Does Lake and Stream Connectivity Control Phosphorus Retention in Lakes?

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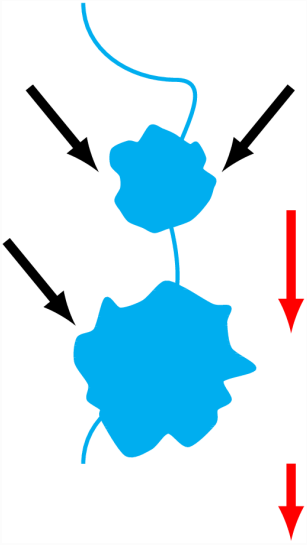
P RETENTION IS IMPORTANT AND WELL-STUDIED

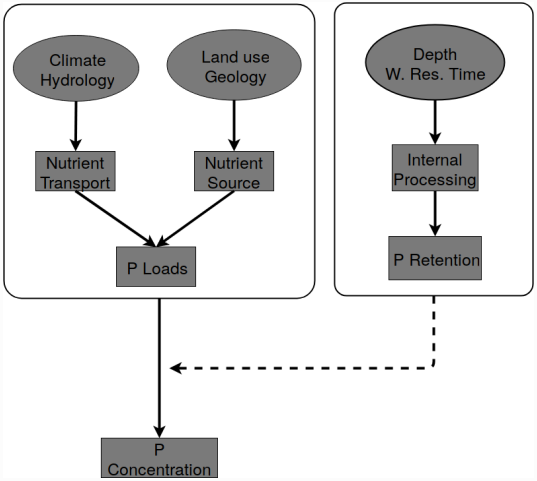


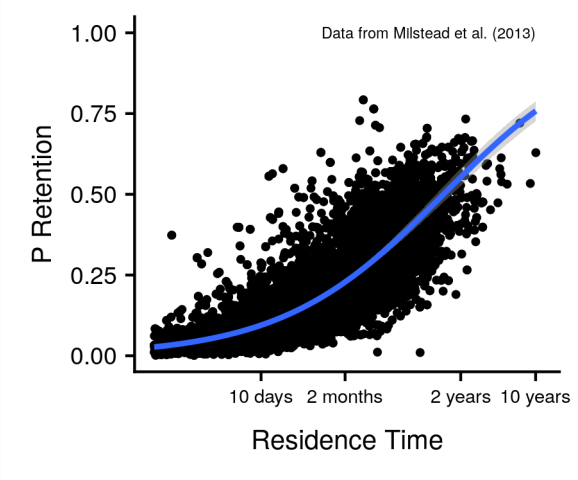
P retention directly controls downstream transport [Alexander et al., 2002]

P retention indirectly controls sediment P accumulation [Søndergaard et al., 2013]

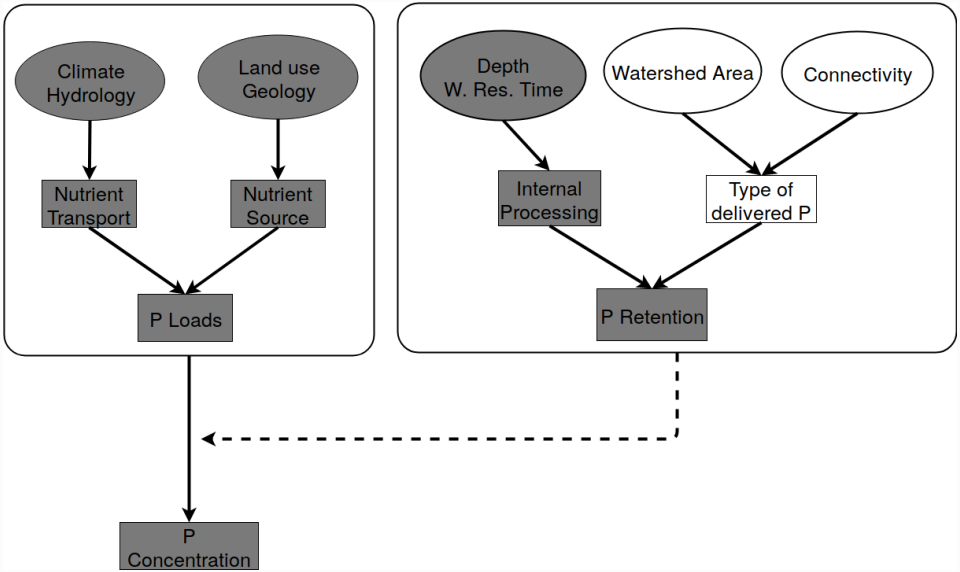
P RETENTION IS CONTROLLED BY WATER RESIDENCE TIME

[Vollenweider, 1975]





WHAT ARE SOME OTHER POTENTIAL CONTROLS ON P RETENTION?

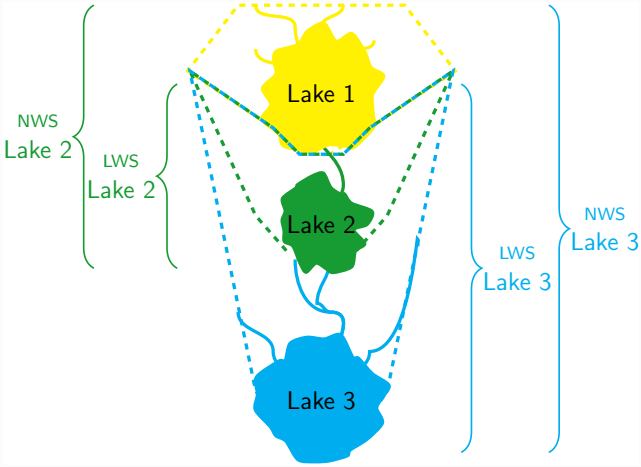


MULTIPLE WAYS TO DEFINE CONNECTIVITY

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.

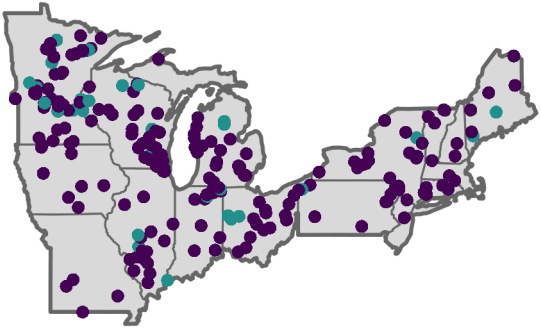
WHAT IS AN APPROPRIATE SCALE FOR MEASURING CONNECTIVITY?



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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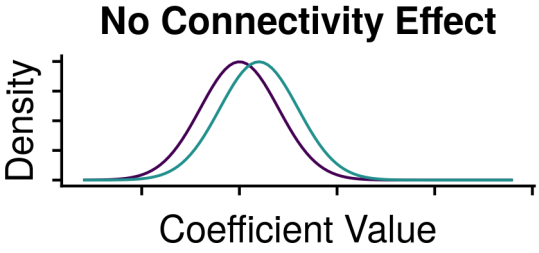
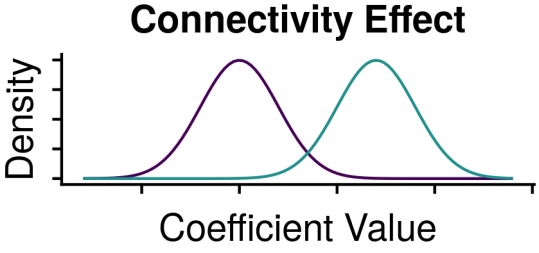

No Connectivity Effect
Density
Coefficient Value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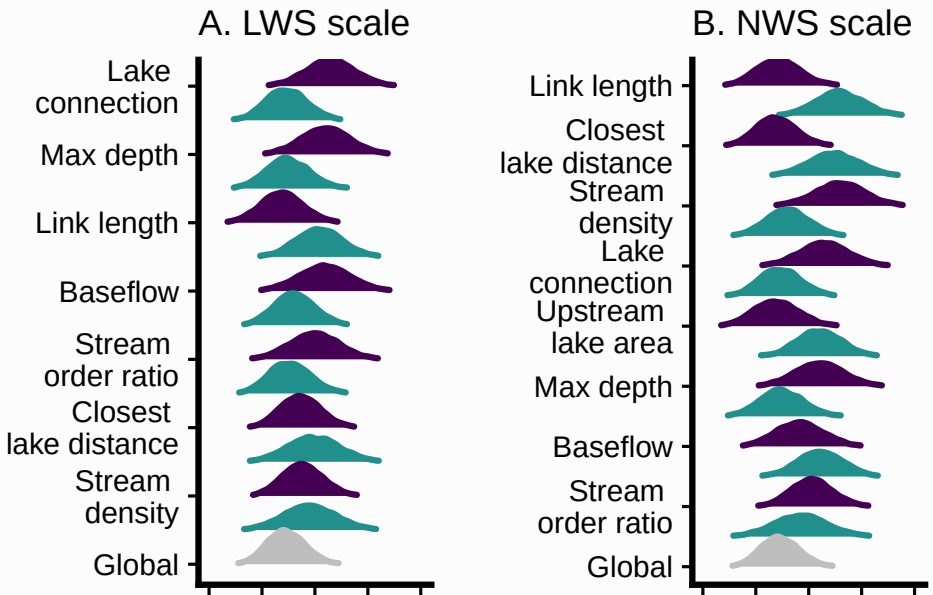
DISTRIBUTIONS OF P LOADING MODEL PROCESSING COEFFICIENTS



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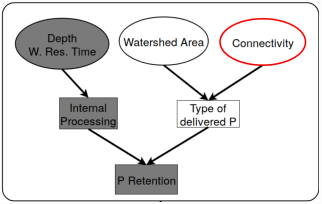
CONNECTIVITY OF LAKES AND THEIR WATERSHEDS IS RELATED TO P RETENTION.



Connectivity at the network (broader) scale is more important than connectivity at finer scales.

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