

5TH BRAZILIAN SOIL PHYSICS MEETING - 2019

# PEDOTRANSFER FUNCTIONS OF HYDRAULIC PROPERTIES FOR BRAZILIAN SOILS: A REVIEW

-PRELIMINARY RESULTS-

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PTF DEVELOPMENT

## OBJECTIVE

TO PROVIDE AN UP-TO-DATE REPOSITORY OF PAST AND RECENT PUBLICATIONS DEALING WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF HYDRAULIC PTFs FOR BRAZILIAN SOILS



## METHODOLOGY

- ✓ GOOGLE ACADEMIC– USING THE TERM PEDOTRANSFER FUNCTIONS
- ✓ BARROS & DE JONG VAN LIER (2014): PEDOTRANSFER FUNCTIONS FOR BRAZILIAN SOILS
- ✓ BOTULA ET AL. (2014): PEDOTRANSFER FUNCTIONS TO PREDICT WATER RETENTION FOR SOILS OF THE HUMID TROPICS: A REVIEW
- ✓ DA SILVA AND ARMINDO (2018). IMPORTÂNCIA DAS FUNÇÕES DE PEDOTRANSFERÊNCIA NO ESTUDO DAS PROPRIEDADES E FUNÇÕES HIDRÁULICAS DOS SOLOS DO BRASIL

## CATEGORIZATION OF PTFs

57 PTFs

57 CONTINUOUS

38 All DATABASE

**19 GROUPS**  
(soil Depths, Brazilian States, Soil Pedological  
Classes, Textural Classes, etc)

43 POINT

12 PARAMETRIC

2 NI

3 SEMI-  
PHYSICAL

54 EMPIRICAL

47 MLR

1 RT

4 ANN

2 NI

NI – Not informed; MLR – Multilinear Regression; RT – Regression Tree; ANN – Artificial Neural Network

## PTFs SELECTED FROM LITERATURE – PART 1/7

References	Year	Predicted variable	Geographic Domain	Number of Samples	Sample Type
Almeida et al. (2010)	2010	Ug33kPa Ug1500kPa	Pernambuco	x	disturbed
Alvarenga et al. (2010)	2010	W6kPa W1500kPa	Minas Gerais	325	undisturbed/disturbed
Andrade and Stone	2011	FC empirical	various	472-2242	x
Andrade et al. (2008)	2008	Available Water Content	Paraíba	36	disturbed
Arruda et al. (1987)	1987	Ug33kPa Ug1500kPa	São Paulo	218	disturbed
Assad et al. (2001)	2001	W10kPa W150kPa W10kPa-W1500kPa	São Paulo, Espírito Santo, São Paulo, Minas Gerais, Bahia	228 calibration 135 test	undisturbed
Balbino et al. (2002)	2002	Ug10kPa	Cerrado	40, 43, 57	x
Barros et al. (2013)	2013	VG parameters	Northeastern Brazil	673 calibration 113 validation	disturbed, undisturbed
Bernades (2010)	2010	W33kPa W1500kPa W33kPa-W1500kPa	Rio de Janeiro	28	undisturbed
Bortoline and Aluquerque (2018)	2018	W10kPa W150kPa W10kPa-W1500kPa	Santa Catarina	515 calibration 1425 validation	undisturbed
Coelho et al. (1997)	1997	Ug33kPa Ug1500kPa W10kPa W33kPa	Minas Gerais Piauí	90	undisturbed
Costa (2012)	2012	W1500kPa AWC VG parameters	Santa Catarina	151 calibration 49 validation	undisturbed

## PTFs SELECTED FROM LITERATURE – PART 2/7

References	Year	Predicted variable	Geographic Domain	Number of Samples	Sample Type
da Silva (2014)	2014	Ug33kPa Ug1500kPa	Brazilian Coastal Plains region	280	disturbed
da Silveira et al. (2018)	2018	water retention curve	Bahia	x	undisturbed
Dalbiano (2009)	2009	Ks	Rio Grande do Sul	414	undisturbed/disturbe
de Mello et al. (2002)	2002	Drenable proposity: TP-FC AWC	Minas Gerais	36	undisturbed
de Mello et al. (2005)	2005	VG parameters W0kPa W6kPa W10kPa	Minas Gerais	36	undisturbed/disturbe
de Souza et al. (2014)	2014	W33kPa W100kPa W500kPa W1500kPa Ks	Espírito Santo	36 calibration 36 validation	undisturbed
dos Santos et al. (2013)	2013	Ug33kPa Ug1500kPa	Rio Grande do Sul	988 calibration 398 validation	disturbed
Fernandes et al. (2008)	2008	Ug10kPa Ug-500kPa W1kPa W33kPa	Minas Gerais, bahia, Espírito Santo	559	disturbed
Ferreira and Crestana (2014)	2014	W100kPa W300kPa W1500kPa	São Paulo	275	undisturbed
Fidalski e Tormena (2007)	2007	VG parameters	Paraná	216	undisturbed
Gaiser et al. (2000)	2000	W33kPa W1500kPa	tropical regions	433 calibration 194 - validation	disturbed

## PTFs SELECTED FROM LITERATURE – PART 3/7

References	Year	Predicted variable	Geographic Domain	Number of Samples	Sample Type
Giarola et al. (2002)	2002	W10kPa W1500kPa W10kPa-W1500kPa	Santa Catarina e Rio Grande do Sul	35	undisturbed/disturbed
Junior et al. (2014)	2014	W10kPa W33kPa W1500kPa Rijtema (1969) parameters VG parameters	Mato Grosso	80 calibration 25 validation	undisturbed (?)
Klein et al. (2010)	2010	Ug1500kPa	Rio Grande do Sul e Santa	100	disturbed (psicrômetro)
Klein et al. (2015)	2015	Ks	Rio Grande do Sul	64 (?)	undisturbed, permeâmetro de carga
Marcolin (2009)	2009	W8kPa; W1500kPa Aeration porosity: TP-0.1; Total Porosity	Rio Grande do Sul	60	undisturbed/disturbed
Masutti (1997)	1997	W33kPa W1500kPa W33kPa-W1500kPa	Pernambuco	62-validation; 44-validation	disturbed (CC, PMP, Ksat)
Medeiros et al. (2012)	2012	VG parameters	Pará	36 samples	undisturbed
Medrado e Lima (2014)	2014	VG parameters	Amazônia, Distrito Federal, Goiás, Maranhão, Minas Gerais, Mato Grosso, Pará, Tocantins	1092 - calibração; 309 - validação	undisturbed

## PTFs SELECTED FROM LITERATURE – PART 4/7

References	Year	Predicted variable	Geographic Domain	Number of Samples	Sample Type
Menegaz et al. (2015)	2015	W0kPa	Rio Grande do Sul, Bahia, Minas Gerais, Goiás e Mato Grosso	4626	undisturbed/disturbed
		W1kPa			
		W33kPa			
		W100kPa			
		W500kPa			
Michelon et al. (2010)	2010	W1500kPa	Rio Grande do Sul	1200	undisturbed/disturbed
		W0kPa			
		W1kPa			
		W33kPa			
		W100kPa			
Nascimento et al. (2010)	2010	W500kPa	Alagoas, Amazonia, Bahia, Pernambuco, Rio de Janeiro, Sergipe	682	x
		W1500kPa			
Netto (2007)	2007	Ug33kPa-Ug1500kPa water retention curve	São Paulo	275	undisturbed
Nunes (2016)	2016	W1kPa	Rio Grande do Sul	1973 calibration 1315 validation	undisturbed/disturbed
		W6kPa			
		W33kPa			
Oliveira et al. (2002)	2002	W100kPa	Pernambuco	467 calibration 92 validation	undisturbed
		Ug33kPa			
		Ug1500kPa			
Otoni Filho et al. (2016)	2016	Ug33kPa-Ug1500kPa in situ FC	Rio de Janeiro	207	1m <sup>2</sup> flooded area/undisturbed

## PTFs SELECTED FROM LITERATURE – PART 5/7

References	Year	Predicted variable	Geographic Domain	Number of Samples	Sample Type
Pequeno (2016)	2016	W6kPa	Paraíba	126 calibration 54 validation	undisturbed
		W10kPa			
		W33kPa			
		W100kPa			
		W300kPa			
		W500kPa			
		W1000kPa			
Ramos (2017)	2017	W1500kPa	Piauí	100 calibration 26 validation	undisturbed (?)
		W6kPa-W1500kPa			
		Ug6kPa			
Reichert et al. (2009)	2009	Ug10kPa	Rio Grande do Sul	249-685 calibration 239 validation	x
		Ug33kPa			
		Ug100kPa			
		Ug500kPa			
		Ug1500kPa			
Rodrigues e Maia (2011)	2011	Wsaturation Ks	Distrito Federal	828	undisturbed
Rodrigues et al. (2011)	2011	W6kPa W33kPa	Distrito Federal	99	undisturbed
Silva et al. (2008)	2008	Hutson & Cass (1987)	São Paulo	180	undisturbed
Silveira et al. (2004)	2004	W6kPa	Bahia, Goiás, Minas Gerais e Rio Grande do Sul	572	undisturbed/disturbed
		W33kPa			
		W100kPa			
		W500kPa W1500kPa			

## PTFs SELECTED FROM LITERATURE – PART 6/7

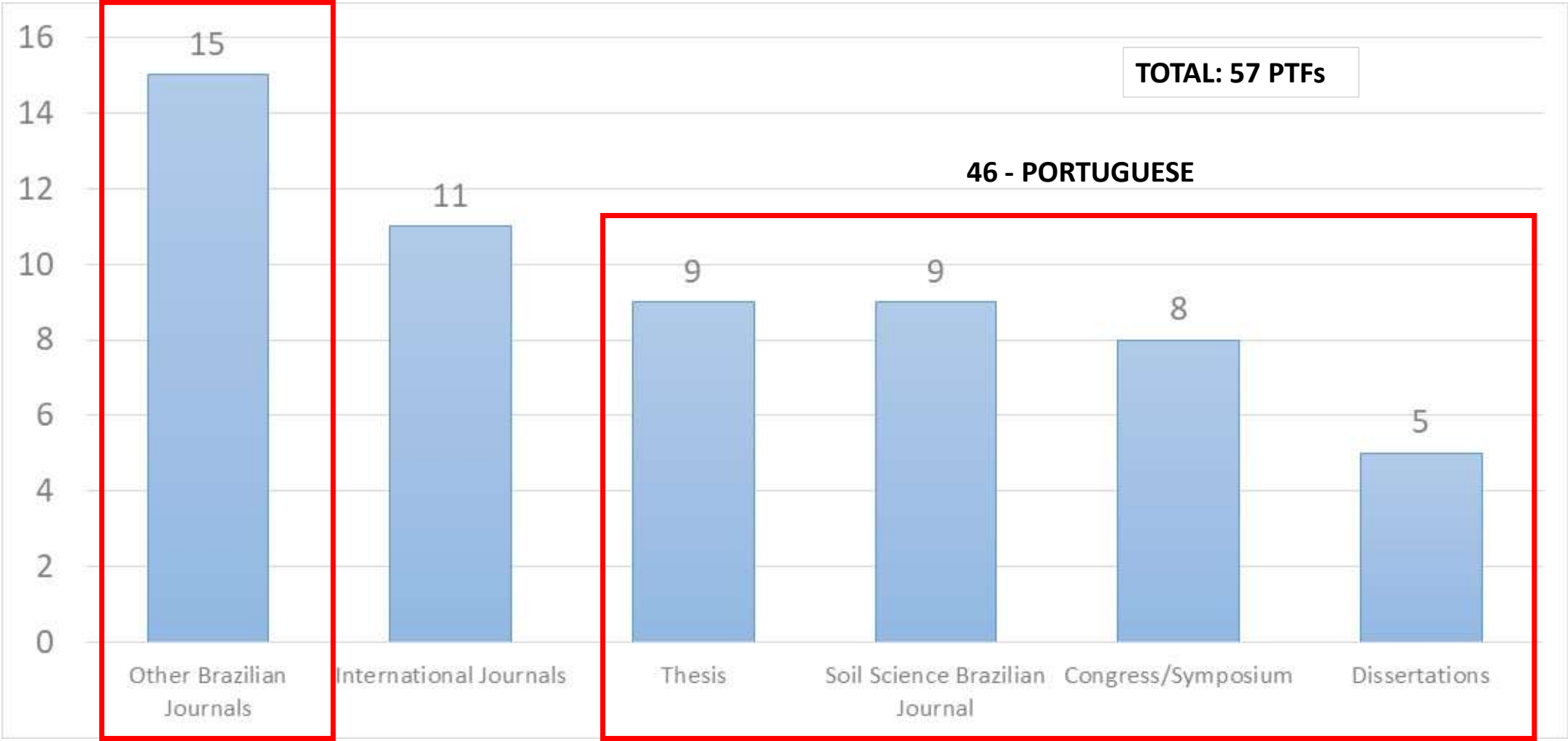
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Soares (2013)	2013	W0kPa	Rio Grande do Sul	1091 calibration 731 validation	x
		W6kPa			
		W10kPa			
		W33kPa			
		W100kPa			
		W500kPa			
Soares et al. (2014)	2014	W1500kPa	Rio Grande do Sul	1279 calibration 548 validation	x
		W0kPa			
		W6kPa			
		W10kPa			
		W33kPa			
		W100kPa			
Tomasella e Hodnett (1997)	1997	W500kPa	São Paulo, Paraná, Ceará, Amazonas, Minas Gerais	124 calibration Ks 2740 data pairs	x
		W1500kPa			
		Ks			
Tomasella e Hodnett (1998)	1998	BC Kunsat	Amazonic Basin	196 a 416 (calibracao dos pontos da curva de retencao); 559 validation (brook Corey)	x
		W0kPa			
		W1kPa			
		W3kPa			
		W6kPa			
		W10kPa			
		W33kPa			
W100kPa					
W1500kPa					
		BC parameters			



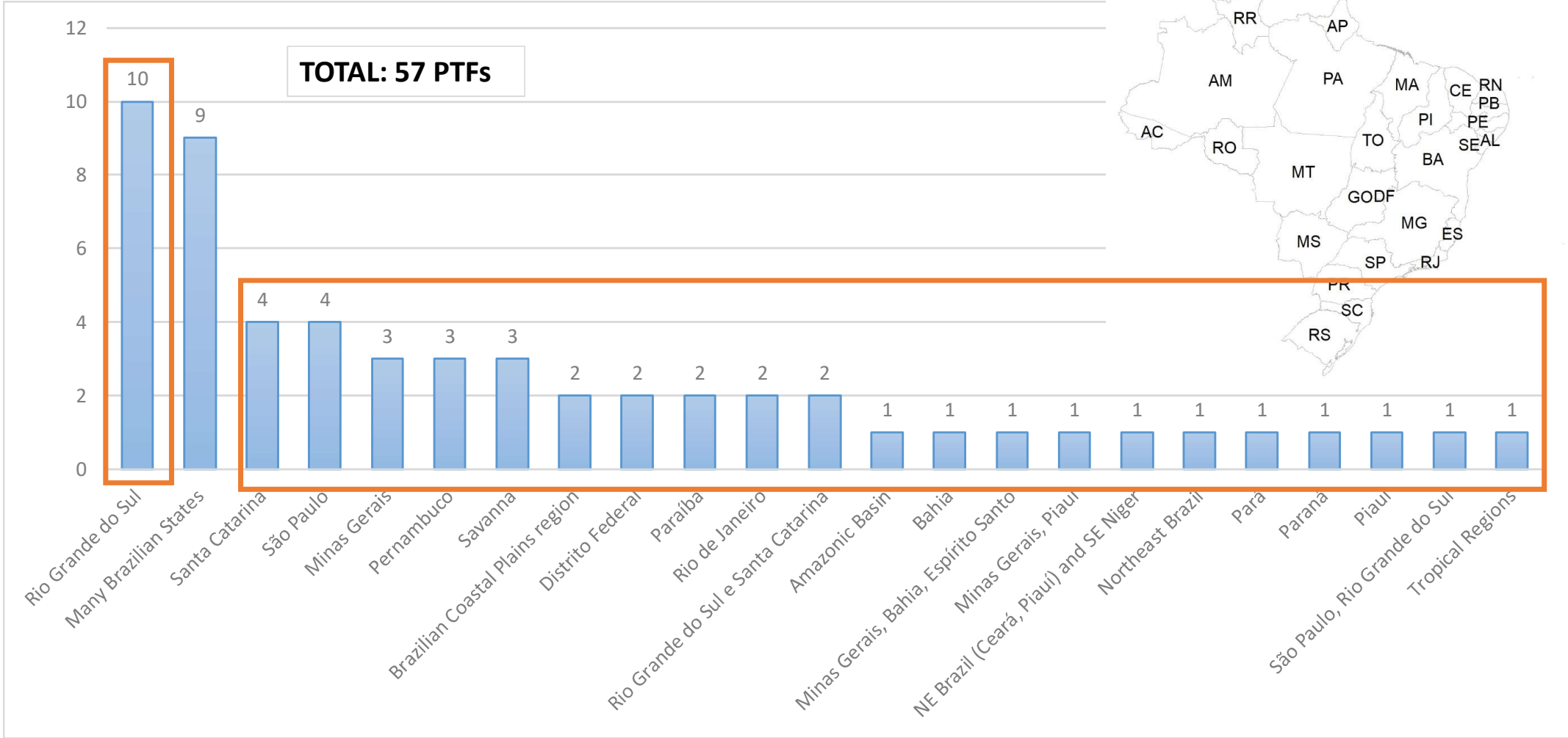
## PTFs SELECTED FROM LITERATURE – PART 7/7

References	Year	Predicted variable	Geographic Domain	Number of Samples	Sample Type
Tomasella et al. (2000)	2000	VG parameters	Paraná, Amazonas, Bahia, Rio Grande do Norte, Minas Gerais, Pará, São Paulo, rio de Janeiro, Distrito Federal	517 calibration 113 validation	undisturbed/disturbed
Tomasella et al. (2003)	2003	W0kPa W6kPa W10kPa W33kPa W100kPa W1500kPa VG parameters W1kPa W6kPa W10kPa	Brazil	629 calibration 209 validation	undisturbed/disturbed
Urach (2007)	2007	W33kPa W100kPa W500kPa W1500kPa	Rio Grande do Sul	963	undisturbed/disturbed
van den Berg et al. (1997)	1997	W10kPa W1500kPa W33kPa-W1500kPA VG parameters	Brazil, China, Equador, Colombia, Indonesia, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Malasia, Zambia e Mocambique	91 calibration 35 validation	undisturbed/disturbed
Vaz et al. (2005)	2005	water retention curve	São Paulo, Rio Grande do Sul	104	undisturbed

**NUMBER OF PTFs BY TYPES OF PUBLICATIONS**



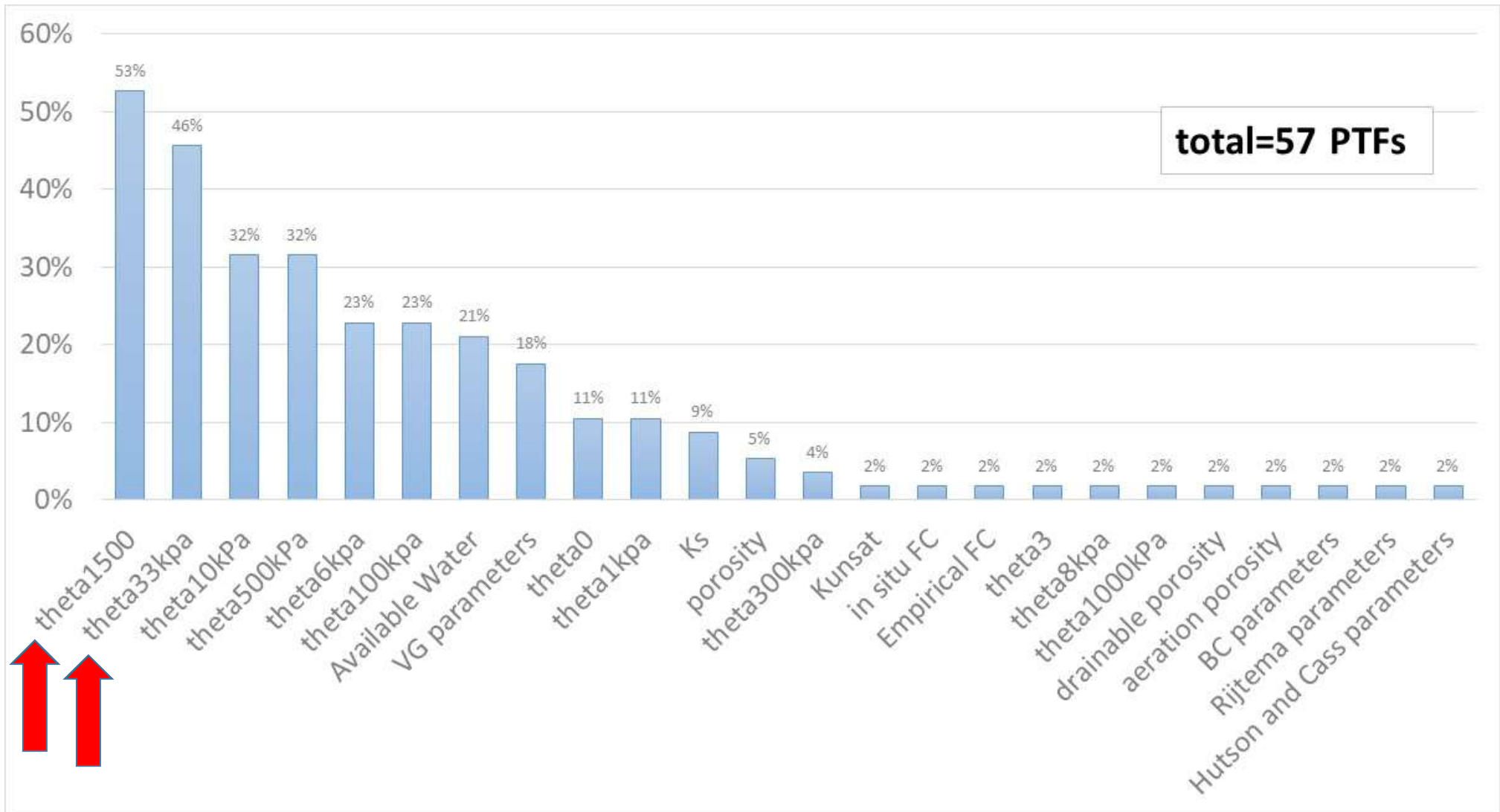
# NUMBER OF PTFs BY BRAZILIAN STATES



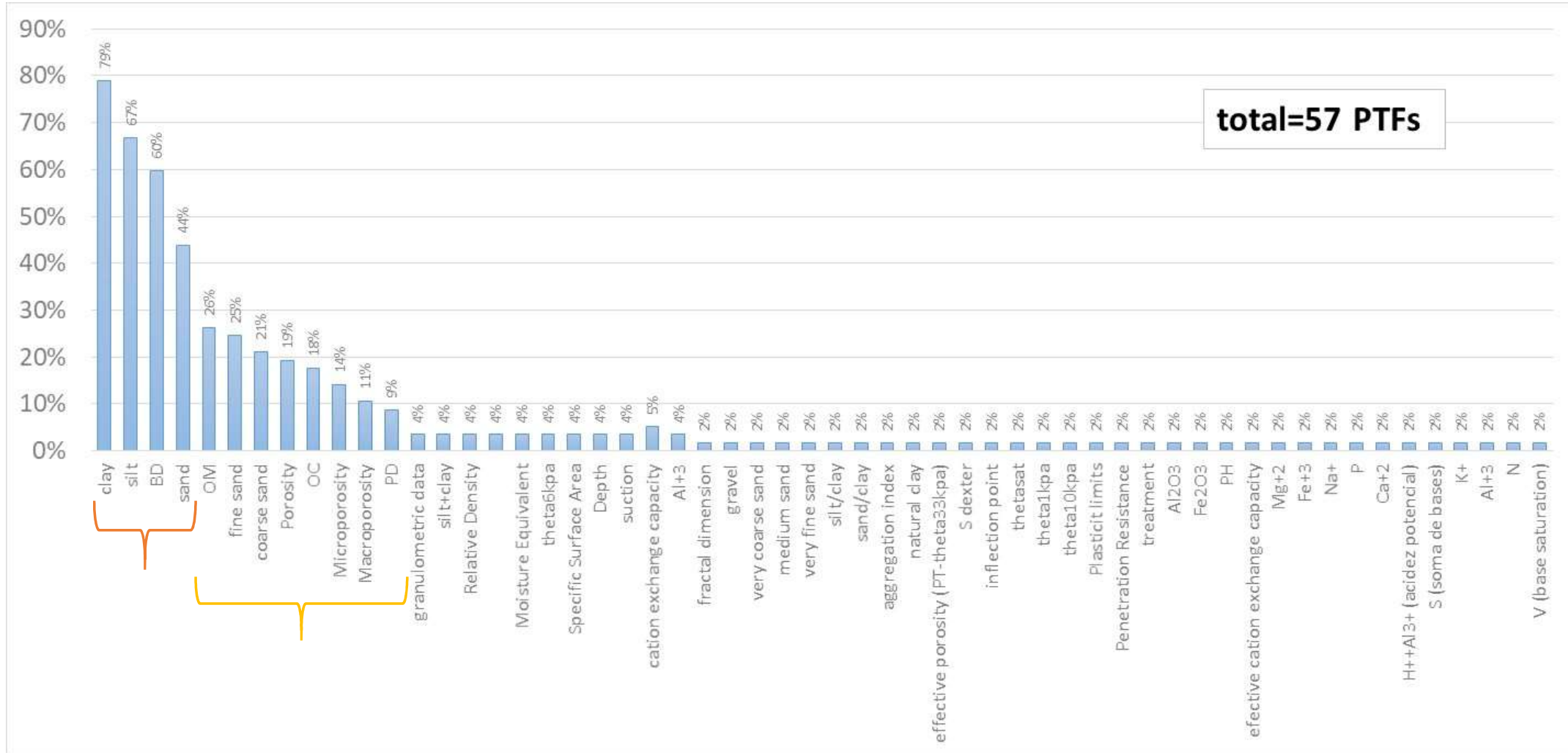
## PTFs – Brazil scale

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## PERCENTAGE OF THE USE OF PREDICTED PROPERTIES IN PTF DEVELOPMENT

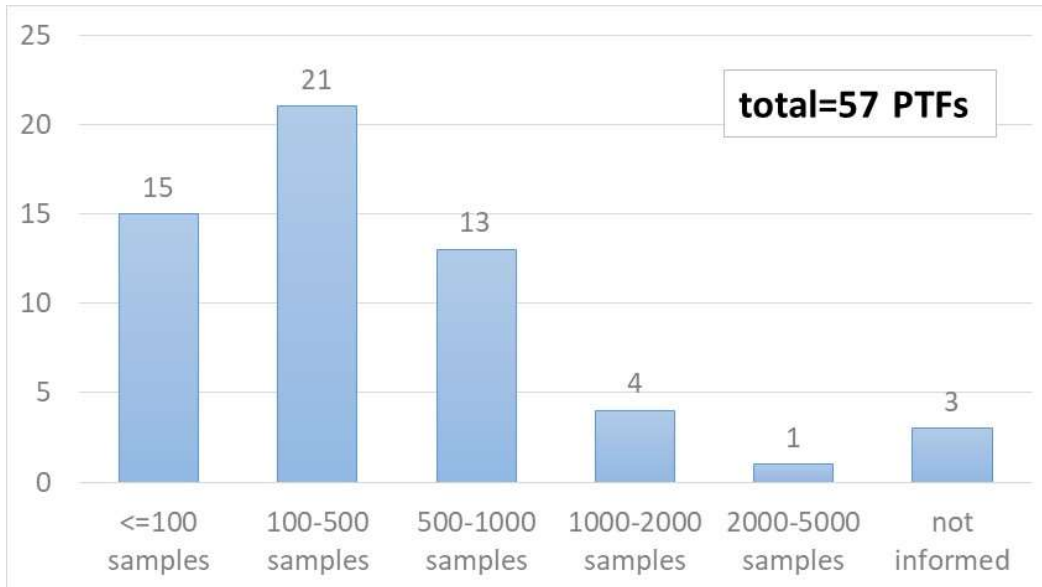


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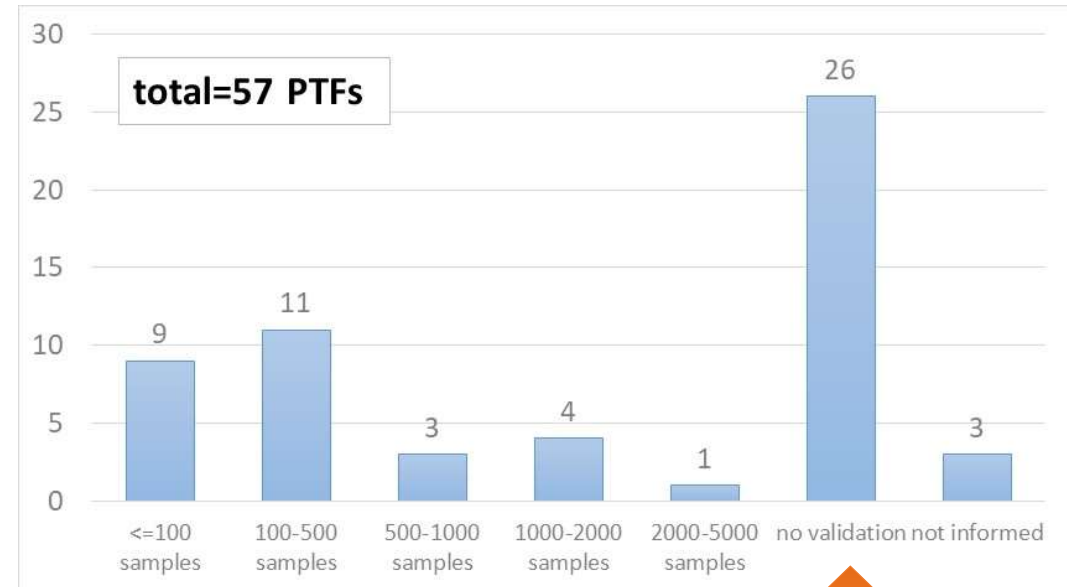


## NUMBER OF PTFs BY DATABASE SIZE

### CALIBRATION DATABASE

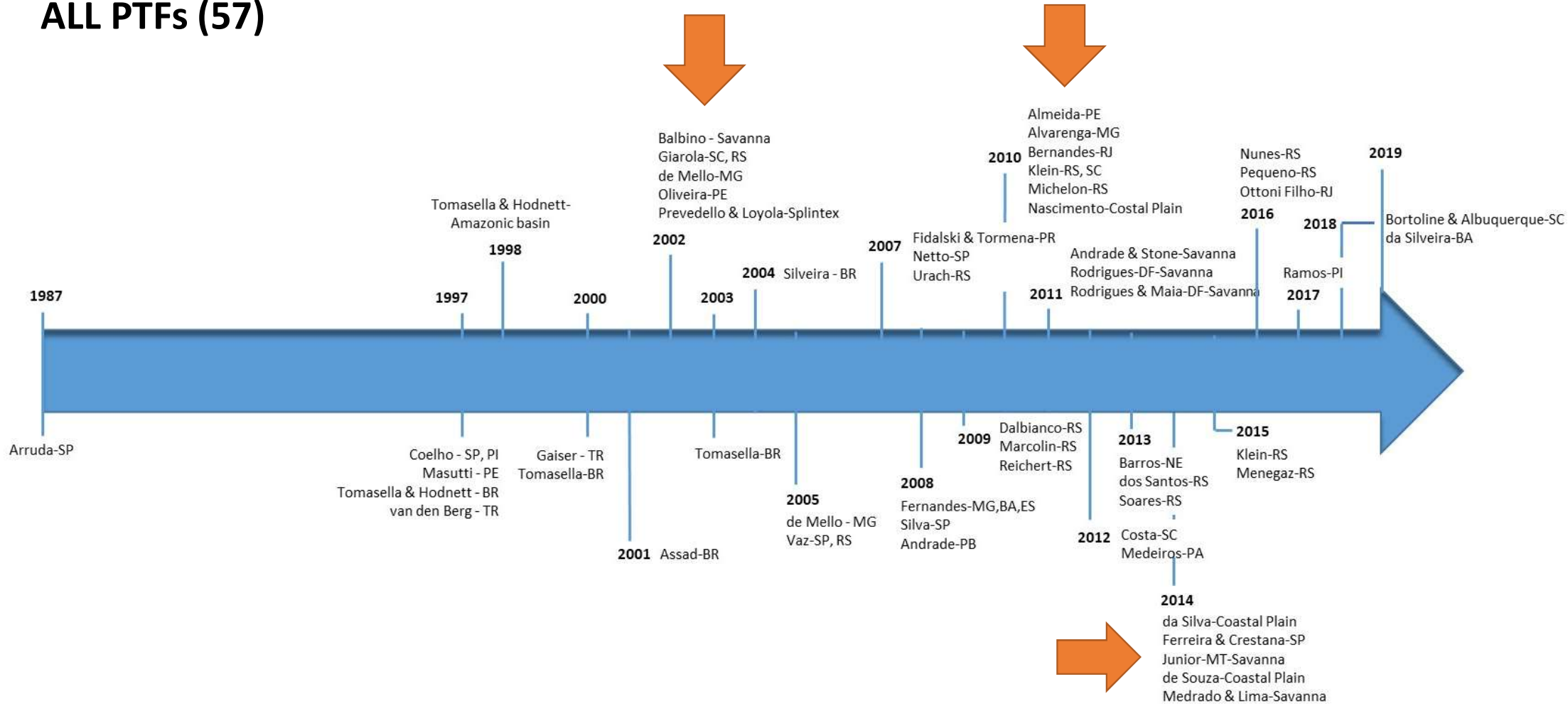


### VALIDATION DATABASE



## PTF DEVELOPMENT IN TIME SCALE

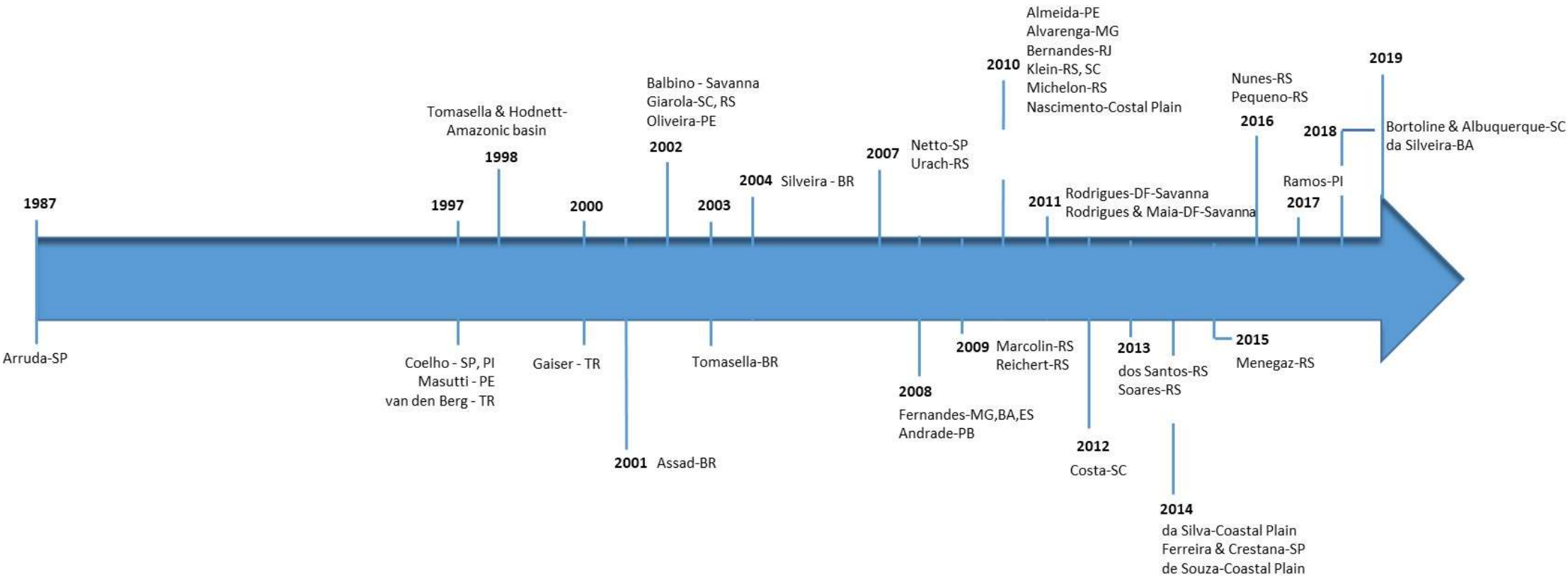
### ALL PTFs (57)





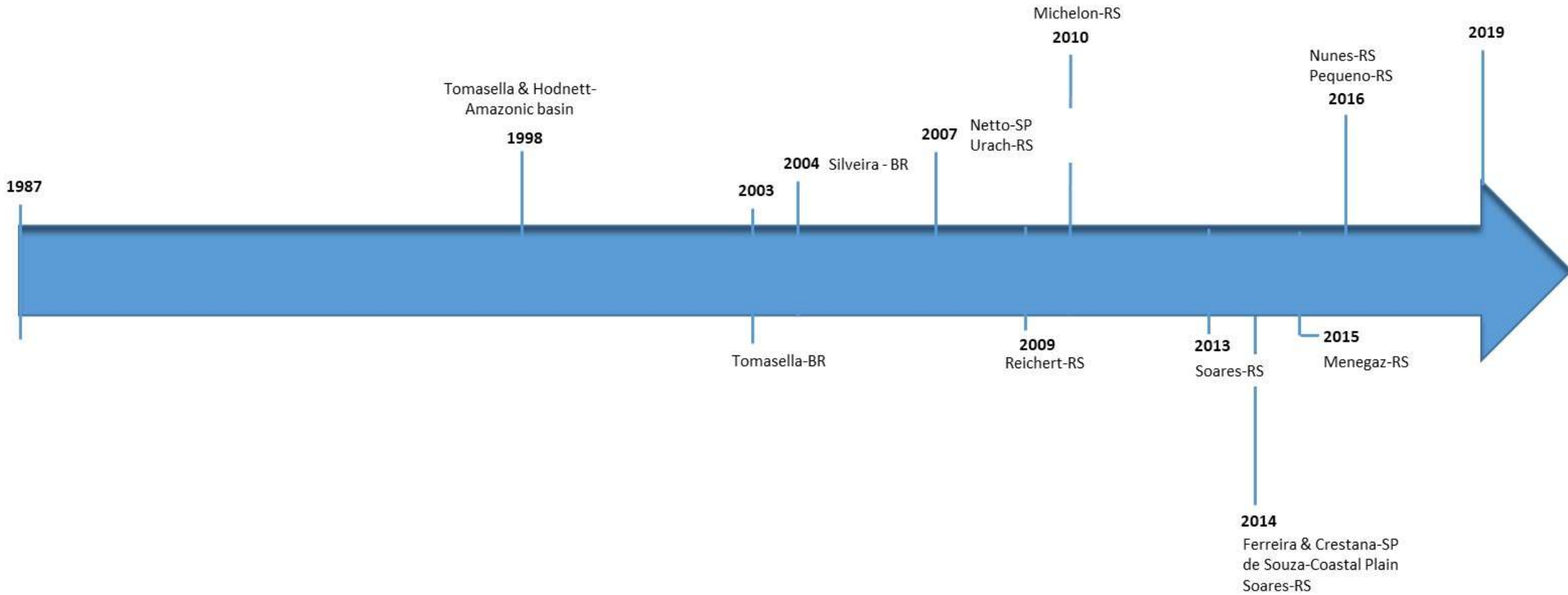
## PTF DEVELOPMENT IN TIME SCALE

### FIELD CAPACITY, WILTING POINT, AVAILABLE WATER



## PTF DEVELOPMENT IN TIME SCALE

### MANY WATER RETENTION POINTS



## PTF DEVELOPMENT IN TIME SCALE

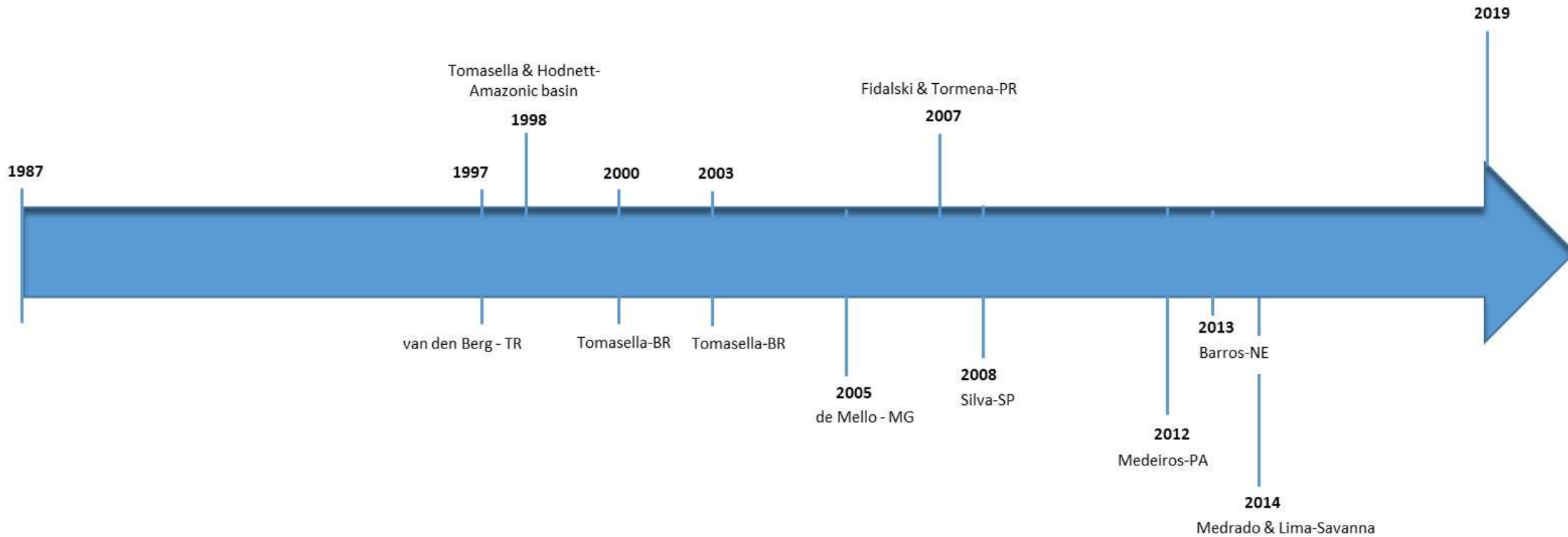
**KSAT**

Ottoni et al. (2019)-  
 $K_s=f(\text{effective porosity})$ -  
international soil database



## PTF DEVELOPMENT IN TIME SCALE

### PARAMETRIC PTFs – Water Retention



## PTF DEVELOPMENT IN TIME SCALE

### PARAMETRIC PTFs - Kunsat



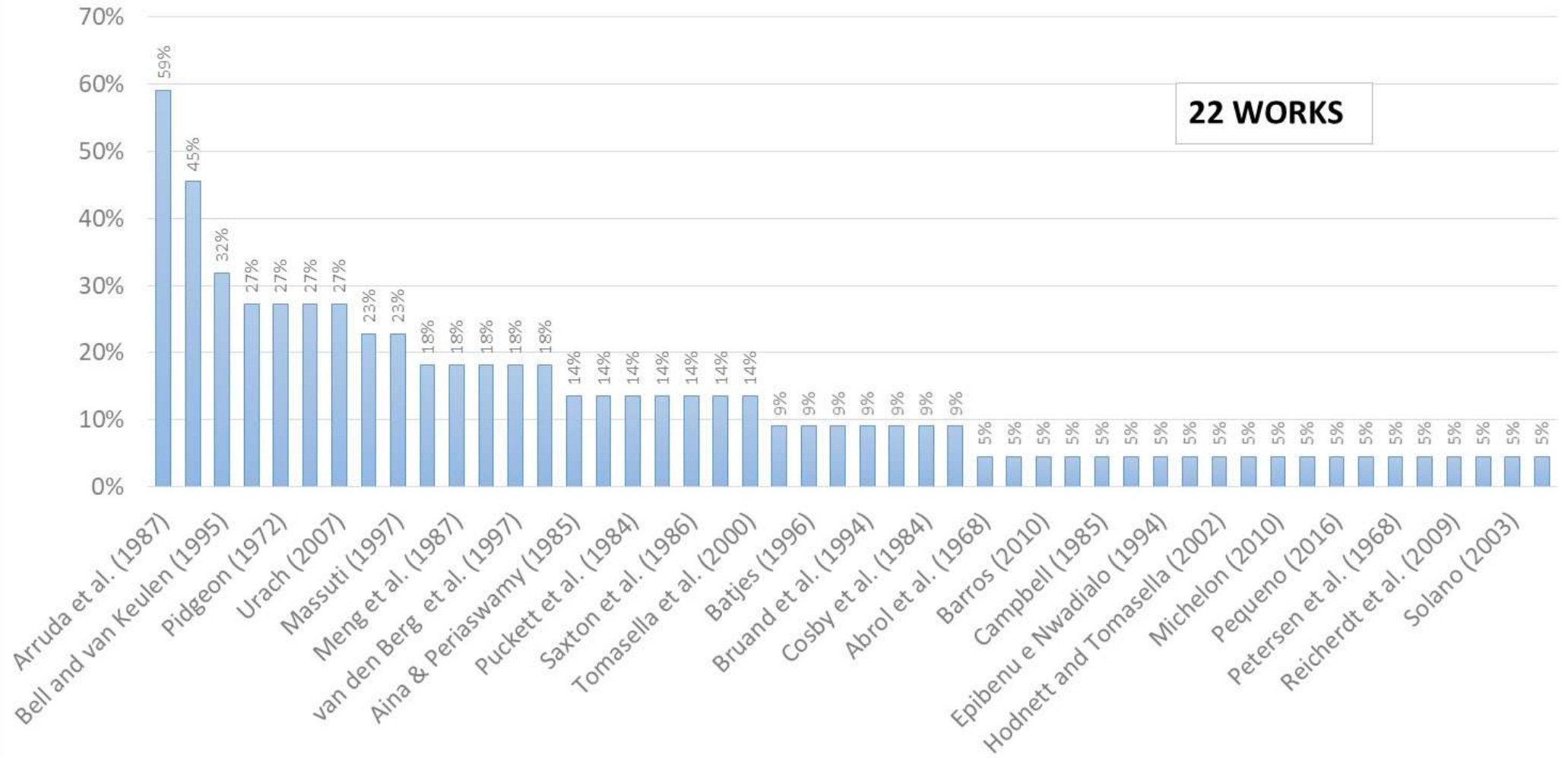
## PTF DEVELOPMENT IN TIME SCALE

### IN SITU FIELD CAPACITY



## PTFs VALIDATION

22 WORKS



## BRAZILIAN SOIL DATABASE

# HYBRAS

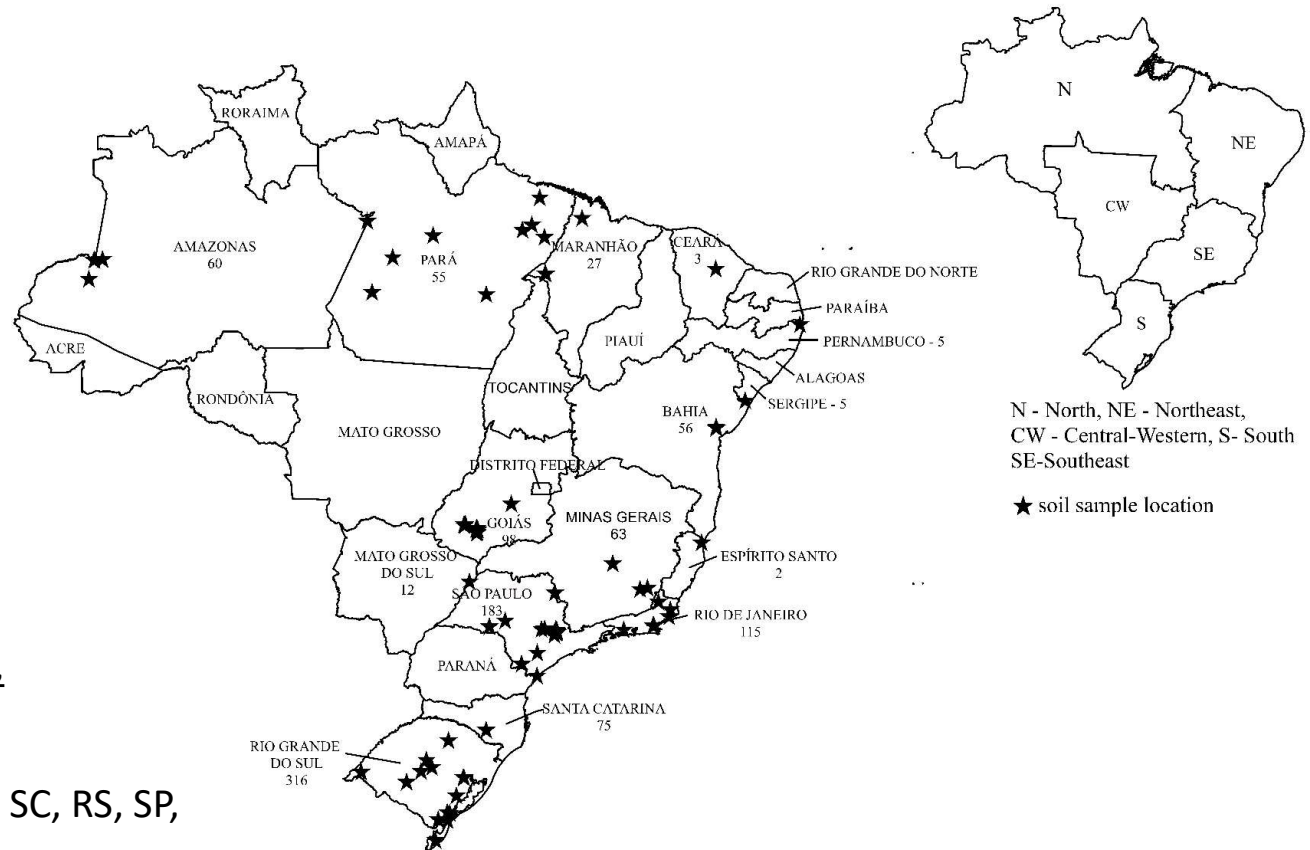
Hydrophysical Database for Brazilian Soils

1075 samples with retention data  
(at least 5 points) x basic soil  
attributes

412 samples with Ks data x basic  
soil attributes

INCLUDING MORE INFORMATION (FC,  
PMP):

- ✓ 415 samples: AL, RR, PA, PI, RJ, PB, SC, RS, SP, PA
- ✓ 1411 samples from LEONOR-ASSAD: MG, SC, CE, GO, PR, RJ, RN, SP





## NEW BRAZILIAN PTFs (UNDER DEVELOPMENT)

Table 3: RMSE para diferentes modelos de PTF em diferentes tensões

modelo	parametros	obs	TH0.01Mpa	TH0.033Mpa	TH1.5Mpa
RF1	sand silt clay	886	0.060	0.058	0.050
RF2	sand silt clay org_carb	598	0.045	0.045	0.042
RF3	sand silt clay bulk_den	886	0.053	0.051	0.047
RF4	sand silt clay bulk_den org_carb	598	0.040	0.040	0.039
RF5	f_sand c_sand silt clay org_carb	276	0.042	0.041	0.036
RF6	f_sand c_sand silt clay org_carb bulk_den	276	0.037	0.037	0.033
Tomasella, nivel 3	f_sand, c_sand, silt, clay, org_carb, bulk_dens	276	0.073	0.073	0.070
Tomasella, nivel 4	f_sand, c_sand, silt, clay, org_carb	276	0.062	0.059	0.055

## DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSIONS

- THERE MANY PTFs OF HYDRAULIC PROPERTIES FOR BRAZILIAN SOILS, BUT MOST OF THEM ARE PUBLISHED IN PORTUGUESE;
- MOST OF THE BRAZILIAN PTFs WERE DEVELOPED FOR FC AND PWP, BUT ONLY 1 FOR THE IN SITU FIELD CAPACITY;
- THERE ARE FEW PTFs FOR KS, ONLY 1 FOR KUNSAT (FEW AVAILABLE KS AND KUNSAT DATA IN BRAZIL), AND NONE FOR INFILTRATION CAPACITY;
- NO CLASS PTFs WERE FOUND IN THE LITERATURE. DO WE NEED PTFs FOR TEXTURAL CLASSES AND FOR SOIL TYPE (FERRALSOL, ACRISOL, REGOSOLS...)???
- MLR IS THE MOST USED STATISTICAL METHOD → OTHER METHODS SHOULD BE TESTED.
- MOST OF THE PTFs WERE CALIBRATED FOR REGIONAL AREAS AND WITH SMALL DATABASES. APPLICATION OF SUCH PTFs FOR SIMULATING LARGER SCALE PROCESSES MUST BE EVALUATED (and vice-versa: LARGE SCALE PTFs TO SIMULATE LOCAL SCALE PROCESSES);

## DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSIONS

- THE UNCERTAINTIES OF THE PTFs ARE NOT PROVIDED!
- THE PTFs ARE APPLIED WITHOUT CONSIDERING THEIR APPLICABILITY TO THE EVALUATED SOIL DATABASE;
- PTFS FOR REGOSOLS, FLUVISOLS, LEPTSOLS, ARENOSOLS (3RD MOST COMMON SOIL IN BRASIL). NEED TO CHECK.
- NEED TO EVALUATE THE ERRORS VALUES RANGE CONSIDERING THE PTFs DATABASE OF THIS STUDY;
- TOMASELLA'S PTFs ARE THE ONLY MODELS APPLIED FOR THE COUNTRY SCALE. DO WE NEED TO UPDATE THESE PTFs WITH MORE REPRESENTATIVE SAMPLES??
- THERE ARE FEW STUDIES VALIDATING PTFs THAT WERE CALIBRATED, AND ALMOST NONE PTF FUNCTIONAL VALIDATION;

## DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSIONS

- USE OF DISTURBED SAMPLES TO ESTIMATE HYDRAULIC PROPERTIES. HOW LARGE ARE THE ERRORS?? DO THESE ERRORS IMPACT SIMULATION OF HYDROLOGICAL PROCESSES??
- THERE IS VERY LITTLE INFORMATION (INCLUDING MANAGERIAL ATTRIBUTES, FIELD AND LABORATORY METHODOLOGY) AND METADATA ABOUT THE CALIBRATION AND VALIDATION DATASETS
- THE KS RMSE IS CALCULATED CONSIDERING THE OWN VALUE OF KS!!! WE ARE NOT USING THE TRANSFORMED VALUE (LN OR LOG)
- THE MOST COMMON STATISTIC TO EVALUATE PTFs IS R<sup>2</sup>;
- STRUCTURAL VARIABLES ARE NOT BEING LARGELY USED TO GENERATE BRAZILIAN PTFs. THE USE OF θ<sub>6</sub> (MICROPOROSITY) CAN IMPROVE THE ESTIMATES;

## DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSIONS

- THE USE OF GEOENVIRONMENTAL VARIABLE (REMOTE SENSING, TOPOGRAPHICAL, AND GEOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION, ETC) MIGHT BE USED FOR PTF DEVELOPMENT IN ORDER TO PREDICT THE SPATIAL VARIABILITY OF SOIL PROPERTIES;
- THE BRAZILIAN PTFs ARE BEING USED? IN WHICH CASES??
- DO WE NEED PTFs WHICH TAKE INTO ACCOUNT TIME INFLUENCE? THESE MODELS COULD BE USEFUL FOR EARTH SYSTEM MODELING.
- STABLISHMENT OF WATER AND SOIL MONITORING NETWORK. DO WE NEED IT?
- WE NEED TO MEASURE MORE RETENTION DATA, SPECIALLY IN THE VERY WET AND DRY SUCTION RANGES .
- HOW DO WE GET MORE DATA OF HYDRAULIC PROPERTIES FROM THE LITERATURE IF OUR CULTURE IS TO KEEP THEM IN OUR COMPUTERS??

## DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSIONS

➤ **FINALLY, WE HAVE MANY PTFs in BRAZIL!! HOW TO USE THEM MORE EFFICIENTLY??**

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!!!

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