

Regional politics, international dreams

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What are the drivers of hydro-electric development? What are the influences of domestic politics ? In what ways are they international?

THE MAIN IDEA

Highlight certain perspectives through historical examples
Provide a contemporary example

EXPLORING THE QUESTIONS

Theory: State-building, but often in a regional context

HISTORICAL EXAMPLES



Grand coulee dam

“The organic machine” by Richard White 1995



Dams on the Colombia River

Source: www.thefullwiki.org/Columbia_River

Hydro-electric development

CONTEMPORARY EXAMPLE

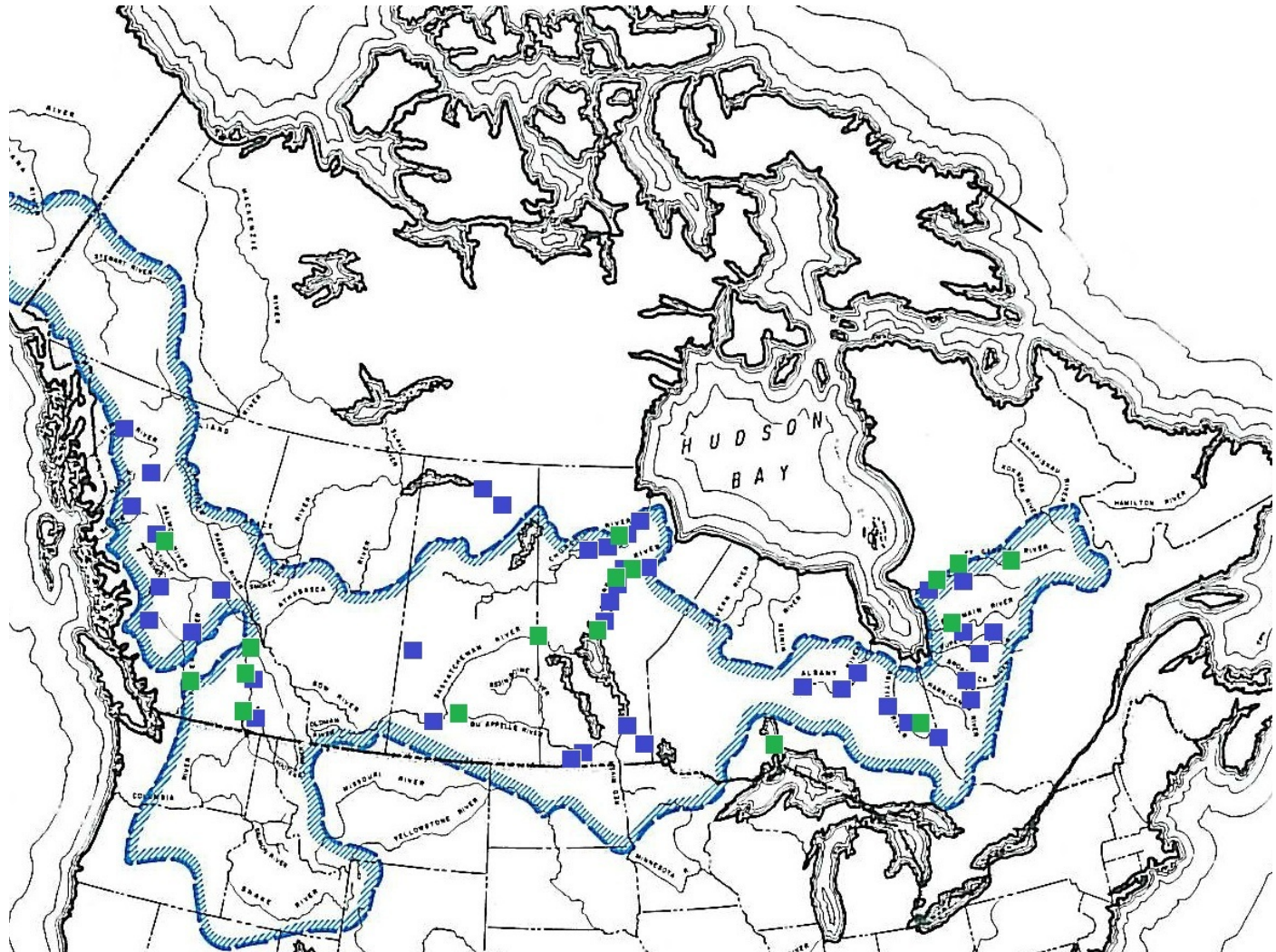


La Romaine, Québec

Source: Hydro Québec

The North American Water-Energy Nexus

CONCLUSIONS, QUESTIONS



Large dams: vision and reality

Source: Compiled and modified by Forest (2010) from The Ralph M. Parsons Company (1964, 122)