

Spatial Production Networks*

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- **Goal:** Study endogenous network formation in space and their aggregate implications
 - ▶ How do production networks endogenously form across countries/regions from firm decisions?
 - ▶ How do networks endogenously respond to macro shocks & its aggregate/distributional effects?

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- Apply this model to administrative firm-to-firm transaction level data from Chile
 - ▶ Stylized facts about spatial production networks motivating model choices
 - ▶ Calibrate to i) observed inter- & intra-national trade and ii) observed responses of production networks to international trade shock
 - ▶ Study effects of two counterfactual shocks on domestic networks and welfare
 - (1) International trade shocks on global value chain, (2) Domestic transportation infrastructure
 - Findings: Strong responses of domestic networks, with aggregate and distributional effects

■ “Macro” approach of production networks

Yi (2003, 2009); Johnson-Noguera (2012); Caliendo-Parro (2015); Johnson-Moxnes (2019); Antras-Chor (2019); Huo-Levchenko-Pandalai-Nayar (2020)

■ “Micro” approach of production networks

Bernard-Moxnes (2018); Oberfield (2018); Lim (2018); Huneus (2018); Bernard-Moxnes-Saito (2019); Dhyne-Kikkawa-Mogstad-Tintelnot (2020); Bernard-Dhyne-Magerman-Manova-Moxnes (2020); Zou (2020); Demir-Fieler-Xu-Yang (2021)

■ Endogenous production networks in space

Eaton-Kortum-Kramarz (2018); Antras-de-Gortari (2020); Miyauchi (2021); Panigrahi (2021)

■ Microfounded gravity trade models and sufficient statistics approach

Eaton-Kortum (2002); Eaton-Kortum-Kramarz (2011); Arkolakis-Costinot-Rodriguez-Clare (2012); Costinot-Rodriguez-Clare (2014); Melitz and Redding (2014, 2015); Ossa (2015)

■ Propagation of shocks in production networks

Acemoglu-Carvalho-Ozdaglar-Tahbaz-Salehi (2012); Acemoglu-Akcigit-Kerr (2016); Carvalho-Nirei-Saito-Tahbaz-Salehi (2021); Caliendo-Parro-Rossi-Hansberg-Sarte (2018); Adao-Carrillo-Costinot-Donaldson-Pomeranz (2020)

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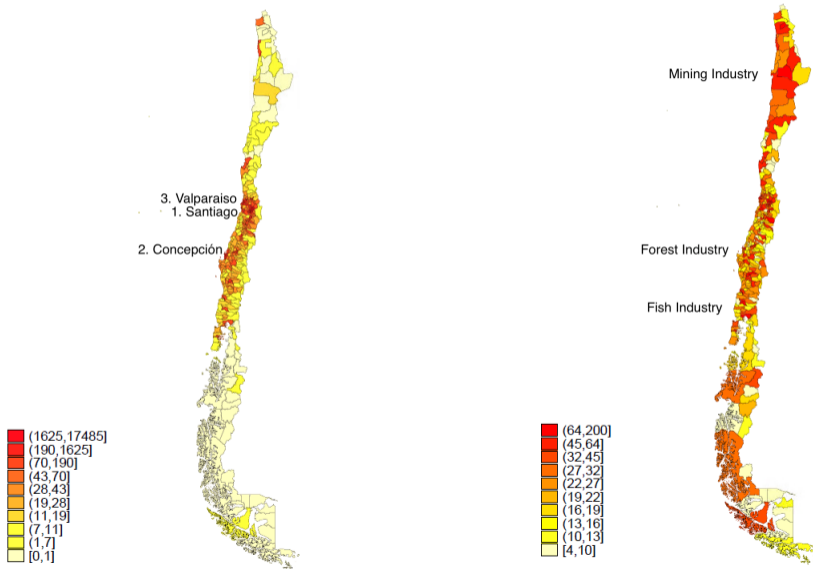
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Data and Descriptive Facts

- Domestic firm-to-firm transaction-level dataset in Chile
 - ▶ Collected by Internal Revenue Service for value-added tax collection purposes
 - ▶ Covers the universe of domestic trade between all firms in Chile regardless of firm size
 - ▶ For each transaction, observe dates, seller and buyer firm ID, sales, products, prices, seller's and buyer's municipality

- Linked to various firm data sets:
 - ▶ Customs data (for imports and exports)
 - ▶ Firm balance sheet characteristics (for total sales)
 - ▶ Matched employer-employee dataset (for employment and wages)

Population Density (left) and Number of Buyers per Firm (right)



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- ⇒ Model will feature responses of domestic production linkages to cost shocks

Model

Setup

- Space is partitioned by a finite number of locations $i, u, d \in N$
- Continuum of workers of measure L_i in location i (exogenous)
- Two types of goods: intermediate goods and final goods
 - ▶ Intermediate goods are traded across locations subject to iceberg trade cost $\tau_{ud} \geq 1$
 - ▶ Single final goods for each location, not traded
- Two types of producers:
 - ▶ Final goods producers
 - ▶ Intermediate goods producers (“firms”)

Production

- Unit cost of production by “firm” ω in location i

$$c^i(\omega) = \frac{1}{z(\omega)} w_i^\beta \left(\int_{v \in \Omega_\omega^i} p(v, \omega)^{1-\sigma} dv \right)^{\frac{1-\beta}{1-\sigma}}$$

- ▶ $z(\omega)$ is productivity of firm ω
 - ▶ w_i is local wages
 - ▶ Ω_ω^i is the set of suppliers that ω has access to (endogenized by search and matching)
 - ▶ $p(v, \omega)$ is the price charged by supplier v to ω
 - ▶ σ is the elasticity of substitution for intermediate goods
- Continuum of monopolistic suppliers $\Omega_\omega^i \Rightarrow p(v, \omega)$ constant markup over marginal cost
 - Final goods producers produce using all local intermediate goods (without search frictions) with elasticity of substitution σ under perfect competition

Search and Matching Between Firms: Overview

- Production networks linkage are endogenous under search and matching process
- Firms post advertisements for suppliers and buyers across locations to maximize anticipated profits (Arkolakis '10; Demir-Fieler-Xu-Yang '21)
- Aggregate random matching for each pair of locations à la DMP

Firms' Search Decision

$$\pi_i(z) = \max_{\{n_{ui}^S\}_u, \{n_{id}^B\}_d} \underbrace{\frac{1}{\sigma} \sum_{d \in N} n_{id}^B m_{id}^B D_d (c_{Tid})^{1-\sigma}}_{\text{Profit from "firm" buyers}} - e_i \underbrace{\left\{ \sum_{d \in N} f_{id}^B \frac{(n_{id}^B)^{\gamma^B}}{\gamma^B} + \sum_{u \in N} f_{ui}^S \frac{(n_{ui}^S)^{\gamma^S}}{\gamma^S} \right\}}_{\text{Search costs}}$$

subject to $c = \frac{w_i^\beta \left(\sum_{u \in N} n_{ui}^S m_{ui}^S (C_{ui})^{1-\sigma} \right)^{\frac{1-\beta}{1-\sigma}}}{z}$

- $\{n_{ui}^S\}_u, \{n_{id}^B\}_d$: number of postings to suppliers and buyers
- m_{ui}^S, m_{id}^B : matching rates with suppliers and buyers
- e_i : unit price of advertisement services, with $e_i = A_i (w_i)^\mu (C_i^*)^{1-\mu}$
- $f_{id}^B, f_{ui}^S, \gamma^B, \gamma^S$: exogenous parameters for search cost
- C_{ui} : average cost of suppliers from u to i
- No profits from sales to final goods producers (assume zero bargaining power)

Aggregate Matching, and Extensive and Intensive Margins

- Total number of supplier-to-buyer relationships determined by matching function: [Details](#)

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- Different spatial structure of “extensive” and “intensive” margins (Fact 2)

General Equilibrium Analysis

Characterizing Equilibrium

- Equilibrium reduced to a $2 \times N$ system on wages w_i and cost shifter C_i^* :

- ▶ “Buyer access”

$$w_i = \frac{\vartheta}{L_i} \sum_d X_{id}(\{w\}, \{C^*\}, \{\chi^E\}, \{\chi^I\})$$

where $X_{id} = M_{id} \bar{r}_{id}$

- ▶ “Supplier access”

$$(C_i^*)^{1-\sigma} = w_i^{\beta(1-\sigma)} \left[(\tilde{\sigma})^\sigma M_i \left(\frac{\delta}{\gamma^S} \right) N_i \right]^{\beta-1} \left(\frac{\sum_u X_{ui}}{D_i} \right)^{1-\beta}$$

- Similar to previous literature while incorporating endogenous search and matching
(Anderson and van Wincoop '03, Redding and Venables '04, Donaldson and Hornbeck '16)

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- Rewriting the two equations yields:

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- ▶ K_{id}^D and K_{ui}^U are combination of exogenous parameters, including χ_{ud}^E , χ_{ud}^I , L_i , $G_i(\cdot)$
- Spans canonical gravity models with roundabout production (with $\tilde{\lambda}^B = \tilde{\lambda}^S = 0$) but not vice versa (Eaton-Kortum '02, ACR '12; Caliendo-Parro '14 (single-sector); Costinot and Rodriguez-Clare '14,...)
- Provide sufficient conditions for equilibrium existence and uniqueness [Details](#)
- Characterize counterfactual equilibrium with $\{X_{id}\}$ and $\{\sigma, \beta, \mu, \tilde{\lambda}^B, \tilde{\lambda}^S\}$ a la DEK [Details](#)
- Provide sufficient statistics for welfare \Rightarrow ACR + Endogenous extensive margin [Details](#)

Quantitative Analysis

Calibration

- Locations \equiv 345 municipalities in Chile + China + USA + Germany + “rest of the world”
- Exactly match the bilateral trade flows X_{ud}
 - ▶ Using domestic firm-to-firm transaction data and customs data
- $\beta = 0.2$: labor share out of total input expenditure
- $\{\sigma, \mu, \tilde{\lambda}^B, \tilde{\lambda}^S\}$: indirect inference targeting the responses of import shocks as [Fact 3](#) Details
 - ▶ Impose $\tilde{\lambda}^B = \tilde{\lambda}^S$
 - ▶ Impose sufficient conditions for equilibrium uniqueness
- Implement spatial frictions decomposition Details
 - ▶ Decompose bilateral trade frictions into “search and matching frictions” and “iceberg cost”
 - ▶ “Search and matching frictions” is more sensitive to geographic distance than “iceberg cost”

Quantitative Analysis: Counterfactuals

- Undertake two counterfactual simulations
 1. International Trade: Effects of shocks on global value chain connected to Chile
 2. Domestic Transportation Infrastructure: Effects of Chiloe island mega-bridge [Details](#)
- Two scenarios for both counterfactual simulations
 1. Baseline ($\tilde{\lambda}^S = \tilde{\lambda}^B = 0.19$)
 2. No Endogenous Responses in Extensive Margin ($\tilde{\lambda}^S = \tilde{\lambda}^B = 0$)

1. Effects of Int'l Trade Shocks on Global Value Chain Connected to Chile

- Consider a 10% reduction of iceberg trade costs for baseline model
 - ▶ $\hat{\chi}_{ud} = 1.35$ for $u, d \in \text{China, Germany, USA}$
 - ▶ Give the same shock $\hat{\chi}_{ud}$ in no extensive margin case ($\tilde{\lambda}^S = \tilde{\lambda}^B = 0$)

- Average welfare gains (percentage points):

	China	Germany	USA
Baseline	3.65	0.40	2.55
No Extensive	1.54	0.30	1.37
Baseline - No Extensive	2.11	0.10	1.19

- Ignoring endogenous extensive margin substantially underestimates welfare gains
- Substantial distributional effects [Details](#)
 - ▶ Positively correlated with direct trade exposure but partially due to indirect effects

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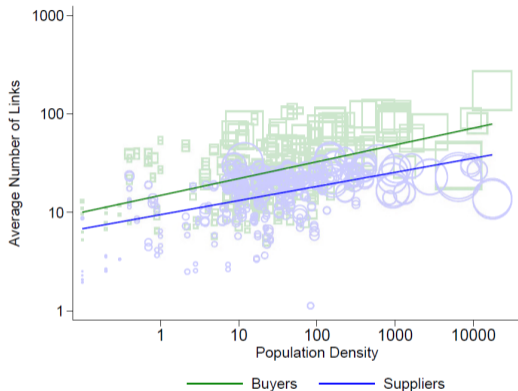
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- Framework can also be used for international production networks across countries

Appendix

Number of Domestic Suppliers & Buyers per Firm Relates to Geography [Return](#)



- Robust to controlling for firm sales, which are by themselves strongly correlated with the number of links (Bernard et al '19; '20; Lim '18) [Table](#)
- Model supplier & buyer formation decision based on geographic location and productivity

- Estimate the following gravity regressions (i, j are municipalities in Chile)

$$\log TradeFlows_{ij} = \beta \log Dist_{ij} + \xi_i + \zeta_j + \epsilon_{ij}$$

	Total Flows		Intensive (Volume per Relationship)		Extensive (Number of Relationships)	
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Log Distance	-1.324 (0.008)		-0.383 (0.007)		-0.941 (0.004)	
Log Time Travel		-1.515 (0.010)		-0.441 (0.008)		-1.074 (0.004)
R^2	0.640	0.639	0.306	0.306	0.822	0.819
Origin Municipality FE	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Destination Municipality FE	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
N	65871	65871	65871	65871	65871	65871

- Model will feature distinct gravity equations in intensive & extensive margins

Number of Linkages by Geography and Firm Size [Return](#)

- Firm-level regression of the log number of domestic buyers and suppliers on population density and firm sales

	Buyers			Suppliers		
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Log Density	0.034 (0.001)		0.025 (0.001)	0.115 (0.002)		0.106 (0.002)
Log Sales		0.422 (0.001)	0.421 (0.001)		0.447 (0.001)	0.445 (0.001)
R^2	0.011	0.458	0.459	0.018	0.197	0.205
Year FE	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
State FE	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
N	380588	380588	380588	381362	381362	381362

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- ▶ Results below are long difference from 2011 to 2016

	Imports (1)	Exports (2)	Sales (3)	Domestic Suppliers		Domestic Buyers	
				Number (4)	Mean Value (5)	Number (6)	Mean Value (7)
Import Shock	0.917 (0.243)	-0.197 (0.533)	0.842 (0.201)	0.226 (0.115)	0.549 (0.198)	0.667 (0.698)	0.395 (0.611)
Export Shocks	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Industry Fixed Effects	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
N	10420	3737	29613	27142	27052	5602	5533

Solution to Firms' Search Problem

- Optimal advertisements:

$$n_{ui}^S(z) = a_{ui}^S z^{\frac{\delta_1}{\gamma^S}}, \quad n_{id}^B(z) = a_{id}^B z^{\frac{\delta_1}{\gamma^B}}$$

- ▶ $\delta_1 \equiv (\sigma - 1) / (1 - \frac{1}{\gamma^B} - \frac{1-\beta}{\gamma^S})$
- ▶ Geographic factors matter for supplier and buyer linkages on top of z (Fact 1)

- Unit cost:

$$c_i(z) = (C_i^*) z^{-\frac{\delta_1}{\gamma^S} \frac{1-\beta}{\sigma-1} - 1}; \quad (C_i^*)^{1-\sigma} \equiv w_i^{\beta(1-\sigma)} \left(\sum_{u \in N} a_{ui}^S m_{ui}^S (C_{ui})^{1-\sigma} \right)^{1-\beta}$$

- Firm revenue:

$$r_i(z) = D_i^* (C_i^*)^{1-\sigma} (z)^{\delta_1}; \quad D_i^* = \sum_d m_{id}^B a_{id}^B D_d^I (\tau_{id})^{1-\sigma}$$

- Aggregate supplier and buyer postings:

$$\bar{M}_{ud}^S = N_d \int n_{ud}^S(z) dG_d(z), \quad \bar{M}_{ud}^B = N_u \int n_{ud}^B(z) dG_u(z)$$

- ▶ N_i : measure of firms in location i
 - ▶ $G_i(\cdot)$: productivity distribution in location i
- Total number of supplier-to-buyer relationships determined by matching function:

$$M_{ud} = \kappa_{ud} \left(\bar{M}_{ud}^S \right)^{\lambda^S} \left(\bar{M}_{ud}^B \right)^{\lambda^B}$$

- Matching probability (intensity):

$$m_{ud}^S = \frac{M_{ud}}{\bar{M}_{ud}^S} \quad m_{ud}^B = \frac{M_{ud}}{\bar{M}_{ud}^B}$$

- Mathematical structure commonly appears in trade and spatial models (Allen, Arkolakis, Li '21):

Proposition

If $\frac{\beta(\sigma-1)}{1-\beta} \geq (1-\mu) (\tilde{\lambda}^B + \tilde{\lambda}^S)$ and $\delta_G \leq 1$ then the equilibrium always exists and it is unique up-to-scale.

- Denote observed import and export share by $\Psi_{id} = \frac{X_{id}}{\sum_{\ell} X_{i\ell}}$ and $\Lambda_{ui} = \frac{X_{ui}}{\sum_{\ell} X_{\ell i}}$
- Consider counterfactual changes in \hat{K}_{id}^D and \hat{K}_{id}^U ($\hat{x} \equiv x'/x$)

Proposition

The counterfactual changes of wages \hat{w}_i and intermediate cost shifter \hat{C}_i^* are solved by

$$(\hat{w}_i)^{1+\tilde{\lambda}^B \delta_2 \mu} (\hat{C}_i^*)^{(\sigma-1)\delta_2 + \tilde{\lambda}^B \delta_2 (1-\mu)} = \sum_d \hat{K}_{id}^D (\hat{w}_d)^{\delta_G} (\hat{C}_d^*)^{\frac{(\sigma-1)\delta_2}{1-\beta} - \tilde{\lambda}^S \delta_2 (1-\mu)} \Psi_{id}$$

$$(\hat{w}_i)^{1-\delta_G} (\hat{C}_i^*)^{-\frac{(\sigma-1)\delta_2}{1-\beta} + \tilde{\lambda}^S \delta_2 (1-\mu)} = \sum_u \hat{K}_{ui}^U (\hat{w}_u)^{-\tilde{\lambda}^B \delta_2 \mu} (\hat{C}_u^*)^{-(\sigma-1)\delta_2 - \tilde{\lambda}^B \delta_2 (1-\mu)} \Lambda_{ui}$$

Proposition

Proportional changes of welfare are given by:

$$\frac{\widehat{w}_i}{P_i^F} = \left(\underbrace{\widehat{\Lambda}_{ij}}_{\text{own trade share}} \right)^{-\frac{1}{\sigma-1} \frac{1-\beta}{\beta}} \left(\underbrace{\widehat{M}_{ij}}_{\text{number of linkages within location}} \right)^{\frac{1}{\sigma-1} \frac{1-\beta}{\beta}}$$

- $\tilde{\lambda}^B = \tilde{\lambda}^S = 0 \Rightarrow \widehat{M}_{ij} = 1$ as in gravity trade models (ACR '12)
- \widehat{M}_{ij} captures changes in productivity through endogenous search and matching

$$\widehat{M}_{ij} = \hat{a}_{ij}^S \hat{m}_{ij}^S$$

which is affected by $\tilde{\lambda}^B, \tilde{\lambda}^S, \mu$

Panel (A) Estimated Parameters

Parameters	Value
β	0.2 (calibrated)
σ	3.07
$\tilde{\lambda}^B = \tilde{\lambda}^S$	0.19
μ	0.74

Panel (B) Model Fit

	Imports (1)	Domestic Suppliers		Domestic Buyers	
		Number (2)	Mean Value (3)	Number (4)	Mean Value (5)
<i>(i) Data</i>					
Import Shock	0.566 (0.206)	0.253 (0.093)	0.159 (0.160)	0.048 (0.144)	0.251 (0.250)
<i>(ii) Model Prediction</i>					
Import Shock	0.572	0.192	0.199	0.155	0.208

- Decompose bilateral trade frictions into “search frictions” and “iceberg cost”

$$\chi_{ud} = \varrho^E \underbrace{\left[\kappa_{ud} (f_{ud}^B)^{-\tilde{\lambda}^B} (f_{ud}^S)^{-\tilde{\lambda}^S} \right]^{\delta_2}}_{\equiv \chi_{ud}^{\text{search}}} \underbrace{\left(\tau_{ud}^{1-\sigma} \right)^{\tilde{\lambda}^B + \tilde{\lambda}^S + 1}}_{\equiv \chi_{ud}^{\text{iceberg}}}$$

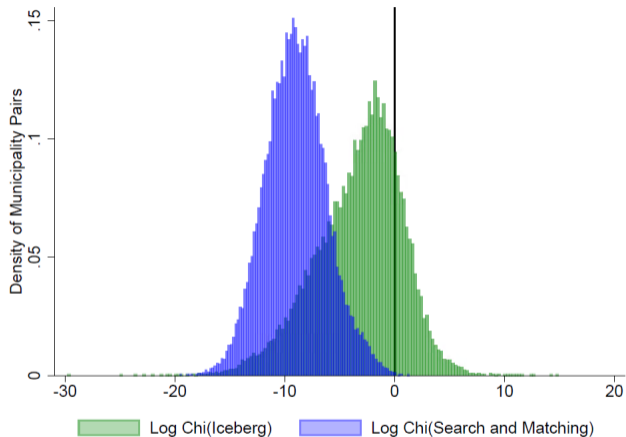
- Use intensive and extensive margin of bilateral trade flows to estimate these costs relative to within-location trade (Head-Ries '01)

$$\tilde{\chi}_{ud}^{\text{iceberg}} \equiv \frac{\chi_{ud}^{\text{iceberg}}}{\chi_{uu}^{\text{iceberg}}} \frac{\chi_{du}^{\text{iceberg}}}{\chi_{dd}^{\text{iceberg}}} = \left(\frac{\bar{r}_{ud} \bar{r}_{du}}{\bar{r}_{uu} \bar{r}_{dd}} \right)^{\tilde{\lambda}^B + \tilde{\lambda}^S + 1}, \quad \tilde{\chi}_{ud}^{\text{search}} \equiv \left(\frac{M_{ud} M_{du}}{M_{uu} M_{dd}} \right) \left(\frac{\bar{r}_{ud} \bar{r}_{du}}{\bar{r}_{uu} \bar{r}_{dd}} \right)^{-(\tilde{\lambda}^B + \tilde{\lambda}^S) \delta_2}$$

- Estimate these for all pairs of municipalities in Chile (no M_{ud} and \bar{r}_{ud} from customs data)

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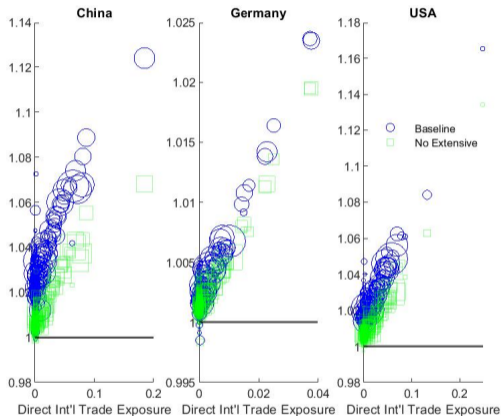
- Search and matching costs are larger than iceberg costs

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	Iceberg		Search and Matching	
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Log Distance	-0.376 (0.007)		-0.633 (0.004)	
Log Time Travel		-0.436 (0.008)		-0.682 (0.005)
R^2	0.049	0.053	0.278	0.257
N	53956	53956	53956	53956

- Search and matching costs is more sensitive to geographic distance than iceberg trade cost
- Consistent with recent literature on search and matching frictions in trade
(Chaney '14, Allen '14, Eaton-Kortum-Kramarz '18, Brancaccio-Kalouptsi-Papageorgiou '20, Lenoir-Martin-Mejean '20, Krolkowski-McCallum '21, Startz '21, Miyauchi '21)
- Use these estimates for a counterfactual of transportation improvement

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- Direct international trade exposure (export + import share) strongly correlates with welfare gains
- Baseline model predicts larger indirect effects, as evident from higher intercepts

2. Transportation Infrastructure: Effects of Chiloe Island Mega-Bridge

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- Planned to open in 2025 as the largest suspension bridge in South America
 - ▶ Will shorten travel time to mainland from 35 minutes (by ferry) to just 2 minutes
- Simulate the reduction of bilateral trade costs proportional to travel time reduction
 - ▶ Use travel time elasticities of trade and search costs from cross-section data
- Average welfare gains:

	New Bridge
Baseline	0.84
No Extensive	0.50
Baseline - No Extensive	0.34

- Ignoring endogenous extensive margin substantially underestimates welfare gains

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