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Integration to the
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Scaling photonic integration & packaging of hybrid multi- chip assemblies using 3D lithography

Photonics Integrated Circuits are Growing Rapidly

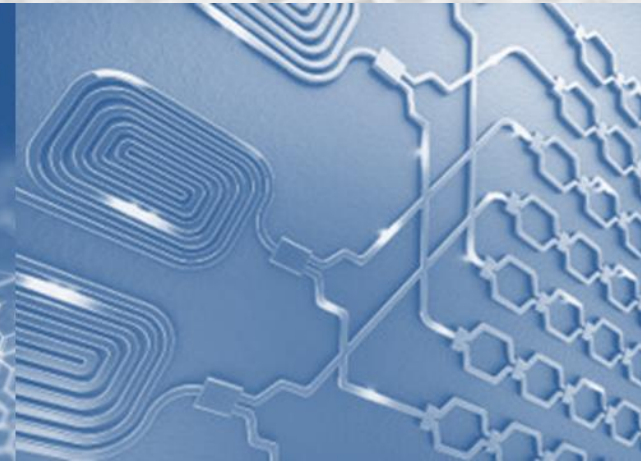
25.9% CAGR (source: MarketResearchFuture.com)

Tele and Data
Communications

3D Sensing

AI/Optical Computing

Quantum Applications



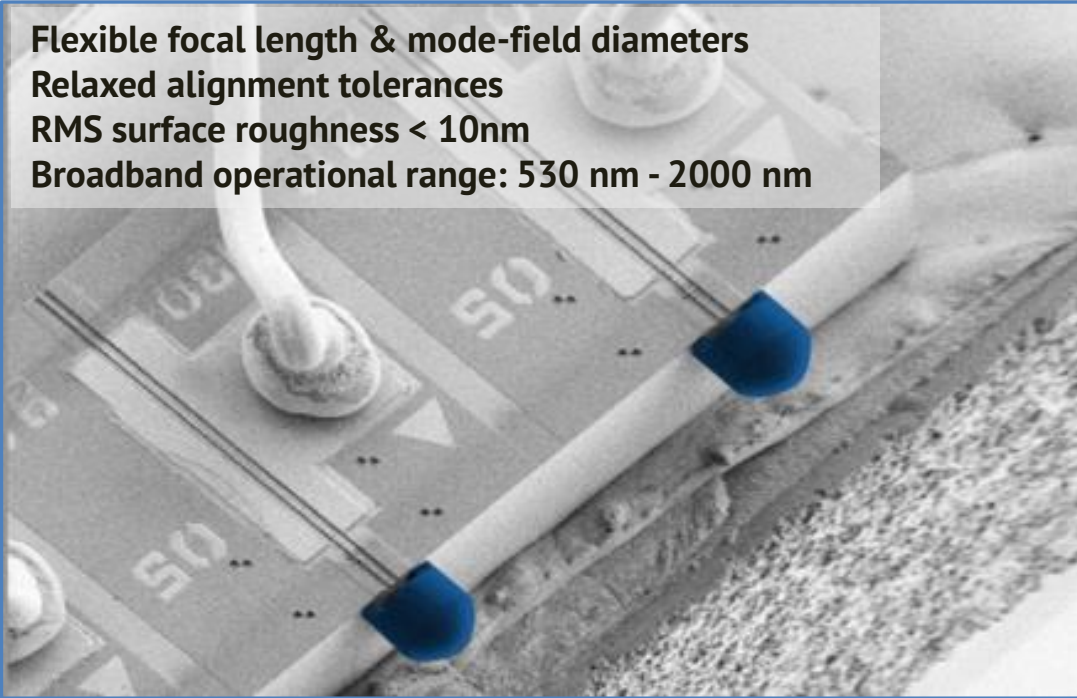
Mission

Advance Photonic Packaging and Assembly by providing scalable 3D lithography solutions for prototyping and manufacturing

Industry Proven Photonic Integration and Packaging Solutions with 3D Laser Lithography

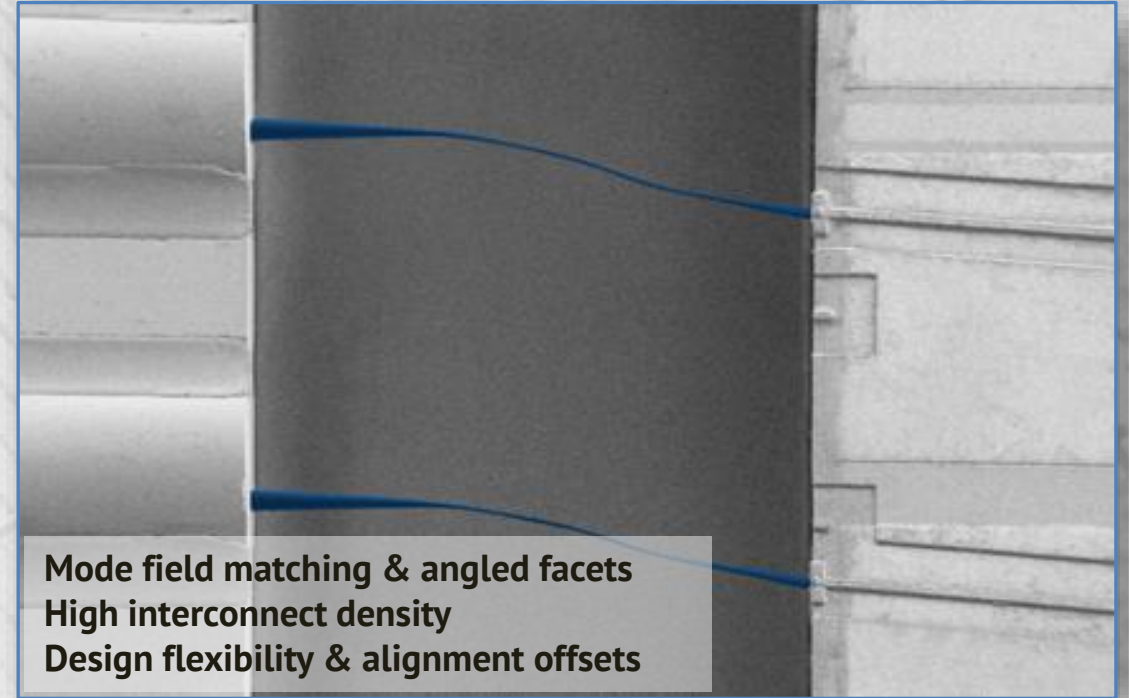
Samples by PIXAPP (Photonic Packaging Pilot Line)

Flexible focal length & mode-field diameters
Relaxed alignment tolerances
RMS surface roughness < 10nm
Broadband operational range: 530 nm - 2000 nm



Laser by Freedom Photonics LLC

Mode field matching & angled facets
High interconnect density
Design flexibility & alignment offsets

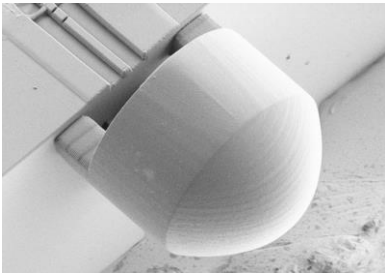


Facet-Attached Micro-Optical Lenses (FAML) and Photonic Wire Bonding (PWB)

Path to Implement Photonic Integration with 3D Lithography

Step 1- 3D printed elements

3D printed elements

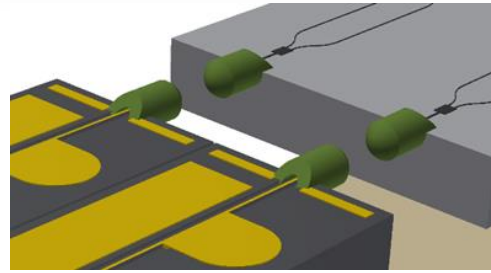


Active alignment

- improve coupling and yield
- No major changes to production process steps

Step 2- passive alignment

FaML

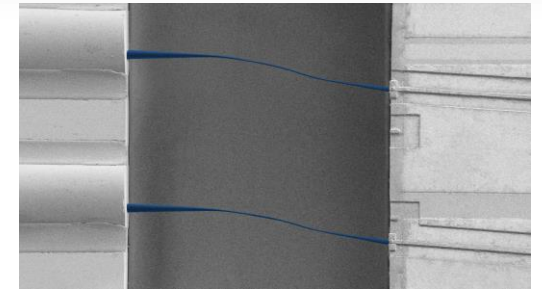


Passive alignment ($\pm 15\mu\text{m}$)

- passive assembly is a viable process

Step 3- PWBs with relaxed alignment tolerances

PWBs



Relaxed Pick & Place ($\pm 30\mu\text{m}$)

- ensuring compact coupling
- high yields
- high package density

3D Printed Optics: Solutions with Micro-Optical Elements

Step 1- 3D printed elements

Step 2- passive alignment

Step 3- PWBs with relaxed alignment tolerances



Low Insertion Loss 128-Gbaud HB-CDM with 3D Printed Spot Size Converter Integrated InP-based Modulator

(Y. Mizuno et al., 2023 OFC, San Diego, CA, USA, 2023, pp. 1-3, doi: 10.1364/OFC.2023.Th2A.8)

First demonstration of commercial optical modules benefitting from 3D printed optical components integrated InP devices

Improved coupling efficiency with spot size converter lens-reducing mode conversion losses by **1.5dB per lens**

Increased alignment tolerances to 1.6 μ m with 1dB penalty

Industry proven reliability and mechanical shock testing (Telcordia GR468 standard)

Reliability testing

- 500 cycles -40°C to 85°C
- Reflow soldering, 3 cycles, 270°C
- Die bonding, 320°C

Shock testing

- Acceleration of up to 1500 G
- Vibration 20-2000 Hz

High power operation

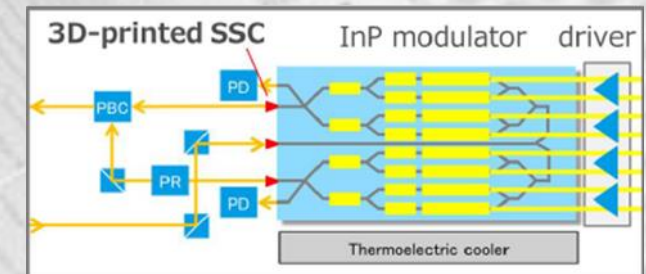
- 200 mW optical output up to 3000 h

Cryogenic operation

- > 10 cycles 4K to room temperature



HB-CDM module



Block diagram

Passive Alignment: Solutions with Micro-Optical Elements

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Step 3- PWBs with relaxed alignment tolerances



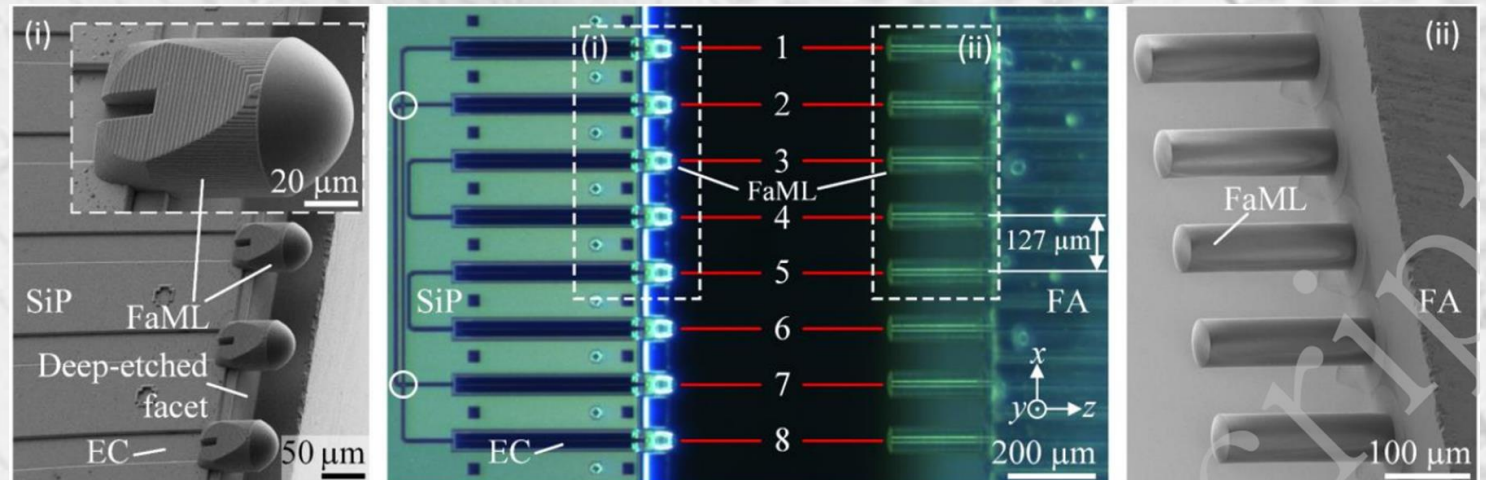
3D-printed facet-attached microlenses for advanced photonic system assembly

(Xu et al., 2023. *Light: Advanced Manufacturing*, 4 (3). doi:10.37188/lam.2023.003)

Micro optics were printed to the facets of chips and fiber arrays

Relaxed alignment tolerances that make **passive assembly** a viable process with **industry standard machine vision**

- Micro-optics with a **25µm mode field diameter**-increases the alignment tolerance to **± 6 µm** with a 1 dB penalty
- Micro-optics with a **60µm mode field diameter** -increases the alignment tolerance to **± 14.4 µm** with a 1 dB penalty



Passive Alignment: Solutions for Co-packaged Optics & AI

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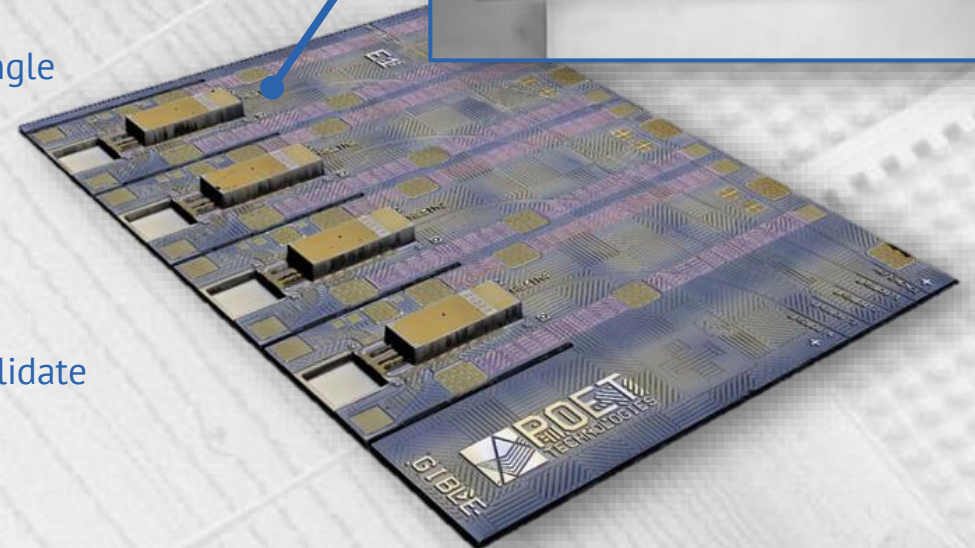
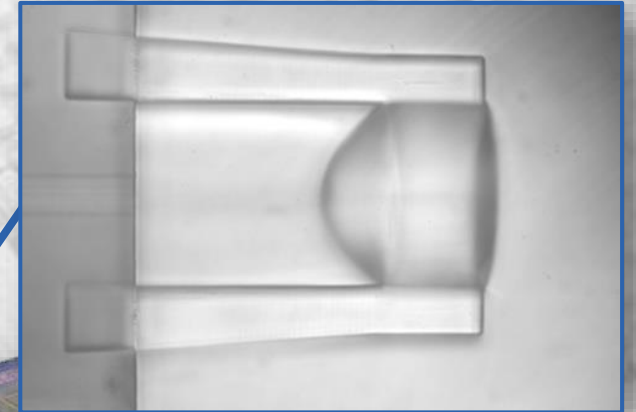
Collaboration to incorporate 3D-lithography technology into POET's Optical Interposer™

POET's Optical Interposer™, integrates electronic and photonic devices into a single multi-chip module

Micro-optics printed to products with passively aligned lasers

- Maximize coupling efficiency
- Improved coupling efficiency shall reduce power consumption

Initially micro-lenses shall be 3D-printed to the POET's LightBar™ product to validate the power efficiency improvements and the viability of chip scale wafer level manufacturing



Photonic Wire Bonds: Relaxing Alignment Tolerances

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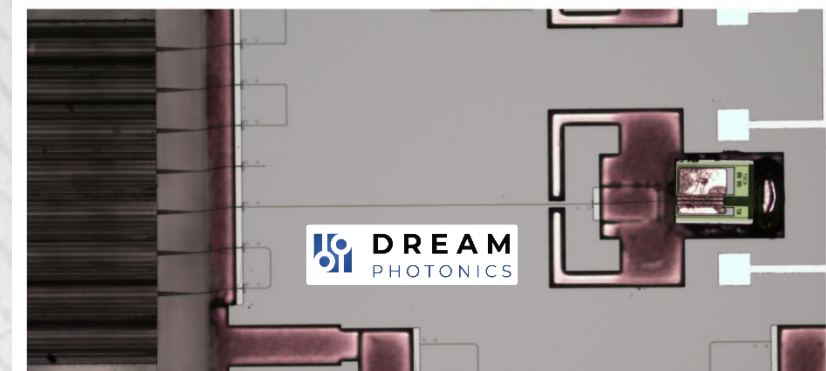
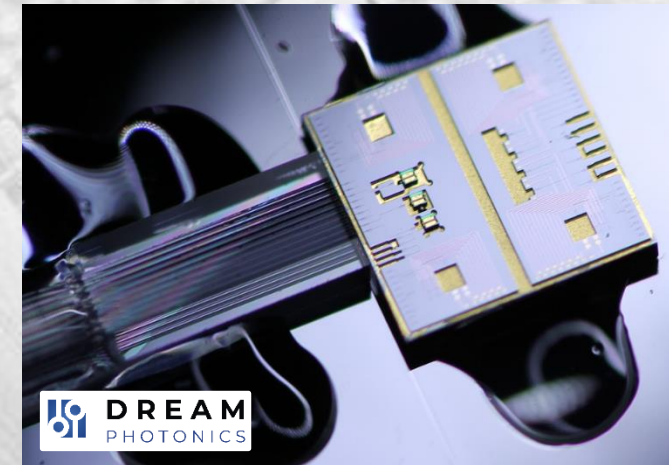


Hybrid multi-chip, laser and fiber integration

Bringing Photonic Wire Bonding to the Industry

an eco system partner rapid prototyping and process development for integrating photonic components via photonic wire bonds

- Prototyping **lead times of ~8 weeks.**
- PWB interfaces/PDK available in **foundries** such as **AMF, ANT, VTT**, and more to come
- Integrating hybrid multi chip assemblies via Photonic Wire Bonding and/or lenses
- High-yield, low-insertion-loss, and high-throughput, disparate mode field shapes and sizes.
- Versatile method of packaging photonic components such as **chip-to-fiber, laser-to-chip** interconnects with relaxed alignment tolerances
- Find more information at **dreamphotonics.com**, or email **pwb@dreamphotonics.com**



Photonic Wire Bonds: Relaxed Alignment Tolerances

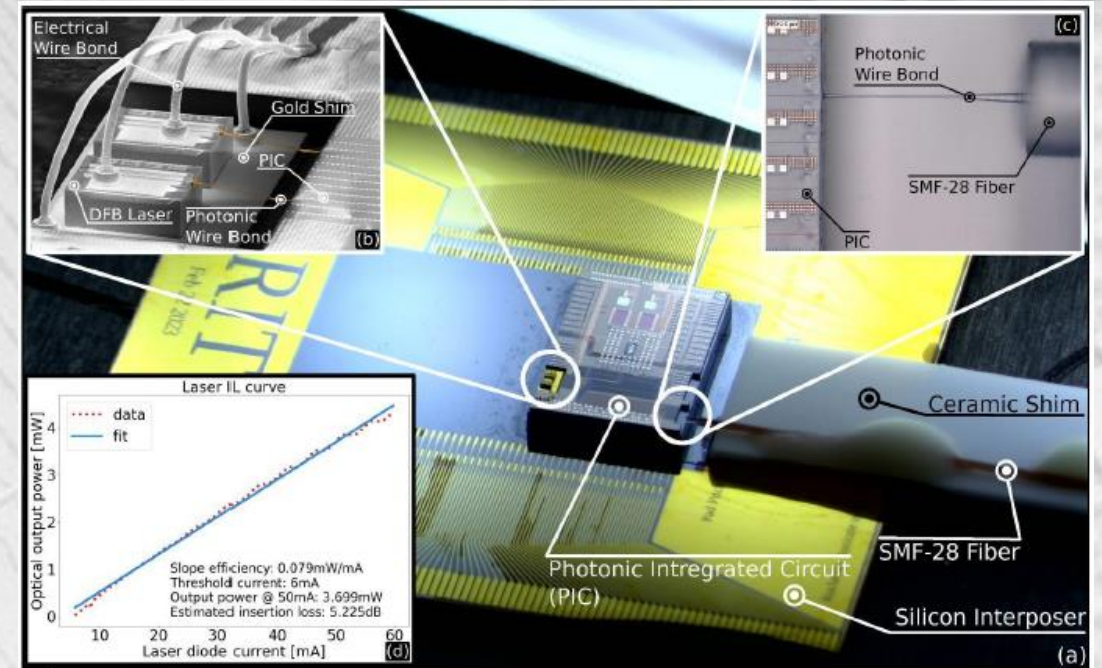
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Packaged Tunable Single-Mode III-V Laser Integrated on a Silicon Photonic Integrated Chip Using Photonic Wire Bonding (V. Deenadayalan et al., 2024 IEEE 74th Electronic Components and Technology Conference (ECTC), Denver, Colorado, USA)



- Hybrid multi-chip integration
- Mode field matching
- Passive laser to PIC integration process

Vanguard SYMPHONY 1000

Software-Defined Fabrication of PWBs and Micro-Optical Lenses

Automated 3D Lithography Based Nano Fabrication



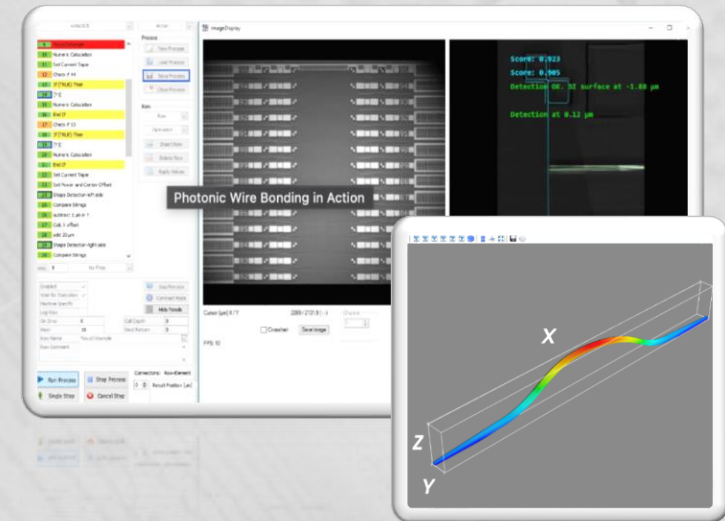
SONATA 1000

Automated Pre- and Postprocessing (Development and Encapsulation)



REPRISE 1000

Software for Machine Control, Process Development and Management



Composer and BrightWire3D

Standard Fabrication Processes | Material | Product Support and Services

“Photonic integration and packaging with Photonic Wire Bonding and facet-attached micro-optical elements”, PIC Magazine, September 2023

“As PIC Production Ramps Up, Fabricator Eye Alignment Options”, Photonics Spectra, June 2022

“Photonic Wire Bonding: Using Lasers to Integrate Lasers”, Photonics Spectra, August 2022

“Integrated photonics for quantum applications”, Laser Focus World, September 2022

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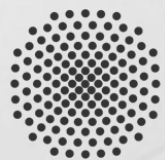


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