



Analysis of Bridges & Wormholes Paper

Part 2 – Assessment and Improvement of Control

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Introduction



Purpose of Analysis Effort

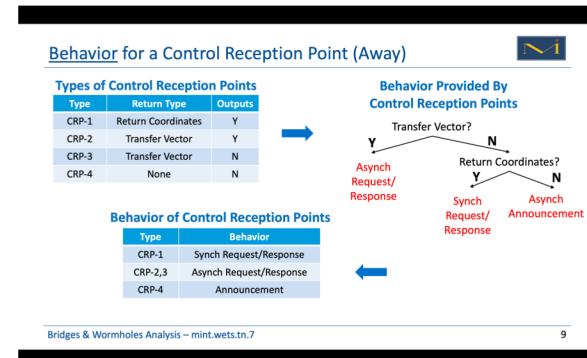
- ✓ • Understand the wormhole approach to bridging
- ✓ • Provide an overview of the approach that makes it more accessible
- Assess the approach's viability (Can it work?)
- Identify possible improvements



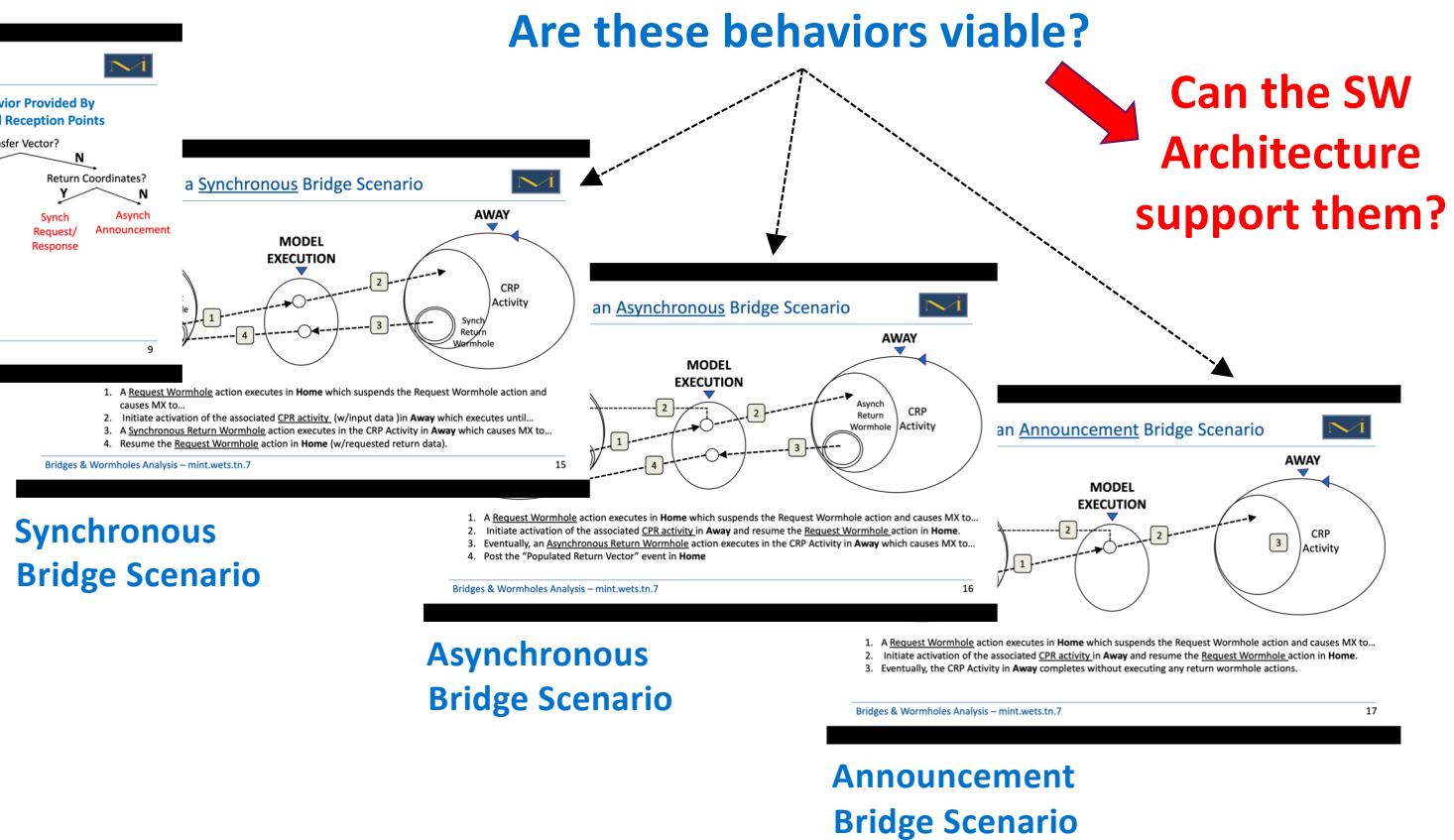
Key Terms

- Home (requesting service) domain
- Away (providing service) domain
- MX = Model Execution/Software Architecture domain

When We Last Visited...



CRP Behavior





B&W Allocation of Responsibility to SW Architecture

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4	Control	4	4	Transfer Vectors	Construction, population & propagation of a return event
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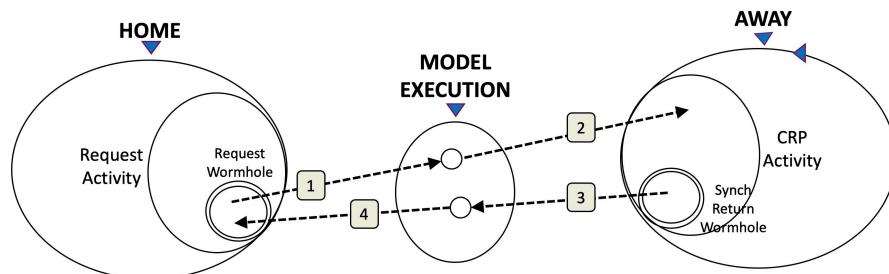


References for Implied Responsibilities

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8	Control	6	1	Domain Interface (CRP)	*Transfer control to Away via an event or invocation	"When a domain receives control from across a domain boundary, the receiver sees the control as either the arrival of an event from outside the domain or as the invocation of a synchronous service."
9	Control	7	6	Request Wormhole	*Transfer control from Home to Away via a Request Action	"Control is transferred from one domain to another by invocation of a wormhole process on an ADFD or SDFD."
10	Control	9	4	Return Wormhole	*Transfer control from Away to Home via a Return Action with a Transfer Vector or Return Coordinates	<p>* "If there is an input to the wormhole of type transfer vector, the return will be asynchronous."</p> <p>* "If there is an input of type return coordinate, the return will be synchronous."</p>



Viability of a Synchronous Bridge Scenario?



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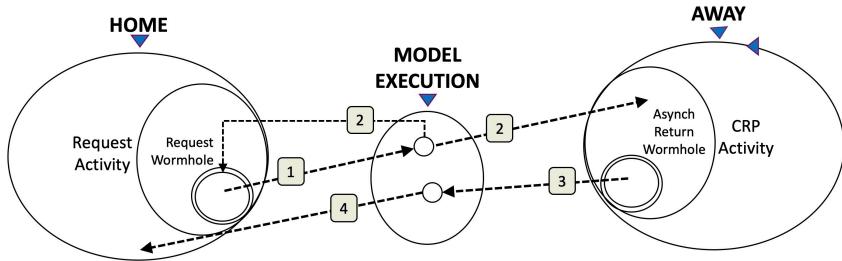
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1. A Request Wormhole action executes in **Home** which passes control to MX **[#9]** which then...
2. Suspends the Request Wormhole Action **[#6]**, creates a Return Coordinate **[#5, #7]** and initiates activation of the associated CRP activity in **Away** **[#8]** which stores the Return Coordinate and executes until...
3. A Synchronous Return Wormhole action executes in the CRP Activity **[#10]** in **Away** which has retrieved and passed the Return Coordinate and any return data to MX which causes it to...
4. Resume the Request Wormhole action in **Home** **[#6]**.

Viable?
 Consistent with published SW
 Architecture responsibilities.



Viability of an Asynchronous Bridge Scenario?



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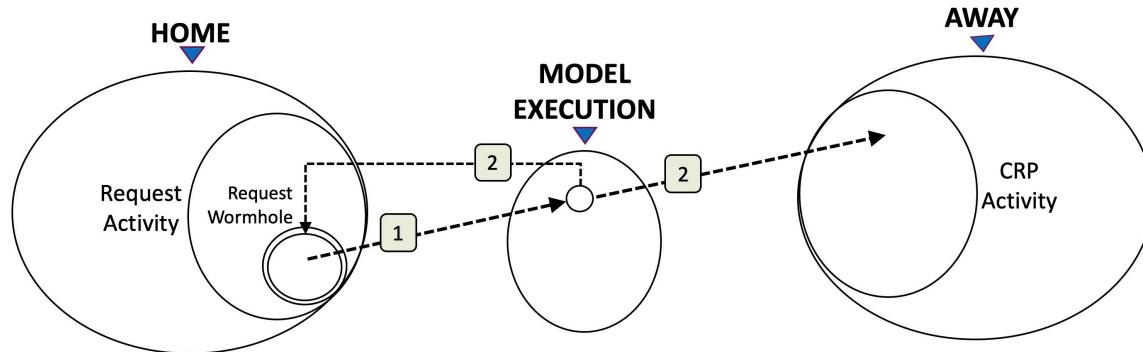
How Scenario Works

1. A Request Wormhole action executes in **Home** which passes control to MX [#9] which then...
2. Returns control to the Request Wormhole action [OOA] and initiates activation of the associated CPR activity in **Away** [#8] which stores the Transfer Vector [OOA] and executes until...
3. An Asynchronous Return Wormhole action executes in the CRP Activity [#10] in **Away** which retrieves and passes the Transfer Vector and any return data to MX which causes it to...
4. Construct a “Populated Return Vector” event [#3, #4] and post that event in **Home**. [#11, #4]

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Viability of an Announcement Bridge Scenario?



Announcement Bridge scenario is just a subset of the Asynchronous Bridge scenario.

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Control Responsibilities Used in Scenarios

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Matching Wormholes with Control Reception Points

Request Wormhole (Home)

- ID
- Meaning
- Data items to be sent
- Data items to be returned
- Transfer Vector (optional)



Control Reception Point (Away)

- ID
- Meaning
- Data items to be sent
- Data items to be returned
- Return information expected, one of:
 - Transfer Vector
 - Return Coordinates
 - Nothing

Constructing the Bridge:

“For each request wormhole in one domain (Home), we must identify a synchronous service or an external event (CRP) in another domain (Away) .”

- Bridges & Wormholes



Matching Wormholes with Control Reception Points

In order to identify the CRP that corresponds to each wormhole, it is helpful to bring the definitions of all request wormholes from one domain together with all CRPs of the other domain. One way of doing this is shown in the following table:

Domain	Ident	Meaning	Inputs	Synch outputs	Asynch return	Asynch outputs
Application	W1	Get magnet current	Magnet ID	current	--	NA
Application	W2	Move robot	x, y, θ, Robot ID	--	R2: (Robot ID)	none
Application	W3	Position slider	Slider ID, position	delta	--	NA
PIO	S1	Read analog input point	AIP ID, return coordinate	scaled value	--	NA
PIO	AIOP1	Set analog input point	AIP ID, setpoint	--	--	NA
PIO	AOP1	Set analog output point	AOP ID, setpoint	--	--	NA
PIO	AIP3	Iterate to setpoint	AIP ID, setpoint, return coordinate	discrepancy	--	NA
PIO	TAG10	Three-axis move	TAG ID, x setpoint, y setpoint, z setpoint, notification	--	notification	none

Constraints with this Matching

Request Wormhole (Home)

- ID ✓
- Meaning ✓
- Data items to be sent ✓
- Data items to be returned
- Transfer Vector (optional)

Control Reception Point (Away)

- ID ✓
- Meaning ✓
- Data items to be sent ✓
- Data items to be returned
- Return information expected, one of:
 - Transfer Vector
 - Return Coordinates
 - Nothing



Request Wormhole with Transfer Vector

- CRP must have Transfer Vector specified → Home & Away behavior must agree (**Asynch**)

Request Wormhole without Transfer Vector and with outputs required

- CRP must have Return Coordinates specified → Home & Away behavior must agree (**Synch**)

Request Wormhole without Transfer Vector and with no outputs required

- CRP must have neither Return Coordinates nor Transfer Vector specified → Home & Away behavior must agree (**Announce**)



Shortcomings and Proposed Improvements

Bridges & Wormholes v1

- 1 Request Wormhole to address:
 - synchronous,
 - asynchronous and
 - announcement behavior
- 2 Return Wormholes to address:
 - synchronous and
 - asynchronous behavior

Shortcomings

- A CRP can only provide 1 behavior based on Return Wormhole it uses
- Home must match CRP behavior
- Hard to determine Home's desired behavior from the Request in AL (Transfer Vector & Outputs)

Bridges and Wormholes v2

- 3 Request Wormholes, 1 per behavior
- New data type, Return Mechanism w/subtypes:
 - Transfer Vector, Return Coordinates, Neither
- 1 Return Wormhole
 - CRP provides stored Return Mechanism
 - MX uses subtype to provide requested behavior

Improvements

- A CRP does not need know if they are handling a Transfer Vector or a Return Coordinates
- A CRP can provide both synch and asynch behavior based on subtype of Return Mechanism
- Home does not need to match CRP behavior
- Easy to determine Home's desired behavior from the Request in AL

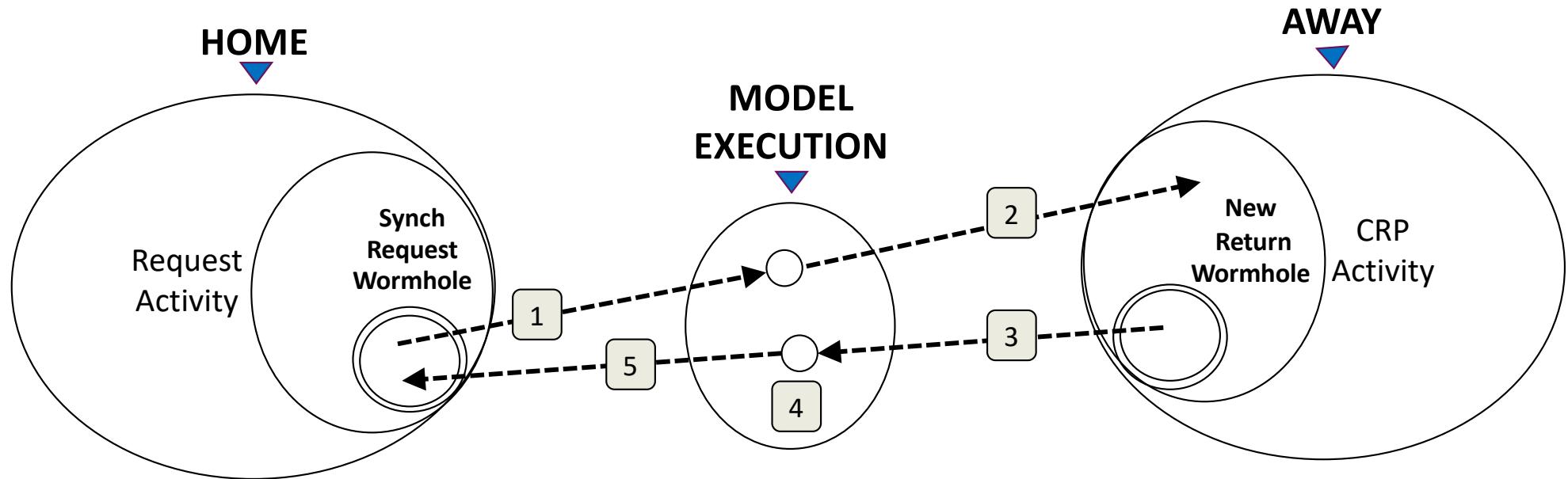
Providing Both Synchronous and Asynchronous Behavior



- A CRP has some amount of work to do and may or may not return data
- When that work is done and any return data is available:
 - If a synchronous behavior was requested, the data (if any) and control can be returned to the Synchronous Request action via the provided Return Coordinates else
 - If an asynchronous behavior was requested the data (if any) can be returned via the Return Event created from the Transfer Vector. Control has already been returned to the Asynchronous Request action.



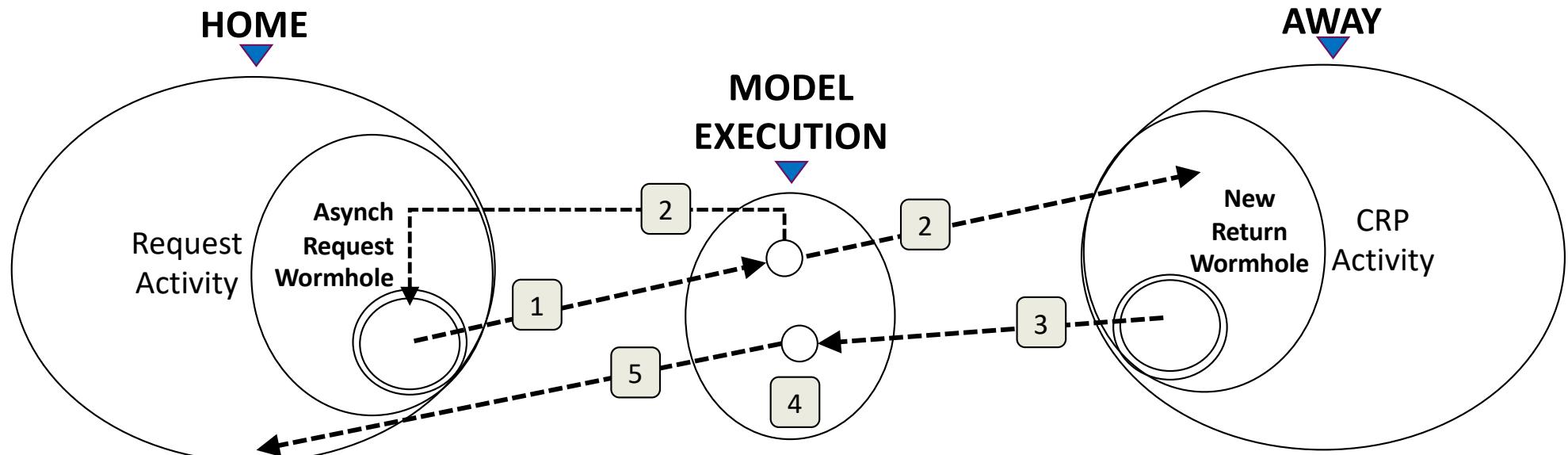
New Synchronous Bridge Scenario



1. A **Synch Request Wormhole action** executes in **Home** which suspends the Wormhole action and causes MX to...
2. Initiate activation of the associated CPR activity (w/input data + **Return Mechanism** = Return Coordinates) in **Away**
3. The CRP activity executes until, a **New Return Wormhole action** executes in the CRP Activity in **Away**, providing a **Return Mechanism** which causes MX to...
4. **Recognize that the Return Mechanism subtype is a Return Coordinates** and...
5. **Resume the Request Wormhole action in Home** (w/requested return data).

Red = New

New Asynchronous Bridge Scenario

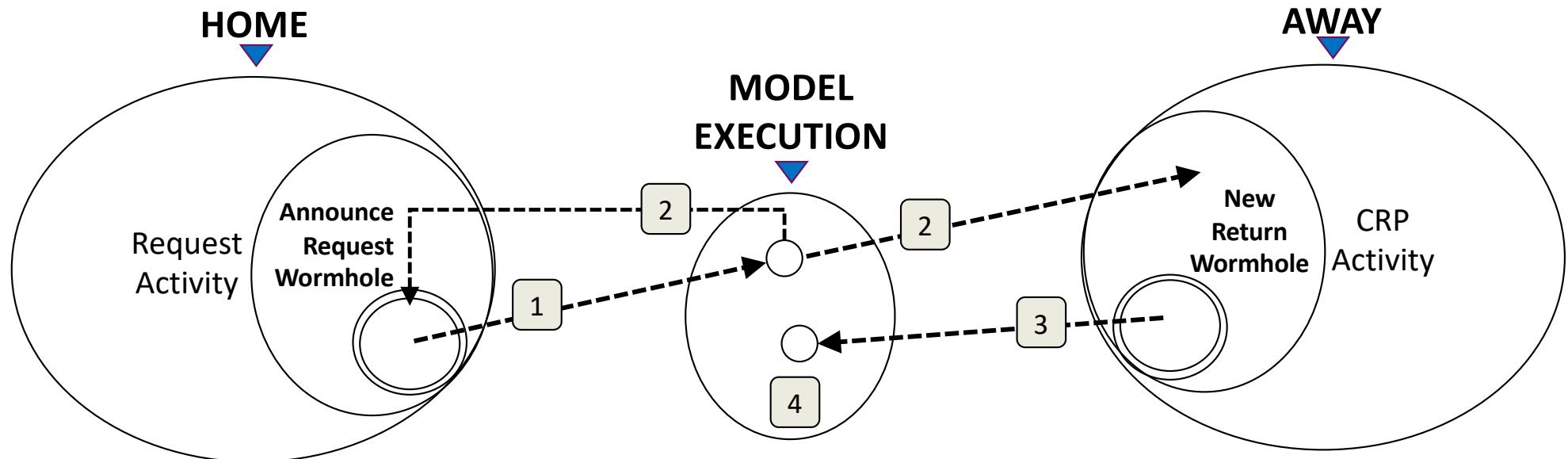


1. An **Asynch Request Wormhole** action executes in **Home** which suspends the Wormhole action and causes MX to...
2. Initiate activation of the associated CPR activity (w/input data + **Return Mechanism = Transfer Vector**) in **Away** and resume the Request Wormhole action in **Home**.
3. The CRP activity executes until a **New Return Wormhole** action executes in the CRP Activity in **Away** , providing a **Return Mechanism** which causes MX to...
4. **Recognize that the Return Mechanism is a Transfer Vector** and...
5. Post the “Populated Return Vector” event in **Home**

Red = New



New Announcement Bridge Scenario



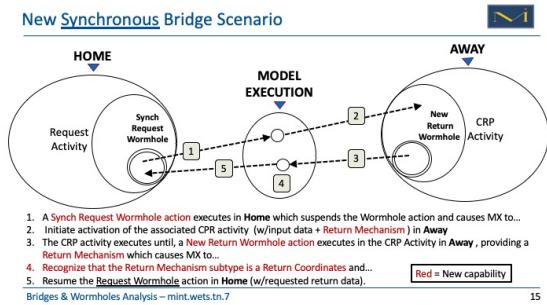
1. An **Announce Request Wormhole** action executes in **Home** which suspends the Wormhole action and causes MX to...
2. Initiate activation of the associated CPR activity (w/input data + **Return Mechanism** = **Neither**) in **Away** and resume the Request Wormhole action in **Home**.
3. The CRP activity executes. If a **New Return Wormhole** action is invoked in the CRP Activity in **Away**, it provides a **Return Mechanism** which causes MX to...
4. Recognize that the **Return Mechanism** is a **Neither** and does nothing.

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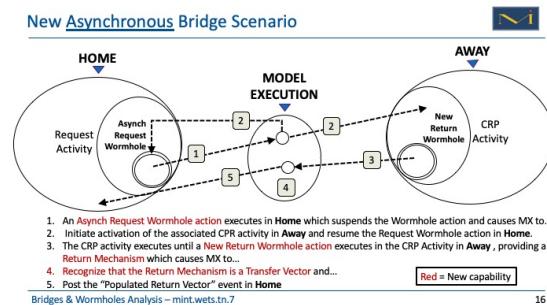


Viability of a New Bridge Scenarios?

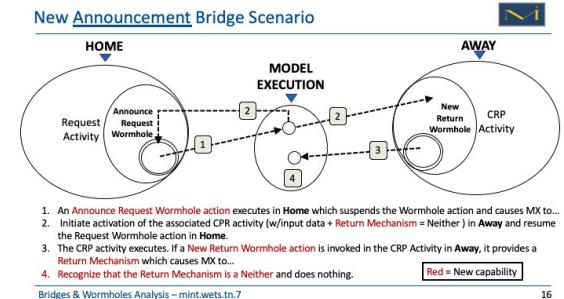
New Synchronous Bridge Scenario



New Asynchronous Bridge Scenario



New Announcement Bridge Scenario



Viable?

As viable as the Bridging &
Wormholes v1 Approach

Matching Request \leftrightarrow CRP Possibilities with B&W/v1



HOME/
Request

AWAY/Control Reception Point

	Announce	Synch w/Data	Synch w/o Data	Asynch w/Data	Asynch w/o Data
Announce	OK				
Synch w/Data		OK			
Synch w/o Data					
Asynch w/Data				OK	
Asynch w/o Data					OK



Matching Request \leftrightarrow CRP Possibilities with B&W/v2

HOME/
Request

AWAY/Control Reception Point

	Announce	V1-Synch w/Data	V1-Synch w/o Data	V1-Asynch w/Data	V1-Asynch w/o Data
Announce	OK		Ok'ish		OK
Synch w/Data		OK		OK	
Synch w/o Data			OK		OK
Asynch w/Data		OK		OK	
Asynch w/o Data			OK		OK



Benefits of Bridges and Wormholes v2

B&W v1

AWAY/Control Reception Point

	Announce	Synch w/Data	Synch w/o Data	Asynch w/Data	Asynch w/o Data
HOME/ Request	OK				
Announce	OK				
Synch w/Data		OK			
Synch w/o Data					
Asynch w/Data				OK	
Asynch w/o Data					OK

B&W v2

AWAY/Control Reception Point

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Announce	OK				
Synch w/Data		OK		OK	
Synch w/o Data			OK		OK
Asynch w/Data		OK		OK	
Asynch w/o Data			OK		OK

- There still needs to be an agreement between Home and Away on data
- Allowing a CRP to provide both synchronous and asynchronous behavior
 - is possible,
 - makes a CRP more useful and
 - reduces the need to “negotiate interfaces”.

Questions? Comments?? Suggestions???



Challenges & Questions w/Bridges & Wormholes Approach



- Need to handle a request wanting different return events based on results of service invocation (e.g., Fail or Succeed) PLUS can this map to a synchronous behavior?
- Generic, table-based bridge code is allowed by B&W. How about Project/Bridge specific code as K-C does?
- Implied in B&W is a granularity of a class instance to initiate a CRP or receive a response event. What about Class state models?
- Why aren't synch requests w/o data not allowed to block until completion in B&W?
- Can you have a mismatch between Home & Away wrt the number of return parameters as long as Away provides more than Home wants?

Matching Request \leftrightarrow CRP Possibilities with B&W/v2



HOME/
Request

AWAY/Control Reception Point

	Announce	CRP w/Data	CRP w/o Data
Announce	OK		Ok'ish
Synch w/Data		OK	
Synch w/o Data			OK
Asynch w/Data		OK	
Asynch w/o Data			OK