

# The ParMA Tools Package

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## Content

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- **The ParMA Tools**
- Tool Integration
- The ParMA Tools Package

- **Starting point of the ParMA project (2007)**
  - Established MPI debugging and performance analysis tools of German and UK partners
  - New innovative tools from French partners
- **Achieved results (2010)**
  - **Adaptation to + enhancements for multi-core systems**
    - Support for multi-threaded programming (e.g., OpenMP and POSIX threads)
  - General enhancements (e.g., MPI-2 and I/O support)
  - **Integration of tools to coherent environment**
  - Based on feedback from real-world, industrial applications

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|  | <p><b>Universität Stuttgart</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Open MPI / Peruse introspection interface</li> <li>– <b>Marmot</b> MPI correctness checker</li> </ul>   |  |
|  | <p><b>Technische Universität Dresden / GWT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– <b>Marmot</b> MPI correctness checker</li> <li>– <b>VampirTrace</b> trace measurement system</li> <li>– <b>Vampir / VampirServer</b> event trace visualizer</li> </ul> |  |
|  | <p><b>Jülich Supercomputing Centre</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– <b>KOJAK / Scalasca</b><br/>automatic trace-based performance analysis</li> <li>– <b>CUBE</b> visualization browser</li> </ul>   |  |
|  | <p><b>Allinea (unfunded partner)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– <b>DDT</b> parallel debugger</li> </ul>  |   |
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**UVSQ (France)**

- **MAQAO** code and memory analysis on x86\_64 architecture
- **DECAN** decremental analysis of machine code instructions
- **MTL** memory tracing library
- **MADRAS** binary instrumentation

**It Sudparis (France)**

- **STEP** can automatically transform OpenMP into MPI (and hybrid MPI/OpenMP) programs
- Allows to move shared-memory applications (limited by the power of one node) on to a cluster

**• DDT**

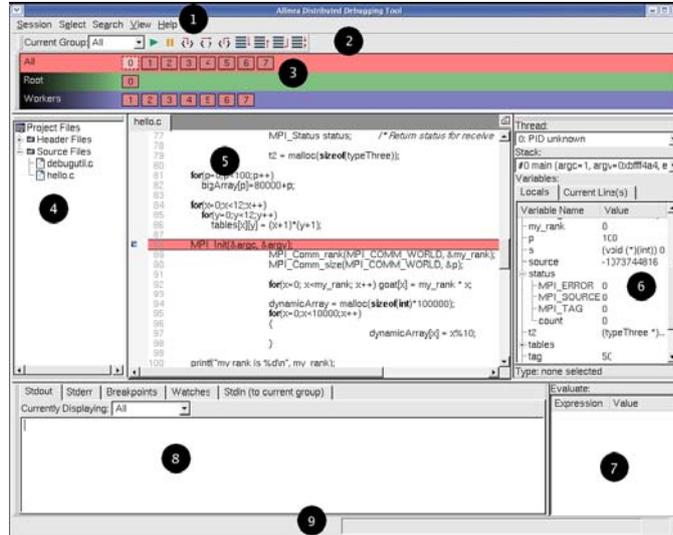
- Graphical parallel debugger
- Commercial product of Allinea
- Portable across many platforms
- Support for parallel programs
  - Multi-tasking (MPI)
  - Multi-threading (OpenMP, pthreads)
  - GPUs
  - At scale

  
SCALE TO NEW HEIGHTS

## Example: DDT Main Screen



- ① Menu bar
- ② Process controls
- ③ Process group window
- ④ File window
- ⑤ Code window
- ⑥ Variable window
- ⑦ Evaluate window
- ⑧ Output window
- ⑨ Status bar



## MARMOT MPI Correctness Checker



- **MARMOT** checks
  - Correct usage of MPI calls
  - Portability
  - MPI resource usage



- Open source
- Developed in cooperation of ZIH and HLRS
- Supports
  - C, C++ and Fortran
  - MPI, or hybrid OpenMP/MPI



## Example: MARMOT Analysis



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On Call: MPI_Recv for MPI-Standard information see:/usr/local/narwot/narwot_r827_openmpi-1.2.5-dbg/share/doc/narwot-2.0,
144: Error from rank 2(Thread: 0) with Text: ERROR: MPI_Recv: At least a part of the specified buffer is still in use!
=== Detailed information ===
This buffer is specified by:
Starting address: 140734999716208
Count: 1
Extent of used datatype: 12
Resulting end address (first non used byte): 140734999716220
Other buffer is specified by:
Starting address: 140734999716212
Count: 1
Extent of used datatype: 12
Resulting end address (first non used byte): 140734999716224
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- Plain text

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On Call: MPI_Recv for MPI-Standard information see:/usr/local/narwot/narwot_r827_openmpi-1.2.5-dbg/share/doc/narwot-2.0,
153: Error from rank 0(Thread: 0) with Text: ERROR: MPI_Recv: At least a part of the specified buffer is still in use!
=== Detailed information ===
This buffer is specified by:
Starting address: 140737469793568
Count: 1
Extent of used datatype: 12
Resulting end address (first non used byte): 140737469793580
Other buffer is specified by:
Starting address: 140737469793572
Count: 1
Extent of used datatype: 12
Resulting end address (first non used byte): 140737469793584
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| 140 | 0 | 0 | Warning | Text: WARNING: MPI_Isend: Count = 0!<br>Call: MPI_Isend   |
| 142 | 0 | 0 | Warning | Text: WARNING: MPI_Isend: datatype is for reduction functions (C)<br>Call: MPI_Isend  |
| 144 | 3 | 0 | Error   | Text: ERROR: MPI_Recv: At least a part of the specified buffer is still in use! The buffer is still used by a call to MPI_Isend.<br>=== Detailed information ===<br>This buffer is specified by:<br>Starting address: 140737197187344<br>Count: 1<br>Extent of used datatype: 12<br>Resulting end address (first non used byte): 140737197187356<br>Other buffer is specified by:<br>Starting address: 140737197187348<br>Count: 1<br>Extent of used datatype: 12<br>Resulting end address (first non used byte): 140737197187360<br>Call: MPI_Recv<br>Text: ERROR: MPI_Recv: At least a part of the specified buffer is still in use! The buffer is still used by a call to MPI_Isend. |

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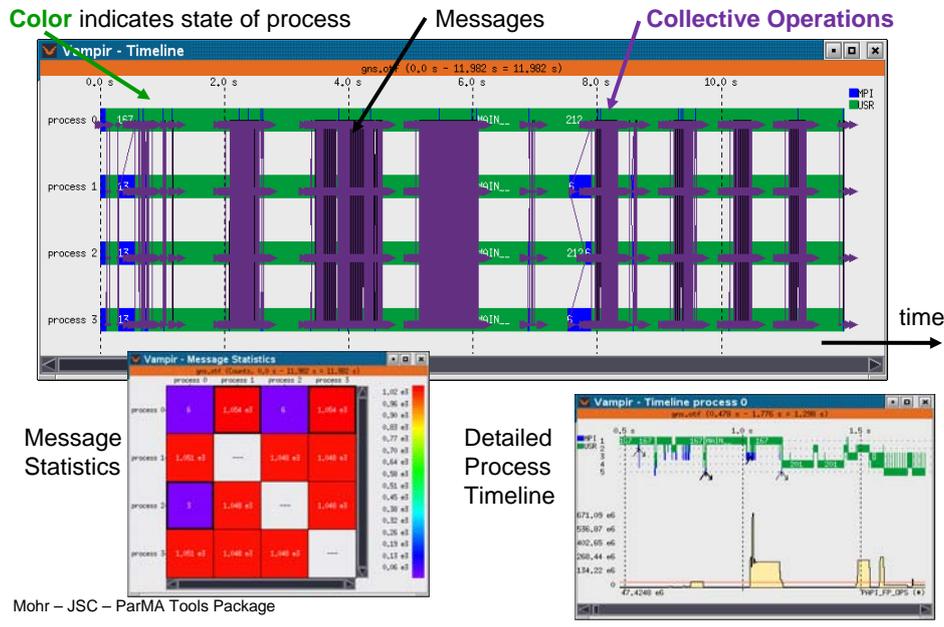
## Vampir Tool Environment



- **VampirTrace**
  - Open source
  - Event trace measurement system
  - Instruments C, C++, and Fortran
    - MPI, (simple) OpenMP, or hybrid, I/O
  - Collects event traces in OTF format
- Post-mortem visual analysis
  - Developed originally by Jülich and since 1997 by ZHR/ZIH of TU Dresden
  - Commercial distribution by GWT-TUD
    - **Vampir**: sequential visualizer
    - **VampirServer**: distributed client / parallel server architecture



## Example: Vampir Display of GNS code



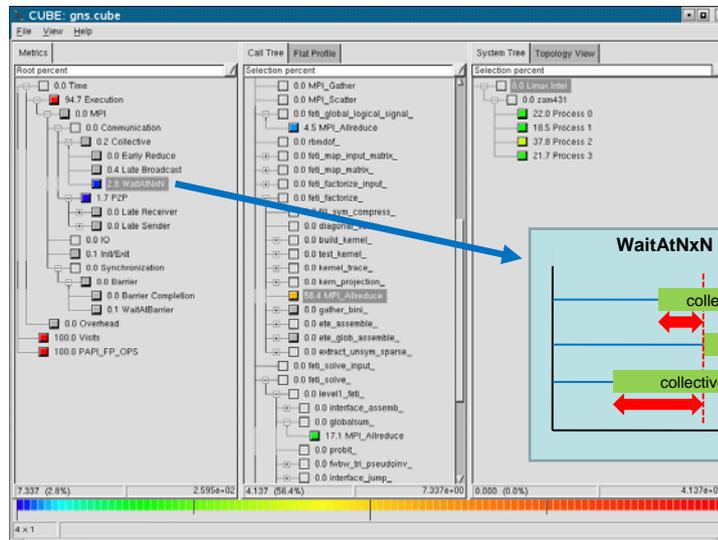
## KOJAK / Scalasca Toolset



- Open source
- Jülich Supercomputing Centre
- Automatic performance analysis
  - Instrument C, C++, and Fortran parallel applications
    - Based on MPI, (simple) OpenMP, or hybrid
  - Collect call-path-profiles and EPILOG event traces
  - Scan trace for event patterns representing inefficiencies
    - **KOJAK**: sequential analysis
    - **Scalasca**: parallel analysis
  - Categorize and rank inefficiencies found
  - Visualize via **CUBE** browser



Identified Problems      Where in source?      Which processes are affected?

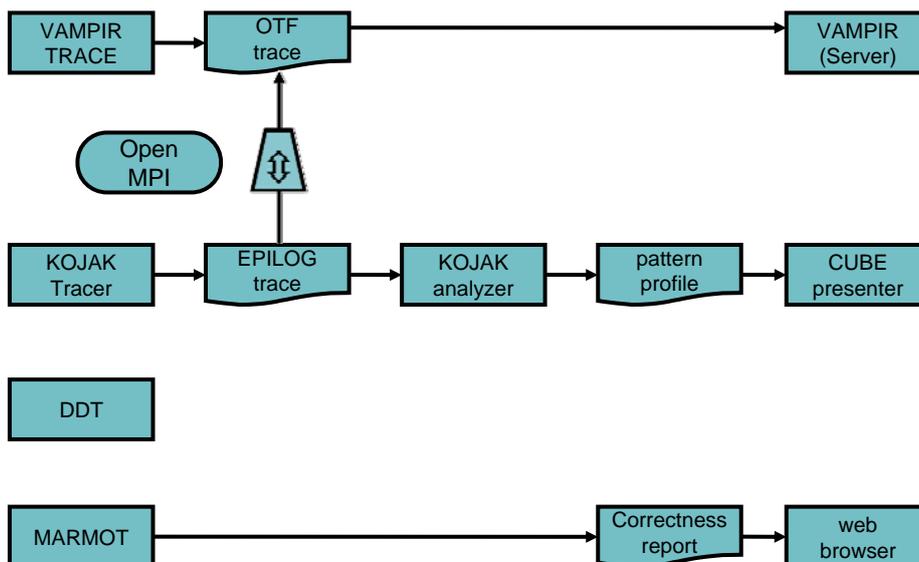


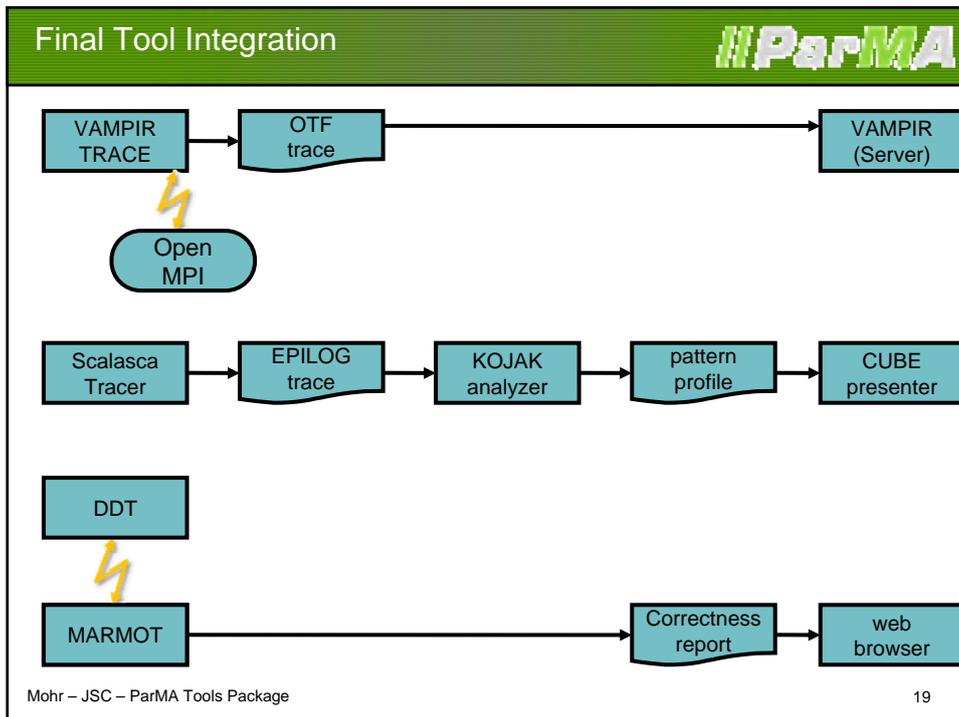
- **MAQAO (Modular Assembly Quality Analyzer and Optimizer)**
  - Combines static analysis of assembly code with dynamic analysis of execution traces
  - Focus on loop-level
- **MADRAS (Multi Architecture Disassembler ReAssembler)**
  - Instrumentation of binary files for MAQAO
- **MTL (MAQAO Trace Library)**
  - Memory trace library integrated in MAQAO, for threaded codes
  - Detect important inefficiencies (e.g., false sharing, strided access) or opportunities for optimizations (setting thread affinity according to reuse among threads)
- **DECAN (Decremental Analysis)**
  - Automatic detection of performance anomalies (e.g., inefficient memory access) via iterative modification of machine code instructions of hot functions
- Université de Versailles St-Quentin-en-Yvelines





- The ParMA Tools
- **Tool Integration**
- The ParMA Tools Package



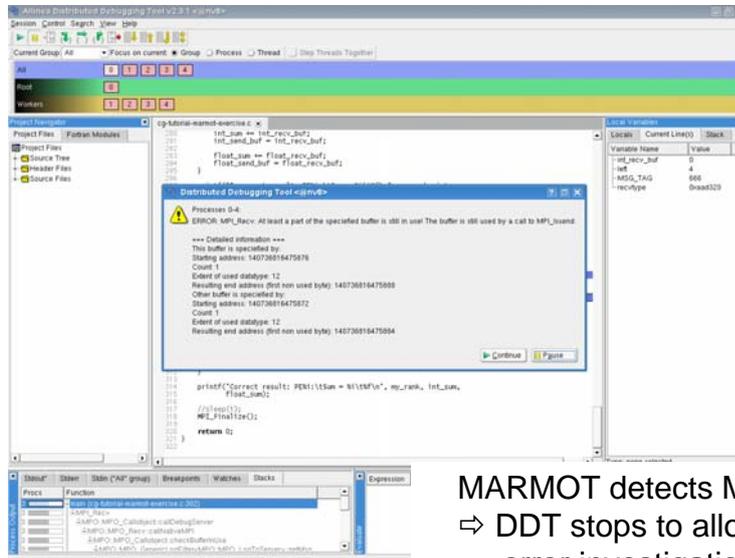


## Marmot ⇔ DDT Integration I ParMA

- Integration of MARMOT in DDT as plugin
- MARMOT can be activated at start of a new DDT session

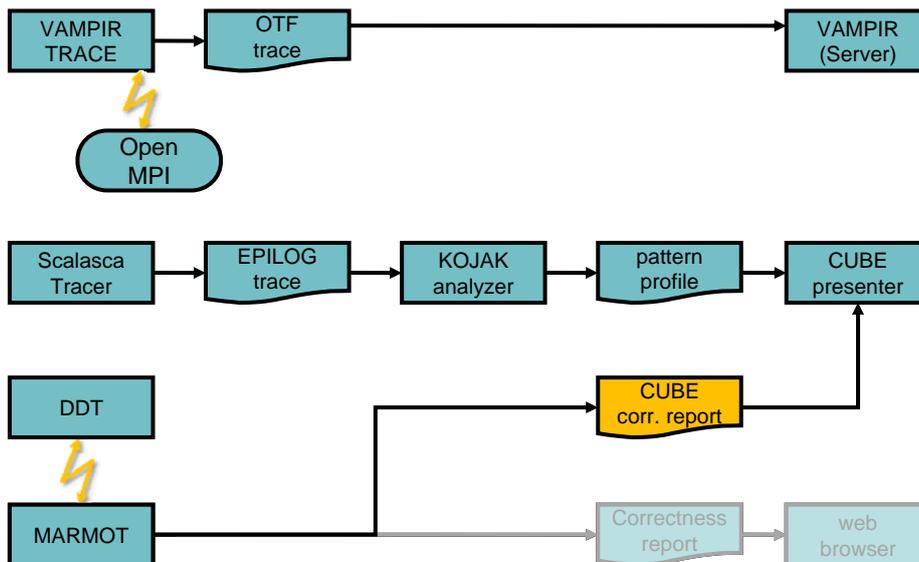
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## Marmot ⇒ DDT Integration II

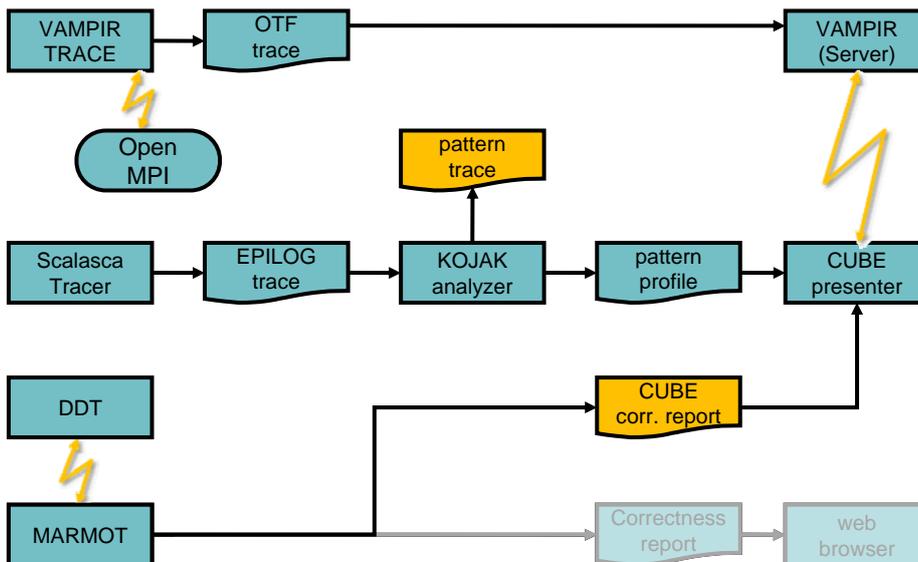
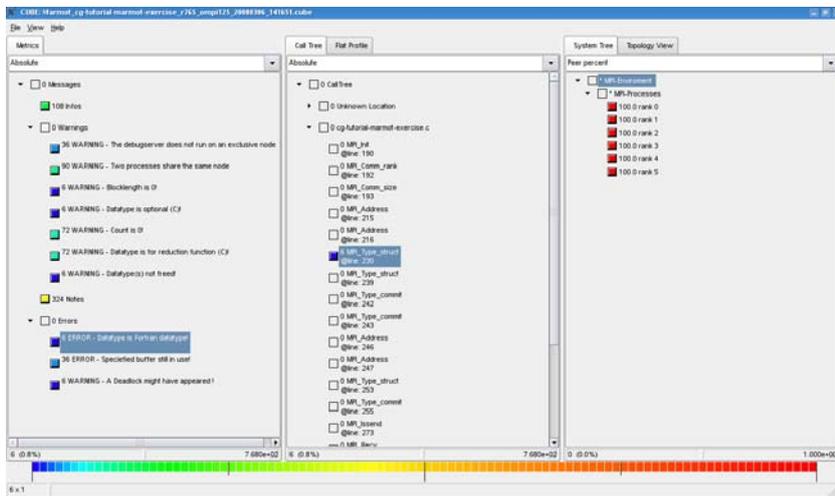


MARMOT detects MPI issue  
 ⇒ DDT stops to allow further error investigation

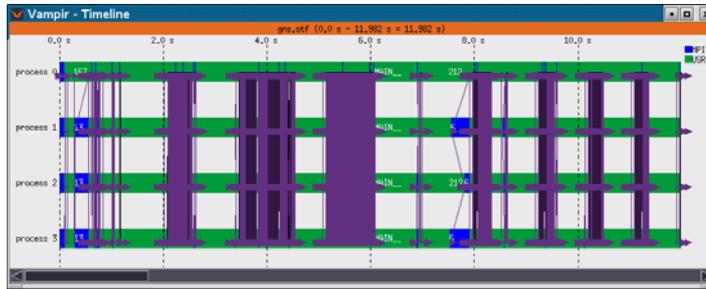
## Final Tool Integration



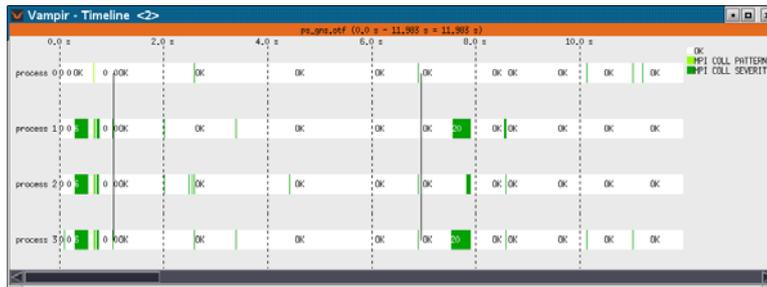
• MARMOT result analysis using CUBE browser



# VAMPIR ⇒ KOJAK via Pattern Traces



Original Vampir event trace

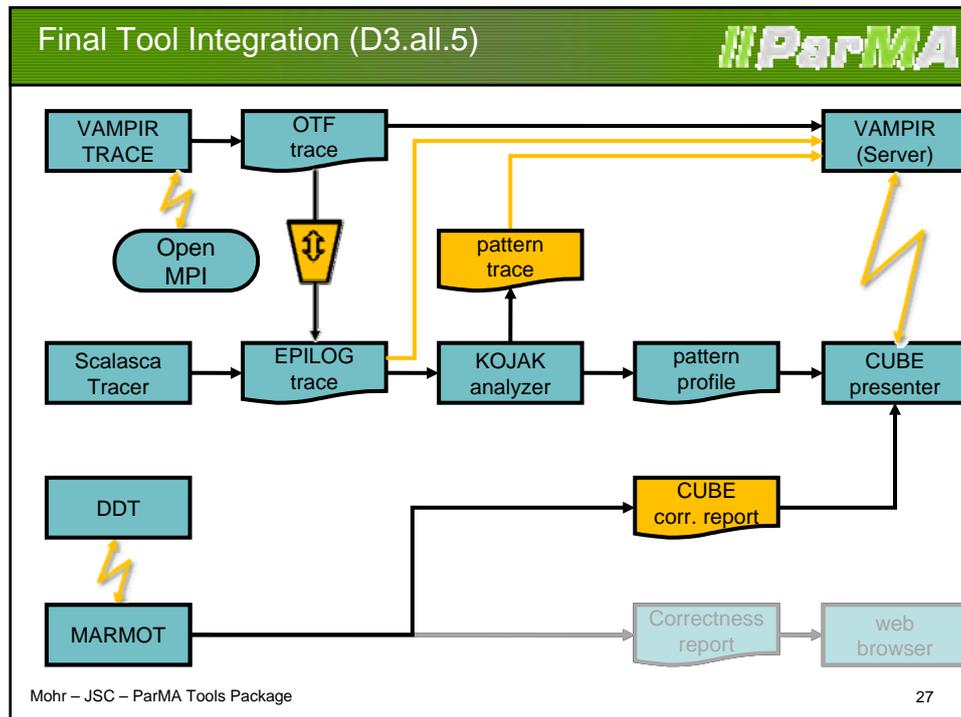


Pattern trace generated by KOJAK analysis highlighting problematic areas

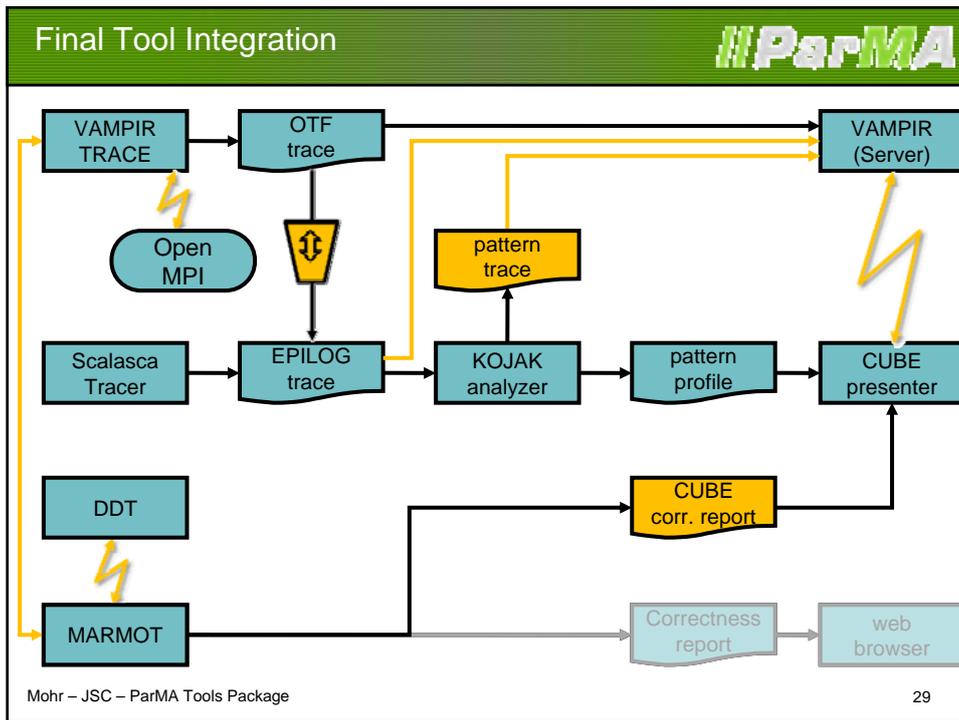
# KOJAK ⇒ Vampir Integration



**1 Connect to trace browser**  
**2 Max severity in trace browser**



- ### Vampir ↔ KOJAK/Scalasca Integration ParMA
- VampirServer can read
    - KOJAK sequential EPILOG traces
    - Scalasca parallel EPILOG traces
    - in addition to native OTF traces
  - New OTF-to-EPILOG converter
    - Also: beta version of KOJAK’s event pattern trace analyzer based on new OE interface (common OTF/EPILOG reading interface)
  - **New BMBF SILC project:**
    - **full integration** of **Scalasca** and **VampirTrace** measurement systems and trace formats
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## Marmot ⇨ Vampir Integration ParMA

- **Universal MPI Correctness Interface** for integration of MPI correctness tools into other tools (UniMCI)
- Implemented by Marmot (Producer) and VampirTrace (Consumer)

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- The ParMA Tools
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- **The ParMA Tools Package**

- **UN**ified **I**ntegrated **T**ool **E**nvironment
- UNITE website: <http://apps.fz-juelich.de/unite/>
- Lower bar for inexperienced users and admins
  - **Common** usage and installation **documentation**
  - **Download, build and install**  
all ParMA tools **in one package:** 

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|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| – UNITE               | – Scalasca-1.3.1            |
| package installer and | – Vampirtrace-5.8.2         |
| module package        | – UniMCI-1.0.1              |
| – OTF-1.6.5           | – Marmot-2.4                |
| – pdtoolkit-3.15      | – Vampir-5.x or 7.x (*)     |
| – cube-3.3            | – VampirServer-1.x, 2.x (*) |

- Extensively tested on
  - Itanium/IA32/x86\_64 platforms with various MPI libraries (MPICH1, MPICH2, OpenMPI, Intel MPI, LAM, BullMPI, Parastation MPI, SGI MPT, ...)
  - AIX and Solaris clusters
- Already in use on Bull Nova and production machines of JSC, ZIH, RWTH, HLRN, (and soon LRZ, HLRS, ...)
- Future work (beyond ParMA):
  - Integration of rest of ParMA tools (DDT, MAQAO, STEP)
  - Integration of other tools (Paraver, TAU, ...)
  - More platforms (Cray XT, IBM BlueGene, NEC)

