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Before joining Vulcan in 2017, Chris worked and lived in Silicon Valley since the 1990s, where he led a number of for-profit engineering efforts in both startups and much larger companies like Apple and Dell/EMC. His professional experience spans the consumer, Enterprise, and High-Performance Computing (HPC) markets at the highest levels in terms of sales, adoption, and solutions which are still operational today.

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During this event's brief talk and discussion, he will not be representing his current or past employers. Unfortunately, that includes no agenda to promote products or services you may desperately need.

Instead, he'll start by covering some of the intersection between business and technology as it relates to Artificial Intelligence (AI) and adjacent domains. Chris will start with a variant of The Hype Equation [1] and continue by reviewing wide swaths of the current landscape and ambition tied to AI - what's already possible and out there, or in development. And then based off audience direction, dig deeper into various topics of interest during the discussion portion of the talk. The goal is to have some fun, broad-based awareness (vs. agreement), and to encourage bi-directional discussion.