



Polarisation Observables from Strangeness Photoproduction on g_9a

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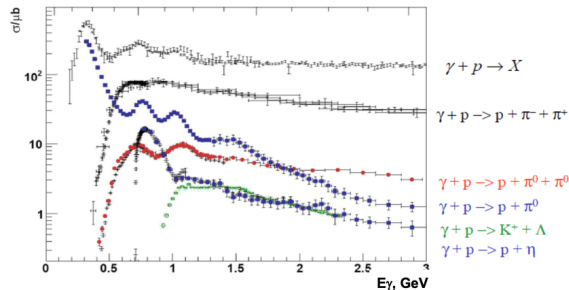
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Motivation

- Baryon Spectroscopy is the study of excited nucleon states
- Finding some states can be difficult in a simple “bump hunt”; many are wide and overlap
- Use alternative means; coupling strength to a reaction channel, manifestation in experimental observables, etc. to aid searches



R. Beck and U. Thoma, EPJ Web Conf 134, 04003 (2017)

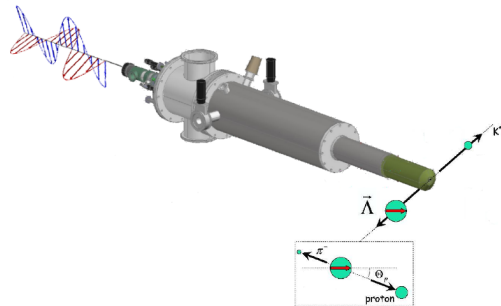
A World of Polarisation (Observables)

- Looking for polarisation observables on strangeness photoproduction
- Many possible channels, but this talk will focus on $K^+\Lambda$

$$\gamma p \rightarrow K^+\Lambda \rightarrow K^+p\pi^-$$
- 16 observables for single meson photoproduction, arising from the scattering amplitudes of the interaction and the particles which carry polarisation

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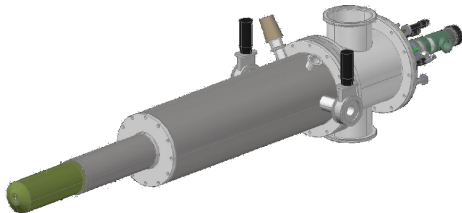
- “Single”: σ, Σ, P, T
- Beam-Target: E, F, G, H
- Beam-Recoil: O_X, O_Z, C_X, C_Z
- Target-Recoil: T_X, T_Z, L_X, L_Z





PARA/PERP, Target too

- With a polarised beam and target, can access the single and beam-target double observables
 - Single: σ, Σ, P, T
 - Beam-Target: E, F, G, H
- And more with recoil (i.e. with a self-analysing hyperon)



This work has two goals:

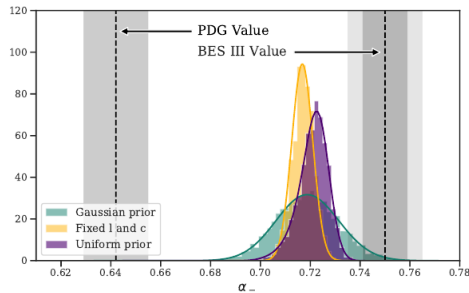
- Verify the beam asymmetry, Σ
- Perform first measurements in this channel of the beam-target observable, G



Identities and Interpretations

Observable	W (MeV)	θ (deg)	Data	Lab
$d\sigma/d\Omega$	1610-2390	18-162	701	ELSA
	1612-1896	66-143	1306	MAMI
	1617-2290	32-148	920	CEBAF
	1617-2108	26-154	90	ELSA
	1625-2395	27-154	1674	CEBAF
	1628-2533	26-143	1377	CEBAF
Σ	1934-2310	13-41	78	Spring-8
	1649-1906	31-144	66	GRAAL
	1721-2180	37-134	314	CEBAF
	1946-2300	13-49	45	Spring-8
	1946-2280	13-49	30	Spring-8
P	2041-2238	18-32	4	Spring-8
	1617-2290	26-154	233	CEBAF
	1625-2545	26-143	1497	CEBAF
	1649-1906	31-144	66	GRAAL
	1660-2017	41-139	12	ELSA
T	1660-2280	34-146	30	ELSA
	1721-2180	37-134	314	CEBAF
	1649-1906	31-144	66	GRAAL
$C_{\mathcal{P}}$	1721-2180	37-134	314	CEBAF
	1678-2454	32-139	144	CEBAF
$C_{\mathcal{P}}$	1678-2454	32-139	146	CEBAF
O_x	1649-1906	31-144	66	GRAAL
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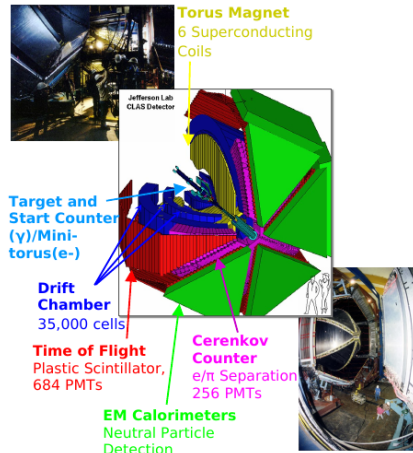
- Polarisation observable data is relatively sparse in $K^+\Lambda$
- Possible to verify the weak decay parameter, α_- , using observables and Fierz identities



D.G. Ireland et. al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 123, 182301 (2019)



N* Experiments with CLAS

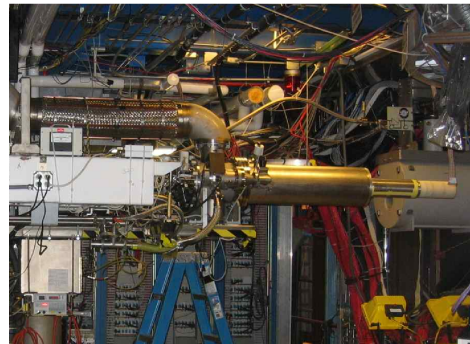


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g9a/FROST

- Data from g9a run period: November 2007 to February 2008
- Linearly and circularly polarised photon beams on a longitudinally polarised target
- Polarisation direction regularly flipped during run
- Nine coherent peak settings in linear polarisation, spanning energy range 0.7 to 2.3 GeV
- In this case, the reduced cross section can be expressed as:

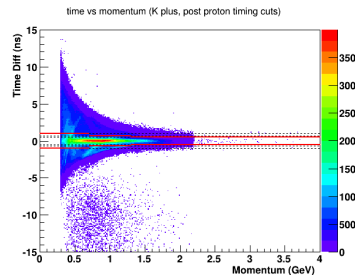
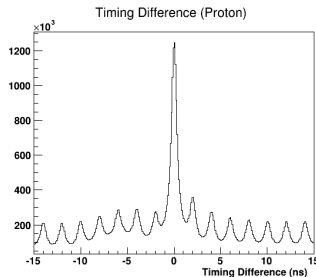
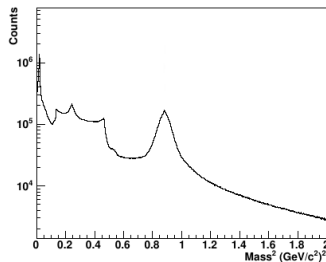
$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \sigma_0 \{1 - P_{lin}\Sigma \cos(2\phi) + P_z(P_{lin}G \sin(2\phi))\}$$





Analysis - Particle ID

- Initial particle ID via combination of charge and time-of-flight mass
- Select candidate Protons and Kaons
- Apply photon-to-particle timing difference cuts eliminate misidentification



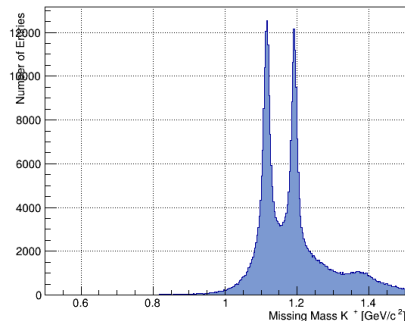
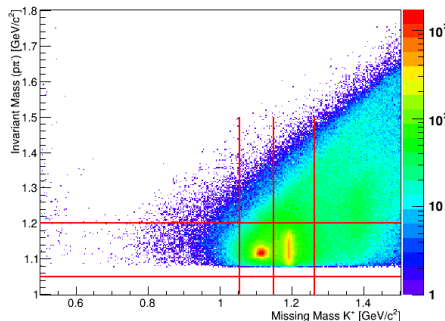


Channel Identification

- Select channel of interest:

$$\gamma p \rightarrow K^+ \Lambda \rightarrow K^+ p \pi^-$$

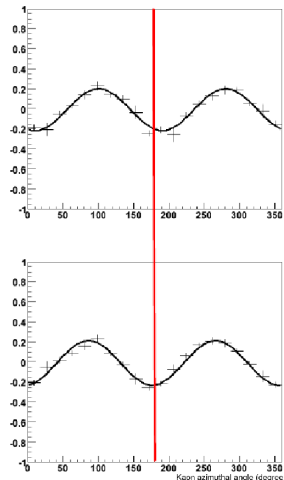
- Non exclusive selection - reconstruct pion from detected proton and kaon
- Hyperons identified via kaon missing mass and proton pion invariant mass





Extracting Observables

- Binned fitting on asymmetries of two states of beam polarisation (PARA and PERP)
- Technique has been extensively employed in the JLab N* program and similar experiments worldwide
- Recall that on a linpol beam and a longitudinally polarised target:
$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \sigma_0 \{1 - P_{lin} \Sigma \cos(2\phi) + P_z (P_{lin} G \sin(2\phi))\}$$
- A $\cos(2\phi) + \sin(2\phi)$ fit to a PARA/PERP asymmetry can be used to extract Σ and G for each state of target polarisation





Extracting Observables II

- Binned asymmetry fitting relies on a number of assumptions
- In lower statistics channels, or datasets where PARA and PERP have large variations between them in flux, polarisation, etc., reliable observable extraction is more challenging
- Using a maximum likelihood approach, we can extract observables event-by-event, and better account for variation between polarisation states
- We can define the likelihood function for each event as:

$$L_i = c_i[1 - P_{lin,i}\Sigma\cos(2\phi_i) + P_{z,i}(P_{lin,i}G\sin(2\phi_i))]A$$

- And extract observables by maximising the log-likelihood function:

$$\log L = b + \sum_i \log[1 - P_{lin,i}\Sigma\cos(2\phi_i) + P_{z,i}(P_{lin,i}G\sin(2\phi_i))]$$



Dilution of Observables

- Parameters extracted from $\cos(2\phi) + \sin(2\phi)$ fits are the free proton value, diluted with a carbon contribution (and beam and target polarisations)
- i.e. for the Σ observable, we actually measure $\Sigma_{Butanol}$, from which we can infer the free proton value

$$\Sigma_{Proton} = \frac{1}{N_{Proton}} (N_{Butanol} \Sigma_{Butanol} - N_{Carbon} \Sigma_{Carbon})$$

- For G, carbon in the target is unpolarised and we measure $G_{Butanol}$, estimating the free proton value via;

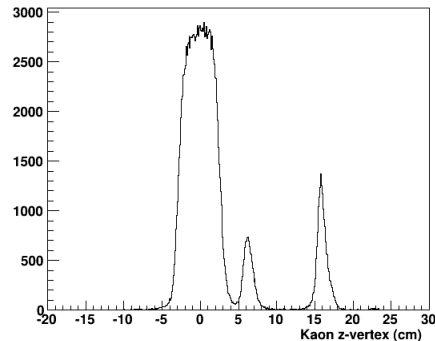
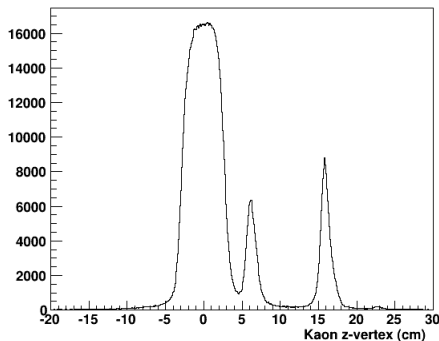
$$G_{Proton} = \frac{N_{Butanol}}{N_{Proton}} (N_{Butanol} G_{Butanol})$$

- The 'N' terms represent event yields per bin corresponding to the relevant material
- These must be estimated for Carbon and Proton...



Target Selection

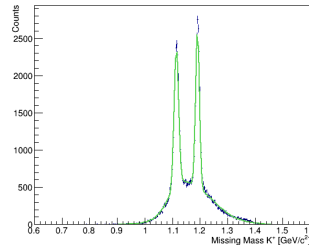
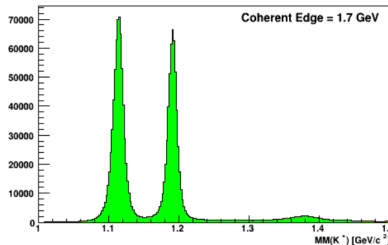
- FROST target contains Butanol (left), Carbon (centre) and Polythene (right)
- Resolvable from Kaon z-vertex after particle and channel identification



- Only Butanol is polarised, other targets used to account for nuclear background and dilution effects of unpolarised nuclei in butanol



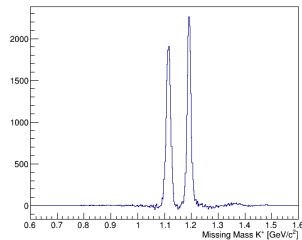
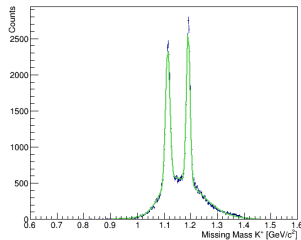
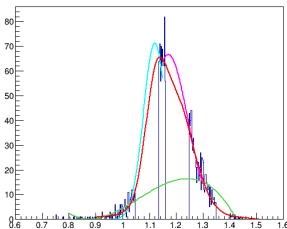
Estimating Carbon



- Controlling systematic uncertainties, particularly on a measurement of G , requires a robust method of accounting for Carbon
- We know from data on proton targets (left) that shape under the hyperon peaks on butanol (right) is almost entirely from bound nucleon effects



Estimating Carbon



- Parameterise, using carbon data to initialise a fit
- Refit to Butanol and determine proportion of Carbon events in each bin



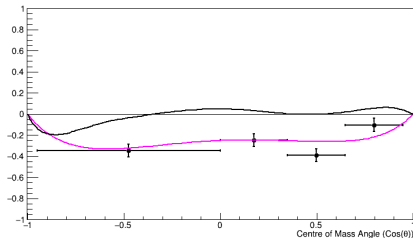
Initial Results

- Initial results from the maximum likelihood technique for the G observable on $K^+\Lambda$
- Comparison to Bonn-Gatchina (pink line) and Jülich Bonn (black line) model predictions (from 2017)

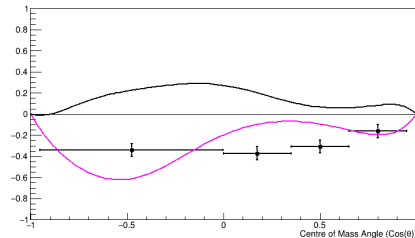


Initial Results, G

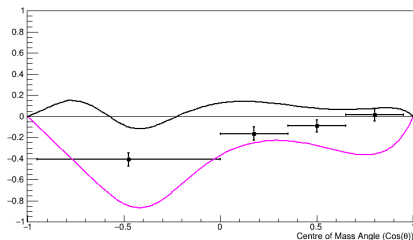
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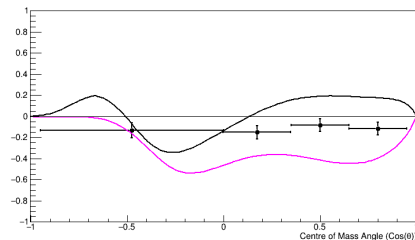
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G for $K\Lambda$ at $W = 1.97$ to 2.06 GeV



G for $K\Lambda$ at $W = 2.06$ to 2.15 GeV





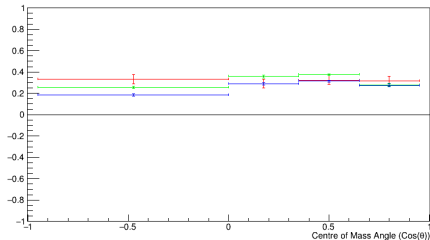
Cross Check With Beam Asymmetry

- Cross Check against Beam Asymmetry
- g9a results (red) are compared to rebinned CLAS g8b results (green and blue points, Paterson, et. al. Phys. Rev. C75, 2016)
- Beam asymmetry must be measured on Carbon to arrive at a 'free proton' measurement using butanol

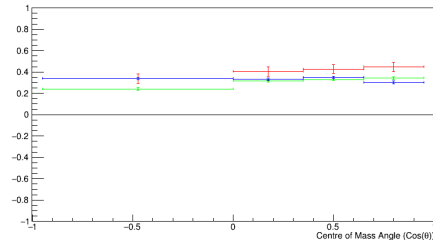


Beam Asymmetry

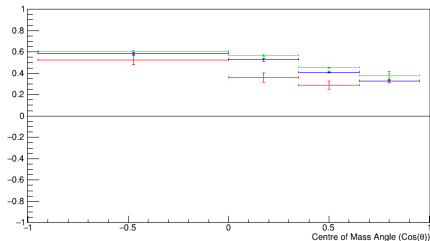
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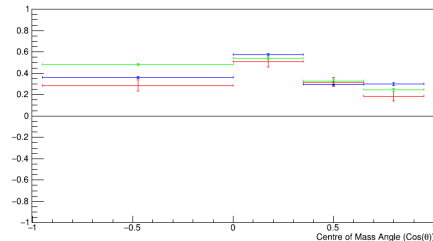
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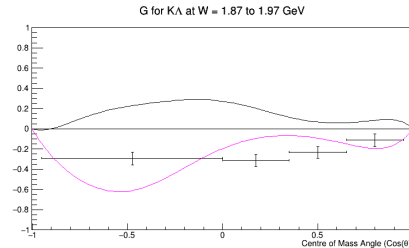
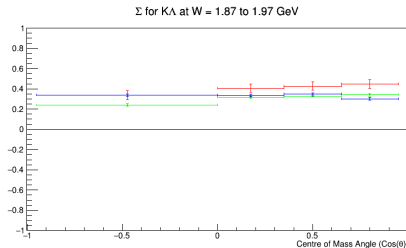


Σ for $K\Lambda$ at $W = 2.06$ to 2.15 GeV





Outlook and Plans

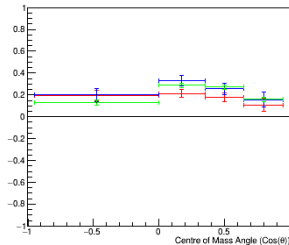


- First (preliminary) measurement of the G observable for $K^+\Lambda$ photoproduction using maximum likelihood technique on this data
- Final systematic checks in progress
- Data allows $K^+\Lambda$ and $K^+\Sigma$ channels to be studied
- Measuring target-recoil observables may be feasible using this method

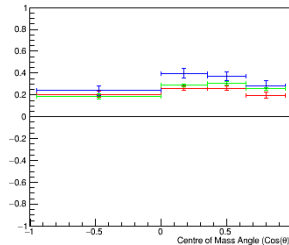


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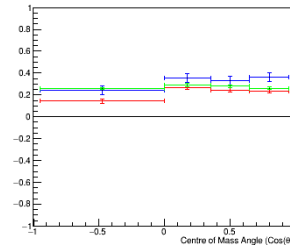
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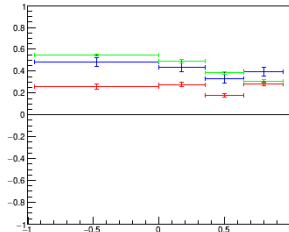
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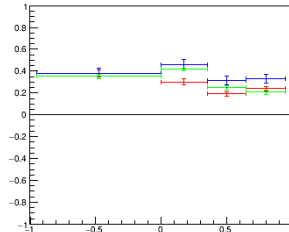
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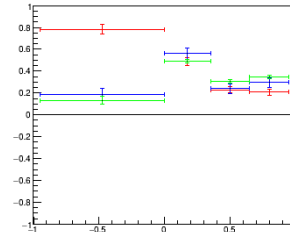
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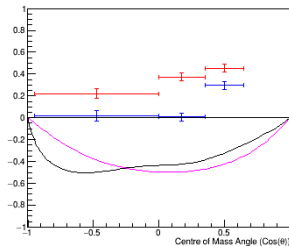
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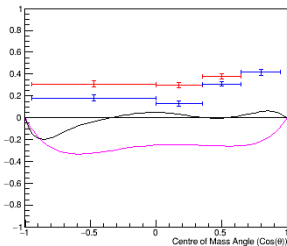


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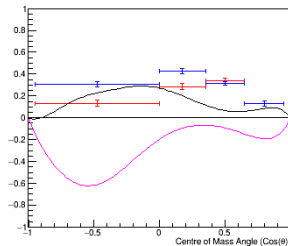
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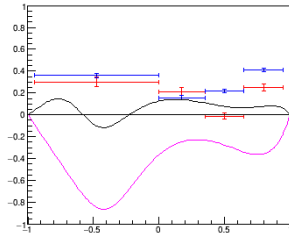
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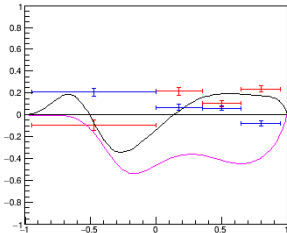
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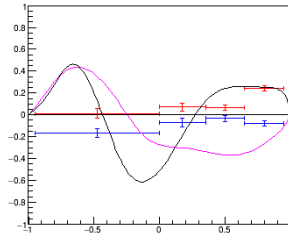
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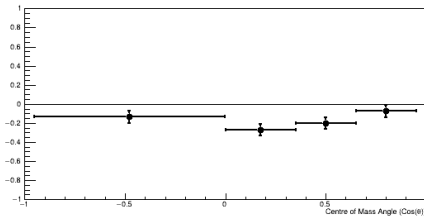
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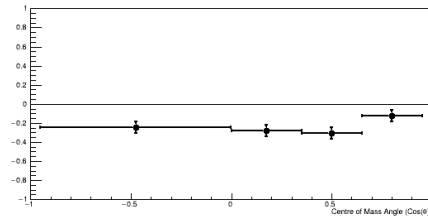


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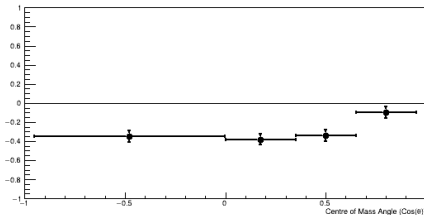
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