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Prediction of the absolute hydraulic conductivity function from soil water retention data

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S1: Calibration data sets and the fitted water retention and conductivity functions used to calibrate the saturated tortuosity coefficient τ_s in Eq. (19). Shown are data set 1 to 4 of the 12 calibration data sets. Parameter λ was set to a value of 0.5 according to Mualem (1976a). Parameter τ_s and the retention parameters were allowed to vary. Numbers in the subplots indicate RMSE₀ and RMSE_{logK} values for the various model combinations.



S2: Calibration data sets and the fitted water retention and conductivity functions used to calibrate the saturated tortuosity coefficient τ_s in Eq. (19 Shown are data set 5 to 8 of the 12 calibration data sets. Parameter λ was set to a value of 0.5 according to Mualem (1976a). Parameter τ_s and the retention parameters were allowed to vary. Numbers in the subplots indicate RMSE₀ and RMSE_{logK} values for the various model combinations.





S3: Calibration data sets and the fitted water retention and conductivity functions used to calibrate the saturated tortuosity coefficient τ_s in Eq. (19). Shown are data set 9 to 12 of the 12 calibration data sets. Parameter λ was set to a value of 0.5 according to Mualem (1976a). Parameter τ_s and the retention parameters were allowed to vary. Numbers in the subplots indicate RMSE₀ and RMSE_{logK} values for the various model combinations.



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S4: Measured data (dots), fitted retention functions (left) and predicted conductivity functions (right). Shown are the first 12 out of the 23 test data sets. Bars show the RMSE_{logK} values for the different used basic functions. Note that the conductivity curves are not fits to the data but pure predictions.



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40 S5: Measured data (dots), fitted retention functions (left) and predicted conductivity functions 41 (right). Shown are data set 13 to 23 of the test data sets. Bars show the RMSE_{logK} values for the 42 different used basic functions. Note that the conductivity curves are not fits to the data but pure 43 predictions.