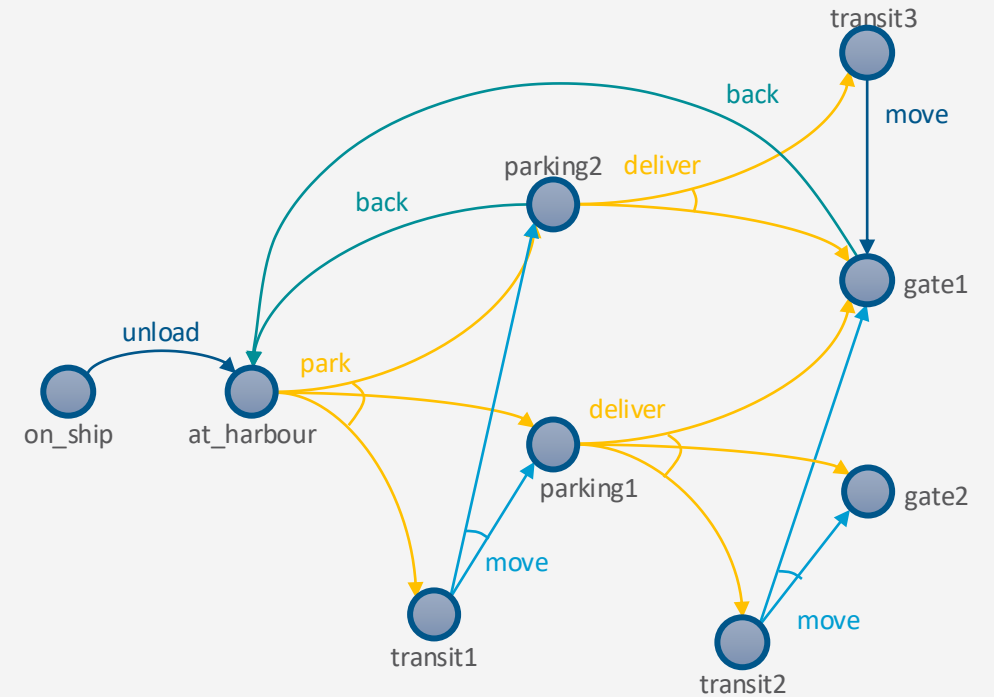


# Automated Planning and Acting Nondeterministic Models

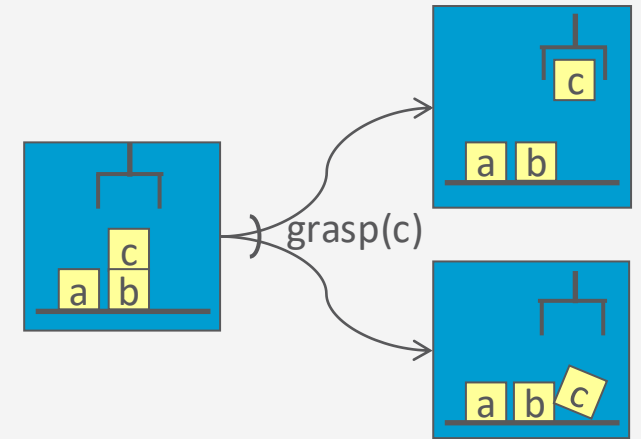


## Content: Planning and Acting

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  - C. Structure
6. With **human-awareness**

## Motivation

- We have assumed action  $a$  in state  $s$  has just one possible outcome
  - $\gamma(s, a)$
- Often more than one possible outcome
  - Unintended outcomes
  - Exogenous events
  - Inherent uncertainty



# Outline per the Book

## *5.2 Planning Problem*

- Planning domains
- Plans as policies
- Planning problems and solutions

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## *5.5 Determinisation Techniques*

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## *5.6 Online Approaches*

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- Lookahead by determinisation
- Lookahead with a bounded number of steps

## Nondeterministic Planning Domains

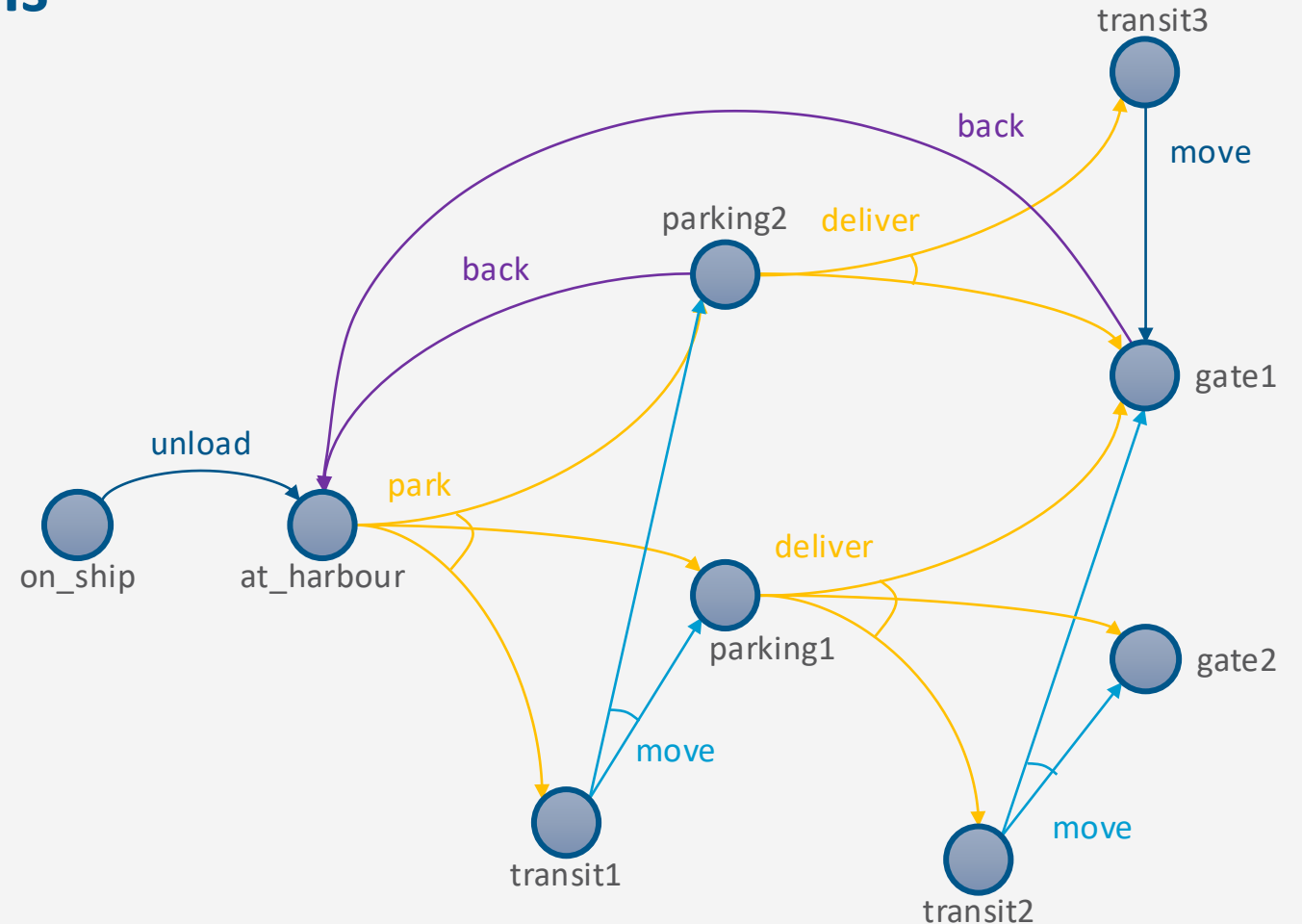
- Planning domain: 3-tuple  $(S, A, \gamma)$ 
  - $S$  and  $A$  – finite sets of states and actions
  - $\gamma : S \times A \rightarrow 2^S$
- $\gamma(s, a) = \{\text{all possible “next states” after applying action } a \text{ in state } s\}$
- $a$  is **applicable** in state  $s$  iff  $\gamma(s, a) \neq \emptyset$
- $\text{Applicable}(s) = \{\text{all actions applicable in } s\} = \{a \in A \mid \gamma(s, a) \neq \emptyset\}$
- One possible action representation:
  - $n$  mutually exclusive “effects” lists

- **Problem:**  $n$  may be combinatorically large
  - Suppose  $a$  can cause any possible combination of effects  $e_1, e_2, \dots, e_k$
  - Need  $\text{eff}_1, \text{eff}_2, \dots, \text{eff}_{2^k \triangleq n}$  effect lists
    - One for each possible combination of  $e_1, e_2, \dots, e_k$
  - *Section 5.4: a way to alleviate this*
- For now, ignore most of that
  - states, actions
  - $\Leftrightarrow$  nodes, edges in a graph

$a(z_1, \dots, z_k)$
pre: $p_1, \dots, p_m$
eff <sub>1</sub> : $e_{11}, e_{12}, \dots$
eff <sub>2</sub> : $e_{21}, e_{22}, \dots$
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eff <sub>n</sub> : $e_{n1}, e_{n2}, \dots$

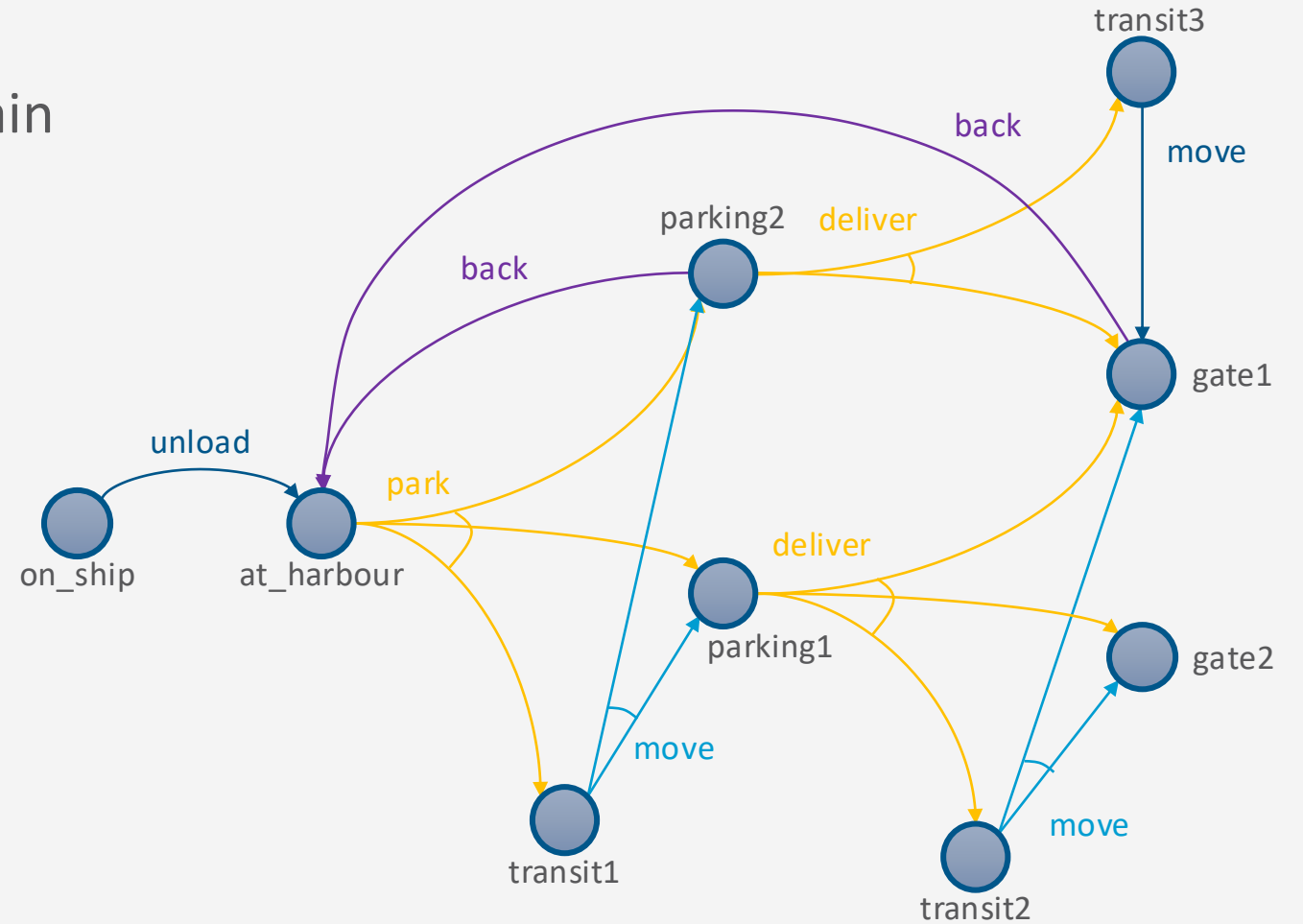
## Nondeterministic Planning Domains

- For deterministic planning problems, search space was a graph
- Now it's an AND/OR graph
  - **OR branch:**
    - Several applicable actions, which one to choose?
  - **AND branch:**
    - Multiple possible outcomes
    - Must handle all of them
- Analogy to PSP
  - *OR* branch  $\Leftrightarrow$  resolver selection
  - *AND* branch  $\Leftrightarrow$  flaw selection



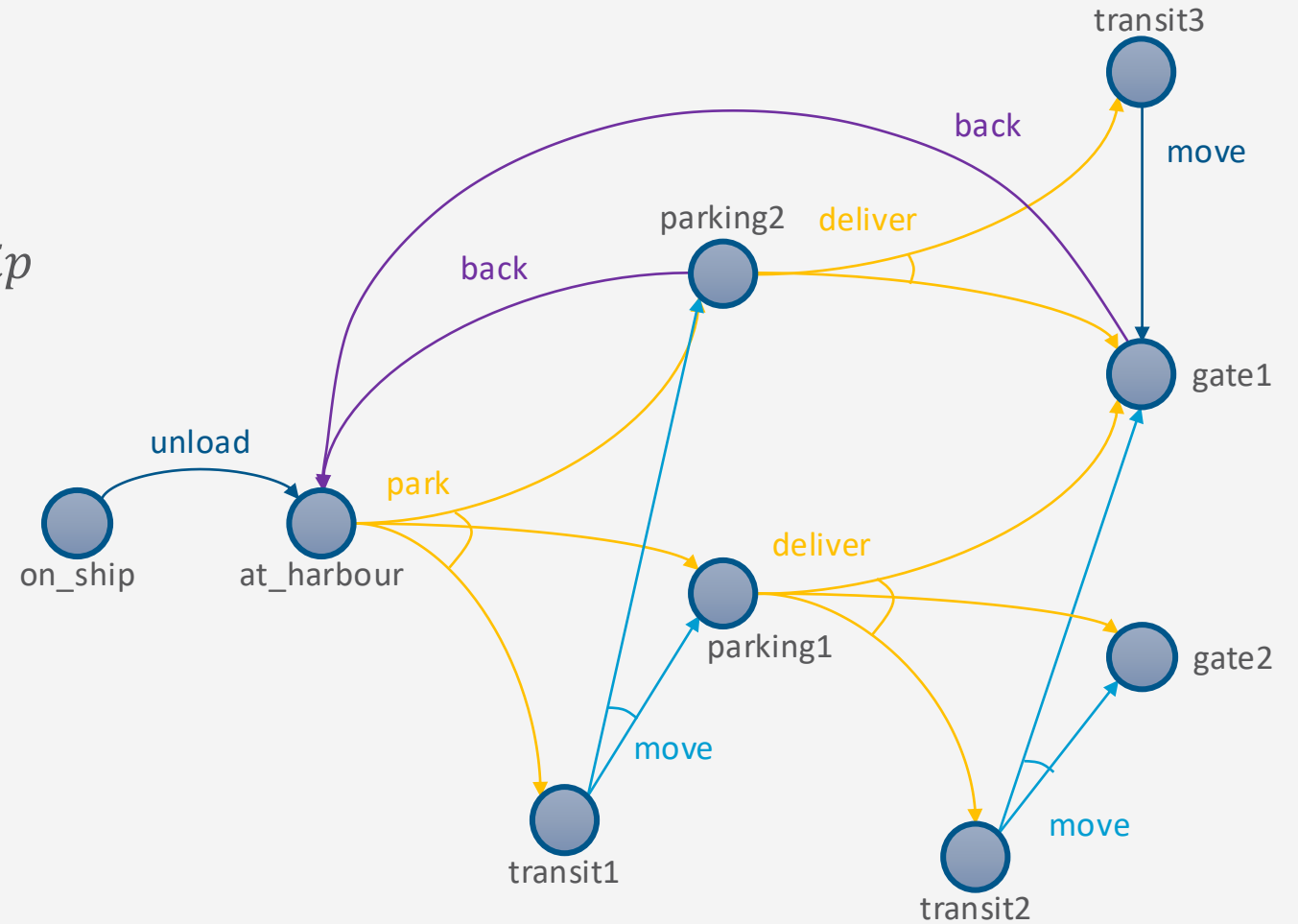
## Example

- Very simple harbor management domain
  - Unload a single item from a ship
  - Move it around a harbor



## Example

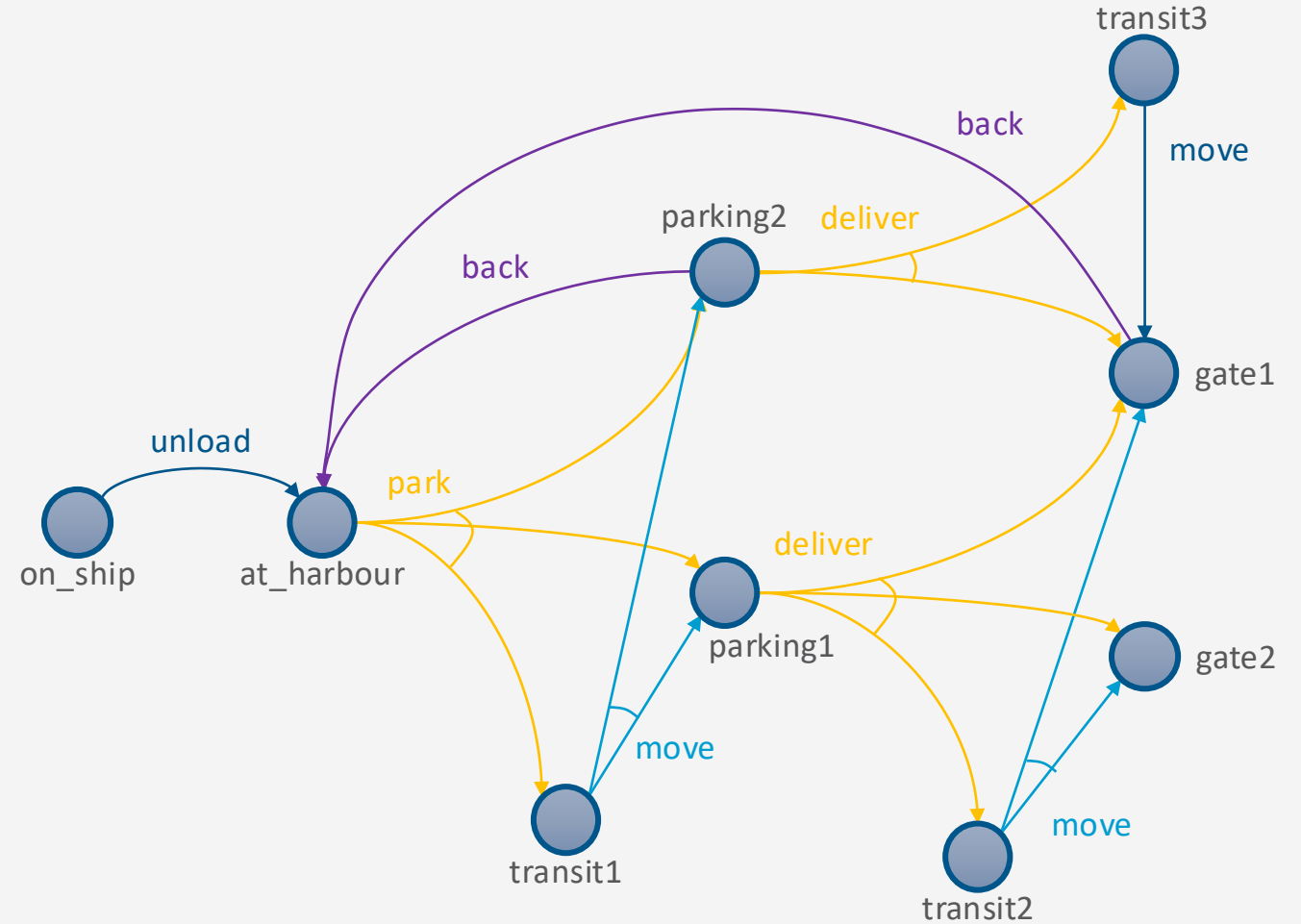
- One state variable:  $pos(item)$ 
  - Simplified names for states
    - For  $\{pos(item) = on\_ship\}$  write  $on\_ship$
- Five actions
  - Deterministic:
    - $unload$
    - $back$
    - ( $move$  in  $transit3$ )
  - Nondeterministic:
    - $park$ ,
    - $move$ ,
    - $deliver$



## Actions

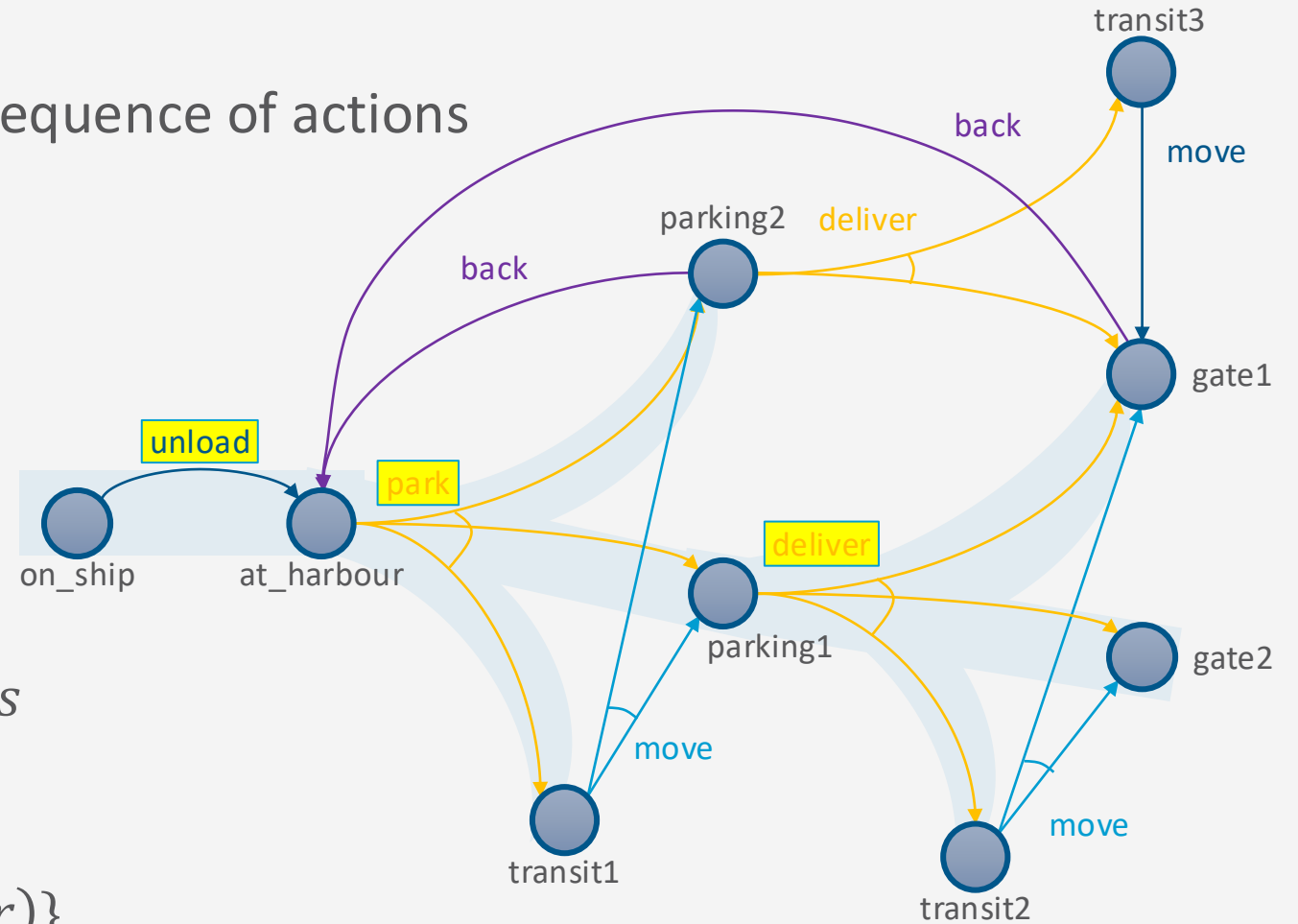
- Action example:
  - park*

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pre: pos(item) = at_harbor
eff1: pos(item) ← parking1
eff2: pos(item) ← parking2
eff3: pos(item) ← transit1
```
- Three possible outcomes
  - Put item in *parking1* or *parking2* if one of them has space or
  - in *transit1* if there is no parking space



# Plans Policies

- Need something more general than a sequence of actions
  - After park, what do we do next?
- **Policy:** a *partial* function  $\pi : S \mapsto A$ 
  - i.e.,  $\text{dom}(\pi) \subseteq S$ 
    - Domain: values for which  $\pi$  defined
  - For every  $s \in \text{dom}(\pi)$ ,  
require  $\pi(s) \in \text{Applicable}(s)$
- Meaning:
  - Perform  $\pi(s)$  whenever we are in state  $s$
- Example
  - $\pi_1 = \{(on\_ship, unload), (at\_harbor, park), (parking1, deliver)\}$



## Definitions Over Policies

- **Transitive closure**  $\hat{\gamma}(s, \pi) = \{\text{all states reachable from } s \text{ using } \pi\}$

- $\hat{\gamma}(s, \pi) = S_0 \cup S_1 \cup S_2 \cup \dots$

- $S_0 = \{s\}$

- $S_{i+1} = \cup\{\gamma(s, \pi(s)) \mid s \in S_i\}, i \geq 0$

- **Reachability graph**  $Graph(s, \pi) = (V, E)$

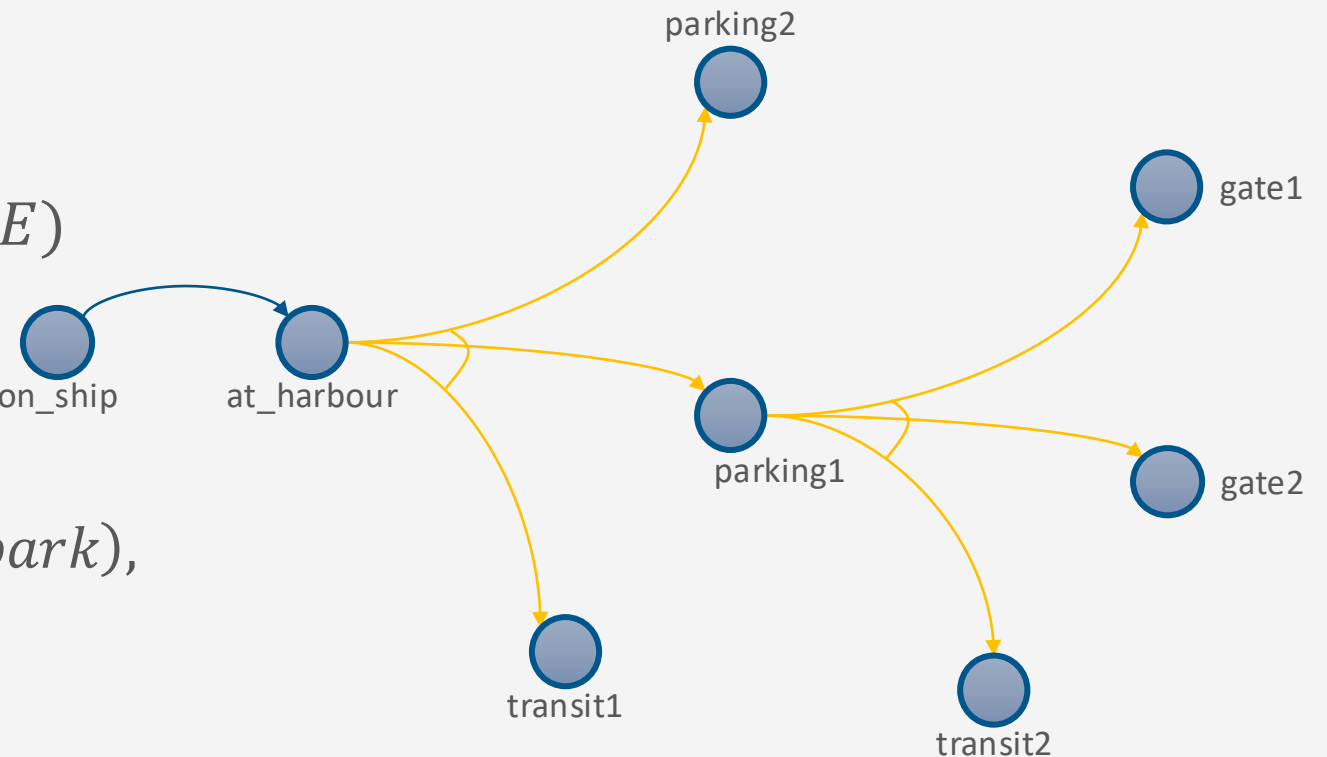
- $V = \hat{\gamma}(s, \pi)$

- $E = \{(s', s'') \mid s' \in V, s'' \in \gamma(s', \pi(s'))\}$

- **Example**

- $\pi_1 = \{(on\_ship, unload), (at\_harbor, park), (parking1, deliver)\}$

- $Graph(on\_ship, \pi_1)$



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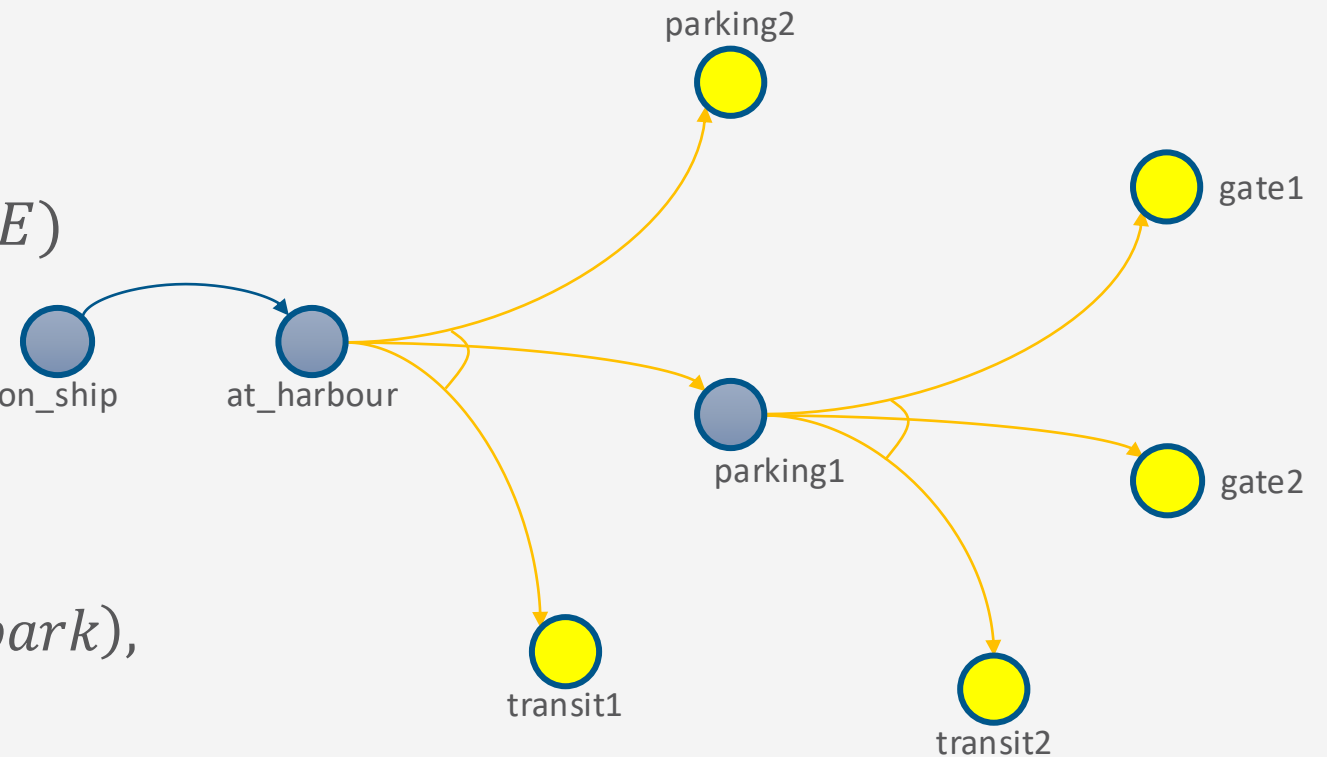
- $E = \{(s', s'') \mid s' \in V, s'' \in \gamma(s', \pi(s'))\}$

- **leaves**  $(s, \pi) = \hat{\gamma}(s, \pi) \setminus Dom(\pi)$

- Example:

- $\pi_1 = \{(on\_ship, unload), (at\_harbor, park), (parking1, deliver)\}$

- $leaves(on\_ship, \pi_1)$  in bright yellow

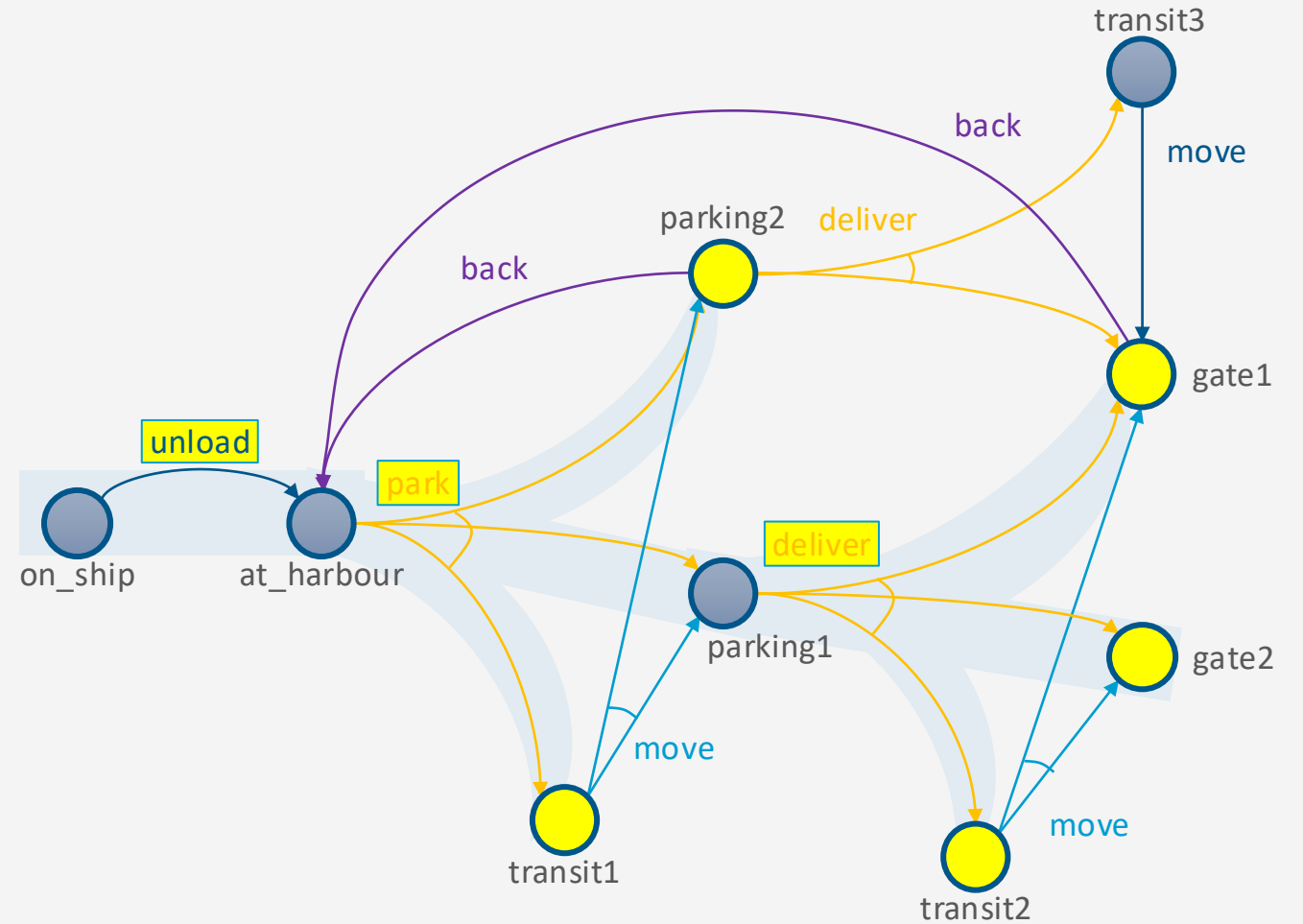


# Performing a Policy

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PerformPolicy( $\pi$ )
   $s \leftarrow$  observe current state
  while  $s \in \text{Dom}(\pi)$  do
    perform action  $\pi(s)$ 
     $s \leftarrow$  observe current state
  
```

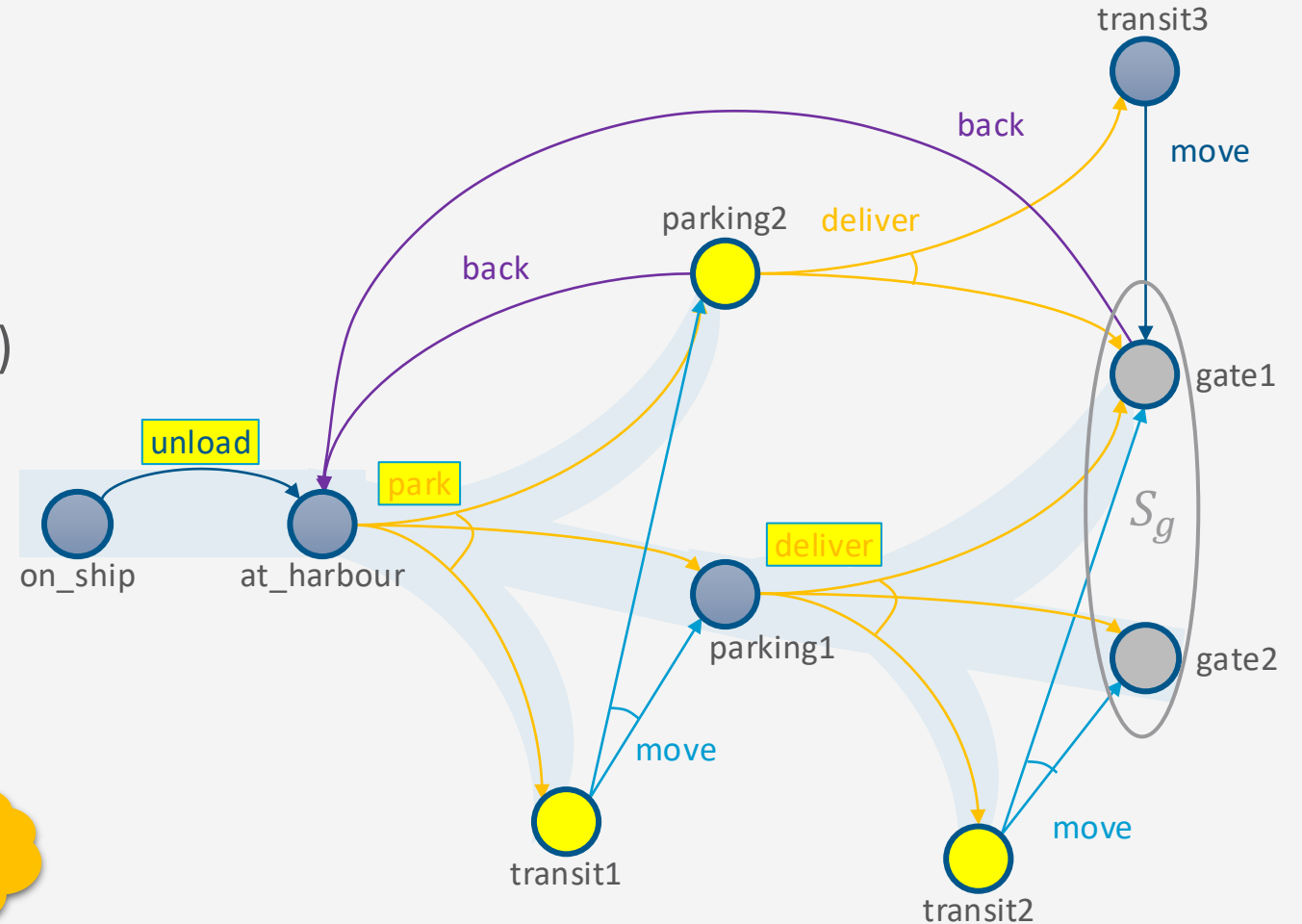
- $\pi_1 = \{(on\_ship, unload),$   
 $(at\_harbor, park),$   
 $(parking1, deliver)\}$



# Planning Problems and Solutions

- Planning problem  $P = (\Sigma, s_0, S_g)$ 
  - Planning domain  $\Sigma = (S, A, \gamma)$
  - Initial state  $s_0 \in S$
  - Set of goal states  $S_g \subseteq S$  (shown in grey)
- $\pi$  is a **solution** if at least one execution ends at a goal
  - $leaves(s_0, \pi) \cap S_g \neq \emptyset$
- Example
  - $\pi_1 = \{(on\_ship, unload), (at\_harbor, park), (parking1, deliver)\}$

Is  $\pi_1$  a solution?



## Safe Solutions

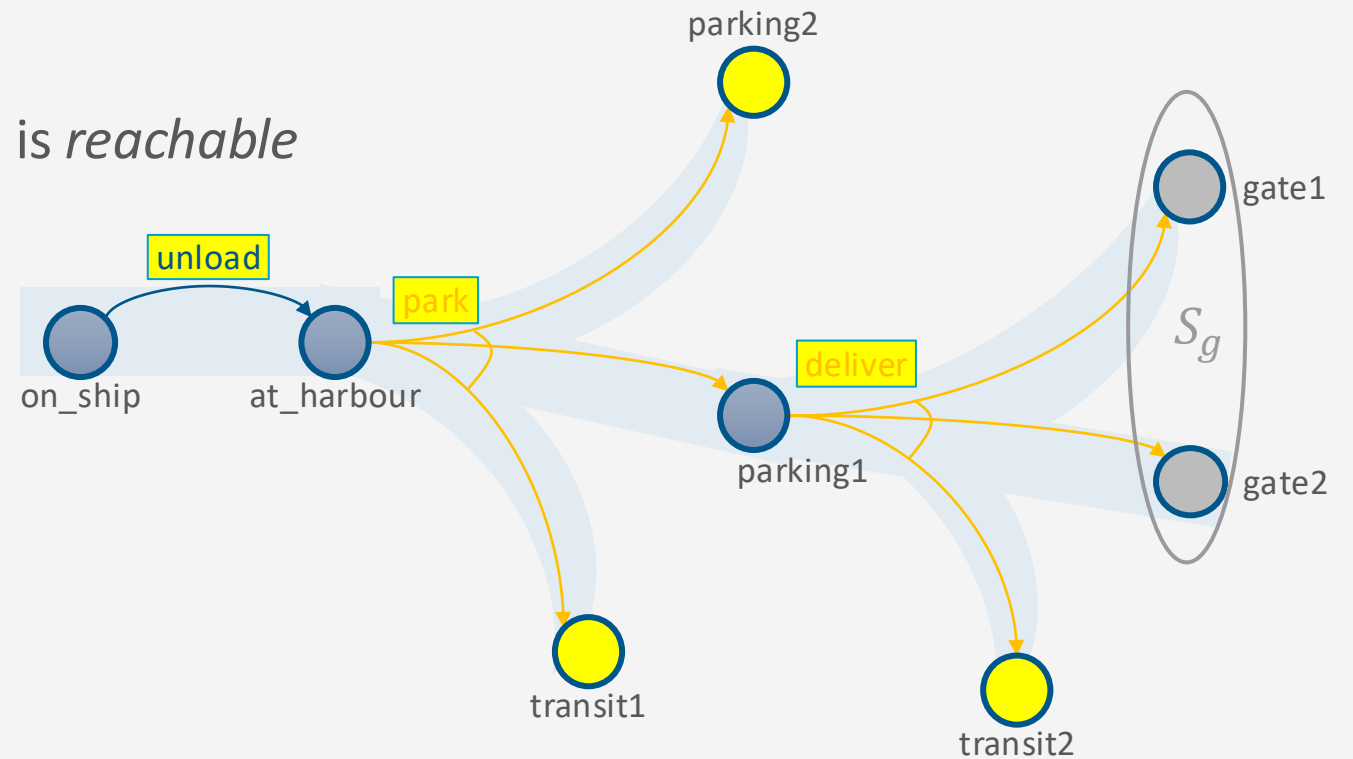
- A solution  $\pi$  is **safe** if

$$\forall s \in \hat{\gamma}(s_0, \pi), \\ \text{leaves}(s, \pi) \cap S_g \neq \emptyset$$

- At every node of  $\text{Graph}(s_0, \pi)$ , the goal is *reachable*
- Otherwise, **unsafe**
- Example

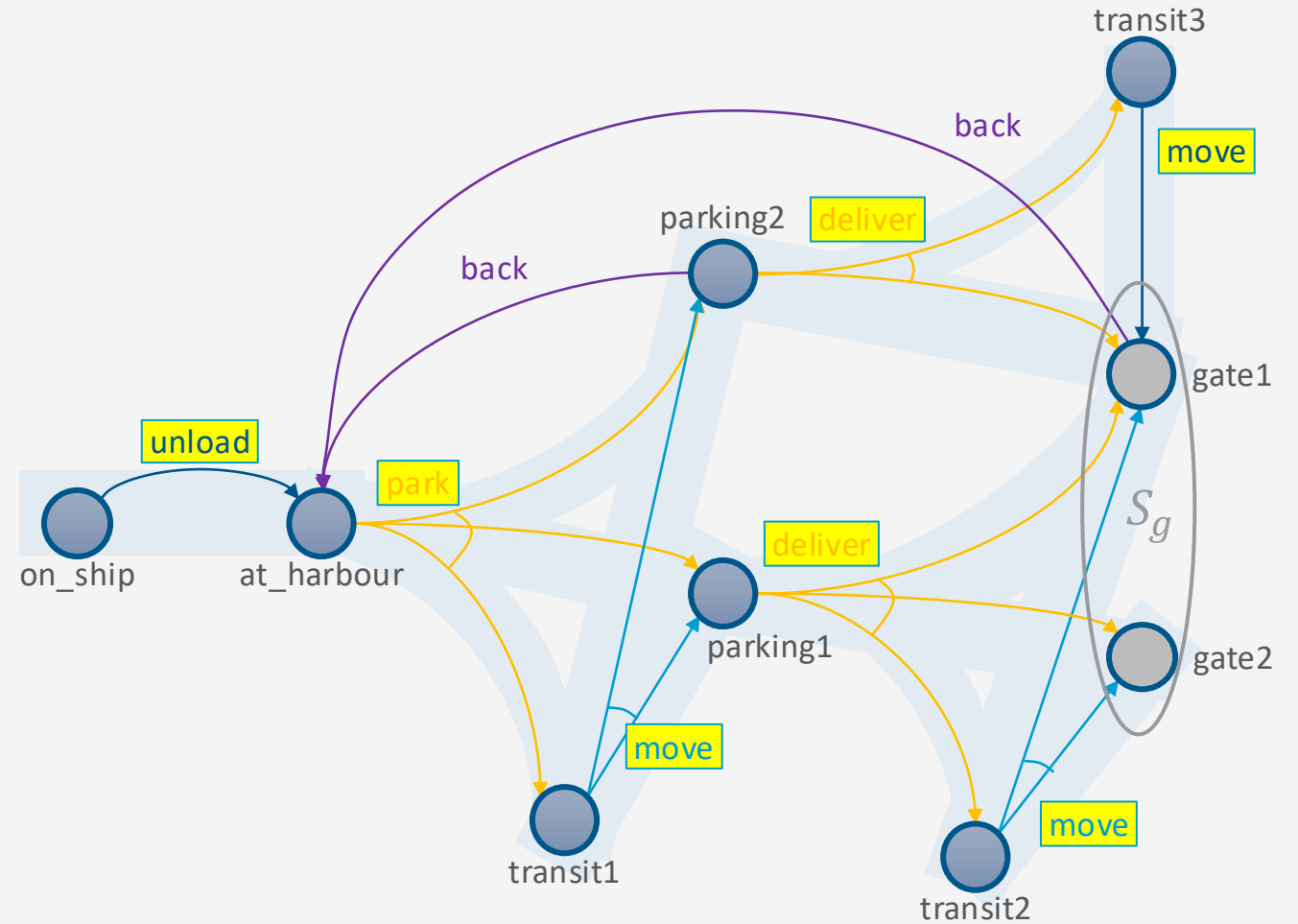
$$\pi_1 = \{(on\_ship, unload), \\ (at\_harbor, park), \\ (parking1, deliver)\}$$

Is  $\pi_1$  safe?



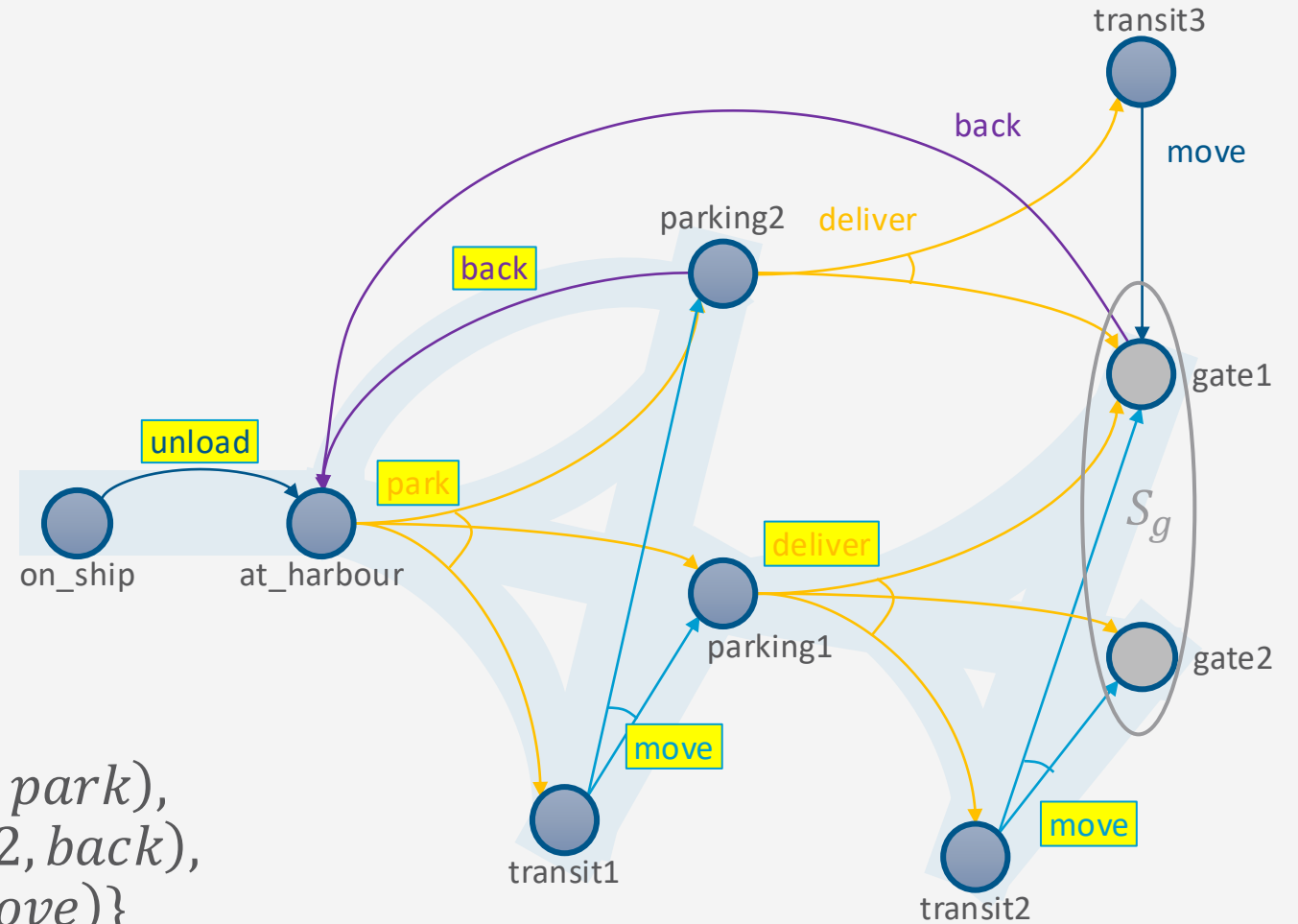
## Safe Solutions

- $\pi_2 = \{(on\_ship, unload), (at\_harbor, park), (parking1, deliver), (parking2, deliver), (transit1, move), (transit2, move), (transit3, move)\}$
- **Acyclic** safe solution
  - $Graph(s_0, \pi)$  is acyclic and
  - $leaves(s_0, \pi) \subseteq S_g$
- Guaranteed to reach a goal

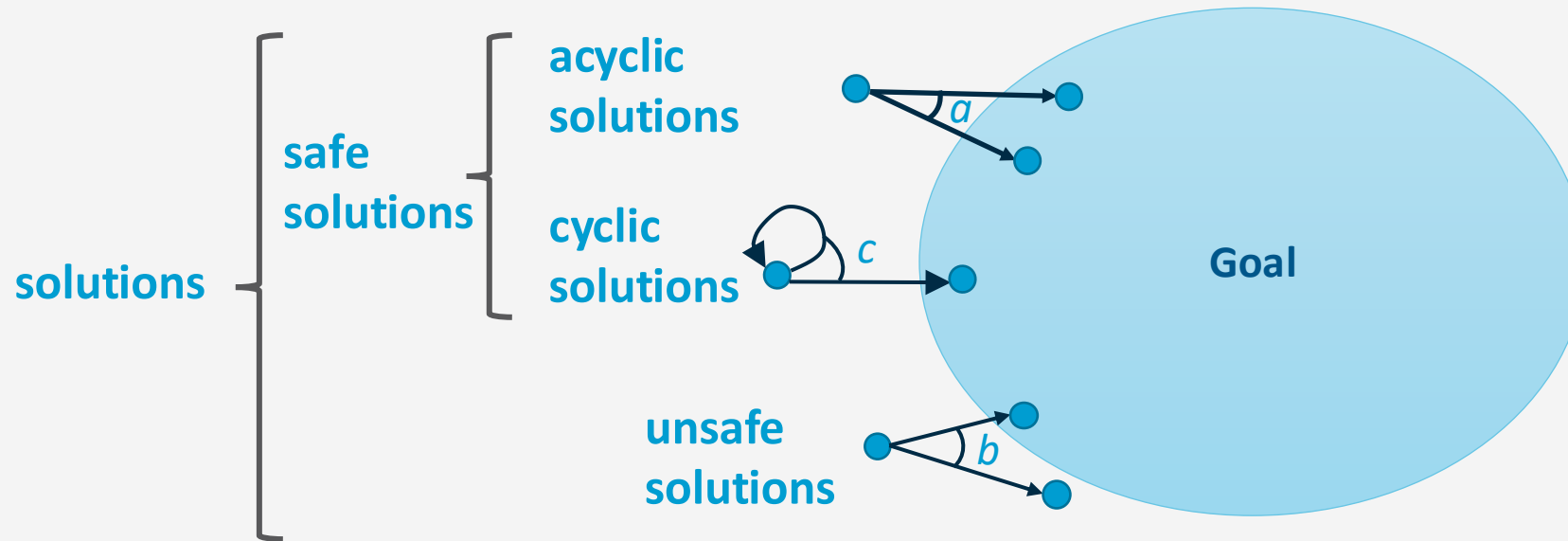


## Safe Solutions

- **Cyclic** safe solution
  - $Graph(s_0, \pi)$  is cyclic,
  - $leaves(s_0, \pi) \subseteq S_g$ , and
  - $\forall s \in \hat{\gamma}(s_0, \pi),$   
 $leaves(s, \pi) \cap S_g \neq \emptyset$
- At every state, there is an execution path that ends at a goal
- Will never get caught in a dead end
- Example
  - $\pi_3 = \{(on\_ship, unload), (at\_harbor, park), (parking1, deliver), (parking2, back), (transit1, move), (transit2, move)\}$



# Kinds of Solutions



## Intermediate Summary

- Planning Problems
  - Planning domains
  - Plans as policies
  - Planning problems and solutions
    - Types of solutions: safe, unsafe, acyclic, cyclic

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## Finding (Unsafe) Solutions

- Input: planning problem  $(\Sigma, s_0, S_g)$

**Find-Solution**  $(\Sigma, s_0, S_g)$

```

s ← s0
π ← ∅
Visited ← {s0}
loop
  if s ∈ Sg then
    return π
  A' ← Applicable(s)
  if A' = ∅ then
    return failure
  nondeterministically choose a ∈ A'
  nondeterministically choose s' ∈ γ(s, a)
  if s' ∈ Visited then
    return failure
  π(s) ← a
  Visited ← Visited ∪ {s'}
  s ← s'

```

**Forward-search**  $(\Sigma, s_0, g)$

```

s ← s0
π ← ⟨⟩
loop
  if s satisfies g then
    return π
  A' ← {a ∈ A | a is applicable in s}
  if A' = ∅ then
    return failure
  nondeterministically choose a ∈ A'
  s ← γ(s, a)
  π ← π.a

```

Decide which state to plan for

Cycle-checking

For comparison: Forward-search  
with *deterministic* models

# Example

Find-Solution ( $\Sigma, s_0, S_g$ )

$s \leftarrow s_0$

$\pi \leftarrow \emptyset$

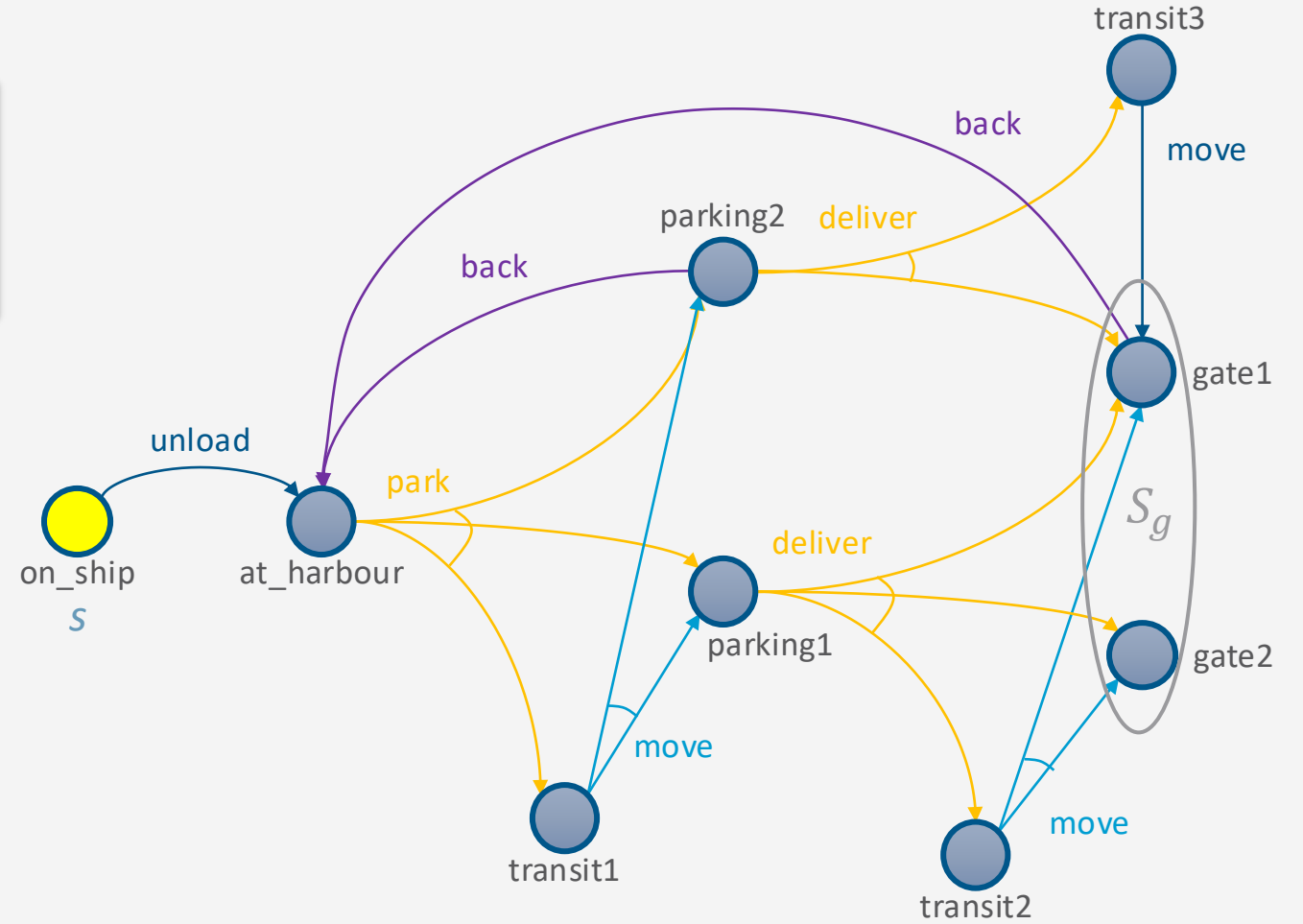
Visited  $\leftarrow \{s_0\}$

...

$s = \text{on\_ship}$

$\pi = \{\}$

Visited = {on\_ship}



Find-Solution ( $\Sigma, s_0, S_g$ )

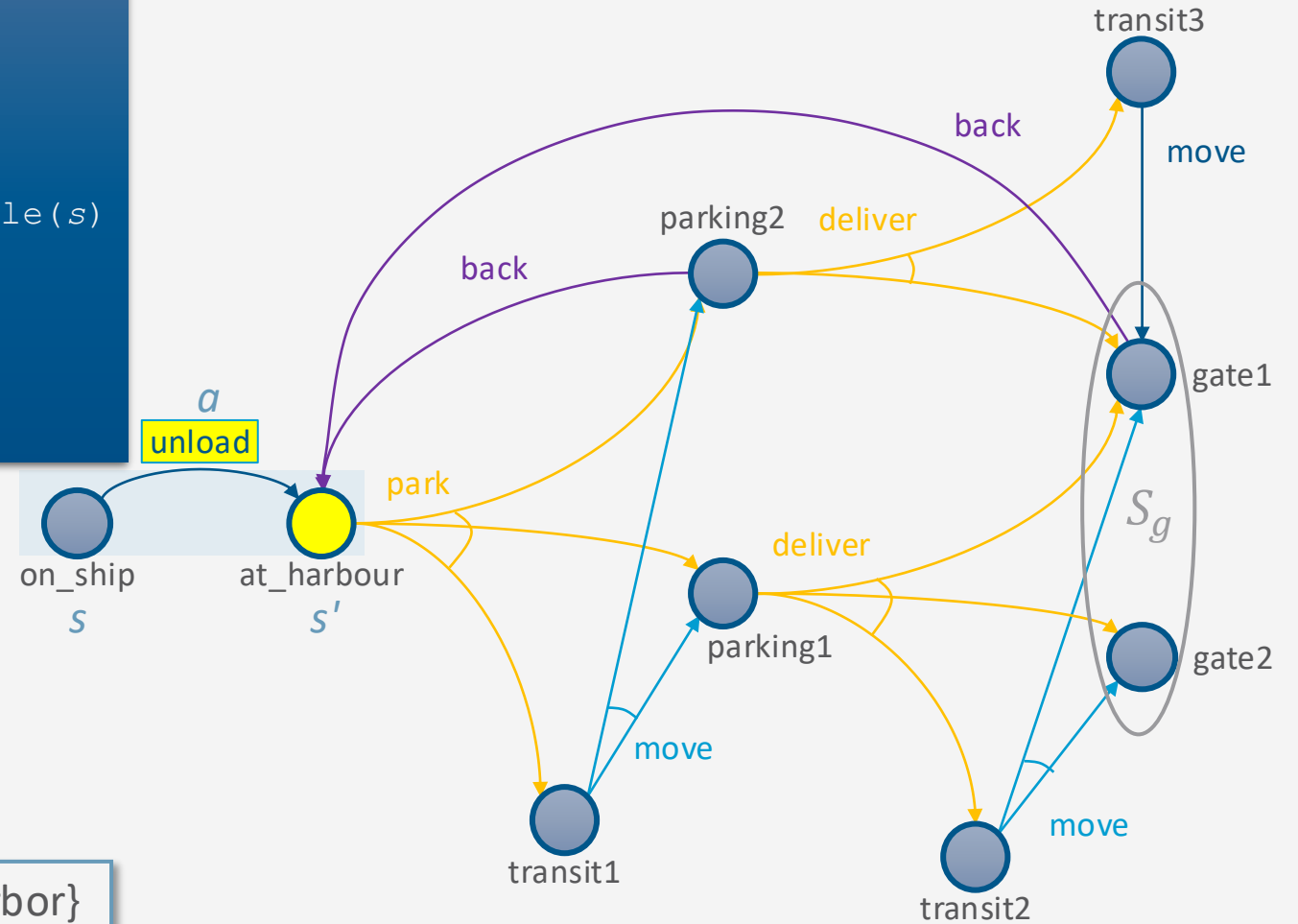
```

...
loop
  if  $s \in S_g$  then
    return  $\pi$ 
  ...
  nondeterministically choose  $a \in \text{Applicable}(s)$ 
  nondeterministically choose  $s' \in \gamma(s, a)$ 
  ...
   $\pi(s) \leftarrow a$ 
   $\text{Visited} \leftarrow \text{Visited} \cup \{s'\}$ 
   $s \leftarrow s'$ 
  
```

$s = \text{on\_ship}, a = \text{unload}$   
 $\gamma(s, a) = \{\text{at\_harbor}\}$   
 $s' = \text{at\_harbor}$

$\pi = \{(\text{on\_ship}, \text{unload})\}$

$\text{Visited} = \{\text{on\_ship}, \text{at\_harbor}\}$



```
Find-Solution( $\Sigma, s_0, S_g$ )
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...  
loop
```

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  if  $s \in S_g$  then  
    return  $\pi$ 
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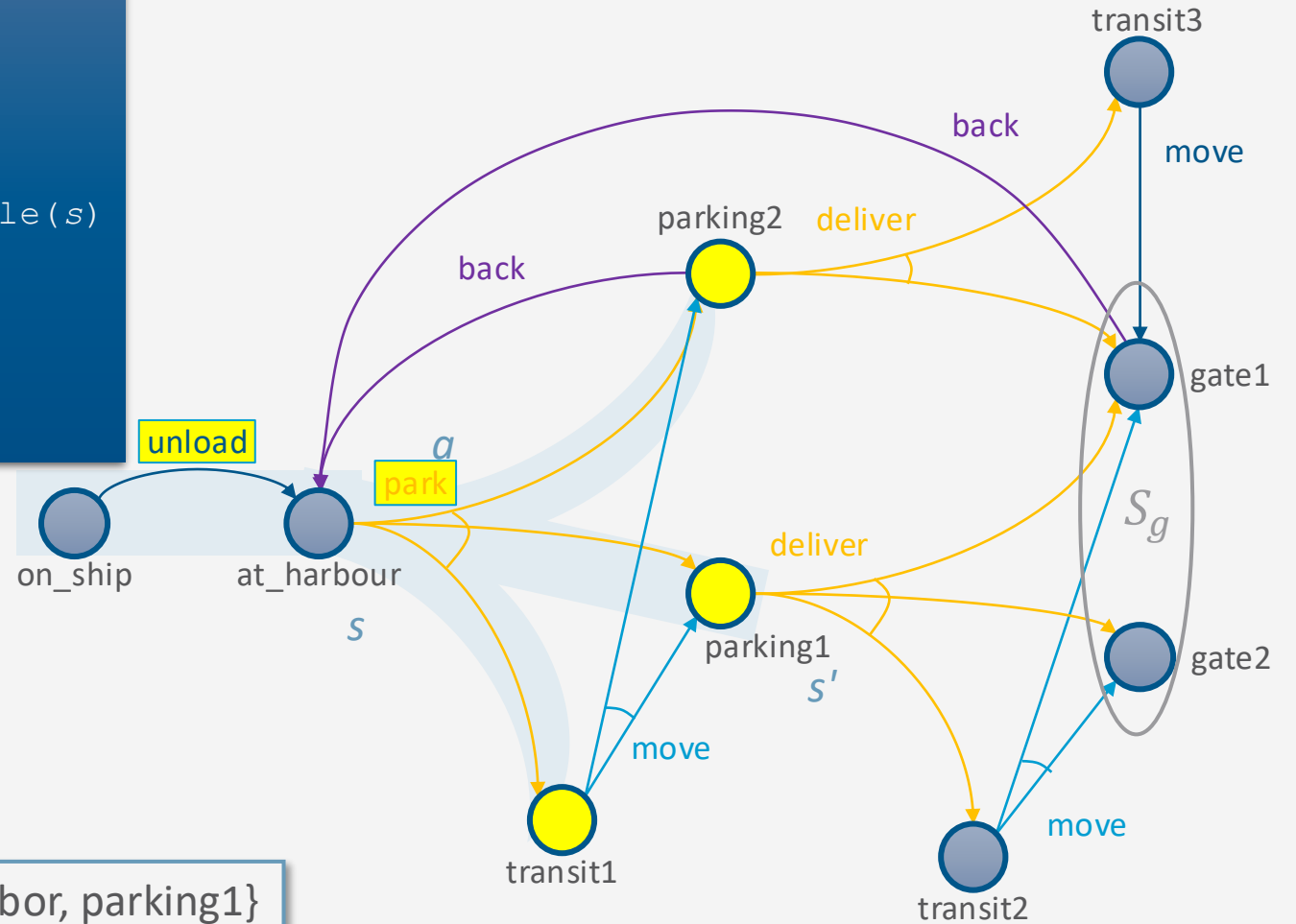
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  ...  
   $\pi(s) \leftarrow a$   
   $Visited \leftarrow Visited \cup \{s'\}$   
   $s \leftarrow s'$ 
```

$s = \text{at\_harbor}, a = \text{park}$   
 $\gamma(s, a) = \{\text{parking1}, \text{parking2}, \text{transit1}\}$   
 $s' = \text{parking1}$

$\pi = \{(\text{on\_ship}, \text{unload}),$   
 $(\text{at\_harbor}, \text{park})\}$

$Visited = \{\text{on\_ship}, \text{at\_harbor}, \text{parking1}\}$



Find-Solution ( $\Sigma, s_0, S_g$ )

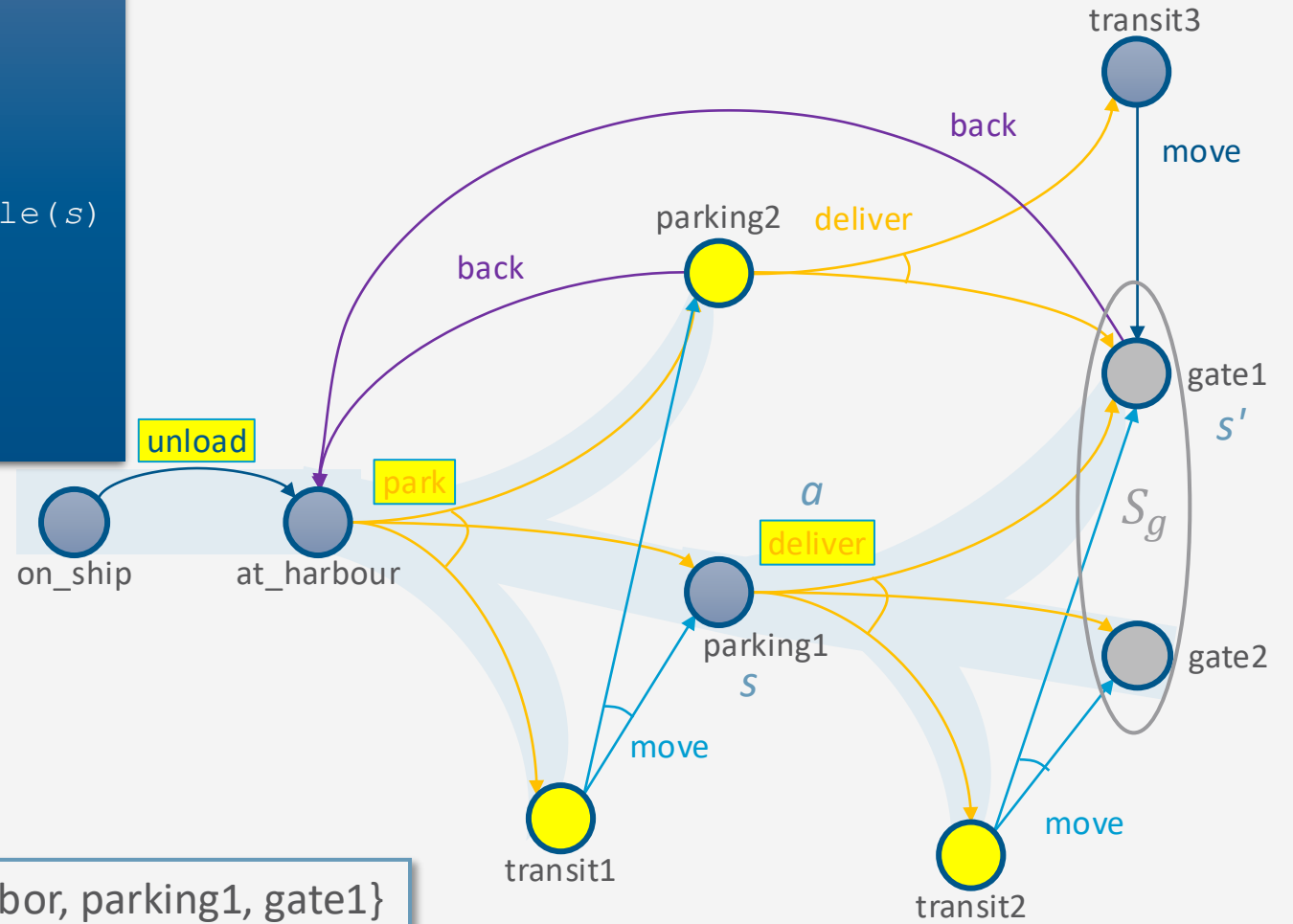
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...
loop
  if  $s \in S_g$  then
    return  $\pi$ 
  ...
  nondeterministically choose  $a \in \text{Applicable}(s)$ 
  nondeterministically choose  $s' \in \gamma(s, a)$ 
  ...
   $\pi(s) \leftarrow a$ 
   $Visited \leftarrow Visited \cup \{s'\}$ 
   $s \leftarrow s'$ 
  
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$s = \text{parking1}, a = \text{deliver}$   
 $\gamma(s, a) = \{\text{gate1}, \text{gate2}, \text{transit2}\}$   
 $s' = \text{gate1}$

$\pi = \{(\text{on\_ship}, \text{unload}),$   
 $(\text{at\_harbor}, \text{park}),$   
 $(\text{parking1}, \text{deliver})\}$

$Visited = \{\text{on\_ship}, \text{at\_harbor}, \text{parking1}, \text{gate1}\}$



```
Find-Solution( $\Sigma, s_0, S_g$ )
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...  
loop
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  if  $s \in S_g$  then  
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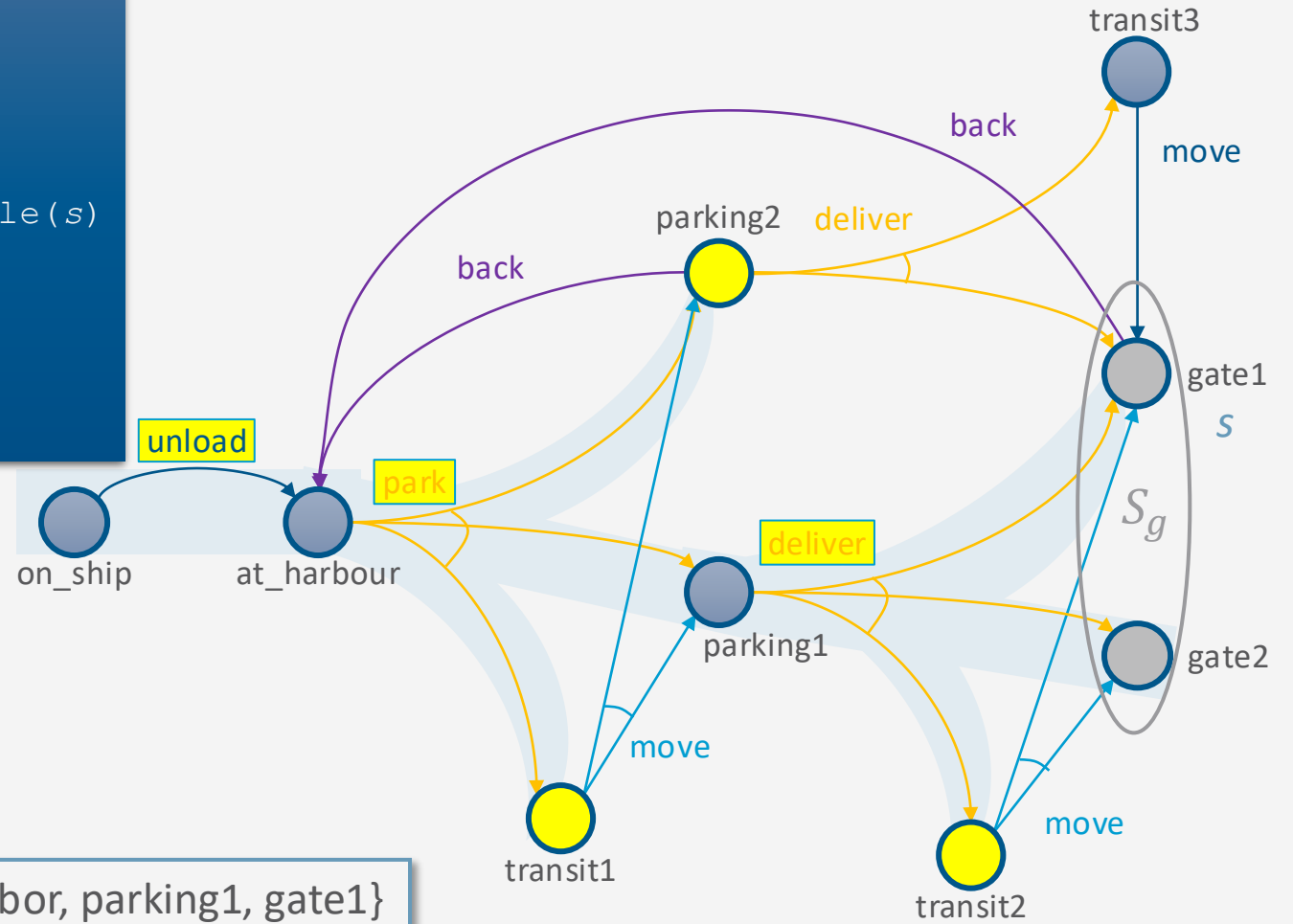
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  ...  
   $\pi(s) \leftarrow a$   
   $Visited \leftarrow Visited \cup \{s'\}$   
   $s \leftarrow s'$ 
```

$s = \text{gate1}$

*gate1* is a goal,  
so return  $\pi$

$\pi = \{(\text{on\_ship}, \text{unload}),$   
 $(\text{at\_harbor}, \text{park}),$   
 $(\text{parking1}, \text{deliver})\}$

$Visited = \{\text{on\_ship}, \text{at\_harbor}, \text{parking1}, \text{gate1}\}$



## Finding Acyclic Safe Solutions

- Check for cycles
  - For each  $s' \in (\gamma(s, a) \cap \text{Dom}(\pi))$ 
    - Is  $s' \in \hat{\gamma}(s', \pi)$ ?
  - Formally,  $\text{has-loops}(\pi, s, \text{Frontier})$  iff  $\exists s' \in (\gamma(s, a) \cap \text{dom}(\pi)) : s' \in \hat{\gamma}(s', \pi)$ 
    - I.e., a state  $s'$  is reachable from itself

**Find-Acyclic-Solution**  $(\Sigma, s_0, S_g)$

```

 $\pi \leftarrow \emptyset$ 
Frontier  $\leftarrow \{s_0\}$ 
for every  $s \in \text{Frontier} \setminus S_g$  do
  Frontier  $\leftarrow \text{Frontier} \setminus \{s\}$ 
  if  $\text{Applicable}(s) = \emptyset$  then
    return failure
  nondeterministically choose  $a \in \text{Applicable}(s)$ 
   $\pi \leftarrow \pi \cup (s, a)$ 
  Frontier  $\leftarrow \text{Frontier} \cup (\gamma(s, a) \setminus \text{dom}(\pi))$ 
if  $\text{has-loops}(\pi, s, \text{Frontier})$  then
  return failure
return  $\pi$ 
  
```

Keep track of unexpanded states, like in A\*

Add all outcomes that  $\pi$  does not already handle

Cycle-checking

Input

- Planning problem  $(\Sigma, s_0, S_g)$

# Example

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Find-Acyclic-Solution( $\Sigma, s_0, S_g$ )
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 $\pi \leftarrow \emptyset$ 
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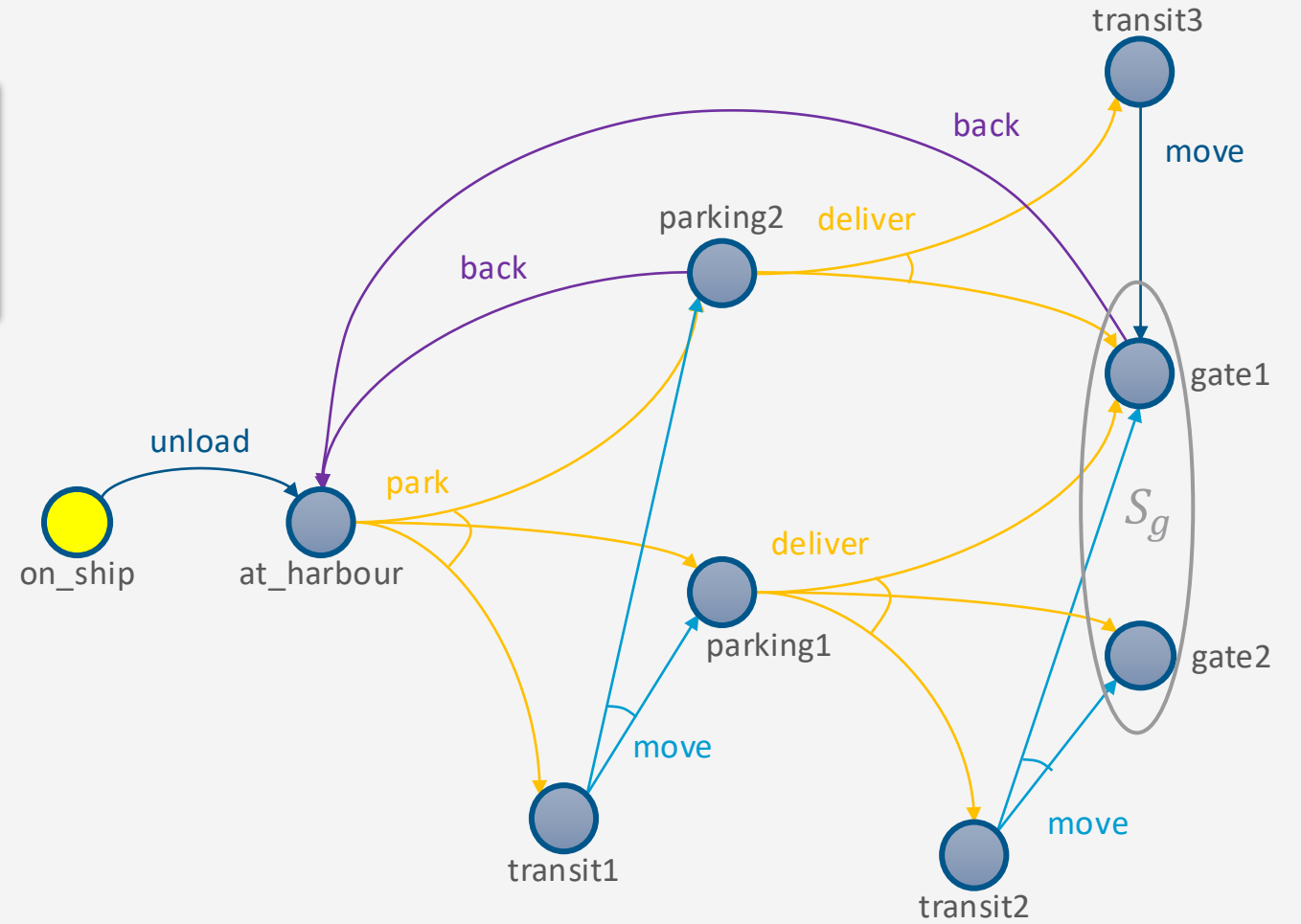
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Frontier  $\leftarrow \{s_0\}$ 
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for every  $s \in \text{Frontier} \setminus S_g$  do
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...
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Frontier  $\setminus S_g = \{\text{on\_ship}\}$

$\pi = \{\}$



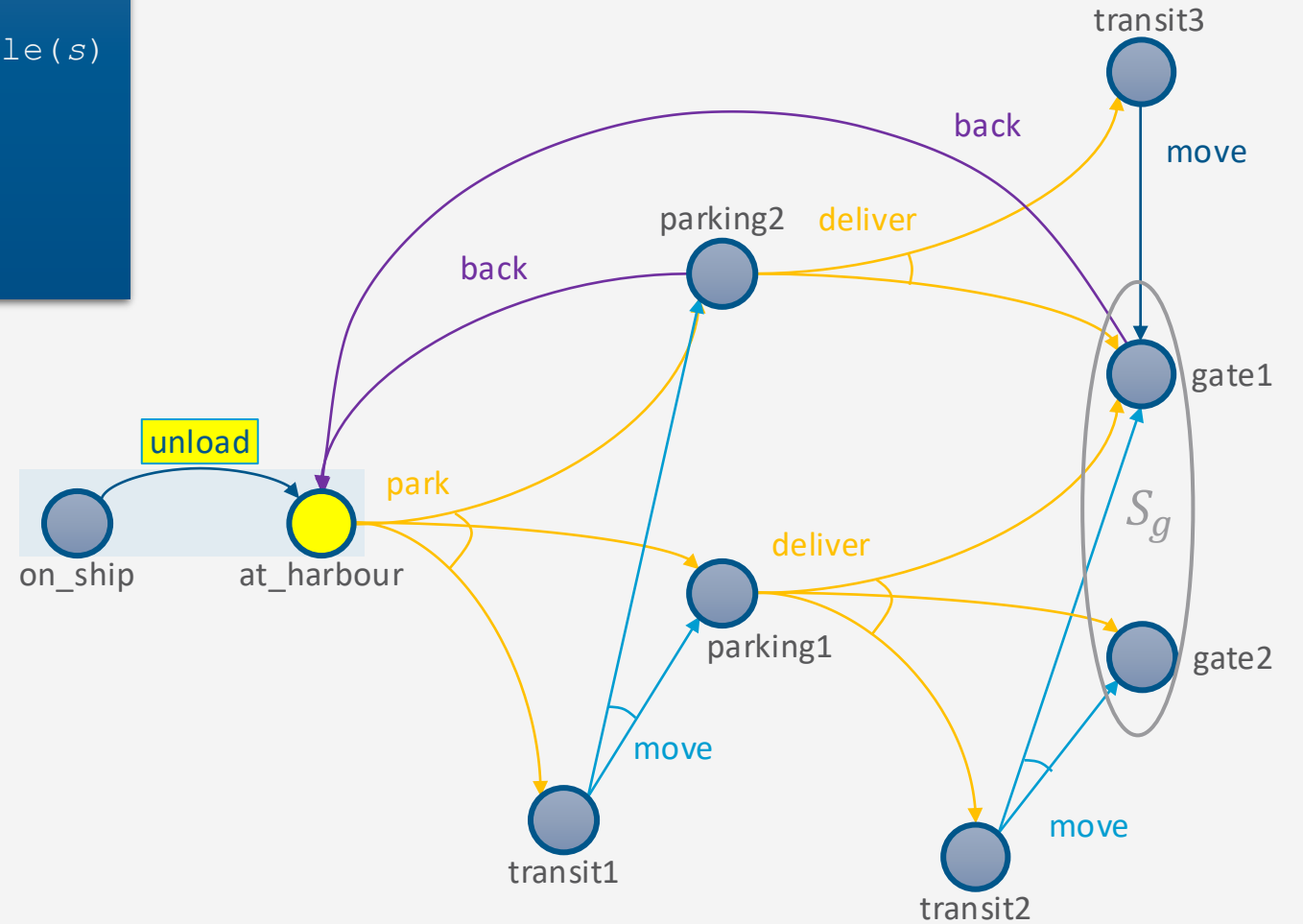
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  if has-loops( $\pi, s, \text{Frontier}$ ) then  
    return failure  
return  $\pi$ 
```

$s = \text{on\_ship}$

$\text{Frontier} \setminus S_g = \{\text{at\_harbour}\}$

$\pi = \{(\text{on\_ship}, \text{unload})\}$



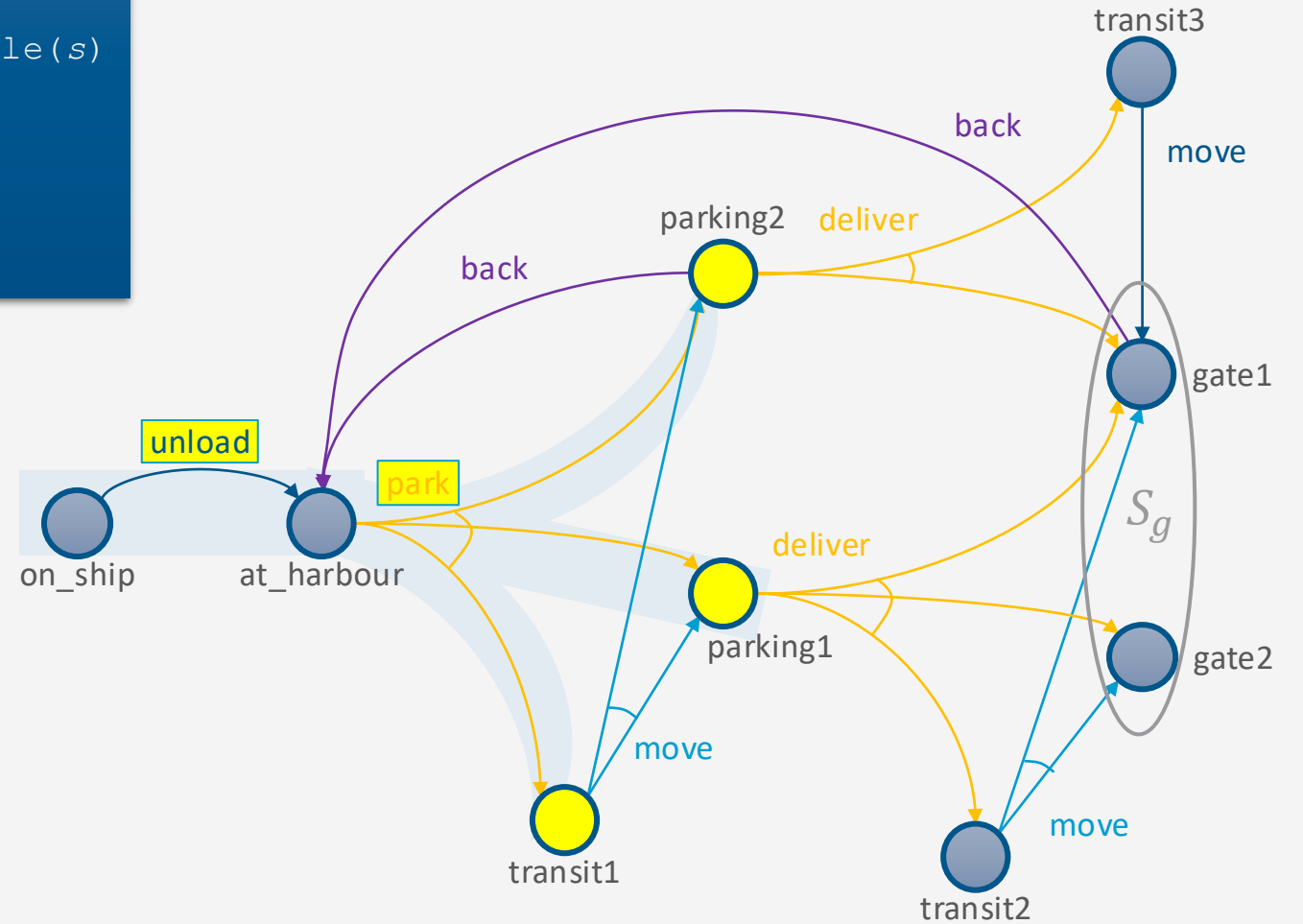
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return  $\pi$ 
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$s = \text{at\_harbor}$

$\text{Frontier} \setminus S_g = \{\text{parking1}, \text{parking2}, \text{transit1}\}$

$\pi = \{(\text{on\_ship}, \text{unload}),$   
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### Find-Acyclic-Solution ( $\Sigma, s_0, S_g$ )

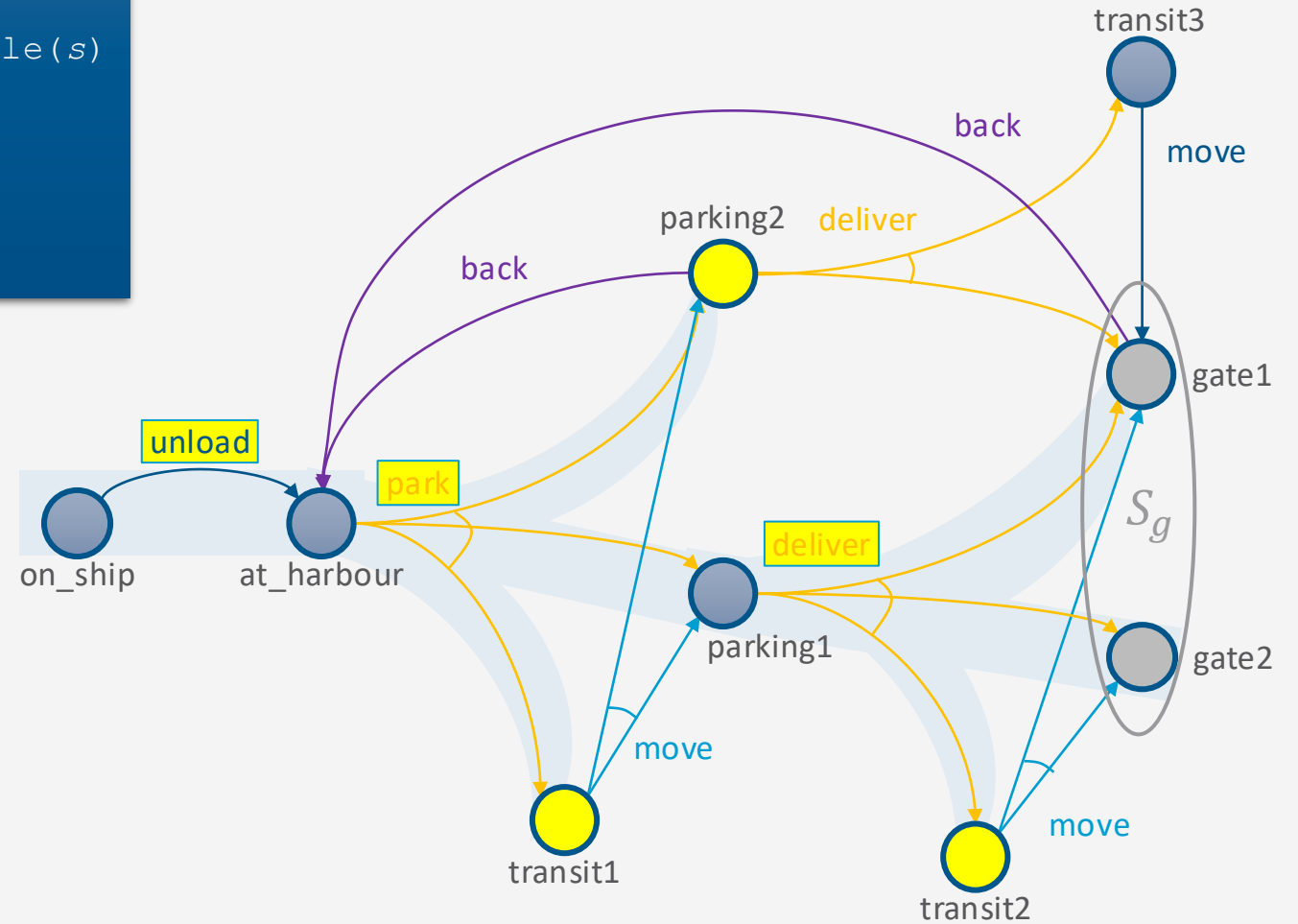
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  Frontier  $\leftarrow$  Frontier  $\cup$  ( $\gamma(s, a) \setminus \text{dom}(\pi)$ )  
  if has-loops( $\pi, s, \text{Frontier}$ ) then  
    return failure  
return  $\pi$ 
```

$s = \text{parking1}$

$\text{Frontier} \setminus S_g = \{\text{parking2}, \text{transit1}, \text{transit2}\}$

$\pi = \{(\text{on\_ship}, \text{unload}),$   
 $(\text{at\_harbor}, \text{park}),$   
 $(\text{parking1}, \text{deliver})\}$

Nondeterministic



### Find-Acyclic-Solution ( $\Sigma, s_0, S_g$ )

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  ...
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  if has-loops( $\pi, s, \text{Frontier}$ ) then
    return failure
return  $\pi$ 
```

$s = \text{parking2}$

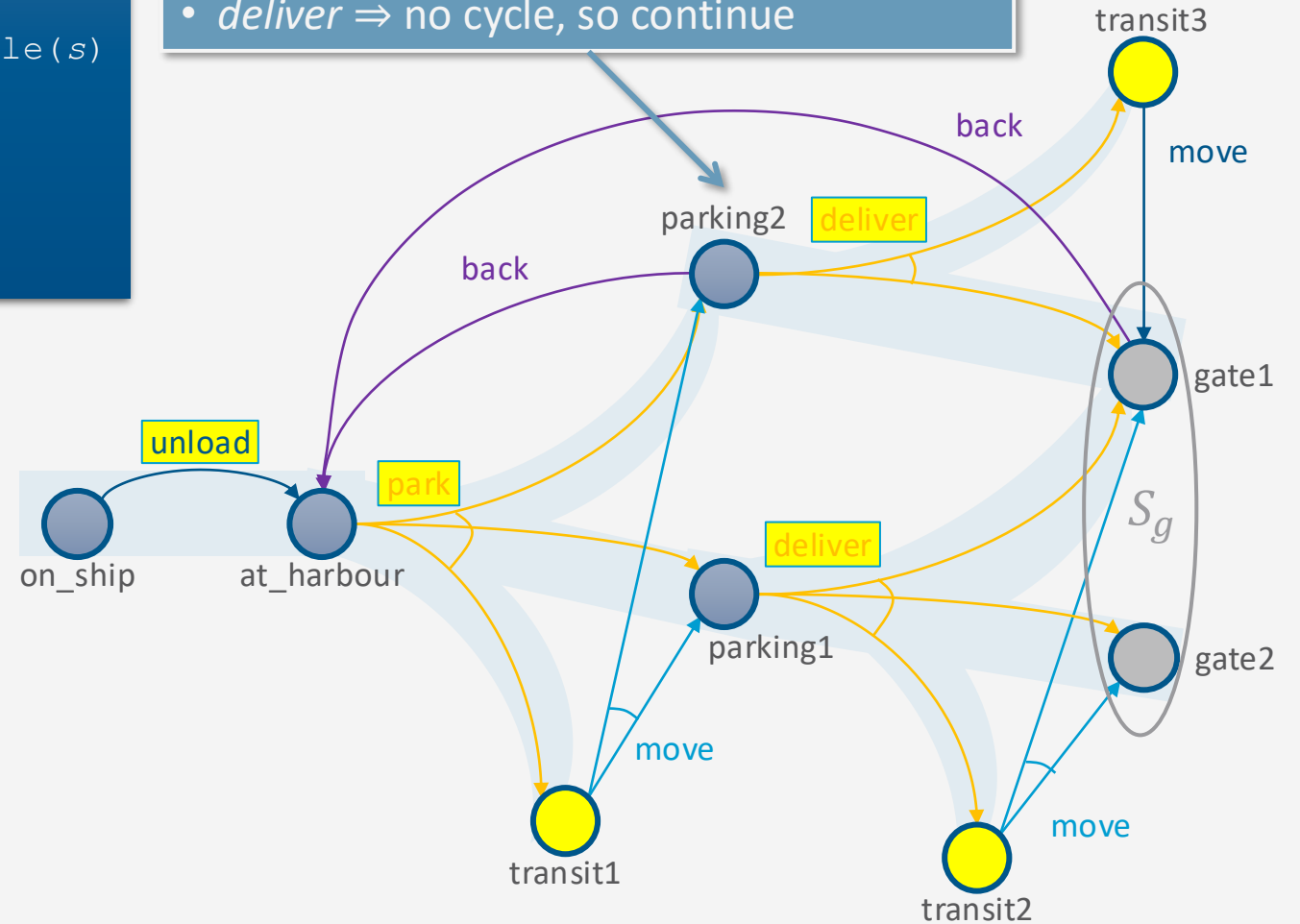
$\text{Frontier} \setminus S_g = \{\text{transit1}, \text{transit2}, \text{transit3}\}$

$\pi = \{(\text{on\_ship}, \text{unload}),$   
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 $(\text{parking1}, \text{deliver}),$   
 $(\text{parking2}, \text{deliver})\}$

nondeterministically choose *back* or *deliver*

- *back*  $\Rightarrow$  cycle, so return *failure*
- *deliver*  $\Rightarrow$  no cycle, so continue

Nondeterministic



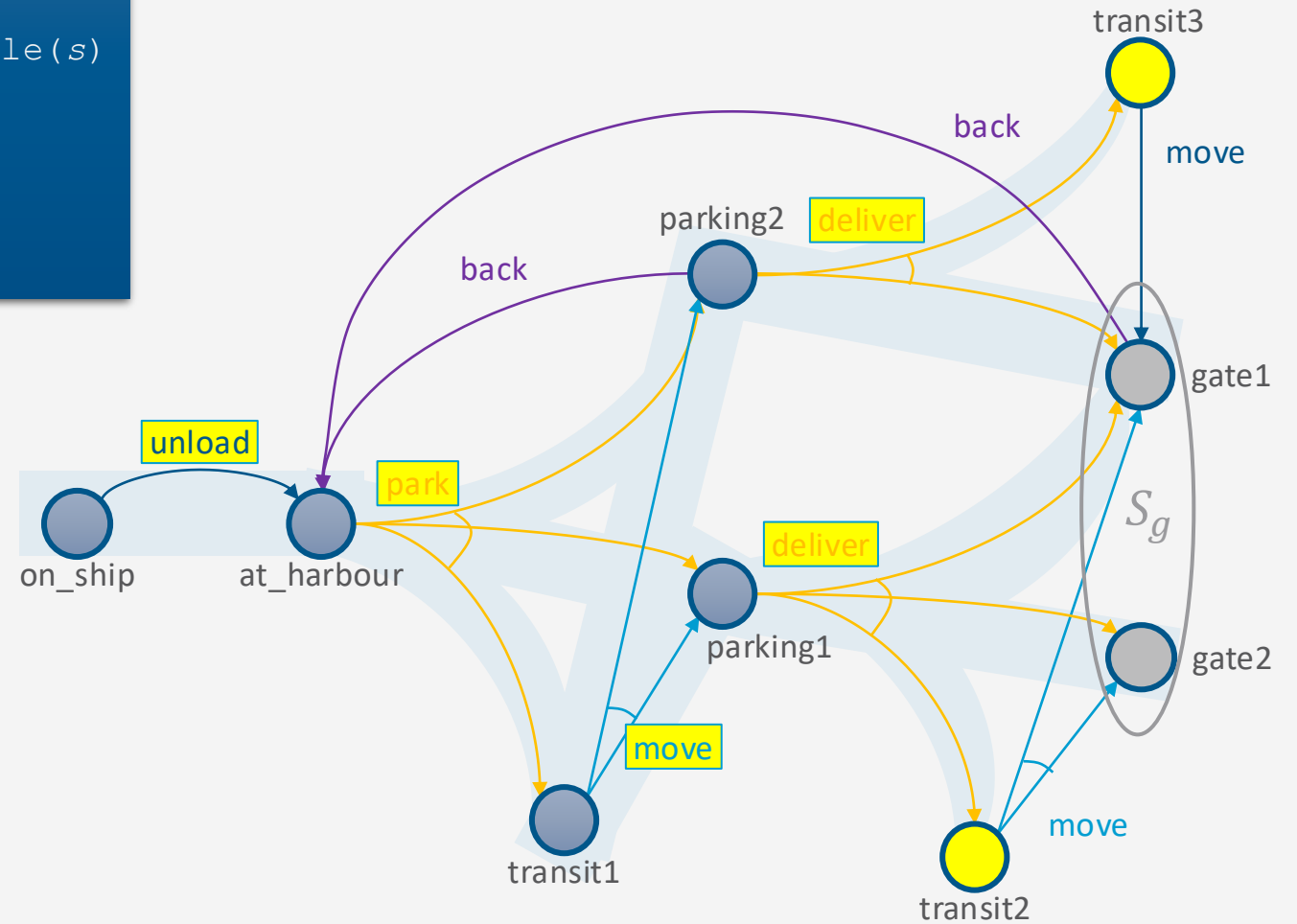
### Find-Acyclic-Solution ( $\Sigma, s_0, S_g$ )

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for every  $s \in \text{Frontier} \setminus S_g$  do  
   $\text{Frontier} \leftarrow \text{Frontier} \setminus \{s\}$   
  ...  
  nondeterministically choose  $a \in \text{Applicable}(s)$   
   $\pi \leftarrow \pi \cup (s, a)$   
   $\text{Frontier} \leftarrow \text{Frontier} \cup (\gamma(s, a) \setminus \text{dom}(\pi))$   
  if has-loops( $\pi, s, \text{Frontier}$ ) then  
    return failure  
return  $\pi$ 
```

$s = \text{transit1}$

$\text{Frontier} \setminus S_g = \{\text{transit2}, \text{transit3}\}$

$\pi = \{(\text{on\_ship}, \text{unload}),$   
 $(\text{at\_harbor}, \text{park}),$   
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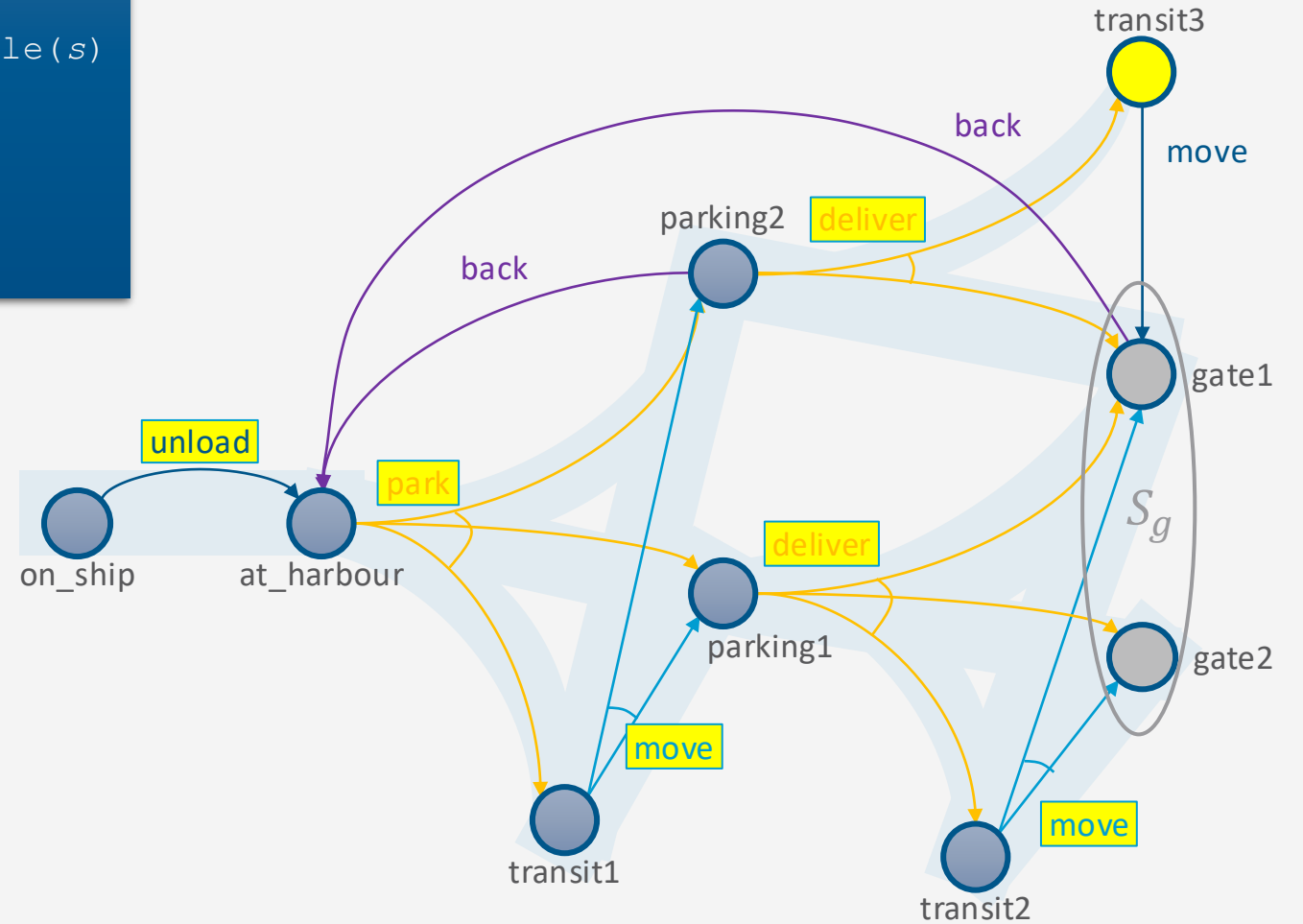
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   $\pi \leftarrow \pi \cup (s, a)$   
  Frontier  $\leftarrow$  Frontier  $\cup$  ( $\gamma(s, a) \setminus \text{Dom}(\pi)$ )  
  if has-loops( $\pi, s, \text{Frontier}$ ) then  
    return failure  
return  $\pi$ 
```

$s = \text{transit2}$

$\text{Frontier} \setminus S_g = \{\text{transit3}\}$

$\pi = \{(\text{on\_ship}, \text{unload}),$   
 $(\text{at\_harbor}, \text{park}),$   
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## Finding Safe Solutions

- Same as `Find-Acyclic-Solution` except for cycle-checking
- `has-unsafe-loops` instead of `has-loops`
- Check if  $\pi$  contains any cycles that cannot be escaped:
  - For each  $s' \in (\gamma(s, a) \cap \text{dom}(\pi))$ 
    - Is  $\hat{\gamma}(s', \pi) \cap \text{Frontier} = \emptyset$ ?
  - Formally,  
`has-unsafe-loops( $\pi, s, \text{Frontier}$ )` iff  

$$\exists s' \in (\gamma(s, a) \cap \text{dom}(\pi)) : \hat{\gamma}(s', \pi) \cap \text{Frontier} = \emptyset$$

```

Find-Safe-Solution( $\Sigma, s_0, S_g$ )
   $\pi \leftarrow \emptyset$ 
   $\text{Frontier} \leftarrow \{s_0\}$ 
  for every  $s \in \text{Frontier} \setminus S_g$  do
     $\text{Frontier} \leftarrow \text{Frontier} \setminus \{s\}$ 
    if Applicable( $s$ ) =  $\emptyset$  then
      return failure
    nondeterministically choose  $a \in \text{Applicable}(s)$ 
     $\pi \leftarrow \pi \cup (s, a)$ 
     $\text{Frontier} \leftarrow \text{Frontier} \cup (\gamma(s, a) \setminus \text{dom}(\pi))$ 
    if has-unsafe-loops( $\pi, s, \text{Frontier}$ ) then
      return failure
  return  $\pi$ 
  
```

Different cycle-checking

Input

- Planning problem  $(\Sigma, s_0, S_g)$

# Example

```
Find-Safe-Solution( $\Sigma, s_0, S_g$ )
```

```
 $\pi \leftarrow \emptyset$ 
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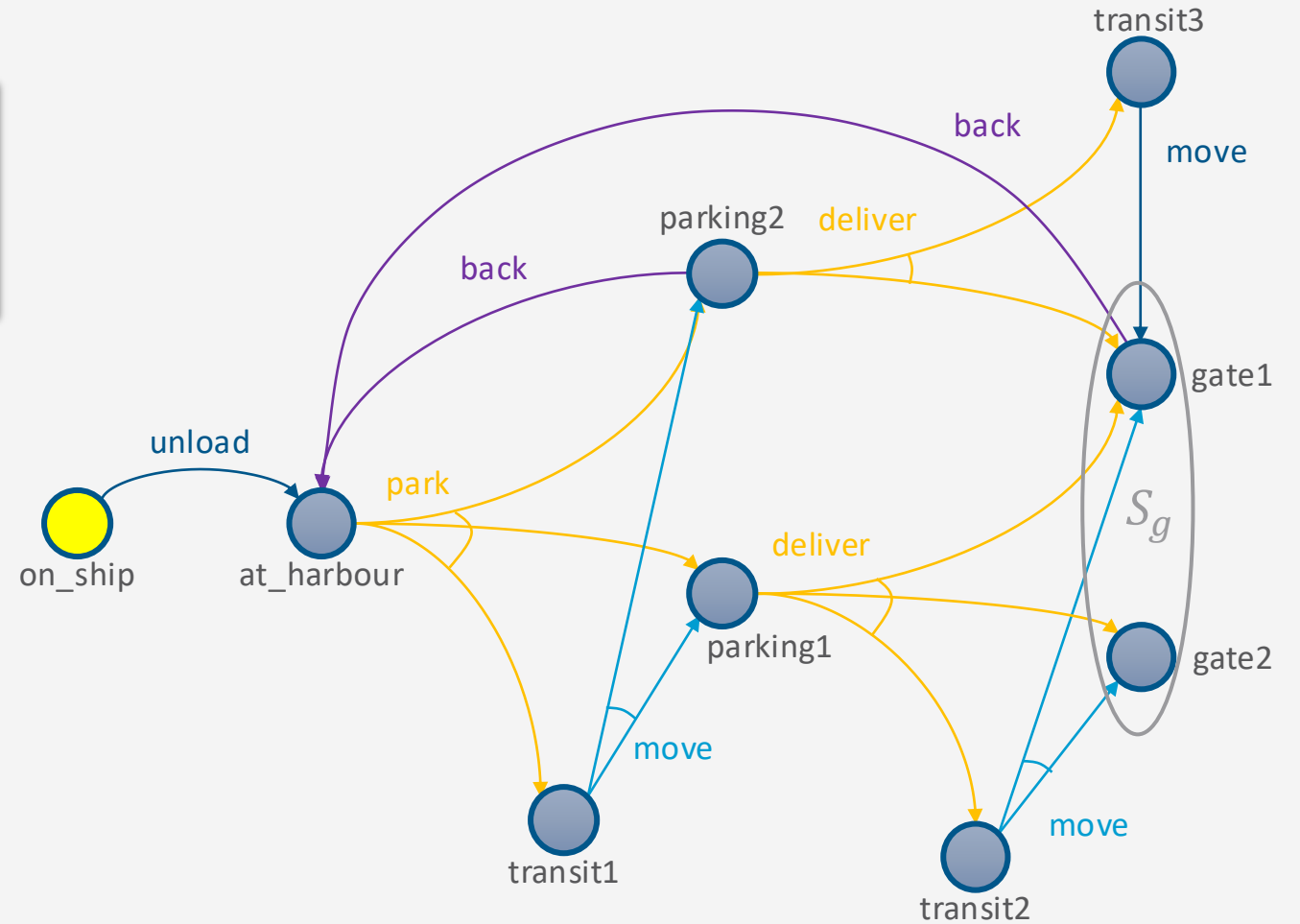
```
Frontier  $\leftarrow \{s_0\}$ 
```

```
for every  $s \in \text{Frontier} \setminus S_g$  do
```

```
...
```

$\text{Frontier} \setminus S_g = \{\text{on\_ship}\}$

$\pi = \{\}$



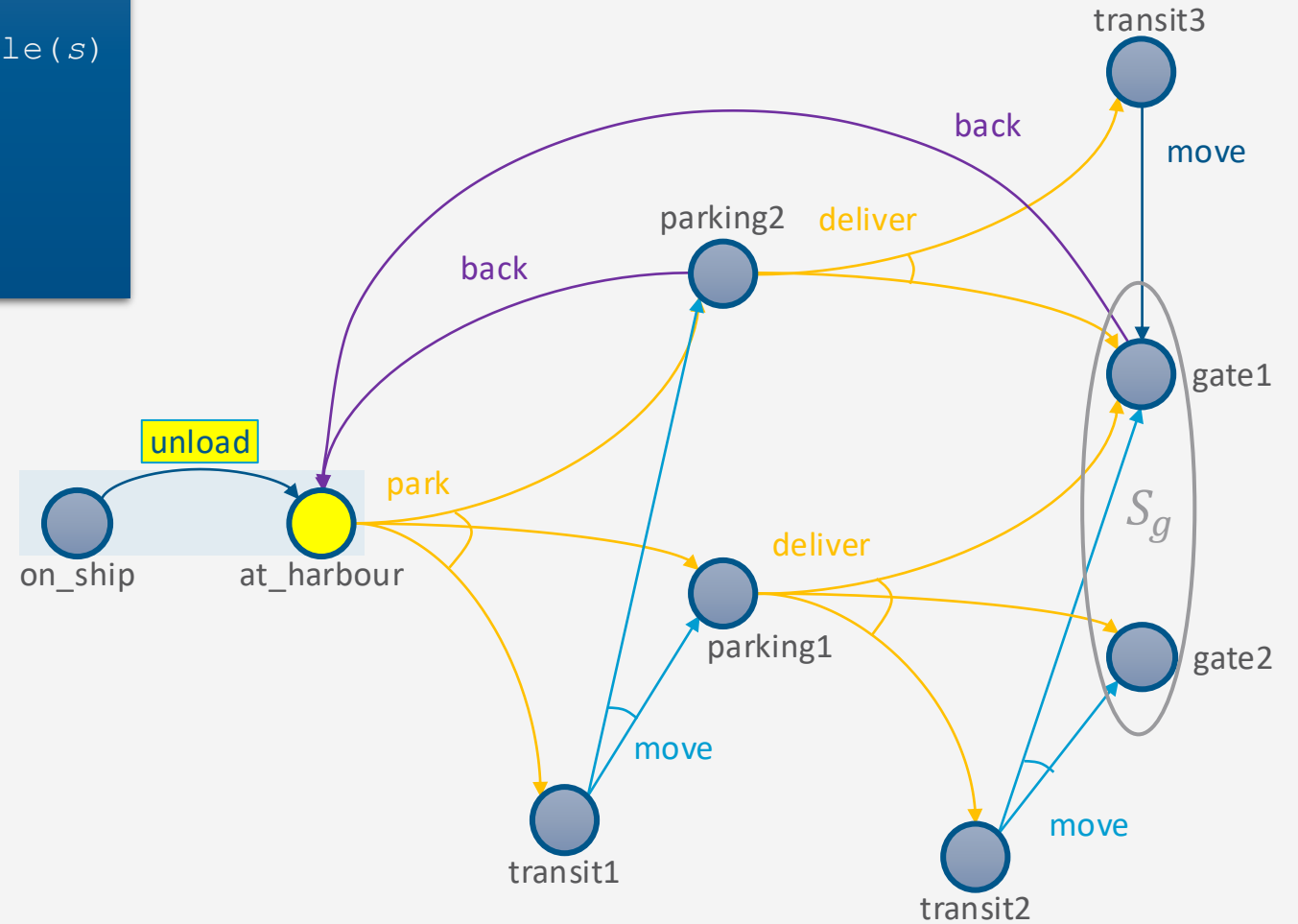
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  Frontier  $\leftarrow$  Frontier  $\cup$  ( $\gamma(s, a) \setminus \text{dom}(\pi)$ )  
  if has-unsafe-loops( $\pi, s, \text{Frontier}$ ) then  
    return failure  
return  $\pi$ 
```

$s = \text{on\_ship}$

$\text{Frontier} \setminus S_g = \{\text{at\_harbor}\}$

$\pi = \{(\text{on\_ship}, \text{unload})\}$



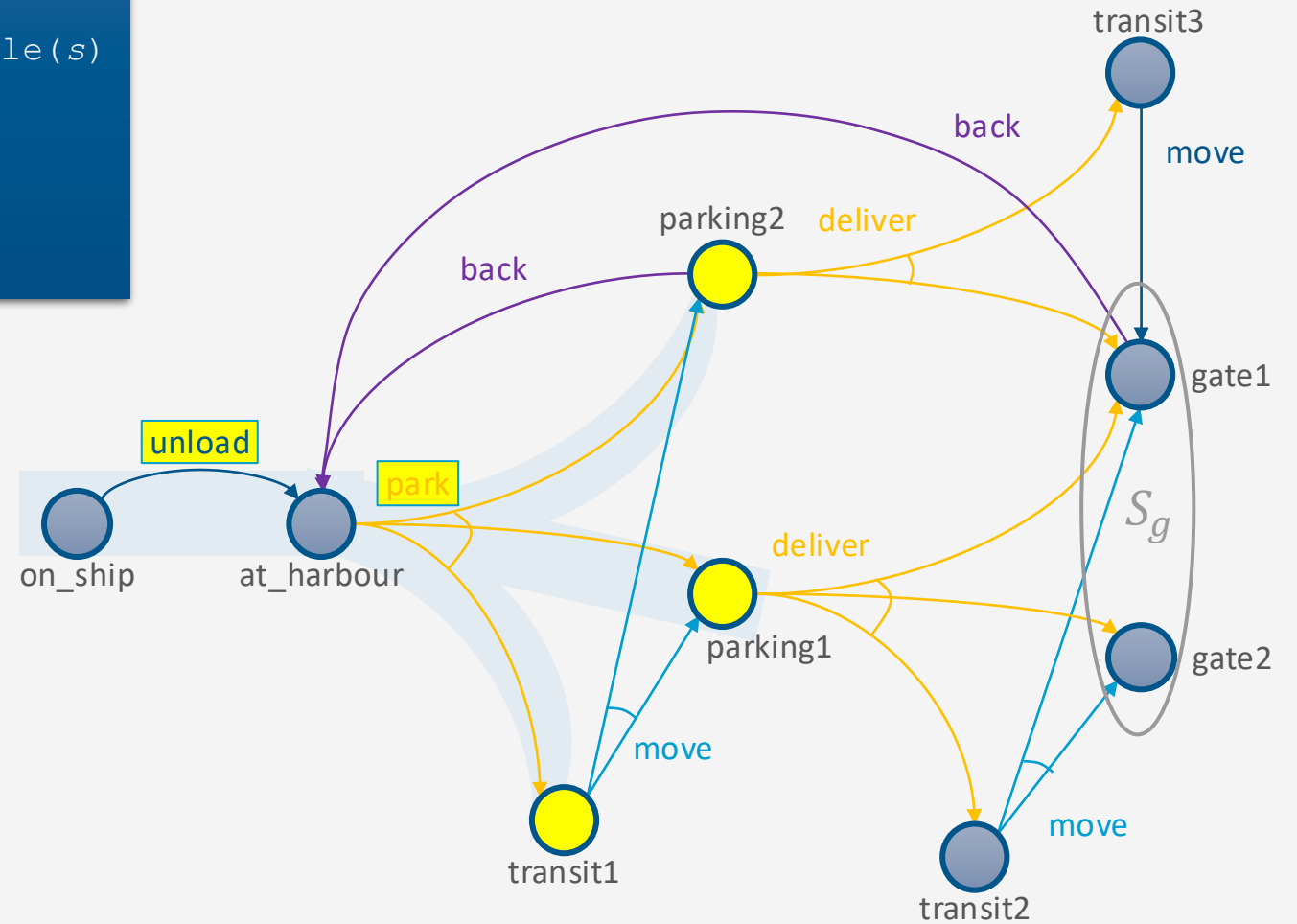
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    return failure  
return  $\pi$ 
```

$s = \text{at\_harbor}$

$\text{Frontier} \setminus S_g = \{\text{parking1}, \text{parking2}, \text{transit1}\}$

$\pi = \{(\text{on\_ship}, \text{unload}),$   
 $(\text{at\_harbor}, \text{park})\}$





Find-Safe-Solution ( $\Sigma, s_0, S_g$ )

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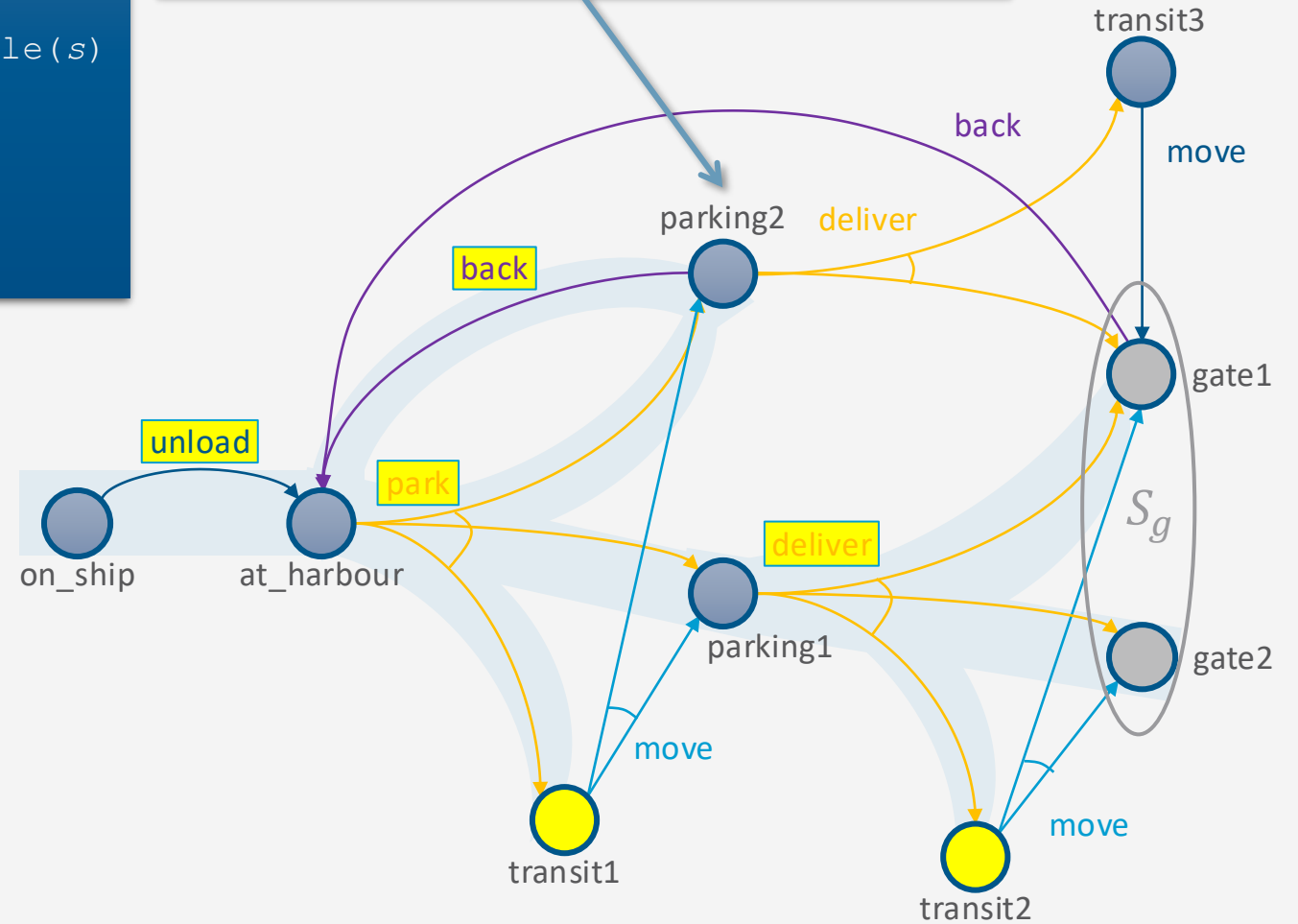
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$\pi = \{(\text{on\_ship}, \text{unload}),$   
 $(\text{at\_harbor}, \text{park}),$   
 $(\text{parking1}, \text{deliver}),$   
 $(\text{parking2}, \text{back})\}$

nondeterministically choose *back* or *deliver*  
• *back* is okay: escapable cycle

Nondeterministic



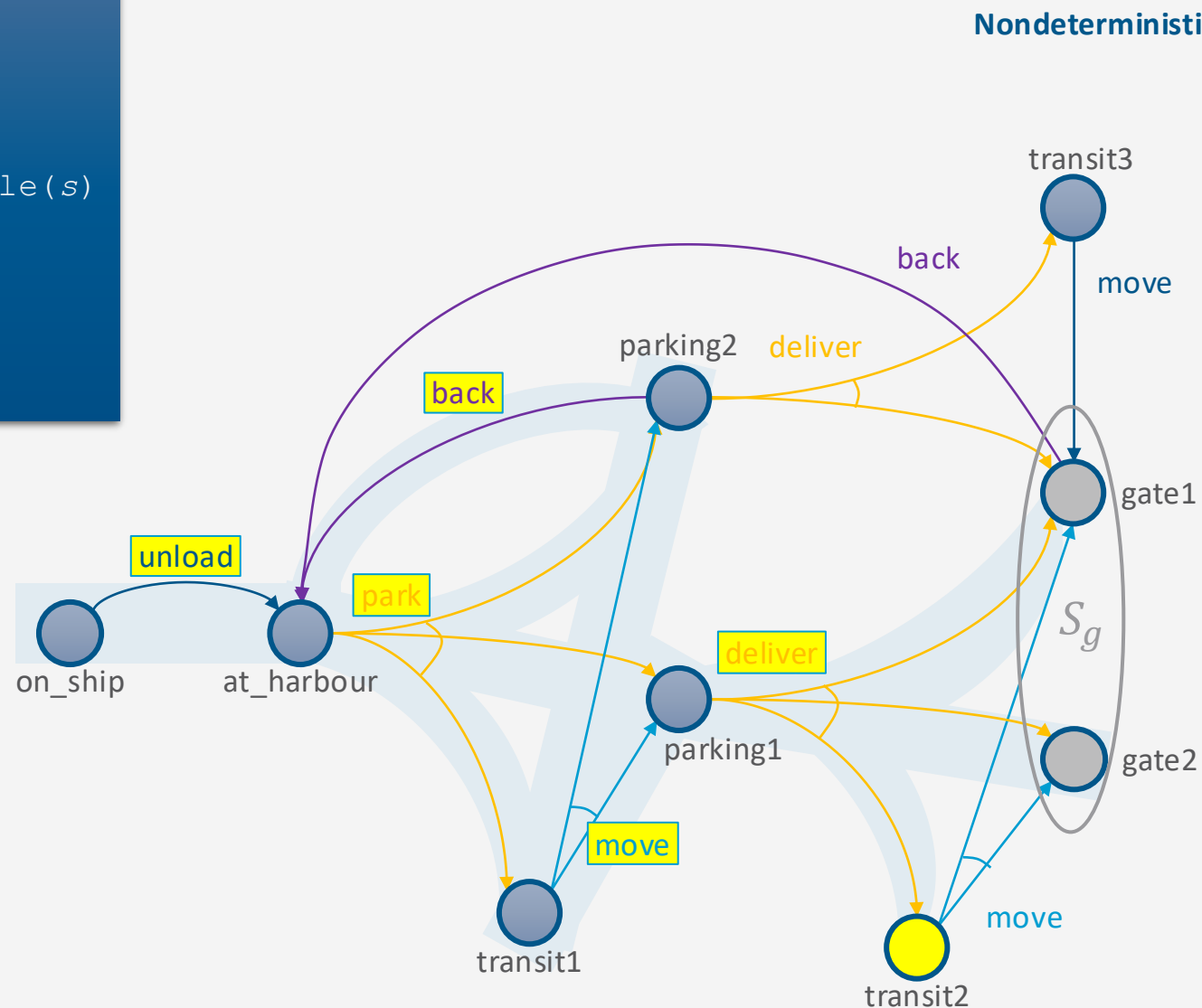
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```

$s = \text{transit1}$

$\text{Frontier} \setminus S_g = \{\text{transit2}\}$

$\pi = \{(\text{on\_ship}, \text{unload}),$   
 $(\text{at\_harbor}, \text{park}),$   
 $(\text{parking1}, \text{deliver}),$   
 $(\text{parking2}, \text{back}),$   
 $(\text{transit1}, \text{move})\}$



Find-Safe-Solution ( $\Sigma, s_0, S_g$ )

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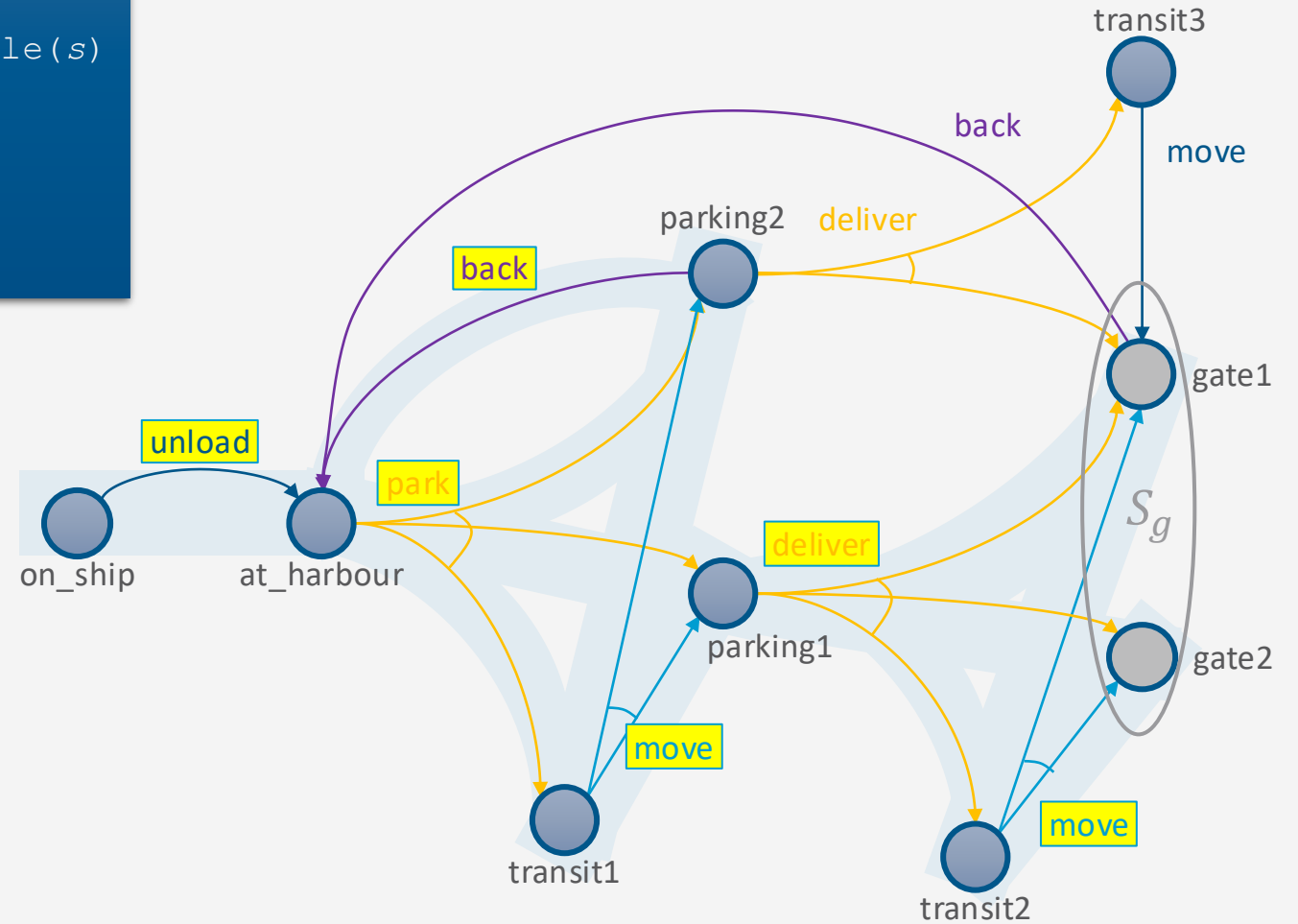
$s = \text{transit2}$

$\text{Frontier} \setminus S_g = \emptyset$

Found a solution, so return  $\pi$

$\pi = \{(\text{on\_ship}, \text{unload}),$   
 $(\text{at\_harbour}, \text{park}),$   
 $(\text{parking1}, \text{deliver}),$   
 $(\text{parking2}, \text{back}),$   
 $(\text{transit1}, \text{move}),$   
 $(\text{transit2}, \text{move})\}$

Nondeterministic



## Intermediate Summary

- And/Or Graph Search
  - Analogue to forward search in deterministic models
  - Algorithms for each type of solution
    - Unsafe
    - Cyclic safe
    - Acyclic safe

## Outline per the Book

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- Planning domains
- Plans as policies
- Planning problems and solutions

### *5.3 And/Or Graph Search*

- Planning by forward search

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- Guided planning for safe solutions
- Planning for safe solutions by determinisation

### *5.6 Online Approaches*

- Lookahead
- Lookahead by determinisation
- Lookahead with a bounded number of steps

## Guided-Find-Safe-Solution

- Motivation:
  - Much easier to find solutions if they do not have to be safe
  - Find-Safe-Solution needs plans for all possible outcomes of actions
  - Find-Solution only needs a plan for one of them
- Idea:
  - loop
    - Find a solution  $\pi$
    - Look at each leaf node of  $\pi$ 
      - If the leaf node is not a goal, find a solution and incorporate it into  $\pi$

## Guided-Find-Safe-Solution

- Input: Planning problem  $(\Sigma, s_0, S_g)$

$\pi$  is a solution. Return the part that is reachable from  $s_0$ .

Choose any leaf  $s$  that is not a goal. Find a solution  $\pi'$  for  $s$ .

For each  $(s, a)$  in  $\pi'$ , add to  $\pi$  unless  $\pi$  already has an action at  $s$ .

$s$  is unsolvable. For each  $(s', a)$  that can produce  $s$ , modify  $\pi$  and  $\Sigma$  so we will never use  $a$  at  $s'$

**Guided-Find-Safe-Solution**  $(\Sigma, s_0, S_g)$

**if**  $s_0 \in S_g$  **then**  
    **return**  $\emptyset$

**if**  $\text{Applicable}(s_0) = \emptyset$  **then**  
    **return** failure

$\pi \leftarrow \emptyset$

**loop**

$Q \leftarrow \text{leaves}(s_0, \pi) \setminus S_g$

**if**  $Q = \emptyset$  **then**

$\pi \leftarrow \pi \setminus \{(s, a) \in \pi \mid s \notin \hat{\gamma}(s_0, \pi)\}$   
    **return**  $\pi$

    arbitrarily select  $s \in Q$

$\pi' \leftarrow \text{Find-Solution}(\Sigma, s, S_g)$

**if**  $\pi' \neq \text{failure}$  **then**

$\pi \leftarrow \pi \cup \{(s, a) \in \pi' \mid s \notin \text{dom}(\pi)\}$

**else if**  $s = s_0$  **then**

**return** failure

$\leftarrow$  not in the book

**else**

**for** every  $s', a$  s.t.  $s \in \gamma(s', a)$  **do**  
             $\pi \leftarrow \pi \setminus \{(s', a)\}$   
            make  $a$  not applicable in  $s'$

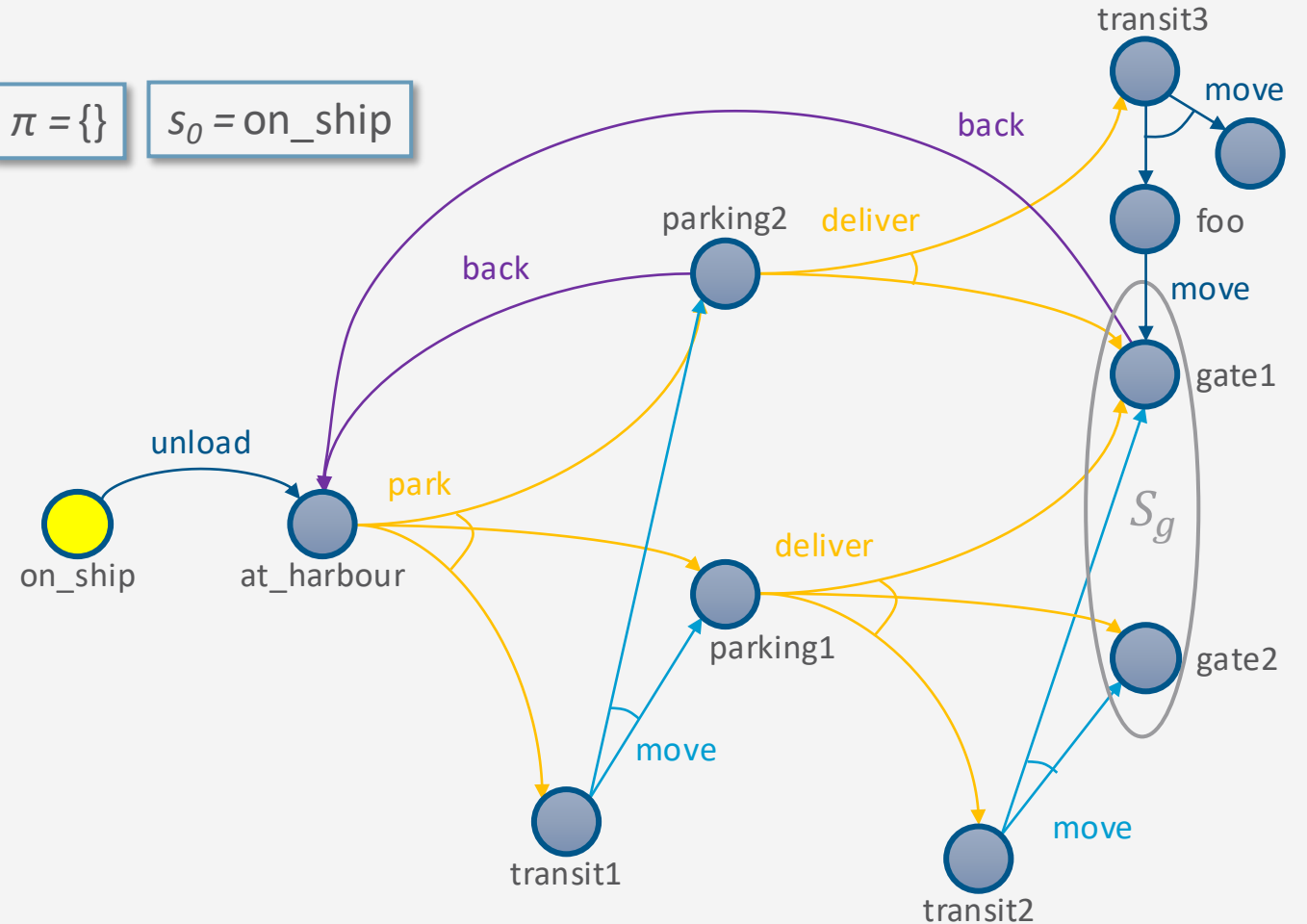
# Example

Guided-Find-Safe-Solution ( $\Sigma, s_0, S_g$ )

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...
loop
  Q ← leaves(s0, π) \ Sg
  if Q = ∅ then
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    return π
  select arbitrarily s ∈ Q
  π' ← Find-Solution(Σ, s, Sg)
  if π' ≠ failure then
    π ← π ∪ {(s, a) ∈ π' | s ∉ dom(π)}
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```

$\pi = \{\}$      $s_0 = \text{on\_ship}$



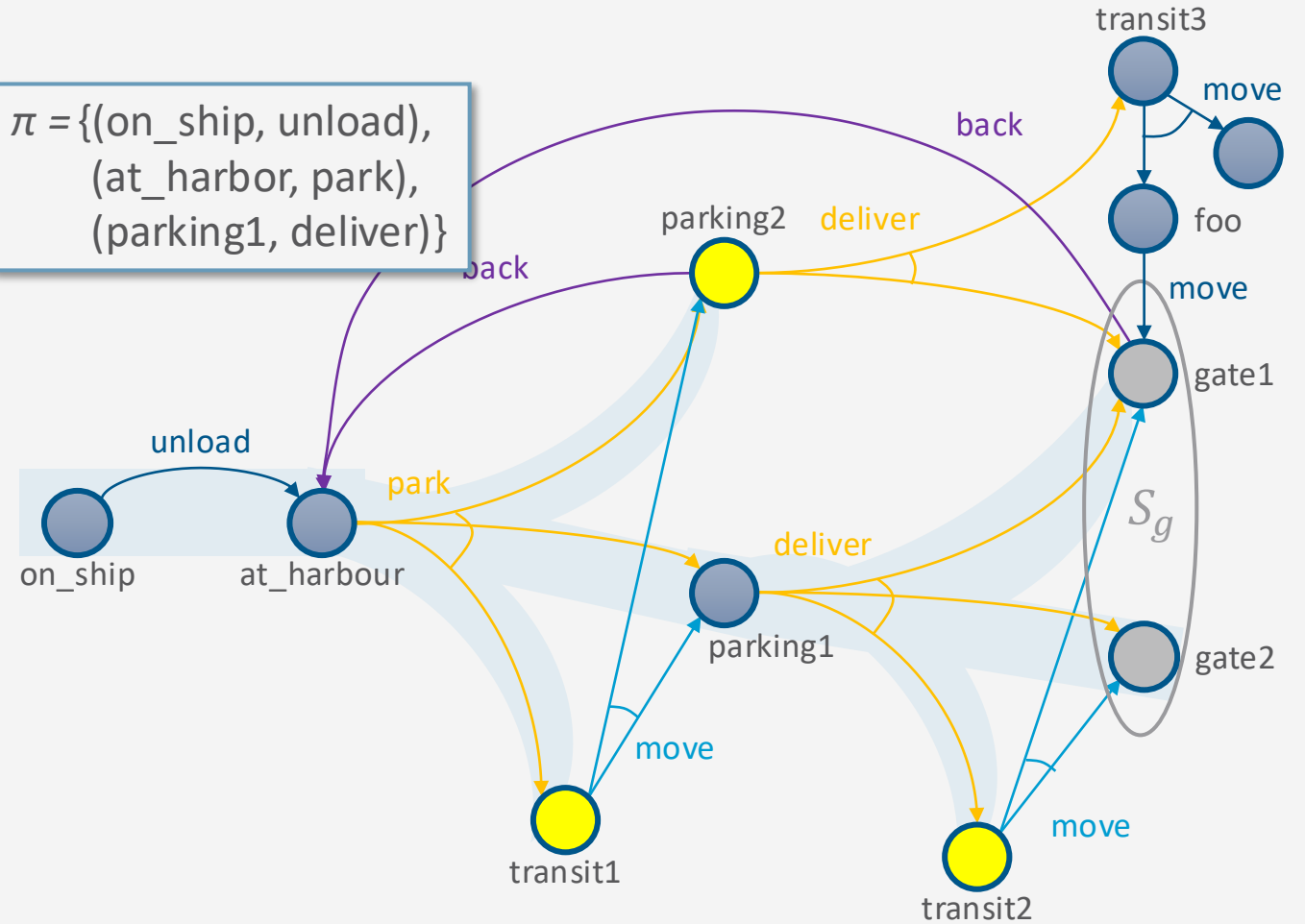
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$\pi = \{(on\_ship, unload),$   
 $(at\_harbour, park),$   
 $(parking1, deliver)\}$



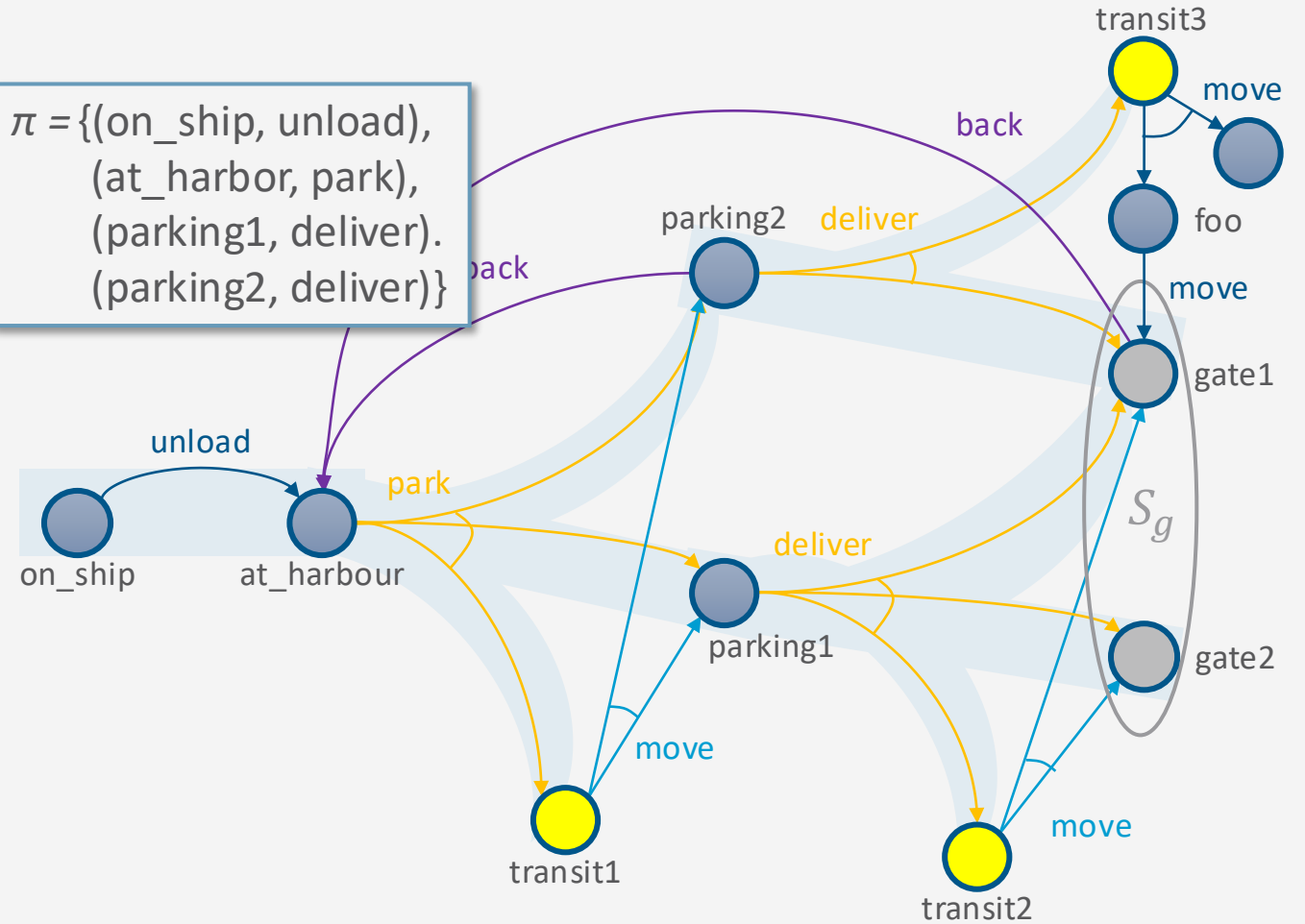
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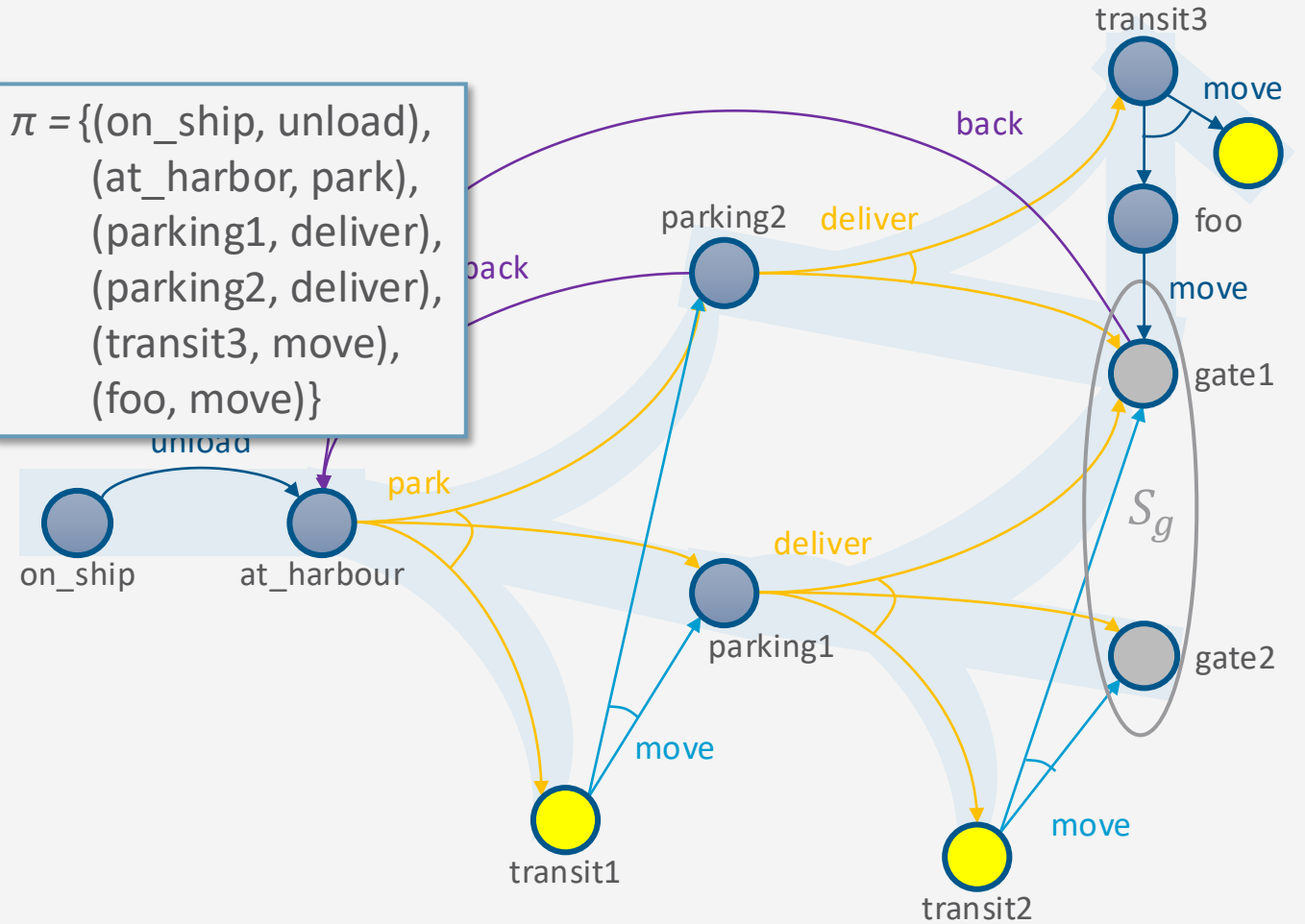
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$\pi = \{$   
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 (parking2, deliver),  
 (transit3, move),  
 (foo, move)  
 $\}$



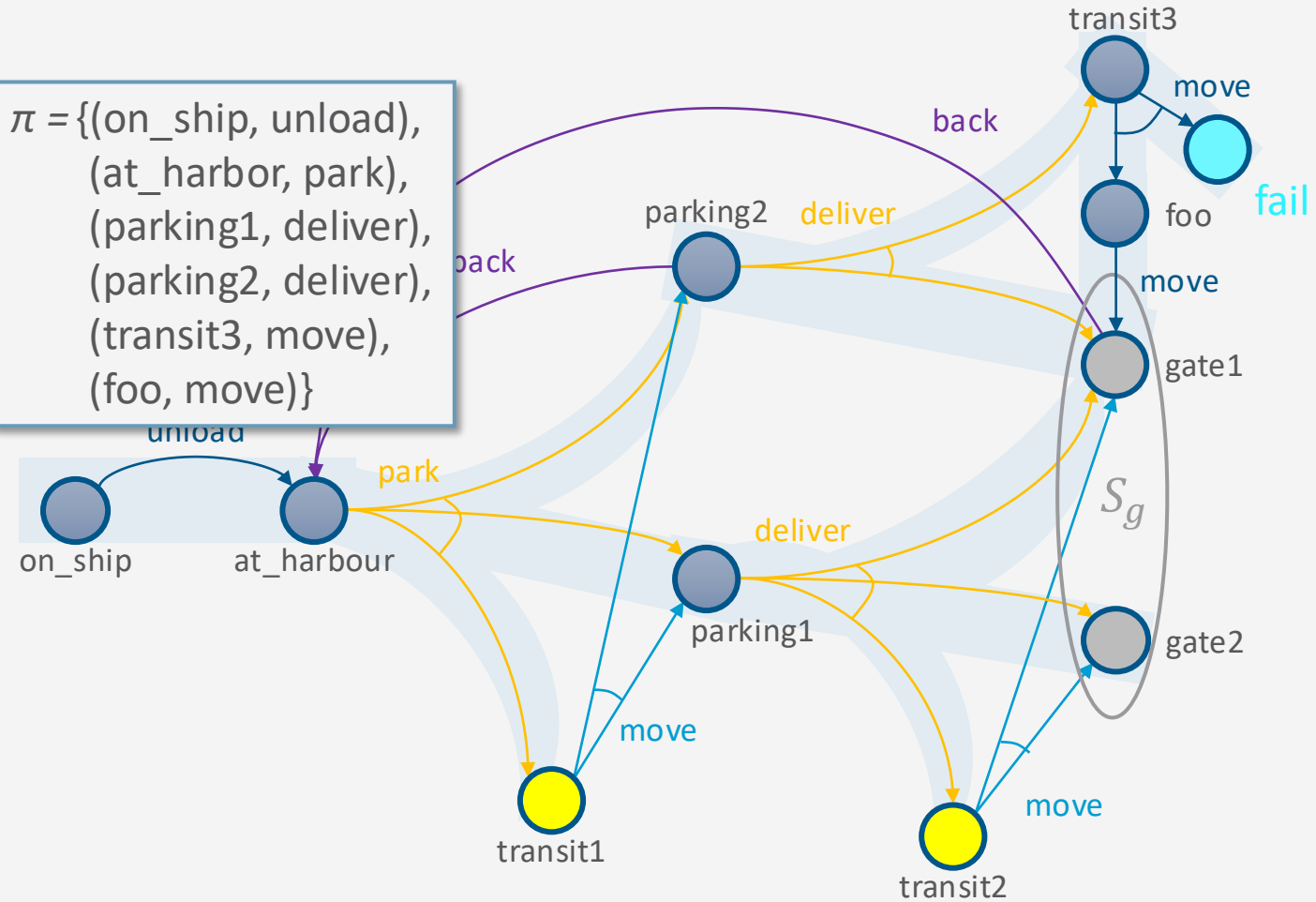
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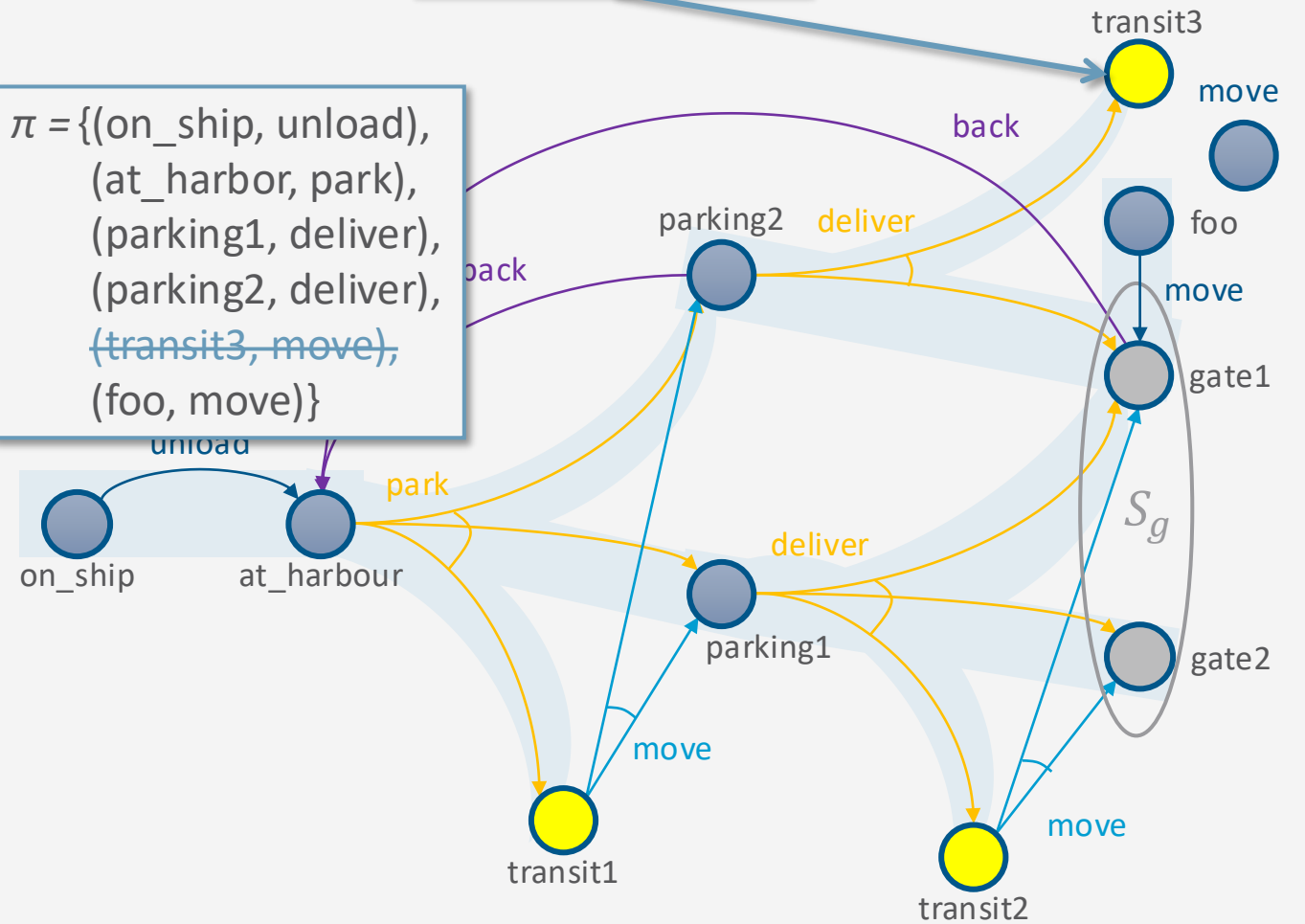
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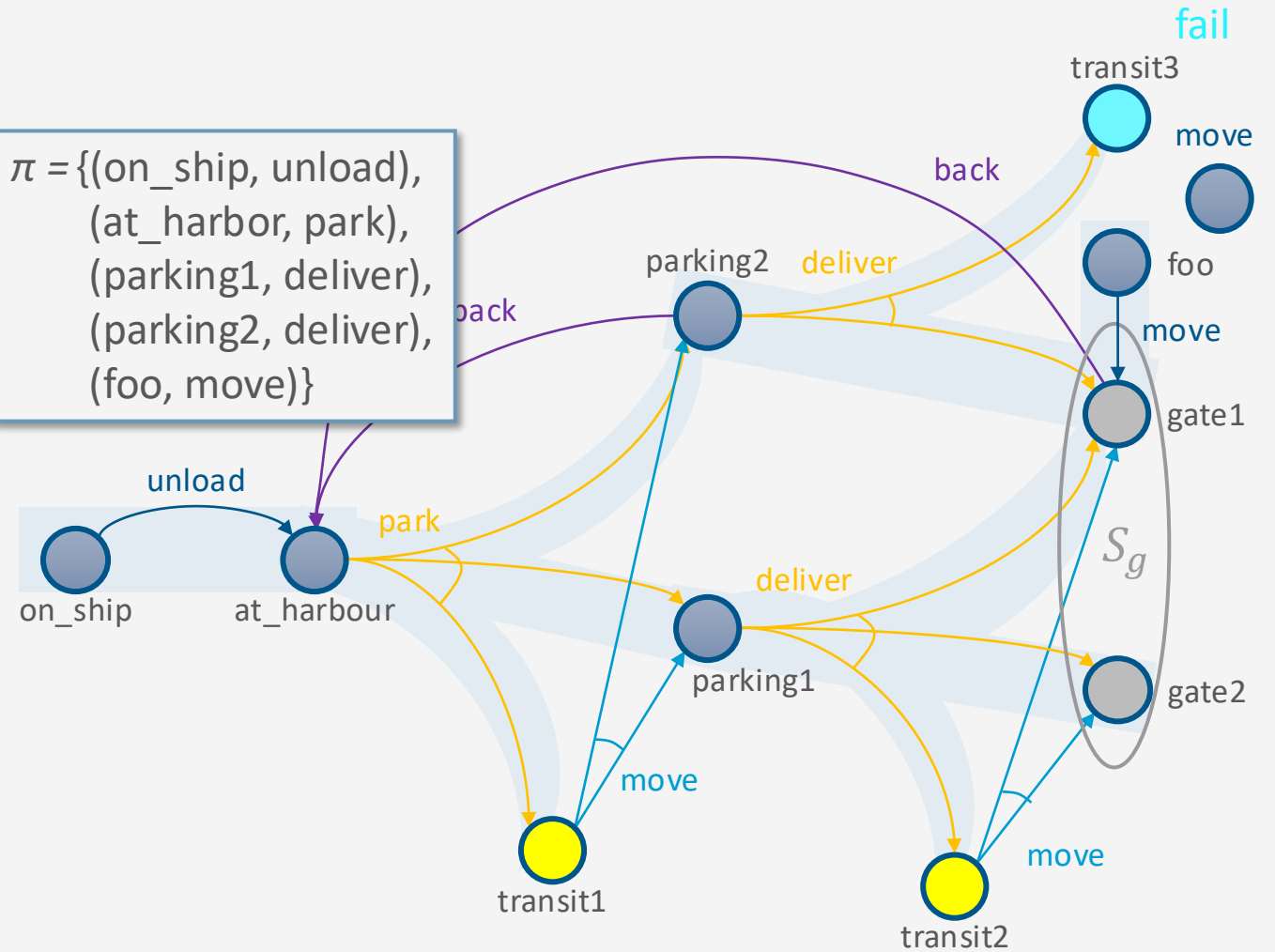
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 $(foo, move)\}$



# Example

Guided-Find-Safe-Solution ( $\Sigma, s_0, S_g$ )

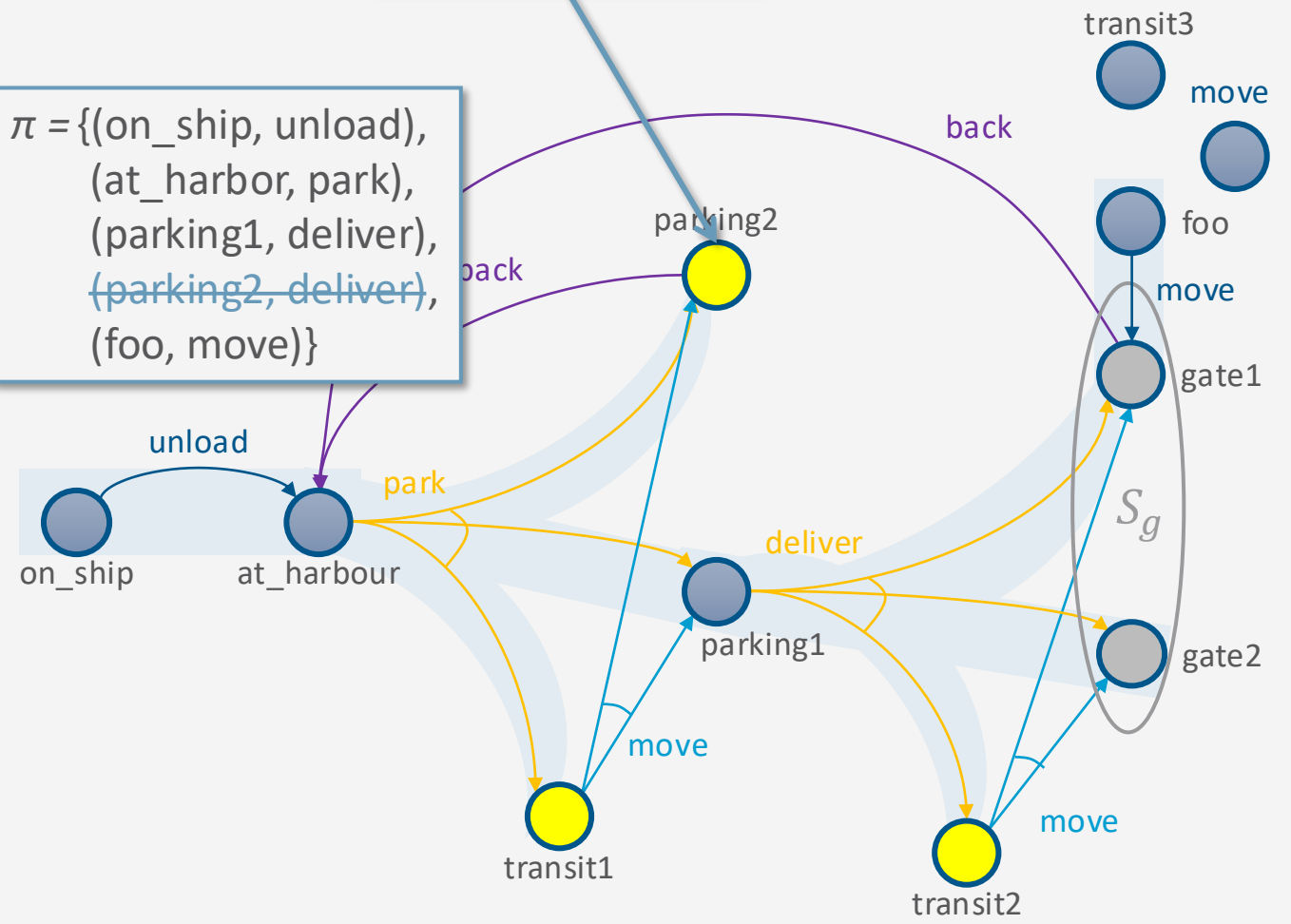
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Modify  $\Sigma$  to make *deliver* inapplicable

Nondeterministic



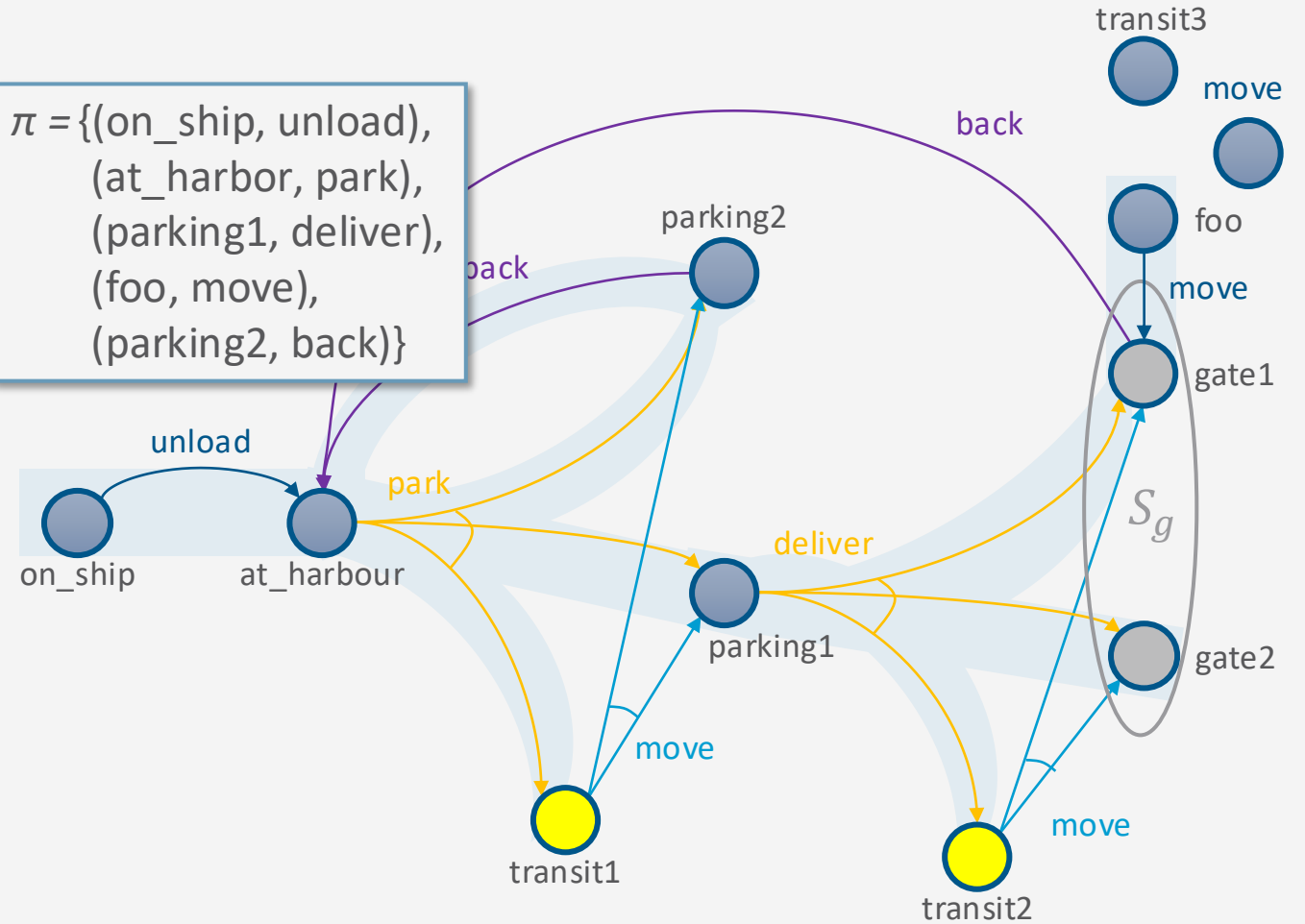
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$\pi = \{(on\_ship, unload),$   
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 $(foo, move),$   
 $(parking2, back)\}$



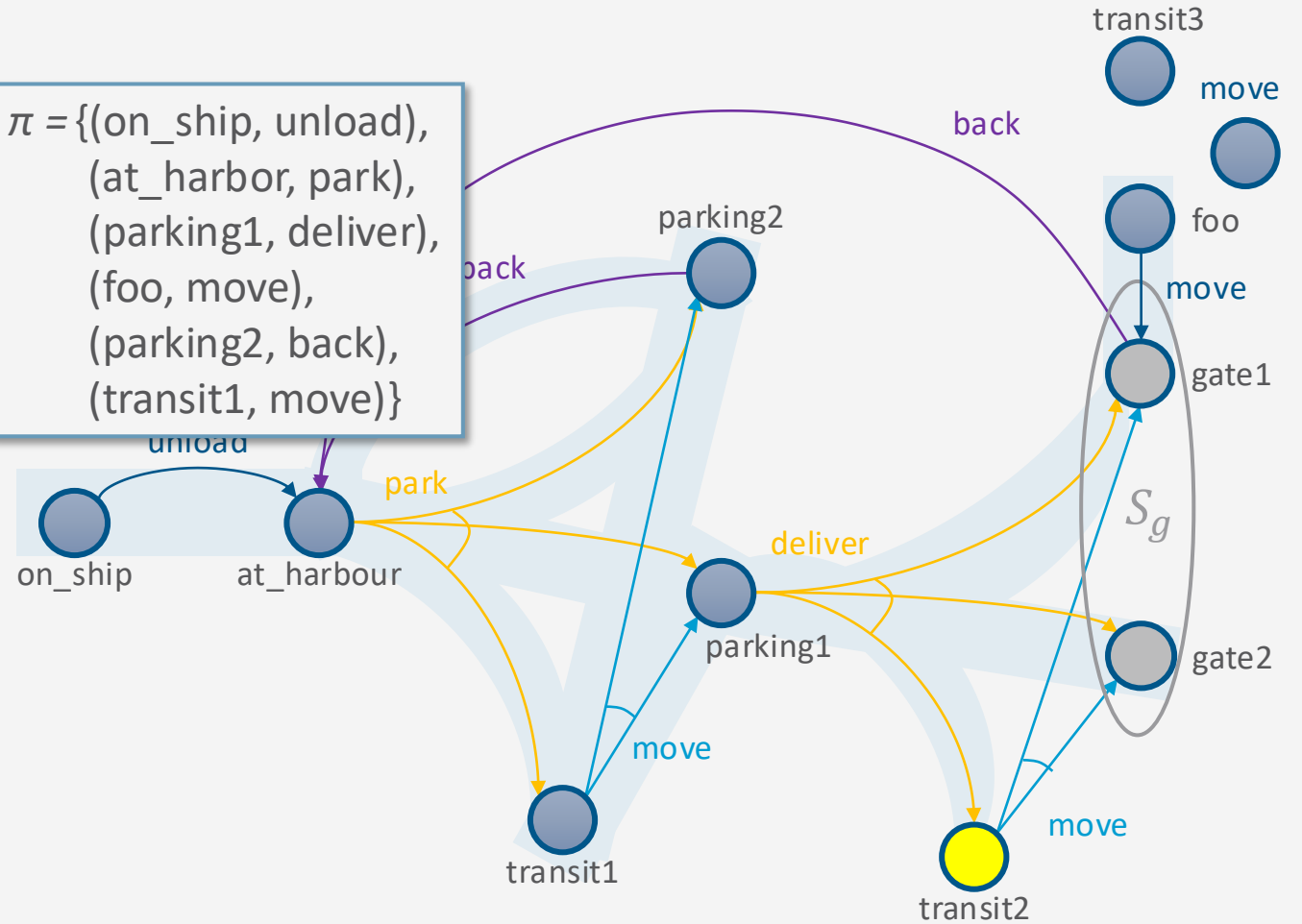
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  else if s = s0 then
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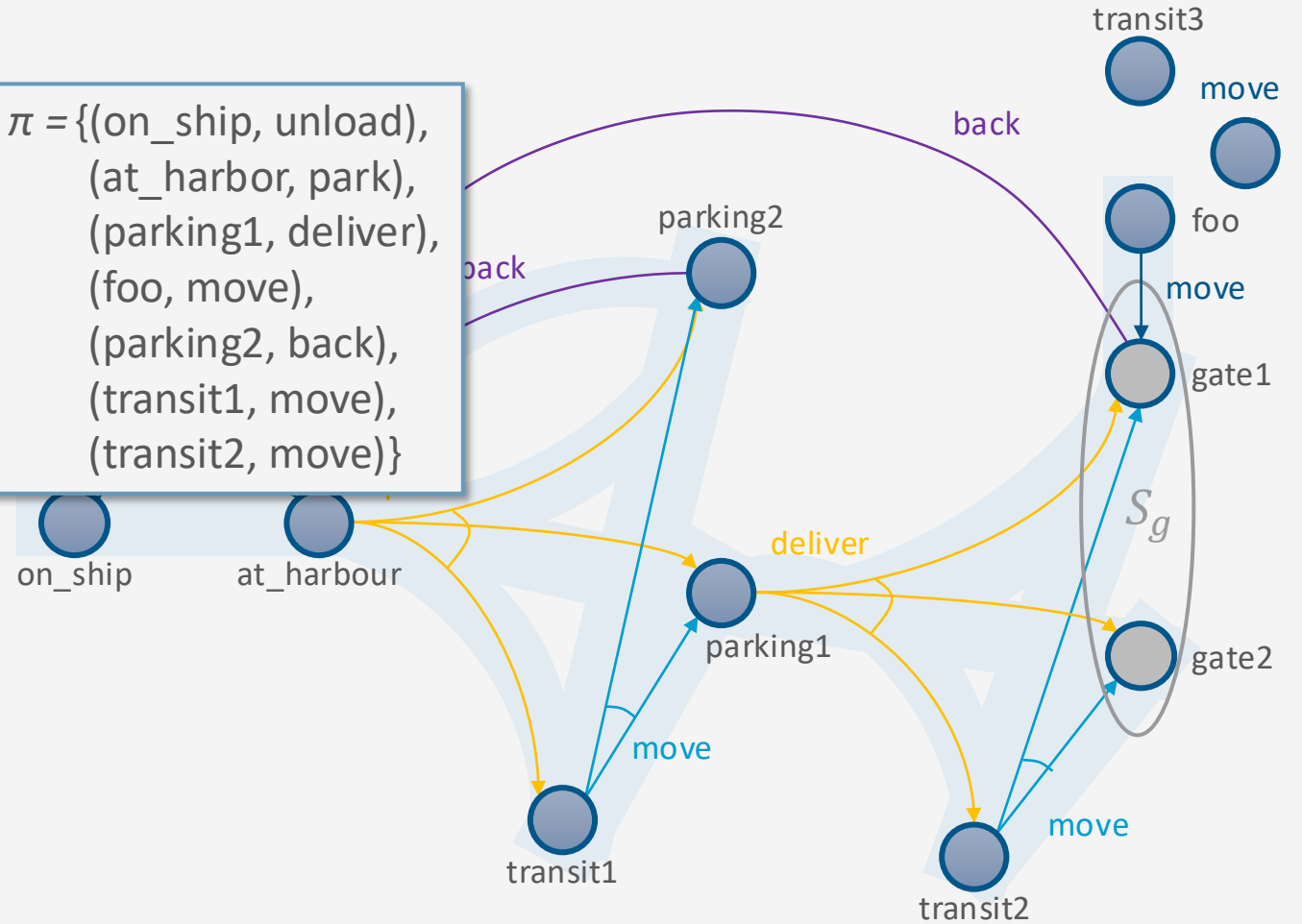
# Example

Guided-Find-Safe-Solution ( $\Sigma, s_0, S_g$ )

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# Example

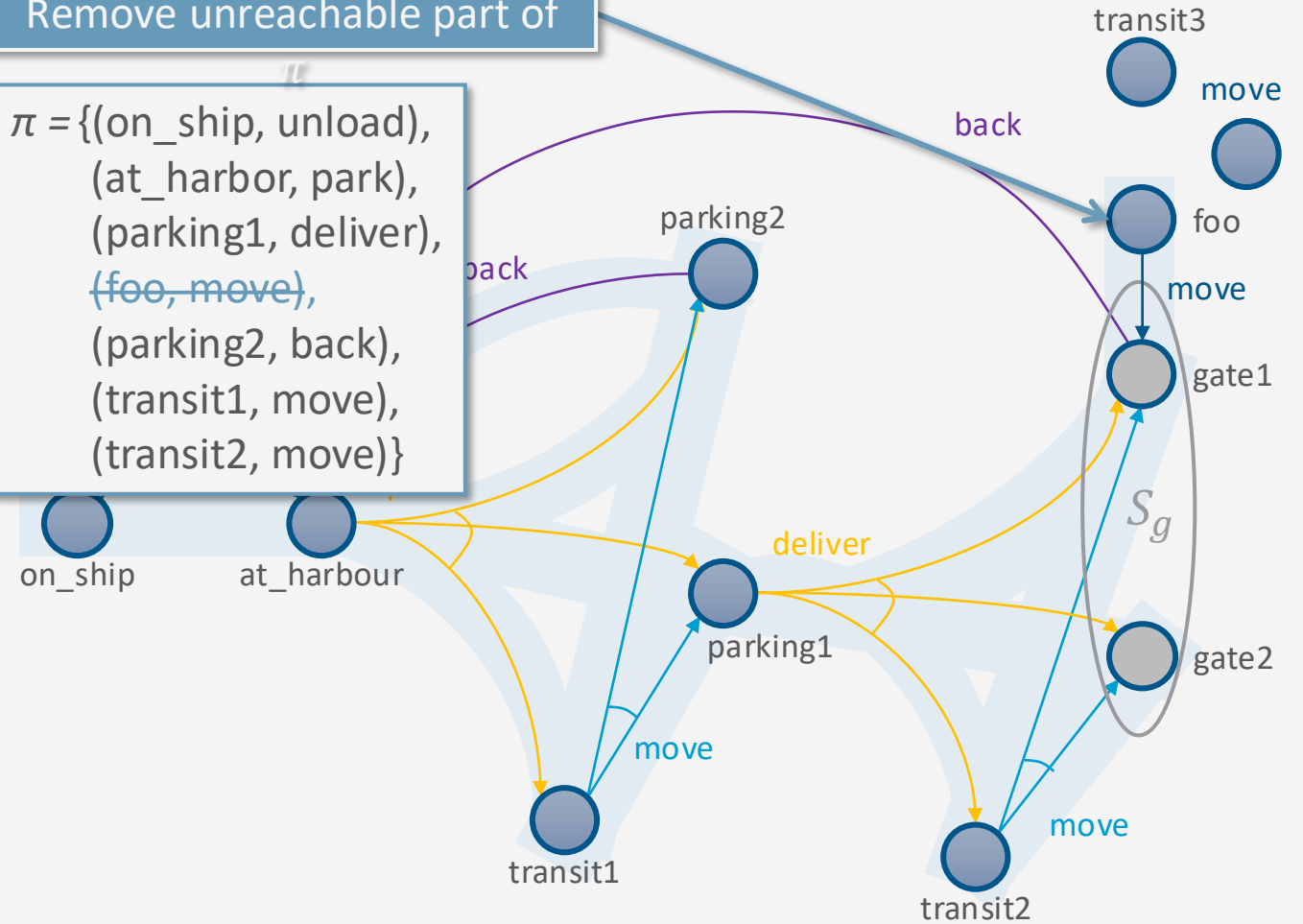
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Remove unreachable part of

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## Determinisation

- How to implement it?
  - Need implementation of `Find-Solution`
  - Need it to be very efficient
    - Called many times
- Idea: instead, use a classical planner
  - Any algorithm from Ch. 2
  - Efficient algorithms, search heuristics
- For that, determinise actions

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Guided-Find-Safe-Solution ( $\Sigma, s_0, S_g$ )
```

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  if  $s_0 \in S_g$  then
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    return  $\emptyset$ 
```

```
  if Applicable( $s_0$ ) =  $\emptyset$  then
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```
    return failure
```

```
   $\pi \leftarrow \emptyset$ 
```

```
  loop
```

```
     $Q \leftarrow \text{leaves}(s_0, \pi) \setminus S_g$ 
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    if  $Q = \emptyset$  then
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       $\pi \leftarrow \pi \setminus \{(s, a) \in \pi \mid s \notin \hat{\gamma}(s_0, \pi)\}$ 
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```
      return  $\pi$ 
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    select arbitrarily  $s \in Q$ 
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     $\pi' \leftarrow \text{Find-Solution}(\Sigma, s, S_g)$ 
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    if  $\pi' \neq \text{failure}$  then
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       $\pi \leftarrow \pi \cup \{(s, a) \in \pi' \mid s \notin \text{Dom}(\pi)\}$ 
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    else if  $s = s_0$  then
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      return failure
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    else
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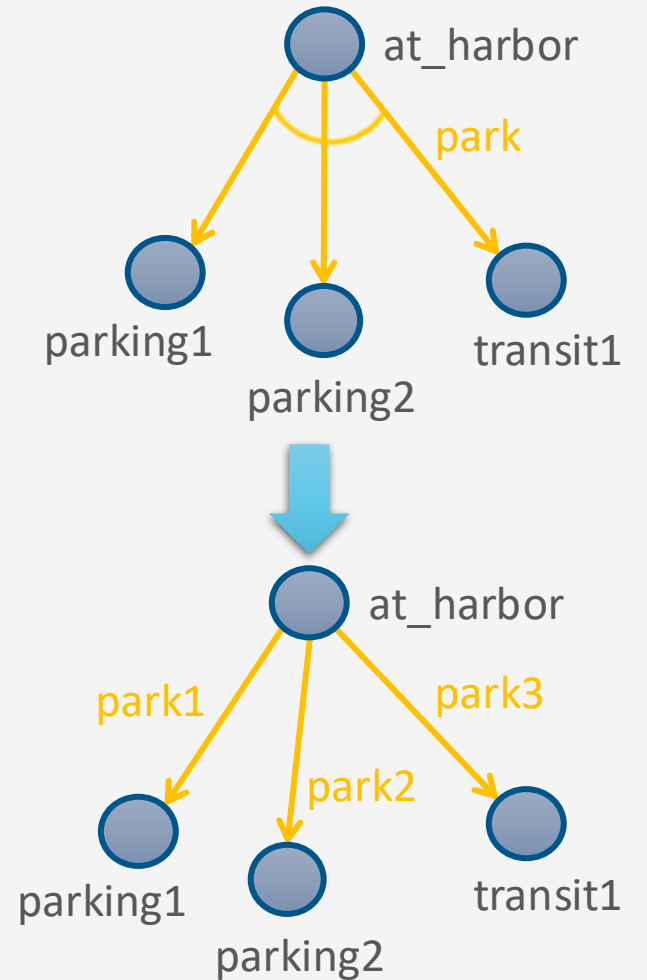
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      for every  $s', a$  s.t.  $s \in \gamma(s', a)$  do
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```
         $\pi \leftarrow \pi \setminus \{(s', a)\}$ 
```

```
        make  $a$  not applicable in  $s'$ 
```

## Determinisation

- Convert nondeterministic actions into something a classical planner can use
- **Determinise**
  - Suppose  $a_i$  has  $K$  possible outcomes
    - $K$  deterministic actions  $a_i^k, k \in \{1, \dots, K\}$ , one for each outcome
  - Given nondeterministic domain  $\Sigma = (S, A, \gamma)$ 
    - Determinised domain  $\Sigma_d = (S, A_d, \gamma_d)$  with
      - $A_d = \bigcup_{a_i \in A, a_i \text{ deterministic}} \{a_i\} \cup \bigcup_{a_i \in A, a_i \text{ nondeterministic}} \bigcup_{k=1}^K \{a_i^k\}$
      - $\gamma_d$  defined as  $\gamma$  with determinised inputs  $s, a_i^k$  yielding a state with effects according to  $k$
- Classical planner returns a plan  $p = \langle a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n \rangle$ 
  - If  $p$  is acyclic, can convert it to a policy



## Determinisation

- Nondeterministic planning problem  $P = (\Sigma, s_0, S_g)$
  - Determinisation  $P_d = (\Sigma_d, s_0, S_g)$ 
    - As on previous slide
  - Classical planner returns a solution for  $P_d$ 
    - A plan  $p = \langle a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n \rangle$
  - If  $p$  is acyclic, can convert it to an (unsafe) solution for  $P$ 
    - $\{(s_0, \mathbf{a}_1), (s_1, \mathbf{a}_2), \dots, (s_{n-1}, \mathbf{a}_n)\}$
- where
- each  $\mathbf{a}_i$  is the nondeterministic action whose determinisation includes  $a_i$ 
    - Function `det2nondet` returns exactly this
  - each  $s_i \in \gamma_d(s_{i-1}, a_i)$

```
Plan2policy(p= $\langle a_1, \dots, a_n \rangle, s$ )  
   $\pi \leftarrow \emptyset$   
  for  $i$  from 1 to  $n$  do  
     $\pi \leftarrow \pi \cup \{s, \text{det2nondet}(a_i)\}$   
     $s \leftarrow \gamma_d(s, a_i)$   
  return  $\pi$ 
```

## Determinisation

- Input: Planning problem  $(\Sigma, s_0, S_g)$

Same as Guided-Find-Safe-Solution

Any classical planner that does not return cyclic plans.

Convert  $p'$  to a policy. Add each  $(s, a)$  to  $\pi$  unless  $\pi$  already has an action for  $s$ .

$s$  is unsolvable. For each  $(s', a)$  that can produce  $s$ , modify  $\pi$  and  $\Sigma_d$  such that we will never use  $a$  at  $s'$ .

**Find-Safe-Solution-by-Determinisation**  $(\Sigma, s_0, S_g)$

```

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if  $\text{Applicable}(s_0) = \emptyset$  then
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loop
   $Q \leftarrow \text{leaves}(s_0, \pi) \setminus S_g$ 
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  select arbitrarily  $s \in Q$ 
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  else
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        determinisation not
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```



# Example

Find-Safe-Solution-by-Determinisation ( $\Sigma, s_0, S_g$ )

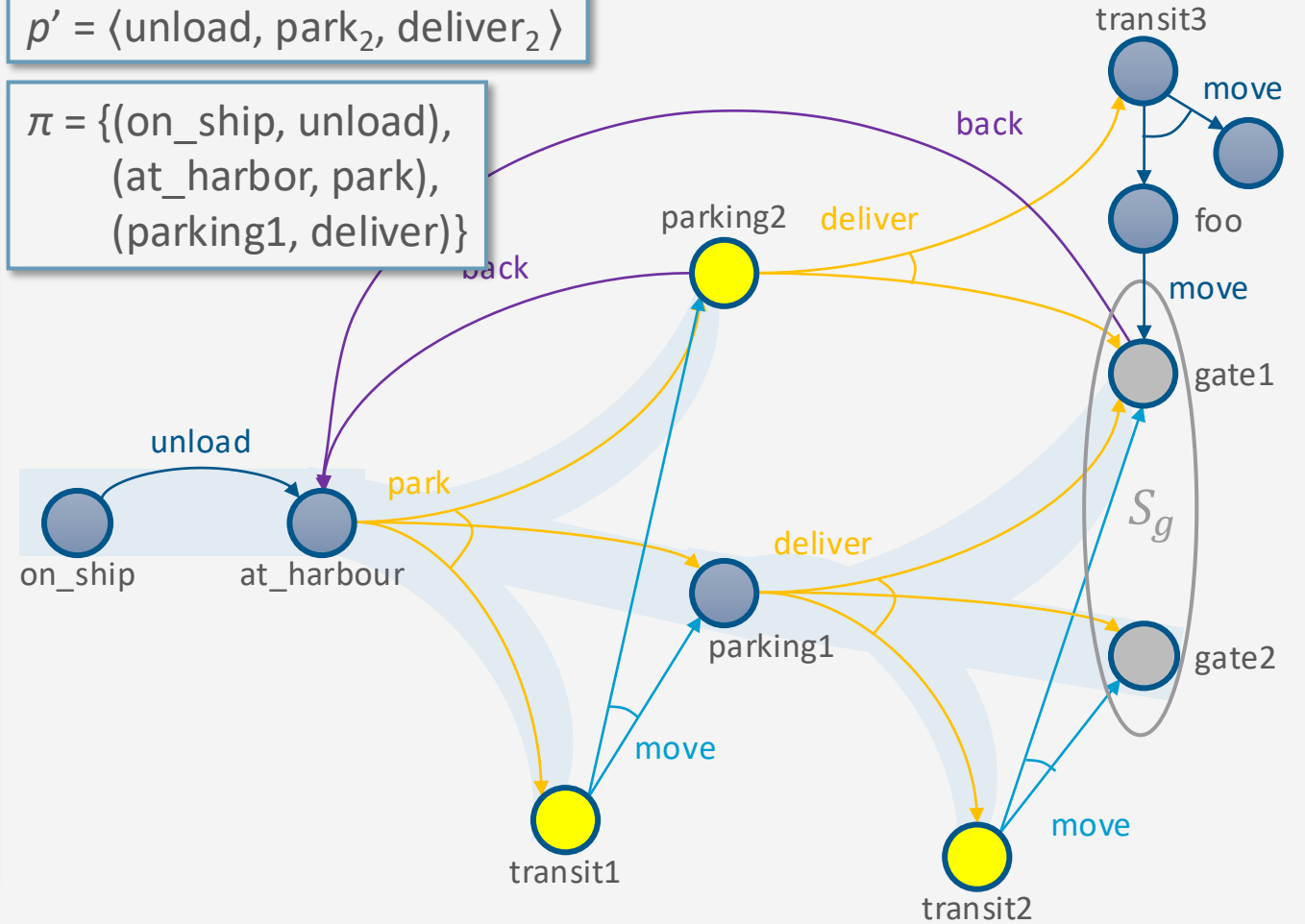
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```

$p' = \langle \text{unload}, \text{park}_2, \text{deliver}_2 \rangle$

$\pi = \{(\text{on\_ship}, \text{unload}),$   
 $(\text{at\_harbor}, \text{park}),$   
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# Example

Find-Safe-Solution-by-Determinisation ( $\Sigma, s_0, S_g$ )

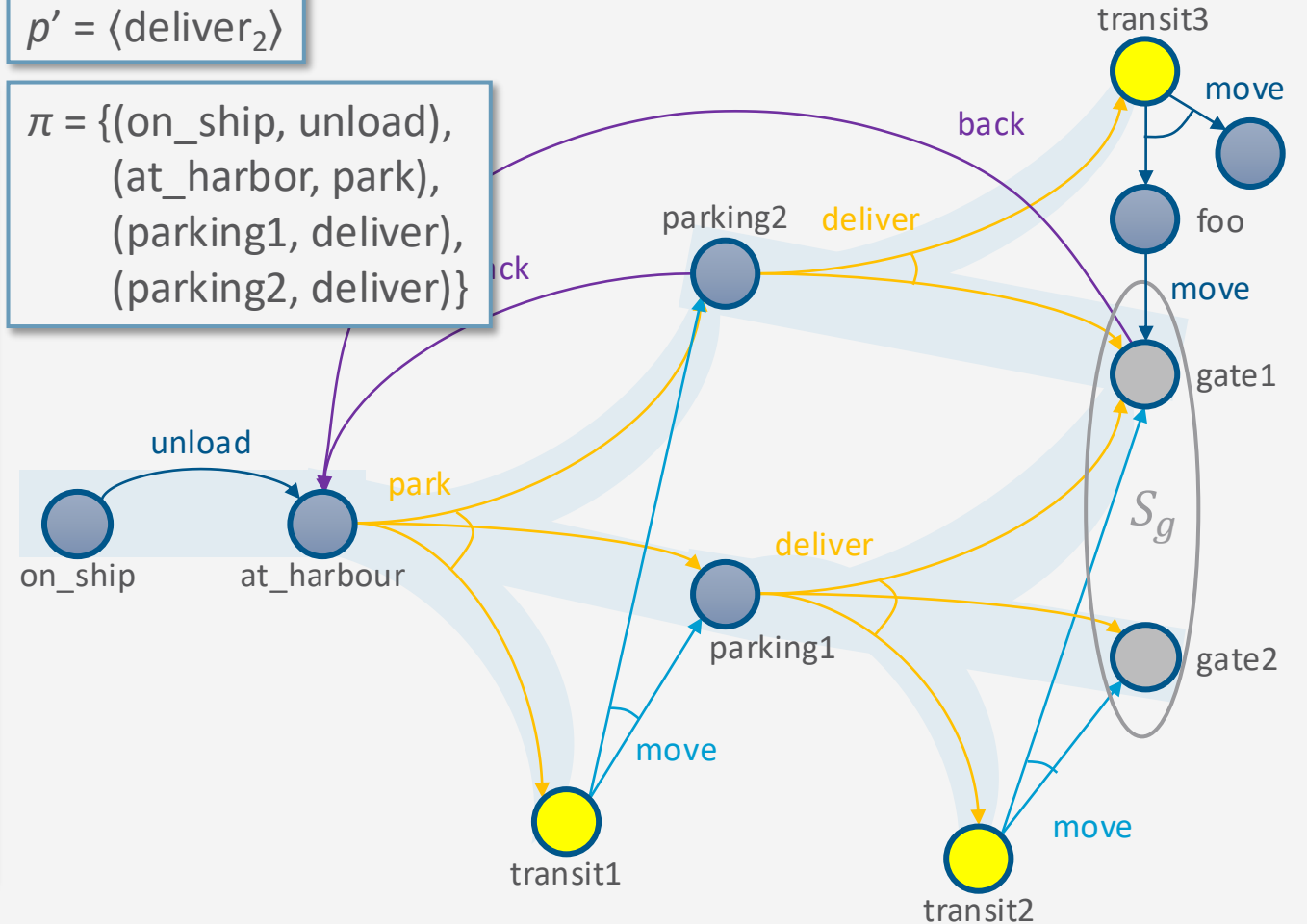
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```

$p' = \langle \text{deliver}_2 \rangle$

$\pi = \{(\text{on\_ship}, \text{unload}),$   
 $(\text{at\_harbor}, \text{park}),$   
 $(\text{parking1}, \text{deliver}),$   
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# Example

Find-Safe-Solution-by-Determinisation ( $\Sigma, s_0, S_g$ )

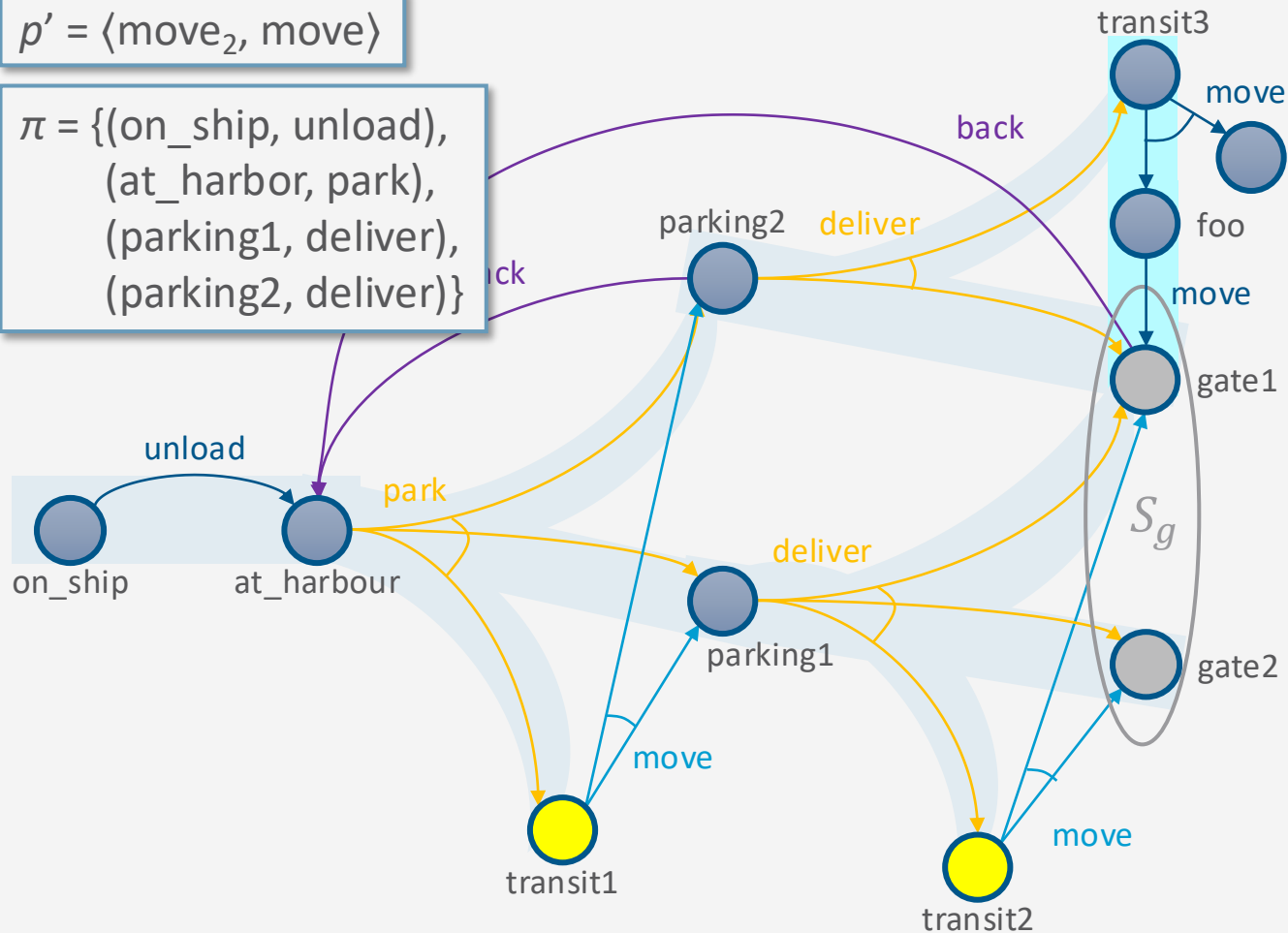
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```

$p' = \langle \text{move}_2, \text{move} \rangle$

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 $(\text{at\_harbor}, \text{park}),$   
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# Example

Find-Safe-Solution-by-Determinisation ( $\Sigma, s_0, S_g$ )

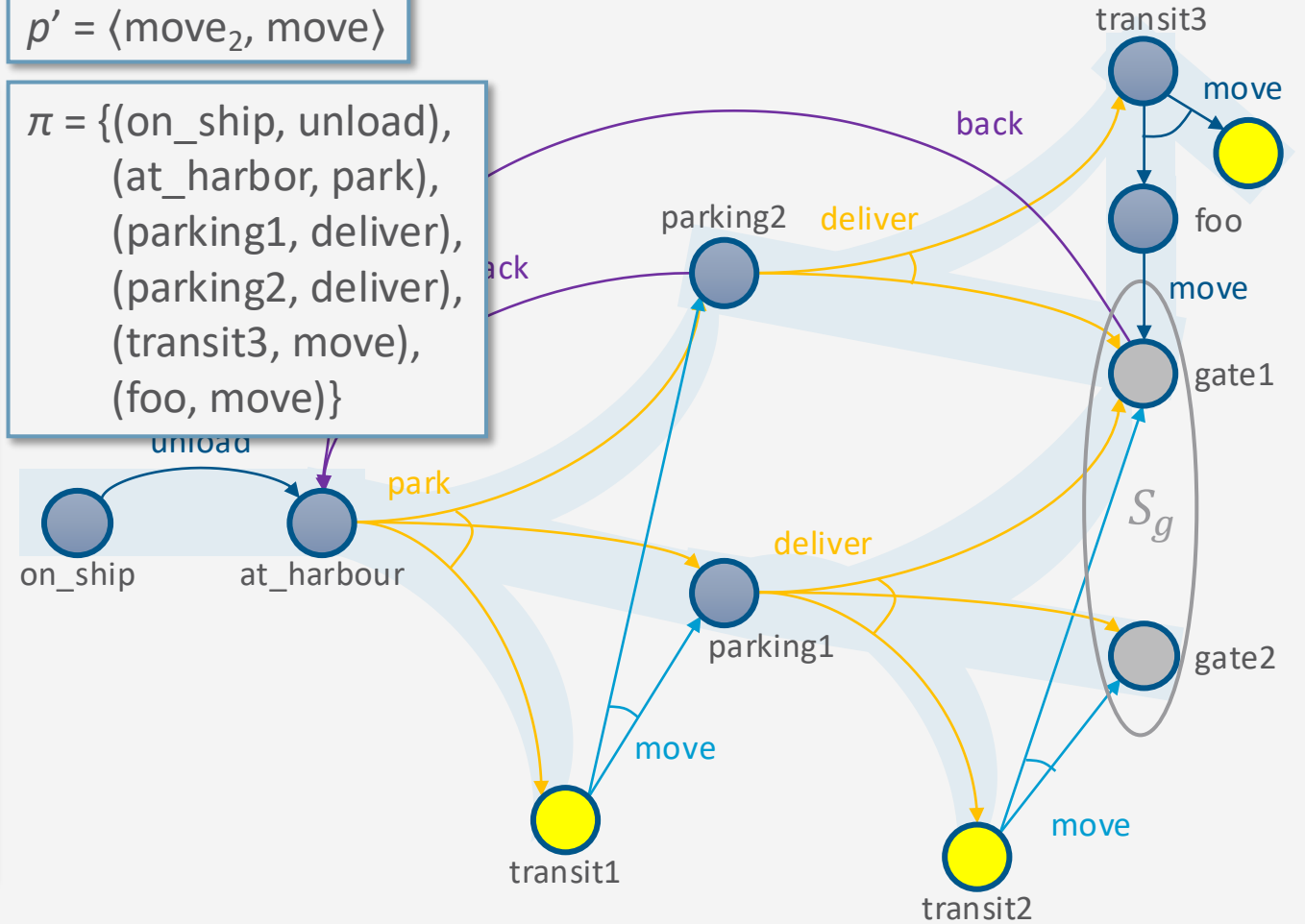
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# Example

Find-Safe-Solution-by-Determinisation ( $\Sigma, s_0, S_g$ )

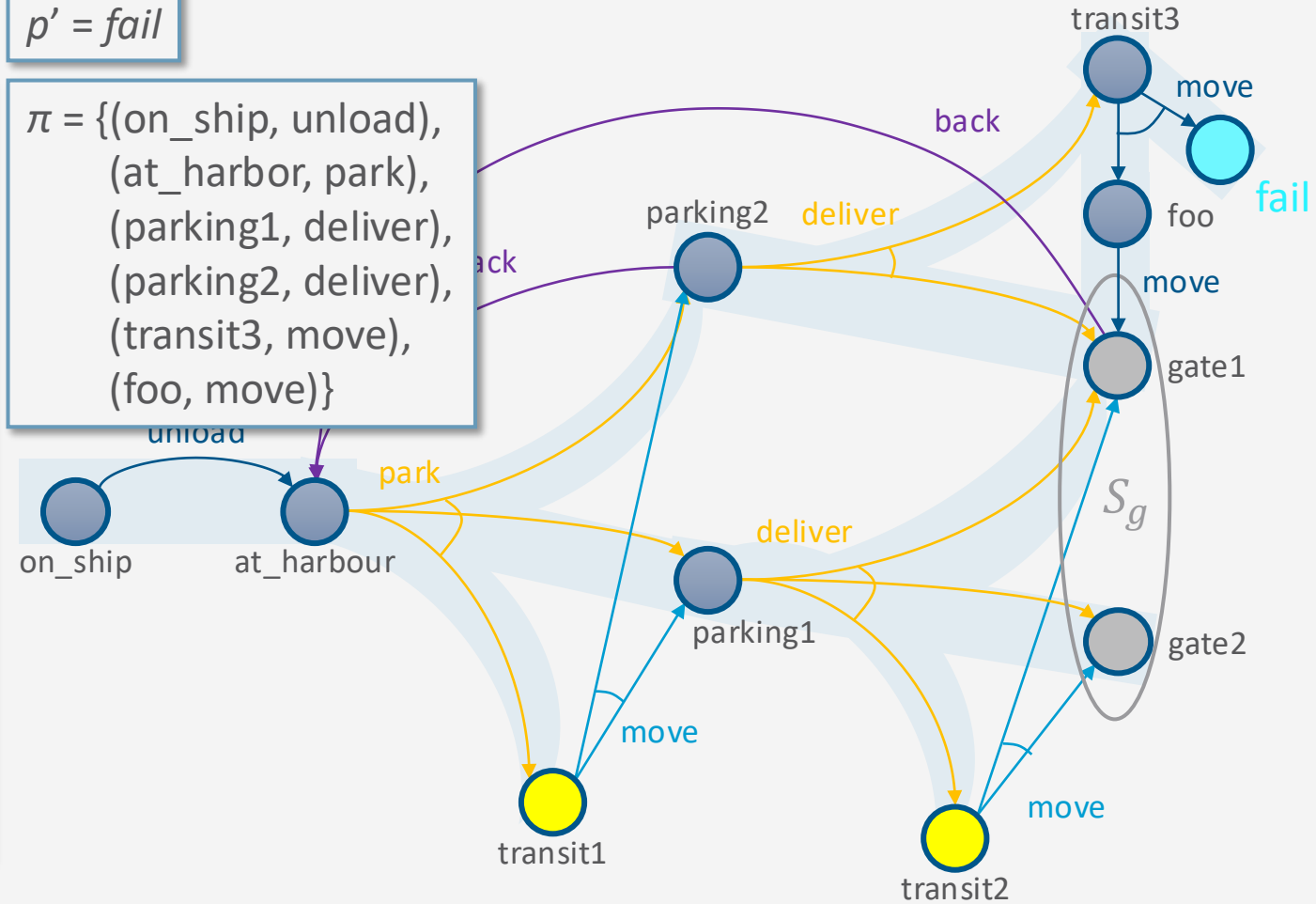
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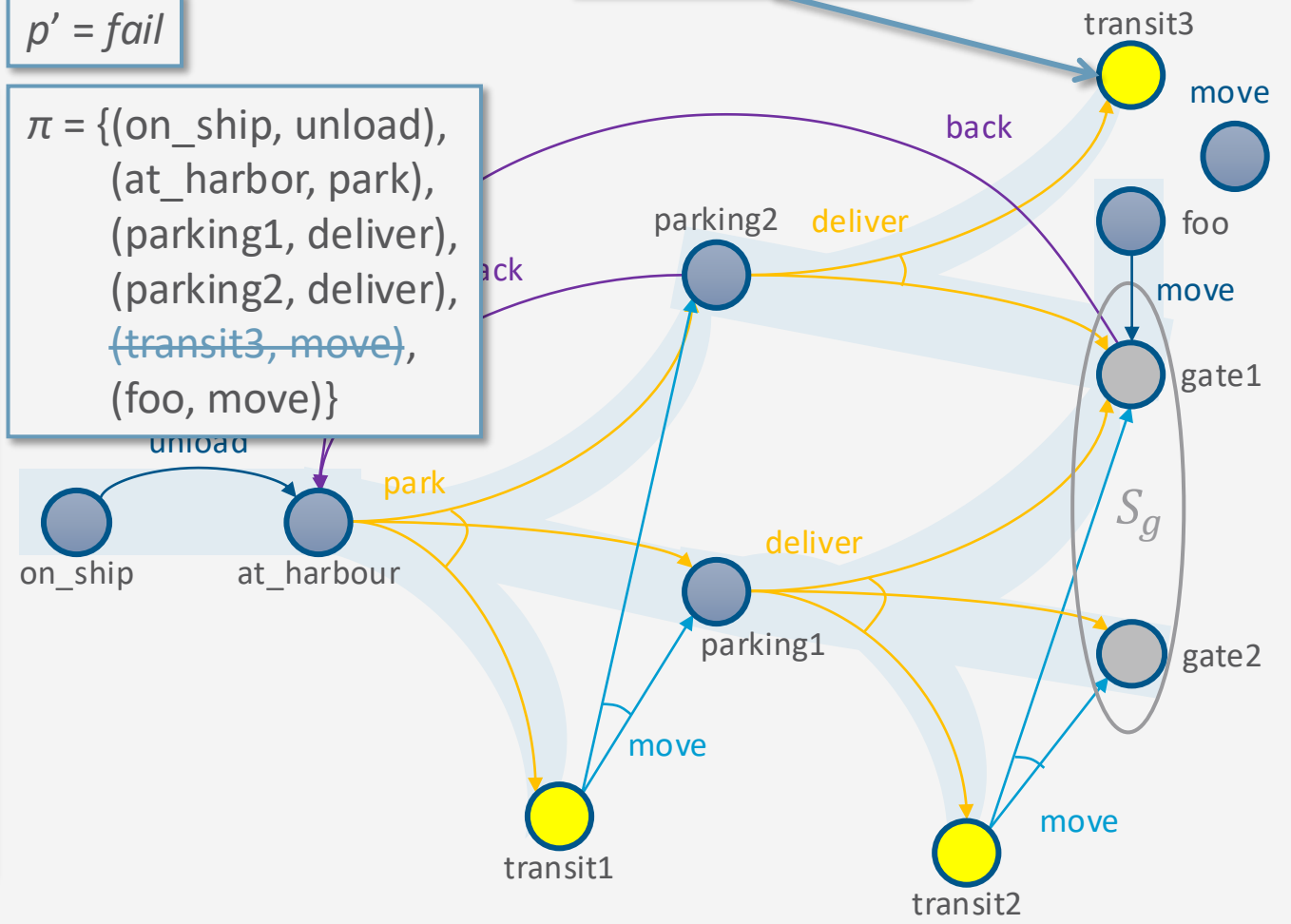
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Modify  $\Sigma_d$  to make  
 move inapplicable

Nondeterministic



# Example

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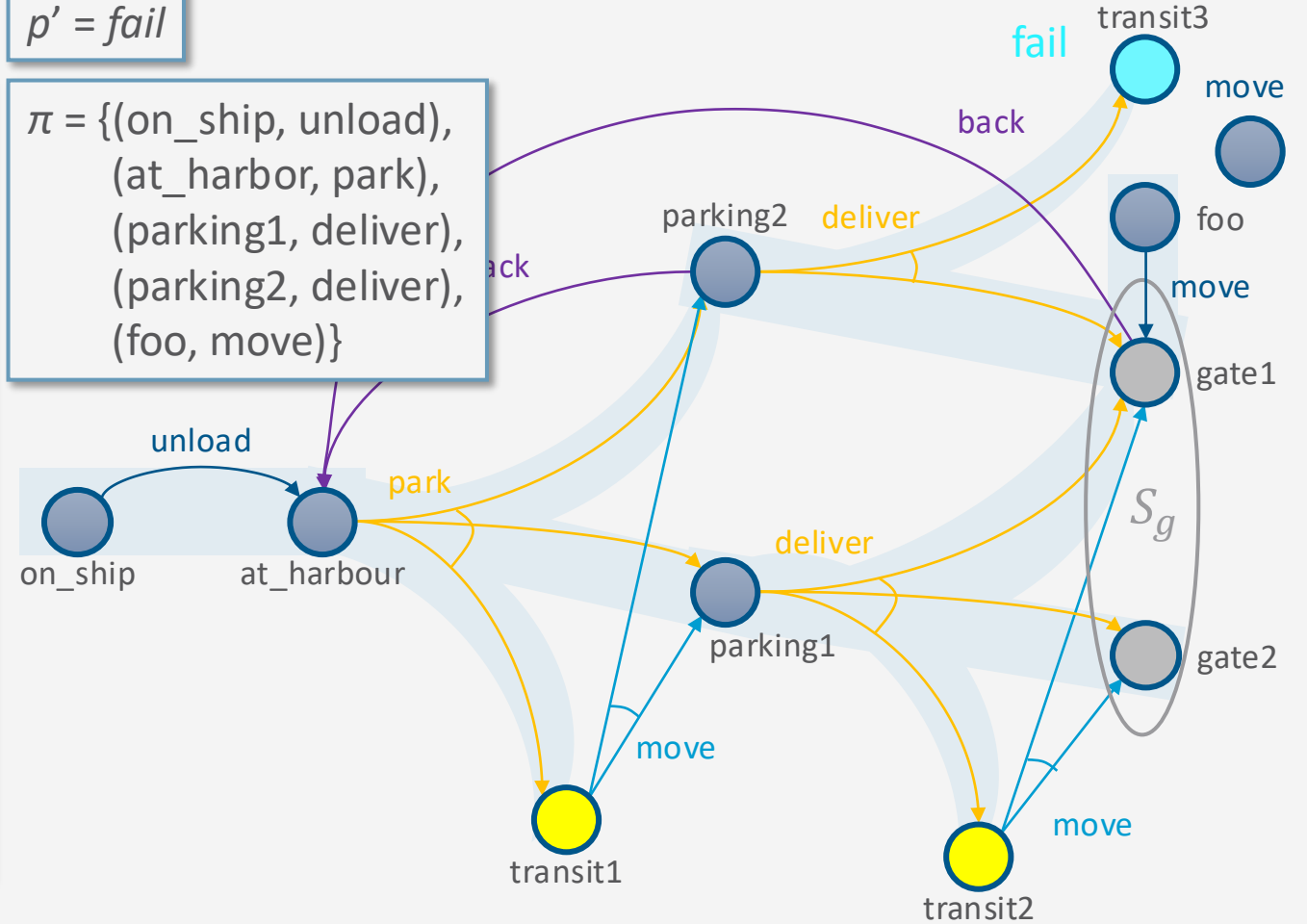
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# Example

Find-Safe-Solution-by-Determinisation ( $\Sigma, s_0, S_g$ )

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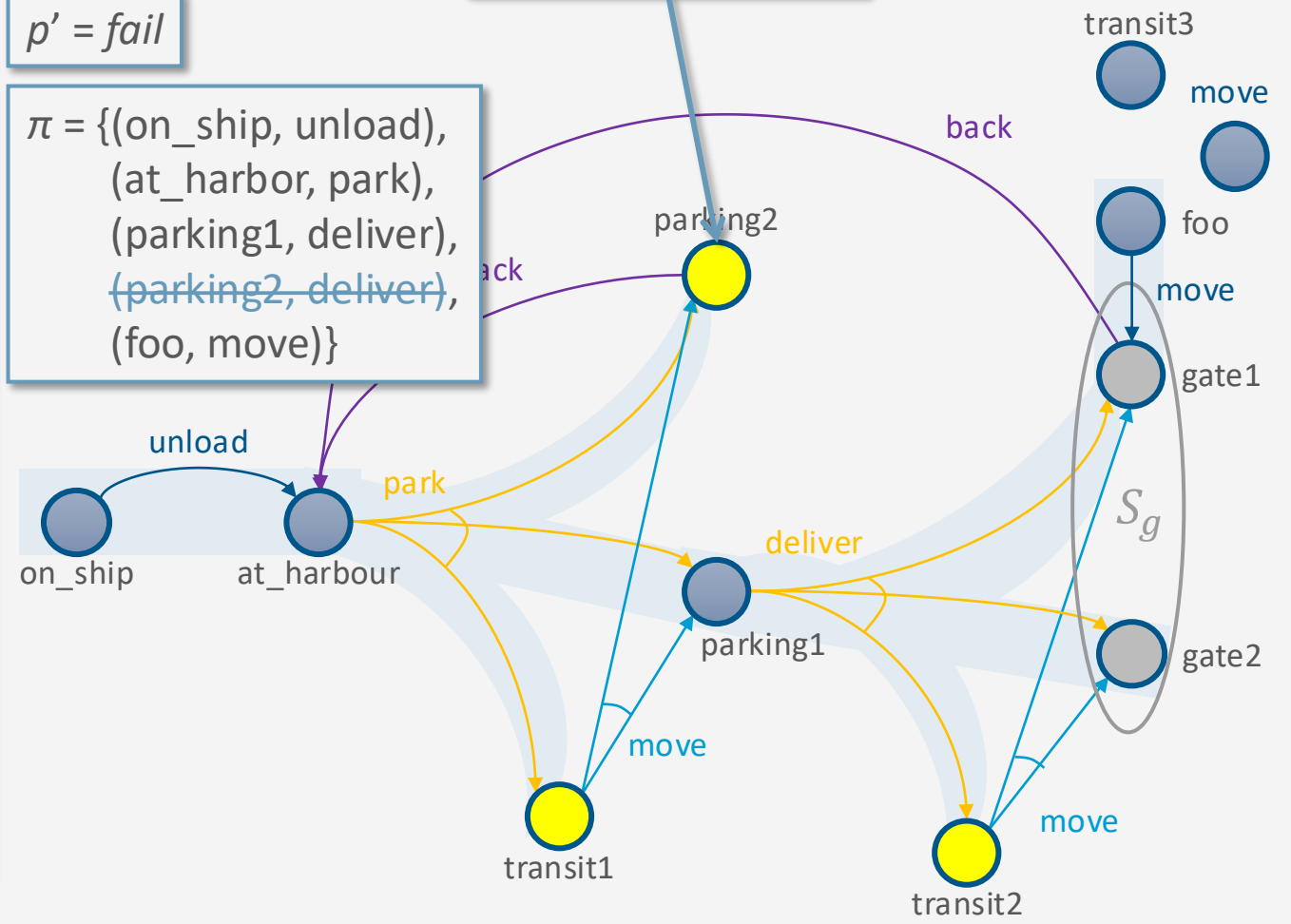
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Modify  $\Sigma_d$  to make *deliver* inapplicable

Nondeterministic



# Example

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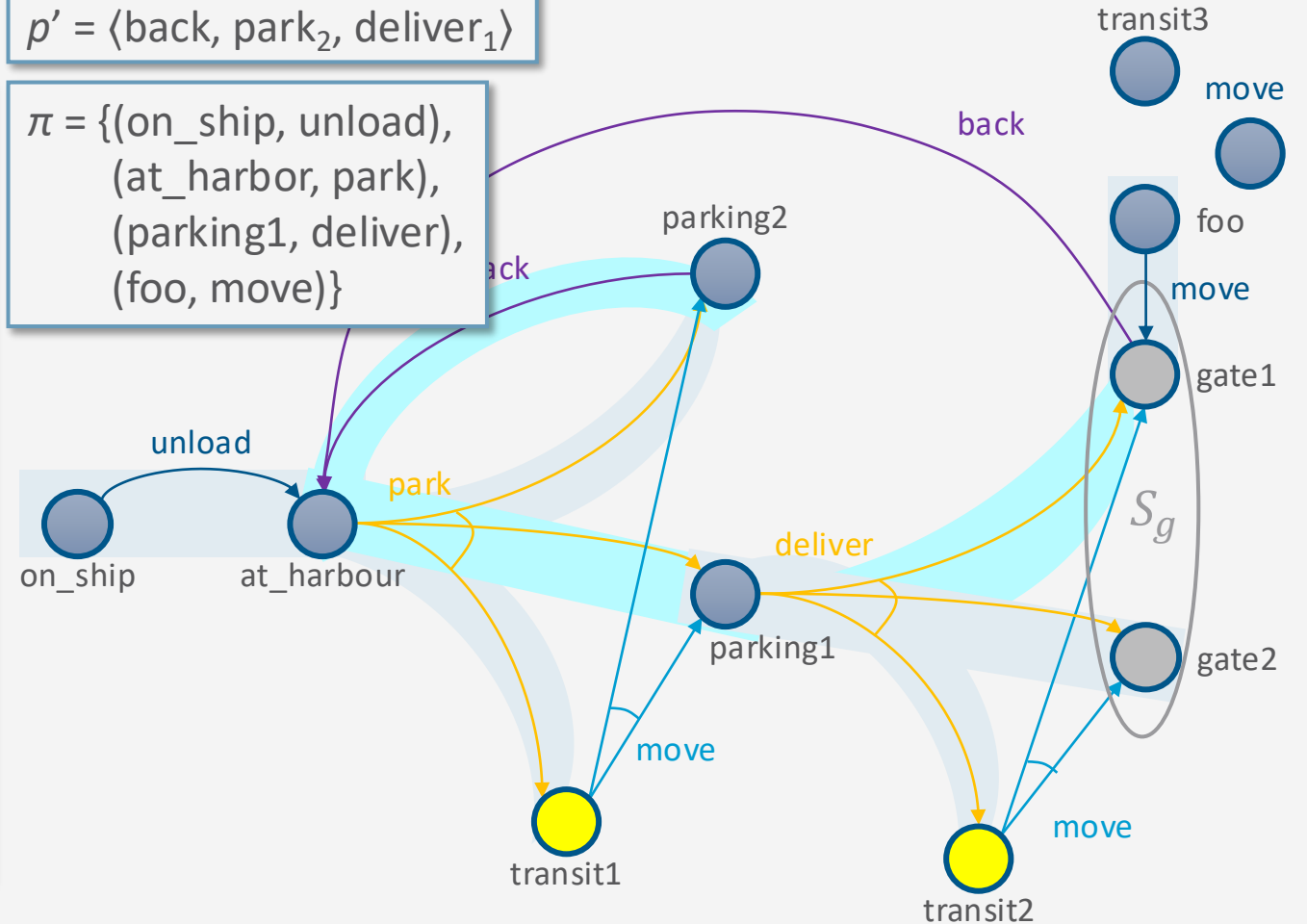
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      not applicable in  $s'$ 

```

$p' = \langle \text{back}, \text{park}_2, \text{deliver}_1 \rangle$

$\pi = \{(\text{on\_ship}, \text{unload}),$   
 $(\text{at\_harbor}, \text{park}),$   
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# Example

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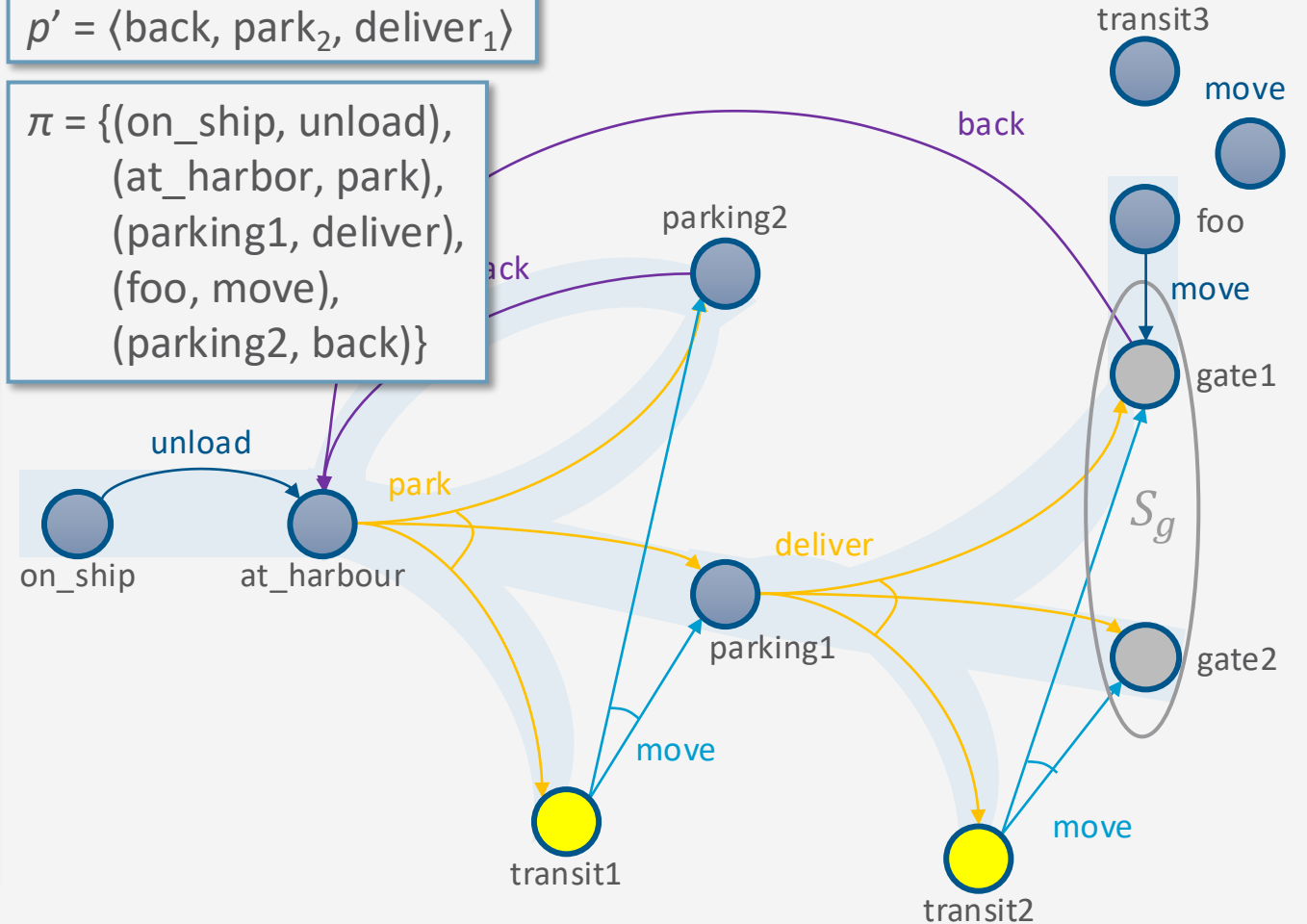
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# Example

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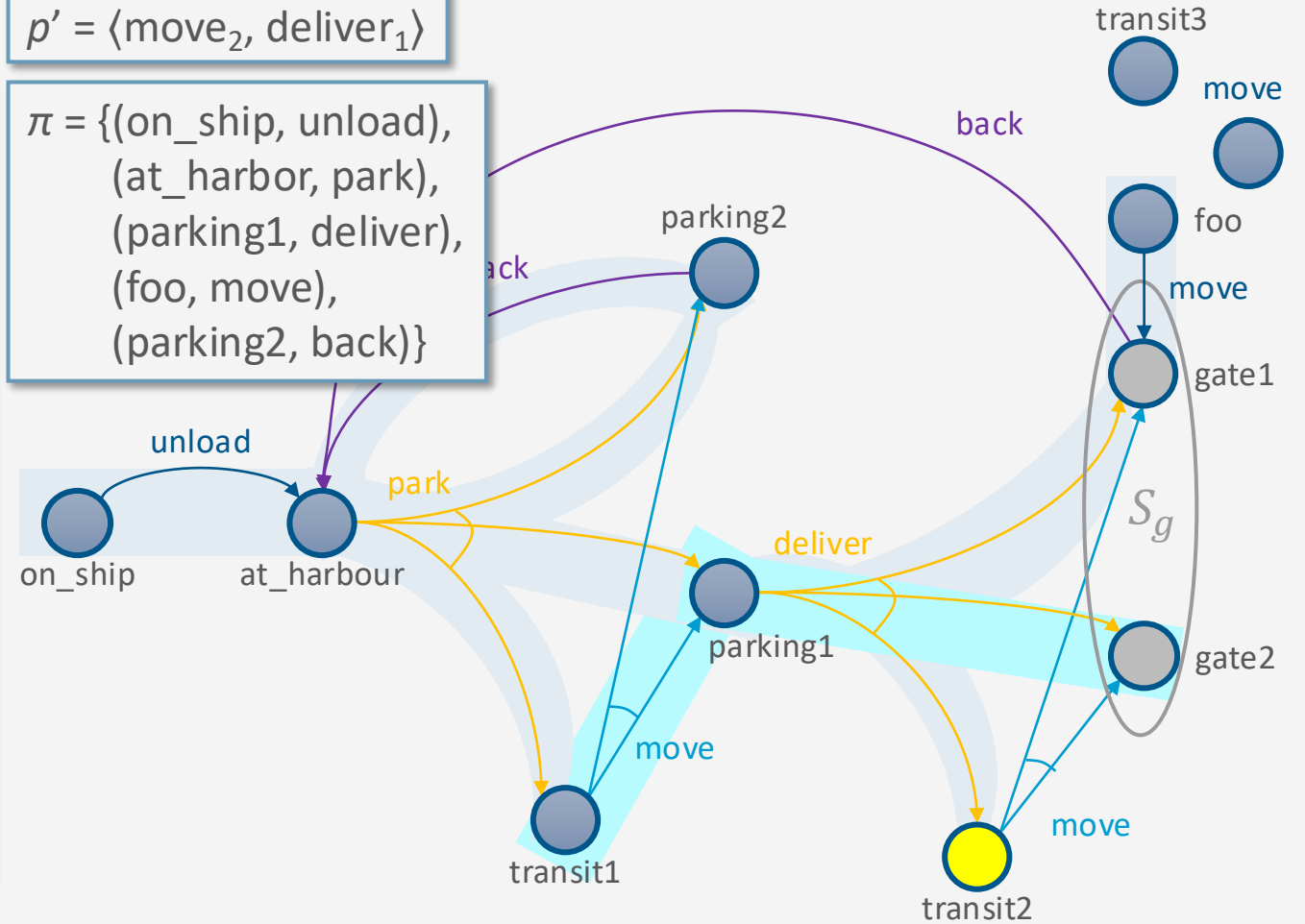
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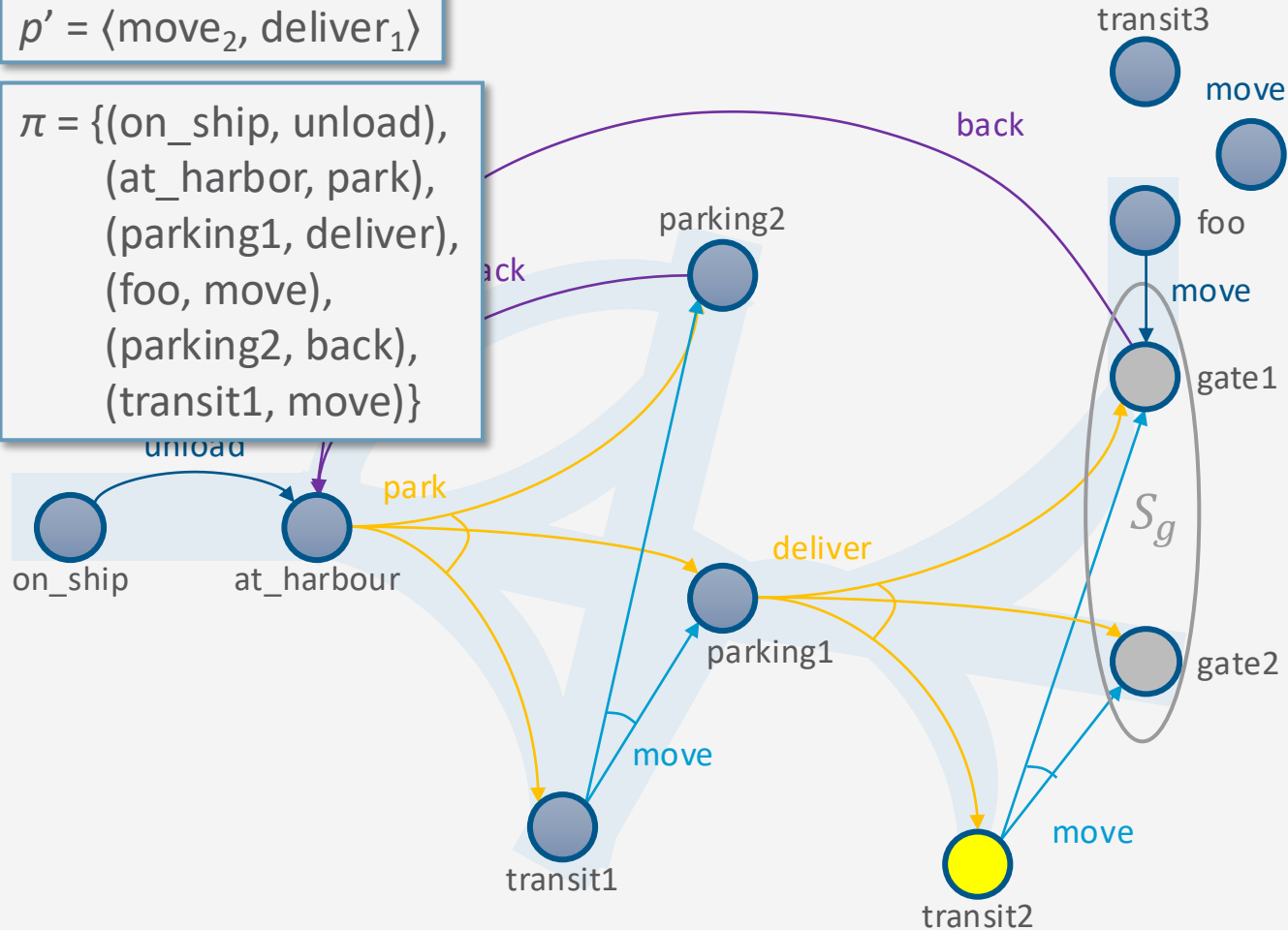
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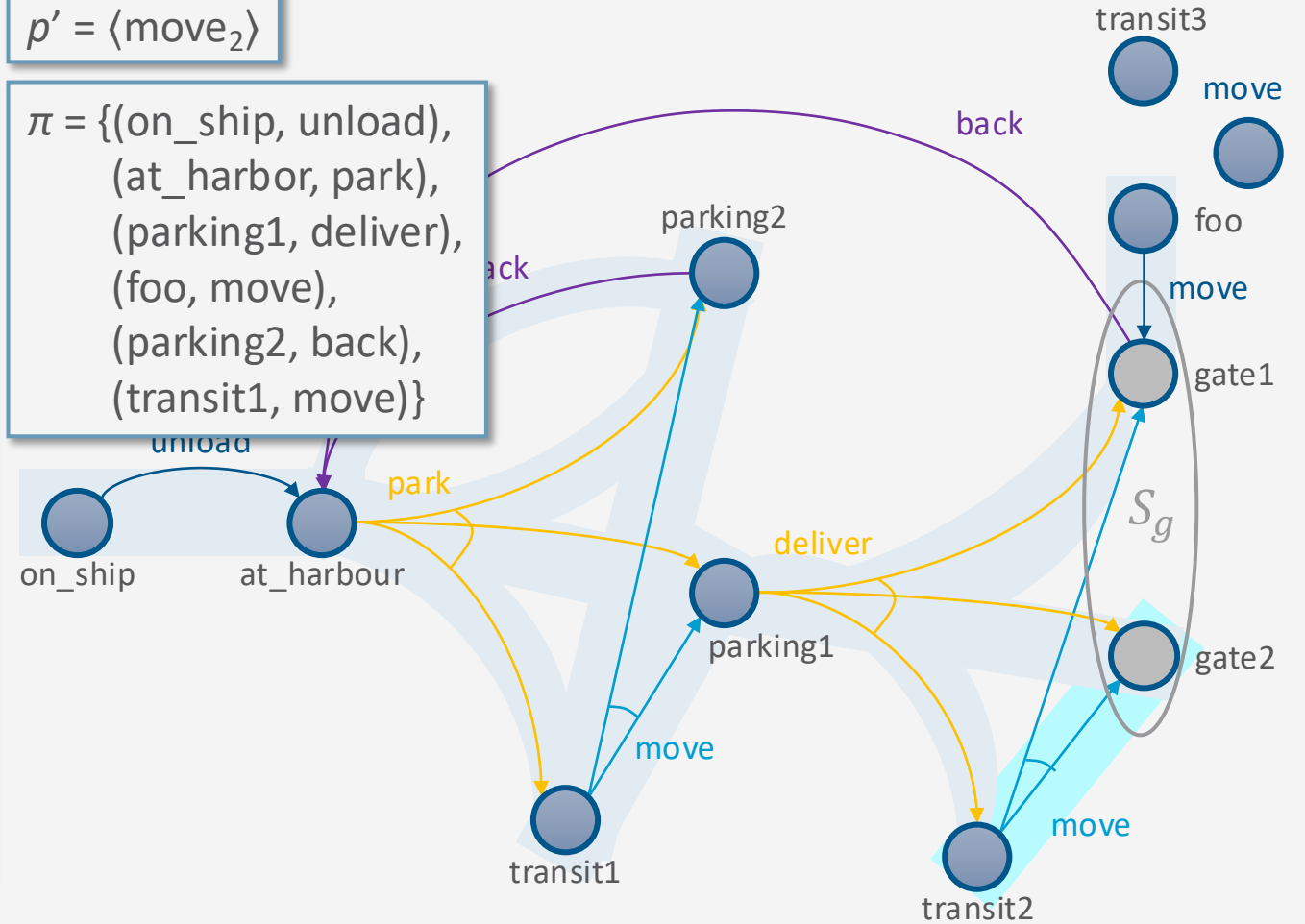
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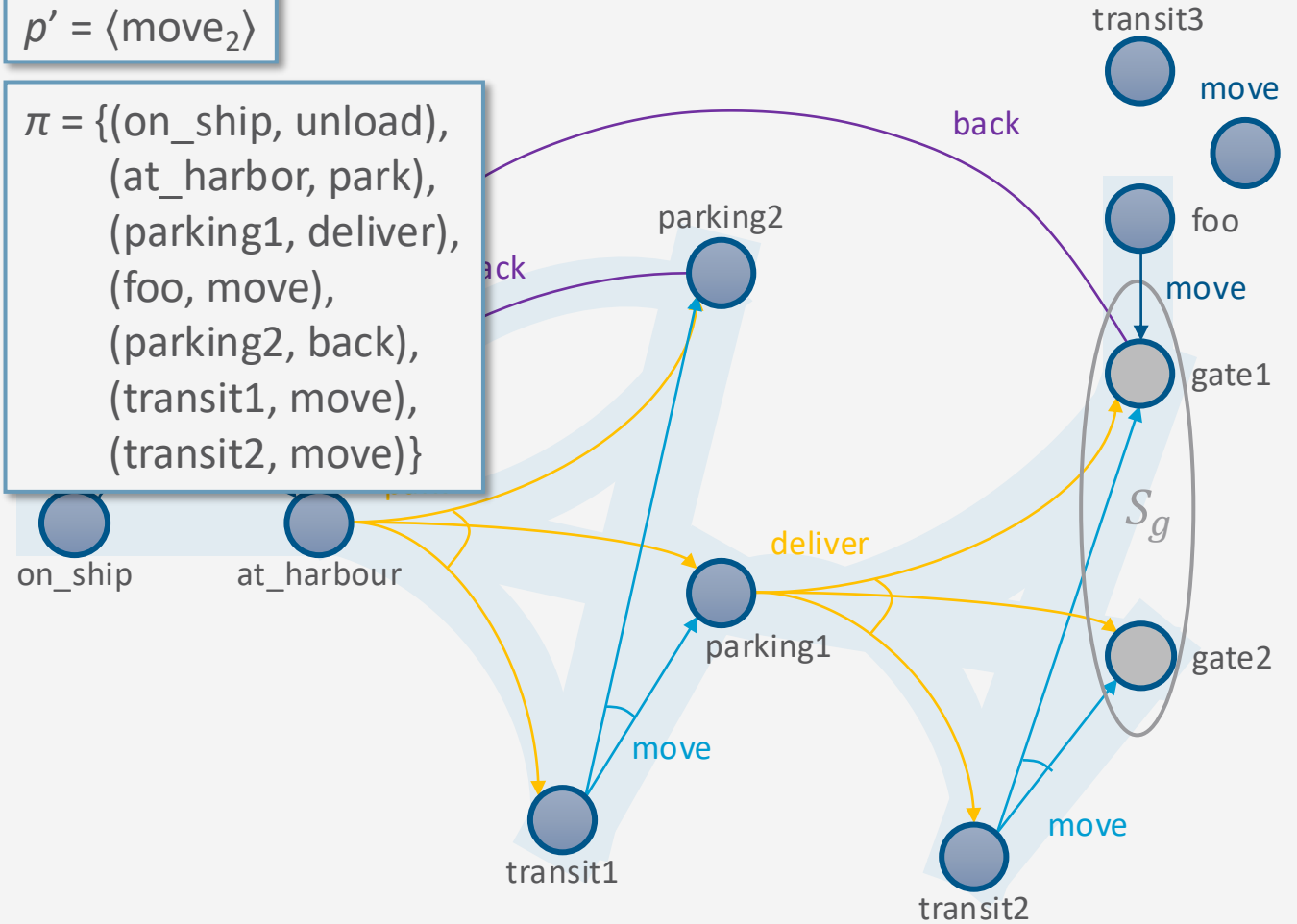
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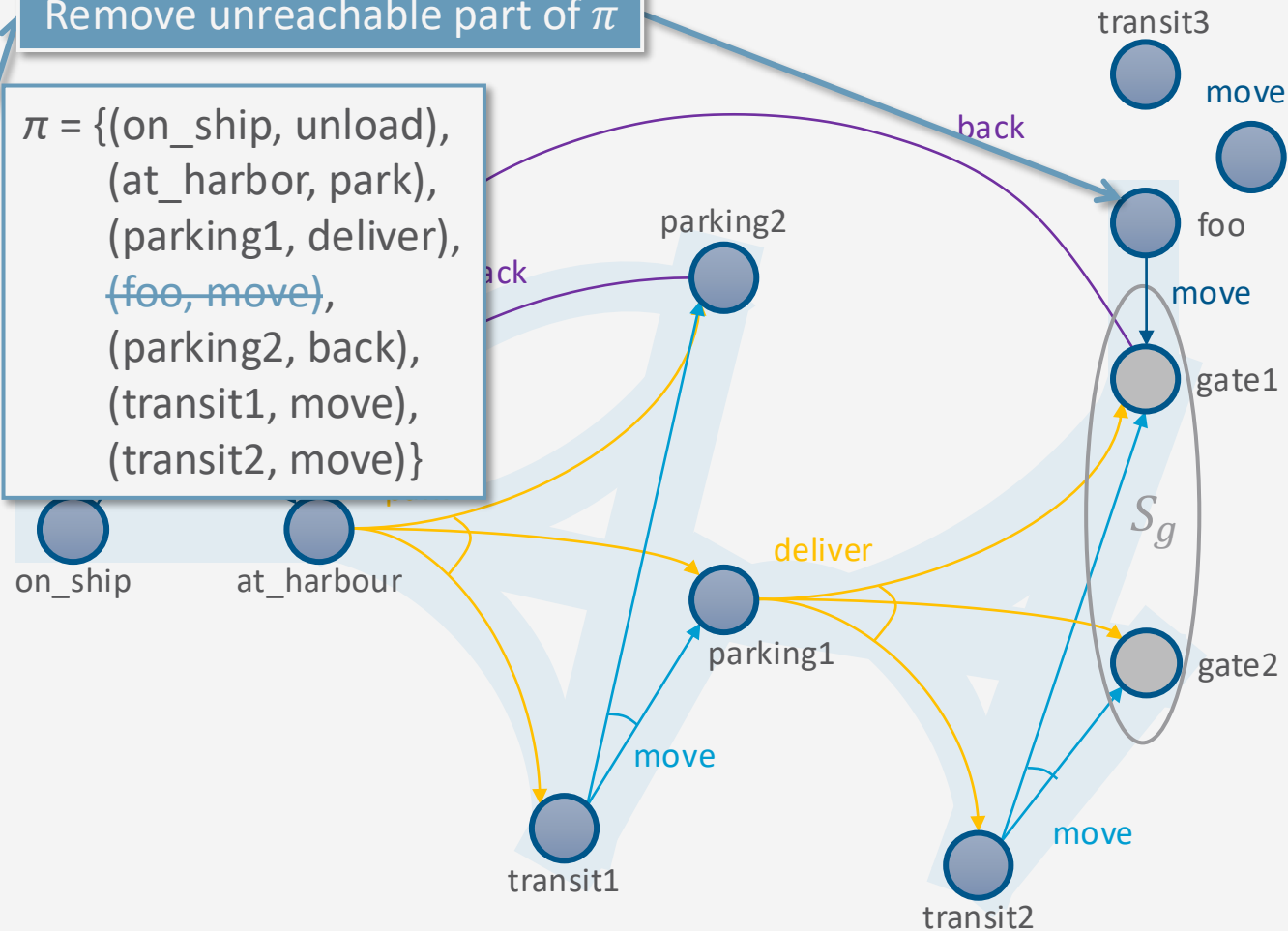
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```

Remove unreachable part of  $\pi$

$\pi = \{$   
 (on\_ship, unload),  
 (at\_harbor, park),  
 (parking1, deliver),  
~~(foo, move),~~  
 (parking2, back),  
 (transit1, move),  
 (transit2, move) $\}$



## Making Actions Inapplicable

- Modify  $\Sigma_d$  to make actions inapplicable:  
Exponential time in worst-case
- Better: table of bad state-action pairs
  - For every  $(s', a)$  s.t.  $s \in \gamma(s', a)$ ,  
 $Bad[s'] \leftarrow Bad[s'] \cup \text{determinization}(a)$
- Modify classical planner to take the table as an argument
  - If  $s$  is current state, only choose actions in  
 $Applicable(s) \setminus Bad(s)$

```

Find-Safe-Solution-by-Determinisation( $\Sigma, s_0, S_g$ )
  if  $s_0 \in S_g$  then
    return  $\emptyset$ 
  if  $Applicable(s_0) = \emptyset$  then
    return failure
   $\pi \leftarrow \emptyset$ 
   $\Sigma_d \leftarrow \text{mk-deterministic}(\Sigma)$ 
  loop
     $Q \leftarrow \text{leaves}(s_0, \pi) \setminus S_g$ 
    if  $Q = \emptyset$  then
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    else if  $s = s_0$  then
      return failure
    else
      for every  $s', a$  s.t.  $s \in \gamma(s', a)$  do
         $\pi \leftarrow \pi \setminus \{(s', a)\}$ 
        make the actions in the
          determinisation not
          applicable in  $s'$ 

```

## Intermediate Summary

- Determinisation Techniques
  - Guided-find-safe-solution
    - Call find-solution to get an unsafe solution
    - Call find-solution additional times on the leaves
  - Find-safe-solution-by-determinization
    - Use determinized actions
    - Call classical planner rather than find-solution
    - If dead-ends are encountered, modify actions that lead to them

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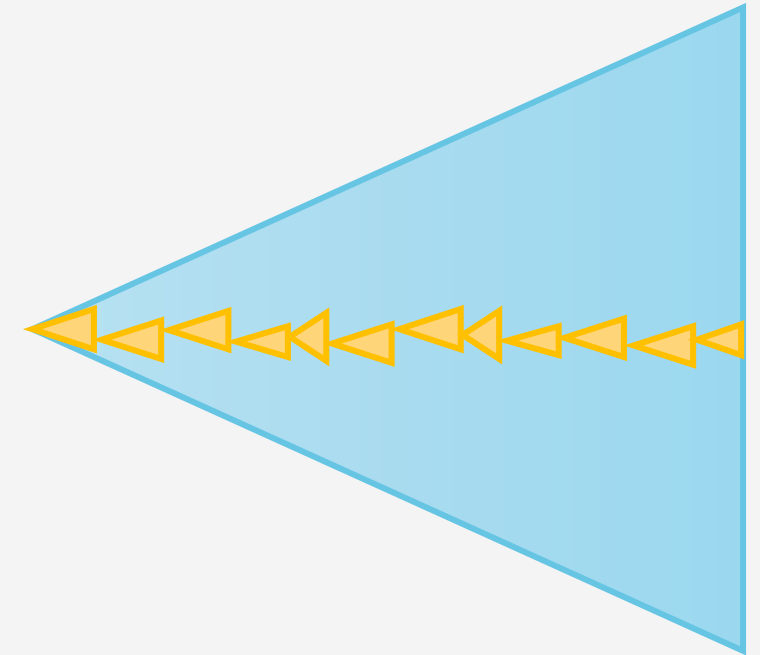
- Guided planning for safe solutions
- Planning for safe solutions by determinisation

### **5.6 Online Approaches**

- Lookahead
- Lookahead by determinisation
- Lookahead with a bounded number of steps

## Online Approaches

- Motivation
  1. Planning models are approximate – execution seldom works out as planned
  2. Large problems may require too much planning time
- 2<sup>nd</sup> motivation even more stronger in nondeterministic domains
  - Nondeterminism makes planning exponentially harder
    - Exponentially more time, exponentially larger policies



Offline vs. Runtime  
Search Spaces

## Online Approaches

- Need to identify **good** actions without exploring entire search space (partial planning)
  - Can be done using heuristic estimates
- Some domains are **safely explorable**
  - Safe to create partial plans, because goal states are reachable from all situations
- Other domains contain dead-ends, partial planning will not guarantee success
  - Can get trapped in dead ends that we would have detected if we had planned fully
    - No applicable actions
      - Robot goes down a steep incline and cannot come back up
    - Applicable actions, but caught in a loop
      - Robot goes into a collection of rooms from which there is no exit
  - However, partial planning can still make success more likely

## Lookahead-Partial-Plan

- Adaptation of Run-Lazy-Lookahead (Ch. 2)
- Lookahead is any planning algorithm that returns a policy  $\pi$ 
  - $\pi$  may be partial solution, or unsafe solution
  - Lookahead-Partial-Plan executes  $\pi$  as far as it will go, then calls Lookahead again
  - $\theta$  context-dependent vector of parameters to restrict in some way the search for a solution

```
Lookahead-Partial-Plan( $\Sigma, s_0, S_g, \theta$ )  
   $s \leftarrow s_0$   
  while  $s \notin S_g$  and  $\text{Applicable}(s) \neq \emptyset$  do  
     $\pi \leftarrow \text{Lookahead}(s, \theta)$   
    if  $\pi = \emptyset$  then  
      return failure  
    else  
      perform partial plan  $\pi$   
       $s \leftarrow$  observe current state
```

### Inputs:

- Planning problem  $(\Sigma, s_0, S_g)$
- Vector of parameters  $\theta$
- *Same for next versions*

## FS-Replan

- Adaptation of Run-Lookahead (Ch. 2)
- Calls Forward-Search (Ch. 2) on determinised domain, converts to a policy
  - Unsafe solution
- Generalisation:
  - Lookahead can be any planning algorithm that returns a policy  $\pi$

```
FS-Replan ( $\Sigma, s, S_g$ )
```

```
 $\pi_d \leftarrow \emptyset$ 
```

```
while  $s \notin S_g$  and  $\text{Applicable}(s) \neq \emptyset$  do
```

```
  if  $\pi_d$  undefined for  $s$  then
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```
     $\pi_d \leftarrow \text{Plan2policy}(\text{Forward-search}(\Sigma_d, s, S_g), s)$ 
```

```
    if  $\pi_d = \text{failure}$  then
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```
      return failure
```

```
  perform action  $\pi_d(s)$ 
```

```
   $s \leftarrow$  observe resulting state
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```
Generalised-FS-Replan ( $\Sigma, s, S_g, \theta$ )
```

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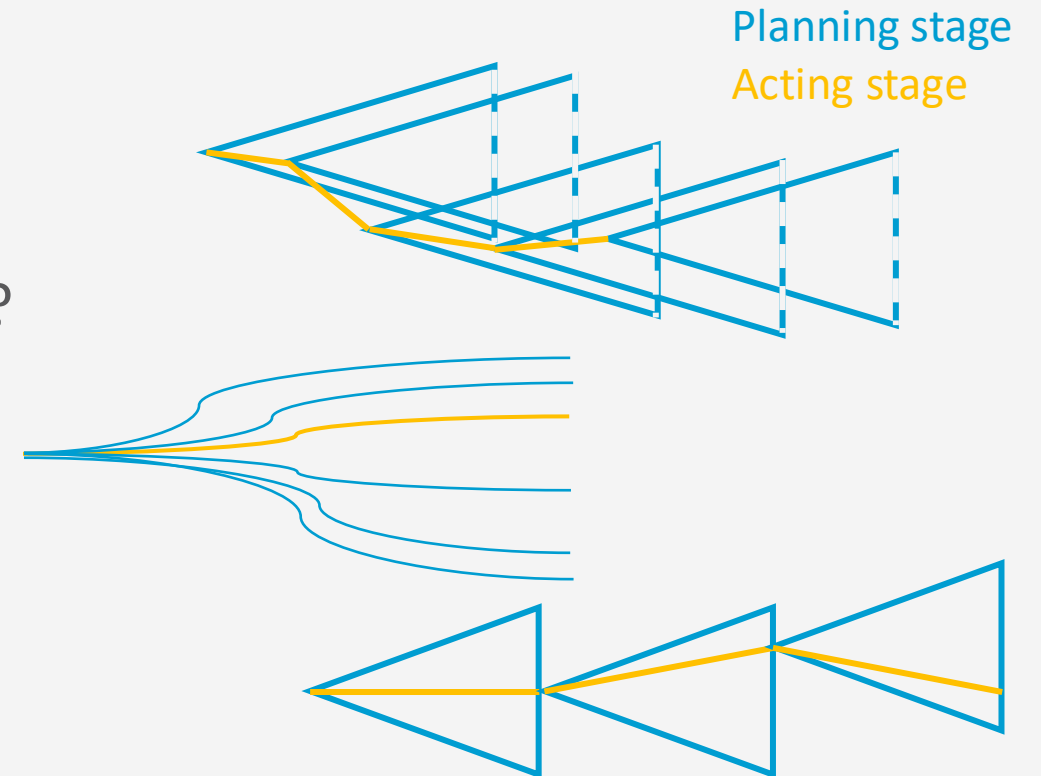
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## Possibilities for Lookahead

- Lookahead could be one of the algorithms we discussed earlier
  - Find-Safe-Solution
  - Find-Acyclic-Solution
  - Guided-Find-Safe-Solution
  - Find-Safe-Solution-by-Determinization
- What if it does not have time to run to completion?
  - Can use the same techniques, we discussed earlier
    - Receding horizon
    - Sampling
    - Subgoaling
    - Iterative Deepening



## Possibilities for Lookahead (cont'd)

- **Full horizon, limited breadth:**
  - Look for solution that works for *some* of the outcomes
  - E.g., modify *Find-Acyclic-Solution* to examine  $i$  outcomes of every action
- **Iterative broadening:**
  - For  $i = 1$ , increase  $i$  by 1 until time runs out
    - Look for a solution that handles  $i$  outcomes per action

```
T ← i elements of  $\gamma(s, a) \setminus \text{Dom}(\pi)$ 
Frontier ← Frontier  $\cup$  T
```

```
Find-Acyclic-Solution( $\Sigma, s_0, S_g$ )
 $\pi \leftarrow \emptyset$ 
Frontier ← { $s_0$ }
for every  $s \in \text{Frontier} \setminus S_g$  do
  Frontier ← Frontier  $\setminus$  { $s$ }
  if Applicable( $s$ ) =  $\emptyset$  then
    return failure
  nondeterministically choose  $a \in \text{Applicable}(s)$ 
   $\pi \leftarrow \pi \cup (s, a)$ 
  Frontier ← Frontier  $\cup$  ( $\gamma(s, a) \setminus \text{Dom}(\pi)$ )
  if has-loops( $\pi, s, \text{Frontier}$ ) then
    return failure
return  $\pi$ 
```

Input

- Planning problem ( $\Sigma, s_0, S_g$ )

## MinMax Learning Real Time A\* (MinMax LRTA\*)

- Lookahead with a bounded number of steps
- Input: Planning problem  $(\Sigma, s_0, S_g)$
- Loop
  - Choose an action  $a$  that (according to a heuristics  $h$ ) has optimal worst-case cost
    - Update  $h(s)$  to use  $a$ 's worst-case cost
    - Perform  $a$

Looks ahead 1 step; can be modified to look ahead  $k$  steps

Assumes each action has cost 1; can easily be modified to use cost  $\neq 1$  by replacing 1 with  $c(s)$

**Min-Max-LRTA\***  $(\Sigma, s_0, S_g)$

$s \leftarrow s_0$

**while**  $s \notin S_g$  and  $\text{Applicable}(s) \neq \emptyset$  **do**

$a \leftarrow \text{argmin}_{a \in \text{Applicable}(s)} \max_{s' \in \gamma(s, a)} h(s')$

$h(s) \leftarrow \max\{h(s), 1 + \max_{s' \in \gamma(s, a)} h(s')\}$

perform action  $a$

$s \leftarrow$  the current state

# Example

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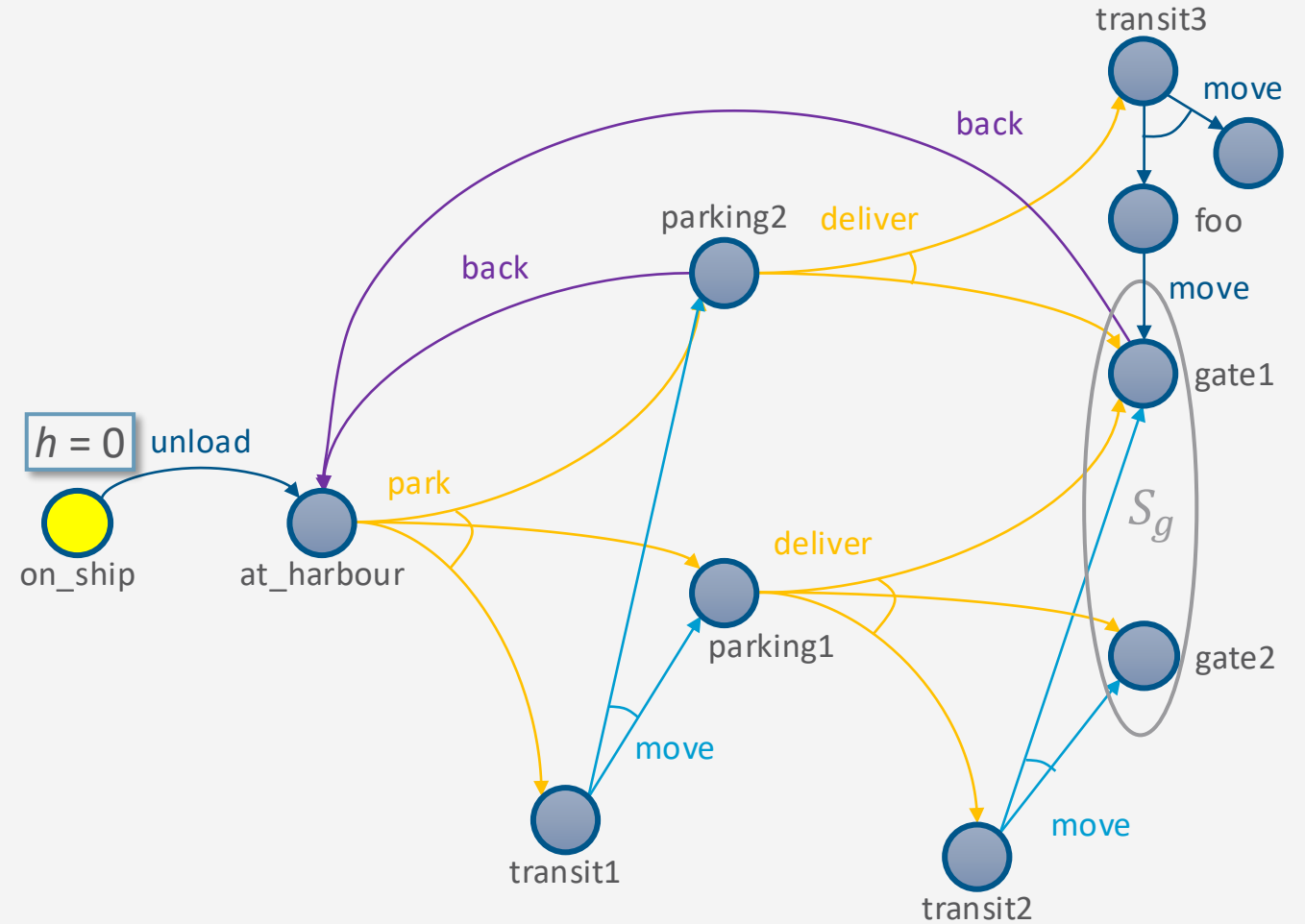
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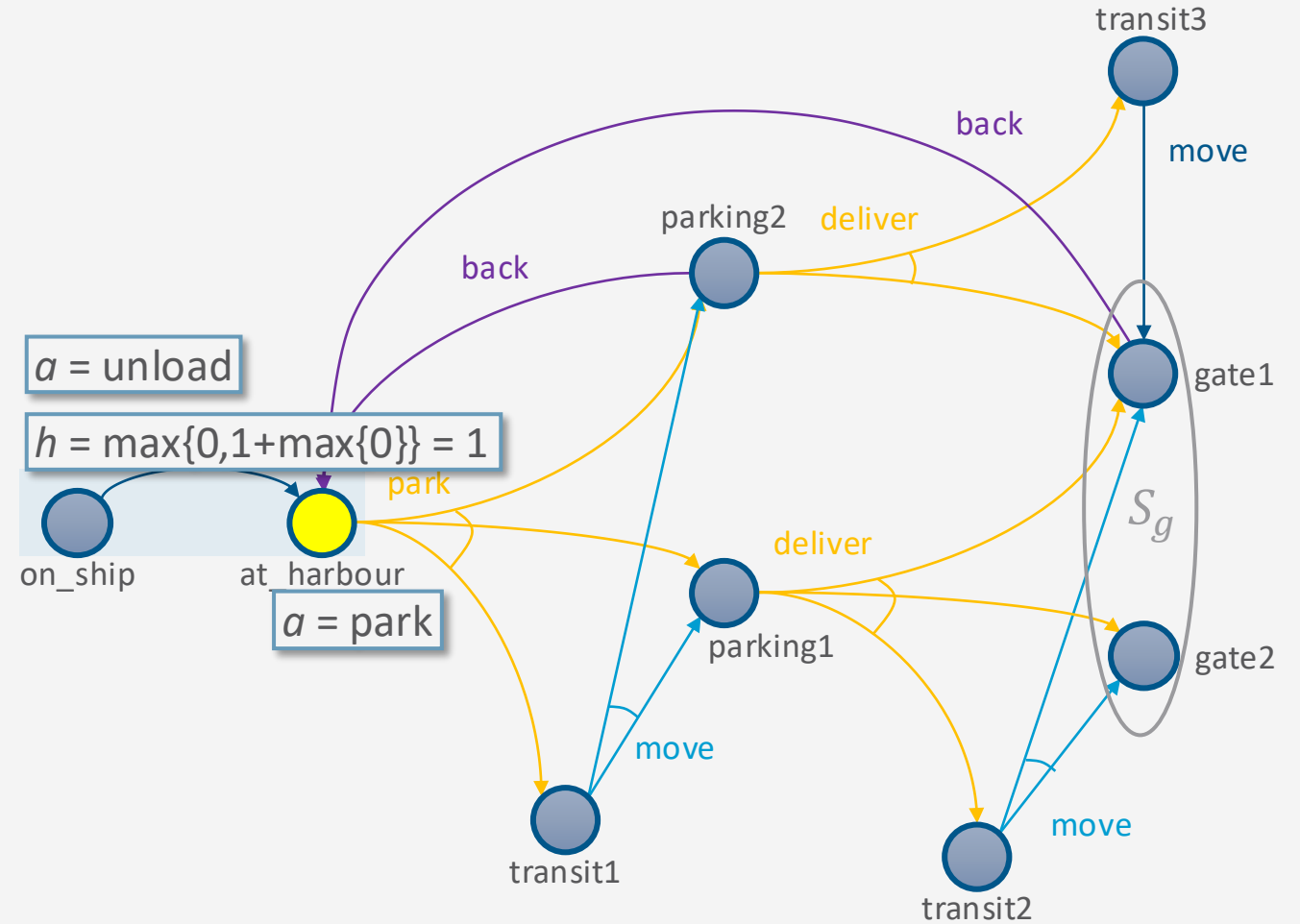
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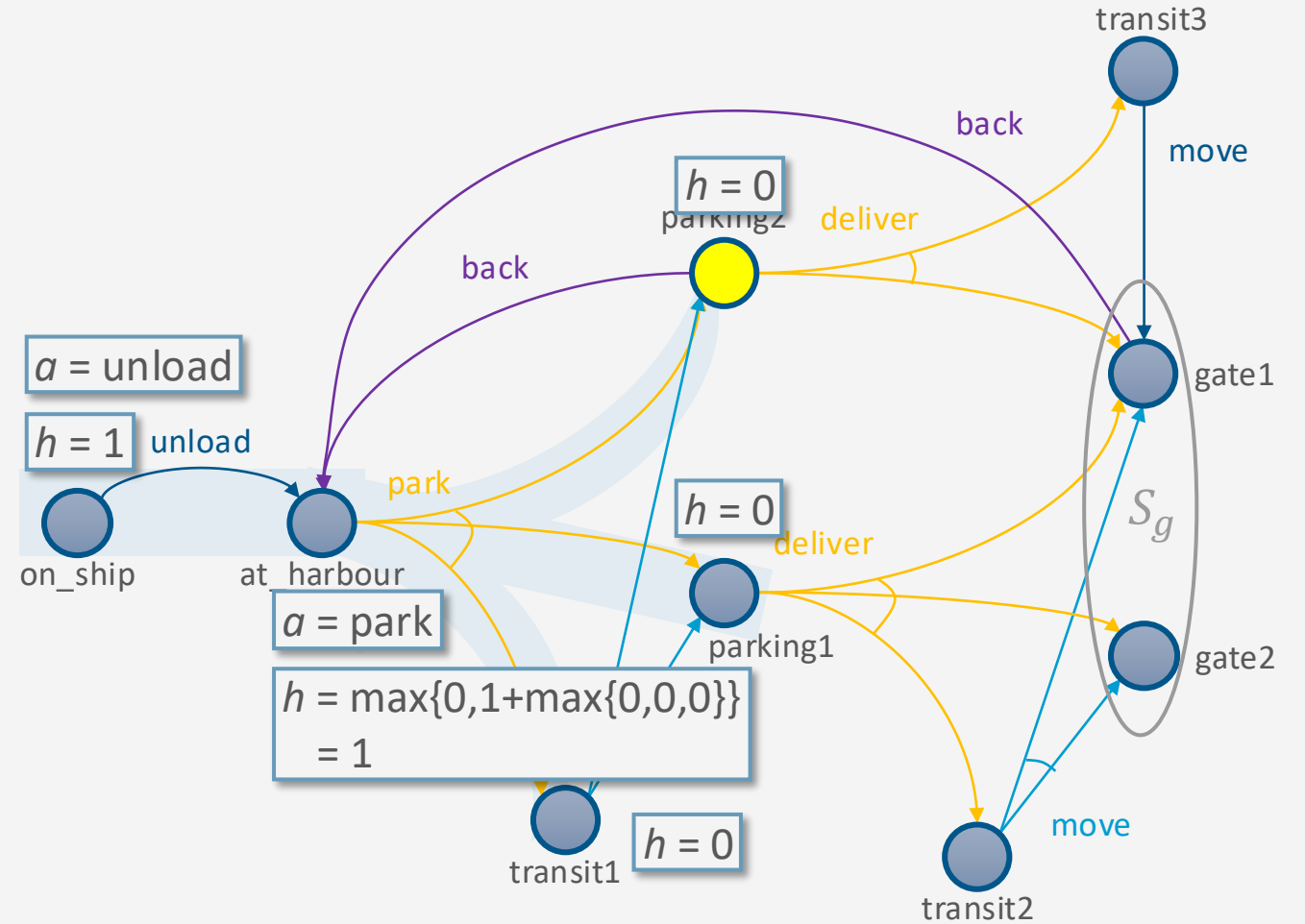
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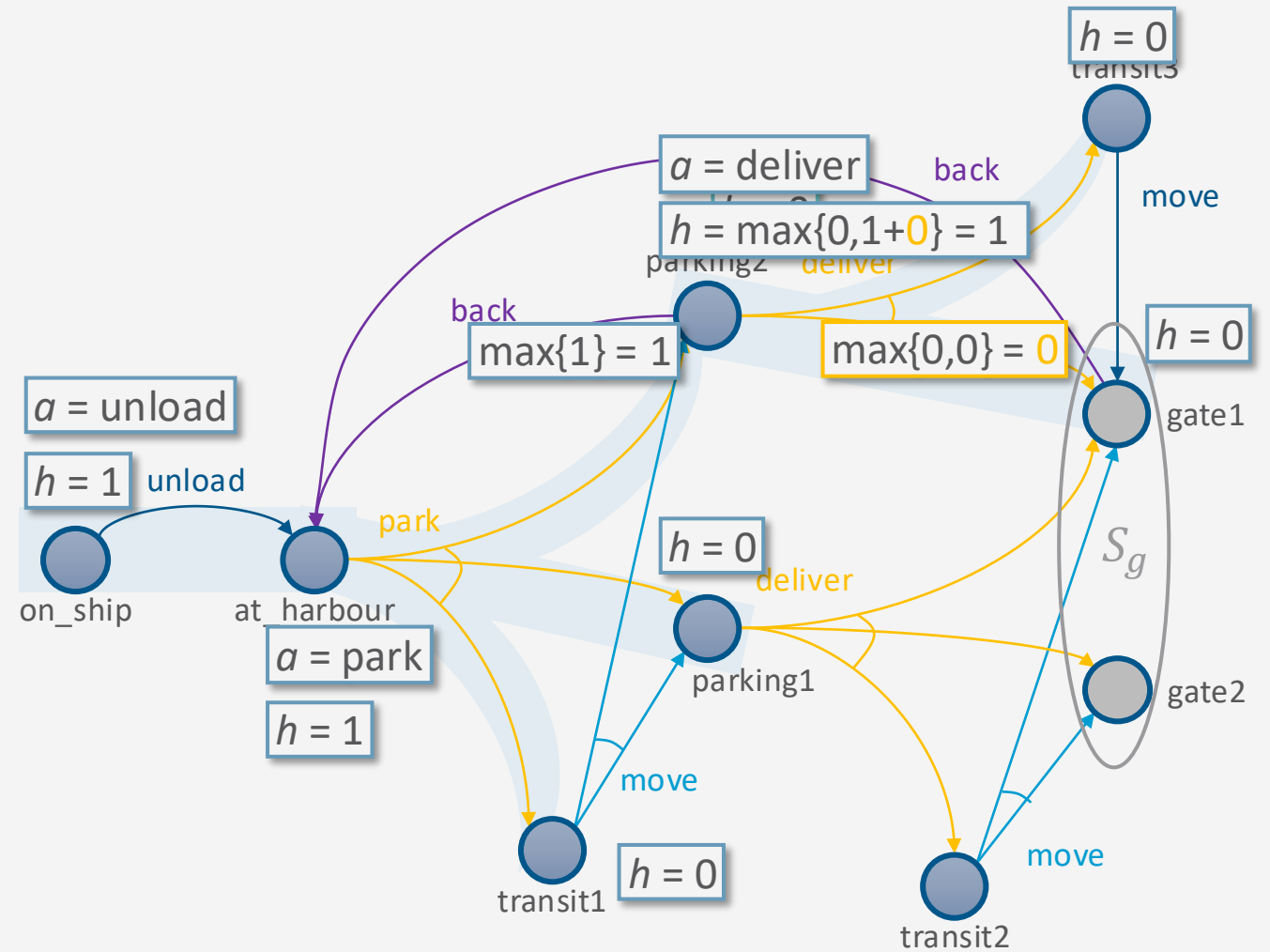
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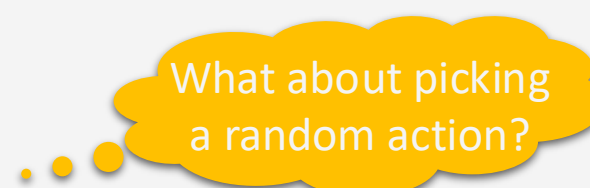
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while s ∉ Sg and Applicable(s) ≠ ∅ do
  a ← argmina ∈ Applicable(s) maxs' ∈ γ(s,a) h(s')
  h(s) ← max{h(s), 1 + maxs' ∈ γ(s,a) h(s')}
  perform action a
  s ← the current state
  
```

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## Safely Explorable Domains

- Safely explorable domain
  - For every state  $s$ , at least one goal state is reachable from  $s$ 
    - No dead ends
- In a safely explorable domain,
  - Using Lookahead-Partial-Plan or FS-Replan
    - Lookahead never returns failure
    - Then we will eventually reach a goal
  - Using MinMax LRTA\*
    - Algorithm is guaranteed to terminate and generate a solution



What about picking  
a random action?

## Intermediate Summary

- Online approaches
  - Lookahead-partial-plan
    - Adaptation of Run-Lazy-Lookahead
  - FS-replan
    - Adaptation of Run-Lookahead
- Ways to do the lookahead
  - Full breadth with limited depth: Iterative deepening
  - Full depth with limited breadth: Iterative broadening
- Min-Max-LRTA\*
- Convergence in safely explorable domains

Can also adapt  
*Run-Concurrent-Lookahead*

Can put bounds on  
both depth and breadth

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