1. Attempts to address the problem directly:
   1. 2- way pegging
      1. An independent attempt to trade coins cross-chain, by suspending Bitcoins such that they can only be moved by suspending coins in Bitcoin 2. These suspensions are powered by SPV proofs on the lower chain. This concept originally resulted as an attempt to improve the reliability of updates to Bitcoin (with a fixed exchange rate between two simultaneously existing Bitcoins).
      2. <http://sourceforge.net/p/bitcoin/mailman/message/32108143/>
      3. This technique addresses the problem I described exactly, but requires (as far as I can tell) changes to the BTC protocol.
2. Attempts to transform the problem to make it more manageable.
   1. Drivechain
      1. A P2P cross-chain trading scheme I invented.
         1. Second-Coins can always be redeemed for their market value of Bitcoin.
         2. Second-Coins
3. Attempts to avoid the problem completely
   1. Etherium
   2. Mastercoin / Counterparty/ Use of OP\_RETURN
4. Conclusion
   1. The constantly-changing (and constantly improving) menu of options for this feature indicates to me the following:
      1. Enough qualified people are working on it to make it possible.
      2. Some version of this technology (albeit an inconvenient one) WILL exist in a useable form in the near future.
   2. From a development point of view, no specific action in this direction is required.
      1. Simply build software (with alternative currency for testing).
      2. Re-assess options directly before launch (acceptable solutions exist, so no need to wait, yet are improving, so no need to decide now).