

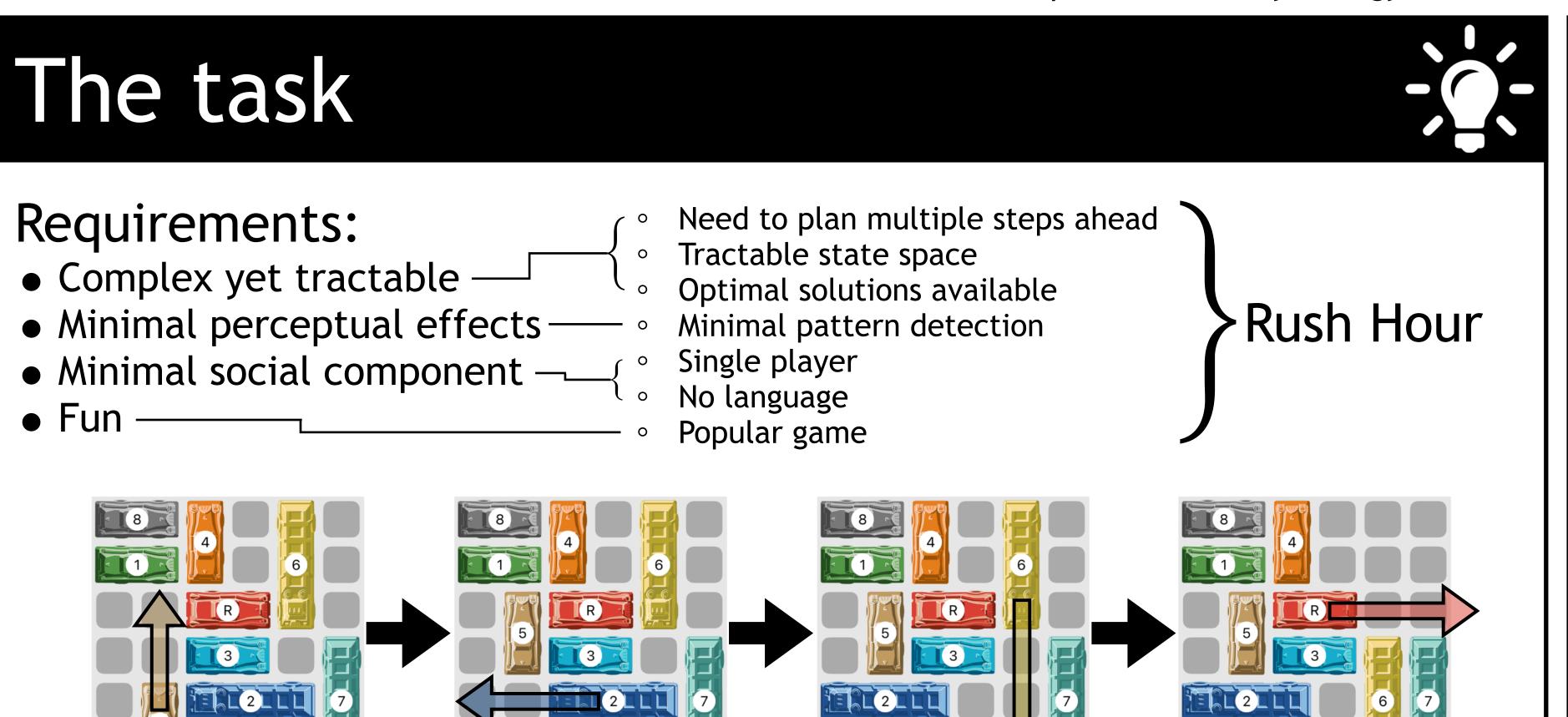
## A model of planning in human complex problem solving



▶ Recurse

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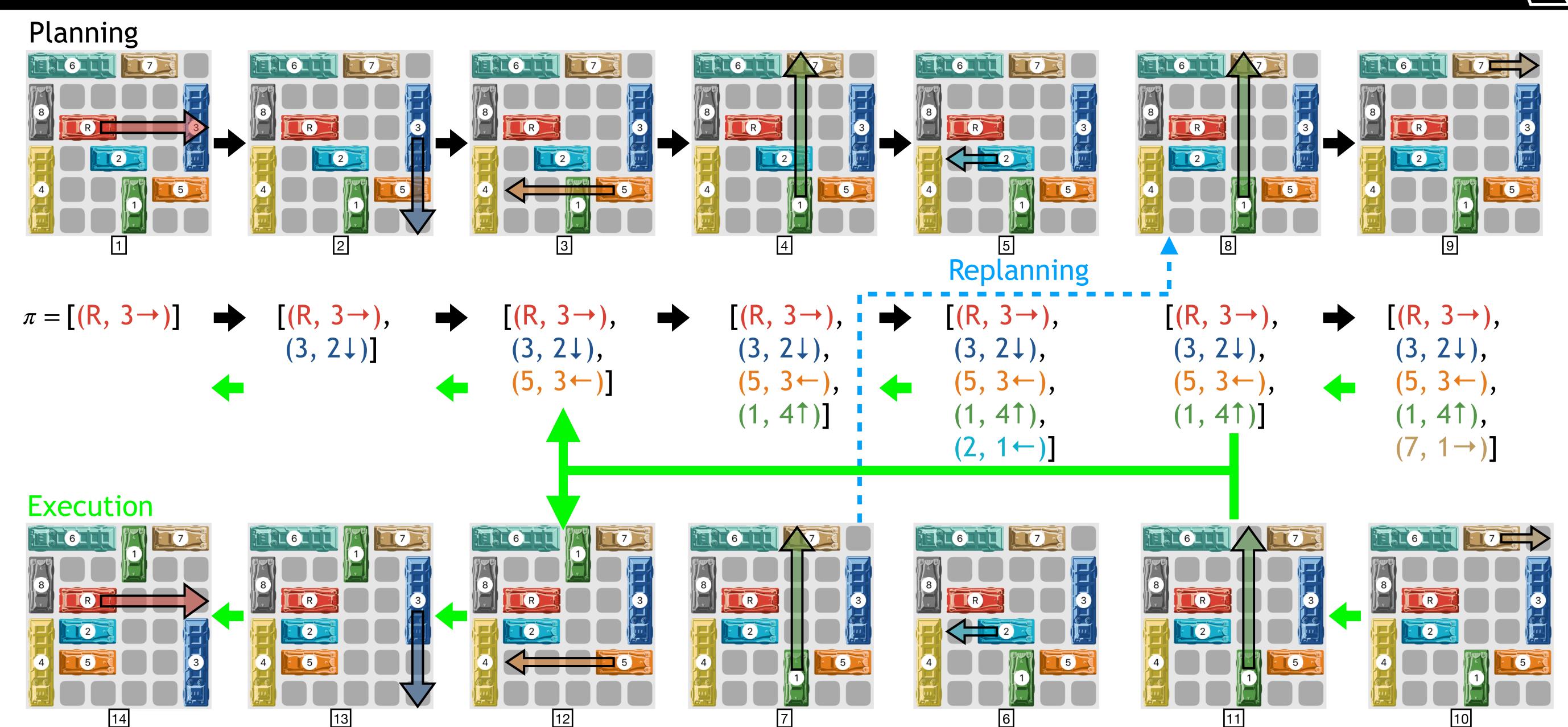
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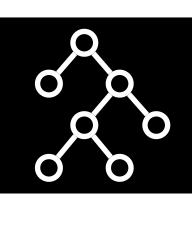
## The implementation $\overline{\mathbf{Algorithm}}$ solve\_puzzle(s) ▶ Ultimate goal of the game $a_{\texttt{init}} \leftarrow \texttt{find\_solving\_move}(s)$ $\pi \leftarrow [a_{\texttt{init}}]$ while $\pi \neq \emptyset$ do $a \leftarrow \pi.pop()$ if $is\_valid\_move(s, a)$ then $s \leftarrow \mathtt{make\_move}(s, a)$ ▶ Execution phase $\pi \leftarrow \mathtt{extend\_plan}(s,\pi)$ ▶ Replanning end if end while **Algorithm** extend\_plan $(s, \pi)$ ▷ Select most recently planned move $a \leftarrow \pi[\texttt{end}]$ $C \leftarrow \texttt{find\_blocking\_cars}(s, a)$ ▶ AND node creation if $C = \emptyset$ then ▶ If move is valid, end planning phase return $\pi$ end if $c \leftarrow \texttt{choose\_car}(s, C)$ ▶ AND node selection $\tilde{A} \leftarrow \texttt{find\_unblocking\_moves}(s, a, c)$ ▶ OR node creation $\triangleright$ OR node selection $\tilde{a} \leftarrow \texttt{choose\_move}(s, \tilde{A})$ ▶ Plan extension $\pi.\mathtt{push}( ilde{a})$

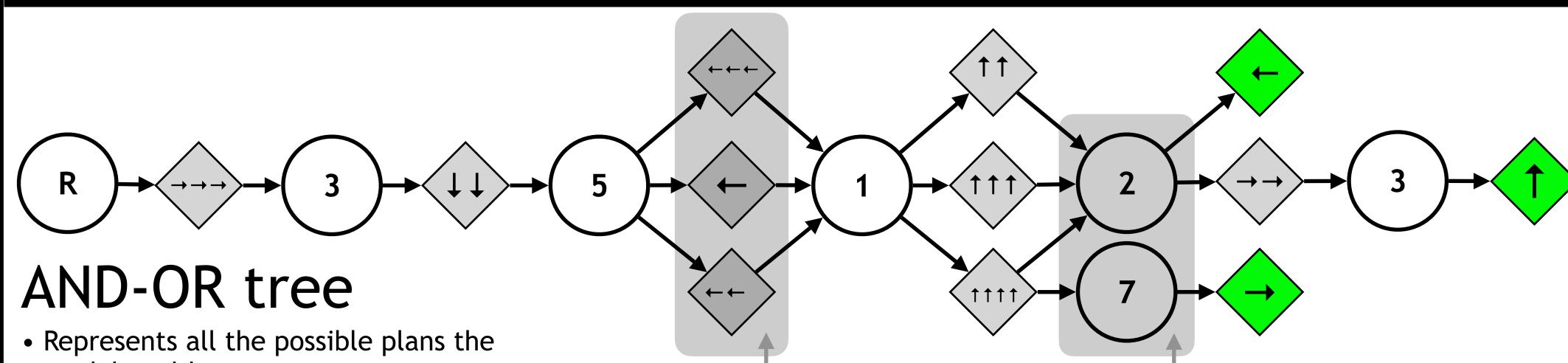
return extend\_plan $(s, \pi)$ 





## The representation





- model could propose
- "Unravel" from bottom up to find plans
- By itself, not sufficient to guarantee a solution
- Replanning is almost always necessary
- OR nodes
- Decisions
- Represent unblocking moves
- Either one unblocks the parent • Subject plans along one of these

## AND nodes

- Subgoals
- Represent cars that block parent move
- Must be moved out of the way before parent move is possible
- One subgoal considered at a time

- Model fitting
- Past moves inform which chain a subject is on
- Each chain has a different probability according to model parameters:
  - $\gamma$  : stopping probability
  - $\lambda$ : lapse rate
  - **h**: heuristics to decide which AND/OR node to expand
- Based on last move in chain, probabilities over chains turn into probabilities over moves