

Figure 1: Major lake and watershed characteristics, factors, and processes affecting lake P retention. Shaded symbols indicate items typically considered in P retention models while open symbols indicate additional items considered in the present study.

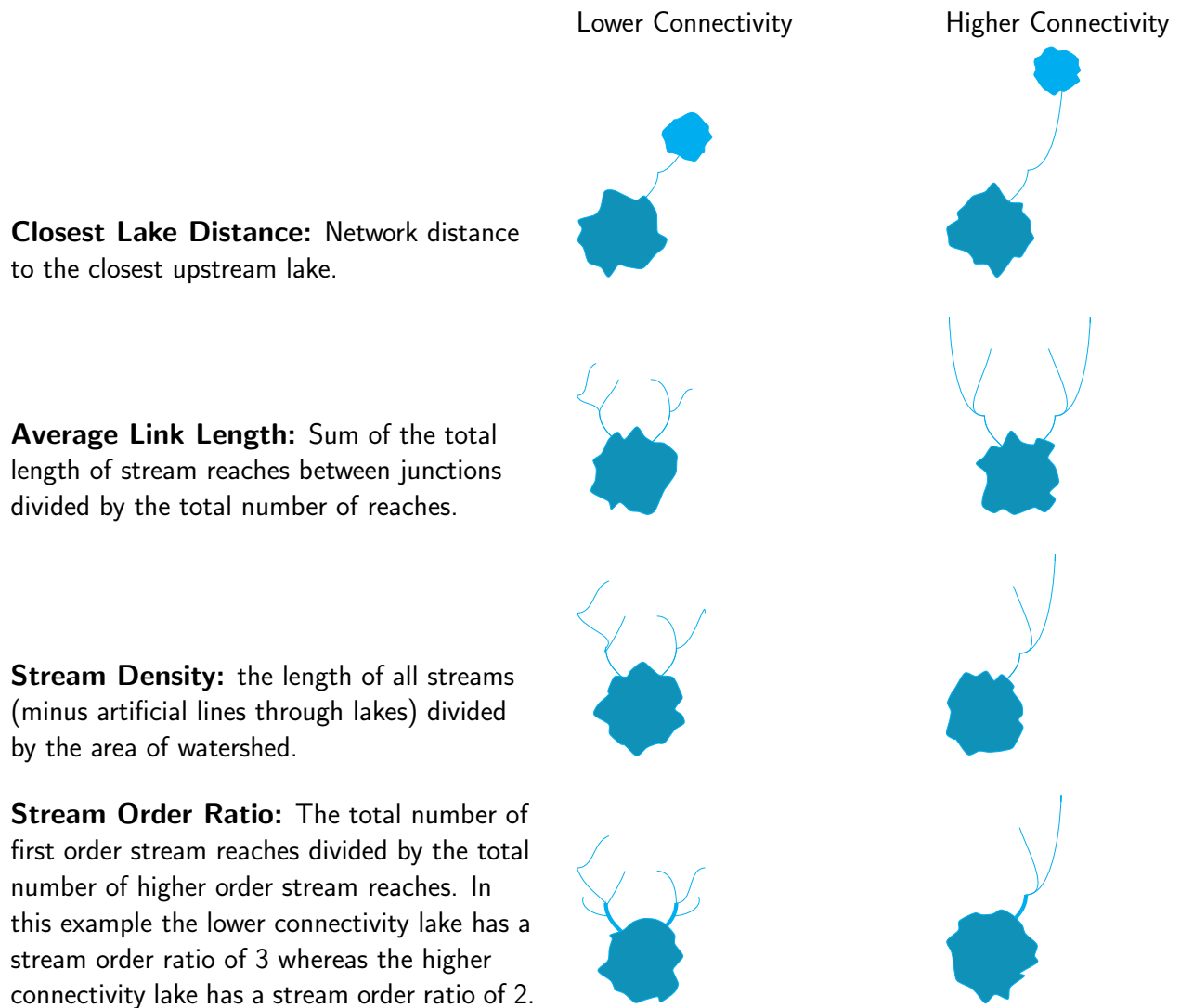


Figure 2: Connectivity metric definitions along with examples of high and low connectivity lakes.

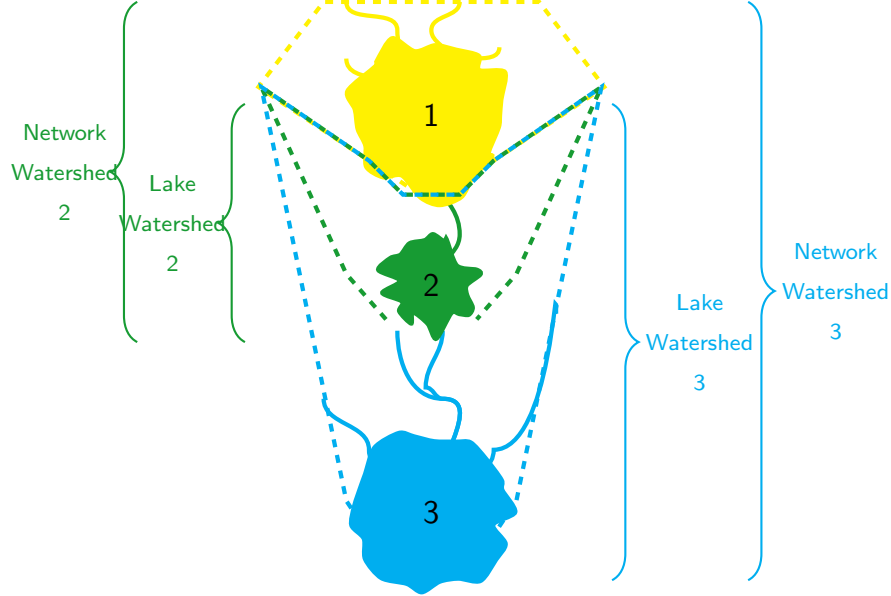


Figure 3: Diagram showing the lake watershed (LWS) and network watershed (NWS) of three lakes. Here the IWS of lake 3 encompasses the LWS of lake 2 because of its smaller size but it does not encompass the LWS of lake 1 because it has an area of at least 10 ha. In contrast to the LWS boundaries, the NWS boundaries extend to the headwaters of the lake chain.

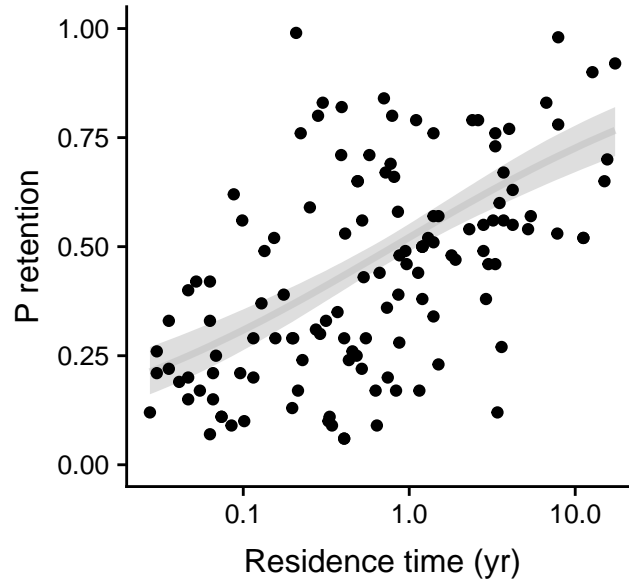


Figure 4: Residence time (yr) versus P retention for the NES dataset and the global model fit to the data where the solid line and shaded interval represents the median and central 95% interval estimates respectively.

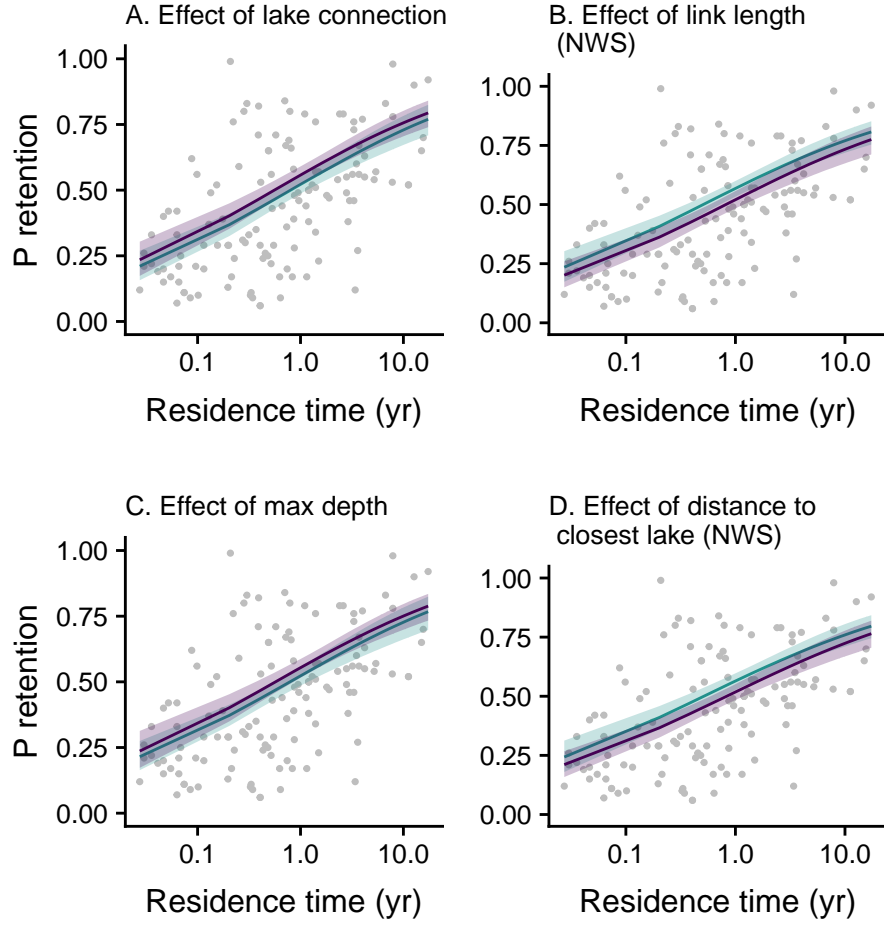


Figure 5: Residence time (yr) versus P retention for the NES dataset and hierarchical model fits to the data where the solid lines and shaded intervals represent the median and central 95% model estimates respectively. The green lines and symbols are the estimates from the lower of the two partition groups while the purple lines are estimates for the upper of the two partition groups (see Table 2).

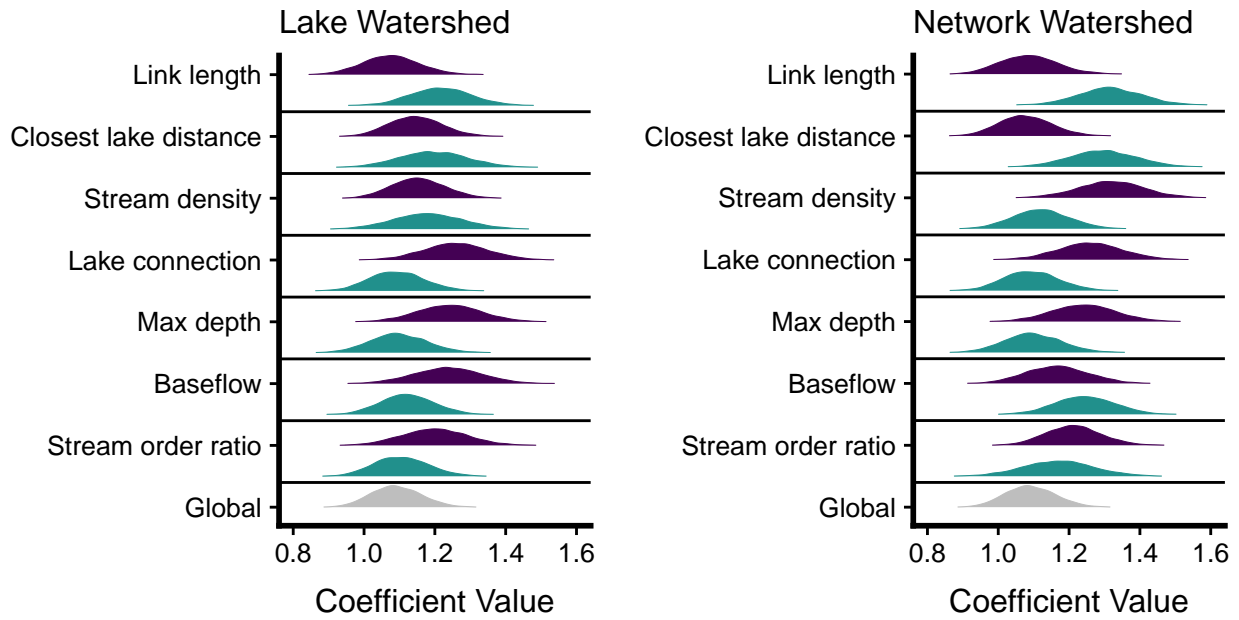


Figure 6: Distribution of the  $k$  parameter from the Vollenweider's equation in low and high connectivity partitions at the (A) LWS and (B) NWS scales. Green symbols indicate the lower of the two partition groups while purple symbols represent the higher of the two partition groups (see Table 2).

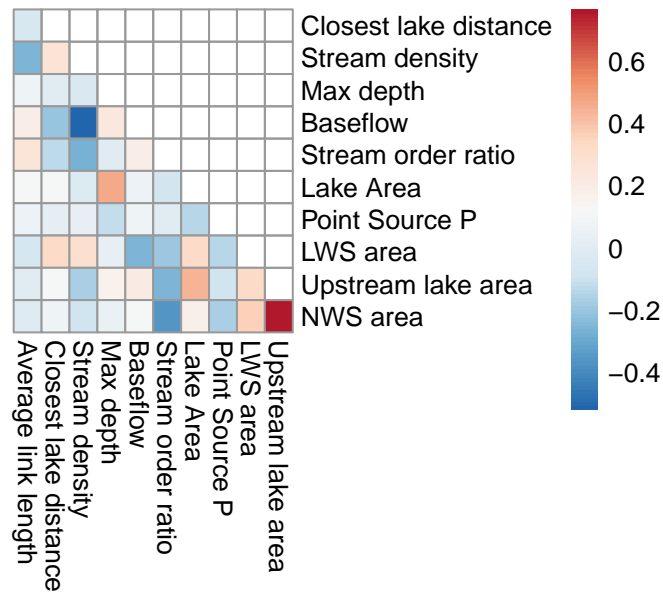
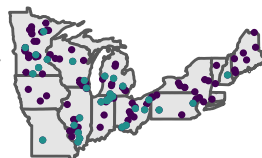
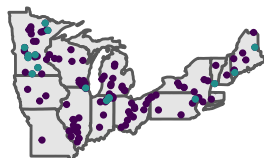


Figure 7: Correlation between connectivity metrics and selected lake characteristics.

## A. LWS

Closest  
lake distance

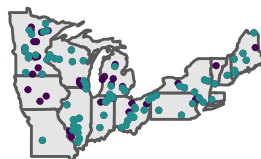
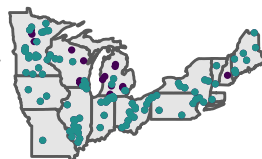
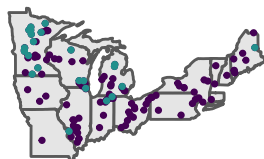
Average  
link length



Stream  
density

Baseflow

Stream  
order ratio

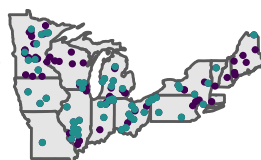
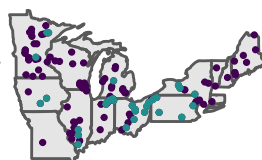
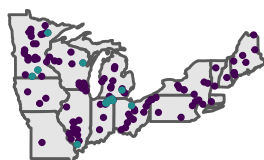


## B. NWS

Closest  
lake distance

Average  
link length

Upstream  
lake area



Stream  
density

Baseflow

Stream  
order ratio

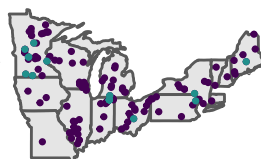
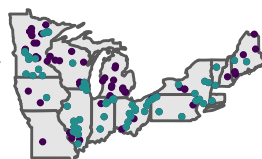
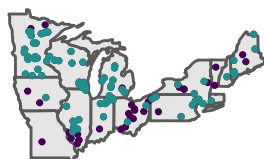


Figure 8: Maps showing the locations of lake connectivity partitions. Green symbols indicate the lower of the two partition groups while purple symbols represent the higher of the two partition groups (see Table 2).