

# Grid congestion management through demand-side flexibility and storage



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## 01 Energy transition and its effect on a Southern German TSO

# NEW INSTRUMENTS NEEDED FOR SECURE SYSTEM OPERATION

### Grid congestion in Germany

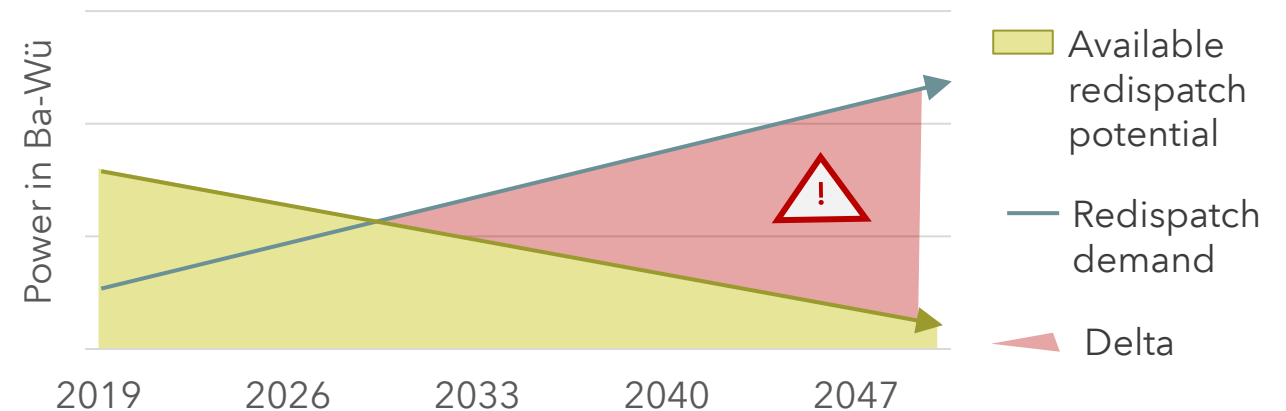
- / Limited transmission power capacity, RES generation predominating in Northern Germany, demand centers in Southern Germany
- / Congestion management required: Mainly curtailing RES (renewable energy systems) in the North, whilst ramping up generation in the South

### Main issue: Lack of secured generation capacity

- / In Southern Germany, a reduction of 7.7 GW coal-based and nuclear capacity is expected until 2030 [1]
- / Grid reserve reaching end of technical lifetime [1]
- / Lacking investments into new generation capacities

### Positive Redispatch in Baden-Württemberg

Schematic illustration for a possible future scenario (2021)



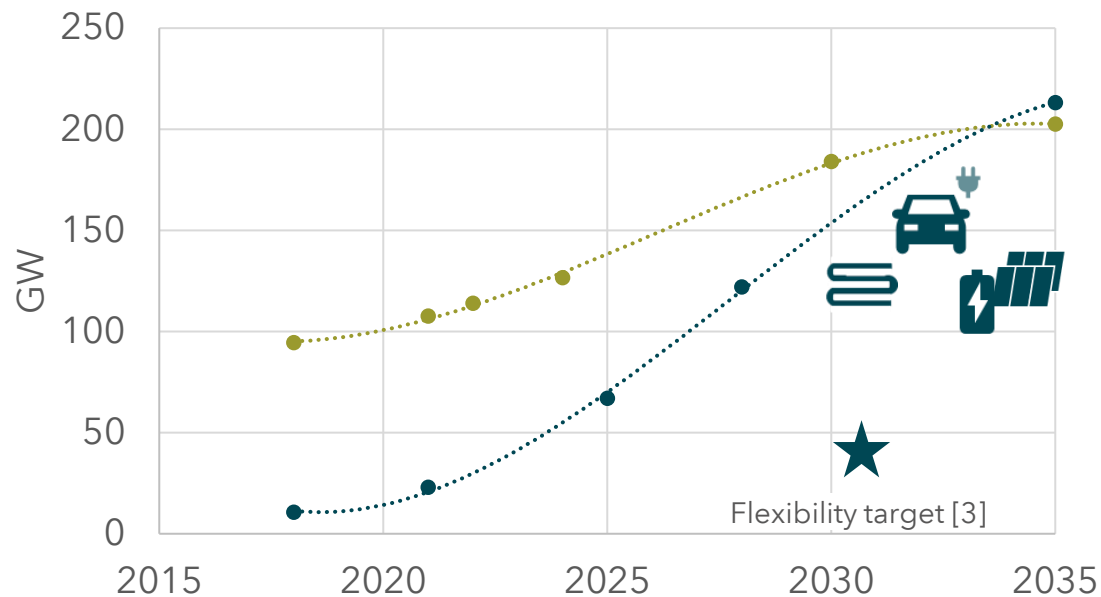
- **"Redispatch gap"**: In a worst case scenario, the demand for positive redispatch might not be met from ~2028 onwards.
- Need for **new instruments** for secure system operation: Grid extension, system reserve, sector coupling, and distributed flexibility.

[1] Power plant list of the German Federal Network Agency, as of May 31, 2022. Own calculations based on the assumption that nuclear and coal phase-out will be completed by 2030.

## 02 Techno-economic potential of distributed flexibilities for congestion management

# STEEP RAMP-UP OF BOTH FLUCTUATING RES GENERATION AND DEMAND SIDE FLEXIBILITY

### Development of installed power in Germany



- Wind onshore & PV [1]
  - Distributed flexibility („installed capacity“) [2]
- Battery electric vehicles, heat pumps, residential PV-battery systems, heating-ventilation-air-conditioning systems [2]

Simultaneous development:

- / Installation of volatile RES
- / Ramp-up of distributed demand-side flexibilities

➤ **Driving energy transition by grid-supporting operation of distributed flexibilities**

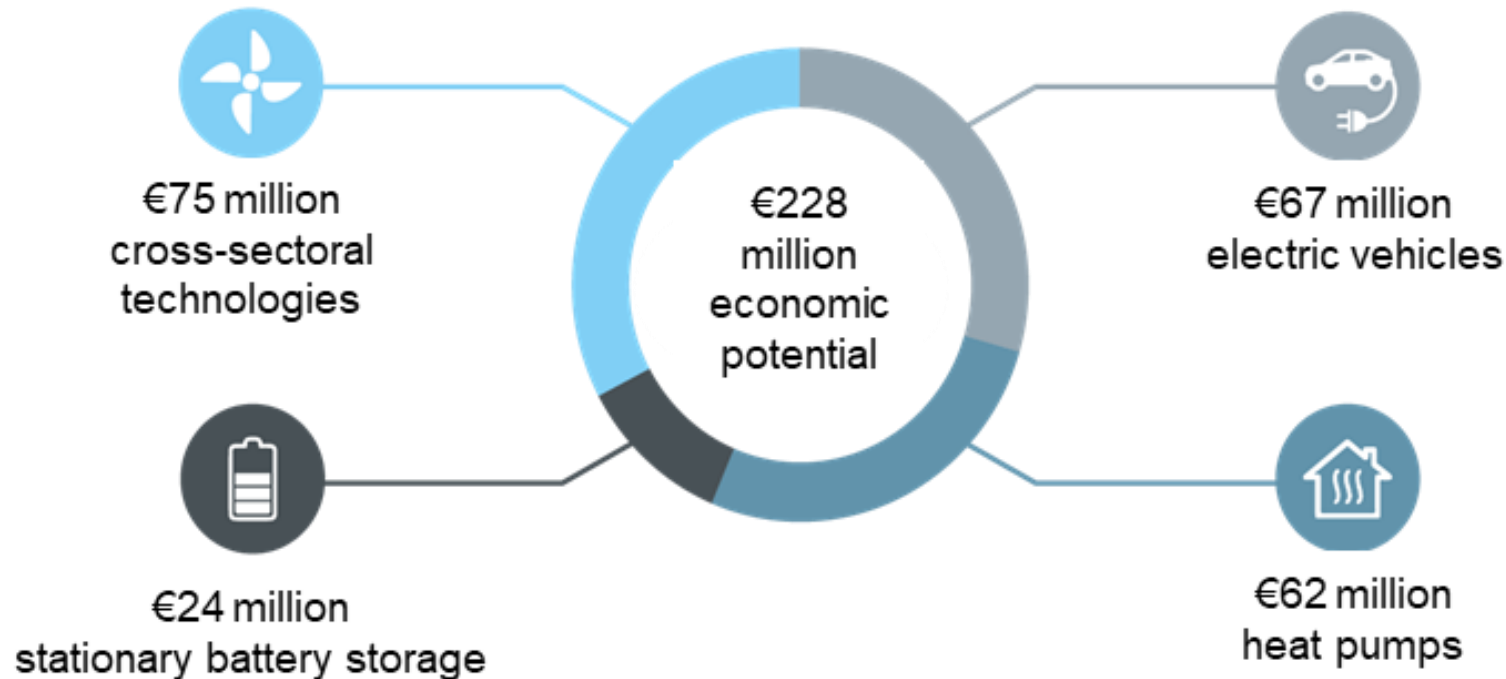
[1] smard.de, System analyses of German TSOs, Langfristszenarien 3, Netzentwicklungsplan 2021

[2] Klempp et al. (2021): Potenziale dezentraler Flexibilität: Welchen Beitrag können E-Autos und Wärmepumpen zu einem kosteneffizienten Redispatch leisten? University Stuttgart, 2021. <https://www.transnetbw.de/de/presse/presseinformationen/presseinformation/mit-e-autos-und-waermepumpen-die-energiewende-voranbringen>

[3] Bericht Versorgungssicherheit Strom 2023

## 02 Techno-economic potential of distributed flexibilities for congestion management

# DISTRIBUTED FLEXIBILITY FOR REDISPATCH: ECONOMIC POTENTIAL ALREADY TODAY

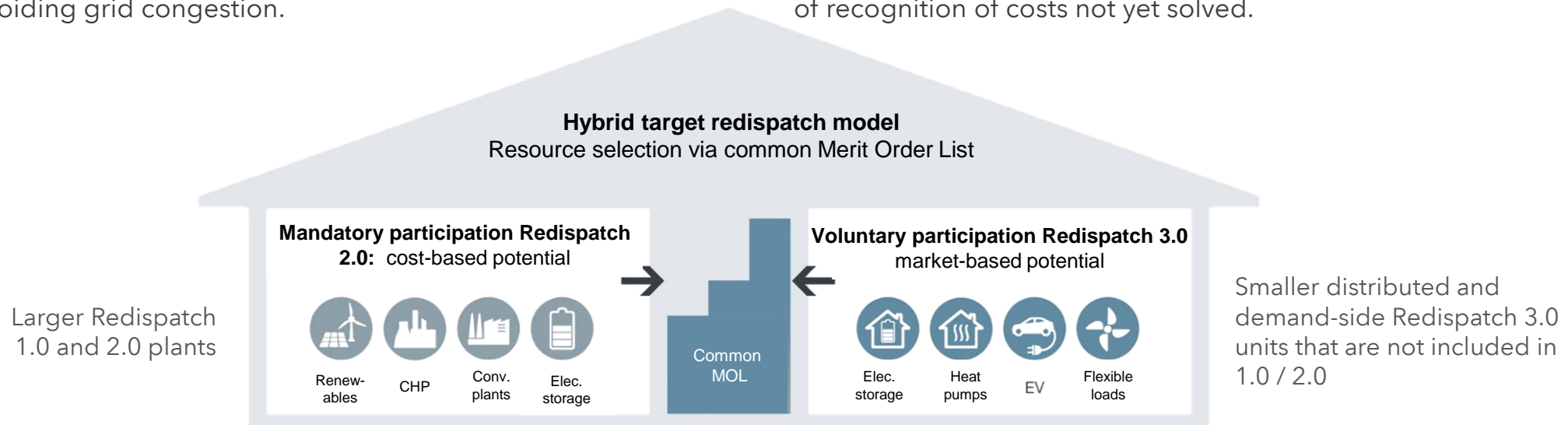


Cost-saving potential  
up to 228 Mio. €  
in 2022-2028 in  
Baden-Württemberg only  
(Study published 2021)

### 03 Redispatch in Germany today and in future: legal framework and market-based elements

## HYBRID REDISPATCH MECHANISM SUGGESTED BY THE TSOS TRANSNETBW AND TENNET

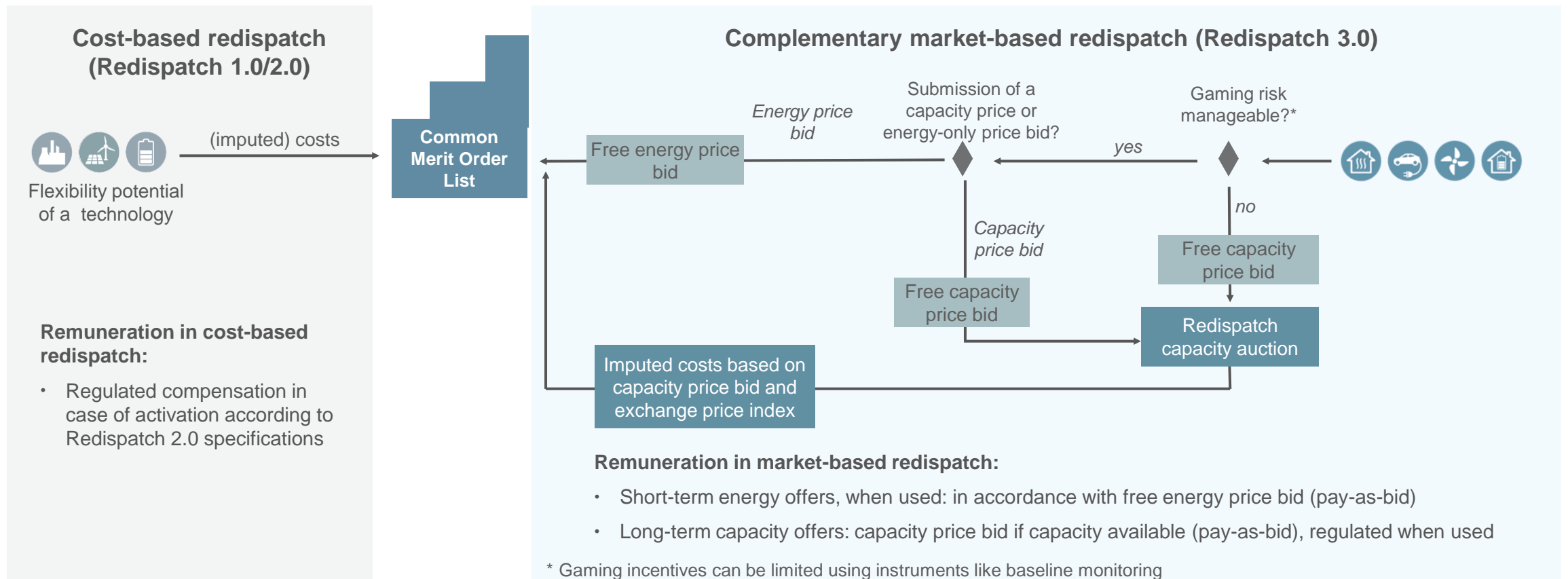
- „Redispatch 2.0“ covers generation and storages >100 kW
- Suggested market-based “Redispatch 3.0” as additional module: voluntary participation for demand-side flexibility
- A common **Merit Order List (MOL)** and **pay-as-bid auction process** is used to select the units most suitable for avoiding grid congestion.
- Both **long-term capacity offers** and **short-term energy offers** tap into the potential of different technologies.
- Market monitoring limits **Inc-Dec incentives** in the case of short-term energy price offers.
- **Regulatory analysis** shows: target model is EU-compliant, issue of recognition of costs not yet solved.



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## OUR RECOMMENDATION: A "COMBINED HYBRID MODEL"

➤ All bidders can submit long-term "capacity" offers, some can also submit short-term energy offers.



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## AGILE APPROACH REQUIRED. REGULATORY FRAMEWORK NEEDED.



#### Short-term solutions for scaled pilot projects:

- / **Step by step, agile approach:** Complex processes and short-cycle developments require an „innovate before you regulate“ approach
- / **Flexible regulatory framework** for developing new processes within pilot projects („Reallabore“, including exceptions to charges, fees and levies)
- / **Cost recognition** especially for Redispatch 3.0 activations

#### Long term solutions:

##### Adjustments of **EnWG para 13a:**

- / Extend scope of redispatch to include demand side (< 100 kW).
- / Introduce supplementary market-based redispatch (envisaged under EU directive on common rules for the internal market for electricity).

##### Adjustments of the Incentive Regulation Ordinance (**ARegV**):

- / Equal cost recognition for demand-side Redispatch ("FSV Redispatch")
- / Incentive regulation acknowledging future (IT-focussed) development

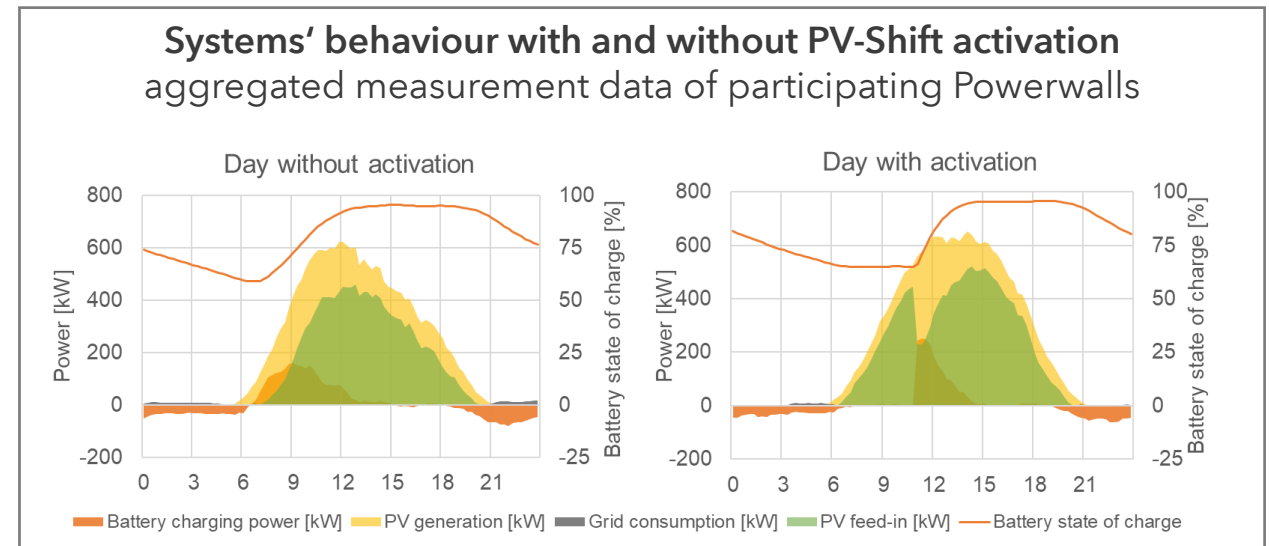
EnWG: Energiewirtschaftsgesetz  
FSV: Freiwillige Selbstverpflichtung



## 04 Learnings from research project PV-Shift

# PV-SHIFT PROJECT: PV-BATTERY-SYSTEMS FOR REDISPATCH

- / Pilot project of TransnetBW and Tesla with over **100 Tesla Powerwalls** in TransnetBW control area (May to Oct. 22)
- / Battery maximizes PV self-consumption, yet a flexibility potential between spring and fall remains.
- / By **shifting the battery charging** from morning to afternoon, PV feed-in to the public grid can be brought forward.
- / When activated, "**positive Redispatch**" (residual load reduction) takes place in the morning, followed by an opposite catch-up effect ("**negative Redispatch**"). Energy quantities balance each other out.



### Main findings:

1. Distributed flexibility requires new products
2. Proof-of-concept of operational use of ~ 100 Powerwalls
3. Activations every other day confirm demand
4. Functional process for pilot scale implemented
5. Demand-side flexibility requires methods for validating delivery
6. High level of buy-in from pilot participants

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