

A Sufficient Statistics Approach for Endogenous Production Networks: Theory and Application to Ukraine's War

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- So far, little evidence of spillovers on firms and firms' re-adjustment
 - Propagation of demand shocks, supply chains disruptions, ...
 - Critical dimension for middle-income countries

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- Data on the **universe** of **firm-to-firm** railroad shipments, 2012–2016
 - Allows to track the production network before and after the war began
 - Railroads are the main way of transporting products within Ukraine

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 - Holds regardless of the microfoundations of the network formation processes
 - $\downarrow$ 17% for an average district outside the conflict areas
 - $\downarrow$ 31% if (incorrectly) use the classic sufficient statistics formula for ACR-class trade models without endogenous networks $\implies$ endogenous network formation matters

Contributions to the Literature

- Economic Costs of Conflict: Abadie & Gardeazabal '03; Martin, Mayer, and Thoenig '08a,b; Glick & Taylor '10; Miguel & Roland '11; Besley & Mueller '12; Rohner, Thoenig, and Zilibotti '13
- Conflict and Firms: Guidolin & La Ferrara '07; Hjort '14; Amodio & Di Maio '18; Rohner & Thoenig '21; Ksoll, Macchiavello, Morjaria '22; Couttenier, Monnet, Piemontese '22; Korovkin & Makarin '23

⇒ Show large propagation of localized conflict through disruption & reorganization of production networks

- Endogenous Production Networks:
 - Relationship-specific fixed cost: Bernard, Moxnes, Ulltveit-Moe '18; Lim '18; Huneeus '18; Bernard, Dhyne, Magerman, Manova, Moxnes '22; Dhyne, Kikkawa, Kong, Mogstad, Tintelnot '22
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 - Endogenous search intensity: Demir, Fieler, Xu, Yang '21; Arkolakis, Huneeus, Miyauchi '23
- Sufficient Statistics in Trade and Production Networks: Arkolakis, Costinot, Rodriguez-Clare '12; Blaum, Lelarge, Peters '18, Baqaee, Burstein, Duperez, Farhi '23

⇒ Develop (ex-post) welfare sufficient statistics common across production network formation models

Outline

Background and Data

Reduced-Form Evidence: Propagation of the Conflict Shock

Reduced-Form Evidence: Production Network Adjustment Post-Conflict

Novel Sufficient Statistics Approach For Endogenous Production Networks

Conclusion

Background and Data

Background: 2014 Russia-Ukraine Conflict

- Russia-Ukraine conflict (Feb 2014–)
 - President Yanukovich, ousted during revolution
 - Russia annexed Crimea in Feb 2014 and supported Donbas separatists in Apr 2014
- Donbas conflict turned into a full-fledged war
 - 13,000 casualties, 30,000 wounded
 - 2.3 mln displaced individuals

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Background: Economy of Donbas and Crimea

- 17.5% of Ukraine's GDP in 2013
- Donbas: extractive industry (coal), metallurgy, manufacturing
 - Donetsk province – most populated province in Ukraine (4.4 mln), 20% of Ukraine's manufacturing, 20% of Ukraine's exports
 - Luhansk province – sixth populated province (2.16 mln), 6% of exports
- Crimea: 2.2 mln people, agriculture, tourism, some industry

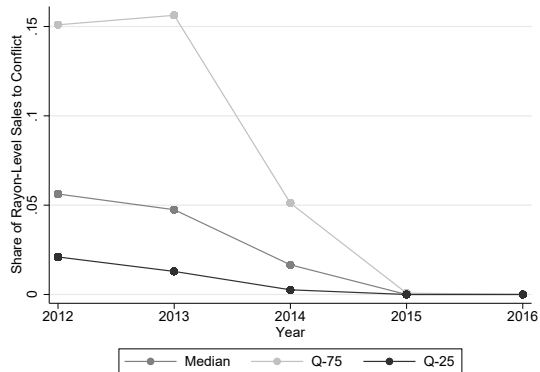
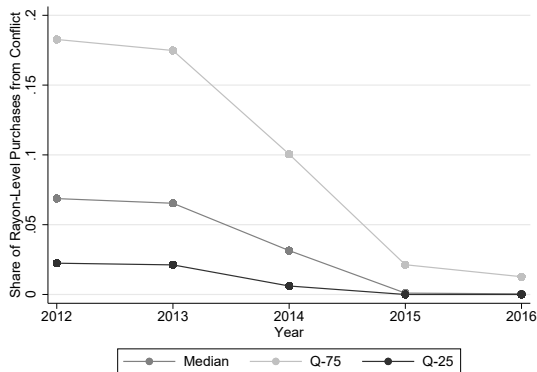
- Universe of railroad shipments in Ukraine, 2012–2016
 - ~100 mln transactions between ~8.5 k firms
 - Dates, weights (kg), freight charges, product codes, station codes, etc.
- Accounting data for near universe of Ukrainian firms, 2010–2018
 - Sales, profits, capital, number of employees
 - Source: Spark-Interfax database
- Most of freight within Ukraine is transported using railways, not roads
 - 80% of all freight in ton-km (Ukr Stat, 2018)

Ukrainian Railroads with Stations



Sudden and Large Drop of Trade from & to Conflict Areas Sales

- Weighted fraction of suppliers (left) and buyers (right) from/to conflict areas
- Samples: rayons (districts) outside direct conflict areas (≈ 400)



Reduced-Form Evidence: Propagation of the Conflict Shock

Propagation Effects: Empirical Strategy

Difference-in-differences specification:

$$Y_{ft} = \alpha_f + \delta_t + \beta \times \text{Post}_t \times \text{ConflictTradeExposure}_{f,2013} + \varepsilon_{ft}$$

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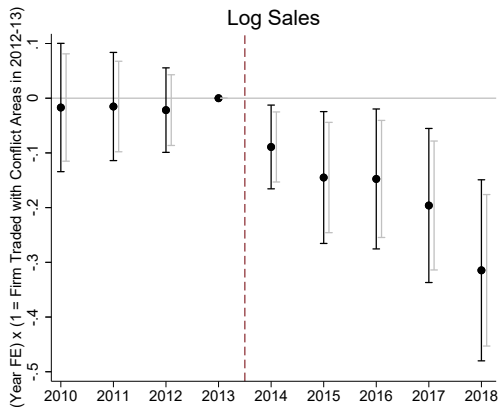
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Identifying assumption: Absent the conflict, railway-trading firms with varying pre-war ties to Donbas & Crimea would have evolved along parallel trends

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	(1) Log Sales	(2) Log Sales	(3) Log Sales
Post-2014 × Firm traded with conflict areas in 2012–13	-0.187*** (0.057)		
Post-2014 × Firm's buyer conflict exposure, 2012–13		-0.229** (0.106)	
Post-2014 × Firm's supplier conflict exposure, 2012–13		-0.273*** (0.102)	
Post-2014 × High buyer conflict exposure, 2012–13			-0.225*** (0.060)
Post-2014 × High supplier conflict exposure, 2012–13			-0.144** (0.057)
Firm FE	✓	✓	✓
Year FE	✓	✓	✓
Mean	16.891	16.891	16.891
SD	2.483	2.483	2.483
R ²	0.81	0.81	0.81
Observations	35,071	35,071	35,071
Number of Firms	4,806	4,806	4,806

The results are robust to:

- Focusing on a strictly balanced sample of firms
- Controlling for firm's latitude and longitude (incl. squared) interacted with Post_{it}
- Controlling for firm's distance to conflict areas interacted with Post_{it}
- Controlling for firm's four-digit industry code interacted with Post_{it}
- Controlling for the number of trade partners before the conflict interacted with Post_{it} (Borusyak and Hull, 2022)
- Removing oblasts near the conflict areas from the sample
- Removing Kyiv from the sample

Similar results hold for **firm profits** and **exit probability**

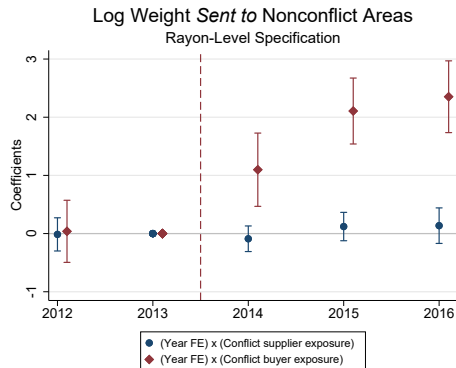
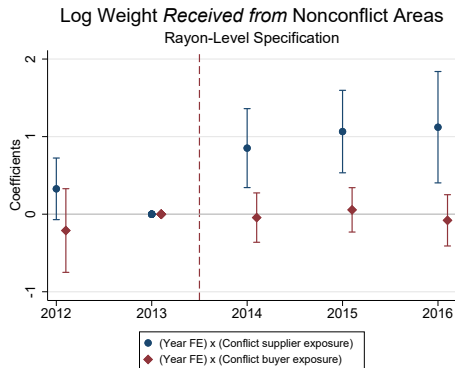
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$$Y_{it} = \alpha_i + \delta_t + \beta_t \times \text{BuyerExposure}_{i,2013} + \gamma_t \times \text{SupplierExposure}_{i,2013} + \varepsilon_{it}$$

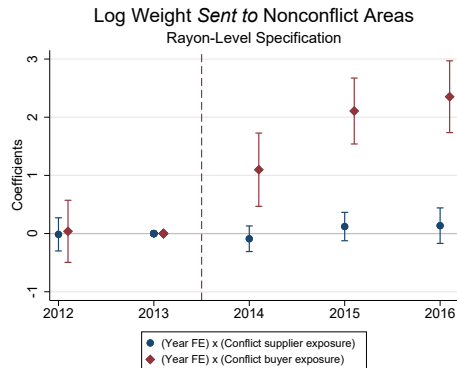
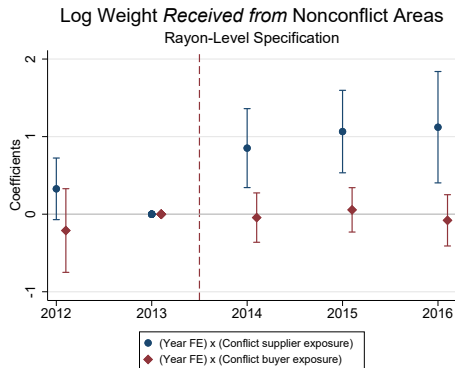
- i — rayons (excluding conflict areas)
- Y_{it} — sales or purchases (weight) of rayon i to or from **nonconflict areas** in year t
- **BuyerExposure** $_{i,2013}$ — weighted share of shipments *from* conflict areas in 2013 in i
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- Results are similar when estimated at the firm-rayon level (and not rayon level)

Novel Sufficient Statistics Approach For Endogenous Production Networks

Novel Sufficient Statistics Result

- Workers' welfare changes in most endogenous production network models follow:

$$\frac{\widehat{w_i}}{\widehat{P_i^F}} = \hat{\Lambda}_{ii}^{-\frac{1-\beta}{\beta} \frac{1}{\varepsilon}} \hat{M}_{ii}^{\frac{1-\beta}{\beta} \eta}$$

- β : labor share, ε : input substitution (trade) elasticity
- $\hat{\Lambda}_{ii}$: change in within-region sourcing share (Arkolakis, Costinot, Rodriguez-Clare; ACR '12)
- $\hat{M}_{ii}$: change in measures of suppliers per buyer within a region; η : “supplier link elasticity”

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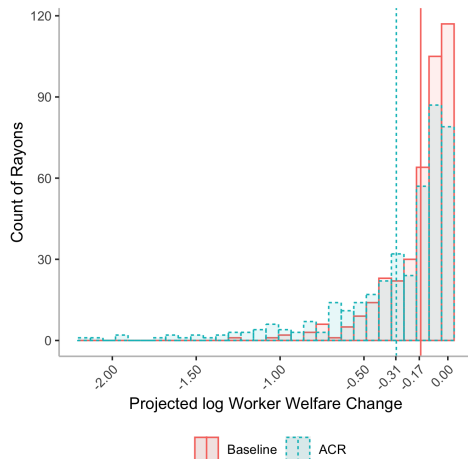
More Reduction of Welfare in Higher Conflict Exposure Rayons

	Dependent Variables: Sufficient Statistics for Worker Welfare					
	Baseline ($\frac{1-\beta}{\beta} \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \tilde{\Lambda}_{ii} + \frac{1-\beta}{\beta} \eta \tilde{M}_{ii}$)				ACR ($\frac{1-\beta}{\beta} \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \tilde{\Lambda}_{ii}$)	Supplier Link Margin ($\frac{1-\beta}{\beta} \eta \tilde{M}_{ii}$)
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Conflict Supplier Exposure	-1.000*** (0.205)		-0.883*** (0.208)	-0.968*** (0.257)	-0.996*** (0.211)	0.112 (0.204)
Conflict Buyer Exposure		-0.730*** (0.206)	-0.542*** (0.207)	-0.569*** (0.212)	-1.781*** (0.209)	1.238*** (0.202)
$\sum$ Conflict $\times$ Forward Domar Weights				0.170 (0.302)		
Constant	0.891*** (0.043)	0.851*** (0.042)	0.935*** (0.045)	0.890*** (0.092)	0.681*** (0.046)	0.254*** (0.045)
Observations	403	403	403	403	403	403
Adjusted R ²	0.054	0.028	0.067	0.066	0.222	0.088

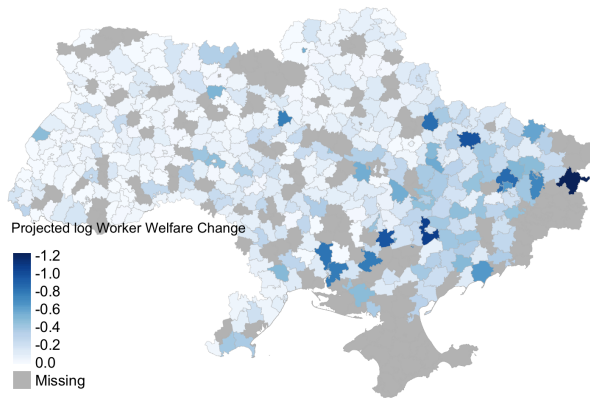
- Ignoring “supplier link margin” overestimate the relationships (Column 5 and 6)

Projected Welfare Loss outside Conflict Areas

- Predict welfare loss using supplier & buyer conflict exposures using the previous regression
- Welfare ↓ 17% for an average rayon (relative to rayons with zero exposures)
- Substantial overestimation of welfare loss (↓ 31%) if we ignore supplier link margin
- Large heterogeneity



Regional Heterogeneity in Welfare Loss outside Conflict Areas



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- Show large propagation effects of 2014 Ukraine War, beyond Donbas and Crimea
 - Localized conflict within a country has a devastating effect on overall economy
- Develop common welfare sufficient statistics under endogenous production networks

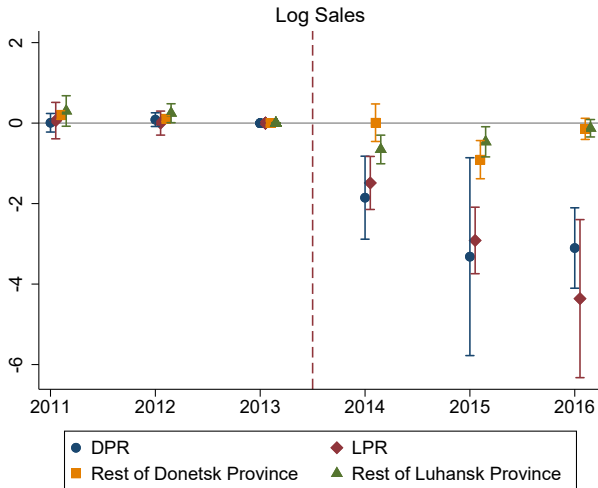


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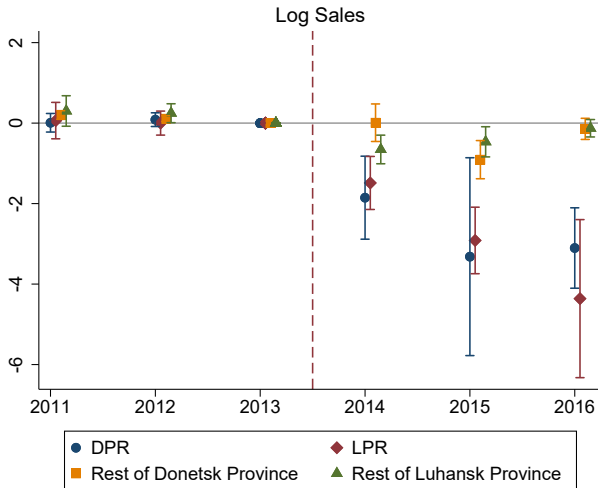
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- Consistent with the decline in nighttime luminosity (Kochnev, 2019)



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 - Endogenous, but do not microfound how it is determined

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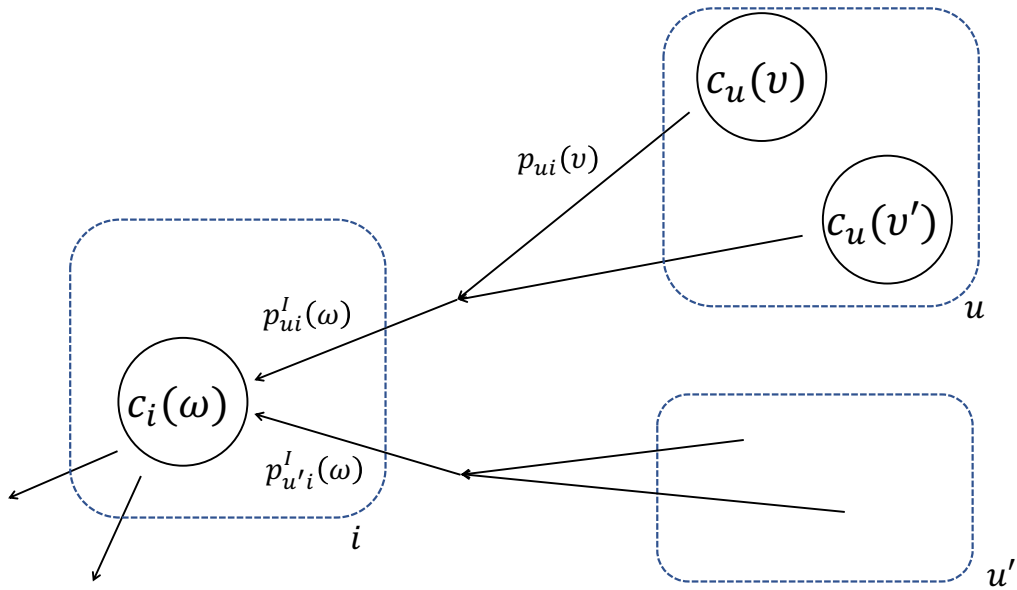
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Restriction (1. Aggregation)

Price indices and measure of linkages can be expressed as:

$$p_{ui}^I(\omega) = P_{ui}^I g_i^I(\omega), \quad C_i(\omega) = C_i g_i^C(\omega), \quad m_{ui}(\omega) = M_{ui} g_i^M(\omega)$$

where $g_i^I(\omega)$, $g_i^C(\omega)$, $g_{ui}^M(\omega)$ only depends on the exogenous variable and parameters

Restriction (2. Iso-elastic Costs)

$$\hat{P}_{ii}^I / \hat{C}_i = \hat{M}_{ii}^{-\eta}$$

*for some constant parameter η , which we call **supplier link elasticity***

- Satisfied in many existing production network formation models under common parametric assumptions [detail](#)

Proposition

Under Restrictions 1 and 2,

$$\frac{\widehat{w_i}}{\overline{P_i^F}} = \hat{\Lambda}_{ii}^{-\frac{1-\beta}{\beta} \frac{1}{\varepsilon}} \hat{M}_{ii}^{\frac{1-\beta}{\beta} \eta}$$

- Without changes of production networks, $\hat{P}_{ii}^I / \hat{C}_i = 1$ (ACR '12)

Different Endogenous Network Models, Same Welfare Changes detail

- Endogenous search intensity (e.g., Arkolakis, Huneus, Miyauchi '23)
 - CES production function
 - $\varepsilon = \sigma - 1$, $\eta = \frac{1}{\sigma-1} (= 1/\varepsilon)$
- Relationship-specific fixed cost (e.g., Bernard, Moxnes, Ulltveit-Moe '18)
 - CES + selection with Pareto productivity dispersion θ
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 - Homogeneous inputs, Pareto productivity dispersion θ , biased matching γ
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- Other examples detail
- Discussion and extensions detail

Discussion and Extensions [go back](#)

- Firm profit
 - Wage $\propto$ total firm profit under trade balance & constant markup $\rho_{id}(\omega)$ (Assumption 1 & 2 of ACR)
- Firm entry
 - Additional effect arises only from the change in final prices $N_i \uparrow \Rightarrow \hat{P}_i^F / \hat{C}_i \downarrow$
 - Same argument for labor shocks and mobility
- Final goods trade [detail](#)
- Multiple sector (i.e., Caliendo & Parro '15) [detail](#)
- Multiple firm types [detail](#)
- Nonparametric production function [detail](#)
- Alternative sufficient statistics using Domar weights [detail](#)

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Different Models, Same Welfare Changes: Other Examples [go back](#)

- Separate variety gains from substitution (Benassy '98; Acemoglu, Antras, Helpman '07)
- Entry into input market (Antras, Fort, Tintelnot '17)
- Diversifying idiosyncratic supplier risks (Anderson, de Palma, Thisse '92)
- Network formation under adjustment frictions (Lim '18, Huneeus '19)

Example: Endogenous Search Intensity

- Single-sector version of Arkolakis, Huneus, Miyauchi '23
- CES production function, common σ within and across regions ($\varepsilon = \sigma - 1$)

$$p_{ui}^l(\omega) = \left(\int_{v \in \mathcal{S}_{ui}(\omega)} c_u(v)^{1-\sigma} dv \right)^{\frac{1}{1-\sigma}}$$

- Suppliers and buyers choose endogenous intensity of search, match realizes based on matching technology
- ε, η are given by

$$\varepsilon = \sigma - 1, \quad \eta = \frac{1}{\sigma - 1} (= \frac{1}{\varepsilon}),$$

- Do not depend on matching technology and search decisions (summarized by $\hat{M}_{ii}$)

Example: Relationship-Specific Fixed Cost

- A version of Bernard, Moxnes, Ulltveit-Moe '19 with input-output loops
- CES production function as Arkolakis, Huneus, Miyauchi '23
- Relationship forms if supplier v is willing to pay fixed cost f_{ui}
- Productivity follows Pareto distribution with dispersion parameter θ
- ε, η are given by

$$\varepsilon = \sigma - 1, \quad \eta = \frac{1}{\sigma - 1} - \frac{1}{\theta} (< \frac{1}{\varepsilon})$$

- $1/\theta$ comes from negative assortative matching

Example: Optimal Supplier Choice

- A version of Eaton, Kortum, Kramarz '22 without in-house production
- Suppliers and buyers randomly match, and buyers choose the best supplier

$$p_{ui}^l(\omega) = \min_{v \in \mathcal{S}_{ui}(\omega)} p_{ui}(v)$$

- Pareto Productivity with dispersion θ ; matching technology is biased toward lower-cost suppliers with weight γ
- ε, η are given by

$$\varepsilon = \theta(1 - \gamma), \quad \eta = \frac{1}{\theta(1 - \gamma)} (= \frac{1}{\varepsilon})$$

- Note: $\mathcal{S}_{ui}(\omega)$ is potential ($\neq$ realized) set of suppliers
 - With exogenous matching rates, formula still holds with $\eta = 0$ (Oberfield '20)
 - Otherwise, can use gravity to back out measure of potential suppliers

Examples: Additional Remarks [go back](#)

- Substantially general than existing models
 - Allow more flexible firm heterogeneity in productivity $z_i(\cdot)$, trade costs $\tau_{id}(\cdot)$, (exogenous) markups $\rho_{id}(\cdot)$, depending on models
 - Different elasticity of substitution within and across locations
- Other examples
 - Separate variety gains from substitution (Benassy '98; Acemoglu, Antras, Helpman '07)
 - Entry into input market (Antras, Fort, Tintelnot '17)
 - Expression unchanged if firms always enter own region
 - Diversifying idiosyncratic supplier risks (Anderson, de Palma, Thisse '92)
 - Network formation under adjustment frictions (Lim '18, Huneeus '19)
- Some models imply non-iso-elastic function of $\hat{M}_{ij}$ in welfare sufficient statistics
e.g., Miyauchi '21; EKK '22 with in-house production

- CES preference for final goods

$$P_i^F = \left(\sum_{\ell} \left(\tau_{\ell i}^F c_{\ell} \right)^{\nu} \right)^{\frac{1}{\nu}}$$

- Real Wages:

$$\hat{W}_i = \hat{\Lambda}_{ii}^{-\frac{1-\beta}{\beta} \frac{1}{\varepsilon}} \hat{M}_{ii}^{\frac{1-\beta}{\beta} \eta} \left(\hat{\Lambda}_{ii}^F \right)^{-\frac{1}{\nu}}$$

where $\hat{\Lambda}_{ii}^F$ is the within-region expenditure share in final goods

Multiple Sectors [go back](#)

- $k, m \in K$: sectors (Caliendo & Parro '15; Costinot & Rodriguez-Clare '14)
- Unit cost

$$c_{i,k}(\omega) = z_{i,k}(\omega) w_i^{\beta_{i,Lk}} \prod_{m \in K} \left(\sum_u \left(p_{ui,mk}^l(\omega) \right)^{-\varepsilon_m} \right)^{\frac{\beta_{i,mk}}{-\varepsilon_m}}$$

- Cobb-Douglas preference:

$$\hat{P}_i^F = \prod_k \hat{C}_{i,k}^{\alpha_{i,k}}$$

- Real Wages:

$$\log \frac{\hat{w}_i}{\hat{P}_i^F} = \sum_k \alpha_k \sum_{m,h \in K} \tilde{\beta}_{i,hk} \beta_{i,mh} \left(-\frac{1}{\varepsilon_m} \log \hat{\Lambda}_{ii,mk} + \log \frac{\hat{P}_{ii,mk}^l}{\hat{C}_{i,m}} \right)$$

where $\tilde{\beta}_{i,mk}$ is (m, k) -th element of Leontief inverse: $(I - B_i)^{-1}$ with $B_{i,mk} = \beta_{i,mk}$

Multiple Firm Types [go back](#)

- Unit cost of type ϑ firm

$$c_{i,\vartheta}(\omega) = z_{i,\vartheta}(\omega) w_i^{\beta_{i,\vartheta}} \left(\sum_u \left(p_{ui}^l(\omega) \right)^{-\varepsilon} \right)^{\frac{1-\beta_{i,\vartheta}}{-\varepsilon}}$$

- First-order approximation of external shocks on real wages:

$$d \log \frac{w_i}{P_i^F} = - \sum_{\vartheta} \Lambda_{i,\vartheta}^F \frac{1 - \beta_{i,\vartheta}}{\beta_{i,\vartheta}} \left(\frac{1}{\varepsilon} d \log \Lambda_{ii,\vartheta'\vartheta} + d \log \frac{P_{ii,\vartheta'\vartheta}^l}{C_{i,\vartheta'}} \right)$$

- $\Lambda_{i,\vartheta}^F$: share of final goods expenditure for ϑ
- $\tilde{\Lambda}_{ii,\vartheta'\vartheta}$: type ϑ and location i firms' share of intermediate inputs within same type and location

Nonparametric Production Function [go back](#)

- Nonparametric production function

$$c_i(\omega) = f_i\left(w_i, \left\{p_{ui}^l(\omega)\right\}_u\right),$$

- Define elasticity of substitution for inputs sourced within a region:

$$\mathcal{E} \equiv \frac{d \log \Lambda_{ii}}{(1 - \Lambda_i^L)^{-1} \sum_u \Lambda_{ui} d \log p_{ui}^l - d \log p_{ii}^l}$$

- First-order changes in real wages:

$$d \log \frac{w_i}{c_i} = - \left(\frac{1 - \Lambda_i^L}{\Lambda_i^L} \right) d \log \frac{p_{ii}^l}{c_i} - \left(\frac{1 - \Lambda_i^L}{\Lambda_i^L} \right) \frac{1}{\mathcal{E}} d \log \Lambda_{ii}$$

Alternative Decomposition using Domar Weights [go back](#)

- For simplicity, consider a change in variable trade costs $\{\tau_{ij}\}$
- Change in production cost is also rewritten as

$$\log C_i = \sum_u \psi_{ui}^L \log w_u + \sum_u \psi_{uj} \left(d \log \tau_{ij} + d \log \left(\hat{P}_{ui}^I / \hat{P}_{ui} \right) \right)$$

- ψ_{ui}^L, ψ_{ui} : forward Domar weights
- To obtain real wage changes, need to keep track of the changes in the wage vector in all locations $\{\log w_u\}_u$

Estimation Strategy: η

- Input expenditure share of firms in d from i :

$$\tilde{\Lambda}_{id} = -\varepsilon \tilde{C}_i + \eta \varepsilon \tilde{M}_{id} - \varepsilon \tilde{\tau}_{id} + \tilde{\xi}_d$$

- Shepard's Lemma + CES input demand

$$\tilde{C}_i = \beta \tilde{w}_i + (1 - \beta) \left(\tilde{C}_d + \eta \tilde{M}_{di} + \tilde{\tau}_{di} - \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \tilde{\Lambda}_{di} \right)$$

- Combining, our estimating equation:

$$\tilde{\Lambda}_{id} + (1 - \beta) \tilde{\Lambda}_{di} + \beta \varepsilon \tilde{w}_i = \eta \varepsilon \left(\tilde{M}_{id} + (1 - \beta) \tilde{M}_{di} \right) + \tilde{\xi}_d^* + \tilde{\tau}_{id}^*$$

- $\tilde{\xi}_d^*$: destination FE; $\tilde{\tau}_{id}^*$: residuals
- Samples: region pairs excluding if i or d are in direct conflict areas
- IV: supplier and buyer conflict exposures of region i

Estimation Results of $\eta \times \varepsilon$ [go back](#)

	Dependent variable:			
	$\tilde{M}_{id} + (1 - \beta)\tilde{M}_{di}$ OLS (1)	$\tilde{M}_{id}$ OLS (2)	$\tilde{M}_{di}$ OLS (3)	$\tilde{\Lambda}_{id} + (1 - \beta)\tilde{\Lambda}_{di} + \beta\varepsilon\tilde{w}_i$ IV (4)
Conflict Supplier Exposure _i	0.729** (0.313)	0.101 (0.276)	0.785*** (0.124)	
Conflict Buyer Exposure _i	1.137*** (0.418)	1.177*** (0.362)	-0.050 (0.138)	
$\tilde{M}_{id} + (1 - \beta)\tilde{M}_{di}$				1.231*** (0.296)
IV				Supplier and Buyer Exposures
First-Stage F-stat				6.56
d FE	X	X	X	X
Observations	155,555	155,555	155,555	155,555
Adjusted R ²	0.480	0.250	0.820	0.357

Existing models imply $\eta\varepsilon = 1$ (Arkolakis et al '23; Eaton et al '22) or $\eta\varepsilon < 1$ (Bernard et al '18)