

Let's first write out the charge density function in spherical coordinates:

$$\rho(\mathbf{x}, t) = \frac{q}{2\pi r^2} [2\delta(r)\delta(\cos\theta) - \delta(r - a\cos\omega t)\delta(\cos\theta - 1) - \delta(r - a\cos\omega t)\delta(\cos\theta + 1)] \quad (1)$$

In particular, it has no ϕ dependency, and the factor $1/2\pi$ is necessary for normalization.

Apparently the current density \mathbf{J} is along the z -axis, so the effective magnetization $\mathcal{M} = \mathbf{x} \times \mathbf{J}/2 = 0$. Thus by (9.170) and (9.172), only the electric multipole moment q_{lm} will contribute to the radiation.

Let

$$C_{lm} = \sqrt{\frac{(2l+1)(l-m)!}{4\pi(l+m)!}} \quad (2)$$

be the normalization constant for the spherical harmonics. Then by definition, the spherical multipole moment q_{lm} is

$$q_{lm}(t) = \int r^l Y_{lm}^*(\theta, \phi) \rho(\mathbf{x}, t) d^3x = I_1 + I_2 + I_3 \quad (3)$$

where I_1, I_2, I_3 are the integrals corresponding to the three terms in (1):

$$I_1 = \frac{2q}{2\pi} \int_0^\infty r^l \delta(r) dr \int_{-1}^1 C_{lm} P_l^m(\cos\theta) \delta(\cos\theta) d(\cos\theta) \int_0^{2\pi} e^{-im\phi} d\phi = 2q \sqrt{\frac{1}{4\pi}} \delta_{l0} \delta_{m0} \quad (4)$$

$$\begin{aligned} I_2 &= -\frac{q}{2\pi} \int_0^\infty r^l \delta(r - a\cos\omega t) dr \int_{-1}^1 C_{lm} P_l^m(\cos\theta) \delta(\cos\theta - 1) d(\cos\theta) \int_0^{2\pi} e^{-im\phi} d\phi \\ &= -q(a\cos\omega t)^l \sqrt{\frac{2l+1}{4\pi}} P_l^0(1) \delta_{m0} \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

$$I_3 = -q(a\cos\omega t)^l \sqrt{\frac{2l+1}{4\pi}} P_l^0(-1) \delta_{m0} \quad (6)$$

Obviously $I_2 + I_3$ vanishes for odd l , and when $l = 0$, $I_2 + I_3$ corresponds to the monopole $-2q$ which cancels I_1 .

In summary

$$q_{lm}(t) = \begin{cases} -2q \sqrt{\frac{2l+1}{4\pi}} (a\cos\omega t)^l & \text{for } m=0, l=2, 4, 6, \dots \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (7)$$

For $l = 2k$ with $k = 1, 2, 3, \dots$, we can expand $(a\cos\omega t)^{2k} = [a(e^{i\omega t} + e^{-i\omega t})/2]^{2k}$ to obtain

$$\begin{aligned} q_{2k,0}(t) &= -2q \sqrt{\frac{4k+1}{4\pi}} \left(\frac{a}{2}\right)^{2k} \sum_{n=0}^{2k} \binom{2k}{n} e^{i2(k-n)\omega t} \\ &= -2q \sqrt{\frac{4k+1}{4\pi}} \left(\frac{a}{2}\right)^{2k} \left\{ \binom{2k}{k} + \sum_{n=0}^{k-1} \binom{2k}{n} e^{i2(k-n)\omega t} + \sum_{n'=k+1}^{2k} \binom{2k}{n'} e^{i2(k-n')\omega t} \right\} \quad \text{let } n' = 2k - n \\ &= -2q \sqrt{\frac{4k+1}{4\pi}} \left(\frac{a}{2}\right)^{2k} \left\{ \binom{2k}{k} + \sum_{n=0}^{k-1} 2 \binom{2k}{n} \cos[2(k-n)\omega t] \right\} \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

We see for every $l = 2k$, the multipole $q_{l0}(t)$ has harmonic frequencies $2\omega, 4\omega, 6\omega, \dots, 2k\omega$. For the lowest order $l = 2$ at its only harmonic 2ω , the multipole moment is

$$q_{20}(t) \Big|_{2\omega} = -qa^2 \sqrt{\frac{5}{4\pi}} \quad (9)$$

In general, to calculate the angular power distribution due to a multipole in the radiation zone, we should use (9.151), but in our case, we can take a shortcut. Since q_{20} is the only non-zero component of $l = 2$, we can use (4.6) to convert it to the Cartesian representation Q_{ij} using the fact that Q is symmetric and traceless:

$$-2Q_{11} = -2Q_{22} = Q_{33} = 2q_{20} \sqrt{\frac{4\pi}{5}} = -2qa^2 \quad Q_{12} = Q_{13} = Q_{23} = 0 \quad (10)$$

This allows us to use (9.51) and (9.52) to get (note $k = 2\omega/c$)

$$\frac{dP}{d\Omega} = \frac{c^2 Z_0 k^6}{512\pi^2} (-2qa^2)^2 \sin^2\theta \cos^2\theta = \frac{Z_0 \omega^6 q^2 a^4}{2\pi^2 c^4} \sin^2\theta \cos^2\theta \quad P = \frac{c^2 Z_0 k^6}{960\pi} (-2qa^2)^2 = \frac{4Z_0 \omega^6 q^2 a^4}{15\pi c^4} \quad (11)$$