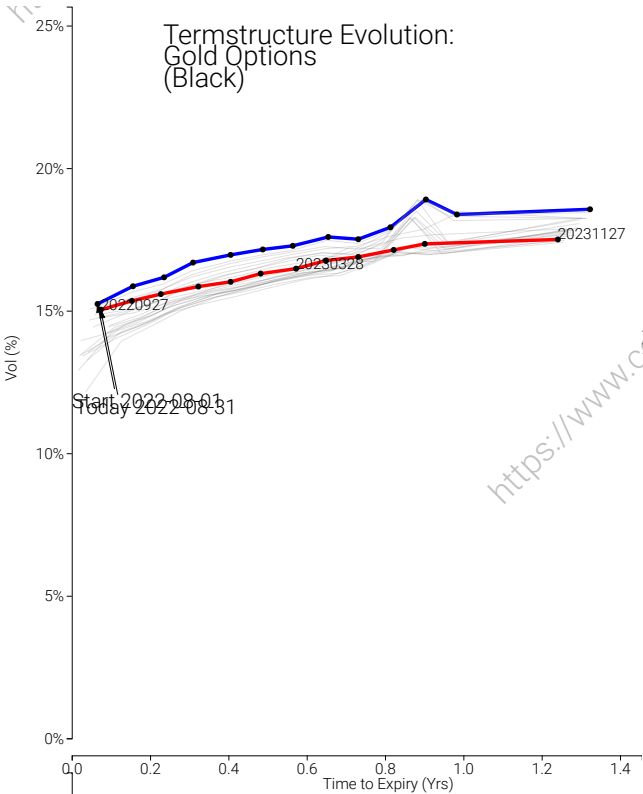


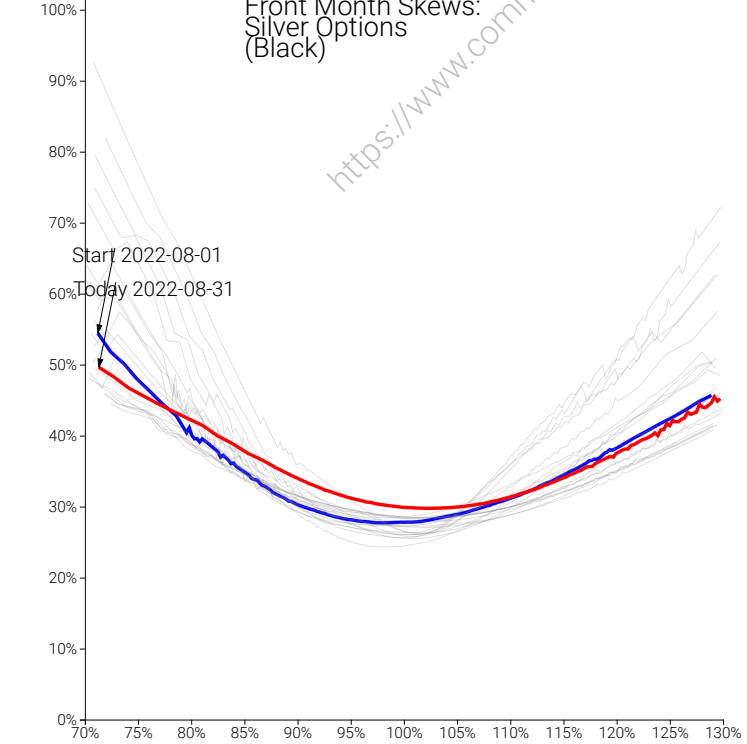
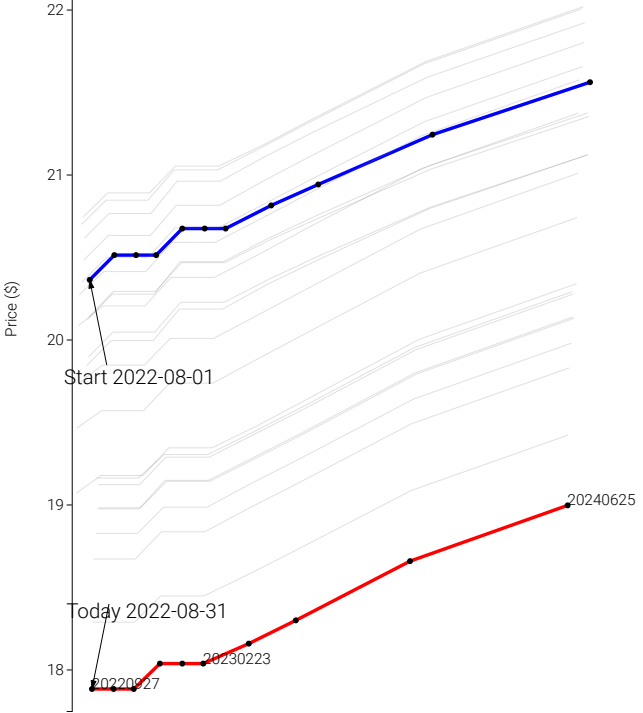
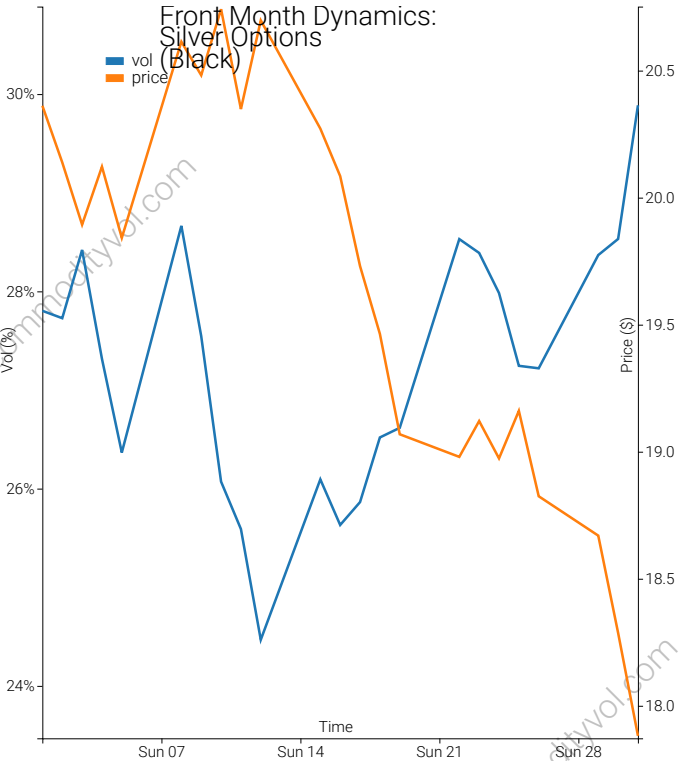
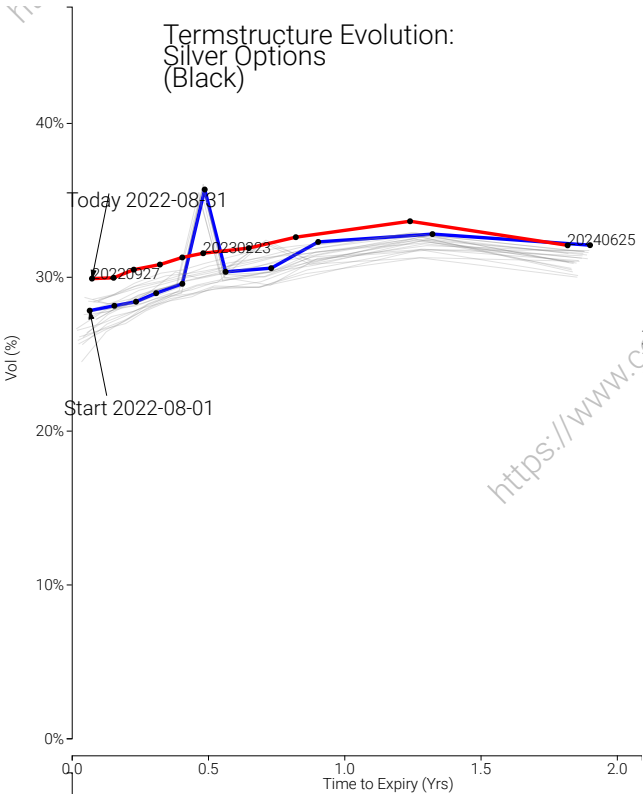


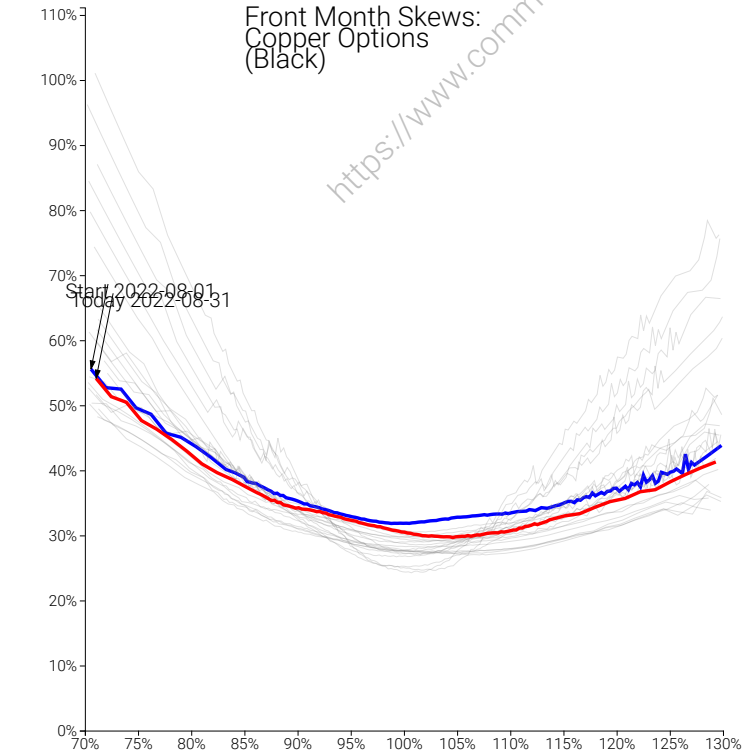
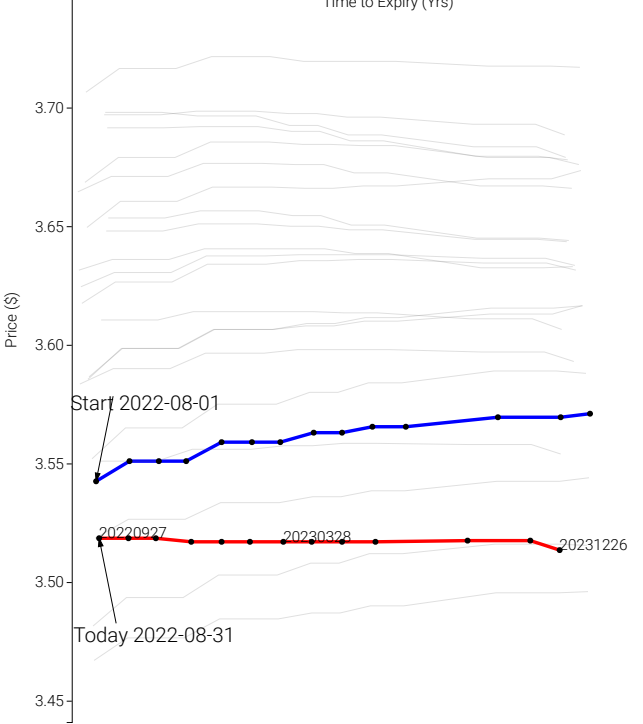
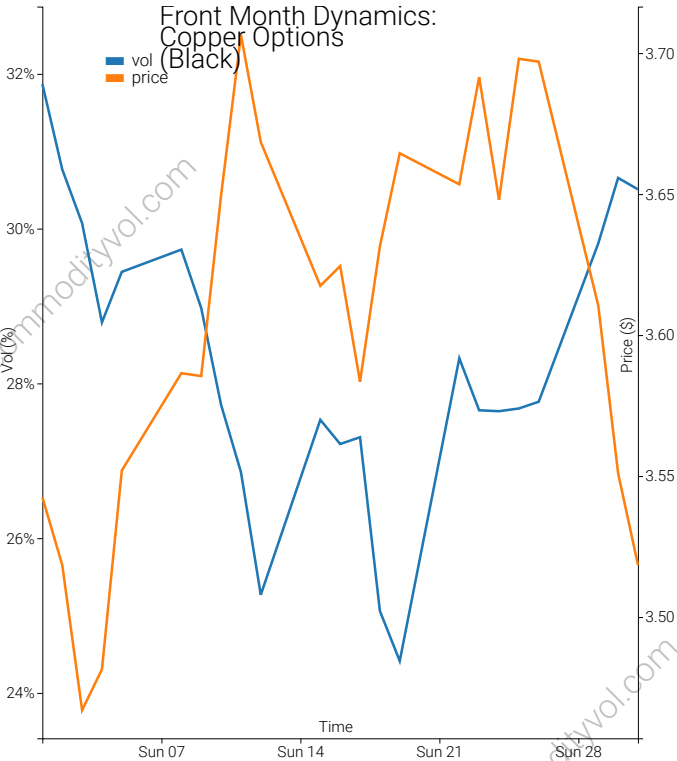
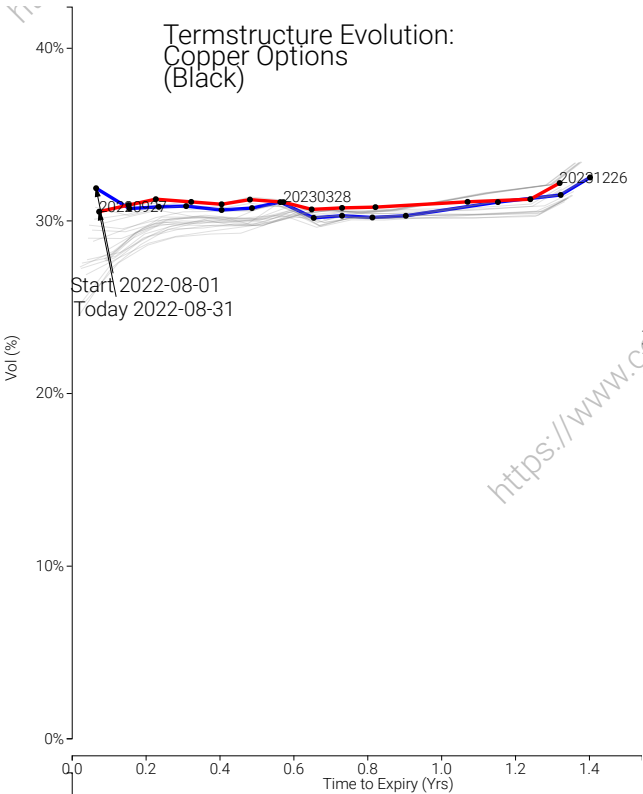


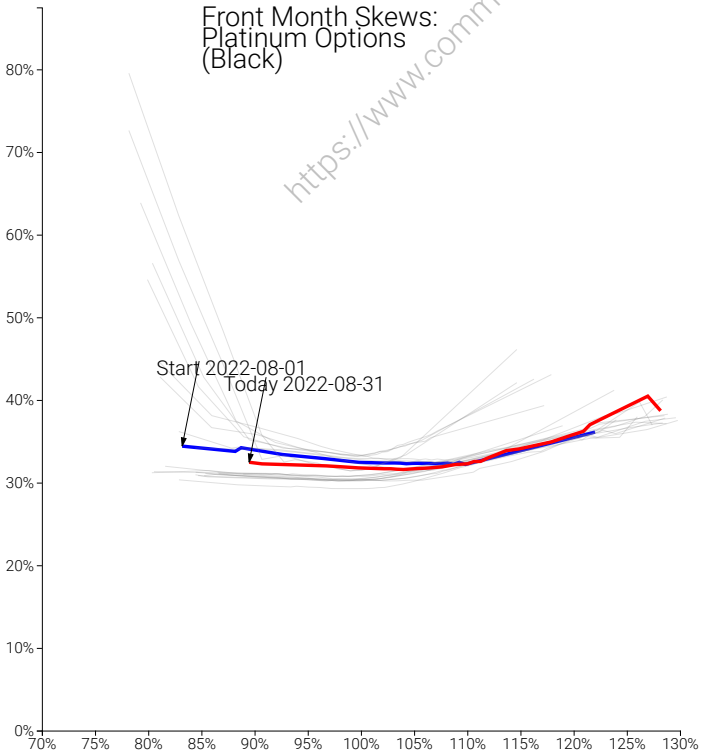
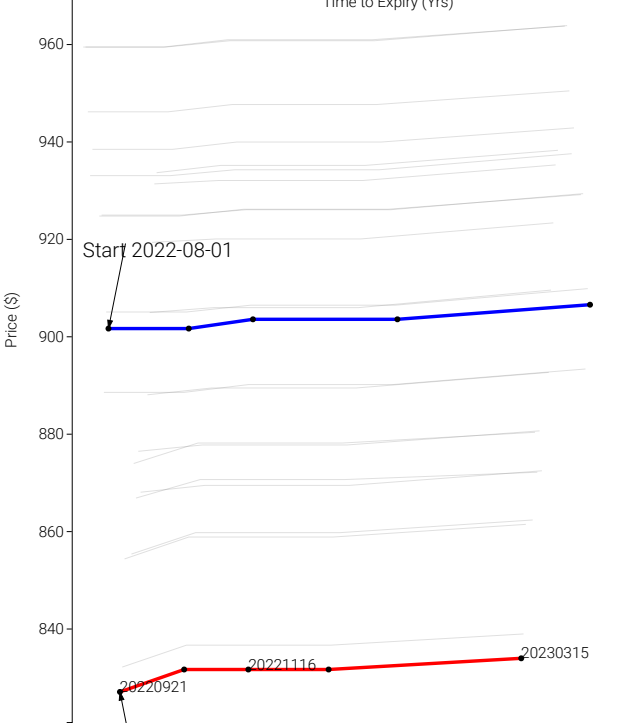
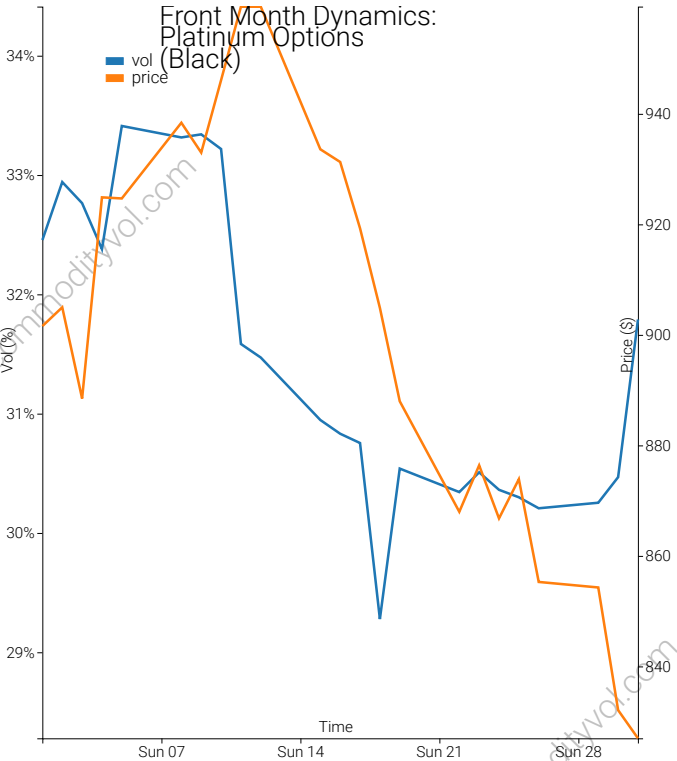
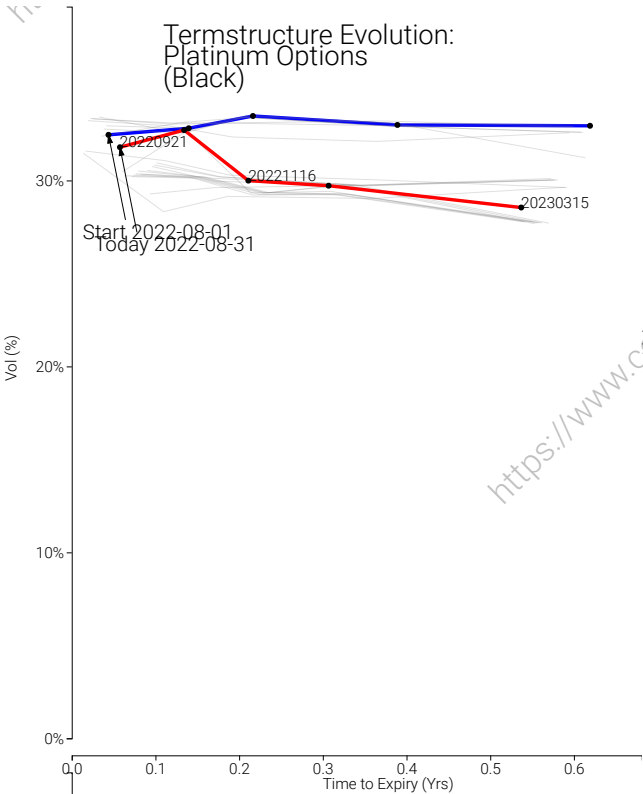


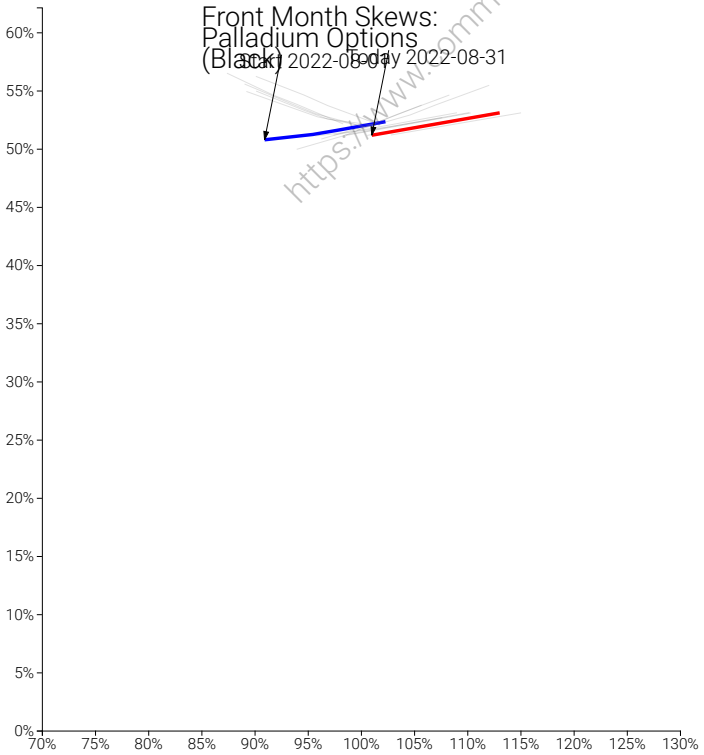
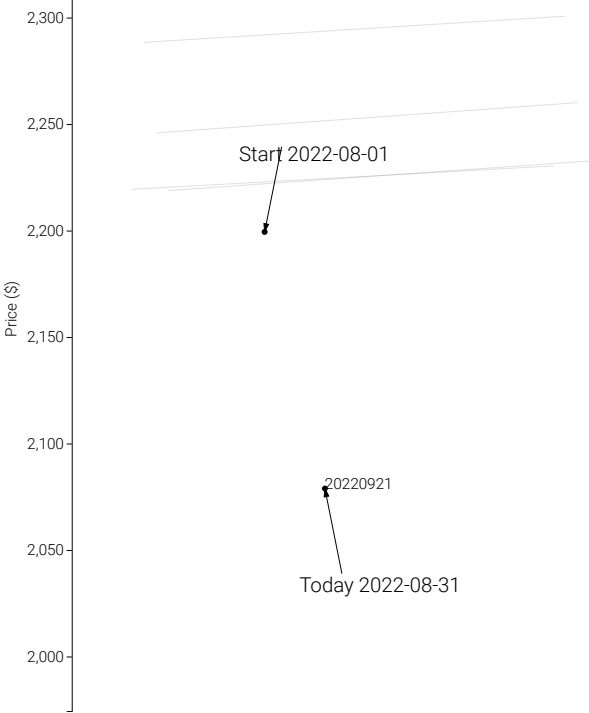
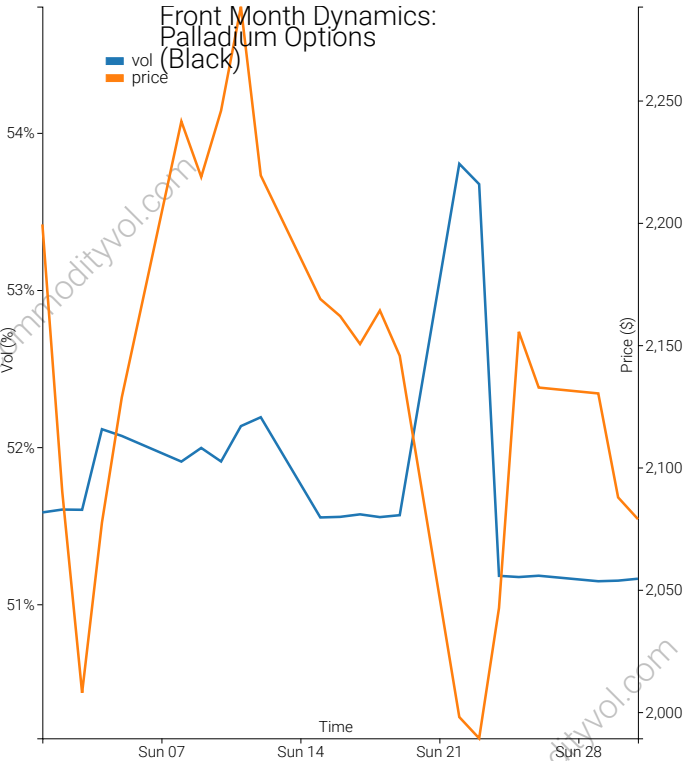
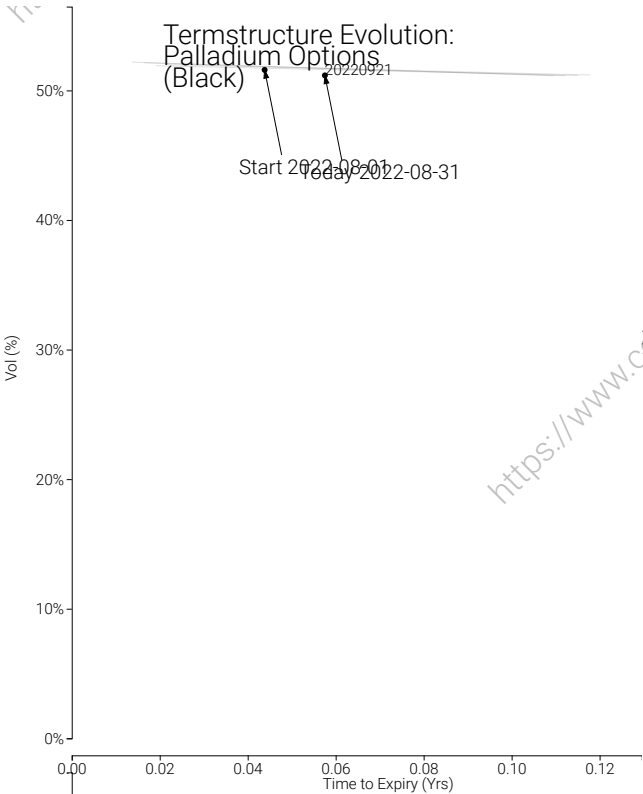
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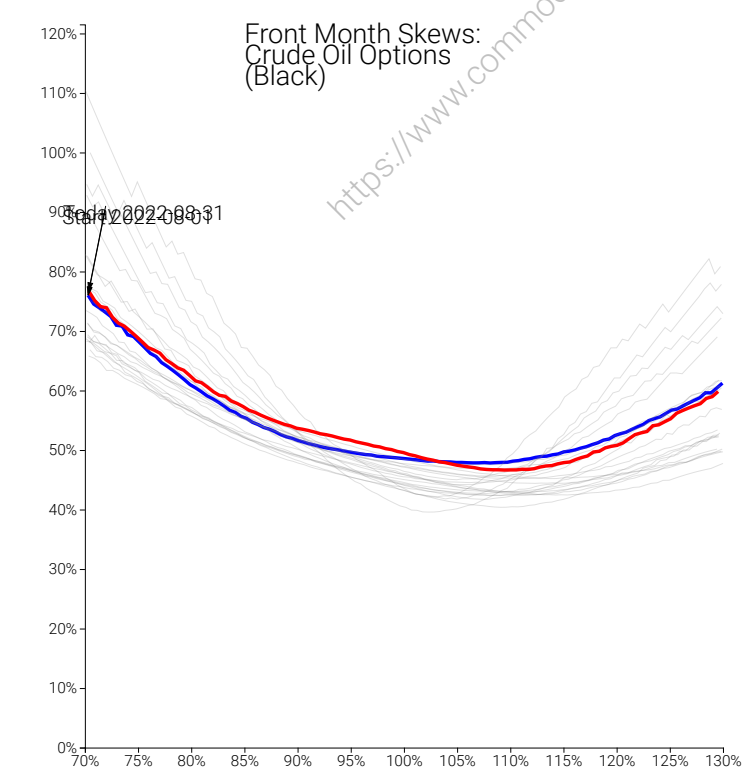
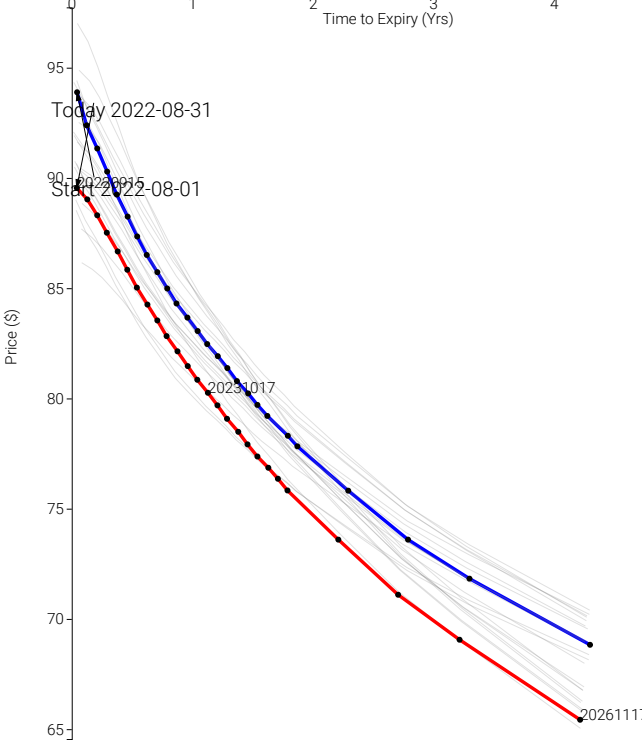
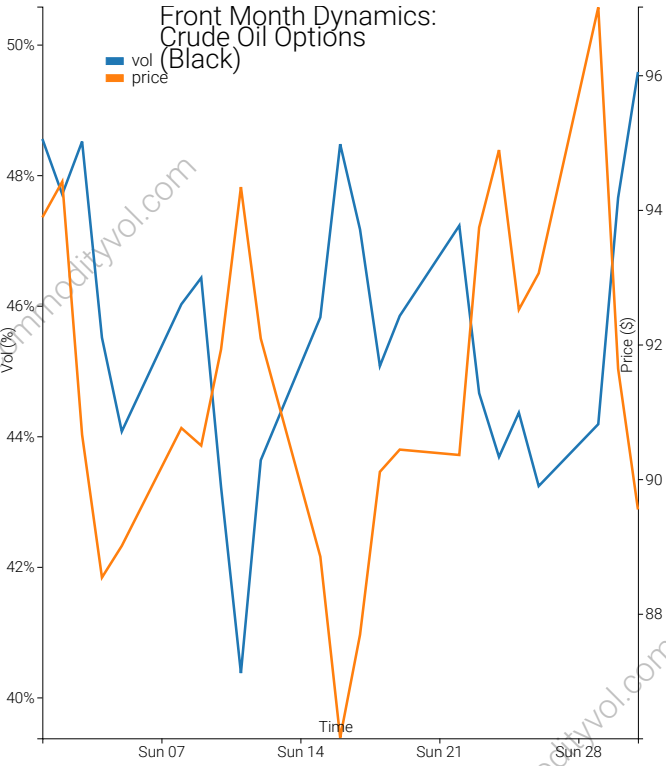
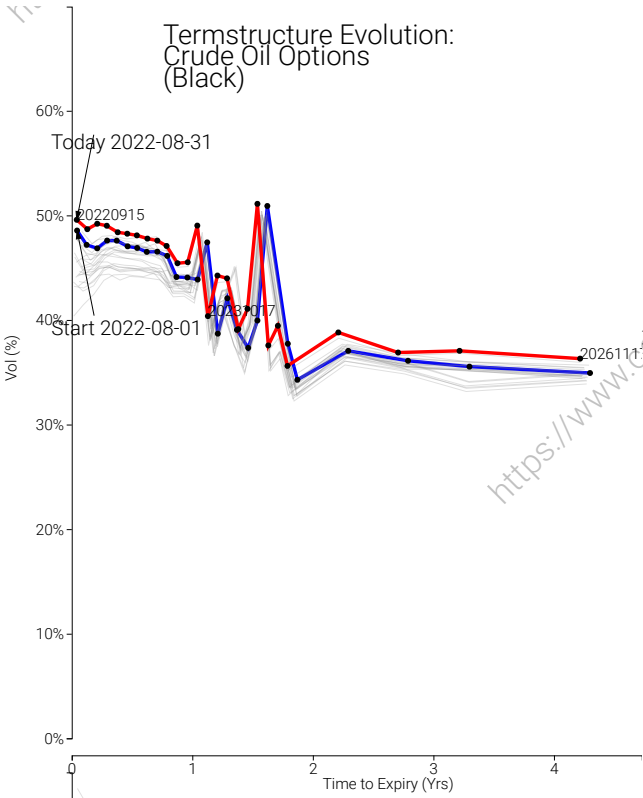


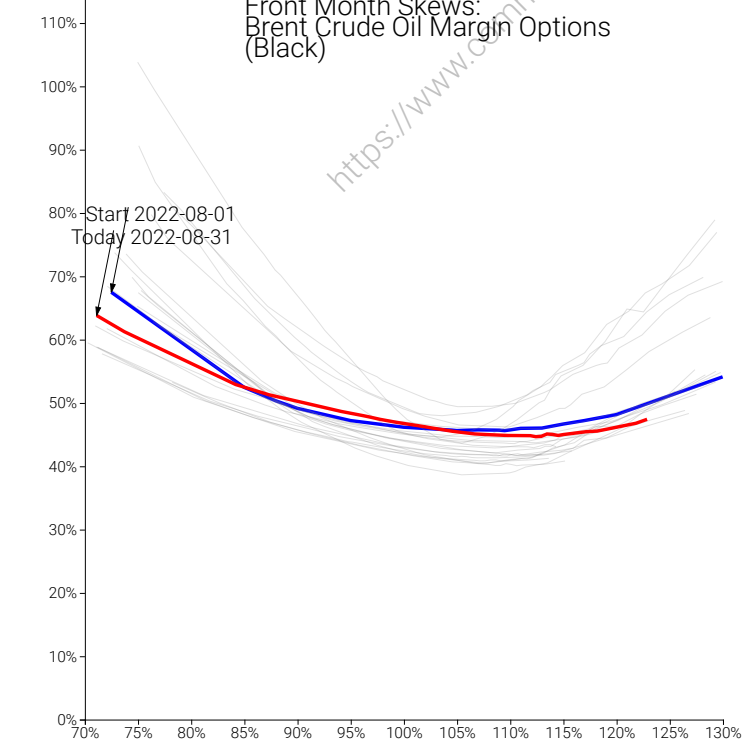
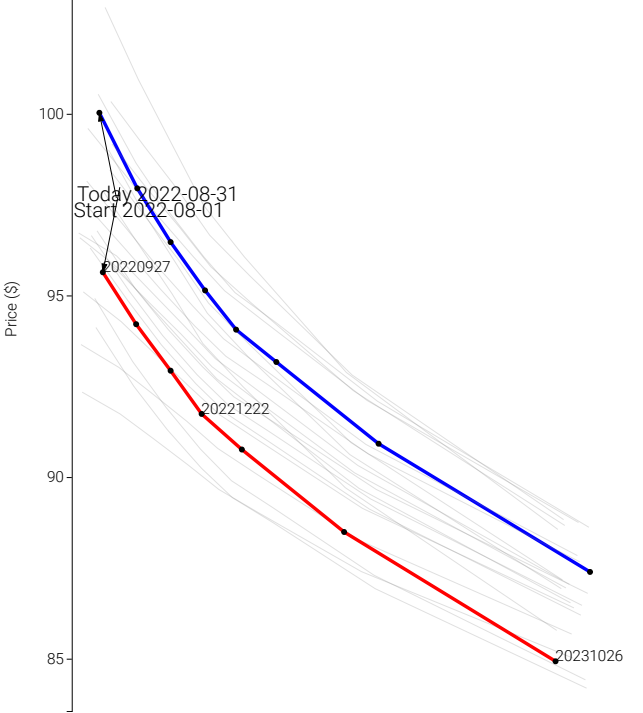
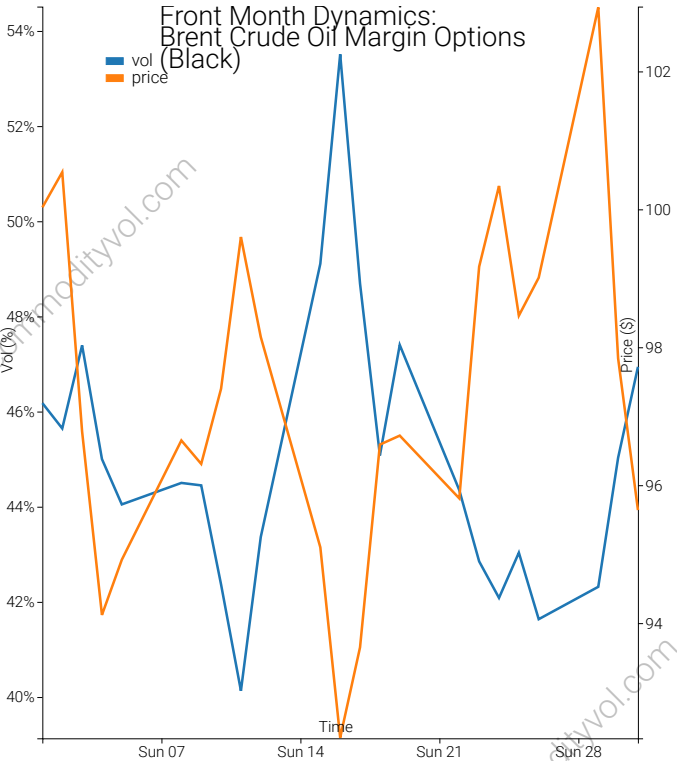
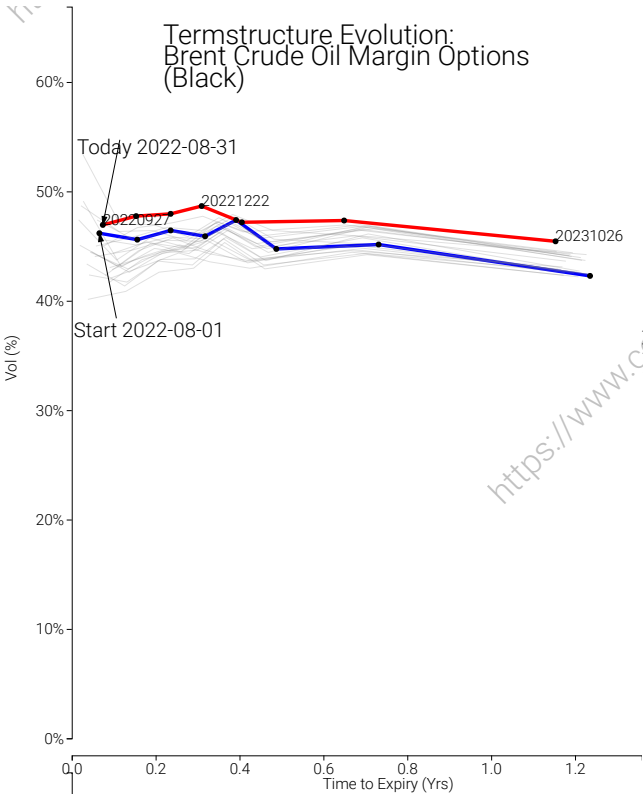


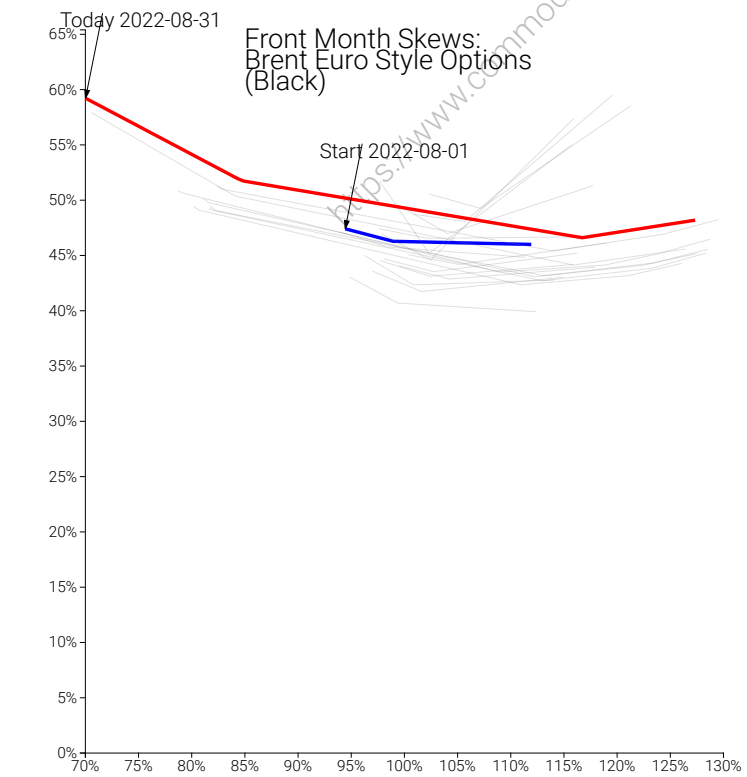
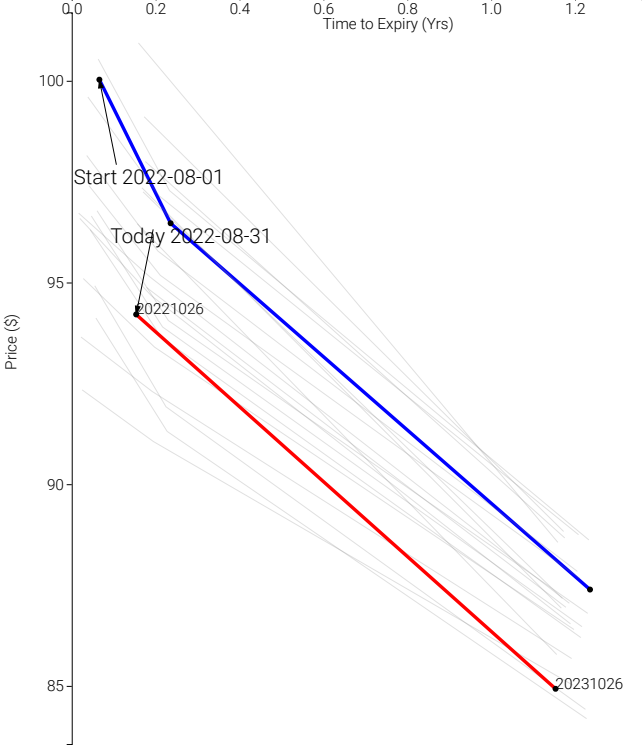
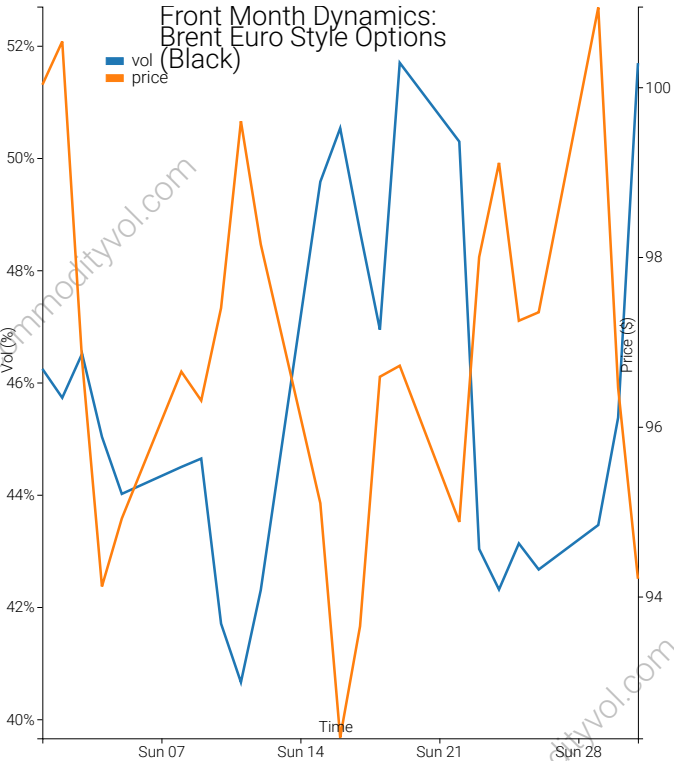
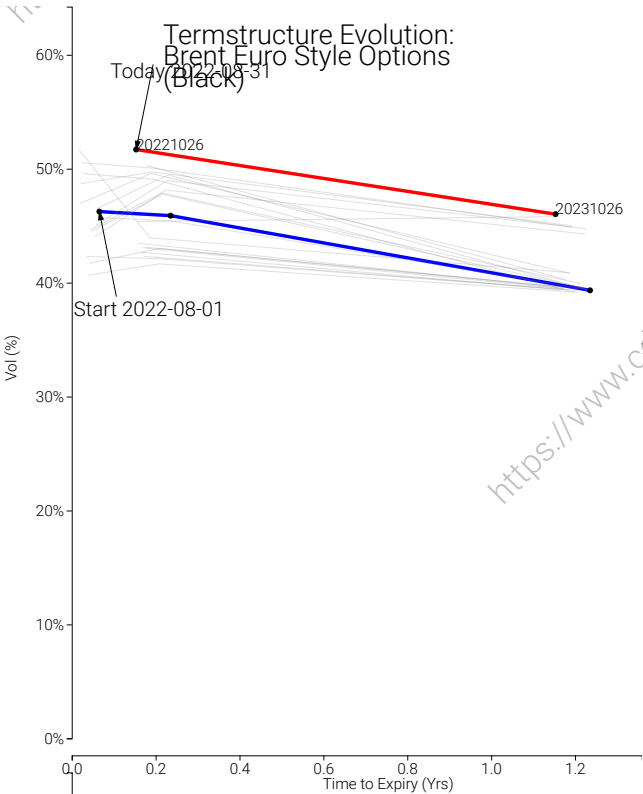


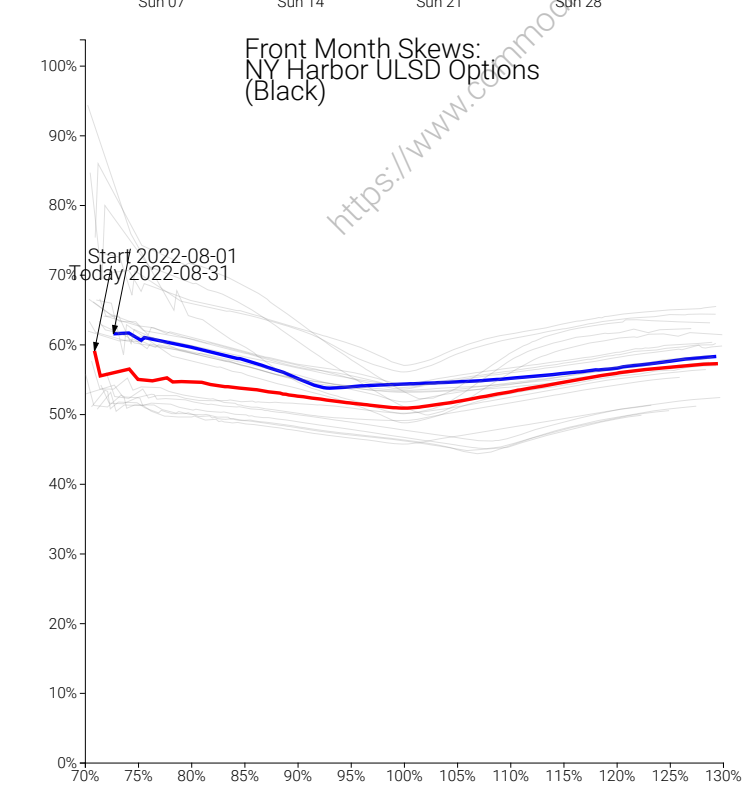
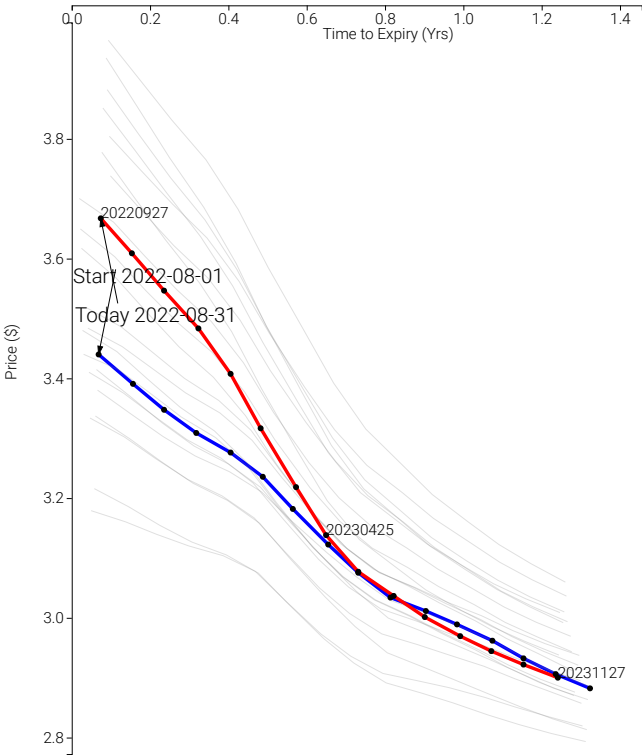
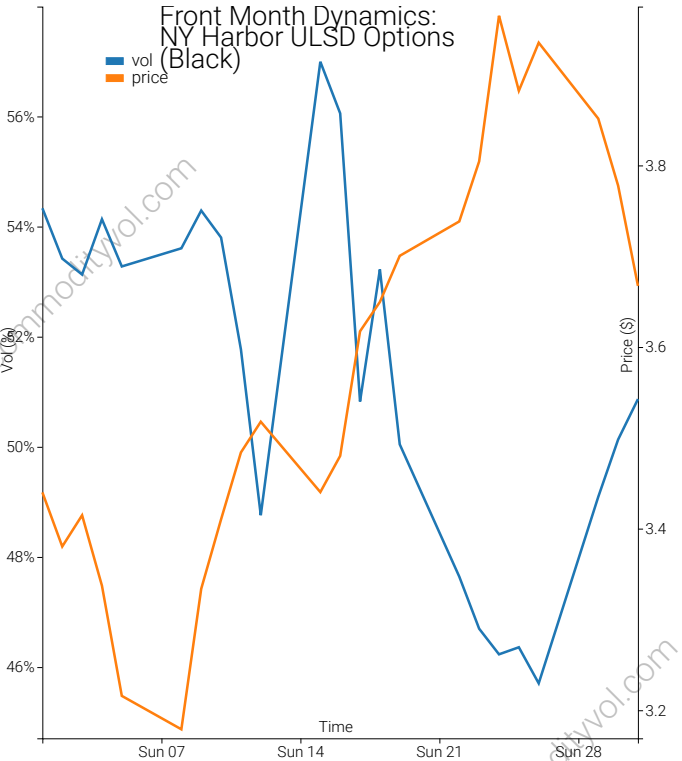
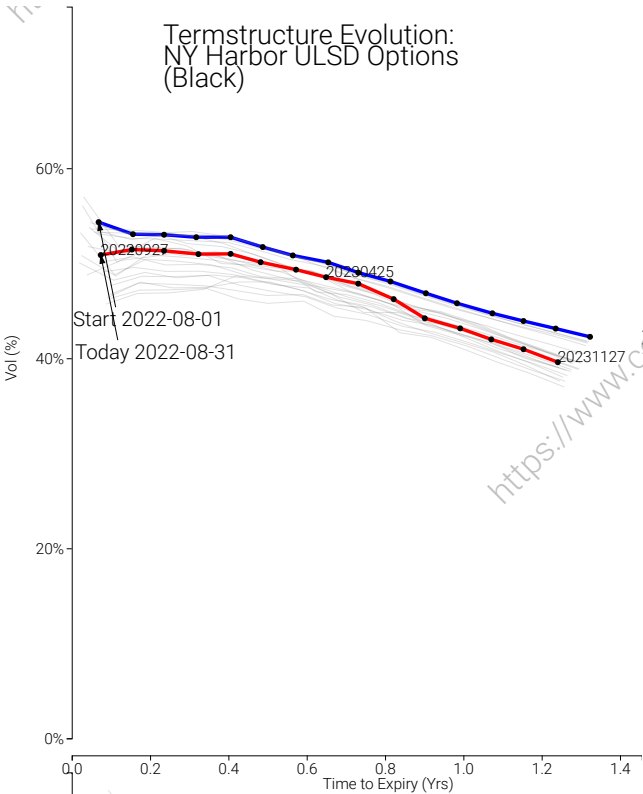


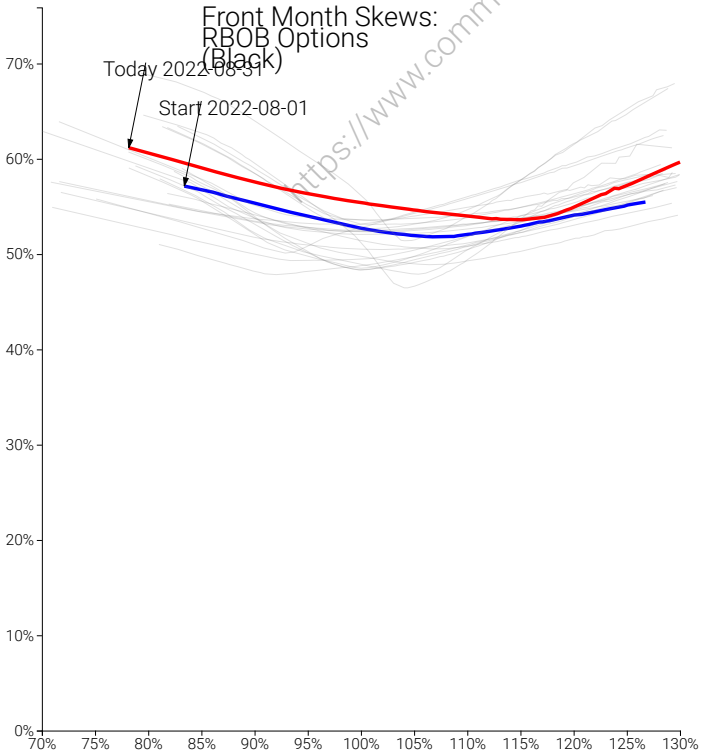
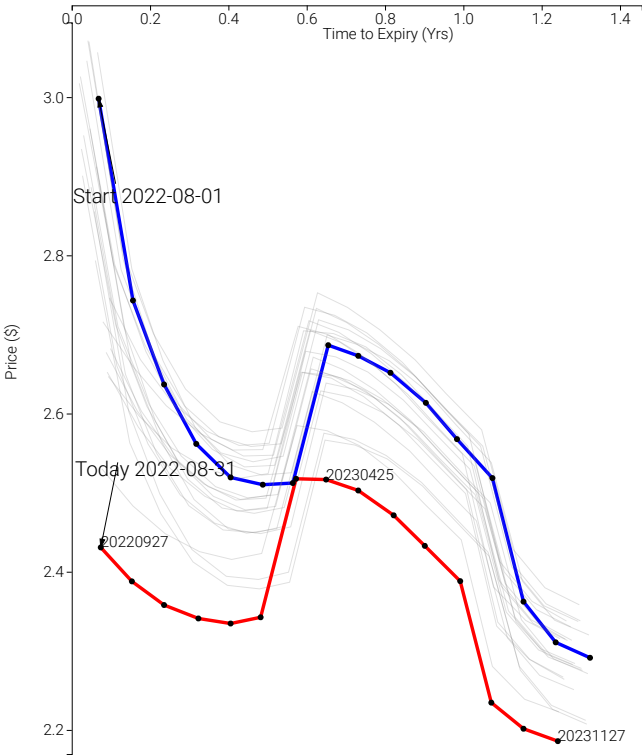
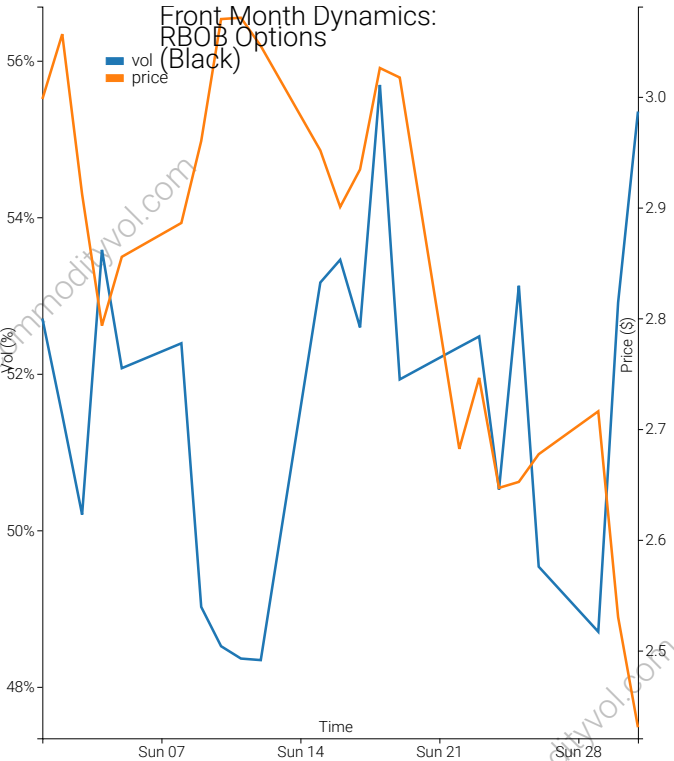
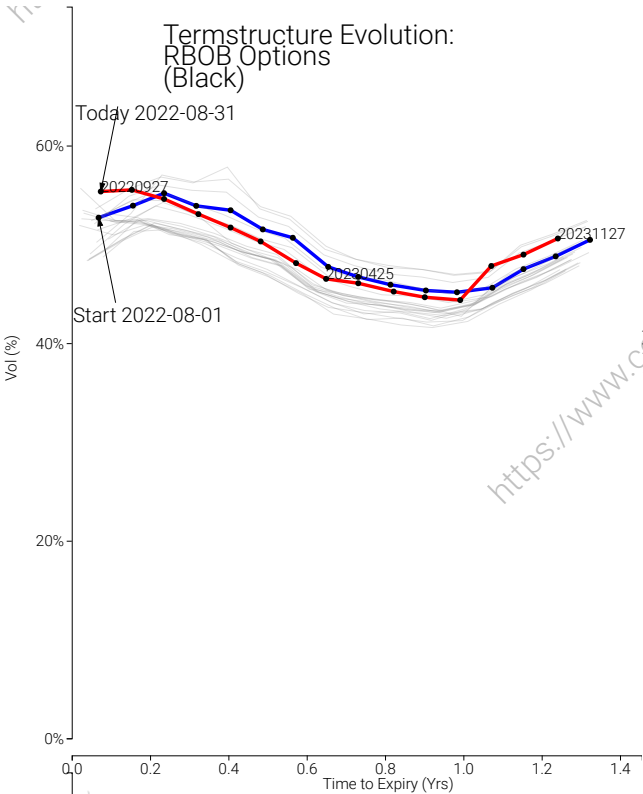
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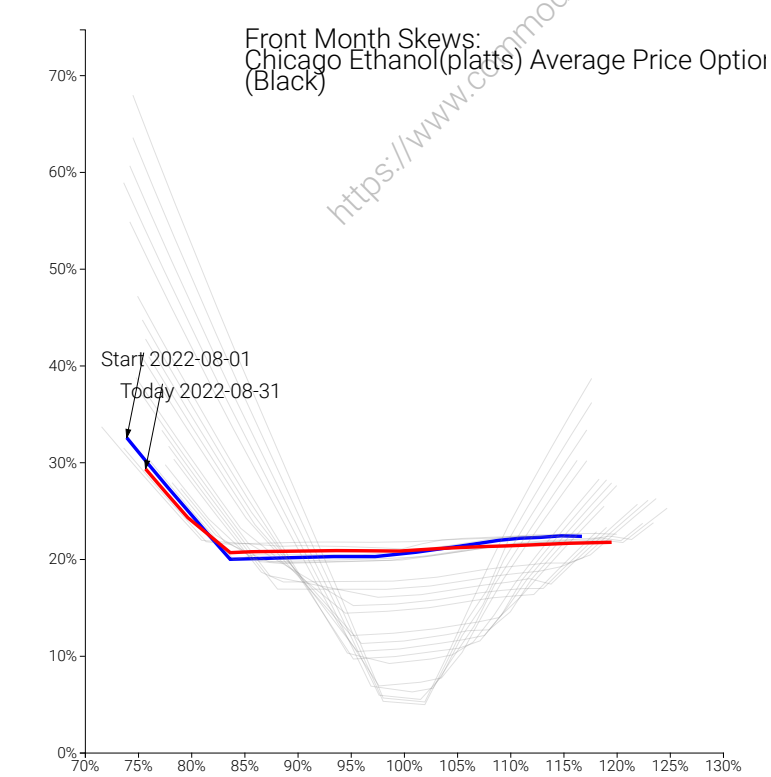
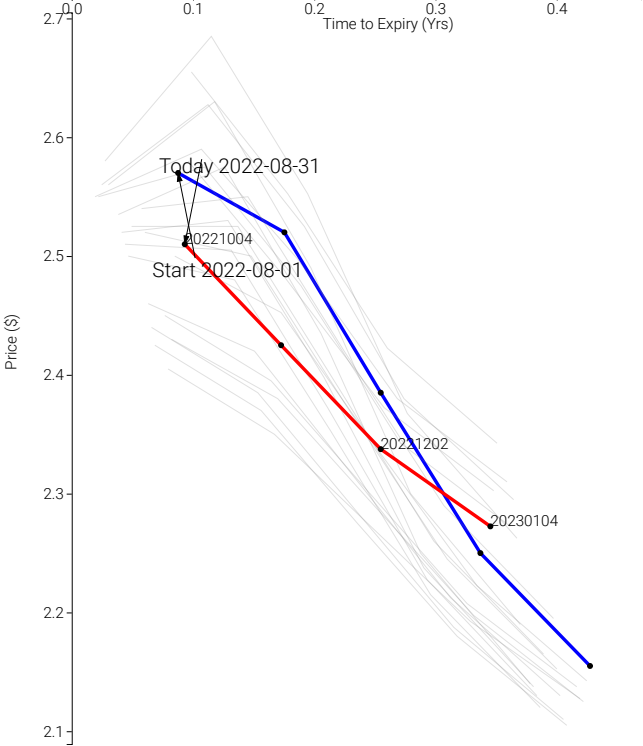
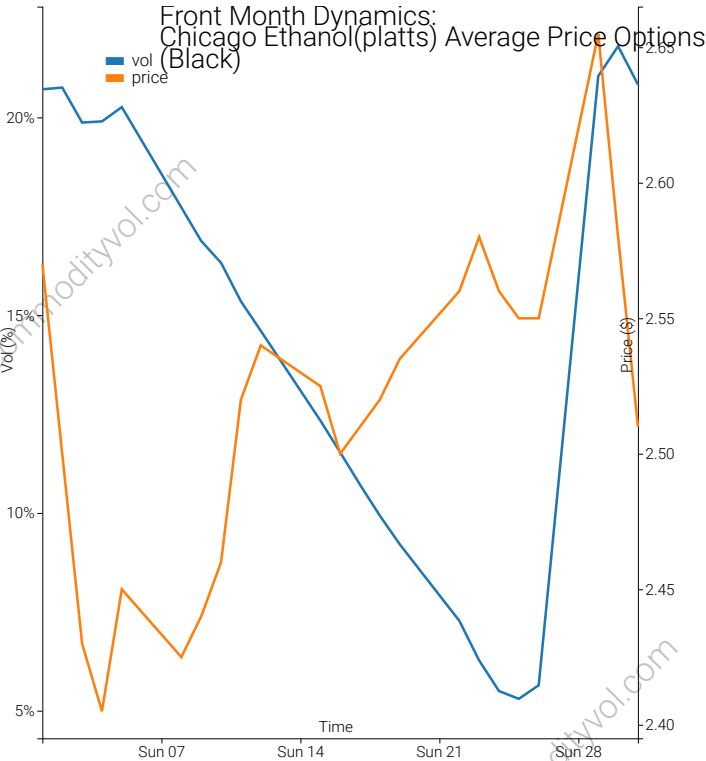
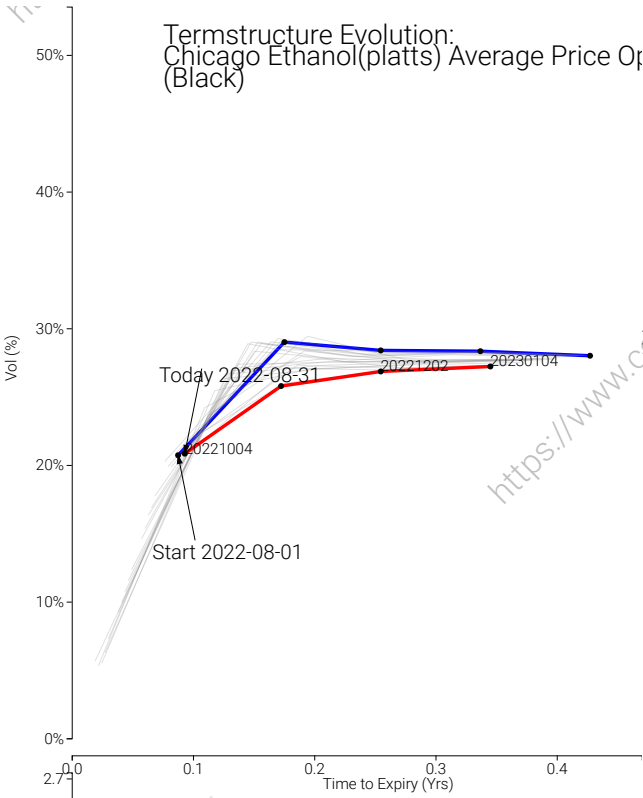




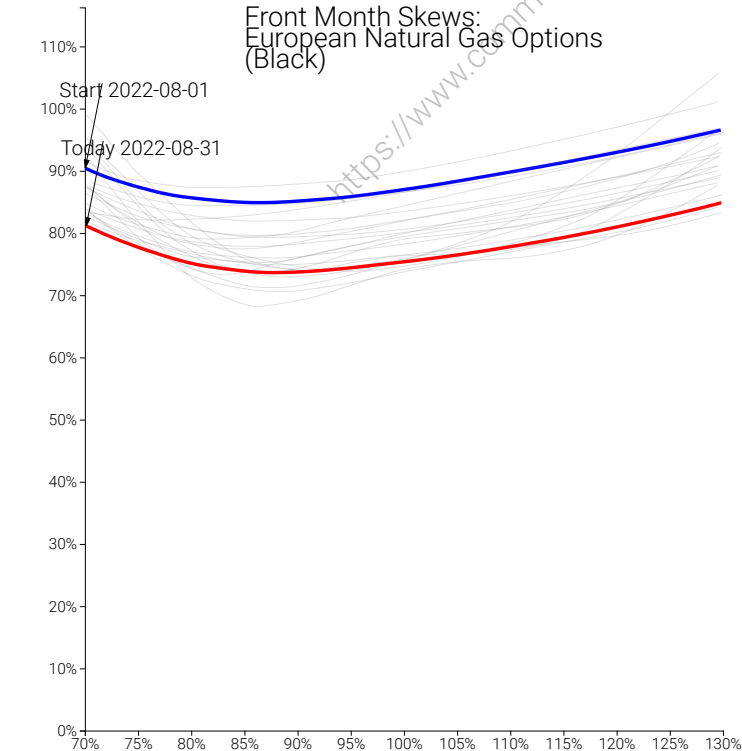
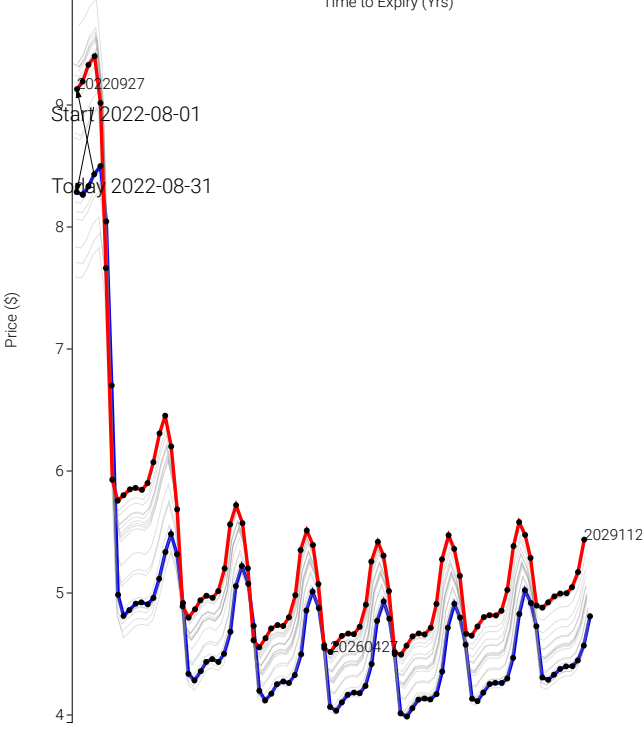
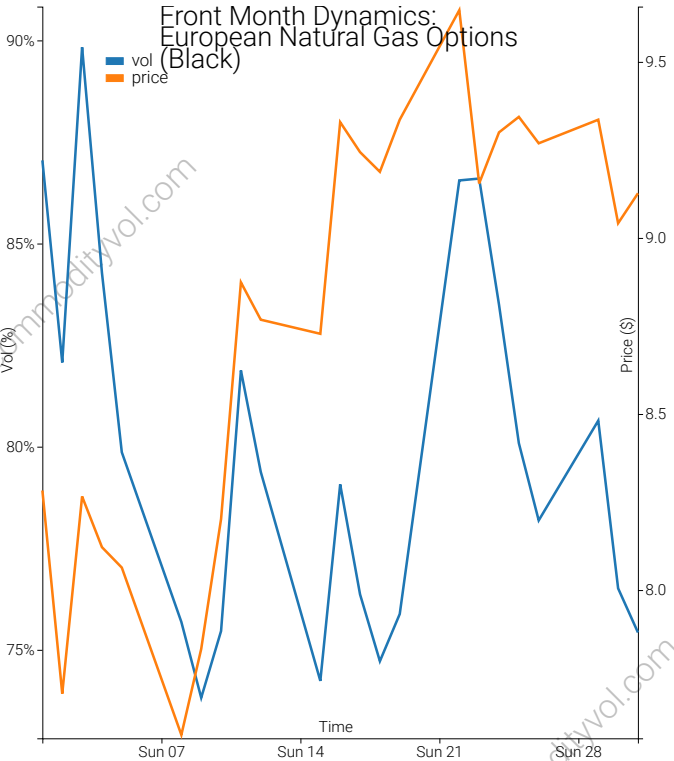
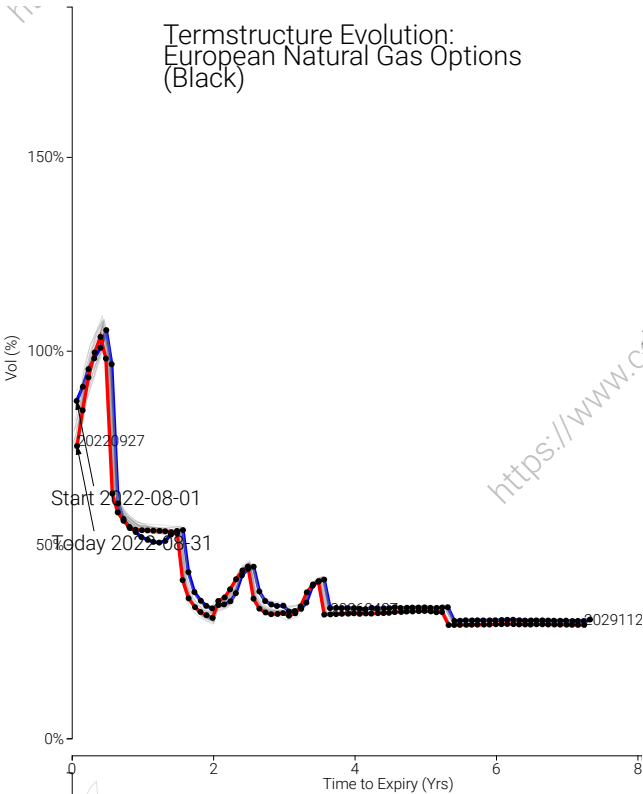


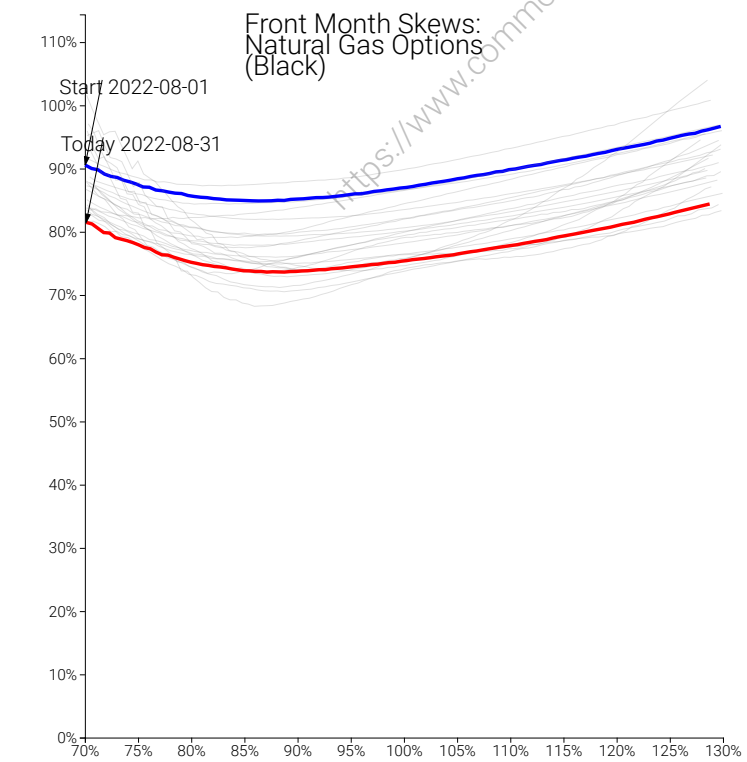
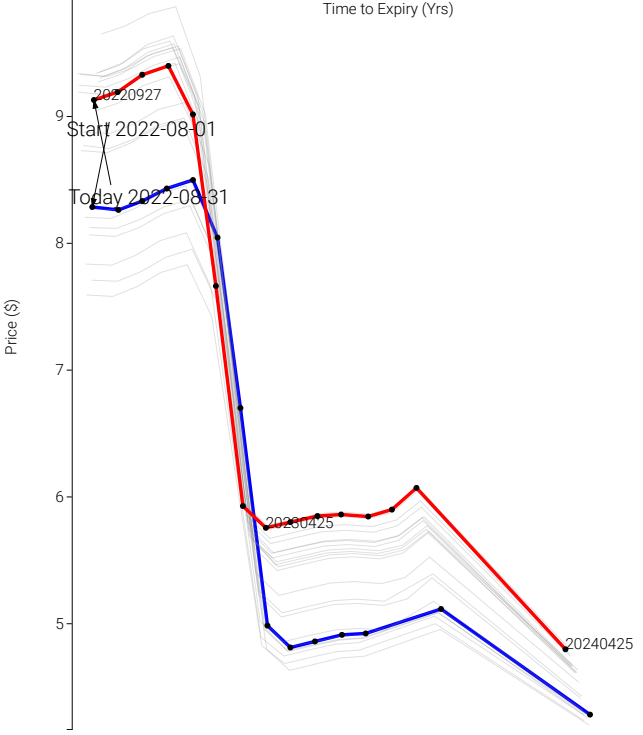
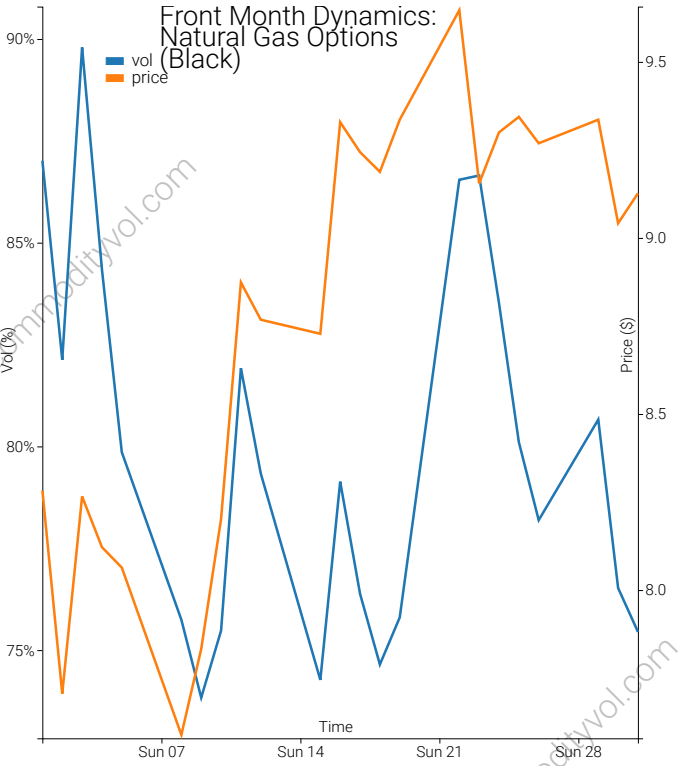
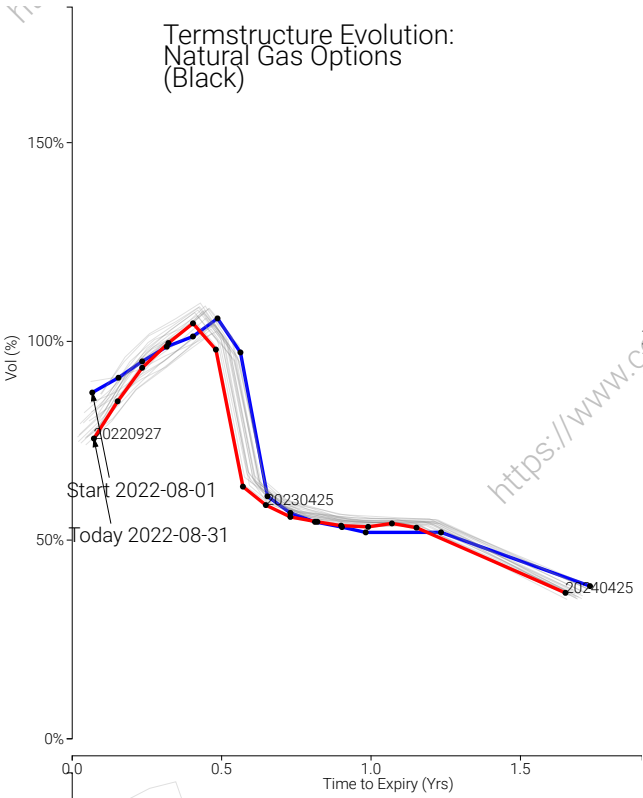


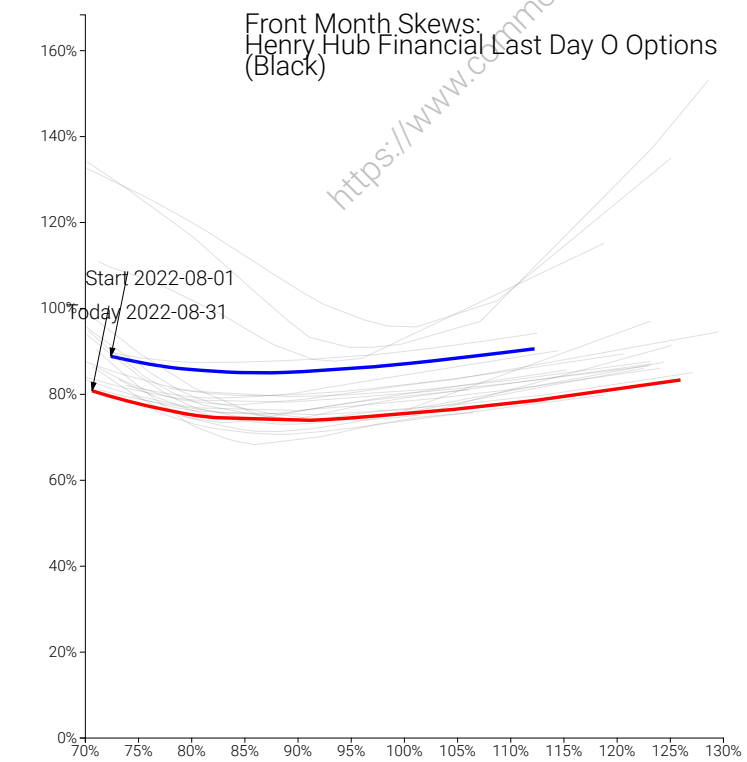
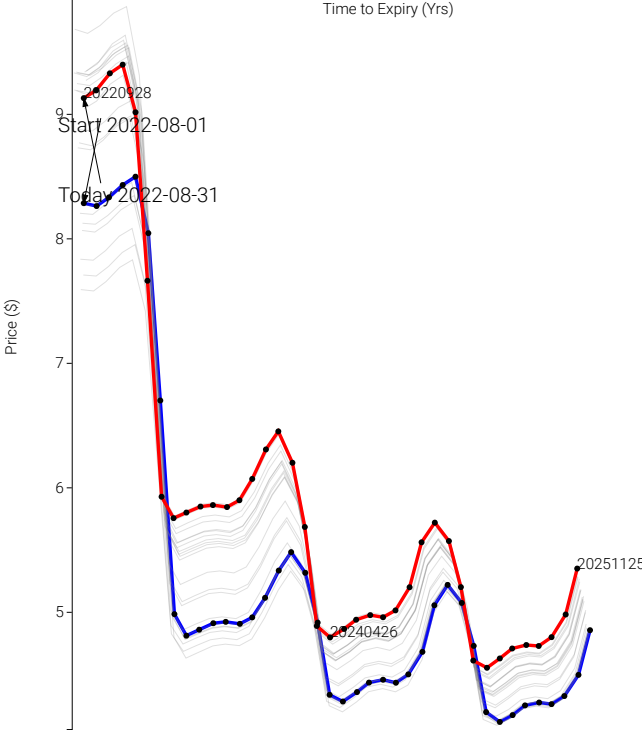
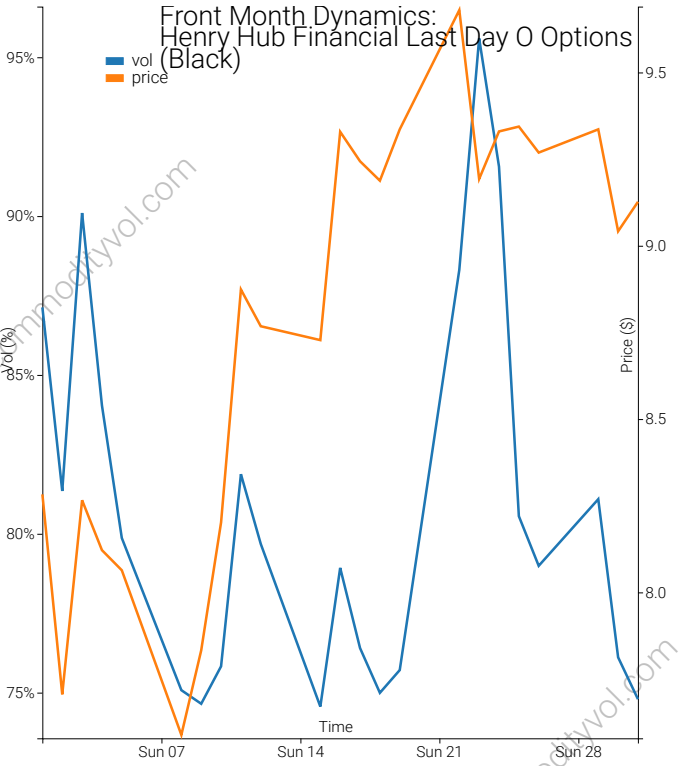
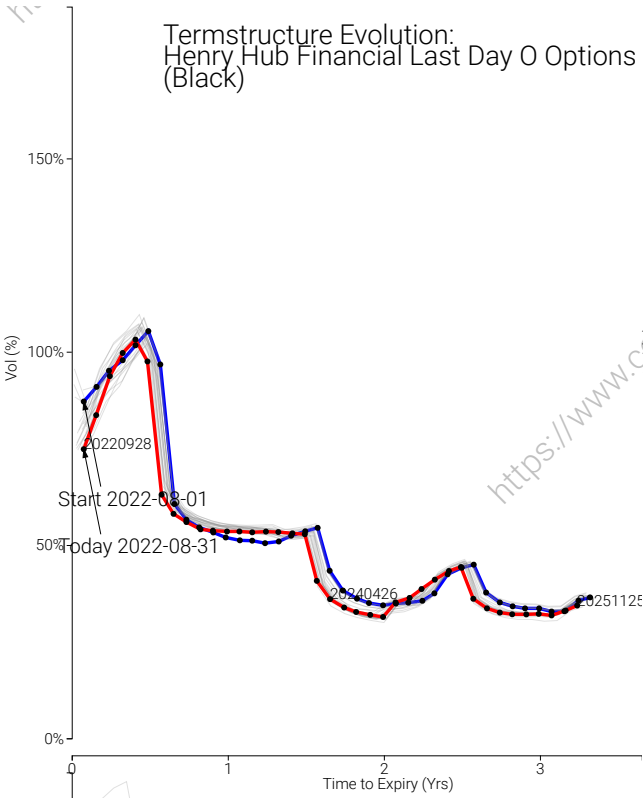


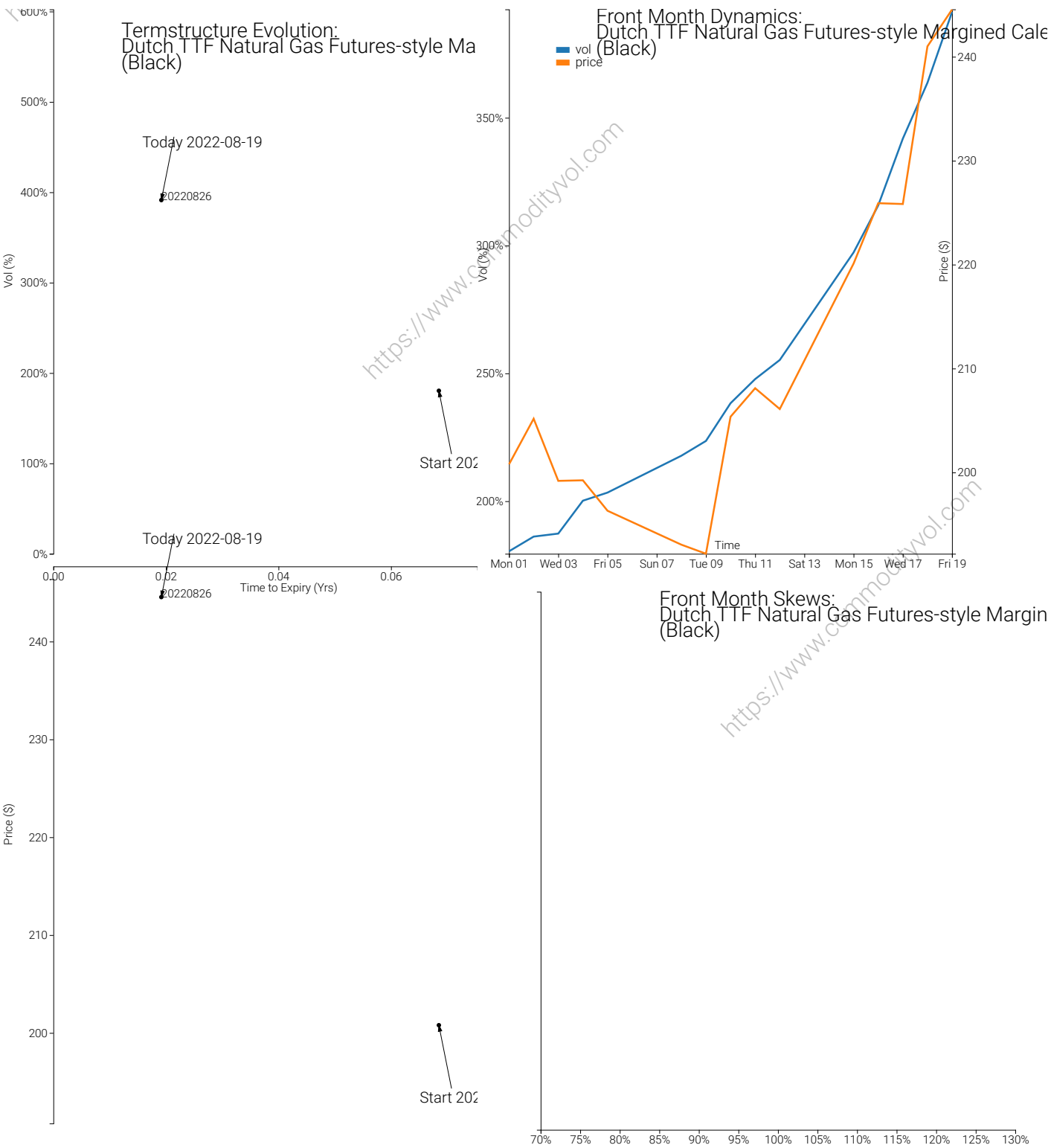


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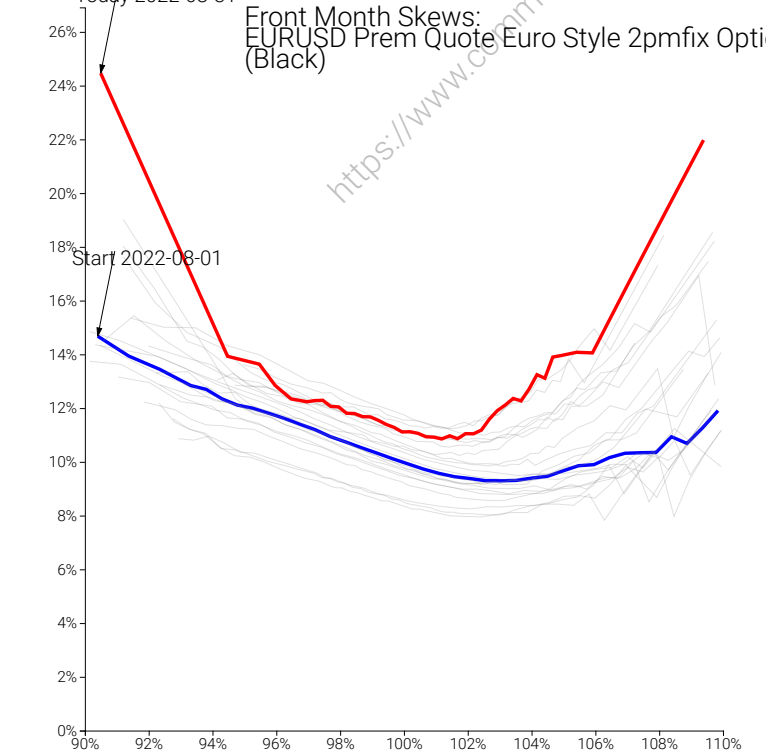
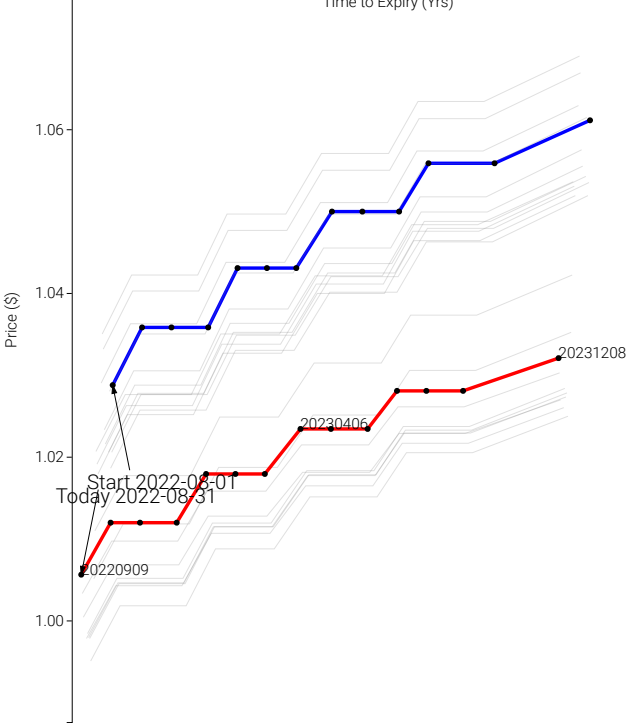
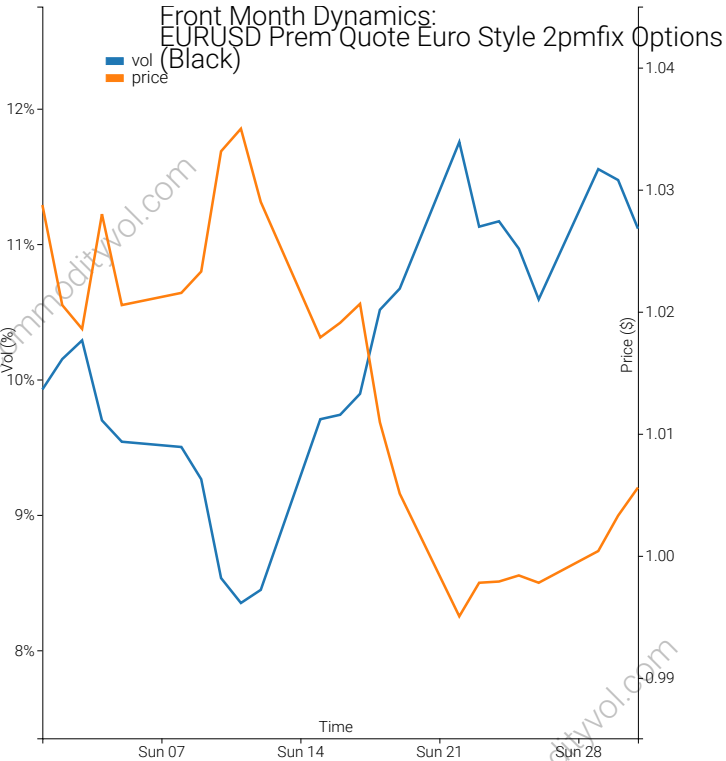
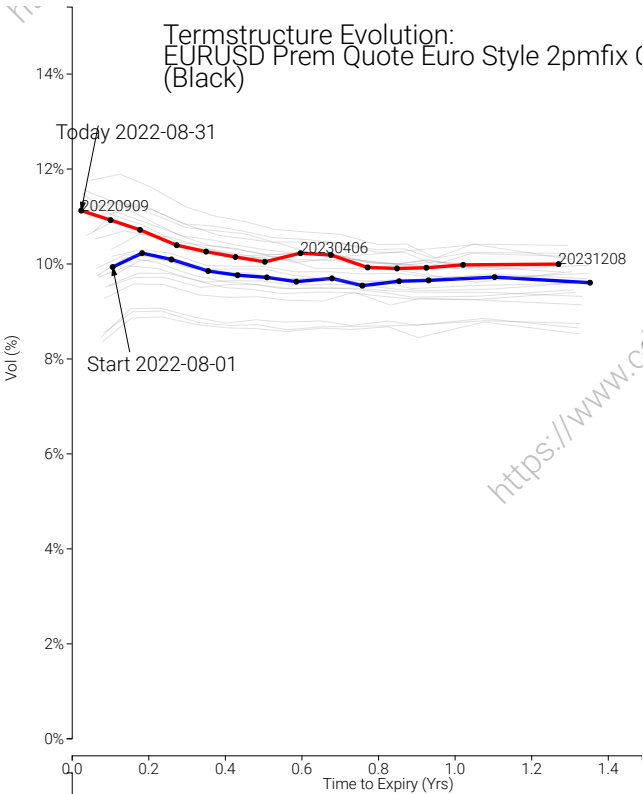


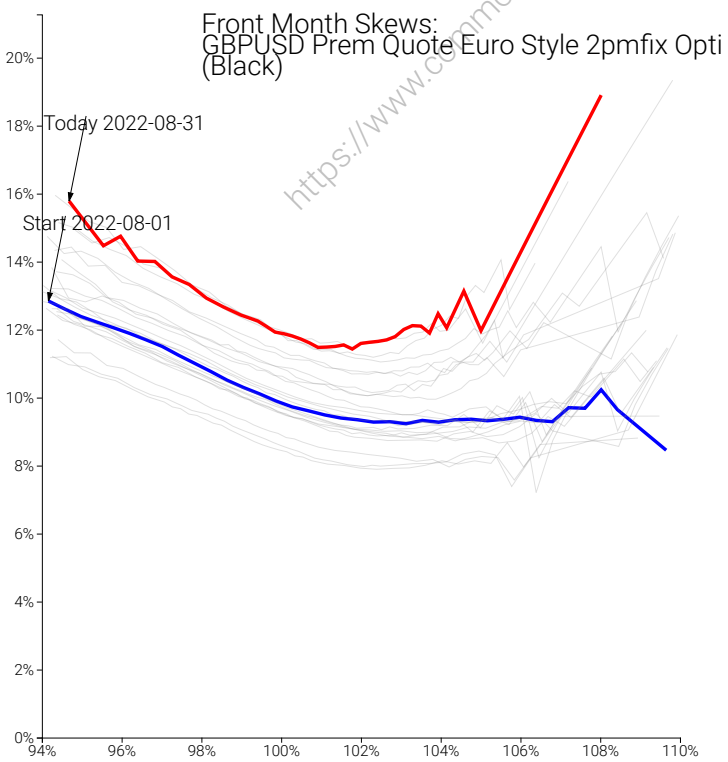
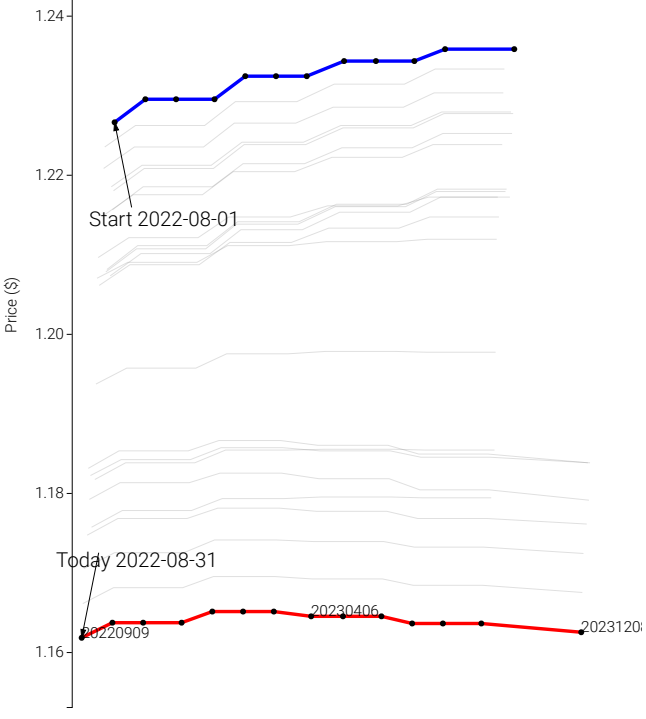
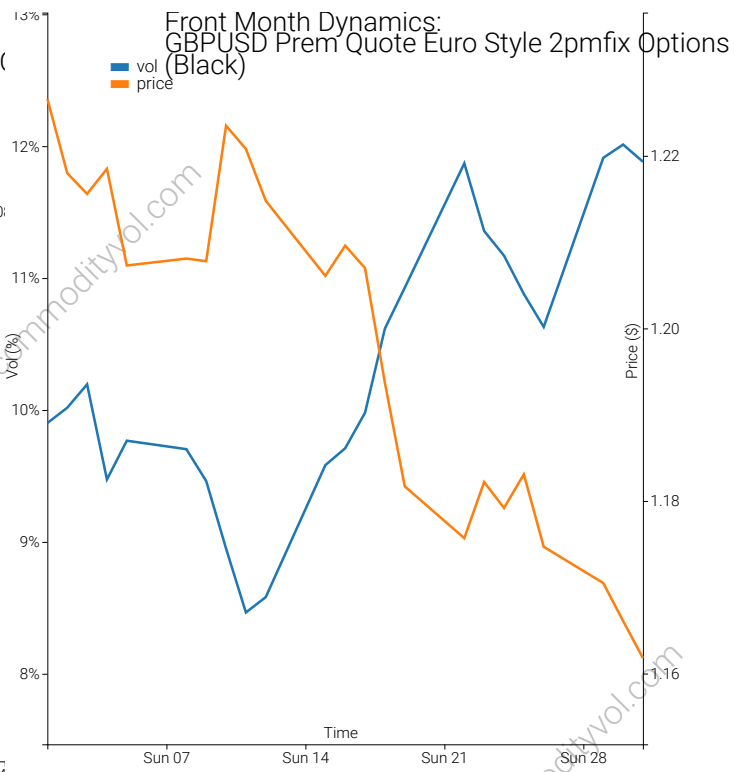
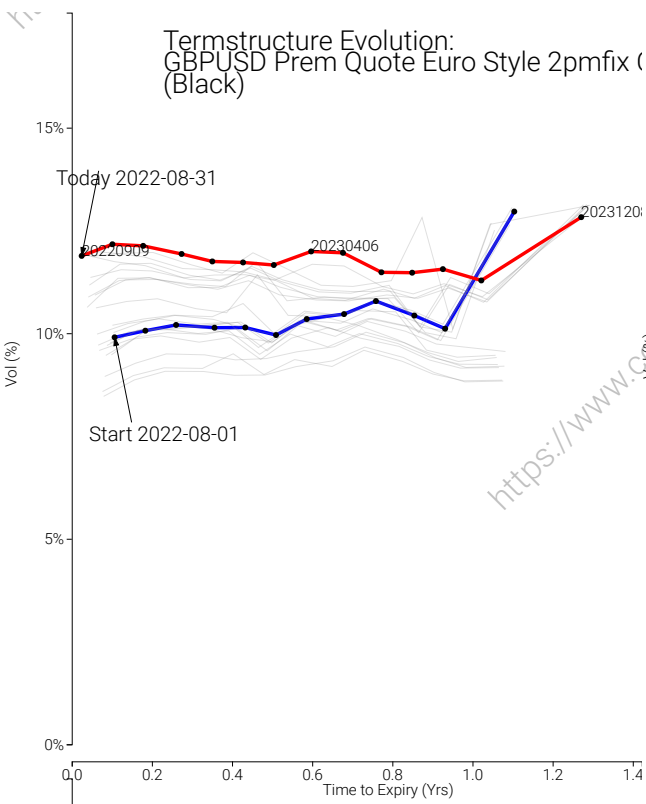


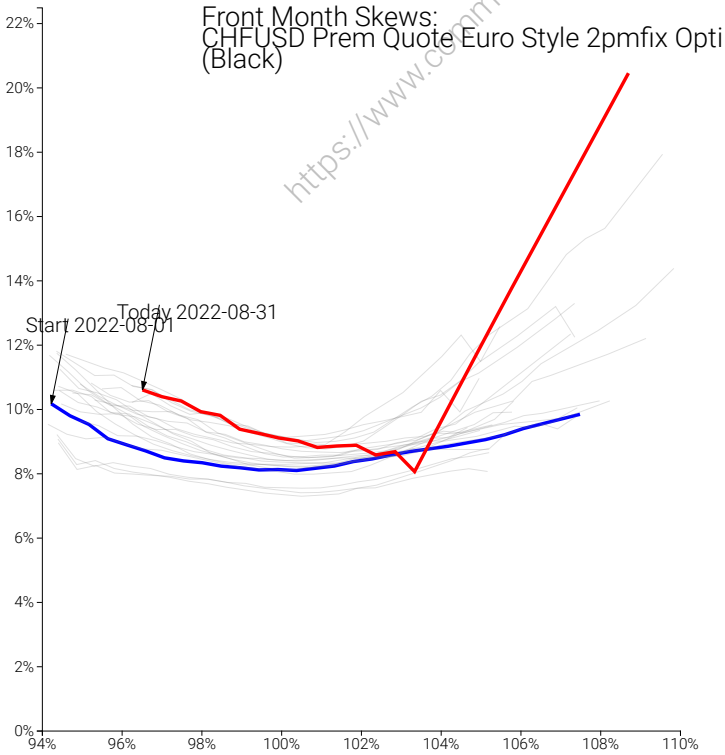
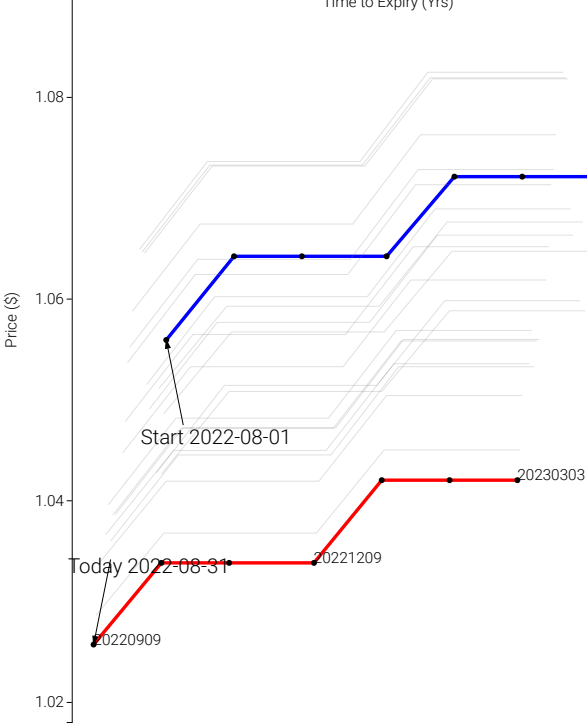
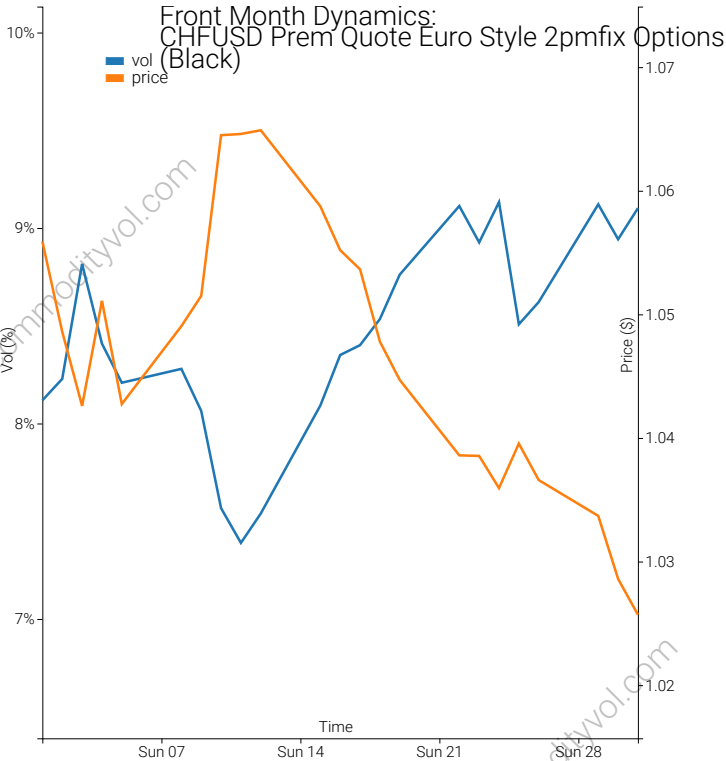
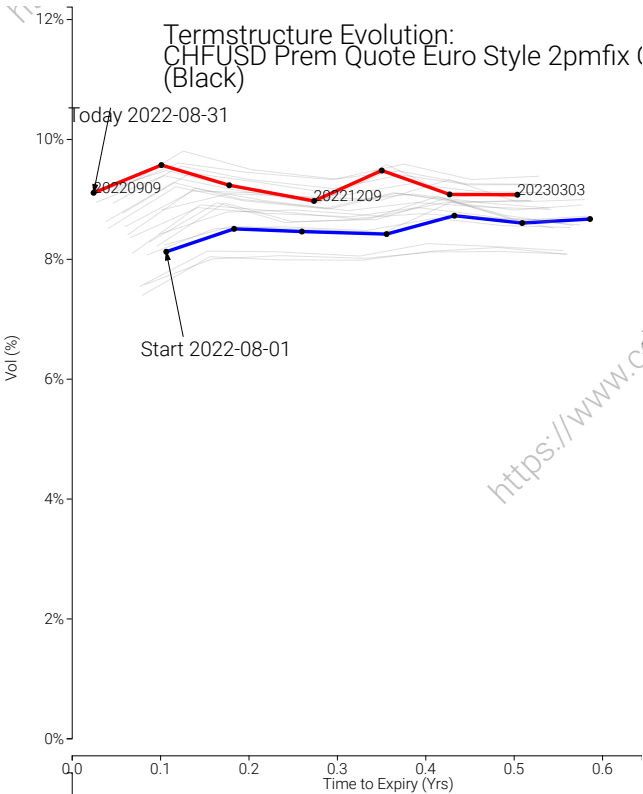


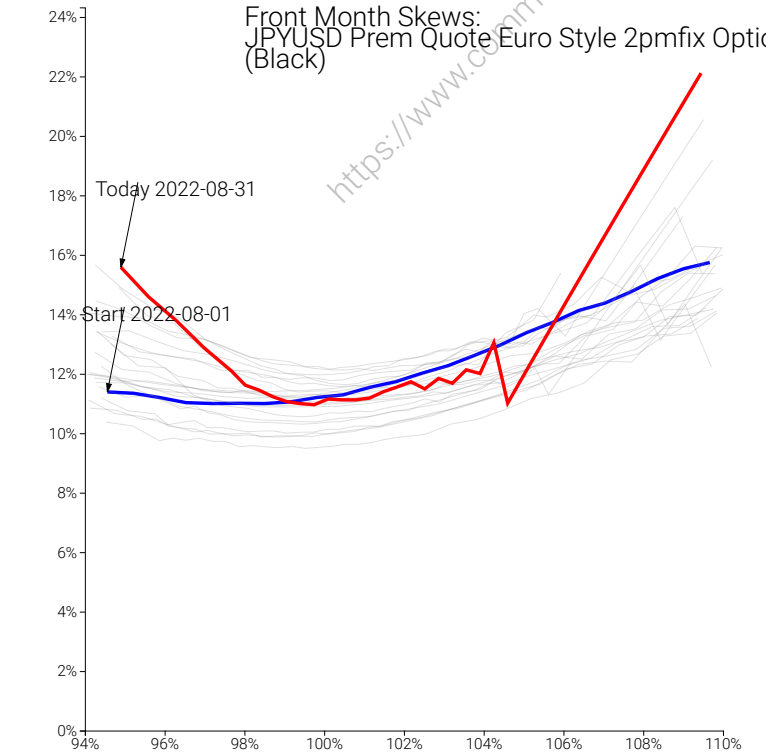
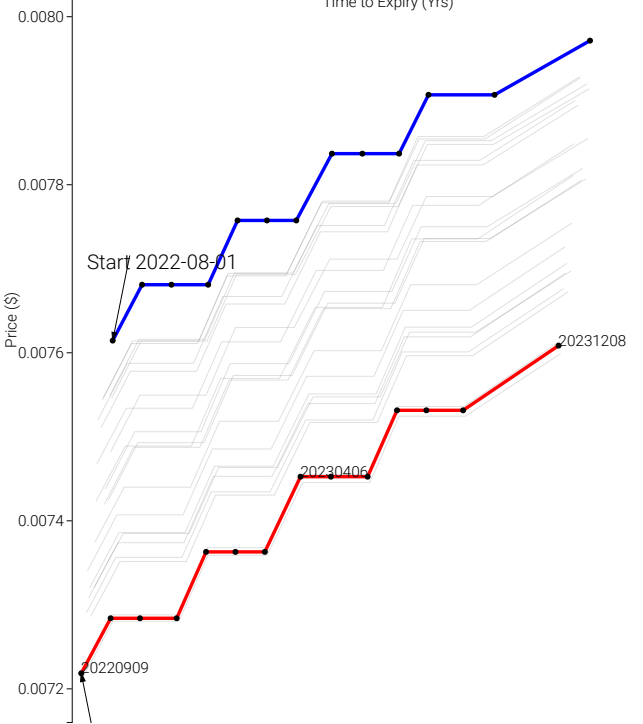
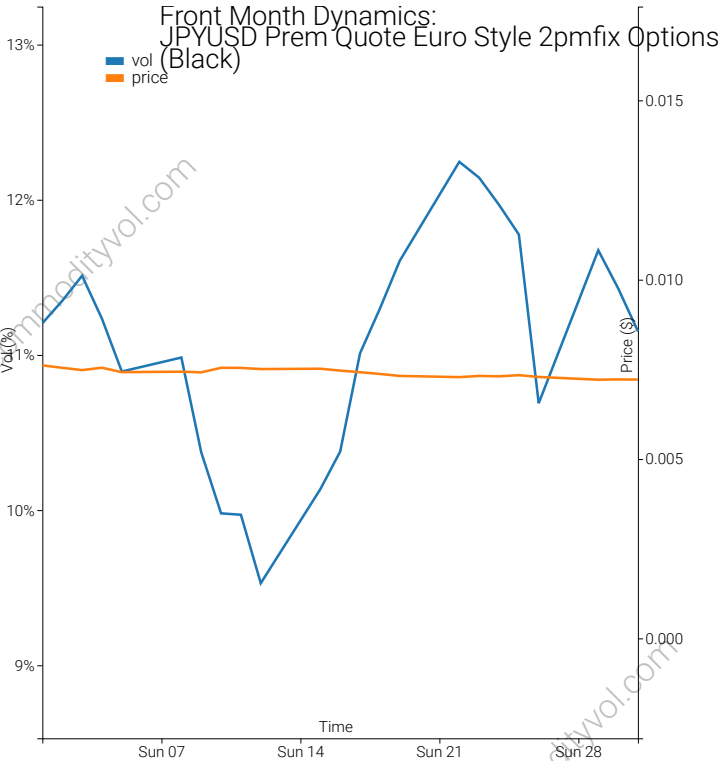
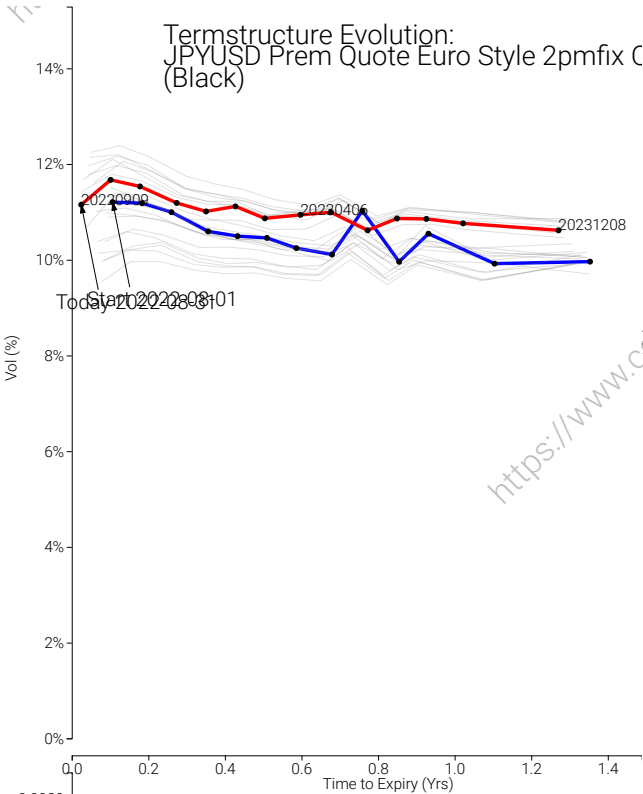


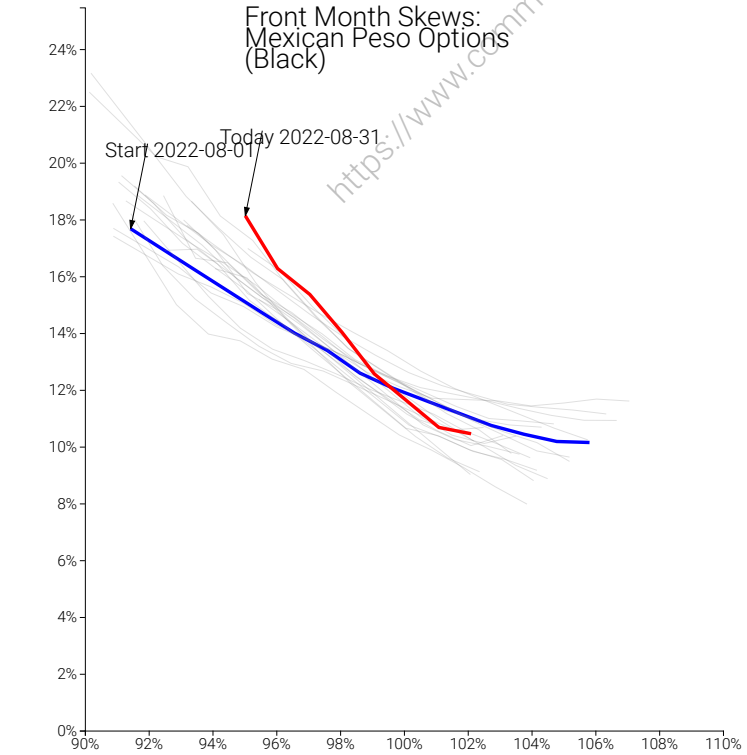
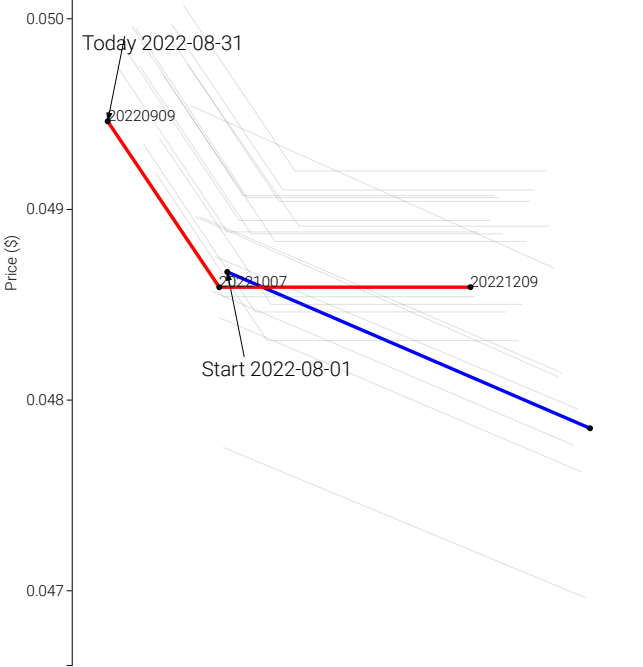
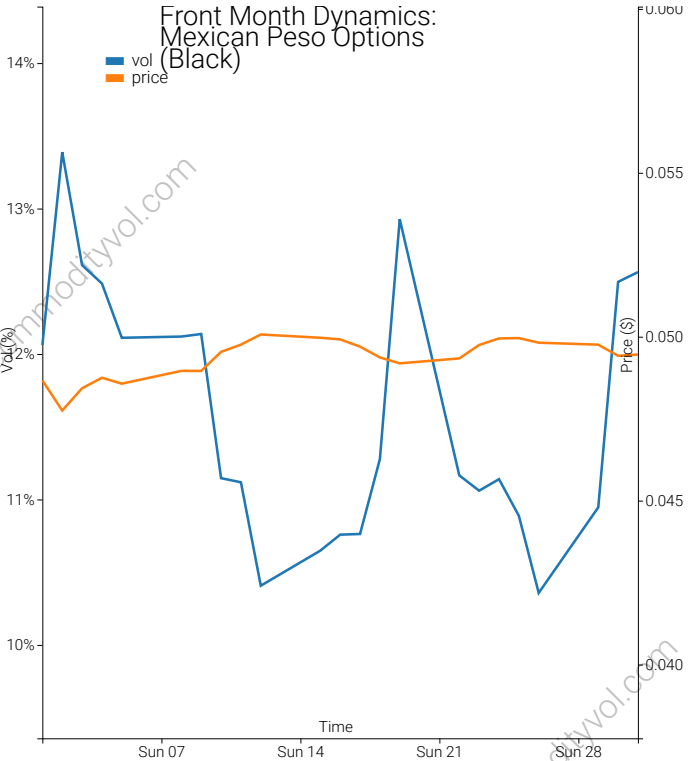
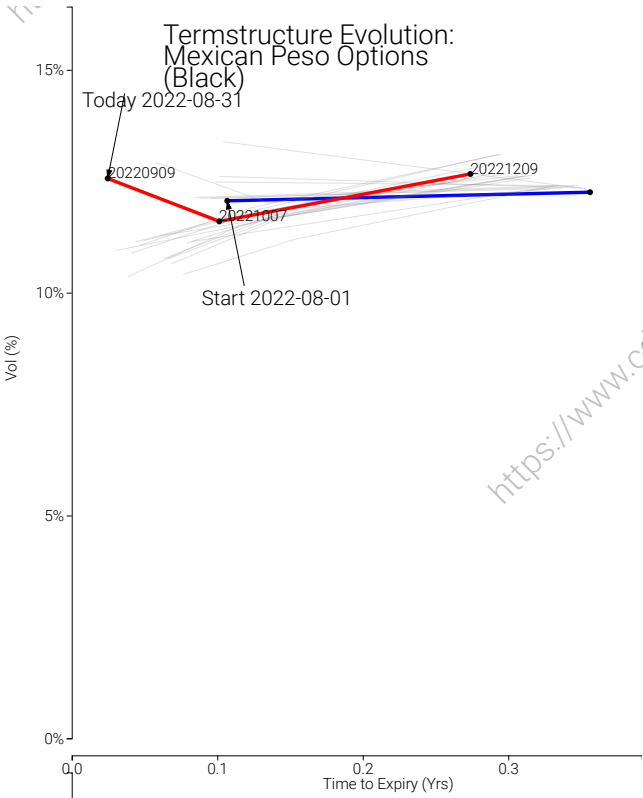
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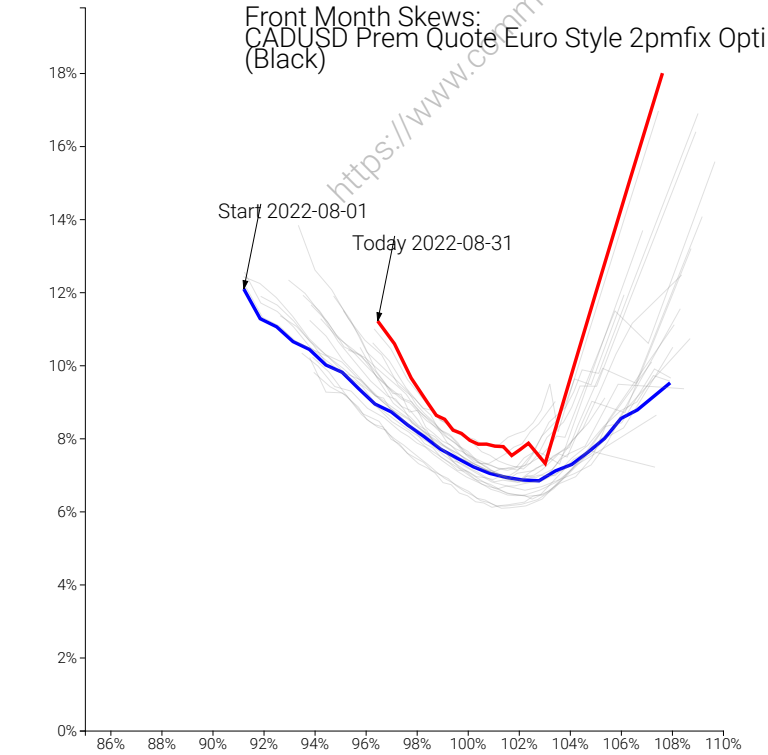
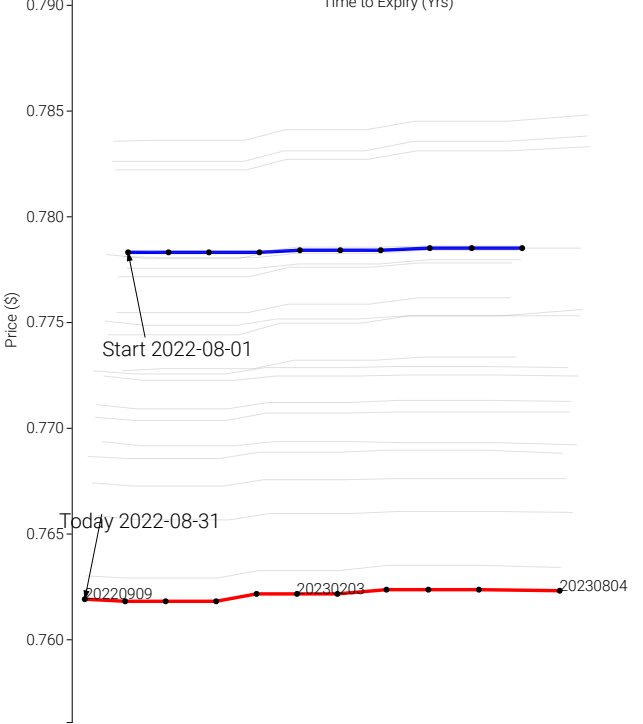
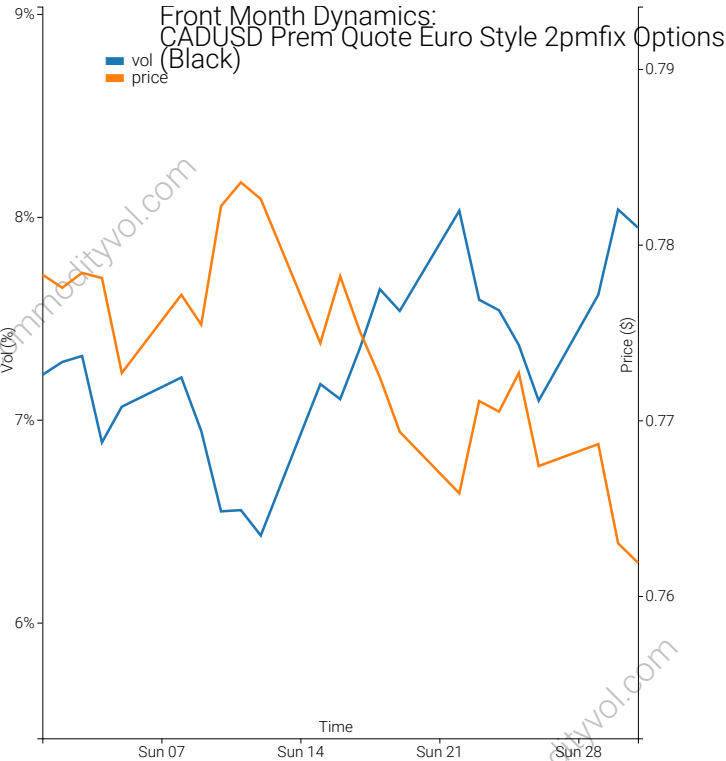
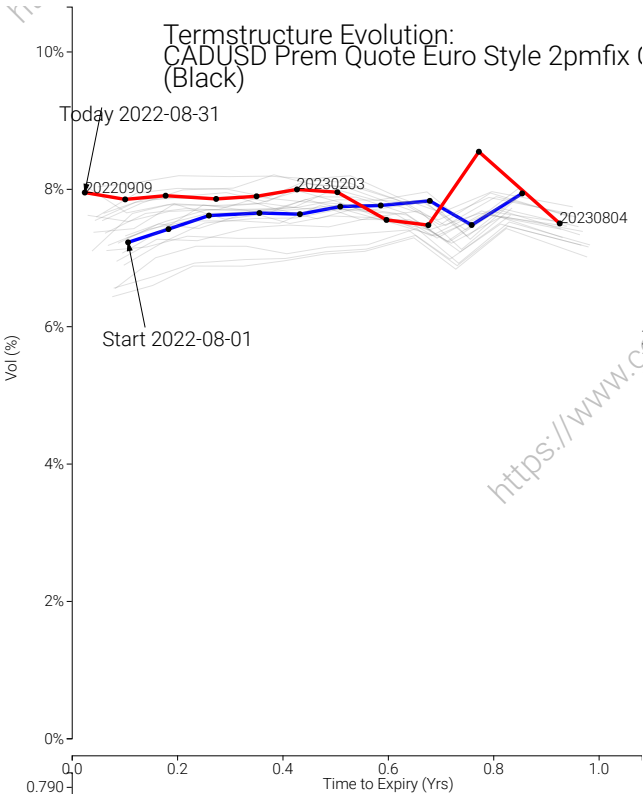


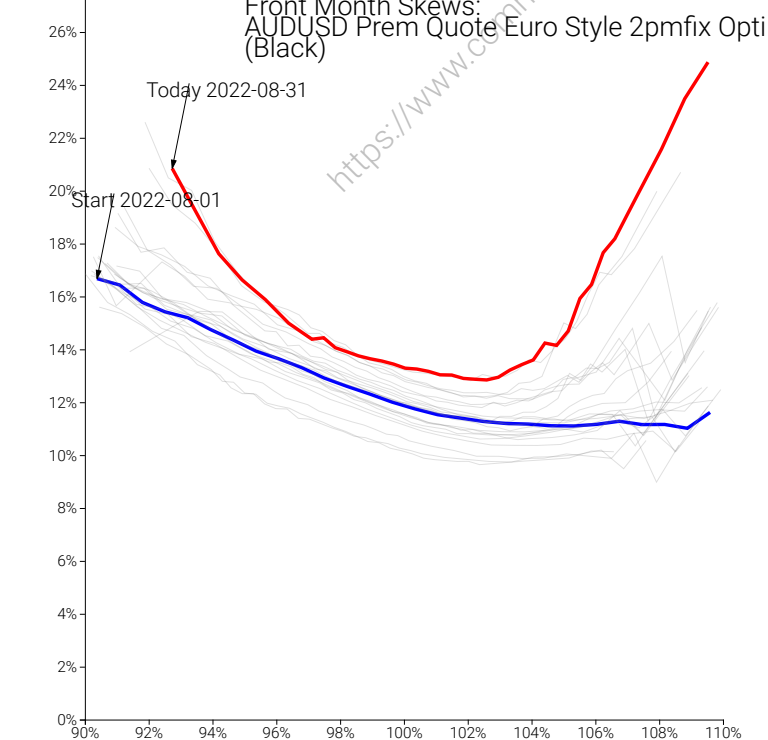
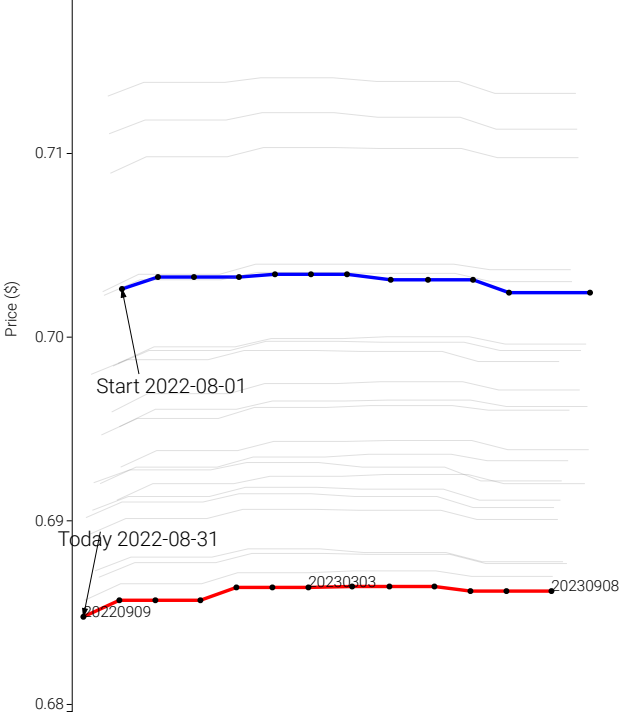
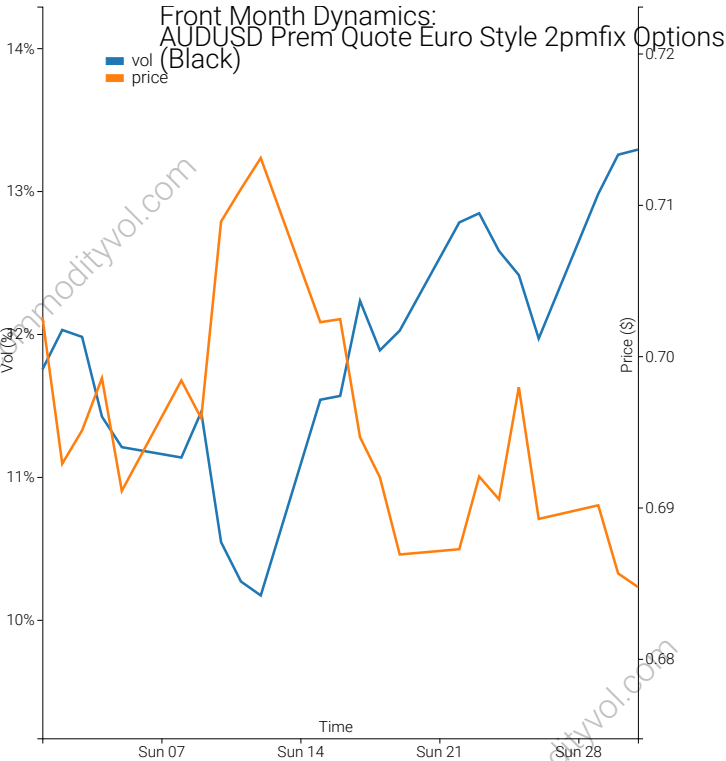
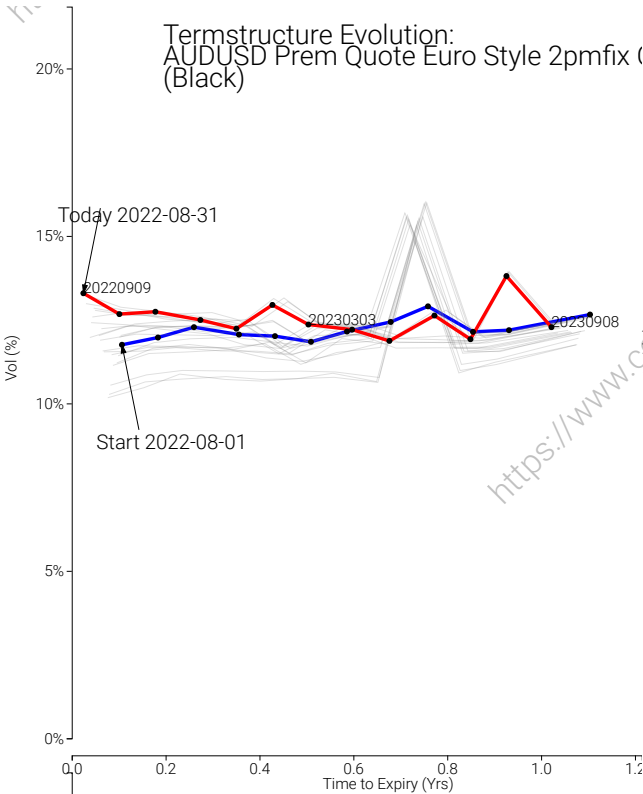


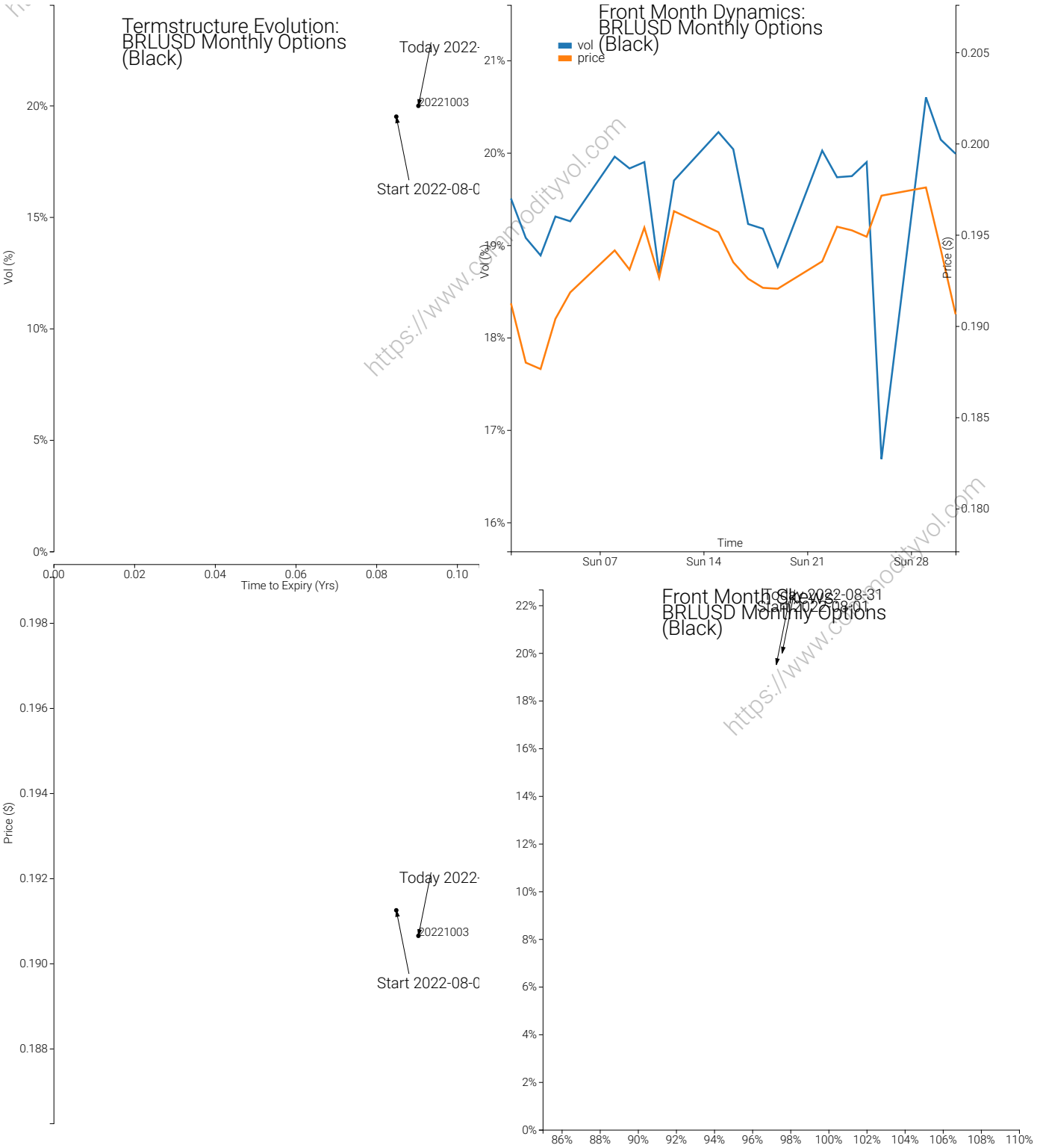


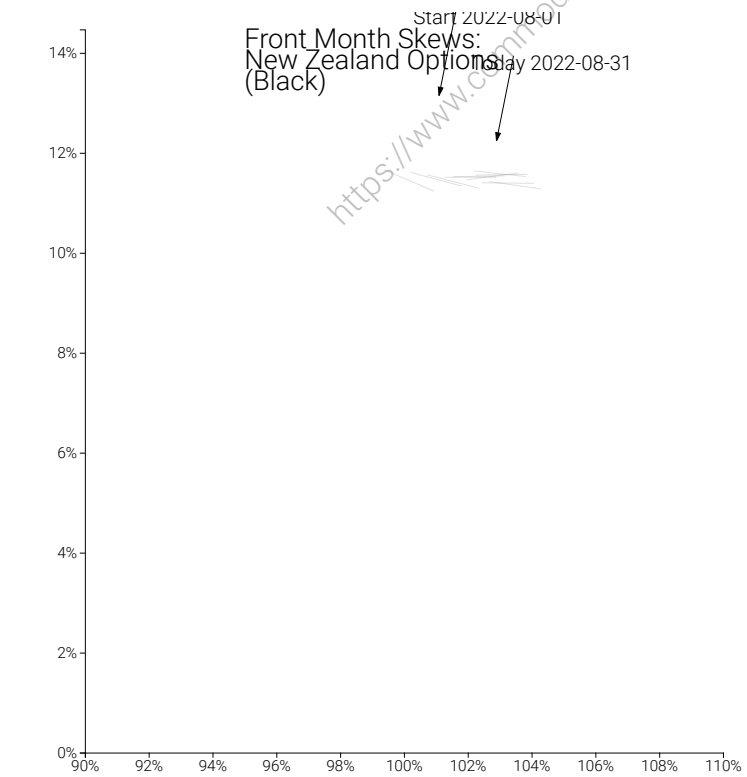
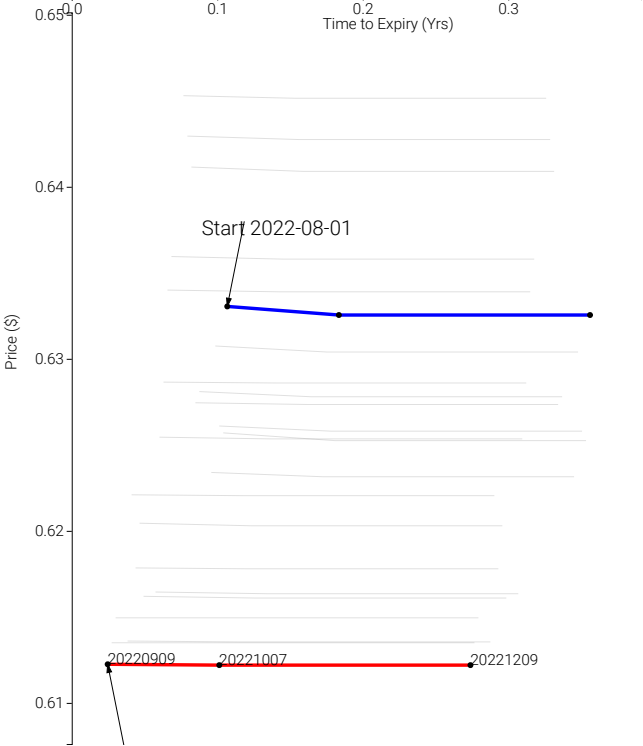
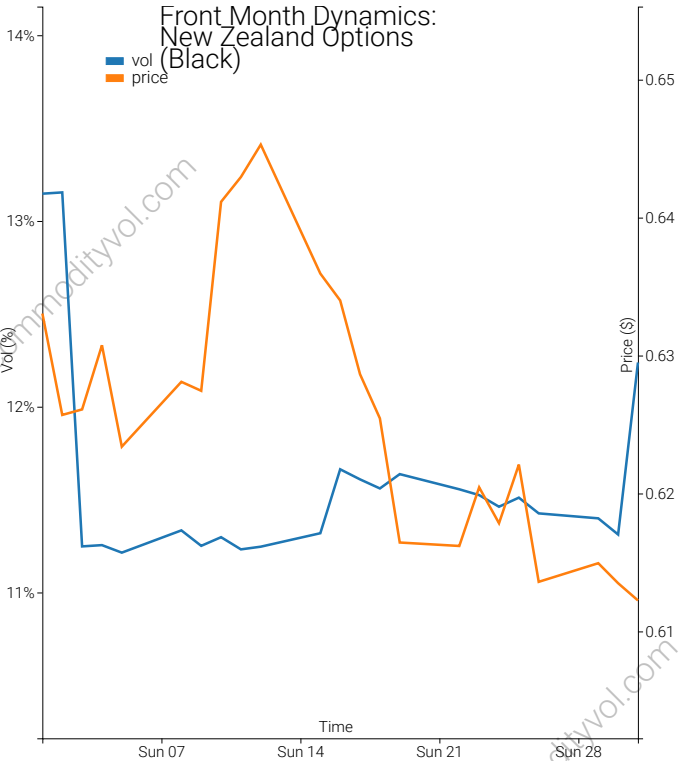
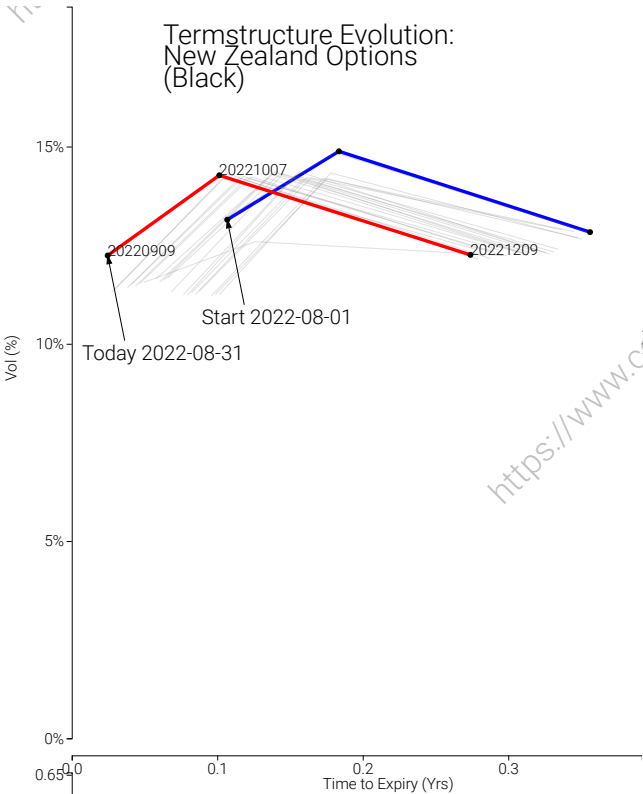


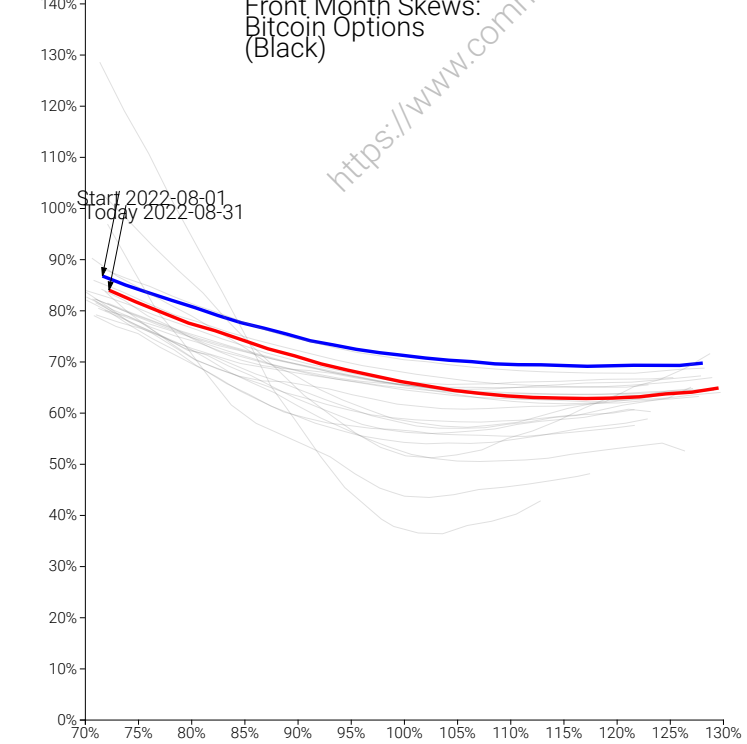
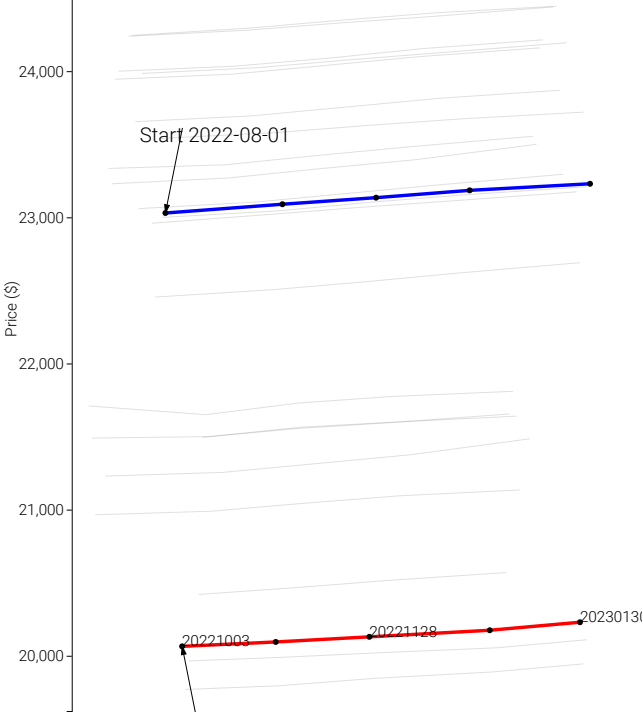
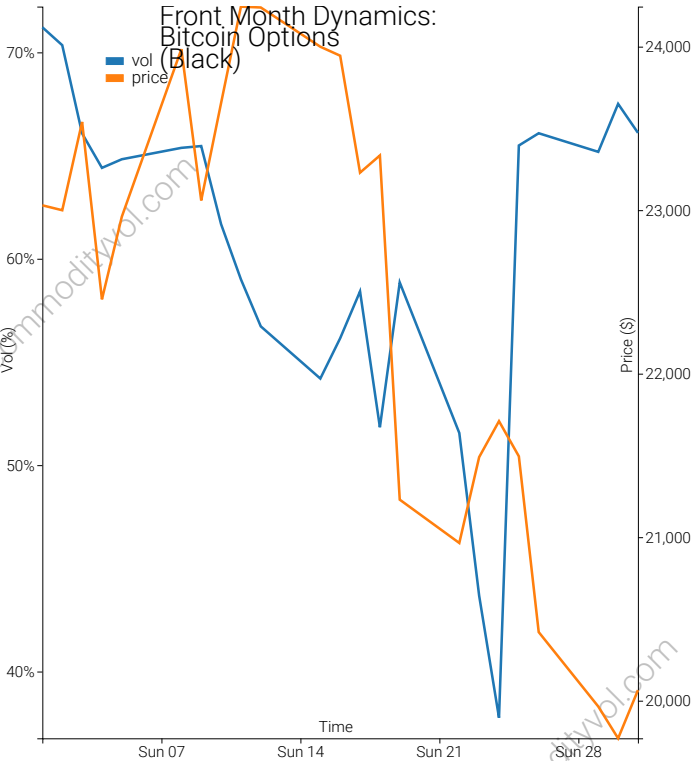
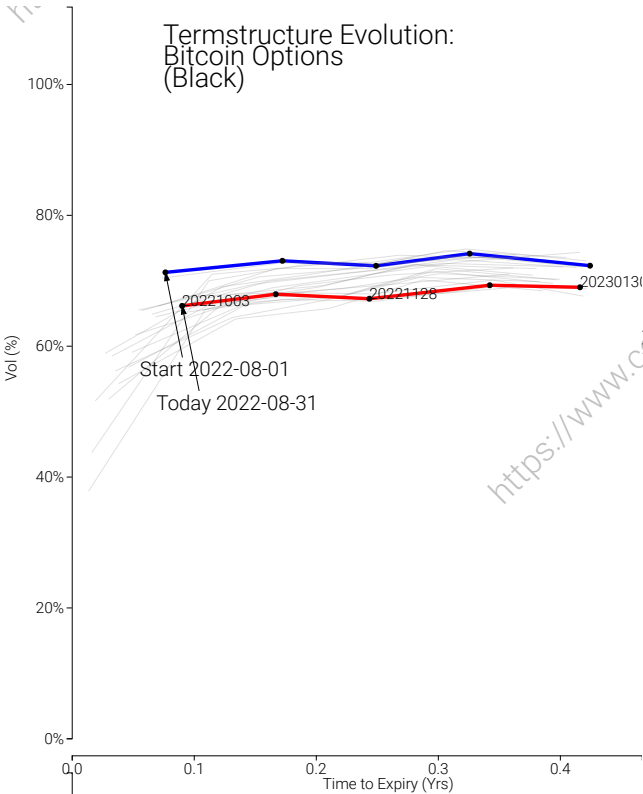










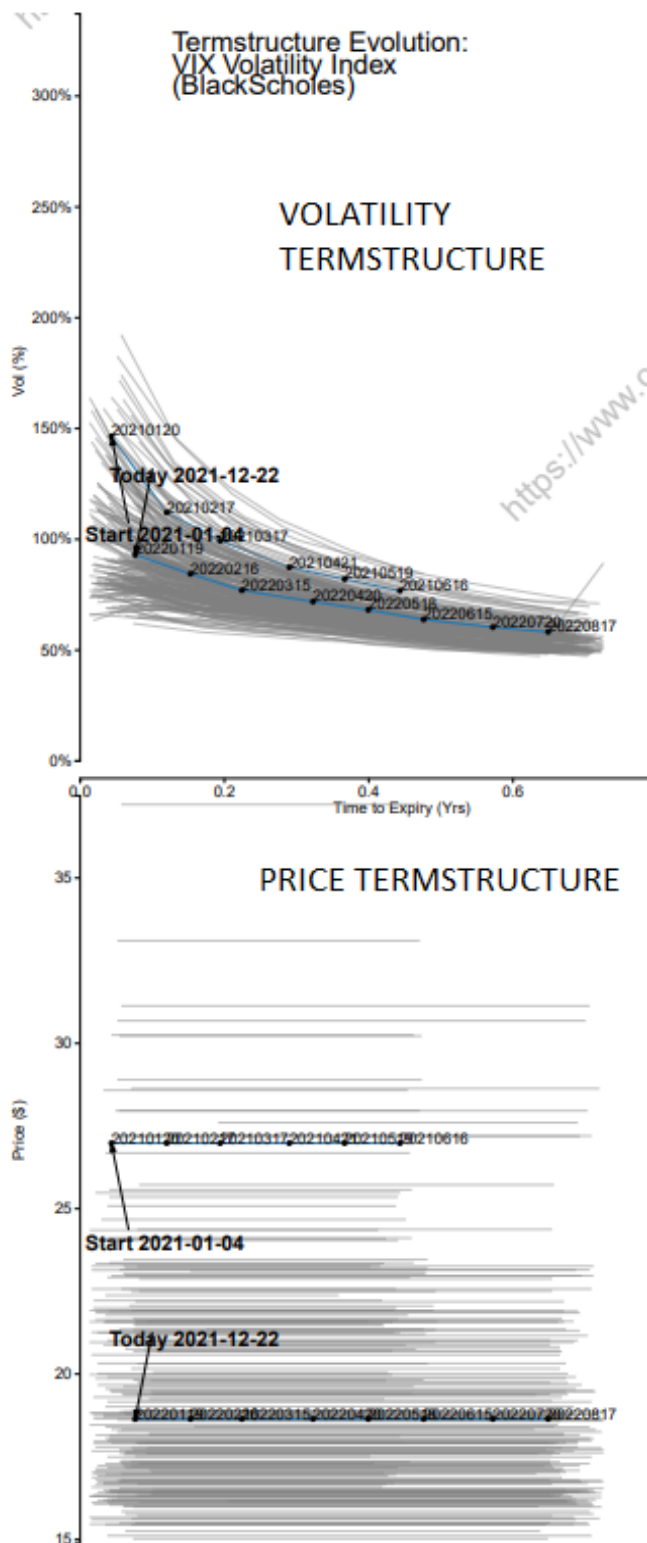


Explanation:

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:

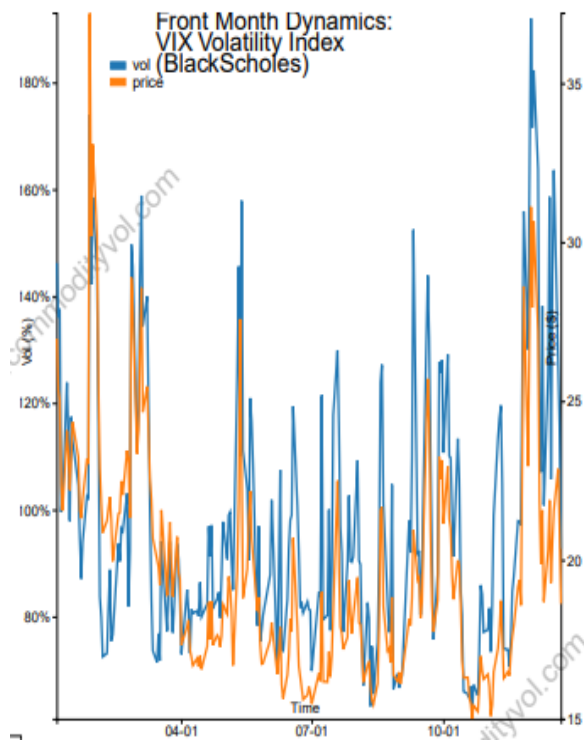
Stacked on top of the other on the left hand side, see the termstructures of vol and the (underlying) futures contract price.



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:

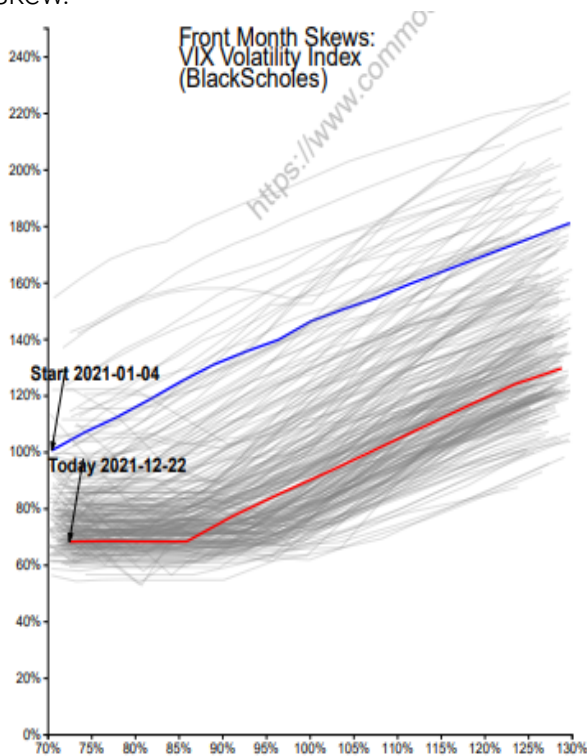
On the right hand panel we have the price and implied volatility of the front month contract.



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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