## Polyvector-valued Gauge Field Theories and Quantum Mechanics in Noncommutative Clifford Spaces

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## Abstract

The basic ideas and results behind polyvector-valued gauge field theories and Quantum Mechanics in Noncommutative Clifford spaces are presented. The star products are noncommutative and associative and require the use of the Baker-Campbell-Hausdorff formula. The construction of Noncommutative Clifford-space gravity as polyvector-valued gauge theories of twisted diffeomorphisms in Clifford-spaces would require quantum Hopf algebraic deformations of Clifford algebras.

Clifford algebras are deeply related and essential tools in many aspects in Physics. The Extended Relativity theory in Clifford-spaces (C-spaces) is a natural extension of the ordinary Relativity theory [3] whose generalized polyvectorvalued coordinates are Clifford-valued quantities which incorporate lines, areas, volumes, hyper-volumes.... degrees of freedom associated with the collective particle, string, membrane, p-brane,... dynamics of p-loops (closed p-branes) in *D*-dimensional target spacetime backgrounds.

It was recently shown [1] how an unification of Conformal Gravity and a  $U(4) \times U(4)$  Yang-Mills theory in four dimensions could be attained from a Clifford Gauge Field Theory in *C*-spaces (Clifford spaces) based on the (complex) Clifford Cl(4, C) algebra underlying a complexified four dimensional spacetime (8 real dimensions). Clifford-space tensorial-gauge fields generalizations of Yang-Mills theories allows to predict the existence of new particles (bosons, fermions) and tensor-gauge fields of higher-spins in the 10 TeV regime [2]. Tensorial Generalized Yang-Mills in *C*-spaces (Clifford spaces) based on poly-vector valued (anti-symmetric tensor fields) gauge fields  $\mathcal{A}_M(\mathbf{X})$  and field strengths  $\mathcal{F}_{MN}(\mathbf{X})$  have been studied in [2], [3] where  $\mathbf{X} = X_M \Gamma^M$  is a *C*-space poly-vector valued coordinate

$$\mathbf{X} = \sigma \, \mathbf{1} \, + \, x_{\mu} \, \gamma^{\mu} \, + \, x_{\mu_{1}\mu_{2}} \, \gamma^{\mu_{1}} \wedge \gamma^{\mu_{2}} \, + \, x_{\mu_{1}\mu_{2}\mu_{3}} \, \gamma^{\mu_{1}} \wedge \gamma^{\mu_{2}} \wedge \gamma^{\mu_{3}} \, + \, \dots + \,$$

$$x_{\mu_1\mu_2\mu_3....\mu_d} \gamma^{\mu_1} \wedge \gamma^{\mu_2} \wedge \gamma^{\mu_3}.... \wedge \gamma^{\mu_d} \tag{1}$$

In order to match dimensions in each term of (1) a length scale parameter must be suitably introduced. In [3] we introduced the Planck scale as the expansion parameter in (1). The scalar component  $\sigma$  of the *C*-space poly-vector valued coordinate **X** was interpreted by [4] as a Stuckelberg time-like parameter that solves the problem of time in Cosmology in a very elegant fashion.

A Clifford gauge field theory in the C-space associated with the ordinary 4D spacetime requires  $\mathcal{A}_M(\mathbf{X}) = \mathcal{A}_M^A(\mathbf{X}) \Gamma_A$  that is a poly-vector valued gauge field where M represents the poly-vector index associated with the C-space, and whose gauge group  $\mathcal{G}$  is itself based on the Clifford algebra Cl(3,1) of the tangent space spanned by 16 generators  $\Gamma_A$ . The expansion of the poly-vector Clifford-algebra-valued gauge field  $\mathcal{A}_M^A$ , for fixed values of A, is of the form

$$\mathcal{A}_{M}^{A} \Gamma^{M} = \Phi^{A} + \mathcal{A}_{\mu}^{A} \gamma^{\mu} + \mathcal{A}_{\mu_{1}\mu_{2}}^{A} \gamma^{\mu_{1}} \wedge \gamma^{\mu_{2}} + \mathcal{A}_{\mu_{1}\mu_{2}\mu_{3}}^{A} \gamma^{\mu_{1}} \wedge \gamma^{\mu_{2}} \wedge \gamma^{\mu_{3}} + \dots \dots (2)$$

The index A spans the 16-dim Clifford algebra  ${\cal C}l(3,1)$  of the tangent space such as

$$\Phi^A \Gamma_A = \Phi + \Phi^a \Gamma_a + \Phi^{ab} \Gamma_{ab} + \Phi^{abc} \Gamma_{abc} + \Phi^{abcd} \Gamma_{abcd}.$$
(3a)

$$\mathcal{A}^{A}_{\mu} \Gamma_{A} = \mathcal{A}_{\mu} + \mathcal{A}^{a}_{\mu} \Gamma_{a} + \mathcal{A}^{ab}_{\mu} \Gamma_{ab} + \mathcal{A}^{abc}_{\mu} \Gamma_{abc} + \mathcal{A}^{abcd}_{\mu} \Gamma_{abcd}.$$
(3b)

$$\mathcal{A}^{A}_{\mu\nu} \Gamma_{A} = \mathcal{A}_{\mu\nu} + \mathcal{A}^{a}_{\mu\nu} \Gamma_{a} + \mathcal{A}^{ab}_{\mu\nu} \Gamma_{ab} + \mathcal{A}^{abc}_{\mu\nu} \Gamma_{abc} + \mathcal{A}^{abcd}_{\mu\nu} \Gamma_{abcd}.$$
(3c)

etc.....

In order to match dimensions in each term of (2) another length scale parameter must be suitably introduced. For example, since  $\mathcal{A}^A_{\mu\nu\rho}$  has dimensions of  $(length)^{-3}$  and  $\mathcal{A}^A_{\mu}$  has dimensions of  $(length)^{-1}$  one needs to introduce another length parameter in order to match dimensions. This length parameter does not need to coincide with the Planck scale. The Clifford-algebra-valued gauge field  $\mathcal{A}^A_{\mu}(x^{\mu})\Gamma_A$  in ordinary spacetime is naturally embedded into a far richer object  $\mathcal{A}^A_M(\mathbf{X})\Gamma_A$  in *C*-spaces. The advantage of recurring to *C*-spaces associated with the 4*D* spacetime manifold is that one can have a (complex) Conformal Gravity, Maxwell and  $U(4) \times U(4)$  Yang-Mills unification in a very geometric fashion as provided by [1]

Field theories in Noncommutative spacetimes have been the subject of intense investigation in recent years, see [8] and references therein. Star Product deformations of Clifford Gauge Field Theories based on ordinary Noncommutative spacetimes are straightforward generalizations of the work by [5]. The wedge star product of two Clifford-valued one-forms is defined as

$$\mathbf{A} \wedge_* \mathbf{A} = ((\mathcal{A}^A_\mu * \mathcal{A}^B_\nu) \Gamma_A \Gamma_B) dx^\mu \wedge dx^\nu =$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \left( \left( \mathcal{A}^{A}_{\mu} \ast_{s} \mathcal{A}^{B}_{\nu} \right) \left[ \Gamma_{A}, \Gamma_{B} \right] + \left( \mathcal{A}^{A}_{\mu} \ast_{a} \mathcal{A}^{B}_{\nu} \right) \left\{ \Gamma_{A}, \Gamma_{B} \right\} \right) dx^{\mu} \wedge dx^{\nu}.$$
(4)

In the case when the coordinates don't commute  $[x^{\mu}, x^{\nu}] = \theta^{\mu\nu}$  (constants), the cosine (symmetric) star product is defined by [5]

$$f *_{s} g \equiv \frac{1}{2} \left( f * g + g * f \right) = f g + \left( \frac{i}{2} \right)^{2} \theta^{\mu\nu} \theta^{\kappa\lambda} \left( \partial_{\mu} \partial_{\kappa} f \right) \left( \partial_{\nu} \partial_{\lambda} g \right) + O(\theta^{4}).$$
(5)

and the sine (anti-symmetric Moyal bracket) star product is

$$f *_{a} g \equiv \frac{1}{2} (f * g - g * f) = \left(\frac{i}{2}\right) \theta^{\mu\nu} (\partial_{\mu} f) (\partial_{\nu} g) + \left(\frac{i}{2}\right)^{3} \theta^{\mu\nu} \theta^{\kappa\lambda} \theta^{\alpha\beta} (\partial_{\mu} \partial_{\kappa} \partial_{\alpha} f) (\partial_{\nu} \partial_{\lambda} \partial_{\beta} g) + O(\theta^{5}).$$
(6)

Notice that both commutators and anticommutators of the gammas appear in the star deformed products in (4). The star product deformations of the gauge field strengths in the case of the U(2,2) gauge group were given by [5] and the expressions for the star product deformed action are very cumbersome.

In this letter we proceed with the construction of Polyvector-valued Gauge Field Theories in *noncommutative* Clifford Spaces (*C*-spaces) which are polyvectorvalued *extensions* and *generalizations* of the ordinary *noncommutative* spacetimes. We begin firstly by writing the commutators  $[\Gamma_A, \Gamma_B]$ . For pq = odd one has [7]

$$[\gamma_{b_{1}b_{2},...,b_{p}}, \gamma^{a_{1}a_{2},...,a_{q}}] = 2\gamma_{b_{1}b_{2},...,b_{p}}^{a_{1}a_{2},...,a_{q}} - \frac{2p!q!}{2!(p-2)!(q-2)!} \delta^{[a_{1}a_{2}}_{[b_{1}b_{2}} \gamma^{a_{3},...a_{q}]}_{b_{3},...,b_{p}]} + \frac{2p!q!}{4!(p-4)!(q-4)!} \delta^{[a_{1},..,a_{4}}_{[b_{1},...b_{4}} \gamma^{a_{5},...a_{q}]}_{b_{5},...,b_{p}]} - \dots$$

$$(7)$$

for pq = even one has

$$[\gamma_{b_{1}b_{2},...,b_{p}}, \gamma^{a_{1}a_{2},...,a_{q}}] = -\frac{(-1)^{p-1}2p!q!}{1!(p-1)!(q-1)!} \delta^{[a_{1}}_{[b_{1}} \gamma^{a_{2}a_{3},...a_{q}]}_{[b_{1}} - \frac{(-1)^{p-1}2p!q!}{3!(p-3)!(q-3)!} \delta^{[a_{1},...a_{3}}_{[b_{1},...b_{3}} \gamma^{a_{4},...a_{q}]}_{b_{4},...,b_{p}]} + \dots$$

$$(8)$$

The anti-commutators for pq = even are

$$\{ \gamma_{b_{1}b_{2}....b_{p}}, \gamma^{a_{1}a_{2}....a_{q}} \} = 2\gamma^{a_{1}a_{2}....a_{q}}_{b_{1}b_{2}....b_{p}} - \frac{2p!q!}{2!(p-2)!(q-2)!} \delta^{[a_{1}a_{2}}_{[b_{1}b_{2}} \gamma^{a_{3}...a_{q}]}_{b_{3}....b_{p}]} + \frac{2p!q!}{4!(p-4)!(q-4)!} \delta^{[a_{1}...a_{4}}_{[b_{1}...b_{4}} \gamma^{a_{5}...a_{q}]}_{b_{5}....b_{p}]} - \dots$$

$$(9)$$

and the anti-commutators for pq = odd are

$$\{\gamma_{b_{1}b_{2},\dots,b_{p}}, \gamma^{a_{1}a_{2},\dots,a_{q}}\} = -\frac{(-1)^{p-1}2p!q!}{1!(p-1)!(q-1)!} \delta^{[a_{1}}_{[b_{1}} \gamma^{a_{2}a_{3},\dots,a_{q}]}_{[b_{2}b_{3},\dots,b_{p}]} - \frac{(-1)^{p-1}2p!q!}{3!(p-3)!(q-3)!} \delta^{[a_{1},\dots,a_{3}}_{[b_{1},\dots,b_{3}} \gamma^{a_{4},\dots,a_{q}]}_{b_{4},\dots,b_{p}]} + \dots$$
(10)

For instance,

$$\mathcal{J}_{b}^{a} = [\gamma_{b}, \gamma^{a}] = 2\gamma_{b}^{a}; \quad \mathcal{J}_{b_{1}b_{2}}^{a_{1}a_{2}}, = [\gamma_{b_{1}b_{2}}, \gamma^{a_{1}a_{2}}] = -8 \,\delta^{[a_{1}}_{[b_{1}} \,\gamma^{a_{2}]}_{b_{2}]}. \tag{11}$$

$$\mathcal{J}_{b_1 b_2 b_3}^{a_1 a_2 a_3} = [\gamma_{b_1 b_2 b_3}, \gamma^{a_1 a_2 a_3}] = 2 \gamma_{b_1 b_2 b_3}^{a_1 a_2 a_3} - 36 \delta_{[b_1 b_2}^{[a_1 a_2} \gamma_{b_3}^{a_3]}.$$
(12)

$$\mathcal{J}_{b_1 b_2 b_3 b_4}^{a_1 a_2 a_3 a_4} = \left[\gamma_{b_1 b_2 b_3 b_4}, \gamma^{a_1 a_2 a_3 a_4}\right] = -32 \,\delta_{[b_1}^{[a_1} \,\gamma_{b_2 b_3 b_4]}^{a_2 a_3 a_4]} + 192 \,\delta_{[b_1 b_2 b_3}^{[a_1 a_2 a_3} \,\gamma_{b_4]}^{a_4]}. \tag{13}$$

etc...

The second step is to write down the *noncommutative* algebra associated with the noncommuting poly-vector-valued coordinates in D = 4 and which can be obtained from the Clifford algebra (7-10) by performing the following replacements (and relabeling indices)

$$\gamma^{\mu} \leftrightarrow X^{\mu}, \quad \gamma^{\mu_1 \mu_2} \leftrightarrow X^{\mu_1 \mu_2}, \quad \dots \dots \quad \gamma^{\mu_1 \mu_2 \dots \dots \mu_n} \leftrightarrow X^{\mu_1 \mu_2 \dots \dots \mu_n}. \tag{14}$$

When the spacetime metric components  $g_{\mu\nu}$  are *constant*, from the replacements (14) and the Clifford algebra (7-10) (after one relabels indices), one can then construct the following *noncommutative* algebra among the poly-vector-valued coordinates in D = 4, and *obeying* the Jacobi identities, given by the relations

$$[X^{\mu_1}, X^{\mu_2}]_* = X^{\mu_1} * X^{\mu_2} - X^{\mu_2} * X^{\mu_1} = 2 X^{\mu_1 \mu_2}.$$
(15)

$$[X^{\mu_1\mu_2}, X^{\nu}]_* = 4 (g^{\mu_2\nu} X^{\mu_1} - g^{\mu_1\nu} X^{\mu_2}).$$
 (16)

$$[X^{\mu_1\mu_2\mu_3}, X^{\nu}]_* = 2 X^{\mu_1\mu_2\mu_3\nu}, \ [X^{\mu_1\mu_2\mu_3\mu_4}, X^{\nu}]_* = -8 g^{\mu_1\nu} X^{\mu_2\mu_3\mu_4} \pm \dots \dots$$
(17)

$$[X^{\mu_1\mu_2}, X^{\nu_1\nu_2}]_* = -8 g^{\mu_1\nu_1} X^{\mu_2\nu_2} + 8 g^{\mu_1\nu_2} X^{\mu_2\nu_1} + 8 g^{\mu_2\nu_1} X^{\mu_1\nu_2} - 8 g^{\mu_2\nu_2} X^{\mu_1\nu_1}.$$
(18)

$$[X^{\mu_1\mu_2\mu_3}, X^{\nu_1\nu_2}]_* = 12 g^{\mu_1\nu_1} X^{\mu_2\mu_3\nu_2} \pm \dots \dots$$
(19)

$$[X^{\mu_1\mu_2\mu_3}, X^{\nu_1\nu_2\nu_3}]_* = -36 \ G^{\mu_1\mu_2 \ \nu_1\nu_2} \ X^{\mu_3\nu_3} \ \pm \ \dots \qquad (20)$$

$$[X^{\mu_1\mu_2\mu_3\mu_4}, X^{\nu_1\nu_2}]_* = -16 g^{\mu_1\nu_1} X^{\mu_2\mu_3\mu_4\nu_2} \pm \dots$$
(21)

$$[X^{\mu_1\mu_2\mu_3\mu_4}, X^{\nu_1\nu_2}]_* = -16 g^{\mu_1\nu_1} X^{\mu_2\mu_3\mu_4\nu_2} + 16 g^{\mu_1\nu_2} X^{\mu_2\mu_3\mu_4\nu_1} - \dots \dots$$
(22)

$$[X^{\mu_1\mu_2\mu_3\mu_4}, X^{\nu_1\nu_2\nu_3}]_* = 48 G^{\mu_1\mu_2\mu_3 \nu_1\nu_2\nu_3} X^{\mu_4} - 48 G^{\mu_1\mu_2\mu_4 \nu_1\nu_2\nu_3} X^{\mu_3} + \dots$$
(23)

$$[X^{\mu_1\mu_2\mu_3\mu_4}, X^{\nu_1\nu_2\nu_3\nu_4}]_* = 192 \ G^{\mu_1\mu_2\mu_3 \ \nu_1\nu_2\nu_3} \ X^{\mu_4\nu_4} - \dots$$
(24)

etc..... where

$$G^{\mu_1\mu_2....\mu_n \ \nu_1\nu_2....\nu_n} = g^{\mu_1\nu_1} g^{\mu_2\nu_2} \dots g^{\mu_n\nu_n} + signed permutations (25)$$

The metric components  $G^{\mu_1\mu_2,\ldots,\mu_n} \nu_1\nu_2,\ldots,\nu_n$  in *C*-space can also be written as a determinant of the  $n \times n$  matrix **G** whose entries are  $g^{\mu_I\nu_J}$ 

$$\det \mathbf{G}_{n \times n} = \frac{1}{n!} \epsilon_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_n} \epsilon_{j_1 j_2 \dots j_n} g^{\mu_{i_1} \nu_{j_1}} g^{\mu_{i_2} \nu_{j_2}} \dots g^{\mu_{i_n} \nu_{j_n}}.$$
 (26)

 $i_1, i_2, \ldots, i_n \subset I = 1, 2, \ldots, D$  and  $j_1, j_2, \ldots, j_n \subset J = 1, 2, \ldots, D$ . One must also include in the *C*-space metric  $G^{MN}$  the (Clifford) scalar-scalar component  $G^{00}$  (that could be related to the dilaton field) and the pseudo-scalar/pseudoscalar component  $G^{\mu_1\mu_2\ldots,\mu_D} {}^{\nu_1\nu_2\ldots,\nu_D}$  (that could be related to the axion field).

One must emphasize that when the spacetime metric components  $g_{\mu\nu}$  are no longer constant, the noncommutative algebra among the poly-vector-valued coordinates in D = 4, does not longer obey the Jacobi identities. For this reason we restrict our construction to a flat spacetime background  $g_{\mu\nu} = \eta_{\mu\nu}$ .

The noncommutative conditions on the polyvector coordinates in condensed notation can be written as

$$[X^{M}, X^{N}]_{*} = X^{M} * X^{N} - X^{N} * X^{M} = \Omega^{MN}(X) = f^{MN}_{\ \ L} X^{L} = f^{MNL} X_{L}$$
(27)

the structure constants  $f^{MNL}$  are antisymmetric under the exchange of polyvector valued indices. An immediate consequence of the noncommutativity of coordinates is

$$[\hat{X}^{\mu_1}, \hat{X}^{\mu_2}] = 2 \hat{X}^{\mu_1 \mu_2} \Rightarrow \Delta X^{\mu} \Delta X^{\nu} \ge \frac{1}{2} | < \hat{X}^{\mu\nu} > | = X^{\mu\nu}$$
(28)

Hence, the bivector area coordinates  $X^{\mu\nu}$  in C-space can be seen as a measure of the noncommutative nature of the "quantized" spacetime coordinates  $\hat{X}^{\mu}$ .

The third step is to define the noncommutative star product of functions of X. The following naive noncommutative star product is *not* associative

$$(A_1 * A_2)(Z) = exp\left(\frac{1}{2}\Omega^{MN}\partial_{X^M}\partial_{Y^N}\right) A_1(X) A_2(Y)|_{X=Y=Z} =$$

$$\sum_{n=0} \frac{(\frac{1}{2})^n}{n!} \Omega^{M_1 N_1} \Omega^{M_2 N_2} \dots \Omega^{M_n N_n} (\partial^n_{M_1 M_2 \dots M_n} A_1) (\partial^n_{N_1 N_2 \dots N_n} A_2) + \dots$$
(20)

(29) where the ellipsis in (29) are the terms involving derivatives acting on  $\Omega^{MN}$  and

$$\partial_{M_1M_2....M_n}^n A_1(Z) \equiv \partial_{M_1} \partial_{M_2} \dots \partial_{M_n} A_1(Z).$$
(30a)

$$\partial_{N_1N_2....N_n}^n A_2(Z) \equiv \partial_{N_1} \partial_{N_2} \dots \partial_{N_n} A_2(Z).$$
(30b)

Derivatives on  $\Omega^{mn}$  appear in the ordinary Moyal star product when  $\Omega^{mn}$  depends on the phase space coordinates. For instance, the Moyal star product when the symplectic structure  $\Omega^{mn}(\vec{q}, \vec{p})$  is *not* constant is given by

$$A * B = A \exp\left(\frac{i\hbar}{2} \Omega^{mn} \overleftarrow{\partial}_{m} \overrightarrow{\partial}_{n}\right) B =$$

$$A B + i\hbar \Omega^{mn} (\partial_{m}A \partial_{n}B) + \frac{(i\hbar)^{2}}{2} \Omega^{m_{1}n_{1}} \Omega^{m_{2}n_{2}} (\partial_{m_{1}m_{2}}^{2} A) (\partial_{n_{1}n_{2}}^{2} B) +$$

$$\frac{(i\hbar)^{2}}{3} [\Omega^{m_{1}n_{1}} (\partial_{n_{1}} \Omega^{m_{2}n_{2}}) (\partial_{m_{1}}\partial_{m_{2}}A \partial_{n_{2}}B - \partial_{m_{2}}A \partial_{m_{1}}\partial_{n_{2}}B)] + O(\hbar^{3}). (31)$$

Due to the derivative terms  $\partial_{n_1}\Omega^{m_2n_2}$  the star product is associative up to second order only [6]  $(f * g) * h = f * (g * h) + O(\hbar^3)$ . Hence, due to the derivatives terms acting on  $\Omega^{MN}(X)$  in (29), the star product will *no* longer be associative beyond second order.

The correct noncommutative and *associative* star product [12] associated with a Lie-algebraic structure for the noncommutative (C-space) coordinates requires the use of the Baker-Campbell-Hausdorff formula

$$exp(A) exp(B) = exp\left(A + B + \frac{1}{2}[A, B] + \frac{1}{12}([A, [A, B]] - [B, [A, B]]) + \dots\right)$$
(32a)

and is given by

$$(A_1 * A_2)(X) = exp\left(\frac{1}{2} X^M \Lambda_M [i \partial_Y; i \partial_Z]\right) A_1(Y) A_2(Z)|_{X=Y=Z}.$$
  
(32b)

where the expression for the bilinear differential polynomial  $\Lambda_M[i\partial_Y; i\partial_Z]$  in eq-(32b) can be *read* from the Baker-Campbell-Hausdorff formula

$$e^{K_M \hat{X}^M} e^{P_N \hat{X}^N} = e^{\hat{X}^M (K_M + P_M + \Lambda_M [K, P])}.$$
 (32c)

and is given in terms of the structure constants  $[X^N, X^Q] = f_M^{NQ} X^M$ , after setting  $K_N = i \; \partial_{Y^N}, \; P_Q = i \; \partial_{Z^Q}$ , by the following expression

$$\Lambda_{M}[K,P] = K_{N} P_{Q} f_{M}^{NQ} + \frac{1}{6} K_{N_{1}} P_{Q_{1}} (P_{N_{2}} - K_{N_{2}}) f_{S}^{N_{1}Q_{1}} f_{M}^{SN_{2}} + \frac{1}{24} (P_{N_{2}} K_{Q_{2}} + K_{N_{2}} P_{Q_{2}}) K_{N_{1}} P_{Q_{1}} f_{S_{1}}^{N_{1}Q_{1}} f_{S_{2}}^{S_{1}N_{2}} f_{M}^{S_{2}Q_{2}} + \dots \dots (32d)$$

When the star product is *associative* and noncommutative, with the fields and their derivatives vanishing fast enough at infinity, one has

$$\int A * B = \int A B + total \ derivative = \int A B. \tag{33a}$$

$$\int A * B * C = \int A (B * C) + total \ derivative = \int A (B * C) = \int (B * C) A = \int (B * C) * A + total \ derivative = \int B * C * A \ (33b)$$

therefore, when the star product is associative and the fields and their derivatives vanishing fast enough at infinity (or there are no boundaries) one has

$$\int A * B * C = \int B * C * A = \int C * A * B. \quad (33c)$$

The relations (33) are essential in order to construct invariant actions under star gauge transformations.

The C-space differential form associated with the polyvector-valued Clifford gauge field is

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathcal{A}_M \, dX^M = \Phi \, d\sigma + \mathcal{A}_\mu \, dx^\mu + \mathcal{A}_{\mu\nu} \, dx^{\mu\nu} + \dots + \mathcal{A}_{\mu_1\mu_2\dots\mu_d} \, dx^{\mu_1\mu_2\dots\mu_d} \dots$$
(34a)

where  $\Phi = \Phi^A \Gamma_A$ ,  $\mathcal{A}_{\mu} = \mathcal{A}^A_{\mu} \Gamma_A$ ,  $\mathcal{A}_{\mu\nu} = \mathcal{A}^A_{\mu\nu} \Gamma_A$ , ..... The *C*-space differential form associated with the polyvector-valued field-strength is

$$\mathbf{F} = F_{MN} \, dX^{M} \wedge dX^{N} = F_{0 \ \mu} \, d\sigma \wedge dx^{\mu} + F_{0 \ \mu_{1}\mu_{2}} \, d\sigma \wedge dx^{\mu_{1}\mu_{2}} + \dots$$

$$F_{0 \ \nu_{1}\nu_{2},\dots,\nu_{d}} \, d\sigma \wedge dx^{\nu_{1}\nu_{2},\dots,\nu_{d}} + F_{\mu\nu} \, dx^{\mu} \wedge dx^{\nu} + F_{\mu_{1}\mu_{2} \ \nu_{1}\nu_{2}} \, dx^{\mu_{1}\mu_{2}} \wedge dx^{\nu_{1}\nu_{2}} + \dots$$

$$+ F_{\mu_{1}\mu_{2},\dots,\mu_{d-1} \ \nu_{1}\nu_{2},\dots,\nu_{d-1}} \, dx^{\mu_{1}\mu_{2},\dots,\mu_{d-1}} \wedge dx^{\nu_{1}\nu_{2},\dots,\nu_{d-1}}. \quad (34b)$$

The field strength is antisymmetric under the exchange of poly-vector indices  $F_{MN} = -F_{NM}$ . For this reason one has  $F_{00} = 0$  and  $F_{12...d\ 12...d\ 0} = 0$ . Finally, given the noncommutative conditions on the poly-vector coordinates

(27), the components of the Clifford-algebra valued field strength  $F^C_{MN}\Gamma_C$  in Noncommutative C-spaces are

$$F_{[MN]} = F_{[MN]}^C \Gamma_C = (\partial_M \mathcal{A}_N^C - \partial_N \mathcal{A}_M^C) \Gamma_C + \frac{1}{2} (\mathcal{A}_M^A * \mathcal{A}_N^B - \mathcal{A}_N^B * \mathcal{A}_M^A) \{\Gamma_A, \Gamma_B\} + \frac{1}{2} (\mathcal{A}_M^A * \mathcal{A}_N^B + \mathcal{A}_N^B * \mathcal{A}_M^A) [\Gamma_A, \Gamma_B]$$
(35)

The commutators [ $\Gamma_A$ ,  $\Gamma_B$ ] and anti-commutators { $\Gamma_A$ ,  $\Gamma_B$ } in eqs-(35), where A, B are polyvector-valued indices, can be read from the relations in eqs-(7-10). Notice that both the standard commutators and anticommutators of the gammas appear in the terms containing the star deformed products of (35) and which define the Clifford-algebra valued field strength in noncommutative Cspaces; i.e. if the products of fields were to commute one would have had only the Lie algebra commutator  $\mathcal{A}^A_M \mathcal{A}^J_B$  [ $\Gamma_A, \Gamma_B$ ] pieces without the anti-commutator { $\Gamma_A, \Gamma_B$ } contributions in the r.h.s of eq-(35).

We should remark that one is *not* deforming the Clifford algebra involving  $[\Gamma_A, \Gamma_B]$  and  $\{\Gamma_A, \Gamma_B\}$  in eq-(35) but it is the "point" product algebra  $\mathcal{A}_M^A * \mathcal{A}_N^B$  of the fields which is being deformed. (Quantum) *q*-Clifford algebras have been studied by [9]. The symmetrized star product is

$$\mathcal{A}_{M}^{A} *_{s} \mathcal{A}_{N}^{B} \equiv \frac{1}{2} \left( \mathcal{A}_{M}^{A} * \mathcal{A}_{N}^{B} + \mathcal{A}_{N}^{B} * \mathcal{A}_{M}^{A} \right) = \mathcal{A}_{M}^{A} \mathcal{A}_{N}^{B} + X^{\mu\nu} X^{\kappa\lambda} \left( \partial_{\mu} \partial_{\kappa} \mathcal{A}_{M}^{A} \right) \left( \partial_{\nu} \partial_{\lambda} \mathcal{A}_{N}^{B} \right) + \dots$$
(36a)

the antisymmetrized (Moyal bracket) star product is

$$\mathcal{A}_{M}^{A} *_{a} \mathcal{A}_{N}^{B} \equiv \frac{1}{2} \left( \mathcal{A}_{M}^{A} * \mathcal{A}_{N}^{B} - \mathcal{A}_{N}^{B} * \mathcal{A}_{M}^{A} \right) = X^{\mu\nu} \left( \partial_{\mu} \mathcal{A}_{M}^{A} \right) \left( \partial_{\nu} \mathcal{A}_{N}^{B} \right) + X^{\mu\nu} X^{\kappa\lambda} X^{\alpha\beta} \left( \partial_{\mu} \partial_{\kappa} \partial_{\alpha} \mathcal{A}_{M}^{A} \right) \left( \partial_{\nu} \partial_{\lambda} \partial_{\beta} \mathcal{A}_{N}^{B} \right) + \dots \dots \qquad (36b)$$

It is important to emphasize, as it is customary in Moyal star products, that the poly-vector coordinates appearing in the r.h.s of eqs-(35-36) are treated as *c*-numbers (as if they were commuting) while it is the product of functions appearing in the l.h.s of (35-36) which are *noncommutative*.

Star products in noncommutative C-space lead to many more terms in eqs-(35-36) than in ordinary noncommutative spaces. For example, there are derivatives terms involving polyvectors which do not appear in ordinary non-commutative spaces, like

$$-4 g^{\mu_1\nu_1} X^{\mu_2\nu_2} \frac{\partial \mathcal{A}_M^A}{\partial X^{\mu_1\mu_2}} \frac{\partial \mathcal{A}_N^B}{\partial X^{\nu_1\nu_2}} \pm \dots \dots \qquad (37a)$$

$$2 \left( g^{\mu_2 \nu} X^{\mu_1} - g^{\mu_1 \nu} X^{\mu_2} \right) \frac{\partial \mathcal{A}^A_M}{\partial X^{\mu_1 \mu_2}} \frac{\partial \mathcal{A}^B_N}{\partial X^{\nu}}.$$
(37b)

$$X^{\mu_1\mu_2\mu_3\nu} \frac{\partial \mathcal{A}^A_M}{\partial X^{\mu_1\mu_2\mu_3}} \frac{\partial \mathcal{A}^J_B}{\partial X^{\nu}}.$$
 (37c)

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$$G^{\mu_1\mu_2\mu_3 \ \nu_1\nu_2\nu_3} X^{\mu_4\nu_4} \frac{\partial \mathcal{A}^A_M}{\partial X^{\mu_1\mu_2\mu_3\mu_4}} \frac{\partial \mathcal{A}^B_N}{\partial X^{\nu_1\nu_2\nu_3\nu_4}}, \quad etc \ \dots$$
(37d)

There is a subalgebra of the noncommutative polyvector-valued coordinates algebra (27) involving only  $X^{\mu}$  and the bivector coordinates  $X^{\mu\nu}$  when the spacetime metric components  $g_{\mu\nu}$  are constant. However, because  $[X^{\mu_1\mu_2}, X^{\nu}] \neq 0$ one must not confuse the algebra in this case with the ordinary  $\Theta$ -noncommutative algebra  $[X^{\mu_1}, X^{\mu_2}] = \Theta^{\mu_1\mu_2}$  where the components of  $\Theta^{\mu_1\mu_2}$  are comprised of constants such that  $[\Theta^{\mu_1\mu_2}, X^{\nu}] = 0$ .

The analog of a Yang-Mills action in C-spaces when the background C-space flat metric  $G^{MN}$  is X-independent is given by

$$S = \int [DX] < F_{MN}^A \Gamma_A * F_{PQ}^B \Gamma_B > G^{MP} G^{NQ}.$$
(38)

where  $\langle \Gamma_A | \Gamma_B \rangle$  denotes the Clifford-scalar part of the Clifford geometric product of two generators. As mentioned in the introduction suitable powers of a length scale must be included in the expansion of the terms inside the integrand in order to have consistent dimensions (the action is dimensionless). The action (38) becomes

$$\int [DX] (F_{MN} * F^{MN} + F^{a}_{MN} * F^{MN}_{a} + F^{a_{1}a_{2}}_{MN} * F^{MN}_{a_{1}a_{2}} + \dots + F^{a_{1}a_{2}\dots a_{d}}_{MN} * F^{MN}_{a_{1}a_{2}\dots a_{d}} ).$$
(39)

the measure in C-space is given by

$$DX = d\sigma \prod dx^{\mu} \prod dx^{\mu_1 \mu_2} \prod dx^{\mu_1 \mu_2 \mu_3} \dots dx^{\mu_1 \mu_2 \dots \mu_d}.$$
 (40a)

The Clifford-valued gauge field  $\mathcal{A}_M$  transforms under star gauge transformations according to  $\mathcal{A}'_M = U^{-1}_* * \mathcal{A}_M * U_* + U^{-1}_* * \partial_M U_*$ . The field strength F transforms covariantly  $F'_{MN} = U^{-1}_* * F_{MN} * U_*$  such that the action (39) is star gauge invariant.  $U_* = exp_*(\xi(X)) = exp_*(\xi^A(X)\Gamma_A)$  is defined via a star power series expansion  $U_* = \sum_n \frac{1}{n!} (\xi(X))^n_*$  where  $(\xi(X))^n_* = \xi(X) * \xi(X) * \dots * \xi(X)$ . The integral  $\int F * F = \int F F$  + total derivatives. If the fields vanish fast enough at infinity and/or there are no boundaries, the contribution of the total derivative terms are zero.

When the star product is truly *associative* one has star gauge invariance of the action (39) under infinitesimal  $\delta F = [F, \xi]_*$  transformations

$$\delta_{\xi}S = 2 \int \langle F * [F, \xi]_* \rangle = 2 \int \langle F * F * \xi \rangle - 2 \int \langle F * \xi * F \rangle.$$
(40b)

If the star product is associative due to the relations in eqs-(33) one can show that eq-(40b) becomes ( up to a trivial factor of 2 )

$$\int F^{A} * F^{B} * \xi^{C} < \Gamma_{A} \Gamma_{B} \Gamma_{C} > - \int F^{A} * \xi^{C} * F^{B} < \Gamma_{A} \Gamma_{C} \Gamma_{B} > =$$

$$\int F^{B} * \xi^{C} * F^{A} < \Gamma_{B} \Gamma_{C} \Gamma_{A} > - \int F^{A} * \xi^{C} * F^{B} < \Gamma_{A} \Gamma_{C} \Gamma_{B} > = 0$$
(40c)

so one arrives at the zero result in (40c), assuring  $\delta S = 0$ , after using the *cyclic* property of the scalar part of the geometric product

$$<\Gamma_A \Gamma_B \Gamma_C > = <\Gamma_B \Gamma_C \Gamma_A > = <\Gamma_C \Gamma_A \Gamma_B > (40d)$$

and *relabeling* the indices  $B \leftrightarrow A$  in the third term of (40c).

In ordinary commutative C-spaces one can perform the mode expansion in integer powers of the poly-vector coordinates

$$\mathcal{A}_{M}(X) = \mathcal{A}_{M}(\sigma, \mathbf{x}^{\mu}, x^{\mu_{1}\mu_{2}}, \dots, x^{\mu_{1}\mu_{2},\dots,\mu_{d}}) = \sum_{n_{I}} \mathcal{A}_{M,n_{I}}(\mathbf{x}^{\mu}) \sigma^{n_{o}} (x^{12})^{n_{12}} \dots (x^{123})^{n_{123}} \dots (x^{12\dots,M})^{n_{123\dots,M}}.$$
 (41)

The sum over the spacetime dependent fields  $\mathcal{A}_{M,n_I}(\mathbf{x}^{\mu})$  is taken over the infinite number of integer-valued modes associated with the collection set of integers

$$n_I = n_o, n_{12}, \dots, n_{123}, \dots, n_{1234}, \dots, n_{12\dots d}.$$
 (42)

In Noncommutative C-spaces we may replace the ordinary products of the polyvector valued coordinates in eq-(41) for their star products.

To finalize we provide a description of QM in Noncommutative C-spaces based on Yang's Noncommutative phase space algebra [10]. There is a *subalgebra* of the C-space operator-valued coordinates which is *isomorphic* to the Noncommutative Yang's 4D spacetime algebra [10]. This can be seen after establishing the following correspondence between the C-space vector/bivector (area-coordinates) algebra, associated to the 6D angular momentum (Lorentz) algebra, and the Yang's spacetime algebra via the SO(6) generators  $\Sigma^{ij}$  in 6D  $(i, j = 1, 2, 3, \dots, 6)$  as follows [11]

$$i \hbar \Sigma^{\mu\nu} \leftrightarrow i \frac{\hbar}{\lambda^2} \hat{X}^{\mu\nu}, \quad i \Sigma^{56} \leftrightarrow i \frac{R}{\lambda} \mathcal{N}.$$
 (43a)

$$i \lambda \Sigma^{\mu 5} \leftrightarrow i \hat{X}^{\mu}, \quad i \Sigma^{\mu 6} \leftrightarrow i \frac{R}{\hbar} \hat{P}^{\mu}$$
 (43b)

where the indices  $\mu, \nu = 1, 2, 3, 4$ . The scales  $\lambda$  and R are a lower and upper scale respectively, like the Planck and Hubble scale. The SO(6) algebra  $[\Sigma^{ij}, \Sigma^{kl}] = -g^{ik}\Sigma^{jl} + \dots$  can be recast in terms of a *noncommutative* phase space algebra as

$$[\hat{P}^{\mu}, \mathcal{N}] = -i \eta^{66} \frac{\hbar}{R^2} \hat{X}^{\mu}, \quad [\hat{X}^{\mu}, \mathcal{N}] = i \eta^{55} \frac{\lambda^2}{\hbar} \hat{P}^{\mu}.$$
(44)

$$[\hat{X}^{\mu}, \, \hat{X}^{\nu}] = -i \, \eta^{55} \, \hat{X}^{\mu\nu}, \quad [\hat{P}^{\mu}, \, \hat{P}^{\nu}] = -i \, \eta^{66} \, \frac{\hbar^2}{R^2 \, \lambda^2} \, \hat{X}^{\mu\nu}, \quad \hat{X}^{\mu\nu} = \, \lambda^2 \, \Sigma^{\mu\nu}$$
(45)

$$[\hat{X}^{\mu}, \ \hat{P}^{\mu}] = i \ \hbar \ \eta^{\mu\nu} \ \frac{\lambda}{R} \ \Sigma^{56} = i \ \hbar \ \eta^{\mu\nu} \ \mathcal{N}, \quad [\hat{X}^{\mu\nu}, \ \mathcal{N}] = 0.$$
(46)

The last relation is the *modified* Heisenberg algebra in 4D since  $\mathcal{N}$  does not commute with  $X^{\mu}$  nor  $P^{\mu}$ . The remaining nonvanishing commutation relations are

$$[\Sigma^{\mu\nu}, \hat{X}^{\rho}] = -i \eta^{\mu\rho} \hat{X}^{\nu} + i \eta^{\nu\rho} \hat{X}^{\mu}$$
(47a)

$$[\Sigma^{\mu\nu}, \hat{P}^{\rho}] = -i \eta^{\mu\rho} \hat{P}^{\nu} + i \eta^{\nu\rho} \hat{P}^{\mu}.$$
(47b)

$$[\Sigma^{\mu\nu}, \Sigma^{\rho\tau}] = -i \eta^{\mu\rho} \Sigma^{\nu\tau} + i \eta^{\nu\rho} \Sigma^{\mu\tau} - \dots \qquad (47c)$$

the last relation is the same as that in eq-(18) after reabsorbing factors of 2 in the definition of  $\Sigma^{\mu\nu}$ . Eqs-(44-47) are the defining relations of the Yang's Noncommutative 4D spacetime algebra involving the 8D phase-space variables  $X^{\mu}, P^{\mu}$  and the angular momentum (Lorentz) generators  $\Sigma^{\mu\nu}$  in 4D. The above commutators obey the Jacobi identities. An immediate consequence of Yang's noncommutative algebra is that now one has a modified products of uncertainties

$$\Delta X^{\mu} \Delta P^{\nu} \geq \frac{\hbar}{2} \eta^{\mu\nu} \parallel < \Sigma^{56} > \parallel; \quad \Delta X^{\mu} \Delta X^{\nu} \geq \frac{\lambda^2}{2} \parallel < \Sigma^{\mu\nu} > \parallel$$
$$\Delta P^{\mu} \Delta P^{\nu} \geq \frac{1}{2} (\frac{\hbar}{R})^2 \parallel < \Sigma^{\mu\nu} > \parallel. \tag{48}$$

The Noncommutative phase space Yang's algebra in 4D can be generalized to the Noncommutative Clifford phase space algebra associated to the 4Dspacetime after following the same prescription as in eqs-(43) by invoking higher dimensions (12D in this case instead of 6D) as follows

$$X^{\mu} \leftrightarrow \lambda \Gamma^{\mu} \wedge \Gamma^{5}, \quad P^{\mu} \leftrightarrow \frac{\hbar}{R} \Gamma^{\mu} \wedge \Gamma^{6}.$$
 (49)

$$X^{\mu_1\mu_2} \leftrightarrow \Upsilon^{[\mu_1\mu_2]} \stackrel{[57]}{=} \neq \lambda^2 \Gamma^{\mu_1} \wedge \Gamma^{\mu_2} \wedge \Gamma^5 \wedge \Gamma^7$$
$$P^{\mu_1\mu_2} \leftrightarrow \Upsilon^{[\mu_1\mu_2]} \stackrel{[68]}{=} \neq (\frac{\hbar}{R})^2 \Gamma^{\mu_1} \wedge \Gamma^{\mu_2} \wedge \Gamma^6 \wedge \Gamma^8.$$
(50)

 $X^{\mu_1\mu_2\mu_3} \leftrightarrow \Upsilon^{[\mu_1\mu_2\mu_3]} \stackrel{[579]}{=} \neq \lambda^3 \Gamma^{\mu_1} \wedge \Gamma^{\mu_2} \wedge \Gamma^{\mu_3} \wedge \Gamma^5 \wedge \Gamma^7 \wedge \Gamma^9$ 

$$P^{\mu_1\mu_2\mu_3} \leftrightarrow \Upsilon^{[\mu_1\mu_2\mu_3]} [6810] \neq (\frac{\hbar}{R})^3 \Gamma^{\mu_1} \wedge \Gamma^{\mu_2} \wedge \Gamma^{\mu_3} \wedge \Gamma^6 \wedge \Gamma^8 \wedge \Gamma^{10}.$$
(51)

 $X^{\mu_1\mu_2\mu_3\mu_4} \ \leftrightarrow \ \Upsilon^{[\mu_1\mu_2\mu_3\mu_4]} \ [57911] \ \neq \ \lambda^4 \ \Gamma^{\mu_1} \wedge \Gamma^{\mu_2} \wedge \Gamma^{\mu_3} \wedge \Gamma^{\mu_4} \wedge \Gamma^5 \wedge \Gamma^7 \wedge \Gamma^9 \wedge \Gamma^{11}$ 

$$P^{\mu_1\mu_2\mu_3\mu_4} \leftrightarrow \Upsilon^{[\mu_1\mu_2\mu_3\mu_4]} [681012] \neq (\frac{h}{R})^4 \Gamma^{\mu_1} \wedge \Gamma^{\mu_2} \wedge \Gamma^{\mu_3} \wedge \Gamma^{\mu_4} \wedge \Gamma^6 \wedge \Gamma^8 \wedge \Gamma^{10} \wedge \Gamma^{12}$$

$$(52)$$

The indices  $\mu_1, \mu_2, \mu_3, \mu_4$  range from 1, 2, 3, 4. The extra indices span 8 additional directions (dimensions) leaving a total dimension of 4 + 8 = 12. The *noncommutative* Clifford phase space algebra commutators are defined in terms of the algebra

$$[\Upsilon^{MN}, \Upsilon^{PQ}] = -i G^{MP} \Upsilon^{NQ} + i G^{MQ} \Upsilon^{NP} + i G^{NP} \Upsilon^{MQ} - i G^{NQ} \Upsilon^{MP}$$
(53)

The generators obey  $\Upsilon^{MN} = -\Upsilon^{NM}$ , and  $G^{MN} = G^{NM}$  under an exchange of multi-indices  $M \leftrightarrow N$ .

The algebra (53) has the same structure as a *generalized spin algebra* and satisfies the Jacobi identities. We must stress that

$$[\Upsilon^{MN}, \Upsilon^{PQ}] \neq [[\Gamma^M, \Gamma^N], [\Gamma^P, \Gamma^Q]].$$
(54)

*except* in the special case when M, N, P, Q are all *bivector* indices : hence we must *emphasize* that the generalized spin algebra (53) *is not isomorphic* to the noncommutative algebra of eqs-(15-24) ! For example, from the commutator

$$[\Upsilon^{[\mu_1\mu_2\mu_3]} [579], \Upsilon^{[\nu_1\nu_2\nu_3]} [6810]] = -i \ G^{[\mu_1\mu_2\mu_3]} \ [\nu_1\nu_2\nu_3] \ \Upsilon^{[579]} [6810].$$
(55a)

one can infer the Weyl-Heisenberg algebra commutator

$$[X^{\mu_1\mu_2\mu_3}, P^{\nu_1\nu_2\nu_3}] = -i \hbar^3 G^{[\mu_1\mu_2\mu_3] [\nu_1\nu_2\nu_3]} \Upsilon^{[579] [6810]}.$$
(55b)

From the commutator

$$[\Upsilon^{[\mu_1\mu_2\mu_3]} [579], \Upsilon^{[\nu_1\nu_2\nu_3]} [579]] = -i G^{[579]} \Upsilon^{[\mu_1\mu_2\mu_3]} [\nu_1\nu_2\nu_3].$$
(56a)

one can infer the commutator among the tri-vector coordinates

$$[X^{\mu_1\mu_2\mu_3}, X^{\nu_1\nu_2\nu_3}] = -i \lambda^6 G^{[579]} [579] \Upsilon^{[\mu_1\mu_2\mu_3]} [\nu_1\nu_2\nu_3].$$
(56b)

where  $\Upsilon^{[\mu_1\mu_2\mu_3] \ [\nu_1\nu_2\nu_3]}$  is a generalized angular momentum (spin) generator. From the commutator

$$[\Upsilon^{[\mu_1\mu_2\mu_3]} [579], \Upsilon^{[579]} [6810]] = i \ G^{[579]} \ \Upsilon^{[\mu_1\mu_2\mu_3]} [6810].$$
(57a)

one can infer the commutator

$$[X^{\mu_1\mu_2\mu_3}, \Upsilon^{[579] [6810]}] = i \lambda^6 \frac{1}{\hbar^3} G^{[579] [579]} P^{\mu_1\mu_2\mu_3}.$$
(57b)

which exchanges the  $X^{\mu_1\mu_2\mu_3}$  for  $P^{\mu_1\mu_2\mu_3}$ , etc ..... Therefore, eqs-(55,56,57) are the suitable tri-vector analog of eqs-(44,45,46). Clearly, the above non-vanishing commutators differ from those in eqs-(15-24) and will modify the QM wave equations when one introduces potential terms like V(X) = g(X \* X \* ..... \* X). QM in ordinary (commutative) C-spaces can be found in [11].

Having provided the basic ideas and results behind polyvector gauge field theories in Noncommutative Clifford spaces, the construction of Noncommutative Clifford-space gravity as polyvector valued gauge theories of twisted diffeomorphisms in C-spaces will be the subject of future investigations. It would require quantum Hopf algebraic deformations of Clifford algebras [9]. Such theory is far richer than gravity in Noncommutative spacetimes [13].

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