



**WFU Physics Ph. D. Thesis Defense**

**TITLE:** Measuring the Microscale Mechanical Properties of Fibrin Fibers and Cancer Cells

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All interested persons are cordially invited to attend.

**ABSTRACT**

The microscale material properties dictate the macroscale behavior of biological systems. Fibrinogen, one of the most abundant proteins in the blood, is converted into fibrin fibers that perform the essential mechanical task of stemming the flow of blood. Fibrinogen fibers can be fabricated by a technique called electrospinning. We studied the mechanical properties of dry, electrospun fibrinogen fibers using a combined atomic force/fluorescence microscopy technique. The mechanical properties of these electrospun fibers is important

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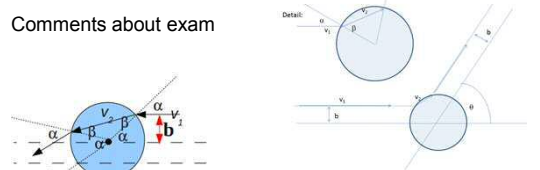
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Note that this figure is misleading;  
 $\alpha > \beta$  for physical case

$$\theta = 2\alpha - 2\beta$$

$$v_1 \sin \alpha = v_2 \sin \beta$$

$$\frac{\sin^2 \alpha}{\sin^2 \beta} = 1 + \frac{U_0}{E} \equiv n^2$$

$$b = a \sin \alpha = \frac{na \sin(\theta/2)}{\sqrt{n^2 - 2a \cos(\theta/2) + 1}}$$

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \frac{b}{\sin \theta} \left| \frac{db}{d\theta} \right| = \frac{1}{2 \sin \theta} \left| \frac{db^2}{d\theta} \right|$$

$$\sigma_T = \int_{\theta=0}^{\theta=\theta_m} d\Omega \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \pi [b(\theta)]^2 \Big|_{\theta=0}^{\theta=\theta_m}$$

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$$H = \frac{p^2}{2s^2 m} + \frac{p_s^2}{2\epsilon} + V(q) + gkT \ln s$$

$$\frac{dp_s}{dt} = \epsilon \frac{d^2 s}{dt^2} = \frac{p^2}{s^2 m} - \frac{gkT}{s}$$

Note that:  $\frac{dp_s}{dt} = 0$  for  $s \equiv s_0 = \frac{p^2}{mgkT}$

Suppose that:  $s(t) = s_0 + s_1(t)$

$$\epsilon \frac{d^2 s_1}{dt^2} = \frac{p^2}{(s_0 + s_1)^2 m} - \frac{gkT}{(s_0 + s_1)} \approx - \left( \frac{p^2}{s_0^2 m} \right) s_1$$

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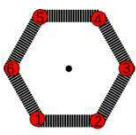
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Linearization of the fluid dynamics relations:  
 Newton - Euler equation of motion :

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial t} + (\mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{f}_{\text{applied}} - \frac{\nabla p}{\rho}$$

Continuity equation :  $\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{v}) = 0$

Near equilibrium :

$$\rho = \rho_0 + \delta \rho$$

$$p = p_0 + \delta p$$

$$\mathbf{v} = 0 + \delta \mathbf{v}$$

$$\mathbf{f}_{\text{applied}} = 0$$

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Equations to lowest order in perturbation :

$$\frac{\partial \delta \mathbf{v}}{\partial t} = - \frac{\nabla \delta p}{\rho_0}$$

$$\frac{\partial \delta \rho}{\partial t} + \rho_0 \nabla \cdot \delta \mathbf{v} = 0$$

Velocity potential :  $\delta \mathbf{v} = -\nabla \Phi$

Pressure in terms of the density :

$$\delta p = \left( \frac{\partial p}{\partial \rho} \right)_{s, \rho_0, p_0} \delta \rho \equiv c^2 \delta \rho$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial t^2} - c^2 \nabla^2 \Phi = 0$$

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Wave equation for air :

$$\frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial t^2} - c^2 \nabla^2 \Phi = 0$$

Here,  $c^2 = \left( \frac{\partial p}{\partial \rho} \right)_s = \frac{\gamma p_0}{\rho_0}$

$\mathbf{v} = -\nabla \Phi$

Boundary values :

Impenetrable surface with normal  $\hat{\mathbf{n}}$  moving at velocity  $\mathbf{V}$  :

$$\hat{\mathbf{n}} \cdot \mathbf{V} = \hat{\mathbf{n}} \cdot \delta \mathbf{v} = -\hat{\mathbf{n}} \cdot \nabla \Phi$$

Free surface :

$$\delta p = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \rho_0 \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial t} = 0$$

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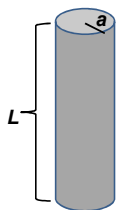
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Time harmonic standing waves in a pipe



$$\frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial t^2} - c^2 \nabla^2 \Phi = 0$$

Boundary values :

At fixed surface :  $\hat{\mathbf{n}} \cdot \nabla \Phi = 0$

At free surface :  $\frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial t} = 0$

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$$\nabla^2 \Phi - \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial t^2} = 0 \quad \text{Define : } k \equiv \frac{\omega}{c}$$

In cylindrical coordinates :

$$\Phi(r, \varphi, z, t) = R(r)F(\varphi)Z(z)e^{-i\omega t} \equiv R(r)F(\varphi)Z(z)e^{-ikct}$$

$$\nabla^2 = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} r \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \varphi^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2}$$

$$\left( \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} r \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \varphi^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2} + k^2 \right) \Phi(r, \varphi, z, t) = 0$$

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$$\left( \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} r \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \varphi^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2} + k^2 \right) \Phi(r, \varphi, z, t) = 0$$

$\Phi(r, \varphi, z, t) = R(r)F(\varphi)Z(z)e^{-i\omega t}$

$F(\varphi) = e^{im\varphi}; F(\varphi) = F(\varphi + 2\pi N) \Rightarrow m = \text{integer}$

$Z(z) = e^{i\alpha z}; \alpha = \text{real plus other restrictions}$

$$\left( \frac{d^2}{dr^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{d}{dr} - \frac{m^2}{r^2} - \alpha^2 + k^2 \right) R(r) = 0$$

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$$\left( \frac{d^2}{dr^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{d}{dr} - \frac{m^2}{r^2} - \alpha^2 + k^2 \right) R(r) = 0$$

For  $k^2 \geq \alpha^2$  define  $\kappa^2 \equiv k^2 - \alpha^2$

$$\left( \frac{d^2}{dr^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{d}{dr} - \frac{m^2}{r^2} + \kappa^2 \right) R(r) = 0$$

Cylinder surface boundary conditions:  $\left. \frac{dR}{dr} \right|_{r=a} = 0$

$\Rightarrow R(r) = J_m(\kappa r)$  where for  $\frac{dJ_m(x'_{mn})}{dx} = 0, \kappa_{mn} = \frac{x'_{mn}}{a}$

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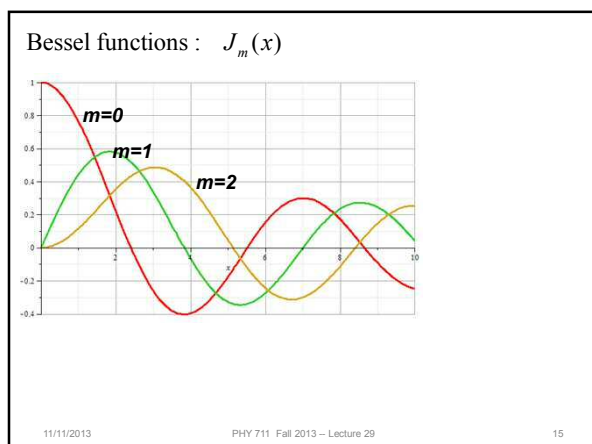
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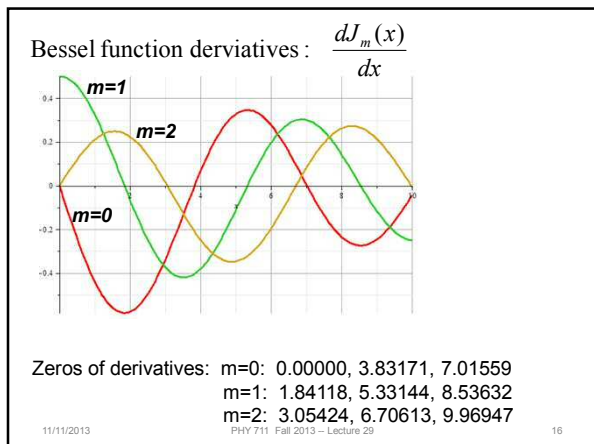
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Boundary condition for  $z=0, z=L$ :  
 For open - open pipe:  
 $Z(0) = Z(L) = 0 \Rightarrow Z(z) = \sin\left(\frac{p\pi z}{L}\right)$   
 $\Rightarrow \alpha_p = \frac{p\pi}{L}, \quad p = 1, 2, 3, \dots$   
 Resonant frequencies:  
 $\frac{\omega^2}{c^2} = k^2 = \kappa_{mn}^2 + \alpha_p^2$   
 $k_{mnp}^2 = \left(\frac{x'_{mn}}{a}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\pi p}{L}\right)^2$

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Example

$$k_{mnp}^2 = \left(\frac{x'_{mn}}{a}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\pi p}{L}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{\pi p}{L}\right)^2 \left(1 + \left(\frac{L}{a}\right)^2 \left(\frac{x'_{mn}}{\pi p}\right)^2\right)$$

$\pi p = 3.14, 6.28, 9.42, \dots$   
 $x'_{mn} = 0.00, 1.84, 3.05$

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Alternate boundary condition for  $z=0, z=L$ :

For open - closed pipe :

$$\frac{dZ(0)}{dz} = Z(L) = 0 \Rightarrow Z(z) = \cos\left(\frac{(2p+1)\pi z}{2L}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha_p = \frac{(2p+1)\pi}{2L}, \quad p = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

$$k_{mnp}^2 = \left(\frac{x'_{mn}}{a}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\pi(2p+1)}{2L}\right)^2$$

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Other solutions to wave equation:

$$\nabla^2 \Phi - \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial t^2} = 0$$

Plane wave solution :

$$\Phi(\mathbf{r}, t) = A e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{r} - i\omega t} \quad \text{where} \quad k^2 = \left(\frac{\omega}{c}\right)^2$$

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Wave equation with source:

$$\nabla^2 \Phi - \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial t^2} = -f(\mathbf{r}, t)$$

Solution in terms of Green's function :

$$\Phi(\mathbf{r}, t) = \int d^3r' \int dt' G(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}', t - t') f(\mathbf{r}', t')$$

where

$$\left(\nabla^2 - \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2}\right) G(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}', t - t') = -\delta(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}') \delta(t - t')$$

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Wave equation with source -- continued:

We can show that :

$$G(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}', t - t') = \frac{\delta\left(t' - \left(t \mp \frac{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|}{c}\right)\right)}{4\pi|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|}$$

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Derivation of Green's function for wave equation

$$\left(\nabla^2 - \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2}\right)G(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}', t - t') = -\delta(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}')\delta(t - t')$$

Recall that

$$\delta(t - t') = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-i\omega(t-t')} d\omega$$

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Derivation of Green's function for wave equation -- continued

Define:  $\tilde{G}(\mathbf{r}, \omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} G(\mathbf{r}, t) e^{i\omega t} dt$

$$G(\mathbf{r}, t) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \tilde{G}(\mathbf{r}, \omega) e^{-i\omega t} d\omega$$

$\tilde{G}(\mathbf{r}, \omega)$  must satisfy :

$$(\nabla^2 + k^2)\tilde{G}(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}', \omega) = -\delta(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}') \quad \text{where } k^2 = \frac{\omega^2}{c^2}$$

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Derivation of Green's function for wave equation -- continued

$$(\nabla^2 + k^2)\tilde{G}(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}', \omega) = -\delta(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}')$$

Solution assuming isotropy in  $\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'$ :

$$\tilde{G}(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}', \omega) = \frac{e^{\pm ik|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|}}{4\pi|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|}$$

Check -- Define  $R \equiv |\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|$  and for  $R > 0$ :

$$(\nabla^2 + k^2)\tilde{G}(R, \omega) = \frac{1}{R} \frac{d^2}{dR^2} (R\tilde{G}(R, \omega)) + k^2\tilde{G}(R, \omega) = 0$$

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Derivation of Green's function for wave equation -- continued

For  $R > 0$ :

$$(\nabla^2 + k^2)\tilde{G}(R, \omega) = \frac{1}{R} \frac{d^2}{dR^2} (R\tilde{G}(R, \omega)) + k^2\tilde{G}(R, \omega) = 0$$

$$\frac{d^2}{dR^2} (R\tilde{G}(R, \omega)) + k^2 (R\tilde{G}(R, \omega)) = 0$$

$$(R\tilde{G}(R, \omega)) = A e^{ikR} + B e^{-ikR}$$

$$\Rightarrow \tilde{G}(R, \omega) = A \frac{e^{ikR}}{R} + B \frac{e^{-ikR}}{R}$$

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Derivation of Green's function for wave equation -- continued  
need to find  $A$  and  $B$ .

Note that :  $\nabla^2 \frac{1}{4\pi|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|} = -\delta(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}')$

$$\Rightarrow A = B = \frac{1}{4\pi}$$

$$\tilde{G}(R, \omega) = \frac{e^{\pm ikR}}{4\pi R}$$

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Derivation of Green's function for wave equation – continued

$$\begin{aligned}
 G(\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{r}', t-t') &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \tilde{G}(\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{r}', \omega) e^{-i\omega(t-t')} d\omega \\
 &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{e^{\pm ik|\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{r}'|}}{4\pi|\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{r}'|} e^{-i\omega(t-t')} d\omega \\
 &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{e^{\pm i\frac{\omega}{c}|\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{r}'|}}{4\pi|\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{r}'|} e^{-i\omega(t-t')} d\omega
 \end{aligned}$$

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Derivation of Green's function for wave equation – continued

$$G(\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{r}', t-t') = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{e^{\pm i\frac{\omega}{c}|\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{r}'|}}{4\pi|\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{r}'|} e^{-i\omega(t-t')} d\omega$$

Noting that  $\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-i\omega u} d\omega = \delta(u)$

$$\Rightarrow G(\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{r}', t-t') = \frac{\delta\left(t - \left(t' \mp \frac{|\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{r}'|}{c}\right)\right)}{4\pi|\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{r}'|}$$

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For time harmonic forcing term we can use the corresponding Green's function:

$$\tilde{G}(\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{r}', \omega) = \frac{e^{\pm ik|\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{r}'|}}{4\pi|\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{r}'|}$$

In fact, this Green's function is appropriate for boundary conditions at infinity. For surface boundary conditions where we know the boundary values or their gradients, the Green's function must be modified.

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Green's theorem

Consider two functions  $h(\mathbf{r})$  and  $g(\mathbf{r})$

Note that :  $\int_V (h\nabla^2 g - g\nabla^2 h) d^3r = \oint_S (h\nabla g - g\nabla h) \cdot \hat{\mathbf{n}} d^2r$

$$\nabla^2 \tilde{\Phi} + k^2 \tilde{\Phi} = -\tilde{f}(\mathbf{r}, \omega)$$

$$(\nabla^2 + k^2) \tilde{G}(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}', \omega) = -\delta(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}')$$

$$h \leftrightarrow \tilde{\Phi}; \quad g \leftrightarrow \tilde{G}$$

$$\int_V (\tilde{\Phi}(\mathbf{r}, \omega) \delta(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}') - \tilde{G}(|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|, \omega) f(\mathbf{r}, \omega)) d^3r =$$

$$\oint_S (\tilde{\Phi}(\mathbf{r}, \omega) \nabla \tilde{G}(|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|, \omega) - \tilde{G}(|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|, \omega) \nabla \tilde{\Phi}(\mathbf{r}, \omega)) \cdot \hat{\mathbf{n}} d^2r$$

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$$\tilde{\Phi}(\mathbf{r}, \omega) = \int_V \tilde{G}(|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|, \omega) f(\mathbf{r}', \omega) d^3r' +$$

$$\oint_S (\tilde{\Phi}(\mathbf{r}', \omega) \nabla \tilde{G}(|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|, \omega) - \tilde{G}(|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|, \omega) \nabla \tilde{\Phi}(\mathbf{r}', \omega)) \cdot \hat{\mathbf{n}} d^2r'$$

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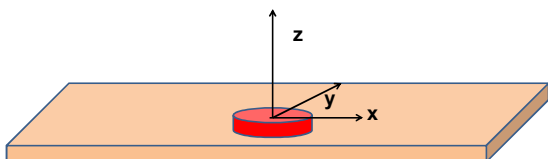
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Wave equation with source:

$$\nabla^2 \Phi - \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial t^2} = -f(\mathbf{r}, t)$$

Example :

$f(\mathbf{r}, t) \Rightarrow$  time harmonic piston of radius  $a$ , amplitude  $\hat{z}$   
can be represented as boundary value of  $\Phi(\mathbf{r}, t)$



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Treatment of boundary values for time-harmonic force:

$$\tilde{\Phi}(\mathbf{r}, \omega) = \int_V \tilde{G}(|\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{r}'|, \omega) \tilde{f}(\mathbf{r}', \omega) d^3r' + \oint_S (\tilde{\Phi}(\mathbf{r}', \omega) \nabla' \tilde{G}(|\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{r}'|, \omega) - \tilde{G}(|\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{r}'|, \omega) \nabla' \tilde{\Phi}(\mathbf{r}', \omega)) \cdot \hat{\mathbf{n}} d^2r'$$

Boundary values for our example :

$$\left( \frac{\partial \tilde{\Phi}}{\partial z} \right)_{z=0} = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } x^2 + y^2 > a^2 \\ i\omega\epsilon a & \text{for } x^2 + y^2 < a^2 \end{cases}$$

Note: Need Green's function with vanishing gradient at  $z=0$  :

$$\tilde{G}(|\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{r}'|, \omega) = \frac{e^{ik|\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{r}'|}}{4\pi|\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{r}'|} + \frac{e^{ik|\mathbf{r}-\bar{\mathbf{r}}'|}}{4\pi|\mathbf{r}-\bar{\mathbf{r}}'|} \quad \text{where } \bar{z}' = -z'; \quad z > 0$$

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$$\tilde{\Phi}(\mathbf{r}, \omega) = - \oint_{S: z'=0} \tilde{G}(|\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{r}'|, \omega) \frac{\partial \tilde{\Phi}(\mathbf{r}', \omega)}{\partial z} dx' dy'$$

$$\tilde{G}(|\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{r}'|, \omega) = \frac{e^{ik|\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{r}'|}}{4\pi|\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{r}'|} + \frac{e^{ik|\mathbf{r}-\bar{\mathbf{r}}'|}}{4\pi|\mathbf{r}-\bar{\mathbf{r}}'|} \quad \text{where } \bar{z}' = -z'; \quad z > 0$$

$$\tilde{G}(|\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{r}'|, \omega)_{z'=0} = \frac{e^{ik|\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{r}'|}}{2\pi|\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{r}'|} \Big|_{z'=0}; \quad z > 0$$

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$$\tilde{\Phi}(\mathbf{r}, \omega) = - \oint_{S: z'=0} \tilde{G}(|\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{r}'|, \omega) \frac{\partial \tilde{\Phi}(\mathbf{r}', \omega)}{\partial z} dx' dy'$$

$$= -i\omega\epsilon a \int_0^a r' dr' \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi' \frac{e^{ik|\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{r}'|}}{2\pi|\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{r}'|} \Big|_{z'=0}$$

Integration domain :  $x' = r' \cos \phi'$   
 $y' = r' \sin \phi'$

For  $r \gg a$ ;  $|\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{r}'| \approx r - \hat{\mathbf{r}} \cdot \mathbf{r}'$

Assume  $\hat{\mathbf{r}}$  is in the yz plane;  $\phi = \frac{\pi}{2}$

$$\hat{\mathbf{r}} = \sin \theta \hat{\mathbf{y}} + \cos \theta \hat{\mathbf{z}}$$

$$|\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{r}'| \approx r - \hat{\mathbf{r}} \cdot \mathbf{r}' = r - r' \sin \theta \sin \phi'$$

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$$\tilde{\Phi}(\mathbf{r}, \omega) = -\frac{i\omega\epsilon a}{2\pi} \frac{e^{ikr}}{r} \int_0^a r' dr' \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi' e^{-ikr' \sin\theta \sin\phi'}$$

Note that:  $\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi' e^{-iu \sin\phi'} = J_0(u)$

$$\Rightarrow \tilde{\Phi}(\mathbf{r}, \omega) = -i\omega\epsilon a \frac{e^{ikr}}{r} \int_0^a r' dr' J_0(kr' \sin\theta)$$

$$\int_0^w u du J_0(u) = w J_1(w)$$

$$\Rightarrow \tilde{\Phi}(\mathbf{r}, \omega) = -i\omega\epsilon a^3 \frac{e^{ikr}}{r} \frac{J_1(ka \sin\theta)}{ka \sin\theta}$$

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Energy flux:  $\mathbf{j}_e = \partial \mathbf{v} p$

Taking time average:  $\langle \mathbf{j}_e \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \Re(\partial \mathbf{v} p^*)$   
 $= \frac{1}{2} \rho_0 \Re((-\nabla \Phi)(-i\omega \Phi)^*)$

Time averaged power per solid angle:

$$\left\langle \frac{dP}{d\Omega} \right\rangle = \langle \mathbf{j}_e \rangle \cdot \hat{\mathbf{r}} r^2 = \frac{1}{2} \rho_0 \epsilon^2 c^3 k^4 a^6 \left| \frac{J_1(ka \sin\theta)}{ka \sin\theta} \right|^2$$

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