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Technological Development in Large Scale
Research Infrastructures

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About INTIS GmbH

- Company founded in December 2011 in Hamburg; spin-off of the “Transrapid-Versuchsanlage Emsland (TVE)” maglev test track
- INTIS is 100% owned by IABG mbH, a company based in Ottobrunn near Munich

Our focus (1): Charging Technology for e-mobility

- turn key wireless power transfer solutions (“inductive charging”)
- Combined (WPT & DC-conductive)
- for use in public environment (incl. micromobility), industrial & maritime applications

Our focus (2): finding way's to re-use the TVE/ testing of future high speed rail guided systems



What does “Large Scale” mean?

Large Scale Research Infrastructures

↳ in terms of it's size: “big” or “huge”

↳ with respect to size of test specimen(s)

↳ for research, validation- & qualification testing at (up to) system level, usually at scale 1:1

Example for Large Scale (testing) infrastructure – Space Research

ESA/ESTEC: → European Space Research and Technology Centre (Noordwijk, The Netherlands)



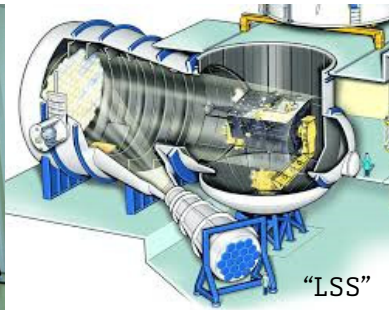
Largest Space Test Center in Europe (about 200m x 200m
→ **not very large in size...**)

... operating an environmental test centre for spacecraft, with supporting engineering laboratories specialised in systems engineering, components and materials, and working within a network of other facilities and laboratories.

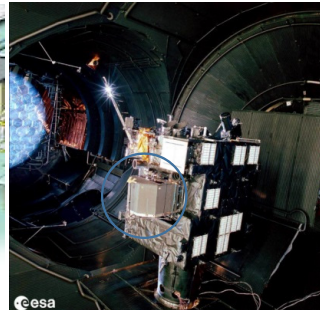
...but testing of different satellite development stages at scale 1:1 possible (sources: ESA)



ATV-StM in “LEAF”



“LSS”



Rosetta-FM with
lander Philae in “LSS”



ATV-FM in EMC-chamber

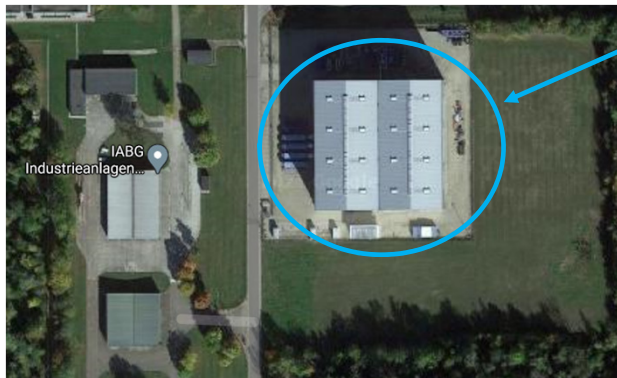


AEOLUS-StM on multi-shaker

LEAF – Large European Acoustic Facility; LSS – Large Space Simulator; StM – Structural model; FM – Flight model; Rosetta and its lander Philae did have a rendezvous with the comet Tschurjumow-Gerassimenko (2014 ... 2016, 12.11.2014); Aeolus: ESA satellite for earth observation (in service)

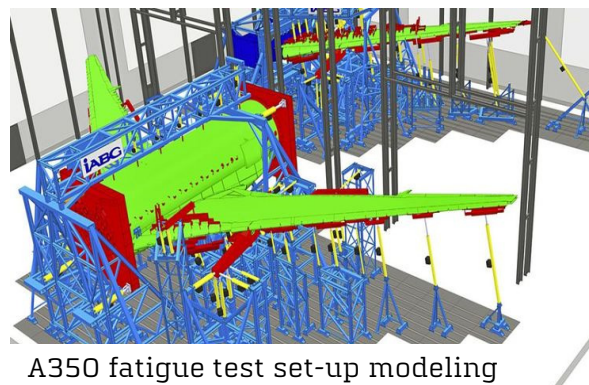
Example for Large Scale (testing) infrastructure – Aerospace Testing

IABG's aircraft full-scale testing facility at the airfield near Erdingen



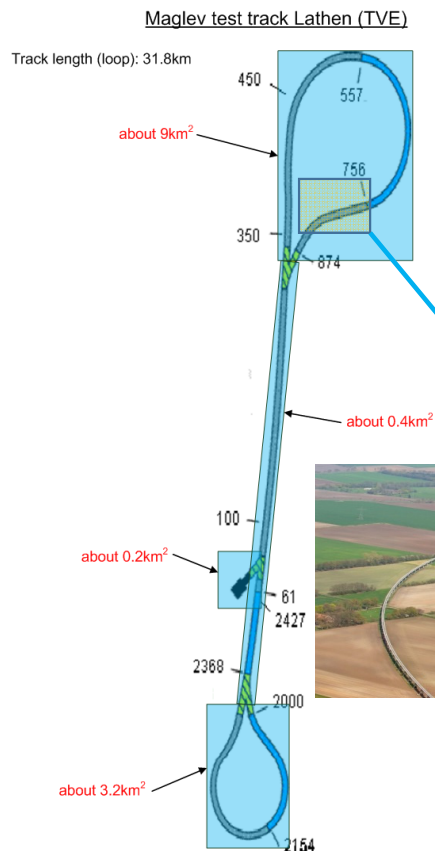
Test Hall Size (about 5000m² → not very large in size...)

...but full-scale (1 : 1) testing of relevant aircraft structures possible (sources: IABG)



Example for Large Scale (testing) infrastructure – TVE (maglev)

IABG's high speed rail (maglev) full-scale testing facility (Lathen, Emsland)



Test site “land occupation” (about 12.8 km² → large size, for full scale testing of all subsystems & at system level)

- erected on private land (rented from several different land owners)
- operated between 1983 and 2011
- not surrounded/ secured by e.g. fences
- operated in public environment
 - operations & maintenance ruled by law: „Gesetz über den Bau und den Betrieb von Versuchsanlagen zur Erprobung von Techniken für den spurgeführten Verkehr“
 - approving authorities to be appointed
 - any kind of activities to be validated/ approved by independent expert witness (assessors)
 - operations and maintenance to be done on the basis of approved procedures
- show video [“November 2011 - TR09 last ride on TVE”](#)

Example for Large Scale (testing) infrastructure – TVE (maglev)

Transrapid (maglev) Testing Facility Emsland (TVE)



The TR09 at the German Transrapid Testing Facility (TVE)

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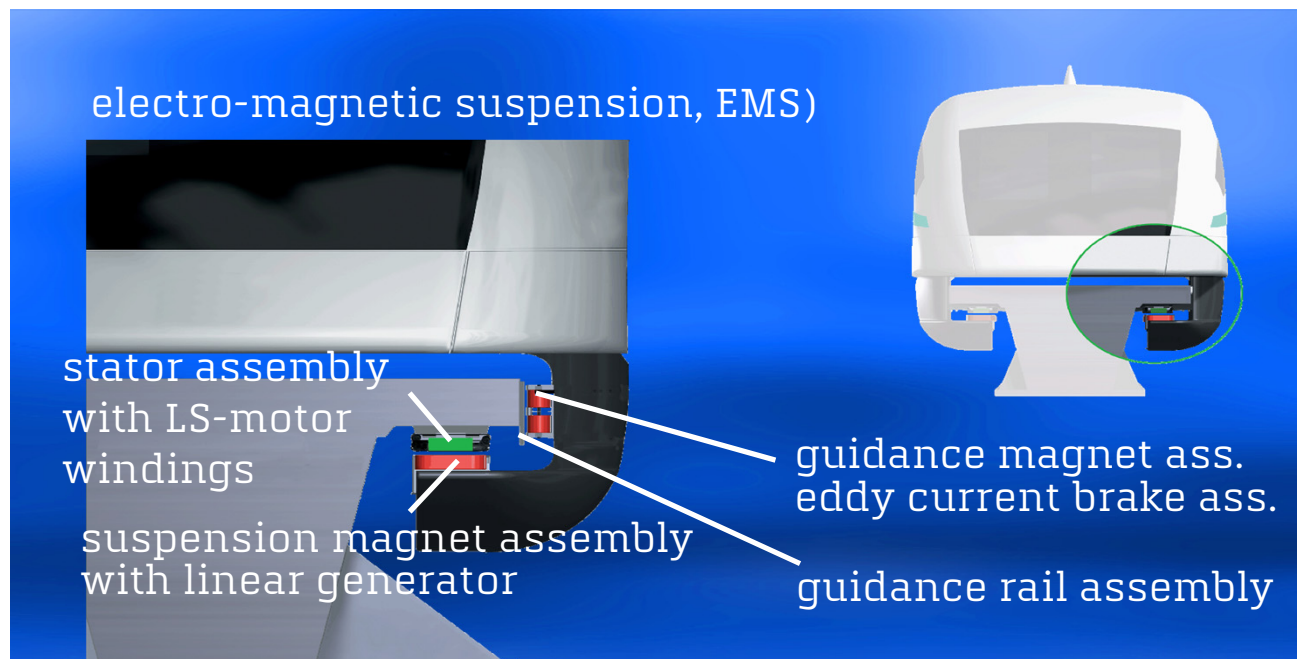


The TR09 at the German Transrapid Testing Facility (TVE)

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Why maglev can help to develop Large Scale Research Infrastructures for Hyperloop → Technology

- Maglev (here Transrapid) already provides proven technical means for high speed rail guided (contactless) applications up to 500km/h but without tube & vacuum
- Experience from maglev system level testing can help to define technical requirements for Hyperloop Large Scale Research- & Testing Infrastructure



Why maglev can help to develop Large Scale Research Infrastructures for Hyperloop → Operations & Maintenance

- Maglev (here Transrapid) already provides operational procedures for high speed rail guided (contactless) applications up to 500km/h but without tube & vacuum

→ Experience from maglev system operations and maintenance can help to define operational requirements for Hyperloop Large Scale Research- & Testing Infrastructure

Example: passenger evacuation:



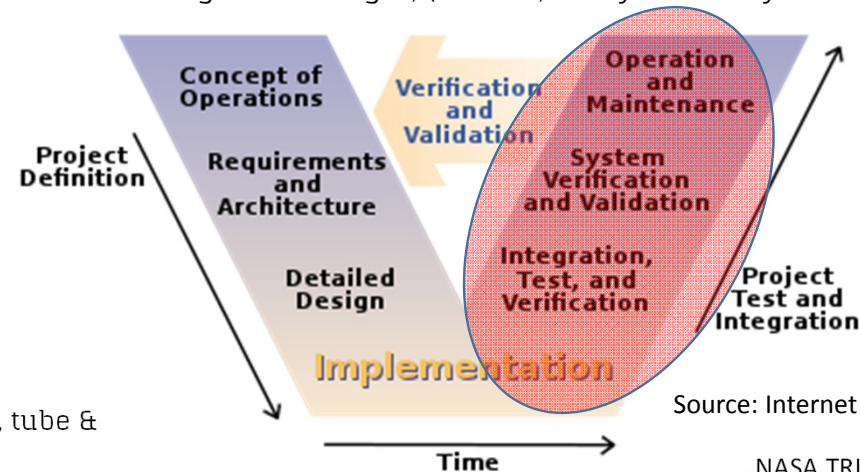
Large Scale Research Infrastructures – a must for the validation of Hyperloop technology and operational aspects

SDLC - systems development life cycle

„V-Model“: a SDLC* -presentation, applicable for the different hard- and software configuration stages, (at unit-, subsystem- & system level)

Large Scale Research Infrastructures for:

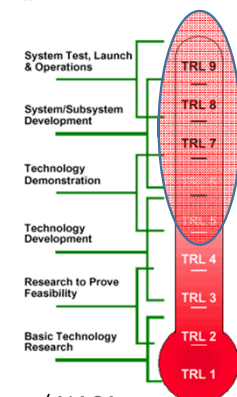
- functional validation of subsystems, e.g.:
 - guideway with tubes and vacuum system
 - propulsion-, levitation-, guidance
- functional validation at system level, e.g.:
 - interactions (propulsion, levitation, guidance, vehicle, tube & vacuum system)
- supporting the process for gathering approvals/permissions, e.g.:
 - HARA- generation & validation (operations, maintenance, safety matters, emergency procedures, etc...)



Source: Internet

Large Scale Testing Facilities involvement required

„NASA TRL- Meter“:



Source: Internet/ NASA

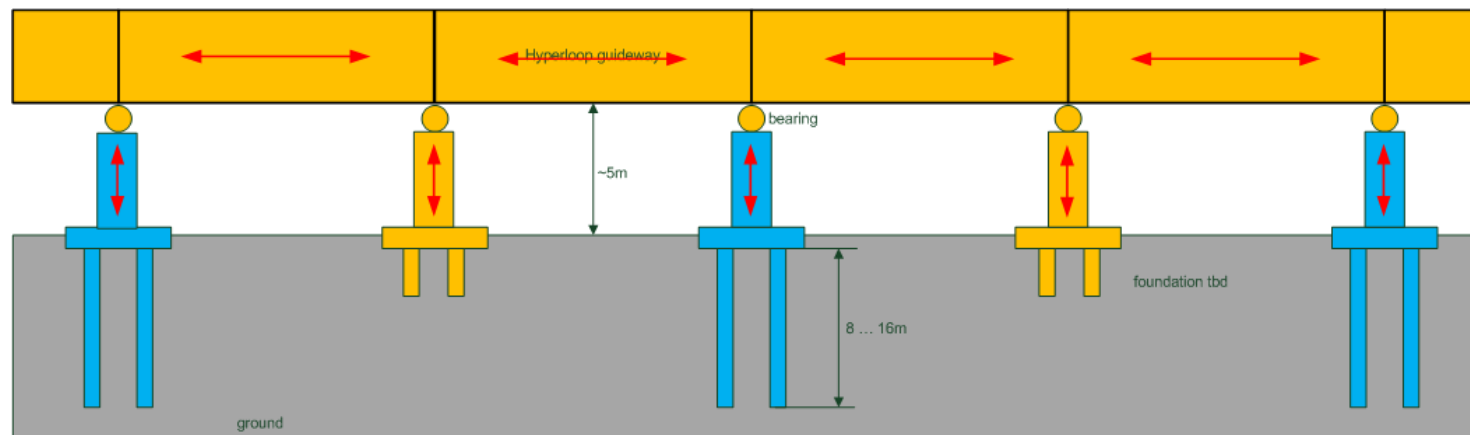
$\Sigma \rightarrow$ supporting TRL-phases 5 to 9+

TVE being available for the provision of Large Scale Research Infrastructure services (1)

... e.g. for design & functional validation of guideway/ tube construction:

- How to design guideway/ tubes & bearings at supporting pillars in order to handle lateral expansion, due to temperature changes - and how to maintain air tightness at tube section interface/ cross-over?

lateral mechanical expansion, caused by temperature changes:



TVE being available for the provision of Large Scale Research Infrastructure services (2)

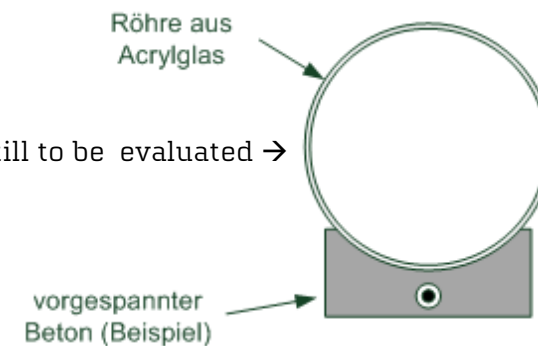
... e.g. for design & functional validation of guideway/ tube construction:

- How to design guideway/ tubes in order to cope with static loads & loads induced by rolling stock, wind, etc.?

... e.g. acrylic glass without concrete support (examples):

Bestimmung des max. Biegemoments Acrylglas		Bestimmung des max. Biegemoments Acrylglas	
Eingaben:		Eingaben:	
Durchmesser außen:	4 m	Durchmesser außen:	4 m
Durchmesser innen:	3,9 m	Durchmesser innen:	3,9 m
Wandstärke:	0,05 m	Wandstärke:	0,05 m
Länge Röhre:	25 m	Länge Röhre:	12,5 m
Dichte Acryl:	1,185 g/cm³	Dichte Acryl:	1,185 g/cm³
E-Modul:	3000 N/mm²	E-Modul:	3000 N/mm²
Zugfestigkeit:	40 N/mm²	Zugfestigkeit:	40 N/mm²
Zugfestigkeit für Berechnungen:	25%	Zugfestigkeit für Berechnungen:	25%
Bauteildaten:		Bauteildaten:	
Q-Fläche außen:	1,26E+01 m²	Q-Fläche außen:	1,26E+01 m²
Q-Fläche innen(Öffnung):	1,19E+01 m²	Q-Fläche innen(Öffnung):	1,19E+01 m²
Q-Fläche:	6,20E-01 m²	Q-Fläche:	6,20E-01 m²
Volumen:	1,55E+01 m³	Volumen:	7,76E+00 m³
Eigengewicht:	183.812,62 N	Eigengewicht:	91.906,31 N
mechanische Eigenschaften:		mechanische Eigenschaften:	
IV,IZ:	1,21E+00 m⁴	IV,IZ:	1,21E+00 m⁴
amax:	2 m	amax:	2 m
Wax:	6,05E-01 m³	Wax:	6,05E-01 m³
Mb:	6,05E+06 Nm	Mb:	6,05E+06 Nm
max. Biegemoment durch Eigengewicht:	5,74E+05 Nm	max. Biegemoment durch Eigengewicht:	1,44E+05 Nm
max. Durchbiegung durch Eigengewicht (Trägerhälfte):	10,30 mm	max. Durchbiegung durch Eigengewicht (Trägerhälfte):	0,64 mm
verbleibendes Biegemoment für Verkehrslast:	5,48E+06 Nm	verbleibendes Biegemoment für Verkehrslast:	5,91E+06 Nm
Fahrzeuglinienlast (Beispiel):	1,00E+04 N/m	Fahrzeuglinienlast (Beispiel):	1,00E+04 N/m
Fahrzeuglänge:	12,5 m	Fahrzeuglänge:	12,5 m
Fahrzeuggesamtgewicht:	1,25E+05 N	Fahrzeuggesamtgewicht:	1,25E+05 N
max. Biegemoment durch Verkehrslast:	5,86E+05 Nm	max. Biegemoment durch Verkehrslast:	1,95E+05 Nm
verbleibendes max. Biegemoment (Reserve):	4,89E+06 Nm	verbleibendes max. Biegemoment (Reserve):	5,71E+06 Nm
Sicherheitsfaktor Durchbiegung:	834,75 %	Sicherheitsfaktor Durchbiegung:	2924,83 %
max. Durchbiegung durch Verkehrslast (Trägerhälfte):	4,03 mm	max. Durchbiegung durch Verkehrslast (Trägerhälfte):	0,88 mm
max. Durchbiegung gesamt (Trägerhälfte):	14,33 mm	max. Durchbiegung gesamt (Trägerhälfte):	1,52 mm

→ proposed solution, still to be evaluated →



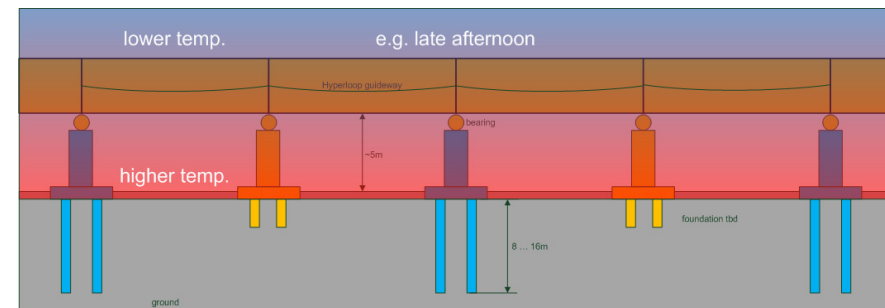
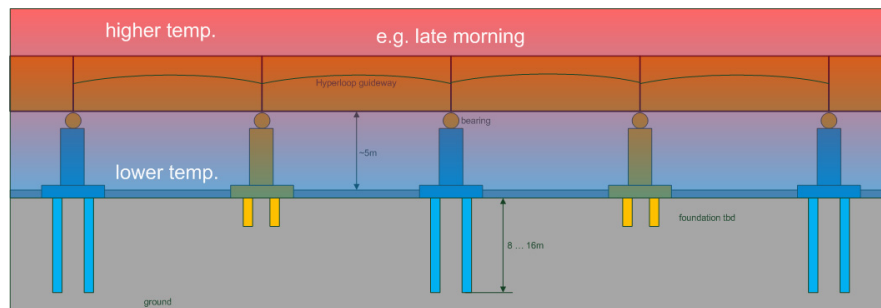
- in both cases still unacceptably high tube deflection / bending!

TVE being available for the provision of Large Scale Research Infrastructure services (3)

... e.g. for design & functional validation of guideway/ tube construction:

- How to design guideway/ tubes in order to keep deformation by thermal gradients (day-night temperature changes) as low as necessary?

mechanical bending, caused by guideway temperature gradients:



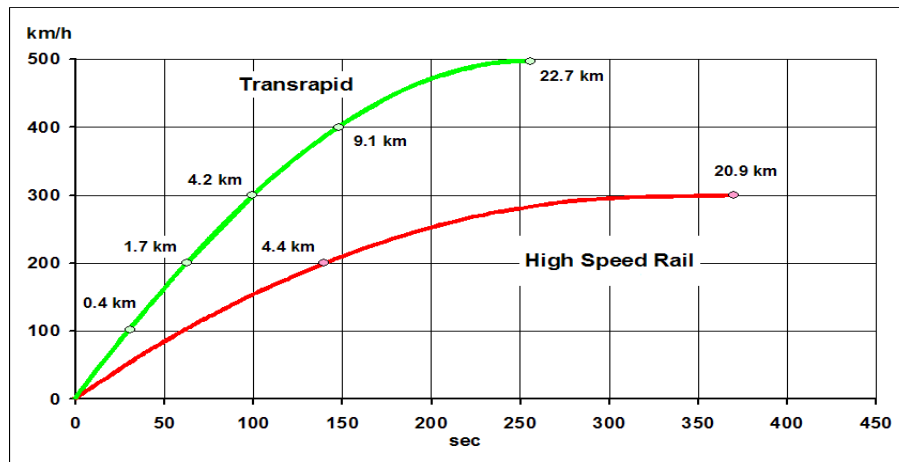
TVE being available for the provision of Large Scale Research Infrastructure services (4)

... e.g. for design & functional validation of Hyperloop propulsion system:

- in order to ensure, that the propulsion & braking system provides the required acceleration & deceleration forces?

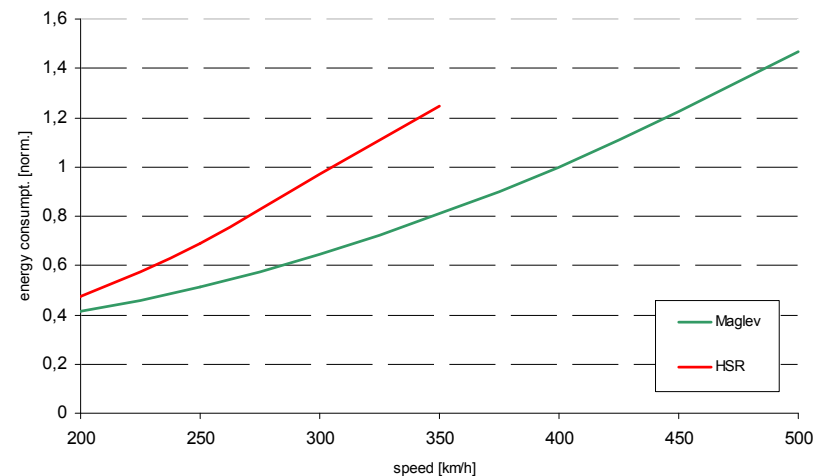
example: maglev acceleration ability:

- comparably high acceleration at all speed levels and during braking phase
- independent of the weather conditions, no friction forces required (rail-wheel)



example: maglev energy consumption (secondary):

- 200 km/h: 22 watt hours per seat and km vs. 29 (CRS)
- 300 km/h: 34 watt hours per seat and km vs. 51 (CRS)
- 400 km/h: 52 watt hours per seat and km vs. ?? (CRS)



Questions ??



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