



Expanding the Toolkit for Soil Scientists

The Algorithms for Quantitative Pedology {aqp} R package Natural Resources Conservation Service

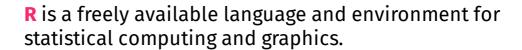
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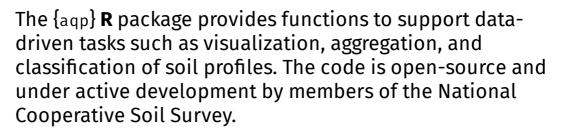
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The {aqp} R package









Project Homepage: http://ncss-tech.github.io/AQP/

{aqp} on Comprehensive R Archive Network (CRAN; stable)

http://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/aqp/

{aqp} on GitHub (development):

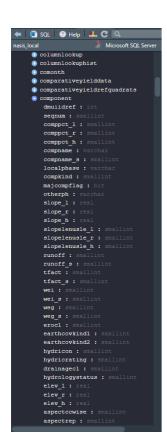
http://github.com/ncss-tech/aqp/





Soil Data Inputs





You can load data from any source that **R** supports!

The {soildB} package has several ways to get soil data!

- fetchSDA, fetchSDA_spatial, SDA_query &
 SDA_spatialQuery for SSURGO from Soil Data Access
 (SDA)
- fetchKSSL for querying a snapshot of the Kellogg Soil Survey Laboratory (KSSL) database
- fetchOSD for series type location profiles and narratives from Official Series Descriptions (OSDs)
- fetchNASIS for NASIS pedons / components from a local database

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{aqp} SoilProfileCollection

```
library(aqp) # load aqp package

# load sample dataset CA serpentinite Soils
# (McGahan et al., 2009)
data(sp4, package = "aqp") # see ?sp4 for metadata
```



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```

```
head(sp4, n = 8)
```

```
id name top bottom
                                 Mg Ca CEC_7 ex_Ca_to_Mg sand silt clay
###
## 1 colusa
                         3 0.3 25.7 9.0
                                         23.0
                                                      0.35
               Α
                  0
                                                             46
                                                                 33
                                                                       21 0.12
                                                     0.23
## 2 colusa
            ABt
                         8 0.2 23.7 5.6
                                         21.4
                                                            42
                                                                 31
                                                                       27 0.27
## 3 colusa
                        30 0.1 23.2 1.9 23.7
                                                      0.08
                                                                 28
           Bt1
                                                            40
                                                                       32 0.27
## 4 colusa
            Bt2
                 30
                        42 0.1 44.3 0.3 43.0
                                                      0.01
                                                            27
                                                                 18
                                                                       55 0.16
## 5 glenn
            Α
                  0
                         9 0.2 21.9 4.4 18.8
                                                     0.20
                                                            54
                                                                 20
                                                                       25 0.55
                                                                 18
## 6 glenn
             Bt 9
                        34 0.3 18.9 4.5 27.5
                                                     0.20
                                                            49
                                                                       34 0.84
     kings
                         4 0.2 12.1 1.4 23.7
                                                      0.58
                                                                  55
## 7
              Α
                  0
                                                            43
                                                                       3 0.50
## 8
     kings
                        13 0.6 12.1 7.0 18.0
                                                      0.51
                                                             36
                                                                  49
                                                                       15 0.75
            Bt1
```

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Optional: use data.table or tibble!

```
sp4 ← data.table::as.data.table(sp4)
head(sp4)
```

```
id name top bottom
                                Mg Ca CEC_7 sand silt clay
##
                         3 0.3 25.7 9.0 23.0
## 1: colusa
              Α
                                               46
                                                    33
                                                        21 0.12
## 2: colusa
            ABt
                        8 0.2 23.7 5.6 21.4
                                               42
                                                    31
                                                        27 0.27
## 3: colusa
            Bt1
                        30 0.1 23.2 1.9 23.7
                                                    28
                                                        32 0.27
                                               40
## 4: colusa
            Bt2
                 30
                        42 0.1 44.3 0.3 43.0
                                               27
                                                    18
                                                        55 0.16
## 5: glenn
                        9 0.2 21.9 4.4 18.8
                                               54
                                                    20
                                                        25 0.55
            Α
      glenn
                        34 0.3 18.9 4.5 27.5
                                               49
                                                    18
                                                        34 0.84
## 6:
              Вt
```





Optional: use data.table or tibble!

```
sp4 ← data.table::as.data.table(sp4)
head(sp4)
```

```
id name top bottom
                             K
                                 Mg Ca CEC 7 sand silt clay
##
                                         23.0
## 1: colusa
               Α
                         3 0.3 25.7 9.0
                                                46
                                                     33
                                                          21 0.12
                         8 0.2 23.7 5.6 21.4
## 2: colusa
             ABt
                                                42
                                                     31
                                                         27 0.27
## 3: colusa
             Bt1
                         30 0.1 23.2 1.9 23.7
                                                     28
                                                40
                                                         32 0.27
## 4: colusa
             Bt2
                  30
                         42 0.1 44.3 0.3 43.0
                                                27
                                                     18
                                                         55 0.16
## 5:
      glenn
                        9 0.2 21.9 4.4 18.8
                                                54
                                                     20
                                                         25 0.55
             Α
      glenn
                         34 0.3 18.9 4.5 27.5
                                                49
## 6:
              Вt
                                                     18
                                                          34 0.84
```

```
sp4 ← tibble::as_tibble(sp4)
head(sp4)
```

```
## # A tibble: 6 x 10
##
    id
                   top bottom
                                  Κ
                                       Mg
                                             Ca CEC 7
                                                       sand
                                                             silt
           name
    <chr> <chr> <int> <int> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <int> <int>
  1 colusa A
                                                 23
                                0.3
                                     25.7
                                                         46
                                                               33
## 2 colusa ABt
                                0.2
                                     23.7
                                            5.6
                                                 21.4
                                                               31
                            8
                                                         42
## 3 colusa Bt1
                     8
                                0.1
                                     23.2
                                                               28
                           30
                                            1.9
                                                 23.7
                                                         40
  4 colusa Bt2
                    30
                           42
                                0.1
                                     44.3
                                            0.3
                                                 43
                                                         27
                                                               18
## 5 glenn
                     0
                                0.2
                                     21.9
                                            4.4
                                                 18.8
                                                         54
                                                               20
## 6 glenn
                     9
                                0.3
                                     18.9
                                            4.5
                                                         49
                                                               18
           Вt
                           34
                                                 27.5
```

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"Promote" data.frame-like horizon data to a SoilProfileCollection object.

class(sp4)

[1] "tbl_df"

"tbl"

"data.frame"



"Promote" data.frame-like horizon data to a SoilProfileCollection object.



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"Promote" data.frame-like horizon data to a SoilProfileCollection object.

```
class(sp4)
                                  "data.frame"
## [1] "tbl df"
                "tbl"
depths(sp4) ← id ~ top + bottom # specify site ID, top and bottom depth
class(sp4) # sp4 promoted from tbl_df → SoilProfileCollection
## [1] "SoilProfileCollection"
## attr(,"package")
## [1] "aqp"
str(profile_id(sp4), vec.len = 3) # view first 3 profile IDs
                                                                         Natural
   chr [1:10] "colusa" "glenn" "kings" ...
                                                                         Resources
                                                                         Conservation
```



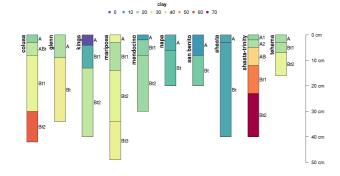
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{aqp} Methods (site data)

plot

```
plot(sp4, # plot % clay content
    color = 'clay',
    id.style = 'side',
    cex.names = 1)
```



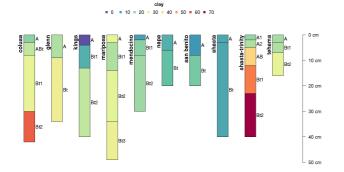
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{aqp} Methods (site data)

plot

```
plot(sp4, # plot % clay content
    color = 'clay',
    id.style = 'side',
    cex.names = 1)
```



site

```
## # A tibble: 10 x 1
## id
## <chr>
## 1 colusa
## 2 glenn
## 3 kings
## 4 mariposa
## 5 mendocino
## 6 napa
## 7 san benito
## 8 shasta
## 9 shasta-trinity
## 10 tehama
```

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{aqp} Methods (horizon data)

horizons

```
horizons(sp4) # "horizon" data
```

```
## # A tibble: 30 x 13
      id
                                                     Ca CEC_7 sand silt clay
##
                name
                        top bottom
                                         Κ
                                              Mg
                <chr> <int> <int> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <int> <int> <int> <int> <dbl> <
##
      <chr>
    1 colusa
                                  3
                                       0.3
                                            25.7
                                                         23
                                                                        33
                                                                                   0.12 1
##
                                                                  46
                                                                               21
                           0
##
    2 colusa
               ABt
                                  8
                                       0.2
                                            23.7
                                                    5.6
                                                         21.4
                                                                  42
                                                                        31
                                                                               27
                                                                                   0.27 2
                                       0.1
                                            23.2
                                                         23.7
                                                                        28
                                                                                   0.27 3
##
    3 colusa
               Bt1
                                 30
                                                    1.9
                                                                  40
                                                                               32
                                                                                   0.16 4
##
    4 colusa
               Bt2
                          30
                                 42
                                       0.1
                                            44.3
                                                    0.3
                                                         43
                                                                  27
                                                                        18
                                                                               55
    5 glenn
                                  9
                                       0.2
                                                                        20
                                                                               25
                                                                                   0.55 5
##
                Α
                           0
                                            21.9
                                                    4.4
                                                         18.8
                                                                  54
    6 glenn
                Вt
                                       0.3
                                            18.9
                                                    4.5
                                                         27.5
                                                                  49
                                                                        18
                                                                                   0.84 6
##
                                 34
                                                                               34
##
    7 kings
               Α
                           0
                                       0.2
                                            12.1
                                                    1.4
                                                        23.7
                                                                  43
                                                                        55
                                                                                   0.5
                                  4
    8 kings
                                       0.6
                                           12.1
                                                         18
                                                                  36
                                                                        49
                                                                               15
                                                                                   0.75 8
##
               Bt1
                           4
                                 13
    9 kings
                Bt2
                                           17.7
                                                                               27
                                                                                   0.67 9
##
                          13
                                 40
                                       0.8
                                                    4.4
                                                         20
                                                                  27
                                                                        45
   10 mariposa A
                                       0.6
                                            28.3
                                                    5.8
                                                         29.3
                                                                  42
                                                                        26
                                                                               32
                                                                                   0.25 1
   # ... with 20 more rows
```



{aqp} Methods (extract)

[i,]

```
sp4[1:2,] # i-index: first two profiles
## SoilProfileCollection with 2 profiles and 6 horizons
## profile ID: id | horizon ID: hzID
## Depth range: 34 - 42 cm
###
## ---- Horizons (6 / 6 rows | 10 / 13 columns) ----
## # A tibble: 6 x 10
                                               Ca CEC 7
          hzID
                  top bottom name
                                     Κ
                                          Mg
    <chr> <chr> <int> <int> <chr> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <int>
## 1 colusa 1
                                   0.3 25.7
                                                   23
                    0
                          3 A
                                                          46
## 2 colusa 2
                          8 ABt
                                  0.2 23.7 5.6 21.4
                                                          42
                  8 30 Bt1
                                0.1 23.2 1.9 23.7
## 3 colusa 3
                                                          40
                       42 Bt2
                                 0.1 44.3 0.3 43
## 4 colusa 4
                  30
                                                          27
## 5 glenn 5
                                  0.2 21.9 4.4 18.8
                         9 A
                                                          54
## 6 glenn 6
                                   0.3 18.9 4.5 27.5
                         34 Bt
                                                          49
##
## ---- Sites (2 / 2 rows | 1 / 1 columns) ----
## # A tibble: 2 x 1
    id
```



<chr>>

{aqp} Methods (extract)

[i,]

```
sp4[1:2,] # i-index: first two profiles
```

[,j]

```
sp4[,1:2] # j-index: first two horizons (of each profile!)
## SoilProfileCollection with 10 profiles and 20 horizons
## profile ID: id | horizon ID: hzID
## Depth range: 5 - 40 cm
##
## ---- Horizons (6 / 20 rows | 10 / 13 columns) ----
## # A tibble: 6 x 10
    id
           hzID
                   top bottom name
                                       Κ
                                            Mg
                                                  Ca CEC 7
    <chr> <chr> <int> <int> <chr> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <int>
## 1 colusa 1
                            3 A
                                      0.3 25.7
                                                      23
                                                              46
  2 colusa 2
                                     0.2 23.7 5.6 21.4
                            8 ABt
                                                              42
                                          21.9
## 3 glenn
                            9 A
                                                      18.8
                                                              54
```



{aqp} Methods (accessors)

\$

```
sp4$clay # get clay data
```

[1] 21 27 32 55 25 34 3 15 27 32 25 31 33 13 21 23 15 17 12 19 14 14 22 25 40



{aqp} Methods (accessors)

\$

```
sp4$clay  # get clay data
## [1] 21 27 32 55 25 34 3 15 27 32 25 31 33 13 21 23 15 17 12 19 14 14 22 25 40
```



```
sp4[["clay"]] # using expression for name, not symbol
```

[1] 21 27 32 55 25 34 3 15 27 32 25 31 33 13 21 23 15 17 12 19 14 14 22 25 40

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{aqp} Methods (setters)

\$← and [[←

Calculate Ca:Mg ratio

```
sp4\$ex_Ca_to_Mg \leftarrow sp4\$Ca / sp4\$Mg
sp4[["ex_Ca_to_Mg"]] \leftarrow sp4\$Ca / sp4\$Mg
```



{aqp} Methods (setters)

\$← and [[←

Calculate Ca:Mg ratio

Initialize a new column with a single value

```
site(sp4)$new_var ← 2
horizons(sp4)$new_hz_var ← 3
```



{aqp} Methods (setters)

\$← and [[←

Calculate Ca:Mg ratio

Initialize a new column with a single value

```
site(sp4)$new_var ← 2
horizons(sp4)$new_hz_var ← 3
```

```
length(sp4$new_var) # 10 sites, 10 values
length(sp4$new_hz_var) # 30 horizons, 30 values
sp4$new_var ← NULL # remove a column
```



subset is the {aqp} method for extracting profiles that meet certain logical criteria at the site or horizon level.

```
# site property filtering, using base
sub.sp4 ← subset(sp4, id %in% c("colusa","mariposa","shasta"))
```



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sub.sp4 ← subset(sp4, id %in% c("colusa", "mariposa", "shasta"))

# or dplyr-like syntax: filter
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```



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# or dplyr-like syntax: filter
sub.sp4 ← filter(sp4, id %in% c("colusa","mariposa","shasta"))
sub.sp4
## SoilProfileCollection with 3 profiles and 10 horizons
## profile ID: id | horizon ID: hzID
## Depth range: 40 - 49 cm
##
## ---- Horizons (6 / 10 rows | 10 / 15 columns) ----
## # A tibble: 6 x 10
##
    id
             hzID
                     top bottom name
                                         K
                                              Mg
                                                    Ca CEC 7
                                                              sand
  <chr> <chr> <int> <int> <chr> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <int>
## 1 colusa 1
## 2 colusa 2
                              3 A
                                       0.3 25.7
                                                   9 23
                                                                46
                     3 8 ABt
                                       0.2 23.7 5.6 21.4
                                                                42
                                       0.1 23.2
## 3 colusa
                             30 Bt1
                                                   1.9 23.7
                                                                40
```

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```
# horizon properties (two simultaneous logical expressions)
sub.sp4 \leftarrow subset(sp4, clay > 30, ex Ca to Mg < 0.05)
sub.sp4
## SoilProfileCollection with 2 profiles and 9 horizons
## profile ID: id | horizon ID: hzID
## Depth range: 40 - 42 cm
##
## ---- Horizons (6 / 9 rows | 10 / 15 columns) -----
## # A tibble: 6 x 10
                            top bottom name
##
     id
                    hzID
                                                 Κ
                                                      Mg
                                                             Ca CEC 7 sand
                    <chr> <int> <int> <chr> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <int><</pre>
##
     <chr>
## 1 colusa
                                               0.3
                                                    25.7
                                                                 23
                                     3 A
                                                                         46
## 2 colusa
                                     8 ABt
                                               0.2
                                                    23.7
                                                            5.6
                                                                 21.4
                                                                         42
## 3 colusa
                                    30 Bt1
                                               0.1 23.2
                                                            1.9
                                                                 23.7
                                                                         40
## 4 colusa
                             30
                                    42 Bt2
                                               0.1 44.3
                                                            0.3 43
                                                                         27
## 5 shasta-trinity 23
                              0
                                    2 A1
                                               0.2 18.8
                                                            6.6 23
                                                                         34
## 6 shasta-trinity 24
                                               0.2 25.5
                                                                 21.5
                                     5 A2
                                                            4.1
                                                                         33
## [ ... more horizons ... ]
##
## ---- Sites (2 / 2 rows
                               2 / 2 columns) ----
## # A tibble: 2 x 2
##
     id
                    new var
     <chr>
                      <dbl>
```



1 colusa

{aqp} Methods (split SPC -> list)

If you need to operate on groups, splitting into list is a good option.

```
a.list \leftarrow split(sp4, f = idname(sp4))
str(a.list, max.level = 1)
## List of 10
    $ colusa
                    :Formal class 'SoilProfileCollection'
                                                            [package "aqp"] with 9 sl
    $ glenn
                    :Formal class 'SoilProfileCollection'
                                                            [package "agp"] with 9 sl
##
    $ kings
                    :Formal class 'SoilProfileCollection'
                                                            [package "agp"] with 9 sl
##
   $ mariposa
                    :Formal class 'SoilProfileCollection'
                                                            [package "agp"] with 9 sl
##
   $ mendocino
                    :Formal class 'SoilProfileCollection'
                                                            [package "aqp"] with 9 sl
##
   $ napa
                                                            [package "aqp"] with 9 sl
##
                    :Formal class 'SoilProfileCollection'
   $ san benito
                    :Formal class 'SoilProfileCollection'
                                                            [package "aqp"] with 9 sl
###
## $ shasta
                    :Formal class 'SoilProfileCollection'
                                                            [package "aqp"] with 9 sl
    $ shasta-trinity:Formal class 'SoilProfileCollection'
                                                            [package "agp"] with 9 sl
##
                    :Formal class 'SoilProfileCollection'
                                                            [package "agp"] with 9 sl
##
    $ tehama
```



{aqp} Methods (split SPC -> list)

If you need to operate on groups, splitting into list is a good option.

```
a.list \leftarrow split(sp4, f = idname(sp4))
str(a.list, max.level = 1)
a.list[[1]]
## SoilProfileCollection with 1 profiles and 4 horizons
## profile ID: id | horizon ID: hzID
## Depth range: 42 - 42 cm
###
## ---- Horizons (4 / 4 rows | 10 / 15 columns) ----
## # A tibble: 4 x 10
       hzID
##
    id
                  top bottom name
                                       Κ
                                            Mg
                                                 Ca CEC 7
                                                           sand
    <chr> <chr> <int> <int> <chr> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <int><</pre>
## 1 colusa 1
                           3 A
                                     0.3 25.7
                                                     23
                                                             46
                                 0.2 23.7 5.6 21.4
## 2 colusa 2
                           8 ABt
                                                             42
## 3 colusa 3
                                 0.1 23.2 1.9 23.7
                          30 Bt1
                                                             40
## 4 colusa 4
             30 42 Bt2
                                 0.1 44.3 0.3 43
                                                             27
##
## ---- Sites (1 / 1 rows | 2 / 2 columns) ----
## # A tibble: 1 x 2
    id
           new var
```



<dbl>

<chr>>

{aqp} Methods (iteration)

```
sub.sp4$soil_depth ← profileApply(sub.sp4, estimateSoilDepth)
sub.sp4$soil_depth
```

```
## colusa shasta-trinity
## 42 40
```

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{aqp} Methods (iteration)

```
## # A tibble: 10 x 2
      id
                      soil depth
##
      <chr>
                           <int>
##
    1 colusa
##
                               42
   2 glenn
##
                               34
##
   3 kings
                               40
## 4 mariposa
                               49
    5 mendocino
                               30
                               20
##
   6 napa
    7 san benito
                               20
    8 shasta
                               40
    9 shasta-trinity
                               40
```

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{aqp} Methods (combine; list -> SPC)

Recombine list elements into "original" SoilProfileCollection with combine

```
combine(a.list)
## SoilProfileCollection with 10 profiles and 30 horizons
 profile ID: id | horizon ID: hzID
## Depth range: 16 - 49 cm
##
## ---- Horizons (6 / 30 rows | 10 / 15 columns) ----
## # A tibble: 6 x 10
## id hzID top bottom name K Mg Ca CEC_7 sand
## <chr> <chr> <int> <chr> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <int>
## 1 colusa 1
                              0.3 25.7
                       3 A
                                         9 23
                                                   46
  2 colusa 2 3 8 ABt 0.2 23.7 5.6 21.4
                                                   42
 3 colusa 3 8 30 Bt1
                            0.1 23.2 1.9 23.7 40
## 4 colusa 4 30 42 Bt2
                            0.1 44.3 0.3 43
                                                   27
  5 glenn 5 0 9 A 0.2 21.9 4.4 18.8
                                                   54
## 6 glenn 6 9 34 Bt 0.3 18.9 4.5 27.5
                                                   49
## [ ... more horizons ... ]
 ---- Sites (6 / 10 rows | 2 / 2 columns) ----
 # A tibble: 6 x 2
           new var
```

Use {magrittr} "pipes" (%>% infix operator) to chain operations.

$$f(x, y) = x \% \% f(y)$$

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Use {magrittr} "pipes" (%>% infix operator) to chain operations.

```
f(x, y) = x %>% f(y)

your.data2 ← operation1(your.data, argument1, argument2)
result ← operation1(your.data2, argument3, argument4)
```

becomes...





- 1. Truncate all profiles to 0 15 cm interval
- 2. Calculate NH4OAc (pH 7) Ca (0 15 cm depth-weighted average cmol/kg)
- 3. Plot horizon-level values, in order of increasing site-level average

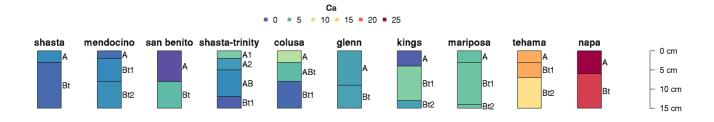


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{aqp} Methods (left joins)

site←

```
head(site(sp4), 5)
```

```
## # A tibble: 5 x 3
##
    id
       new_var site_grp
    <chr>
              <dbl> <chr>
## 1 colusa
                  2 <NA>
## 2 glenn
                  2 <NA>
## 3 kings
                  2 <NA>
                  2 ingroup
## 4 mariposa
## 5 mendocino
                  2 ingroup
```





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horizons←

```
horizons(sp4) ← data.frame(id = c("mariposa", "mendocino"), hz_grp = "grouh ← horizons(sp4)
```

```
h[5:14,c(idname(sp4),"hz_grp")]
```

```
## # A tibble: 10 x 2
      id
###
                hz_grp
      <chr>
                <chr>>
##
    1 glenn
                <NA>
   2 glenn
                <NA>
   3 kings
                <NA>
##
   4 kings
##
                <NA>
   5 kings
                <NA>
   6 mariposa
                group
   7 mariposa
                group
   8 mariposa
                group
   9 mariposa
                group
   10 mendocino group
```

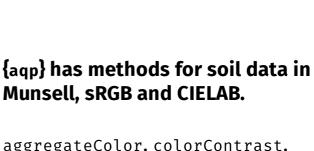
```
table(h$hz_grp, useNA = "ifany")
```

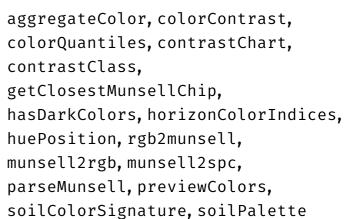
```
## ## group <NA> ## 7 23
```

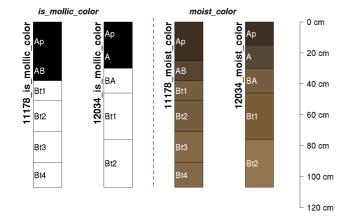
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{aqp} Soil Color









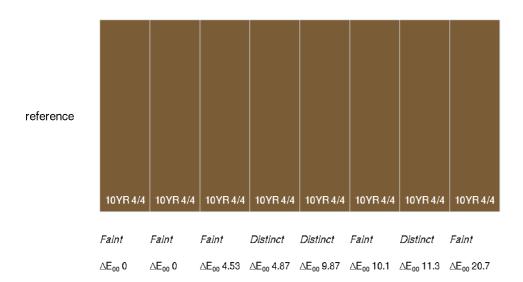
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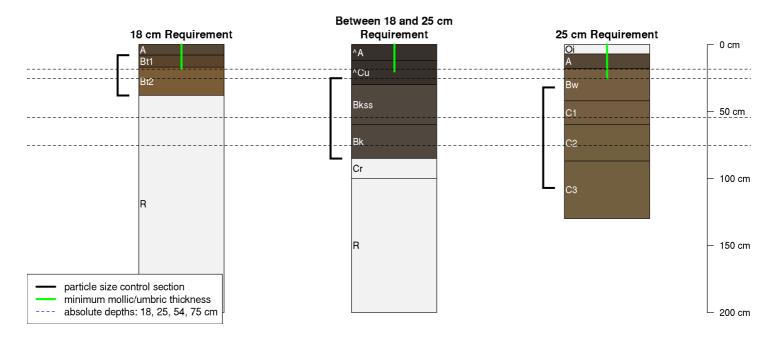


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{aqp} Soil Taxonomy & Classification

{aqp} has many functions that employ heuristics about horizon designations, geometry, and key diagnostic properties.





Thank you for your attention!



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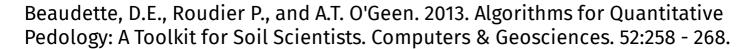
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