

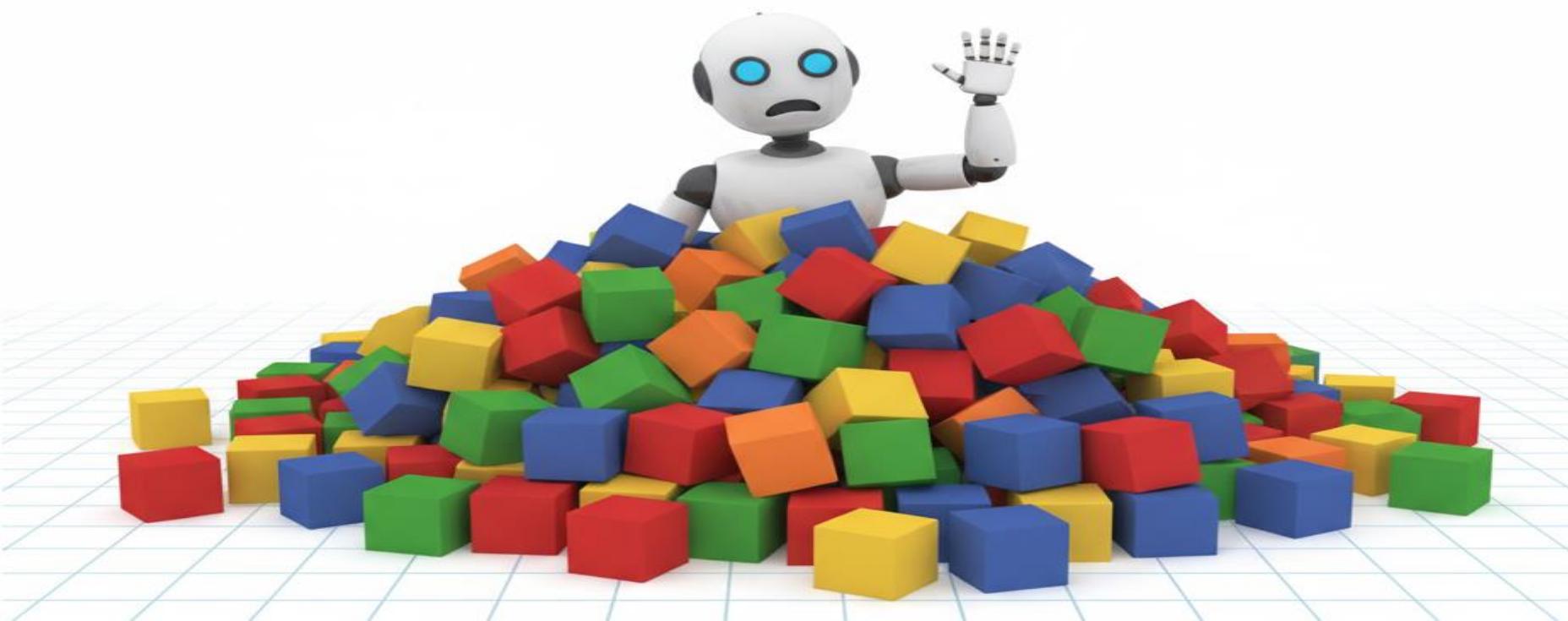
Planning in the Era of Language Models

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Outline

- **Introduction: What is Planning**

- What kind of planning problem do I have aka Planning Formalisms
- What kind of solutions am I looking for aka Computational Problems
- How can I describe my planning problem aka Planning Languages

- **Solving Planning Problems**

- Pre-LLM era
- Early LLM era
- Modern LLM era

- **Tools to learn and work with planning models**

- Planning tools you can use to build, solve, and analyze models
- Time series data to PDDL (MACQ)
- Natural language to PDDL (L2P)

- **Evaluating core reasoning for reliable planning tasks**

- Core Reasoning Tasks for Reliable Planning
- ACPBench Dataset
- Evaluation with LM-Eval Harness
- Planning Benchmark Desiderata
- Countdown domain

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