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X-ray synthetic diagnostics for laser-driven implosions

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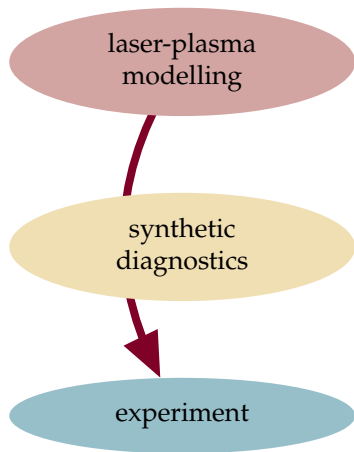
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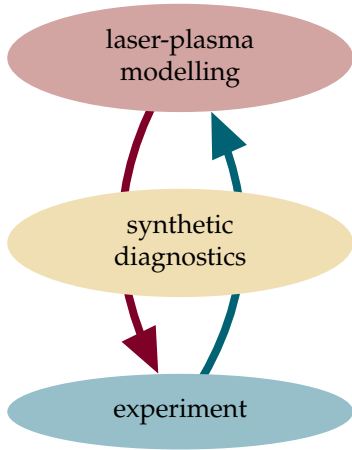
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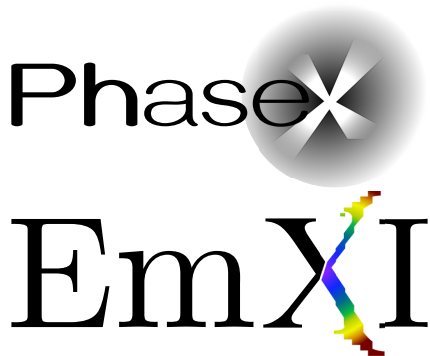
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- Framing camera
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- Spectral emissivity (qualitatively)



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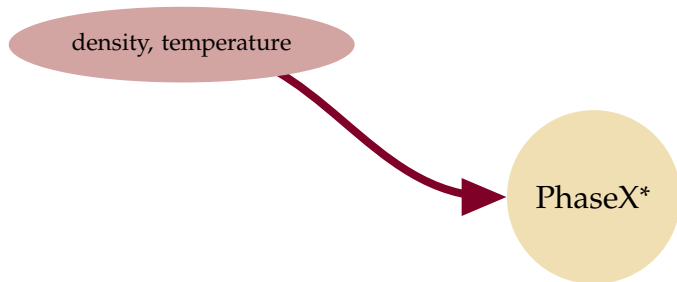
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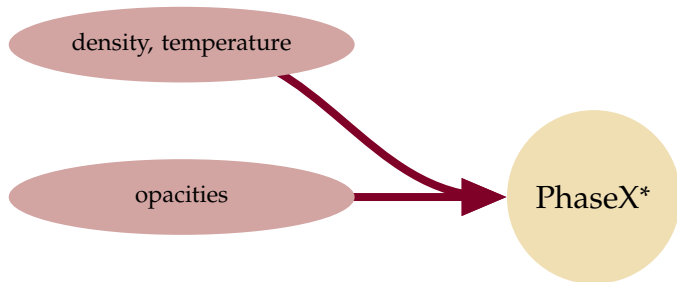


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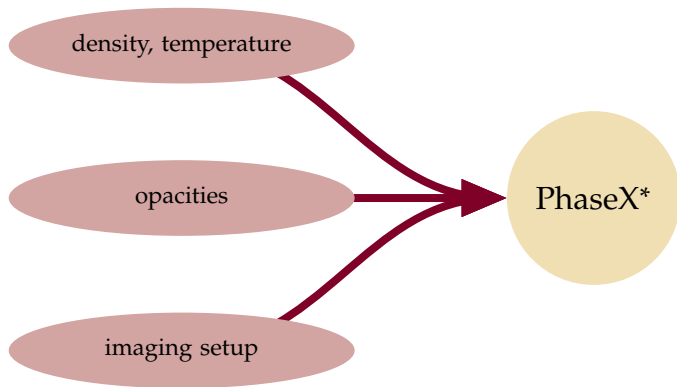
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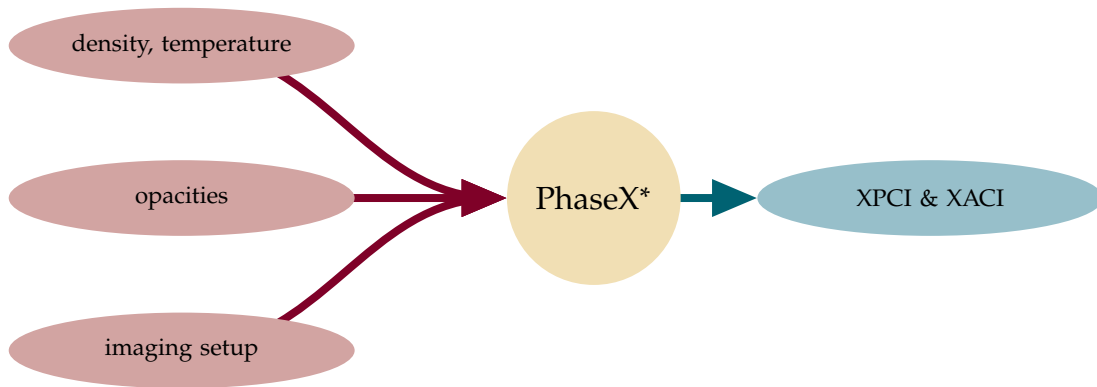
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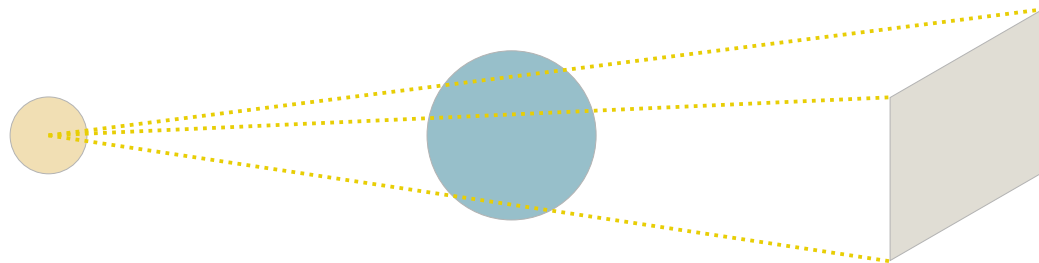
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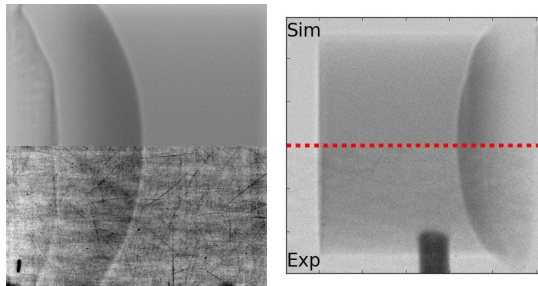
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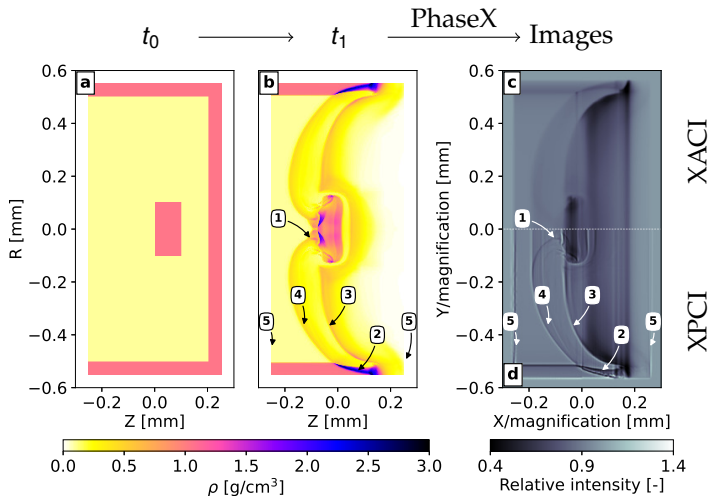


Work in progress...

Planar shock @ OMEGA
In collaboration with L. Antonelli *et al.* at
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Perturbations

Interaction of a laser-driven shock-wave with an obstacle



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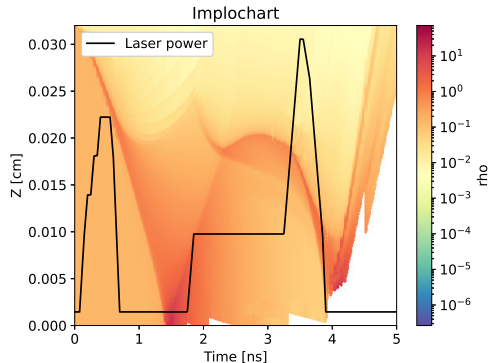
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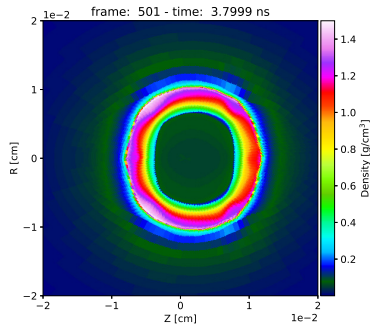
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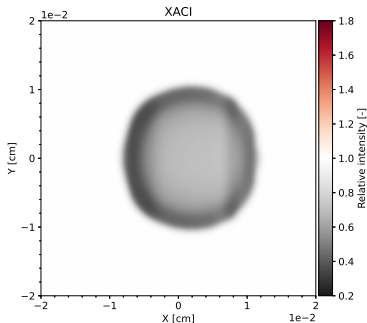
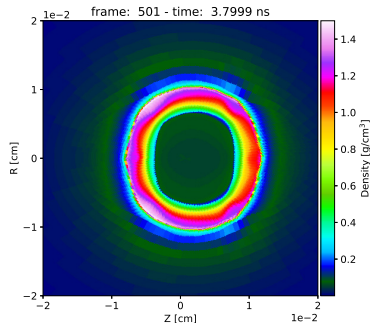


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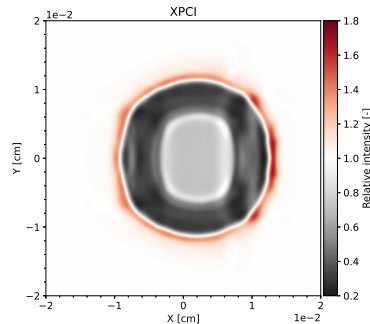
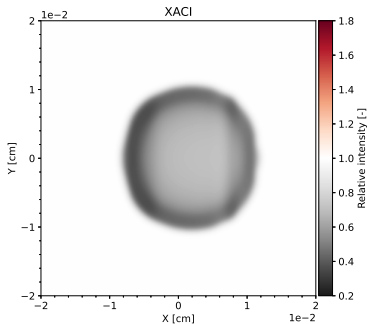
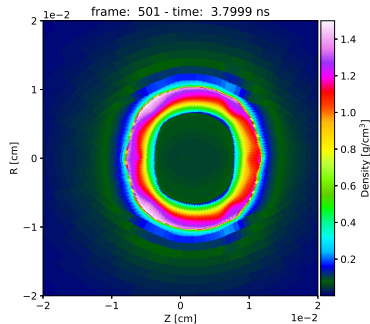
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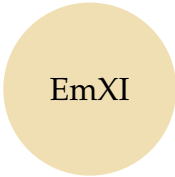
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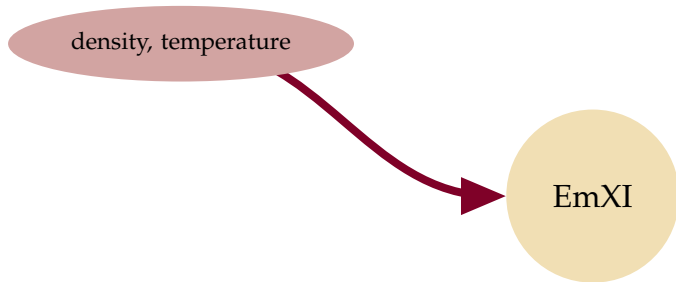
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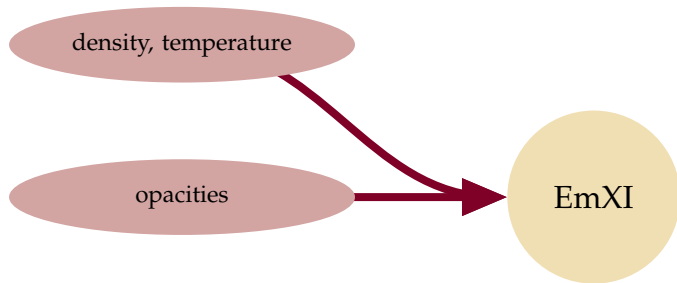
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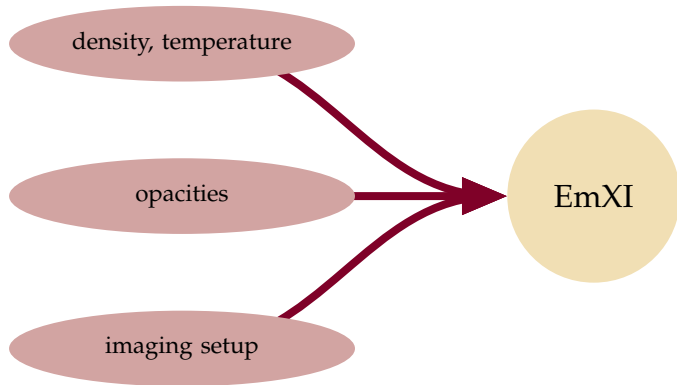
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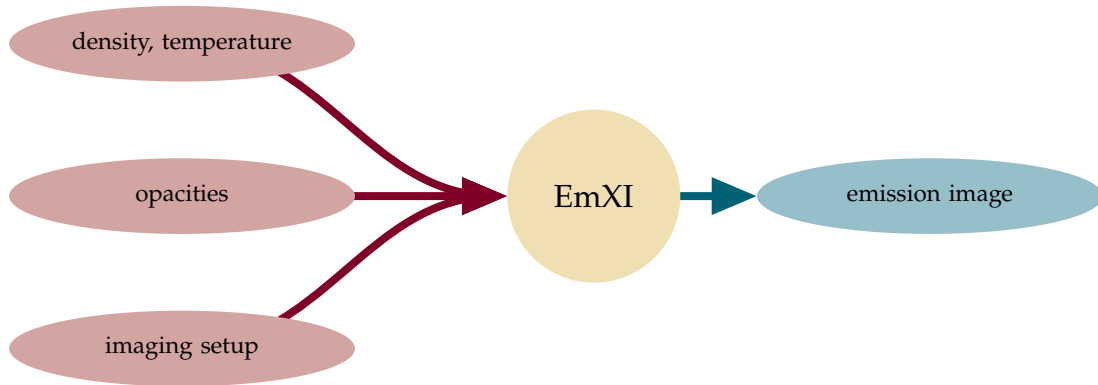


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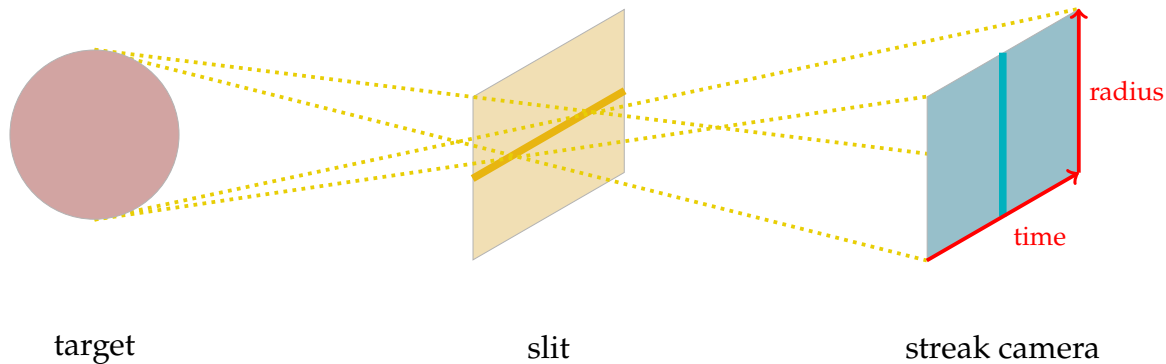
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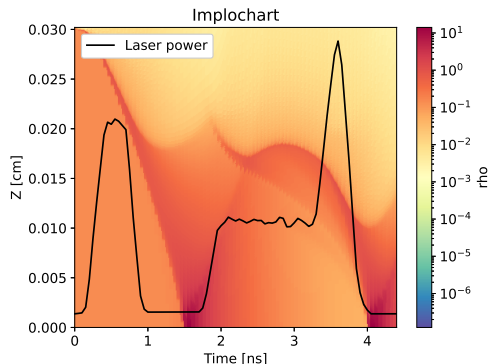
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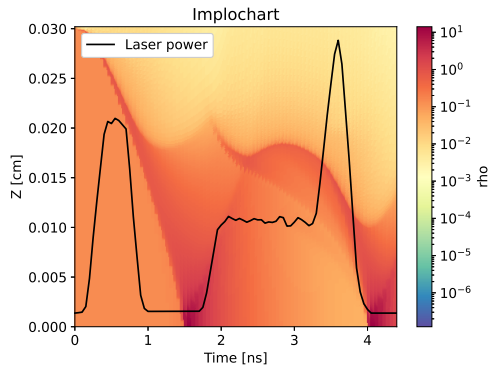
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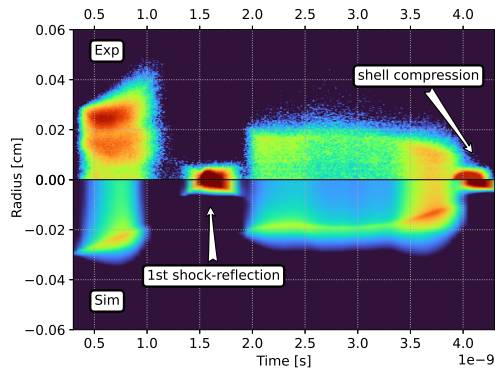
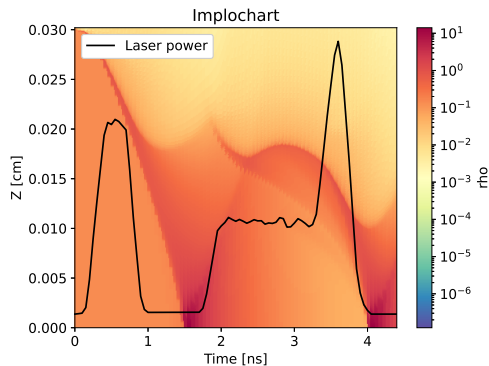
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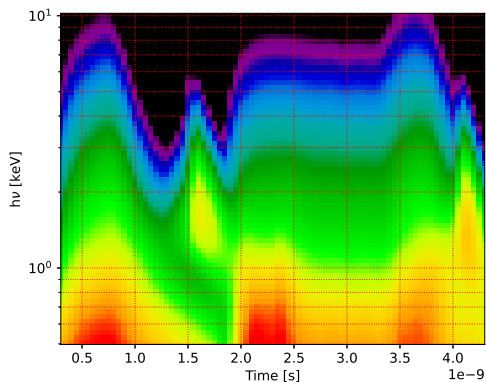
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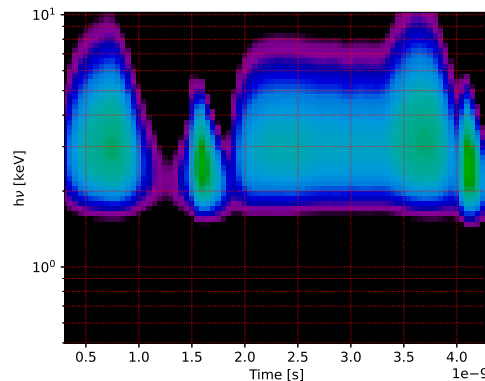
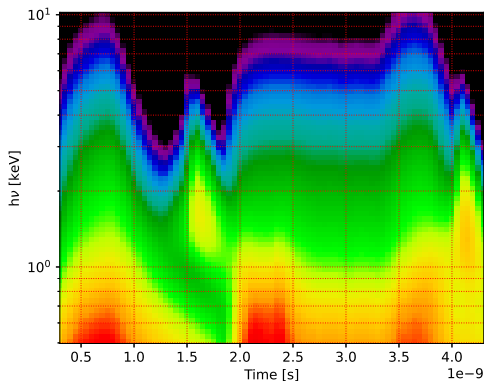
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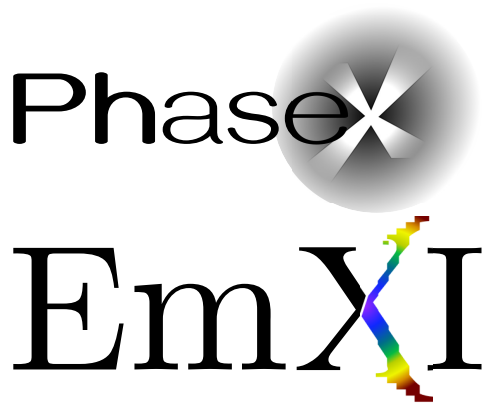
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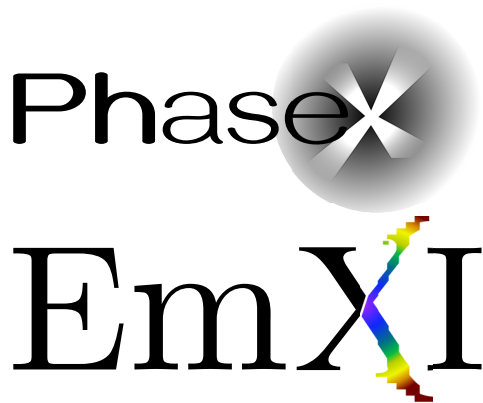
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