

# Package ‘licoread’

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**Title** Reads Raw Files from Li-COR Gas Analyzers

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**Description** Reads raw files from Li-COR gas analyzers and produces a dataframe that can directly be used with 'flexible' <<https://cran.r-project.org/package=flexible>>.

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**URL** <https://jogaudard.github.io/licoread/>

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data_82z	<i>to read the raw data</i>
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## Description

to read the raw data

## Usage

```
data_82z(filepath, data_file, data_name, gases, filename)
```

## Arguments

filepath	name and path to the 82z archive
data_file	name of the file with raw data
data_name	vector of colnames
gases	list of gases
filename	name of the 82z archive

## Value

a long df with the actual data contained in the data file

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data_name_82z	<i>create colnames for data tibble</i>
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**Description**

create colnames for data tibble

**Usage**

```
data_name_82z(filepath, data_file)
```

**Arguments**

filepath	name and path to the 82z archive
data_file	name of the file with raw data

**Value**

a character vector or the colnames of the data file

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flexible_81x	<i>makes df from 81x files compatible with flexible</i>
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**Description**

makes df from 81x files compatible with flexible

**Usage**

```
flexible_81x(df, focus_gas, id_cols, datetime_col)
```

**Arguments**

df	input dataframe from <a href="#">licoread</a>
focus_gas	gas to select
id_cols	columns to identify unique fluxes
datetime_col	column containing datetime information

**Value**

a df with the focus gas column renamed as "f\_conc" and f\_fluxid in chronological order of datetime

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flexible_82z	<i>makes df from 82z files compatible with flexible</i>
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**Description**

makes df from 82z files compatible with flexible

**Usage**

```
flexible_82z(df, focus_gas)
```

**Arguments**

df	input dataframe from <a href="#">licoread</a>
focus_gas	gas to select

**Value**

an unnested df with only the selected gas

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import7500	<i>imports data from li7500 setup</i>
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**Description**

imports data from the li7500 setup described in Halbritter et al (2024)

**Usage**

```
import7500(path, version = "till2023", plotinfo = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

path	location of the files. Note that the function is recursive and will import all the files at the location
version	"till2023" (default) refers to the setup before the li7500 update. For the update version, use "post2023".
plotinfo	character vector of names to use when separating the plot info from the file name. Names in the file name have to be separated with an underscore, ex: [location]_[date]_[time of day]_[trial].txt. FALSE (default) means no information will be fetched from the filename.

**Value**

a dataframe with all data present in the files to import. New datetime and fluxid columns contain respectively the datetime of measurements and their original filename. If comments are present, a column will contain the comments. Measurement informations from the file names are stored in new columns according to plotinfo.

**References**

Halbritter, A.H., Vandvik, V., Cotner, S.H. et al. Plant trait and vegetation data along a 1314 m elevation gradient with fire history in Puna grasslands, Perú. *Sci Data* 11, 225 (2024). <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41597-024-02980-3>

**Examples**

```
path_pftc7 <- system.file("extdata/pftc7", package = "licoread")
import7500(path_pftc7, version = "post2023")
```

```
path_pftc5 <- system.file("extdata/pftc5", package = "licoread")
import7500(path_pftc5,
plotinfo = c("site", "treatment", "date", "plot", "trial"))
```

```
path_co2fluxtent <- system.file("extdata/co2fluxtent",
package = "licoread")
import7500(path_co2fluxtent,
plotinfo = c("date", "location", "time_of_day", "trial"))
```

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`import7500_new_oneobs` *imports one file from li7500 (old)*

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**Description**

imports one file from li7500 (old)

**Usage**

```
import7500_new_oneobs(filepath)
```

**Arguments**

filepath            path to the file

**Value**

a df with the content of the file

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import7500_old_oneobs imports one file from li7500 (old)
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**Description**

imports one file from li7500 (old)

**Usage**

```
import7500_old_oneobs(filepath)
```

**Arguments**

filepath            path to the file

**Value**

a df with the content of the file

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```
licoread                    reads Li-COR files in a given location
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**Description**

reads Li-COR files in a given location

**Usage**

```
licoread(
  location,
  file_type = "auto",
  file_type_list = c("82z", "81x", "auto"),
  data_file = "data.csv",
  meta_file = "metadata.json",
  regex_file = "(\\w*-)*\\w*(?=[.]82z$)",
  sample = FALSE
)
```

**Arguments**

location            location of the files

file\_type            type of file (82z or 81x). If "auto" (default), the function will try to detect it by itself.

file\_type\_list      list of file types

data\_file            name of the file with raw data

meta_file	name of the file with meta data
regex_file	regex expression matching the name of the 82z file. Here in case the user has a different than the default and for easier updates.
sample	sample = n randomly selects n files to be imported. This allows for testing the setup before importing a potentially large list of files which will take time and be difficult to handle.

**Value**

a tibble (nested or not depending on raw data) containing all the data from the raw files present at the location provided

**Examples**

```
path_82z <- system.file("extdata/82z", package = "licoread")
licoread(path_82z)
```

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licoread_auto	<i>finds out the file type for licoread</i>
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**Description**

finds out the file type for licoread

**Usage**

```
licoread_auto(file_list)
```

**Arguments**

file\_list      list of files found in the location

**Value**

a single character string indicating the file type

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licoread\_to\_fluxible *selects the focus gas and makes a df to use in [fluxible](#)*

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## Description

selects the focus gas and checks the columns needed for the [fluxible](#) workflow

## Usage

```
licoread_to_fluxible(  
  df,  
  focus_gas,  
  datetime_col,  
  id_cols = c("File Name", "Obs#"),  
  file_type = "auto",  
  file_type_list = c("82z", "81x", "auto")  
)
```

## Arguments

df	input dataframe from <a href="#">licoread</a>
focus_gas	gas to select
datetime_col	column containing datetime information if date and time are in two different columns, provide a character vector of the form c("date", "time")
id_cols	columns to identify unique fluxes
file_type	type of file (82z or 81x). If "auto" (default), the function will try to detect it by itself.
file_type_list	list of file types

## Value

an unnested df with only the selected gas

## Examples

```
path_82z <- system.file("extdata/82z", package = "licoread")  
gas_df_82z <- licoread(path_82z)  
licoread_to_fluxible(gas_df_82z, "LI-7810_CH4_DRY",  
  datetime_col = c("LI-8250_DATE", "LI-8250_TIME"))
```

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list_gases	<i>lists gases present in the dataset</i>
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**Description**

prints a character vector of the gases present in the dataset. This is to be used to obtain the exact names of the gases before using [licoread\\_to\\_fluxible](#).

**Usage**

```
list_gases(df, file_type = "auto", file_type_list = c("82z", "81x", "auto"))
```

**Arguments**

df                    the dataframe as imported with [licoread](#)  
file\_type            type of file (currently works only for 82z). If "auto" (default), the function will try to detect it by itself.  
file\_type\_list      list of file types

**Value**

a character vector of the gases present in the dataset

**Examples**

```
path_82z <- system.file("extdata/82z", package = "licoread")
gas_df_82z <- licoread(path_82z)
list_gases(gas_df_82z)
```

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metadata_82z	<i>read meta data file inside 82z archive</i>
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**Description**

read meta data file inside 82z archive

**Usage**

```
metadata_82z(filepath, meta_file)
```

**Arguments**

filepath            name and path to the 82z archive  
meta\_file           name of the file with meta data

**Value**

a tibble with the metadata from one observation

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names_df	<i>to get a vector of names of a df, matching a regex</i>
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**Description**

to get a vector of names of a df, matching a regex

**Usage**

```
names_df(df, regname = "name\\d")
```

**Arguments**

df	the df to get the names from
regname	the regex expression to match

**Value**

a df with the names of the meta df

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oneobs_81x	<i>reading a single measurement from 81x file</i>
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**Description**

reads a single measurement from a licor .81x file

**Usage**

```
oneobs_81x(start, end, all_obs, file)
```

**Arguments**

start	line number at which the measurement starts
end	line number at which the measurement ends
all_obs	list of all the lines from the full file
file	filepath to the 81x files

**Value**

a df with 1 row with the meta data of the measurement and raw data nested

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oneobs_82z	<i>to read one measurement from the 82z archive</i>
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**Description**

to read one measurement from the 82z archive

**Usage**

```
oneobs_82z(filepath, data_file, meta_file, regex_file)
```

**Arguments**

filepath	path to the 82z archive
data_file	name of the file with raw data
meta_file	name of the file with meta data
regex_file	regex expression matching the name of the 82z file. Here in case the user has a different than the default and for easier updates.

**Value**

a tibble with all the data and metadata from one observation (one file)

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read_81x_onefile	<i>reads 81x licor file</i>
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**Description**

reads a .81x file with several measurements

**Usage**

```
read_81x_onefile(file)
```

**Arguments**

file	filepath the the 81x file to read
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**Value**

a nested tibble with the meta data from each measurements as row and the raw data nested

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units\_82z                    *to create a nested tibble with the units of data*

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**Description**

to create a nested tibble with the units of data

**Usage**

```
units_82z(filepath, data_file, data_name, filename)
```

**Arguments**

filepath	name and path to the 82z archive
data_file	name of the file with raw data
data_name	vector of colnames
filename	name of the 82z archive

**Value**

a tibble with the units of the variables contained in the raw data

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