Automated high-speed Hyperloop cargo transportation for a sustainable logistics network

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- Hyperloop & CargoTube Technology
- Production Logistics
- Modelling and Simulation
- Interconnected CargoTube @ EU PI







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Biomedical Physics & Acoustics











The nub of the matter





Second law of Thermodynamics:

THE ENTROPY OF A CLOSED SYSTEM ALWAYS INCREASES!



Hyperloop – the bottom line

$$F_{D} = \frac{1}{2} \rho C_{D} A \cdot v^{2}$$

$$F_{D} = F_{D} \cdot v$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \rho C_{D} A \cdot v^{3}$$

$$v_{Maglev} \sim 400 \ \frac{km}{h} \Rightarrow E_{loss} > 83\% \ due \ to \ air \ friction$$







CargoTube transport – Hyperloop

70 TWh

- 10% air friction



17 million x annual consumption

of a family of four

or

ca. 15% annual consumption EU population

http://de.statista.com/statistik/daten/studie/282301/umfrage /transportleistung-des-strassengueterverkehrs-in-der-eu



CargoTube in production logistics



Logistics hub relocated out

- Standardized containers
- Automated operation 24
- Reduction of
 - Public road traffic load &
 - Green House Gases, CO₂
 - Pollutants
 - Noise & light
 - Energy consumption





Demand Planning

- 9-12 km distance
- 11.000 m³ per day



⁽Source: GVZe Wolfsburg & tbnlr-gmbh)



Modelling and simulation approaches

- Discrete event simulation
- System dynamics
- Cross-Impact analysis
- Life cycle performance assessment
- Synchromodal optimisation
- Electrification analysis



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Production plant scenario



• ~ 10,000 m^3 / day

Distribution on Pods (1 Pods/minute w. 10 containers each)

- Speed ~ (100 150) km/h
 - 16 Pods in tube both ways
- 36 pods in the system
 - ➢ 10 min. handling time => 20 Pods
 - Loading & unloading optimisation

Multi container Pod



5-12 m

Hyperloop Competition, LA









NPV and OPEX for CargoTube, diesel & electric truck connections between a LSP and the VW production plant

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Life cycle performance assessment (LCPA)



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Cross Docking – CargoTube integration









Automated pallet transport

ATVs and Pick and Place Robots

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Hyperloop test facility @ IHT Emden



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Interconnected CargoTube in the EU Physical Internet —

- Hub:
 - LSRI at Lathen, Germany
- Satellites
 - EHC Groningen, Netherlands
 - EuroTube Valais, Switzerland
 - Hardt Delft, Netherlands
 - HTT Toulouse, France
 - Nevomo Warsaw, Poland
 - TransPod Droux, France
 - TUM München, Germany
 - Virgin Hyperloop Spain
 - Zeleros Valencia, Spain



Interconnected CargoTube in the WWW Sibasicate Internet

• LSRI - Open

- Hubs and Satel
- cross domain
- Design of a not care sharing infrastructure
- Users / Stakeholder
 - Academia / Universit
 - Industry, SMEs
 - Public stakeholders
 - EU platforms and project
 - Standardization + Certification





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Sustainability: low GHG Emissions

Reliability: Automation, no traffic jam, no delays

Realistic top speeds 2x NTG

Confined system => high value goods

- Goods that need fast transport (medicine, food)

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