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## DISCUSSION: POSSIBLE EXTENTIONS



compnet setting is extremely powerful



based on high-quality firm-level data



micro-aggregated database that accounts for firm heterogeneity

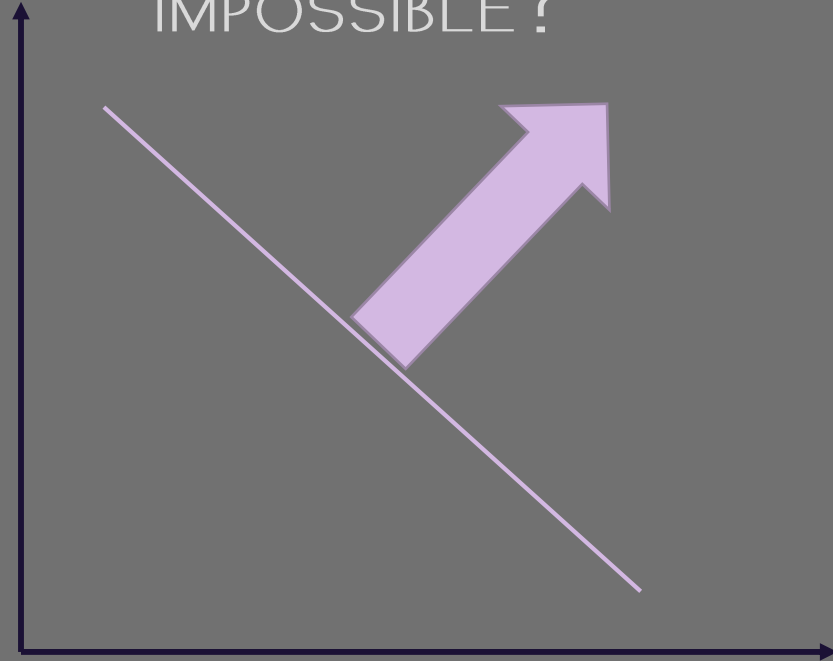


network between statistical offices, central banks,  
policy institutions, research institutions/departments  
→ implement new methods, address new policy  
relevant issues, forum for exchange

TRADE-OFF WHEN  
DISCUSSING EXTENSIONS

IMPLEMENT  
INTERESTING  
THINGS

ORTHOGONAL POSITIONING  
IMPOSSIBLE?



CODE SPEED

BASIC  
CODE AND  
DATA  
STRUCTURE



dimensions: country, macro-sector, macro-sector x size class, 2-digit sector, NUTS2



parametric variables (vars from prod. fun. est.)



non-parametric variables (gen LS = wagebill/vA)



distribution for all vars in unconditional\_file, joint-distributions across different vars



more: decompositions/trans-matrix/dispersion files



IMPLEMENTED  
EXTENSIONS

SIZE WEIGHTED  
AVERAGES TO CAPTURE  
MACRO AGGREGATES



Aggregate product market power (*j – level*)

How to define? Firm level:  $\frac{\partial Y_{it}}{\partial M_{it}} \frac{M_{it}}{Y_{it}} * \frac{P_{it}^Y Y_{it}}{P_{it}^M M_{it}} = \mu_{it}$

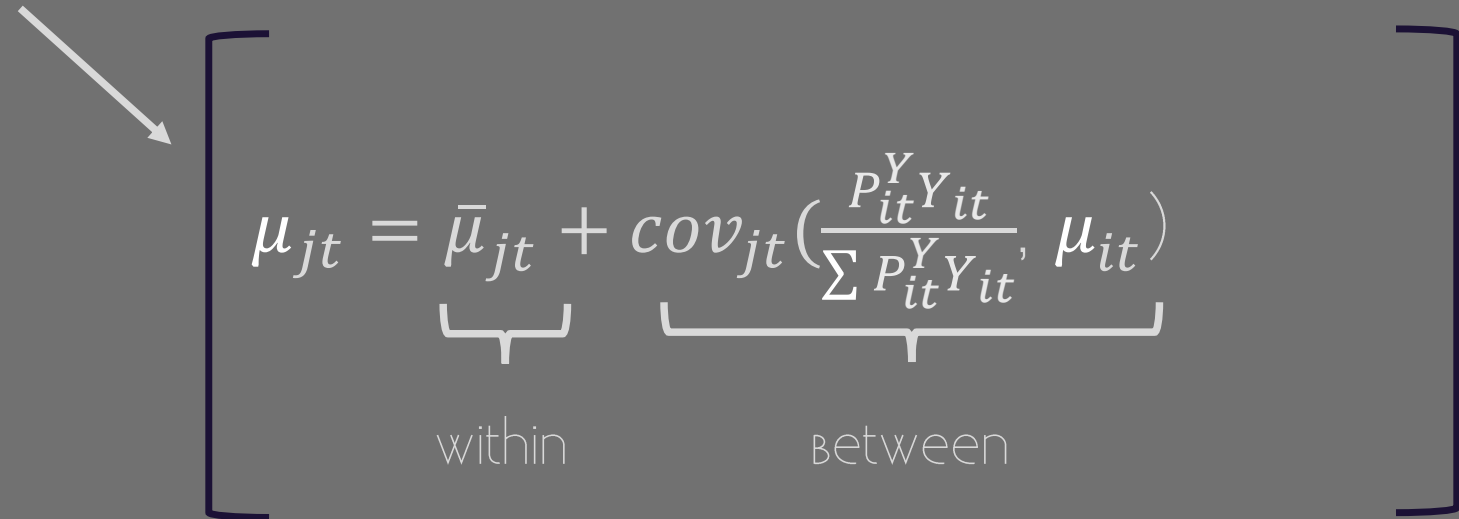
$$\mu_{jt} \equiv \frac{\partial Y_{jt}}{\partial M_{jt}} \frac{M_{jt}}{Y_{jt}} * \frac{\sum P_{it}^Y Y_{it}}{\sum P_{it}^M M_{it}} = \sum \left( \overset{\substack{\text{cost-weight} \\ \swarrow}}{\frac{P_{it}^M M_{it}}{\sum P_{it}^M M_{it}}} * \underbrace{\frac{\partial Y_{it}}{\partial M_{it}} \frac{M_{it}}{Y_{it}} * \frac{P_{it}^Y Y_{it}}{P_{it}^M M_{it}}}_{\mu_{it}}} \right)$$

$\nwarrow$  Firm vs. aggregate technology

Aggregate product market power (*j – level*)

Alternative sales or output weight:

$$\mu_{jt} \equiv \sum \left( \frac{P_{it}^Y Y_{it}}{\sum P_{it}^Y Y_{it}} * \mu_{it} \right) \longrightarrow \text{relates to (revenue) labor share and CPI}$$



The diagram shows a large blue bracket containing the following equation:

$$\mu_{jt} = \underbrace{\bar{\mu}_{jt}}_{\text{within}} + \underbrace{cov_{jt} \left( \frac{P_{it}^Y Y_{it}}{\sum P_{it}^Y Y_{it}}, \mu_{it} \right)}_{\text{between}}$$

A white arrow points from the summation symbol in the equation above to the top-left corner of the blue bracket.





IMPLEMENTED  
EXTENSIONS

PRODUCTION FUNCTION  
ESTIMATION — OLS TO  
ACCOUNT FOR CURRENT  
ISSUES

current approach

production:

$$Y_{it}(\cdot) = Y_{it}(L_{it}, M_{it}, K_{it}, \omega_{it})$$

cobb-douglas example for  $Y_{it}(\cdot)$ :

$$y_{it} = \beta^l l_{it} + \beta^m m_{it} + \beta^k k_{it} + \omega_{it} + \varepsilon_{it}$$

*$L_{it}$  and  $M_{it}$  are flexible inputs;  $\omega_{it}$  unobserved*

problem: Firms set labor and intermediates after knowing  $\omega_{it}$

solution:

Assume:  $\omega_{it} = \omega_{it-1} + \xi_{it}$   $\longleftarrow$  productivity shock

Assume invertability of intermediate input demand function:

$$m_{it} = h(k_{it}, \omega_{it}) \longrightarrow \omega_{it} = g(k_{it}, m_{it})$$

approx. with 3rd  
order polynomial

instrument first lag

plug in:



$$y_{it} = \beta^l l_{it} + \beta^m m_{it} + \beta^k k_{it} + h(k_{it-1}, m_{it-1}) + \xi_{it} + \varepsilon_{it}$$



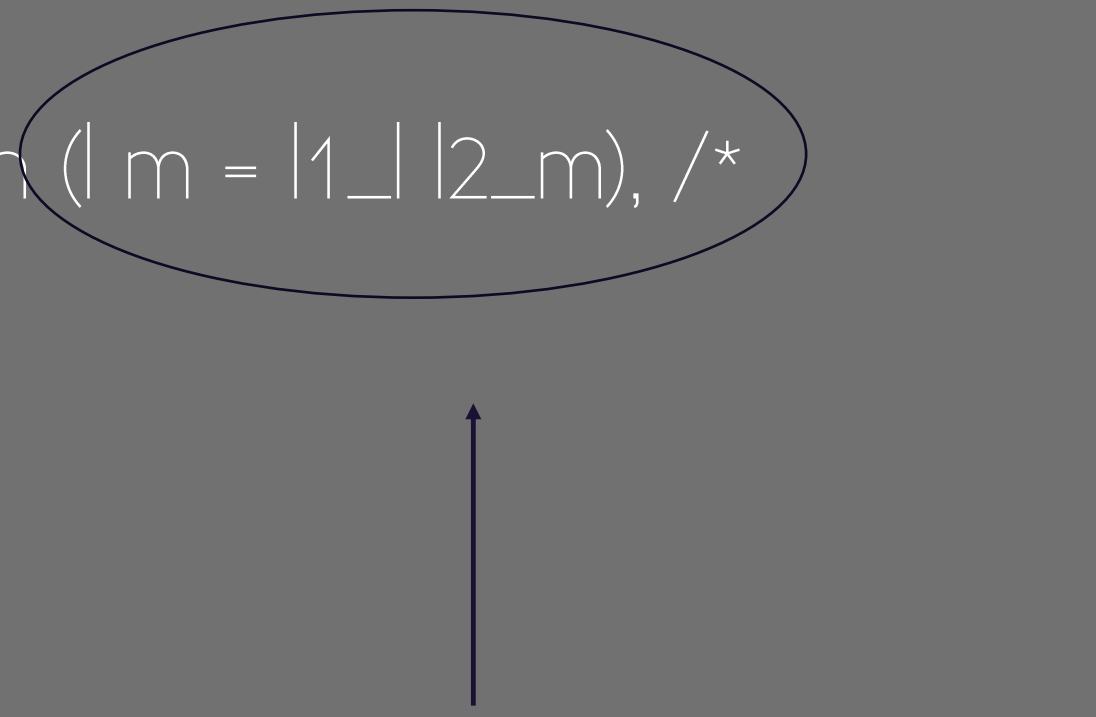
instrument second lag

stata:

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ivreg2 y k i.year $control_function (l m = l1_l l2_m), /*  
*/ gmm2s cluster (id)
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for each industry.

issues. 2nd lag demanding.  
vulnerable to  
outlier/measurement issues

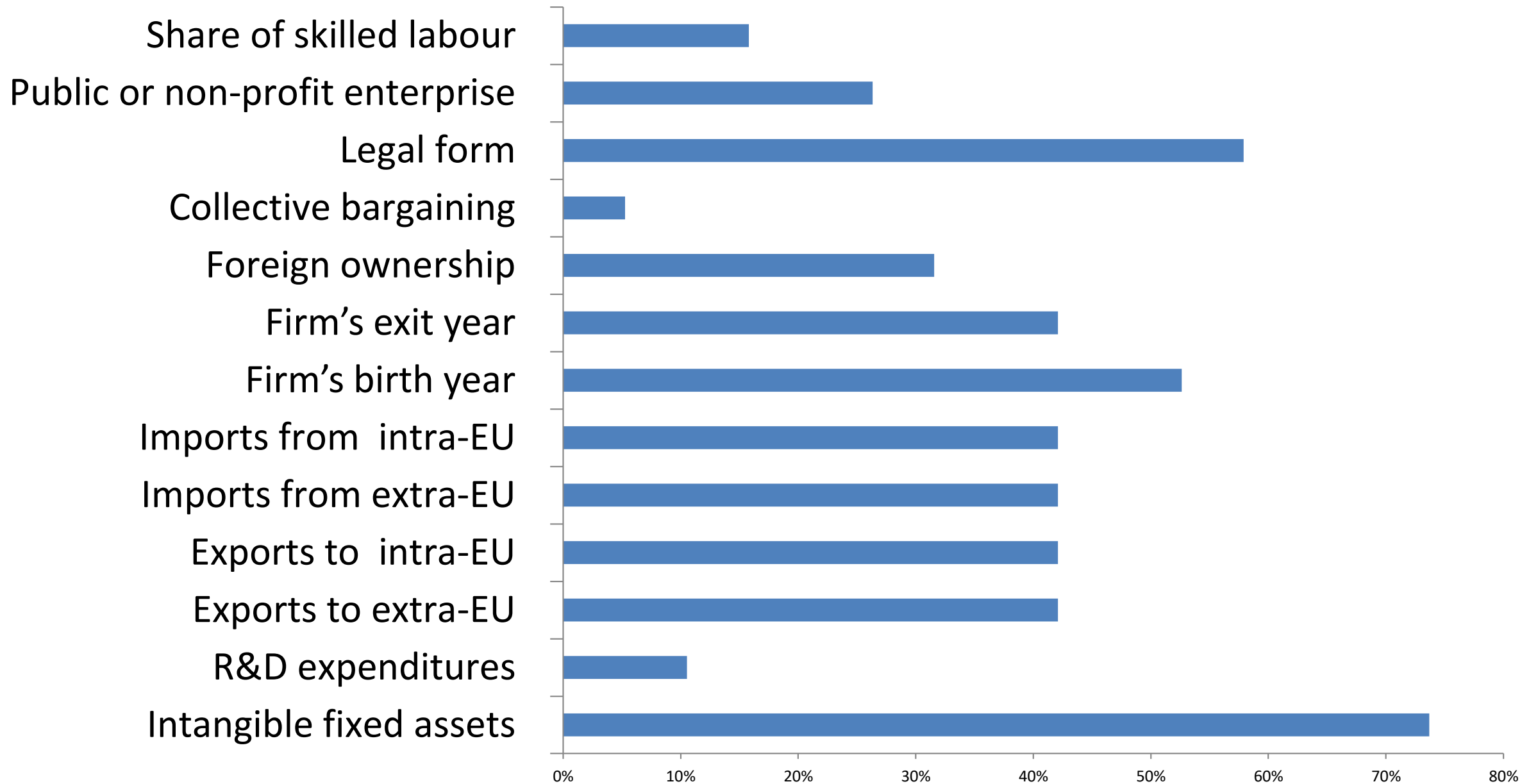




PLANNED/TO BE  
DISCUSSED  
EXTENSIONS

NEW VARIABLES, NEW  
JOINT DISTRIBUTIONS

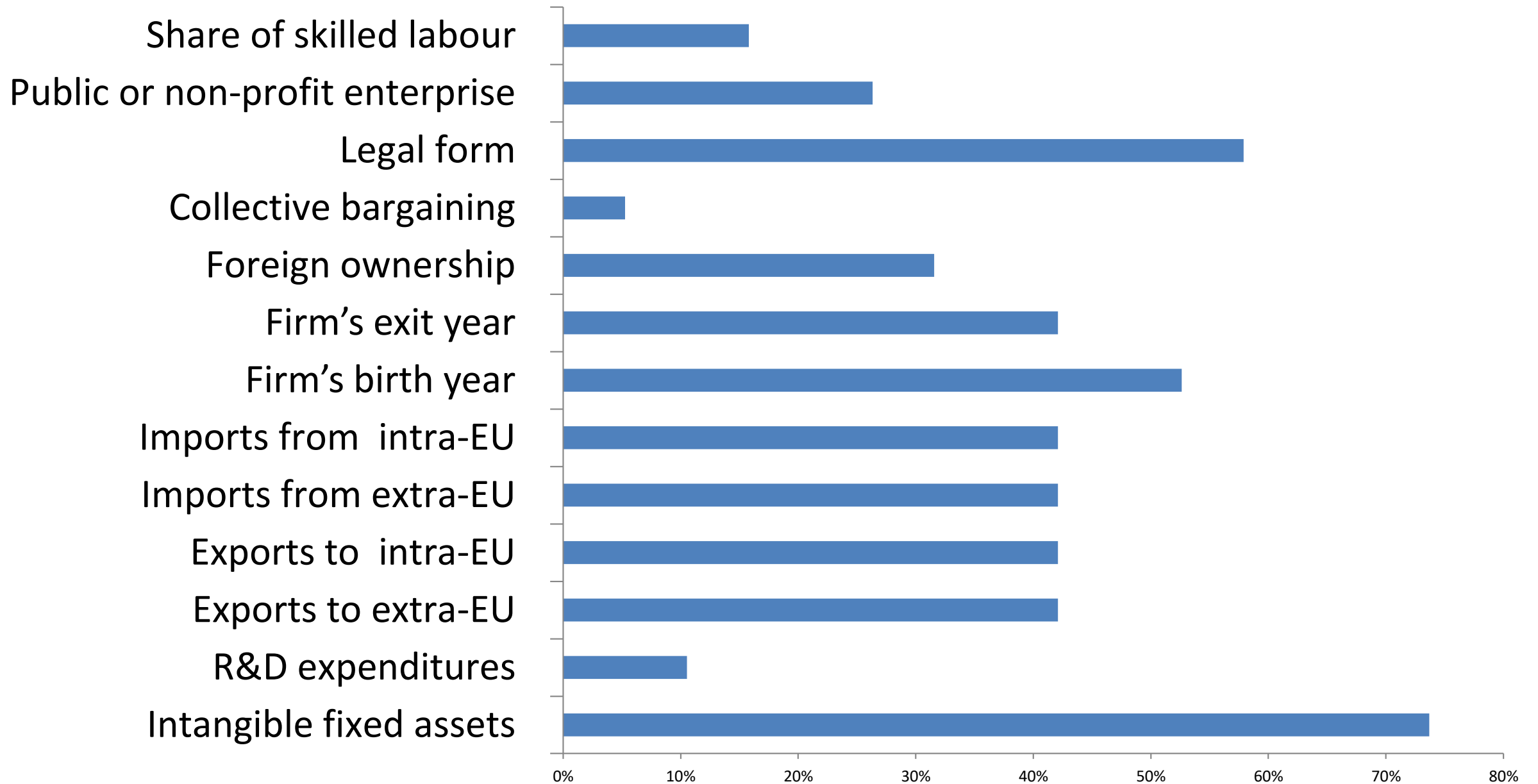
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Q&A,

DISCUSSION

