Abstract «Names of XCHAN implementations»

Two names of possible XCHAN implementations are suggested. In The original presentation (Teig, CPA-2012) describes the «classic» scheme where the xchan-ready channel is used only if the original sending fails. The occam-pi model (Welch, CPA-2013 fringe) uses the «preconfirmed» scheme, where a signal on xchan-ready is a necessary precondition to any communication. It is believed that FEATHERING (Teig, CPA-2013) seems to be possible only with the classic scheme.

Fringe CPA-2013 (*)

- All of Peter Welch's senders get xchan-ready (true) when the connection with the receiver was committed. After xchan-ready (true) the sender must send, and this is the only place to send. This algorithm also fully implements the original XCHAN semantics. We could call this the *«preconfirmed»* solution
- The original XCHAN paper may start sending any time, but if sending fails then the xchan-ready is signalled when the connection with the receiver is fully committed. So, this «classic» solution only uses xchan-ready to send after an initial failure

(*) The model was presented at the *fringe* at CPA-2103 (the year after) An occam Model of XCHANs Peter H. WELCH (a) (a) School of Computing, University of Kent, UK See http://wotug.org/cpa2013/programme.shtml#paper63 and https://www.cs.kent.ac.uk/research/groups/plas/wiki/An_occam_Model_of_XCHANs

Attempt to model in CSPm with FDR2

- A model of this has been (attempted) to be developed in CSPm, verified with FDR2
- It also models the **preconfirmed** solution
- Since the **classic** solution probably also includes modeling the scheduler as well as the internal synchronization of the ALT. Much more complicated
- Did not succeed with simulating PRI ALT in CSPm, but Thomas Gibson-Robinson and Michael Goldsmith today told that «prioritise(..)» will do it

(*) Lecture NTNU "Becoming textual: attempting to model 'XCHAN' with CSPm" "Using FDR2 and ProBE tools when state-ing is not enough"

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«Feathering» (tomorrow)

I think can only be done with the classic XCHAN solution



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