



Year End Summary of Commodity Options
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Intro:

We are pleased to welcome you to our year end report.

2021 was a tumultuous year in markets. The extremes ranged from quite halcyon sleep to bloody nose inducing drops in futures and bids in implied volatility. The steep increase in commodity prices finally began to spill into the treasury and fixed income markets. The fixed income prices closed on lows while vols were woken up from their slumber.

2022 has notable overhangs. First, the fallout from the 2020 pandemic continues-complete with debates on vaccine mandates and omicron reaction or overreaction. The US political scene is riven. The current Presidency is the most unpopular in recent memory. The contenders are poorly defined. Additionally, the also disliked former president makes reelection noise. On the international front, the US hegemony in Europe is getting a wake up call. There is tension in Europe over Russia and security concerns. The Europeans are facing energy costs that are astronomical. Concurrently, there are war drums beating in the Asian region. Oftentimes in history, these types of situations fizzle, though sometimes they do not (see the Archduke Ferdinand in Bosnia). However the situation unfolds, 2022 will have a boatload of changes to disentangle.

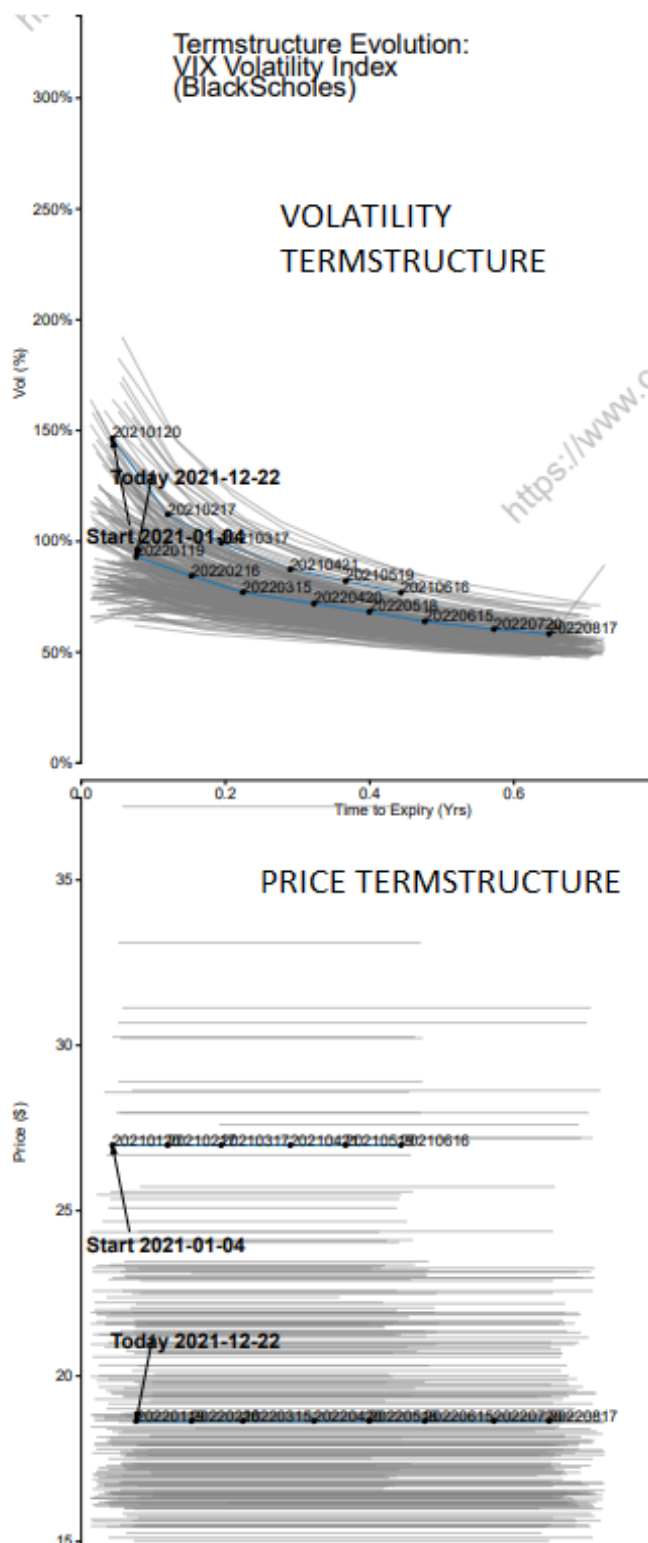
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Explanation:

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:

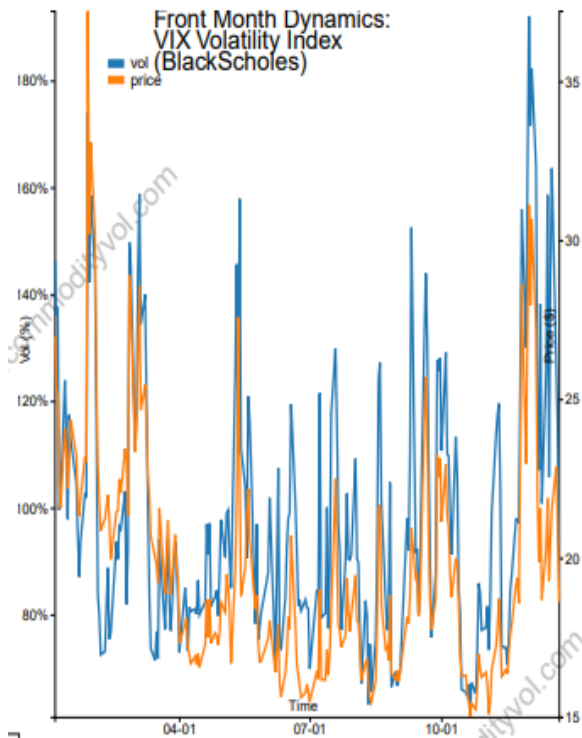
Stacked on top of the other on the left hand side, see the termstructures of vol and the (underlying) futures contract price.



The starting curve is the termstructure at the beginning of the year. 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.

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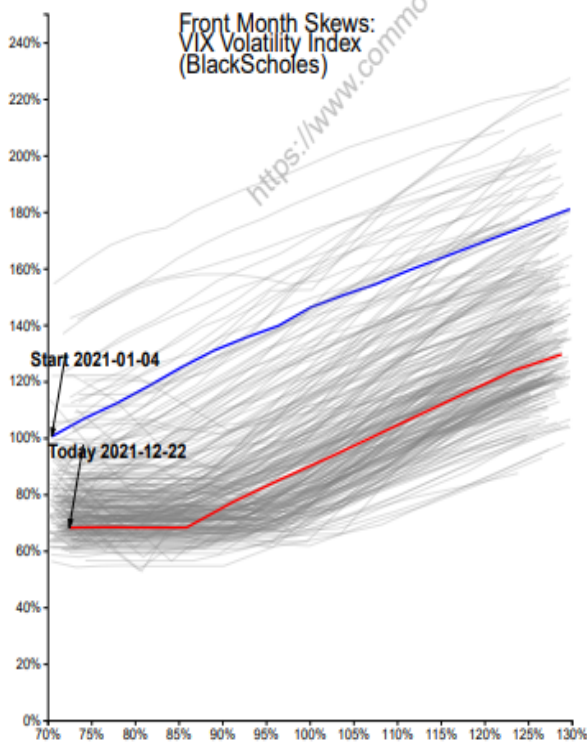
On the right hand panel we have the price and implied volatility of the front month contract.



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.

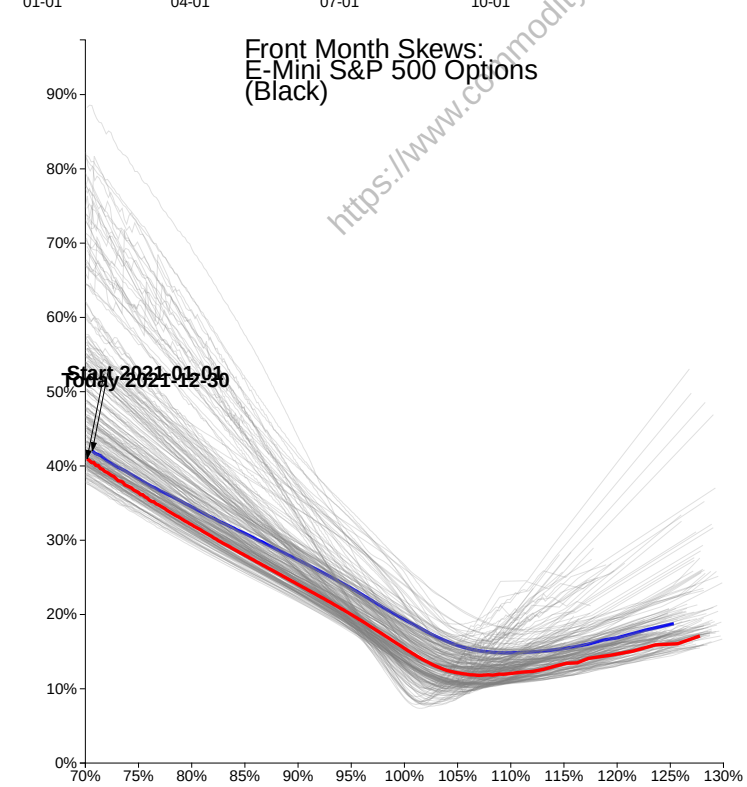
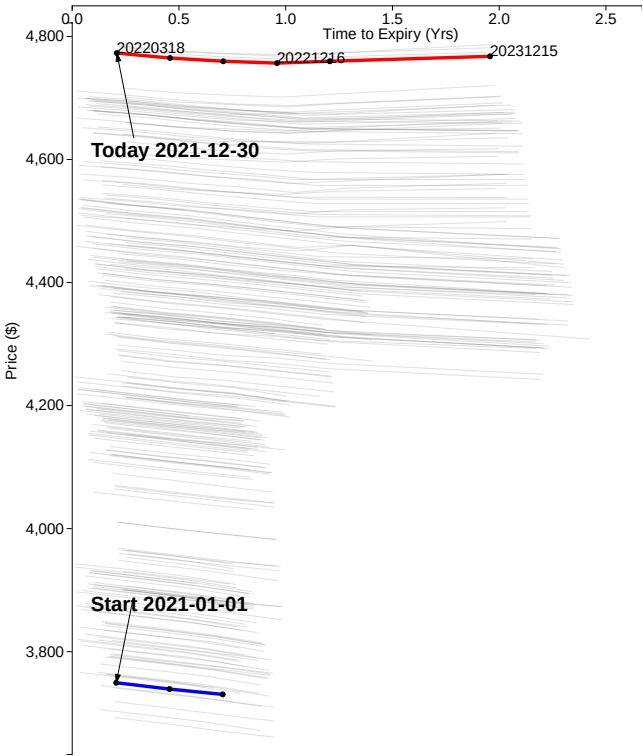
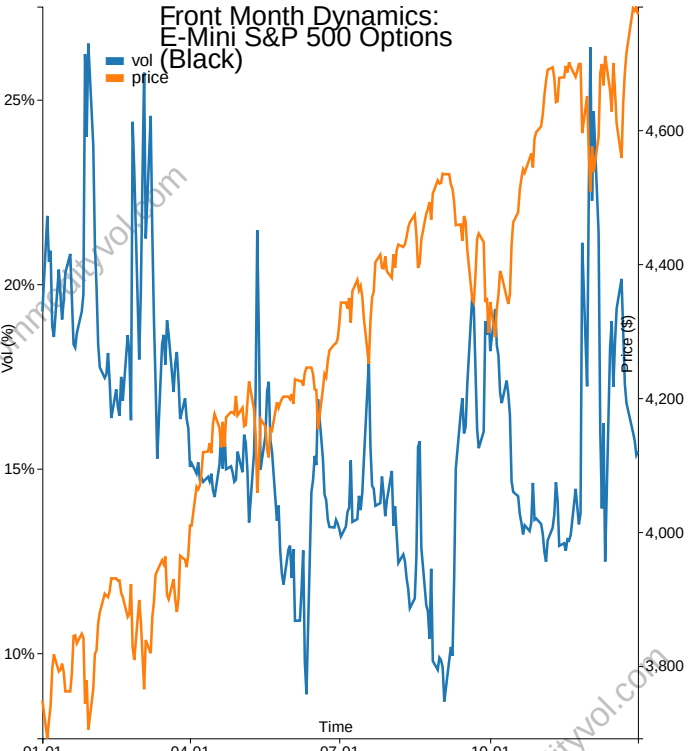
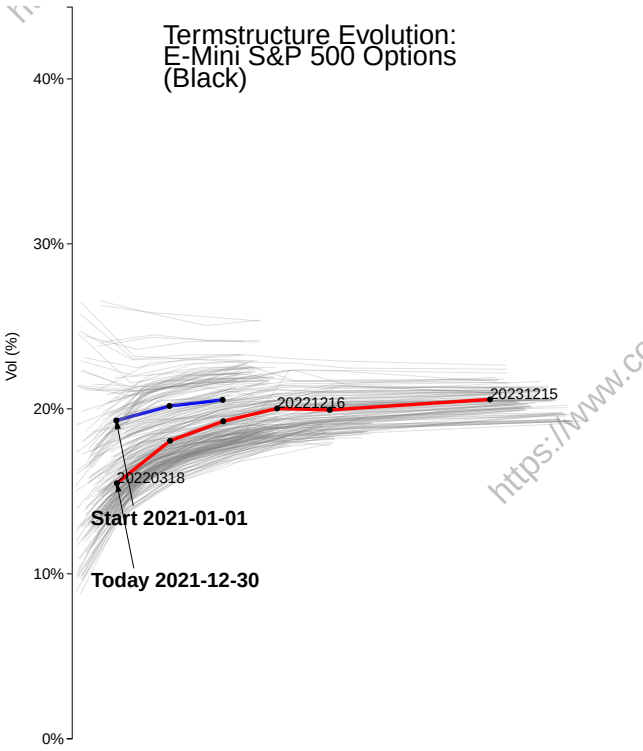
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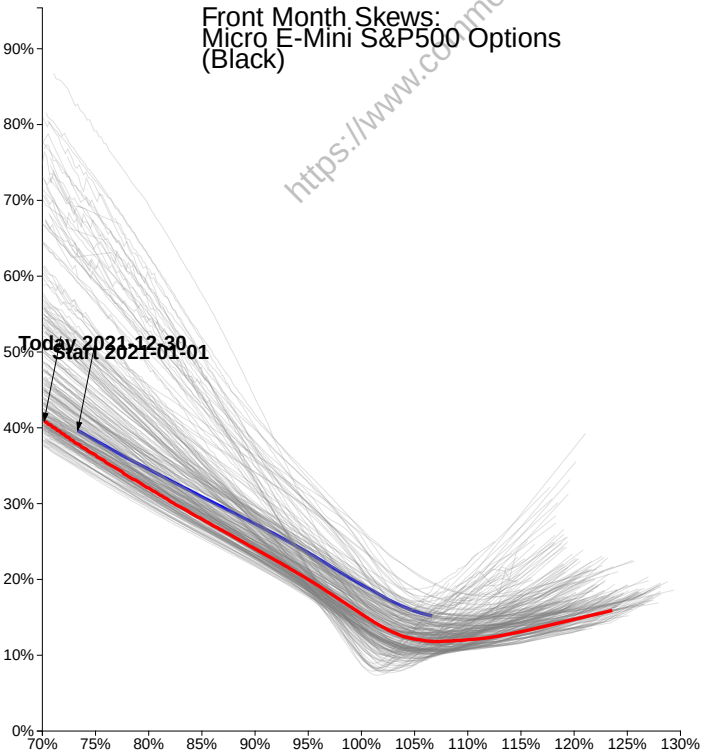
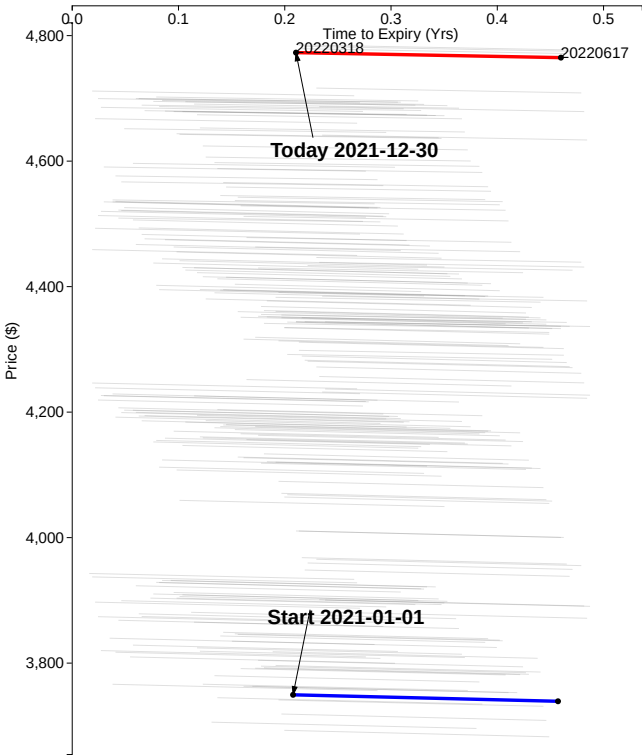
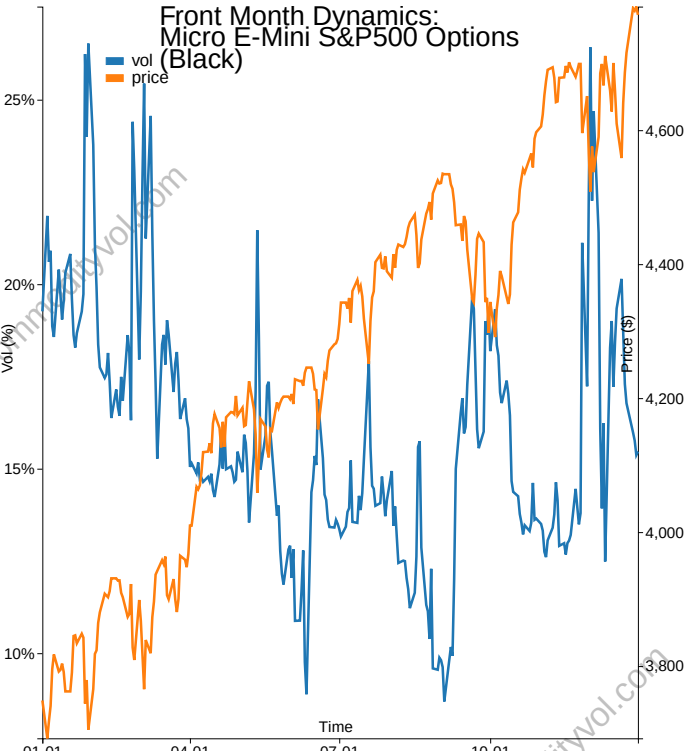
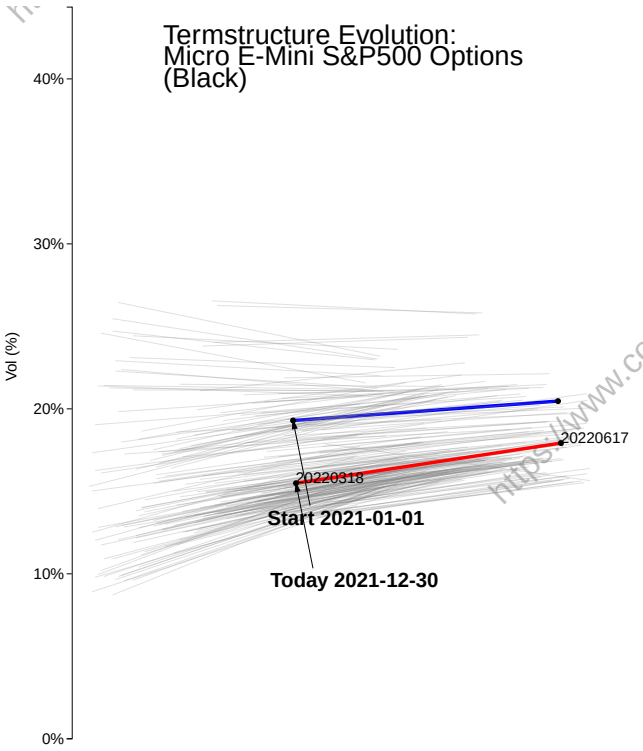
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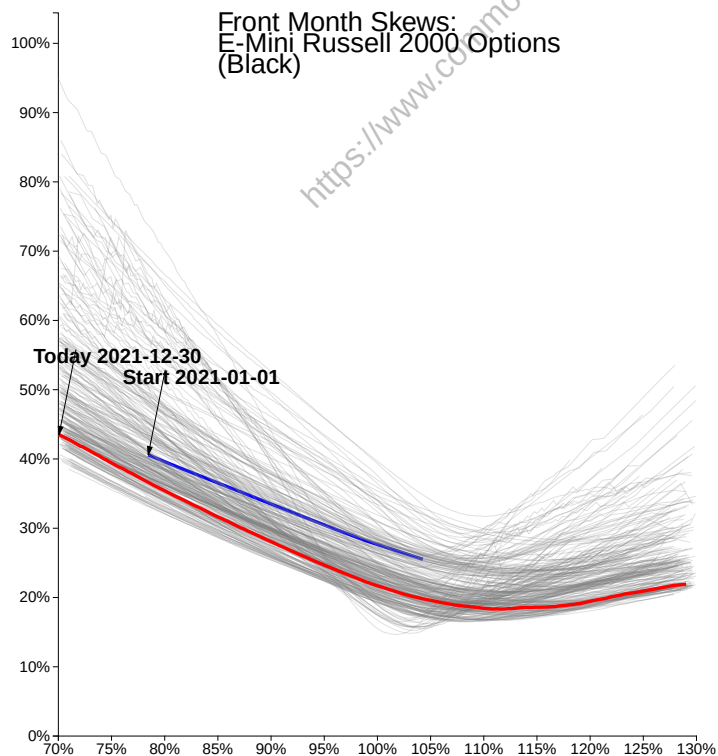
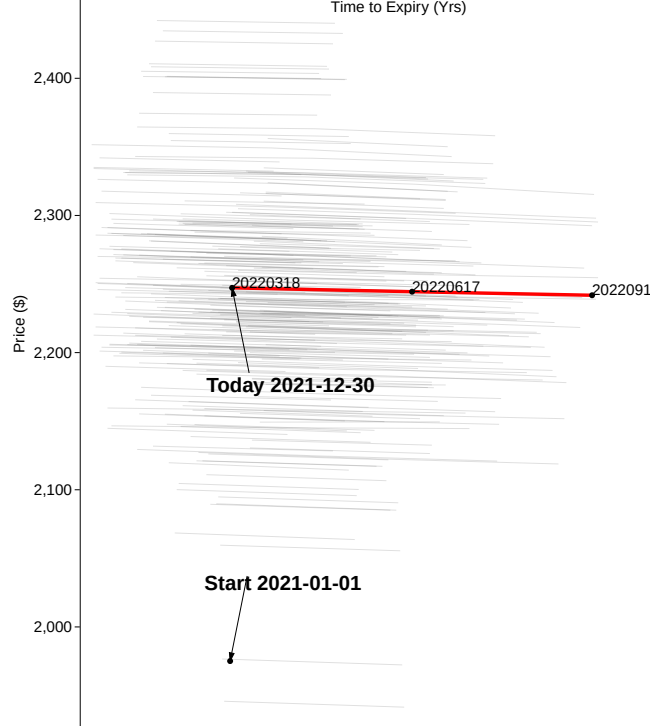
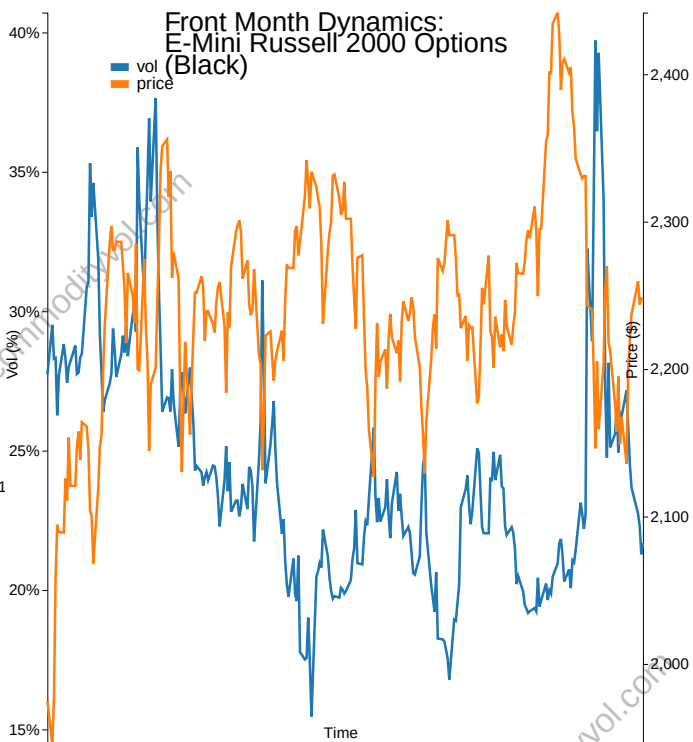
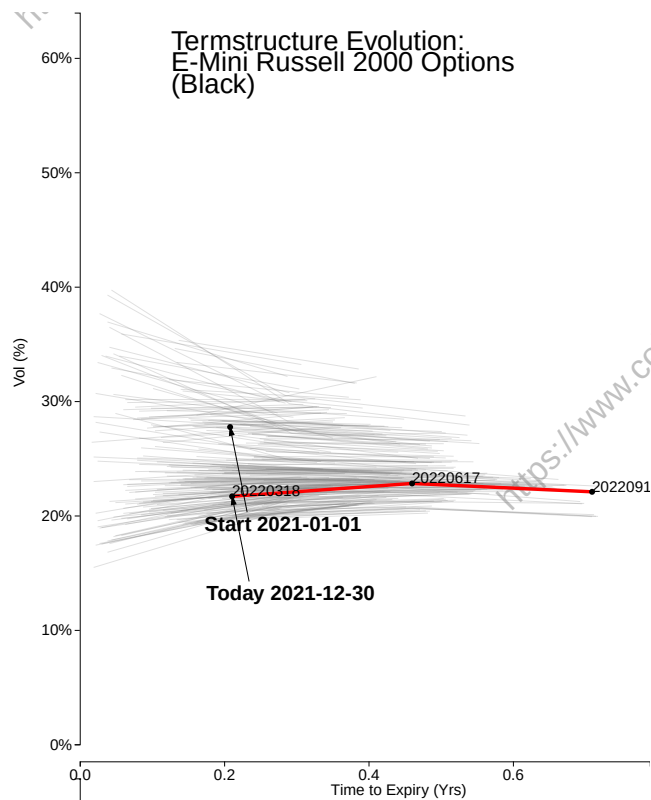


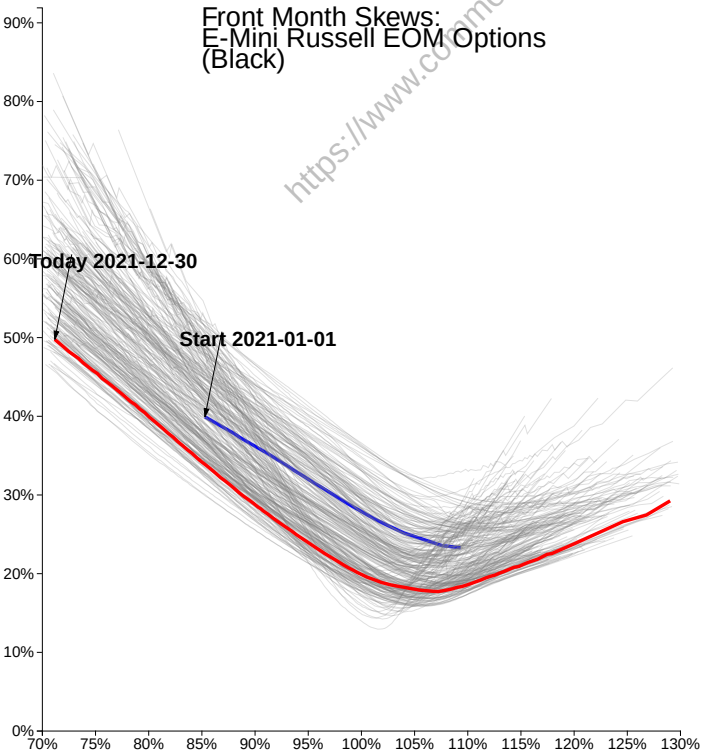
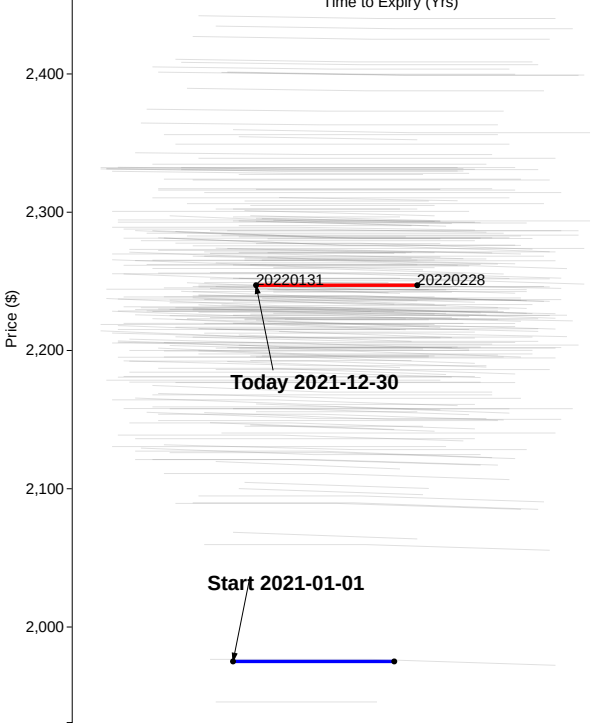
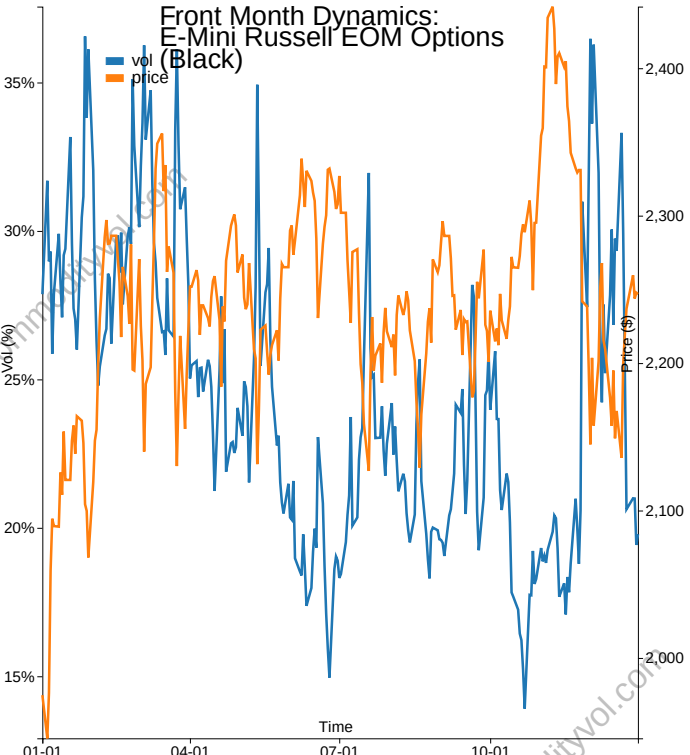
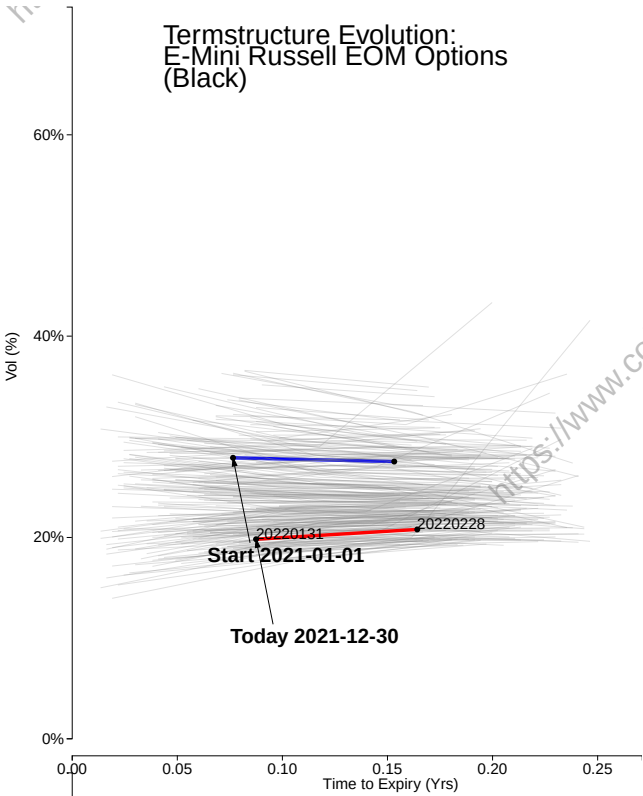
The front month skew is shown for the starting date. The starting curve is labelled as Start and captioned with the date. The starting curve is blue. Conversely, the ending curve is shown in red and labeled Today. The y-axis shows the implied volatility and the x-axis shows the moneyness. The moneyness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

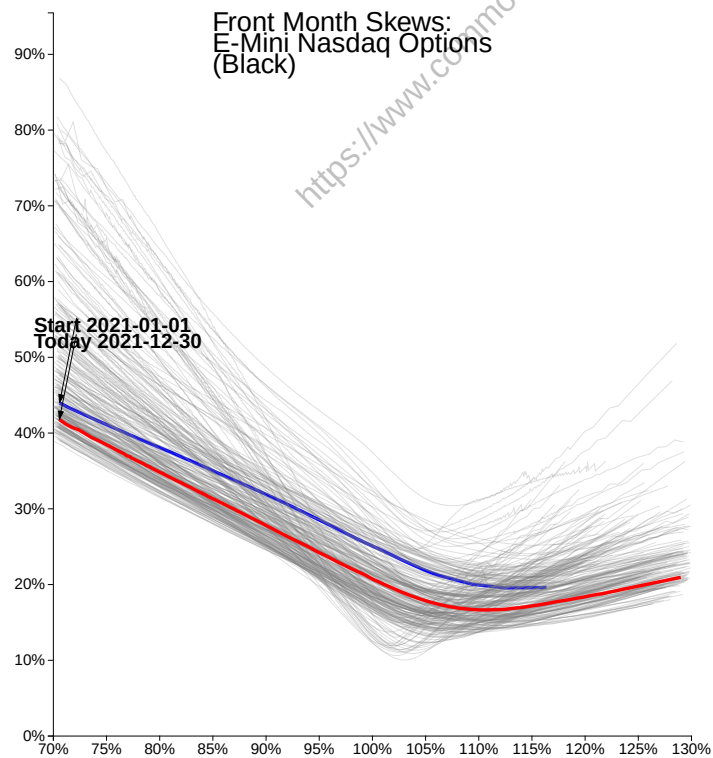
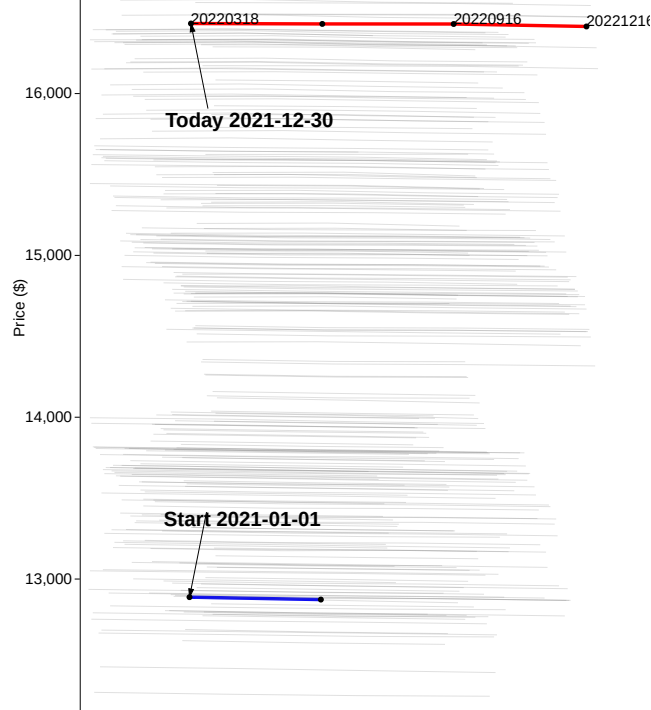
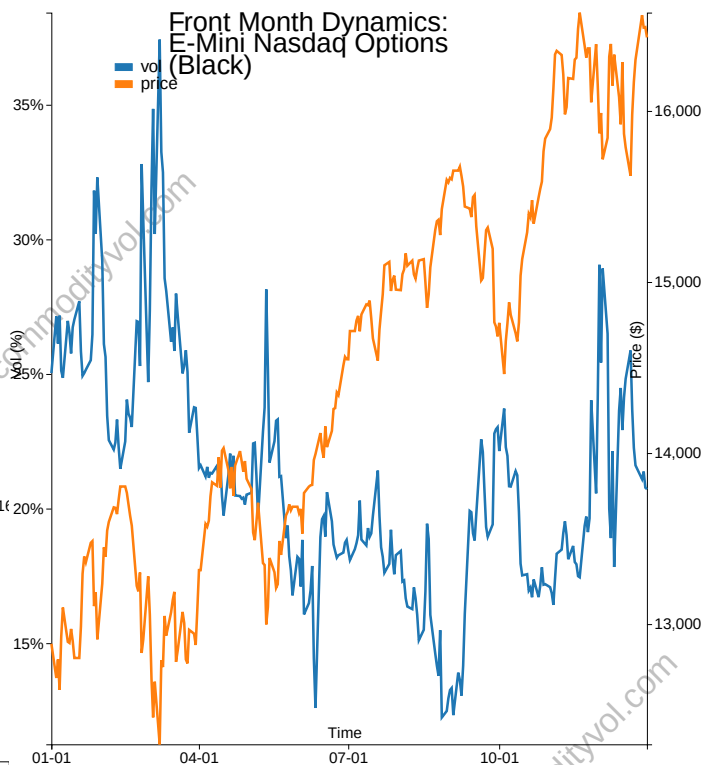
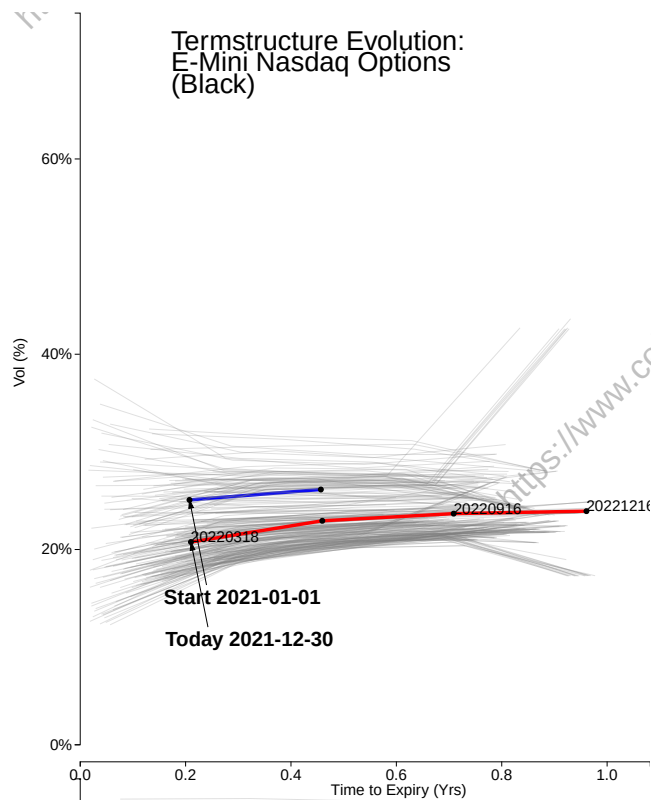
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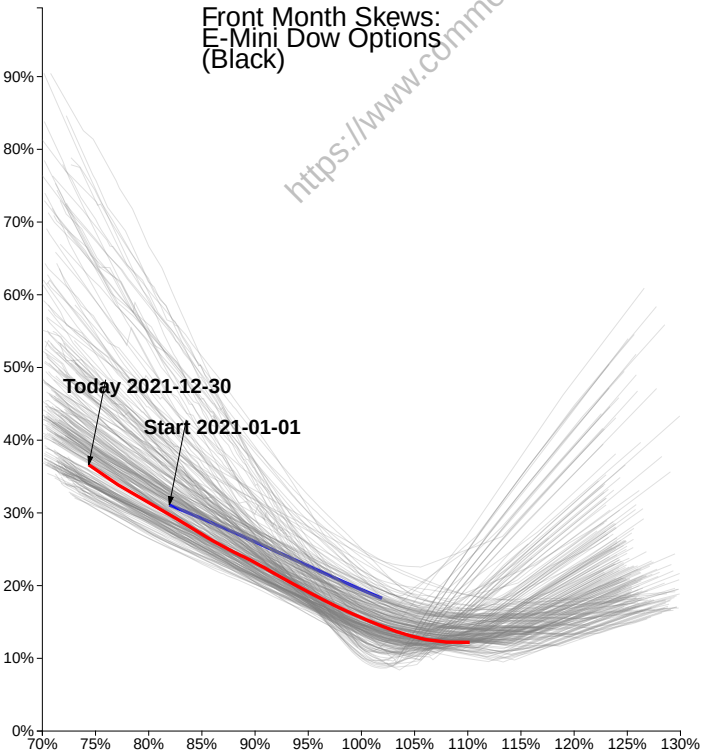
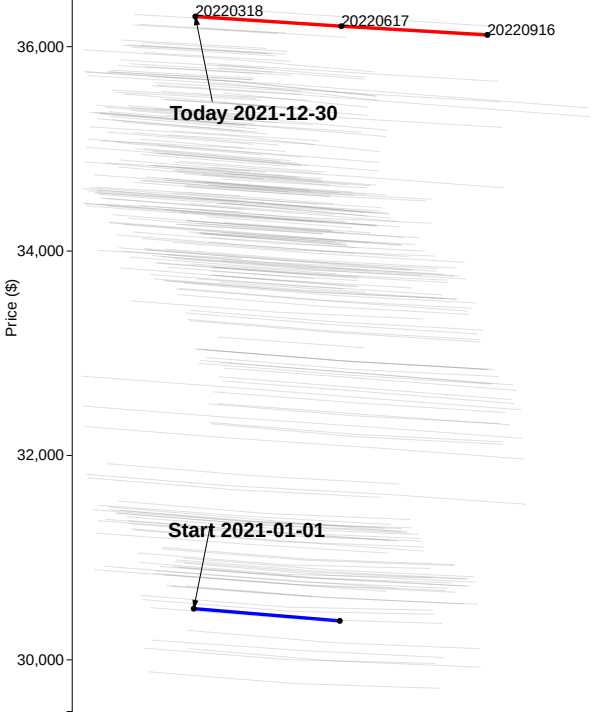
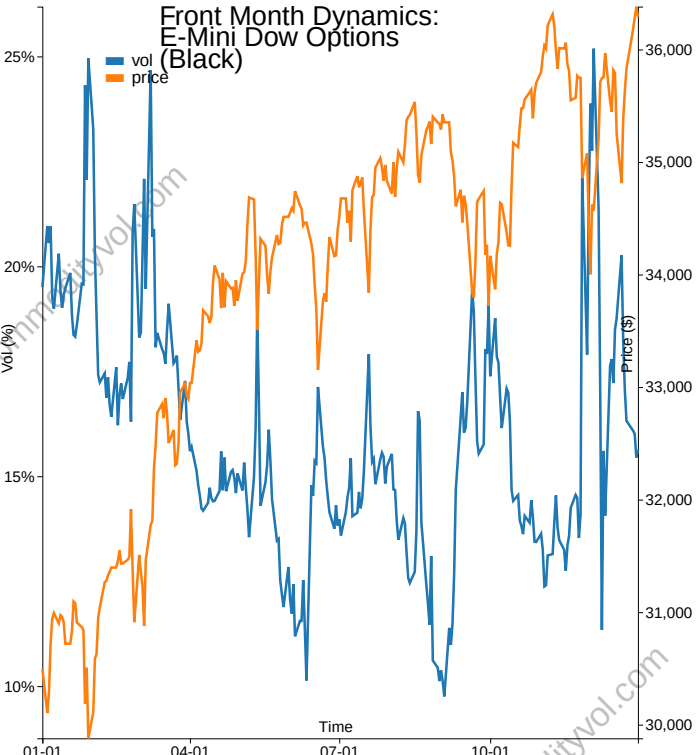
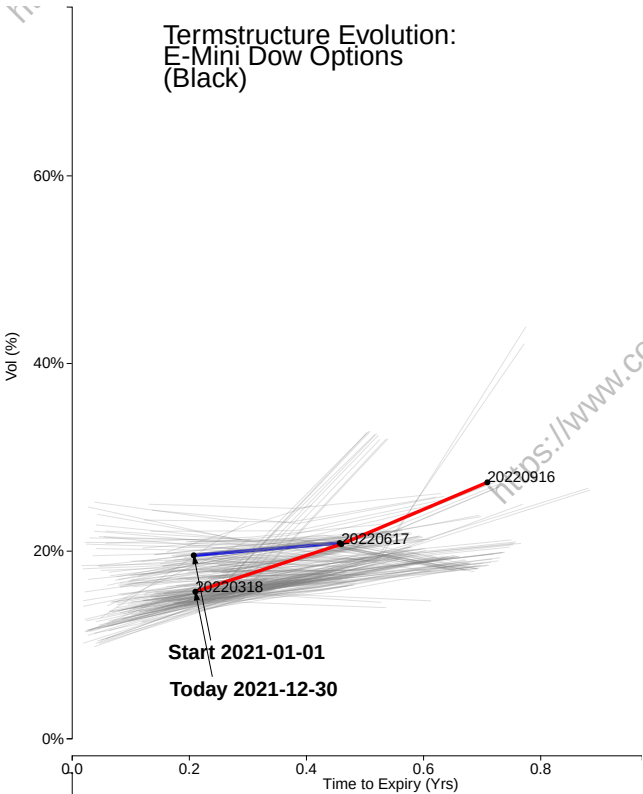


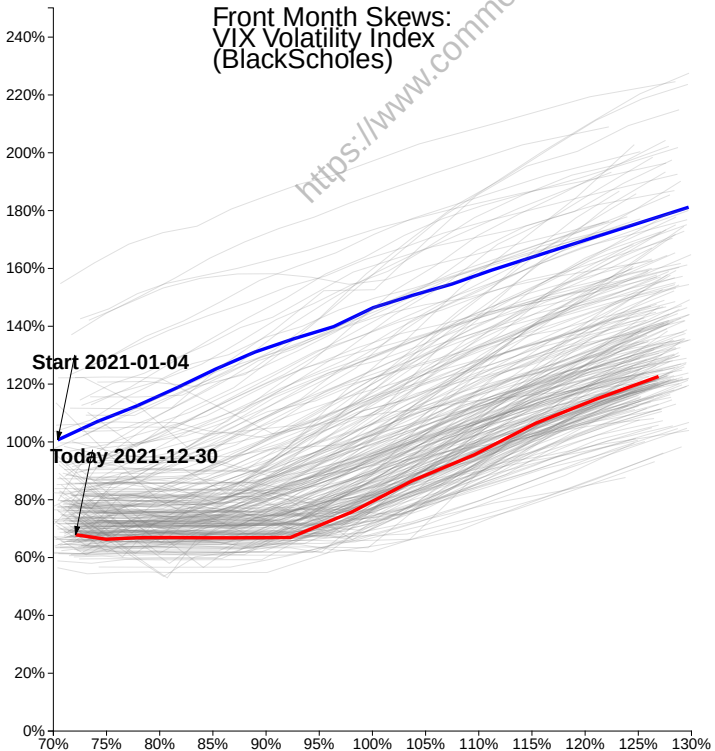
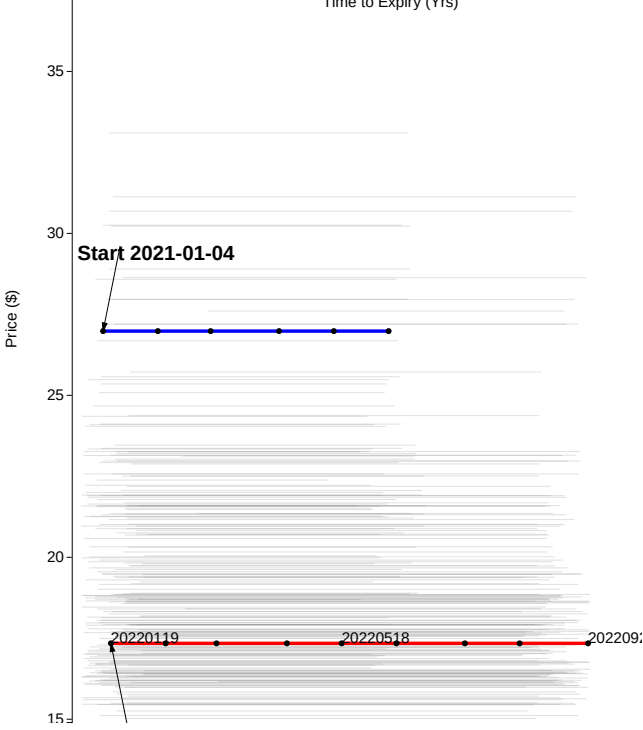
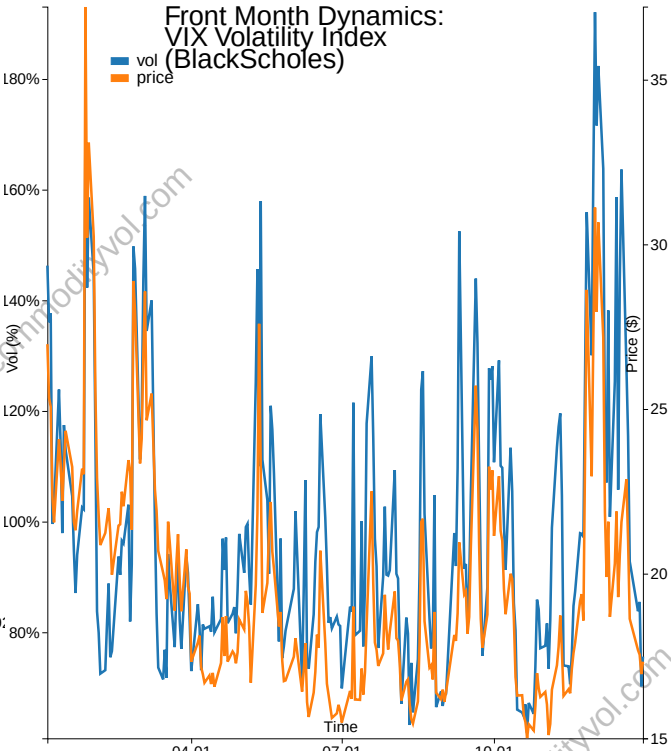
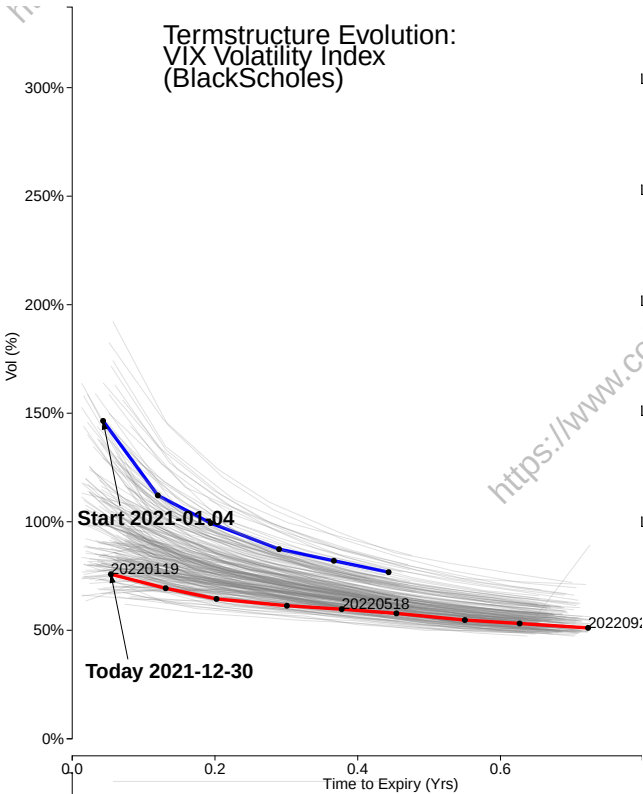




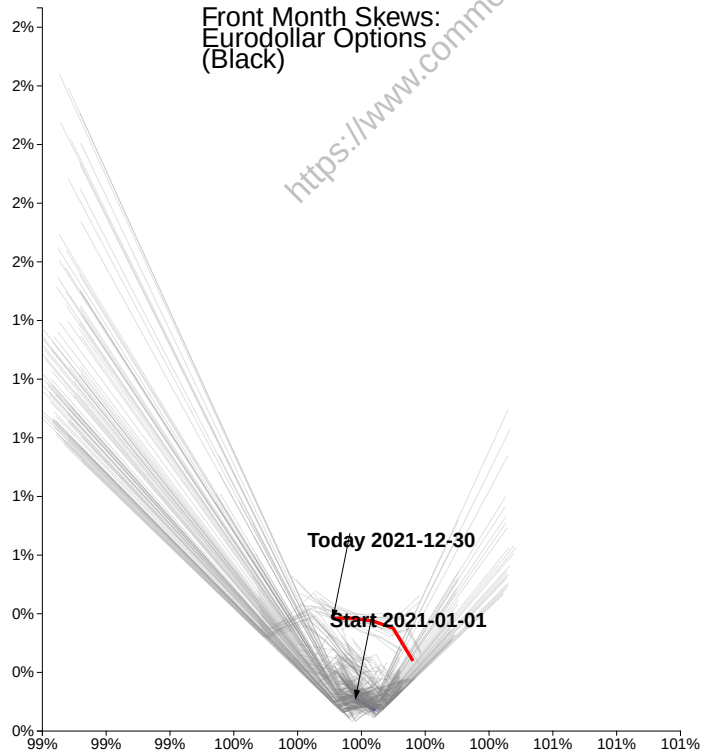
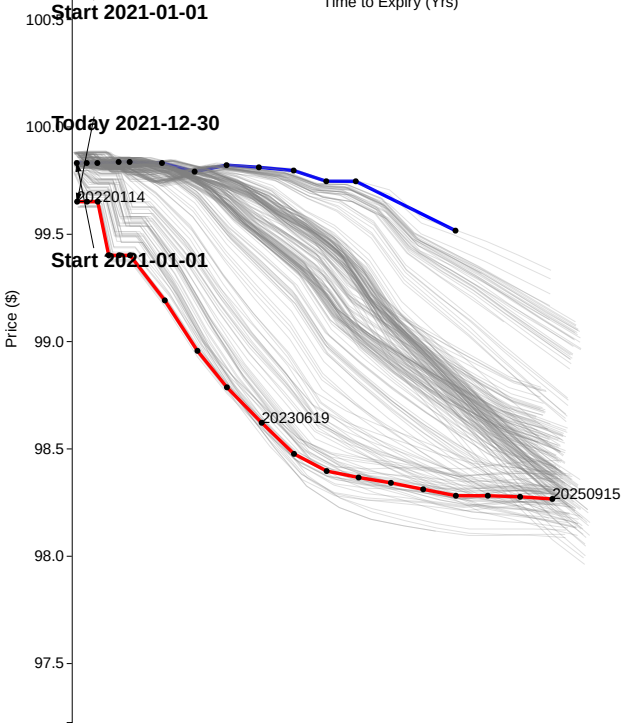
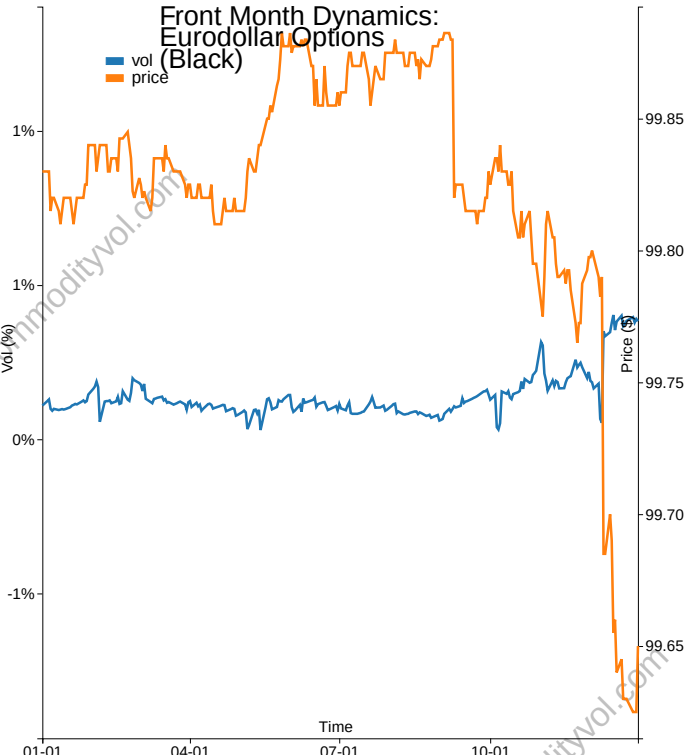
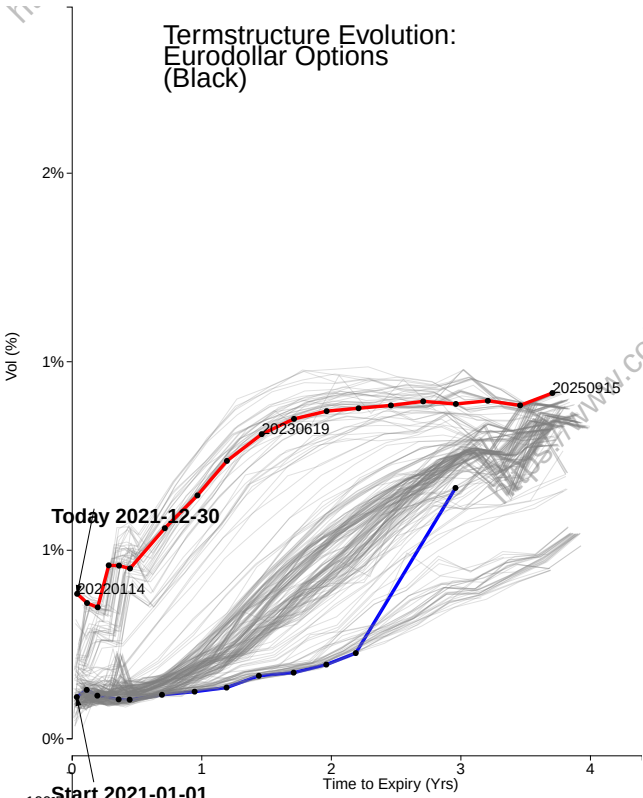


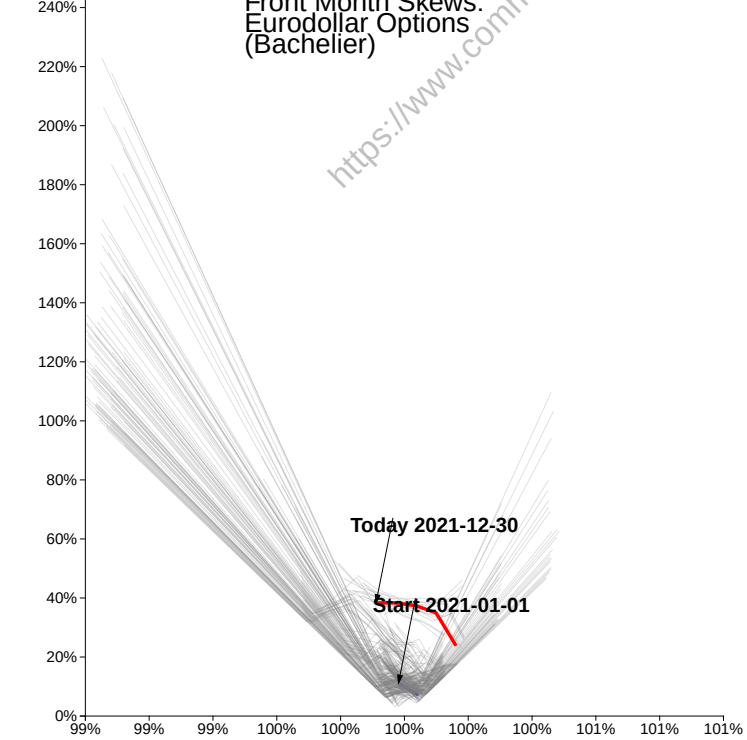
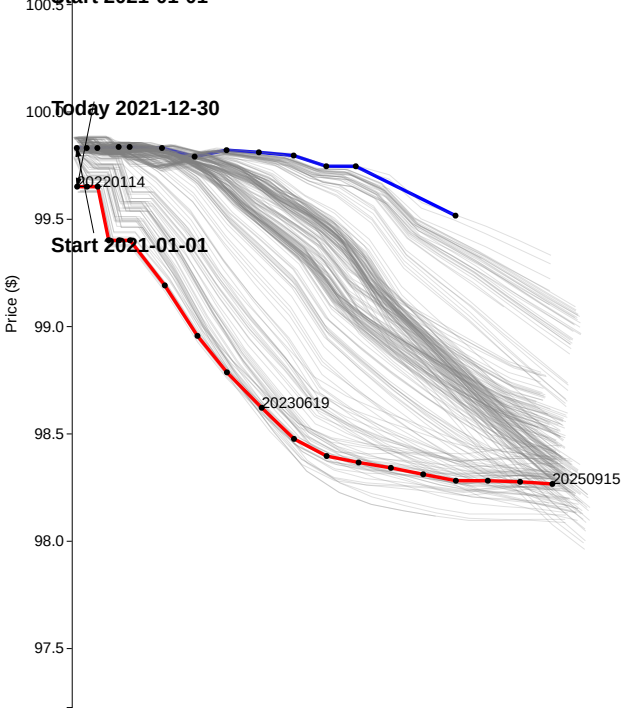
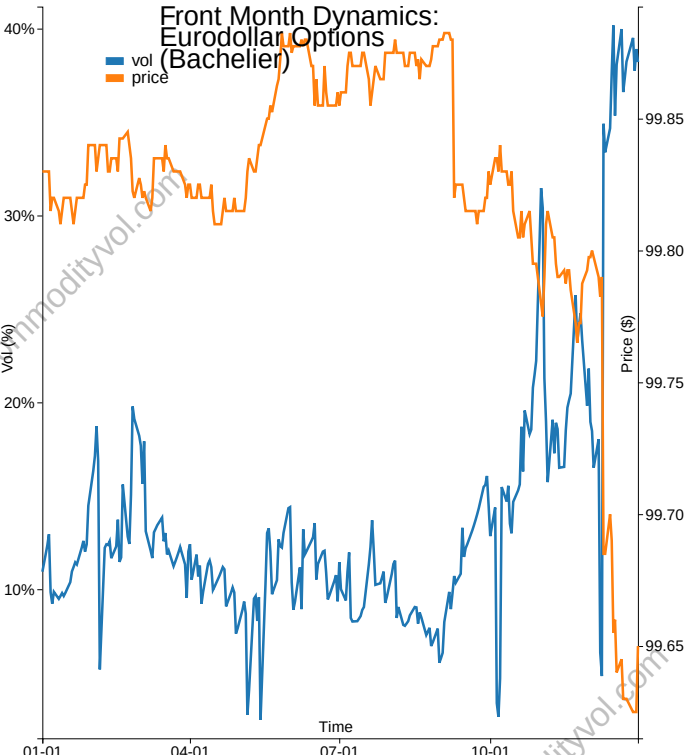
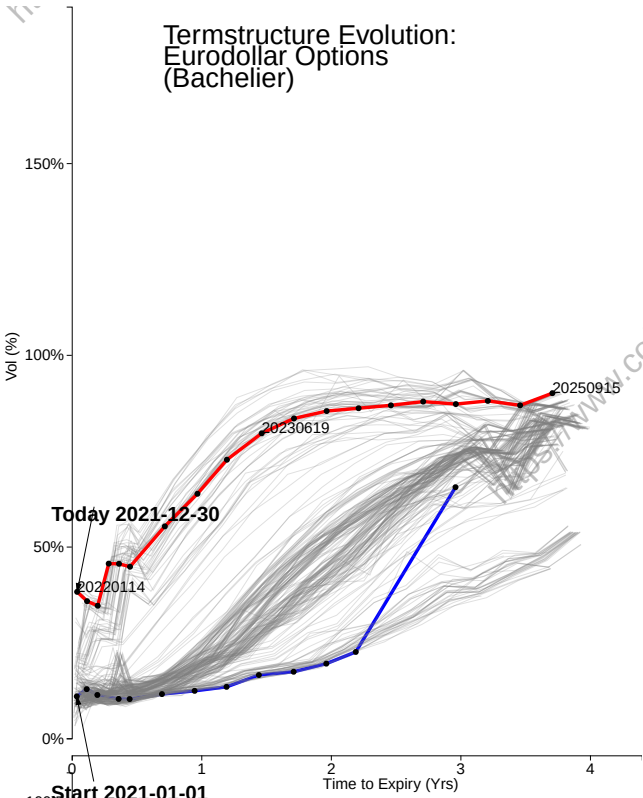


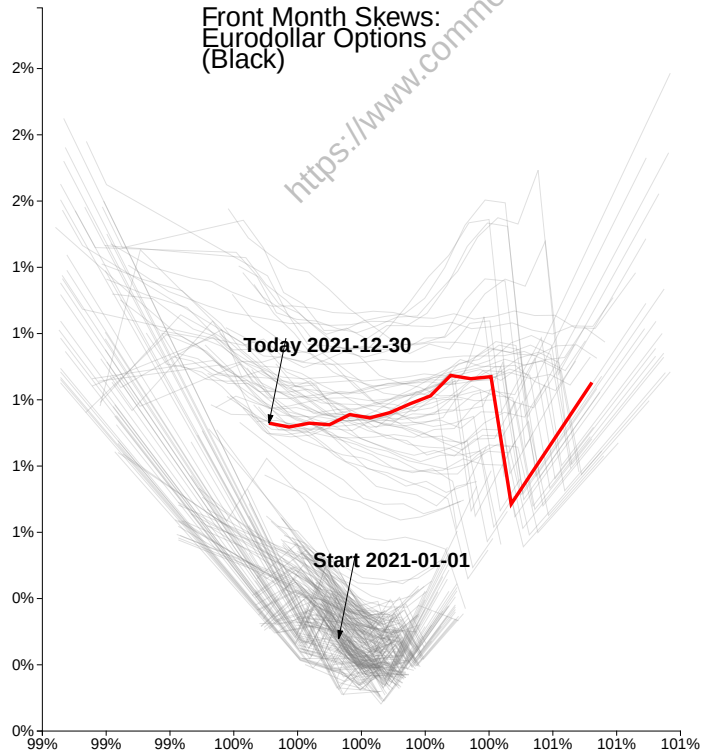
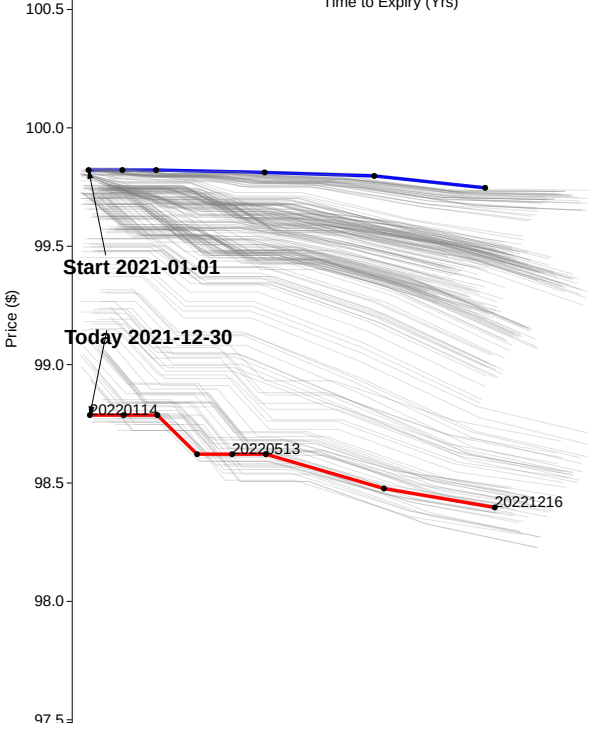
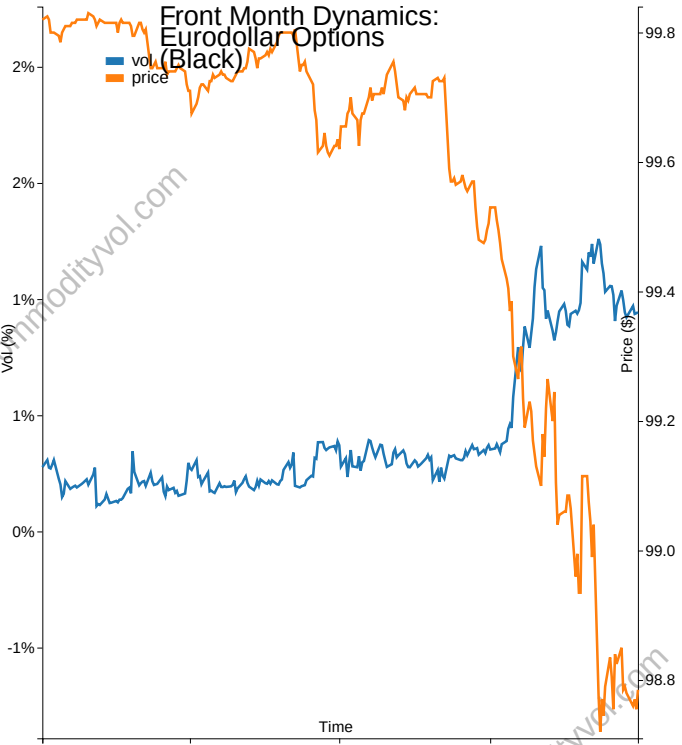
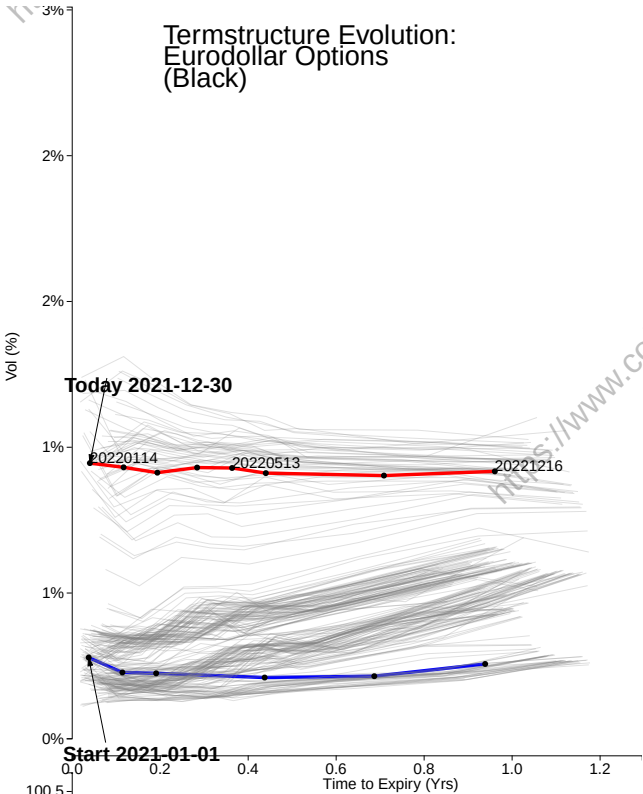


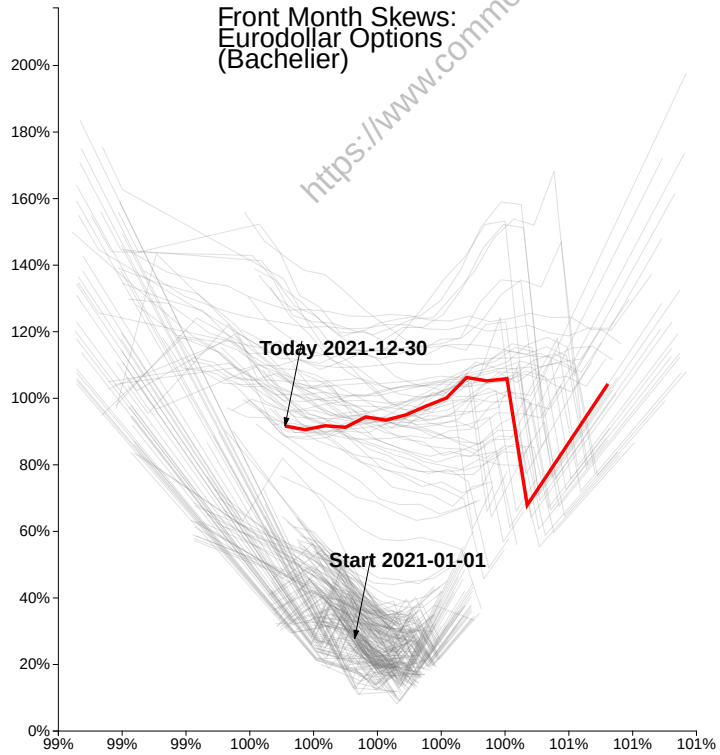
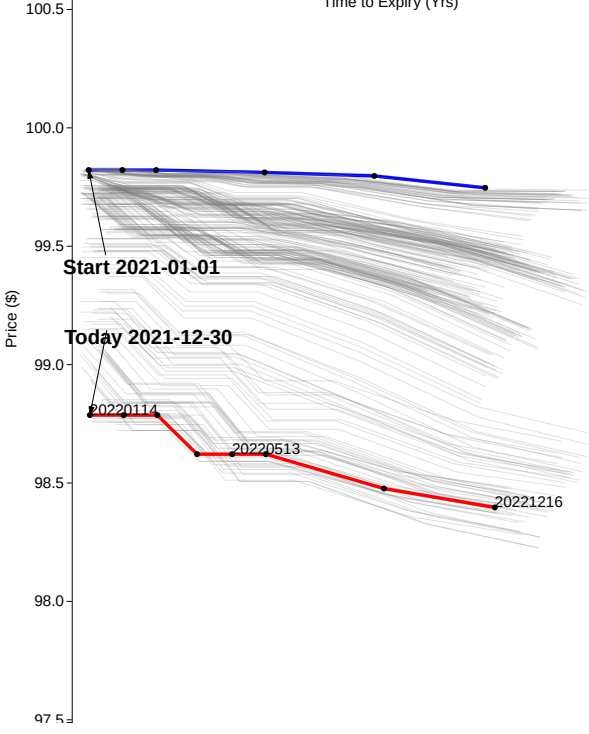
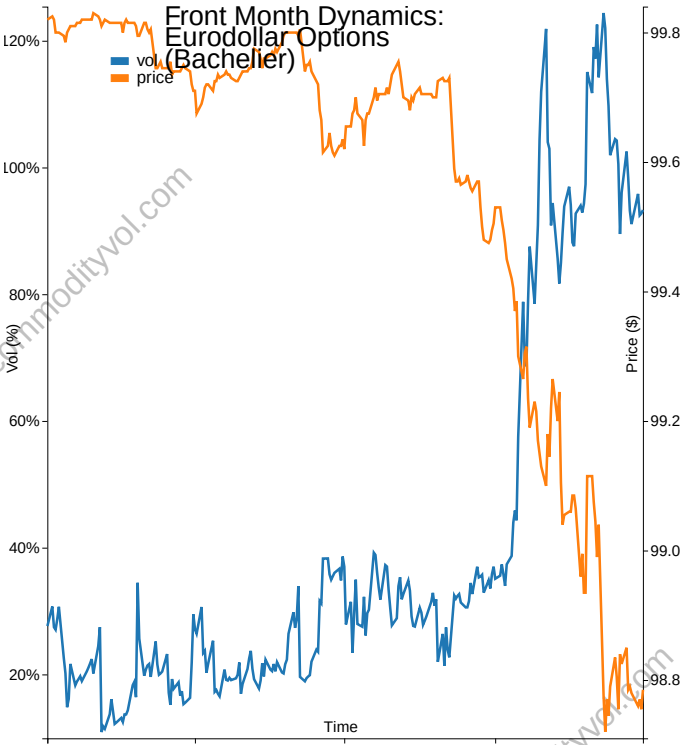
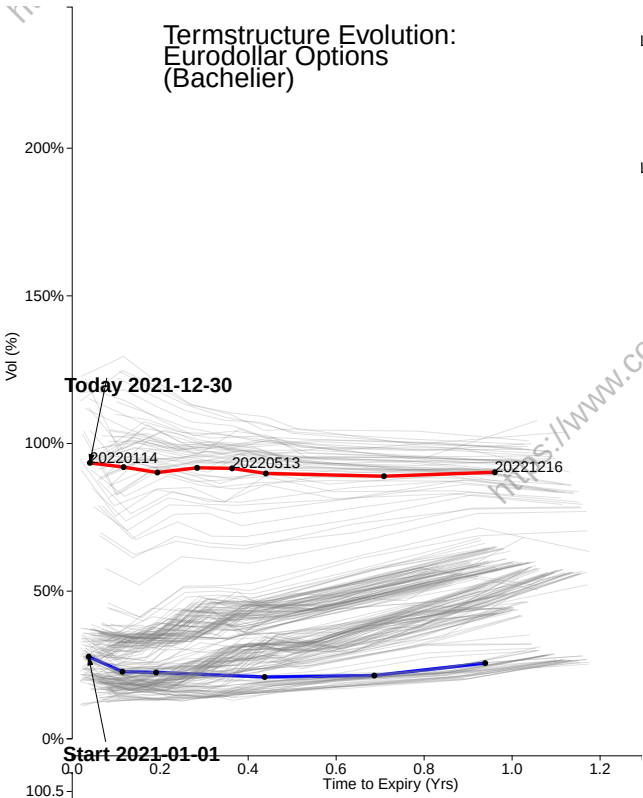


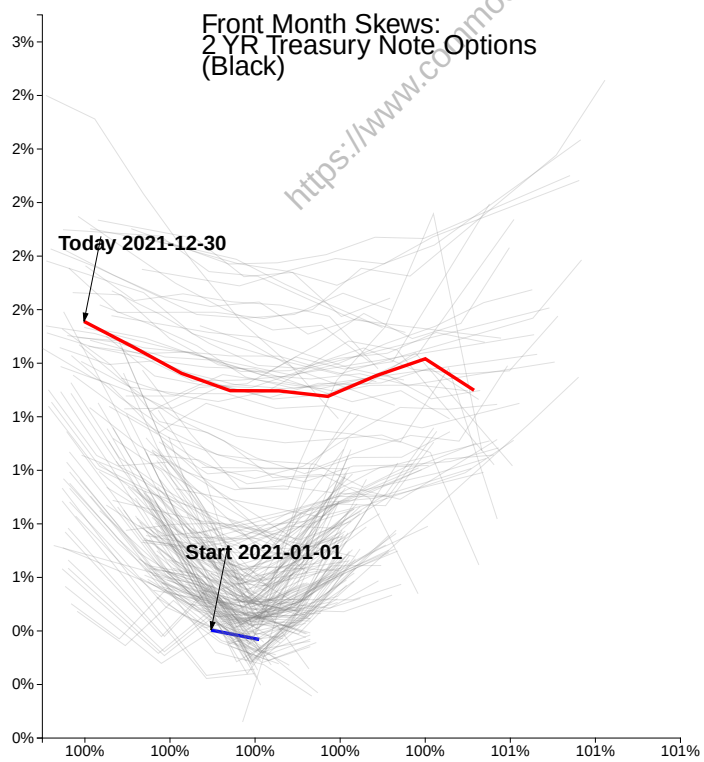
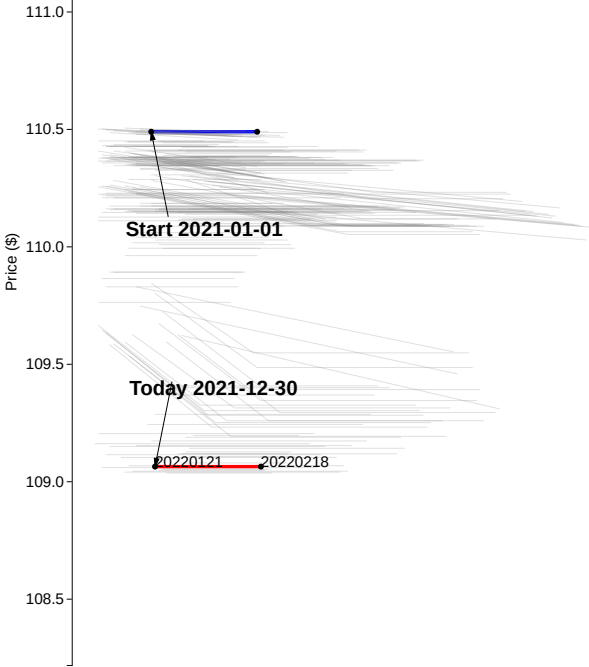
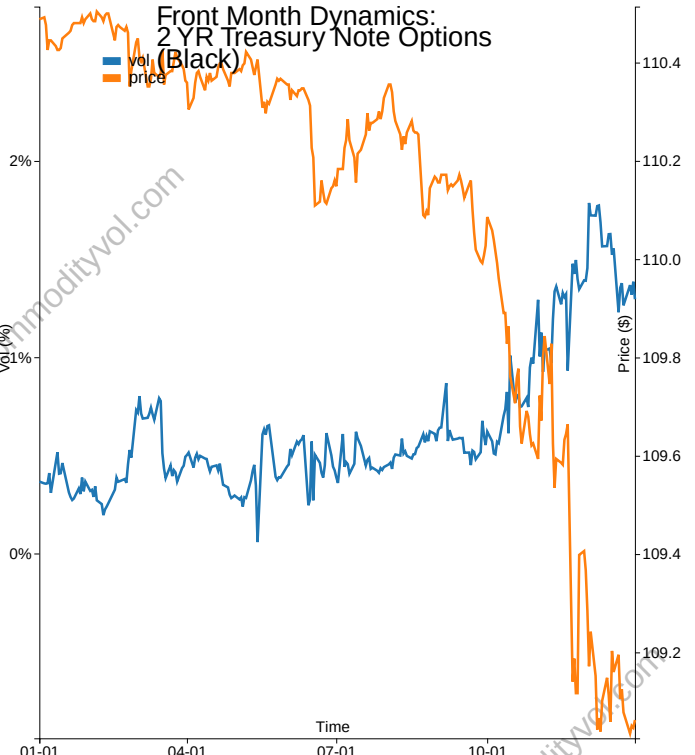
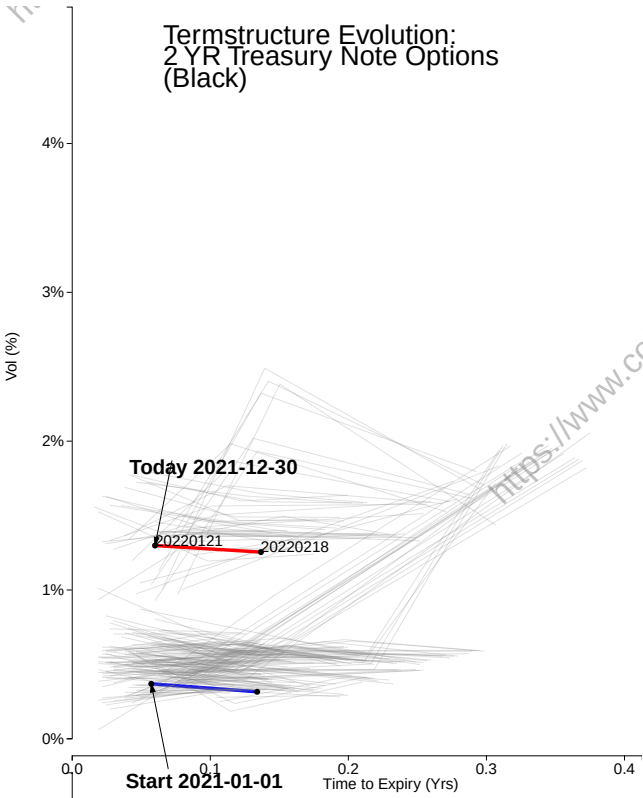
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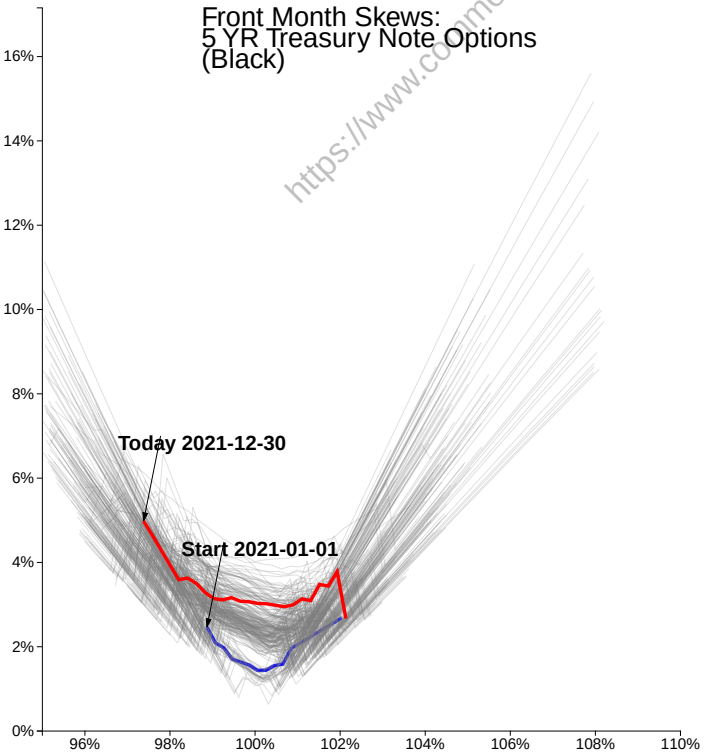
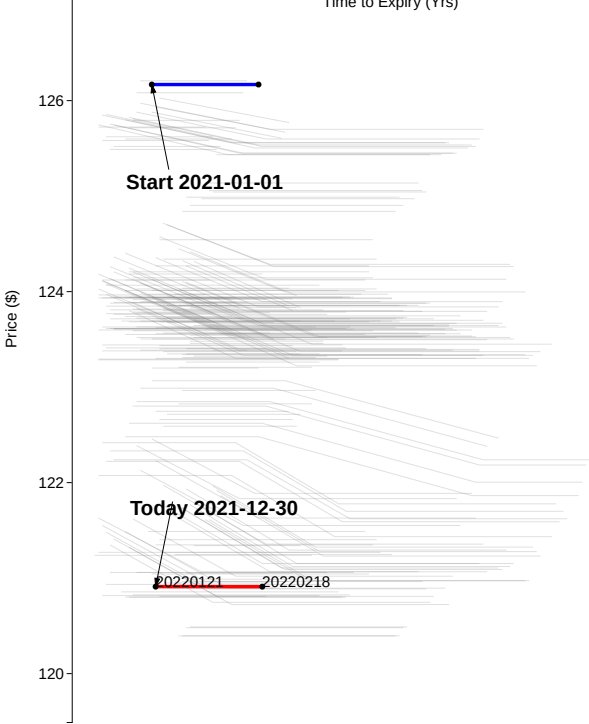
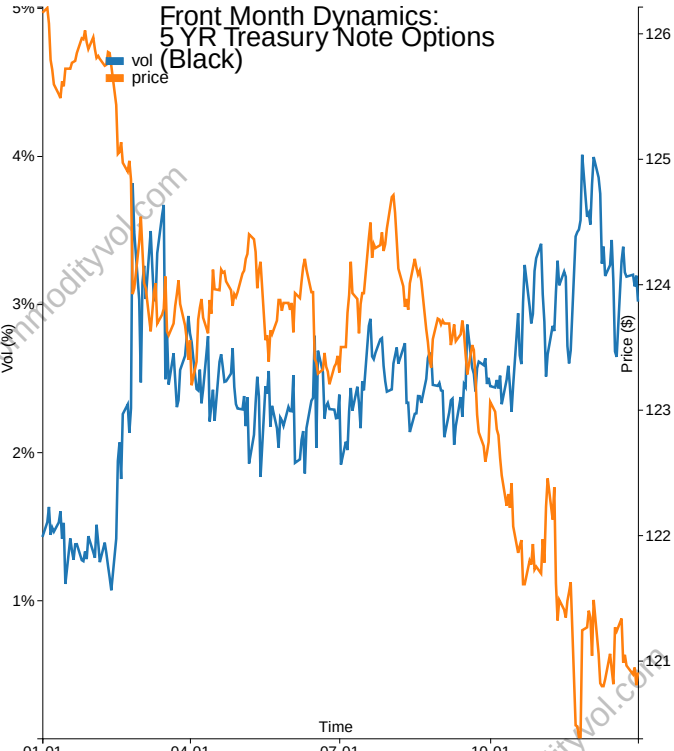
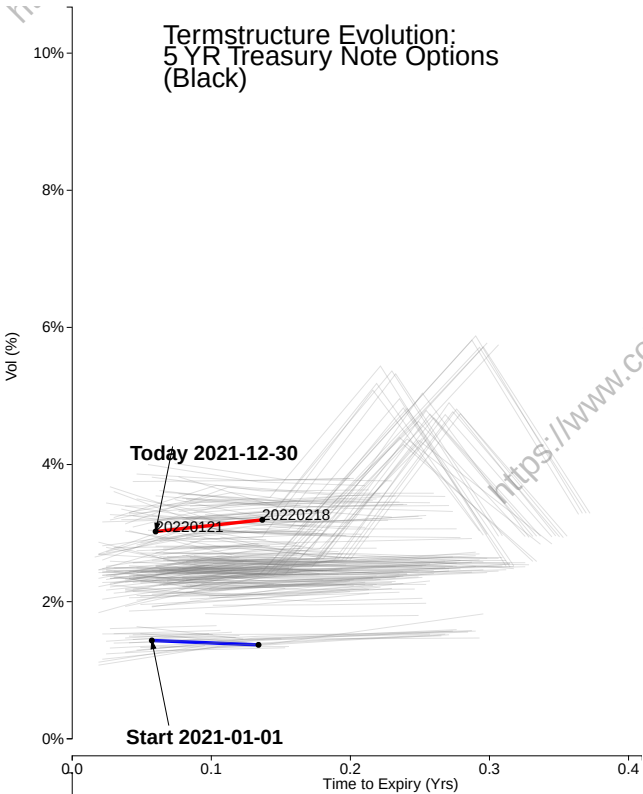


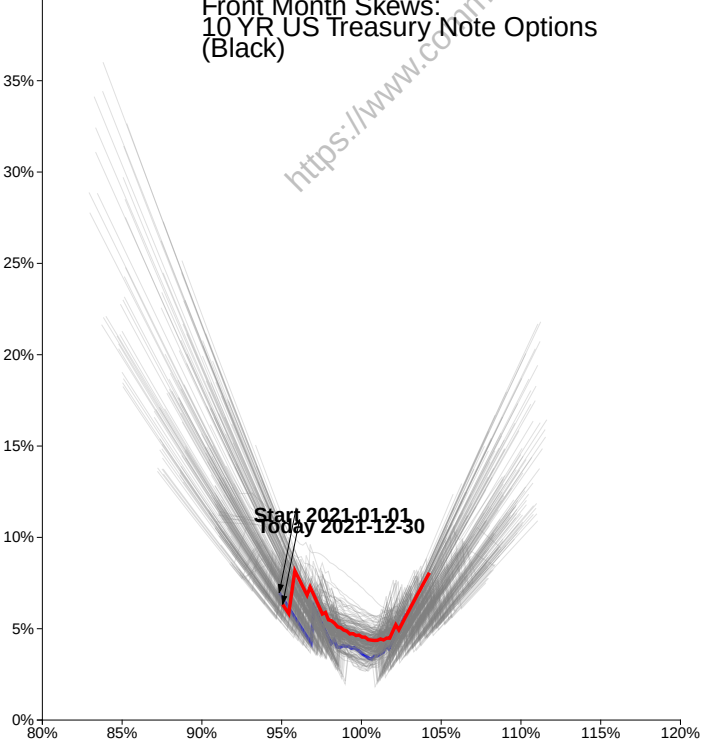
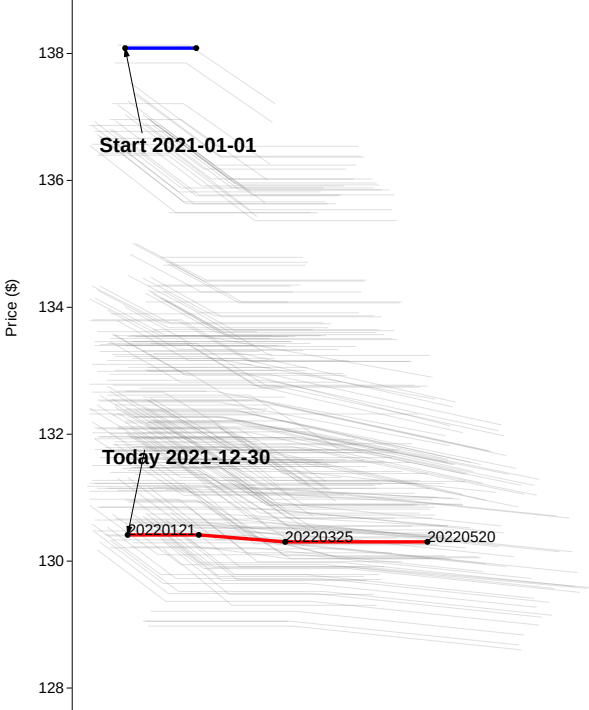
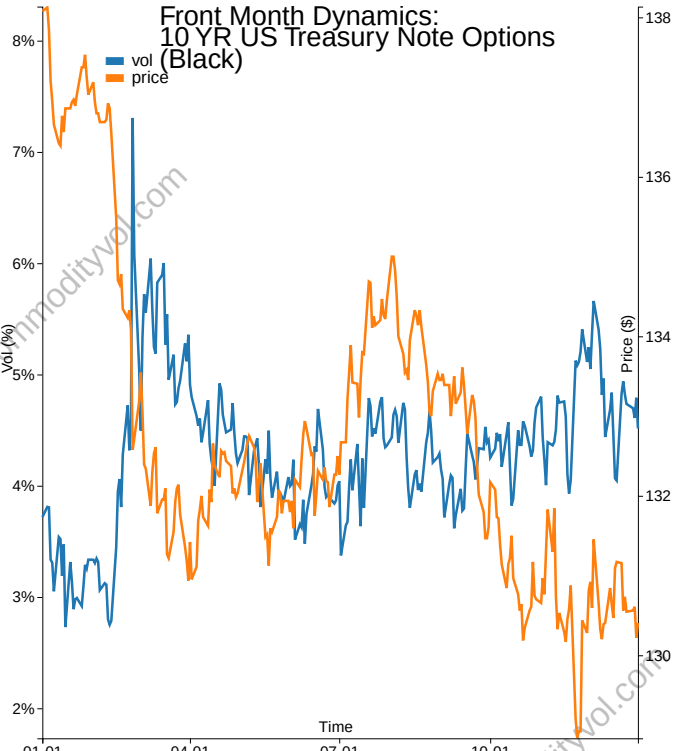
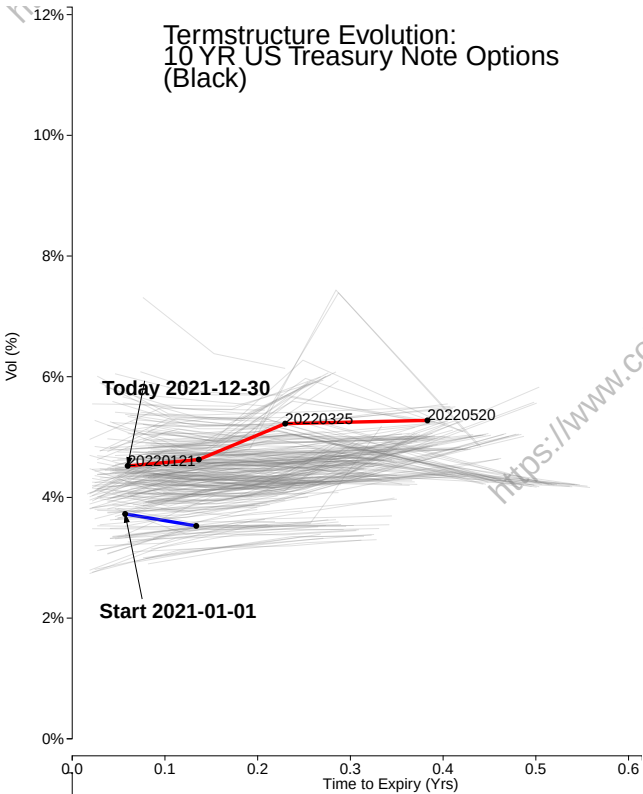


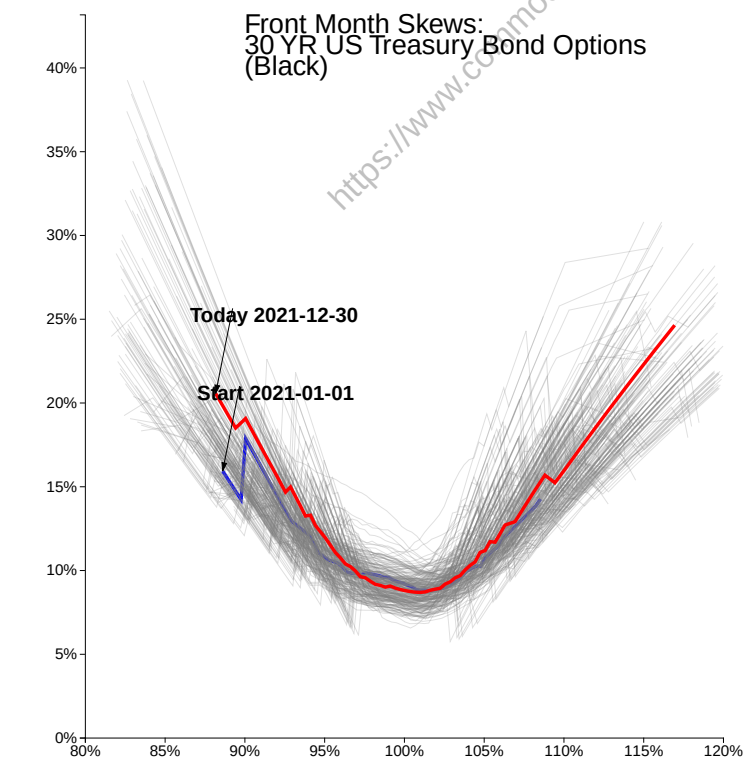
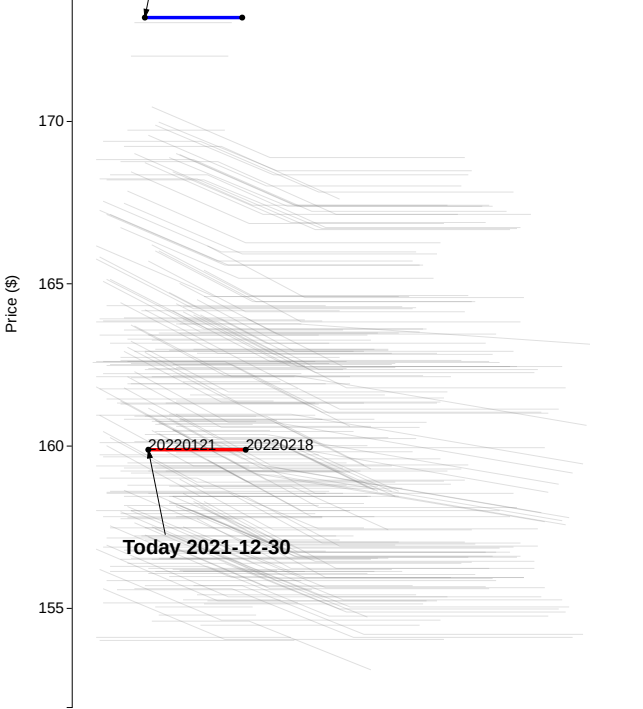
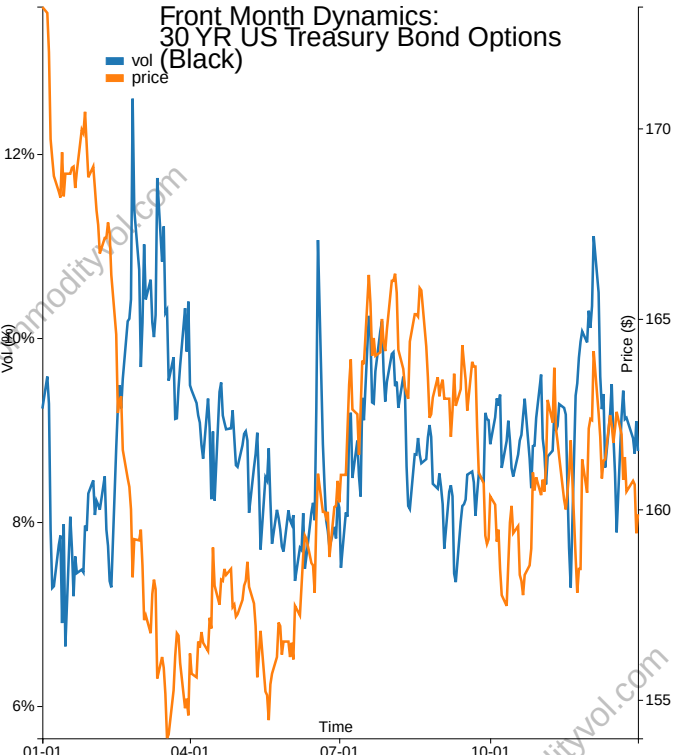
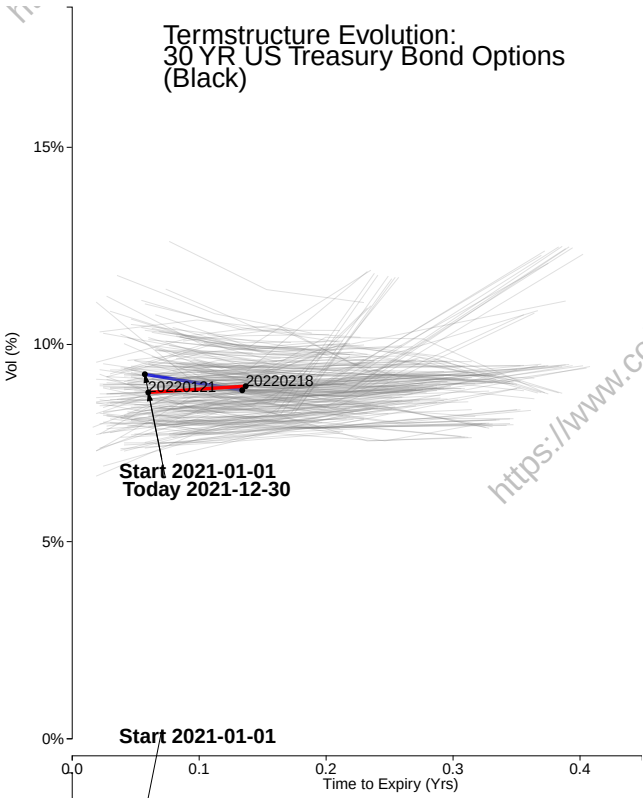


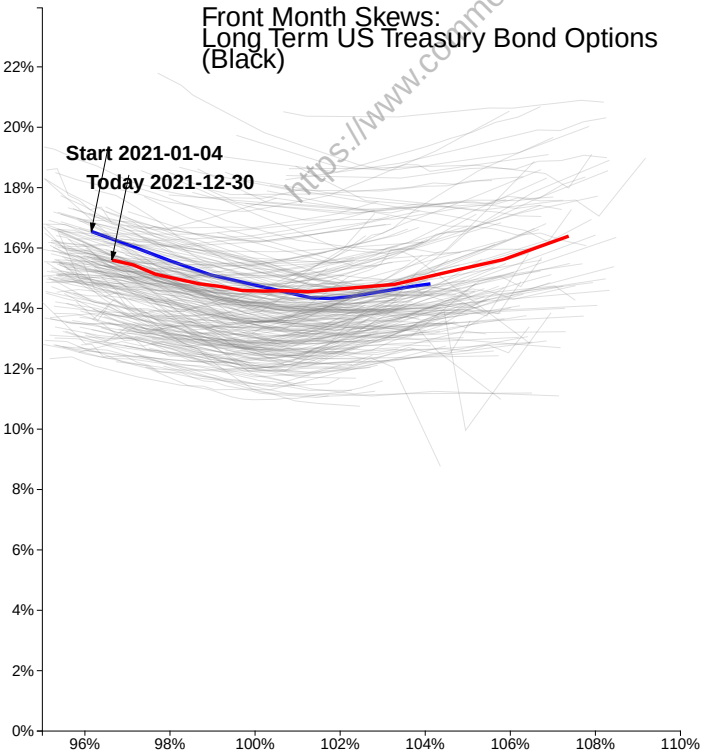
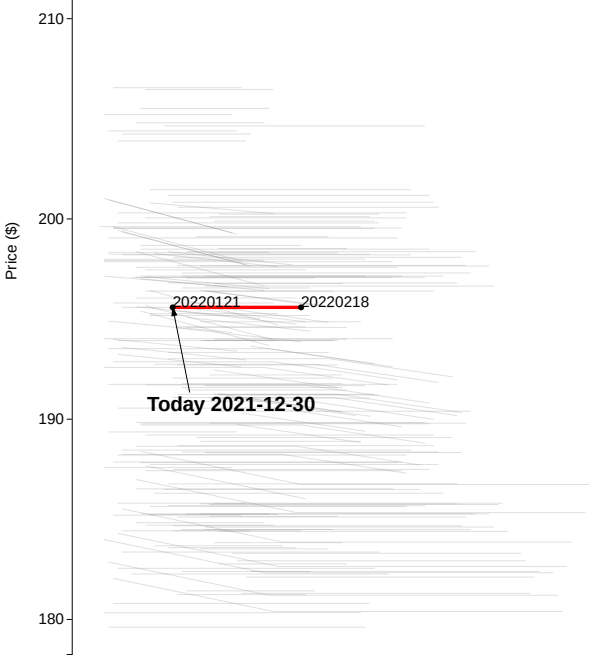
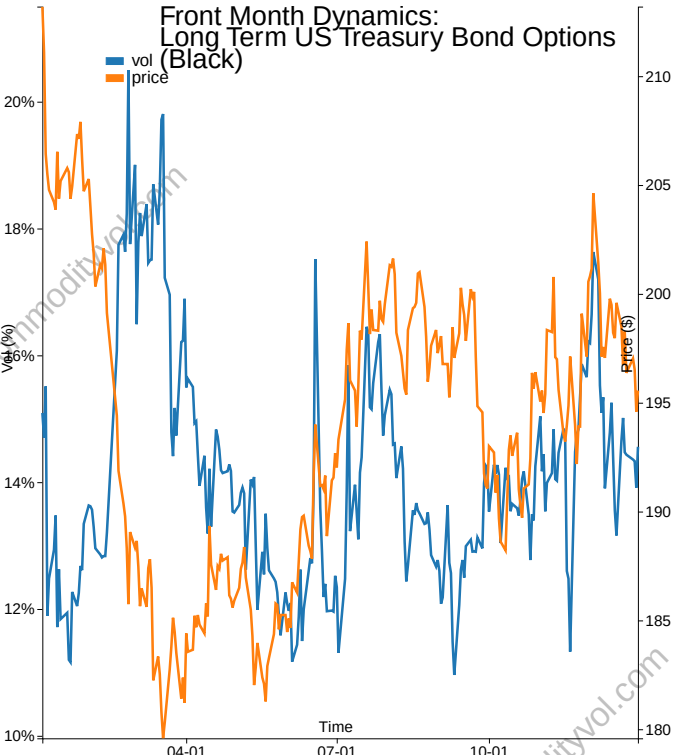
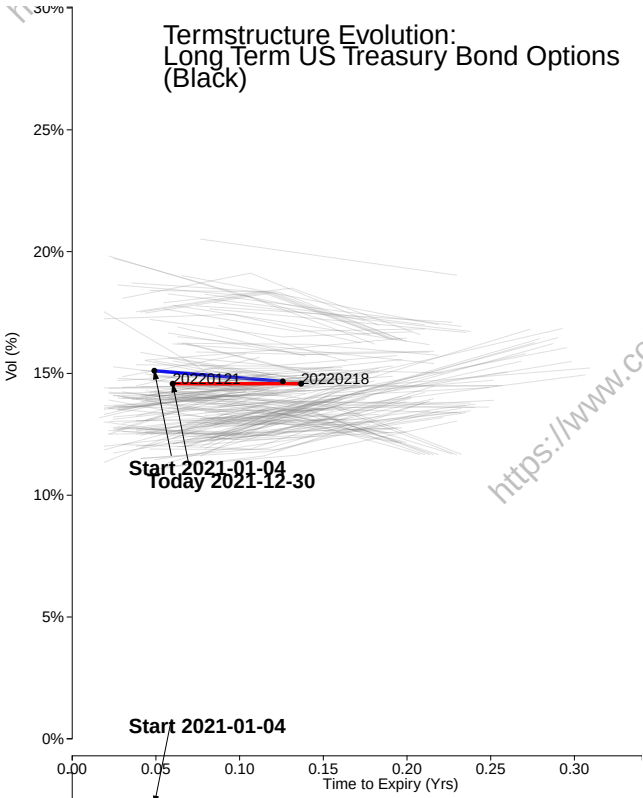




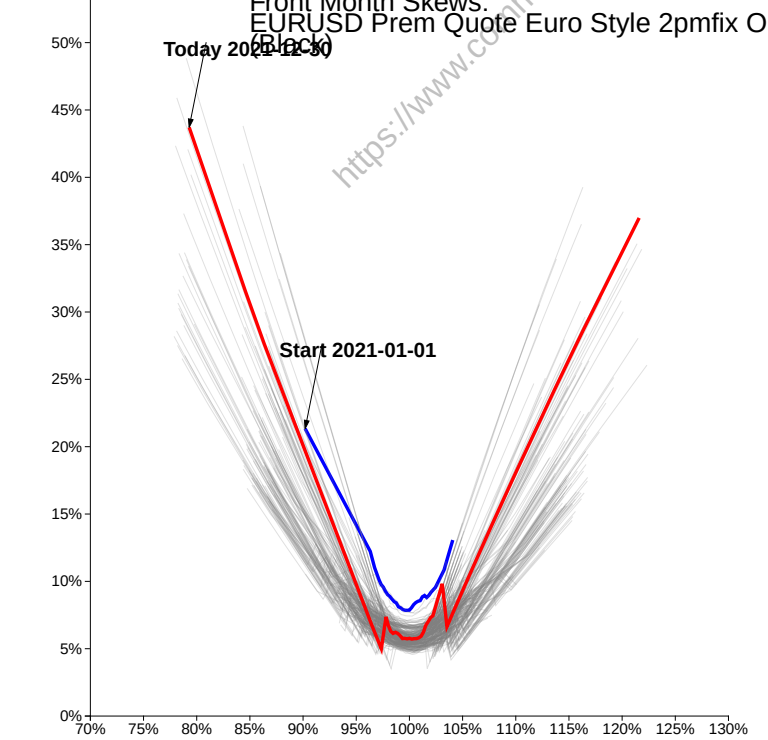
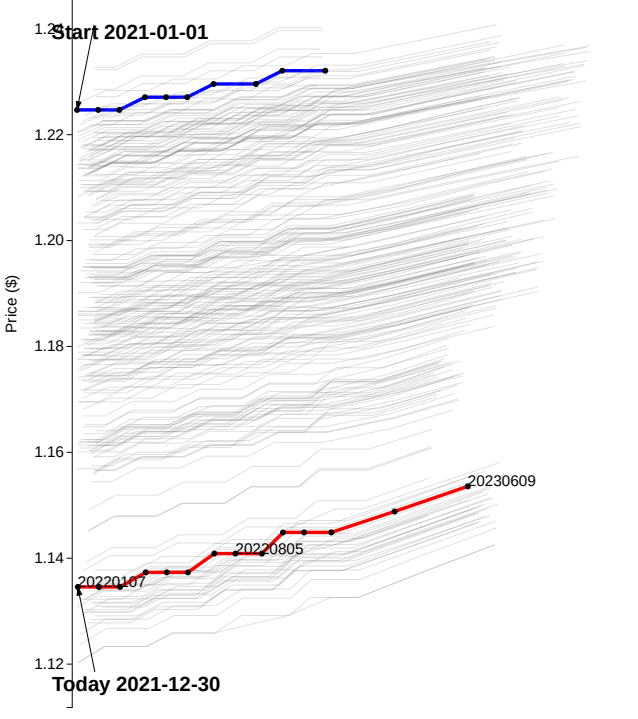
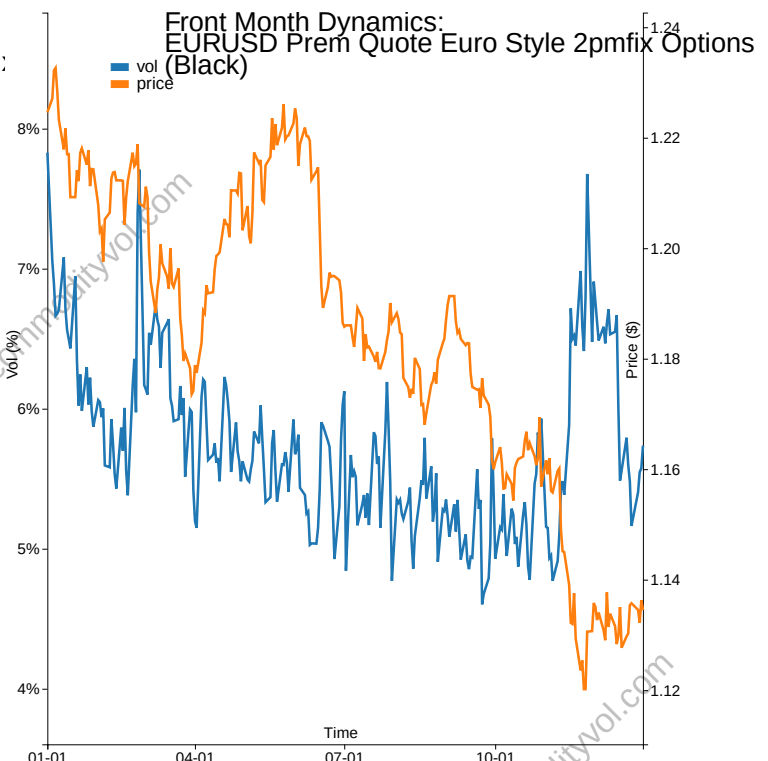
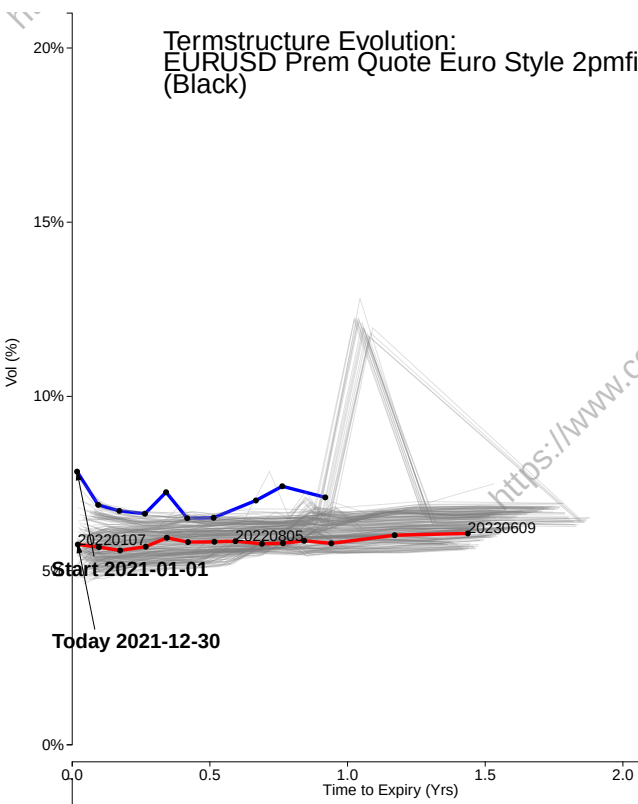


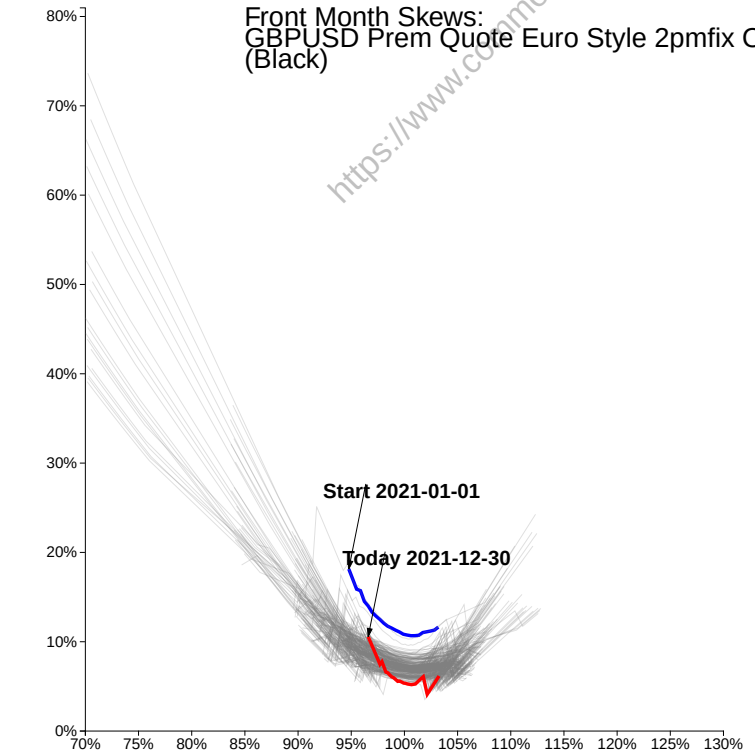
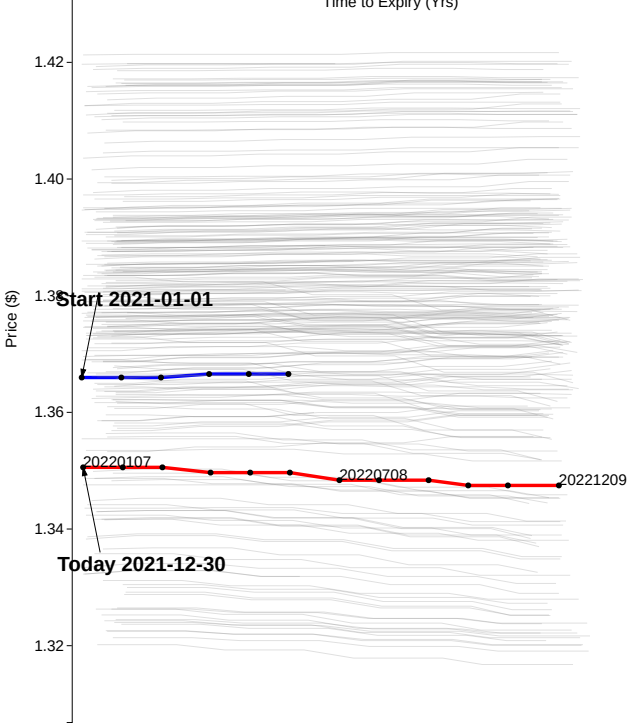
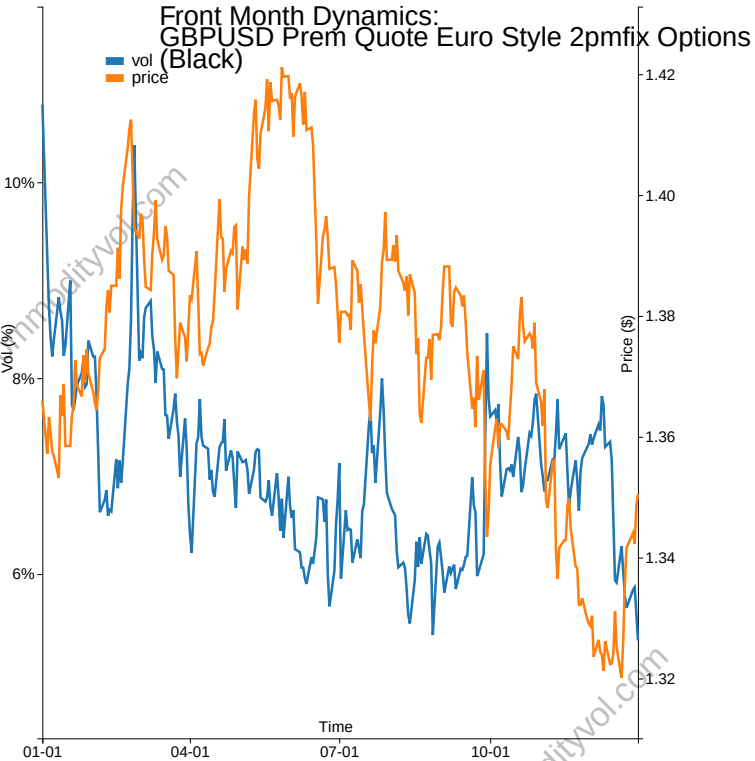
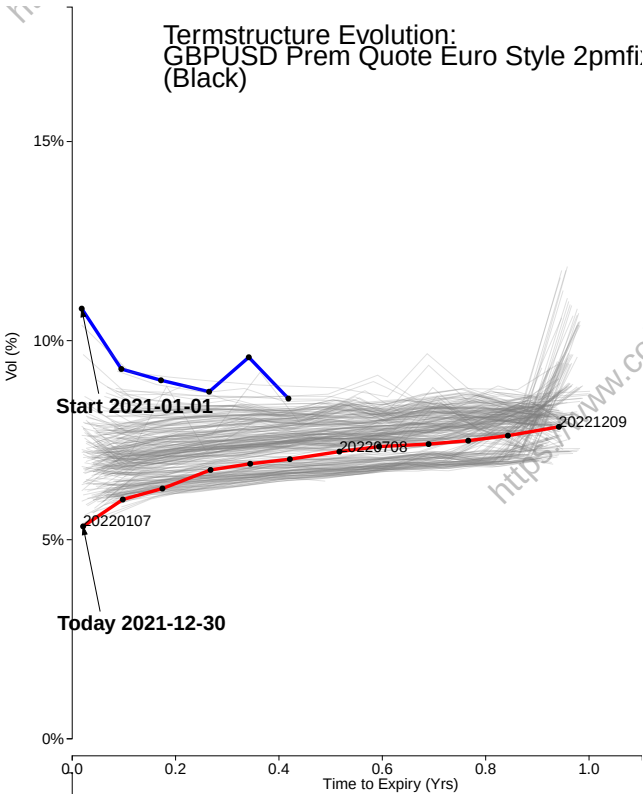


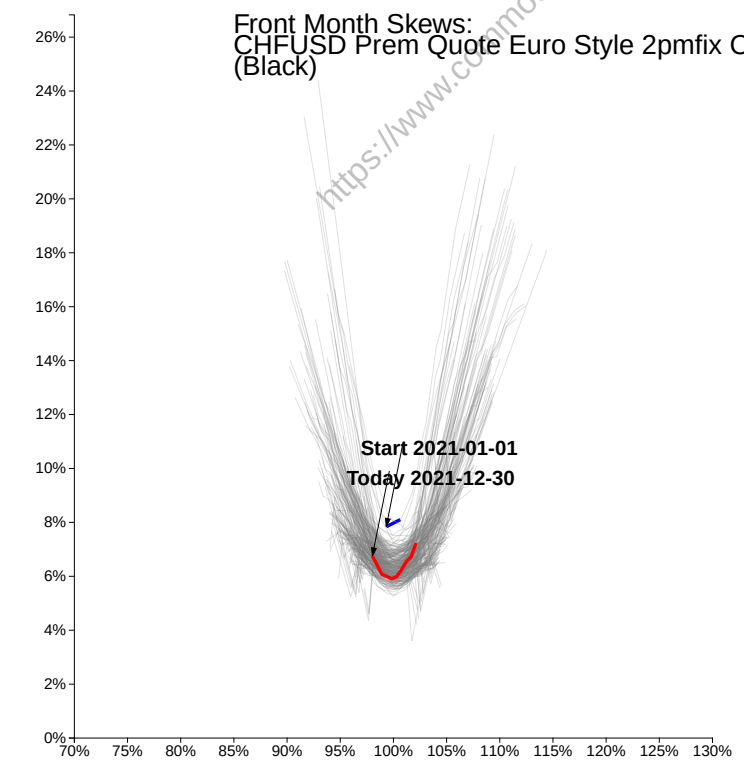
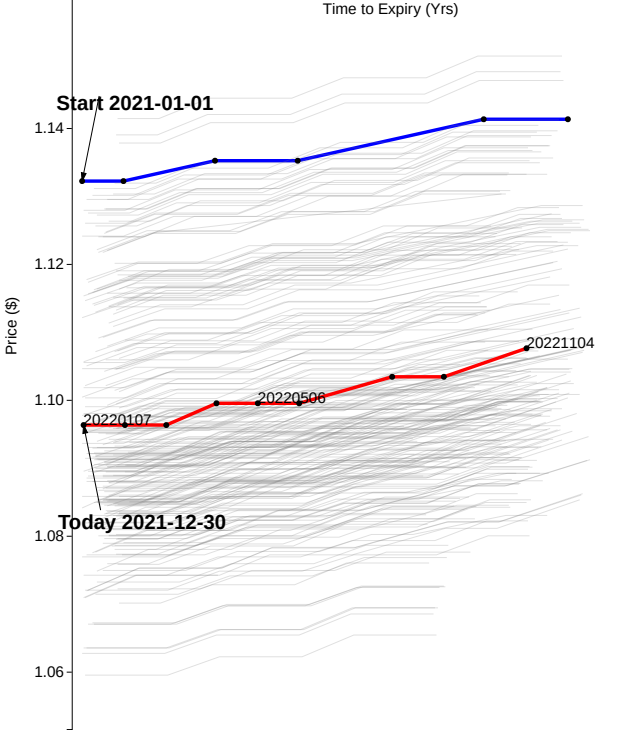
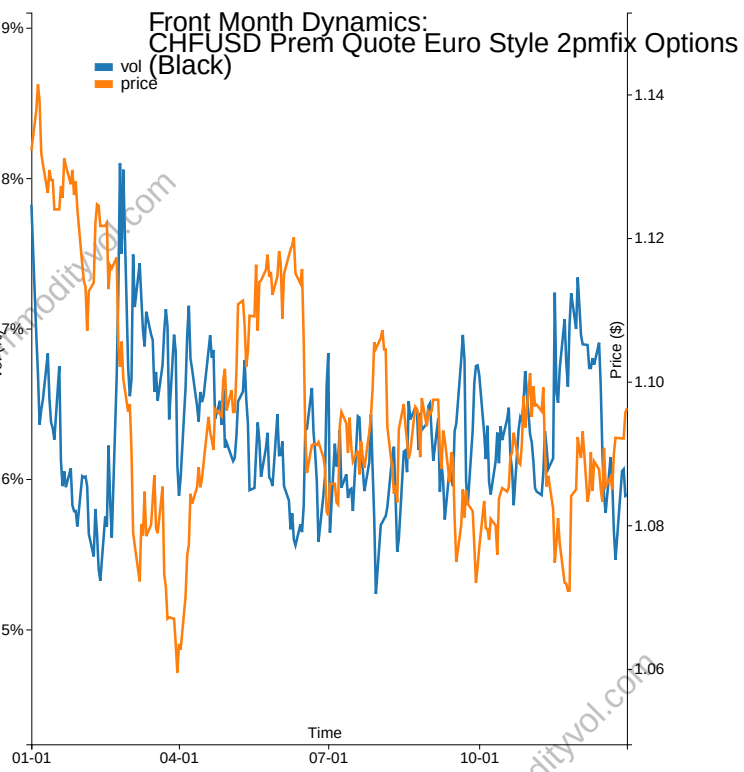
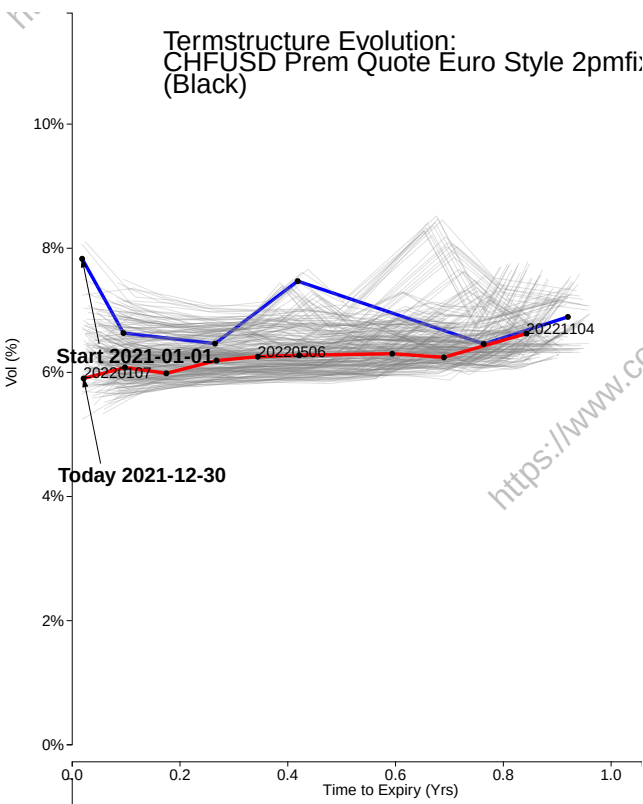


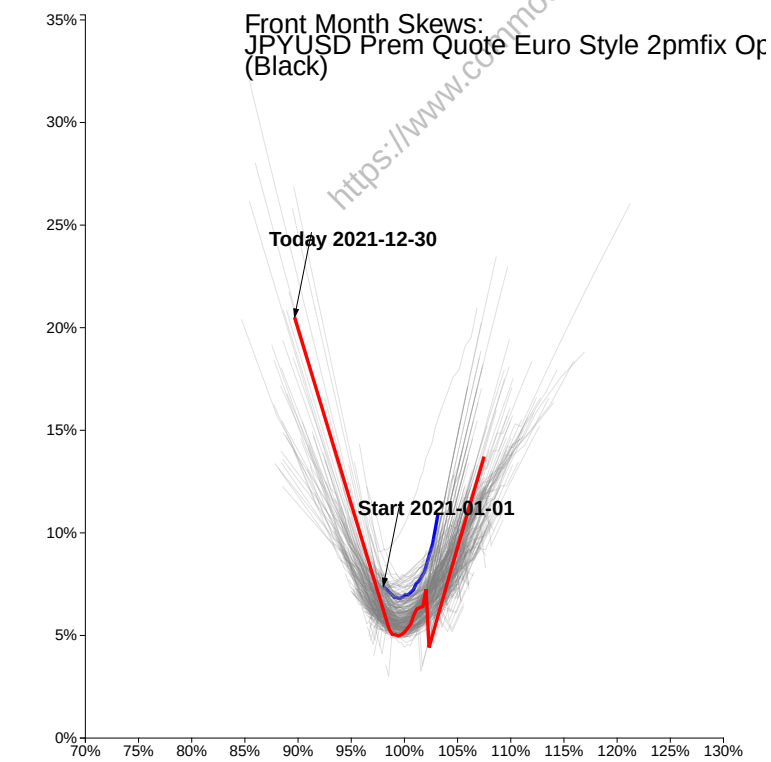
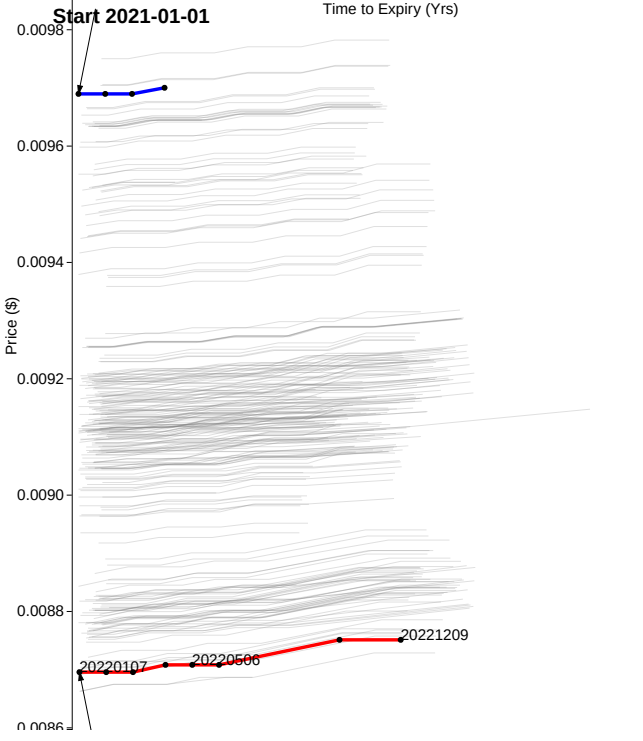
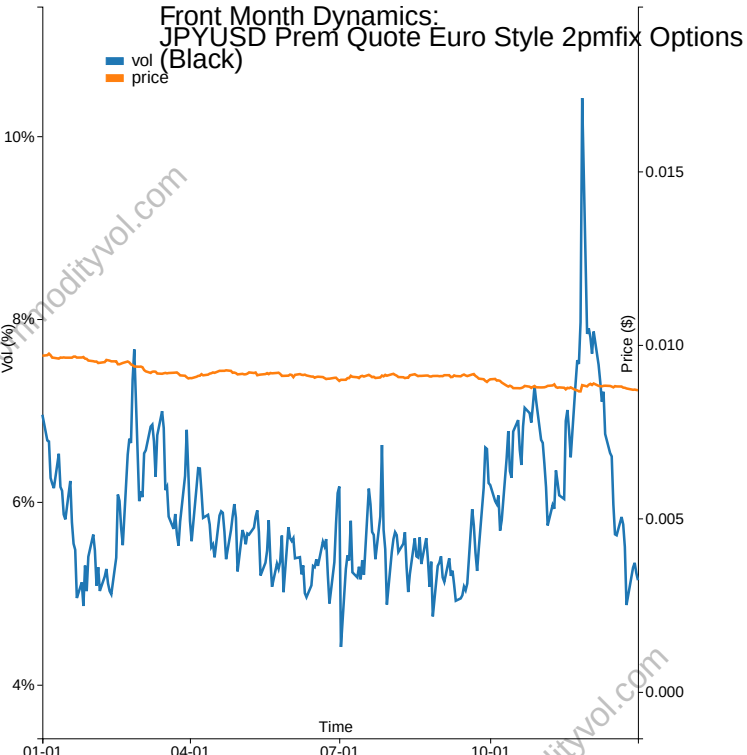
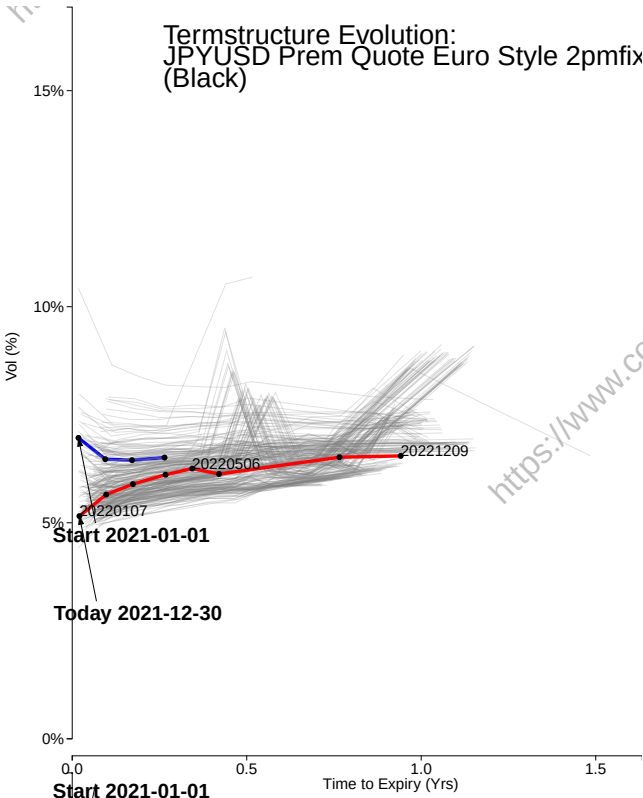


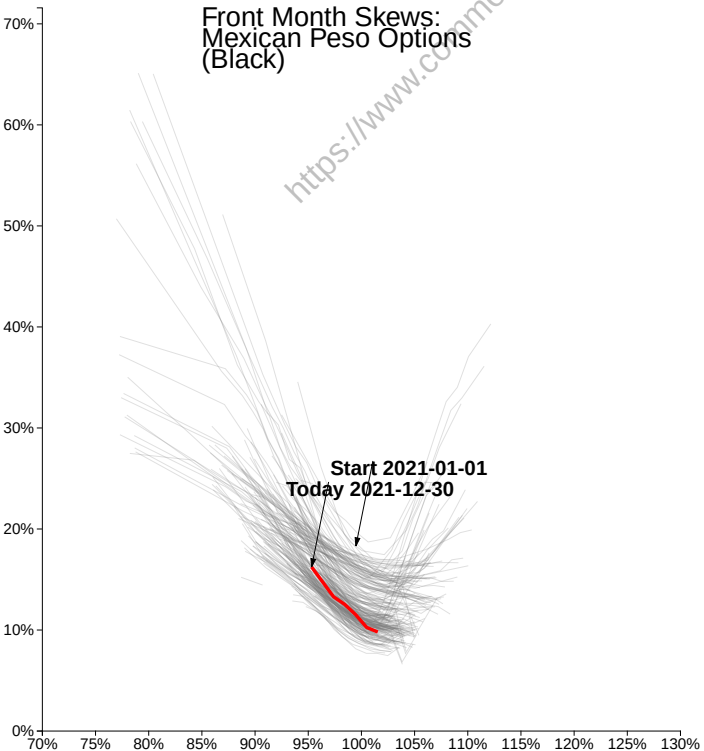
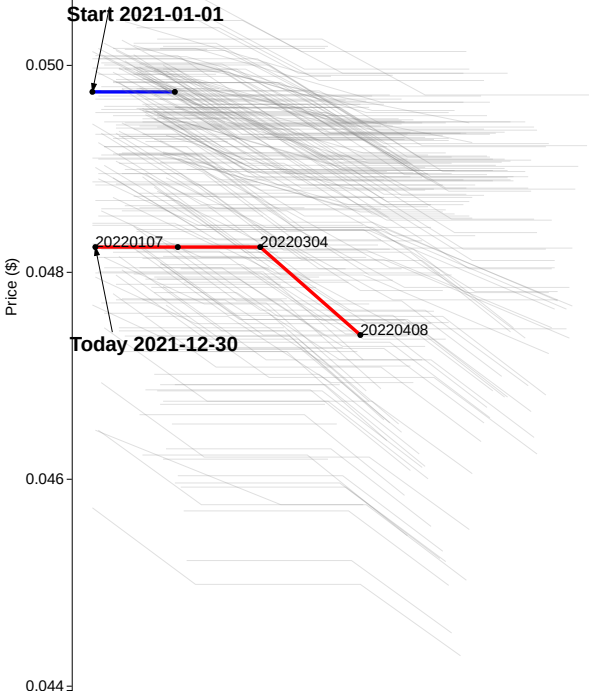
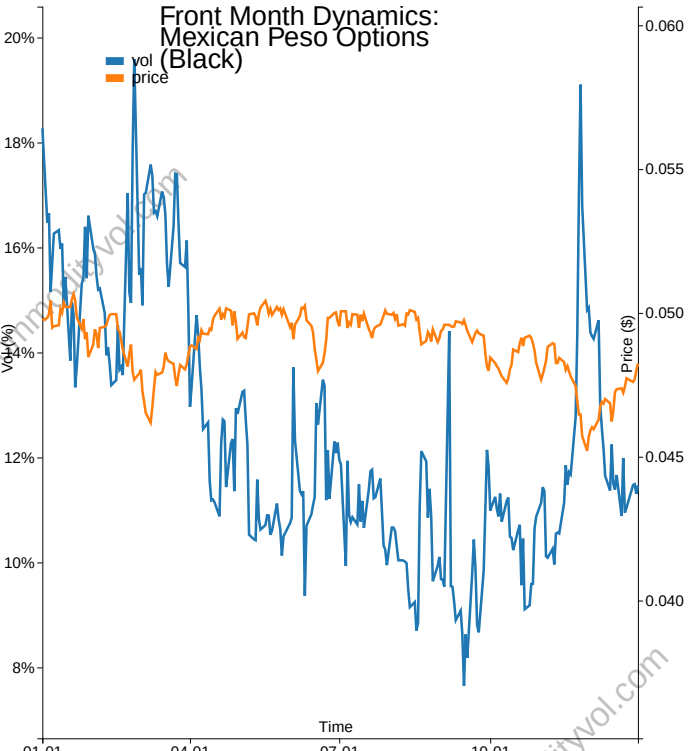
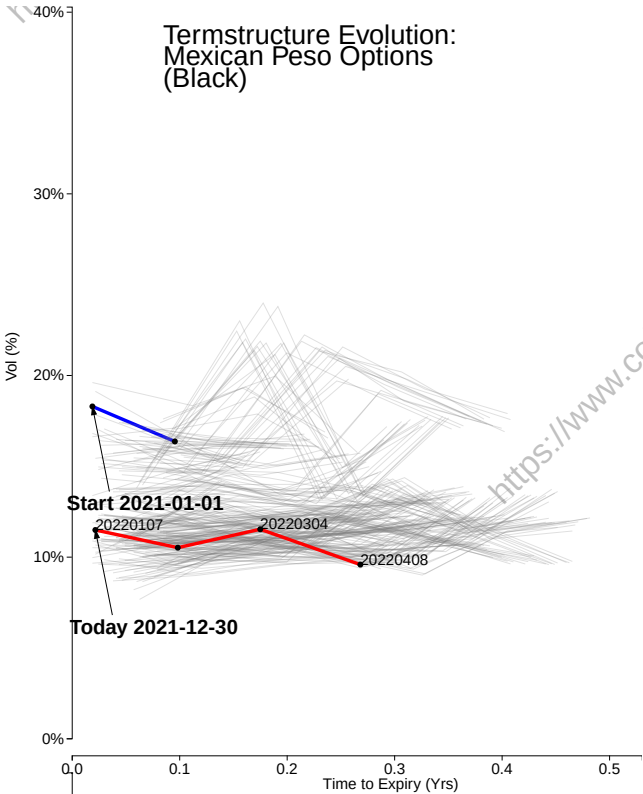
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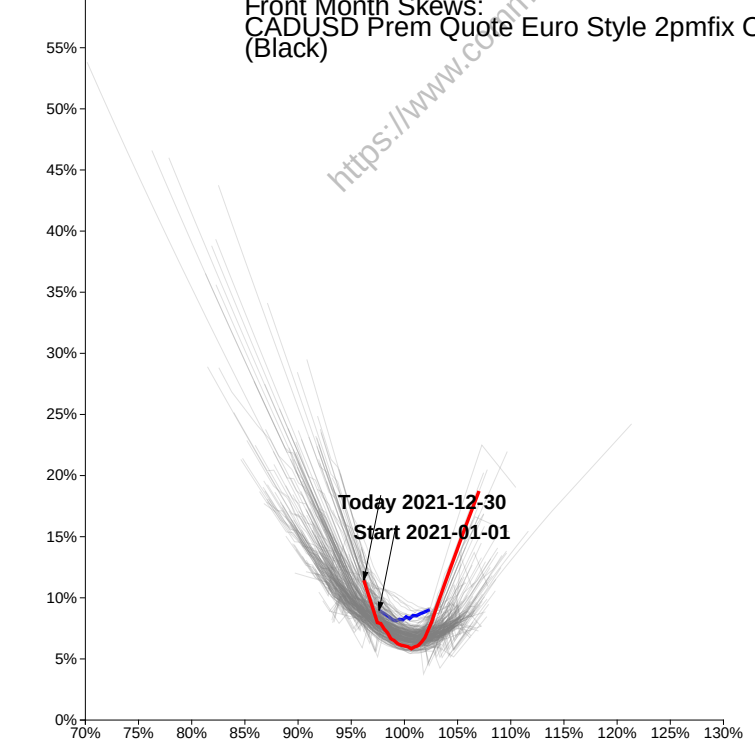
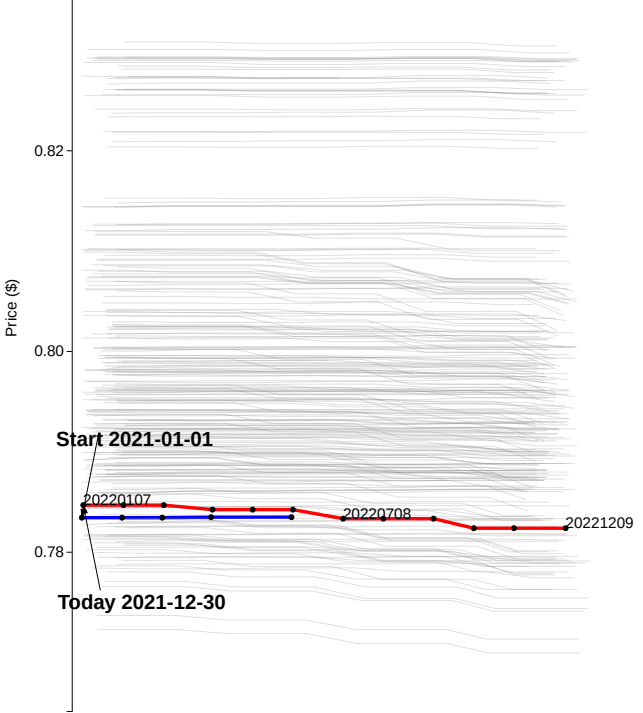
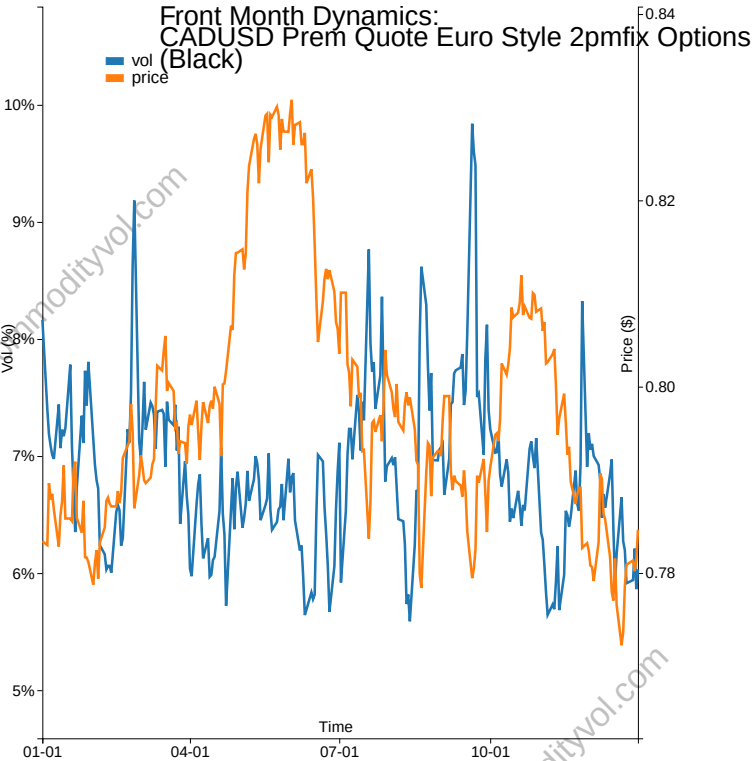
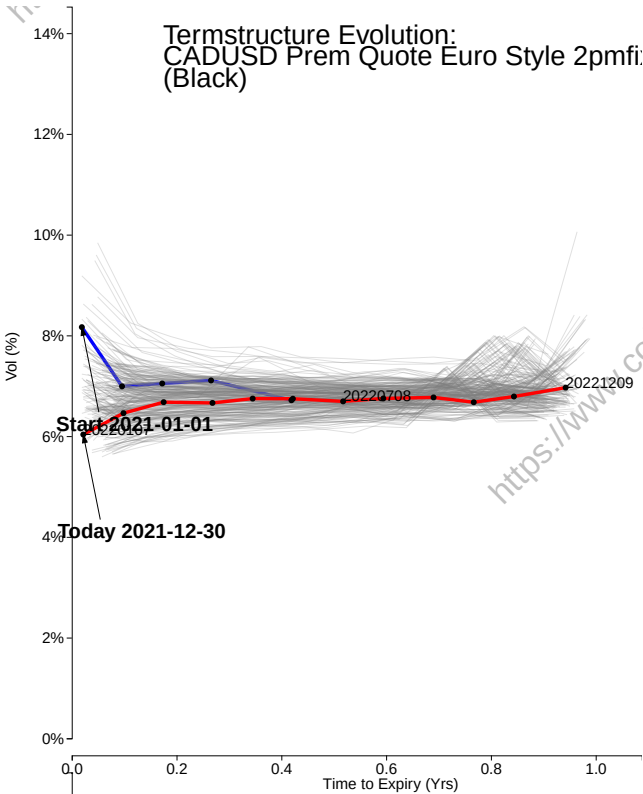


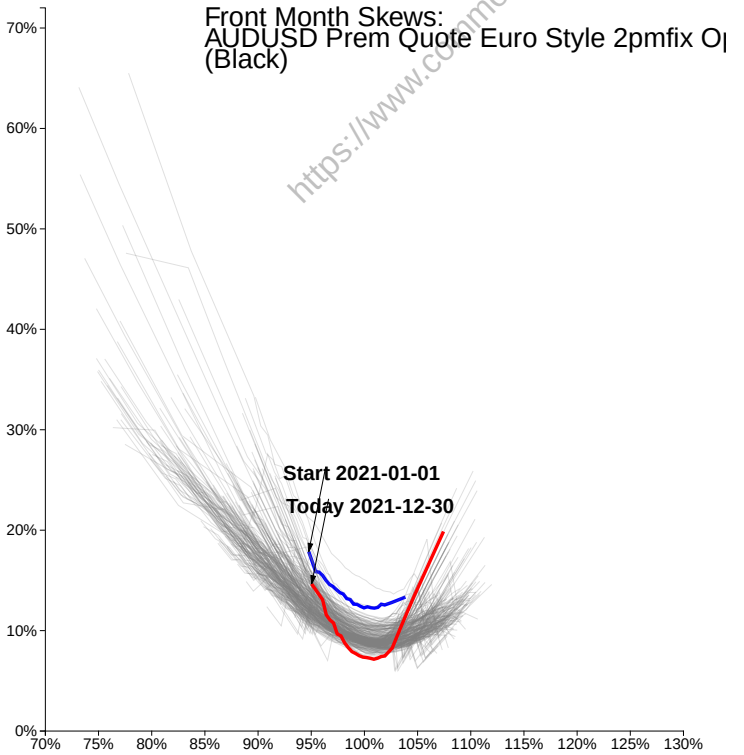
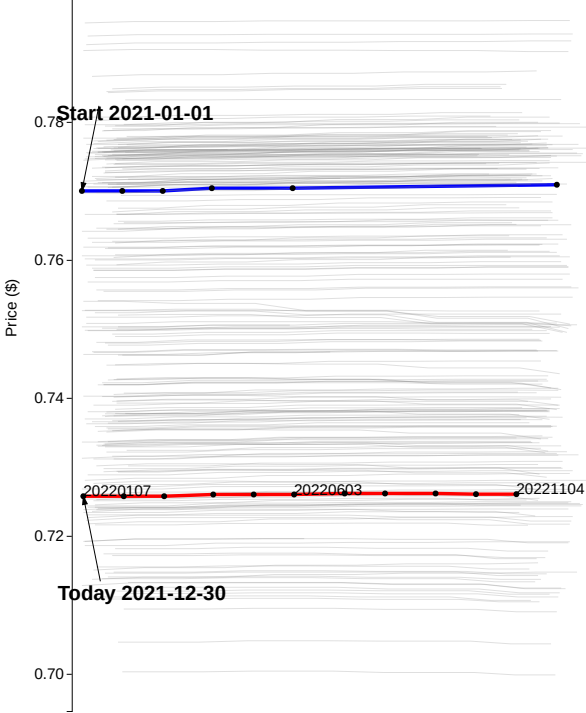
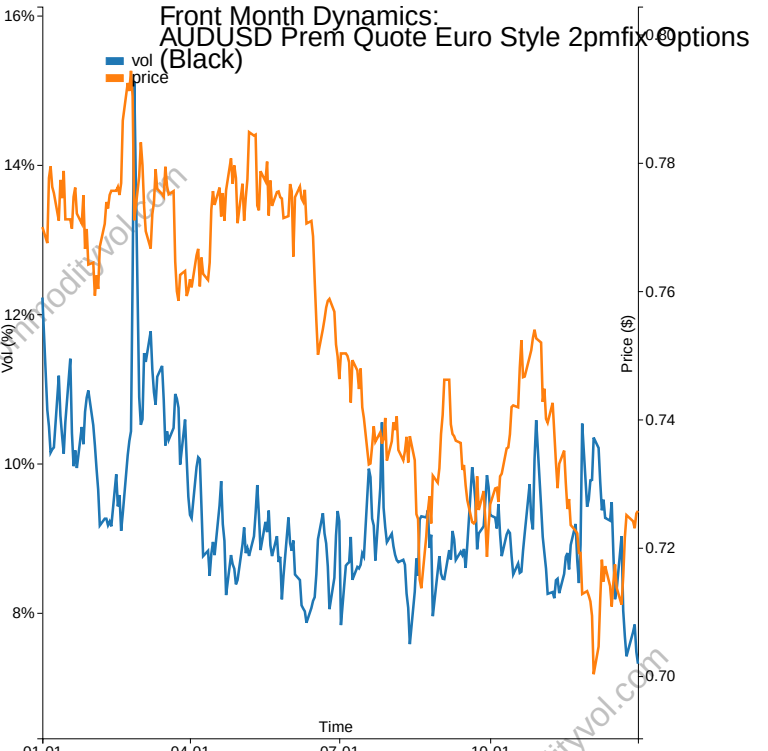
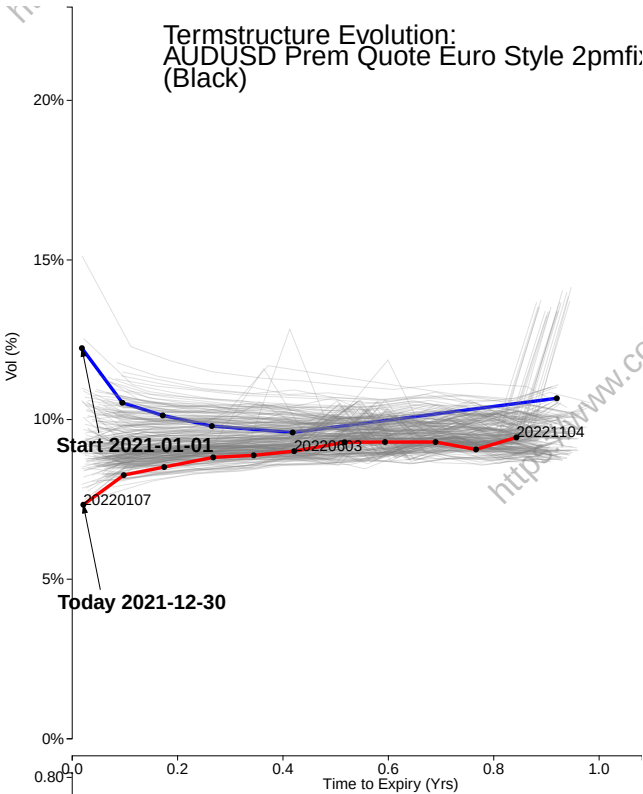


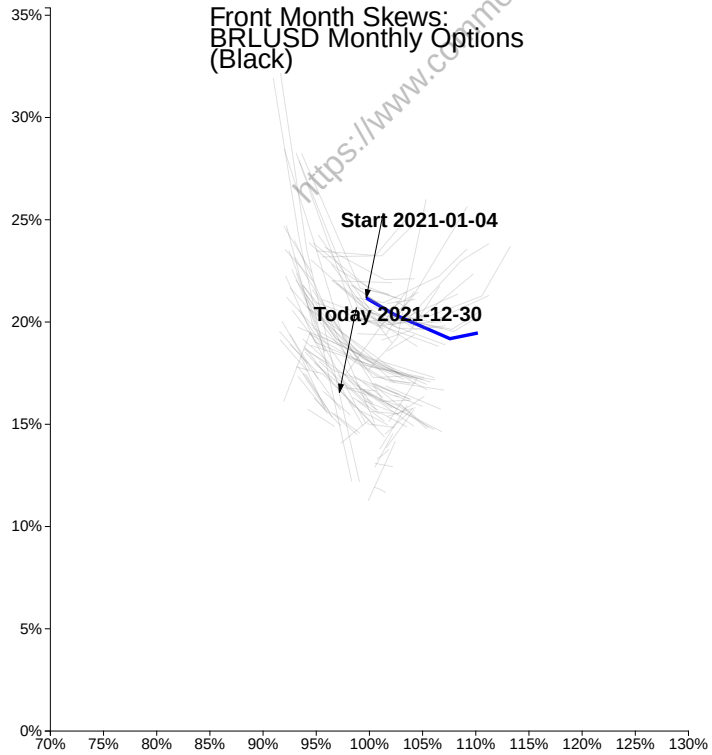
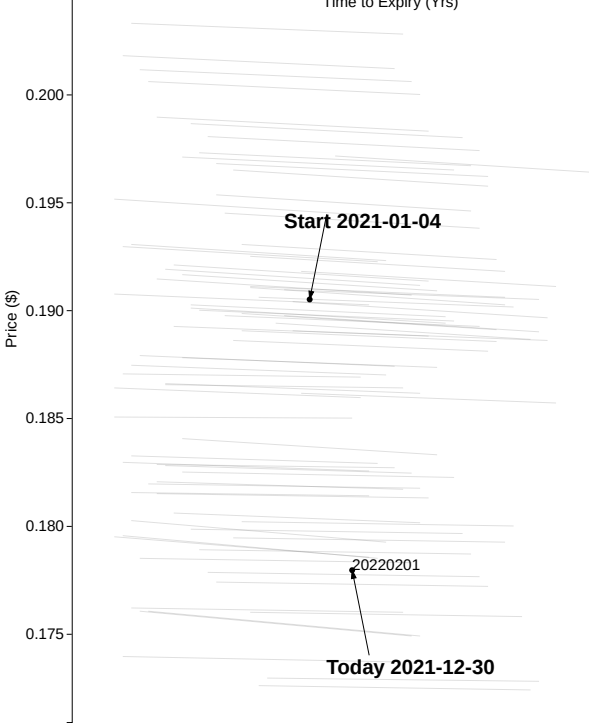
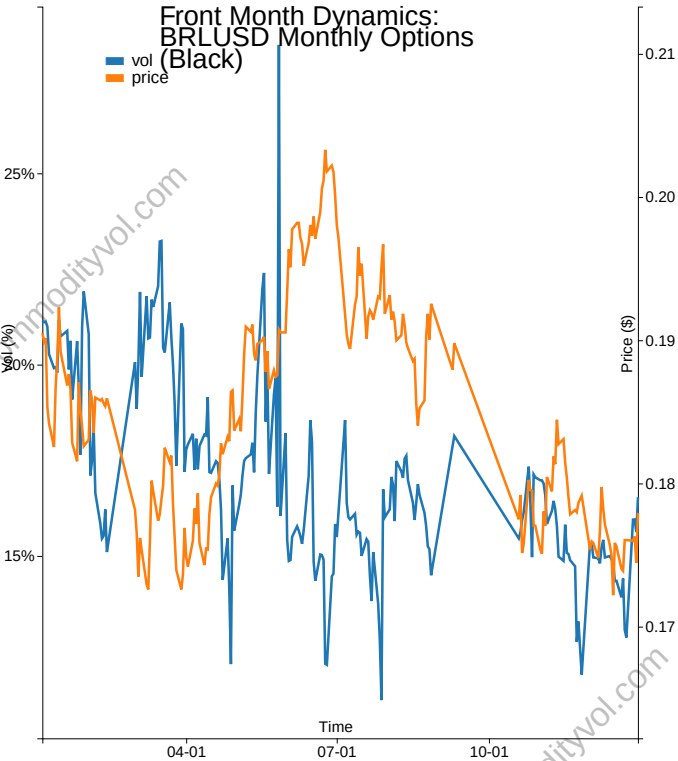
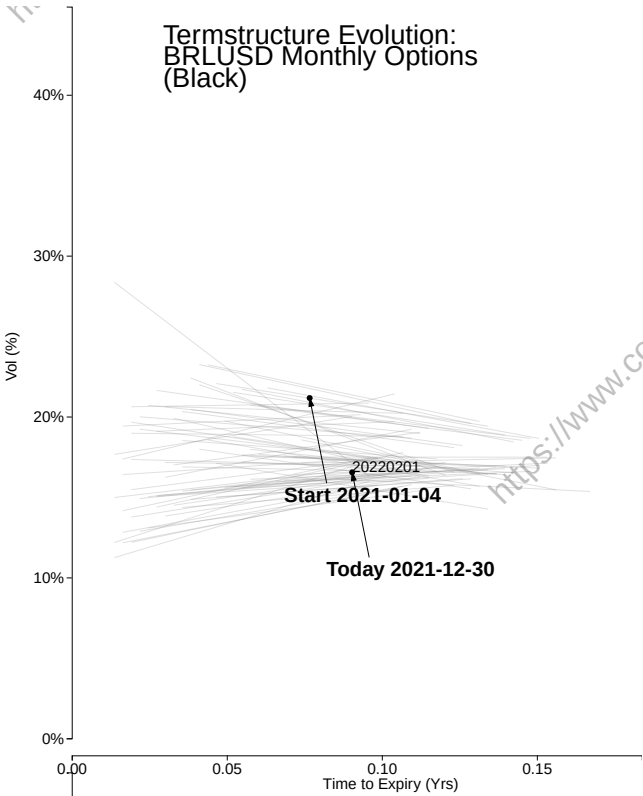


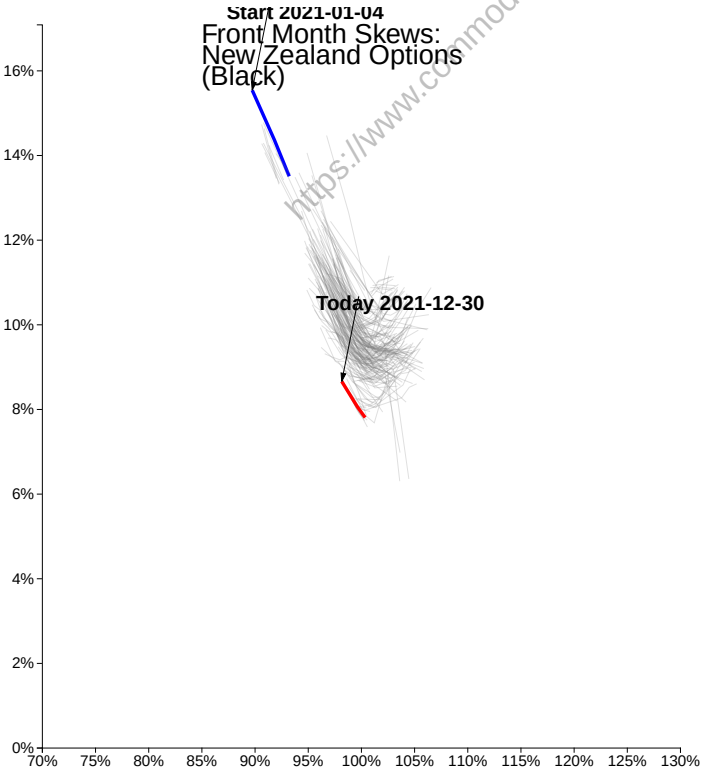
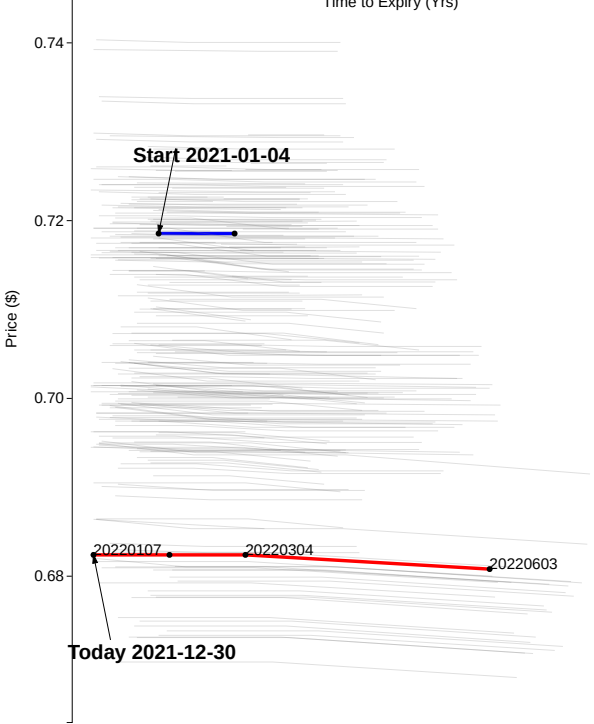
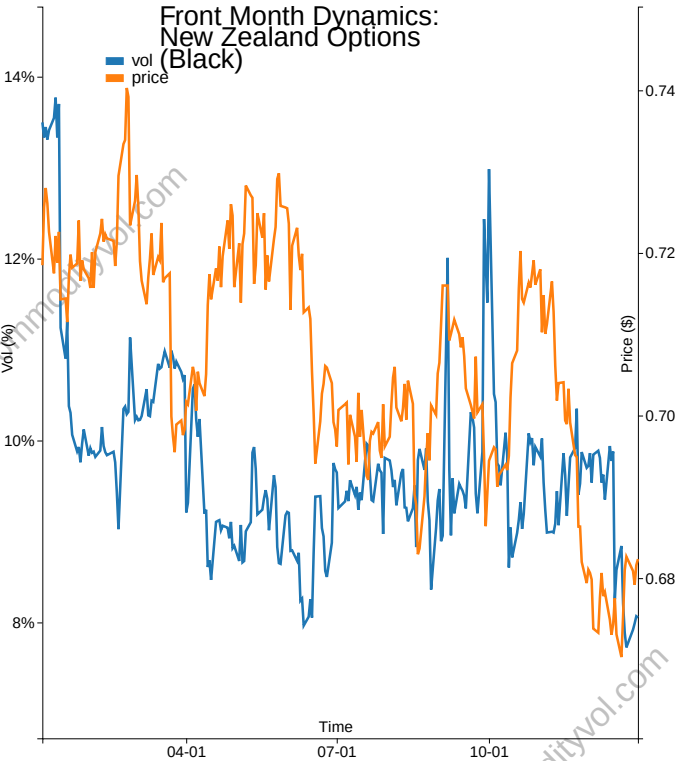
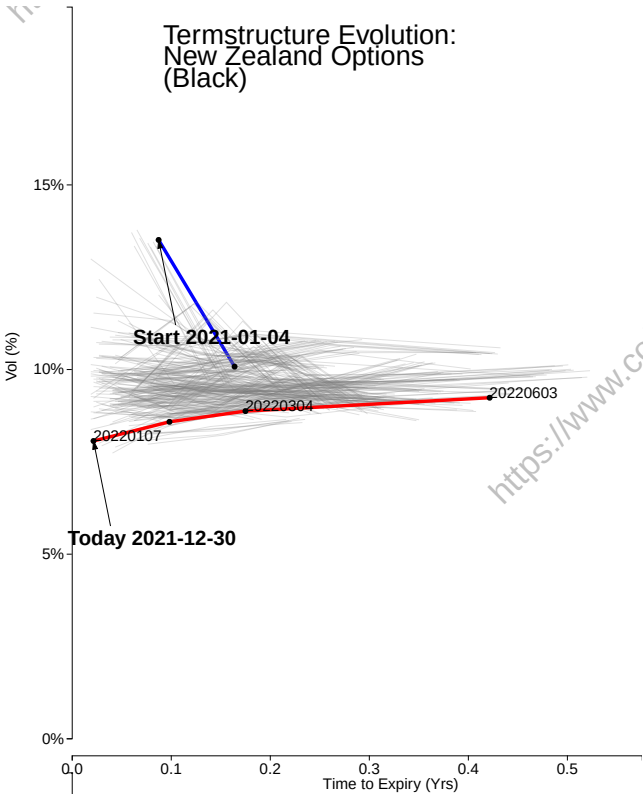


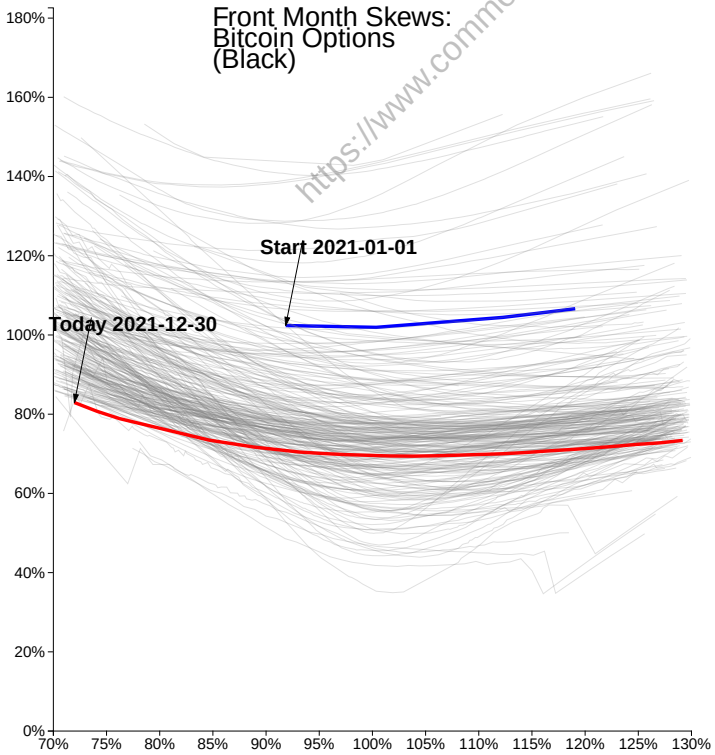
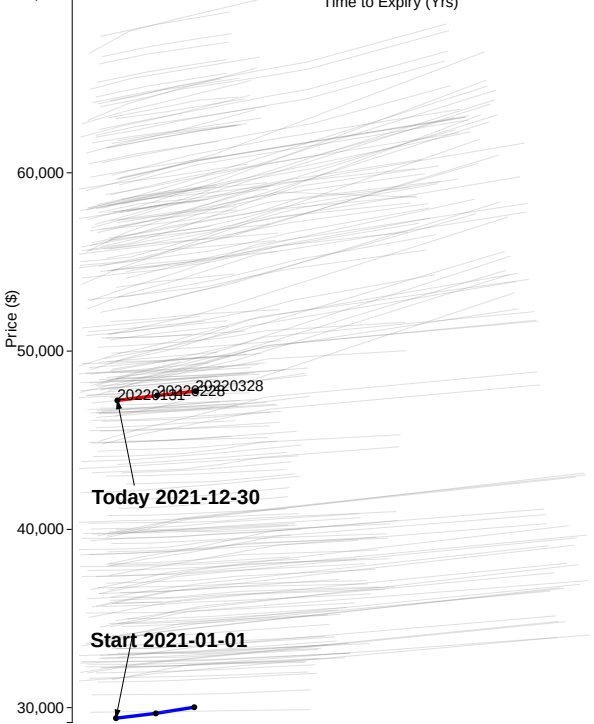
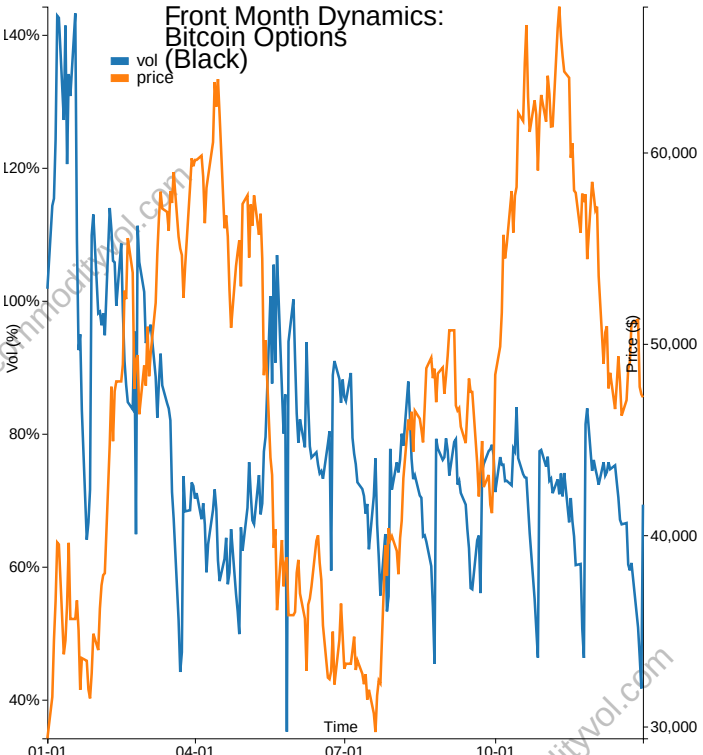
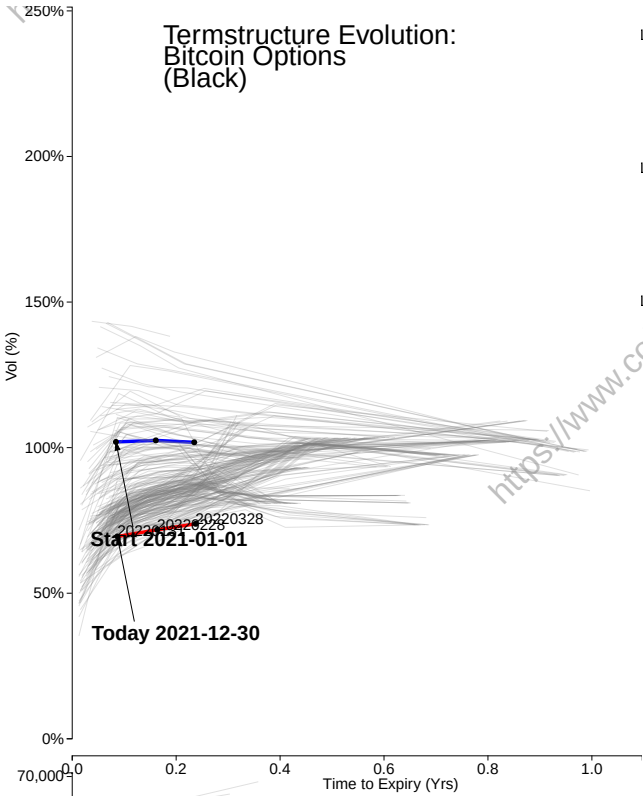




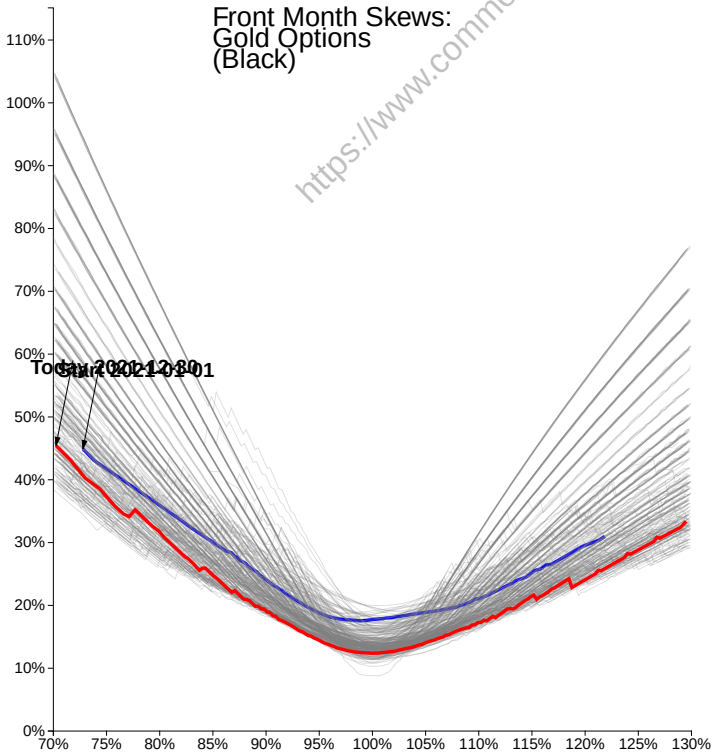
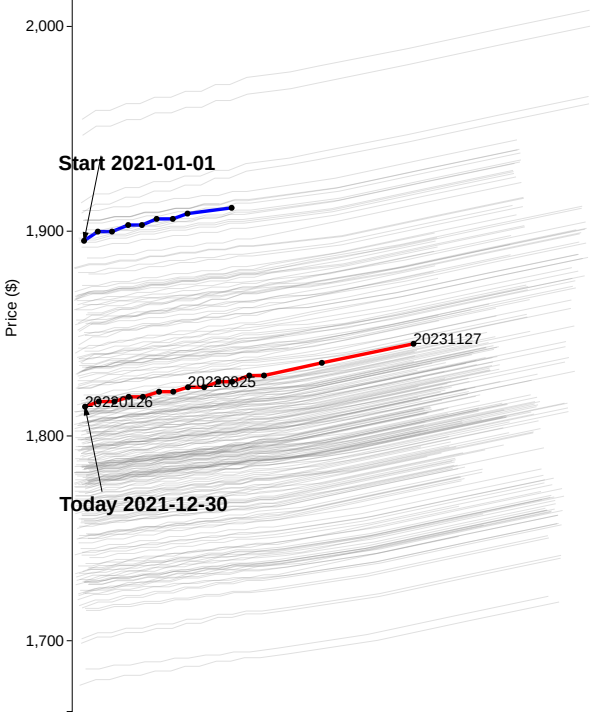
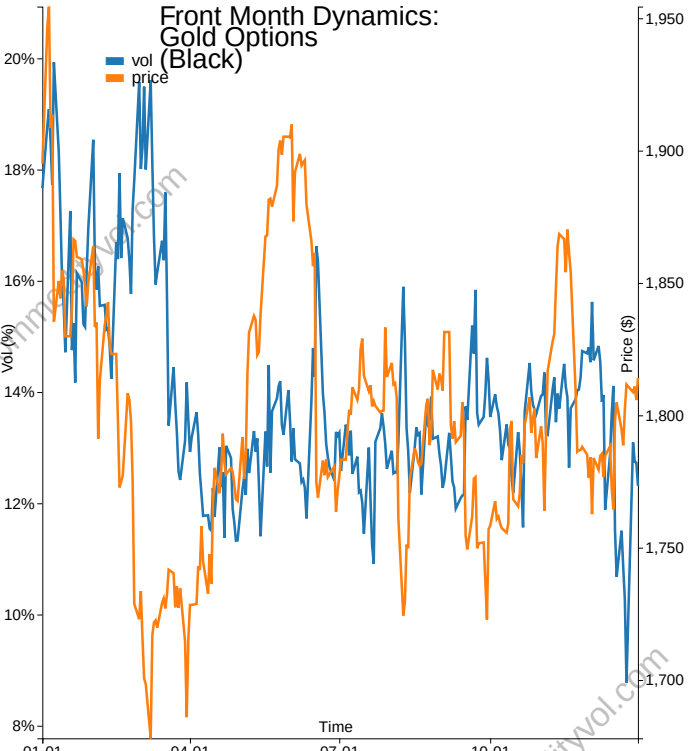
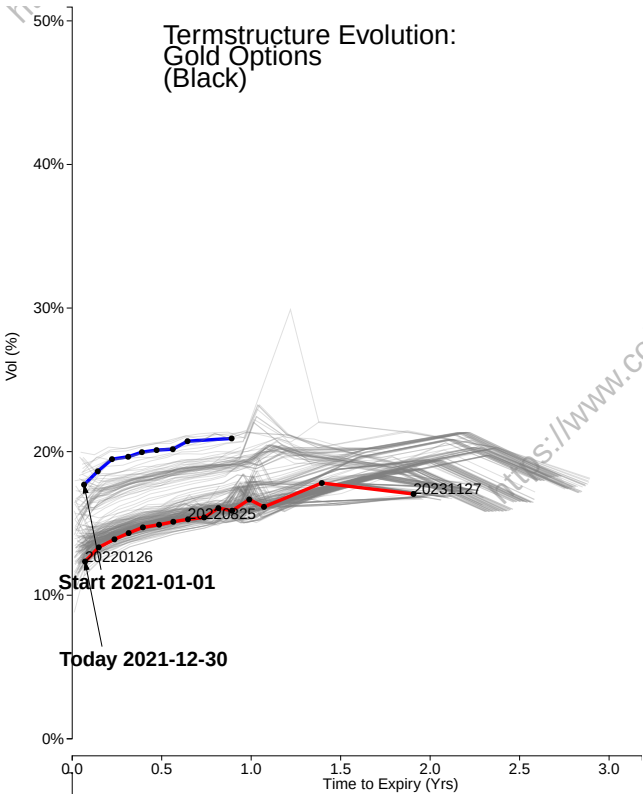


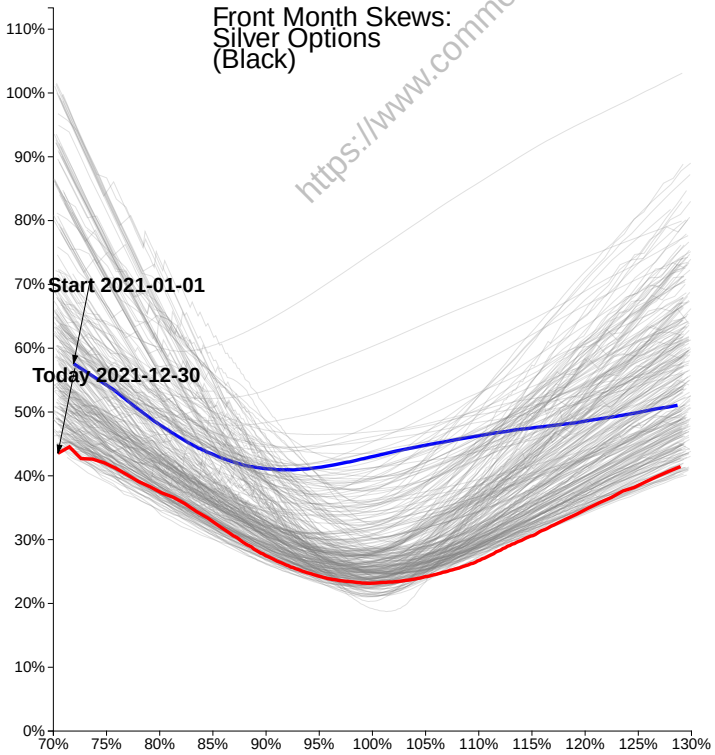
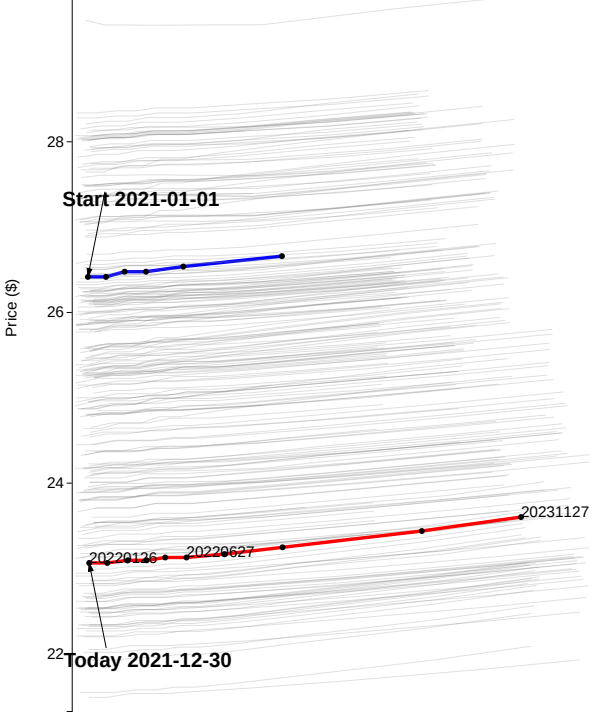
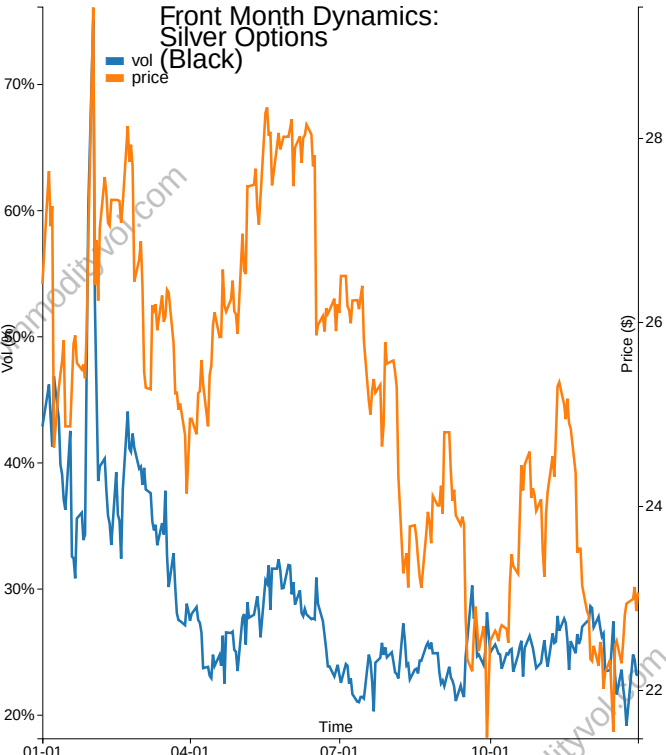
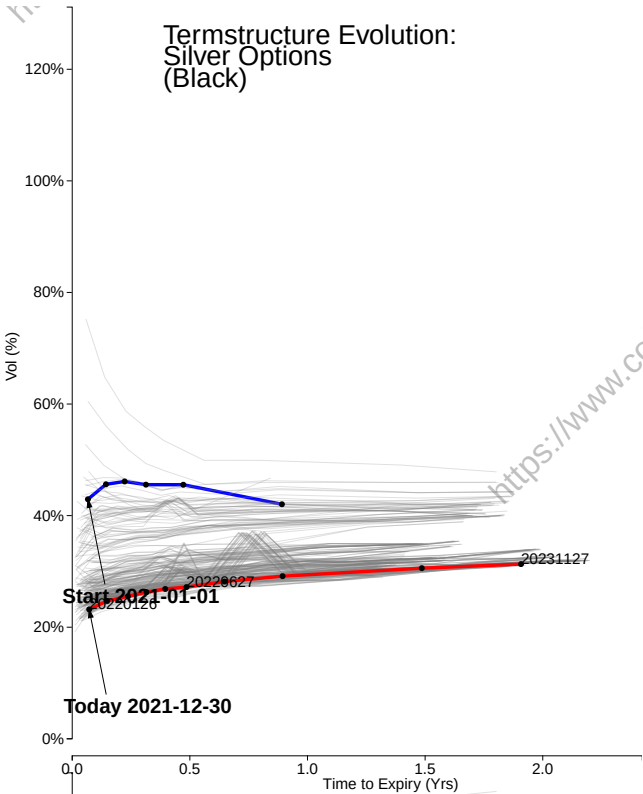


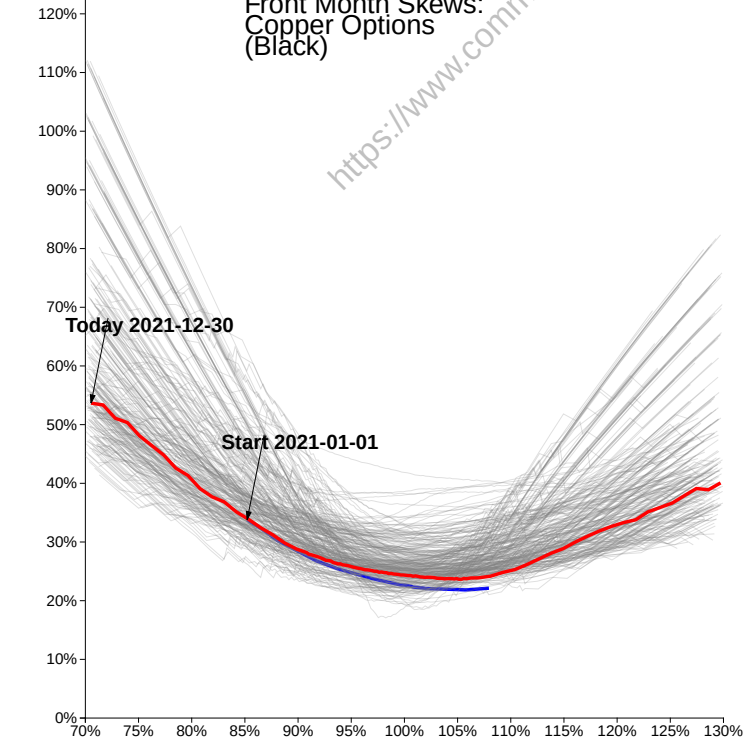
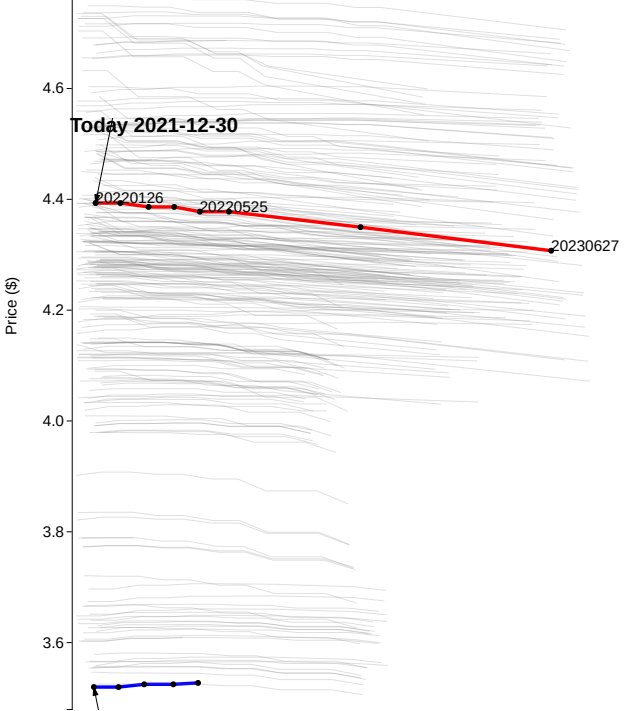
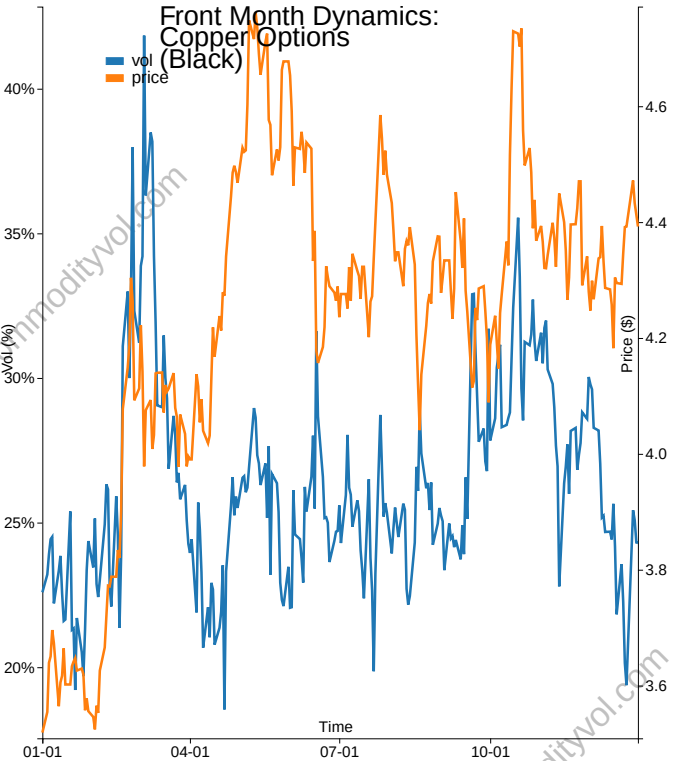
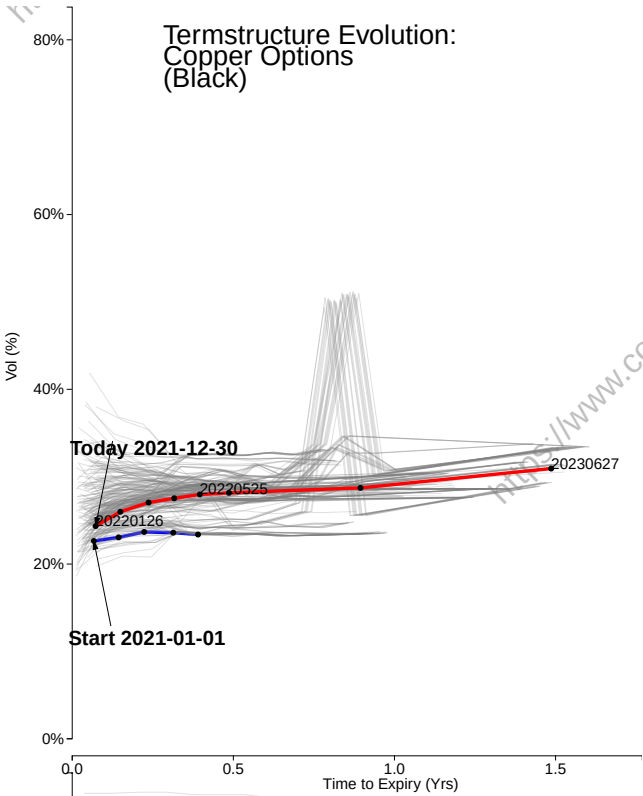


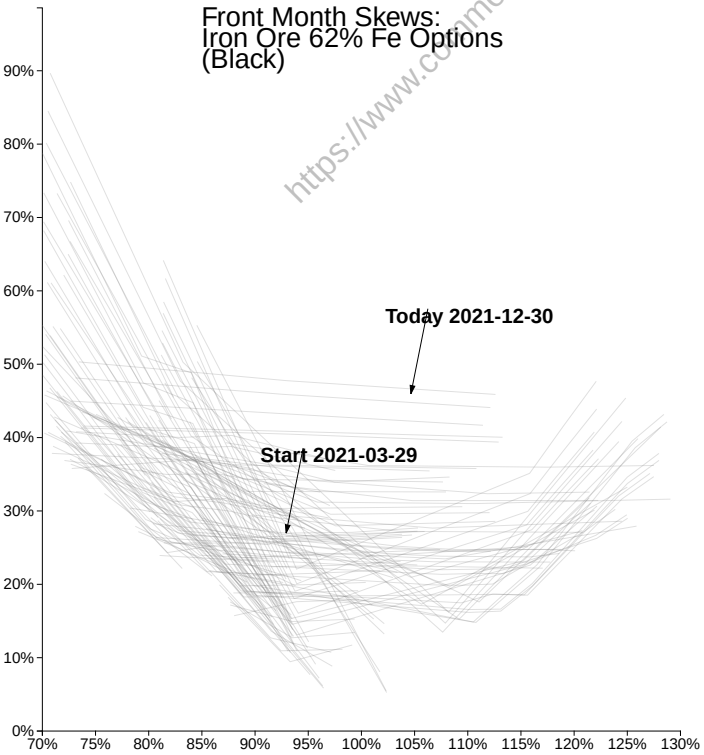
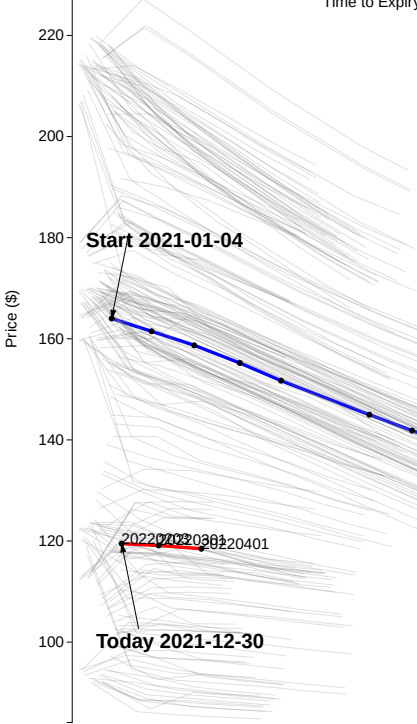
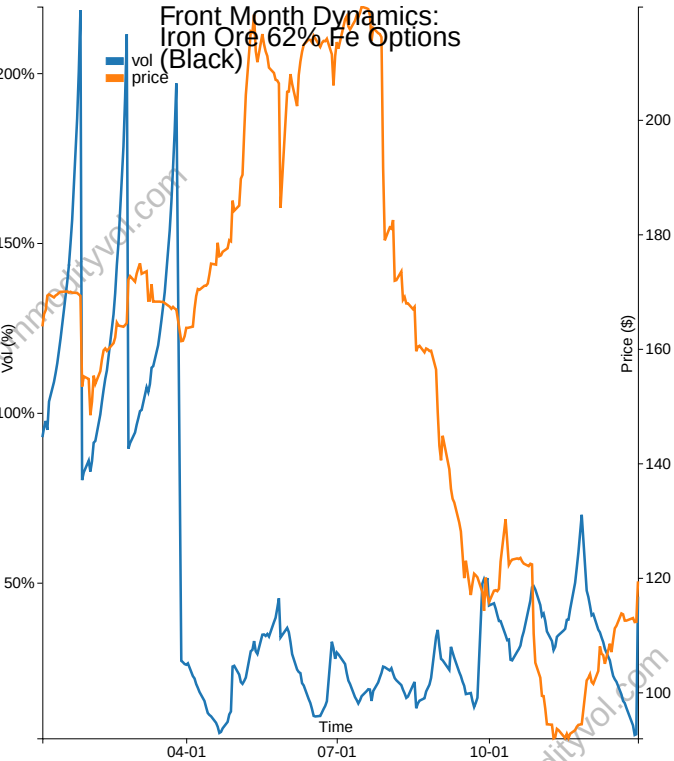
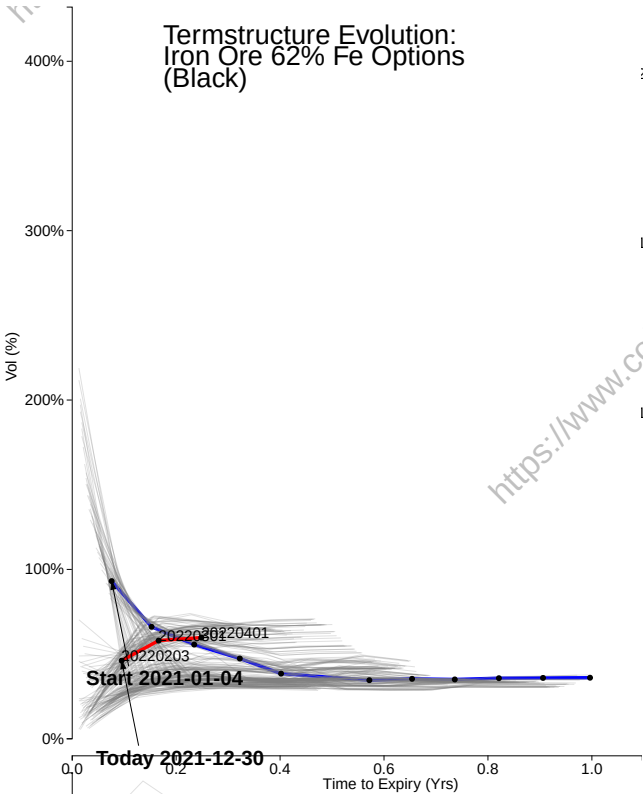


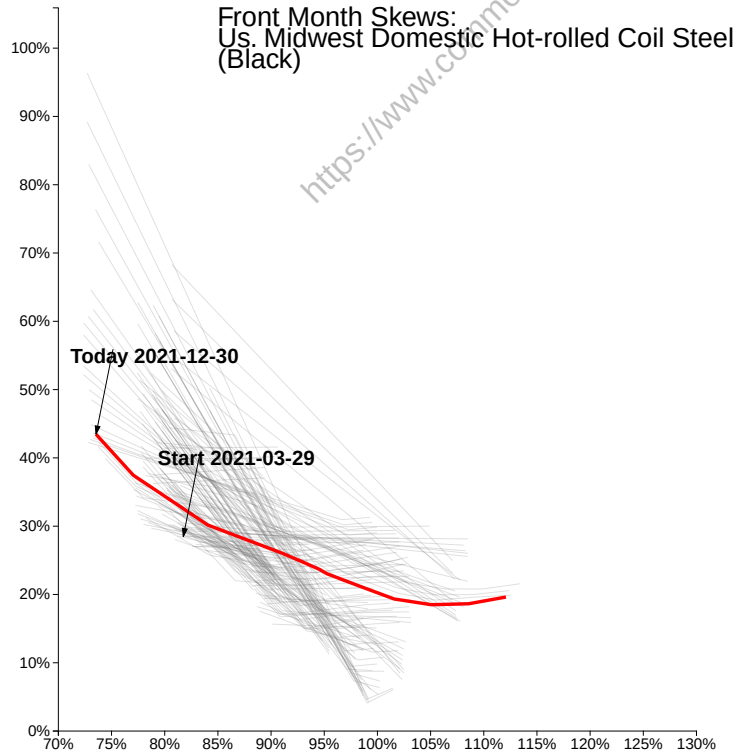
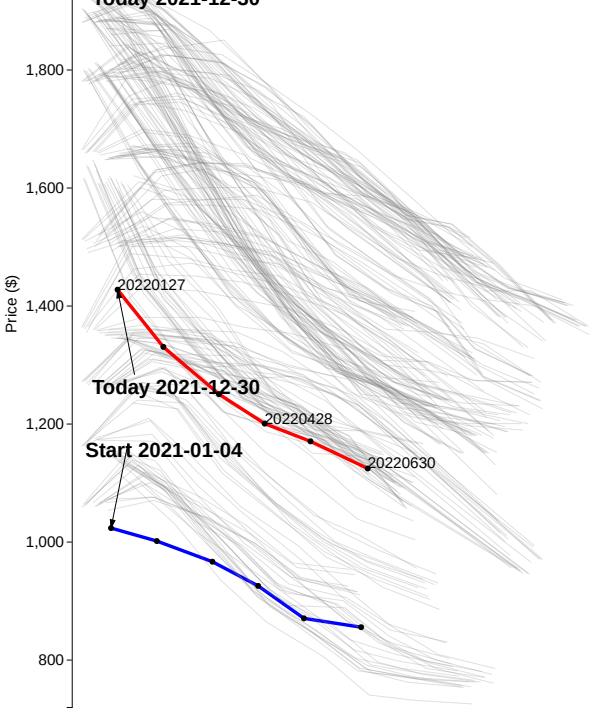
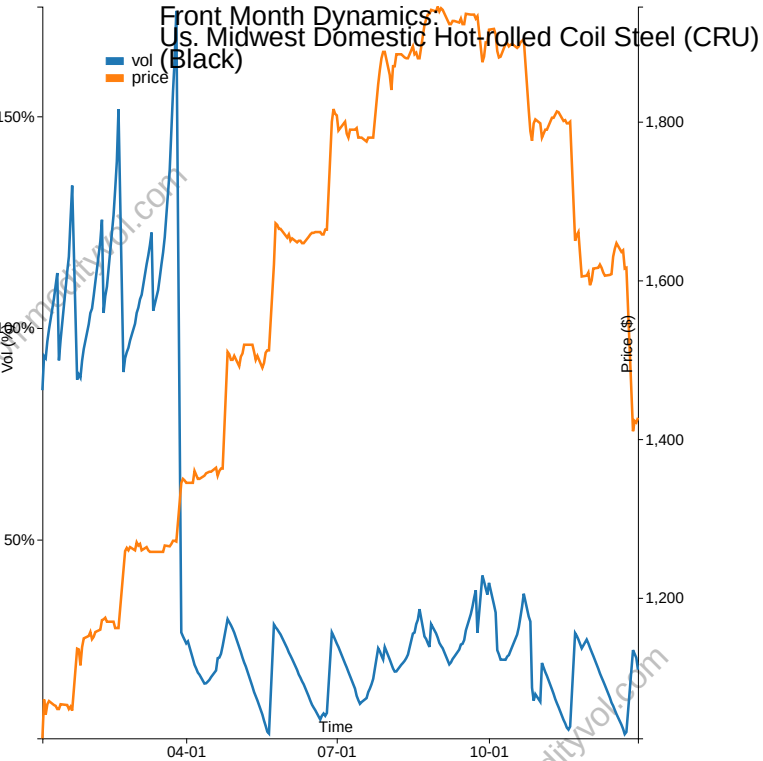
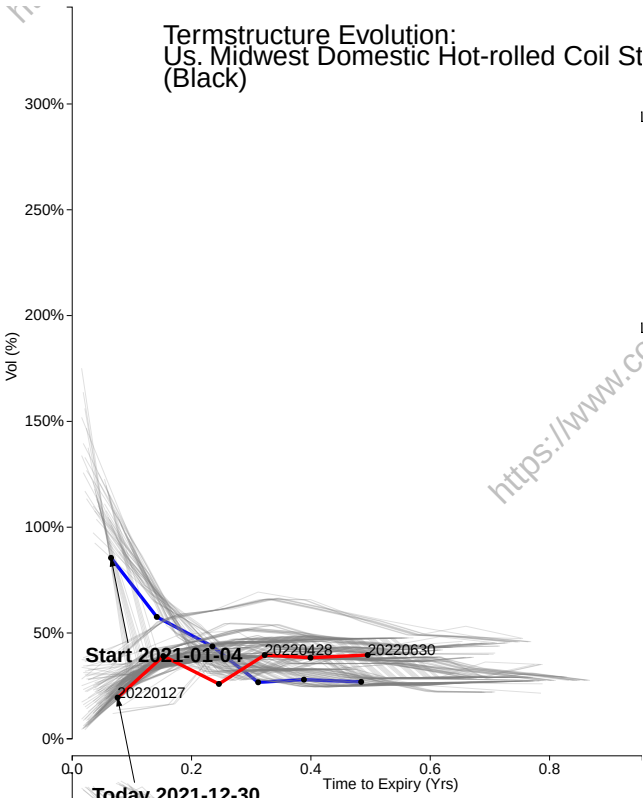
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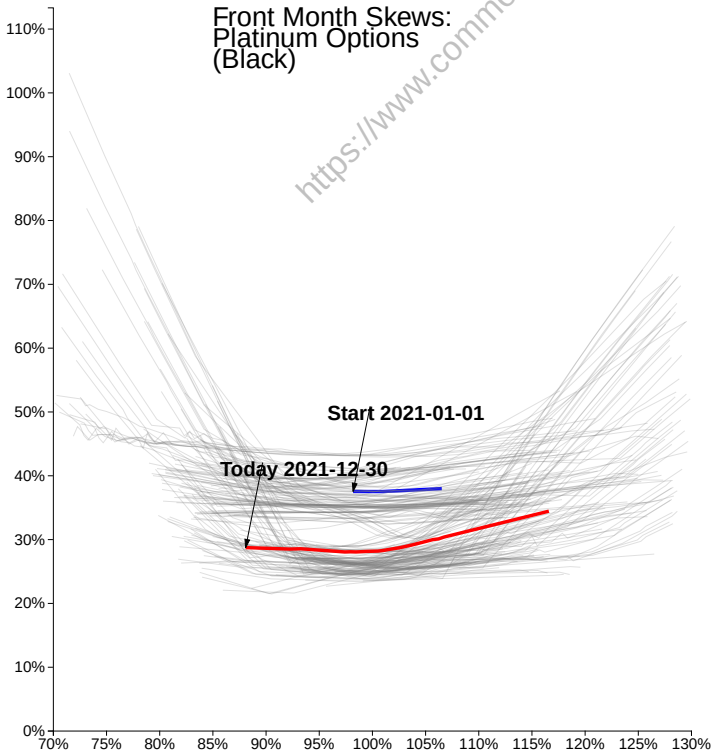
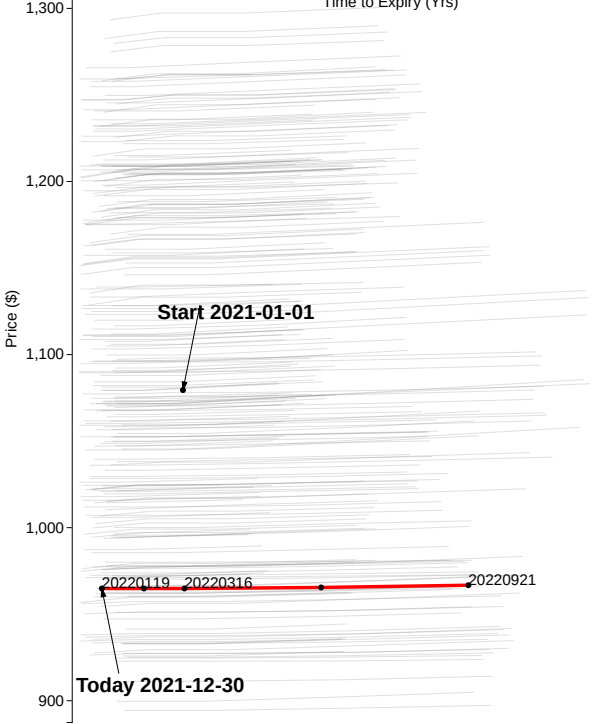
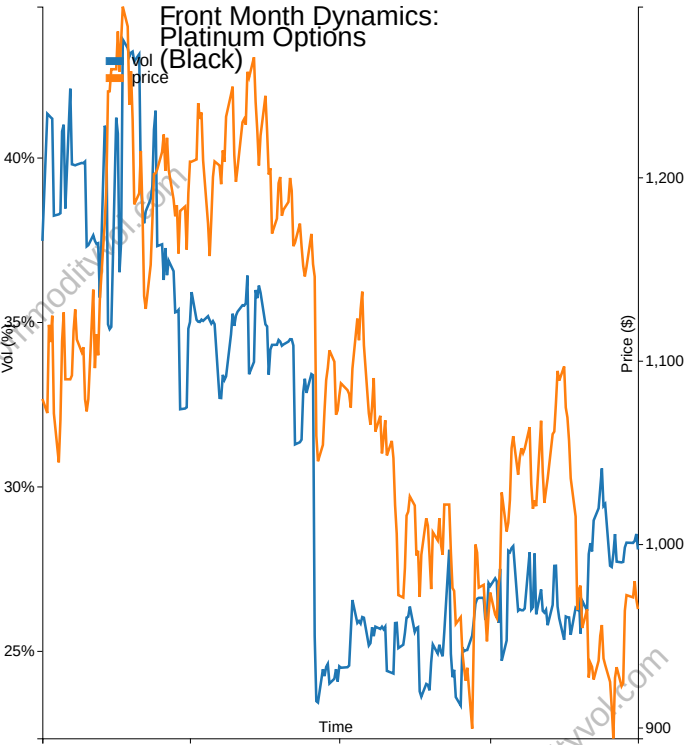
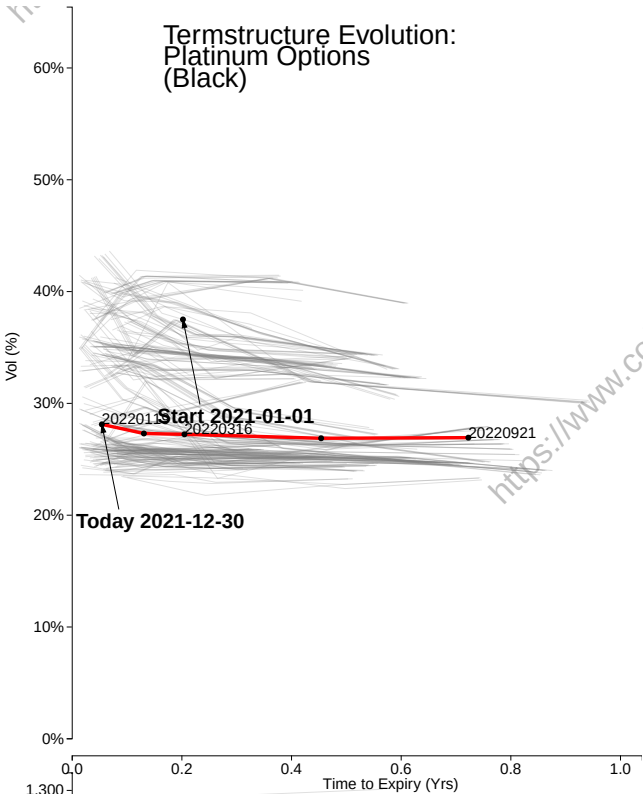


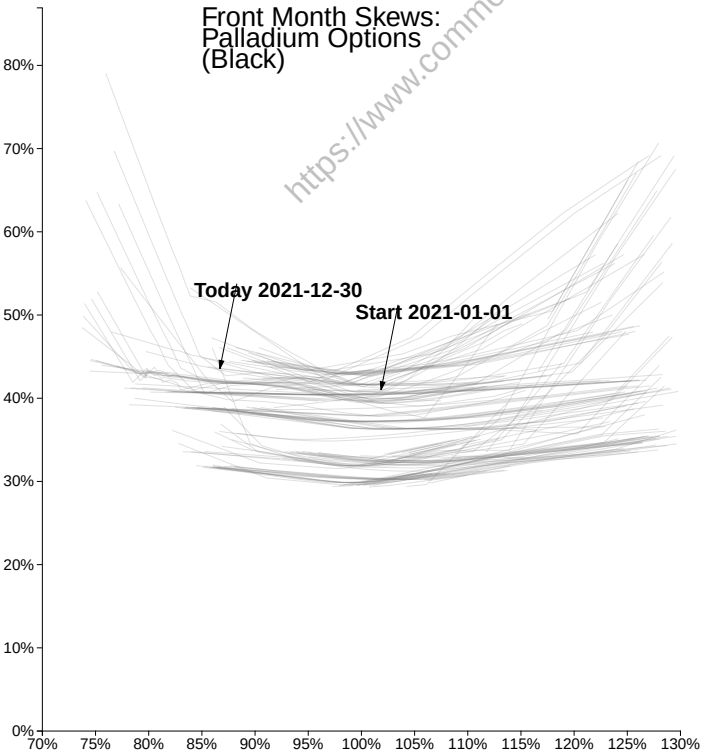
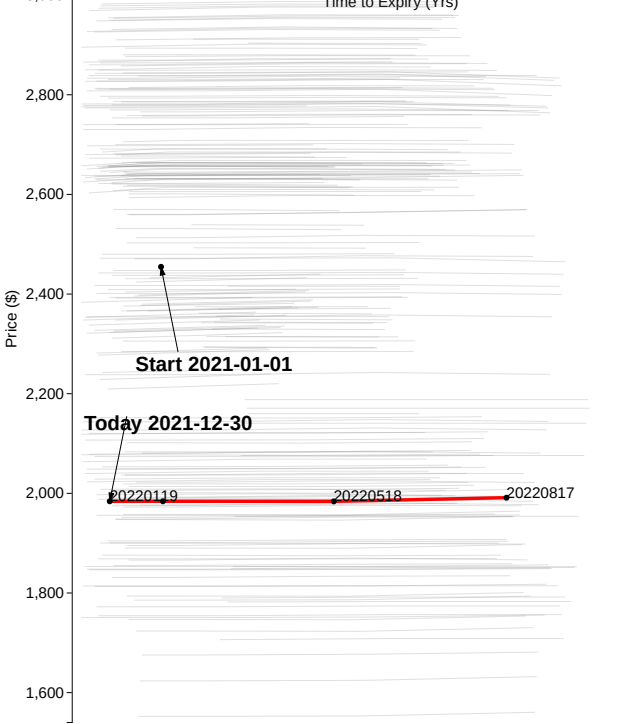
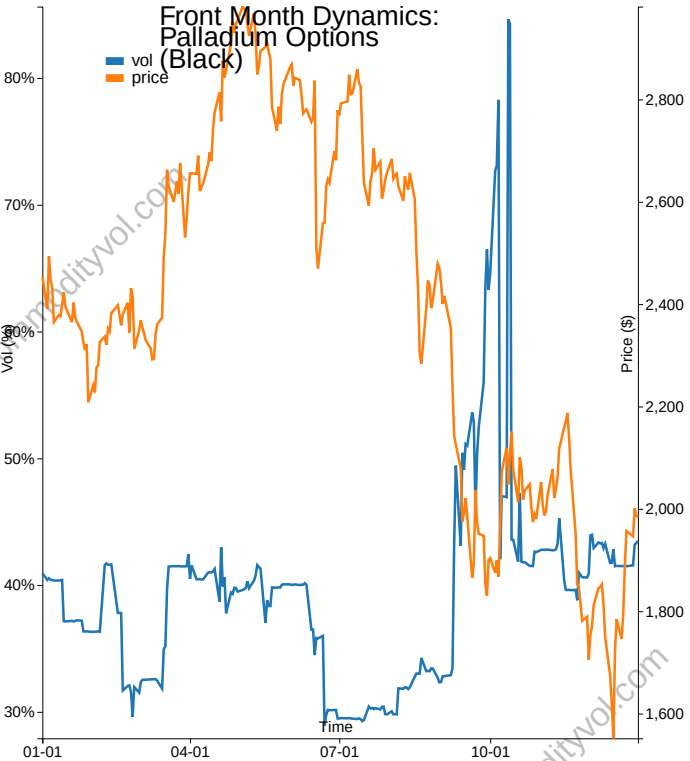
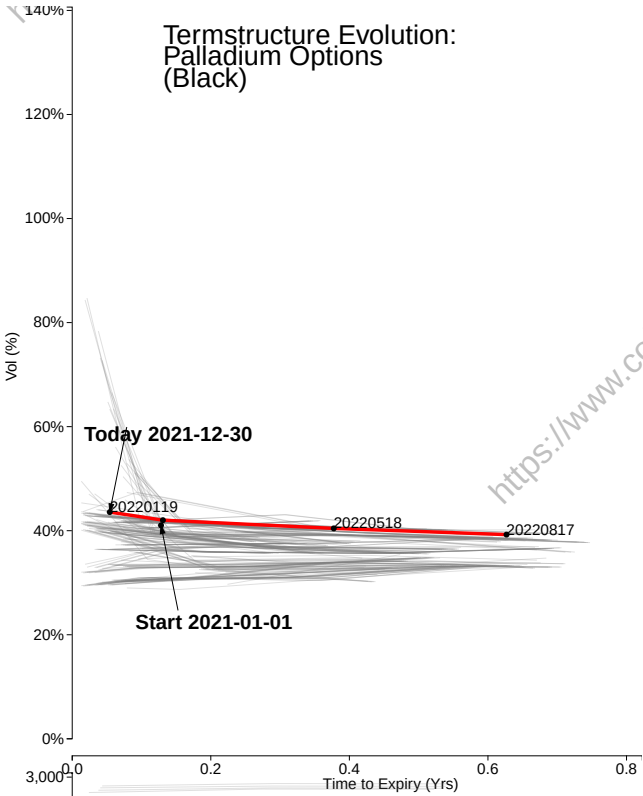


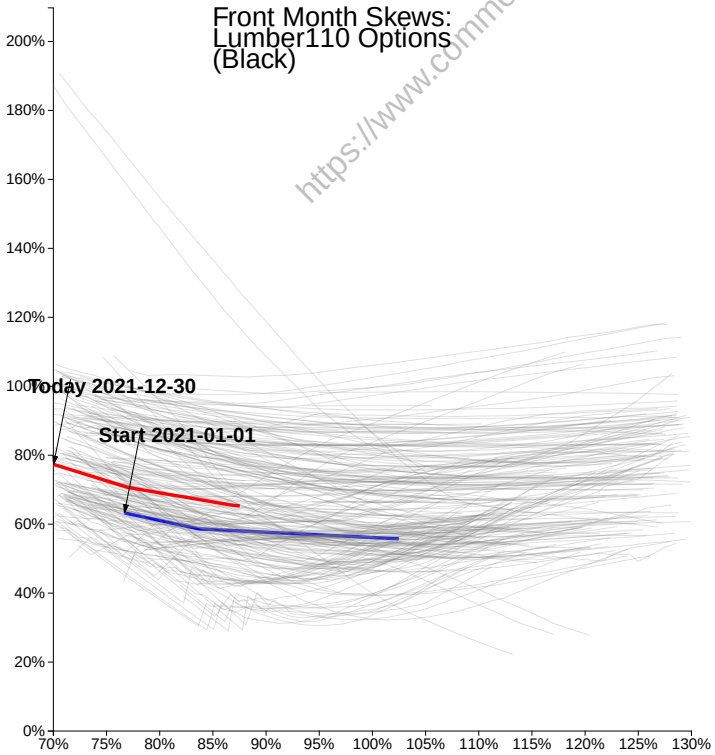
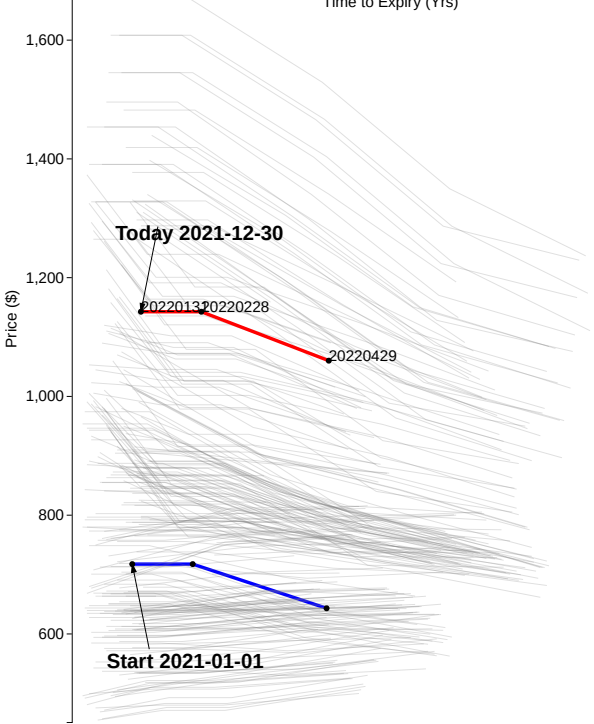
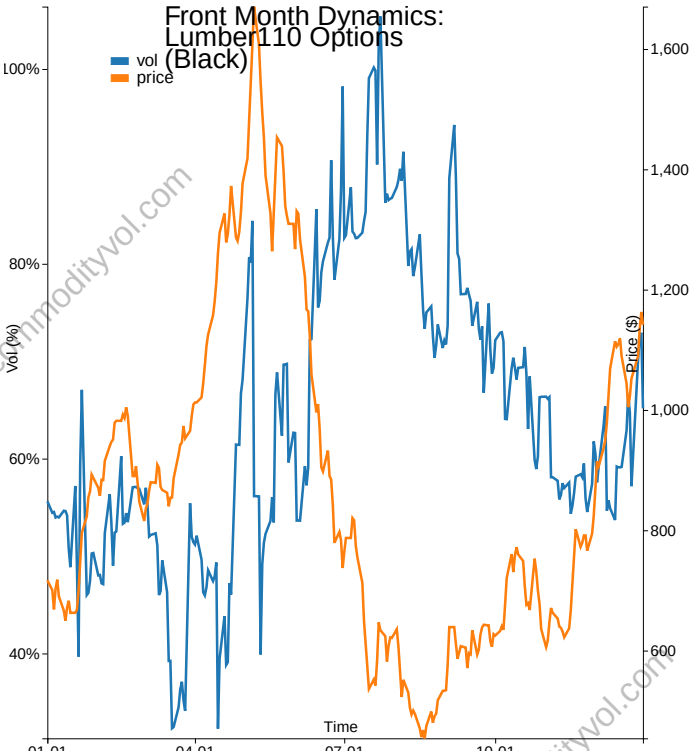
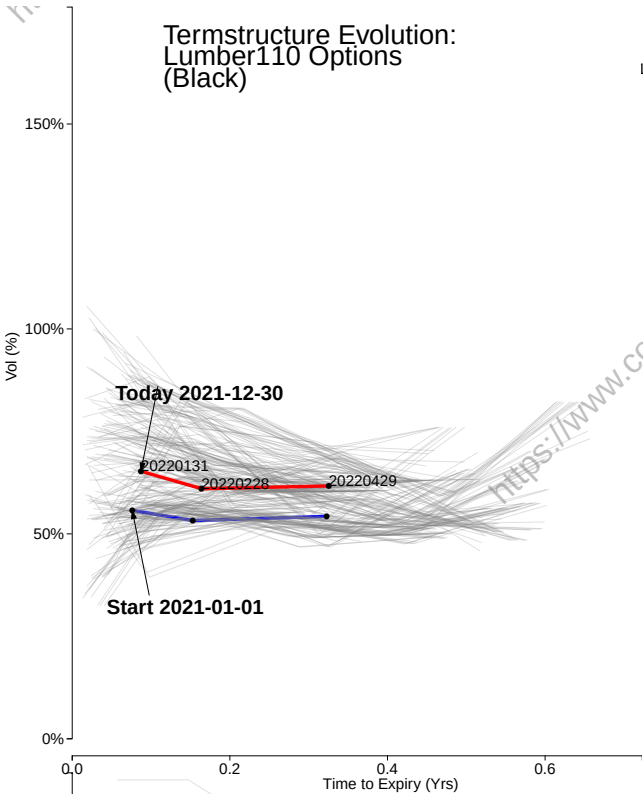




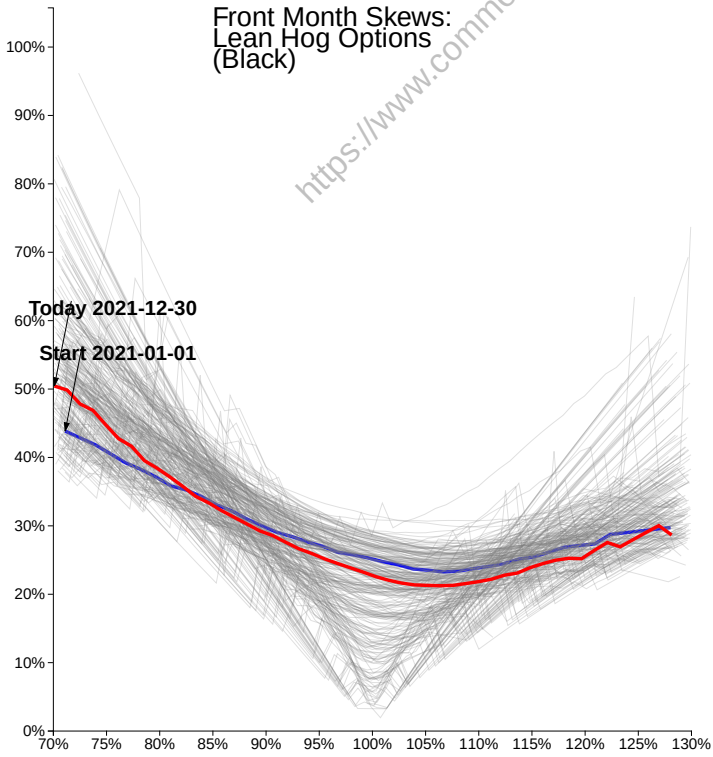
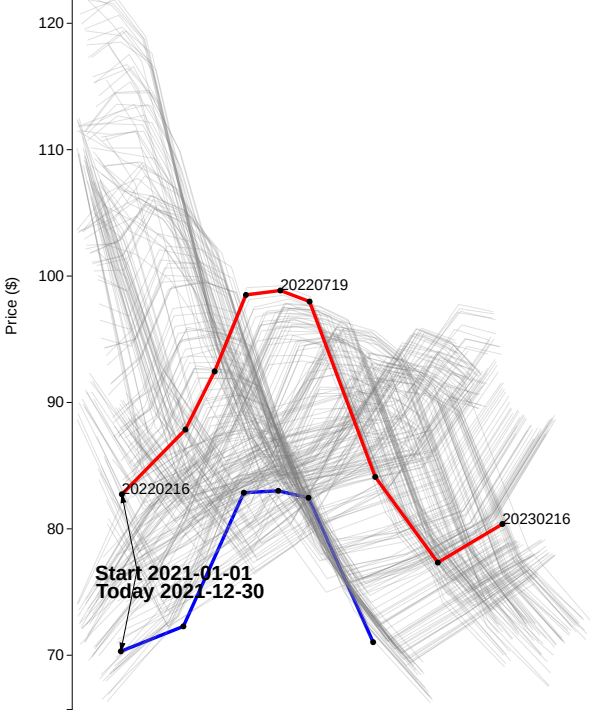
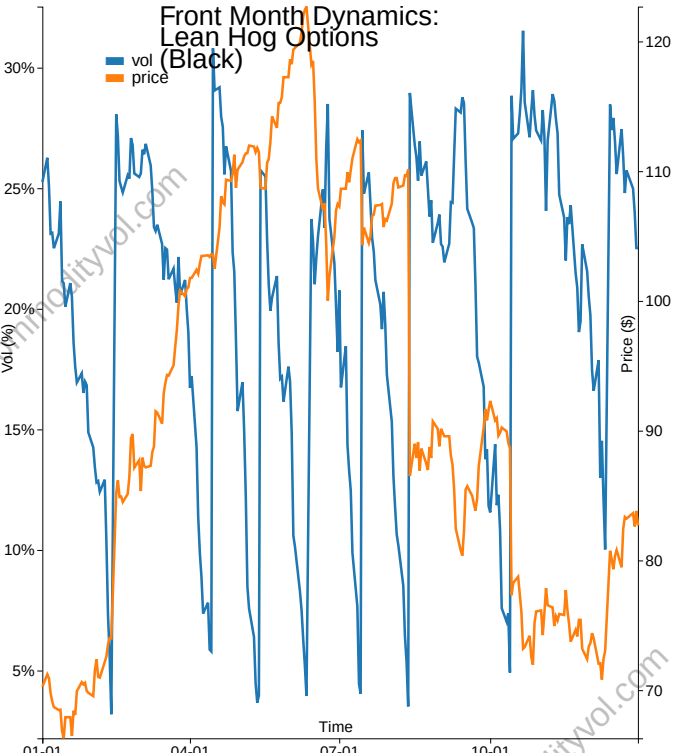
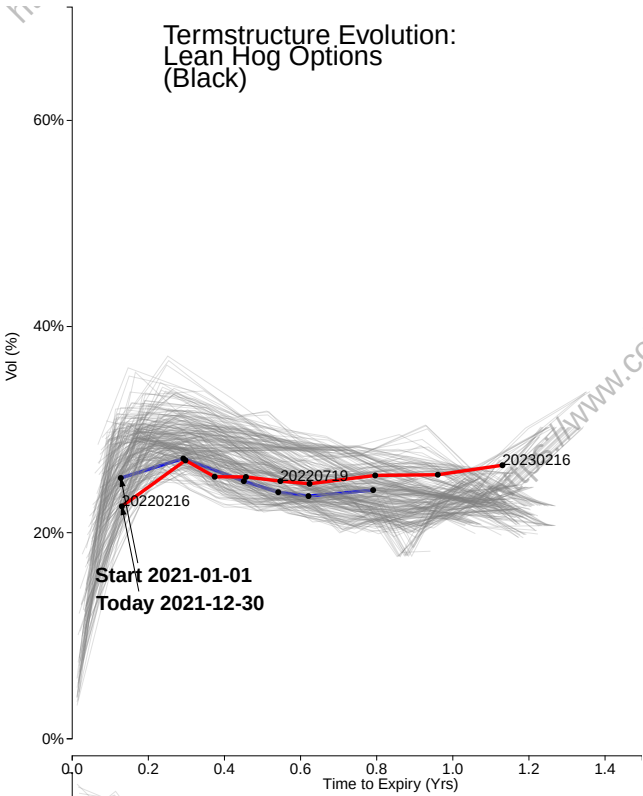


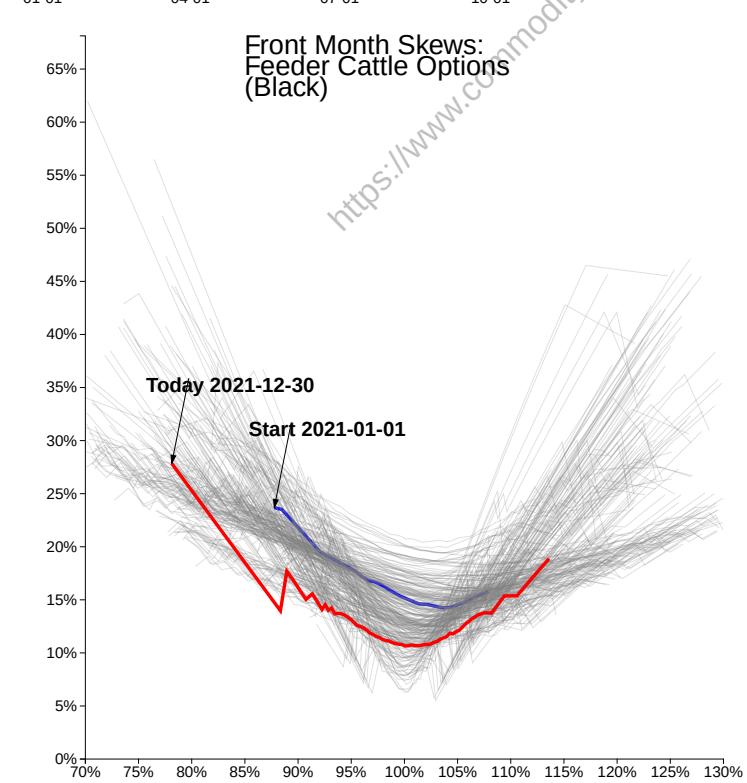
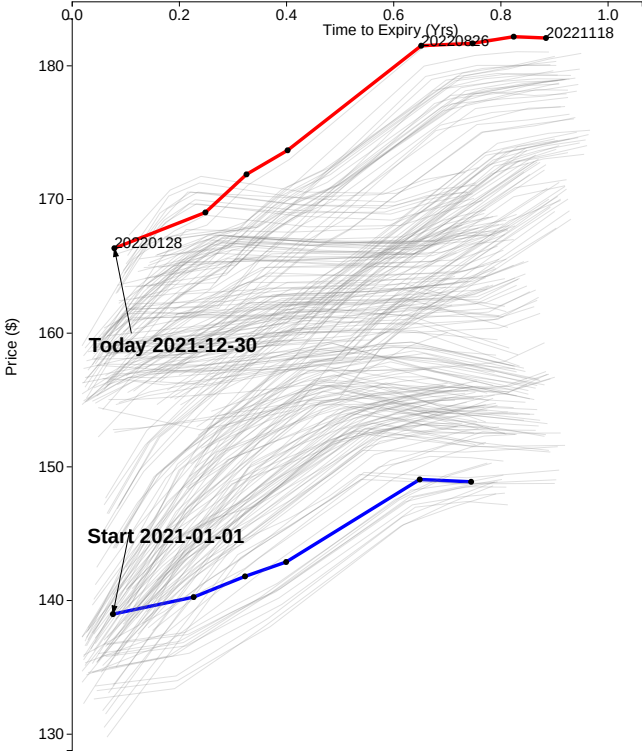
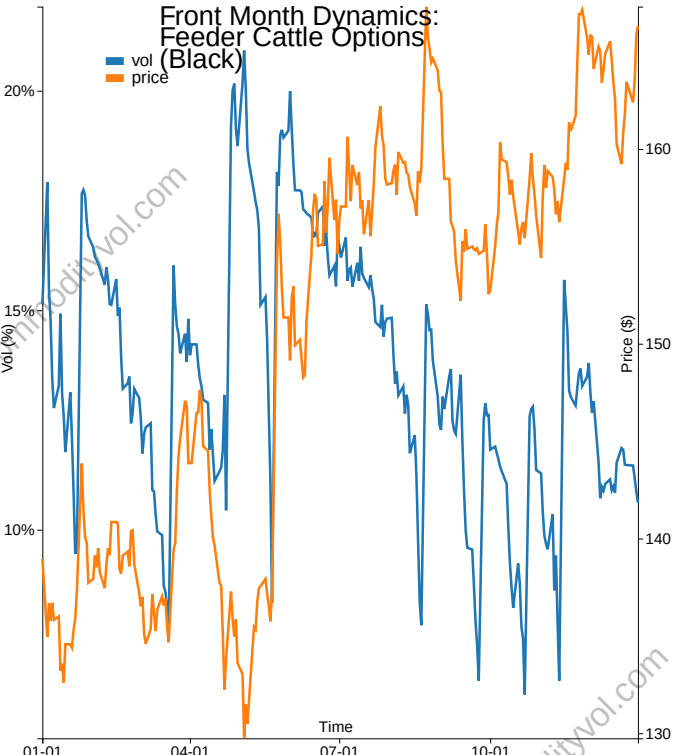
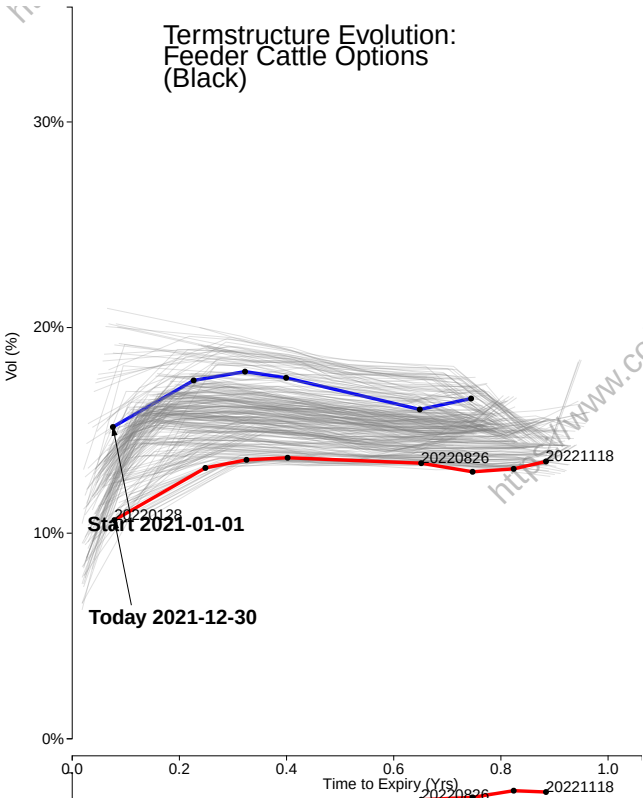


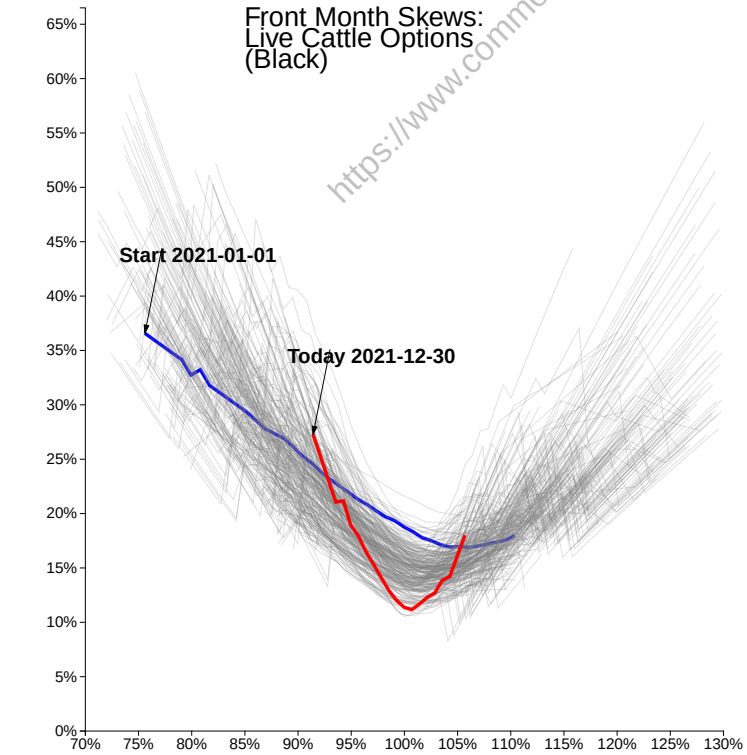
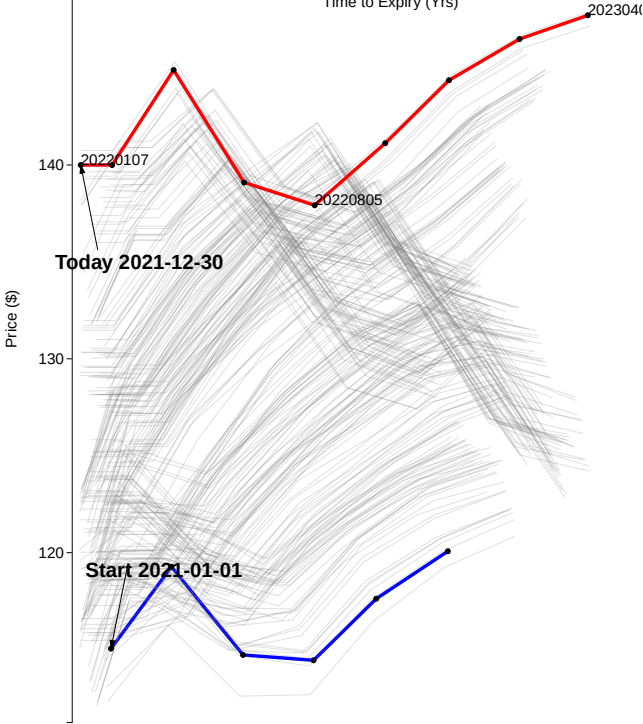
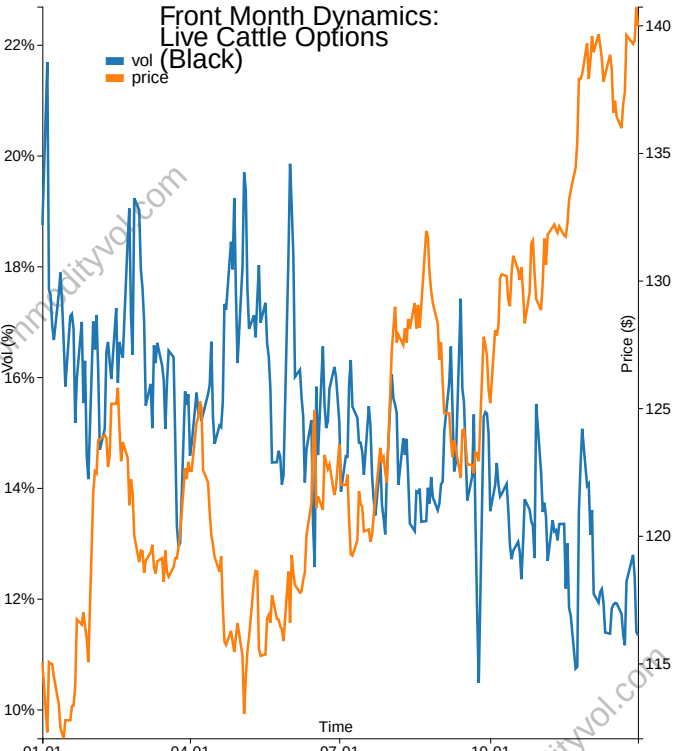
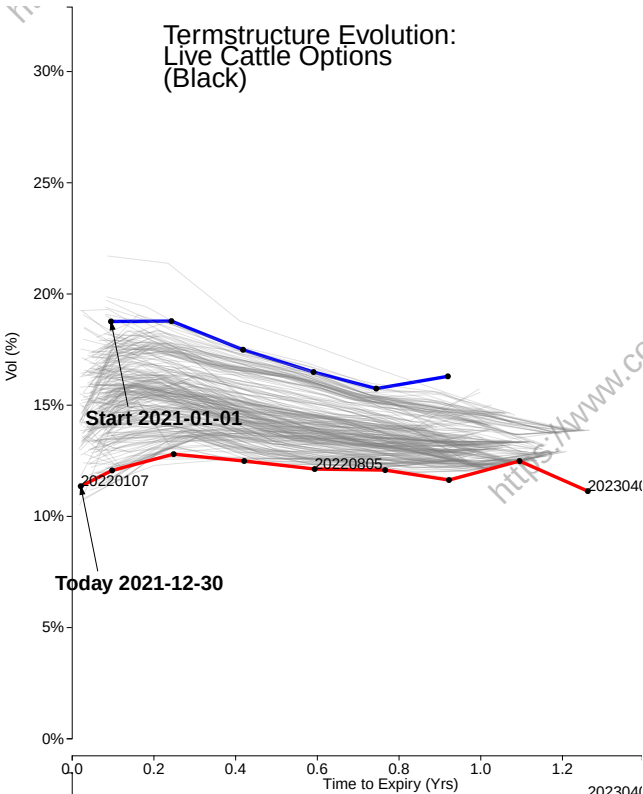


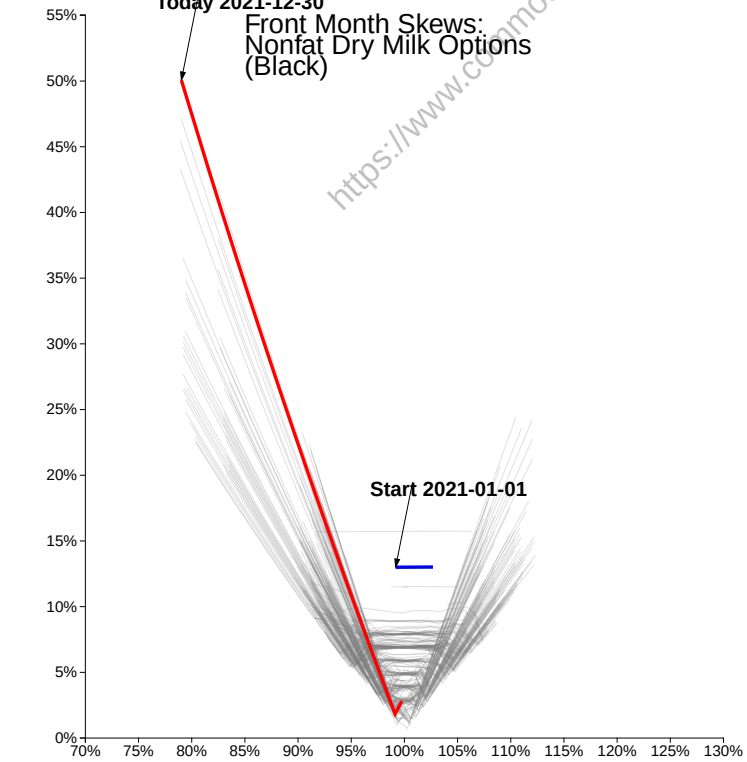
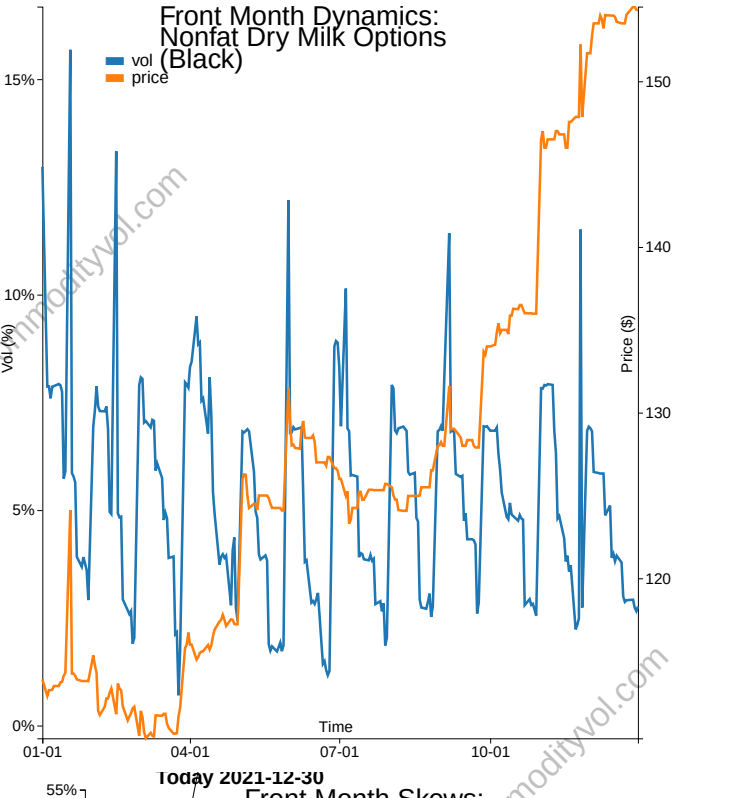
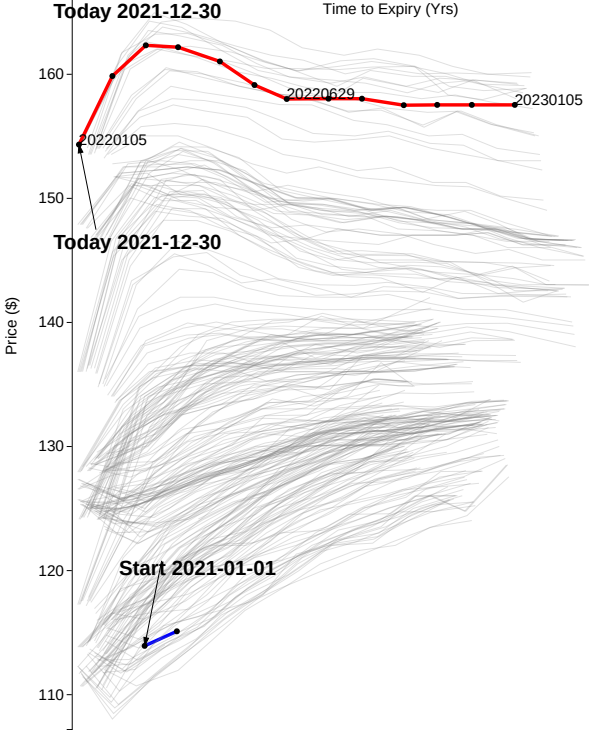
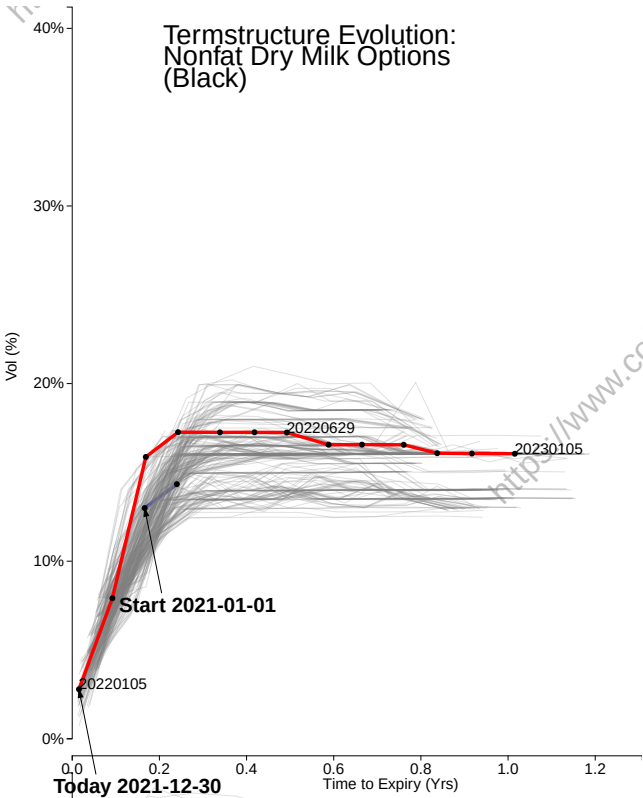


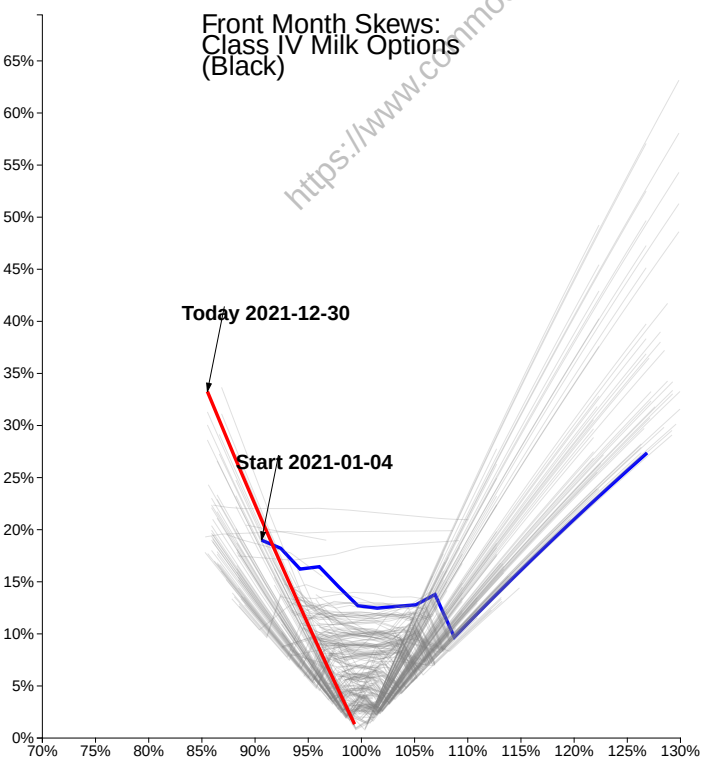
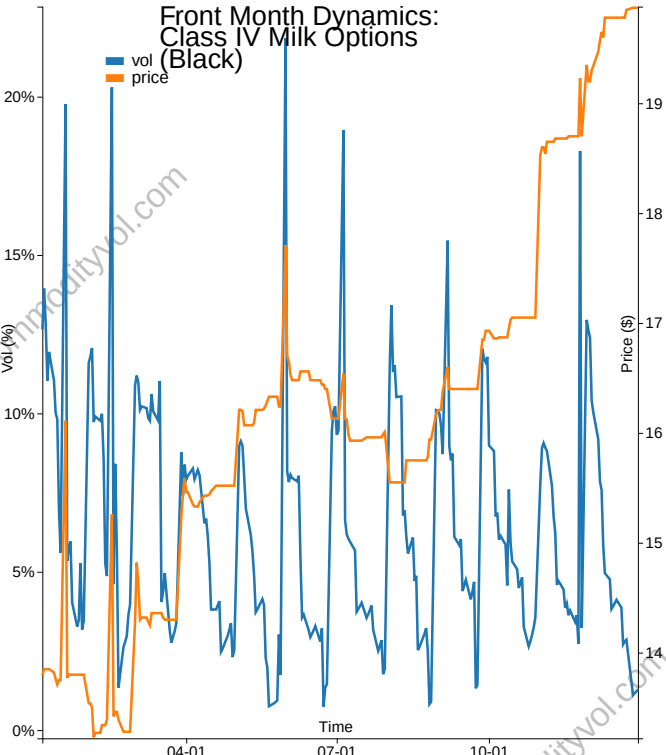
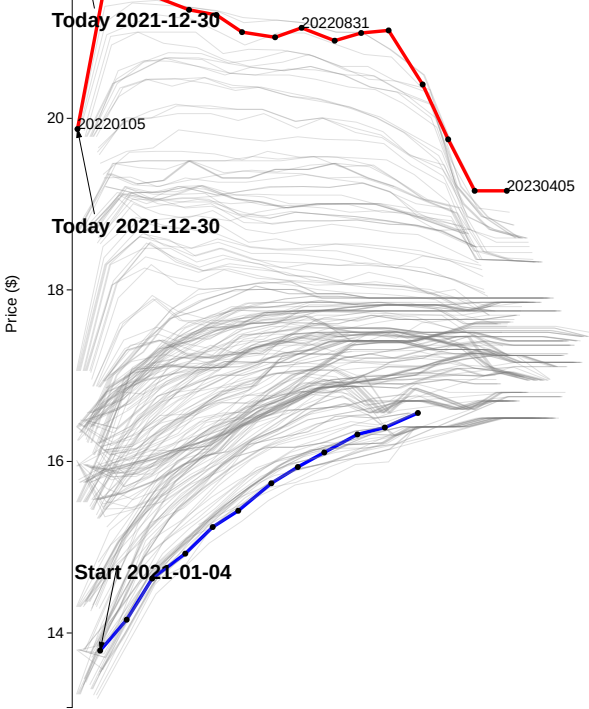
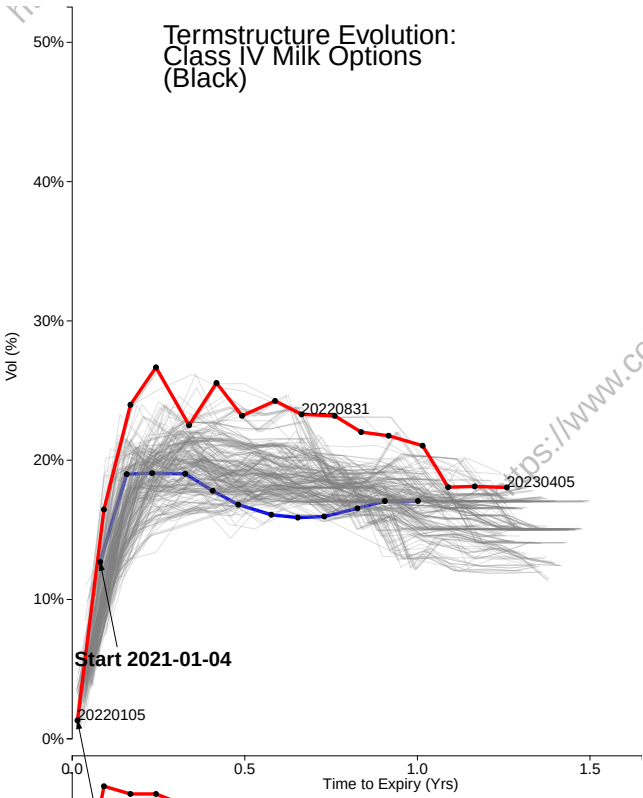
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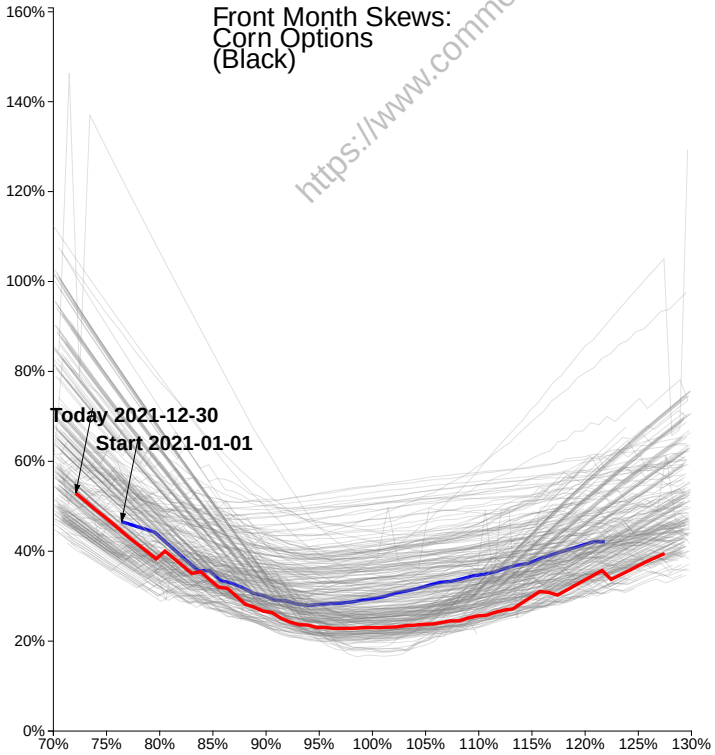
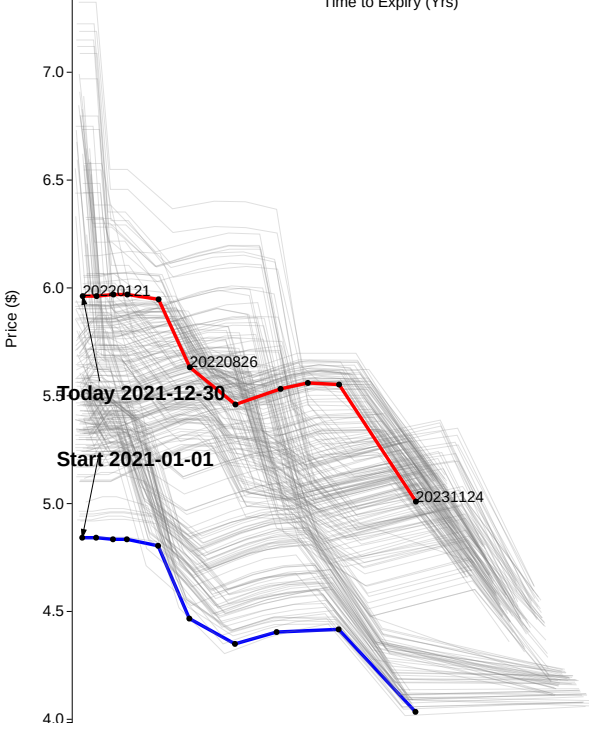
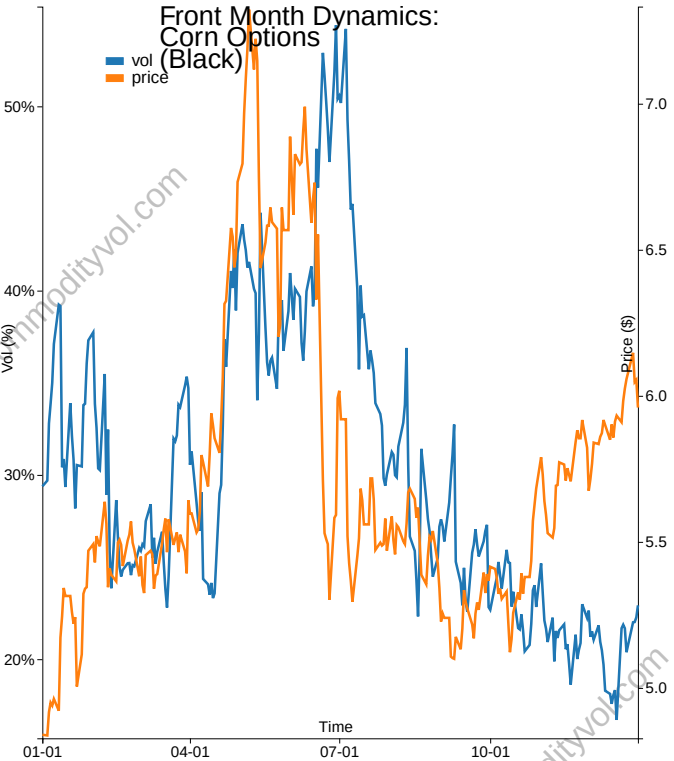
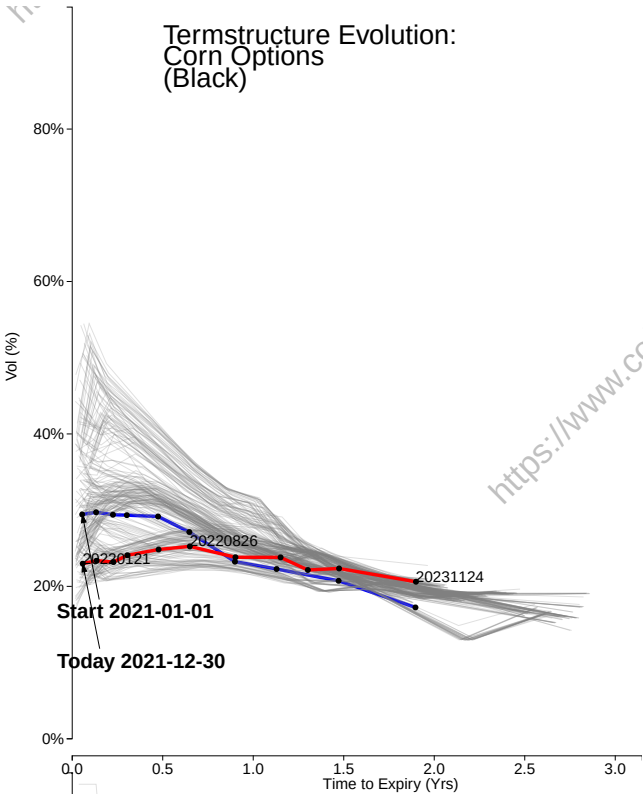


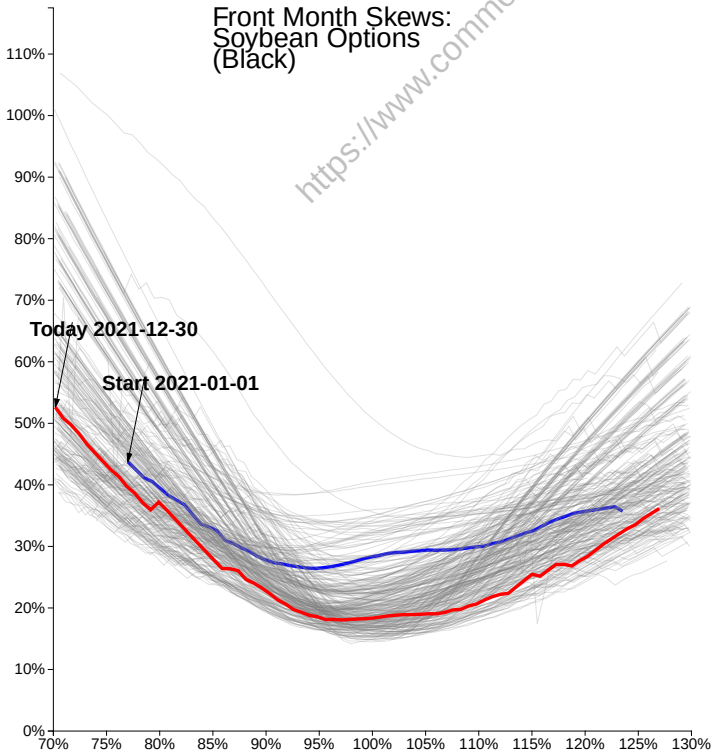
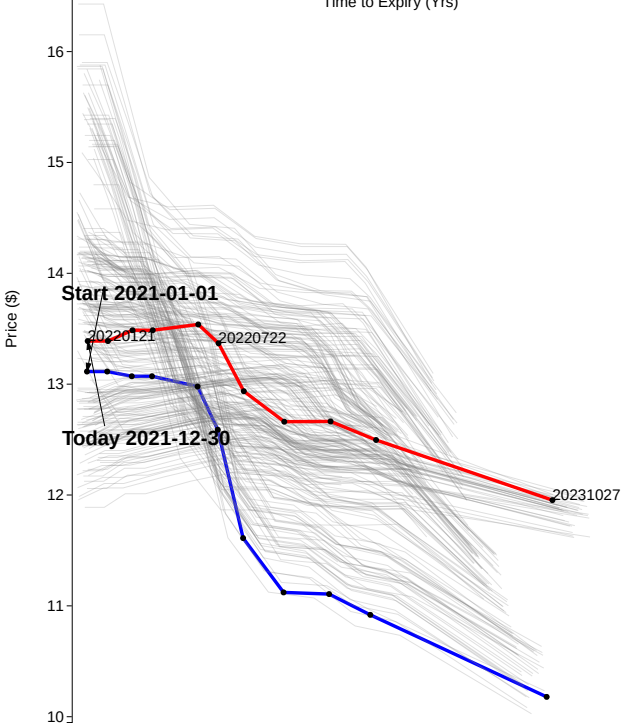
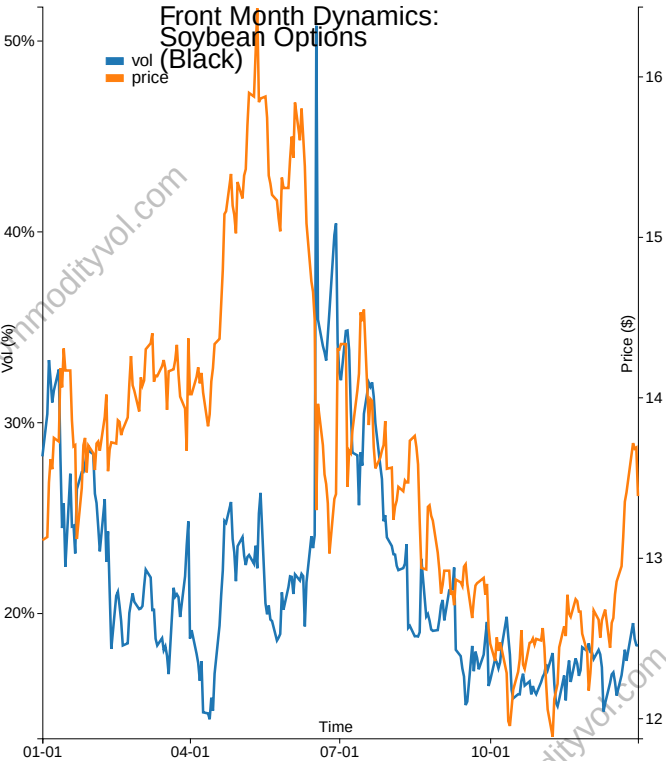
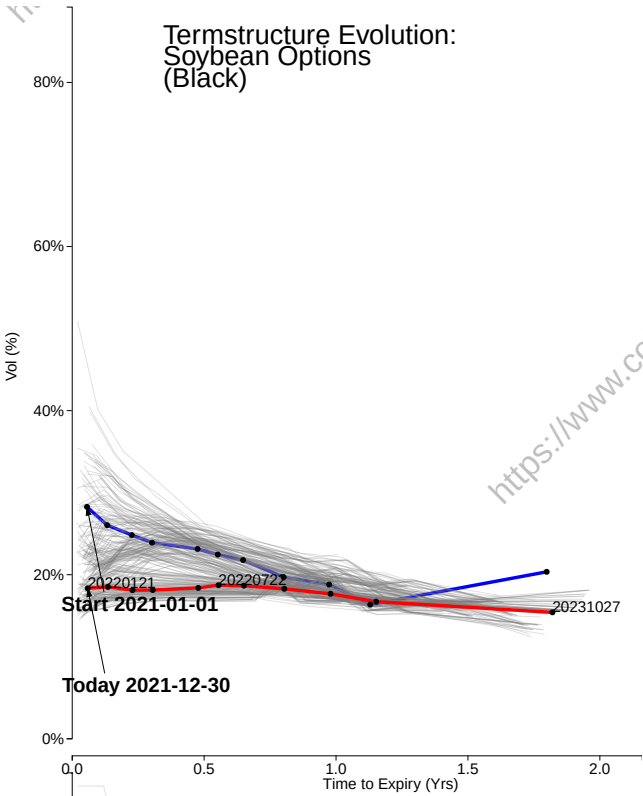


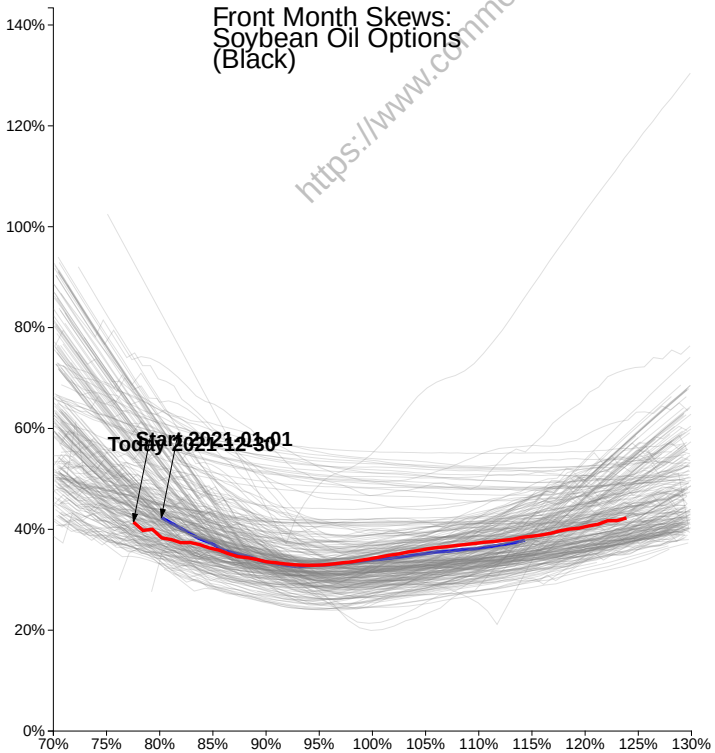
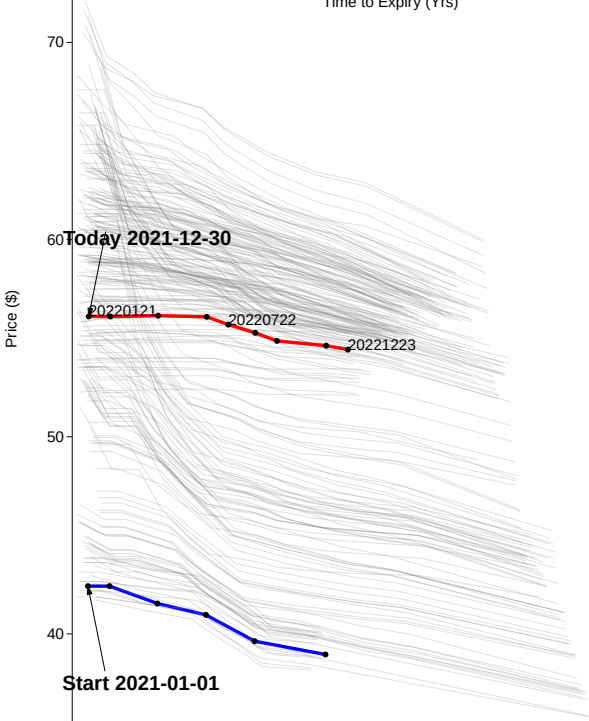
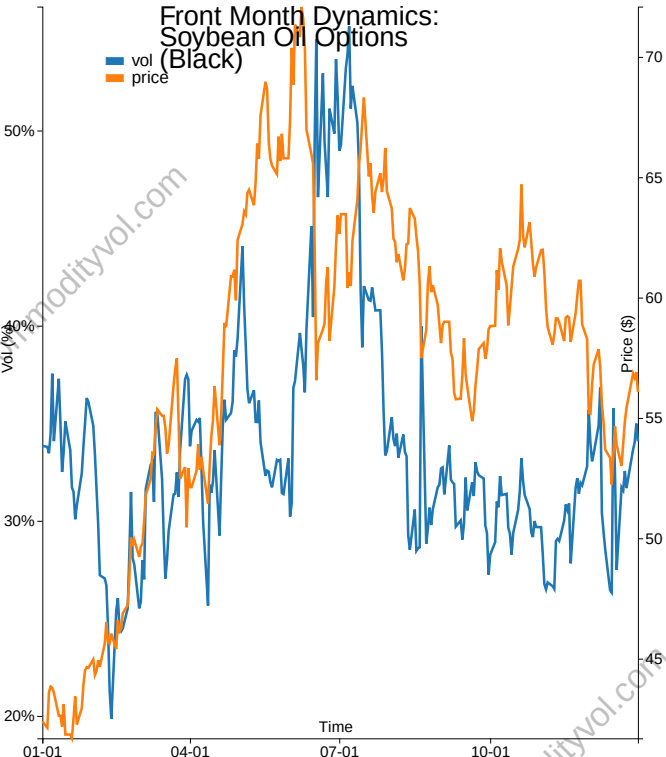
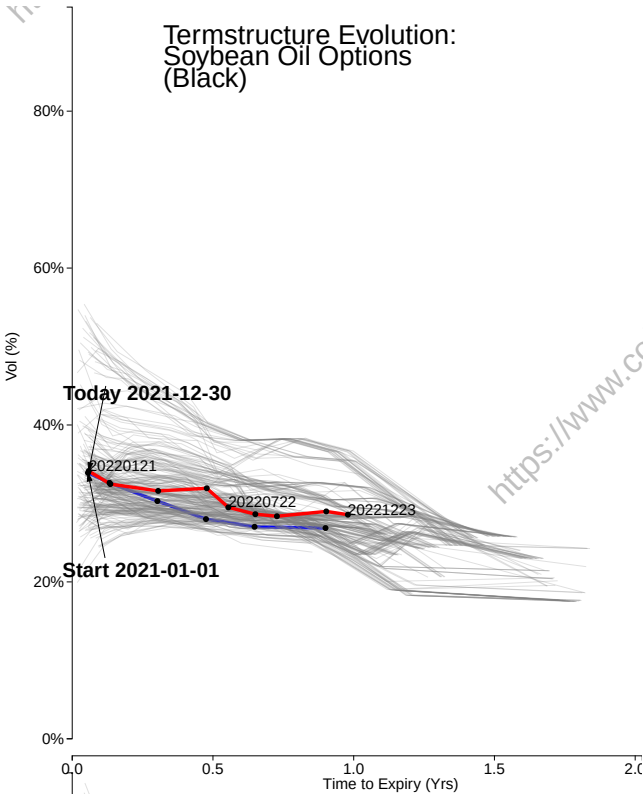


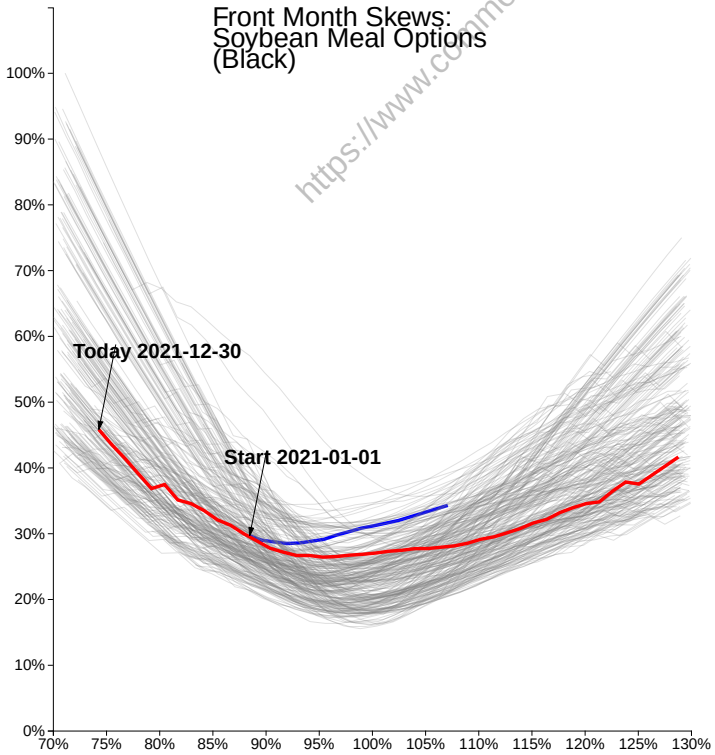
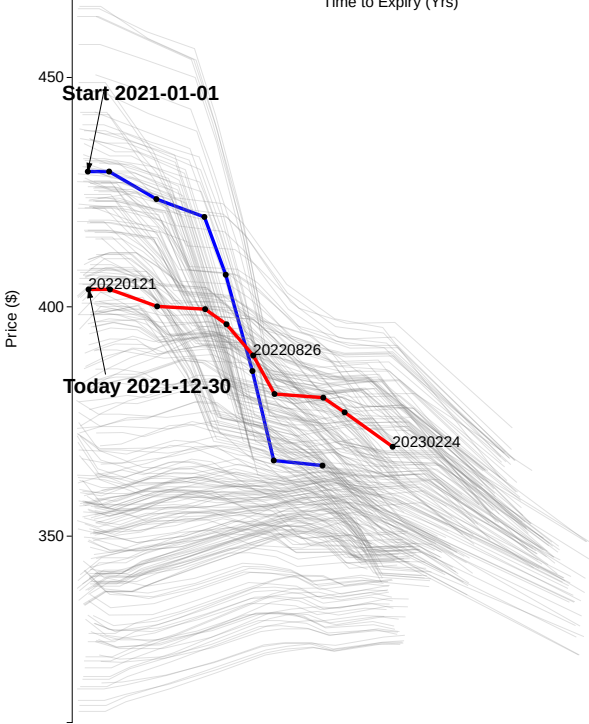
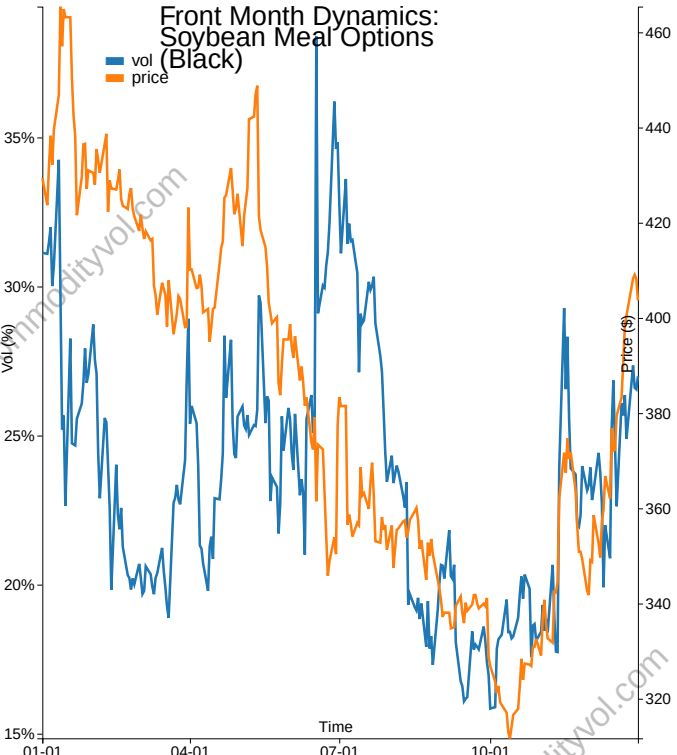
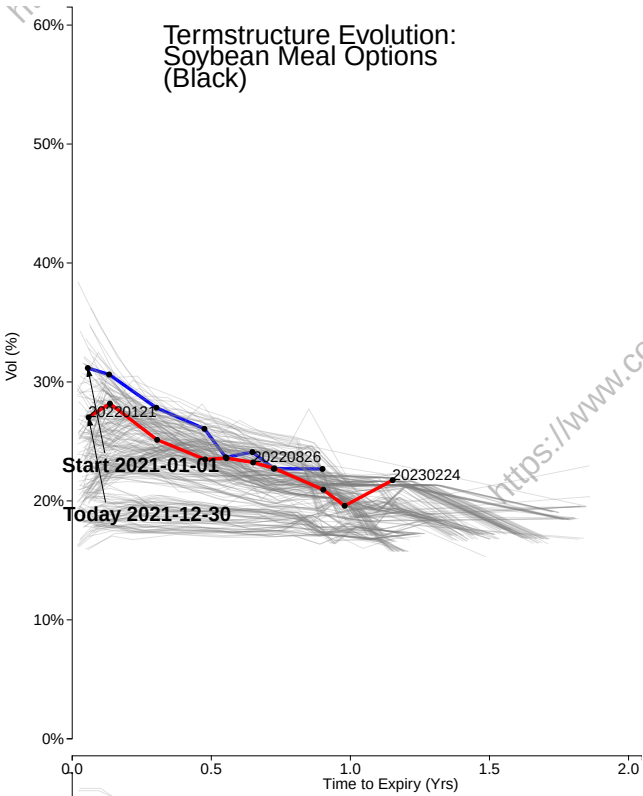


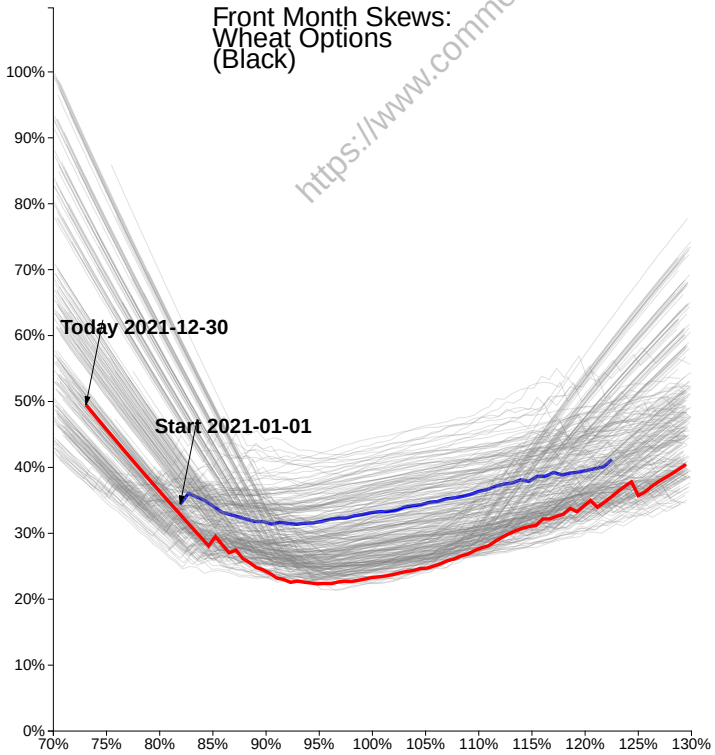
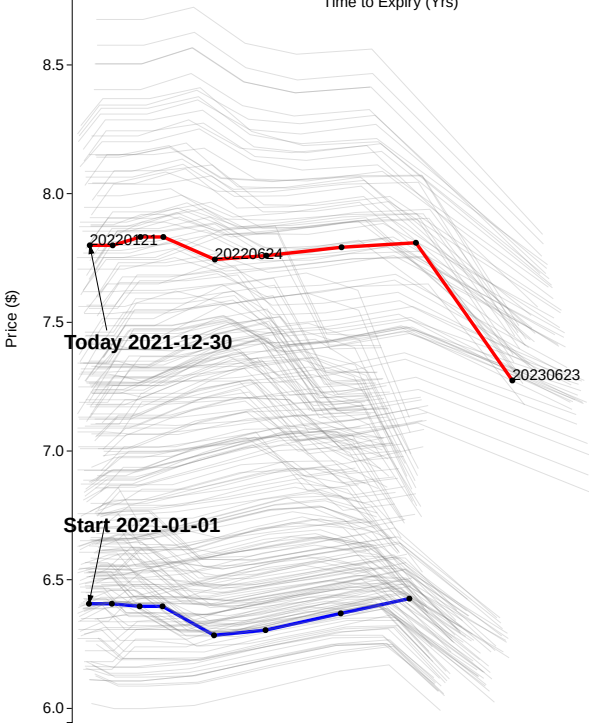
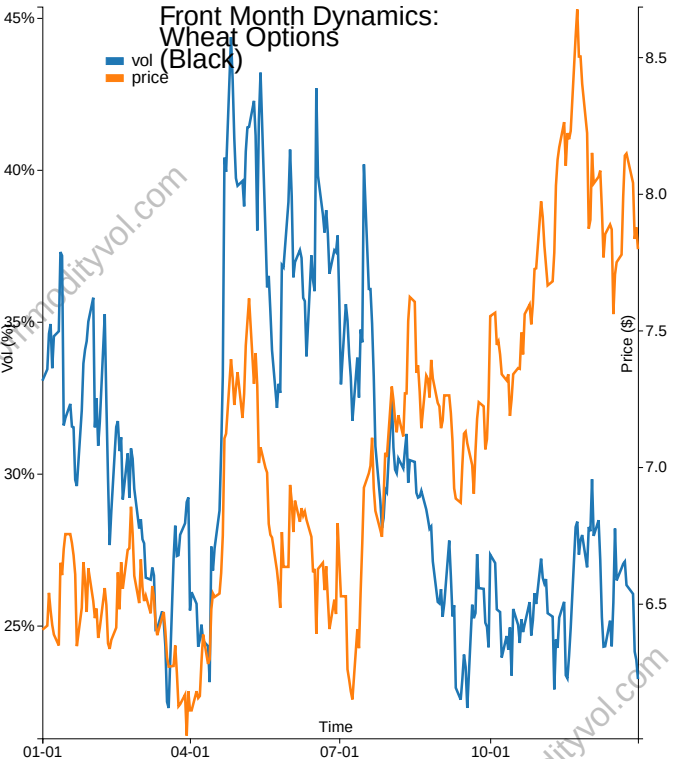
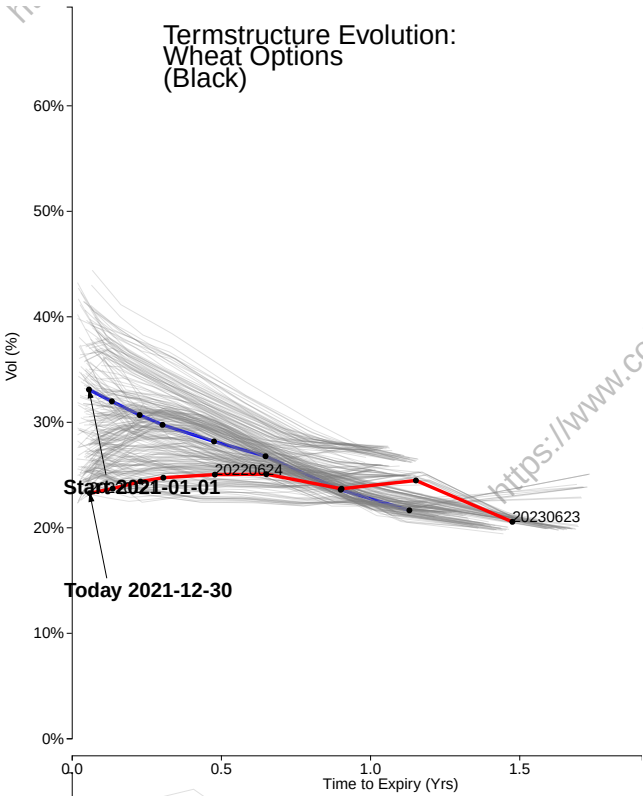
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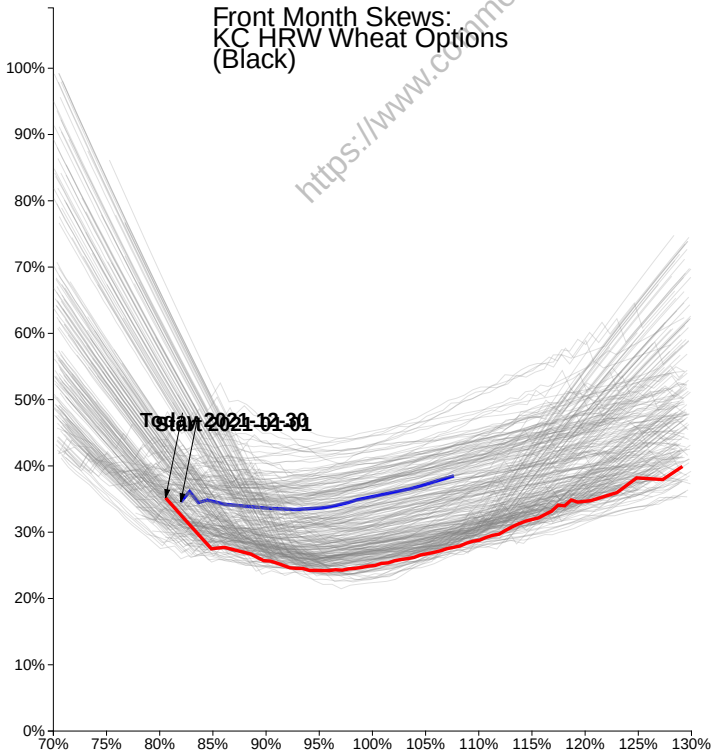
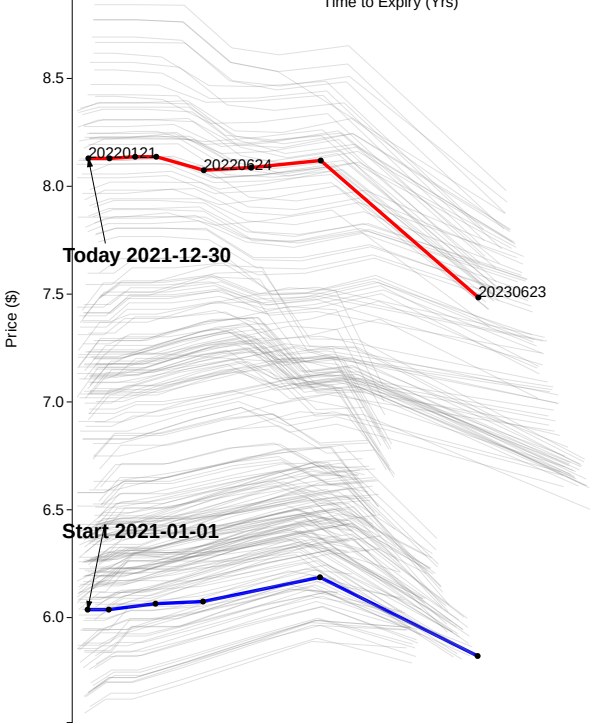
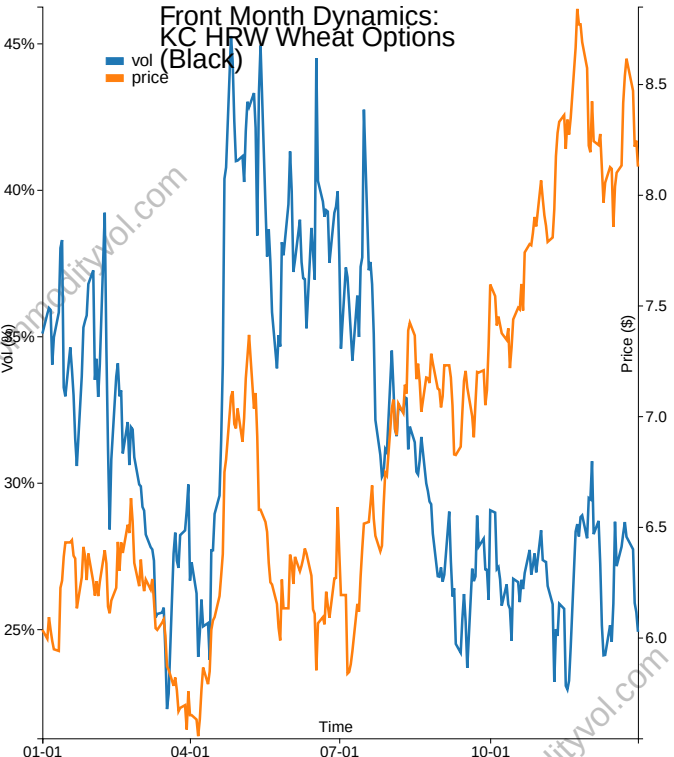
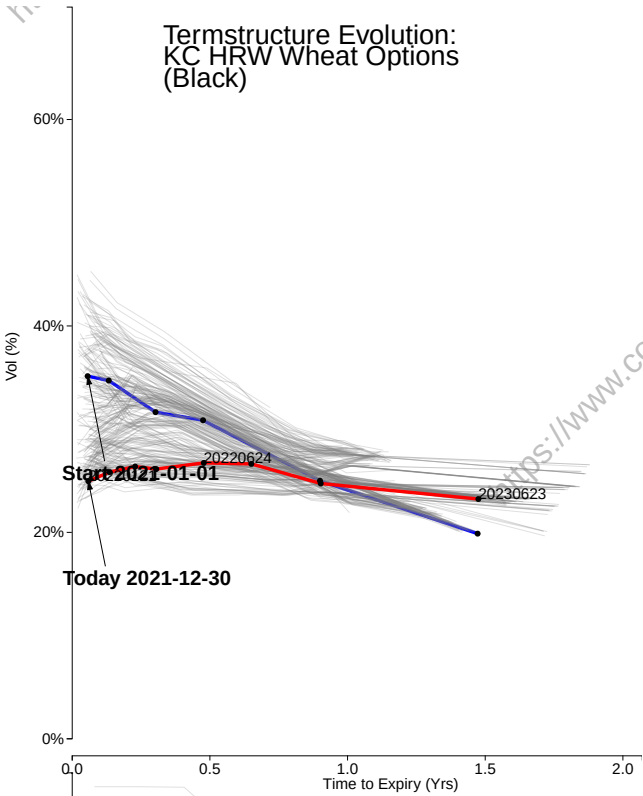


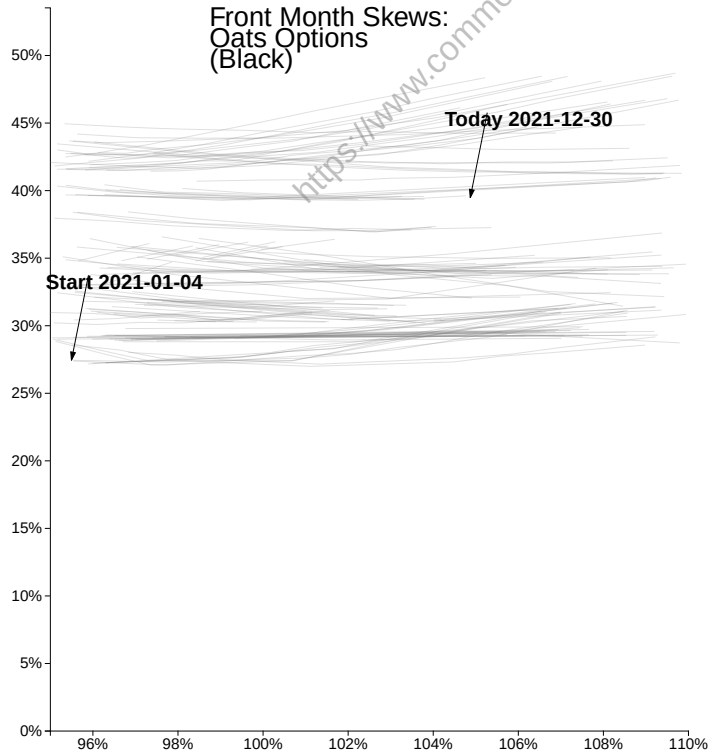
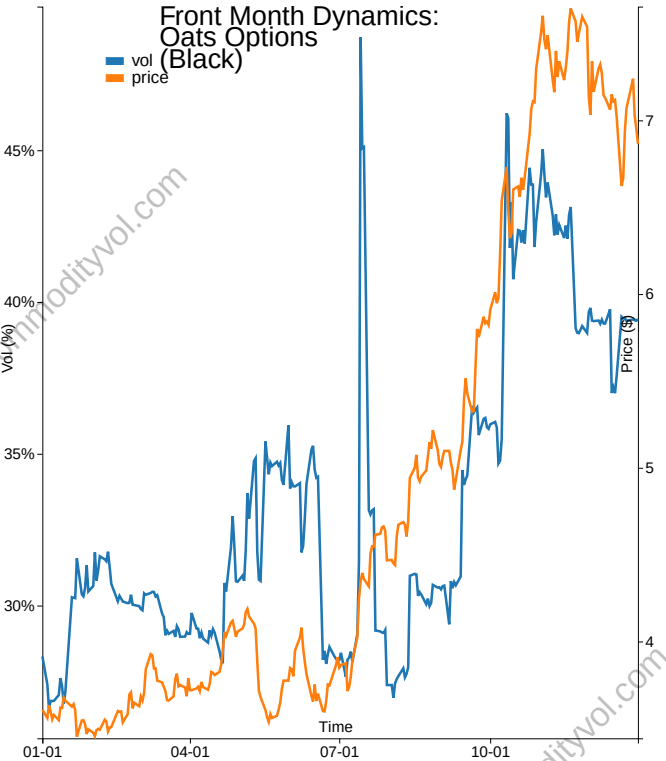
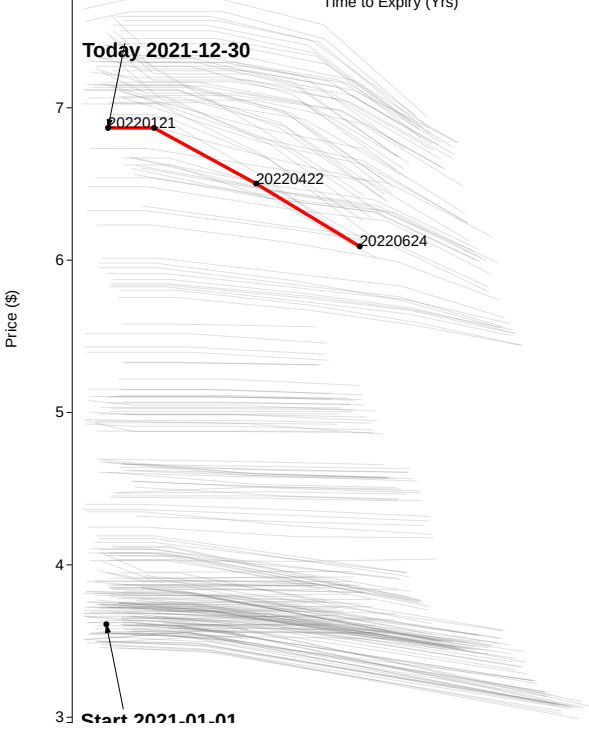
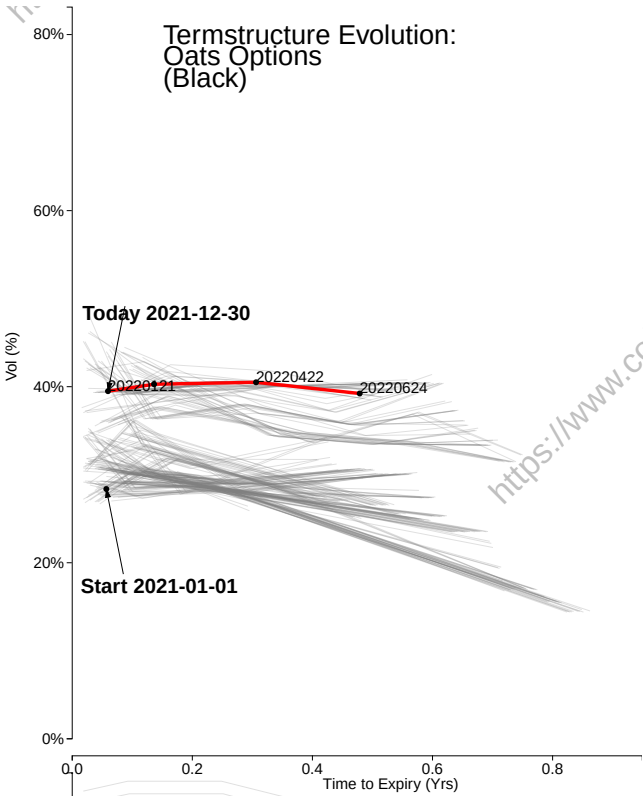


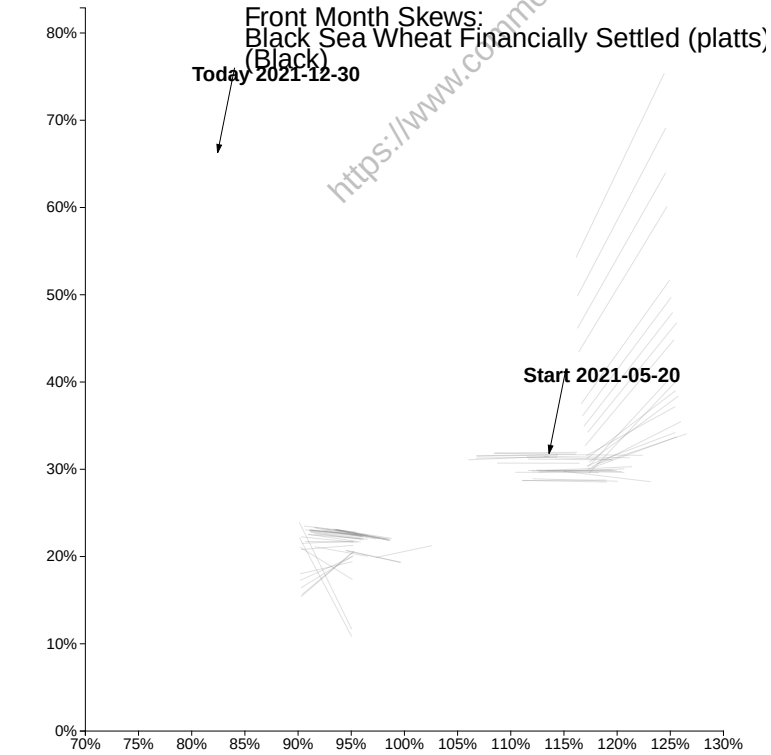
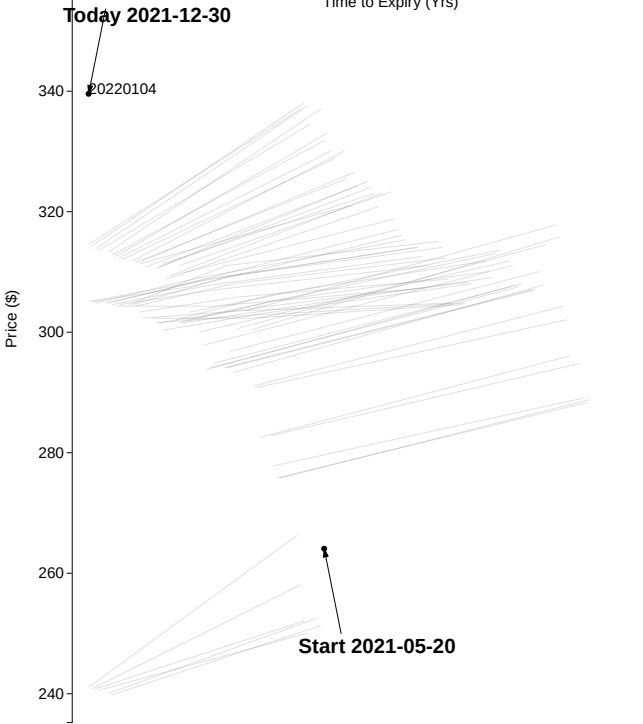
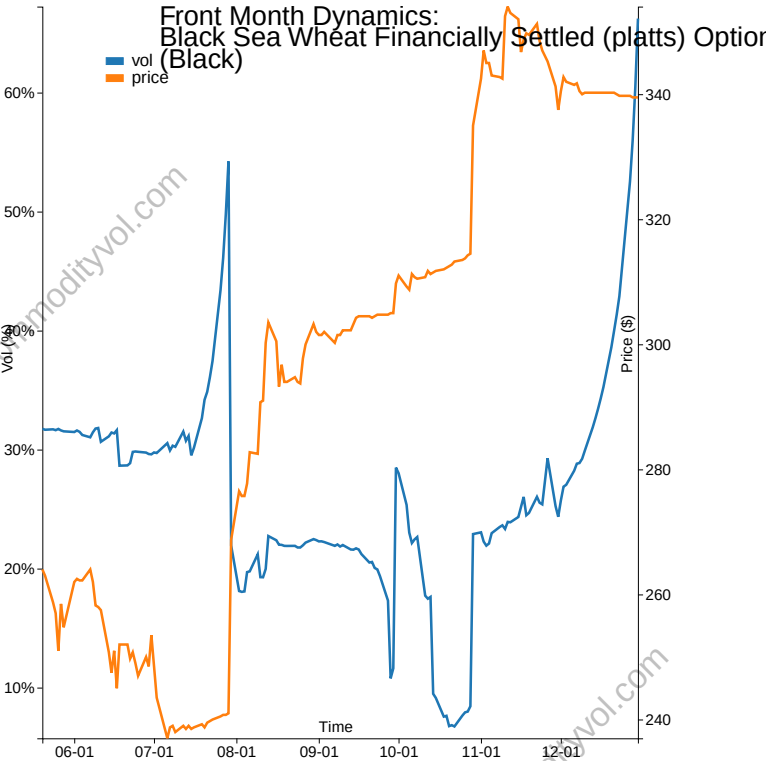
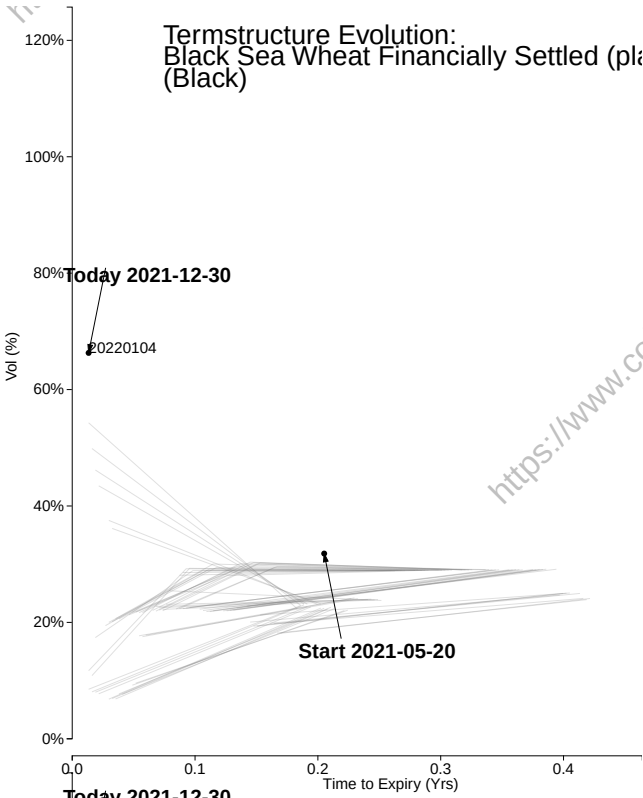


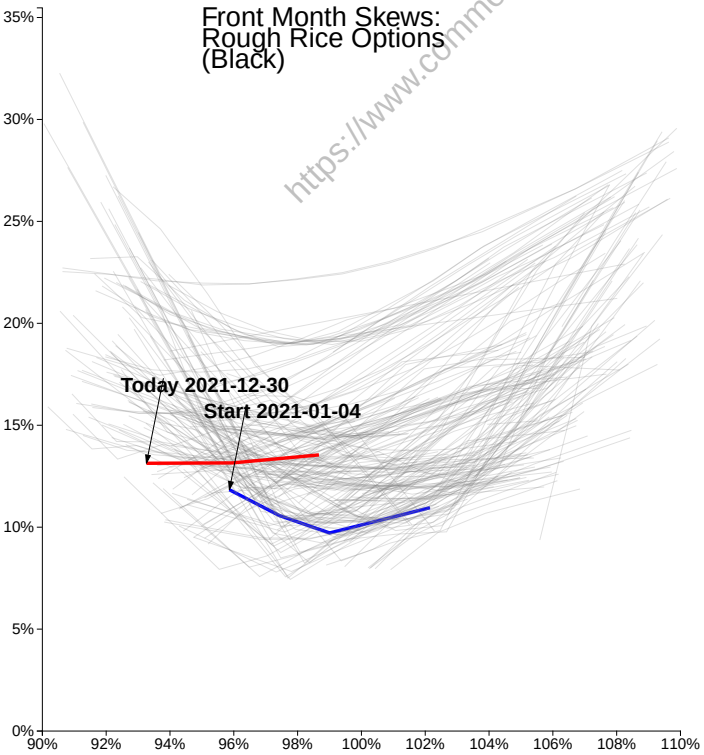
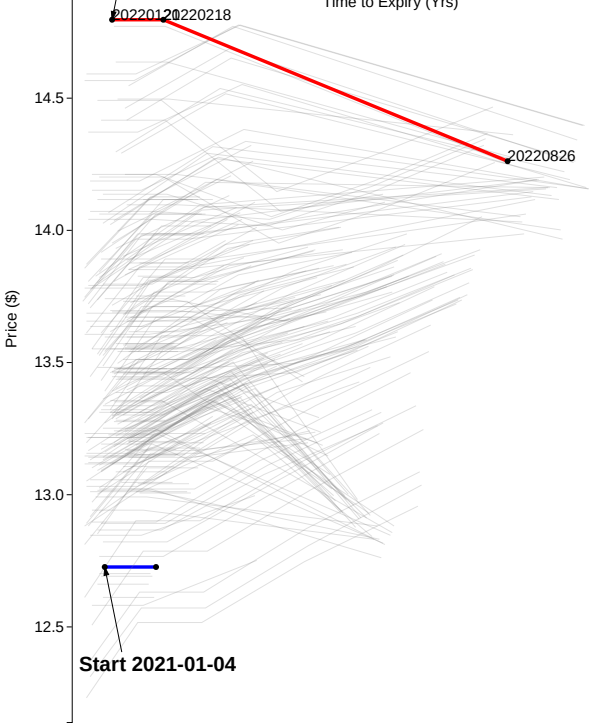
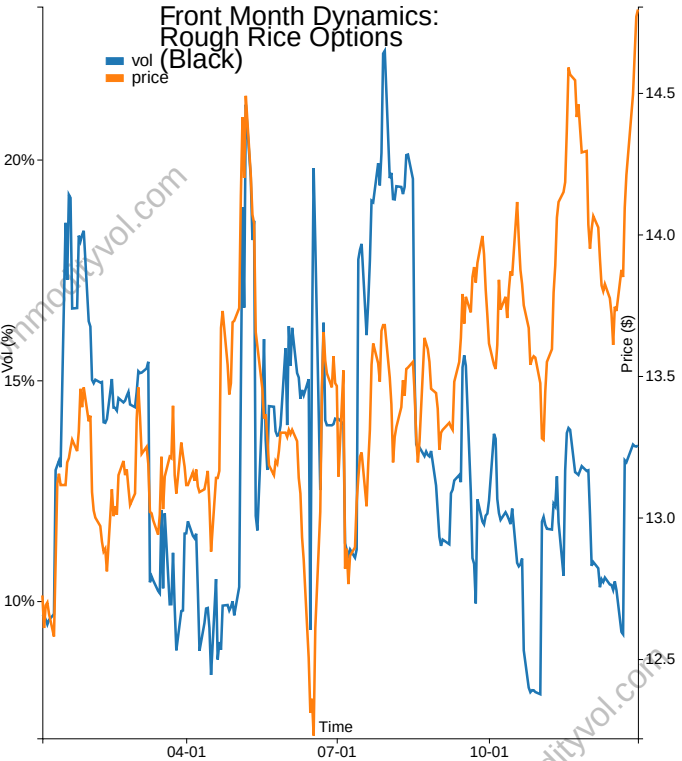
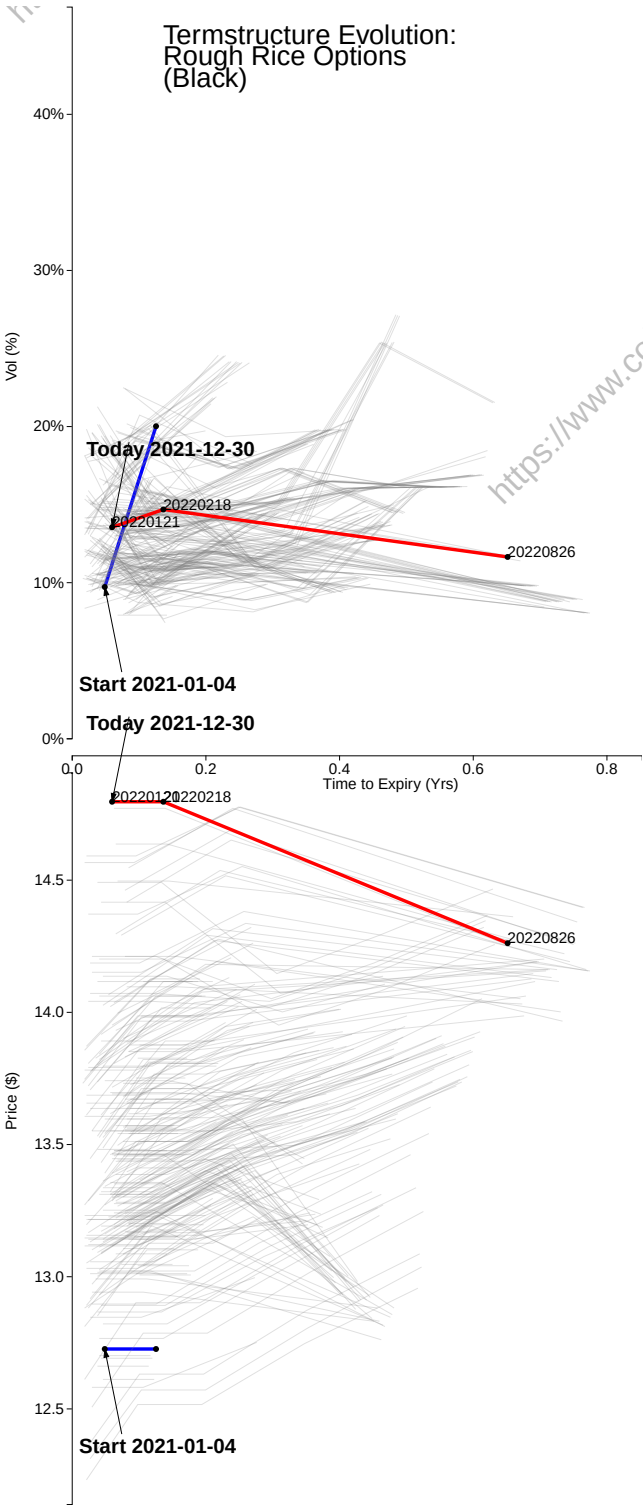


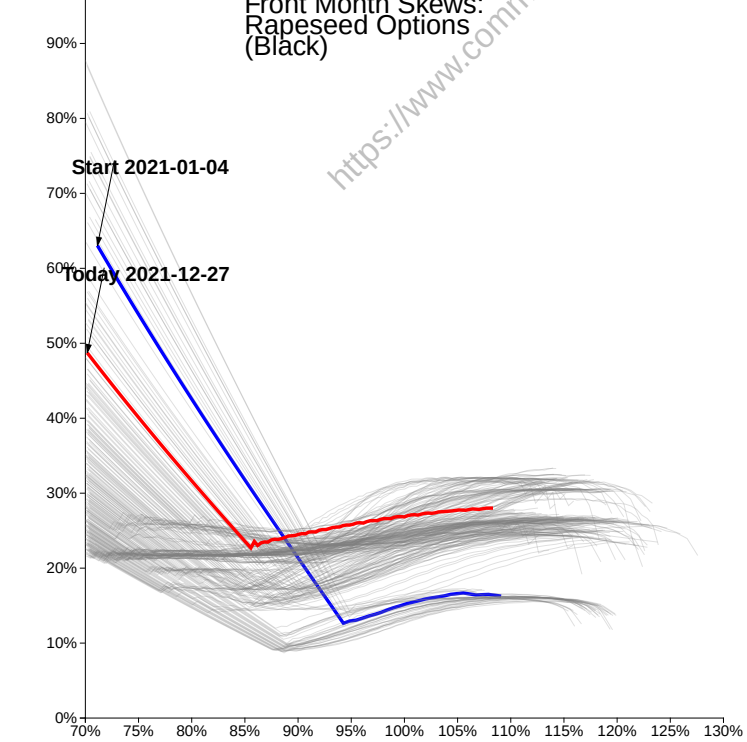
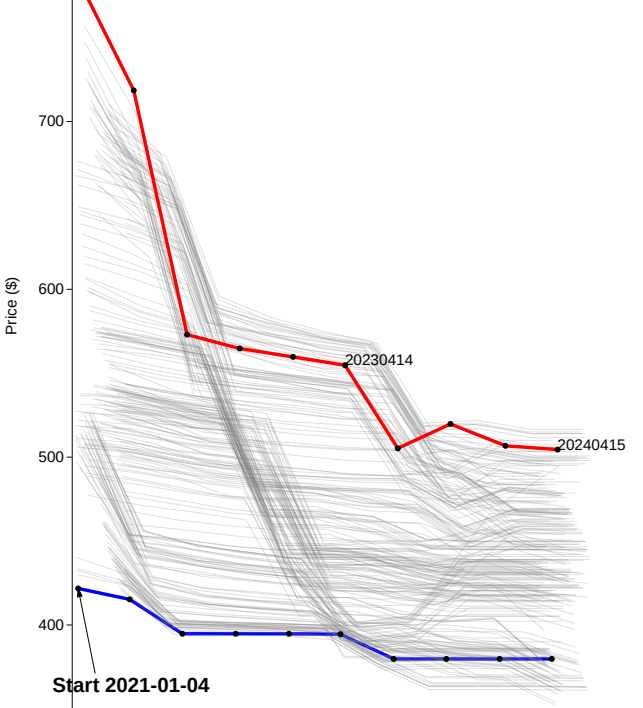
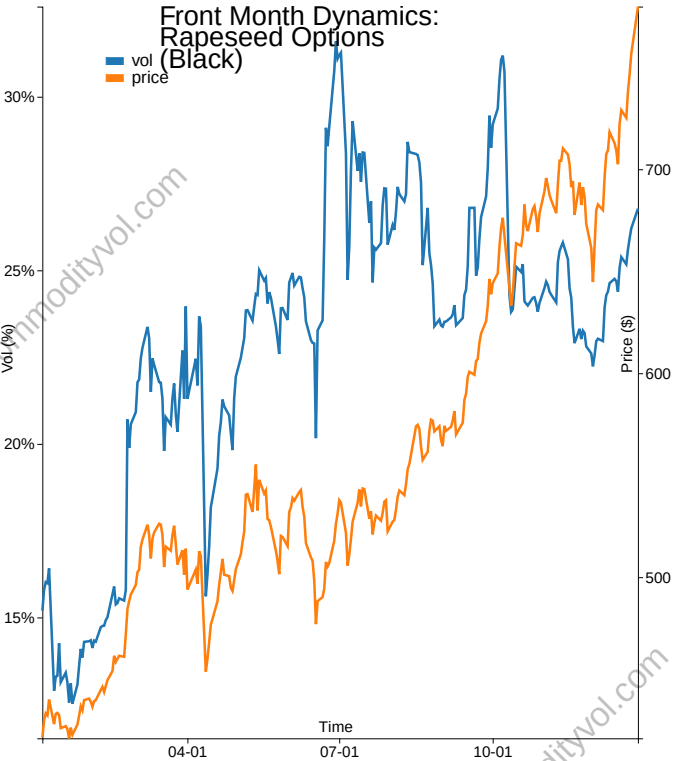
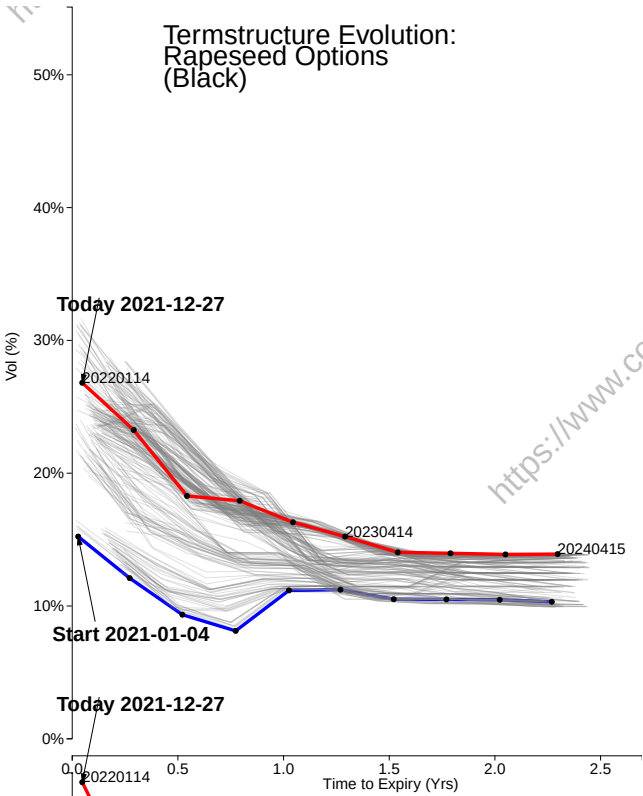




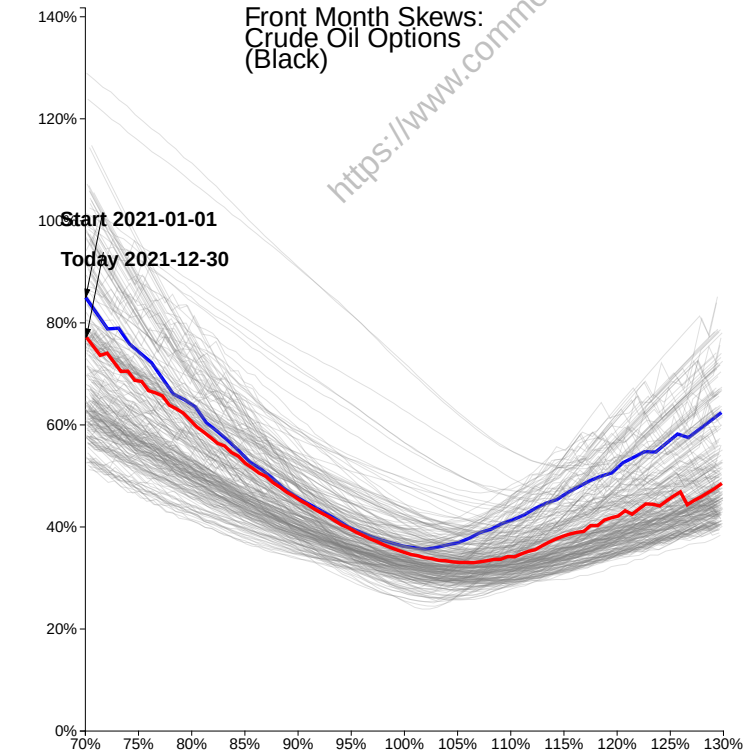
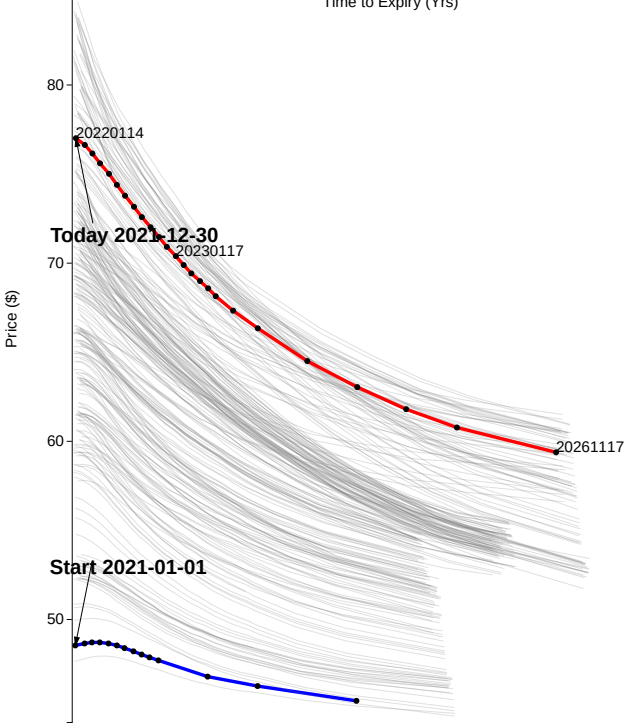
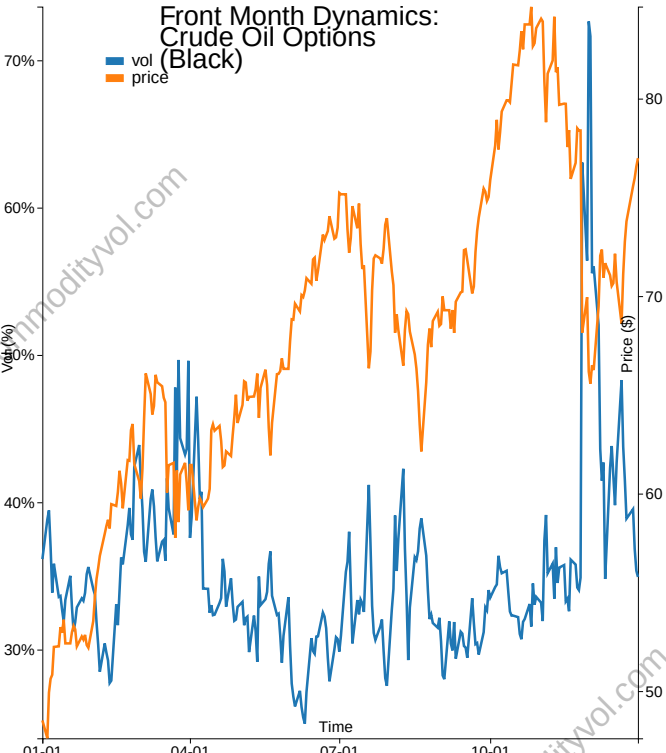
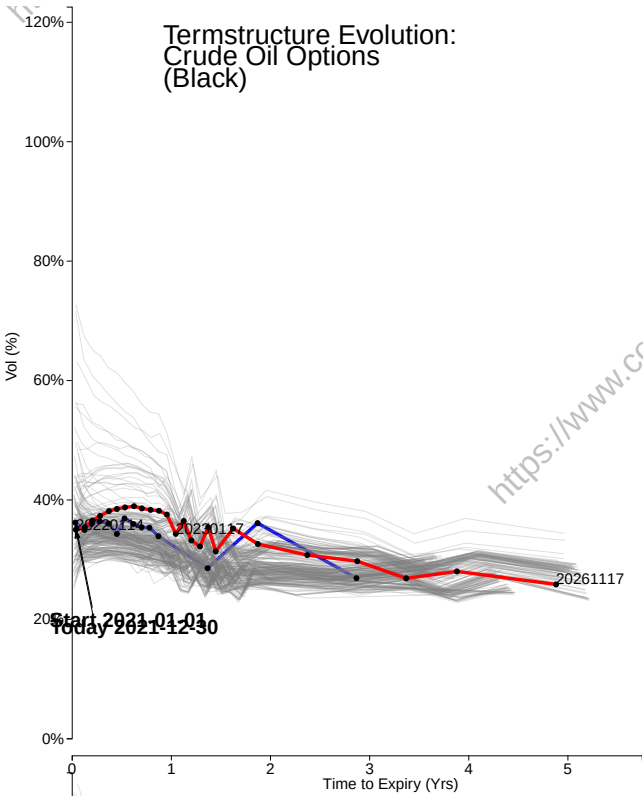


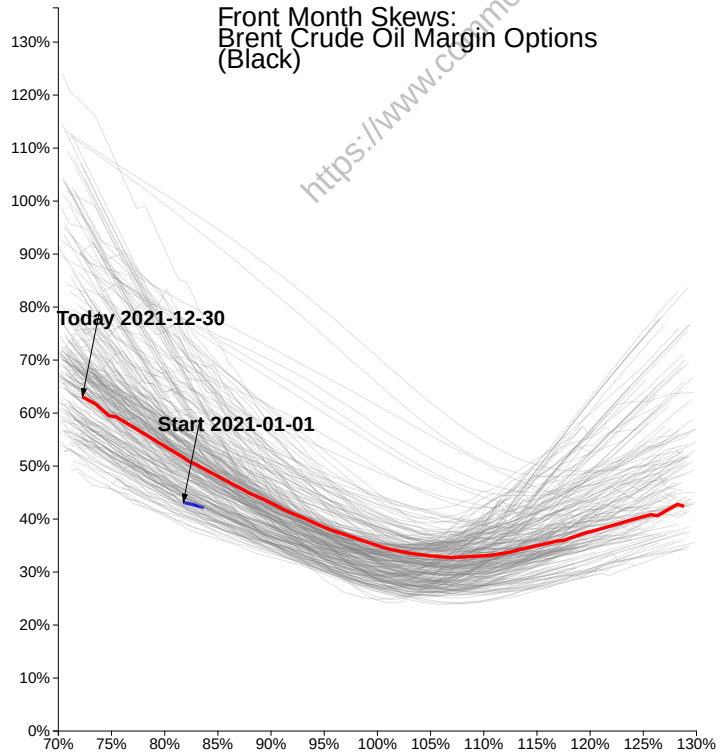
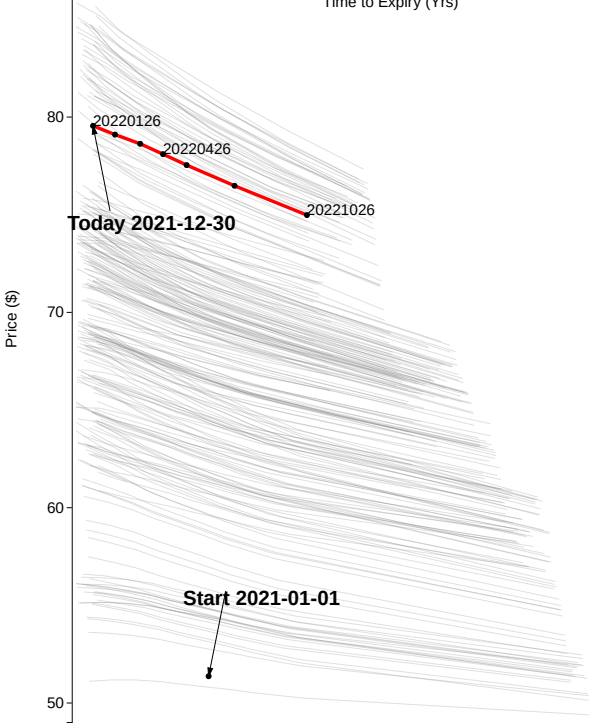
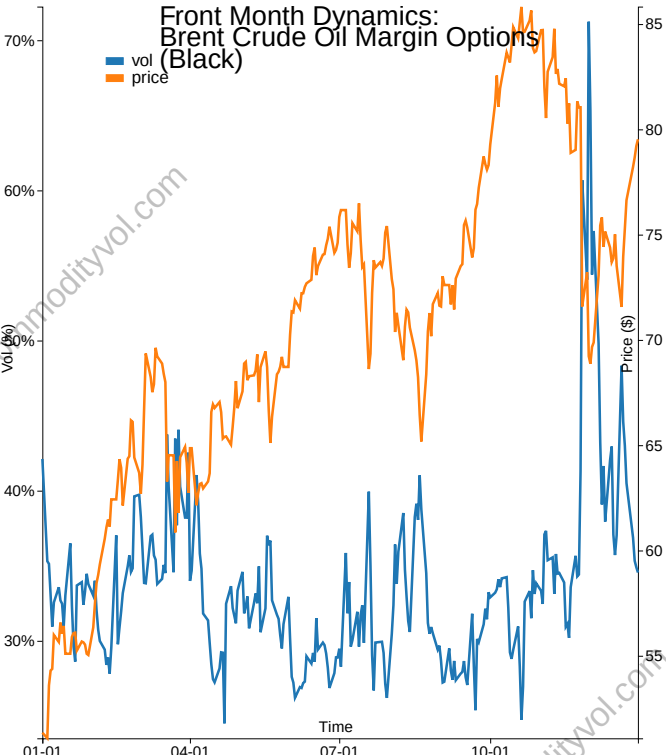
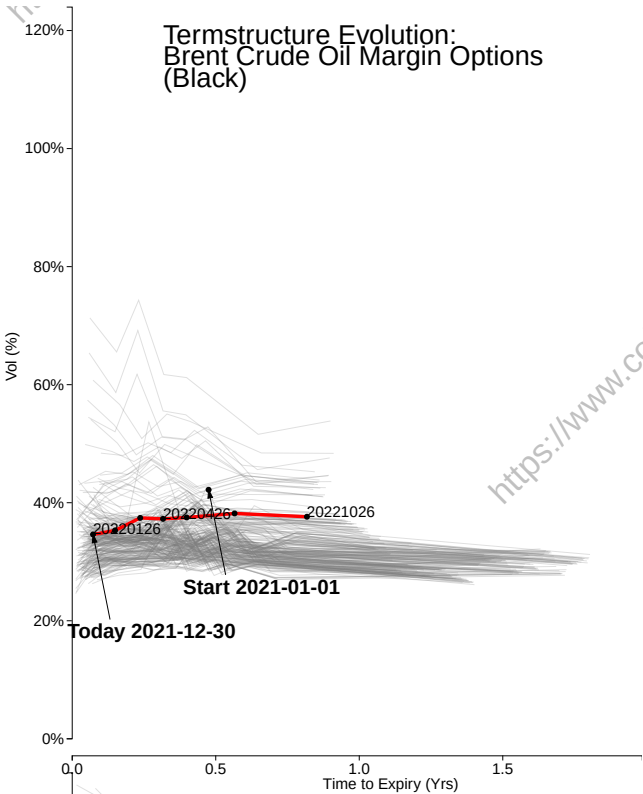


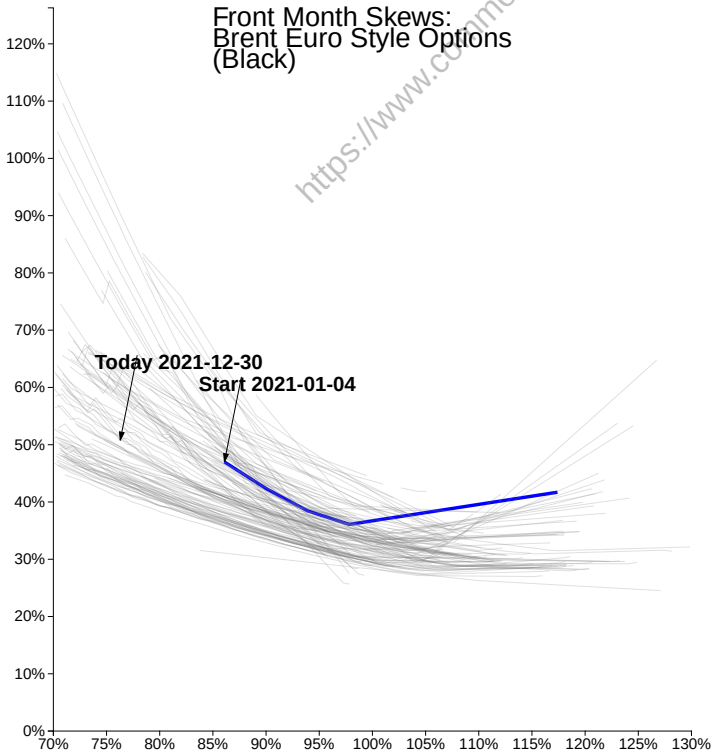
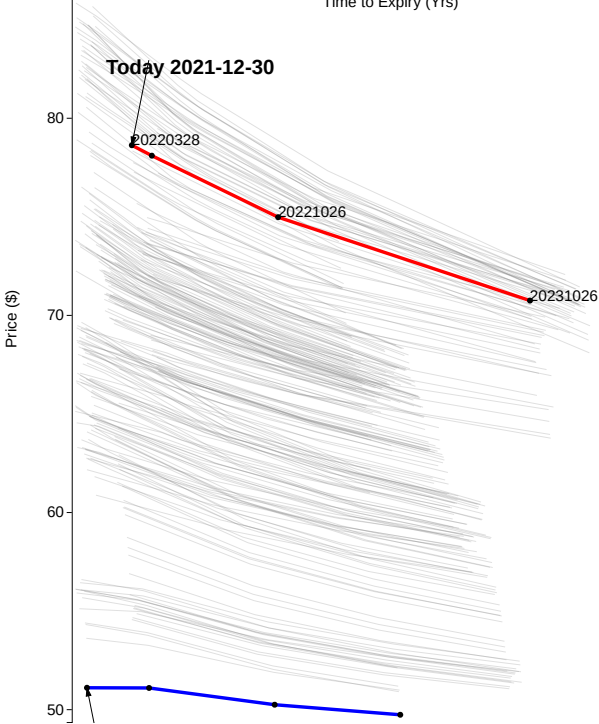
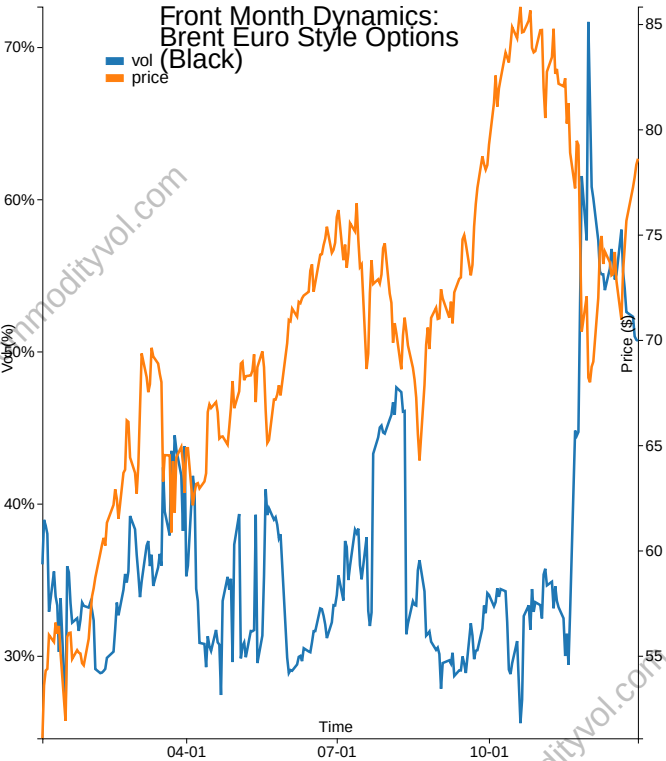
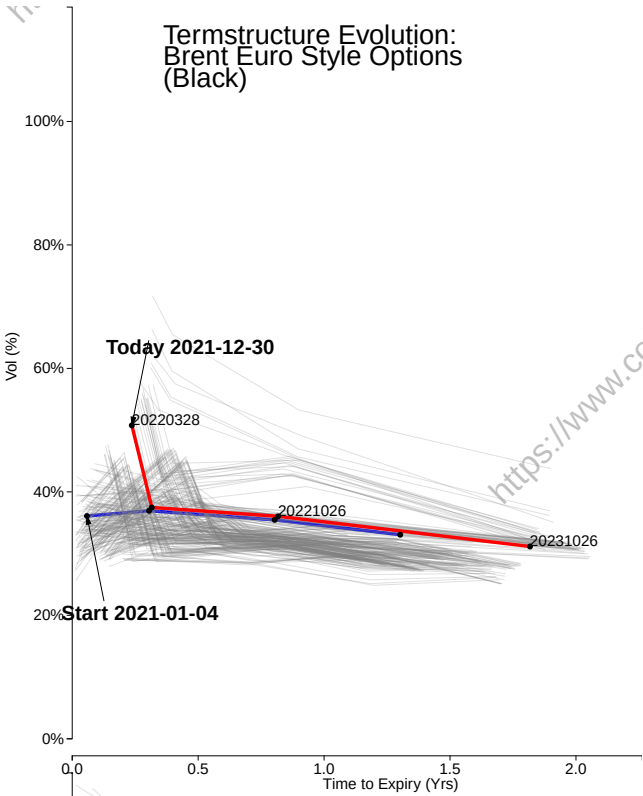


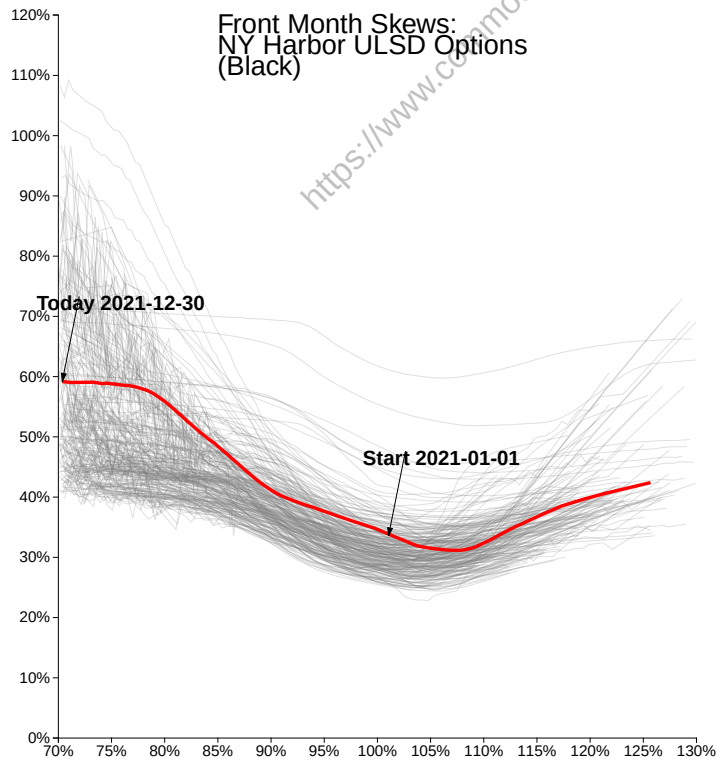
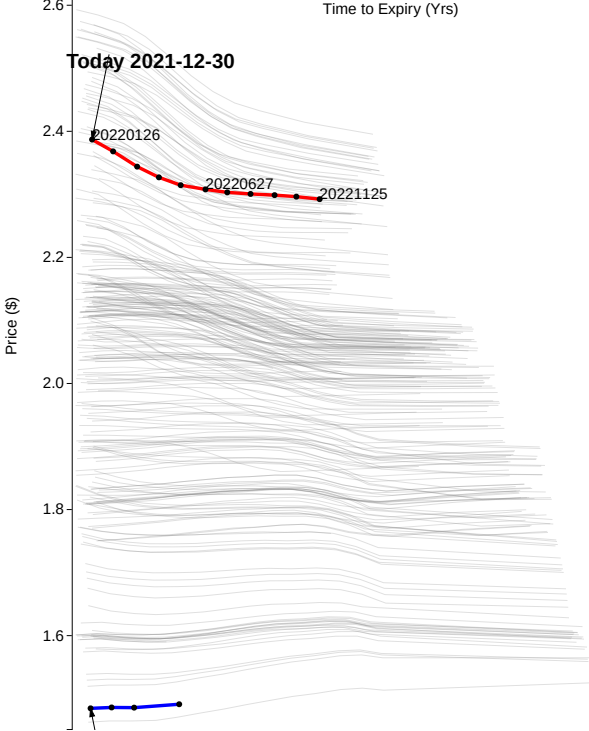
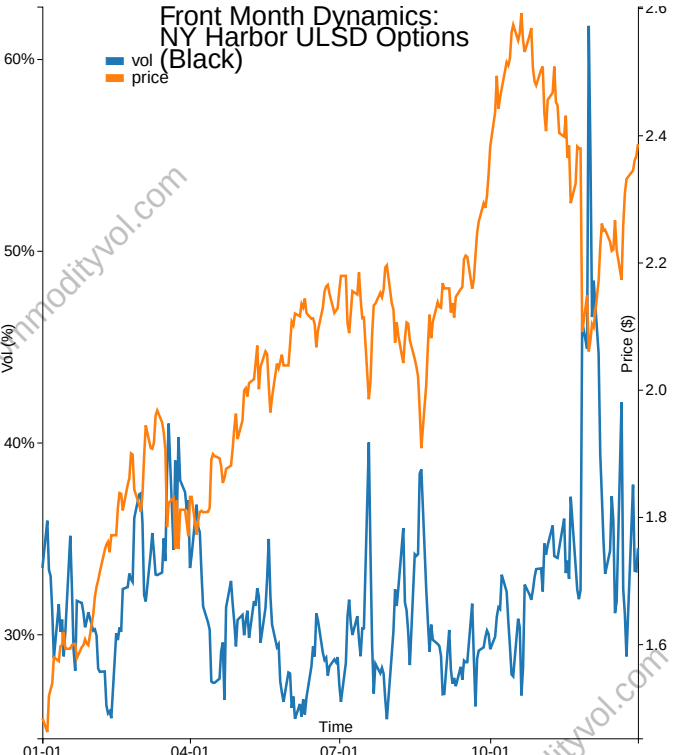
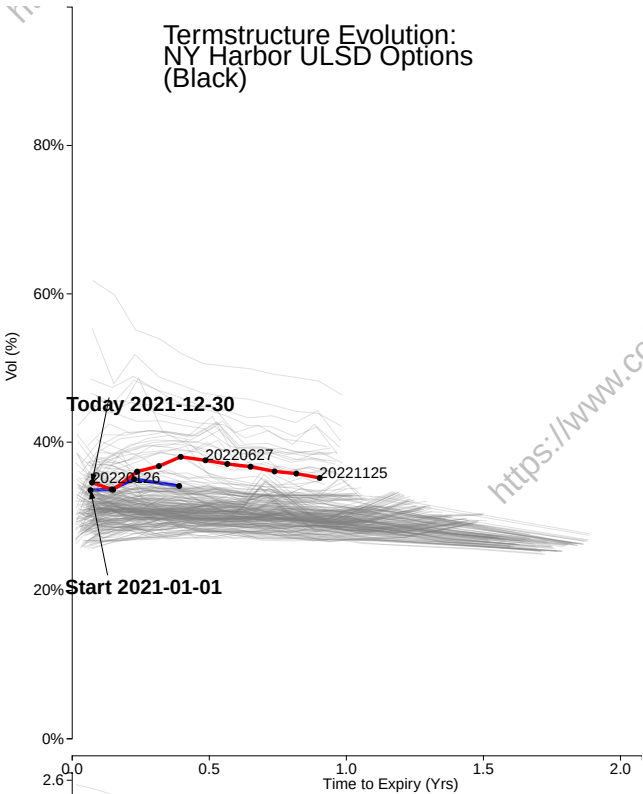


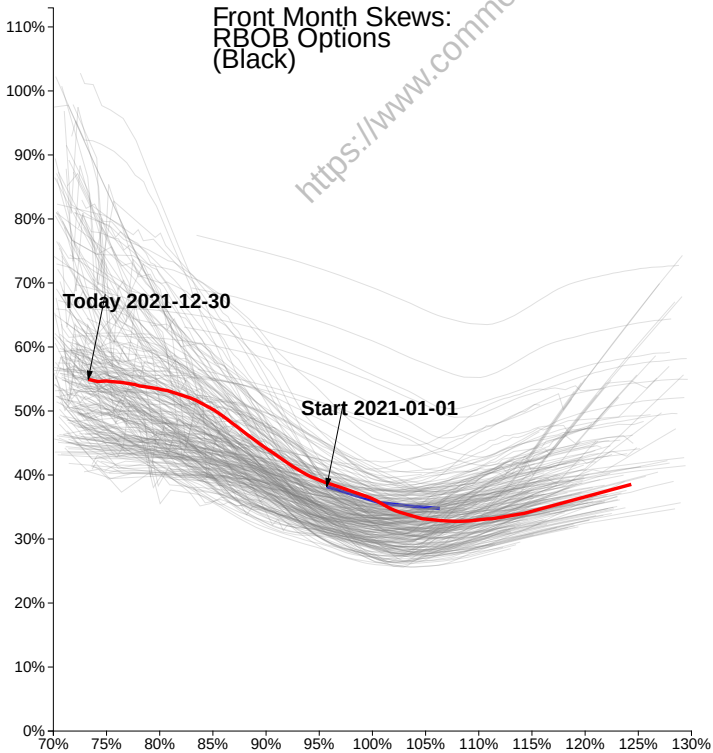
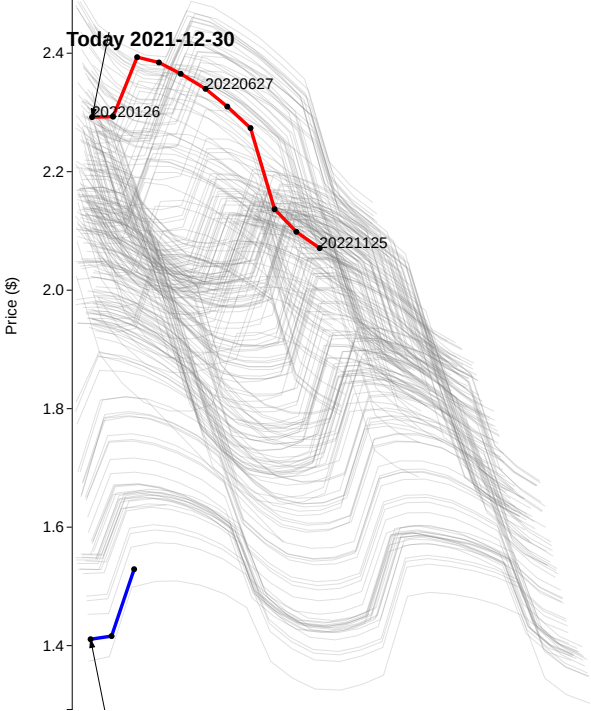
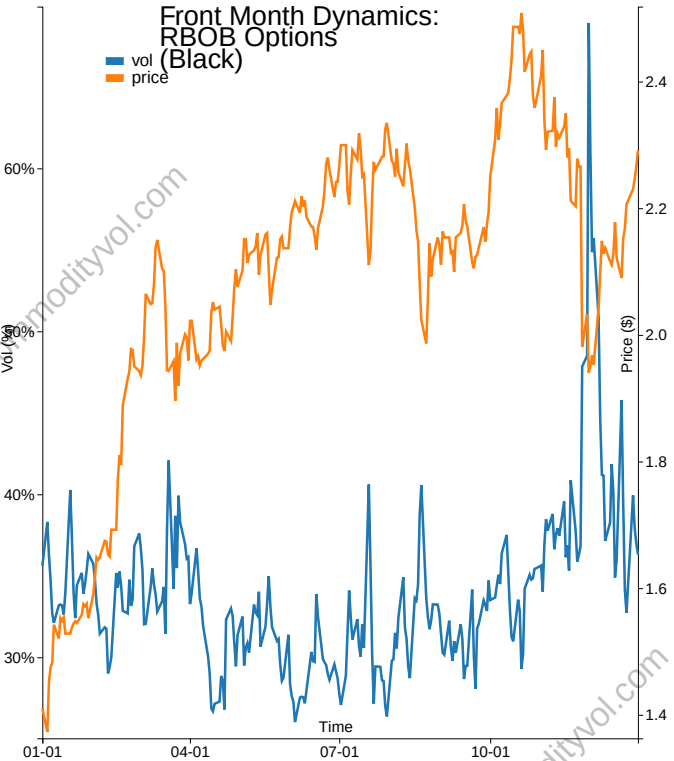
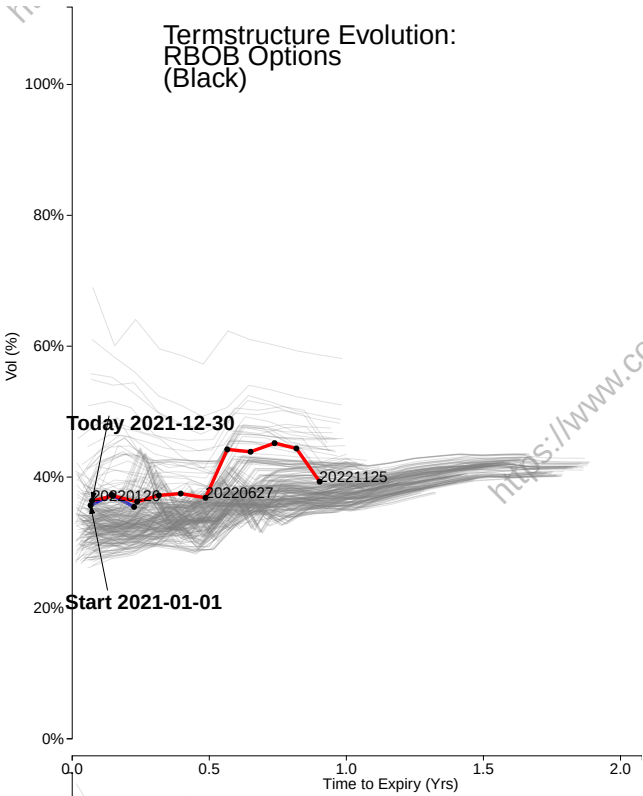
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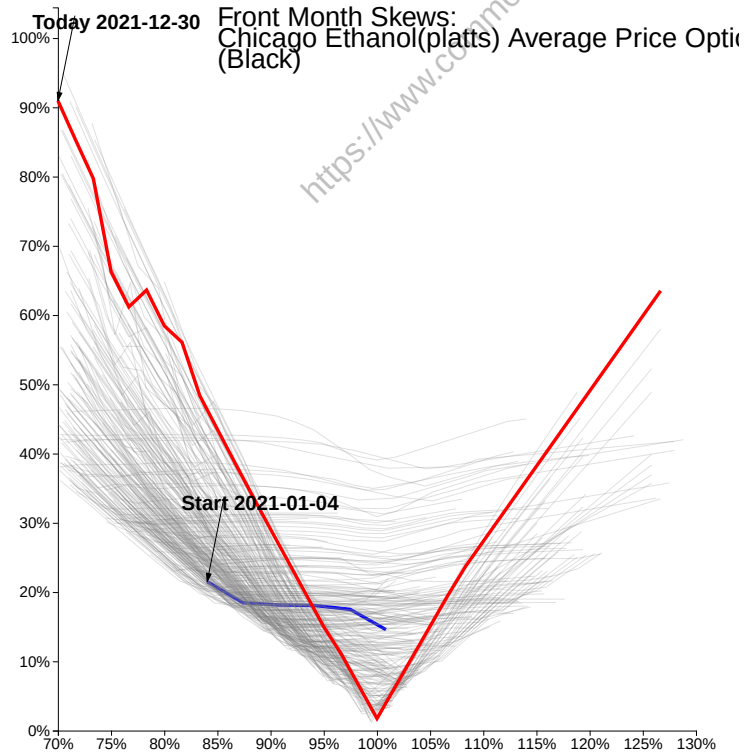
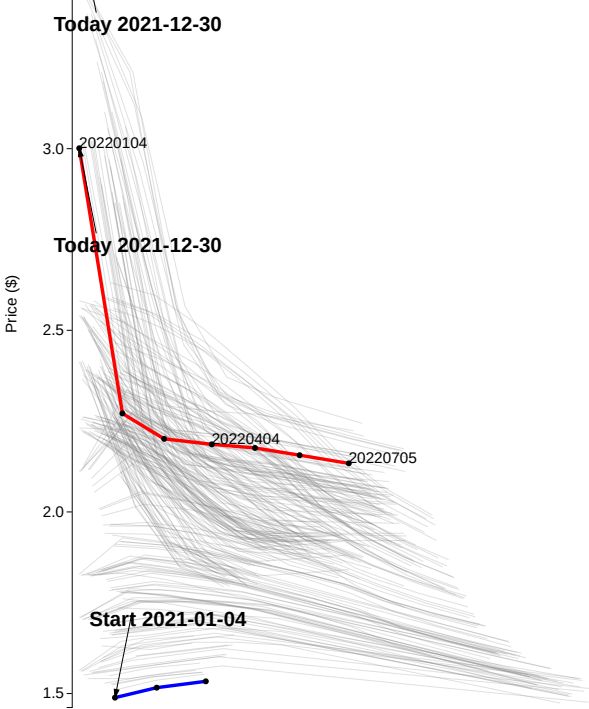
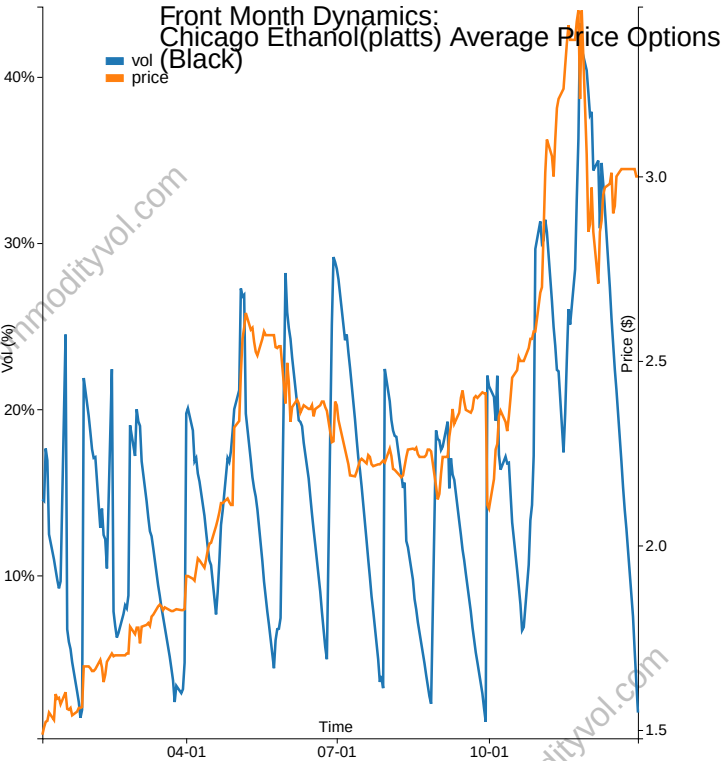
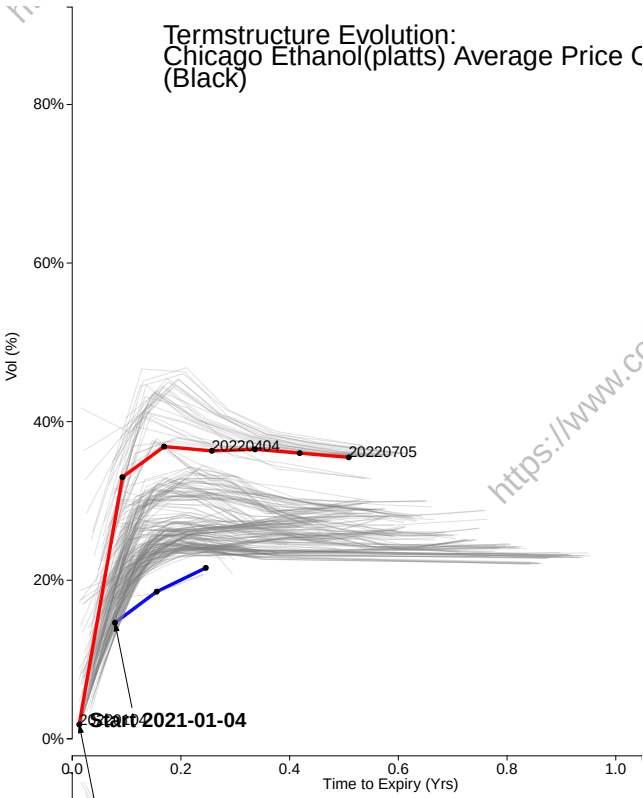




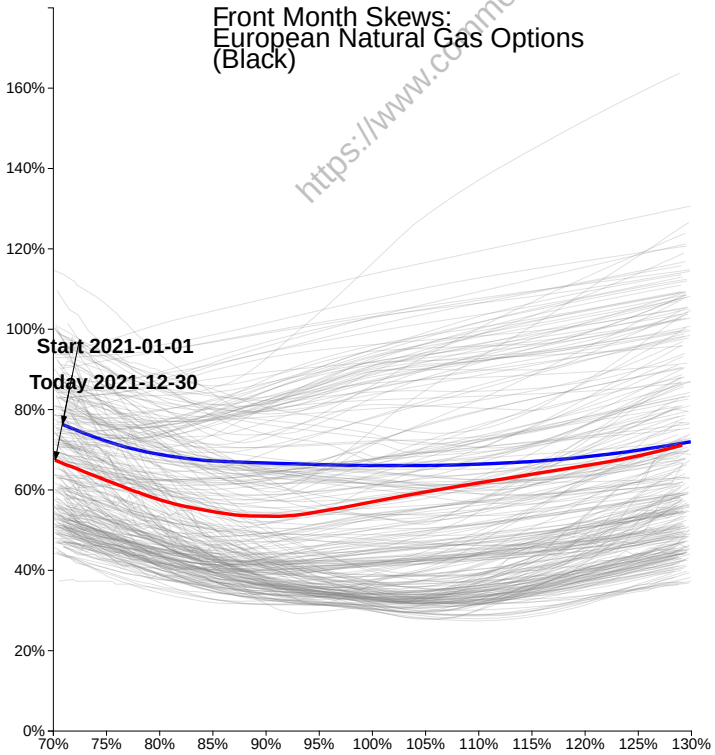
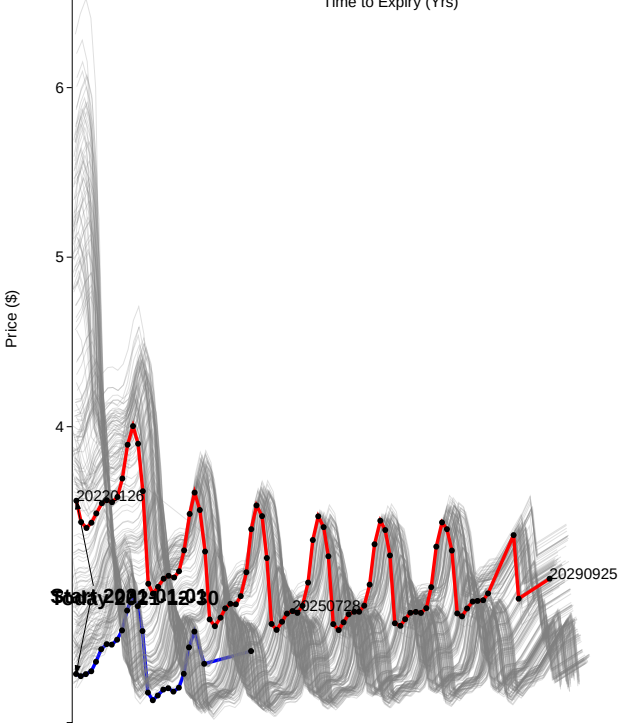
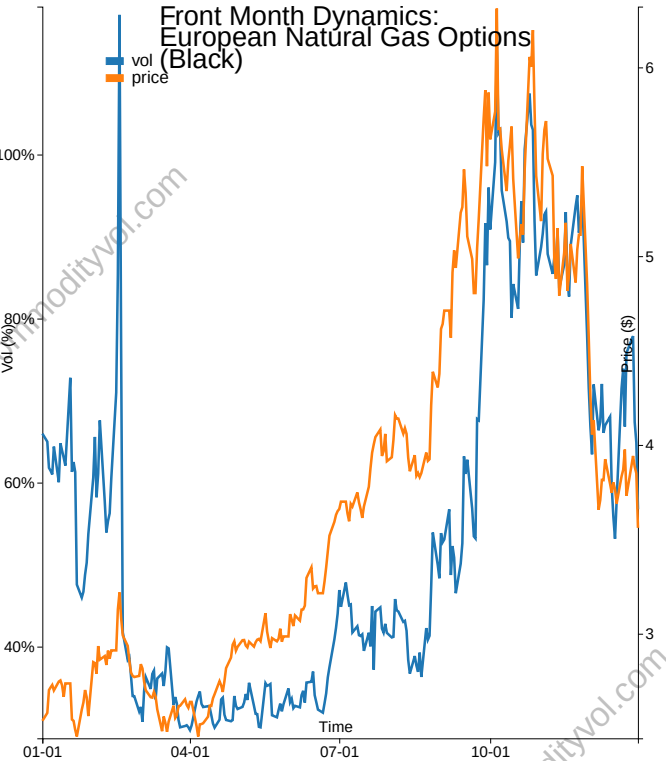
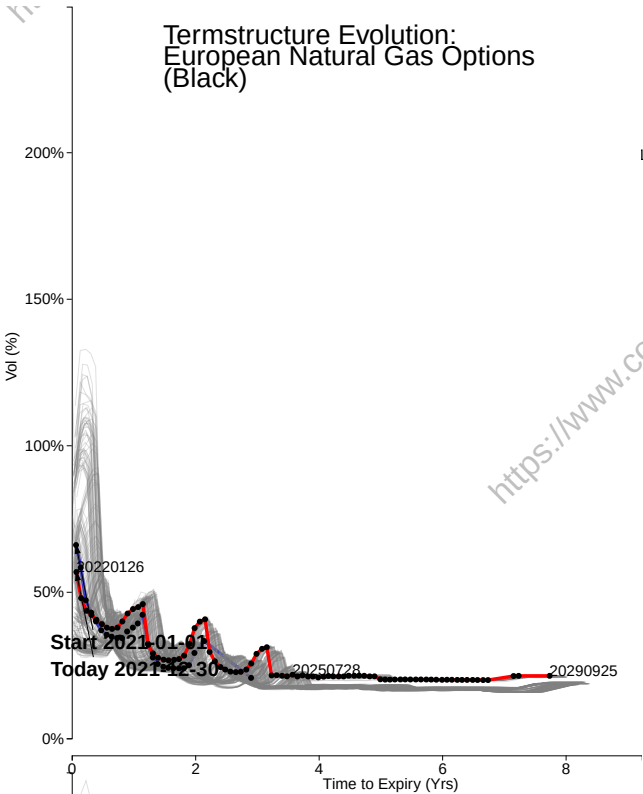


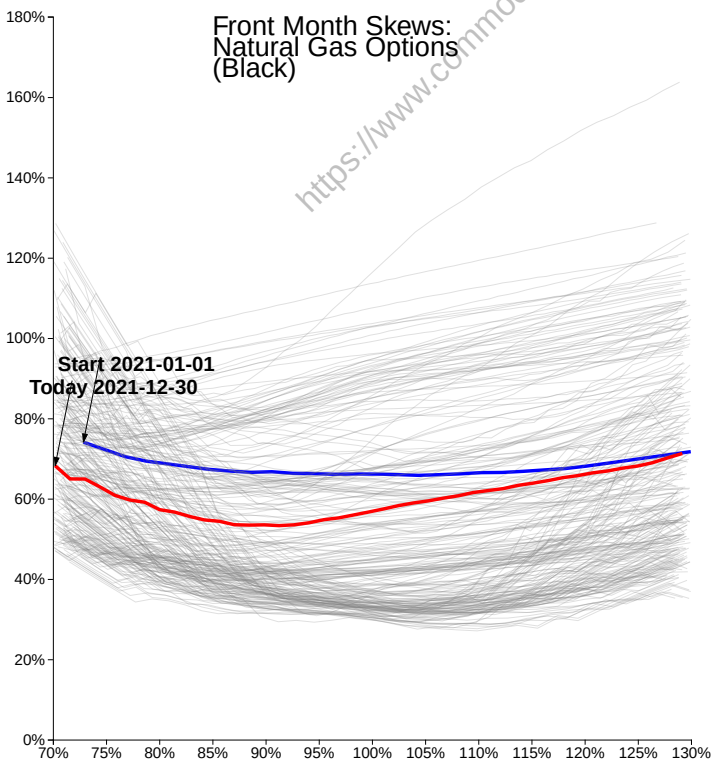
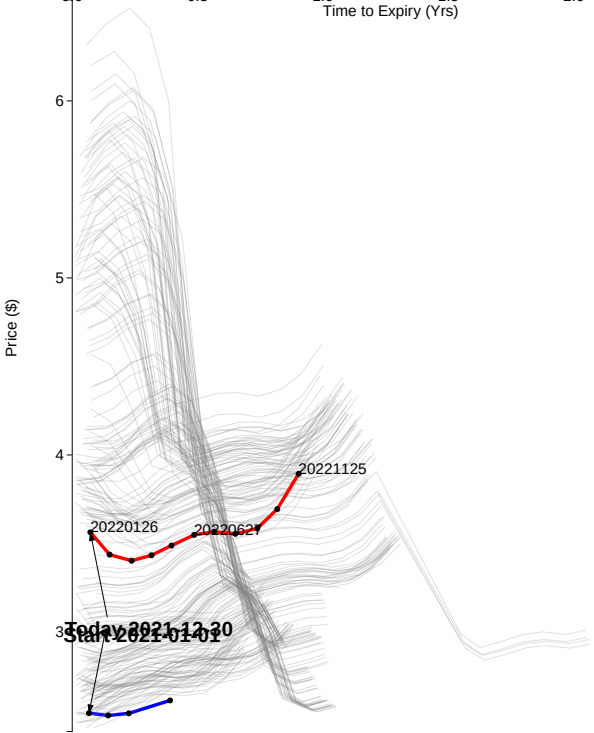
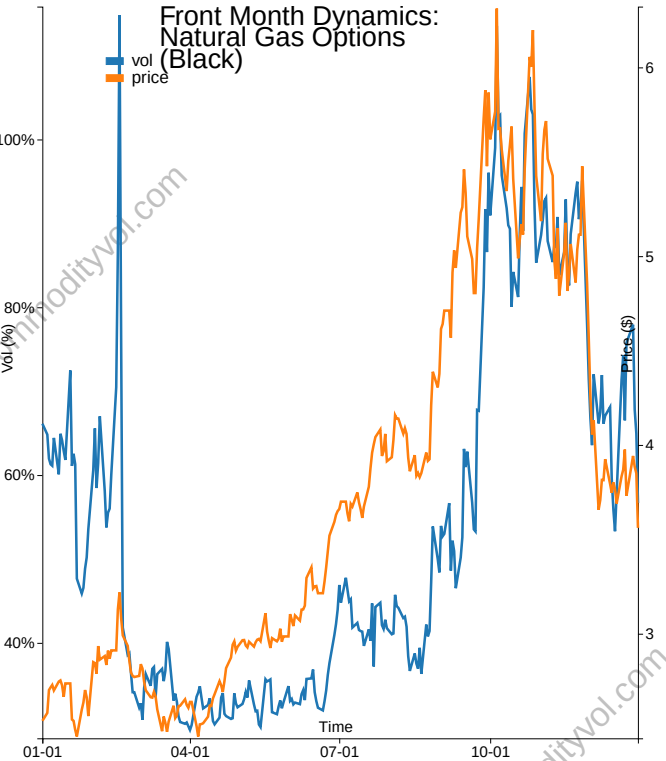
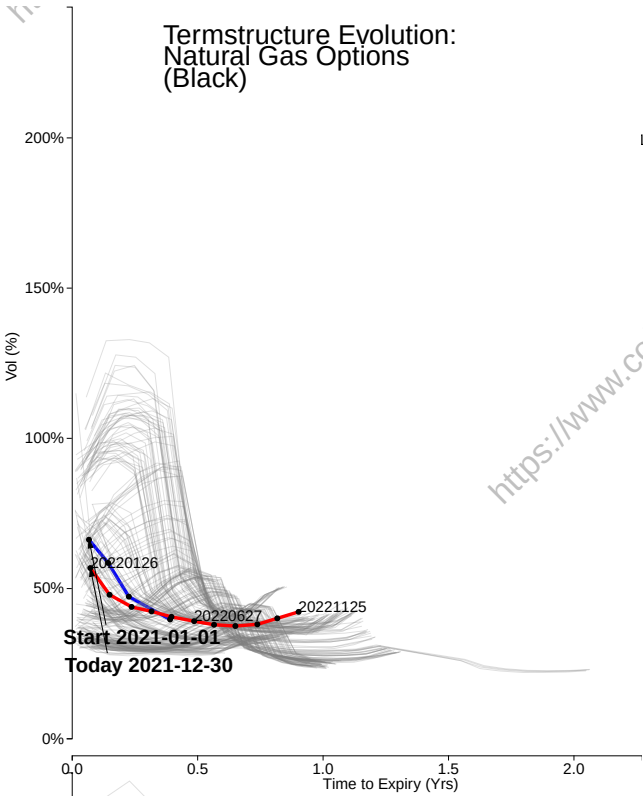


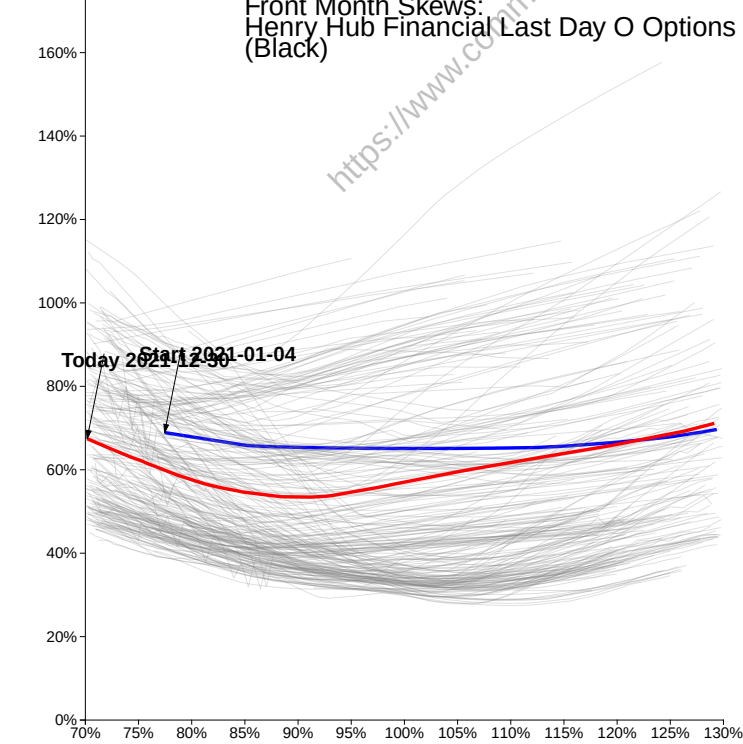
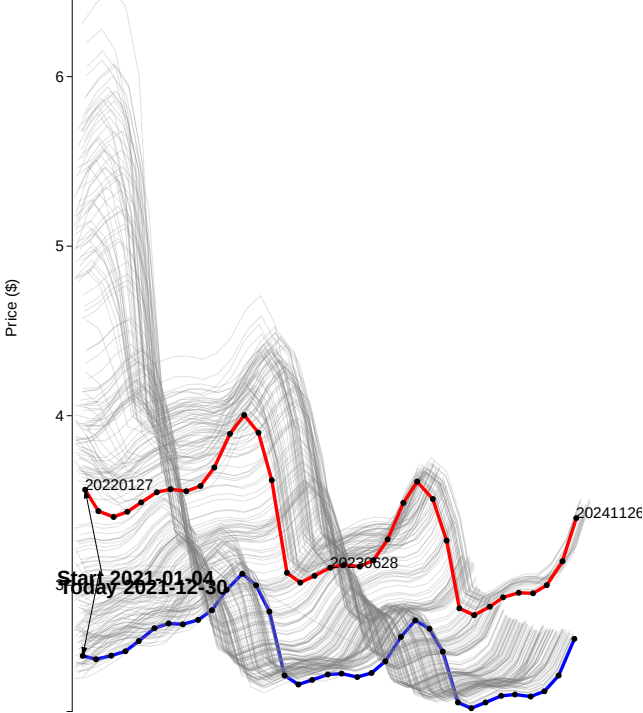
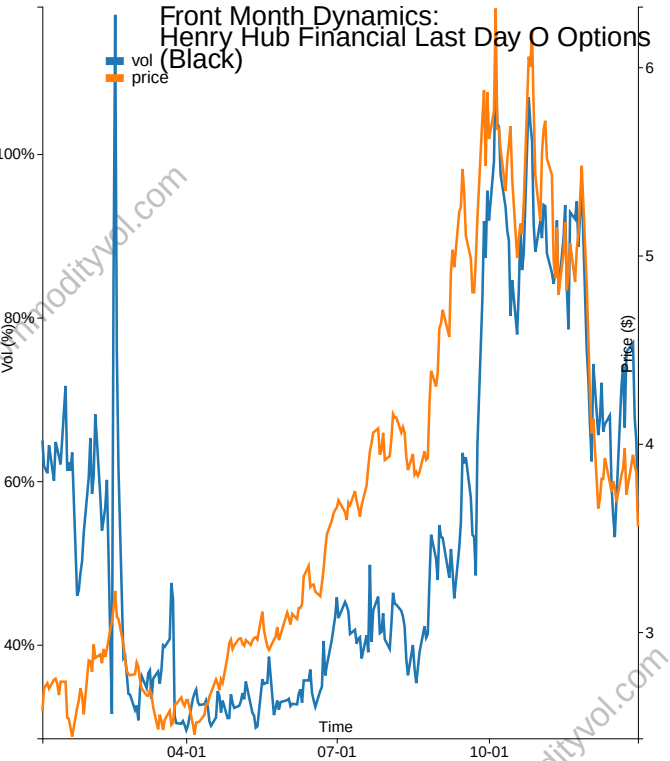
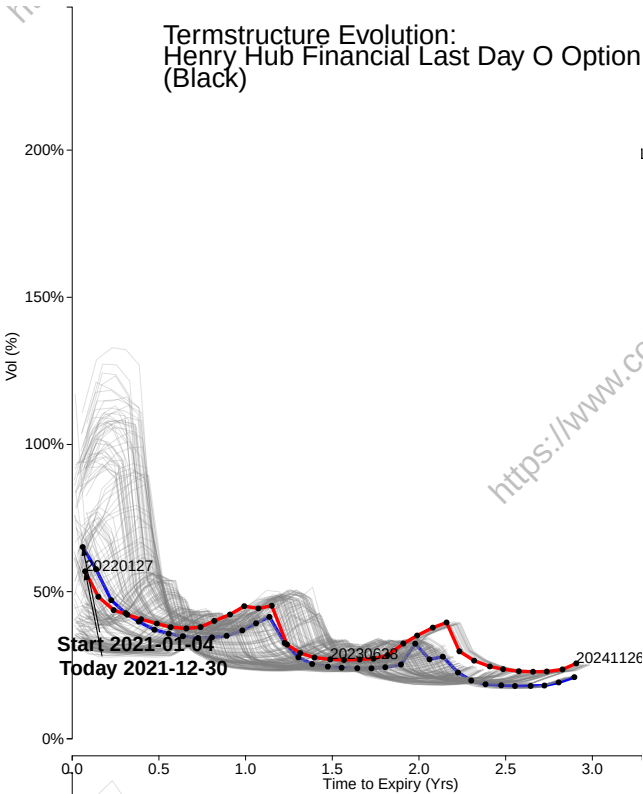


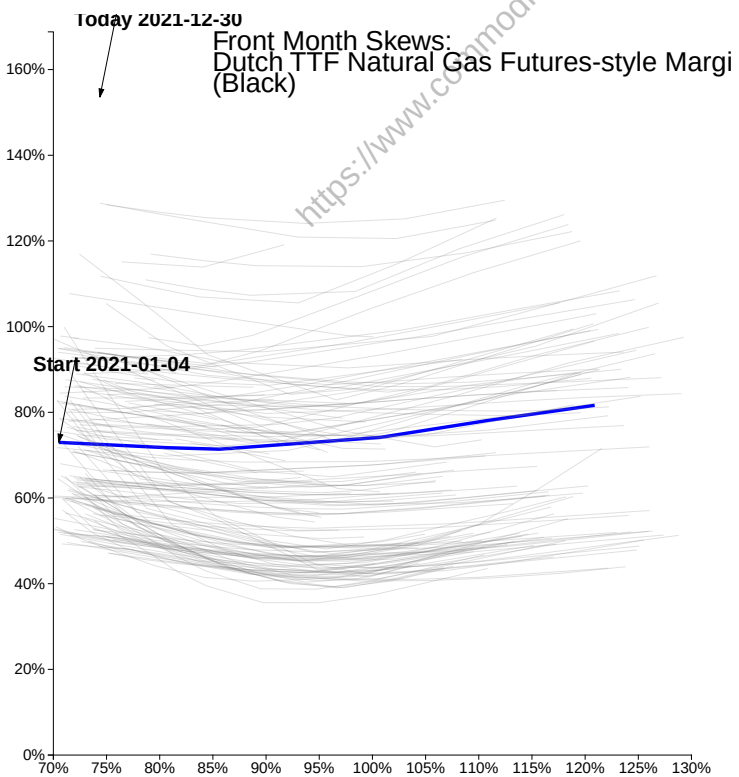
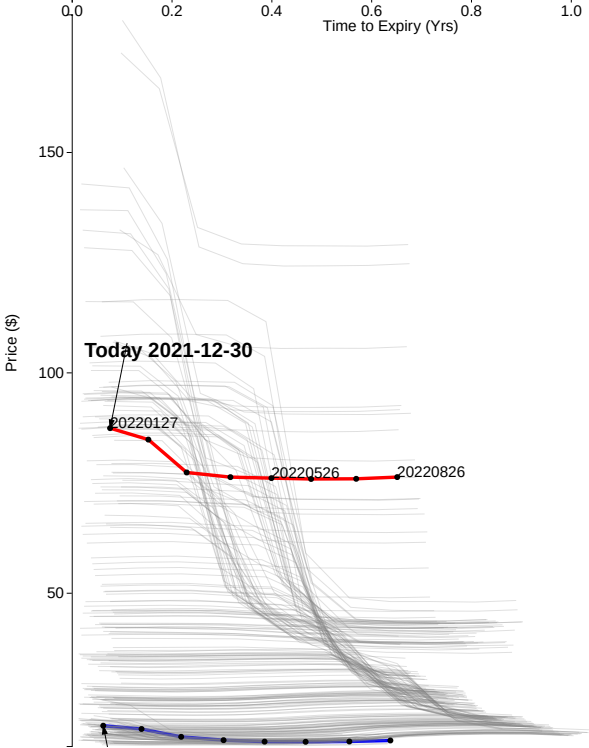
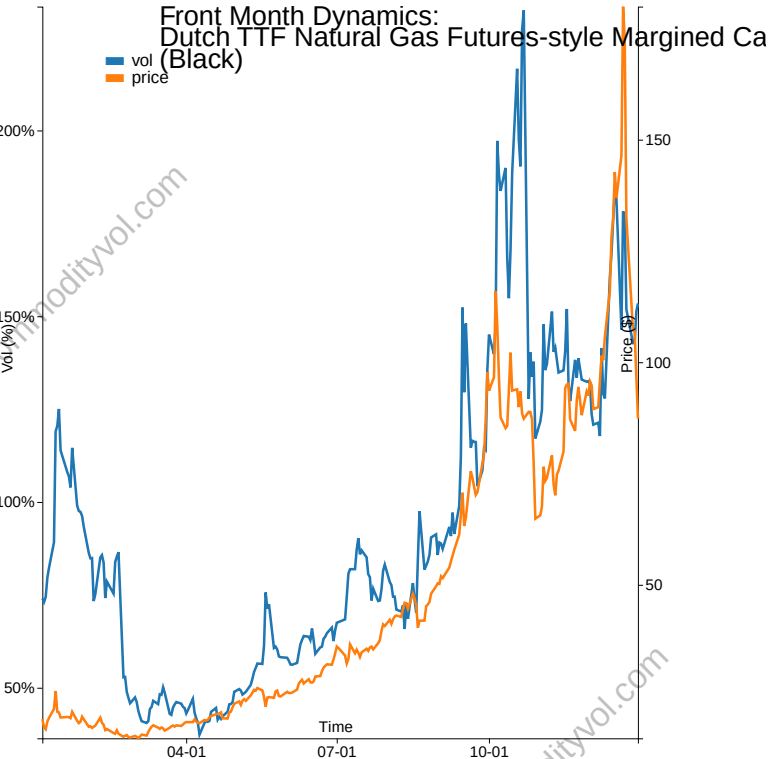
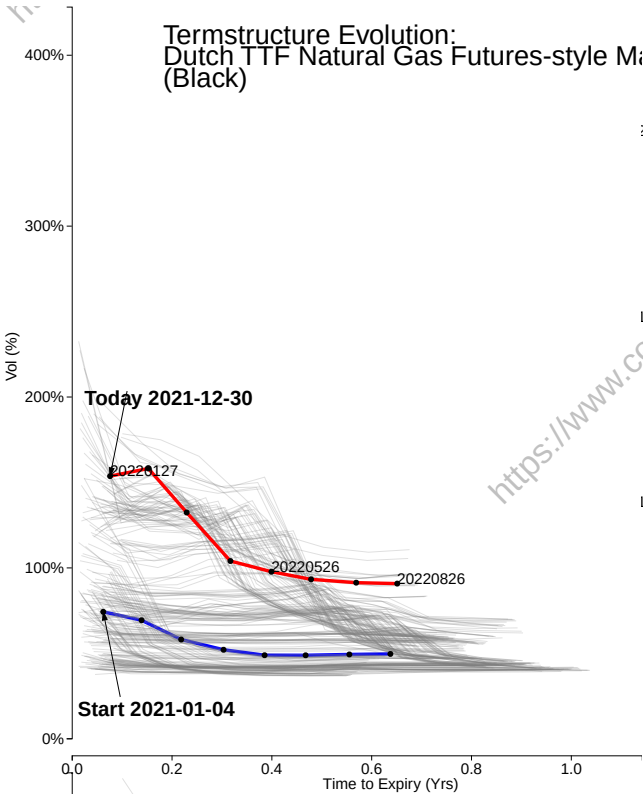


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