Virgin Hyperloop gave the first ride on its test track Sunday in Las Vegas, but it will be years before the public can potentially take a high-speed ride on a hyper loop. Magnetic levitation lifts a train car above a track, as the magnets' like poles push the train upward. Magnetic levitation has been used on some train systems since the 1970s. A hyper loop is an unproven transportation system in which people travel in a .vehicle in a vacuum tube at speeds as high as 600 mph