



Statistical units in the SNA:

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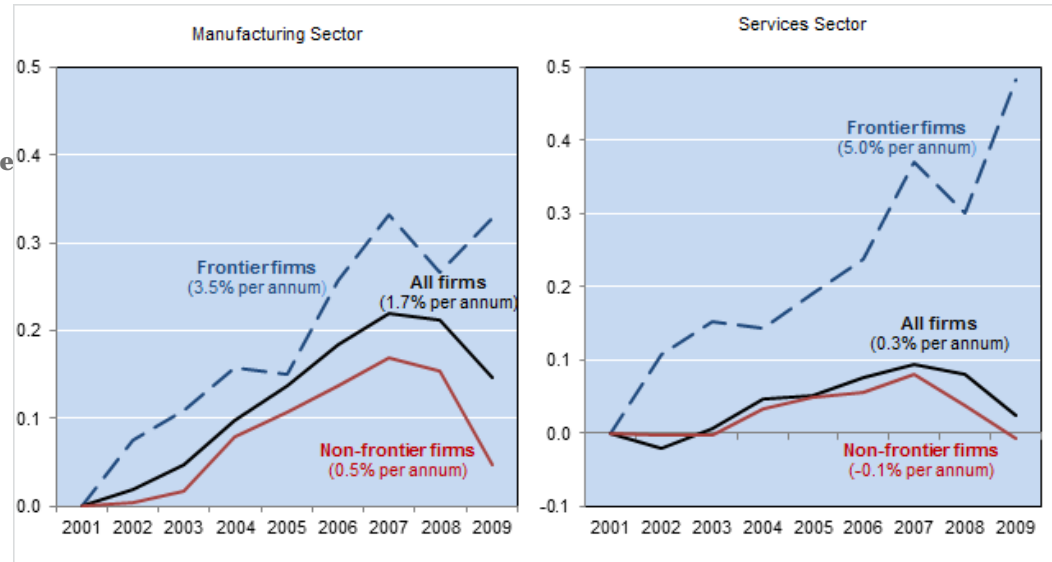
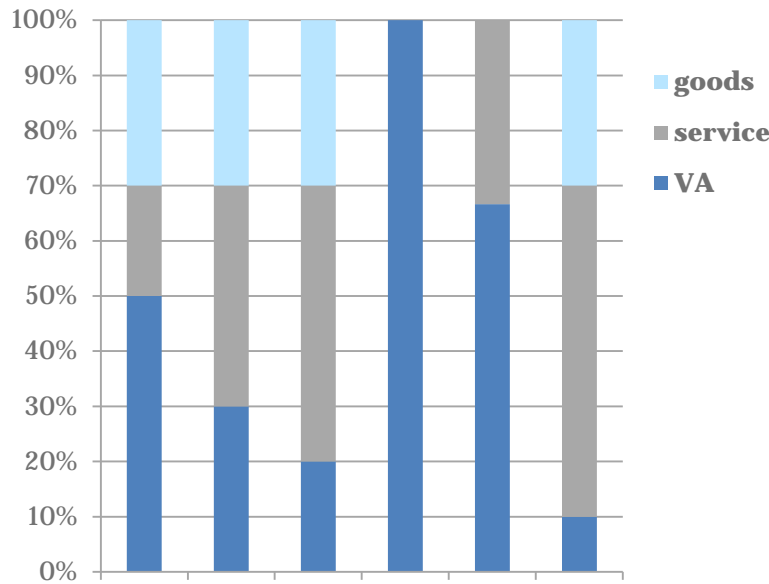
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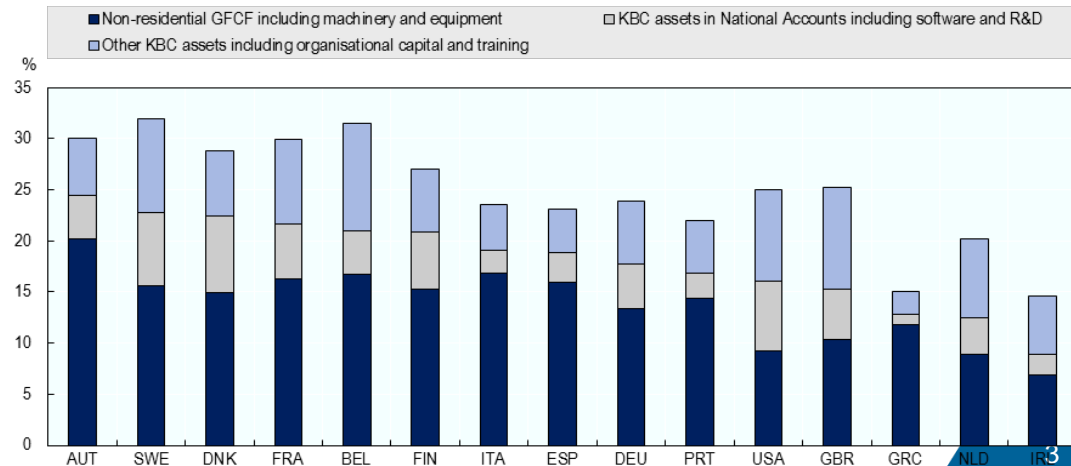
PRE-AMBLE DRIVERS AND BACKGROUND



Homogeneity?



Vertically integrated
With Outsourced services
Affiliate in high-tax jurisdiction
Processor
Affiliate processor in high-tax jurisdiction
Fab-less





More from less.

- The backdrop
 - Minimised burdens on businesses
 - Restricted budgetary environment on NSOs
 - Desire for more granularity
 - And improved quality
 - More on globalisation
 - More on profit shifting
 - More on regional
 - More longitudinal
 - More timely.....



THE ISSUE



SNA Research Agenda

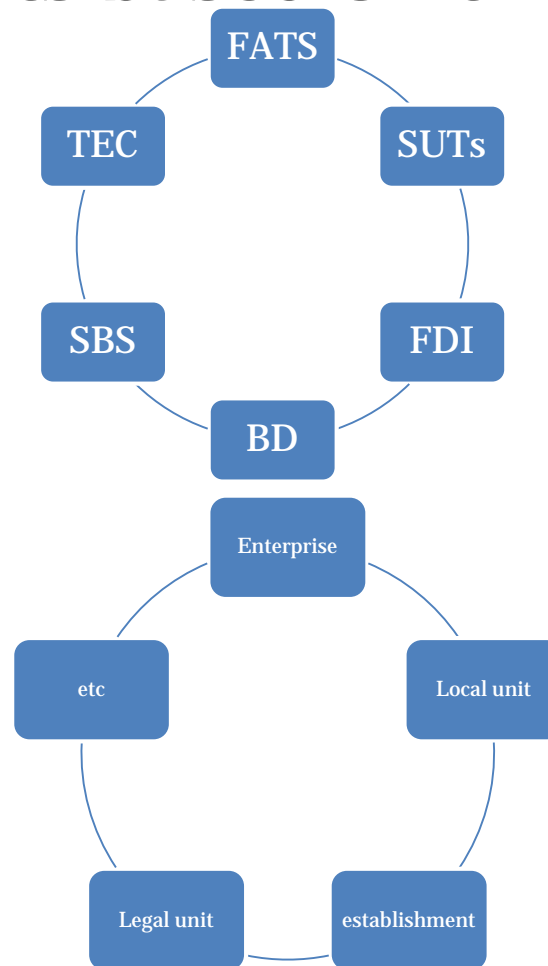
*With the change of emphasis from the physical view of input-output to an economic view, and from product-by-product matrices to industry-by-industry ones, **it is less clear that it is essential to retain the concept of establishment in the SNA.***



Presentations reveal

- a mixed bag, with countries using a variety of units based on the target....

Not
always
consistent



regional

national



Regional

- Clear that (**if all information exists**) the more detailed (smaller) the unit the better...
- But
 - need to recognise that for regional statistics this is **more a practical issue rather than conceptual** – if for example the SNA chose to give preference to the enterprise for the statistical unit this would apply to the economic territory and **in practice for regions, the establishment is much closer to enterprise.**
 - And of course not all data is available (intra-firm, assets)



Arguments for the enterprise?

- Greater coherence between capital and production
 - (e.g. R&D..... & looking ahead, organisational capital, brands...)
- Joined-up view of trade, investment & production (GVCs)
 - & extended SUTs (linking production with institutional accounts)
- But also links to other datasets – business demography (births, deaths – for longitudinal micro data sets)

*Of course linking can be made with different units, in particular via profiling but **this is more complicated***





QUESTIONS



Back to Homogeneity...

- Are we looking in the wrong place? Should homogeneity be tackled looking at different characteristics?
 - *Part of an MNE, Factoryless producer, processor*
- Do we need more?
 - GVC mantra not '*what you sell*' but '*what you do*'
 - **Should we request information on business functions? E.g. using ISCO**