

# Power Signatures of High-Performance Computing Workloads

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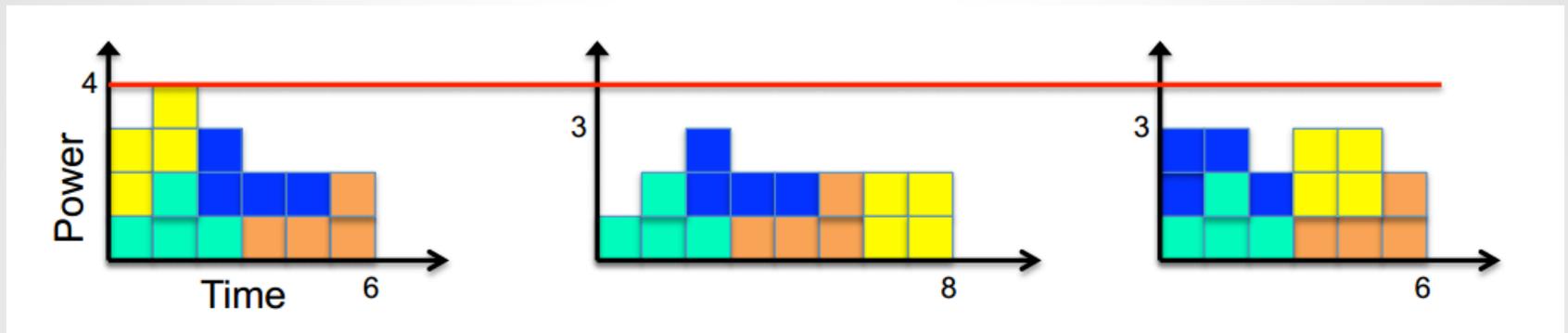
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# Motivation

- Job scheduling as a Tetris game



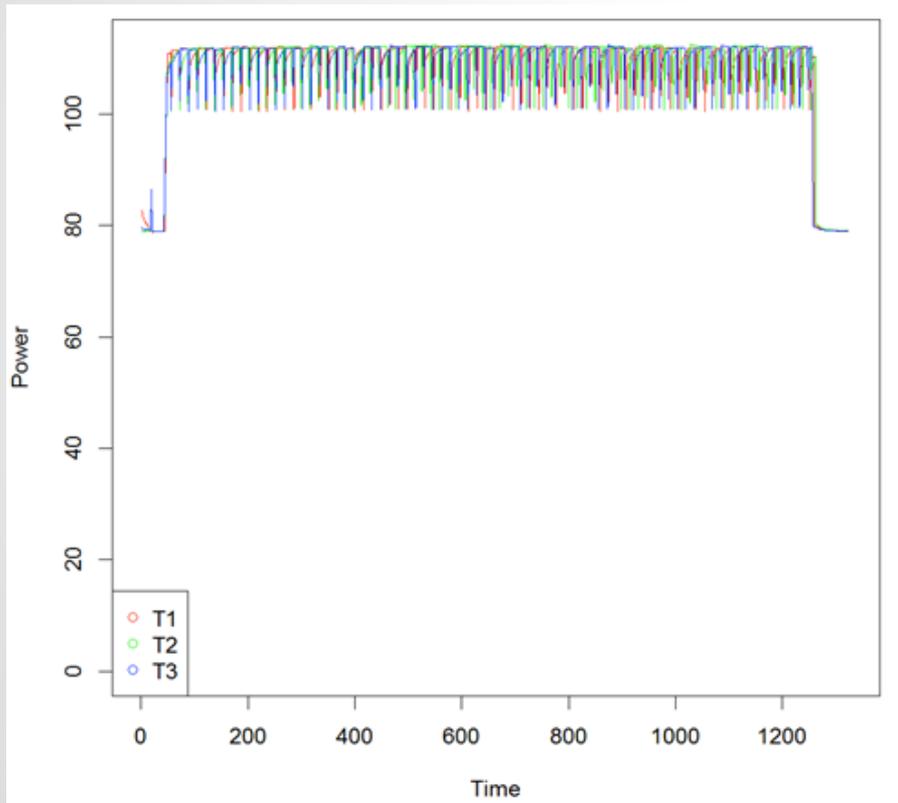
- Driven by power usage patterns.

Can we:

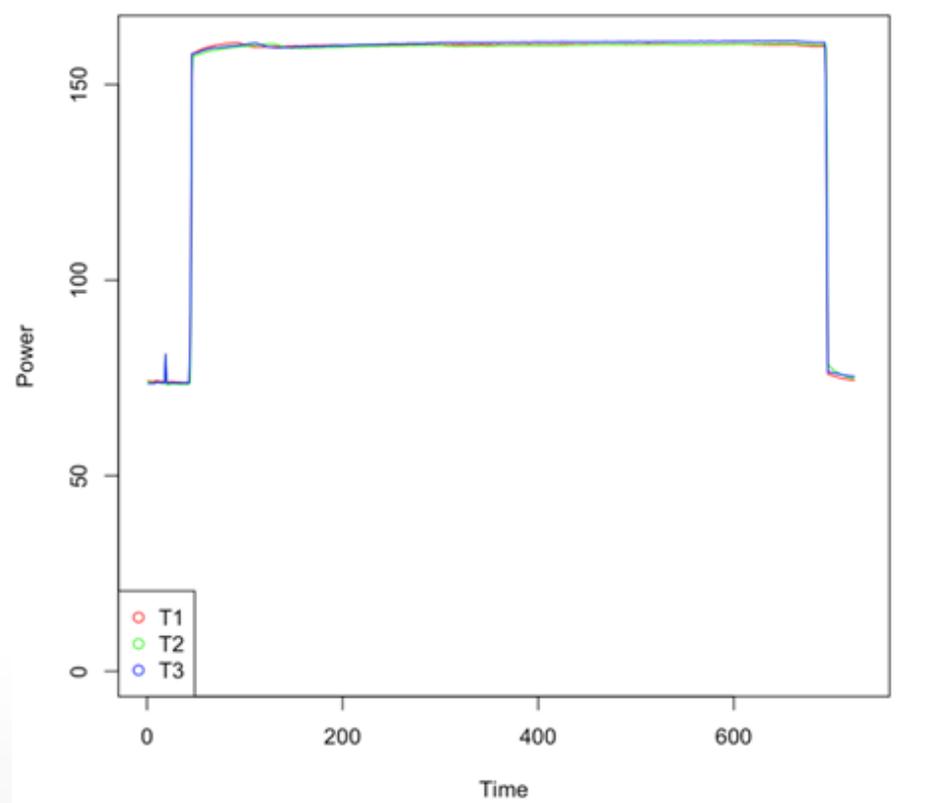
- Associate a pattern with each application?
- Enhance scheduler with pattern information?

# Motivation

- Qualitative patterns in applications' traces



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# Talk Outline

- Research questions
- What is a power signature?
- Methodology:
  - Signature validation
  - Experimental setup
- Results
- Current and future work

# Research Questions

- Can we summarize HPC workloads' power behavior into distinctive signatures?
- Is such a signature consistent across
  - runs?
  - input data?
  - hardware configurations?
  - hardware platforms?
- How well (quantitatively) does a signature distinguish a workload?

# What is a power signature?

A. The trace itself: vector of power measurements.

B. Statistical summary of the trace

# Time-series-based Signature

How do we quantify the difference between two traces?

## 1. Mean Squared Difference (MSD)

- Match power observations pairwise, and take MSD
- Traces must be same length

## 2. Dynamic Time Warping (DTW)

- Identifies similarities of two time series
- Accounts for offsets and differences in periodic frequency

# Feature-based Signature

What features are useful?

- Basic statistics:
  - 2-vector:  $\langle \text{Maximum}, \text{Median} \rangle$
  - (Divide each by trace's minimum power)
  - Call this **MaxMed**
- More involved statistics that have been found useful in time-series clustering:
  - Standard Deviation + 11 other features
  - Augmented with **MaxMed**, call this **stat14**.

# Signature Validation

- Clustering: “optimally” partition a set of traces
- Classification: automatically identify the label (e.g. workload) of a trace

# Signature Validation: Clustering

- Input:
  - Data points (traces)
  - Notion of distance (signature)
- Output: Partition

## Algorithms:

- kmeans: centroid-based clustering
- dbscan: density-based clustering
- hclust: hierarchical clustering
  - dendrograms

# Signature Validation: Clustering

Our signature is good if the partition is good.  
How do we know a partition is good?

1. Look at the partition qualitatively:  
Are workloads grouped together?
2. Quantitatively compare partition to some  
“ideal” reference.
  - Example ideal reference: grouped by workload

# Signature Validation: Classification

Algorithm: Random forest

Leave-one-out accuracy measures a signature's utility

Bonus: Variable importance measures

# Experimental Setup

255 power traces from 13 benchmarks.

- (Baseline)
- SystemBurn\*:
  - FFT1D
  - FFT2D
  - TILT
  - DGEMM
  - GUPS
  - SCUBLAS
  - DGEMM+SCUBLAS
- Synthetic: Power Model Calibration\*\*
- Sort
- Prime95
- Graph500
- Stream
- Linpack-CBLAS

\*\* Rivoire et al, Hot Power, 2008

\* Josh Lothian et al., ORNL Technical Report, 2013

# Experimental Setup

	<b>S1 (RR)</b>	<b>S2 (OC)</b>	<b>S3 (LC)</b>	<b>S4 (RF)</b>
<b>CPU</b>	AMD Athlon 65 X2 4800+ @ 2.5 GHz	Intel Core i5-750 @ 2.67GHz	Intel Core i5-750 @ 2.67GHz	Intel Core i7-3770 @ 3.40GHz
<b>RAM</b>	4 GB	8 GB	8 GB	8 GB
<b>GPU</b>	GeForce 9800gt	GeForce GTX 285	GeForce GTX 650 Ti 1GB	GeForce GTX 670 2GB
<b>Power</b>	115–195 W	120–226 W	85–252 W	74–309 W

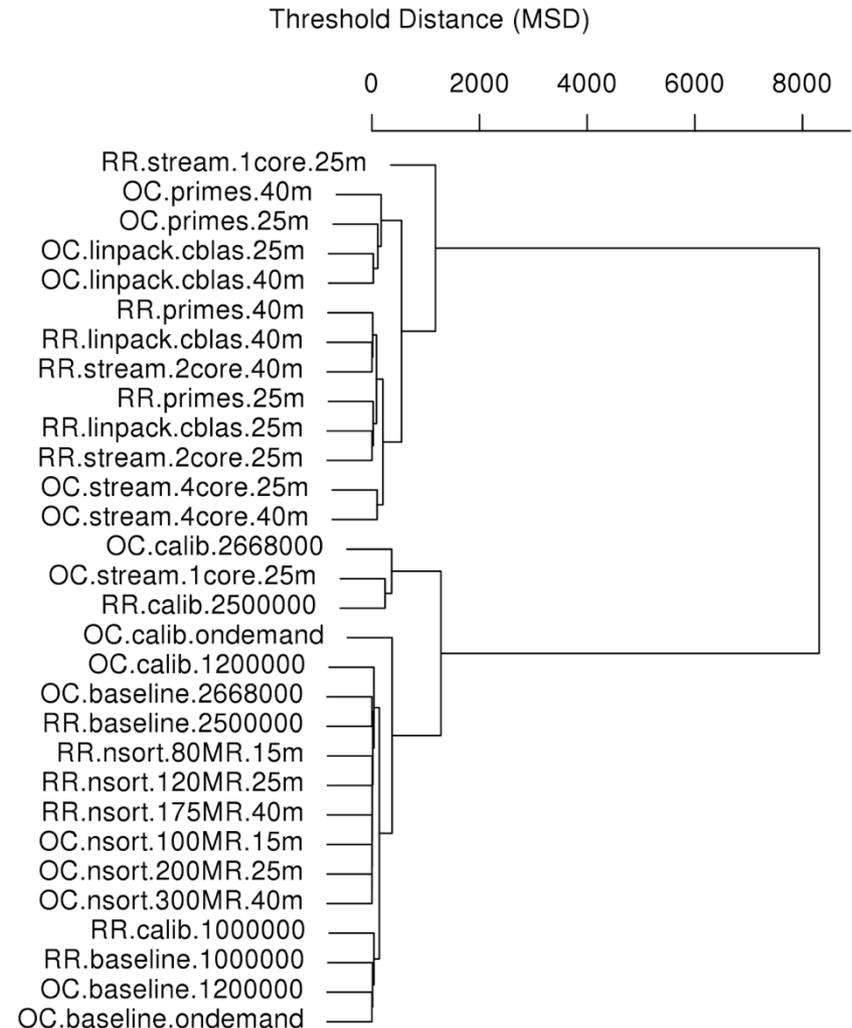
**Watts Up? Pro** power meter reports power consumption once per second.

# Clustering Results

- OCRR data
  - n=30
  - 6 workloads (different input configurations)
- Algorithm: hclust
- Signature: raw trace
- Distance: MSD

## 2-clustering:

- Top: Stream, Prime95, Linpack-CBLAS (CPU-intensive)
- Bottom: Calib, Baseline, Sort

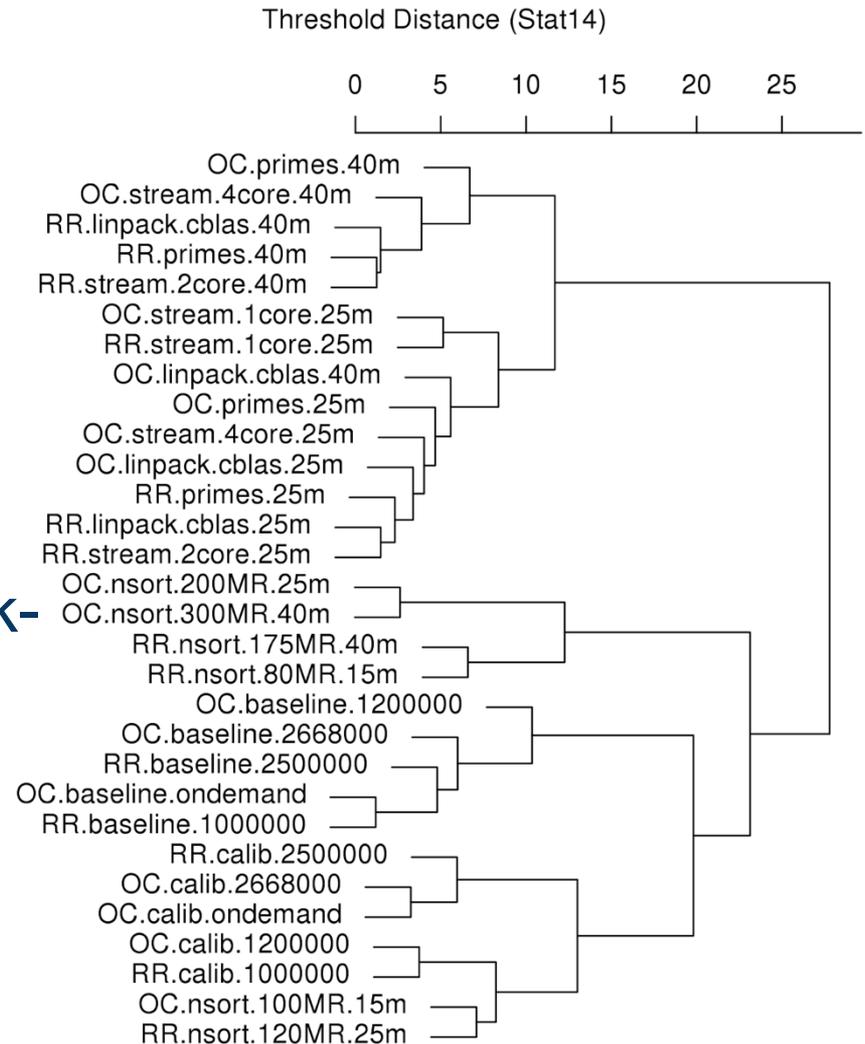


# Clustering Results

- OCRR data
  - n=30
  - 6 workloads (different input configurations)
- Algorithm: hclust
- Signature: **stat14**
- Distance: Manhattan

## 4-clustering:

- Stream, Prime95, Linpack-CBLAS
- Sort
- Baseline
- Calib



# Clustering Metric

Ideal clustering: by workload.

Info-theoretic measure of partition similarity:  
**A N M I**

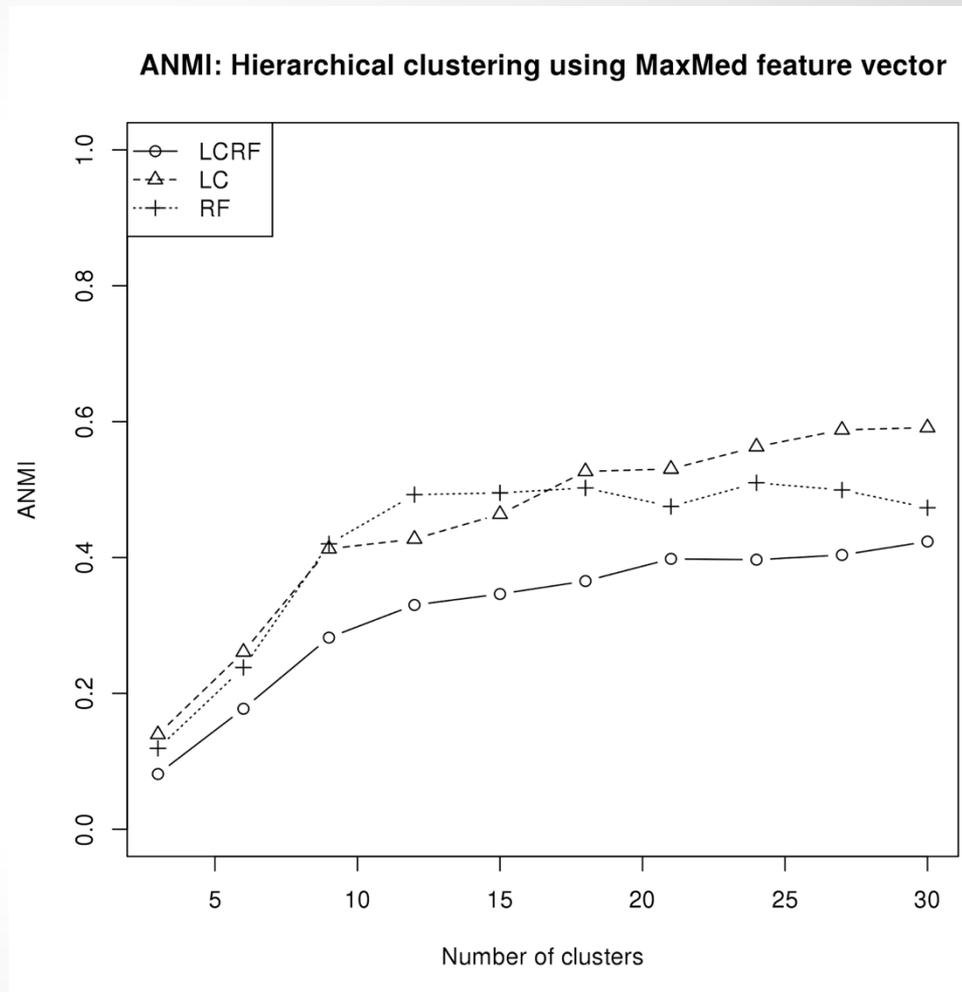
(Derived from NMI)

- $NMI = \frac{\text{Mutual information}}{\text{Joint entropy}}$
- NMI is between 0 (worst) and 1 (best)
- Expected ANMI of two random partitions is 0.

# Clustering Results

- Data:
  - LCRF (n=225)
  - LC (n=111)
  - RF (n=114)
- Algorithm: hclust
- Signature: **MaxMed**

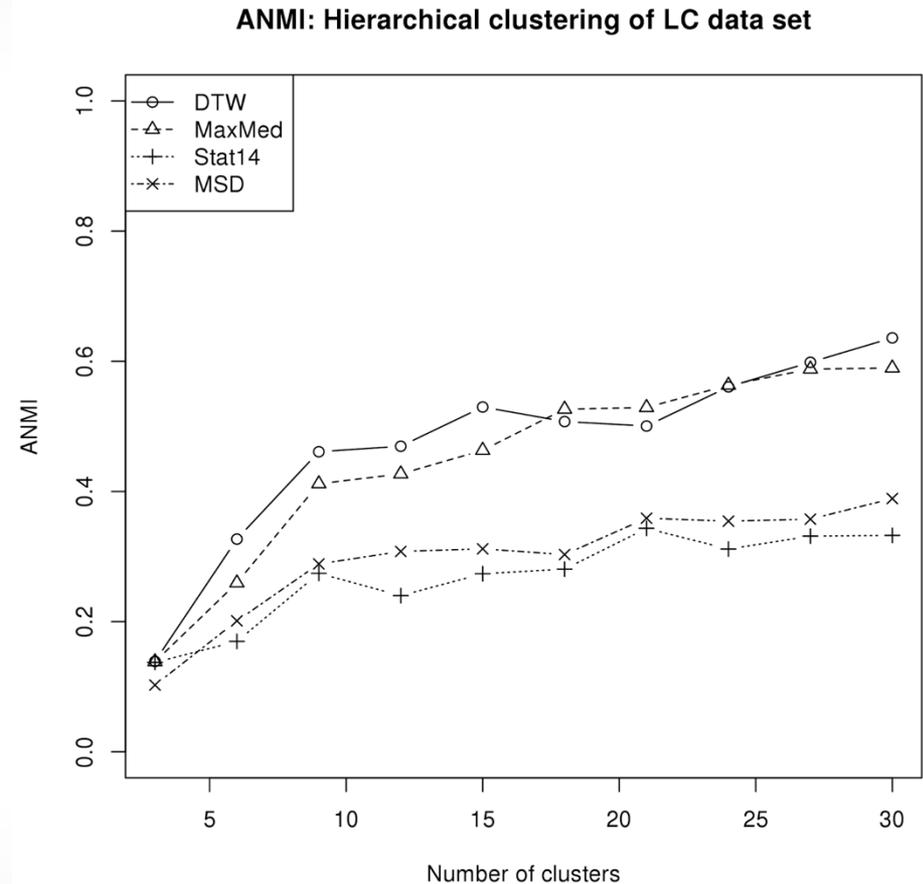
Signatures may be more consistent *within* hardware platform



# Clustering Results

- Data: LC (n=111)
- Algorithm: hclust

**MaxMed** and **DTW** signature methods are more effective than **Stat14** and **MSD**



# Classification Results

- Trained a random forest classifier on LCRF data (n=225)
- Using **MaxMed** or **Stat14** yields leave-one-out accuracy >80%

# Classification Results

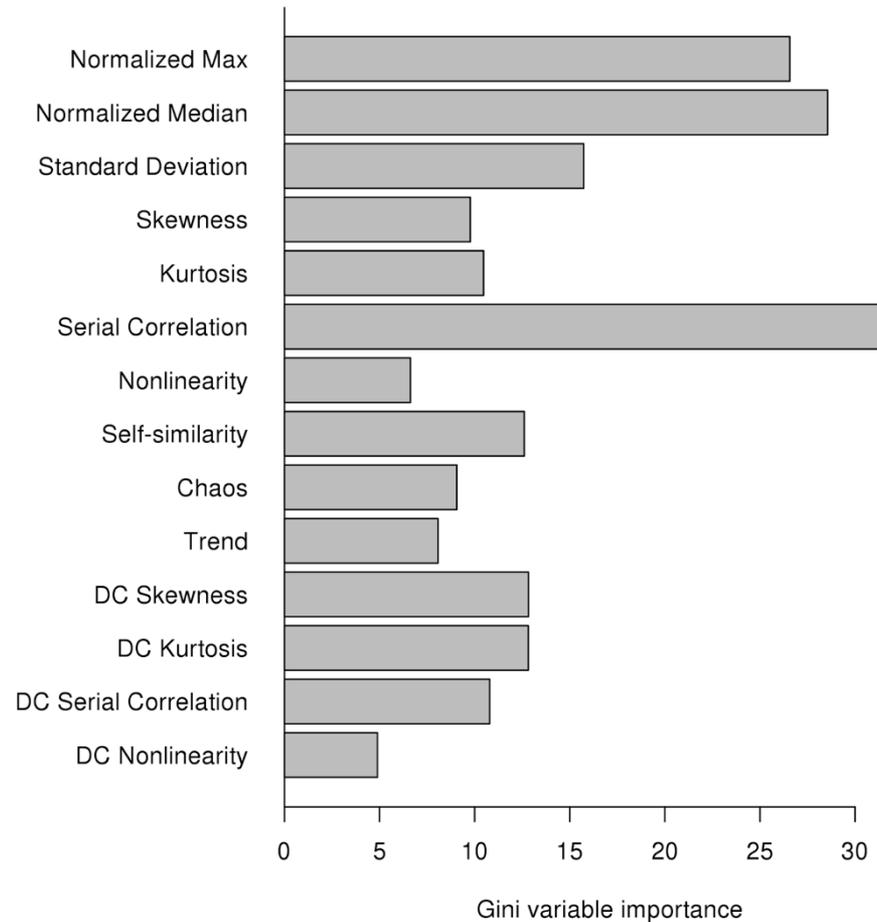
Gini variable importance suggests:

- **MaxMed** is a good subset of **Stat14**

- Try **Stat3**:

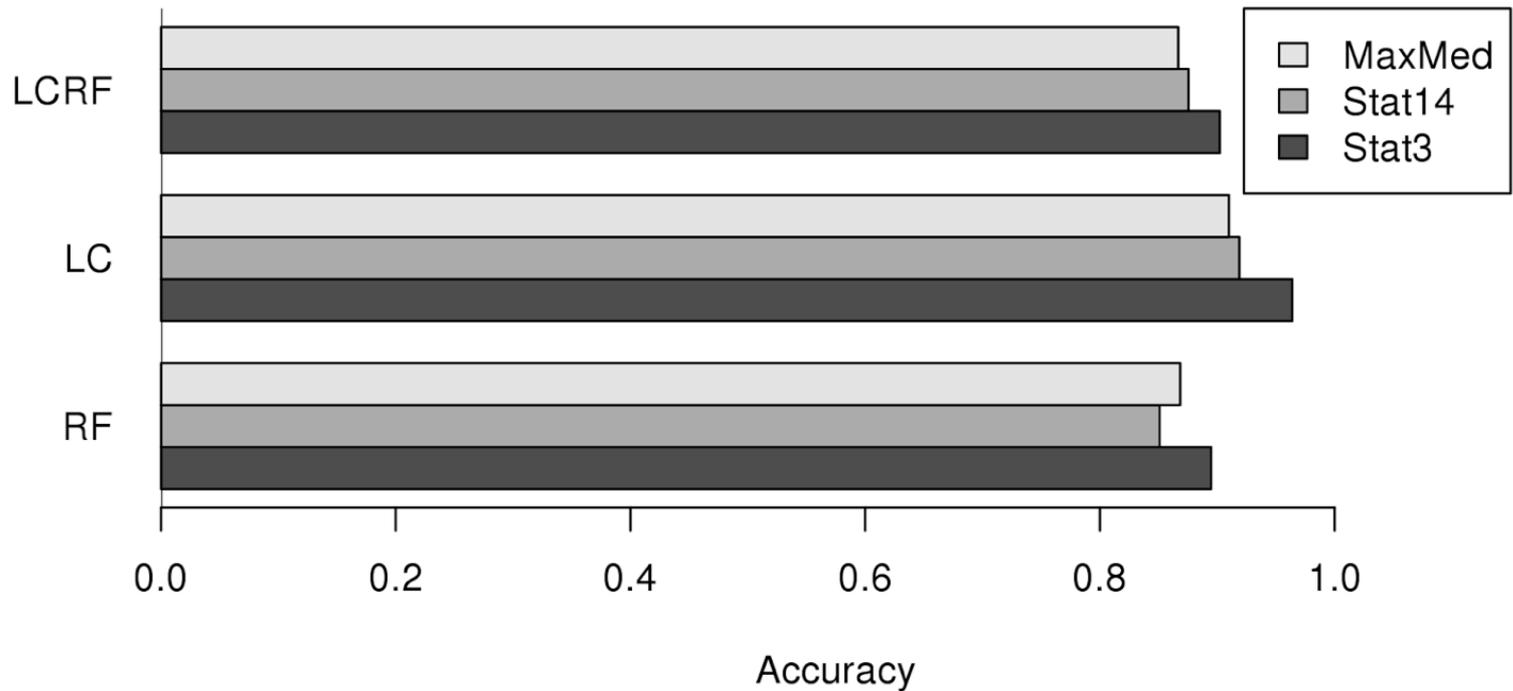
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Maximum,  
Normalized Median,  
Serial Correlation

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# Classification Results

- **Stat3** classifier labels traces with  $>85\%$  accuracy



# Conclusions

- We evaluated different types of signatures:
  - Time-series-based
  - **Feature-based**
- Some workloads have unique signatures, some workloads are less easily distinguished from others.
- Signatures can distinguish workloads across hardware platforms, but are more effective given data from a single machine type.

# Current and Future Work

- Expand to:
  - Heterogeneous workloads
  - MPI/distributed workloads
  - Finer-grained or coarser-grained samples
- Online workload recognition
- Workload-aware energy-efficient scheduling

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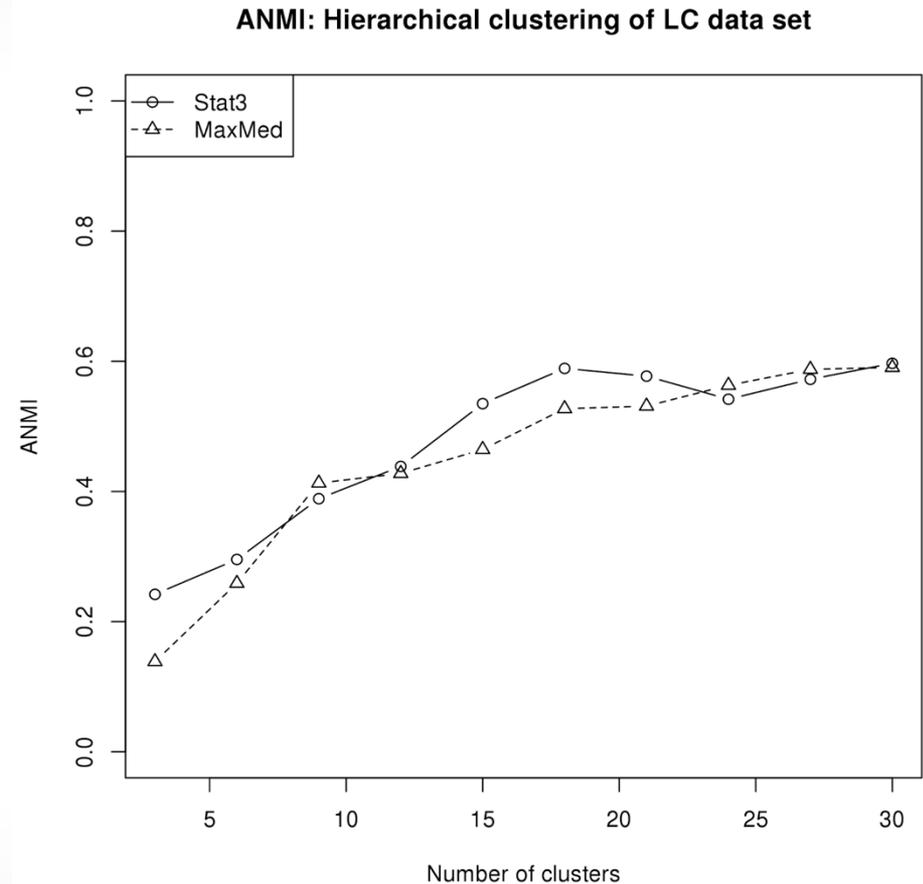


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# Afterthought: Clustering Again

- Data: LC (n=111)
- Algorithm: hclust

**Stat3** is *not* obviously better than **MaxMed** for clustering



# Backup: More Clustering Results

- Data: LCRF (n=225)
- Algorithm: hclust

The result holds for multiple platforms:

**MaxMed** and **DTW** signature methods are more effective than **Stat14** and **MSD**

