

# **MONOPOLISTICALLY COMPETITIVE SEARCH EQUILIBRIUM**

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# LABOR MARKET INTERMEDIATION

- ❑ **Recruiting Sector**
    - ❑ aka “Labor Market Intermediaries”
    - ❑ aka “Headhunters”
    - ❑ aka “Middlemen”
  
  - ❑ **Develop Monopolistically Competitive Recruiting Model**
    - ❑ Moen (1997 *JPE*), Shimer (1996)
    - ❑ Bilbiie, Ghironi, and Melitz (2012 *JPE*)
    - ❑ Pissarides (1985 *AER*)
  
  - ❑ **Wage model**
  - ❑ **Implications for aggregate matching**
  - ❑ **Effects between recruiting-market matches and non-recruiting matches**
  - ❑ **Implications for general equilibrium**
- } Based on components of these frameworks
- } MAIN QUESTIONS

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  - ❑ Surplus sharing condition
  - ❑ Aggregate IRS in new job creation
  
- ❑ **General Equilibrium Model**
  - ❑ Physical  $k$
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  - ❑ Aggregate resource frontier
  
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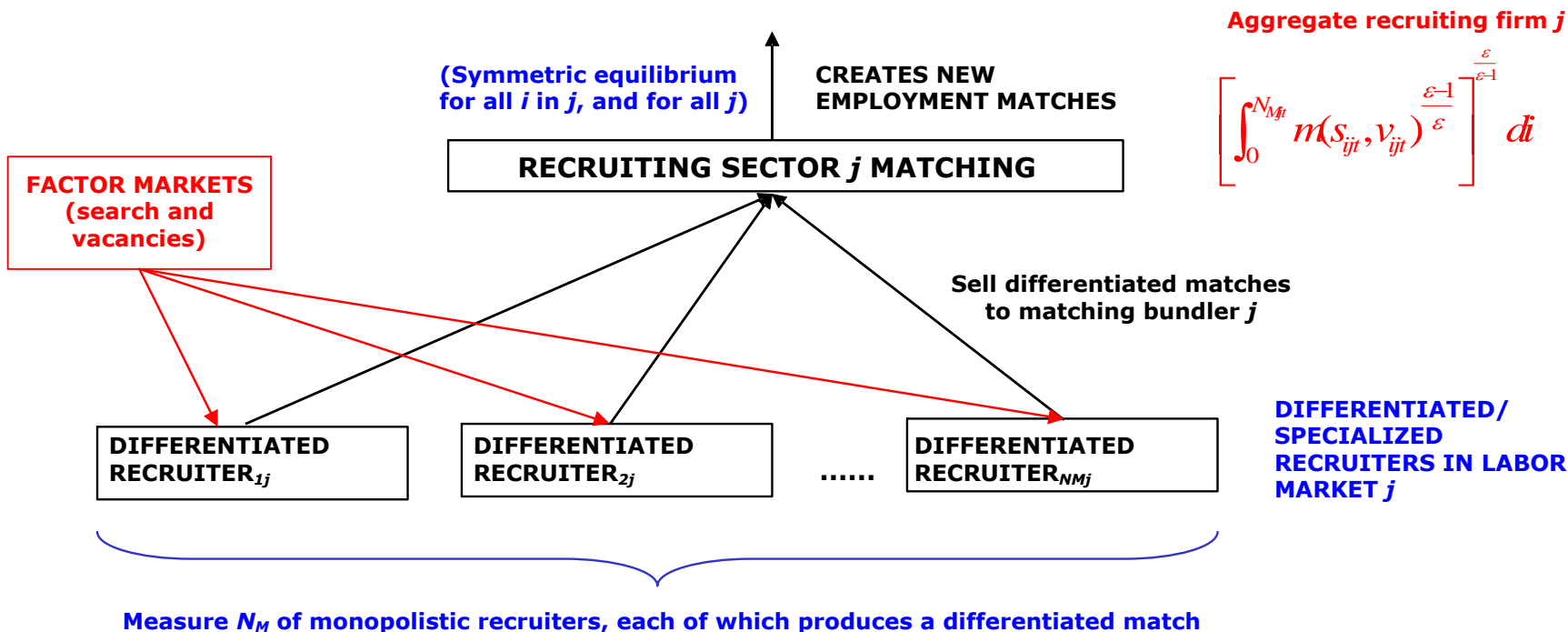
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### ❑ Representative Recruiter $j$

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## ❑ Cost of entry $\Gamma_{Mt}$

- ❑ Technological
- ❑ R&D
- ❑ Regulatory

$$\Gamma_{Mt} = \Gamma_{Mt}^{TECH} + \Gamma_{Mt}^{R\&D} + \Gamma_{Mt}^{REG} + \dots$$

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## ❑ Free-entry condition – determines new recruiting agencies $N_{MEjt}$

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**Incentive for Entry** vs. **Welfare Benefit of Increasing Returns to Scale**

**Dixit-Stiglitz Technology Efficiently Balances Tradeoff**

**Translog and Benassy Technologies**  
Inefficiently Balance Tradeoff



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$$m_{jt} = \left[ \int_0^{N_{Mjt}} m_{ijt}^{\frac{\varepsilon-1}{\varepsilon}} \right]^{\frac{\varepsilon}{\varepsilon-1}} di \quad \forall j$$

**labor-market  $j$   
aggregator**

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- ❑ Demand function for recruiter  $ij$  (Dixit-Stiglitz)

$$\rho_{ijt} = m_{ijt}^{-\frac{1}{\varepsilon}} \cdot m_{jt}^{\frac{1}{\varepsilon}} \quad \forall i \in j$$

# RECRUITER *ij* – PROFIT-MAXIMIZATION

$$\rho_{ijt} = \left( \frac{\varepsilon}{\varepsilon - 1} \right) \cdot mc_{jt}$$

**Gross matching-market markup**

**PERFECT CSE:  $\varepsilon = \text{infinity}$   
(recovers Moen 1997)**

**marginal cost of creating new job match**

**Generally  
(symmetric  
equilibrium)**

$$\rho(N_{Mt}) = \mu(N_{Mt}) \cdot mc(N_{Mt})$$

## RECRUITER $ij$ – COST-MINIMIZATION (DUAL)

- ❑ Profit-maximizing ( $\rho^*_{ijt}, m^*(s_{ijt}, v_{ijt})$ ) chosen
- ❑ Monopolistic recruiter  $ij$ 's recruiting problem
- ❑ Recruiting firm  $ij$  must **attract** firms to post vacancies in submarket  $ij$
- ❑ Recruiting firm  $ij$  must **attract** active job searchers to send résumés to (i.e., search in) submarket  $ij$

### Definitions

$J(w_{ijt})$  value to goods-producing firm of successfully hiring worker in submarket  $ij$

$W(w_{ijt})$  value to worker of successfully finding a job in submarket  $ij$

$U$  outside option of worker if unsuccessful in finding a job in submarket  $ij$

# RECRUITER *ij* – COST-MINIMIZATION (DUAL)

- Recruiter *ij* total profit function

$$\mathbf{V}_{M_{ijt}}(s_{ijt}, v_{ijt}) \equiv (\rho_{ijt} - mc_{jt}) \cdot m(s_{ijt}, v_{ijt})$$

## Marginal profit conditions

$$\boxed{\frac{\partial \mathbf{V}_{M_{ijt}}}{\partial s_{ijt}}} = (\rho_{ijt} - mc_{jt}) \cdot m_{s_{ijt}}$$

$$\equiv \mathbf{V}_{M_{ijt}}^s$$

$$\boxed{\frac{\partial \mathbf{V}_{M_{ijt}}}{\partial v_{ijt}}} = (\rho_{ijt} - mc_{jt}) \cdot m_{v_{ijt}}$$

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$$\left( \rho_{ijt} - mc_{jt} \right) \cdot m_{vijt}$$

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subject to

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multipliers

**1**

**$\mathbf{K}_{ijt}$**

(given CRS  $m(\cdot)$ , only one multiplier needed)

FOCs wrt  $w_{ijt}$  and  $\theta_{ijt}$

# RECRUITER $ij$ – COST-MINIMIZATION (DUAL)

□ FOCs with respect to  $w_{ijt}$  and  $\theta_{ijt}$

1) 
$$-k^f(\theta_{ijt}) \cdot \underbrace{\frac{\partial \mathbf{J}(w_{ijt})}{\partial w_{ijt}}}_{=-1} + \kappa_{ijt}^H \cdot k^h(\theta_{ijt}) \cdot \underbrace{\frac{\partial \mathbf{W}(w_{ijt})}{\partial w_{ijt}}}_{=1} = 0 \quad \longrightarrow \quad \boxed{\kappa_{ijt}^H = -\frac{k^f(\theta_{ijt})}{k^h(\theta_{ijt})} = -\theta_{ijt}^{-1}}$$

b/c zero proportional taxation on wage

2) 
$$\left(\rho_{ijt} - mc_{jt}\right) \cdot (1 - \xi) \cdot \frac{\partial k^f(\theta_{ijt})}{\partial \theta_{ijt}} - \frac{\partial k^f(\theta_{ijt})}{\partial \theta_{ijt}} \cdot \mathbf{J}(w_{ijt}) + \kappa_{ijt}^H \cdot \frac{\partial k^h(\theta_{ijt})}{\partial \theta_{ijt}} \cdot \left(\mathbf{W}(w_{ijt}) - \mathbf{U}_t\right) = 0$$

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**$\neq 0$**   
**MONOPOLISTICALLY**  
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MONOPOLISTICALLY competitive recruiting sector

Crucial for *EFFICIENT* matching in decentralized economy

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Cobb-Douglas matching

$$m(s, v) = s^\xi v^{1-\xi}$$

Combine and rearrange

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AND

$$\frac{\partial k^h(\theta)}{\partial \theta} = (1 - \xi)\theta^{-\xi}$$

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## □ Proposition 1. Monopolistically Competitive Surplus Sharing Condition

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Wage Model

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substitute  $mc = \rho/\mu$

symmetric equilibrium

functional dependence of  
 $\rho(\cdot)$  and  $\mu(\cdot)$  on  $N_M$

(see Bilbiie, Ghironi,  
Melitz 2008 NBER WP,  
2016 NBER WP)

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- **Depends on matching process**  $m(s, v)$

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Ratio characterizes  
**EFFICIENT** matching  
(more to say soon..)

$$\frac{\partial k^f(\theta)}{\partial \theta} = -\xi \theta^{-\xi-1}$$

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Ratio crucial for  
**EFFICIENT** matching in  
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# MARGINALS VS. ELASTICITIES

- Marginals and elasticities

$$\frac{\mathcal{E}_{m,s}}{\mathcal{E}_{m,v}} = \frac{\frac{s \cdot m_s}{m(s,v)}}{\frac{v \cdot m_v}{m(s,v)}}$$

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$$\underbrace{-\left(\frac{k^h(\theta)}{k^f(\theta)}\right) \cdot \left(\frac{\partial k^f(\theta) / \partial \theta}{\partial k^h(\theta) / \partial \theta}\right)}_{= \theta} = \frac{\mathcal{E}_{m,s}}{\mathcal{E}_{m,v}} = \frac{\frac{s \cdot m_s}{m(s,v)}}{\frac{v \cdot m_v}{m(s,v)}}$$



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□ **Explicit-form wage expression**

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(given CRS  $m(\cdot)$ , only  
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- Consider symmetric equilibrium
- Compare with C-D  $m(\cdot)$  monopolistically-competitive surplus sharing

direct relationship between time-varying  $\theta_t$  and time-varying  $N_{Mt}$

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# OUTLINE

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(see Bilbiie, Ghironi,  
Melitz 2008 NBER WP,  
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(Std. procedure for aggregation: sum hh BCs, substitute equil. expressions)

# DEFINITION – GENERAL EQUILIBRIUM

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    - Vacancies directed towards monopolistic submarkets
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  - Capital Euler equation
  - Nash wage surplus sharing
  
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❑ **Exogenous job-separation rate  $\rho = 0.10$**

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❑ **Stochastic TFP process**

$$\ln z_{t+1} = \rho_z \ln z_t + \epsilon_t^z$$

❑ **(Table 4 contains other baseline parameters)**



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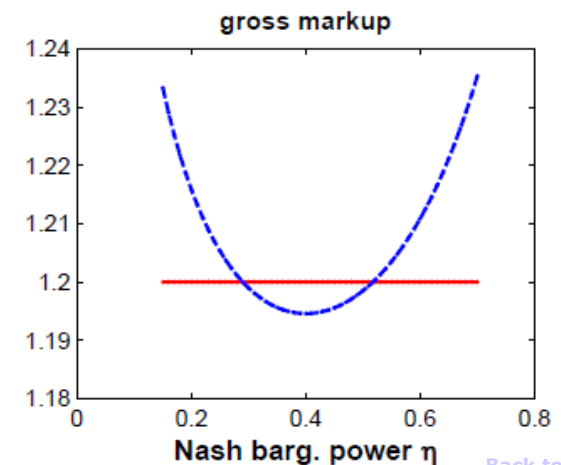
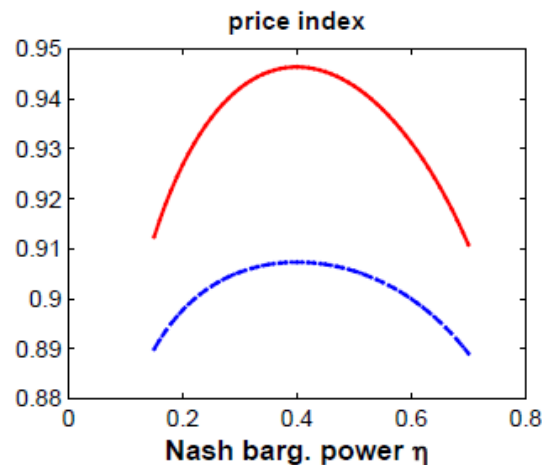
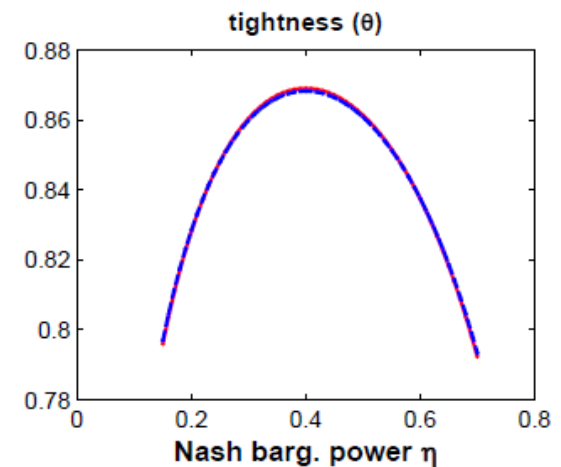
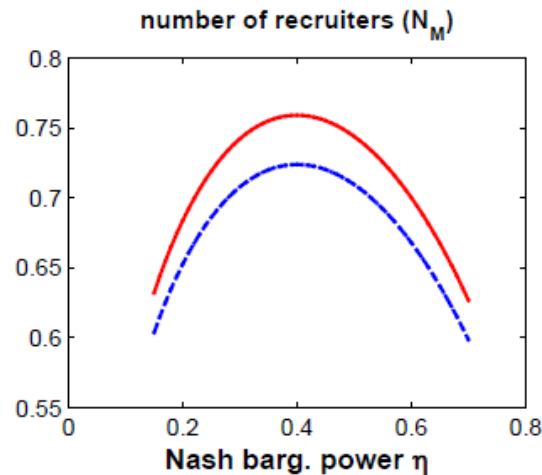
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  - ❑ Moen (1997 *JPE*), Shimer (1996), Pissarides (1985 *AER*)
  - ❑ Bilbiie, Ghironi, and Melitz (2012 *JPE*)
  
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# MONOPOLISTIC RECRUITING – MARKET $j$

- A continuum of aggregate recruiting agencies
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  - Easier to deal with mathematically than discrete infinity (tools of calculus can be applied)
  
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Relative price  $\rho_{ijt}$  of submarket recruiter  $ij$

Substitute aggregate Dixit-Stiglitz matching technology

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Chooses profit-maximizing quantity of input of each submarket match.

- FOC with respect to  $m_{ijt}$  (for all  $ij$ )

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- ...after several rearrangements

$$m_{ijt} = \rho_{ijt}^{-\varepsilon} \cdot m_{jt} \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \rho_{ijt} = m_{ijt}^{-\frac{1}{\varepsilon}} \cdot m_{jt}^{\frac{1}{\varepsilon}} \quad \forall i \in j$$

**DEMAND  
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    - ❑ i.e., mc is NOT a function mc(quantity of matches)

Together, these imply a simple description of production

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# SUBMARKET *ij* – STAGE ONE OPTIMIZATION

□ Monopolistic recruiter *ij*'s price-maximization problem

Total revenue depends on match creation and its own submarket *ij* price.



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$FC = 0 \rightarrow mc = ac$

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□ **Monopolistic recruiter *ij*'s price-maximization problem**

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Substitute in demand function for recruiter *ij*

$$m_{ijt} = \rho_{ijt}^{-\varepsilon} \cdot m_{jt}$$

Critical point for analysis of monopoly: the recruiter *understands* and *internalizes* the effect of *its* price on the quantity that it creates.

$$\max_{\rho_{ijt}} \left[ \rho_{ijt}^{1-\varepsilon} \cdot m(s_{jt}, v_{jt}) - mc_{jt} \cdot \rho_{ijt}^{-\varepsilon} \cdot m(s_{jt}, v_{jt}) \right]$$

□ **Profit-maximization (“stage one”)**

- **Compute FOC with respect to relative price  $\rho_{ij}$**

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- Monopolistic recruiter  $ij$ 's price-maximization problem

$$\max_{\rho_{ijt}} \left[ \rho_{ijt}^{1-\varepsilon} \cdot m(s_{jt}, v_{jt}) - mc_t \cdot \rho_{ijt}^{-\varepsilon} \cdot m(s_{jt}, v_{jt}) \right]$$

- FOC with respect to  $\rho_{ijt}$

$$(1 - \varepsilon) \cdot \rho_{ijt}^{-\varepsilon} \cdot m(s_{jt}, v_{jt}) + \varepsilon \cdot \rho_{ijt}^{-\varepsilon-1} \cdot mc_{jt} \cdot m(s_{jt}, v_{jt}) = 0$$

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- Algebraic rearrangement

Optimal relative price of recruiter  $j$  is a markup  $\varepsilon/(\varepsilon - 1)$  over marginal cost of creating specialized/different match.

KEY PRICING RESULT OF DIXIT-STIGLITZ THEORY.

$$\rho_{ijt} = \underbrace{\left( \frac{\varepsilon}{\varepsilon - 1} \right)}_{\text{Gross matching-market markup}} \cdot mc_{jt}$$

Gross matching-market markup

Linked *only* to degree of substitutability across monopolistic recruiters  $i$

PERFECT CSE:  $\varepsilon = \text{infinity}$

Monopolistic matching:  $\varepsilon > 1$  and  $\varepsilon < \text{infinity}$



# HOUSEHOLD OPTIMIZATION

## □ Household utility

$$E_0 \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \beta^t \left[ u(c_t) - h \left( n_t + \underbrace{(1 - k_{Nt}^h) \cdot s_{Nt}}_{=ue_t^N} + \int_0^1 \left( \int_0^{N_{Mjt}} \underbrace{(1 - k_{ijt}^h) \cdot s_{ijt}}_{=ue_{ijt}} di \right) dj \right) \right]$$

flow budget constraint

$$c_t + k_{t+1} + T_t = (1 + r_t - \delta)k_t + w_t(1 - \rho)n_{t-1} + w_{Nt} \cdot k_{Nt}^h \cdot s_{Nt} + \int_0^1 \int_0^{N_{Mjt}} w_{ijt} \cdot k_{ijt}^h \cdot s_{ijt} di dj$$

$$+ \int_0^1 \int_0^{N_{Mjt}} p_{s_{jt}} \cdot s_{ijt} di dj + (1 - k_{Nt}^h) \cdot s_{Nt} \chi + \int_0^1 \int_0^{N_{Mjt}} (1 - k_{ijt}^h) \cdot s_{ijt} \chi di dj + \int_0^1 \Pi_{jt}^M dj + \Pi_t^F$$

perceived LOM for labor

$$n_t = (1 - \rho)n_{t-1} + k_{Nt}^h \cdot s_{Nt} + \int_0^1 \int_0^{N_{Mjt}} k_{ijt}^h \cdot s_{ijt} di dj$$

## □ FOCs wrt $c_t$ , $n_t$ , $k_{t+1}$ , $s_{Nt}$ , $s_{ijt}$

# FIRM OPTIMIZATION

## □ Firm lifetime profit function

$$E_0 \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \Xi_{t|0} \left\{ z_t f(k_t, n_t) - r_t k_t - \gamma_N v_{Nt} - \int_0^1 \int_0^{N_{Mjt}} \gamma v_{ijt} \, di \, dj + \int_0^1 \int_0^{N_{Mjt}} p_{v_{jt}} v_{ijt} \, di \, dj \right\} \\ - E_0 \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \Xi_{t|0} \left\{ w_t \cdot (1 - \rho) n_{t-1} + w_{Nt} \cdot k_{Nt}^f \cdot v_{Nt} + \int_0^1 \int_0^{N_{Mjt}} w_{ijt} \cdot k_{ijt}^f \cdot v_{ijt} \, di \, dj \right\}$$

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