

Effort requirement is like a disamenity (Stiglitz & Shavlev)

$$\text{Max } U(x, l, L^*)$$

$x$  ... goods consumed ( $p=1$ )

$l$  ... leisure

$L^*$  ... Effort (in work  $L$ )

$w(e)$  ... wage rate schedule by employer

s.t.  $l + L \leq T$

$x \leq w(e)L$

$L^* = eL$

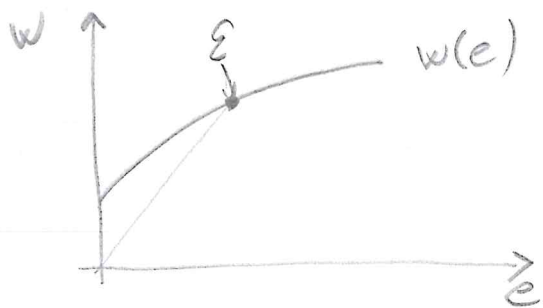
$$\mathcal{Y} = U(x, l, L^*) + \lambda [w(e)L - x] + \mu [T - l - L]$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \mathcal{Y}}{\partial x} = U_x - \lambda &\stackrel{!}{=} 0 \\ \frac{\partial \mathcal{Y}}{\partial l} = U_l - \mu &\stackrel{!}{=} 0 \end{aligned} \right\} \frac{U_l}{U_x} = \frac{\mu}{\lambda} = MRS_{l,x}$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{Y}}{\partial L} = U_{L^*} e + \lambda w - \mu \stackrel{!}{=} 0 \rightarrow -\lambda w' e + \lambda w \stackrel{!}{=} \mu$$

$$\boxed{w - w' e = \frac{\mu}{\lambda}}$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{Y}}{\partial e} = U_{L^*} L + \lambda w' L \stackrel{!}{=} 0 \rightarrow U_{L^*} = -\lambda w'$$



$0 < \epsilon_{we} < 1$

$$w(e) \left[ 1 - \frac{w'(e)}{w(e)} \cdot e \right]$$

$$w(e) [1 - \epsilon_{we}]$$

elasticity of the  $w$  wrt  $e$

$$\boxed{\frac{U_l}{U_x} \equiv MRS_{l,x} = w(e) [1 - \epsilon_{we}] < w(e)}$$

# model by Becker: effort out of work

$$\text{Max } U(x, l^*)$$

$l^*$  ... effective leisure

s.t.  $l + L = T$   
 $l^* = z(e_e) \cdot l$

$\bar{E}$  ... max. effort

$$x = w(e_l) \cdot L$$

$$\mathcal{L} = u(x, z(e_e)l) + \lambda [w(e_l)L - x] \text{ fin.}$$

$$L + l = T$$

$$+ \mu [T - L - l] \text{ time}$$

$$e_e l + e_l L = \bar{E}$$

$$+ \phi [\bar{E} - e_e l - e_l L] \text{ eff.}$$

# Efficiency wages

## Our original models:

- spot mkt
- people are the same  $L_i$
- unit of time are equally productive
- nothing else matter (no other costs)
- product is observed perfectly
- if  $w > w^* \rightarrow \pi < 0$  leaving the mkt
- if  $w < w^* \rightarrow \pi > 0$  but not hiring  $L$

## What if more realistic mkt if $w > w^*$ ?

- hiring (selecting) higher ability  $L \rightarrow \uparrow Q | L$
- higher effort of  $L \rightarrow \uparrow Q | L$
- Lower shirking of  $L \rightarrow \uparrow Q | L$
- Lower absenteeism of  $L \rightarrow \downarrow C$
- Lower turnover of  $L \rightarrow \downarrow C$
- Better health of  $L \rightarrow \uparrow Q | L$

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before:

turnover 370%

absentees 10%

after:

9  $\rightarrow$  8 hours

2.3  $\rightarrow$  5 \$/day

turnover 16%

Abs 2.5%

Does it pay off?  $\rightarrow \pi \geq 0$

Can it survive?  $\nearrow$

$$C = Lw \rightarrow \frac{dC}{dw} = L$$

$$p \frac{\partial Q}{\partial w} > \frac{dC}{dw} = L = p \frac{Q}{w}$$

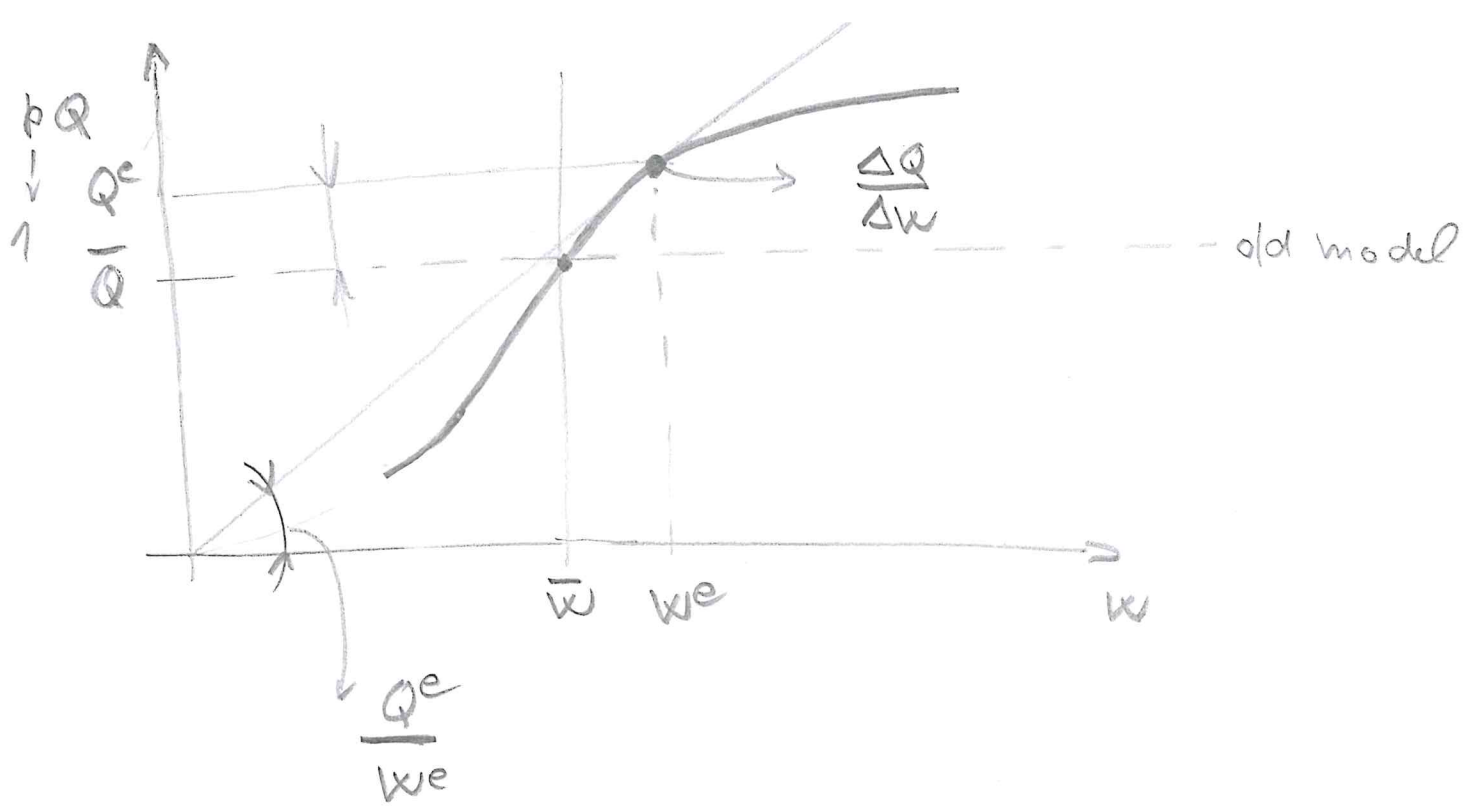
$$\left| \frac{\Delta Q}{\Delta w} = \frac{Q}{w} \right|$$

comp. mkt

$p = 1$

$$\pi = pQ - Lw = 0$$

$$L = p \frac{Q}{w}$$



The incidence of efficiency wage will depend on:

- observability of interim & final products (quality)
- scope for shirking
- costs of supervision
- costs of labor search
- costs of turnover (HC)
- share of women (other benefits)
- observability of productive skills (diplomas as a signal)