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In an economic cycle, one sees supply and demand shocks that can affect how agents in the market decide to allocate resources. Determining the impact, transmission and nature (transitory or permanent) of those shocks poses a challenge to economists, and understanding them can be very useful in economic policy-making. Being able to fathom transmission channels allows us to appreciate to what extent shocks can be extended or restricted in the short term, and how these effects can influence the long term, as well as their propagation towards relevant variables such as prices and quantities (Campbell and Mankiw , 1987).