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## Enabling the 3 Revolutions: Some perspectives

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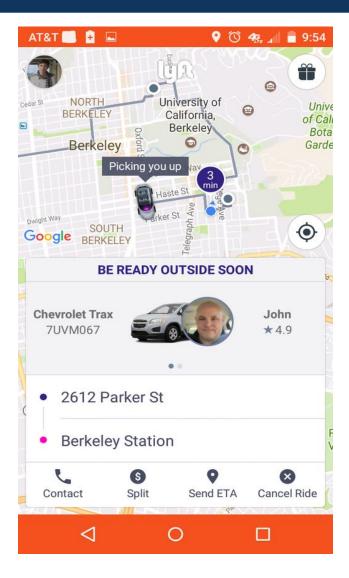
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#### **Passenger Transport Revolutions**

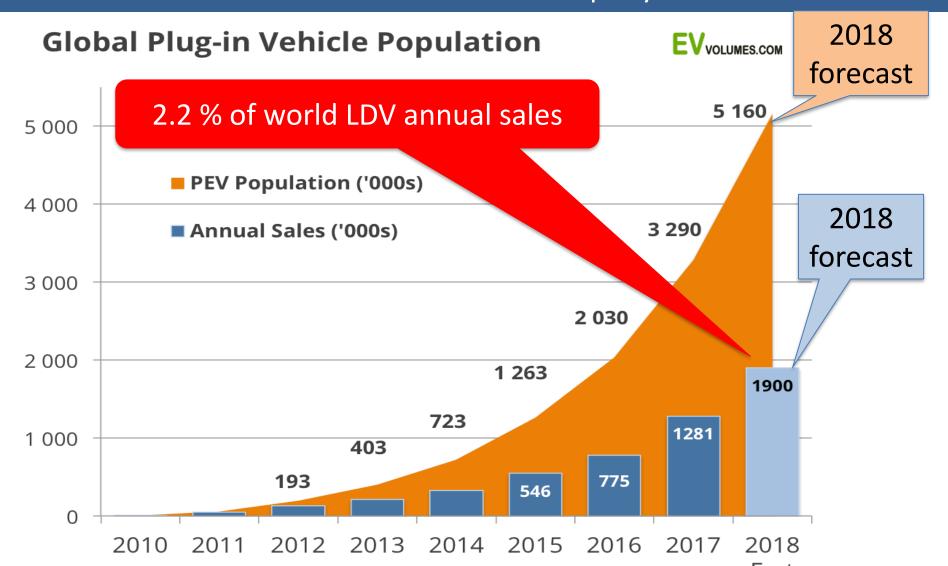
- 1. Streetcars/metros (~1890)
- 2. Automobiles (~1910)
- 3. Airplanes (~1930)
- 4. Limited-access highways (1950s....)
- 5. High-speed rail (1970s...)

#### <u>2010+</u>

- 1. Vehicle electrification
  - low carbon vehicles and fuels
- 2. Real-time, shared mobility
  - less vehicle use
- 3. Vehicle automation (2025?)
  - Uncertain impacts



The total number of PEVs in the world at end of 2018 will likely exceed 5 million (.5% of 1 billion total LDV) & exceed 1.9 million in sales (out of 88 million total LDV sales) - about 160,000 LDV PEVs per month. ROG has been 40 to 100% per year



## Car of the future?

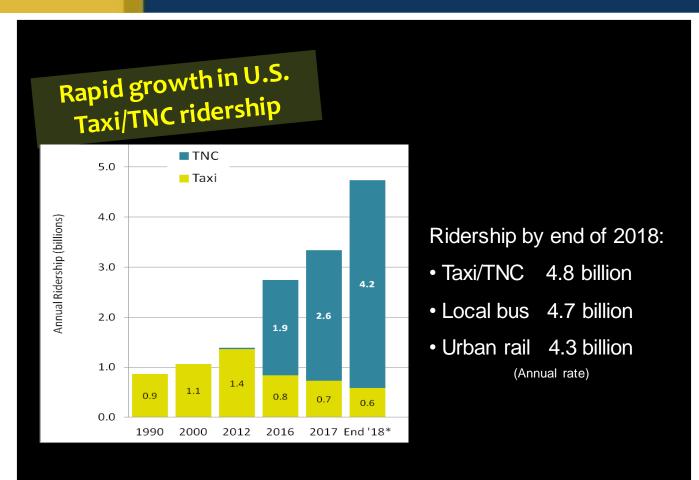


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## Or this?



# Ride-hailing in the U.S. currently is substituting for taxis, bus and rail more than private cars



Source: The New Automobility: Lyft, Uber and the Future of American Cities, Schaller Consulting, July 2018.

#### Bruce Schaller, 2018



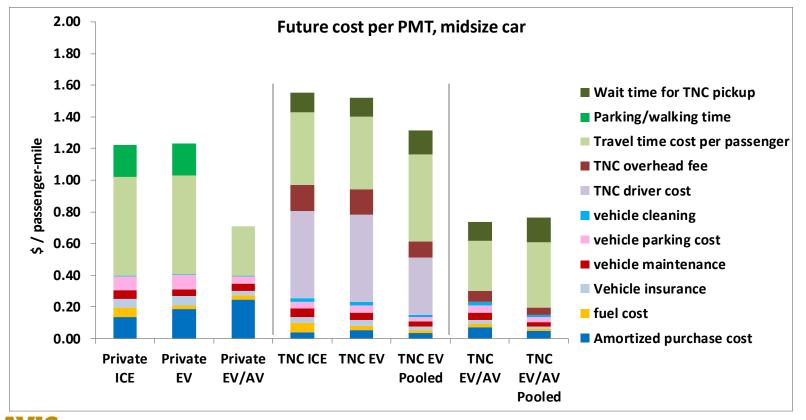
#### Some 3R-related observations

- There are basically 2 ways to get GHG reductions with 3Rs:
  - Electrification
  - Ride sharing/pooling (not just vehicle sharing)
- Automation: lower per-trip costs, lower "time cost" for being in vehicles
  - No driver means TNC services could become very cheap
  - No driver means household vehicle travel could become very "time cheap"
- Electrification goes with automation does it really?
  - Can we assume AVs will be electric? Can get the job done with upgraded electrical system (such as hybrids)
  - But electric running will be much cheaper and durable?
- Ride hailing: cost savings v. convenience and risk
  - Complementary or at conflict with public transit use?
  - Will lower costs reduce the incentive to pool?

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#### Trip cost comparison, future case, 6 mile trip, with out-ofpocket and some hedonic costs

- Time costs are as big or bigger than out of pocket costs
- Automated electric vehicles will be low cost per mile
- Shared trips may not be particularly attractive



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### The upshot for low CO2 pathways and policy (1)

- These revolutions are actually moving fairly slowly at this point we cannot count on high market shares for EVs, ride sharing trips, or automated vehicles by 2025 or 2030
  - The good news is it gives us a little more time to plan this, and set some policies.
- Expensive up-front cost of high-technology vehicles easily amortized in a TNC situation
  - Plus faster vehicle turnover could really help speed adoption of EVs
- Hedonic costs really matter and we need to understand these much better
  - Advantages of pooled vs solo ridesharing are apparent, but may be elusive
  - We can imagine needing road pricing policies that strongly promote this pooling

### The upshot for low CO2 pathways and policy (2)

- In any case lower overall costs probably mean proportionately more passenger and vehicle travel
  - Travel rebound effects: again, pricing
- However, pricing is unpopular and you might need >\$0.20/mile types of fees to tilt the scales, which is the equivalent of a \$6/gallon gas tax
- So we regulate? How exactly?
  - Require minimum vehicle occupancy?
  - Restrict types of and access to automated vehicles?
  - Restrict some types of movement of automated vehicles?
  - Other ideas? More research needed!



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