CONTINUOUS SPIN FIELDS IN **AdS** SPACES

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PLACE OF THE CS FIELDS IN UIRS OF THE POINCARÉ GROUP

- ▶ UIRs of ISO(1,3) were described in the works of Wigner and Bargmann: 1939 1948
- ▶ Algebra iso(1,3) has two Casimir operators C_2 and C_4 , which are defined via iso(1,3)-generators P_m and J_{mn} as follows

$$C_2 := P^m P_m$$
, $C_4 := W^m W_m$, where $W_m = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{mnlr} P^n J^{lr}$

- 1. Massive UIRs: $C_2 \sim \mathbf{m}^2$ and $C_4 \sim \mathbf{m}^2 j(j+1)$, where $\mathbf{m} \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$ and $j \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0} + \frac{1}{2}$
- 2. Massless UIRs: $C_2 \sim 0$
 - 2.1 **Helicity(gauge fields)**: $C_4 \sim 0$ and there is helicity operator $\hat{h} \sim n$, where $n \in \mathbb{Z} + \frac{1}{2}$ 2.2 **Infinite (continuous)** spin¹ : $C_4 \sim \mu^2$, where $\mu \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$
- ▶ ISO(1, D-1) case. Induced representations². Massive: SO(D-1). Helicity(gauge fields): SO(D-2). Infinite (continuous): ISO(D-2)
- ► The general structure of the classification remains the same, but symmetric tensors → mixed-symmetry tensors

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¹X.Bekaert, E.Skvortsov, Elementary particles with continuous spin (2017), arXiv:1708.01030

²X.Bekaert, N.Boulanger, The unitary representations of the Poincaré group in any spacetime dimension (2006), arXiv:hep-th/0611263

CS EQUATION FOR $\mathbb{R}^{1,3}$ IN SPINOR FORMALISM

- ► Basis
 - UIRs of *ISO*(2) are infinite-dimensional, because this group is non-compact
 - Basis in the space of these UIRs can be take as: $|n\rangle$ or $|\phi\rangle$, where $n \in \mathbb{Z}, \ \phi \in [0, 2\pi)$
- ▶ Action of the iso(2) algebra with generators $\{T_{\pm}, R\}$ on basis $|n\rangle$

$$T_{\pm}|\mathrm{n}
angle = \mu|\mathrm{n}\pm1
angle\,, \qquad R|\mathrm{n}
angle = \mathrm{n}|\mathrm{n}
angle\,, \qquad \boxed{T_{+}T_{-}|\mathrm{n}
angle = \mu^{2}|\mathrm{n}
angle}$$

- ▶ Wigner's wave function in momentum space $\Phi_n(p_m)$ or $\Phi(p_m, \phi)$, where $p_m \in \mathbb{R}^{1,3}$, which is non-locally transformed under Poincaré group and has a non-relativistic form
- Converting this into a relativistic field $\Psi(x_m, y_n)$ or $\Psi(x_m, \xi^{\alpha}, \bar{\xi}^{\dot{\alpha}})$ with a local transformation law was found by **P.Schuster and N.Toro**, **arXiv:1302.1198** and by our group in the spinor formalism **arXiv:2303.11852**. Then we can find relativistic equations for these fields
- ▶ We can get these equations another way (which can be also applied to the **AdS** case):
 - Fix the space of representation and the realization of iso(1,3)
 - Take natural operator constrains (EoM), that resolve Casimir operators: $C_2 \sim 0$, $C_4 \sim \mu^2$
 - Solve these operator constraints
 - Check that the solution includes the spectrum of the continuous spin field (decomposition in infinite sum over (all) helicity fields)

CS EQUATION FOR $\mathbb{R}^{1,3}$ IN SPINOR FORMALISM

▶ Realization of iso(1,3) on functions $\Psi(x_m, \xi^{\alpha}, \bar{\xi}^{\dot{\alpha}})$ is

$$P_n = \partial_n$$
, $J_{mn} = x_m \partial_n - x_n \partial_m + \mathcal{M}_{mn}$, $\mathcal{M}_{mn} = \xi^{\alpha} (\sigma_{mn})_{\alpha}^{\ \beta} \partial_{\beta} + \bar{\xi}_{\dot{\alpha}} (\tilde{\sigma}_{mn})_{\dot{\beta}}^{\dot{\alpha}} \bar{\partial}^{\dot{\beta}}$

Casimir operators on this realization are

$$C_2 = \partial_n \partial^n, \qquad C_4 = \mathcal{M}_{l(m} \mathcal{M}^l_{n)} \partial^m \partial^n - \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{M}_{ml} \mathcal{M}^{ml} \partial_n \partial^n$$

Notation is the following

$$a^m := \xi^{\alpha}(\sigma^m)_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}}\bar{\xi}^{\dot{\alpha}}, \quad b^m := \partial^{\alpha}(\sigma^m)_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}}\bar{\partial}^{\dot{\alpha}}, \qquad N = \xi^{\alpha}\partial_{\alpha}, \quad \bar{N} = \bar{\xi}^{\dot{\alpha}}\bar{\partial}_{\dot{\alpha}}$$

▶ New form of C₄ is

$$C_4 = F(N, \bar{N}) \partial_n \partial^n - (a^n \partial_n) (b^m \partial_m)$$

Operator constraints are

$$\underbrace{\partial_n \partial^n \Psi}_{l_0} = 0, \qquad \underbrace{(i \, a^m \partial_m - \boldsymbol{\mu})}_{l_\perp} \Psi = 0, \qquad \underbrace{(i \, b^m \partial_m - \boldsymbol{\mu})}_{l} \Psi = 0 \quad \Longrightarrow \quad \boxed{C_2 \sim 0, \quad C_4 \sim \boldsymbol{\mu}^2}$$

▶ Integer spin constraint. Constraints form the closed algebra

$$U\Psi = 0$$
, $U = (N - \bar{N})$, $[l_+, l] \sim K l_0$, $K = N + \bar{N} + 2$

- Solutions correspond to the CS field. The BRST Lagrangian.
- ▶ R.Metsaev, M.Khabarov, Yu. Zinoviev, A.Bengtsson, P.Schuster, N.Toro, M.Najafizadeh ...

CS EQUATION FOR $\mathbb{R}^{1,5}$ IN SPINOR FORMALISM

- iso(1,5) has three Casimir operators: $C_2 = \dots, C_4 = \dots, C_6 = (1/64)\Upsilon_n\Upsilon^n, \quad \Upsilon_n = \varepsilon_{nmklrd}J^{nk}J^{lr}P^d$
- ▶ Induced form the ISO(4) group. Moreover, there is a (half-)integer parameter \boxed{s} , which is related with SO(3) in addition to the continuous parameter $\boxed{\mu}$, arXiv:2011.14725
- ▶ Spinor formulation in the space $\Psi(x_m, \rho_\alpha^A)$, where $x_m \in \mathbb{R}^{1,5}$, \overline{A} is SU(2) index and α is $SU^*(4) = Spin(1,5)$ index, I.B., S.F., A.I., arXiv:2108.04716 and T.Kugo, P.Townsend, Supersymmetry and the Division Algebras (1983)
- ▶ Realization of iso(1,5) is the same, except the spin part is given by $\mathcal{M}_{mn} = -\rho_{\alpha}^{A}(\tilde{\sigma}_{mn})^{\alpha}{}_{\beta}\partial_{A}^{\beta}$
- ► Notation is the following

$$A_{m} = \frac{1}{2} \varepsilon_{AB} \, \rho_{\alpha}^{B} (\tilde{\sigma}_{m})^{\alpha\beta} \rho_{\beta}^{A} \,, \quad B_{m} = \frac{1}{2} \varepsilon^{AB} \, \partial_{B}^{\alpha} (\sigma_{m})_{\alpha\beta} \partial_{A}^{\beta} \,, \qquad N := \rho_{\alpha}^{A} \partial_{A}^{\alpha} \,, \qquad \mathbf{N} := \rho_{\alpha}^{A} \partial_{B}^{\alpha} \, \rho_{\beta}^{B} \partial_{A}^{\beta} \,$$

Constraints are

$$\underbrace{\partial_n \partial^n \Psi}_{l_0} \Psi = 0, \qquad \underbrace{(A^m \partial_m - \boldsymbol{\mu})}_{\bar{l}} \Psi = 0, \qquad \underbrace{(B^m \partial_m - \boldsymbol{\mu})}_{l} \Psi = 0 \quad \Longrightarrow \quad \boxed{C_2 \sim 0, \quad C_4 \sim \boldsymbol{\mu}^2, C_6 \sim -\boldsymbol{\mu}^2 J}$$

▶ One more constraint is required:

$$(J - const)\Psi = 0$$
, where $J = \frac{1}{2}(N - \frac{1}{2}N^2)$ and $const = s(s+1)$

since J is the Casimir operator of \$o(3) as shown in arXiv:2108.04716, arXiv:2207.02640

▶ The Lagrangian description of the CS field in $\mathbb{R}^{1,5}$ was given in arXiv:2308.05622

GENERAL INFORMATION AND OUR GOALS

- ► AdS_D symmetry group is SO(2, D-1)
- ▶ There are no continuous spin representations in the known classification of highest weight representations $|E_0, \mathbb{Y}_0\rangle$ induced from the compact subgroup $-SO(2) \oplus SO(D-1)$, **P. Dirac**, C.Fronsdal, M.Flato, N.Evans, A.Barut, N.Limić, J. Niederle, R.Raczka, V.Dobrev, E.Sezgin, M.Vasiliev, R.Metsaev, Yu.Zinoviev, . . .
- ▶ But there are consistent models with certain parameters, which are reduced to either known Minkowski continuous spin theories or finite spin AdS theories, R.Metsaev and Yu.Zinoviev, M.Khabarov, I.B., S.F., A.I., V.K.
- ▶ Also there is some hypothesis, that these representations are induced from the non-compact subgroup $SO(1,1) \oplus SO(1,D-2)$, **X.Bekaert**, **E.Skvortsov**

Our results

- ▶ Operator constraints l_0, l_+, l, U and $l_0, \tilde{l}, l, \tilde{U}$ can be consistently generalized to the **AdS**₄ and **AdS**₆ cases, respectively
- ► Moreover, these constraints fix the eigenvalues of the Casimir operators of the **AdS** symmetry algebra in both cases

CS FIELDS IN AdS₄ SPACE

- ▶ We will consider functions $Ψ(x_{μ}, ξ^{α}, \bar{ξ}^{\dot{α}})$, where $x_{μ}$ is a coordinate on the AdS_4 space with the metric $g_{μν}$ and a standard definition of the frame fields: $e^m_{μ}e^n_{ν}\eta_{mn} = g_{μν}$, $e^\mu_m e^\nu_n g_{μν} = \eta_{mn}$, where η_{mn} is the flat metric $||\eta_{nm}|| = \text{diag}(-, +, +, +)$
- ► Covariant derivative (via the spin-connection) and geometric constraints are

$$\mathcal{D}_n = e_n^\mu \left(\partial_\mu + rac{1}{2} w_{\mu l k} \mathcal{M}^{l k}
ight) \,, \quad \mathcal{T}^l_{m n} = 0 \,, \quad \mathcal{R}_{m n}^{ k l} = -rac{1}{R^2} \left(\delta^k_m \delta^l_n - \delta^k_n \delta^l_m
ight)$$

▶ New constraints, that are found by rules: a) change the derivative to the covariant derivative b) add a terms to make the algebra closed (check: the flat limit, the last constant *U* remains to be unchanged)

$$L_0 = (\mathcal{D})^2 - \frac{1}{2R^2} \mathcal{M}_{mn} \mathcal{M}^{mn} + \frac{2(1 + \mu R)}{R^2}, \quad L_+ = i(a^m \mathcal{D}_m) - \mu - \frac{K^2}{4R}, \quad L = i(b^m \mathcal{D}_m) - \mu - \frac{K^2}{4R}$$

▶ Here $K := N + \bar{N} + 2$ and spin generalization of the Laplace-Beltrami operator is

$$(\mathcal{D})^2 := \eta^{mn} (\mathcal{D}_m \mathcal{D}_n + w_{mnl} \mathcal{D}^l) = \left. \frac{1}{\sqrt{-g}} \, \mathcal{D}_\mu \sqrt{-g} \, g^{\mu\nu} \mathcal{D}_\nu \right|_{\mathcal{M}_{mn} = 0} = \Box_{\mathbf{AdS_4}}$$

▶ Algebra of constraints (I.B., S.F., A.I., V.A. Krykhtin, arXiv:2402.13879, arXiv:2403.14446) is

$$[L_0, L_+] = [L_0, L] = 0$$
, $[L_+, L] = KL_0 + R^{-1}(K - 1)L_+ + R^{-1}(K + 1)L$

▶ These constraints were used to construct the real BRST Lagrangian (I.B., S.F., A.I., V.K.)

Realization of the SO(2,3) symmetry group

- ► $AdS_4 \subset \mathbb{R}^{2,3} : X^A X^B \eta_{AB} = -R^2, A, B = 0, \dots 4 \text{ and } ||\eta_{AB}|| = \text{diag}(-, +, +, +, -)$
- ▶ Group symmetry is SO(2,3). The Lie algebra generators are $J_{AB} = -J_{BA}$. The split generators are $\{P_m = R^{-1}J_{m4}, J_{nl}\}$, where m, n, l = 0, ... 3. The commutation relations are

$$[P_m, P_n] = R^{-2}J_{mn}$$
, $[J_{mn}, P_l] = \eta_{nl}P_m - \eta_{ml}P_n$, $[J_{mn}, J_{kl}] = \eta_{nk}J_{ml} + 3$ term

- ▶ The flat limit is $R \to \infty$: $\mathfrak{so}(2,3) \to \mathfrak{iso}(1,3)$
- ► Realization of $\mathfrak{so}(2,3)$ on functions $\Psi(x_{\mu},\xi^{\alpha},\bar{\xi}^{\dot{\alpha}})$
 - From the ambient formalism. The generators are $J_{AB}=X_A\partial_B-X_B\partial_A$, the stereographic coordinates are x^μ , $g_{\mu\nu}=G(x)^{-2}\eta_{\mu\nu}$, $e^n_\mu=G(x)^{-1}\delta^n_\mu$, $G(x)=(1-\eta_{\mu\nu}x^\mu x^\nu/(4R^2))$, $X^m=e^m_\mu x^\mu$, $X^4=R(2/G(x)-1)$. Then J_{AB} splits as

$$J_{AB} \rightarrow \{P_n = e_n^{\mu}(\partial_{\mu} - \frac{1}{2}w_{\mu lk}\mathcal{L}^{lk}), J_{mn} = \mathcal{L}_{mn} := x_m\partial_n - x_n\partial_m\} \left[\mathcal{L} \rightarrow \mathcal{L} + \mathcal{M}\right]$$

$$\{P_n = e_n - \frac{1}{2}w_{nlk}J^{lk}, J_{mn} = \mathcal{L}_{mn} + \mathcal{M}_{mn}\} e_n := e_n^{\mu}\partial_{\mu}, w_{nlk} := e_n^{\mu}w_{\mu lk}$$

• From the conformal group

$$\mathfrak{so}(2,3)\subset\mathfrak{so}(2,4)\simeq\mathfrak{conf}(\mathbb{R}^{1,3}) \implies P_n\sim\mathcal{P}_n+\mathcal{K}_n \text{ and } \Delta=0$$

• Lie-Lorentz derivative (Y. Kosmann (1971), W.G. Unruh (1974))

$$P_n = \mathbb{L}_{\phi_{(n)}} := \phi^{\mu}_{(n)} \mathcal{D}_{\mu} + rac{1}{2} g_{\lambda
u} \left(\mathcal{D}_{\mu} \, \phi^{
u}_{(n)}
ight) e^{\mu}_a e^{\lambda}_b \mathcal{M}^{ab}$$

CASIMIR OPERATORS IN TERMS OF SPIN GENERATORS AND COVARIANT DERIVATIVE

▶ Constraints L_0, L_+, L, U commute with $\mathfrak{so}(2,3)$ generators. It is based on the relations

$$[P_m, \mathcal{D}_n] = w_{mnl}\mathcal{D}^l, \qquad [J_{mn}, \mathcal{D}_l] = \eta_{nl}\mathcal{D}_m - \eta_{ml}\mathcal{D}_n$$

▶ The $\mathfrak{so}(2,3)$ algebra has two Casimir operators:

$$C_2 := \frac{1}{2} J_{AB} J^{AB} = -R^2 P_n P^n + \frac{1}{2} J_{mn} J^{mn} , \quad C_4 := (1/64) \mathcal{A}_{A_1 A_2 A_3 A_4}^{B_1 B_2 B_3 B_4} J_{B_1 B_2} J_{B_3 B_4} J^{A_1 A_2} J^{A_3 A_4} = C_4 (P_n, J_{mn})$$

- ► Correct flat limit is $C_{2,4}/R^2 \stackrel{R \to \infty}{=} C_{2,4}$ (\leftarrow $C_{2n} = R^2 \hat{C}_{2n} \mathfrak{C}_{2n}$)
- Notation of $\mathfrak{so}(2,3)$ invariant operators

$$\mathcal{M}_{(2n)} := \underbrace{\mathcal{M}_{mn} \mathcal{M}^{nl} \cdots \mathcal{M}^{km}}_{\# 2n}, \qquad \left[(\mathcal{D}_{(n)})^2 := \left(\prod_{i=1}^n \mathcal{M} \right)^{km} \left(\prod_{j=1}^n \mathcal{M} \right)_k^n (\mathcal{D}_m \mathcal{D}_n + w_{mnl} \mathcal{D}^l) \right]$$

New form of the Casimir operators is

$$\mathcal{C}_2 = -R^2(\mathcal{D})^2 - \frac{1}{2}\mathcal{M}_{(2)}, \ \mathcal{C}_4 = \mathcal{C}_4\Big((\mathcal{D})^2, (\mathcal{D}_{(1)})^2, \mathcal{M}_{(2)}, \mathcal{M}_{(4)}\Big)$$

▶ Eigenvalues on the constraints L_0, L_+, L and U (L_0 is proportional to C_2 up to a constant) are

$$\mathcal{C}_2 \sim 2(1+\boldsymbol{\mu}R)$$
, $\mathcal{C}_4 \sim \boldsymbol{\mu}R + \boldsymbol{\mu}^2R^2$

► The most degenerate continuous unitary representation of the AdS₄ symmetry group, N.Limić, J. Niederle, R. Raczka (1966)

CS FIELD IN AdS₆

- ▶ Symmetry algebra in this case is $\mathfrak{so}(2,5)$
- ▶ We will work in the space of functions $\Psi(x^{\mu}, \rho_{\alpha}^{A})$, where $x^{\mu} \in \mathbf{AdS_6}$ and the operator \mathcal{M}_{mn} , which is included in \mathcal{D}_{μ} and is realized as in the flat space: $\mathcal{M}_{mn} = -\rho_{\alpha}^{A}(\tilde{\sigma}_{mn})^{\alpha}_{\beta}\partial_{A}^{\beta}$
- ▶ The generalization of the $\mathbb{R}^{1,5}$ continuous spin constraints $L_0, \tilde{L}, L, \tilde{U}$ to the **AdS**₆ ones takes the following form $\left[\tilde{U} \text{ is again the same: } (1/2(N-1/2N^2)-s(s+1))\right]$

$$L_0 = R^{-2} \left(\mathcal{C}_2 + 2(4 + \mu R) \right) , \quad \tilde{L} = (A^m \mathcal{D}_m) - \mu - \frac{s(s+1)}{2R} - \frac{K^2}{4R} , \quad L = (B^m \mathcal{D}_m) - \mu - \frac{s(s+1)}{2R} - \frac{K^2}{4R}$$

- ▶ Here we postulate $L_0 = R^{-2}C_2 + \mathbf{c}$ and $\tilde{L} = (A \cdot \mathcal{D}) \mu + \Delta(N, N)$, $L = (B \cdot \mathcal{D}) \mu + \Delta(N, N)$, then from the requirement of the closure of the algebra $[\tilde{L}, L] = \ldots$ we find \mathbf{c} and $\Delta(N, N)$. In this case K := N + 4
- ▶ Algebra of constraints is similar to the **AdS**₄ case ($L_+ \to \tilde{L}$, $U \to \tilde{U}$ and $K \to K$)

CS FIELD IN AdS₆

► The second and the third Casimir operators of the $\mathfrak{so}(p+1,q)$ algebra (where p+q=D) in terms of covariant derivative (this was found with the help of **Cadabra**, $\mathcal{M} \sim y^{(i)}\partial^{(i)}$) are

$$\begin{split} \mathcal{C}_4 &= (-1)^{p+1} \, R^2 \left((\mathcal{D}_{(1)})^2 + \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{M}_{(2)} (\mathcal{D})^2 \right) + \mathcal{O}_4 (\mathcal{M}) \\ \mathcal{C}_6 &= (-1)^p \, R^2 \left[(\mathcal{D}_{(2)})^2 + \left(1 + \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{M}_{(2)} \right) (\mathcal{D}_{(1)})^2 + \left(\beta_1 \mathcal{M}_{(2)} + \frac{1}{8} \mathcal{M}_{(2)}^2 - \frac{1}{4} \mathcal{M}_{(4)} \right) (\mathcal{D})^2 \right] - \mathcal{O}_6 (\mathcal{M}) \end{split}$$

where $\beta_1 = 1/8 \left(D^2 - 5D + 10 \right)$ and we define

$$\begin{split} \mathcal{O}_4(\mathcal{M}) &= (-1)^{p+1} \left(\frac{(D-2)(D+1)}{8} \mathcal{M}_{(2)} + \frac{1}{8} \mathcal{M}_{(2)}^2 - \frac{1}{4} \mathcal{M}_{(4)} \right) \\ \mathcal{O}_6(\mathcal{M}) &= (-1)^p \Big(\gamma_2 \mathcal{M}_{(2)} + \gamma_{2,2} \mathcal{M}_{(2)}^2 + \gamma_4 \mathcal{M}_{(4)} - \frac{1}{48} \mathcal{M}_{(2)}^3 + \frac{1}{8} \mathcal{M}_{(2)} \mathcal{M}_{(4)} - \frac{1}{6} \mathcal{M}_{(6)} \Big) \end{split}$$

here the constants γ_i are fixed as

$$\gamma_2 = -\frac{1}{12} \left(D^4 - 6D^3 + 13D^2 - 8D - 4 \right), \ \gamma_{2,2} = \frac{1}{48} \left(-3D^2 + D - 2 \right), \ \gamma_4 = \frac{1}{6} \left(2D^2 - 5D + 5 \right)$$

CS FIELD IN AdS₆

► Eigenvalues are

$$\mathcal{C}_2 \simeq 2(4 + \mu R) \,, \quad \mathcal{C}_4 \simeq (\mu R - 3S + 4) (\mu R + S + 1) \,,$$

$$\mathcal{C}_6 \simeq -2S \left(\mu^2 R^2 + (2S + 1) \mu R + S(S + 1) \right)$$

where S = s(s+1)/2 and in the flat limit we have

$$C_2 \simeq 0$$
, $C_4 \simeq \mu^2$, $C_6 \simeq -\mu^2 s(s+1)$.

- ▶ To resolve C_4 we need to use the constraint \tilde{U} , which plays a role only for deriving C_6 in the flat space
- ▶ It is interesting, that if we can try to find the constraints directly from the Casimir operators (as the conditions for its resolution) we will see that there would be one free parameter, which can only be fixed by the condition of the closure of the algebra of these constraints
- ▶ This construction seems to be inequivalent to the description of the CS field using two additional vector variables when $s \neq 0$ (in particular, when s = 0, the description appears to be equivalent to the one involving a single additional vector). This can be analyzed using the $\mathfrak{so}(1,5)$ Casimir operators \mathfrak{C}_4 , \mathfrak{C}_6

$$\mathfrak{C}_4\Big|_{N=\frac{1}{2}N^2} = \mathfrak{C}_6\Big|_{N=\frac{1}{2}N^2} = 0$$

CONCLUSIONS

- Done
 - The consistent deformation of the continuous spin constraints from Mink_{4,6} to AdS_{4,6}
 - The identification of the CS representation in AdS_{4,6}
- ► Future
 - Check unitarity and find out the group that induces this representation
 - Find an easier way and generalize to higher dimension (deformation of the Bekaert-Mourad equation for CS fields of mixed symmetry type)
 - Construction Lagrangian theory in arbitrary dimension

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Thank you for your attention!