# FIRST OF A KIND: NEW NUCLEAR REACTOR TECHNOLOGY AND RISK

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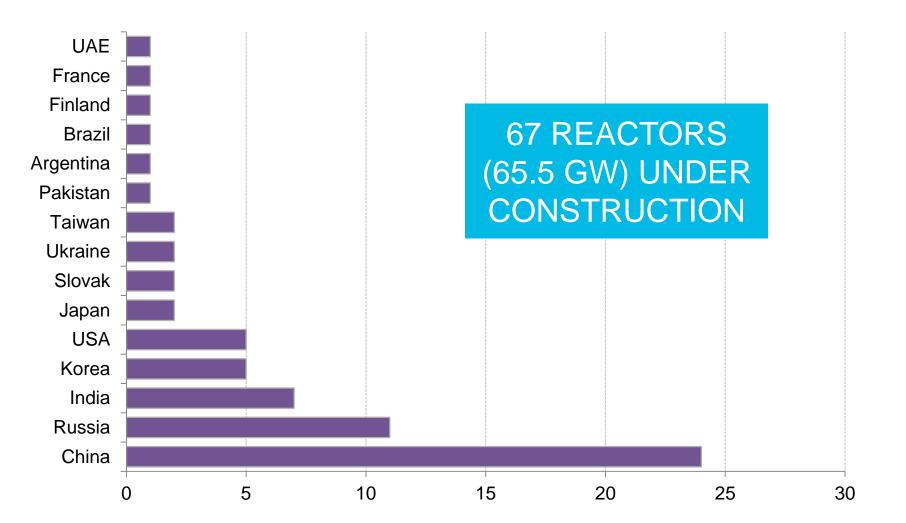
1. Global nuclear energy status in Q4 2012

- 2. Major challenges to nuclear
- 3. Nuclear risk

4. New nuclear paradigm

# **GLOBAL NEW CONSTRUCTION**

Q4 2012 (GW)

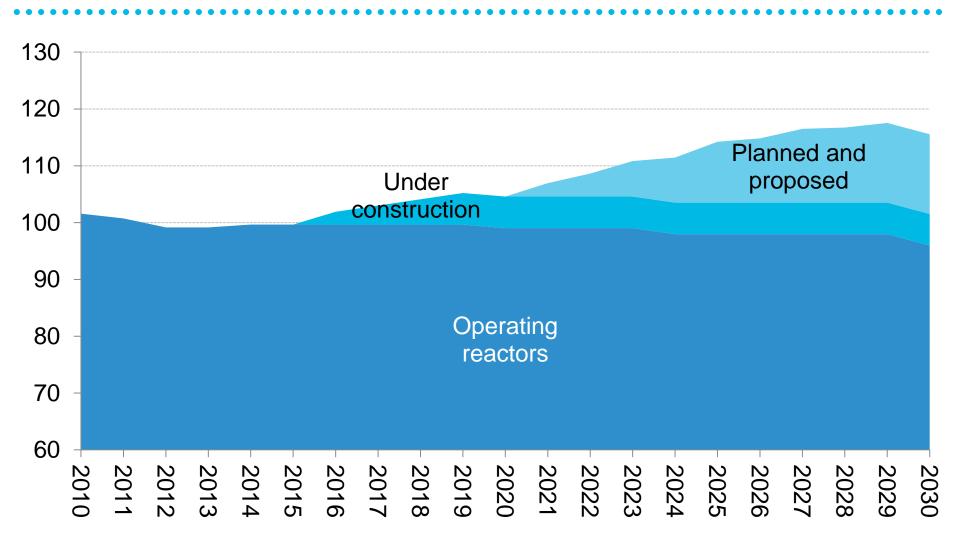


Note: Atucha in Argentina started in 1981, Flamanville, Olkiluoto, and Lunmenn in Taiwan ~10 years.

Source: Power Reactor Information System, IAEA, Bloomberg New Energy Flnanc

# **POSSIBLE US NUCLEAR CAPACITY THROUGH 2030**

(GW)



Note:104 of the world's 437 nuclear reactors are in the US.

# **MAJOR CHALLENGES FACING NUCLEAR IN US**

1. Cheap and abundant natural gas

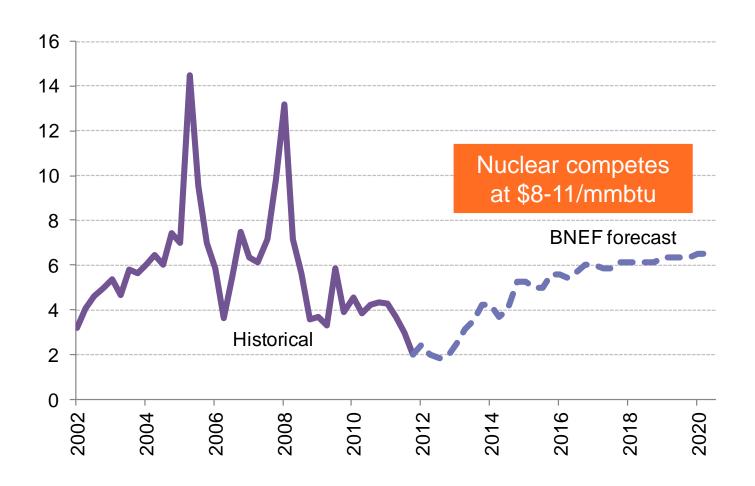
2. Post-Fukushima reassessment

3. Carbon capture and sequestration

4. General preference for renewables

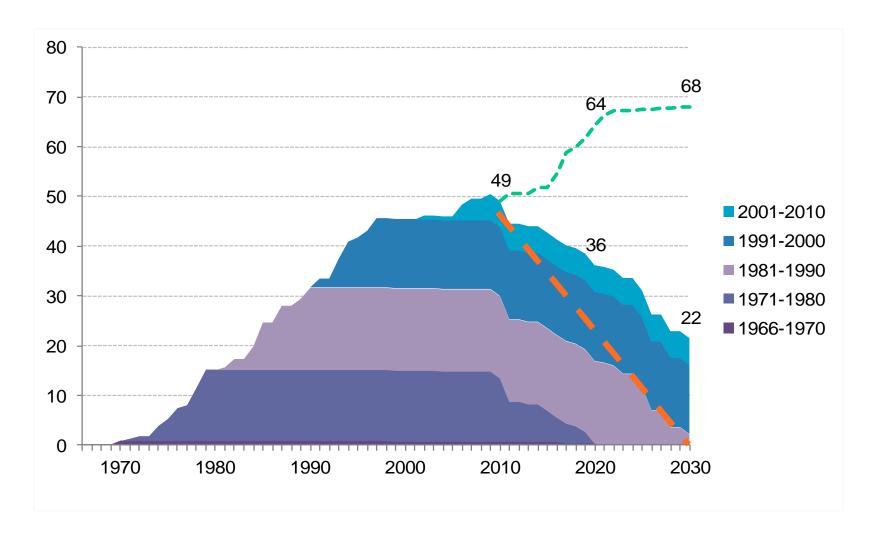
### HISTORICAL AND PROJECTED GAS PRICE FORECASTS

(\$/MMBTU)



### **JAPAN NUCLEAR CAPACITY**

# 2010 AND PROJECTED GROWTH VS. NO NEW BUILD (GW)

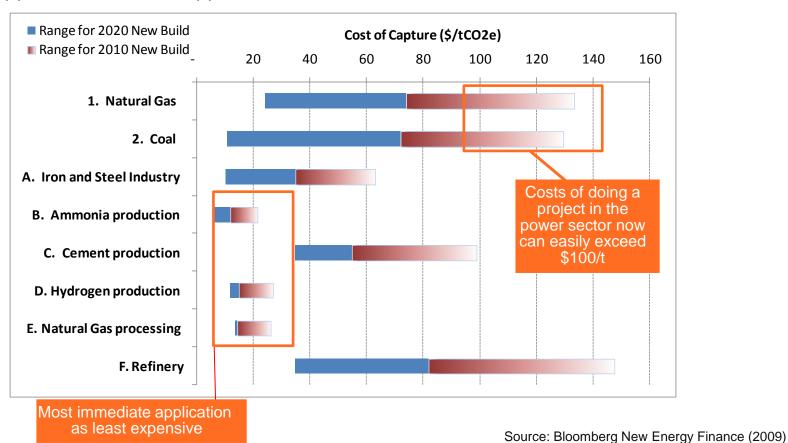


Note: Assuming 40-year operating life.

#### CCS-CAPTURE COST ESTIMATES FOR NEW BUILD

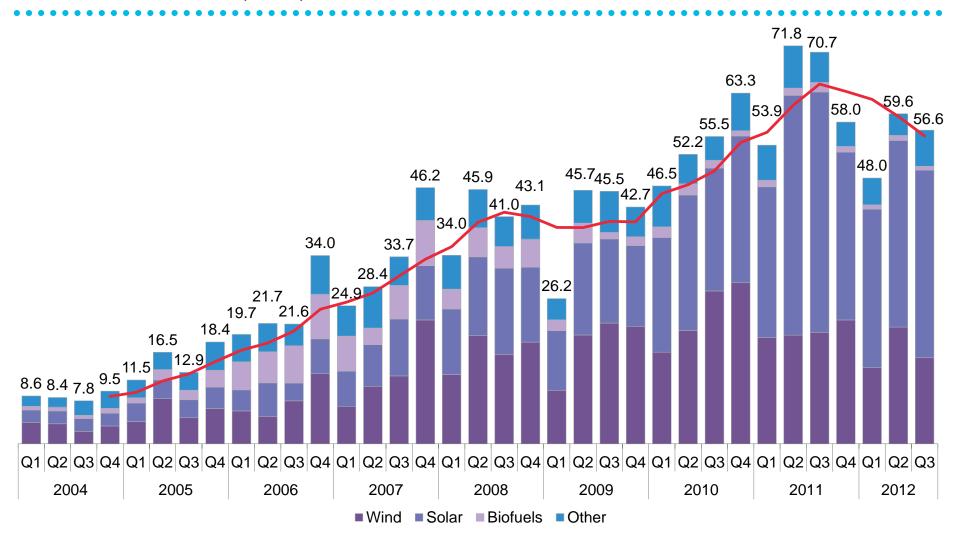
(\$/tCO2e)

- Ranges below are for all capture technology families and show low-high ranges for newly built facilities in both 2020 (low end of range) and 2010 (high end of range)
- Costs are shown by sector rather than by technology family given importance of CO2 purity in flue gas and approximate size of application



#### NEW INVESTMENT IN CLEAN ENERGY BY SECTOR

Q1 2004-Q3 2012 (\$BN)



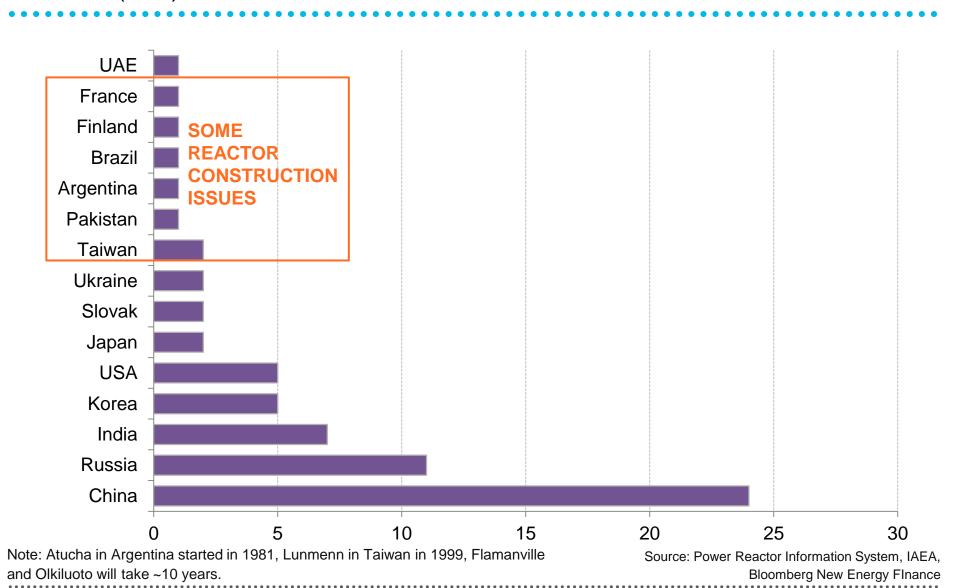
Note: Total values include estimates for undisclosed deals. Excludes corporate and government R&D. Includes small distributed capacity & adjustment for re-invested equity.

#### **NUCLEAR RISK**

- Capital seeks opportunities with the best balance of risk to reward
- Power generation portfolio diversification provides value...as one market ebbs, another one may flow...and investing in nuclear is not always just for economic reasons
- Nuclear projects are challenged by:
  - Construction risk
  - Operational risk
  - Single shaft risk
  - Regulatory risk
  - Technology risk
  - Economic risk

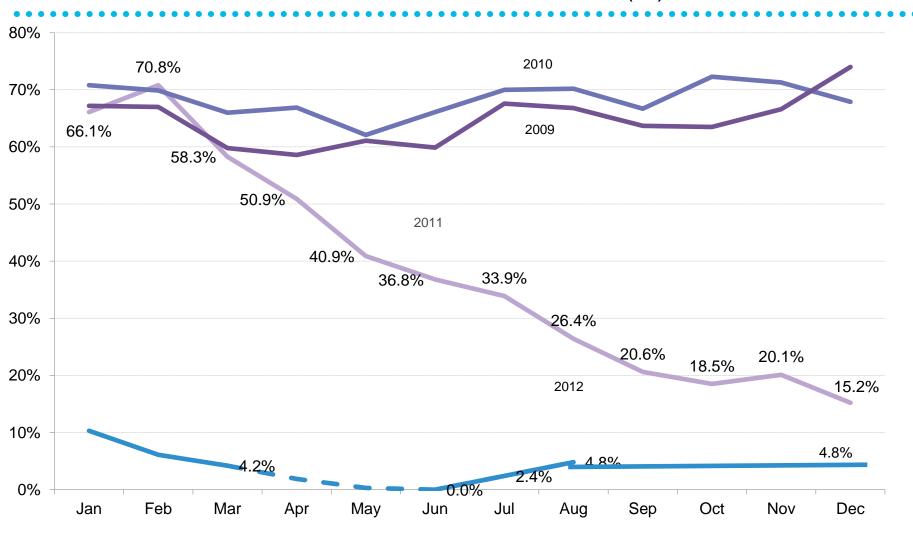
### **CONSTRUCTION RISK**

Q4 2012 (GW)



#### **OPERATIONAL RISK**

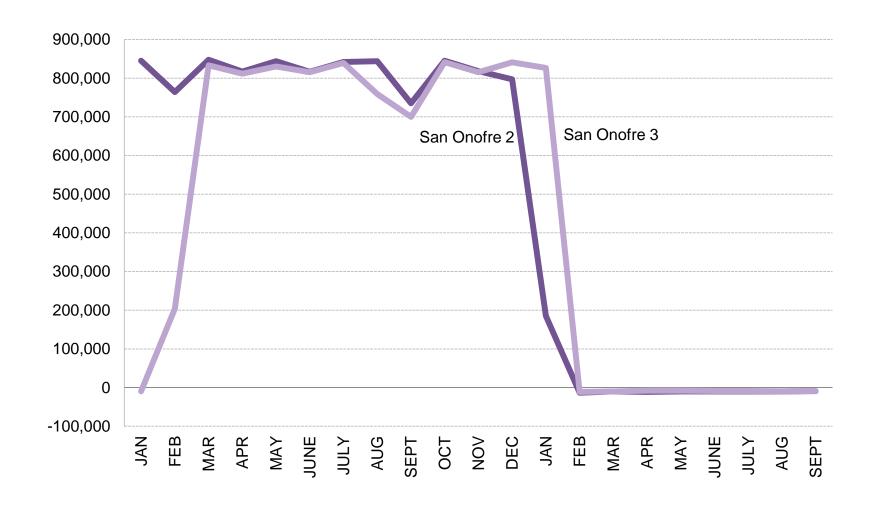
#### NUCLEAR CAPACITY FACTOR, JAPAN, 2009-12 (%)



Source: Federation of Electric Power Producers

#### SINGLE SHAFT RISK

#### SONGS 2&3 MWH GENERATED JAN 2011-SEPT 2012 (MWH)

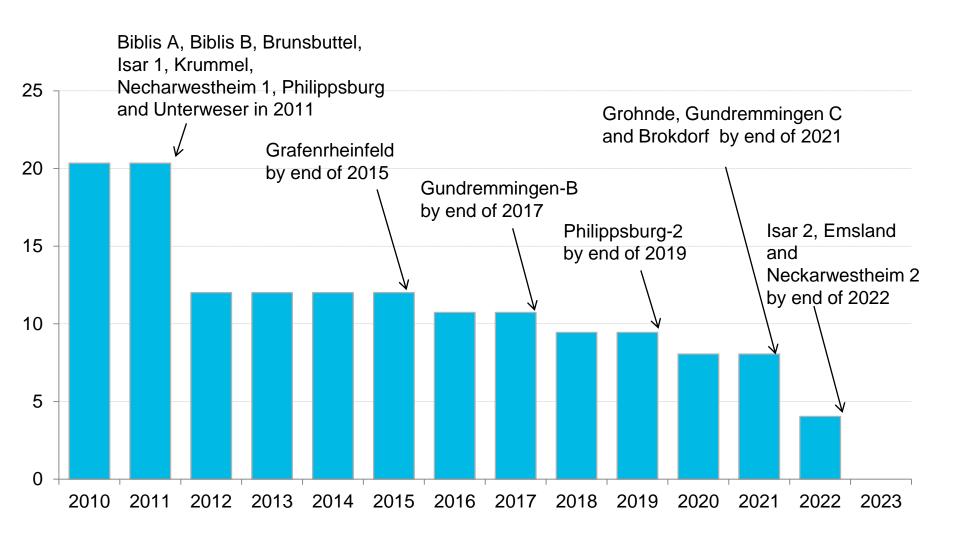


Note: SCE proposing to restart Unit 2 at 70% for five months.

Source EIA

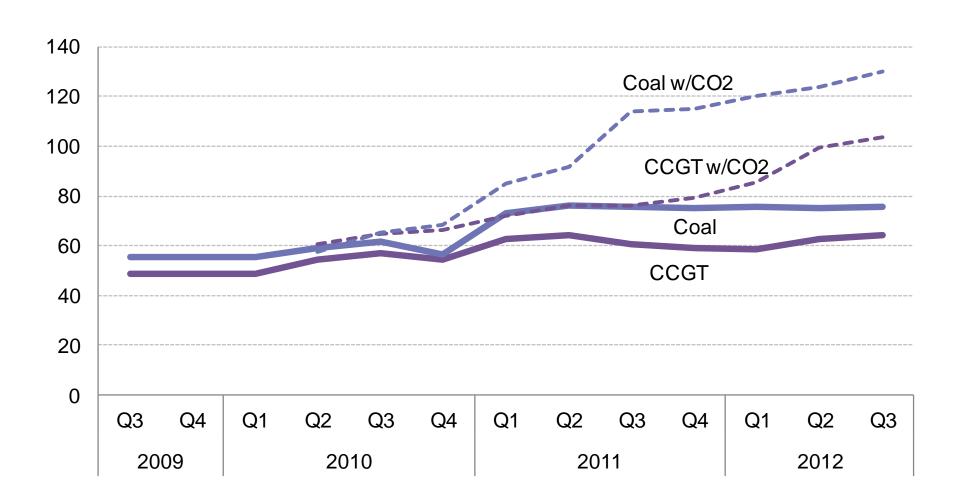
#### REGULATORY RISK

#### GERMAN NUCLEAR CAPACITY, 2010-23 (GW)



#### **TECHNOLOGY AND ECONOMIC RISK**

FOSSIL TECHNOLOGY LCOES, Q3 2009-Q3 2012 (\$/MWH)



Prices are in nominal dollars

#### **NEW NUCLEAR PARADIGM**

#### **EXAMPLES OF NEW REACTORS**

1. Gen4 Energy (25MWe)

2. Holtec SMR (160MWe), Westinghouse SMR (220MWe)

NuScale & B&W reactor designs (scaleable)

4. Korean, Chinese, Russian and other HTGC reactors

#### **BABCOCK & WILCOX—GENERATION MPOWER**

#### **B&W MPOWER 180MWE**



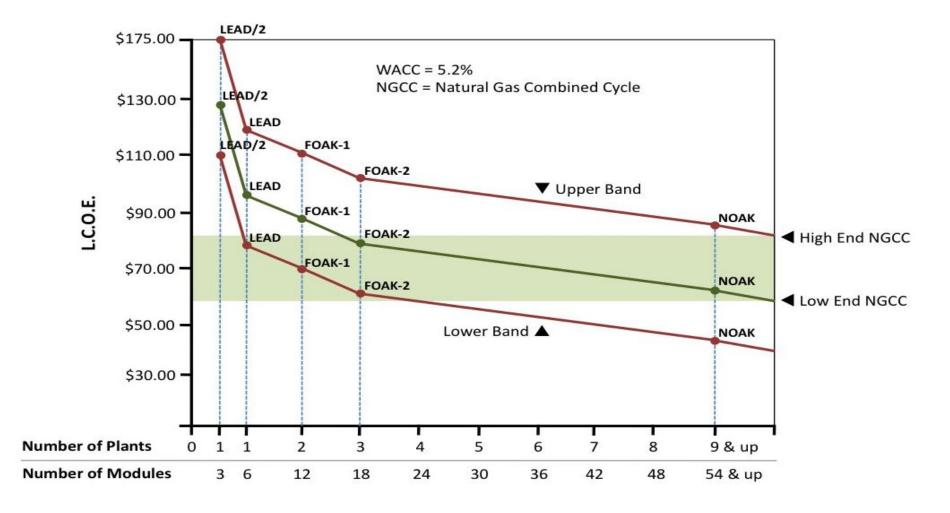
#### **REACTOR SPECS**

- Evolved from military reactors
- Thermal output 530MWt
- Standard LWR fuel <5%</li>
- 4+ year refueling cycle
- Factory sealed, transportable, dry cooling option
- NOAK cost: \$5,000/KW
- LCOE: \$0.082-0.097KW/h
- First install: 2020-22 at TVA, FirstEnergy
- Key features: scaleable in 180MW increments, Bechtel a partner, 30 utility member advisory council

Source: Babcock & Wilcox

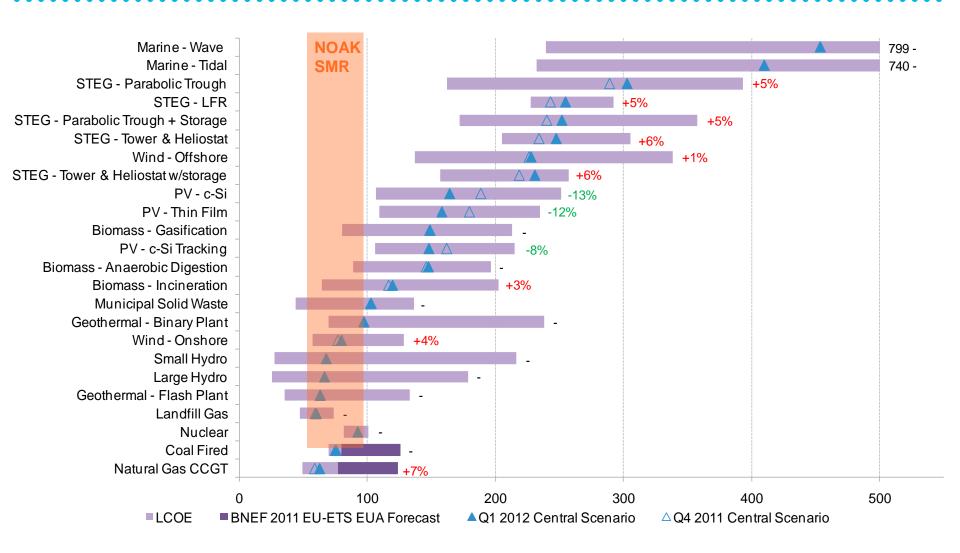
### THE FORECAST MANUFACTURING LEARNING CURVE

LCOE (\$MWH)



Source: Robert Rosner Director, Energy Policy Institute at Chicago (EPIC)Harris School of Public Policy , Dec 2011

#### **SMRS OFFER AN OPPORTUNITY TO COMPETE**



#### NEW NUCLEAR PARADIGM EVOLVING



Rather than large gigawatt reactors, integrated small modular reactors are less risky to build and can load follow "Will SMRs deliver dramatic reduction of business risk?"



Safety, safety, safety...

Will regulators, utilities and the general population be comfortable with proclaimed safety of Gen III++ designs?



Price, performance, operation and reliability to be determined.

Will LCOE estimates of \$82-97/MWh be met?

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