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**OPERA** is a [CNES](#) tool allowing to estimate long and middle term Earth reentry dates (some months to one week in advance) thanks to [TLE](#).

It allows also to compute the information on other parameters as [S/M](#) or maneuvers previously occurred.

At last, **OPERA** is able to generate automatic [PDF](#) reports with a synthesis of maneuver activity of a given object.

**OPERA** is usable via three modes:

- [GUI](#): its utilization is made user-friendly thanks to a graphical user interface (developed using [\[GENIUS\]](#) and [\[GENOPUS\]](#)),
- Batch,
- Library via its [Java](#) interface.

Its initialization is made by:

- A list of initial orbital parameters thanks to [TLE](#),
- Solar activity files,
- Several other specific parameters as the reentry altitude or how to filter [TLE](#) inputs.

For flight dynamics aspects, **OPERA** is fully based on the [\[PATRIUS\]](#) library and specially about the orbit extrapolation, the propagation is done thanks to the [\[STELA\]](#) propagator that allows to get interesting [CPU](#) time by comparison to a full numerical propagator while keeping sufficient precision relative to the reentry date.

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