

Distributed Interactive simulation and Advanced Distant learning

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GRID WORKSHOP

Introduction.

- Motivation of using the GRID by TOS-EMM. COMS infrastructure to support different distributed tools as:
 - distributed simulations
 - Distributed learning
 - Collaborative visualization
 - Collaborative engineering

Distributed Interactive simulation

- Standard Technology (IEEE 1516).
- Tested in ESA projects since 1994:
 - Simulation of chaser/target vehicles (95)
 - Focused on distributed interactive simulation (96)
 - First ever application of DIS Std. in space (97)
 - First ever application of HLA Std. in space (98)
 - Distributed Interactive Simulation for Rendezvous Mission (DIS-RVM, with EADS (former Aerospatiale) and D3)
 - Distributed User centres for Earth Observing Small Satellites (Headway)
 - Remote Operation of Rendezvous Sensor Test Facility (EPOS, DLR)
 - ESA – NASA demonstration in 2001
 - ESA – NASA – NASDA 2003.

SAMPLE TESTING SCENARIOS

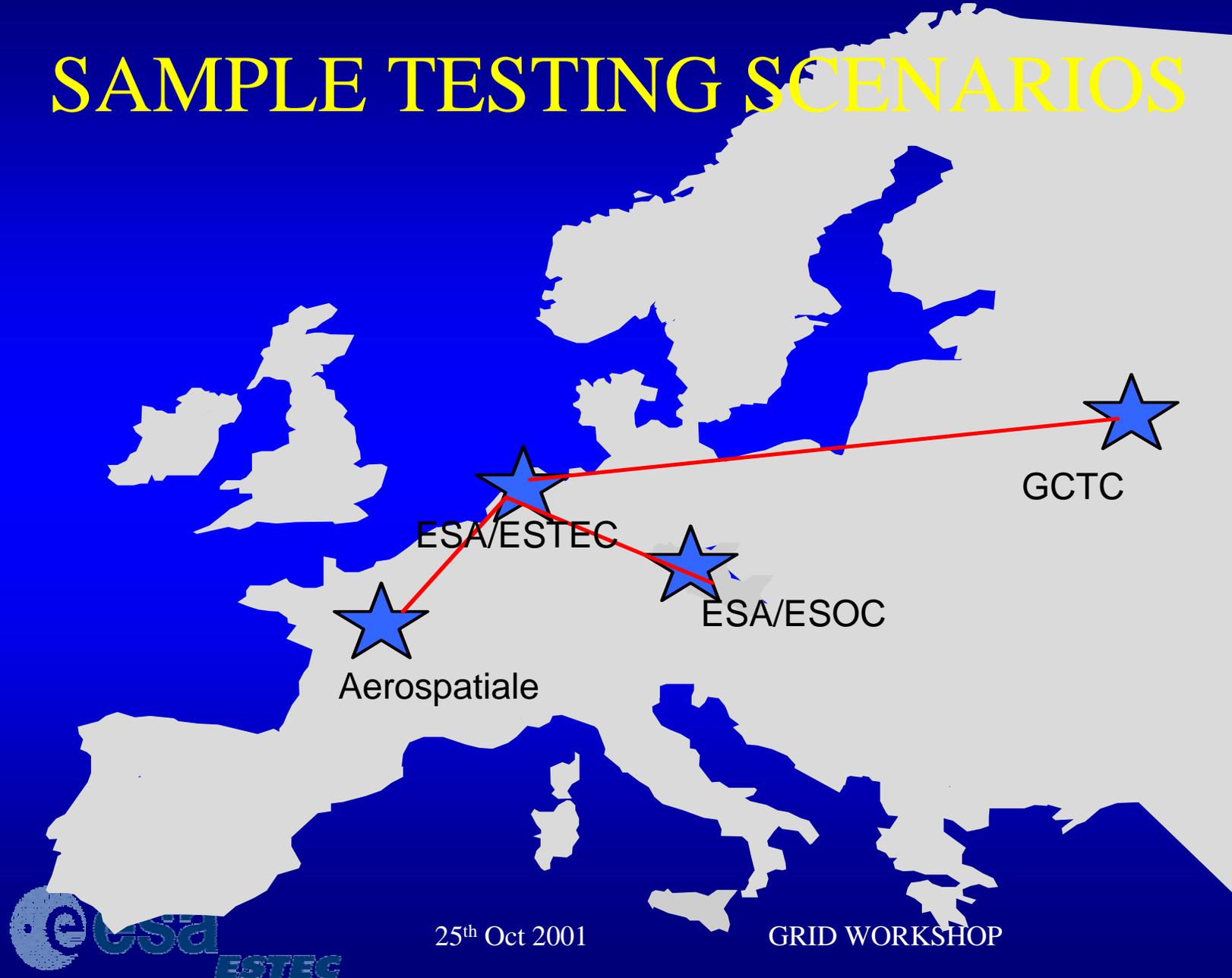
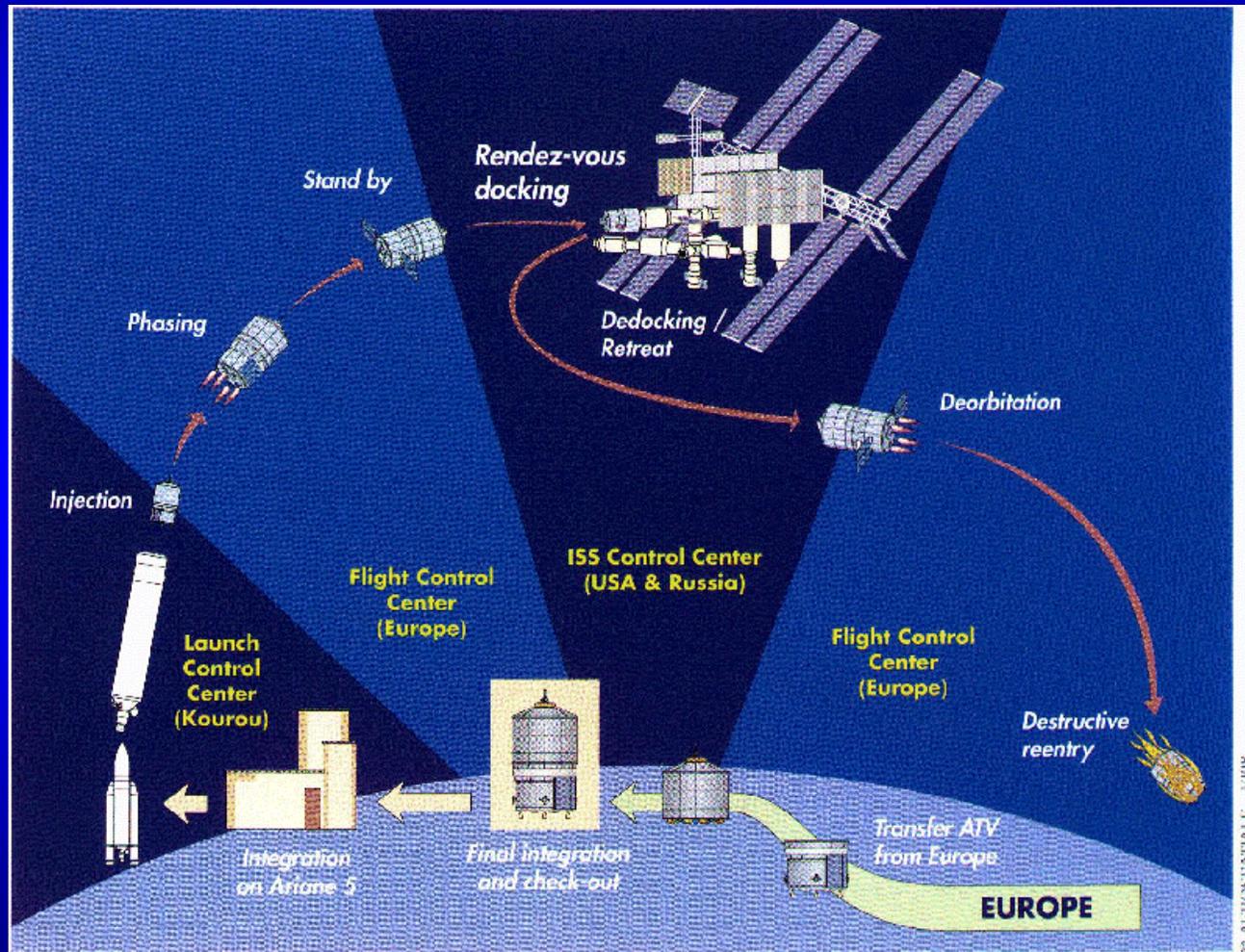
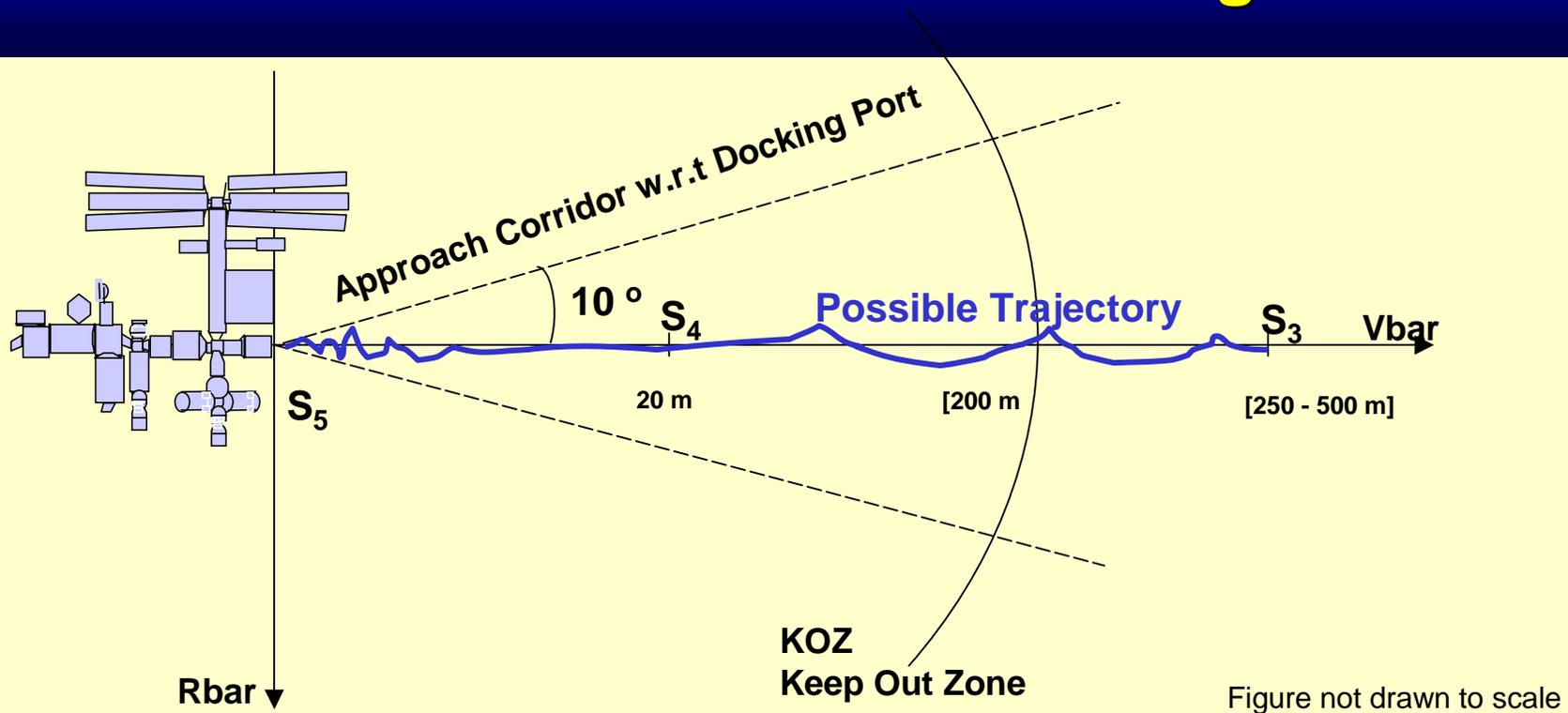


Illustration to reference scenario: mission of ISS supply vehicle



Simulation scenario: Final translation to docking



Waiting Points

S₃ : Waiting for authorization to enter KOZ

S₄ : Acquisition of relative attitude wrt ISS docking coordinate system

S₅ : Docking port

scenario de Houston, con la distribucion de los federates entre Houston y ESTEC.

Se probo un escenario real con operaciones / operadores (tu y el otro muchacho) realísticos.

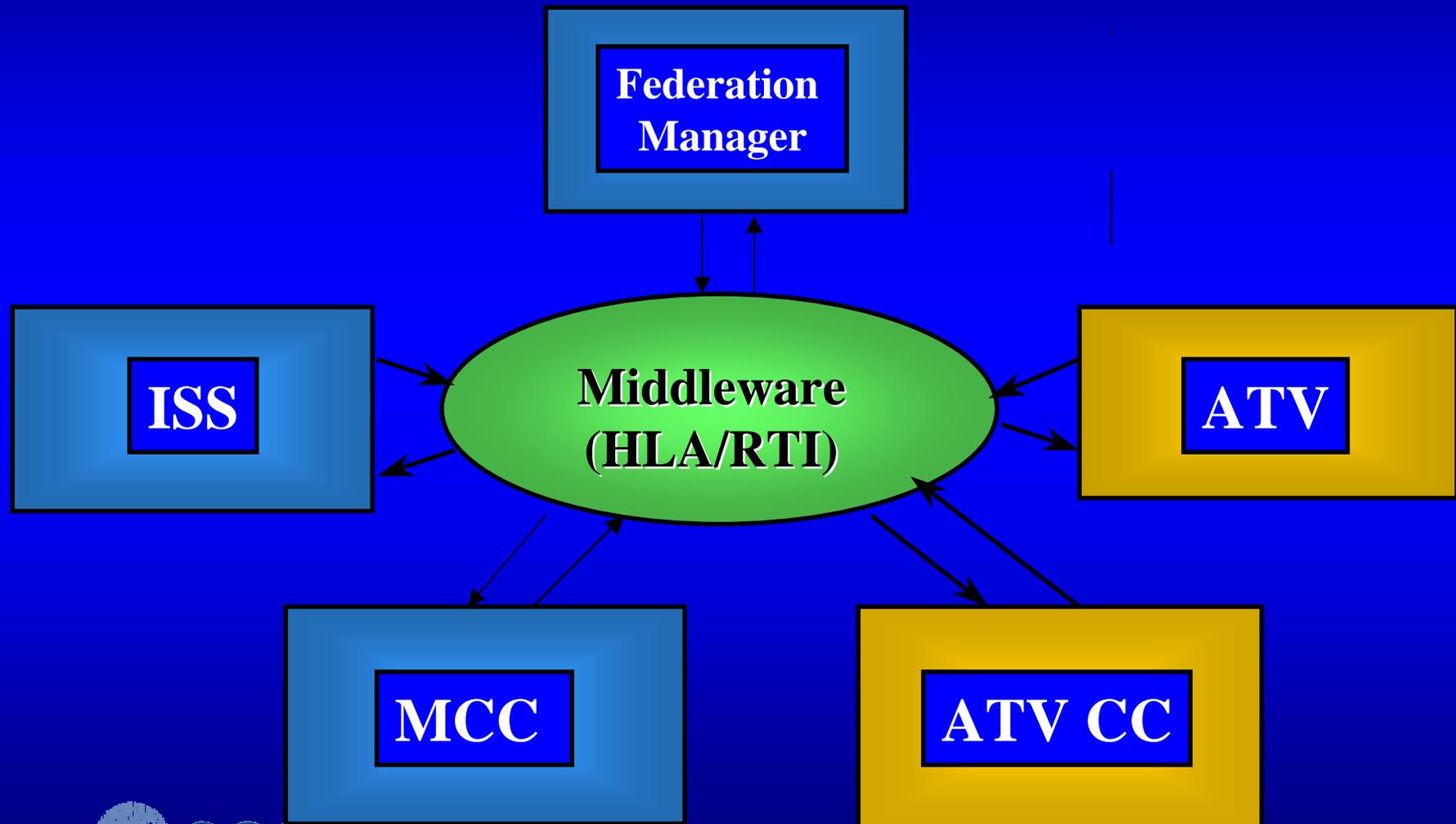


Illustration to reference scenario: final approach to docking

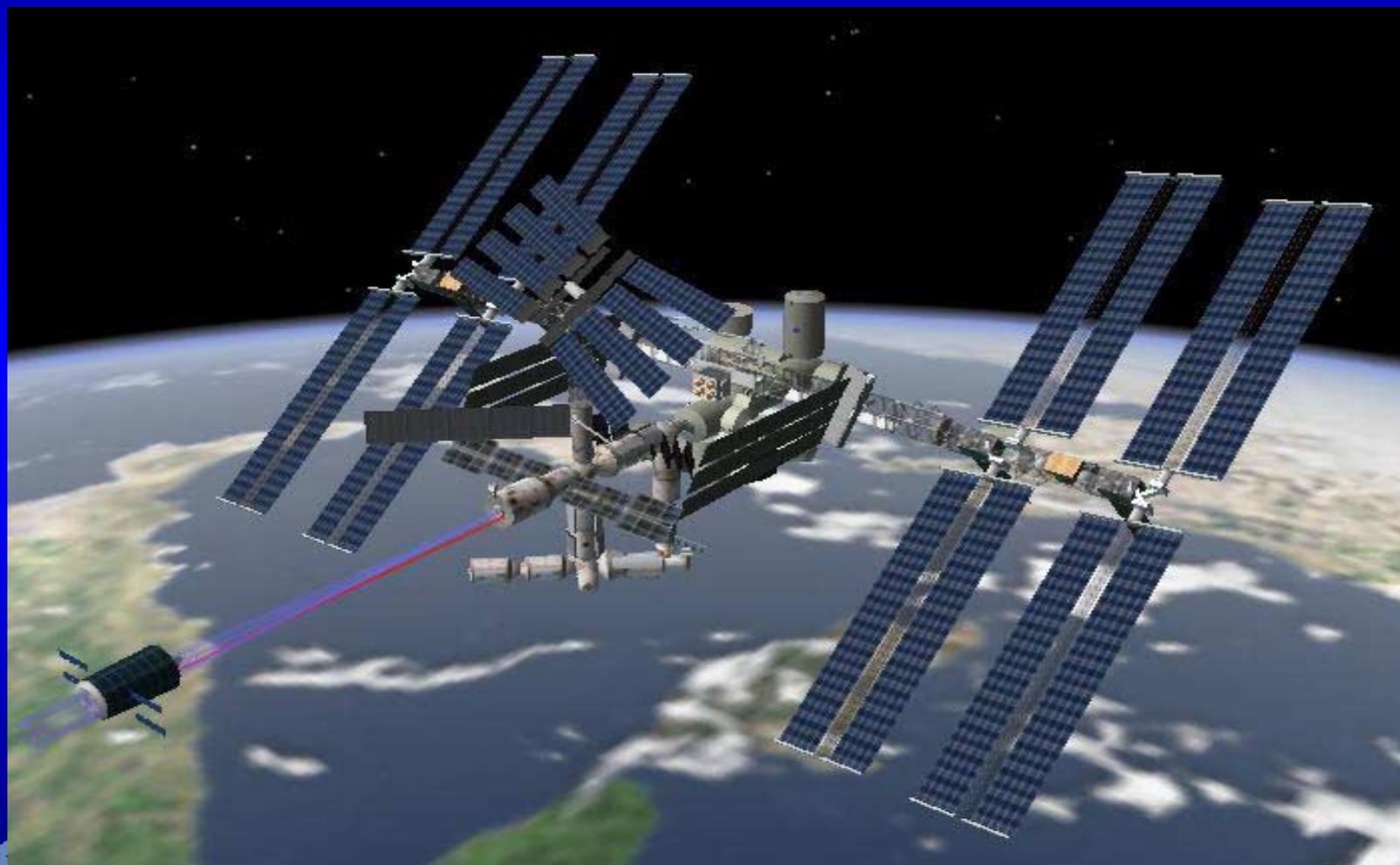




Illustration to scenario (2)

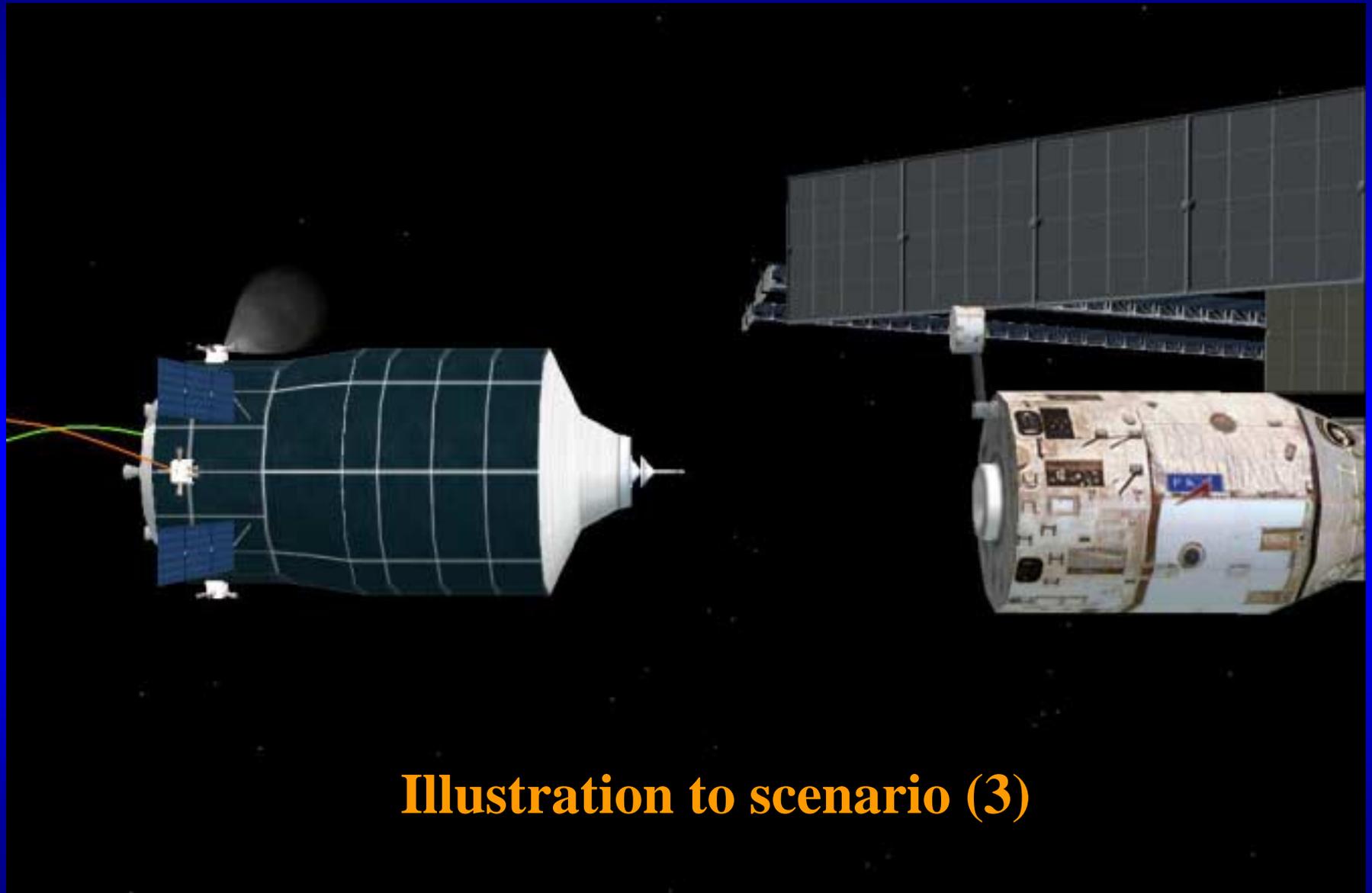


Illustration to scenario (3)

Some lessons learned

General:

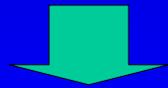
Distributed simulation technology based on HLA appears to be an appropriate solution for Collaborative Engineering tasks (including connecting of hardware-in-the-loop simulations), and interactions between different groups of operators (Training tasks)

Cost issue:

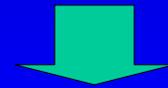
From the cost point of view, implementation of a distributed simulation system can save considerable budget by reducing amount of hard- and software to be exchanged between partners that need interoperability. Effort to transform background simulation applications into HLA-compliant federates was reasonable.

ADL. Basic Concepts...

- **Distance Learning Vs Distributed Learning**



Synchronous
technology



Asynchronous
technology

- **BASED IN IEEE Standards and COTS technology:**
 - SCORM (Sharable Content Object Reference Model)
 - LMS (Learning Management System)
 - SCO (Sharable Content Object)

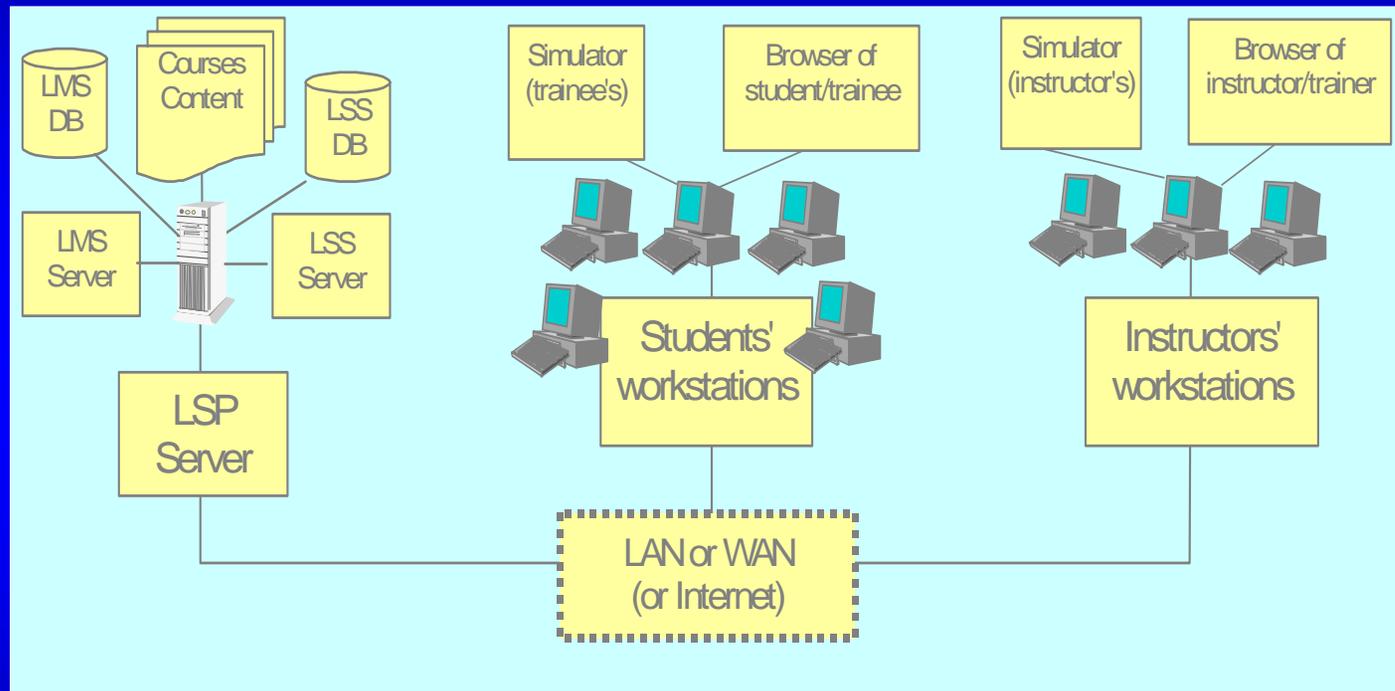
Learning System Prototype

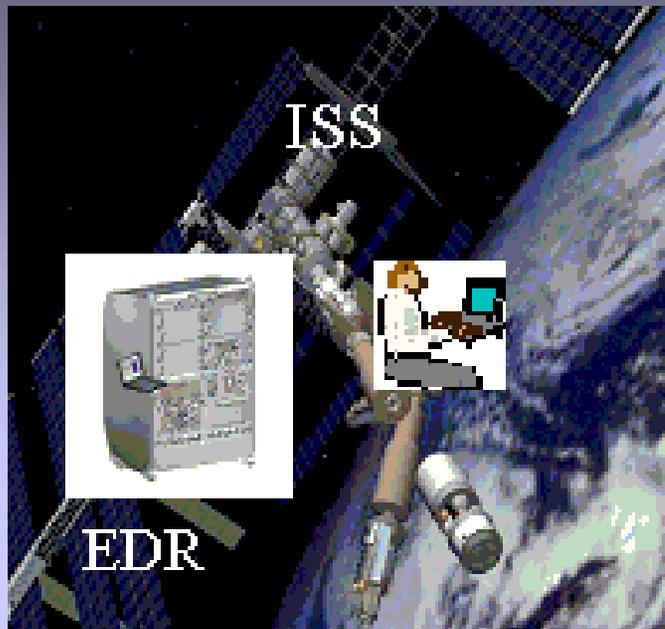
•LSP Server:

- LMS Server and Data Base
- LSS Server and Data Base
- Course contents

•Student & Instructor WS:

- Web Browser+Java Applet
- Simulator application component





- European Drawer Rack (EDR) is a payload to be operated onboard the International Space Station (ISS)
- EDR usage needs training of astronauts and ground personnel - engineers, researchers and managers



PILOT Demostration SCENARIO

EDR Hardware System Structure



Erasmus FRC
EDR Simulator
hosting the
functional models



IGS

TM/TC

TCP/IP

UHB (User Home Base)



WAN

Erasmus LAN

Simulated or Real Data

To ISS User
Information
Centre

*FSC (Facility
Support Center)*



Simulation Room



Engineering Room



Operations Room



Need for distance learning and distributed interactive simulation in space programmes

- Groups of **experts** working within the same project or even on the same system or payload are **geographically distributed**
- Only minor part of **skills** requires use of **complex simulators** (regular **student** workstation/laptop could cover many tasks)
- **Certification** of staff is required to deal with space operations
- Learning «through doing» is an important element. However, emerging **ADL**-compliant systems are **not** designed for online **distributed simulations**

Results

- Evaluation of use in EDR
- Support to the Education Office
- Support to SSETI office (Students Satellite)