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## Highlights

Entry costs have an important role on regional productivity disparity within a country.

We explicitly take into account interactions between interregional and international trade.

Productivity disparity is higher (lower) in an open economy than in autarky for lower (higher) interregional trade costs.

Productivity disparity follows an inverted-U shape during the increases in international trade exposure.

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