# Multinational Production and Comparative Advantage

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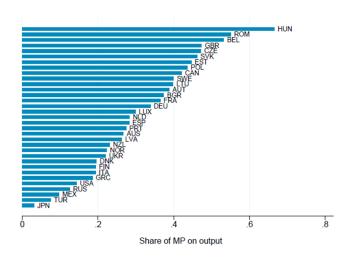
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## Relevance of Multinational Production



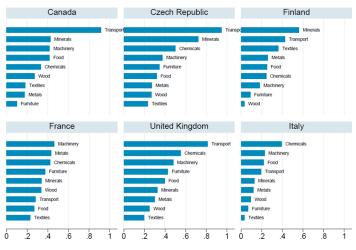
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## Sectoral Heterogeneity of MP shares



Share of MP on output (by sector)

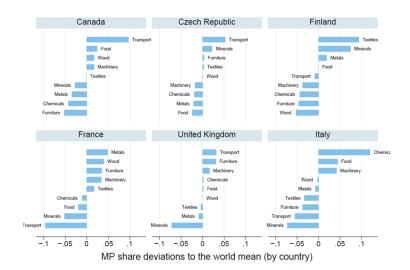
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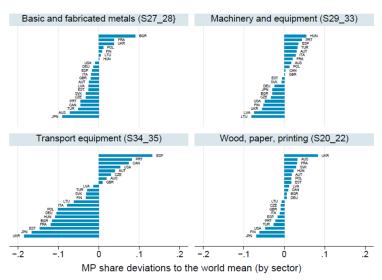
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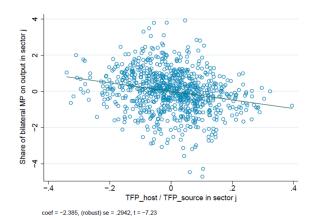
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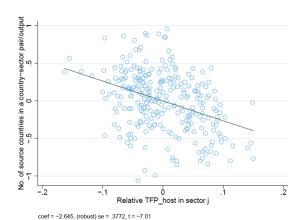
► Foreign affiliate sales are higher in sectors where the host economy is relatively less productive.



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Negative Correlation Between  $(\#sources_{hs}^j/output_h^j)$  and Relative TFP

▶ More source countries invest in sectors where the host economy is relatively less productive.



## Bilateral MP and Productivity Differences

	Relative Productivity Measures					
Dep. Variable	Model Base Productivity		RCA Index		GDDC productivity	
$ln\left(MP_{hs}^{j}/output_{h}^{j}\right)$						
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
$ln\left(TFP_h^j/TFP_s^j\right)$	-1.872***	-1.657***	-1.359***	-1.387***	-0.428**	-0.392**
	(0.3260)	(0.3304)	(0.4376)	(0.4464)	(0.2023)	(0.1709)
$\ln(\mathrm{Distance})$	-0.5130***		-0.168		-0.161	
	(0.0926)		(0.1923)		(0.1572)	
Common Language	0.077		0.6093**		0.0692	
	(0.1996)		(0.297)		(0.2164)	
Colony	0.643***		0.2961		0.5254***	
	(0.1496)		(0.2768)		(0.1703)	
Border	0.188		0.225		0.666***	
	(0.1819)		(0.2094)		(0.2411)	
RTA	0.259		0.300		0.865***	
	(0.1832)		(0.3604)		(0.2495)	
Hecksher-Ohlin:						
$log(K/L)^j \times log(K/L)_\hbar$	-0.2676	-0.258	-0.1529	-0.1612	-0.163	-0.168
	(0.2502)	(0.2518)	(0.1756)	(0.1767)	(0.1432)	(0.1449)
Controls						
Source-country FE	Yes	_	Yes	_	Yes	_
Host-country FE	Yes	_	Yes	_	Yes	_
Host-source FE	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes
Sector FE	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
No. of observations	10,098	7,101	1,404	1,242	2,448	2,200
Adjusted $R^2$	0.29	0.42	0.59	0.69	0.34	0.47

# Interaction between Multinational Production (MP) and Comparative Advantage

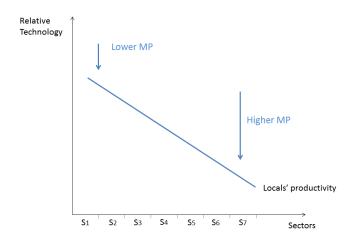
- ► Are the observed uneven allocation of MP across sectors related to differences in sectoral productivity?
- ▶ Does multinational production affect the average productivity of each industry differently?
- ▶ What are the welfare implications of the interaction between MP and relative differences in sectoral productivity?

# Can MP affect relative productivity differences across sectors?

- ► Multinationals bring knowhow, innovative knowledge, and managerial skills.
- ▶ MP induces larger transfer of technology in sectors where the host country is relatively less productive
  - Reducing differences in relative productivity across sectors

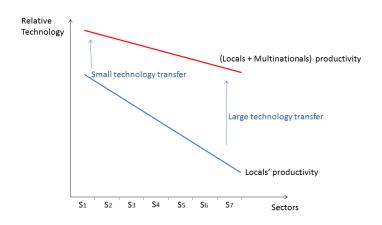
### $CA \rightarrow MP$

#### Effect of Comparative Advantage on MP allocation



### $MP \rightarrow CA$

#### Effect of MP on Comparative Advantage



## This paper

- 1. Assembles an industry-level dataset of bilateral foreign affiliates' sales to document some empirical regularities
- 2. Incorporates a sectoral dimension into a multi-country model of trade and MP:
  - ► Estimates productivities at the sectoral level for domestic and all producers in the economy
  - ▶ Derives analytical implications for welfare
  - ► Conducts counterfactual exercises to evaluate the effects of MP
  - ► Unisectoral models of Trade and MP are silent with respect to the interaction between MP and comparative advantage

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- ▶ The increase in real income following an opening to multinational activity is 15 percentage points higher compared to the case where MP is homogeneous across sectors (27% compared to 12%)
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### Contribution to Related Literature

- ▶ Uni-sector MP-trade models:
  - ► Ramondo and Rodriguez-Clare (2011); Shikher (2011)
  - Arkolakis, Ramondo, Rodriguez-Clare and Yeaple (2012)
  - ▶ Alfaro and Chen (2012, 2011)
- ► Multi-sector trade-only models:
  - Costinot, Donalson and Komunjer (2012), Caliendo and Parro (2013), Levchenko and Zhang (2012)
- ► Horizontal MP and technology transfer:
  - Guadalupe, Kuzmina and Thomas (2012), Fons-Rosen et al (2013), Chen and Alfaro (2011), Békeé, Kleinert and Toubal (2009), Blyde et al. (2004)
  - ► Brainard (2009, 2011), Ramondo et al. (2012), Neary (2007)

## Roadmap

- ▶ Presents a GE model of trade and MP that incorporates the sectoral dimension.
- ► Estimates productivity parameters of local producers and overall economy for each country-sector pair.
- ► Evaluates the welfare implications of the effect of MP on comparative advantage.

- ▶ N countries: source (s), host (h) and destination market (m)
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- Using technology to produce in a foreign country entails a cost:
  - Iceberg MP costs:  $g_{hs}^j > 1$ , and  $g_{ss}^j = 1$
- ► Trade across countries is costly:
  - Iceberg trade costs:  $d_{nh}^j > 1$ , and  $d_{hh}^j = 1$
- ► Factors of Production: capital (K), labor (L)
- ▶ Productivity of each country-sector pair is described by:

$$\mathbf{z_{s}^{j}}\left(\omega\right)\equiv\left\{ z_{1s}^{j}\left(\omega\right),z_{2s}^{j}\left(\omega\right),...,z_{Ns}^{j}\left(\omega\right)\right\} \quad\forall i,j=1:N$$



### Production Structure

Production function:

$$Q_{mhs}^{j}\left(\omega\right) = \left[\left(L_{h}^{j}\right)^{\alpha_{j}}\left(K_{h}^{j}\right)^{1-\alpha_{j}}\right]^{\beta_{j}} \left[\prod_{k=1}^{J+1}\left(Q_{s}^{k}\right)^{\gamma_{kj}}\right]^{1-\beta_{j}} \left(\frac{z_{hs}^{j}\left(\omega\right)}{g_{hs}^{j}}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow p_{mhs}^{j}(\omega) = \left(\frac{c_{h}^{j}g_{hs}^{j}}{z_{hs}^{j}(\omega)}\right)d_{mh}^{j}$$

where:

$$c_h^j = \left[ \left( w_h^j \right)^{\alpha_j} \left( r_h^j \right)^{1 - \alpha_j} \right]^{\beta_j} \left[ \prod_{k=1}^{J+1} \left( p_h^k \right)^{\gamma_{kj}} \right]^{1 - \beta_j}.$$

### Production Structure

ightharpoonup Seller s will choose the location h to reach country m with the lowest possible price

$$p_{ms}^{j}\left(\omega\right)=\min\left\{ p_{m1s}^{j}\left(\omega\right),p_{m2s}^{j}\left(\omega\right),...,p_{mNs}^{j}\left(\omega\right)\right\}$$

ightharpoonup Consumers in m will choose to buy from the source technology country s that offers the cheapest price

$$p_{m}^{j}\left(\omega\right)=\min\left\{ p_{m1}^{j}\left(\omega\right),p_{m2}^{j}\left(\omega\right),...,p_{mN}^{j}\left(\omega\right)\right\}$$

### Market Structure

▶ Hence, the probability that country (m) imports sector (j) goods from country (h) using country (s) technologies is described as:

$$\pi_{mhs}^{j} = \underbrace{\frac{T_{s}^{j} \left(\Delta_{ms}^{j}\right)^{-\theta_{j}}}{\sum_{s} T_{s}^{j} \left(\Delta_{ms}^{j}\right)^{-\theta_{j}}} \cdot \underbrace{\frac{\left(\delta_{mhs}^{j}\right)^{-\theta_{j}}}{\sum_{h} \left(\delta_{mhs}^{j}\right)^{-\theta_{j}}}}_{\text{Term 1}}.$$

where 
$$\Delta_{ms}^j = \left(\sum_h \left(\delta_{mhs}^j\right)^{-\theta_j}\right)^{-\frac{1}{\theta_j}}$$
 and  $\delta_{mhs}^j = d_{mh}^j c_h^j g_{hs}^j$ .

# Trade Shares: $\pi_{mh}^{j}$

▶ Summing up  $\pi_{mhs}^{j}$  across source countries s

$$\pi_{mh}^{j} = \sum_{s=1}^{N} \pi_{mhs}^{j}$$

$$\frac{X_{mh}^{j}}{X_{m}^{j}} = \pi_{mh}^{j} = \frac{\widetilde{T_{h}^{j}} (c_{h}^{j} d_{mh}^{j})^{-\theta}}{\sum_{k=1}^{N} \widetilde{T_{k}^{j}} (c_{k}^{j} d_{mk}^{j})^{-\theta}}$$

Where  $T_h^j$  is the effective technology:

$$\widetilde{T_h^j} = T_1^j {g_{h1}^j}^{-\theta} + T_2^j {g_{h2}^j}^{-\theta} + \ldots + T_N^j {g_{hN}^j}^{-\theta}$$

# MP Shares: $y_{h_a}^{j}$

▶ MP sales: summing up  $\pi_{mhs}^{j}X_{m}^{j}$  across destination countries m; where  $X_m^j = p_m^j Q_m^j$ 

$$I_{hs}^j = \sum_{m=1}^N \pi_{mhs}^j X_m^j$$

$$I_{hs}^{j} = \frac{T_{s}^{j} (g_{hs}^{j} c_{h}^{j})^{-\theta}}{(p_{h}^{j})^{-\theta}} \frac{(X_{h})^{2}}{X_{hh}}$$

▶ MP shares are given by:

$$y_{hs}^{j} = \frac{I_{hs}^{j}}{\sum_{s} I_{hs}^{j}} = \frac{I_{hs}^{j}}{I_{h}^{j}} = \frac{T_{s}^{j} \left(g_{hs}^{j}\right)^{-\theta}}{\widetilde{T}_{h}^{j}}$$

# Closing the Model

▶ Given the set of prices  $\left\{w_h, r_h, P_h, \left\{p_h^j\right\}_{j=1}^{J+1}\right\}_{h=1}^N$ , production is allocated across countries and sectors as follows:

$$p_h^j Q_h^j = p_h^j Y_h^j + \sum_{k=1}^{J+1} (1 - \beta_k) \gamma_{j,k} \left( \sum_{m=1}^N \sum_{s=1}^N \pi_{mhs}^k p_m^k Q_m^k \right)$$

▶ The optimal sectoral factor allocations in country h and tradable sector j must thus satisfy:

$$\sum_{m=1}^{N} \sum_{s=1}^{N} \pi_{mhs}^{j} p_{m}^{j} Q_{m}^{j} = \frac{w_{h} L_{h}^{j}}{\alpha_{j} \beta_{j}} = \frac{r_{h} K_{h}^{j}}{(1 - \alpha_{j}) \beta_{j}}.$$

# Analytical predictions

#### Simplifying assumptions

- ► Cobb Douglas preferences and equal expenditure shares ( Preferences
- ▶ A mirror image of the fundamental productivity across sectors and countries:  $T_1^a = T_2^b$  and  $T_1^b = T_2^a$
- $\triangleright$  Country 2 has comparative advantage in sector a:

$$T_2^a > T_2^b$$

- ▶ Symmetry in trade and MP barriers
- ▶ The above assumptions ensure that wages are equal in both countries,  $w_1 = w_2 = 1$

# Welfare Analysis: Gains from Trade

▶ Welfare: an expression for real wage

$$W_{s} = \frac{w_{s}}{(p_{s}^{a}p_{s}^{b})^{\frac{1}{2}}} = \Gamma^{-1} \left(T_{s}^{a}T_{s}^{b}\right)^{\frac{1}{2\theta}} \left(\pi_{ss}^{a}\pi_{ss}^{b}\right)^{-\frac{1}{2\theta}} \left(y_{ss}^{a}y_{ss}^{b}\right)^{-\frac{1}{2\theta}}$$

• Gains from trade:  $(\pi_{ss}^a \pi_{ss}^b)^{-\frac{1}{2\theta}}$ 

$$GT_s = \frac{W_{d>0}^s}{W_{d\to\infty}^s} = \left(\frac{\left(\widetilde{T_1^a}/T_1^a\right)\left(\widetilde{T_1^b}/T_1^b\right)}{\sum_{j=a,b} (1 + (dg^j)^{-\theta}) + \frac{T_1^{\neq j}}{T_1^j}(g^{j-\theta} + d^{-\theta})}\right)^{-1/2\theta}$$

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► Gains from MP:

$$GMP_{s} = \frac{W_{g>0}^{s}}{W_{g\to\infty}^{s}} = \left[ \frac{\sum_{j=a,b} \left( 1 + \frac{T_{1}^{\neq j}}{T_{1}^{j}} d^{-\theta} \right)}{\sum_{j=a,b} \left( 1 + (dg^{j})^{-\theta} \right) + \frac{T_{1}^{\neq j}}{T_{1}^{j}} (g^{j-\theta} + d^{-\theta})} \right]^{-\frac{1}{2\theta}}$$

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# MP is disproportionately allocated in comparative disadvantage sectors

### Proposition 1

In a two-country, two-sector world economy, the lower the technology of country 1 in sector a (country 1's comparative disadvantage sector) relative to sector b, the higher the probability that firms from country 2 will produce in sector a relative to sector b in country 1.

➤ Proposition 1

# The higher the heterogeneity of MP across sectors, the higher the gains from MP

#### Proposition 2

The higher the heterogeneity of MP across sectors, the higher the gains from MP. When the share of domestically produced goods is the same across sectors  $(y_{hh}^a = y_{hh}^b)$ , the gains from MP attain a minimum. Therefore, uni-sectoral trade-MP models understate the actual gains from MP as long as  $y_{hh}^a \neq y_{hh}^b$ 

Gains from trade are lower the more heterogeneous the technology upgrade across sectors

#### Proposition 3

The more heterogeneous the technology upgrade across sectors toward comparative disadvantage sectors, the lower the dispersion of effective technologies and the lower the gains from trade

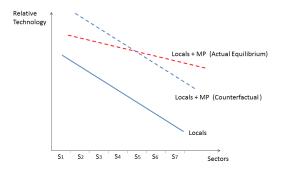


Figure: Proportional Technology Transfer

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  - ▶ 34 declaring countries
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- ► Variables:
  - ▶ Sales, and employment
- ▶ Unit of Analysis:
  - ► Each observation is a (source-host-sector) triplet, averaged over the period 2002-2010
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Trade and MP Gravity Equations

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$$ln\left(\frac{X_{mh}^{j}}{X_{mm}^{j}}\right) = \underbrace{\ln\left(\widetilde{T_{h}^{j}}\left(c_{h}^{j}\right)^{-\theta}\right)}_{\text{exporter fixed effect}} - \underbrace{\ln\left(\widetilde{T_{m}^{j}}\left(c_{m}^{j}\right)^{-\theta}\right)}_{\text{importer fixed effect}} - \underbrace{\theta ln\left(d_{mh}^{j}\right)}_{\text{bilateral observables}}$$

Trade barriers are defined as:

$$ln\left(d_{mh}^{j}\right) = d_{k}^{j} + b_{mh}^{j} + CU_{mh}^{j} + RTA_{mh}^{j} + exporter_{h}^{j} + v_{mh}^{j}$$

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#### Recovering the $T_h^j$

 Recall that effective technology parameters are given by

$$\begin{bmatrix} \widetilde{T}_{1}^{j} \\ \widetilde{T}_{2}^{j} \\ \vdots \\ \widetilde{T}_{N}^{j} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} g_{11}^{j} & g_{12}^{j} & \dots & \dots & g_{1N}^{j} \\ g_{21}^{j} & g_{22}^{j} & \dots & \dots & g_{2N}^{j} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ g_{N1}^{j} & g_{N2}^{j} & \dots & \dots & g_{NN}^{j} \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} T_{1}^{j} \\ T_{2}^{j} \\ \vdots \\ T_{N}^{j} \end{bmatrix}$$

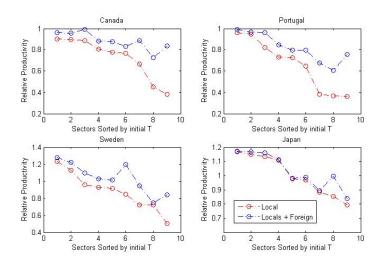
▶ Given  $\widetilde{T}_s^j$  and  $h_{si}^j$  we can solve for the fundamental productivity  $T_i^j$  using the above system of equations for each sector j

Table: Change in Absolute and Comparative Advantage

	Variable	Mean
Group 1 (10 countries)	$\Delta { m CV}$	-0.19
	$\Delta T$	0.09
Group 2 (24 countries)	$\begin{array}{c} \Delta \text{CV} \\ \Delta T \end{array}$	-0.29 0.17
All sample (34 countries)	$\Delta { m CV}$	-0.25
	$\Delta T$	0.14

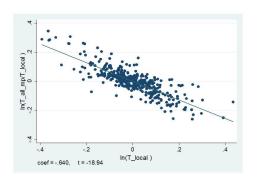
per country

## MP Technology Transfer



#### MP technology transfer

$$ln\left(\widetilde{T}_{h}^{j}\right)^{1/\theta} - ln\left(T_{h}^{j}\right)^{1/\theta} = \beta_{0} + \beta_{1}ln\left(T_{h}^{j}\right)^{1/\theta} + \gamma_{h} + \delta_{j} + \epsilon_{hj}$$



#### The Fit of the Baseline Model with the Data

		Model	Data
Wages			
	Mean	0.761	0.650
	Median	0.790	0.710
	corr(model, data)	0.920	
Imports/GDP			
	Mean	0.364	0.359
	Median	0.342	0.291
	corr(model, data)	0.829	
Inward MP/Production	·		
	Mean	0.338	0.269
	Median	0.302	0.258
	corr(model, data)	0.758	

#### Proportional Technology Transfer

Counterfactual 1: Gains from Trade

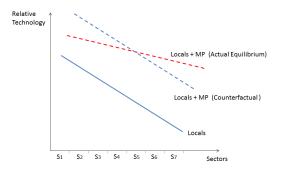


Figure: Counterfactual 2: Proportional Technology Transfer

## Gains from MP: in a multisector framework

Counterfactual 1: Gains from MP

Table: Gains From MP

	Median	Mean	Std.Dev	Min	Max
	M	Gains	(Multisect	or) (%)	)
Counterfactual Vs	15.59	27.01	0.29	9.58	93.48
Baseline					
	M	P Gains	(Uni-secto	or) (%)	
Counterfactual Vs	8.42	12.03	0.17	0.02	79.35
Baseline					

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Counterfactual 2: Gains from Trade

Table: Proportional Technology Transfer

	Mean	Median	$\operatorname{Std}$ .Dev	Min	Max
		Gains f	rom Trade	(%)	
Actual Gains	10.39	9.28	0.05	1.19	24.53
Counterfactual	19.05	17.42	0.08	9.18	33.81

## Infinity barriers to MP in non-tradable sectors

Counterfactual 3: welfare effect

Table: MP in non-tradables

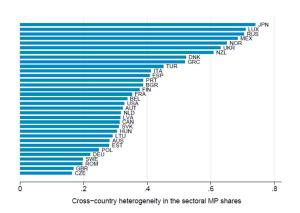
	Median	Mean	Std.Dev	Min	Max
		Welfar	e Change (	(%)	
Counterfactual Vs	4.69	6.53	0.05	1.54	12.33
Baseline					
	Γ	radable	Price Inde	$\mathbf{x}$ (%)	
Counterfactual Vs	1.87	1.62	0.04	0.63	2.13
Baseline					

#### Conclusion

- ► This paper documents a new empirical regularity: A negative relationship between MP and comparative advantage
- ▶ It shows that MP weakens countries comparative advantage
- ▶ It shows that uni-sectoral models systematically overstate the gains from trade and understate the gains from MP

## Appendix

## Cross-country differences in MP heterogeneity



#### Preferences

► Consumers in country m maximize utility subject to the budget constraint:

$$U_{m} = \left(\sum_{j=1}^{J} \omega_{j}^{\frac{1}{\eta}} \left(Y_{m}^{j}\right)^{\frac{\eta-1}{\eta}}\right)^{\frac{\eta}{\eta-1}\xi_{m}} \left(Y_{m}^{J+1}\right)^{1-\xi_{m}},$$

s.t.

$$\sum_{i=1}^{J+1} p_m^j Y_m^j = w_m L_m + r_m K_m$$

▶  $P_m$  - price level in country m is given by:

$$P_{m} = B_{m} \left( \sum_{j=1}^{J} \omega_{j} \left( p_{m}^{j} \right)^{1-\eta} \right)^{\frac{1}{1-\eta} \xi_{m}} \left( p_{m}^{J+1} \right)^{1-\xi_{m}},$$



## Technology

▶ Productivity vectors are drawn independently across varieties  $\omega$  in sector j and origin country i from a multivariate Frechet distribution

$$F_s^j(\mathbf{z}) = exp\left[-T_s^j\left(\sum_{h=1}^N \left(z_{hs}^j\right)^{-\theta_j}\right)\right].$$

- ▶ Productivity differences are characterized by :
  - 1. Inter-industry heterogeneity or relative technology differences in fundamental productivity across industries  $\left(T_s^{j=a}/T_s^{j=b}\right)$
  - 2. Intra-industry heterogeneity, governed by  $\theta^{j}$



#### MP and sectoral productivity

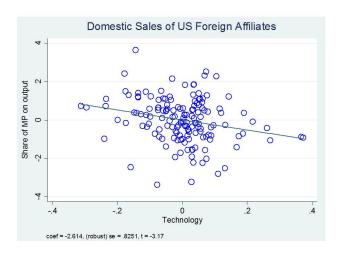
	Employment	Sales	Value Added
			$\operatorname{Added}$
		BEA	
Rel. Productivity	-3.71***	-1.98**	-2.12**
Obs.	1,089	1,089	$1,\!353$
		OECD	
Rel. Productivity	-1.39***	-1.05***	-1.08***
Obs.	1,260	$1,\!366$	$1,\!100$

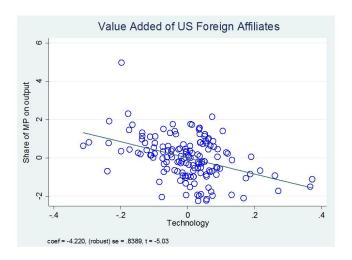
Note: Standard errors are cluster at the country level. All regressions have country and year fixed effects

$$MPsales_n^j = \alpha + \beta \cdot TFP_n^j + \delta_n + \gamma_j + \epsilon_n^j$$

- MP sales are normalized by output in country n and sector j
- Total Factor Productivity  $(TFP_n^j)$  is measured relative to the frontier in sector j
- $\delta_n$  and  $\gamma_n$  denotes country and sector fixed effects
- robust to *TFP* correction by selection in open economies, and alternative measures of MP

▶ Robustness





#### MP in comparative disadvantage sectors

*Proof:* Lets define the ratio of probabilities  $\frac{\pi_{112}^a}{\pi_{112}^b}$  that country 2 produce in country 1 as:

$$\frac{\pi_{112}^{a}}{\pi_{112}^{b}} = \frac{T_{2}^{a}}{T_{2}^{b}} \left[ \frac{\frac{T_{2}^{b}}{T_{1}^{a}} \left( h^{-\theta} + d^{-\theta} \right)^{-\frac{1}{\theta}} + \frac{T_{1}^{b}}{T_{1}^{a}} \left[ 1 + (hd)^{-\theta} \right]^{-\frac{1}{\theta}}}{\frac{T_{1}^{a}}{T_{1}^{b}} \left( h^{-\theta} + d^{-\theta} \right)^{-\frac{1}{\theta}} + \left[ 1 + (hd)^{-\theta} \right]^{-\frac{1}{\theta}}} \right]$$

$$\partial \left( \frac{\pi_{112}^{a}}{\pi_{112}^{b}} \right) / \partial T_{1}^{a} < 0$$

$$\partial \left( \frac{\pi_{112}^{a}}{\pi_{112}^{b}} \right) / \partial T_{2}^{a} > 0$$

◆ Proposition

## Estimating Model's Parameters Recovering the $T_s^j$

▶ Given  $T_s^j$  (obtained from the gravity equation fixed effects) and  $h_{si}^j$  we can calculate the effective productivity  $T_i^j$  for each sector j

$$\begin{split} \widetilde{T}_{1}^{j} &= T_{1}^{j} {h_{11}^{j}}^{-\theta} + T_{2}^{j} {h_{12}^{j}}^{-\theta} \\ \widetilde{T}_{2}^{j} &= T_{1}^{j} {h_{21}^{j}}^{-\theta} + T_{2}^{j} {h_{22}^{j}}^{-\theta} \end{split}$$

#### Generalize Method of Moments

• Given  $h_{si}^j$  and  $d_{si}^j$ ,  $T_i^j$  are chosen to minimize:

$$\min_{T_s^j} \left[ (1 - R^T) + (1 - R^{MP}) \right]$$

where  $R^T$  and  $R^{MP}$  are given by:

$$R^{T} \equiv 1 - \frac{\sum_{i,n;n\neq i} \left[ \widetilde{X}_{ni}^{j,data} - \widetilde{X}_{ni}^{j,model} \right]^{2}}{\sum_{i,n;n\neq i} \left( \widetilde{X}_{ni}^{j,data} \right)^{2}}$$

$$R^{MP} \equiv 1 - \frac{\sum_{i,n;n\neq i} \left[ \widetilde{I}_{ni}^{j,data} - \widetilde{I}_{ni}^{j,model} \right]^{2}}{\sum_{i,n;n\neq i} \left( \widetilde{I}_{ni}^{j,data} \right)^{2}}$$

◆ preferred method

## Effective technology: two step procedure

► The importer fixed effect

$$S_n^j = \frac{\widetilde{T}_n^j}{\widetilde{T}_{us}^j} \left(\frac{c_n^j}{c_{us}^j}\right)^{-\theta}$$

▶ The share of spending going to home-produced goods

$$\frac{X_{nn}^j}{X_{us}^j} = \widetilde{T}_n^j \left(\frac{c_n^j}{p_n^j}\right)^{-\theta}$$

▶ Dividing it by US, we have:

$$\frac{X_{nn}^j/X_n^j}{X_{us,us}^j/X_{us}^j} = \frac{\widetilde{T}_n^j}{\widetilde{T}_{us}^j} \left(\frac{c_n^j}{c_{us}^j}\right)^{-\theta} \left(\frac{p_n^j}{p_{us}^j}\right)^{-\theta} = S_n^j \left(\frac{p_{us}^j}{p_n^j}\right)^{-\theta}$$

## Effective technology: two step procedure

► The ratio of price levels in sector j relative to US becomes

$$\frac{p_n^j}{p_{us}^j} = \left(\frac{X_{nn}^j / X_n^j}{X_{us,us}^j / X_{us}^j} \frac{1}{S_n^j}\right)^{\frac{1}{\theta}}$$

➤ The cost of the input bundles relative to the U.S can be written as:

$$\frac{c_n^j}{c_{us}^j} = \left(\frac{w_n^j}{w_{us}^j}\right)^{\alpha_j\beta_j} \left(\frac{r_n^j}{r_{us}^j}\right)^{(1-\alpha_j)\beta_j} \left(\prod_{k=1}^{J+1} \left(\frac{p_n^k}{p_{us}^k}\right)^{\gamma_{k,j}}\right)^{1-\beta_j}$$

◆ Trade Gravity Equation

## Technology

▶ Productivity vectors are drawn independently across sector varieties  $\omega$  in sector j and origin country i from univariate Frechet marginals combined by a copula

$$F_{i}^{j}(\mathbf{z}) = exp\left\{-T_{i}^{j}\left[\left(z_{1i}^{j}\left(\omega\right)\right)^{-\frac{\theta_{j}}{1-\rho_{j}}} + \left(z_{2i}^{j}\left(\omega\right)\right)^{-\frac{\theta_{j}}{1-\rho_{j}}}\right]^{1-\rho_{j}}\right\}$$

- ► There are three levels of heterogeneity in this model:
  - 1. Inter-industry heterogeneity or relative technology differences in fundamental productivity across industries  $T_i^1/T_i^2$
  - 2. Intra-industry heterogeneity, governed by  $\theta$
  - 3. Correlation between draws from different locations  $\rho$ .



#### Preferences

- ► Two-tier preferences:
  - First tier: Cobb-Douglas  $(\xi_n)$  on aggregate tradable sectors  $Y_n^j$

$$Y_n = (Y_n^a)^{\xi_n} \left( Y_n^b \right)^{1 - \xi_n}$$

▶ Second tier: CES  $(\varepsilon_n)$  on varieties  $Y_n^j(\omega)$ 

$$Y_n^j = \left(\int_0^1 Y_n^j \left(\omega\right)^{\frac{\varepsilon_j - 1}{\varepsilon_j}} d\omega\right)^{\frac{\varepsilon_j}{\varepsilon_j - 1}}$$

 $\blacktriangleright$  And the actual price in sector j, country n is given by:

$$P_n^j = B_n (p_{n1})^{\xi_n} (p_{n2})^{1-\xi_n}$$

◆ Assumptions

#### MP and trade barriers

Table: Estimated trade  $d_{nh}^j$  and  $g_{hs}^j$ 

Sector	Trade	MP
Food	2.64	2.75
Textiles	2.13	2.64
Wood	2.65	2.16
Chemicals	2.28	3.14
Non-metallic	2.75	2.25
Metals	2.39	3.87
Machinery	1.98	2.91
Transport	2.37	3.76
Furniture	2.15	2.07



Average Change		Relative Change	
Top 10: Largest Change		Top 10: Largest Change	
Countries		Countries	
Czech Rep.	0.41	Poland	-0.53
Poland	0.35	Czech Rep	-0.52
Lithuania	0.30	Spain	-0.52
Hungary	0.29	Portugal	-0.52
Austria	0.24	Canada	-0.51
${ m Netherlands}$	0.22	Austria	-0.48
Slovakia	0.22	Italy	-0.47
Portugal	0.22	Turkey	-0.43
Sweden	0.20	Russia	-0.42
Canada	0.17	Sweden	-0.41
Turkey	0.14	Slovenia	-0.39



Average Change		Relative Change	
Bottom 10: Smallest		Bottom 10: Smallest	
Change Countries		Change Countries	
Finland	0.09	Japan	-0.14
France	0.07	Belgium	-0.08
Switzerland	0.06	Denmark	-0.07
Denmark	0.04	Greece	-0.06
Norway	0.04	United Kingdom	-0.06
New Zealand	0.04	Norway	-0.04
Australia	0.03	Latvia	0.05
Belgium	0.02	Germany	0.08
Greece	0.01	France	0.14
Israel	0.01	Bulgaria	0.14



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## Model's correlation of MP sales and $T_s^j$

