# **Fast Comparative Analysis of Merge Tree Using Locality Sensitive Hashing** Weiran Lyu, Raghavendra Sridharamurthy, Jeff M. Phillips, Bei Wang





- Measuring similarity between objects is fundamental in data analysis.
- The need for meaningful and efficient similarity measures is especially important in studying time-varying scientific data and ensembles.

## LSH for Comparing Merge Trees



- LSH remains unexplored in topological data analysis and visualization.

#### Challenges

- LSH framework for hierarchical data that can be extended to merge tree
- Labeling strategy that preserves topology
- LSH Parameter tuning: *K*, *b*, *r*
- Similarity matrix design

### Main Contributions

- Two new similarity measures for labeled merge trees that can be computed via LSH, using new extensions to Recursive MinHash and subpath signature, respectively.
- Our similarity measures are extremely efficient

to compute and closely resemble the results of merge tree edit distance  $(d_E)$  or geometric interleaving distance  $(d_I)$ 

Efficiency with up to a 1000x speed-up



Recursive MinHash for Labeled Merge Trees  $(d_R)$ 



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