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A Functional Systems Programming Language

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- ▶ But there are some significant challenges in this field [1, 5]

- ▶ We'll discuss this in a moment
- ► First, some background

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