

# JDRAGON/JOSCAR:

## TOOLS FOR MANEUVER STRATEGY COMPUTATION DEVELOPED IN JAVA AND USING PATRIUS

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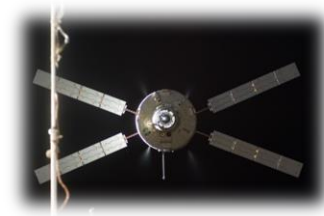
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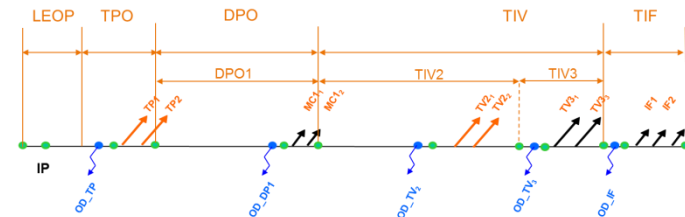
# INTRODUCTION

- DRAGON/OSCAR Fortran version [1]:



- ◆ **ATV program** (1997-2014)

- » ATV phasing and rendezvous maneuvers strategy towards ISS (International Space Station)



- ◆ **GALILEO missions** (2011-today)

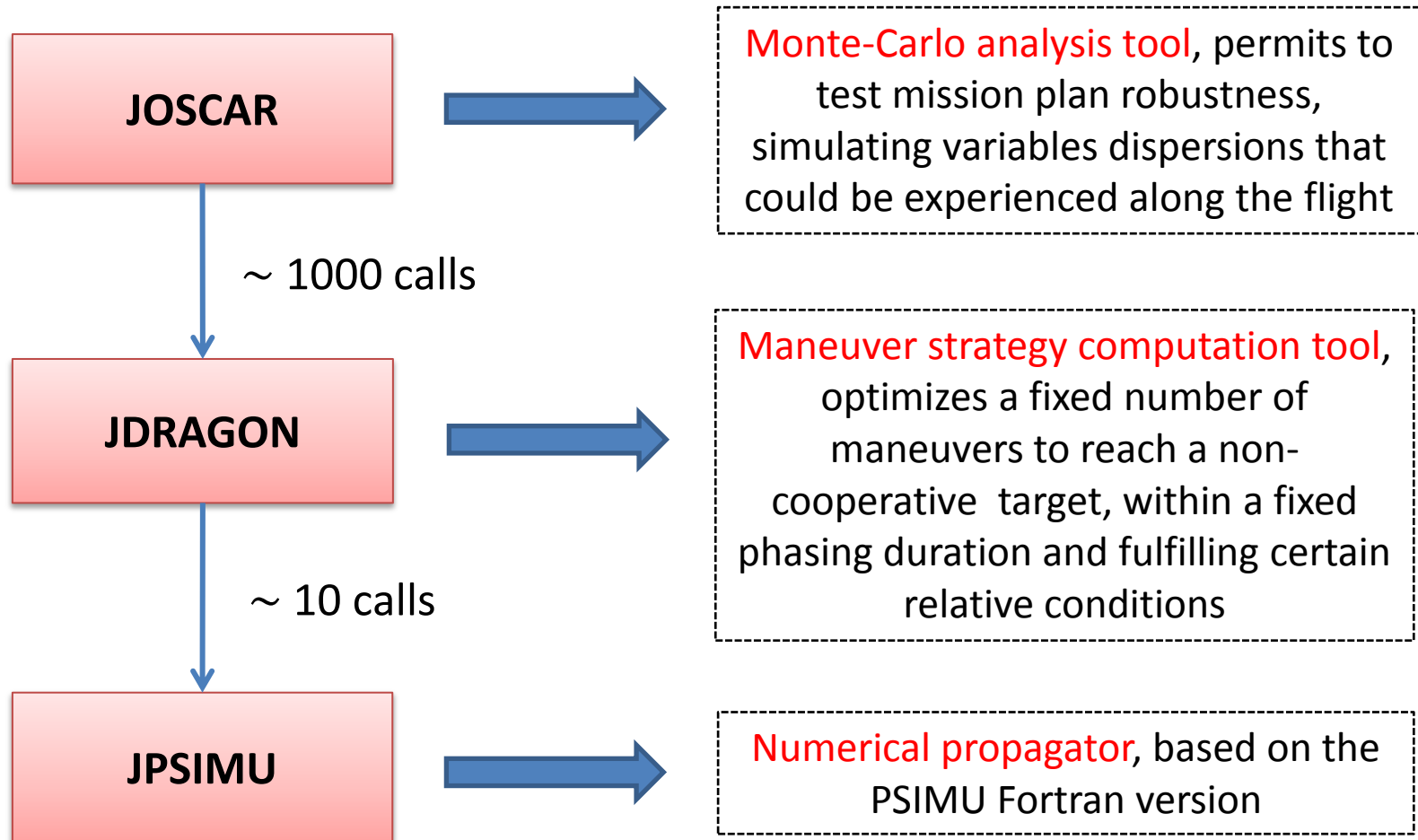
- » Operational design of LEOP (Launch and Early Orbit Phase), phasing and rendezvous scenarios

- » Compliant with quality and operational constraints → directly integrated into the Flight Dynamics Centre

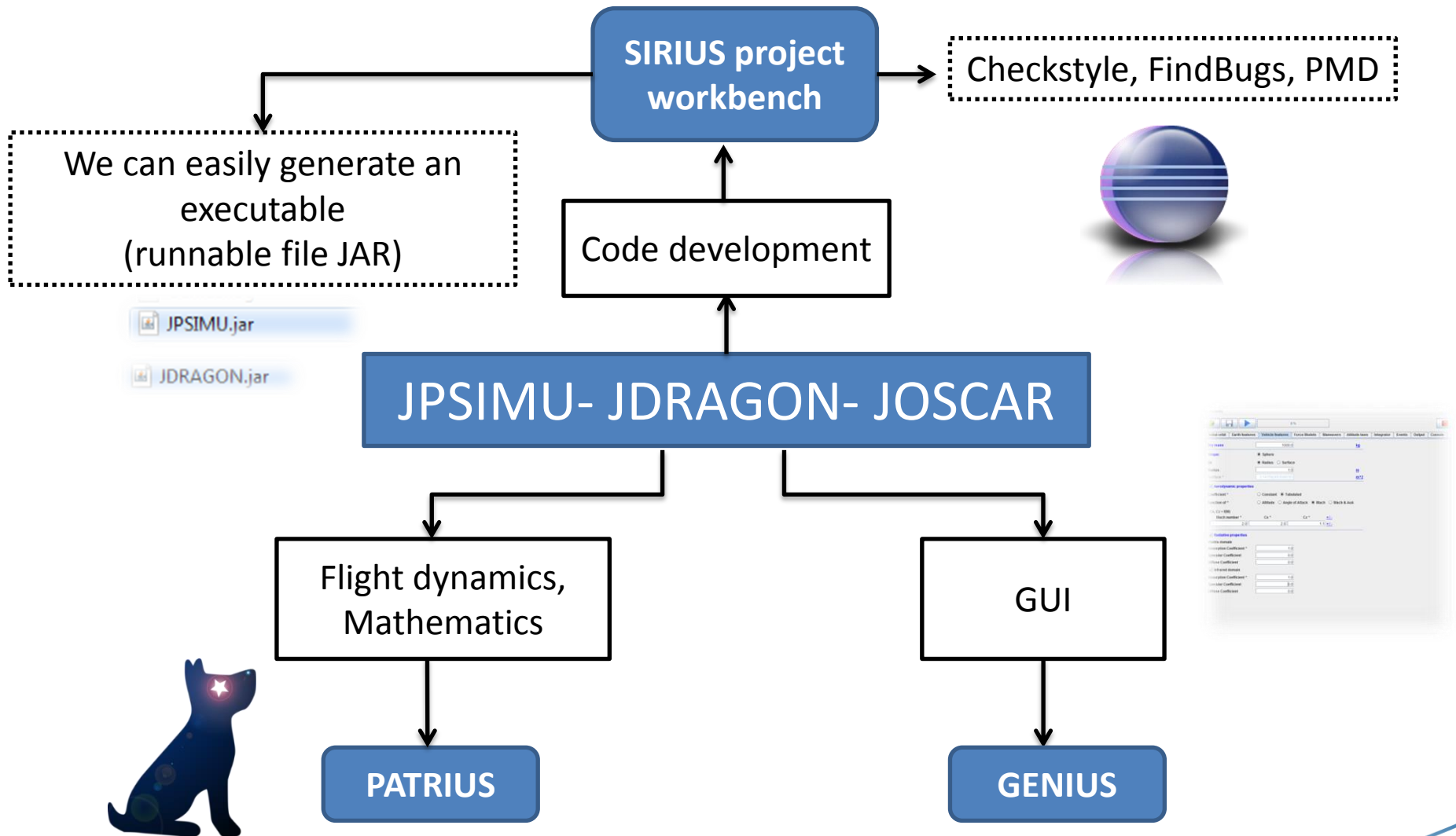
- Decision to use **JAVA** technology → SIRIUS project [2]: basic software layout (PATRIUS) and operational tools (FDS) already started.

- **JDRAGON/JOSCAR**: not a simple porting from Fortran to JAVA, but **redefinition** of certain functionalities!

# INTRODUCTION



# DEVELOPMENT ENVIRONMENT



# DEVELOPMENT ENVIRONMENT

## PATRIUS [3]

*(PATrimoine de base de siRIUS)*

**Mathematics:** Dispersions, Matrices, Rotations, Interpolations, Geometry, Numerical Integration

**Flight dynamics:** Time, Orbits, Frames, Celestial Bodies, SpacecraftState

**Attitude:** Attitude Laws, Kinematics, Transformations, Guidance Commands, Slew

**Orbit Determination:** Propagation, Physical Models, Measure and Filtering

**Spacecraft:** Assembly, Sensors, Mass and Forces

**Mission:** Events Detection, Maneuvers, Postprocessing

## GENIUS

*(Generation of Interface for Users of Scientific S/W)*

- Units management
- Performing conditional display
- Simplified approach, in particular about events, management (setting actions before/after a certain event is reached)
- Read/write for files directly integrated
- Process management compatible in all OS (thanks to JAVA)



# JPSIMU: THE NUMERICAL PROPAGATOR

## Extrapolate the orbit around the Earth

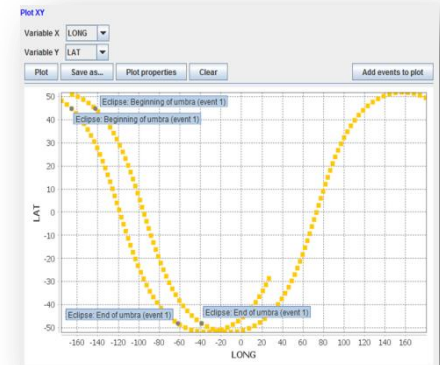
- Taking into account different **forces**:
  - ◆ Earth potential
  - ◆ Third body perturbations
  - ◆ Aerodynamic forces
  - ◆ Solar Radiation Pressure
  - ◆ Ocean/Terrestrial tides
- Defining a **maneuver** sequence
- Defining an **attitude** sequence
- Using different numerical **integrators**
- Identifying orbital **events**

## Frames configuration management

From	To	Phenomena	Corrections
GCRF	CIRF	Earth rotation axis around Ecliptic pole	Precession, Nutation
CIRF	TIRF	Diurnal motion	UT1-UTC difference
TIRF	ITRF	Earth rotation axis wrt Earth's crust	Tides, libration, S' effects, EOPs

## Event detectors

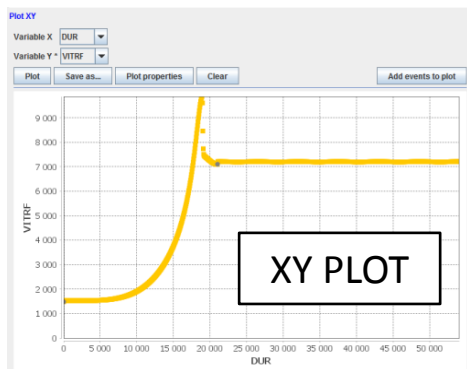
- To **stop propagation**
- To **switch** between **attitude laws**
- To **trigger impulsive maneuvers**
- To define the **beginning/end** of **spread maneuvers**
- To **identify** orbital **events of interest**: ascending/descending nodes, station visibilities, entering/existing eclipse, AOLs, ...



# JPSIMU: THE NUMERICAL PROPAGATOR

## Utilization modes

- **Subroutine mode** (called from JDRAGON): Containing the pure tool computations
- **Batch mode**: Read a configuration file (“.xml”) and calls the subroutine mode
- **GUI mode**: Graphical User Interface permits to create scenarios and launch computations (via the batch mode)
- ◆ **Output**: +80 variables, ephemeris & detected events files (“.txt”)

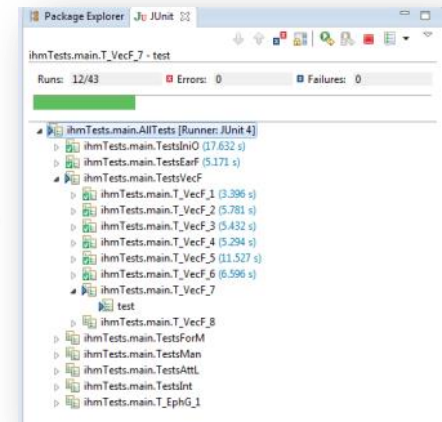


## Validation

- **Battery of tests validating ephemeris generation (coverage > 80%)**:
  - ◆ **Thematic validation**: 42 test performed, divided in 7 different tests: initial orbit, earth features/frames configuration, vehicle, force models, maneuver scenario, attitude laws and integrator

- ◆ **GUI mode validation**

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- **Code's quality tests**: compliant with CNES coding standard rules
  - ◆ FindBugs, Checkstyle



# JDRAGON: COMPUTING MANEUVERS

## ➤ Problem statement

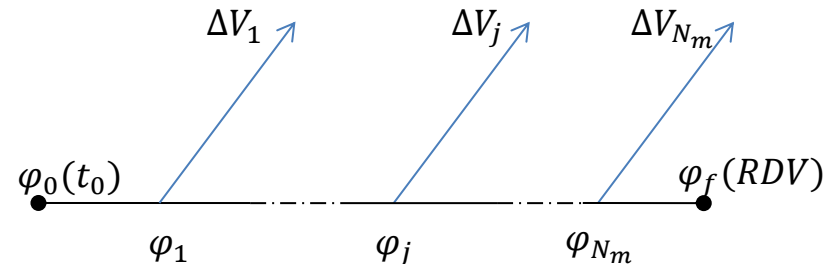
Find  $x := \{\overrightarrow{\Delta V}_j, \varphi_j\}_{j=1, N_m}$

To minimize  $J(x) := \sum_{j=1}^{N_m} |\overrightarrow{\Delta V}_j|$

With :

- $\overrightarrow{\Delta V}_j$ : Maneuver  $j$  to optimize
- $\varphi_j$ : Maneuver location  $\rightarrow 2\pi(N_{ch}^j - 1) + \alpha_j$ 

$\varphi_j := 2\pi(N_{ch}^j - 1) + \alpha_j$	
$N_{ch}^j$ : orbit number	
$\alpha_j$ : argument of latitude	
- $N_m$ : # Maneuvers to optimize
- $T$ : « Real world » propagation
- $V_{aim}$ : Aimed vector



## Constraints

$\mathbf{C}_0$ , the rendezvous condition:

- $E_{ta}(t_f) + V_{aim} = T(\overrightarrow{\Delta V}_j, \varphi_j, E_{ch}(t_0))_{j=1, N_m}$

$\mathbf{C}_1(\varphi_j)$ , location limitations:

- $\varphi_j \in (\varphi_j^{min}, \varphi_j^{max})$
- $\varphi_{j+1} - \varphi_j \in [\Delta\varphi_j^{min}, \Delta\varphi_j^{max}]$

$\mathbf{C}_2(\overrightarrow{\Delta V}_j)$ , module limitations:

- $\Delta V_j \in [\Delta V_j^{min}, \Delta V_j^{max}]$
- $R_j, T_j, N_j \in [Val_j^{min}, Val_j^{max}]$

# JDRAGON: COMPUTING MANEUVERS

Propagate target and chaser orbit (without optimizable maneuvers) until rendezvous date  $\rightarrow E_{ch}^f, E_{ta}^f$

Compute deviations  $b := E_{ta}^f + V_{aim} - E_{ch}^f$

**{P2'}**

Find  $x := \{\overline{\Delta V_j}, \varphi_j\}_{j=1, N_m}$   
 To minimize  $J(x) := \sum_{j=1}^{N_m} \Delta V_j$

Complying with:

- $\{\varphi_j\}_{j=1, N_m} \in \ll n\text{-tuples} \gg$
- $C_{0, linearized}: A(\varphi_j) X(\overline{\Delta V_j}) = b$
- $C_2(\overline{\Delta V_j})$

Reduce "n-tuples" list (if required)

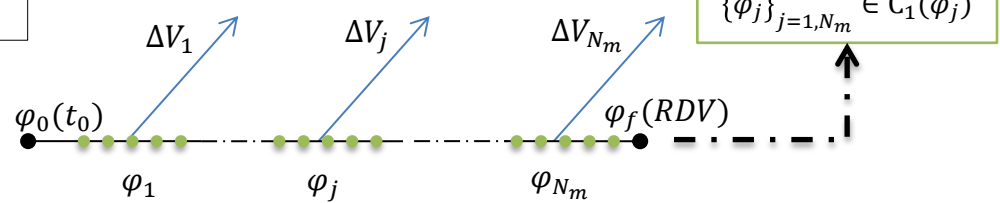
Setting  $\hat{x}$  a solution of P2', simulate (call propagator):  
 $\widehat{E}_{ch}^f(t_f) = T(\hat{x}, E_{ch}(t_0))$   
 Compute deviations:  
 $\delta = E_{ta}^f + V_{aim} - \widehat{E}_{ch}^f(t_f)$

NO  $\rightarrow b = b + \delta$

$\delta < \delta_{convergence}?$

YES  $\rightarrow$  END

## Solution approach



**{P2'}** requires solving a linear problem  $AX = b$  iteratively, with  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n_e \times m}$ ,  $X \in \mathbb{R}^m$ ,  $b \in \mathbb{R}^{n_e}$ :

- #Unknowns:  $m = \sum_{j=1}^{N_m} N_{c_j}$ ,  $N_{c_j} \in \{1, 2, 3\}$
- #Equations:  $n_e$

Linear System type	# Solutions	Resolution method
Undetermined ( $n_e > m$ )	0	Least Squares
Determined ( $n_e = m$ )	1	System Inversion
Overdetermined ( $n_e < m$ )	$\infty$	Pseudo-Inverse & Minimization of sum of norms

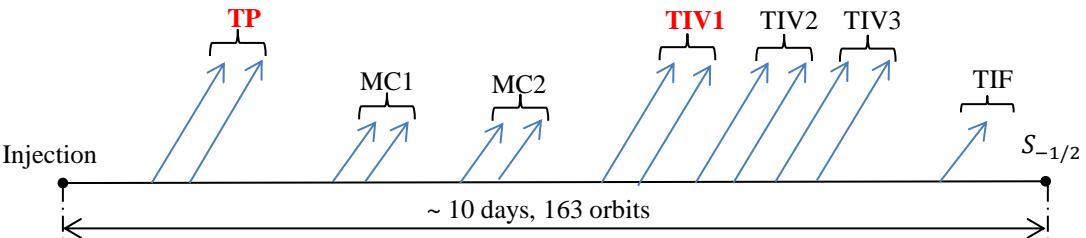
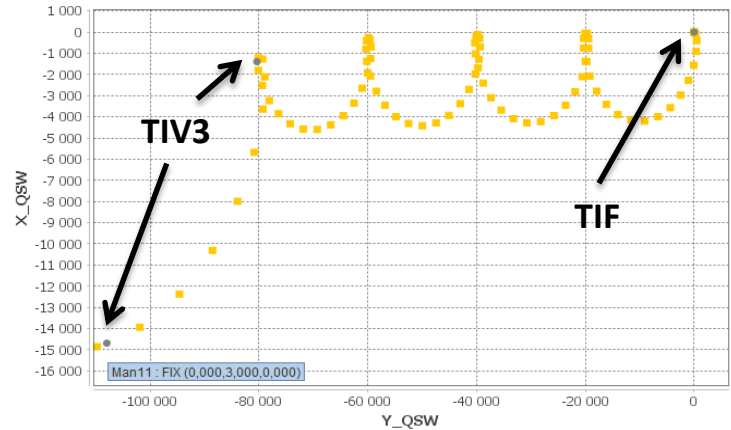
Problem types	Parameters	# Equations ( $n_e$ )
Transfer 2D	$a, e_x, e_y$	3
Rendezvous 2D	$a, e_x, e_y, \tau$	4
Transfer 3D	$a, e_x, e_y, i, \Omega$	5
Rendezvous 3D	$a, e_x, e_y, \tau, i, \Omega$	6

# JDRAGON: COMPUTING MANEUVERS (DEMO)

## Example: ATV3-Johannes Kepler



Problem type: **Rendezvous 3D**  
 # Unknowns: **6** (TP and TV1)



Classical Approach (TN-TN-T-T strategy)

Method	System inversion
"n-tuples"	194481
#JPSIMU calls	8
Total DV (m/s)	<b>55.27</b>
CPU time including ephemeris generation	1min 54s

(TN-TN-TN-TN strategy)

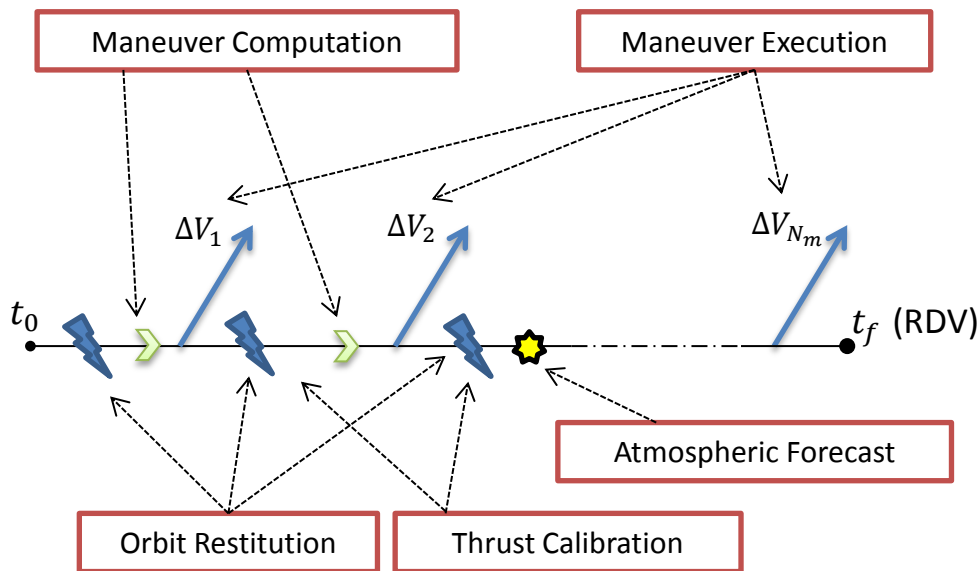
Method	Pseudo-Inverse	Min sum norms
Min criterion	$\sum_{j=1}^{N_m}  \Delta \vec{V}_j ^2$	$\sum_{j=1}^{N_m}  \Delta \vec{V}_j $
"n-tuples"	194481	28561
#JPSIMU calls	7	7
Total DV (m/s)	<b>55.04</b>	<b>55.03</b>
CPU time	2min	3min 11s



# JOSCAR: END-END SIMULATIONS

➤ Objective: Perform **Monte-Carlo simulations** → Testing maneuver strategy **robustness**

↳ **Time consuming** : Many calls to JPSIMU, JDRAGON are required !



**Real world**: real parameters (forces models, engines performance, vehicle features, ...). They are generated by dispersion (gaussian, uniform)

VS

**Predicted world**: lack of knowledge of the real world (chaser/target restituted orbits, engines calibrations, atmospheric forecasts,...)

# JOSCAR: END-END SIMULATIONS

- **Genoscar** → Defining the variables to disperse and the End-to-End scenario to be simulated:

- Chaser orbit restitution
- Target localization
- Thrusters calibration
- Maneuver computation
- Rendezvous point change
- Sequence of maneuvers
- Atmospheric forecast

File (".xml")  
containing  
**random  
variables**



- **Exoscar** → Defining data required for the simulation propagation:

- Chaser/Target vehicle
- Force Models
- Attitude Sequence
- Output files of interest

Spacecraft:  Chaser  Target

Dispersion type:  No dispersion  Gaussian  Uniform

Coordinates type:  TNW  QSW  Keplerian  Circular

Definition:  By covariance matrix  By correlation matrix

Standard deviations	Correlations matrix					
Q*	1.0 m	-1.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1
S*	1.0 m	0.0	-1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
W*	1.0 m	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0
VQ*	0.1 m/s	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0
VS*	0.1 m/s	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0
VW*	0.1 m/s	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Bias

Q\* 0.001 m

S\* 0.001 m

W\* 0.001 m

VQ 0.0 m/s

VS 0.0 m/s

VW 0.0 m/s

Constraint in semi-major axis:  Yes  No

Orbit dispersions

Earth Potential

Attraction Model:  Droziner(unnormalized)  Cunningham(unnormalized)  Balmino(normalized)

Potential File Name: GRIM4\_S4

Maximum degree and order: 60

Zonal: 0

Tesseral: 0

Third Body  Moon  Sun  Venus  Mars  Jupiter

Atmospheric Force

Atmospheric Model:  Exponential  MSISE2000  US76  DTM2000

Solar Activity:  Real  Constant  By file

Multiplicative force factor: 1.0

Solar Radiation Pressure

Reference distance: 1.4959787E11 m

Reference pressure: 4.5605000000000001E-11 m<sup>2</sup>

Multiplicative factor: 1.0

Rediffused Solar Radiation Pressure

Albedo

Infrared

Multiplicative factor for albedo: 1.0

Multiplicative factor for infrared: 1.0

Ocean Tides

Terrestrial Tides

Ephemerides type:  JPL  Meeus  Meeus Stela

Earth Shape:  Sphere  Ellipsoid

Force Models

# CONCLUSIONS

## ● Initial difficulties:

- ◆ **Validation:** JPSIMU has been strongly validated against PATRIUS. JDRAGON validated against DRAGON for different phasing problems (ATV, GALILEO, Mango-Picard,..) obtaining **same delta-V budgets** ( $\pm 1\text{mm/s}$ ).
- ◆ **Performance:** Expected penalty x2 (wrt Fortran) has been retrieved. For typical RDV scenarios (ATV, GALILEO), computations last from 1 to 2 min → **Acceptable**.

## ● JAVA porting advantages:

- ◆ **Faster development:** Easier to write, compile and debug than other programming languages.
- ◆ **Object-oriented:** Modular programs and reusable codes.
- ◆ **Platform-independent:** Always same results (Windows, Linux, ...).
- ◆ **Robustness:** Early checking for possible errors. Many problems are detected in advance!
- ◆ **GUI:** Its development has been easier thanks to GENIUS and its simplified approach.
- ◆ **New features have been proposed:** After 20 years usage feedback, obsolete functionalities have been erased, new improvements have been implemented!

Thank you for your attention! Questions?



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# SCREENSHOTS (DEMO)

## Initial orbit definition

- Timescales
  - UTC, TAI, TT, GPS, GST
- Frames
  - GCRF, CIRF, ...
- Orbital parameters
  - Keplerian
  - Cartesian
  - Circular
  - Equinoctial
  - Equatorial
  - Apogee/Perigee
  - Reentry parameters

\*Relative to target also possible

The screenshot shows a software interface for defining an initial orbit. It features several tabs: 'Initial Orbit', 'Rendez-vous Parameters', 'Optimization Parameters', 'Vehicle', and 'Ma'. The 'Initial Orbit' tab is active. The interface includes the following elements:

- Spacecraft:** Radio buttons for 'Chaser' (selected) and 'Target'.
- Orbit Nb.:** A text input field containing the number '6'.
- Definition:** Radio buttons for 'Absolute' (selected) and 'Relative to Target'.
- Orbit:** A 'Pivot' button.
- Deactivate conversions:** A checkbox that is currently unchecked.
- Date:** A text input field containing '16/02/2011 06h48m21s', followed by a 'UTC' label and a '+/-' button.
- Frame:** A dropdown menu showing 'EME2000'.
- Type:** A dropdown menu showing 'Cartesian'.
- Cartesian Parameters:** A table of input fields for orbital parameters, each followed by a unit label:

Parameter	Value	Unit
x:	2012.609385841956	km
y:	-4212.665794132296	km
z:	-4717.202242822096	km
Vx:	5.041240467718458	km/s
Vy:	5.292062690748233	km/s
Vz:	-2.571292501372748	km/s
$\mu$ :	398600.4415	km <sup>3</sup> /s <sup>2</sup>

At the bottom of the Cartesian Parameters section, there is a 'Select' button next to the  $\mu$  parameter input field.

# SCREENSHOTS (DEMO)

## Rendezvous Parameters

- Rendezvous definition
  - By date
  - By phasing duration
  - Target Orbit Nb./AOL
  - Target/Chaser Orbit Nb./ AOL
- Parameters to reach
- Convergence threshold
- Aimed vector
  - Orbital parameters
  - Coelliptic orbit
  - Relative/Target (LVLH)
- Reference orbit (linearization)

The screenshot shows a software interface for configuring rendezvous parameters. It features several tabs: 'Initial Orbit', 'Rendezvous Parameters' (selected), 'Optimization Parameters', 'Vehicle', 'Maneuvers Scenario', and 'Propagator'. The 'Rendezvous definition' section includes radio buttons for 'By: Date', 'Phasage duration', 'Target Orbit Nb. / AOL', and 'Target and Chaser Orbit Nb. / AOL' (selected). Below this are input fields for 'Target Orbit Nb.' (2347), 'Chaser Orbit Nb.' (169), and 'AOL' (64.36844010274477 deg). The 'Final conditions' section has a table for 'Parameters to reach' and 'Convergence' thresholds:

Parameters to reach	Convergence
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a	1.0 m
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ex	0.01
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ey	0.01
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> tau	1.0 m
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> inc	0.1 deg
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> raan	0.1 deg

The 'Aimed vector' section has radio buttons for 'Orbital parameters' (selected), 'Coelliptic orbit', and 'Relative/Target'. The 'Arc difference defined' section has radio buttons for 'By distance' (selected) and 'By angle'. Below are input fields for 'dA', 'dEx', 'dEy', 'dTau', 'dInc', and 'dRaan', all set to 0.0 with units (m or deg). The 'Reference orbit (used for linearization)' section has a slider from 0% to 100% (Chaser orbit at Rdv to Target orbit at Rdv), currently set at 100.0%.

# SCREENSHOTS (DEMO)

## Maneuvers scenario

- Engines
  - Name
  - ISP
  - Thrust
- Fuel tanks
  - Name
  - Thrust
- Maneuvers to optimize
  - Location research domain
  - Components to optimize
  - Constraints in DV
  - Constraints in angular distance
- Trim maneuvers (fixed in value and location)

The screenshot shows a software interface for configuring a maneuver scenario. At the top, there are tabs for 'Mission Parameters', 'Vehicle', 'Maneuvers Scenario', 'Propagator', 'Output', and 'Console'. Below the tabs, there are input fields for 'Amount of maneuvers' (set to 13) and 'Maneuver Number' (set to 1), with a 'Items +/-' button. The main configuration area is titled 'Maneuver1' and includes the following sections:

- Name:** A text input field containing 'Man1'.
- Type Maneuver:** Radio buttons for 'Fix' and 'To optimize', with 'To optimize' selected.
- Research domain:**
  - Reference N-AOL:** Radio buttons for 'Absolute' and 'Relative', with 'Absolute' selected.
  - Orbit Nb.:** A text input field containing '7'.
  - AOL:** A text input field containing '0.52' with a 'deg' unit link.
  - If finite burn, it represents:** Radio buttons for 'Start', 'Middle', and 'End', with 'Start' selected.
- Discretization:**
  - Step:** A text input field containing '3.0' with a 'deg' unit link.
  - Interval:** A text input field containing '59.99999999999999' with a 'deg' unit link.
- Maneuver components:**
  - Radial:** Radio buttons for 'Yes' and 'No', with 'No' selected.
  - Tangential:** Radio buttons for 'Yes' and 'No', with 'Yes' selected. It includes 'Min' and 'Max' input fields, both set to '0.0' with 'm/s' units.
  - Out of Plane:** Radio buttons for 'Yes' and 'No', with 'Yes' selected. It includes 'Min' and 'Max' input fields, both set to '0.0' with 'm/s' units.
- Constraints in Delta-V:**
  - Min DV:** A text input field containing '0.0' with a 'm/s' unit link.
  - Set maximum
- Constraints in angular distance wrt next maneuver:**
  - Minimum:** A text input field containing '100.0' with a 'deg' unit link.
  - Set maximum distance
- Engine:** A dropdown menu showing 'OCS-20'.
- Fuel Tank:** A dropdown menu showing 'Tank1'.

# SCREENSHOTS (DEMO)

## Output

### - Output files

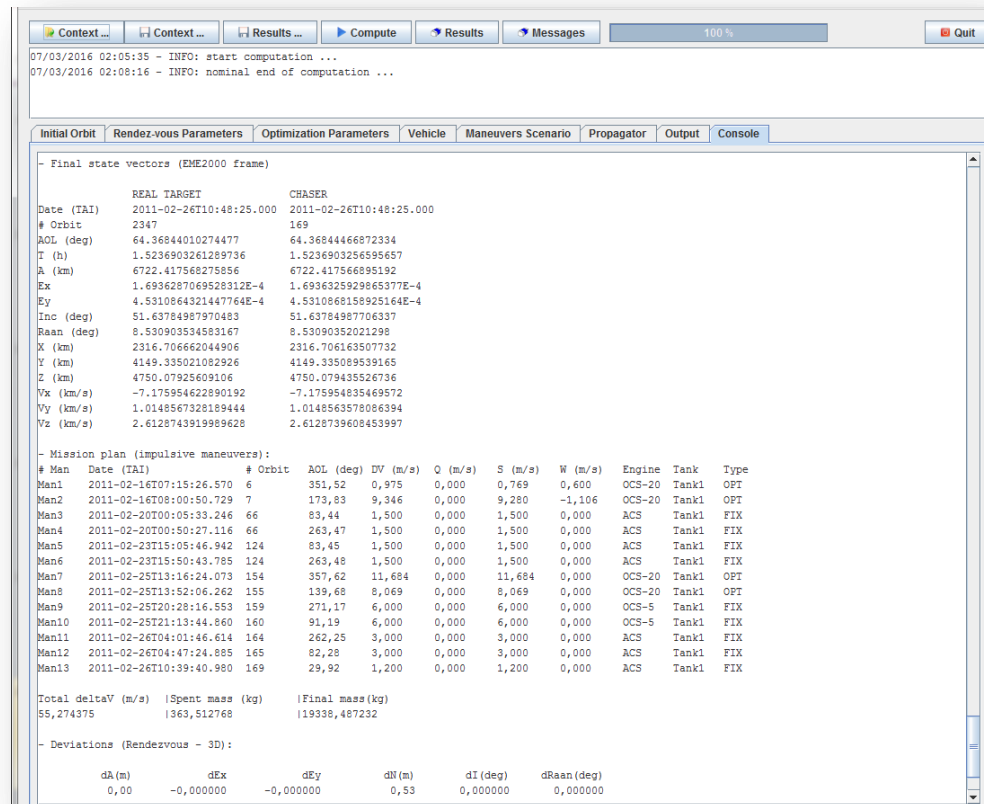
- Synthesis file
- Relative ephemeris
- Target ephemeris
- Chaser ephemeris

### - Plot XY

- Duration
- Chaser orbital parameters (target LVLH, QSW)

### - Intermediate results

- Progress bar
- Remaining “n-tuples”
- Mission plans
- Orbital parameters deviations



The screenshot shows a software interface with a menu bar (Context, Results, Compute, Results, Messages, 100%, Quit) and a toolbar. The main window displays the following data:

```
07/03/2016 02:05:35 - INFO: start computation ...
07/03/2016 02:08:16 - INFO: nominal end of computation ...
```

Initial Orbit | Rendez-vous Parameters | Optimization Parameters | Vehicle | Maneuvers Scenario | Propagator | Output | Console

- Final state vectors (EME2000 frame)

	REAL TARGET	CHASER
Date (TAI)	2011-02-26T10:48:25.000	2011-02-26T10:48:25.000
# Orbit	2347	169
AOL (deg)	64.36844010274477	64.36844466872334
T (h)	1.5236903261289736	1.5236903256595657
A (km)	6722.417568275856	6722.417566895192
Ex	1.6936287069528312E-4	1.6936325929865377E-4
Ey	4.5310864321447764E-4	4.5310868158925164E-4
Inc (deg)	51.63784987970483	51.63784987706337
Raan (deg)	8.530903534583167	8.53090352021298
X (km)	2316.706662044906	2316.706163507732
Y (km)	4149.335021082926	4149.335089539165
Z (km)	4750.07925609106	4750.079435526736
Vx (km/s)	-7.175954622890192	-7.175954835469572
Vy (km/s)	1.0148567328189444	1.0148563578086394
Vz (km/s)	2.6128743919989628	2.6128739608453997

- Mission plan (impulsive maneuvers):

# Man	Date (TAI)	# Orbit	AOL (deg)	DV (m/s)	Q (m/s)	S (m/s)	W (m/s)	Engine	Tank	Type
Man1	2011-02-16T07:15:26.570	6	351,52	0,975	0,000	0,769	0,600	OCS-20	Tank1	OPT
Man2	2011-02-16T08:00:50.729	7	173,83	9,346	0,000	9,280	-1,106	OCS-20	Tank1	OPT
Man3	2011-02-20T00:05:33.246	66	83,44	1,500	0,000	1,500	0,000	ACS	Tank1	FIX
Man4	2011-02-20T00:59:27.116	66	263,47	1,500	0,000	1,500	0,000	ACS	Tank1	FIX
Man5	2011-02-23T15:05:46.942	124	83,45	1,500	0,000	1,500	0,000	ACS	Tank1	FIX
Man6	2011-02-23T15:50:43.785	124	263,48	1,500	0,000	1,500	0,000	ACS	Tank1	FIX
Man7	2011-02-25T13:16:24.073	154	357,62	11,684	0,000	11,684	0,000	OCS-20	Tank1	OPT
Man8	2011-02-25T13:52:06.262	155	139,68	8,069	0,000	8,069	0,000	OCS-20	Tank1	OPT
Man9	2011-02-25T20:28:16.553	159	271,17	6,000	0,000	6,000	0,000	OCS-5	Tank1	FIX
Man10	2011-02-25T21:13:44.860	160	91,19	6,000	0,000	6,000	0,000	OCS-5	Tank1	FIX
Man11	2011-02-26T04:01:46.614	164	262,25	3,000	0,000	3,000	0,000	ACS	Tank1	FIX
Man12	2011-02-26T04:47:24.885	165	82,28	3,000	0,000	3,000	0,000	ACS	Tank1	FIX
Man13	2011-02-26T10:39:40.980	169	29,92	1,200	0,000	1,200	0,000	ACS	Tank1	FIX

Total deltaV (m/s) | Spent mass (kg) | Final mass (kg)  
55,274375 | 1363,512768 | 19338,487232

- Deviations (Rendezvous - 3D):

dA (m)	dEx	dEy	dR (m)	dI (deg)	dRaan (deg)
0,00	-0,000000	-0,000000	0,53	0,000000	0,000000