

# Dispersion formulas

**1: Sellmeier (preferred)**

$$n^2 - 1 = C_1 + \frac{C_2\lambda^2}{\lambda^2 - C_3^2} + \frac{C_4\lambda^2}{\lambda^2 - C_5^2} + \frac{C_6\lambda^2}{\lambda^2 - C_7^2} + \frac{C_8\lambda^2}{\lambda^2 - C_9^2} + \frac{C_{10}\lambda^2}{\lambda^2 - C_{11}^2} + \frac{C_{12}\lambda^2}{\lambda^2 - C_{13}^2} + \frac{C_{14}\lambda^2}{\lambda^2 - C_{15}^2} + \frac{C_{16}\lambda^2}{\lambda^2 - C_{17}^2}$$

**2: Sellmeier-2**

$$n^2 - 1 = C_1 + \frac{C_2\lambda^2}{\lambda^2 - C_3} + \frac{C_4\lambda^2}{\lambda^2 - C_5} + \frac{C_6\lambda^2}{\lambda^2 - C_7} + \frac{C_8\lambda^2}{\lambda^2 - C_9} + \frac{C_{10}\lambda^2}{\lambda^2 - C_{11}} + \frac{C_{12}\lambda^2}{\lambda^2 - C_{13}} + \frac{C_{14}\lambda^2}{\lambda^2 - C_{15}} + \frac{C_{16}\lambda^2}{\lambda^2 - C_{17}}$$

**3: Polynomial**

$$n^2 = C_1 + C_2\lambda^{C_3} + C_4\lambda^{C_5} + C_6\lambda^{C_7} + C_8\lambda^{C_9} + C_{10}\lambda^{C_{11}} + C_{12}\lambda^{C_{13}} + C_{14}\lambda^{C_{15}} + C_{16}\lambda^{C_{17}}$$

**4: RefractiveIndex.INFO**

$$n^2 = C_1 + \frac{C_2\lambda^{C_3}}{\lambda^2 - C_4^{C_5}} + \frac{C_6\lambda^{C_7}}{\lambda^2 - C_8^{C_9}} + C_{10}\lambda^{C_{11}} + C_{12}\lambda^{C_{13}} + C_{14}\lambda^{C_{15}} + C_{16}\lambda^{C_{17}}$$

**5: Cauchy**

$$n = C_1 + C_2\lambda^{C_3} + C_4\lambda^{C_5} + C_6\lambda^{C_7} + C_8\lambda^{C_9} + C_{10}\lambda^{C_{11}}$$

**6: Gases**

$$n - 1 = C_1 + \frac{C_2}{C_3 - \lambda^{-2}} + \frac{C_4}{C_5 - \lambda^{-2}} + \frac{C_6}{C_7 - \lambda^{-2}} + \frac{C_8}{C_9 - \lambda^{-2}} + \frac{C_{10}}{C_{11} - \lambda^{-2}}$$

**7: Herzberger**

$$n = C_1 + \frac{C_2}{\lambda^2 - 0.028} + C_3 \left( \frac{1}{\lambda^2 - 0.028} \right)^2 + C_4\lambda^2 + C_5\lambda^4 + C_6\lambda^6$$

**8: Retro**

$$\frac{n^2 - 1}{n^2 + 2} = C_1 + \frac{C_2\lambda^2}{\lambda^2 - C_3} + C_4\lambda^2$$

**9: Exotic**

$$n^2 = C_1 + \frac{C_2}{\lambda^2 - C_3} + \frac{C_4(\lambda - C_5)}{(\lambda - C_5)^2 + C_6}$$