

# **Prism coupling method for determining refractive index and thickness**

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# Introduction

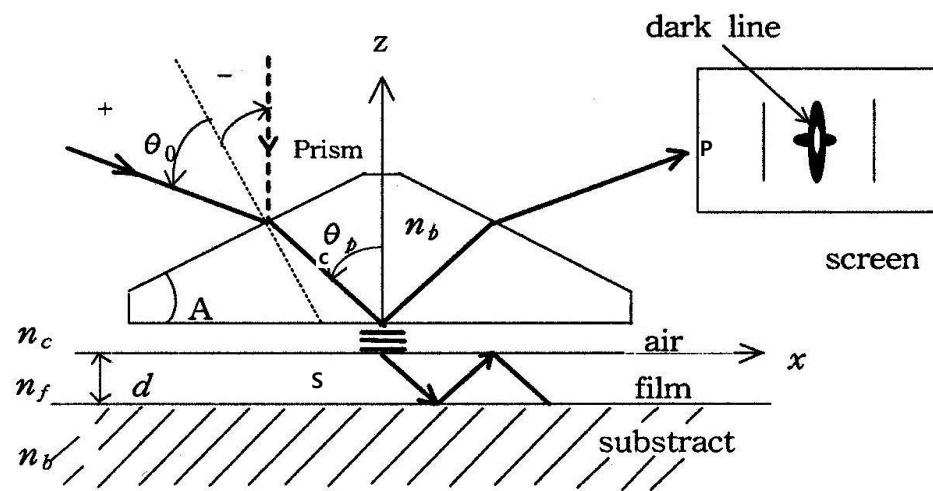
## problem



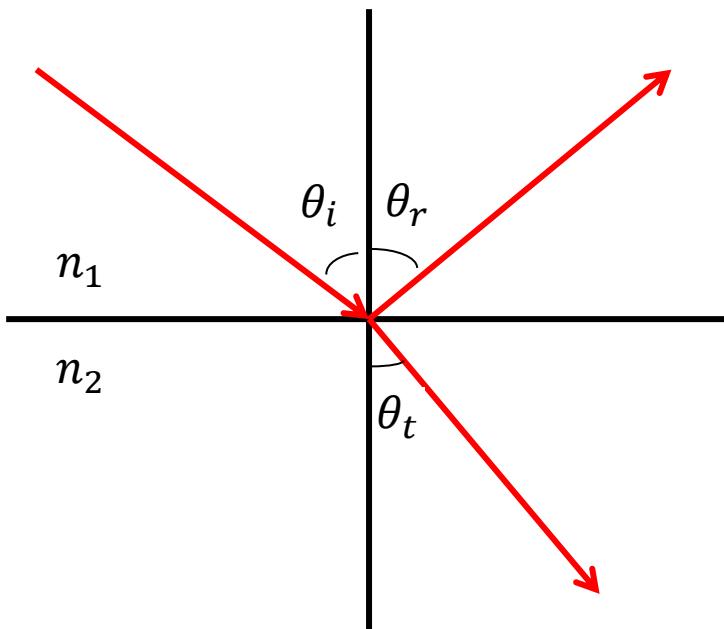
Unknown parameter : reflective index, thickness glass

Necessary Non Destructive method

## Prism coupling



# Fresnel equation



*law of reflection*

$$\theta_i = \theta_r$$

*snell's law*

$$n_1 \sin \theta_i = n_2 \sin \theta_t$$

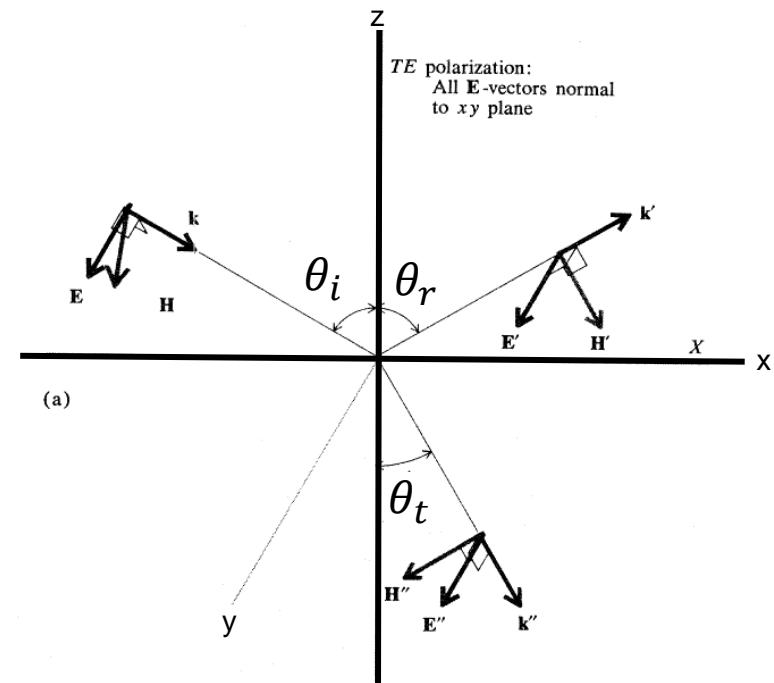
Reflection coefficients are defined as amplitude ratios

$$r_s = \left[ \frac{E'}{E} \right]_{TE}$$

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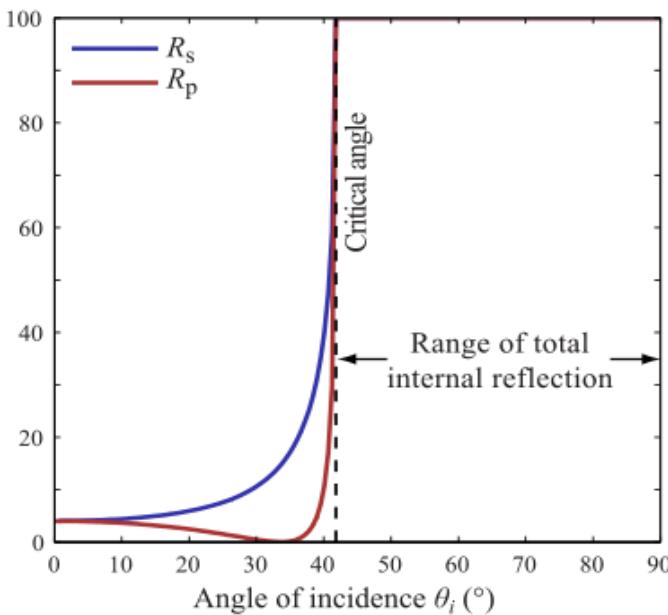
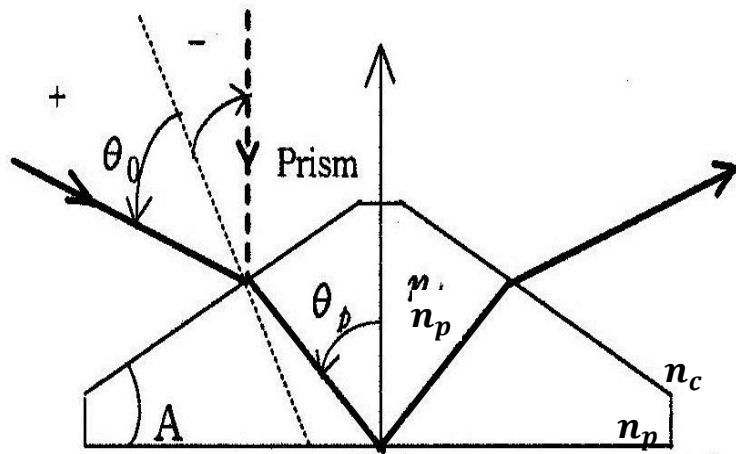
$$r_s = \frac{n_1 \cos\theta_i - n_2 \cos\theta_t}{n_1 \cos\theta_i + n_2 \cos\theta_t} = \frac{n_1 \cos\theta_i - n_2 \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{n_1}{n_2} \sin\theta_i\right)^2}}{n_1 \cos\theta_i + n_2 \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{n_1}{n_2} \sin\theta_i\right)^2}}$$

$$r_p = \frac{n_1 \cos\theta_t - n_2 \cos\theta_i}{n_1 \cos\theta_t + n_2 \cos\theta_i} = \frac{n_1 \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{n_1}{n_2} \sin\theta_i\right)^2} - n_2 \cos\theta_i}{n_1 \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{n_1}{n_2} \sin\theta_i\right)^2} + n_2 \cos\theta_i}$$

## Reflectance

$$R_s = |r_s|^2 \quad R_p = |r_p|^2$$

# Total reflection



Snell's law

$$n_1 \sin \theta_i = n_2 \sin \theta_t$$

Critical angle

$$n_1 \sin \theta_c = n_2 \sin 90^\circ$$

$$\sin \theta_c = \frac{n_2}{n_1} \quad \theta_c = \sin^{-1} \frac{n_2}{n_1}$$

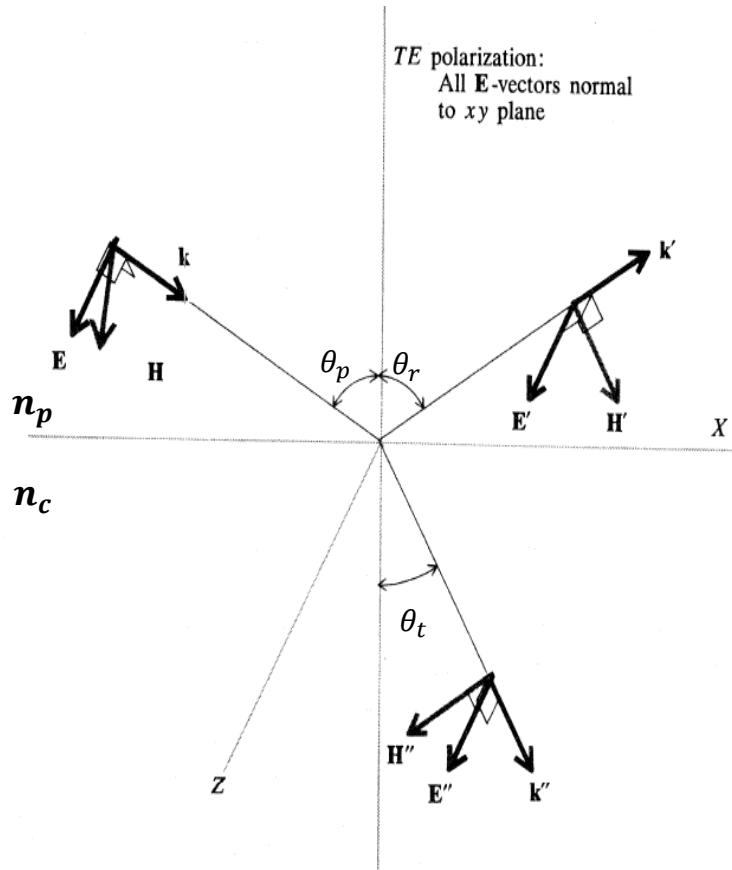
$$n_p > n_a \quad \theta_p > \sin^{-1} \frac{n_a}{n_p}$$

$$r_s = \frac{n_1 \cos \theta_i - i n_2 \sqrt{\left(\frac{n_1}{n_2} \sin \theta_i\right)^2 - 1}}{n_1 \cos \theta_i + i n_2 \sqrt{\left(\frac{n_1}{n_2} \sin \theta_i\right)^2 - 1}}$$

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# Evanescent wave

evanescent waves are formed when waves traveling in a medium undergo total internal reflection at its boundary



$$E_{trans} = E'' e^{i(k'' \cdot r - \omega t)}$$

$$k'' \cdot r = k'' x \sin \theta_t - k'' z \cos \theta_t$$

$$= k'' x \sin \theta_t - ik'' z \sqrt{\frac{n_p^2 \sin^2 \theta_t}{n_c^2} - 1}$$

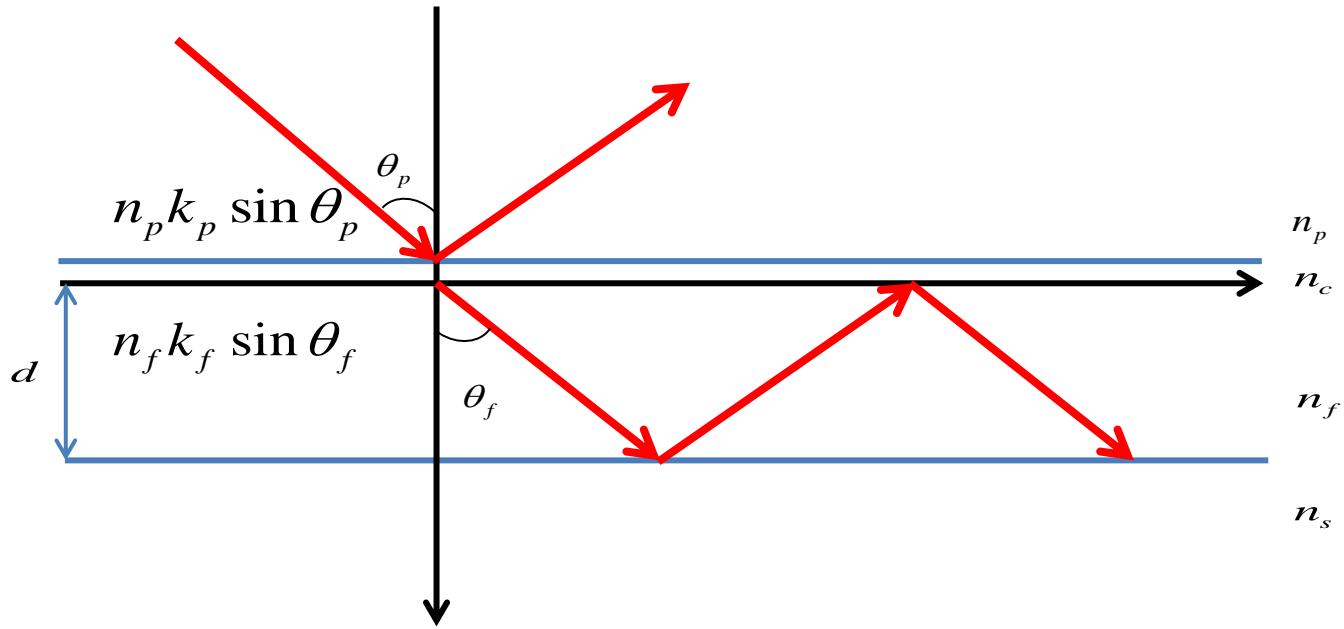
$$E_{trans} = E'' e^{-\alpha|z|} e^{i(k_1 \cdot r - \omega t)}$$

$$\alpha = k'' \sqrt{\frac{n_p^2 \sin^2 \theta_p}{n_c^2} - 1}$$

$$k_1 = \frac{k'' n_p \sin \theta_p}{n_c}$$

# Prism coupling

## Propagation of electromagnetic wave (in film)



Phase difference = path difference + phase change term =  $2m\pi$  ( $m = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ )

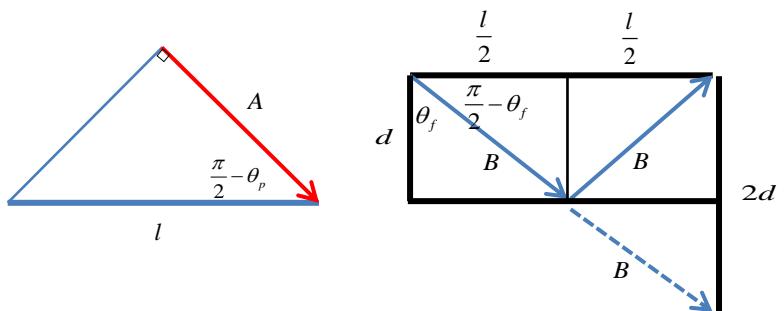
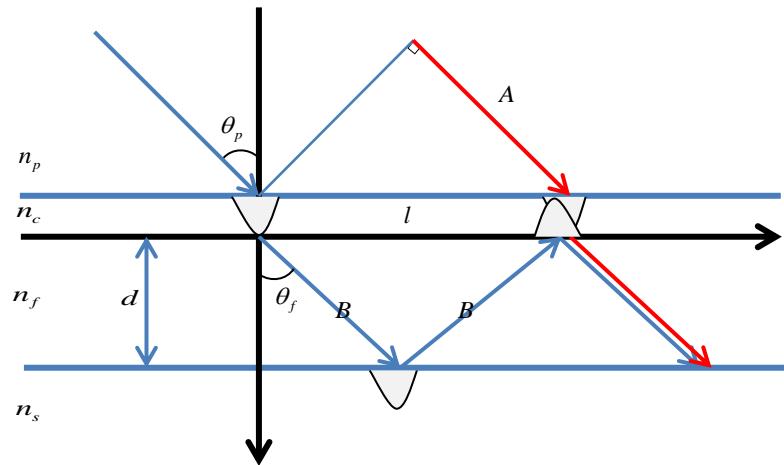
constructive interference = Propagate!

$$2dk_f \cos \theta_f + \varphi_{fs} + \varphi_{fc} = 2m\pi \quad (m = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots)$$

$\varphi_{fs}$  Film-substrate phase change     $\varphi_{fc}$  Film-airgap phase change

# Prism coupling

Calculate phase difference



$$\Delta\phi = (k_f 2B + \varphi_{fs} + \varphi_{fc}) - (k_p A) = 2m\pi$$

$\varphi_{fs}$  Film-substrate phase change

$\varphi_{fc}$  Film-airgap phase change

$$n_p \sin \theta_p = n_f \sin \theta_f$$

$$\Delta\phi = 2dk_f \cos \theta_f + \varphi_{fs} + \varphi_{fc} = 2m\pi$$

$$\frac{A}{l} = \sin \theta_p$$

$$\frac{2d}{l} = \tan(\frac{\pi}{2} - \theta_f)$$

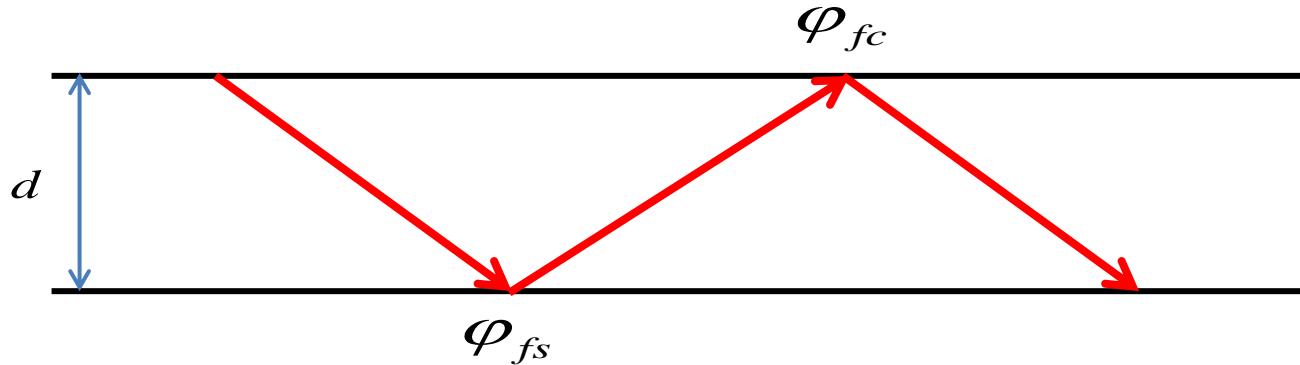
$$A = l \sin \theta_p$$

$$l = 2d \tan \theta_f = 2d \frac{\sin \theta_f}{\cos \theta_f}$$

$$2B = \frac{l}{\sin \theta_f}$$

# Prism coupling

phase change



**S-wave**

$$r_s = e^{-i\delta_s} = \frac{ae^{-i\alpha}}{ae^{+i\alpha}}$$

$$ae^{i\alpha} = \cos \theta + i \sqrt{\sin^2 \theta - (\frac{n_2}{n_1})^2}$$

$$r_s = e^{-i\delta_s} = e^{-i2\alpha}$$

$$\delta_s = 2\alpha$$

$$\tan \alpha = \tan \frac{\delta_s}{2} = \frac{\sqrt{\sin^2 \theta - n^2}}{\cos \theta}$$

## Prism coupling

$$\frac{4\pi d}{\lambda} n_f \cos \theta_f + \varphi_{fs} + \varphi_{fc} = 2m\pi$$

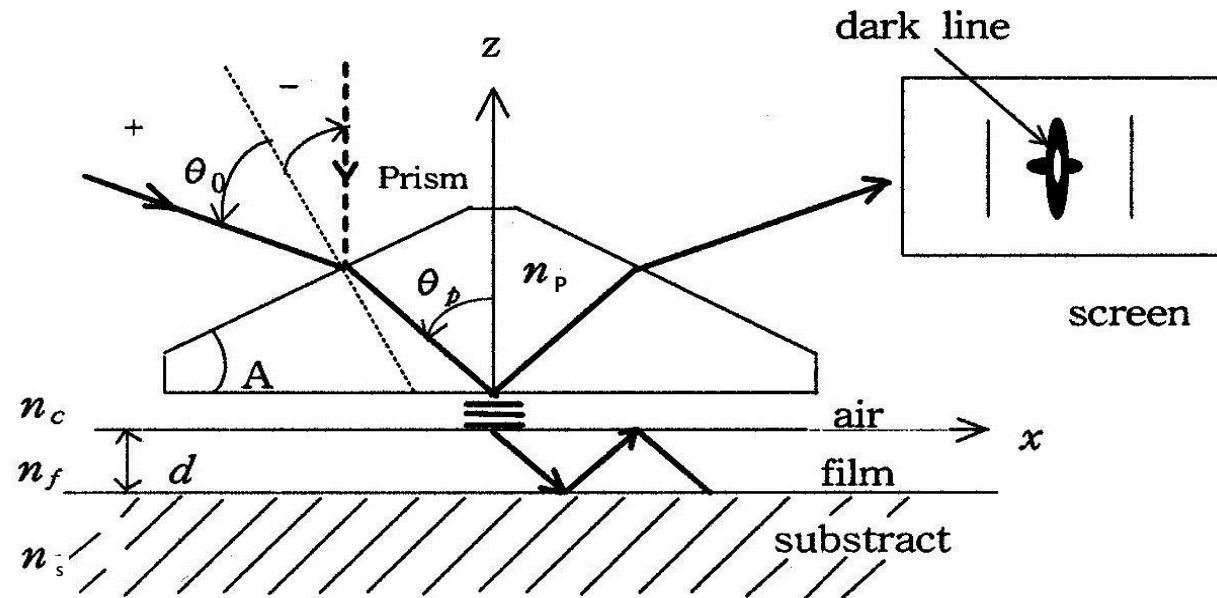
$$N_{eff} = n_f \sin \theta_f$$

$$\frac{4\pi d}{\lambda} \sqrt{n_f^2 - N_{eff}^2} - 2 \arctan \left( f_s \sqrt{\frac{N_{eff}^2 - n_s^2}{n_f^2 - N_{eff}^2}} \right) - 2 \arctan \left( f_c \sqrt{\frac{N_{eff}^2 - n_c^2}{n_f^2 - N_{eff}^2}} \right) = 2m\pi$$

$$f_s = \begin{cases} 1: & s-wave \\ \frac{n_f^2}{n_s^2}: & p-wave \end{cases}, \quad f_c = \begin{cases} 1: & s-wave \\ \frac{n_f^2}{n_c^2}: & p-wave \end{cases}$$

# Prism coupling

## Effective refractive index



$$\left(\theta_{p'} + \frac{\pi}{2}\right) + A + \left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \theta_p\right) = \pi \quad \longrightarrow \quad \theta_p = \theta_{p'} + A$$

# Prism coupling

## Effective refractive index

$$N_{eff} = n_f \sin \theta_f$$

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$$= n_p \sin \theta_p$$

$$= n_p \sin(\theta_p + A)$$

$$= n_p \sin \theta_p \cos A + n_p \cos \theta_p \sin A$$

$$n_p \sin \theta_p = \sin \theta_0$$

$$N_{eff} = \sin A \sqrt{n_p^2 - \sin^2 \theta_0} + \cos A \sin \theta_0$$



## Prism coupling

Calculate  $n_f$ , d

$$\frac{4\pi d}{\lambda} \sqrt{n_f^2(m) - N_{eff}^2(m)} = F(m)$$

$$F(m) = \arctan \left( f_s \sqrt{\frac{N_{eff}^2 - n_s^2}{n_f^2 - N_{eff}^2}} \right) + \arctan \left( f_c \sqrt{\frac{N_{eff}^2 - n_c^2}{n_f^2 - N_{eff}^2}} \right) + m\pi$$

$$n_f = \sqrt{\frac{N_{eff}^2(p)F^2(q) - N_{eff}^2(q)F^2(p)}{F^2(q) - F^2(p)}} \quad (\mathbf{m} = \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q})$$

$$d = \frac{\lambda F(p)}{2\pi \sqrt{n_f^2 - N_{eff}^2(p)}}$$