



Month End Summary of Commodity Options
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Intro:

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

March solidified our view that uncertainty was here to stay. There is much to look at this month. We start with interest rates.

The US Government rates started to move towards the realization that inflation is more permanent than transitory. The longer out the maturity term one goes, the bigger the futures dropped. Implied volatility was a bit weaker, but this hides the fact that though at the money vols were lower, the implied volatility skews' shapes changed dramatically. Call vols declined in the 30 Year market. Puts in the 10 Year strengthened. The Eurodollar contract showed a massive bid in vol at the 6 month mark.

The equity index products showed a massive rally in major indices. The Nasdaq-100 futures rallied by 6.2%. The VIX index plummeted by nearly 13 points or 38%. In most cases the vol skews showed much less convexity-suggestive that the market was much more calm. This is very hard to understand if one accepts the proposition that the Fed's hands might be tied.

The formerly sleepy foreign exchange market woke up dramatically. Generally, currencies associated with raw material and agricultural products rallied. The Brazilian Real did very well. The Canadian Dollar and Australian Dollar also did very well. The Yen suffered. The Japanese central bank's decision to buy all of the JGB's bonds aggressively has weakened the Yen. Yen vol exploded.

In agricultural commodities the big performers were oats, feeder cattle, corn, wheat and bean meal. The big losers were lumber (down 21%), bean oil and hogs. Except for feeder cattle, vol was mostly down across the board. To be fair, this is somewhat deceptive as there were large swings in vol over the month. The ghost lines (grayed out) should illustrate the intra month volatility.

Given the Russian demands for payment in Rubles or gold for their gas, you might have expected gold to rally. The COMEX contract was up only 0.5%. The big moves were in hot rolled steel (+45%), iron ore (+4.7%) and copper (+3.4%). Volatility was down 80% in hot rolled steel and up 77% in iron ore. The relative peacefulness of palladium and platinum, both of which are sourced in large amounts from Russia, is hard to understand, perhaps industrial consumers have large domestic stockpiles.

Energy was a mixed bag. Again the intramonth moves are hidden by a great deal of mean reversion. Natural gas saw a massive rise of 23.4%-on stronger vol. The OH contract saw a massive increase in vol of 0.21 which translates into a 38% move. The refined gasoline contract's vol increased by 32%. The ethanol contract's vol also rose spectacularly. WTI and Brent contracts did not show much month to month change.

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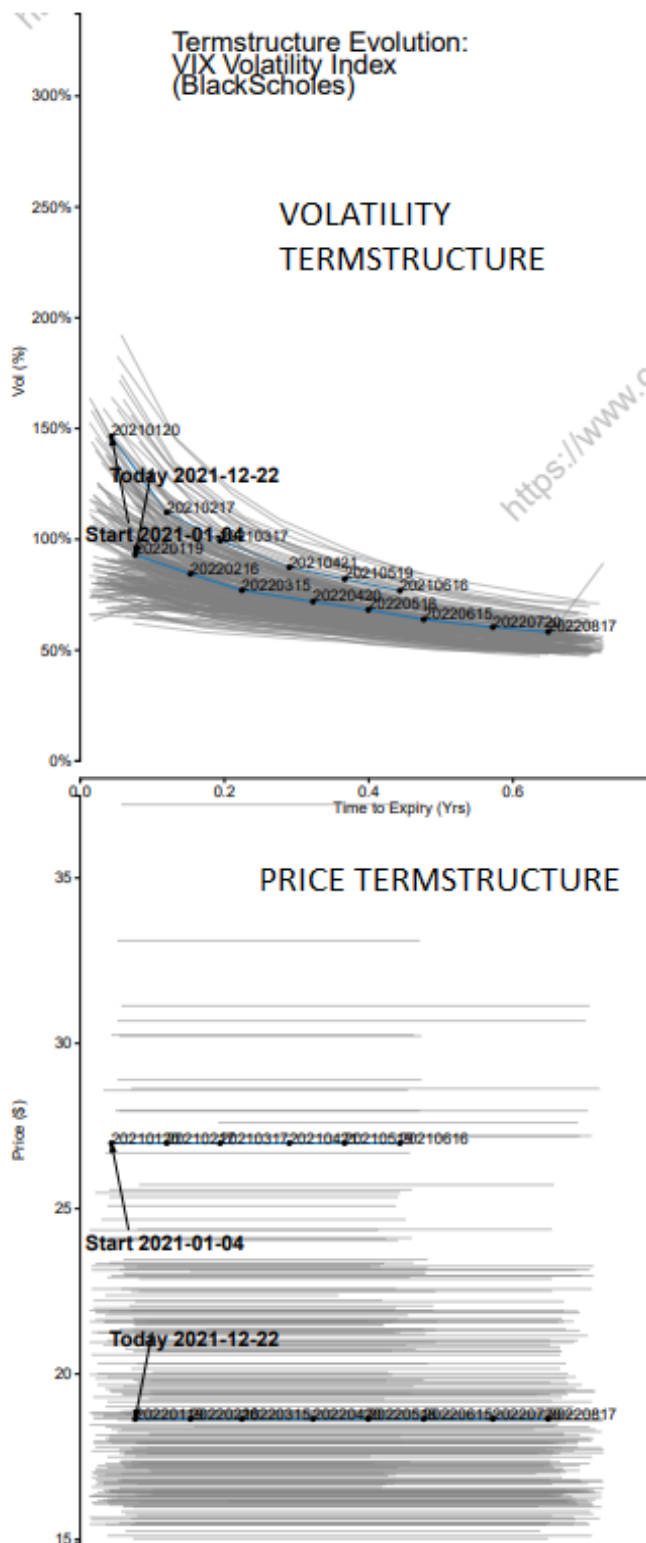
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Explanation:

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:

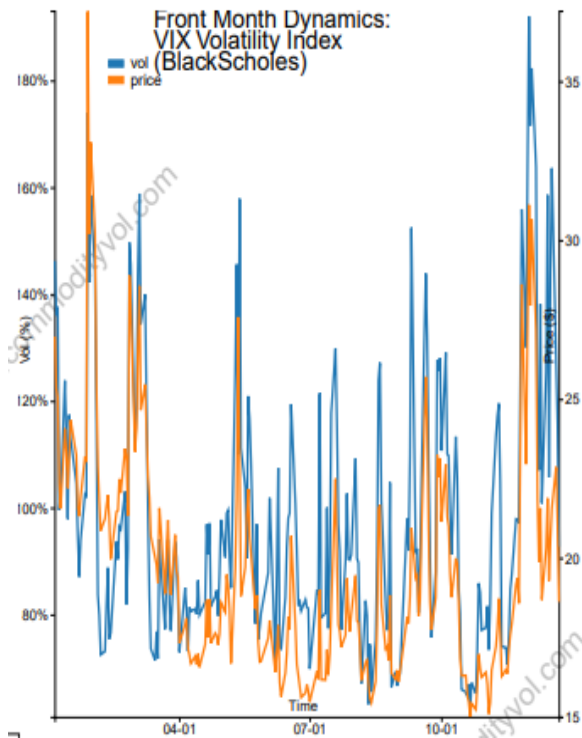
Stacked on top of the other on the left hand side, see the termstructures of vol and the (underlying) futures contract price.



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:

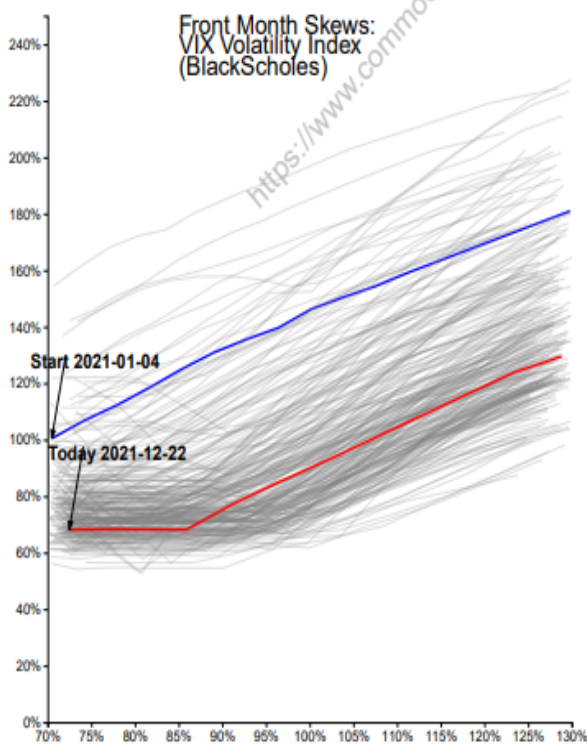
On the right hand panel we have the price and implied volatility of the front month contract.



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.

At The Money Roundup of Products

InterestRates

exch/prod	desc	futures chng [%]	vol chng [%]
CBT/26	2 YR US Treasury Note	-1.926 [-1.8%]	-0.007 [-24.6%]
CBT/25	5 YR US Treasury Note	-4.500 [-3.8%]	-0.007 [-12.6%]
CBT/21	10 YR US Treasury Note	-5.859 [-4.6%]	-0.010 [-12.8%]
CBT/17	30 YR US Treasury Bond	-9.094 [-5.7%]	-0.013 [-9.8%]
CME/ED	Eurodollar	-0.898 [-0.9%]	-0.001 [-10.2%]
CBT/UBE	Long Term US Treasury Bond	-11.469 [-6.1%]	+0.001 [+0.4%]

EquityIndex

exch/prod	desc	futures chng [%]	vol chng [%]
CBT/YM	E-Mini Dow	+1351.000 [+4.1%]	-0.102 [-36.9%]
CME/NQ	E-Mini Nasdaq	+863.250 [+6.2%]	-0.109 [-30.5%]
CME/RTO	E-Mini Russell 2000	+59.700 [+3.0%]	-0.120 [-32.8%]
CME/RTM	E-Mini Russell EOM	+62.600 [+3.1%]	-0.108 [-31.0%]
CME/ES	E-Mini S&P 500	+227.000 [+5.3%]	-0.120 [-38.4%]
CBOE/VIX	VIX Volatility Index	-12.760 [-38.3%]	-0.737 [-41.6%]

Forex

exch/prod	desc	futures chng [%]	vol chng [%]
CME/ADU	AUDUSD 2pmfix	+0.024 [+3.3%]	-0.008 [-6.8%]
CME/BTC	Bitcoin	+1495.000 [+3.4%]	-0.123 [-18.1%]
CME/BR	BRLUSD Monthly	+0.019 [+10.1%]	-0.000 [-0.2%]
CME/CAU	CADUSD 2pmfix	+0.016 [+2.0%]	-0.003 [-4.3%]
CME/CHU	CHFUSD 2pmfix	-0.006 [-0.5%]	-0.005 [-6.1%]
CME/EUU	EURUSD 2pmfix	-0.006 [-0.6%]	-0.016 [-16.1%]
CME/GBU	GBPUSD 2pmfix	-0.018 [-1.3%]	-0.010 [-11.2%]
CME/JPU	JPYUSD 2pmfix	-0.000 [-5.6%]	+0.027 [+34.2%]
CME/MP	Mexican Peso	+0.002 [+4.6%]	-0.025 [-20.6%]
CME/NE	New Zealand	+0.019 [+2.8%]	+0.031 [+31.1%]

exch/prod	desc	futures chng [%]	vol chng [%]
CME/DK	Class IV Milk	+0.380 [+1.5%]	-0.045 [-38.0%]
CBT/C	Corn	+0.230 [+3.2%]	-0.148 [-31.1%]
CME/62	Feeder Cattle	+5.125 [+3.3%]	+0.019 [+13.0%]
CBT/KW	KC HRW Wheat	+0.268 [+2.7%]	-0.383 [-46.9%]
CME/LN	Lean Hog	-4.450 [-4.2%]	-0.135 [-43.2%]
CME/48	Live Cattle	-3.400 [-2.4%]	-0.031 [-18.0%]
CME/LB	Lumber110	-258.400 [-21.1%]	-0.215 [-27.3%]
CME/NF	Nonfat Dry Milk	+1.500 [+0.8%]	-0.001 [-1.6%]
CBT/O	Oats	+0.513 [+7.6%]	+0.033 [+8.8%]
CBT/14	Rough Rice	-0.175 [-1.1%]	-0.016 [-10.2%]
CBT/S	Soybean	-0.717 [-4.2%]	-0.089 [-28.7%]
CBT/06	Soybean Meal	+13.200 [+2.9%]	-0.083 [-24.3%]
CBT/07	Soybean Oil	-6.270 [-8.2%]	-0.115 [-25.9%]
CBT/W	Wheat	+0.220 [+2.2%]	-0.206 [-30.8%]

Metals

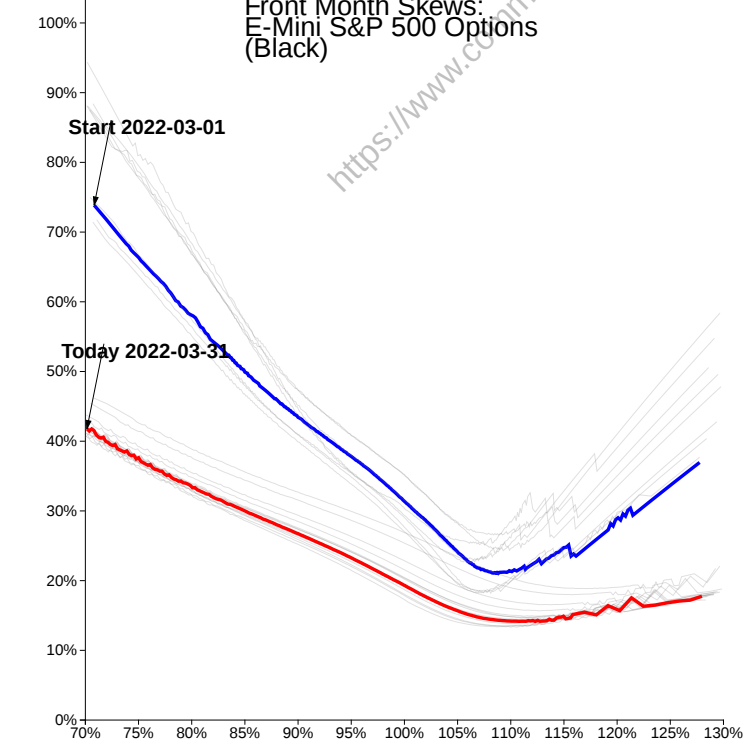
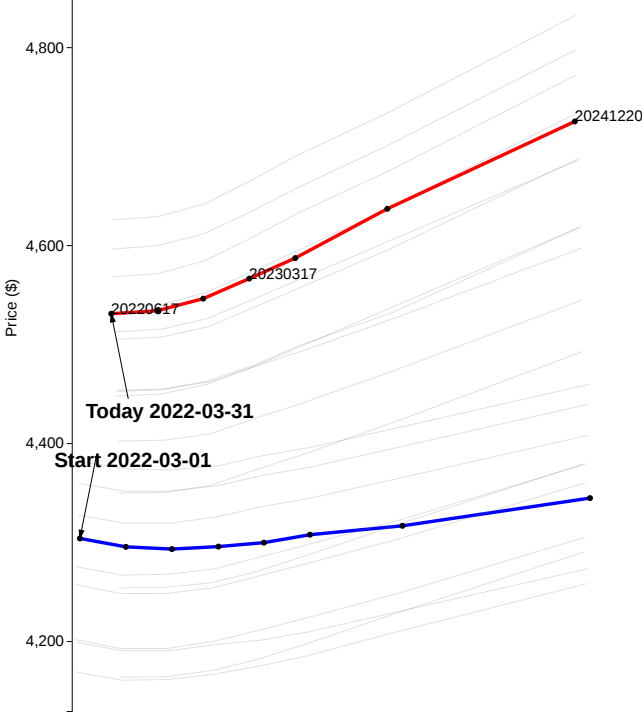
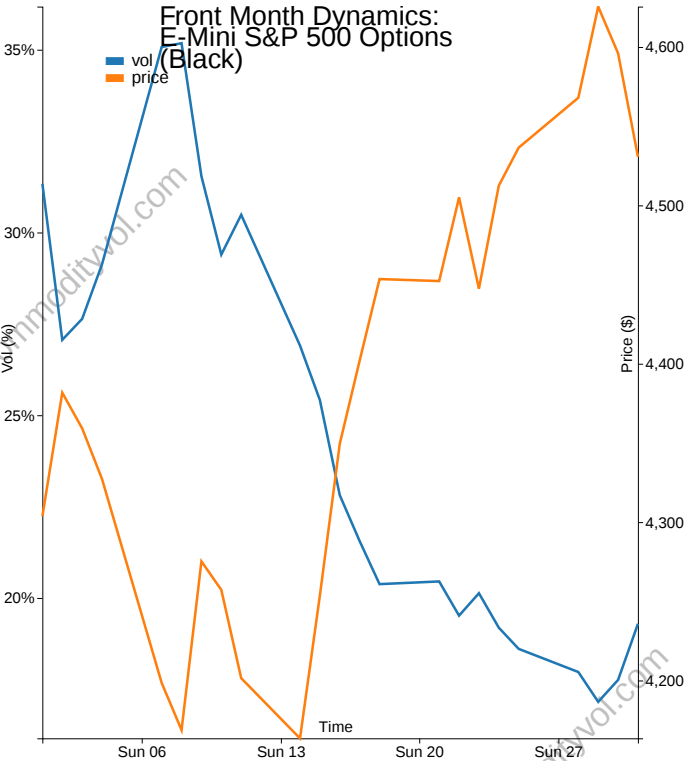
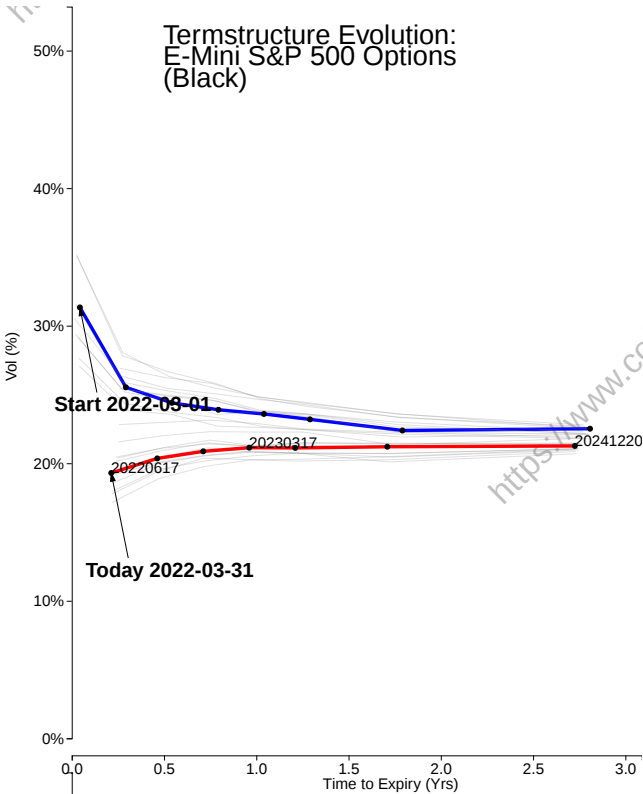
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COMEX/HX	Copper	+0.155 [+3.4%]	-0.018 [-6.1%]
COMEX/OG	Gold	+10.200 [+0.5%]	-0.038 [-18.3%]
COMEX/ICT	Iron Ore 62% Fe	+6.690 [+4.7%]	+0.284 [+77.6%]
NYMEX/PAO	Palladium	-282.200 [-11.1%]	+0.050 [+9.7%]
NYMEX/PO	Platinum	-56.100 [-5.3%]	-0.003 [-0.9%]
COMEX/SO	Silver	-0.408 [-1.6%]	-0.036 [-11.8%]
COMEX/HRO	Us. Midwest Domestic Hot- rolled Coil Steel (CRU) Index Average Price	+481.000 [+45.4%]	-0.208 [-80.1%]

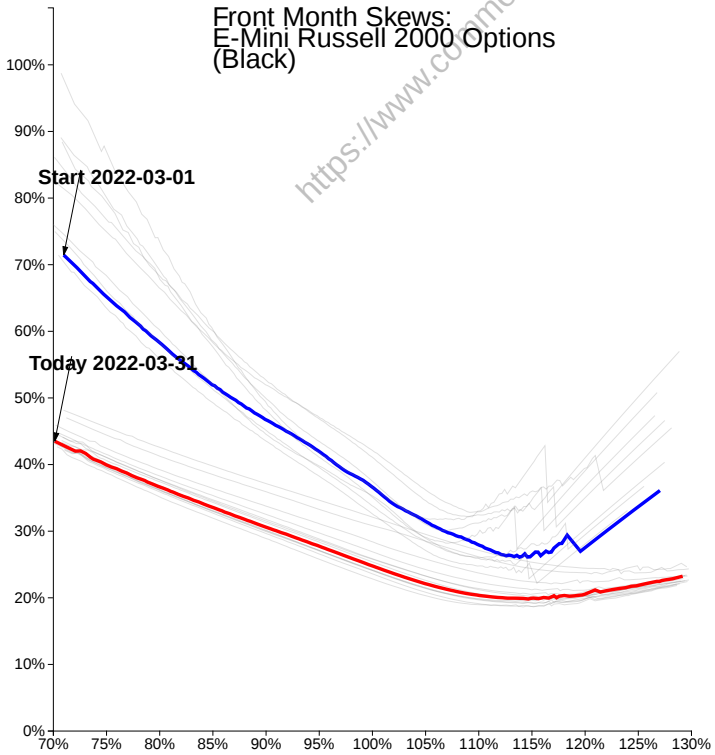
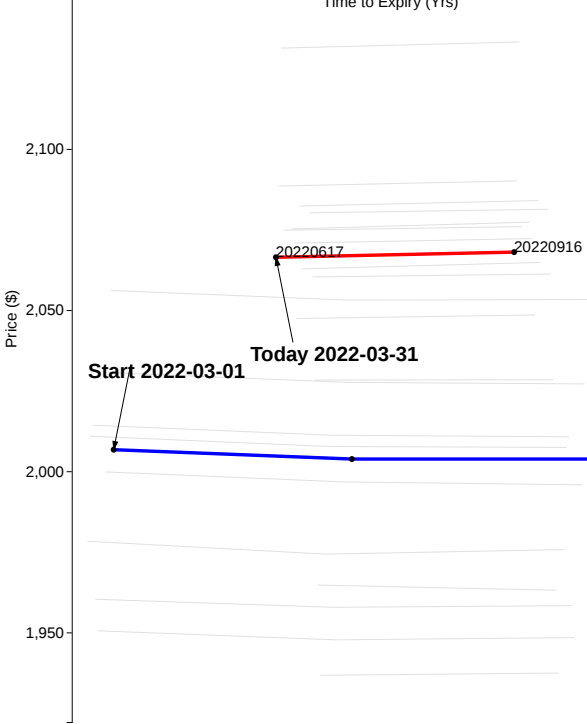
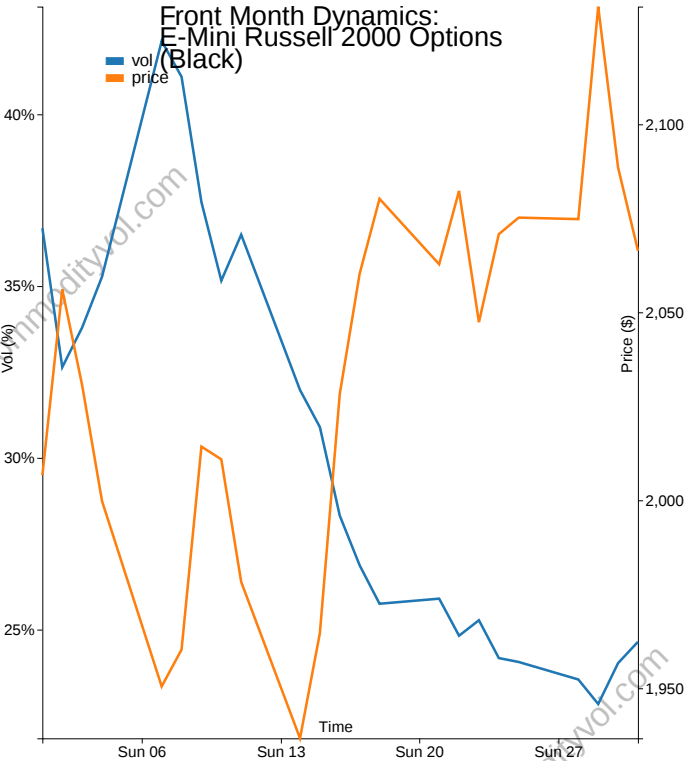
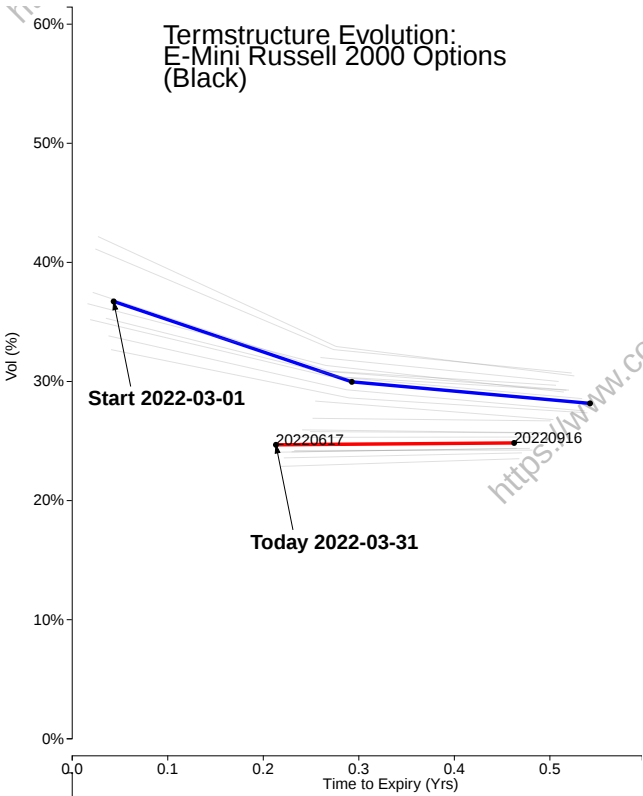
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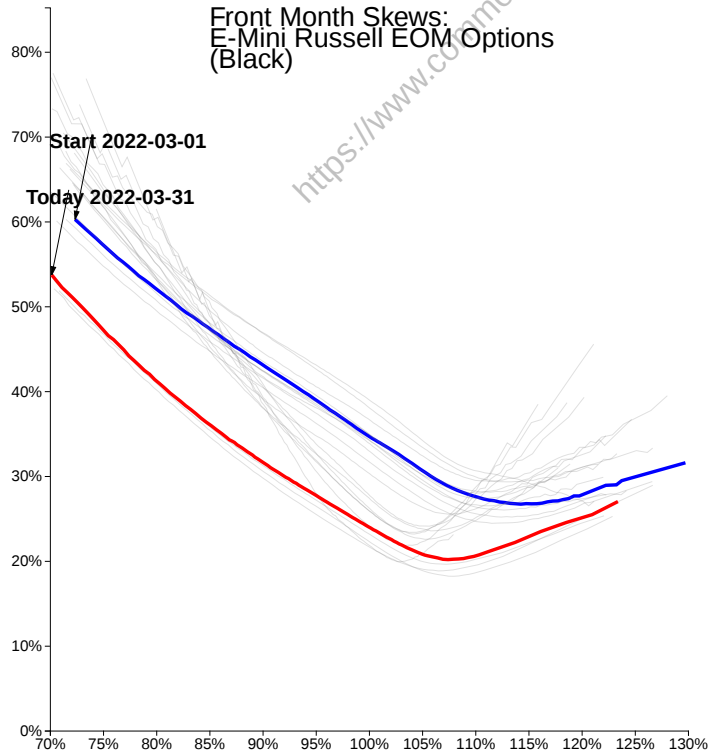
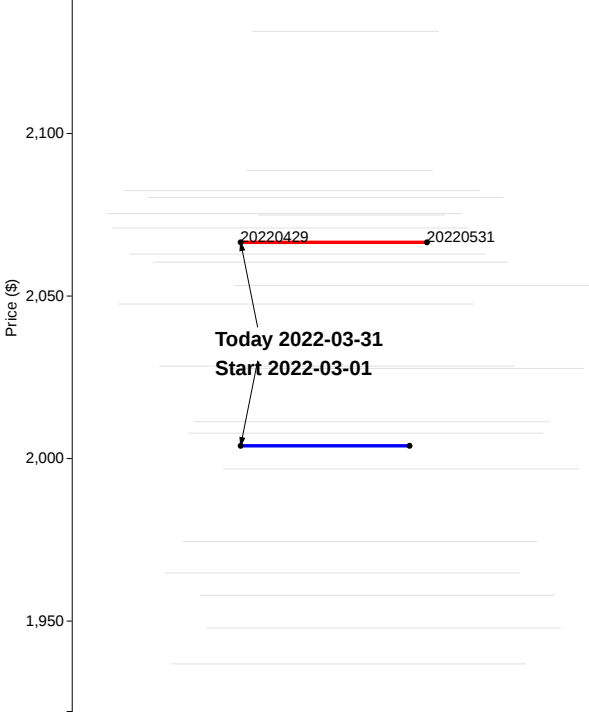
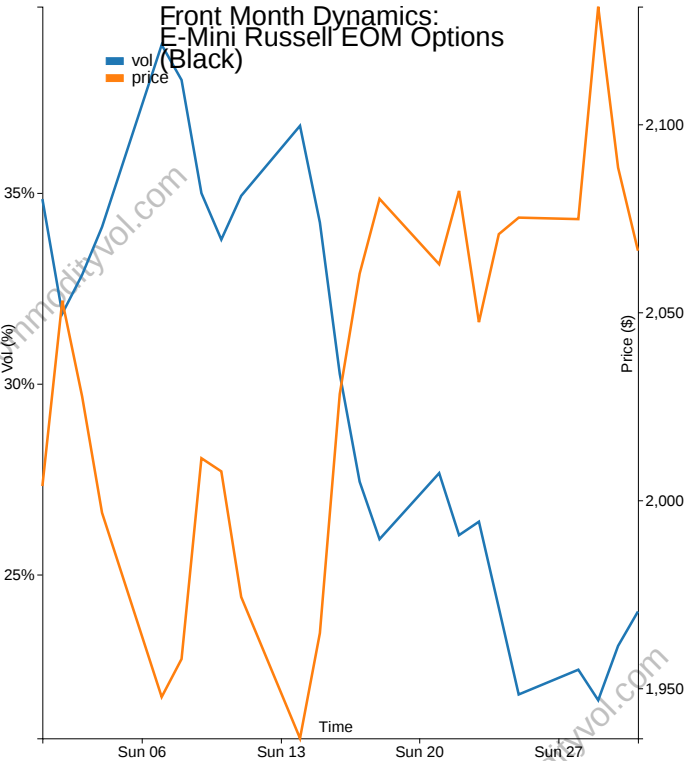
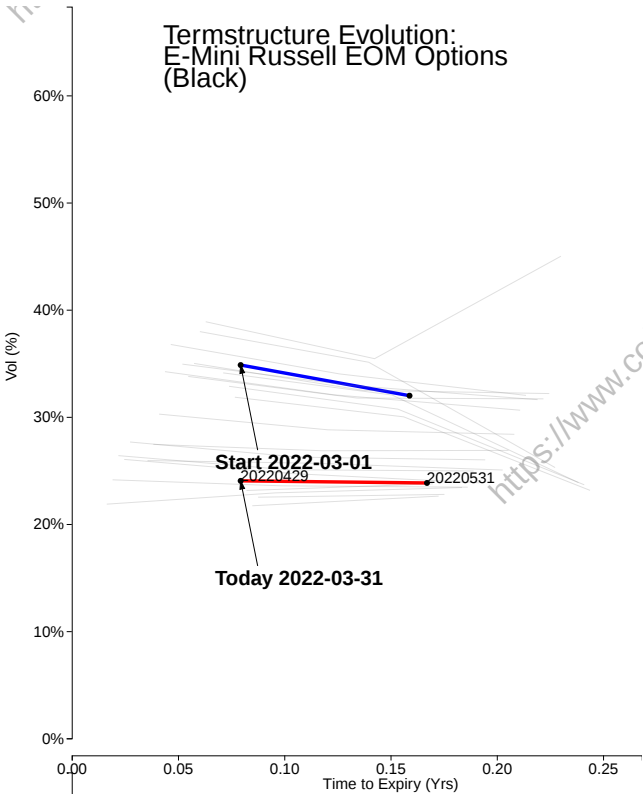
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NYMEX/BZO	Brent Crude Oil Margin	-0.260 [-0.2%]	-0.049 [-7.6%]
NYMEX/BE	Brent Euro Style	-0.260 [-0.2%]	+0.005 [+0.9%]
NYMEX/CVR	Chicago Ethanol(platts) Average Price	-0.045 [-1.8%]	+0.070 [+39.7%]
NYMEX/LO	Crude Oil	-3.130 [-3.0%]	-0.051 [-7.5%]
NYMEX/TFO	Dutch TTF Natural Gas	+4.232 [+3.5%]	-0.190 [-8.8%]
NYMEX/LN	European Natural Gas	+1.069 [+23.4%]	+0.020 [+3.6%]
NYMEX/E7	Henry Hub Financial Last Day	+1.069 [+23.4%]	+0.041 [+7.6%]
NYMEX/ON	Natural Gas	+1.069 [+23.4%]	+0.018 [+3.4%]
NYMEX/OH	NY Harbor ULSD	+0.210 [+6.7%]	+0.218 [+38.5%]
NYMEX/OB	RBOB	+0.062 [+2.0%]	+0.164 [+32.8%]

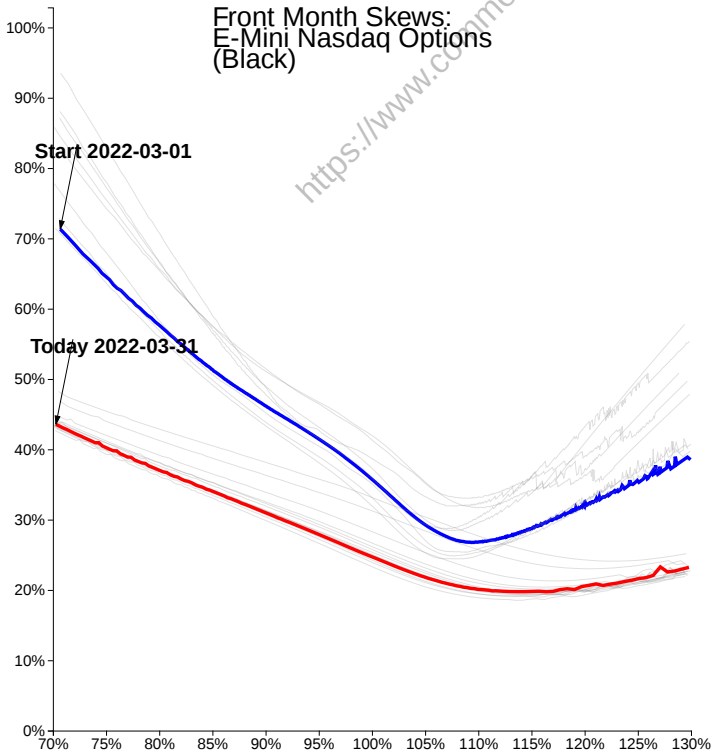
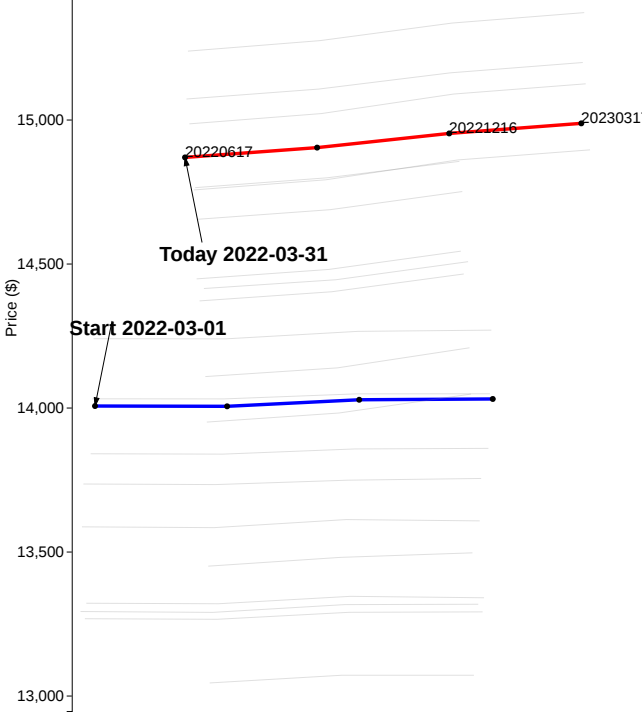
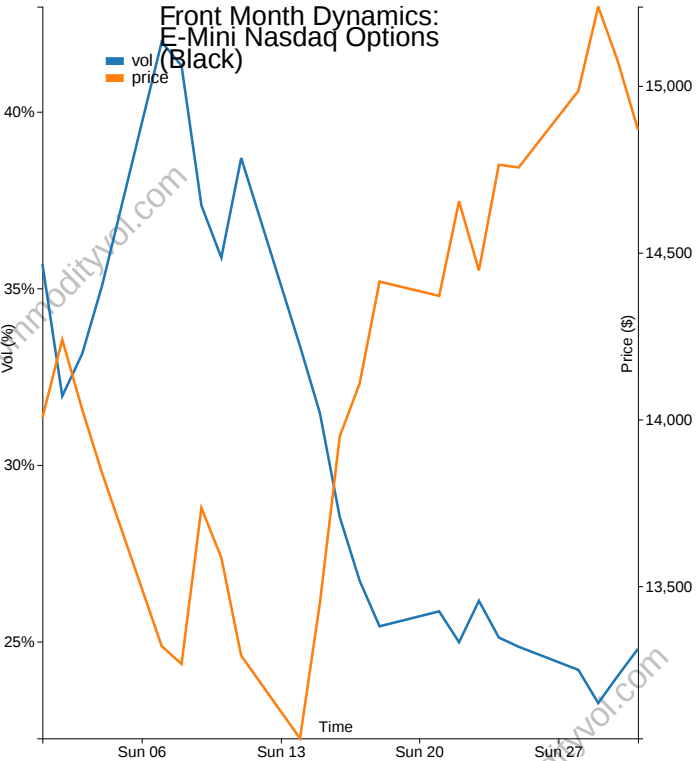
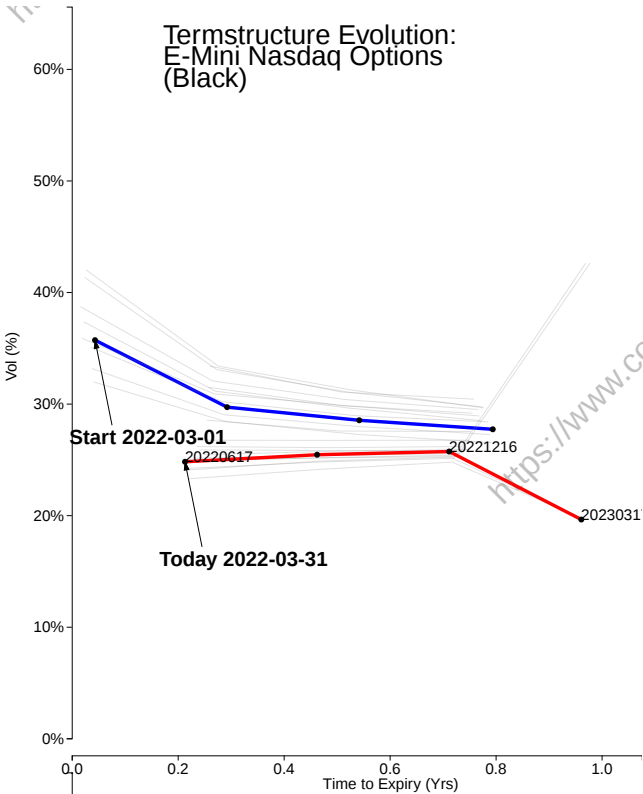
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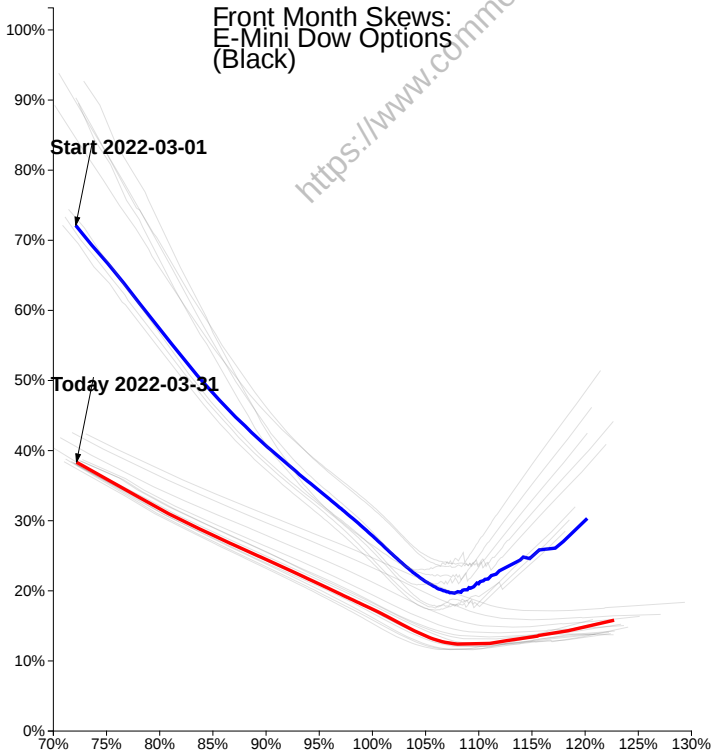
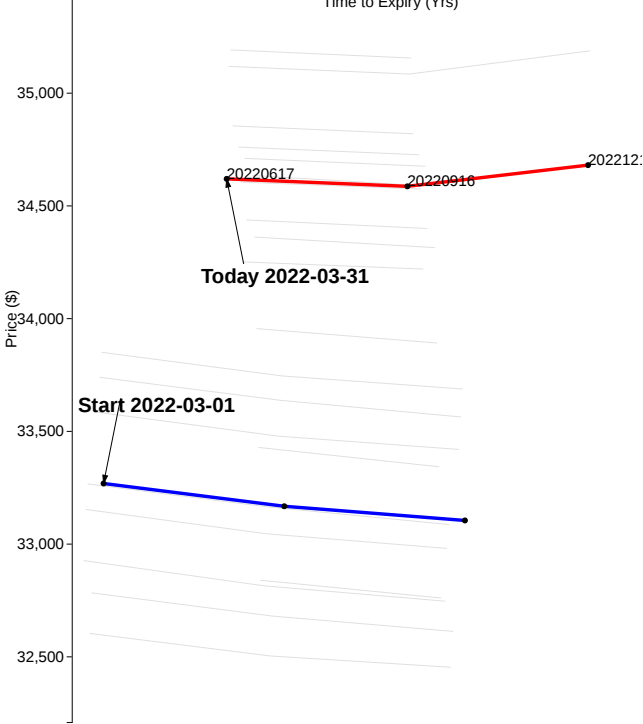
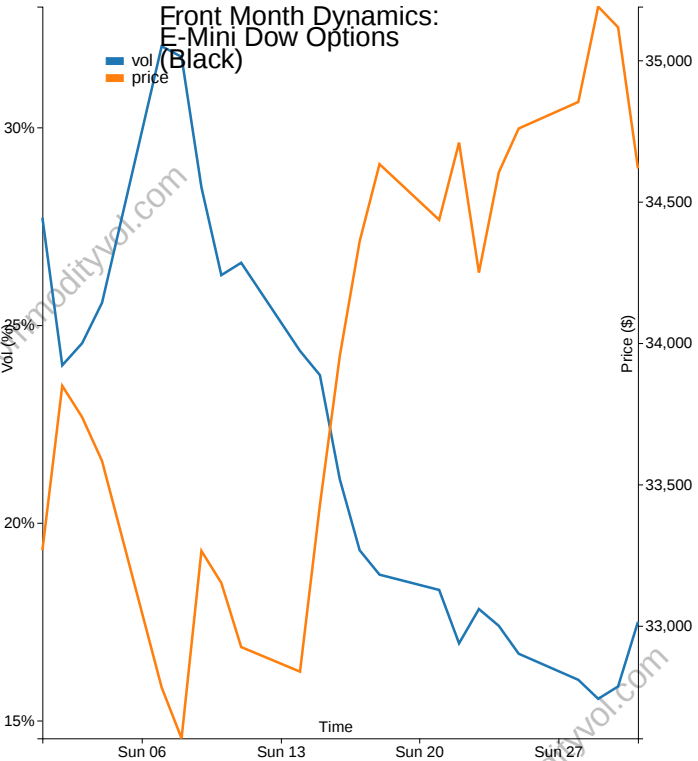
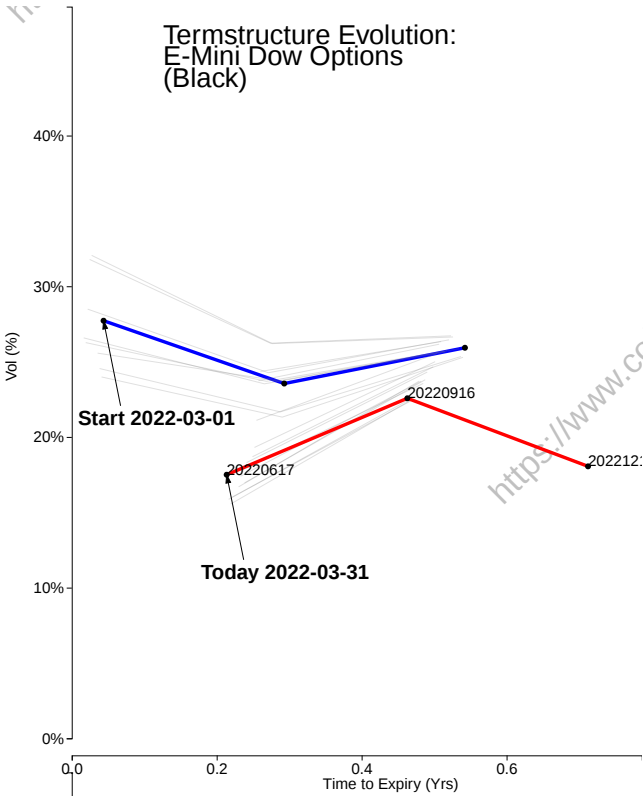
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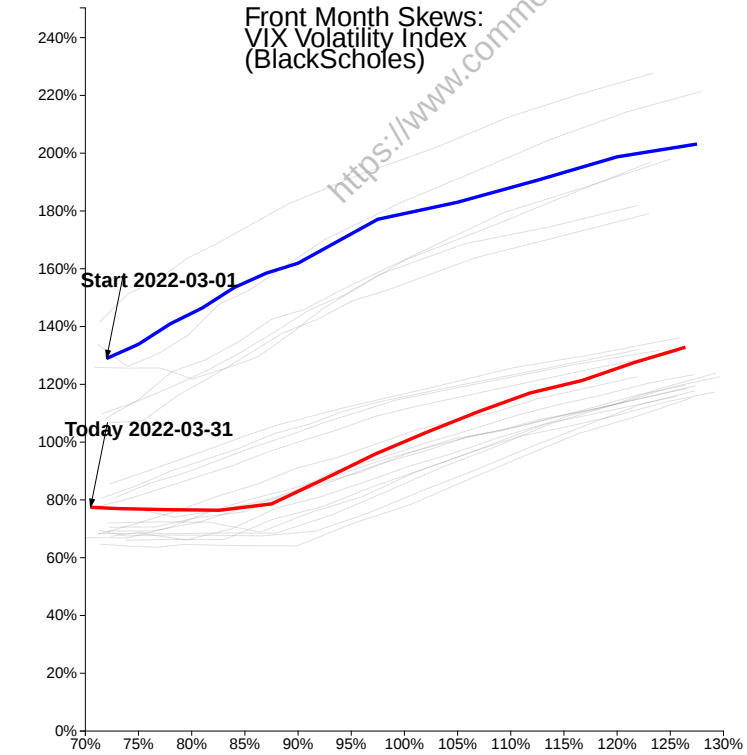
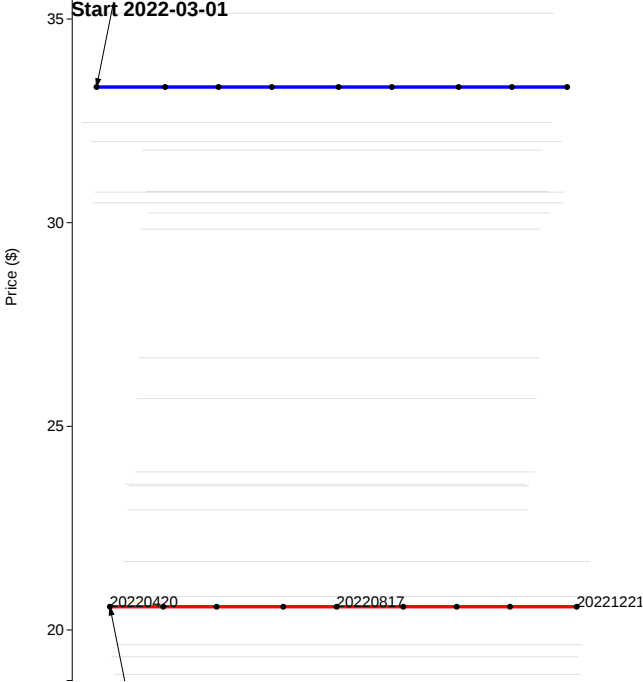
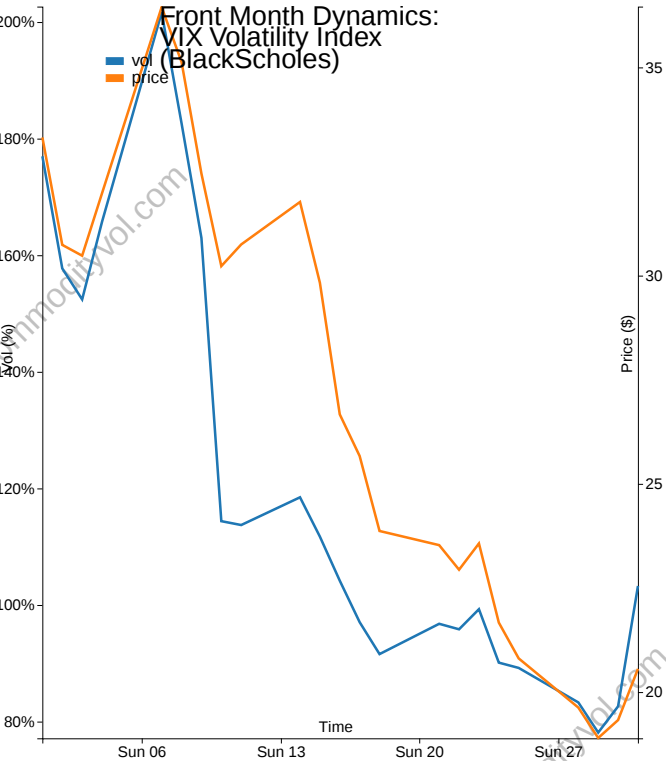
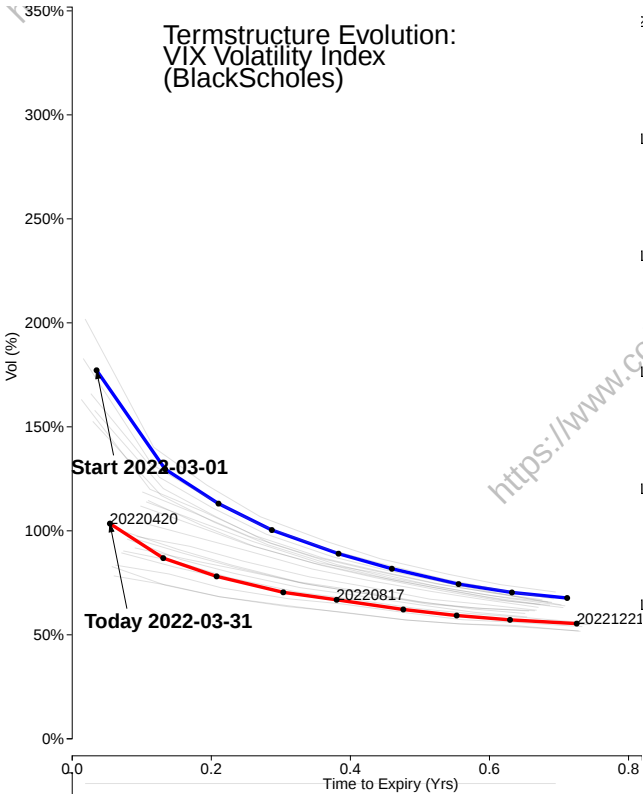




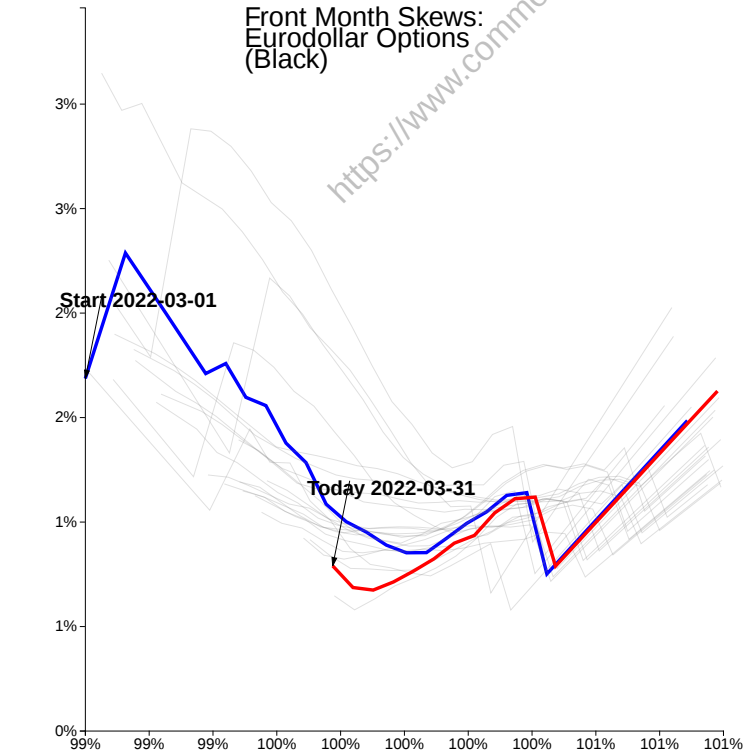
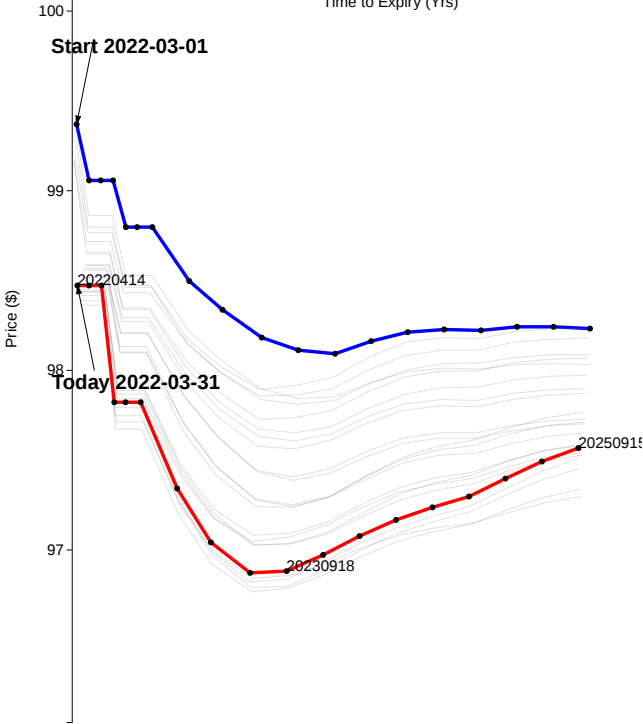
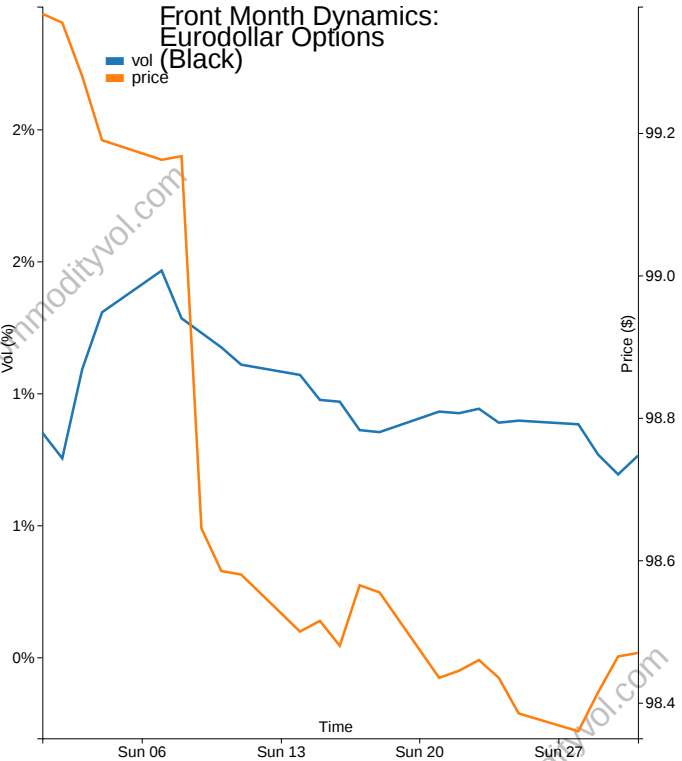
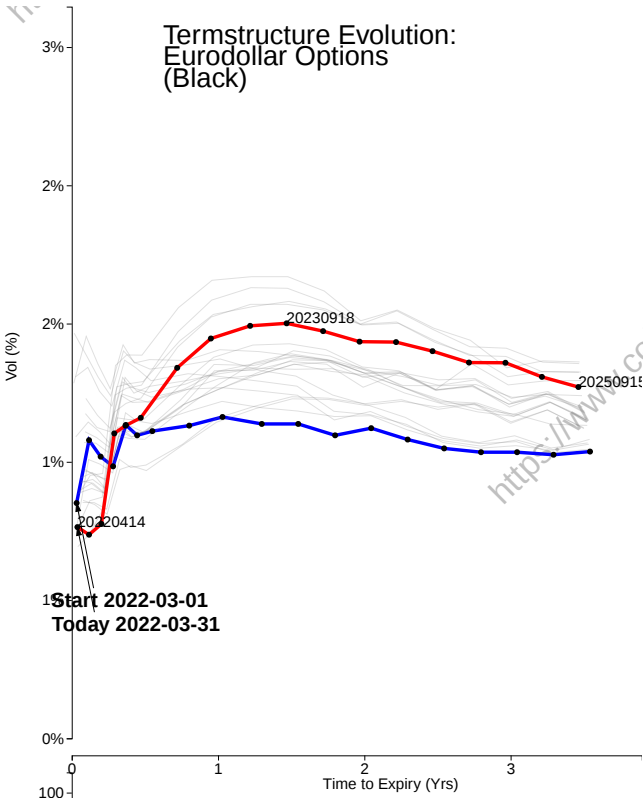


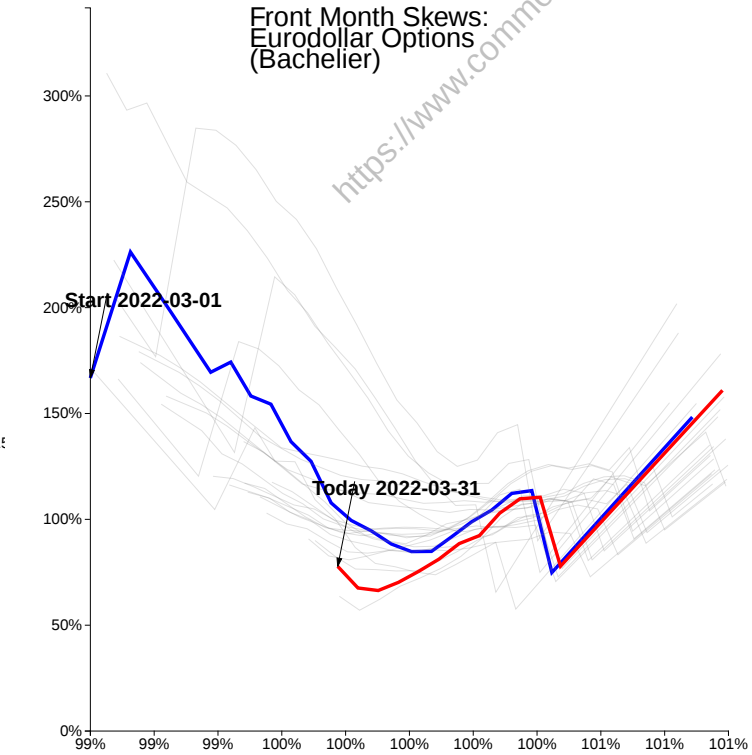
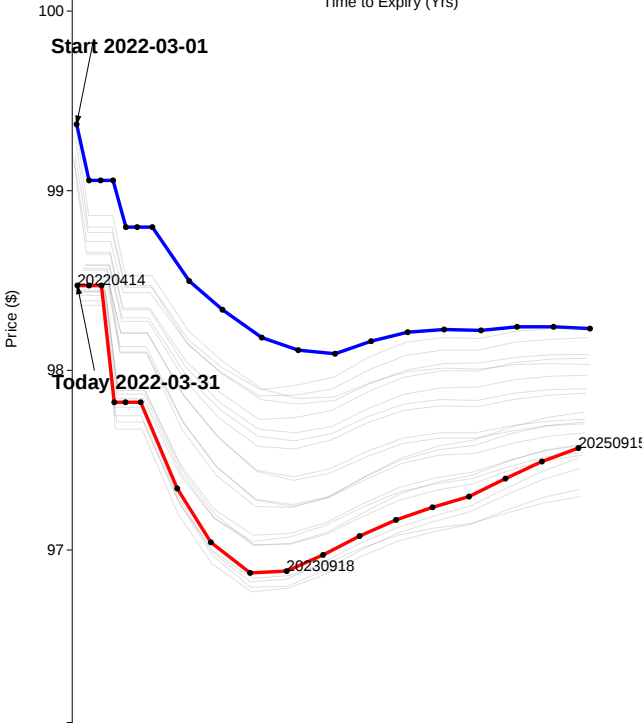
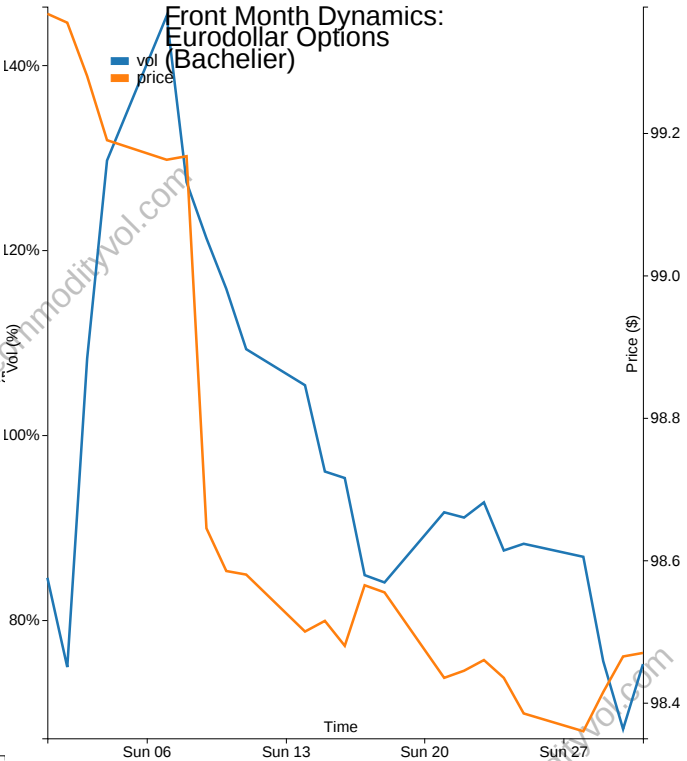
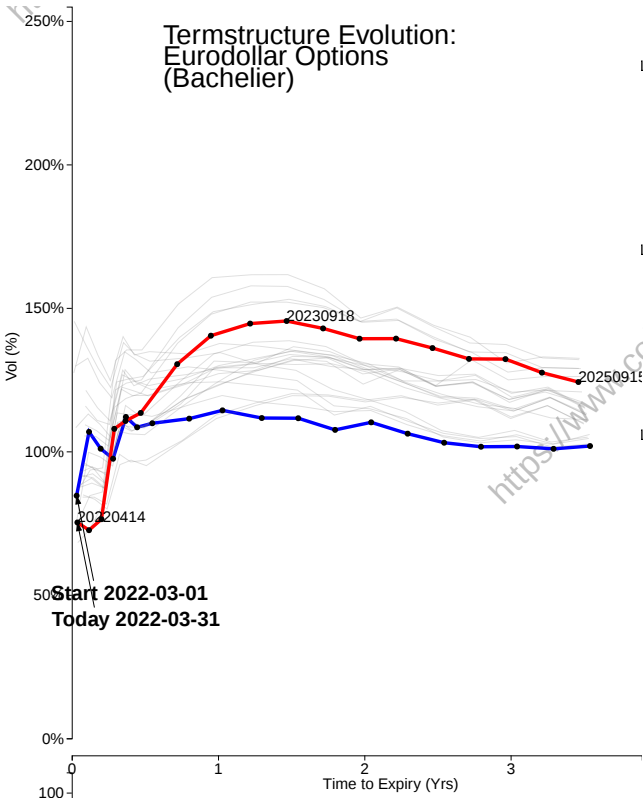


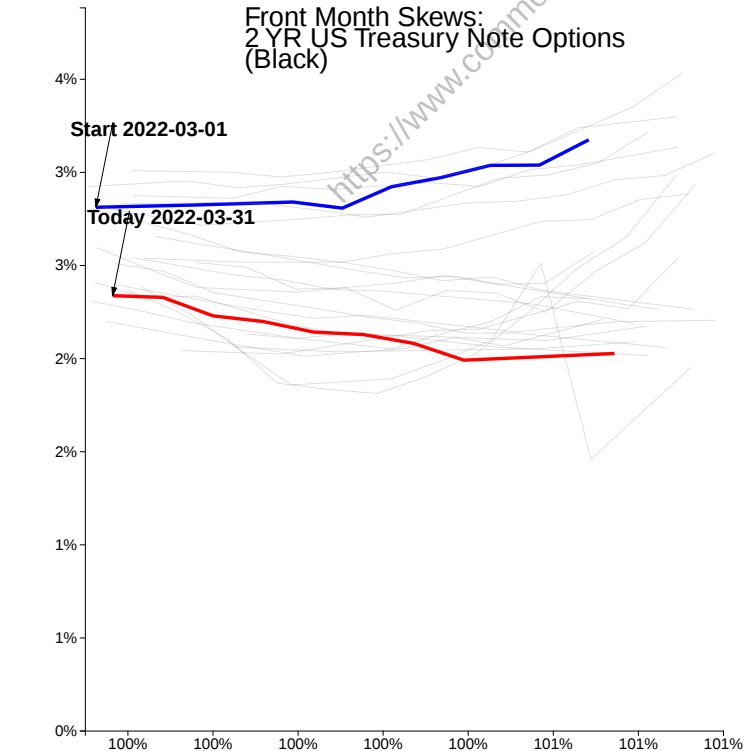
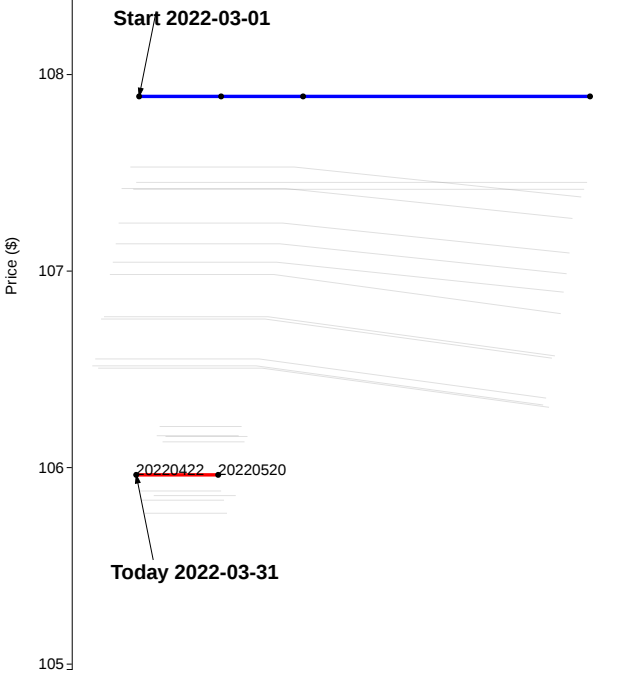
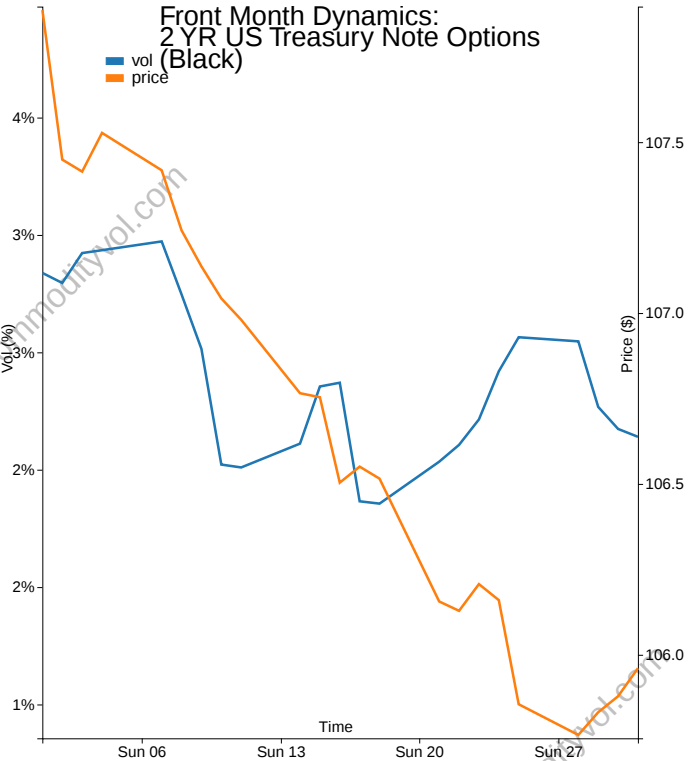
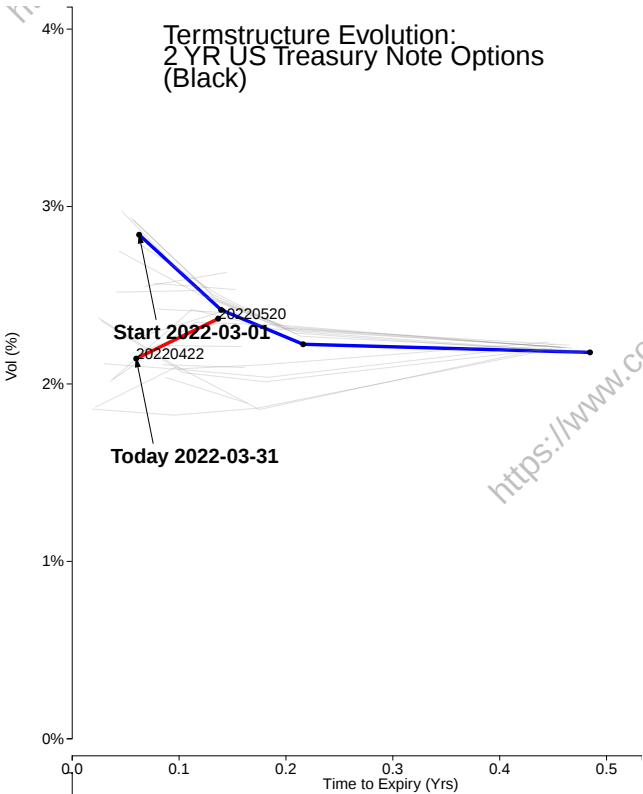


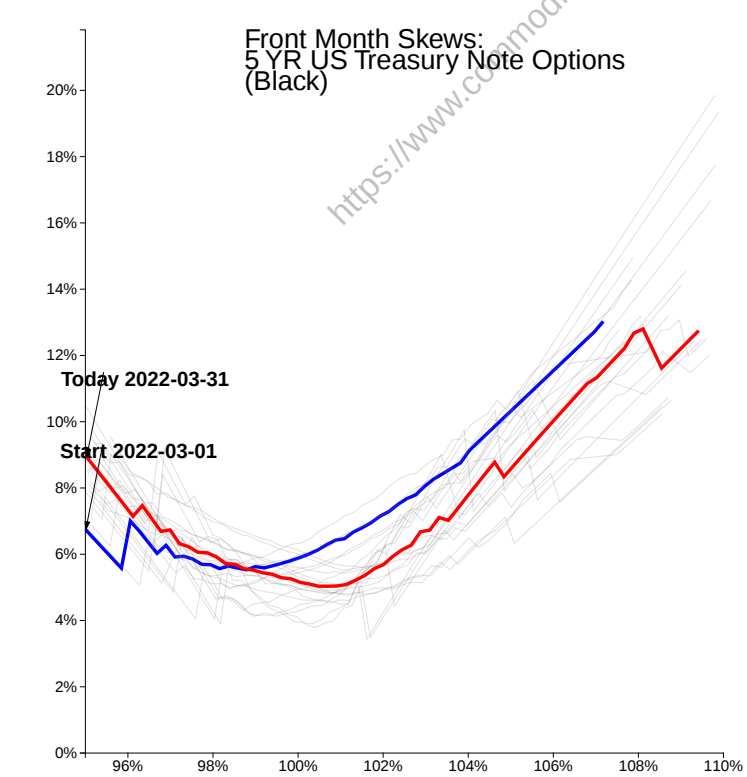
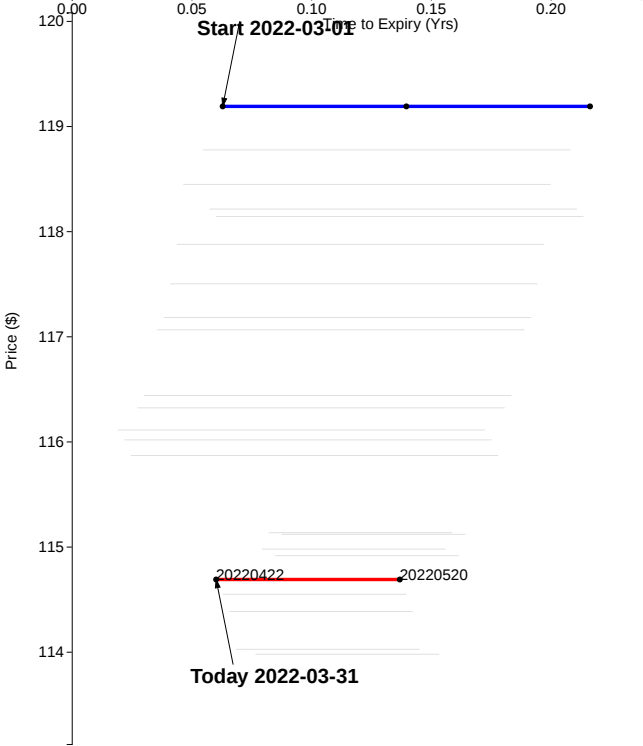
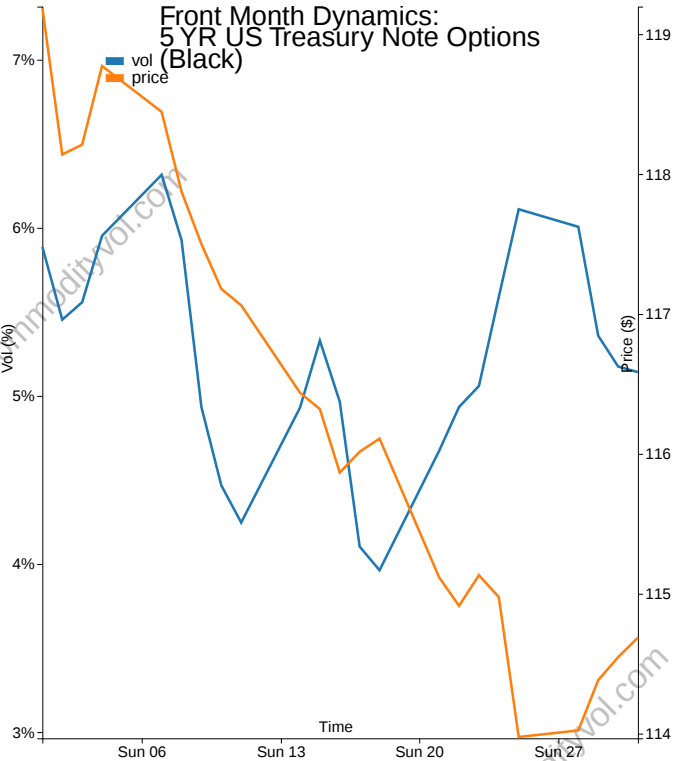
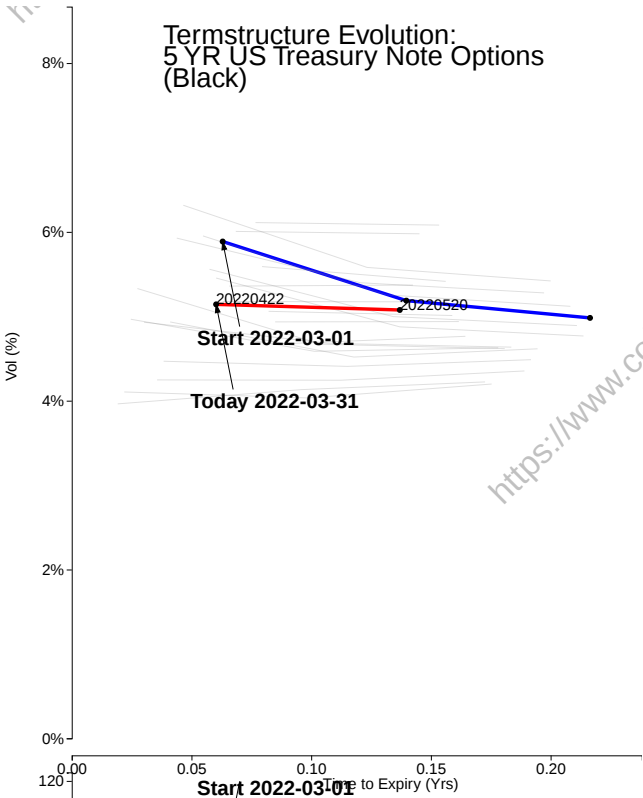


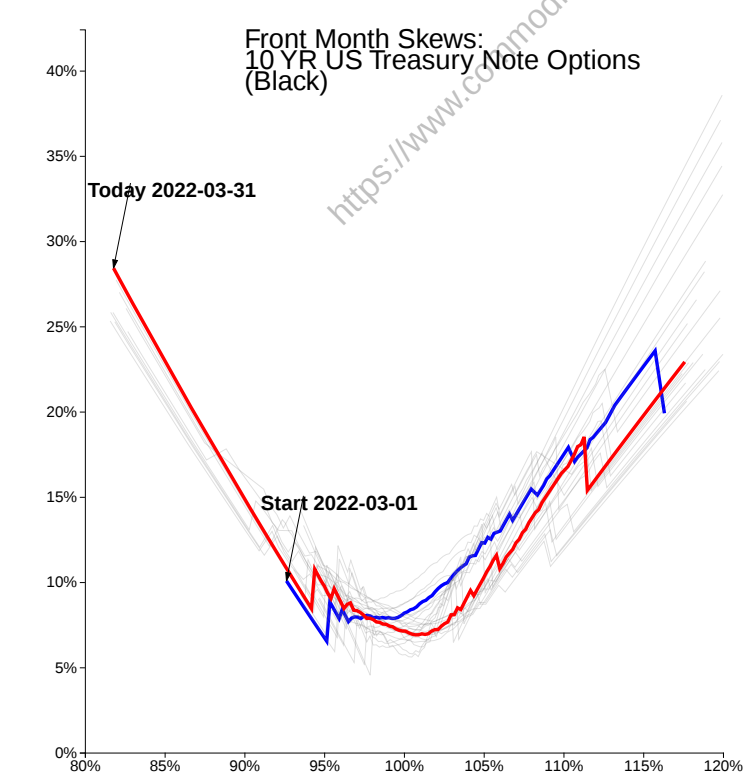
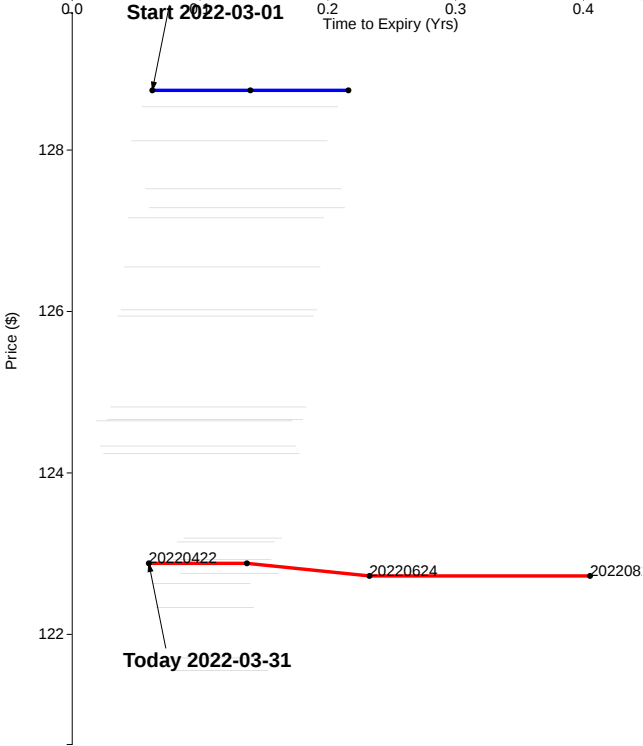
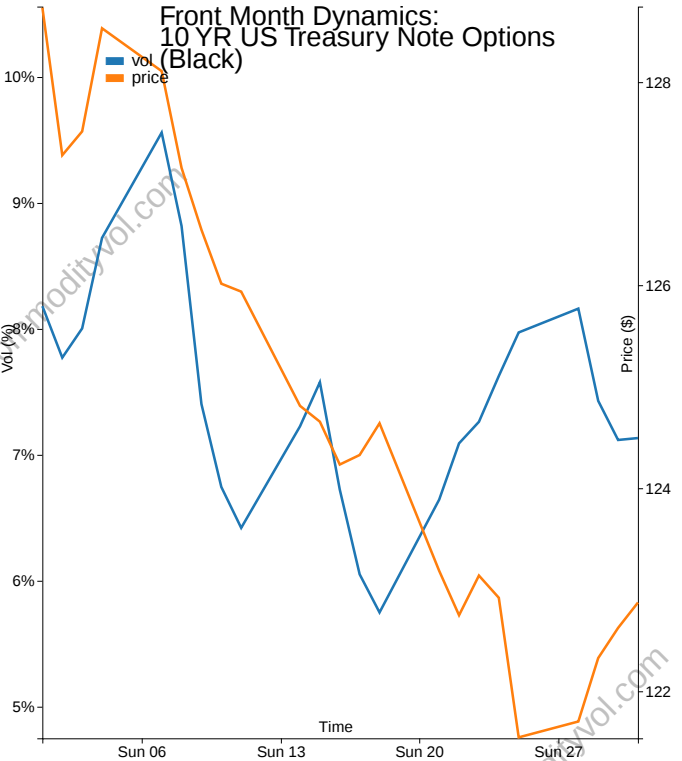
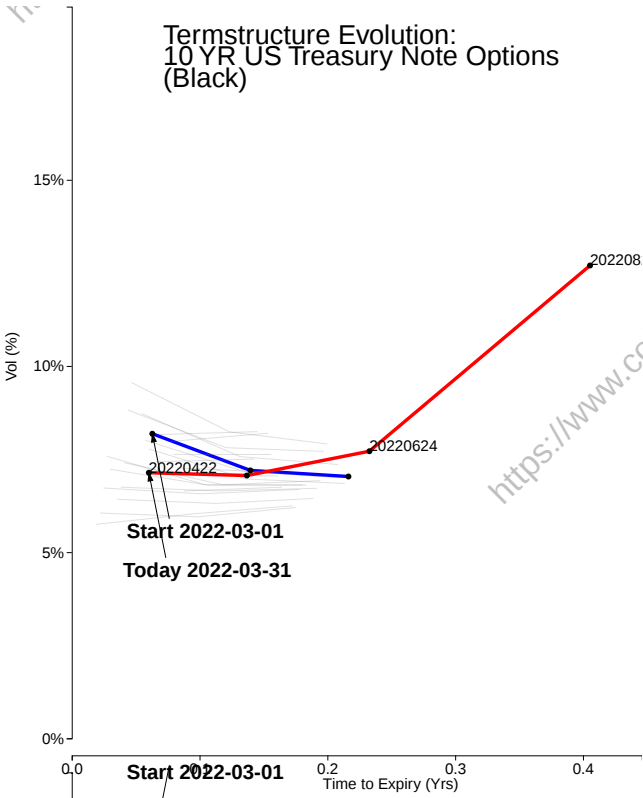
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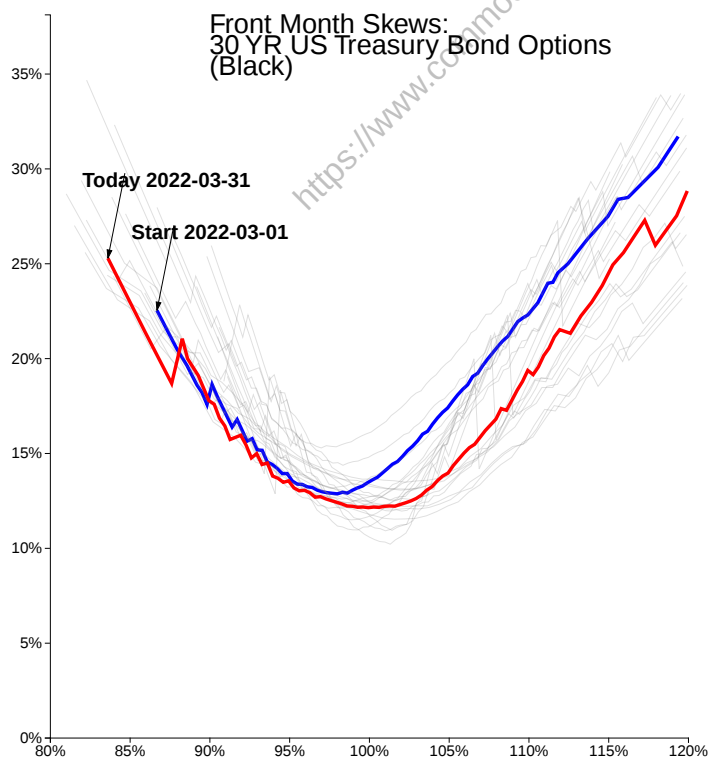
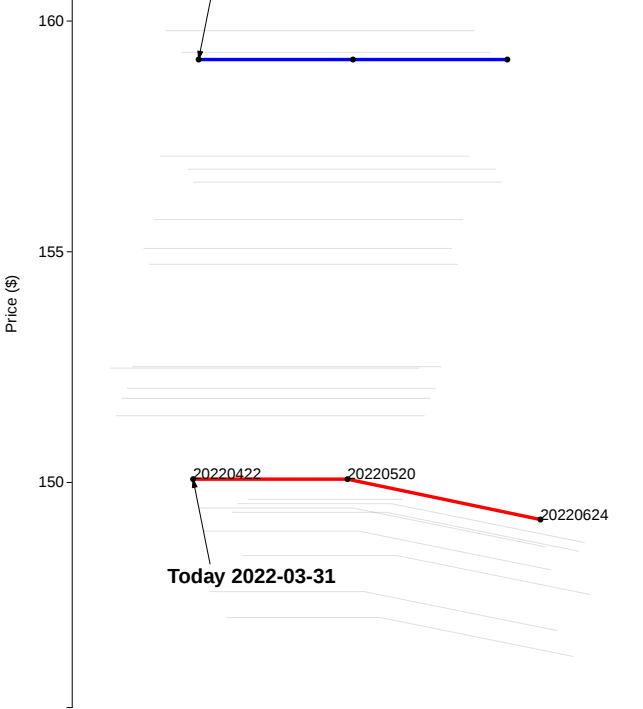
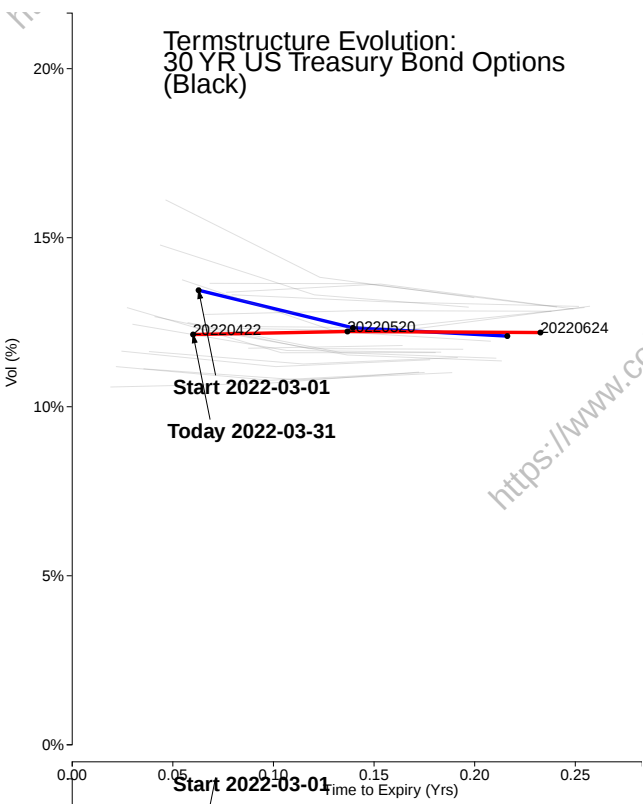


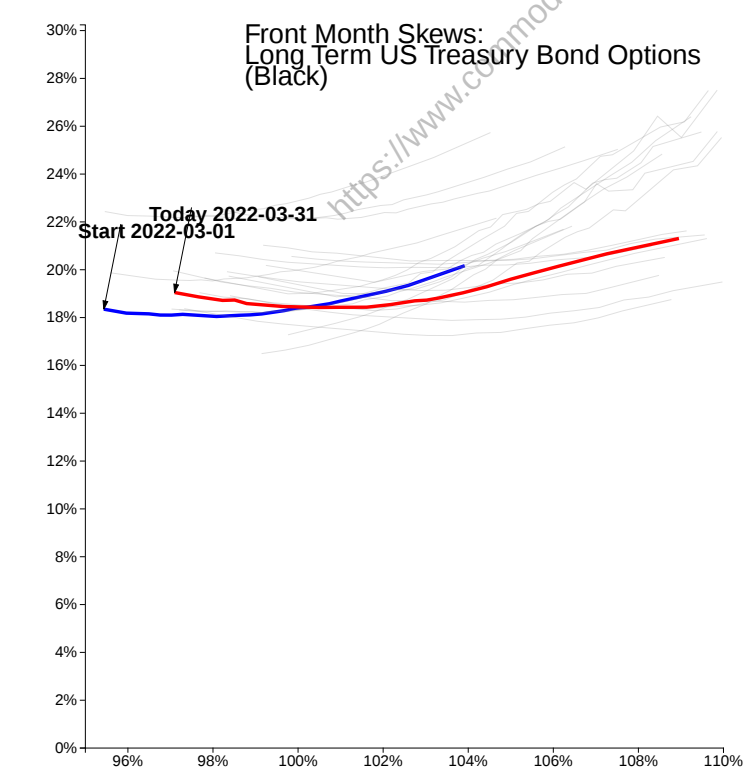
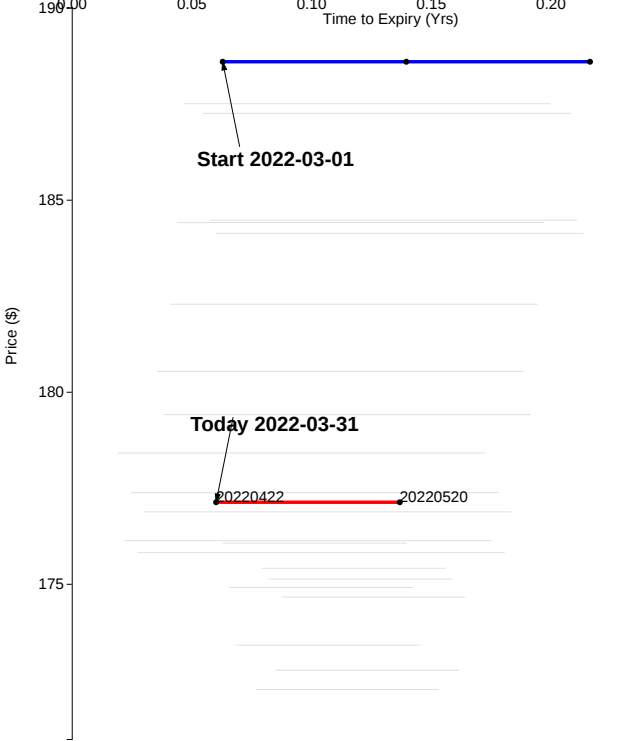
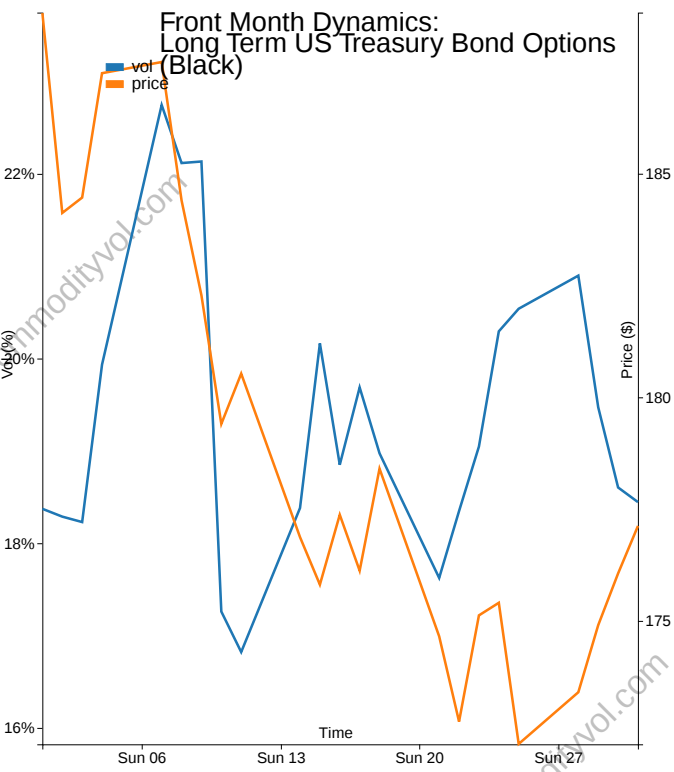
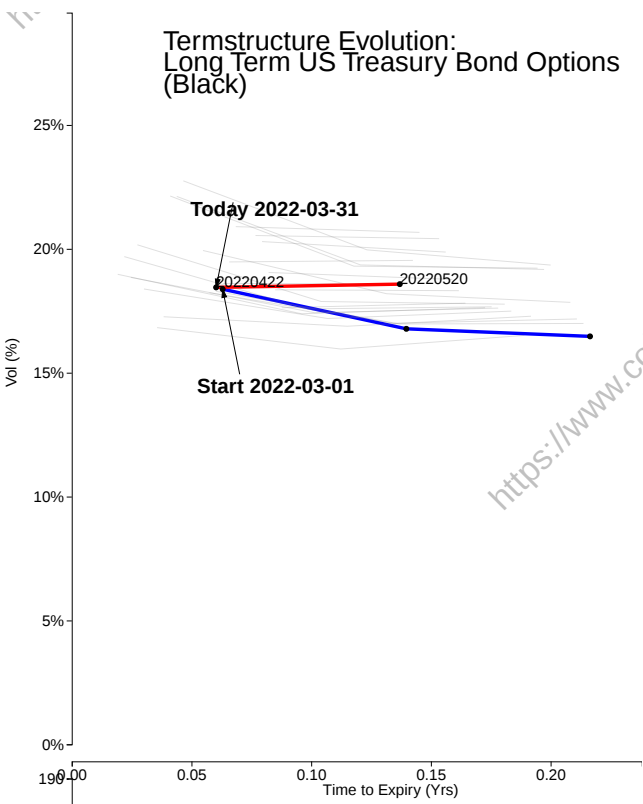




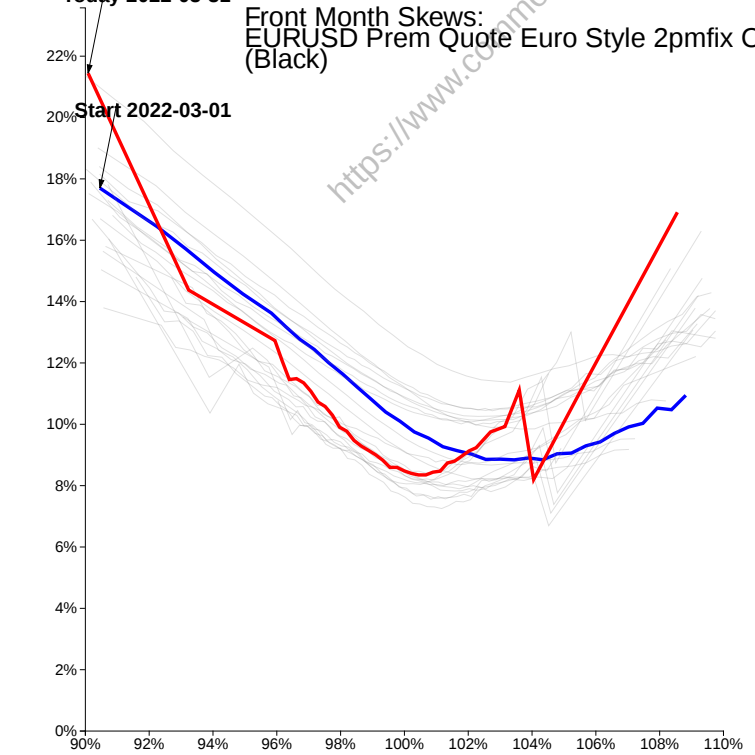
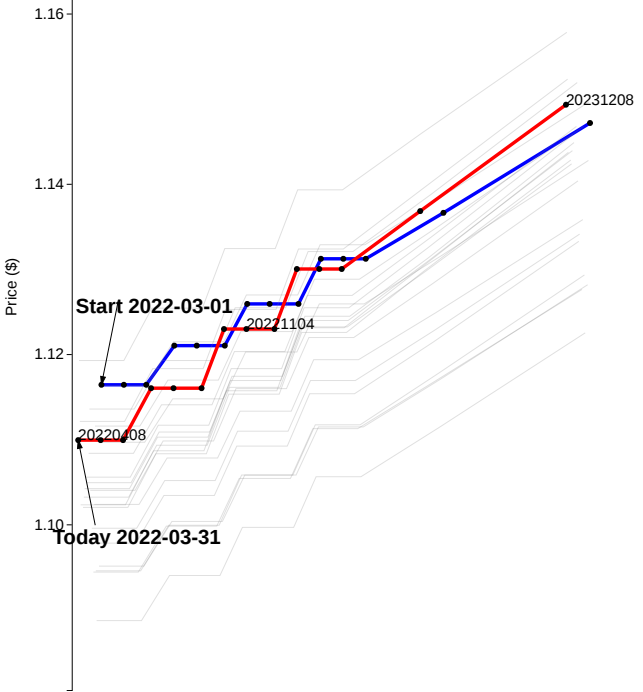
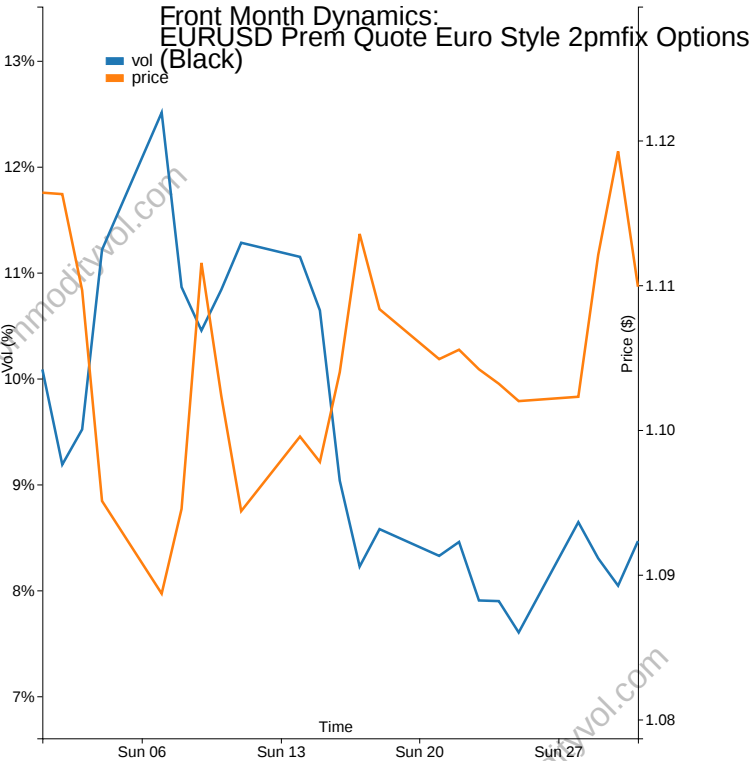
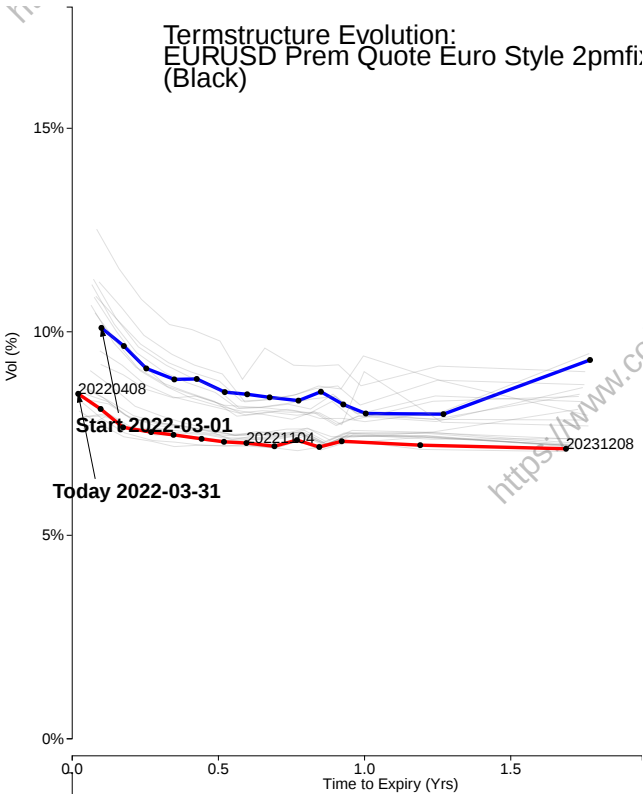


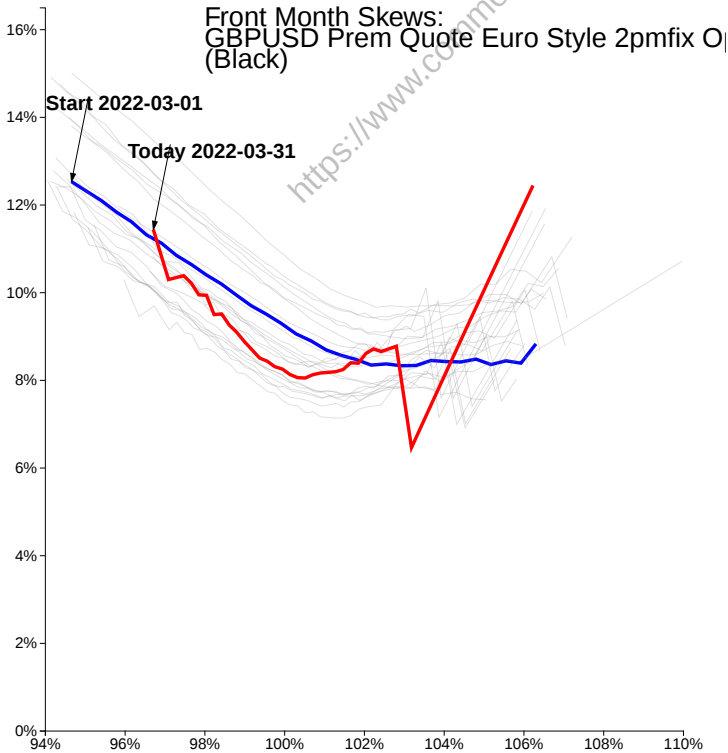
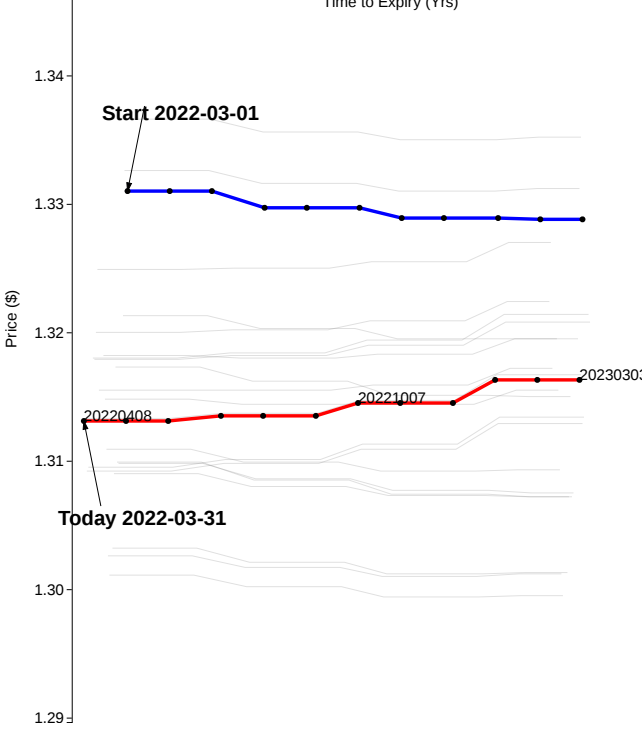
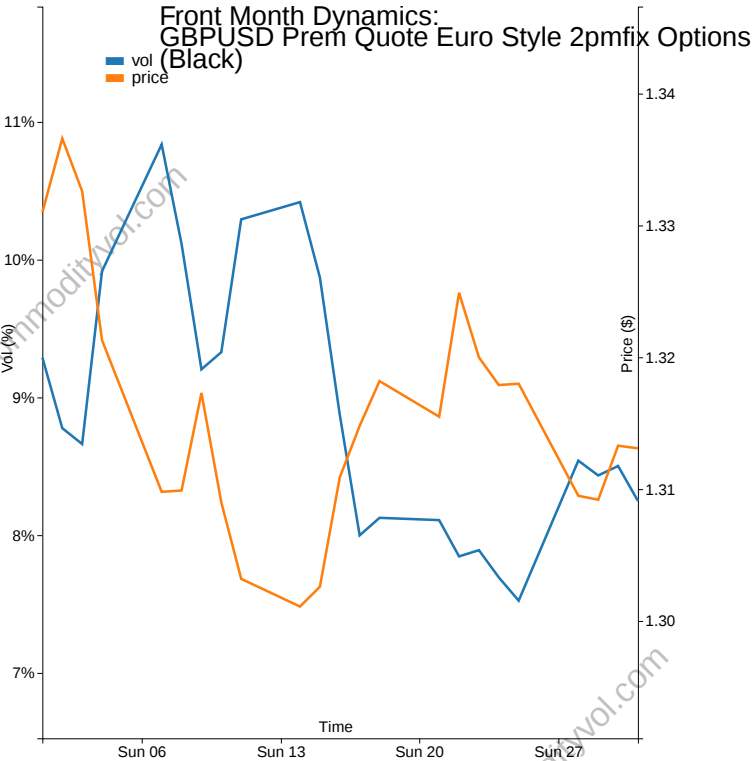
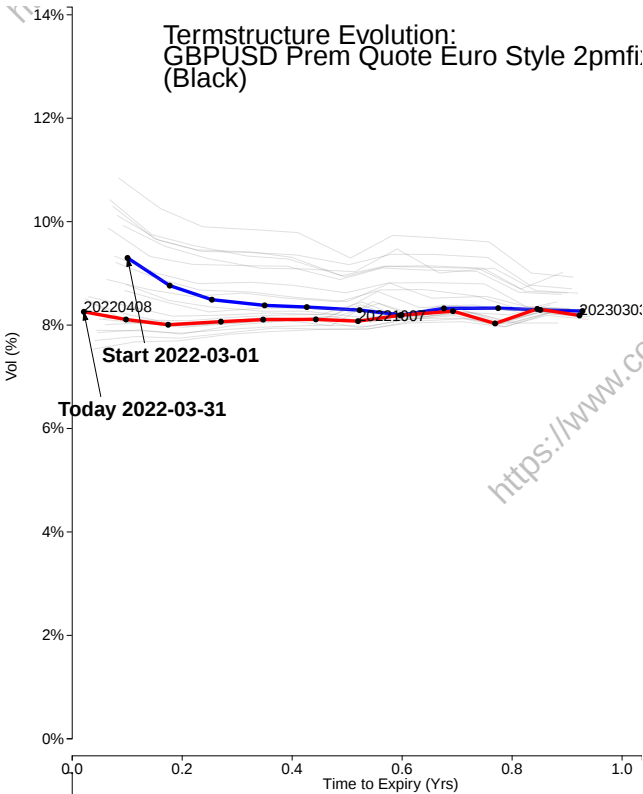


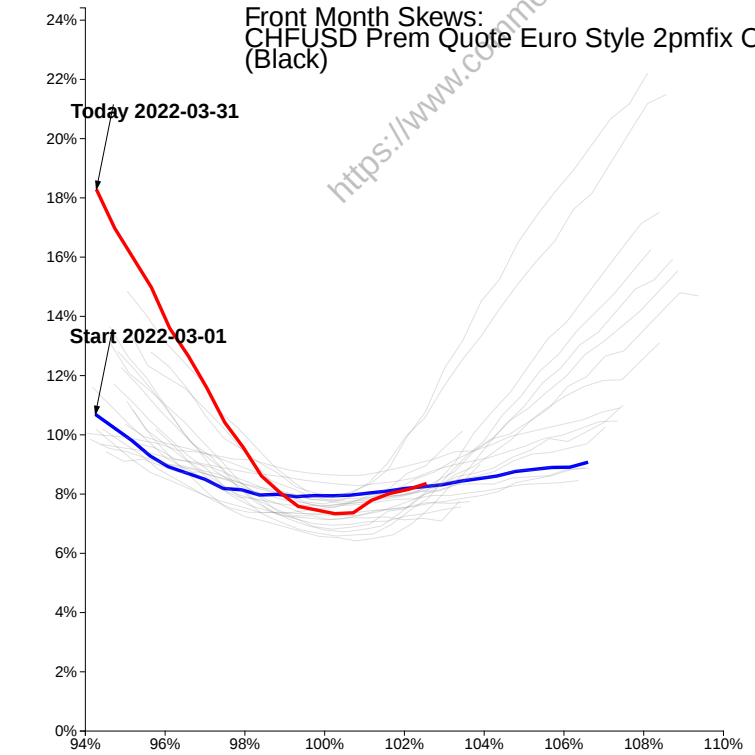
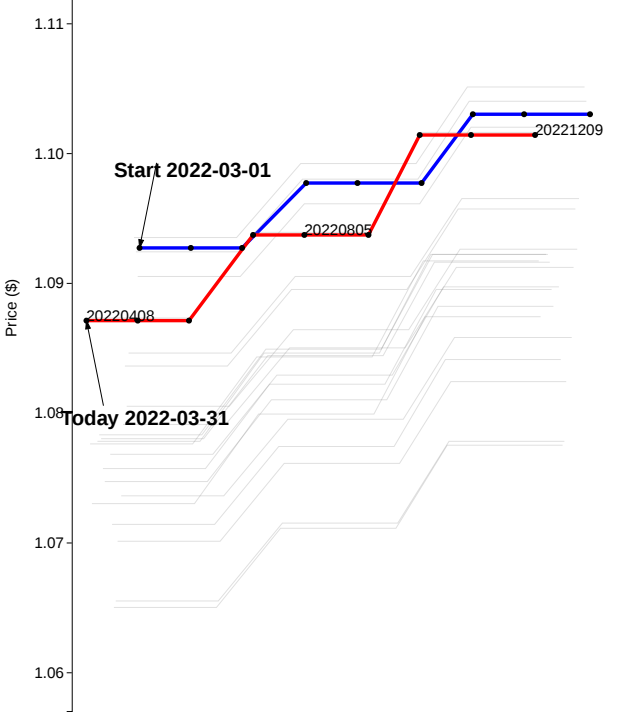
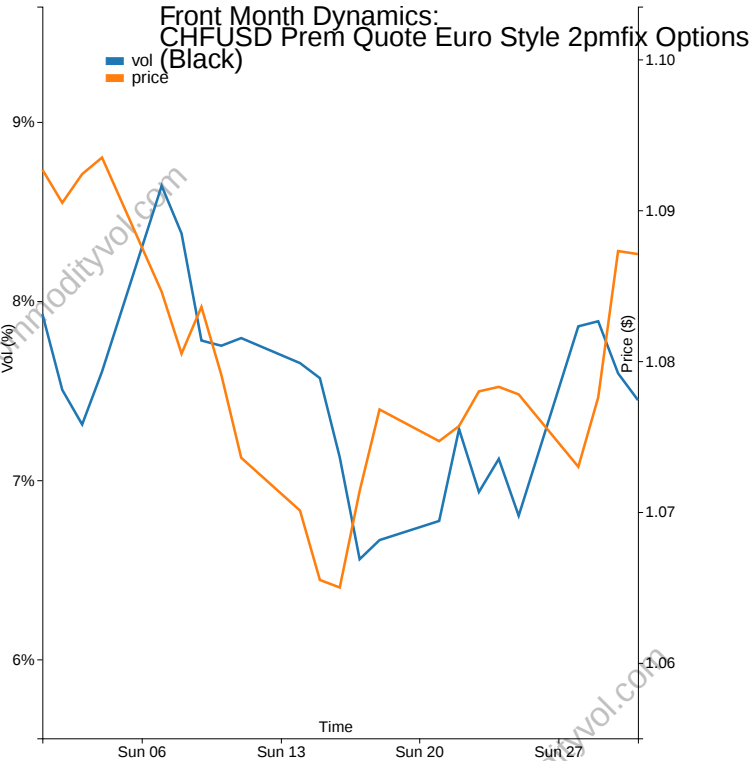
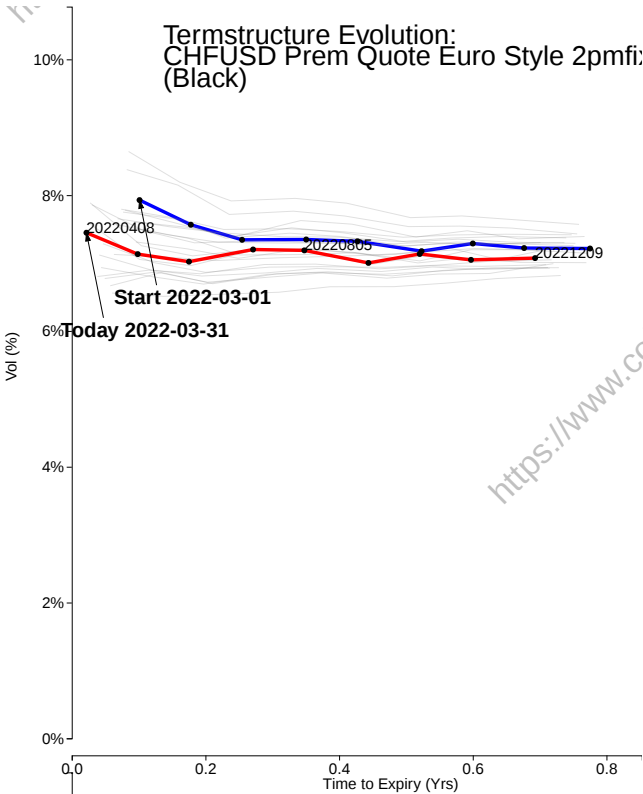


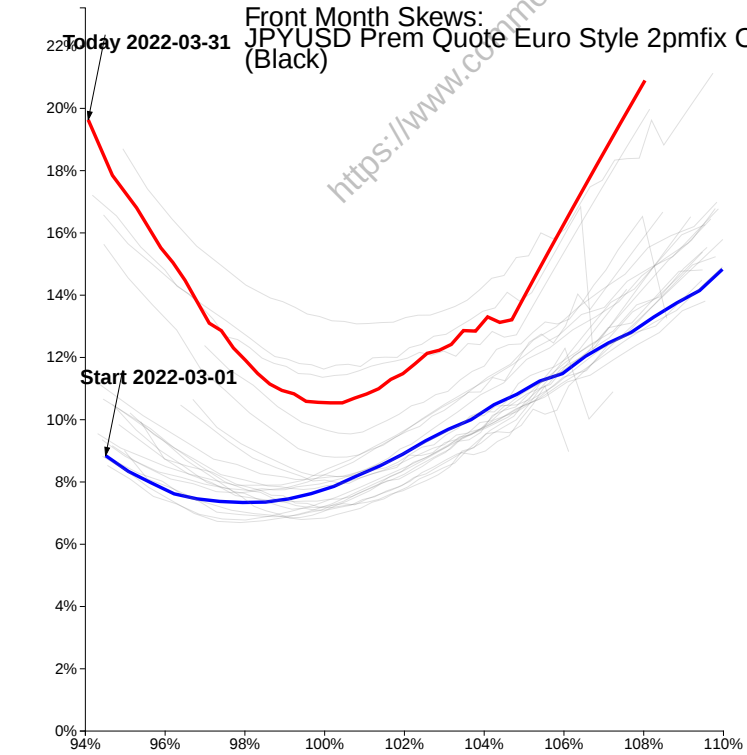
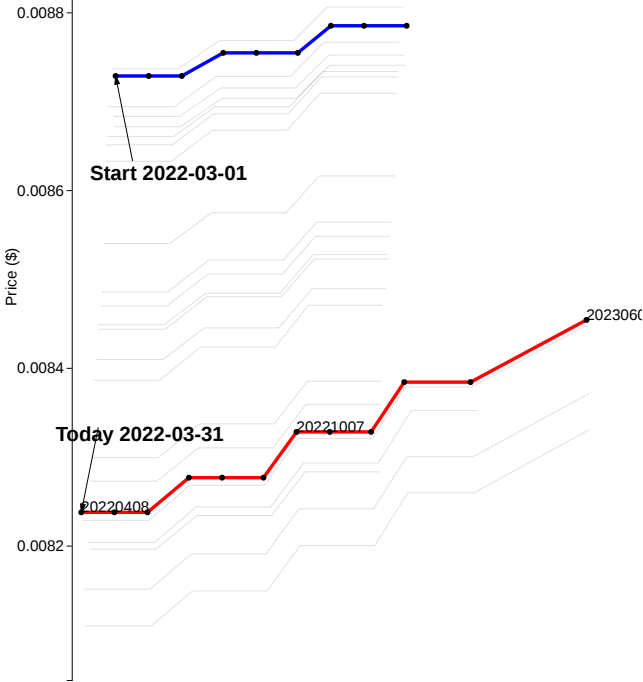
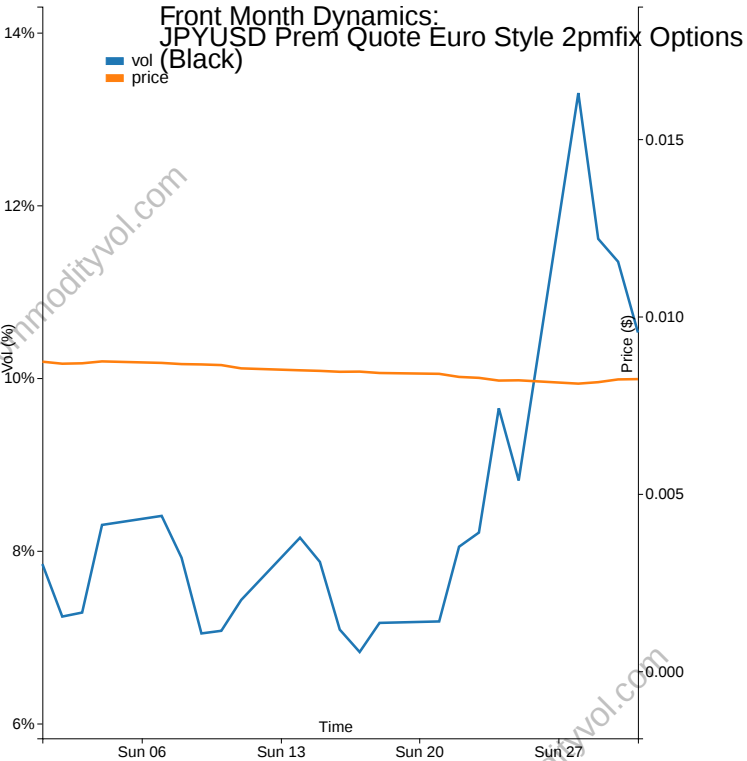
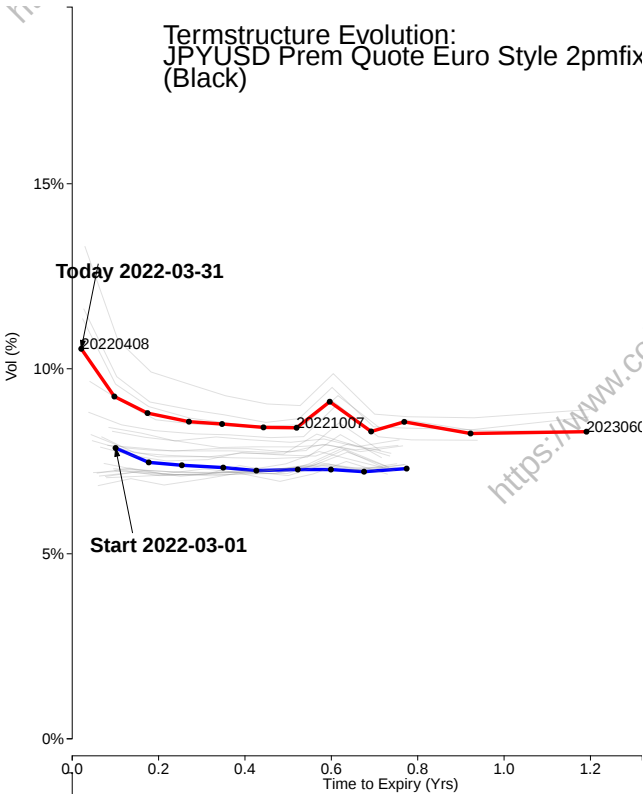


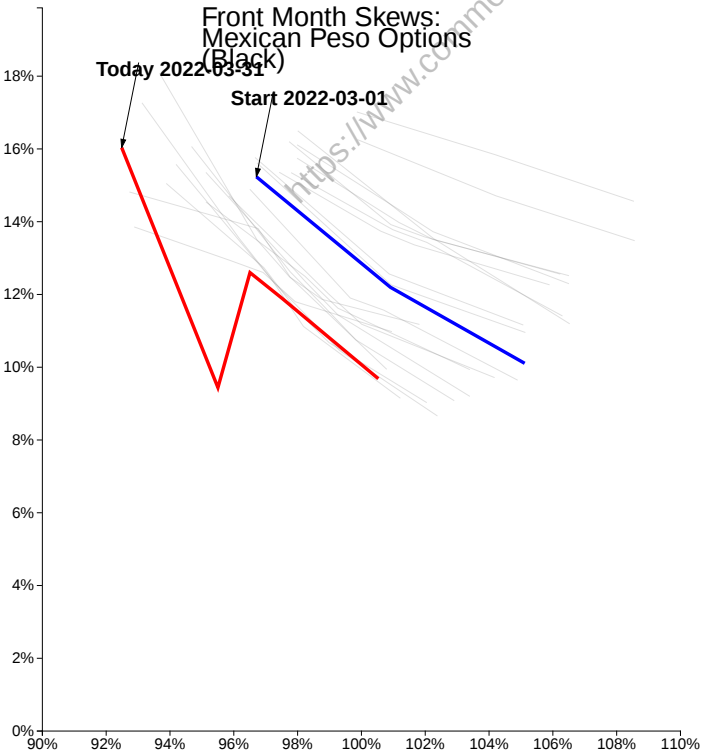
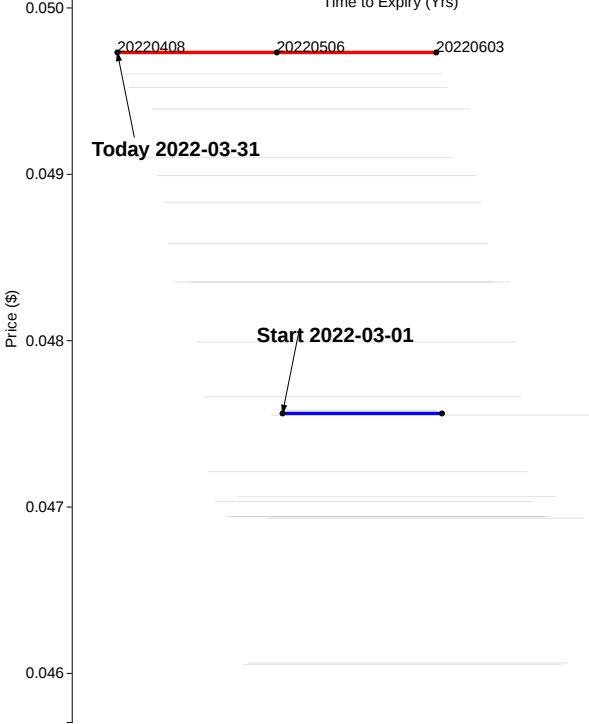
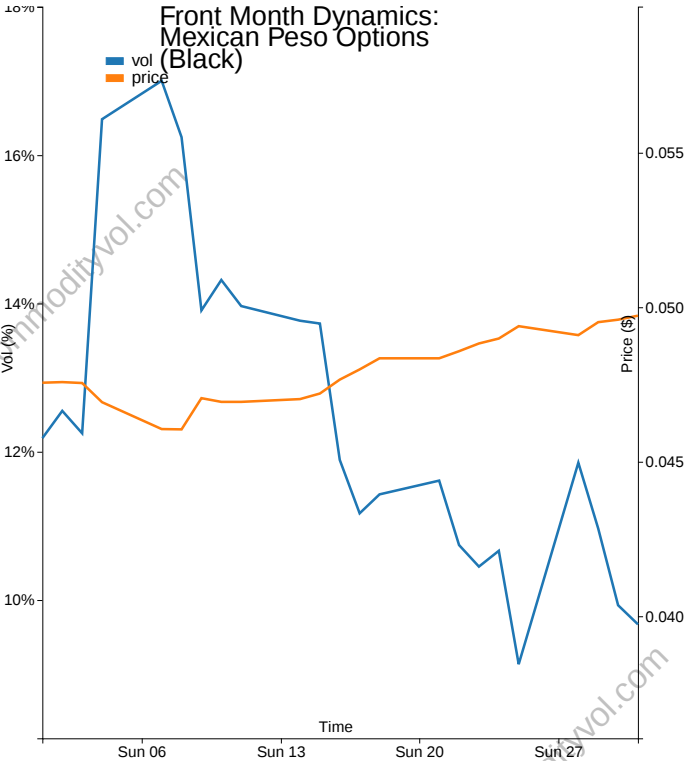
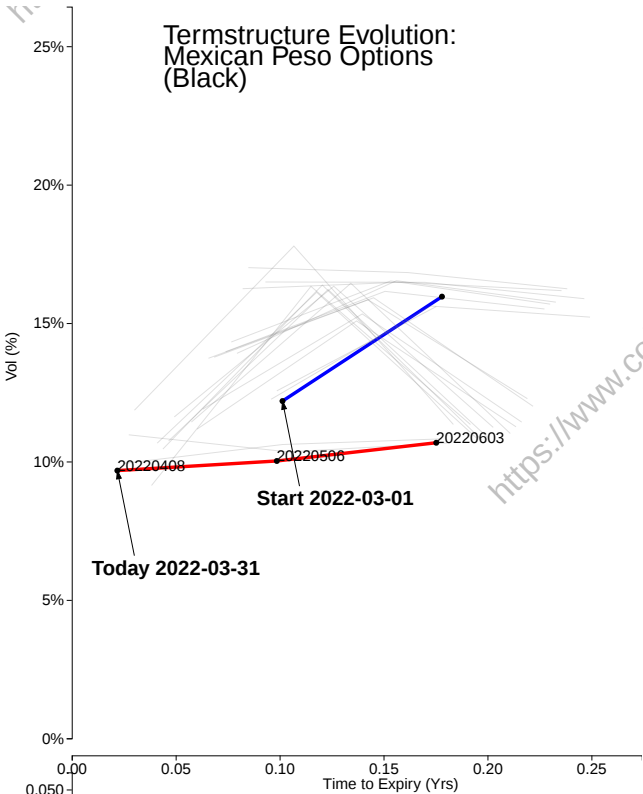
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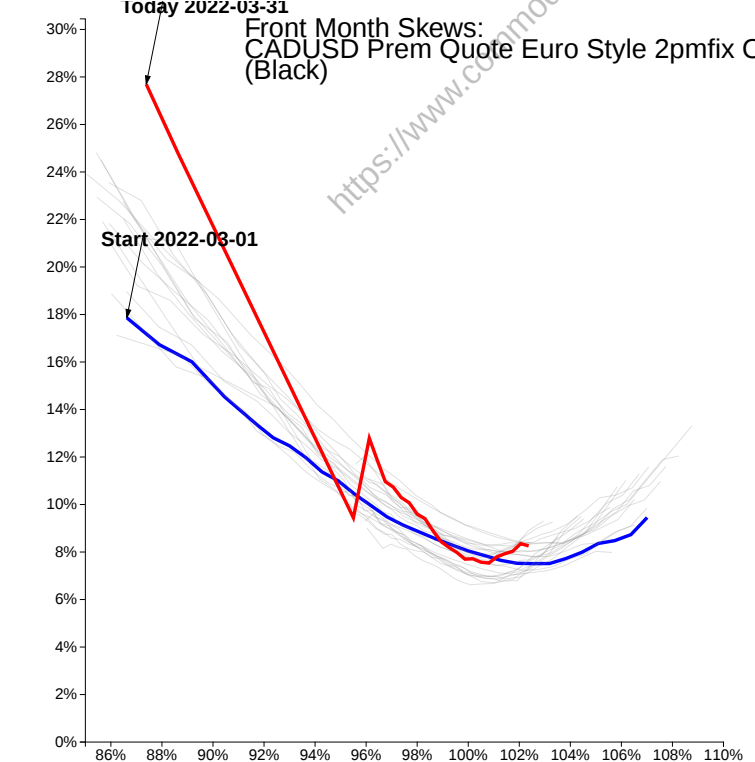
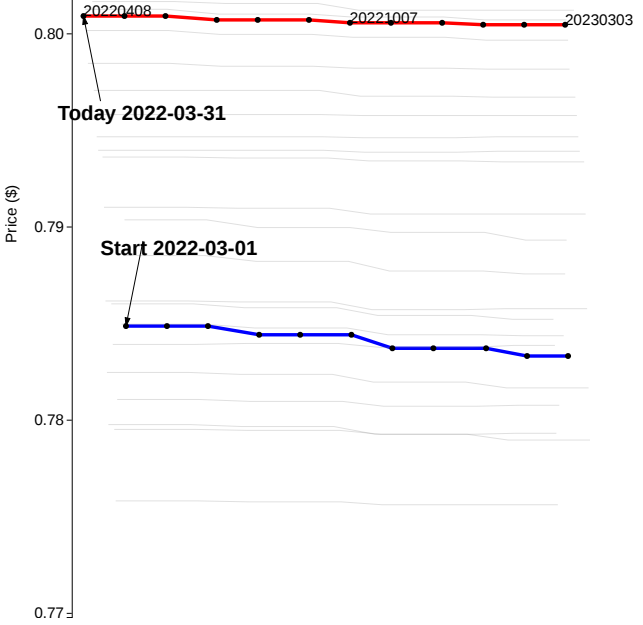
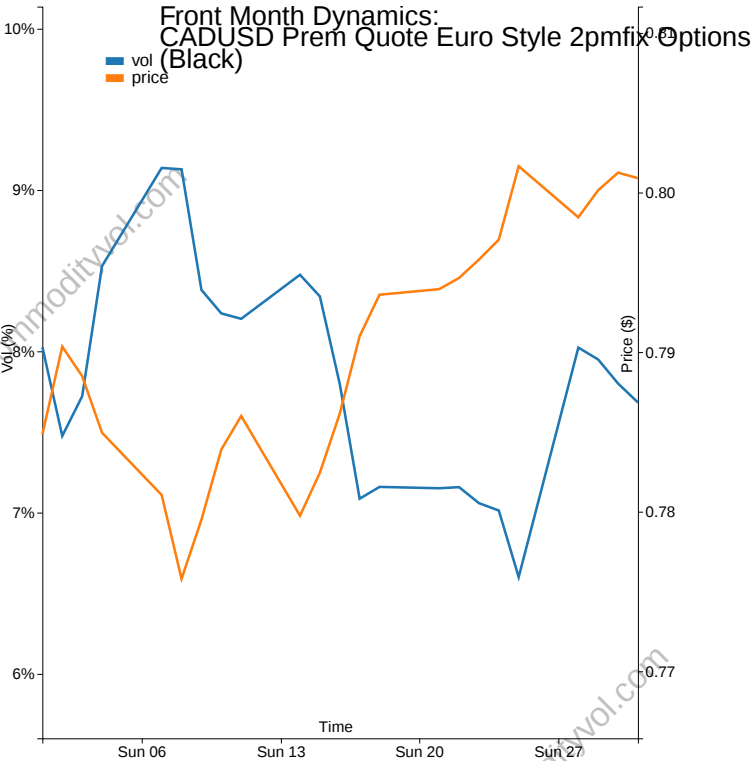
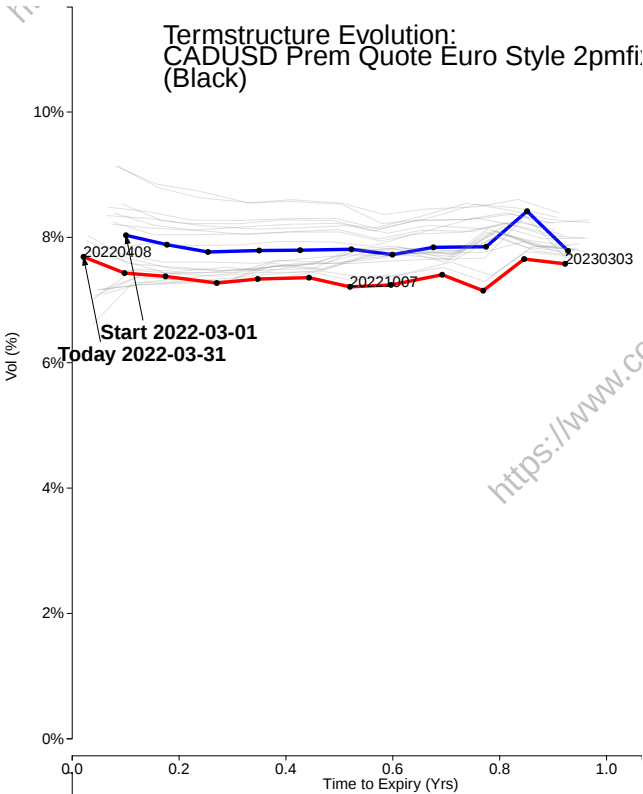


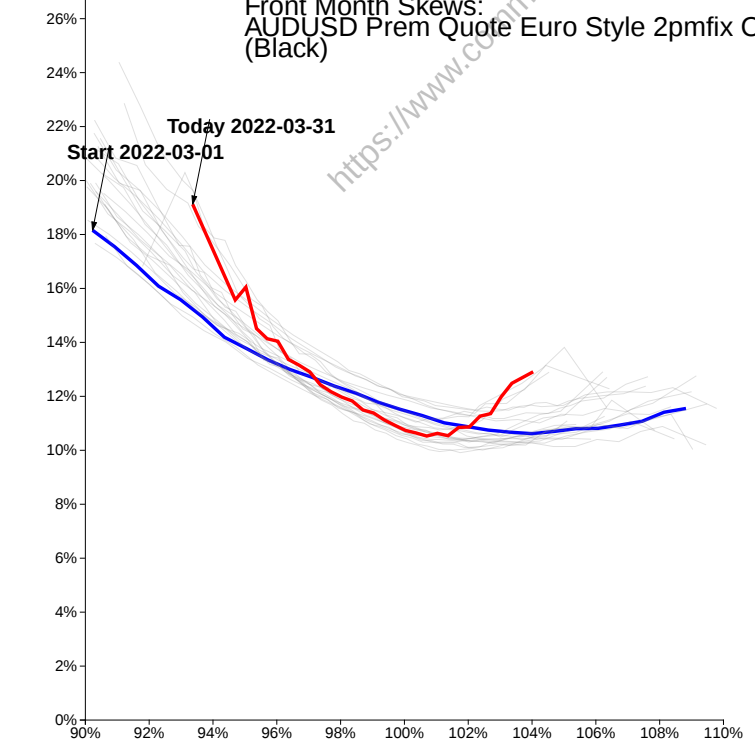
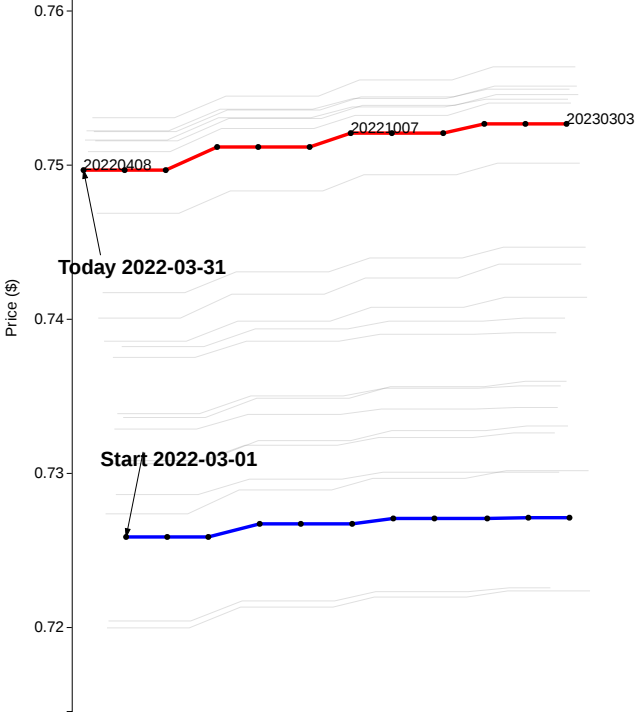
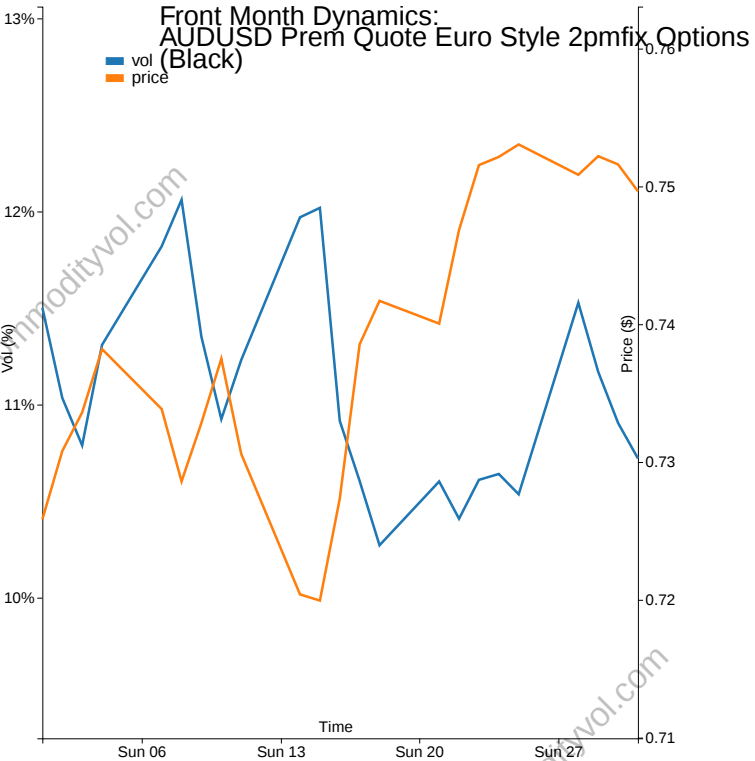
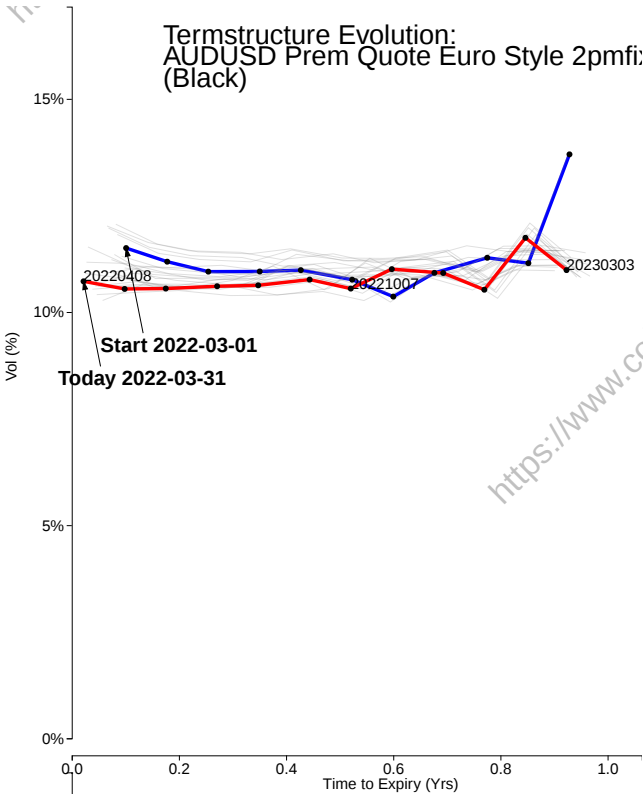


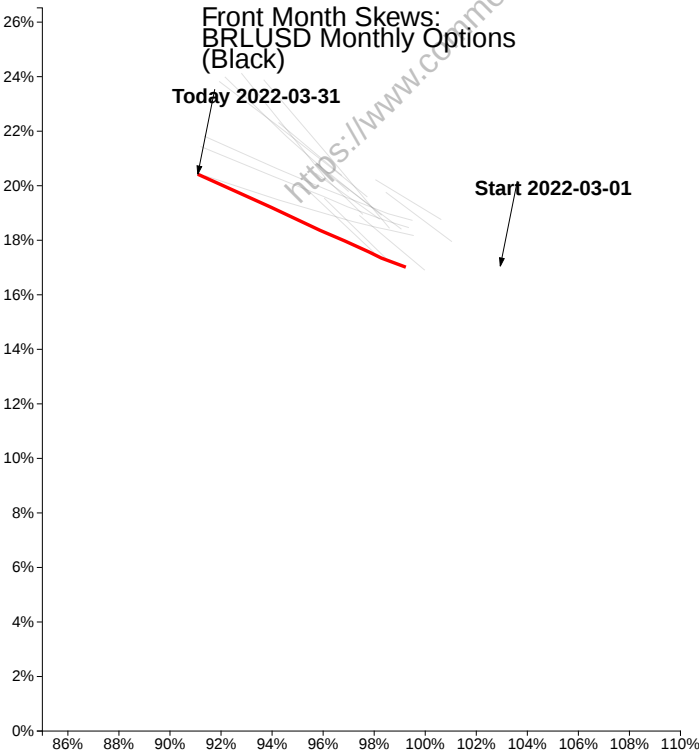
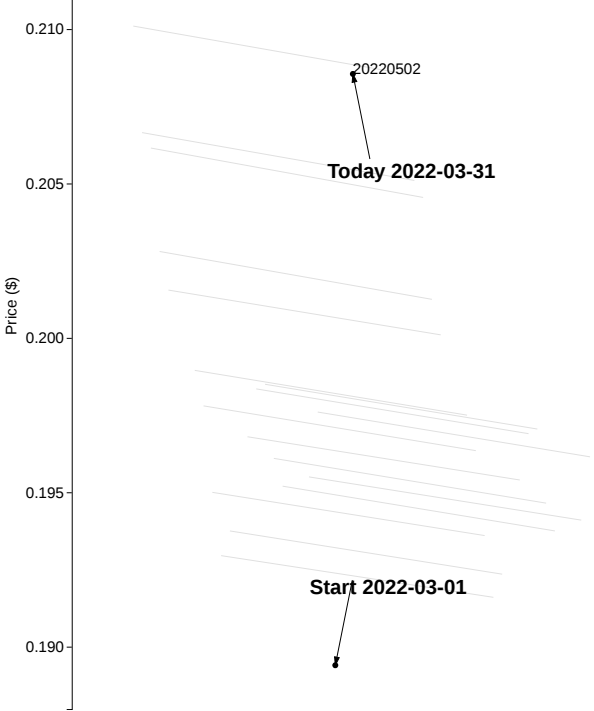
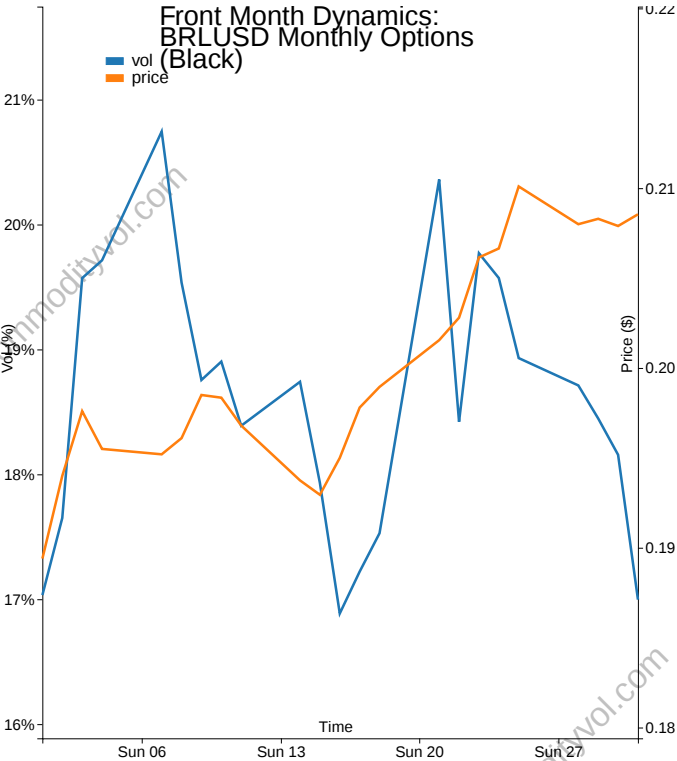
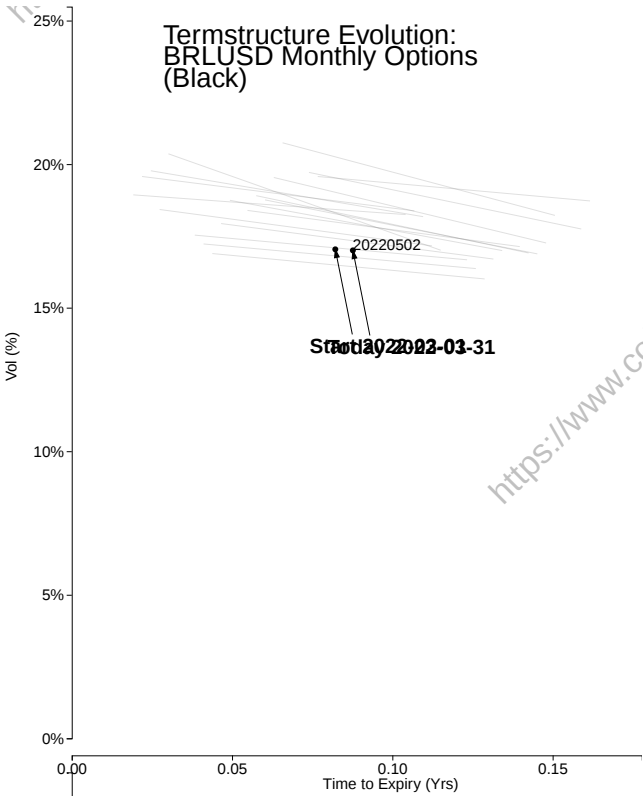


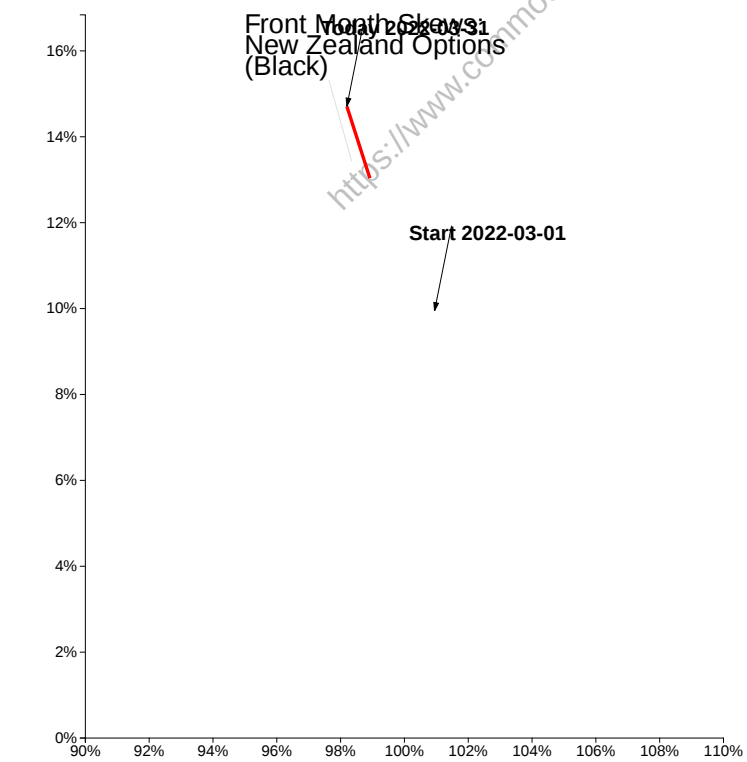
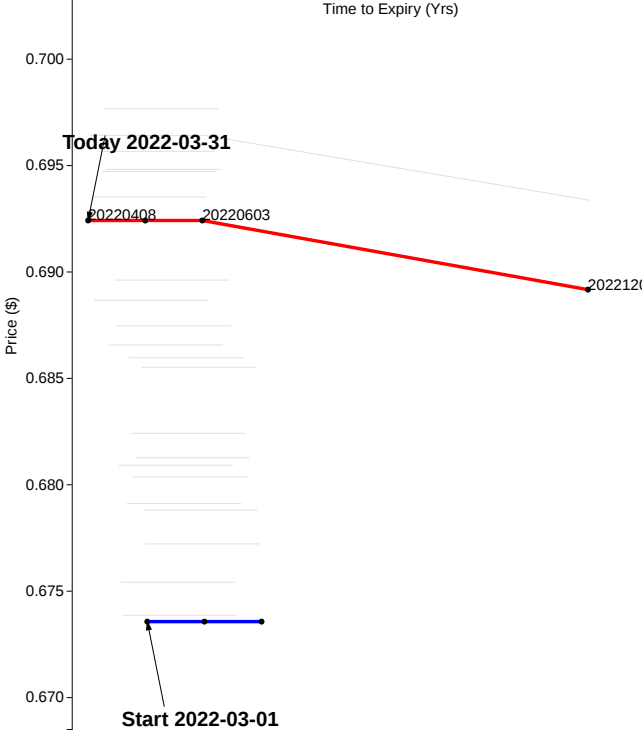
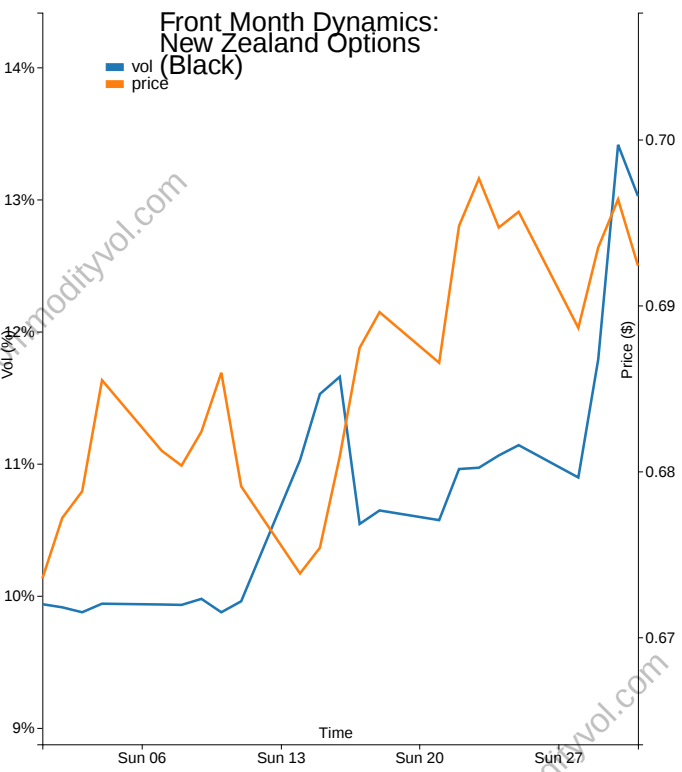
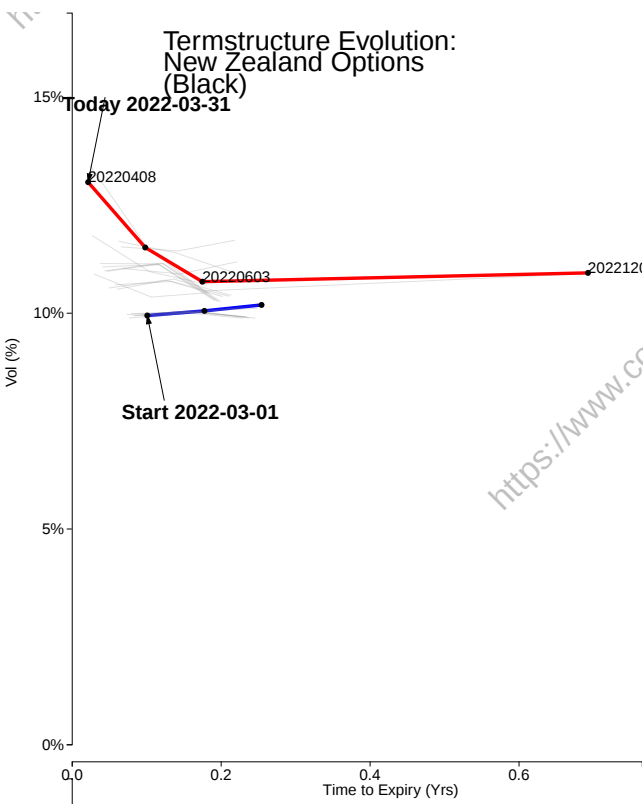


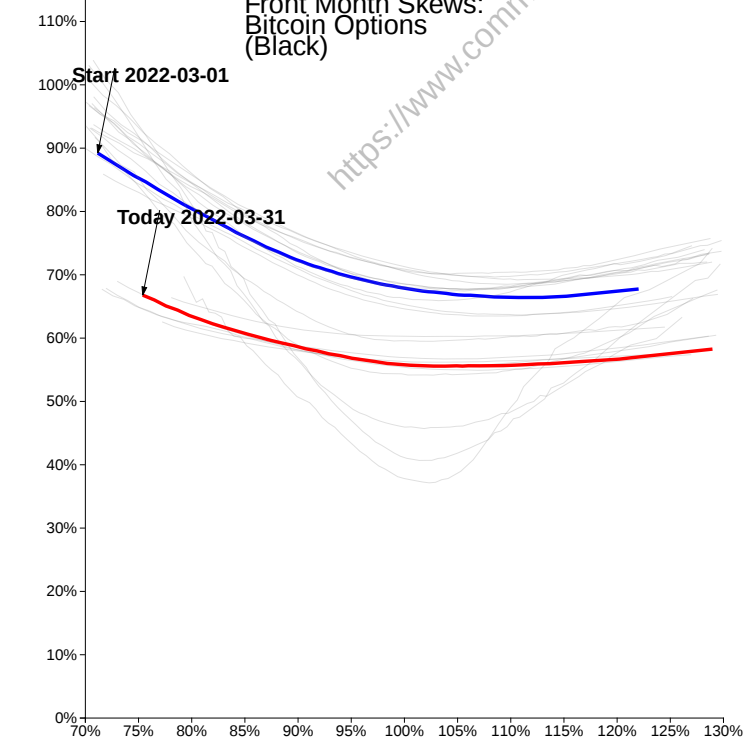
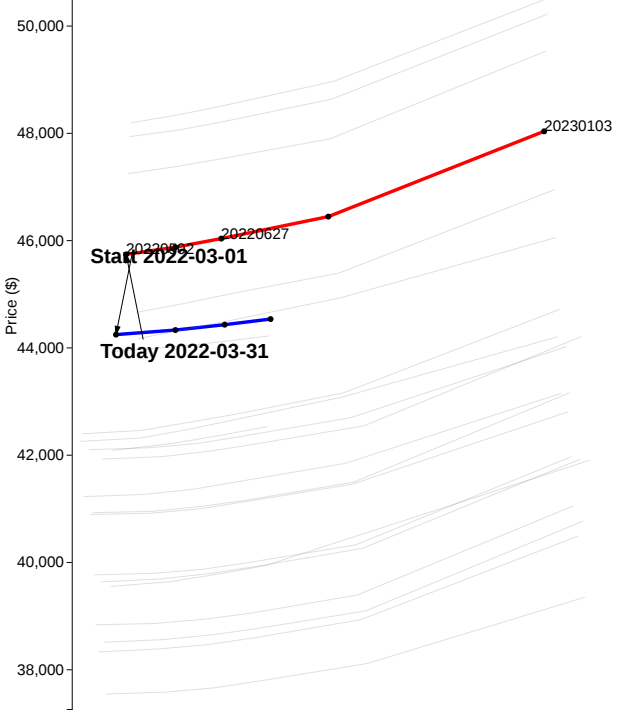
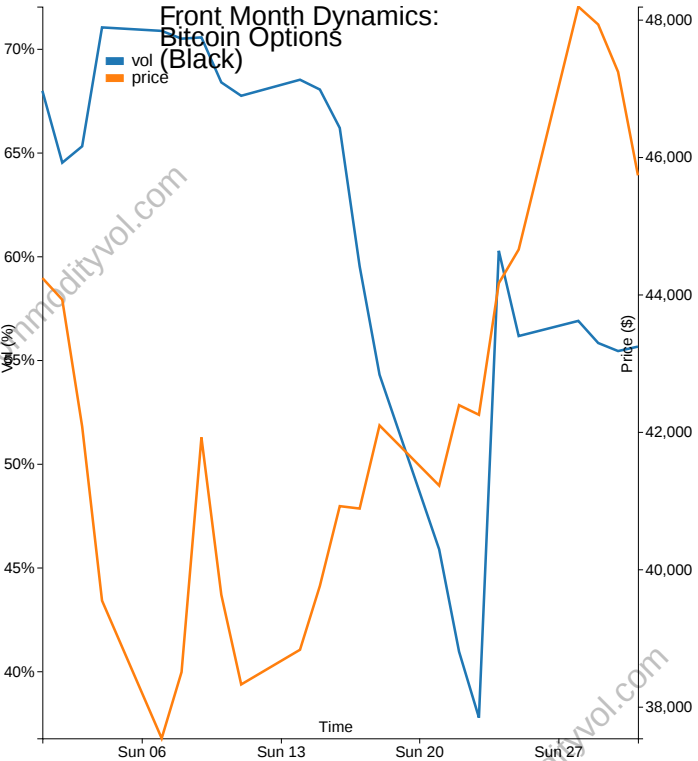
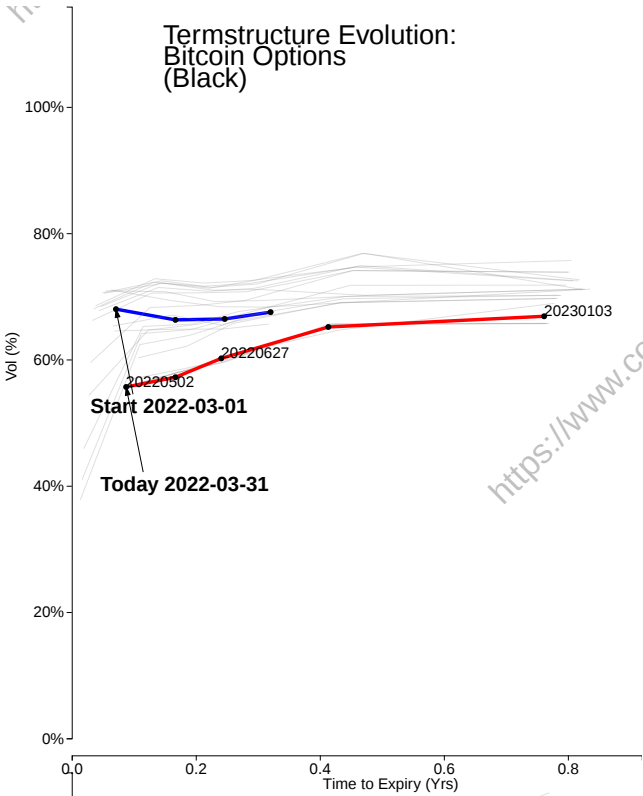




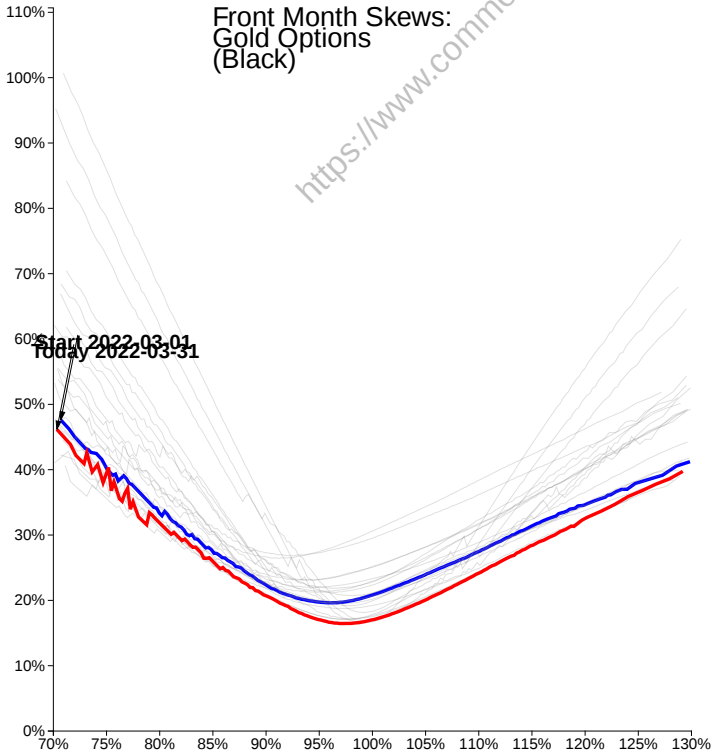
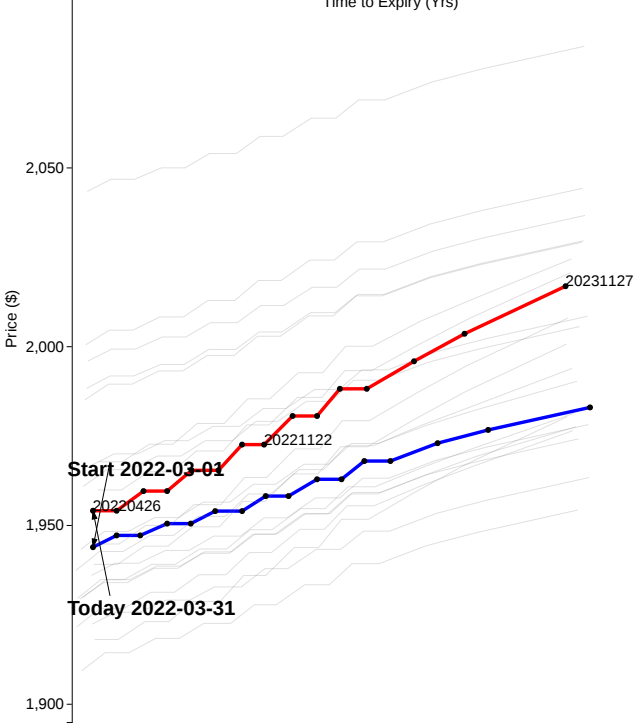
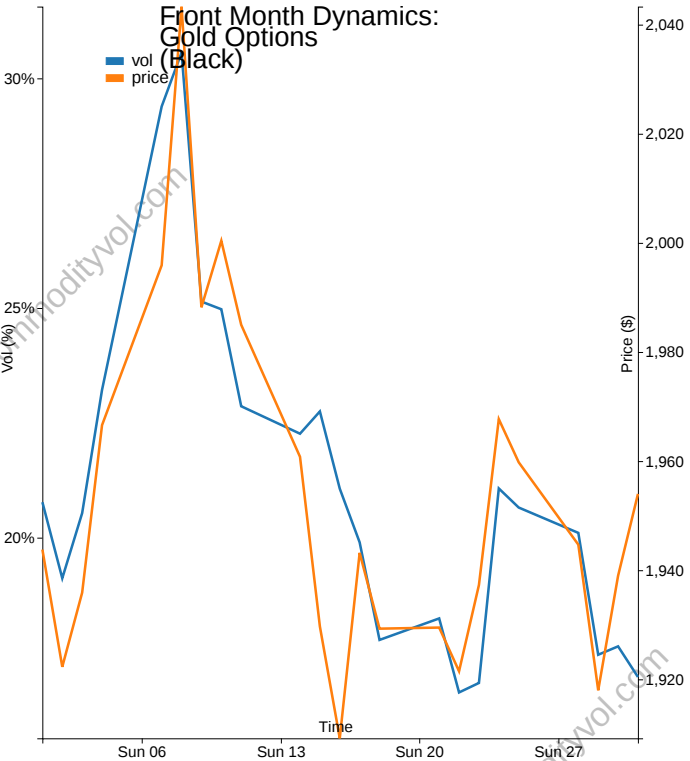
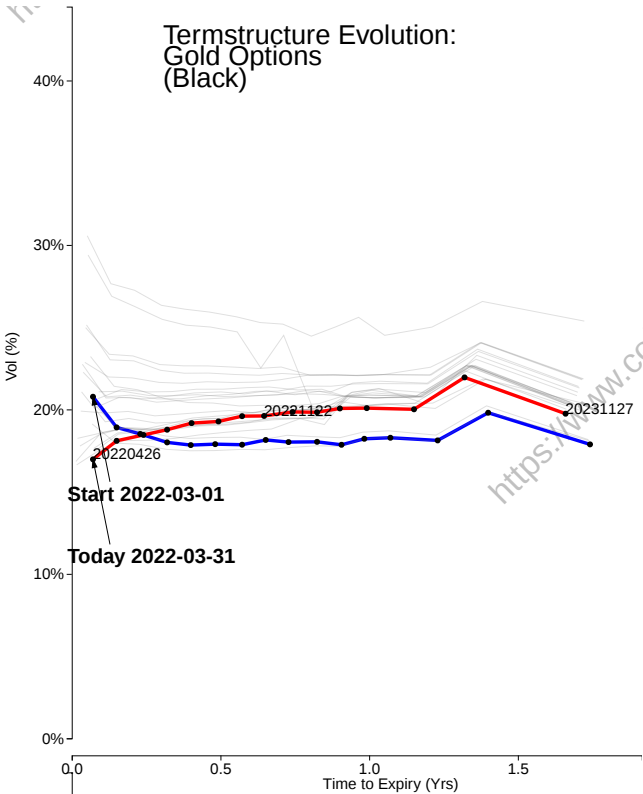


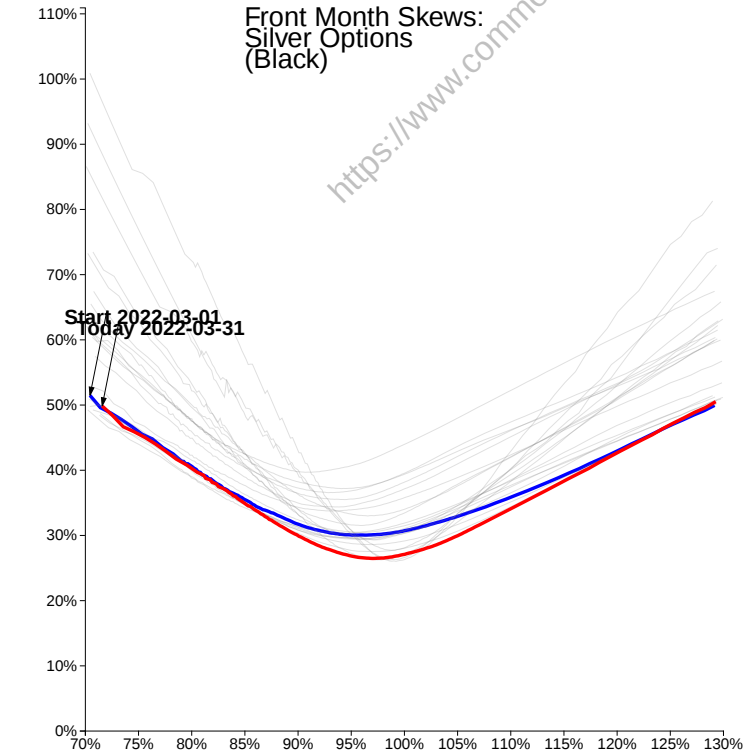
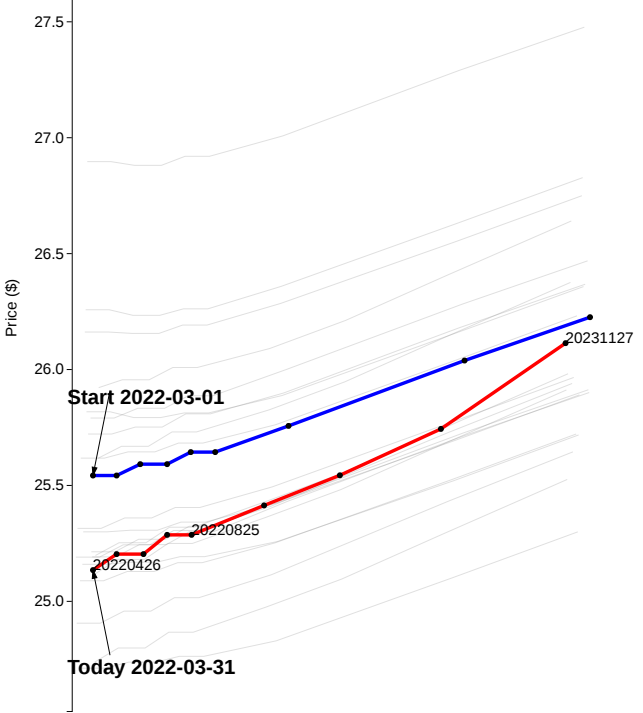
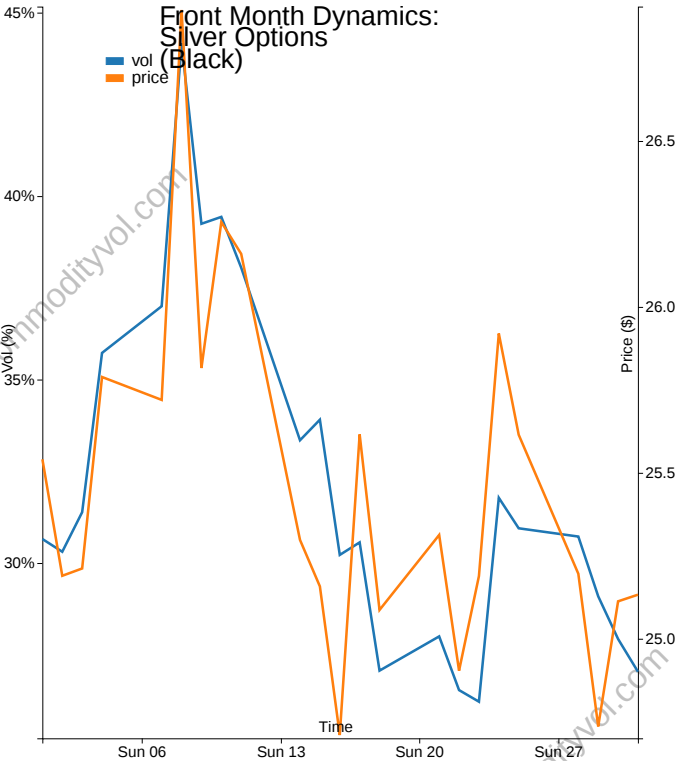
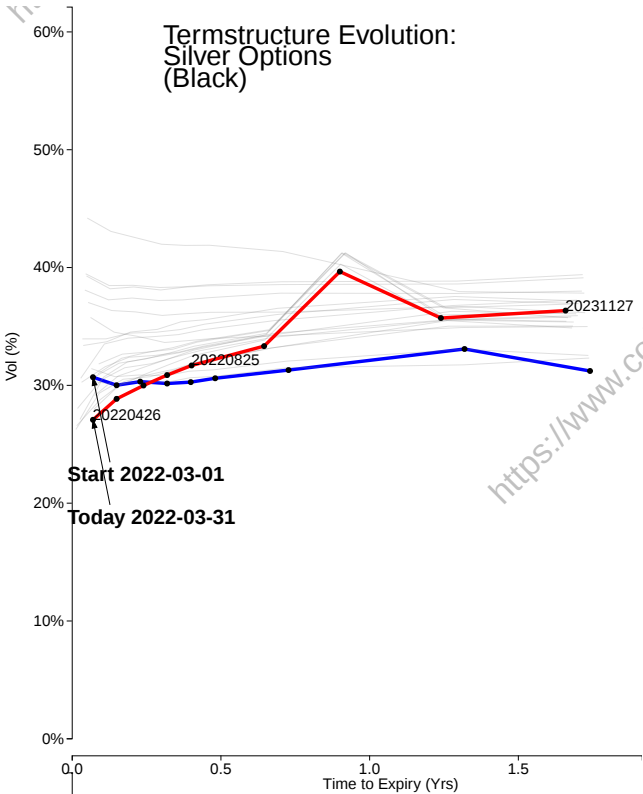


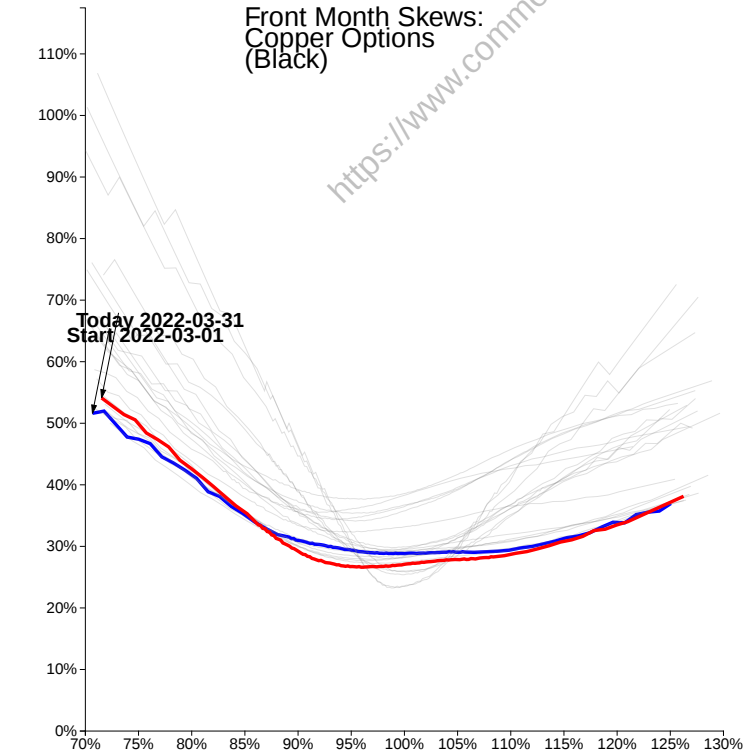
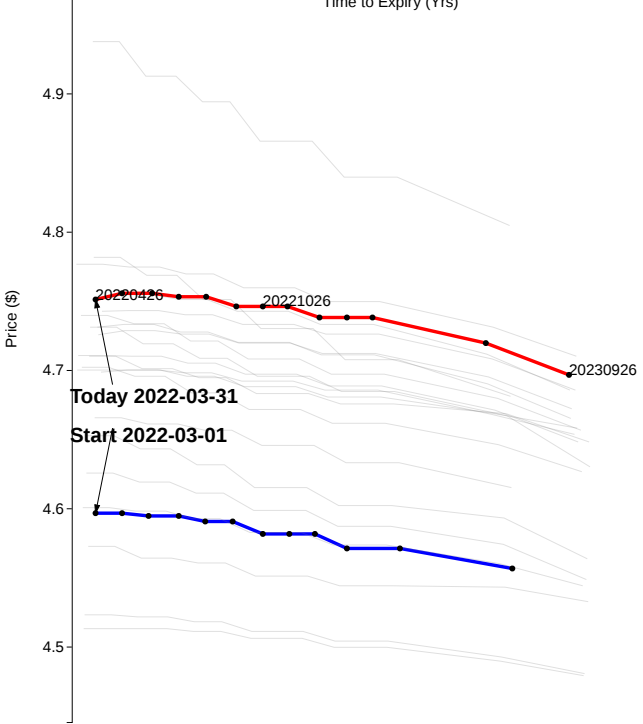
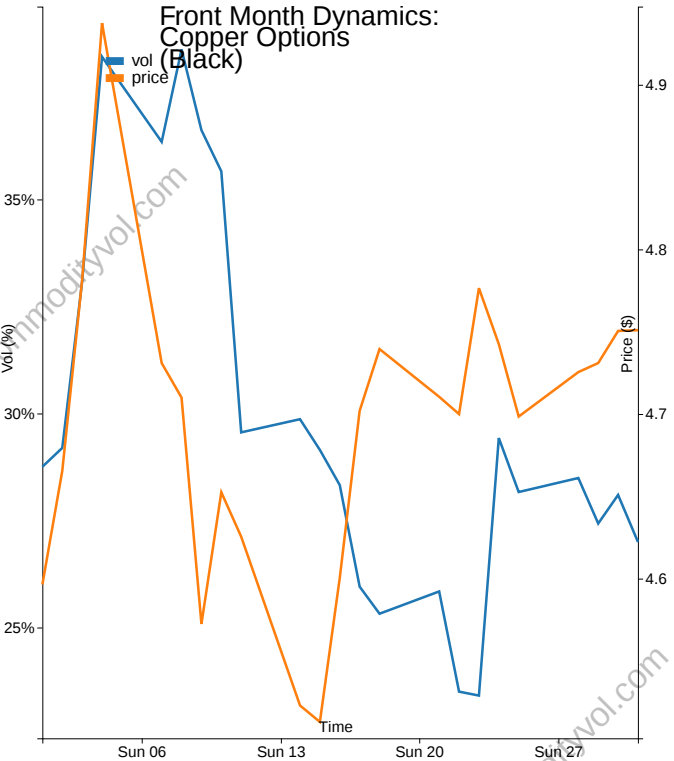
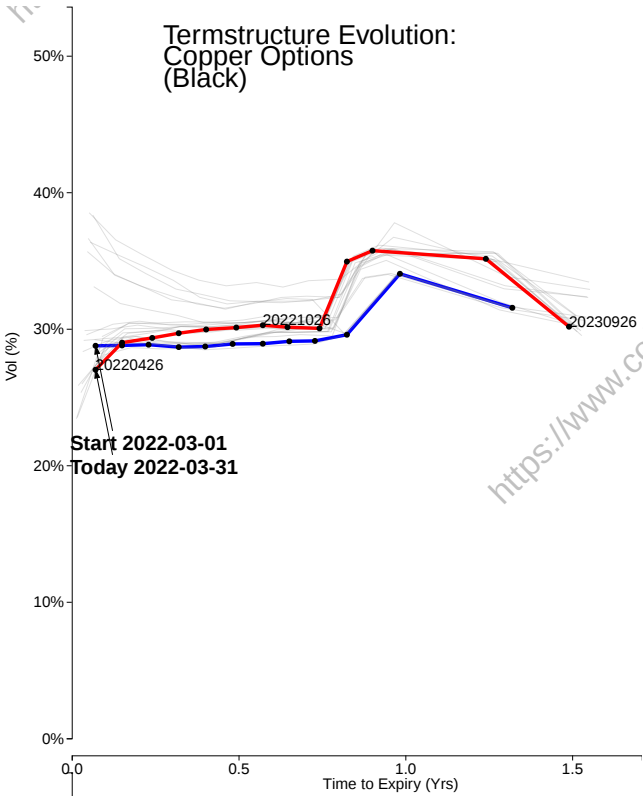


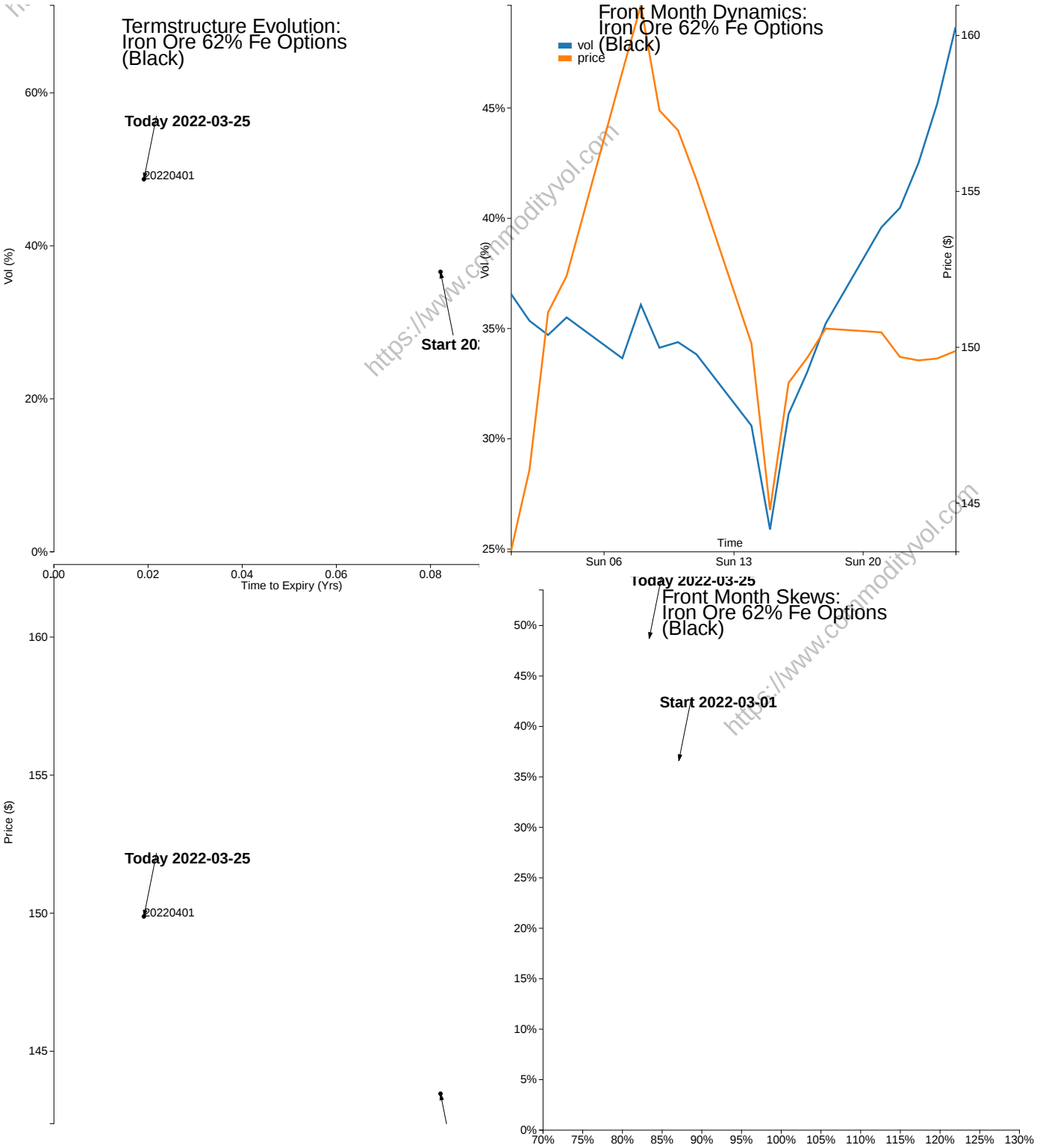


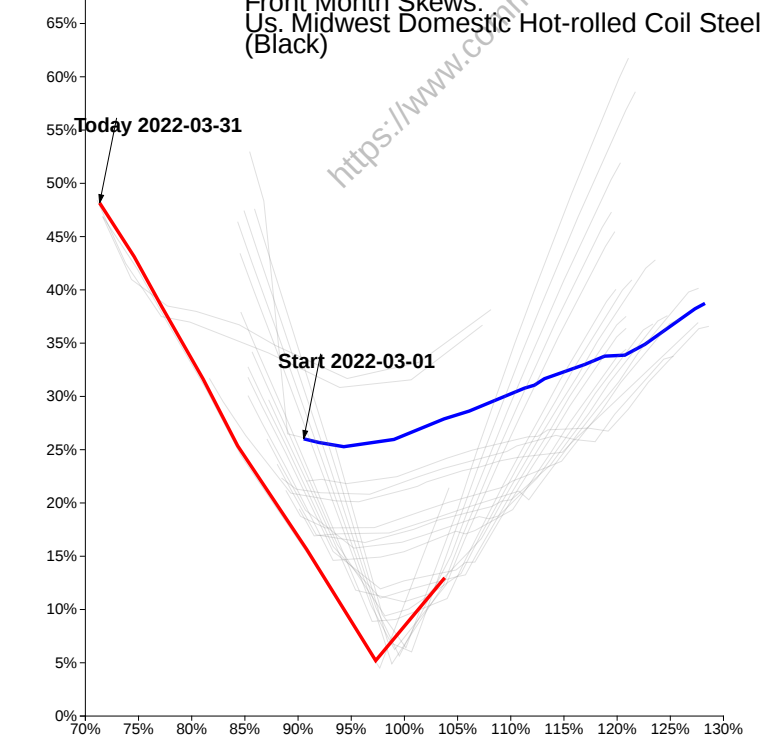
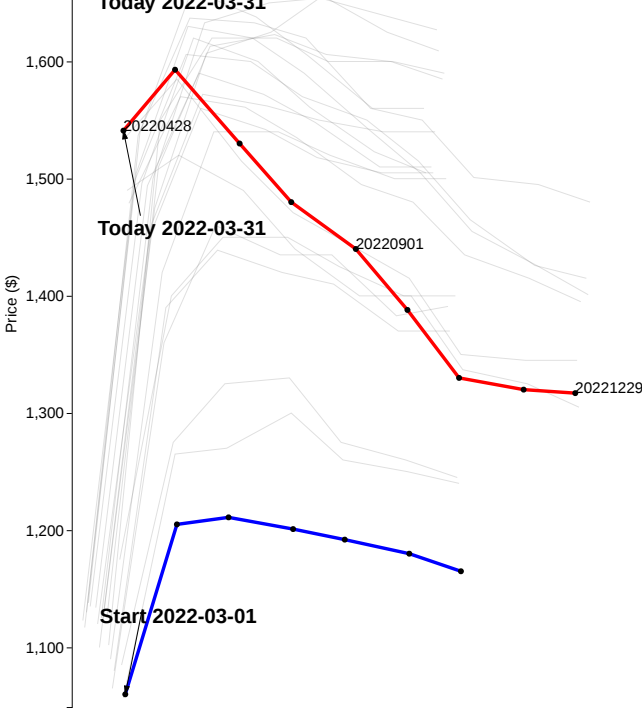
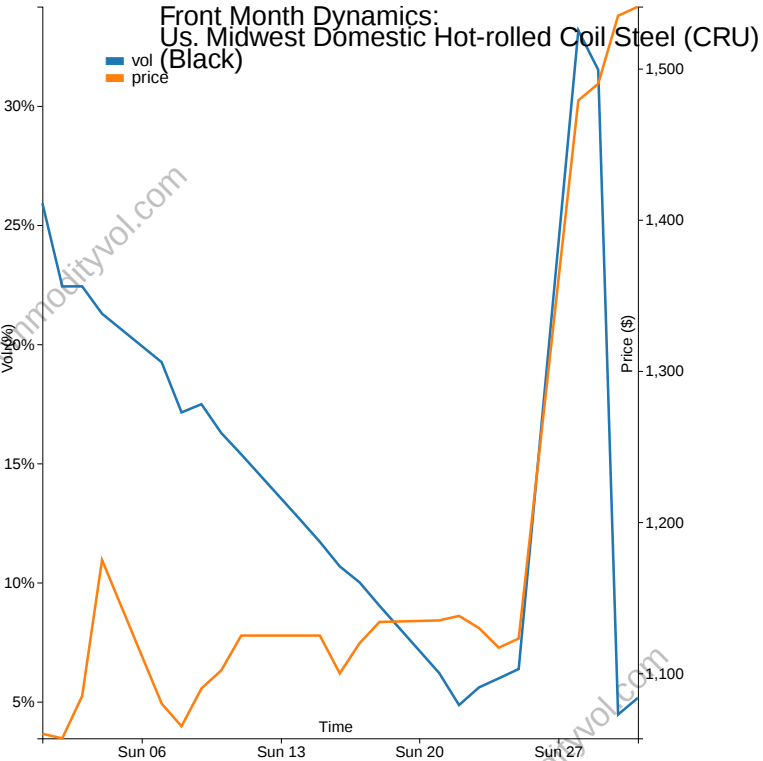
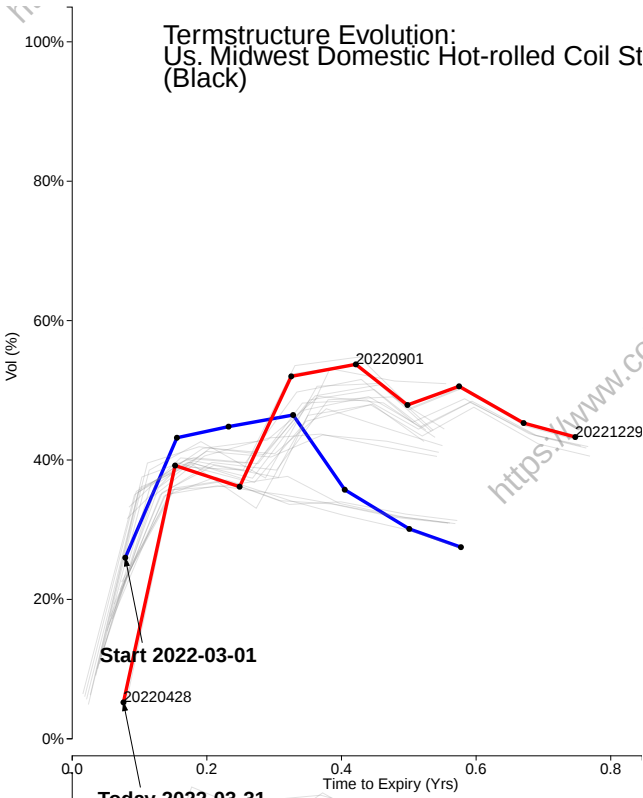
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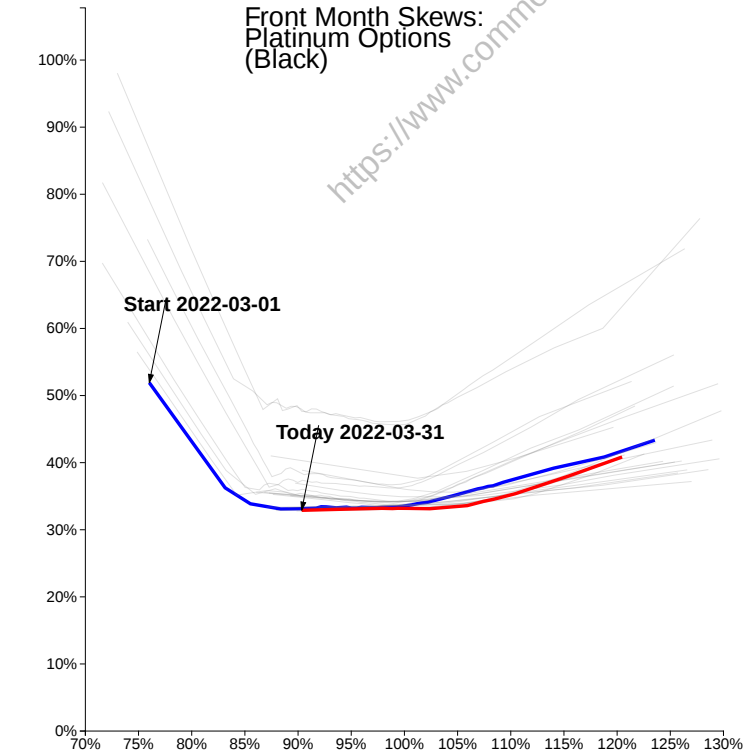
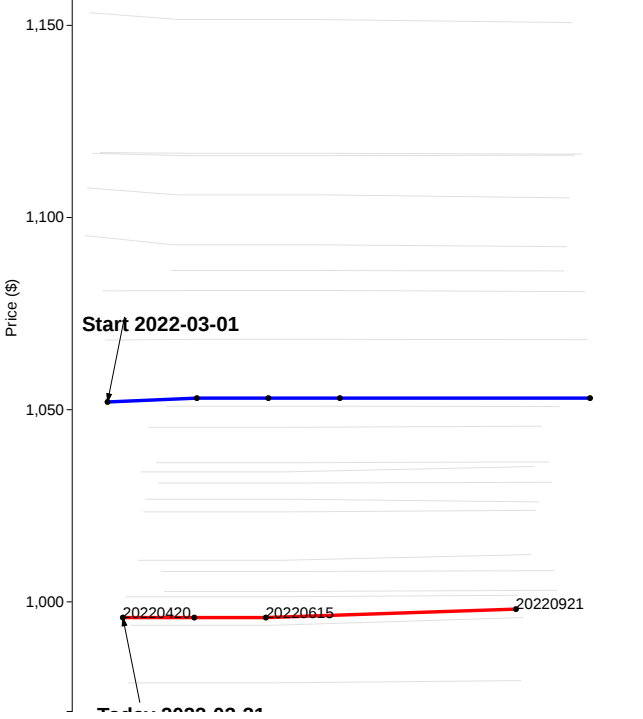
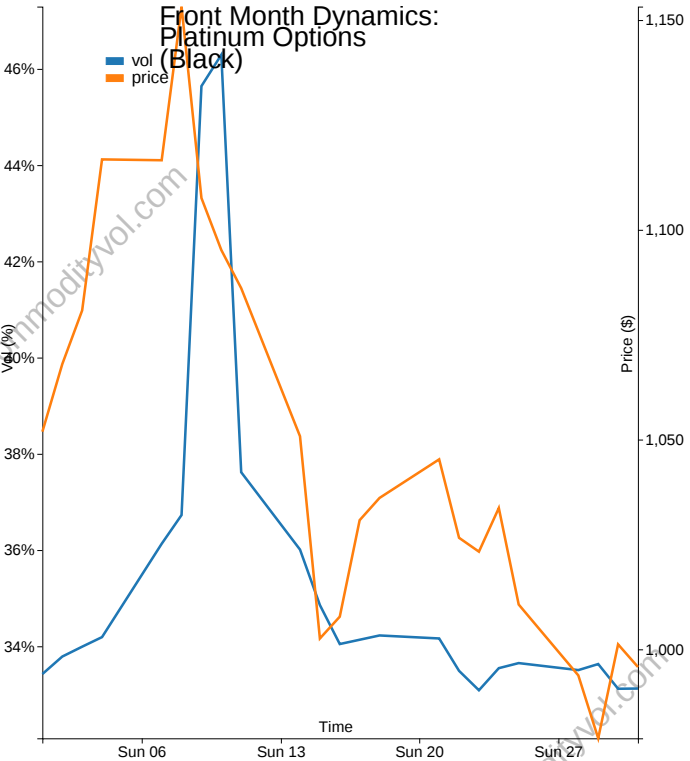
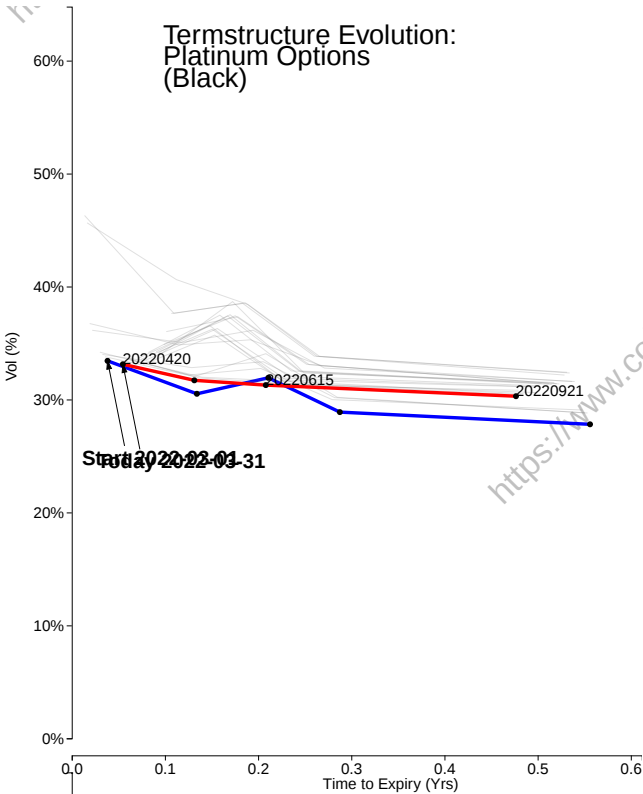


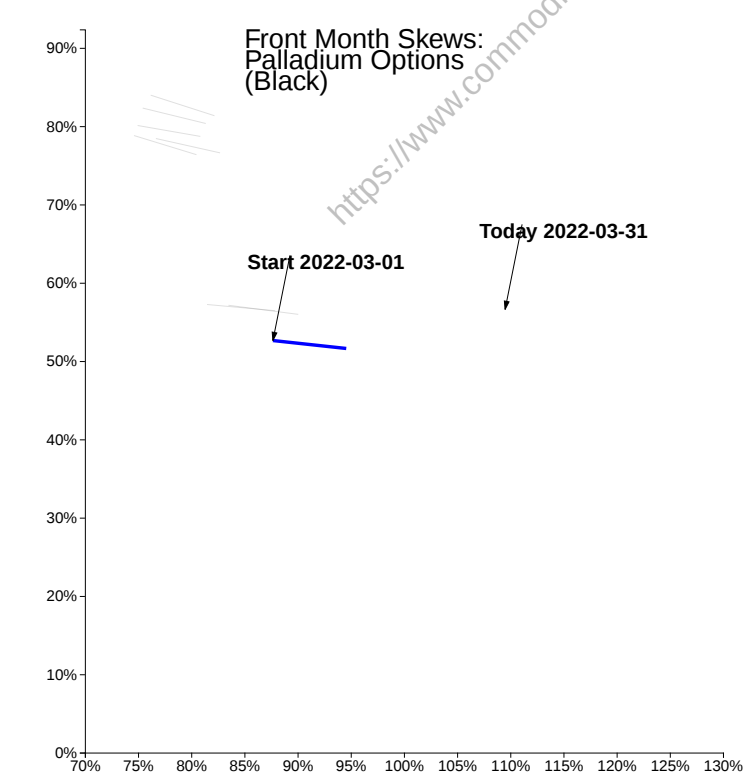
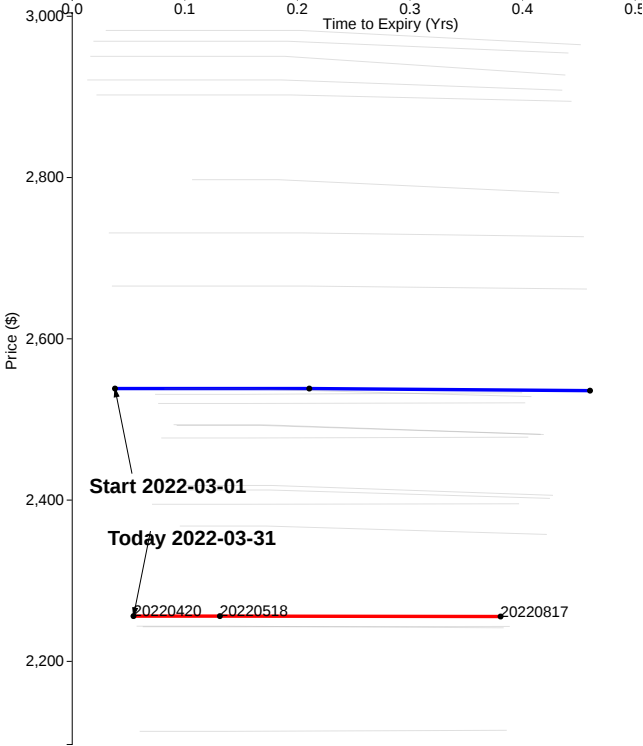
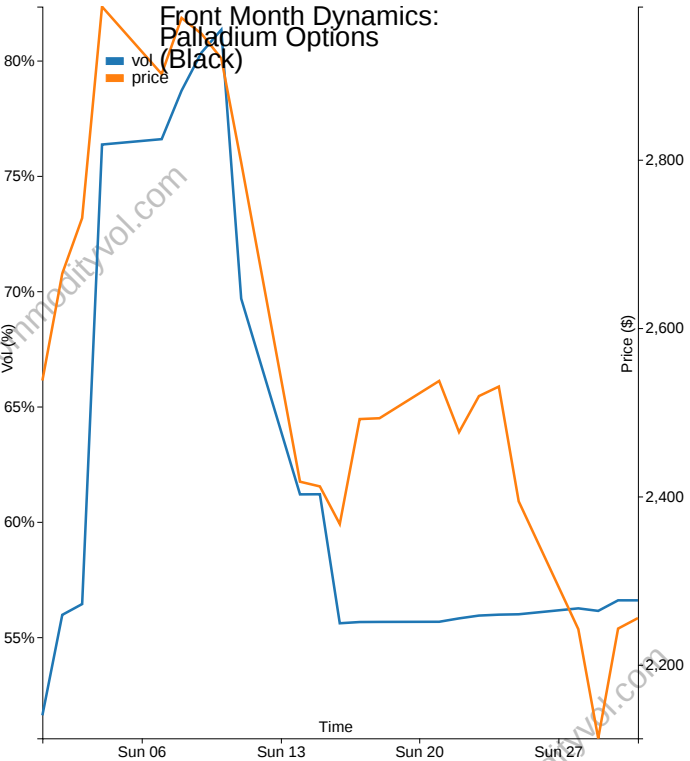
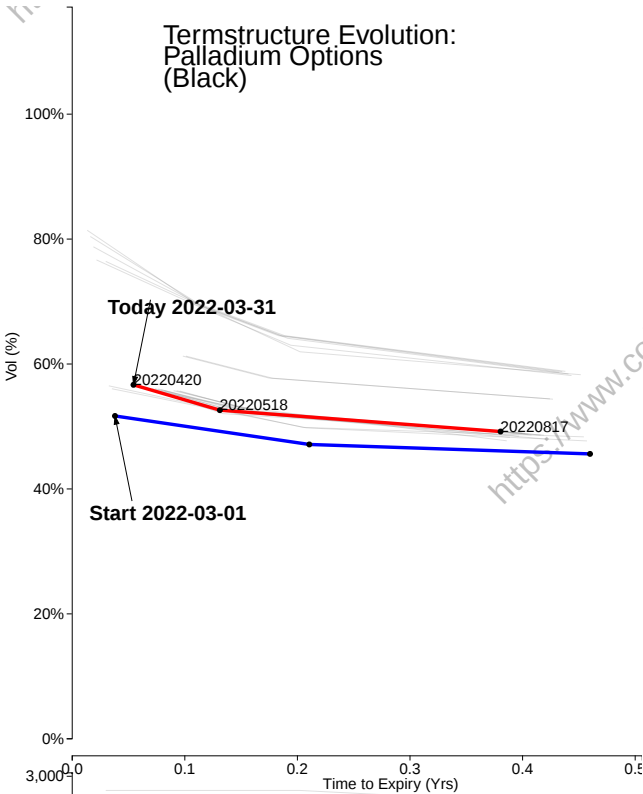


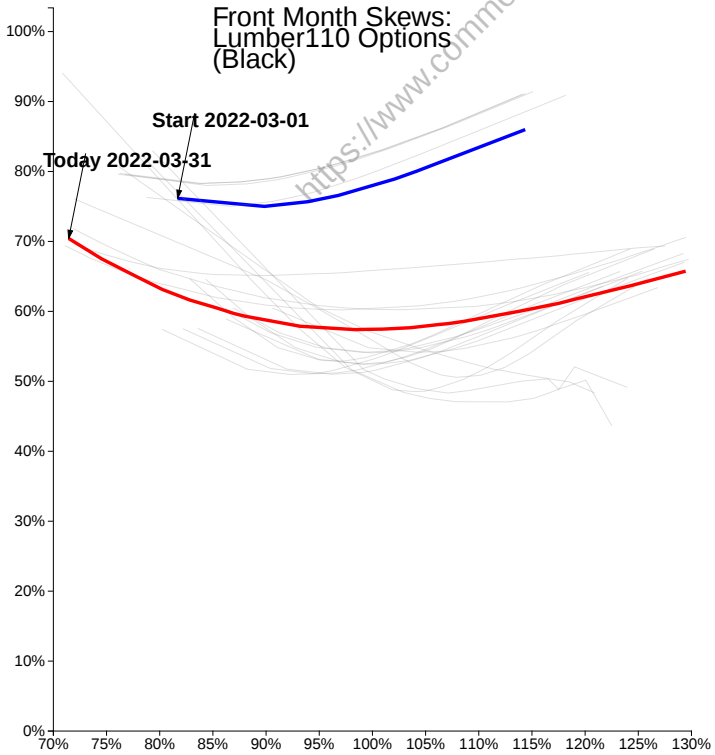
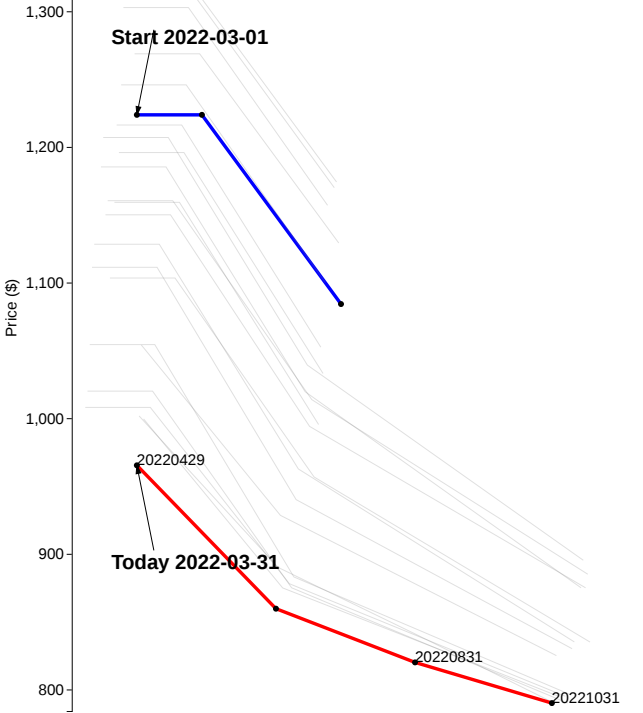
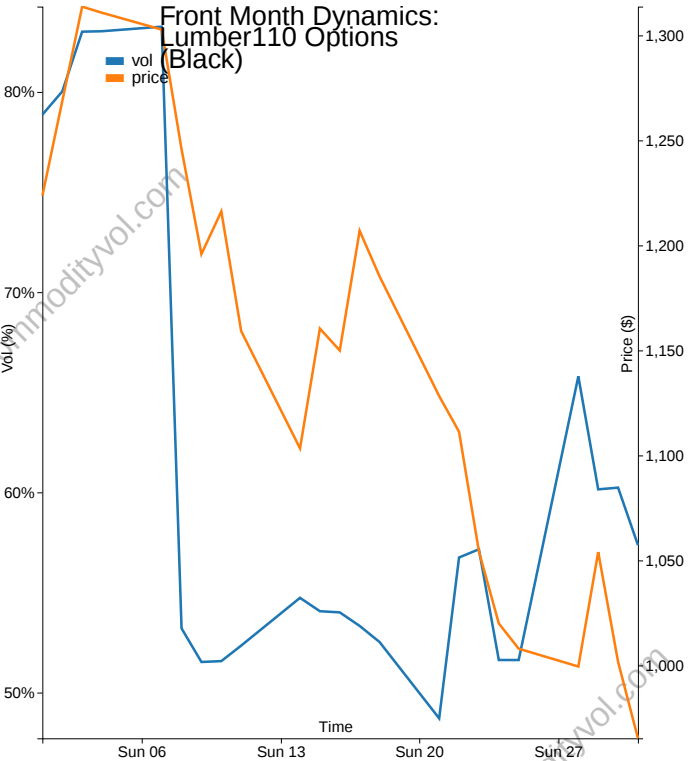
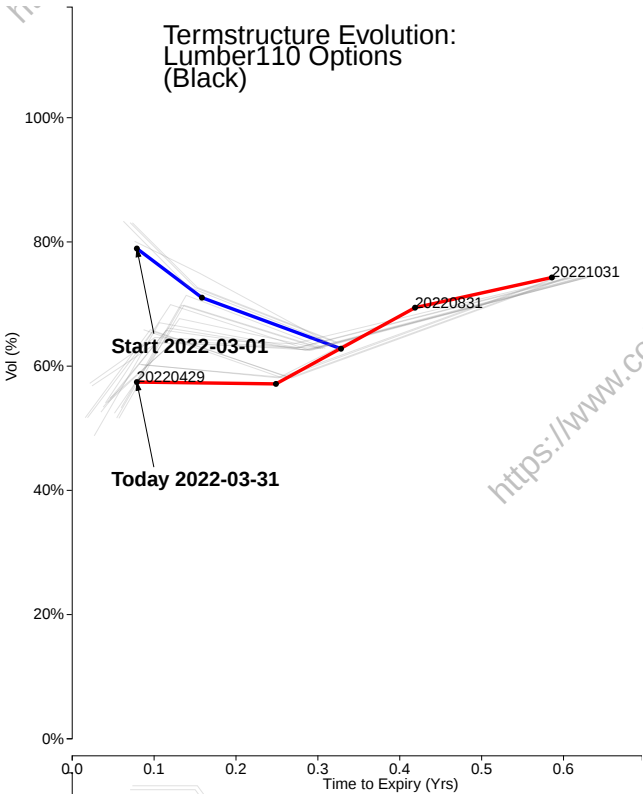




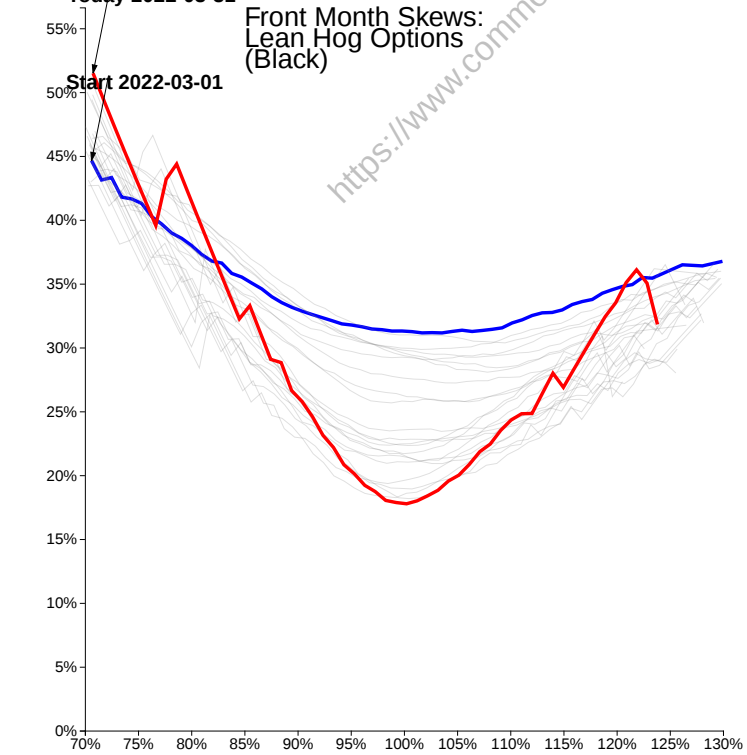
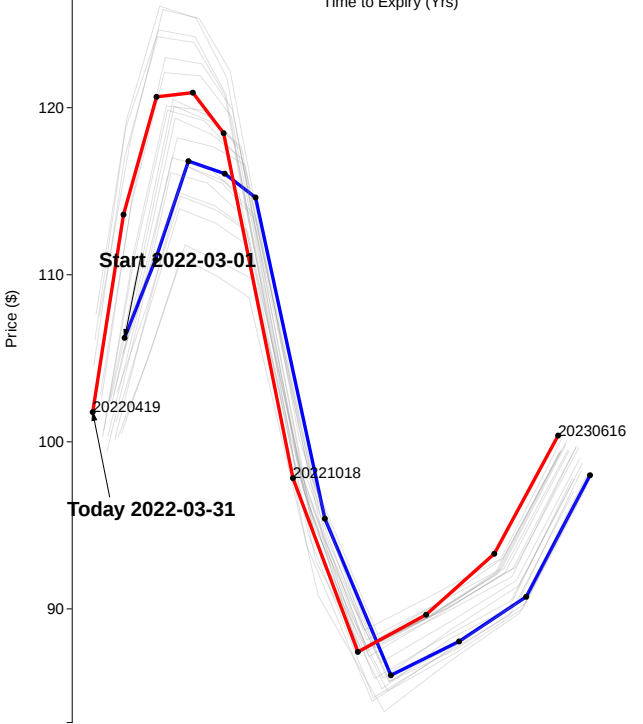
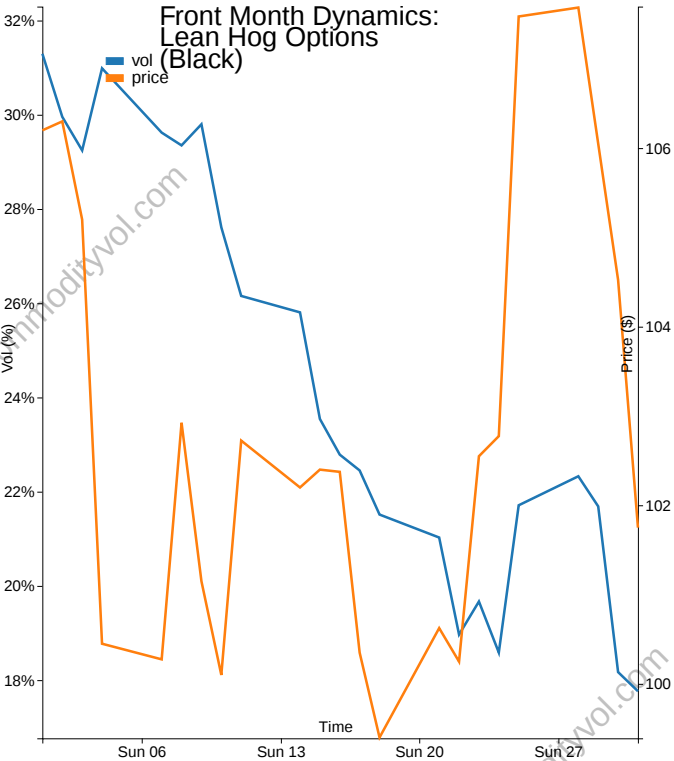
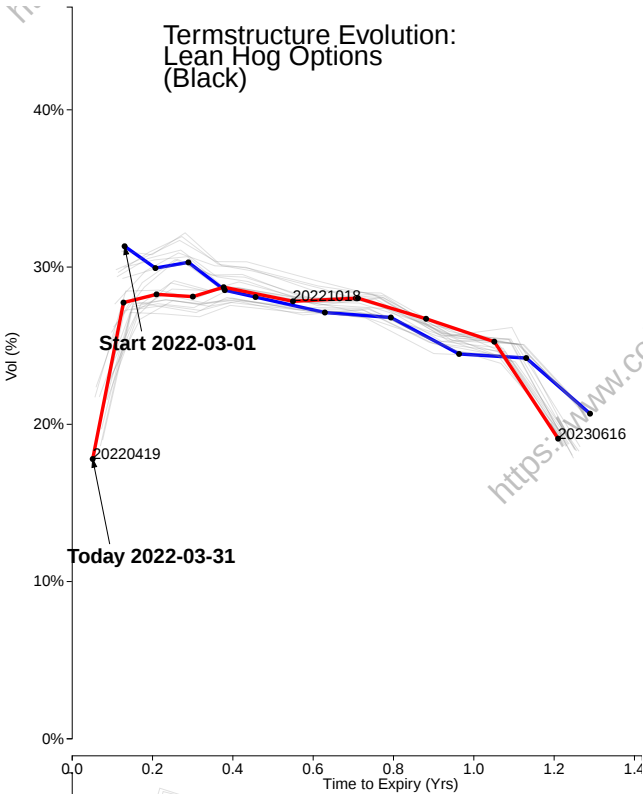


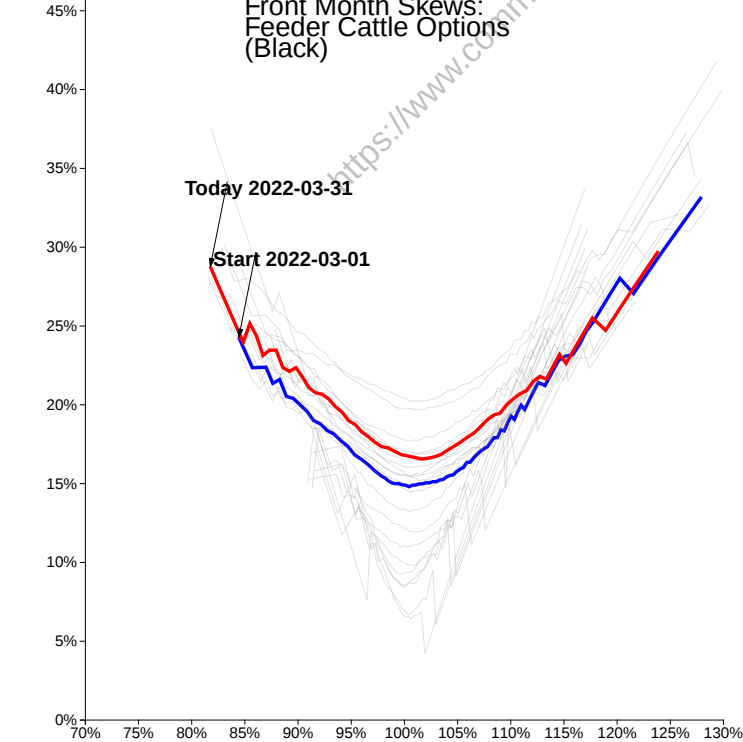
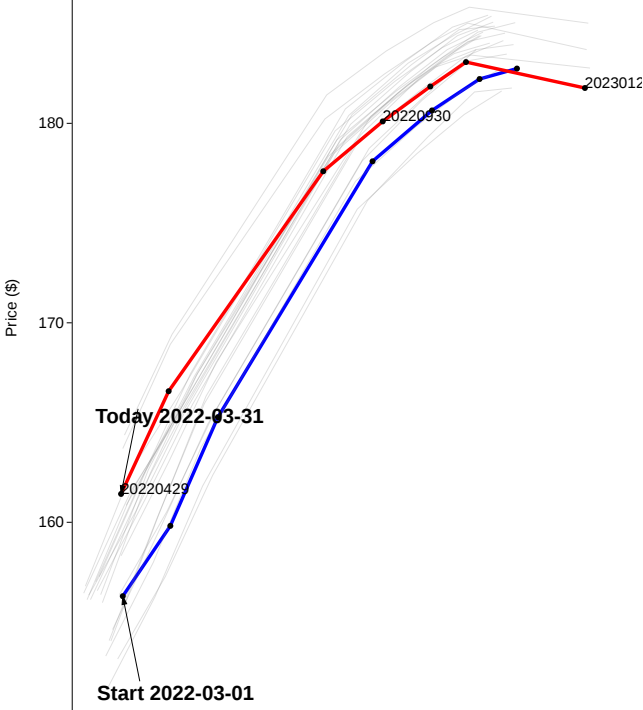
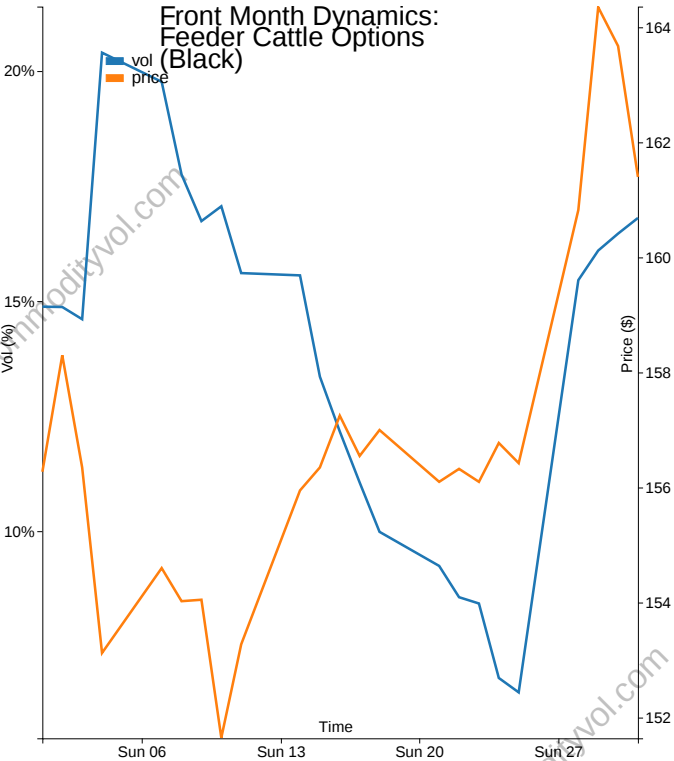
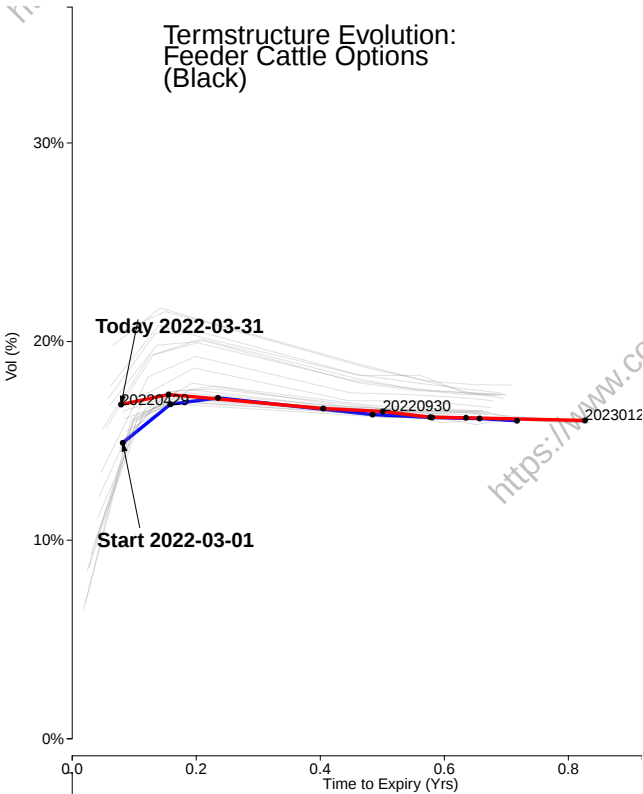


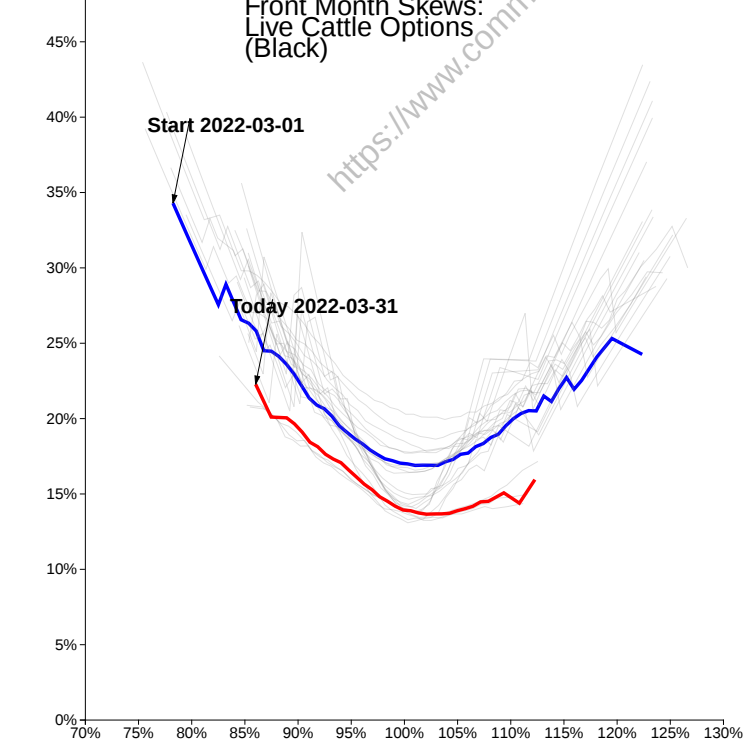
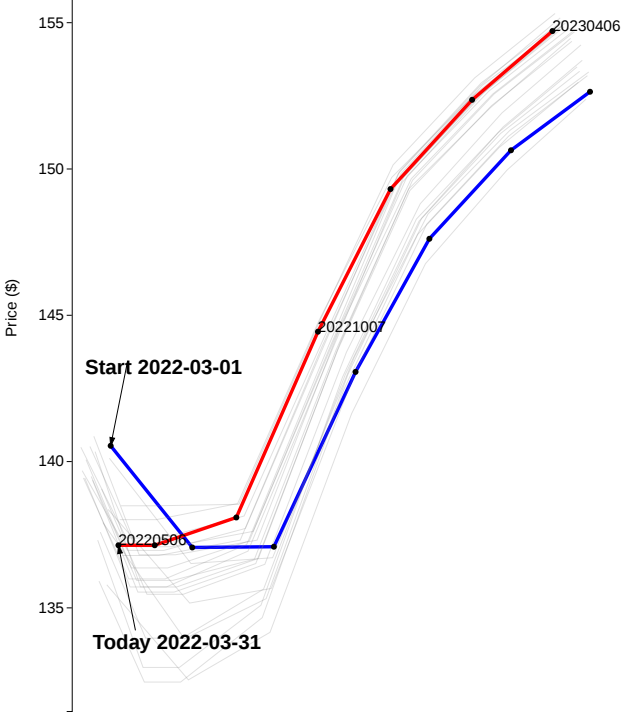
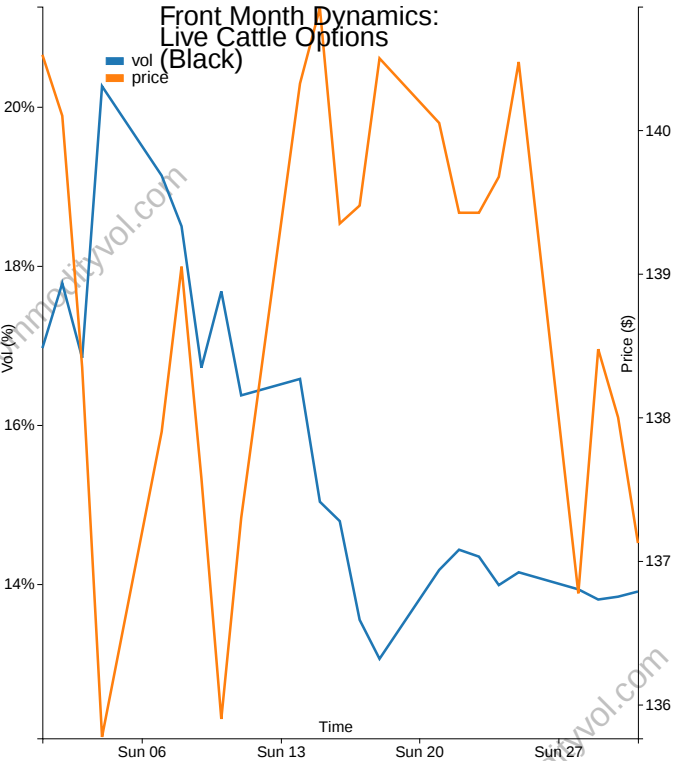
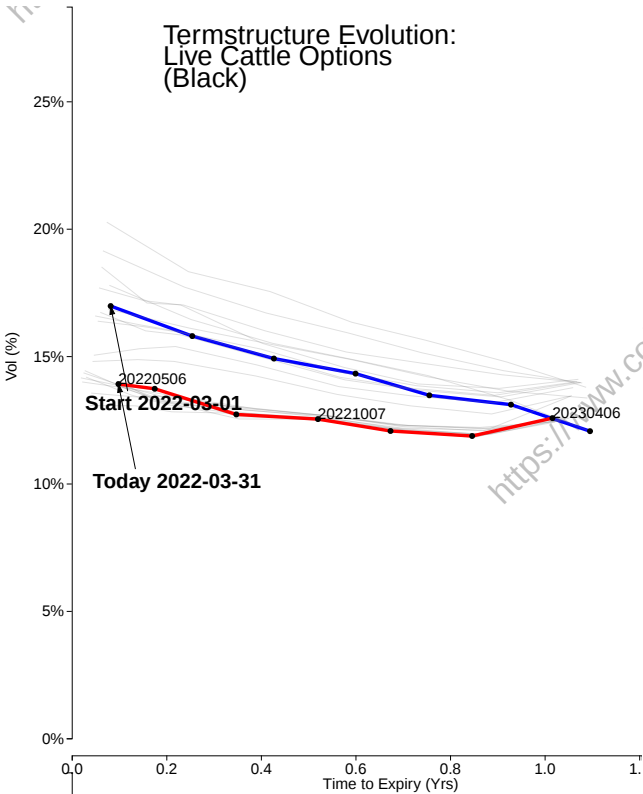


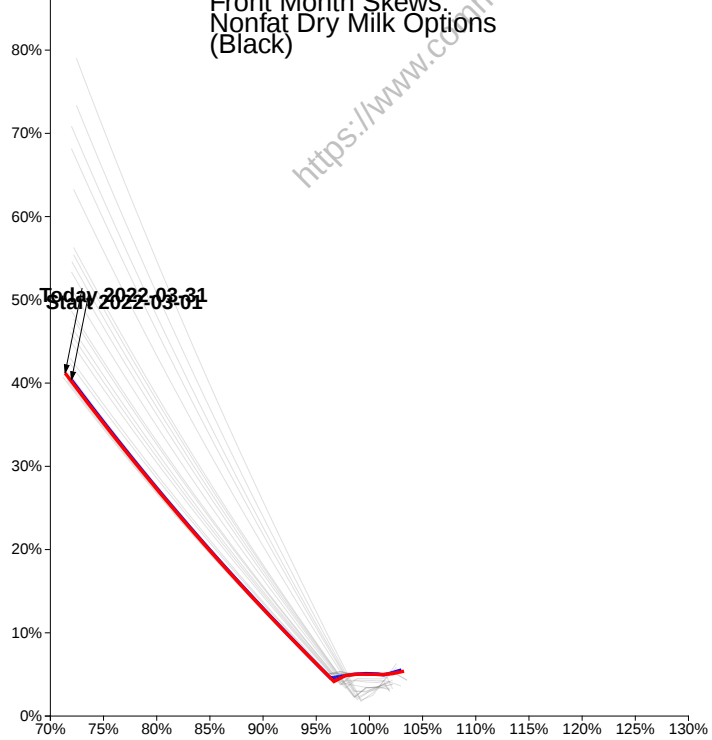
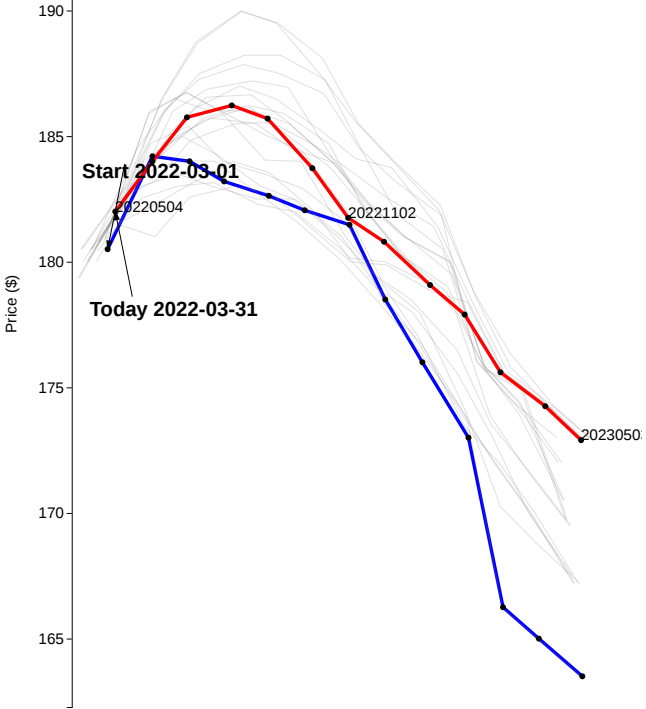
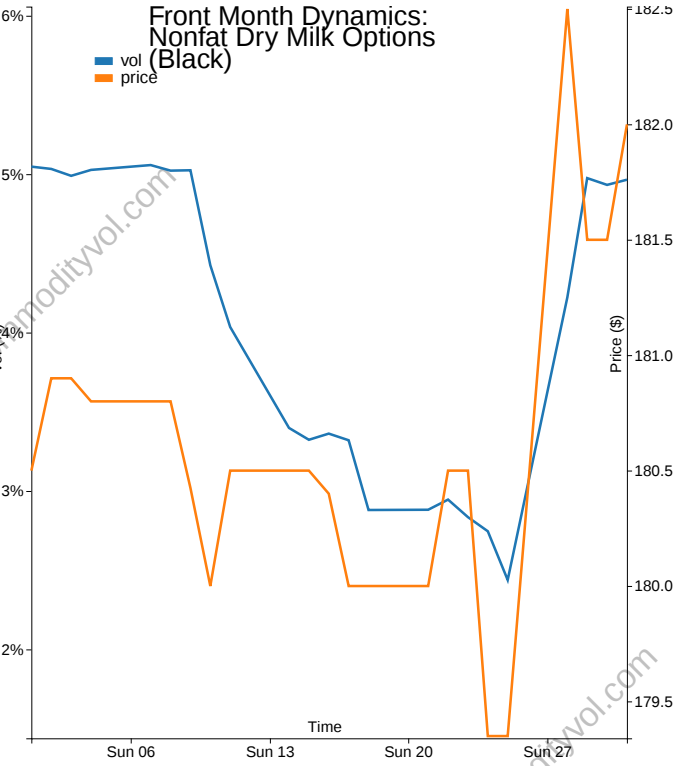
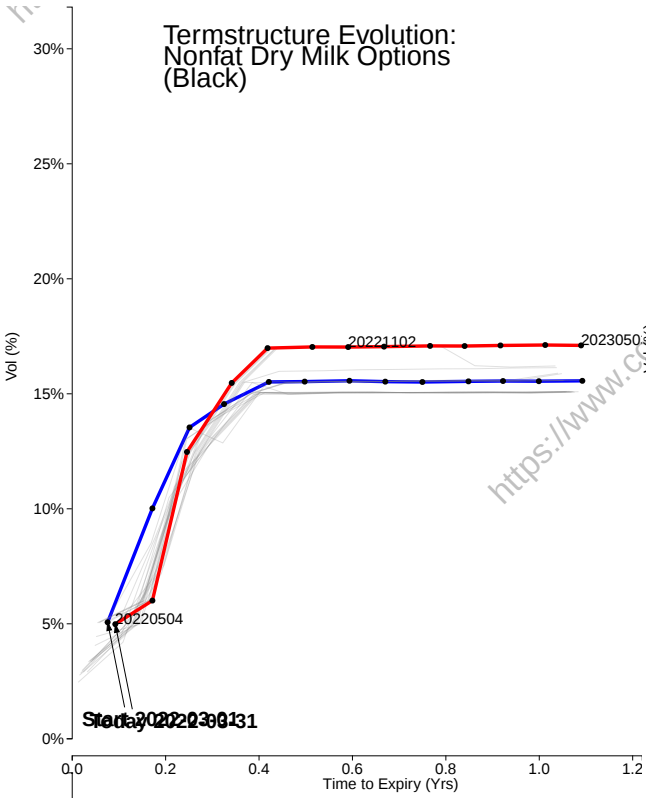


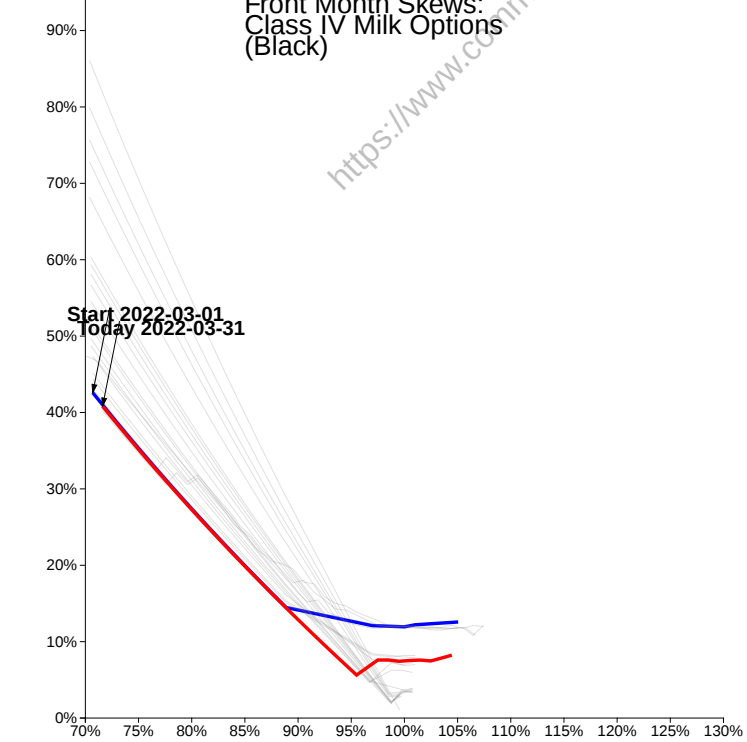
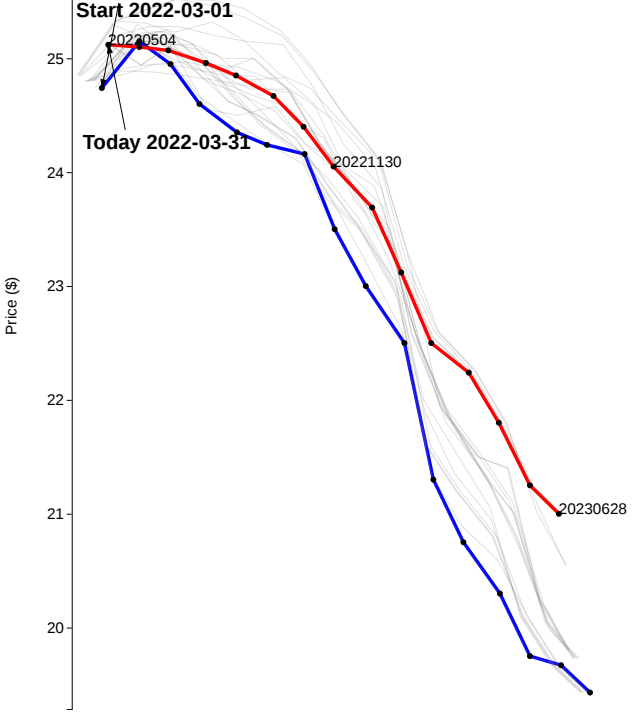
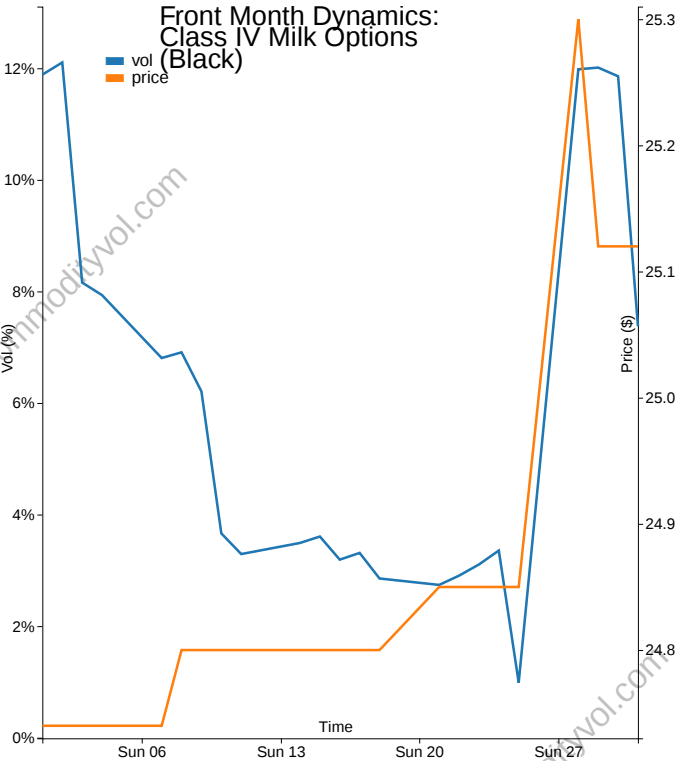
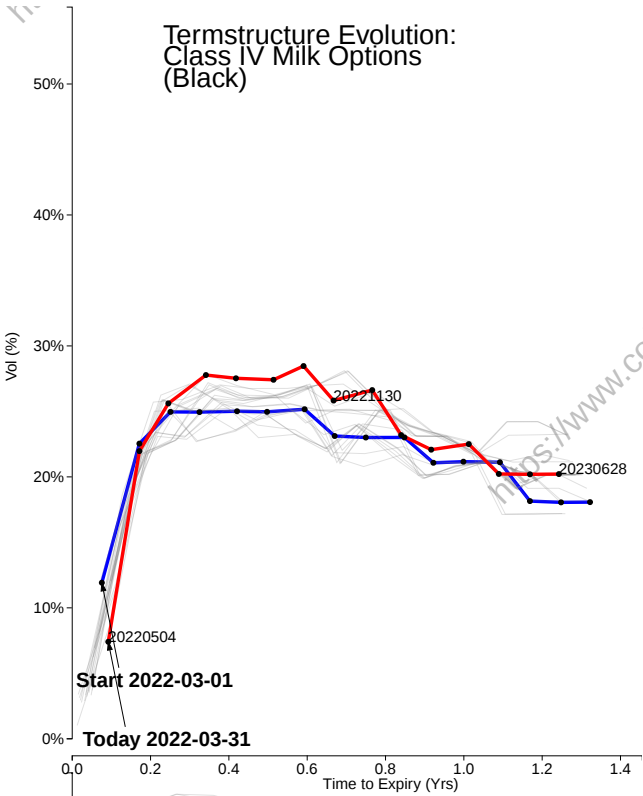
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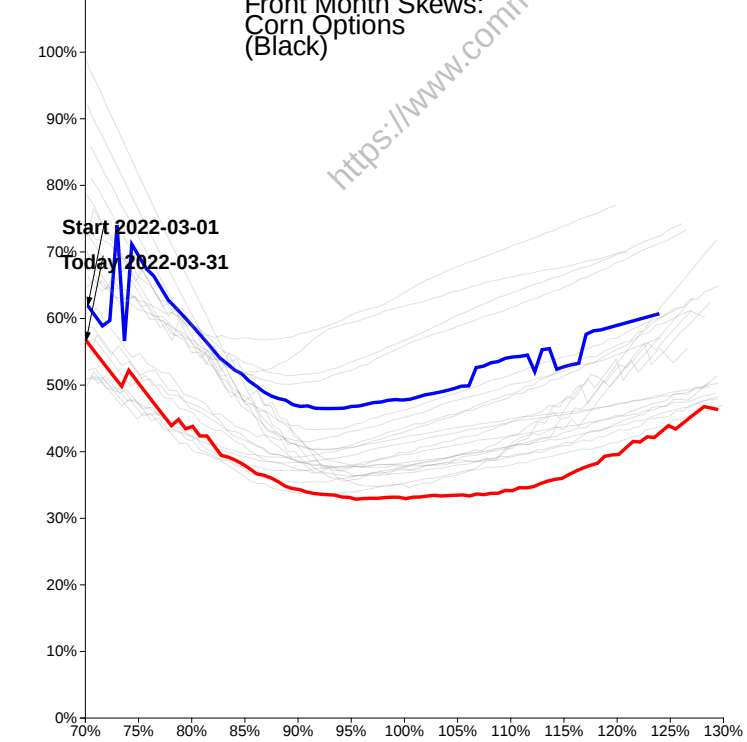
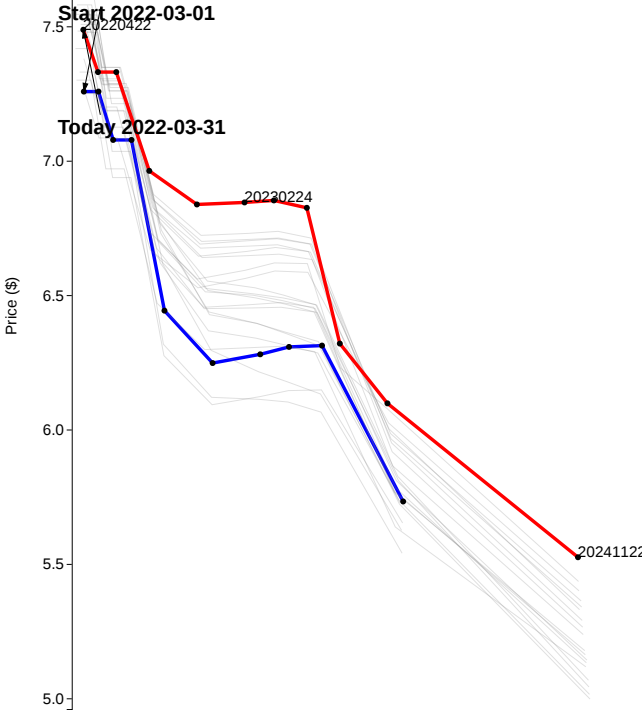
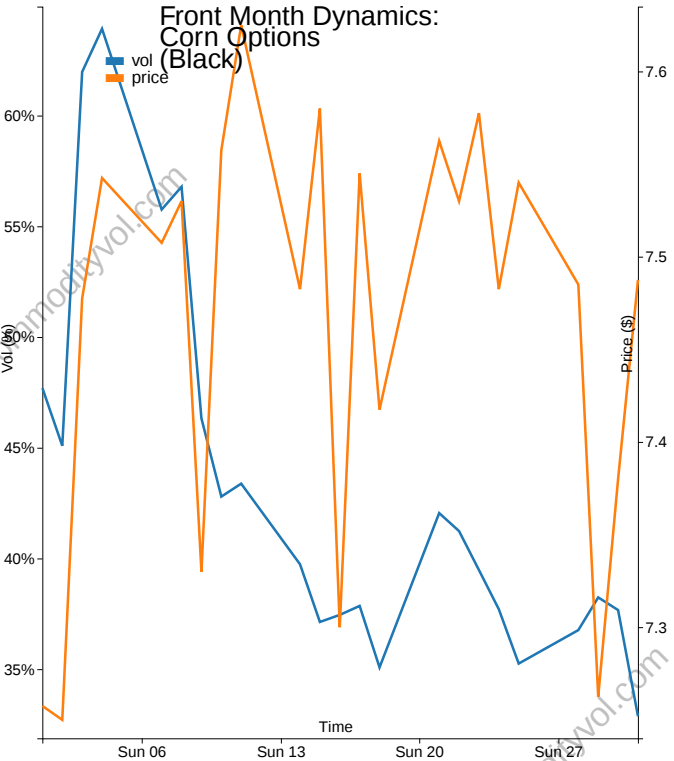
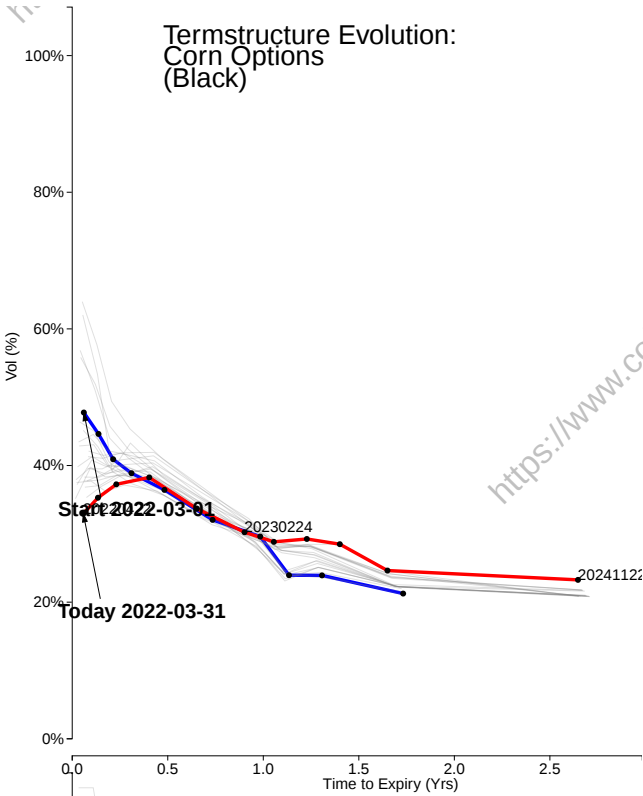


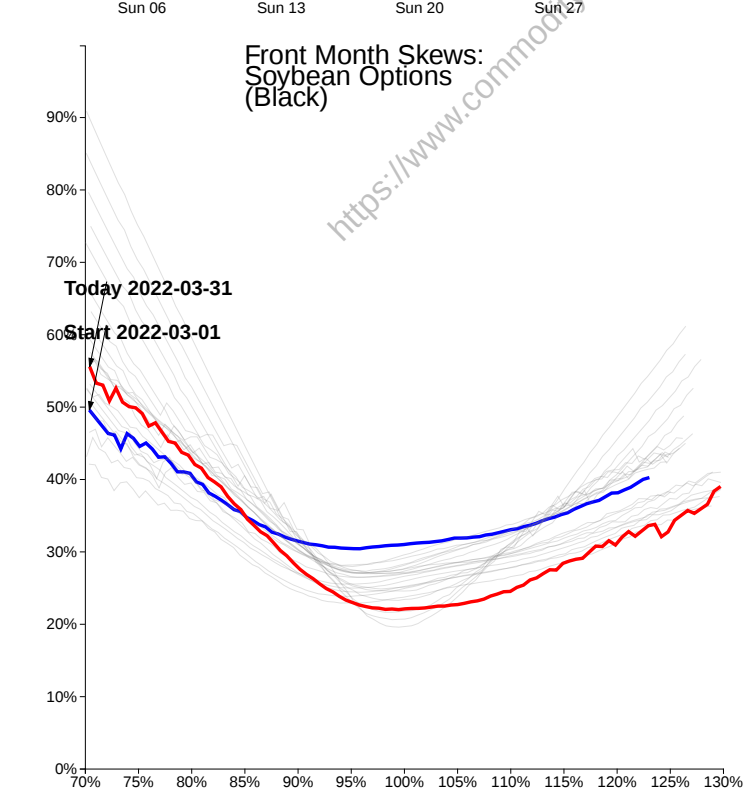
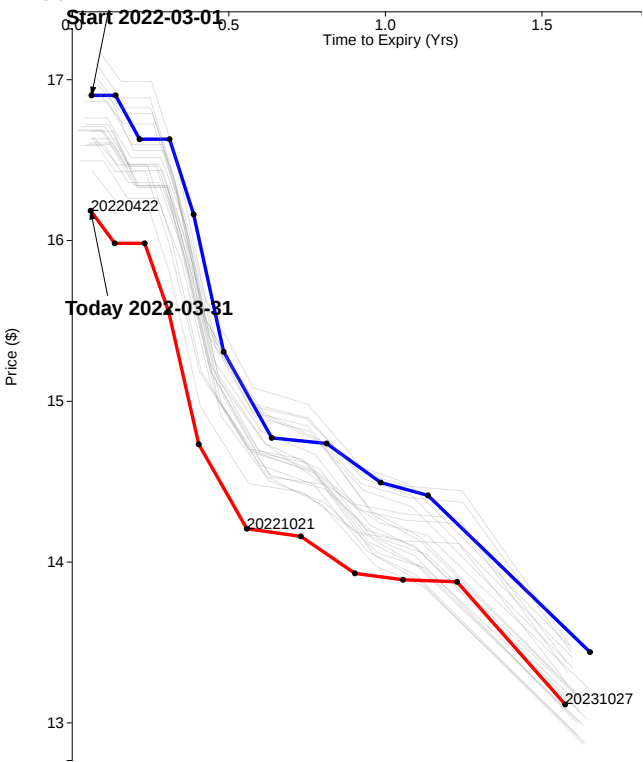
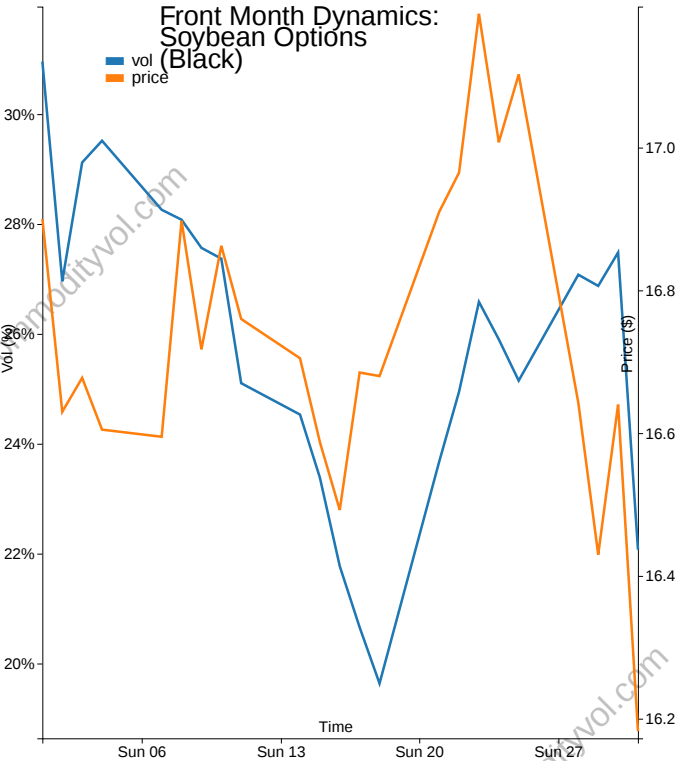
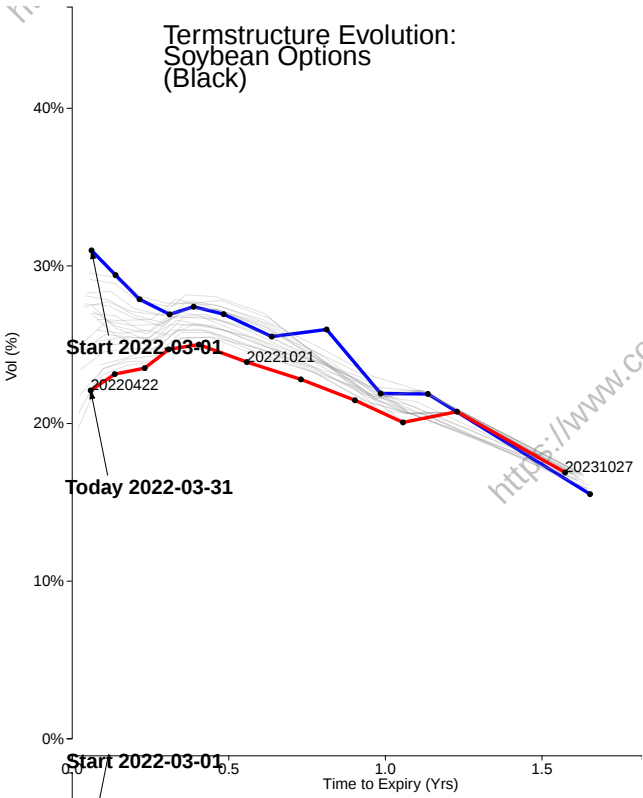


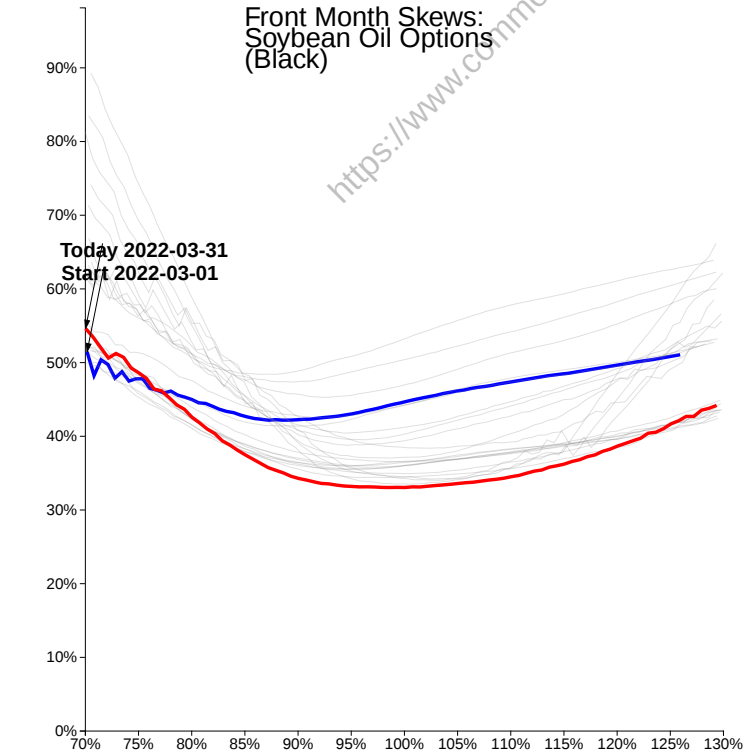
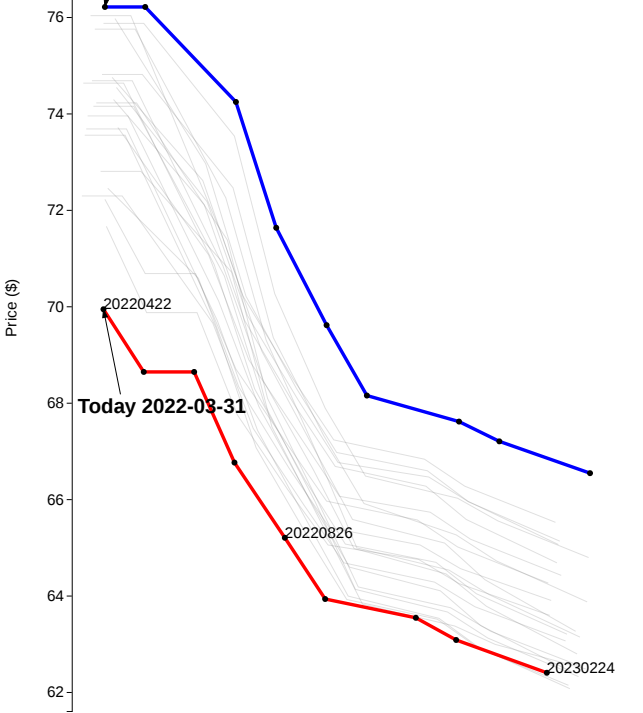
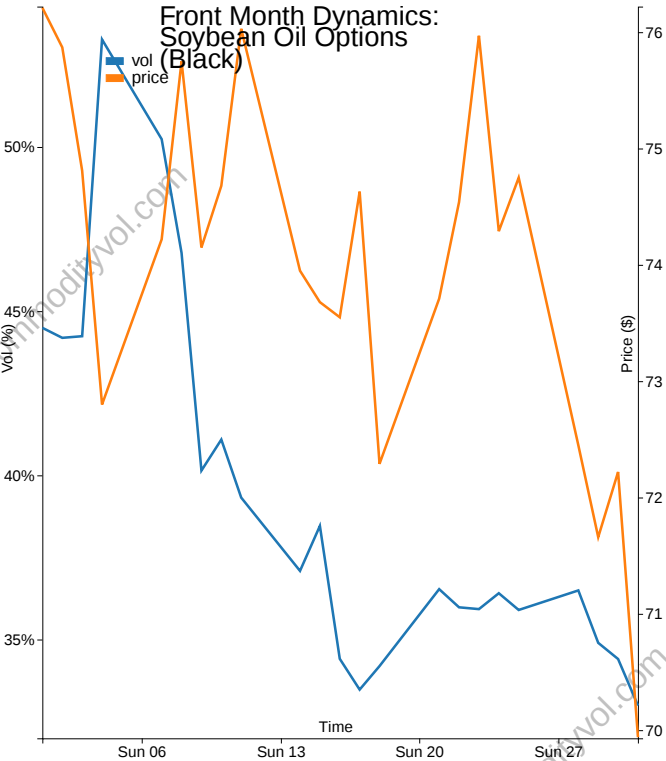
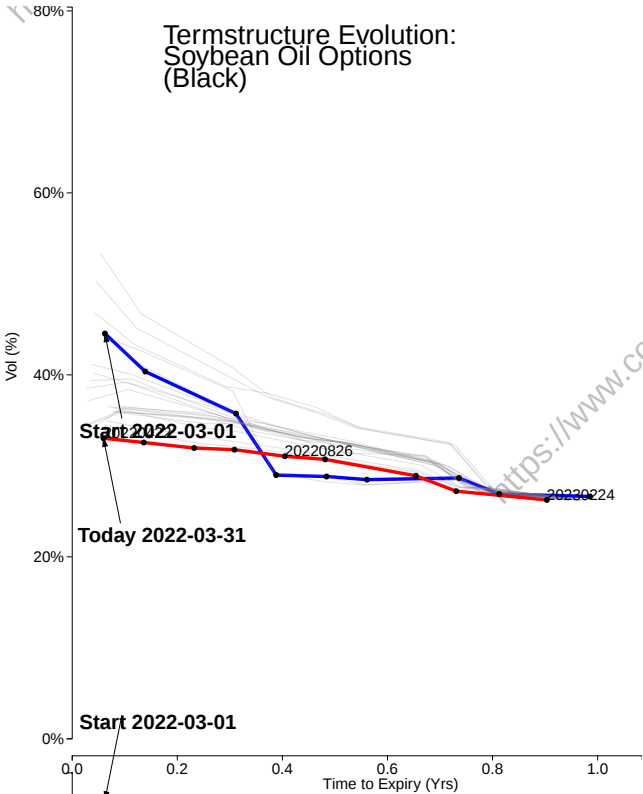


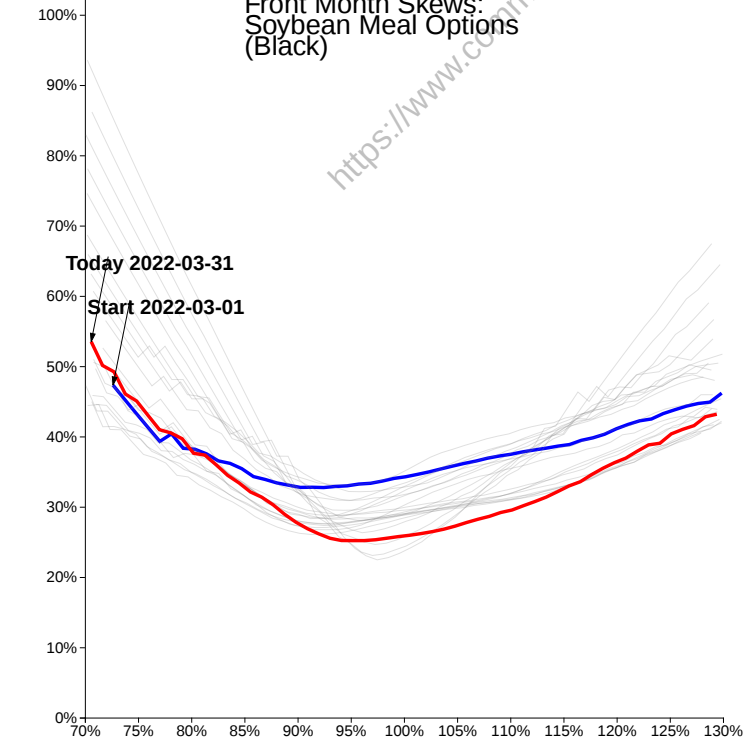
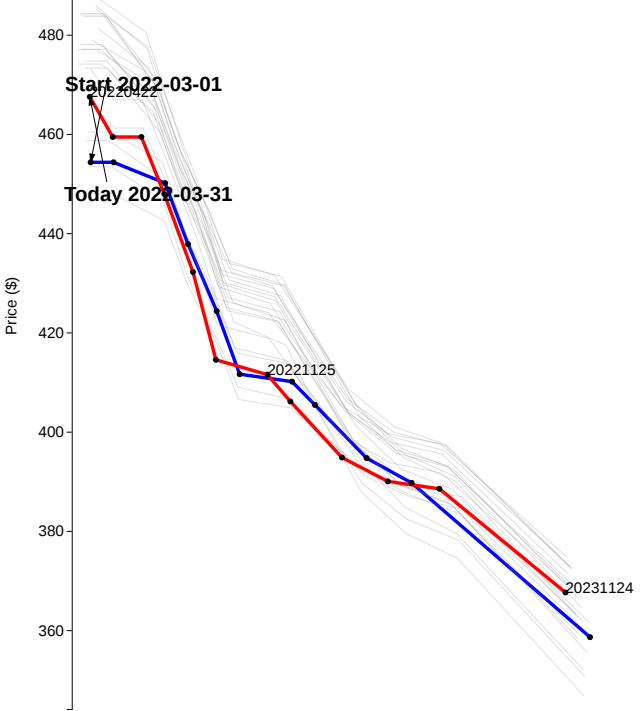
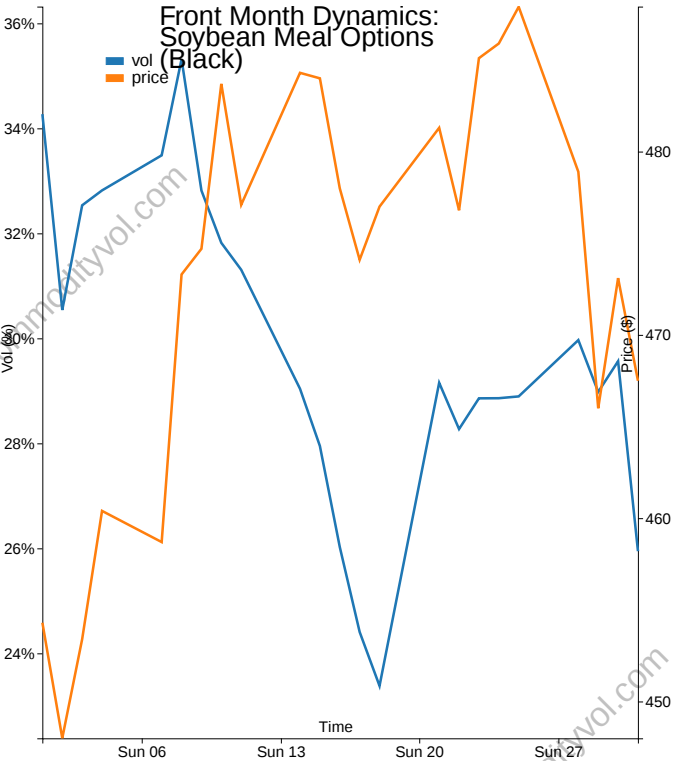
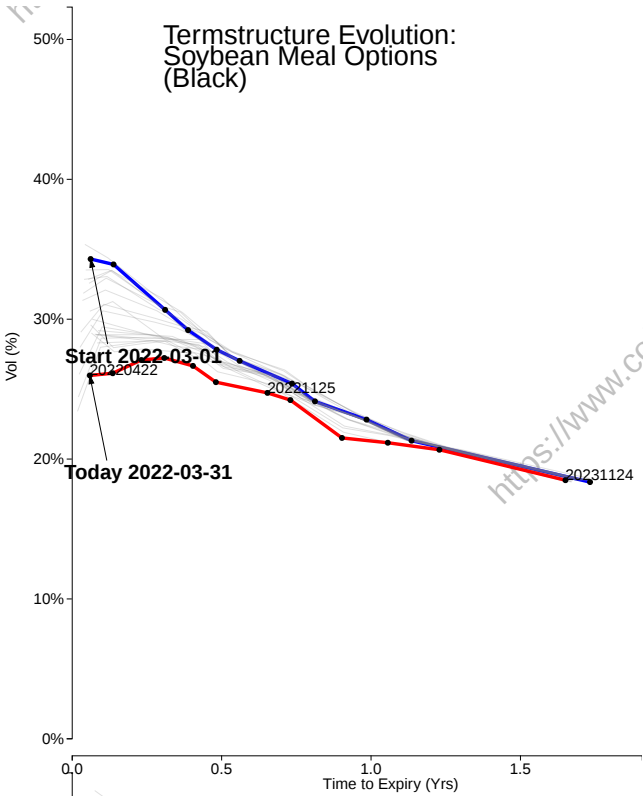


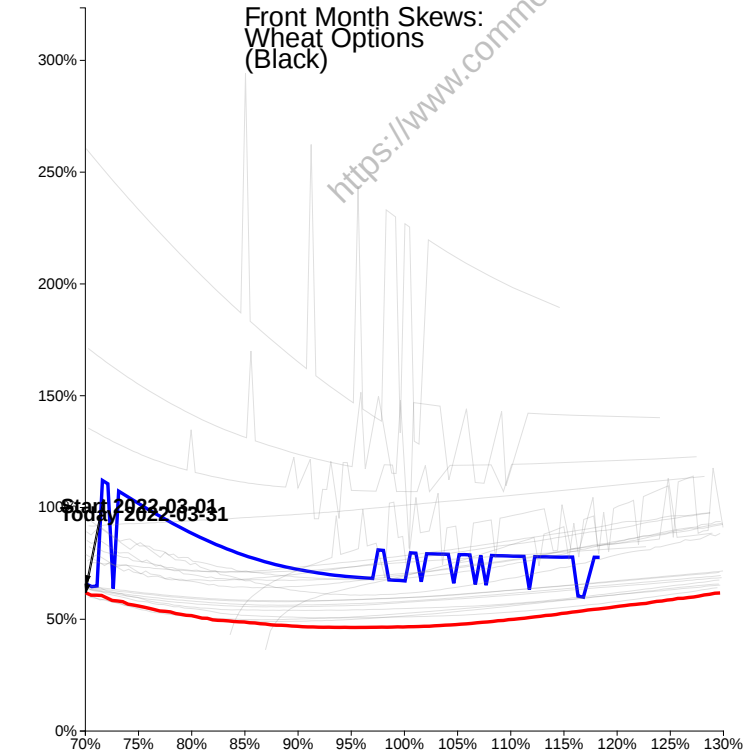
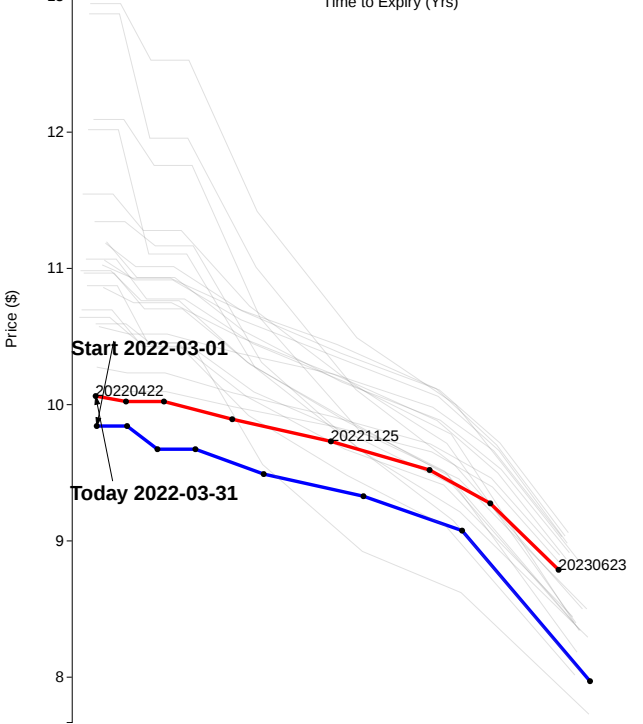
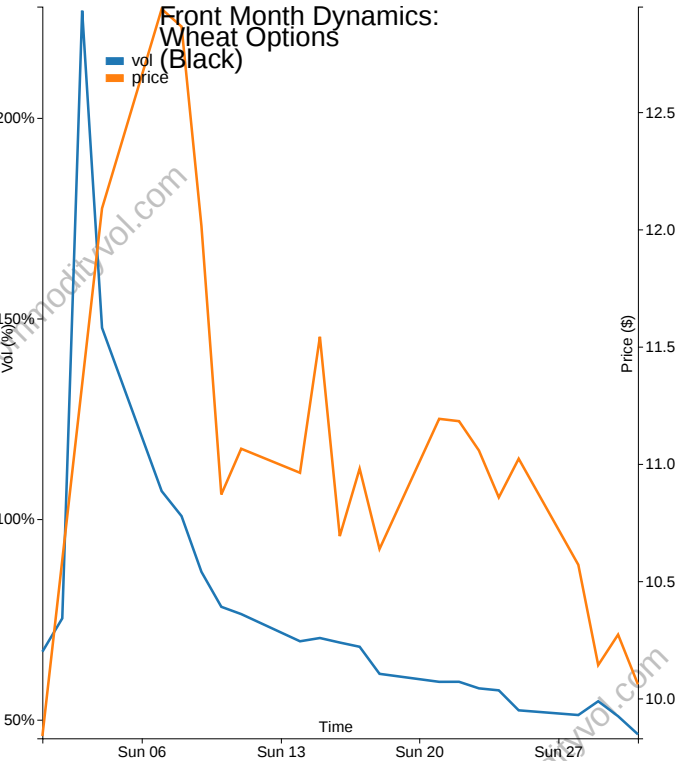
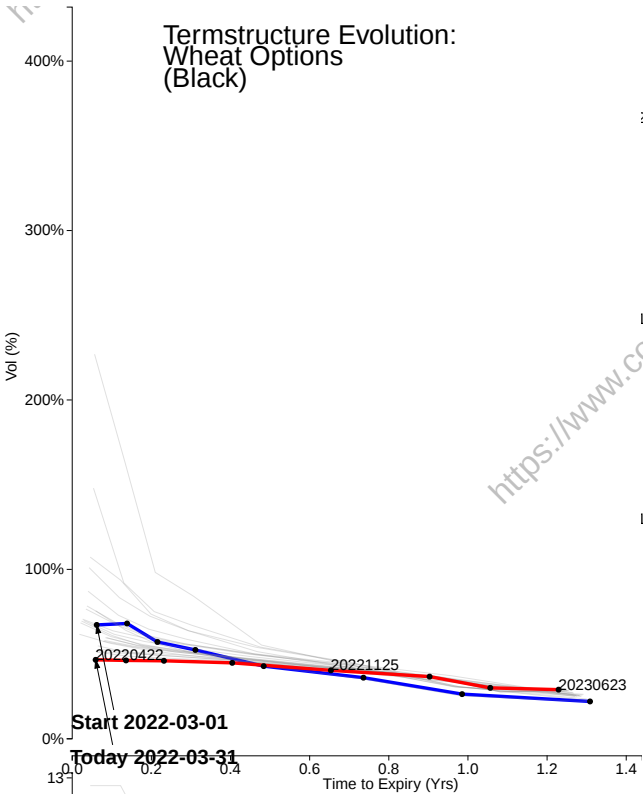
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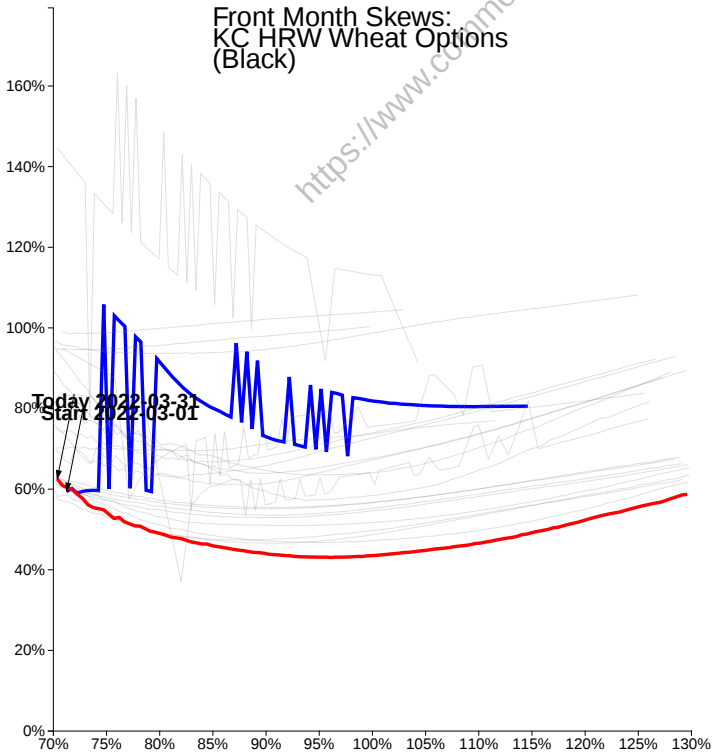
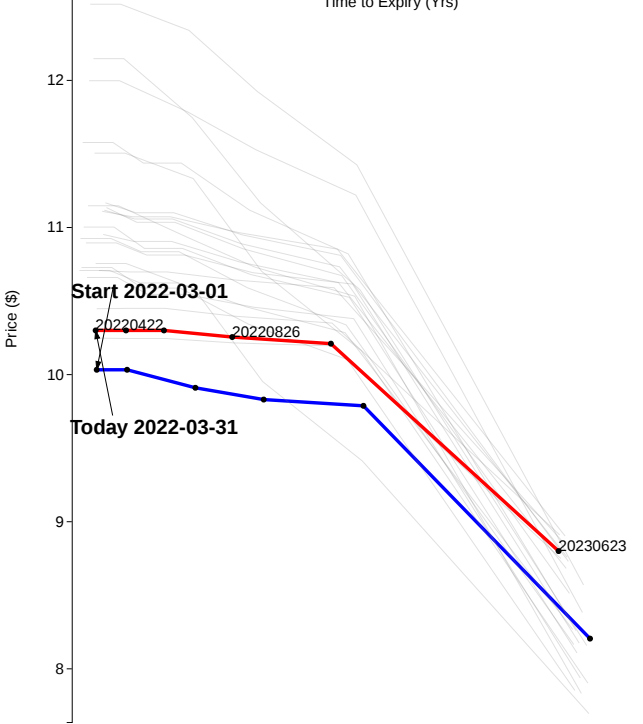
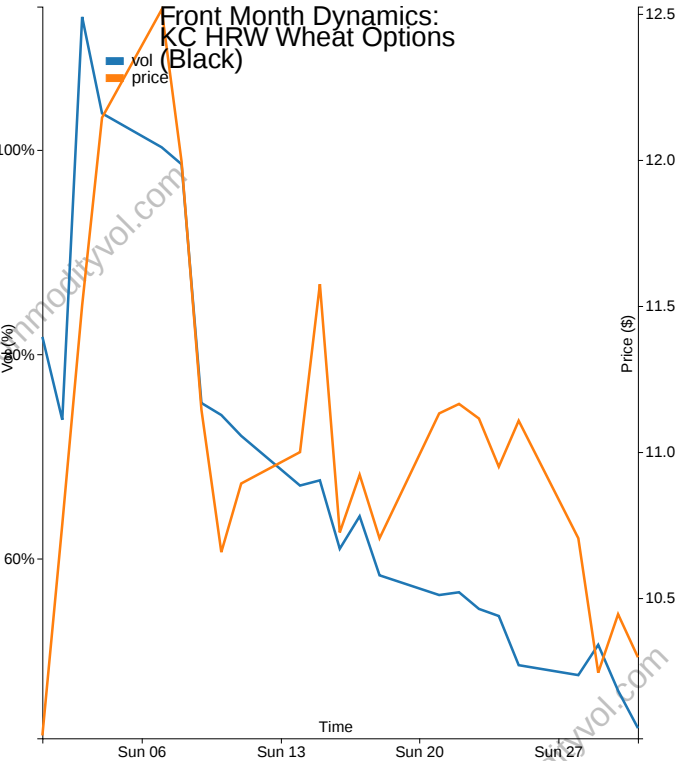
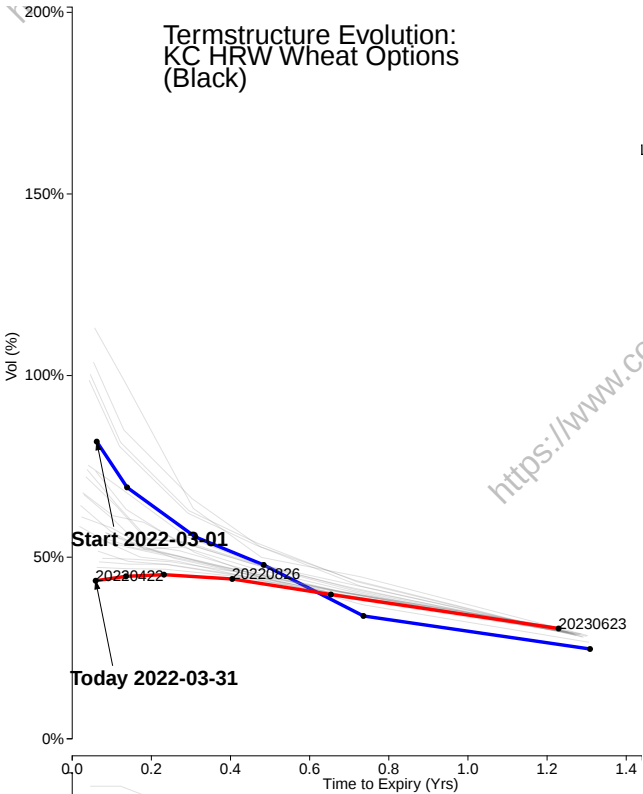


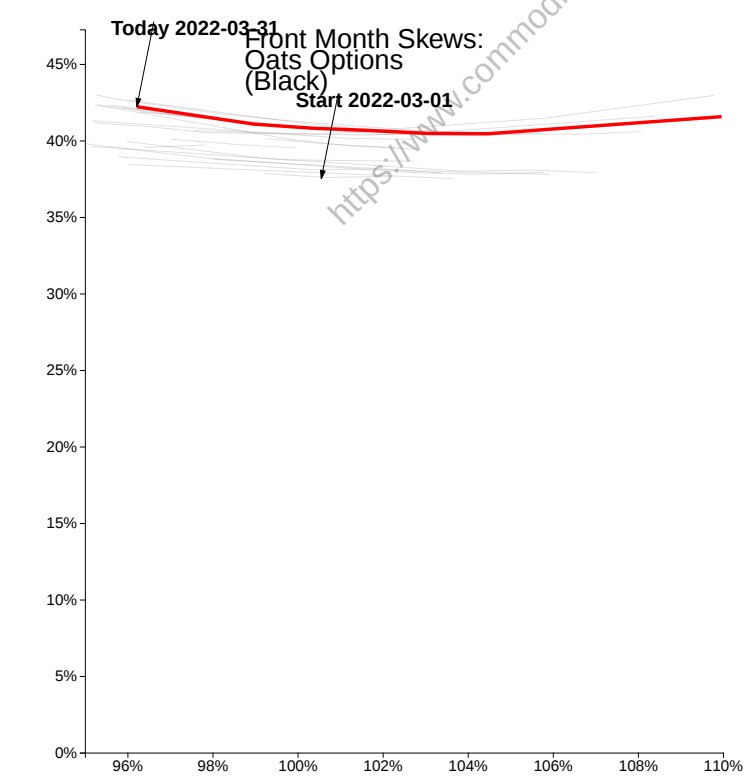
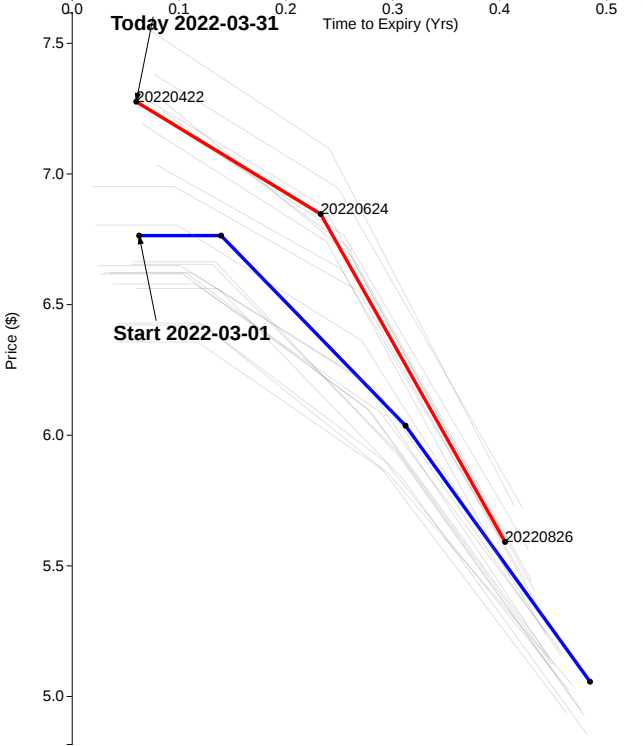
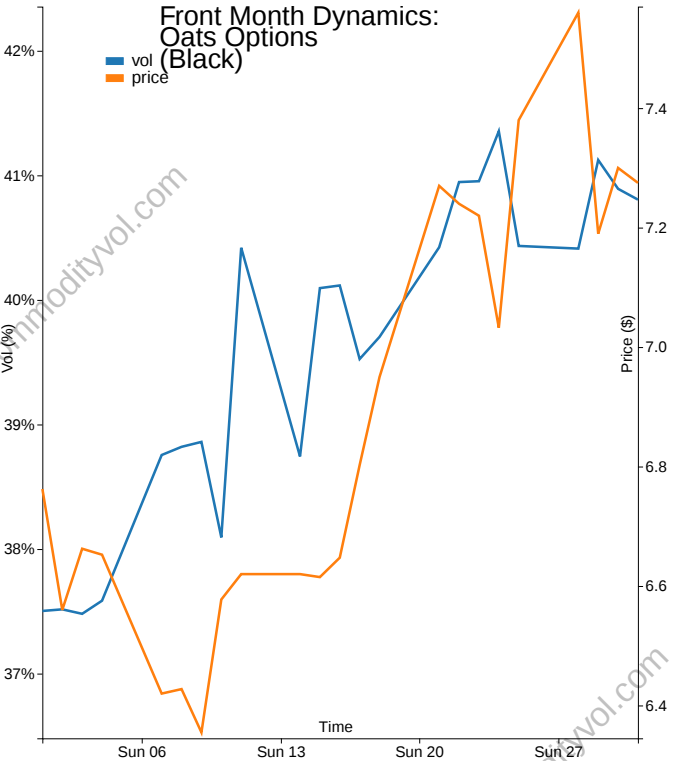
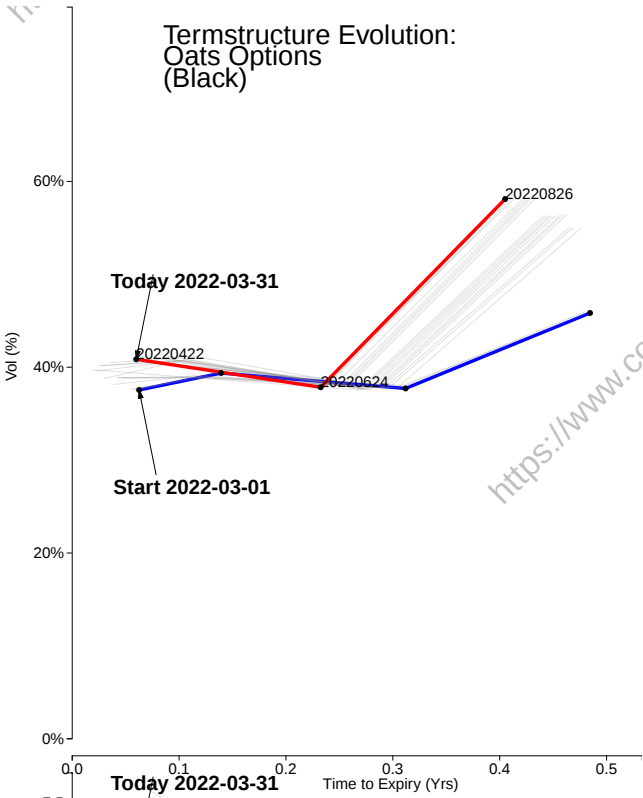


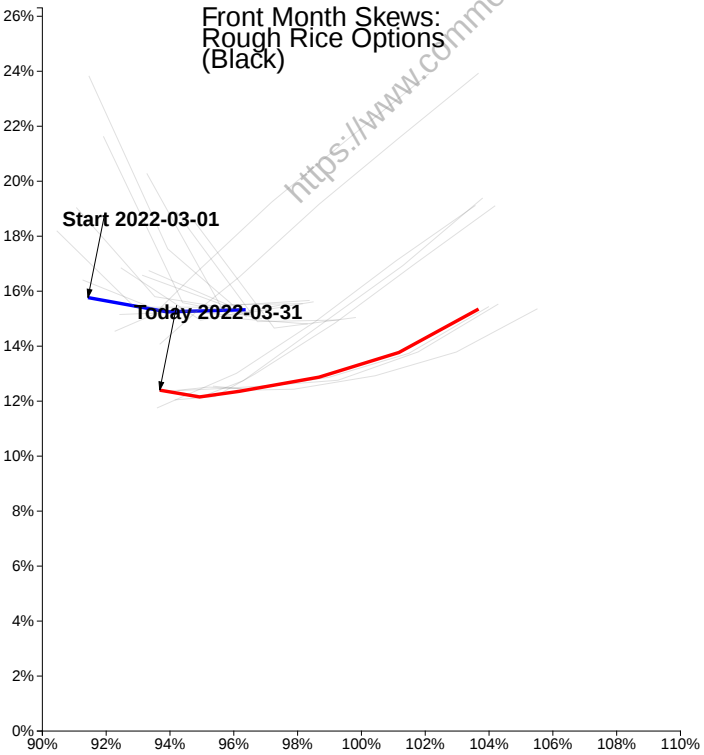
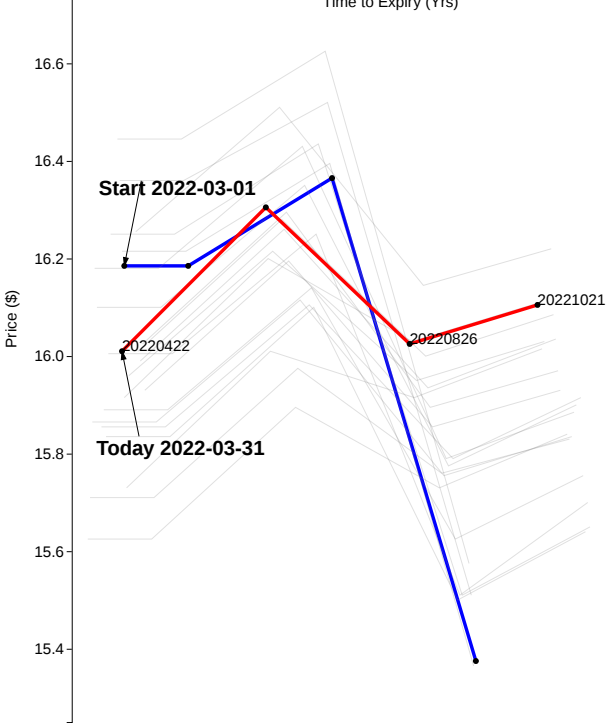
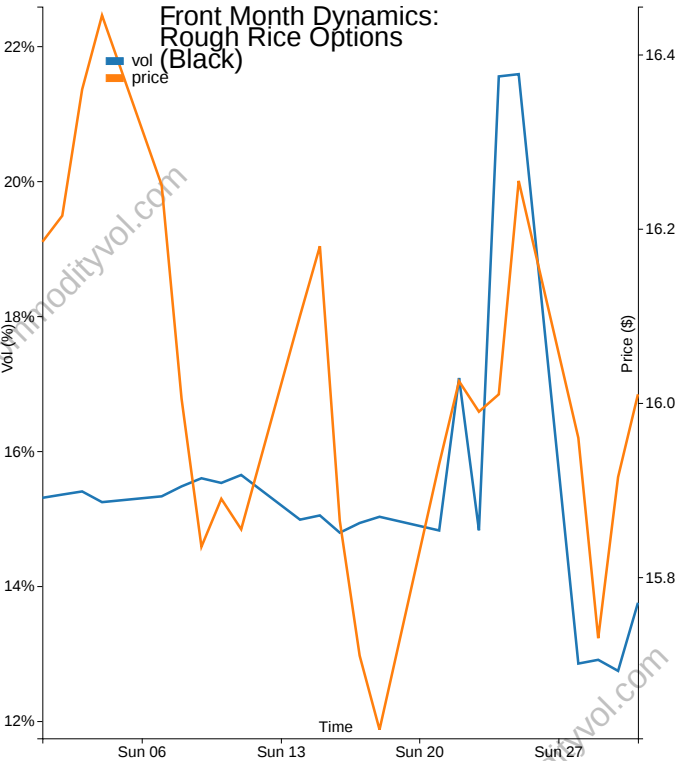
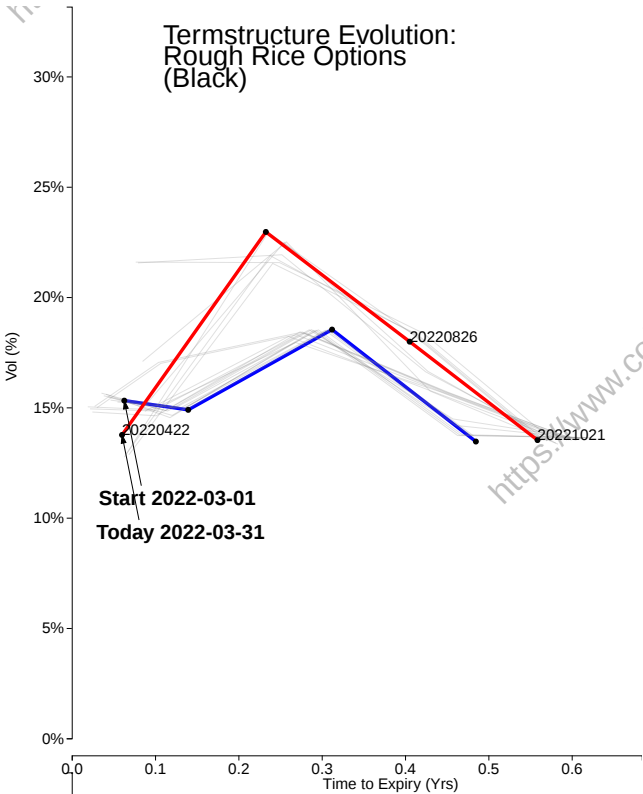


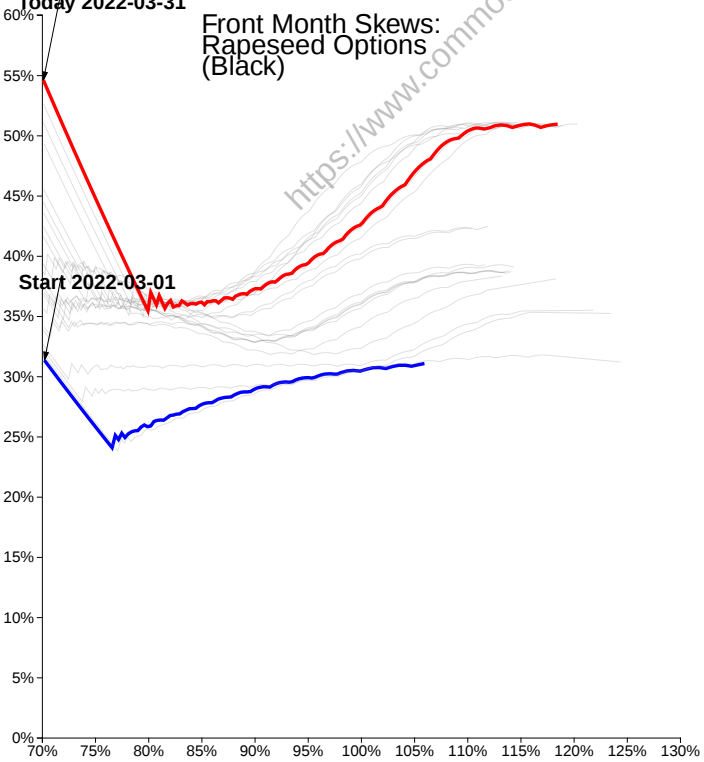
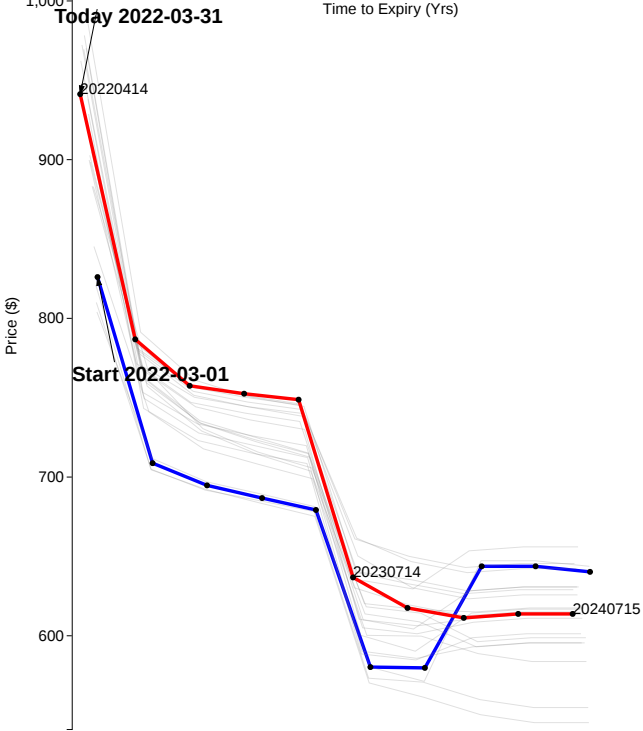
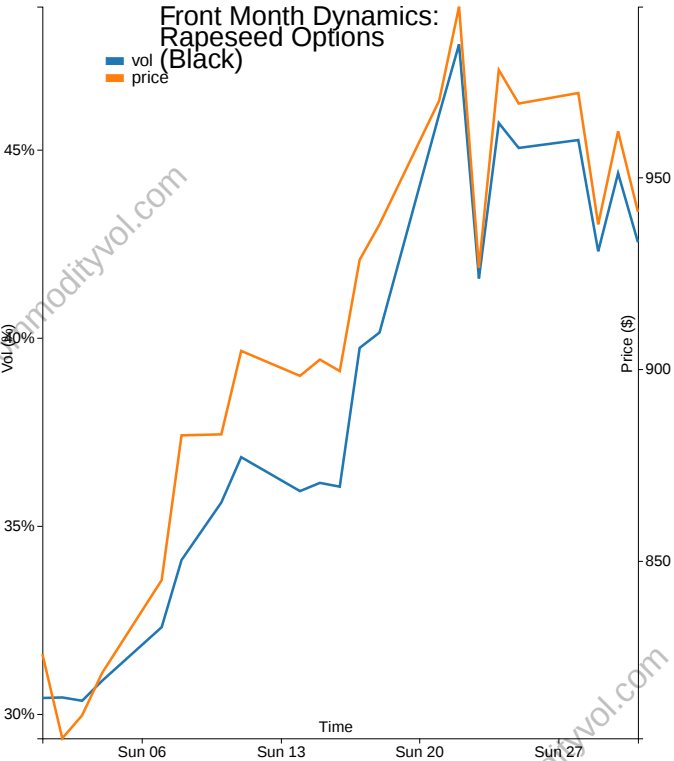
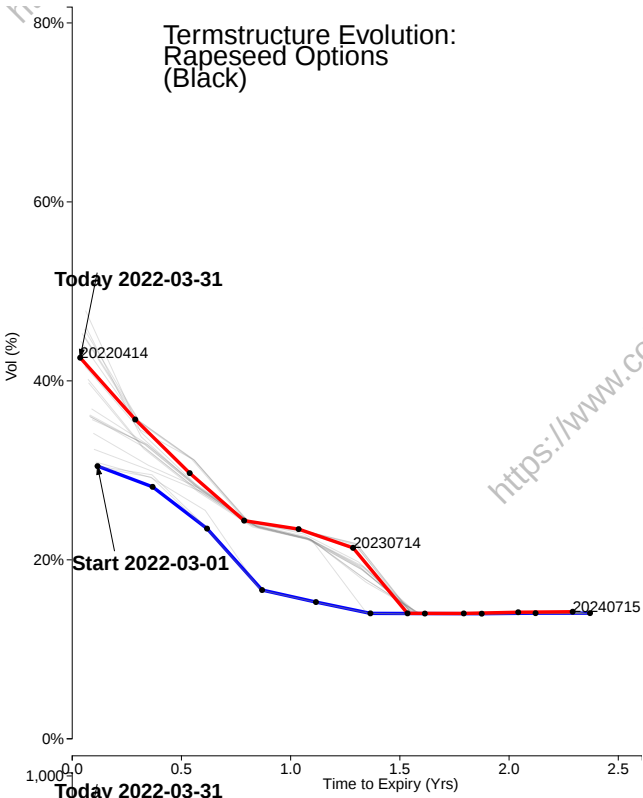




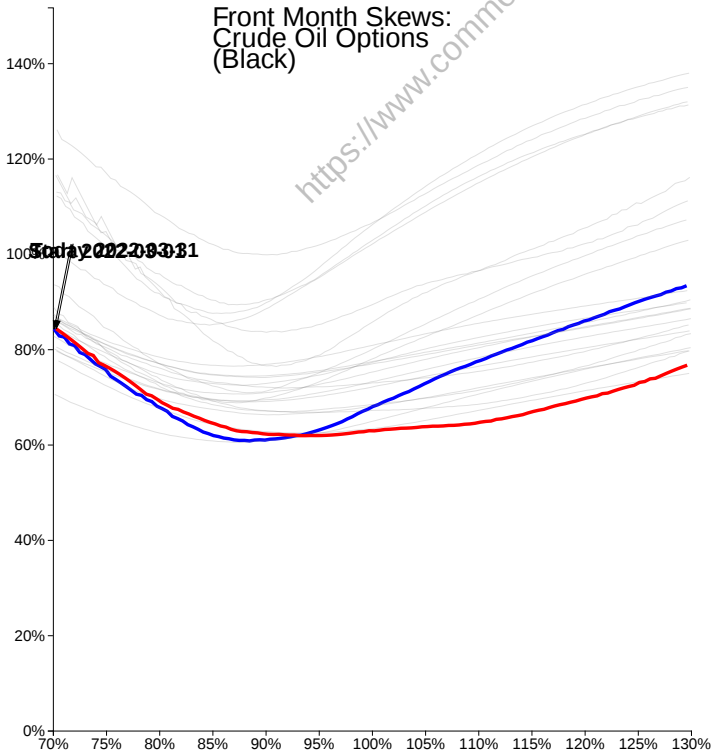
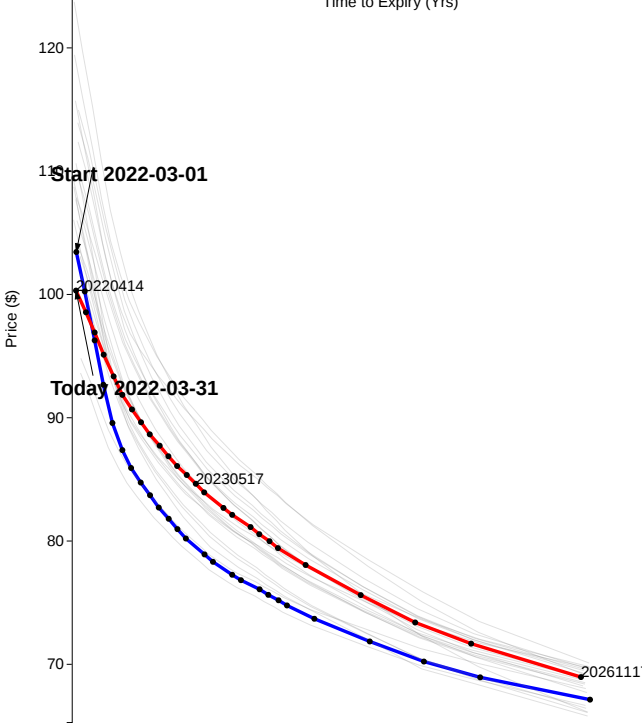
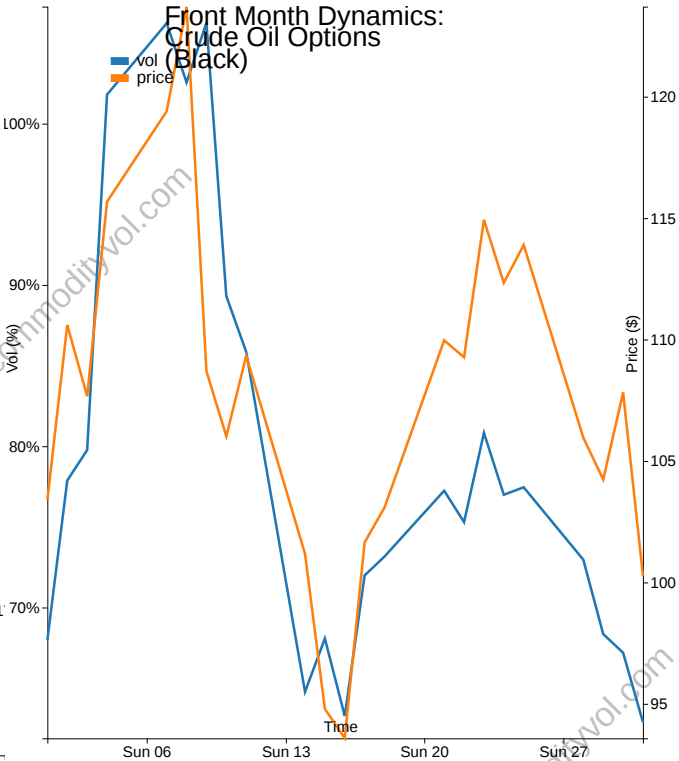
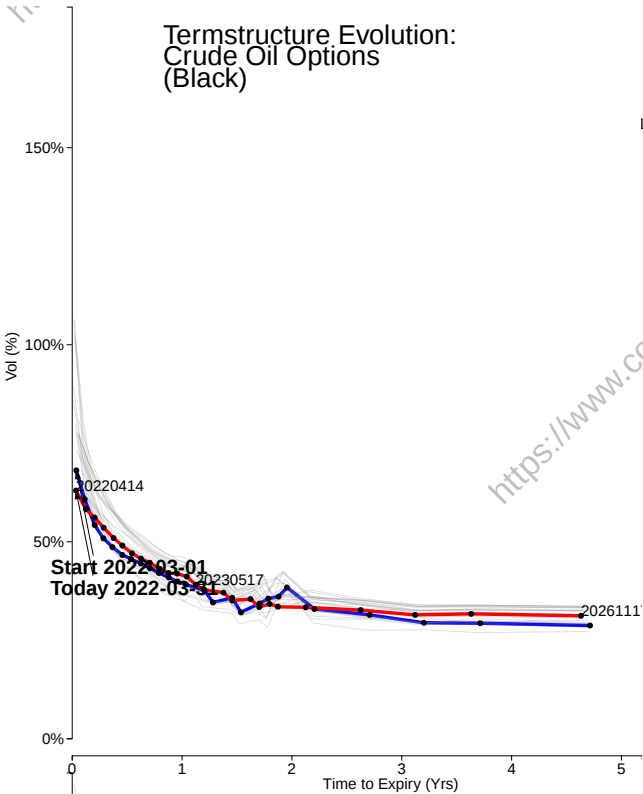


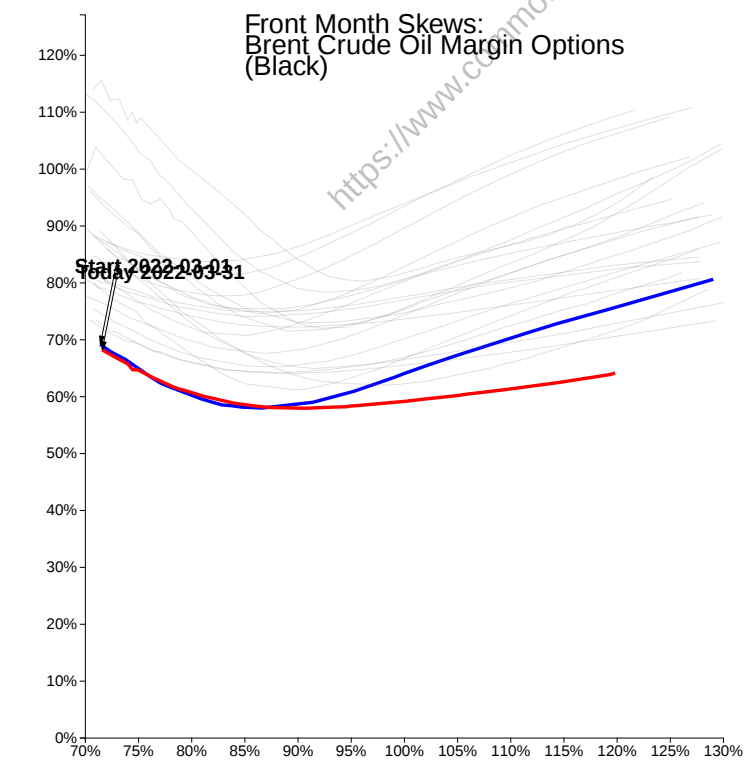
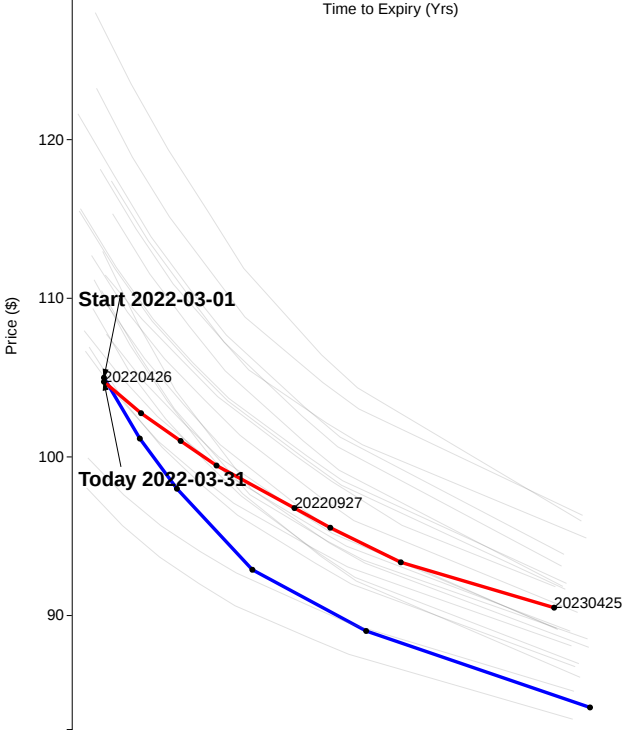
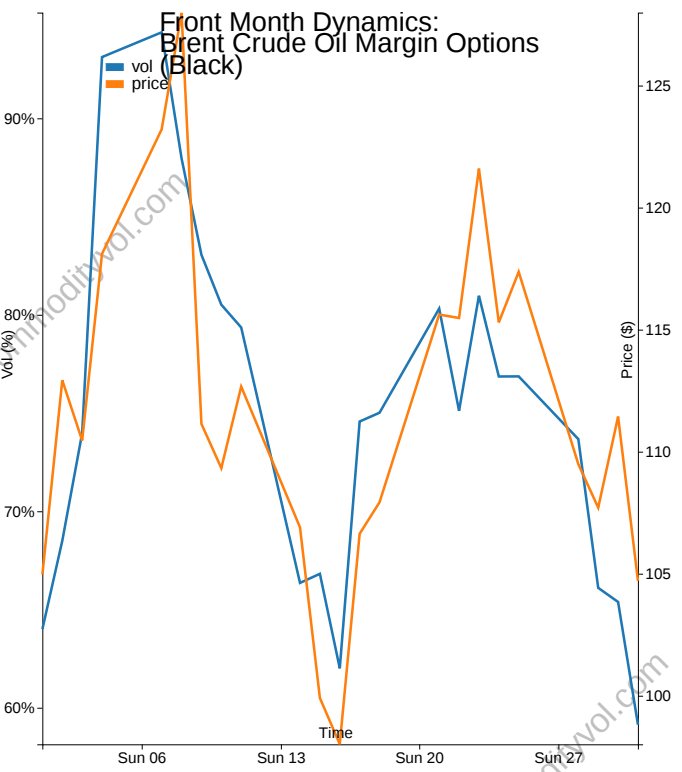
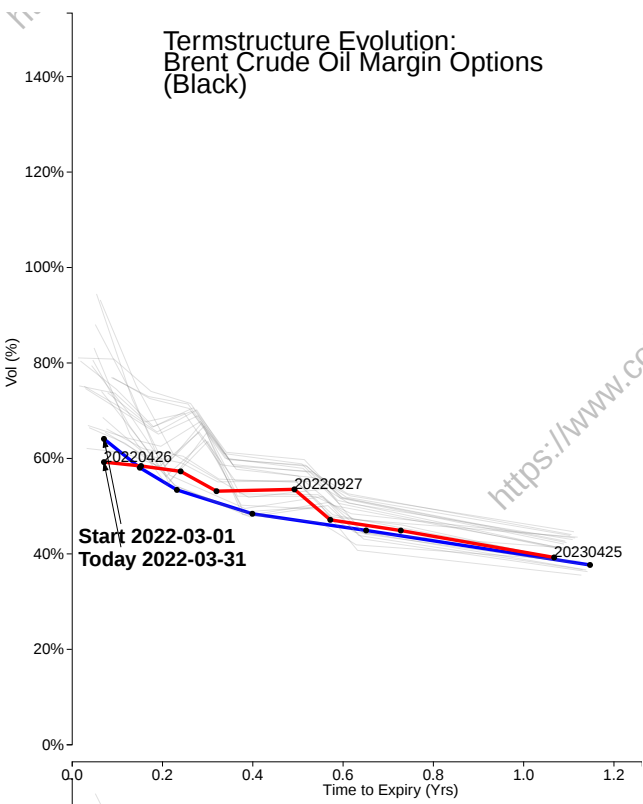


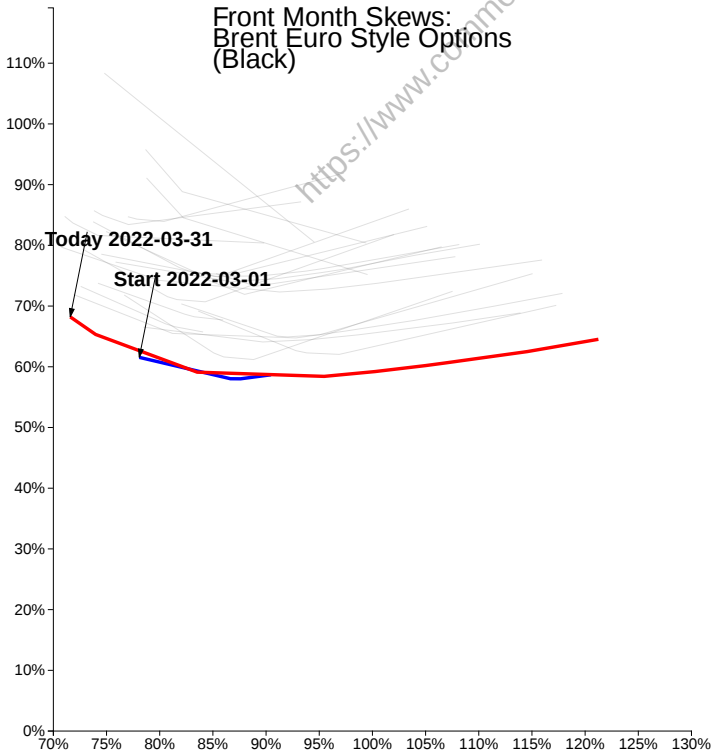
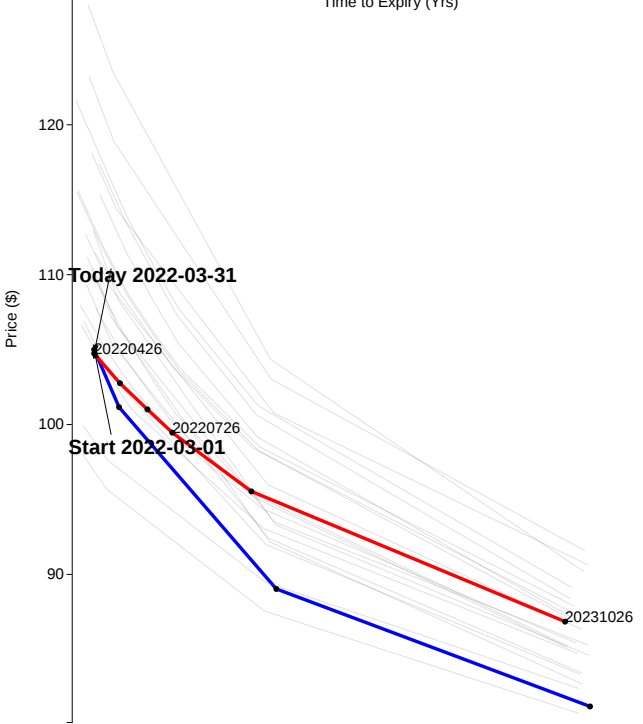
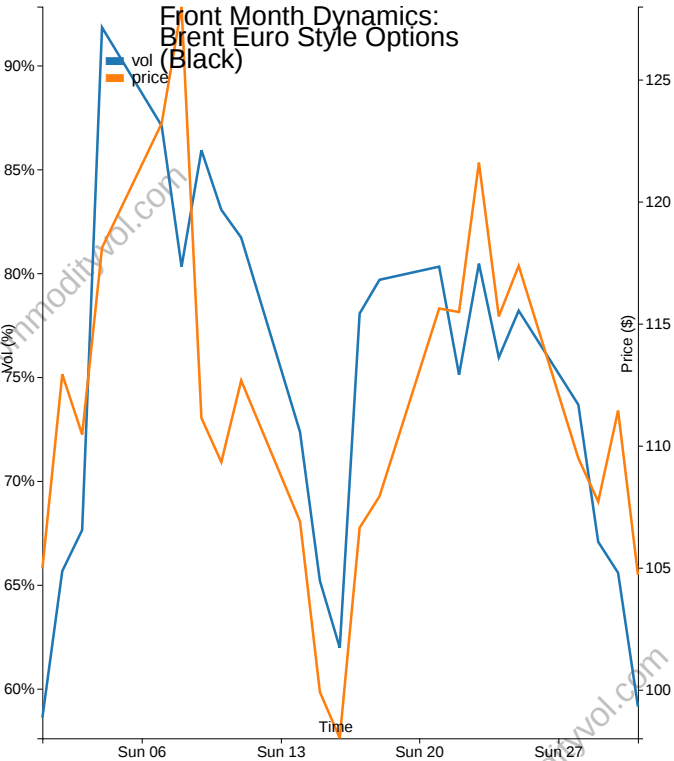
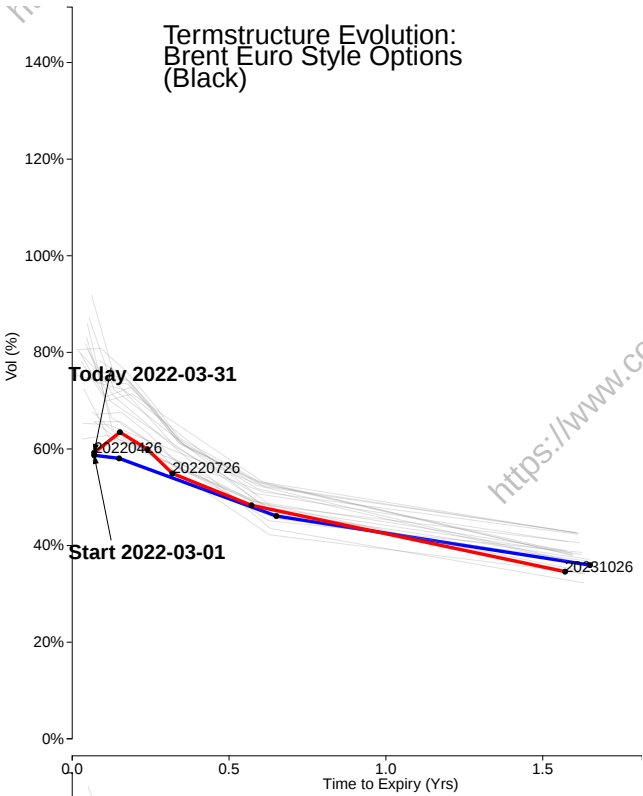


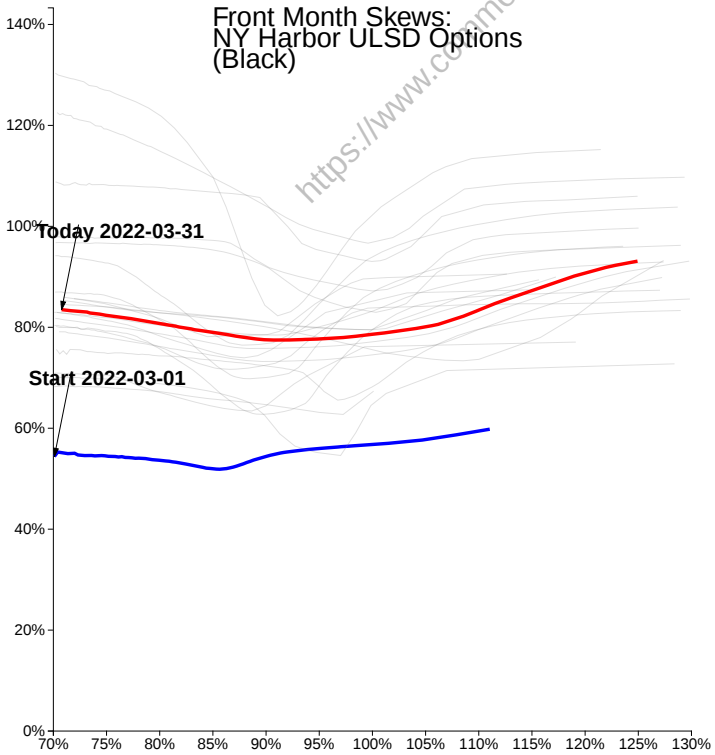
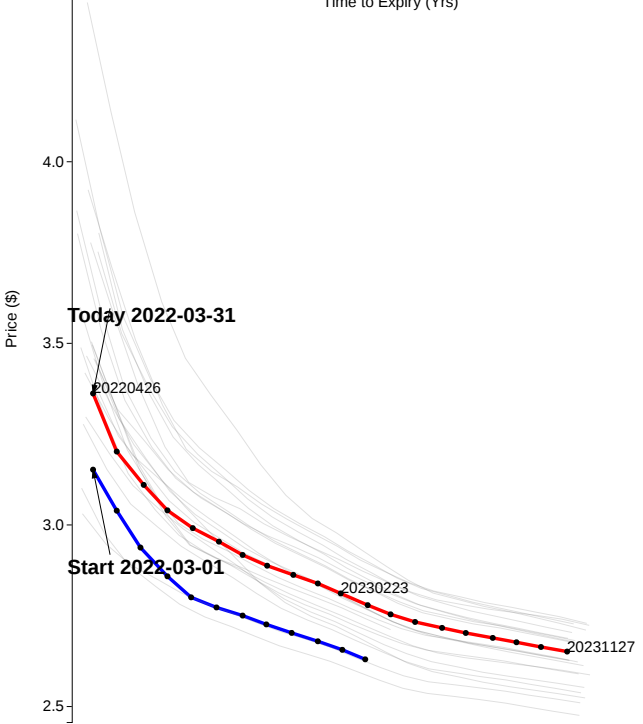
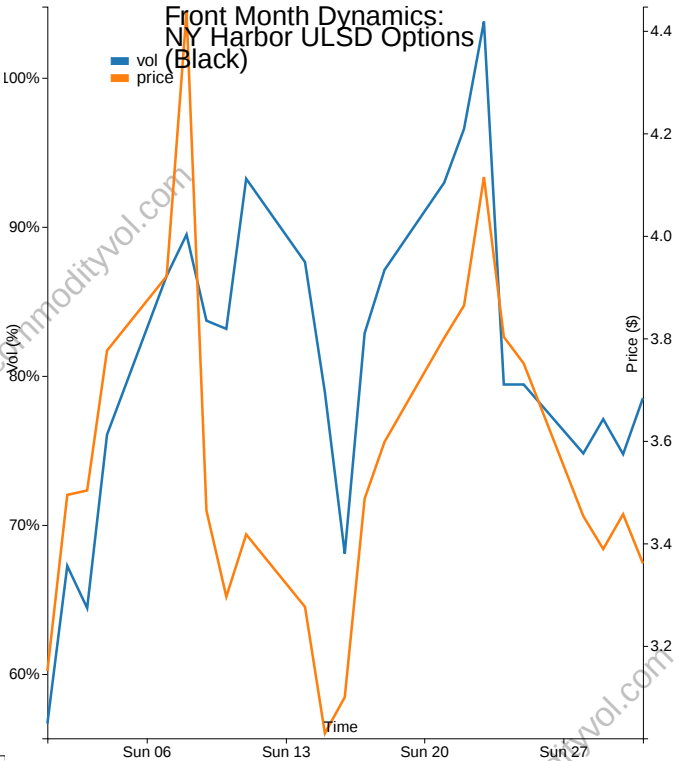
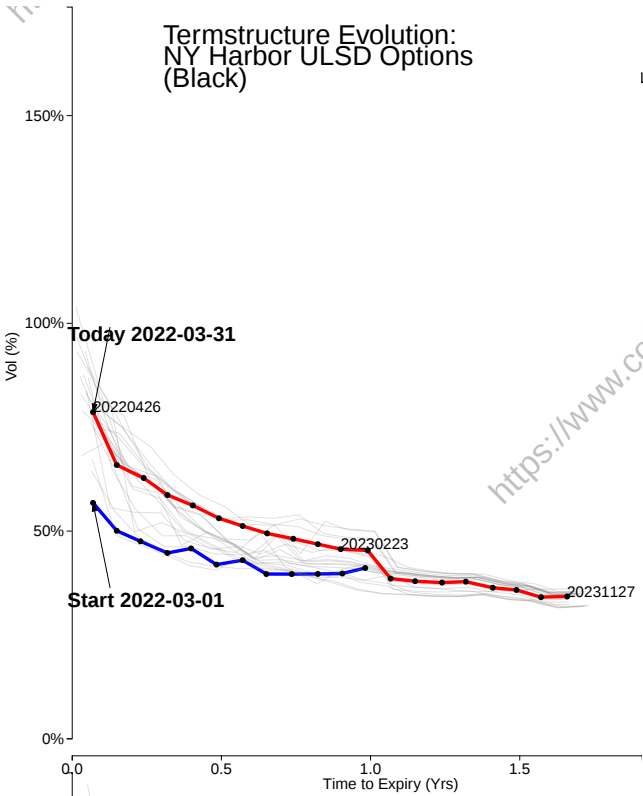


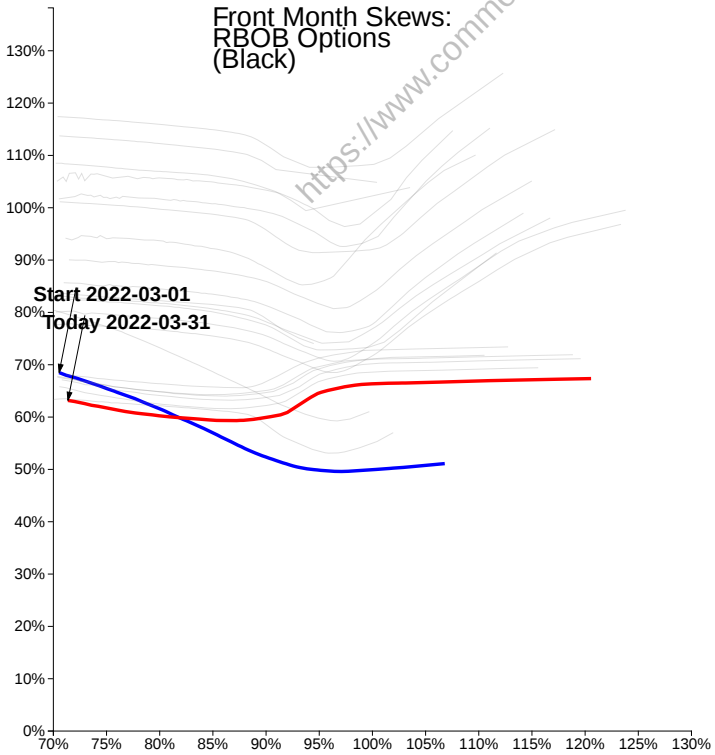
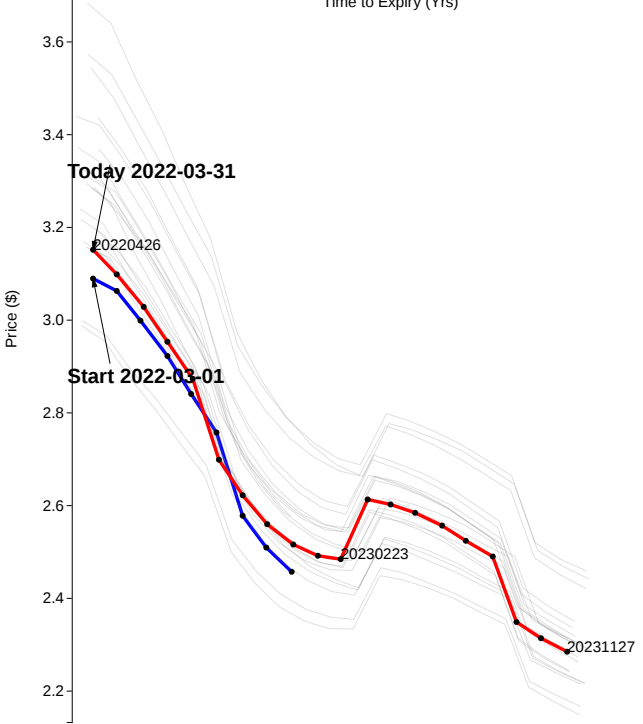
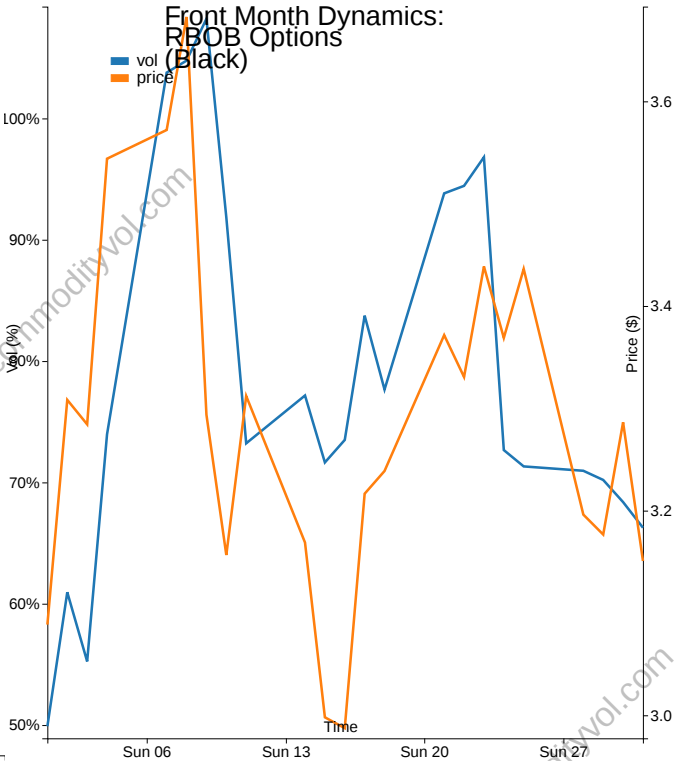
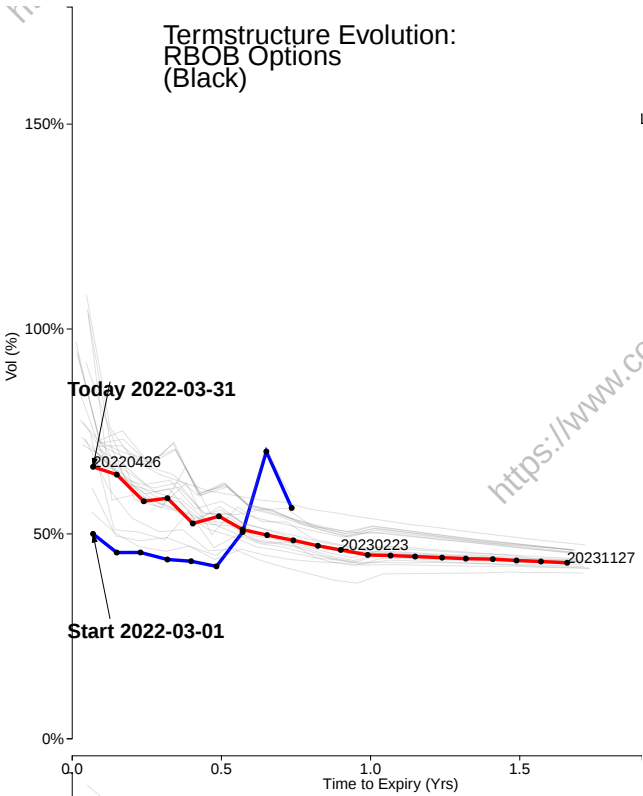
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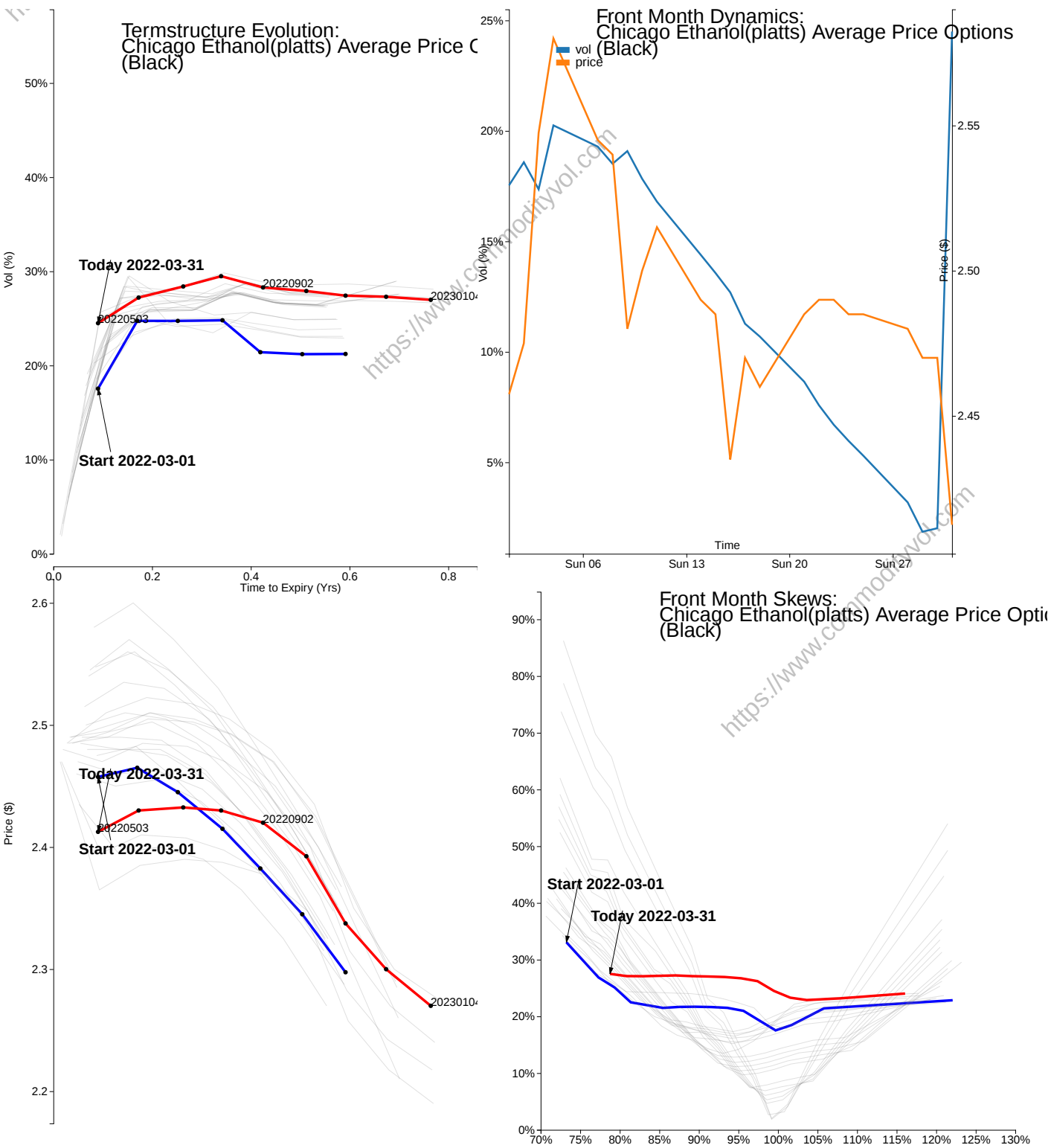




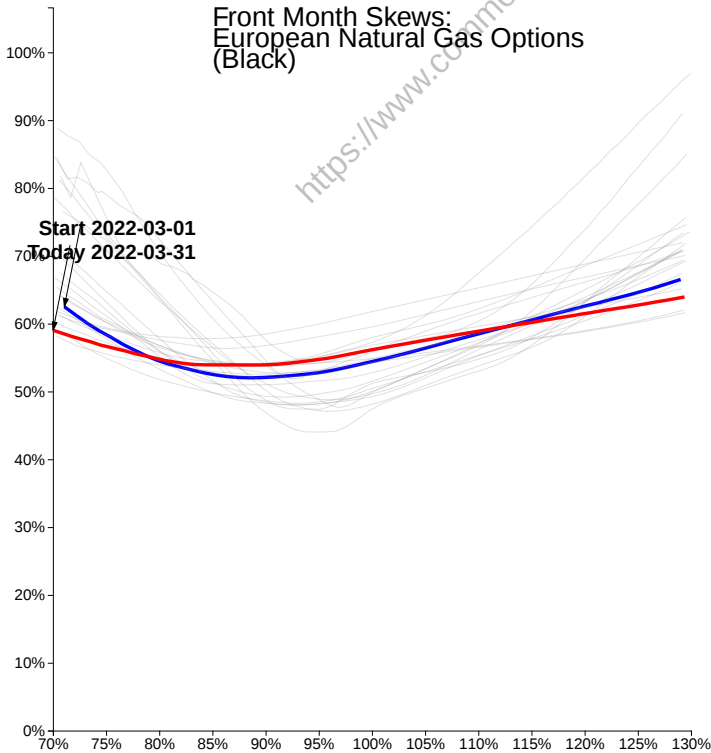
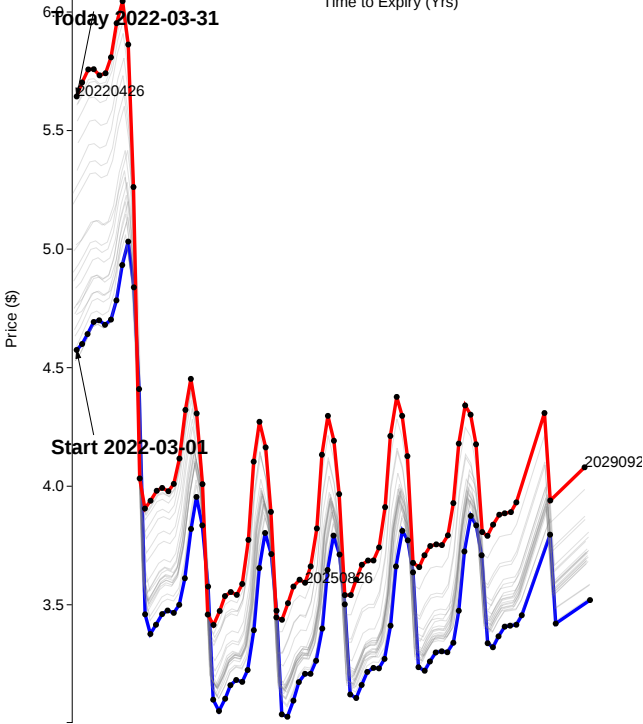
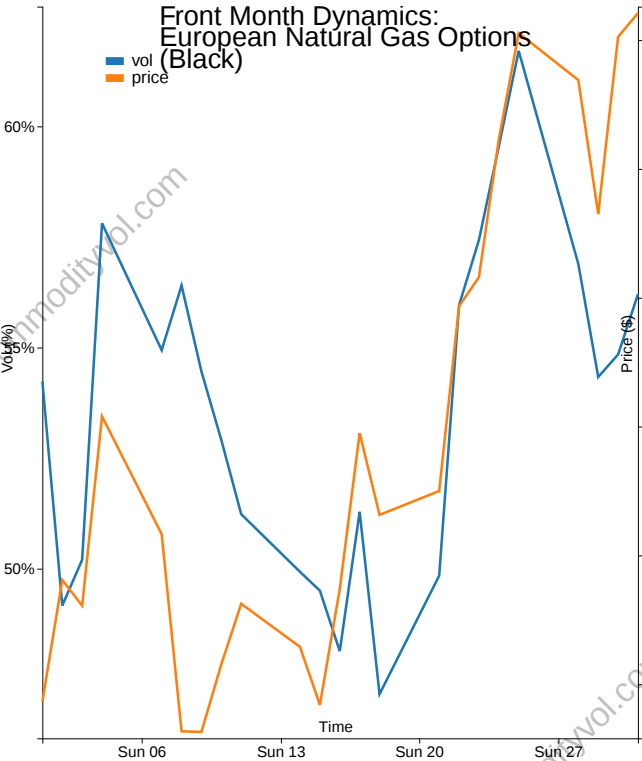
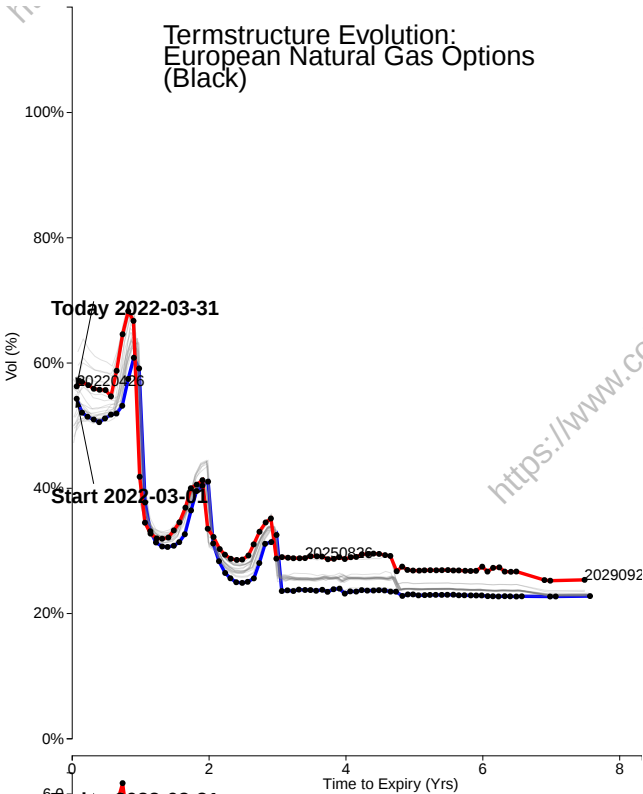


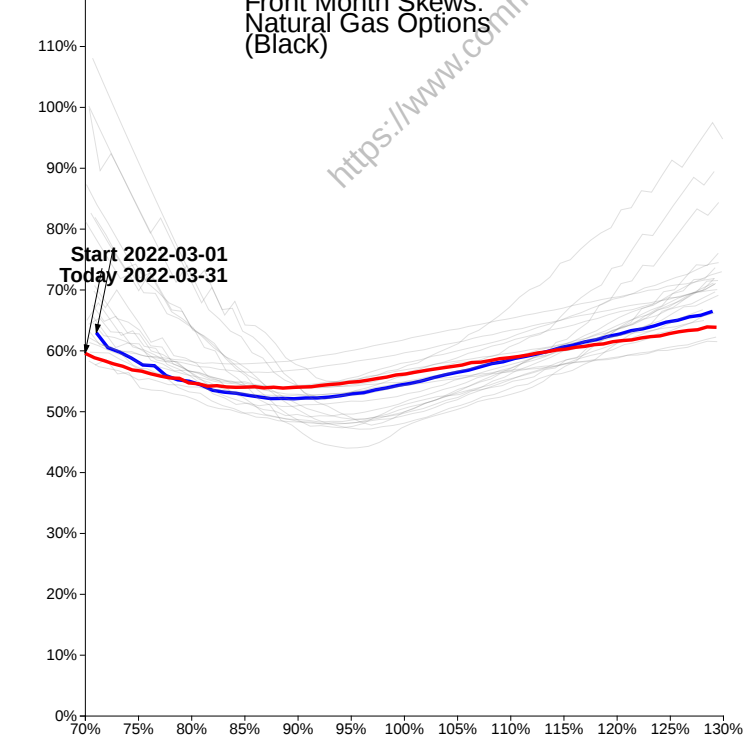
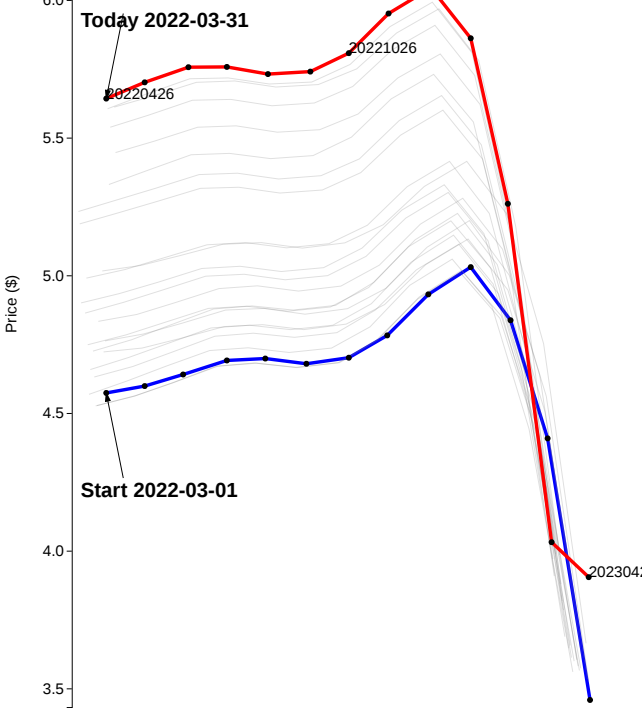
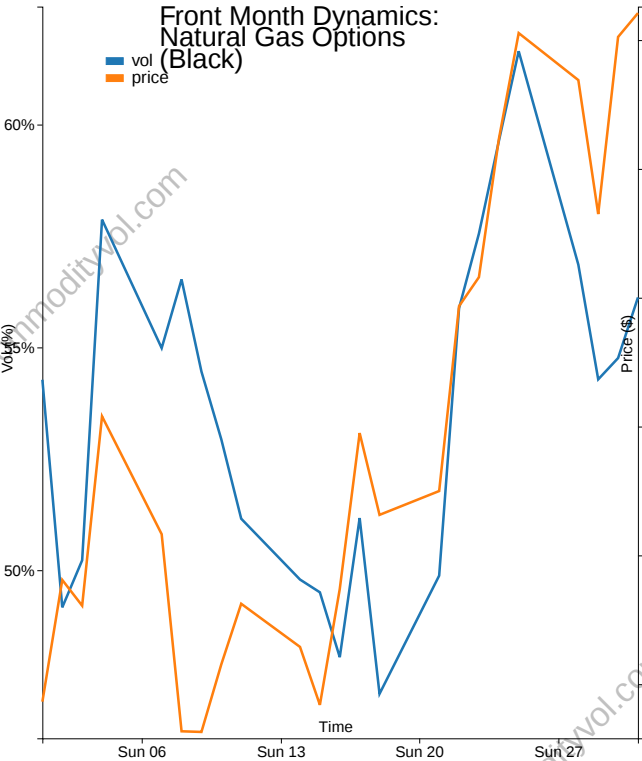
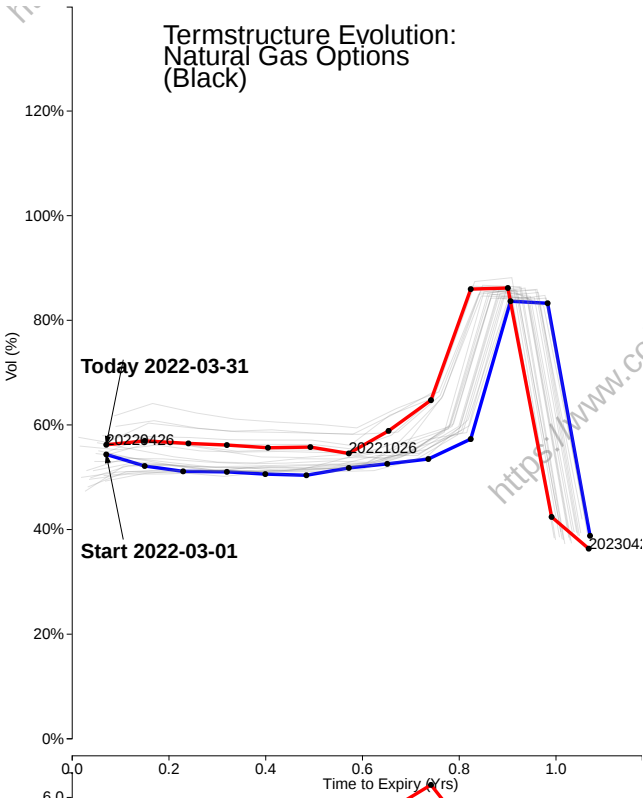


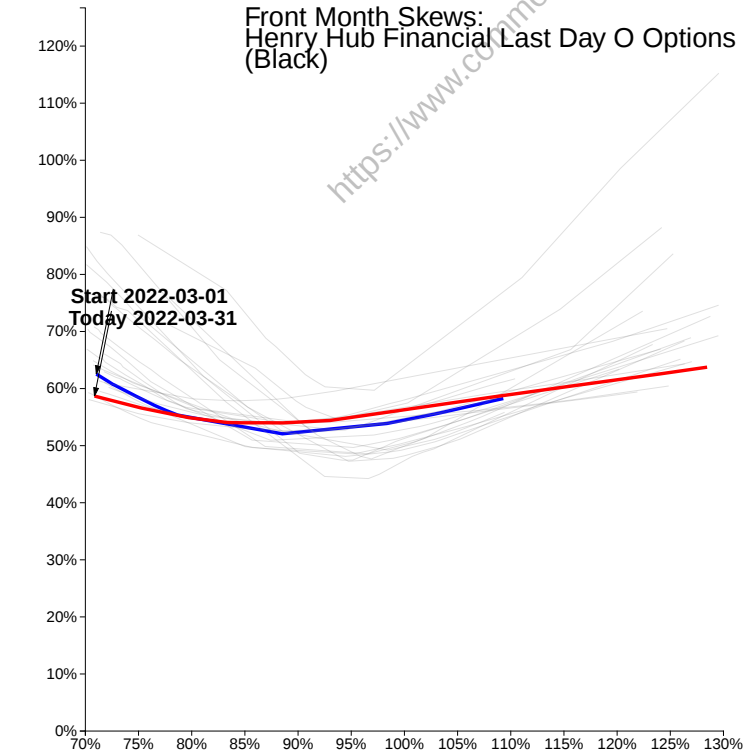
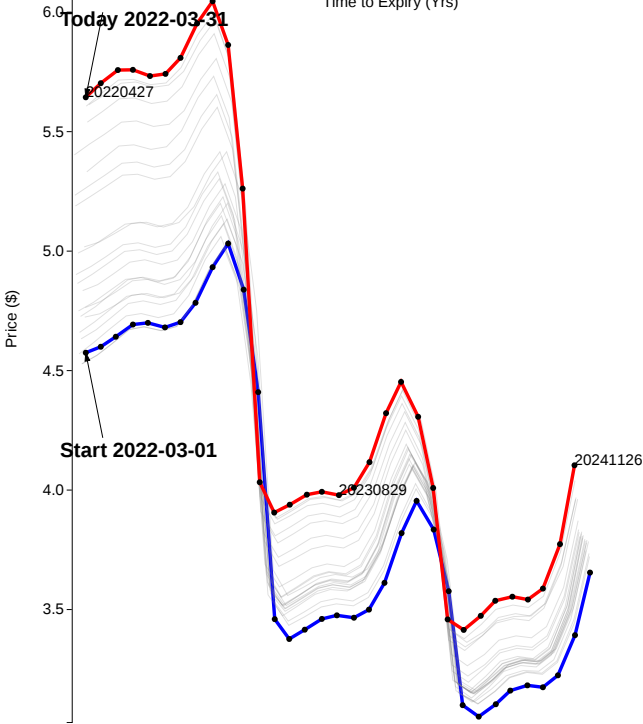
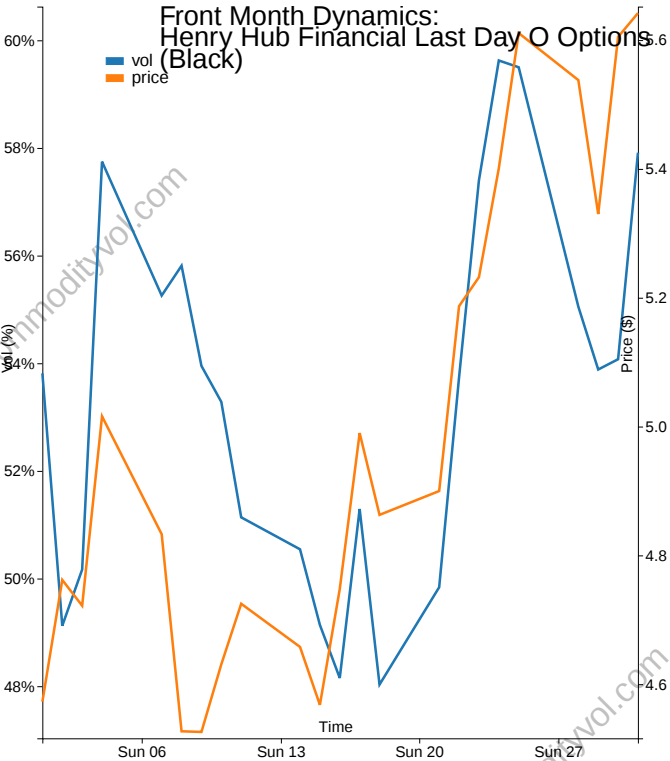
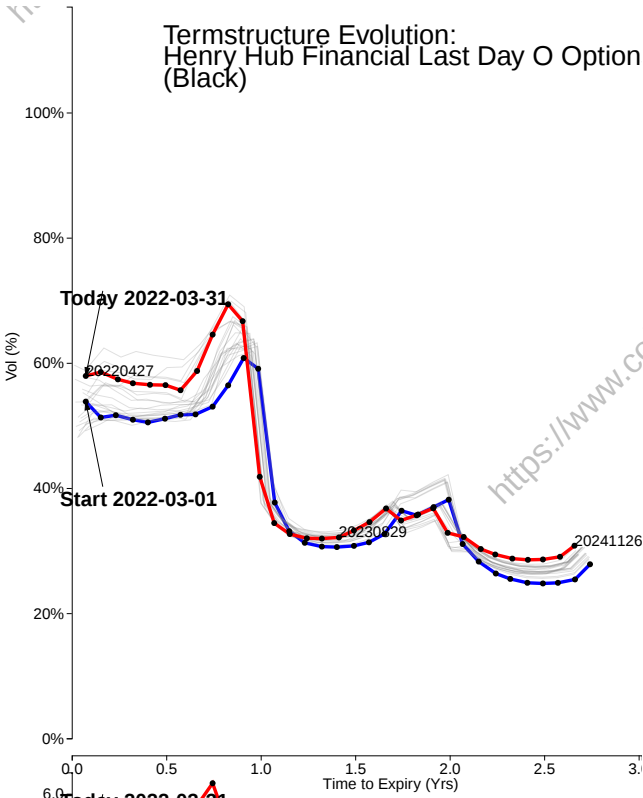


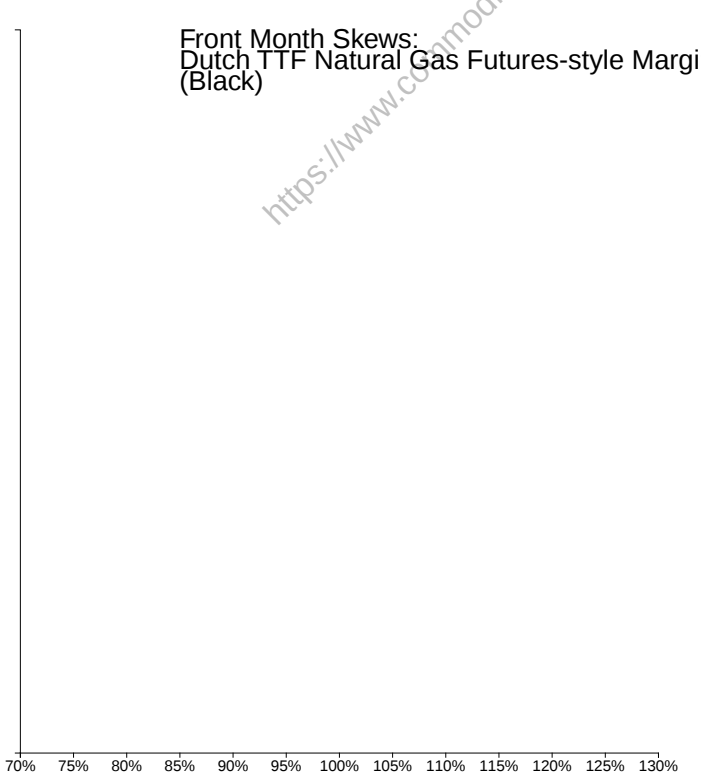
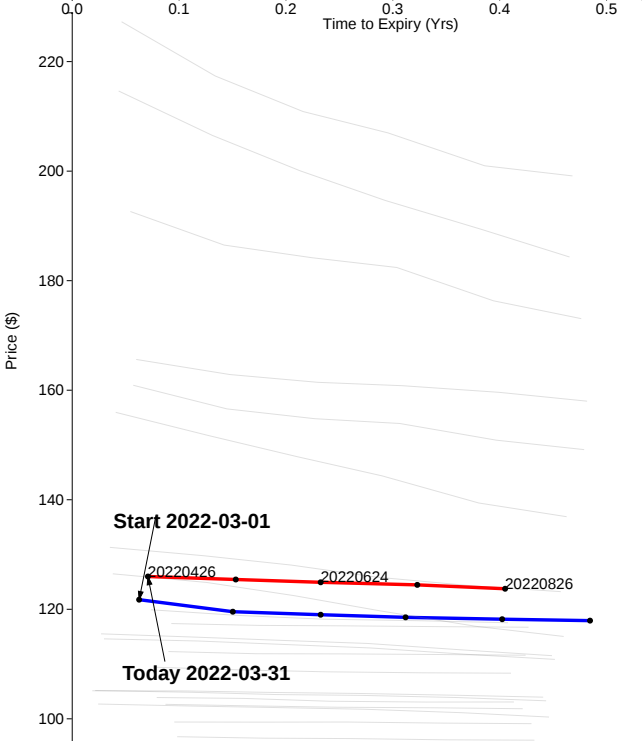
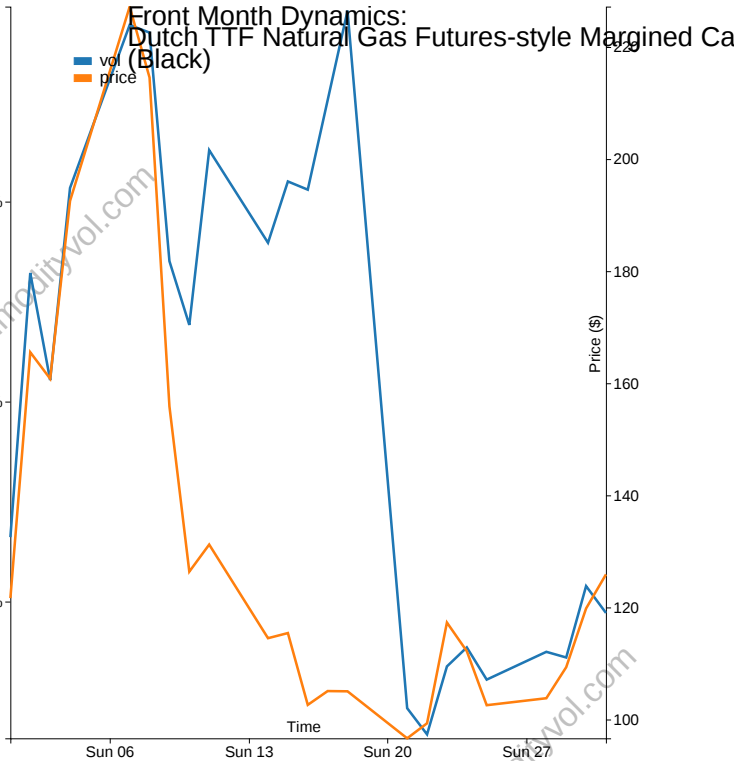
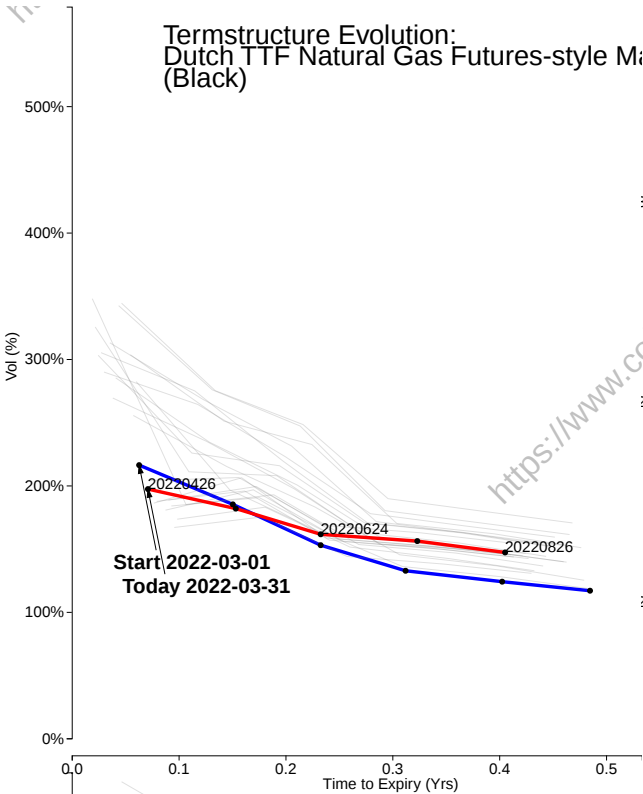


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