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Modeling and simulation of an isolated hybrid micro-grid with hydrogen production and storage

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Abstract

This work relates the study of system performance in operational conditions for an isolated micro-grid powered by a photovoltaic system and a wind turbine. The electricity produced and not used by the user will be accumulated in two different storage systems: a battery bank and a hydrogen storage system composed of two PEM electrolyzers, four pressurized tanks and a PEM fuel cell. One of the main problems to be solved in the development of isolated micro-grids is the management of the various devices and energy flows to optimize their functioning, in particular in relation to the load profile and power produced by renewable energy systems depending on weather conditions. For this reason, through the development and implementation of a specific simulation program, three different energy management systems were studied to evaluate the best strategy for effectively satisfying user requirements and optimizing overall system efficiency.

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1. Introduction

The use of renewable energy sources as an alternative to conventional fossil fuels is one of the goals set by the European Union with the approval of the so-called "EU climate and energy package" in 2008 [1]. In recent years, the use of related technologies has greatly increased in Italy. In 2012, energy production from renewable energy sources

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Nomenclature

Photovo	oltaic system		
I _{PV}	(A) photovoltaic panel current	N _C	number of cells in parallel (called stack)
V _{PV}	(V) photovoltaic panel voltage	F	Faraday's constant
I _{SC}	(A) photovoltaic cell short-circuit current	η_F	Faraday's efficiency
I ₀	(A) saturation current	V _{EL}	(V) electrolyzer voltage
Rs	(Ω) series cell resistance	I _{EL}	(A) electrolyzer current
R _P	(Ω) parallel cell resistance	T _{EL}	(K) electrolyzer operating temperature
V _T	(V) thermal voltage	p _s	(Pa) hydrogen tank pressure
N _{CELL}	number of solar cell for a single panel	Ts	(K) stored hydrogen temperature
Wind tu	rbine	$v_{\rm S}$	(m ³) overall tank volume
V _{WT}	(m/s) wind speed at wind turbine hub height	MM_{H2}	(kg/mol) molar mass of hydrogen
V _{AN}	(m/s) wind speed recorded from anemometer	V _{FC}	(V) fuel cell voltage
Z _{WT}	(m) height of the turbine hub	I _{FC}	(A) fuel cell current
Z _{AN}	(m) height of the anemometer	T _{FC}	(K) fuel cell operating temperature
Pwt	(W) power produced by wind turbine	E _{Nernst}	(V) Nernst potential
Batterie	25	η_{EL}	electrolyzer efficiency
VB	(V) battery voltage	η_{FC}	fuel cell efficiency
EB	(V) open-circuit voltage	Cost and	d lifetime
E _{B,0}	(V) open-circuit voltage under standard conditions	C _{B,IN}	(\in) capital cost of battery
К	(V) polarization voltage	C _{el,in}	(\in) capital cost of electrolyzer
QB	(Ah) battery capacity	C _{FC,IN}	(\in) capital cost of fuel cell
I _{B,t}	(Ah) time integral of the battery current ($I_{B,t} = \int I_B dt$)	C _{O&M,EL}	(€/h) O&M cost of electrolyzer
А, В	constants linked to the exponential term	C _{O&M,FC}	(€/h) O&M cost of fuel cell
Hydrogen storage system			(h) electrolyzer lifetime
n _{H2}	(mol/s) produced hydrogen flow	L _{FC}	(h) fuel cell lifetime

(RES) represented 28.2% of electricity consumption and 13% of total consumption [2]. The main contribution comes from wind turbines (with an annual production of 13.9 TWh in 2012) and photovoltaic systems (18.8 TWh in 2012), characterized by rapid growth in recent years. One of the main problems of these systems is the uncertainty of the primary source (solar radiation and wind), which does not ensure a reliable supply especially at night and during the low insolation periods. In this context, the development of storage systems assumes fundamental importance. The use of hydrogen storage systems as an alternative or in addition to the use of electric batteries has been the subject of studies and research activities in recent years. In fact, water electrolysis processes produce hydrogen from electrical energy, and optionally oxygen, which can then be converted into electrical energy by a fuel cell. One of the advantages of hydrogen is its versatility of use in both stationary processes, such as storage and back-up systems, and in the transport sector. A further advantage is the absence of pollutants in the conversion process, except for NO_x.

This paper deals with some aspects of energy management in isolated systems exclusively powered by renewable sources. These solutions can be applied only in specific cases where the grid extension is not possible or very expensive, such as isolated telecommunications base stations, water pumping, irrigation etc. In the future, with the development of more efficient technologies and lower costs owing to economies of scale, these solutions will arouse real interest also for household applications. In the literature, several studies are available on the modeling and simulation of isolated hybrid systems with hydrogen storage [3-7]. Ulleberg [3] shows how the performance of these systems is highly dependent on the management and control of storage devices. Several studies in the literature [4,5] use the state of charge (SOC) of batteries as a decision variable. Therefore the operation of the hydrogen storage system will depend on the state of charge of the battery bank. In this case, the control system is very reliable, but on the other hand the storage system is not optimized from an economic point of view. Dufo-Lopez et al. [6] propose a different control strategy based on the minimization of energy cost. As highlighted by Castañeda et al. [7] this logic leads to a higher utilization of the hydrogen system compared to the previous strategies.

Photovolt	taic system	Electrolyz	er	Batteries		
Panel peak power 0.225 kW		H ₂ Net Production Rate: 1.05 Nm		Nominal voltage	12 V	
Efficiency	18.1%	Delivery Pressure	13.8 barg	Rated Capacity (C100)	270 Ah	
Solar cells	72 monocrystalline	Nominal power	6 kW	Batteries per string	4	
Panel number	36	Number of cell	20	Max. Charge Current	48 A	
Wind	turbine	Fuel Cel	l	Hydrogen Tank		
Rated power @ 14 m/s	3 kW	Nominal power	5 kW	Number	4	
Configuration	3 blades, vertical axis	H ₂ rated consumption	65 Nl/min	Volume/Tank	1 m ³	
Rotor diameter	3 m	Nominal voltage	$48 V_{DC}$	Maximum operating	22 h	
TT 1 1 1 1 4		Nominal current		pressure	22 Dai	

Table 1. Main components and characteristics of the micro-grid

This paper focuses on the energy management strategies of a micro-grid under construction. In particular, an assessment of system performance is carried out with reference to operational conditions coming from real meteorological data. Three different energy management strategies are compared, two based on the SOC of batteries and a third based on the minimization of operational costs.

2. Modeling of the micro-grid

A laboratory for the study and testing of solar thermal technologies and hydrogen production from renewable sources is under construction at the Renewable Energy Cluster of Sardegna Ricerche, near Cagliari. The main mission of this laboratory is implementation, testing and demonstration of the technologies related to the production, storage and use of hydrogen from RES. The laboratory includes a microgrid powered by RES for hydrogen production, storage and subsequent conversion into electricity by fuel cells. Hydrogen is produced by two PEM electrolyzers and the hydrogen produced is stored in pressurized vessels. Four independent tanks of 1 m³ each ensure adequate flexibility of the overall system. The stored hydrogen is then used to power a 5 kW PEM fuel cell which produces electrical energy during peaking periods. To study and compare different storage systems, a bank of 32 lead-acid batteries will also be installed. Table 1 shows the main characteristics of the micro-grid devices.

To simulate the behavior of the main components of the micro-grid under different weather conditions and user demand profiles, a specific simulation model was developed. The simulation models of each micro-grid device were implemented in Matlab-Simulink and are described below.

2.1. Photovoltaic system

The modeling of the electrical behavior of the single photovoltaic cell, and thus of the entire system, is performed using the equivalent circuit shown in Fig. 1(a) [8]. The current generator (I_{SC}) simulates the photovoltaic effect which is directly proportional to the solar radiation, the diode in parallel represents the physical behavior of a PN junction, the series resistor (R_S) represents the material resistance, the parallel resistor (R_P) represents the percentage of current that does not reach the external circuit. The equation of cell current (I_{PV}) as a function of voltage (V_{PV}) is:

$$I_{PV} = N_{CELL} \left[I_{SC} - I_0 \left(e^{\frac{V_{PV} - R_S I_{PV}}{V_T}} - 1 \right) - \frac{V_{PV} - R_S I_{PV}}{R_P} \right]$$
(1)

The evaluation of the influence of cell temperature is carried out through the implementation of the thermal balance of the PV module [9]. Fig. 1(b) shows the current/voltage characteristics in function of solar irradiance. The photovoltaic system is appropriately configured in strings of modules in parallel so as to satisfy the demand of the inverter. PV voltage is adjusted by appropriate switching of the DC/DC converter to maximize the average power output of the array. At a given irradiation condition and temperature, the working voltage of the PV system is varied In this paper, the MPPT control is carried out by a function implemented in Matlab. In addition to taking into account the energy losses of the inverter, an efficiency curve provided by the manufacturer is also introduced.



Fig. 1. (a) Equivalent circuit of photovoltaic cell; (b) characteristic curve of photovoltaic panel

2.2. Wind turbine

The power produced by the wind turbine is obtained by the power curve provided by the manufacturer. Fig. 2 shows the wind turbine power curve as a function of wind speed at hub height. A wind shear is modeled to take into account the difference in height between the hub and the anemometer. The wind shear is a function of both altitude and roughness of the ground. The relation used to calculate v_{WT} as a function v_{AN} is:

$$v_{WT} = v_{AN} \cdot \ln\left(\frac{z_{WT}}{z_0}\right) / \ln\left(\frac{z_{AN}}{z_0}\right)$$
(2)

where z_0 is the surface roughness assumed equal to 0.0025 m. Starting from wind speed at hub height, the driving torque generated by the blades on the hub can be calculated through an appropriate control system as the resistant torque of the permanent magnet generator. The electric system is modeled by a voltage generator (indicating the electromotive force generated by the variation of the magnetic field on the coils and directly proportional to the speed of rotation of the machine), a characteristic resistance (to take into account the resistance of the material) and a characteristic inductance (for the presence of coils).

2.3. Batteries

The modeling of the battery is based on an equivalent circuit composed of the series of a voltage source E_B and the internal resistance R_B . The controlled voltage source is a function of output current and the actual battery charge [10]:

$$E_{B} = E_{B,0} - K \frac{Q_{B}}{Q_{B} - I_{B,t}} + A \cdot e^{(-B \cdot I_{B,t})}$$
(3)

The values of the equation coefficients are estimated from data provided by the manufacturer and with reference to [10]. An important parameter of the batteries is the state of charge (SOC). It is defined as the ratio between the stored energy and its nominal storage capacity. Fig. 3 shows the curve generated by the model for a discharge current of 12 A, as well as the battery voltage as a function of the SOC of the battery. The inverter/rectifier has the task of controlling and managing the battery bank. As for the PV inverter, the manufacturer provided the inverter efficiency curve as a function of power. A further loss of 10% in addition to inverter losses is assumed in the operation as the rectifier.

2.4. Hydrogen storage system

Through an electrochemical process, the electrolyzer splits water into oxygen and high purity hydrogen. By Faraday's law, the produced hydrogen flow (n_{H2}) is a function of the current (I_{EL}) :

$$n_{H2} = \eta_F \frac{N_C I_{EL}}{2F}$$
(4)

With reference to literature data [11-13] it was possible to built the characteristic curve of the electrolyzer in function of the current and the operating temperature (Fig. 4). The equation that links the reference voltage and current is:

$$V_{EL} = E_{Nernst}(T_{EL}) + E_{act}(I_{EL}, T_{EL}) + E_{ohm}(I_{EL}, T_{EL})$$
(5)

The main relation used to characterize the electrical behavior of the electrolyzer or fuel cell is the Nernst equation:

$$E_{\text{Nernst}} = E_0 + \frac{RT_{\text{FC}}}{2F} \cdot \ln\left(\frac{p_{\text{H2}} p_{02}^{0.5}}{p_{\text{H20}}}\right)$$
(6)

where E_0 is the reversible electric potential in standard conditions (equal to 1.229 V), p_{H2} , p_{O2} and p_{H2O} the hydrogen, oxygen and water vapor partial pressure respectively. The real voltage (V_{EL}) differs from the ideal (E_{Nernst}) mainly due to two irreversible phenomena: the first, felt especially at low current values, is related to activation loss where an overvoltage E_{act} is required to ensure the detaching of formed ions from the electrode. The second phenomenon, related to the ohmic overvoltage term E_{ohm} , arises from cell voltage drop due membrane resistances.



Fig. 4. Electrolyzer characteristic curves

Fig. 5. Fuel cell characteristic curves.

The assessment of the electrolyzer operating temperature is carried out through implementation of the thermal balance of the stack [12]. The hydrogen produced is stored in a storage system consisting of four steel tanks. For the modeling of these devices, the equation of ideal gases with a proper compressibility factor z is used:

$$p_{\rm S} - p_{\rm atm} = z \cdot \frac{n_{\rm H2} R T_{\rm S}}{M M_{\rm H2} v_{\rm S}} \tag{7}$$

where T_s is assumed equal to 40°C and z is a function of tank pressure approximated with a 4th-order polynomial [14].

In the fuel cell the chemical energy of the fuel (hydrogen in this case) is converted to electrical energy through an electrochemical process. The modeling is based on the reconstruction of the characteristic curve and thus the definition of the generator operating point. The real electric potential V_{FC} is given by:

$$V_{FC} = E_{Nernst}(T_{FC}) - E_{act}(I_{FC}, T_{FC}) - E_{ohm}(I_{FC}, T_{FC}) - E_{conc}(I_{FC})$$

$$\tag{8}$$

Unlike Eq. (5), in Eq. (8) the irreversible phenomena lead to a voltage drop (with a change in sign) and there is an additional term, E_{conc} , called concentration overvoltage. This overvoltage is felt for high values of current and is due to reagent inability to diffuse into the electrolyte and/or product inability to leave space for new reagents. The estimation of activation, ohmic and concentration overvoltage is carried out by reference [15,16]. Fig. 5 shows the characteristic curve of the fuel cell for an operating temperature of 50°C. The operating temperature of the fuel cell is estimated by the implementation of a heat balance of the generator with reference of [11].

3. Energy management strategies

In this paper three different management strategies are compared. The main objective of this study is to generate an energy management system that can satisfy the following criteria:

- guarantee the electrical energy required by the user load.
- manage efficiently all the equipment;
- minimize the excess energy (energy not used and not stored).

3.1. Energy Management A (EM-A)

The first logic (EM-A) uses the state of battery charge (SOC) as a control variable. Batteries are used for short storage periods while the hydrogen system is used for longer storage periods. In this way, the hydrogen system is secondary to the main role of the batteries and the operating hours of the hydrogen system are significantly reduced. When generated power exceeds the power required by user and SOC is below a predetermined value (called SOC_{EL}), batteries are charged. When the SOC reaches the SOC_{EL} value and the excess power is above the operated electrolyzer minimum power, the electrolyzer is activated until it reaches the maximum pressure inside the hydrogen tanks (p_{H2MAX}). Vice versa, when generated power is less than power required by user, the batteries start to discharge until a minimum value of SOC (SOC_{MIN}) is reached. If the batteries are completely discharged and the amount of hydrogen in the tanks is sufficient, the fuel cell is turned on.

3.2. Energy Management B (EM-B)

Unlike the previous model, in this case both electrolyzer and fuel cell work in nominal conditions when their use is required: the battery bank will compensate for any demands or excesses of power production. In this way, the electrolyzer and the fuel cell can work at maximum efficiency, but energy losses may increase due to the greater use of devices to accumulate and return a certain amount of energy. During the charging phase, if the SOC is above a predetermined level (SOC_{EL, IN}), the hydrogen tanks are not fully charged and the excess power is above a certain value (defined as a fraction of the electrolyzer nominal power f) the electrolyzer is switched on and operates under nominal conditions. The batteries compensate for the difference between the excess power and the electrolyzer demands. During the discharge phase, the fuel cell will be turned on when batteries are completely discharged (SOC<SOC_{MIN}) and power not used by the load will be used to recharge them. To avoid continuous starting and stopping of the

generator a small hysteresis loop is introduced and the fuel cell will be turned off when the SOC of batteries is higher than predefined level (SOC>SOC_{FC}).

3.3. Energy Management C (EM-C)

The EM-C energy management strategy is based on the minimization of cost of energy. During the charging phase, the use of batteries or electrolyzer to store the excess power depends on which of the two devices has the lowest cost of cycling energy [6] (i.e. the operating and maintenance cost for 1 h, including depreciation and replacement costs). The cost of cycling the energy through the batteries ($C_{B,CH}$) corresponding to a certain power P, can be calculated as:

$$C_{B,CH} = \frac{C_{B,IN}}{Q_B V_B N_{CYCLES} \eta_B} \cdot P$$
(9)

where $N_{B,C}$ is the average battery lifetime in terms of equivalent full cycles, and η_B is the overall efficiency of the batteries including inverter/rectifier efficiency. The cost of cycling the energy through hydrogen storage system is:

$$C_{EL} = \frac{C_{EL,IN}/L_{EL} + C_{O\&M,EL} + C_{FC,IN}/L_{FC} + C_{O\&M,FC}}{\eta_{EL} \cdot \eta_{FC}}$$
(10)

During the discharge phase, the selection of the device supplying the energy depends on the associated costs, described as follows. The average cost of supplying a certain power with the batteries for 1 h can be calculated as:

$$C_{B,DIS} = \frac{C_{B,IN}}{Q_B V_B N_{CYCLES} \sqrt{\eta_B}} \cdot P$$
(11)

where the battery discharge efficiency is set equal to battery charge efficiency and equal to the square root of the overall efficiency of the batteries η_B . The average cost of supplying power with a fuel cell is:

$$C_{FC} = \frac{C_{FC,IN}/L_{FC} + C_{0\&M,FC}}{\eta_{FC}}$$
(12)

4. Case studies and results

The aim of this paper is not to design the components for an isolated renewable energy system, but to study the operation of a given system. For this reason, real meteorological data recorded by a weather station near the system are preferred to statistical data. The data provided are related to solar radiation, wind speed and wind direction at two meters from the ground, atmospheric pressure and ambient temperature and have a sampling time of 30 seconds. As starting case studies, two different climatic situations are identified: a serene summer day (16/07/12) and a cloudy autumn day (02/10/12). With reference to the load profile, real data are not currently available, so a variable load with a 8 h peak period centered at noon is assumed. Values of the required power are obtained by reference to a previous work [17]: a peak load equal to 4200 W and a base load of 800 W for the remaining hours is set (daily energy demand of 46.4 kWh). Table 2 shows the values imposed in the three diagrams, including the initial values of battery charge (SOC_{IN}) and hydrogen pressure inside the tanks ($p_{H2,IN}$).

From solar radiation and wind speed conditions, the power produced by the photovoltaic system and wind turbine is known. This power will be used in part directly by the load and in part sent to the two storage systems. Fig. 6 shows the evolution in time of produced power on the summer day ($P_{RES,SUM}$) and the autumn day ($P_{RES,SUM}$) and required power (P_{LOAD}). At the end of the summer day, the total energy produced is equal to 58.8 kWh, (86% produced by photovoltaic and 14% by wind turbine), whereas total energy produced decreases to 23.78 kWh on the autumn day (97% produced by photovoltaic). Daily energy production exceeds the demand (by about 21%) only during the summer day. This energy is partly stored and available for the next day and partly lost due to the inefficiencies of the two storage systems. Instead, on the autumn day the energy produced is almost 50% of the demand: a large amount of stored energy is used to cover this deficit. The results obtained for the 3 energy management strategies previously described are discussed for each case study in the following.



Table 2. Limit values imposed.

Battery Bank								
SOC _{IN}	85%	SOC _{EL, IN}	90%					
SOC _{MIN}	70%	SOC_{EL}	98%					
SOC_{FC}	80%	SOC _{MAX}	100%					
Hydrogen storage system								
$p_{\rm H2,IN}$	7.5 barg	P _{FC,MIN}	100 W					
p _{H2,MIN}	3 barg	$P_{EL,MAX}$	6000 W					
$p_{\rm H2,MAX}$	13.8 barg	f	75%					

4.1. Summer day case:

Fig. 7(a) shows the simulation results for energy management EM-A. In this case, the hydrogen system is not used and batteries cover any deficit or excess of power. At the end of the day, the SOC of batteries is increased compared with its initial value, reaching almost 90% of charge. Results for energy management EM-B are shown in Fig. 7(b): unlike the previous one, the electrolyzer is used and operates at nominal conditions. At 4 pm SOC_{EL, IN} is reached by the batteries and the electrolyzer is turned on to produce hydrogen for about 2 hours. Since the produced power is not sufficient to meet the load and simultaneously to operate the electrolyzer in nominal conditions, part of the energy is supplied by the battery bank. The electrolyzer is turned off when the SOC decreases down to SOC_{EL, IN}. Finally, Fig. 7(c) shows the result of simulation for energy management EM-C. The trend is similar to Fig. 7(a) but differs at the beginning of the morning when use of the fuel cell is preferred even though the batteries are not fully discharged. This is due to the higher sensitivity of the operational cost of the batteries (Eq. (11)) for the power variation compared to the operational cost of the fuel cell (Eq. (12)).

4.2. Autumn day case:

In this case study, the use of the hydrogen system, especially the fuel cell, is major due to a higher need for power from storage to satisfy the power demand. Fig. 7(d) shows the simulation result for the EM-A logic system. Batteries are used to compensate for the difference between supply and demand until 2 pm when the minimum value of SOC is reached. The fuel cell is switched on and works until the end of the day. Instead, for the EM-B system (Fig. 7(e)), the use of the fuel cell in nominal conditions is required starting from 2 pm and the surplus of energy produced is used to partially recharge the batteries. In this way, the amount of operating hours of the fuel cell decreases and batteries are not completely discharged at the end of the day. Finally, Fig. 7(f) shows the result for the EM-C system: the fuel cell is used to supply most of the required power when the operational cost of the fuel cell is lower than that of the batteries. Around noon there is also a repeated on/off status of the fuel cell mainly due to the fluctuation of the power given by the wind turbine. However, this power fluctuation may lead to failure and reduces the fuel cell lifetime.

5. Conclusion

In this work, attention was focused on the study of the energy management strategies for an isolated micro-grid with hydrogen production and storage under construction. From real meteorological data, the behavior of the system was studied for three different logics in two different weather conditions. Simulation results are summarized in Table 3. The EM-A logic shows the lowest use of the hydrogen system on the summer day and the use of the fuel cell when the batteries are completely discharged on the autumn day.



Fig. 7. Simulation results for summer day case and (a) EM-A strategy, (b) EM-B strategy, (c) EM-C strategy.

Fig. 8. Simulation results for autumn day casa (and (a) EM-A strategy, (b) EM-B strategy, (c) EM-C strategy.

This fact may give an excessive rigidity to the management system and make the fuel cell work not in the best conditions. With the constraint of operating only in the nominal condition for electrolyzer and fuel cell, the EM-B strategy shows the highest use of the hydrogen storage system. In this case, a suitable hydrogen storage volume will be required to prevent complete filling and emptying of the tanks (such as in the autumn day case) resulting in unavailability of this storage system. Furthermore, this system shows the highest value of energy exchanged with the system at the end of the day (in absolute terms): in the autumn days it can cause major use of storage systems with

increasing energy loss. Finally, the EM-C strategy shows an interesting use of the hydrogen storage system, in particular for the fuel cell, during periods of high power demand. With reference to the autumn scenario, the EM-C strategy leads to the best management with an amount of energy used to cover the deficit between supply and demand at the end of the day lower than in the other two cases. On the other hand, an energy management based on cost minimization is difficult to implement and can cause a continuous on/off status of the devices which may reduce their lifetime.

More comparative elements between the different strategies can be derived by increasing the time horizon of more than a day or extending the analysis to other case studies (coming to an annual analysis).

Summer day case	SOC _{FIN} [%]	р н2,FIN [bar]	E _{BATT} [kWh]	E _{ELEC} [kWh]	E _{FC} [kWh]	Autumn day case	SOC _{FIN} [%]	р н2,FIN [bar]	E _{BATT} [kWh]	E _{ELEC} [kWh]	E _{FC} [kWh]
EM-A	92.5	7.50	9.36	0	0	EM-A	70.0	4.34	-18.02	0	-18.61
ЕМ-В	88.0	8.00	3.76	7.52	0	ЕМ-В	73.2	3.00	-13.96	0	-22.19
ЕМ-С	93.8	7.13	11.02	0	-2.01	ЕМ-С	70.5	4.43	-17.57	0	-16.15

Table 3. Summary of the results found

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