

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.

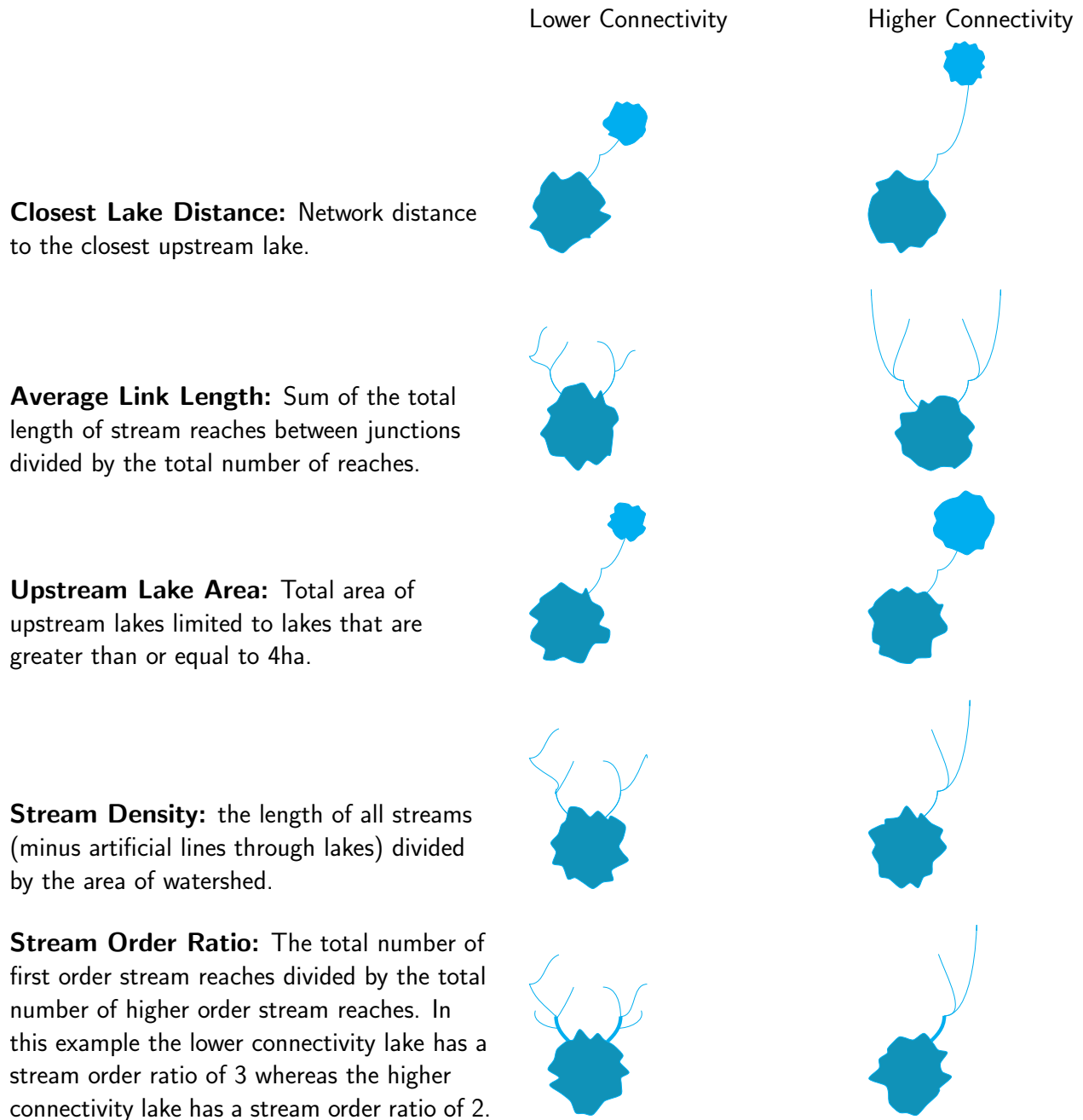


Figure 2: Connectivity metric definitions along with examples of high and low connectivity lakes.

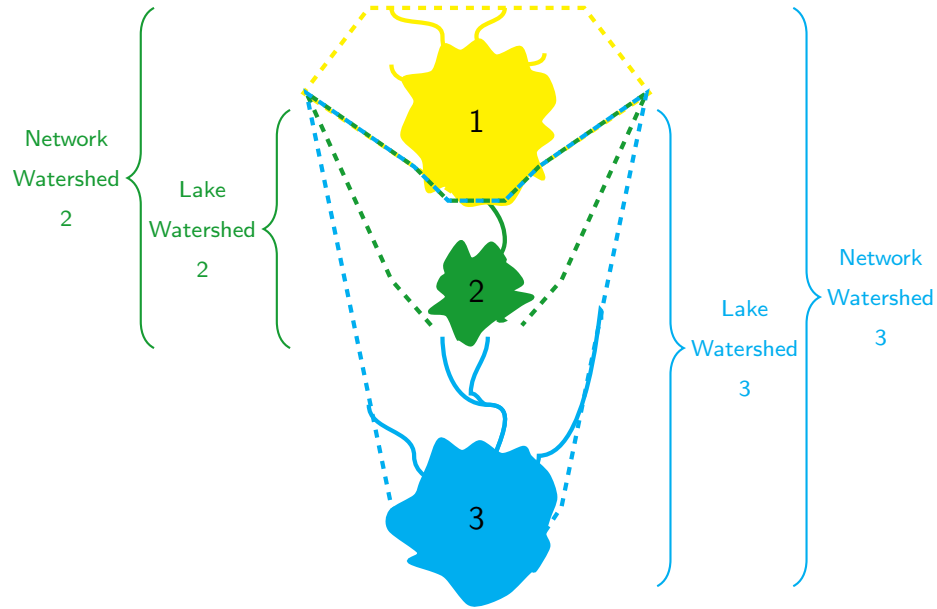


Figure 3: Diagram showing the lake watershed (LWS) and network watershed (NWS) of three lakes. Here the LWS of lake 3 encompasses the LWS of lake 2 because of its smaller size but it does not encompass the LWS of lake 1 because it has an area of at least 10 ha. In contrast to the LWS boundaries, the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

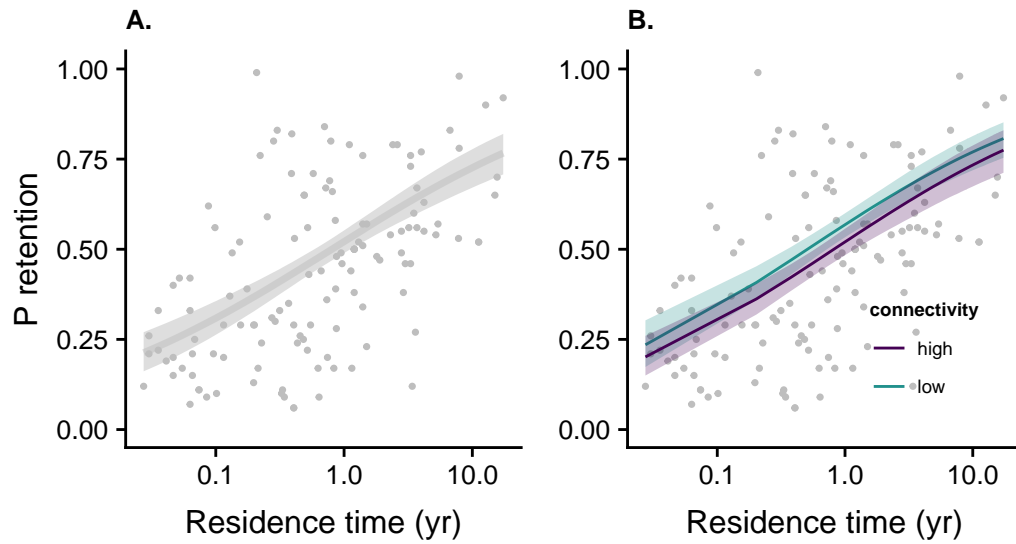


Figure 4: Residence time (yr) versus P retention for the NES dataset and the global model fit to the data where the solid line and shaded interval represents the median and central 95% interval estimates respectively.

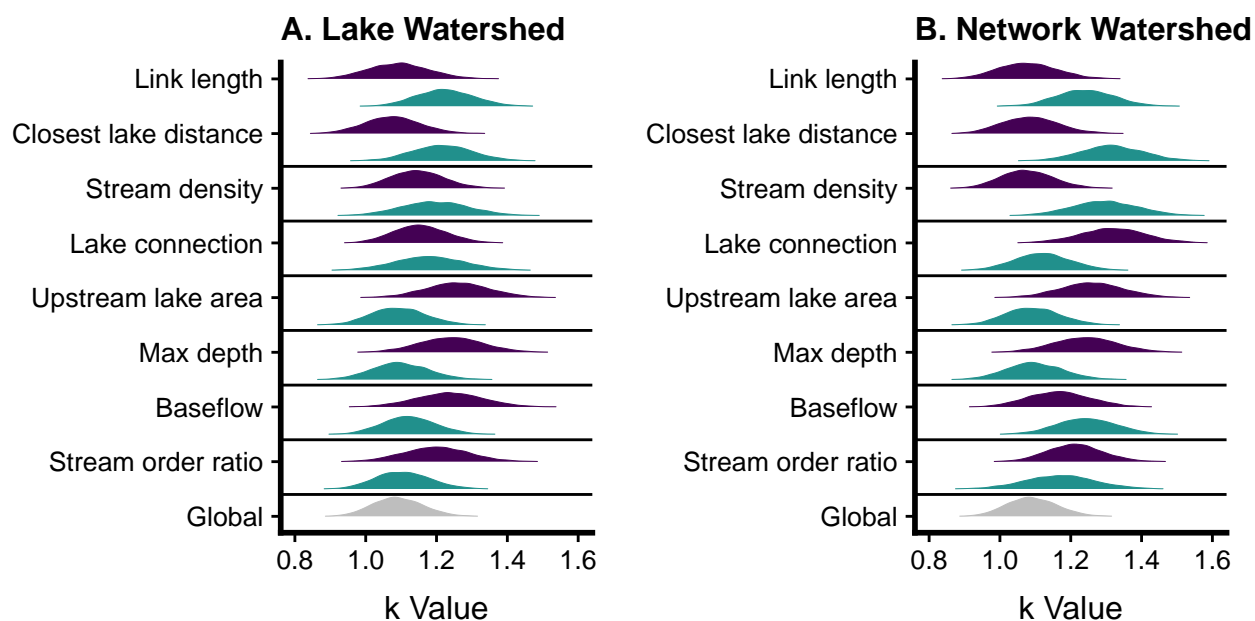


Figure 5: Distribution of the k parameter from the Vollenweider's equation in low and high connectivity partitions at the (A) LWS and (B) NWS scales. Green symbols indicate the lower of the two partition groups while purple symbols represent the higher of the two partition groups (see Table 2).

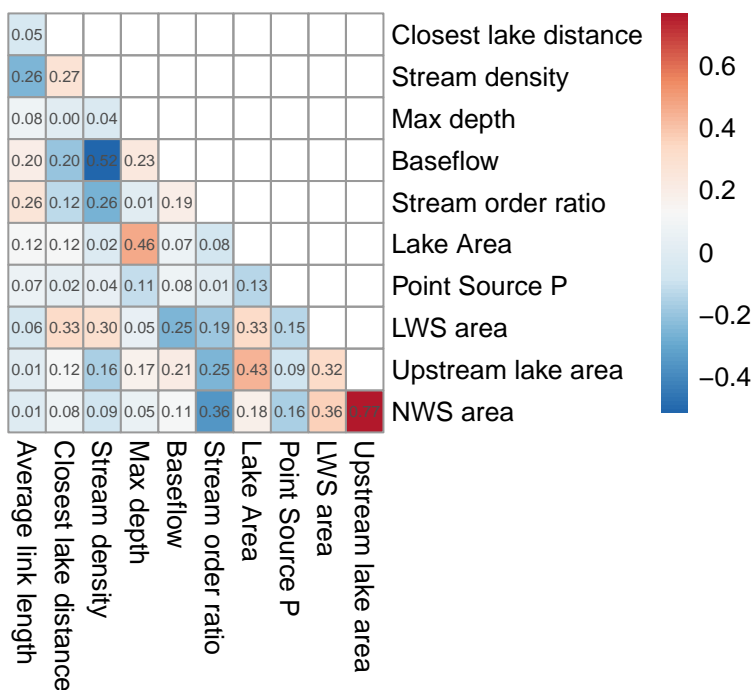
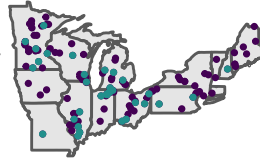
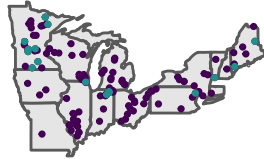


Figure 6: Correlation between connectivity metrics and selected lake characteristics.

A. LWS

Closest
lake distance

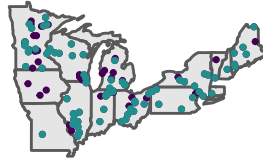
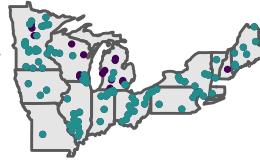
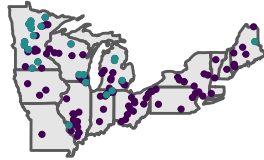
Average
link length



Stream
density

Baseflow

Stream
order ratio

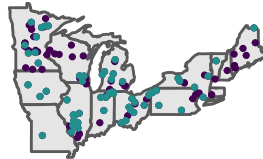
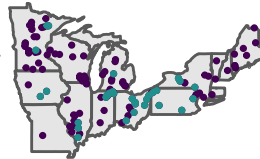
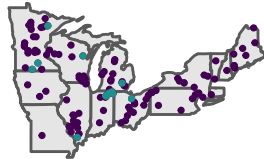


B. NWS

Closest
lake distance

Average
link length

Upstream
lake area



Stream
density

Baseflow

Stream
order ratio

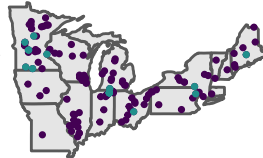
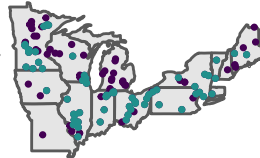
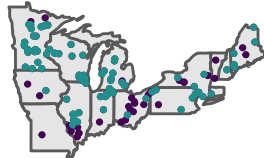


Figure 7: Maps showing the locations of lake connectivity partitions. Green symbols indicate the lower of the two partition groups while purple symbols represent the higher of the two partition groups (see Table 2).