Further Quantum Physics T.T. 2006

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Lecture Synopsis

The first couple of lectures will finish off the material from sections 9 and 10 of the HT synopsis. The rest of TT will be taken up with time-dependent physics. Section 7 of the Problems contains questions on this material.

- 1. **Time dependent potentials** The sudden and adiabatic approximations.
- 2. Time dependent perturbation theory Simple (mainly two-state) systems in a time-dependent potential and the application of time dependent perturbation theory to such problems. Discussion of transitions induced by perturbations.
- 3. Selection rules in atomic transitions Interaction of an atom with the oscillating electric field of e.m. radiation and the dipole matrix element. Use of perturbation theory and angular momentum conservation to derive selection rules.
- 4. Fermi's Golden Rule We won't derive the Golden Rule carefully but will look at applications to decay rates.