

# District Heating and Cooling Networks in an Integrated Energy System Context – approaches within the IEA DHC Annex TS3

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INTERNATIONAL ENERGY AGENCY TECHNOLOGY COLLABORATION PROGRAMME ON  
**District Heating and Cooling including Combined Heat and Power**



# The IEA technology cooperation program (TCP) on district heating and cooling (DHC)

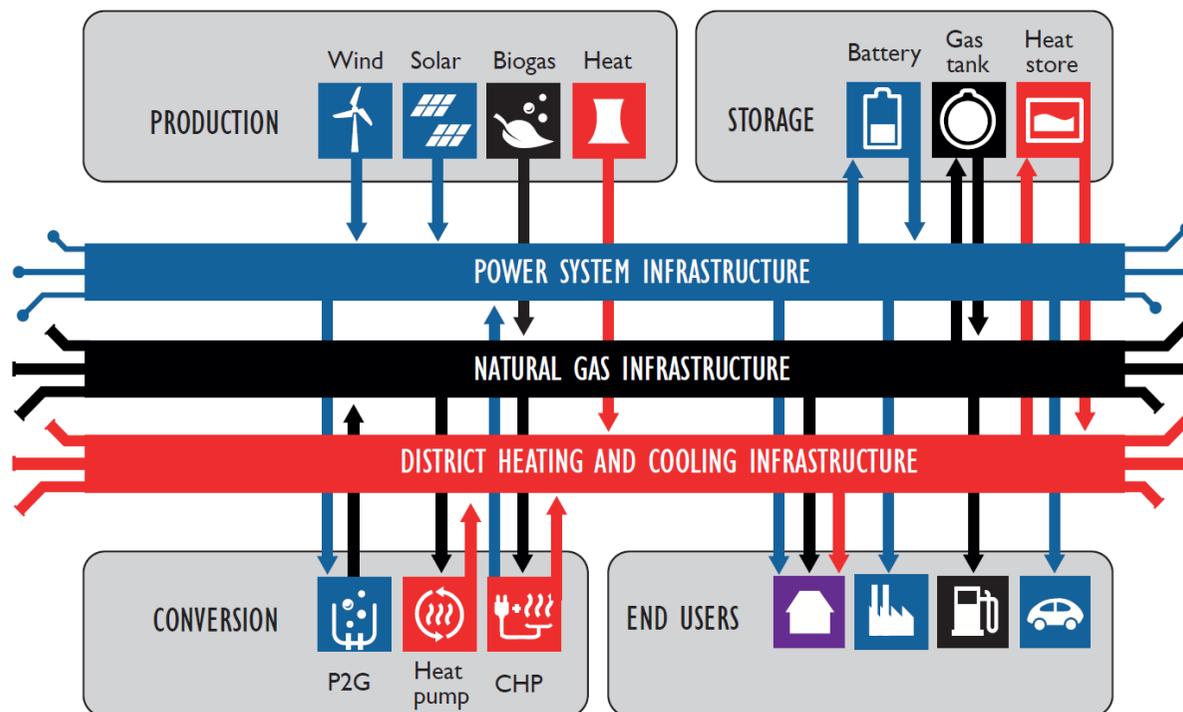
- a platform for international experts
  - dedicated to helping to make DHC and CHP powerful tools for energy conservation and the reduction of environmental impacts of supplying heat
  - Current members: Austria, Canada, China, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Korea, Norway, Sweden, United Kingdom, United States of America.
- The projects within the IEA DHC TCP are either
  - Funded through a *cost-sharing* approach (by the member states), e.g. MEMPHIS
  - Funded through a *task-sharing* approach (the participants contribute resources in-kind for connecting existing national and international projects), e.g. Annex TS3
- More information: <http://www.iea-dhc.org/home.html>

# IEA DHC Annex TS3: Hybrid Energy Networks

## - Background

- The integration of the electricity/ gas grids and heating/ cooling networks is considered as one of the key measures for decarbonizing the energy system (aka “sector coupling”). This

- triggers important **synergies**, that couldn't be realised by optimizing the sectors individually.
- is connected to several **challenges**, such as an increasing competition between the energy domains and a higher complexity.



# Aim

- to **promote the opportunities and to overcome the challenges** for district heating and cooling networks in an integrated energy system context.
- provides a **holistic approach** for assessing, planning and operating hybrid energy networks,
- considers both **technical** (system configuration, operational strategy) and **strategic** aspects (business model, regulatory frame).

# Expected results

- The primary result: a **guidebook** highlighting the relevant results of the different subtasks
  - application areas and synergy potentials,
  - Comparison of international case studies,
  - methodological approaches and tools,
  - Recommended business models, market design and regulations
- The Annex TS3 offers an **unique opportunity** for
  - networking between experts from academia and industry,
  - dedicated know-how exchange at industry workshops and
  - special sessions at key conferences as well as an
  - intensive cooperation with the International Smart Grids Action Network (and others)

# Schedule and status

- **Definition workshop**, 21.09.2017 bmvit (Vienna/Austria) with 28 participants
- **1st preparation workshop**, 25/26.04.2017 RISE (Gothenburg/ Sweden) with 26 participants
- **2nd preparation workshop**, 10/11.10.2018; GEIRI (Berlin/ Germany) with 29 participants
- → **Start of the working phase beginning of 2019**
  - **1<sup>st</sup> working phase WS: spring 2019 (tbd)**



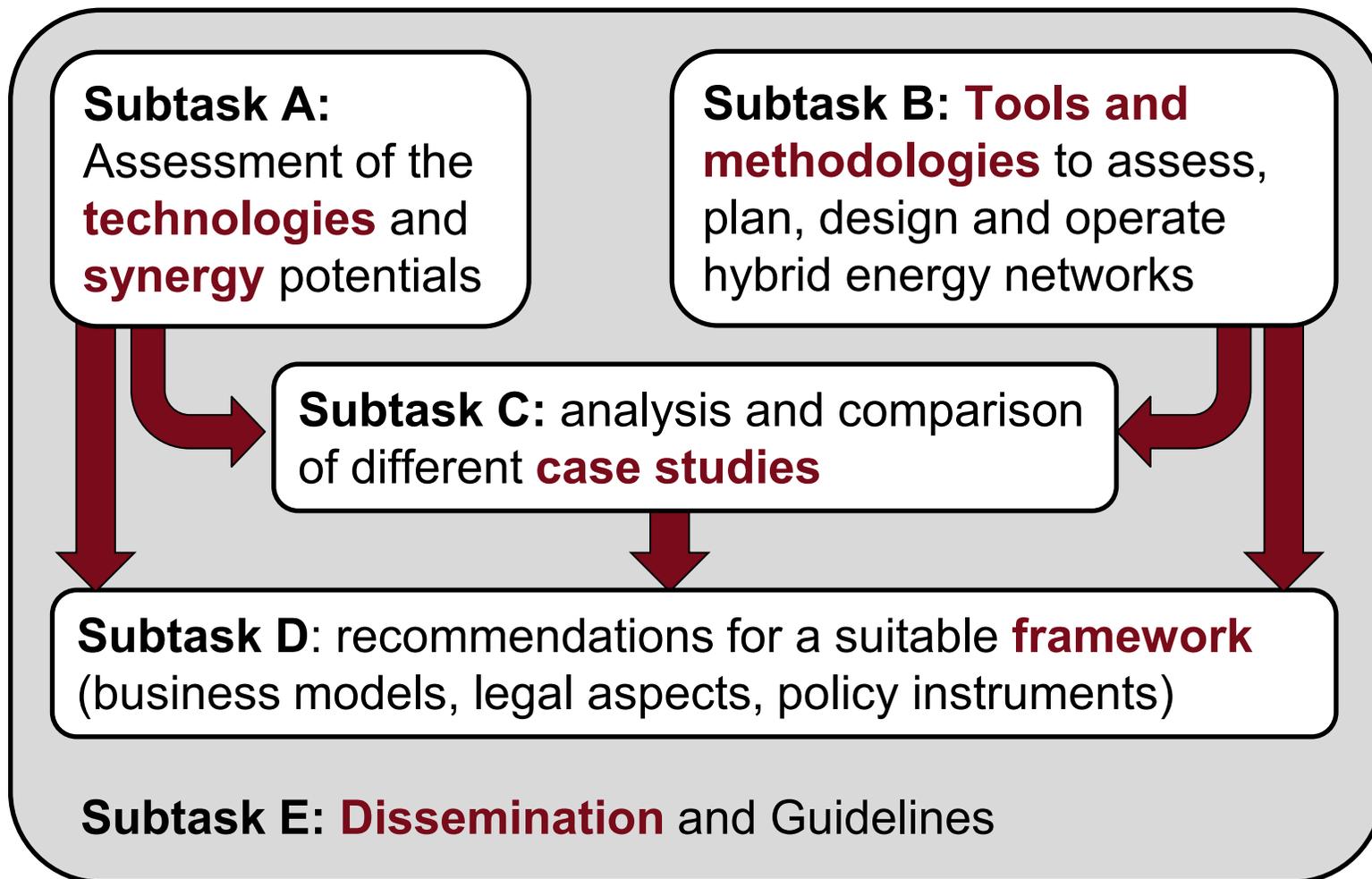
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# cooperation with other initiatives

- **International Smart Grid Action Network (IEA ISGAN)**
  - Official cooperation with Joni Rossi (RISE, OA of Annex 6) on
    - regular bilateral **communication**;
    - **shared networking activities** (e.g. common workshops, participation in conferences) and the
    - development of **fact sheets for policy makers**
- **Energy in Buildings and Communities (IEA EBC)**
  - Possible cooperation with a new Annex initiative from Canada, details tbd
- **Energy Conservation through Energy Storage (IEA ECES)**
  - Possible cooperation with the new Annex initiative "Flexible Sector Coupling" – details tbd



# Structure



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AIT (AT) and Bioenergy  
2020 (AT)

**Subtask A:**  
Assessment of the  
**technologies** and  
**synergy** potentials

**Subtask B: Tools and  
methodologies** to assess,  
plan, design and operate  
hybrid energy networks

NTU (UK) and  
Fraunhofer IEE (De)

**Subtask C:** analysis and comparison  
of different **case studies**

Fraunhofer IEE (DE) and  
RISE (SE)

**Subtask D:** recommendations for a suitable **framework**  
(business models, legal aspects, policy instruments)

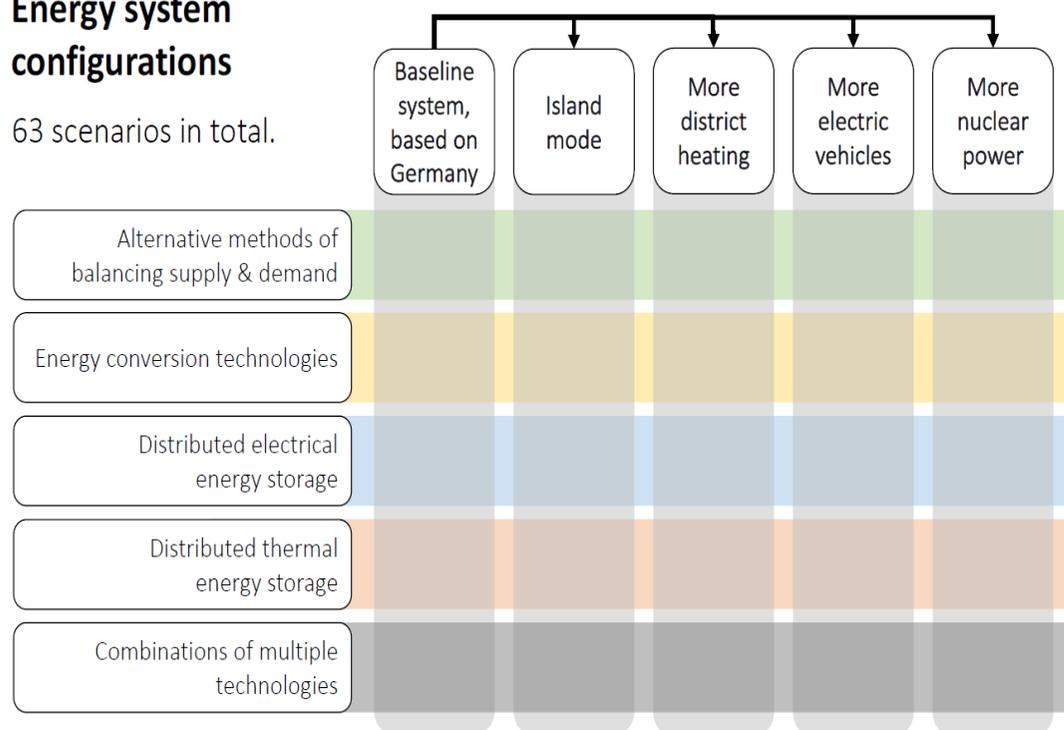
**Subtask E: Dissemination** and Guidelines

AIT (AT) and IEA-DHC  
TCP

# Example Subtask A: Identifying the Potential of Decentralised Energy Storages for Integrating Fluctuating Sources

## Energy system configurations

63 scenarios in total.



## Results: suggested energy system redesign measures

- DH → inexpensive storages
- Electric vehicles with smart charging → cost-effective distributed electrical storage.
- Electrical interconnections to island systems (where possible)

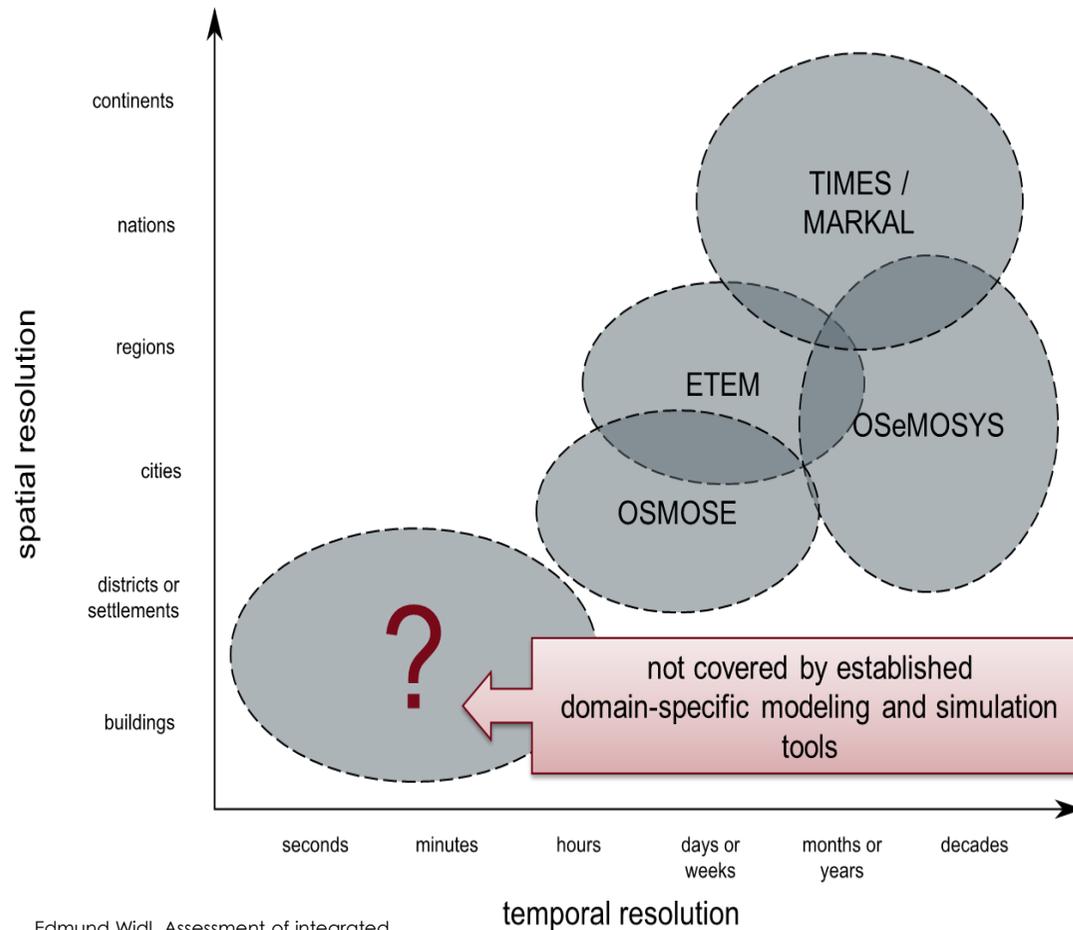
## Recommendations for distributed energy storage and conversion

- Flexible sector coupling
- Individual heat pumps
- Flexible electricity demand
- Thermal energy storage
- Reduction of electrical energy storage investment costs is very important!

→ **Simulation using EnergyPLAN**

Dadi Sveinbjörnsson, results from IEA ECES Annex 28

# Example Subtask B: assessment of modeling and optimization tools for integrated energy systems



Edmund Widl, Assessment of integrated MULTI-Carrier distribution networks

## Multi-domain modeling languages

- closed representation of the overall system with the help of one consistent language
- simulation of the system is done using a dedicated simulation tool

## simulation coupling (co-simulation)

- modeling of subsystems with the help of domain-specific languages and tools
- dynamic coupling (data exchange) of the individual tools at runtime
- e.g., Pitch pRTI (HLA), FUMOLA, mosaik, ...

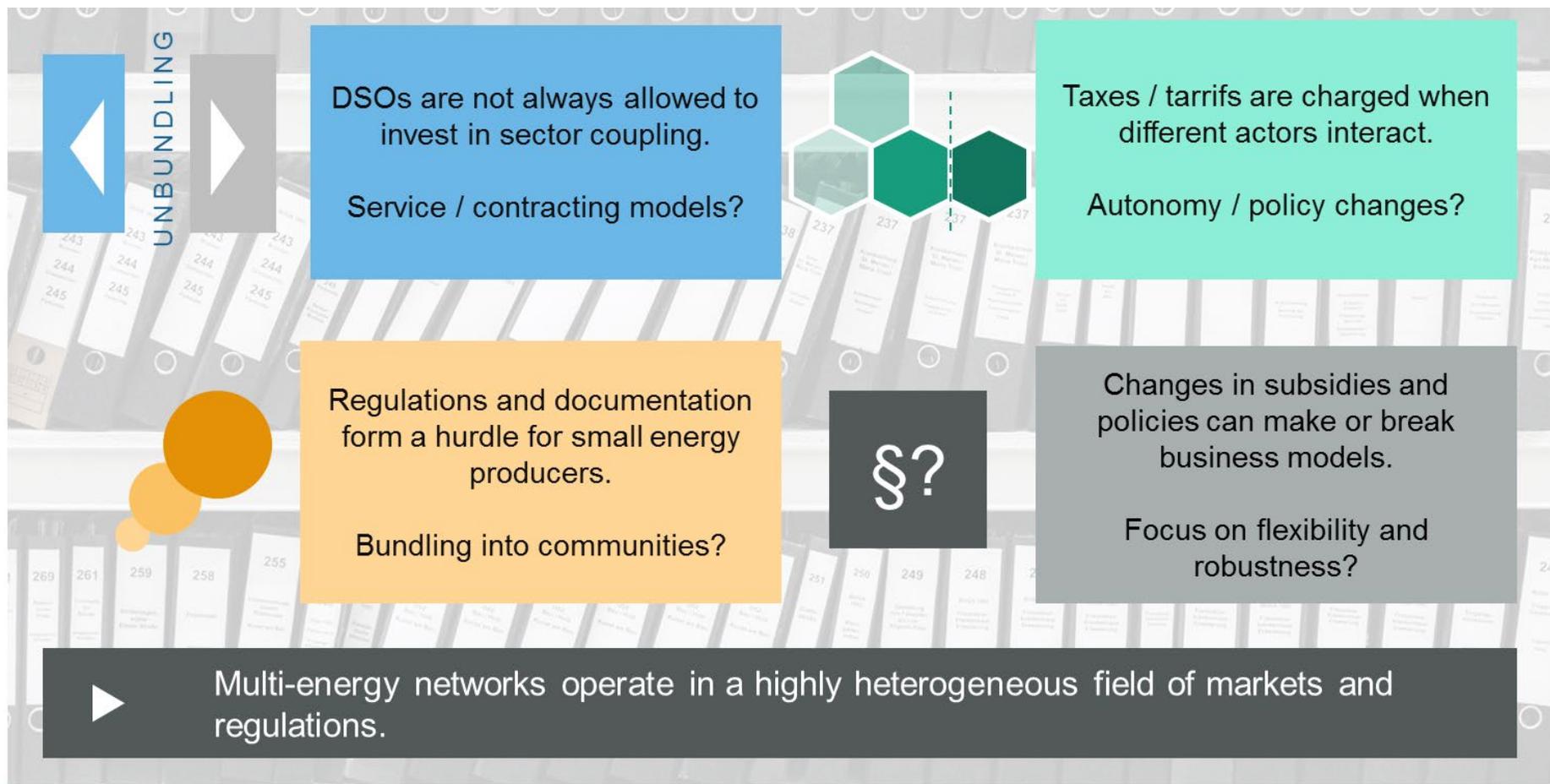
# Example Subtask C: Johanneberg Science Park and the FED Project (Fossil-free Energy Districts)



- FED develops a local marketplace for electricity, heating and cooling.
- FED uses energy efficiently and avoids fossil fuel peaks on the grid.
- FED optimizes use of energy storage

[www.johannebergsciencepark.com/fed](http://www.johannebergsciencepark.com/fed)

# Example Subtask D: Market and regulation barriers for sector coupling in Germany



Christian Spalthoff, Fraunhofer IEE, Economic aspects of energy grid interaction

# How do you get involved?

- The project is open to new participants during its whole runtime, however, an early involvement enables a deep interaction with the other participants.
- To join the project participants need to bring completed, ongoing or upcoming projects that address hybrid energy networks with a focus on DHC in the participants own country.
- Furthermore resources for processing the project results (e.g. translation) and participating in the workshops as well as special secessions are required.

# Thank you for your attention!

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