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# Acoustic streaming in a microfluidic channel with a reflector: Case of a standing wave generated by two counterpropagating leaky surface waves 

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#### Abstract

A theory is developed for the modeling of acoustic streaming in a microfluidic channel confined between an elastic solid wall and a rigid reflector. A situation is studied where the acoustic streaming is produced by two leaky surface waves that propagate towards each other in the solid wall and thus form a combined standing wave in the fluid. Full analytical solutions are found for both the linear acoustic field and the field of the acoustic streaming. A dispersion equation is derived that allows one to calculate the wave speed in the system under study. The obtained solutions are used to consider particular numerical examples and to reveal the structure of the acoustic streaming. It is shown that two systems of vortices are established along the boundaries of the microfluidic channel.


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## I. INTRODUCTION

The phenomenon of acoustic streaming is widely applied in microfluidic devices for the implementation of such processes as micromixing of fluids and contactless manipulation of microparticles suspended in a fluid [1-6]. There is a longstanding interest in acoustic streaming that arises in the course of wave propagation between two boundaries. Rayleigh [7] was the first to theoretically study this problem for the case of a plane standing wave propagating between two plane rigid walls. The vortex pattern outside the viscous boundary layer predicted by his theory is known as Rayleigh streaming. Later, this problem also was considered by Westervelt [8] and Nyborg [9,10]. The solutions obtained by Rayleigh, Westervelt, and Nyborg are valid for channels with a relatively large distance between the walls in which the boundary layer thickness is negligible in comparison with the interwall distance. Hamilton et al. [11] derived an analytical solution for acoustic streaming generated by a standing wave between two rigid walls with an arbitrary interwall distance. Their theory shows that, as the distance between the walls is reduced, the streaming vortices inside the boundary layer increase in size relative to the Rayleigh streaming vortices outside the boundary layer and, for interwall distances less than about ten times the boundary layer thickness, the Rayleigh vortices disappear and only the inner vortices exist. Recently, Doinikov et al. [12] have generalized the approach of Hamilton et al. [11] to the case of two orthogonal standing waves. They showed that the acoustic streaming gives rise to rotational fluid motion in planes parallel to the walls. As a result, fluid particles, when moving up and down between the walls, are rotating about axes perpendicular to the walls.

However, the generation of acoustic streaming in microfluidic devices is realized under conditions different from those considered in the above-mentioned papers. To induce acoustic waves in a microfluidic channel, leaky surface waves are used, which are excited in a solid substrate and emit into the fluid layer through the vibrations of the solid-fluid interface [13]. The speed of the leaky surface waves and hence that of acoustic waves induced in the fluid are different from the normal speed of sound in the fluid and are determined by a
dispersion equation. The dispersion equation for a half-infinite inviscid fluid layer can be found, for example, in the book by Viktorov [14] and that for a finite viscous layer with a free boundary was derived by Qi [15]. A dispersion equation for a microfluidic channel with a reflector is derived here. Vanneste and Bühler [16] obtained linear analytical solutions and then performed a numerical modeling of acoustic streaming for the case of one leaky surface wave and a fluid layer with a free boundary.

In the present paper, we consider a fluid layer confined between an elastic solid wall and a rigid reflector. We derive solutions for leaky surface waves in the solid wall, a dispersion equation for the speed of these waves, and linear solutions for acoustic waves in the fluid. We then solve the equations of acoustic streaming assuming that this latter is produced by a standing wave that is generated by two counterpropagating leaky surface waves as is the case in microfluidic devices. All the solutions are analytical and valid for the entire section of the fluid channel without splitting it into the bulk part and viscous boundary layers. No restrictions are imposed on the value of the fluid viscosity.

## II. THEORY

## A. Problem formulation

Let us assume that a fluid layer is confined between an elastic solid wall and a rigid reflector (see Fig. 1). We will first consider a plane harmonic surface wave that is excited in the solid wall and propagates in the positive direction of the $x$ axis, the $z$ axis being directed perpendicular to the fluid-solid interface into the depth of the solid wall. The results obtained for this wave will then be applied to two counterpropagating waves in order to get a combined standing wave. We assume that the solid wall occupies the half-space $z>0$ and the fluid layer occupies the space $0>z>-h$.

## B. Linear solutions

## 1. Waves in the fluid

If the fluid is treated as compressible and viscous, the linearized equations of the fluid motion are


FIG. 1. A fluid layer of height $h$ is located between an elastic solid wall and a rigid reflector. A surface acoustic wave is excited in the solid wall and propagates along the $x$ axis.
given by [17]

$$
\begin{align*}
\rho_{f} \frac{\partial \boldsymbol{v}}{\partial t} & =-\nabla p+\eta \Delta \boldsymbol{v}+(\xi+\eta / 3) \nabla(\nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{v})  \tag{1}\\
\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t}+\rho_{f} \boldsymbol{\nabla} \cdot \boldsymbol{v} & =0  \tag{2}\\
p & =c_{f}^{2} \rho \tag{3}
\end{align*}
$$

where Eqs. (1)-(3) are the Navier-Stokes equation, the continuity equation, and the equation of state, respectively, $\rho_{f}$ is the fluid density at rest, $v$ is the fluid velocity, $p$ is the perturbed fluid pressure, $\eta$ is the shear viscosity, $\xi$ is the bulk viscosity, $\rho$ is the perturbed fluid density, and $c_{f}$ is the speed of sound.

Let us set the time dependence as $\exp (-i \omega t)$ and represent $\boldsymbol{v}$ as

$$
\begin{equation*}
\boldsymbol{v}=\nabla \varphi_{f}+\nabla \times \boldsymbol{\psi}_{f} \tag{4}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $\varphi_{f}$ and $\boldsymbol{\psi}_{f}$ are the scalar and the vector potentials. Substituting Eq. (4) into Eqs. (1)-(3) after some manipulations, one obtains

$$
\begin{align*}
\Delta \varphi_{f}+k_{f}^{2} \varphi_{f} & =0  \tag{5}\\
\Delta \boldsymbol{\psi}_{f}+k_{v}^{2} \boldsymbol{\psi}_{f} & =0  \tag{6}\\
p & =\frac{i}{\omega} \rho_{f} c_{f}^{2} k_{f}^{2} \varphi_{f} \tag{7}
\end{align*}
$$

where

$$
\begin{align*}
& k_{f}=\frac{\omega}{c_{f}}\left[1-\frac{i \omega}{\rho_{f} c_{f}^{2}}\left(\xi+\frac{4}{3} \eta\right)\right]^{-1 / 2},  \tag{8}\\
& k_{v}=\frac{1+i}{\delta_{v}}, \quad \delta_{v}=\sqrt{\frac{2 v}{\omega}}, \quad v=\frac{\eta}{\rho_{f}} \tag{9}
\end{align*}
$$

Recall that $\delta_{v}$ is known as the viscous penetration depth and $v$ is the kinematic viscosity.

The geometry of the problem (Fig. 1) suggests that $\varphi_{f}$ and $\boldsymbol{\psi}_{f}$ can be represented as

$$
\begin{align*}
\varphi_{f} & =\varphi_{f}(x, z, t)=F(z) e^{i(k x-\omega t)}  \tag{10}\\
\boldsymbol{\psi}_{f} & =\boldsymbol{e}_{y} \psi_{f}(x, z, t)=\boldsymbol{e}_{y} G(z) e^{i(k x-\omega t)} \tag{11}
\end{align*}
$$

where $\boldsymbol{e}_{y}$ is the unit vector along the $y$ axis and $k$ is the wave number to be found. Substitution of Eqs. (10) and (11) into

Eqs. (5) and (6) gives the following equations for $F(z)$ and $G(z)$ :

$$
\begin{equation*}
\frac{d^{2} F}{d z^{2}}-q_{f}^{2} F=0, \quad \frac{d^{2} G}{d z^{2}}-q_{v}^{2} G=0 \tag{12}
\end{equation*}
$$

where

$$
\begin{equation*}
q_{f}^{2}=k^{2}-k_{f}^{2}, \quad q_{v}^{2}=k^{2}-k_{v}^{2} \tag{13}
\end{equation*}
$$

Solutions to Eq. (12) are expressed in terms of the functions $\exp \left( \pm q_{f} z\right)$ and $\exp \left( \pm q_{v} z\right)$ where the first exponential function gives two independent solutions for $F(z)$ and the second function gives two independent solutions for $G(z)$. It follows that $\varphi_{f}$ and $\psi_{f}$ can be written as

$$
\begin{align*}
\varphi_{f} & =\left(A_{1} e^{q_{f} z}+A_{2} e^{-q_{f} z}\right) e^{i(k x-\omega t)}  \tag{14}\\
\psi_{f} & =\left(B_{1} e^{q_{v} z}+B_{2} e^{-q_{v} z}\right) e^{i(k x-\omega t)} \tag{15}
\end{align*}
$$

where $A_{1,2}$ and $B_{1,2}$ are constants to be determined by boundary conditions.

It follows from Eqs. (4), (10), and (11) that the components of $v$ are calculated by

$$
\begin{equation*}
v_{x}=\frac{\partial \varphi_{f}}{\partial x}-\frac{\partial \psi_{f}}{\partial z}, \quad v_{z}=\frac{\partial \varphi_{f}}{\partial z}+\frac{\partial \psi_{f}}{\partial x} \tag{16}
\end{equation*}
$$

Substitution of Eqs. (14) and (15) into Eq. (16) yields

$$
\begin{align*}
v_{x}= & e^{i(k x-\omega t)}\left[i k\left(A_{1} e^{q_{f} z}+A_{2} e^{-q_{f} z}\right)\right. \\
& \left.-q_{v}\left(B_{1} e^{q_{v} z}-B_{2} e^{-q_{v} z}\right)\right],  \tag{17}\\
v_{z}= & e^{i(k x-\omega t)}\left[q_{f}\left(A_{1} e^{q_{f} z}-A_{2} e^{-q_{f} z}\right)\right. \\
& \left.+i k\left(B_{1} e^{q_{v} z}+B_{2} e^{-q_{v} z}\right)\right] . \tag{18}
\end{align*}
$$

## 2. Waves in the solid

The motion of the solid wall is governed by [14]

$$
\begin{equation*}
\rho_{s} \frac{\partial^{2} \boldsymbol{u}}{\partial t^{2}}=\mu \Delta \boldsymbol{u}+(\lambda+\mu) \nabla(\nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{u}) \tag{19}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $\boldsymbol{u}$ is the displacement vector, $\rho_{s}$ is the wall density, and $\mu$ and $\lambda$ are the Lamé coefficients. By representing $\boldsymbol{u}$ as

$$
\begin{equation*}
\boldsymbol{u}=\nabla \varphi_{s}+\nabla \times \boldsymbol{\psi}_{s} \tag{20}
\end{equation*}
$$

and substituting it into Eq. (19), one obtains

$$
\begin{align*}
\Delta \varphi_{s}+k_{l}^{2} \varphi_{s} & =0  \tag{21}\\
\Delta \boldsymbol{\psi}_{s}+k_{t}^{2} \boldsymbol{\psi}_{s} & =0 \tag{22}
\end{align*}
$$

where $k_{l}$ and $k_{t}$ are the wave numbers of the longitudinal and transverse waves, respectively, given by

$$
\begin{equation*}
k_{l}=\omega \sqrt{\frac{\rho_{s}}{\lambda+2 \mu}}, \quad k_{t}=\omega \sqrt{\frac{\rho_{s}}{\mu}} . \tag{23}
\end{equation*}
$$

Solutions for Eqs. (21) and (22) are found in the same way as those for Eqs. (5) and (6). Since the waves must decay into the depth of the solid wall (in the positive direction of $z$ ),
we obtain

$$
\begin{align*}
\varphi_{s} & =C e^{-q_{l} z} e^{i(k x-\omega t)}  \tag{24}\\
\boldsymbol{\psi}_{s} & =\boldsymbol{e}_{y} \psi_{s}, \quad \psi_{s}=D e^{-q_{t} z} e^{i(k x-\omega t)} \tag{25}
\end{align*}
$$

where

$$
\begin{equation*}
q_{l}^{2}=k^{2}-k_{l}^{2}, \quad q_{t}^{2}=k^{2}-k_{t}^{2} \tag{26}
\end{equation*}
$$

and $C$ and $D$ are constants to be determined by boundary conditions.

The components of $\boldsymbol{u}$ are calculated by

$$
\begin{equation*}
u_{x}=\frac{\partial \varphi_{s}}{\partial x}-\frac{\partial \psi_{s}}{\partial z}, \quad u_{z}=\frac{\partial \varphi_{s}}{\partial z}+\frac{\partial \psi_{s}}{\partial x} \tag{27}
\end{equation*}
$$

Substitution of Eqs. (24) and (25) into Eqs. (27) yields

$$
\begin{align*}
& u_{x}=e^{i(k x-\omega t)}\left(i k C e^{-q_{l} z}+q_{t} D e^{-q_{t} z}\right)  \tag{28}\\
& u_{z}=i e^{i(k x-\omega t)}\left(i q_{l} C e^{-q_{l} z}+k D e^{-q_{t} z}\right) \tag{29}
\end{align*}
$$

## 3. Boundary conditions for linear solutions

The boundary conditions at the reflector, which is treated as a rigid wall, are given by

$$
\begin{equation*}
v_{x}=v_{z}=0 \quad \text { at } z=-h \tag{30}
\end{equation*}
$$

The boundary conditions at the fluid-solid interface where the continuity of velocities and stresses is assumed are written as

$$
\begin{align*}
v_{x} & =-i \omega u_{x} \quad \text { at } z=0,  \tag{31}\\
v_{z} & =-i \omega u_{z} \quad \text { at } z=0,  \tag{32}\\
\sigma_{x z} & =\tau_{x z} \quad \text { at } \quad z=0,  \tag{33}\\
\sigma_{z z} & =\tau_{z z} \quad \text { at } \quad z=0, \tag{34}
\end{align*}
$$

where $\sigma_{x z}$ and $\sigma_{z z}$ are the components of the stress tensor in the fluid and $\tau_{x z}$ and $\tau_{z z}$ are the components of the stress tensor in the solid. They are defined by $[14,17]$

$$
\begin{equation*}
\sigma_{x z}=\eta\left(\frac{\partial v_{x}}{\partial z}+\frac{\partial v_{z}}{\partial x}\right) \tag{35}
\end{equation*}
$$

$$
\begin{align*}
\sigma_{z z} & =-p+2 \eta \frac{\partial v_{z}}{\partial z}+(\xi-2 \eta / 3) \nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{v}  \tag{36}\\
\tau_{x z} & =\mu\left(2 \frac{\partial^{2} \varphi_{s}}{\partial x \partial z}+\frac{\partial^{2} \psi_{s}}{\partial x^{2}}-\frac{\partial^{2} \psi_{s}}{\partial z^{2}}\right)  \tag{37}\\
\tau_{z z} & =\lambda\left(\frac{\partial^{2} \varphi_{s}}{\partial x^{2}}+\frac{\partial^{2} \varphi_{s}}{\partial z^{2}}\right)+2 \mu\left(\frac{\partial^{2} \varphi_{s}}{\partial z^{2}}+\frac{\partial^{2} \psi_{s}}{\partial x \partial z}\right) . \tag{38}
\end{align*}
$$

Substituting Eqs. (7), (17), (18), (24), and (25) into Eqs. (35)-(38), one obtains

$$
\begin{align*}
\sigma_{x z}= & e^{i(k x-\omega t)} \eta\left[2 i k q_{f}\left(A_{1} e^{q_{f} z}-A_{2} e^{-q_{f} z}\right)\right. \\
& \left.-\left(k^{2}+q_{v}^{2}\right)\left(B_{1} e^{q_{v} z}+B_{2} e^{-q_{v} z}\right)\right],  \tag{39}\\
\sigma_{z z}= & e^{i(k x-\omega t)}\left[\left(2 \eta k^{2}-i \omega \rho_{f}\right)\left(A_{1} e^{q_{f} z}+A_{2} e^{-q_{f} z}\right)\right. \\
& \left.+2 i \eta k q_{v}\left(B_{1} e^{q_{v} z}-B_{2} e^{-q_{v} z}\right)\right],  \tag{40}\\
\tau_{x z}= & -e^{i(k x-\omega t)} \mu\left[2 i k q_{l} C e^{-q_{l} z}+\left(k^{2}+q_{t}^{2}\right) D e^{-q_{t} z}\right],  \tag{41}\\
\tau_{z z}= & e^{i(k x-\omega t)} \mu\left[\left(k^{2}+q_{t}^{2}\right) C e^{-q_{l} z}-2 i k q_{t} D e^{-q_{t} z}\right] . \tag{42}
\end{align*}
$$

## 4. Dispersion equation

Substitution of Eqs. (17), (18), (28), (29), and (39)-(42) into Eqs. (30)-(34) yields a system of six algebraic equations in the unknowns $A_{1,2}, B_{1,2}, C$, and $D$,

$$
\begin{align*}
& a_{n 1} A_{1}+a_{n 2} A_{2}+a_{n 3} B_{1}+a_{n 4} B_{2}+a_{n 5} C+a_{n 6} D=0 \\
& n=1,2, \ldots, 6 \tag{43}
\end{align*}
$$

The coefficients of Eq. (43) are given in Appendix A.
The system of Eq. (43) has nontrivial solutions only if its determinant is equal to 0 . This condition gives an equation for calculating $k$,

$$
\begin{align*}
& \left\{2 \eta \omega k q_{f}\left[\left(\alpha_{1}-1\right) \gamma_{1}-i \alpha_{2} \gamma_{3}\right]-\eta \omega\left(k^{2}+q_{v}^{2}\right)\left[i \alpha_{3} \gamma_{1}+\left(1+\alpha_{4}\right) \gamma_{3}\right]+2 i \mu k q_{l}\right\} \\
& \quad \times\left\{2 \eta \omega k q_{v}\left[i \alpha_{3} \gamma_{2}+\left(1+\alpha_{4}\right) \gamma_{4}\right]-\omega\left(2 i \eta k^{2}+\omega \rho_{f}\right)\left[i\left(1+\alpha_{1}\right) \gamma_{2}+\alpha_{2} \gamma_{4}\right]+2 i \mu k q_{t}\right\} \\
& \quad-\left\{2 \eta \omega k q_{f}\left[i\left(1+\alpha_{1}\right) \gamma_{2}+\alpha_{2} \gamma_{4}\right]-\eta \omega\left(k^{2}+q_{v}^{2}\right)\left[\alpha_{3} \gamma_{2}-i\left(1+\alpha_{4}\right) \gamma_{4}\right]+\mu\left(k^{2}+q_{t}^{2}\right)\right\} \\
& \quad \times\left\{\omega\left(2 i \eta k^{2}+\omega \rho_{f}\right)\left[\left(1+\alpha_{1}\right) \gamma_{1}-i \alpha_{2} \gamma_{3}\right]+2 \eta \omega k q_{v}\left[\alpha_{3} \gamma_{1}+i\left(1-\alpha_{4}\right) \gamma_{3}\right]-\mu\left(k^{2}+q_{t}^{2}\right)\right\}=0 \tag{44}
\end{align*}
$$

The functions appearing in Eq. (44) are calculated as follows:

$$
\begin{align*}
\alpha_{1} & =\frac{q_{f} q_{v}+k^{2}}{q_{f} q_{v}-k^{2}} e^{-2 q_{f} h}  \tag{45}\\
\alpha_{2} & =\frac{2 i k q_{v}}{q_{f} q_{v}-k^{2}} e^{-\left(q_{f}+q_{v}\right) h}  \tag{46}\\
\alpha_{3} & =-\frac{2 i k q_{f}}{q_{f} q_{v}-k^{2}} e^{-\left(q_{f}+q_{v}\right) h} \tag{47}
\end{align*}
$$

$$
\begin{align*}
\alpha_{4} & =\frac{q_{f} q_{v}+k^{2}}{q_{f} q_{v}-k^{2}} e^{-2 q_{v} h}  \tag{48}\\
\gamma_{1} & =\frac{q_{l} q_{v} \beta_{2}-k^{2} \beta_{4}}{k^{2} \beta_{1} \beta_{4}+q_{f} q_{v} \beta_{2} \beta_{3}},  \tag{49}\\
\gamma_{2} & =\frac{k\left(q_{v} \beta_{2}-q_{t} \beta_{4}\right)}{k^{2} \beta_{1} \beta_{4}+q_{f} q_{v} \beta_{2} \beta_{3}},  \tag{50}\\
\gamma_{3} & =\frac{k\left(q_{l} \beta_{1}+q_{f} \beta_{3}\right)}{k^{2} \beta_{1} \beta_{4}+q_{f} q_{v} \beta_{2} \beta_{3}}, \tag{51}
\end{align*}
$$

$$
\begin{align*}
& \gamma_{4}=\frac{k^{2} \beta_{1}+q_{t} q_{f} \beta_{3}}{k^{2} \beta_{1} \beta_{4}+q_{f} q_{v} \beta_{2} \beta_{3}},  \tag{52}\\
& \beta_{1}=\frac{q_{f} q_{v}-k^{2}+\left(q_{f} q_{v}+k^{2}\right) e^{-2 q_{f} h}-2 q_{f} q_{v} e^{-\left(q_{f}+q_{v}\right) h}}{q_{f} q_{v}-k^{2}},  \tag{53}\\
& \beta_{2}=\frac{k^{2}-q_{f} q_{v}-2 k^{2} e^{-\left(q_{f}+q_{v}\right) h}+\left(q_{f} q_{v}+k^{2}\right) e^{-2 q_{v} h}}{q_{f} q_{v}-k^{2}}
\end{align*}
$$

$$
\begin{align*}
& \beta_{3}=\frac{q_{f} q_{v}-k^{2}-\left(q_{f} q_{v}+k^{2}\right) e^{-2 q_{f} h}+2 k^{2} e^{-\left(q_{f}+q_{v}\right) h}}{q_{f} q_{v}-k^{2}}, \\
& \beta_{4}=\frac{q_{f} q_{v}-k^{2}-2 q_{f} q_{v} e^{-\left(q_{f}+q_{v}\right) h}+\left(q_{f} q_{v}+k^{2}\right) e^{-2 q_{v} h}}{q_{f} q_{v}-k^{2}} . \tag{56}
\end{align*}
$$

In the case of low viscosity, we can keep only terms of first order in $\delta_{v}$. As a result, Eq. (44) reduces to

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left(k^{2}+q_{t}^{2}\right)^{2}-4 k^{2} q_{l} q_{t}-\frac{\rho_{f} q_{l} k_{t}^{4}}{\rho_{s} \tau} \cot (h \tau)+g(k)=0 \tag{57}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $\tau=\sqrt{k_{f}^{2}-k^{2}}, k_{f}=\omega / c_{f}$, and the function $g(k)$, which allows for viscous effects, is calculated by

$$
\begin{align*}
g(k)= & \frac{(1+i) k^{2}\left(k^{2}+q_{t}^{2}\right) \delta_{v}}{2 \tau^{2}}\left\{\frac{k_{t}^{2} \rho_{f}}{\rho_{s}}\left[\tau \cot (h \tau)+\frac{2 q_{l} e^{2 i h \tau}}{1-e^{2 i h \tau}}\right]-i \tau\left(k^{2}+q_{t}^{2}\right)\right\} \\
& -\frac{(1+i) k^{2} q_{l} \delta_{v}}{\tau^{2}}\left\{\frac{k_{t}^{2} \rho_{f}}{\rho_{s}}\left[q_{t} \tau \cot (h \tau)+\frac{2 k^{2} e^{2 i h \tau}}{1-e^{2 i h \tau}}\right]-2 i k^{2} \tau q_{t}\right\} \\
& +\frac{(1-i) \delta_{v}}{2 \tau^{2}}\left\{\frac{i k_{t}^{2} \rho_{f}}{\rho_{s}}\left[k^{2} \cot (h \tau)-\tau q_{t}\right]+k^{2}\left(k^{2}+q_{t}^{2}\right)\right\}\left[\frac{q_{l} k_{t}^{2} \rho_{f}}{\rho_{s}} \cot (h \tau)+\tau\left(k^{2}+q_{t}^{2}\right)\right] \\
& -\frac{(1-i) k^{2} \delta_{v}}{2 \tau^{2}}\left\{\frac{i k_{t}^{2} \rho_{f}}{\rho_{s}}\left[q_{l} \cot (h \tau)-\tau\right]+2 k^{2} q_{l}\right\}\left[\frac{k_{t}^{2} \rho_{f}}{\rho_{s}} \cot (h \tau)+2 \tau q_{t}\right] . \tag{58}
\end{align*}
$$

The wave number of a leaky surface wave should be a complex number, which provides the formation of a wave departing from the boundary into the fluid [14]. For an inviscid fluid layer, theoretically, such solutions exist if the fluid layer is of infinite thickness. The dispersion equation for this case is given by Viktorov [14],

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left(k^{2}+q_{t}^{2}\right)^{2}-4 k^{2} q_{l} q_{t}+\frac{i \rho_{f} q_{l} k_{t}^{4}}{\rho_{s} \tau}=0 \tag{59}
\end{equation*}
$$

Note that for $h \rightarrow \infty, \cot (h \tau) \rightarrow-i$, and at $\eta=0$, Eq. (57) turns into Eq. (59).

Qi [15] considered the case of a finite viscous fluid layer with a free surface. He derived a dispersion equation up to viscous corrections of first order,

$$
\begin{align*}
\left(k^{2}+\right. & \left.q_{t}^{2}\right)^{2}-4 k^{2} q_{l} q_{t}+\frac{\rho_{f} k_{t}^{4} q_{l}}{\rho_{s} \tau} \tan (h \tau)-\frac{(1+i) \sqrt{\omega v}}{\sqrt{2} c_{t} \tau} \\
& \times \tan (h \tau)\left[\frac{k^{2}}{k_{t}}\left[\left(k^{2}+q_{t}^{2}\right)^{2}-4 k^{2} q_{l} q_{t}\right]\right. \\
& +\frac{2 \rho_{f}}{\rho_{s}} k^{2} k_{t}\left(k^{2}+q_{t}^{2}-2 q_{l} q_{t}\right) \\
& \left.+\left(\frac{\rho_{f}}{\rho_{s}}\right)^{2} k_{t}^{3}\left(k^{2}-q_{l} q_{t}\right)\right]+\frac{(1+i) \rho_{f} k_{t}^{3} q_{t} \sqrt{\omega v}}{\sqrt{2} \rho_{s} c_{t}}=0 \tag{60}
\end{align*}
$$

It is instructive to compare the predictions of Eq. (57) with those of Eqs. (59) and (60). The comparison is presented in Figs. 2 and 3. The following parameters
were used: $\rho_{f}=1000 \mathrm{~kg} / \mathrm{m}^{3}, c_{f}=1500 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}, \eta=0.001$, $\xi=0.003 \mathrm{Pas}, \rho_{s}=4640 \mathrm{~kg} / \mathrm{m}^{3}, \lambda=68, \mu=68 \mathrm{GPa}$, and $f=\omega / 2 \pi=36 \mathrm{MHz}$. These parameters correspond to water (fluid layer) and lithium niobate (solid wall). Figure 2 shows the speed of the acoustic wave in the microfluidic channel $c=\omega / \operatorname{Re}[k]$ as a function of the channel height $h$, and Fig. 3 shows the attenuation coefficient $\alpha=\operatorname{Im}[k]$ as a function of $h$. The solid lines depict the results calculated by Eq. (57), the long-dashed lines are provided by Eq. (59), and the short-dashed lines correspond to Eq. (60). The breaks in the


FIG. 2. Speed of the acoustic wave in the microfluidic channel versus channel height for three cases: a fluid layer with a reflector (solid line), a fluid layer with a free boundary (short-dashed line), and an infinite inviscid fluid layer (long-dashed line).
solid and short-dashed curves are caused by singularities in $\cot (h \tau)$ and $\tan (h \tau)$. As one can see from Figs. 2 and 3, the case of a fluid layer with a reflector differs greatly from the other two cases.

## 5. Calculation of constants

The system of Eq. (43) also allows one to express $A_{1,2}$, $B_{1,2}, C$, and $D$ in terms of one of these quantities. Choosing $C$ as such a quantity, one obtains

$$
\begin{align*}
A_{1} & =\omega\left(i \gamma_{1} C+\gamma_{2} D\right)  \tag{61}\\
A_{2} & =\omega\left[\left(i \alpha_{1} \gamma_{1}+\alpha_{2} \gamma_{3}\right) C+\left(\alpha_{1} \gamma_{2}-i \alpha_{2} \gamma_{4}\right) D\right],  \tag{62}\\
B_{1} & =\omega\left(\gamma_{3} C-i \gamma_{4} D\right)  \tag{63}\\
B_{2} & =\omega\left[\left(i \alpha_{3} \gamma_{1}+\alpha_{4} \gamma_{3}\right) C+\left(\alpha_{3} \gamma_{2}-i \alpha_{4} \gamma_{4}\right) D\right],  \tag{64}\\
D & =\frac{\eta \omega\left\{\left(k^{2}+q_{v}^{2}\right)\left[i \alpha_{3} \gamma_{1}+\left(1+\alpha_{4}\right) \gamma_{3}\right]+2 k q_{f}\left[\left(1-\alpha_{1}\right) \gamma_{1}+i \alpha_{2} \gamma_{3}\right]\right\}-2 i \mu k q_{l}}{\eta \omega\left\{2 k q_{f}\left[i\left(1+\alpha_{1}\right) \gamma_{2}+\alpha_{2} \gamma_{4}\right]-\left(k^{2}+q_{v}^{2}\right)\left[\alpha_{3} \gamma_{2}-i\left(1+\alpha_{4}\right) \gamma_{4}\right]\right\}+\mu\left(k^{2}+q_{t}^{2}\right)} C . \tag{65}
\end{align*}
$$

## 6. Standing wave

Let a second leaky wave propagate in the negative direction of the $x$ axis. The potential functions that describe this process can be represented as

$$
\begin{align*}
\hat{\varphi}_{f} & =\left(\hat{A}_{1} e^{q_{f} z}+\hat{A}_{2} e^{-q_{f} z}\right) e^{i(-k x-\omega t)} \\
\hat{\psi}_{f} & =\left(\hat{B}_{1} e^{q_{v} z}+\hat{B}_{2} e^{-q_{v} z}\right) e^{i(-k x-\omega t)}  \tag{66}\\
\hat{\varphi}_{s} & =\hat{C} e^{-q_{l} z} e^{i(-k x-\omega t)}, \quad \hat{\psi}_{s}=\hat{D} e^{-q_{t} z} e^{i(-k x-\omega t)} \tag{67}
\end{align*}
$$

To get a combined standing wave, we set $\hat{C}=C$. The other constants are found from Eqs. (61)-(65) by replacing $k$ with $-k: \hat{D}=-D, \hat{A}_{1}=A_{1}, \hat{A}_{2}=A_{2}, \hat{B}_{1}=-B_{1}$, and $\hat{B}_{2}=$ $-B_{2}$. As a result, the components of the total displacement in the solid wall are given by

$$
\begin{align*}
& u_{x}=2 i e^{-i \omega t}\left(i k C e^{-q_{l} z}+q_{t} D e^{-q_{t} z}\right) \sin (k x),  \tag{68}\\
& u_{z}=2 i e^{-i \omega t}\left(i q_{l} C e^{-q_{l z}}+k D e^{-q_{t} z}\right) \cos (k x), \tag{69}
\end{align*}
$$

and those of the total fluid velocity are written as


FIG. 3. Attenuation of the acoustic wave in the microfluidic channel versus channel height for three cases: a fluid layer with a reflector (solid line), a fluid layer with a free boundary (short-dashed line), and an infinite inviscid fluid layer (long-dashed line).

$$
\begin{align*}
v_{x}= & 2 i e^{-i \omega t}\left[i k\left(A_{1} e^{q_{f} z}+A_{2} e^{-q_{f} z}\right)\right. \\
& \left.-q_{v}\left(B_{1} e^{q_{v} z}-B_{2} e^{-q_{v} z}\right)\right] \sin (k x),  \tag{70}\\
v_{z}= & 2 e^{-i \omega t}\left[q_{f}\left(A_{1} e^{q_{f} z}-A_{2} e^{-q_{f} z}\right)\right. \\
& \left.+i k\left(B_{1} e^{q_{v} z}+B_{2} e^{-q_{v} z}\right)\right] \cos (k x) . \tag{71}
\end{align*}
$$

It is seen that we really get a standing wave along the $x$ axis. Although $k$ is a complex number, the attenuation is weak and therefore practically does not manifest itself within the dimensions of microfluidic devices.

To facilitate calculations that follow, Eqs. (70) and (71) are represented by

$$
\begin{align*}
& v_{x}=2 i e^{-i \omega t}\left[i k s_{1}(z)-q_{v} s_{2}(z)\right] \sin (k x),  \tag{72}\\
& v_{z}=2 e^{-i \omega t}\left[q_{f} s_{3}(z)+i k s_{4}(z)\right] \cos (k x), \tag{73}
\end{align*}
$$

where

$$
\begin{align*}
& s_{1}(z)=A_{1} e^{q_{f} z}+A_{2} e^{-q_{f} z},  \tag{74}\\
& s_{2}(z)=B_{1} e^{q_{v} z}-B_{2} e^{-q_{v} z},  \tag{75}\\
& s_{3}(z)=A_{1} e^{q_{f} z}-A_{2} e^{-q_{f} z},  \tag{76}\\
& s_{4}(z)=B_{1} e^{q_{v} z}+B_{2} e^{-q_{v} z} . \tag{77}
\end{align*}
$$

Note that the functions $s_{n}(z)$ obey the following identities:

$$
\begin{equation*}
s_{1}^{\prime}=q_{f} s_{3}, \quad s_{2}^{\prime}=q_{v} s_{4}, \quad s_{3}^{\prime}=q_{f} s_{1}, \quad s_{4}^{\prime}=q_{v} s_{2} \tag{78}
\end{equation*}
$$

where the prime denotes the derivative with respect to $z$. These identities will be used in the calculation of acoustic streaming.

## C. Acoustic streaming

## 1. Solutions of the equations of acoustic streaming

The equations of acoustic streaming are given by [18]

$$
\begin{align*}
\boldsymbol{\nabla} \cdot \boldsymbol{V} & =0  \tag{79}\\
v \Delta \boldsymbol{V}-\frac{1}{\rho_{f}} \nabla P & =\langle(\boldsymbol{v} \cdot \boldsymbol{\nabla}) \boldsymbol{v}\rangle \tag{80}
\end{align*}
$$

where $\boldsymbol{V}$ and $P$ are the Eulerian velocity and the pressure of the acoustic streaming and $\rangle$ means time averaging. To satisfy Eq. (79), we set

$$
\begin{equation*}
V=\nabla \times \Psi \tag{81}
\end{equation*}
$$

Substituting Eq. (81) into Eq. (80) and applying the curl operator, one obtains

$$
\begin{equation*}
\Delta^{2} \boldsymbol{\Psi}=-\frac{1}{v} \boldsymbol{\nabla} \times \boldsymbol{W} \tag{82}
\end{equation*}
$$

where

$$
\begin{equation*}
\boldsymbol{W}=\langle(\boldsymbol{v} \cdot \nabla) \boldsymbol{v}\rangle . \tag{83}
\end{equation*}
$$

The geometry of the problem allows one to write

$$
\begin{equation*}
\boldsymbol{\Psi}=\Psi(x, z) \boldsymbol{e}_{y}, \tag{84}
\end{equation*}
$$

so the velocity components are given by

$$
\begin{equation*}
V_{x}=-\frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial z}, \quad V_{z}=\frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial x} \tag{85}
\end{equation*}
$$

Substituting Eq. (84) into Eq. (82) and considering that

$$
\begin{equation*}
\boldsymbol{W}=W_{x}(x, z) \boldsymbol{e}_{x}+W_{z}(x, z) \boldsymbol{e}_{z}, \tag{86}
\end{equation*}
$$

one obtains

$$
\begin{equation*}
\Delta^{2} \Psi=\frac{1}{v}\left(\frac{\partial W_{z}}{\partial x}-\frac{\partial W_{x}}{\partial z}\right) \tag{87}
\end{equation*}
$$

where, as follows from Eq. (83),

$$
\begin{align*}
& W_{x}=\frac{1}{2} \operatorname{Re}\left\{v_{x}^{*} \frac{\partial v_{x}}{\partial x}+v_{z}^{*} \frac{\partial v_{x}}{\partial z}\right\},  \tag{88}\\
& W_{z}=\frac{1}{2} \operatorname{Re}\left\{v_{x}^{*} \frac{\partial v_{z}}{\partial x}+v_{z}^{*} \frac{\partial v_{z}}{\partial z}\right\},
\end{align*}
$$

with the asterisks denoting the complex conjugates.
Substituting Eqs. (72) and (73) into Eq. (88) and then into Eq. (87) after cumbersome but straightforward rearrangements, one obtains

$$
\begin{align*}
\Delta^{2} \Psi= & \frac{1}{v} \operatorname{Re}\left\{k _ { v } ^ { 2 } \operatorname { s i n } ( 2 k _ { R } x ) \left[i\left(|k|^{2}+k_{f}^{2}\right) s_{1} s_{4}^{*}-i q_{f} q_{v}^{*} s_{2}^{*} s_{3}\right.\right. \\
& \left.+2 k q_{v}^{*} s_{2}^{*} s_{4}\right]+k_{v}^{2} \sin \left(2 i k_{I} x\right)\left[i\left(|k|^{2}-k_{f}^{2}\right) s_{1} s_{4}^{*}\right. \\
& \left.\left.+i q_{f} q_{v}^{*} s_{2}^{*} s_{3}-2 k q_{v}^{*} s_{2}^{*} s_{4}\right]\right\}, \tag{89}
\end{align*}
$$

where $k_{R}=\operatorname{Re}\{k\}$ and $k_{I}=\operatorname{Im}\{k\}$. Equation (89) suggests that $\Psi$ should be sought in the following form:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\Psi=\frac{1}{v} \operatorname{Re}\left\{k_{v}^{2}\left[F_{1}(z) \sin \left(2 k_{R} x\right)+F_{2}(z) \sin \left(2 i k_{I} x\right)\right]\right\} . \tag{90}
\end{equation*}
$$

Substitution of Eq. (90) into Eq. (89) yields equations for $F_{1}$ and $F_{2}$,

$$
\begin{align*}
& \frac{d^{4} F_{1}}{d z^{4}}-8 k_{R}^{2} \frac{d^{2} F_{1}}{d z^{2}}+16 k_{R}^{4} F_{1} \\
& \quad=i\left(|k|^{2}+k_{f}^{2}\right) s_{1} s_{4}^{*}-i q_{f} q_{v}^{*} s_{2}^{*} s_{3}+2 k q_{v}^{*} s_{2}^{*} s_{4}  \tag{91}\\
& \frac{d^{4} F_{2}}{d z^{4}}+8 k_{I}^{2} \frac{d^{2} F_{2}}{d z^{2}}+16 k_{I}^{4} F_{2} \\
& \quad=i\left(|k|^{2}-k_{f}^{2}\right) s_{1} s_{4}^{*}+i q_{f} q_{v}^{*} s_{2}^{*} s_{3}-2 k q_{v}^{*} s_{2}^{*} s_{4} \tag{92}
\end{align*}
$$

Analysis of Eqs. (91) and (92) reveals that particular solutions for these equations can be written as

$$
\begin{equation*}
f_{n}(z)=f_{n 1} s_{1} s_{4}^{*}+f_{n 2} s_{2}^{*} s_{3}+f_{n 3} s_{2}^{*} s_{4}+f_{n 4} s_{2} s_{4}^{*}, \tag{93}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $n=1,2$ and $f_{n m}$ 's are constants. The constants are calculated by substituting Eq. (93) into Eqs. (91) and (92) and using Eqs. (78). The resulting expressions are provided in Appendix B.

The general solution of a nonhomogeneous differential equation is known to be a sum of its particular solution and solutions for the homogeneous equation corresponding to the equation being considered, i.e., solutions for the same equation with a zero right side. According to this rule, the general solutions of Eqs. (91) and (92) are given by

$$
\begin{align*}
& F_{1}(z)=f_{1}(z)+\left(c_{11}+c_{12} z\right) e^{2 k_{R} z}+\left(c_{13}+c_{14} z\right) e^{-2 k_{R} z}, \\
& F_{2}(z)=f_{2}(z)+\left(c_{21}+c_{22} z\right) e^{2 i k_{I} z}+\left(c_{23}+c_{24} z\right) e^{-2 i k_{I} z}, \tag{94}
\end{align*}
$$

where $c_{n m}$ 's are constants to be determined by boundary conditions.

By using Eq. (85), one obtains the velocity components of the streaming,

$$
\begin{align*}
& V_{x}=-\frac{1}{v} \operatorname{Re}\left\{k_{v}^{2}\left[F_{1}^{\prime}(z) \sin \left(2 k_{R} x\right)+F_{2}^{\prime}(z) \sin \left(2 i k_{I} x\right)\right]\right\}  \tag{96}\\
& V_{z}=\frac{2}{v} \operatorname{Re}\left\{k_{v}^{2}\left[k_{R} F_{1}(z) \cos \left(2 k_{R} x\right)+i k_{I} F_{2}(z) \cos \left(2 i k_{I} x\right)\right]\right\} . \tag{97}
\end{align*}
$$

Expressions for the derivatives $F_{n}^{\prime}$ are given in Appendix C.
The constants $c_{n m}$ in Eqs. (94) and (95) are calculated by the boundary conditions for $V_{x}$ and $V_{z}$ at the reflector and at the solid wall. However, the boundary conditions should be applied to the Lagrangian streaming velocity, which is the sum of the Eulerian streaming velocity and the Stokes drift velocity. Therefore, the Stokes drift velocity is calculated in the next subsection.

## 2. Stokes drift velocity

The Stokes drift velocity is calculated by [19]

$$
\begin{equation*}
\boldsymbol{V}_{S}=\left\langle\int \boldsymbol{v} d t \cdot \nabla \boldsymbol{v}\right\rangle=\frac{1}{\omega}\langle(i \boldsymbol{v} \cdot \nabla) \boldsymbol{v}\rangle . \tag{98}
\end{equation*}
$$

Substitution of Eqs. (72) and (73) into Eq. (98) yields

$$
\begin{equation*}
V_{S x}=\frac{1}{\omega} \operatorname{Re}\left\{G_{1}(z)\left[\sin \left(2 i k_{I} x\right)-\sin \left(2 k_{R} x\right)\right]\right\}, \tag{99}
\end{equation*}
$$

$$
\begin{equation*}
V_{S z}=\frac{1}{\omega} \operatorname{Re}\left\{G_{2}(z) \cos \left(2 k_{R} x\right)+G_{3}(z) \cos \left(2 i k_{I} x\right)\right\}, \tag{100}
\end{equation*}
$$

where

$$
\begin{equation*}
G_{1}(z)=i k\left|k s_{1}+i q_{v} s_{2}\right|^{2}+\left(i q_{f} s_{3}-k s_{4}\right)\left(k q_{f} s_{3}+i q_{v}^{2} s_{4}\right)^{*} \tag{101}
\end{equation*}
$$

$G_{2}(z)=\left[\left(q_{f}^{2}+|k|^{2}\right) s_{1}+2 i k_{R} q_{v} s_{2}\right]\left(i q_{f} s_{3}-k s_{4}\right)^{*}$,
$G_{3}(z)=\left[\left(q_{f}^{2}-|k|^{2}\right) s_{1}-2 k_{I} q_{v} s_{2}\right]\left(i q_{f} s_{3}-k s_{4}\right)^{*}$.

## 3. Boundary conditions for acoustic streaming

The boundary conditions for the acoustic streaming are given by $[16,20]$

$$
\begin{equation*}
\boldsymbol{V}+\boldsymbol{V}_{S}=0 \quad \text { at } \quad z=0 \quad \text { and } \quad z=-h . \tag{104}
\end{equation*}
$$

Substitution of Eqs. (96), (97), (99), and (100) into Eq. (104) yields

$$
\begin{align*}
& \frac{k_{v}^{2}}{v} F_{1}^{\prime}(z)+\frac{1}{\omega} G_{1}(z)=0 \quad \text { at } z=0 \quad \text { and } \quad z=-h,  \tag{105}\\
& \frac{k_{v}^{2}}{v} F_{2}^{\prime}(z)-\frac{1}{\omega} G_{1}(z)=0 \quad \text { at } z=0 \quad \text { and } \quad z=-h,  \tag{106}\\
& \frac{2}{v} k_{v}^{2} k_{R} F_{1}(z)+\frac{1}{\omega} G_{2}(z)=0 \quad \text { at } \quad z=0 \quad \text { and } \quad z=-h,  \tag{107}\\
& \frac{2 i}{v} k_{v}^{2} k_{I} F_{2}(z)+\frac{1}{\omega} G_{3}(z)=0 \quad \text { at } z=0 \quad \text { and } \quad z=-h . \tag{108}
\end{align*}
$$

These equations allows one to calculate the constants $c_{n m}$ appearing in Eqs. (94) and (95). Equations (105) and (107) give a system of equations in $c_{1 m}$,

$$
\left(\begin{array}{cccc}
2 k_{R} & 1 & -2 k_{R} & 1  \tag{109}\\
1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\
2 k_{R} e^{-2 k_{R} h} & \left(1-2 k_{R} h\right) e^{-2 k_{R} h} & -2 k_{R} e^{2 k_{R} h} & \left(1+2 k_{R} h\right) e^{2 k_{R} h} \\
e^{-2 k_{R} h} & -h e^{-2 k_{R} h} & e^{2 k_{R} h} & -h e^{2 k_{R} h}
\end{array}\right) \times\left(\begin{array}{l}
c_{11} \\
c_{12} \\
c_{13} \\
c_{14}
\end{array}\right)=\left(\begin{array}{c}
-\frac{\nu G_{1}(0)}{\omega k_{v}^{2}}-f_{1}^{\prime}(0) \\
-\frac{\nu G_{2}(0)}{2 \omega k_{v}^{2} k_{R}}-f_{1}(0) \\
-\frac{\nu G_{1}(-h)}{\omega k_{v}^{2}}-f_{1}^{\prime}(-h) \\
-\frac{v G_{2}(-h)}{2 \omega k_{v}^{2} k_{R}}-f_{1}(-h)
\end{array}\right) .
$$

The unknowns $c_{1 m}$ are calculated by

$$
\begin{equation*}
c_{1 m}=\frac{D_{1 m}}{D_{1}} \tag{110}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $D_{1}$ is the determinant of the coefficient matrix of Eq. (109) and $D_{1 m}$ is the determinant of the coefficient matrix in which the $m$ th column is replaced with the column of the free terms.

A system of equations in $c_{2 m}$ is given by Eqs. (106) and (108),

$$
\left(\begin{array}{cccc}
2 i k_{I} & 1 & -2 i k_{I} & 1  \tag{111}\\
1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\
2 i k_{I} e^{-2 i k_{I} h} & \left(1-2 i k_{I} h\right) e^{-2 i k_{I} h} & -2 i k_{I} e^{2 i k_{I} h} & \left(1+2 i k_{I} h\right) e^{2 i k_{I} h} \\
e^{-2 i k_{I} h} & -h e^{-2 i k_{I} h} & e^{2 i k_{I} h} & -h e^{2 i k_{I} h}
\end{array}\right) \times\left(\begin{array}{l}
c_{21} \\
c_{22} \\
c_{23} \\
c_{24}
\end{array}\right)=\left(\begin{array}{c}
\frac{\nu G_{1}(0)}{\omega k_{v}^{2}}-f_{2}^{\prime}(0) \\
\frac{i \nu G_{3}(0)}{2 \omega k_{v}^{2} k_{I}}-f_{2}(0) \\
\frac{\nu G_{1}(-h)}{\omega k_{v}^{2}}-f_{2}^{\prime}(-h) \\
\frac{i \nu G_{3}(-h)}{2 \omega k_{v}^{2} k_{I}}-f_{2}(-h)
\end{array}\right) .
$$

The unknowns $c_{2 m}$ are calculated by

$$
\begin{equation*}
c_{2 m}=\frac{D_{2 m}}{D_{2}} \tag{112}
\end{equation*}
$$

where the meaning of $D_{2}$ and $D_{2 m}$ is analogous to that of $D_{1}$ and $D_{1 m}$.

The calculation of the constants $c_{n m}$ completes the calculation of the acoustic streaming, so the aim of our derivation is achieved.

## III. NUMERICAL EXAMPLES

In the present section, the analytical theory developed above is applied to reveal the structure of the acoustic streaming by analyzing particular numerical examples. The following parameters were used: $\rho_{f}=1000 \mathrm{~kg} / \mathrm{m}^{3}, c_{f}=1500 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$, $\eta=0.001, \xi=0.003$ Pas, $\rho_{s}=4640 \mathrm{~kg} / \mathrm{m}^{3}, \lambda=68, \mu=$ $68 \mathrm{GPa}, f=\omega / 2 \pi=36 \mathrm{MHz}$, and $h=50 \mu \mathrm{~m}$. These values are typical of microfluidic experiments [21]. For these
parameters, the viscous penetration depth is $\delta_{v}=94 \mathrm{~nm}$, the longitudinal wave speed is $c_{l}=6630.65 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$, the transverse wave speed is $c_{t}=3828.21 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$, and the dispersion equation Eq. (57) gives the wave number of the leaky surface wave $k=$ $62859+5.64 i \mathrm{~m}^{-1}$, which corresponds to the wave speed $c=$ $\omega / \operatorname{Re}[k]=3598.45 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$, the wavelength $\lambda_{s w}=99.96 \mu \mathrm{~m}$, and the attenuation coefficient $\alpha=\operatorname{Im}[k]=5.64 \mathrm{~m}^{-1}$. The low attenuation appears to be a result of reflections from the rigid upper boundary. The radiation angle of the leaky surface wave, as follows from Snell's law $\cos \theta=c_{f} / c$, is $\theta \approx 65^{\circ}$.

The $x$ dependence of the linear solutions, given by Eqs. (72) and (73), is absolutely clear: Both components of the fluid velocity behave as a sinusoidal standing wave along the $x$ axis. Hence, there is little point in graphically representing their $x$ dependences. The behavior of the linear solutions along the $z$ axis is less explicit. Therefore, it is illustrated in Fig. 4 where the amplitudes of $v_{x}$ and $v_{z}$ are depicted as functions of $z$. Note that the label 1.0 on the vertical axis in Fig. 4 corresponds to the position of the reflector. The


FIG. 4. The amplitudes of the components of the linear fluid velocity as functions of $z$.
value of $C$ was set equal to $1.25 \times 10^{-15} \mathrm{~m}^{2}$. At this value, the magnitude of the vertical displacement of the solid-fluid interface is about 0.1 nm as in the numerical simulations performed in Ref. [16]. This choice is somewhat arbitrary because the vertical displacements of the solid boundary are difficult to measure experimentally [16]. Figure 4 shows that $v_{x}$ undergoes strong jumps near the boundaries in order to achieve the matching with the boundary velocities. The enlarged views of the boundary regions are shown in Fig. 5. The abrupt change in $v_{x}$ in these regions is caused by the fact that the bulk fluid motion along the $x$ axis is in effect nonviscous. Only within very narrow boundary layers ( $\delta_{v} \approx 0.002 h$ ) do viscous effects begin to act.

Figure 6 shows the contour plot of the Eulerian stream function $\Psi(x, z)$ given by Eq. (90). The streamline pattern corresponding to Fig. 6 is presented in Fig. 7. As one can see, two vortex systems are established along the boundaries of the channel. The vortices are located with a step of $\lambda_{s w} / 4$ along the $x$ axis.


FIG. 5. Behavior of the linear fluid velocity within the boundary layer (a) at the solid wall and (b) at the reflector.


FIG. 6. Contour plot of the Eulerian stream function $\Psi(x, z)$ given by Eq. (90).

Figure 8 illustrates the dependence of the streaming pattern on the channel height $h$. Although $h$ changes in a rather wide range from 10 to $200 \mu \mathrm{~m}$, qualitatively, the streaming behavior remains the same. Two rows of vortices persist along the boundaries of the channel. However, their form changes with changing $h$. At higher $h$, the vortices become more pressed against the boundaries. The absence of lines in the middle part of the plots in the left panel of Fig. 8 means that the value of $\Psi(x, z)$ is very small there. The right panel in Fig. 8 shows that the streamlined patterns become more sophisticated with increasing $h$.

## IV. CONCLUSION

A theory has been developed for the modeling of acoustic streaming in a microfluidic channel confined between an elastic solid wall and a rigid reflector. The theory assumes that the acoustic streaming is generated by a standing wave that is created by two counterpropagating leaky surface waves induced in the solid wall as is the case in microfluidic devices. A dispersion equation was derived that allows one to calculate the speed of leaky surface waves in the case under consideration. Analytical solutions were obtained for


FIG. 7. Streamlines in the case shown in Fig. 6. Two systems of vortices are established along the boundaries of the channel.






FIG. 8. Streaming behavior at different values of the channel height $h$. Left panel: Contour plots of the Eulerian stream function $\Psi(x, z)$. Right panel: Streamline patterns.
all the processes involved: wave propagation in the solid, linear acoustic waves in the fluid, and the time-averaged fluid flow. Particular numerical examples were considered to reveal the structure of the acoustic streaming. It was found that two systems of vortices were established along the boundaries of the microchannel.

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## APPENDIX A: COEFFICIENT MATRIX OF EQ. (43)

$$
a_{n m}=\left(\begin{array}{cccccc}
i k e^{-q_{f} h} & i k e^{q_{f} h} & -q_{v} e^{-q_{v} h} & q_{v} e^{q_{v} h} & 0 & 0 \\
q_{f} e^{-q_{f} h} & -q_{f} e^{q_{f} h} & i k e^{-q_{v} h} & i k e^{q_{v} h} & 0 & 0 \\
i k & i k & -q_{v} & q_{v} & -\omega k & i \omega q_{t} \\
q_{f} & -q_{f} & i k & i k & -i \omega q_{l} & -\omega k \\
2 i \eta k q_{f} & -2 i \eta k q_{f} & -\eta\left(k^{2}+q_{v}^{2}\right) & -\eta\left(k^{2}+q_{v}^{2}\right) & 2 i \mu k q_{l} & \mu\left(k^{2}+q_{t}^{2}\right) \\
2 \eta k^{2}-i \omega \rho_{f} & 2 \eta k^{2}-i \omega \rho_{f} & 2 i \eta k q_{v} & -2 i \eta k q_{v} & -\mu\left(k^{2}+q_{t}^{2}\right) & 2 i \mu k q_{t}
\end{array}\right) .
$$

## APPENDIX B: EXPRESSIONS FOR $\boldsymbol{f}_{\boldsymbol{n} \boldsymbol{m}}$

The constants $f_{1 m}$ and $f_{2 m}(m=1-4)$, which appear in Eq. (91), are calculated by

$$
\begin{align*}
f_{11} & =\frac{i\left(|k|^{2}+k_{f}^{2}\right) m_{1}+i q_{f} q_{v}^{*} m_{2}}{m_{1}^{2}-m_{2}^{2}}, \quad f_{12}=-\frac{i q_{f} q_{v}^{*} m_{1}+i\left(|k|^{2}+k_{f}^{2}\right) m_{2}}{m_{1}^{2}-m_{2}^{2}}  \tag{B1}\\
f_{13} & =\frac{2 k q_{v}^{*} m_{3}}{m_{3}^{2}-m_{4}^{2}}, \quad f_{14}=-\frac{2 k q_{v}^{*} m_{4}}{m_{3}^{2}-m_{4}^{2}}  \tag{B2}\\
f_{21} & =\frac{i\left(|k|^{2}-k_{f}^{2}\right) n_{1}-i q_{f} q_{v}^{*} n_{2}}{n_{1}^{2}-n_{2}^{2}}, \quad f_{22}=\frac{i q_{f} q_{v}^{*} n_{1}-i\left(|k|^{2}-k_{f}^{2}\right) n_{2}}{n_{1}^{2}-n_{2}^{2}}  \tag{B3}\\
f_{23} & =-\frac{2 k q_{v}^{*} n_{3}}{n_{3}^{2}-n_{4}^{2}}, \quad f_{24}=\frac{2 k q_{v}^{*} n_{4}}{n_{3}^{2}-n_{4}^{2}} \tag{B4}
\end{align*}
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where

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\begin{align*}
m_{1}=q_{f}^{4}+q_{v}^{4 *}+6 q_{f}^{2} q_{v}^{2 *}+8 k_{R}^{2}\left(2 k_{R}^{2}-q_{f}^{2}-q_{v}^{2 *}\right), & m_{2}=4 q_{f} q_{v}^{*}\left(q_{f}^{2}+q_{v}^{2 *}-4 k_{R}^{2}\right),  \tag{B5}\\
m_{3}=q_{v}^{4}+q_{v}^{4 *}+6 q_{v}^{2} q_{v}^{2 *}+8 k_{R}^{2}\left(2 k_{R}^{2}-q_{v}^{2}-q_{v}^{2 *}\right), & m_{4}=4 q_{v} q_{v}^{*}\left(q_{v}^{2}+q_{v}^{2 *}-4 k_{R}^{2}\right),  \tag{B6}\\
n_{1}=q_{f}^{4}+q_{v}^{4 *}+6 q_{f}^{2} q_{v}^{2 *}+8 k_{I}^{2}\left(2 k_{I}^{2}+q_{f}^{2}+q_{v}^{2 *}\right), & n_{2}=4 q_{f} q_{v}^{*}\left(q_{f}^{2}+q_{v}^{2 *}+4 k_{I}^{2}\right),  \tag{B7}\\
n_{3}=q_{v}^{4}+q_{v}^{4 *}+6 q_{v}^{2} q_{v}^{2 *}+8 k_{I}^{2}\left(2 k_{I}^{2}+q_{v}^{2}+q_{v}^{2 *}\right), & n_{4}=4 q_{v} q_{v}^{*}\left(q_{v}^{2}+q_{v}^{2 *}+4 k_{I}^{2}\right) . \tag{B8}
\end{align*}
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## APPENDIX C: DERIVATIVES OF $\boldsymbol{F}_{\boldsymbol{n}}$

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\begin{align*}
F_{n}^{\prime}(z) & =f_{n}^{\prime}(z)+\left[2 k_{R} c_{11}+c_{12}\left(1+2 k_{R} z\right)\right] e^{2 k_{R} z}-\left[2 k_{R} c_{13}-c_{14}\left(1-2 k_{R} z\right)\right] e^{-2 k_{R} z},  \tag{C1}\\
F_{2}^{\prime}(z) & =f_{2}^{\prime}(z)+\left[2 i k_{I} c_{21}+c_{22}\left(1+2 i k_{I} z\right)\right] e^{2 i k_{I} z}-\left[2 i k_{I} c_{23}-c_{24}\left(1-2 i k_{I} z\right)\right] e^{-2 i k_{I} z},  \tag{C2}\\
f_{n}^{\prime}(z) & =\left(q_{v}^{*} f_{n 1}+q_{f} f_{n 2}\right) s_{1} s_{2}^{*}+\left(q_{v} f_{n 3}+q_{v}^{*} f_{n 4}\right) s_{2} s_{2}^{*}+\left(q_{f} f_{n 1}+q_{v}^{*} f_{n 2}\right) s_{3} s_{4}^{*}+\left(q_{v}^{*} f_{n 3}+q_{v} f_{n 4}\right) s_{4} s_{4}^{*} . \tag{C3}
\end{align*}
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