

SPILLOVER APPLICATIONS TO ACCELERATE THE VALORIZATION OF HYPERLOOP

Exploring the possibilities for PI relevant spillover applications

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Expanding the logistics Scope

Hyperloop: what ?

- A network that connects airports/cities for people and goods
- A network of a standardised system of tubes with low air pressure substantially free of air resistance allowing for high speeds (up to 1000 kph)
- Above ground where possible, under ground where needed
- Faster than aviation, more energy efficient & cheaper to build than high speed rail
- A pathway towards a net zero positive transport alternative

Hyperloop: why ?

- Increased pressure on and severe congestion of existing infrastructure
- Increased demand for faster and flexible mobility – interconnectivity
- Increased demand for automated, safe and resilient transport system
- Increased demand for smart and optimized supply chains to meet requirements of the on-demand economy
- Shift towards sustainability; no short-term alternative for aviation

Questions from a PI perspective

- How can the fifth transport mode contribute to the Physical Internet ?
- How can the technology contribute in the short/mid term to PI related challenges ?

Track 1: Integration of cargo in network

- In the full vision of a Hyperloop network, cargo will be one of the users of the available capacity in the network:
 - Valorisation of capacity
 - Ultimate combination of flexibility & reliability
 - Zero emission supply chains
 - Resilient transport mode
 - Design for Supply Chain

EVOLUTION 2023/2024:

- Hyperloop Association – moving towards standardisation and technological convergence
- Building phase of test tracks starting CA, ES, NL, , SUI, US ...

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Track 2: Dedicated cargo network

- Dedicated cargo routes
- Connect routes into smaller networks
- Connect routes to other transport modes (in/out)
- Integration into production, distribution and demand centres
- Form follows function

EVOLUTION 2022/2023:

- CARGOLOOP (Hardt) initially as spillover application (lower speeds, less technical complexity)
- No longer seen as scalable – moving towards PI sized pallets & market requirements pushing solution to larger (network standard) diameters
- Dedicated solutions (not upscaled into networks) remain valid

Corridor
— Cargo Hollar corridors
--- Wider cargo hyperloop network
○ Cargo hyperloop potential hubs

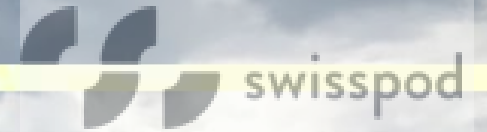


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Swisspod testing site, Lausanne, Switzerland

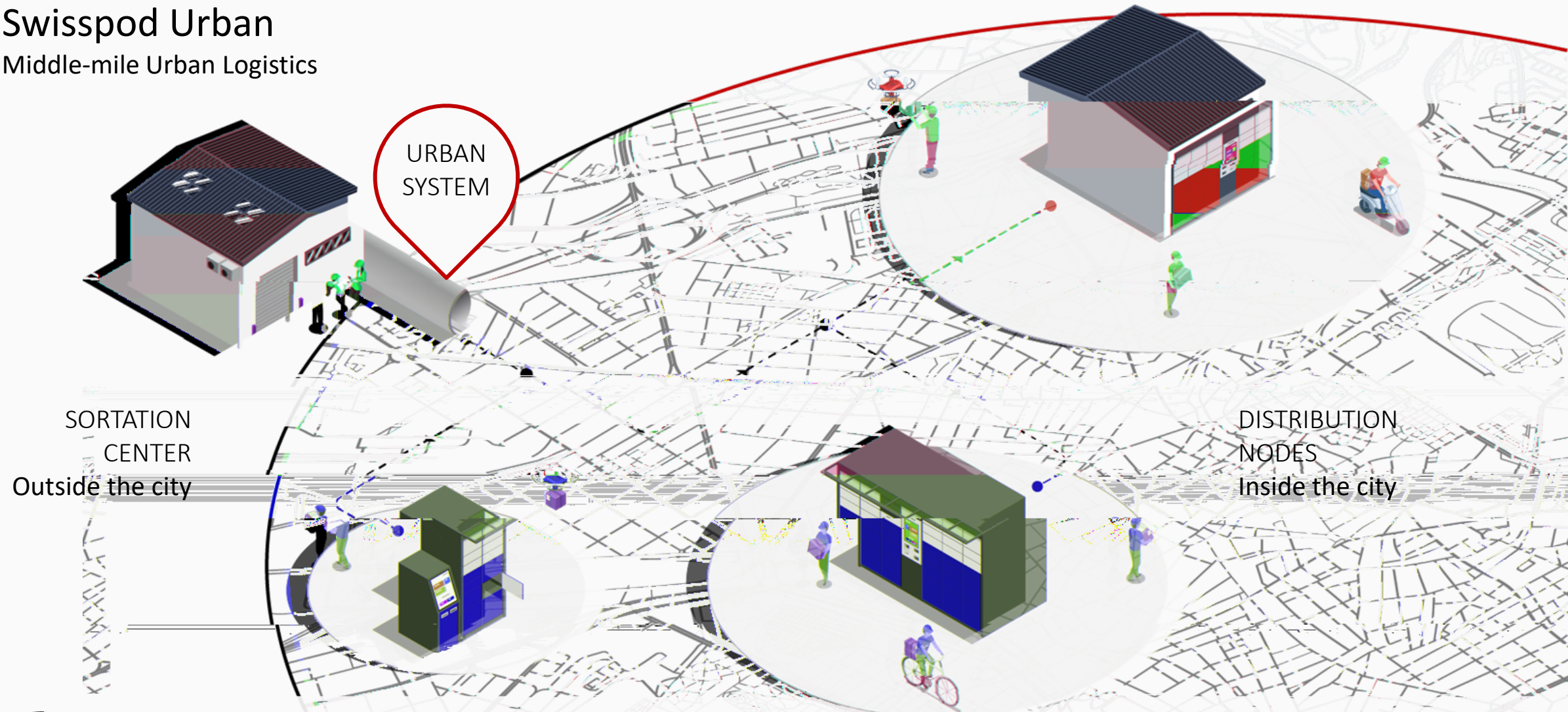
World's first functional hyperloop facility for long duration testing



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Swisspod Urban

Middle-mile Urban Logistics



* **Swisspod Urban Solution** brings automation outside the warehouse, by **connecting logistics centers** with a resilient, autonomous transportation system for pallets and small parcels, that uses Hyperloop technology to optimize flow of goods, while reducing energy consumption and CO2 footprint.

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Track 3: spillover tech to automated solutions

- Real –life port and hub operational challenges PoAB
 - Case 1: connecting maritime terminal to barge quay – 1 km – 85.000 TEU
 - Case 2: connecting # terminals – 2 km – 125.000 TEU
 - Case 3: connecting 2 ports – 80 km – ? TEU
- Ecological & low to no noise
- Autonomous
- Reliable
- 24/7
- Unlocking multimodal solutions

Products: upgrade from legacy towards frictionless future

MagRail allows a stepwise upgrade of legacy railways with components bringing automation, electrification & full digitization

Nevomo's digital bridge systems:

(possible as cargo & passenger versions)

Legacy



MagRail Booster



Existing vehicles*

« Linear motor »
« Magnetic levitation »

MagRail



New vehicles

compatible*



with:



Cargo:

120kph | 75mph

Passenger:

330kph | 205mph

120kph | 75mph

330kph | 205mph**

160kph | 100mph

550kph | 340mph

600kph | 375mph

1200kph | 745mph

Analog & hard to fully
digitalize

New digital components quickly implementable
to upgrade legacy tracks

Vacuum rail
of the future

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* interoperable

** or even 360 kph | 225 mph, which is currently planned on the fastest High-Speed Rail lines in Europe

Nevomo's MagRail will enable railways by adding needed features

Solving railways' challenges with a portfolio of MagRail solutions

MagRail features:

Automation & electrification



More power & better dynamics



Flexibility



Velocity



Applications:

- › Automated, flexible shunting
- › Shuttling of wagon-groups
- › Electrification of terminals
- › Higher loading limits on inclines
- › Faster acceleration out of passing tracks
- › Faster acceleration/ deceleration in stations
- › Dedicated pods operating with high frequency and high flexibility
- › No locomotives needed – easy adaptation to demand fluctuations
- › High-Speed passenger travel (550 kph) with levitation

Benefits:

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Capacity ↑

Flexibility ↑

TCO* ↓

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* TCO – Total Cost of Ownership, comprising, i.a., CAPEX and OPEX

Technology is ready for piloting on real infrastructure

MagRail Booster is heading towards pilot implementation with leading infrastructure managers starting in 2023/2024



Cooperation with:



RFI plans to co-finance Bologna San Donato with "Europe's Rail" funds*. Other railways & suppliers have been invited.



Test center

Expected 2024/2025 (1st phase), after current Europe's Rail project



After successful tests of combined propulsion & levitation focusing on Cargo Booster delivery



Full-scale test track

H1/2023



First demonstration

Q4/2019



Medium-scale test track

Q1/2021

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- Deployment capabilities linear motor systems
- Adaptation of Maglev propulsion to move heavy weights at lower speeds (no tube)
 - Decongest
 - Zero direct emissions & low noise
 - Autonomous – 24/7
 - Improve OPEX

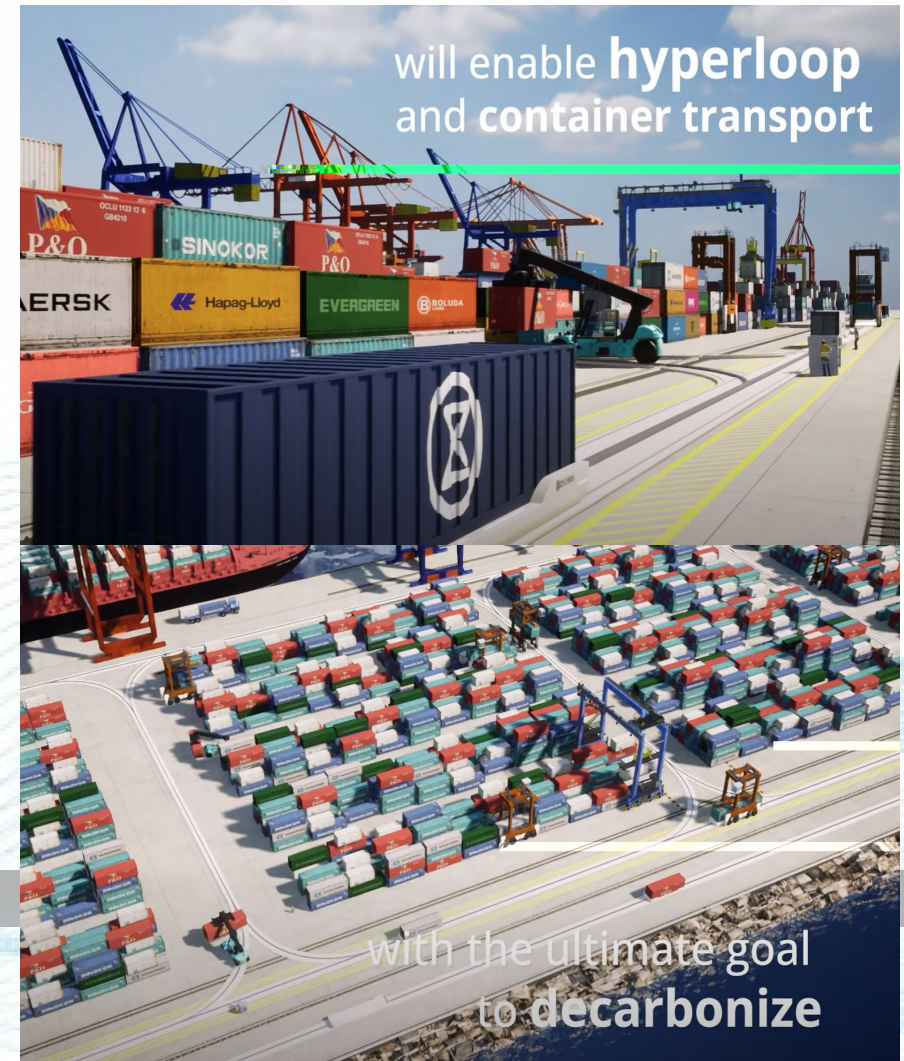


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- Test track Sagunto (Port of Valencia): platform ready
- Fine-tuning
- Testing 2nd half 2023



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TRANSPOD

- Possibly propulsion system applied to port, airport or industrial environments
- High safety requirements:
 - Smart sensors possible to detect micro-faults in any hardware with big potential for predictive maintenance at ports, airports, terminals ... impact on OPEX (immediate) & CAPEX



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