

**Figure 2:** Left: Treelet consisting of 7 leaves (A–G) and 6 internal nodes, including the root (R). The leaves can either be actual leaf nodes of the BVH (A, B, C, F), or they can represent arbitrary subtrees (D, E, G). Right: Reorganized treelet topology to minimize the overall SAH cost. Descendants of the treelet leaves are kept intact, but their location in the tree is allowed to change.