

22.27. Model: The gas increases the number of wavelengths in one arm of the interferometer. Each additional wavelength causes one bright-dark-bright fringe shift.

Solve: From Equation 22.36, the number of fringe shifts is

$$\Delta m = m_2 - m_1 = (n - 1) \frac{2d}{\lambda_{\text{vac}}} = (1.00028 - 1) \frac{(2)(2.00 \times 10^{-2} \text{ m})}{600 \times 10^{-9} \text{ m}} = 19$$