Appendix 1. Model Archival Summary for Total Dissolved Solids Concentration at U.S. Geological Survey Site 06888990, Kansas River above Topeka Weir at Topeka, Kansas, during November 2018 through June 2021

This model archival summary summarizes the total dissolved solids (TDS; U.S. Geological Survey [USGS] parameter code 70300) concentration model developed to compute 15-minute TDS concentrations from November 2018 onward. This model is specific to USGS site 06888990, the Kansas River above Topeka Weir at Topeka, Kansas, during this study period and cannot be applied to data collected from other sites on the Kansas River or data collected from other waterbodies.

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Site and Model Information

Site number: 06888990
Site name: Kansas River above Topeka Weir at Topeka, Kans.
Location: Lat 39°04'19", long 95°42'58" referenced to North American Datum of 1927, in NW 1/4 sec.23, T.11 S., R.15 E., Shawnee County, Kans., hydrologic unit 10270102.

Equipment: A Xylem YSI EXO2 water-quality monitor equipped with sensors for water temperature, specific conductance (SC), dissolved oxygen, pH, turbidity, and chlorophyll and phycocyanin fluorescence was installed during November 2018 through June 2021. Readings from the water-quality monitor were recorded every 15 minutes and transmitted by way of satellite, hourly.

Date model was created: December 8, 2021

Model-calibration data period: November 28, 2018, through June 21, 2021

Model-application date: November 28, 2018, onward

Model-Calibration Dataset

All data were collected using USGS protocols (Wagner and others, 2006; U.S. Geological Survey, variously dated) and are stored in the USGS National Water Information System (U.S. Geological Survey, 2022) database and available to the public. Ordinary least squares analysis was used to develop regression models using R programming language (R Core Team, 2022). Potential explanatory variables that were evaluated individually and in combination included streamflow, water temperature, SC, dissolved oxygen, pH, turbidity, and chlorophyll and phycocyanin fluorescence. These potential explanatory variables were interpolated within the 15-minute continuous record based on sample time. The maximum time span between two continuous data points used for interpolation was 2 hours (in order to preserve the sample dataset, field monitor averages obtained during sample collection were used for model development data if no continuous data were available or if gaps larger than 2 hours in the continuous data record resulted in missing interpolated data). Seasonal components (sine and cosine variables) also were evaluated as potential explanatory variables. Previously published explanatory variables (Rasmussen and others, 2005; Foster and Graham, 2016; Williams, 2021) at other Kansas River sites were strongly considered for continuity in model form.

The final selected regression model was based on 34 concurrent measurements of TDS concentration and sensor-measured SC during November 28, 2018, through June 21, 2021. Samples were collected throughout the range of continuously observed hydrologic conditions. No samples had concentrations below laboratory minimum reporting limits.

Potential outliers initially were identified using scatterplots of the TDS and SC model-calibration data (Rasmussen and others, 2009). Studentized residuals from the model were inspected for values greater than three or less than negative three (Pardoe, 2020). Values outside of that range were considered potential outliers and were investigated. Additionally, computations of leverage, Cook's distance (Cook's D), and difference in fits (DFFITS) statistics were used to estimate potential outlier effect on the final selected regression model (Cook, 1977; Helsel and others, 2020). Outliers were investigated for potential removal from the model-calibration dataset by confirming correct database entry, evaluating laboratory analytical performance, and reviewing field notes associated with the sample in question (Rasmussen and others, 2009). All potential outliers were not determined to have errors associated with sample collection, processing, or analysis and were therefore considered valid.

Total Dissolved Solids Sampling Details

During November 2018 through February 2019, samples were collected by boat using the equal-width increment collection method (U.S. Geological Survey, variously dated). In March 2019, sample collection location changed to the southern bank of the Kansas

River above Topeka Weir using the single-vertical collection method (U.S. Geological Survey, variously dated) to avoid safety risks caused by a nearby low-head dam. All samples were composited for analysis (U.S. Geological Survey, variously dated). During November 2018 through June 2020, samples were collected on a biweekly to monthly basis. During July 2020 through June 2021, samples were collected on a monthly to quarterly basis, depending on flow conditions. Samples occasionally were collected during targeted reservoir release and runoff events to get a more representative dataset. A FISP US DH–81, DH–95, D–95, or D–96a depth integrating sampler was used. Samples were analyzed for TDS concentration at the USGS National Water Quality Laboratory in Lakewood, Colorado.

Model Development

Ordinary least squares regression analysis was done using the *stats* (*v4.3.0*) package in R programming language (R Core Team, 2022) to relate discretely collected TDS concentration to sensor-measured SC. The distribution of residuals (the difference between the measured and computed values) was examined for normality, and the plots of residuals were examined for homoscedasticity (departures from zero did not change substantially over the range of computed values).

SC was selected as a good surrogate for TDS based on residual plots, coefficient of determination (R^2), and model standard percentage error. Values for all the aforementioned statistics, all relevant sample data, and additional statistical information are included in the Model Statistics, Data, and Plots section of this appendix.

Model Summary

The following is a summary of the final regression analysis for TDS concentration at USGS site 06888990:

TDS concentration-based model:

$$TDS = 0.584(SC) + 39.3$$

where

TDS = total dissolved solids concentration, in milligrams per liter, and

SC = specific conductance, in microsiemens per centimeter at 25 degrees Celsius.

SC makes physical and statistical sense as an explanatory variable for TDS because of its positive correlation with TDS and other charged ionic species (Hem, 1985).

This model was developed using continuous and discrete water-quality data collected during November 2018 through June 2021. These data were collected throughout the observed range of streamflow conditions during this time. However, a limitation in model accuracy during conditions outside of those observed during November 2018 through June 2021 should be considered when interpreting model computations beyond June 2021.

Previous Models

There are no previously published models at this site. However, similar models have been published at other Kansas River sites, as documented by Rasmussen and others (2005), Foster and Graham (2016), and Williams (2021).

Model Statistics, Data, and Plots

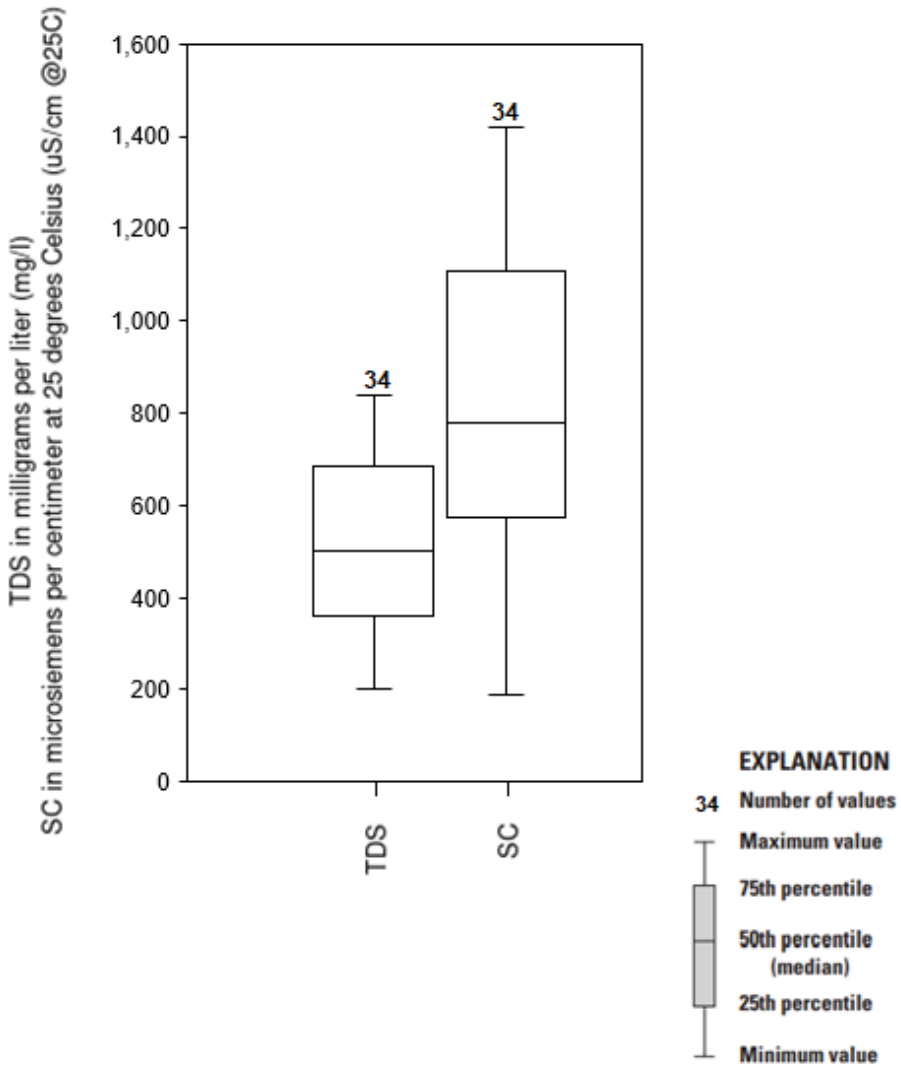
Model

$TDS = 0.584(SC) + 39.3$

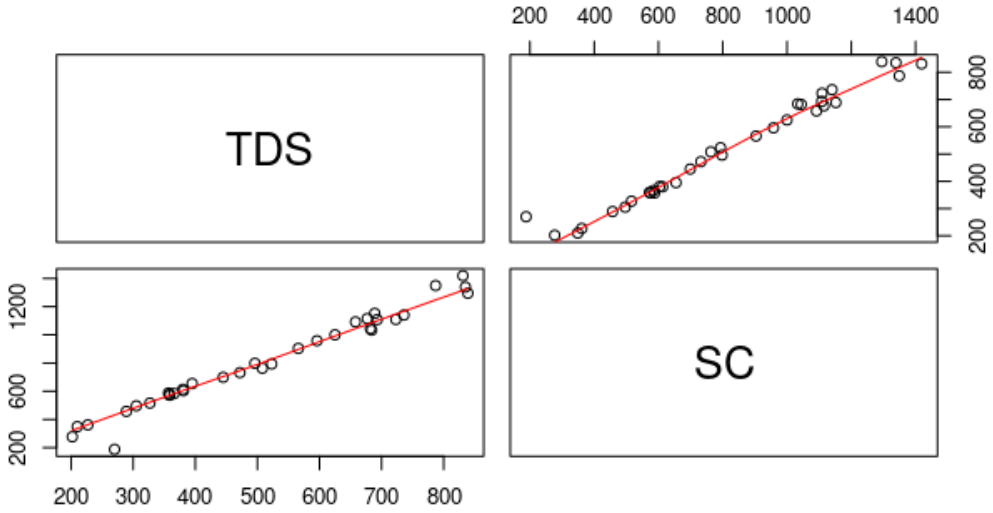
Variable Summary Statistics

	TDS	SC
Minimum	202	188
1st Quartile	358	575
Median	502	778
Mean	514	814
3rd Quartile	684	1,110
Maximum	839	1,420

Box Plots



Exploratory Plots



Red line shows the locally weighted scatterplot smoothing (LOWESS).

The x- and y-axis labels for a given bivariate plot are defined by the intersecting row and column labels.

Basic Model Statistics

Number of observations	34
Standard error (RMSE)	31.7
Mean model standard percentage error (MSPE)	6.16
Coefficient of determination (R^2)	0.975
Adjusted coefficient of determination (Adj. R^2)	0.974

Explanatory Variables

	Coefficients	Standard Error	t value	Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept)	39.300	14.5000	2.7	1.09e-02
SC	0.584	0.0166	35.2	3.56e-27

Correlation Matrix

	Intercept	E.vars
Intercept	1.000	-0.928
E.vars	-0.928	1.000

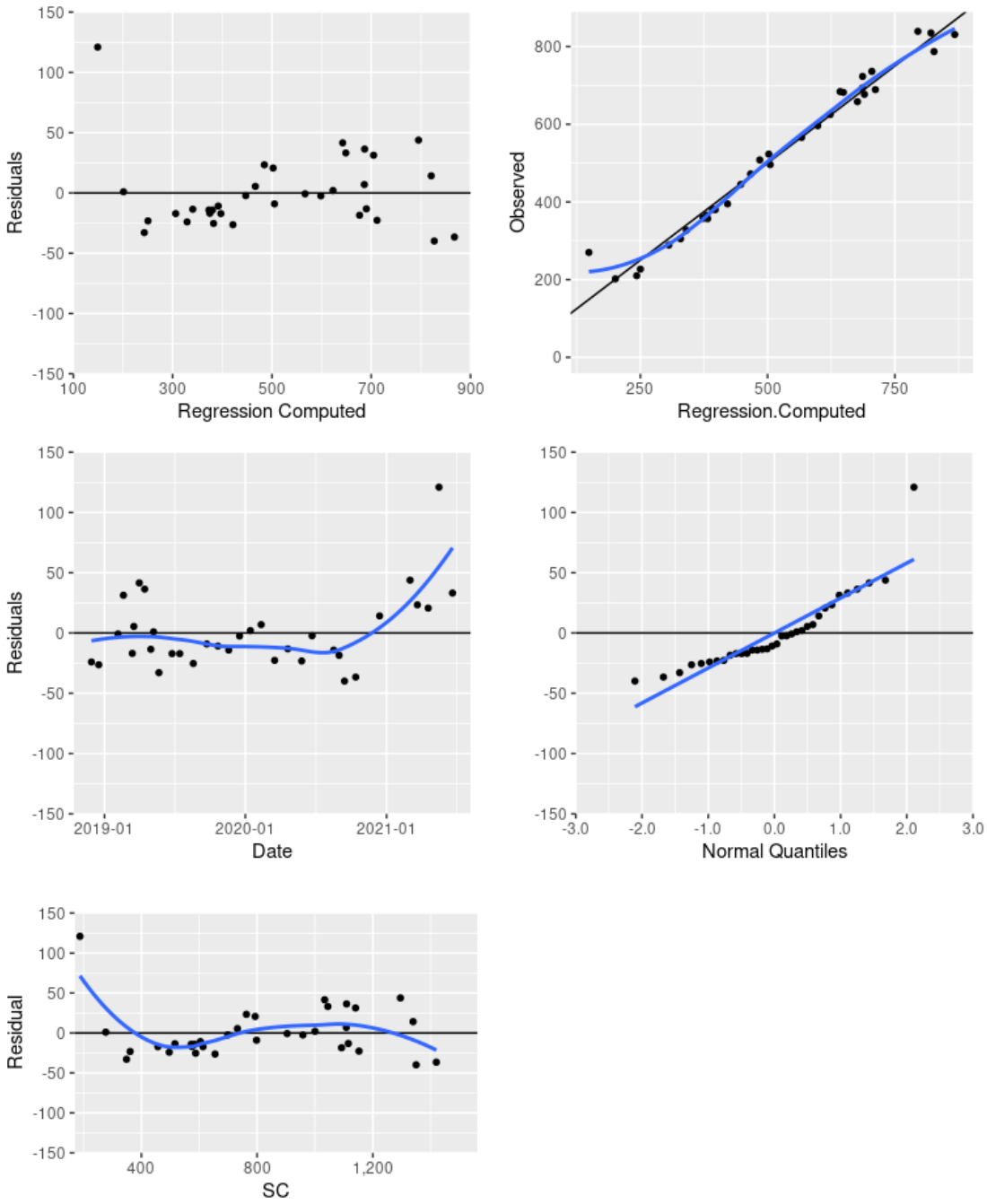
Outlier Test Criteria

Leverage	Cook's D	DFFITS
0.176	0.194	0.485

Flagged Observations

	TDS	Estimate	Residual	Standard Residual	Studentized Residual	Leverage	Cook's D	DFFITS
202105170800	270	149	121	4.11	5.89	0.137	1.34	2.34

Statistical Plots



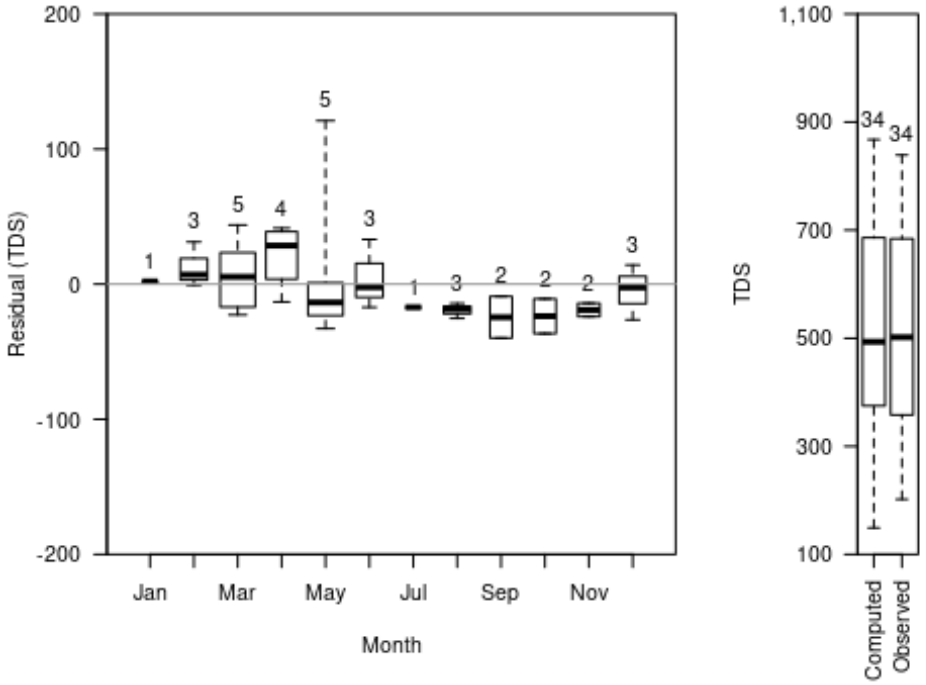
First row (left): Residual TDS related to regression computed TDS.

First row (right): Observed TDS related to regression computed TDS with local polynomial regression fitting, or locally estimated scatterplot smoothing (LOESS), indicated by the blue line.

Second row (left): Residual TDS related to date with LOESS, indicated by the blue line.

Second row (right): Residual TDS related to the corresponding normal quantile of the residual with simple linear regression, indicated by the blue line.

Third row: Residual TDS related to SC with LOESS, indicated by the blue line.


200
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Residual (TDS)
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2
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Sep
Nov
Month

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TDS
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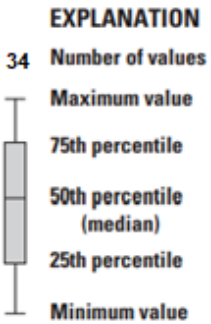
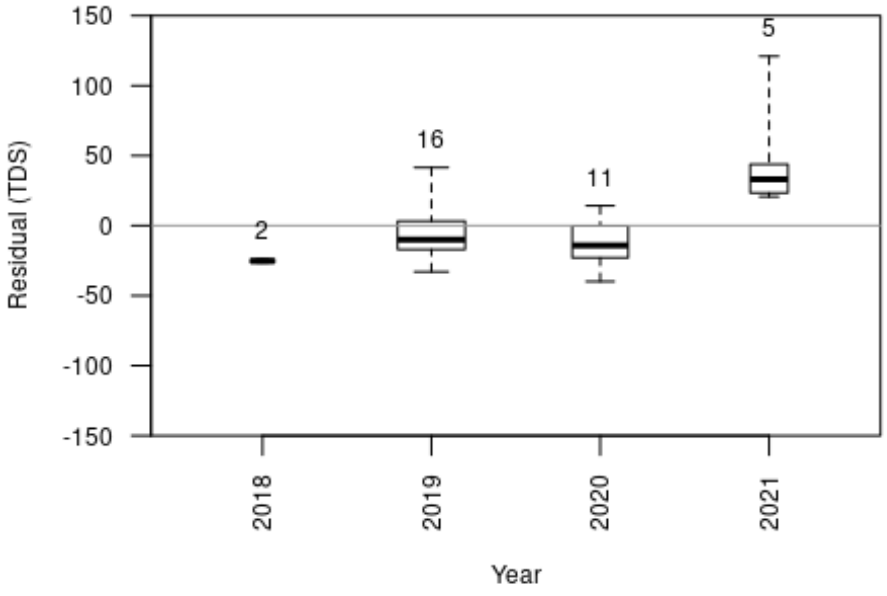
34
Computed
Observed


EXPLANATION
34 Number of values
Maximum value
75th percentile
50th percentile (median)
25th percentile
Minimum value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Residual (TDS)
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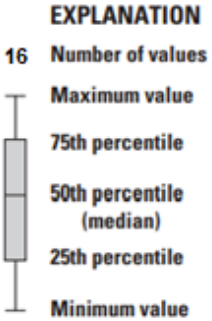
2018
2019
2020
2021
Year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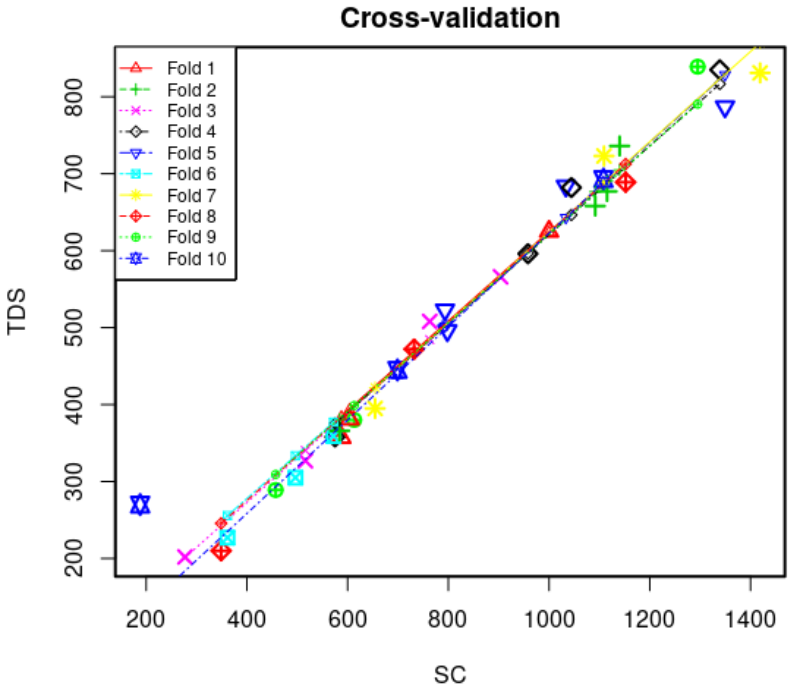
16 Number of values
Maximum value
75th percentile
50th percentile (median)
25th percentile
Minimum value

Cross Validation

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Fold - equal partition of the data (10 percent of the data).

Large symbols – observed value of a data point removed in a fold.

Small symbols – recomputed value of a data point removed in a fold.

Recomputed regression lines – adjusted regression line with one fold removed.


              Minimum MSE of folds:   185.00
                 Mean MSE of folds:  1240.00
               Median MSE of folds:   634.00
              Maximum MSE of folds:  6580.00
 (Mean MSE of folds) / (Model MSE):     1.24
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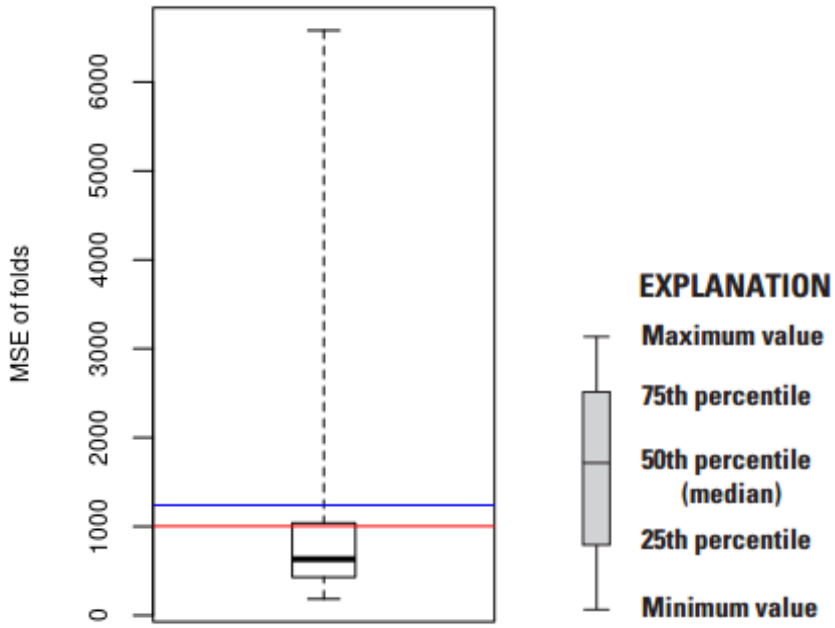


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Red line - Model MSE

Blue line - Mean MSE of folds
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Model-Calibration Dataset

	Date	TDS	SC	Computed TDS	Residual	Normal Quantiles	Censored Values
1	2018-11-28	305	496	329	-24	-0.979	--
2	2018-12-17	395	655	421	-26.3	-1.25	--
3	2019-02-05	566	904	567	-0.75	0.259	--
4	2019-02-19	736	1140	705	31.3	0.979	--
5	2019-03-14	358	575	375	-16.9	-0.415	--
6	2019-03-18	472	732	467	5.45	0.496	--
7	2019-04-01	684	1030	642	41.6	1.43	--
8	2019-04-15	723	1110	687	36.4	1.25	--
9	2019-05-01	327	516	341	-13.5	-0.184	--
10	2019-05-08	202	277	201	1	0.336	--
11	2019-05-22	210	349	243	-32.9	-1.43	--
12	2019-06-25	289	457	306	-17.1	-0.496	--
13	2019-07-15	380	613	397	-17.1	-0.581	--
14	2019-08-19	357	588	382	-25.3	-1.11	--
15	2019-09-23	496	798	505	-9.07	0.0367	--
16	2019-10-22	381	604	392	-10.8	-0.0367	--
17	2019-11-19	359	572	373	-14.2	-0.259	--
18	2019-12-17	596	958	598	-2.46	0.11	--
19	2020-01-14	625	1000	623	2.02	0.415	--
20	2020-02-11	693	1110	686	6.98	0.581	--
21	2020-03-17	689	1150	712	-22.7	-0.765	--
22	2020-04-20	677	1120	690	-13.2	-0.11	--
23	2020-05-26	227	361	250	-23.2	-0.867	--
24	2020-06-22	445	699	447	-2.29	0.184	--
25	2020-08-17	366	584	380	-14.2	-0.336	--
26	2020-08-31	658	1090	676	-18.5	-0.67	--
27	2020-09-14	787	1350	827	-39.9	-2.11	--
28	2020-10-13	831	1420	868	-36.5	-1.68	--

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29 2020-12-14 835 1340      821     14.2      0.67       --
30 2021-03-03 839 1300      795     43.8      1.68       --
31 2021-03-22 508  763      485     23.4     0.867       --
32 2021-04-19 523  793      502     20.7     0.765       --
33 2021-05-17 270  188      149      121      2.11       --
34 2021-06-21 682 1040      649     33.2      1.11       --
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Definitions

Cook's D: Cook's distance (Helsel and others, 2020).

DFFITS: Difference in fits statistic (Helsel and others, 2020).

E.vars: Explanatory variables.

Leverage: An outlier's measure in the x direction (Helsel and others, 2020).

LOESS: Local polynomial regression fitting, or locally estimated scatterplot smoothing (Helsel and others, 2020).

LOWESS: Locally weighted scatterplot smoothing (Cleveland, 1979; Helsel and others, 2020).

MSE: Mean square error (Helsel and others, 2020).

MSPE: Model standard percentage error (Helsel and others, 2020).

Probability(>|t|): The probability that the independent variable has no effect on the dependent variable (Helsel and others, 2020).

RMSE: Root mean square error (Helsel and others, 2020).

SC: Specific conductance, in microsiemens per centimeter at 25 degrees Celsius (USGS parameter code 00095).

t value: Student's t value; the coefficient divided by its associated standard error (Helsel and others, 2020).

TDS: Total dissolved solids, in milligrams per liter (USGS parameter code 70300).

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