

The authors have carefully considered the comments by myself and Reviewer 1, and have significantly improved the manuscript. They have added important clarifications and extra data/plots when necessary, have modified the text to use more appropriate language when interpreting their results and findings, as well as putting their current work into important context with previous efforts. The manuscript is in good shape for publication. I want to emphasize again that is a very important contribution to further understanding preferential flow processes in frozen soils. I very much enjoyed reading this manuscript. I look forward to seeing this work published. Very nice job.