

Evaluation of Late Season Application of Foliar N's Impact on Grain Yield and Milling Qualities of HRWW

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Background

- ▶ Woolfolk et al 2002.
 - ▶ UAN applied at Pre and Post Anthesis significantly increased protein.
 - ▶ Rates of 10,20,30,40
 - ▶ Best was Post at 30
- ▶ Thomason et al
 - ▶ Application of 30 to 40 lb N/A between GS 45 and 54 to winter bread wheat cultivars grown in humid, high rainfall areas likely will result in consistent increases in grain protein concentration.
- ▶ Recent work with Low Salt N at flag leaf showed inconsistent results. www.npk.okstate.edu
- ▶ Plains Grains Inc. Expressed interest in more in-depth work due to low protein values of 2010 Harvest.

Objectives

- Evaluate the use of UAN and specialty product for foliar N applied at flag leaf and post-flowering to improve Great Plains hard red winter wheat grain yield, protein, and milling and baking characteristics.

Materials & Methods

- Lake Carl Blackwell (LCB)
 - (Port Silt Loam –fine-silty, mixed, superactive, thermic Cumulic Haplustoll)
- Lahoma
 - (Grant Silt Loam – fine-silty, mixed, superactive, thermic Udic Agriustoll)
- 40 lbs N ac⁻¹ preplant
- 40 lbs N ac⁻¹ topdress at hollow stem
 - UAN applied with streamer nozzles for both.

Materials and Methods

- Foliar applications– flag leaf & post-anthesis (PA)
- Foliar Sources
 - UAN (28-0-0)
 - CoRoN derived from urea, methylene diurea and methylene ureas (25-0-0)
- CO₂ backpack sprayer with offset boom
- 10 gallon ac⁻¹ flow;
Water added as carrier



Treatments

Rate (lb N ac)	Source	Timing
Check		
Recommended Standard Fertility		
6	UAN	Flag Leaf
12	UAN	Flag Leaf
24	UAN	Flag Leaf
6	CoRoN	Flag Leaf
12	CoRoN	Flag Leaf
24	CoRoN	Flag Leaf
6	UAN	Post Anthesis
12	UAN	Post Anthesis
24	UAN	Post Anthesis
6	CoRoN	Post Anthesis
12	CoRoN	Post Anthesis
24	CoRoN	Post Anthesis

2011 Lahoma Results

- No significance in grain yield, protein, and loaf volume
- 12 lb N post-anthesis – highest protein
- UAN treatments – significantly higher mixing tolerance

2011 LCB Results

- No main effects or interactions significant
- LCB – 3% protein increase over check
- 1% increase over standard fertility with 24 lbs UAN post-anthesis
- All mixing tolerance below quality target
- All foliar treatments larger loaf volume than standard fertility
 - Late application increased volume by 55cc

2011 Conclusions

- ◉ Both Locations – no trend in yield developed
 - Environment
- ◉ Foliar N – potential increase in Protein and loaf volume even at lower N levels.
- ◉ 1 year data – no final conclusions can be made
 - Further evaluation

2012

- ◉ Lab is currently running baking quality.
- ◉ Winter was almost non-existent
- ◉ After 2 years, no evidence of burn
 - Always applied mid-day.
- ◉ Trial Average yield and test weight
 - Lahoma 76 bu/ac 61TW
 - LCB 49 bu/ac and 59 TW

LCB

◉ Proc GLM

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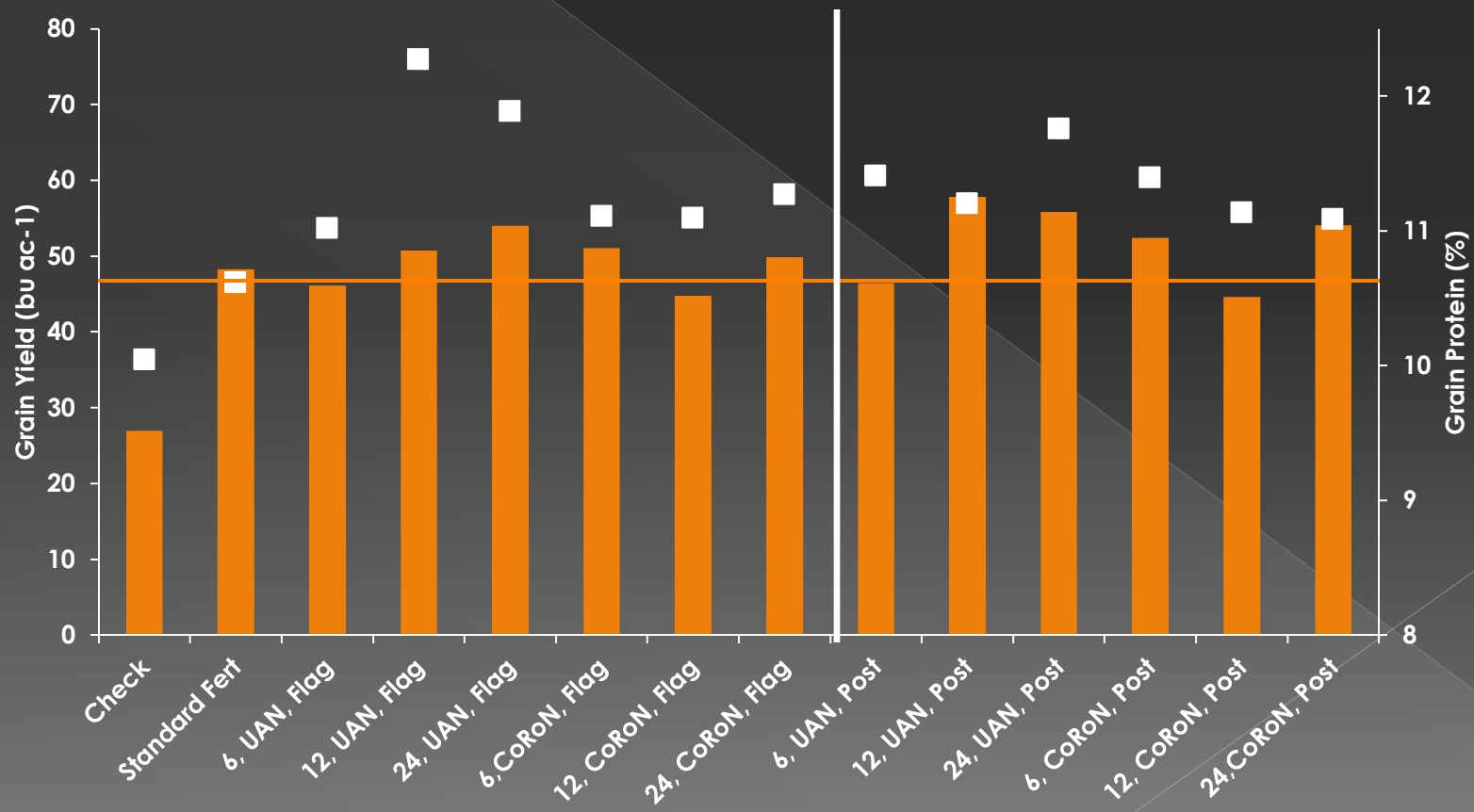
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Protein	.008	NS	.03	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS
Flour Yld	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS

◉ Protein

- > UAN 11.58 %
- > CoRoN 11.18%

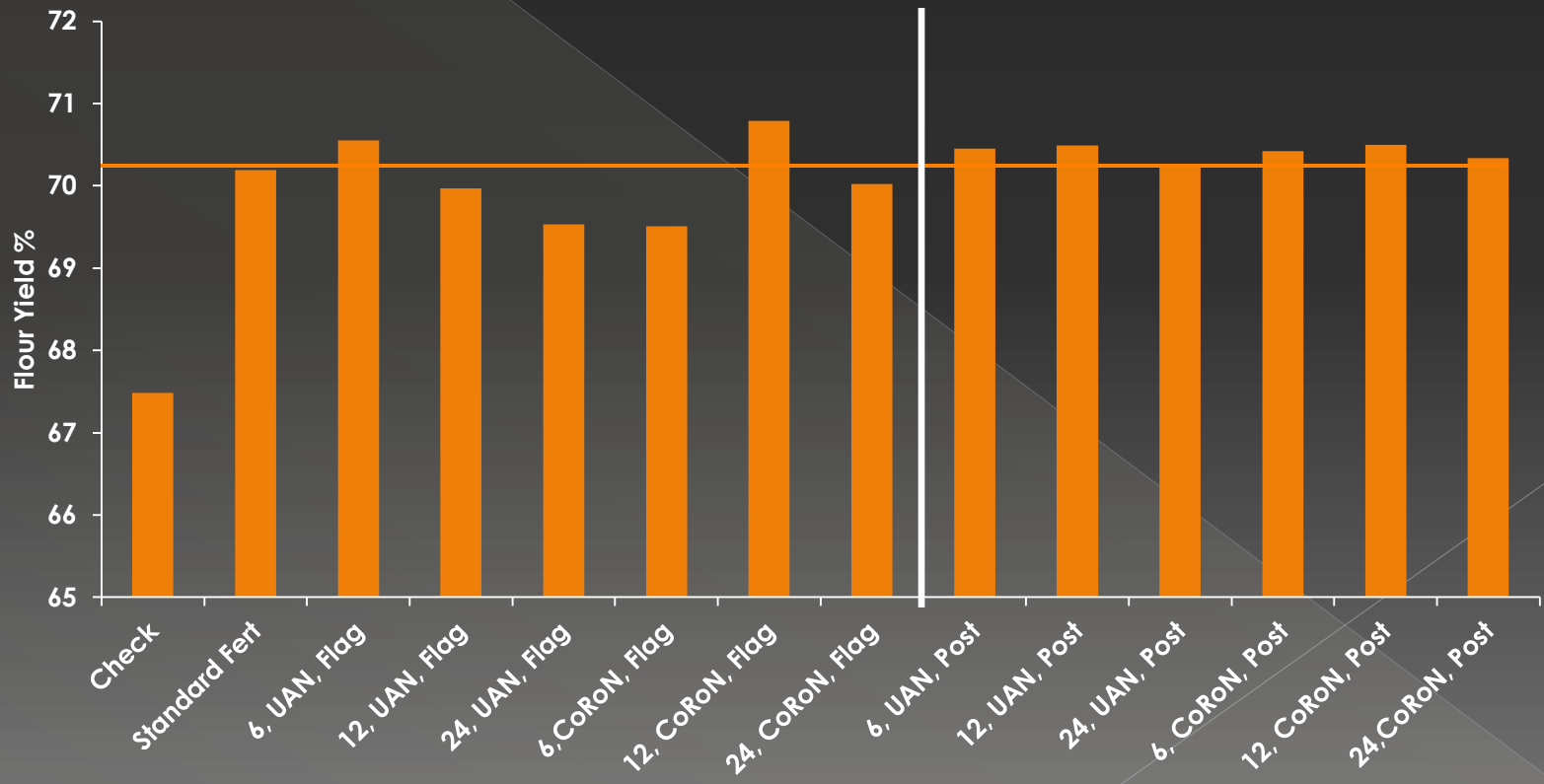
LCB Yield and Protein

- 12 UAN Flag, 24 UAN Flag, 24 UAN Post
Protein Sig greater than standard.



LCB

○ Flour Yield



Lahoma

◉ Proc GLM

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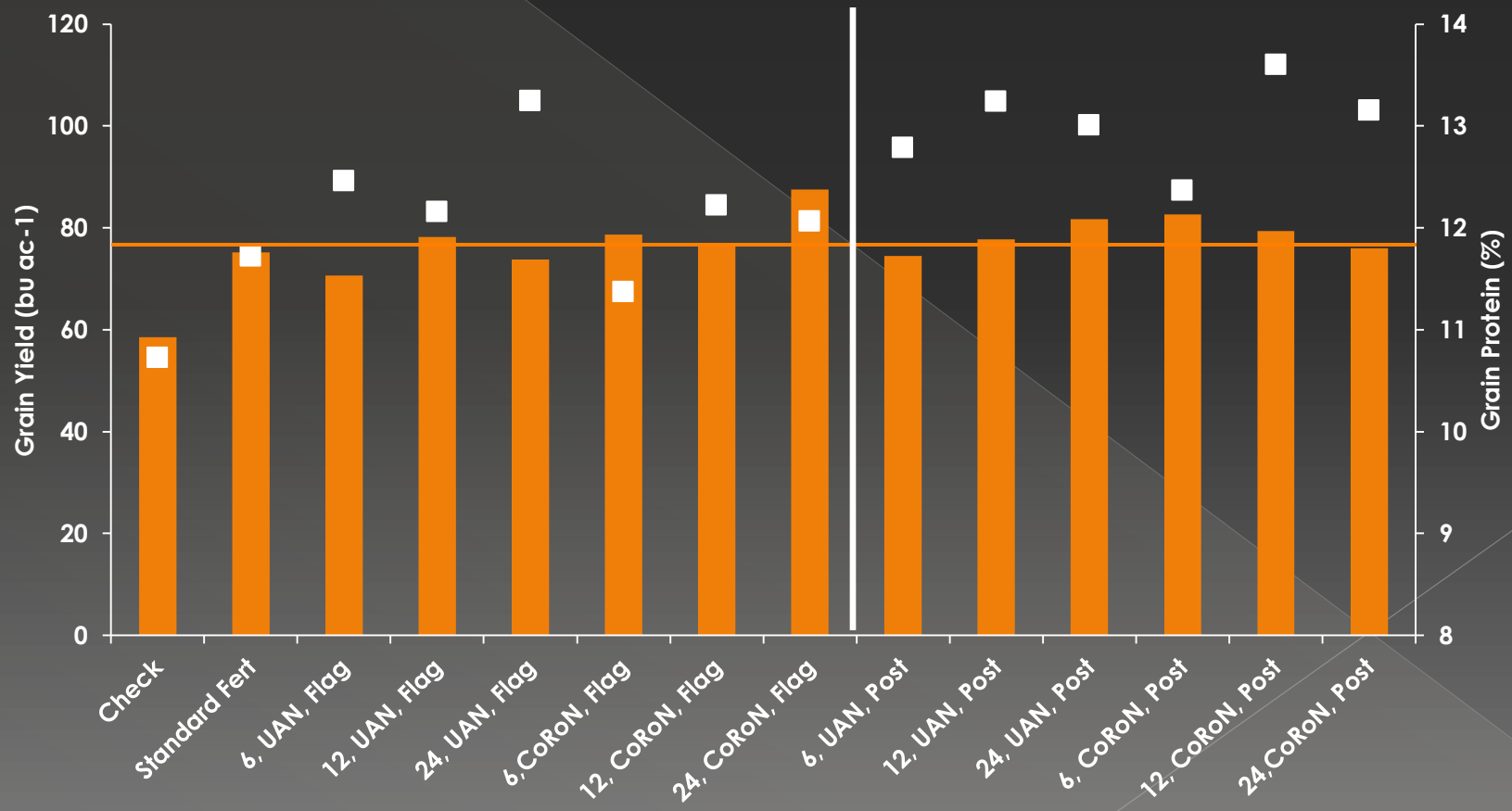
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Protein	.05	NS	NS	.03	NS	NS	NS	NS
Flour Yld	NS	NS	NS	.02	NS	.005	NS	.02

◉ Protein and Flour Yield

- > P Anthesis 13.02 % 72.9%
- > Flag Leaf 12.25% 72.2%

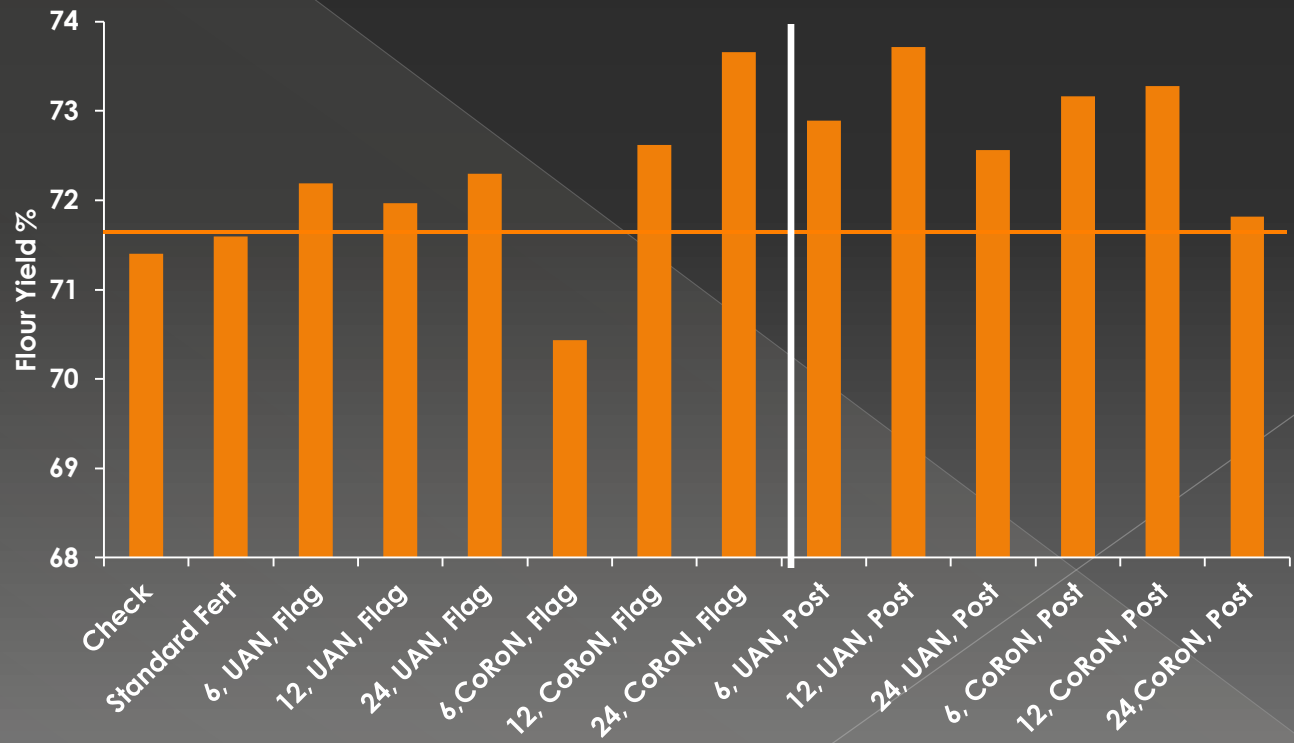
Lahoma Yield and Protein

- 12 CoRoN post
Protein Sig greater than standard.

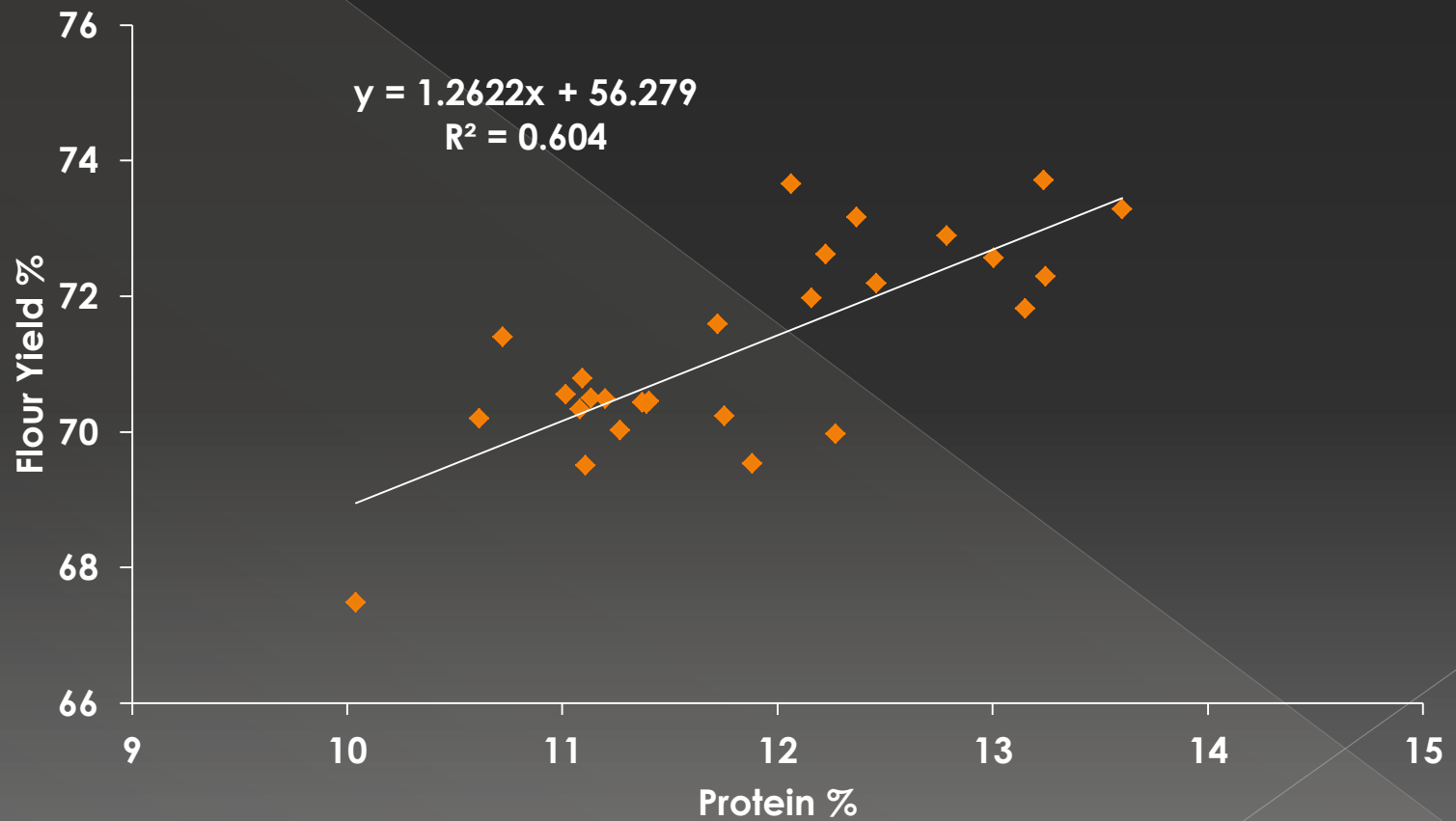


Lahoma

- Flour Yield Rate x Time
- Post at 12 lbs /ac



Protein and Flour



2nd year Summary

- No impact on yield with either application.
 - Standard fertility is reaching Max yield.
- Test Weight was not impacted
- Protein increased with late N, more consistently with PA apps
- Flour Yield increased at Lahoma with PA apps
- No consistent patterns.

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