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End to End Hydrofabric Workflows

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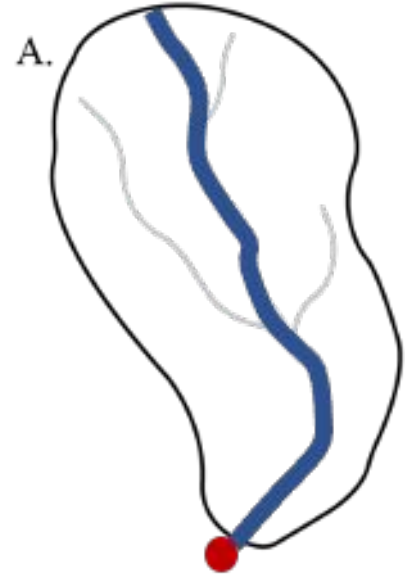
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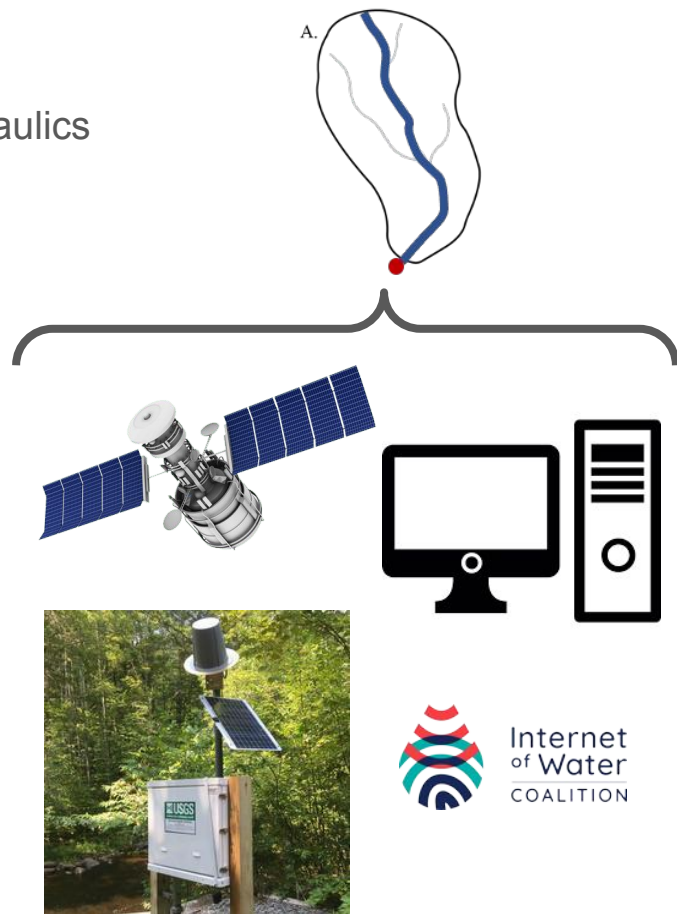
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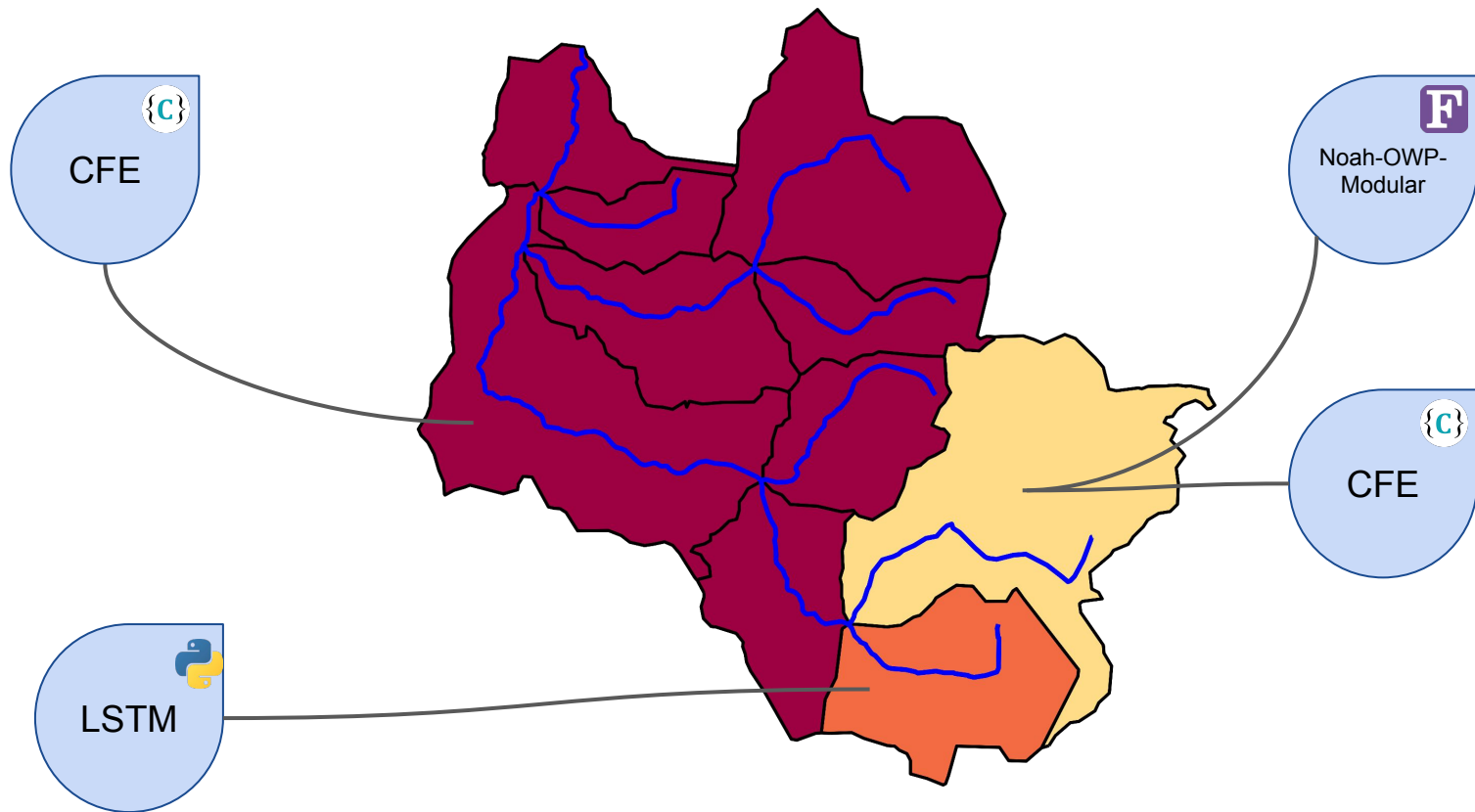


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Right Tool in the Right Place for the Right Reason



Reference

Updated Network Attributes

Based on the E2NHD and NWM networks.

Reference Catchments

Simple, valid, POLYGON representation

Reference Flowlines

NHD Flowlines *with* headwaters adjusted to the burn lines

Refactor

Refactor Networks

1. *Refactor* based on a flowline length criteria
2. Does NOT lose network resolution
3. Adjusts flowlines → then catchments

Modeling

Tasks

USGS gfv20

1. Aggregate to a set of critical locations
2. Build Release Files

NOAA Nextgen

1. *Aggregate* to a common catchment size
2. Enforce minimum length area criterion
3. Build Release Files

Summary Statistics in Zonal

Inputs: (1) polygons (2) gridded Data (3) summary function

exactextractr

Optimized Summarization
exactextractr

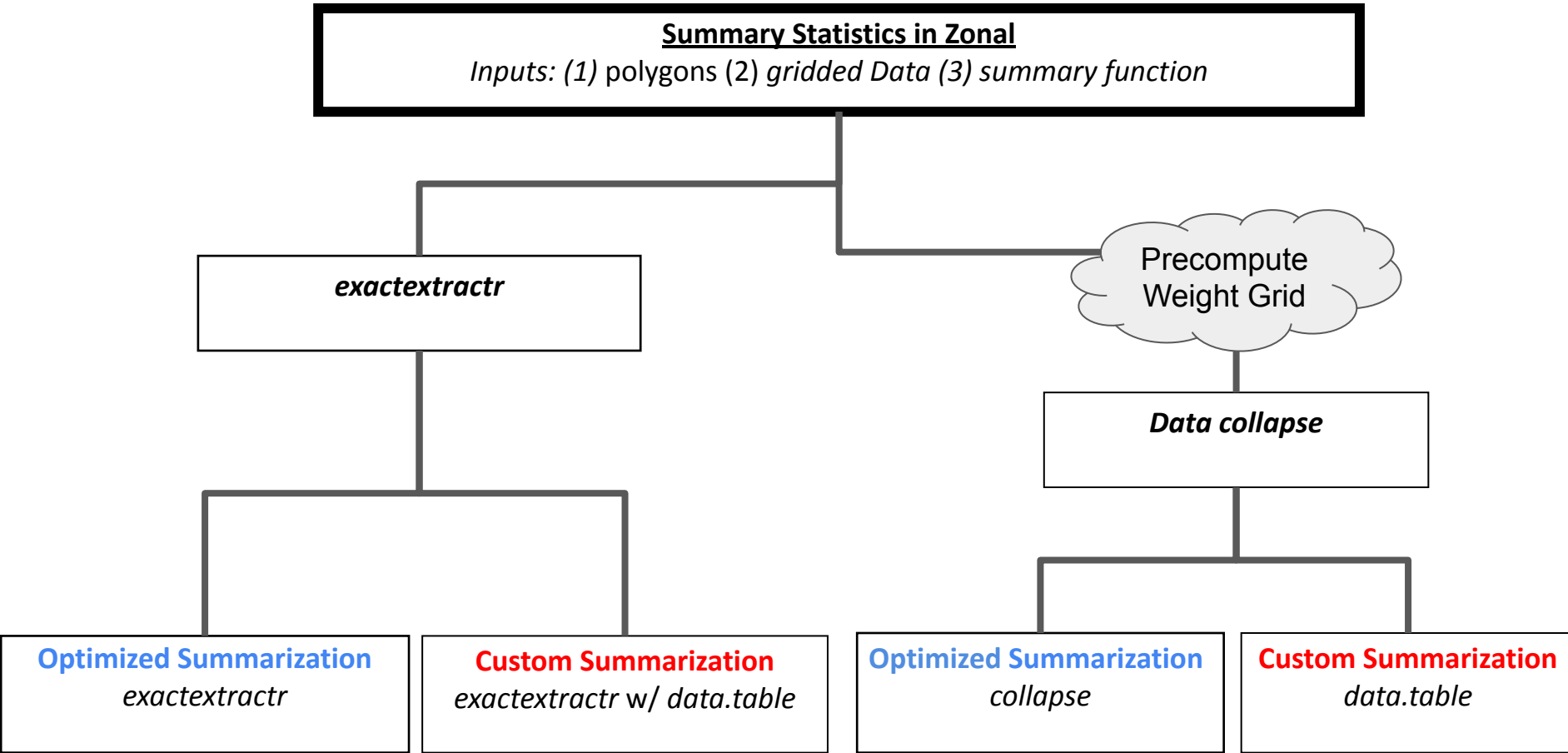
Custom Summarization
exactextractr w/ data.table

Precompute
Weight Grid

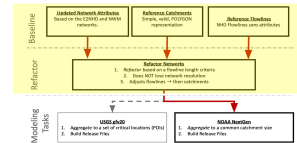
Data collapse

Optimized Summarization
collapse

Custom Summarization
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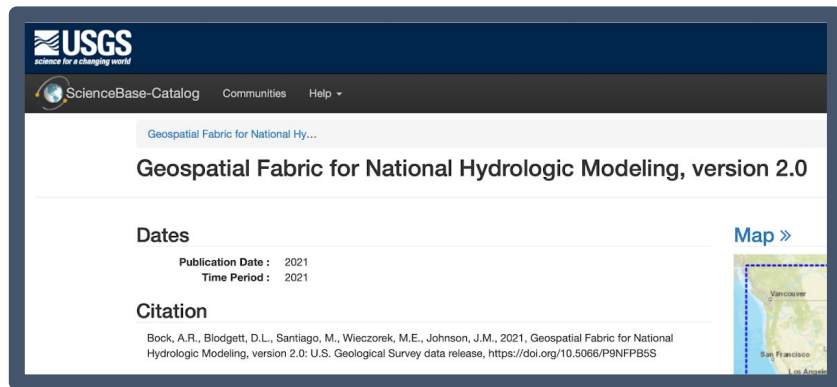


A New National Data Product (reference data)



A nationally consistent and authoritative set of baseline and reference features that ensure **computational elements** are:

1. Topologically
 - a. (water flows where it should)
2. Geometrically
 - a. (space is represented as it should be)
3. Hydrologically
 - a. (headwaters start where they should)



Valid

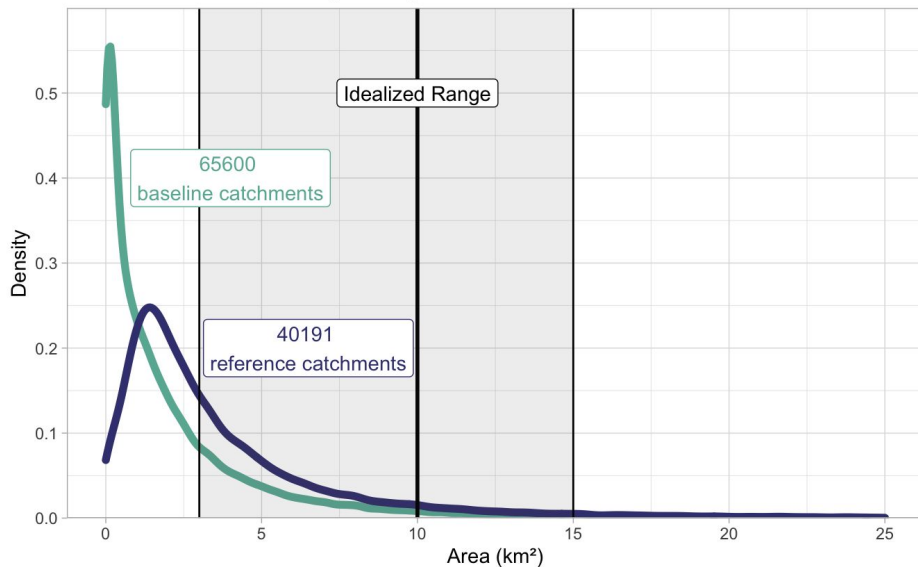


Appropriate Scale

Runoff processes occur on a scale of 3-10 sqkm
Routing is stable on >1km length reaches

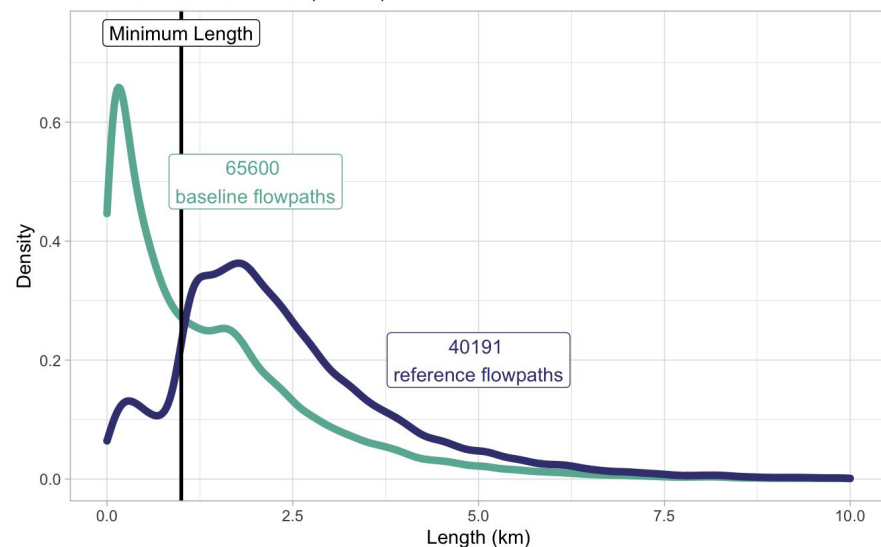
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285 removed from baseline (>25 km²)
256 removed from reference (>25 km²)



Length Distribution

116 removed from baseline (>10 km)
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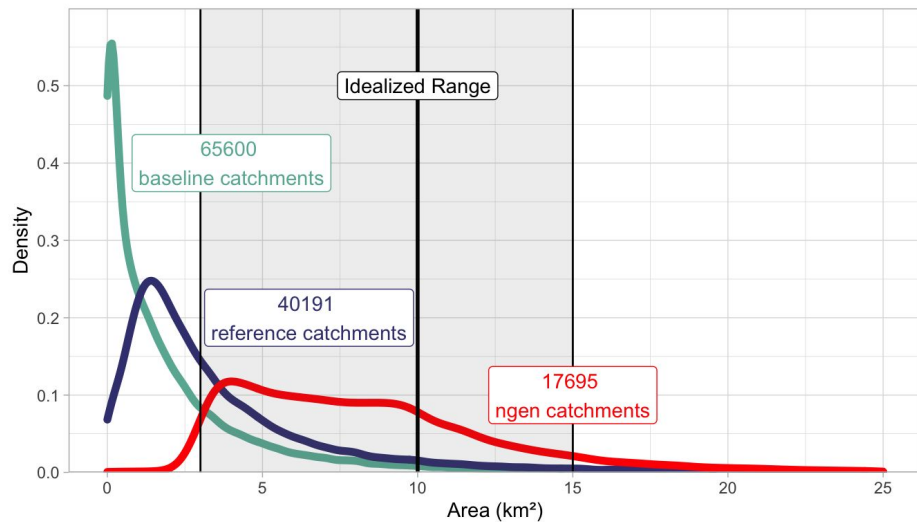


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Nextgen is a *distribution based* modeling task

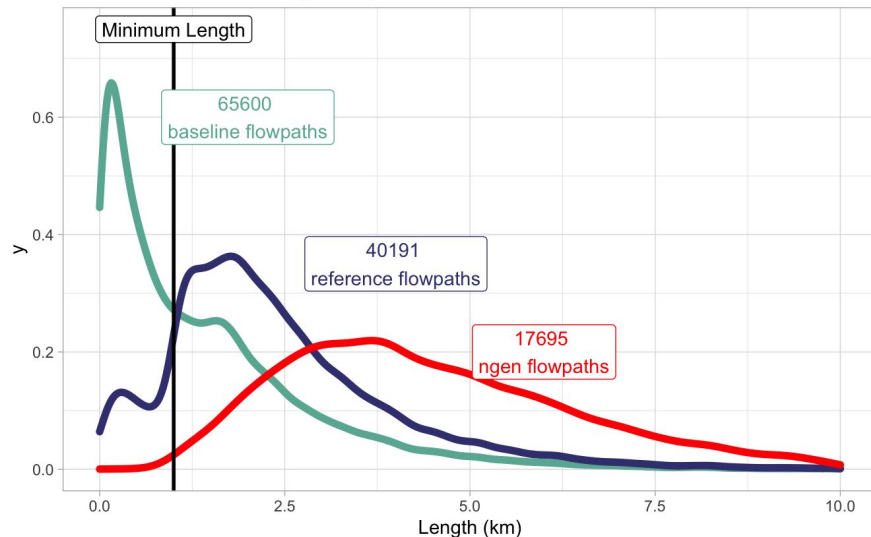
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296 removed from ngen (>25 km²)



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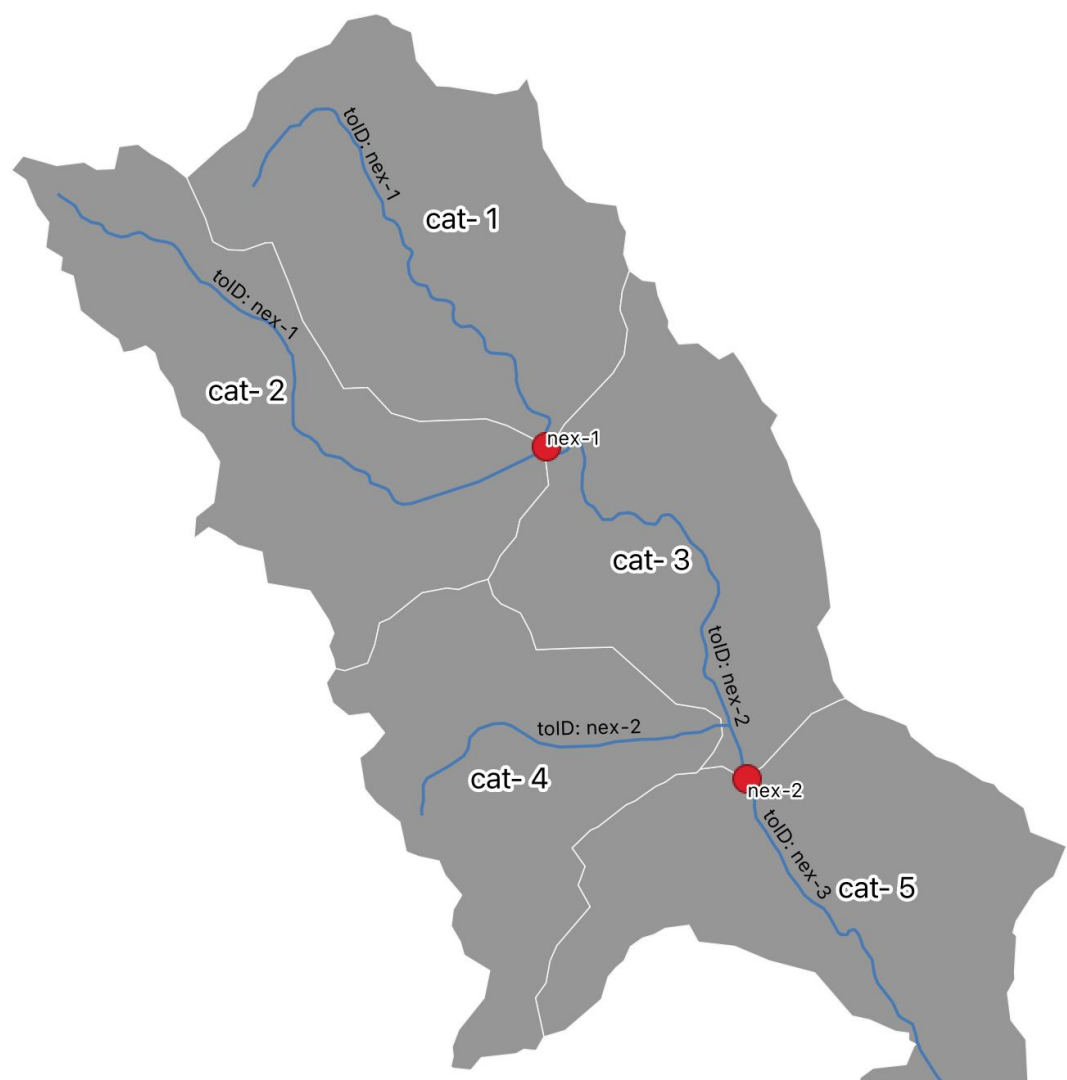


Topology

Action: Moving away from *flowline-to-flowline* model towards *area-to-point* model. Points are “**nexus**” locations that can be *inferred* from the network or *explicit*

Reason: be more compliant with the HY_Features conceptual model for representing surface water components.

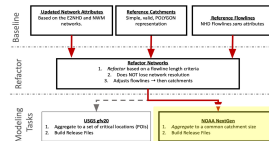
Advantage: the ability to use multi-scale networks, leverage community efforts in hydrologic addressing and representation, to develop and utilize a more concrete data model



Attribute Rich Workflows

Designing open-source data catalogs and efficient processing tools moves

- Currently ~15,000 data sets can be accessed and processed with any variant of a hydrofabric **catchment** set
- So far - we have routines to mirror the CAMELS dataset and those needed to the most current OWP-supported model formulations



OpenDap Catalog

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One of the biggest challenges with Earth System and spatial research is extracting data. These challenges include not only finding the source data but then downloading, managing, and extracting the partitions critical for a given task.

Services exist to make data more readily available over the web but introduce new challenges of identifying subsets, working across a wide array of standards (e.g. non-standards), all without alleviating the challenge of finding resources.

In light of this, `opendap.catalog` provides three primary services.

Links

[Browse source code](#)

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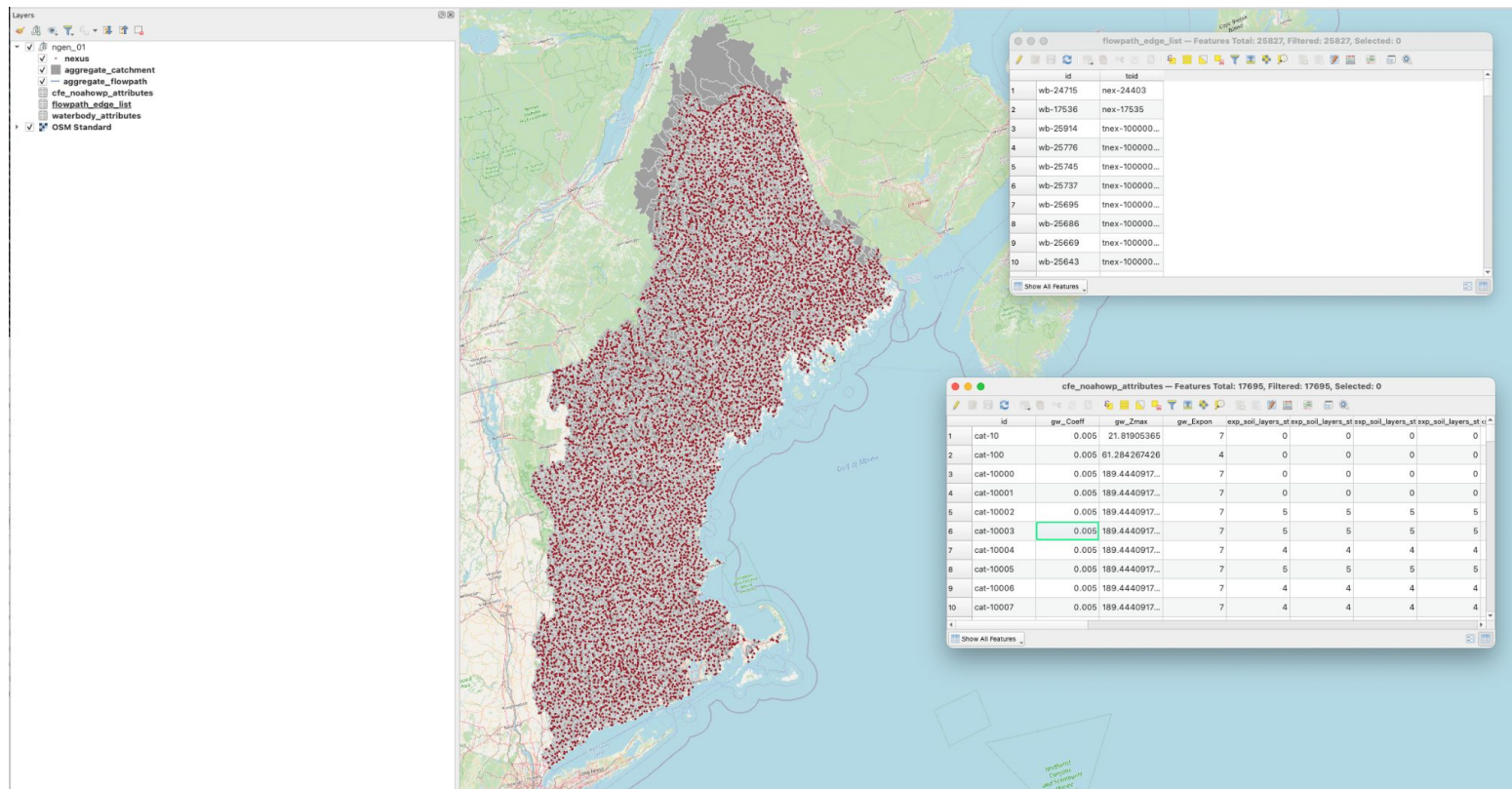
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Mike Johnson
Author, maintainer 

Dev status



What will the data look like?



Modular / Software

greater public good and more easily reused

Modular Code

- Reference Fabric
`USGS-R/nhdplusTools`
- Refactored Fabric
`dblodgett-usgs/hyRefactor`
- Ngen features and representation
`NOAA-OWP/hyAggregate`
- Attribute Creation
`NOAA-OWP/zonal`
`mikejohnson51/opendap.catalog`



NOAA-OWP/hydrofabric

The hydrofabric package is an collection of R packages designed for disparate hydrologic modeling tasks.

All packages share underlying design philosophies and data structures.

- [nhdplusTools](#) for network manipulation
- [hyRefactor](#) for network refactoring
- [hyAggregate](#) for Ngen data creation and releases
- [opendap.catalog](#) remote data access and discoverability
- [zonal](#) rapid catchment parameter summarization

Described in greater detail here:

<https://noaa-owp.github.io/hyAggregate>

What is a hydrofabric?

Who cares about a hydrofabric?

Can I build my own?

Whats to follow:

A National Reference Fabric

A National Refactored Fabric

Getting Reference & Refactored Data

NOAA NextGen Modeling Task

Working with the Geopackages

Cross-walk

Network Tracing

Questions

NextGen Hydrofabric

What is it and how do we get there?

Mike Johnson¹

What is a hydrofabric?

The first question generally raised is, “*what is a “hydrofabric”*”? To date, the term has been a bit nebulous and has been used to describe artifacts as narrow as a set of cartographic lines, all the way to encompass the entire spatial data architecture needed to map and model the flow of water and flood extents.

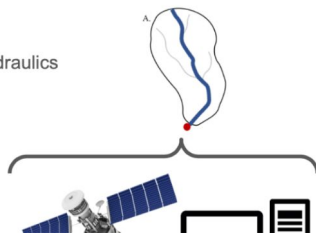
Here, a “Ngen Hydrofabric” will include the following four parts:

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USGS-R/nhdplusTools NO CHANGES IN LOCATION OR NAME

dblodgett-usgs/hyRefactor (1) May move over to OWP, (2) may add aggregation to Points to hyAggregate, (2) may move to USGS, (3) may end up adding aggregation components of hyAggregate here

mikejohnson51/hyAggregate (1) May be split out into hyRefactor and hyRelease and kill? (1) May merge all hyRelease stuff here and call “ngen-hydrofabric”

mikejohnson51/hyRelease May kill this off when merged in to the next flavor of hyAggregate, or else it will grow with non-aggregation hyAggregate code and probably take the name “ngen-hydrofabrics”?

mikejohnson51/zonal Can move to OWP, but core logic many move to opendap.catalog once renamed

mikejohnson51/opendap.catalog This has grown well beyond the catalog artifacts, may move the I/O capabilities somewhere else along with zonal?

JamesColl-NOAA/eHydRo I was asked to add this - I don't really know its history or future

Coming soon:

1. CONUS Nextgen artifacts
2. CAMELs parameters for all USA Nextgen divides
3. Cloud based network navigation and subsetting
4. Product validation and reporting



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Thank You!



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