



Study and monitoring of the Earth Magnetic Field using FASAT Charlie's magnetometer

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About FASAT Charlie



Operation since 2011:

- Observation satellite
- Designed for 05 operational years of life
- However, 11 years of operation has been achieved

Satellite imagery use:

- Military
- Civilean



Motivation



- Peaceful use of a defense satellite for scientific purposes
- Perform satellite data analysis of sensors and actuators
- Study applied on Space Weather:
 - Understanding international model (The US/UK World Magnetic Model)
 - South Atlantic Anomaly and its consequences for satellite operations
 - Space awareness and diffusion

Instruments: Magnetometer



- Used to sense the Earth's magnetic field
- There is 01 magnetometer on board
- Data is used by the satellite to guide itself

Measured axes	3 axes
Measurement range	+/- 6.10⁻⁵ T
Measurement noise	2.10⁻⁹ T
Bias	+/- 5.10⁻⁷ T
Mass	0.18 Kg
Power consumption	0.8 W

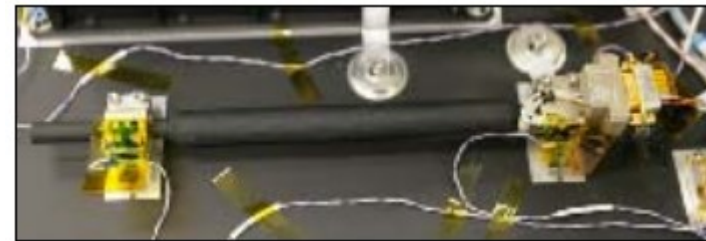


Instruments: Magnetotorqueur



- Used to guide the satellite
- There are 03 magnetotorqueurs on the satellite
- Using electric current and the Earth's magnetic field, a torque is generated in the sector where it is mounted

Magnetic momentum	> 10 Am²
Residual momentum	0.08 Am² max
Time constant	45 ms
Mass	0.220 Kg
Power consumption	1.1 W @ 10 Am²



Considerations

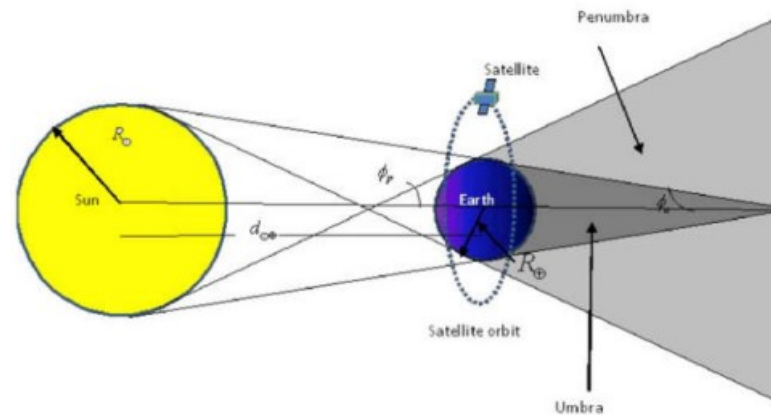


- Magnetometer measurements are polluted by the field induced by the Magnetotorqueurs when they are activated:
 - Drop data when both are active at the same time
- Magnetometer is OFF during operation:
 - Coordination with Mission Manager to turn ON

Considerations



- Criterion for day-side and night-side:
 - Use of solar panel data
 - For simplicity, if solar panel has data it is considered day-side



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Considerations



- Data date range

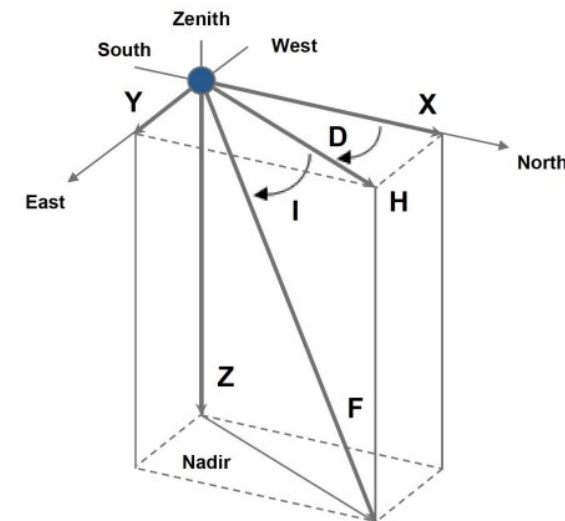
From	To
2022-03-01	2022-03-31
2022-05-19	2022-05-31
2022-06-28	2022-07-01
2022-07-14	2022-08-09

- Total: ~70 days

Considerations



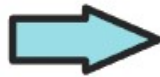
- World Magnetic Model:
 - Components analysis: X, Y, Z, H & F
 - Measures during night side



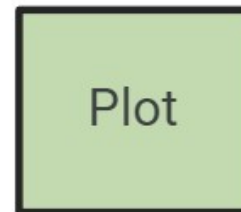
Methodology



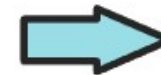
- MAG
- MTB
- Solar Panel
- Colatitude
- Latitude
- Quaternions



- Data match on exact date & time
- Remove matches between MAG & MTB
- Transform Colatitude and Latitude from spherical to cylindrical coordinates
- MAG remains values rotated by Quaternions
- Solar panel for day/night side

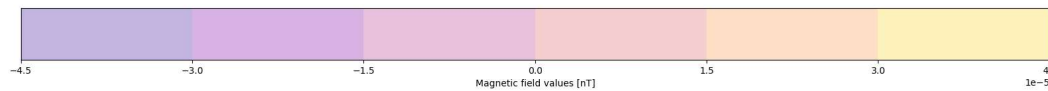
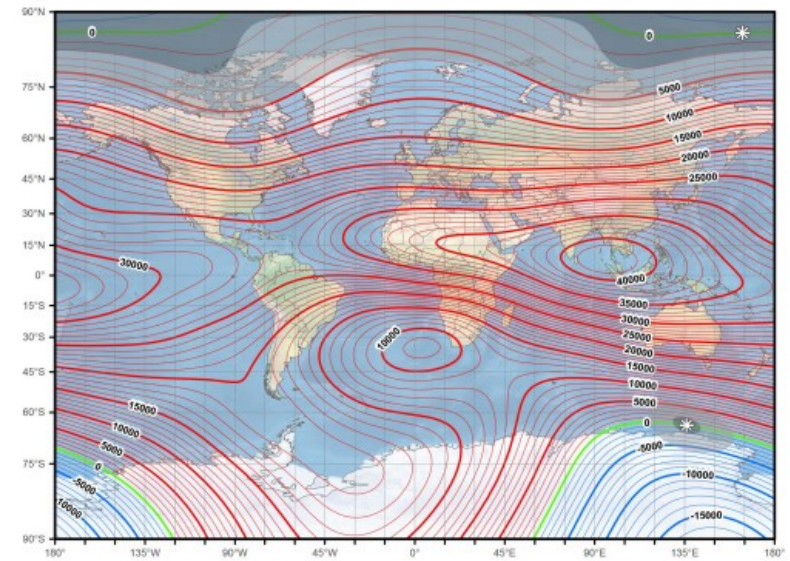
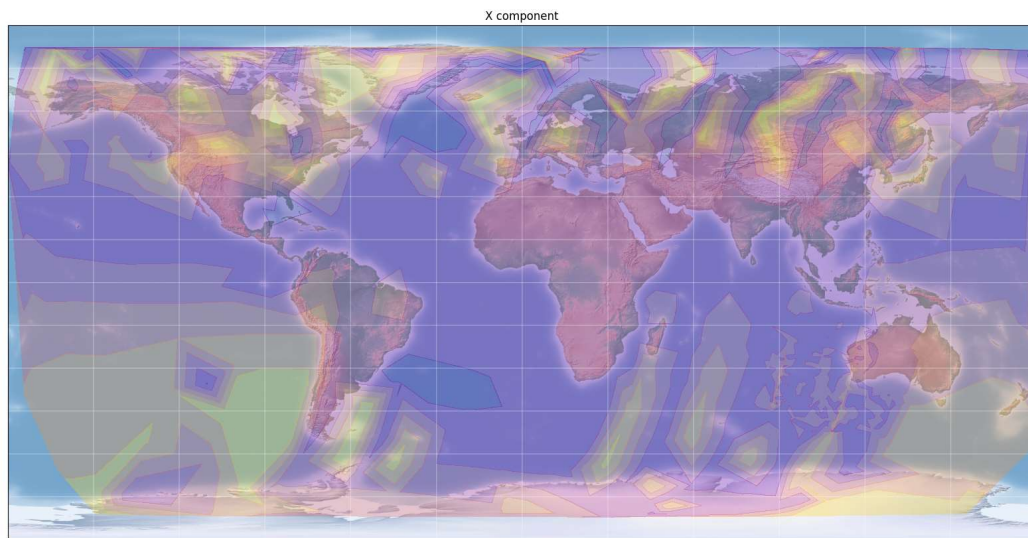


- Latitude & Colatitude projection



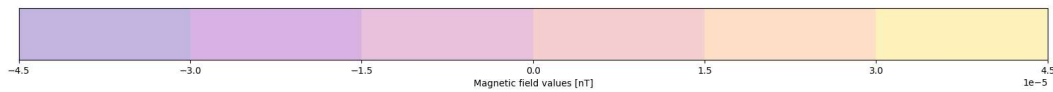
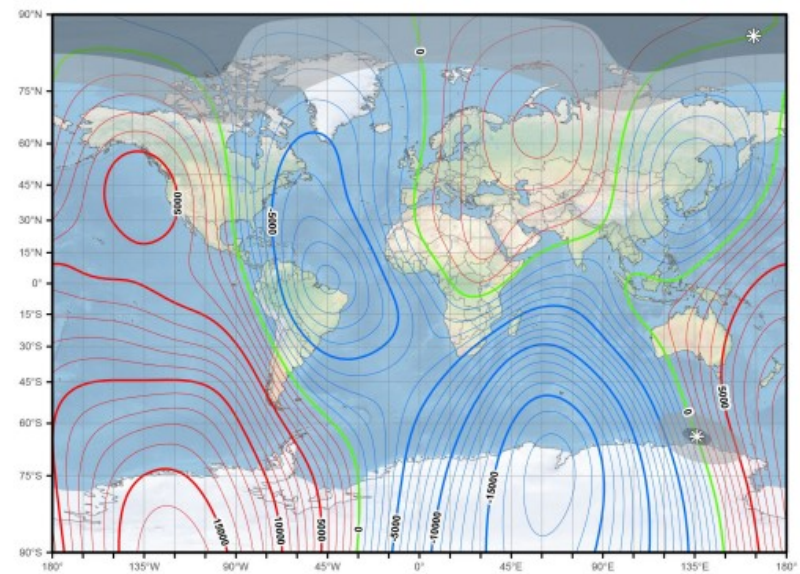
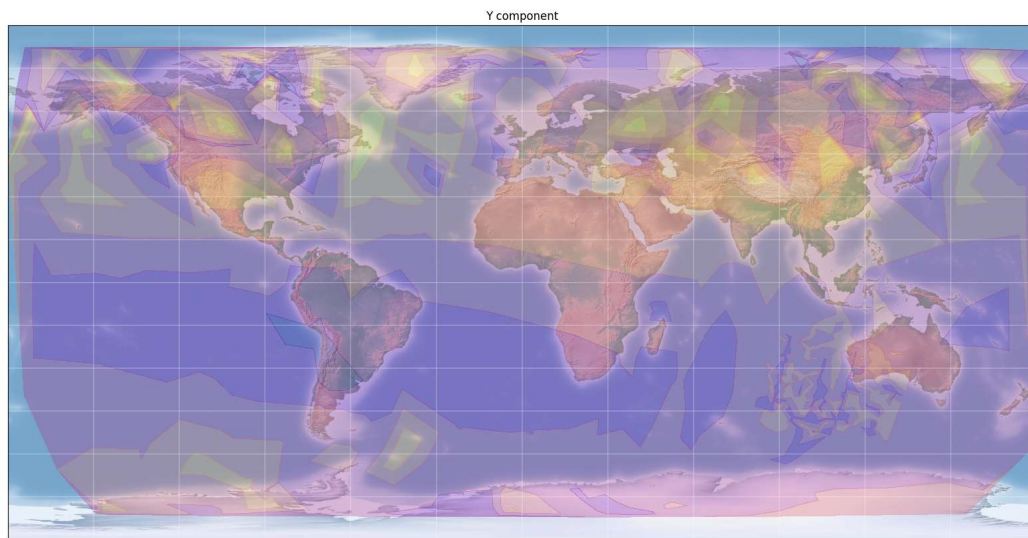
- Compare results with US/UK World Magnetic Model for 2020-2025

Results & Analysis: X component



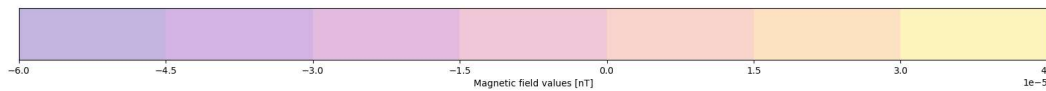
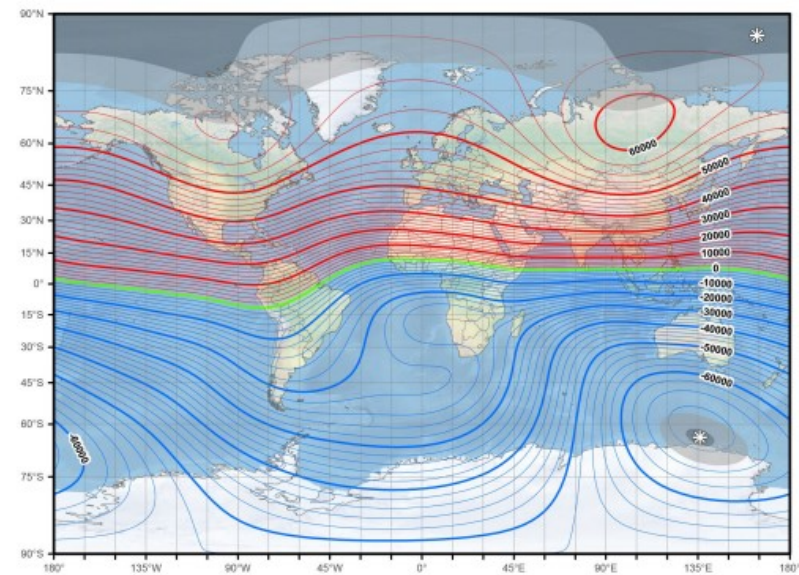
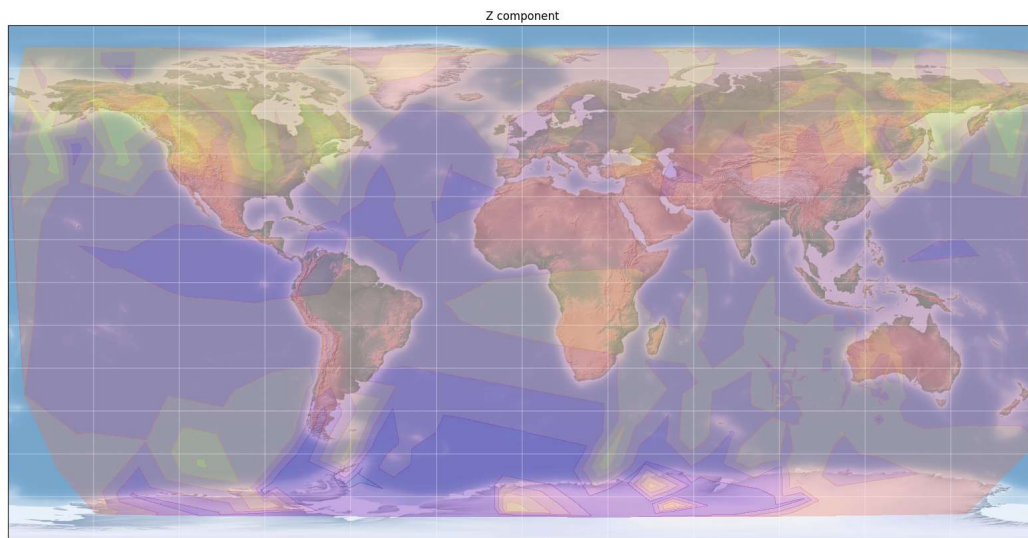
X component plot
Left: FASAT Charlie
Right: World Magnetic Model

Results & Analysis: Y component



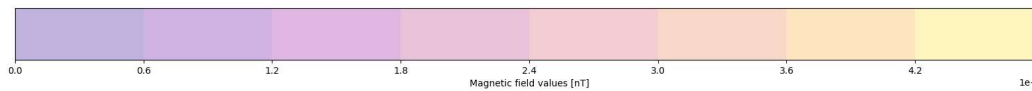
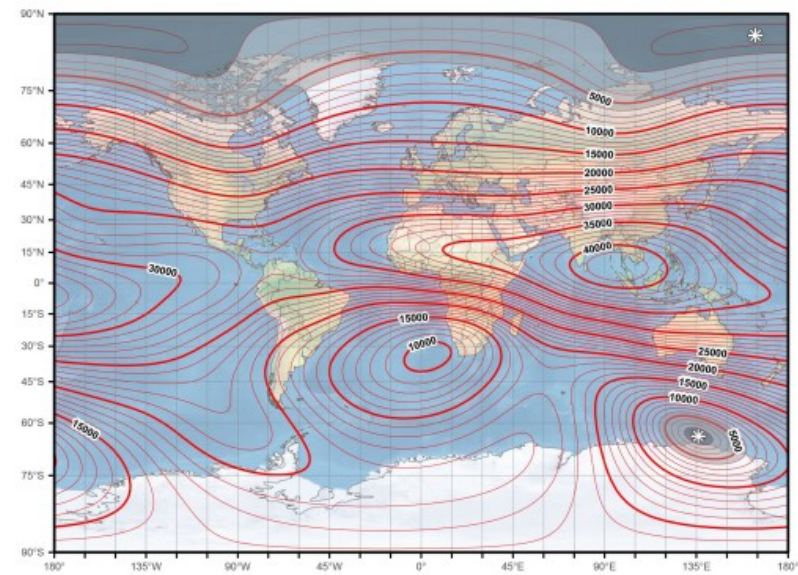
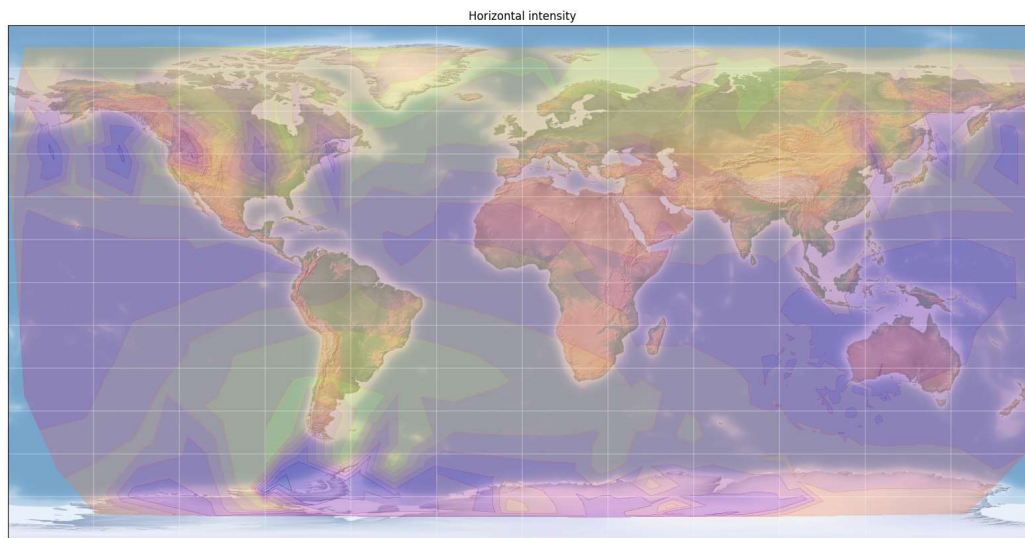
Y component plot
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Results & Analysis: Z component



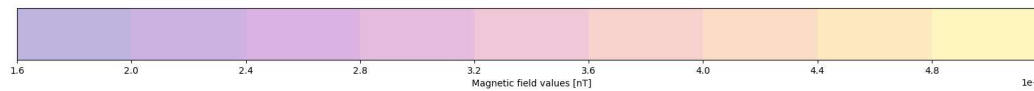
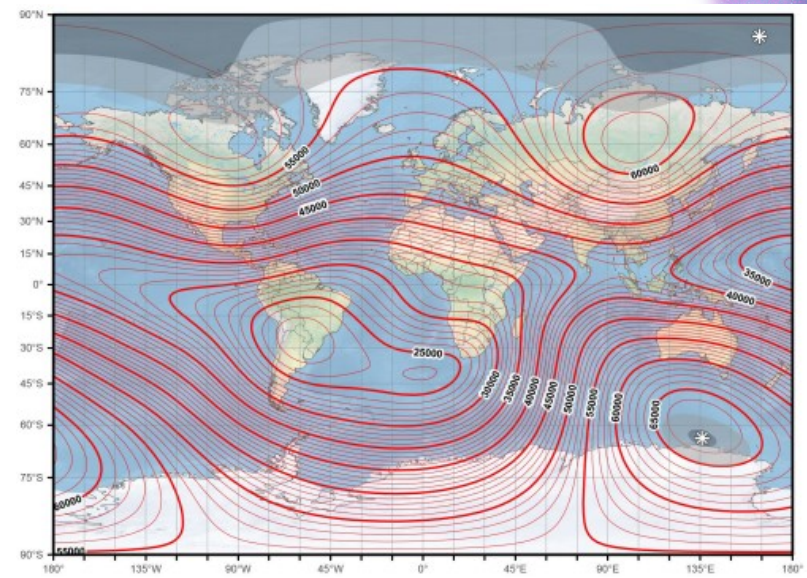
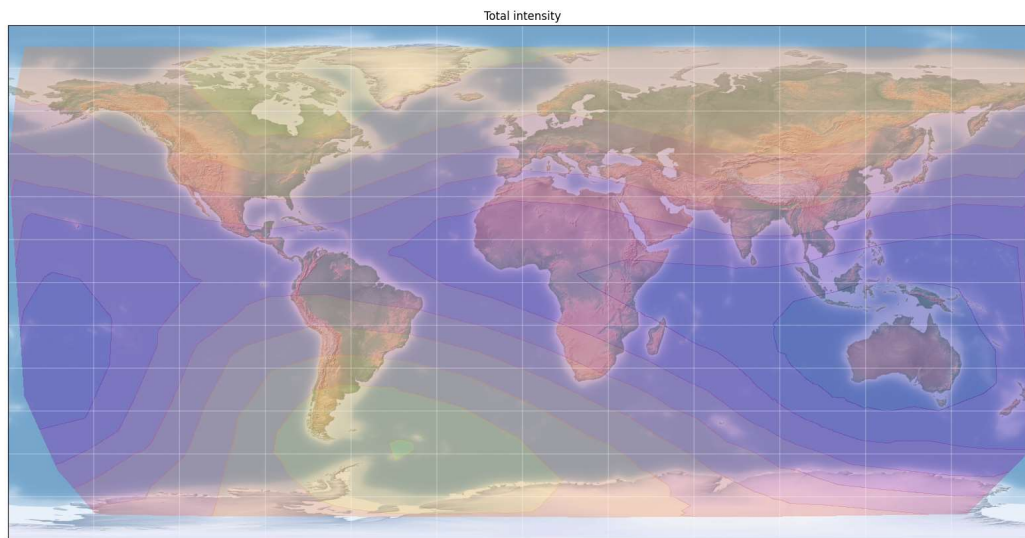
Z component plot
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Right: World Magnetic Model

Results & Analysis: Horizontal intensity



Horizontal intensity
Left: FASAT Charlie
Right: World Magnetic Model

Results & Analysis: Total intensity



Total intensity
Left: FASAT Charlie
Right: World Magnetic Model

Results & Analysis



- Better understanding about geomagnetism and its effect on space weather
- Improvement on satellite operations, create procedures concerning to space weather monitoring
- Ability to use a defense satellite for scientific purposes
- Differences between model and results:
 - Data quantity
 - Data quality

Results & Analysis



- Useful case of study for students interested on STEM
- Possible use of the data for update the current model or to feed new studies in the field



Thanks for your attention

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