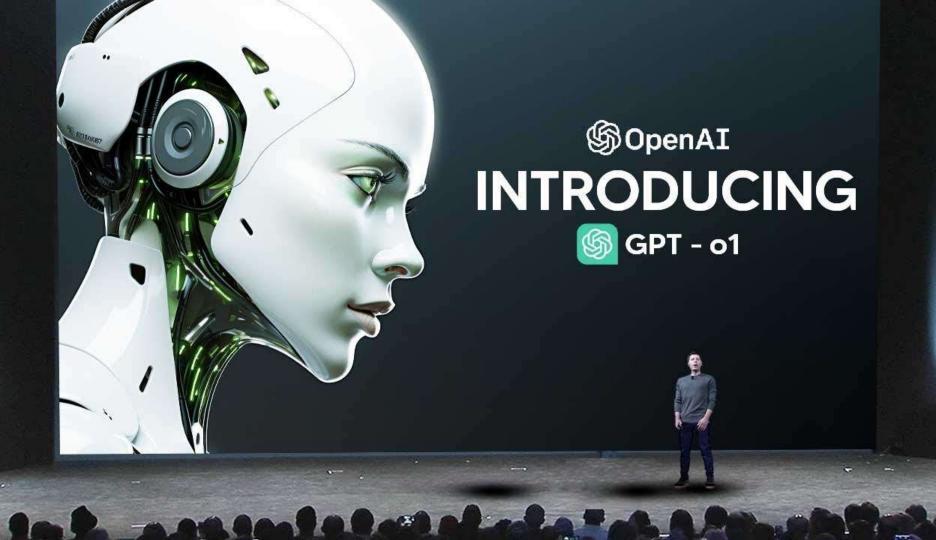
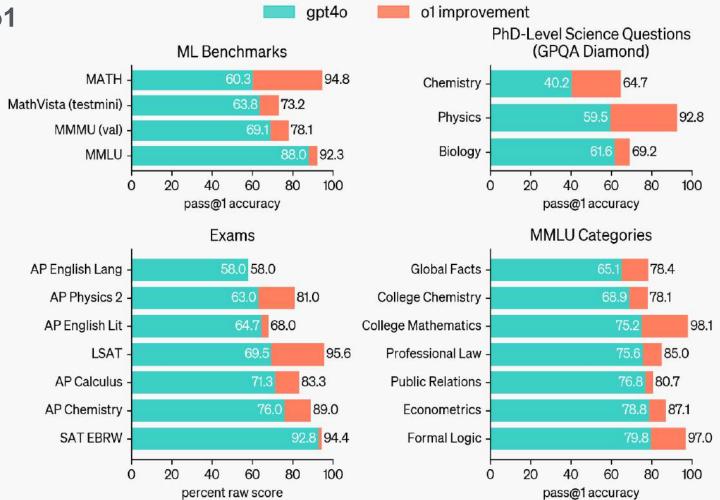




## "Reasoning"



GPT o1



# LLMs Still Can't Plan; Can LRMs? A Preliminary Evaluation of OpenAI's o1 on PlanBench

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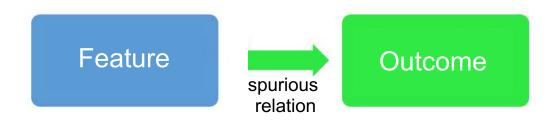
#### ABSTRACT

The ability to plan a course of action that achieves a desired state of affairs has long been considered a core competence of intelligent agents and has been an integral part of AI research since its inception. With the advent of large language models (LLMs), there has been considerable interest in the question of whether or not they possess such planning abilities. PlanBench [1], an extensible benchmark we developed in 2022, soon after the release of GPT3, has remained an important tool for evaluating the planning abilities of LLMs. Despite the slew of new private and open source LLMs since

# What is "reasoning"?



#### "Word Co-occurrence"



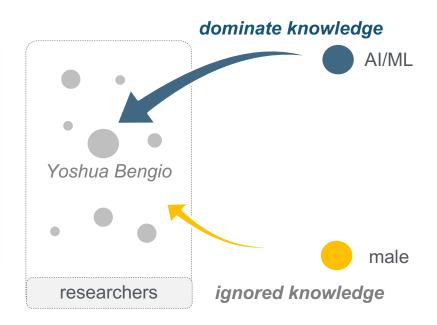
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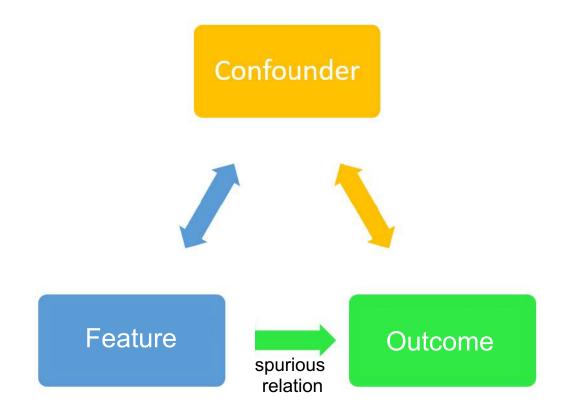
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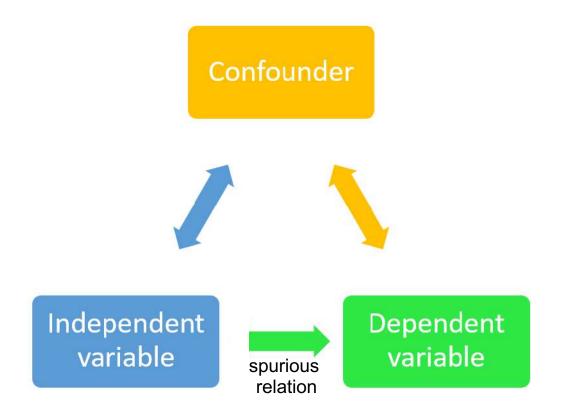


- 1. **Fei-Fei Li**: She was the Director of the Stanford Artificial Intelligence Lab and the Stanford Vision Lab...
- 2. **Yoshua Bengio**: While Yoshua Bengio is not a female researcher himself, he has been a strong advocate for gender diversity in AI/ML...
- 3. **Pieter Abbeel** is a male researcher, but he has been actively working towards promoting diversity in Al/ML...



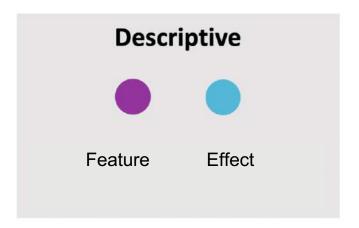


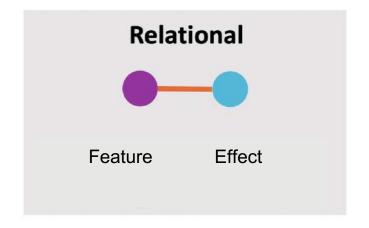


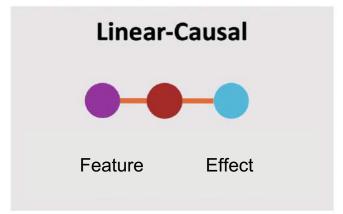


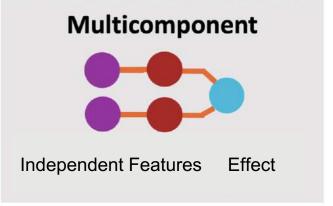
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#### "Disentanglement" is the key of casual reasoning!



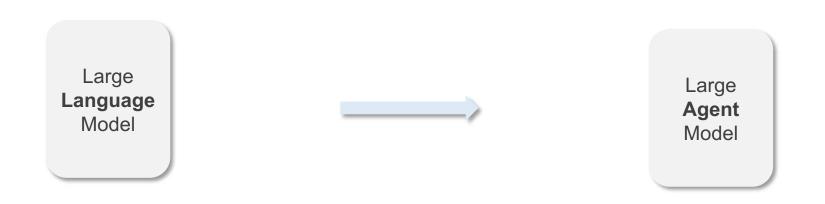






### "Disentanglement"

#### Large Language Models → Large Agent Models



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# Such disentanglement enables a generalist agent

#### What is a generalist agent?



Having a robot that can do many tasks, across many environments.

Figure credits: Jiayuan Mao

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Interact with environment

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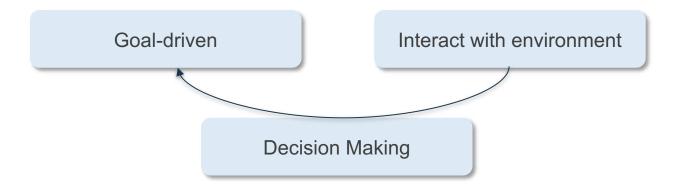
Goal-driven

Interact with environment

#### What is a generalist embodied agent?



Having a robot that can do many tasks, across many environments.



#### Large Language Models → Large Agent Models



#### **Environment Interaction**





Cup is on top of the table.

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Model	Whats- Up	COCO- spatial	GQA- spatial	Avg
CLIP ViT-B/32	31.0	47.4	46.9	41.8
CLIP ViT-L/14	26.1	49.5	47.3	41.0
NegCLIP	34.4	46.9	46.0	42.4
RoBERTaCLIP	25.1	50.0	49.8	41.6
CoCa	29.4	46.7	47.1	41.0
XVLM 4M	31.5	61.7	58.7	50.6
XVLM 16M	41.9	65.0	58.2	55.0
BLIP 14M	38.5	54.0	49.8	47.5
BLIP 129M	30.4	49.3	49.0	42.9
BLIP2-ITM	37.6	53.0	49.8	46.8
BLIP2-ITC	29.0	53.7	51.0	44.6
FLAVA	30.5	52.6	51.7	44.9
CoCa-Caption	24.1	48.6	49.5	40.8
XVLM-Flickr30K	44.3	65.2	61.4	56.9
XVLM-COCO	42.1	71.0	68.1	60.4
BLIP-Flickr30K	33.8	54.2	48.9	45.6
BLIP-COCO	32.8	51.4	51.4	45.2
BLIP-VQA	47.8	62.0	58.4	56.0
Random / Text-only	25.0	50.0	50.0	41.7
Human Estimate	100.0	97.3	99.0	98.8

#### What is missing: Physical World State Changes

Current **LLMs** still **fall short** on understanding concepts involving complex **physical interactions**.

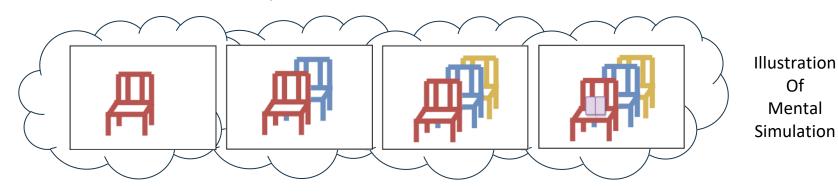
Place a blue chair behind a red chair. Then, put a yellow chair behind the blue chair. Then, put a book on top of the chair that in front of the blue chair.

Question: What chair is the book on?

Answer: The book is on the yellow chair.

GPT4 failed example

*Mental models*, which can be viewed as **internal representations of the physical world**, enable **humans** to understand such concepts with ease.







Q: Is the dog facing left or right from the camera's perspective?

The dog is facing to the right from the camera's perspective. You can tell by the position of its tail and the orientation of its body.



Q: Do you see any window in this image?

No, there are **no windows visible** in this image. The image shows a traditional red pillar box, which is a type of mailbox found in the United Kingdom.



Q: Do the individuals in the picture face the front or the back?

The individuals in the picture are facing away from the camera, so we see them from the back.



Q: In this image, how many eyes can you see on the animal?

The image shows **one eye** of the animal. It's a close-up of a bald eagle facing slightly to its right, which presents only one side of its face to the viewer.



Q: How many wheels can you see in the image?

In the image provided, I can see two wheels on the visible side of the car.



Q: Does the keyboard have a backlight?

Based on the image, it appears that the keyboard does have a backlight. This is indicated by the illumination seen around the keys, which suggests that there is a light source beneath them to enhance visibility in low-light conditions.



Q: Is the person in the picture on the grass or on the gravel path?

The person in the image appears to be running on a gravel path. You can discern this from the texture and color contrast between the light-colored path and the green grass surrounding it.



Q: Is the edge of the heart in the picture white or dark-colored?

The image you've provided is small and of low resolution, but it appears that the hearts have a dark-colored edge or outline. This outline varies in visibility, likely due to the quality of the image.



Q: Is the school bus parked facing the camera or away from the camera?

The school bus is parked facing away from the camera. You can tell because the rear lights and the back of the exterior rearview mirror are visible. The text "SCHOOL BUS" is also reversed, which is typically seen on the front of a bus, designed so that it reads correctly in a rearview mirror.

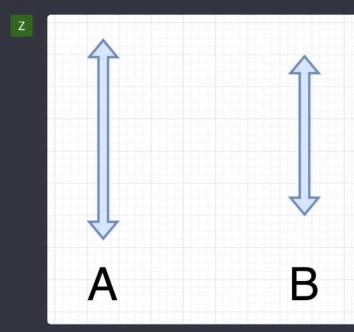


Q: Are the butterfly's feet visible?

The butterfly's feet are **not visible** in this image. The wings and part of the body of the butterfly are in view, but the feet are either hidden beneath the body or out of the frame of the picture. Butterflies have delicate, slender feet which are often not the most noticeable feature when they are perched, especially from the angle shown in this image.

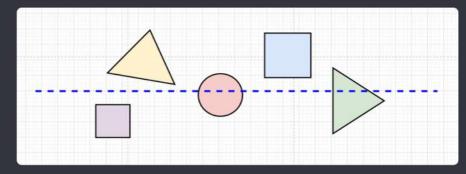
#### Current VLMs have Poor Geometric Knowledge [Wang et al., 2024]

- Shape/Length









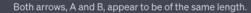
what shapes are intersecting with the blue dashed line?



The shapes intersecting with the blue dashed line are:

- Triangle (beige color)
- Square (purple color)
- · Circle (pink color)
- Square (blue color)
- Triangle (green color)

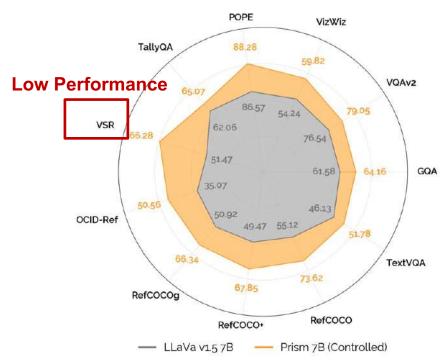








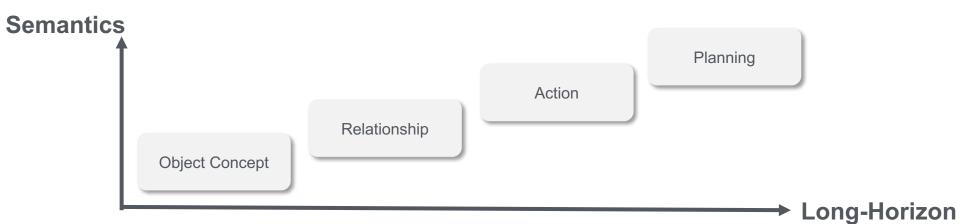
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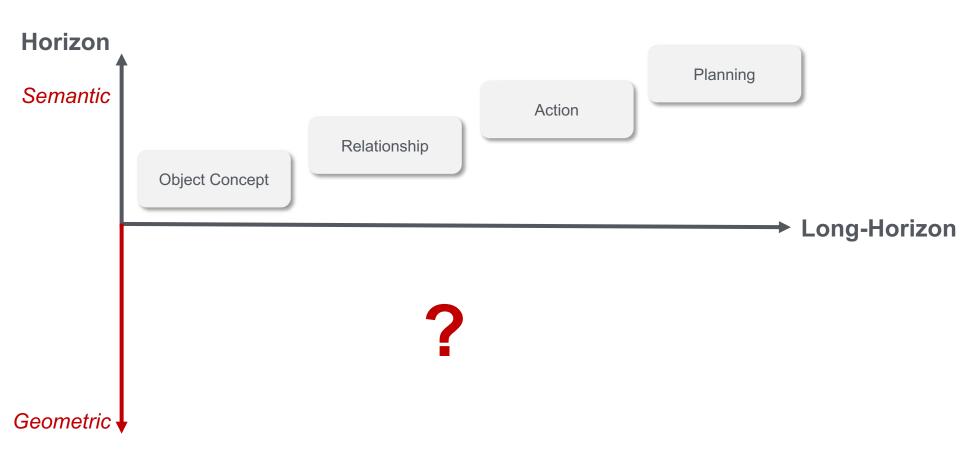


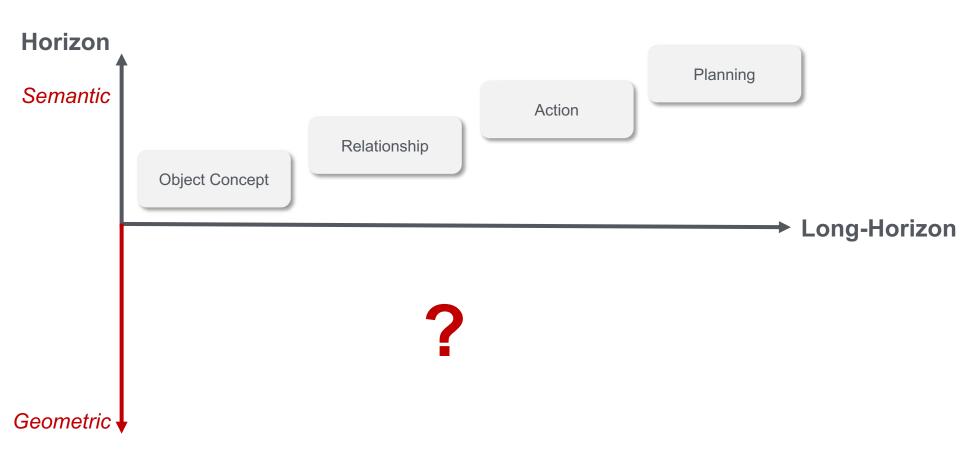
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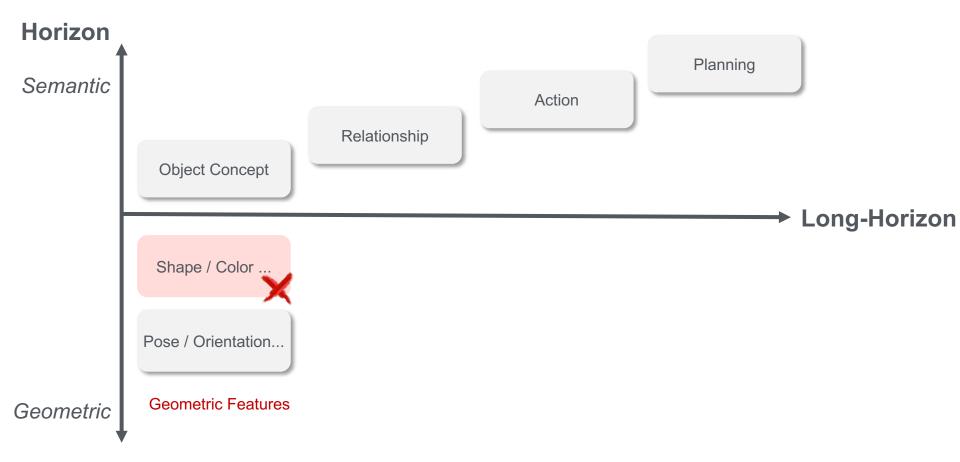
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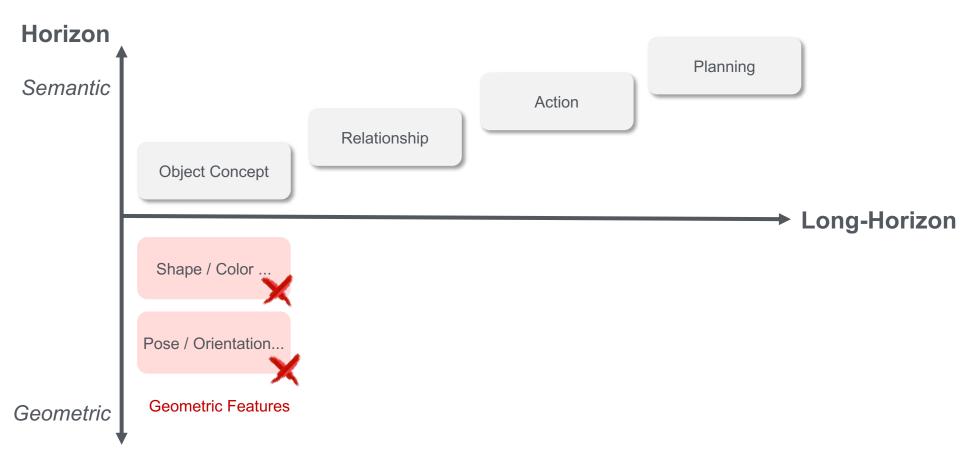
#### What we know about physical world

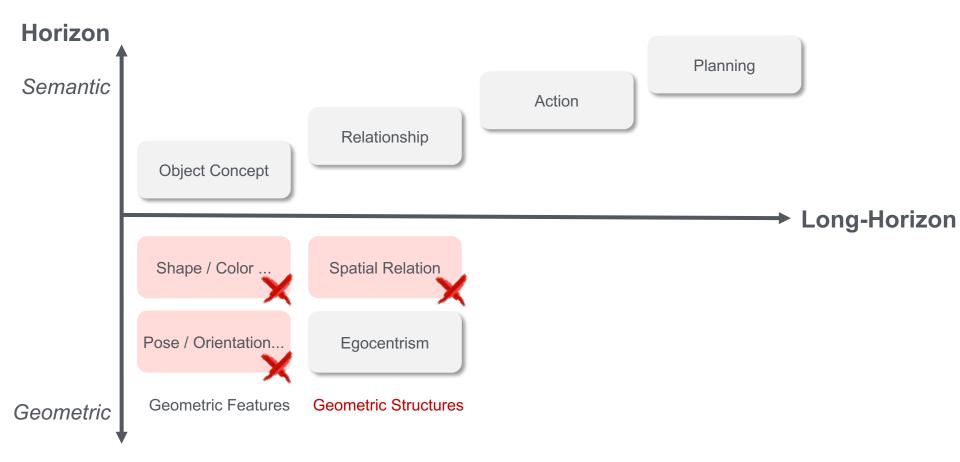


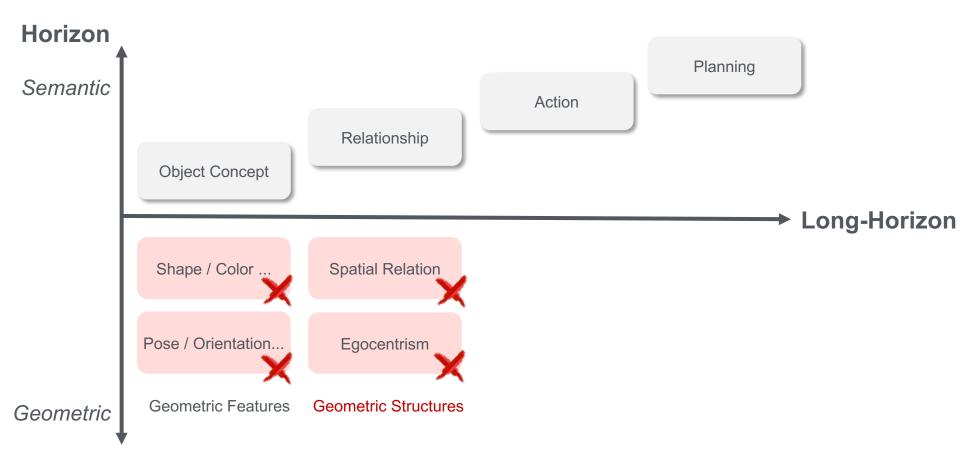


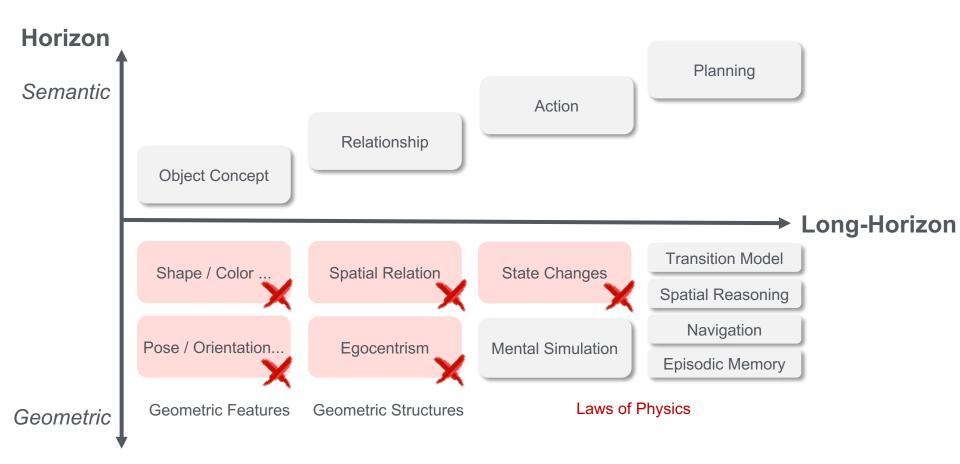


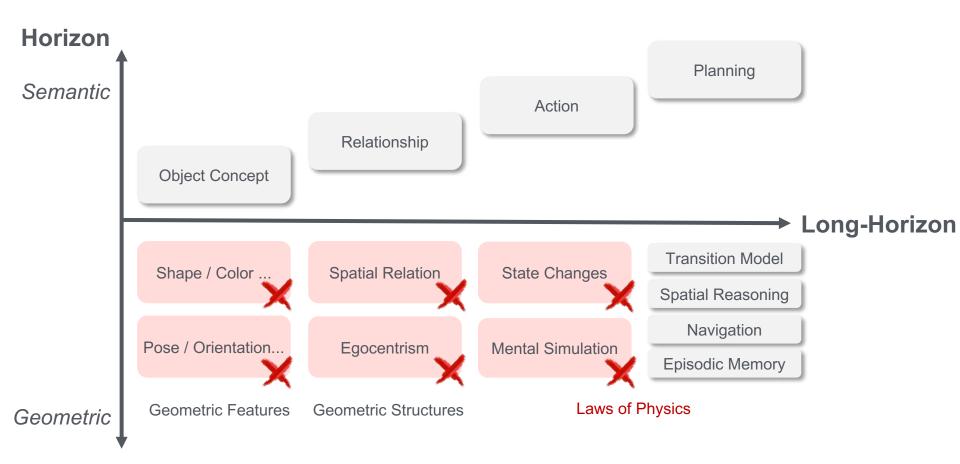


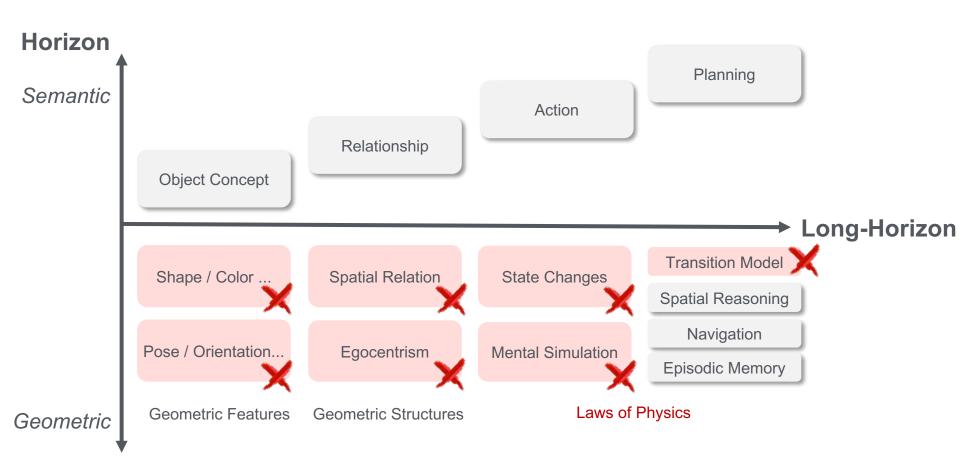


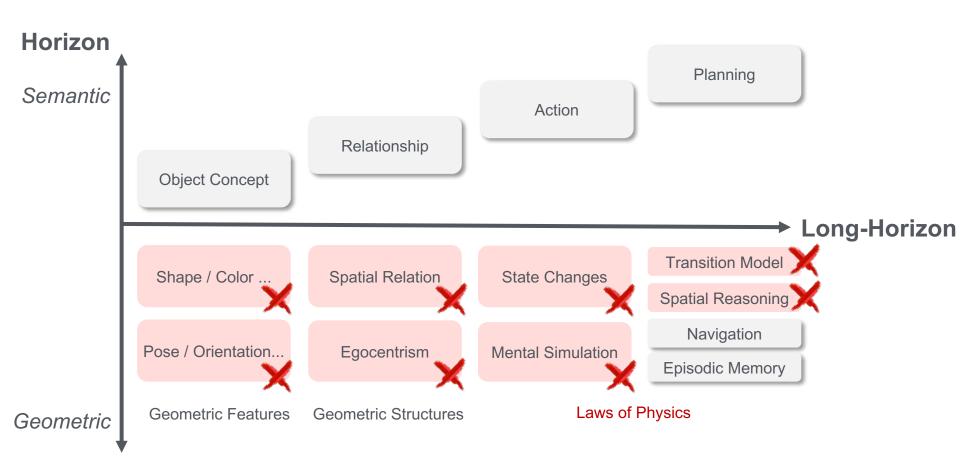


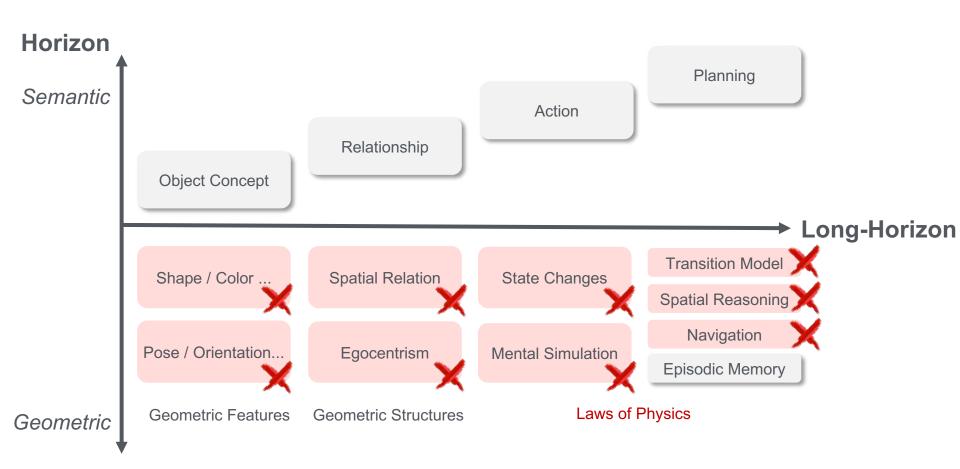


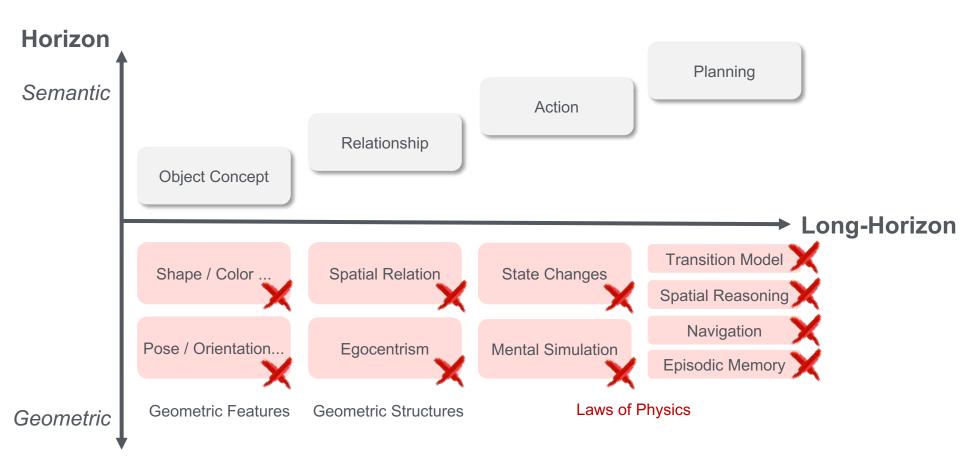










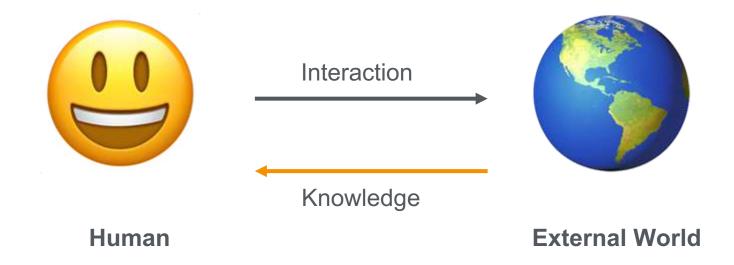


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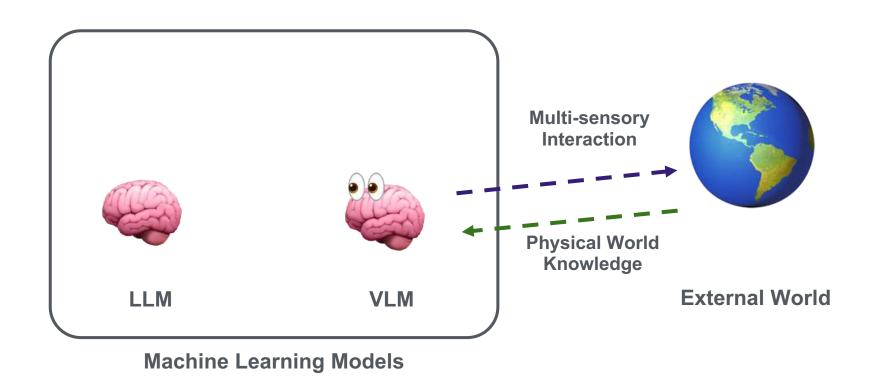
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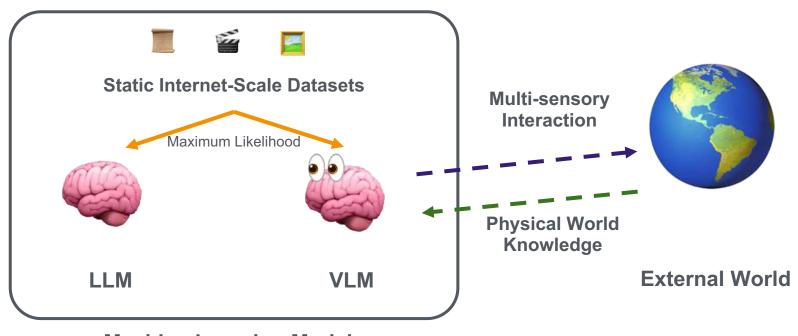
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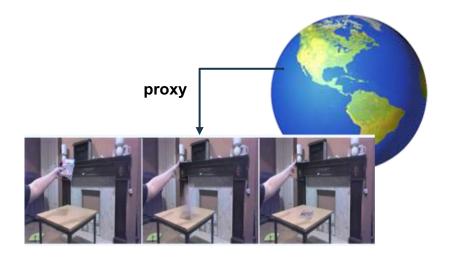
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**Machine Learning Models** 

#### **Static Internet-Scale Datasets**

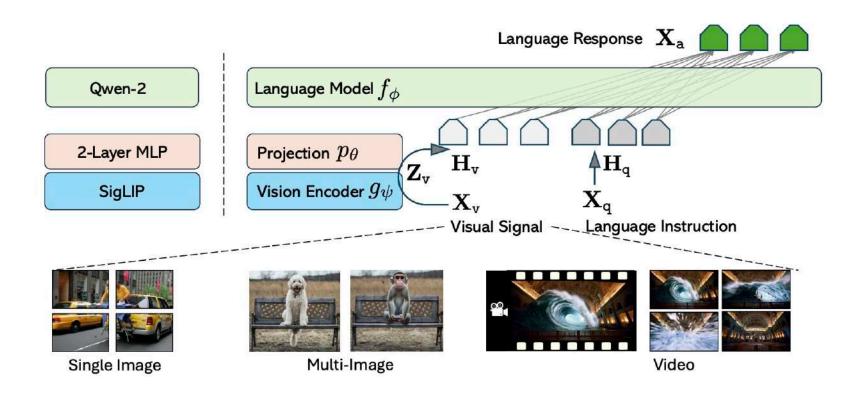
Video: A "Visual Recording" of World State Changes



"Book falling like a rock"

**Video-Language Datasets** 

## Language → Vision: Linearize Everything Sequences



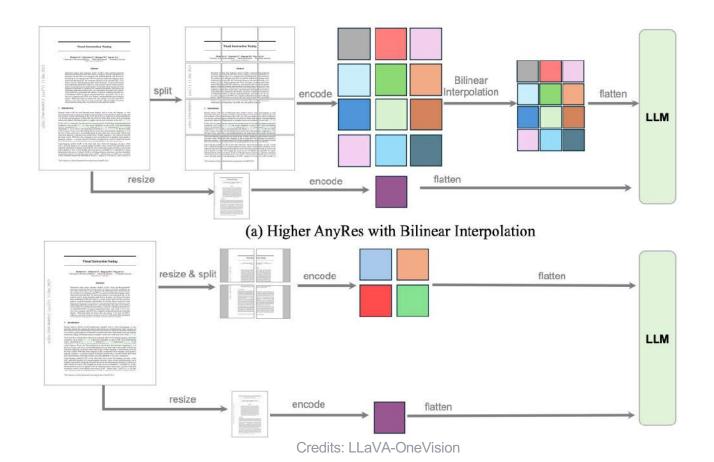
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## Language → Vision: Linearize Everything Sequences

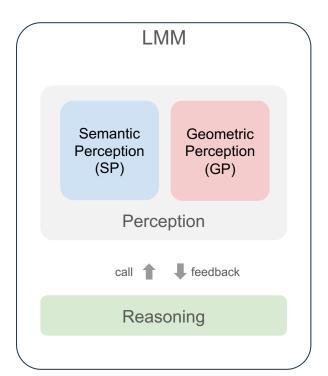
Single-Image $ 729 + N * 729 \text{ Tokens}  $ N Crops	(1 + 9) * 729 = 7290 Tokens
Multi-Image N Images	12 * 729 = 8748 Tokens
N * 729 Tokens	
Video N Frames  N * 196 Tokens	32 * 196 = 6272 Tokens
Example on Token Strategy	Max Tokens

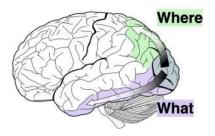
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## Language → Vision: Linearize Everything Sequences



#### **Semantic vs Geometric**



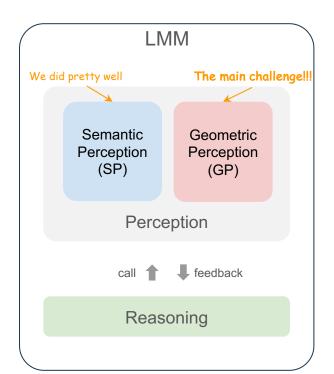


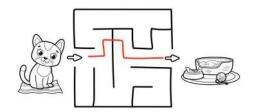
**Two-streams Hypothesis** an interesting human cognition analogy:

The ventral stream (or, "what pathway") leads to the temporal lobe, which is involved with object and visual identification and recognition.

The dorsal stream (or, "where pathway") leads to the parietal lobe, which is involved with processing the object's spatial location relative to the viewer and with speech repetition.

#### **Semantic vs Geometric**





#### Semantic-centric Question:

Is there a dog or a cat in the image?

#### **Expected response:**

[R:] Find the "Cat" in the image. → [SP:] Yes there is a cat in the image

[Answer:] there is a cat in the image; there are no dogs in the image.

#### **Geometric-centric Question:**

Given that the black lines are walls that cannot be crossed, is the red line a valid path through the maze?

#### Expected response:

[R:] Does the red line intersect with any black lines?

→ [GP:] The red line crosses a vertical black line in the middle.

[Answer:] No, the red line is not a valid path in the maze because it intersects with walls.

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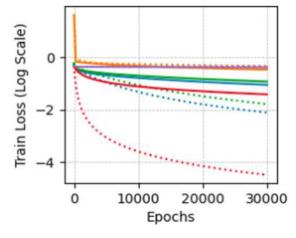
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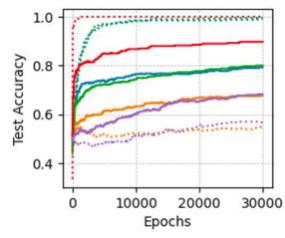
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**LLaVA < CLIP:** LLM layer swallows the geometric features.

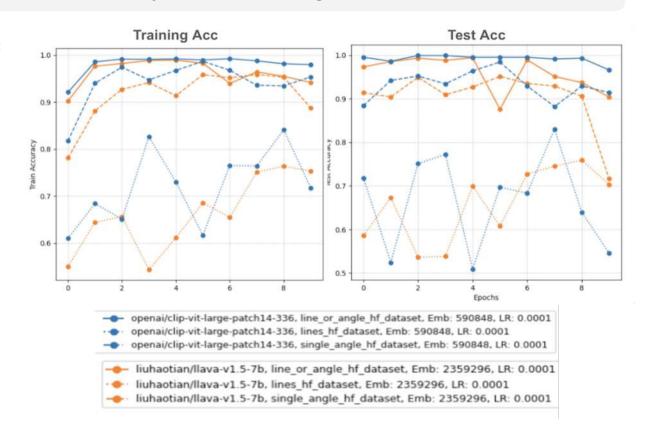
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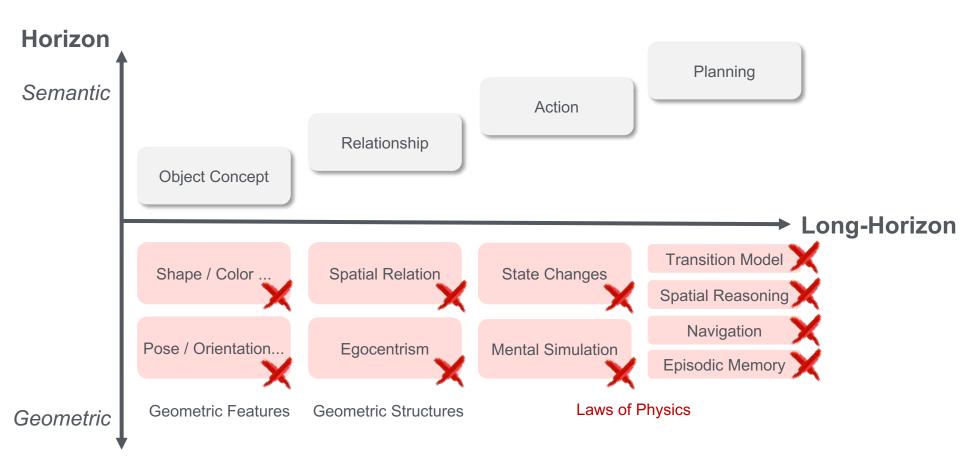
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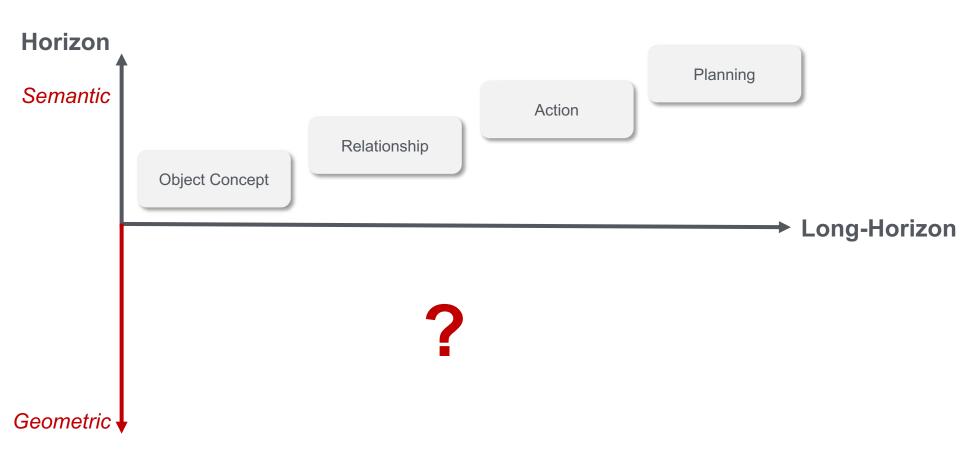
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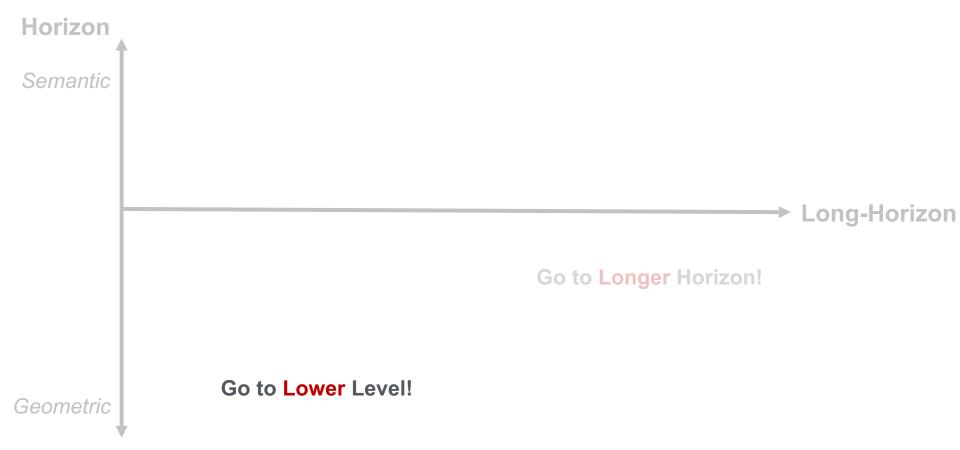




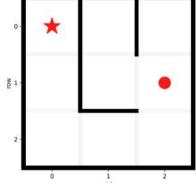
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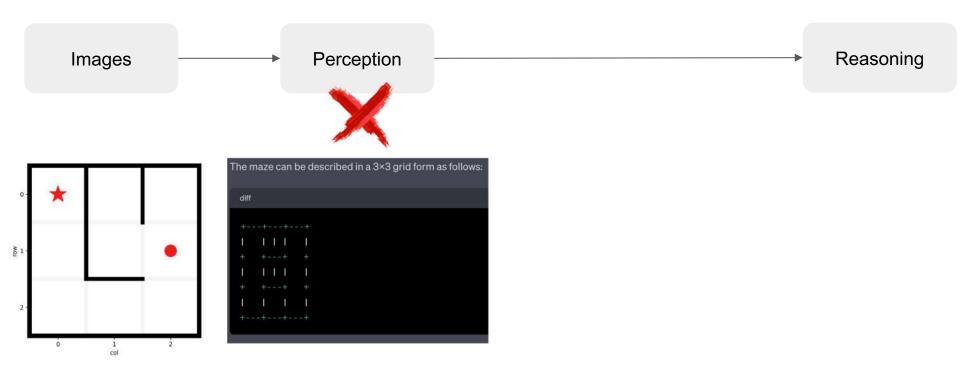


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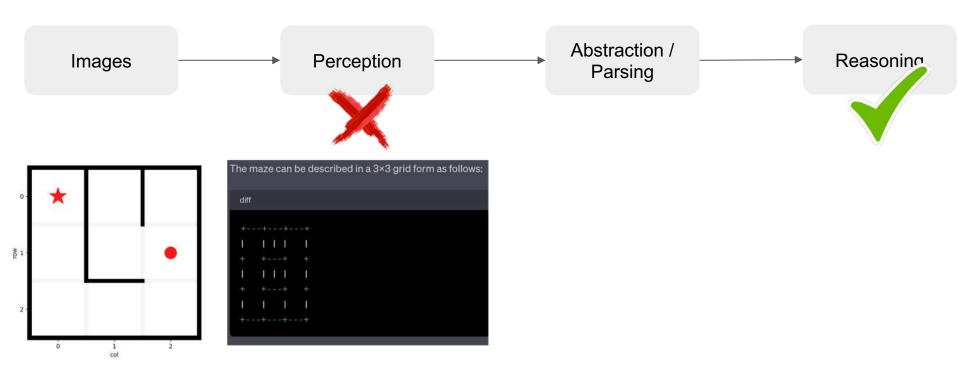








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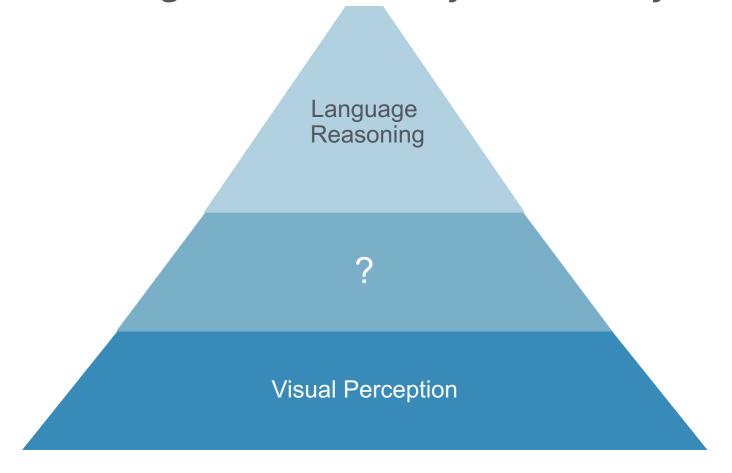


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## What is Missing? Intermediate Layers in VLM Pyramid



### Go to lower-level:

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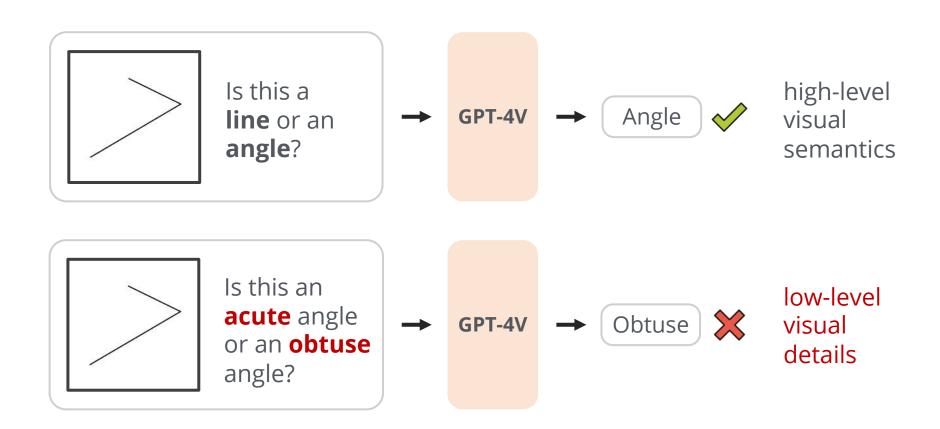
Language Reasoning

Geometric Tokens: Visually Descriptive Language

**Visual Perception** 

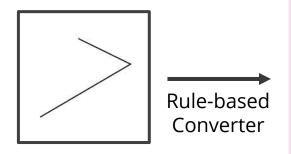
# We need Abstraction (Geometric Tokens) for positions, shapes, etc

### Let us start from a very simple example



## Using **SVG** as intermediate representations?

## We encode images with SVG for precise low-level perception

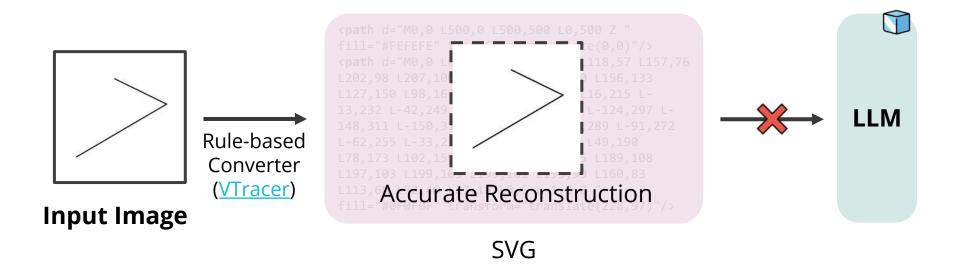


Input Image

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L202,98 L207,100 L206,104 L178,120 L156,133
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**SVG** 

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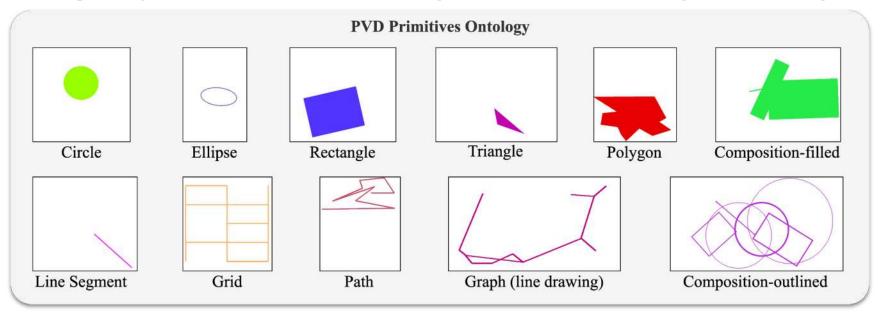
Compositional

(Simple → Complicated)

**Annotation-Free** (Synthetic Data)

## **Properties of Primal Visual Description (PVD)**

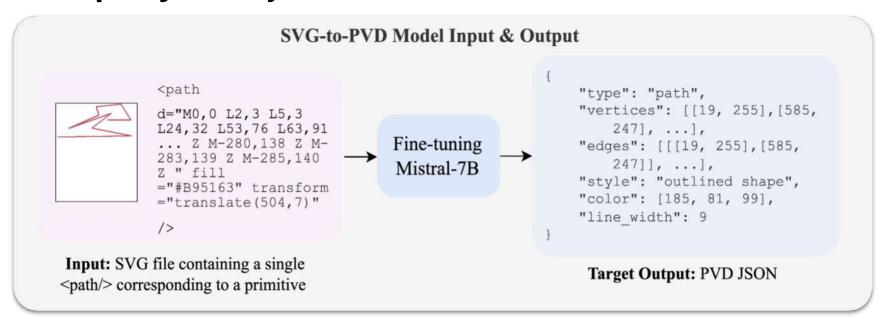
## **Property 1:** Essential building blocks with a high coverage



Unlike raw SVG, PVD is directly interpretable by state-of-the-art LLMs, enabling zero-shot reasoning on downstream tasks.

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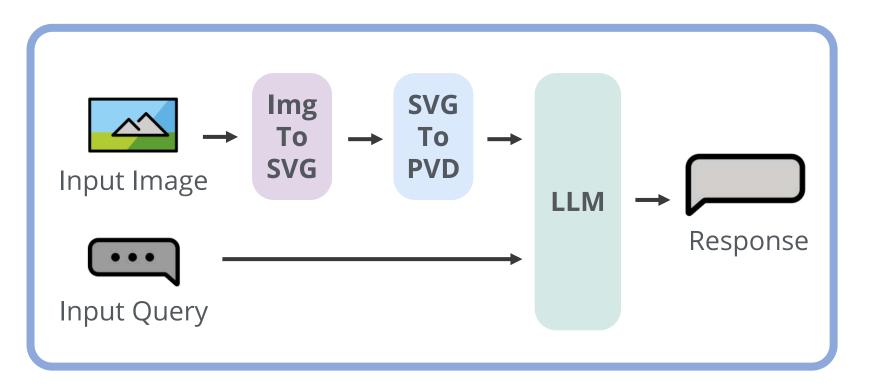
## **Property 2:** Easy to train without human annotation



We develop a data generator leveraging PIL.ImageDraw and VTracer, which creates a large-scale (SVG, PVD) paired dataset.

## Plug-In to any frozen foundation models

### Overview

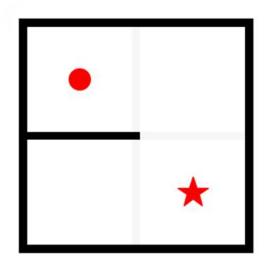


### Overview



## Inference on Unseen Tasks

## **Zero-shot generalization to diverse tasks and domains**

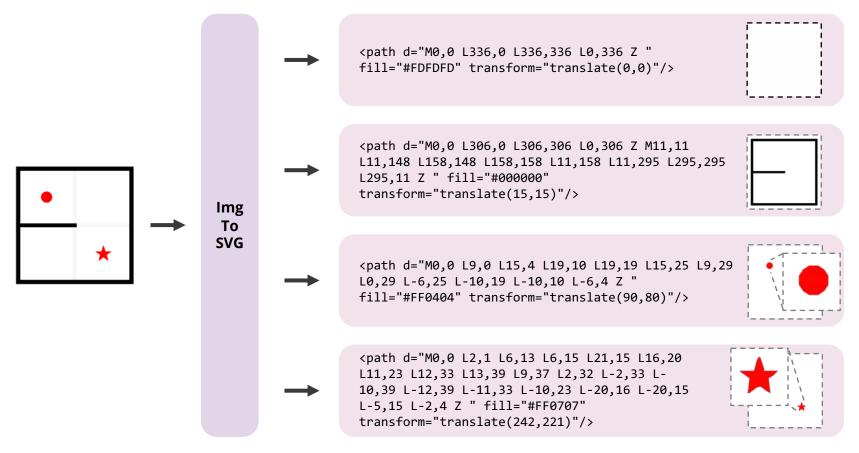


Input Image

In the 2x2 maze, walls are depicted by a grid of black lines ... The start position is marked by a red circle, and the end position by a red star. Solve the maze ...

**Input Query** 

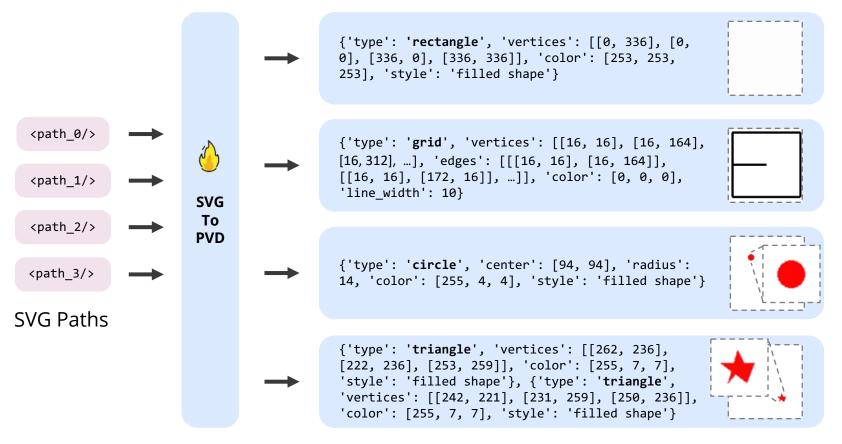
Step 1: Transform the image into SVG with a rule-based converter



Decomposed Single SVG Paths

Visualization

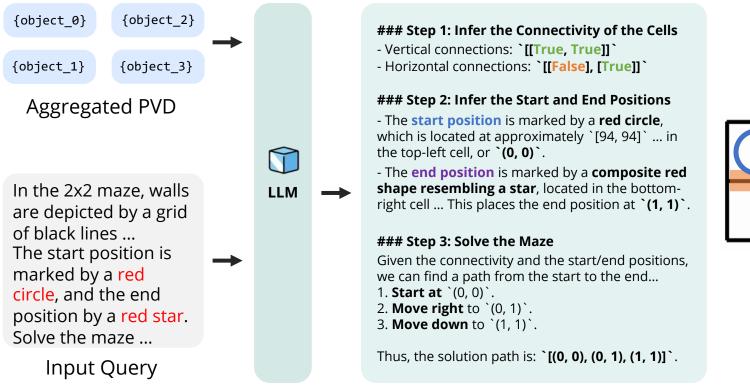
Step 2: Generate intermediate visual descriptions from SVG with a learned language model



Primal Visual Description (PVD)

Visualization

Step 3: Reasoning about the task with an inference-only LLM



GPT-4 Response



# Visually Descriptive Language For Vector Graphics Reasoning



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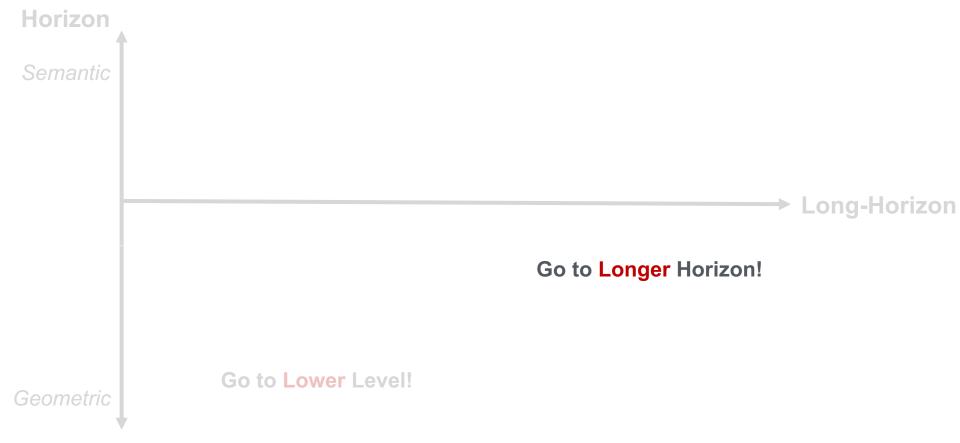
- Code: VDI M Code
- Demo (Jupyter Notebook): VDLM Demo
- SVG-to-PVD Dataset: PVD-160K
- Pretrained SVG-to-PVD Model: PVD-160k-Mistral-7b



## Large Language Models → Large Agent Models



## My Goal: Physical World Knowledge



## **Embodied Agent Interface:**

## A single line to benchmark LLMs for Embodied Decision Making

NeurlPS 2024 DB (Oral, 1%)





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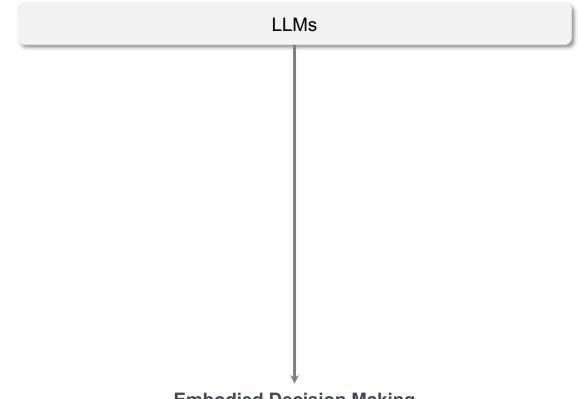
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## **LLMs for Embodied Decision Making**



**Embodied Decision Making** 

## LLMs still cannot plan (Valmeekam, et al, 2024)

#### LLMs

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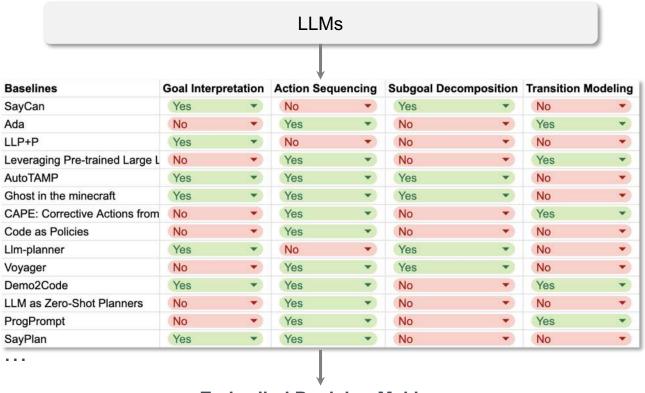
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**Embodied Decision Making** 

### So many different ways of using LLMs

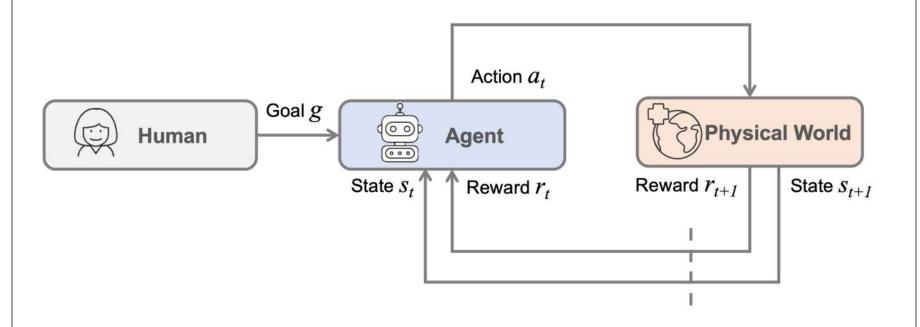


**Embodied Decision Making** 

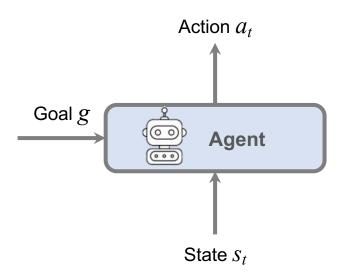
So we need **Standardization!** 

We need an Embodied Agent Interface!

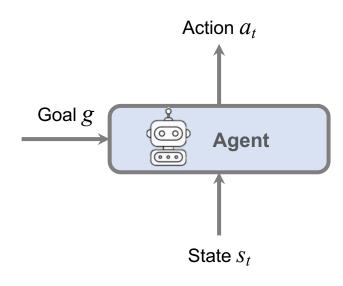
## Trajectory: Let us go back to MDP



## Trajectory: essentially modeling a MDP



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Input <*g*, *s*<sub>0</sub> >

## **Trajectory: MDP**

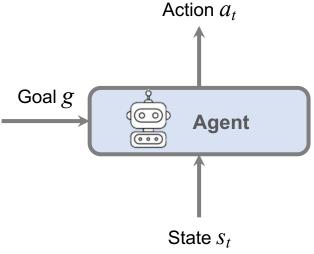
Output

 $< a_1, a_2, ..., a_t >$ 

 $< s_1, s_2, ..., s_t >$ 

Action Sequencing

Subgoal Decomposition



Input  $\langle g, s_0 \rangle$ 

## **Trajectory: MDP**

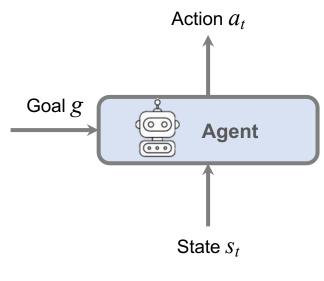
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Action Sequencing

**Subgoal Decomposition** 



Learn

 $(s_t, a_t) \rightarrow s_{t+1}$ 

Transition Modeling

Input  $\langle g, s_0 \rangle$ 

## **Standardization based on MDP**

Action Sequencing

**Subgoal Decomposition** 

Transition Modeling

## **Embodied Agent Interface:**

So we treat them as ability modules in our interface

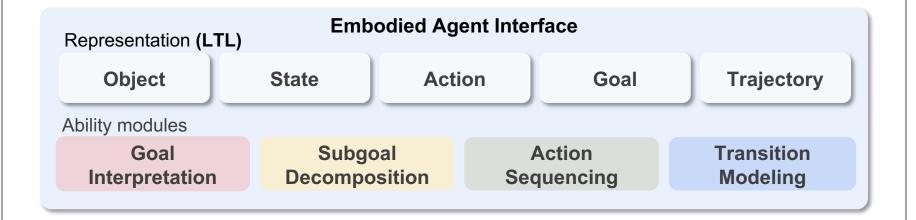
Goal Interpretation

Subgoal Decomposition

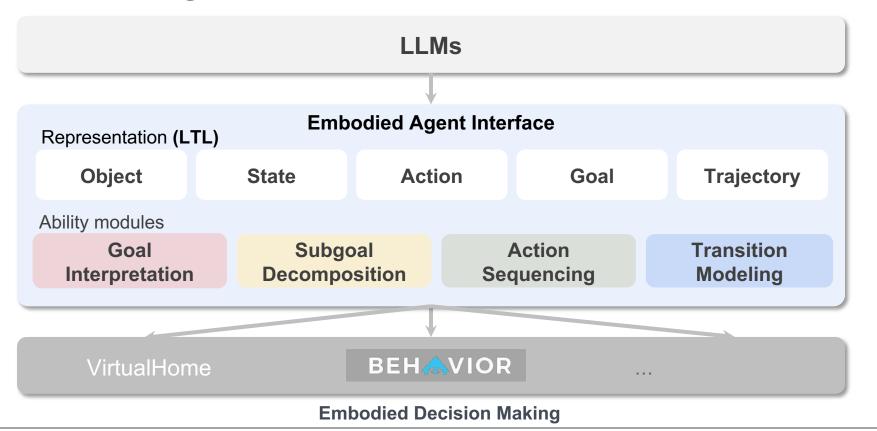
Action Sequencing

Transition Modeling

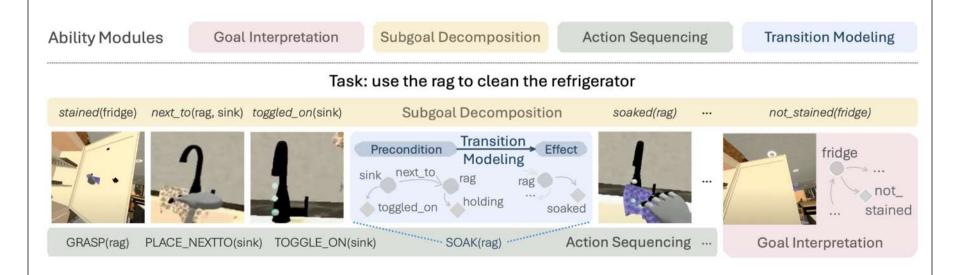
## **Embodied Agent Interface**



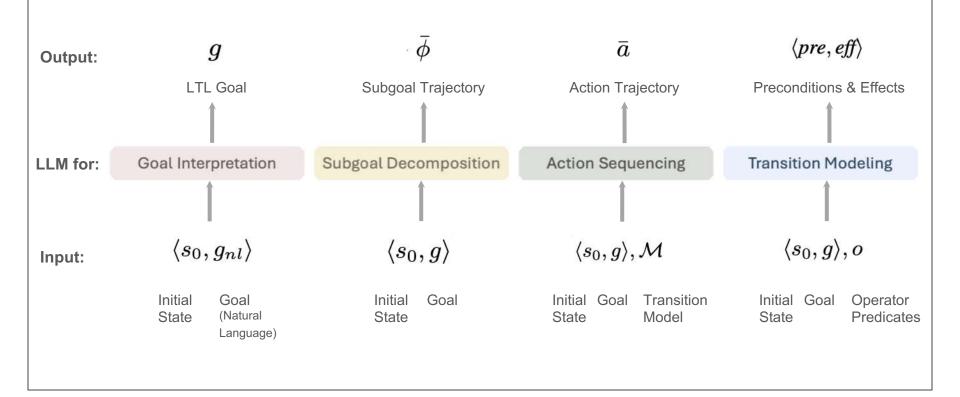
## **Embodied Agent Interface**



## Fine-grained evaluation → Four modules



## Standardization of modules and interfaces



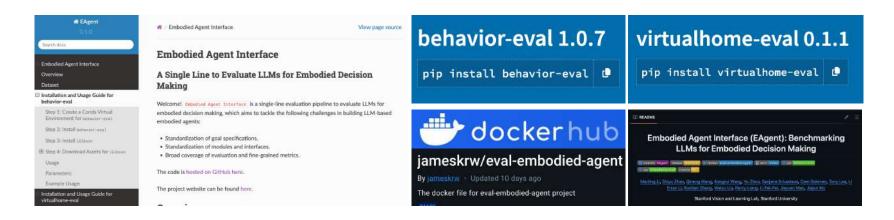
## **Embodied Agent Interface**

	Notation	Symbol	Description
<b>Environment Representations</b>	Object	$u \in \mathcal{U}$	An object, which has relational features $f$
	State	$s = \langle \mathcal{U}, \mathcal{F} \rangle \in \mathcal{S}$	A tuple of the universe of objects and relational features
	Action	$a = \langle \mathit{name}, \mathit{args}  angle \in \mathcal{A}$	A tuple of the action name and arguments
	Operator	$o = \langle name, vars \rangle \in \mathcal{O}$	An action schema: a tuple of the name and a list of parameters. Each $o$ can be instantiated into an action $a$
	Transition Model	$\mathcal{M}: \mathcal{S} \times \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{S}$	The deterministic transition function of the environment
	Natural Language Goal	$g_{nl}$	A sentence in English
	LTL Goal	g	An LTL formula. Here, we only consider formulas containing a
			sequence of action items and a conjunction of propositions (for the final state): $g = a_1$ then then $a_k$ then $(p_1 \wedge \wedge p_\ell)$ .
	Action Trajectory	$\bar{a} = \{a_i\}_{i=1}^n$	A sequence of $n$ actions
	Subgoal Trajectory	$\bar{\phi} = \{\phi_i\}_{i=1}^m$	A sequence of LTL subgoals $\phi_i$ connected by "then"
	State-action Trajectory	$\bar{t} = \langle \{s_i\}_{i=0}^n, \{a_i\}_{i=1}^n \rangle$	A sequence of state-action pairs. $\forall t.s_{t+1} = \mathcal{M}(s_t, a_t)$
	Task	$\langle s_0, g, g_{nl}  angle$	A tuple of the initial state and the LTL/Natural Language goals
Abilities	Goal Interpretation	$\mathcal{G}: \langle s_0, g_{nl}  angle  o g$	Initial State & Natural Language Goal → LTL Goal
	Subgoal Decomposition	$\Phi:\langle s_0,g angle ightarrowar{\phi}$	Initial State & Goal → Subgoal Trajectory
	Action Sequencing	$\mathcal{Q}:\langle s_0,g angle,\mathcal{M} ightarrowar{a}$	Initial State & Goal & Transition Model → Action Trajectory
-	Transition Modeling	$\mathcal{T}: \langle s_0, g \rangle, o \rightarrow \langle \mathit{pre}, \mathit{eff} \rangle$	Initial State & Goal & Operator $\rightarrow$ Preconditions & Effects

## A single line

## to evaluate LLMs for embodied agents!

(get rid of simulator installation, execution, debugging, etc)



## Large Language Models → Large Agent Models



### **Physical World Knowledge**

Long-Horizon

Go to Longer Horizon Reasoning!

Geometric

Go to Lower Level!

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