International Friends and Enemies

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Related Literature

- Theoretical work on the incidence of trade and productivity shocks
  - Hicks (1953), Johnson (1955), Bhagwati (1958)
- Quantitative trade models
  - Eaton and Kortum (2002), Costinot, Donaldson & Komunjer (2012), Caliendo & Parro (2015), Hsieh & Ossa (2016), Caliendo, Parro, Rossi-Hansberg & Sarte (2018), Monte, Redding & Rossi-Hansberg (2018), Dvorkin, Caliendo & Parro (2019)
- Research on sufficient statistics for welfare in international trade
  - Arkolakis, Costinot & Rodriguez-Clare (2012), Adão, Costinot & Donaldson (2017), Adão, Arkolakis and Esposito (2019), Baqaee & Farhi (2019), Galle, Rodriguez-Clare & Yi (2019), Huo, Levchenko & Pandalai-Nayar (2019), Barthelme, Lan & Levchenko (2019), Adão, Arkolakis & Ganapati (2020)
- Empirical evidence on trade and productivity shocks including China
  - Topolova (2010), Kovak (2013), Autor, Dorn & Hanson (2013, 2014), Hsieh & Ossa (2016), Dix-Carneiro & Kovak (2017), Amiti, Dai, Feenstra & Romalis (2019), Pierce & Schott (2019), Borusyak & Jaravel (2019), Sager & Jaravel (2019).
- Empirical research using bilateral country attitudes and UN voting
  - Scott (1955), Cohen (1960), Signorio & Ritter (1999), Kuziemko & Werker (2006), Bao, Liu, Qiu & Zhu (2019), Häge (2011), Guiso, Sapienza & Zingales (2009)

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General Armington

- Goods differentiated by country of origin with homothetic preferences

$$u_n = \frac{w_n}{\mathcal{P}\left(\boldsymbol{p}_n\right)}, \qquad p_{ni} \equiv \frac{\tau_{ni} w_i}{z_i}$$

- Market clearing

$$w_i \ell_i = \sum_{n=1}^{N} s_{ni} w_n \ell_n, \qquad s_{ni} = \frac{e_{ni}\left(\boldsymbol{p}_n\right)}{\sum_{\ell=1}^{N} e_{n\ell}\left(\boldsymbol{p}_n\right)}$$

- Totally differentiate market clearing and welfare, holding constant trade costs (τ_{ni}) and endowments (ℓ_i)

$$\mathrm{d}\ln w_i = \sum_{n=1}^{N} t_{in} \left(\mathrm{d}\ln w_n + \left[\sum_{h=1}^{N} \left[\theta_{nih} - \sum_{k=1}^{N} s_{nk} \theta_{nkh} \right] \left[\mathrm{d}\ln w_h - \mathrm{d}\ln z_h \right] \right] \right)$$

$$t_{in} \equiv \frac{s_{ni} w_n \ell_n}{w_i \ell_i}, \qquad \theta_{nih} \equiv \left(\frac{\partial e_{ni}\left(\boldsymbol{p}_n\right)}{\partial p_{nh}} \frac{p_{nh}}{e_{ni}} \right)$$

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- Bilateral friend-enemy income and welfare exposures obtained from matrix inversion (row i, column n) ▸ more ▸ T ▸ M ▸ S ▸ acr

$$\underbrace{\mathrm{d}\ln \boldsymbol{w}}_{\text{income effect}} = \underbrace{\boldsymbol{T}\,\mathrm{d}\ln \boldsymbol{w}}_{\text{market-size effect}} + \underbrace{\theta \boldsymbol{M} \times \left(\mathrm{d}\ln \boldsymbol{w} - \mathrm{d}\ln \boldsymbol{z}\right)}_{\text{cross-substitution effect}}$$

$$\underbrace{\mathrm{d}\ln \boldsymbol{u}}_{\text{welfare effect}} = \underbrace{\mathrm{d}\ln \boldsymbol{w}}_{\text{income effect}} - \underbrace{\boldsymbol{S}\left(\mathrm{d}\ln \boldsymbol{w} - \mathrm{d}\ln \boldsymbol{z}\right)}_{\text{price index effect}}$$

$$\boldsymbol{T}_{in} = t_{in} \equiv \frac{s_{ni} w_n \ell_n}{w_i \ell_i}, \qquad \boldsymbol{M}_{in} = \left[\boldsymbol{T}\boldsymbol{S} - \boldsymbol{I}\right]_{in} = \sum_{h=1}^{N} t_{ih} s_{hn} - 1_{n=i}, \qquad \boldsymbol{S}_{ni} = s_{ni}$$

Comparison with Exact-Hat Algebra

- Compare Dekle, Eaton and Kortum (2007) exact-hat algebra to our friend-enemy (first-order) linearization for productivity shocks:

$$\ln \hat{w}_i = \left(\frac{\theta}{\theta+1}\right) \ln \hat{z}_i + \frac{1}{\theta+1} \ln \left[\sum_{n=1}^{N} t_{in} \frac{\hat{w}_n}{\sum_{\ell=1}^{N} s_{n\ell} \hat{w}_\ell^{-\theta} \hat{z}_\ell^{\theta}} \right]$$

$$\ln \hat{w}_i \simeq \left(\frac{\theta}{\theta+1}\right) \ln \hat{z}_i + \frac{1}{\theta+1} \sum_{n=1}^{N} t_{in} \left[\begin{array}{c} \ln\left(\hat{w}_n\right) \\ +\theta \sum_{\ell=1}^{N} s_{n\ell} \left[\ln\left(\hat{w}_\ell\right) + \ln\left(\hat{z}_\ell\right)\right] \end{array} \right]$$

- Log of a weighted mean versus a weighted mean of logs
- These expressions are equal to one another: (i) no trade $t_{nn} \to 1$, $s_{nn} \to 1$; (ii) free trade
- We characterize the quality of the approximation analytically as a function of the properties of observed trade matrices $\boldsymbol{S}$, $\boldsymbol{T}$, $\boldsymbol{M}$ ▸ more
- In practice, we find the approximation to be almost exact, even for large productivity shocks, given the observed trade matrices ▸ more

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  - Productivity and trade cost changes more
  - Small departures from constant trade elasticity more
  - Multiple industries (CDK) back
  - Multiple industries and input-output linkages (CP) more
  - Economic geography (Helpman model) more
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- International trade data
  - United Nations COMTRADE data
  - NBER World Trade Database 1970-2012
- Income, population and distance data
  - CEPII Gravity Database 1970-2012

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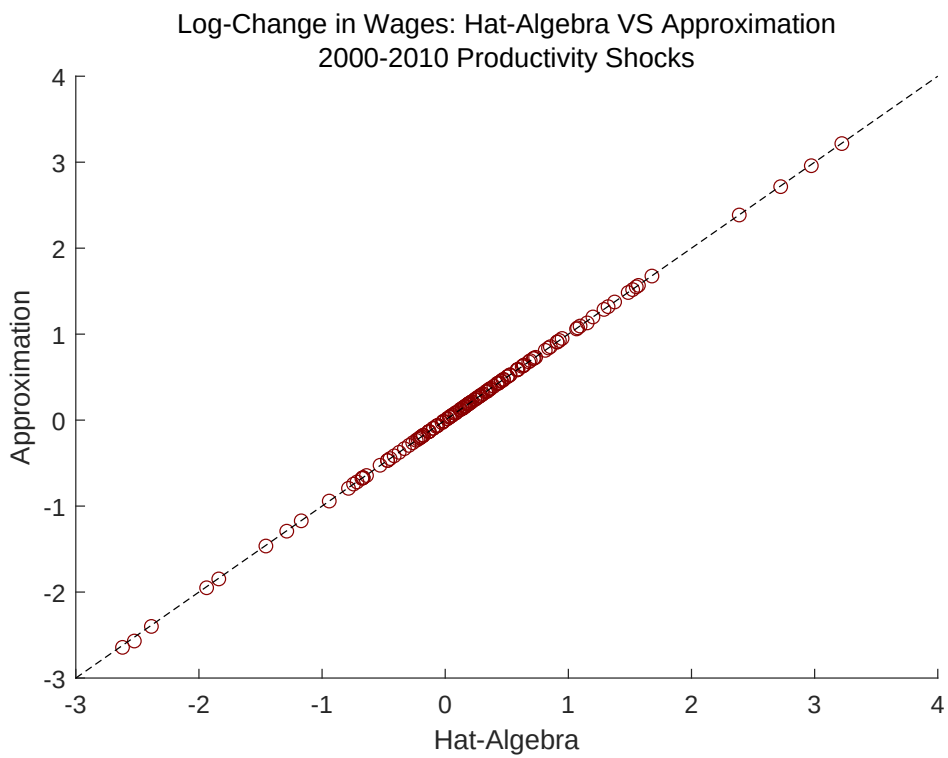

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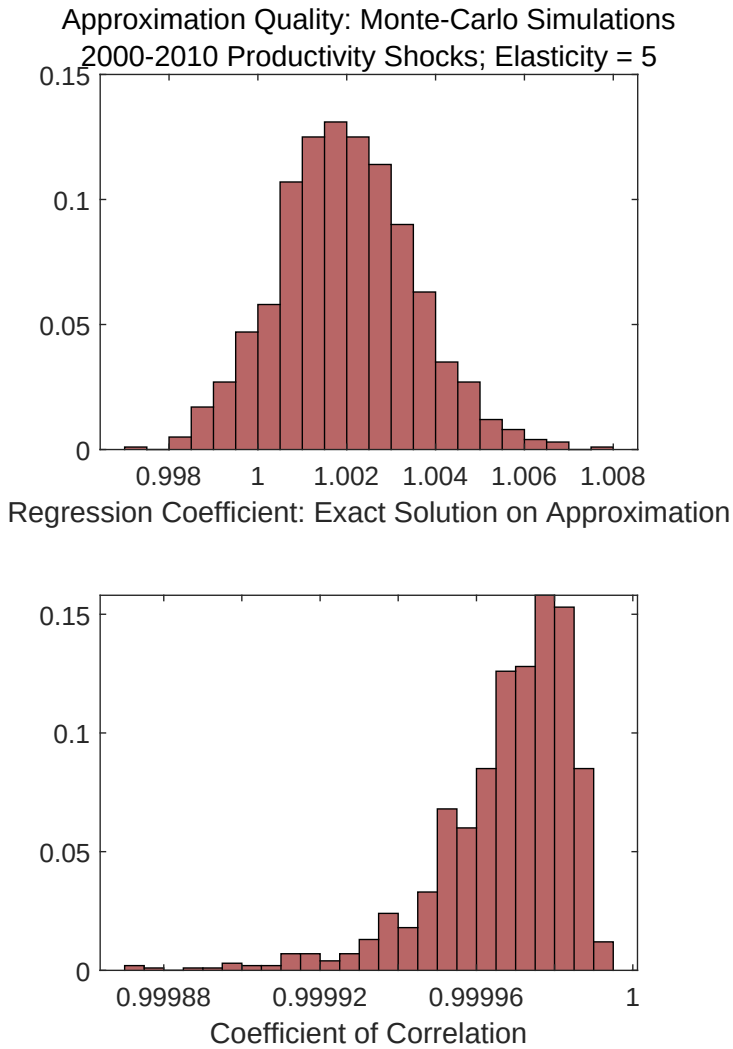

- 1,000 simulations from empirical distribution productivity shocks ▸ th2 ▸ th20
- Better approximation for productivity shocks than trade cost shocks ▸ tau

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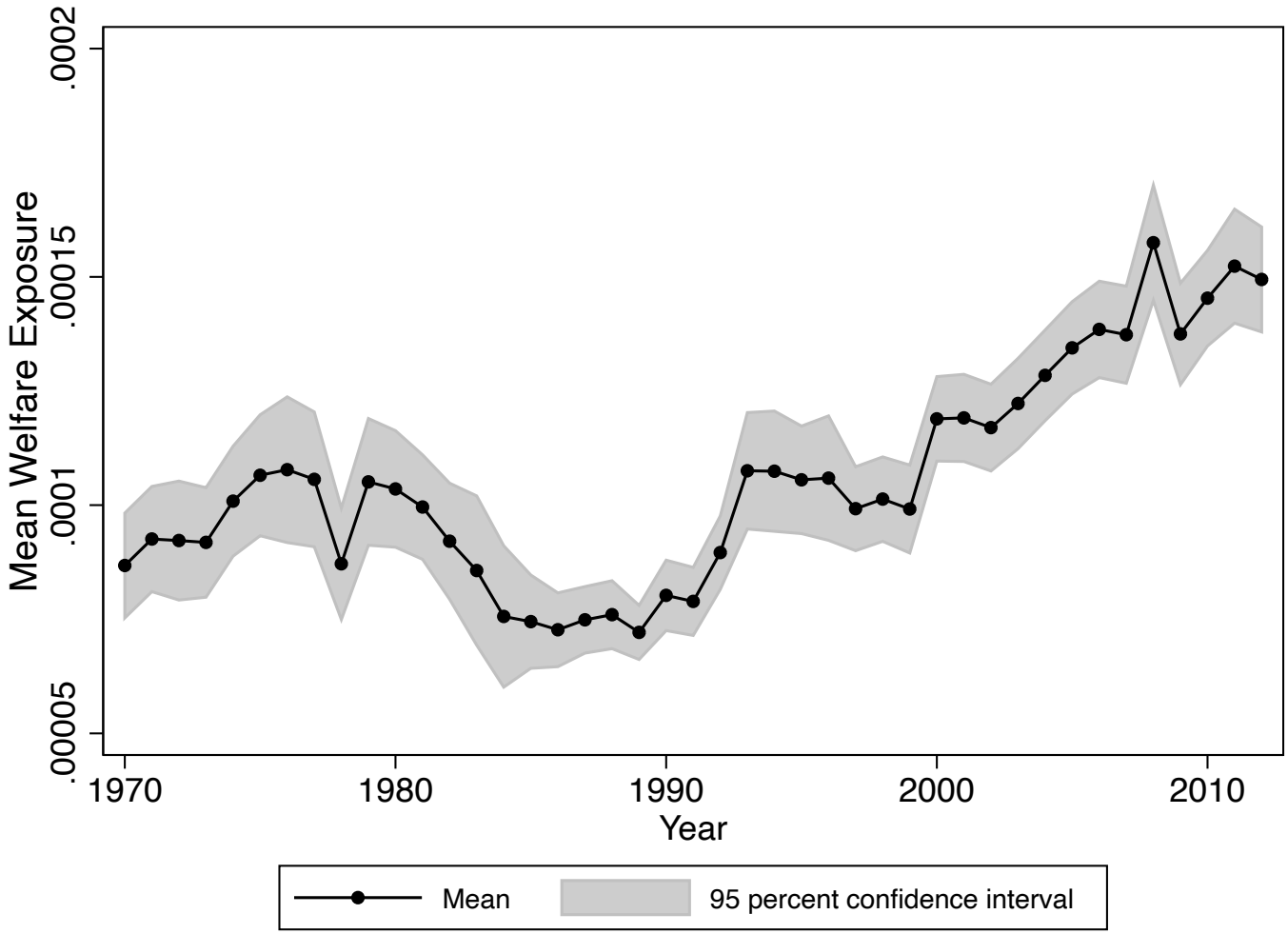

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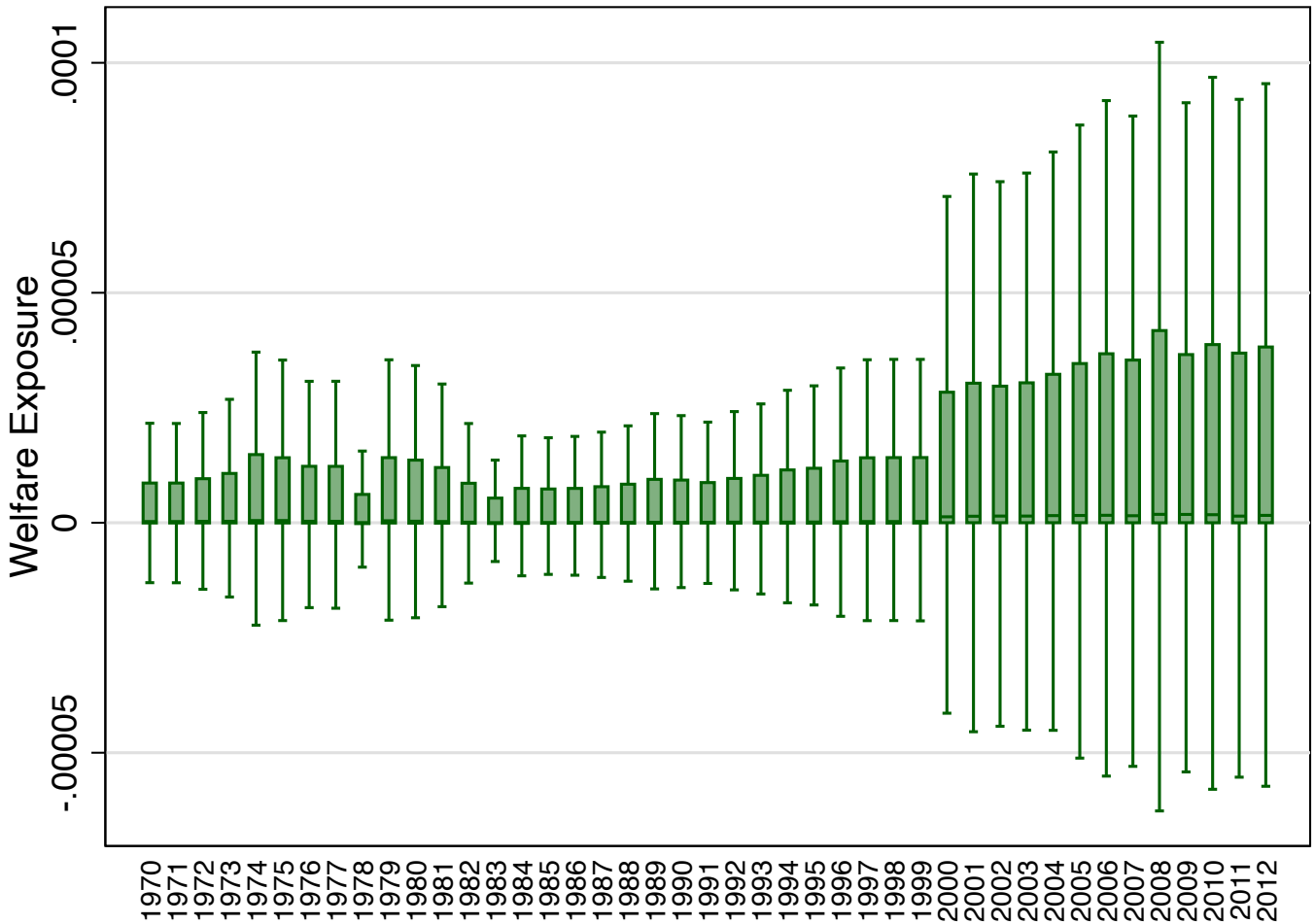

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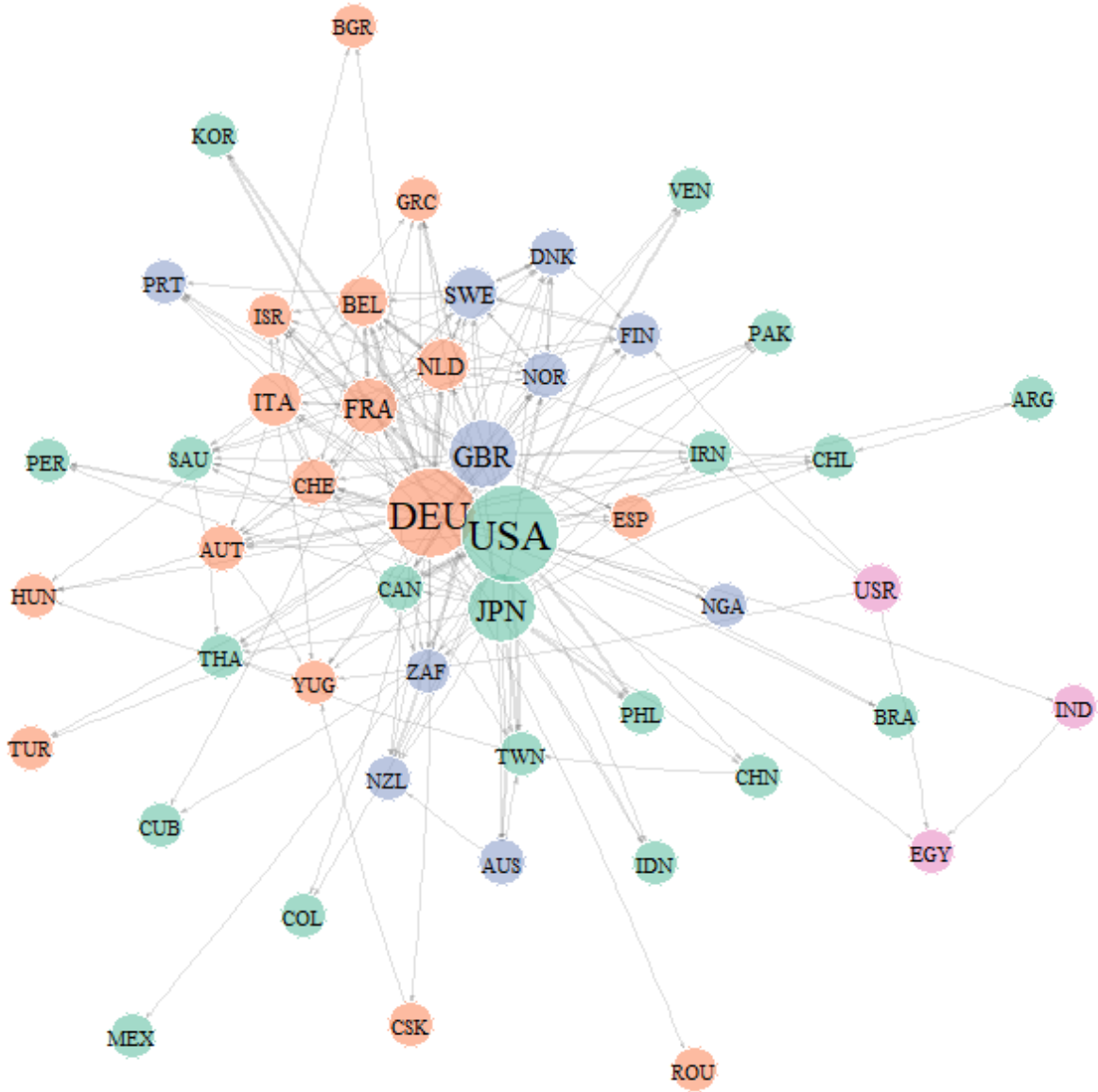
Global Network Welfare Exposure 1970



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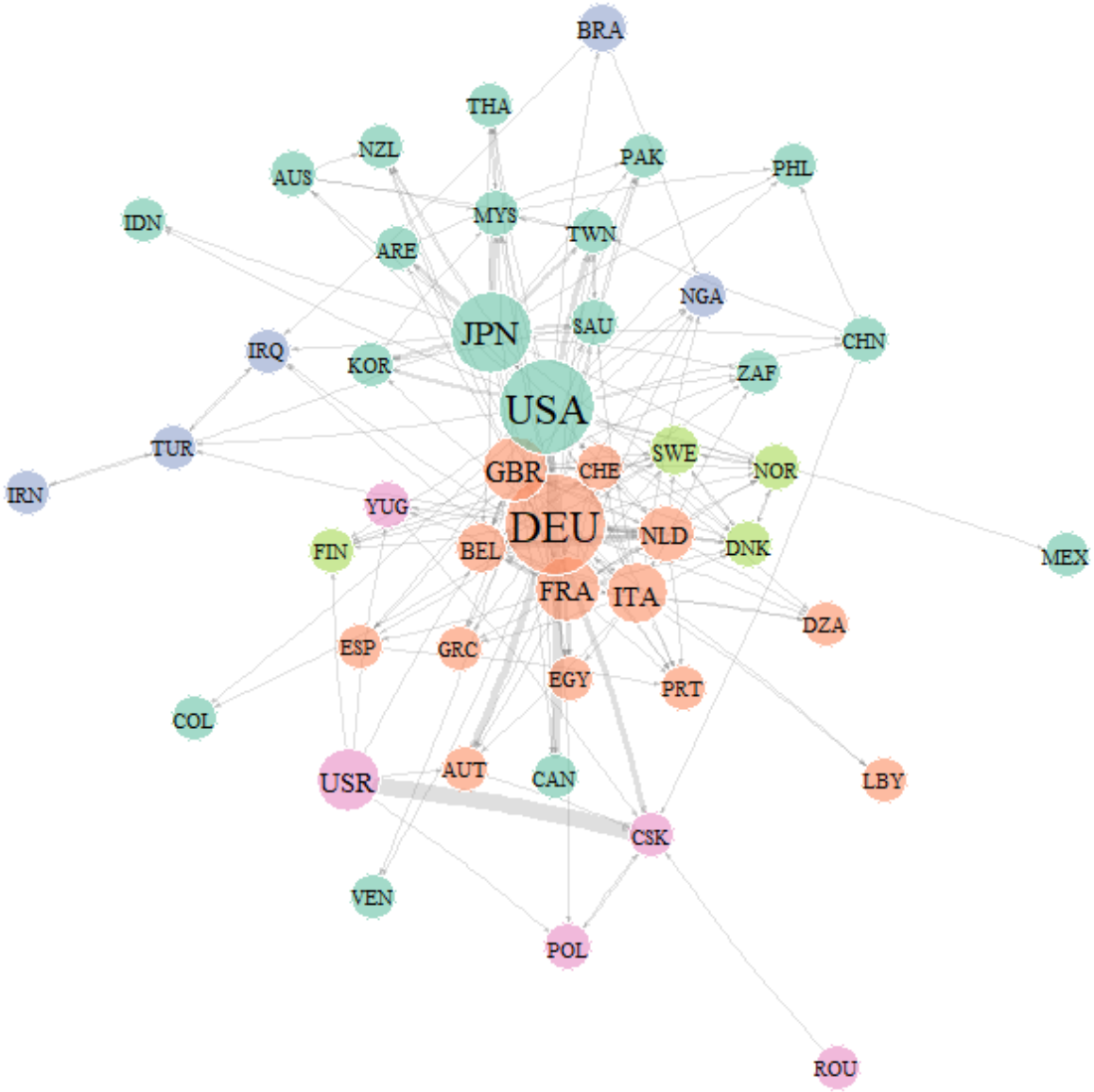

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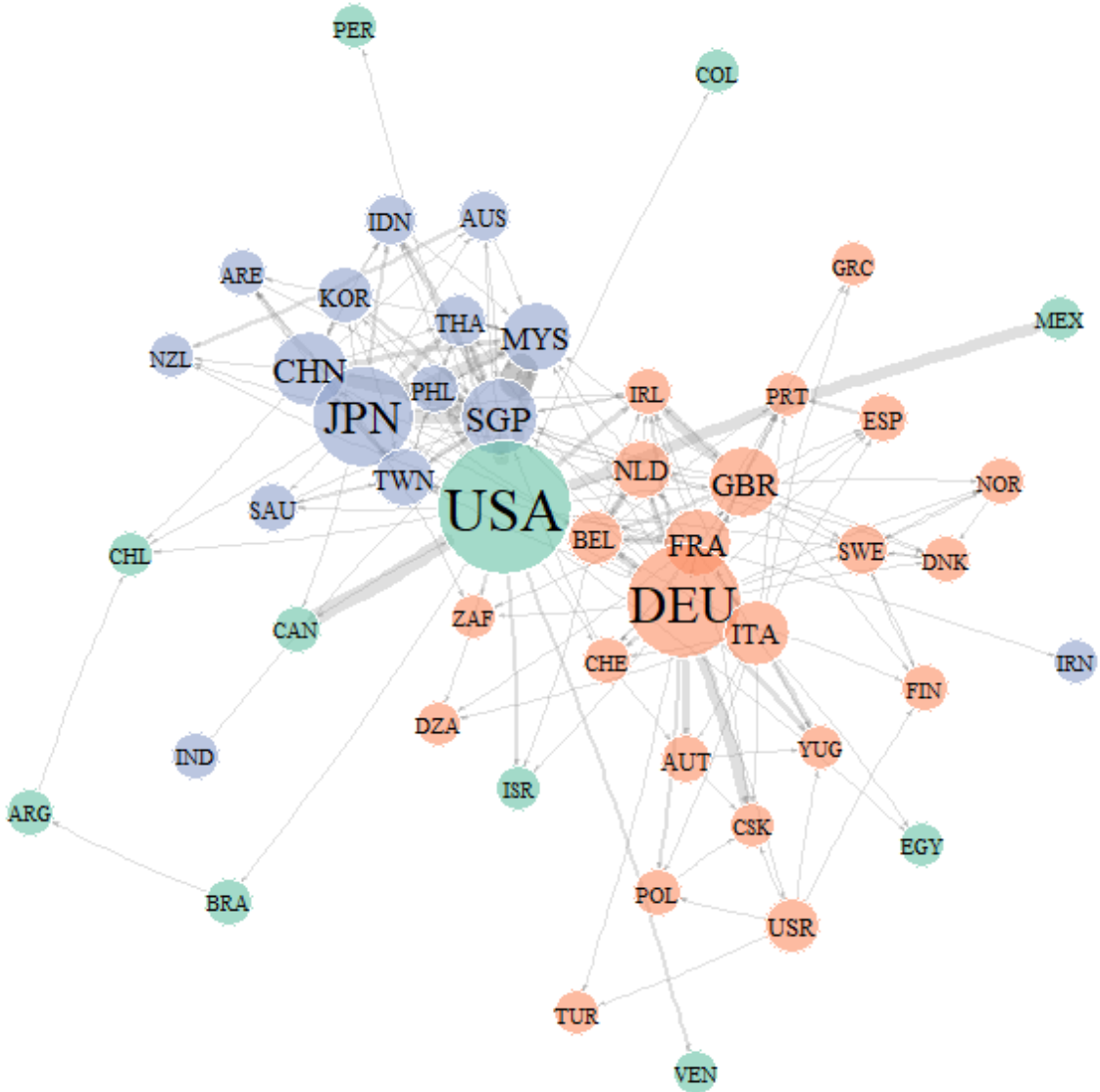
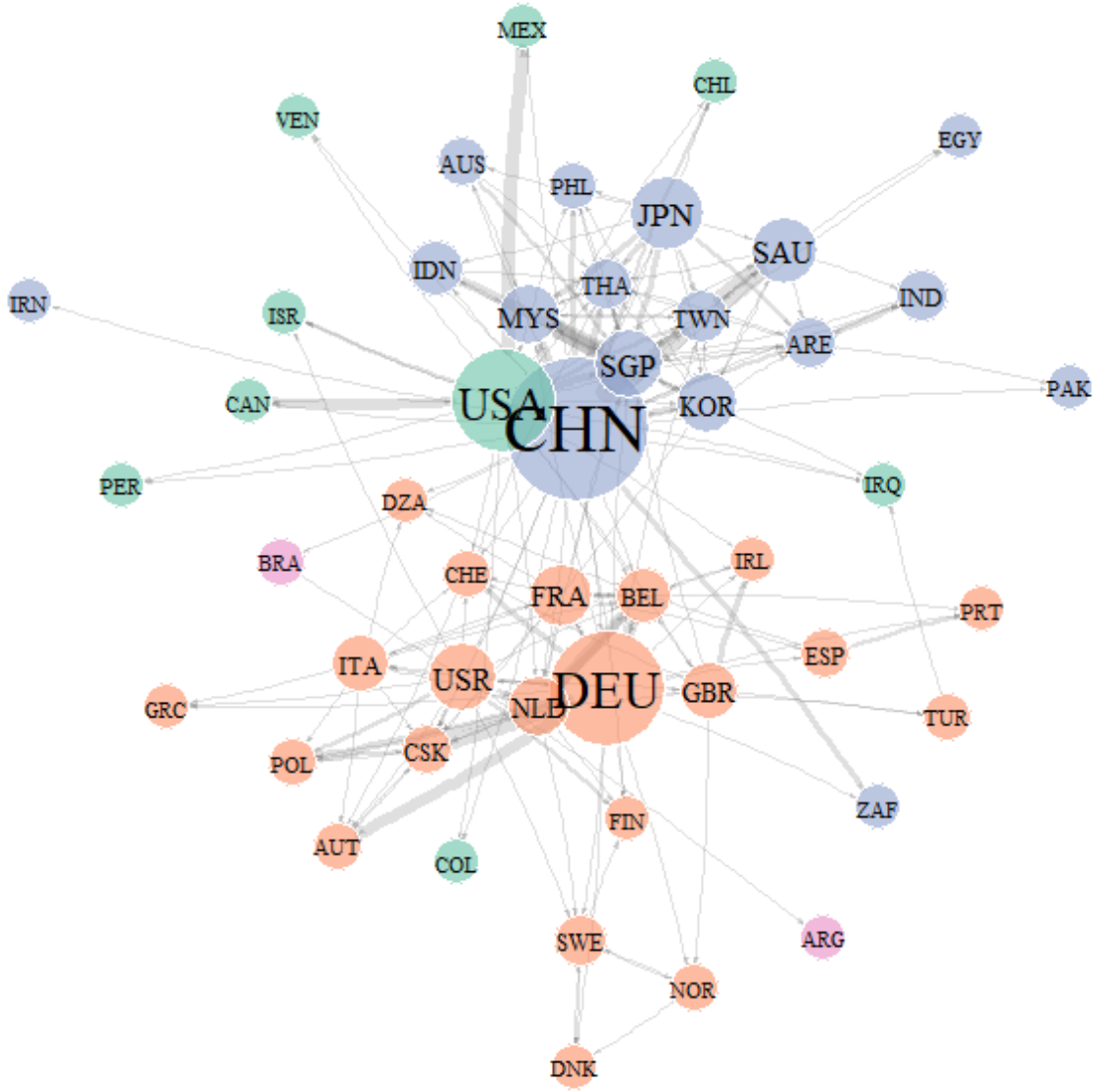


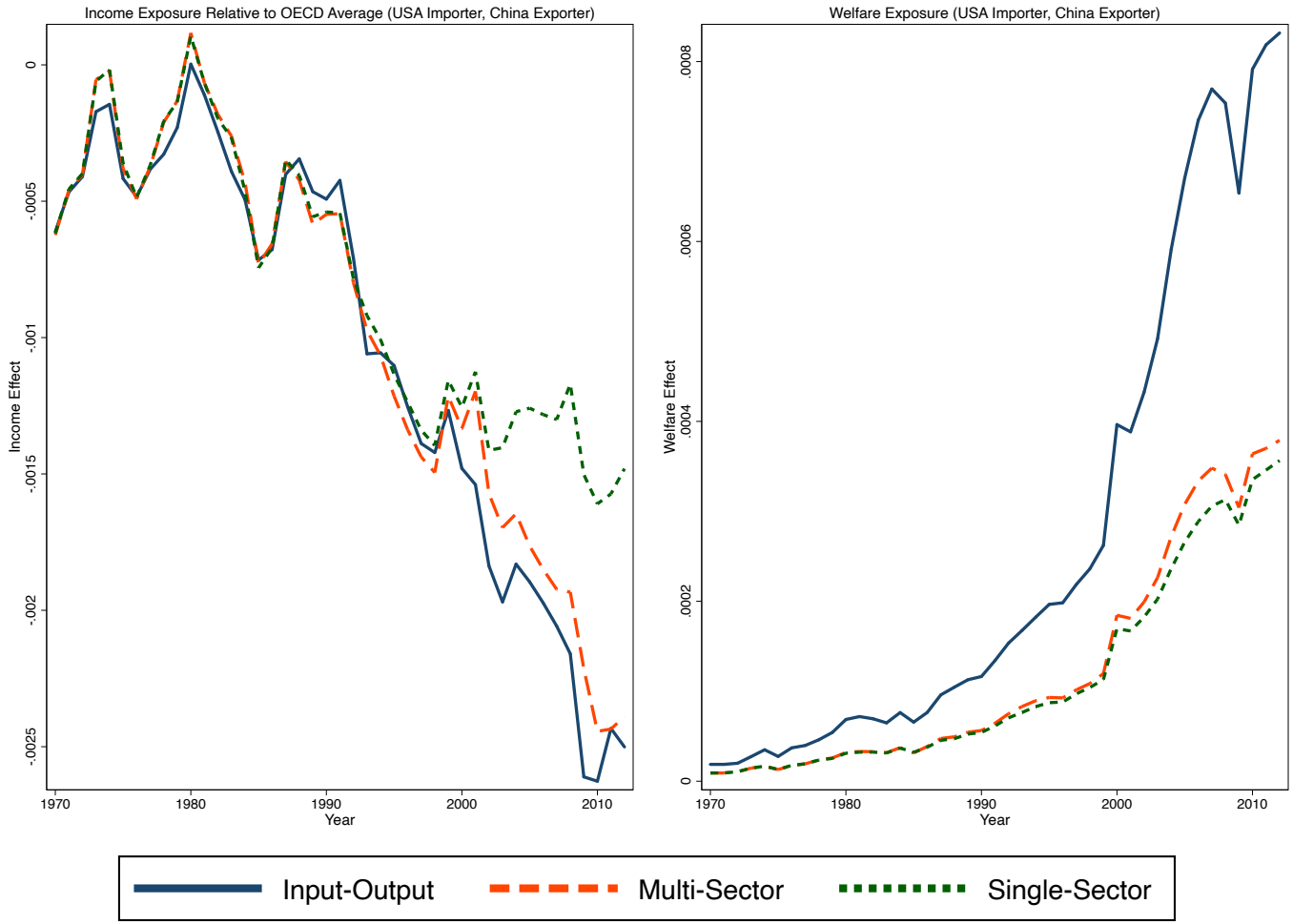
Global Network Welfare Exposure 2012



Summary of Other Empirical Results

- Strong general equilibrium effects, such that inferring welfare exposure from partial equilibrium terms can be misleading ▸ more
- Both market-size and cross-substitution effects are substantial relative to overall income exposure ▸ more
- Cost-of-living effect large relative to income exposure, such that income exposure can be poor guide to welfare exposure ▸ more
- Economically relevant importer, exporter & third-market effects ▸ more
- Strong correlation between aggregate welfare predictions of single-sector, multi-sector and input-output models ▸ more
- Multi-sector and input-output models have additional disaggregated predictions for sector income exposure ▸ more

Chinese Productivity Growth and Importer Welfare



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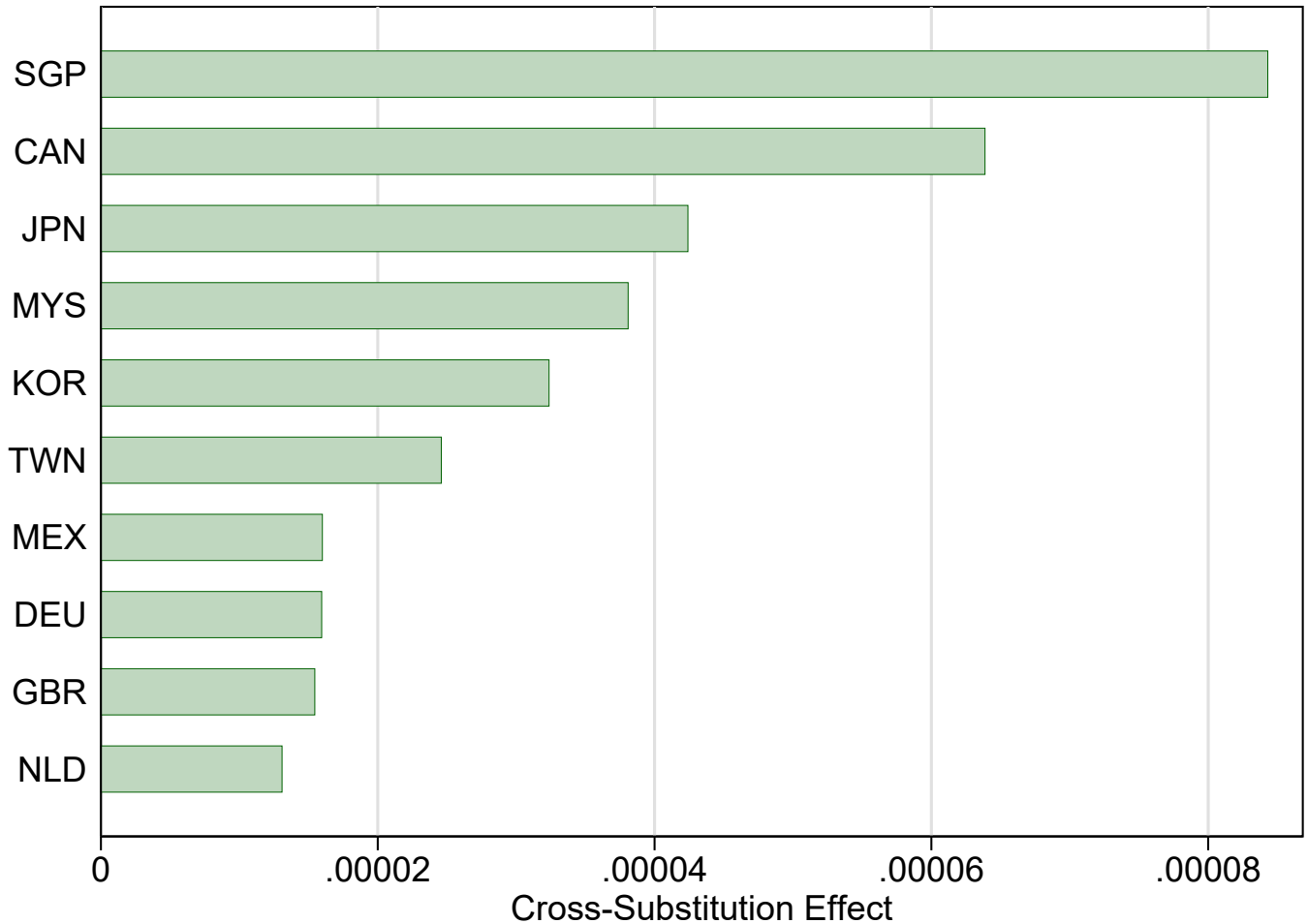
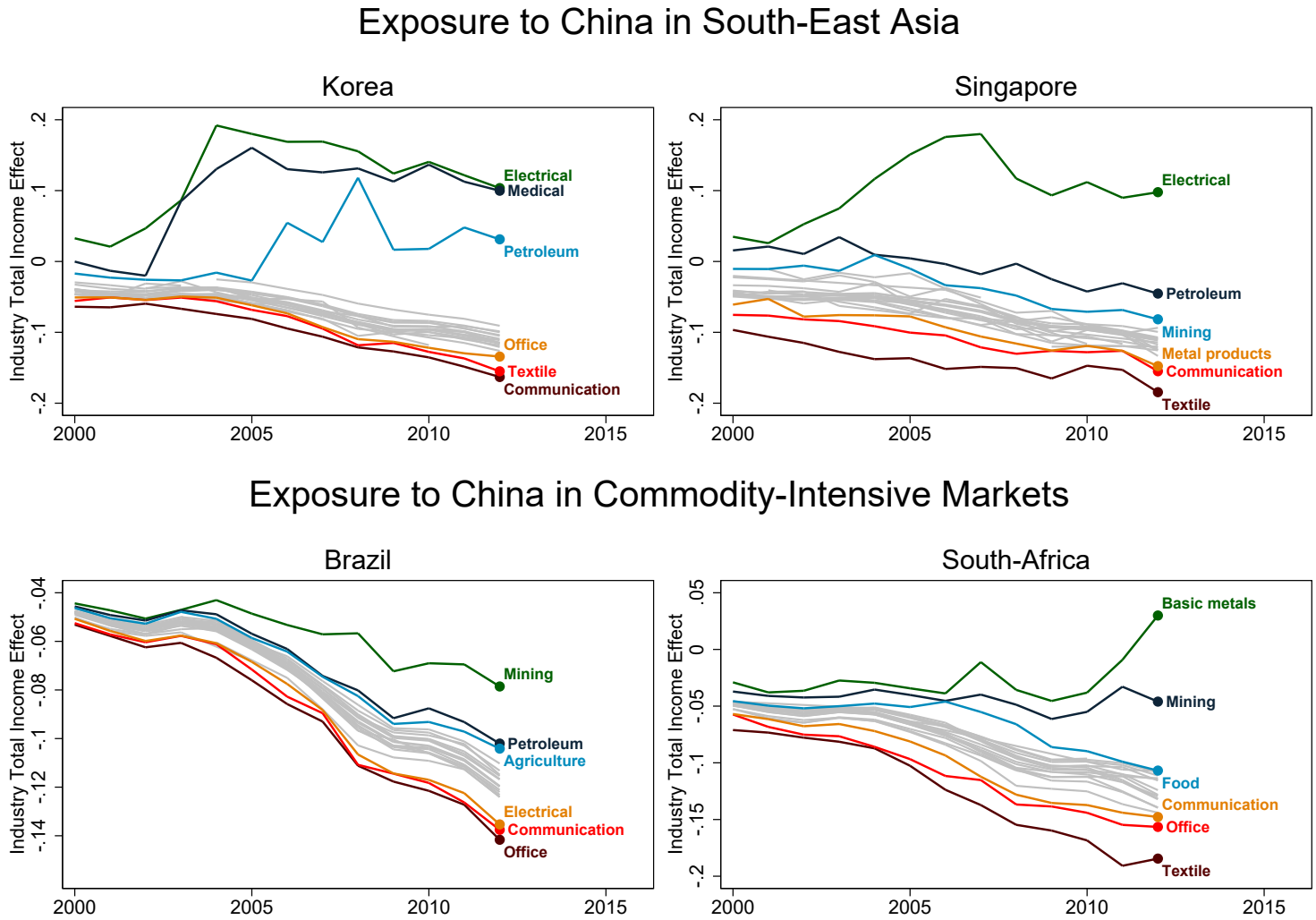
3rd Market Effects: US Exposure to China



- Third market effects depend on the share of US income derived from a market times the share of that market's expenditure on China more

Industry Income Exposure



- Largest income effects in Electrical Sector in South-East Asia and in Extractive Sectors in commodity-intensive emerging economies

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