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# Tool Kits in Multi-regional and Multi-sectoral General Equilibrium Modeling for Colombia

*"International Workshop on Interregional Economic  
Modeling: Applications for the Colombian Economy"*

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# Background

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EAE 5918 – “Applied General Equilibrium Models”

- Greece (2017), Chile (2018)
- Part 1 – Input-Output models
- Part 2 – CGE models
- Modeling Marathons (2x)
- Publication process

Enhance broader scientific communication skills

- **Project 2019: Colombia**
- Jaime Bonet and Luis Galvis

# Cartagena, July 2019





# I Modeling Marathon – Input-output

Date: September 12, 2019

Time: 8:00 – 18:00

Place: NEREUS meeting room



**12.09** Quinta

**MARATONA DE MODELAGEM 2019:  
MODELO DE INSUMO-PRODUTO PARA  
COLÔMBIA**

**Evento fechado**

Das 8h às 18h, na sala 111, FEA-2

Responsável: Prof. Dr. Eduardo Amaral  
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Realização: Nereus

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## II Modeling Marathon – CGE

Date: November 21, 2019

Time: 8:00 – 18:00

Place: NEREUS meeting room



# Outcomes

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## **Interregional Input-Output System for Colombia**

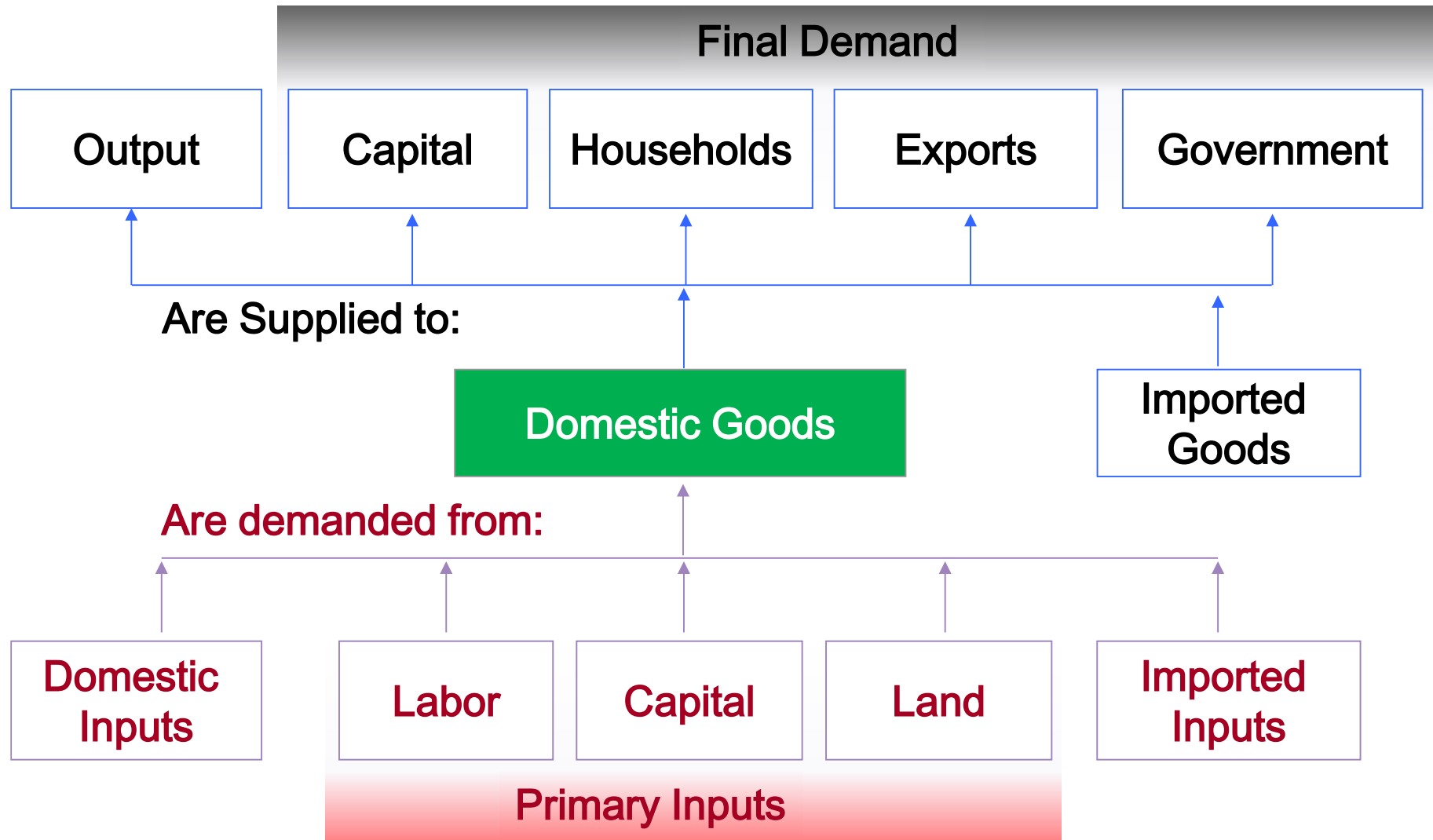
National CGE Model for Colombia (ORANI-COL)

## **Interregional CGE Model for Colombia (BMCOL)**

Seven different applications

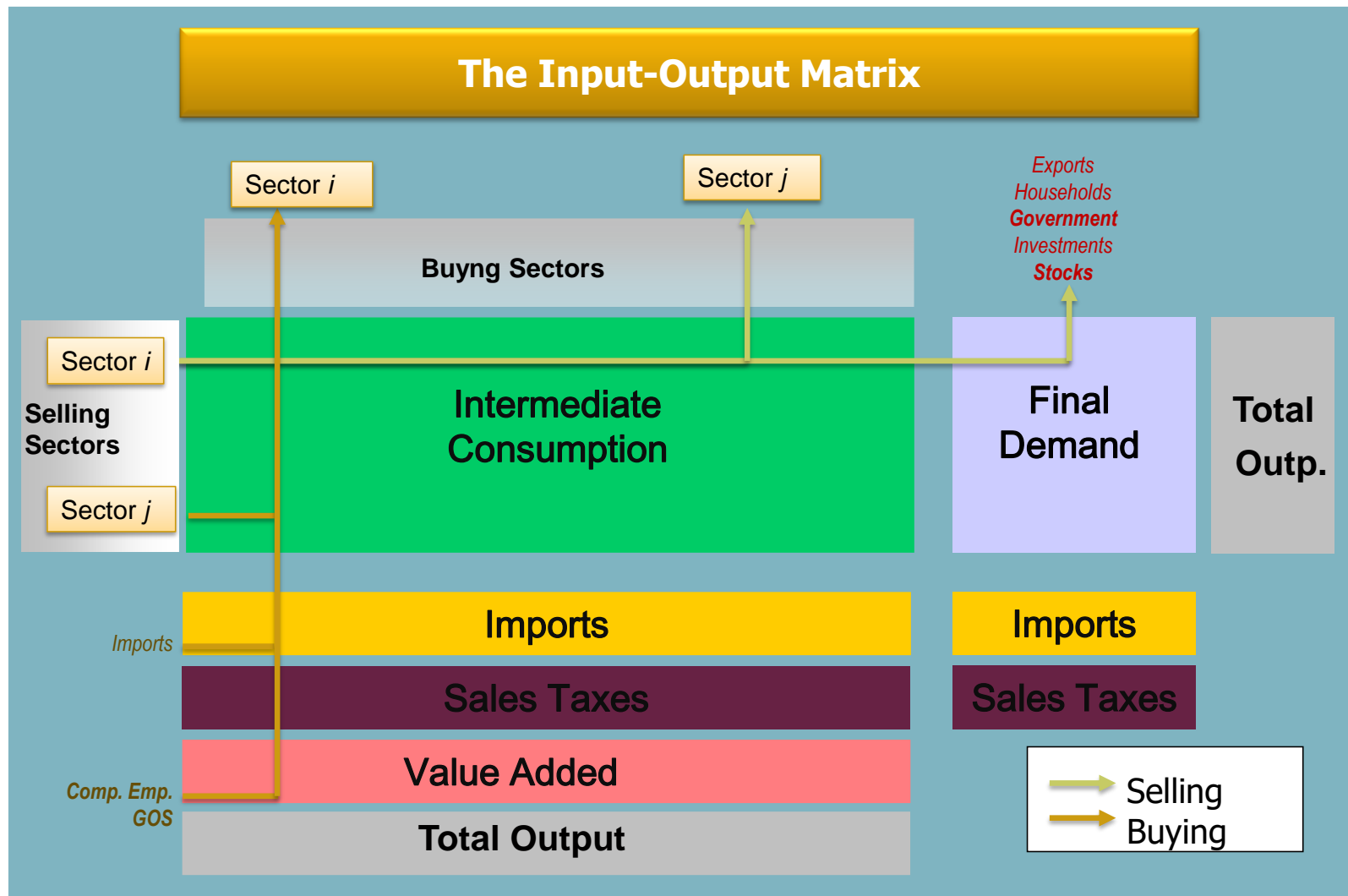
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# Input-output flows

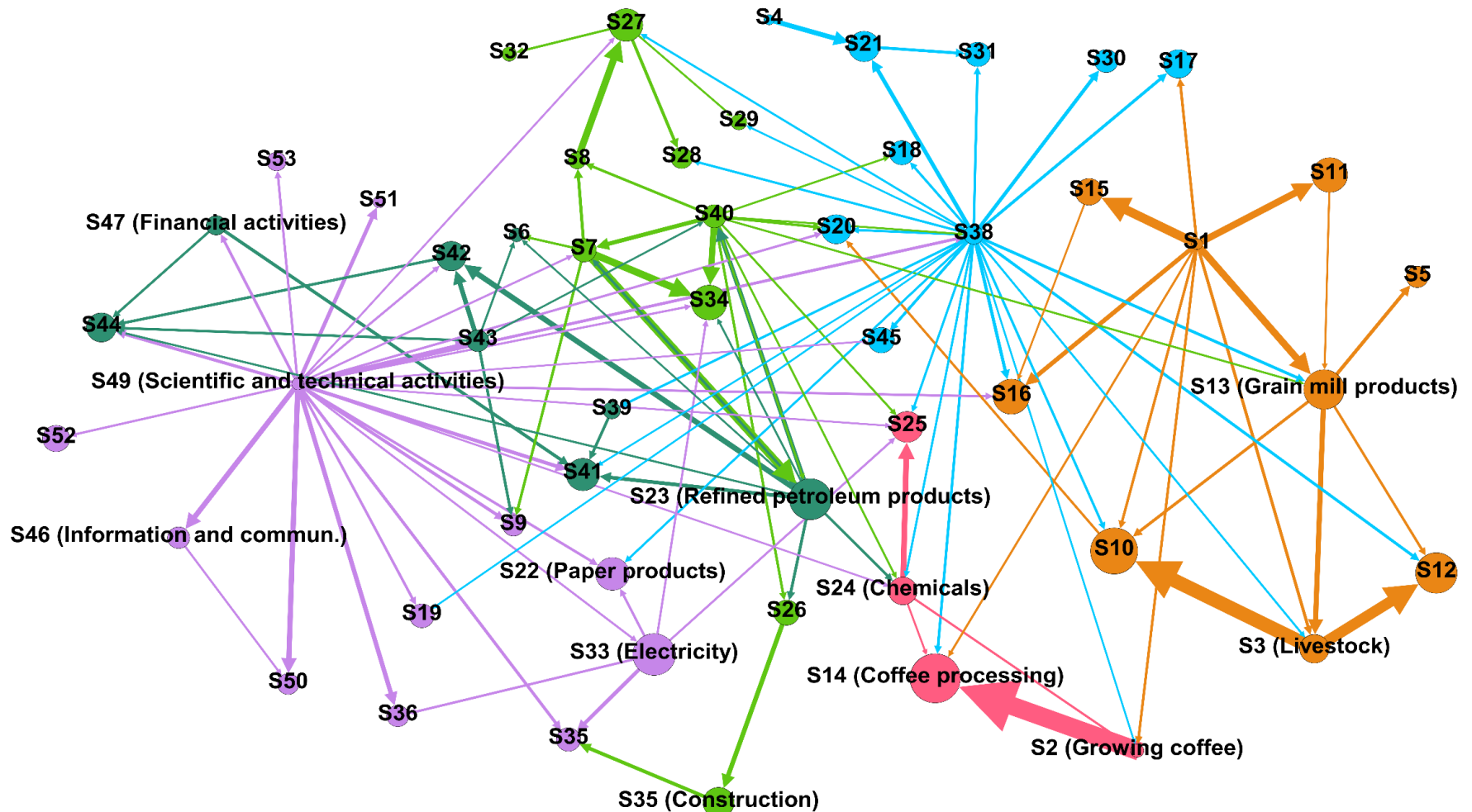




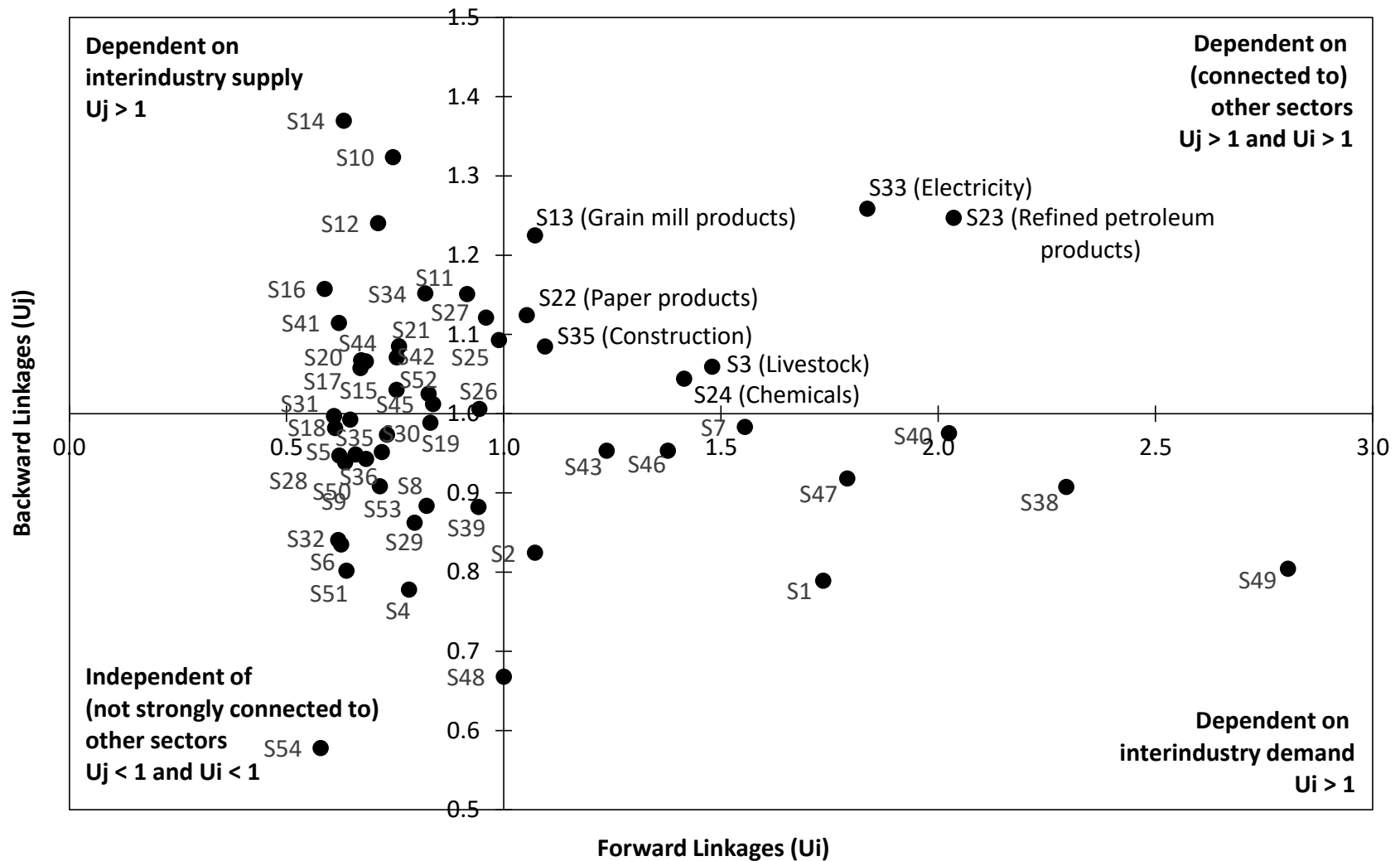
# Input-output table



# Input-output network in Colombia



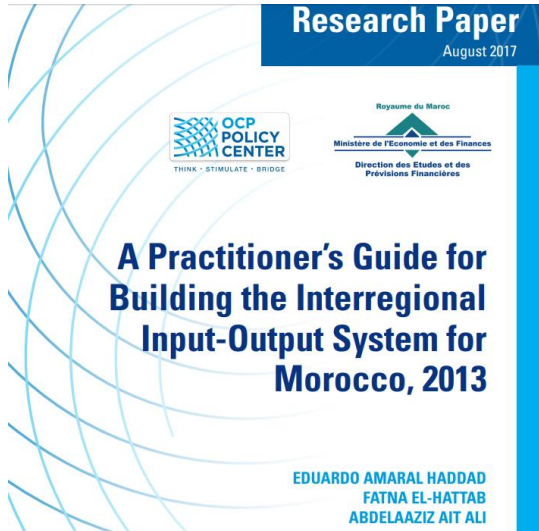
# R-H backward and forward linkages



# Interregional IO models

|                                    | Buying Sectors<br>Region L   | Buying Sectors<br>Region M   |            |            |           |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------|------------|-----------|
| Selling sectors<br><b>Region L</b> | Interindustry Inputs<br>$LL$ | Interindustry Inputs<br>$LM$ | FD<br>$LL$ | FD<br>$LM$ | TO<br>$L$ |
| Selling sectors<br><b>Region M</b> | Interindustry Inputs<br>$ML$ | Interindustry Inputs<br>$MM$ | FD<br>$ML$ | FD<br>$MM$ | TO<br>$M$ |
|                                    | Imports from the World       | Imports from the World       | M          | M          | M         |
|                                    | Sales Taxes                  | Sales Taxes                  | T          | T          | T         |
|                                    | Value Added                  | Value Added                  |            |            |           |
|                                    | Total Output $L$             | Total Output $M$             |            |            |           |

# Methodology



## Revista de Economía del Caribe, NO. 21: ENE-JUN 2018

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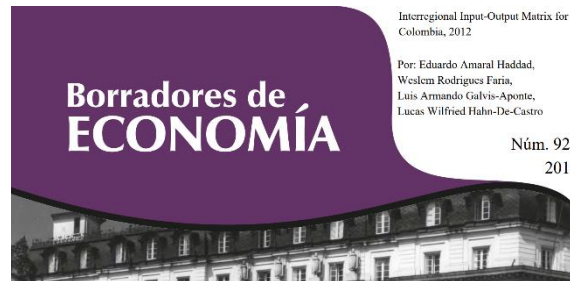
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### Matriz insumo—producto interregional para Colombia

#### Interregional input—output matrix for Colombia

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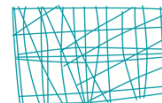
Revista Brasileira de Estudos Regionais e Urbanos (RBERU)  
Vol. 11, n. 4, pp. 424-446, 2017  
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### MATRIZ INTERESTADUAL DE INSUMO-PRODUTO PARA O BRASIL: UMA APLICAÇÃO DO MÉTODO IOAS\*

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**Reference:** Haddad, E. A., Araújo, I. F., Ibarrarán, M. E., Boyd, R., Elizondo, A., Liedo, P., Belausteguigoitia, J. C., and Menchero, M. (2019). Interregional Input-Output System for Mexico, 2013, *TD NEREUS 07-2019*, The University of São Paulo Regional and Urban Economics Lab (NEREUS).



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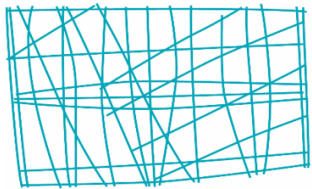
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# Interregional Input-Output System for Colombia, 2015

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# Estimation of trade matrices

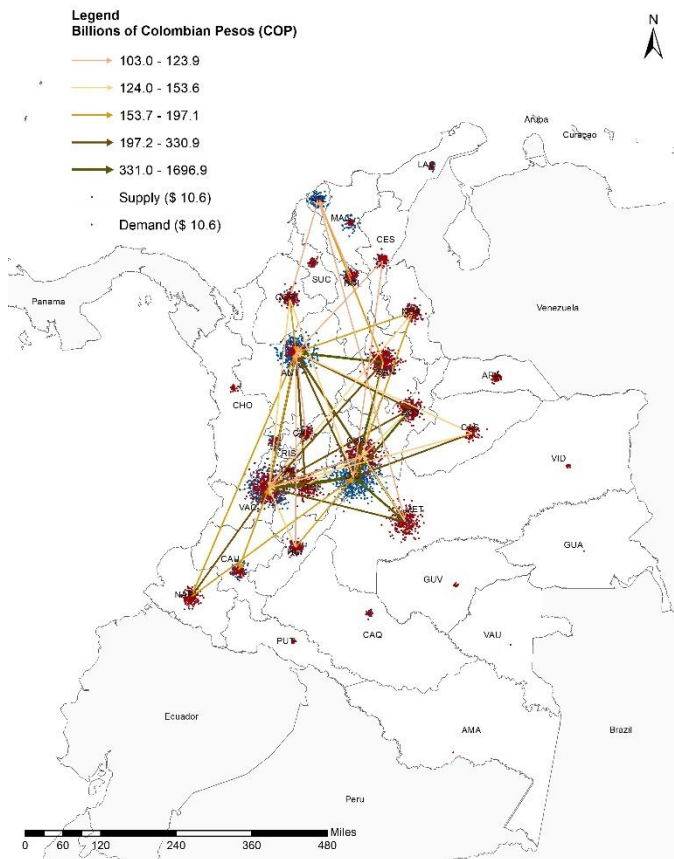
Impedance factor estimated for 27 sectors (4 groups)  
using OD-2013 database

| VARIABLES          | (1)<br>Setor0        | (2)<br>Setor1        | (3)<br>Setor2        | (4)<br>Setor3        | (5)<br>Setor4        |
|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| log_pib_origin     | 0.984***<br>(0.088)  | 1.268***<br>(0.205)  | 0.965***<br>(0.126)  | 0.641***<br>(0.096)  | 1.040***<br>(0.155)  |
| log_pib_dest       | 1.090***<br>(0.091)  | 0.948***<br>(0.141)  | 1.076***<br>(0.120)  | 0.940***<br>(0.210)  | 1.146***<br>(0.176)  |
| log_tiempo_minutos | -0.561***<br>(0.083) | -0.723***<br>(0.097) | -0.652***<br>(0.076) | -0.790***<br>(0.199) | -0.640***<br>(0.070) |
| Constant           | -5.420***<br>(1.634) | -7.972***<br>(2.905) | -4.826**<br>(2.098)  | -2.955<br>(3.135)    | -7.746***<br>(2.717) |
| Observations       | 812                  | 784                  | 812                  | 812                  | 812                  |
| R-squared          | 0.719                | 0.690                | 0.763                | 0.750                | 0.801                |
| Dep_Origin FE      | YES                  | YES                  | YES                  | YES                  | YES                  |
| Dep_Destiny FE     | YES                  | YES                  | YES                  | YES                  | YES                  |

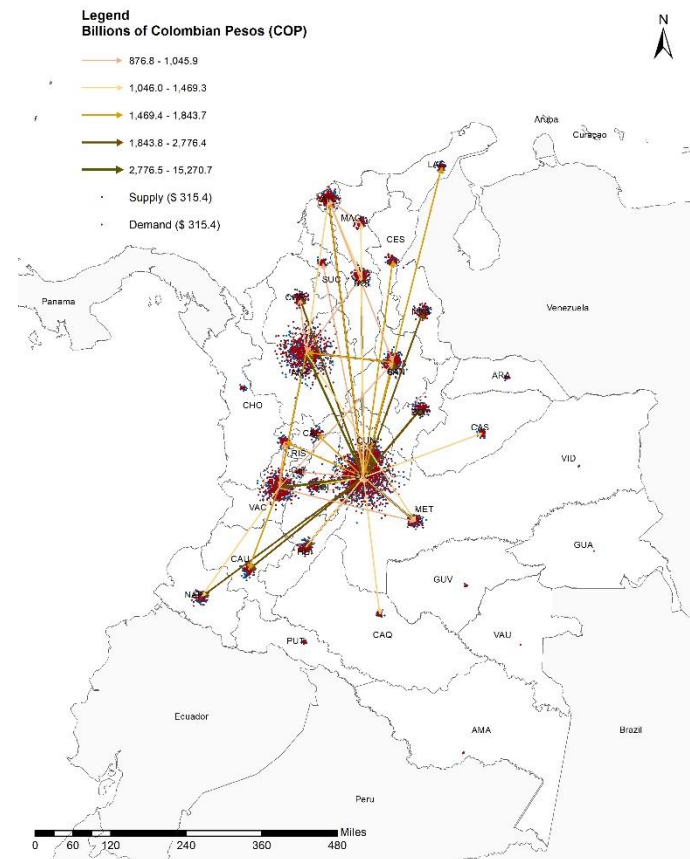
0. Total, 1. Agroindustriales, 2. Industriales, 3. Minero, 4. Productos Agrícolas

# Trade matrices: examples

## Agriculture

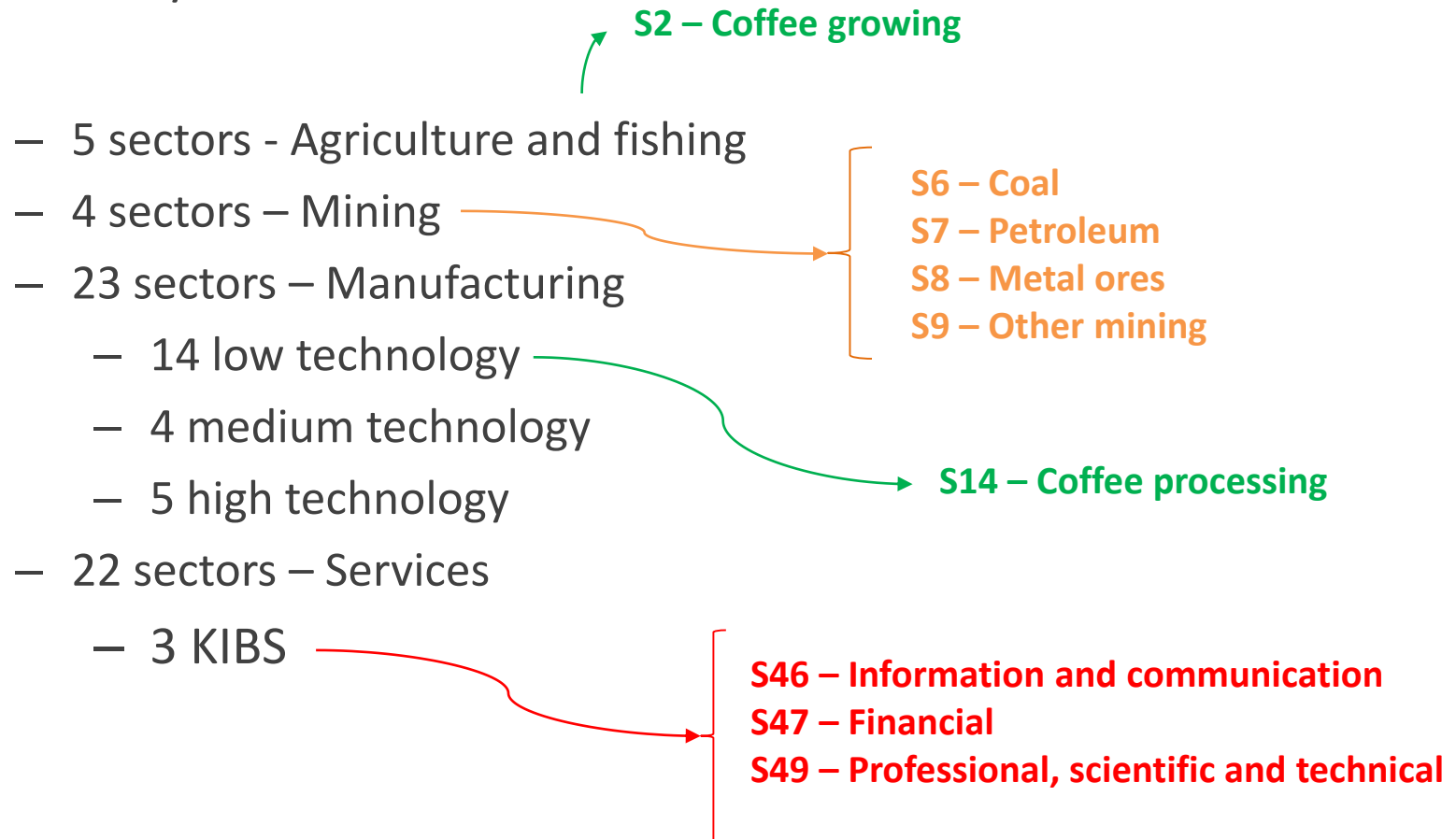


## Services

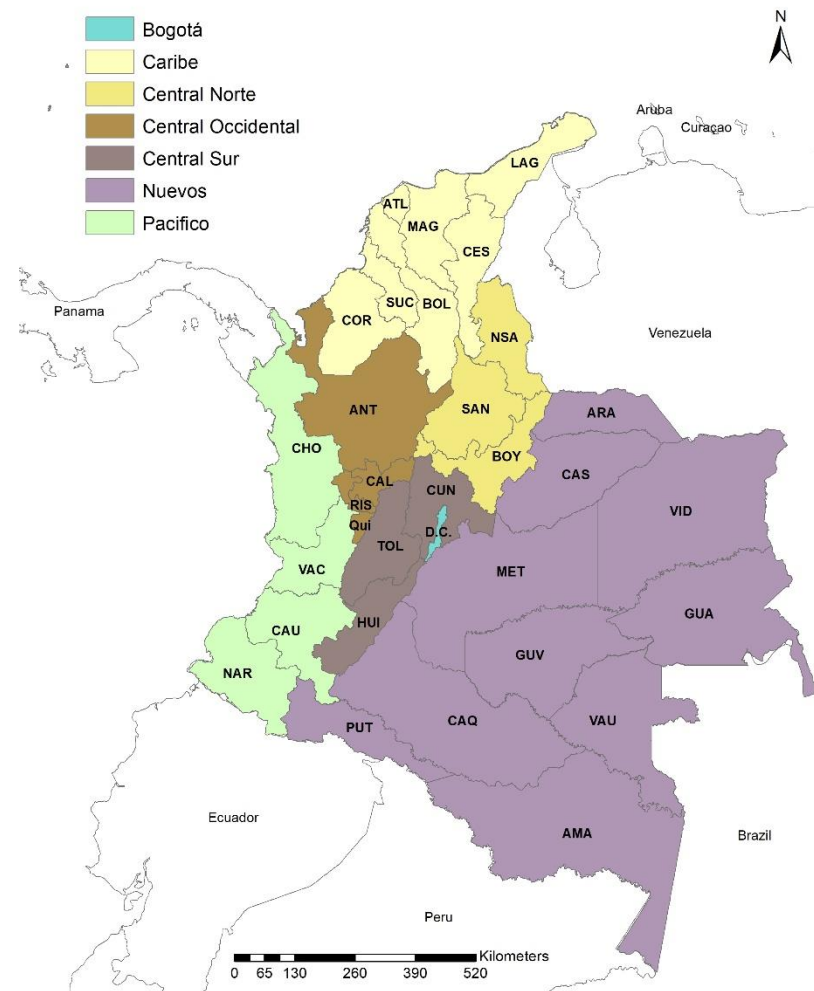


# Sectors/commodities

54 sectors/commodities:

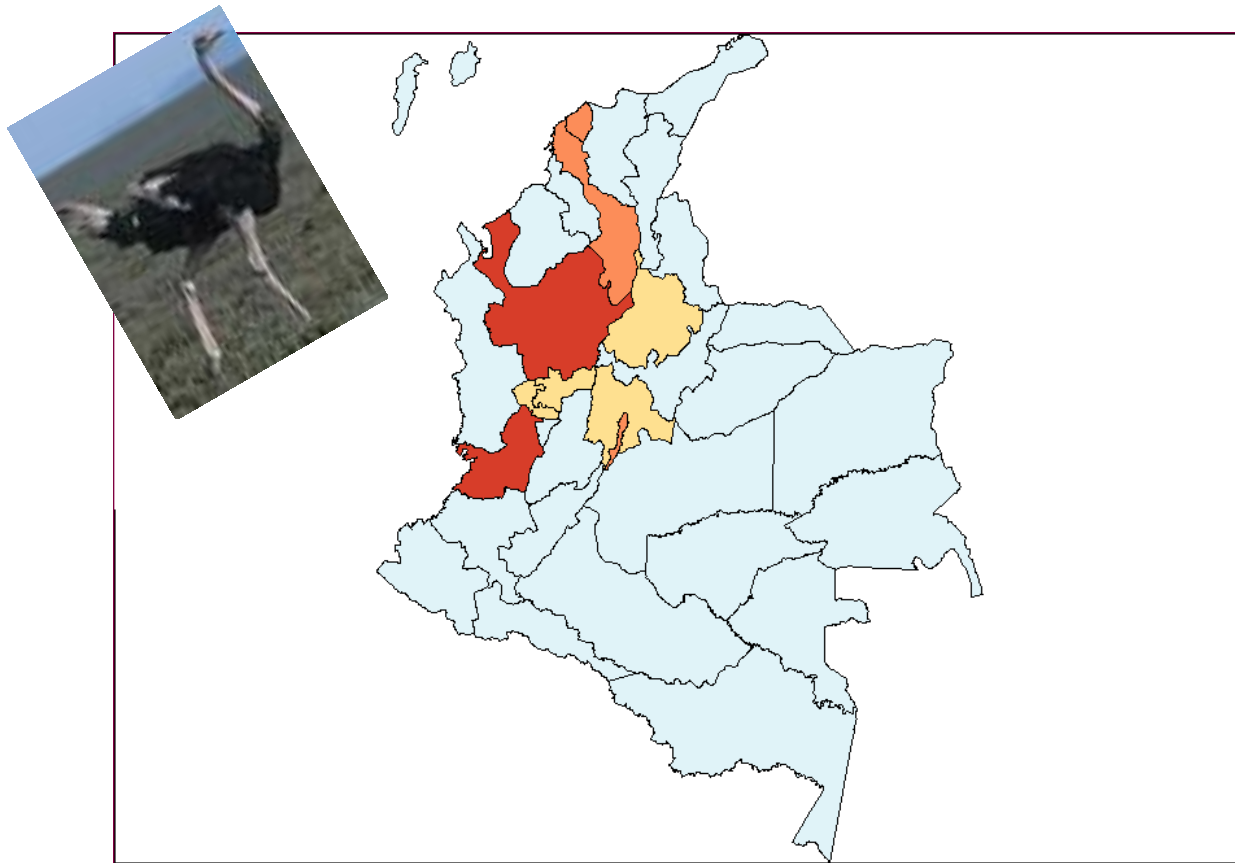


# Regions





# What do you see in this picture?



# Interregional CGE Model for Colombia

CRunGEM - BMCOL

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## BMCOL Model

### Interregional Computable General Equilibrium Model for Colombia



The University of Sao Paulo Regional and Urban Economics Lab - NEREUS

November 2019

# What is a CGE model ?

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Computable, based on data

It has many sectors

And perhaps many regions, primary factors and households

A big database of matrices

Many, simultaneous, equations (hard to solve)

Prices guide demands by agents

Prices determined by supply and demand

Trade focus: elastic foreign demand and supply

# What is a CGE model good for?

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Analyzing policies that affect different sectors and regions in different ways

The effect of a policy on different:

- ✓ Sectors
- ✓ Regions
- ✓ Factors (Labor, Capital)

Policies that help one sector/region a lot, and harm all the rest a little

# What-if questions

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What if productivity in the coffee-growing sector decreased due to a permanent climate shock?

What if the climate shock also affected the quality of Colombian coffee?

What if climate change affected coffee yields in regionally-differentiated ways?

What if productivity in manufacturing sectors increased?

What if productivity in KIBS also increased?

What if Colombia faced (uncertain) commodity price shocks?



# BMCOL, a bottom-up spatial CGE model of Colombia

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A multi-sectoral, multi-regional bottom-up CGE model of Colombia's 32 Departments and the capital city, Bogotá

- each region is modeled as an economy in its own right
- region-specific prices
- region-specific industries
- region-specific consumers

Based on the comparative-static B-MARIA and MMRF models

- CGE core of the CEER model

Database makes allowance for interregional, intra-regional and international trade

- Potential for the representation of regional and central government financial accounts

# BMCOL like other CGE models

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Equations typical of a CGE model, including:

- ✓ market-clearing conditions for commodities and primary factors
- ✓ producers' demands for produced inputs and primary factors
- ✓ final demands (investment, household, export and government)
- ✓ the relationship of prices to supply costs and taxes;
- ✓ a few macroeconomic variables and price indices

Neo-classical flavor:

- ✓ demand equations consistent with optimizing behavior (cost minimization, utility maximization)
- ✓ competitive markets: producers price at marginal cost

# Features of database

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Commodity flows are valued at “basic prices” (do not include user-specific taxes or margins)

For each user of each imported good and each domestic good, there are numbers showing:

- ✓ tax levied on that usage
- ✓ usage of several margins (trade, transport) – specified but not calibrated yet

For each **industry** the total cost of production is equal to the total value of output (**column** sums of MAKE).

For each **commodity** the total value of sales is equal to the total value of output (**row** sums of MAKE).

No data regarding direct taxes or transfers: not a full SAM

# Model Database – Structural coefficients

(Billions of COP 2015)

| <u>LABELS</u>   | User (1j)     | User (2j)   | User (3)   | User (4)   | User (5)   | User (6)   | User (7)   | TOTAL          |
|-----------------|---------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|----------------|
| <b>iEG, sES</b> | B(i,s,(1j))   | B(i,s,(2j)) | B(i,s,(3)) | B(i,s,(4)) | B(i,s,(5)) | B(i,s,(6)) | B(i,s,(7)) | B(i,s,(•),•)   |
| <b>iEG, sES</b> | M(i,s,(1j))   | M(i,s,(2j)) | M(i,s,(3)) | M(i,s,(4)) | M(i,s,(5)) | M(i,s,(6)) | -          | M(i,s,(•),•)   |
| <b>iEG, sES</b> | T(i,s,(1j))   | T(i,s,(2j)) | T(i,s,(3)) | T(i,s,(4)) | T(i,s,(5)) | T(i,s,(6)) | -          | T(i,s,(•),•)   |
| <b>sEF</b>      | V(g+1,s,(1j)) | -           | -          | -          | -          | -          | -          | V(g+1,s,(•),•) |
| <b>TOTAL</b>    | Y(•,•,(1j))   | V(•,•,(2j)) | V(•,•,(3)) | V(•,•,(4)) | V(•,•,(5)) | V(•,•,(6)) | V(•,•,(7)) | V(•,•,(•),•)   |

| <u>2015</u>     | User (1j) | User (2j) | User (3) | User (4) | User (5) | User (6) | User (7) | TOTAL     |
|-----------------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| <b>iEG</b>      | 678,239   | 185,927   | 512,504  | 118,997  | 71,202   | 50,838   | -        | 1,617,707 |
| <b>iEG, sES</b> | -         | -         | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -         |
| <b>iEG, sES</b> | 32,160    | 5,378     | 30,862   | 263      | 185      | 132      | 0        | 68,981    |
| <b>sEF</b>      | 730,543   | -         | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | 730,543   |
| <b>TOTAL</b>    | 1,440,942 | 191,305   | 543,366  | 119,260  | 71,387   | 50,971   | 0        | 2,417,231 |

# Model Database – Behavioral parameters

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*SIGMA1FAC* – CES between primary factors: **0.5**

*SIGMA\*O* – International Armington elasticities:

- GTAP values

*SIGMA\*C* – Interregional Armington elasticities:

- 2\*GTAP values

*FRISCH* – **-1.6578**



# Expenditure elasticities – Cortés & Pérez (2010)

Cuadro 2. Elasticidades estimadas del sistema lineal de gasto.

| Elasticidad          | SALIM   | SCEDU   | SSVIV   | SSALU   | STRAN   | SVEST   | SOTRO   |
|----------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Gasto                | 0,786   | 1,186   | 1,043   | 0,973   | 1,115   | 1,025   | 1,131   |
|                      | (0,028) | (0,038) | (0,016) | (0,045) | (0,041) | (0,033) | (0,048) |
| Precio no compensada | -0,903  | -1,267  | -1,120  | -1,175  | -1,195  | -1,138  | -1,203  |
|                      | (0,146) | (0,145) | (0,108) | (0,143) | (0,117) | (0,137) | (0,157) |
| Precio compensada    | -0,695  | -1,185  | -0,776  | -1,147  | -1,073  | -1,056  | -1,068  |
|                      | (0,140) | (0,146) | (0,111) | (0,143) | (0,120) | (0,139) | (0,152) |

*Nota:* El significado de las abreviaciones de las variables aparece en el cuadro A2 del anexo. Las elasticidades se calculan para el gasto medio de la muestra, 1.567.007. Los errores estándar se calculan utilizando el *delta method*. Todas las elasticidades son significativas al 1%.

*Fuente:* ENIG 2006-2007, cálculos propios.

# Export demand elasticities

*EXP\_ELAST*

“Estadísticas de Exportaciones  
– EXPO – 2011 A 2019”

Fixed effects model

Dependent variable:

*ln\_export\_volume*

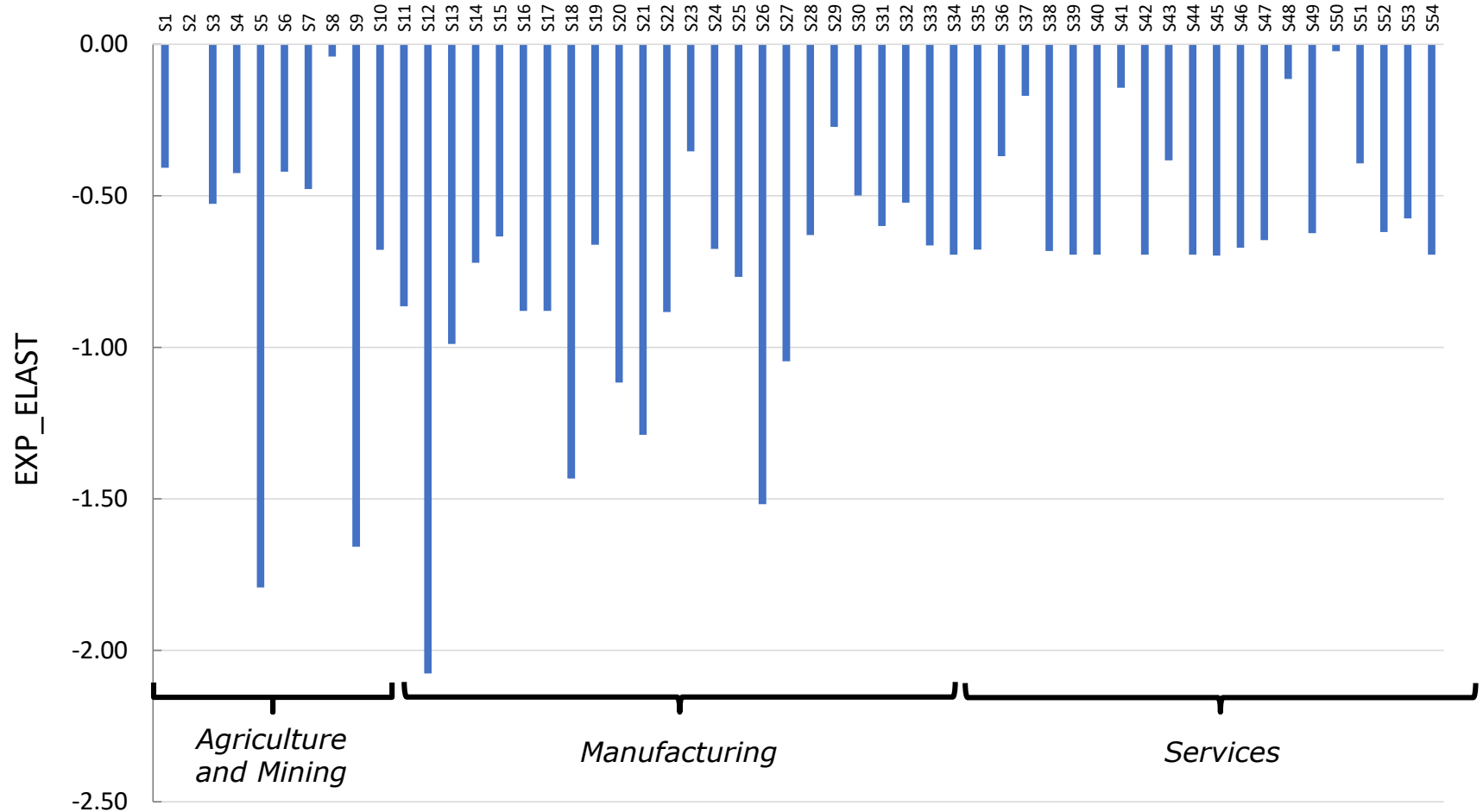
Independent variable:

*ln\_price* (export value/quantity)

+ year\_dummies

| (1)                                   |                            |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| VARIABLES                             | All products               |
| ln_price                              | -0.694498***<br>(0.024796) |
| _Iyear_2012                           | 0.022090<br>(0.028988)     |
| _Iyear_2013                           | 0.034348<br>(0.031168)     |
| _Iyear_2014                           | 0.036174<br>(0.032946)     |
| _Iyear_2015                           | -0.004496<br>(0.034094)    |
| Constant                              | 10.482435***<br>(0.058428) |
| Observations                          | 23,913                     |
| R-squared                             | 0.143684                   |
| Number of POSAR                       | 6,081                      |
| Robust standard errors in parentheses |                            |
| *** p<0.01, ** p<0.05, * p<0.1        |                            |

# Export demand elasticities – estimates

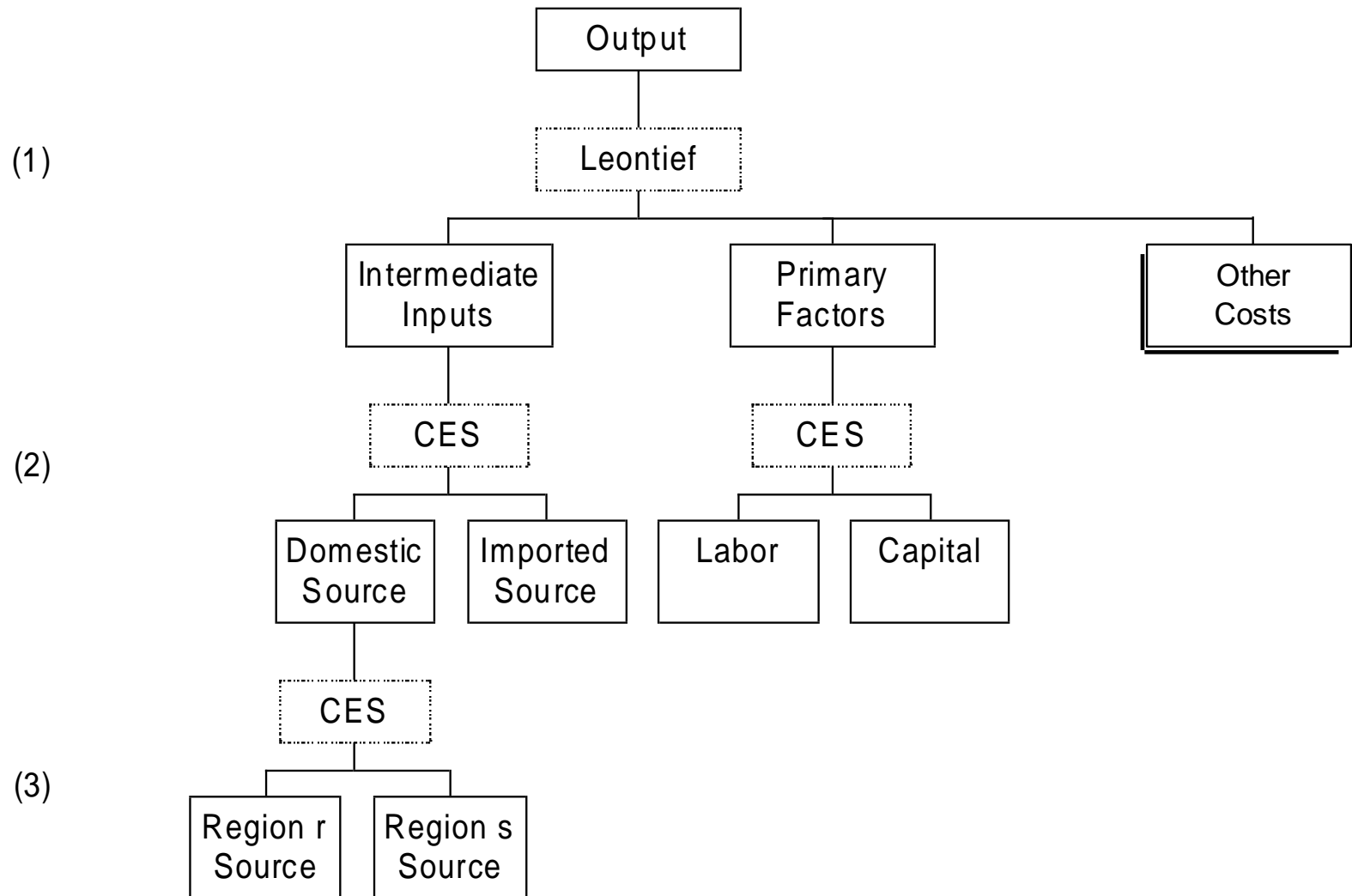


# Building blocks

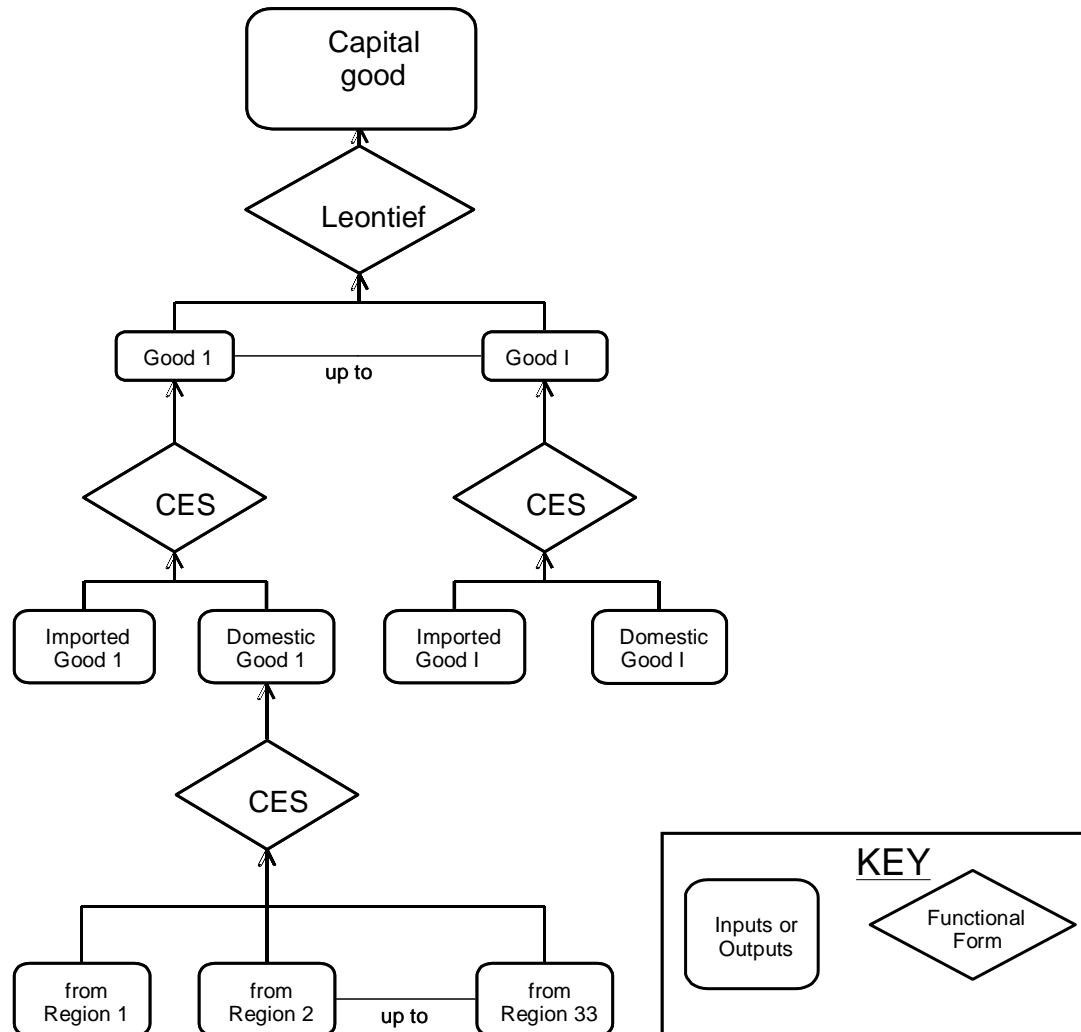
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- ✓ Producer's demands for inputs
- ✓ Investor demands
- ✓ Household demands
- ✓ Export demands
- ✓ Government demands
- ✓ Zero pure profits
- ✓ Indirect tax equations
- ✓ Market-clearing
- ✓ Regional and national macroeconomic variables and price indexes
- ✓ Capital accumulation and investment
- ✓ Regional population and labor market

# Production nest



# Investment demand

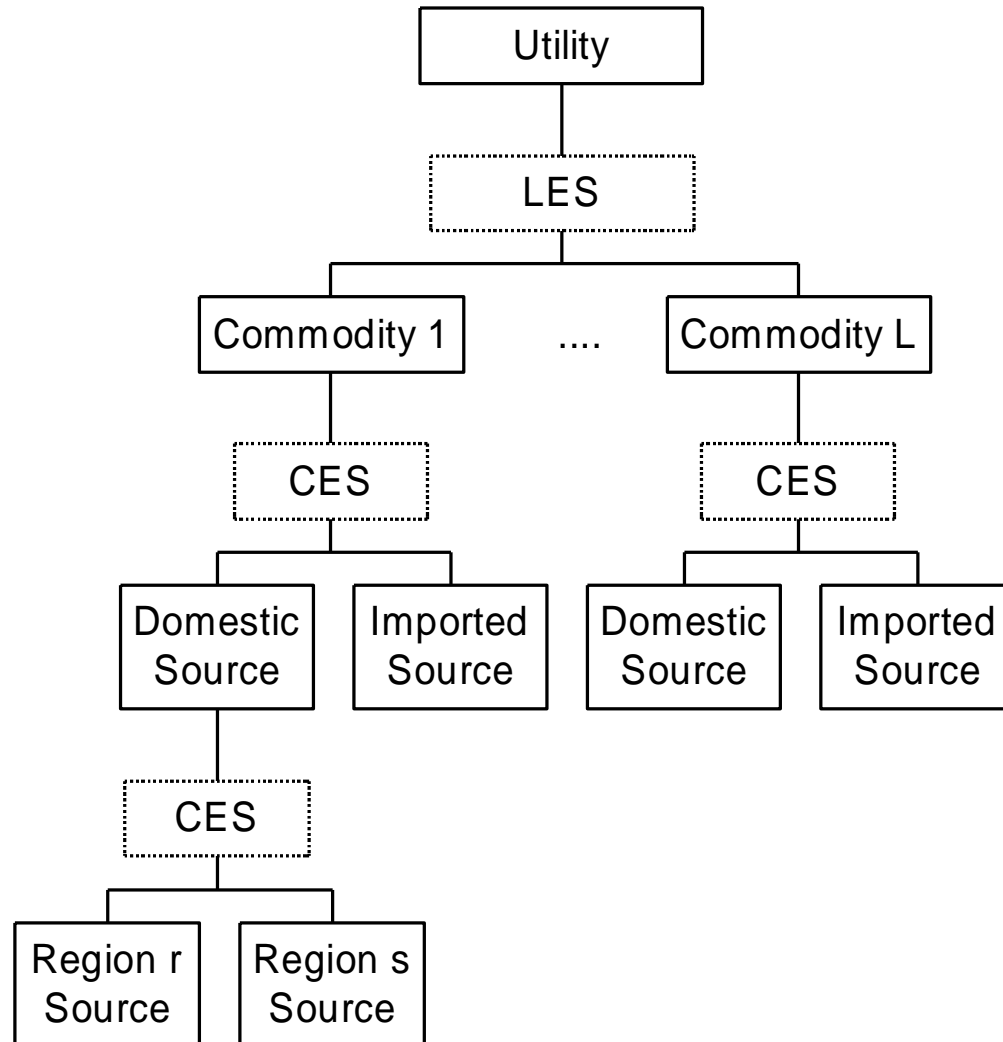


# Household demand

(1)

(2)

(3)



# Household demand

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Each regional household determines optimal consumption bundle by maximizing a Stone-Geary utility function subject to a budget constraint

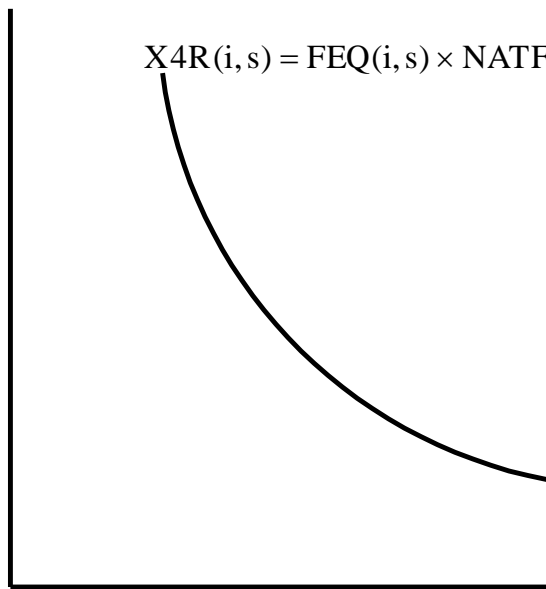
A Keynesian-type consumption function determines aggregate regional household expenditure



# Foreign export demand

**Export Price**

$$X4R(i, s) = FEQ(i, s) \times NATFEQ \times \left( \frac{P4R(i, s)}{FEP(i) \times NATFEP} \right)^{EXP\_ELAST(i)}$$



**Volume**

Export commodities face individual downward-sloping foreign export demand functions

Exports of product  $i$  from source  $s$  are distinguished from exports of  $i$  from source  $r$  ( $r$  not equal  $s$ )

# Government demand

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Recognise regional governments and central government demands for goods and services for current consumption

Default:

- aggregate regional government demand in region  $q$  moves with regional government revenue, with structure of demand exogenous
- aggregate central government demand in region  $q$  moves with national government revenue, with structure of demand exogenous

# Zero pure profits

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## Critical assumptions

- no pure profits in the production or distribution of commodities
- price received by the producer is uniform across all customers

Zero pure profits in current production imposed by setting unit prices received by producers equal to unit costs

Zero pure profits in distribution imposed by setting the prices paid by users equal to producer price plus commodity tax plus margins

# Indirect taxes

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Equations have been added to enable flexible handling of indirect taxes on all flows of goods and services

Equations allow for variations in tax rates across commodities, their sources and destinations

# Market-clearing

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Equations that impose market clearing (demand equals supply) for:

- domestically produced margin and non-margin commodities
- imported commodities

# Macro aggregates

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Wide range of national and regional macro variables defined...

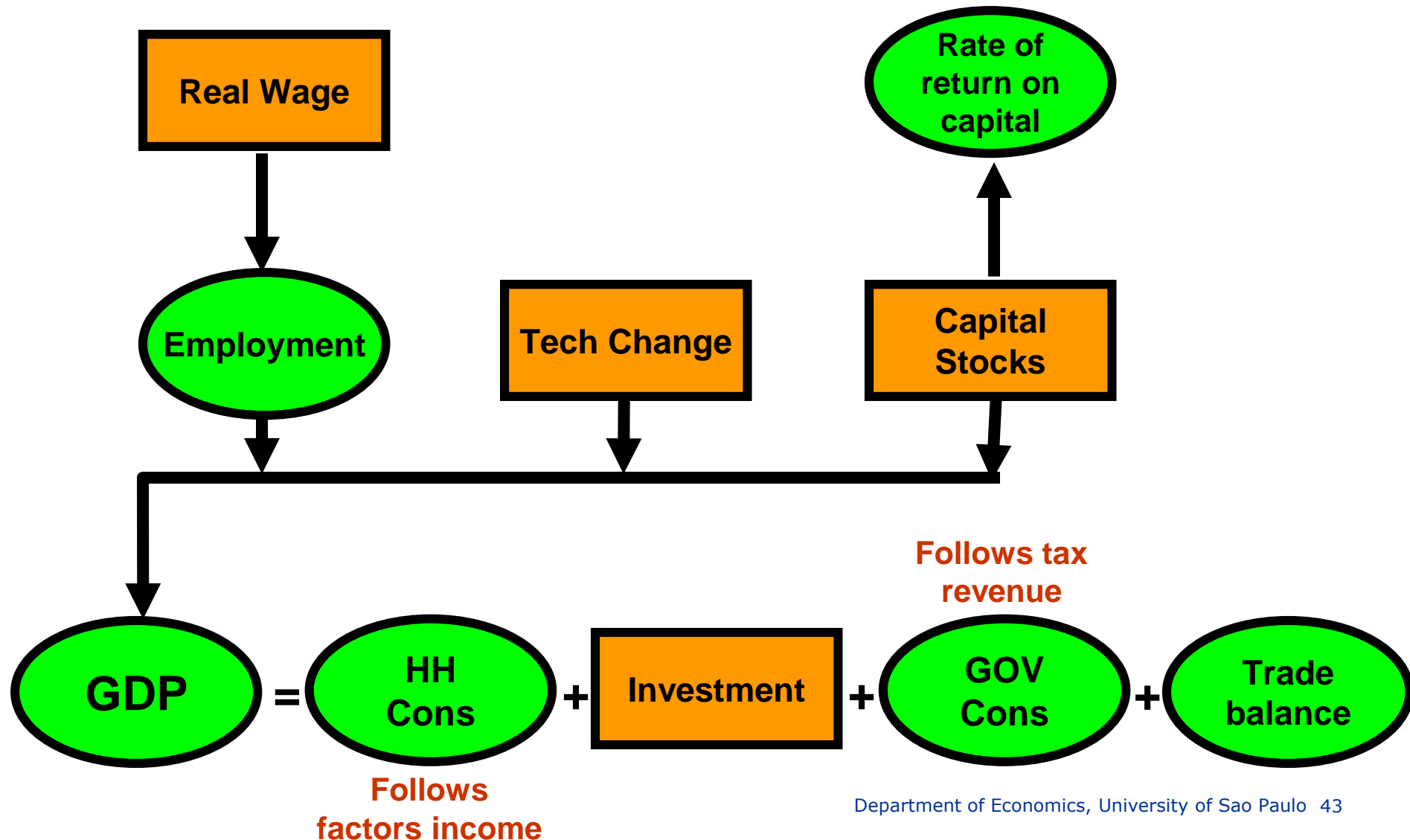
Two concepts of the real wage rate:

- consumer real wage rate (PLAB/CPI)
- producer real wage rate (PLAB/PGDP)

# Causation in short-run closure

Exogenous

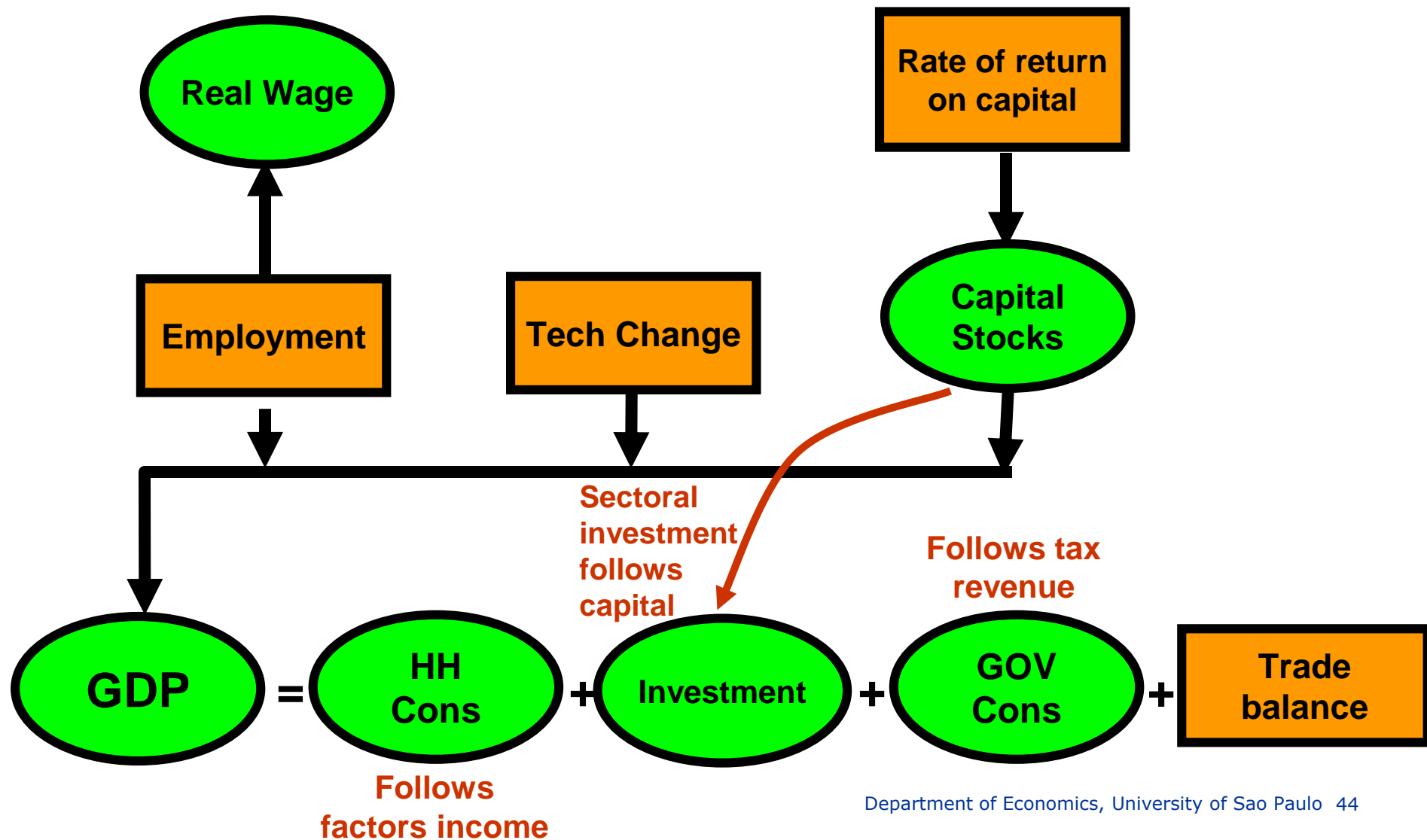
Endogenous



# Causation in long-run closure

Exogenous

Endogenous





# Investment “dynamics”

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Capital, investment and expected rates of return

$$K_{j,q}(t+1) = (1 - DEP_{j,q}) \times K_{j,q}(t) + Y_{j,q}(t)$$

Given starting point for capital ( $t=0$ ) and an explanation of investment, we can trace out time path for capital

# Investment “dynamics”

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Investment explained by assuming that:

$$\frac{K_{j,q}(t+1)}{K_{j,q}(t)} - 1 = F_{j,q}^t[EROR_{j,q}(t)]$$

Growth in capital related to expected rate of return

- In BM-CH ICGE only assume static expectations, though rational is possible

# Rates of return and investment

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For static expectations case, the actual rate of return is:

$$RO_t(j, q) = \frac{P_t(j, q)}{\Pi_t(j, q)} - D(j, q)$$

$$ro(j, q) = p_t(j, q) - \pi_t(j, q)$$

$$ro(j, q) = QCOEF(j, q)[p_t(j, q) - \pi_t(j, q)]$$

*QCOEF*: relationship between gross and net rates of return ( $> 1$ )

# Rates of return and investment

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In long-run comparative-static simulations:

- aggregate capital adjusts to maintain  $R_{INT}$  (*natr\_tot*)
- capital allocated in line with equation **E\_f\_rate\_xx**
  - industries with relatively large increases in capital require relatively high rates of return
  - industries with relatively small increases in capital require relatively low rates of return
- industry investment determined by fixed ratios of investment to capital (equation **E\_y**)

# Rates of return and investment

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Equalization in the rates of return

$$\left( \frac{K(j, q)}{K(q)} \right)^{-\beta(j, q)} RO(j, q) = R_{\text{int}}$$

$$ro(j, q) - r_{\text{int}} = \beta_t(j, q)[k(j, q) - k(q)] + f\_rate(j, q)$$

*beta*: risk/return ratio

Short-run: *f\_rate* endogenous, *k* exogenous

Long-run: *f\_rate* exogenous, *k* endogenous

# Investment “dynamics”

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Growth rate of capital stocks and investment in the short-run:

$$k_{t+1}(j, q) - k_t(j, q) = 0$$

% change in capital stocks

$$y_t(j, q) = 0$$

% change in investment

# Investment “dynamics”

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Growth rate of capital stocks and investment in the long-run:

$$\frac{K_{j,q}(t+1)}{K_{j,q}(t)} = \left( \frac{K_{j,q}(t)}{K_{j,q}(0)} \right)^{1/T}$$

$$k_{t+1}(j, q) = \left( 1 + \frac{1}{T} \right) k_t(j, q)$$

# Investment in the short run

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Fixed capital stocks in the base year values:

- $curcap(j,q)$  exogenous ( $=0$ )
- relationship between sectoral rates of return,  $r0(j,q)$ , and reference interest rate,  $natr_{tot}$ , is endogenous ( $f_{rate\_xx}(j,q)$  endogenous)

Percentage change in sectoral investment,  $y(j,q)$  is zero; this can be guaranteed by setting the shift term,  $delf_{rate}(j,q)$ , exogenous and zero

By hypothesis, not only the capital stocks are fixed but also firms' investment plans



# Investment in the short run

*E\_r0* # Definition of rates of return to capital #  
 $r0(j, q) = QCOEF(j, q) * (plcap(j, q) - pi(j, q));$

*E\_f\_rate\_xx* # Capital growth rates related to rates of return #  
 $(r0(j, q) - natr\_tot) = BETA\_R(j, q) * [\text{curcap}(j, q) - kt(q)] + \text{f\_rate\_xx}(j, q);$

*E\_curcapT1* # Capital stock in period T+1 #  
 $curcap\_t1(j, q) - \text{curcap}(j, q) = 0;$

*E\_yT* # Investment in period T #  
 $\text{curcap}(j, q) - y(j, q) - 100 * \text{delf\_rate}(j, q) = 0;$

# Investment in the long run

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Capital stocks endogenously determined:

- $curcap(j,q)$  endogenous
- relationship between sectoral rates of return,  $r0(j,q)$ , and reference interest rate,  $natr\_tot$ , is given ( $f\_rate\_xx(j,q)$  exogenous)

Percentage change in sectoral investment,  $y(j,q)$  is endogenous

Firms' investment plans are carried out, reestablishing returns differentials in the base year

Rate of capital accumulation, but **not the level** of capital stock, remains constant

# Investment in the long run

*E\_r0* # Definition of rates of return to capital #

$$r0(j,q) = QCOEF(j,q) * (plcap(j,q) - pi(j,q));$$

*E\_f\_rate\_xx* # Capital growth rates related to rates of return #

$$(r0(j,q) - natr\_tot) = BETA\_R(j,q) * [\underline{curcap}(j,q) - kt(q)] + \underline{f\_rate\_xx}(j,q);$$

*E\_curcapT1* # Capital stock in period T+1 #

$$curcap\_t1(j,q) - K\_TERM * \underline{curcap}(j,q) = 0;$$

*E\_yT* # Investment in period T #

$$VALK\_T1(j,q) * curcap\_t1(j,q) = VALKT(j,q) * DEP(j) * \underline{curcap}(j,q) + (INVEST(j,q)) * y(j,q) - 100 * (VALK\_0(j,q) * (1 - DEP(j)))$$

■ endog.    ■ exog.

# Regional population and labor market

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Critical variables:

- regional population
- regional migration
- regional unemployment
- regional participation rates
- regional wage relativities

Various closures

# Regional population and labor market

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(1) Fixed

- wage relativities (determining employment by region), participation and unemployment rates (determining population by region)

(1) Endogenous

- regional migration

**(2) Fixed**

- **regional migration, participation rates, wage relativities**

**(2) Endogenous**

- **unemployment rates**

(3) Fixed

- regional migration, participation and unemployment rates

(3) Endogenous

- wage relativities

# Labor market in the short-run

*E\_wage\_diff* # Region real-wage diff  
# (**all**, *q*, REGDEST)

            
*wage\_diff*(*q*) = *pwage*(*q*) - *natxi3* - *natrealwage*;

*E\_del\_labsup* # P-point changes in regional  
unemployment rates # (**all**, *q*, REGDEST)

*C\_labsup*(*q*) \* *del\_unr*(*q*) = *C\_EMPLOY*(*q*) \* (*labsup*(*q*) -  
*employ*(*q*));

*del\_unr*(*q*) # Percentage-point changes in regional unemployment rate #;

           endog.               exog.

# Labor market in the long-run

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E_wage_diff # Region real-wage diff
# (all, q, REGDEST)
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$$\overline{wage} \quad \overline{diff}(q) = \overline{pwage}(q) - \overline{natxi3} - \overline{natrealwage};$$

*E\_del\_labsup* # P-point changes in regional  
unemployment rates # (**all**, *q*, *REGDEST*)

$$C\_labsup(q) * \overline{del\_unr(q)} = C\_EMPLOY(q) * (labsup(q) - employ(q));$$

*del\_unr(q)* # Percentage-point changes in regional unemployment rate #;

 endog.       exog.

# Closures

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Each equation explains a variable

More variables than equations

Endogenous variables: explained by model

Exogenous variables: set by user

Closure: choice of exogenous variables

Many possible closures

*Number of endogenous variables = Number of equations*



# Length of run, $T$

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$T$  is related to our choice of closure

With short-run closure we assume that:

- $T$  is long enough for price changes to be transmitted throughout the economy, and for price-induced substitution to take place
- $T$  is not long enough for investment decisions to greatly affect the useful size of sectoral capital stocks [new buildings and equipment take time to produce and install]

$T$  might be 2 years. So results mean:

- A 10% consumption increase might lead to employment in 2 years time being 1.2% higher than it would be (in 2 years time) if the consumption increase did not occur.

# Different closures

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Many closures might be used for different purposes

No unique natural or correct closure

Must be at least one exogenous variable measured in local currency units

Normally just one — called the *numéraire*

Often the exchange rate, *natphi*, or *natxi3*, the CPI.

Some quantity variables must be exogenous, such as:

- primary factor endowments
- final demand aggregates

In honor of those that made this gathering possible!

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