### Lecture Note #13 (Fall, 2020)

# **Electrochemical double-layer capacitors**

- 1. Capacitor introduction
- 2. Electrical double-layer capacitance
- 3. I-V relationship for capacitors
- 4. Power and energy capabilities
- 5. Cell design, operation, performance
- 6. Pseudo-capacitance

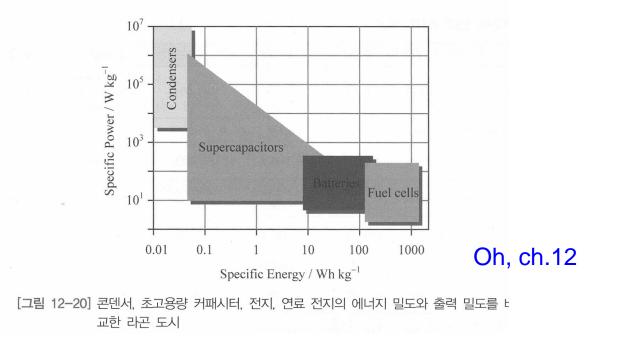
# Electrochemical double-layer capacitor (EDLC)

-Energy devices

-EDLCs complement batteries by providing greater power density at the expense of energy density

-EDLCs are often combined with batteries, fuel cells, and other devices in hybrid power systems

-Advantages of EDLCs: (i) high power density, (ii) long cycle life



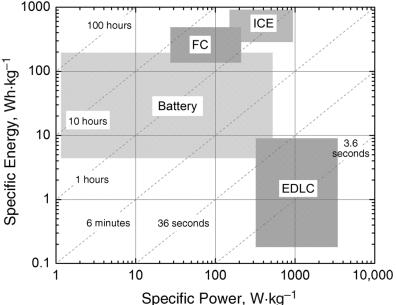
# Ragone plots

-Power and energy are key design aims of an electrochemical system for energy storage and conversion

Power [W, kW],  $P_{ave} = (1/t_d) \int IV(t) dt$ 

specific power [kW/kg], specific energy [kWh/kg], power density [kW/L], energy density [kWh/L]

-Ragone plot: trade-off between power and energy



**Figure 7.10** Ragone plot illustrating the strengths of different energy storage and conversion devices.

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### **Capacitor introduction**

-A conventional electrostatic capacitor consists of two conductors separated by a dielectric (electronic insulator) Capacitance, C [F] = Q/V [F] = [C/V] [C = A·s = FV, Ah = 3600 FV] -differential capacitance, C<sub>d</sub> = dQ / dV -A conventional capacitor in vacuum, C =  $\varepsilon_0$ A / d A: area,  $\varepsilon_0$ : permittivity of free space, 8.8542 x 10<sup>-12</sup> Fm<sup>-1</sup>

-(+) charged : anode, (-) charged : cathode -vacuum  $\rightarrow$  dielectric

$$C = \epsilon A / d = \epsilon_r \epsilon_0 A / d$$

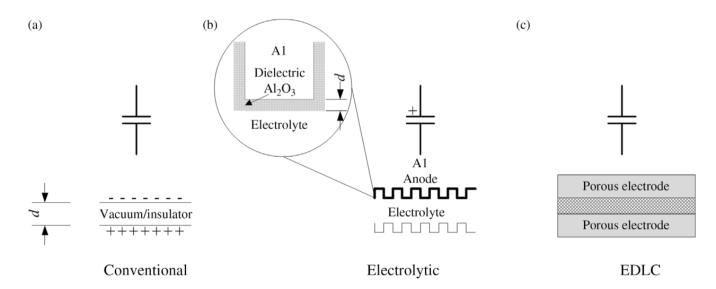
-dielectric constant,  $\epsilon_r = \epsilon/\epsilon_0$ 

-capacitance↑ by area↑, distance↓

-A electrolytic capacitor: thin oxide layer as dielectric

-A electrochemical double-layer capacitor (EDLC)

-total capacitance in parallel,  $C = C_1 + C_2 + C_3 \dots$ -total capacitance in series,  $1/C = 1/C_1 + 1/C_2 + 1/C_3 \dots$ 

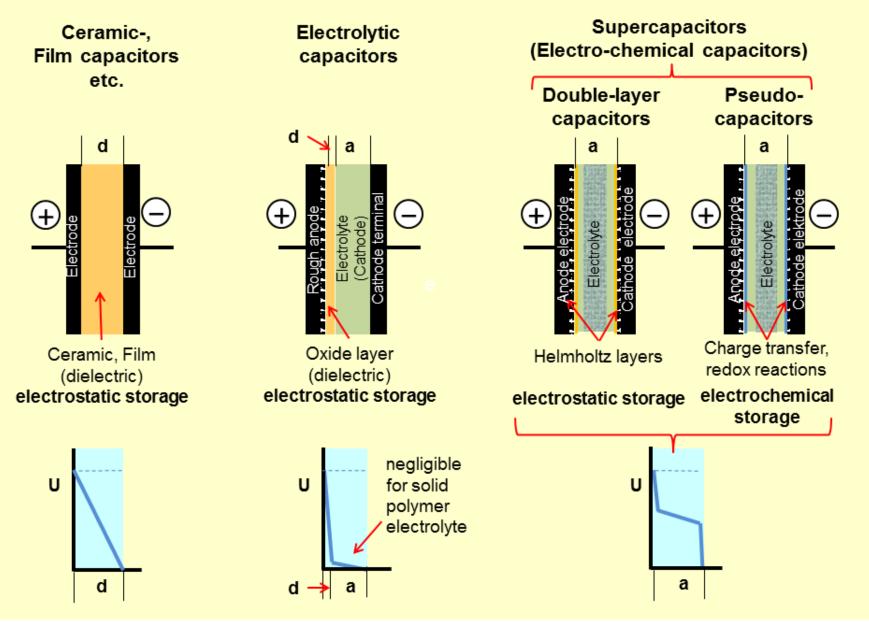


**Figure 11.1** Types of capacitors and electrical symbols. (a) Conventional or electrostatic. (b) Electrolytic. (c) EDLC. Please note that, as discussed in the text, the electrical symbols do not accurately reflect the physics in Electrolytic capacitors and EDLCs—both of these have two capacitors in series, one for each electrode.

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#### Illustration 11.1

#### Fixed capacitors, charge storage principles



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### 용어

Current (I) Current density (i) Charge (q) Charge density  $(\rho)$ Potential ( $\phi$ ) Field strength (X) Conductivity ( $\kappa$ ) Resistance (R) Conductance (G) Permittivity ( $\epsilon$ ) Energy (w) Power Capacitance (C)

### 단위

Ampere (A) Ampere per  $m^2$  (A/m<sup>2</sup>) Coulomb (C = As) Coulomb per m<sup>3</sup> (C/m<sup>3</sup>) Volt (V = J/C) Volt per meter (V/m) Siemens per meter (S/m) Ohm ( $\Omega = 1/S = V/A$ ) Siemens (S = A/V) Farad per meter (F/m = C/Vm) Joule (J = VC)Watt (W = J/s = AV) Farad (F = s/ $\Omega$  = Ss), F = C/V

#### **Capacitance**

parallel conducting plate separated by a narrow gap containing air or insulator

 $\int \mathbf{I} dt = \mathbf{Q} \propto \Delta \mathbf{E}$ 

 $\mathbf{Q} = -\mathbf{C} \Delta \mathbf{E}$ 

C; capacitance (unit; farads (F) = C/V)

 $C = -Q/\Delta E = \varepsilon A/L$ 

A; cross-section area of the gap, L; width,  $\epsilon$ ; permittivity of the insulator

• Relative permittivity ( $\epsilon_r$ ) or dielectric constant air: ~ 1 water: 78  $\rightarrow$  Coulomb interaction energy is reduced by two orders of magnitudes from its vacuum value polar molecules:  $\epsilon_r \uparrow$ refractive index:  $n_r = \epsilon_r^{1/2}$  at the frequency

Capacitor; — | | — ; current integrator

### **Permittivity of various materials**

Material	$10^{12} \epsilon/Fm^{-1}$	Material	10 <sup>12</sup> ε/Fm <sup>-1</sup>
vacuum ( $\varepsilon_0$ )	8.85419	Neoprene	58
$N_2(g)$	8.85905	$ClC_2H_4Cl(l)$	91.7
$Teflon(s), (CF_2)_n$	18	$CH_{3}OH(1)$	288.9
$\operatorname{CCl}_4(l)$	19.7	$C_6 H_5 NO_2(l)$	308.3
Polyethene (s)	20	$CH_3CN(\overline{l})$	332
Mylar (s)	28	$H_2O(l)$	695.4
$SiO_2(s)$	38.1	$\tilde{HCONH}_{2}(1)$	933
Typical glass (s)	44	$TiO_2(s)$	≤1500
$C_6H_5Cl(l)$	49.8	BaTiO <sub>3</sub> (s)	≤110000

 $\epsilon/\epsilon_0$ ; relative permittivity or dielectric constant mylar; poly(ethylene glycol terephthalate), (CH<sub>2</sub>OOCC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>COOCH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub> Liquid > solid: large capacitance in electrochemical capacitor (supercapacitor)

## Electrical double-layer (전기이중층) capacitance

Inner layer (compact, Helmholtz, Stern): solvent, specifically adsorbed species Outer Helmholtz plane (OHP): solvated ions Diffusion layer of double layer: extends from OHP to the bulk (~100 Å in >10<sup>-2</sup> M)

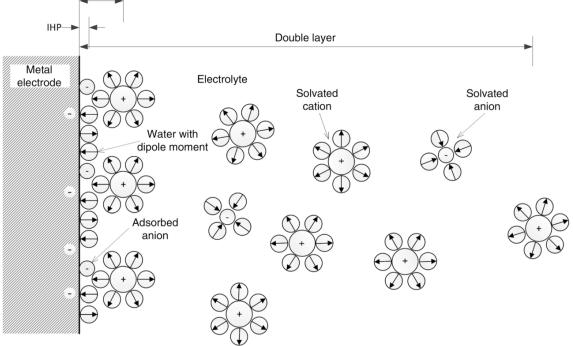


Figure 11.2 Structure of the electrical double layer.

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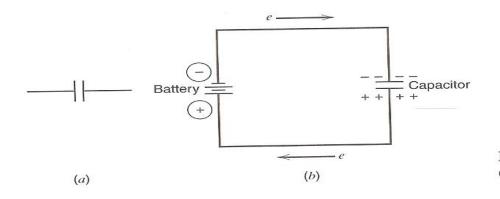
#### Capacitance and charge of an electrode

- Interface = capacitor (two metal sheets separated by a dielectric material)

$$q/E = C$$

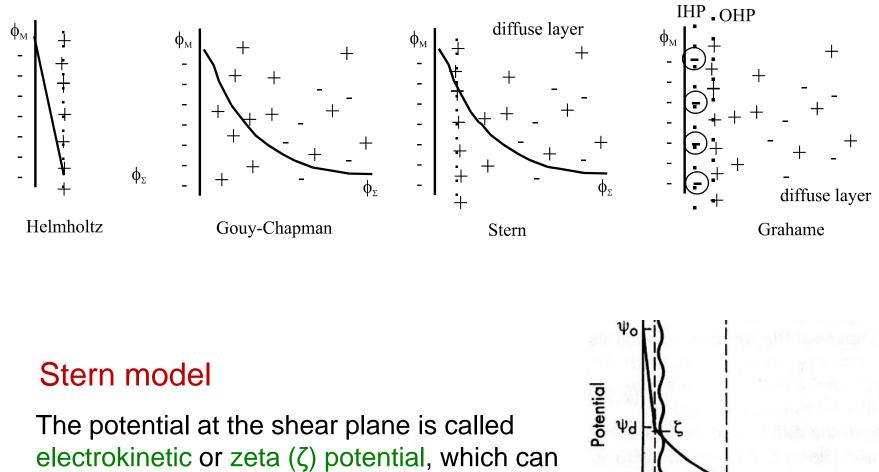
q: charge stored on the capacitor (C, coulomb)

- E: potential across the capacitor (V), C: capacitance (F, farad)
- During this charging process, a current ("charging current") will flow
- 2 V battery across 10 µF capacitor
- $\rightarrow$  current will flow until 20µC accumulated

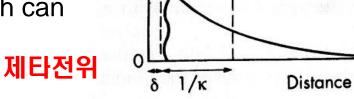


**Figure 1.2.1** (*a*) A capacitor. (*b*) Charging a capacitor with a battery.

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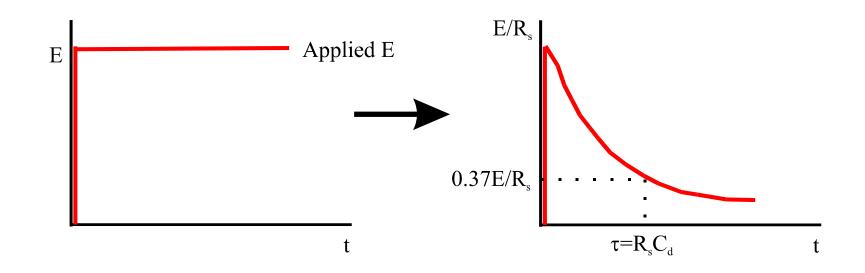


be measured experimentally



Applying potential to electrode:

 $\rightarrow$  current for charging the double layer capacitance



e.g.,) R<sub>s</sub> = 1  $\Omega$ , C<sub>d</sub> = 20  $\mu$ F,  $\tau$  = 20  $\mu$ sec  $\rightarrow$  double layer charging is 95 % complete in 60  $\mu$ sec

Double layer charging process: "non-faradaic process" (no oxidation/reduction, no charge transfer)

### EDLC, or pseudocapacitor, supercapacitor, ultracapacitor

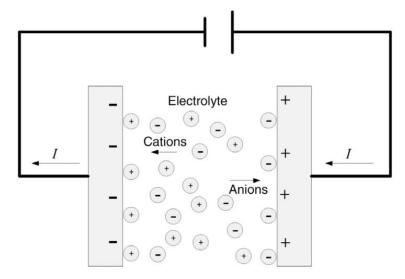
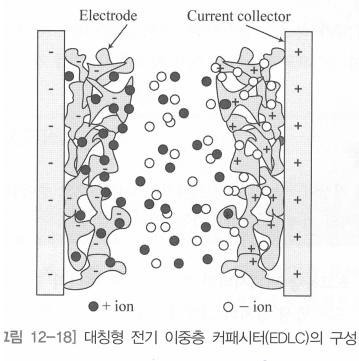


Figure 11.3 Charging of an EDLC.

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#### Illustration 11.2

### Current-voltage relationship for capacitors

I = C(dV/dt)

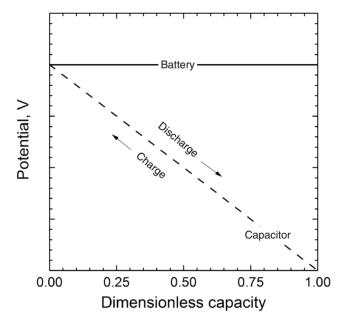
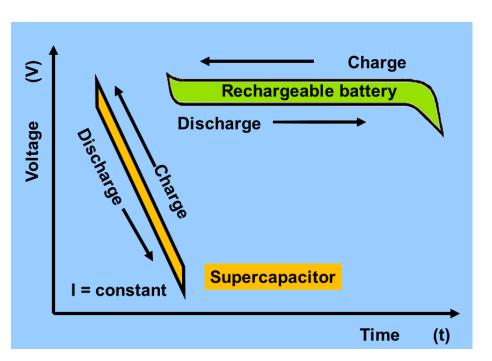


Figure 11.8 Comparison of ideal battery with an ideal capacitor.

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### Power and energy capabilities

The change in energy associated with a change in capacitor voltage, dE = VdQ = CVdV

The total energy stored in the capacitor,  $E = \int dE = C \int VdV = CV^2/2 = QV/2$ 

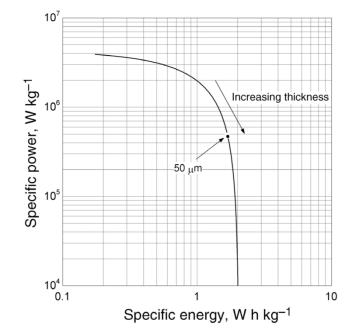
where we have assumed that C is constant  $[F] = [JV^{-2}]$  or  $[CV^{-1}]$ 

 $\rightarrow$  we estimate the amount of energy stored in different types of capacitors

Illustration 11.8

#### The power is energy per unit time, P = IV

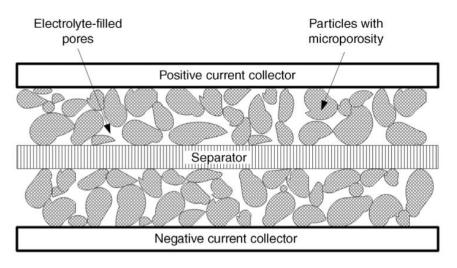
The power will be a maximum for the initial discharge of a capacitor



**Figure 11.16** Comparison of maximum specific power and specific energy. The parameters are from Illustration 11.6 and the thickness of electrode varied.

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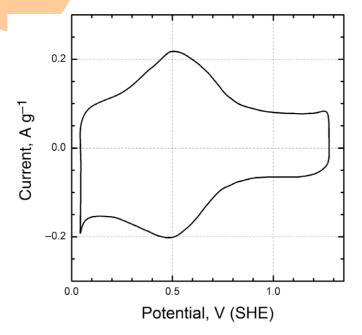
# Cell design



**Figure 11.18** Construction of a typical EDLC. Notice the similarities of the cell sandwich with that of batteries and fuel cells.

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### **Pseudo-capacitance**



**Figure 11.21** Cyclic voltammetry behavior of Vulcan XC-72 in phosphoric acid after oxidation. (Adapted from K. Kinoshita and J.A. S. Bett (1973) Carbon, 11, 403.)

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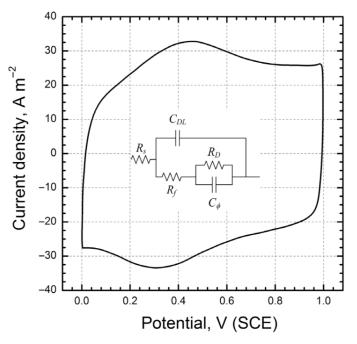
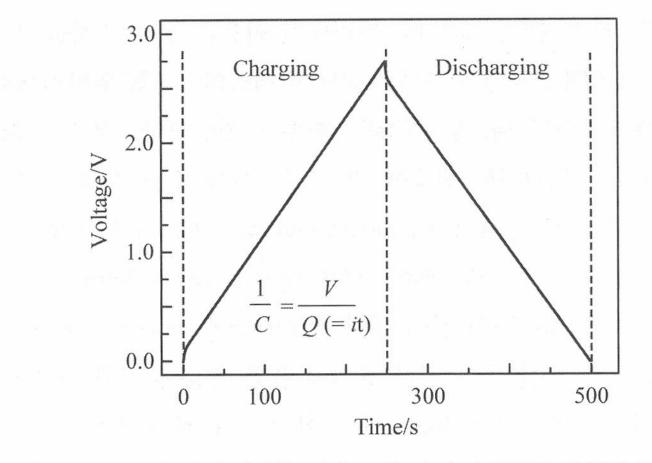


Figure 11.22 Cyclic voltammetry behavior of RuO<sub>2</sub>. The scan rate is  $20 \text{ mV} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$ . Common equivalent circuit for pseudo-capacitor is also shown. Source: Adapted from Kim 2001.

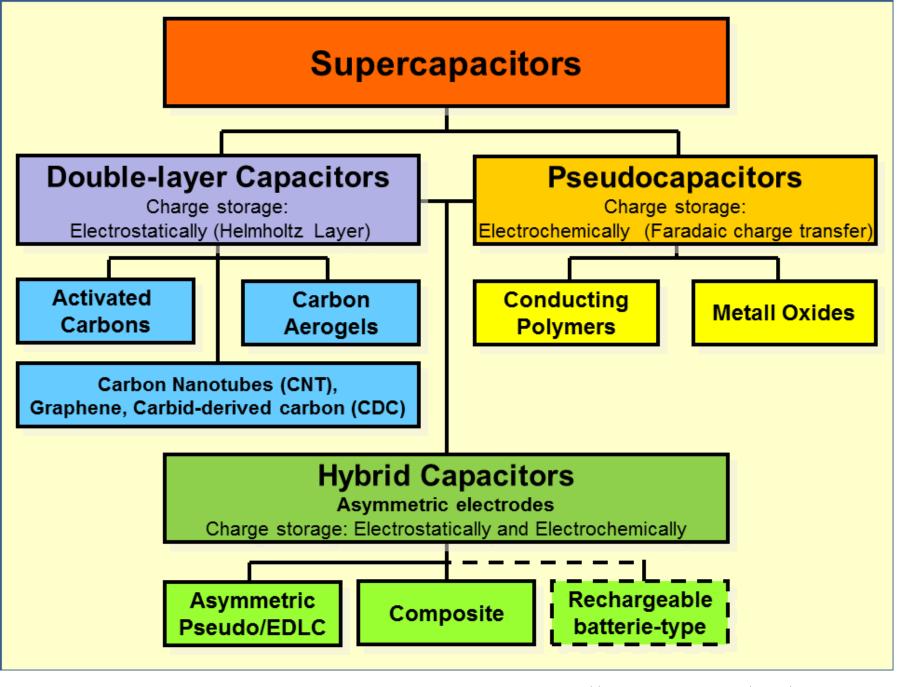
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Faradaic reaction,  $RuO_x(OH)_v + H^+ + e^- \leftrightarrow RuO_{x-1}(OH)_{v+1}$  $\rightarrow$  high surface area is critical for high energy storage  $C = (dq/dt) / (dV/dt) \sim i_{avg} / v$ Capacitance, Capacitance for pseudocapacitor: 5 ~ 10 F/m<sup>2</sup> ( (cf. CDL ~ 0.25 F/m<sup>2</sup>)



[그림 12-19] 전기 이중층 커패시터(EDLC)의 정전류 충방전 곡선

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Performance parameters of supercapacitors compared with electrolytic capacitors and lithium-ion batteri es

	Aluminium	— Supercapacitors —			Lithium ion	
Parameter	electrolytic capacitors	Double-layer capacitors	Pseudo- capacitors	Hybrid (Li-Ion)	Lithium-ion batteries	
Temperature, (°C)	-40 - +125 °C	-40 - +70 °C	−20 - +70 °C	−20 - +70 °C	−20 ··· +60 °C	
Max charge, (V)	4 - 630 V	1.2 - 3.3 V	2.2 - 3.3 V	2.2 - 3.8 V	2.5 - 4.2 V	
Recharge cycles, thousands (k)	< unlimited	100k - 1000k	100k - 1000k	20k - 100k	0.5k - 10k	
<u>Capacitance</u> , (F)	≤ 2.7 F	0.1 - 470 F	100 - 12000 F	300 - 3300 F	_	
<u>Specific energy</u> , (Wh/kg)	0.01 0.3 Wh/kg	1.5 3.9 Wh/kg	4 9 Wh/kg	10 15 Wh/kg	100 265 Wh/kg	
<u>Specific power</u> , (W/g)	> 100 W/g	2 - 10 W/g	3 - 10 W/g	3 - 14 W/g	0.3 - 1.5 W/g	
Self-discharge time at room T Efficiency (%)	short (days) 99%	middle (weeks) 95%	middle (weeks) 95%	long (month) 90%	long (month) 90%	
Working life at room T (y)	> 20 y	5 - 10 y	5 - 10 y	5 - 10 y	3 - 5 y	

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