

Lensing galaxies in the CFHT Legacy Survey

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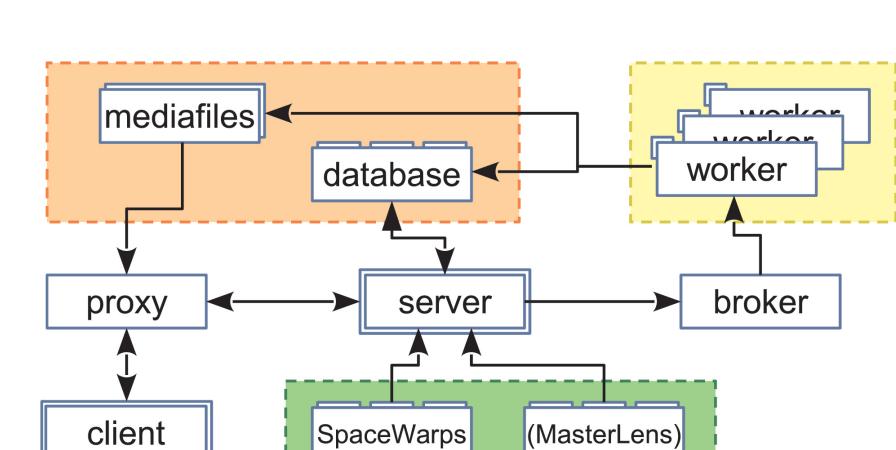
SpaghettiLens

SpaghettiLens is a method to enable collaborative modeling of gravitational lenses and lens candidates. It's designed with simplicity in mind, such that it can be used by professionals and non – professional enthusiasts as well. It builds upon an existing free form modeling program (GLASS), but allows to create models by sketching the expected arrival time surface and visually comparing the rendering of the resulting model to the original image.

It's aimed to fill the void between the increasing amount of lens candidates that are and will be discovered and the demand for models of those. In particular, we try to motivate the more involved volunteers of citizen science projects like SpaceWarp to engage in a more demanding task, gravitational lens modeling.

SpaghettiLens is a web based application. Its user interface shows a side by side comparison of the image of the physical object with an overlay of the users input and a rendered synthetic image of the generated model. Other output like the mass distribution or arrival time surface can also be consulted.
When working on a model, a user enters an initial guess by sketching the arrival time surface.

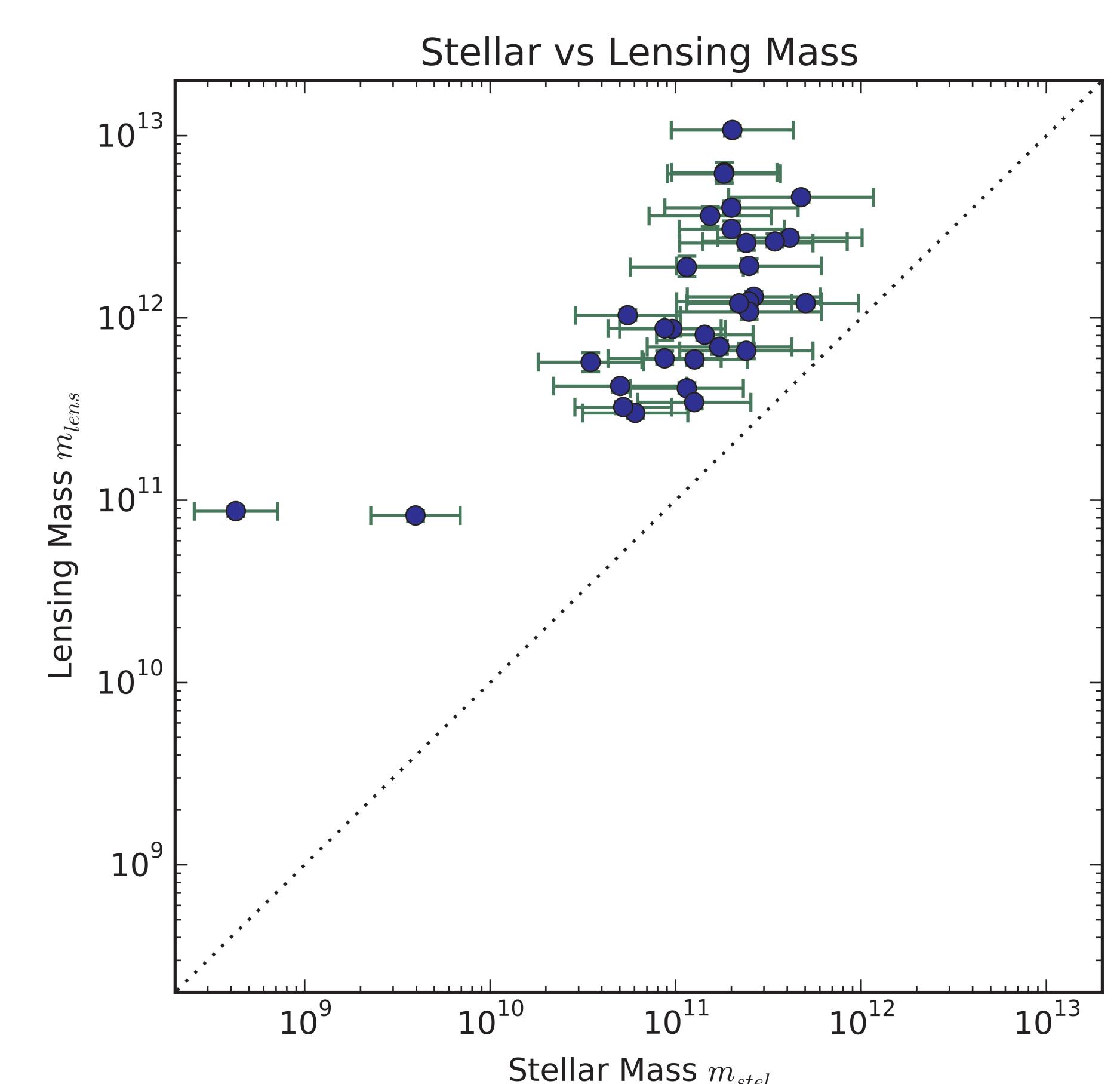
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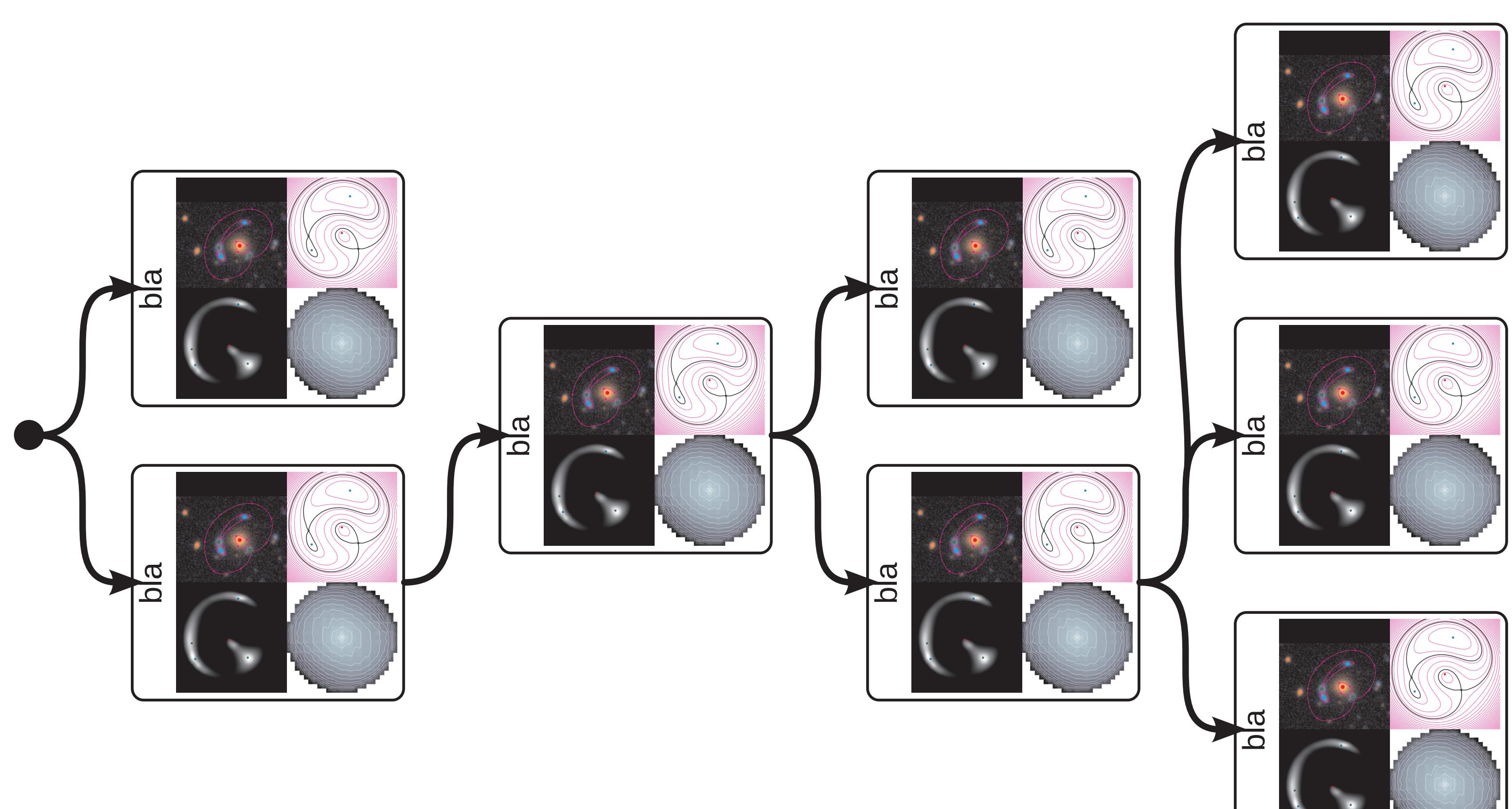
The Space Warps project enables citizen-science volunteers to search for gravitational-lens candidates by visual inspection of survey data. The first batch of discoveries consists of 56 new lens candidates from archival images of the CFHT Legacy Survey. In this work we present lens models of these candidates, produced collaboratively by experienced members of the volunteer community.

Preliminary results show the stellar-mass fraction in the candidate lensing galaxies to be of order 20 percent, with a decreasing trend for the most massive galaxies. Outliers may be non-lenses, as the sample has not yet been spectroscopically confirmed.

Space Warps and the CFHTLS lens candidates are introduced in Marshall et al (2015) and More et al (2015). Stellar population models by Ignacio Ferreras.



Collaborative Modelling



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