

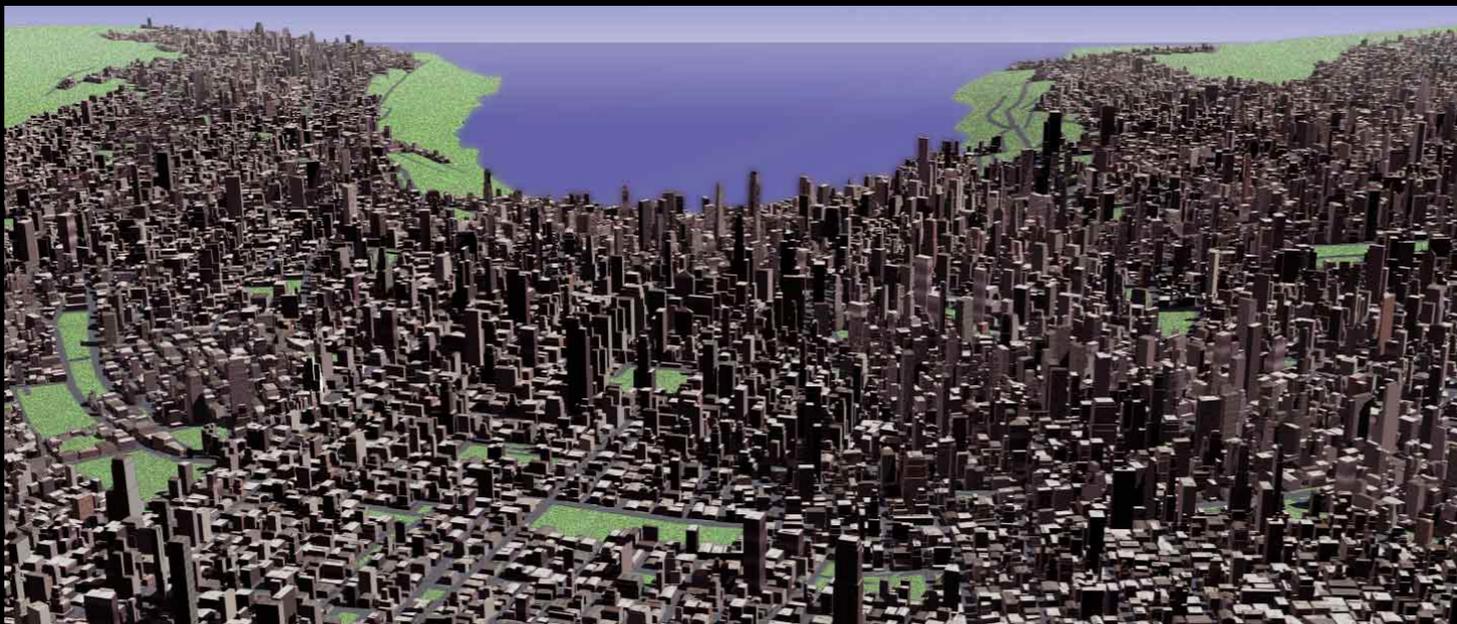
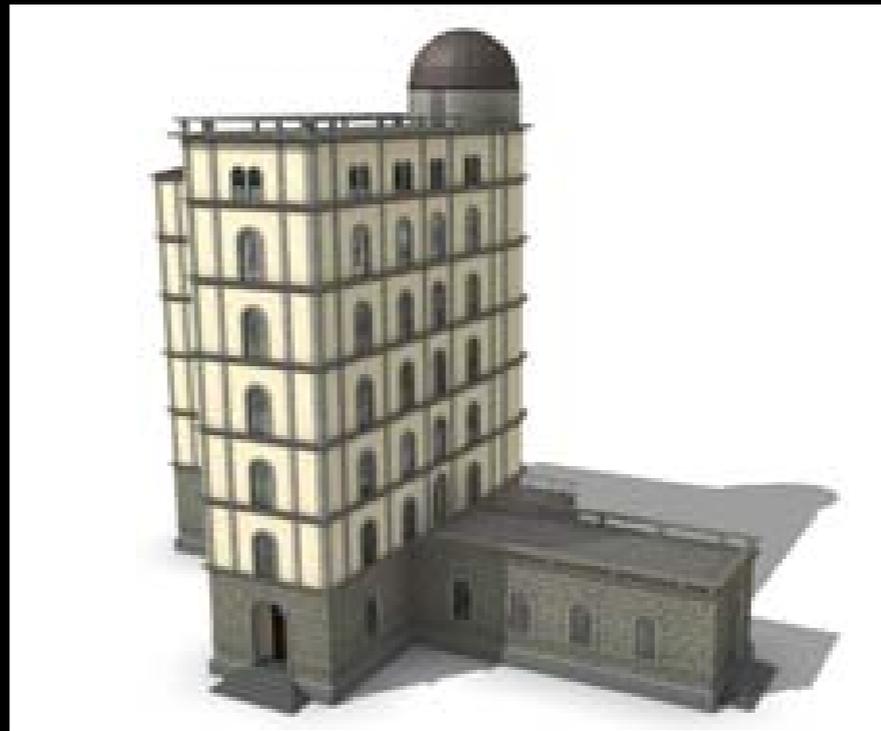
# Metropolis Procedural Modeling

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Turtle interpretation:

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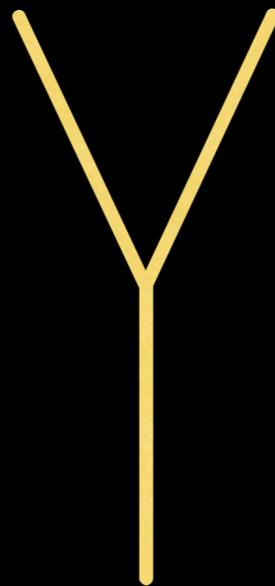
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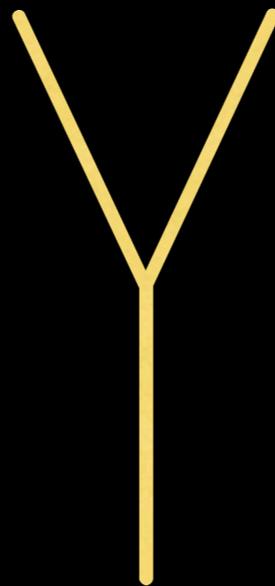
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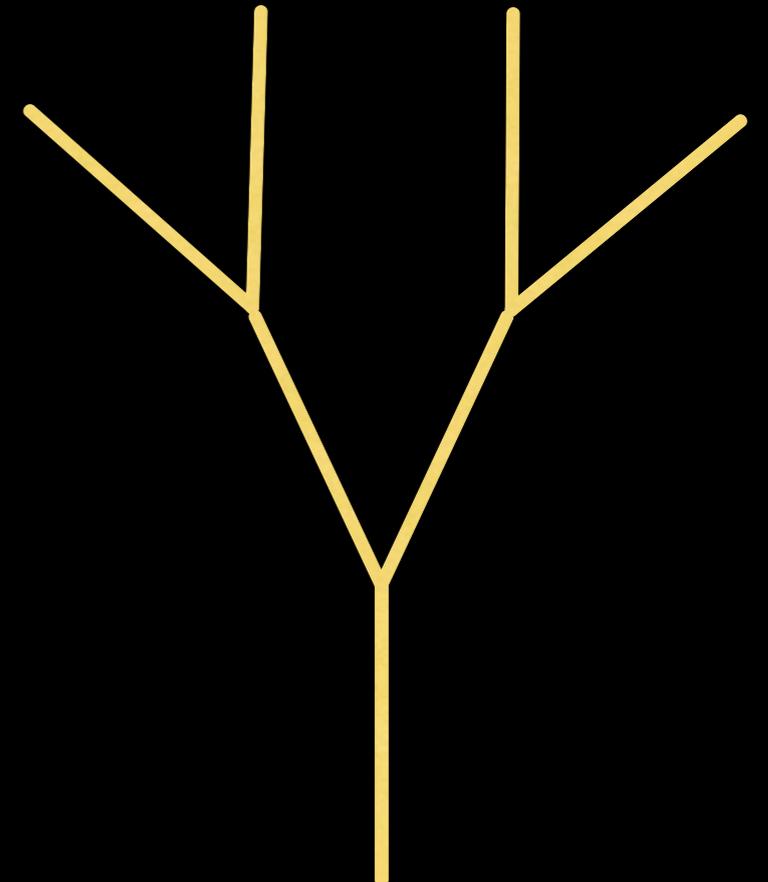
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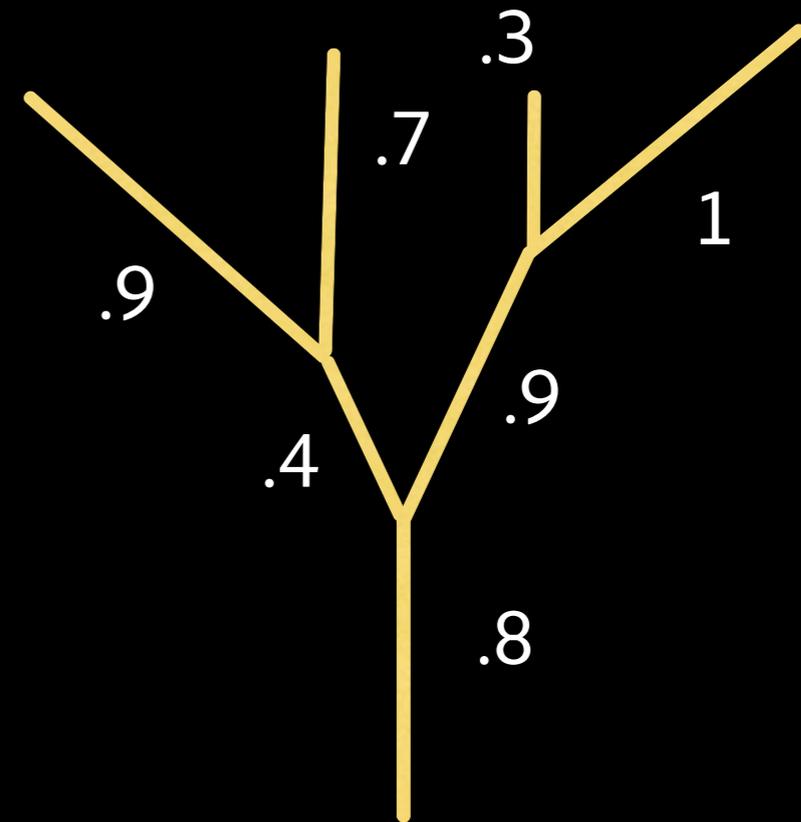
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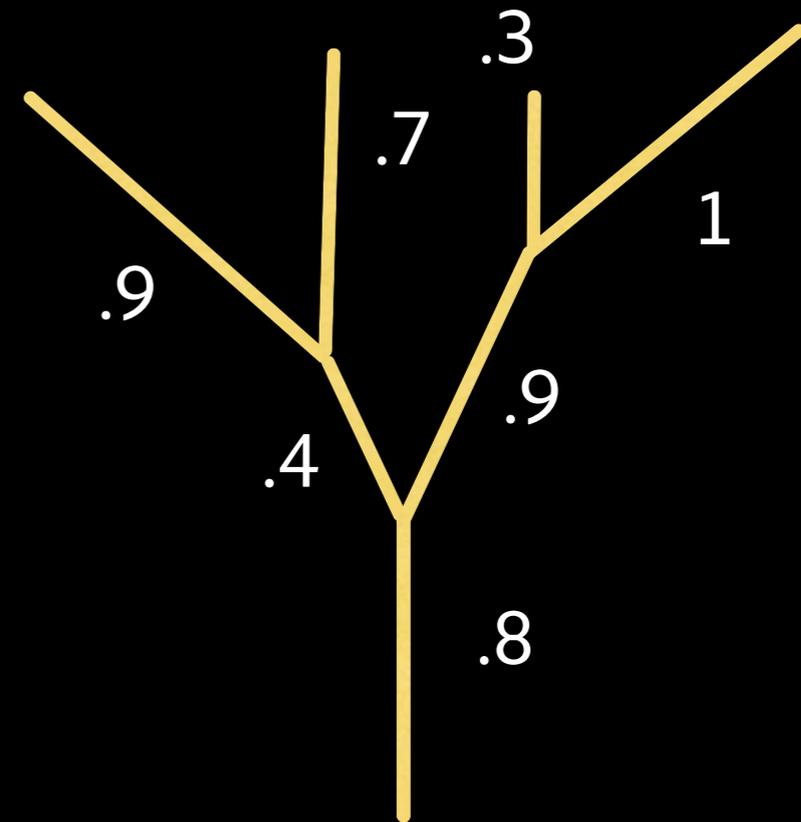
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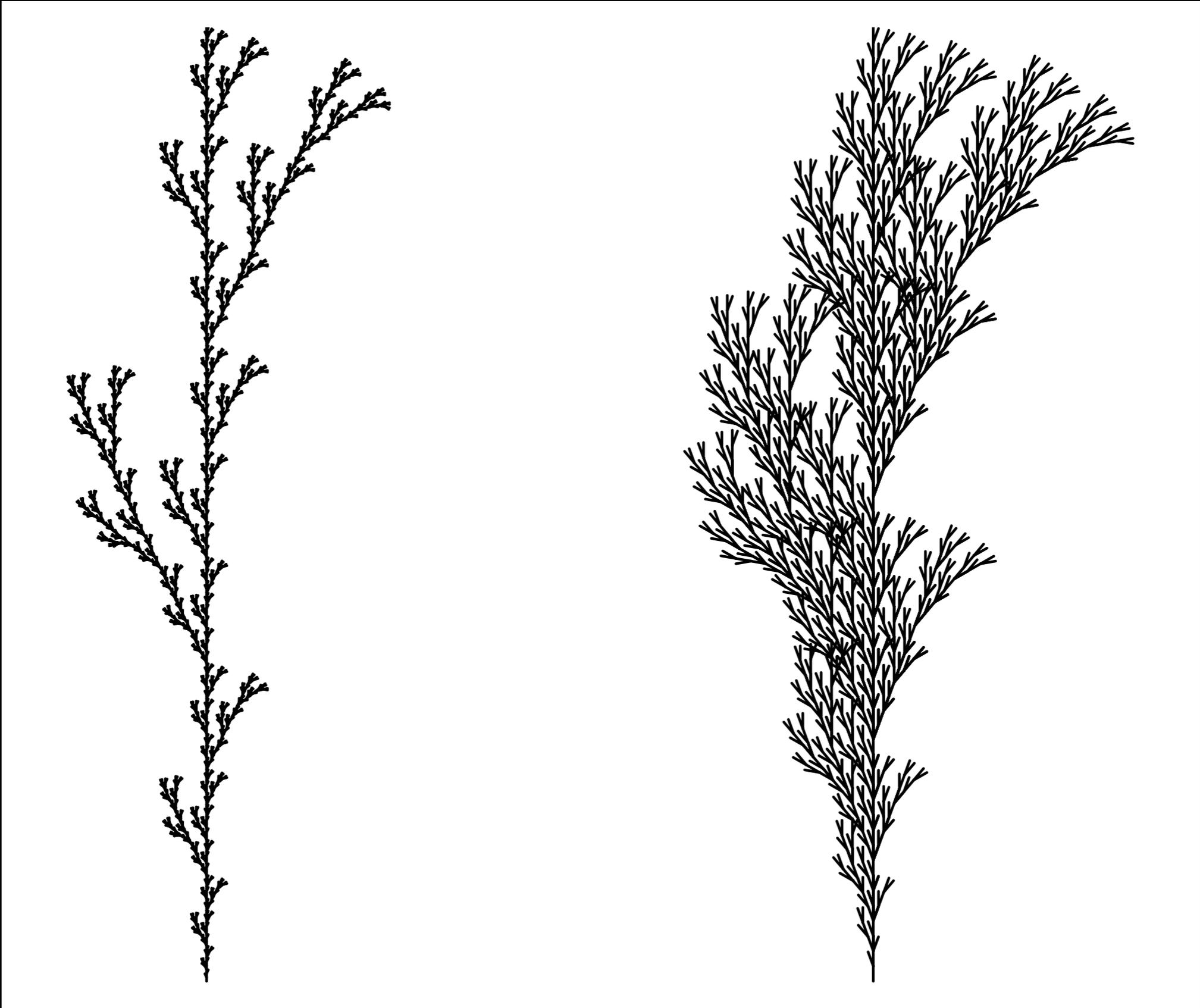
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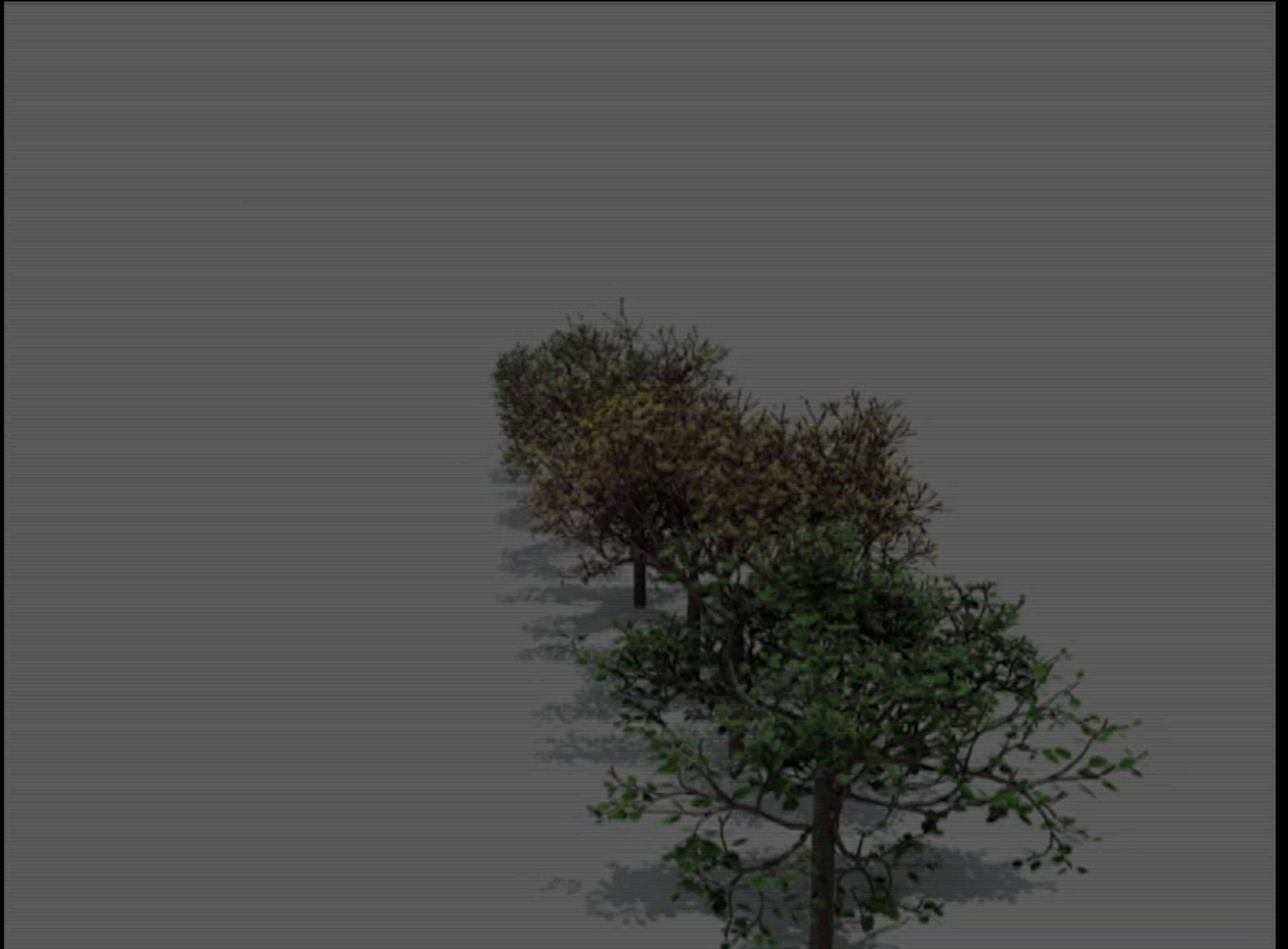
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*From "The Algorithmic Beauty of Plants"*

**Our contribution:** general method for bringing artistic *control* to grammar-based models



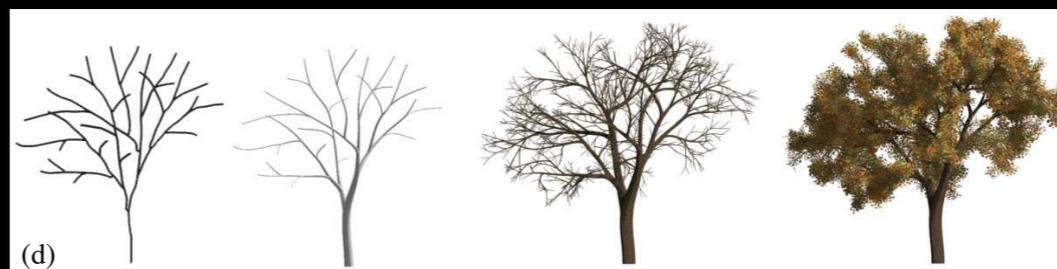




[Prusinkiewicz *et al.* '94]



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**Goal: decouple model specification  
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Properly constructed, each  $X_i \sim p(X)$ , where  $p(X)$  is the *stationary distribution* of the chain

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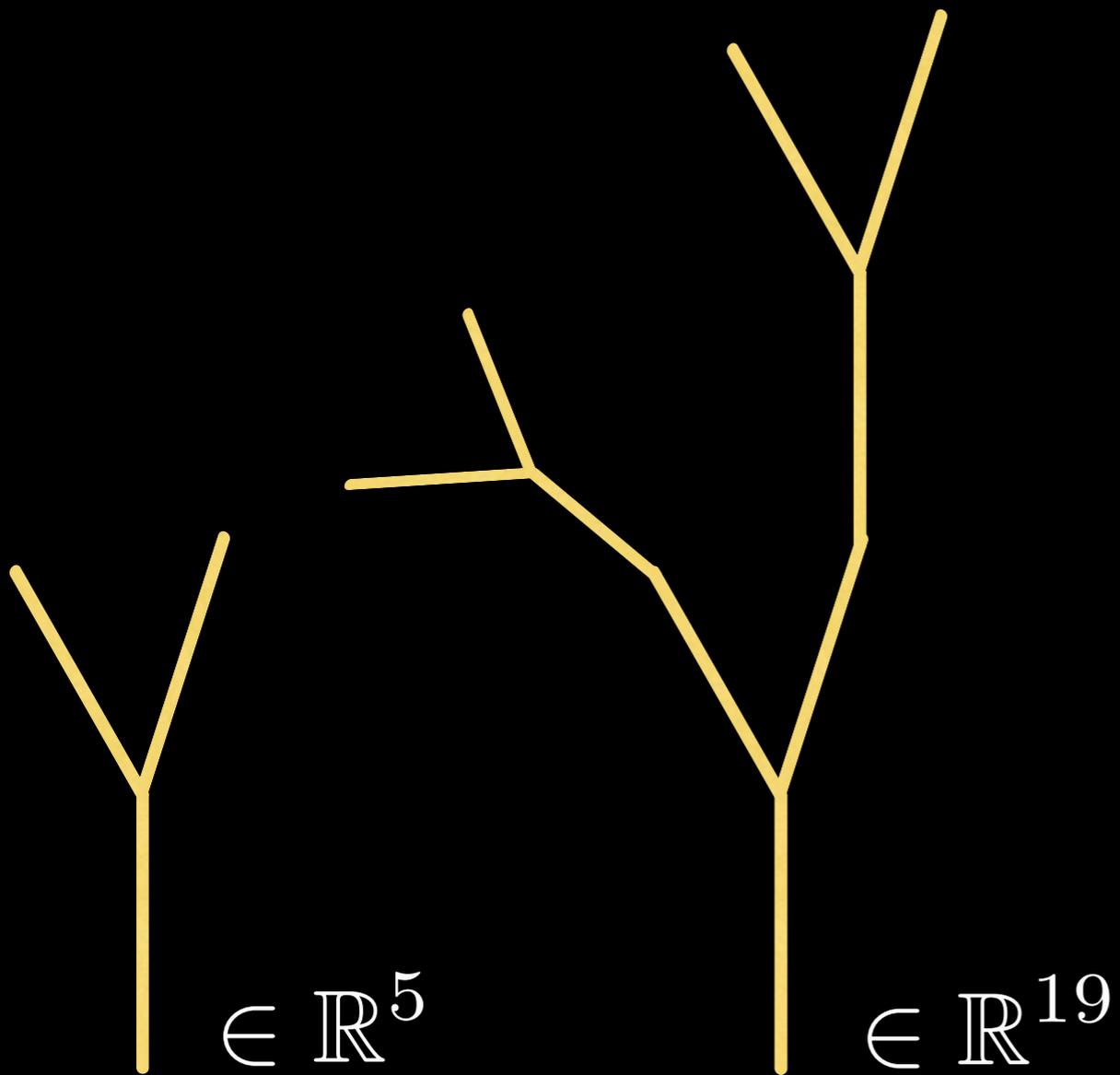
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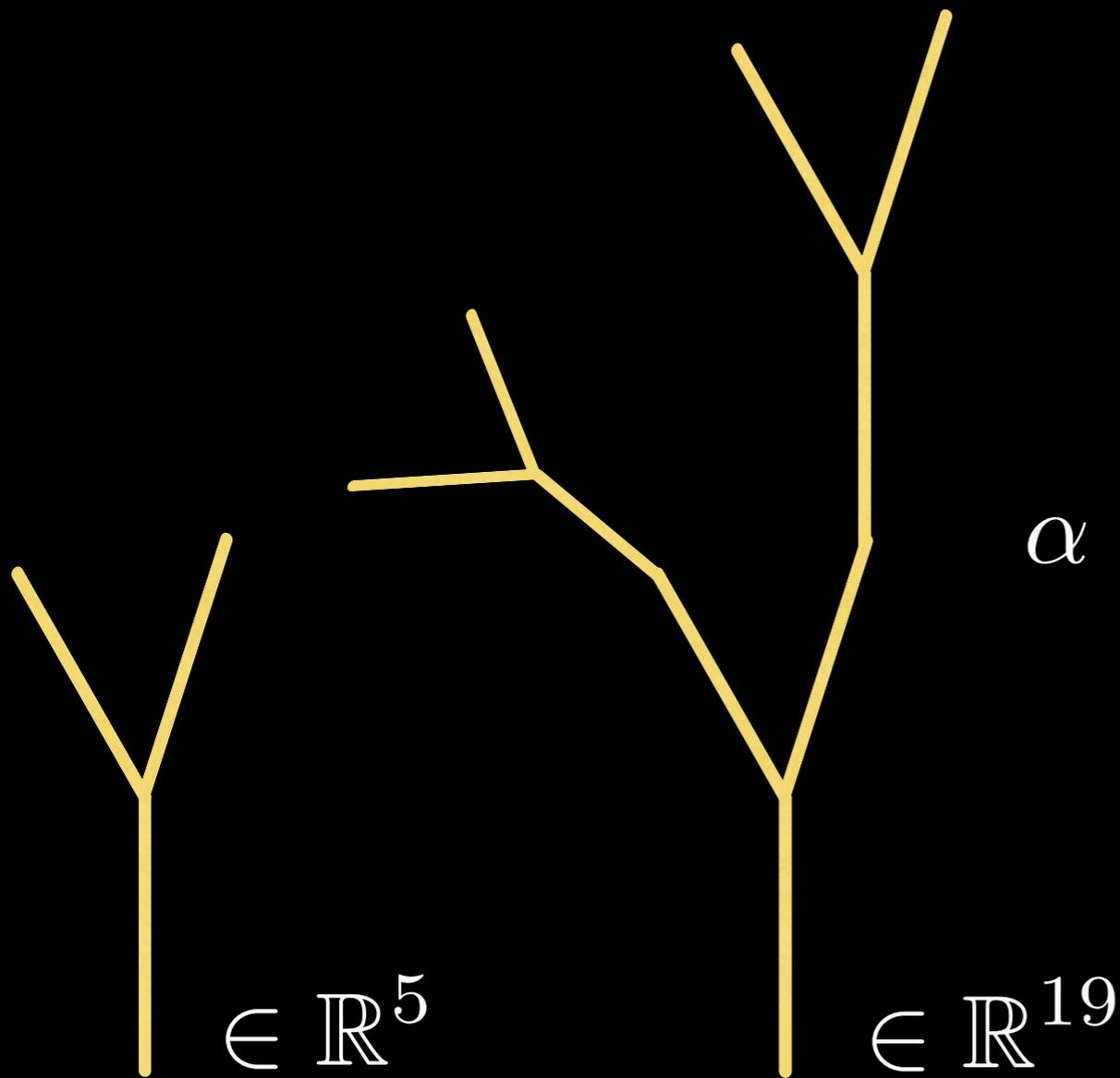
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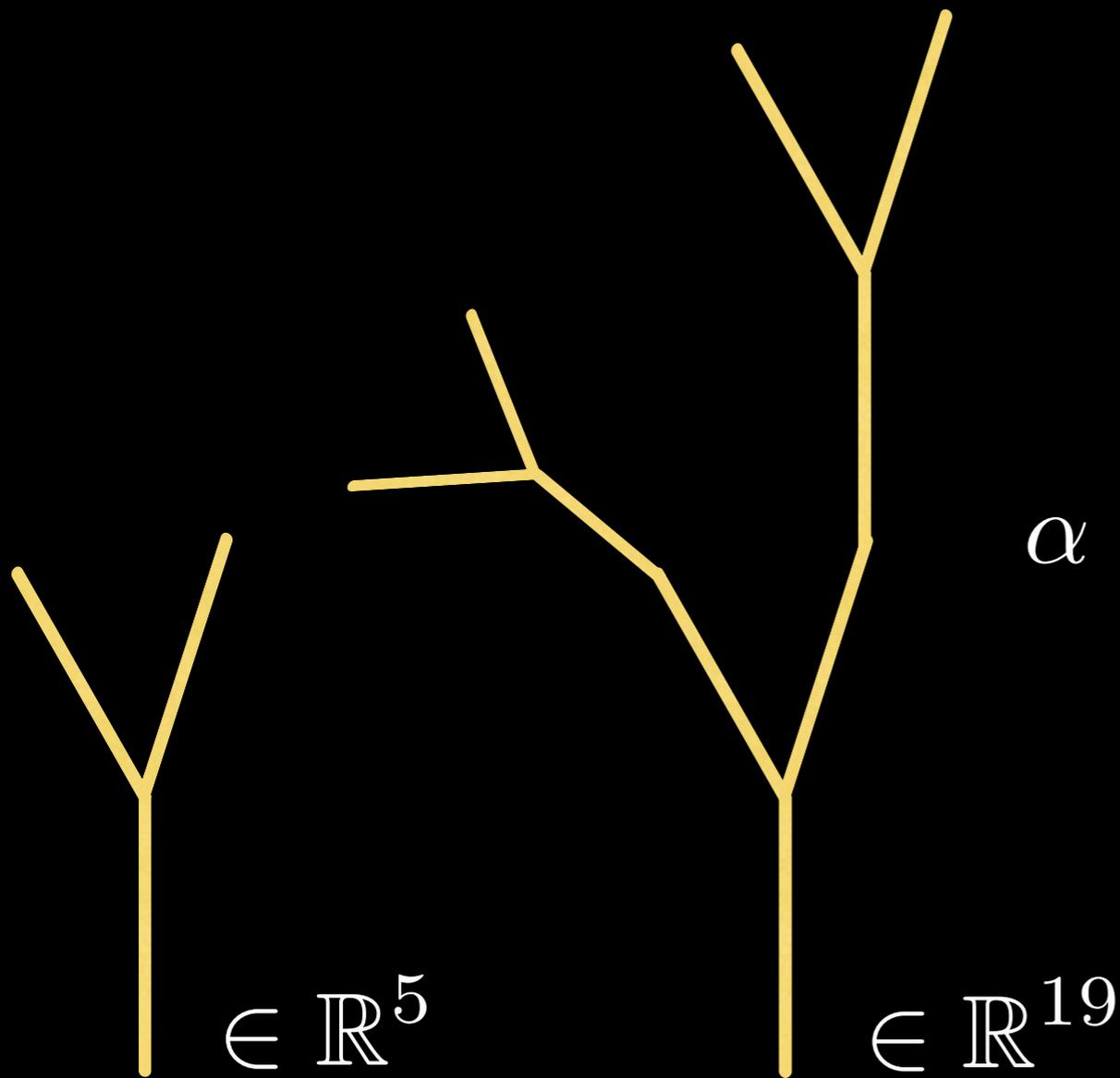


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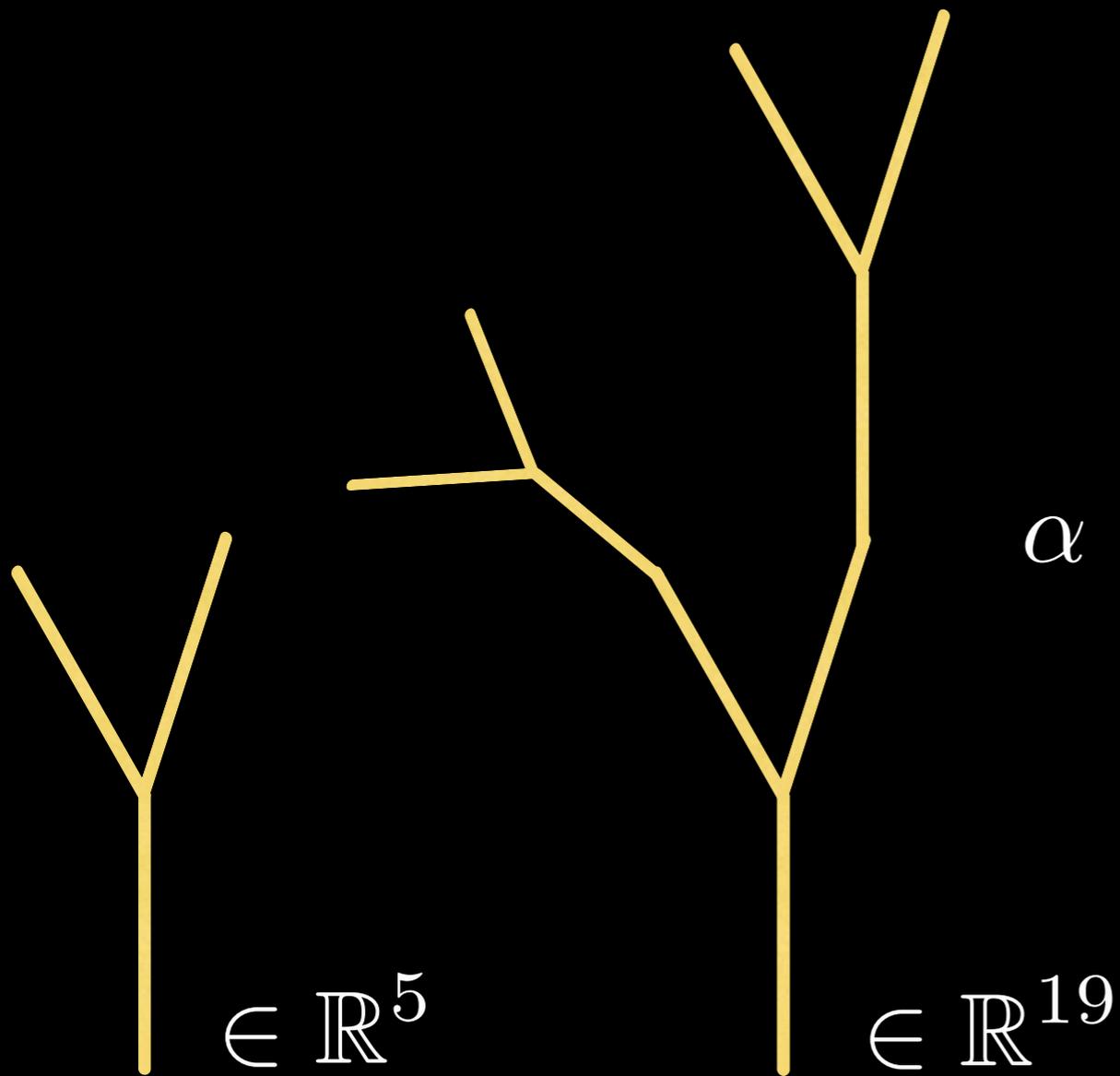
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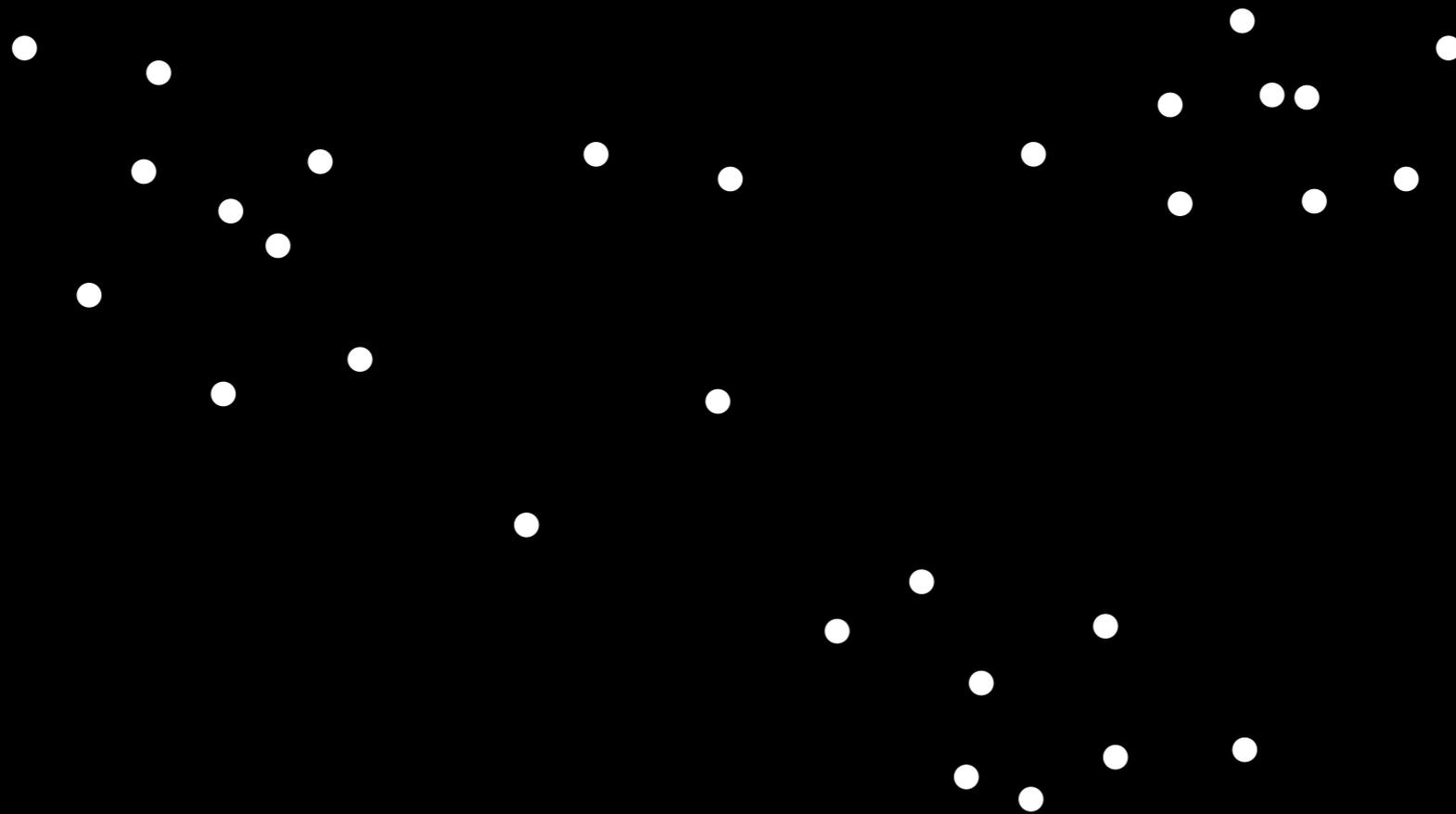
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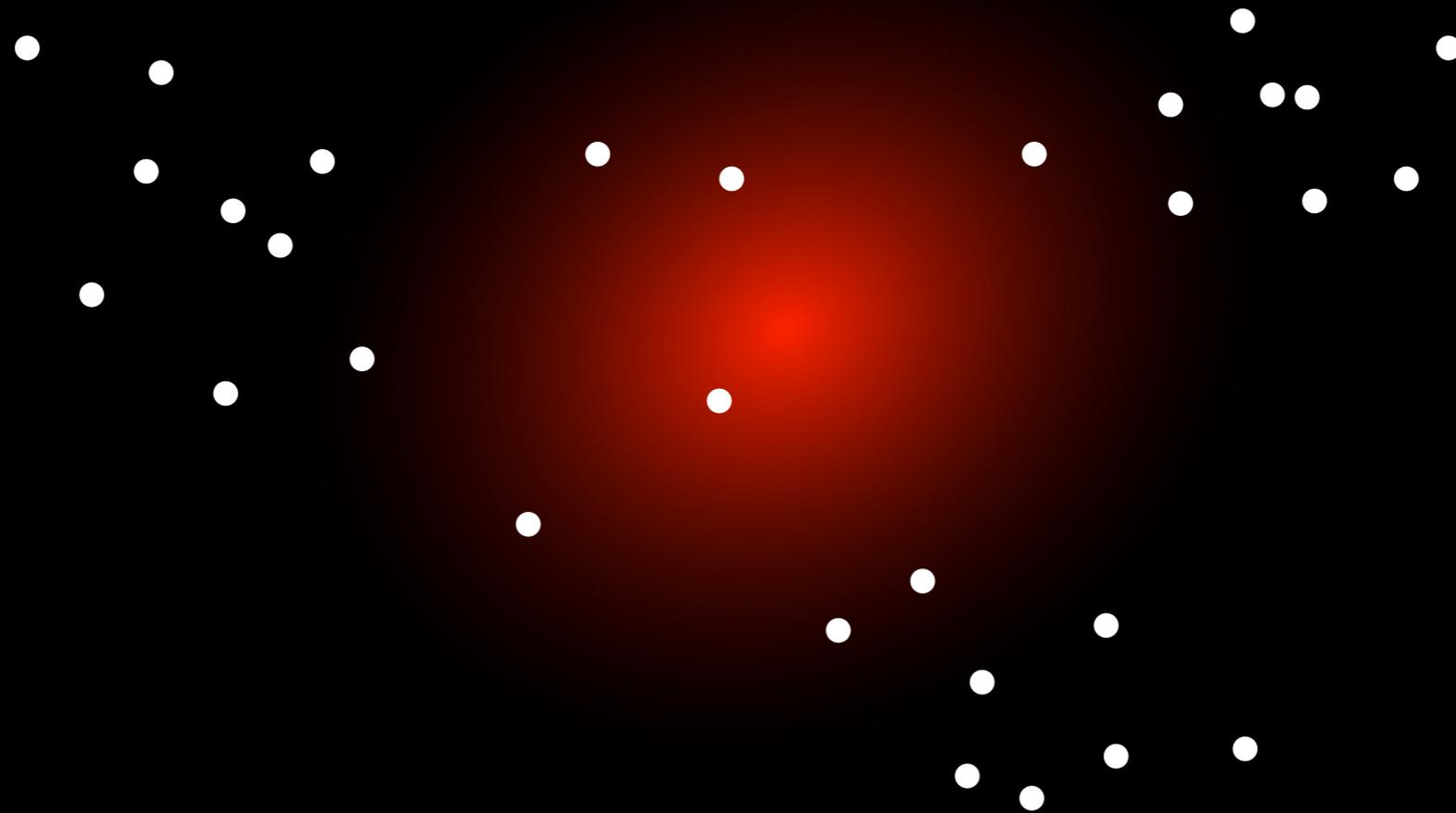
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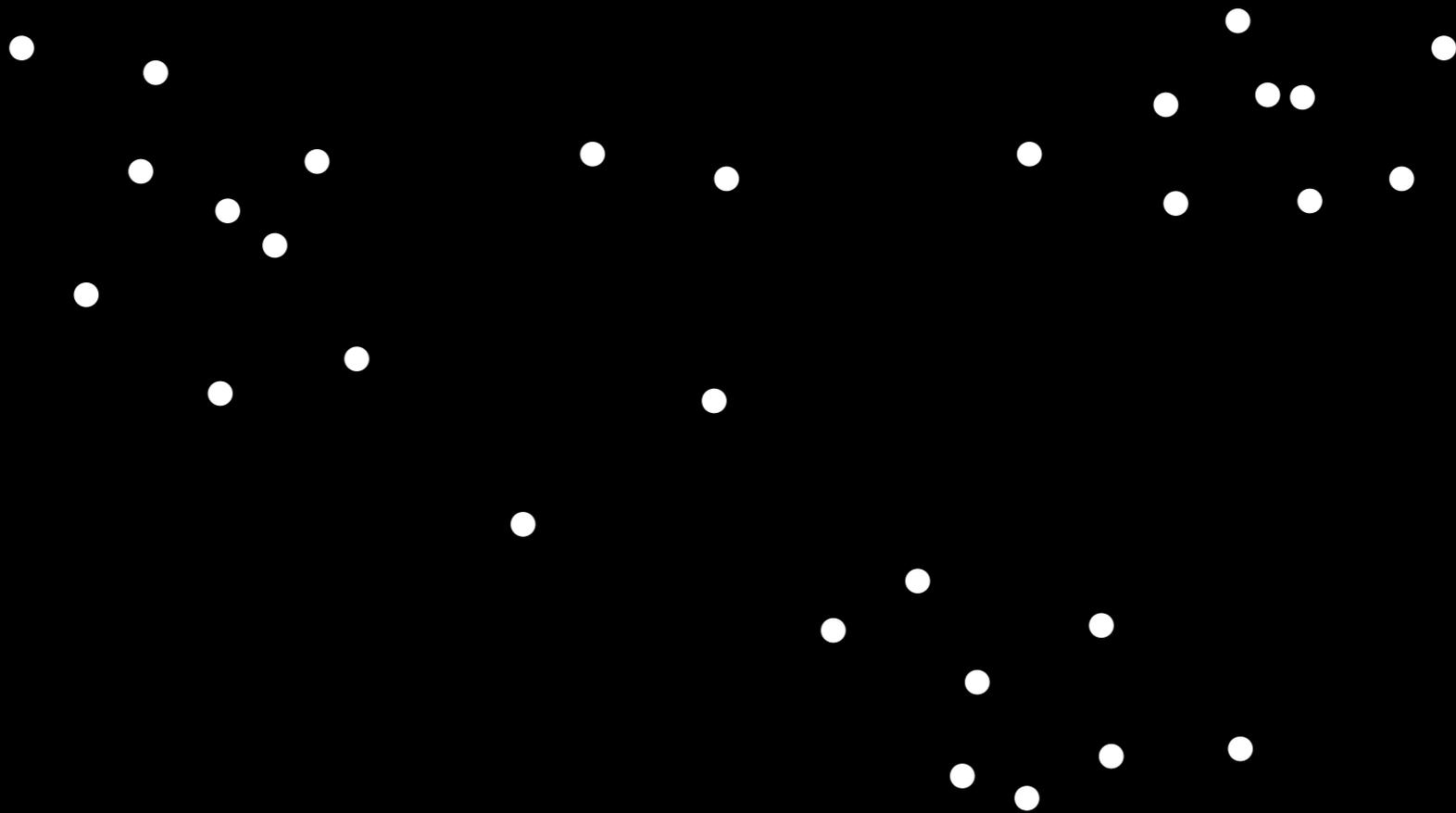
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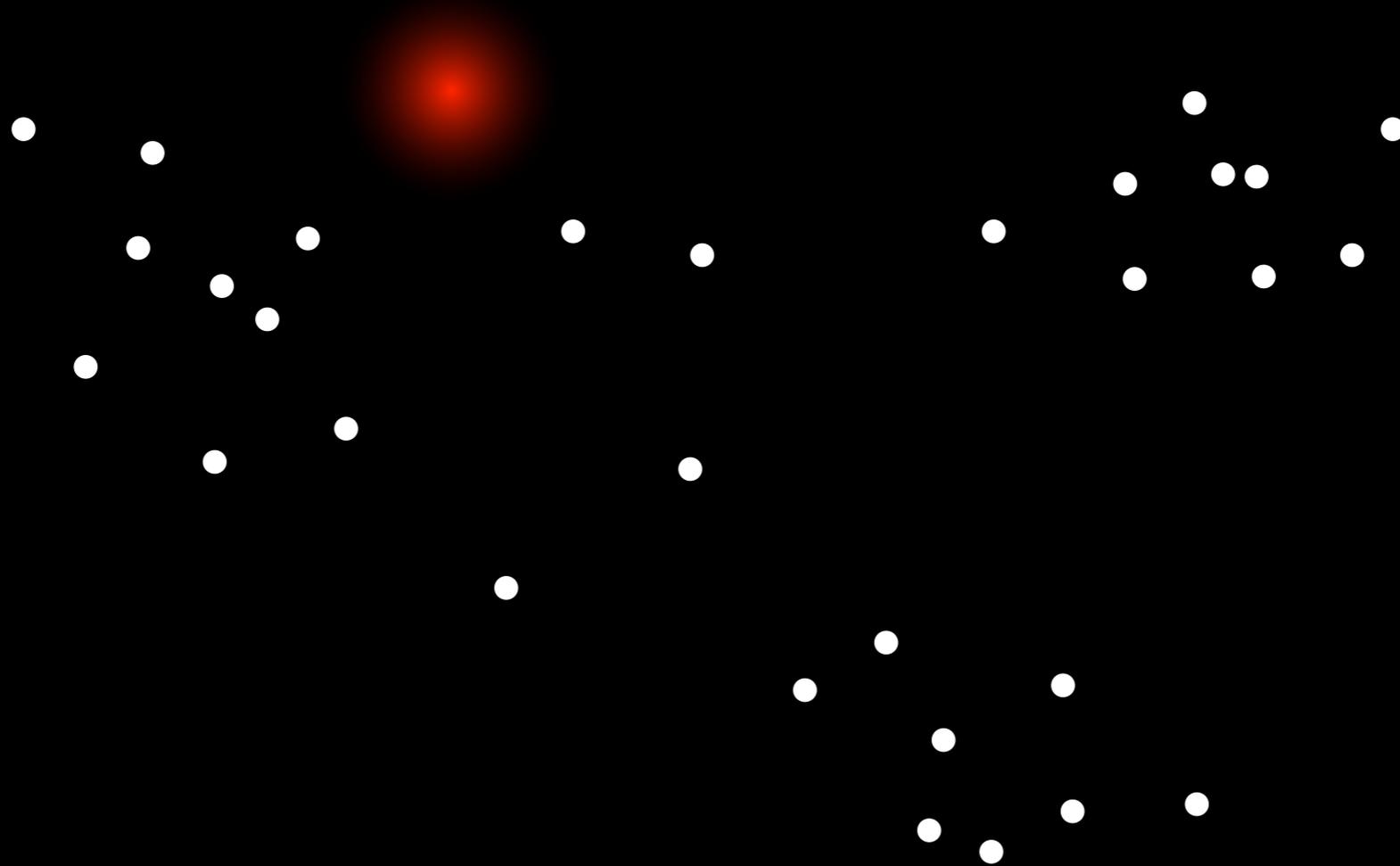
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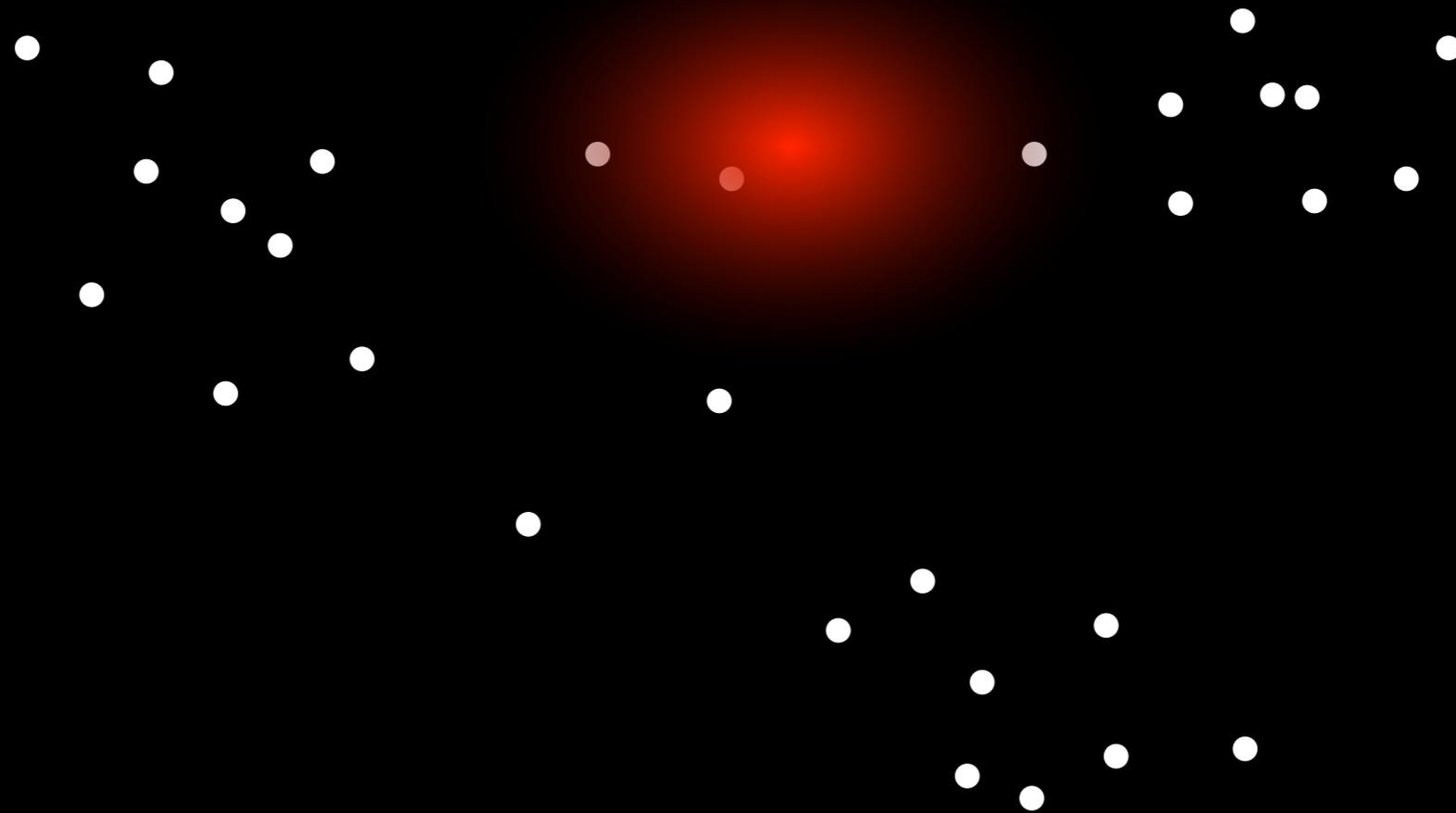
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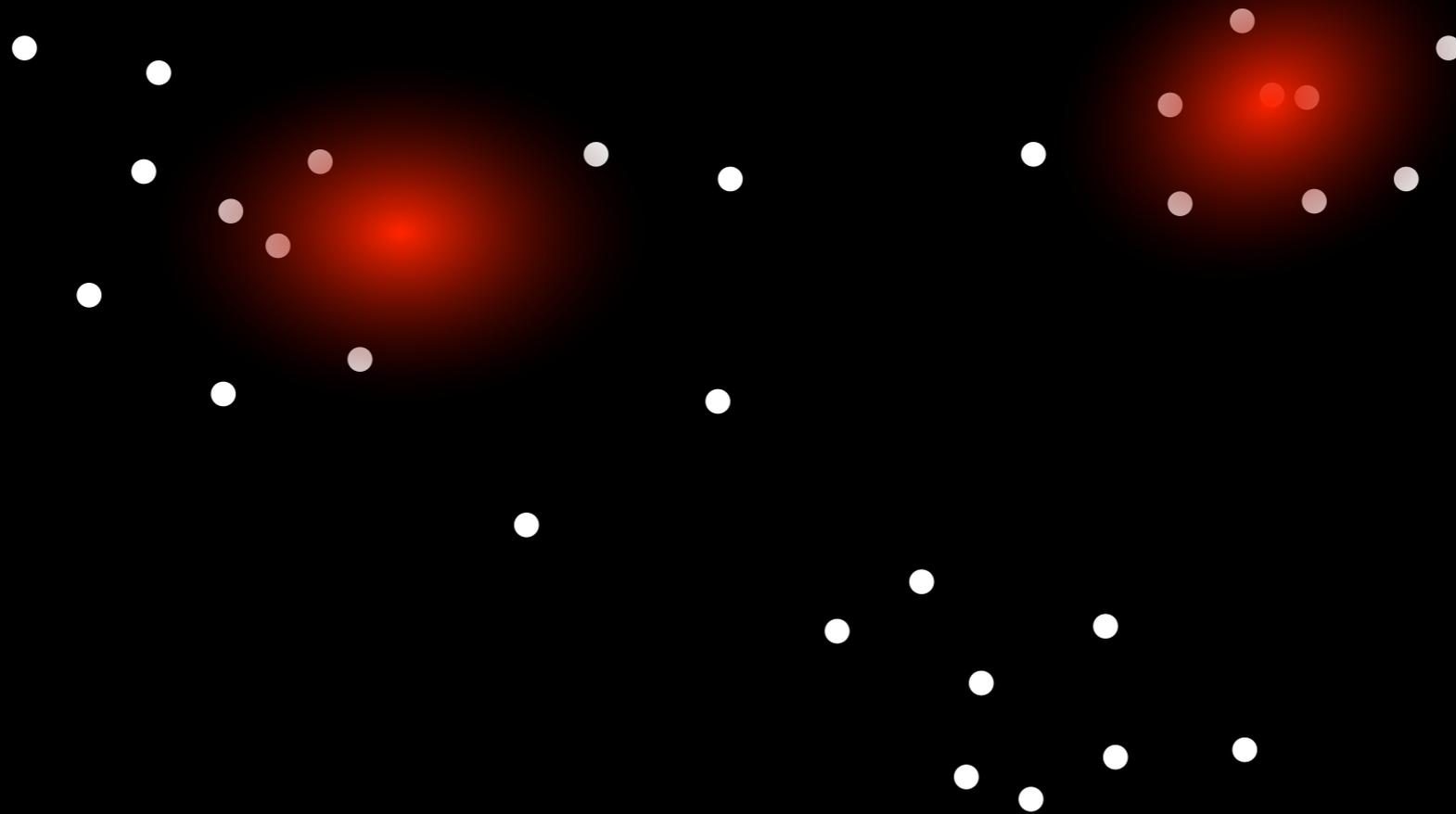
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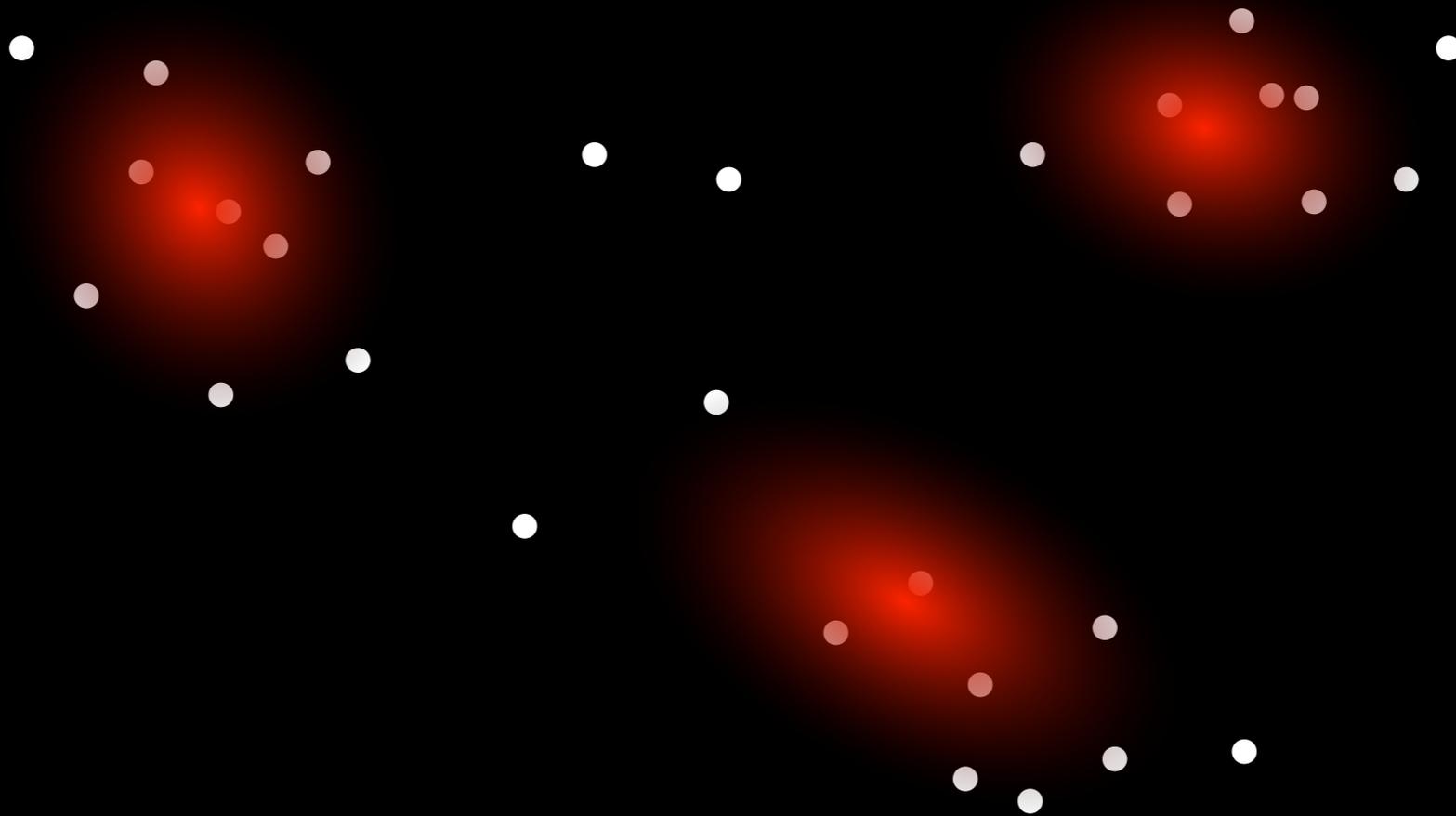
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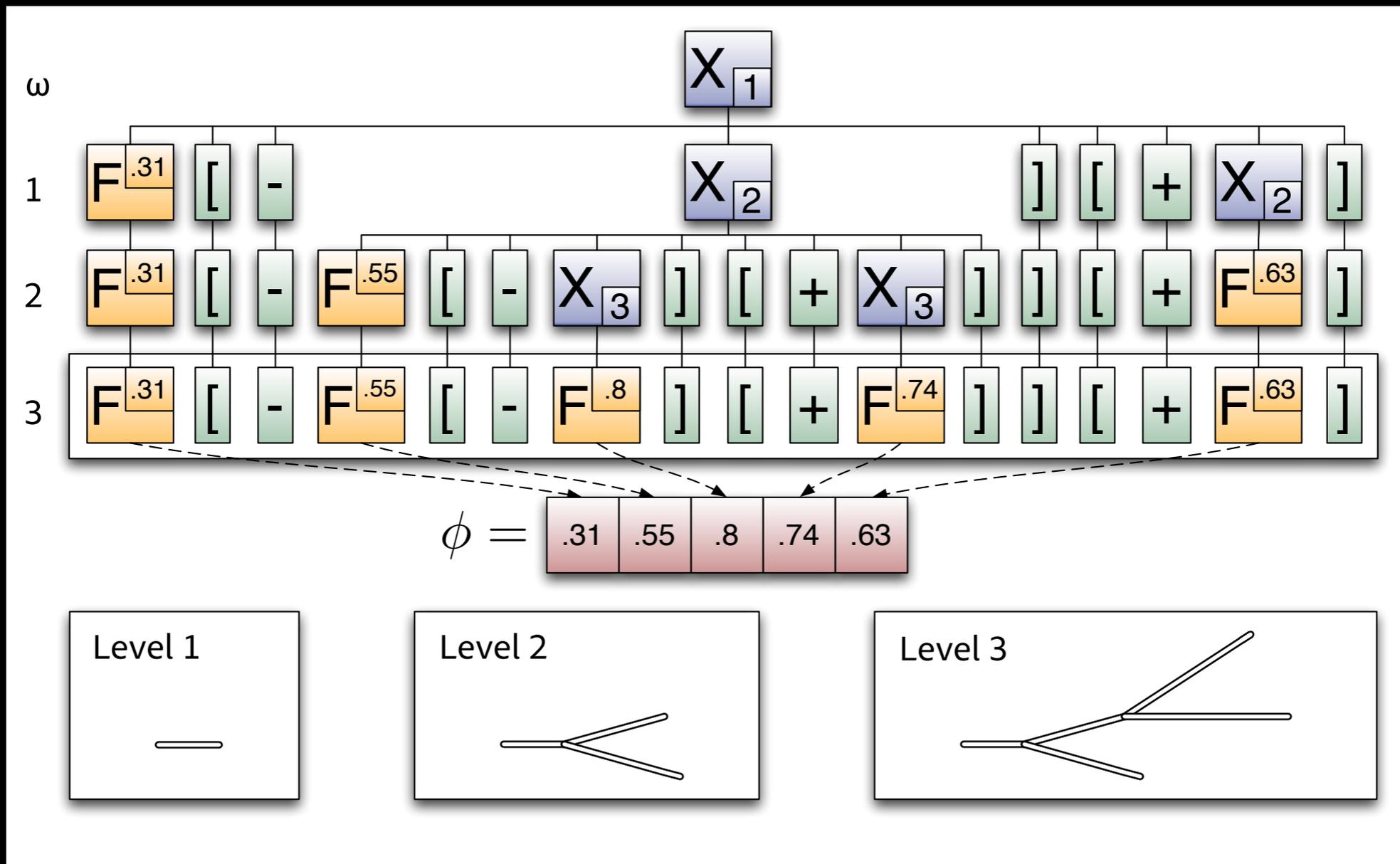
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## RJMCMC

- start with random sample  $\delta \sim \pi(\cdot)$
- dimension-preserving *diffusion* moves
- dimension-altering *jump* moves

# Model Prior



$$\pi(\delta) \propto \prod_{s \in \delta} P(s | \text{parent}(s)) \prod_{t \in \delta \Rightarrow} \prod_{i \in t} \Phi_{t(i)}(\phi_{t(i)}),$$

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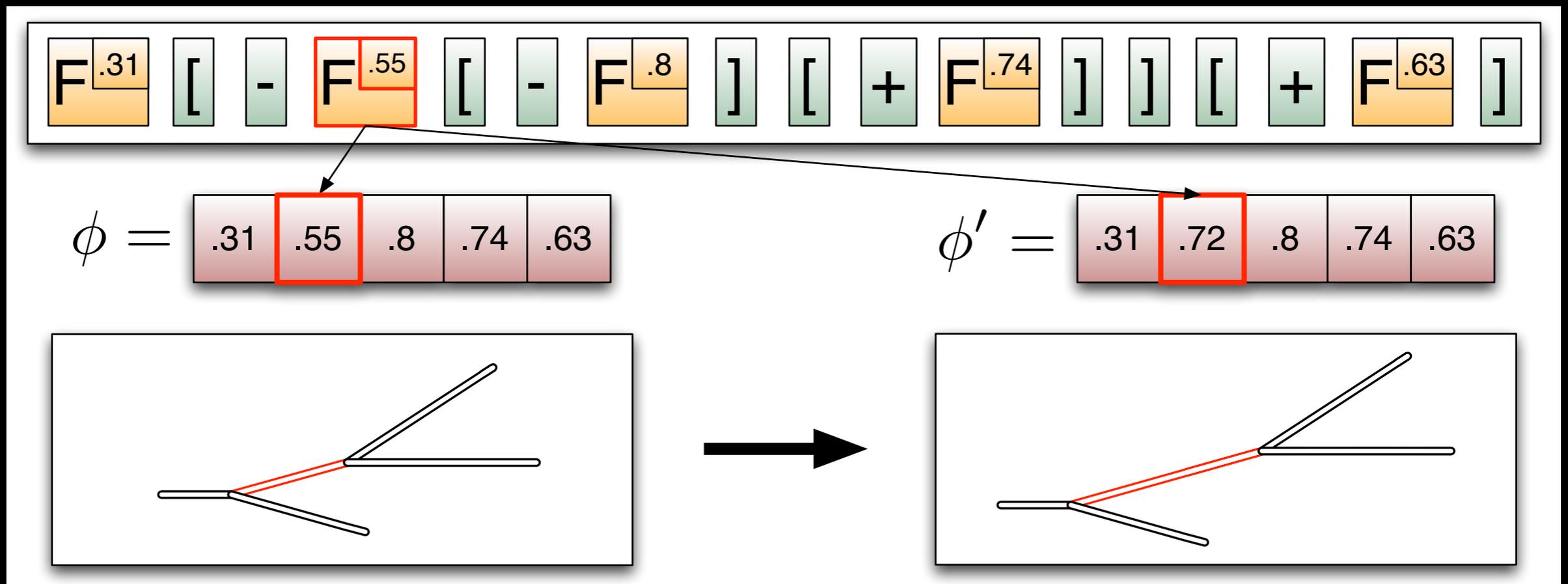
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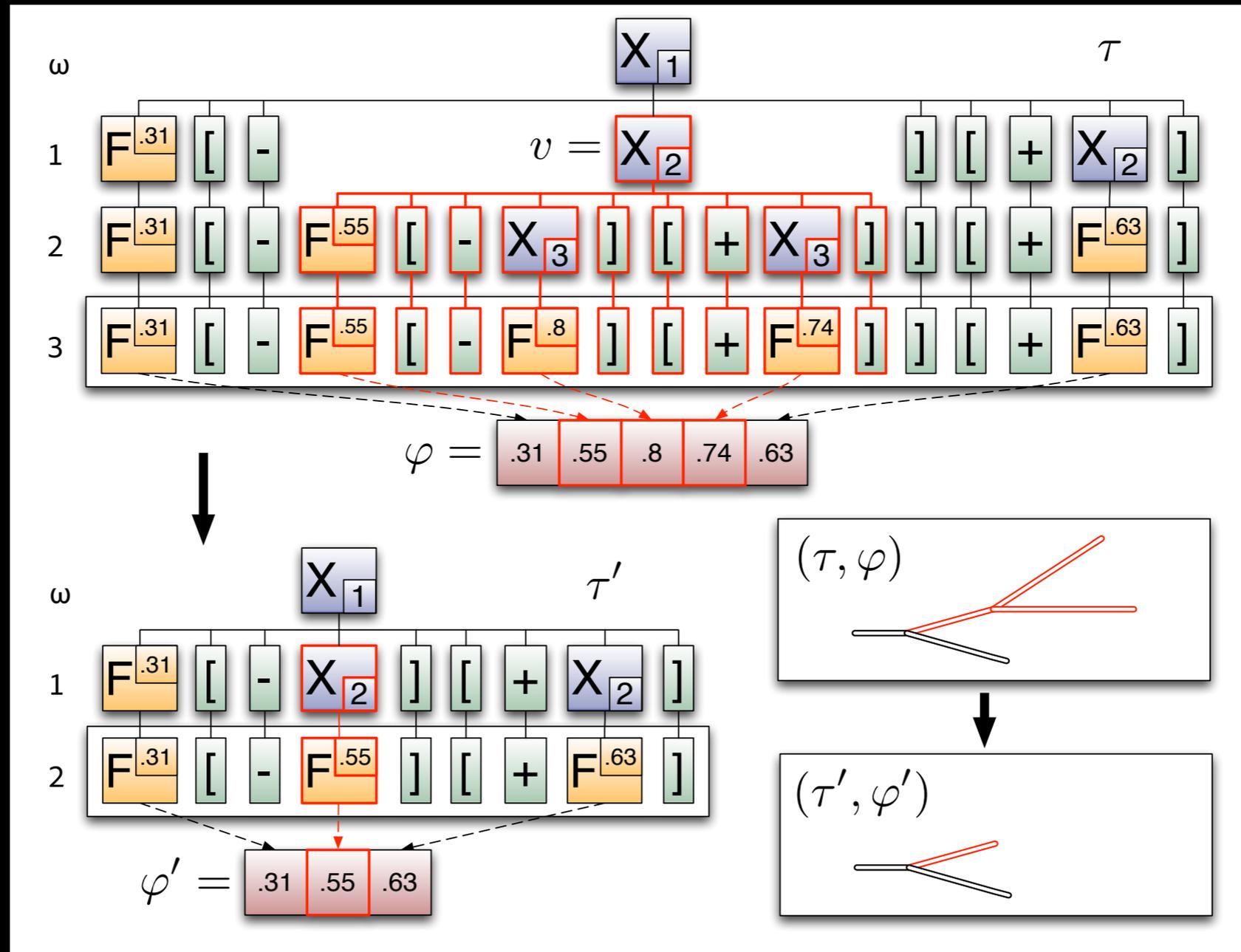
In principle, can use *any* cost function

# Diffusion Moves



$$\alpha(\delta'|\delta) = \min \left\{ 1, \frac{p(\delta'|I)}{p(\delta|I)} \prod_i \frac{\Phi_{t(i)}(\phi_{t(i)})}{\Phi_{t(i)}(\phi'_{t(i)})} \right\} = \min \left\{ 1, \frac{L(I|\delta')}{L(I|\delta)} \right\}$$

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$$f_{m \rightarrow n} : \mathcal{X}_m \times \mathcal{U}_{m,n} \rightarrow \mathcal{X}_n \times \mathcal{U}_{n,m}$$

with  $f_{m \rightarrow n}$  deterministic, differentiable, invertible

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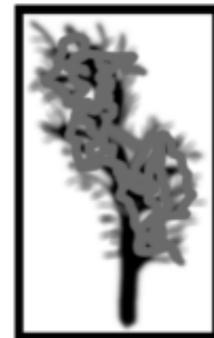
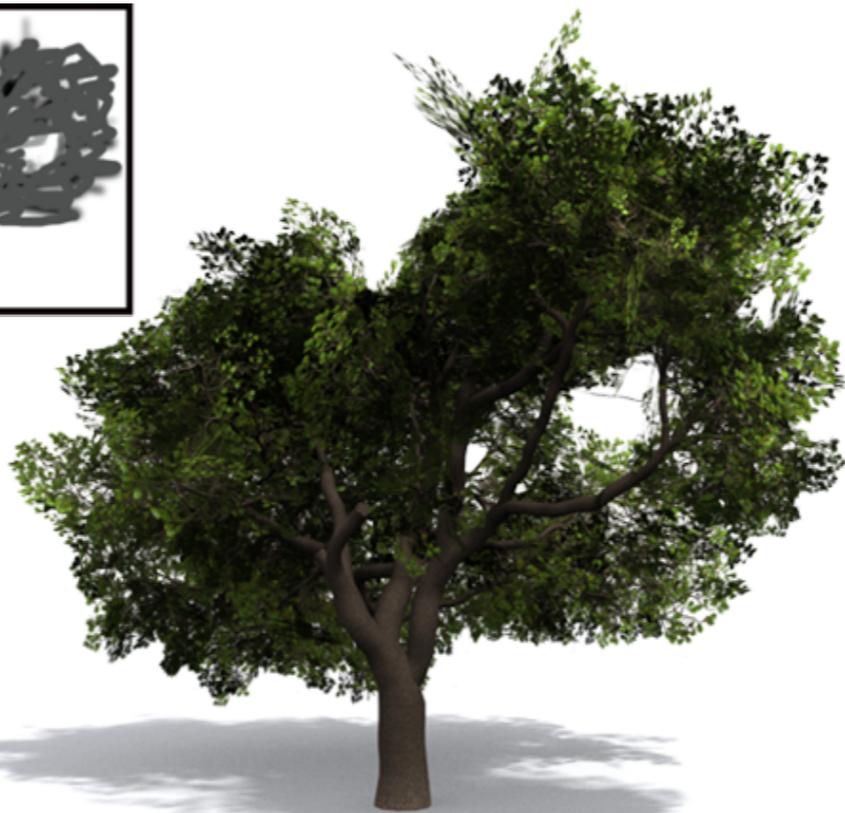
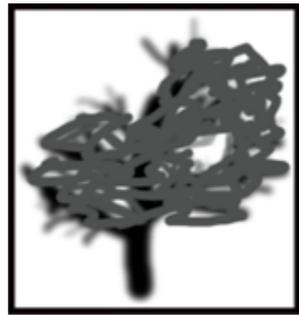
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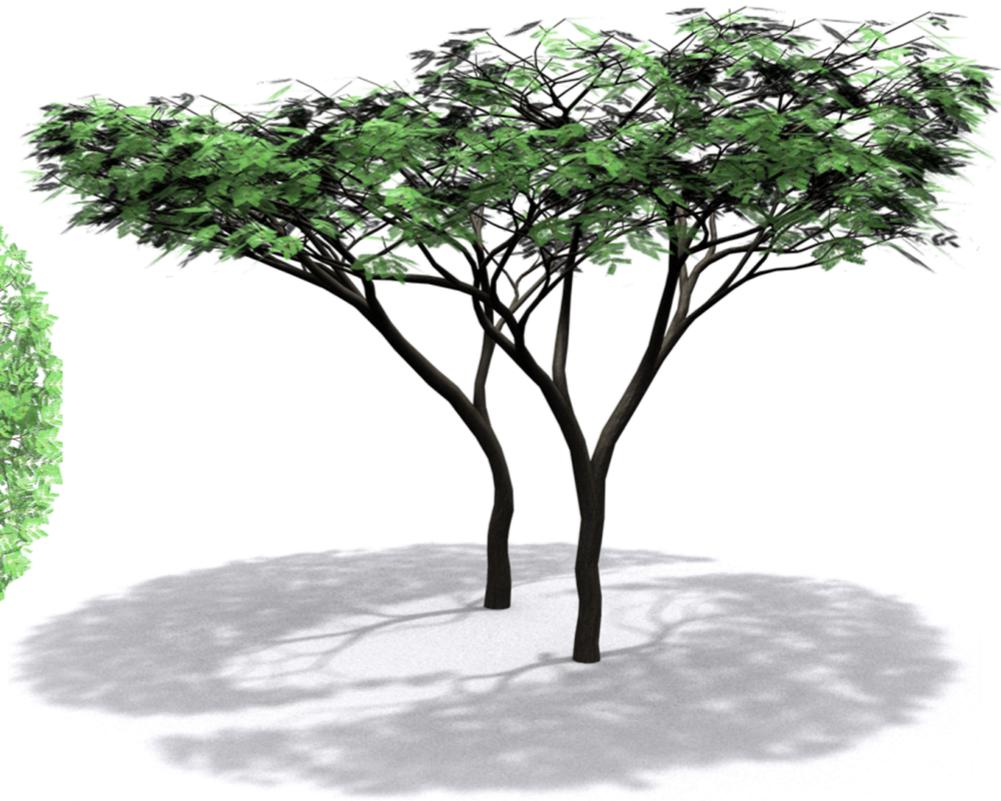
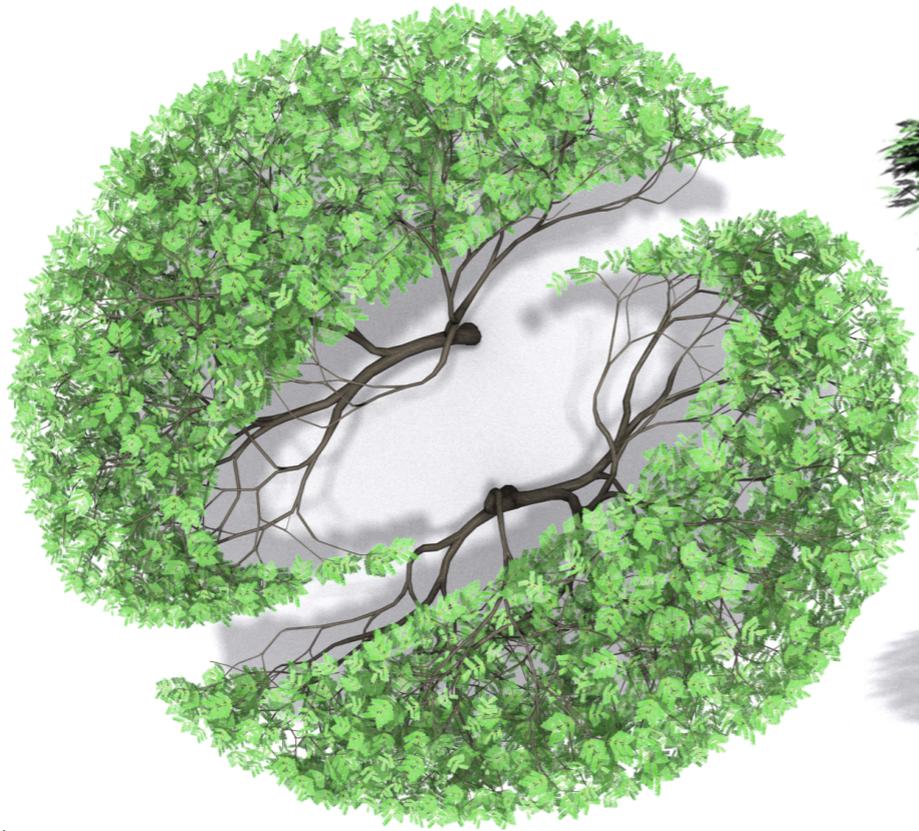
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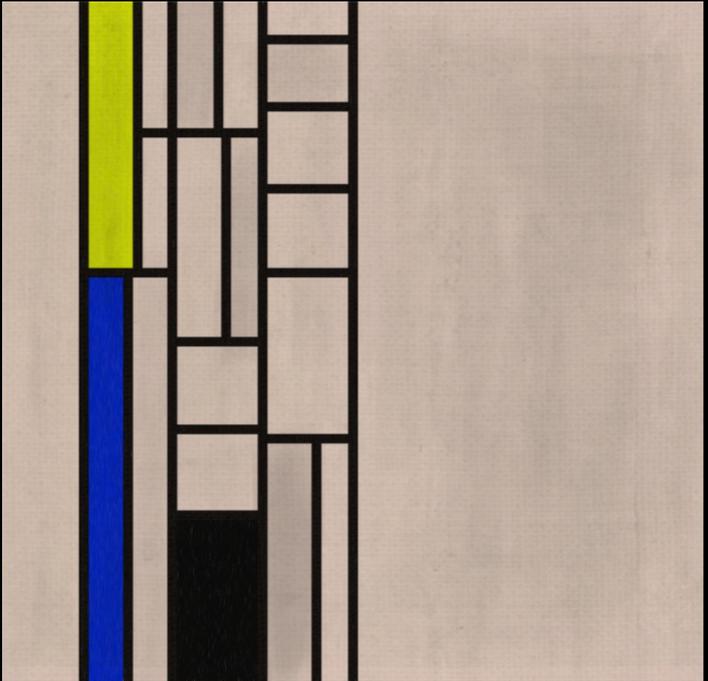
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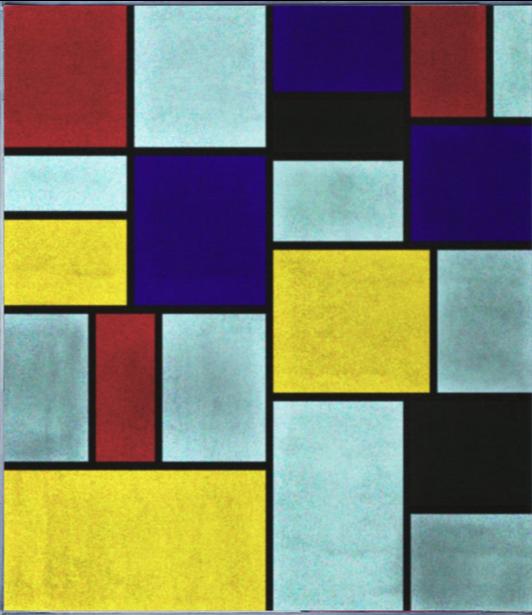
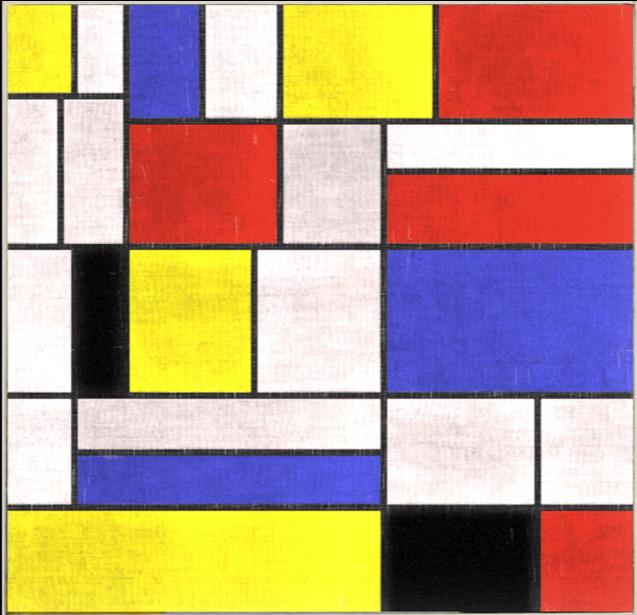
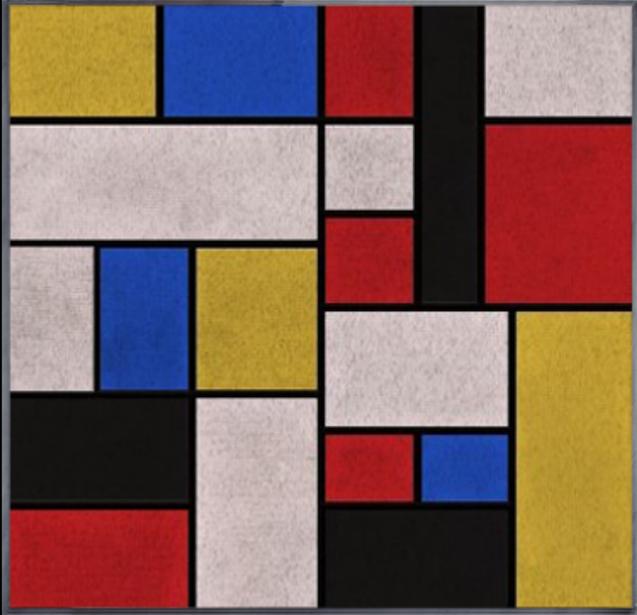
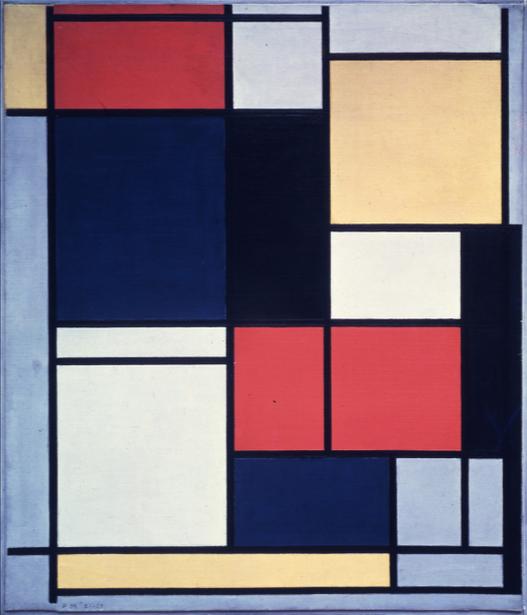
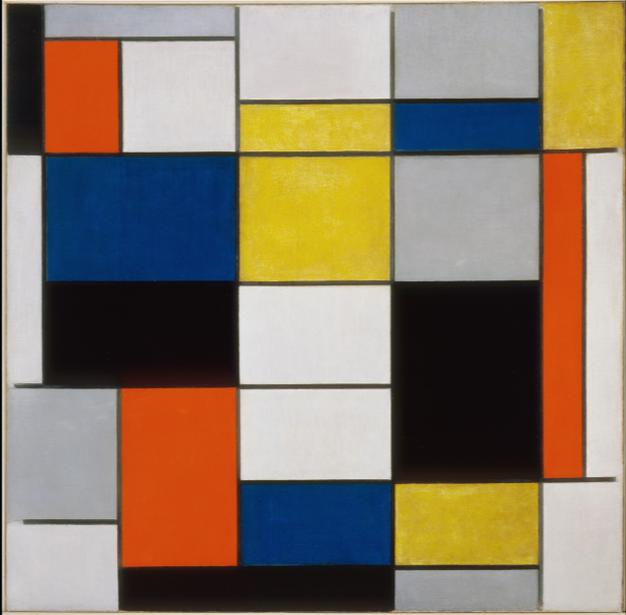
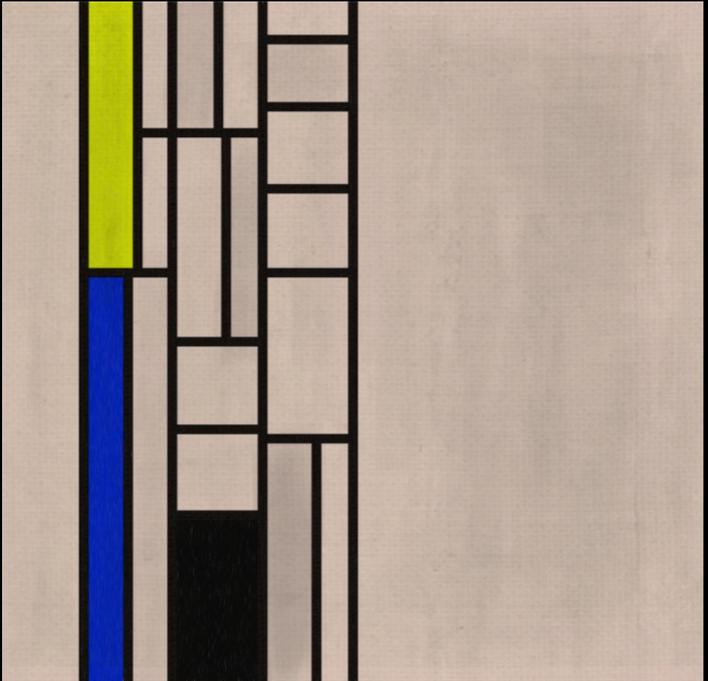
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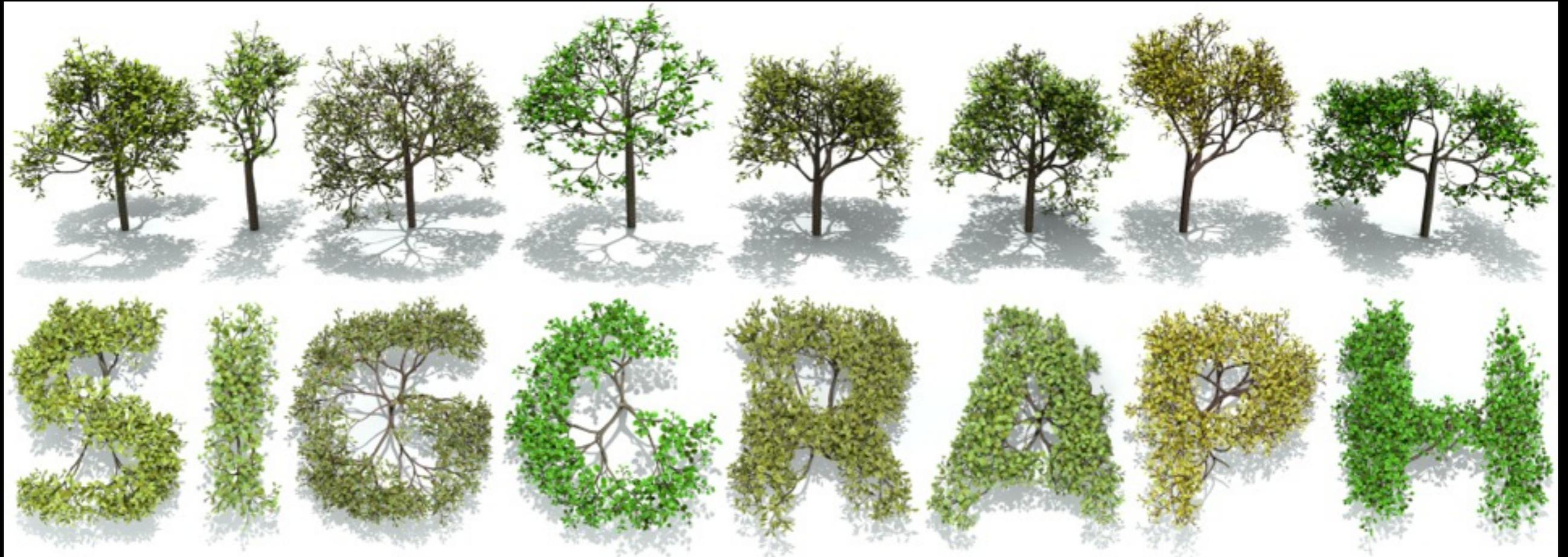


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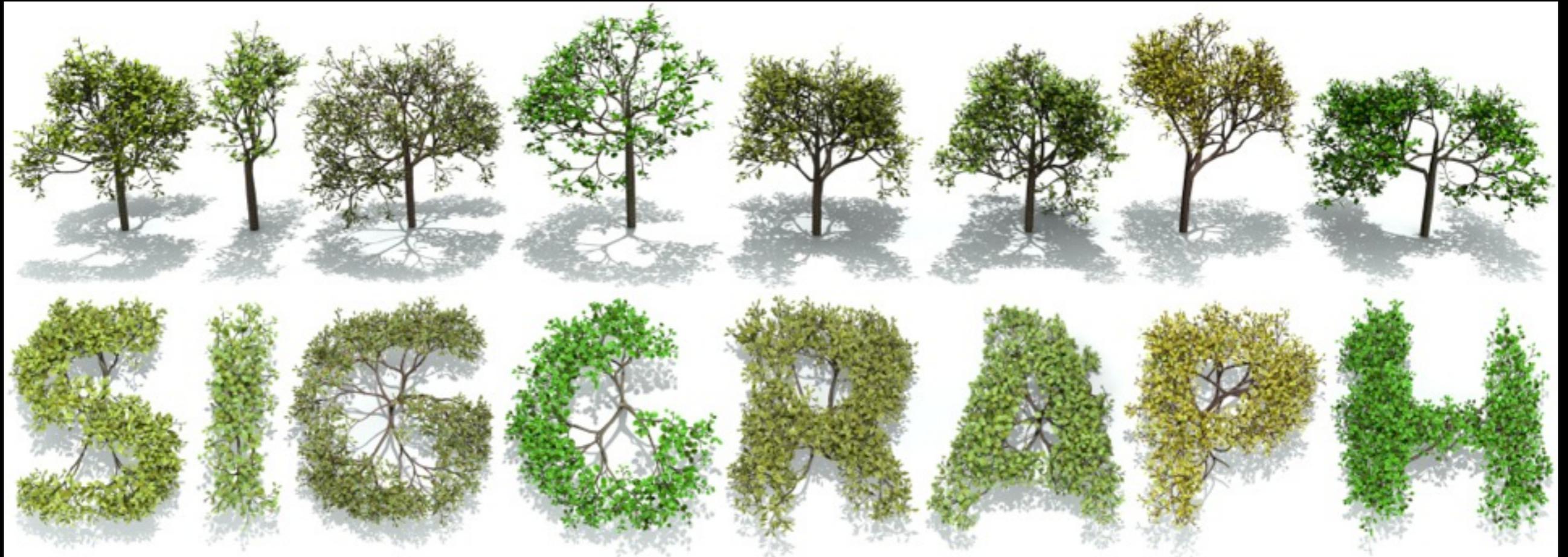
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Acacia (9)	21,176	29,909	29	50,862	265k	4h
Willow (9)	70,754	164,823	34	166,328	385k	10h
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Old Oak (10)	53,624	71,738	30	66,191	560k	6h
Poplar (10)	11,019	12,836	32	193,016	90k	2h
Building (11)	9,673	16,805	28	1,660	850k	30m
Mondrian (15)	74	134	21	38	6k	5s

- Tempered transitions [Neal '94], parallel tempering [Geyer '91], delayed rejection [Tierney & Mira '99]
- Sequential & data-driven MCMC [Tu & Zhu '02]
- Coupling from the past [Propp & Wilson '96]

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