

# LIQUIDITY SAVING MECHANISMS and BANK BEHAVIOUR

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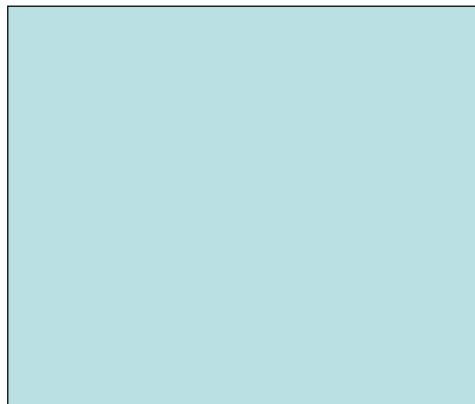
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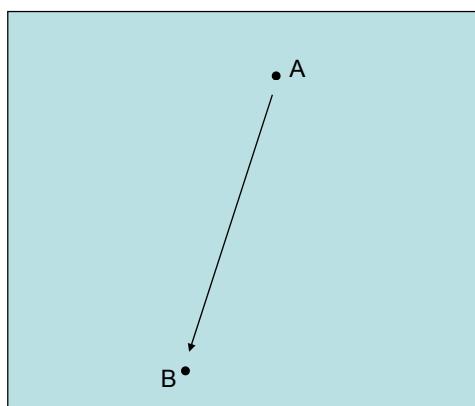
**Aim:** reduce liquidity needs of RTGS systems

**How:** *central* queues where payments can be netted  
(→ hybrid systems)

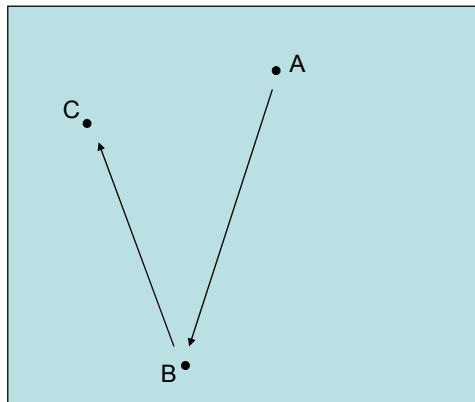
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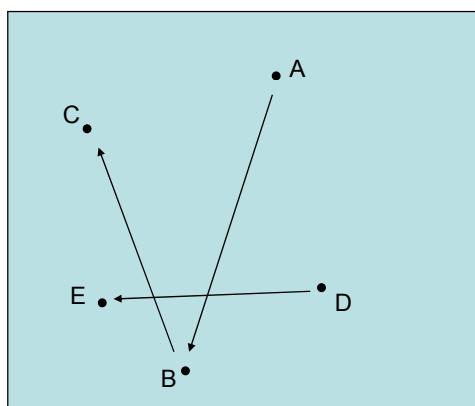
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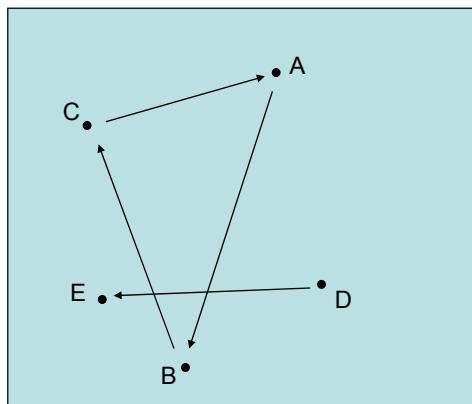
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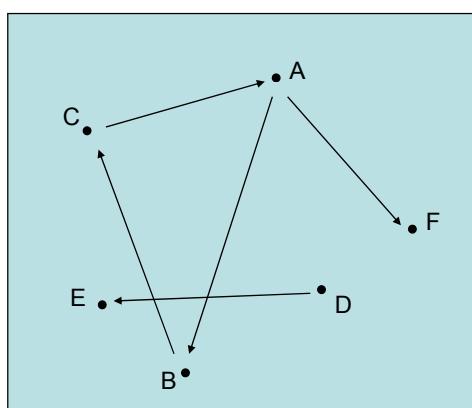
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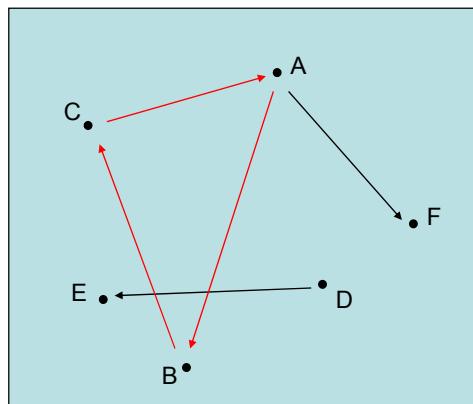
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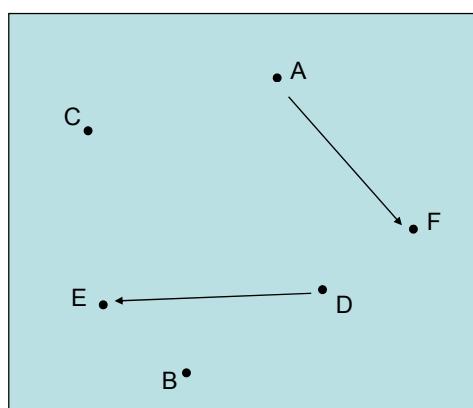
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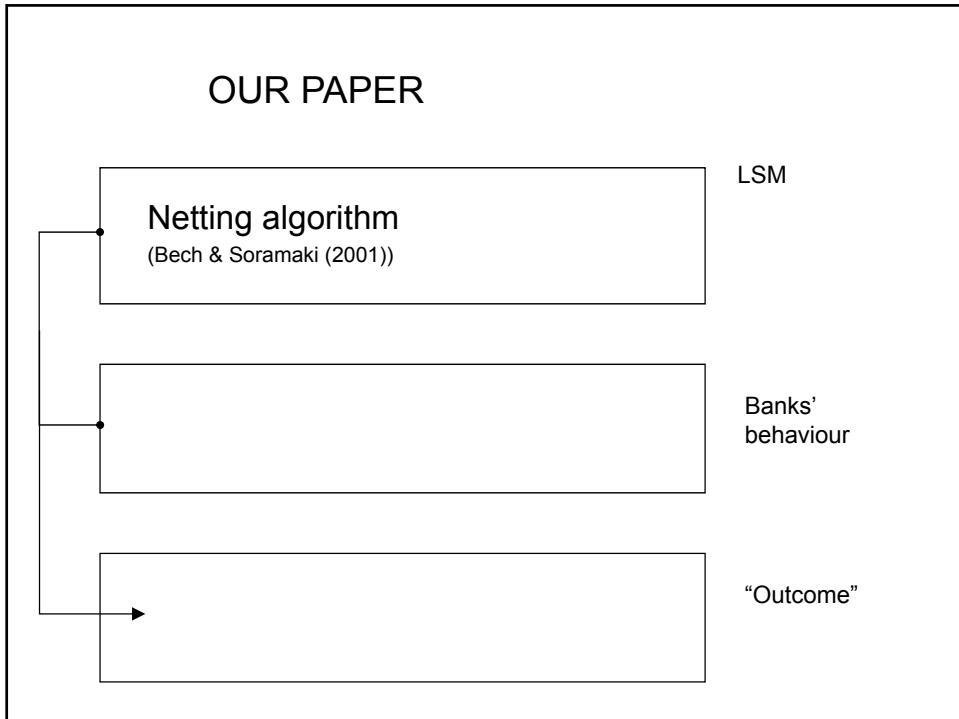
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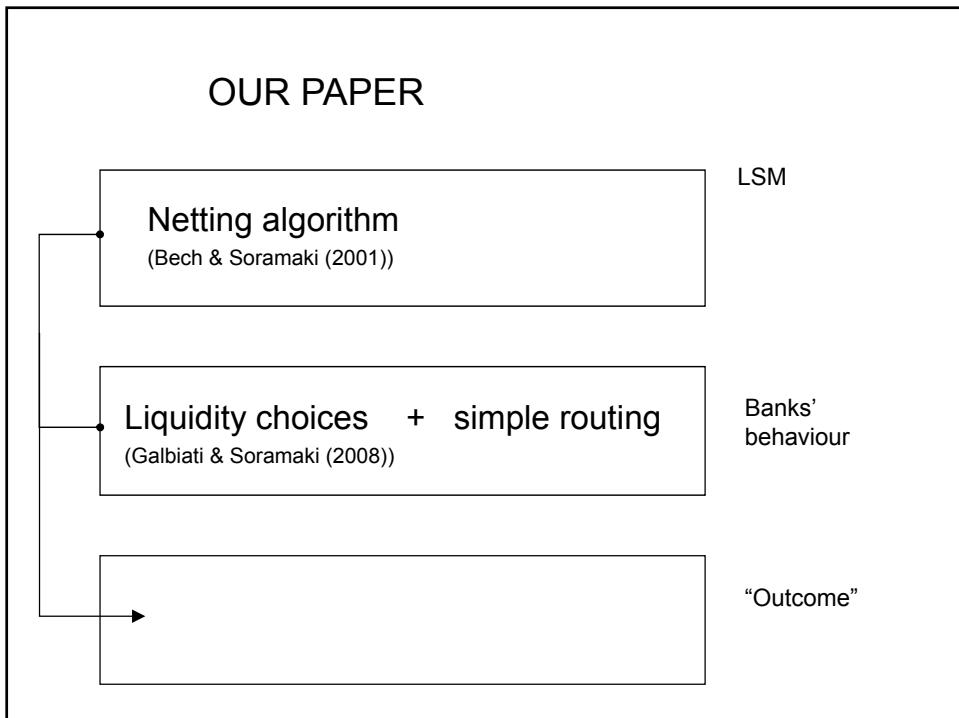
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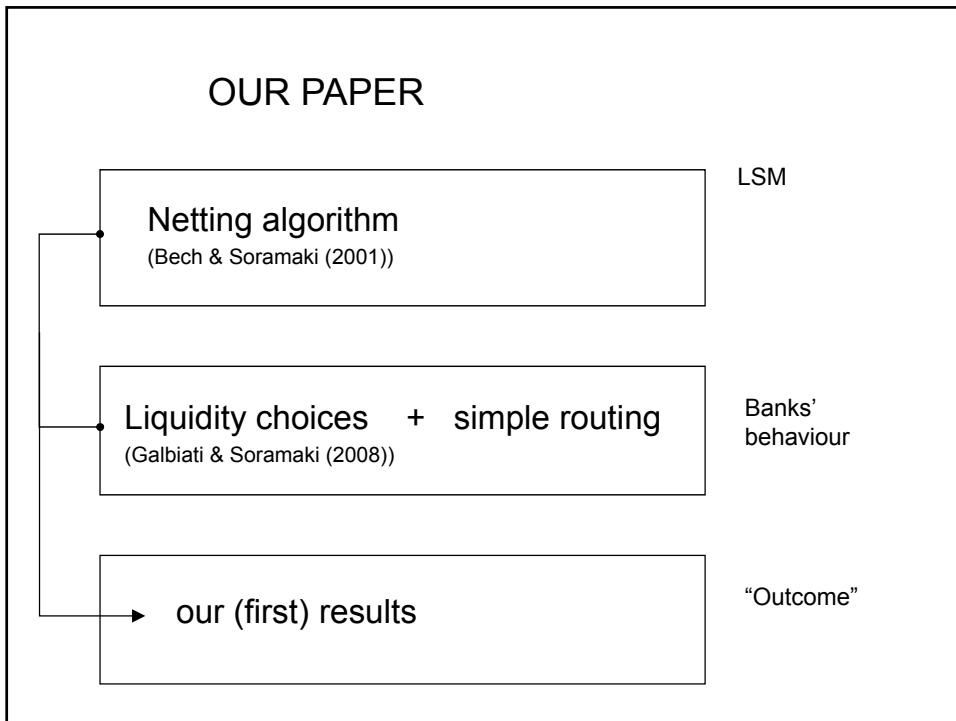
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## OTHER PAPERS

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*LSM / Algorithms*

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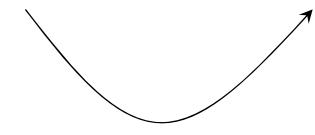
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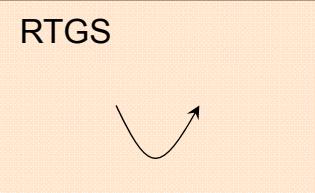


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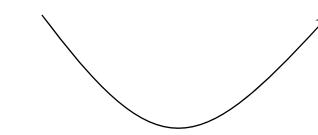
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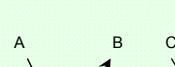
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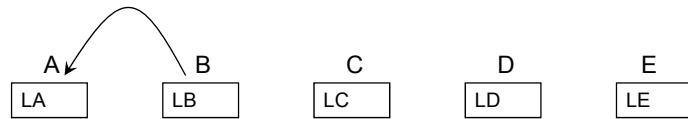


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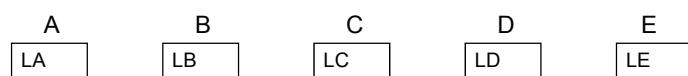
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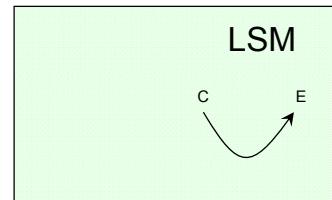


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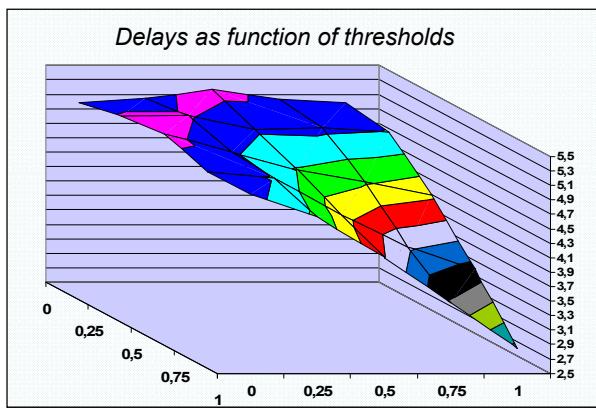
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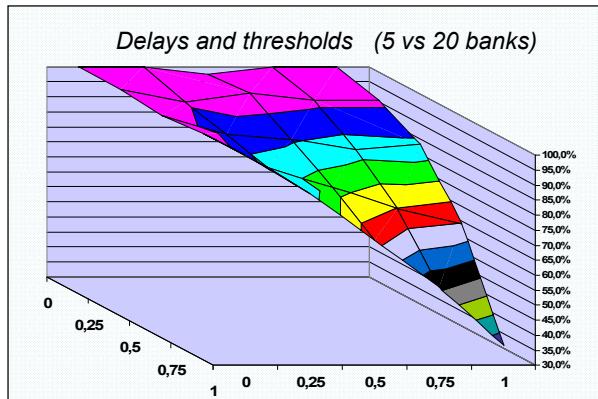
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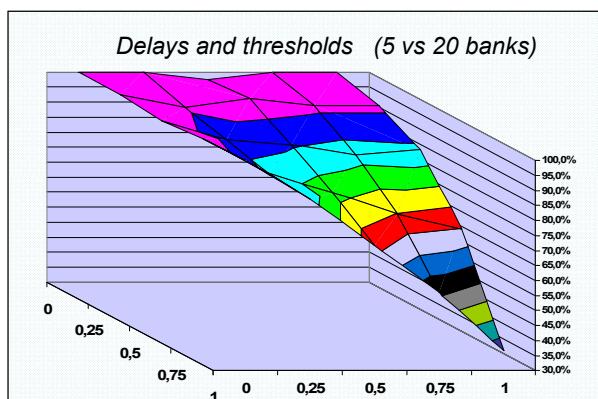


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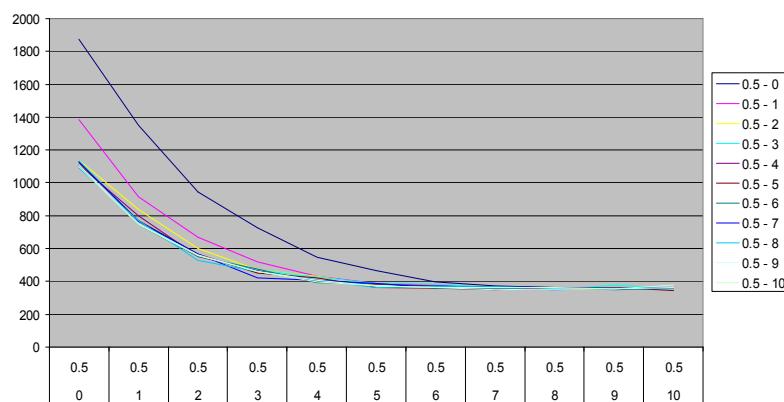
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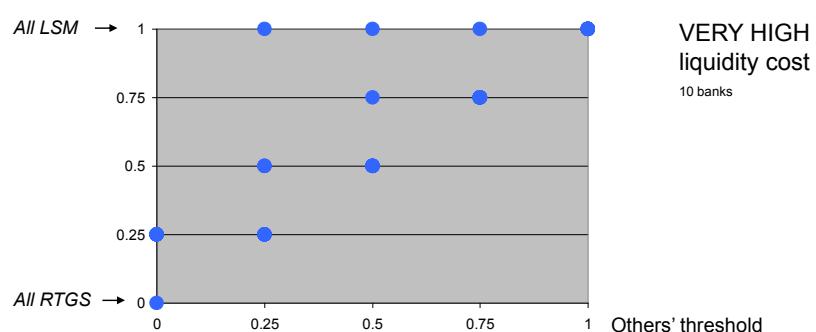
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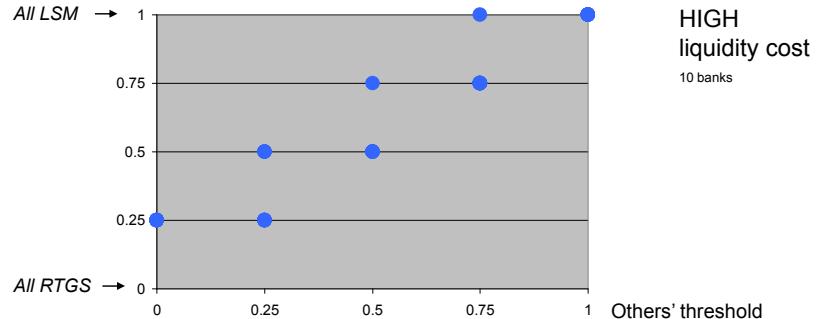
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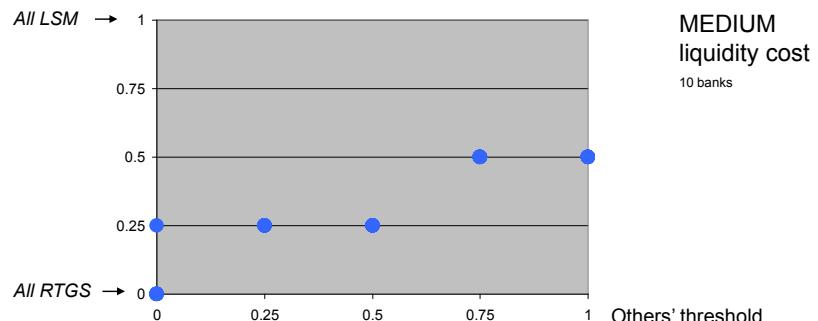
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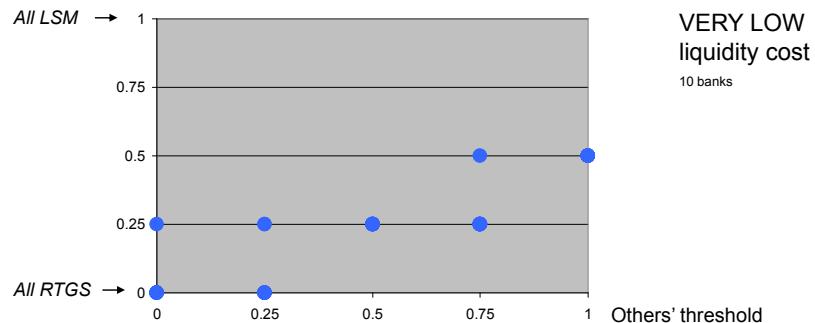
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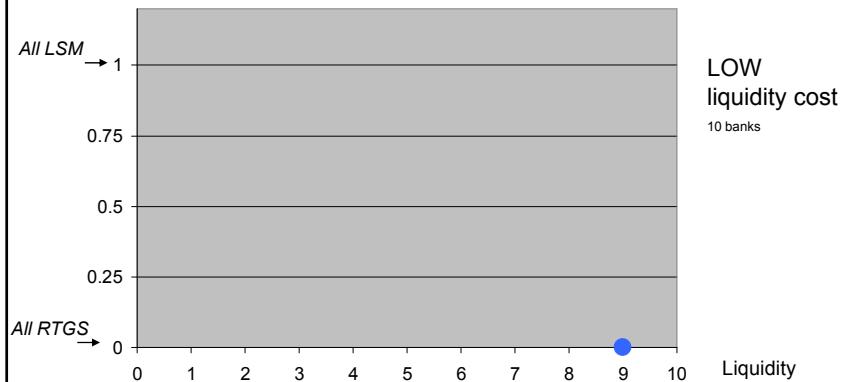


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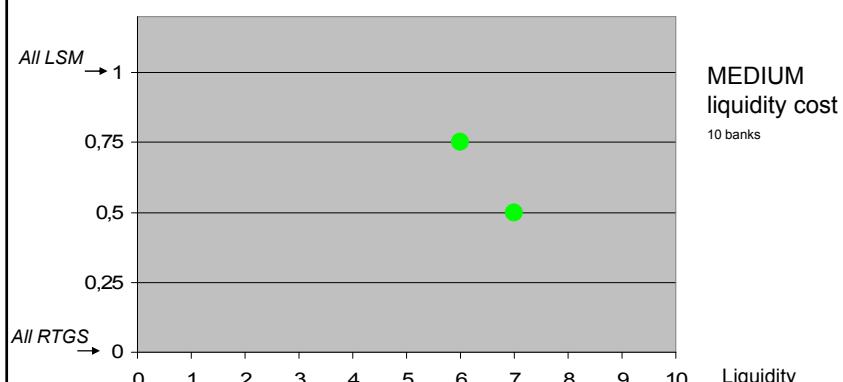
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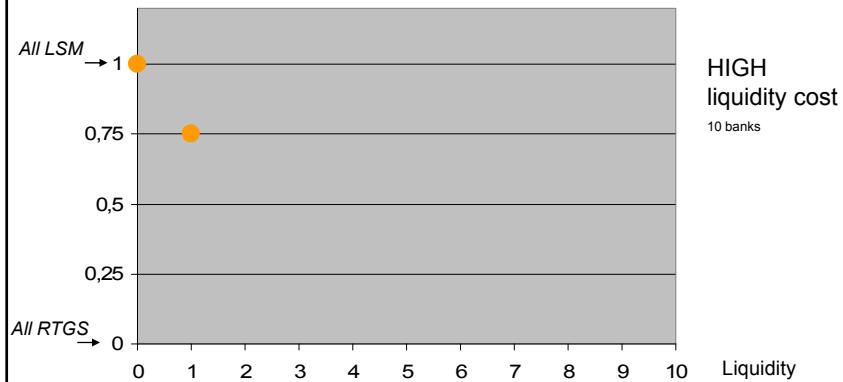
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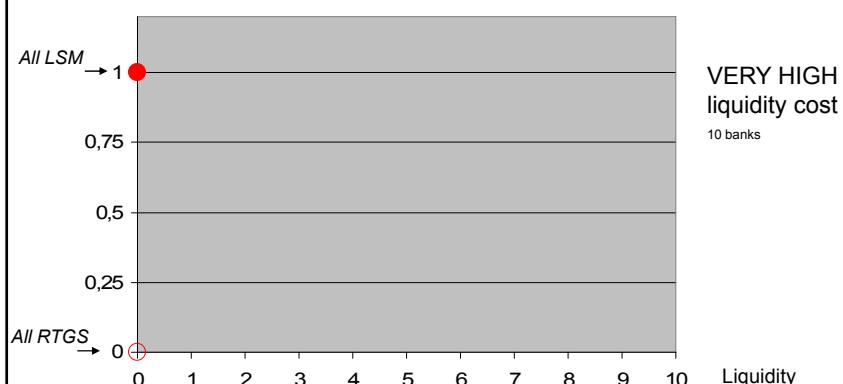
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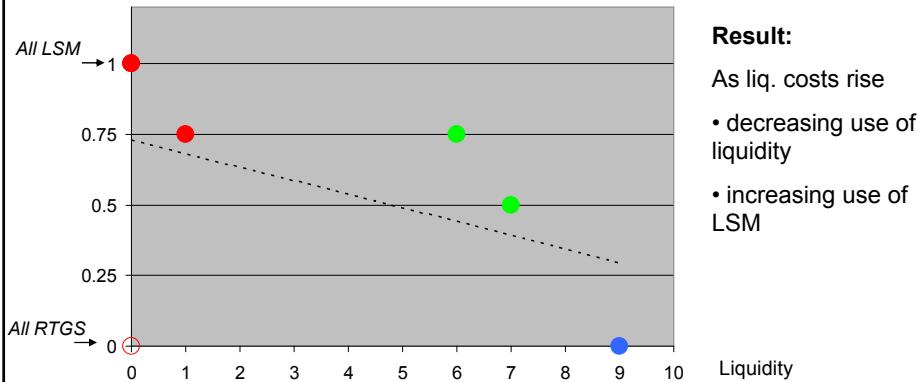
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### Result:

- As liq. costs rise
- decreasing use of liquidity
  - increasing use of LSM

## FUTURE WORK

Suppose liquidity costs increase:

what effects on system performance (plain RTGS vs hybrid system)

Suppose banks forced to hold more liquidity:

what effect on usage of LSM and system performance?  
(conjecture: LSM usage ↓, delays possibly ↑)