



## ***Ka Multi-LO (Preset) Switchable LNB***

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Orbital Research Ltd

### **Input bandwidth range**

2 GHz from 19.2 to 21.2 GHz  
Multiple Input and Output ranges  
switchable within this range.

### **Range of Gain**

Prior to shipping, gain is set anywhere in  
the range of 30 to 60 dB, per band.

Developed for the **WGS/Global Xpress**  
market, but with the new novel platform  
architecture we are able to offer a  
uniquely agile block downconverter that  
can be configured with multiple Frequency  
conversion and Gain options.

- Switching power supply for less power consumption, less heat
- Low group delay
- Noise Figure of 1.5 dB max
- Integrated waveguide isolator for the best match possible

### **Options for Frequency Switching:**

- DC Voltage Level
- Manual Push Button (back panel)
- Remote data connection (RS232, RS485, Ethernet)
- Open collector input
- Other options for control by request

***Our latest product is a high performance  
Ka LNB switchable between multiple  
preset input frequencies.***

- With ultra low Phase Noise this unit is ideal for receiving HTS Satellites (or any GEO Ka Satellites) plus high order modulations such as Multi-PSK, QAM, & APSK.
- Airborne option available with extended temperature range, hi-vibe and 50,000 ft Altitude
- Frequency ranges (and gains) are configured prior to shipping.
- Meets Mil Standard 188-164B specifications.

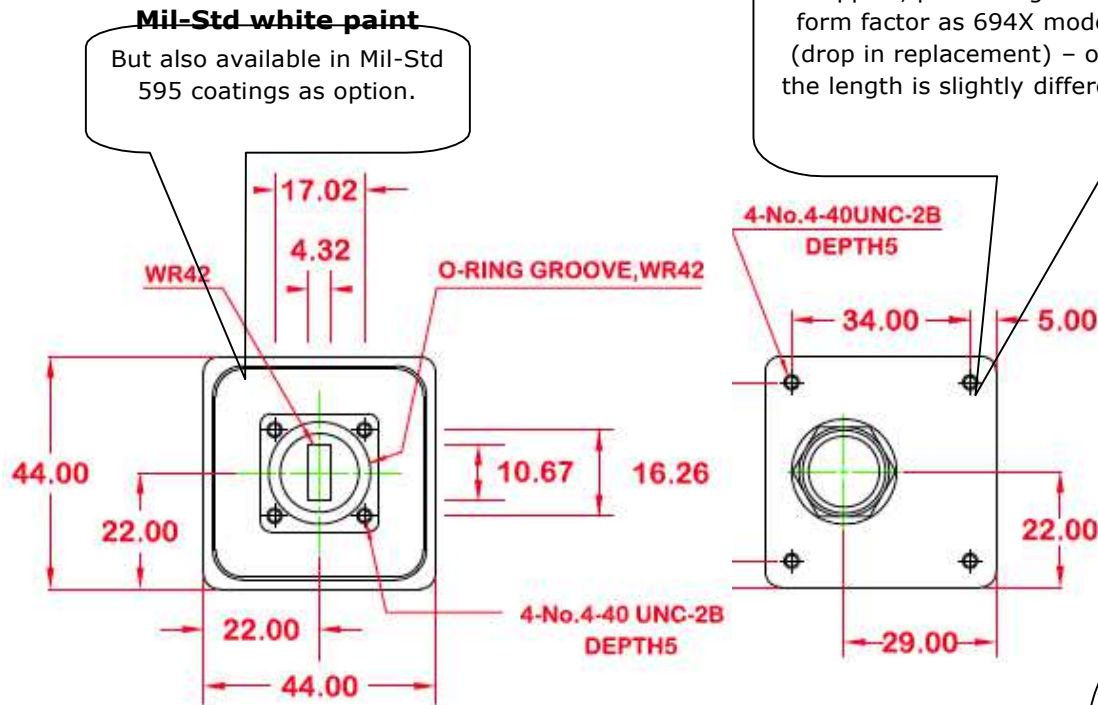


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# Mechanical and Description

## Mechanical Diagram

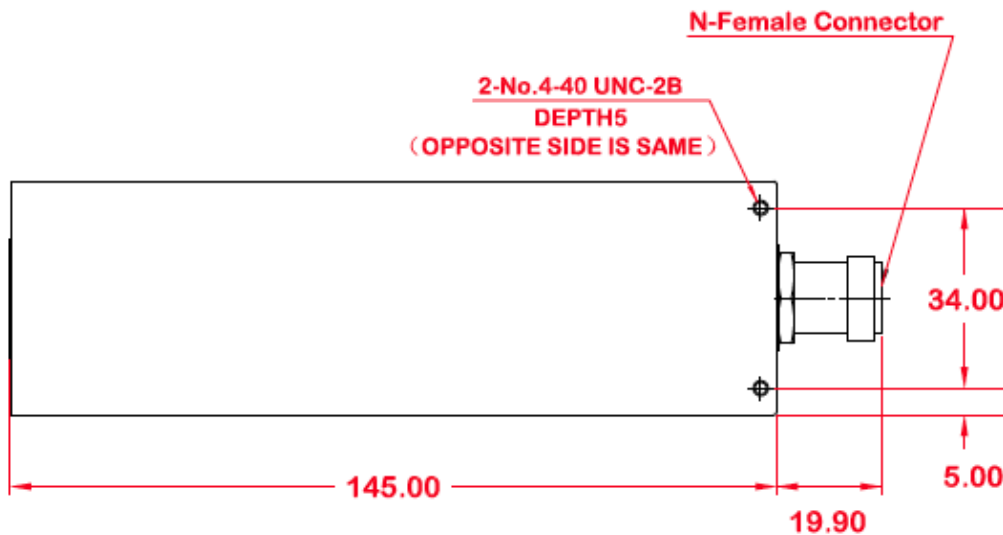


## Optional Switches

and LED indicators can be included on the back panel for basic user interface functionality: Band and Operational Mode.

## Band switching options include:

- DC Level
- Push button (back panel)
- Open collector input
- Remote data connection (RS232, RS485, Ethernet)



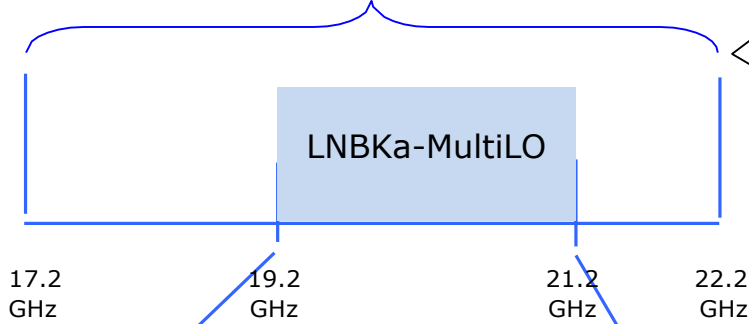
## Integrated Input Isolator

provides an excellent match between the antenna and LNB, which ensures better G/T and better gain frequency response.

## Switching Power Supply

gives an input range of 15 to 26 VDC. Runs cooler and uses a maximum of 5 Watts power.

LNB694XA series LNB frequency range  
(max 1.0 GHz bandwidth per LNB)



Receive Frequency Band

**17.2 to 22.2 GHz.**

The **Ka-Multi** LNB covers the most common range of:

**19.2 to 21.2 GHz.**

We still produce our **694XA** Ka band LNB which covers all of the Ka frequencies (17.2 ~ 22.2 GHz).

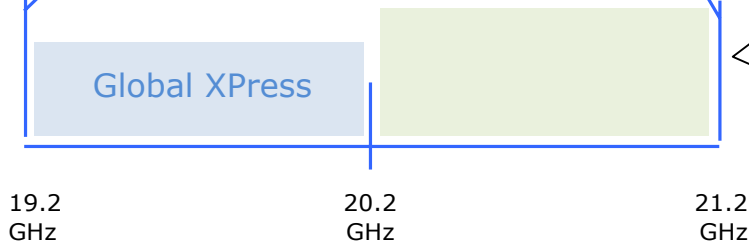
Ka-Multi LO LNB Frequency Band

**Standard & Non-Standard**

A standard structure is to receive Global Xpress and WGS: Input Frequency:

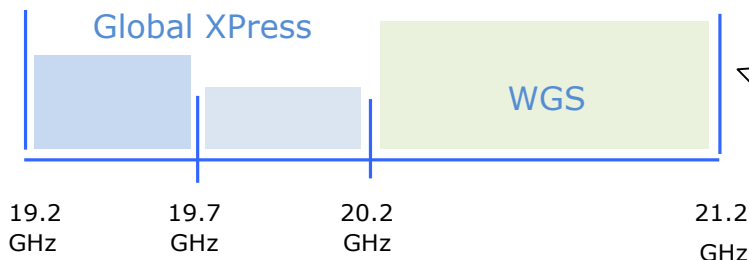
19.2 - 20.2 and 20.2 - 21.2 GHz with LO frequencies:

18.25 and 19.2 (or 19.25) GHz



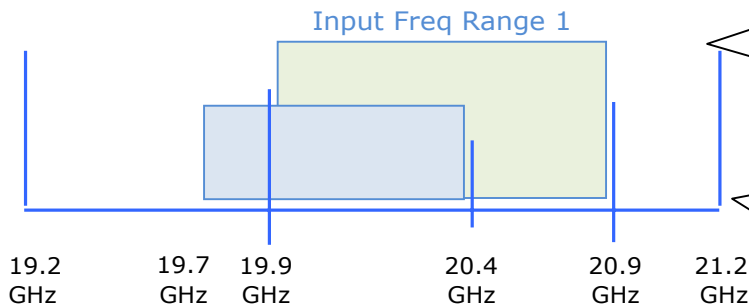
**Multiple LOs**

Because you can switch between multiple LOs, the Global Xpress band can be broken down into two sections: 19.2~19.7 GHz and 19.7~20.2 GHz.



**Bandwidth**

You can have the standard 1 GHz of Bandwidth or any size below 2 GHz (19.2~21.2 GHz). But make sure your modem can handle it!

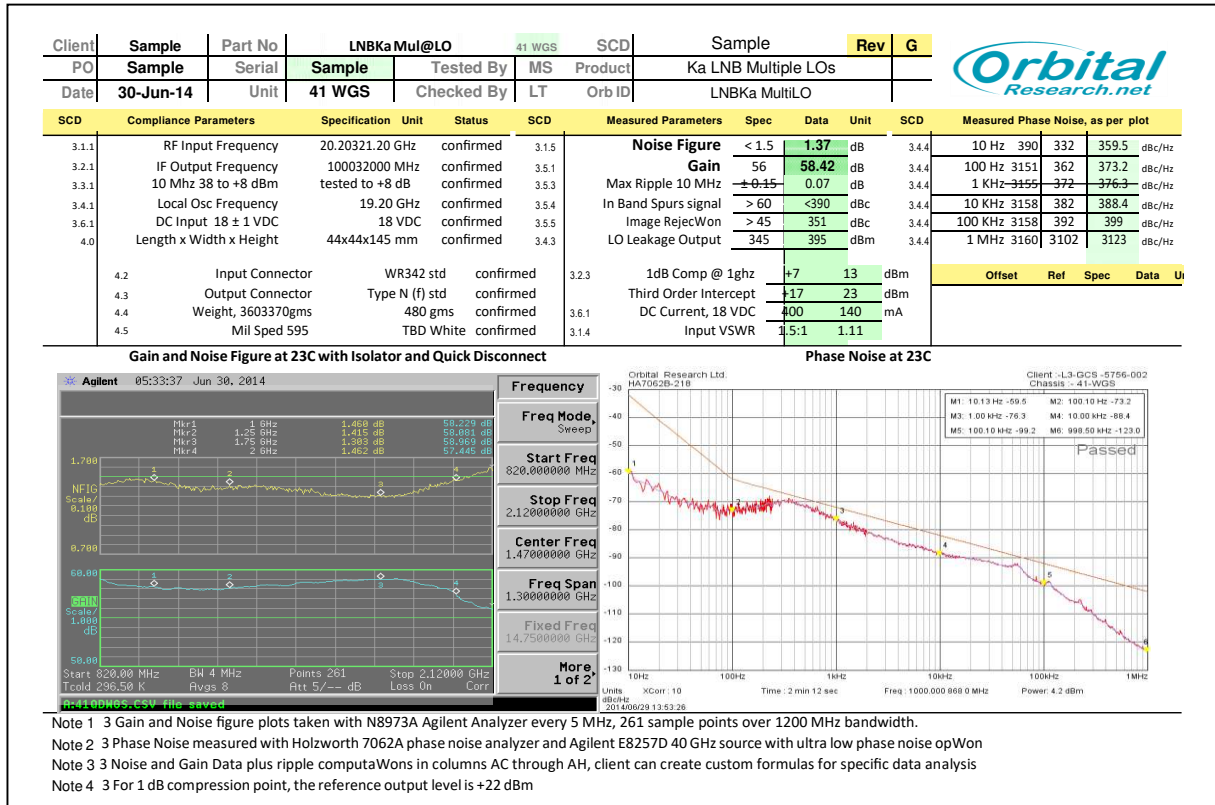


**Overlapping Freq Range**

You can even overlap the input Frequency ranges. For example: 19.7-20.4 & 19.9-20.9 GHz.

Input Freq Range 2

# Sample Test Data Sheets for one LNB



Included are references to customer's order info such as PO & SCD (if provided).

Gain & NF data is average over output frequency range.

Measured performance of all relevant parameters against specifications or SCD.

Phase noise plotted using Orbital's POP OCOXO Oscillator as reference.

POP phase noise also provided.

Phase Noise plot provided.

Raw Data (not shown) of Gain & NF is also supplied.

Test Data panel of compliance parameters.

Included is a list of test equipment used.

The above 2 test data examples are for WGS and Global Xpress frequencies.

Individual plots of Gain & NF are provided.

One sheet per frequency range is supplied with each LNB shipped.

| Client | Sample                  | Part No         | LNBKa Mul@LO |            |                              | 41 GX   | SCD             | Sample | Rev   | G                                |      |      |       |        |
|--------|-------------------------|-----------------|--------------|------------|------------------------------|---------|-----------------|--------|-------|----------------------------------|------|------|-------|--------|
| PO     | Sample                  | Serial          | Sample       | Tested By  | MS                           | Product | Ka LNB MultiLOs |        |       |                                  |      |      |       |        |
| Date   | 30-Jun-14               | Unit            | 41 GX        | Checked By | LT                           | Orb ID  | LNBKa MultiLO   |        |       |                                  |      |      |       |        |
| 3.1.1  | RF Input Frequency      | 19.20420.20 GHz | confirmed    | 3.1.5      | <b>Noise Figure</b>          | < 1.5   | 1.39            | dB     | 3.4.4 | 10 Hz                            | 400  | 432  | 459.9 | dBc/Hz |
| 3.2.1  | IF Output Frequency     | 95041950 MHz    | confirmed    | 3.5.1      | <b>Gain</b>                  | 56      | 57.51           | dB     | 3.4.4 | 100 Hz                           | 4151 | 462  | 474.9 | dBc/Hz |
| 3.3.1  | 10 MHz 48 to +8 dBm     | tested to +8 dB | confirmed    | 3.5.3      | <b>Max Ripple 10 MHz</b>     | ±0.15   | 0.06            | dB     | 3.4.4 | 1 KHz                            | 4155 | 472  | 479.8 | dBc/Hz |
| 3.4.1  | Local Osc Frequency     | 18.25 GHz       | confirmed    | 3.5.4      | <b>In Band Spurs signal</b>  | > 60    | <490            | dBc    | 3.4.4 | 10 KHz                           | 4158 | 482  | 489.9 | dBc/Hz |
| 3.6.1  | DC Input 18 ± 1 VDC     | 24 VDC          | confirmed    | 3.5.5      | <b>Image RejecWon</b>        | > 45    | 446             | dBc    | 3.4.4 | 100 KHz                          | 4158 | 492  | 498   | dBc/Hz |
| 4.0    | Length x Width x Height | 44x44x145 mm    | confirmed    | 3.4.3      | <b>LO Leakage Output</b>     | 445     | 484             | dBm    | 3.4.4 | 1 MHz                            | 4160 | 4102 | 4123  | dBc/Hz |
| 4.2    | Input Connector         | WR442 std       | confirmed    | 3.2.3      | <b>1dB Comp @ 1ghz</b>       | +7      | 16              | dBm    |       | <b>Offset Ref Spec Data Unit</b> |      |      |       |        |
| 4.3    | Output Connector        | Type N (f) std  | confirmed    | 3.2.3      | <b>Third Order Intercept</b> | +17     | 26              | dBm    |       |                                  |      |      |       |        |
| 4.4    | Weight, 3604370gms      | 480 gms         | confirmed    | 3.6.1      | <b>DC Current, 18 VDC</b>    | 400     | 109             | mA     |       |                                  |      |      |       |        |
| 4.5    | Mil Sped 595            | TBD White       | confirmed    | 3.1.4      | <b>Input VSWR</b>            | 1.5:1   | 1.11            |        |       |                                  |      |      |       |        |

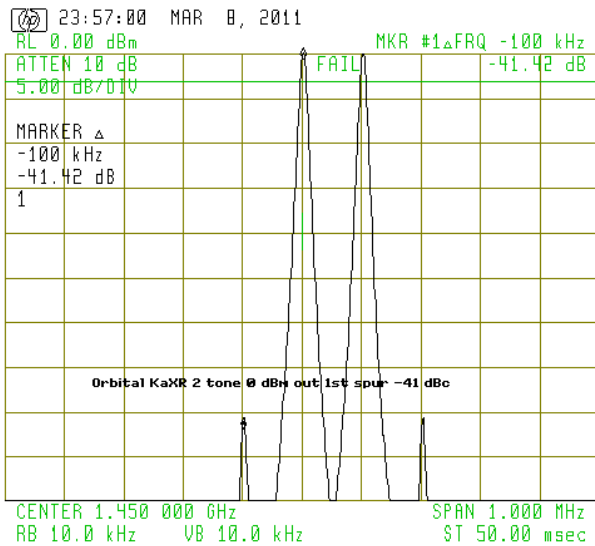
**Gain and Noise Figure at 23C with Isolator and Quick Disconnect**

**Phase Noise at 23C**

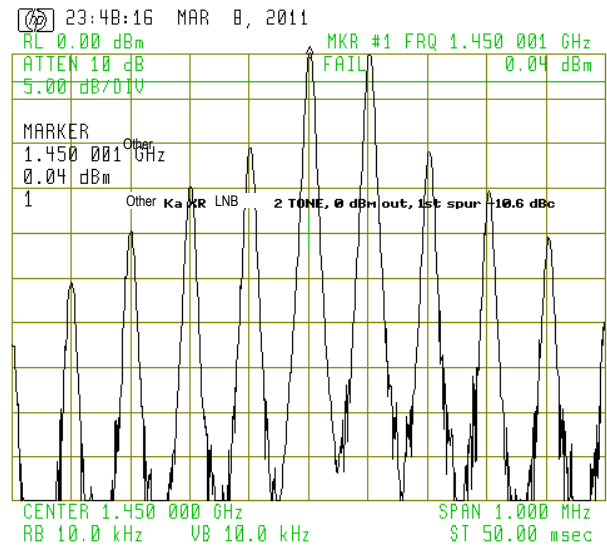
Note 1 4 Gain and Noise figure plots taken with N8973A Agilent Analyzer every 5 MHz, 261 sample points over 1200 MHz bandwidth.  
 Note 2 4 Phase Noise measured with Holzworth 7062A phase noise analyzer and Agilent E8257D 40 GHz source with ultra low phase noise opWon  
 Note 3 4 Noise and Gain Data plus ripple computaWons in columns AC through AH, client can create custom formulas for specific data analysis  
 Note 4 4 For 1 dB compression point, the reference output level is +22 dBm

## Two Tone Test

**What it means** - The two plots below compare gain linearity for the new Orbital design with competitor designs. Two tones at 20.200000 GHz and 20.200100 GHz are injected into the LNBS to provide 0 dBm out. The first spur in the Orbital design is over -40 dBc down compared to the multiple spurs on the competitive LNB starting at only -10 dB down. Intermodulation (IM) distortion for a given output is reduced in the Orbital LNB while providing higher overall gain (60 dB minimum for the Orbital LNB, versus 55 dB for the competitor LNB).



Orbital LNB



Competitor LNB

**How it works** - The LNB has to amplify the multiple signals from the satellite by a factor of a million (60 dB) without adding significant noise (noise figure), but also to perform this conversion without adding distortion. The above graphs represent the comparative levels of distortion between the Orbital design and competitive designs. Basically, if you put two signals into the LNB, you should get two signals, and only two signals, out. You can imagine the mess using a poor quality LNB when you amplify and convert the dozens or even hundreds of signals from the satellite.

**What it shows** - While an LNB would never be operated at 0 dBm output level, the test and design represent the linear conversion quality of each LNB and the P1 dB compression point. The Two Tone tests are proxies for the quality of conversion that is absolutely necessary for low bit error rate satellite transmissions. LNB non-linearity starts at much lower levels than 0 dBm output, and the 2 tone test is the best method of comparing the quality of design and manufacture of LNBS. The ultimate benefit to the end user is lower noise figure, higher conversion gain, and most importantly, lower bit error rate for their digital transmissions.

## Orbital Ka Isolator

Until recently, Orbital has been adding an input isolator to the LNB when required by the customer. Because of recent proprietary improvements in isolator design, Orbital has been able to reduce the width of the isolator so that it can fit inside the case of a standard LNB (without the load sticking out sideways). This gives the added benefit of sealing the isolator into the case with the LNB.

# Specifications

## **Frequency Range:**

Input RF Frequency: Multiple options between 19.2 and 21.2 GHz  
Output IF Freq: From 950 up to a limit of 2100 MHz  
Local Frequencies: Dependent upon Input & Output Frequencies.  
LO Stability: Phase locked to external 10 MHz reference

## **10 MHz Reference:**

Insertion: Multiplexed onto the IF coaxial connector  
Input Level: -10 to 0 dBm  
Phase Noise: -125 dBc/Hz max. @ 10 Hz  
-150 dBc/Hz max. @ 100 Hz  
-160 dBc/Hz max. @ 1 kHz  
-165 dBc/Hz max. @ 10 kHz

## **VSWR:**

Input: 1.3:1 max (integrated input isolator)  
Output: 2.0:1

## **LNB 10 MHz Phase Noise:**

-32 dBc/Hz max. @ 10 Hz  
-62 dBc/Hz max. @ 100 Hz  
-72 dBc/Hz max. @ 1 kHz  
-82 dBc/Hz max. @ 10 kHz  
-92 dBc/Hz max. @ 100 kHz  
-102 dBc/Hz max. @ 1 MHz  
-112 dBc/Hz max. @ 10 MHz

## **Mechanical:**

Dimensions: 44 x 44 x 145 mm  
Color: White (standard)  
Weight: 485 grams  
Anchor holes: #4 threaded (4-40) x 12

## **Noise Figure:**

1.5 dB max. @ +23°C

## **Gain:**

Gain: 30 to 60 dB ±4dB max. over temp & freq. Set at time of order.  
Flatness: ±1.5 dB max over freq  
Ripple: ±0.15 dB per 10 MHz  
Stability: ±0.25dB max over 24hr @ +25°C

## **Power:**

DC in: +15 to +26 VDC  
Power: 5 Watts max.  
Interface: DC power is multiplexed with the IF & 10 MHz reference signals on the output connector

## **Amplitude Response:**

10 MHz Band: ±0.3dB max  
120 MHz Band: ±1.0dB max  
Receive Band: ±1.5dB max

## **Band Switching Options:**

- DC level
- Push button (optional back panel)
- Open collector input
- Remote data connection (RS232, RS485, Ethernet)
- Others available upon request

## **Interfaces:**

Input: WR-42 waveguide flange with O-ring groove & threaded screw holes (#4-40 UNC x .38 deep thread)  
Output: N, 50Ω female coax connector.  
Optional: SMA (50Ω)

## **Environmental:**

Operating Temp: -40°C to +60°C  
Operating Altitude: 10,000 ft ASL  
(Airborne option): 50,000 ft ASL  
Operating Rel Humidity: 100% condensing  
Standards Compliant to: RoHS & REACH

## **Other Specs:**

LO Leakage: Output: -45 dBm min  
Input: -45 dBm max at waveguide flange  
Image Rejection: -45 dB min  
P1 dB comp pt: +10 dBm min  
OIP3: +20 dBm min  
Overdrive: -20 dBm, non-damaging  
Spurious: Input Spurious level of -85 dBm equates to <-140 dBm  
Desense level: -50dBm transmit signal level results in no more than 0.1dB of NF degradation

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