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# HyperTube (HTX)

- 1,200Km/h Future Innovative High Speed Transportation

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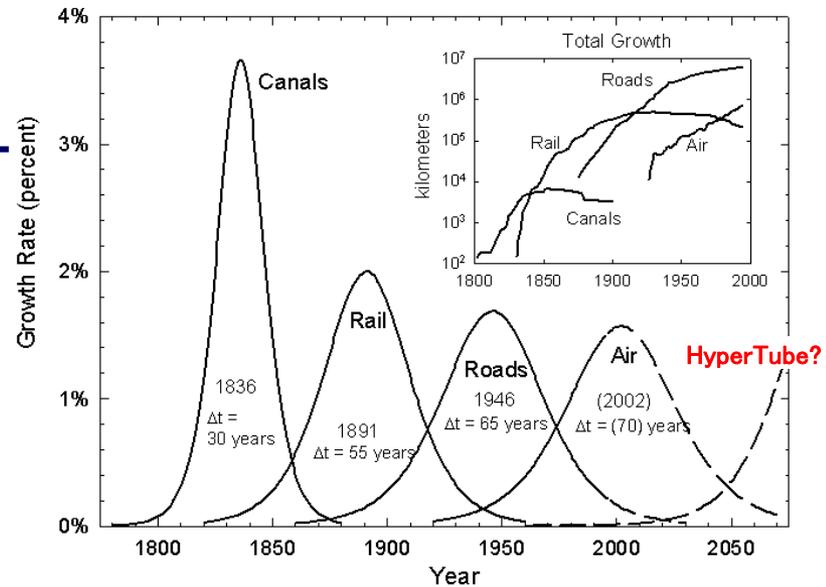
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# Next Generation New Transportation ?

## Requirements

- Safer
- Faster
- Lower cost
- More convenient
- Immune to weather
- Sustainably self-powering
- Resistant to disaster
- Not disruptive to those along the route
- On Demand Point-to-Point Transportation



[J. H. Ausubel, C. Marchetti, P. Meyer, "Toward green mobility: the evolution of transport," *European Review*, Vol. 6, No. 2, 137-156 .]

# Hyperloop Development In the world

## »» (USA) Virgin Hyperloop One

- Fund raising more than 300 Mil. US\$
- Staff : more than 300
- Pod running at 384km/h ( 500m test track in Nevada)



## »» (USA) HTT(Hyperloop Transportation Technology)

- Fund raising more than 100 Mil. US\$
- Engineering design for test line by partnership business model



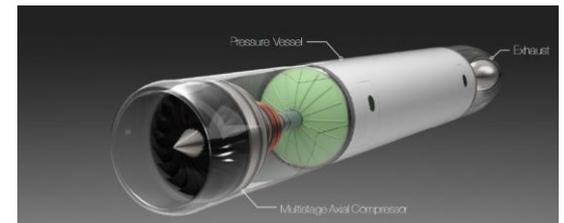
Virgin Hyperloop One

## »» (Canada) TransPod

- Staff : more than 30
- Under developing Hyperloop Pod

## »» (France) SNCF, Saint-Etienne uni., Toulous city

- Feasibility Study on Lyon-AaintEtienne line (With TransPod, HTT)
- Fund Investment to Virgin Hyperloop One



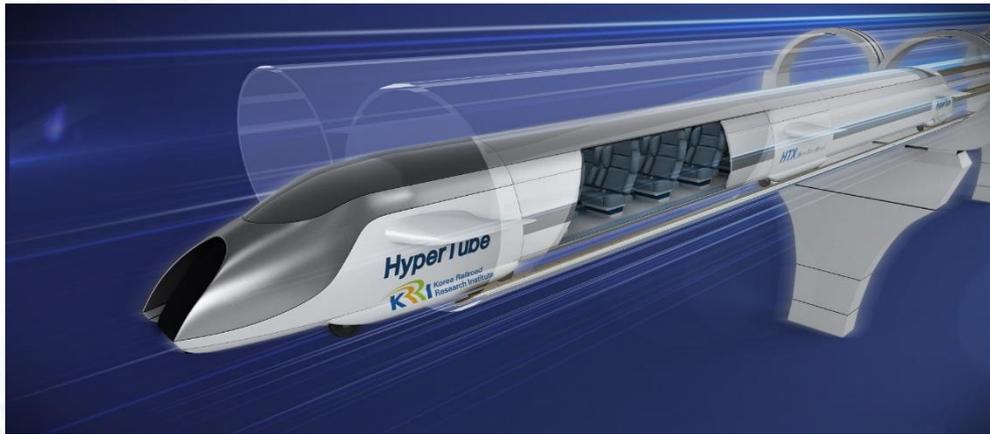
TransPod

## »» (China) Seonam Transportation Uni.

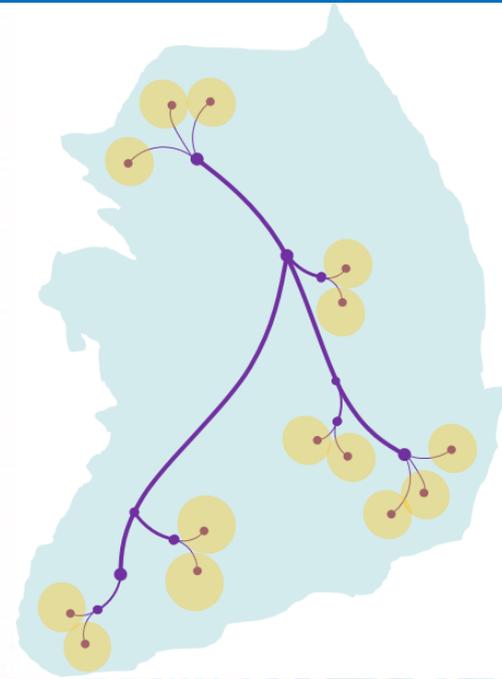
- 30Km/h low-vacuum small scale test track

# What is HyperTube HTX (Hyper Tube eXpress)?

- Advanced concept transportation which flights inside sub-vacuum tube with above 1000km/h, and has function of on-demand & core point-to-point connection (Blend new to be developed in Korea)
    - Cover between Seoul and Busan in 20 minute
    - Cheaper construction and operating cost(LCC) than existing high speed railway
- \* LCC : Life Cycle Cost



## Advanced Concept Transportation Network



# Necessity of HyperTube HTX

- As First Mover rather than Follower, lead new transportation and differentiate with other country
  - Improve symbolic representation of national science & technology superiority
  - Establish foundation for creative economic growth engines
  - Lead new business by technology preemption for 5G MachTrans commercialization
  
- Need of new line due to rapid increase of high speed railway passengers and anticipatory action for undersea line(Mokpo-Jeju, Korea-Japan/China)
  - KTX passenger utilization rate is already saturated by 103%(2014)
  - Latent demand of undersea line due to increase of tourism and national exchange
  
- Lead nation-wide speed up & informationization by innovative 5G future transportation system
  - Sub sonic(over 1000km/h) speed
  - On-demand → rapid and comfortable transport to desired place at desired time
  - Seamless transport between core points

1G : Ship	2G : Train	3G : Car	4G : Airplane
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Low speed</li> <li>- Environmental problem due to accident</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Difficult to flexible operation due to heavy system</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Congestion due to road capability saturation</li> <li>- Environmental problem</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Low accessibility</li> <li>- Large take-off &amp; landing time</li> <li>- Large dependency of weather</li> </ul>

# Characteristics of HyperTube HTX

## Main Features of HyperTube HTX

- Sub-vacuum tube guideway : Minimization of air resistance
- Levitation : superconductor EDS
- Propulsion : Linear Synchronous Motor (LSM)
- Tube guideway : lightweight & high strength material
- Capsule train : lightweight & high strength airplane material and active suspension

# Comparison

## HyperTube HTX Vs. Hyperloop

	HyperTube HTX	Hyperloop
Pod Size (width x height x length)	1.7×1.5×41m	1.35×1.1×26m
Pod Weight (full)	31 ton	15 ton
Max. number of passengers	40	28
Tube diameter / pressure	2~3m / 0.001 atm	2.23m / 0.001 atm
Levitation method	Superconductor EDS	Air bearing (or EDS)
Levitation gap	Over100mm	0.5~1.3mm
Propulsion method	LSM	LIM
Max Speed	1220 Km/h	1220 Km/h

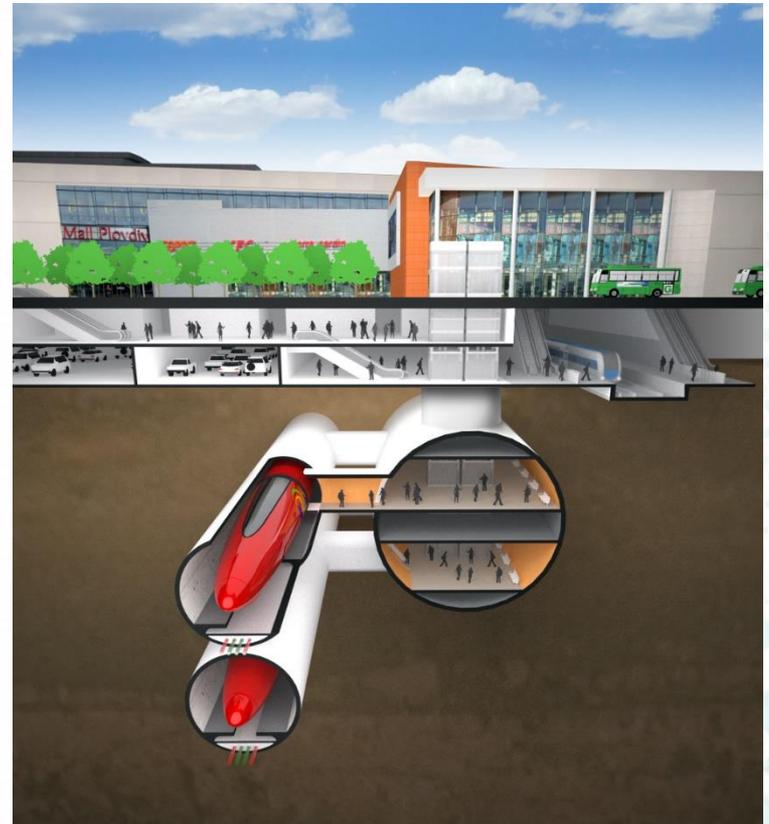
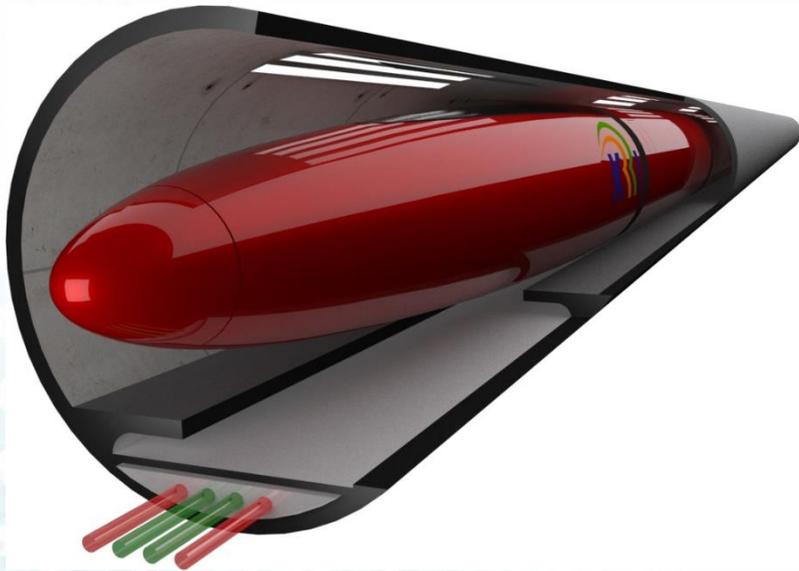
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# R&D for Tube Train('09~'11)

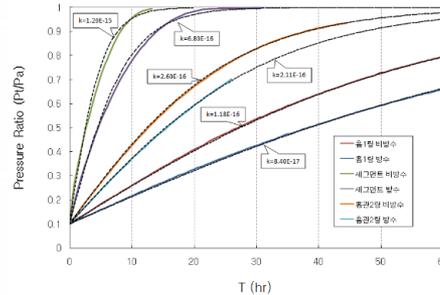
- To develop core technologies for super speed tube train
  - LSM propulsion & EMS Levitation
  - Air resistance analysis inside tube
  - Preliminary test for low pressure tube



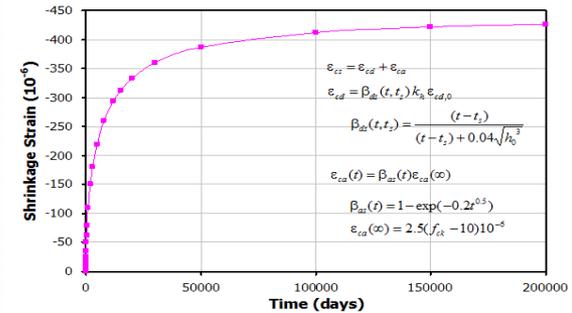
# Outcomes

## ● Tube performance investigation

### - Airtightness

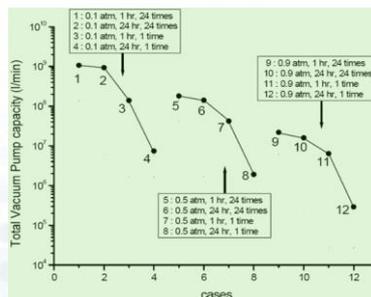
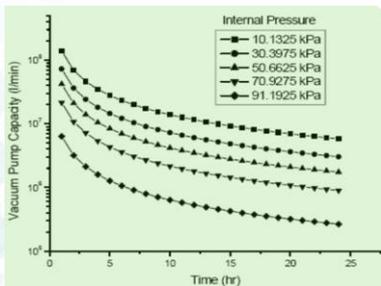


### - Strength change with conditions

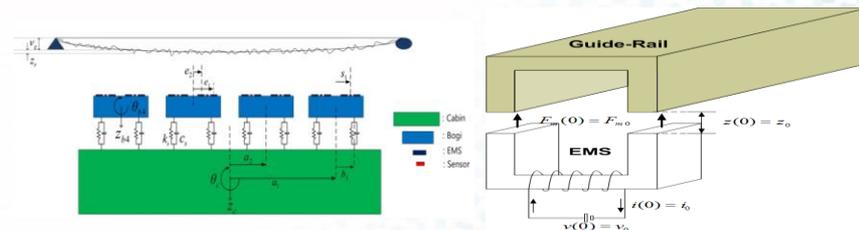


## ● Pump capacity estimation

### - Parametric analysis

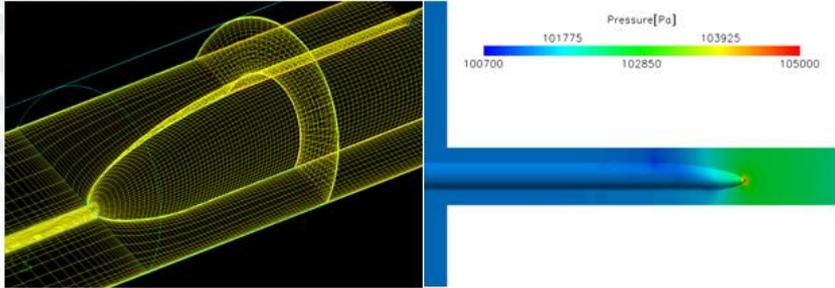


## ● Guideway-vehicle interaction analysis



# High speed Experiment in Sub-vacuum tube

- Aero dynamic analysis
  - Numerical simulation

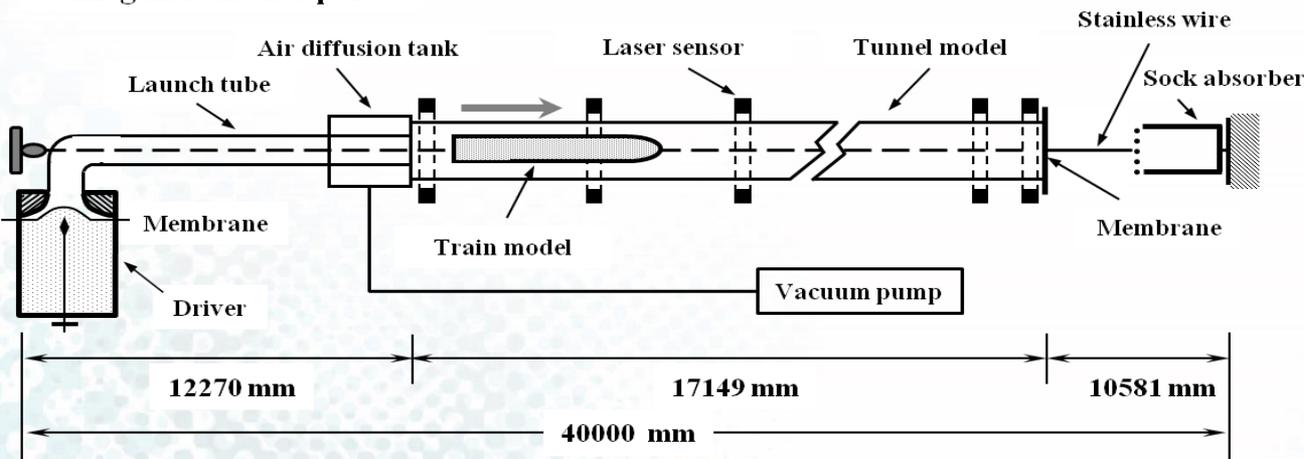


- 1/52 Scale Train Model



- Diagram of Test Bed

- Air-gun launcher part -



- 700Km/h test in 0.2 atm tube



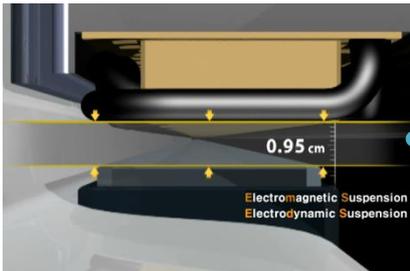
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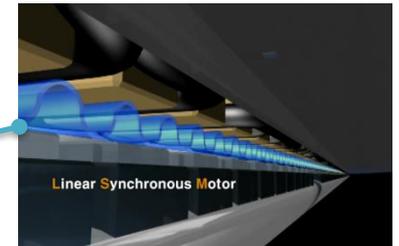


# R&D for High Speed Maglev ('12~'15)

- To develop the core technologies such as propulsion and levitation for 550km/h level high speed maglev
- To construct the real scale maglev vehicle and short length test track to apply developed technologies and verify the performance



Levitation



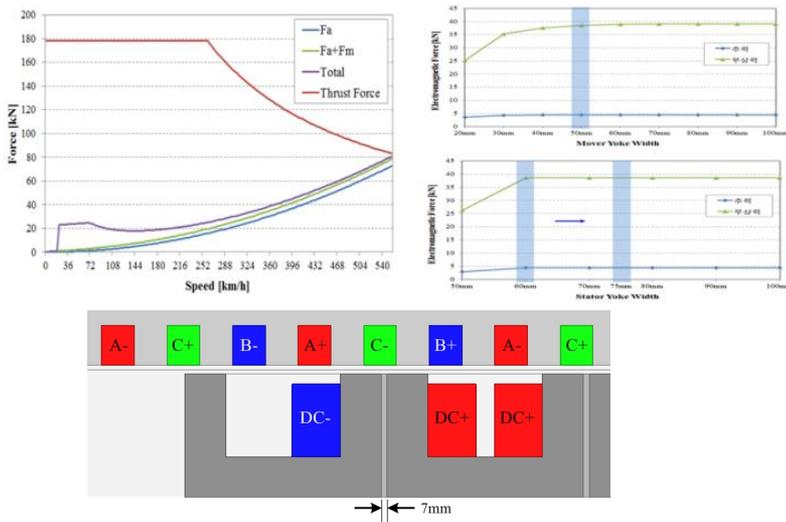
Propulsion

# Overview

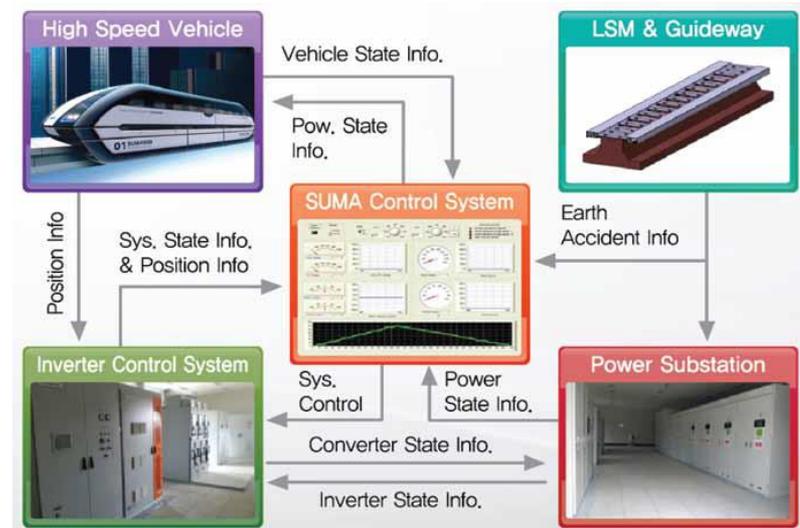
<b>Title</b>	<b>Development of Propulsion and System Engineering Technology for Super Speed Maglev Railway</b>
<b>Period</b>	<b>2011.12~2015.3</b>
<b>Budget</b>	<b>\$ 21 million (funded from Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport)</b>
<b>Main fulfillment institute</b>	<b>KRRI (Korea Railroad Research Institute)</b>
<b>Sub fulfillment institute</b>	<b>KRRI (Korea Railroad Research Institute) KIMM (Korea Institute of Machinery &amp; Materials)</b>
<b>Joint fulfillment institute</b>	<b>KOREA RAIL NETWORK AUTHORITY Woojin Industrial Systems</b>
<b>Joint university</b>	<b>Seoul National University Hanyang University</b>

# Outcomes

- LSM propulsion system
  - LSM design
  - LSM control system
  - LSM power system



LSM design



LSM control with power system

# Outcomes

## ● Maglev vehicle (SUMA550)



Size (m)	13(length) x 3.5(width)
Full weight	28 ton
Speed	550km/h(design) 30km/h(in test track)
Acceleration	1.1m/s <sup>2</sup>
Levitation/Guidance Gap	10mm

## ● Guideway

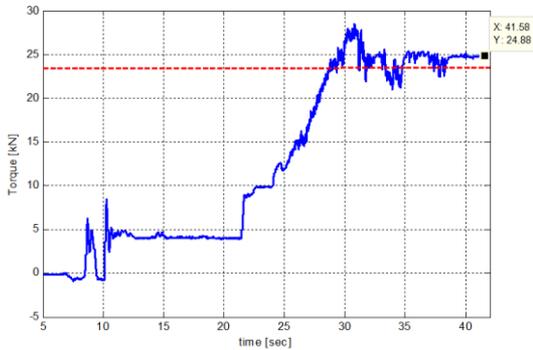


Name		Value	Unit
Guideway Beam Lengths	Guideway type I	13.44	m
	Guideway type II	4.1	m
Guideway geometry	Gauge (distance between lateral guide planes)	2.6	m
	Guideway hover clearance slide plane	516	mm
Tolerance guideway hover clearance	Guideway hover clearance in beam bay	+3/-5	mm
	Relative difference hover clearances at beam joint	±1	mm
Gauge width tolerance	Gauge width in beam bay	±3	mm
	Relative gauge difference at beam joint	±1	mm

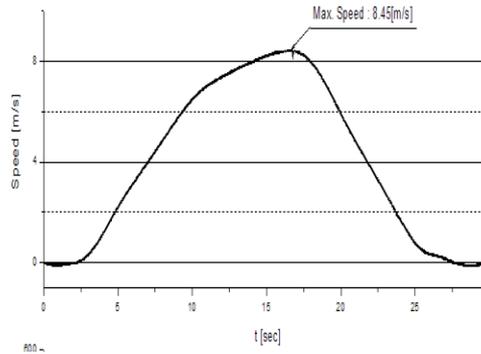


# Performance - propulsion

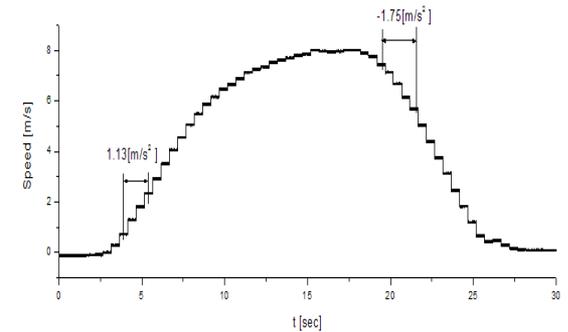
● Thrust force : 25kN  
(6 magnets)



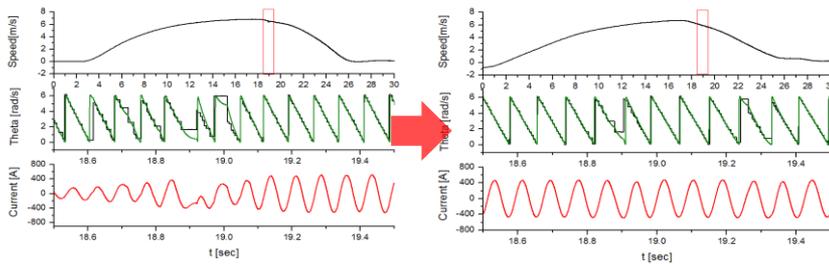
● Speed : 30km/h



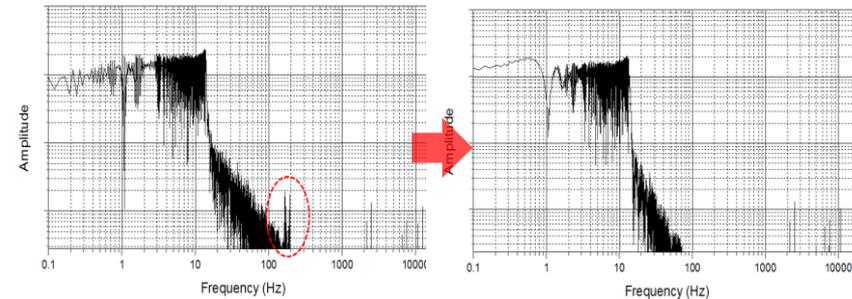
● Acce. : 1.1m/s<sup>2</sup>



● Position estimator for performance improvement



Position and current profile improvement



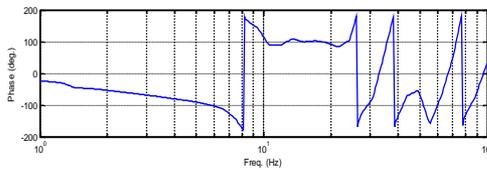
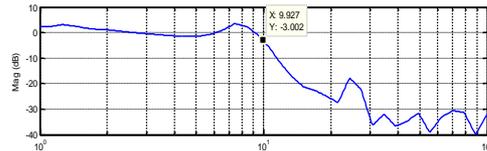
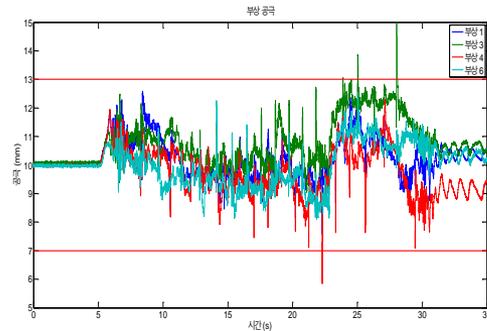
Current profile(FFT) improvement



# Performance – Levitation & Guidance

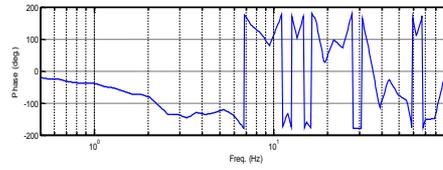
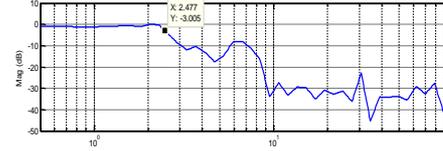
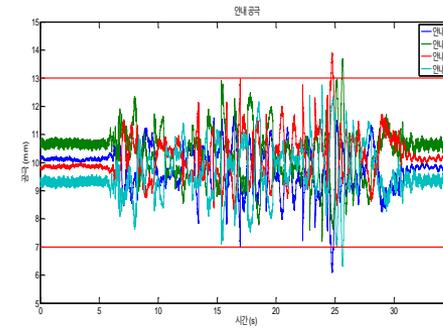
## ● Levitation

- Gap variation :  $\pm 3\text{mm}$
- Bandwidth :  $>8\text{Hz}$



## ● Guidance

- Gap variation :  $\pm 3\text{mm}$
- Bandwidth :  $>2.5\text{Hz}$



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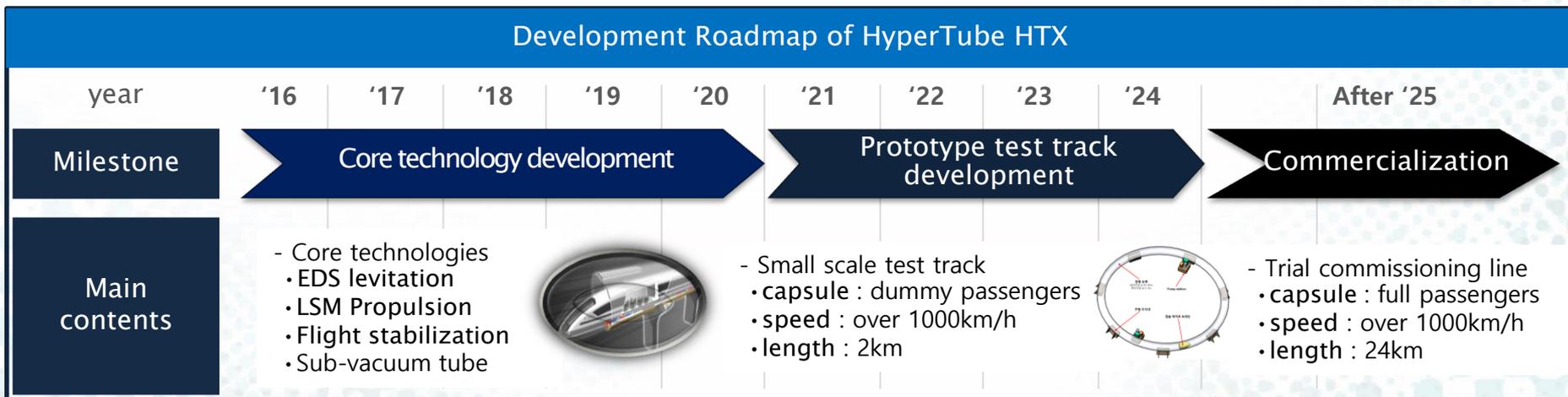
- Object : Development for HyperTube Technology

- Over 1000km/h level levitation/propulsion system development
- Capsule pod development
- Sub-vacuum tube infra development

※ The Project is supported by Korea Ministry of Science, ICT and Future Planning

- Development Plan

- Stage 1 : Core technology development
- Stage 2 : Prototype test track development
- Stage 3 : Construction of Trial Commissioning Line



# Core technologies for HyperTube HTX

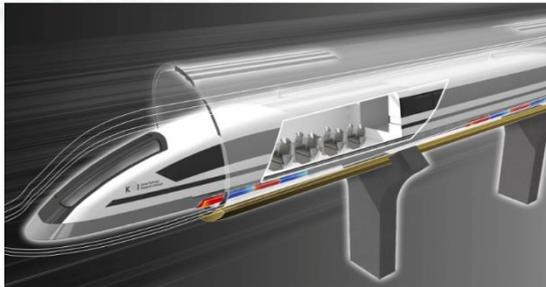
Category	Core technologies	비고
Systems Engineering	Higher efficiency for land and transport	
	Economic and operative analysis for new transport	
	Aerodynamics	✓
	Safety, real time hazard detection, and autonomous maintenance	
	RAM, Test & Evaluation	
Propulsion & Levitation	Electromagnetic – air hybrid EDS levitation	✓
	High power converter	
	Module based subsonic speed LSM	✓
Capsule Pod	Capsule pod stabilization in Tube	✓
	Air compression for pod	
	Subsonic speed flight body	
Tube Ingra	Sub-vacuum tube and airtightness	✓
	Low weight high strength material	
	High capacity vacuum pump system	
	Pedestal & bridge	
	Tunnel structure	
	Tube turnout	
	Station & maintenance depot	
Electric Power Supply	High power smart power supply and energy storage	
	Wireless electric power supply	
Operation control/ Communication	High speed data communication	
	Intelligent IoT & Autonomous	
	Subsonic capsule pod operation control	✓

# Objective (1<sup>st</sup> Stage)

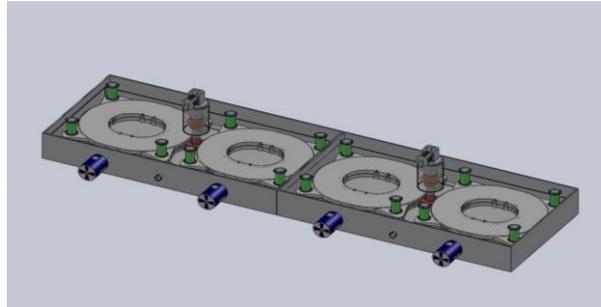
## 1<sup>st</sup> Stage : Core technology development

- Core technologies by detail parts

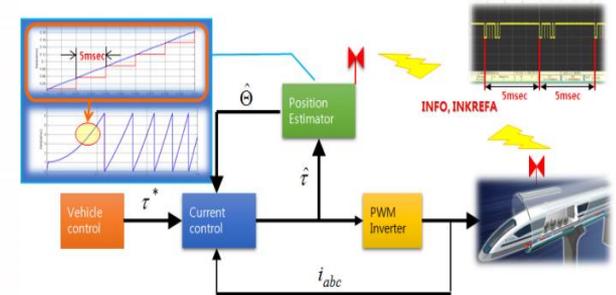
### Aerodynamic & Safety



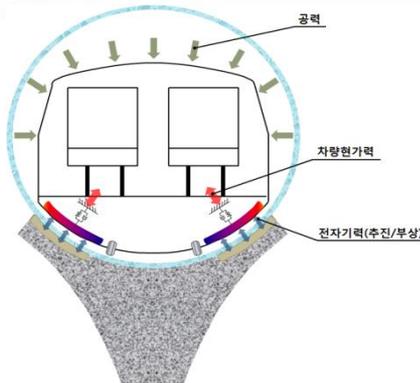
### Superconductor EDS Levitation



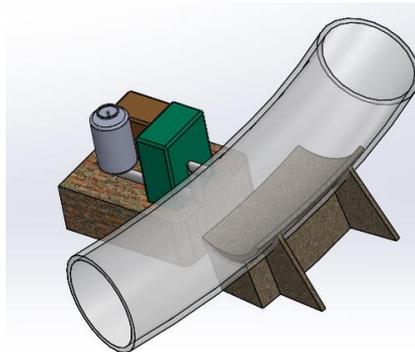
### Module based LSM Propulsion



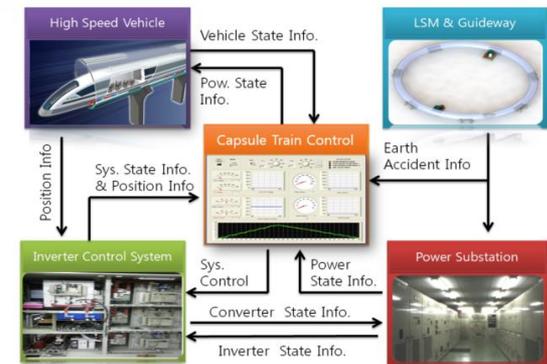
### Capsule pod flight stabilization



### High strength & light weight sub-vacuum tube



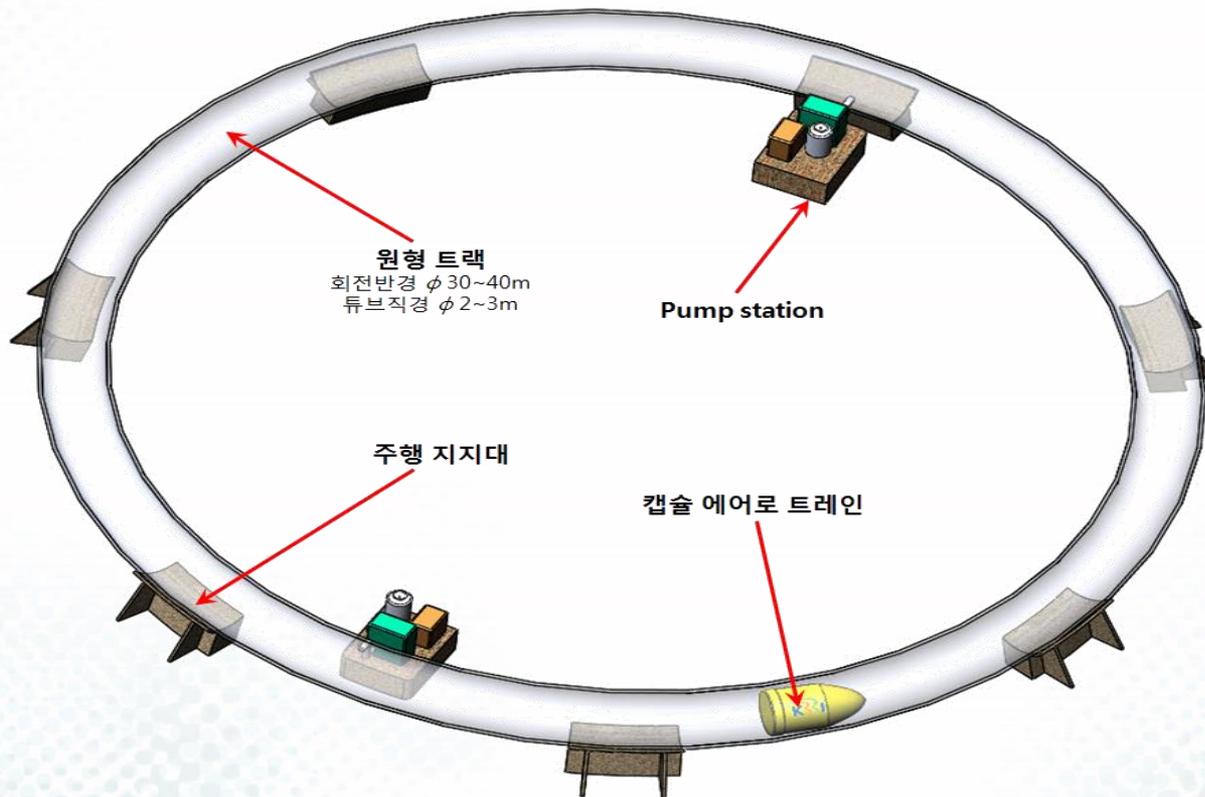
### Capsule pod control system



# Objective (2<sup>nd</sup> Stage)

## 2<sup>nd</sup> stage : Small scale test track development

- Small scale test track (an example)



# Objective (3<sup>rd</sup> Stage)

## Future Transportation Leading the 4<sup>th</sup> Industrial Revolution

### **1,200km/h HyperTube Commercialization**

#### HyperTube for Feight

3Km TEST LINE

Components for  
Freight Transportation

Test Line for Freight

Test & Standardization

#### HyperTube for Passenger

24km Commissioning Line

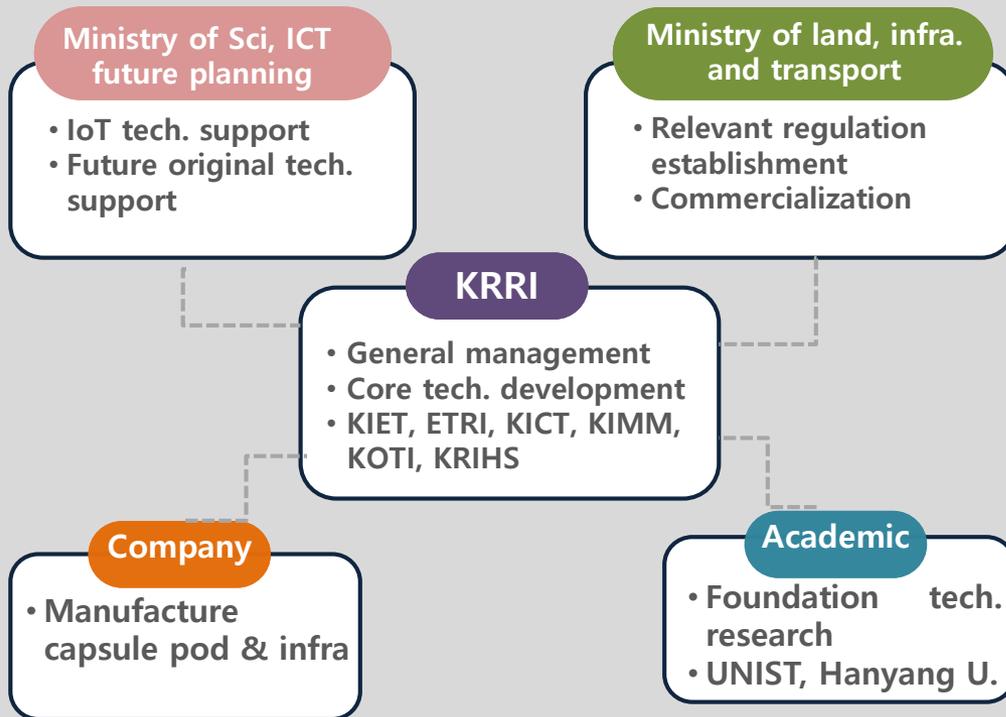
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Trial Commissioning Line  
for Passenger

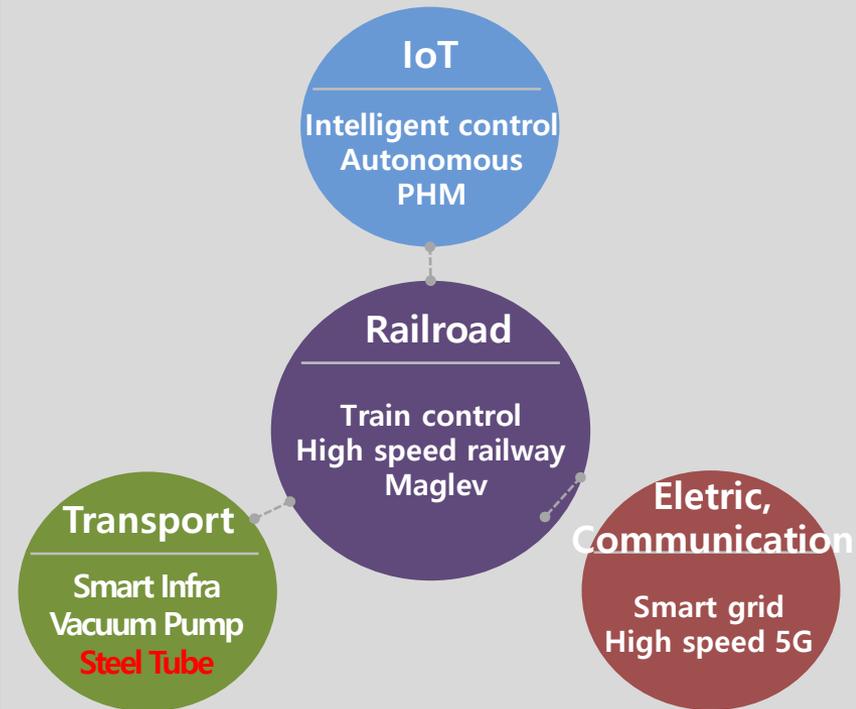
Test & Standardization

# Development System

## Role allocation & cooperation system

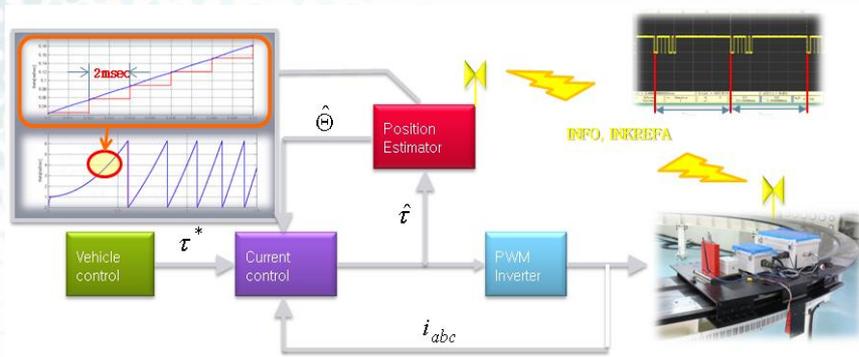


## Similar business combination & connection

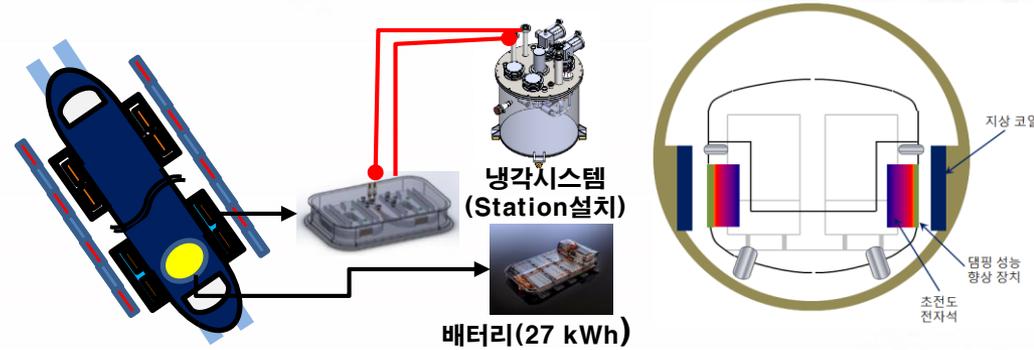


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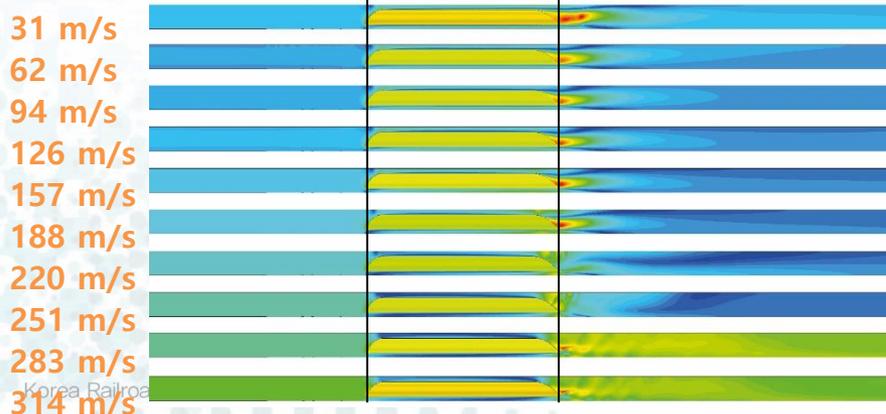
## LSM propulsion design for HTX



## Superconducting EDS levitation - Capsule dynamic analysis



## Aero dynamic analysis - Numerical simulation



## Basic Design for HyperTube System

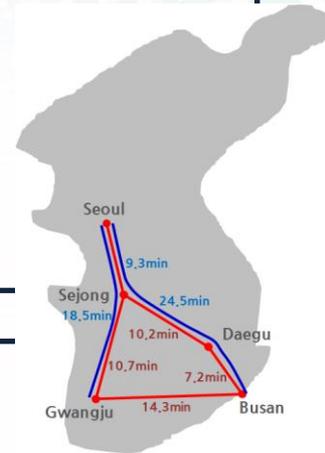


# Effects

## 01 Social effect

- Seoul•Busn in 20 min. → 30 min. life zone within whole country
- Improvement of people life and lead speed up/informatization era
- Decrease intraregional disparity

30 min. life zone  
Within whole country



## 02 Industrial effect

- Development of relevant industry development & new business
- Railway market size : 223 trillion won(2014)→ 610 trillion won(2025)
- By assuming of 30% occupation of capsule train, creation of new business with 183 trillion won is expected(2025)

## 03 Technological effect

- Lead sci. & tech. by obtaining world first sub-sonic capsule train
- Lead the commercialization technology of new concept transportation
- Obtain standard and technology leadership

# Application Plan

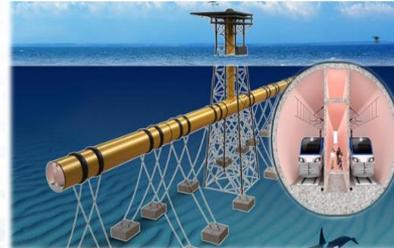
## Application to Transportation

- New line network between main cities
- 1 hour transportation line after Korea unification
- Undersea line to Jeju, Japan, and China
- Intercity lines around 1000Km (over 100countries, 2600 lines)
- Intercontinental connection to US, India, Europe



## Application to Industry

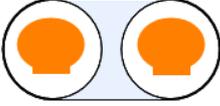
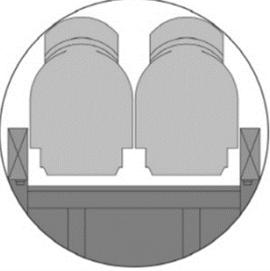
- Automatic transportation in port & logistics depot  
(ex : Busan port, Incheon logistics depot etc.)
- Transportation of small parcel service in underground or guideway  
(ex : main parcel service site (Seoul stn.- Yeogdeungpo stn. etc.)
- Precision transfer system  
(ex : TFT LCD glass & panel transfer system etc.)



# Requirement of Commercialization

Lower construction & operation cost  
than existing high speed railroad

## Construction limit : KTX vs HTX

HTX	KTX
	
30 m <sup>2</sup>	110m <sup>2</sup>

- In case of Hyperloop of America (LA to SF, 670Km)
  - Construction cost : one tenth of existing high speed railroad ( US\$ 6.5 billion)
  - One way ticket : \$20

## Reduction factors of construction and operation cost

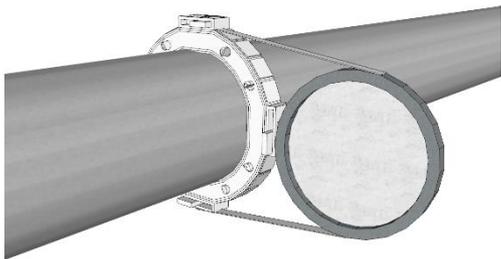
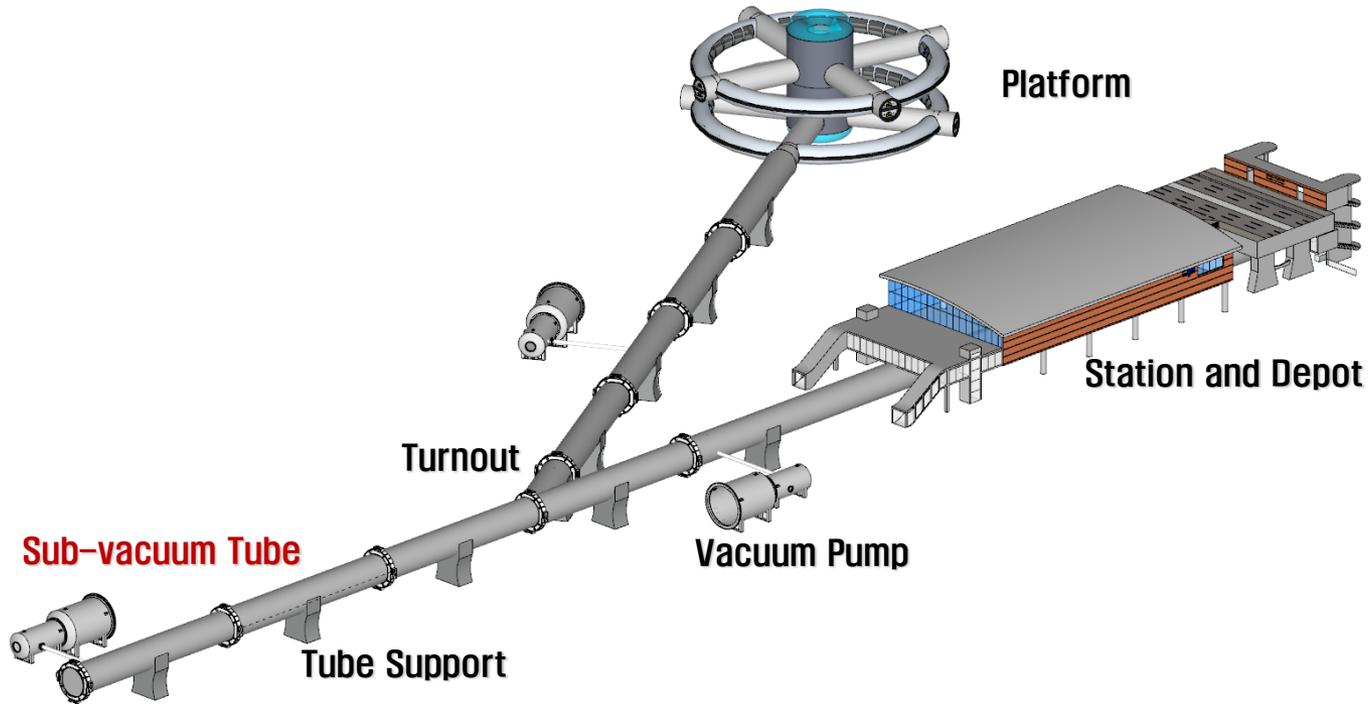
	HTX	KTX
Construction limit	3m (small capsule, No catenary)	6m
Weight	30 ton	40 ton
Distance Between lines	3m	Over 7m
Train organization	1	Ave. 15
Power system	1/2~1/4	1
Energy consumption	1/2~1/4	1
Operating engineers	1/2~1/4	1
Wear/ replacement	1/2~1/4	1

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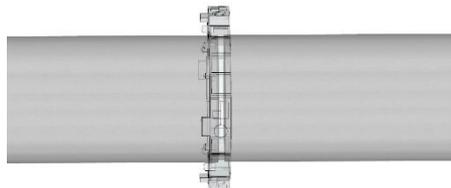
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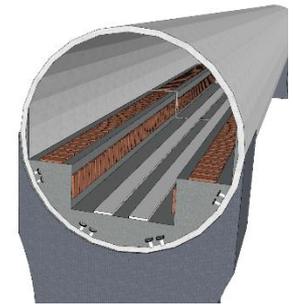
# Infra for HyperTube



Space Separator



기밀 유지 및 신축 이음장치



Guideway

# Sub-vacuum Tube



## Material Requirements for Sub-Vacuum Tube

- Structural Strength
- Gas Tightness
- Manufacturing and Connection with other materials
- Lower Weight
- Economics
- Minimum eletro-magnetic drag force



Steel is optimal so far

<b>Merits</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ High strength and durability</li><li>▪ High resistance for inner/outer shock</li><li>▪ High tensile stress and flexibility</li><li>▪ Easy welding</li><li>▪ Easy connection with facilities</li></ul>
<b>Demerits</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Weak for corrosion and electric corrosion</li><li>▪ Difficult for partial maintenance</li><li>▪ Magnetizing and Electric conduction</li><li>▪ Heavy weight</li></ul>

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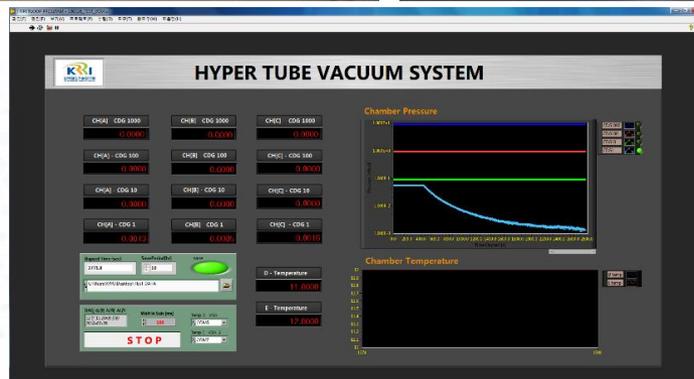
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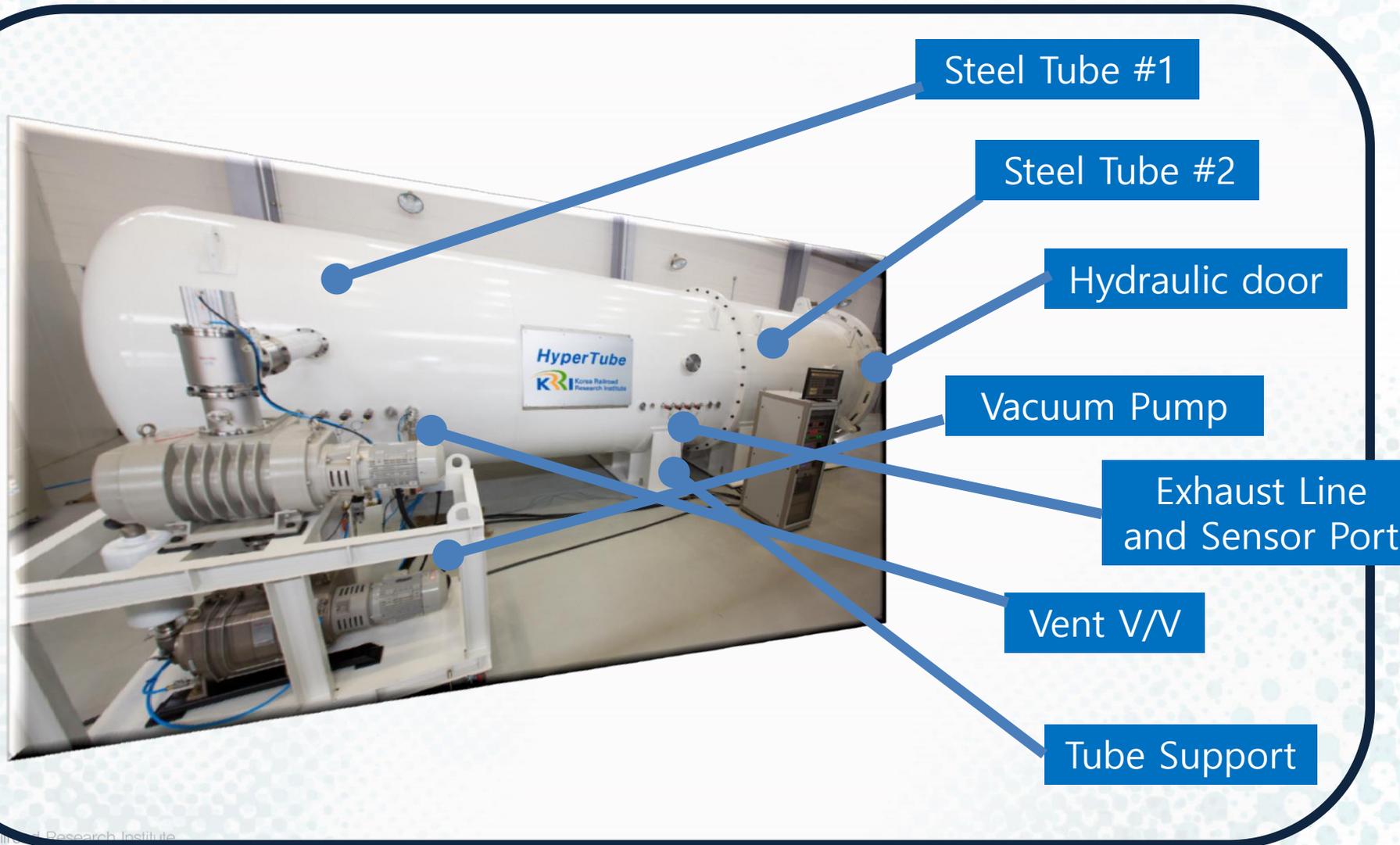
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- ◆ Prototype of KRRI Vacuum Chamber (Length 10m, Diameter 2.5m)



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- Technical Characteristics of KRRI Steel Tube Chamber
  - Vacuum Pressure : less than 0.75 torr (1 mbar)
  - Chamber Material : ASTM A516 Grade 70(Pressure Vessel Steel)
  - Steel Tube #1 : Dia 2640mm, Length 6000mm, Thickness 23mm
  - Steel Tube #2 : Dia 2640mm, Length 4000mm, Thickness 23mm
  - Gas Exhaust Capacity : 40 min(at 0.75 torr)
  - Weight : 27 ton

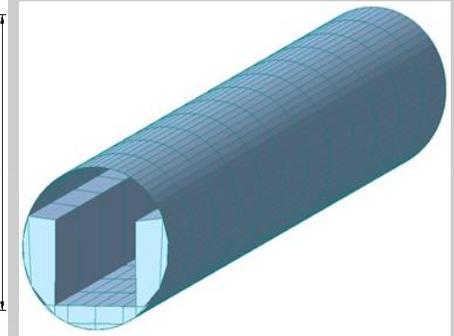
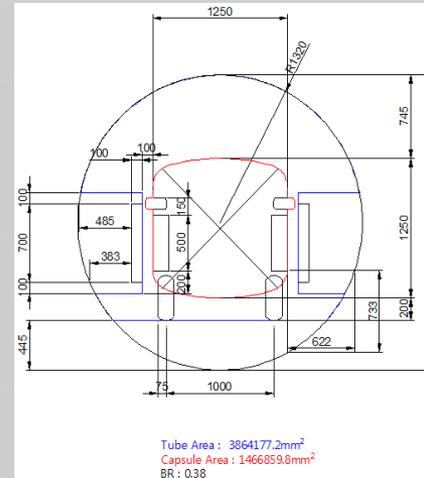
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## Structural Health Analysis for Sub-vacuum Steel Tube

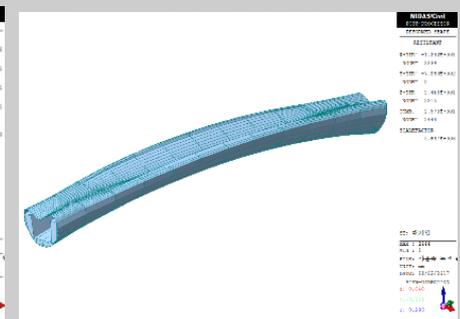
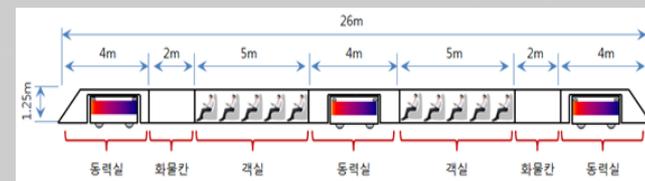
### • Properties

- Inner Dia : 2.64 m, Thickness : 23 mm, Length : 30 m
- Distance between Tube and Capsule Magnet : 600 mm
- Unit Weight of Steel Tube : 76.98 kN/m<sup>3</sup>
- Elastic Coefficient of Steel : 205 GPa
- Unit Weight of concrete Guideway : 24.52 kN/m<sup>3</sup>
- Elastic Coefficient of Concrete : 29.9 MPa



### • Structural Health Analysis

- Self Weight of Tube and Concrete Guideway
- Capsule Pod Load : 200kN, Axial Load : 33.3kN
- Environment : Air Pressure 1 atm, Temperature  $\pm 30^\circ$
- Deflection due to Dynamic Load : 0.93 mm
- Deflection due to Pressure : 0.25 mm
- Stress : 40.2Mpa (Guideway Ppoint)



# Sub-Vacuum System for HyperTube

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## ◆ Capacity Calculation of Vacuum Pump

$$S(L/min) = 2.303 \times k(V/T) \times \text{Log}(P_1/P_2)$$

V : Volume of Chamber

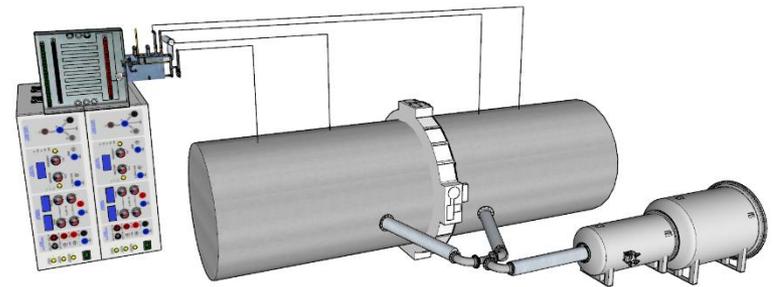
T : Time to Targeted Vacuum

P1 : Initial Air Pressure of Chamber

P2 : Targeted Vacuum

k : Safety Factor

- Low Vacuum Pump : over Exhaust Speed 2000L/min
- Needed Pumps : 103EA/km (including Outgassing)



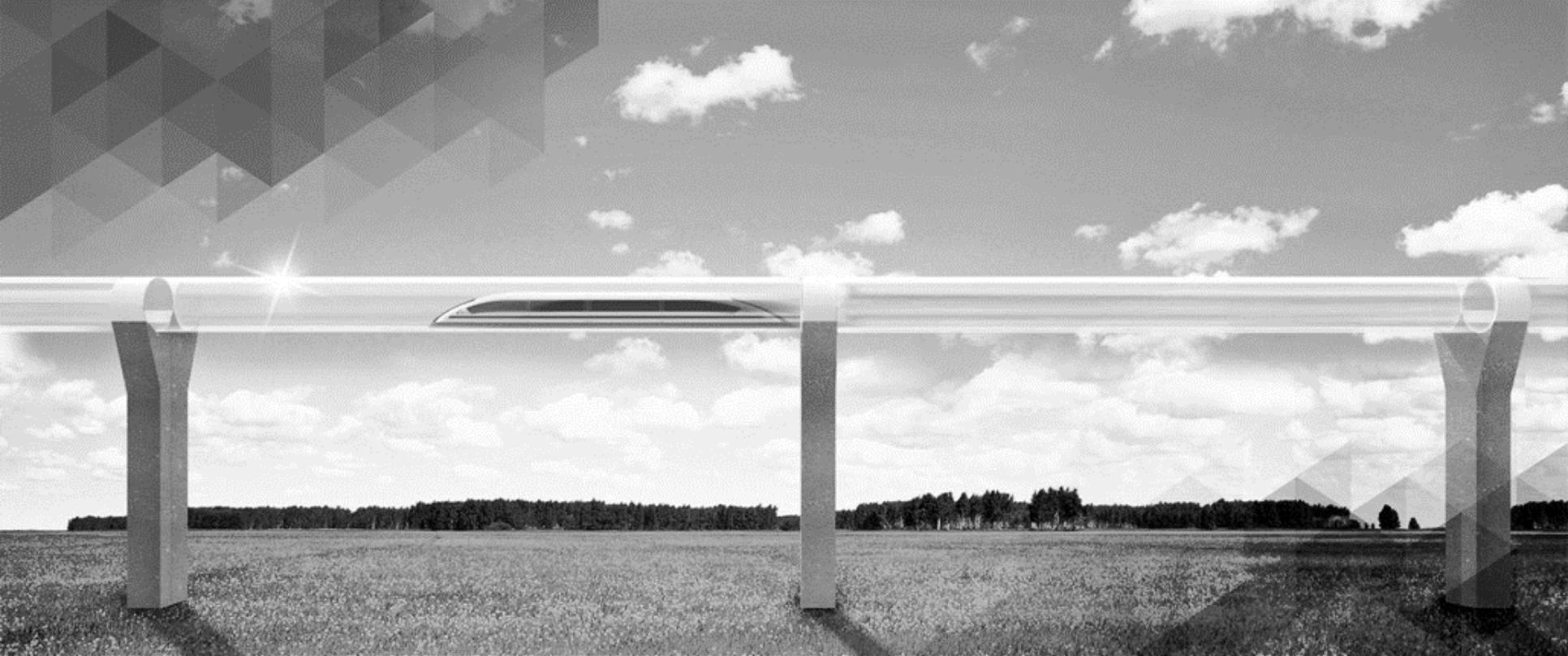
## ◆ Gas Tightness Test

- Chamber (Inner Dia : 2.64m, Length : 2@5m)
- Gas kit, Flexible Joint(bellows) leakage

## ◆ Flexible Joint

- Unit Tube Length 30m
- Resist to pressure difference
- Expansion and Contraction due to Temperature Variation





Thank you for your attention.