

ENHANCING OBSERVATORIES WITH FOG COMPUTING

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OBJECTIVES

- Define the current state of practice in environmental monitoring systems used by observatories.
- Underline the challenges and common requirements for future systems.
- Highlight the potential of fog computing in observatories.

METHODOLOGY

We conducted a survey with observatories affiliated with :

- OZCAR
- Réseau Zone Atelier

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OZCAR	Réseau Zone Atelier	TERENO, ANAEE, ...
5	63%	6
Countries	Full responses	Interviews

CURRENT PRACTICES

And two types of observatories:

- Event-oriented observatories representing 54% of the surveyed observatories
- Long-term oriented observatories representing 46% of the surveyed observatories

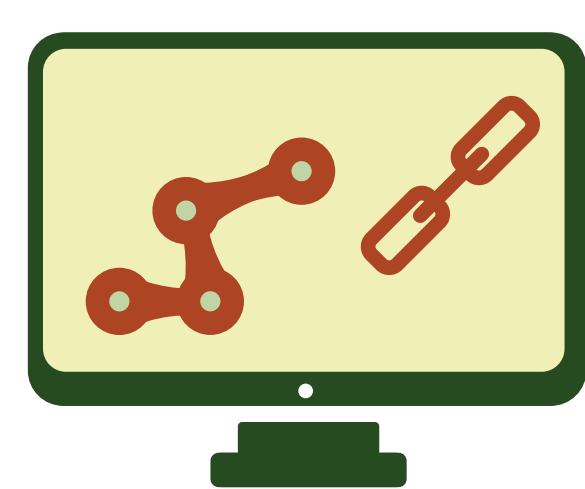
The survey identified two distinct data logging techniques:

- Manual data logging
- Wireless data logging

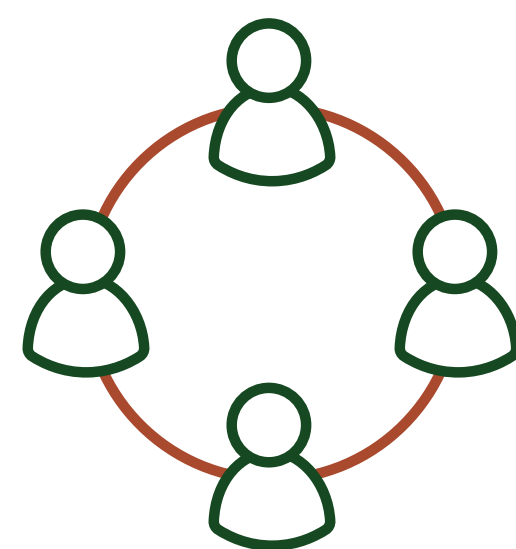
ADVANTAGES OF CURRENT SYSTEMS



Adapted to power constraints

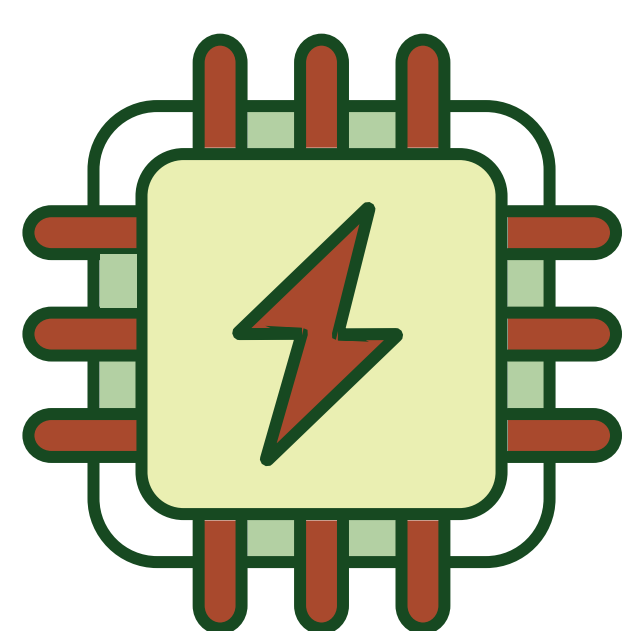


Durable and tested hardware

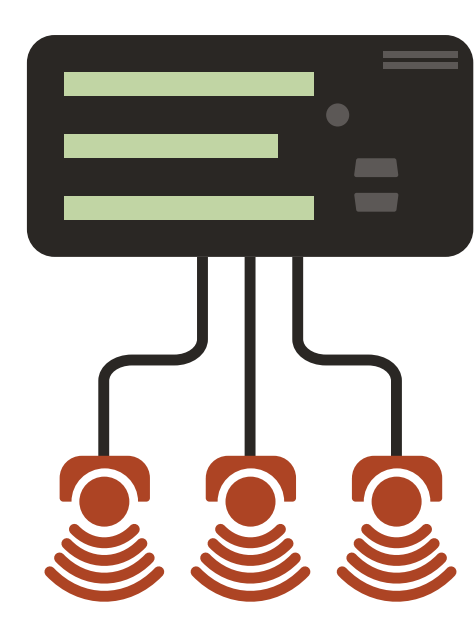


Widely recognized in the community

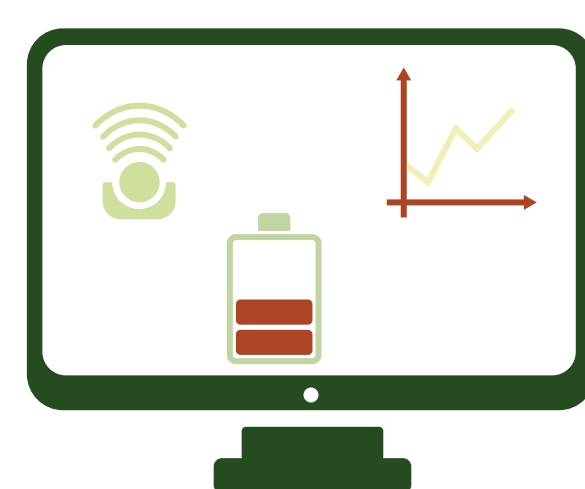
DRAWBACKS OF CURRENT SYSTEMS



Insufficient processing power

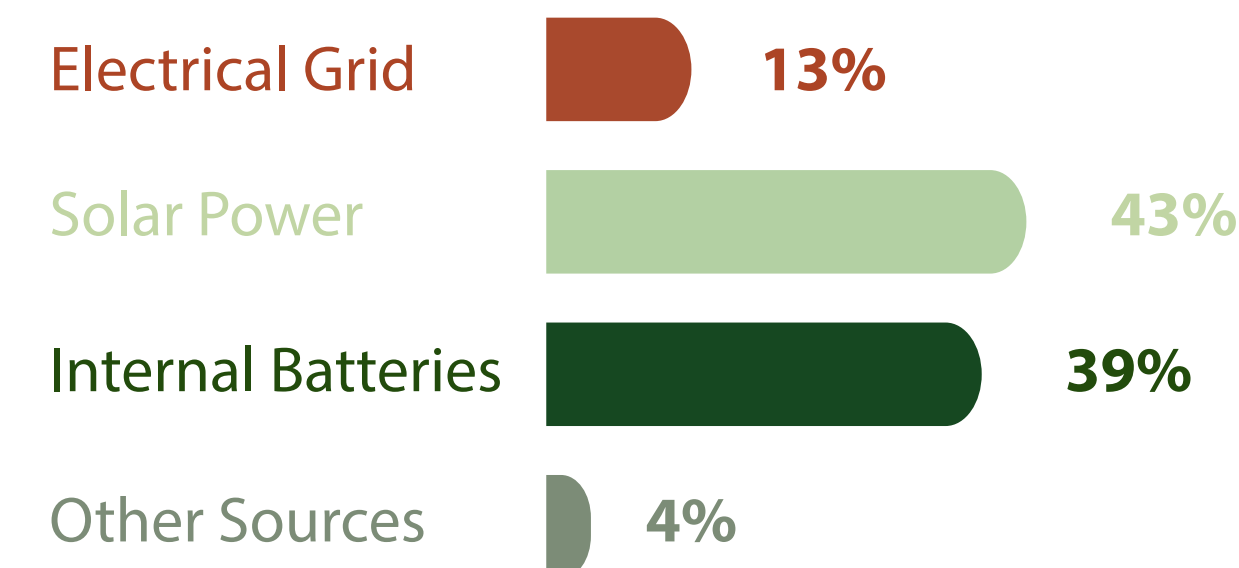


Local view of data

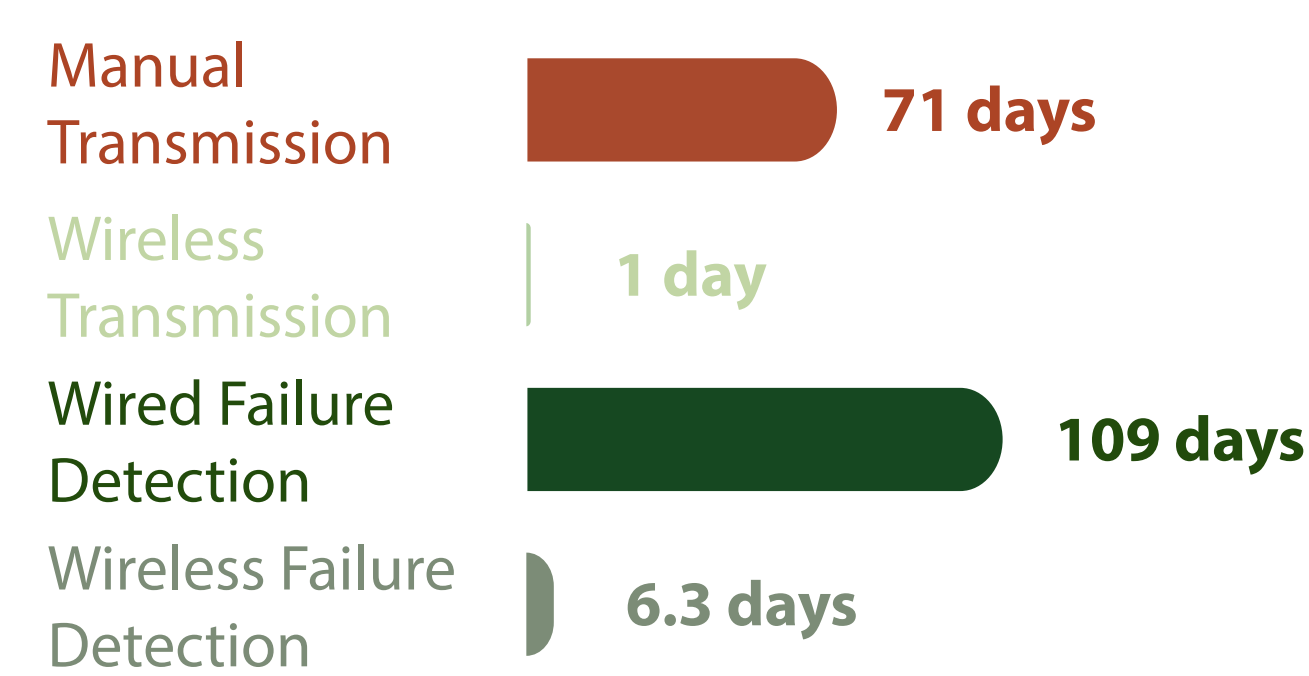


Limited visibility into hardware status

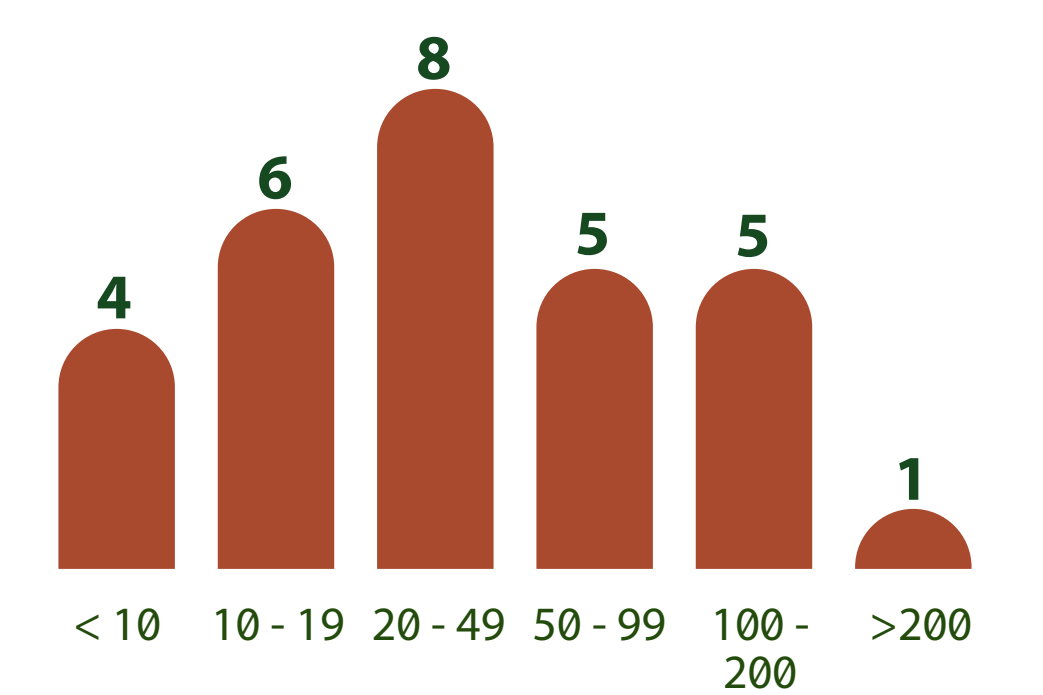
Power sources in observatories



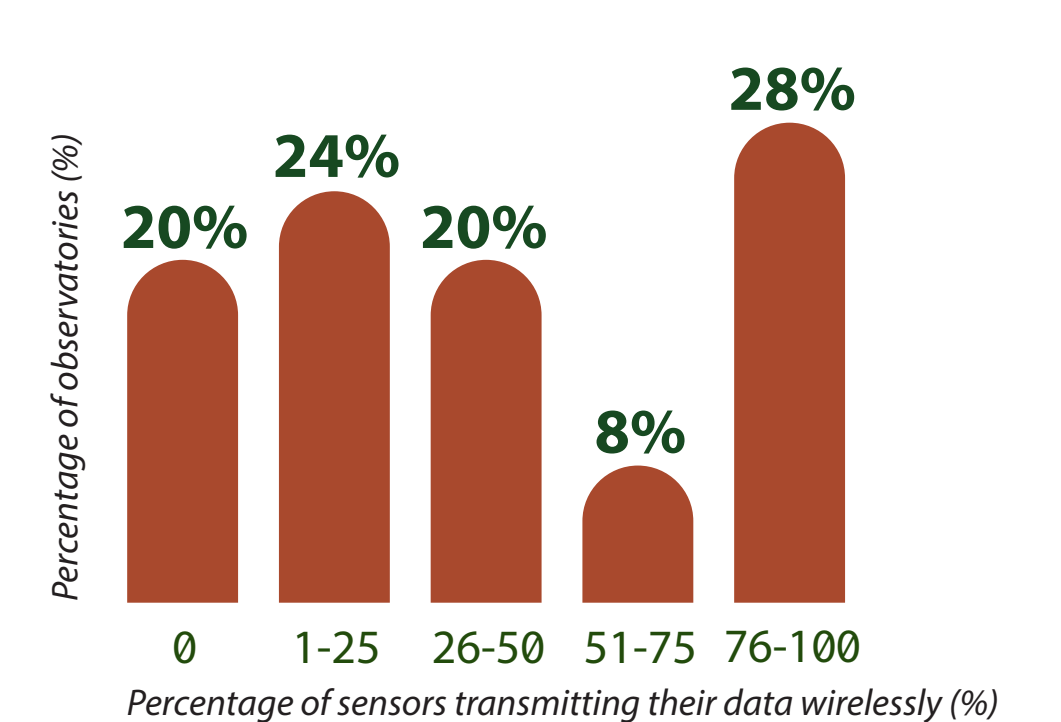
Different delays in observatories



Number of sensors per site



Usage of wireless transmission



COMMON SYSTEM CHARACTERISTICS

Event Detection and Prediction

Utilizing both in situ and external data to detect specific events and forecast them in advance.

Event Response

Updating the environmental monitoring system based on the prediction or detection of an event.

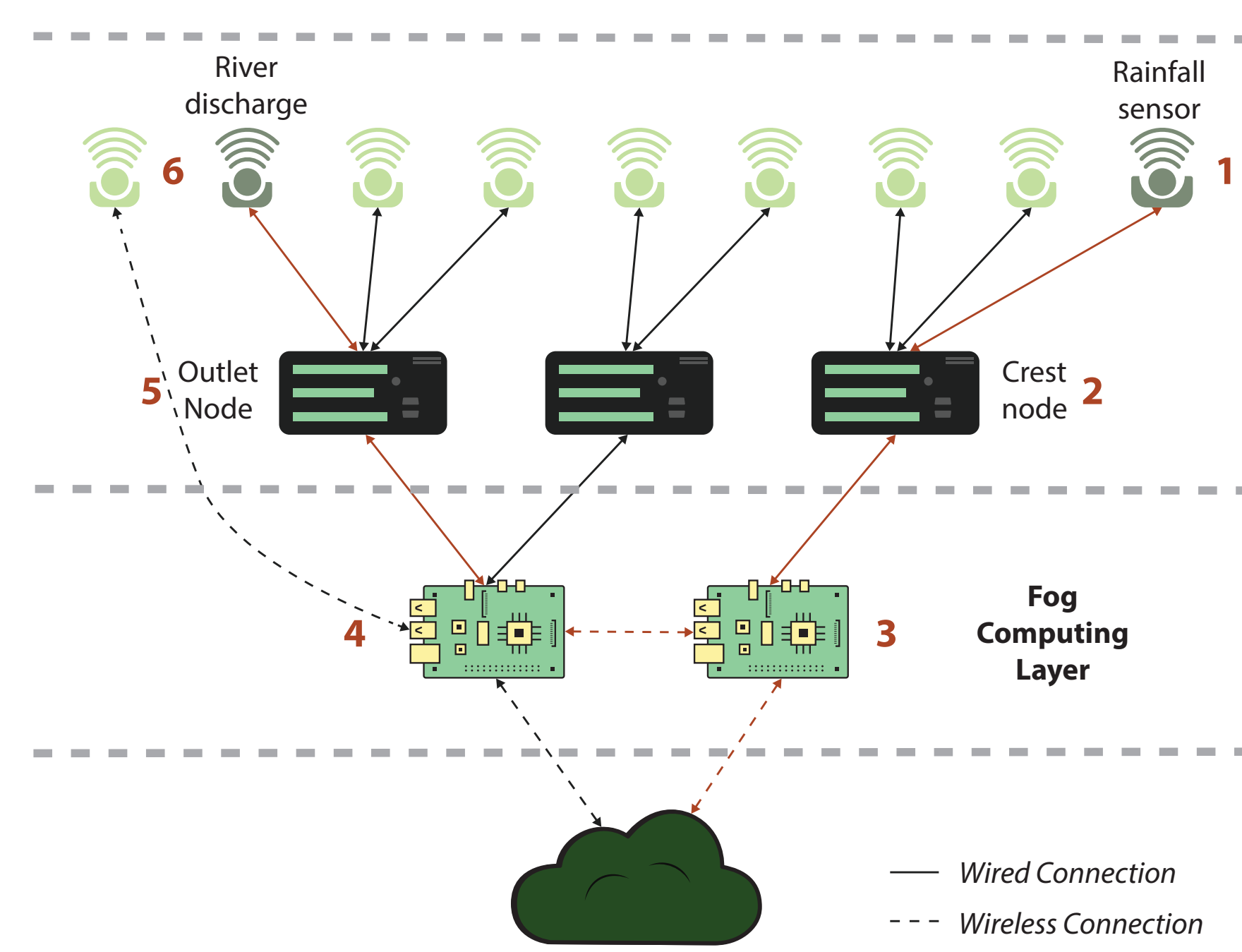
System Health Monitoring

Ensuring the earliest possible detection of any hardware failures within the system.

Real Time data Transmission

Enabling the transmission of data in near real-time as needed.

POTENTIAL OF FOG IN OBSERVATORIES



1. Detection of rain

2. Collection of data from the rainfall sensor

3. A model combines the data from the sensor with external data to detect a rain event

4. Another model is alerted of the event and orders a response

6. Starts taking measurements

5. Transmits the order to the sensor

	Global View Over Data	Remote Control Of Hardware	Integration of External Data
With Fog Computing	✓	✓	✓
Without Fog Computing	✗	✗	✗

CONCLUSION

Observatories' data are strategic. Integrating fog computing into environmental monitoring systems could significantly enhance processing capabilities and provide a comprehensive view of in situ data globally. These key improvements would support the development of essential functionalities. Special attention must be given to the unique challenges in observatories, such as limited energy and connectivity.



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