CHALLENGE  The UK is heading towards a tipping point when the electric vehicle is set to become the preferred mode of transportation, and continued electrification will reinvent sectors from transport to power generation and distribution to banking.

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ROB MILLAR, Head of Electrical at Williams Advanced Engineering, responsible for all electrical and battery projects, including the Formula-E battery programme, government-funded projects like Netfficient and ALISE and vehicle projects such as the Aston Martin Rapide E.

GRAEME PURDY, CEO, Ilika plc, a pioneer in solid state battery technology and materials innovation, which has a roadmap for miniature thin film batteries for wireless sensors and larger format cells for motive power.

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