



**TradeRES**

New Markets Design & Models for  
100% Renewable Power Systems

# vRES Support & Investment Derisking

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## Motivation

### Problem



- Cost optimisation results not necessarily feasible for all involved actors
- Cause: Cannibalisation & limited foresight
- Effect: Possibly missing money for some market actors

### Research questions



1. (When) Do missing money constellations occur?
2. Can vRES remuneration schemes solve the missing money problem?
3. How should vRES remuneration schemes be designed?



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## Main findings

Missing-money situations occur in some scenarios for certain technologies

- High interdependency with **hydrogen** price & level of **flexibility** (e.g. electrolysers)
- Highest investment risks for **small-scale PV** and **wind offshore** power plants

Support instruments can **derisk** vRES investments

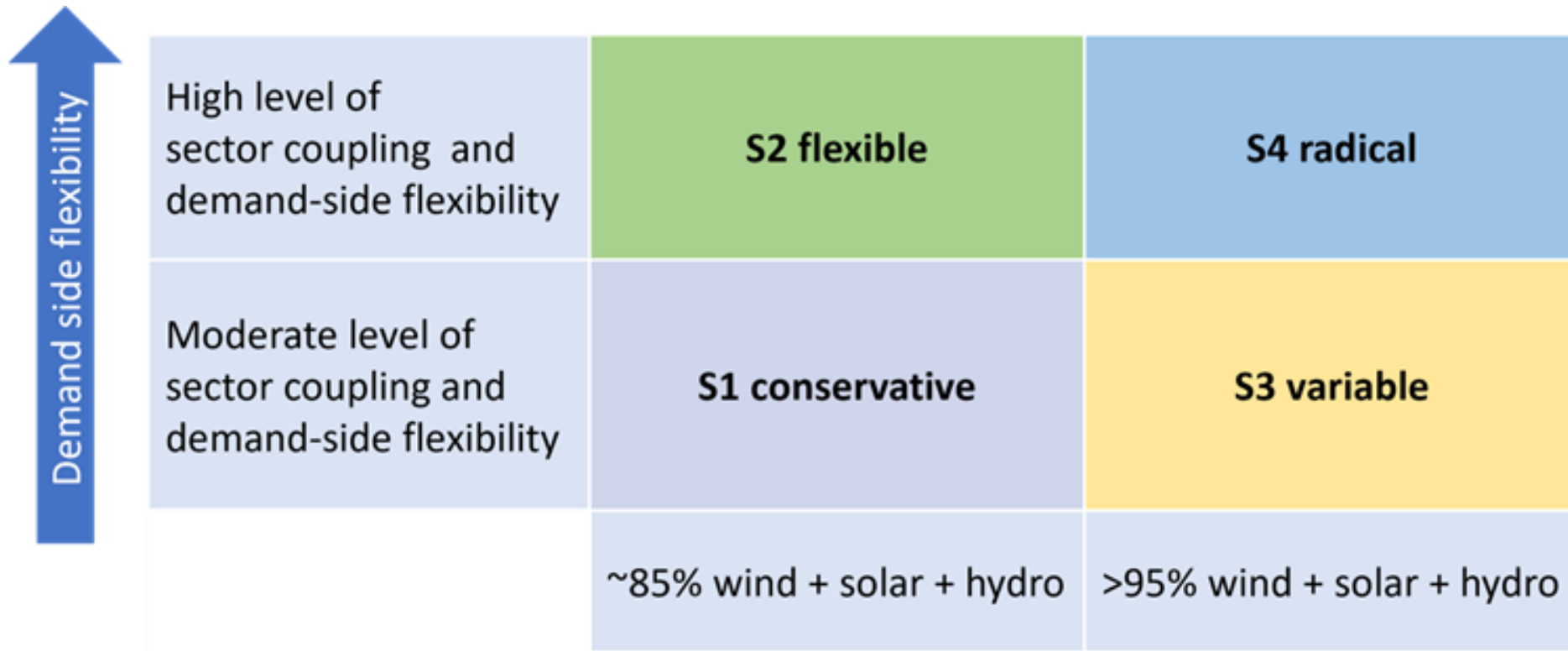
- If chosen well, support instruments can **ensure** that vRES actors **recover** their **costs**
- But: they can also cause **distortions** on electricity markets

Support instrument design can also **impact**

- **Curtailment:** can induce lower / higher market-based curtailment of vRES
- **Market Prices & Total Cost:** can increase / decrease prices as well as overall cost



# TradeRES Scenarios of ~100% RES Markets



**S0 base**  
~65% wind + solar + hydro  
No sector coupling

**Non-thermal supply capacity**



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## Scope

### Approach

- Europe: Investment & dispatch **cost optimization**
- Germany: **Agent-based** dispatch simulation
- Both: Vary **support instruments**
- Assess market performance

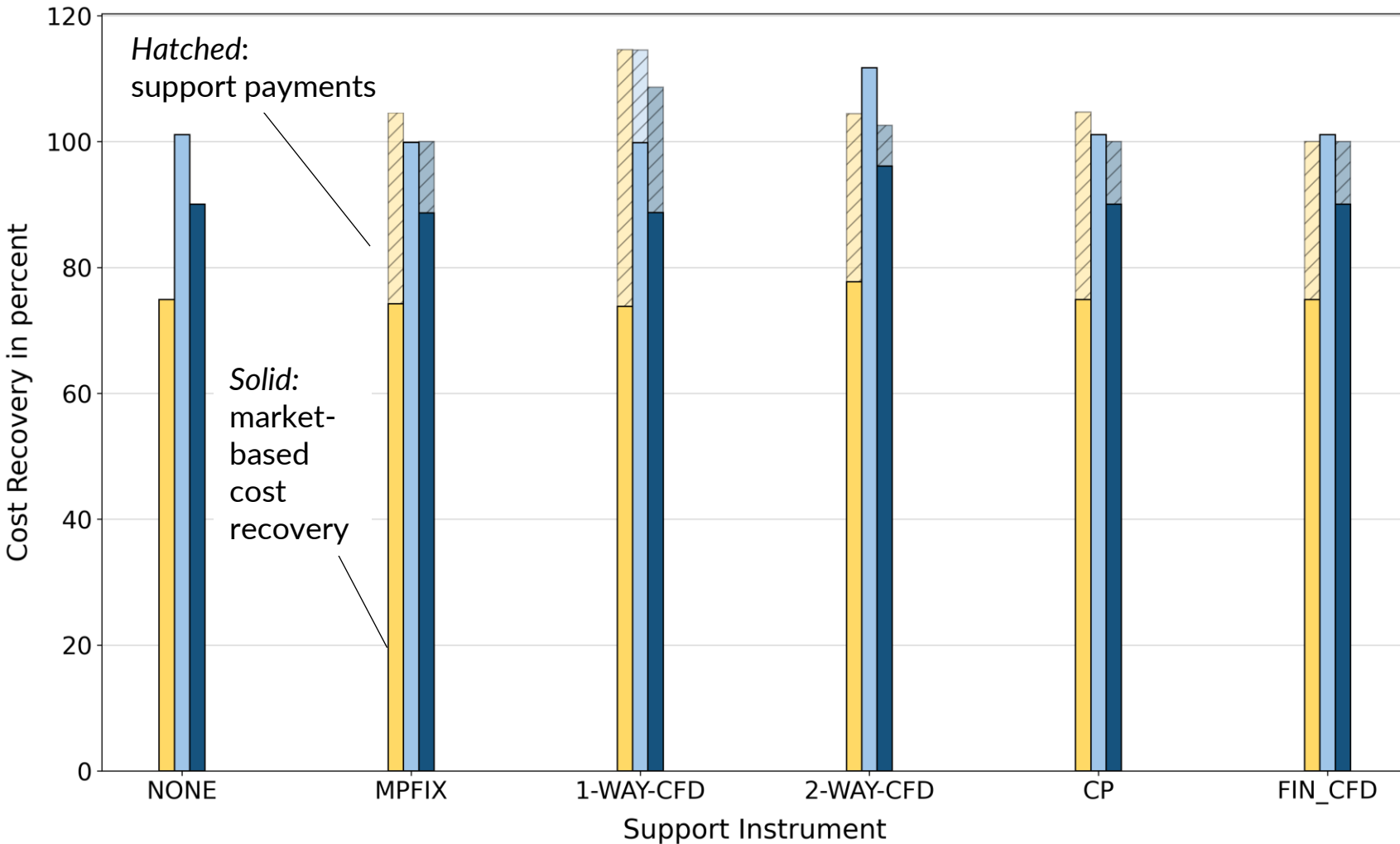
### Support instruments

- “**NONE**”: energy-only market
- “**BASIC CFD**”: Contracts for Differences (CfD) with hourly spot price as reference price
- “**MPFIX**”: fixed market premium (ex ante)
- “**1-WAY CFD**”: variable market premium (ex post)
- “**2-WAY CFD**”: two-way CfD as extension to the 1-WAY-CFD (ex post)
- “**CP**”: fixed capacity premium
- “**FIN CFD**”: Financial CfD, as suggested by Schlecht et al. (2023); country average as reference

**Support instruments  
influence bidding behaviour**

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## Cost Recovery – Scenario S1 – Germany



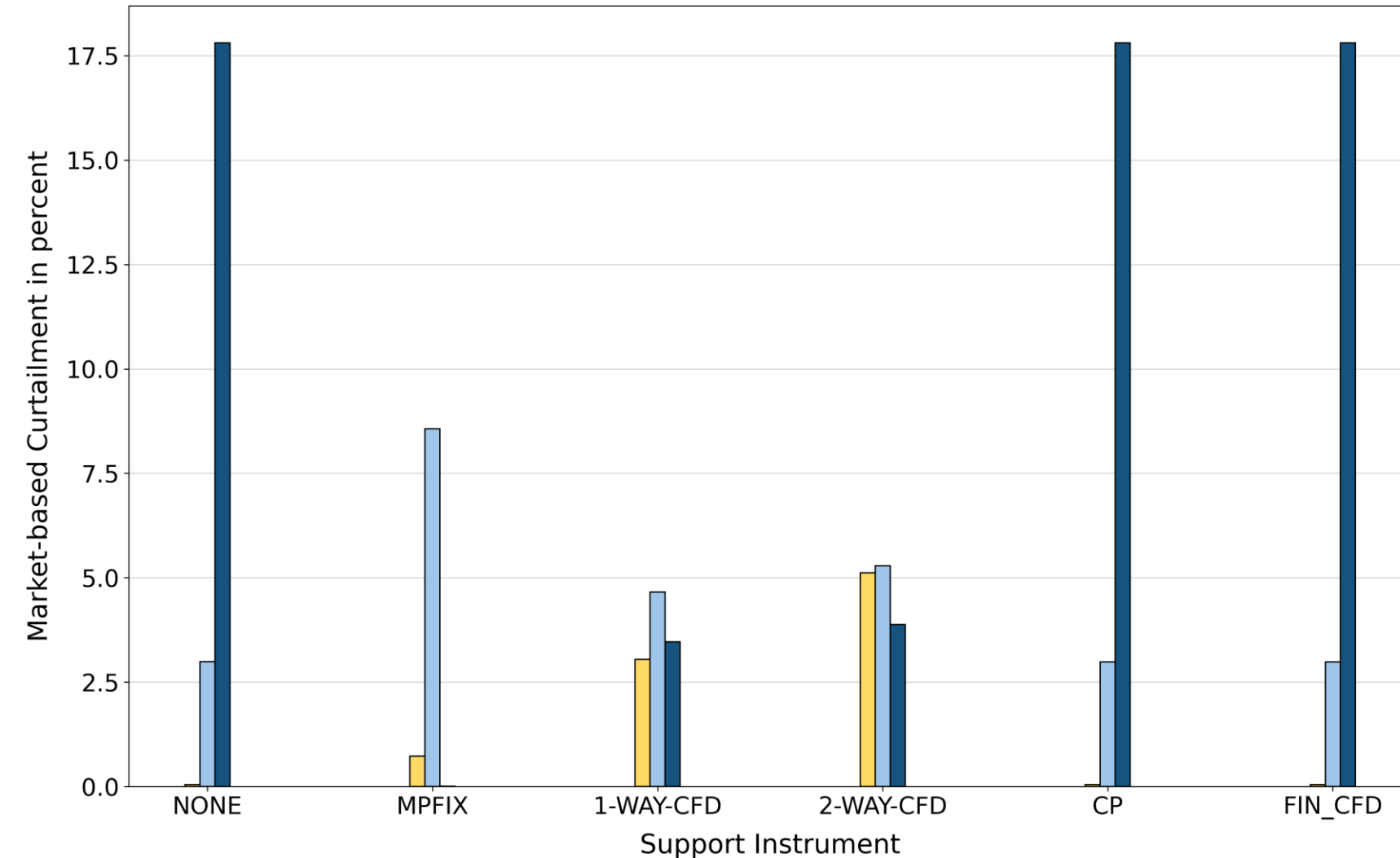
- No market-based refinancing for **small-scale PV** in any case
- **Wind** can (almost) recover costs on the market
- **1-WAY-CFD** and **2-WAY-CFD**: additional support payments during months with insufficient market incomes
- **2-WAY-CFD**: higher prices due to negative premia in clawback periods and corresponding bidding / curtailment



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## Market-based Curtailment – Scenario S1 – Germany

PV WindOn WindOff



### Offshore wind

Highest variable costs among considered vRES technologies

→ Heavy **curtailment** for NONE, CP and FIN\_CFD (no dispatch distortions)

### MPFIX & CFD

Bids & merit order impacted by expected premium payments

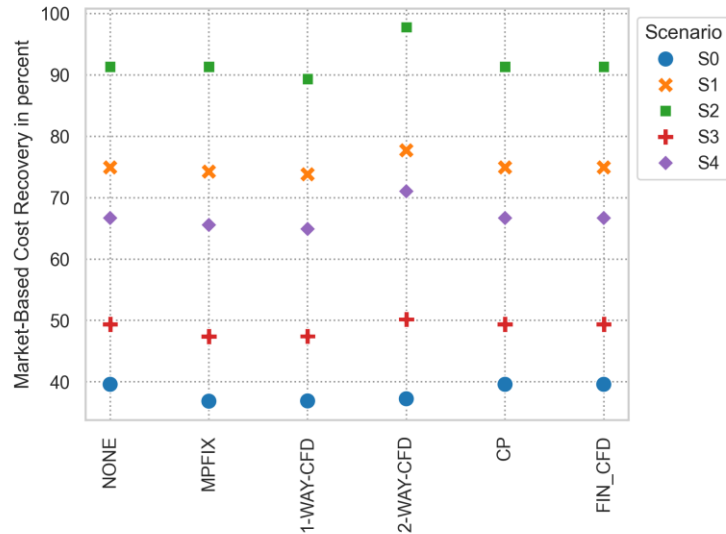
→ **Displacement** of PV & onshore wind by offshore wind



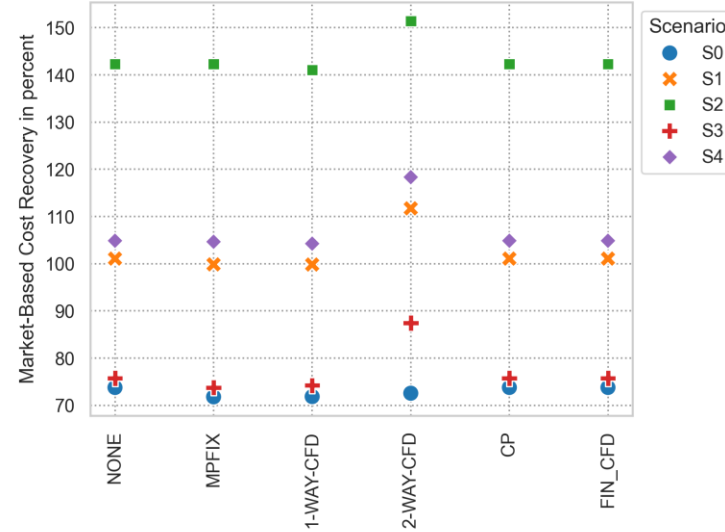
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## Scenario Dependency of Cost Recovery – Germany

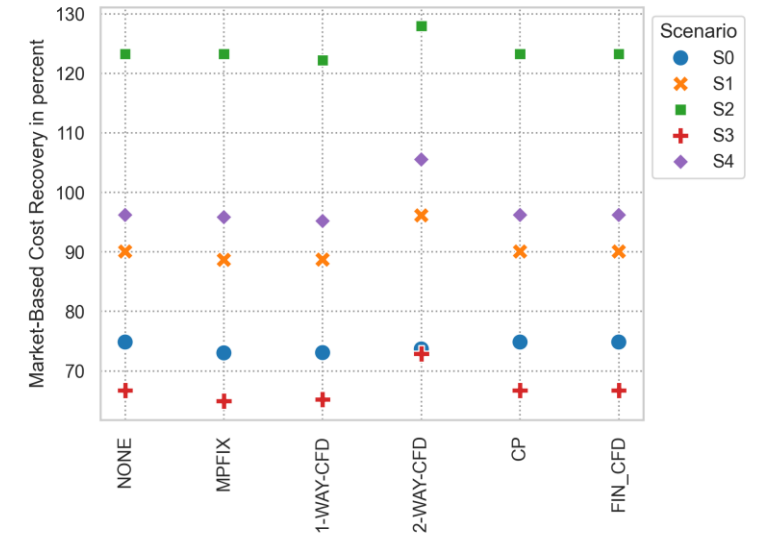
### PV



### Wind Onshore



### Wind Offshore



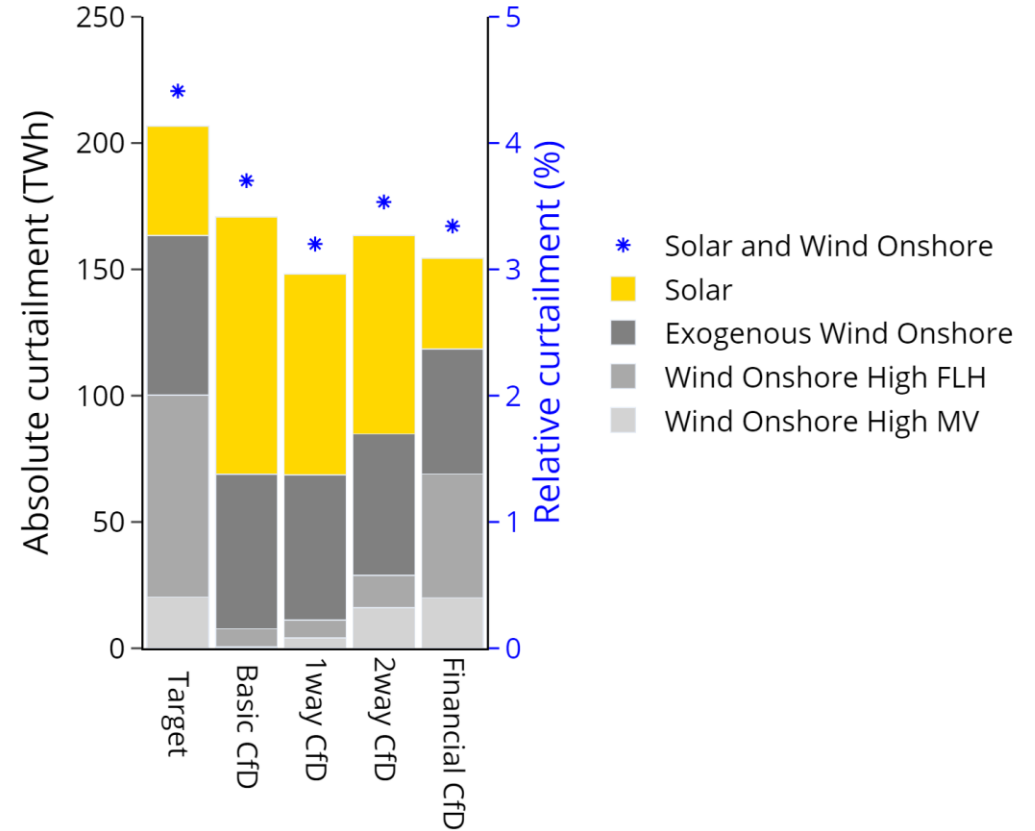
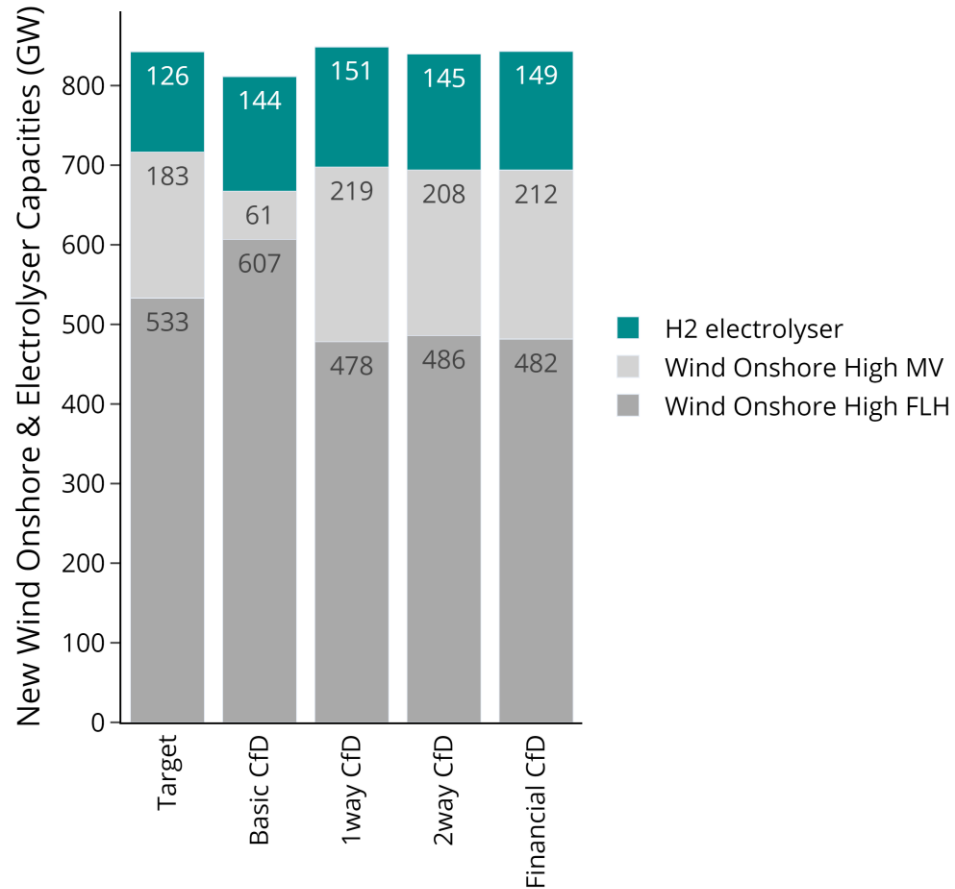
- Highest cost recovery rates for flexible scenario S2 due to higher hydrogen price
- Lower hydrogen price in S4 → less vRES cost recovery
- S3: lowest prices and market values for PV and wind across scenarios S1 to S4 (more vRES, less electrolysis)
- **2-WAY-CFD significantly changes market behavior**
- **Differences between scenarios have a greater impact than those between support instruments!**





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## Investment effects on the European scale



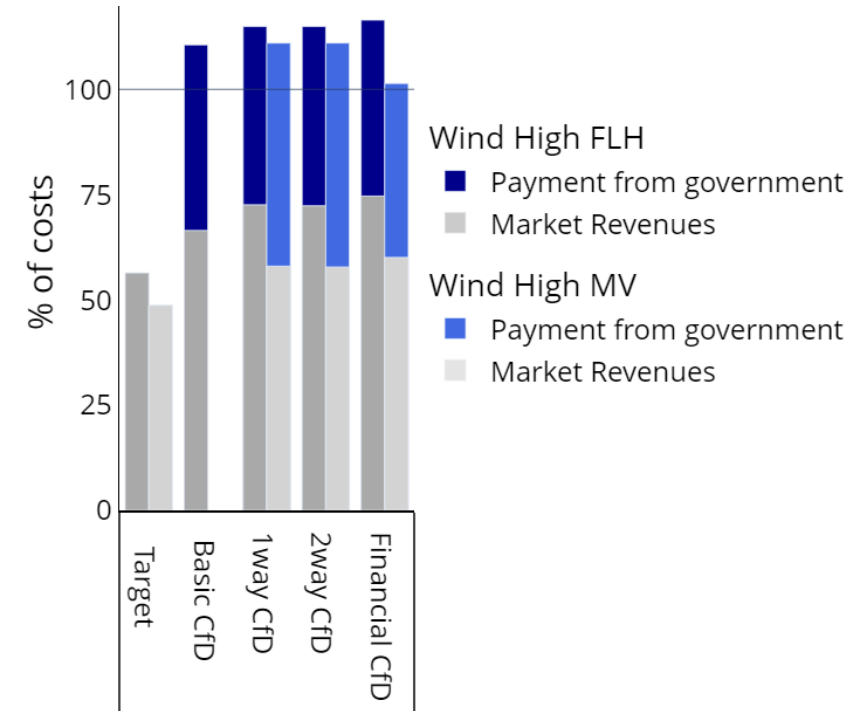
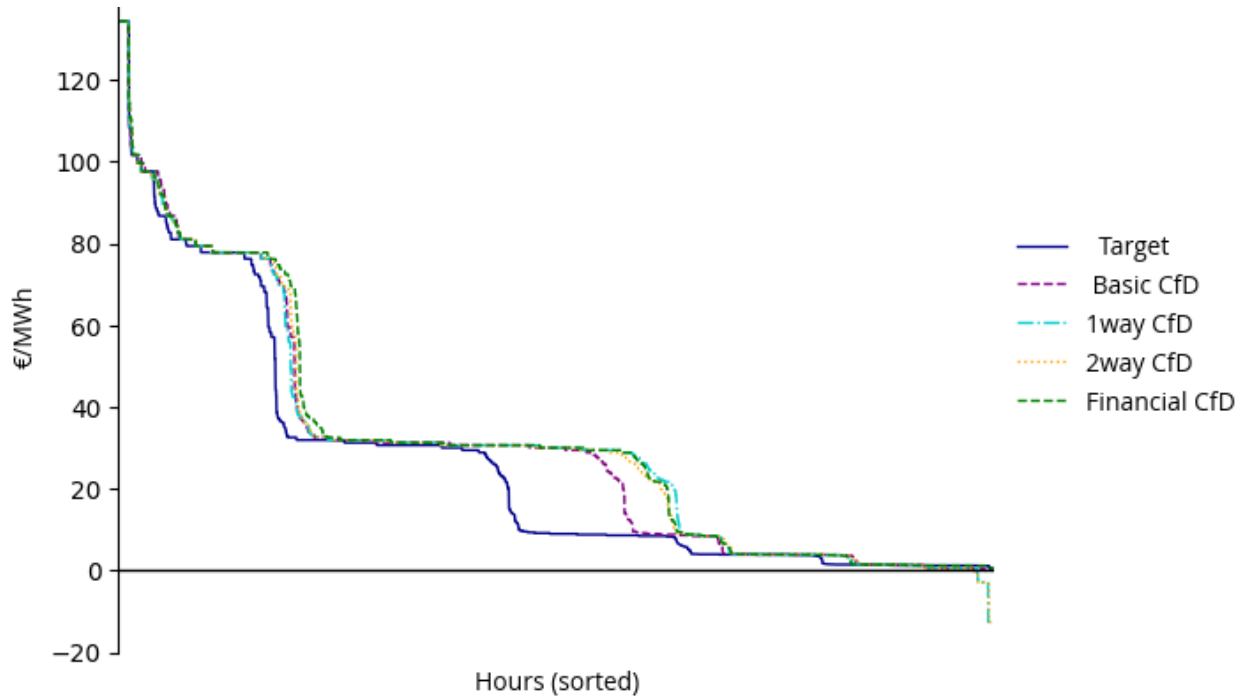
- Investment Changes & Dispatch distortions
- Curtailment affected by new composition of wind power plant types & dispatch distortions



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## Shift in prices and consequences for cost recovery

### Price duration curve & ex-post recovery at the example of Denmark



Changes in prices cause shifts in market-based cost recovery & CfD payments



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