

Characterization of Flow-Relevant Properties for Vacuum Tube Interior Surfaces for High-Speed Vacuum Transport

Short Description

Global rise in mobility brings traditional modes of transport to their limits. Vacuum Transportation enables an efficient and safe way of transport. Capsules, so-called pods, travel at high speeds on a rail through a low-pressure tube in order to minimize drag.

ETH Zurich's Hyperloop Team Swissloop participated with other university teams in Elon Musk's Hyperloop Pod Competition for three consecutive years. Due to the lack of testing infrastructure in Europe for R&D, the EuroTube Foundation aims to accelerate the breakthroughs in vacuum transportation and to push the promising concept forward by building a 3km long test track in the canton of Valais, Switzerland.

The goal of this thesis is to characterize the Flow-Relevant Properties for Vacuum Tube Interior Surfaces for High-Speed Vacuum Transport.

The results of this thesis provide important information for interior panelling of the AlphaTube test tube and lay a firm foundation for possible future aerodynamic studies. This thesis is conducted at the Institute of Fluid Dynamics at ETH Zürich in collaboration with EuroTube and Swissloop.

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| Partner | ETHZ, EuroTube Foundation, Swissloop |
| Start date | tbd |
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Work packages

- Literature review
- Study of existing models and methods from related work
- Setup of CFD framework
- Documentation and writing of report or paper

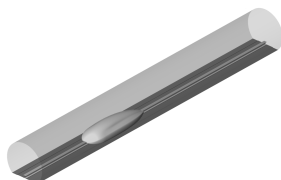
Requirements

- High motivation and interest in the topic
- Able to work independently and be creative
- Methodological and goal-oriented working behavior
- Prior knowledge in numerical simulations (lectures during Bachelor's or Master's [e.g. Berechnungsmethoden / Computational Methods for Engineering Applications / Turbulent Flows / ...] or expertise acquired through own projects)
- Good theoretical understanding of fluid dynamics / computational fluid dynamics

Application

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