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Abstract: Improvements in compute performance have been a major enabler of the advances in AI over the past decade. However, we are at a point where demands from future AI workloads will far outpace expected improvements in hardware, threatening to greatly impede continued progress in the field of AI. This talk will review the challenges posed by AI workloads across the computing spectrum, examine the often-cited efficiency gap between artificial intelligence and biological intelligence, and provide a possible roadmap to narrowing this gap, including in-memory computing, algorithm-hardware co-design and neuromorphic computing.

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