

# Monopsony Power and Firm Organization

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# Motivation

- **What we know**

- Pervasive evidence of monopsony power by firms  
Staiger et al. (2010); Kline et al. (2019); Azar et al. (2022); Yeh et al. (2022)
- Results in overall ↓ wages and ↓ employment, especially in high productivity firms  
Berger et al. (2022); Azkarate-Ascasua and Zerecero (2024); Jarosch et al. (2024)

- **This paper** show monopsony power largely varies and spreads across *occupations*

- Hierarchical occupations: production workers and (middle) managers
- New insights on firm size distortions and the effectiveness of minimum wage policies

# What we do

- **Quantitative GE model:** firm-occupation-specific monopsony arises from
  - The statutory minimum wage ([wage-setting institutions](#))
  - Imperfect firm substitutability (firm non-wage characteristics)
  - The size of firms within the local labor market ([oligopsony](#))
- **Estimation:** linked matched employer-employee and balance sheet data from Portugal
  - Indirect inference on occupation-specific labor supply elasticities
- **Validation:** quantitatively replicates untargeted quasi-experimental evidence on
  - Pass-through of demand shocks to wages ([Garin and Silvério, 2024](#))
  - Labor market effects of minimum wages ([Dube and Zipperer, 2024](#))

# Main findings

## Measuring monopsony power

- Welfare losses from monopsony are **2.4%** for production workers and **3.4%** for managers
- Managers' monopsony alone largely compresses employment at most productive firms
  - Results in lower labor demand for production workers, especially in high-productivity firms
  - Reduces production workers' mean wages and employment concentration (HHI) by **5%**

## Implication for minimum wage (MW) policies

- Utilitarian planner would keep a manager-specific MW low despite strong monopsony power

# Contribution to the literature

- Literature on the welfare effects of monopsony power (Bhaskar et al., 2002; MacKenzie, 2021; Berger et al., 2022; Jarosch et al., 2024; Azkarate-Ascasua and Zerecero, 2024)

Large **heterogeneity** and **spillover** effects of monopsony power across occupations

- Literature on production organization (Garicano and Rossi-Hansberg, 2006; Caliendo and Rossi-Hansberg, 2012; Grobovsek, 2020; Mariscal, 2020; Grobovsek, 2020; Santamaria, 2023; Lawson et al., 2023)

We develop a GE model with **monopsony power + management delegation choices**

- Literature on minimum wage policies (Bamford, 2021; Ahlfeldt et al., 2022; Hurst et al., 2022; Karabarbounis et al., 2022; Drechsel-Grau, 2023; Berger et al., 2023)

**Production complementarities** matter and **occupation-based MWs** can improve welfare

# Quantitative model

## Labor market

- Continuum of locations  $j \in [0, 1]$
- Location  $j$  has fixed number of firms  $i \in \{1, \dots, M_j\}$

## Firms

- Firm  $i$  has idiosyncratic productivity  $z_{ij} \sim F(\cdot)$

## Households

- Two households indexed by permanent occupation  $o \in \{w, m\}$
- Heterogeneous in location amenities ( $B_{jo}$ ) and disutility of labor supply ( $\phi_o, \theta_o, \eta_o$ )

# Households

## Household problem

$$\max_{\{n_{ijot}, c_{ijot}, K_{ot+1}\}_{t=0}^{\infty}} \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \beta^t \left[ \mathbf{C}_{ot} - \varphi_o \frac{\mathbf{N}_{ot}^{1+\frac{1}{\phi}}}{1 + \frac{1}{\phi}} \right],$$

$$\text{s.t. } \mathbf{C}_{ot} + [K_{ot+1} - (1 - \delta)K_{ot}] = \int_0^1 \sum_{i=1}^{M_j} w_{ijo} n_{ijo} dj + R_t K_{ot} + \kappa_o \Pi_t, \quad (\text{budget constraint})$$

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## Labor supply for occupation $o$

$$n_{ijot} = \underbrace{B_{jo}^{1+\theta_o}}_{\text{Amenities}} \cdot \underbrace{\left( \frac{w_{ijot}}{w_{jot}} \right)^{\eta_o}}_{\text{Within the market}} \cdot \underbrace{\left( \frac{w_{jot}}{W_{ot}} \right)^{\theta_o}}_{\text{In other markets}} \cdot \mathbf{N}_{ot}. \quad (\text{labor supply to each individual firm})$$

Amenities      Within the market      In other markets  
 Competitors' wages

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Competitors' wages

# Firms

Technology

managers

$$y(z, \ell = 1) = z_w (k^{1-\gamma} n_w^\gamma)^\alpha, \quad (\text{single-layer organization})$$

$$y(z, \ell = 2) = z_m n_m^{(1-\alpha)\alpha} (k^{1-\gamma} n_w^\gamma)^\alpha. \quad (\text{two-layer organization})$$

Organizational choice

$$\pi_t(z) = \max_{\ell} \left\{ \pi_t(z, \ell) \right\}_{\ell=1}^2,$$

Profits maximization for each organization type

$$\pi_t(z, \ell) = \max_{\{n_{ijot}, k_{ijt}\}_{\forall o \in \ell}} y_t(z, \ell) - \sum_{o \in \ell} w_{ijot} n_{ijot} - R_t k_{ijt},$$

subject to: 1. Labor supply ( $n_{ijot}$ ), 2. Granularity ( $n_{ijt}$ ), 3. Minimum wage ( $w_{ijot} \geq \underline{w}$ )

## Three channels shape monopsony power

Labor demand has closed form solution when the MW is not binding:

$$w_{ijot}^* = \underbrace{\frac{\varepsilon_{ijot}}{\varepsilon_{ijot} + 1}}_{\text{Markdown on wages}} \cdot mrpl_{ijot}^*, \quad \varepsilon_{ijot} = \left[ \underbrace{\frac{1}{\eta_o} + \left( \frac{1}{\theta_o} - \frac{1}{\eta_o} \right)}_{\text{Strength of Firm Differentiation}} \cdot \underbrace{s_{ijot}}_{\text{Firm size}} \right]^{-1} \in [\theta_o, \eta_o].$$

Occupational heterogeneity in monopsony power stems from:

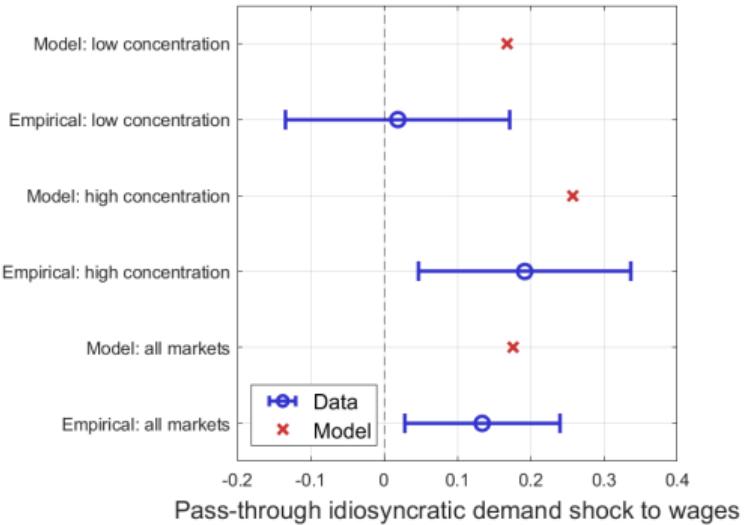
- Differences in firm substitutability  $\Rightarrow (\eta_o, \theta_o)$
- Differences in firm size  $\Rightarrow s_{ijot}$
- Different impact of minimum wages  $\Rightarrow w$

## Estimation: labor supply elasticities are key for the amount of monopsony power

- Across-market elasticity ( $\theta$ ): exploit exogenous labor demand shocks at the municipality level
  - Managerial employment is less responsive to a given municipality's labor demand shock
  - Thus, lower *across-market* elasticity for managers:  $\theta_w = \mathbf{2.4}$  and  $\theta_m = \mathbf{1.03}$
- Within-market elasticity ( $\eta$ ): size-wage relationship within markets at the establishment level
  - Steeper relationship between wages and firm size for managers
  - Thus, lower *within-market* elasticity for managers:  $\eta_w = \mathbf{7.8}$  and  $\eta_m = \mathbf{2.3}$

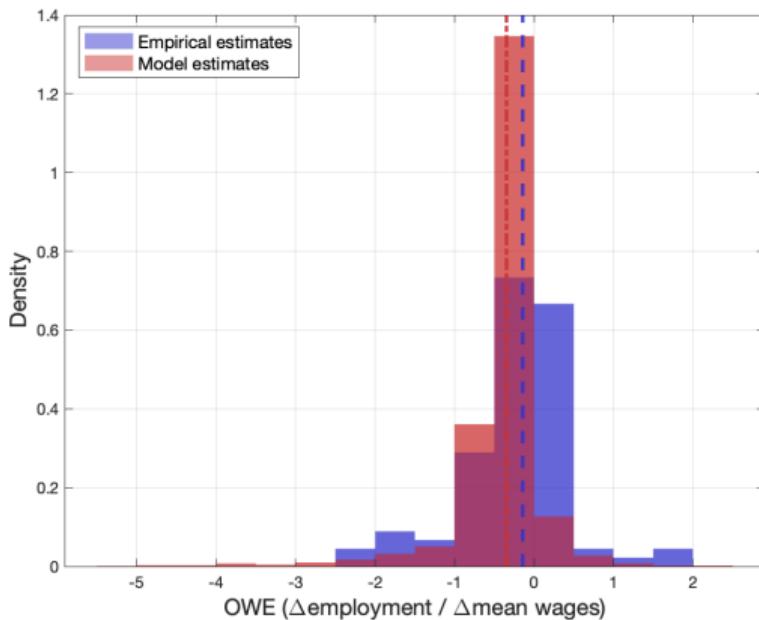
**Validation:** model replicates demand-wage pass-through estimates (Garin and Silvério, 2024)

Equilibrium relationship:  $\Delta \log w_{ijo} = \Delta \log \mu_{ijo} + \Delta \log(\text{value added per worker})$



- Model replicates a pass-through of  $\approx 0.15$ , and a higher pass-through in more concentrated markets

Model reproduces labor market effects of minimum wage changes (Dube and Zipperer, 2024)



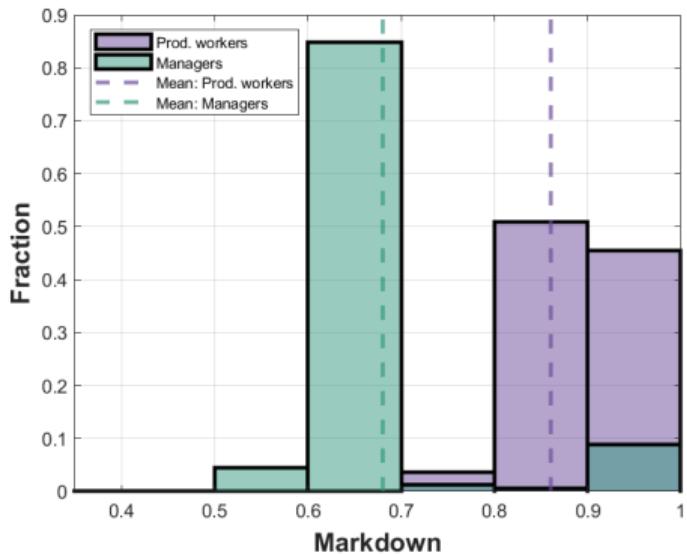
- Empirically-consistent estimates, and the average minimum wage change reduces employment

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Model fit

**Results:** monopsony is twice stronger over managers than over production workers

Distribution of wage markdowns across firms



- ▶ Mean markdown: managers = **32.9%** and production workers = **13.9%**
- ▶ Managers (i) sort into larger firms, (ii) view firms as less substitutable, and (iii) are less likely bound by the MW

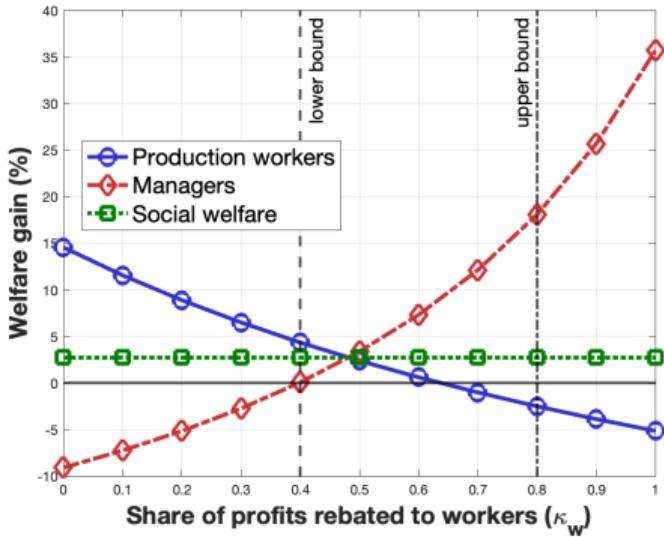
Managers' monopsony power is key to understand overall losses from monopsony

Efficient economy relative to benchmark with monopsony

	Efficient economy (% change)	Manager effects (pp.)		Efficient economy (% change)	Manager effects (pp.)
<b>A: Managers</b>					
Mean wages	46.8	43.2	Employment	14.6	14.5
<b>B: Production workers</b>					
Mean wages	20.5	4.6	Employment	7.9	1.7
<b>C: Efficiency &amp; Welfare</b>					
Share two-layer firms	-10.9	-4.5	Output	10.1	5.9
HHI prod. workers	20.0	4.6	Social welfare	2.7	0.9

- Managers' monopsony alone explains 25% of the total increase in earnings and reallocation of production workers

Monopsony power is a key determinant of employees' well-being, especially for managers



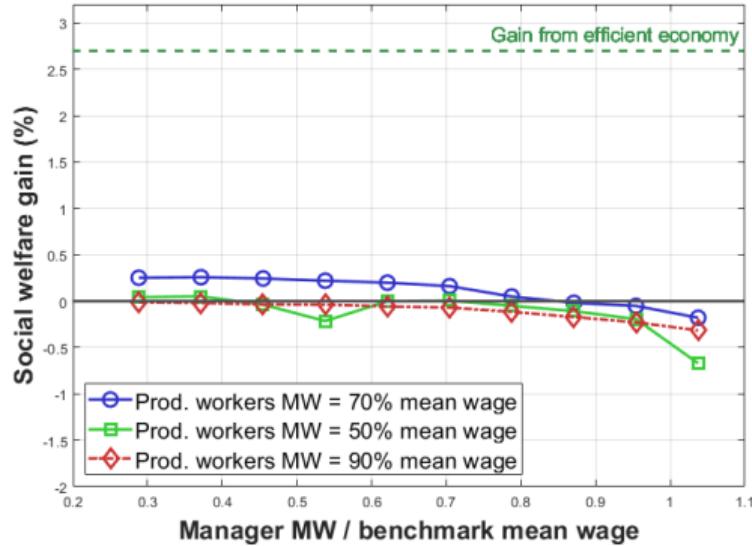
- ▶ Welfare gains under equal profit shares: managers = **3.4%** and production workers = **2.4%**
- ▶ Welfare gains stem from higher earnings and despite profit losses and higher disutility of labor

## Policy implication: minimum wage policies

- The statutory minimum wage stands out as a policy to address monopsony power
- Benchmark
  - ▶ Statutory minimum wage at about 60% of mean wage
  - ▶ Both in model and data nearly 94% of minimum wage earners are production workers
- Counterfactual
  - ▶ Occupation-specific minimum wage that maximizes utilitarian welfare (population weights)

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Relatively low optimal manager-specific minimum wage despite stronger monopsony power



- Production complementarities matter for optimal minimum wage policies
- Given a specific MW for production workers, social welfare rapidly declines as manager-specific MW rises

# Conclusion

- Quantitative GE model with firm-occupation-specific monopsony power
  - Consistent with quasi-experimental evidence on pass-through and minimum wages
- Measurement of monopsony
  - Stronger monopsony power over managers than production workers
  - Helps to explain employment, wages, and welfare across both worker types
- Implications for minimum wage policies
  - Firm heterogeneity makes optimal MWs ineffective in tackling monopsony losses
  - Optimal MWs depend on both monopsony power and production complementarities

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# What is a manager?

- Matched employer-employee census of private sector employees in Portugal
- Sample: **3.2M** workers between 2010-2016 translates into **12M** worker-year observations
- Portuguese law: firms must assign workers to hierachic categories [More](#)
  - Managers guide groups of production workers in their tasks
  - Managers account for 20% of sample and production workers for 80%
  - Managers are mostly supervisors, team leaders, and middle managers

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# Quadros de Pessoal

- Annual census of private sector employees in Portugal.
- Matched employer-employee data with information on location, industry, occupation, wages, and hours worked.
- Sample period: 2010-2016.
- Sample selection: non-farm sectors, workers aged 18-65, and exclude CEOs.
- Sample size: 3.5M workers and 13M worker-year observations.

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# Occupational classification

- **Occupations:** (i) managers and (ii) production workers.
- Group sub-occupations according to tasks performed, skills required, and hierarchy within the firm ([Caliendo et al., 2020](#)). [Details](#) [Transitions](#)

Summary Statistics at the Establishment Level

	Mean	P10	P25	P50	P75	P90
<b>Production Workers</b>						
Monthly Wage	734	511	569	644	791	1,019
Hourly Wage	4	3	3	4	5	6
<b>Managers</b>						
Monthly Wage	1,251	565	697	995	1,505	2,234
Hourly Wage	7	3	4	6	9	13
Span of Control	8	1	1	3	8	17

# Local labor market

- **Local Market:** Occupation × Geography (Municipality) × Industry (2-Digit NACE).
- **Municipality:** 278 regions with an average size of 320km<sup>2</sup> and 7,300 workers.
- **2-Digit NACE:** 88 industries.
  - 14 *Manufacture of wearing apparel.*
  - 26 *Manufacture of computer, electronic and optical products.*
- This results in 25,655 markets and 131,084 market-year observations.

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## Classification of occupations

Level	Tasks	Skills
Top Management	Definition of the firm general policy or consulting on the organization of the firm; strategic planning; creation or adaptation of technical, scientific and administrative methods or processes	Knowledge of management and coordination of firms fundamental activities; knowledge of management and coordination of the fundamental activities in the field to which the individual is assigned and that requires the study and research of high responsibility and technical level problems
Middle Management	Organization and adaptation of the guidelines established by the superiors and directly linked with the executive work	Technical and professional qualifications directed to executive, research, and management work
Supervisors	Orientation of teams, as directed by the superiors, but requiring the knowledge of action processes	Complete professional qualification with a specialization
Higher-skilled Professionals	Tasks requiring a high technical value and defined in general terms by the superiors	Complete professional qualification with a specialization adding to theoretical and applied knowledge
Skilled Professionals	Complex or delicate tasks, usually not repetitive, and defined by the superiors	Complete professional qualification implying theoretical and applied knowledge
Semi-skilled Professionals	Well defined tasks, mainly manual or mechanical (no intellectual work) with low complexity, usually routine and sometimes repetitive	Professional qualification in a limited field or practical and elementary professional knowledge
Non-skilled Professionals	Simple tasks and totally determined	Practical knowledge and easily acquired in a short time

Classification of occupations

<b>Level</b>	<b>Share (%)</b>	<b>Share Hierarchy (%)</b>	<b>Mean Wage</b>	<b>Std. dev. Wage</b>
<b>Managers</b>	19.19	100	2,007	1,554
<i>Top Management</i>	7.97	41.55	2,466	1,966
<i>Middle Management</i>	5.96	31.08	1,790	1,157
<i>Supervisors</i>	5.25	27.37	1,554	931
<b>Production Workers</b>	80.81	100	871	944
<i>Higher-skilled Professionals</i>	8.07	9.98	1,461	2,630
<i>Skilled Professionals</i>	40.44	50.04	887	493
<i>Semi-skilled Professionals</i>	21.48	26.58	720	294
<i>Non-skilled Professionals</i>	10.83	13.40	668	259

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## Transition probabilities

	Top Man.	Middle Man.	Supervisors	High-Skilled	Skilled	Semi-skilled	Non-skilled
Top Man.	89.7	5.3	2.5	2.3	0.5	0.4	0.2
Middle Man.	3.5	85.4	2.8	2.3	0.6	0.4	0.2
Supervisors	1.6	2.3	85.7	1.9	1.0	0.6	0.3
Higher-Skilled	1.8	2.3	1.9	82.8	2.1	1.2	0.6
Skilled	2.3	3.5	4.7	7.5	89.4	11.2	7.6
Semi-skilled	0.8	1.0	1.8	2.5	4.7	82.2	12.5
Non-skilled	0.2	0.3	0.6	0.6	1.6	4.1	78.4

Unconditional

	Top Man.	Middle Man.	Supervisors	High-Skilled	Skilled	Semi-skilled	Non-skilled
Top Man.	59.7	12.2	5.6	7.1	10.3	3.9	1.2
Middle Man.	18.8	43.9	6.9	8.8	15.0	5.1	1.5
Supervisors	9.4	7.9	41.6	6.9	21.7	8.9	3.5
Higher-Skilled	7.9	7.5	5.2	35.9	27.1	12.4	4.0
Skilled	1.9	2.1	2.4	4.7	62.3	18.2	8.4
Semi-skilled	1.1	1.2	1.3	3.2	27.6	50.1	15.6
Non-skilled	0.6	0.7	0.7	1.7	20.8	26.1	49.4

Conditional on Changing Firm

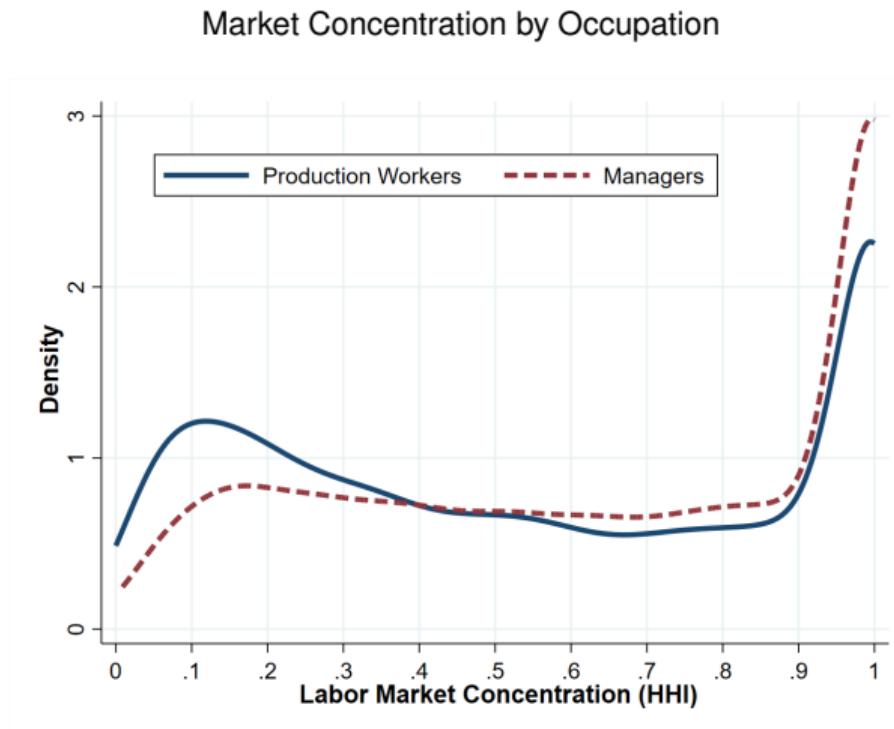
**Equilibrium.** Given the statutory minimum wage  $w$ , the steady state general equilibrium of the model is a set of organizational structures  $\{\ell_{ijt}^*\}_{\forall ijt}$ , capital stock  $(k_{ijt}^*)_{\forall ijt}$ , and employment levels  $\{n_{ijwt}^*, n_{ijmt}^*\}_{\forall ijt}$  such that:

- ① *Households*: households choose labor supply to each individual firm  $n_{ijot}^*$ , and supply of capital,  $K_{ot}^*$ , to maximize utility.
- ② *Firms*: firms optimally choose the organizational structure,  $\ell_{ijt}^*$ , demand for capital,  $k_{ijt}^*$ , and the number of workers to hire in each occupation,  $n_{ijot}^*$ .

- Output:  $\int_o^1 \sum_i^{m_j} y_{ijt}^* dj = \sum_{o \in \{w, m\}} (C_{ot}^* + \delta K_{ot}^*)$ .
- Capital:  $\int_o^1 \sum_i^{m_j} k_{ijt}^* dj = \frac{1}{\beta} - (1 - \delta)$ .
- Labor: labor markets clear.

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## Greater labor market concentration in managerial markets



# Microfoundation for the labor supply

## Preferences

$$U_{ijo} = \max_{ij} \underbrace{\log w_{ijo}}_{\text{Wage}} + \underbrace{\log B_{jo}}_{\text{Market Amenity}} + \underbrace{\zeta_{ijo}}_{\text{Idiosyncratic Taste}}$$

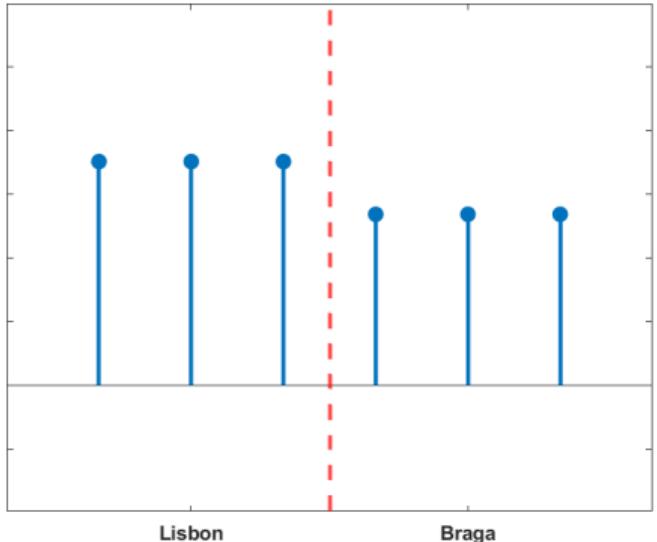
## Distribution of Idiosyncratic Tastes

$$\underbrace{F(\zeta_{1jo}, \dots, \zeta_{Mjo})}_{\text{Distribution of tastes for all firms } i \text{ across markets } j} = \exp \left[ - \sum_{j=1}^J \left( \sum_{i=1}^M e^{-(1-\eta_o)\zeta_{ij}} \right)^{\frac{1+\theta_o}{1-\eta_o}} \right]$$

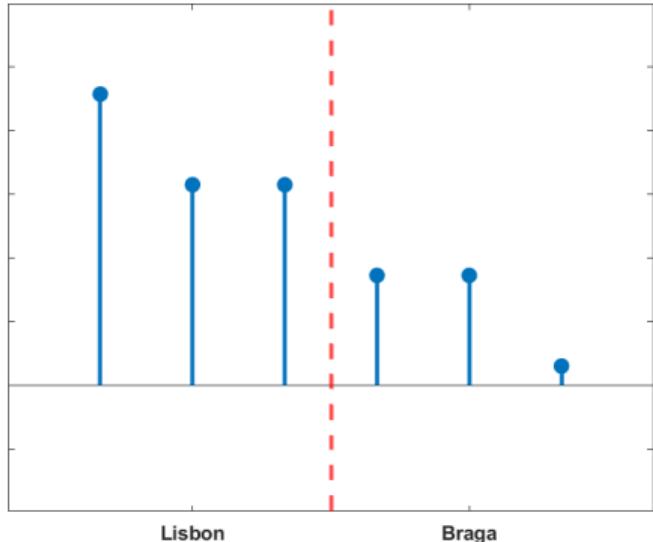
$\theta_o$  determines the correlation of tastes across firms in *distinct* markets

$\eta_o$  determines the correlation of tastes across firms *within the same market*

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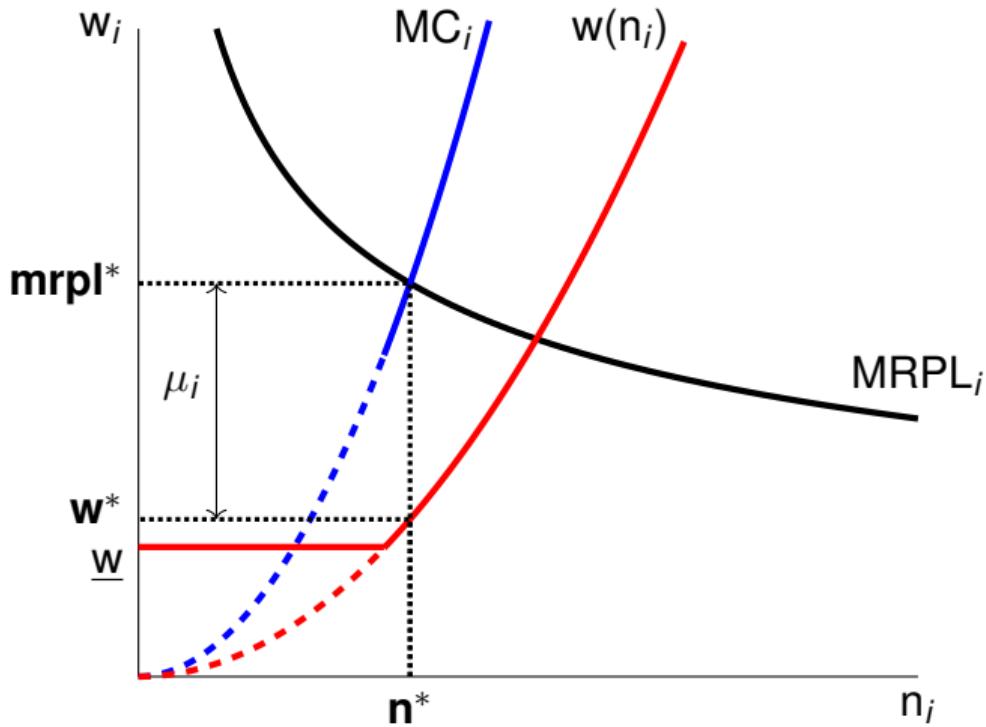


Production Workers, high  $\theta$  and high  $\eta$

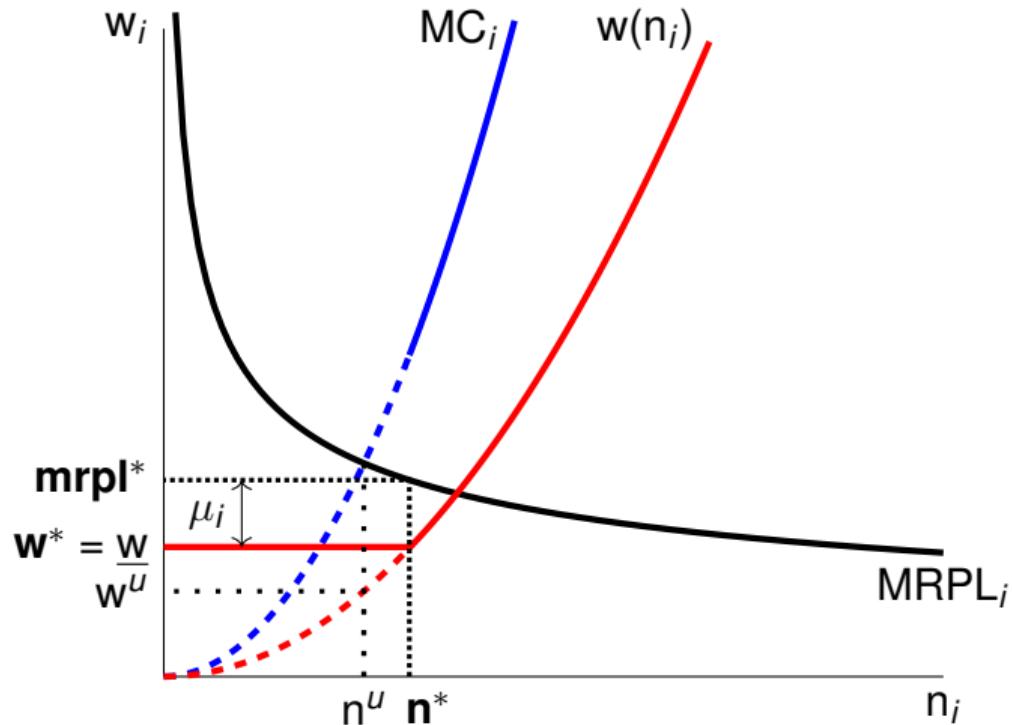


Managers, low  $\theta$  and low  $\eta$

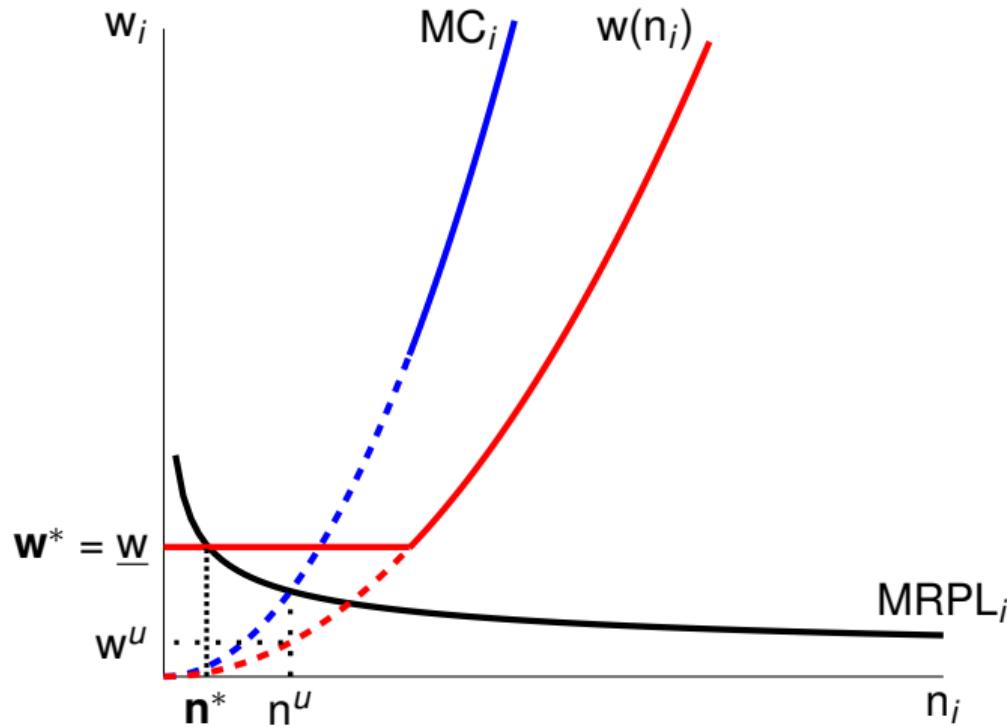
## Case I: minimum wage is not binding

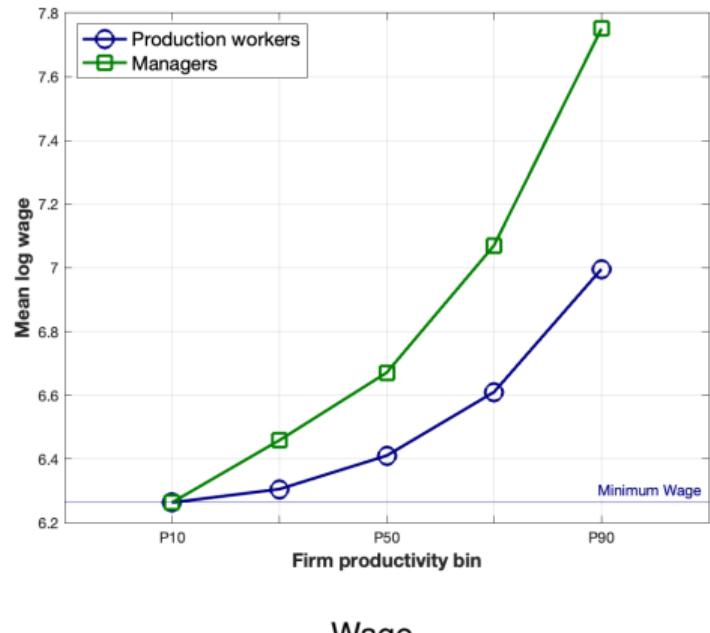


Case II: minimum wage is binding, and labor supply equals labor demand

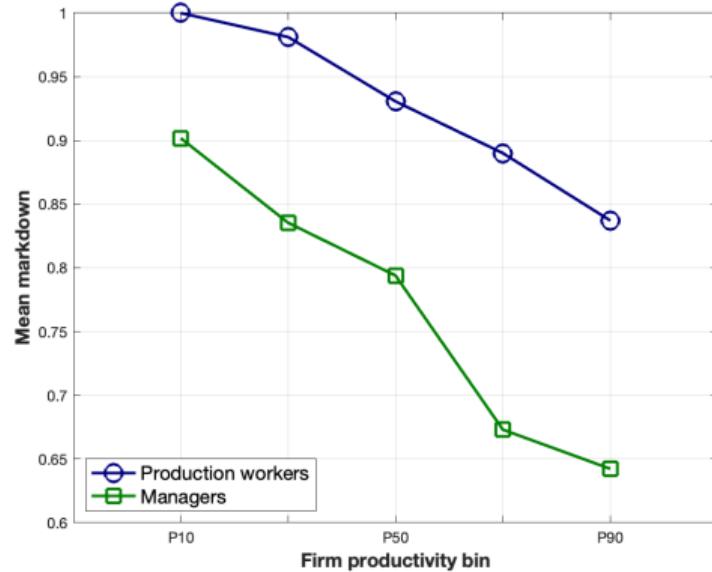


Case III: minimum wage is binding, and labor supply exceeds labor demand





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## Joint estimation using the Simulated Method of Moments

### Preferences

- Labor disutility shifter of workers ( $\varphi_w$ )  $\Rightarrow$  Average firm size
- Labor disutility shifter of managers ( $\varphi_m$ )  $\Rightarrow$  Economy-wide share of managers

### Firm organization

- Organization efficiency ( $\bar{z}_w, \bar{z}_m$ )  $\Rightarrow$  Mean wage of prod. workers and manager wage premium
- Decreasing returns to scale ( $\alpha$ )  $\Rightarrow$  Labor income is 62 percent of GDP
- Std. Dev. firm productivity ( $\sigma_z$ )  $\Rightarrow$  Mean HHI production workers

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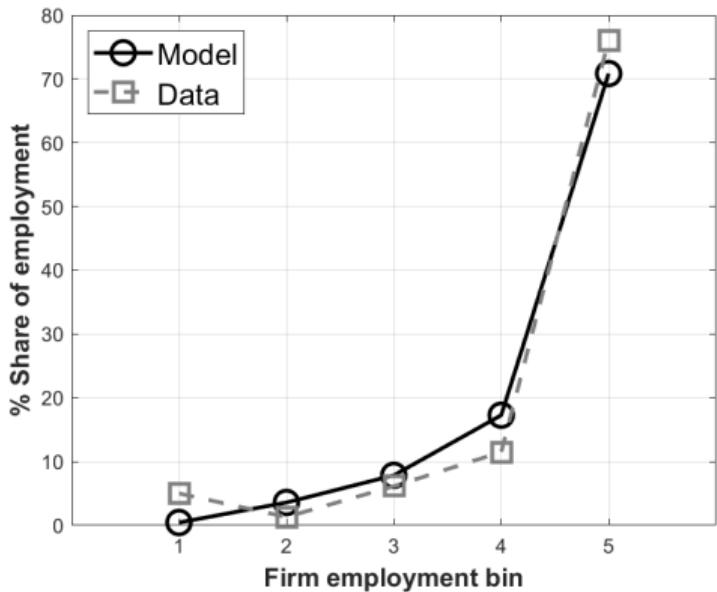
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Parameter	Value	Description	Value	Moment
<b>Panel I: Exogenous calibration</b>				
$\phi$	0.50	Aggregate Frisch elasticity	0.50	Berger et al. (2022)
$w$	525	Minimum wage	525	Real minimum wage in 2016
<b>Panel II: Endogenous calibration</b>				
$\beta$	0.96	Discount factor	0.96	Annual discount rate of 4%
$\delta$	0	Share of capital depreciation	0	Annual interest rate of 4%
$\alpha$	0.55	Decreasing returns to scale	0.55	Labor share of 62%
$\gamma$	0.82	Exponent on labor	0.82	Capital share of 31%
$(\eta_w, \eta_m)$	(7.82, 2.32)	Within-market firm substitutability	(7.82, 2.32)	Within-market labor supply elasticity

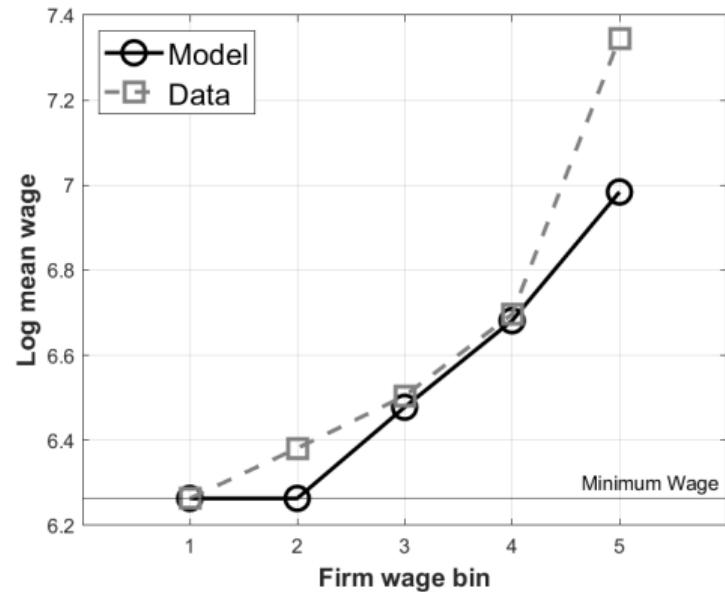
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Parameter Value	Description	Value	Moment
<b>Panel III: SMM Estimation</b>			
<i>A: Preferences</i>			
$\varphi_w$	Labor disutility shifter: workers	122	Average firm size
$\varphi_m$	Labor disutility shifter: managers	1.4	Share managers
<i>B: Firm Organization</i>			
$\bar{z}_w$	Worker efficiency	1,062	Mean wage of prod. workers
$\bar{z}_m/\bar{z}_w$	Managerial efficiency	2.1	Wage gap managers vs prod. workers
$\sigma_z$	Std. Dev. firm TFP	0.7	Weighted mean HHI prod. workers
<i>C: Market Characteristics</i>			
$B_{ijw}$	Amenities in small markets	0.7	Share workers in markets $M_j \leq 10$
$G(\cdot)$	Firm distribution		Mean, variance, and mass single-firm
<i>D: Firm Substitutability</i>			
$(\theta_w, \theta_m)$	Across-market firm substitutability	(2.4, 1.0)	Across-municipality labor supply elasticity

## Model fit: model matches employment and wages across firms

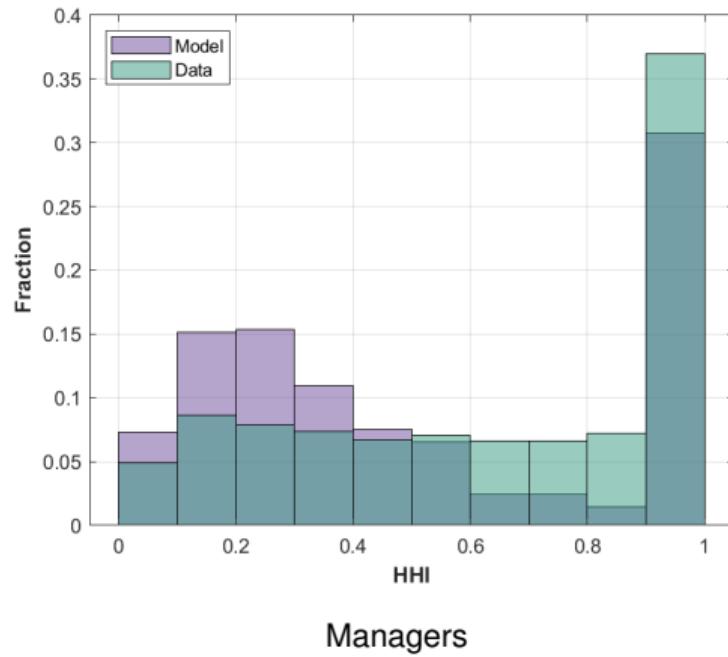
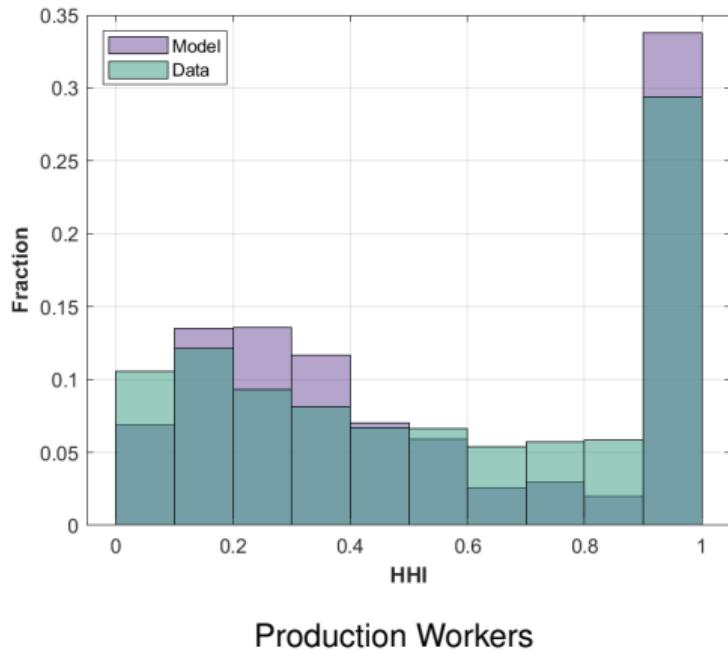


Share of employment across firms

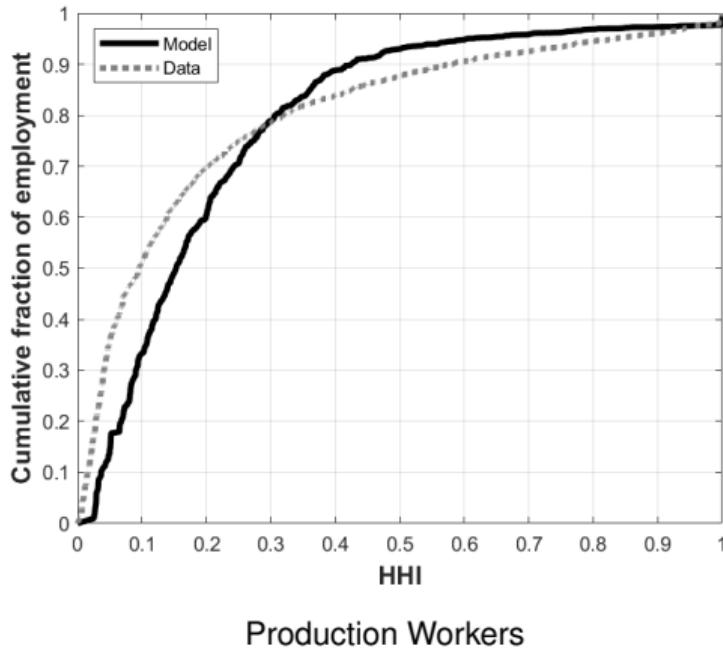


Mean wages across firms

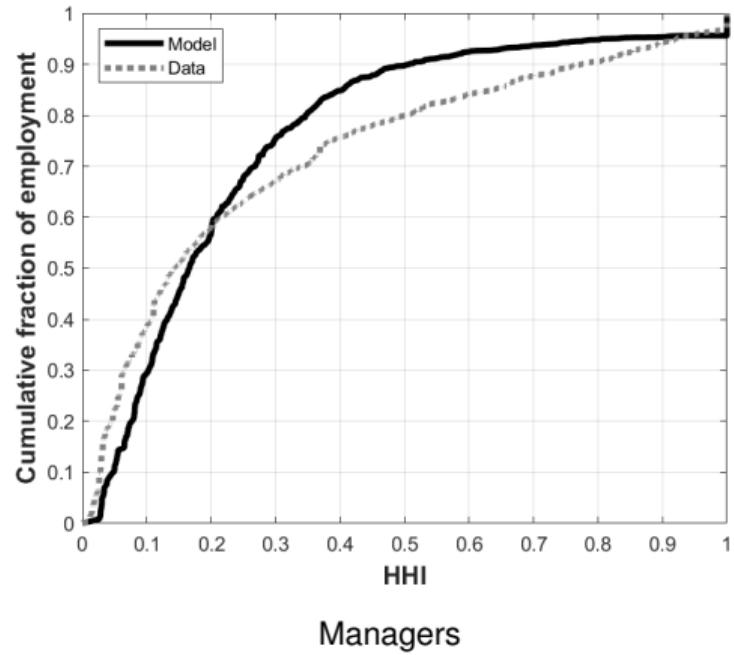
## Model fit: model closely fits that most markets are highly concentrated



**Model fit:** model approximates well that most workers sort into low concentrated markets



Production Workers



Managers

## Untargeted Moments

		Production Workers		Managers	
		Model	Data	Model	Data
<i>Panel A: Minimum Wage</i>					
Share minimum wage earners	0.11	0.06	0.09	0.02	
Share   Minimum wage earner	0.85	0.94	0.15	0.06	
<i>Panel B: Firm Organization</i>					
Median span of control	3.57	3.14			
P25 firm size	1	1	0	0	
P50 firm size	2	2	1	1	
P90 firm size	13	9	4	5	
P99 firm size	55	59	9	34	
<i>Panel D: Market Concentration</i>					
Weighted mean HHI			0.24	0.27	
Weighted mean Max $s_{ij}$	0.31	0.30	0.34	0.38	

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## Indirect inference to estimate the across-market elasticity ( $\theta_o$ )

- Goal: replicate reduced-form inverse LS elasticities ( $\beta$ ) from municipality-level regression

$$\text{Log } w_{m,o,t} = \beta_o \text{ Log } L_{m,o,t} + \alpha_{m,o} + e_{m,o,t},$$

- Instrument: standard value added shift-share instrument for municipality's employment (Lamadon et al., 2022)

$$\hat{L}_{m,o,t} = \sum_s \left( \underbrace{\frac{y_{i,m,s,o,2004}}{\sum_i y_{i,m,s,o,2004}}}_\text{Industry-municipality share} \times \underbrace{\sum_i y_{i,s,o,t}}_\text{National value added in industry } s \right).$$

- Estimates: We estimate  $\theta_w = 2.4$  for production workers and  $\theta_m = 1.0$  for managers

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## Calibrate the within-market elasticity ( $\eta_o$ )

- The model implies the following equilibrium relationship between wages and employment:

$$\log(w_{ijo,t}) = \beta_o \log(n_{ijo,t}) + \mu_{jo,t} + \nu_{ijo,t},$$

where  $\beta_o = \frac{1}{\eta_o}$

- Goal: choose within-market elasticity ( $\eta_o$ ) to match  $\beta_o$  in previous firm-level regression
- Instrument: value added shift-share instrument for firm's employment (Ahlfeldt et al., 2022)

$$\hat{n}_{ijo,t} = \sum_s \left( \underbrace{\frac{y_{is,2004}}{\sum_i y_{is,2004}}}_\text{Industry-firm share} \times \underbrace{\sum_i y_{is,t}}_\text{National value added in industry } s \right).$$

- Estimates: We estimate  $\eta_w = 7.8$  for production workers and  $\eta_m = 2.3$  for managers

## Discussion on estimated firm substitutability parameters

- Our results range within the range of similar estimates in the literature (Berger et al., 2022; Azkarate-Ascasua and Zerecero, 2024; Deb et al., 2024):
  - Estimates range are  $\theta \in [0.4, 2]$  and  $\eta \in [1.2, 10.9]$ .
- Our key finding is that production workers are more mobile than managers in Portugal.
  - Consistent with low-elasticity of college workers (Diamond, 2016)
  - Consistent with low-elasticity of top earners (Langella and Manning, 2021)
  - Consistent with performing non-cognitive non-routine tasks (Bachmann et al., 2022)
  - Consistent with low-elasticity of long tenure faculty (Goolsbee and Syverson, 2023)

## Replication pass-through of idiosyncratic demand shocks to wages

- Garin and Silvéri (2024) quantify pass-through of idiosyncratic demand shocks to wages
  - ▶ Exploit unexpected export demand shocks in *Portugal* during 2008-2009
- Replication
  - ▶ Limit sample to firms with > 11 employees to match mean firm size in GS (2024)
  - ▶ Draw random firms and change their idiosyncratic TFP to  $z\epsilon$  where  $\epsilon \sim N(\mu_\epsilon, \sigma_\epsilon)$
  - ▶ To replicate negative shocks, we set  $\mu_\epsilon = 0.95$  and  $\sigma_\epsilon = 0.05$  (results are robust)
- Measurement of pass-through elasticities
  - ▶ Regress log firm's mean wages ( $\bar{w}_{ijt}$ ) on log total value added ( $y_{ijt}$ ) with firm-specific FE

## Replication of minimum wage own elasticity

- Dube and Zipperer (2024) document a comprehensive set of OWE estimates from 90 studies
  - $\text{OWE} = \frac{\Delta \text{employment}/\Delta \text{MW}}{\Delta \text{mean wages}/\Delta \text{MW}}$
  - Thus, OWE is a meaningful measure of the labor market effects of MW policies
- Replication
  - OWE might not be invariant to different changes of the minimum wage
  - We simulate changes in real MWs observed in Portugal during recent decades:  $w \in [400, 950]$
- Measurement of OWE
  - Compute OWE using changes in aggregate employment and mean wages relative to baseline

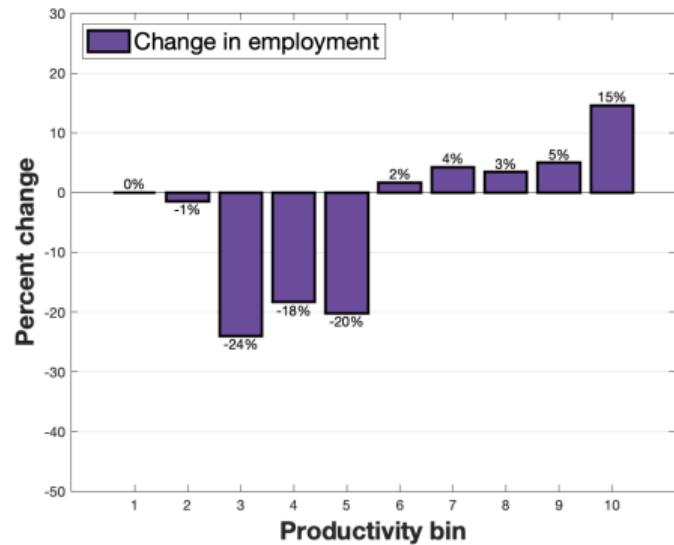
## Sample characteristics across occupations

	(1)	(2)
	<b>Production Workers</b>	<b>Managers</b>
	Mean	Mean
Share Age $\leq 25$	0.11	0.04
Share Age $\leq 30$	0.25	0.17
Share Temporary	0.31	0.16
Share College	0.07	0.55
Share Change Establishment	0.10	0.08
Share Change Municipality	0.07	0.06
Share Change NUTS-3 Region	0.03	0.02
Share Change Sector	0.06	0.05
Observations	11,286,635	2,690,239

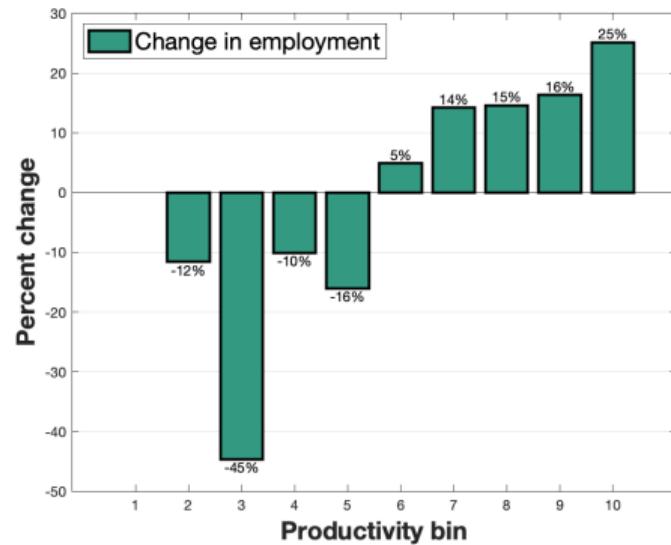
Mobility and sample characteristics

## Efficient economy: worker reallocation

Effect of monopsony power on employment reallocation



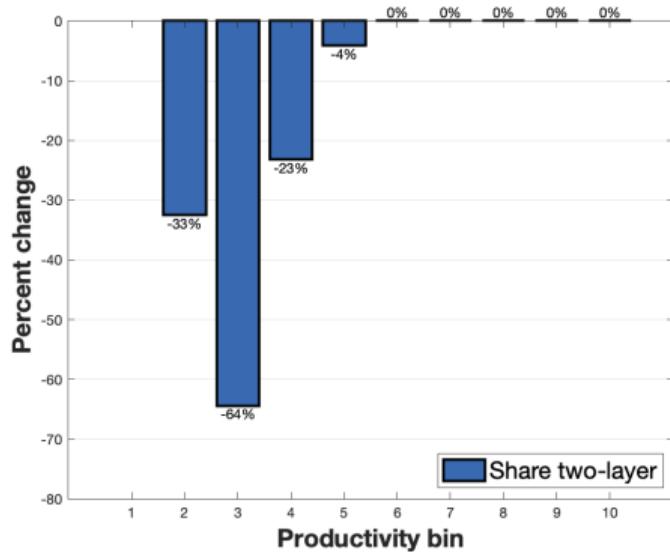
Production workers



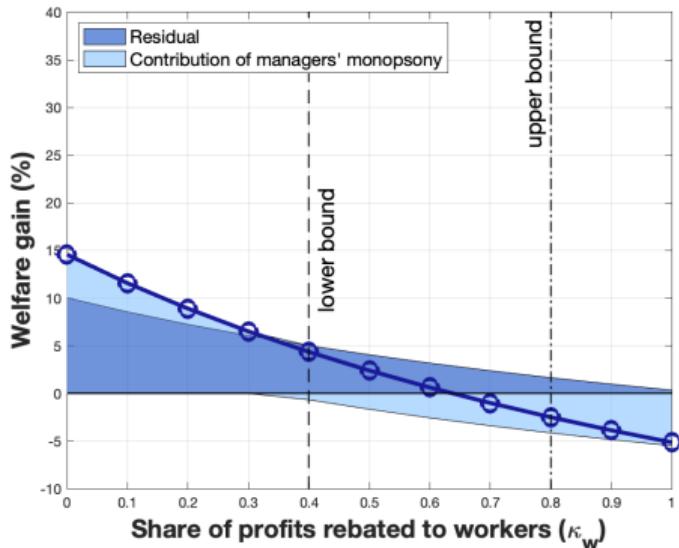
Managers

# Monopsony incentivizes managerial delegation

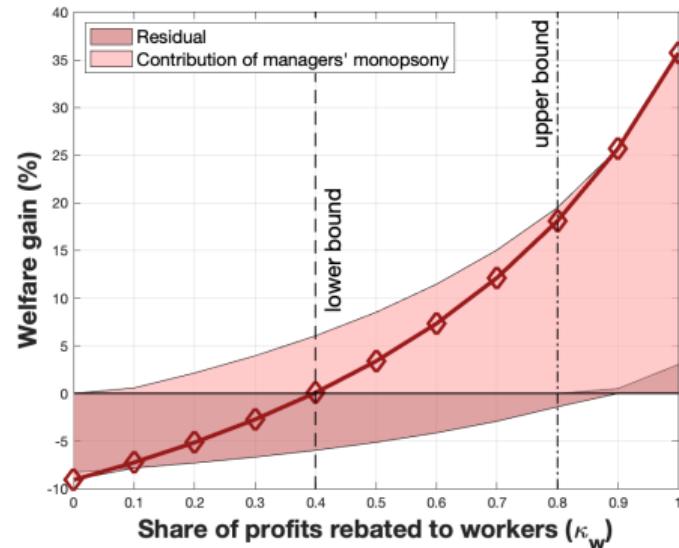
Share of multi-layer firms in the efficient relative to benchmark economy



## The role of managers' monopsony in welfare



Production Workers



Managers

## Optimal statutory minimum wage

Effect of the minimum wage reform on welfare relative to the benchmark

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