

## Supplementary material for

### The effect of soil physical amendments on reclamation of a saline sodic soil: simulation of salt leaching using HYDRUS-1D

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**Table S1. The results of statistical analyses for the agreement between the observed and predicted soil water potentials for the second run**

NSE: nash-sutcliffe co-efficient;  $d$ : index of agreement; RMSE: root mean square error;  $n$ : sample size as well as time series for the measured and simulated soil water potentials

Soil depth	Statistical analyses	Non-amended column	Wood chip-amended column	Fine sand-amended column
		(n = 11815)	(n = 12448)	(n = 7714)
35 mm	NSE	0.56	0.54	0.76
	$d$	0.92	0.92	0.95
	RMSE (kPa)	0.83	0.62	0.41
120 mm	NSE	0.93	0.92	0.92
	$d$	0.98	0.98	0.98
	RMSE (kPa)	0.30	0.25	0.23
250 mm	NSE	0.96	0.69	0.81
	$d$	0.98	0.90	0.93
	RMSE (kPa)	0.12	0.45	0.25

**Table S2. The results of statistical analyses for the agreement between the observed and predicted soil water potentials for the third run**

NSE: nash-sutcliffe co-efficient;  $d$ : index of agreement; RMSE: root mean square error;  $n$ : sample size as well as time series for the measured and simulated soil water potentials

Soil depth	Statistical analyses	Non-amended column	Wood chip-amended column	Fine sand-amended column
		( $n = 12610$ )	( $n = 4961$ )	( $n = 13450$ )
35 mm	NSE	0.83	0.82	0.93
	$d$	0.96	0.96	0.98
	RMSE (kPa)	0.45	0.28	0.23
120 mm	NSE	0.71	-0.09	0.95
	$d$	0.93	0.67	0.98
	RMSE (kPa)	0.57	0.98	0.19
250 mm	NSE	0.81	0.33	0.87
	$d$	0.95	0.77	0.95
	RMSE (kPa)	0.30	0.48	0.23

**Table S3. The results of statistical analyses for the agreement between the observed and predicted cations' concentrations, EC (Electrical Conductivity) and SAR (Sodium Adsorption Ratio) for the second run**

RMSE: root mean square error; MAE: mean absolute error; RE: relative error (%);  $n$ =sample size

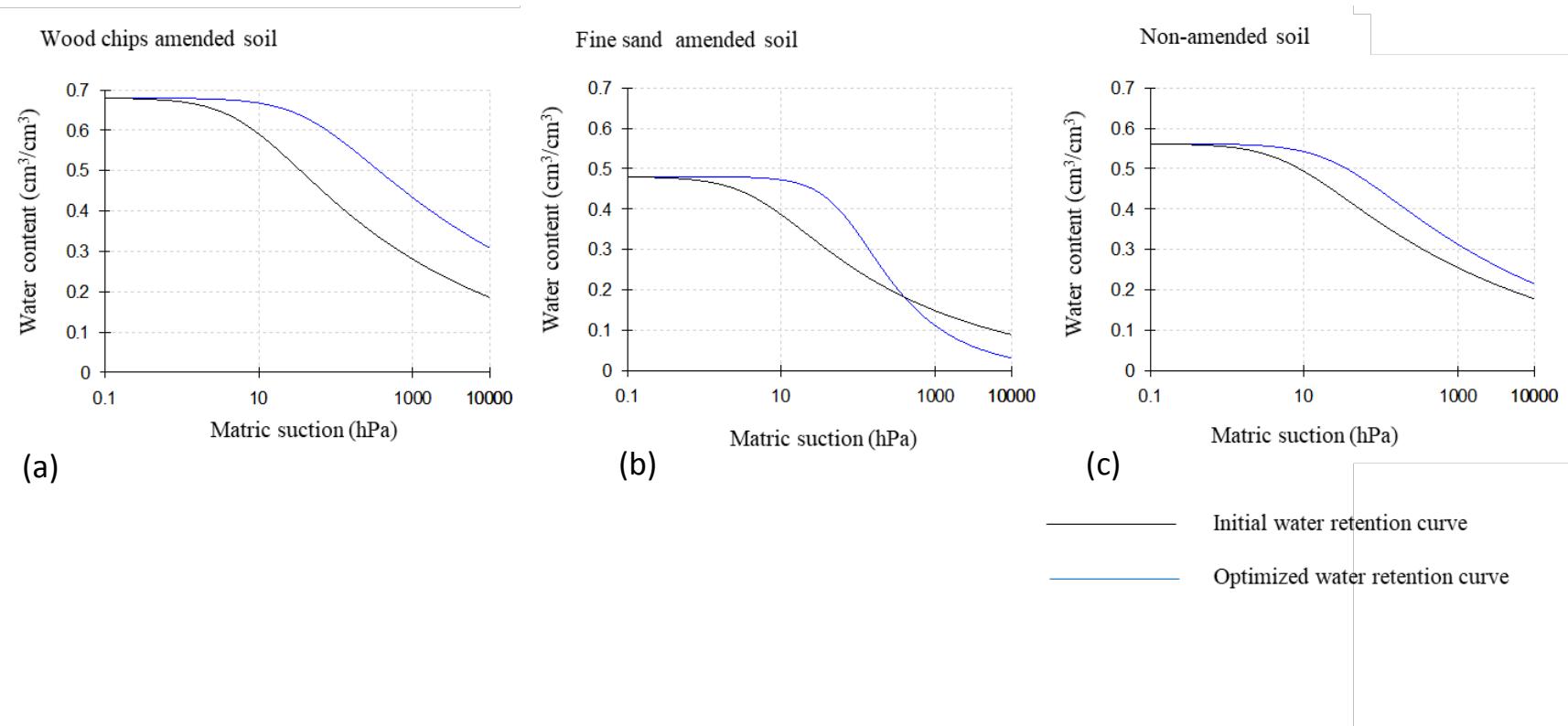
Soil columns	Statistical analyses	EC (dS/m)	SAR ( $\text{mmol}_{(\text{c})} \text{ L}^{-1}$ ) <sup>0.5</sup>	Major cations (mmol/L)			
				$\text{Ca}^{2+}$	$\text{Mg}^{2+}$	$\text{Na}^+$	$\text{K}^+$
Non-amended column ( $n = 3$ )	RMSE	1.009	2.23	1.09	0.90	8.61	0.07
	MAE	0.92	2.07	0.94	0.86	7.00	0.07
	RE	5.62	7.39	9.63	6.25	5.59	4.94
Fine sand-amended column ( $n = 3$ )	RMSE	0.90	2.45	0.34	0.82	7.78	0.02
	MAE	0.74	2.02	0.27	0.74	6.26	0.02
	RE	5.41	7.72	3.30	7.41	5.199	1.99
Wood chip-amended column ( $n = 3$ )	RMSE	1.025	2.18	0.27	1.44	13.92	0.07
	MAE	0.96	1.92	0.24	1.35	12.61	0.07
	RE	6.17	7.24	2.69	10.66	9.32	4.81

**Table S4. The results of statistical analyses for the agreement between the observed and predicted cations' concentrations, EC (Electrical Conductivity) and SAR (Sodium Adsorption Ratio) for the third run**

RMSE: root mean square error; MAE: mean absolute error; RE: relative error (%);  $n$  = sample size

Soil columns	Statistical analyses	EC (dS/m)	SAR ( $\text{mmol}_{(\text{c})} \text{L}^{-1}\right)^{0.5}$	Major cations (mmol/L)			
				$\text{Ca}^{2+}$	$\text{Mg}^{2+}$	$\text{Na}^+$	$\text{K}^+$
Non-amended column ( $n = 3$ )	RMSE	0.85	2.12	0.97	0.49	7.61	0.10
	MAE	0.82	1.63	0.84	0.49	6.96	0.05
	RE	4.67	6.94	8.62	3.34	4.85	5.52
Fine sand-amended column ( $n = 3$ )	RMSE	0.93	1.24	0.47	0.411	6.44	0.05
	MAE	0.86	1.05	0.42	0.37	6.0	0.05
	RE	5.62	4.04	4.35	3.80	4.34	3.81
Wood chip-amended column ( $n = 3$ )	RMSE	0.86	2.02	0.39	1.19	12.57	0.04
	MAE	0.78	1.36	0.29	0.86	9.0	0.03
	RE	5.29	6.83	3.64	7.97	8.63	2.29

**Fig. S1. Water retention curves of (a) wood chip-amended soil, (b) fine sand-amended soil and (c) non-amended soil**



**Text S1. The equations for statistical analyses;  $O_i$  and  $P_i$  are observed and simulated values respectively,  $N$  is the number of observations and  $\bar{O} = \frac{1}{N} \sum O_i$**

$$(a) RMSE = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^N (P_i - O_i)^2}{N}}$$

$$(b) NSE = 1 - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N (O_i - P_i)^2}{\sum_{i=1}^N (O_i - \bar{O})^2}$$

$$(c) d = 1 - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N (O_i - P_i)^2}{\sum_{i=1}^N (|P_i - \bar{O}| + |O_i - \bar{O}|)^2}$$

$$(d) MAE = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N |O_i - P_i|$$

$$(e) RE = \frac{RMSE}{\bar{O}} \times 100$$