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Demand Response in the Pacific Northwest

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Background for PNW

- Historically, hydropower system made meeting peak load “easy”
- Outgrowing our hydropower system
- Large TX links, especially w/ California
- Modest steps toward retail access
- No ISO
- Somewhat surplus at the moment

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PNW Experience w/ DR

- During 2000-2001, bought out ~2000 MW for months (not hours)
- Several utilities have used “demand exchange” programs
- Several utilities have direct control programs for WH, AC, IRR
- Pilot projects for TOU rates
- Support for Grid Wise RD&D
- Total DR >200 MW

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DR and Transmission

- BPA exploring DR as alternative to TX investments
- Very site-specific
- Issues of pooling benefits to generation, TX and distribution
- Some attractive applications

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Council's Planning Considers DR's Effect on Risk

- Modeled as "superpeaker" w/ low fixed cost, short lead time over 20 yr horizon
- Availability of DR lowers expected cost and risk

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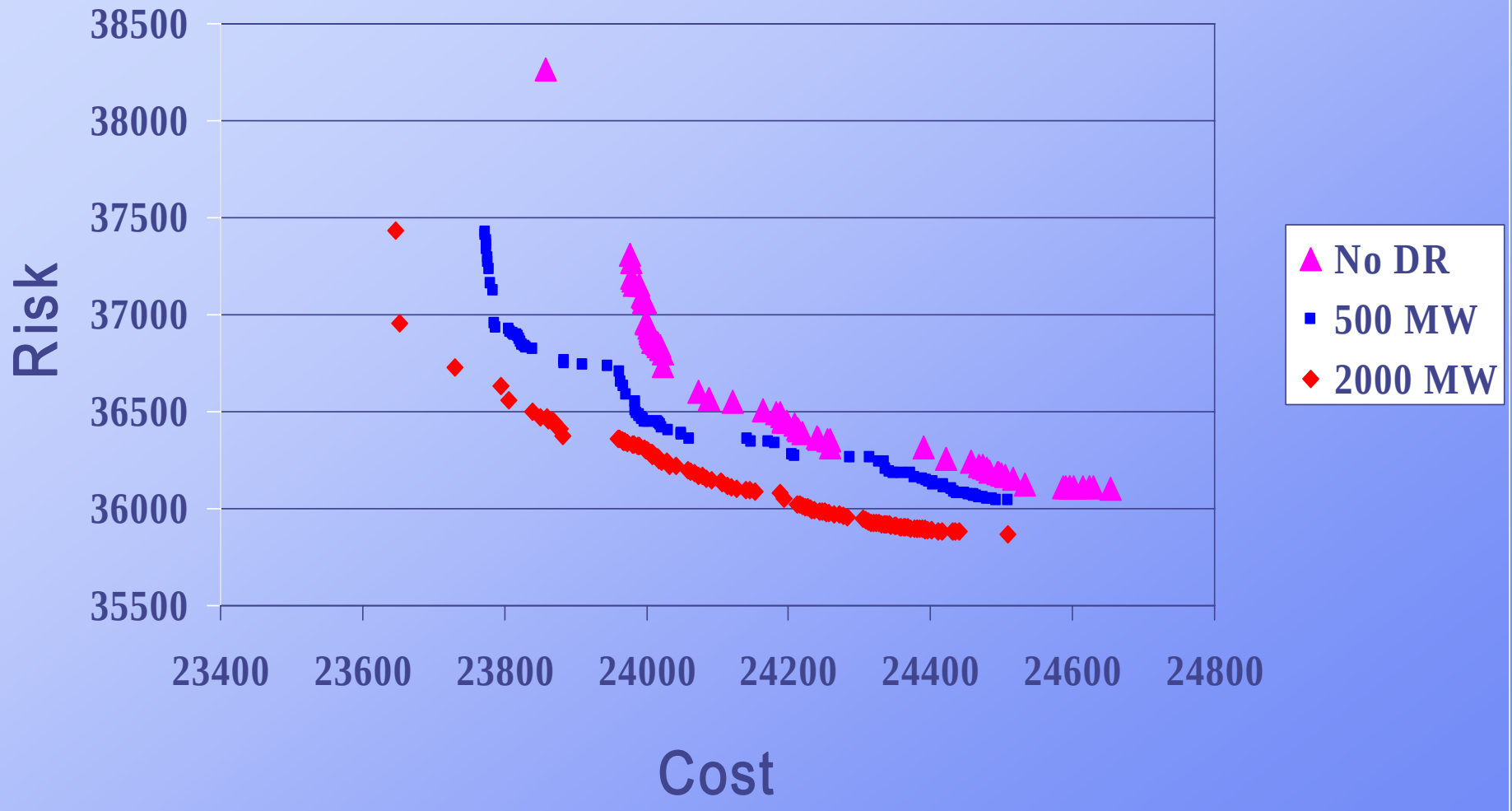
No DR vs. 500 MW vs. 2000 MW



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Issues

- What works?
- Optimal development of capability in advance of need?
- How to measure cost effectiveness?
- How to deal with “non-firm” DR for planning?
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