

# Package ‘dielectric’

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**Title** Defines some physical constants and dielectric functions  
commonly used in optics, plasmonics.

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together with spline interpolation functions.

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AgPalik

*AgPalik***Description**

Silver dielectric function from Palik

**Usage**

data(AgPalik)

**Source**

E. D. Palik. Handbook of Optical Constants of Solids, volume I. Academic Press, 1985 luxpop.com

**Examples**

```
data(AgPalik)
str(AgPalik$raw())
AgPalik$comment
demo(AgPalik)
```

aSi

*aSi***Description**

Amorphous Si dielectric function

**Usage**

data(aSi)

**Source**<http://refractiveindex.info/?group=CRYSTALS&material=a-Si>**Examples**

```
data(aSi)
str(aSi$raw())
```

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AuJC

*AuJC*

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### Description

Gold dielectric function from Johnson and Christy

### Usage

```
data(AuJC)
```

### Source

P. B. Johnson and R. W. Christy. Optical constants of the noble metals. Phys. Rev. B, 6:4370–4379, 1972. luxpop.com

### Examples

```
data(AuJC)
str(AuJC$raw())
AuJC$comment
demo(AuJC)
```

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constants

*constants*

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### Description

Physical constants

### Usage

```
data(constants)
```

### Source

NIST

### References

wikipedia

### Examples

```
data(constants)
constants
comment(constants$cel)
```

**dielectric-class**      *Class "dielectric"*

### Description

Set of R methods to transform dielectric functions

### Fields

wavelength: numeric vector  
 epsilon: complex vector

### Methods

`predict(sp, range, n, new.wavelength, ...)`: new values from spline interpolation of the data  
`spline(...)`: spline interpolation of the data  
`raw()`: raw data as a data.frame with real and imaginary parts

**dielectric2plot**      *dielectric2plot*

### Description

Conversion to long format data.frame for plotting

### Usage

`dielectric2plot(m)`

### Arguments

`m`      data.frame with wavelength and complex epsilon

### Details

Conversion to long format data.frame for plotting

### Value

long format data.frame

### Author(s)

baptiste Auguie

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*drude**drude*

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## Description

Drude model for the dielectric function of good (governed by free electrons) metals

## Usage

```
drude(wavelength = 633, p = c(1e+16, 1e+14, 1),
      omega = 2 * pi * 1e+09 * 299792458/wavelength,
      omega_p = p[1], gamma_p = p[2], epsilon_inf = p[3],
      ...)
```

## Arguments

wavelength	wavelength in nm
p	vector of 3 parameters
omega	angular frequency in rad/s
omega_p	plasma frequency in rad/s
gamma_p	damping constant, in rad/s
epsilon_inf	background dielectric function
...	not used

## Details

a background contribution `eps_inf` is assumed for the core electrons

## Value

a data.frame with wavelength in nm and complex dielectric function

## Author(s)

Baptiste Auguie

`epsAg`*epsAg***Description**

permittivity silver

**Usage**

```
epsAg(wavelength, epsilon.inf = 4, lambda.p = 282,
       mu.p = 17000)
```

**Arguments**

wavelength	wavelength in nm
epsilon.inf	background dielectric constant
lambda.p	plasma wavelength
mu.p	damping constant

**Details**

analytical dielectric function of Silver (Drude model)

**Value**

`data.frame`

**Author(s)**

baptiste Auguie

**References**

Principles of surface-enhanced Raman spectroscopy and related plasmonic effects Eric C. Le Ru and Pablo G. Etchegoin, published by Elsevier, Amsterdam (2009).

**See Also**

Other user\_level permittivity: [epsAu](#)

**Examples**

```
require(dielectric) ; data(AgPalik)
wvl <- seq(300, 900)
silver <- epsAg(wvl)

matplot(silver$wavelength, cbind(Re(silver$epsilon), Im(silver$epsilon)),
t="l", lty=1, xlab = "wavelength / nm", ylab = "Dielectric function")
matpoints(AgPalik$wavelength, cbind(Re(AgPalik$epsilon), Im(AgPalik$epsilon)), pch=1)
```

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epsAu

*epsAu*

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### Description

permittivity gold

### Usage

```
epsAu(wavelength, epsilon.infty = 1.54, lambda.p = 177.5,
       mu.p = 14500, A1 = 1.27, phi1 = -pi/4, lambda1 = 470,
       mu1 = 1900, A2 = 1.1, phi2 = -pi/4, lambda2 = 325,
       mu2 = 1060)
```

### Arguments

wavelength	wavelength in nm
epsilon.infty	background dielectric constant
lambda.p	plasma wavelength
mu.p	damping constant
A1	A1
phi1	phi1
lambda1	lambda1
mu1	mu1
A2	A2
phi2	phi2
lambda2	lambda2
mu2	mu2

### Details

analytical dielectric function of Au (Drude model + interband transitions)

### Value

data.frame

### Author(s)

baptiste Auguie

### References

Principles of surface-enhanced Raman spectroscopy and related plasmonic effects Eric C. Le Ru and Pablo G. Etchegoin, published by Elsevier, Amsterdam (2009).

**See Also**

Other user\_level permittivity: [epsAg](#)

**Examples**

```
require(dielectric) ; data(AuJC)
wvl <- seq(300, 900)
gold <- epsAu(wvl)

matplot(gold$wavelength, cbind(Re(gold$epsilon), Im(gold$epsilon)),
t="l", lty=1, xlab = "wavelength / nm", ylab = "Dielectric function")
matpoints(AuJC$wavelength, cbind(Re(AuJC$epsilon), Im(AuJC$epsilon)), pch=1)
```

**eV2L***eV2L***Description**

Unit conversions

**Usage**

```
eV2L(energy)
```

**Arguments**

<code>energy</code>	energy in eV
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**Details**

Unit conversions

**See Also**

Other conversion: [L2eV](#), [L2w](#), [t2eV](#)

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`fit_drude`*fit\_drude*

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**Description**

Objective function for the Drude model

**Usage**

```
fit_drude(p, material, ...)
```

**Arguments**

p	parameters vector (3)
material	data.frame with wavelength in nm and complex epsilon
...	passed to drude

**Details**

Used to fit a Drude model to a material

**Value**

sum of squares

**Author(s)**

Baptiste Auguie

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`L2eV`*L2eV*

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**Description**

Unit conversions

**Usage**

```
L2eV(wavelength)
```

**Arguments**

wavelength	wavelength in m
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**Details**

Unit conversions

**Value**

converted unit

**See Also**

Other conversion: [eV2L](#), [L2w](#), [t2eV](#)

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$L2w$

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$L2w$

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**Description**

Unit conversions

**Usage**

$L2w(wavelength)$

**Arguments**

wavelength      wavelength in m

**Details**

Unit conversions

**See Also**

Other conversion: [eV2L](#), [L2eV](#), [t2eV](#)

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*t2eV**t2eV*

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**Description**

Unit conversions

**Usage**

`t2eV(time)`

**Arguments**

`time` time in s

**Details**

Unit conversions

**See Also**

Other conversion: [eV2L](#), [L2eV](#), [L2w](#)

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