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# Expanding the Toolkit for Soil Scientists

## The aqp R package

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A close-up photograph of a soil sample, showing a dark, crumbly texture with some organic matter.

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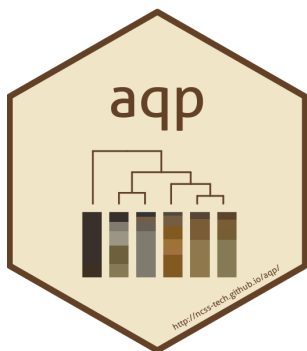
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# The {aqp} R package



{aqp} provides functions that support data-driven tasks such as visualization, aggregation, and classification of soil profiles. The code is open-source and under active development by members of the National Cooperative Soil Survey.

Project Homepage:

- <http://ncss-tech.github.io/AQP/>



{aqp} on CRAN (*stable*):

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

{aqp} on GitHub (*development*):

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



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```
columnlookup
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component
dmuidref : int
segnum : smallint
compct_l : smallint
compct_r : smallint
compct_h : smallint
compname : varchar
compname_s : smallint
localphase : varchar
compkind : smallint
majcompflag : bit
otherph : varchar
slope_l : real
slope_r : real
slope_h : real
slopelensie_l : smallint
slopelensie_r : smallint
slopelensie_h : smallint
runoff : smallint
runoff_s : smallint
tfact : smallint
tfact_s : smallint
wei : smallint
wei_s : smallint
weg : smallint
weg_s : smallint
erochl : smallint
earthcovkind1 : smallint
earthcovkind2 : smallint
hydricon : smallint
hydricrating : smallint
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hydrologystatus : smallint
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elev_r : real
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tfact : smallint
tfact_s : smallint
wei : smallint
wei_s : smallint
weg : smallint
weg_s : smallint
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hydrologystatus : smallint
elev_l : real
elev_r : real
elev_h : real
aspectccwise : smallint
aspectrep : smallint

```

- 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 local database



# {aqp} SoilProfileCollection

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



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```

sp4

##		id	name	top	bottom	K	Mg	Ca	CEC_7	ex_Ca_to_Mg	sand	silt	clay
## 1		colusa	A	0	3	0.3	25.7	9.0	23.0	0.35	46	33	21
## 2		colusa	ABt	3	8	0.2	23.7	5.6	21.4	0.23	42	31	27
## 3		colusa	Bt1	8	30	0.1	23.2	1.9	23.7	0.08	40	28	32
## 4		colusa	Bt2	30	42	0.1	44.3	0.3	43.0	0.01	27	18	55
## 5		glenn	A	0	9	0.2	21.9	4.4	18.8	0.20	54	20	25
## 6		glenn	Bt	9	34	0.3	18.9	4.5	27.5	0.20	49	18	34
## 7		kings	A	0	4	0.2	12.1	1.4	23.7	0.58	43	55	3
## 8		kings	Bt1	4	13	0.6	12.1	7.0	18.0	0.51	36	49	15
## 9		kings	Bt2	13	40	0.8	17.7	4.4	20.0	0.25	27	45	27
## 10		napa	A	0	6	0.4	16.4	24.1	31.1	1.47	43	42	15
## 11		napa	Bt	6	20	0.1	16.2	21.5	27.9	1.32	54	29	17
## 12	san	benito	A	0	8	NA	3.0	0.7	3.1	0.24	80	8	12
## 13	san	benito	Bt	8	20	0.0	0.1	5.6	5.6	0.11	74	7	19
## 14		shasta	A	0	3	0.3	9.7	3.5	13.2	0.36	37	49	14
## 15		shasta	Bt	3	40	0.2	10.1	2.0	12.2	0.20	39	46	14



# 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	CF
## 1:	colusa	A	0	3	0.3	25.7	9.0	23.0	46	33	21	0.12
## 2:	colusa	ABt	3	8	0.2	23.7	5.6	21.4	42	31	27	0.27
## 3:	colusa	Bt1	8	30	0.1	23.2	1.9	23.7	40	28	32	0.27
## 4:	colusa	Bt2	30	42	0.1	44.3	0.3	43.0	27	18	55	0.16
## 5:	glenn	A	0	9	0.2	21.9	4.4	18.8	54	20	25	0.55
## 6:	glenn	Bt	9	34	0.3	18.9	4.5	27.5	49	18	34	0.84



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```
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head(sp4)
```

```
##           id name top bottom    K    Mg   Ca CEC_7 sand silt clay  CF
## 1: colusa    A   0      3 0.3 25.7 9.0 23.0  46  33  21 0.12
## 2: colusa  ABt   3      8 0.2 23.7 5.6 21.4  42  31  27 0.27
## 3: colusa  Bt1   8     30 0.1 23.2 1.9 23.7  40  28  32 0.27
## 4: colusa  Bt2  30     42 0.1 44.3 0.3 43.0  27  18  55 0.16
## 5: glenn    A   0      9 0.2 21.9 4.4 18.8  54  20  25 0.55
## 6: glenn   Bt   9     34 0.3 18.9 4.5 27.5  49  18  34 0.84
```

```
sp4 <- tibble::as_tibble(sp4)
head(sp4)
```

```
## # A tibble: 6 x 12
##   id      name    top bottom    K    Mg    Ca CEC_7  sand  silt  clay  CF
##   <chr> <chr> <int> <int> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <int> <int> <int> <dbl>
## 1 colusa  A       0      3  0.3 25.7  9    23    46   33   21  0.12
## 2 colusa ABt     3      8  0.2 23.7  5.6 21.4   42   31   27  0.27
## 3 colusa Bt1     8     30  0.1 23.2  1.9 23.7   40   28   32  0.27
## 4 colusa Bt2    30     42  0.1 44.3  0.3 43    27   18   55  0.16
## 5 glenn  A       0      9  0.2 21.9  4.4 18.8   54   20   25  0.55
## 6 glenn  Bt     9     34  0.3 18.9  4.5 27.5   49   18   34  0.84
```





# {aqp} S4 methods (basics)

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

```
class(sp4)
```

```
## [1] "tbl_df"      "tbl"        "data.frame"
```



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```

```
depths(sp4) ← id ~ top + bottom # specify site ID, top and bottom depth
```



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```

```
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```

```
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"
```



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```

```
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```

```
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"
```

```
profile_id(sp4) # view profile IDs
```

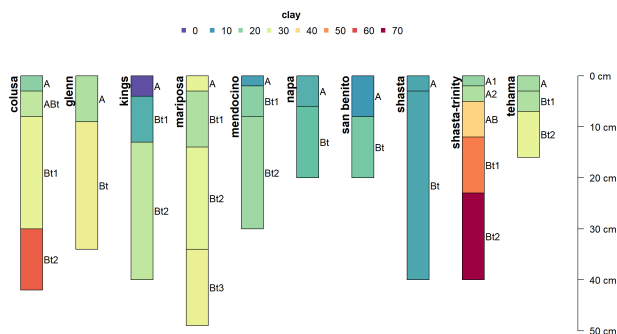
```
## [1] "colusa"      "glenn"      "kings"      "mariposa"  
## [7] "san benito"  "shasta"     "shasta-trinity" "tehama"
```



# {aqp} S4 methods (basics)

## plot

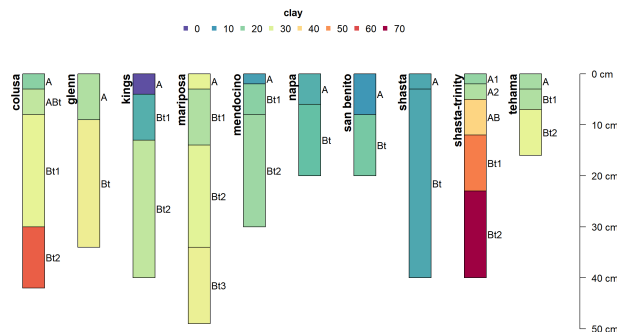
```
plot(sp4, # plot % clay content
     color = 'clay',
     id.style = 'side',
     cex.names = 1)
```



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



## site

```
site(sp4) # "site" data
```

```
## # 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
```



# {aqp} S4 methods (basics)

## horizons

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

```
## # A tibble: 30 x 13
```

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

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# {aqp} S4 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
##   id      hzID    top bottom name      K      Mg      Ca CEC_7  sand
##   <chr> <chr> <int> <int> <chr> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <int>
## 1 colusa 1         0      3 A      0.3  25.7    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
##
## ----- Sites (2 / 2 rows | 1 / 1 columns) -----
## # A tibble: 2 x 1
##   id
##   <chr>
```

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# {aqp} S4 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      K      Mg      Ca CEC_7  sand
##   <chr> <chr> <int> <int> <chr> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <int>
## 1 colusa 1         0      3 A      0.3  25.7    9     23     46
## 2 colusa 2         3      8 ABt    0.2  23.7    5.6  21.4     42
## 3 glenn  5         0      9 A      0.2  21.9    4.4  18.8     54
```



# {aqp} S4 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} S4 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
```



# {aqp} S4 methods (setters)

**$\$ \leftarrow$  and  $[[ \leftarrow$**

Calculate Ca:Mg ratio

```
sp4$ex_Ca_to_Mg      ← sp4$Ca / sp4$Mg  
sp4[["ex_Ca_to_Mg"]] ← sp4$Ca / sp4$Mg
```



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```

Initialize a new column with a singleton

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



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```

Initialize a new column with a singleton

```
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
```



# {aqp} S4 methods (setters)

## \$← and [[←

Calculate Ca:Mg ratio

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sp4$ex_Ca_to_Mg      ← sp4$Ca / sp4$Mg  
sp4[["ex_Ca_to_Mg"]] ← sp4$Ca / sp4$Mg
```

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```

```
length(sp4$new_var) # 10 sites, 10 values  
length(sp4$new_hz_var) # 30 horizons, 30 values
```

Remove a column

```
sp4$new_var ← NULL
```



# {aqp} S4 methods (subset)

`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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```

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```



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```

```
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> <int>
## 1 colusa  1         0      3 A      0.3  25.7   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        20     42 Bt2    0.1  23.2   0.2  23.7     27
```



# {aqp} S4 methods (subset)

```
# horizon properties (two simultaneous logical expressions)
sub.sp4 ← 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
##   id          hzID    top bottom name      K      Mg      Ca CEC_7  sand
##   <chr>      <chr> <int> <int> <chr> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <int>
## 1 colusa      1         0      3 A      0.3  25.7    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 shasta-trinity 23         0      2 A1     0.2  18.8    6.6    23     34
## 6 shasta-trinity 24         2      5 A2     0.2  25.5    4.1   21.5    33
## [ ... more horizons ... ]
##
## ----- Sites (2 / 2 rows | 1 / 1 columns) -----
## # A tibble: 2 x 1
##   id
##   <chr>
## 1 colusa
```

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# {aqp} iteration



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

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



# {aqp} iteration



```
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sub.sp4$soil_depth
```

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

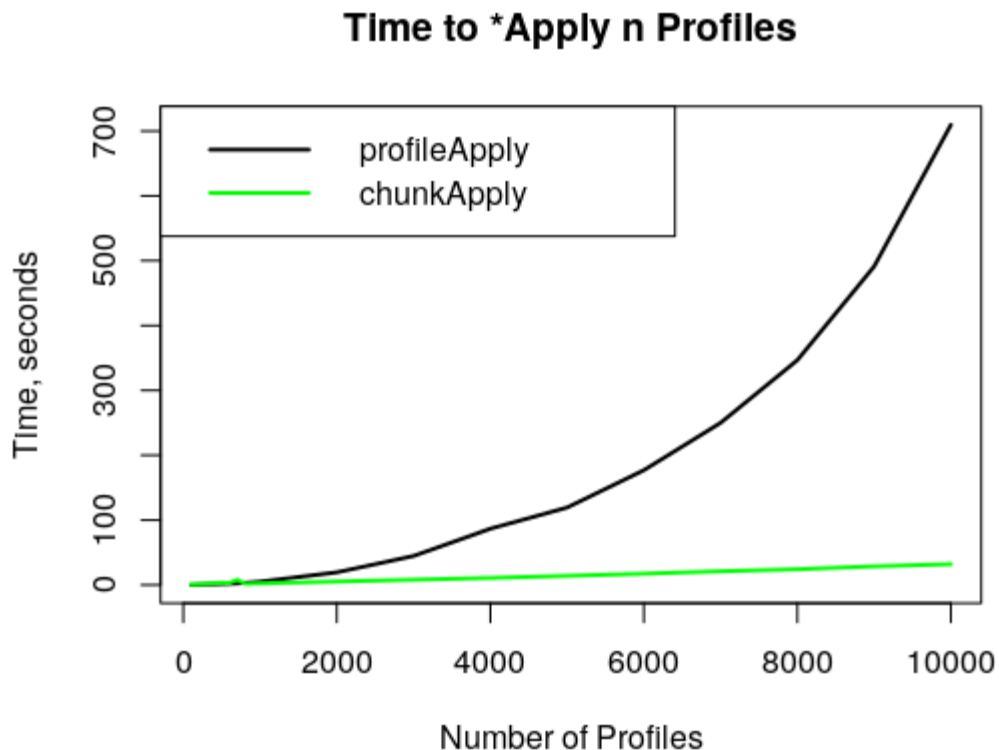
```
profileApply(sp4, frameify = TRUE,  
  function(p) {  
    data.frame(id = profile_id(p),  
               soil_depth = estimateSoilDepth(p))  
  })
```

```
## # 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  
## 6 napa             20  
## 7 san benito       20  
## 8 shasta           40  
## 9 shasta-trinity   40
```



# {aqp} iteration

With recent internal optimizations, `profileApply` now scales to larger collections.



# {aqp} split (SPC -> list)

If you need to operate on other types of (more complex) grouping, splitting into list is a good option.

```
a.list ← split(sp4, f = idname(sp4))
```



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```
a.list ← 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 "aqp"] with 9 sl
## $ kings       :Formal class 'SoilProfileCollection' [package "aqp"] with 9 sl
## $ mariposa    :Formal class 'SoilProfileCollection' [package "aqp"] with 9 sl
## $ mendocino   :Formal class 'SoilProfileCollection' [package "aqp"] with 9 sl
## $ napa        :Formal class 'SoilProfileCollection' [package "aqp"] with 9 sl
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```

```
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
##   id      hzID    top bottom name      K      Mg      Ca CEC_7  sand
##   <chr> <chr> <int> <int> <chr> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <int>
## 1 colusa 1         0      3 A      0.3  25.7    9    23    46
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##
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```



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## 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> <int> <chr> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <int>
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## 6 glenn  6         9     34 Bt     0.3  18.9   4.5  27.5    49
## [... more horizons ...]
##
## ----- Sites (6 / 10 rows | 1 / 1 columns) -----
## # A tibble: 6 x 1
```



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```
sp4 %>%  
  trunc(0, 15) %>%  
  mutate_profile(dwt = bottom - top / sum(bottom - top),  
                 dwt_Ca = sum(Ca * dwt)) %>%  
  plot(plot.order = order(.$dwt_Ca), color = "Ca", cex.names = 1)
```



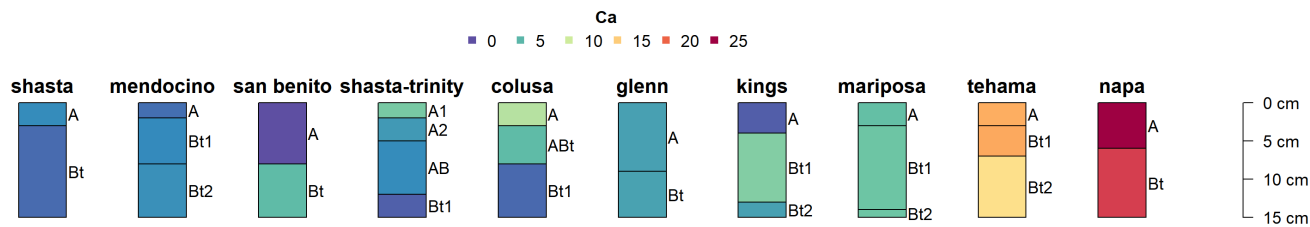
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# {aqp} S4 methods (left joins)

**site←**

```
site(sp4) ← data.frame(id = c("mariposa", "mendocino"),
                        site_grp = "ingroup")
```

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

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

```
table(site(sp4)$site_grp, useNA = "ifany")
```

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```
##
## ingroup    <NA>
##           2      8
```

# {aqp} S4 methods (left joins)

## horizons←

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

```
horizons(sp4)[,c(idname(sp4), "hz_grp")]
```

```
## # A tibble: 30 x 2  
##   id      hz_grp  
##   <chr>   <chr>  
## 1 colusa  <NA>  
## 2 colusa  <NA>  
## 3 colusa  <NA>  
## 4 colusa  <NA>  
## 5 glenn   <NA>  
## 6 glenn   <NA>  
## 7 kings   <NA>  
## 8 kings   <NA>  
## 9 kings   <NA>  
## 10 mariposa group  
## # ... with 20 more rows
```



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```

```
horizons(sp4)[,c(idname(sp4), "hz_grp")]
```

```
table(horizons(sp4)$hz_grp, useNA = "ifany")
```

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



# {aqp} Soil Color

**{aqp} has methods for soil data in  
Munsell, sRGB and CIELAB color space.**

```
aggregateColor  
colorContrast  
colorQuantiles  
contrastChart  
contrastClass  
getClosestMunsellChip  
hasDarkColors  
horizonColorIndices  
huePosition  
rgb2munsell  
munsell2rgb  
munsell2spc  
parseMunsell  
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```

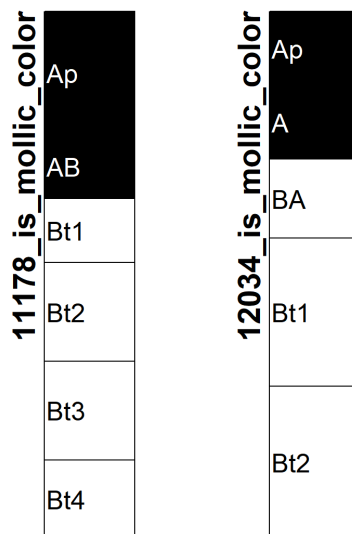


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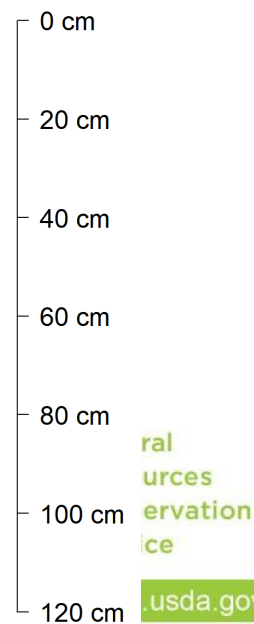
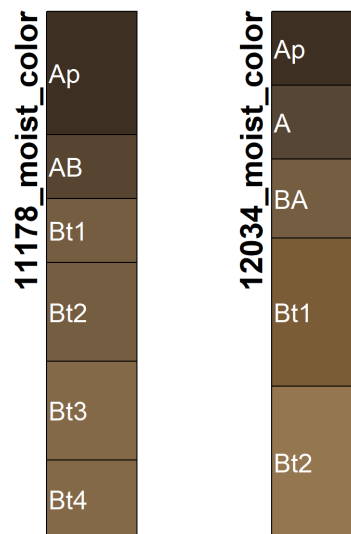
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```

*is\_mollic\_color*



*moist\_color*



# {aqp} Soil Color Opinions

```
n ← 8
hues ← c('10YR', '7.5YR', '2.5Y')
# hue
hh ← sample(hues, size = n,
            replace = TRUE,
            prob = c(0.7, 0.2, 0.1))

# value
vv ← sample(3:6, size = n,
            replace = TRUE)

# chroma
cc ← sample(3:6, size = n,
            replace = TRUE)
```

```
# reference soil color
m1 ← rep('10YR 4/4',
        times = n)

# opinions of soil color
m2 ← sprintf('%s %s/%s',
            hh, vv, cc)

# color contrast via dE00
cc ← colorContrast(m1, m2)

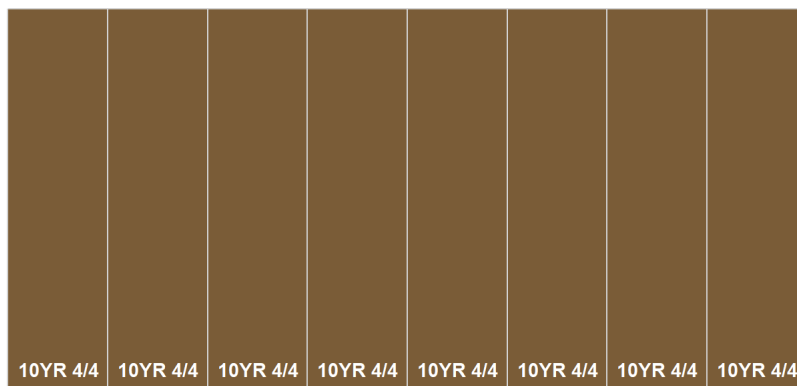
# re-order opinions
o ← order(cc$dE00)
m2 ← m2[o]
```





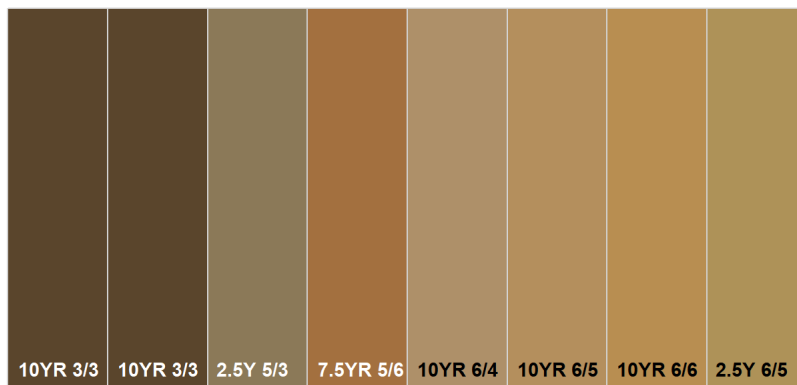
```
colorContrastPlot(m1, m2,
                  labels = c('reference', 'opinions'),
                  d.cex = 0.8, col.cex = 0.8)
```

reference



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opinions



# {aqp} Soil Taxonomy & Classification

Employ heuristics about horizon designations, geometry and key diagnostic properties.

- `estimateSoilDepth`, `estimatePSCS`, `getArgillicBounds`, `getCambicBounds`, `getMineralSoilSurfaceDepth`, `getPlowLayerDepth`, `getSoilDepthClass`, `getSurfaceHorizonDepth`, `hasDarkColors`
- `mollic.thickness.requirement`, `get.increase.matrix`, `get.ml.hz`, `brierScore`, `confusionIndex`, `shannonEntropy`





# Thank you for your attention!



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