

Open Source Tools for Configuring the Next Generation Water Resources Modeling Framework

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Problem & Solution

A Next Generation Water Resources Modeling Framework (NextGen) CONUS simulation requires **880,000+** configuration files (1 file per Basic Model Interface (BMI) model per *catchment*). It is infeasible to manually create the configuration files necessary for such large simulations. This work presents **tools that make it possible to generate NextGen configuration files at any scale**, including CONUS.

- **Automate** the generation of NextGen configuration files at any scale
- The tools are fast, **flexible**, and designed to fit into your workflow
- Generate configuration files for **any combination** of OWP maintained BMI models or **your own model!**

Background

NextGen is a flexible software for conducting simulations over a set of *catchments* each consisting of a single or composite multi-model *formulation*. Streamflow outputs from each *catchment* are routed using a modular, multi-scheme, tree based routing framework, T-Route, over a standardized topology of rivers, lakes, and catchments, known as a *hydrofabric*. NextGen inspects, sets, and executes modules using the BMI. Each module that runs at the catchment scale is allowed a *configuration file*. However, **with this flexibility comes complexity in the form of configuration**. As the number of modeled catchments or BMI models increases, so does the number of configuration files.



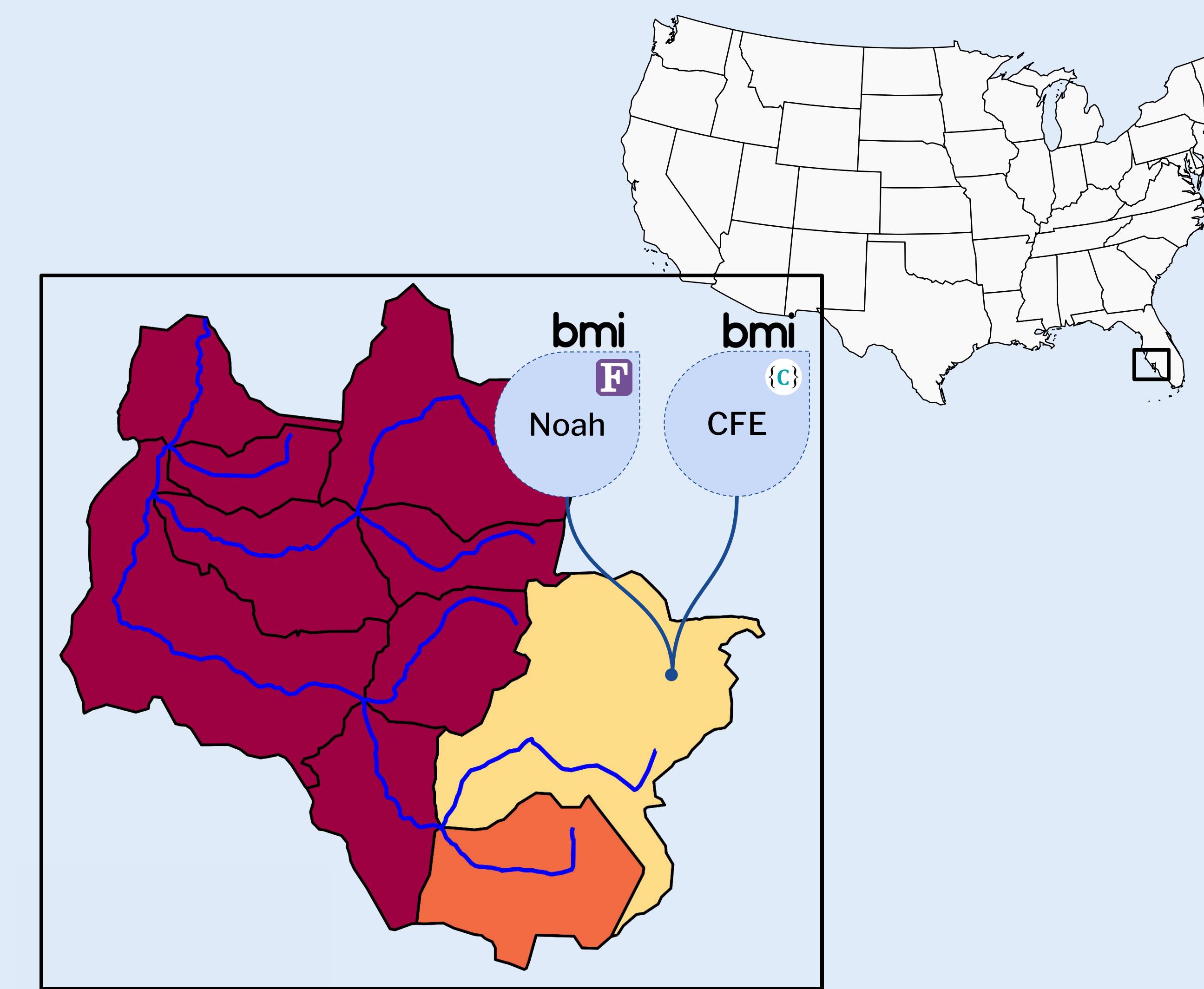
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Automatically Generate 880,000+ NextGen Configuration Files

- Tools are capable of generating model configuration files for **any combination** of OWP maintained BMI models
- The ~16 lines of code (shown right), generate **1.7+ million configuration files** required to run a NextGen *formulation* consisting of the Noah land surface model coupled with the conceptual equivalent (CFE) NWM over
- Data used to create configuration files is primarily sources from *hydrofabric** ① and *hydrofabric linked data products** ②



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import geopandas as gpd
import pandas as pd

from ngen.config_gen.hook_providers import DefaultHookProvider
from ngen.config_gen.file_writer import DefaultFileWriter
from ngen.config_gen.generate import generate_configs
from ngen.config_gen.models import Cfe, NoahOWP

hf_uri = "https://lynker-spatial.s3.amazonaws.com/v20.1/conus_gpkg"
hf_lnk_data_uri = "https://Lynker-spatial.s3.amazonaws.com/v20.1/conus_net.parquet"

hf = gpd.read_file(hf_uri, layer="divides")
hf_lnk_data = pd.read_parquet(hf_lnk_data_uri)

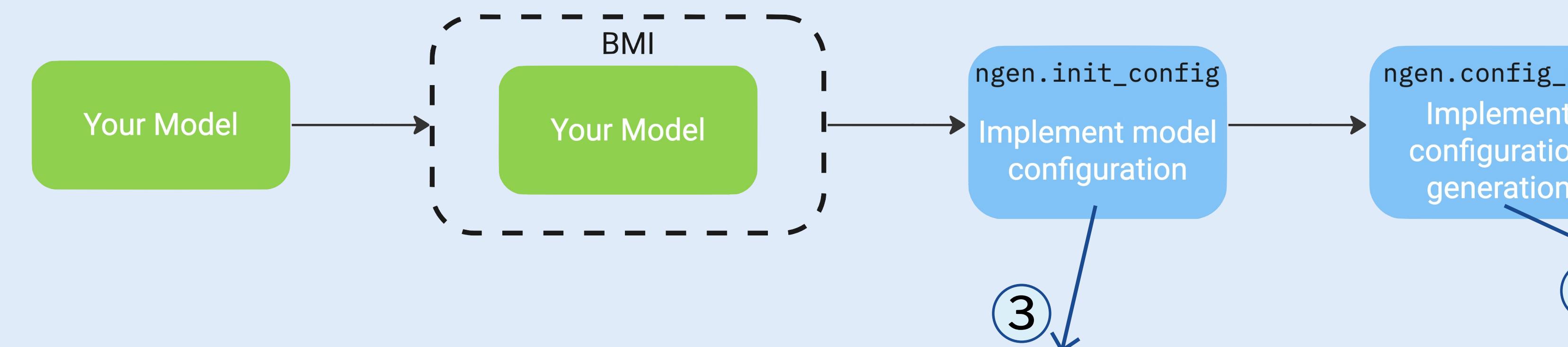
hook_provider = DefaultHookProvider(hf=hf, hf_lnk_data=hf_lnk_data)
file_writer = DefaultFileWriter("./config/")

generate_configs(
    hook_providers=hook_provider,
    hook_objects=[Cfe, NoahOWP], ⑤
    file_writer=file_writer,
)
```

* See H33C-07 Wednesday afternoon for an update on *hydrofabrics* products

Bring Your Model into the NextGen Ecosystem

New models are easily added and integrated into existing workflows and effectively join the NextGen ecosystem



After wrapping *Your Model* (e.g. LSTM) in BMI, generate its configuration files by:

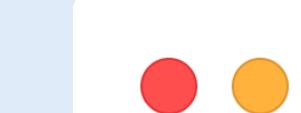
- Defining the fields and data types of LSTM's configuration file ③
- Specifying the data sources to build an LSTM configuration file ④
- Adding LSTMHooks to the list of models in hook_objects at ⑤

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from ngen.init_config import serializer_deserializer as serde
from pathlib import Path

class LSTM(serde.YamlSerializerDeserializer):
    train_cfg_file: Path
    verbose: bool = False
    lat: float
    lon: float
    slope_mean: float

    config = LSTM.from_yaml("config.yaml")
    config.to_yaml("another_config.yaml")
```

Code & Examples on GitHub



```
from lstm import LSTM

class LSTMHooks:
    def __init__(self):
        self.data = {}

    def hydrofabric_linked_data_hook(
        self, version: str, divide_id: str, data: Dict[str, Any]
    ) -> None:
        self.data["lat"] = data["Y"]
        self.data["lon"] = data["X"]
        self.data["slope_mean"] = data["slope"]

    def visit(self, hook_provider: "HookProvider") -> None:
        hook_provider.provide_hydrofabric_linked_data(self)
        self.data["train_cfg_file"] = pathlib.Path("weights.pt")
        self.data["verbose"] = True

    def build(self) -> pydantic.BaseModel:
        return LSTM(**self.data)
```

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