

# Summary lecture 2

- Showed how to twist SUSY theories in 2D:  $Q^2 = 0$  and  $S = Q\Lambda$ .
- Appearance of KD fermions and relation to staggered.
- WZ model.
- Today. Gauge symmetry. 2D
- Twisting in 4D.  $\mathcal{N} = 4$  SYM.
- Connection to orbifolding

# $Q = 4$ twisted SYM in 2D

The twisting argument applies to **any** 2D SUSY with 4 supersymmetries. eg.

$$S_{\text{YM}} = \beta Q \text{Tr} \int d^2x \left( \frac{1}{4} \eta [\phi, \bar{\phi}] + 2\chi_{12} F_{12} + \chi_{12} B_{12} + \psi_\mu D_\mu \bar{\phi} \right)$$

where

$$QA_\mu = \psi_\mu$$

$$Q\psi_\mu = -D_\mu \phi$$

$$Q\bar{\phi} = \eta$$

$$Q\eta = [\phi, \bar{\phi}]$$

$$QB_{12} = [\phi, \chi_{12}]$$

$$Q\chi_{12} = B_{12}$$

$$Q\phi = 0$$

# SYM in 2D

## Note

- All fields in adjoint  $X = \sum_a^{N^2-1} X^a T^a$  for  $SU(N)$  with **antihermitian**  $T^a$ .
- Covariant deriv  $D_\mu f = \partial_\mu f + [A_\mu, f]$
- $Q^2 = \delta_\phi$  – SUSY generally accompanied by gauge transformation.
- Other SUSY's read off by transforming the  $\Psi$  matrix  $\Psi \rightarrow \Psi \Gamma^i, i = 1 \dots 4$  and then inserting new fermions in above expression.

# Carrying on ...

Homework problem 5. Do  $Q$ -variation. Integrate out  $B$  field.  
Find usual SYM action:

$$S_b = \int d^2x \text{Tr} - F_{12}^2 - D\phi D\bar{\phi} + \frac{1}{4}[\phi, \bar{\phi}]^2$$

$$S_F = S_{\text{KD}} - \frac{1}{4}\eta[\phi, \eta] + \psi_\mu[\bar{\phi}, \psi_\mu]$$

Map KD-fields to spinors – equivalent conventional formulation.

Twisted form good for discretization.

# (No) tuning in Q-exact SYM in 2d

Effective action  $\Gamma$  will pick up counterterms of form

$$\Gamma = Q \text{ (something)}$$

$$\Gamma = \sum_{\alpha} \mathcal{O}_{\alpha}^p c_{\alpha}^p(ga)$$

where

$$c_{\alpha}^p = a^{p-7/2} \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} a_l (ga)^{2l}$$

(Kaplan et al.) and  $p$  is (mass) dimension of operator and  $l$  is no. loops.

Relevant operator requires:  $l < 7/4 - p/2$  Divergences occur at 1-loop and for  $p = 0$

These constraints **prohibit** any new terms except for a cosmological constant !

# Discretization I

At least two possibilities (Sugino, Catterall)  
Retaining geometrical character leads to G.T rules:

$$\begin{aligned}f(x) &\rightarrow G(x)f(x)G^\dagger(x) \\f_\mu(x) &\rightarrow G(x)f_\mu(x)G^\dagger(x + \mu) \\f_{\mu\nu}(x) &\rightarrow G(x)f_{\mu\nu}(x)G^\dagger(x + \mu + \nu)\end{aligned}$$

Compatible with differences:

$$\begin{aligned}D_\mu^+ f(x) &= U_\mu(x)f(x + \mu) - f(x)U_\mu(x) \\D_\mu^+ f_\nu(x) &= U_\mu(x)f_\nu(x + \mu) - f_\nu(x)U_\mu(x + \nu)\end{aligned}$$

# Discretization II

- Keep  $Q$ -symmetry same **except** for  
 $QU_\mu = \psi_\mu \quad Q\psi_\mu = -D^+\phi$
- Point split commutators for G.I eg  
 $[\phi, \psi_\mu] \rightarrow \phi(x)\psi_\mu(x) - \psi_\mu(x)\phi(x + \mu)$
- $F_{\mu\nu} = D_\mu^+ U_\nu$
- Necessary to **complexify** fields. Allows us to construct G.I ops. and well-defined SUSY.
- $\int \text{Tr}(A_\mu B_\mu) \rightarrow \sum \text{Tr}(A_\mu^\dagger B_\mu + \text{h.c})$
- $A^\dagger \neq A$  requires **complex**  $A^a(x)$ .

# Gauge action

$$F_{\mu\nu} = U_\mu(x)U_\nu(x + \mu) - U_\nu(x)U_\mu(x + \nu)$$

$$F_{\mu\nu}^\dagger F_{\mu\nu} = S_p^W + S^L$$

$S_p^W$  Wilson plaquette term.

$$S^L = \text{Tr} \left( U_\nu^\dagger(x + \mu)U_\mu^\dagger(x)U_\mu(x)U_\nu(x + \mu) - I \right)$$

$U_\mu(x)$  complex  $U_\mu(x) = R(x)u_\mu(x)$  with  $R$  hermitian and  $u_\mu$  unitary.

$$S^L = \sum_\mu \text{Tr}(R(x)^2 R^2(x + \mu) - I)$$

Consider  $\beta \rightarrow \infty$ .  $R$  driven to 1 and action is **Wilson plaquette action!**



# Simulations I

Integrate twisted fermions –  $\det(M(U, \phi))$ . Target theory has real fields. G.I of scalar and gauge sector preserved if we do path integral “along real line”

Fermions: replace  $\det(M)$  by  $\text{Pf}(M) = \det^{\frac{1}{2}}(M)$  up to sign.

G.I

But what happens to SUSY Ward identities ?

Any  $Q$ -invariant observable can be computed as  $\beta \rightarrow \infty$  exactly.

In this limit complex theory coincides with truncated theory

Prohibits fine tuning of truncated theory at large  $\beta$ .

Numerical simulations back this up

# Simulations II

- Boson action=Wilson + scalar kinetic and  $[\phi, \bar{\phi}]^2$  term.
- Realize  $\text{Pf}(M)$  via pseudofermions with action

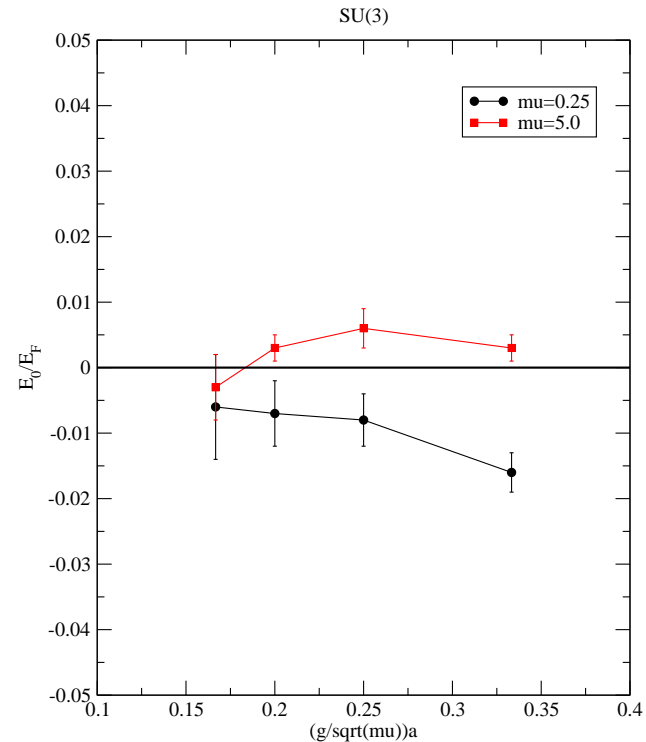
$$S_{PF} = F^\dagger (M^\dagger M)^{-\frac{1}{4}} F$$

- RHMC alg. to handle fractional power (HMC with rational approx to power plus multimass CG solver)
- Measure phase and reweight ?
- Monitor  $\langle S_B \rangle$  and  $\langle QO \rangle$ .
- Measure distribution of eigenvalues of scalars, phase of Pfaffian ...

# Simulations III

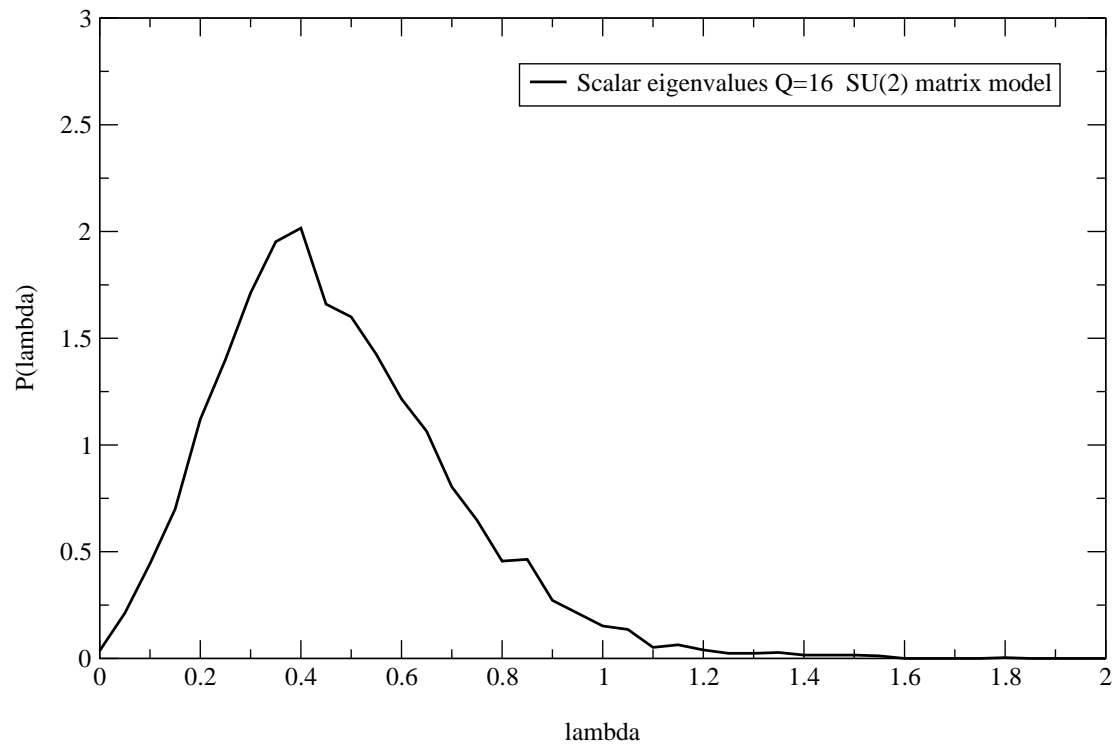
Continuum limit  $L \rightarrow \infty$  where  $\beta = \frac{L^2}{\mu}$

$$\langle S_b \rangle = \frac{3}{2} L^2 (N^2 - 1)$$



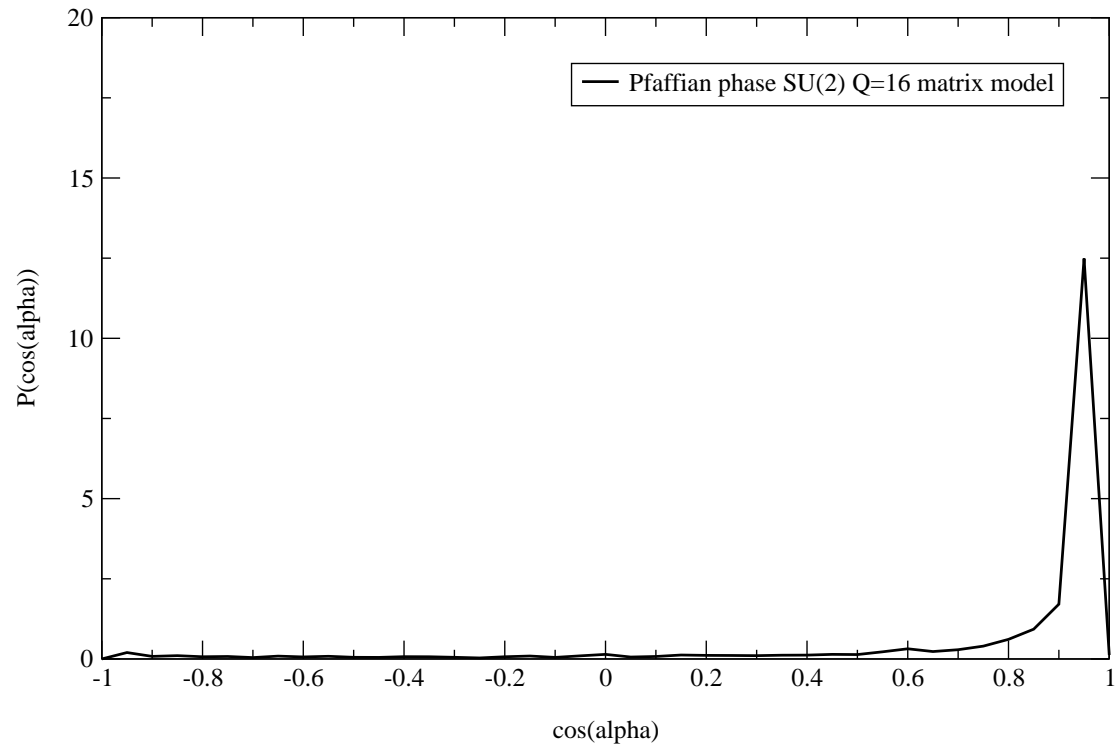
# Simulations IV

Moduli space:



# Simulations V

Pfaffian phase:



# Q=16 SYM in 4D

Theory has 4 Majorana spinors with  $SO(4)$  symmetry. Twist with rotational.

$$SO(4)' = \text{diag}(SO(4) \times SO(4)_{\text{rot}})$$

Supercharges/spinors **matrices**

$$\begin{aligned}\Psi &= \frac{\eta}{2}I + \psi_{\mu}\gamma_{\mu} + \frac{1}{2!}\chi_{\mu\nu}\gamma_{\mu}\gamma_{\nu} + \\ &+ \frac{1}{3!}\theta_{\mu\nu\lambda}\gamma_{\mu}\gamma_{\nu}\gamma_{\lambda} + \frac{1}{4!}\kappa_{\mu\nu\lambda\rho}\gamma_{\mu}\gamma_{\nu}\gamma_{\lambda}\gamma_{\rho}\end{aligned}$$

Superpartners

$$(\bar{\phi}, A_{\mu}, B_{\mu\nu}, W_{\mu\nu\lambda}, C_{\mu\nu\lambda\rho})$$

# Q supersymmetry

Analog of 2D case:

$$Q\bar{\phi} = \eta \quad Q\eta = [\phi, \bar{\phi}]$$

$$QA_{\mu} = \psi_{\mu} \quad Q\psi_{\mu} = -D_{\mu}\phi$$

$$QB_{\mu\nu} = [\phi, \chi_{\mu\nu}] \quad Q\chi_{\mu\nu} = B_{\mu\nu}$$

$$QW_{\mu\nu\lambda} = \theta_{\mu\nu\lambda} \quad Q\theta_{\mu\nu\lambda} = [\phi, W_{\mu\nu\lambda}]$$

$$QC_{\mu\nu\lambda\rho} = [\phi, \kappa_{\mu\nu\lambda\rho}] \quad Q\kappa_{\mu\nu\lambda\rho} = C_{\mu\nu\lambda\rho}$$

$$Q\phi = 0$$

Again,  $Q^2 = \delta_{\phi}$

Action  $S = \beta Q\Lambda$  with ...

# Q-exact action

$$\begin{aligned}\Lambda &= \int d^4x \text{Tr} \left[ \chi_{\mu\nu} \left( F_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2} [V_\mu, V_\nu] + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \epsilon_{\mu\nu\rho\lambda} D_\rho V_\lambda + \frac{1}{2} B_{\mu\nu} \right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \bar{\eta} D_\mu V_\mu + \frac{1}{2} \bar{\eta} \bar{C} + \psi_\mu D_\mu \bar{\phi} + \frac{1}{4} \eta [\phi, \bar{\phi}] + \frac{1}{2} \psi_\mu [V_\mu, \bar{\phi}] \right]\end{aligned}$$

where

$$W_{\mu\nu\lambda} = \epsilon_{\mu\nu\lambda\rho} V_\rho$$

$$\theta_{\mu\nu\lambda} = \epsilon_{\mu\nu\lambda\rho} \bar{\psi}_\rho$$

$$\kappa_{\mu\nu\lambda} = \epsilon_{\mu\nu\lambda\rho} \bar{\eta}$$

$$C_{\mu\nu\lambda} = \epsilon_{\mu\nu\lambda\rho} \bar{C}$$



# Orbifold constructions

Another way to derive lattice actions with exact SUSY  
(Kaplan et al.)

Intimate connections to the twisted approach (Damgaard et al., Unsal)

Here, show equivalence for  $\mathcal{Q} = 4$  SYM model.

Starting point:  $\mathcal{N} = 1$  SYM in 4D.

Reduce to zero dimensions (preserves  $\mathcal{Q}$ , **mother** theory)

$$S = \frac{1}{g^2} \text{Tr} \left( -\frac{1}{4} [v_\alpha, v_\beta]^2 + \frac{i}{2} \bar{\Psi} \Gamma_\alpha [v_\alpha, \Psi] \right) \quad \alpha, \beta = 0 \dots 3$$

with  $\bar{\Psi} \equiv \Psi^T C$  and  $C^{-1} \Gamma_\alpha C = -\Gamma^T$  Take

$$\Gamma = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \sigma_\alpha \\ \bar{\sigma}_\alpha & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{with } \sigma_\alpha = (I, i\sigma_i)$$

# Change variables

$$v_0 = A_1, \quad v_3 = -A_2 \quad v_1 + iv_2 = i\phi, \quad v_1 - iv_2 = -i\bar{\phi},$$

$$\Psi^{(1)} = \begin{pmatrix} -i\chi_{12} - \frac{1}{2}\eta \\ \psi_1 - i\psi_2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \Psi^{(2)} = \begin{pmatrix} -i\chi_{12} + \frac{1}{2}\eta \\ \psi_1 + i\psi_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

where  $\Psi^{(1)}, \Psi^{(2)}$  chiral components. Action is:

$$\begin{aligned} S = & \frac{1}{g^2} \text{Tr} \left( -B_{\mu\nu}^2 + iB_{\mu\nu}[A_\mu, A_\nu] - \frac{1}{2}[A_\mu, \phi][A_\mu, \bar{\phi}] + \frac{1}{8}[\phi, \bar{\phi}]^2 - \right. \\ & - i\eta[A_\mu, \psi_\mu] - \chi_{\mu\nu} ([A_\mu, \psi_\nu] - [A_\nu, \psi_\mu]) \\ & \left. - \frac{i}{4}\eta[\phi, \eta] + i\psi_\mu [\bar{\phi}, \psi_\mu] - \frac{i}{2}\chi_{\mu\nu} [\phi, \chi_{\mu\nu}] \right) \end{aligned}$$

# Q-exact mother

$$S = \frac{1}{g^2} \text{Tr} Q \left\{ -\chi_{\mu\nu} (B_{\mu\nu} - i[A_\mu, A_\nu]) + i\psi_\mu [A_\mu, \bar{\phi}] + \frac{i}{4} \eta [\phi, \bar{\phi}] \right\},$$

Q-variations fields are those given earlier (now **hermitian** basis for  $T^a$ )

Note: just dimensional reduction of continuum 2D twisted theory (as should be!)

**Symmetries** of mother:

- $G_R = SO(4) \times U(1)$  Dimensional reduction + chiral symmetry
- Global  $U(kN^2)$  eg  $\Phi \rightarrow U\Phi U^\dagger$  for any field  $\Phi$

# Basic idea

Imagine matrices are composed of  $k \times k$  blocks.  
Imagine zeroing out most blocks leaving only blocks whose block indices can be thought of as labeling endpoints of links on a 2D lattice

$$U = U_{\mathbf{m},\mathbf{n}}^{\alpha\beta}, \alpha, \beta = 1 \dots k;$$

and  $\mathbf{m}, \mathbf{n}$  are vectors having components  $(m_i, n_i) = 1 \dots N$   
Accomplished by assigning 2 charges  $r_i, i = 1, 2$  to each field and requiring that the field be invariant under the orbifold action

$$\Phi_{\mathbf{m},\mathbf{n}}^r \rightarrow e^{\frac{2\pi i}{N}(r_i + m_i - n_i)} \Phi_{\mathbf{m},\mathbf{n}} \quad i = 1, 2$$

Clearly, the field lies on link between  $\mathbf{m} \rightarrow \mathbf{n}$ . Breaks  $\mathcal{G}$  symmetry down to  $U(k)^{N^2}$ .

# r-charges

## Need

- integer components  $r_i$
- $\sum_A r_i^A = 0$  where  $A$  labels fields. Needed for lattice interpretation (and G.I of target)
- Depend only on symmetries of mother.

Use linear combinations of 3  $U(1)$  charges associated with  $G_R$ .

Need to consider complexified theory to assign charges consistently.

Introduce both  $\Phi$  and  $\Phi^\dagger$ .

Possible r-charges are:  $r^{(1)} = (0, 1), r^{(2)} = (0, 1)$  and  $r^{(3)} = (-1, -1)$  plus negatives –**note similarity to lattice tensors**

# Preserved SUSY

No. (SUSY's surviving projection) = No. ( $r = 0$  fermions)

Term like:

$$(A_{\mathbf{m},\mathbf{n}}^{r_1} B_{\mathbf{n},\mathbf{m}}^{r_2})$$

(suppress  $U(k)$  indices) becomes

$$(A_{\mathbf{m},\mathbf{m}+\mathbf{r}_1}^{r_1} A_{\mathbf{m}+\mathbf{r}_1,\mathbf{m}+\mathbf{r}_1+\mathbf{r}_2}^{r_2})$$

since  $r_1 + r_2 = 0$  we find

$$\sum_{\mathbf{m}} A^{r_1}(\mathbf{m}) B^{r_2}(\mathbf{m} + \mathbf{r}_1)$$

Projected fields transform like bifundamentals

$$\Phi^r(\mathbf{m}) \rightarrow \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{m}) \Phi^r \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{m} + \mathbf{r})^\dagger$$

# Deconstruction

Substituting projected fields back into the mother action and replacing  $A_\mu$  by the (complex) matrix  $U_\mu$ . Find twisted action with the discretization prescription given earlier !

$$\begin{aligned}
 S = & \frac{1}{2g^2} \text{Tr} Q \sum_{\mathbf{n}} ( \\
 & \chi_{\mu\nu}^\dagger(\mathbf{n}) [-\mathbf{B}_{\mu\nu}(\mathbf{n}) - \mathbf{i} (\mathbf{U}_\mu(\mathbf{n})\mathbf{U}_\nu(\mathbf{n} + \mu) - \mathbf{U}_\nu(\mathbf{n})\mathbf{U}_\mu(\mathbf{n} + \nu))] \\
 & - \psi_\mu^\dagger(\mathbf{n}) (\mathbf{U}_\mu(\mathbf{n})\bar{\phi}(\mathbf{n} + \mu) - \bar{\phi}(\mathbf{n})\mathbf{U}_\mu(\mathbf{n})) \\
 & + \frac{i}{4}\eta_+(\mathbf{n})[\phi(\mathbf{n}), \bar{\phi}(\mathbf{n})] + \frac{1}{2}\eta_-(\mathbf{n})\mathbf{d}(\mathbf{n}) + \text{h.c} ) ,
 \end{aligned}$$

# What I didn't get to ...

- (Twisted) sigma models
- Gauge-gravity duality (AdSCFT like). Thermal gauge theories in  $D < 4$  as probes of black hole physics ... SYMQM simple ex.
- Approaches attempting to preserve full supersymmetry (d'Adda et al.)
- Supersymmetry breaking.
- ...



# Summary

- Lattice SUSY is a fascinating field with potential to play a role both in LHC physics and string theory.
- In low dimensions fine tuning is manageable (maybe also  $\mathcal{N} = 1$  SYM in  $D = 4$  using eg. DWF).
- Gauge-string dualities make strong coupling Yang-Mills systems useful tools to investigate eg black hole entropy.
- New algorithms eg RHMC make simulation feasible.
- In some cases a fraction of SUSY can be preserved on lattice – twisting, orbifold approaches.

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See these recent reviews and references therein.

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