



BCUB DB

LSH Database

1M Ungauged Basins

BC, Canada + trans-boundary regions

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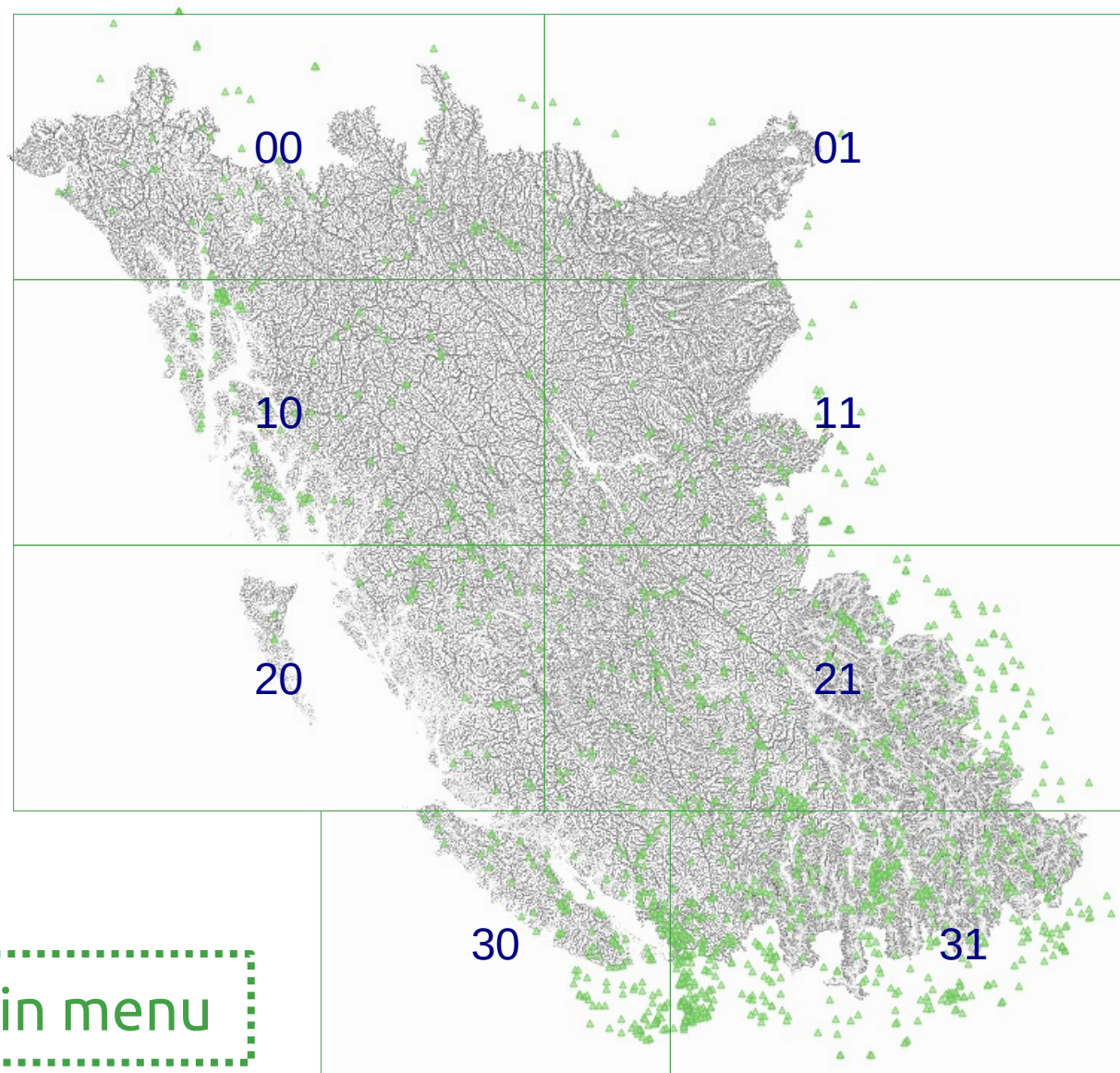
Click to compare gauged vs.
ungauged basin properties

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● ungauged basins

▲ streamflow monitoring
locations





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The study region merged basin information across administrative boundaries of British Columbia, Yukon & Northwest Territories, Alberta, Montana, Idaho, & Washington, & Alaska.

Pacific
Ocean &
Southeast
Alaska

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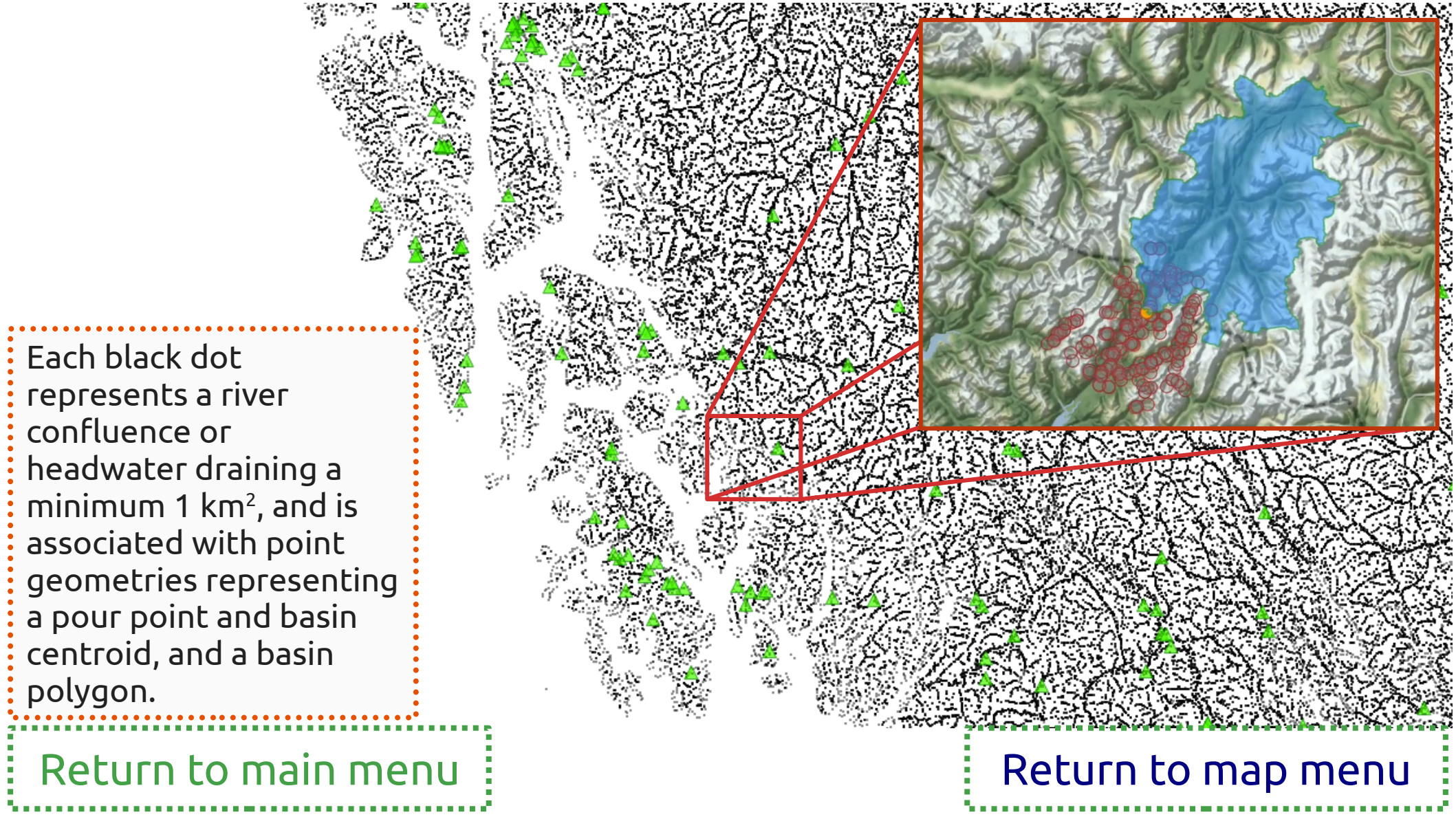
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All basins were derived from USGS 3DEP 1 digital elevation data at 1 arcsecond resolution. (USGS, 2019)



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Each black dot represents a river confluence or headwater draining a minimum 1 km², and is associated with point geometries representing a pour point and basin centroid, and a basin polygon.

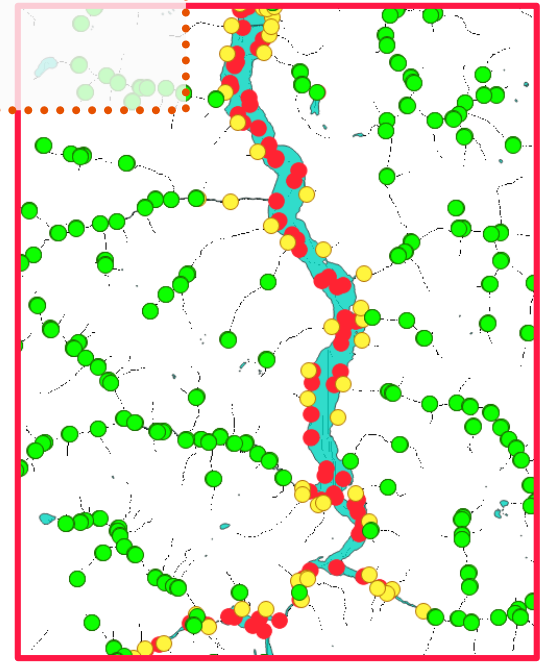
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Peace River Basin
(major tributary of
the Mackenzie River)

Lake polygons were used to filter out spurious confluence points in lakes (red) and add river-lake confluences (yellow).



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A topographic map of Haida Gwaii, showing the islands of Haida Gwaii and Skidegate. The map is covered with a dense network of black lines representing contour lines and a grid of small black dots. Numerous green triangles are scattered across the map, indicating specific locations. The text "Haida Gwaii" is written in a black, sans-serif font on the left side of the map.

Haida Gwaii

Soil permeability and porosity attributes were derived from GLYMPHS dataset (Huscroft et al. 2018)

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Land cover attributes were derived from the
NALCMS dataset (Latifovic et al. 2010)

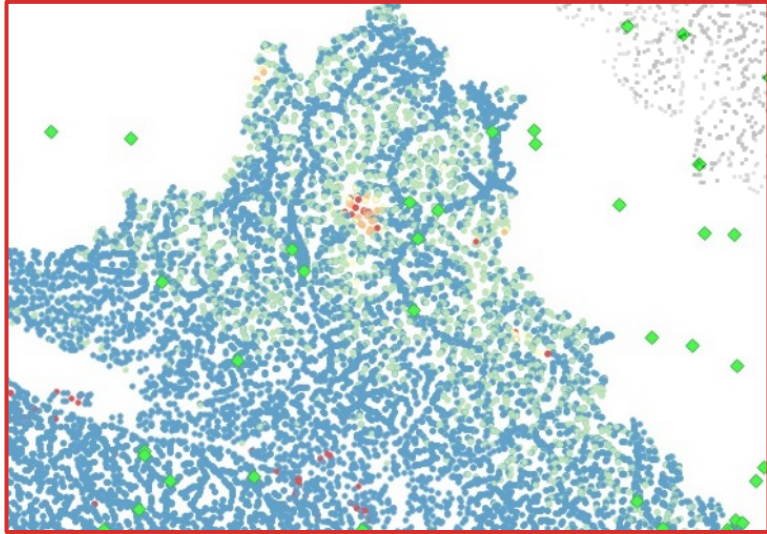
Rocky
Mountains
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Columbia
River Basin

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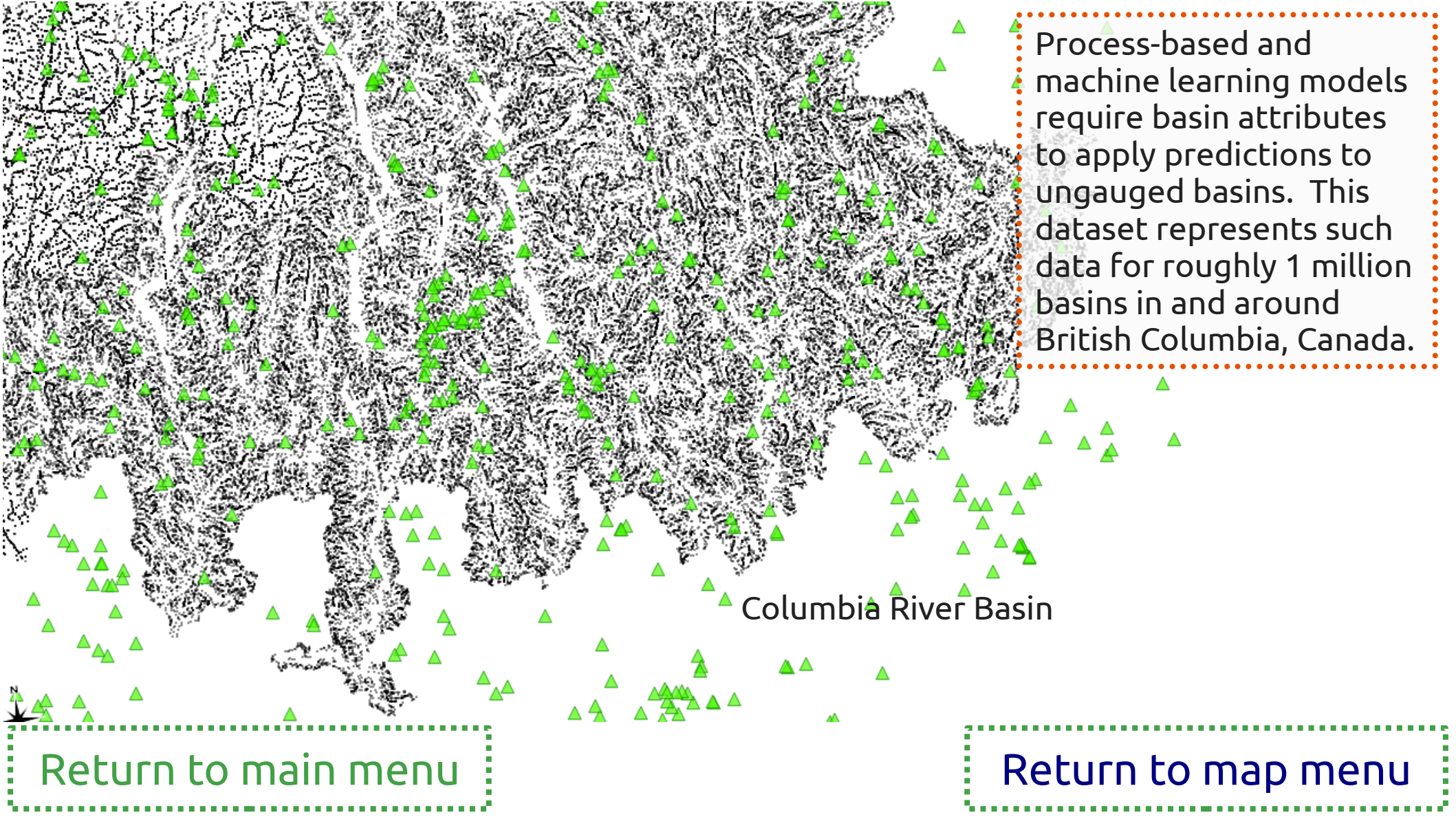
Vancouver Island

The PostGIS format is performant on large spatial computations. Streamflow monitoring network optimization can use the dataset to develop regional information transfer models and calculate distances in higher dimensions (attribute space).



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Process-based and machine learning models require basin attributes to apply predictions to ungauged basins. This dataset represents such data for roughly 1 million basins in and around British Columbia, Canada.

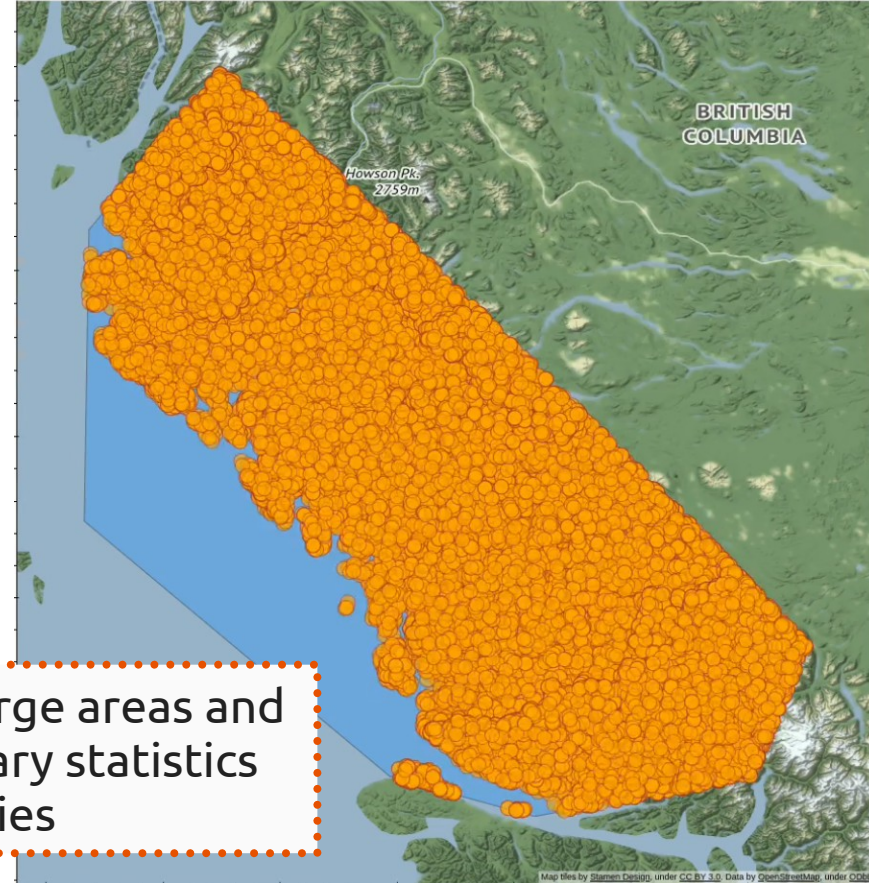
Columbia River Basin

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Large Sample Ungauged Basins

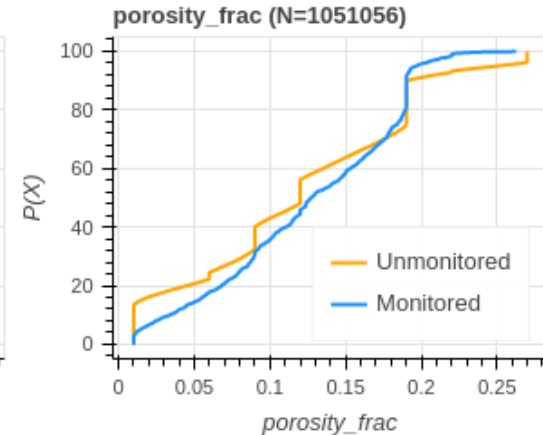
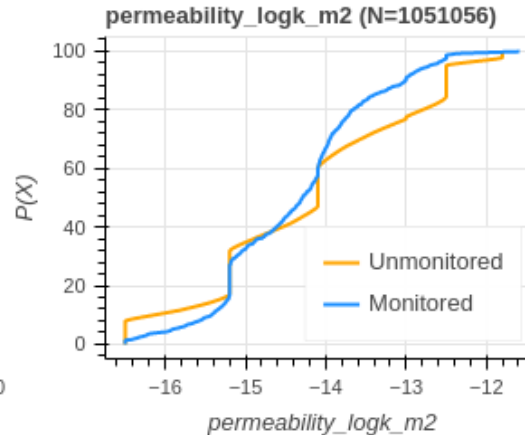
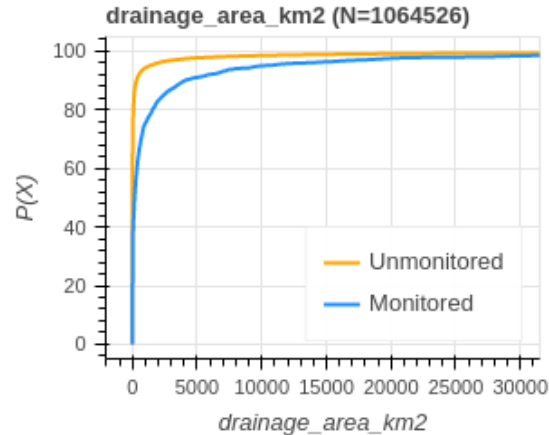
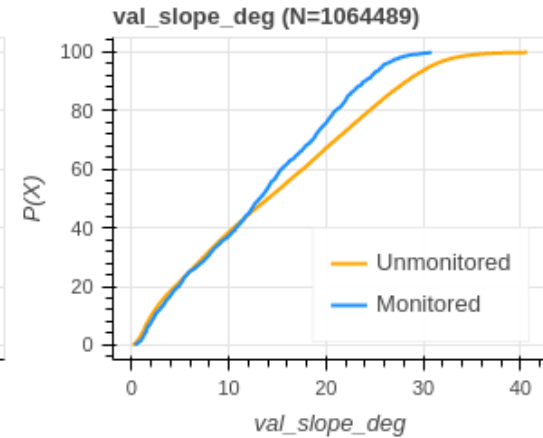
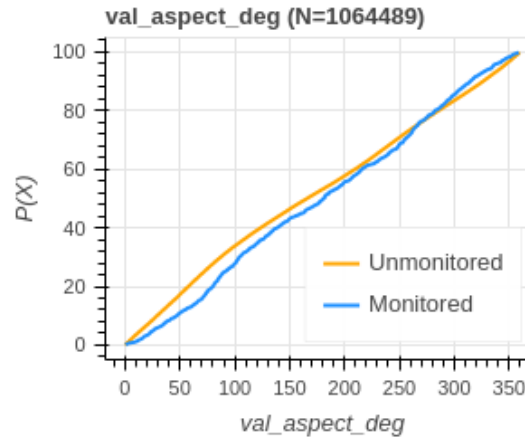
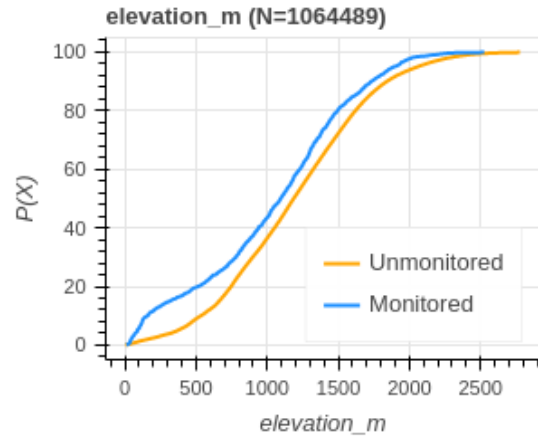
1. Potential uses:
 - prediction in ungauged basins
 - monitoring network optimization
2. PostGIS db, performant on spatial computations
3. Query by multiple geometries:
 - pour point,
 - basin centroid, and
 - basin polygon



Quickly query large areas and generate summary statistics of basin properties

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Example attribute CDF Comparisons



Assess monitoring network diversity
in terms of basin attributes.

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