An Indirect Matrix Converter Fed Linear Induction Motor Drive by Considering Time-Varying Parameters

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ABSTRACT

An indirect matrix converter fed linear induction motor drive by considering time-varying parameters is presented in this paper. The operation and closed-loop control of the LIM is difficult due to its continuous time-varying parameters such as an air gap flux, end effect, saturation, and iron loss. Hence, the accurate mathematical model is required by considering all these effects. In this paper, the LIM is modeled by splitting the flux and current into two components, and the end and saturation effects are also considered. The indirect vector control of SLIM requires the AC to DC and DC to AC with a large capacitor. This large capacitor creates limitations such as the size of the converter increases, the life of converter decreases, and bidirectional power flow is not possible. These limitations are overcome by using direct AC to AC converter is called a matrix converter. In this paper, the indirect matrix converter is used in the indirect vector control technique in place of AC to DC and DC to AC converter. The indirect matrix converter is controlled with space vector modulation. The transient and steady-state performance of LIM, such as thrust force, velocity, and matrix converter output voltage, input, and output currents, virtual DC link voltage, and Total Harmonics Distraction of currents are verified through using Matlab. The obtained simulation results are verified by an experimental setup with Dspace DS1104 kit.

1. INTRODUCTION

In recent years, the Linear Induction Motor (LIM) is mainly used in transport applications due to their advantages like high efficiency, low cost, less maintenance, and absent of motion converting mechanical equipment [1]. But controlling and modeling of LIM is difficult because its parameters are affected by different time-varying effects like end-effect, a saturation of the core, and Air-gap flux [2]. The design of the closed-loop control drive requires an accurate dynamic model with including all effects, which influences the performance of the LIM. In literature, many researchers are modeled with various methods such as by applying the Fourier series method for the relation of electromagnetism in the air gap flux [1, 3, 4] mathematic model modeled with electromagnetic field theories like Maxwell's law with 1-D and 2-D, but neglected displacement current harmonics and current density due to thus the error is more and analysis is difficult and time-consuming process. The LIM is modeled with design parameters like winding factor [5] and pole- to- pole method [6]. The equivalent circuit dynamic model is easy then all these mathematical models. Duncan [7] proposed a ‘T’ equivalent circuit models like a rotational induction motor by considering the end effect as a ‘Q’ factor with reference of eddy current but saturation effect is not considered, and later α, β, and d, q axis equivalent circuits are derived, developed and applied to vector control [8]. The ‘n’ model equivalent circuit has been proposed by Zare-Bazghaleh et al. [9], but parameters are estimated with 1-D analysis, complex pointing theory, and magnetic field theorems. The LIM modeled with finite element method [10, 11], but this method is complex and time-consuming.

The closed-loop control of the SLIM drive attracts more attention because of its time-varying parameters. An indirect vector control method has more advantages than other closed-loop techniques for controlling RIM, such as fewer ripples in torque, the only one-speed sensor is required, and no need for air gap flux sensor [12-16]. Hence, an indirect vector controlled technique is used to develop a closed-loop SLIM drive [17-20]. But SLIM drive's thrust force and Velocity are varied sinusoidally and has more ripples when the end effect is considered [20]. The indirect vector control has an AC to DC and DC to AC converters with a large capacitor. This large capacitor as a DC link and has disadvantages such as the size of the converter will be increased, the cost is more, become less reliable because of the failure of capacitance, and the lifetime will be less. These limitations are overcome by using a single-stage AC/AC converter; it is a matrix converter (MC). Matrix converters have bidirectional switches such that they provide a direct connection between input AC and output AC without any DC-link or with a virtual DC link. Because of the absence of DC-link or large capacitance, the MC gets more advantages like simple & compact size, increase lifetime or reliability, bi-directional power flow, and improved power factor at the supply-side [21]. Furthermore, advantages are high efficiency, the small size of filter elements, and low THD.
Based on the control method, matrix converters are classified into direct matrix converter (DMC) and indirect matrix converter (IMC). The direct matrix converter is a single-stage AC to AC conversion with nine bi-directional switches, but controlling and commutation techniques are complex and complicate [22]. The limitation of the DMC is overcome by using IMC. The IMC has two-stage converters; one is a rectifier stage, and another one is an inverter stage, without DC-link. The advantages of the IMC are easy to design, simple commutation, less number of a power switch, and the possibility of multiple-phase output voltage [23-26]. Therefore, the IMC is used in different applications than the DMC. Further, the IMC devices switching control logic is simple and easy, so that this converter is preferred than the DMC. The required number of switches is the same in both IMC & DMC, but IMC is suitable for giving power supply to different loads at different voltages and frequency [27].

In this paper, the SLIM is modeled based on the [28] splitting the current and flux linkage into two components, and the saturation effect is considered by taking as a factor and end effect also included. This mathematical model is used for closed-loop control of SLIM in an indirect vector control technique. The advantages of a matrix converter are added to closed-loop drive by replacing the AC to DC and DC to AC converters with an indirect matrix converter. The result shows the thrust force and velocity ripples are significantly reduced.

This paper is organized as follows; section II explains the mathematical model of SLIM. Then control of an indirect matrix converter rectifier stage and an inverter stage are described in section III. Section IV presents the analysis of an indirect vector control scheme for SLIM. The simulation and experimental results are validated in section V, and in the final section, the conclusion and remarks are given. The simulation and experiment studies are carried out on 3 phase, 400V, 1 HP, 50N, and 10 m/s SLIM motor.

2. MATHEMATICAL MODEL OF SLIM

The SLIM differential equations are derived from d-q axis equivalent circuits, shown in Figures 1 and 2. This two-axis equation converts the time-varying parameters into the constant or DC parameters; it reduces the difficulty in modeling and can easily be written in small-signal equations.

The Stator and the Rotor voltage equations with end effects are obtained and are represented from (1) to (4).

The Voltage equations are as follows,

\[ V_{ds} = R_s i_{ds} + R_f f(Q) (i_{ds} + i_{dr}) + \lambda_{ds} - \omega \lambda_{qs} \]  
(1)

\[ V_{dr} = R_s i_{dr} + R_f f(Q) (i_{ds} + i_{dr}) + \lambda_{dr} + (\omega - \omega_r) \lambda_{qr} \]  
(2)

\[ V_{qs} = R_s i_{ds} + \dot{\lambda}_{qs} + \omega \lambda_{ds} \]  
(3)

\[ V_{qr} = R_s i_{dr} + \dot{\lambda}_{qr} + (\omega - \omega_r) \lambda_{dr} \]  
(4)

Here, \( f(Q) \) can be expressed as

\[ f(Q) = \frac{1 - e^{-Q}}{Q} + K_s \]  
(5)

\[ Q = \frac{D R_f}{(L_m + L_{ip})} \]  
(6)

The Q factor represents end effects, \( K_s \), is the saturation coefficient. It is the ratio of back iron reluctance to the sum of the conductor and the air gap reluctance. It is dependent on the slip.

\[ K_s = \frac{\mu_1}{\mu_0 \delta g_s K_b \beta^2} \]  
(7)

where, \( \delta \), is the depth of field penetration in iron, \( K_s \), is the Carter’s co-efficient, \( g_s \), is the air gap length, and \( \beta \) is the flux density.

The flux linkages of stator and rotor are given by

\[ \lambda_{ds} = L_{is} i_{ds} + L_m (i_{ds} + i_{dr}) \]  
(8)

\[ \lambda_{qs} = L_{is} i_{qs} + L_m (i_{qs} + i_{qr}) \]  
(9)

\[ \lambda_{dr} = L_{ir} i_{dr} + L_m (i_{ds} + i_{dr}) \]  
(10)

\[ \lambda_{qr} = L_{ir} i_{qr} + L_m (i_{qs} + i_{qr}) \]  
(11)

Here \( L_s = L_{is} + L_m \)  
(12)

Thus, the thrust force is

\[ F = \frac{3 \pi P}{4 \tau} (\lambda_{ds} i_{qs} - \lambda_{qs} i_{ds}) \]  
(13)

The d-q axes currents of both the primary (stator) and the liner (rotor) can be derived and represented from (14) to (17).

\[ i_{qs} = \frac{\lambda_{qs} L_r - \lambda_{qr} L_m}{L_a} \]  
(14)

where, \( L_a = L_s L_r - L_m^2 \).

\[ i_{qr} = \frac{\lambda_{qr} L_a - L_m \lambda_{qs}}{L_a} \]  
(15)

\[ i_{ds} = \frac{\lambda_{ds} L_r - L_m \lambda_{dr} + L_m F(Q) (\lambda_{dr} - \lambda_{ds})}{L_a - L_m F(Q) (L_r + L_s - 2L_m)} \]  
(16)
\[ i_{dr} = \frac{\lambda_{dl}l_{p} - L_{m}F_{d}(Q)(\lambda_{ds} - \lambda_{dr})}{L_{a} - L_{m}F(Q)(L_{r} + L_{s} - 2L_{rm})} \] (17)

The total thrust \((F)\) for the modeling of SLIM is given in Figure 3.

\[ F_{x1} = \frac{3\pi P}{4\tau}(i_{qsa1}L_{r} - \lambda_{qsa1}l_{m}) \] (18)

\[ F_{y1} = \frac{3\pi P}{4\tau}(i_{dsa1}L_{r} - \lambda_{dsa1}l_{m}) \] (19)

\[ F_{z1} = \frac{3\pi P}{4\tau}(i_{dra1}L_{r} - \lambda_{dra1}l_{m}) \] (20)

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\[ \text{Figure 3. Total thrust force} \]

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The thrust force \((Fy2)\) due to the end-effect attenuates the original thrust force. It is represented in Figure 4.

\[ \text{Figure 4. Thrust force Fy2} \]

\[ F_{b2a} = \frac{3\pi P}{4\tau}(\lambda_{dsb1}l_{qsb2} - \lambda_{dsb2}l_{qsa1} + \lambda_{dsb2}l_{qsb2}) \] (22)

\[ F_{b2b} = \frac{3\pi P}{4\tau}(\lambda_{qsb2}l_{dsb1} - \lambda_{qsa1}l_{dsb2} - \lambda_{qsb2}l_{dsb2}) \] (23)

3. CONTROL OF INDIRECT MATRIX CONVERTER

The indirect matrix converter is shown in Figure 5. It has two stages, one is a rectifier stage, and another one is an inverter stage.

\[ \text{Figure 5. Indirect matrix converter} \]

A. Control of rectifier stage:

The rectifier has six bidirectional switches they are \(M_{ap}, M_{ap}, M_{bp}, M_{bn}, M_{cn}\), and \(M_{cn}\). The switches indicated by suffix 'p' are connected to the positive pole and switches', indicating suffix 'n' is connected to a negative pole when it switched ON. The \(V_{R}, V_{Y}, V_{B}\) are three-phase, AC voltage applied to the rectifier as input.

\[ V_{R} = V_{max} \sin \omega t \]

\[ V_{Y} = V_{max} \sin(\omega t - 120) \] (24)

\[ V_{B} = V_{max} \sin(\omega t - 240) \]

where, \(V_{max}\) is the maximum value, and \(\omega\) is the frequency of input voltages.

The IMC rectifier stage is operated by Space Vector Modulation (SVM). This \(\theta_{m}=\omega t\) is divided into six sectors; each sector is 60° duration. The rectifier switching sequence is given in Table 1.

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<th>(\theta_{m})</th>
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<td>-(\pi/6) to (\pi/6)</td>
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<td>(V_{BY}-V_{RY})</td>
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<tr>
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<td>2</td>
<td>(V_{RY}-V_{RB})</td>
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<td>(\pi/2) to (5\pi/6)</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>(V_{RB}-V_{YB})</td>
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<td>5(\pi/6) to 7(\pi/6)</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>(V_{YB}-V_{YR})</td>
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<td>7(\pi/6) to 3(\pi/2)</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>(V_{YR}-V_{BR})</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3(\pi/2) to -(\pi/6)</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>(V_{BR}-V_{BY})</td>
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The operation of the rectifier stage is explained by taking sector one as follows. The active vectors in sector 1 are \(V_{BY}\) & \(V_{BY}\), and the operating time is calculated by using the equations below:

\[ T_{p} = T_{s} \frac{\sin(\frac{\pi}{3} - \theta_{m})}{\sin(\frac{\pi}{3} - \theta_{m}) + \sin \theta_{m}} \] (25)
where, the $T_s$ is the sampling time, or it is the inverse of switching frequency. Similarly, the switching times of active vectors are calculated in all sectors.

\[ T_n = T_s \frac{\sin(\theta_m)}{\sin(\frac{\pi}{3} - \theta_m) + \sin \theta_m} \]  \hspace{1cm} (26)

**Figure 6.** Space vector Hexogen

### B. Control of Inverter stage:

The three-phase two-level inverter has been controlled by using the SVPWM technique, and it is connected to the single-sided linear induction motor. The hexagon of inverter SVM is shown in Figure 6. The SVPWM has six active vectors $V_1$, $V_6$, and two Zero vectors $V_0$ and $V_7$. The switching operation times are $T_1$, and $T_2$ are calculated by the voltage-time balance equation. The Figure 2 shows the operating switching times for sector one, and active vectors $V_1$ & $V_2$ and zero vectors are $V_0 (000)$ & $V_7 (111)$. $V_i T_v = V_1 T_{1in} + V_2 T_{2in} + V_0 T_{lin}$

where, $V_i$ is the reference voltage, active vector ($V_1$) operating time is $T_1$ Secondes, $T_2$ is the on-time of an active vector ($V_2$), and zero vectors ($V_0$ & $V_7$) on time is $T_0$.

The switching times are calculated from the given equations.

\[ T_{lin} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{V_{dc}} V_r \sin(\frac{\pi}{3} - \theta_{out}) \]  \hspace{1cm} (27)

\[ T_{2in} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{V_{dc}} V_r \sin \theta_{out} \]  \hspace{1cm} (28)

\[ T_{0in} = T_r - T_{1in} - T_{2in} \]  \hspace{1cm} (29)

where, $V_{dc}$ is the output of the rectifier stage.

The switching times of the inverter stage of IMC are a combination of the rectifier and conventional inverter switching times. Let

\[ T_1' = \frac{T_{lin}}{2} \]

\[ T_2' = \frac{T_{2in}}{2} \]

The switching sequence of the IMC inverter stage in sector one is shown in Figure 7.

**Figure 7.** Switching sequence of inverter stage of IMC

### 4. CLOSED-LOOP INDIRECT VECTOR CONTROL OF SLIM DRIVE

The proposed closed-loop indirect vector controlled SLIM drive is shown in Figure 8. In indirect vector control for SLIM, $\lambda_{dq}$ is made in-phase with $d$-axis and $\lambda_{dq}$ to zero, so that it creates uncoupling between flux and thrust force current components just like the indirect vector control for Rotational Induction Motor (RIM). The $\lambda_{dq}^*$ is derived from Eq. (2) by equating it to zero, and the end effect is considered.

\[ \lambda_{dq}^* = \frac{(L_m - L_f f(Q))R_fI_{dq}^*}{p(L_m - L_f f(Q)) + R_f(1 + f(Q))} \]  \hspace{1cm} (30)

where, $p$ represents the first-order derivative.

The slip speed ($\omega_s$) is calculated from the $\lambda_{dq}$ equation, and the equation is similar to RIM.

\[ \omega_s = \frac{R_fL_m - L_f \lambda_{dq}}{L_f \lambda_{dq}} \]  \hspace{1cm} (31)

The SLIM translational velocity converted to angular velocity by using Eq. (32)

\[ \omega_r = \frac{\pi v}{r} \]  \hspace{1cm} (32)

\[ \theta_e = \int (\omega_r + \omega_s) dt \]  \hspace{1cm} (33)

This $\theta_e$ is used for the transformation of three phases current to two phases $I_{dq}$ and $V_{dq}$ to $V_{dq}$.

The simulation block diagram of an indirect vector controlled SLIM drive is given in Figure 9. The closed-loop indirect vector controlled drive has an internal current loop and external velocity loops like RIM drive. Conventional PI controllers are used because of their advantages like simple and easy to design. The control drive has $I_d$ and $I_q$ current controllers and Velocity controllers. The $I_{dq}^*$ is calculated from the flux linkages, and $I_{dq}^*$ is the output of the speed PI controller. The direct axis current PI controller compares $I_{dq}^*$ and supply Id currents and produces $V_{dq}^*$. The quadrature axis
current PI controllers produce \( V_q^* \) by comparing \( I_q^* \) and supply \( I_q \) currents.

starting the maximum thrust force obtained is 55 N. The velocity come to steady state at the time of 0.052Sec.

5. RESULTS VALIDATION

A. Simulation results:

The \( V_{dq}^* \) are converted into \( V_{dp} \) using park transformations, and there are inputs to space vector modulation block to generate the pulses for the inverter stage or Voltage Source Inverter (VSI). The rectifier stage is controlled by space vector modulation. The output voltage of the matrix converter is applied to SLIM.

![Figure 8. Block diagram of an indirect vector controlled SLIM drive](image)

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**Figure 9. Proposed closed-loop indirect vector controlled SLIM drive**

The block diagram of the matrix converter fed indirect vector controlled SLIM drive is shown in Figure 9. The performance of the SLIM closed-loop drive is verified at different operating conditions such as starting, when it is loaded with 10N and steady state. The reference velocity is taken as 8 m/sec, and the switching frequency of the indirect matrix converter is 6kHz. The performance of SLIM, such as stator current, thrust force, and velocity for an indirect matrix converter drive, is given in Figures 10-15.

The performance of the SLIM drive during the beginning with IMC is appearing in Figure 10. As shown in figures, while

**Figure 10. Transient during starting with (a) conventional VSI (b) Indirect matrix converter**

The steady-state response of IMC fed SLIM drive at no-load is shown in Figure 11. The ripple contains in thrust force is varied from -10 N to 10 N, and the velocity is approximately equal to the set value of 8 m/sec.

**Figure 11. Steady-state performance of SLIM with an Indirect matrix converter**

The dynamic response of the SLIM drive is verified with a sudden change in load force from no-load to 10N at 0.6 sec and maintained up to 1.2 sec at that load. The drive performance at this load change is shown in Figure 12. The three phase current are also shown in this figure, the green, violet and aqua colours indicate the R,Y and B phase currents respectively. The velocity is almost near to 8 m/Sec. The line voltage and virtual Dc link voltages of the IMC are shown in Figures 13 and 14. The THD of the line voltage and phase current is shown in Figures 15 and 16. The current THD of the matrix converter is 13.66%, and line voltage THD is 35.65% at the switching frequency of 6kHz.

Figure 17 shows the IMC input phase voltage (Va) and phase currents (Ia). The input phase voltage & phase currents are in-phase; it means the power factor is unity. The Vd, Vq...
and $I_d$, $I_q$ waveforms of indirect vector controlled SLIM drive are shown in Figures 18 and 19.

**Figure 12.** Performance SLIM for step load force change with an Indirect matrix converter

**Figure 13.** Line voltage waveform of Matrix converter

**Figure 14.** Voltage waveform at Virtual DC link

**Figure 15.** THD of the line voltage (Vab) with an Indirect matrix converter

**Figure 16.** THD of the phase ($I_a$) current with an Indirect matrix converter

**Figure 17.** Voltage and current waveform of input supply

**Figure 18.** $V_d$ and $V_q$ waveforms to the rectifier

**Figure 19.** $I_d$ and $I_q$ waveforms
B. Experimental validation:

The Dspace kit DS1104 is used for the practical implementation of closed-loop control of 1 HP SLIM. The practical setup of the indirect matrix converter and the SLIM motor is shown in Figure 20. The first controller is designed in MATLAB/Simulink with the below parameter values.

![Block diagram of DSPACE controlled matrix converter](image)

**Figure 20. Block diagram of DSPACE controlled matrix converter**

The parameters of LIM

Resistance of stator=5.348Ω, Resistance of rotor=11.603Ω, Self inductance of stator=0.1073 H, Self inductance of rotor=0.09213H, Mass=15 Kg, No. of Poles=4, Motor length=201 cm.

**Parameters of Indirect Matrix converter**

\[ V_s = 354 \text{ V}, f_s = 50 \text{Hz}, 3\Phi \text{ Supply} \]

Filters parameters: \[ L_f = 5 \text{ mH}, C_f = 2.5 \mu \text{F} \]

output: \[ V_o = 389 \text{V}, f_o = 50 \text{Hz}, 3\Phi \]

Then the ‘C’ code for real-time implementation has been generated automatically with a real-time workshop of Matlab. The MPC8240 Processor controller is used to an interface between the Matlab and DS11104. The required Input /Out block to the Simulink model has been taken from the DSPACE kit Input /Output library and plugged into the Simulink model. In this case, 12 master bit Input /Outputs of output model are configured, and configured to the model of producing the six gating pulses to power electronic devices (IGBTs) of the Inverter stage and six gating pulses to power electronic devices (IGBTs) of rectifier stage. Along with, ten ADCs are connected to the model for the inputting of the six sensed AC voltage signals at the input and output stages of the matrix converter, three outputs current signals of matrix converter, and one virtual DC-link voltage to the DSPACE hardware. The three input voltages sensed signals are processed in the SVPWM algorithm for generating gating pulses of rectifier stage, the three output voltages, sensed virtual DC-link voltage sensed signals, and gating pulses of rectifier stage are processed in SVPWM algorithm to produce the pulses for an inverter stage These detected signs had been utilized for handling in the SVPWM calculations for rectifier and inverter stages. Together with the workshop from the Mathworks, it naturally creates the ongoing code from Simulink models and actualizes this code on DSPACE continuous equipment. This spare the time and exertion twice as there is no compelling reason to physically change over the Simulink model into another dialect, for example, C and doesn't should be worried about a constant program casing and I/O work. The improved

![Experimental setup of (a) indirect matrix converter; (b) single-sided Linear Induction Motor](image)

**Figure 21.**

![Thrust and load force waveforms](image)

**Figure 22.**

![Velocity waveforms](image)

**Figure 23.**
Figure 24 shows the matrix converter currents; it is almost sinusoidal. Figure 25 shows the matrix converter DC link and Line to line voltages after the filters. Figures 26 and 27 shows the THD value of the indirect matrix converter output line voltage and current. The THD value of the line voltage is 37.36%, and the THD value of the current is 14%.

6. CONCLUSION

In this paper, the SLIM is modeled with a spitted the current and magnetic flux as two components and considering time-varying parameters such as an air gap flux, end-effect, saturation, and iron loss. Due to this, the dynamic performance parameters like settling time, rise time, and steady-state error are reduced. The performance of Linear Induction Motor in close loop control is analyzed using MATLAB/Simulink with an indirect matrix converter, and the indirect matrix converter is controlled by space vector modulation. Hence, the performance of the SLIM drives better when it fed with the indirect matrix converter. It is observed the results discussion, both simulation and experiments are perfectly matched.

Research Summary:

- The SLIM dynamic model is model with spitted the current and magnetic flux as two components and considering time-varying parameters such as an air gap flux, end-effect, saturation, and iron loss.
- Dynamic performance has been improved.
- In closed-loop control (Indirect Vector control technique) an indirect matrix converter is used and its controlled with Space vector modulation.
- The torque ripple contains, and the Total Harmonic Distortion (THD) of the line voltage and current in matrix converter fed drive is reduced by 50%, 11%, and 12% respectively than the conventional inverter fed drive.
- The DS1104 Dspace kit is used for the practical implementation and the Total Harmonic Distortion of indirect matrix converter output line voltage and current are almost near in both simulation and experimental.

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