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VACUUM TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM **IITM Technology Available for Licensing**

Problem Statement

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- Develop a vacuum transportation system that maintains high-speed travel capabilities while reducing manufacturing costs of the tube infrastructure.
- There is a need for a system that can be manufactured seamlessly without the need for advanced machinery, thus reducing production complexity and costs.
- Therefore, the focus on reducing the overall weight of the vacuum transportation system, which can lead to decreased material usage and potentially lower transportation costs.

Intellectual Property

- IITM IDF Ref. 2200
- IN 449733 Patent Granted
- PCT/IN2022/050829

Technology Category/ Market

Category - Transportation Infrastructure Applications - Urban Transit Systems, Inter-**City Transportation**

Industry - Transportation Infrastructure

Market - Hyperloop technology market size will arow from \$1.5 billion in 2023 to \$2.13 billion in 2024 at a CAGR of 41.9%.

TRL (Technology Readiness Level)

TRL- 5: Technology validated in relevant environment

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FIG. 1. illustrates a perspective front view of a vacuum transportation system.

Technology

Tube Structure Optimization:

Develop a vacuum transportation system with a reinforced tube structure comprising formers, flanges, and longerons made of materials like stainless steel or carbon fiber composite to withstand various loads including vacuum, wind, and moving object weights.

Platform and Track Design:

Design a platform supported by pylons and reinforced with concrete and rebars, facilitating the movement of objects inside the tube. Incorporate a track on the platform for efficient object transportation.

Vacuum Maintenance System:

Implement vacuum pumps connected to the tube to ensure the maintenance of vacuum pressure, crucial for the system's operation and efficiency.

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Fig. 2A

Fig. 2B

FIG. 2A. illustrates a perspective side view of a framework of the vacuum transportation system.

FIG. 2B. illustrates a perspective side view of a tube of the vacuum transportation system.

Ke	/ Features /	Value Proposition

 2. Environmentally Sustainable Solution Addresses concerns about environmental pollution by minimizing greenhouse gas emissions associated with traditional transportation modes, aligning with the growing emphasis on sustainability in transportation infrastructure. 3. Cost-Effective Infrastructure Provides a cost-effective vacuum transportation system by optimizing the design and manufacturing process of the tube infrastructure, ensuring affordability without compromising performance. 4. Robust and Reliable Construction Utilizes durable materials such as stainless steel, aluminium, and carbon fiber composite, coupled with efficient vacuum 	•Offers a high-speed vacuum transportation solution that significantly reduces travel time between destinations, catering to the demand for rapid and convenient transit options.
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