

Relative-Price Changes as Aggregate Supply Shocks Revisited: Theory and Evidence

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Introduction

Motivation: Recent Dynamics in the U.S. Economy

- Episodes of commodity price booms and supply chain disruptions
- Passthrough to headline and eventually, core inflation
- Accommodative monetary policy initially
- Inflation movements without aggregate slack (soft landing)

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3. Are predictions of a model with input-output linkages and heterogeneity in price stickiness supported in detailed sectoral data?
 - What are estimated sectoral price responses to relative price of energy shocks?

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- Empirical:
 1. Exogenous relative price of energy shocks act as *aggregate* supply shocks
 2. *Sectoral* consumer price responses to them in line with model predictions

- Relative-price changes as aggregate supply shocks: [Ball and Mankiw \(1995\)](#)
 - Input-output linkages under time-dependent pricing
- Multi-sector sticky price models with heterogeneity: [Aoki \(2001\)](#); [Woodford \(2003\)](#); [Benigno \(2004\)](#); [Ruge-Murcia and Wolman \(2022\)](#); [Carvalho, Lee, and Park \(2021\)](#); [Pasten, Schoenle, and Weber \(2020\)](#); [La'O and Tahbaz-Salehi \(2022\)](#); [Afrouzi and Bhattarai \(2022\)](#); [Minton and Wheaton \(2022\)](#); [Rubbo \(2023\)](#); [Lorenzoni and Werning \(2023\)](#)
 - How transition dynamics of relative prices along with realistic monetary policy can generate inflation dynamics similar to post-COVID period
 - Pass-through of *relative producer prices of energy* to sectoral consumer prices, using model based dynamic pass-through statistic

Model

- Two sectors, $i \in \{u, d\}$: **u**pstream, **d**ownstream
- A measure of monopolistically competitive intermediate firms in each sector
 - Input-output linkages and price stickiness
- A final good producer in each sector packages and sells a sectoral good
 - Sectoral goods consumed by household and used for production

- Household

$$\max \int_0^{\infty} e^{-\rho t} [\ln(C_t) - L_t] dt$$

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- Final Good Producer

$$\max P_{i,t} Y_{i,t} - \int_0^1 P_{ij,t} Y_{ij,t}^d dj \quad s.t.$$

$$Y_{i,t} = \left[\int_0^1 (Y_{ij,t}^d)^{1-\sigma_i^{-1}} dj \right]^{\frac{1}{1-\sigma_i^{-1}}}$$

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subject to $Y_{ij,t+h}^s \geq \mathcal{D}(P_{ij,t}/P_{i,t+h}; Y_{i,t+h}), \quad \forall h \geq 0$

Theoretical Results

Results–Sectoral Price Dynamics

- Log-linearize around the efficient steady state
- Let $\mathbf{A} = [a_{ij}] \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$ be input-output matrix
- This presentation (General results in the paper):

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ a_{du} & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Domar weights of sectors in the efficient steady state:

$$\lambda_u \equiv \frac{P_u Y_u}{PC} = \beta + (1 - \beta)a_{du}; \quad \lambda_d \equiv \frac{P_d Y_d}{PC} = (1 - \beta)$$

- **Assumption:** $\rho/\theta_i \rightarrow 0, i \in \{u, d\}$

PROPOSITION

Sectoral Phillips curves given by:

$$\dot{\pi}_{u,t} = \theta_u^2 (\lambda_d r_t - \alpha_u x_t)$$

$$\dot{\pi}_{d,t} = \theta_d^2 (-\lambda_u r_t - \alpha_d x_t)$$

- $r_t \equiv (p_{u,t} - p_{d,t}) - (p_{u,t} - p_{d,t})^f$ is the *relative price gap* of upstream sector to downstream sector
- $x_t \equiv y_t - y_t^f$ is the GDP gap
- $\lambda \equiv (\lambda_u, \lambda_d)'$ are the Domar weights of upstream and downstream sectors
- $\alpha \equiv (\alpha_u, \alpha_d)'$ are the labor shares of upstream and downstream sectors
- $(p_{u,t} - p_{d,t})^f$ and y_t^f are independent of monetary policy

Results–Aggregate Price Dynamics

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$$\pi_t \equiv \beta\pi_{u,t} + (1 - \beta)\pi_{d,t}$$

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- *Relative price gaps* relevant **except** for knife-edge case where

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- **Transition dynamics:** one-time unanticipated permanent shock to relative prices (*productivity or wedge of the upstream sector*) so that $r_0 \neq 0$

Results–Inflation IRFs to Relative Price Shocks under $i_t = \dot{m}_t = 0$

PROPOSITION

Under $i_t = \dot{m}_t = 0$, sectoral inflation IRFs to a one-time unanticipated permanent shock to relative prices:

$$\frac{\partial \pi_{u,t}}{\partial \pi_{u,0}} = e^{-\theta_u t} \quad (\text{Upstream Sector Inflation IRF})$$

$$\frac{\partial \pi_{d,t}}{\partial \pi_{u,0}} = a_{du} \frac{\theta_d}{\theta_d + \theta_u} \left(\frac{\theta_d e^{-\theta_u t} - \theta_u e^{-\theta_d t}}{\theta_d - \theta_u} \right) \quad (\text{Downstream Sector Inflation IRF})$$

- Inflation in the upstream sector propagates downstream ($a_{du} > 0$)
- Spillover inflation is positive positive along the whole transition path

PROPOSITION

IRFs to a one-time unanticipated permanent shock to relative prices, when monetary policy implements $x_t = 0, \forall t \geq 0$:

$$r_t = r_0 e^{-\bar{\xi}t}, \quad \bar{\xi} = \sqrt{\lambda_d \theta_u^2 + \lambda_u \theta_d^2} \quad (\text{Relative prices})$$

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PROPOSITION

Suppose $\theta_u > \theta_d$ and monetary policy implements $x_t = 0, \forall t \geq 0$. An increase in the relative price of the upstream sector caused by a permanent shock is *CPI inflationary* if and only if

$$a_{du} > \frac{\beta}{(1-\beta)} \times \left(\frac{\theta_u^2}{\theta_d^2} - 1 \right)$$

- Without IO linkages, inflationary shock to the flexible upstream sector *can't* be CPI inflationary

Quantitative Results

Calibration

- 1997 IO Use table from the BEA at summary level (66 sectors)
- Frequency of price adjustment from [Pasten et al. \(2020\)](#)
- Divide sectors into a flexible upstream and a sticky downstream
- $a_{uu}, a_{dd} > 0$
- Examples in flex. upstream: Oil and gas extraction, Petroleum and coal products, Utilities, Primary metals

Parameter	Description	Value
β	Upstream sector consumption share	0.1
θ_u	Upstream sector frequency of price adjustment	0.29
θ_d	Downstream sector frequency of price adjustment	0.09
a_{uu}	Cost share of upstream sector on upstream sector	0.31
a_{du}	Cost share of downstream sector on upstream sector	0.13
a_{dd}	Cost share of downstream sector on downstream sector	0.47

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 2. **Soft-landing:** For $t \geq T$, $x_t = 0$

Experiment for the Post-COVID-19 Inflation \times Data

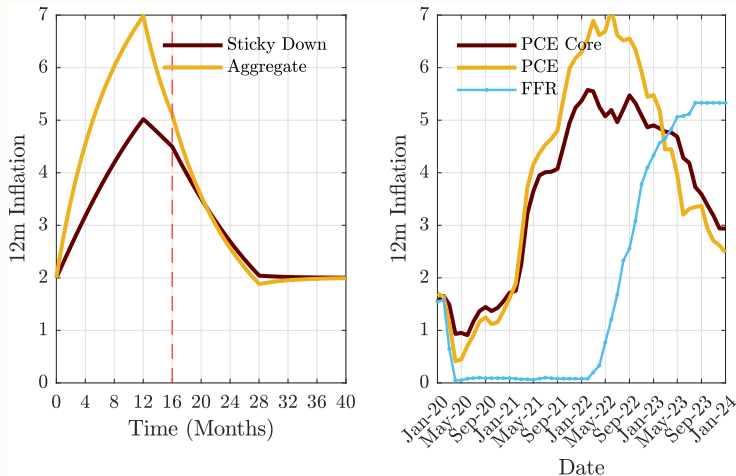
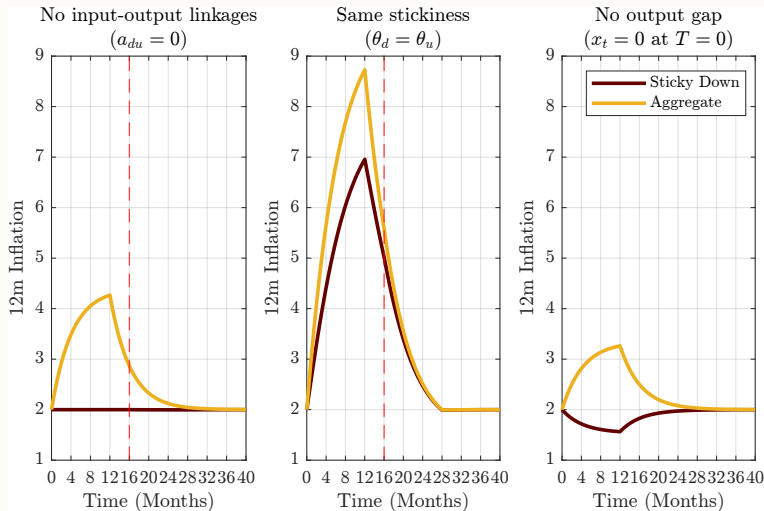


Figure 1: Left: Experiment. **Right:** Data. Shock at $t = 0$. Monetary policy reaction function: For $t < 16$, no monetary response. For $t \geq 16$, switch to a soft-landing policy. Relative Prices 12m

Three Counterfactuals



Left: No IO linkages. **Middle:** Hom. price stickiness. **Right:** GDP gap stabilization $\forall t \geq 0$.

Empirical Framework and Results

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- 1997 BEA PCE-IO bridge
- BEA PCE price indices for (sectoral) consumer prices
- BEA PCE quantity indices for (sectoral) consumer quantities
- BLS producer price index for relative producer price of energy
- [Känzig \(2021\)](#) oil supply news shock as IV
- BLS unemployment rate

Heterogeneous Sectoral Effects of a Relative Price of Energy Shock

- Our model predicts: $p_{d,h} - p_{d,0} \propto \left[\frac{a_{j,\text{energy}}}{1-a_{jj}} \times \frac{\xi_j}{\xi_j + \xi_{\text{energy}}} \right] h \times |p_{u,0}|$, $\xi_j \equiv \theta_j \sqrt{1-a_{jj}}$
- Panel local projection IV specification:

$$\begin{aligned} \log P_{jt+h} - \log P_{jt-1} = & \beta_0^{(h)} + \beta_1^{(h)} \times \left(\log\left(\frac{\text{PPI energy}_t}{\text{PPI}_t}\right) - \log\left(\frac{\text{PPI energy}_{t-1}}{\text{PPI}_{t-1}}\right) \right) \\ & + \beta_2^{(h)} \times \left[\frac{a_{j,\text{energy}}}{1-a_{jj}} \frac{\xi_j}{\xi_j + \xi_{\text{energy}}} \right] \times \left(\log\left(\frac{\text{PPI energy}_t}{\text{PPI}_t}\right) - \log\left(\frac{\text{PPI energy}_{t-1}}{\text{PPI}_{t-1}}\right) \right) \\ & + \sum_{k=1}^{12} \text{Controls}_{j,t-k} + \epsilon_{jt} \end{aligned}$$

- Instrumental Variable: [Känzig \(2021\)](#) oil supply news shock
- Model prediction: $\beta_2^{(h)} > 0$
- Time Window: 1998:01 - 2023:06

Results in line with model predictions: $\beta_2^{(h)} > 0$

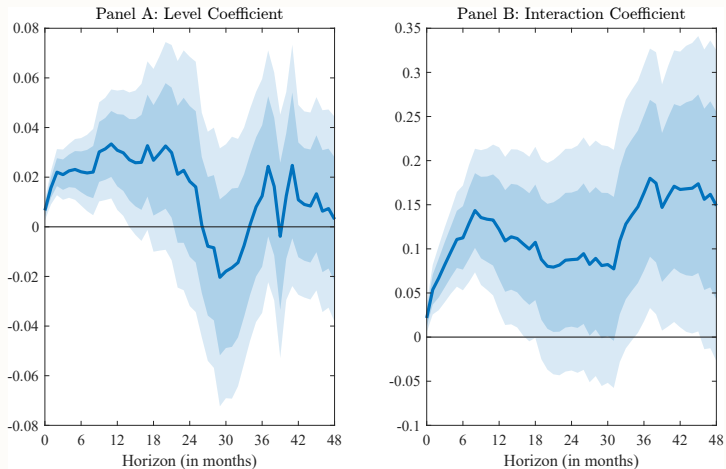


Figure 2: Panel A: Level. Panel B: Interaction. F-stat: 49.96. Ex-PCE categories with positive energy sectors in it. Period: 1998:01-2023:06. Driscoll-Kraay SE. 68% and 90% CI. Pre-COVID

- Quantities Qty
- Kanzig shock as independent variable Kanzig shock
- Placebo Placebo
- Time FE Time FE
- Sector FE Sector FE
- Oil and gas extraction as the oil sector Oil and gas extraction
- GSCPI GSCPI prices GSCPI quantities

Conclusion

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- Two-sector model with IO linkages and heterogeneity of price stickiness:
 - Helps understand *inflation dynamics* in the aftermath of COVID-19
 - Even with *zero* GDP gap, relative price changes can generate aggregate inflation dynamics
- Empirical results suggest:
 - *Relative price of energy* shocks can act as negative aggregate supply shocks
 - *Sectoral consumer price* responses are consistent with model predictions

Thank you!

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Relative price of energy shocks are expansionary for prices

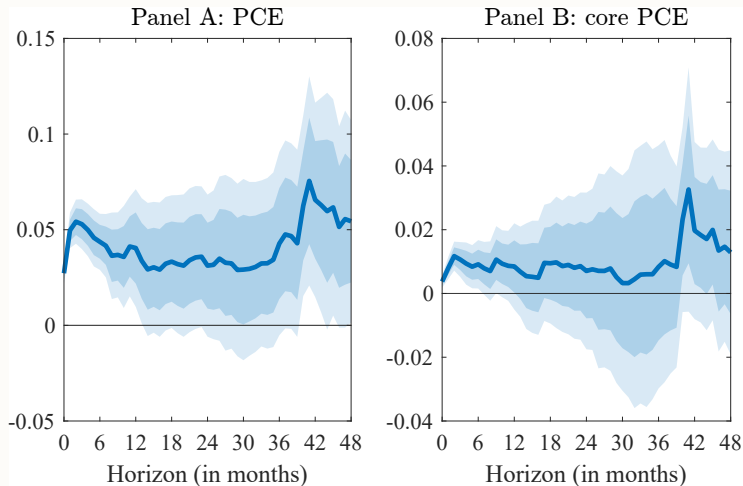


Figure 3: Panel A: PCE. F-stat: 111.08. Panel B: PCE core. F-stat: 105.69. Sample: 1986:01-2020:03. HAC robust standard errors. 68% and 90% CI. [back](#)

Relative price of energy shocks are contractionary for real economic activity

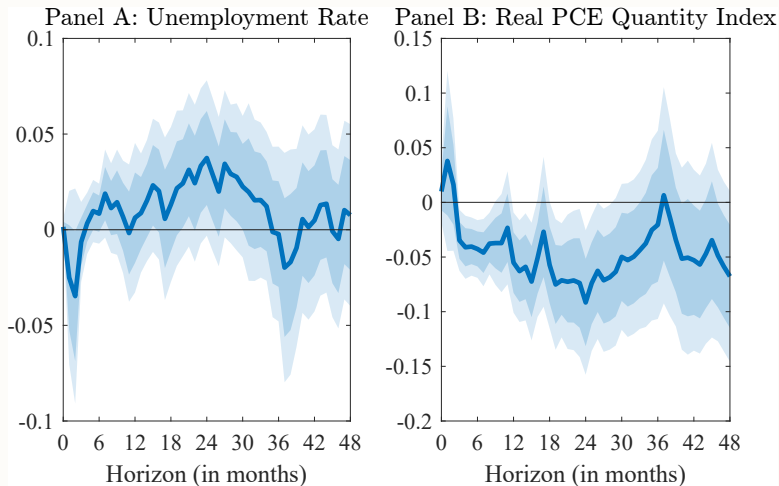


Figure 4: Panel A: Unemployment rate. F-stat: 113.75. Panel B: Real PCE quantity. F-stat: 135.43. Sample: 1986:01-2020:03. HAC robust standard errors. 68% and 90% CI. [back](#)

Placebo

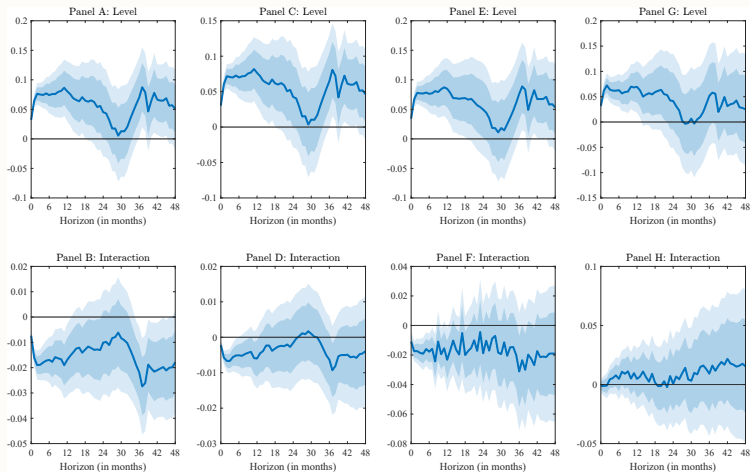


Figure 5: Panel A, B: Ambulatory health care serv. Panel C, D: Hospitals. Panel E, F: Insurance carriers and rel. activ. Panel G, H: Legal services. Period: 1998:01-2023:06. Driscoll-Kraay SE. 68% and 90% CI. F-Stat > 10. All PCE categories.

Time Fixed-Effects

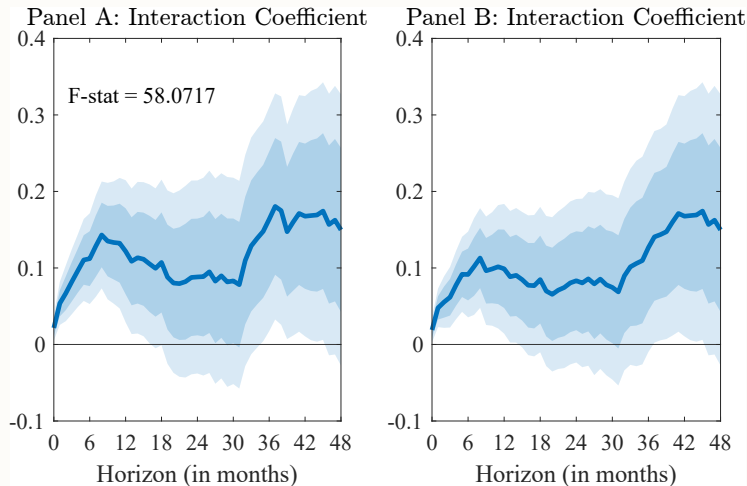


Figure 6: Panel A: 1998:01-2023:06. Panel B: 1998:01-2020:03. F-Stat: 58.07. Ex-PCE categories with positive energy sector in it. Driscoll-Kraay SE. 68% and 90% CI.

Sector Fixed-Effects

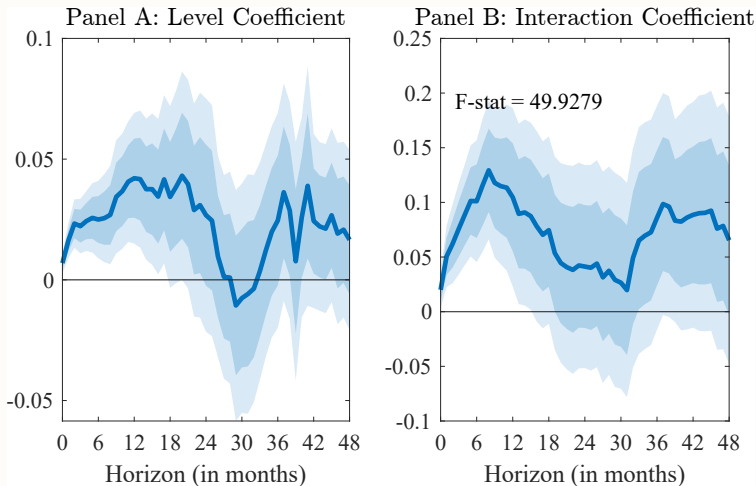


Figure 7: Panel A: Level. Panel B: Interaction. F-Stat (Interaction): 49.92. Ex-PCE categories with positive energy sector in it. Driscoll-Kraay SE. 68% and 90% CI. [Back](#)

Oil and gas extraction

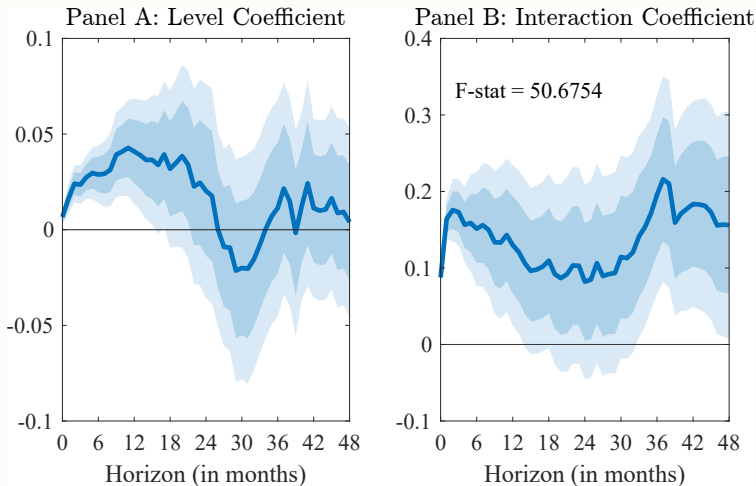


Figure 8: Panel A: Level. Panel B: Interaction. F-Stat (Interaction): 50.67. All PCE categories. Driscoll-Kraay SE. 68% and 90% CI. [Back](#)

Calibration–Upstream sector

Name	IO Code
Oil and gas extraction	211
Petroleum and coal products	324
Utilities	22
Primary metals	331
Wholesale trade	42
Farms	111CA
Other real estate	ORE
Federal Reserve banks, credit intermediation, and related activities	521CI

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Results in line with model predictions: $\beta_2^{(h)} > 0$, Pre-COVID-19

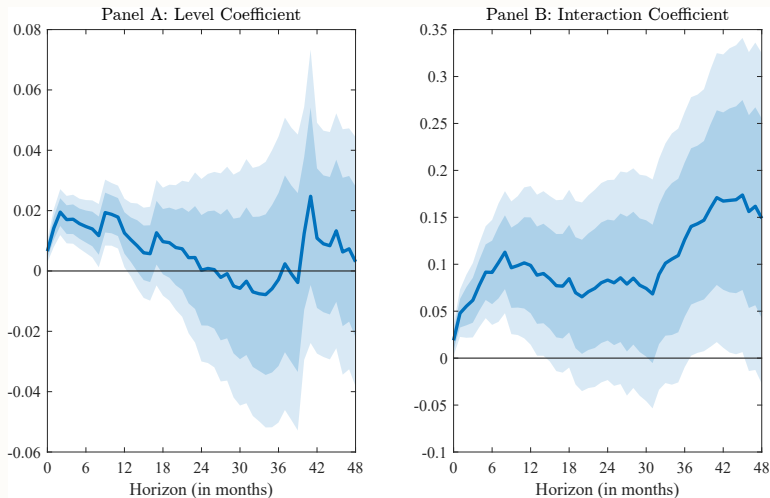


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PCE Inflation in the data

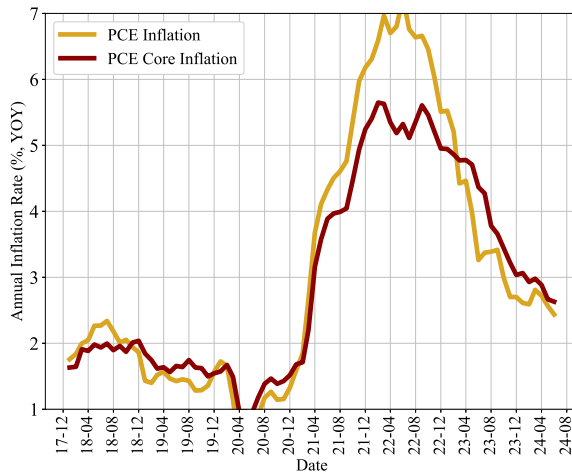


Figure 10: PCE Inflation, YOY change. [back](#)

Results–Kanzig as independent variable

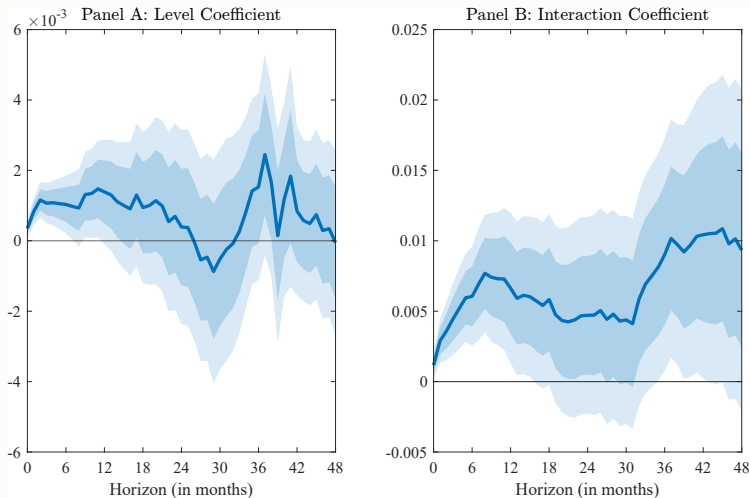


Figure 11: Panel A: Level. Panel B: Interaction. Ex-PCE categories with positive energy sectors in it. Period: 1998:01-2023:06. Driscoll-Kraay SE. 68% and 90% CI. [Back](#)

$$\lambda_1 = \frac{1}{1 - a_{11}} \left(\beta + (1 - \beta) \frac{a_{21}}{1 - a_{22}} \right)$$

$$\lambda_2 = \frac{1 - \beta}{1 - a_{22}}$$

- β : Consumption share of sector 1

Sectoral price paths after permanent shock to relative prices

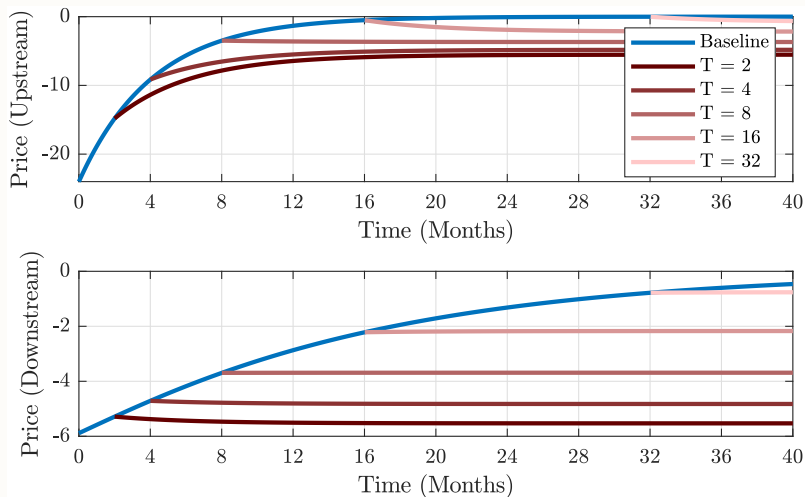


Figure 12: Blue: price path under no monetary response. Red: price path contingent on monetary policy switching to soft-landing at T . [Back](#)

Sectoral Inflation Responses to a Relative Price Shock under $i_t = \dot{m}_t = 0$

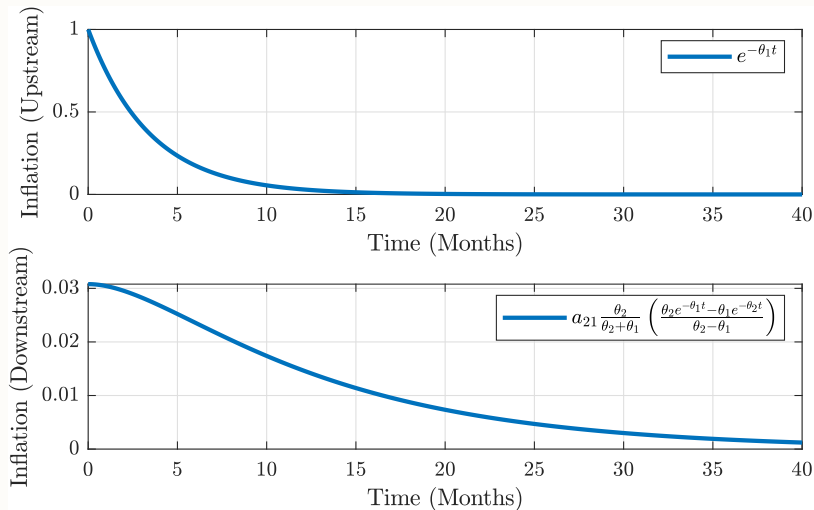


Figure 13: Shock to the upstream sector such that $\pi_{1,0} = 1$. [Back](#)

- To implement $x_t = 0, \forall t \geq 0$, the Central Bank can target the following price index:

$$\zeta p_{1,t} + (1 - \zeta)p_{2,t} = 0, \quad \zeta \equiv \frac{\lambda_1 \theta_2^2}{\lambda_1 \theta_2^2 + \lambda_2 \theta_1^2}$$

Model–Intermediate Good Producers

- **Pricing:** In sector $i \in \{1, 2\}$, i.i.d. price changes arrive at Poisson rate $\theta_i > 0$
- A firm ij that gets to change its price at time t maximizes

$$\max_{P_{ij,t}} \int_0^\infty \theta_i e^{-(\theta_i h + \int_0^h i_{t+s} ds)} \left[\underbrace{(1 - \tau_{i,t}) P_{ij,t} \mathcal{D}(P_{ij,t}/P_{i,t+h}; Y_{i,t+h})}_{\text{total revenue at time } t} - \underbrace{\mathcal{C}_i(Y_{ij,t+h}^s; \mathbf{P}_{t+h}, Z_{i,t+h})}_{\text{total cost at time } t} \right] dh$$

subject to $Y_{ij,t+h}^s \geq \mathcal{D}(P_{ij,t}/P_{i,t+h}; Y_{i,t+h}), \quad \forall h \geq 0$

Quantity Relative Responses

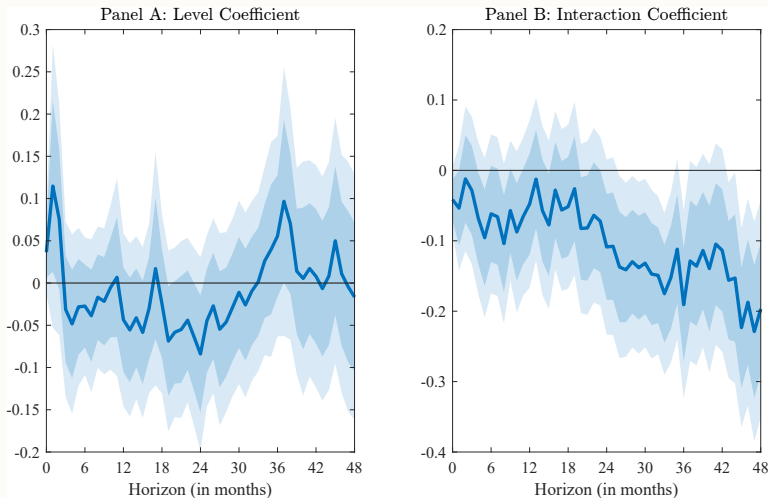


Figure 14: Panel A: Level. Panel B: Interaction. F-stat: 49.96. Ex-PCE categories with positive energy sectors in it. Period: 1998:01-2020:03. Driscoll-Kraay SE. 68% and 90% CI. [Back](#)

12-Month Change in Relative Prices

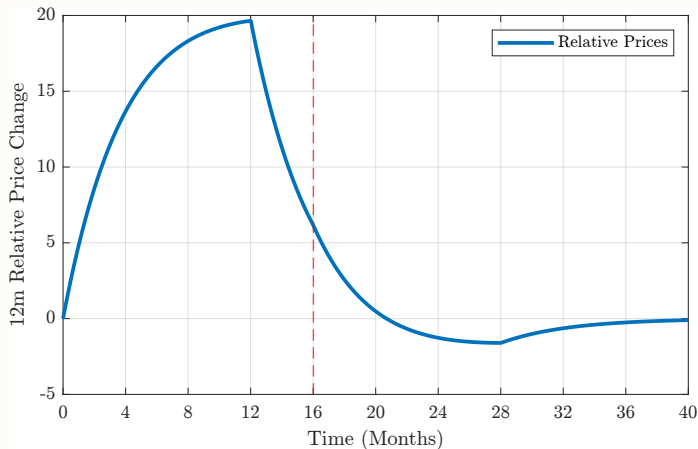


Figure 15: 12m relative price change. At $t = 16$, soft-landing. [Back](#)

Sectoral Inflation Responses to a Relative Price Shock under $x_t = 0$

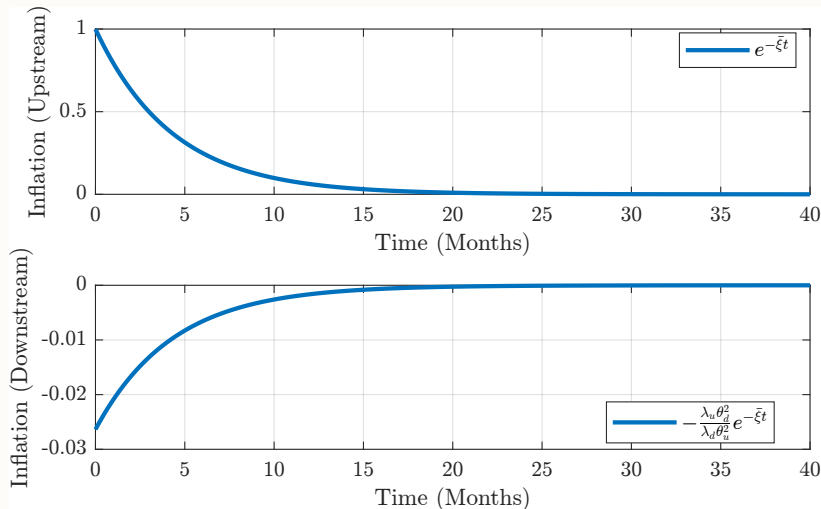


Figure 16: Shock to the upstream sector such that $\pi_{1,0} = 1$. [Back](#)

COROLLARY

Under $i_t = \dot{m}_t = 0$, the sectoral inflation cumulative impulse responses (CIR) are given by

$$\text{CIR}_u^\pi = \theta_u^{-1} \quad (\text{Upstream Sector Inflation CIR})$$

$$\text{CIR}_d^\pi = a_{du} \times \text{CIR}_u^\pi \quad (\text{Downstream Sector Inflation CIR})$$

- Total spillover from upstream to downstream sector depends on
 - Input share of downstream sector from upstream sector, a_{du}

COROLLARY

Under $i_t = \dot{m}_t = 0$, the impact response of downstream sector is given by

$$\frac{\partial \pi_{d,0}}{\partial \pi_{u,0}} = \underbrace{a_{du}}_{\text{Long-run pass-through}} \times \underbrace{\frac{\theta_u^{-1}}{\theta_d^{-1} + \theta_u^{-1}}}_{\text{Relative duration of price stickiness}}$$

- Impact response of downstream sector depends on relative price stickiness
 - The more flexible the upstream sector, the more dampened the response

Aggregate effects of relative price of energy shocks

- Local projections IV specification:

$$\begin{aligned}\log(Y_{t+h}) - \log(Y_{t-1}) = & \alpha^{(h)} + \beta^{(h)} \times \left(\log\left(\frac{\text{PPI energy}_t}{\text{PPI}_t}\right) - \log\left(\frac{\text{PPI energy}_{t-1}}{\text{PPI}_{t-1}}\right) \right) \\ & + \sum_{k=1}^{12} \gamma_k^{(h)} \left(\log(Y_{t-k}) - \log(Y_{t-k-1}) \right) \\ & + \sum_{k=1}^{12} \zeta_k^{(h)} \left(\log\left(\frac{\text{PPI energy}_{t-k}}{\text{PPI}_{t-k}}\right) - \log\left(\frac{\text{PPI energy}_{t-k-1}}{\text{PPI}_{t-k-1}}\right) \right) + \varepsilon_t\end{aligned}$$

- Instrumental variable: [Känzig \(2021\)](#) oil supply news shock
- Time Window: 1986:01 - 2023:06

Relative price of energy shocks are *expansionary* for prices

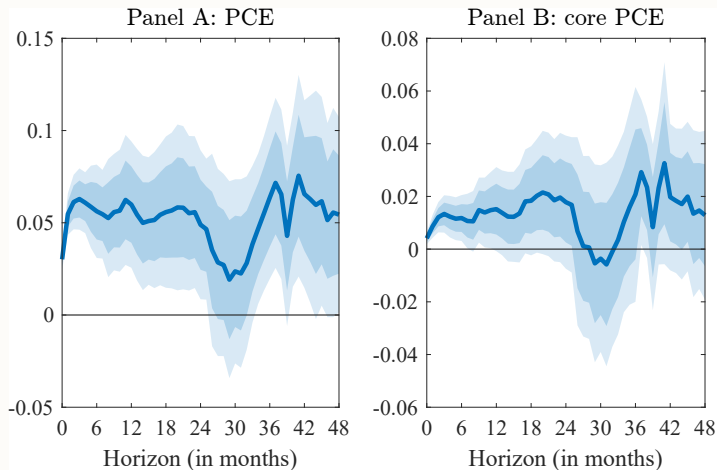


Figure 17: Panel A: PCE. F-stat: 111.08. Panel B: PCE core. F-stat: 105.69. Sample: 1986:01-2023:06. HAC robust SE. 68% and 90% CI. [Pre-COVID](#) [Back](#)

Relative price of energy shocks are *contractionary* for real economic activity

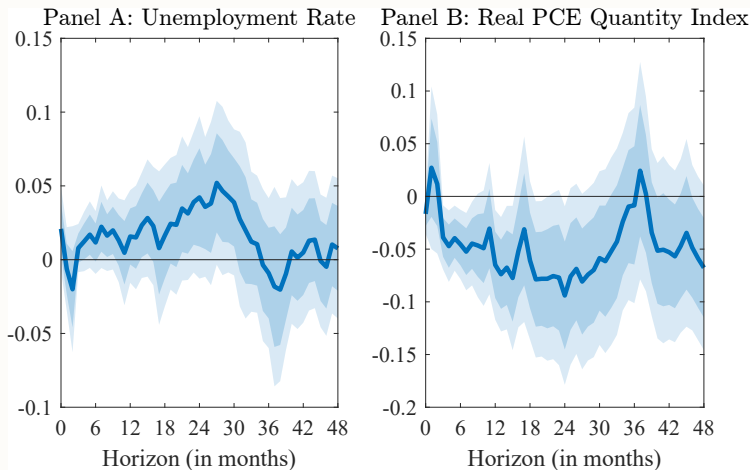


Figure 18: Panel A: Unemployment rate. F-stat: 113.75. Panel B: Real PCE qty. F-stat: 135.43. Sample: 1986:01-2023:06. HAC robust standard errors. 68% and 90% CI. [Pre-COVID](#) [Back](#)

Quantitative relevance of the interaction effects

- Moving from the 25th to the 75th pct of the distribution of the sufficient statistic leads the response to a 1% increase in the relative price of energy to increase
 - 0.07 bps on impact
 - 0.28 bps after 3 months
 - 0.55 bps after 36 months
- The responses of the 25th, 50th, and the 75th percentiles of the distribution of the sufficient statistic are, respectively,
 - 0.67, 0.69, and 0.75 bps on impact
 - 2.16, 2.23, and 2.44 bps after 3 months
 - 1.37, 1.50, and 1.93 bps after 36 months

Global Supply Pressure Index expansionary for prices

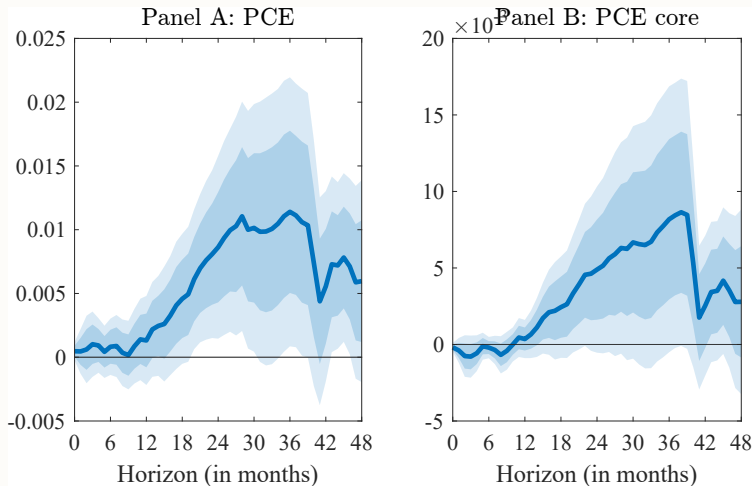


Figure 19: Panel A: PCE. Panel B: PCE core. Independent Variable: NY GSCPI. Period: 1998:01-2020:03. HAC robust SE. 68% and 90% CI. With Controls. [Back](#)

Global Supply Pressure Index contractionary for economic activity

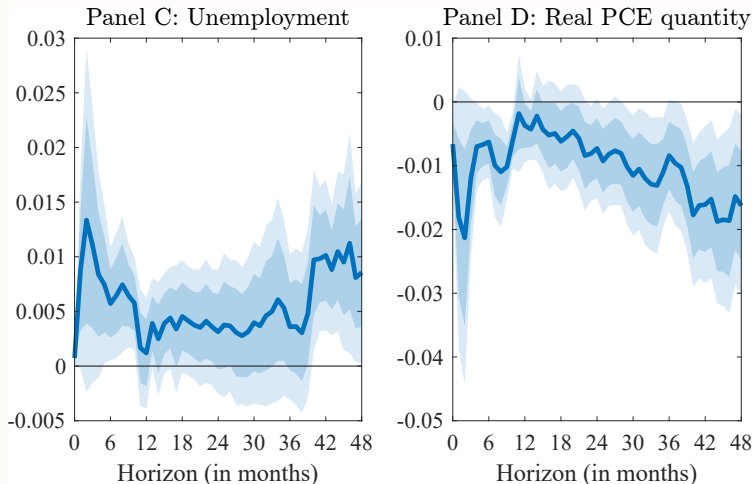


Figure 20: Panel A: Unemployment Rate. Panel B: Real PCE quantity. Independent Variable: NY GSCPI. Period: 1998:01-2020:03. HAC robust SE. 68% and 90% CI. With Controls. [Back](#)

Quantity Relative Responses

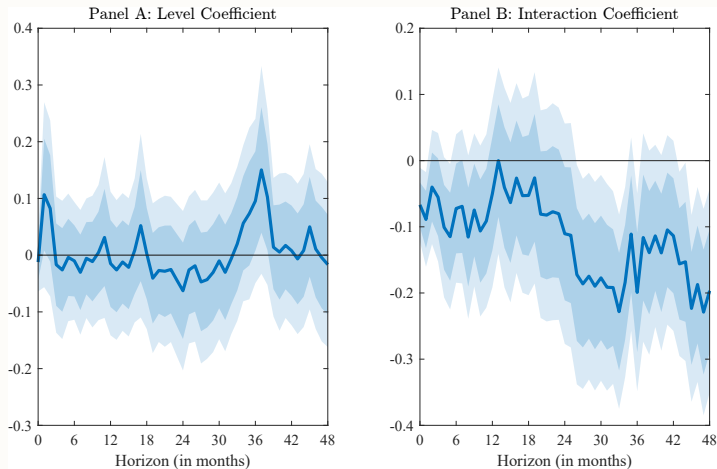


Figure 21: Panel A: Level. Panel B: Interaction. F-stat: 49.96. Ex-PCE categories with positive energy sectors in it. Period: 1998:01-2023:06. Driscoll-Kraay SE. 68% and 90% CI.