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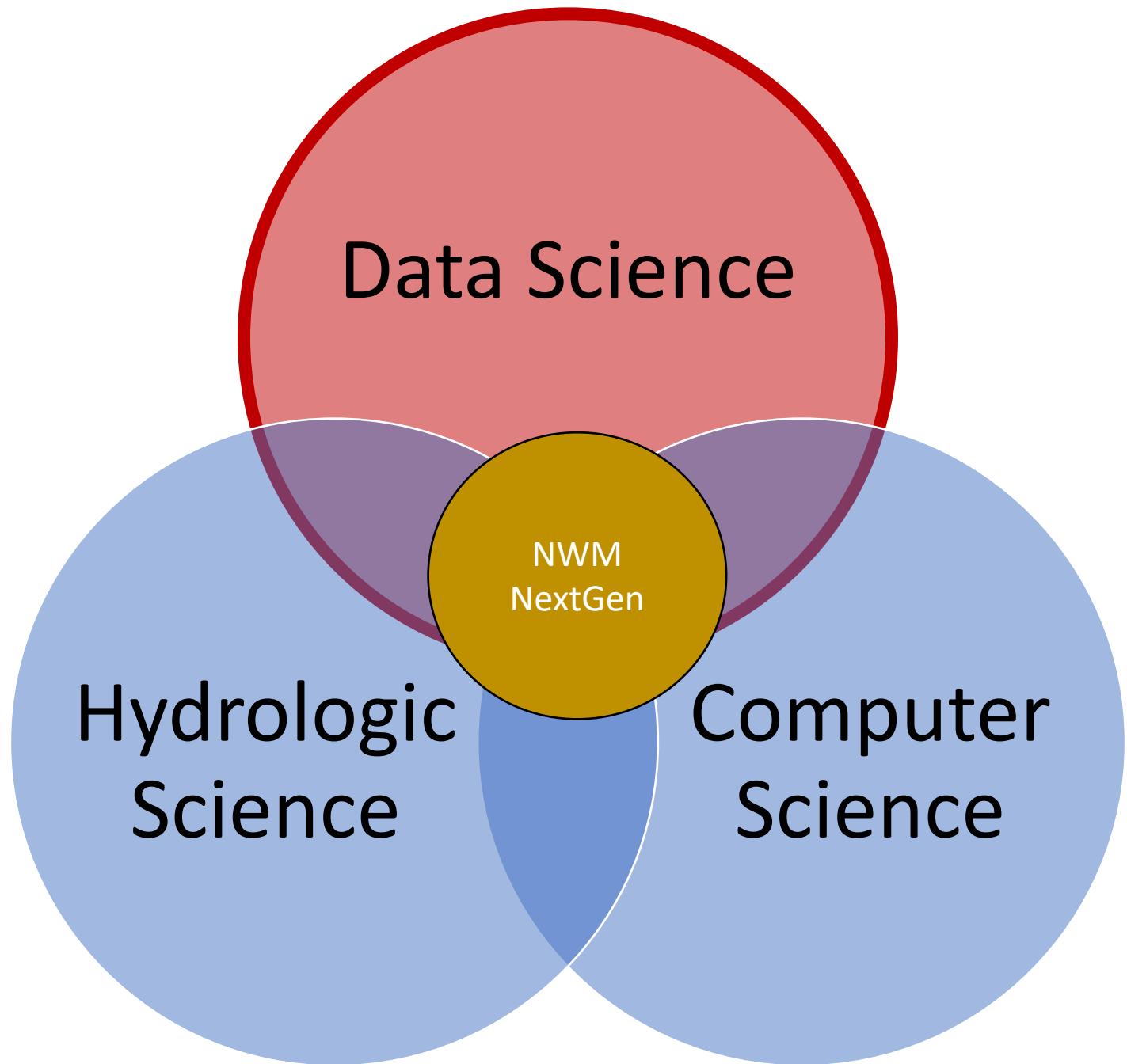


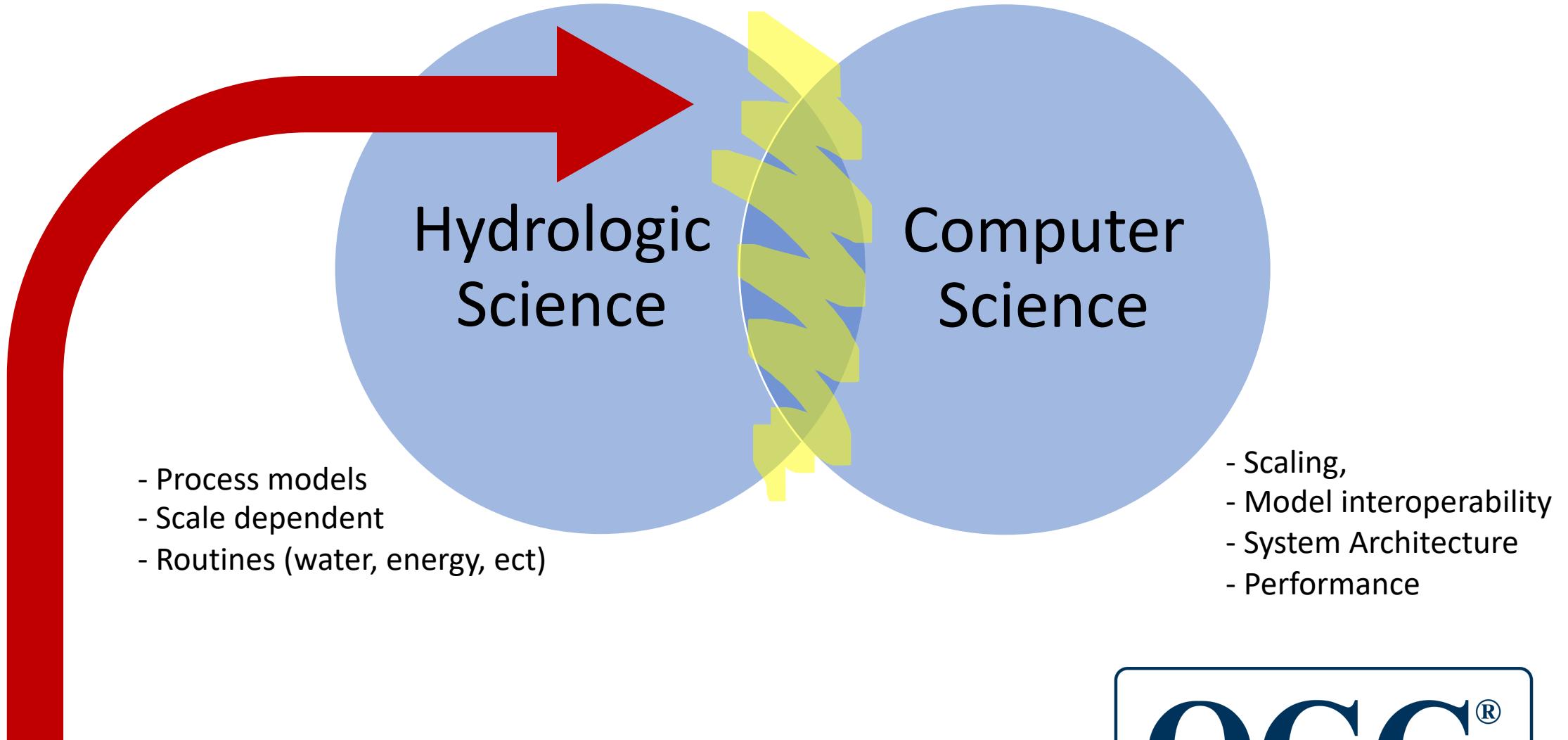
# Hydrofabric Development for Next-Gen Framework Modelling

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**Hydrofabric:** Spatially derived product that compiles with an open data standard (HY\_Features) to let **domain science** become machine interpretable

<https://docs.opengeospatial.org/is/14-111r6/14-111r6.html>



## 4.3. catchment

A physiographic unit where hydrologic processes take place. This class denotes a physiographic unit, which is defined by a hydrologically determined outlet to which all waters flow. While a catchment exists, it may or may not be clearly identified for repeated study.

### 4.21. flowpath (also flow path)

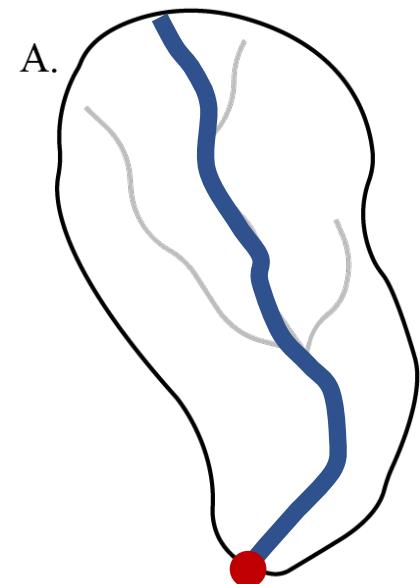
One-dimensional (linear) feature that is a hydrology-specific realization of the holistic catchment. Topologically, flowpath can be understood to be an edge bounded by inflow and outflow nodes, and associated with left-bank and right-bank sub-catchment faces. The concept of an edge bounded by nodes is described in detail in the ISO topology model [ISO19107]. The flowpath is usually represented as a geometric curve.

A catchment network can be represented as:

1. Spatial features
2. A graph of nodes and edges

But:

One catchment = One flowpath = One outlet (nexus)

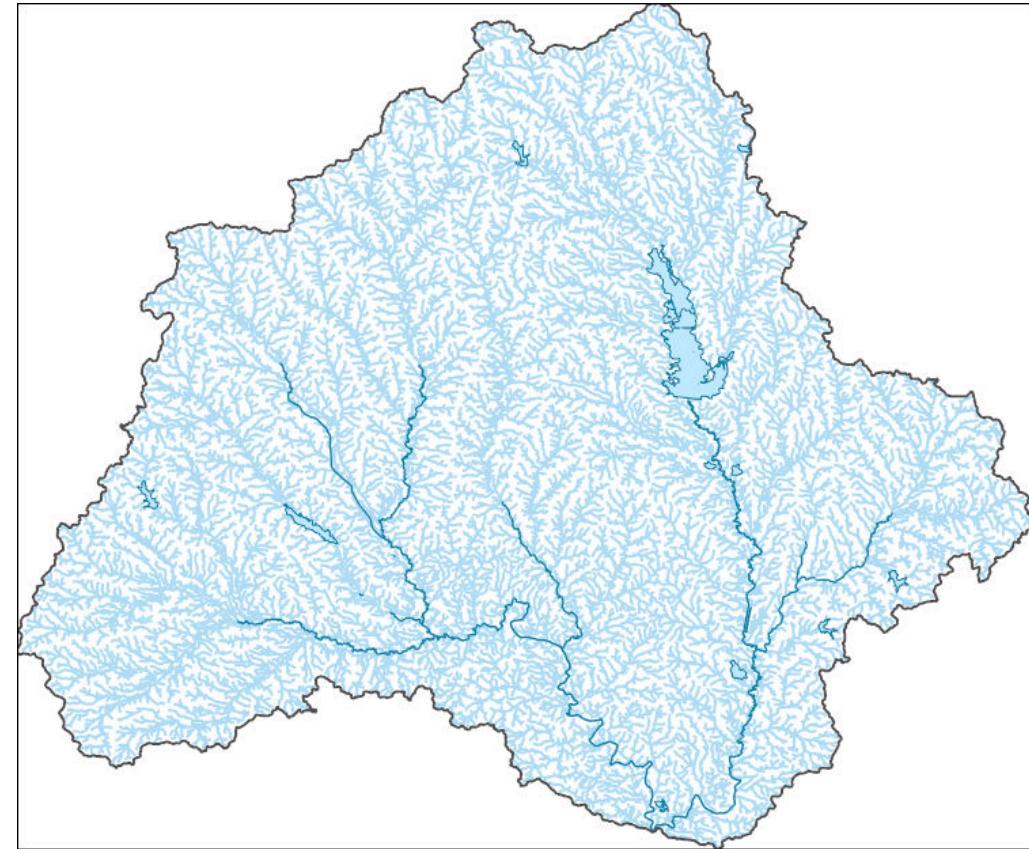


# Computer Scientists to engage with domain scientists



# What is a Hydrofabric?

1. Collection of *files/features/catchment realizations* that describe the *connectivity* of surface water
  - Using a **discretization** suitable to a given rainfall/runoff/routing formulations
2. Derive the **parameters** that influence processes computed with formulations



# National Hydrography Dataset

- Principle “hydrofabric” for the US:
  - Flowpaths are derived from a 1:100,000 topographic maps
  - Catchments are generated from a 30m Digital Elevation Models (DEM)
- *Provides a seriously good start but...*
- Not flexible
- Has severe scale mismatch between process and application
- Errors in topology and geometry
- No parameter generation capabilities



# Goal: To create hydrofabric *workflows* that are:

- Open Source and community driven
- Flexible
  - The right network representation can be defined for region and for process
- Consistent
  - Topology, geometry, and identification are consistent across representations
- Can derive needed parameters sets for any known model formulations

## 1. Reference Fabric

NHD, USGS GFv2.0, NGEN

## 2. Refactor (Routing)

- Flowpath Network focused
- Adjust flowpath length to meet desired resolution
- Does NOT lose network resolution
- Modify Catchments accordingly

Routing

R packages:

**USGS-R/hyRefactor**

## 3. Aggregate (Rainfall Runoff)

- Catchment Network focused
- Adjust catchments to meet desired goals
- DOES lose network resolution
- Modify flow paths accordingly

Rainfall Runoff

**OWP/hyAggregate**

## 4. Catchment/Flowpath Parameters

Summarize catchment properties

**mikejohnson51/zonal**

## 5. NGEN Release

Generate files to run in a Model Engine

Model Engine

ML/AI

**OWP/hyRelease**

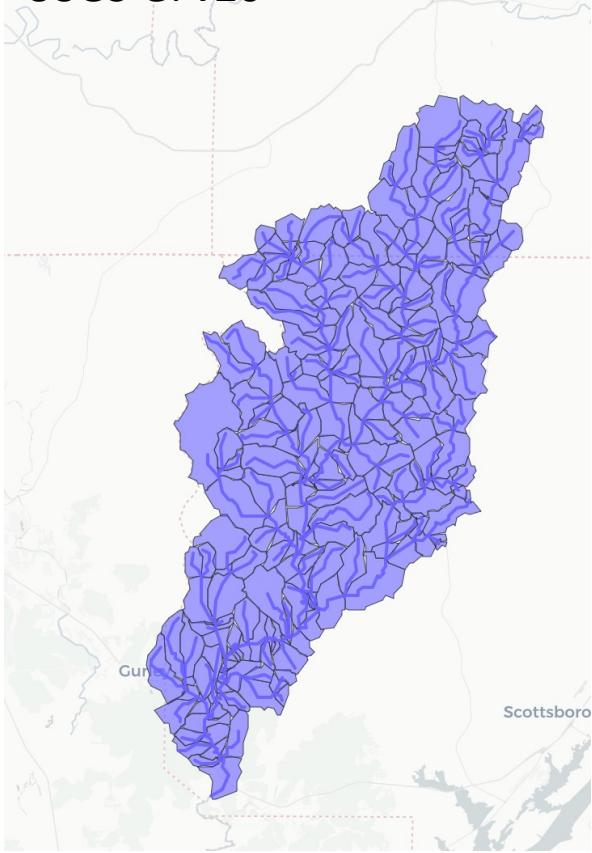
# Example Application:

*We want a hydrofabric with an ideal catchment area of 10 sqkm - but no smaller then 3 sqkm – and no flowpath lengths shorter then 1 km....*



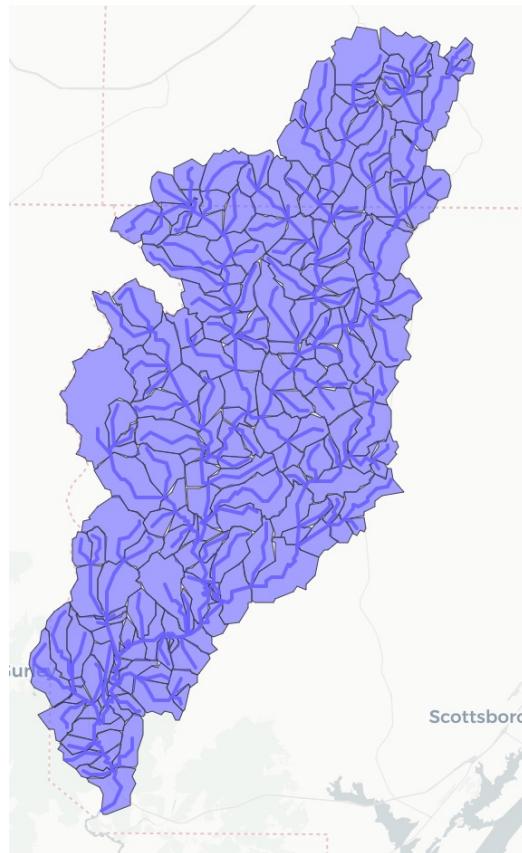
# Reference

USGS GFv20



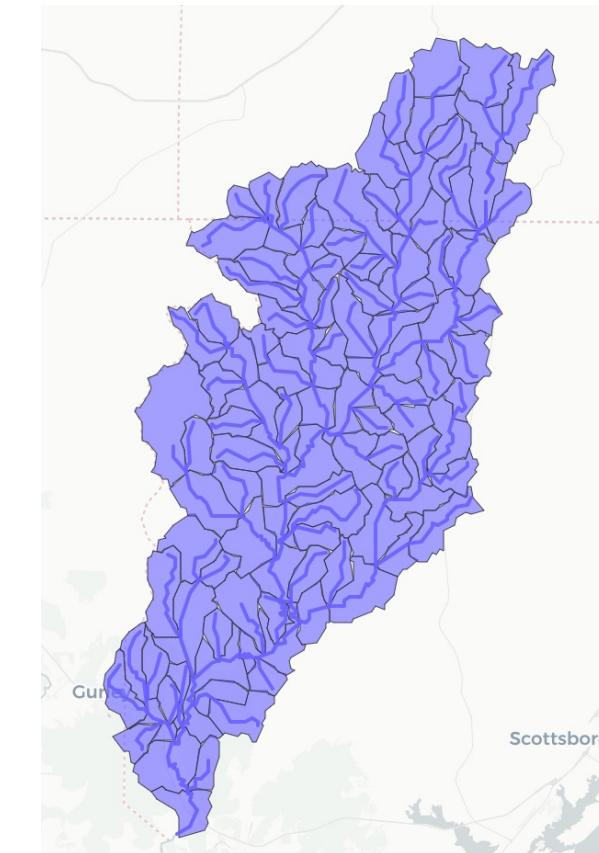
**Units:** 281  
**Average Area:** 2.903 sqkm  
**Average Length:** 2.055 km  
**Total River Length:** .581 KM  
**Catchments < 3sqkm:** 177 (62%)  
**Flowpaths < 1 KM:** 83 (29%)

# refactor



**Units:** 223  
**Average Area:** 3.658 sqkm  
**Average Length:** 2.723 km  
**Total River Length:** .581 KM  
**Catchments < 3sqkm:** 113 (51%)  
**Flowpaths < 1 KM:** 19

# aggregate



**Units:** 104  
**Average Area:** 7.844 sqkm  
**Average Length:** 4.566 km  
**Total River Length:** .489 km (84%)  
**Catchments < 3sqkm:** 0  
**Flowpaths < 1 KM:** 0

**SAVE!!**

More users, formulations, realizations = more needed inputs

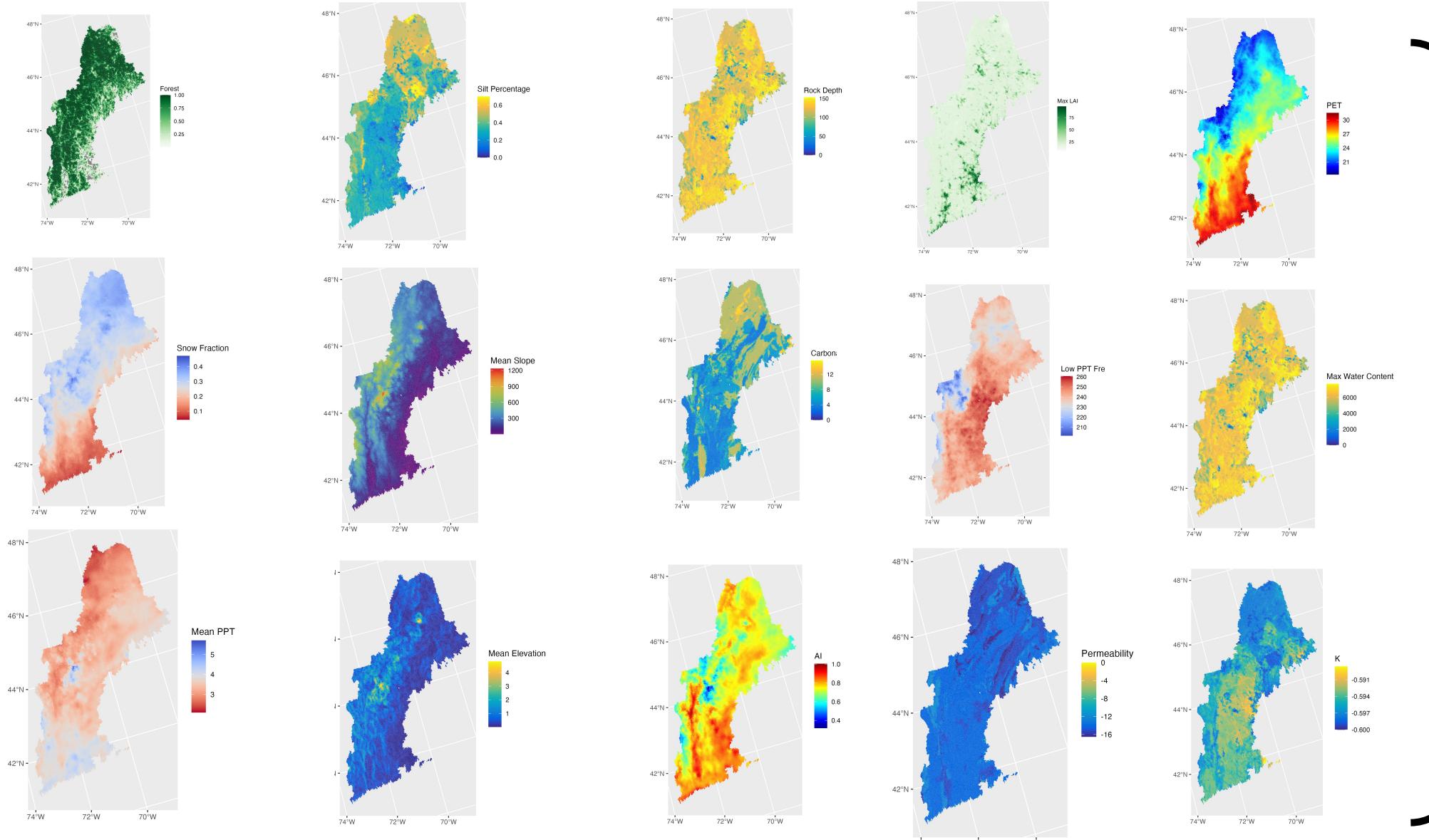
Needs to be an automated way to generate variable for formations in a consistent automated way.

- MODIS
  - Gridmet
  - NED
  - NLCD
  - POLARIS
  - SSURGO
  - ...



```
aggregate_lstm_params = function(gpkg,  
                                catchment_name,  
                                geo_dir,  
                                years = 3,  
                                precision = 9,  
                                out_file = NULL)
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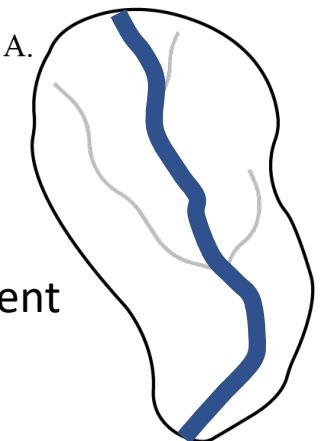
# Replicate CAMELS variables for LSTM...



# A hydrofabric collection

## Spatial

- Catchment POLYGONS
- Flowpath LINESTRINGS
- Nexus POINTS



## Parameters

Things that happen in the catchment

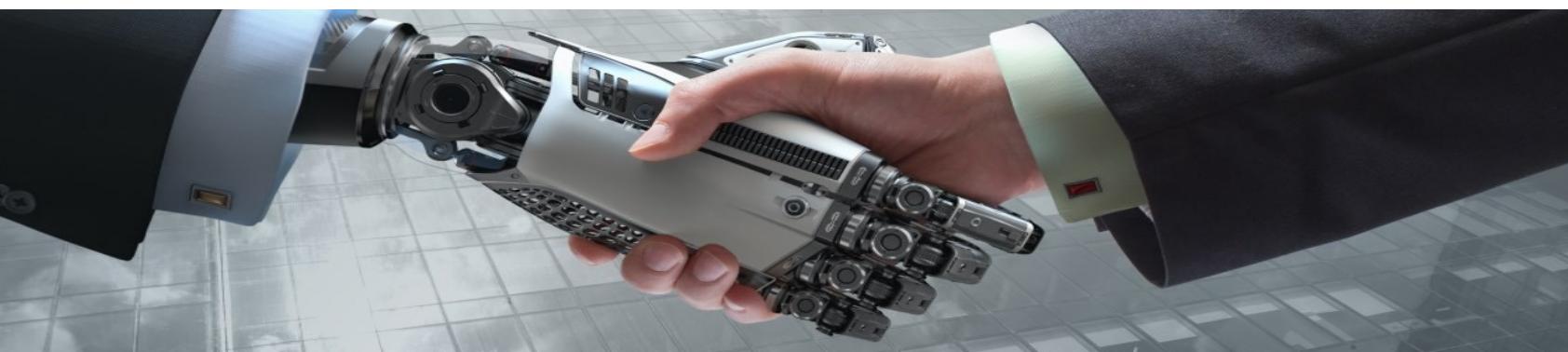
1. Mean Rainfall
2. Average soil type,
3. Land cover coverage
4. Path length

## Graph

Edge-list topologies

## Cross-walks

NWIS Gages IDs  
NHD waterbodies  
Dams



▼	crosswalks
	lakes.json
	nwis-nhd.json
▼	graph
	catchment_edge_list.json
	flowpath_edge_list.json
	waterbody_edge_list.json
▼	parameters
	camels.csv
	nlcd.csv
	nwm.csv
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	catchment_data.geojson
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	hydrofabric.gpkg
	nexus_data.geojson

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