Preventing Runs with Redemptions Fees by Xuesong Huang and Todd Keister

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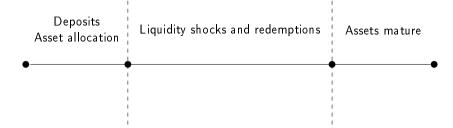
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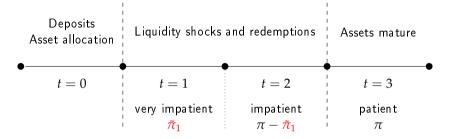
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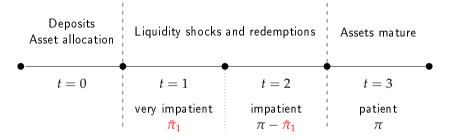
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- How can we attain run-proof contracts?
 - decreasing c₁ (reducing risk sharing)
 - making c_1 contingent on the state (m_t) to incorporate liquidation costs
- Optimal run-proof contract features both

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- 5. A lot one can do! And the paper does a lot
 - Portfolio restrictions vs. redemption fees, uncertainty about δ , robust planner