





Hong Kong's first identified dinosaur-era fish - *Paralycoptera*
香港首次鑑定恐龍時代的副狼鱈魚化石

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Introduction 引言

- 2012-2013 Summer Research Fellowship (SRF) 暑期研究
 - Review of the Stephen Hui Geological Museum fossil collection and vertebrate fossils from Hong Kong 許士芬地質博物館化石收藏與香港有脊椎動物化石檢閱
- 2013-2014 Earth Sciences Final Year Project 地球科學系畢業專題研習
 - Hong Kong's first Mesozoic fish: osteological description and implications 香港首個中生代魚化石研究

Introduction 引言

- 2015 PeerJ open-access journal article 科學期刊 PeerJ
 - A specimen of *Paralycoptera* Chang & Chou 1977 (Teleostei: Osteoglossoidei) from Hong Kong (Guangdong, China) with a potential Late Jurassic age that extends the temporal and geographical range of the genus 香港首個中生代魚化石研究

Fossil specimen 化石標本

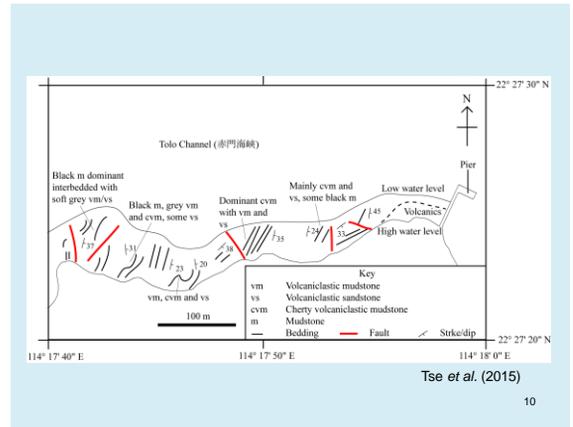
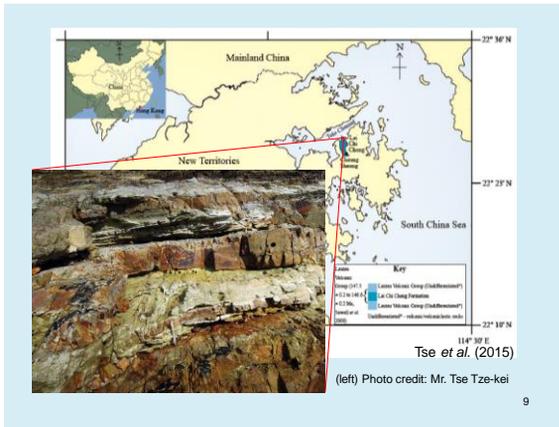
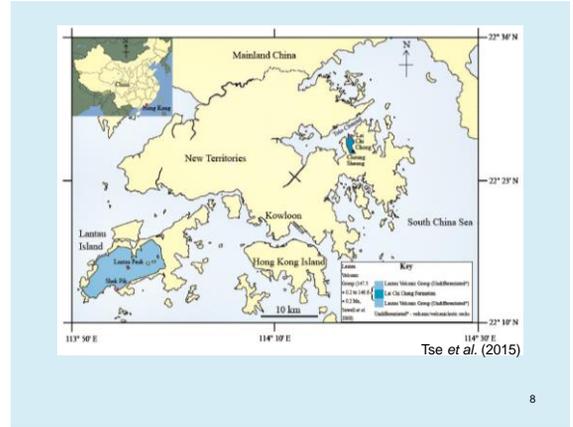
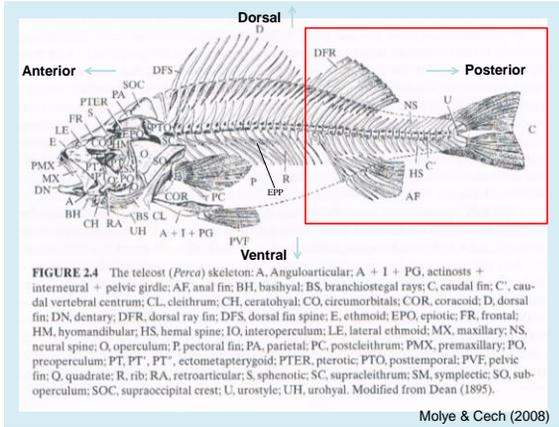
HKU SHGM L275



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Study 研究

- Fossil ID 化石鑑定
 - To understand the ecology of the species
了解該物種的生態
 - To add information to the biogeography
為生物地理學提供新資料

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Study 研究

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Leica Zoom 2000 stereomicroscope (x10.5-45)

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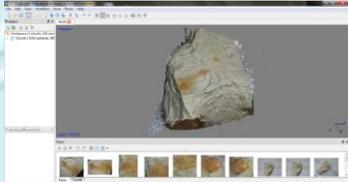
Photo credit: Leica Microsystems (2015)

Leica SBAPO stereomicroscope (x10-80)

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Study 研究

- Photo-taking through microscope
透過顯微鏡拍攝
 - Stacking 堆疊 (By *Combine ZP*)
 - 3D Modelling 模型製造 (By *Photoscan*)

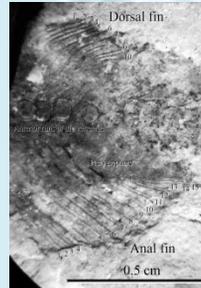


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Study 研究

Anal and dorsal fins

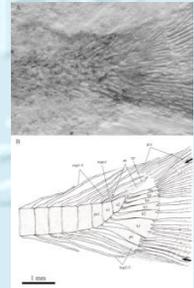
臀鰭和背鰭



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Caudal skeleton

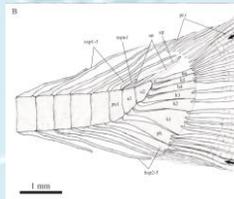
尾部骨骼



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Study 研究

- General description
一般描述
 - 18mm
 - 20 vertebra 椎骨
 - 19 caudal vertebra 尾椎
 - 1 abdominal vertebrae 腰椎
 - Vertebral centra deeper than long

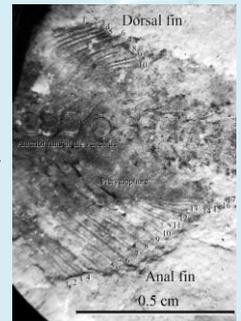


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Study 研究

- Anal fin 臀鰭
 - 17 fin rays 鰭條
- Dorsal fin 背鰭
 - 10 fin rays 鰭條
- Length of the fin ray anteriorly longer
前端鰭條較長
- Sub-triangular fins
鰭呈三角形



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- Anal fin opposite to dorsal fin
臀鰭和背鰭位置相對
- Fins supported by pterygiophores
鰭由鰭支持骨支撐



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Sarcopterygian (Lobe-fin) 肉鰭魚

VS

Actinopterygian (Ray-fin) 輻鰭魚

Mirror image for comparison
反轉影像作比較用

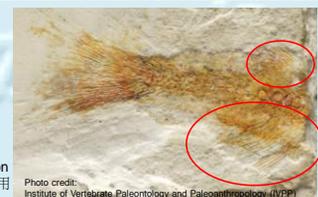
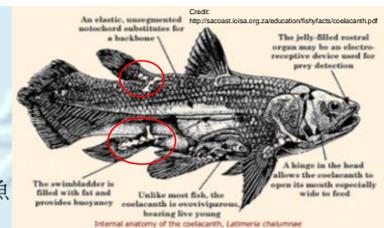


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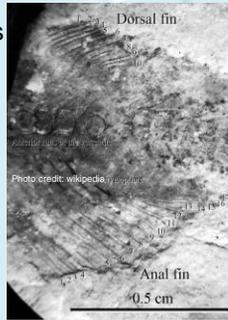
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- Anterior circular rims of the vertebrae
脊椎前方的圓邊

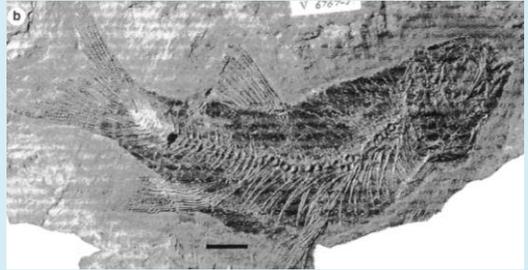


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Yanbiania, Wilson & Murray (2008)

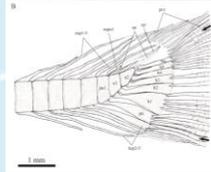
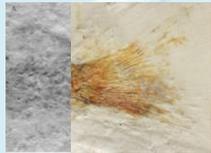
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Study 研究

- Caudal Skeleton
尾部骨骼

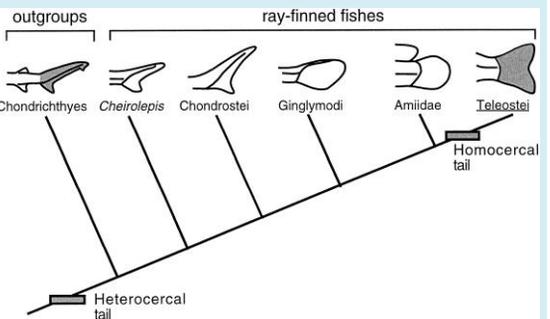
– Homocercal tail
正型尾

– 15 branched caudal fin rays
15 主要分叉尾鳍条数



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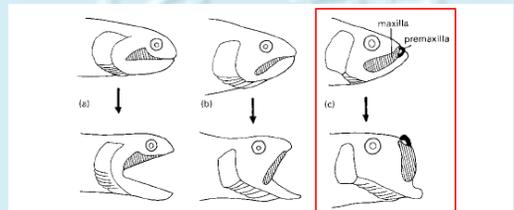
Teleost in action

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h64FplMVJmE>



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Teleost in action



– Sketches of the heads of (a) a basal actinopterygian ("chondrosteian"), (b) a basal neopterygian ("holosteian") or early teleost and (c) a herring (typical teleost) showing the jaws closed (top) and open (bottom). (After Alexander, 1975, courtesy of Cambridge University Press.)

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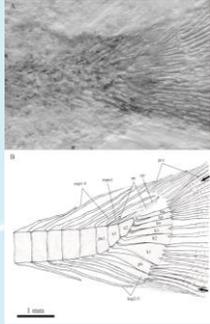
Study 研究

• Caudal Skeleton

尾部骨骼

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正型尾

– 15 branched caudal fin rays
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Study 研究

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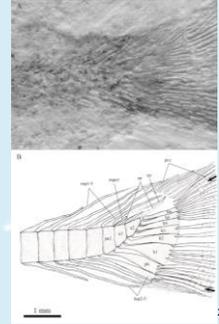
– 6 independent hypurals 獨立尾下骨

– 2 or 3 uroneurals

尾神經骨

– 1 epural 尾上骨

– Triangular second ural centrum
三角形第二尾椎



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Identification 鑑定

Anatomical features were compared with similar specimens and existing publications.
記錄特徵後進行比較研究

真骨魚組 SUBDIVISION TELEOSTEI MÜLLER, 1846

骨舌魚超目 SUPERORDER OSTEOGLOSSOMORPHA GREENWOOD ET AL., 1966

骨舌魚目 ORDER OSTEOGLOSSIFORMES REGAN, 1909

骨舌魚亞目 SUBORDER OSTEOGLOSSOIDEI REGAN, 1909

副狼鰭魚屬 GENUS †PARALYCOPTERA CHANG & CHOU, 1977

副狼鰭魚 †PARALYCOPTERA sp. CHANG & CHOU, 1977

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Specimens studied first hand	<i>Paralycoptera wui</i> : IVPP V2989.20, .24, .31, .65, .100, .105, .137 <i>Sinoglossus lushanensis</i> : IVPP V6354. 2
Specimens studied in the literature	<i>Singida jacksonoides</i> : WM 490/96, 311/86, 241/96 <i>Mesoclupea showchangensis</i> : IVPP V2685.13 <i>Lycoptera davidi</i> : IVPP V2328.1, .7, .34 <i>Yanbiania wangqiangica</i> : IVPP V6767-1 <i>Tongprichthys microdus</i> : IVPP V2332.1 <i>Hiodon costentorium</i> : IALUP V38875 <i>Huashia gracilis</i> : IVPP V2996.1 <i>Jinanichthys longicephalus</i> : IVPP V10149-51 <i>Paralupea chetungensis</i> : IVPP V816
Genus compared	<i>Leptolepis</i> <i>Elops</i> <i>Odaxothrissa</i> <i>Hiodon</i> <i>Lycoptera</i> <i>Paralycoptera</i> <i>Singida</i> <i>Phareodus</i> <i>Arapaima</i> <i>Heterotis</i> <i>Sclerogages</i> <i>Osteoglossum</i> <i>Pantodon</i> <i>Gnathopoma</i> <i>Notopterus</i> etc.

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Phylogenetic studies 系統發育研究

Four tables showing SHGM L275 coded for applicable characters from the phylogenetic analyses Shen (1996), Zhang (2006), Wilson & Murray (2008) and Xu & Chang (2009) as well as the codings of the most similar taxa/ taxa.

Shen (1996)

Character #	25	29	33	51	53	54	55	58
SHGM L275	1	0	0	?	2	1	0	2
<i>Paralycoptera</i>	1	1	0	0	2	1	0	2

→ 6 out of 8 the same

Zhang (2006)

Character #	47	49	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	57	60	61
SHGM L275	1	1	0	2	1	0?	1?	1	0	1	0	2
<i>Paralycoptera</i>	1	1	?	?	?	0	1	1	0	1	0	2
<i>Singida</i>	1	1	1	2	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	2

→ 10 out of 13 the same for *Paralycoptera*;
12 out of 13 the same for *Singida*

Wilson & Murray (2008)

Character #	64	65	67	67	68	69	70	71	77	77	80
SHGM L275	0	2	?	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
<i>Paralycoptera</i>	?	2	0	0	?	?	0	1	0	0	0
<i>Singida</i>	0	2	1	1	2	0	0	1	0	0	0

→ 8 out of 11 the same for *Paralycoptera*;
8 out of 11 the same for *Singida*

Xu & Chang (2009)

Character #	54	55	66	67	69	69	61	62
SHGM L275	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	2
<i>Paralycoptera</i>	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	2
<i>Singida</i>	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	2

→ 6 (7 as for ch 54, the state should be 1)
out of 8 the same for *Paralycoptera*
6 out of 8 the same for *Singida*

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154. Nodal vert. of the 14th vert. (1985)	155. 15th vert. only a slight medial lobe (1985)	156. 15th vert. with small medial lobe (1985)	157. 15th vert. with small medial lobe (1985)	158. 15th vert. with small medial lobe (1985)	159. 15th vert. with small medial lobe (1985)	160. 15th vert. with small medial lobe (1985)	161. 15th vert. with small medial lobe (1985)	162. 15th vert. with small medial lobe (1985)	163. 15th vert. with small medial lobe (1985)	164. 15th vert. with small medial lobe (1985)	165. 15th vert. with small medial lobe (1985)	166. 15th vert. with small medial lobe (1985)	167. 15th vert. with small medial lobe (1985)	168. 15th vert. with small medial lobe (1985)	169. 15th vert. with small medial lobe (1985)	170. 15th vert. with small medial lobe (1985)	171. 15th vert. with small medial lobe (1985)	172. 15th vert. with small medial lobe (1985)	173. 15th vert. with small medial lobe (1985)	174. 15th vert. with small medial lobe (1985)	175. 15th vert. with small medial lobe (1985)	176. 15th vert. with small medial lobe (1985)	177. 15th vert. with small medial lobe (1985)	178. 15th vert. with small medial lobe (1985)	179. 15th vert. with small medial lobe (1985)	180. 15th vert. with small medial lobe (1985)	181. 15th vert. with small medial lobe (1985)	182. 15th vert. with small medial lobe (1985)	183. 15th vert. with small medial lobe (1985)	184. 15th vert. with small medial lobe (1985)	185. 15th vert. with small medial lobe (1985)	186. 15th vert. with small medial lobe (1985)	187. 15th vert. with small medial lobe (1985)	188. 15th vert. with small medial lobe (1985)	189. 15th vert. with small medial lobe (1985)	190. 15th vert. with small medial lobe (1985)	191. 15th vert. with small medial lobe (1985)	192. 15th vert. with small medial lobe (1985)	193. 15th vert. with small medial lobe (1985)	194. 15th vert. with small medial lobe (1985)	195. 15th vert. with small medial lobe (1985)	196. 15th vert. with small medial lobe (1985)	197. 15th vert. with small medial lobe (1985)	198. 15th vert. with small medial lobe (1985)	199. 15th vert. with small medial lobe (1985)	200. 15th vert. with small medial lobe (1985)
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Wilson & Murray (2008)

A IVPP V2990.20 [holotype]

B IVPP V2989.31

C

†*Paralycoptera wui*

A, B: two complete specimens, showing the body shape, fin shape and vertebral column

C: Restoration of the skeleton of †*P. wui* mainly based on the holotype, modified from Chang & Chou (1977: Fig. 5).

Scale bars = 1 cm

Xu & Chang (2009)

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Ecology 生態環境

- Freshwater lake 淡水湖
- Close to regions with volcanic activities 火山活動活躍的地區
 - Nutrient input from eruptions? 火山活動帶來營養?
 - Promoted fossilization? 有利保存化石?

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Chang & Jin (1996)

Ecology 生態環境

- Unstable water body? 不穩定湖水?
 - Tolerance to sediment stress? 能適應高沈積物湧入的環境?
- May resist a wide range of climatic conditions? 能適應不同的氣候環境?

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Ecology 生態環境

- Sedimentary facies 沈積相
 - Tranquil water as habitat 平靜的湖水生境
- Geochemical weathering indices 風化指數
 - Tropical-to-subtropical 熱帶至亞熱帶
- Oxygen isotope data 氧同位素分析
 - Between 5 °C and 25 °C 5度至25度

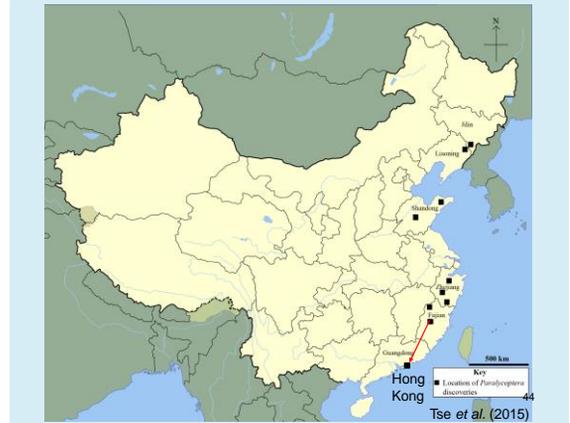
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Implications 影響

- Extension of *geographical* and *temporal* range
地理範圍與年代擴展
 - Southward by ~700 km: from Fujian to HK
向南~700km: 福建至香港
 - Back by ~40 Myrs (Early Cretaceous back to Late Jurassic)
向前~4千萬年 (早白堊紀至晚侏羅紀)
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Ma, million years ago 百萬年前	Period 紀	Examples of HK localities 香港地點例子	Fossil types 代表化石
-2.6 - 0	Quaternary 第四紀	-	-
-23 - 2.6	Neogene 晚第三紀	-	-
-65.5 - 23	Palaeogene 早第三紀	Tung Ping Chau 東平洲	Plants 植物, Insects 昆蟲
-145.5 - 65.5	Cretaceous 白堊紀	Port Island 赤洲	
-201.6 - 145.5	Jurassic 侏羅紀	Lai Chi Chong 荔枝莊	Plants 植物, <i>Paralycoptera</i> 副狼鱗魚
-251 - 201.6	Triassic 三疊紀	-	-
-299 - 251	Permian 二疊紀	Ma Shi Chau 馬屎洲	Plants 植物, Shells 貝殼
-359 - 299	Carboniferous 石炭紀	Yuen Long 元朗	Spores 孢子
-416 - 359	Devonian 泥盆紀	Pak Sha Tau Chau 白沙頭洲	Placoderm fish 盾皮魚

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- Late Jurassic age reinforces an East Asian origin for osteoglossomorph fish.
晚侏羅紀年代支持東亞為骨舌魚的起源地
- **HK's first Mesozoic (dinosaur-era) vertebrate fossil**
香港首次鑑定侏羅紀(恐龍時代)的有脊椎動物化石
 - Potential for more exciting discoveries: dinosaurs?!
未來會否發現恐龍化石?

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Experience 經驗

- Chance to work with CAS Academician, Prof. Chang Mee-mann
與中國科學院專家學者 - 張彌曼教授合作



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- Chance to publish the results
發表研究成果
 - Learnt how to write a paper and to produce high-quality images
提升論文和圖像質素
 - Appreciated the hard work of scientists
明白和欣賞科學家的研究工作

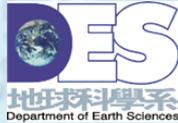
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Conclusions 結論

- A *Paralycoptera* sp. specimen (SHGM L275) is identified
 - first studied and identified Mesozoic fossil fish from Hong Kong
- L275 extends the temporal and geographic range of the *P.* sp. and possibly the Southeastern *Mesoclupea* Fish Fauna too
- Exciting future opportunities to improve our knowledge of local and regional paleontological evolution

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