

A "Made in America" Maglev System for U.S. Transportation



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Maglev Concept Overview

- Magnetic levitation used to:
 - Ø Elevate a vehicle 1 inch (or less) above a fixed guideway
 - Ø Enable vehicle to be efficiently pushed along guideway using electric current



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General Benefits of Maglev

- Zero contact between vehicle and track results in:
 - Ø High energy efficiency (no friction)
 - Ø High speed
 - Ø Low noise
 - Ø Less wear & tear on vehicle and track
- Electric propulsion results in:
 - Ø Clean, zero-emission operation (at point of use)
 - Ø Promotes energy independence by allowing use of renewable electric power

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Maglev Technology: Global Status

China



- First fully operational, in-service system in Shanghai, China
 - Ø German "Transrapid" technology
 - Ø Initiated service in December 2003
 - Ø Operates at speeds up to 260 mph

Japan



- Other maglev technologies
 - Ø Japan (HSST)- Linimo Line, Nagoya (in service since 2005)
 - Ø South Korea (UTM – 1.2 km test track)
 - Ø U.S. (General Atomics/Livermore "Passive Maglev" System)

South Korea



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General Atomics Maglev Test Track

- San Diego, CA

- Ø Completed in September 2004

- Ø 400 ft. long

- Ø Accelerates vehicles to 22 mph

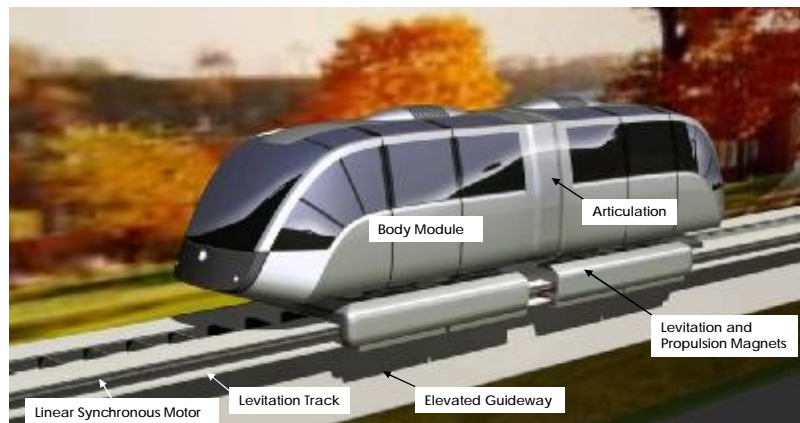
- Ø *Only operational maglev system in U.S.*



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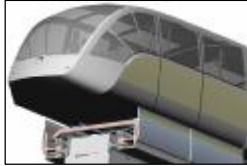
General Atomics Fully Operational Maglev Concept



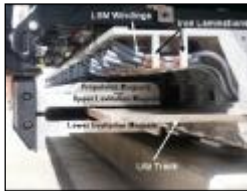
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General Atomics Passive Maglev Technology: Key Features & Advantages



- No active power system on vehicle – only magnets
 - Ø Lighter, cheaper vehicle design
 - Ø Less energy required to move vehicle
 - Ø Allows use of guideway tracks that are lighter, cheaper, and less intrusive

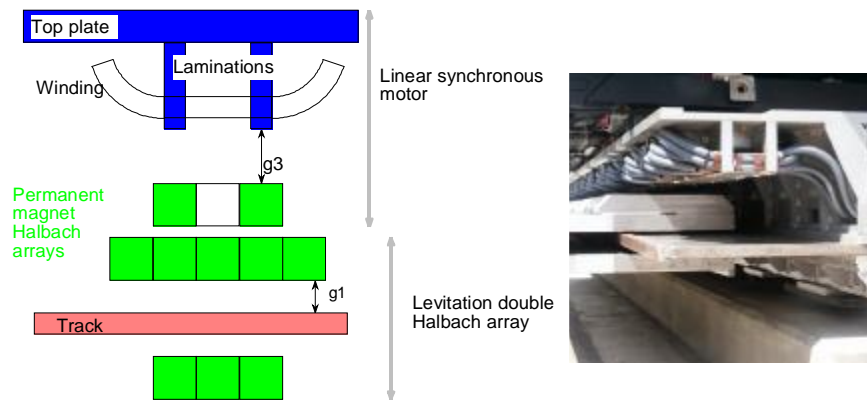


- “Halbach Array” magnet configuration adds to benefits
 - Ø Increased magnetic field strength
 - Ø Very low magnetic fields in passenger compartments and near stations

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General Atomics Maglev: Components

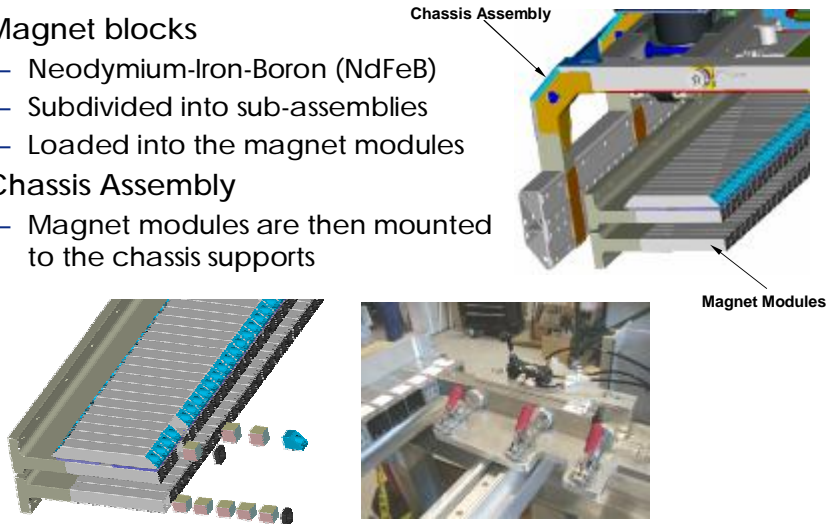


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GA Maglev: Magnet Modules

- Magnet blocks
 - Neodymium-Iron-Boron (NdFeB)
 - Subdivided into sub-assemblies
 - Loaded into the magnet modules
- Chassis Assembly
 - Magnet modules are then mounted to the chassis supports

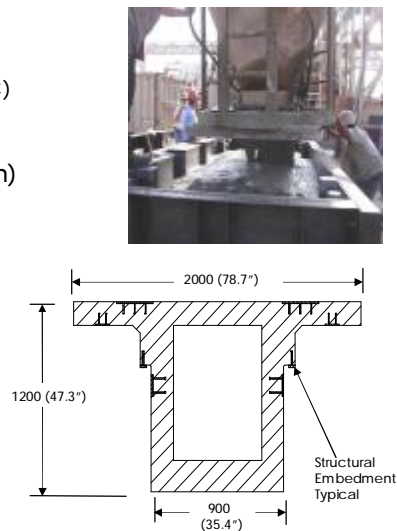
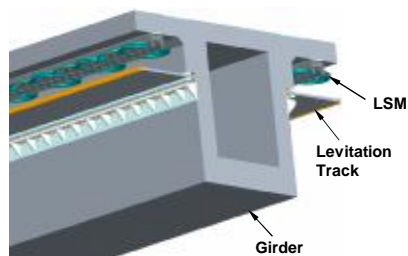


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GA Maglev: Guideway Modules

- Guideway Modules
 - Hybrid Guideway Girder
 - Steel Fiber Reinforce Concrete (SFRC)
 - Linear Synchronous Motor
 - Levitation Track
 - High Speed Turns (144 km/hr, 90 mph)
 - 800 meter min. turn radius
 - 11.5° Cant Angle



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GA Maglev System Performance

- High speed
 - Ø Up to 150 mph in “urban maglev” applications
 - Ø Much higher speeds in long-distance mode
- Rapid acceleration (up to 0.25g)
- Virtually unlimited hill-climbing ability
- Low internal and external noise
- All-weather operation
- Automated train control, driverless option
- Safety features (e.g., wraparound design)

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GA Maglev System: Basic Economics

- Investment
 - Ø Vehicle costs comparable to conventional rail
 - Ø Major investment is in guideway
 - § Higher cost than grade-level rail or highways
 - § Comparable or lower cost than other elevated systems
- Return on Investment
 - Ø Lower fuel/energy costs
 - Ø Reduced personnel costs (automated operation)
 - Ø Reduced maintenance costs
 - Ø Lower social costs (pollution, noise, congestion delays)

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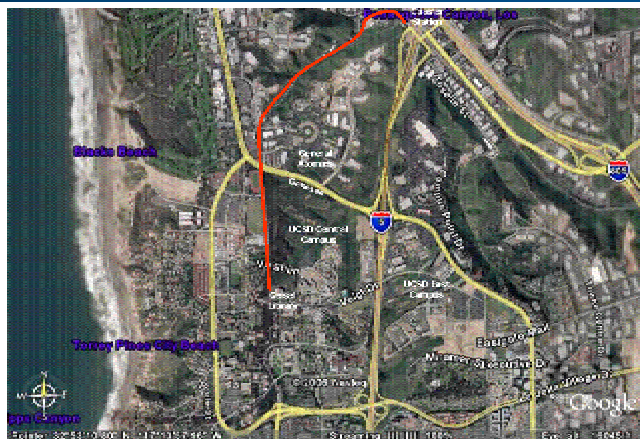
Current GA Maglev Activities

- Continuing development of Passive Maglev Technologies
 - Ø FTA-funded "Urban Maglev" Program
 - Ø Addressing controls, electrical systems, vehicle design, and girder/track design
- Actively pursuing opportunities to build working maglev systems
 - Ø Passenger transport (California, Pennsylvania, Colorado)
 - Ø Goods movement (Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach, CA; Gulfport, Mississippi)

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Proposed San Diego System



- Would connect local rail station and campus of University of California, San Diego (UCSD)
- Length: 2.5 miles

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Proposed Pennsylvania System



- Would link two campuses of California University of Pennsylvania
- Length: 4.5 miles
- Would demonstrate 7% grade and all-weather operation

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Proposed Goods Movement System for Ports of Los Angeles & Long Beach



- Would link ports with long-haul freight (truck & rail) terminals
- Length: 4.7 miles
- Port-funded feasibility study completed in June 2006

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Maglev Cargo Conveyor Concept

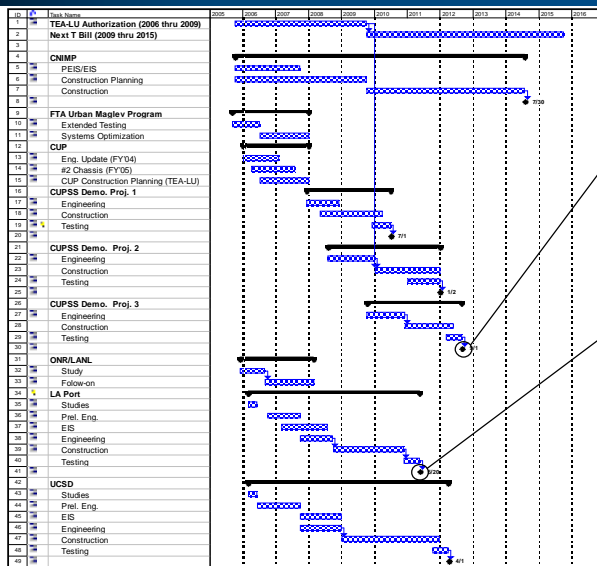
- Demonstrated on General Atomics test track
 - Ø Same track and system architecture as used for passenger transport
 - Ø Similar environmental, economic, and national security benefits



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Sample Development Schedule



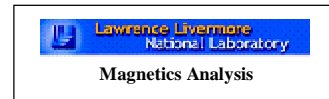
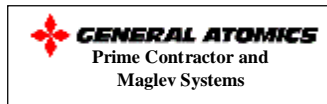
Passenger service by September 2012

Cargo transport by May 2011

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The General Atomics Maglev Team



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Conclusions

- Need for transportation modernization is urgent
 - Ø Existing infrastructure is aging, overburdened
 - Ø Air quality and global warming trends are ominous
 - Ø "Addiction to oil" must be cured
- General Atomics Maglev solution
 - Ø Energy efficient
 - Ø Environmentally friendly, zero-emission operation
 - Ø Quiet and aesthetically appealing
 - Ø Flexible and affordable
 - Ø Made-in-America technology is available now

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