1	Title
2	Structure and energy transfer pathways of the plant photosystem I-LHCI supercomplex
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14	Short Title: Structure of plant PSI-LHCI supercomplex
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16	Abstract
17	Photosystem I (PSI) is one of the two photosystems in oxygenic photosynthesis, and
18	absorbs light energy to generate reducing power for the reduction of $NADP^+$ to $NADPH$
19	with a quantum efficiency close to 100%. The plant PSI core forms a supercomplex
20	with light-harvesting complex I (LHCI) with a total molecular weight of over 600 kDa.
21	Recent X-ray structure analysis of the PSI-LHCI membrane-protein supercomplex has
22	revealed detailed arrangement of the light-harvesting pigments and other cofactors
23	especially within LHCI. Here we introduce the overall structure of the PSI-LHCI
24	supercomplex, and then focus on the excited energy transfer (EET) pathways from
25	LHCI to the PSI core and photoprotection mechanisms based on the structure obtained.
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27	Introduction
28	Oxygenic photosynthesis is catalyzed by two photosystems, photosystem II (PSII) and
29	photosystem I (PSI). Both photosystems capture light energy from the sun; PSII
30	oxidizes water molecules to generate electrons, protons and molecular oxygen, whereas
31	PSI accepts electrons from PSII and transfers them to ferredoxin, thereby generating the
32	reducing power for reduction of NADP ⁺ into NADPH. The core complex of PSI is

largely conserved from prokaryotic cyanobacteria to eukaryotic higher plants. 33 Cyanobacterial PSI core contains 12 subunits and forms a trimer with a total molecular 34weight of 1,068 kDa. On the other hand, higher plant PSI exists in a monomeric form, 35 36 and is surrounded by four transmembrane light-harvesting complex I (LHCI) subunits Lhca1-Lhca4 to form a PSI-LHCI supercomplex, which has a total molecular weight 3738over 600 kDa. The function of LHCI is to harvest light energy and transfer them to the 39 PSI core to initiate the charge separation and electron transfer reactions. One of the most significant features of the plant PSI-LHCI supercomplex is its extremely high 40 efficiency of energy transfer, and it is estimated that the energy absorbed by LHCI may 41 42induce charge separation with an efficiency close to 100% [1].

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The structure of cyanobacterial PSI core trimer has been solved at a resolution of 2.5 Å, 44revealing the detailed organization and arrangements of subunits and various pigments 45[2]. The structure of plant PSI-LHCI was solved first at 4.4 Å resolution by the Nelson 46group, and the resolution limits were gradually improved to 3.3 Å [3,4,5]. These 47structures showed that the architecture of the PSI core is largely unchanged from 48cyanobacterial PSI core [2] over 3 billion years of evolution, and that each of the 49Lhca1-Lhca4 subunits shares a general folding and some common binding sites for 50chlorophylls (Chls) as seen in the LHC protein family [6-9]. However, due to the 51limited resolution the exact position and number of cofactors associated with each of the 52LHCI subunits were not resolved, which have hampered the understanding of the 53mechanisms of light capturing, excitation energy transfer and dissipation within the 5455PSI-LHCI supercomplex. Recently, we succeeded in solving the structure of PSI-LHCI from pea at 2.8 Å resolution [10••], which was followed by another report by Nelson's 56group at the same resolution [11••]. Although there are some slight differences between 57the two structures in relation to the species, position and numbers of cofactors 5859associated with LHCI, these structures revealed the detailed organization of protein subunits and various cofactors. In this review, we summarize the overall structure 60 briefly, and then focus on the excitation energy transfer pathways and photoprotection 61 mechanisms based on the structure obtained. Other mechanisms related to the 62 63 PSI-LHCI structure can be found in [12-16].

65 **Overall structure**

The PSI-LHCI supercomplex is composed of two functional moieties: the PSI core and 66 the peripheral LHCI. The PSI core contains nine membrane-embedded PsaA, PsaB, 67 PsaF, PsaG, PsaH, PsaI, PsaJ, PsaK, PsaL, and three hydrophilic, peripheral subunits 68 PsaC, PsaD and PsaE. Among these subunits, the PsaG and PsaH membrane-spanning 69 70subunits are unique to plant and not found in cyanobacterial PSI [2]. LHCI contains four trans-membrane Lhca proteins arranged as a dimer of hetero dimers between 7172Lhca1/Lhca4 and Lhca2/Lhca3, and forms a belt associated with the PsaF side of the 73PSI core (Figure 1a-b). Intensive interactions are formed between Lhca1 and the PSI 74core subunits PsaB, PsaG, and between Lhca3 and PsaA, PsaK, at both stromal and lumenal sides, while interactions between Lhca2 and the PSI core subunit PsaJ and 7576 between Lhca4 and PsaF are rather weak and limited to the stromal side. This results in a hollow between the PSI core and LHCI at the lumenal side, which may allow 77regulatory co-factors and proteins to come in to interact with LHCI and the PSI core 7879during light-energy dissipation. In addition to the protein subunits, a total of 205 cofactors were identified in the PSI-LHCI supercomplex [10••]. These include 155 Chls 80 (143 Chls a and 12 Chls b), 35 carotenoids [26 β -carotenes (BCRs), five luteins (Luts), 81 and four violaxanthins (Vios)], three Fe_4S_4 clusters, two phylloquinones (Figure 1). 82 83 Among them, the PSI core contains 98 Chls a, 22 BCRs, three Fe₄S₄ clusters and two phylloquinones, whereas LHCI contains 45 Chls a, 12 Chls b, four BCRs, five Luts and 84 four Vios. 85

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87 Comparison of the pigments between the plant and cyanobacterial PSI core reveals how their positions and orientations are maintained, adjusted or newly achieved during the 88 89 evolutionary process. Out of the 96 Chls and 22 BCRs reported in the cyanobacterial PSI structure [2], two Chls and two BCRs are missing in the higher plant PSI core. 90 Among the remaining 94 Chls and 20 BCRs, eleven Chls and eight BCRs slightly 91 changed their positions and orientations, while 83 Chls and 12 BCRs remained 92unchanged. Furthermore, four Chls and two BCRs bound to new sites in the plant PSI 93 core (Figure 1c-e). All these changes are found to be located at the "peripheral" rather 9495 than the "core" region of the PSI core, and can be categorized into two groups: (i) on the 96 PsaH side (cyanobacterial PSI monomer-monomer interface side), and (ii) on the LHCI

97 side. In the former case, the changes are likely due to the loss of PsaM and/or the 98 addition of PsaH in the higher plant PSI, and some of the changes are located close to the putative binding site for the main light-harvesting-complex II (LHCII) based on 99 100 single particle analysis [17]. These changes may facilitate energy transfer from LHCII to the PSI core upon formation of a PSI-LHCI-LHCII super-supercomplex under the 101 "state II" condition [18]. In fact, time-resolved fluorescence measurements of 102103 PSI-LHCI-LHCII super-supercomplex of Chlamydomonas reinhardtii showed that Chl a1401 in PsaK, a Chl whose position was shifted significantly in plant PSI, could be 104 105 involved in energy transfer pathways from Chl a605 of LHCII to the PSI core [19]. On 106 the LHCI side, the changes may be caused by the loss of PsaX and/or addition of PsaG 107 and LHCI in plant PSI, which may maximize the efficiency of energy transfer from 108 LHCI to the PSI core as described below.

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In spite of the slight changes described above, most of the Chls and BCRs remained largely unchanged from cyanobacterial to the plant PSI core, suggesting that the excitation energy transfer kinetics and pathways may be largely similar between them. However, cyanobacterial PSI core contains "red Chls", whereas most of the red Chls are located in LHCI in the higher plant PSI-LHCI supercomplex (see below). Thus, some differences are expected in the energy migration mechanism between the cyanobacterial and plant PSI core.

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118 Energy transfer pathways from LHCI to PSI core

119 The excitation energy transfer (EET) efficiency is close to 100% in the plant PSI-LHCI 120supercomplex, which means that almost all of the photons absorbed by LHCI may be 121utilized to initiate the charge separation at the PSI reaction center [1,16]. A number of 122studies have been carried out to elucidate the pathways and mechanism for this highly 123efficient EET process in the PSI-LHCI complex [20-28]. These studies showed that the 124light-induced charge separation at P700, the reaction center of PSI, occurs very fast with a lifetime of ~6 ps, whereas the energy-trapping at the reaction center is rather slow 125126with a trapping lifetime of 50 ps, indicating that the whole EET process is trap-limited. 127Furthermore, several pair of red Chls that absorbs lower energy than the PSI reaction 128center due to a strong coupling between two Chl molecules, were found to be present in

129 Lhca subunits and play important roles in the EET.

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131Structural analysis of the PSI-LHCI supercomplex yielded important information 132regarding the EET pathways and mechanism within the supercomplex. It was revealed that each of the four Lhca subunits has a pair of red Chls (Chl 603-609) located in the 133134stromal side interface between Lhca and the PSI core, connecting LHCI with the PSI core. This well explains why a large part of the EET goes through the red Chls [14]. The 135phytol tails of these red Chls protrude into "the gap region" between LHCI and the PSI 136137 core, which may not only anchor the Lhca subunits to the PSI core, but is also suited to 138collecting the excited energy from neighboring pigments and transferring it to the PSI 139core.

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141In spite of the common general features of the protein and pigment arrangement of the 142Lhcas, there are apparent differences in interactions between each of the Lhca subunits 143and the PSI core, leading to possible differences in the EET efficiency from the 144individual Lhca subunit to the PSI core. Lhca1 and Lhca3 in the two sides of the LHCI 145belt were found to have stronger interactions with the PSI core, whereas Lhca2 in the 146 middle of the belt interacts with the PSI core rather weakly, and Lhca4 has almost no direct interaction with the core. Based on the strengths of interactions between Lhcas 147148 and the PSI core, the following EET pathways were identified: 1Bl/1Bs, 1Fl, 2Jl, and 1493Al/3As (which are named in the order of the number of Lhca subunit-PSI core subunit-stromal or lumenal side interaction) (Table 1, Figure2) [10••]. The 1Bl pathway 150151has a connection between b607 of Lhca1 with three Chls (a1231, a1232 and a1233) of the PsaB subunit at the lumenal side, with a shortest edge-to-edge distance of 5.5 Å. 152Importantly, the three Chls (a1231, a1232, and a1233) are proposed as the putative red 153Chls in the cyanobacterial PSI core [2], and Chl a1233 in the plant PSI core changed its 154ring position significantly compared to the cyanobacterial one, resulting in an ideal 155short distance from Chl b607 of Lhca1. However, since energy transfer from Chl a to 156Chl b is inefficient in general, Chl b607 may partially limit the energy transfer, or the 157binding site may be able to bind both Chl a and Chl b as seen in LHCII and a minor 158159LHCII component CP29 [8,29-33]. The 1Bs pathway transfers the energy from the red 160Chl pair a603-a609 of Lhca1 to three Chls (a1218, a1219, and a1802) of PsaB at the

stromal side (Figure 2b-c), with a shortest edge-to-edge distance of 7.5 Å (Table 1). 161 suggesting that this pathway is highly efficient. The Chl a1802 is one of the newly 162163achieved Chls in the plant PSI core during the evolution from cyanobacteria to plants, which is accompanied by significant structural changes in a loop region connecting 164 transmembrane helices d and e of PsaB. The middle part of the loop region 165(Ala³⁰⁷-Gly³¹⁸) of PsaB flipped by about 10 Å toward the PSI core with a flipping angle 166 167 of about 60 degree. A Chl a40 in the similar position to Chl a1802 of the plant PSI core 168 was found in the structure of a monomeric Synechocystis PSI core, and Mazor et al. 169 suggested that the Chl trimer (a1218, a1219, and a40) may be the red Chls [34].

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171The 1Fl pathway transfers energy from Chl a616 of Lhca1 to Chl a1701 of the PsaF subunit in the lumenal side, with a shortest edge-to-edge distance of 8.2 Å (Table 1). 172The chlorine ring of Chl a1701 has a significant positional shift of 9 Å in comparison 173with the cyanobacterial PSI, which may facilitate the EET through this pathway. The 174Chls in Lhca4 have no direct interactions with those of the core, and its Chls are rather 175closer to Lhca1. In particular, an edge-to-edge distance of 5.9 Å was found between 176a616 of Lhca1 and a617 of Lhca4. Thus, the energy absorbed by Lhca4 may be 177178 transferred to the PSI core through the 1Fl pathway (Figure 2d). In the stromal side, the 1791Bs pathway may also accept energy from Lhca4 and transfer them to the core.

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In the 2Jl pathway, the shortest edge-to-edge distance is 12.8 Å between Chl b607 of 181 182Lhca2 and a1302 of PsaJ in the lumenal side. Due to the presence of a Chl b and the rather long distance, it seems that the energy transfer from Lhca2 to the PSI core is not 183 very efficient. This is different from the fast EET kinetics estimated from picosecond 184 fluorescence spectroscopic studies [28]. However, weak electron densities were 185observed in "the gap region" between Lcha2 and the PSI core in our structure analysis 186 which were not assigned in the model; these densities may represent an additional Chl 187[10••]. Alternatively, the gap region may undergo dynamic structural changes under 188 physiological conditions to facilitate the energy transfer. 189

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The shortest edge-to-edge distances between pigments of Lhca3 and PsaA are 5.8 Å and
10.2 Å in the lumenal and stromal side, respectively, forming the 3Al and 3As pathways

(Figure 2f-g, Table 1). The 3Al pathway may transfer energy through both the red Chl pair *a*603-*a*609 and other Chls, whereas the 3As pathway collects energy mostly through the red Chl pair. There are also Chls of Lhca2 that are close to these pathways, suggesting that the energy absorbed by Lhca2 may also be transferred to the core through these pathways in Lhca3.

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It should be mentioned that both structures from the two groups [10..,11..] contained 199 much less Chls in the gap region than the previous structures determined at lower 200 201resolutions [3,4,5]. Because many previous studies have been performed on the basis of 202the structure containing those gap Chls, re-examinations of those results may be 203necessary based on the new structures. To summarize, the red forms play important 204roles in EET from LHCI to the core, whereas other pathways are also present that do not 205involve the red Chls. However, there may be some ambiguities in the position and 206orientation of some of the pigments in the current structure due to the limited resolution, and further refined structures are required to reveal the full picture of EET in this 207208enormously large pigment-protein complex.

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210 Photoprotection and nonphotochemical quenching mechanisms

Our structural analysis identified a total of 13 carotenoids in the four Lhca subunits, 211212 with each Lhca binding three carotenoids (one Lut, one Vio, and one BCR) at three sites 213(L1, L2, and N1, respectively) and an additional lutein (Lut624) bound in the interface between Lhca1 and Lhca4 (Figure 3). This is in comparison with 10 carotenoids (9 Luts 214and 1 BCR) reported by Mazor et al. [11...]. Importantly, we found that each Lhca 215subunit binds one Vio at its "L2" site. Vio is known to be converted to zeaxanthin (Zea) 216by de-epoxidation via Vio deepoxidase (VDE) upon acidification in the lumen induced 217218by excess light illumination, thereby triggering the xanthophyll cycle. This is a cycle of interconversion between Vio and Zea. Upon conversion of Vio into Zea, the light energy 219is dissipated through the Zea-binding site; thus, the xanthophyll cycle is important for 220energy dissipation under excess light illumination, a process known as Zea-dependent 221222non-photochemical quenching (NPQ) [35,36]. This process is important for 223photoprotection under strong light illumination.

225The xanthophyll cycle has been found and studied in LHCII extensively [37,38]. 226Recently, the Zea-dependent NPQ in LHCI has also been reported [39•], and our 227structure provided evidence for the possible operation of this mechanism in LHCI. In 228the crystal structure, the Vio is located in a groove formed by two transmembrane helices A and B of Lhca subunits that face the PSI core. When VDE binds to the 229230lumenal side to catalyze de-epoxidation, the two Lhca subunits (Lhca2 and Lhca4) in the middle of the LHCI belt would be more accessible than the side ones (Lhca1 and 231Lhca3) because of the deep "hollow" in the middle between LHCI and the PSI core. In 232addition, the lumenal end of the Vio in each Lhca is surrounded by three Chls (a604, 233234a/b606, a/b607) and capped by the loop between transmembrane helices A and C (AC 235loop), and differences are also found in the organization of the AC loops between 236Lhca2/4 and Lhca1/3. The AC loops of Lhca2 and Lhca4 consist of 21 residues and bind Chl b607 indirectly via water molecules, whereas the AC loops of Lhca3 and Lhca1 are 237238ten residues longer in order to make interactions with the PSI core, and coordinate Chl 239a/b607 directly. These structural differences imply that the AC loops of Lhca2 and 240Lhca4 are more flexible and may allow larger dynamic structural changes to occur than 241that of Lhca1 and Lhca3, making the Vio in Lhca2/4 more likely to be involved in the 242xanthophyll cycle. Furthermore, differences are also found in the hydrogen-bonding 243pattern between the Vio bound to Lhca1/3 and that bound to Lhca2/4. In Lhca2 and 244Lhca4, only one hydrogen-bond is found between the hydroxyl group of Vio (pointing to the lumenal side) and a carbonyl oxygen atom from the main chain of Trp 127^{Lhca2} 245and Trp 126^{Lhca4}, whereas the Vio bound to Lhca1 and Lhca3 makes one additional 246hydrogen-bond (to Gln 105^{Lhca1} and Thr 133^{Lhca3} respectively). This suggests that the 247affinity for Vio is lower in the middle Lhcas than that in the two side Lhca subunits 248(Lhca1/3). Based on these structural features, we propose that Zea-dependent NPQ may 249250function more efficiently in the middle Lhcas than that in the side Lhcas.

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252 **Conclusions**

The structural analysis of the plant PSI-LHCI supercomplex at a resolution of 2.8 Å reveals many new features of the arrangement of protein subunits and cofactors of this extremely large membrane-protein complex, such as the first identification of Chl *b* from Chl *a*, clarification of many Chls assigned in the "gap region" between LHCI and 257the PSI core in the previous low-resolution structures, and identification of the 258Vio-binding sites in each of the Lhca subunits. These results provide a basis for 259elucidating the mechanism of highly efficient energy transfer from LHCI to the PSI core, 260and possible photoprotection mechanism under excess light illumination. On the other hand, there is still a need for higher-resolution structures in order to fully reveal the 261mechanisms of energy transfer, electron transfer, and photoprotection occurring within 262263this supercomplex. Given the recent developments in high-resolution structural analysis of large membrane-protein complexes such as photosystem II [40, 41], advancement on 264the structural analysis of the PSI-LHCI complex may be expected in the near future. 265

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Figure 1 Structure of the plant PSI-LHCI supercomplex and its comparison with 414 cyanobacterial PSI. Stereo views of the overall structure of the supercomplex with a 415 view from the LHCI side (a) and a view along the membrane normal from the stromal 416 417side (b). c, The arrangement of cofactors with the view direction same as in panel b. 418 Color code: red, Chls involved in the electron transfer chain (ETC) and red Chls; 419 magenta, Chls and BCRs that are newly found or having significant positional shift in the plant PSI core; green, other Chls in the PSI core; gray, Chls and carotenoids in LHCI. 420 421Numbers indicate Chls of the PSI core involved in the EET pathways. d, The 422arrangement of cofactors of cyanobacterial PSI with the view direction same as in panel 423**b**. Color code: cyan, Chls and BCRs that were not found in the plant PSI core; brown, 424Chls and BCRs that have slight positional movements between plant and cyanobacterial 425PSI; black, Chls involved in ETC, and the other Chls and BCRs which are found to be 426 in equivalent positions and orientations between the plant and cyanobacterial PSI core. 427Overlay of panels **c** and **d**.

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Figure 2 Possible EET pathways from LHCI to the PSI core. a, Overall location of 429430pigments involved in EET pathways from LHCI to the PSI core. Locations of the Red Chls in each Lhca subunits and the putative binding site of LHCII are represented by 431432red ovals and a blue circle, respectively. Spheres indicate magnesium ions of Chls. Arrows in panels (a-g) indicate the possible EET pathways from LHCI to the PSI core. 433434Red color and blue color of the arrows indicate the pathways either in the liminal side or 435the stromal side, respectively. b, Stromal side EET pathway 1Bs from Lhca1 to PsaB in 436the PSI core. c, Stromal and lumenal EET pathways 1Bs and 1Bl from Lhca1 to PsaB in the PSI core. In panels (b, c), plant and cyanobacterial loop regions connecting the 437438transmembrane helices d and e in PsaB are colored in red and magenta, respectively. d, Lumenal side EET pathway 1Fl from Lhca1 to PsaF in the PSI core. e, Lumenal side 439440 EET pathway 2Jl from Lhca2 to PsaJ in the PSI core. f and g, Stromal and lumenal EET pathways 3As and 3Al from Lhca3 to PsaA in the PSI core. Color code for cofactors for 441442panels **b**-g: red, red Chls; magenta, Chls newly found in plant PSI or having significant positional change from cyanobacterial PSI; orange, Chls and BCRs having slight 443 444 positional change from cyanobacterial PSI; green, Chls remain unchanged between cyanobacterial and plant PSI; blue, BCRs remain unchanged between cyanobacterial 445

- and plant PSI; gray, Chls and carotenoids in LHCI; black, Chls and BCRs in
 cyanobacterial PSI. The phytol chains of Chls except red Chls were omitted for clarity.
 View directions are from the stromal side for panels a, b, d, e and f, and perpendicular
 to the membrane normal for panels c and g.
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Figure 3 Arrangement of carotenoids in LHCI. **a**, Top view along the membrane normal from the stromal side. **b**, Side view of LHCI. The three carotenoid binding sites L1 (Lut 620), L2 (Vio 621) and N1 (BCR 623) in each Lhca subunit were shown in green, yellow and magenta, respectively. Lut 624 in the L3 site of Lhca4 was shown in light blue. Chls *a* and *b* were shown in gray and orange, respectively.

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Pathways	Lumenal or Stromal	Lhca	Chl (Lhca)		PSI core Chl (PSI core)		Distance (Å) ¹	Red Chls ²	Remarks ³	
			PDB #	LHCII #		PDB #	LHCII #			
1B1	L	a1	307	<i>b</i> 607	В	101(G)	a1233	5.5	Ν	_
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1Fl	L	a1	315	<i>a</i> 616	F	304	a1701	8.2	Ν	Lhca4 (Red Chl)
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3A1	L	a3	306	a607	А	817	a1114	5.8	Ν	Lhca2
3As	S	a3	303, 308, 315	a603, a609, a619	А	811, 813	a1108, a1110	10.2	Y	Lhca2
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465 cyanobacterial PSI core.

466 ¹Shortest edge-to-edge distances.

467 ²Involving the red Chls or not.

468 ³Energy from other Lhcas (red Chls indicating involvement of the red Chls) may also be

469 transferred through this pathway.

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