

Unlocking Real Time Infrasound Event Classification Abilities Using Machine Learning



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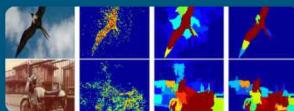
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Problem



Event Catalog



Approaches



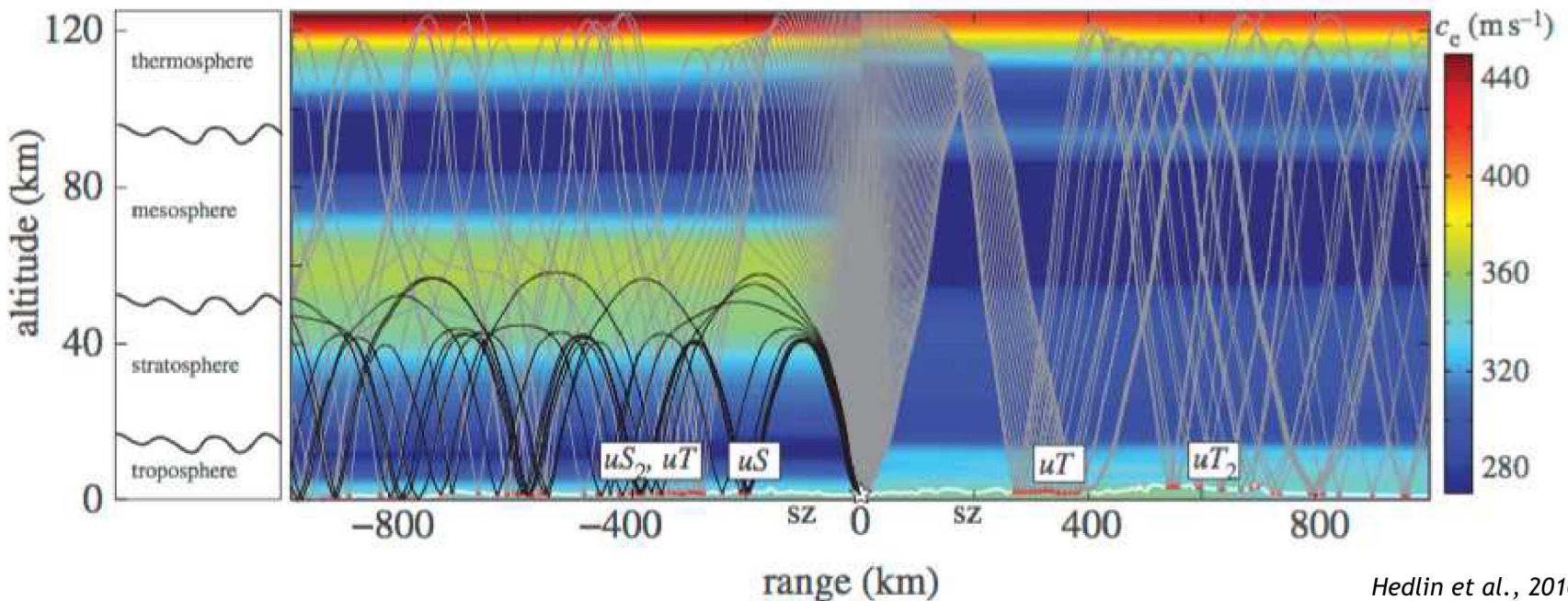
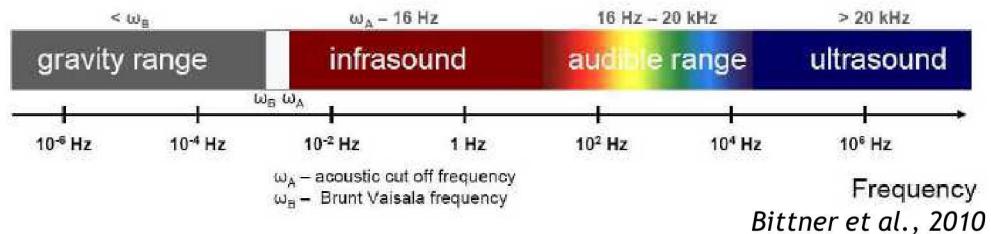
Preliminary Results



Conclusions and Future Work

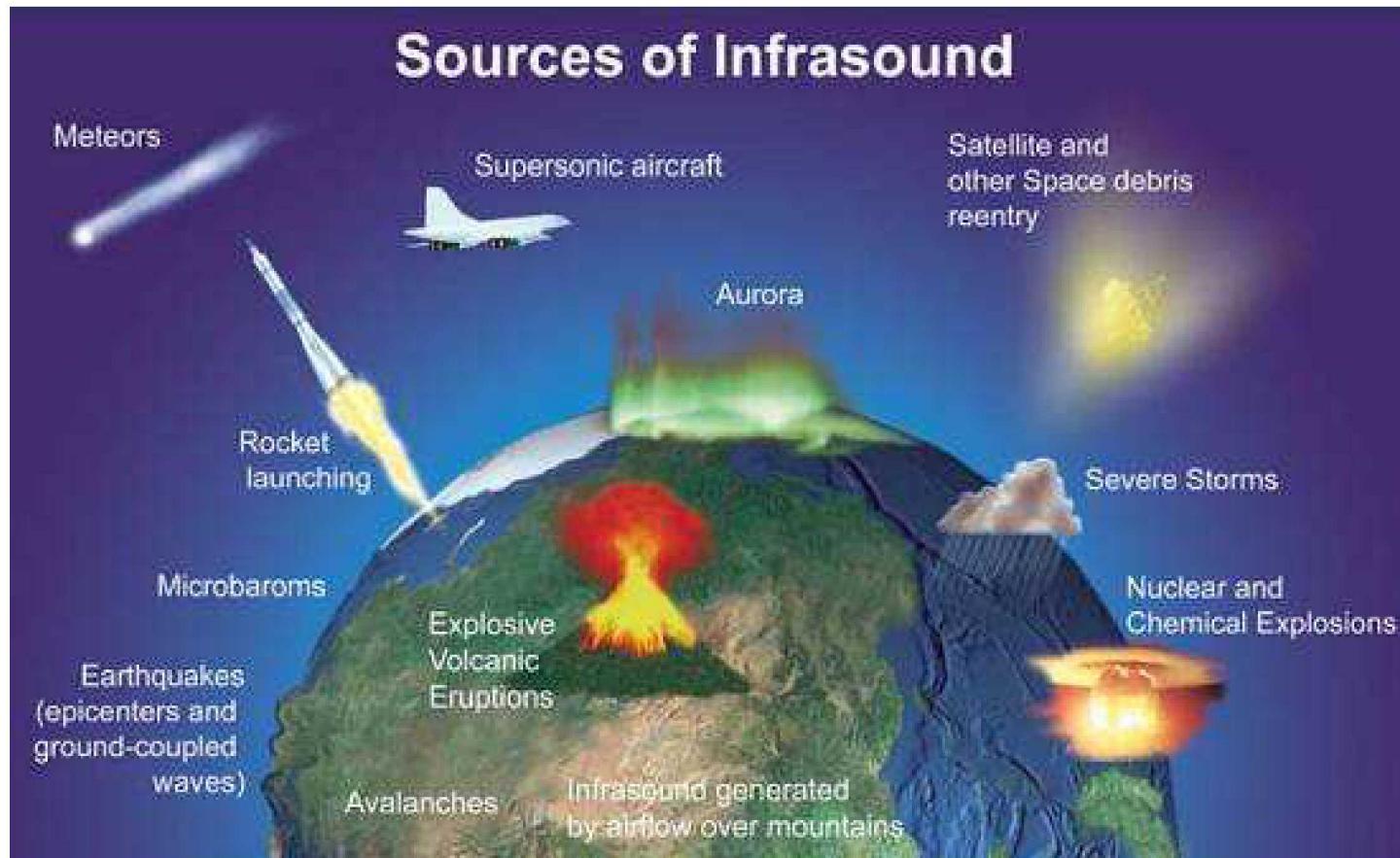
What is Infrasound?

- Low-frequency sound
- Can travel thousands of kilometers



What is Infrasound?

Generated by a variety of natural and anthropogenic sources.

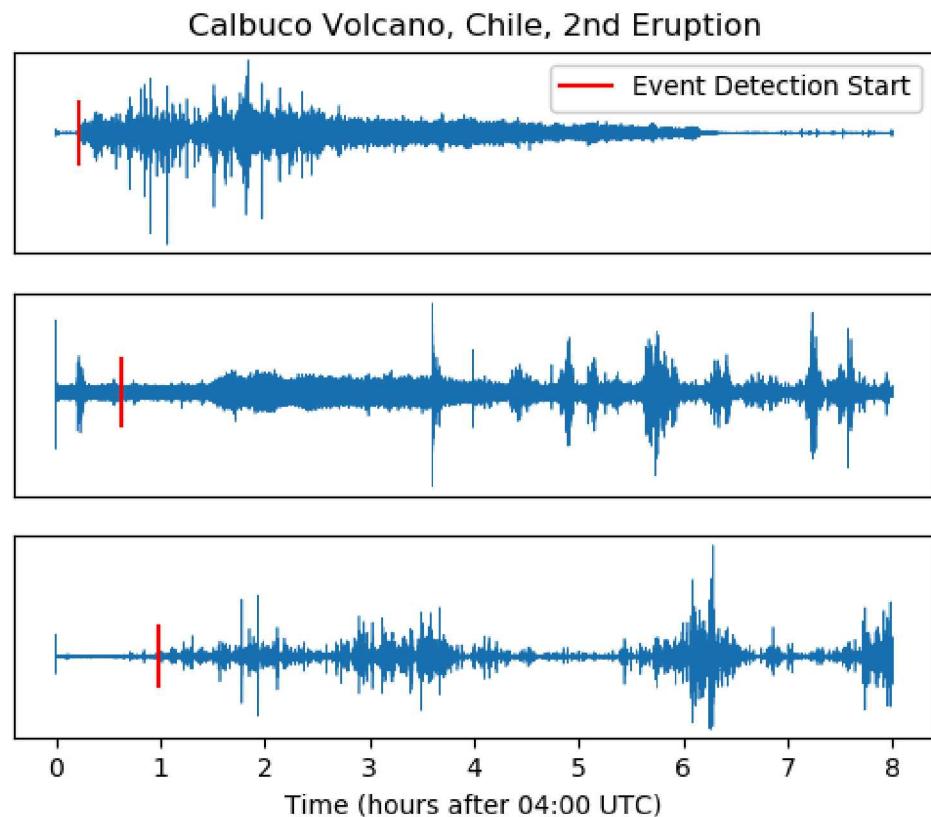


<https://neuroresearchproject.com/2013/02/19/1289/>

The Infrasound Event Classification Problem

- Nearly impossible to classify by eye
- Analysts currently require ground truth for classification

Can we use machine learning to exploit similarities that cannot be seen by eye and use these to provide real time classifications?



A Global, Labeled, Infrasound Event Catalog

Labeled infrasound event catalog

- IMS catalog with local, regional, and global events

750 events

- Recorded at multiple stations
- Each station consists of at least 3 infrasound microphones
- Some events (volcanos and bolides) have multiple subevents

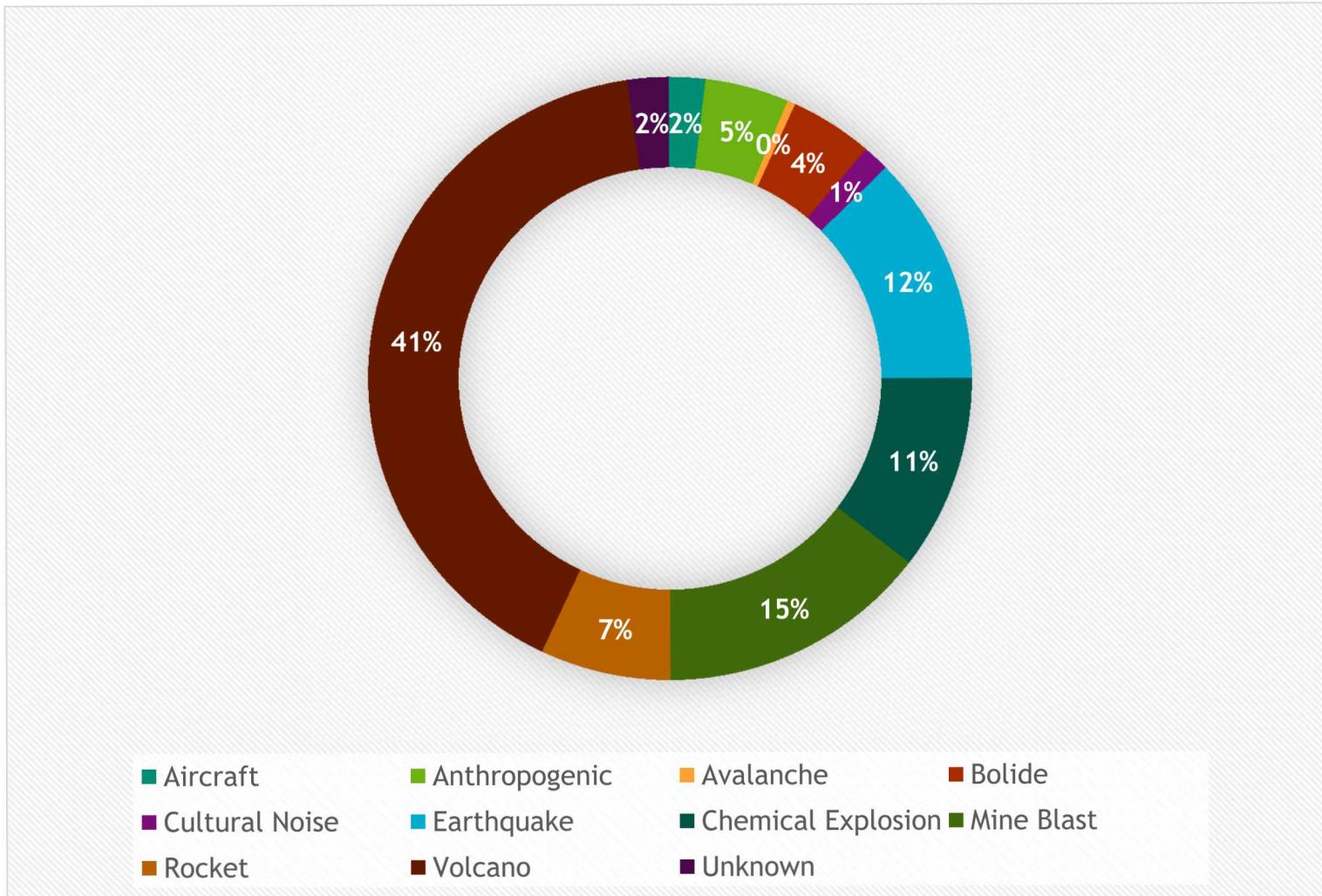
Variety of events

- Aircraft, Avalanches, Bolides, Cultural Noise, Earthquakes, Chemical Explosions, Anthropogenic Activity, Mine Blasts, Rockets, and Volcanoes

Total of **> 36,000** waveforms



Event Class Imbalance



We welcome suggestions on how to deal with this problem!

Two Approaches to a Solution

Method 1: SVM

Current feature extraction method:
Spectral Entropy (Li et al., 2016)

- Wavelet Singular Spectrum Entropy
- Wavelet Power Spectrum Entropy
- Wavelet Energy Spectrum Entropy

Will experiment with more
“physical” features in the future

Method 2: CNN

- Trains faster and can be more accurate than fully connected NN
- Testing in seismic domain indicates that performs nearly as well as RNN (LSTM) for sequences of similar length, but is more compact
- Potentially more accurate than SVM baseline because it identifies meaningful features that we are unaware of
- But less transparent (without directly encoding the physics, it is less clear which signal characteristics are most important for prediction)

Preliminary Results - SVM



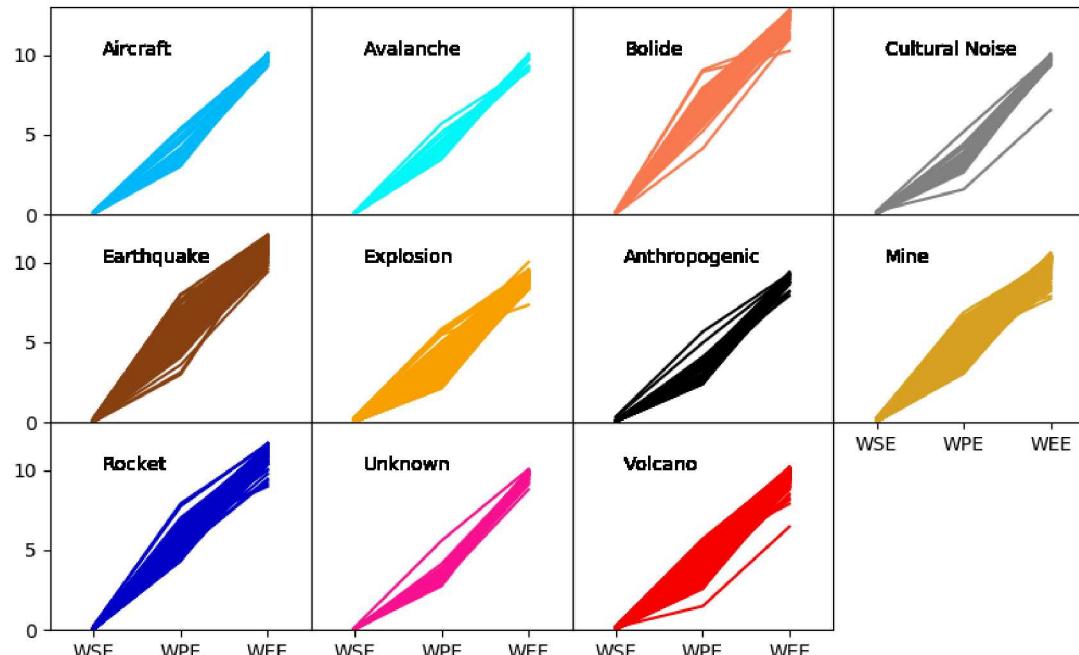
Completed feature extraction using Spectral Entropy (Li et al., 2016)

- 1,948 feature vectors/labels (consists of mean waveforms instead of all waveforms)

First-pass SVM shows an accuracy of 70%

- Average of 10-fold cross validation

Note: This analysis was done with the previous event catalog version



Preliminary Results - CNN



Exclude Unknown, use first arrival from each event.

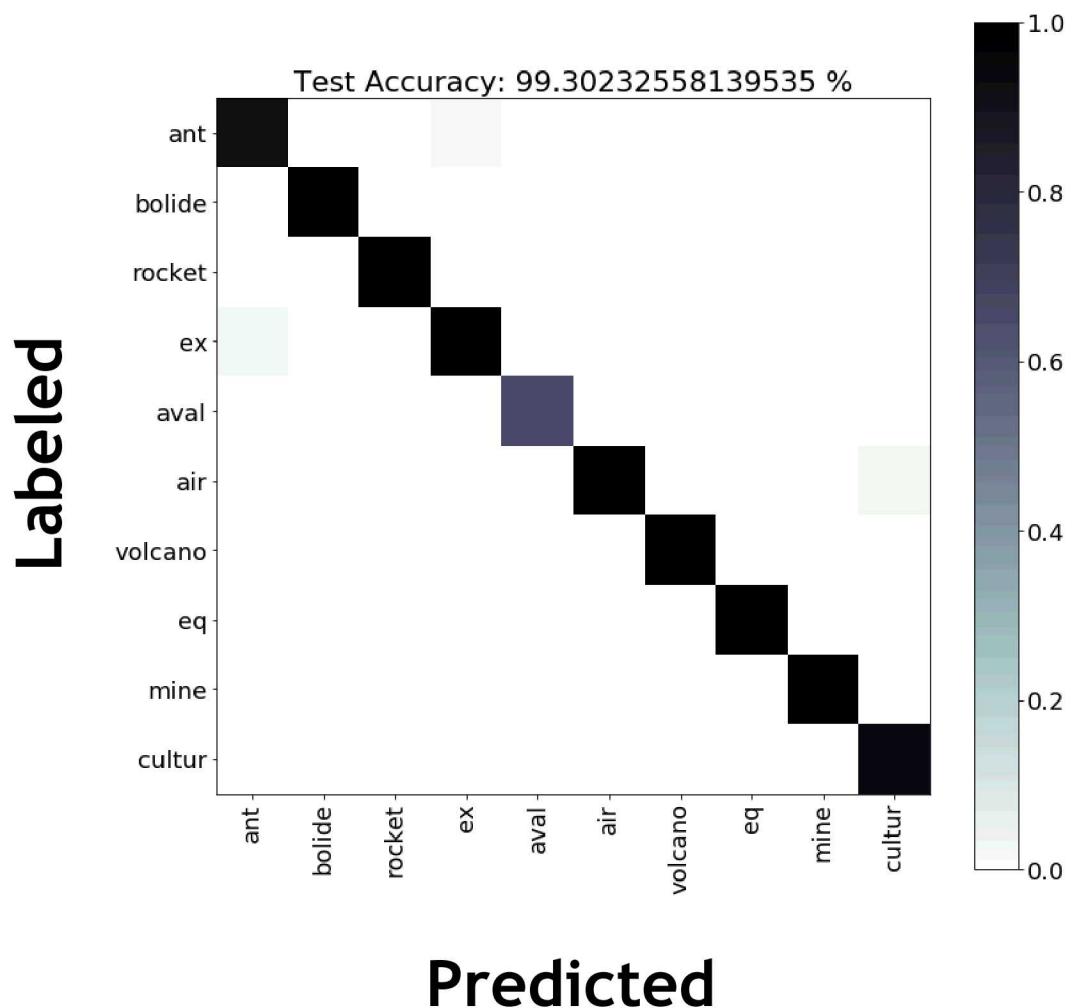
Samples are trimmed or padded to a length of 9000 (~1 std of average length)

Exclude ~15k volcano signals (use first 3k randomly sampled class examples)

Transform raw, filtered timeseries to spectrogram

Achieve 85-99% accuracy depending on architecture and hyperparameters, but **generalization is poor**

Spectrogram (50 epochs)



Future Work



Feature extraction on newly updated event catalog

- Preliminary results from a previous catalog version

Try using more “physical” features for SVM

- Max, mean amplitude
- Dominant frequency
- Signal envelope

Achieve better generalization with CNN

- Use average signals across each array- less data but better performance?
- Dynamic length input sequences – not trimmed/padded
- Would RNN be a better choice for infrasound signals?

Test regions of input most important for prediction

- Saliency mapping- can we use model predictions to help analysts understand which aspects of the signal input are most diagnostic per class?

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