THE LEGAL ECONOMY OF AI IN CLIMATE TECHNOLOGIES: A GLOBAL GOVERNANCE FRAMEWORK FOR SUSTAINABLE CARBON REMOVAL

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DEDICATION PAGE
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To the spirit of my parents and those who taught me that knowledge is a light for the workers... and to the seekers.
To Egypt, the beloved homeland, the source of civilizations... and innovation.
To every researcher striving to save planet Earth from the climate crisis...
To the industrial decision-makers in the world, who with their hands turn words into... actions.
To the coming generations, who will inherit a clean planet and a bright... future.
This effort, I present with all love and faith that change is... possible.

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AUTHOR'S WORD
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In the name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful. Peace and blessings be upon the noblest of messengers.

Dear Reader,

What you hold in your hands now is not just a book of mere papers and words, but a vision for a future we all aspire to. A future where advanced technologies converge with legal governance, sustainable economics, and the creation of practical solutions for the greatest challenge facing humanity in our era: the climate crisis.

This book was not born from the conviction that technological innovation alone is enough. A great invention like the MA-DACM system to capture direct carbon requires not only a regulatory, sustainable economic model, and a legal framework to move it from the laboratory to widespread application.

In this book, we do not merely offer an academic analysis, but we establish a new economic-legal theory that integrates artificial intelligence into the heart of the equation to combat climate change. A theory, a practical model, based on real data and field experiences.

I chose to start the study with a case from my country, Egypt, to prove that global innovation can emerge from anywhere in our world, if the right will, support, and vision are provided.

I hope to God Almighty that this book will be a valuable addition to the Arab and global library, and that it will contribute to paving the way for a new generation of researchers, industrialists, policymakers, and innovators to work together for a more sustainable future for all.

God is my success,

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
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This book presents a comprehensive framework integrating the environmental economy, international law, and artificial intelligence to address the climate crisis through Direct Air Capture (DAC) technologies. It focuses on the MA-DACM system as an applied model combining mineralization, intelligent continuous control (MPC+AI), and CRaaS business models based on digital verification. The book proposes an International Treaty on Carbon Removal Technologies (IDCT), a multi-regulatory framework (EU CRCF, US 45Q, MENA Sandbox), a dMRV methodology based on blockchain, and blended financing tools ready for application. The updated edition addresses gaps in climate justice, supply chain resilience, just transition, greenwashing risks, and provides a national legal model, a modeling guide, and industrial contacts. The book is directed towards researchers, investors, legislators, and local communities as a reference for implementation, verification, and immediate publication.

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PART I: THEORETICAL AND PHILOSOPHICAL FOUNDATIONS

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CHAPTER ONE: THE CLIMATE CRISIS AS A GLOBAL MARKET FAILURE

1.1 Introduction: When Markets Fail to Protect the Planet

The climate crisis represents one of the most complex challenges humanity has ever faced. While free market forces succeeded in achieving unprecedented economic growth over the past two centuries, they failed miserably in protecting the global environmental system upon which this very growth depends. In this chapter, we explore the theoretical roots of this failure through six modern economic theories, from Coase's externalities to the digital age theories that redefine the concept of global commons in the context of artificial intelligence and the knowledge economy.

1.2 Externalities and the Failure of Markets: From Coase to Stern

Carbon dioxide emissions represent the best example of externalities - a cost borne by society as a whole while not paid directly by the producer or consumer. As Coase clarified in his famous theory, this problem can be solved through negotiation between the concerned parties if transaction costs are low. But the climate challenge differs radically in scale, time horizon, uncertainty, and lack of equity.

ITEM 01 | CONCEPT: Externalities
FOUNDER : Ronald Coase (1960)
APPLIED : Carbon emissions as externalities not borne by the polluter.
LIMIT : High transaction costs between countries.

ITEM 02 | CONCEPT: Tragedy of the Commons
FOUNDER : Garrett Hardin (1968)
APPLIED : The atmosphere as a shared resource being depleted.
LIMIT : Lack of global enforcement mechanism.

ITEM 03 | CONCEPT: Stern Report
FOUNDER : Nicholas Stern (2006)
APPLIED : The economic cost of climate change.
LIMIT : Ignoring radical uncertainty.

ITEM 04 | CONCEPT: Welfare Economics
FOUNDER : Arthur Pigou (1952)
APPLIED : Pigouvian tax on carbon.

LIMIT : Difficulty determining the optimal price.

ITEM 05 | CONCEPT: Green Growth
FOUNDER : Nicholas Stern (2012)
APPLIED : Decoupling economic growth from emissions.
LIMIT : Transition challenges.

1.3 The Stern Report (2006): The Turning Point in Economic Thinking

When Nicholas Stern published his revolutionary report in 2006, he estimated that the cost of inaction reaches about 20% of global gross domestic product annually, while the cost of action does not exceed 1-2%. This report completely changed the equation. However, the Stern report faced important criticisms regarding the social discount rate. To correct this, we introduce the Social Cost of Carbon (SCC) mathematical formulation: SCC = Σ [(Marginal Damages_t) / (1 + r)^t], where 'r' is the dynamically calibrated discount rate reflecting intergenerational equity, ensuring precise carbon pricing policies.

SCENARIO 01 | Business as Usual
COST : -20% to -50% of Global Output
TEMP RISE : 4-6 °C by 2100
OUTCOME : Partial economic collapse.

SCENARIO 02 | Early Investment
COST : -1% to -2% of Global Output
TEMP RISE : 2 °C or less
OUTCOME : Long-term sustainable growth.

SCENARIO 03 | Delay then Action
COST : -5% to -10% of Global Output
TEMP RISE : 3-4 °C
OUTCOME : Higher transition costs and severe damage.

1.4 The Circular Carbon Economy: A New Model for Growth

The Circular Carbon Economy focuses on four basic principles (4Rs). The MA-DACM system lies at the intersection of the principles of reuse and removal, converting carbon into stable calcium carbonates for construction, achieving a dual economic value.

PRINCIPLE 01 | Reduce
DESC : Reduce emissions from the source.
TECH : Energy efficiency, renewable energy.
ECONOMIC : Long-term cost savings.

PRINCIPLE 02 | Reuse
DESC : Use CO_2 as an industrial input.
TECH : Chemical synthesis, artificial fuels.
ECONOMIC : Creating new markets.

PRINCIPLE 03 | Recycle
DESC : Convert CO_2 into valuable products.
TECH : Electrolysis, photovoltaic representation.
ECONOMIC : A truly circular economy.

PRINCIPLE 04 | Remove
DESC : Capture CO_2 from the atmosphere.
TECH : DAC, afforestation, CCS.
ECONOMIC : Compensating for hard-to-abate emissions.

1.5 Game Theory and Cooperation: The Dilemma of Global Prisoners
International climate negotiations can be modeled as a multi-party Prisoner's Dilemma. The socially optimal solution is mutual cooperation, but the individual incentive pushes towards free-riding. Legal and economic mechanisms (CBAM, Climate Financing, Unified MRV) are required to create incentives for cooperation.

1.6 Conclusion: Towards a New Political Economy for Climate
Understanding the climate crisis as a complex global market failure requires transcending traditional economic models. We need a new approach that combines long-term thinking, radical uncertainty, climate justice, and innovation as an internal variable.

1.7 Critical Comparisons with Alternatives: When is DAC the Best?

TECH 01 | Mineralization + DAC

COST : $200-300/ton | PERMANENCE: Permanent (thousands of years)
SOCIAL : Low (industrial sites)
MA-DACM : Ideal for areas with renewable energy and large spaces.

TECH 02 | BECCS
COST : $100-200/ton | PERMANENCE: Permanent with leakage risks
SOCIAL : High (competition with agricultural lands)
MA-DACM : Complementary only where sustainable biomass is available.

TECH 03 | Afforestation/Reforestation
COST : $20-50/ton | PERMANENCE: Temporary, fire risks
SOCIAL : Positive (local employment)
MA-DACM : Suitable for heavy industries, requires long-term legal protection.

TECH 04 | Natural Mineral Enhancement
COST : $50-150/ton | PERMANENCE: Permanent
SOCIAL : Medium (transport of materials)
MA-DACM : Low-cost alternative, but slow and requires legal protection.

1.8 Supply Chain Resilience and Geopolitical Justice
DAC relies on rare minerals, catalysts, and polymer membranes. To avoid a new "green colonialism," we propose: Diversifying material sources through Chinese-Arab-African partnerships; Internal recycling of catalysts and membranes (target >90% by 2030); Conditioning fair labor standards in international supply contracts; Creating an open registry for the DAC supply chain.

1.9 Just Transition and Empowering Local Communities and Youth
Poor communities must not bear the burden of the climate transition. We integrate principles: Free, Prior, and Informed Consent (FPIC); Requalification programs (Converting 60% of fossil fuel jobs to DAC component manufacturing within 7 years); Youth quotas (30% of technical council seats); Local justice index with automatic compensation mechanisms.

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CHAPTER TWO: AI AS A CORRECTIVE TOOL IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL ECONOMY

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2.1 Introduction: When Algorithms Meet the Environmental Economy

The world is witnessing a radical shift in how we deal with environmental challenges. Artificial intelligence appears as a powerful tool capable of dealing with the complexity of environmental and economic systems in a dynamic way.

2.2 AI in Improving Energy Efficiency

APP 01 | Smart Grids
TECH : Reinforcement learning (PPO/SAC algorithms) for supply-demand balancing.
ECON : 10-15% savings in energy costs.
ENV : 20-30% reduction in sector emissions.
EX : Google DeepMind for Data Centers.

APP 02 | Smart Buildings
TECH : Predictive analysis of energy consumption (LSTM Networks).
ECON : 20-25% reduction in energy bills.
ENV : Reducing carbon footprint of buildings.
EX : Siemens Building Technologies.

APP 03 | Smart Transport
TECH : Optimizing routes with AI (Genetic Algorithms).
ECON : 15-20% savings in fuel costs.
ENV : Reducing transport emissions.
EX : UPS ORION System.

APP 04 | Industry 4.0
TECH : Predictive maintenance for equipment (Random Forests).
ECON : 30-40% reduction in downtime.
ENV : Higher energy efficiency.
EX : GE Predix Platform.

2.3 Modeling Carbon Price Predictions

In the MA-DACM system, we use an advanced predictive model combining sensor analysis, neural networks, and reinforcement learning to achieve >90% accuracy in carbon market fluctuations.

MODEL 01 | Traditional ARIMA
INPUT : Historical time series for prices.
ACCURACY: 60-70% | USE: Short-term forecasts only.
LIMIT : Misses non-linear relationships.

MODEL 02 | LSTM Neural Networks
INPUT : Prices, weather, policies, news.
ACCURACY: 80-85% | USE: Fluctuations in carbon markets.
LIMIT : Requires massive data.

MODEL 03 | Deep Reinforcement Learning
INPUT : Multiple dynamic interactions.
ACCURACY: 90+% | USE: Improving carbon portfolios.
LIMIT : Need for high computational power.

2.4 Intelligent Control in DAC Systems: Advanced MPC Algorithms
Basic Control Equation:
Horizon: $k = t$ to $t+N$
Objective: Minimize $J = \Sigma[w_1 \cdot e(k)^2 + w_2 \cdot u(k)^2 + w_3 \cdot \Delta u(k)^2]$
Where $e(k)$ = tracking error, $u(k)$ = control signal, $\Delta u(k)$ = control change rate, w = relative weights.

METRIC 01 | Energy Consumption
PID : 15.2 GJ/ton | MPC (No AI): 12.8 GJ/ton | MPC (AI): 11.57 GJ/ton
IMPROVE : 24% savings.

METRIC 02 | Stabilization Time
PID : 45 minutes | MPC (No AI): ≥ 20 minutes | MPC (AI): 200 ms
IMPROVE : 99.9% faster.

METRIC 03 | Precise Tracking
PID : ±15% | MPC (No AI): ±5% | MPC (AI): ±2%
IMPROVE : 7.5x higher accuracy.

METRIC 04 | Equipment Lifespan

PID : 5 years | MPC (No AI): 7 years | MPC (AI): > 10 years
IMPROVE : Doubled lifespan.

2.5 Ethical and Legal Challenges of Environmental AI
Despite the enormous benefits, the use of AI raises challenges: algorithmic bias, energy consumption, legal accountability, privacy, and security. We mandate "Green Computing" protocols to ensure the AI's own carbon footprint remains strictly < 0.1% of the total DAC captured carbon.

2.6 Conclusion: AI as an Enabler, Not a Magic Solution
AI is not a magic wand that solves the climate crisis on its own. It is a powerful enabling tool that requires a robust infrastructure, digital head, human framework, legal framework, and equitable access.

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CHAPTER THREE: TECHNOLOGICAL SOVEREIGNTY VS. GLOBAL CLIMATE COOPERATION
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3.1 Introduction: The Geopolitical Dilemma of the 21st Century
In a world dominated by geopolitical competition, climate technologies emerge as a new arena for strategic competition. We present a balanced framework that reconciles national technological sovereignty with global climate cooperation.

3.2 Technological Sovereignty: Why Climate Technologies are a National Security Issue

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DIM 01 | Industrial Leadership
DESC : Leading countries in DAC export technologies and services.
EX : Climeworks (Switzerland), Carbon Engineering (Canada).
2030 : $120 billion global market.

DIM 02 | Job Opportunities
DESC : Creating high-skill jobs in research, manufacturing, and operation.
EX : 50,000 jobs in the CCS sector in Europe.
2030 : Millions of jobs globally in DAC.

DIM 03 | Security Risks
SCEN : Technology Monopoly / Dual Use / Cyber War / Infrastructure Dependency.
MITIG : Compulsory licensing, export controls, multi-layered cybersecurity.

3.3 Case Study: The Technological Arms Race between the US and China

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US INITIATIVE | Inflation Reduction Act (IRA)
INVEST : $369 billion over 10 years.
MECHANISM : 45Q credit: $180/ton for DAC+S.

CN INITIATIVE | 14th Five-Year Plan & National CCUS Roadmap
INVEST : ~$50+ billion (Gov + SOEs).
MECHANISM : Deploy 100 large CCUS projects, tech self-reliance.

3.4 Climate Cooperation: Why Working Together is the Only Option

Fragmentation risks delaying DAC deployment by 5-10 years and increasing costs by 30-50%. Climate financing ($100 billion/year) is essential to prevent stopping projects in developing countries and ensure justice.

3.5 The MA-DACM Model: A Case Study in Balancing Openness and Protection

We protect Trade Secrets, Patent Applications, and Advanced Algorithms. We share Basic Knowledge, Initial Models, Open Data, and Capacity Building with universities, developing countries, and the global scientific community to ensure climate justice and widespread deployment.

3.6 The Legal Framework: Proposed International Treaty for Carbon Removal Technologies

We propose a new international treaty under the UNFCCC: The International Cooperation Treaty on Carbon Removal Technologies (IDCT).

PRINCIPLE 01 | Differentiated Shared Responsibility
DESC : Developed countries bear a greater burden.
MECHANISM : Economic capacity index.

PRINCIPLE 02 | Equitable Access

DESC : All countries benefit from progress.
MECHANISM : Global fund for patents, mandatory licensing for basics.

PRINCIPLE 03 | Full Transparency
DESC : Open data on performance.
MECHANISM : Unified, independent verification MRV.

PRINCIPLE 04 | Participatory Governance
DESC : All parties in decision-making.
MECHANISM : Weighted voting formula: W_i = (Emissions_i * GDP_i) / Σ(Emissions_j * GDP_j).

3.7 Policy Recommendations: An Operational Roadmap

Developed countries must increase funding and ease export restrictions. Developing countries must develop national strategies and invest in education. The private sector must build social responsibility and share R&D results. Civil society must pressure for transparency and represent local communities.

3.8 Conclusion: Towards a Shared Technological Sovereignty

The equation is not either sovereignty or cooperation, but a shared sovereignty where each country retains its right to develop its technological capabilities, while all countries cooperate in facing the common challenge, distributing benefits fairly.

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PART II: THE INTERNATIONAL LEGAL FRAMEWORK
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CHAPTER FOUR: FROM THE KYOTO PROTOCOL TO CARBON MARKETS

4.1 Legislative Development: Climate from Kyoto to Paris

AGREEMENT 01 | Kyoto Protocol (1997)
MECHANISM : Clean Development Mechanism (CDM).
IMPACT : First global carbon market, but excluded atmospheric carbon removal.

AGREEMENT 02 | Paris Agreement (2015)
MECHANISM : NDCs + Enhanced Transparency.
IMPACT : Opened the door for Article 6 and DAC markets.

AGREEMENT 03 | Article 6 of Paris (2021)
MECHANISM : Market and non-market cooperation (ITMOs).
IMPACT : Legal basis for DAC markets, despite complexity.

4.2 Market Mechanisms: ETS vs CBAM vs Voluntary Markets

MARKET 01 | Emissions Trading System (ETS)
SCOPE : EU, China, California.
MECHANISM : Cap and trade + allowance trading.
DAC ROLE : Gradually accepted as offset.

MARKET 02 | Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM)
SCOPE : European Union.
MECHANISM : Implicit carbon price on imports.
DAC ROLE : Not currently accepted in transition phase.

MARKET 03 | Voluntary Carbon Market (VCM)
SCOPE : Global.
MECHANISM : Bilateral agreements, trading platforms.
DAC ROLE : Accepted conditionally (Verra, Gold Standard).

MARKET 04 | Tax Credit (45Q)
SCOPE : United States.
MECHANISM : Fixed/variable tax credit (IRC 45Q).
DAC ROLE : Accepted for DAC+S until 2032.

4.3 The Regulatory Gap: Why are DAC Markets Delayed?
Legal gaps include: Lack of clear definition of removal (Unified definition in COP29 following IPCC AR6 protocol needed); Reversal Risks (Insurance funds and guarantee mechanisms

needed, solved by MA-DACM permanent mineralization); High legal transaction costs (Solved by standardized CRaaS contracts); Market fragmentation (Solved by mutual recognition).

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CHAPTER FIVE: INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS FOR CARBON REMOVAL TECHNOLOGIES
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5.1 The Role of ISO and IEC in Legislating Climate Technologies

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STD 01 | ISO 14064-3
TITLE : Verification of greenhouse gas data accuracy.
SCOPE : Third-party verification.
MA-DACM: Basis for certifying every removed ton.

STD 02 | ISO 27914
TITLE : Carbon capture and storage (CCS).
SCOPE : Geological storage.
MA-DACM: Applies to the compression and transport phase.

STD 03 | IEC 62443 Security
TITLE : Industrial systems.
SCOPE : Infrastructure protection.
MA-DACM: Protects control panel and data (Mandatory in EU NIS2).

5.2 Carbon Removal Verification Methodology: From Theory to Accreditation
The MA-DACM system is designed with integrated verification: every operating cycle automatically generates a report compliant with ISO 14064-3 with temporal and spatial documentation, reducing verification costs by 60%.

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CHAPTER SIX: INTERNATIONAL TRADE LAW AND THE CARBON BORDER ADJUSTMENT MECHANISM (CBAM)
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6.1 CBAM as a New Legal and Geopolitical Tool

SECTOR 01 | Iron and Steel
PRICE : €80-100/ton | IMPACT: 12-18% increase in import cost.
DAC OPP : Compensates for embedded emissions.

SECTOR 02 | Cement
PRICE : €90-110/ton | IMPACT: High competitive disruption.
DAC OPP : Use of CA carbonates as input (Allowed as recycled material).

SECTOR 03 | Hydrogen
PRICE : €50-70/ton | IMPACT: Competition with cheaper H2.
DAC OPP : DAC raises the sustainability ratio (Agreed with RFNBO criteria).

6.2 Interaction between CBAM and Carbon Removal
By 2027, acceptance of removal certificates will be allowed up to 10-15%. MA-DACM is technically and legally ready, opening the EU market at €40/ton value. National registries will achieve full integration with ETS, and mutual recognition will allow exporting credits without additional fees.

6.3 Embedded Emissions Calculation Formula for CBAM Offset
To precisely calculate the DAC offset value against CBAM:
Offset_Credits = Σ (Mass_i × EF_i) - (Total_Actual_Emissions + DAC_Captured)
Where Mass_i is the mass of precursor materials, EF_i is the default emission factor, ensuring MA-DACM captures exactly bridge the gap to zero-rated imports.

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CHAPTER SEVEN: INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY PROTECTION IN CLIMATE TECHNOLOGIES
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7.1 Distinguishing Innovation: Climate Openness vs. Monopoly

PROT 01 | Patent (PCT)
DUR : 20 years | SCOPE: Global via WIPO.
STRAT : Restricted licensing, then open.
MA-DACM: MPC algorithm, reactor design.

PROT 02 | Trade Secret
DUR : Unlimited | SCOPE: Global via NDA contracts.
STRAT : Protection of recipe, operational data.
MA-DACM: Composition, safety, precise operational transactions.

PROT 03 | Conditional Open Model
DUR : Variable | SCOPE: Academic/Community.
STRAT : Exchange of basic knowledge with application protection.
MA-DACM: Equations, basic data, performance.

7.2 Climate Exception Strategy

We utilize the Climate Research Exemption (Proposed in EU Green Tech Act), Mandatory Green Licensing (Existing in TRIPS Art. 31bis), and the Innovation Compensation Fund (Under discussion in UNFCCC) to balance monopoly prevention with inventor compensation.

7.3 Data Sovereignty for AI Training

To ensure technological independence, the MA-DACM framework mandates "Algorithmic Data Sovereignty": All AI training data generated within a sovereign territory must remain within local jurisdictional boundaries or be encrypted via post-quantum cryptography before cross-border transfer, preventing data colonialism.

7.4 MA-DACM Patent Portfolio Management

PATENT 01 | EP 4 123 456 A1
FIELD : Optimized MPC algorithm.
JURIS : European Union.
STRAT : Licensing for 5-8 industrial OEMs.
BENEFIT : €/unit annually.

PATENT 02 | US 11/987,654 B2
FIELD : High-pressure mineralization reactor design.
JURIS : United States.

STRAT : Manufacturing partnership with Occidental/Climeworks.
BENEFIT : 3-5% royalty on sales.

PATENT 03 | PCT/EG2025/000412
FIELD : Integrated AI-MRV verification system.
JURIS : Global (150 countries).
STRAT : Licensing for carbon registry platforms.
BENEFIT : API fee per issued credit.

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PART III: AI ECONOMICS IN CARBON REMOVAL
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CHAPTER EIGHT: COST-BENEFIT MODELING OF AI-ENHANCED DAC SYSTEMS

8.1 Context: Integrating Uncertainty in Economic Analysis

COST 01 | Capital Expenditure (CAPEX)
BASE : $1,200-1,800/ton.
AI FACT : Standardization, automated manufacturing.
IMPROVE : -25% via economies of scale.

COST 02 | Thermal Energy
BASE : 4.5 GJ/ton.
AI FACT : AI-optimized heat recovery (Dynamic MPC).
IMPROVE : -35%.

COST 03 | Operation and Maintenance
BASE : $80-120/ton.
AI FACT : AI predictive maintenance.
IMPROVE : -40% via failure avoidance.

8.2 Net Value Equation for Removed Carbon (NVC)

NVC = (P_carbon × Q_removed) - (CAPEX_annualized + OPEX_energy + OPEX_chemical + OPEX_labor + Risk_premium)
Where Risk_premium is determined dynamically. In the MA-DACM system, AI reduces the Risk_premium from 0.25 to 0.12 through accurate prediction of failures and optimal licensing.

8.3 Multi-Variable Sensitivity Analysis
Carbon Price -10% has a Very High impact (-9.8% on NVC), mitigated by CRaaS contracts at floor price. Electricity Price +10% has a High impact (-8.2%), mitigated by long-term PPA contracts and solar integration.

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CHAPTER NINE: CARBON PRICING AS A MARKET SIGNAL
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9.1 Development of Pricing Models: From Fixed Taxes to Dynamic Markets
Fixed Carbon Tax is good for the initial phase. Cap-and-Trade is excellent with price stability. AI Dynamic Carbon Price is ideal for advanced DAC. Price Collar (Floor + Cap) is the most compatible currently.

9.2 MA-DACM Pricing Model: Adaptive Pricing Algorithm

COMP 01 | Base Index
DESC : ETS + 45Q + VCM price.
SRC : Official platforms, trading entities.
FREQ : Daily.

COMP 02 | Green Inflation Rate
DESC : CPI + green energy price index.
SRC : Central banks, IEA.
FREQ : Monthly.

COMP 03 | Policy Risks
DESC : Probability of changing taxes/support.
SRC : NLP analysis of news and decisions.
FREQ : Weekly.

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CHAPTER TEN: CRaaS BUSINESS MODELS AND THE CIRCULAR ECONOMY
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10.1 Shift: From Selling Equipment to Selling the Result
CRaaS (Carbon Removal as a Service) is the ideal model, aligning with the book's vision. The customer pays only upon verification of the actual removed ton, shifting performance and market risks to the operator.

10.2 CRaaS Contract: Economic and Legal Model Template

CLAUSE 01 | Definition of Result
LEGAL : Permanent and stable removed ton of CO_2 according to ISO 14064-3.
ECON : Payment linked to independent verification.

CLAUSE 02 | Performance Guarantee
LEGAL : Commitment to ≥95% removal rate of design.
ECON : Compensatory penalty in case of shortfall.

CLAUSE 03 | Service Level Agreement (SLA) Metrics
METRIC : 99.5% System Uptime; < 2% Measurement Error; 30-day max delay in credit issuance.

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CHAPTER ELEVEN: BLENDED FINANCE, GREEN BONDS, AND SUSTAINABILITY-LINKED LOANS
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11.1 Multi-Layer Financing Structure
Government Grants (0%, 3-5 years) cover 40-60% of CAPEX. Concessional Loans (2-4%, 10-15 years) cover remaining CAPEX. Equity/Venture Capital (15-25% IRR, 5-7 years) funds expansion. Sustainability Bonds (4-6%, 7-10 years) extend long-term financing.

11.2 Integrated Environmental-Financial Performance Indicators

IND 01 | Project IRR
FORM : Discount rate that makes NPV=0.
TARG : ≥16%.

IND 02 | Cost of Removal
FORM : (CAPEX_ann + OPEX) / Q_removed.
TARG : <$250 by 2030.

IND 03 | Green Leverage Ratio
FORM : Public financing / private financing.
TARG : ≤ 2.5x.

The MA-DACM system is designed to achieve a Cost of Removal of $220/ton in the third year, with an expected IRR of 18.5%.

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PART IV: NATIONAL, REGIONAL, AND GLOBAL REGULATORY GOVERNANCE

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CHAPTER TWELVE: THE EU ALLIANCE: FROM GREEN DEAL TO CARBON BORDER TAX

12.1 European Legislative Integration
EU Green Deal (2019), Fit for 55 Package (2021), CRCF (2023), CBAM Regulation (2023), and Net-Zero Industry Act (2023) create a comprehensive framework. MA-DACM is ready for integration with ETS Phase 4 and has proposed a European manufacturing partnership.

12.2 European Innovation Fund and Smart Financing Mechanism
MA-DACM scores highly on Climate Impact (35% weight), Technological Maturity (25% weight, currently TRL 4-5 qualified for Demonstration Call), Market Quality (20% weight, IRR 18.5%), and Innovation Transfer (20% weight, Partnership with TU Berlin & NRC Egypt).

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CHAPTER THIRTEEN: THE US ALLIANCE: INFLATION REDUCTION ACT AND 45Q TAX CREDIT

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13.1 IRA as a Legislative Earthquake

CLAUSE 01 | 45Q Credit for DAC+S
VALUE : $180/ton CO_2 stored.
COND : Permanent geological storage, start before 2033.
DUR : 12 years direct payment or tax credit.

CLAUSE 02 | 45Q Credit for DAC+U
VALUE : $130/ton CO_2 utilized.
COND : Approved industrial use, fuels, building materials.
DUR : Same construction conditions.

CLAUSE 03 | DOE Loan Programs Office (LPO)
VALUE : Up to $250 billion guarantees.
COND : Advanced clean energy projects.
IMPACT : Reduces CAPEX cost by 3-4%.

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CHAPTER FOURTEEN: THE MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA: OPPORTUNITIES FOR A JUST TRANSITION
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14.1 From the Oil Train to the Carbon Train

CTRY 01 | Egypt
ADV : Gas network, strategic location, Mediterranean, renewable energy.
OPP : Mineralization + DAC in deserts, exporting European credits.
FIN : Public-private partnership, blended financing (AfDB, EU).

CTRY 02 | UAE

ADV : Capital, advanced infrastructure, Net Zero 2050 initiative.
OPP : Industrial DAC centers, integration with CCS.
FIN : Direct government financing, private climate funds.

CTRY 03 | Saudi Arabia
ADV : Solar energy, geological storage.
OPP : Massive DAC projects supported by renewable energy.
FIN : Public Investment Fund, international companies.

CTRY 04 | Morocco
ADV : Wind, European connection, regulatory stability.
OPP : Green hydrogen + DAC for export.
FIN : European investment loans.

14.2 Model National Legal Draft for CDR (Summary)
Article 1: Definitions. Article 2: Accreditation. Article 3: Incentives (10-year tax exemption). Article 4: Licensing (ISO 14064-3, blockchain registry). Article 5: Social Responsibility (FPIC, ≥40% local employment). Article 6: Disputes. Article 7: Review.

14.3 Global DAC Readiness Index (GDRI) Formulation
To objectively compare national readiness: GDRI = (0.3 × Renewable_Capacity) + (0.25 × Regulatory_Clarity) + (0.2 × Financial_Liquidity) + (0.15 × Infrastructure_Maturity) + (0.1 × Talent_Pool).

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CHAPTER FIFTEEN: CHINA: ASIA AND THE BALANCE BETWEEN GROWTH AND CARBON NEUTRALITY
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15.1 The Chinese Model: Planning, Centralized Execution, Rapid Non-Centralized Innovation
China utilizes the 14th Five-Year Plan, National ETS Expansion, Green BRI Initiative, and Tech Self-Reliance Drive. While prioritizing energy security, it creates massive demand for compensation credits and accelerates local innovation, offering opportunities for shared standards and exchangeable licensing.

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PART V: VERIFICATION, VALIDATION, AND TRANSPARENCY

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CHAPTER SIXTEEN: MRV STANDARDS - MEASUREMENT, REPORTING, AND VERIFICATION

16.1 From Estimates to Accuracy: The Digital Revolution of MRV 2.0

ELEM 01 | Measurement
TRAD : Periodic samples, hypothetical equations.
dMRV : Continuous IoT sensors, digital-physical twin models.
IMP : Accuracy from ±15% to ±2%.

ELEM 02 | Reporting
TRAD : Annual reports, Excel tables.
dMRV : Real-time API platforms, unified logs.
IMP : Delay from months to seconds.

ELEM 03 | Verification
TRAD : Human auditors, field visits.
dMRV : Automated verification algorithms, smart random sampling.
IMP : Cost from $15-25/ton to $3-5/ton.

16.2 Quantitative Uncertainty Framework
$U_{total} = \sqrt{U_{measurement}^2 + U_{model}^2 + U_{sampling}^2 + U_{temporal}^2}$. The MA-DACM system achieves $U_{total} \leq 3.5\%$. To ensure absolute immutability of the dMRV logs, we mandate SHA-3 (Keccak-256) cryptographic hashing, transitioning to NIST-approved Post-Quantum Cryptography (CRYSTALS-Dilithium) by 2030.

16.3 The Legal Challenge: Auditor Liability and the Limits of Accreditation
We propose a model of tiered liability: Operator Liability (direct), Auditor Liability (for methodology compliance), Registry/Platform Liability (for digital infrastructure), Fund Liability (covers non-negligent errors).

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CHAPTER SEVENTEEN: BLOCKCHAIN TECHNOLOGY FOR CARBON CREDIT TRACKING

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17.1 From Centralized Registries to Distributed Trust Revolution

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FEAT 01 | Preventing Double Counting
APP : Unique registration for every ton of CO_2.
TECH : Non-fungible knowledge (Tokenization).
BENEF : Establishing sector ownership.

FEAT 02 | Full Tracking
APP : Complete chain from capture to cancellation.
TECH : Immutable time logs.
BENEF : Transparency for auditors and investors.

FEAT 03 | Legal Finality
APP : Automatic execution of CRaaS contract terms.
TECH : Smart contracts (Solidity/Rust).
BENEF : Reducing disputes, accelerating traceability.

17.2 The Regulatory Challenge: Legal Recognition of Distributed Ledgers
Phase 1 (2026-2027): Recognition as supplementary evidence. Phase 2 (2028-2029): Recognition as an official register. Phase 3 (2030+): Full integration with national carbon credit registries.

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CHAPTER EIGHTEEN: FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE: CLIMATE TCFD AND CSRD
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18.1 From Voluntary to Mandatory: The Era of Climate Financial Transparency
TCFD, CSRD, ISSB S2, and SEC Climate frameworks are making climate financial transparency mandatory. MA-DACM is fully integrated and ready, utilizing dynamic financial models to support ISSB scenarios and automatic reports compliant with TCFD metrics.

18.2 Greenwashing Communication Guide and Confrontation

Avoid terms like carbon neutrality without clarifying scope. Publish removal reports separately. Use only approved third-party certificates. Train spokespeople on IPCC AR6 scenarios.

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PART VI: APPLIED CASE STUDY - MA-DACM SYSTEM
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CHAPTER NINETEEN: LEGAL-ECONOMIC ANALYSIS OF THE MINERALIZATION AND STORAGE SYSTEM

19.1 Decomposition: How does MA-DACM create multiple layers of benefits?

LAYER 01 | Primary Sale (60% of revenues)
SRC : Removed carbon credits.
LEGAL : Long-term CRaaS contracts, Verra/Gold Standard accreditation.
GROWTH : 15-20% annually.

LAYER 02 | Secondary Sale (20% of revenues)
SRC : Industrial calcium carbonates.
LEGAL : Green building material supply contracts.
GROWTH : 8-12% annually.

LAYER 03 | Complementary (12% of revenues)
SRC : Monitoring and licensing services.
LEGAL : SaaS partnerships, TCFD/CSRD ready reports.
GROWTH : 25-30% annually.

LAYER 04 | Strategic (8% of revenues)
SRC : Technology licensing and manufacturing partnerships.
LEGAL : Joint venture agreements.
GROWTH : 10-15% annually.

19.2 Risk Management: From Liability to Insurance

RISK 01 | Performance Failure
PROB : Low | IMPACT: High.
MITIG : Insurance, performance guarantee clauses, MPC, AI predictive maintenance.

RISK 02 | Regulatory Change
PROB : Medium | IMPACT: Very high.
MITIG : Diversification, flexible contracts, multi-standard compliance.

RISK 03 | Cybersecurity
PROB : Medium | IMPACT: High.
MITIG : Multi-layer encryption, IEC 62443, VLAN isolation, WORM logs.

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CHAPTER TWENTY: DEPLOYMENT MODEL: EGYPT, FRANCE, UAE, AND GERMANY

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20.1 Environmental-Economic-Regulatory Compatibility Matrix

CTRY 01 | Egypt
REG : Medium (needs sandbox) | ENERGY: Very low | FIN: Blended.
MODEL : DAC+mineralization+export credit.
RETURN: IRR 22%, Payback 5.5y.

CTRY 02 | France
REG : High (CRCF, EU ETS) | ENERGY: Medium-High | FIN: High.
MODEL : DAC+industry+CSRD services.
RETURN: IRR 16%, Payback 7.5y.

CTRY 03 | UAE
REG : High | ENERGY: Low | FIN: Very high.
MODEL : Hydrogen+DAC+geological storage.
RETURN: IRR 19%, Payback 6.2y.

CTRY 04 | Germany
REG : Very high | ENERGY: High | FIN: High.
MODEL : DAC+industry+licensing+cement/steel.
RETURN: IRR 14%, Payback 8.8y.

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CHAPTER TWENTY-ONE: COMMERCIAL DEPLOYMENT ROADMAP FROM TRL 4 TO TRL 9
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21.1 Maturation Phases and Success Indicators

PHASE 01 | Complete Initial Model (TRL 4)
DURATION: 12 months | FIN: Grant, seed capital.
GOAL : 11.57 GJ/ton accuracy.

PHASE 02 | Field Experiment (TRL 5-6)
DURATION: 18 months | FIN: Blended financing.
GOAL : 95% uptime, third-party accreditation.

PHASE 03 | Early Commercial Production (TRL 7)
DURATION: 24 months | FIN: Private equity, green bonds.
GOAL : 50 units/year, IRR>15%.

PHASE 04 | Expansion and Maturation (TRL 8-9)
DURATION: 36+ months | FIN: IPO, infrastructure funds.
GOAL : 500+ units, Cost<$150/ton.

21.2 Peer-Review List and Experimental Documentation Model
Measurement Accuracy (ISO/IEC 17025), Operational Stability (≥ 95% Uptime), Carbon Additionality (<100%), Social Impact (<40% local employment mandate), and Transparency (Partially open data via API) are strictly monitored.

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PART VII: FUTURE AND SCENARIOS
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CHAPTER TWENTY-TWO: GEOENGINEERING - THE BOUNDARIES OF INTERNATIONAL LAW

22.1 From Removal to Modification: Where is the Red Line Drawn?

TECH 01 | SRM (Solar Modification)
IMPACT: Rapid cooling, changing rain patterns.
LEGAL : Transboundary liability, no agreed framework.
MA-DACM: Irrelevant, focuses only on CDR.

TECH 02 | Ocean Fertilization
IMPACT: Oceanic carbon absorption.
LEGAL : Impact on marine systems, London Convention.
MA-DACM: Not approved, focuses on terrestrial mineralization.

TECH 03 | Direct Air Capture (MA-DACM)
IMPACT: Local, permanent, measurable removal.
LEGAL : Clear liability, existing standards.
MA-DACM: The basic model, compliant with international law.

22.2 The Principle of Responsible Precaution in Legislating Climate Technologies
Level 1 (Accepted): Reversible, local, measurable (e.g., DAC). Level 2 (Restricted): Wide-range, requiring international agreement (e.g., ocean storage). Level 3 (Temporarily Prohibited): Irreversible, high cross-border risks (e.g., commercial SRM).

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CHAPTER TWENTY-THREE: ARTIFICIAL GENERAL INTELLIGENCE AND CLIMATE GOVERNANCE
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23.1 When Machines Surpass Human Capacity: The Challenge of Governing the Unknown
AGI may reach a point where it manages the climate system in a quasi-independent manner. This creates a dangerous governance gap: a black box, algorithmic bias, accountability, and existential security.

23.2 Responsible Climate AI Framework (RAI-C)
1. Verifiable Transparency: Verifiable logs for auditing. 2. Operational Limits: Strict limits on high-risk decisions, mandatory human intervention. 3. Justice: Training on global data, diverse representation. 4. Stop: Emergency stop keys, safe manual protocols. The MA-DACM system applies the Safe Stop Protocol.

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CHAPTER TWENTY-FOUR: TOWARDS A GLOBAL TREATY FOR CARBON REMOVAL TECHNOLOGIES
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24.1 Vision 2030: An Integrated Climate Governance System

CLAUSE 01 | Mandatory Removal Targets
MECH : Expanded NDCs with specific contributions.
PENALTY : Reputational damage, trade restrictions.

CLAUSE 02 | Technology Transfer
MECH : Mandatory licensing, conditional public-private partnerships.
PENALTY : Loss of priority, suspension of patent benefits.

CLAUSE 03 | Unified Carbon Market
MECH : Protocol, mutual recognition, prevention of double counting.
PENALTY : Removal from registry, fines, trade ban.

CLAUSE 04 | Comprehensive Governance
MECH : General assembly, executive council, technical secretariat.
PENALTY : Withdrawal of representation, suspension of voting rights.

24.2 Ratification Roadmap and Entry into Force
2026-2027: Technical negotiations under UNFCCC. 2028: Initial signing (55 countries/55% emissions). 2029: Entry into force. First 2030: Review cycle.

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APPENDIX A: CLEF-AI ANALYTICAL MATRIX (UPDATED)

DIM 01 | Legal Licensing
METRIC: Compliance with international standards, clarity, liability.
WEIGHT: 0.30 | THRESHOLD: < 7.5.

DIM 02 | Economic Efficiency
METRIC: IRR, Cost of Removal, liquidity, revenue diversification.
WEIGHT: 0.25 | THRESHOLD: < 7.0.

DIM 03 | Environmental Impact
METRIC: Carbon additionality, no side effects, permanent impact.
WEIGHT: 0.25 | THRESHOLD: < 8.0.

DIM 04 | AI Integration
METRIC: Accuracy, prediction, transparency, integrated security.
WEIGHT: 0.20 | THRESHOLD: < 7.5.

DIM 05 | Social Impact
METRIC: Local employment, FPIC, equitable distribution of benefits.
WEIGHT: 0.15 | THRESHOLD: < 7.0.

FINAL | Degree Σ = (Metric × Weight)
THRESHOLD: ≥ 7.6 (qualified for publication/funding).

APPENDIX B: CONTRACT TEMPLATES AND LEGAL MODELS (EXPANDED)
B:1 Full Model CRaaS Contract. B:2 National Legal Draft for CDR. B:3 FPIC Community Agreement Model. B:4 Fast Dispute Resolution Protocol (ICC Cairo/London).
CRaaS Summary: Definition: Permanent ton of CO2 (ISO 14064-3) | Price: $250/ton | Payment: 70% upon verification, 30% after 12 months | Guarantee: 95% performance | Risks: Shared | Dispute: ICC arbitration.

APPENDIX C: REGULATORY COMPLIANCE CHECKLISTS (UPDATED)
EU Checklist: CRCF compliance, EU Registry, ISO 14064-3, CSRD, IEC 62443, TCFD, NZIA.
US Checklist: 45Q start before 2033, EPA Class VI, IRS Form 8933, SEC Climate, LCFS.
MENA Checklist: National accreditation, GCC/ISO standards, local registry, digital impact report, unified Arab arbitration.

APPENDIX D: LIST OF REFERENCES AND SOURCES (EXPANDED)
Legal: UNFCCC Paris Art 6, EU Reg 2023/956, US IRC §45Q, ISO 14064-3, IPCC AR6.
Economic: Stern 2006, Nordhaus 2018, IEA Net Zero 2023, World Bank 2024.
Technical: Lackner 2019, National Academies 2022, MIT 2024, Elrakhawi 2025 MA-DACM.
Data: Verra, Gold Standard, Puro.earth, EU ETS, EPA GHG, BloombergNEF.

APPENDIX E: QUICK APPLICATION GUIDE (18 MONTHS)
Months 1-3: Feasibility + FPIC. Months 4-6: Sandbox + financing. Months 7-9: Manufacturing + sensors. Months 10-12: 30-day operation + verification. Months 13-15: CRaaS contracts + blockchain. Months 16-18: Commercial launch + CSRD/TCFD + peer review.

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BOOK CONCLUSION (UPDATED)
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This book is not the end of a journey, but the beginning of a global, responsible dialogue. Between our hands is a technical tool capable of capturing carbon from the air, and an economic-legal framework capable of converting it into a sustainable market, and a governance vision capable of ensuring justice and transparency. The question is no longer "Can we?" but "Do we have the collective will to do it, now, in a way that leaves no one behind?"

The MA-DACM system, and this book, are a practical call to answer. We firmly believe that innovation knows no geographical boundaries, and that climate justice is possible when we combine legal governance with economic efficiency and technological responsibility. We place this work in the hands of industrialists, researchers, investors, and local communities, so that everyone who believes that the future is built today, with transparency, justice, science, and sincerity.

God is my success,

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