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*Addressing the AI Talent Bottleneck by Automating Artificial Intelligence*

For the foreseeable future, AI expertise will be a limiting factor in the broad deployment of AI systems, and - unless managed very carefully - this will lead to uneven access and increasing inequality. It is also likely to lead to the wide-spread use of low-quality AI systems, developed without the proper expertise. This AI talent bottleneck and its consequences will be particularly felt in non-profit organisations and public administration, which usually cannot compete with industry when it comes to attracting and retaining AI experts.

In this talk, I will outline an approach I call AutoAI, which addresses this problem by automating key aspects of the development, deployment and responsible operation of AI systems. Building on recent advances in automated algorithm design, machine learning and optimisation, AutoAI also has the potential to help skilled experts to dramatically improve the performance and robustness of the AI algorithms and systems they design, deploy and maintain.