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## Paraxial and ray approximations of acoustic vortex beams

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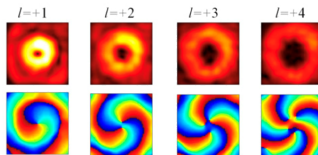
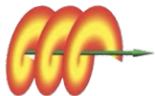
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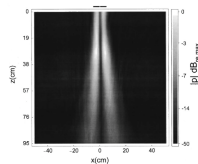
# What is an acoustic vortex beam?

## Characterized by...

- ▶ helical wavefronts
- ▶ orbital number  $\ell$  = number of equiphase wavefronts in  $\perp$  plane
- ▶ zero acoustic pressure on axis



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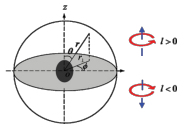


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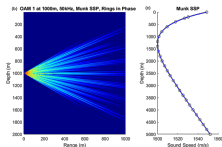
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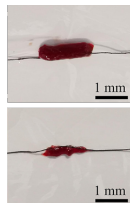
- ▶ particle manipulation
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- ▶ therapeutic biomedical ultrasound
- ▶ sound diffusion



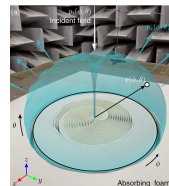
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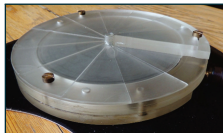


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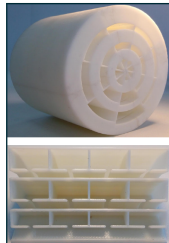
- ▶ phase plates
- ▶ transducer arrays
- ▶ metasurfaces



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# Previous analytical descriptions of vortex beams

- ▶ Bessel vortex beams are modes of the cylindrical wave equation:<sup>1</sup>

$$p(r, \theta, z, t) = p_0 J_\ell(k_r r) e^{i(\ell\theta + k_z z - \omega t)}, \quad k = \frac{\omega}{c_0} = \sqrt{k_r^2 + k_z^2}. \quad (1)$$

- ▶ Gaussian vortex beams are generalizations of Gaussian beams:<sup>2</sup>

$$p(r, \theta, z, t) = \sqrt{8\pi} \left( \frac{p_0 z}{k r^2} \right) \chi^{3/2} e^{-\chi} \left[ I_{(\ell-1)/2}(\chi) - I_{(\ell+1)/2}(\chi) \right] \\ \times e^{i[\ell\theta - (\ell+1)\pi/2 + k r^2/2z + k_z z - \omega t]}, \quad (2)$$
$$\chi(r, z) = \frac{\frac{1}{8} (k a r / z)^2}{1 - i(k a^2 / 2z)(1 - z/d)}.$$

- ▶ Fields described by Eqs. (1) and (2) require infinite source conditions.
- ▶ Equation (1) implies infinite energy,<sup>3</sup> because  $\int_0^\infty |J_\ell(k_r r)|^2 r dr \rightarrow \infty$ .
- ▶ **Objective: derive solutions for vortex fields radiated by circular pistons**

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# Paraxial equation and its integral solution

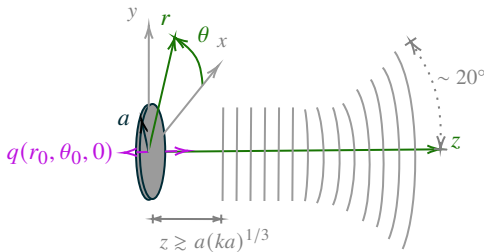
- ▶ For  $p = qe^{i(kz - \omega t)}$  and  $|\partial^2 q / \partial z^2| \ll 2k|\partial q / \partial z|$ ,  $\nabla^2 p - c_0^{-2} \ddot{p} = 0$  reduces to

$$i2k \frac{\partial q}{\partial z} + \nabla_{\perp}^2 q = 0. \quad (3)$$

- ▶  $\nabla_{\perp}^2$  is the Laplacian in the plane perpendicular to the  $z$  axis.
- ▶ Equation (3) is solved by the Fresnel diffraction integral:

$$q(r, \theta, z) = -\frac{ik}{2\pi z} \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{\infty} q(r_0, \theta_0, 0) e^{i(k/2z)[r^2 + r_0^2 - 2rr_0 \cos(\theta_0 - \theta)]} r_0 dr_0 d\theta_0,$$

where  $q(r_0, \theta_0, 0)$  is the prescribed pressure field in the plane  $z = 0$ .



# Vortex radiation from unfocused circular piston

- ▶ A circular vortex source condition is first considered:

$$q(r, \theta, 0) = p_0 \text{circ}(r/a) e^{i\ell\theta}, \quad (4)$$

where  $\text{circ}(x) = 1$  for  $0 \leq x \leq 1$  and 0 for  $x > 1$ .

- ▶ Insertion of Eq. (4) in the Fresnel diffraction integral leads to

$$q = -ikp_0 \frac{e^{i(ka^2/2z)r^2/a^2}}{z} e^{i\ell(\theta-\pi/2)} \int_0^a e^{i(ka^2/2z)r_0^2/a^2} J_\ell(krr_0/z) r_0 dr_0. \quad (5)$$

- ▶ Using Watson's relation,<sup>4</sup> Eq. (5) reduces to

$$q = -\frac{ikp_0}{z} e^{i\ell(\theta-\pi/2)} \int_0^a J_\ell(krr_0/z) r_0 dr_0 \quad (6)$$

for  $z \gg z_R$ , where  $z_R = ka^2/2$  is the Rayleigh distance.

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<sup>4</sup>G. N. Watson. Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press, 1944, Sec. 2.2, Eq. (5).

# Vortex radiation from unfocused circular piston

- ▶ Taking the integral in Eq. (6) leads to an analytical solution:

$$q_\ell(r, \theta, z) = -ip_0 \frac{z}{kr^2} e^{i\ell(\theta - \pi/2)} F_\ell(kar/z), \quad z \gg z_R, \quad (7)$$

where<sup>5</sup>

$$F_\ell(\xi) = \int_0^\xi J_\ell(t) t dt = \xi \frac{\Gamma(\ell/2 + 1)}{\Gamma(\ell/2)} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\ell + 2k + 1) \Gamma(\ell/2 + k)}{\Gamma(\ell/2 + 2 + k)} J_{\ell+2k+1}(\xi). \quad (8)$$

- ▶ Equation (8) equals the following closed-form expressions for  $1 \leq \ell \leq 4$ :

$$F_0(\xi) = \xi J_1(\xi), \quad \ell = 0 \quad (9a)$$

$$F_1(\xi) = \frac{\pi}{2} \xi [\mathbf{H}_0(\xi) J_1(\xi) - \mathbf{H}_1(\xi) J_0(\xi)], \quad \ell = 1 \quad (9b)$$

$$F_2(\xi) = 2 - 2J_0(\xi) - \xi J_1(\xi), \quad \ell = 2 \quad (9c)$$

$$F_3(\xi) = \left[ \frac{3\pi}{2} \xi \mathbf{H}_0(\xi) - 8 \right] J_1(\xi) + \left[ 4\xi - \frac{3\pi}{2} \xi \mathbf{H}_1(\xi) \right] J_0(\xi), \quad \ell = 3 \quad (9d)$$

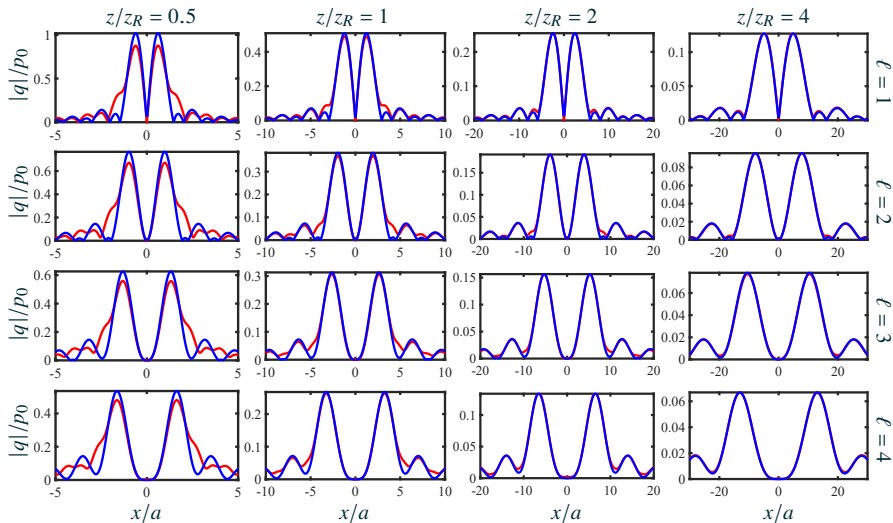
$$F_4(\xi) = 4 - 8J_1(\xi)/\xi - 4J_2(\xi) - \xi J_3(\xi). \quad \ell = 4 \quad (9e)$$

<sup>5</sup>M. Abramowitz and I. A. Stegun, editors. New York: Dover Publications, 1972, Item 11.1.1.

# Verification of Eq. (7)

- The validity of Eq. (7) is assessed by comparison to

$$q(x, y, z) = \mathcal{F}_{xy}^{-1} \{ e^{ik_z z} \mathcal{F}_{xy} [q(x, y, 0)] \} , \quad k_z = k - (k_x^2 + k_y^2)/2k . \quad (10)$$



# Vortex radiation from focused circular piston

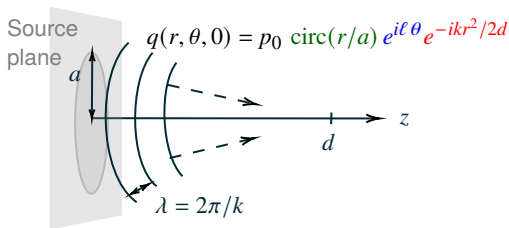
- To describe spherical focusing at a geometric focal length  $d$ , source condition (4) is multiplied by  $\exp(-ikr^2/2d)$ :

$$q(r, \theta, 0) = p_0 \text{circ}(r/a) e^{i\ell\theta} e^{-ikr^2/2d}, \quad (11)$$

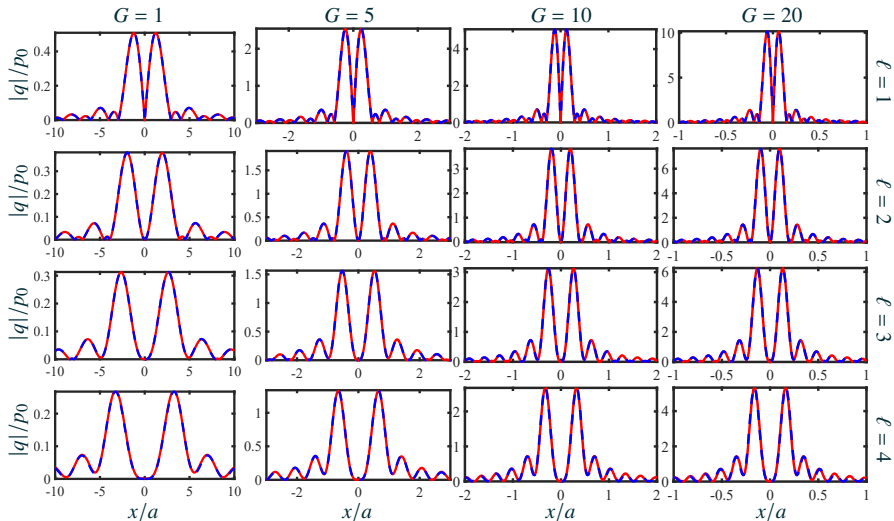
- An analytical solution of Eq. (3) is available at  $z = d$ :

$$q_\ell(r, \theta, d) = -ip_0 \frac{d}{kr^2} e^{ikr^2/2d} e^{i\ell(\theta - \pi/2)} F_\ell(kar/d), \quad (12)$$

where  $F_\ell(\xi)$  is given by Eq. (8).



# Verification of Eq. (12): analytical, Fourier



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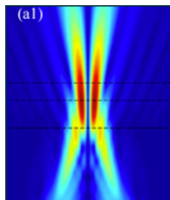
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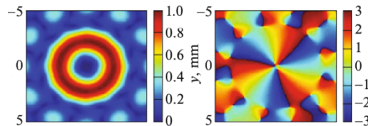
- ▶ The magnitudes of vortex beam fields are axisymmetric.
- ▶ In the far field of Eq. (7), the field is conical.
- ▶ In the geometric focal plane  $z = d$  of Eq. (12), the field forms toroidal ring.
- ▶ Equations (7) and (12) can be used to find the radius of these features.



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# Vortex ring radius

- ▶ Maximizing Eqs. (7) and (12) in  $r$  amounts to solving

$$\frac{d|\xi^{-1}F_{\ell}(\xi)|}{d\xi} = 0,$$

where  $\xi = kar/z$  (unfocused) and  $\xi = kar/d$  (focused).

- ▶ Using Eq. (8) for  $F_{\ell}$  and taking the derivative yields<sup>6</sup>

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\ell + 2k + 1)\Gamma(\ell/2 + k)}{\Gamma(\ell/2 + 2 + k)} \left[ \frac{J_{\ell+2k}(\xi) - J_{\ell+2k+2}(\xi)}{2\xi} - \frac{J_{\ell+2k+1}(\xi)}{\xi^2} \right] = 0. \quad (13)$$

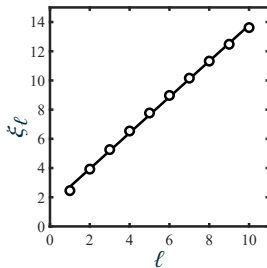
- ▶ The roots  $\xi_{\ell}$  of Eq. (13) are fit to a line:  $\xi_{\ell} = 1.23\ell + 1.49$ .
- ▶ Solving  $\xi_{\ell} = kar_{\ell}/z$  and  $\xi_{\ell} = kar_{\ell}/d$  for  $r_{\ell}$  yields

$$r_{\ell} = \frac{\xi_{\ell} z}{ka}, \quad z \gg z_R, \quad (14a)$$

$$= \frac{\xi_{\ell} d}{ka}, \quad z = d. \quad (14b)$$

<sup>6</sup>I. S. Gradshteyn and I. M. Ryzhik. New York: Academic Press, 1980, Item 8.471-2.

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Comparison of roots  $\xi_\ell$  (circles) with least-squares fit  $\xi_\ell = 1.23\ell + 1.49$  (line)

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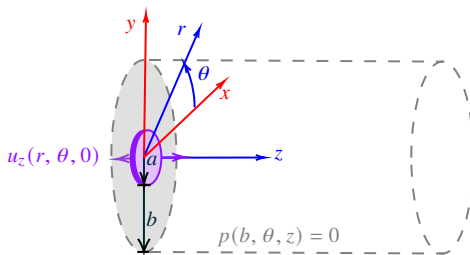
# Alternative approach to diffraction theory

## ► The Rayleigh integral

$$p(\mathbf{r}) = -\frac{ik\rho_0 c_0}{2\pi} \int_{A_0} u_z(\mathbf{r}_0) \frac{e^{ik|\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{r}_0|}}{|\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{r}_0|} dA_0 \quad (15)$$

is the starting-point for the study of diffraction from circular pistons.

- Equation (15) is traditionally derived from the Helmholtz-Kirchhoff integral.<sup>7</sup>
- Consider a piston placed concentrically within a tube of radius  $b$ .



<sup>7</sup>A. D. Pierce. Cham, Switzerland: Springer, 2019, Eqs. (5.2.6) and (5.7.3).

# Alternative approach to diffraction theory

- ▶ The solution of the Helmholtz equation for that scenario is

$$p(r, \theta, z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_{\ell n} J_{\ell}(\alpha_{\ell n} r / b) e^{i(\ell \theta + \beta_{\ell n} z)}, \quad (16a)$$

$$A_{\ell n} = \frac{2k\rho_0 c_0 u_0}{\alpha_{\ell n}^2 \beta_{\ell n}} \frac{F_{\ell}(\alpha_{\ell n} a / b)}{J_{\ell+1}^2(\alpha_{\ell n})}, \quad \beta_{\ell n} = \sqrt{k^2 - k_r^2}, \quad k_r = \alpha_{\ell n} / b, \quad (16b)$$

where  $\alpha_{\ell n}$  is the  $n^{\text{th}}$  root of  $J_{\ell}$ .

- ▶ The ratio  $\alpha_{\ell n} / b$  is vanishingly small except for large  $n$ , for which<sup>8</sup>

$$\alpha_{\ell n} \approx \pi(n - 1/4 + \ell/2), \quad n \gg 1. \quad (17)$$

- ▶ Defining  $\zeta = \alpha_{\ell n} a / b \approx \frac{a}{b} \pi(n - 1/4 + \ell/2)$  for  $n \gg 1$  sets  $\Delta\zeta = \pi a / b$ :

$$p = \rho_0 c_0 u_0 e^{i\ell \theta} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\Delta\zeta}{\zeta} \frac{F_{\ell}(\zeta) J_{\ell}(\zeta r / a)}{\sqrt{1 - (\zeta / ka)^2}} e^{ikz \sqrt{1 - (\zeta / ka)^2}}. \quad (18)$$

- ▶ As  $b \rightarrow \infty$ , Eq. (18) tends to

$$p = \rho_0 c_0 u_0 e^{i\ell \theta} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{F_{\ell}(\zeta) J_{\ell}(\zeta r / a)}{\zeta \sqrt{1 - (\zeta / ka)^2}} e^{ikz \sqrt{1 - (\zeta / ka)^2}} d\zeta. \quad (19)$$

<sup>8</sup>I. S. Gradshteyn and I. M. Ryzhik. New York: Academic Press, 1980, Eq. (8.547).

# Alternative approach to diffraction theory

- Using Watson's relation<sup>9</sup> and the 2D Fourier transforms

$$\mathcal{F}_{2D}\{f(r, \theta)\} = g(k_r, \psi) = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^\infty f(r, \theta) e^{-ik_r r \cos(\theta - \psi)} r dr d\theta, \quad (20a)$$

$$\mathcal{F}_{2D}^{-1}\{g(k_r, \psi)\} = f(r, \theta) = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^\infty g(k_r, \psi) e^{ik_r r \cos(\theta - \psi)} k_r dk_r d\psi, \quad (20b)$$

Eq. (19) recovers the angular spectrum method,

$$p(r, \theta, z) = \rho_0 c_0 k \mathcal{F}_{2D}^{-1}\{\mathcal{F}_{2D}\{u_z(r, \theta)\} e^{ik_z z} / k_z\}. \quad (21)$$

- Noting that  $\mathcal{F}_{2D}\{e^{ikr}/r\} = i2\pi e^{ik_z|z|}/k_z$ ,<sup>10</sup> where  $r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}$ , Eq. (21) reduces to

$$p = -\frac{ik\rho_0 c_0}{2\pi} u(x, y) * * \frac{e^{ikr}}{r}. \quad (22)$$

- By the definition of the convolution operation, Eq. (22) recovers Eq. (15).

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<sup>9</sup>G. N. Watson. Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press, 1944, Sec. 2.2, Eq. (5).

<sup>10</sup>L. T. Brekhovskikh, translated by R. T. Beyer. Academic Press, 1980, pp. 227–234.

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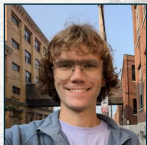
- ▶ Solved paraxial equation for planar and focused circular vortex sources
- ▶ Calculated the ring radius for both solutions
- ▶ Derived alternative theory of diffraction from circular pistons

## Further reading

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| Symbol       | Description                                               | Dimensions                       |
|--------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| $a$          | source radius                                             | m                                |
| $c_0$        | speed of sound                                            | $\text{m s}^{-1}$                |
| $d$          | focal length                                              | m                                |
| $G$          | focusing gain $ka^2/2d$                                   | 1                                |
| $i$          | complex unit                                              | 1                                |
| $\mathbf{k}$ | wavenumber                                                | $\text{m}^{-1}$                  |
| $\ell$       | orbital number                                            | 1                                |
| $\rho_0$     | ambient mass density                                      | $\text{kg m}^{-3}$               |
| $p$          | acoustic pressure                                         | $\text{kg m}^{-1} \text{s}^{-2}$ |
| $q$          | paraxial pressure                                         | $\text{kg m}^{-1} \text{s}^{-2}$ |
| $\mathbf{R}$ | separation vector $\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'$ | m                                |
| $\mathbf{r}$ | position vector                                           | m                                |
| $\mathbf{v}$ | particle velocity                                         | $\text{m s}^{-1}$                |
| $z_R$        | Rayleigh distance, $ka^2/2$                               | m                                |
| $\omega$     | angular frequency, $\omega = 2\pi f$                      | $\text{s}^{-1}$                  |

## Dimensionless form of Eq. (19)

- In terms of the dimensionless parameters

$$P \equiv p/\rho_0 c_0 u_0, \quad R \equiv r/a, \quad Z \equiv z/z_R, \quad K \equiv ka, \quad (23)$$

where  $z_R$  is the Rayleigh distance  $ka^2/2$ , and where

$$k_z/k = \sqrt{1 - (\zeta/K)^2}, \quad \zeta \equiv k_r a, \quad (24)$$

Eq. (19) becomes

$$P = e^{i\ell\theta} \int_0^\infty \frac{F_\ell(\zeta) J_\ell(\zeta R)}{\zeta \sqrt{1 - (\zeta/K)^2}} e^{iK^2 Z \sqrt{1 - (\zeta/K)^2}/2} d\zeta. \quad (25)$$

- Equation (25) is equivalent to and easier to evaluate than Eq. (21).

# On-axis pressure of baffled circular piston

- ▶ Equation (25) can be evaluated analytically for  $R = \ell = 0$ :

$$P(Z) = \int_0^\infty \frac{J_1(\zeta)}{\sqrt{1 - (\zeta/K)^2}} e^{iK^2 Z \sqrt{1 - (\zeta/K)^2}} d\zeta. \quad (26)$$

- ▶ Equation (26) evaluates to<sup>11</sup>

$$P(Z) = -iK I_{1/2}[-i\chi_-(Z)] K_{1/2}[-i\chi_+(Z)], \quad (27)$$

where  $I_\nu$  and  $K_\nu$  are the modified Bessel functions of order  $\nu$ , and where

$$\chi_\pm(Z) = \frac{K}{2} \left[ \sqrt{1 + (KZ/2)^2} \pm KZ/2 \right]. \quad (28)$$

- ▶ Bessel function identities reduce Eq. (27) to

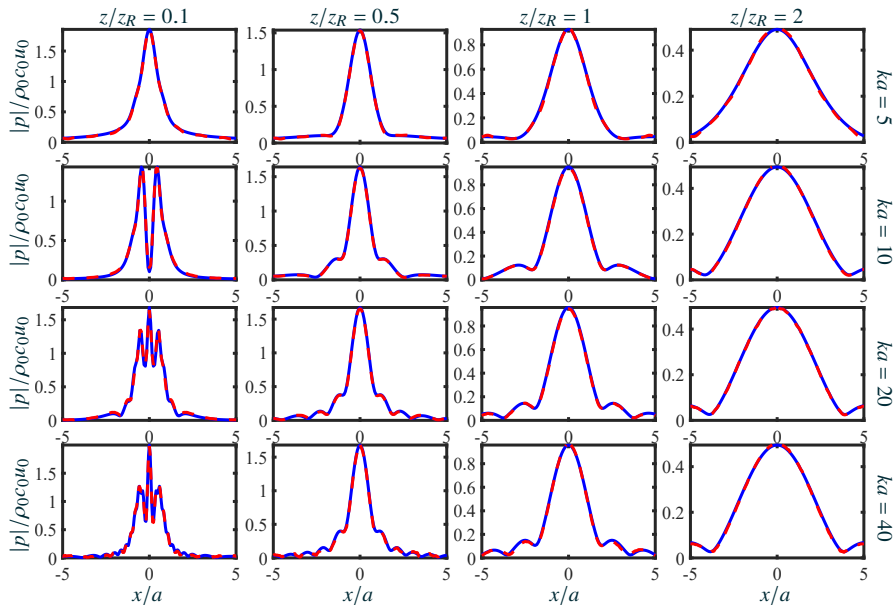
$$P(Z) = -2i \sin[\chi_-(Z)] e^{i\chi_+(Z)}, \quad (29)$$

recovering the on-axis pressure radiated by a planar circular piston.<sup>12</sup>

<sup>11</sup>I. S. Gradshteyn and I. M. Ryzhik. New York: Academic Press, 1980, Item 6.637-1.

<sup>12</sup>A. D. Pierce. Cham, Switzerland: Springer, 2019, Eq. (5.7.3).

# Equation (25) for $\ell = 0$ : semi-analytical, Fourier



# Equation (25) for $\ell = 1$ : semi-analytical, Fourier

