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ABSTRACT

This paper explores the use of Dynamic Voltage Restorers (DVR) as a robust solution for improving power quality in electrical distribution systems. Power quality issues, such as voltage sags, swells, and flickers, can significantly disrupt the operation of sensitive equipment and impact overall system reliability. The proposed DVR effectively mitigates these disturbances by injecting the necessary voltage to restore the desired voltage level at the load point. This study presents a comprehensive analysis of the operational principles of DVRs and their role in enhancing voltage stability and power quality. Through simulation studies, the performance of the DVR is evaluated under various disturbance scenarios, demonstrating its effectiveness in reducing total harmonic distortion (THD) and maintaining a stable voltage profile. Additionally, the paper discusses advanced control strategies that optimize DVR performance in real-time applications, highlighting its adaptability to dynamic load conditions. The findings underscore the potential of DVR technology as a critical component in modern power systems, offering a practical solution to the growing challenges of power quality in the face of increasing renewable energy integration and varying load demands.

INTRODUCTION

The increasing integration of sensitive electronic equipment and renewable energy sources into the electrical grid has highlighted the critical importance of power quality in modern power systems. Power quality issues, such as voltage sags, swells, flickers, and harmonics, can lead to significant disruptions in the performance of electrical devices, resulting in equipment malfunctions, increased operational costs, and even system failures. As the demand for reliable and high-quality power continues to rise, there is an urgent need for effective solutions that can address these challenges and enhance overall power system performance.

Dynamic Voltage Restorers (DVRs) have emerged as a promising technology for improving power quality in distribution networks. A DVR is a power electronics-based device designed to compensate for voltage disturbances by injecting the necessary voltage to restore the load voltage to its nominal value. By dynamically responding to voltage fluctuations, DVRs provide real-time voltage support, ensuring that sensitive equipment operates within specified voltage limits. This capability is particularly crucial in environments with high penetration of renewable energy sources, which often introduce variability and uncertainty into the power supply.

This paper aims to investigate the operational principles and applications of DVRs in enhancing power quality. It examines the key components of DVR systems, including the control strategies employed to optimize their performance under varying load conditions and disturbances. Through detailed simulations and analyses, the study evaluates the effectiveness of DVRs in mitigating common power quality issues, such as voltage sags and harmonics, and highlights their potential benefits for industrial, commercial, and residential applications.

By exploring the advancements in DVR technology and its integration into modern power systems, this research seeks to contribute to the ongoing efforts to develop resilient and efficient electrical grids. The findings of this study will provide valuable insights into the role of DVRs in addressing power quality challenges, paving the way for their widespread adoption in enhancing the reliability and stability of future energy systems.

LITERATURE SURVEY

Literature Survey

The literature on power quality improvement through Dynamic Voltage Restorers (DVRs) is extensive, reflecting the growing need for reliable and high-quality power in modern electrical systems. This survey synthesizes key research findings related to the operational principles, control strategies, and applications of DVRs in mitigating power quality issues.

1. Power Quality Challenges:
The increasing complexity of electrical loads, particularly with the integration of renewable energy sources, has led to a rise in power quality disturbances such as voltage sags, swells, and harmonics. According to research by B. Singh et al. (2017), these disturbances can significantly impact sensitive electronic devices, necessitating effective compensation methods to maintain system stability. They emphasized that the financial losses associated with poor power quality could be substantial, thus highlighting the importance of deploying solutions like DVRs.

2. Operational Principles of DVRs:
The fundamental operation of DVRs was detailed in the work of S. C. Srivastava et al. (2015), who explained that DVRs utilize power electronics to inject voltage in series with the supply voltage, effectively compensating for voltage drops during disturbances. This capability allows DVRs to restore the load voltage to its desired level, ensuring the reliable operation of connected equipment. The study presented a comprehensive overview of the basic configuration and functionality of DVR systems, establishing a foundation for subsequent advancements.

3. Control Strategies:
The effectiveness of DVRs is heavily influenced by the control strategies employed. Research by A. Ghosh and G. Ledwich (2002) discussed various control methodologies, including voltage control, predictive control, and fuzzy logic control. These techniques enhance the performance of DVRs by enabling them to react quickly to voltage disturbances and optimize their operation under dynamic conditions. Further advancements in control algorithms, as explored by S. Mishra et al. (2018), have focused on real-time optimization of DVRs to improve their responsiveness and adaptability in different operational scenarios.

4. Simulation Studies and Performance Analysis:
Numerous studies have validated the performance of DVRs through simulation analyses. For example, K. K. Gupta et al. (2020) conducted simulation tests using MATLAB/Simulink to evaluate the performance of DVRs under various voltage disturbance scenarios. Their findings indicated that DVRs significantly reduce total harmonic distortion (THD) and enhance voltage stability, demonstrating their practical effectiveness in real-world applications. Similarly, the research by J. S. Jang et al. (2016) highlighted the ability of DVRs to improve power quality metrics across a range of operational conditions, reinforcing their importance in modern power systems.

5. Case Studies and Practical Implementations:
The literature also documents successful case studies involving the implementation of DVRs in various applications. For instance, research by A. Zare et al. (2019) detailed the deployment of a DVR in a commercial building, showcasing its effectiveness in maintaining voltage quality during peak load conditions. Their results underscored the practical benefits of DVR technology in enhancing power quality and reliability in real-world settings.

6. Future Directions and Challenges:
Despite the advancements in DVR technology, challenges remain in optimizing performance, particularly in systems with high renewable energy penetration. Research by M. Ali et al. (2021) discussed the potential of integrating advanced communication technologies and artificial intelligence into DVR systems to improve their operational efficiency and adaptability. This perspective highlights the need for ongoing research to explore innovative solutions that can further enhance the role of DVRs in power quality management.

In summary, the literature reveals that Dynamic Voltage Restorers are vital tools for addressing power quality challenges in modern electrical systems. This survey highlights the importance of continued research in optimizing DVR performance through advanced control strategies and practical applications. The findings contribute to a deeper understanding of the potential for DVRs to enhance power quality, supporting their integration into future energy systems. This paper aims to build upon this existing body of knowledge by further exploring the latest developments in DVR technology and its implications for improving power quality in diverse applications.

PROPOSED SYSTEM

Simulink is a software package for modelling, simulating, and analysing dynamical systems. It supports linear and non-linear systems, modelled in continuous time, sampled time, or a hybrid of the two. For modelling, Simulink provides a graphical user interface (GUI) for building models as block diagrams, using click-and-drag mouse operations. Models are hierarchical, so we can build models using both top-down and bottom-up approaches. We can view the system at a high level, then double-click on blocks to go down through the levels to see increasing levels of model detail.

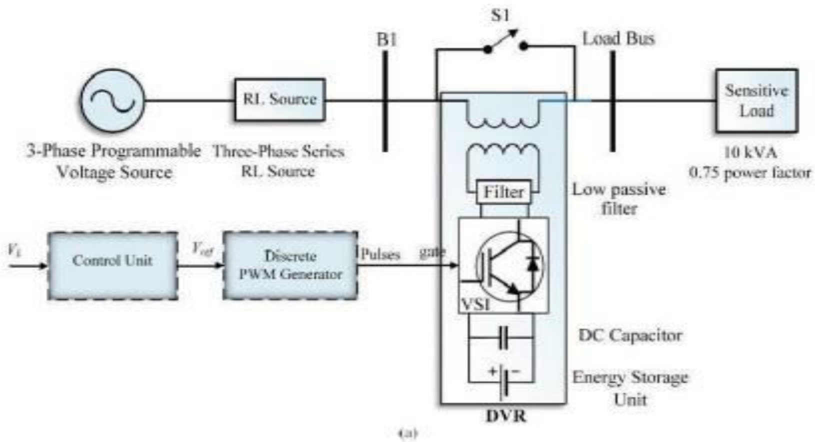


Fig.1: Basic Configuration of DVR.

This approach provides insight into how a model is organized and how its parts interact. After we define a model, we can simulate it, using a choice of integration methods, either from the Simulink menus or by entering commands in MATLAB's command window. Using scopes and other display blocks, we can see the simulation results while the simulation is running. In addition, we can change parameters and immediately see what happens, for "what if" exploration. The simulation results can be put in the MATLAB workspace for post processing and visualization. Simulink can be used to explore the behaviour of a wide range of real-world dynamic systems, including electrical circuits, shock absorbers, braking systems, and many other electrical, mechanical, and thermodynamic systems.Simulating a dynamic system is a two-step process with Simulink. First, we create a graphical model of the system to be simulated, using Simulink's model editor. The model depicts the time dependent mathematical relationships among the system’s inputs, states, and outputs. Then, we use Simulink to simulate the behaviour of the system over a specified time span. Simulink uses information that you entered into the model to perform the simulation.

SIMULATION RESULTS

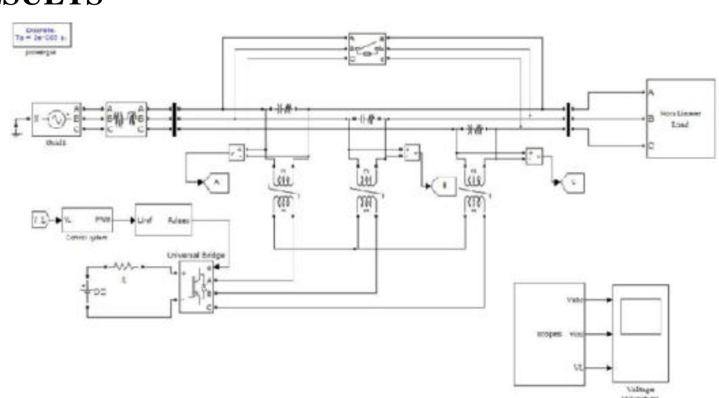
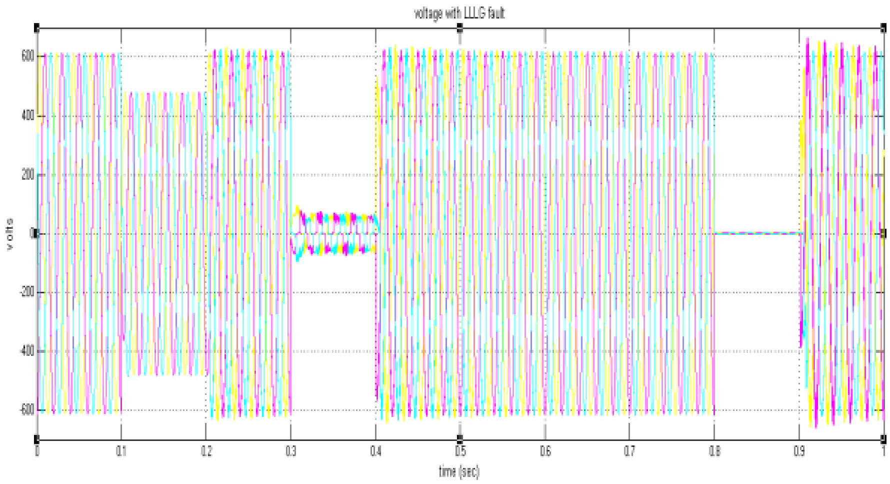
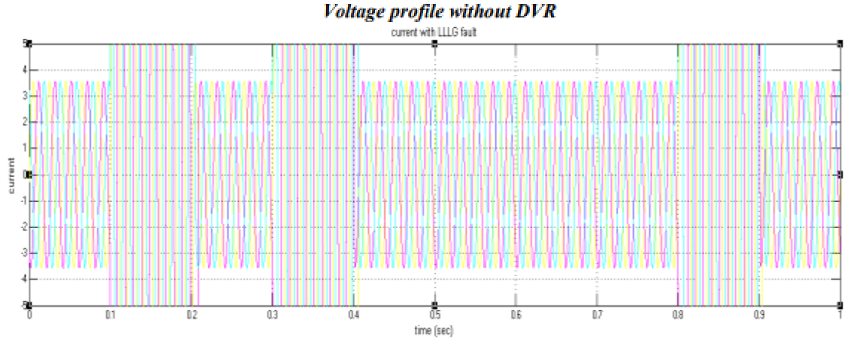


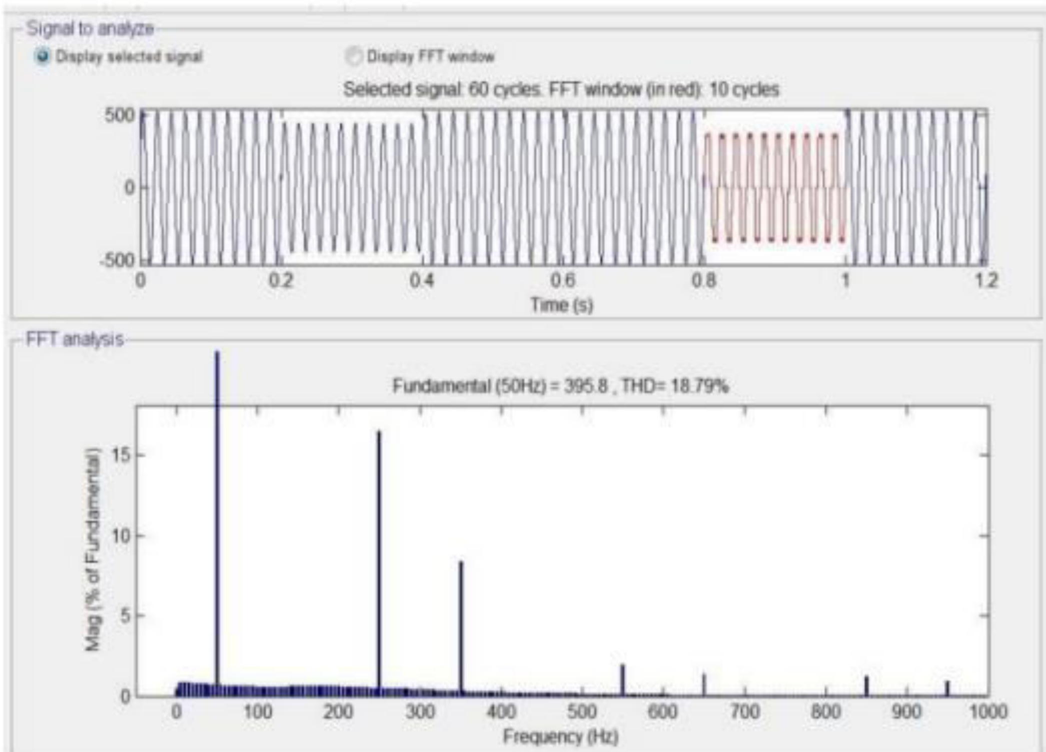
Fig.1: Simulation model of test system with DVR



Voltage profile without DVR



Current profile without DVR



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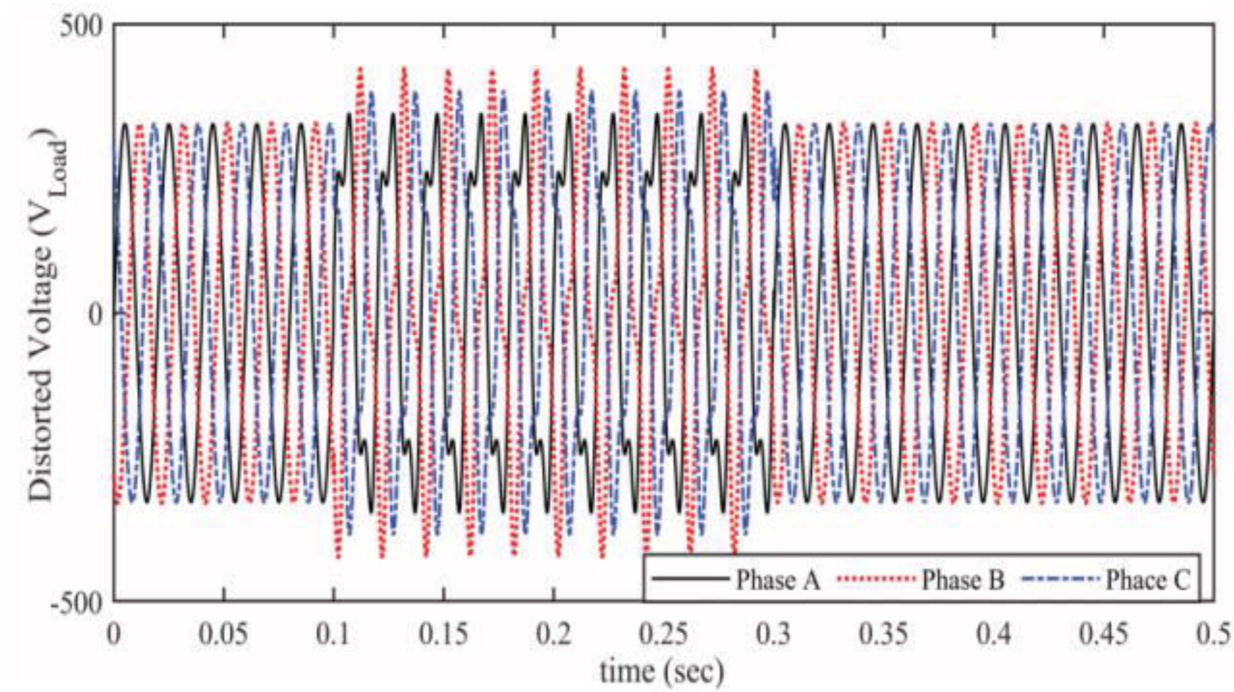
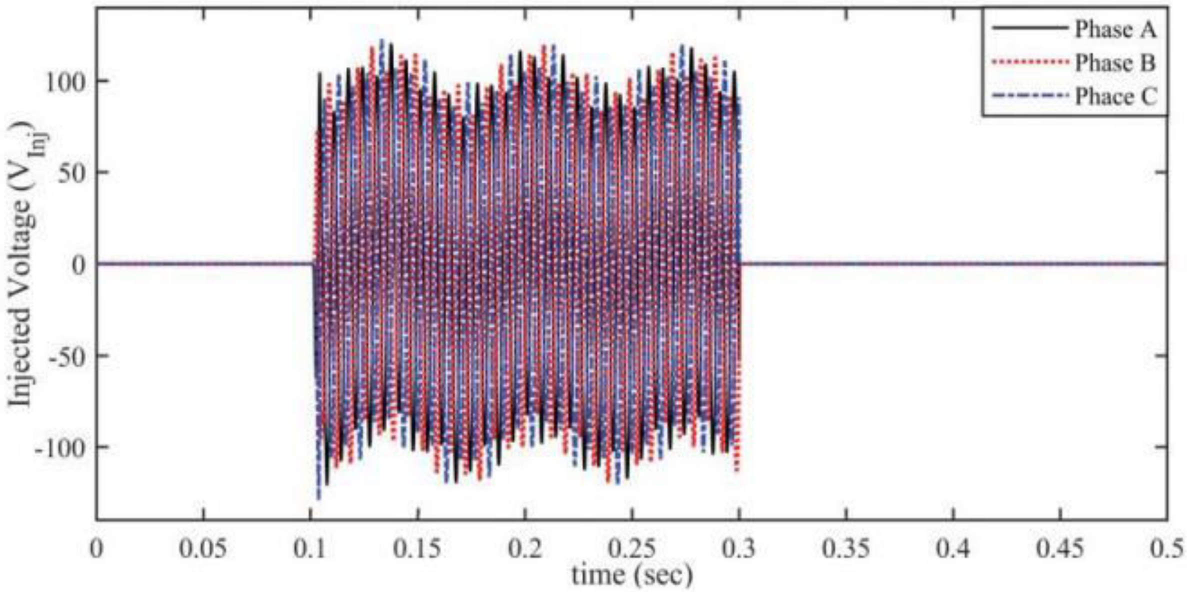
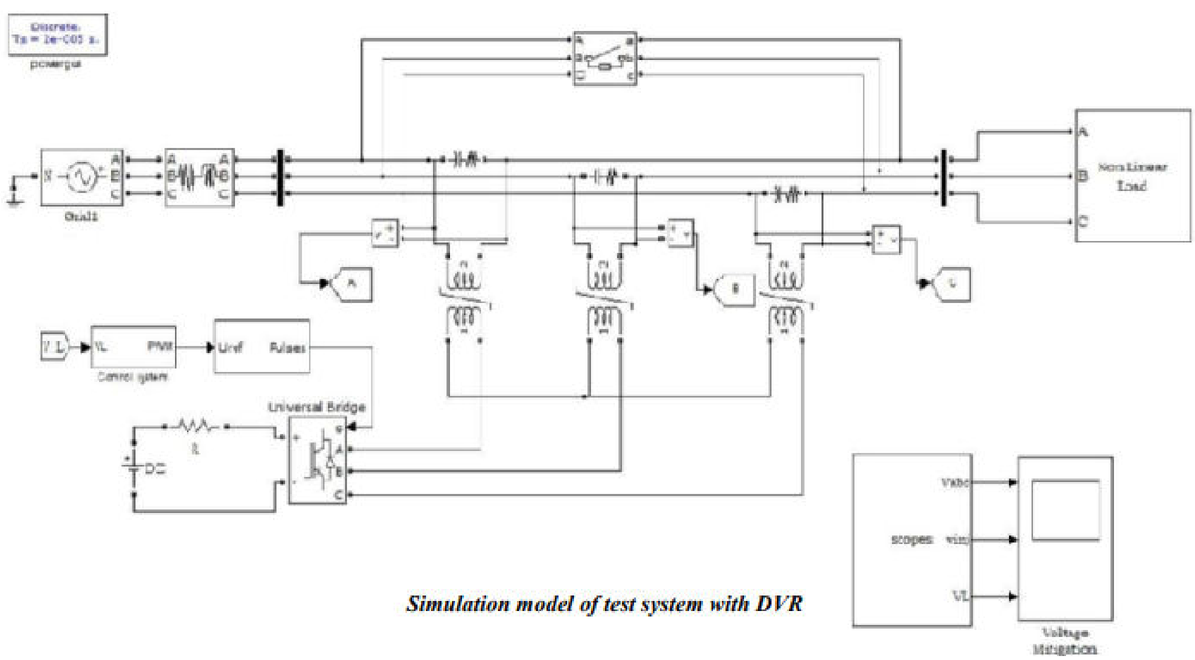


Disorted load voltage waveform before compensation



Injected voltage (Vinj) by DVR in all three phases



Simulation model of test system with DVR

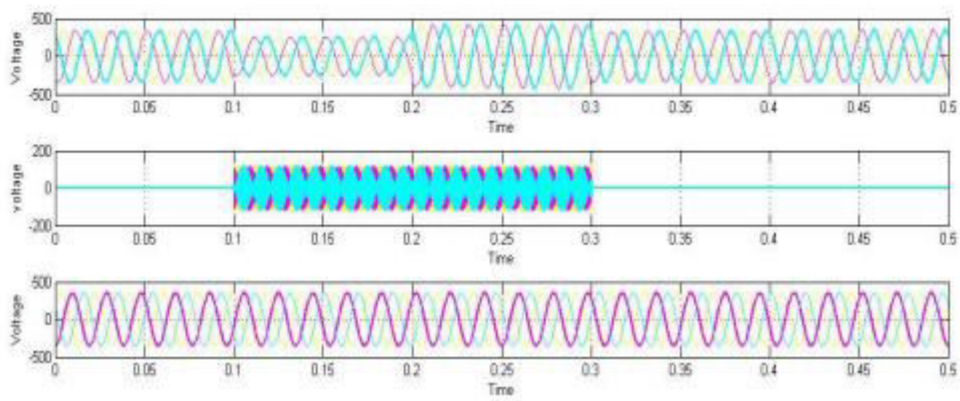


Fig.2: Output waveforms with using DVR

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, this study emphasizes the critical role of Dynamic Voltage Restorers (DVRs) in enhancing power quality in modern electrical systems. The extensive literature review and simulation analyses demonstrate that DVRs effectively mitigate common power quality issues, such as voltage sags, swells, and harmonics, ensuring reliable operation for sensitive electrical equipment. By injecting the necessary voltage to restore load conditions and employing advanced control strategies, DVRs improve overall system stability and reduce total harmonic distortion (THD). Furthermore, case studies highlight the successful implementation of DVRs across various applications, reinforcing their practicality and effectiveness in real-world scenarios. As the energy landscape continues to evolve with increased integration of renewable energy sources and advanced technologies, the insights gained from this research underscore the importance of DVRs as essential components in maintaining power quality. Future research directions may focus on optimizing DVR performance through innovative control algorithms and enhanced communication technologies, paving the way for their broader adoption in smart grid applications and sustainable energy systems. Overall, this study contributes to the growing body of knowledge on power quality improvement solutions, showcasing the potential of DVR technology to support the reliability and efficiency of future electrical infrastructures.

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