Does Lake and Stream Connectivity Control Phosphorus Retention in Lakes?

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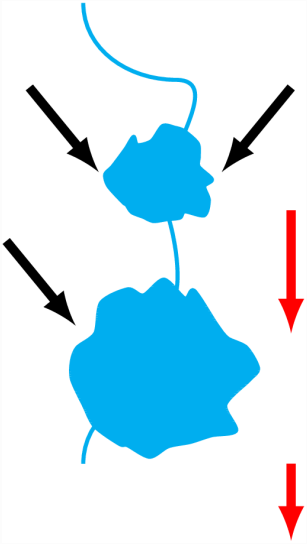
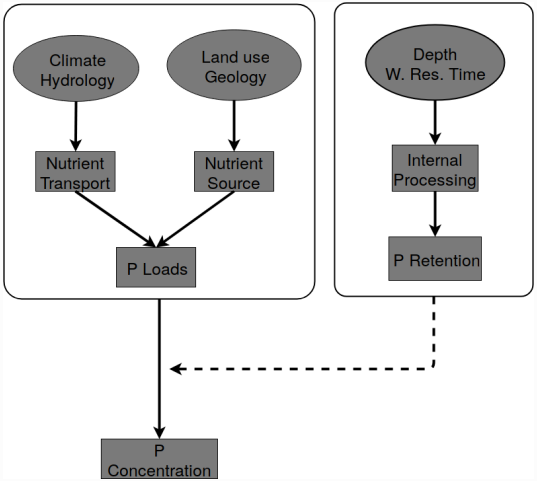
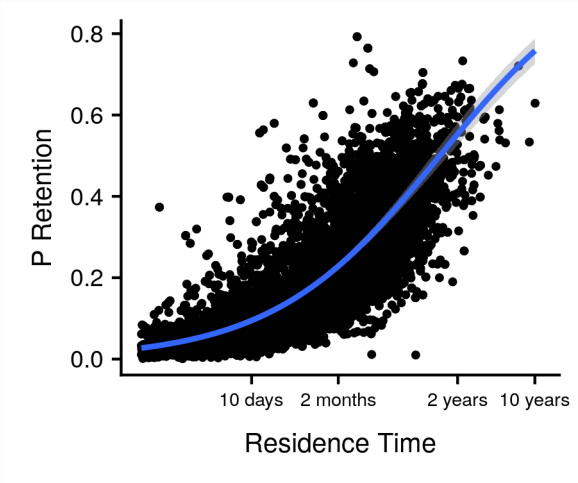
P RETENTION IS IMPORTANT AND WELL-STUDIED



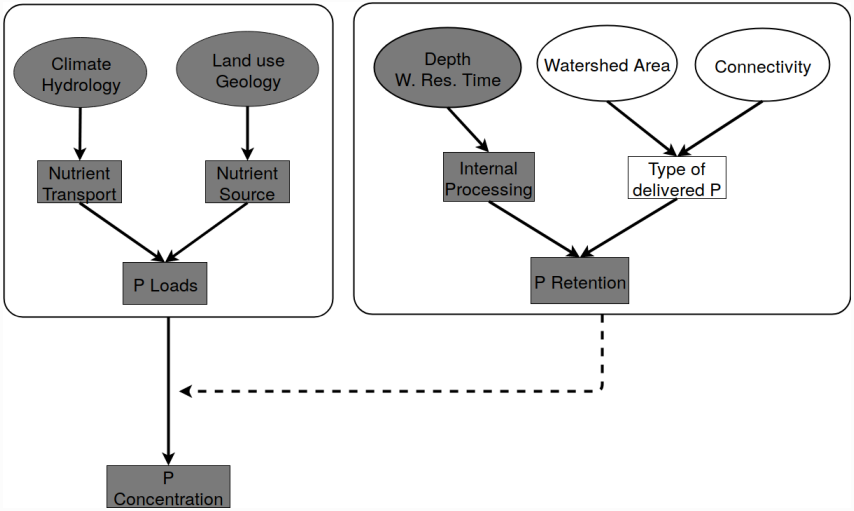
- P retention directly controls downstream transport [Alexander et al., 2002]
- P retention indirectly controls sediment P accumulation
- P retention is primarily controlled by water residence time [Vollenweider, 1975]

P RETENTION IS NOT JUST ABOUT WATER RESIDENCE TIME





WHAT ARE SOME OTHER POTENTIAL CONTROLS ON P RETENTION?

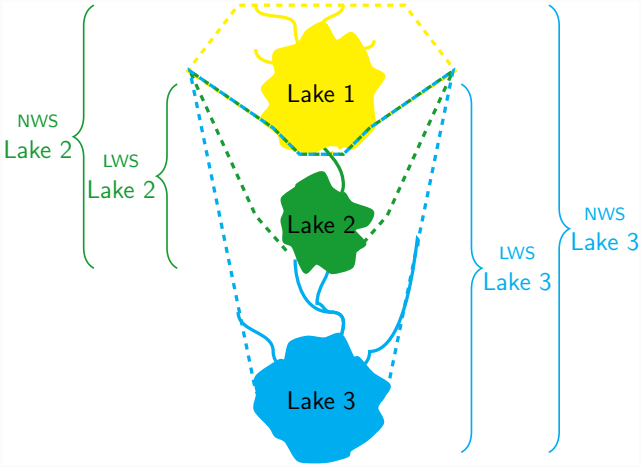


MULTIPLE WAYS TO DEFINE CONNECTIVITY

Closest Lake Distance: Network distance to the closest upstream lake.

Average Link Length: Sum of the total length of stream reaches between junctions divided by the total number of reaches.

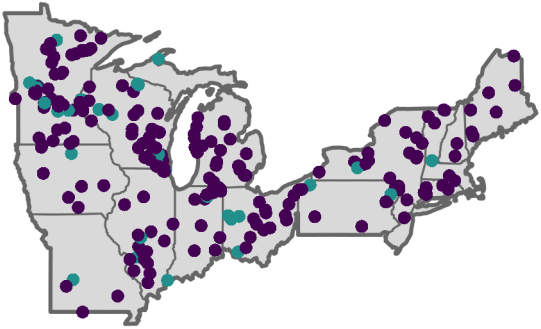
WHAT IS AN APPROPRIATE SCALE FOR MEASURING CONNECTIVITY?



Does connectivity of lakes and their watersheds influence lake phosphorus retention?

What is the relative importance of different connectivity types in determining lake P retention and what spatial extents are most important for connectivity and P retention?

METHODS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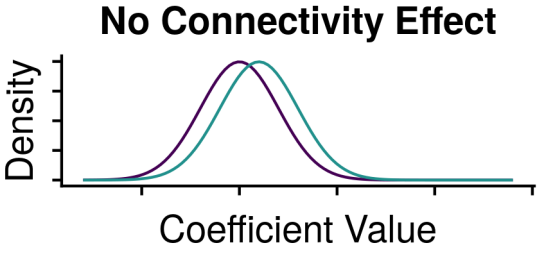
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Density
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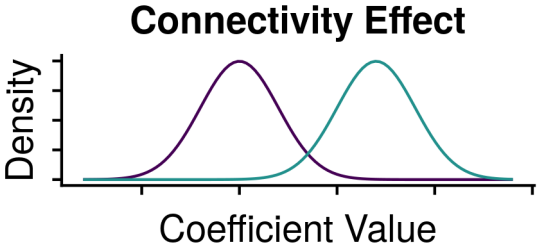
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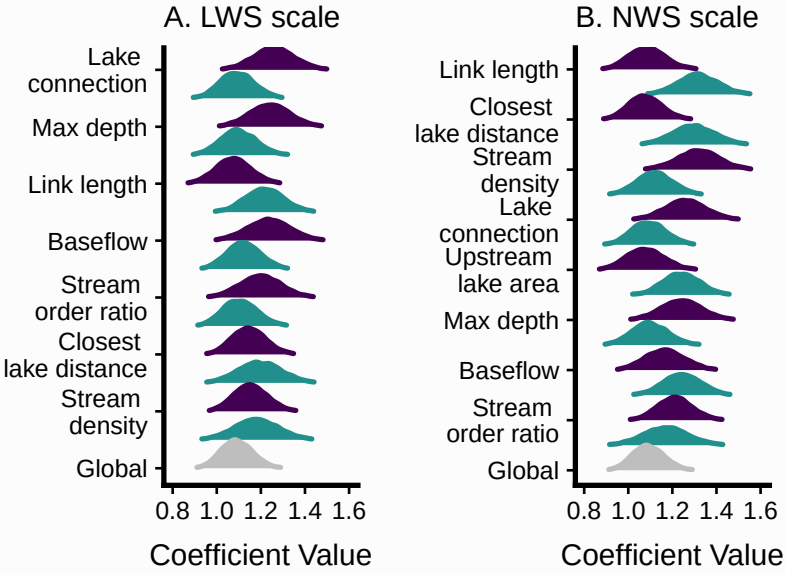
A. LWS scale
Lake connection
Max depth
Link length
Baseflow
Stream order ratio
Closest lake distance
Stream density
Global
0.8 1.0 1.2 1.4 1.6
Coefficient Value
B. NWS scale
Link length
Closest lake distance
Stream density
Lake connection
Upstream lake area
Max depth
Baseflow
Stream order ratio
Global
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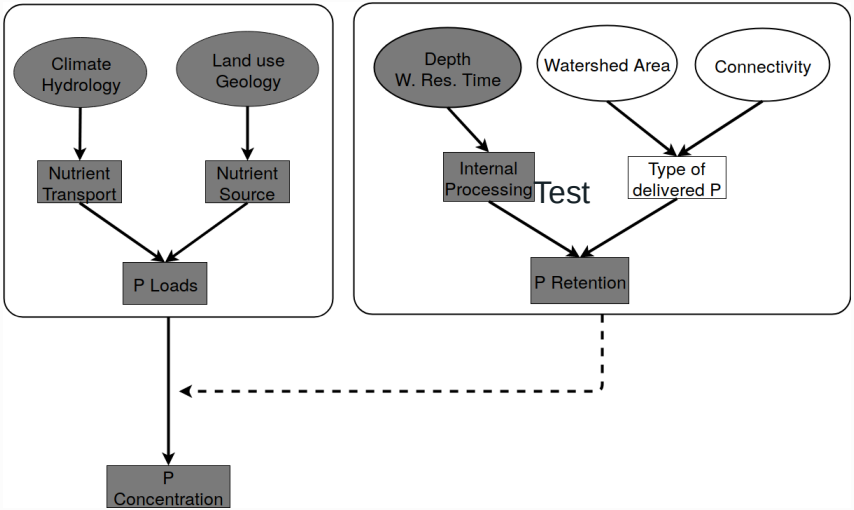
Coefficient Value

CONCLUSION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