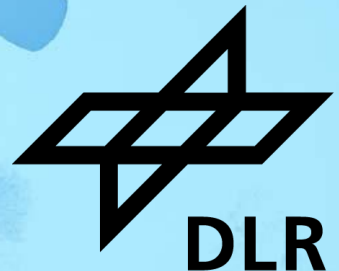


# **SWIMming IN TCL FOR NETWORK REAL-TIME MONITORING AND MANAGEMENT OF SPACE LAUNCH AND RE-ENTRY MISSIONS**

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- Introduction
- Challenge
- Realization

- SWIM (System Wide Information Management)
  - → Air Traffic Management (ATM) Intranet
- Network Manager (NM) B2B Services
  - EUROCONTROL Network Manager (NM) system-to-system access interface
  - SWIM compliant

■ Open ATM digital collaborative environment

- ECHO 2 (European Concept for Higher Altitude Operations Phase 2) Project
- → Three-year SESAR (Single European Sky ATM Research) 3 Joint Undertaking Project

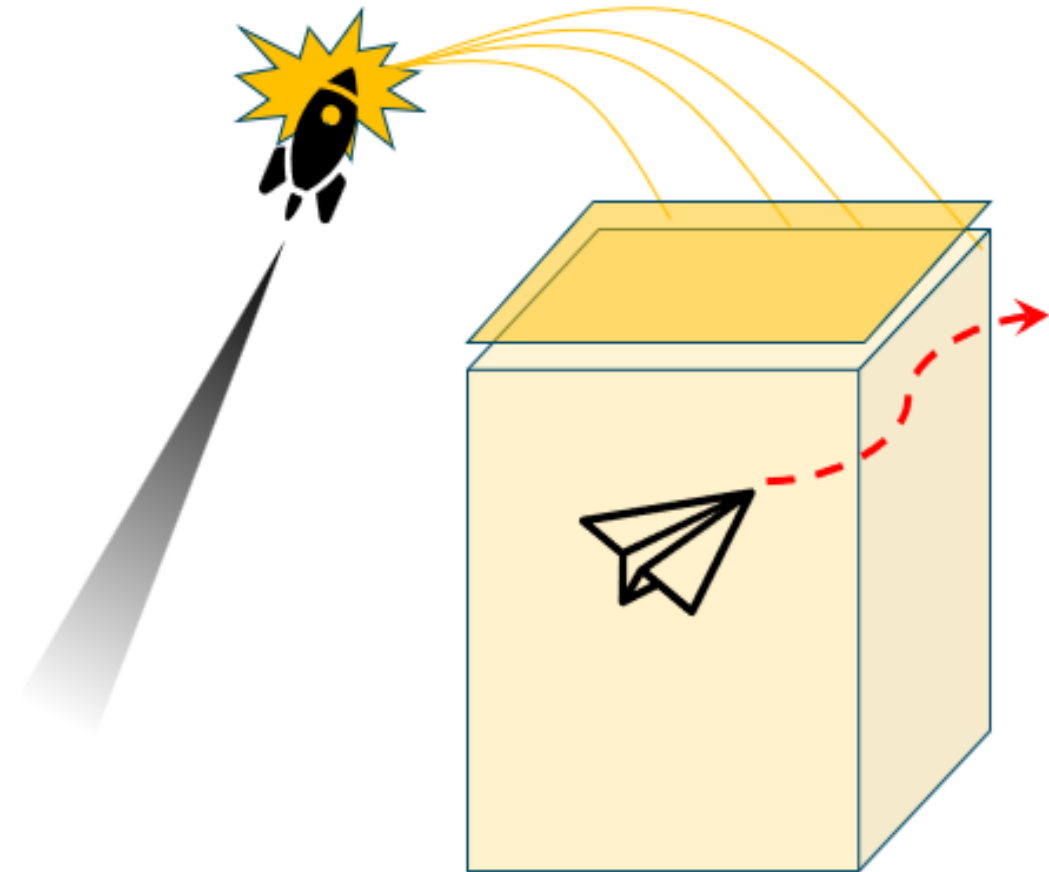


Source: EUROCONTROL

- Monitoring of space launches and re-entries in real-time
- Improved situational awareness
- Air traffic flow management support

# Introduction

- Future space flight increase in the highly frequented and complex European airspace
- Large-scale impact on air traffic

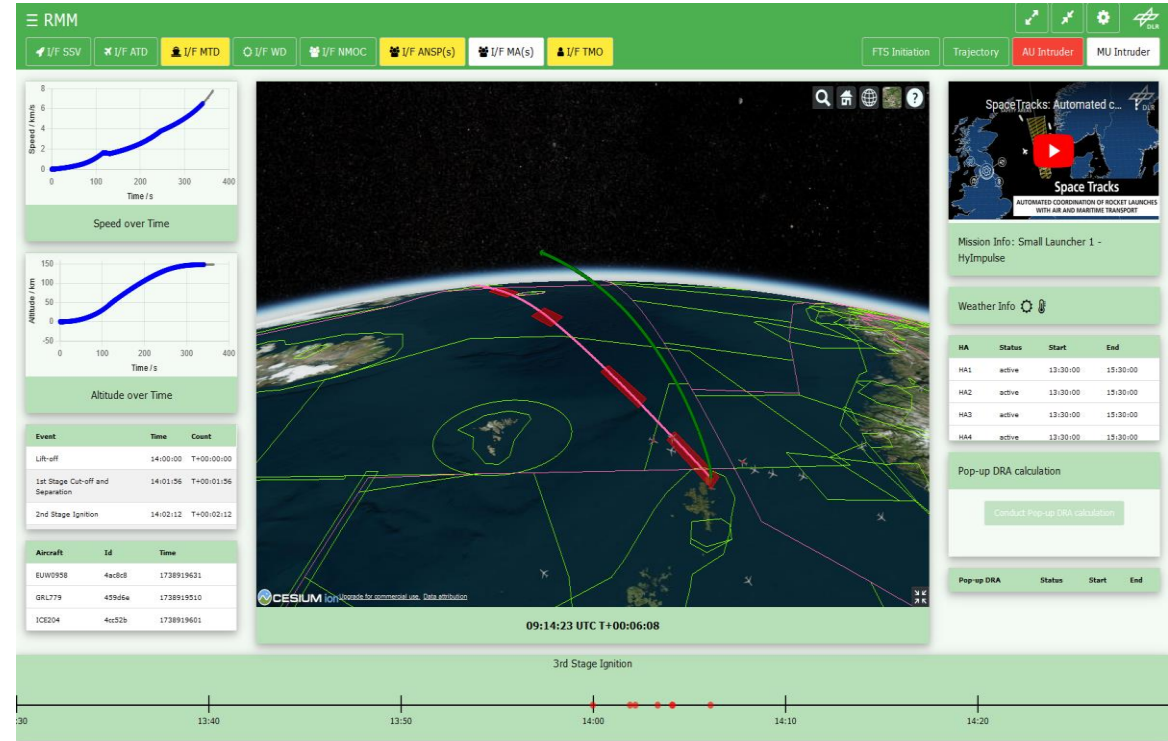


Source: DLR

- In case of non-nominal event:  
Activation of pre-calculated Debris Response Areas

# Introduction

- N-RMM (Network Real-time Mission Monitoring) Prototype
  - Visualization of accumulated data
  - Interface to relevant SWIM NM B2B services



Source: Jens Hampe, DLR

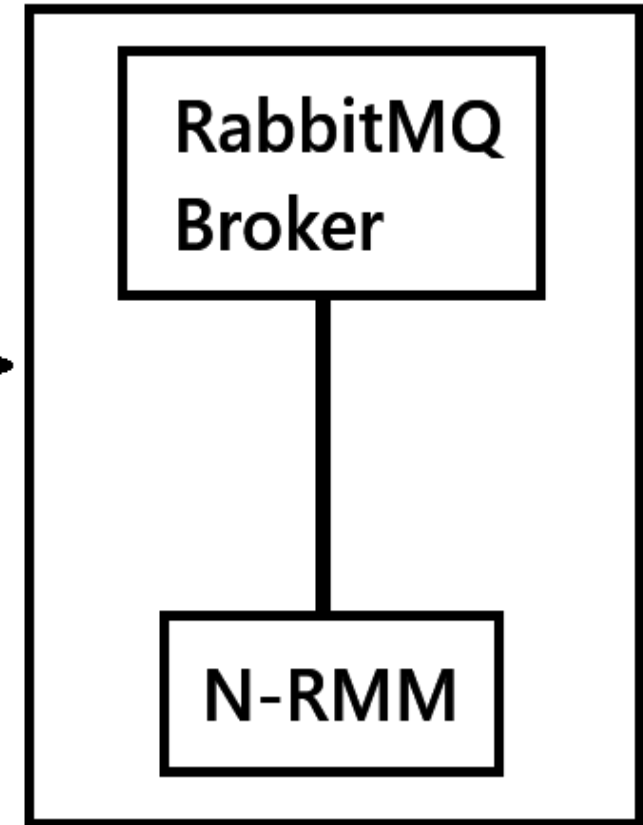
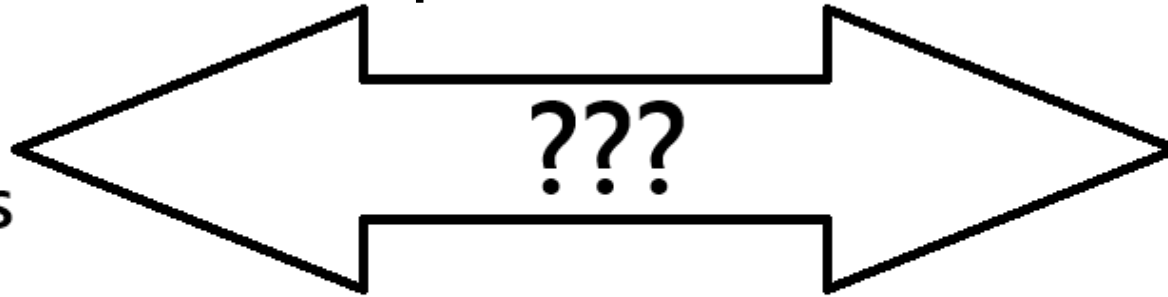
- Tailored for the needs of the European ATM Network Manager
- Tested in the context of the EUROCONTROL NM



## Challenge

- General Information
- Flow Information
- Flight Information
- Airspace Information

NM  
B2B Services

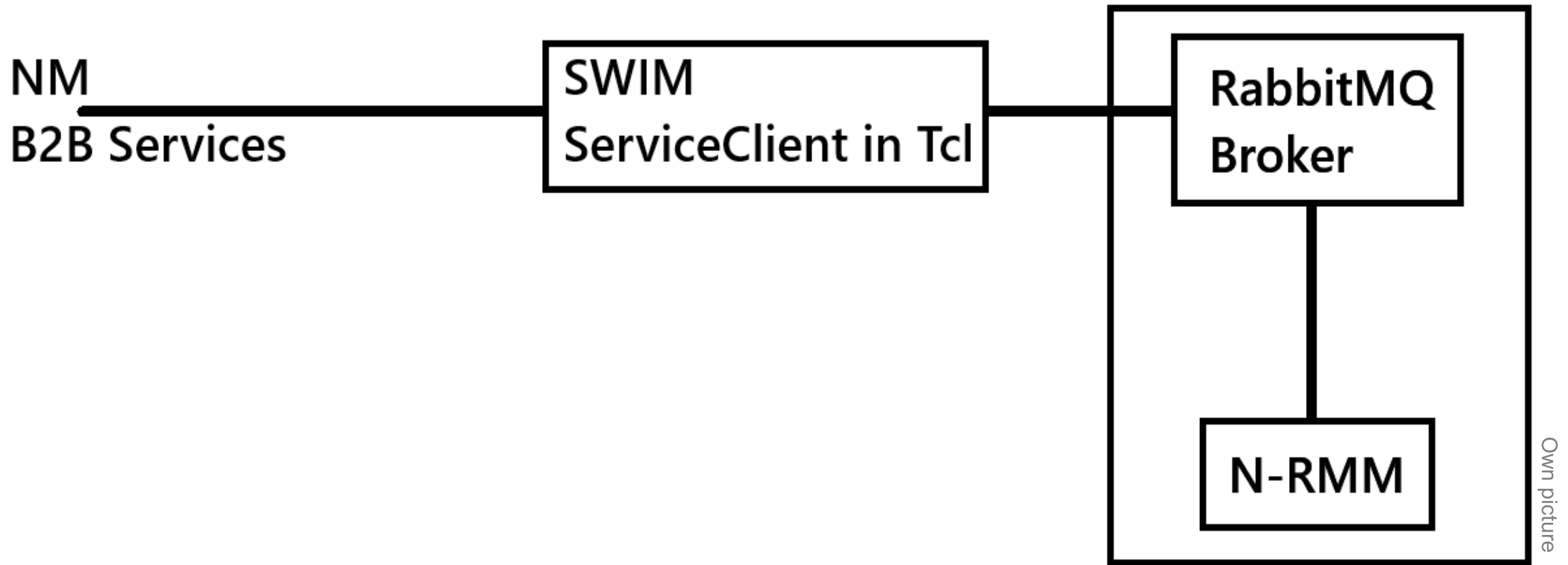


Own picture

- Make an educated guess...



# Realization



- Pragmatic use of Tcl





## Realization



- Used libs:

```
package require http
package require tdom
package require rmq
package require json
package require json::write
package require log
package require tls
package require base64
package require zipfile::decode
package require aes
package require tcl::transform::base64
```

- So far so good, so nice



# Realization

## ■ Structure:

```
oo::class create swimServiceClient {  
  #variables  
  #...  
  #..  
  #.  
  constructor {airspaceDataRetrievalRequestInterval rabbitmqrsatopic \  
    rabbitmqroutingkey requesttargetaddress \  
    rabbitmqip rabbitmqport \  
    rabbitmquser rabbitmqpassword \  
    rabbitmqvhost rabbitmqfirtopic \  
    rabbitmqirtopic rabbitmqsectortopic operatingsystem} {  
    #...  
    my LoadRequestTemplates  
    my SetupRabbitMq  
    my CompleteAIXMDatasetRequestLoop  
    my AUPChainRetrievalRequestLoop  
    vwait Forever  
  }  
  #methods  
  destructor {  
  }  
}
```



■ So far so good, so nice



## ■ The RequestLoops with Coroutines:

```
method XXXRetrievalRequestLoop {} {  
  coroutine XXXRetrievalRequestLoopRunner ::apply [list args {  
    while {1} {  
      #...  
      #..  
      #.  
      my DoXXXRetrievalRequest  
      after $XXXInterval [info coroutine]  
      yield  
    }  
    rename [info coroutine] {}  
    return  
  } [self]]  
  oo::objdefine [self] forward XXXRetrievalRequestLoopRunner [self]::XXXRetrievalRequestLoopRunner  
}
```

■ So far so good, so nice



## Realization



- The Requests with http package:

```
set XXXRequestResult [http::geturl $RequestTargetAddress \  
    -type "text/xml" \  
    -query $XXXPayload]
```

- So far so good, so nice



■ Everything 😊  
worked perfect!

■ BUT



- On Windows Server installation at Eurocontrol:

***error reading "sock0000022C66EFE990":  
software caused connection abort***



# Realization




- Solution →  
exec and eval with Curl  
instead of using http with  
tls:

```
set payloadfile [open XXXRequestPayload.xml "w"]  
puts $payloadfile $XXXPayloadActual  
close $payloadfile  
set Command [list exec ./curl \  
  -X POST $RequestTargetAddress \  
  --fail \  
  --silent \  
  --show-error \  
  -H "Content-Type: application/xml" \  
  -H "Accept: application/xml" \  
  --data @XXXRequestPayload.xml \  
  --cert client.crt.pem:... \  
  --key client.crt.pem]  
set XXXRequestResult [eval $Command]
```





**Project  
time  
pressure** + **Tcl/Tk** = **SUCCESS !**

A simplified diagram of a piano keyboard with five black keys and five white keys, representing the Tcl/Tk logo.



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