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# Recent results in modelling and simulation of particle laden flows

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#### Introduction

- Multiphase flows
  - Dispersed flows with particles
- Numerical approach
  - Euler-Lagrange framework
    - Euler: Carrier fluid phase
    - Lagrange: Particulate phase
  - Point-particle method

 $Re_n \ll 1$ 

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- Particle size << Kolmogorov length scale  $d_p \ll \eta_K \quad St_p \ll 1$
- Flow around the particle  $\rightarrow$  viscous regime

 $Re_G \ll Re_p$ 



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#### **Motivation**



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James Joel, 2006, National Escherichia, Shigella, Vibrio Reference Unit at CDC \*2



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#### Particles in fluids



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#### Motivation



#### **Research topics covered**

- Spherical particles:
  - Application to tracking of aerosol in human respiratory tract
- Superellipsoidal particles:
  - Drag force and torque modelling
  - Collision modelling





### **Motivation - pathways of Covid-19 transmission**



- dp  $> 100 \ \mu m$ : Fast deposition due to the domination of gravitational force
- Medium droplets between 5  $\mu m$  and 100  $\mu m$

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•  $dp < 5 \ \mu m$  : Small droplet nuclei or aerosols - Responsible for airborne transmission



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### **Realistic human lung replicas**

• Resolved until 7-10th level of bifurcation (LoBF)







### Methodology

#### Flow field equations

- The flow field is solved in an Eulerian framework with OpenFOAM® (uses FVM)
- The governing incompressible RANS equations are:

$$d_{t}(\rho_{f}\bar{\boldsymbol{u}}) + \operatorname{div}(\rho_{f}\bar{\boldsymbol{u}} \otimes \bar{\boldsymbol{u}} + \boldsymbol{\tau}^{\text{RANS}}) = -\operatorname{grad}\bar{p} + \operatorname{div}\bar{\boldsymbol{\tau}} + \bar{\boldsymbol{f}}_{D} \quad \text{and} \quad \operatorname{div}\bar{\boldsymbol{u}} = 0 \quad \text{Note that:} \, \boldsymbol{u} = \bar{\boldsymbol{u}} + \boldsymbol{u}'$$
$$\boldsymbol{\tau}^{\text{RANS}} := \rho_{f}\boldsymbol{u}_{i}' \otimes \boldsymbol{u}_{j}' \quad \bar{\boldsymbol{\tau}} := \mu \operatorname{grad}^{\text{SYM}} \bar{\boldsymbol{u}}'$$

#### Lagrangian particle formulation

• Maxey-Riley equation

$$\boldsymbol{a}^{*} = \frac{d\boldsymbol{v}^{*}}{dt^{*}} = \underbrace{\frac{A}{St}}_{f} \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{v}_{s}^{*} + \frac{c}{3d_{eq}}\boldsymbol{K} \cdot [\boldsymbol{u}^{*} - \boldsymbol{v}^{*}] \end{bmatrix} + \frac{3}{2} \underbrace{\frac{\partial \boldsymbol{u}^{*}}{\partial t^{*}}}_{f} + \underbrace{\frac{\partial \boldsymbol{u}^{*}}{\partial t^{*}}}_{R} \begin{bmatrix} \left[\boldsymbol{u}^{*} + \frac{1}{2}\boldsymbol{v}^{*}\right] \cdot \nabla \end{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{u}^{*}$$

$$A = \underbrace{\frac{\rho_{p}}{\rho_{p} + 0.5\rho_{f}}}_{St = \frac{1}{18} \frac{\rho_{p}}{\rho_{f}} \frac{d_{eq}^{2}}{\nu} \underbrace{\frac{\rho_{p}}{\mu_{0}}}_{L_{0}} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\rho_{p}}{\rho_{f}} - 1 \end{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{g}$$

$$R = \frac{\rho_{f}}{\rho_{p} + 0.5\rho_{f}}$$

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$$St \ll 1$$





#### **Particles**



- 10<sup>5</sup> spherical and rigid particles,  $\rho_p$  =1704kg/m3
- cough, sneeze and breath generated particles
- touch & stick wall interaction
- drag, gravity and buoyancy  $(
  ho_p \gg 
  ho_f, St \ll 1)$
- turbulent dispersion: Continuous random walk
- initial particle velocity is set to local flow-velocity







#### Limitations

- dilute flow allowing for one-way coupling of particles and fluid,
- assumption of isotropic turbulence (turbulent dispersion model: *StochasticDispersionRAS*) and k-ω-SST / k-ω-SST DES RANS turbulence approach,
- sufficiently small aerosols: surface tension strong enough  $\rightarrow$  small spherical rigid particles,
- we study aerosol deposition in selected lung regions rather than precise deposition locations,
- particle volume fractions is well below  $10^{-6}$  (suggested limit for one-way coup. by Elghobashi (1994)),
- majority of  $d_p$  (average sizes: 0.3  $\mu m$  (speaking), 1.5  $\mu m$  (cough),  $6\mu m$  (sneeze)) are smaller than  $\eta_k = R_e^{-3/4} D_{inlet} \rightarrow$  their impact on the turbulence modulation is small (see Crowe 2000),
- $\rightarrow$  Combining these statements, we consider RANS with one-way coupling as appropriate in the scope of the present application.



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#### **Flow simulation results**

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\*Note the different Reynolds numbers due to different inlet diameter of experimental lung ( $R_{e,exp} = 1/2 R_e$ )





breath generated aerosols. (a: LoBF = 1 - 7, b: Summation of deposited particles up to LoBF = 7)



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#### **Deposition, at 15 l/min steady state**









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### Deposition, 15 l/min, realistic inhalation







#### **Room size and activity**



30 min

Fig. 10 Inhaled droplet/aerosol volume after a specified time





#### **Deposition in different lung sizes**



**Fig. 7** Aerosol deposition for different lung sizes;  $\diamond$  Child (Age 1), + Child (Age 3), × Child (Age 5),  $\triangleleft$  Child (Age 7),  $\triangle$  Child (Age 9),  $\Box$  Child (Age 13),  $\bigcirc$  Adult (Male). (Color figure online)





Fig. 11 Aerosol deposition after 15 min-inhalation for different lung sizes; ◇ Child (Age 1), + Child (Age 3), × Child (Age 5),
< Child (Age 7), △ Child (Age 9), □ Child (Age 13), ○ Adult (Male). (Color figure online)</li>

## Deposition in different lung sizes





(c) Tracheobronchial tree

(d) Particles that reach deep into the lung

#### **Tracking superellipsoid particles in flows**







#### **Particle-Fluid interaction models**

- Drag & Torque acting on a particle
- Methods:

Stokes flow form:  
$$\nabla \cdot \underline{\sigma} + \rho_f \vec{g} = 0$$

Cauchy stress tensor:  $\underline{\sigma} = -P\underline{I} + \underline{\tau}$ 

– Analytical: direct integration from Stokes equations







#### **Particle-Fluid interaction models**

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### **Particle-Fluid interaction models**

- Methods:
  - Experimental
    - Sedimentation velocity in viscous fluids
    - Predominantely drag models
    - Lack of rotation prediction

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- Generalized shape description parameters:





Lengthwise - sphericity:  

$$\Phi_{\parallel} = \frac{\sigma_{s}}{\frac{1}{2}A_{p} - A_{p_{\parallel}}} = \frac{\frac{1}{4}\pi^{\frac{1}{3}}(6V_{p})^{2/3}}{\frac{1}{2}A_{p} - A_{p_{\parallel}}}$$



#### **Superellipsoid particle**

- Parametric surface equation:  $S(x, y, z) = \left(\left|\frac{x}{a}\right|^{2/e_2} + \left|\frac{y}{b}\right|^{2/e_2}\right)^{e_2/e_1} + \left|\frac{z}{c}\right|^{2/e_1}$
- Superellipsoid volume:

$$V_p = 2abce_1e_2B\left(\frac{e_1}{2} + 1, e_1\right)B\left(\frac{e_2}{2}, \frac{e_2}{2}\right)$$

• Axial ratios







$$c = \left[\frac{\pi}{\left[12\lambda_1\lambda_2e_1e_2B\left(\frac{e_1}{2}+1,e_1\right)B(\frac{e_2}{2},\frac{e_2}{2})\right]}\right]^{1/3}$$

Reduced parameters:  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, e_1, e_2$ 



#### **Design of numerical experiments**

Numerical approach

$$\lambda_1 = [1,11]$$
  $\lambda_2 \ge \lambda_1$   
 $e_1 = [0.2,1.8]$   $e_2 = [0.2,1.8]$ 

- Parameter range:  $\rightarrow \sim 5400$  Particles
- Superposition of simple flow fields
  - Investigated separately





#### **Numerical framework**

- Boundary element method
  - Spherical domain boundary
    - Constant velocity field
  - Domain size >>  $d_p$ 
    - Momentum transport by diffusion
  - Particle in the domain centre
    - No slip condition
  - Particle force and torque

$$\vec{F} = \int_{\Gamma} \vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{n} \, d\Gamma \qquad \vec{T} = \int_{\Gamma} \vec{r} \times (\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{n}) \, d\Gamma$$

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#### **Numerical results**

- Computed on 5400 intervals of  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, e_1, e_2$ 
  - 9 simulations per particle (3 flows × 3 directions)



- Data representation
  - 4-dimensional space

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- Model derivation
  - For each individual tensor component via polynomial approximation





#### Force and torque model

#### Translation resistance tensor: (drag)

Particle <sup>a</sup>	Coeff. <u>K</u>	An. Res.	Pres. BEM	Sphere	Prolate ell. <sup>b</sup>	[27]	[28]	[29]	Approx. Scheme
Z	$K_{xx}$	6.0	6.002	6.0	6.0	6.046	5.845	5.871	6.003
<i>I</i> .	$K_{\mu\nu}$	6.0	6.002	6.0	6.0	6.046	5.894	5.876	6.003
	$K_{zz}$	6.0	6.002	6.0	6.0	6.046	5.845	5.854	6.004
×, ~ ~ y		Averag	e error:	0.0%	0.0%	0.44%	1.34%	1.28%	0.03%
Z	$K_{xx}$	10.71	10.69	6.0	10.71	10.54	9.728	11.16	10.70
II. $\int$	$K_{yy}$	14.23	14.22	6.0	14.23	10.54	12.23	12.03	14.23
	$K_{zz}$	14.23	14.22	6.0	14.23	10.54	12.12	11.97	14.24
x y		Averag	e error:	30.95%	0.00%	11.04%	7.44%	7.17%	0.05%
III AZ	$K_{xx}$	_	15.50	6.0	10.71	15.24	14.73	16.39	15.50
111.	$K_{yy}$	_	17.07	6.0	14.23	15.24	15.82	16.62	17.06
	$K_{zz}$	—	20.56	6.0	14.23	15.24	18.87	18.40	20.57
x, y		Averag	e error:	37.91%	15.08%	8.00%	4.00%	3.78%	0.02%
IV AZ	$K_{xx}$	_	24.73	6.0	10.71	22.37	22.18	25.27	24.83
IV.	$K_{yy}$	_	24.73	6.0	14.23	22.37	22.22	25.29	24.82
	$K_{zz}$	—	30.92	6.0	14.23	22.37	27.97	28.25	30.98
x, y		Averag	e error:	44.54%	29.44%	9.48%	5.72%	2.69%	0.17%
$V \uparrow^{Z}$	$K_{xx}$	_	32.33	6.0	15.88	29.76	30.00	35.39	32.40
v .	$K_{yy}$	_	32.31	6.0	22.87	29.76	30.41	35.43	32.35
	$K_{zz}$	—	45.87	6.0	22.87	29.76	42.16	41.44	45.98
x, y		Averag	e error:	47.62%	25.16%	10.93%	4.08%	5.47%	0.11%

#### Rotation resistance tensor: (spin)

Particle <sup>a</sup>	Coeff. <u>Ω</u>	An. Res.	Pres. BEM	Sphere	Prolate ell. <sup>b</sup>	Approx. Scheme
, AZ	$\Omega_{xx}$	28.24	27.76	8.0	28.24	27.91
	$\Omega_{yy}$	185.6	184.4	8.0	185.6	185.2
	$\Omega_{zz}^{ss}$	185.6	184.2	8.0	185.6	185.0
x y		Average	error:	47.41%	0.0%	0.19%
Z Z	$\Omega_{xx}$	_	782.0	8.0	28.24	784.5
IV.	$\Omega_{yy}$	—	782.0	8.0	185.6	784.0
x	$\Omega_{zz}$	_	1023	8.0	185.6	1025
		Average	error:	56.71%	48.40%	0.14%

#### Deformation resistance tensor: (shear)

Particle <sup>a</sup>	Coeff. <u>П</u>	An. Res.	Pres. BEM	Sphere	Prolate ell. <sup>b</sup>	Approx. Scheme
II. Z	$\Pi_{xx} \\ \Pi_{yy} \\ \Pi_{zz}$	0.0 -171.3 171.3	$0.021 \\ -170.4 \\ 170.2$	0.0 0.0 0.0	0.0 -171.3 171.3	$0.021 \\ -171.1 \\ 170.8$
x >y		Average	e error:	47.14%	0.0%	0.11%
IV. Z	$\Pi_{xx} \\ \Pi_{yy} \\ \Pi_{zz}$	$\begin{array}{cccc} \Pi_{xx} & - & 67 \\ \Pi_{yy} & - & -6 \\ \Pi_{zz} & - & -0 \end{array}$		0.0 0.0 0.0	0.0 -171.3 171.3	$676.1 \\ -675.2 \\ -0.006$
x, y		Average	e error:	47.14%	47.14%	0.23%





#### **Force and torque model**

- Reallistic pollen particle
  - Reconstruct 3D geometry
  - Find best fitting superellipsoid
- **Optimization problem:**

$$\min_{\lambda_1,\lambda_2,e_1,e_2} \sum_{i=1}^n [S(x_i, y_i, z_i) - 1]^2 \qquad \lambda_1 = 1.96, \lambda_2 = 1.83, \\ e_1 = 0.564, e_2 = 0.472; \\ 3D \text{ surface points}$$

Superellipsoid surface:

$$S(x, y, z) = \left( \left| \frac{x}{\lambda_1 c} \right|^{2/e_2} + \left| \frac{y}{\lambda_2 c} \right|^{2/e_2} \right)^{e_2/e_1} + \left| \frac{z}{c} \right|^{2/e_1}$$

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Coeff. <u>Κ</u> , <u>Ω</u> , <u>Π</u>	Pres. BEM	Sphere	Prolate ell. <sup>b</sup>	[27]	[28]	[29]	Approx. Scheme
$K_{xx} \ K_{yy} \ K_{zz}$	10.77 10.80 12.01	6.0 6.0 6.0	7.174 8.184 8.184	9.505 9.505 9.505	9.324 9.431 10.36	9.922 9.968 10.46	10.58 10.71 11.86
Average err	Average error:		17.24%	8.70%	7.68%	5.56%	0.74%
$egin{array}{c} \Omega_{xx} \ \Omega_{yy} \ \Omega_{zz} \end{array}$	50.07 50.88 63.20	8.0 8.0 8.0	12.70 23.14 23.14	_ _ _			47.23 50.71 61.65
Average err	or:	49.00%	36.77%	_	_	_	1.60%
$ \begin{array}{c} \Pi_{xx} \\ \Pi_{yy} \\ \Pi_{zz} \end{array} $	25.31 -26.22 0.86	0.0 0.0 0.0	0.0 13.57 13.57			_ _ _	23.51 -27.56 3.791
Average errpr:		47.90%	46.34%	_	_	_	2.36%



### A Model for Translation and Rotation Resistance Tensors for Superellipsoidal Particles

A model was developed that

- for a chosen **superellipsoid** with known **velocity** and **angular velocity** at a location in the flow where
- the flow velocity and flow velocity gradient tensor are known gives
- the **force** and **torque** on the particle

The model is available at Github:

https://github.com/transport-phenomena/superellipsoid-force-torque-model





#### Model used for a pollen particle

#### Table 3

 $\mathbf{K}'$ ,  $\mathbf{\Omega}'$  and  $\mathbf{\Pi}'$  tensor coefficients estimations for a realistic pollen particle (Štrakl et al., 2022a), obtained via DNS, approximated via sphere, prolate ellipsoid, triaxial ellipsoid and superellipsoid.

Κ', Ω', Π'	Pollen <sup>a</sup> (Štrakl et al., 2022a)	Sphereb	Prolate <sup>c</sup>	Triaxiald	Superel. <sup>e</sup>	Shape factors				
		<u> </u>				Haider and Levenspiel (1989)	Leith (1987)	Hölzer and Sommerfeld (2008)		
Case ID	-	Α	В	С	D1/D2	E1/E2	F1/F2	G1/G2		
<i>K</i> ′ <sub>xx</sub>	10.7	6	7.235	9.413	10.58	9.505	9.324	9.922		
K' <sub>vv</sub>	10.80	6	8.293	9.582	10.71	9.505	9.431	9.968		
K'zz	12.01	6	8.293	10.84	11.86	9.505	10.36	10.46		
$\Omega'_{xx}$	50.07	8	12.95	34.05	0/47.23	0/8	0/8	0/8		
$\Omega'_{yy}$	50.88	8	24.29	37.65	0/50.71	0/8	0/8	0/8		
$\Omega'_{zz}$	63.20	8	24.29	44.79	0/61.65	0/8	0/8	0/8		
$\Pi'_{xx}$	25.31	0	0.0	19.35	0/23.51	0/0	0/0	0/0		
$\Pi'_{yy}$	-26.22	0	-14.63	-23.53	0/-27.56	0/0	0/0	0/0		
$\Pi'_{zz}$	0.86	0	14.63	3.87	0/3.791	0/0	0/0	0/0		
$K'_{xx} 2c/d_{eq}$	6.09	6	5.733	5.944	0/6.025	5.412	5.309	5.650		
$K'_{yy}2c/d_{eq}$	6.15	6	6.572	6.051	0/6.100	5.412	5.370	5.676		
$K'_{zz}2c/d_{eq}$	6.84	6	6.572	6.846	0/6.756	5.412	5.899	5.956		

<sup>a</sup>Fitted tensor coefficients (Štrakl et al., 2022a) solely for comparison (superellipsoid surrogate approach not applicable due to non-symmetric particle shape).

<sup>b</sup>Analytical tensor coefficients for  $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = \epsilon_1 = \epsilon_2 = 1.0$ .

<sup>c</sup>Analytical tensor coefficients for  $\lambda_1 = 2.009$ ;  $\lambda_2 = \epsilon_1 = \epsilon_2 = 1.0$ .

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<sup>d</sup>Superellipsoid surrogate mode, l (Štrakl et al., 2022a), for  $\lambda_1 = 2.081$ ;  $\lambda_2 = 1.907$ ;  $\epsilon_1 = \epsilon_2 = 1.0$ .

<sup>e</sup>Superellipsoid surrogate approach, Štrakl et al. (2022a), for  $\lambda_1 = 1.96$ ;  $\lambda_2 = 1.83$ ;  $\epsilon_1 = 0.564$ ;  $\epsilon_2 = 0.472$ .

# A pollen particle in laminar pipe flow







(b) normalized deviation in gravitational direction:  $y^*$ 





Fig. 11. Deviation of particle position compared to superellipsoid particle position ( $x^{se}$ ,  $y^{se}$ ). The deviation is normalized to the volume equivalent diameter of a sphere ( $d_{eg}$ ). The Finitial particle orientation is set to fsettling sphere in Stokes flow  $(y_{max}/d_{eq} = v_t t_{max}/d_{eq})$ . 

# Superellipsoid collision modelling

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#### **Detect contact point**

- A point on the surface of one superellipsoid is inside of the second superellipsoid.
- We solve an optimization problem that seeks the point on the second superellipsoid that is deepest inside of the first.



Figure 8: Detection of collision point on superellipsoid 2 and inside superellipsoid 1 with common normal n





#### **Collision model**

- We assume the particles are rigid with elastic contact (coef. of restitution normal direction < 1)
- Friction is modelled by tangential coef. of restitution (-1,1)
- Conservation of linear and angular momentum are considered.

	$m_1$	0	0	$m_2$	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	$m_1$	0	0	$m_2$	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	$m_1$	0	0	$m_2$	0	0	0	0	0	0
	-1	0	0	1	0	0	0	$r_{1z}^{\prime\prime}$	$-r_{1y}^{\prime\prime}$	0	$-r_{2z}^{\prime\prime}$	$r_{2y}^{\prime\prime}$
	0	-1	0	0	1	0	$-r_{1z}^{\prime\prime}$	0	$r_{1x}^{\prime\prime}$	$r_{2z}^{\prime\prime}$	0	$-r_{2x}^{\prime\prime}$
4 —	0	0	-1	0	0	1	$r_{1y}^{\prime\prime}$	$-r_{1x}^{\prime\prime}$	0	$-r_{2y}^{\prime\prime}$	$r_{2x}^{\prime\prime}$	0
<u>71</u> –	0	$-m_1 r_{1z}''$	$m_1 r_{1y}^{\prime\prime}$	0	0	0	$I_{xx}^{\prime\prime}$	$I_{xy}^{\prime\prime}$	$I_{xz}^{\prime\prime}$	0	0	0
	$m_1 r_{1z}^{\prime\prime}$	0	$-m_1r_{1x}^{\prime\prime}$	0	0	0	$I_{yx}^{\prime\prime}$	$I_{yy}^{\prime\prime}$	$I_{yz}^{\prime\prime}$	0	0	0
	$-m_1r_{1y}^{\prime\prime}$	$m_1 r_{1x}^{\prime\prime}$	0	0	0	0	$I_{zx}^{\prime\prime}$	$I_{zy}^{\prime\prime}$	$I_{zz}^{\prime\prime}$	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	$-m_2 r_{2z}''$	$m_2 r_{2y}^{\prime\prime}$	0	0	0	$I_{xx}^{\prime\prime}$	$I_{xy}^{\prime\prime}$	$I_{xz}^{\prime\prime}$
	0	0	0	$m_2 r_{2z}^{\prime\prime}$	0	$-m_2r_{2x}^{\prime\prime}$	0	0	0	$I_{yx}^{\prime\prime}$	$I_{yy}^{\prime\prime}$	$I_{yz}^{\prime\prime}$
	0	0	0	$-m_2r_{2y}^{\prime\prime}$	$m_2 r_{2x}^{\prime\prime}$	0	0	0	0	$I_{zx}^{\prime\prime}$	$I_{zy}^{\prime\prime}$	$I_{zz}^{\prime\prime}$





Figure 10: Two superellipsoidal particles undergoing collision





# Thank you for your attention!

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