

# Quantifying a vertical differentiation trade model

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# Motivation

- ▶ Quality is the third margin of trade, after intensive and extensive margins
- ▶ Extensive empirical literature quality and trade (Schott 2004, Manova and Zangh 2012, Feenstra-Romalis 2014, ...)
- ▶ Theory often about demand shifter, partial equilibrium or few countries. Some about general equilibrium (Khandelwal 2010, Feenstra-Romalis 2014, ... Fagelbaum-Helpman 2008,2010, Fieler 2012, Eaton-Fieler 2018...)
- ▶ Vivid IO literature on vertical differentiation where quality is the sole margin. (Mussa-Rosen 1978, Gabszewicz-Thisse 1979, Shaked-Sutton 1982, etc.) Non-homothetic models
- ▶ The objective is to make a quantitative link with this IO literature in trade model with many countries

# What we do

## Theory:

- ▶ Extend (non-homothetic) vertical-differentiation model with many goods and countries (Picard and Tampieri, 2024)
- ▶ Obtain useful aggregation properties

## Empirics:

- ▶ Fit model with data on trade data flows and unit prices. Recover parameters (no input from other models). Validate model.

## Policy:

- ▶ Study effect of trade costs, Brexit, and Trump tariffs on share of high quality goods

# Model

# Setup

- ▶  $N$  trading countries with population shares  $m_i$ ,  $i \in \{1, \dots, N\}$ .
- ▶ Continuum of individuals  $h$  with *labor productivity units*  $s_{ih}$  (skills, education, effort, time) with c.d.f.  $F_i$ .
- ▶ Wage per productivity unit  $w_i$ .
- ▶ Individual income  $w_i s_{ih}$
- ▶ Country average labor productivity  $s_i = \int s_{ih} dF_i(s_{ih})$
- ▶ Country average income:  $w_i s_i$ .

Between goods (sectors): horizontal differentiation

- ▶ HS4 level, motor-cars HS-8703
- ▶ indexed by  $z \in [0, 1]$
- ▶ heterogeneous cost and preference

Within each good (sector): both vertical and horizontal diff.

- ▶ horizontal: combustion/electric cars
- ▶ vertical: low/high cylinder capacity
- ▶ number of horizontal varieties  $n_{ij}$ , indexed by  $\nu \in [0, n_{ij}]$
- ▶ two high and low quality levels  $k \in \{H, L\}$
- ▶ symmetric cost  $a_k(z)$  and preference  $b_k(z)$

# Consumption

Armington (1969) assumption:

- ▶ each variety and quality is produced only in one country, but is consumed by all consumers in every country.

Each individual consumes a single unit of each variety but chooses its quality version.

- ▶  $b_H(z) > 0$  utility units for the high-quality version of a variety.
- ▶  $b_L(z) > 0$  for its low-quality version.

# Consumption

An individual in country  $i$  maximizes the utility

$$U_i = \int_0^1 \left( \sum_j n_{ij} \sum_{k=H,L} b_k(z) x_{ijk}(z) \right) dz$$

subject to the budget constraint

$$\int_0^1 \left( \sum_j n_{ij} \sum_{k=H,L} p_{ijk}(z) x_{ijk}(z) \right) dz = w_i s_{ih}$$

where:

- ▶  $p_{ijk}(z) > 0$  is the (destination) consumer prices
- ▶  $x_{ijk}(z) \in \{0, 1\}$  is the unitary consumption (decision) of variety  $z$ , with  $x_{ijH} + x_{ijL} = 1$
- ▶  $w_i s_{ih}$  is individual income

- ▶ Individual  $h$  in  $i$  buys the high-quality version  $H$  of a variety  $\nu$  of a good  $z$  iff:

$$b_H(z) - \frac{1}{\mu_{ih}} p_{ijH}(z) \geq b_L(z) - \frac{1}{\mu_{ih}} p_{ijL}(z)$$

and the low-quality version  $L$  otherwise.

Parameter  $\mu_{ih}$ :

- ▶ measures the inverse of the marginal utility of income;
- ▶ is the inverse of the Lagrange multiplier of the budget constraint;
- ▶ is a proxy for income: higher  $w_i s_{ih}$  implies higher  $\mu_{ih}$ .

# Production and trade

- ▶ The production of each variety  $z$  requires  $a_H(z)$  and  $a_L(z)$  labor productivity units for the high and low-quality versions.
- ▶ Iceberg trade cost  $\tau_{ij} \geq 1$
- ▶ Perfect competition: price equals unit cost

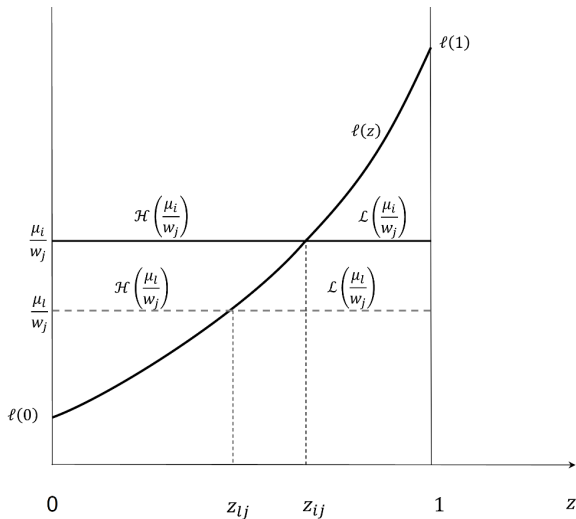
$$p_{ijk}(z) = \tau_{ij} w_j a_k(z), \quad k = H, L$$

- ▶ Individual  $h$  in country  $i$  purchases high-quality varieties  $[0, n_{ij}]$  of good  $z$  produced in country  $j$  iff

$$\frac{\mu_{ih}}{\tau_{ij}w_j} \geq \ell(z) = \frac{a_H(z) - a_L(z)}{b_H(z) - b_L(z)},$$

where  $\ell(z)$  denotes the per-quality-unit labor input needed to upgrade variety  $z$ .

# Demand



# Expenditure

- ▶ The expenditure of individual  $h$  in country  $i$  on goods produced in  $j$  is:

$$E_{ijh} = \int_{\mathcal{H}} \left( \frac{\mu_{ih}}{\tau_{ij}w_j} \right) n_{ij}\tau_{ij}w_j a_H(z) dz + \int_{\mathcal{L}} \left( \frac{\mu_{ih}}{\tau_{ij}w_j} \right) n_{ij}\tau_{ij}w_j a_L(z) dz$$

- ▶ This can be re-written as:

$$E_{ijh} = n_{ij}\tau_{ij}w_j E \left( \frac{\mu_{ih}}{\tau_{ij}w_j} \right)$$

where  $E(\cdot)$  is called the *real expenditure function of a variety*

# Specification for quantification

Four profiles  $a_k(z)$  and  $b_k(z)$ ,  $k \in H, L$

Impose three restrictions :

- ▶ **Proportionate** cost upgrade:  $a_H(z)/a_L(z) = \alpha/(\alpha - 1) > 1$ , with  $\alpha > 1$ .
- ▶ **Proportionate** utility upgrade:  $b_H(z)/b_L(z) = \beta/(\beta - 1) > 1$ , with  $\beta > 1$ .
- ▶ **Linear** real expenditure function  $E(y) = y - r$ 
  - ▶ Intercept becomes  $r = \alpha\ell(0) - (\alpha - 1)\ell(1)$
  - ▶ Per-quality input becomes  $\ell(z) = \frac{\Delta a(0)}{\Delta b(z)} + \int_0^z \Delta a(z) dz$  quality

# Specification for quantification

Quality

$$b(z) = \frac{a(z)}{\frac{a(0)}{b(0)} + \int_0^z a(\zeta) dz}.$$

# Linearity model

## Individuals

- ▶ Linear expenditure  $E_{ijh} = n_{ij} (\mu_{ih} - r\tau_{ij}w_j)$
- ▶ Linear inverse marginal utility  $\mu_{ih} = w_i s_{ih} + r \sum_{l=1}^N \tau_{il} w_l n_{il}$

## Aggregates

- ▶ Linear country average  $\mu_i = \int \mu_{ih} dF(s_{ih}) = w_i s_i + \dots$
- ▶ Linear country average expenditure:  $E_{ij} = n_{ij} \tau_{ij} w_j E \left( \frac{\mu_i}{\tau_{ij} w_j} \right)$
- ▶ Linear trade balance system:  $\sum_j m_i E_{ij} = \sum_j m_j E_{ji}$

## Remarkable properties

- ▶ Equilibrium independent of within-country inequality (like Cobb-Douglas/CES)
- ▶ Equilibrium exists, is (generically) unique, easy to solve
- ▶ Linear gravity equation:

$$E_{ij}^{\text{cif}} = \left( w_i s_i \frac{n_{ij}}{n_i} \right) - r (\tau_{ij} n_{ij} w_j) + r \frac{n_{ij}}{n_i} \left( \sum_{l=1}^N \tau_{il} n_{il} w_l \right)$$

# Linearity of aggregates in $\mu_i$ and $s_i$

## Individuals

- ▶ Expenditure  $E_{ijh}$  is linear in  $\mu_{ih}$ .

$$\begin{aligned}E_{ijh} &= n_{ij} \tau_{ij} w_j E \left( \frac{\mu_{ih}}{\tau_{ij} w_j} \right) \\ &= n_{ij} \tau_{ij} w_j \left( \frac{\mu_{ih}}{\tau_{ij} w_j} - r \right) \\ &= n_{ij} (\mu_{ih} - r \tau_{ij} w_j).\end{aligned}$$

- ▶ Budget constraint: inverse marginal utility  $\mu_{ih} = w_i s_{ih} + r \sum_{l=1}^N \tau_{il} w_l n_{il}$  is linear in income

# Linearity of aggregates in $\mu_i$ and $s_i$

## Aggregates

- ▶ Country average  $\mu_i = \int \mu_{ih} dF(s_{ih})$  is linear in average income  $w_i s_i$
- ▶ Country average expenditure  $E_{ij} = n_{ij} \tau_{ij} w_j E \left( \frac{\mu_i}{\tau_{ij} w_j} \right)$  is linear in  $\mu_i$
- ▶ Trade balance  $\sum_j m_i E_{ij} = \sum_j m_j E_{ji}$  is a system of linear equation in  $\mu_i$  and  $w_i$  :

$$\sum_j m_i (\mu_i - r \tau_{ij} w_j) n_{ij} = \sum_j m_j (\mu_j - r \tau_{ji} w_i) n_{ji}.$$

- ▶ **Trade equilibrium** solves **linear equations** and is **independent of within-country income distribution**

# Gravity equation

- ▶ We derive nominal per-capita expenditure on import from  $j$  to  $i$  (at c.i.f. prices):

$$E_{ij}^{\text{cif}} = \left( w_i s_i \frac{n_{ij}}{n_i} \right) - r (\tau_{ij} n_{ij} w_j) + r \frac{n_{ij}}{n_i} \left( \sum_{l=1}^N \tau_{il} n_{il} w_l \right)$$

- ▶ Trade expenditure rises with:
  - ▶ higher importer's higher income per capita  $s_i w_i$
  - ▶ higher exporter's unit wage  $w_j$
  - ▶ lower **bilateral trade cost**  $\tau_{ij}$
  - ▶ higher higher **remoteness**  $\left( \sum_{l=1}^N \tau_{il} w_l n_{il} \right)$   
(multilateral resistance, Anderson and Van Wincoop's 2003)

# Theoretical excerptum (Picard- Tampieri 2024)

Model is theoretically consistent with stylized facts

- ▶ **Proposition 1** A country with larger per capita earnings *imports a wider range of high-quality varieties from a same country  $l$*
- ▶ **Proposition 2** Country  $l$  imports more numerous high quality products *from the more productive country amongst the exporters of same size*
- ▶ **Proposition 3 (Linder Hypothesis)** *Two high income countries specialize in the production of higher quality goods and trade more of those.*
- ▶ **Proposition 4** A country ships higher quality goods to the countries that are more central to the geographical center of its trade network.

# Empirics

## ▶ Trade Flows

- ▶ BACI database by Gaulier and Zignago (2010).
- ▶ Bilateral trade flows between 30 OECD countries, years 2000-2014.

## ▶ Trade Unit Values

- ▶ F.O.B. unit values from Trade Unit Value Database, years 2000-2014 (Berthou and Emlinger, 2011)
- ▶ Within each HS4 category, we rank all HS6 products by their unit values.
- ▶ We discard top 10% and bottom 10% since these items may not be regular products (e.g. spare parts).
- ▶ We split all HS6 products within a given HS4 category into high quality and low quality products (40% top vs 40% bottom).

## ▶ Gravity Controls

- ▶ CEPII's "Gravity" dataset by Head et al. (2010).
- ▶ Geographical distance, trade facilitation measures (RTA), proxies for cultural proximity (contiguity, language, colonial ties) and proxies for sizes (GDP of origin and destination), year 2000-2014.

# Estimation strategy: summary

We estimate all parameters and variables:

- ▶ Estimation of trade costs  $\tau_{ij}$  from regress  $p_{ijk}^{cif}(z) = \tau_{ij} w_j a_k(z)$
- ▶ Estimation of quality  $\alpha/(\alpha - 1)$  from regress  $p_{ijH}(z)/p_{ijH}(z)$
- ▶ Estimation of prices of labor productivity  $w_j/w_l$  from regress triplets:  $p_{ijk}^{fob}(z)/p_{ilk}^{fob}(z)$
- ▶ Estimation of labor endowment  $s_i$  from per-capita  $GDP_i$  divided by  $w_i$
- ▶ Estimation of parameter  $r$  for linear gravity equation
- ▶ Estimation of profile of quality upgrade cost  $a_k(z)$  as

$$\text{average}_{ij} \left[ \frac{\text{unit\_value}_{ij,zk,t}^{fob} \text{quantity}_{ij,z,t}}{\widehat{T}_{ij,t} N_{ij,t} \widehat{W}_{j,t}} \right]$$

# Estimation of trade costs $\tau$

- ▶ Theory-grounded price relationship:

$$p_{ijk}^{\text{cif}}(z) = \tau_{ij} w_j a_k(z), \text{ with } k = H, L$$

- ▶ Gravity specification:

$$\log P_{\omega,t}^{\text{cif}} = \theta_0 * \text{dist}_{ij} + X_{ij,t} + FE_k \times FE_z + FE_j + FE_t + \varepsilon_{\omega,t}$$

where  $X_{ij,t}$  are typical gravity controls.

# Estimation of trade costs $\tau$

Dependent variable: log cif price - BACI						
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Distance in km	0.0000637*** (9.23e-08)	0.0000555*** (0.000000101)	0.0000322*** (5.73e-08)	0.0000316*** (6.38e-08)	0.0000308*** (6.20e-08)	<b>0.0000450***</b> (9.03e-08)
Common language		-0.0851*** (0.00140)	-0.0260*** (0.000792)	-0.138*** (0.000852)	-0.135*** (0.000828)	-0.0769*** (0.000944)
Colonial links		-0.109*** (0.00173)	-0.0508*** (0.000977)	-0.0278*** (0.000977)	-0.0219*** (0.000950)	-0.0121*** (0.000966)
Common border		-0.380*** (0.00140)	-0.212*** (0.000793)	-0.214*** (0.000806)	-0.208*** (0.000783)	-0.220*** (0.000811)
Product k FE			Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Destination j FE				Yes	Yes	Yes
Year t FE					Yes	Yes
Origin i FE						Yes
Observations	17,921,006	17,921,006	17,921,006	17,921,006	17,921,006	17,921,006
Adjusted $R^2$	0.0259	0.0321	0.692	0.705	0.721	0.729

- ▶ Recovering trade costs:  $\hat{T}_{ij} = \exp(\hat{\theta}_0 * dist_{ij} + X_{ijt})$
- ▶ Recovering the c.i.f. expenditures:  $E_{ij,t}^{cif} = \hat{T}_{ij} E_{ij,t}^{fob}$  where  $\hat{T}_{ii} = 1$

# Estimation of quality ratio $\gamma = \alpha/(\alpha - 1)$

Dependent variable: log of f.o.b. unit values. - Trade Unit Values						
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
High Quality dummy			1.090*** (0.000)		1.088*** (0.000)	1.057*** (0.000)
log Pair distance ij					0.279*** (0.002)	0.170*** (0.003)
<i>High Quality</i> × <i>log Pair distance ij</i>						0.209*** (0.002)
Fixed effects:						
orig. country	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
dest. country	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
years	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
HS4 product		Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes
<i>High Quality</i> × <i>HS4 product</i>				Yes		
Observations	8,694,818	8,694,818	8,694,818	8,694,818	8,694,818	8,694,818
Adjusted $R^2$	0.041	0.816	0.912	0.923	0.912	0.912

# Estimation of quality ratio $\gamma$

- ▶  $\gamma = \exp(1.09) = 2.97$  which yields  $\alpha = 1.507$
- ▶ Ratio remains almost the same whatever the shipment distance,
- ▶ Higher-quality goods are more expensive at longer shipping distance, which matches with the Alchian-Allen effect:

# Estimation of prices of labor productivity units

- ▶ Model prediction on price triplets of same destination  $i$  and two alternative origins  $j, l$  :

$$\frac{p_{ijk}^{\text{fob}}(z)}{p_{ilk}^{\text{fob}}(z)} = \frac{w_j}{w_l}$$

- ▶ Estimated specification :

$$\log P_{ijk\omega,t}^{\text{fob}} - \log P_{ilk\omega',t}^{\text{fob}} = \sum_{n=1}^N \text{LOGW}_{n,t} (1_{\{n=j\}} - 1_{\{n=l\}}) + \varepsilon'_{\omega\omega',t}$$

- ▶ We recover the prices of labor productivity units as

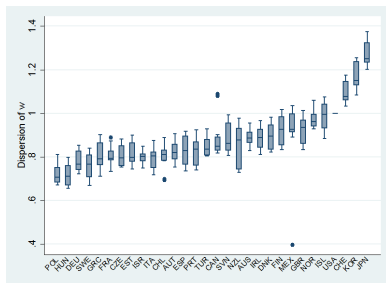
$$\widehat{W}_{n,t} = e^{\widehat{\text{LOGW}}_{n,t}}$$

# Estimation of labor prices

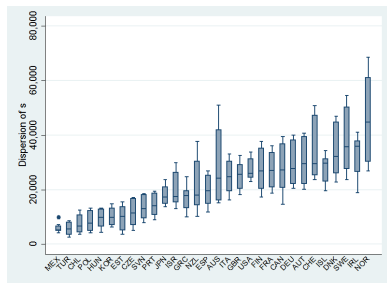
Dependent variable: log of f.o.b. unit values. - Trade Unit Values						
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
D_FRA	-0.139*** (0.001)	-0.138*** (0.001)	-0.138*** (0.001)	-0.123*** (0.001)	-0.118*** (0.001)	-0.118*** (0.001)
D_DEU	-0.165*** (0.001)	-0.176*** (0.001)	-0.176*** (0.001)	-0.159*** (0.001)	-0.150*** (0.001)	-0.150*** (0.001)
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D_NZL	-0.169*** (0.001)	-0.127*** (0.001)	-0.127*** (0.001)	-0.150*** (0.001)	-0.177*** (0.001)	-0.177*** (0.001)
D_ESP	-0.176*** (0.001)	-0.165*** (0.001)	-0.165*** (0.001)	-0.152*** (0.001)	-0.151*** (0.001)	-0.151*** (0.001)
Controls:						
HS4 product FE		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
High quality			Yes	Yes	Yes	
Bilateral trade costs and nb. of varieties				Yes	Yes	Yes
<i>High Quality</i> × <i>HS4 product FE</i>						Yes
Destination country FE					Yes	Yes
Observations	14,808,280	14,808,280	14,808,280	14,808,280	14,808,280	14,808,280
Adjusted $R^2$	0.022	0.044	0.045	0.049	0.050	0.053

Notes: This table reports estimations of wage per unit of productivity  $w$ . Dependent variable is the natural logarithm of relative prices. The columns (3-5) include controls for High Quality dummy. The columns (4-6) include the following controls: (a) logarithm of  $ij$  bilateral trade costs, (b) logarithm of  $il$  bilateral trade costs, (c) logarithm of number of varieties.

# Values of $w_i$ and $s_i$ by countries and years



(a) Price  $w_i$



(b) Endowment  $s_i$

## Gravity estimations: parameter $r$

$$E_{ij,t}^{\text{cif}} = c_0 \left( INC_{i,t} \frac{N_{ij,t}}{N_{i,t}} \right) + c_1 R_{ij,t} + c_2 \frac{N_{ij,t}}{N_{i,t}} R_{i,t} + \delta_{ij,t}$$

- ▶ Country income  $w_i s_i$  is proxied by  $INC_{i,t}$  = annual expenditure on non-service goods
- ▶ Bilateral trade cost  $\tau_{ij} n_{ij} w_j$  is proxied by  $R_{ij,t} = \hat{T}_{ij} N_{ij,t} \hat{W}_{j,t}$
- ▶ Remoteness  $\sum_{l=1}^N \tau_{il} n_{il} w_l$  proxied by  $R_{i,t} = \sum_{l=1}^N \hat{T}_{il} N_{il,t} \hat{W}_{l,t}$ .
- ▶ Number of varieties  $n_{ij}$  is proxied by  $N_{ij,t}$  = number of HS6 categories over the number of HS4 goods
- ▶ Total number of varieties  $n_i$  is proxied by  $N_{i,t} = \sum_j N_{ij,t}$

# Gravity estimations

Dependent variable: Per-capita trade flow - BACI					
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
$GDP\ per\ capita = I \times \frac{N_{ijt}}{N_{it}}$	0.728*** (0.0224)	0.726*** (0.0215)	0.727*** (0.0202)	0.728*** (0.0202)	0.754*** (0.0217)
$Pair\ distance = R_{ijt}$	-189.3*** (9.937)	-203.3*** (9.517)	-104.3*** (9.281)	-103.6*** (9.290)	-94.44*** (9.402)
$Remoteness = \frac{N_{ijt}}{N_{it}} \times R_{it}$	199.4*** (10.40)	220.4*** (9.965)	125.5*** (9.664)	125.3*** (9.664)	138.7*** (9.900)
Common language		-242.6*** (6.989)	-141.0*** (7.033)	-139.0*** (7.134)	-135.1*** (7.156)
Common border			-279.1*** (6.823)	-278.5*** (6.833)	-275.1*** (6.851)
Colonial links				-16.10 (9.535)	-13.40 (9.536)
Year fixed effects					Yes
Observations	13050	13050	13050	13050	13050
Adjusted $R^2$	0.253	0.316	0.394	0.394	0.395

# Constrained gravity estimations

Dependent variable: Per-capita trade flow - BACI					
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
$R_{ijt} - \frac{N_{ijt}}{N_{it}} \times R_{it}$	-187.4*** (10.05)	-202.4*** (9.603)	-102.4*** (9.357)	<b>-101.3***</b> (9.361)	-100.1*** (9.341)
Common language		-249.5*** (7.004)	-144.6*** (7.067)	-140.7*** (7.183)	-135.8*** (7.185)
Common border			-282.3*** (6.865)	-280.9*** (6.879)	-275.8*** (6.882)
Colonial links				-28.90** (9.438)	-12.49 (9.593)
Year fixed effects					Yes
Observations	13050	13050	13050	13050	13050
Adjusted $R^2$	0.0259	0.112	0.214	0.214	0.219

► Assumption:  $\alpha = 1$  and  $c_1 = -c_2$

# Quality upgrade cost profile

- ▶ Estimate the quality-input profiles  $a_k(z)$  as

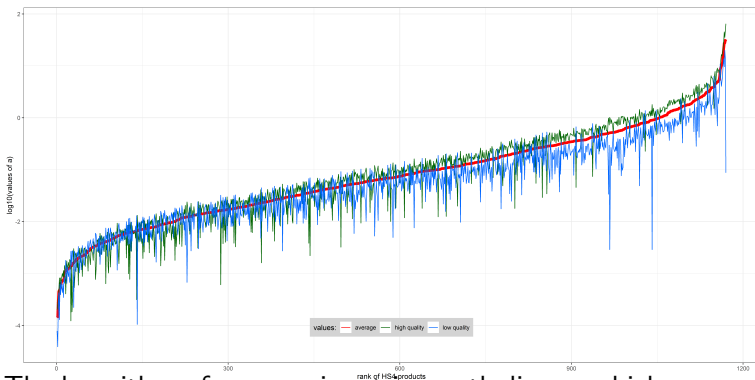
$$A_{zk,t} = \text{average}_{ij} \left[ \frac{UV_{ij,zk,t}^{\text{fob}} Q_{ij,z,t}}{\widehat{T}_{ij,t} N_{ij,t} \widehat{W}_{j,t}} \right]$$

where

- ▶  $UV^{\text{fob}}$  is F.O.B unit value
- ▶  $Q_{ij,z}$  is the annual per-capita consumption quantity of good  $z$  with quality  $k$  (e.g. kg) of good  $z$  in country pairs  $i,j$

# Distribution of labor inputs a - BACI + Trade Unit Values

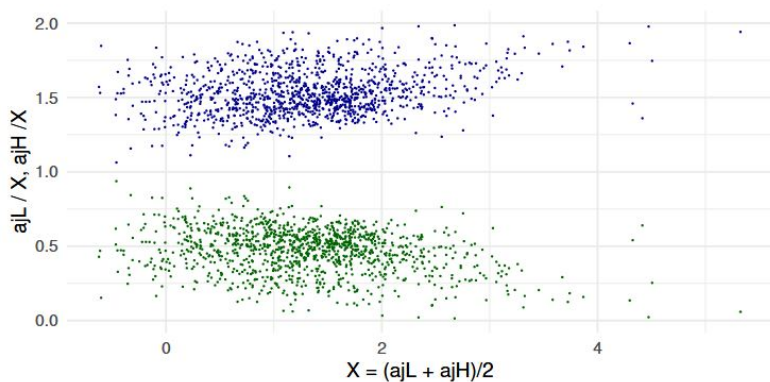
- ▶ We rank the goods in increasing order of the average of input per quality:  $A_{zM,t} = (A_{zH,t} + A_{zL,t})/2$



- ▶ The logarithm of average input is mostly linear, which suggests a power distribution.

# Unit values of high quality and low quality goods

Figure 3: Difference between unit values of high quality and low quality products.



# Estimations of labor inputs a

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
$\zeta$	2.967*** (0.004)	2.966*** (0.004)		
$\log_{10}(1 - \zeta)$			-1.827*** (0.006)	-1.825*** (0.006)
Constant	-2.696*** (0.002)	-2.697*** (0.005)	-2.006*** (0.004)	-2.022*** (0.011)
Fixed effects:				
years		Yes		Yes
Observations	17619	17619	17619	17619
Adjusted $R^2$	0.964	0.964	0.825	0.825

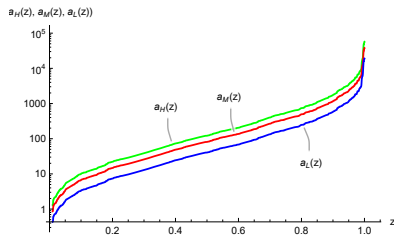
Notes: This table reports estimations of number of labor units a. Dependent variable is base 10 logarithm of average a. The columns 2 and 4 include a fixed effect for years. Robust standard errors are in parentheses.

- ▶ The average differences between quality versions is  $\log_{10} 2.97 = 0.47$ .
- ▶ The last two columns account for the Pareto distribution. The fit is less good.

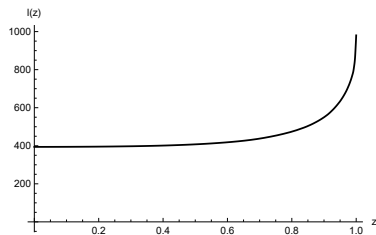
# Calibration - year 2014

$\tau_{ij}$	$\hat{T}_{ij}$
$s_i$	$\hat{S}_i$
$\alpha$	1.5
$r$	102.4
$l(z)$	$\hat{l}(z)$

Calibration of high- and low- quality input-cost schedule (USD)

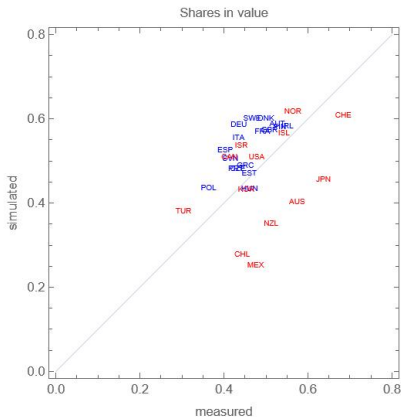
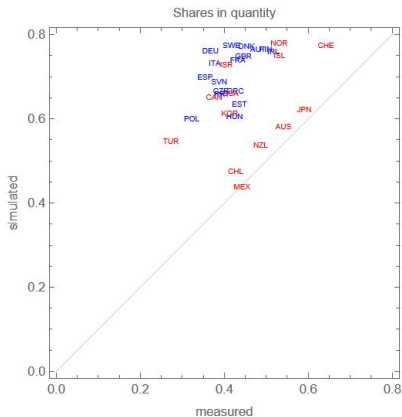


Input-per quality schedule



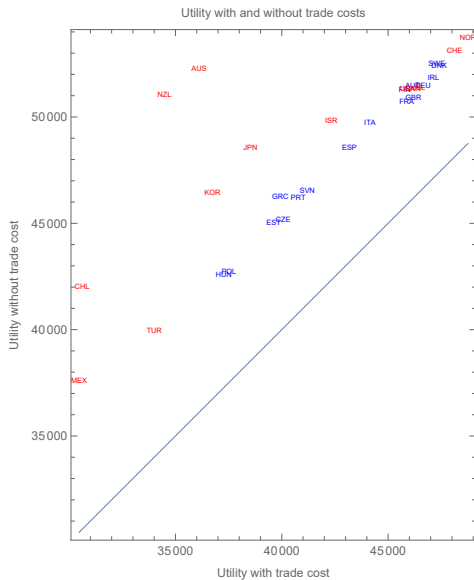
# Model validation

Simulated and estimated share of high quality goods (average by country)





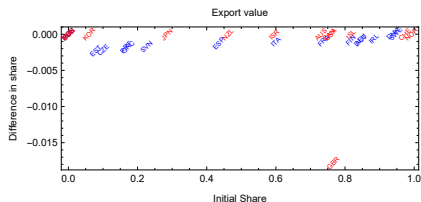
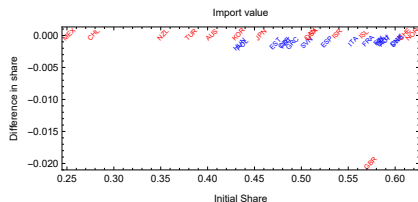
# Counterfactual: Zero trade cost



# Counterfactual: Soft Brexit

- ▶ Tariff-free and quota-free trade but non-tariff barriers (custom checks, paper work, congestion, delays, product norm compatibility issues, etc.) So, a rise by 5 % of trade cost  $\tau_{ij}$  between EU and UK

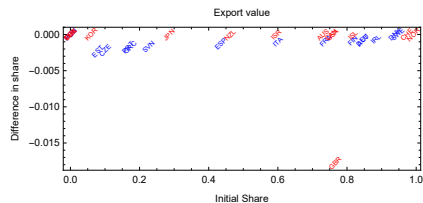
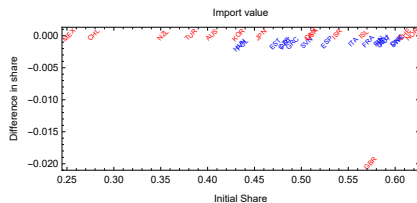
Towards Soft Brexit: country share of high-quality varieties



# Counterfactual: Hard Brexit

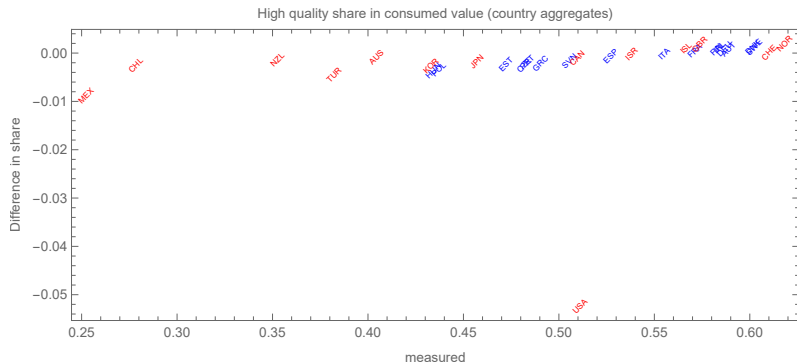
- ▶ UK has 'third country' status submitted to tariffs and custom control. So, a rise by 15 % of trade cost  $\tau_{ij}$  between EU and UK

Towards Soft Brexit: country share of high-quality varieties



# Counterfactual: Trump's tariffs

- ▶ US import tariffs: 25 % MEX, CAN; 15% EU, UK, JPN, ...
- ▶ Big impact on US consumption, lower impact on others (because Armington)



# Concluding remarks

- ▶ Non-homothetic model with vertical differentiation à la Mussa and Rosen (1978).
- ▶ Assumption of linear expenditure: equilibrium is a linear system and aggregation of income effects (like CES/Cobb-Douglas)
- ▶ Fit model with the data from BACI and Trade Unit Values (no input from other models).
- ▶ Trade cost decreases share of high quality by 5 to 25 %
- ▶ Soft Brexit decreases share of high quality of imported (exported) goods by 2 (10) % in UK and by 0.1 (0.2) % in EU
- ▶ Trumps' tariffs mostly harm the share of high quality consumption in the US
- ▶ Limitation: fixed extensive margin, ...