

Modeling of the Deformation of
Single-walled Carbon Nanotubes:
Mechanical Deformation and
Surface Charge Distribution:
LECTURE 3

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Lecture-2 Summary

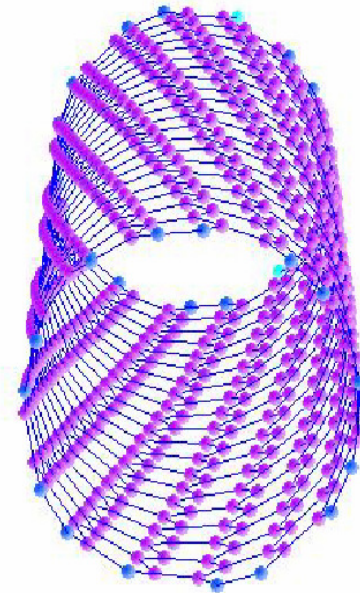
- Tersoff-Brenner multi-body interatomic potential for hydrocarbons
 - Mathematically mapping planar and rolled-up graphene sheets: Computing C-C bond lengths
 - Cauchy-Born (CB) Rule:
 - Basic hypothesis and deformation rule for bulk solids
 - Modifications for curved membranes (SWNTs)
 - Modifications for complex Bravais lattices (honeycombs)
 - Extension to cases of inhomogeneous deformations
 - Zero temperature local QC: Continuum hyperelastic constitutive law using interatomic potentials
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Lecture-3 Overview

- Focus on a specific type of deformation:
Coupled extension and twist
 - Obtain kinematic coupling effects in extension and twist for SWNTs
 - Modified CB rule for inhomogeneous deformations
 - Stress-strain plots and elastic moduli in extension and twist
 - *Ab initio* evaluation of Young's modulus using density functional theory
 - Comparison of results from different approaches and concluding remarks
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Deformations: Extension and Twist of SWNTs

- Simple class of deformations:
 - Analytic treatment
 - Provides insight into modeling aspects for complex deformations
- Certain SWNTs:
 - Possess twisted atomic structure
 - **Exhibit natural extension–twist coupling**



Deformations: Extension and Twist of SWNTs

Propose a generalized deformation map:

$$r = \gamma R$$

r, R : Def & Undef Radii

$$\theta = \Theta + f(Z;k)$$

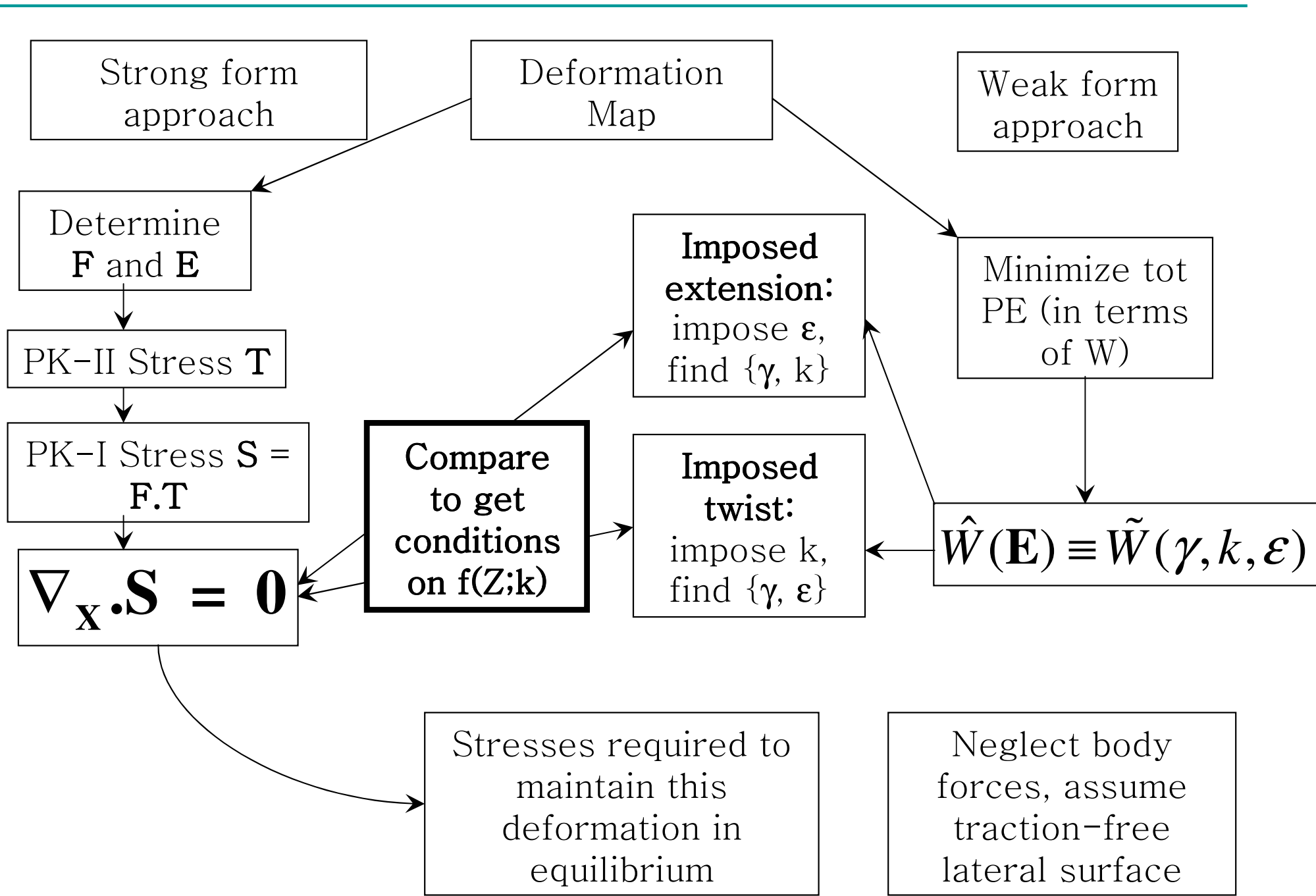
θ, Θ : Def & Undef Polar angles

$$z = (1 + \epsilon) Z$$

z, Z : Def & Undef Axial coords

- Deformation – inhomogeneous in general $\rightarrow$ CB rule to be modified!
- Reference cylinder $\rightarrow$ deformed cylinder.
- $f(Z;k) \rightarrow kZ$: Well-known extension-twist deformation, k : Twist per unit undeformed length

$f(Z;k)$: Need to characterize



Equilibrium: Strong Form

- **Axi-symmetric** stress measures (Θ independent).
- **Traction-free** BC on the inner and outer **lateral surfaces** of the SWNT

Final set of local equilibrium equations:

$$T_{\Theta\Theta} + 2Rf' T_{\Theta Z} + f'^2 R^2 T_{ZZ} = 0 \dots (1)$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial Z} [T_{\Theta Z} + f' R T_{ZZ}] = 0 \dots (2)$$

$$\frac{\partial T_{ZZ}}{\partial Z} = 0 \dots (3)$$

Equilibrium: Weak Form

Imposed Extension

Satisfies (1) and (2) for **any** $f(Z;k)$ such that:

$$\boxed{\frac{\partial f'}{\partial k} \neq 0}$$

(3) is trivially satisfied.

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Imposed Twist

Satisfies (1) and (3) for arbitrary 'f'.

Necessary condition to satisfy (2): $\boxed{f' = \text{constant}}$

Bond Length Deformations

- Undeformed bond vector between 'i' and 'j' (unwrapped geodesic on the cylinder):

$$\tilde{\mathbf{A}} = R(\Theta_j - \Theta_i)\mathbf{e}_\Theta + (Z_j - Z_i)\mathbf{e}_Z$$

- Deformed geodesic vector from **direct map**:

$$\tilde{\mathbf{a}} = \gamma R \left[(\Theta_j - \Theta_i) + f(Z_j) - f(Z_i) \right] \mathbf{e}_\theta + (z_j - z_i) \mathbf{e}_z$$

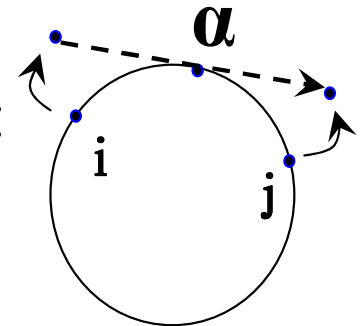
$$\mathbf{r} = \gamma \mathbf{R}$$

$$\theta = \Theta + \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{Z}; \mathbf{k})$$

$$\mathbf{z} = (1 + \varepsilon) \mathbf{Z}$$

- CB rule evaluated at some intermediate point 'α':

$$\hat{\mathbf{a}} = \gamma R \left[(\Theta_j - \Theta_i) + (Z_j - Z_i) f'(Z_\alpha) \right] \mathbf{e}_\theta + (z_j - z_i) \mathbf{e}_z$$



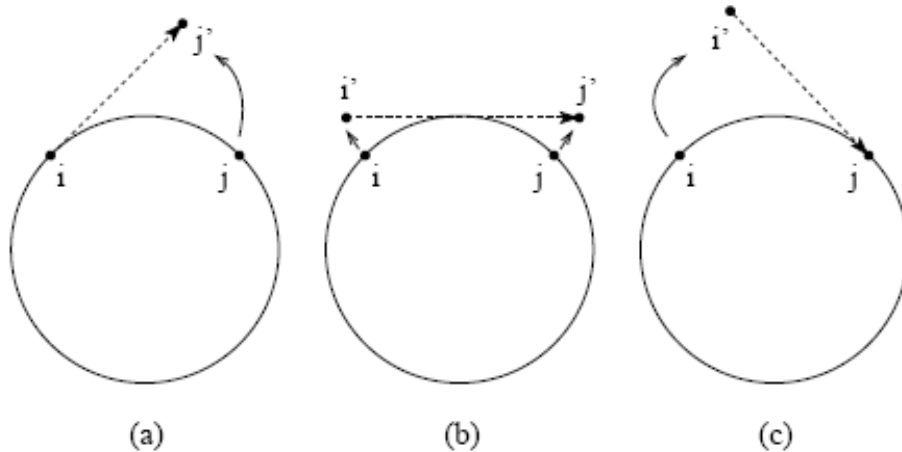
Bond Length Deformations (contd...)

- ‘Best’ **location** to apply the CB rule:

$$\boxed{f'(Z_\alpha) = \frac{f(Z_j) - f(Z_i)}{Z_j - Z_i}} \longrightarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{Use Mean-value} \\ \text{Theorem in the CB rule!} \\ \mathbf{a} = \mathcal{F}(\mathbf{X} + \mathbf{A}) - \mathcal{F}(\mathbf{X}) \\ \quad = \nabla \mathcal{F}(\mathbf{X}_\alpha) \cdot \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{X}_\alpha) \cdot \mathbf{A} \end{array}$$

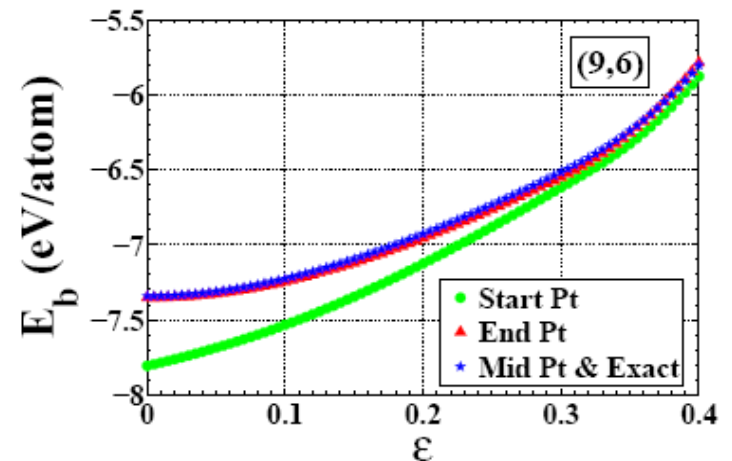
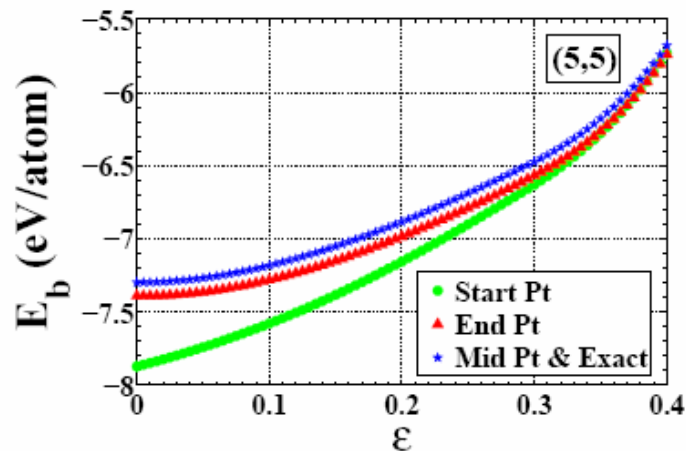
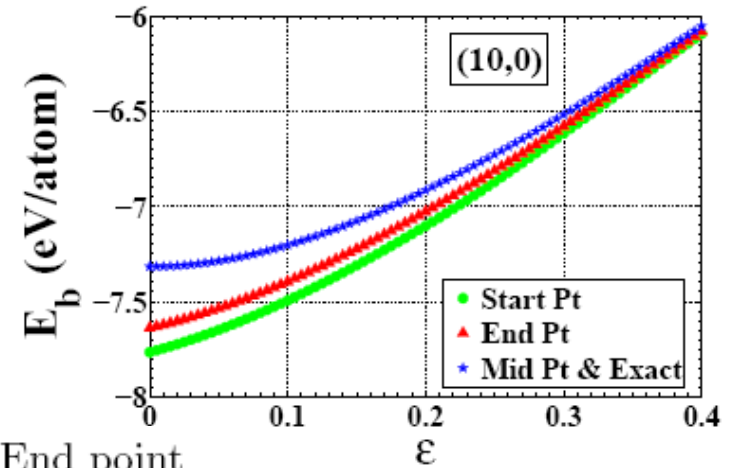
- Θ_α : Automatically determined – α lies on geodesic
- For $f(Z;k) = k Z^2$, $Z_\alpha = (Z_i + Z_j)/2$ --- **Mid-Point**
- Note : Bond lengths --- always measured as **Euclidean lengths** between atoms (after wrapping the deformed geodesic back onto the deformed cylinder).

$f(Z;k) = k Z^2$: Binding energy/atom (E_b) $\rightarrow$ Comparison of different unwrapping rules



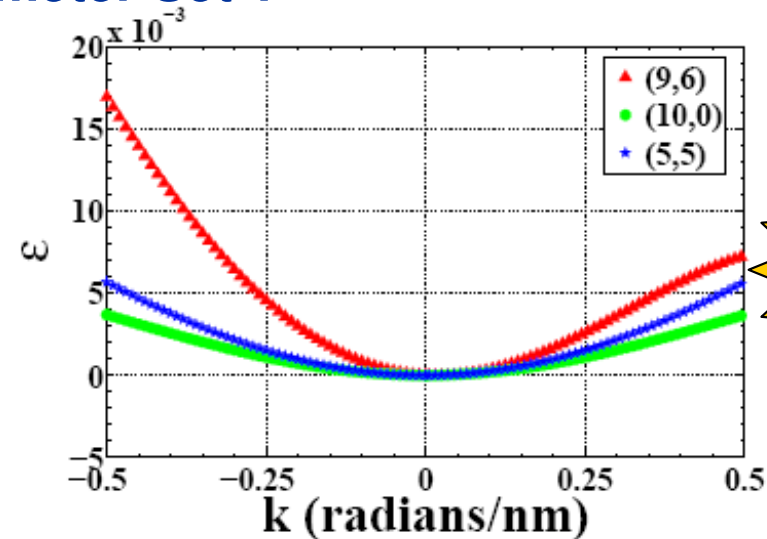
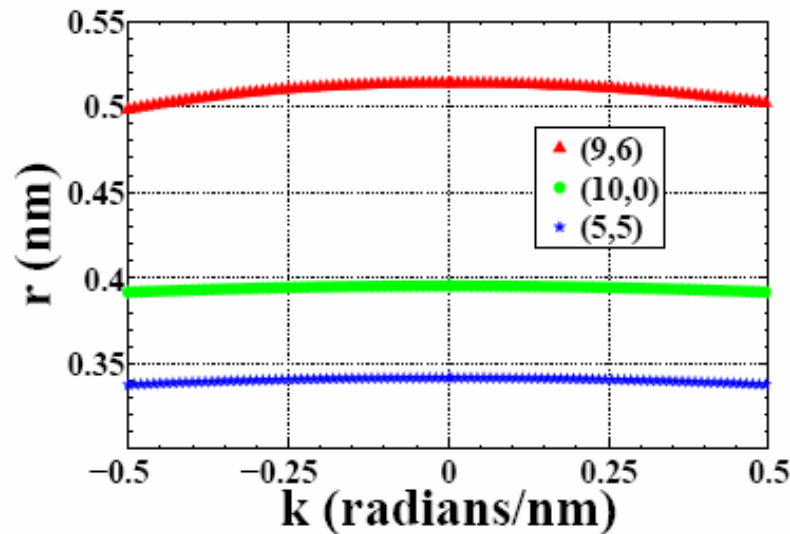
Various 'unwrapping' rules - (a) Start point, (b) Mid point and (c) End point

Brenner Parameter Set 1

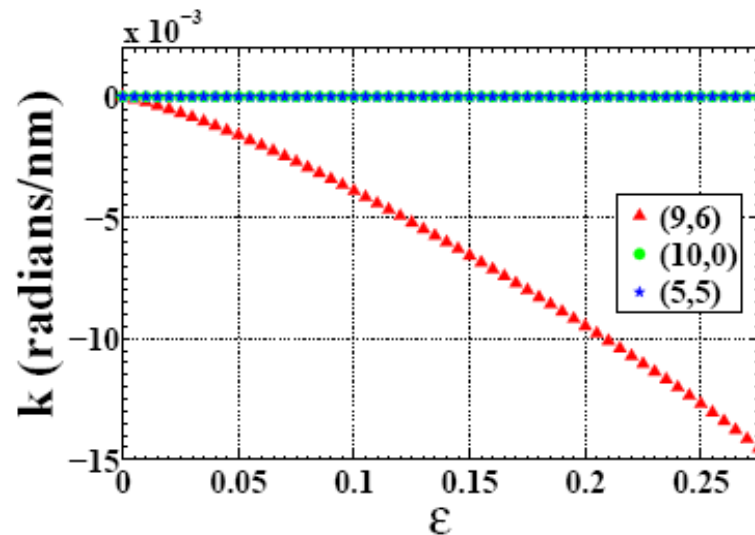
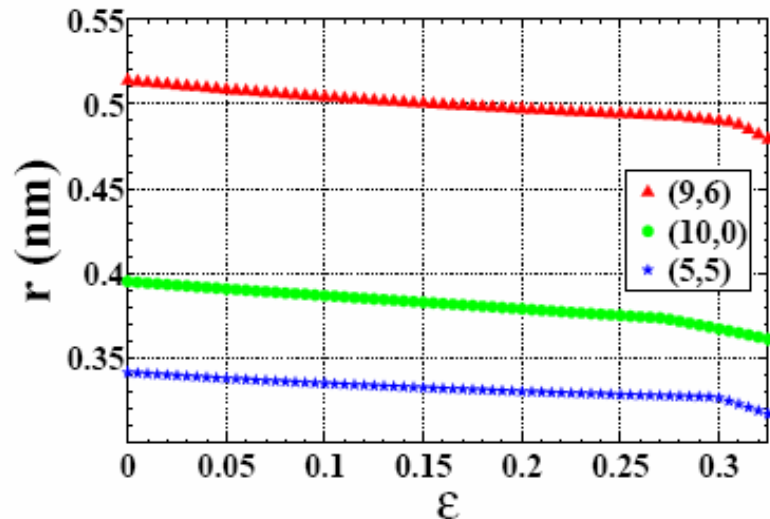


$f(Z;k) = k Z$: Kinematic Coupling $\rightarrow$ Indep of 'unwrap' point!

Brenner Parameter Set 1



Chiral
asymm!

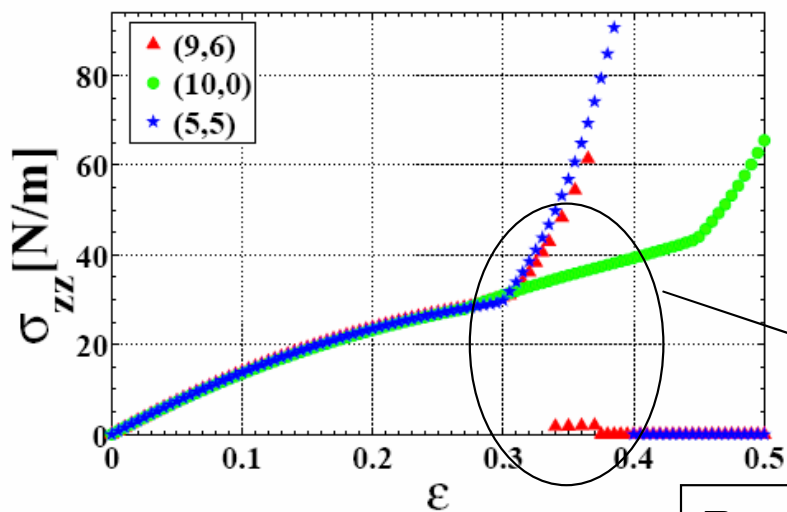


Chiral
twists!

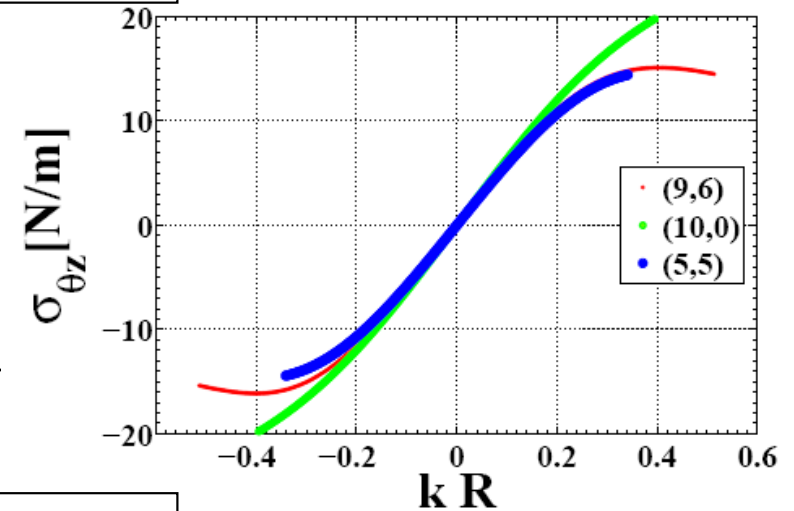
Brenner Parameter Set 2: Qualitatively similar results (not shown)

Stress-Strain Curves in Tension and Torsion: $f(Z;k) = k Z$

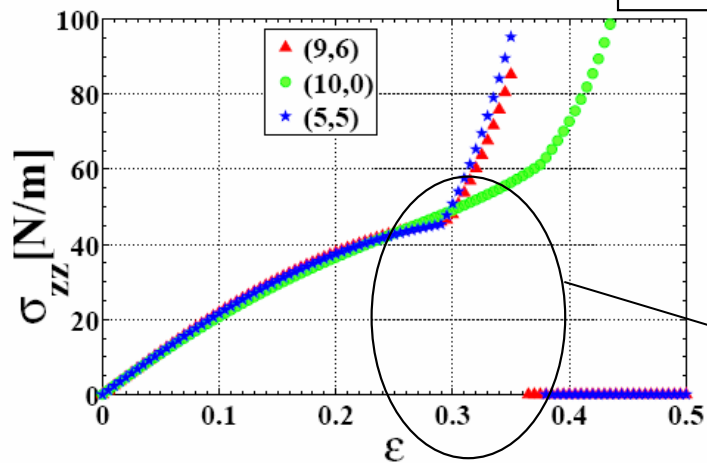
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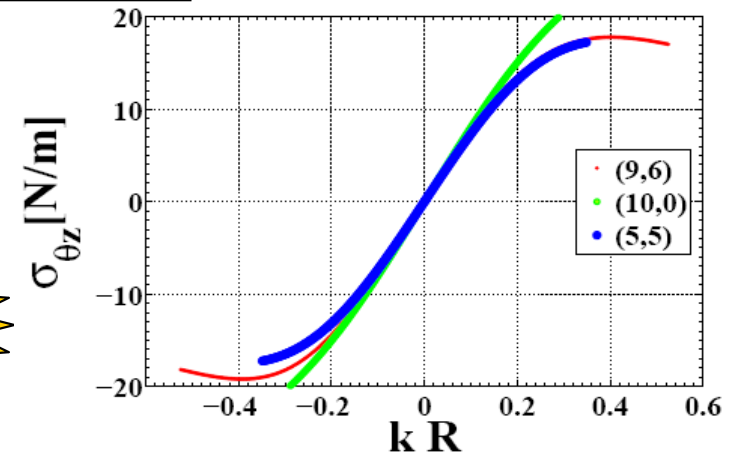
Bonds
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Brenner Parameter Set 2

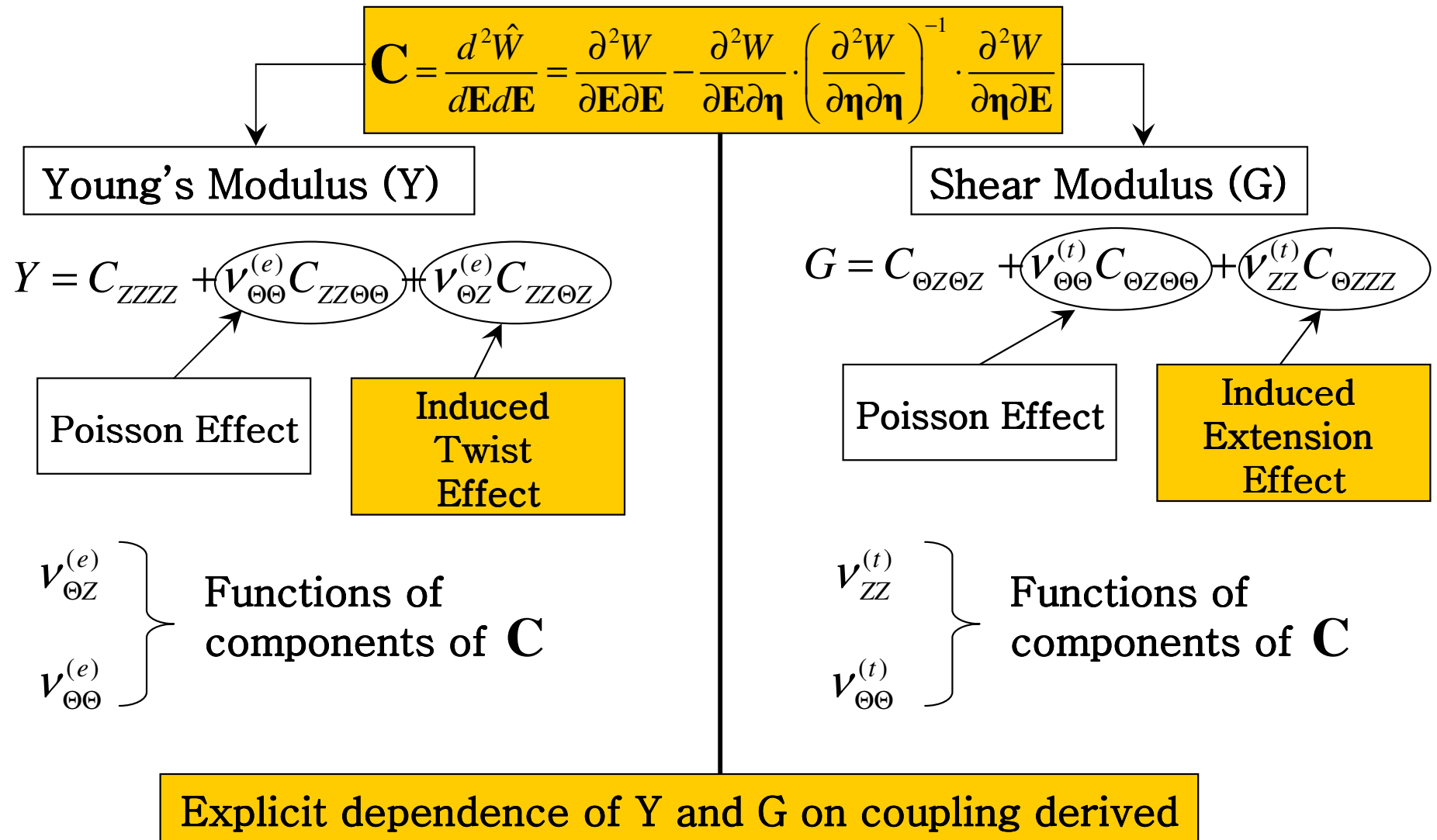


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Stress-Strain Slopes: (a) Independent of SWNT chirality (b) Parameter set dependent: qualitatively similar, quantitatively different

Coupling Effects on Young's and Shear Moduli



Moduli Values with Wall Thickness of 0.335 nm

Brenner Parameter Set 1

	Y [GPa]
(9,6) Chiral	470
(5,5) Armchair	457
(10,0) Zigzag	464
	G [GPa]
(9,6) Chiral	188
(5,5) Armchair	193
(10,0) Zigzag	177

Zhang et al.
(2002): 475
GPa

Brenner Parameter Set 2

	Y [GPa]
(9,6) Chiral	693
(5,5) Armchair	670
(10,0) Zigzag	684
	G [GPa]
(9,6) Chiral	240
(5,5) Armchair	246
(10,0) Zigzag	226

Zhang et al.
(2002): 705
GPa

Arroyo &
Belytschko
(2004): 704
GPa

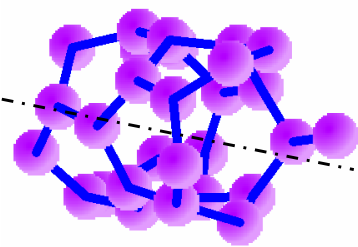
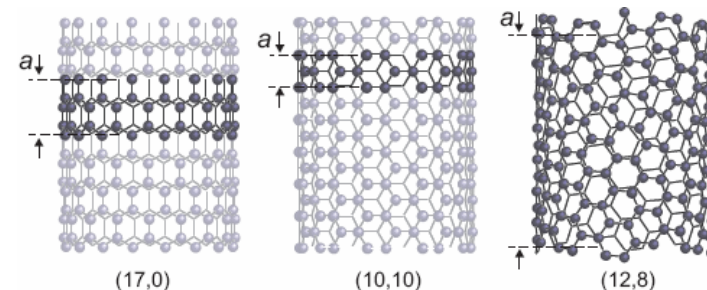
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GPa

Most reported experimental / atomistic studies of Y predict ~ 1000 GPa

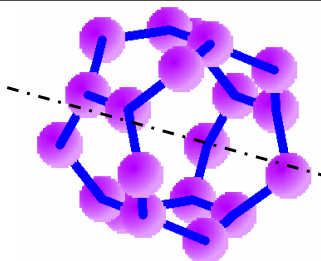
- ☺ Good agreement (within 3%) between slopes of stress strain curves and moduli calculation
- ☹ Moduli are underestimated and parameter set dependent

DFT Unit-cell Relaxations

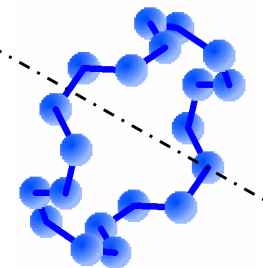
- Construct translational unit cells:



Chiral (4,1): 28 atoms
diameter 3.8 Å,
cell length 6.5 Å



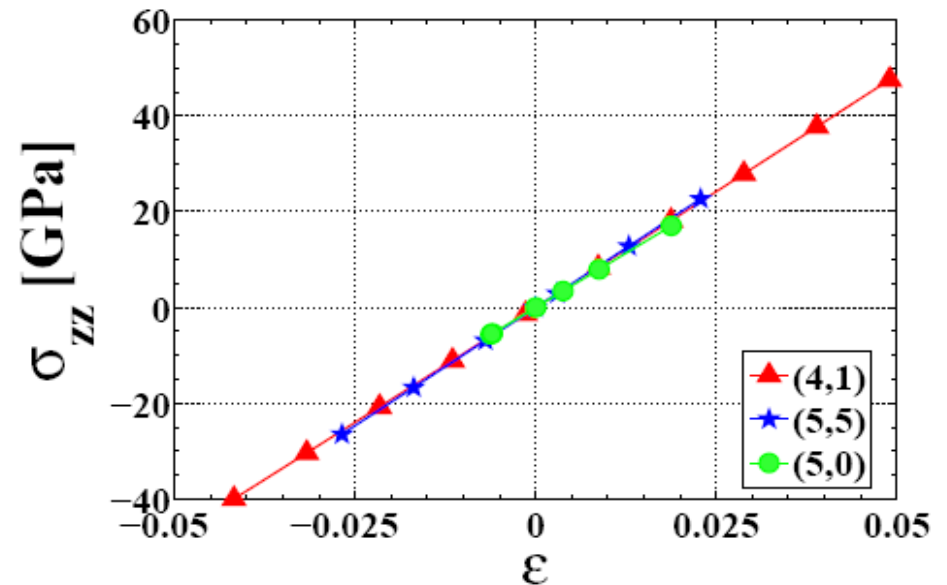
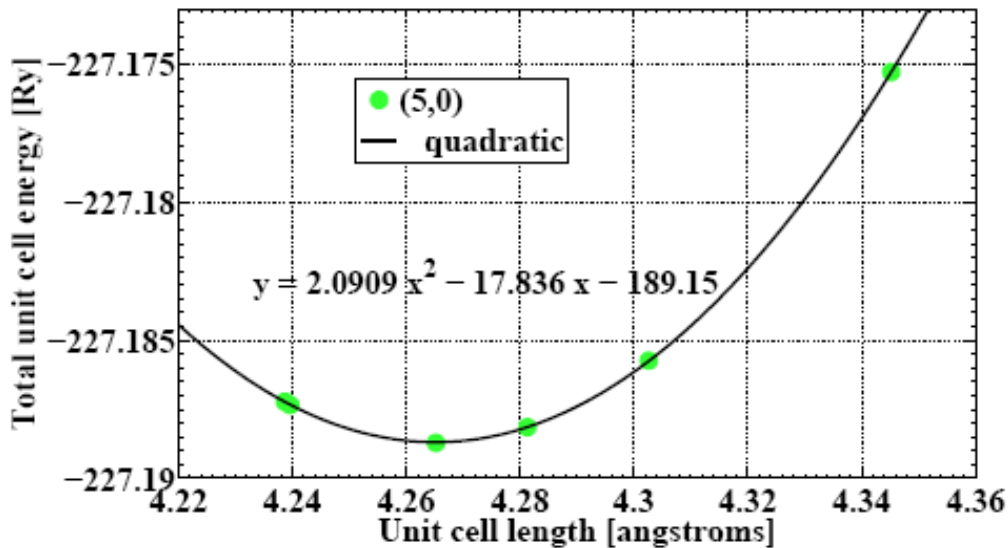
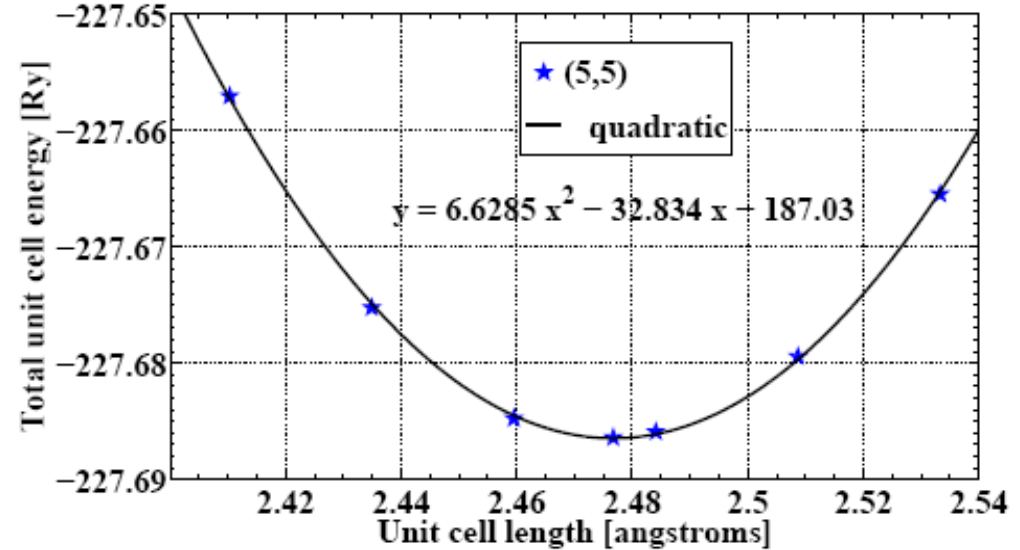
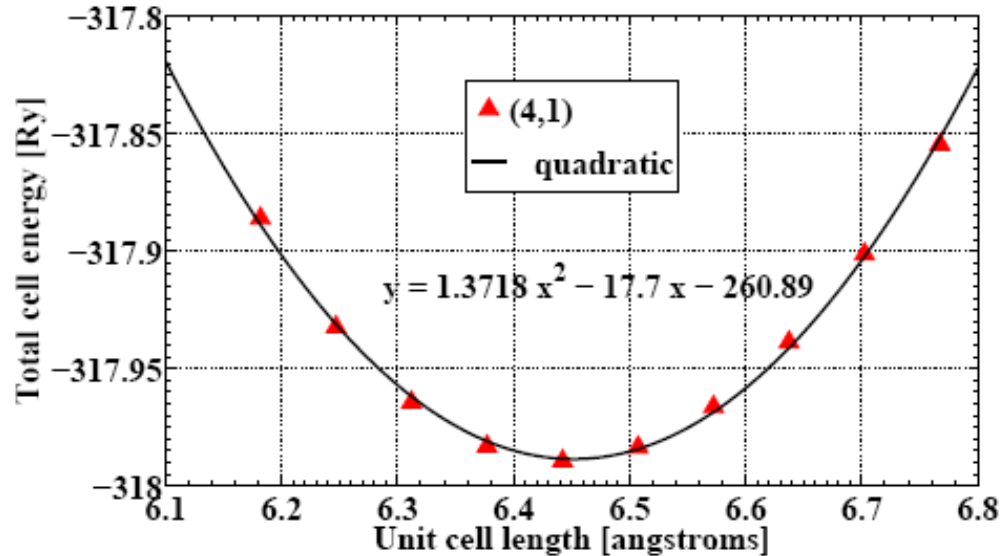
Zigzag (5,0): 20 atoms
diameter 4.1 Å,
cell length 4.3 Å



Armchair (5,5): 20 atoms
diameter 6.9 Å,
cell length 2.5 Å

- PWscf Code: PBE–GGA Exchange–Correlation, Ultrasoft Vanderbilt pseudopotentials
- Plane Wave Basis: $E_{\text{cut-off}} = 50$ Ry
- 13.8 Å x 13.8 Å in-plane periodic box dimension [Mielke et al. 2004, Chem. Phys. Lett. 390, pp. 413–420] (create vacuum around SWNT) for tetragonal lattice
- Brillouin zone sampling: 2x2x4 for (5,0), (5,5). Γ -point for (4,1)
- Extension deformations only – no imposed twist

Stress–Strain Curves: Extension



Values of Y: Chiral (4,1) – 965 GPa, Armchair (5,5) – 990 GPa, Zigzag (5,0) – 906 GPa

Concluding Remarks

QC with Empirical Potentials	DFT
☺ Y and G found analytically	☹ Y found numerically
☹ Y and G parameter set dependent	☺ No experimentally fit parameters
☺ Complete stress-strain curves in ~ 1 minute on a desktop PC (2 GHz, 512 MB RAM)	☹ Each data point ~ 10 hours on a desktop PC (2 GHz, 512 MB RAM)
☺ General deformations straightforward in FE framework	☹ Deformations restricted by computational expense and translational periodicity

- QC with empirical potentials: Effect of extension-twist coupling on Y and G explicitly shown with cylindrical reference configuration
- Future directions:
 - DFT-QC bridged approach: computational expense?
 - DFT approach to extract continuum parameter values

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