

Virtual Environments for Communicating Changing Forests

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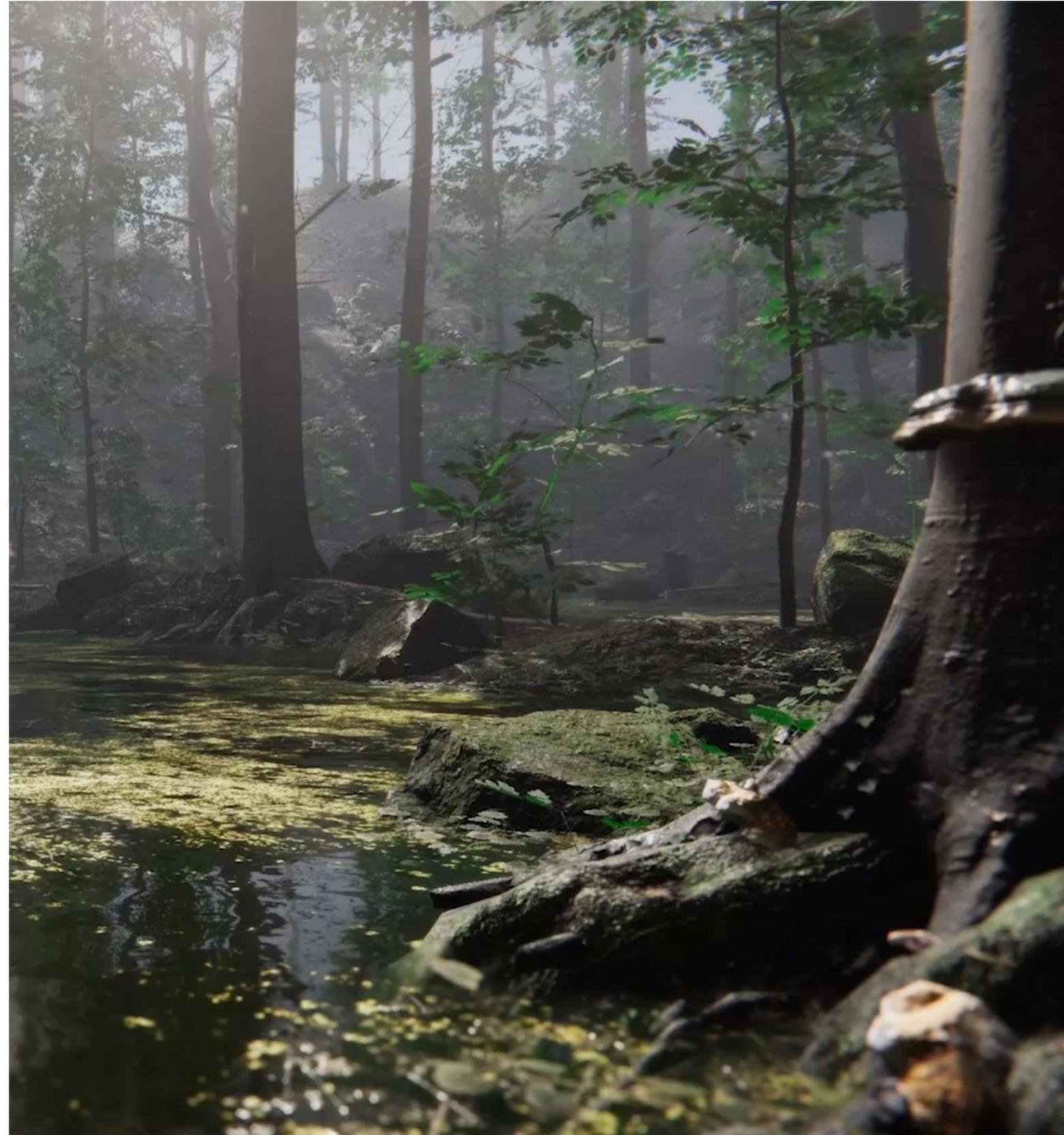
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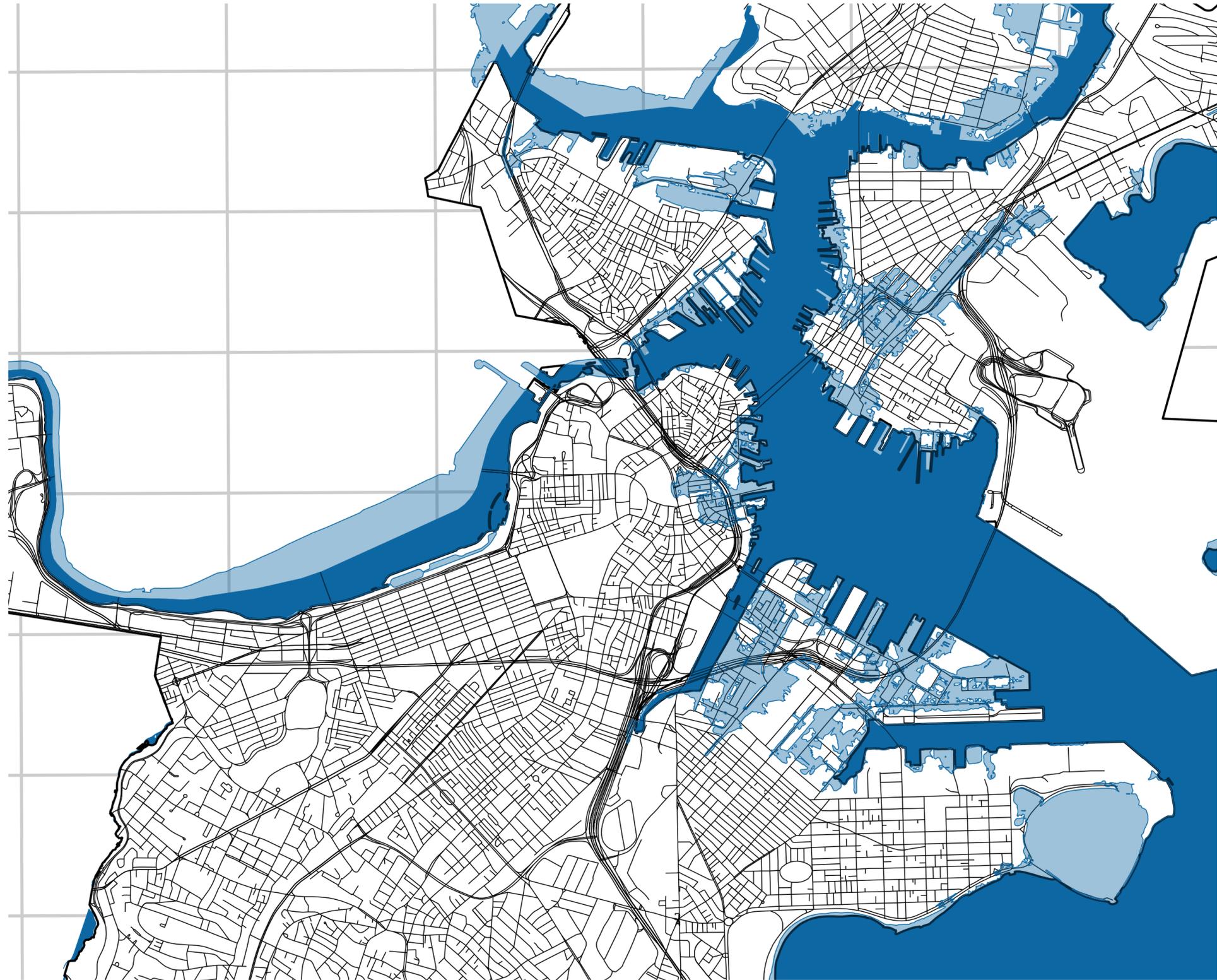
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- These slides:
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What's a virtual environment?





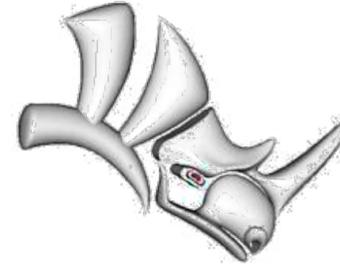




**Using Tree Modeling Applications and
Game Design Software to
Simulate Tree Growth, Mortality,
and Community Interaction**

Ackerman et al. 2021 J. Digit. Landsc. Archit.

What's the problem?



**UNREAL
ENGINE**



Unity[®]





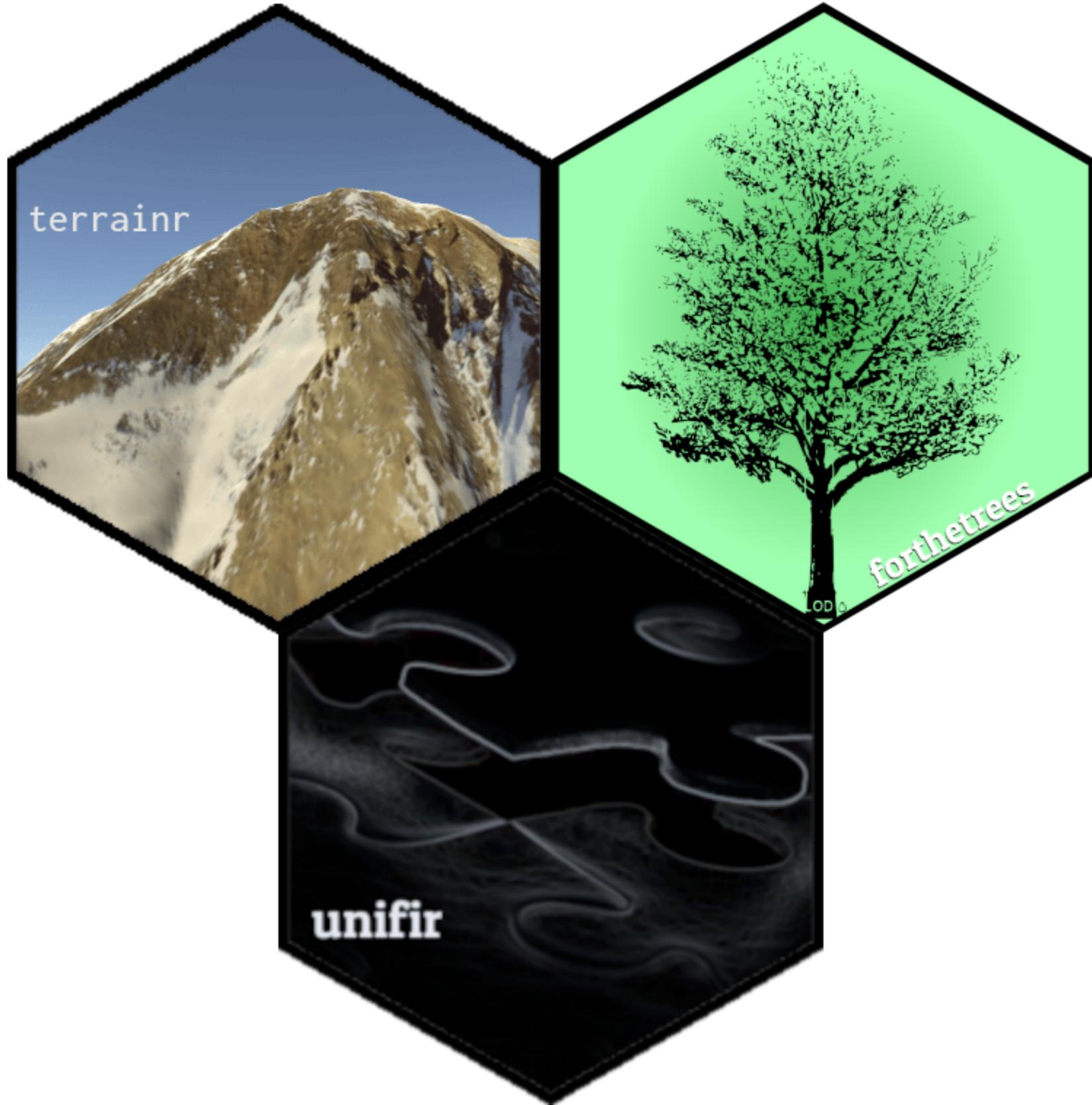
Missing elements:

1. Reusability

2. Reproducibility

3. Replicability

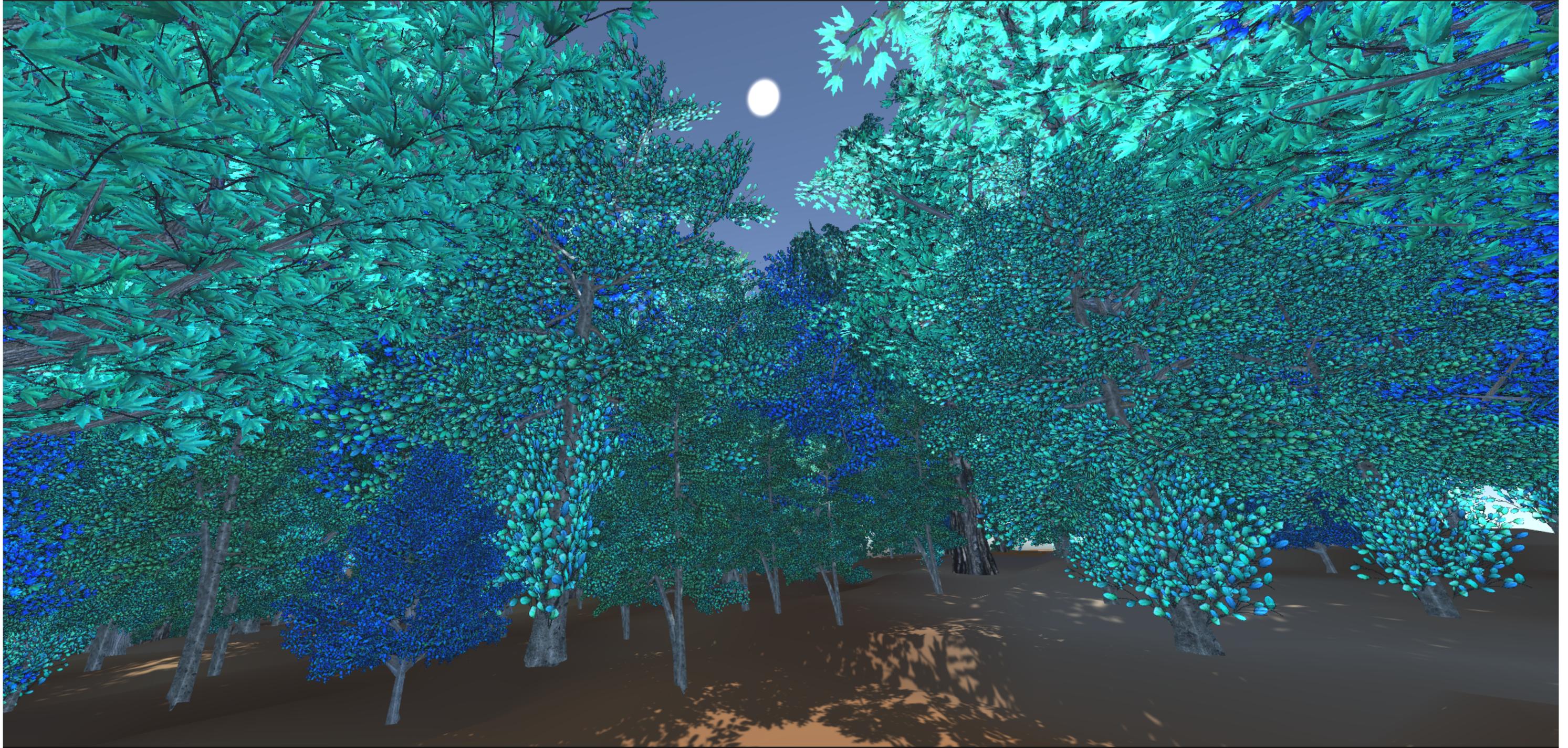
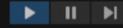
What are we doing about it?



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1 library(sf)
2 library(unifir)
3 library(terrainr)
4 first_run ← make_unity(
5   "ifs_scene",
6   "elev.tiff",
7   "texture.png",
8   side_length = 257,
9   scene_name = "first",
10  action = FALSE
11 )
12
13 first_run ▷
14   import_asset("anim") ▷
15   instantiate_prefab(
16     scene_name = "first",
17     prefab_path = file.path("Assets", first_trees$model),
18     x_position = first_trees$X,
19     y_position = first_trees$lyr.1,
20     z_position = first_trees$Y,
21     x_scale = first_trees$scale,
22     y_scale = first_trees$scale,
23     z_scale = first_trees$scale
24   ) ▷
25   add_default_player(
26     scene_name = "first",
27     x_position = 245,
28     y_position = 535,
29     z_position = 32
30   ) ▷
31   save_scene(scene_name = "first") ▷
32   set_active_scene(scene_name = "first") ▷
33   action()
34

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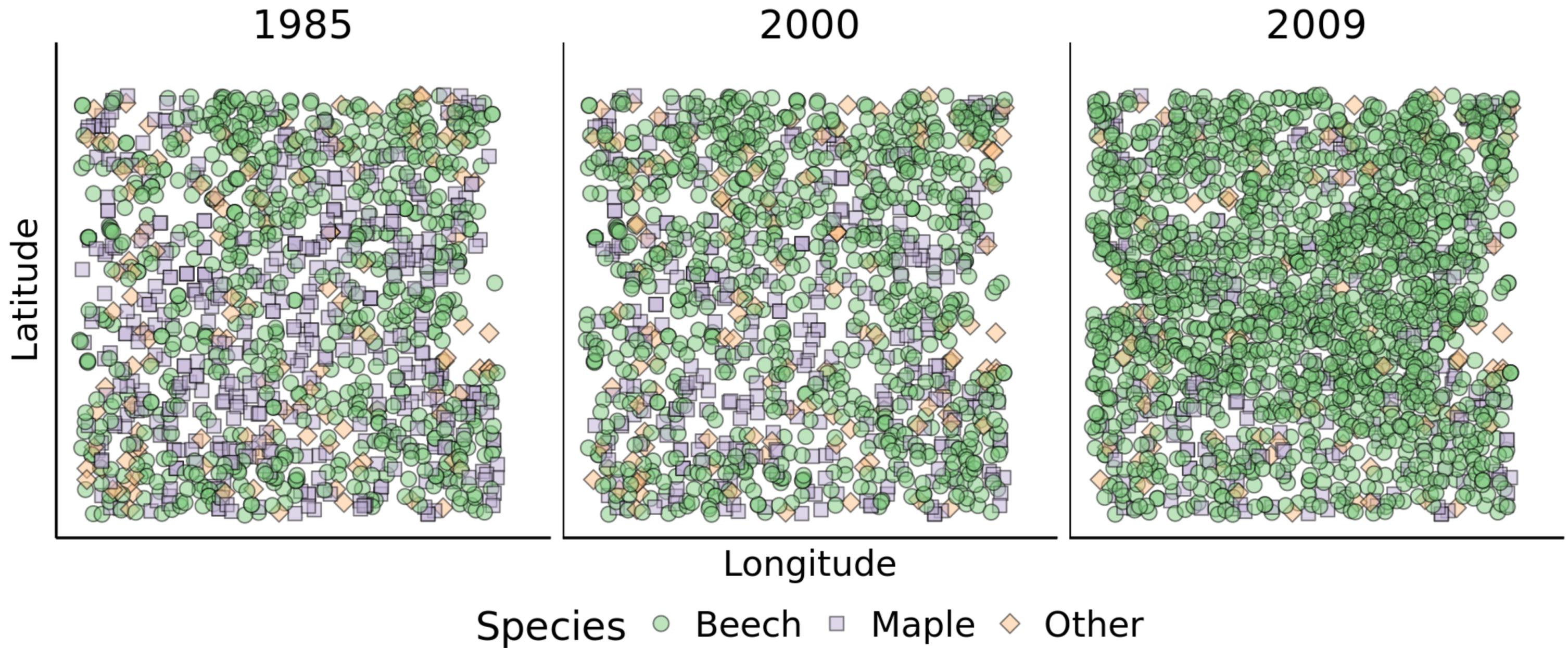


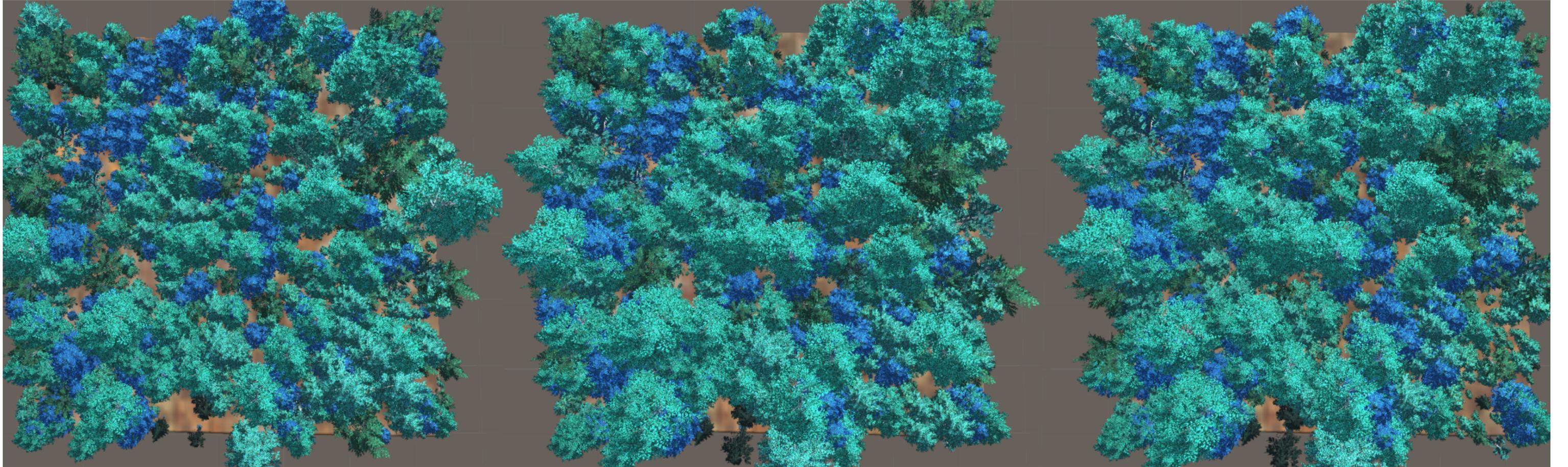
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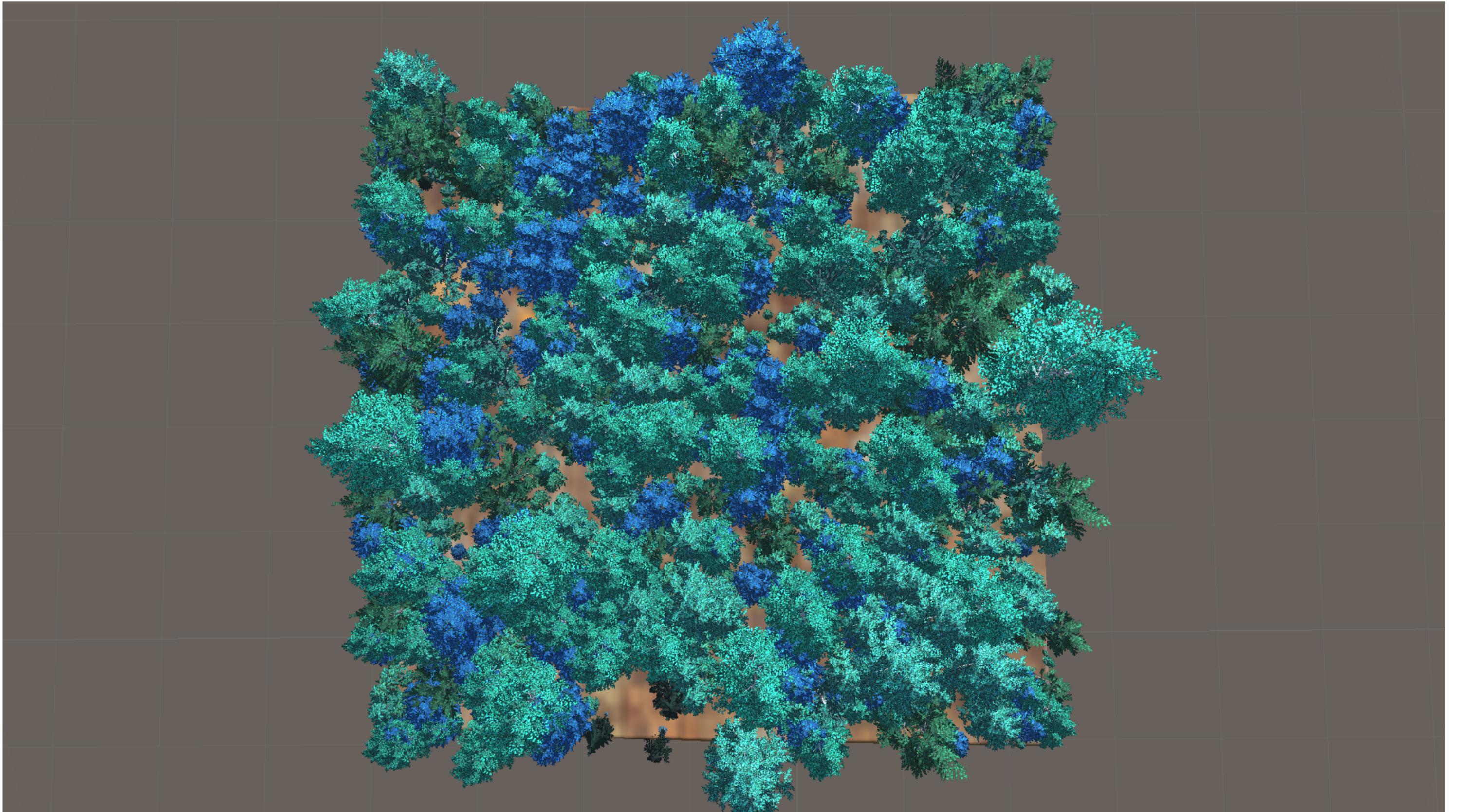
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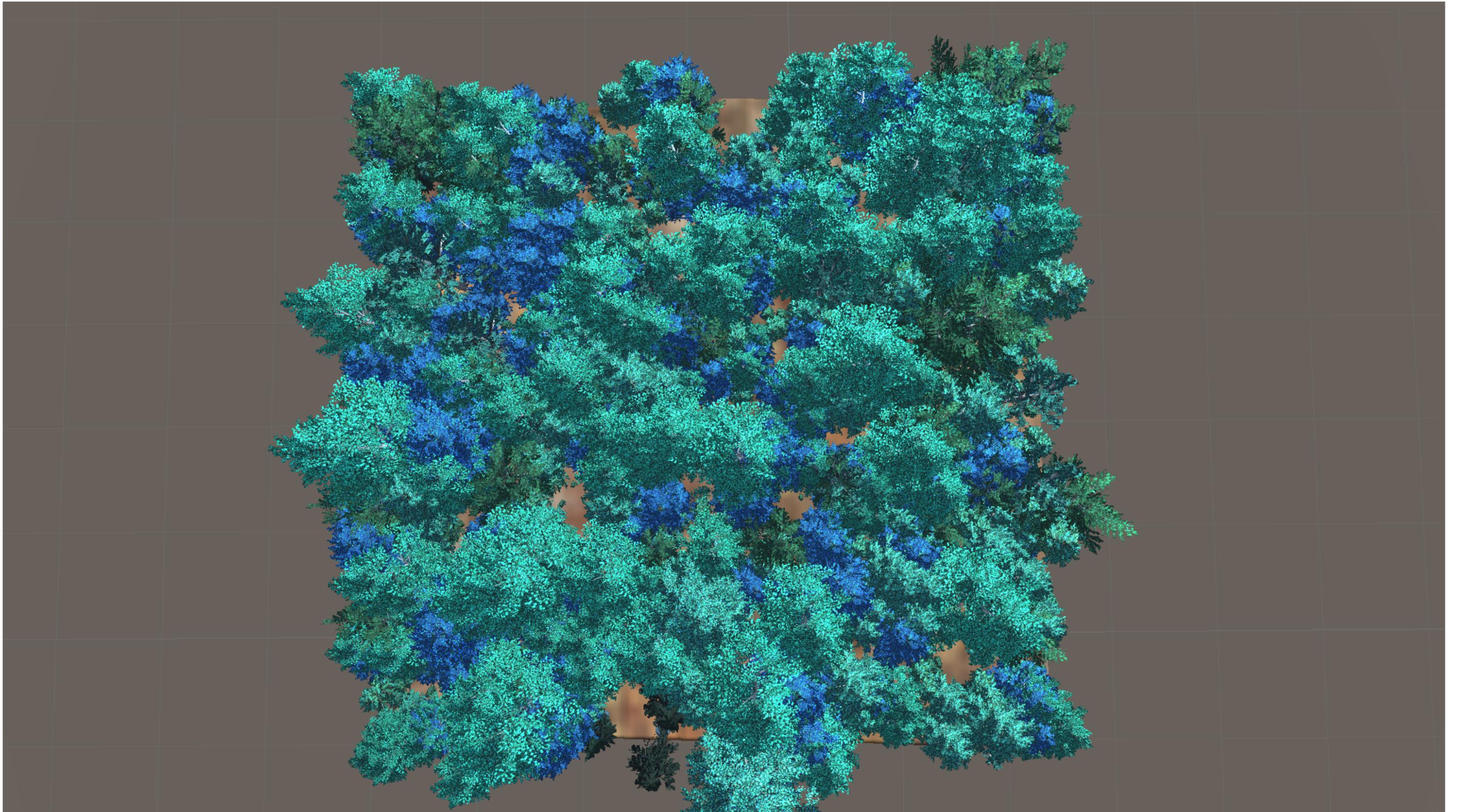
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1 read.csv("~/data/ifs_all_data.csv") |> head()
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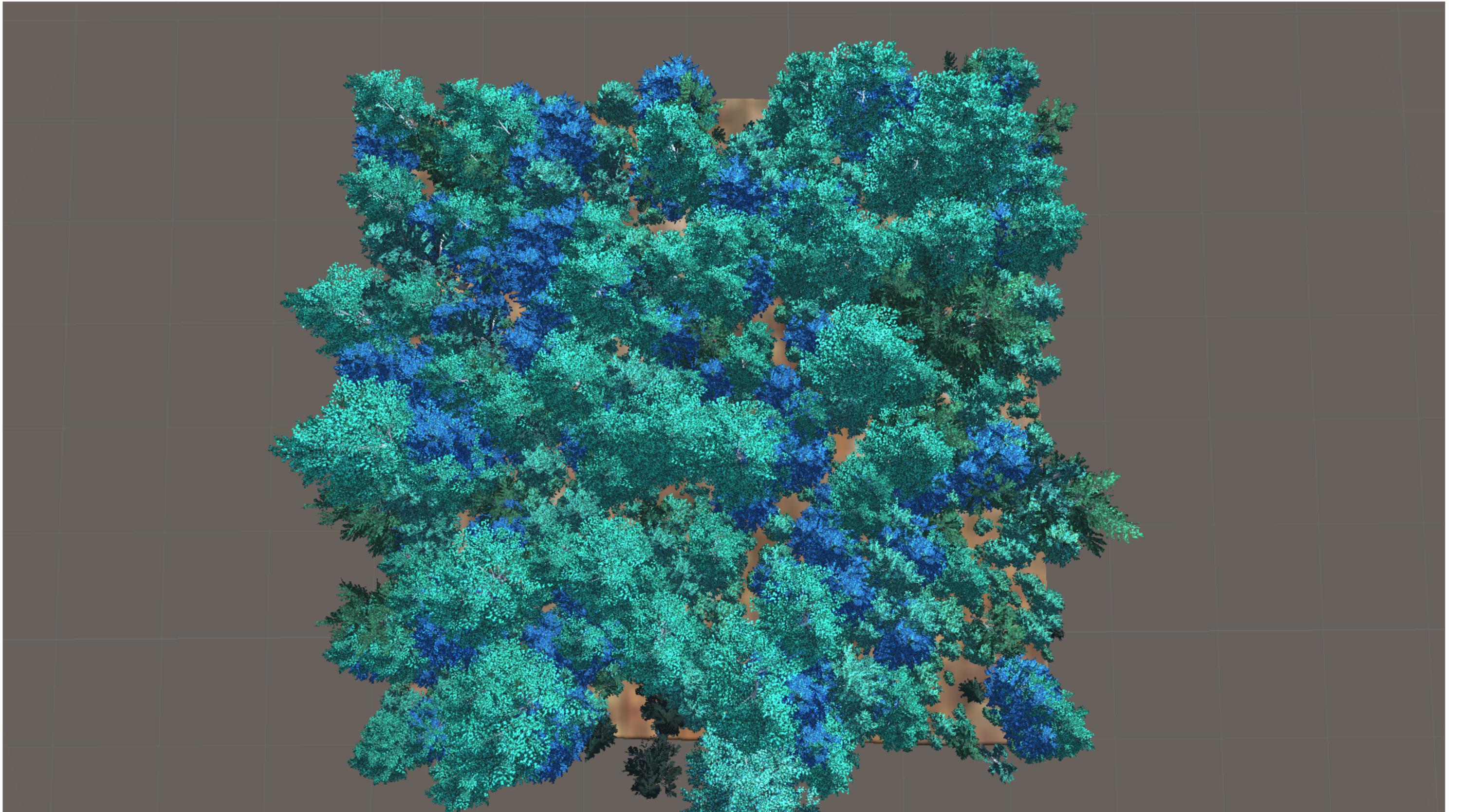
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2	NA		1	127.491	139.673	541.54	NA	541.538	7.9	
3	1768		1	120.338	139.649	540.59	NA	540.593	5.8	
4	NA		1	121.828	139.959	540.56	NA	540.563	7.2	
5	NA		1	124.514	137.519	540.93	NA	540.929	27.4	
6	1764		1	130.178	137.482	541.96	NA	541.965	25.3	
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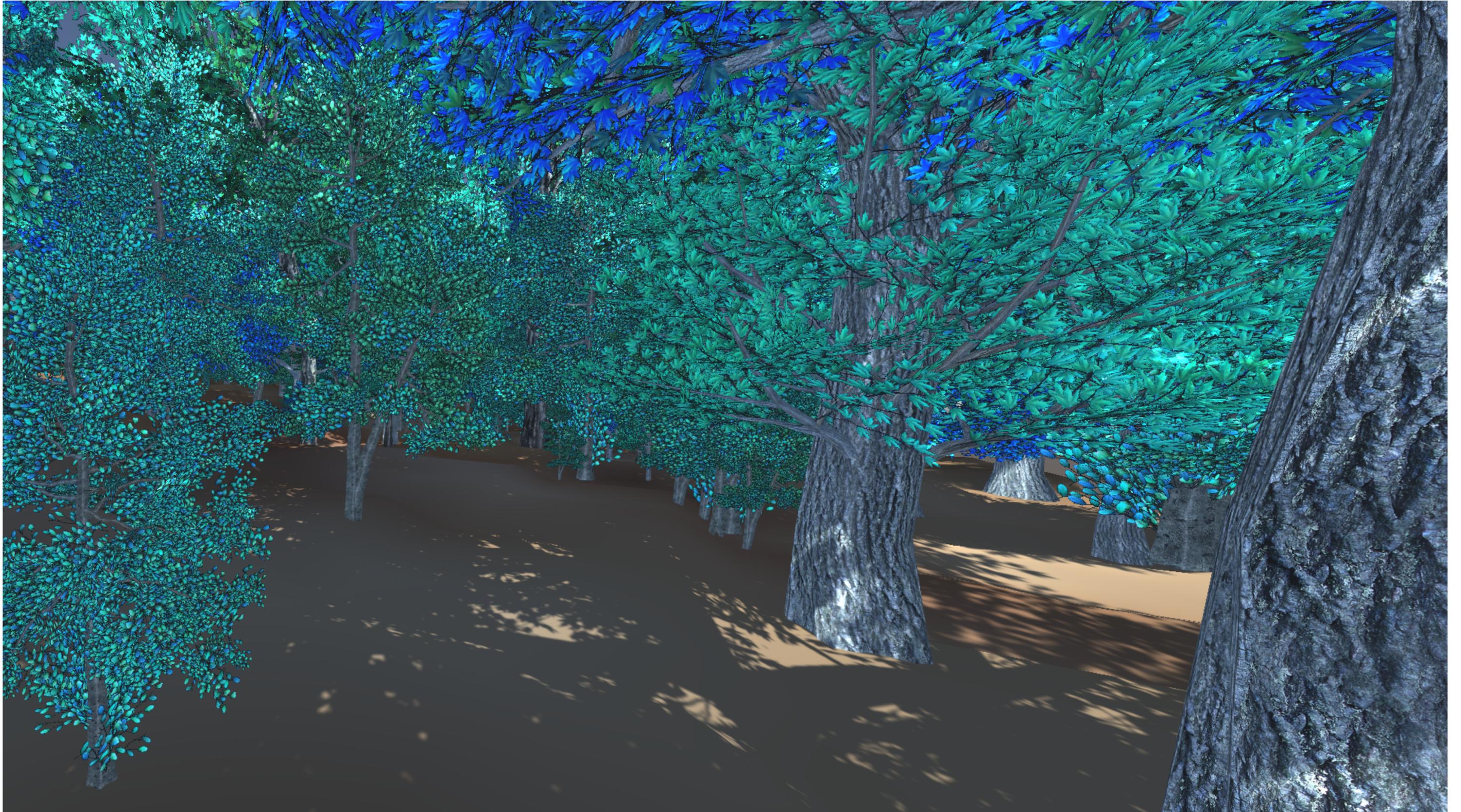


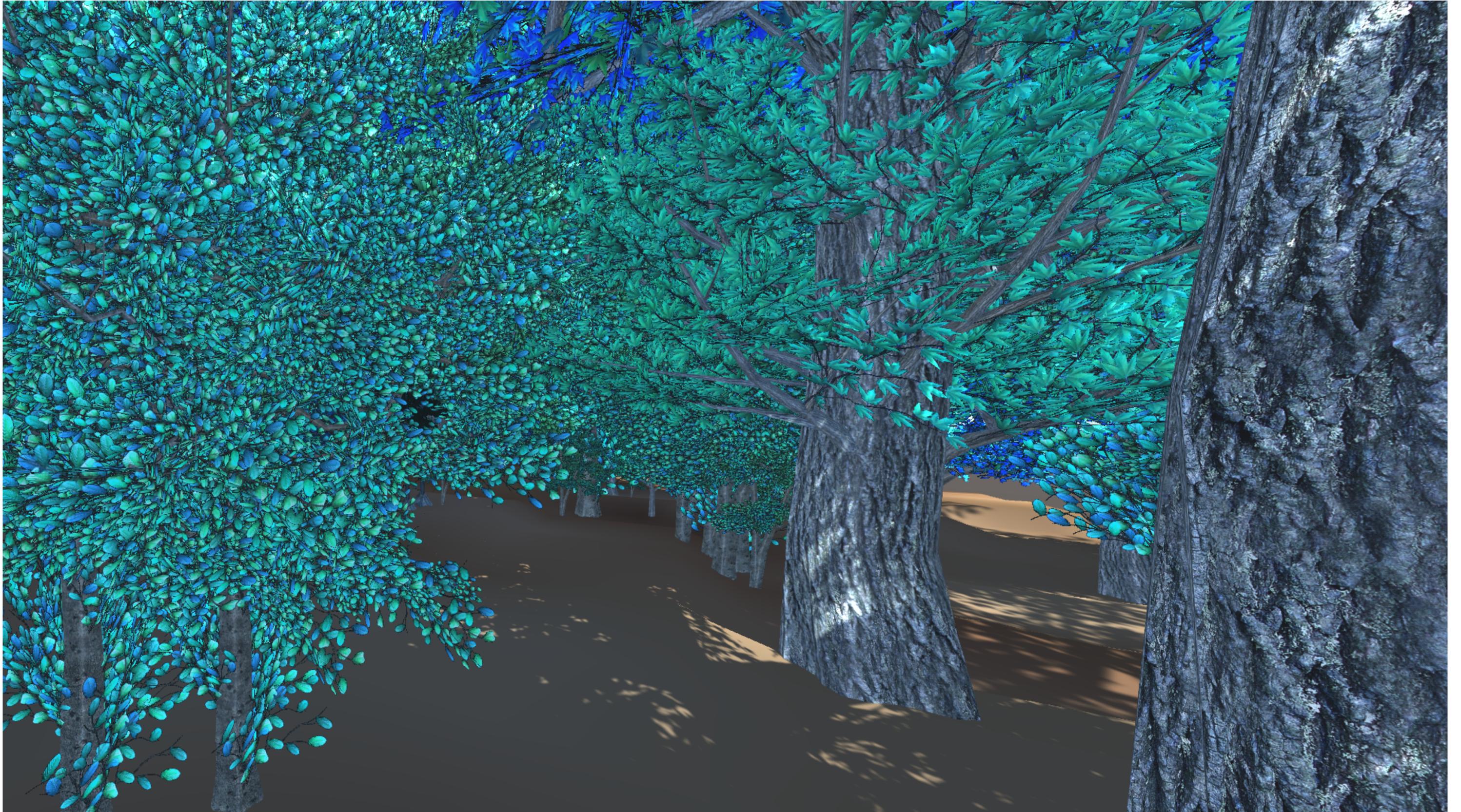


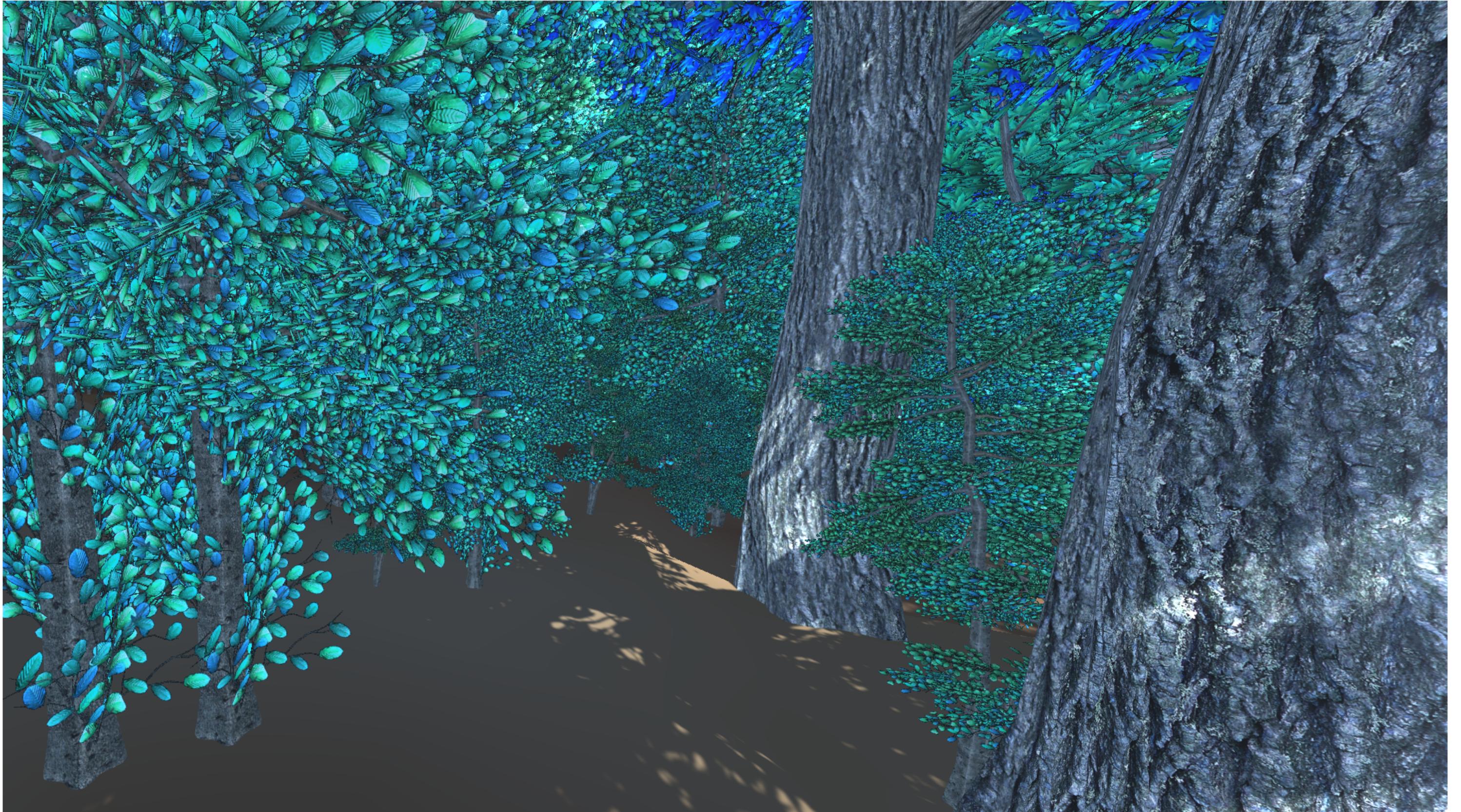












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