NCAT + MnROAD Pavement Preservation Study





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One Project, Two Climates, Four Sites 2015 Preservation Group

One Project

Develop independent life-extending benefit curves for a range of pavement preservation treatments, under varying traffic levels and climates

Two Climates

Alabama: Hot, wet, no-freeze

Minnesota: Cold, wet, freeze

Four Sites

AL - LR 159 (Low Vol); US 280 (High Vol)

MN - CR 8 (Low Vol); US 169 (High Vol)



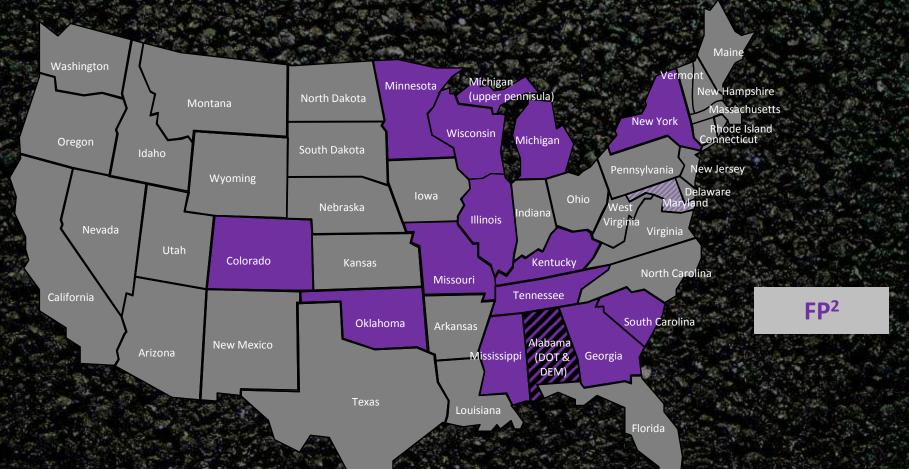


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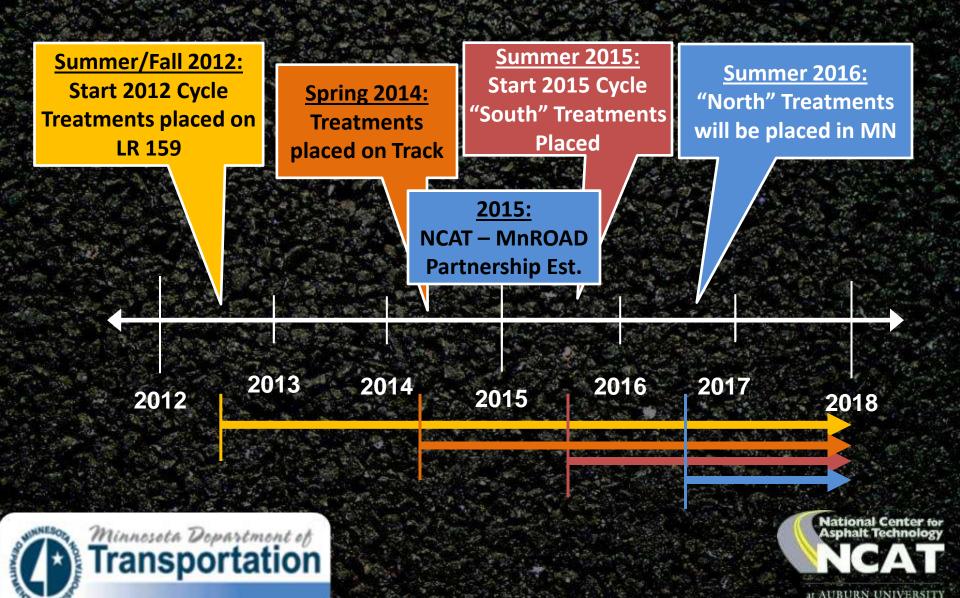
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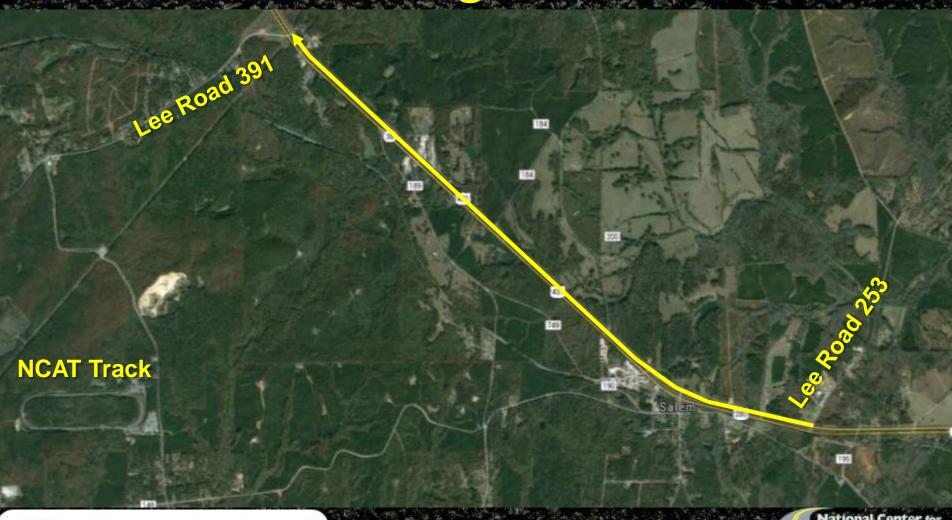
Preservation Group Experiment: History



Lee Road 159 – Low Volume

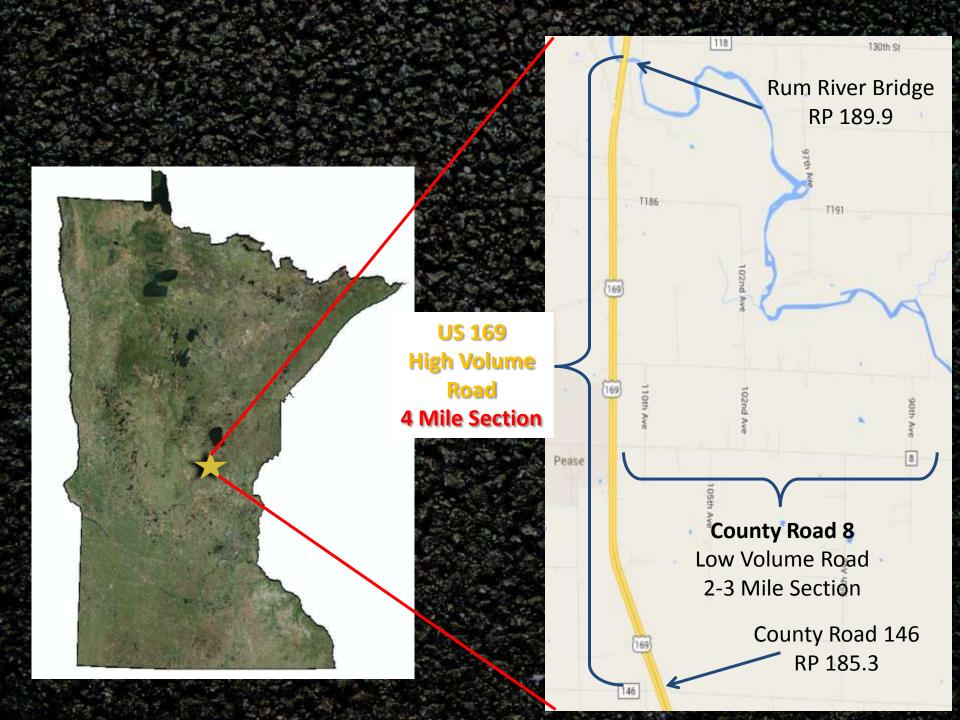


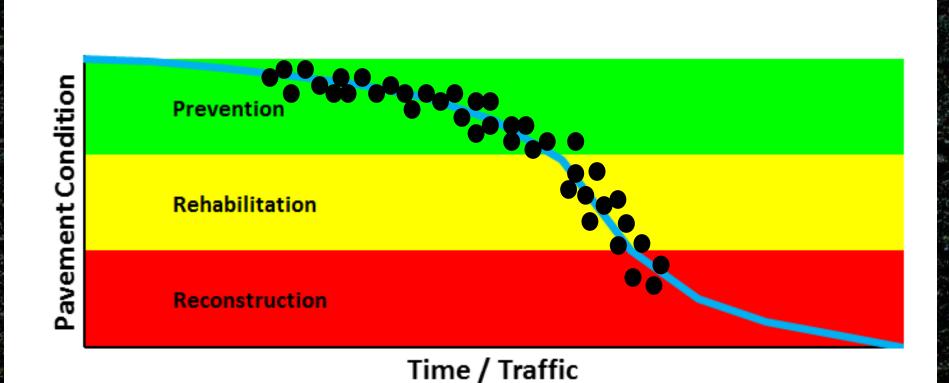
US 280 - Higher Volume





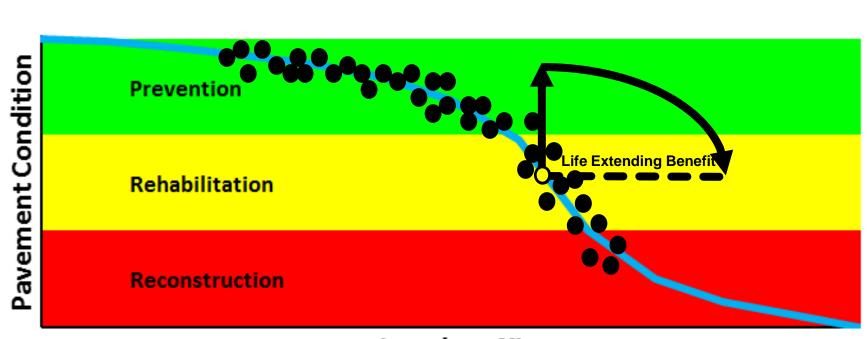








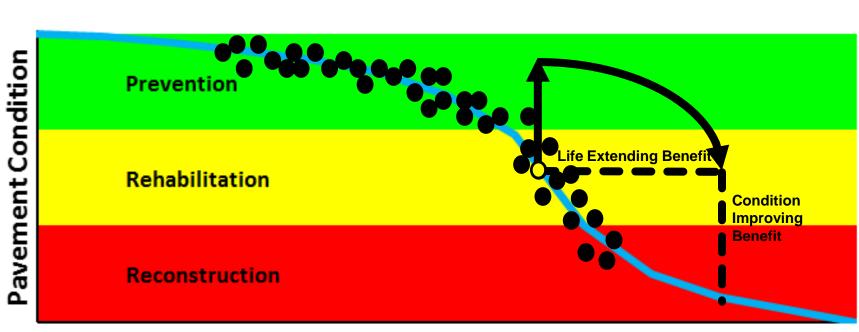




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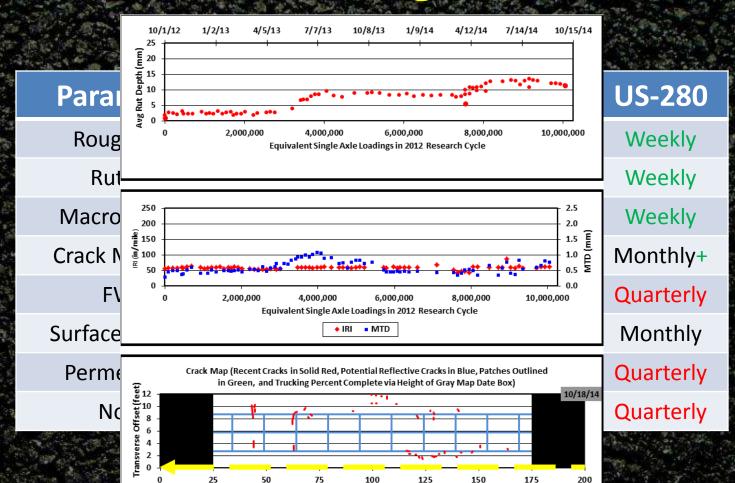
Life Extending Benefit Curves







Monitoring Plan







Longitudinal Distance from Far Transverse Joint (feet)

PG - South

TREATMENT TYPES





Test Track "PG"

2012 Cycle:

- Thin Overlay
- Micro Surface
- Scrub seal
- Scrub cape
- CS + chip seal
- Untreated control

2015 Cycle:

- N10A = Untreated control
- N10B = Thinlay (ABR) ScrubCape
- N11A = Thinlay (Virgin) ScrubCape
- N11B = Untreated control

US 280 Build

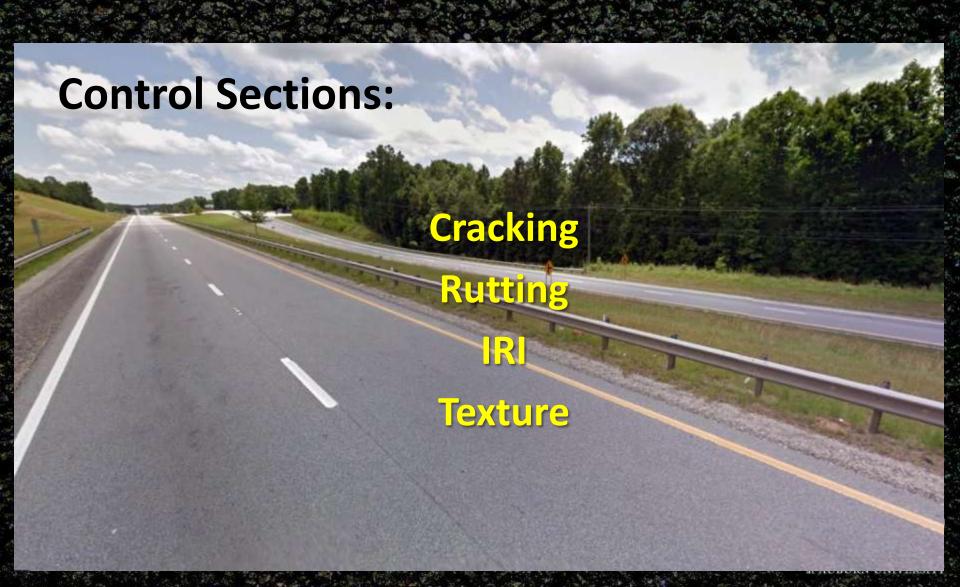
- Completed September 14, 2015
 - 6 untreated control sections
 - 34 treated sections placed
 - 5 empty sections
 - 1 empty traffic loop







US 280





US 280 Combination of Surface Treatments



- Crack seal + Chip seal
- Crack Seal + Micro Surface
- Surface Treatment + Micro Surface = Cape Seal
- Chip Seal (Double, Triple)
- Double Micro Surface



Thin Overlays

Lee Road 159:

- 4.75 mm Mixes
 - 50% RAP
 - 5% PCRAS
 - Standard binder grades
 - Highly polymer modified
- Ultra-thin bonded wearing course

US 280:

- 4.75 mm Mixes
 - High ABR
 - Virgin
- Ultra-thin bondedWearing course
- OGFC
 - Varying tack types/rates

Combinations – Thin Overlays

- Micro Surface on Thin overlay
- Thin Overlay + Surface Treatment = Thin Overlay Cape
 - Chip Seal
 - FiberMat Chip Seal
 - Scrub Seal

Cold Recycling









BENEFITS OF PAVEMENT PRESERVATION





Current Life Extension Based on Ranges

Treatment	Reported Extended Service Life Range (Years)
Thin Overlay	3-23
Chip Seal	3-8
Microsurfacing	3-8
Crack Sealing	0-4
Mill and Resurfacing	4-20
Hot In-place Recycling	3-8
Slurry Seal	4-7
Fog Seal	4-5
Cold In-place Recycling	4-17
Full Depth Reclamation	10-20
Structural Overlay (Mill and Fill)	6-17
Whitetopping	3-17

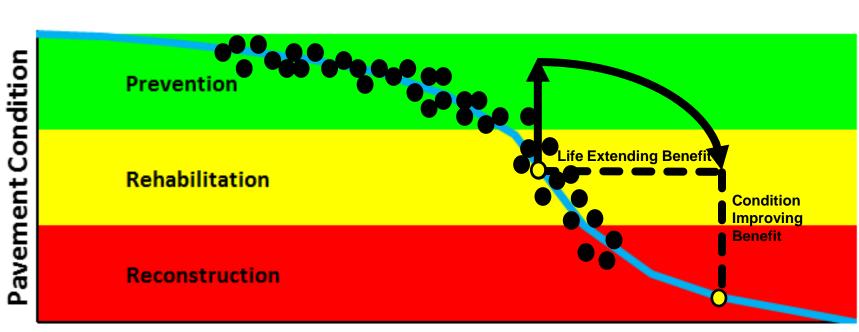
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Quantifying Benefits of Pavement Preservation



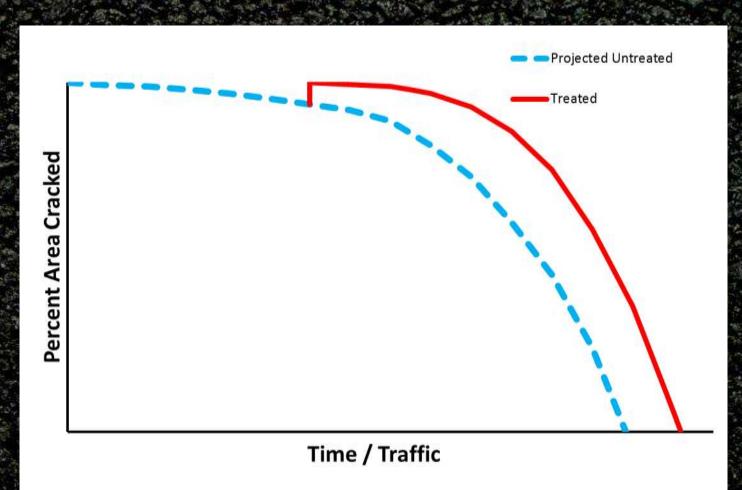


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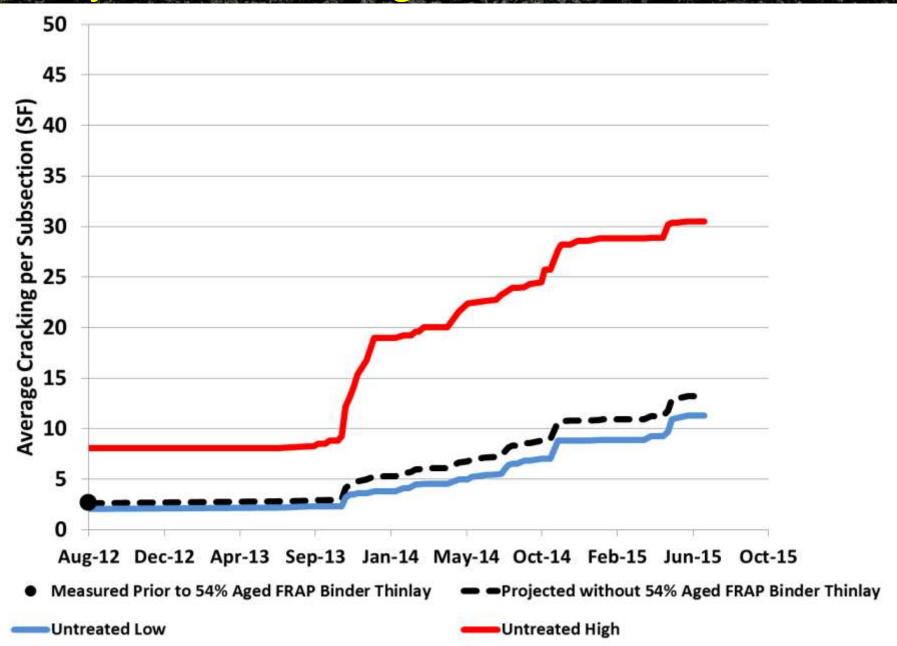
Reduction in Cracking



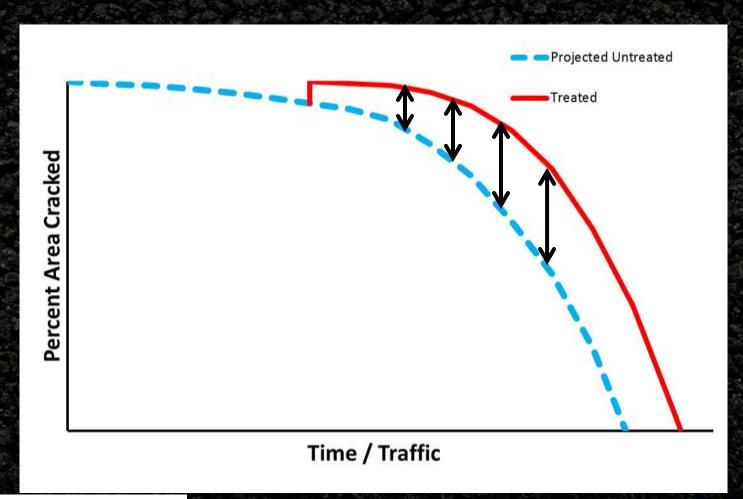




Projection of Cracking – What if left untreated?



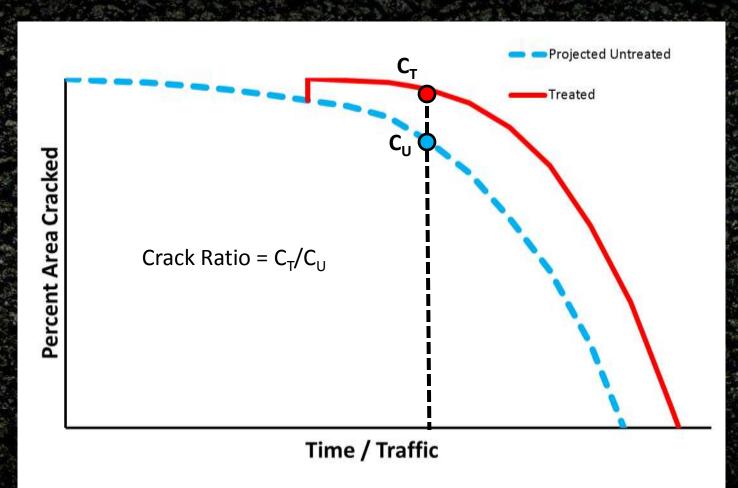
2015 Preservation Group (PG15)







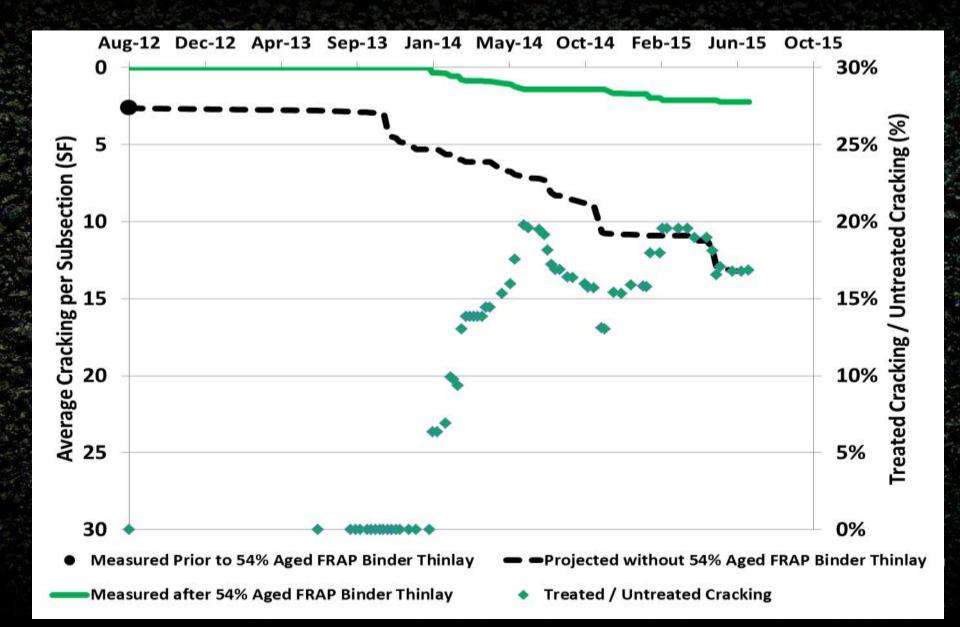
Ratio of Cracking – Treated vs Untreated







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