# 3. PM synchronous machines with rotor cage





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#### **Two-pole PM synchronous machines with rotor cage**



Two pole PM synchronous machine with cage rotor and rare earth permanent magnets. Note non-magnetic (welded with non-magnetic steel) gap between N-and S-pole to reduce PM stray flux





#### **PM rotor flux concentration**



Comparison of rotor PM arrangement for (left) surface mounted and (right) buried magnets; flux concentration factor  $k_{\rm M}$  depends on pole count 2p

Pole count 2 <i>p</i>	2	4	6	8
k <sub>M</sub>	0.45 < 1	0.9 < 1	1.34 > 1	1.78 > 1



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#### Four-pole PM synchronous machines with rotor cage



Flux concentration with special arrangement of rotor magnets is also possible for 4 pole machines: a) Axial cross section: 1: PM main flux, 2: PM stray flux, 3: permanent magnets (PM), 4: non-magnetic flux barrier to reduce PM stray flux, 5: rotor cage, b) side view.

Pole count 2p	4	6
$k_{ m M}$	1.27 > 1	1.9 > 1



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#### 4- and 6-pole PM synchronous machines with rotor cage



4- and 6-pole machine with buried **ferrite** magnets:  $B_{\rm R}$  = 0.4 T,  $H_{\rm C}$  = 300 kA/m at 20°C, magnet height 15 mm, air gap 1mm. Air gap flux density at no-load is calculated, assuming ideal iron. The closed loops of flux lines pass one magnet (height  $h_{\rm M}$ ) and two times the air gap  $\delta$ .

Pole count 2p	4	6
$k_{ m M}$	1.27	1.9
<i>B</i> <sub>δ</sub> / T	0.43	0.6

$$B_{\delta} = \frac{B_R}{\frac{1}{k_M} + \frac{\mu_M \cdot 2\delta}{\mu_0 \cdot h_M}}$$



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#### d- and q-axes of PM synchronous machine rotor



#### Simplified 2-pole arrangement with buried rotor magnets:

The stator *d*-flux has to cross the rotor magnets, thus yielding a lower *d*-inductance (left). The stator *q*-flux can avoid the rotor magnets, which results in a higher *q*-inductance (right).

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#### PM synchronous machine phasor diagram at the grid

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Phasor diagram of PM machine with buried magnets  $(L_d \neq L_q)$  with neglected stator resistance for generator operation. At positive  $U_{sd}$  and  $U_{sq}$  the current components  $I_{sd}$  and  $I_{sq}$  are negative. The load angle  $\mathcal{G}$  is positive.

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#### Torque of a salient pole synchronous machine at $U_s$ = const. & $R_s$ =0

• **OPERATION at "rigid" grid:** <u>*U*</u><sub>s</sub> = constant

<u>We choose</u>: d-axis = Re-axis, q-axis = Im-axis of complex plane:

$$\underline{U}_{s} = U_{sd} + jU_{sq} \qquad \qquad \underline{I}_{s} = I_{sd} + jI_{sq} \qquad \qquad \underline{U}_{p} = jU_{p}$$

 $R_{\rm s} = 0: \qquad \underline{U}_{s} = jX_{d}\underline{I}_{sd} + jX_{q}\underline{I}_{sq} + \underline{U}_{p} \qquad \Rightarrow \qquad \underline{U}_{s} = jX_{d}I_{sd} - X_{q}I_{sq} + jU_{p}$ 

- Active power  $P_e$ :  $P_e = m_s U_s I_s \cos \varphi = m_s \cdot \operatorname{Re}\left\{ \underline{U}_s \underline{I}_s^* \right\} = m_s (U_{sd} I_{sd} + U_{sq} I_{sq})$  $P_e = m_s (-X_q I_{sq} I_{sd} + X_d I_{sd} I_{sq} + U_p I_{sq})$
- Electro-magnetic torque:

$$M_{e} = \frac{P_{m}}{\Omega_{syn}} = \frac{P_{e}}{\Omega_{syn}} = \frac{m_{s}}{\Omega_{syn}} \cdot \left(U_{p} \cdot I_{sq} + (X_{d} - X_{q}) \cdot I_{sd} \cdot I_{sq}\right)$$

- Two torque components:

a) prop.  $U_p$  as with round rotor machines

b) "Reluctance" torque due to  $X_d \neq X_a$ . NO rotor excitation is necessary !

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#### **Torque as function of load angle** $\mathcal{P}$

$$\begin{split} \underline{U}_{s} &= jX_{d}I_{sd} - X_{q}I_{sq} + jU_{p} \implies \begin{cases} U_{sd} &= -X_{q}I_{sq} \implies I_{sq} = -\frac{U_{sd}}{X_{q}} \\ jU_{sq} &= jX_{d}I_{sd} + jU_{p} \implies I_{sd} = \frac{U_{sq} - U_{p}}{X_{d}} \end{cases} \\ \underline{U}_{sq} &= U_{sd} + jU_{sq} \begin{cases} U_{sd} &= U_{s} \sin \vartheta \\ U_{sq} &= U_{s} \cos \vartheta \end{cases} \\ \hline M_{e} &= \frac{m_{s}}{\Omega_{syn}} \cdot \left( U_{p} \cdot I_{sq} + (X_{d} - X_{q}) \cdot I_{sd} \cdot I_{sq} \right) = \\ &= \frac{m_{s}}{\Omega_{syn}} \cdot \left( -\frac{U_{p}U_{s} \sin \vartheta}{X_{q}} - \frac{X_{d} - X_{q}}{X_{d}X_{q}} \cdot U_{s} \sin \vartheta \cdot (U_{s} \cos \vartheta - U_{p}) \right) \\ \hline M_{e} &= -\frac{p \cdot m_{s}}{\omega_{s}} \left( \frac{U_{s}U_{p}}{X_{d}} \sin \vartheta + \frac{U_{s}^{2}}{2} (\frac{1}{X_{q}} - \frac{1}{X_{d}}) \sin 2\vartheta \right) \end{split}$$

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## Torque-load angle characteristic at the grid $L_d < L_q$

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$$M_e = -\frac{p \cdot m}{\omega_s} \left( \frac{U_s U_p}{X_d} \sin \vartheta + \frac{U_s^2}{2} (\frac{1}{X_q} - \frac{1}{X_d}) \sin 2\vartheta \right)$$

Demand:

$$\frac{M_e}{d\vartheta}\Big|_{\vartheta=0} \ge 0: \quad \frac{U_p}{X_d} + U_s \cdot \left(\frac{1}{X_q} - \frac{1}{X_d}\right) \ge 0$$

At  $X_q = 2X_d$  a minimum back EMF of  $U_p \ge U_s/2$  is necessary!

The torque  $M_{\rm e}$  of synchronous PM machine, operated from grid with fixed voltage and frequency, is determined by permanent magnet torque  $M_{syn}$ , which depends linear on stator voltage, and by reluctance torque  $M_{\rm rel}$ , which depends on square of stator voltage  $(L_d < L_q)$ .

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#### Asynchronous operation due to pull-out

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- When the machine is loaded higher than the maximum electromagnetic torque  $M_{p0}$  (pull-out torque), the rotor is pulled out of synchronism by the load torque.

- In the asynchronously running rotor the rotor currents are induced in rotor cage, generating an asynchronous torque.

- In motor operation the stator field, running at synchronous speed, is now faster than the turning rotor.

- So the stator field will oppose the rotor permanent magnet flux at certain instants ("phase opposition"), causing danger of irreversible demagnetization of rotor magnets.

- At phase opposition a large current is consumed:

$$I_s = \frac{U_s + U_p}{X_d} > I_N$$

- The rotor cage self-field opposes the stator field and reduces the inner rotor field, hence shielding inner PM against demagnetization.

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#### Asynchronous starting

- Three-phase AC stator current system  $I_s$  with frequency  $f_s$ : causes field wave

$$B_{s}(x,t) = \hat{B}_{s} \cos\left(\frac{x_{s}\pi}{\tau_{p}} - \omega_{s}t\right)$$

- Induces rotor cage: AC rotor current system  $I'_r$  with frequency  $f_r = s f_s$ : yields asynchronous starting torque  $M_{\rm asyn}$
- Rotor permanent magnet field rotates with rotor speed  $n = (1-s)n_{svn}$ :

$$B_p(x,t) = \hat{B}_p \cos\left(\frac{x_s \pi}{\tau_p} - (1-s) \cdot \omega_s t\right)$$

- Induces stator winding: Causes three-phase AC stator current system  $I_{\rm p}$  with frequency  $f = (1-s) f_s$ : yields asynchronous braking torque  $M_p$
- Interaction between  $B_{\rm s}$  and  $B_{\rm p}$  causes pulsating torque  $M_{\rm P}$  with  $\omega_p$

$$M_{P}(t) = \hat{M}_{P}(s) \cdot \sin(s \cdot \omega_{s}t) \qquad \qquad \omega_{p} = \omega_{s} - (1-s) \cdot \omega_{s} = s \cdot \omega_{s}$$

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#### Asynchronous braking torque M<sub>p</sub>

-Voltage equation for induced additional current system  $I_p$  in the stator winding:  $0 = R_s \underline{I}_p + j\omega \underline{\Psi}_s / \sqrt{2} = R_s \underline{I}_p + j\omega L_d \underline{I}_p + j\omega \underline{\hat{\Psi}}_p / \sqrt{2}$  Assumption:  $L_d = L_q$ - Additional current system  $I_p$  in the stator winding with  $\omega = (1-s) \cdot \omega_s$ 

$$\underline{I}_{p} = -\frac{j\omega\underline{\hat{\Psi}}_{p}/\sqrt{2}}{R_{s} + j\omega L_{d}}$$

- Losses in the stator winding due to current system  $I_p$ :  $P_{Cu,p} = 3R_s I_p^2 = -\Omega_m M_p$ 

$$M_{p} = -\frac{P_{Cu,p}}{\Omega_{m}} = -\frac{p \cdot m \cdot R_{s}}{(1-s) \cdot \omega_{s}} \cdot \frac{((1-s) \cdot \omega_{s})^{2} \cdot \hat{\Psi}_{p}^{2}/2}{R_{s}^{2} + (\omega_{s}(1-s) \cdot L_{d})^{2}} = -\frac{(1-s) \cdot \omega_{s} \cdot p \cdot m \cdot R_{s} \cdot \hat{\Psi}_{p}^{2}/2}{R_{s}^{2} + (\omega_{s}(1-s) \cdot L_{d})^{2}}$$
$$M_{p} = -\frac{\omega \cdot p \cdot m \cdot R_{s} \cdot \hat{\Psi}_{p}^{2}/2}{R_{s}^{2} + (\omega L_{d})^{2}}$$

-Maximum braking torque (m = 3):  $dM_p/d\omega = 0: n^* = \omega^*/(2\pi p) = R_s/(2\pi p \cdot L_d)$   $M_{p,max} = M_p(\omega^*) = \frac{2\pi p}{2\pi p}$ 

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#### **Torque at asynchronous starting**

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#### Pulsating torque amplitude

- Pulsating torque amplitude due to stator field  $B_s(x,t) = \hat{B}_s \cos\left(\frac{x_s\pi}{\tau_p} - \omega_s t\right)$ and additional field  $B_p(x,t) = \hat{B}_p \cos\left(\frac{x_s\pi}{\tau_p} - (1-s) \cdot \omega_s t\right)$ 

- Additional field amplitude  $B_p$  is proportional to induced current  $I_p$ .

$$\hat{M}_{P}(s) = F \cdot z \cdot \frac{d_{si}}{2} = \frac{\hat{B}_{s}}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot \frac{\hat{I}_{p}(s)}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot l_{Fe} \cdot z \cdot \frac{d_{si}}{2} = \frac{\hat{B}_{s}}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot I_{p}(s) \cdot l_{Fe} \cdot 2mN_{s}k_{ws} \cdot \frac{p\tau_{p}}{\pi}$$

$$\underline{I}_{p}(s) = -\frac{j\omega(s)\underline{\Psi}_{p}/\sqrt{2}}{R_{s} + j\omega(s)L_{d}} \bigg|_{R_{s}\approx0} \approx -\frac{\omega(s)\underline{\Psi}_{p}/\sqrt{2}}{\omega(s)L_{d}}\bigg|_{s<<1} = -\frac{\omega_{s}\underline{\Psi}_{p}/\sqrt{2}}{\omega_{s}L_{d}} = \frac{U_{p}}{X_{d}}$$

$$\hat{M}_{P}(s) = m \cdot p \cdot N_{s}k_{ws} \cdot \frac{(2/\pi)\tau_{p}l_{Fe}\hat{B}_{s}}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot \frac{U_{p}}{X_{d}} = m \cdot p \cdot \frac{\omega_{s}}{\omega_{s}}N_{s}k_{ws} \cdot \frac{\Phi_{h}}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot \frac{U_{p}}{X_{d}}$$

$$\hat{M}_P(s) = \frac{m \cdot p}{\omega_s} \cdot U_h \cdot \frac{U_p}{X_d} \approx \frac{m \cdot p}{\omega_s} \cdot U_s \cdot \frac{U_p}{X_d}$$

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 $U_h = \omega_s N_s k_{ws} \cdot \Phi_h / \sqrt{2} \approx U_s$ 

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## **Calculated asynchronous starting**

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- ASM has highest starting torque and no pulsating torque (apart from the pulsation due to the switching transient at the start)
- SRM has a lower average starting torque due to the GOERGES-saddle and a pulsating torque with  $|f_s f_3| = 2sf_s$
- PSM has the lowest average starting torque due to the braking torque  $M_p$  and a pulsating torque with  $s f_s$ . In case of buried magnets the SRM-torque effect (GOERGES) adds!

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#### Synchronization after asynchronous start-up

- At synchronous speed the slip is zero: The asynchronous torque of the cage is zero.
- The speed of PM rotor is synchronous speed, so the frequency of the stator current system  $I_p$  is:  $f_3 = (1 s)f_s = f_s$
- Hence current  $I_s$  and  $I_p$  unite as the total stator current  $I_s$  at synchronous speed.
- The pulsating torque becomes the constant synchronous torque!

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- At s << 1 the frequency  $s f_s$  corresponds with a very slowly increasing load stable angle  $\mathcal{G}(t)$ :  $M_{P}(t) = \hat{M}_{P}(s) \cdot \sin(s \cdot \omega_{s} t + \vartheta) \Rightarrow \hat{M}_{e} \cdot \sin(\vartheta)$ Me - With the assumption  $R_s = 0$ ,  $L_d = L_q$  we get:  $\overline{M}_{p0}$ motor  $M_{e} = -\frac{p \cdot m}{\omega_{s}} \cdot \frac{U_{s}U_{p}}{X_{d}} \cdot \sin(\vartheta)$ 0.5  $-\pi/2$  $\pi/2$  $-\pi$ generator *TECHNISCHE* **Prof. A. Binder : Motor Development for Electrical Drive Systems** Institut für Elektrische JNIVERSITÄT 3/17 Energiewandlung • FB 18

#### **Torque components shortly before synchronization**

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Torque at low slip, rotor passing from -180° to 180°, when slipping by one pole pair

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## **Synchronization - Critical slip (1)**

- Slipping rotor with small slip, passing the load angle from -180° to 180°:

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta \gamma &= \gamma_s - \gamma_r = \mathcal{G} \qquad \Delta \dot{\gamma} = \dot{\gamma}_s - \dot{\gamma}_r = \Omega_{syn} - \Omega_m(t) = s(t) \cdot (\omega_s / p) \\ \Delta \ddot{\gamma} &= \ddot{\gamma}_s - \ddot{\gamma}_r = \dot{s}(t) \cdot (\omega_s / p) \qquad \ddot{\gamma}_s = \dot{\Omega}_{syn} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$(J_M + J_L) \cdot \frac{d^2 \gamma_r}{dt^2} = M_e - M_s \implies -J \cdot \frac{\omega_s}{p} \cdot \frac{ds}{dt} = M_e(\vartheta(t)) - M_s$$

Assumptions:

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- (1) No load torque:  $M_s = 0$ ,
- (2) No reluctance effect:  $L_d = L_q$ :  $M_{rel} = 0$ ,  $M_{asyn,\sim} = 0$ .

(3) At small slip s << 1: Asynchronous torque is nearly zero  $M_{asyn,av} \approx 2s \cdot M_b / s_b \cong 0$ 

Hence the torque during synchronization is only:

$$M_e = M_{syn} + M_{rel} + M_{asyn} \approx M_{syn} = -M_{p0} \cdot \sin \vartheta$$

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#### Synchronization - Critical slip (2)

- At t = 0: Rotor position relative to stator field is:  $\mathcal{G}_1 = -\pi$ ; rotor slip  $s_1 << 1$ .
- Rotor passes from  $\theta_1 = -\pi$  to  $\theta_2 = 0$  during the time  $t_s = 1/(2 \cdot s_{av} \cdot f_s)$ , being accelerated by  $M_{\rm syn}$ , to the smaller slip  $s_2 < s_1$ .
- Average slip during that time is  $s_{av} = (s_1 + s_2)/2$ .
- The final chance to be pulled into synchronism is at  $t = t_s$ , because afterwards  $M_{syn}$ becomes negative. So if  $s_2 = 0$ , the rotor synchronizes.
- The corresponding slip  $s_1$  is then the maximum admissible slip  $s_{cr}$  for synchronization.

$$\int_{0}^{t_{s}} -J \cdot \frac{\omega_{s}}{p} \cdot \frac{ds}{dt} \cdot dt = \int_{s_{1}}^{s_{2}} -J \cdot \frac{\omega_{s}}{p} \cdot ds = J \cdot \frac{\omega_{s}}{p} \cdot (s_{1} - s_{2}) = J \cdot \frac{\omega_{s}}{p} \cdot s_{1} = \int_{0}^{t_{s}} M_{syn}(\theta(t)) \cdot dt =$$
$$= \frac{t_{s}}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{0} -M_{p0} \cdot \sin(\theta) \cdot d\theta = \frac{t_{s}}{\pi} \cdot 2M_{p0} = \frac{1}{2\pi \cdot s_{av} f_{s}} \cdot 2M_{p0} = \frac{1}{2\pi \cdot (s_{1}/2) \cdot f_{s}} \cdot 2M_{p0}$$

- Critical slip  $s_{cr}$  for synchronization:

$$s_1 = s_{cr} = \frac{1}{\Omega_{syn}} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{4M_{p0}}{J \cdot p}} = \frac{1}{\omega_s / p} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{2P_{p0}}{\pi \cdot (J_M + J_L) \cdot f_s}} \qquad s_{cr}$$

$$\sqrt{2/\pi} = 0.8 > 0.5$$

$$s_{cr} \approx \frac{0.5}{\omega_s / p} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{P_{p0}}{(J_M + J_L) \cdot f_s}}$$

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## Pull-in and pull-out of PM synchronous machines with rotor cage

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Condition for synchronization is therefore: Slip is less than **CRITICAL SLIP** 

$$s_{cr} \cong \frac{0.5}{\omega_s \, / \, p} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{P_{p0}}{(J_M + J_L) \cdot f_s}}$$

#### Example:

Barium ferrite six-pole synchronous permanent magnet motor, shaft height 160mm, totally enclosed, fan-cooled:

50 ... 150 Hz, 1000 ... 3000/min, 125 ... 380 V, Y, 42 A, rated torque 49.7 Nm, overload capability 150%. total momentum of inertia (motor and load): 1.5 kgm<sup>2</sup>

$$s_{cr} = \frac{0.5}{2\pi \cdot 50/3} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{7806}{50 \cdot 1.5}} = 0.049 = 4.9\%$$

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#### Measured torque and speed at asynchronous starting

#### Load inertia 100%

Load inertia 240%

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Measured time function of starting torque of PM synchronous machine with squirrel cage rotor at fixed stator voltage and frequency:

a) Synchronisation of motor visible,

b) Increased load inertia by factor 2.4: No synchronisation is possible!

The pulsating torque with  $s f_s$  is clearly visible !

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## Asynchronous start-up of electrically excited (big) synchronous motors

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Laminated rotor poles need starting copper cage ( = heat sensitive)

- Massive rotor poles doe not need rotor cage: massive pole surface (conductive iron) is carrying eddy currents

<u>Advantages:</u>

a) no heat expansion problem of cage !

b) 10 ... 20 times bigger iron rotor resistance shifts break down slip to nearly unity = much bigger starting torque.

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#### **Massive pole synchronous motors**

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- 4 pole motor
- Screwed poles

- During start-up the field winding is short-circuited:

a) to avoid induced overvoltage, which is deadly for the power electronics of the excitation rectifier

b) to avoid a braking torque  $M_{\rm p}$ 

c) to add a small asynchronous torque of the field winding as a second "cage"

> Source: Andritz Hydro, Austria

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## Outer-rotor PM synchronous machines with rotor cage

![](_page_24_Figure_1.jpeg)

Cross section of outer rotor 4-pole PM synchronous motor with ferrite surface mounted magnets and squirrel cage: 1: inner stator AC three-phase winding, 2: outer rotor iron back, 3: squirrel cage, 4: ferrite magnets

#### Application: Textile fibre fabrication

Source: Siemens AG, Germany

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motor group drives for synthetic thread fabrication

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