

Phys 5B:

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- $E_{\Theta} = 2E \cos\left(\frac{\delta}{2}\right) \sin\left(\omega t + \frac{\delta}{2}\right)$
- Intensity of Light: $I_{\Theta} \sim E_{\Theta}^2$
 $I_{\Theta} \sim \left(2E \cos\left(\frac{\delta}{2}\right)\right)^2$
Define $I_{\Theta} \sim (E_{\Theta=0})^2 = (2E_0)^2$
- Falloff of Intensity: $\frac{I_{\Theta}}{I_{\Theta=0}} = \frac{(E_{\Theta})^2}{(2E_0)^2} = \frac{\left(2E_0 \cos\left(\frac{\delta}{2}\right)\right)^2}{(2E_0)^2} = \cos^2\left(\frac{\delta}{2}\right)$
 $I_{\Theta} \Rightarrow I_0 \cos^2\left(\frac{\pi d \sin \Theta}{\lambda}\right)$
- Thin – film interference
Light reflecting from higher n undergoes phase shift π radians.
 $ABC = \left(m + \frac{1}{2}\right)\lambda$ Destructive Interference
 $2t = m\lambda$ Constructive Interference
- Destructive int: $t = \frac{\lambda}{4}$ dark
 $\lambda_{\text{oil}} = \frac{v_{\text{oil}}}{f} = \frac{\frac{c}{n_{\text{oil}}}}{f} = \frac{c}{f} \frac{1}{n_{\text{oil}}} = \frac{\lambda_{\text{vac}}}{n_{\text{oil}}}$
- EXAMPLE:
Oil slick ($n=1.50$) float on water ($n=1.33$)
Reflect colors: red (650nm) and violet (390 nm)
 $t = 0 \Rightarrow$ destructive interference
 $2t = ABC = m\lambda_{\text{oil}} + \frac{1}{2}\lambda_{\text{oil}} = \left(m + \frac{1}{2}\right)\lambda_{\text{oil}}$ Constructive interference
 $2t = \left(m + \frac{1}{2}\right)\frac{\lambda}{n_{\text{oil}}}$
- Interferometer