

# Market Research on Michigan's Forest Product Sectors: Contribution, Competitive Advantage and Structural Path Analyses

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In 2013, MI Governor Snyder hosted a Forest Products Industry Summit in which participants helped identify five priorities for the state's forest products industry

1. Increase the industry's economic impact on state and regional economies from \$14 billion to \$20 billion.
2. Increase its export of value added by 50 percent.
3. Increase its jobs by 10 percent.
4. Support existing industry.
5. Encourage regionally-based industry development.

# MI DEPTS OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES RFP RE. MI FOREST PRODUCT INDUSTRY

1. Identify past and current
  - supply chain and practices,
  - purchasing trends and market growth
2. Identify future
  - potential new markets and customers
  - predict their growth
  - target opportunities
3. Make recommendations
  - identify the challenges
  - suggest ways to address them

# Market Analyses for 27 Forest Product Sectors, U.S. and 50 States : 2007 to 2013

1. Contribution:  
Backward & Forward Linked Output by Sector
2. Competitive Advantage:  
SWOT Analysis bet'n Regions and over Time
3. Structural Paths:  
Supply Chains and Bottlenecks

# Contribution: Backward & Forward Linked Output by Sector

- Goal: To measure the output needed as—
  - a given sector helps other sectors produce their output
    - (forward linked, gross output, across the row), and
  - other sectors help a given sector produce its output
    - (backward linked, base output, down the column)
- Calculate:
  - [type II multiplier matrix] \* [exogenous final demand diagonalized matrix]=[output matrix]
- Source: Waters, E. C., B. A. Weber, et al. (1999). "The role of agriculture in Oregon's economic base: Findings from a social accounting matrix." Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics **24**(1): 266-280.

# A Sector's Contributions: Import Substitution & Export Expansion

- Gross output (forward links measured across the row):
  - A given sector's production used to produce the output of other sectors,  
i.e., keeping money in the region through import substitution.
- Base output (backward links measured down the column):
  - Other sectors' production used to produce the output of a given sector,  
i.e., bringing money into region through export expansion.
- Base and Gross value added:
  - returns to labor, capital, proprietors and government derived using value added to output ratios applied to above output.

# Michigan's Output Matrix-- Eight Sectors & One Household: 2013

|                  | Ag           | M.U.C          | Primary Wood | Secondary Wood | Primary Paper | Secondary Paper | Wood Furniture | Services       | HH       | Gross Output |
|------------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|---------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|----------|--------------|
| Ag.              | <b>4,666</b> | 3,914          | 109          | 13             | 70            | 5               | 13             | 221            | 495      | 9,505        |
| M.U.C            | 465          | <b>330,938</b> | 76           | 51             | 410           | 228             | 263            | 9,693          | 16,898   | 359,023      |
| Primary Wood     | 2            | 269            | <b>681</b>   | 32             | 33            | 1               | 48             | 43             | 56       | 1,167        |
| Secondary Wood   | 2            | 312            | 3            | <b>476</b>     | 16            | 1               | 19             | 62             | 88       | 978          |
| Primary Paper    | 1            | 127            | 0            | 0              | <b>2,195</b>  | 65              | 1              | 25             | 40       | 2,454        |
| Secondary Paper  | 2            | 621            | 1            | 1              | 23            | <b>2,304</b>    | 8              | 81             | 134      | 3,175        |
| Wood Furniture   | 1            | 130            | 0            | 1              | 1             | 0               | <b>2,182</b>   | 50             | 102      | 2,467        |
| Services         | 2,098        | 135,015        | 427          | 313            | 1,257         | 1,073           | 1,383          | <b>205,469</b> | 166,695  | 513,729      |
| Base Output      | 7,236        | 471,326        | 1,296        | 887            | 4,005         | 3,678           | 3,918          | 215,643        | 184,508  | 892,497      |
| Net contribution | Keeping      | Bringing       | ≈Equal       | ≈Equal         | Bringing      | Bringing        | Bringing       | Keeping        | Bringing |              |

# Michigan's Ten Important Forest Products Sectors: 2012

| Sector ID and Label                                   | Base Employ. | Gross Employ. | Base TVA | Gross TVA | Net Contribution |
|---|--------------|---------------|----------|-----------|------------------|
| <b>Michigan--Forest Products Total (\$, millions)</b> | 75,058       | 54,614        | \$7,740  | \$5,690   | Bring            |
| 1 Office Furniture                                    | 26,077       | 12,303        | 2,895    | 1,914     | Bring            |
| 2 Paper mills   | 8,621        | 2,512         | 1,290    | *909      | Bring            |
| 3 Institutional furniture manufacturing               | 5,004        | 2,046         | 586      | 353       | Bring            |
| 4 Showcase, partition, shelving, locker mfg.          | 5,866        | 2,802         | 583      | *333      | Bring            |
| 5 Paperboard container manufacturing                  | 5,365        | 5,746         | *497     | 577       | ≈Equal           |
| 6 Paperboard Mills                                    | 3,398        | 896           | 409      | *242      | Bring            |
| 7 Sawmills and wood preservation                      | 1,779        | 2,199         | 100      | *101      | ≈Equal           |
| 8 Veneer and plywood manufacturing                    | 1,299        | 1,068         | 88       | *75       | ≈Equal           |
| 9 Commercial logging                                  | 2,029        | 3,180         | 81       | *79       | ≈Equal           |
| 10 Wood container and pallet manufacturing            | 1,225        | 2,071         | 73       | 98        | Keep             |

\* Key role suggested by supply chain



# Competitive Advantage: SWOT Analysis bet'n Regions and over Time

- If firms in a sector are increasing their competitive advantage, then
  - the entire sector's marginal contribution to value added in the economy increases.
  - A sector's increase in value added is measurable as an increasing share of value added.
  - The relative shares for a sector will change over time and between regions—a measure of changing competitive adv.

# Competitive Advantage: SWOT Analysis bet'n Regions and over Time

- Measuring a sector's change in competitive advantage--  
over time:

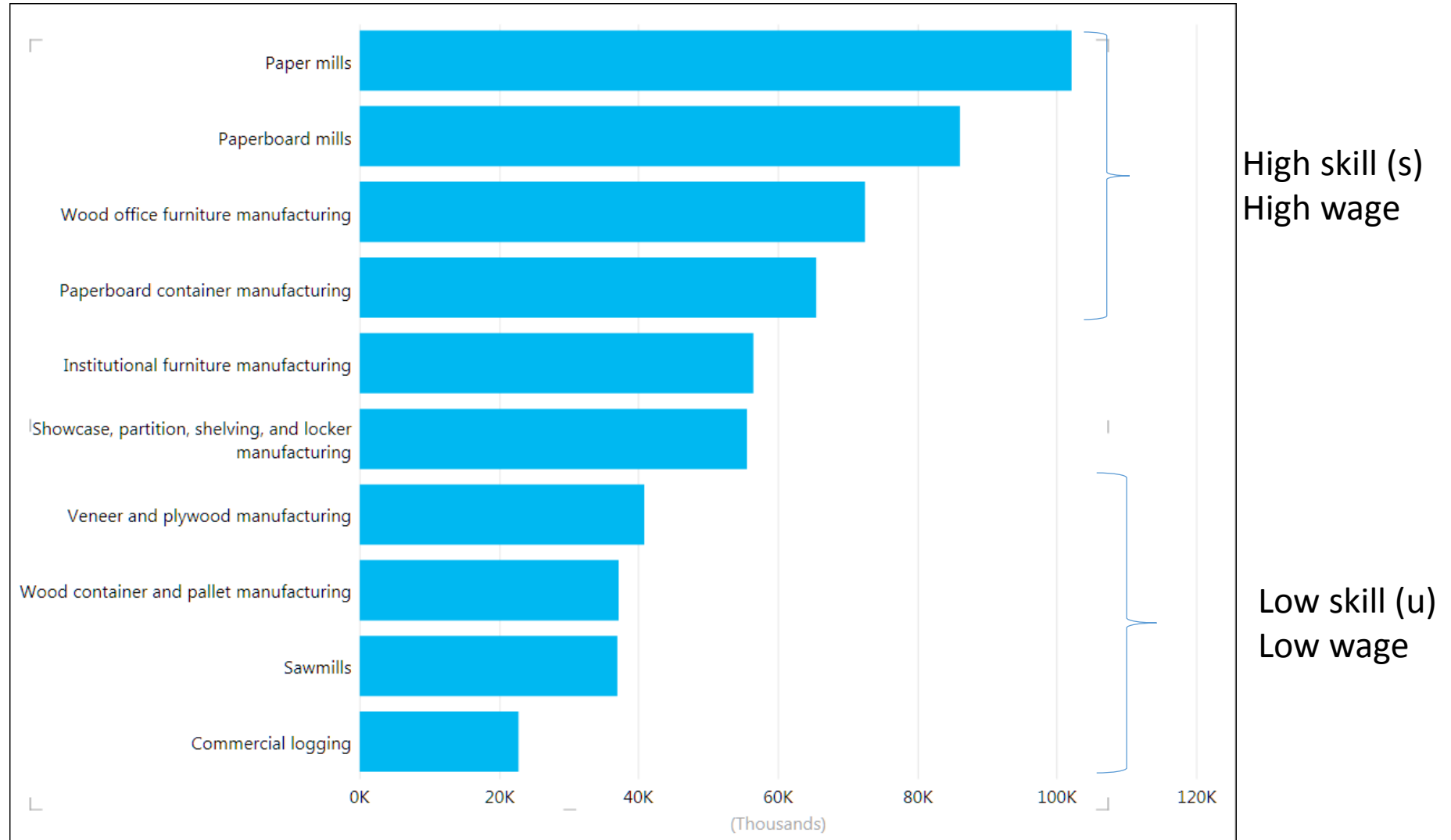
$$\Delta \varepsilon_{\underbrace{N_{11}/N_{01}}_{\text{time 1}} - \underbrace{N_{10}/N_{00}}_{\text{time 0}}} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{W_{i11}}{W_{11}} + \frac{W_{i01}}{W_{01}} \right) + \left( \frac{W_{i11}}{W_{11}} - \frac{W_{i01}}{W_{01}} \right) - \left( \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{W_{i10}}{W_{10}} + \frac{W_{i00}}{W_{00}} \right) + \left( \frac{W_{i10}}{W_{10}} - \frac{W_{i00}}{W_{00}} \right) \right)$$

- between regions:

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- Source: Cooke, S. C. and B. A. Kulandaisamy (2010). "Wage Divergence between the Rocky Mountain States and the U.S.: Idaho Measures and Sources, 2001 to 2009." The Review of Regional Studies **40**(1): 99-124.

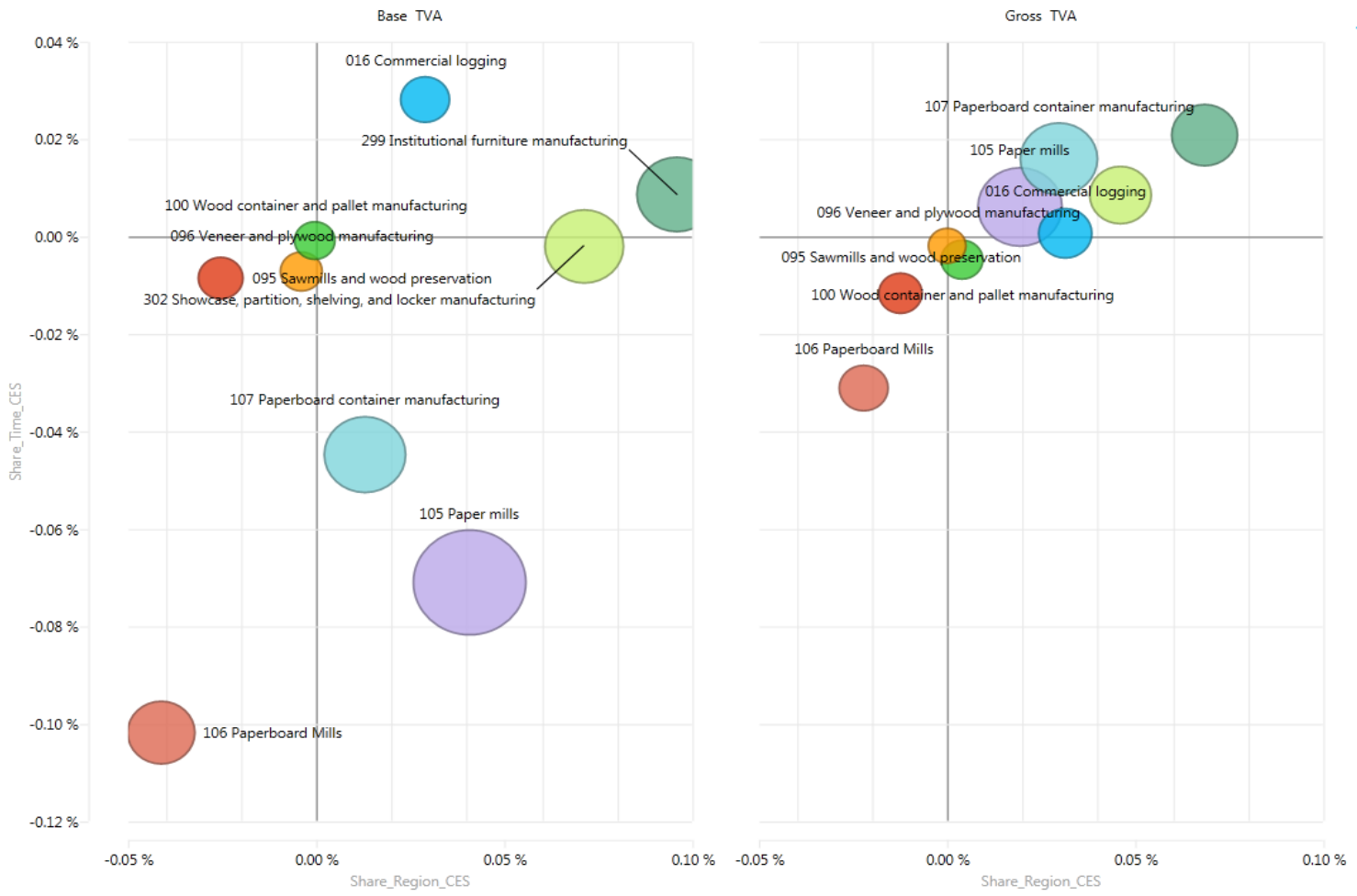
# MI Forest Products: Avg. Wage for Important Sectors, 2013



# SWOT Analysis—2011-2013 Michigan’s Forest Products Competitive Advantage compared to 2007 (y-axis) and U.S. (x-axis)



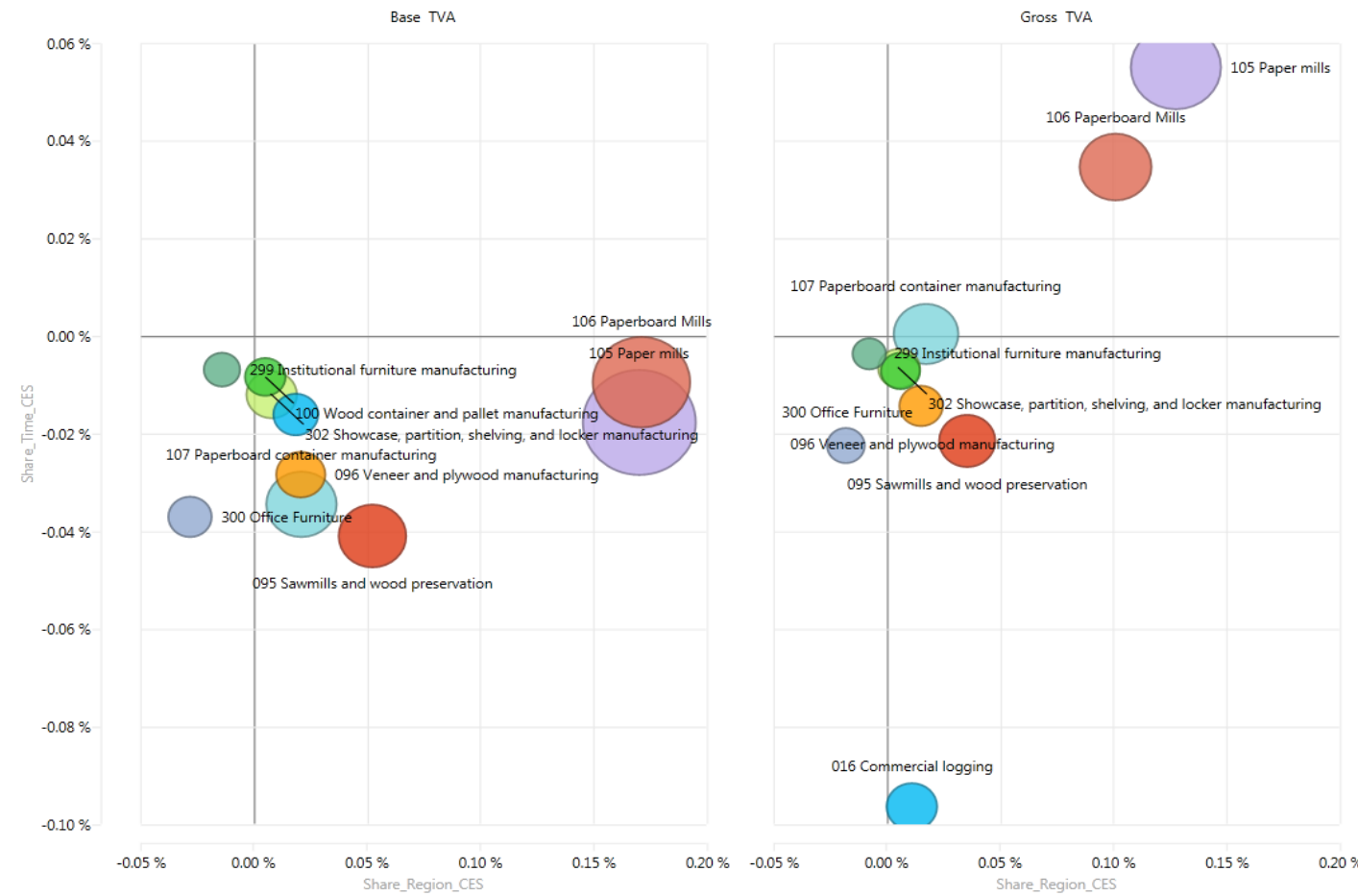
# SWOT Analysis—2011-2013 Michigan’s Forest Products Competitive Advantage compared to 2007 (y-axis) and U.S. (x-axis), (without office furniture)



# SWOT Analysis—2011-2013 Great Lake State’s Forest Products Competitive Advantage compared to 2007 (y-axis) and U.S. (x-axis), (without office furniture)



# SWOT Analysis—2011-2013 Southeast State's Forest Products Competitive Advantage compared to 2007 (y-axis) and U.S. (x-axis)



# SWOT Analysis—2011-2013 East-of-the-Mississippi State’s Forest Products Competitive Advantage compared to 2007 (y-axis) and U.S. (x-axis)





# Structural Paths: Supply Chains and Bottlenecks

- **Goal:**
  - To identify sectors that may create bottlenecks to expanding forest product production.
- **Calculate:**
  - the cofactors of the induced effect multiplier reveal the supply chains within an economy,
  - To display the forest prod. supply chains as a set of networks with nodes and edges,
  - To measure bottlenecks as betw'ness centrality.

Structural Paths:

Supply Chains and Bottlenecks: A Slow Motion Inversion of an Induced Effect ( $a_{3,1}$ ) Multiplier within a Symbolic 3x3 Matrix Closed with Household Spending

$$A := \begin{bmatrix} a_{1,1} & a_{1,2} & a_{1,3} \\ a_{2,1} & a_{2,2} & a_{2,3} \\ a_{3,1} & a_{3,2} & a_{3,3} \end{bmatrix} \quad I_{minusA} := \begin{bmatrix} 1 - a_{1,1} & -a_{1,2} & -a_{1,3} \\ -a_{2,1} & 1 - a_{2,2} & -a_{2,3} \\ -a_{3,1} & -a_{3,2} & 1 - a_{3,3} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$I_{minusA\_Trans} := \begin{bmatrix} 1 - a_{1,1} & -a_{2,1} & -a_{3,1} \\ -a_{1,2} & 1 - a_{2,2} & -a_{3,2} \\ -a_{1,3} & -a_{2,3} & 1 - a_{3,3} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$Adjoint\_Cofactor\_31 = (-1^{i+j}) (a_{32}a_{21} + a_{31}(1 - a_{22}))$$

$$Inverse\_I_{minusA\_Mult\_31} = Adj\_Cofactor\_31 / Det\_D$$

$$Inverse\_I_{minusA\_Mult\_31} = \underbrace{a_{32}a_{21}}_{direct\_path} \underbrace{\left( \frac{1}{Det\_D} \right)}_{path\_multiplier} + a_{31} \left( \frac{1 - a_{22}}{Det\_D} \right)$$

$$Det\_D := -a_{1,1} a_{2,2} a_{3,3} + a_{1,1} a_{2,3} a_{3,2} + a_{1,2} a_{2,1} a_{3,3} - a_{1,2} a_{2,3} a_{3,1} - a_{1,3} a_{2,1} a_{3,2} + a_{1,3} a_{2,2} a_{3,1} + a_{1,1} a_{2,2} + a_{1,1} a_{3,3} - a_{1,2} a_{2,1} - a_{1,3} a_{3,1} + a_{2,2} a_{3,3} - a_{2,3} a_{3,2} - a_{1,1} - a_{2,2} - a_{3,3} + 1$$

Defourny, Jacques and Erik Thorbecke. "Structural Path Analysis and Multiplier Decomposition within a Social Accounting Matrix Framework." *The Economic Journal* 94, no. 373 (1984): 111-136.

## Structural Paths:

### Supply Chains and Bottlenecks: Income Flows from Office Furniture Sector (OFF) to Low Income Households (HH\_L): MI, 2013

| origin | destin | global | nodes of the path      | edge wt. (%) |
|--------|--------|--------|------------------------|--------------|
| OFFF.  | HH_L.  | 0.0904 | OFF. LABR. HH_L.       | 62.79        |
|        |        |        | OFF. WHOL. LABR. HH_L. | 3.23         |
|        |        |        | OFF. PROF. LABR. HH_L. | 2.76         |
|        |        |        | OFF. MANG. LABR. HH_L. | 1.53         |
|        |        |        | OFF. FINI. LABR. HH_L. | 1.12         |
|        |        |        | OFF. TRAN. LABR. HH_L. | 1.12         |
|        |        |        | OFF. PRPR. HH_L.       | 1.06         |
|        |        |        | OFF. RETL. LABR. HH_L. | 1.05         |
|        |        |        | OFF. MANU. LABR. HH_L. | 1.02         |
|        |        |        | OFF. LABR. HH_H. HH_L. | 0.92         |

# Structural Paths: Supply Chains and Bottlenecks: MI Forest Products: 2013

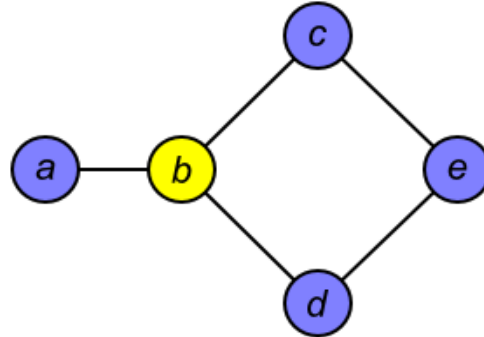
| Destination→<br>*Source↓ | Saw Mills | Pallets | Veneer | Paper Mills | Office Furniture | Instit'l Furniture | Paper board Containers |
|--------------------------|-----------|---------|--------|-------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| Logging                  | X         | X       | X      | X           |                  |                    |                        |
| Saw Mills                | --        | X       |        |             | X                | X                  |                        |
| Pallets                  |           | --      |        | X           |                  |                    |                        |
| Veneer                   |           |         | --     |             | X                |                    |                        |
| Shelving                 |           |         |        |             | X                |                    |                        |
| Paper Mills              |           |         |        | --          |                  |                    | X                      |
| Paperboard Mills         |           |         |        |             |                  |                    | X                      |

\*The source sector's output is used as an input to make the destination sector's output.

Source: Oshita, Y. and Y. Kikuchi. Flow Analysis on Products of Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries Industry using Structural Path Analysis., IIOA, Lisbon, Portugal, 2014.

## Algorithm for Betweenness Centrality:

Number of shortest paths joining two nonadjacent nodes w/ & w/o “b”



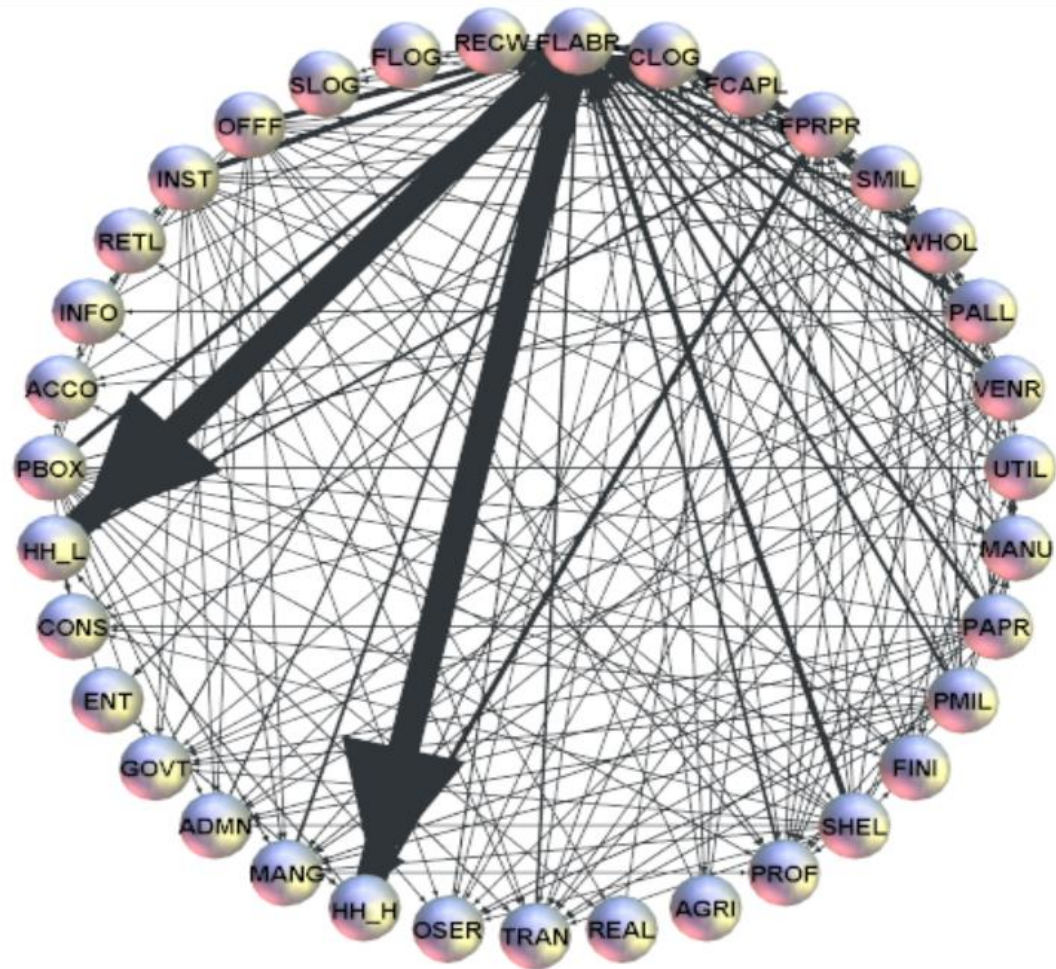
$$\begin{aligned} C_b(b) &= [(\sigma_{ac}(b)/\sigma_{ac}) + (\sigma_{ad}(b)/\sigma_{ad}) + (\sigma_{ae}(b)/\sigma_{ae}) + (\sigma_{cd}(b)/\sigma_{cd}) + (\sigma_{ce}(b)/\sigma_{ce}) + (\sigma_{de}(b)/\sigma_{de})] / N'_{s \neq n \neq t} \\ &= [(1/1) + (1/1) + (2/2) + (1/2) + 0 + 0] / 6 \\ &= 3.5/6 = 0.583 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{where } N'_{s \neq n \neq t} = \frac{(N-1)(N-2)}{2} = \frac{(5-1)(5-2)}{2} = 6$$

Source: Oshita, Y. "Identifying critical supply chain paths that drive changes in CO2 emissions." Energy Economics **34**(4): 1041-1050.

# MI Network of Structural Paths for Top Ten Forest Products Sectors, Ranked Clockwise by Betweenness Centrality: 2013

| 18 Backward-Linked Base Sectors |  |
|---------------------------------|--|
| 119 Oser                        | Other services   |
| 120 HH_H                        | High Income household                                  |
| 121 Mang                        | Management of companies                                |
| 122 Admn                        | Administrative & waste services                        |
| 123 Govt                        | Government & non NAICs                                 |
| 124 Ent                         | Government enterprise                                  |
| 125 Cons                        | Construction   |
| 126 HH_L                        | Low income households                                  |
| <u>127 Pbox</u>                 | Paperboard container manufacturing                     |
| 128 Acco                        | Accommodation & food services                          |
| 129 Info                        | Information  |
| 130 Retl                        | Retail trade   |
| <u>131 Inst</u>                 | Institutional furniture manufacturing                  |
| <u>132 Offf</u>                 | Wood office furniture manufacturing                    |
| 133 Slog                        | Support activities for agriculture and forestry        |
| 134 Flog                        | Forestry, forest products, and timber tract production |
| 135 Recw                        | Reconstituted wood product manufacturing               |



| 18 Forward-Linked Gross Sectors |   |
|---------------------------------|---|
| 101 Labr                        | Labor   |
| <u>102 Clog</u>                 | Commercial logging  |
| 103 Capl                        | Other Property Type Income                                |
| 104 Prpr                        | Proprietor Income   |
| <u>105 Smil</u>                 | Sawmills  |
| 106 Whol                        | Wholesale Trade   |
| <u>107 Pall</u>                 | Wood container and pallet manufacturing                   |
| <u>108 Venr</u>                 | Veneer and plywood manufacturing                          |
| 109 Util                        | Utilities   |
| 110 Manu                        | Manufacturing   |
| <u>111 Papr</u>                 | Paper mills *   |
| <u>112 Pmil</u>                 | Paperboard mills  |
| 113 Fini                        | Finance & insurance                                       |
| <u>114 Shel</u>                 | Showcase, partition, shelving, and locker manufacturing * |
| 115 Prof                        | Professional- scientific & tech svcs                      |
| 116 Agri                        | Ag, Forestry, Fish & Hunting                              |
| 117 Real                        | Real estate & rental                                      |
| 118 Tran                        | Transportation & Warehousing                              |

# Michigan Forest Products “Betweenness” Rank out of 35:

(A Low Number Implies Greater Betweenness, i.e., potential bottleneck in local production)

| 2013<br>Betweenness | Rank | 2012<br>Betweenness | Rank | 2007<br>Betweenness | Rank |
|---------------------|------|---------------------|------|---------------------|------|
| Logging             | 2    | Logging             | 3    | Logging             | 3    |
| Saw Mills           | 5    | Saw Mills           | 5    | Saw Mills           | 4    |
| Pallets             | 7    | Pallets             | 9    | Reconstituted       | 16   |
| Veneer              | 8    | Veneer              | 10   | Veneer              | 9    |
| Paper Mills         | 11   | Paper Mills         | 7    | Paper Mills         | 7    |
| Paperboard<br>Mills | 12   | Paperboard<br>Mills | 6    | Paperboard<br>Mills | 6    |
| Shelving            | 14   | Forestry            | 11   | Forestry            | 10   |

# Summary and Conclusions: Roles of Top Ten MI Forest Product Sectors

- Four significant forward-linked import-substituting sectors:  
**logging, sawmills, pallets and veneer mfg.**
- Three both important backward-linked export-expanding & significant forward-linked import-substituting sectors:  
**paper mills, paperboard mills, shelving.**
- Three important backward-linked export-expanding sectors :  
**office and institutional furniture,  
paperboard container manuf.**
- The only MI forest product sector w/ strong growth  
in competitive advantage both over time and among regions:  
**office furniture.**