Plane Wave Scattering by a Moving PEC Circular Cylinder

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Abstract—This paper is concerned with the scattering of a time-harmonic electromagnetic (EM) plane wave (PW) by a fast and slow moving perfectly electric conducting (PEC) circular cylinder under the framework of Einstein’s special relativity. By applying the Lorentz and EM field transformations to the scatterer comoving frame of reference, the problem is mapped into a PW scattering from a stationary cylinder. By using the well-known (stationary cylinder) exact and asymptotic solutions, we obtain the scattered EM field in this frame. These fields are then mapped back to the incident-field frame of reference. This procedure yields the exact and asymptotic scattered EM fields. We discuss several relativistic wave phenomena such as shifted shadow regions, velocity-dependent incident, and reflection angles and velocity-dependent creeping waves to name a few. Finally, we apply a low-speed approximation to the wave potentials and discuss the corresponding wave phenomena.

Index Terms—Canonical problems, low-speed approximation (LSA), scattering from moving objects, special relativity.

I. INTRODUCTION

IN THIS contribution, we address the canonical problem of a time-harmonic (TH) plane wave (PW) scattering from a fast moving perfectly electric conducting (PEC) circular cylinder. The special case of a stationary cylinder is considered as a canonical problem as it reveals a fundamental wave phenomenon, the creeping wave. The asymptotic solution that is obtained has been used for generalizing the excitation mechanism and propagation for the generic solution of a smooth convex surface diffraction (see [1] and references therein). The scattering of an electromagnetic (EM) PW by a moving PEC cylinder was considered in [2] and included an investigation of the equiphase and equimagnitude surfaces and of the Doppler frequency shift effect. The Fourier spectrum of PW scattering by PEC and dielectric cylinders in translational motion was evaluated in [3]. Fourier analysis of the scattering by 3-D objects in translational motion was investigated in [4] and [5] by applying a vector and a scalar potential to the sources at rest. PW decomposition of the incident field has been formulated and applied to the 2-D problem of the scattering of a Gaussian beam from a fast moving perfectly conducting cylinder in [6]. It has also been used in [7] for solving the

EM field that is radiated by an infinitely long thin wire antenna which uniformly translates in a direction parallel to a plane interface. Other recent contributions to relativistic scattering can be found in [8]–[14]. Though a formal solution for PW scattering from a moving PEC circular cylinder exists in the literature, no thorough investigation was conducted in order to obtain a geometrical theory of diffraction (GTD) solution that is adjusted for the scatterer velocity. The present contribution is aimed at obtaining the large moving cylinder scattering and investigating the associated wave phenomena. The interpretation of the scattering of a canonical problem in the incident-field frame shed light on basic wave phenomena and can eventually lead to direct methods in that frame. Such methods can also be used for solving the scattering of bodies moving with different speeds or for bodies moving (slowly) and rotating in which local interactions that include multiple scattering may arise. The canonical problem of PW scattering can be extended for a wider class of problems by applying PW spectral decomposition of the incident field and using the results in this paper for each spectral PW scattering.

II. PROBLEM DEFINITION

We aim at obtaining the exact and asymptotic scattered fields from a PEC circular cylinder that translates uniformly in vacuum (see Fig. 1). The incident EM PW is given as

\[
E(r, t) = E_0 \exp(-j k \cdot r) \exp(j \omega t),
\]

\[
H(r, t) = H_0 \exp(-j k \cdot r) \exp(j \omega t) \tag{1}
\]

where \(r = (x, y, z)\) are the Cartesian coordinates, the amplitudes \(E_0\) and \(H_0\) are given as

\[
E_0 = E_{0x} u_x + E_{0y} u_y + E_{0z} u_z, \quad H_0 = (k \eta_0)^{-1} \mathbf{k} \times E_0 \tag{2}
\]
where \( \eta_0 = \sqrt{\mu_0/\varepsilon_0} \) denotes the free-space impedance with \( \varepsilon_0 \) and \( \mu_0 \) being the permittivity and permeability of vacuum, respectively, and \( \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{E}_0 = 0 \). Here and throughout, unit vectors are denoted by boldfaced \( \mathbf{u} \) with the appropriate subscript.

In (1), \( \mathbf{k} = [k_x(k_x, k_y, k_z), k_y, k_z] \) is the wavenumber vector with
\[
 k_x(k_x, k_y, k_z) = \sqrt{k^2 - k_y^2 - k_z^2}, \quad \text{Re} k_x \geq 0, \quad \text{Im} k_x \leq 0
\]
being the longitudinal wavenumber, where \( k = \omega/c \).

We assume that the incident PW is propagating, i.e., \( k_x > k_y^2 + k_z^2 \). Note that in (1), we have kept the \( \exp(\text{i} \omega t) \) time dependence explicitly. This enables the application of the Lorentz transformation (LT) to the incident field. We refer to the \( (r, c t) \) frame as the incident-field frame.

Without the loss of generality, we choose the cylinder velocity that is denoted by \( v \) to be \( \mathbf{v} = v \mathbf{u}_x \), where \( 0 \leq v < c \) is the cylinder speed. At time \( t = 0 \), the cylinder axis is located at \( x = y = 0 \). We refer to the comoving \( (r', c't') \) frame that is moving in \( \mathbf{v} \) relatively to the incident-wave frame, as the cylinder frame. The cylinder is infinite along the \( z' \)-axis and is of radius \( a' \) (in the cylinder comoving frame). Quantities in the cylinder frame are denoted by a prime.

The cylinder frame boundary conditions are given by
\[
 E_x'(r', t') = 0, \quad E_y'(r', t') = 0 \quad \text{at} \quad \rho' = a'
\]
where \( E' \) denotes the electric field in the cylinder frame, and \( \rho' \) and \( \phi' \) are the conventional cylindrical coordinates.

### III. Fields in the Cylinder Frame

The evaluation of EM fields that are scattered by objects in uniform motion is carried out under the framework of Einstein’s theory of special relativity. In the special case of \( \mathbf{v} = v \mathbf{u}_x \), the LT takes the form of
\[
 t' = \gamma (t - \beta x/c), \quad x' = \gamma (x - c \beta t), \quad y' = y, \quad z' = z \tag{5}
\]
where \( c \) denotes the speed of light in vacuum and
\[
 \beta = v/c, \quad \gamma = 1/\sqrt{1 - \beta^2}. \tag{6}
\]
By using the vacuum constitutive relations, the corresponding EM field transformation (FT) is given as
\[
 E_x' = E_x, \quad E_y' = \gamma (E_y - \beta \eta_0 H_z), \quad E_z' = \gamma (E_z + \beta \eta_0 H_y), \quad H_x' = H_x, \quad H_y' = \gamma \left( H_y + \frac{\beta E_z}{\eta_0} \right), \quad H_z' = \gamma \left( H_z - \frac{\beta E_y}{\eta_0} \right). \tag{7}
\]

The inverse LT (ILT) and the inverse FT are obtained by interchanging in (5) and in (7), the primed and unprimed constituents and substituting \( v \) with \( -v \).

By applying the LT and FT in (5)–(7) to the incident PW in (1), the incident field in the cylinder frame is identified as the PW
\[
 E'(r', t') = E_0 \exp(-j k' \cdot r') \exp(j \omega' t') \quad \text{and} \quad H'(r', t') = H_0' \exp(-j k' \cdot r') \exp(j \omega' t') \tag{8}
\]
where \( E_0' \) and \( H_0' \) are related to \( E_0 \) and \( H_0 \) via (7) and
\[
 k' = (k_x', k_y', k_z'), \quad \omega' = \gamma (\omega - k_x v) \tag{9}
\]
with \( k_x' = \gamma (k_x - \beta k) \) are identified as the wavenumber and frequency in the cylinder frame, respectively.

### A. Exact Spectral Solution

In order to obtain the exact scattered EM fields, we express the total EM fields in the form of the Hertz potentials with Lorentz potentials. For a cylindric scattering problem, the magnetic potential \( A \) and the electric potential \( F \) are chosen to be directed along the \( z' \)-cylinder axis, that is
\[
 A'(r', t') = \Psi^{(t)}_{\lambda}(r', t') \mathbf{u}_z, \quad F'(r', t') = \Psi^{(t)}_{\lambda}(r', t') \mathbf{u}_z. \tag{10}
\]

The TM or TE fields are obtained from the \( A' \) or \( F' \) Hertz potentials, respectively, via the differential operators in [15].

The total Hertz potentials due to the incident PW in (8) subject to the boundary conditions in (4) are given as
\[
 \Psi^{0}_{\lambda}(r', t') = \Psi^{0}_{\lambda}(r', t') \mathbf{u}_z, \quad \Psi^{0}_{\lambda}(r', t') = j \omega' \varepsilon_0 \mathbf{E}_{0z}' / k_p'^2 \tag{11}
\]
where \( \omega' \) is given in (9)
\[
 \omega' = \omega - \beta k \tag{12}
\]
and the transverse vector wavenumber in cylindrical coordinates, \( (k_p', \phi_k') \), is related to \( \mathbf{k}' \) in (9) via
\[
 k_p' = k_p \cos \phi_k, \quad k_z' = k_z \sin \phi_k \tag{13}
\]
In (11), \( T^{0}_{\alpha}(\omega', \rho') \) are given by the well-known series of Bessel and Hankel functions in [15, eqs. (5–107), (5–115)].

### B. Asymptotic Solution for Large Scatterers

In this section, we review the special case of high-frequency excitation in which the cylinder radius is large on the scale of the transverse wavenumber, i.e., for \( k_p' a' \gg 1 \). These asymptotic solutions are used in Section V to explore different wave phenomena in the incident-field frame that are related to the scatterer velocity. Following the standard GTD analysis in [1], the total field asymptotic terms are presented as a sum of incident, reflected, and creeping-wave terms in the form
\[
 T^{0}_{\alpha}(\omega', \rho') \sim \left[ T^{(t)}_{\alpha}(\omega', \rho') - T^{(t)}_{\alpha}(\omega' \rightarrow 0) \right] U[\zeta'(r')]
\]
where the Heaviside function, \( U() \), with
\[
 \zeta'(r') = |\rho' - \pi/2 + \cos^{-1}(a'/\rho') | \tag{15}
\]
restricts the contributions of the first three terms in (14) to the light region that is defined by \( \zeta'(r') > 0 \). In (14), we identify
\[
 T^{(t)}_{\alpha}(\omega', \rho') = \exp\left[ - j k_p L^{(t)}(\rho', \phi') \right] \tag{16}
\]
with
\[
 L^{(t)}(\rho', \phi') = \rho' \cos \phi' \tag{17}
\]
as the incident wave terms. The reflected field terms that are denoted by the superscript \( (r) \) are given as
\[
 T^{(r)}_{\alpha}(\omega', \rho') = \sqrt{ \frac{R^{(r)}}{L^{(t)}(\rho') + R^{(r)}} } \times \exp\left[ - j k_p L^{(t)}(\rho', \phi') \right] \tag{18}
\]
where $L^{(i)}$ is given in (17) and

$$
L^{(i)}(\rho', \phi') = \sqrt{\rho'^2 - a'^2 \sin^2 \delta' - a' \cos \delta'}
$$

$$
R^{(i)}(\rho', \phi') = a' \cos \delta' / 2.
$$

Here, the angle $\delta'$ is obtained by solving

$$
\cos^{-1} \left( -\frac{a' \sin \delta'}{\rho'} \right) - 2 \left( \delta' + \frac{\pi}{2} \right) + |\phi'| - \frac{\pi}{2} = 0.
$$

Finally, the creeping-wave terms in (14), which are denoted by the superscript (c), are given as

$$
T^{(i)}_{a/f}(\pm) = \frac{k_p a'}{2} \left[ 2 \exp \left( -j \frac{\pi}{12} \right) G[k_p L^{(c)}(\rho')] \right] a_{a/f}
$$

$$
\times \exp \left[ - j \nu_{a/f} \left( \frac{\pi}{2} + 2 \pi m \right) \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{a'}{\rho} \pm \phi' \right) \right]
$$

where

$$
G(kR) = \frac{\exp(-j k R)}{\sqrt{8 \pi k R}}, \quad L^{(c)}(\rho') = \sqrt{\rho'^2 - a'^2}
$$

and

$$
a_{a} = [\tilde{A}i(-a_0)^{-2}, \quad a_{f} = [\tilde{A}iA\tilde{i}^2(-\hat{a}_0)]^{-1}
$$

$$
\nu_{a/f} = k_p a' + a_{a/f} (k_p a'/2)^{1/3} \exp(-j \pi / 3).
$$

Here, $Ai$ denotes the Airy function, $-a_0$ and $-\hat{a}_0$ denote the first zeros of $Ai$ and $\tilde{A}i$, respectively, and $a_a = a_0$ and $a_f = \hat{a}_0$. In Section V, we discuss the wave phenomena that are associated with these asymptotic terms in both frames.

IV. FIELDS IN THE INCIDENT-FIELD FRAME

In order to obtain the EM field in the incident-field frame, we first evaluate the EM fields in the cylinder frame by applying the differential operators in (15) to the total potentials. Finally, we apply the inverse FT to the cylinder frame fields and sample to-Cartesian transformation to the resulting fields. Finally, we describe a wave phenomenon in the cylinder frame, and then apply the differential operators in (15) to the total potentials that are corresponding to the operators in (27), that is

$$
\Pi(r, t) = T(r, t) M(r, t) \left[ \frac{\psi_{a}(r, t)}{\psi_{i}(r, t)} \right]
$$

where $\psi_{a}(r, t) = \psi_{i}(r', t')$ are referred to in this paper as the incident-field frame potentials, $T(r, t)$ is obtained by applying the LT to $T'$ in (26), and the operators matrix $M(r, t)$ is obtained by replacing the $\hat{c}_{\rho'}$ and $\hat{c}_{\phi'}$ derivatives in (27) with

$$
\hat{c}_{\rho'} = \hat{p}(t)^{-1} [\gamma (\bar{x}(t) \bar{c}_{\rho} + \beta c^{-1}\bar{c}_{\phi}) + y \bar{c}_{\phi}]
$$

$$
\hat{c}_{\phi'} = \gamma y \bar{c}_{\phi} + \beta c^{-1}\bar{c}_{\phi} - \bar{x}(t) \bar{c}_{\phi}
$$

where

$$
\bar{p}(t) = \sqrt{\bar{x}(t)^2 + y^2}, \quad \bar{x}(t) = \gamma (x - vt).
$$

V. WAVE PHENOMENA IN THE INCIDENT-FIELD FRAMES

In order to explore the incident-field frame potentials, we describe a wave phenomenon in the cylinder frame, and the corresponding one in the incident-field frame.

A. Shadowing Wave

First, we consider the argument of the Heaviside function in (14) that restricts the first three terms’ contributions to the total potentials $T^{(i)}_{a}(r')$ to the light region. The shadow region is obtained by setting $\zeta' < 0$. It follows from (15) that

$$
|\phi'| < (\pi/2) - \cos^{-1}(a'/\rho').
$$

In order to interpret this condition, we define the angles

$$
\theta'_{+} = \pi/2 - \cos^{-1}(a'/\rho') \mp \phi'.
$$

The condition in (31) sets both angles $\theta'_+$ and $\theta'_+$ to be positive. This condition defines the (cylinder frame) shadow region as the area between the two parallel tangent rays [1, Fig. 3.15].

In order to obtain the incident-field frame shadow region, we apply the LT in (5) to the condition $\zeta' < 0$. The resulting shadow region is given as

$$
\tan^{-1} \left( \frac{\gamma}{\bar{x}(t)} \right) - \phi'_{+} - \frac{\pi}{2} + \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{a'}{\rho(t)} \right) < 0
$$
where $\phi_k'$ is defined in (13). By using (9) in (13), the spectral angle $\phi_k'$ can be recast in terms of the incident-field frame spectral variables in the form

$$\tan \phi_k' = [k_x/k]/[\gamma (k_z/k - \beta)].$$  \hspace{1cm} (34)

By inserting the time-dependent coordinate $\bar{x}(t)$ in (30) into (33), the shadow region condition takes the form

$$|\bar{\varphi}(t)| < \pi/2 - \cos^{-1}[a'/\bar{\rho}(t)],$$  \hspace{1cm} (35)

where $\bar{\rho}(t)$ is given in (30) and

$$\bar{\varphi}(t) = \tan^{-1}[y/\bar{x}(t)] - \phi_k'.$$  \hspace{1cm} (36)

By comparing (35) with (31), we note that these conditions have essentially the same form. Thus, in the $[\bar{x}(t), y]$ system, the shadow is casted in the direction of $\phi_k'$ and has a width of $2a'$. It follows that in the incident-field frame, the shadow is casted in the direction of the angle $\phi_{sh}$ that is defined by

$$\tan \phi_{sh} = \Delta y / \Delta (x - vt) = \gamma \tan \phi_k'.$$  \hspace{1cm} (37)

Note that the incident-field frame shadow angle $\phi_{sh}$ is measured relatively to the $x$-axis in the Galilean system $(x - vt, y)$. Thus, the shadow region translates uniformly with the cylinder (see Fig. 2). Furthermore, unlike the stationary $\beta = 0$ case, the shadow angle, $\phi_{sh}$, exhibits a shift from the incident-field angle $\phi_k$. By using $\sin \phi_k = k_y/k$ in (34) and inserting into (37), we obtain

$$\tan \phi_{sh} = \frac{\sin \phi_k}{\cos \phi_k - \beta}.$$  \hspace{1cm} (38)

The shift of the shadow boundaries direction from $\phi_k$ (stationary cylinder) to (the moving cylinder) $\phi_{sh}$ in (38) has a clear physical interpretation. Referring to Fig. 2, we examine the cylinder in the incident-field frame at certain time $t_0$ at which the cylinder is located at some point over the $x$-axis (the left cylinder in Fig. 2). At that time, the incident-field front is impinging on the cylinder and propagates into the light region with angle $\phi_k$. In Fig. 2, the two tangent rays are plotted. After certain time $\Delta t > 0$, the cylinder has advanced a distance of $v \Delta t$ (the right-hand side cylinder in Fig. 2), whereas the wavefront of the grazing rays have propagated a distance of $c \Delta t$. At this time, a new wavefront is formed by the incident grazing rays with angle $\phi_k$.

Thus, the light to shadow transition occurs over the current $(t + \Delta t)$ cylinder tangent that passes through the incident-field front at $t + \Delta t$ as plotted in Fig. 2. This tangent forms an angle of $\phi_{sh}$ with the $x$-axis. By applying the sine theorem to the plotted triangle, we deduce that

$$\frac{\nu \Delta t}{\sin(\phi_{sh} - \phi_k)} = \frac{c \Delta t}{\sin \phi_{sh}}.$$  \hspace{1cm} (39)

By using $\beta$ in (6) as well as basic trigonometry for $\sin(\phi_{sh} - \phi_k)$, we end up with the result in (38).

In order to evaluate the shadow width that is denoted by $W_{sh}$, we note that in $(\bar{x}, y)$ coordinates, the shadow width is $2a'$. Therefore, the shadow boundaries are given as

$$y = \bar{x} \tan \phi_k' \pm a' / \cos \phi_k'.$$  \hspace{1cm} (40)

By using (38) in (40), we obtain the corresponding boundaries in the incident-field frame as

$$y = (x - vt) \tan \phi_{sh} \pm a' \sqrt{1 + \gamma^{-2} \tan^2 \phi_{sh}}.$$  \hspace{1cm} (41)

Thus, the shadow width in the incident-field frame, which is the distance between these lines, is evaluated as

$$W_{sh} = 2a' \gamma^{-2} \cos \phi_{sh} \sqrt{\gamma^2 + \tan^2 \phi_{sh}}.$$  \hspace{1cm} (42)

where $\phi_{sh}$ is given in (38). The shadow boundaries and the shadow width are plotted in Fig. 2.

B. Reflected Potentials

The reflected wave term in (18) results from the contribution of a stationary point in the Watson transformation integral [1]. The stationary point that is denoted by $v^{-}_s$ is given as

$$v^{-}_s = k'_s a' \cos(\delta' + \pi/2)$$  \hspace{1cm} (43)

where the angle $\delta'$ is obtained by solving (20). In order to interpret the wave phenomenon that is associated with the reflected wave, we recast (20) in the form

$$-2\delta' = 2\pi - (\chi' + |\varphi'| + \pi/2)$$  \hspace{1cm} (44)

where $\chi' = \cos^{-1}[a' \sin(-\delta') / \rho']$. This relation can also be derived from the geometrical representation of Snell’s law by setting both the incident and reflection angles to $\delta'$ as demonstrated in Fig. 3.

Referring to Fig. 3, we identify $L^{(i)}$ in (17) as the optical length of the incident ray that is impinging on the cylinder surface and that is propagating to the observation point with a reflection angle that is equal to the incident angle $\delta'$. The $L^{(r)}$ term in (19) is identified as the optical length of the reflected ray from the scatterer surface to the observation point.
By applying simple geometry to the triangles in Fig. 3, we deduce that the optical length of the reflected ray trajectory over the \(xy\) plane is given by \(L^{(i)}(a', \pi - \delta') + L^{(r)}(\rho', \phi')\) where \(L^{(r)}\) is given by (19), and by using (17), we identify

\[
L^{(i)}(a', \pi - \delta') = a' \cos(\pi - \delta'). \tag{45}
\]

By inserting (18) into (11), we obtain the asymptotic reflected potentials of the 3-D problem as

\[
\Psi_{a/f}^{(r)}(r', t') \sim \Psi_{\text{ray}}^{(r)} \Psi_{\text{ray}}^{(r)} \tag{46}
\]

in which

\[
\Psi_{\text{ray}}^{(r)} = \Psi_{a/f}^{0} \exp \left( -jkz'_{ip} \right) \exp \left( -jk'_{f} L^{(i)} \right) \exp \left( j \omega t'_{ip} \right) \tag{47}
\]

is identified as the incident-field potential that is sampled at the reflection event, and

\[
\Psi_{\text{ray}}^{(r)} = (-1) \sqrt{\frac{R^{(r)}}{L^{(r)} + R^{(r)}}} \exp \left[ -jkz(z - z'_{ip}) \right] \times \exp \left( -jk'_{f} L^{(r)} \right) \exp \left[ j \omega \left( t' - t'_{ip} \right) \right] \tag{48}
\]

is the asymptotic reflected potential. Here, \(L^{(r)}\) and \(R^{(r)}\) are given in (19) and \(z'_{ip}, t'_{ip}\) are identified as the \(z'\) and \(t'\) values of the incident ray at the cylinder surface. The asymptotic reflected potential term, \(\Psi_{a/f}^{(r)}\), consists of a reflection coefficient of \((-1)\), an amplitude term in a canonical GTD form in which \(R^{(r)}\) is the radius of curvature of the reflected ray field over the interface, and \(L^{(r)}\) is the optical length of the reflected ray field (see Fig. 3). Note that over the cylinder surface, where \(L^{(r)} = 0\), the sum \(\Psi_{a/f}^{(r)} + \Psi_{a/f}^{(i)} = 0\) in accordance with the cylinder frame boundary conditions.

Next, we investigate the reflected potentials in the incident-field frame. By applying the LT to the potentials in (46)–(48), we obtain

\[
\Psi_{a/f}^{(r)}(r, t) \sim (-1) \sqrt{\frac{\bar{R}^{(r)}}{\bar{L}^{(r)} + \bar{R}^{(r)}}} \Psi_{a/f}^{0} \exp(-jkz) \times \exp[j \omega t' \gamma (t - \beta x/c)] \exp \left[ -jk'_{f} (\bar{L}^{(r)}(r, t) - a' \cos \bar{\delta}) \right]. \tag{49}
\]

Here

\[
\bar{L}^{(r)}(r, t) = \sqrt{\rho^2 - a^2 \sin^2 \delta} - a' \cos \delta \tag{50}
\]

\[
\bar{R}^{(r)}(r, t) = a' \cos \bar{\delta} / 2
\]

where \(\bar{\rho}\) is given in (30), and the angle \(\bar{\delta}\) is obtained from the observation event \((r, ct)\) by solving

\[
\cos^{-1} \left( -\frac{a' \sin \bar{\delta}}{\bar{\rho}} \right) = -\frac{\bar{\delta}}{2} + \frac{\pi}{2} + |\bar{\phi}| - \frac{\pi}{2} = 0. \tag{51}
\]

The reflected potentials are formed by two events: the first is the impinging event that is denoted by \((r^{(i)}_{t'}, t^{(i)}_{t'})\). At this event, the incident plane-wave is impinging on the cylinder, and forms the reflected wave that is propagating toward the observation event \((r, t)\). Note that when the wavefront arrives at the observation point, the cylinder has advanced \(v(t - t^{(i)}_{t'})\).

In the cylinder frame, the impinging event is given as

\[
\begin{align*}
\bar{x}^{(i)}_{t} &= -a' \cos \bar{\delta}, \\
\bar{y}^{(i)}_{t} &= a' \sin \bar{\delta}, \\
\bar{t}^{(i)}_{t} &= t' - c^{-1} L^{(i)}
\end{align*}
\]

\[
\tag{52}
\]

where the cylinder frame observation event, \((r', t')\) is obtained from the corresponding incident-field frame event via the LT. Thus, in terms of the observation event, the impinging event in the incident-field frame is obtained by applying the ILT to (52), giving

\[
\begin{align*}
x^{(i)}_{t} &= \gamma \left[ -a' \cos \bar{\delta} + \gamma (\beta \bar{v} - \bar{v}^{2} - \beta \bar{L}) \right], \\
y^{(i)}_{t} &= a' \sin \bar{\delta} \\
\bar{t}^{(i)}_{t} &= \gamma \left[ \gamma (t - \beta \bar{c}^{-1} x) - c^{-1} \bar{L} - \beta \bar{c}^{-1} a' \cos \bar{\delta} \right].
\end{align*}
\]

A direct result of (51) is that in the time-dependent \((\bar{x}(t), \bar{y})\) coordinate system, the incident and reflection angles over the (circular) cylinder surface are both equal to \(\bar{\delta}\). Therefore, in this system, the reflected ray trajectory is the line

\[
\begin{align*}
\bar{y} - y^{(r)} &= -\tan \left( 2\bar{\delta} - \phi_{r}' \right) (\bar{x} - x^{(r)}_{t})
\end{align*}
\]

where

\[
\bar{\delta} = \gamma \left[ 2 \bar{\delta} - \phi_{r}' \right].
\]

It follows that in the \((x, y)\) system, the ray trajectory is in the direction of the angle \(\Phi_{r}\) that is given as

\[
\tan \Phi_{r} = \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} = \gamma \tan \left( 2\bar{\delta} - \phi_{r}' \right) \tag{56}
\]

where \(\bar{\delta}\) is obtained by solving (51). In Fig. 4, we plot a sketch of the incident and reflected rays in the incident-field frame.

\[
\tag{C. Creeping Wave}
\]

In order to investigate the creeping-wave phenomenon, we evaluate the creeping potentials terms, \(\Psi_{a/f}^{(c)}(\pm)\) that are obtained from \(T^{(c)}_{a/f}(m)\) by inserting (14) into (11), giving

\[
\begin{align*}
\Psi_{a/f}^{(c)}(\pm)(r', t') &= \Psi_{a/f}^{0} \exp(-jkz') \exp(j \omega t') T^{(c)}_{a/f}(m)
\end{align*}
\]

\[
\tag{57}
\]

where \(T^{(c)}_{a/f}(m)\) are given in (21).
In order to identify the associated wave phenomenon, the following parameters are defined [1]:

$$D_{a//f}' = \left( \frac{k_p' a}{2} \right)^{1/3} 2a_{a//f} \exp \left( -j \frac{\pi}{12} \right)$$

$$\gamma_{a//f}' = \frac{a_{a//f}}{\sqrt{2k_p'^2 a'^2}} \exp \left( -j \frac{\pi}{3} \right)$$  \hspace{1cm} (58)

and

$$l_{m}^{m}(m') = a' \theta^{m} + \theta^{m}_{+} = \frac{\pi}{2} + 2\pi m \cos^{-1} \frac{a'}{\rho'} \mp \phi'$$  \hspace{1cm} (59)

where $\phi'$ is given in (12). By using (58) in (23), one obtains

$$v_{a//f}' = a' k_p' (1 + \gamma_{a//f}').$$  \hspace{1cm} (60)

By inserting (21) with (58)–(60) into (57), we recast $\Psi_{a//f}'$ in the form

$$\Psi_{a//f}'(r', t') = \Psi_{gaz}'(r', t') \times D_{a//f}' \exp \left[ -j k_{r}' (1 + \gamma_{a//f}') l_{m}^{m}(m') \right] G[k_p' L^{(c)}(\rho')]$$  \hspace{1cm} (61)

where $L^{(c)}$ is defined in (22), $G$ is given in (22) and

$$\Psi_{gaz}'(r', t') = \Psi_{a//f}'^0 \exp(\pm j k_{r} z') \exp(j \omega t').$$  \hspace{1cm} (62)

The creeping wave potentials in (61) consist of a multiplication of several terms. The first term in (61) is identified as the sampling of the incident-field potential at the corresponding Grazing point, i.e.,

$$\Psi_{gaz}' = \Psi_{a//f}'(\rho' = a', \phi' = \pm \pi/2).$$

The second term in (61) accounts for the propagation and attenuation of the creeping wave along the cylinder surface in a clockwise (CW) or counterclockwise (CCW) direction. The terms $l_{m}^{m}$ and $l_{m}^{m}(m')$ are identified as the creeping distances along the cylinder surface from the pointing point to the emanation point of a tangential ray to the observer, plus $m$ times the circumference of the cylinder circle. The last term in (61), $G(k_{r}' L^{(c)}(\rho'))$, is identified as the tangential rays that propagate in free space to the observer.

The creeping waves encircle the cylinder an infinite number of times. In the nth round, the wave potentials accumulate a phase of $k_{r}' (1 + Re \gamma_{a//f}') l_{m}^{m}$ and attenuate exponentially with $k_{r}' \ln \gamma_{a//f}' l_{m}^{m}$. The phase term sets its speed to be

$$v_{a} = c/\left[ k_{r}' (1 + Re \gamma_{a//f}') \right], \quad k_{r}' = k_{r}' / k'.$$  \hspace{1cm} (63)

Here, $k_{r}'$ denotes the (cylinder frame) incident wave normalized lateral wavenumber. Note that the propagation in the $z'$ direction is accounted for the multiplication by the exponential term in (22). Therefore, these waves are creeping along an helic contour over the circular cylinder surface. Thus, the creeping wave that is excited by the tangential ray at the grazing point $(a' \sin \phi', a' \cos \phi', z_{a})$ and time $t_{g}$ propagates along the trajectory:

$$r_{c}' = \left[ \mp a' \sin \Phi_{a}'(t'), \pm a' \cos \Phi_{a}'(t'), z_{c}' + c_{k} k_{r}' (t' - t_{g}') \right]$$  \hspace{1cm} (64)

where

$$\Phi_{a}'(t') = \pm \omega_{a}'(t' - t_{g}') + \phi_{k}', \quad \omega_{a}' = v_{a}' / a, \quad k_{r}' = k_{r}' / k'.$$  \hspace{1cm} (65)

The ± sign in (64) refers to either a CW (upper sign) or CCW (lower sign) trajectory.

Next, we examine the incident-field frame creeping wave phenomenon by applying the LT to the potentials in (61). The resulting incident-field frame potentials are given as

$$\Psi_{a//f}'(r, t) = \Psi_{a//f}'^0 \exp(-j k_{r} z) \exp[j \omega'(t - \beta x/c)] \times D_{a//f}' \exp[ -j k_{r}' (1 + \gamma_{a//f}') l_{m}^{m}(m') \rho(t)] G[k_{r}' L^{(c)}(\rho') \rho(t)]$$  \hspace{1cm} (66)

where $D_{a//f}'$ and $\gamma_{a//f}'$ are given in (58), $G$ in (22) and

$$l_{m}^{m}(m) = \alpha' \left[ \frac{\pi}{2} + 2\pi m \cos^{-1} \frac{a'}{\rho'} \mp \cos^{-1} \frac{\tilde{x}(t)}{\rho(t)} \pm \phi' \right]$$

$$\tilde{L}^{(c)}(\rho, t) = \sqrt{\rho(t)^2 - a'^2}.$$  \hspace{1cm} (67)

Here, $\tilde{x}(t)$ and $\tilde{\rho}(t)$ are given in (30).

First, we examine the creeping wave trajectory over the moving cylinder surface. By applying the ILT to the cylinder frame trajectory in (64), we obtain the incident-field frame trajectory $r_{c}'(t') = [x_{c}'(t'), y_{c}'(t'), z_{c}'(t')]$ where

$$x_{c}'(t') = x_{c}'(t) + \frac{\gamma_{a} a' \sin(\pm \omega_{a}'(t' - t_{g}')) + \phi_{k}'}{\pm \beta \gamma a'}$$

$$y_{c}'(t') = \pm a' \cos(\pm \omega_{a}'(t' - t_{g}')) + \phi_{k}$$

$$z_{c}'(t') = z_{c} + c_{k} k_{r}' (t' - t_{g}').$$  \hspace{1cm} (68)

Here, we refer to $t'$ as a parameter along the 3-D trajectory $r_{c}'(t')$. For a given $t'$, we identify, via the ILT, the corresponding incident-field frame time, $t_{c}$, as

$$t_{c}'(t') = \gamma t' + \gamma \beta c a' \sin(\omega_{a}'(t' - t_{g}')) + \phi_{k}'$$  \hspace{1cm} (69)

The CW trajectory in (68) is plotted in Fig. 5 for $\beta = 0.4, a' = 1, k = ku$, for which $k_{r}' = 0$ and the trajectory is a planar curve over the $(x, y)$ plane. The projection over the $(x, y)$ plane is periodic over the $x$-axis with a period of

$$\Delta x = v_{c} \Delta t, \quad \Delta t = \gamma \Delta t' = \gamma v_{c} 2\pi/\omega_{a}'$$  \hspace{1cm} (70)

where $\omega_{a}'$ is given in (65). The velocity of the creeping potential over the trajectory $r_{c}'$ is given as

$$v_{c}'(t') = \frac{dx}{dt_{c}} = \frac{dr_{c}}{dt} \left( \frac{dt_{c}}{dt} \right)^{-1}.$$  \hspace{1cm} (71)
By using (68) and (69) in (71), we obtain
\[
\nu_c(t') = \left[ \mp \gamma a' \omega'_c \cos \Phi_c(t') + c\beta \mp a' \omega'_c \cos \Phi_c(t'), c\kappa'_c \right] / \gamma [1 + c\beta a' \omega'_c \cos \Phi_c(t')] \]  
(72)

Here, as in (68), \( t' \) is a parameter along the trajectory for which the corresponding physical time \( t_c \) is given in (69).

Next, we identify the cylinder frame creeping wave potentials events that correspond to a given observation event \((r', c't')\). The potential in (61) consist of the ray field \( G[k'_cL^{(c)}(\rho')] \) that is emanating from the cylinder surface to the observation point. We denote the ray field radiation event in which the ray field is radiated from the cylinder surface by \((x'_c, y'_c, z'_c, c't'_c)\). The ray field propagates a distance of \( L^{(c)}(\rho') \) at the speed of \( ck'_c/k' \) along the tangent trajectory from the radiation point to the observation point (see Fig. 5). Thus, the radiation event is evaluated by
\[
x'_c(z'_c) = \frac{a' \pm \sqrt{a'^2 \pm 4y' \gamma L^{(c)}(\rho')}}{\rho}, \quad y'_c(z'_c) = \frac{a' \pm \sqrt{a'^2 \pm 4y' \gamma L^{(c)}(\rho')}}{\rho}, \quad z'_c(t'_c) = t'_c - L^{(c)}(\rho')/(ck'_c). \]  
(73)

Here, we have used the normalized wavenumbers in (63) and (65).

Next, we evaluate the cylinder frame event in which the creeping waves are excited. Since the creeping wave angular speed is \( \omega'_c \) in (65), we evaluate the excitation (grazing) times of the \( m \)th potential that are denoted by \( t'^{(c)m} \) via
\[
t'^{(c)m} = t^{(c)m} - \theta'^m/\omega'_c \]  
(74)

where \( \theta'^m \) is given in (59). Thus, the creeping wave is excited at the grazing event that is denoted by \((x^{(c)m}, y^{(c)m}, z^{(c)m}) \) and \( ct^{(c)m}_{\pi \pi} \) where
\[
x^{(c)m}_{\pi \pi} = \mp a' \sin \phi'_k, \quad y^{(c)m}_{\pi \pi} = \pm a' \cos \phi'_k, \quad z^{(c)m}_{\pi \pi} = \mp a' \sin \phi'_k \]  
(75)

The radiation and grazing events can be mapped into the incident-field frame and be expressed in terms of the observation event \((x, y, z, ct)\) via the ILT. For example, the radiation time that is denoted by \( t^{(c)} \) is obtained by applying the ILT to the cylinder frame radiation event in (73), giving
\[
t^{(c)} = \gamma \left[ t' - \frac{L^{(c)}(\rho')}{ck'_c} + \frac{\beta a'}{c\rho^2}(a' \mp \sqrt{a'^2 \pm 4y' \gamma L^{(c)}(\rho')}) \right]. \]  
(76)

By applying the LT in (5) to the observation event and inserting into (76), we obtain the expression for \( t^{(c)} \) in terms of the incident-field frame observation event in the form
\[
t^{(c)} = \gamma \left[ \tilde{x}(t) - \frac{\tilde{L}^{(c)}(\rho)}{ck'_c} + \frac{\beta a'}{c\rho^2}(a' \mp \sqrt{a'^2 \pm 4y' \gamma L^{(c)}(\rho')}) \right] \]  
(77)

where \( \tilde{L}^{(c)} \) is given in (67).

Thus, the incident-field frame creeping wave potentials at the observation event \((x, y, z, ct)\) consist of infinite contributions of creeping waves that were excited at the \( m \)th grazing event. These waves are radiated from the cylinder surface at the radiation event along the tangent ray trajectory from the cylinder surface at time \( t'^{(c)} \) to the observation point. This ray field arrives at the observation point at time \( t \).

### D. Low-Speed Approximation

In this section, we derive the low-speed approximation (LSA) of the scattered potentials for \( \beta \ll 1 \) \((v \ll c)\). The scatterer shape in the incident-field frame is given by the ellipse \( \gamma^2(x - \beta ct)^2 + y^2 = a'^2 \). By applying a first-order approximation in \( \beta \), we evaluate the excitation (grazing) times \( t_{\pi \pi}^{(c)} \) and \( \rho(t) \) in (30) and (36), we obtain
\[
\phi'_k \approx \phi_k + \beta \Delta \phi_k, \quad \Delta \phi_k = \sin \phi / \sin \theta_k, \quad \rho(t) \approx \rho + \beta \Delta \rho, \quad \Delta \rho = -ct \cos \phi \]  
(78)

Here, all unprimed quantities are the corresponding stationary \((\beta = 0)\) analogs, i.e., \( \phi_k = \phi_k|_{\beta = 0} \), etc. Note that the polar coordinates \((\rho, \phi)\) deviate from the stationary ones linearly with \( \beta \), i.e., the LSA is valid for \( \beta = 0 \).

Next, we examine the reflection angle \( \delta \). By applying the first-order approximation to all quantities in (51) and collecting terms, we obtain \( \delta \approx \delta + \beta \Delta \delta \) with
\[
\Delta \delta = \frac{\rho^2 \cos(2\delta - |\phi|)\text{sgn}(\Delta \phi) + a \sin \delta \Delta \rho}{2\rho^2 \cos(2\delta - |\phi|) + a \rho \cos \delta} \]  
(79)

where the stationary cylinder reflection angle \( \delta \) is obtained by solving (51) with \( \beta = 0 \).

First, we examine the reflected potentials in (49). The LSA of wave potentials is carried out in the following manner: we sample all amplitudes at \( \beta = 0 \), and apply a first order approximation to the phase terms. This procedure yields
\[
\Psi_{\pi}^{(r)}(\rho, t) \approx (-1) \frac{R^{(r)}}{L^{(r)} + R^{(r)}} \Psi_{\pi f}^{0} \exp(-jkz) \exp(j\omega t) \times \exp[-jk\rho(L^{(r)} - a \cos \delta)] \exp(-j\beta \Delta \psi) \]  
(80)

where
\[
\Delta \psi = L^{(r)} \Delta k_{\rho} + k_{\rho} \Delta L^{(r)} + a \sin \delta \Delta \rho + k \Delta x - \Delta \omega t \]  
(81)
with
\[
\Delta k_p = -k \cos \phi_k, \quad \Delta \omega = -\omega \cos \phi_k \sin \theta_k
\]
\[
\Delta L^{(c)} = \frac{2 \rho \Delta \rho - a^2 \sin 2 \delta \Delta \delta + a \sin \delta \Delta \delta}{2(L^{(c)} + a \cos \delta)}.
\]  (82)

In (80), the stationary quantities \( L^{(c)} \) and \( R^{(c)} \) are obtained by setting \( \beta = 0 \) in their corresponding moving cylinder ones, i.e., \( R^{(c)} = \cos \delta / 2 \), etc.

Thus, the LSA reflected potentials consist of the stationary ones with the phase correction \( \beta \Delta \Phi \). In view of (81), it consists of corrections due to changes in \( k_\rho, L^{(c)}, \) and \( \delta \).

The last two terms of \( \beta kx \) and \( -\beta \Delta \omega t \) are due to the first-order approximation of the time dilation in LT in (5) and the well-known (LSA) Doppler shift, respectively.

Next, we investigate the creeping wave potentials in (66).

By applying the LSA, we obtain
\[
\Psi_{a/f}(r, t) \approx \Psi_{a/f}^{0} \exp(-j k_{a/f} t) \exp(j \omega t) G(k_{\rho} L^{(c)}),
\]
\[
\Psi_{a/f}^{0} \approx \Psi_{a/f}^{0} + \beta \Delta \gamma.
\]  (83)

where
\[
\Delta \gamma = \alpha \left[ \left( \frac{a \cos \phi}{\sqrt{\rho^2 - a^2}} \right) \pm \frac{\sin^2 \phi}{\sqrt{\rho^2 - a^2}} \right] \frac{ct \pm \Delta \phi_k}{},
\]
\[
\Delta L^{(c)} = -\rho c t \cos \phi / L^{(c)}, \quad \Delta \gamma = 3 \Psi_{a/f}^{0} \cos \phi_k / 2 \sin \theta_k.
\]
\] (84)

By using (84) in (66), we approximate
\[
\psi_{a/f}^{(e)}(r, t) \approx \psi_{a/f}^{(e)} \exp(-j k_{a/f} t) \exp(j \omega t) G(k_{\rho} L^{(c)})
\]
\[
\times \exp(-j k_{a/f} (1 + \Psi_{a/f}^{0}) L^{(c)} \Delta \gamma / (85)
\]

where \( D_{a/f} \) and \( \Psi_{a/f} \) are the stationary \((\beta = 0)\) analogs of (58), \( G \) is defined in (22) and
\[
\Delta \Psi_{a/f}(r, t) = kx - \Delta \omega t + (1 + \Psi_{a/f}^{0}) L^{(c)} \Delta k_{\rho} + k_{\rho} L^{(c)} \Delta \gamma
\]
\[
+ \rho \omega \Delta \gamma / (86)
\]

Thus, the LSAs of the creeping potentials consist of the stationary cylinder potentials with the phase correction \( \beta \Delta \Psi_{a/f}(r, t) \).

The first two terms in \( \Psi_{a/f}^{0} \) have been discussed with connection to (81). The next three terms adjust the creeping wave phase to the slowly moving cylinder. These terms are due to the small changes in \( k_\rho, \Psi_{a/f} \), and the distance \( L^{(c)} \). The last two terms adjust the radiation phase from the radiation event to the observer. These terms are due to small changes in \( k_\rho \) in the distance \( L^{(c)} \).

VI. CONCLUSION

In this paper, we have presented the scattering of a TH PW by a moving PEC cylinder. We have obtained the exact and the asymptotic solutions for the fast cylinder in the incident-field frame where we have identified the scattered asymptotic wave as a combination of a shadowing, reflected, and creeping waves. An explanation to the apparent shift in the shadow width, casting direction, and also an expression to the reflection angles have been derived from the relativistic length contraction effect and causality principles. We have discussed the creeping-wave phenomenon and mapped its excitation, radiation, and observation events. Finally, we have derived the closed-form expressions for the potentials in the low-speed regime and discussed the corresponding wave phenomena.

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