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Prediction of absolute unsaturated hydraulic conductivity – comparison of four different capillary bundle models

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Fig. S1: Calibration data sets and the fitted water retention and conductivity functions used to calibrate the saturated tortuosity coefficient τ_s . Shown are data set 1 to 4 of the 12 calibration data sets and the **Kos-PDI** retention model combined with the 4 capillary bundle models. Parameter τ_s and the retention parameters were allowed to vary. Numbers in the subplots indicate RMSE_{θ} and RMSE_{logK} values for the various model combinations.





Fig. S2: Calibration data sets and the fitted water retention and conductivity functions used to calibrate the saturated tortuosity coefficient τ_s . Shown are data set 5 to 8 of the 12 calibration data sets and the **Kos-PDI** retention model combined with the 4 capillary bundle models. 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.





Fig. S3: Calibration data sets and the fitted water retention and conductivity functions used to calibrate the saturated tortuosity coefficient τ_s . Shown are data set 9 to 12 of the 12 calibration data sets and the **Kos-PDI** retention model combined with the 4 capillary bundle models. 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.





Fig. S4: Calibration data sets and the fitted water retention and conductivity functions used to calibrate the saturated tortuosity coefficient τ_s . Shown are data set 1 to 4 of the 12 calibration data sets and the **vGc-PDI** retention model combined with the 4 capillary bundle models. Parameter τ_s and the retention parameters were allowed to vary. Numbers in the subplots indicate RMSE_{θ} and RMSE_{logK} values for the various model combinations.





Fig. S5: Calibration data sets and the fitted water retention and conductivity functions used to calibrate the saturated tortuosity coefficient τ_s . Shown are data set 5 to 8 of the 12 calibration data sets and the **vGc-PDI** retention model combined with the 4 capillary bundle models. 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.





Fig. S6 Calibration data sets and the fitted water retention and conductivity functions used to calibrate the saturated tortuosity coefficient τ_s . Shown are data set 9 to 12 of the 12 calibration data sets and the **vGc-PDI** retention model combined with the 4 capillary bundle models. 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.





Fig. S7: Calibration data sets and the fitted water retention and conductivity functions used to calibrate the saturated tortuosity coefficient τ_s . Shown are data set 1 to 4 of the 12 calibration data sets and the **vGmn-PDI** retention model combined with the 4 capillary bundle models. 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.





Fig. S8: Calibration data sets and the fitted water retention and conductivity functions used to calibrate the saturated tortuosity coefficient τ_s . Shown are data set 5 to 8 of the 12 calibration data sets and the **vGmn-PDI** retention model combined with the 4 capillary bundle models. 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.





Fig. S9: Calibration data sets and the fitted water retention and conductivity functions used to calibrate the saturated tortuosity coefficient τ_s . Shown are data set 9 to 12 of the 12 calibration data sets and the **vGmn-PDI** retention model combined with the 4 capillary bundle models. 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.





Fig. S10: Calibration data sets and the fitted water retention and conductivity functions used to calibrate the saturated tortuosity coefficient τ_s . Shown are data set 1 to 4 of the 12 calibration data sets and the **FX-PDI** retention model combined with the 4 capillary bundle models. Parameter τ_s and the retention parameters were allowed to vary. Numbers in the subplots indicate RMSE_{θ} and RMSE_{logK} values for the various model combinations.





Fig. S11: Calibration data sets and the fitted water retention and conductivity functions used to calibrate the saturated tortuosity coefficient τ_s . Shown are data set 5 to 8 of the 12 calibration data sets and the **FX-PDI** retention model combined with the 4 capillary bundle models. Parameter τ_s and the retention parameters were allowed to vary. Numbers in the subplots indicate RMSE_{θ} and RMSE_{logK} values for the various model combinations.



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Fig. S12: Calibration data sets and the fitted water retention and conductivity functions used to calibrate the saturated tortuosity coefficient τ_s . Shown are data set 9 to 12 of the 12 calibration data sets and the **FX-PDI** retention model combined with the 4 capillary bundle models. Parameter τ_s and the retention parameters were allowed to vary. Numbers in the subplots indicate RMSE_{θ} and RMSE_{logK} values for the various model combinations.

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Fig. S13: Measured data (dots), fitted retention functions (left) and fully predicted conductivity functions (right). Shown are the first 12 out of the 23 test data sets and the **Kos-PDI** retention model combined with the 4 capillary bundle models. Bars show the RMSE_{logK} values for the different used capillary bundle models. Note that the conductivity curves are not fits to the data but pure predictions.



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Fig. S14: Measured data (dots), fitted retention functions (left) and fully predicted conductivity functions (right). Shown are data set 13 to 23 of the test data sets and the **Kos-PDI** retention model combined with the 4 capillary bundle models. Bars show the RMSE_{logK} values for the different used capillary bundle models. Note that the conductivity curves are not fits to the data but pure predictions.



Fig. S15: Measured data (dots), fitted retention functions (left) and fully predicted conductivity functions (right). Shown are the first 12 out of the 23 test data sets and the **vGc-PDI** retention model combined with the 4 capillary bundle models. Bars show the RMSE_{logK} values for the different used capillary bundle models. Note that the conductivity curves are not fits to the data but pure predictions.



Fig. S16: Measured data (dots), fitted retention functions (left) and fully predicted conductivity functions (right). Shown are data set 13 to 23 of the test data sets and the **vGc-PDI** retention model combined with the 4 capillary bundle models. Bars show the RMSE_{logK} values for the different used capillary bundle models. Note that the conductivity curves are not fits to the data but pure predictions.



Fig. S17: Measured data (dots), fitted retention functions (left) and fully predicted conductivity functions (right). Shown are the first 12 out of the 23 test data sets and the **vGmn-PDI** retention model combined with the 4 capillary bundle models. Bars show the RMSE_{logK} values for the different used capillary bundle models. Note that the conductivity curves are not fits to the data but pure predictions.



Fig. S18: Measured data (dots), fitted retention functions (left) and fully predicted conductivity functions (right). Shown are data set 13 to 23 of the test data sets and the **vGmn-PDI** retention model combined with the 4 capillary bundle models. Bars show the RMSE_{logK} values for the different used capillary bundle models. Note that the conductivity curves are not fits to the data but pure predictions.



Fig. S19: Measured data (dots), fitted retention functions (left) and fully predicted conductivity functions (right). Shown are the first 12 out of the 23 test data sets and the **FX-PDI** retention model combined with the 4 capillary bundle models. Bars show the RMSE_{logK} values for the different used capillary bundle models. Note that the conductivity curves are not fits to the data but pure predictions.



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Fig. S20: Measured data (dots), fitted retention functions (left) and fully predicted conductivity functions (right). Shown are data set 13 to 23 of the test data sets and the **FX-PDI** retention model combined with the 4 capillary bundle models. Bars show the RMSE_{logK} values for the different used capillary bundle models. Note that the conductivity curves are not fits to the data but pure predictions.