

the file formats working group

is ready to release a

# standardised file format for reduced reflectometry data

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mostly european  
mostly neutron experts  
mostly beamline scientists  
mostly male  
→ please help to balance!



## file formats

### principles vs. **pragmatism**

- inter-operability data to be processed by a wide **variety** of software
- reusability sufficient information for further processing or **interpretation**
- correctness **quantities** are well defined, labeled and have a unit
- ownership of the original and the processed data
- reproducibility information to recreate from the raw data
  
- practical aspects** limited availability of information  
how to include information
- acceptance** old **habits**  
established use of terms
- usability** **human** and computer readable  
clear lay out
- open for** individual demands  
future developments



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## ASCII representation requirements

clientele **users** → compatibility & extended information  
beamline scientists → data policy, information flow  
programmers → standardised I/O

aim **easily human readable**

header with a defined **minimum** of meta data  
extended set of **optional** entries  
**rules** for extra entries  
computer readable

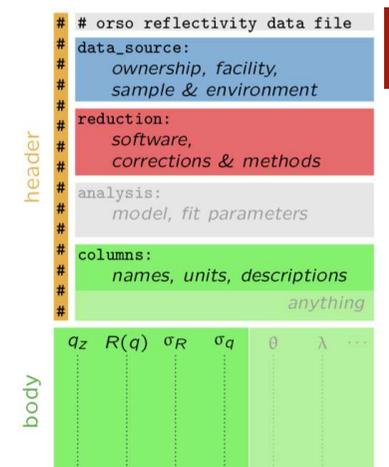
body with a defined structure  
**predefined columns**  
accepting any number of additional columns  
capable of containing several sets of data



# ASCII representation

## demo

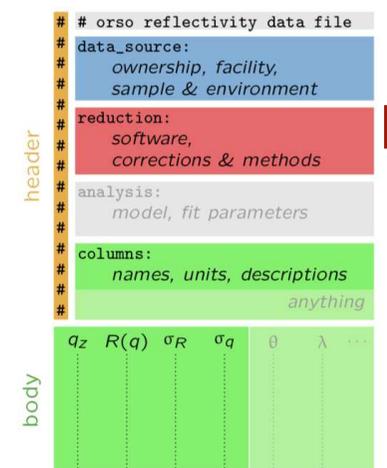
```
# # ORSO reflectivity data file | 0.1 standard | YAML encoding | https://www.reflectometry.org/
# # Interdiffusion in Fe | 2020-12-24 | sample fe-457-2 | time resolved | T = 800 K
# data_source:
#   owner:
#     name: Jochen Stahn
#     affiliation: PSI, CH 5232 Villigen
#     contact: jochen.stahn@psi.ch
#   experiment:
#     title: Interdiffusion in Fe
#     probe: neutron
#     facility: PSI SINQ
#     instrument: Amor
#     proposalID: 2021 9876
#     start_date: 2021-05-16
#   sample:
#     name: fe-457-2
#     description: 10 x 10 mm^2
#     environment: small in-situ furnace with improvised permanent magnetic field
```



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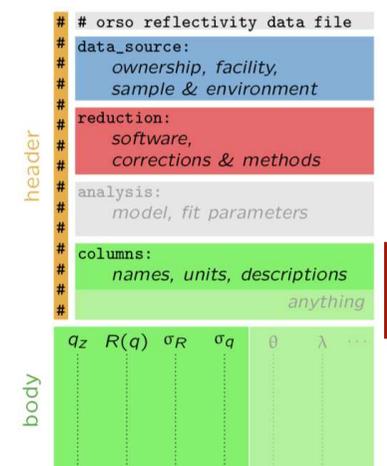
```
# reduction:
#   software:
#     name:      eos
#     version:   1.2
#   call:       eos -n 1234 -r 1111 -e -SRlt FeFe1
#   timestamp:  2021-09-22T12:45:15
#   creator:
#     name:      Jochen Stahn
#   corrections:
#     - footprint
#     - background
#     - ballistic correction
#     - incident intensity
#     - detector efficiency
#     - scaling / normalisation
```



# ASCII representation

## demo

```
# columns:
#   - name:      Qz
#     unit:      1/angstrom
#     description: wavevector transfer
#   - name:      R
#     description: reflectivity
#   - error_of:  R
#     error_type: uncertainty
#     value_is:  sigma
#     distribution: gaussian
#   - error_of:  Qz
#     error_type: resolution
#     value_is:  FWHM
#     distribution: rectangular
#   - name:      alpha_i
#     unit:      deg
#     description: angle of incidence
# data_set:  0
# #          Qz          R          sR          sQz          alpha_i
1.03563296e-02 3.88100068e+00 4.33909068e+00 5.17816478e-05 1.000000000e-1
1.06717294e-02 1.16430510e+01 8.89252718e+00 5.33586471e-05 1.100000000e-1
...
```



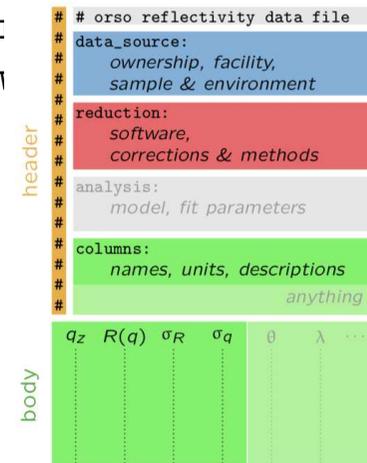
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## demo - optional content

```
# analysis:
#   software:
#     name: GenX
#     version: 3.5.6
#   script: "import models.spec_nx as model\nfrom models.utils import UserVars, fp,\n            \ fw, bc, bw\nfrom numpy import *\n\n# BEGIN Instrument DO NOT CHANGE\n            \ import create_fp, create_fw\ninst = model.Instrument(probe='neutron', 1
...
#   parameters:
#     - Parameter: Si0.setD
#       Value: 1211.2966080978158
#       Fit: true
#       Min: 903.75
#       Max: 1506.25
#       Error: '-'
...
#   statistics_mcmc:
#     library: bumps
#     version: 0.8.0
...
#   operator:
#     name: Artur
#   timestamp: '2021-12-09T17:12:19'
```

.ort output from GenX  
including model and fit parameters

- structure by ORSO
- keys and content by Artur



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## orsopy

### in a nutshell

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python modules to **read and write** .ort files  
as interface to SLD data base

authors A. Glavic, B. Maranville, A. McCluskey, A. Nelson

implemented in  
analysis

refnx  
GenX  
Refl1d  
easyReflectometry

reduction

eos (PSI)  
scipp (ESS)  
reductus (NCNR)  
POLREF (ISIS)

info & docs <https://orsopy.readthedocs.io>

## orsopy

## implementation

installation `> pip install orsopy`

usage

```
writing import numpy as np
        from orsopy.fileio import Orso, OrsoDataset,
            save_data, Person
metadata = Orso.empty()
# populate metadata
metadata.data_source.owner = Person('J. Stahn',
    'PSI, CH 5232 Villigen', 'jochen.stahn@psi.ch')
...
data = np.array([Q, R, sR, sQ]).T
save_data(OrsoDataset(metadata, data), 'data.ort')
```

```
reading from orsopy.fileio import load_data
metadata_rich_data = load_data('data.ort')
```

## file formats

### on release of .ort specs and orsopy

**Do you accept the specifications for the ASCII representation of the ORSO file format for reduced reflectivity data?**

If approved, orsopy 1.0 will be released.

please

← have a look at the documentation →

make up your mind

vote



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### conclusion

**content** small set of default entries

lots of optional entries provided

**expandable** you can add (almost) any **content** you like

**contribution** feel free to **join, comment and criticize!**

**THANKS** to everyone who contributed  
to you for listening

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