

1) A collection of independent electrons have spins polarised parallel to uniform magnetic field of magnitude B_0 pointing in z direction. A perturbing field in x-direction is applied. What is the Condition under which adiabatic there would apply.

Perturbing field in x-direction $\Rightarrow B'(t) = 10^{-3} B_0 (1 - e^{-t/\tau}) \quad t \geq 0$

$$H = -\vec{\mu} \cdot \vec{B}$$

$$= -\vec{\mu} \cdot (B_0 \hat{k} + B_0 10^{-3} \hat{i} (1 - e^{-t/\tau})) \quad t \geq 0$$

$$H = \underbrace{-\vec{\mu} \cdot \hat{k} B_0}_{H^0} - \underbrace{B_0 10^{-3} (1 - e^{-t/\tau}) \vec{\mu} \cdot \hat{i}}_{H^1(t)}$$

Larmor freq: $\omega = \frac{|e| B_0}{m_e}$

$$T = \frac{2\pi}{\omega} = \frac{2\pi m_e}{|e| B_0}$$

if $\tau \gg \frac{2\pi m_e}{|e| B_0}$, then adiabatic theorem would apply.

2) Hydrogen atom in ground state is placed in uniform electric field in z -direction.

$$\mathcal{E} = \mathcal{E}_0 e^{-t/\tau} \leftarrow \text{electric field}$$

This is turned on at $t=0$. What is the probability that atom is excited to $2p$ state at $t \gg \tau$.

$$H = \frac{p^2}{2m} - \frac{e^2}{r} + e \mathcal{E} z$$

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$$d_f(t) = -\frac{i}{\hbar} \int \langle f^0 | H^1 | i^0 \rangle e^{-i\omega_{fi}t'} dt' e^{-t/\tau}$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$= -\frac{ie\mathcal{E}_0}{\hbar} \int_0^t \langle f^0 | z | i^0 \rangle e^{-(\frac{1}{\tau} + i\omega_{fi})t'} dt'$$

$$|i^0\rangle = \psi_{100} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{\pi a_0^3}} e^{-r/a_0} \quad \left. \vphantom{\psi_{100}} \right\} \text{1s state}$$

$$|f^0\rangle = \underline{\psi_{210}} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{32\pi a_0^3}} \frac{r}{a_0} e^{-r/2a_0} \cos\theta$$

$$= \psi_{21\pm 1} = \mp \sqrt{\frac{1}{64\pi a_0^3}} \frac{r}{a_0} e^{-r/2a_0} \sin\theta e^{\pm i\varphi} \quad \left. \vphantom{\psi_{21\pm 1}} \right\} \text{2p state}$$

$$\Rightarrow \langle \psi_{100} | z | \psi_{210} \rangle = \int \sqrt{\frac{1}{\pi a_0^3}} \sqrt{\frac{1}{32\pi a_0^3}} \frac{r}{a_0} e^{-\frac{3}{2}\frac{r}{a_0}} z \cos\theta \underbrace{r^2 dr \sin\theta d\theta d\varphi}_{\text{Jacobian for transforming from } (x,y,z) \rightarrow (r,\theta,\varphi)}$$

$$z = r \cos\theta$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{32}} \frac{1}{\pi a_0^3} \int \frac{r}{a_0} e^{-\frac{3}{2}\frac{r}{a_0}} r \cos\theta \cos\theta r^2 dr \sin\theta d\theta d\varphi$$

$$= \frac{2\pi}{\sqrt{32} \pi a_0^3} \int_0^\infty \frac{r^4}{a_0} e^{-\frac{3}{2}\frac{r}{a_0}} dr \int_0^\pi \cos^2\theta \sin\theta d\theta$$

$$= \frac{a_0^4}{\sqrt{8}} \quad \frac{4}{9} \quad \frac{2}{3}$$

$$\langle \psi_{100} | z | \psi_{210} \rangle = \frac{a_0^4}{\sqrt{8}} \frac{4}{9} \times \frac{2}{3} = \frac{a_0^4}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{4}{27}$$

$$d_f(t) = -\frac{ie\epsilon_0}{\hbar} \frac{a_0^4}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{4}{27} \int_0^t e^{-\left(\frac{1}{\tau} + i\omega_{fi}\right)t'} dt'$$

$$d_f(t) = -\frac{ie\epsilon_0}{\hbar} \frac{a_0^4}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{4}{27} \frac{e^{-\left(\frac{1}{\tau} + i\omega_{fi}\right)t} - 1}{\left(\frac{1}{\tau} + i\omega_{fi}\right)} \bigg|_0^t \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$P_{100 \rightarrow 210} = |d_f(t)|^2$$

Exercise: Compute $P_{100 \rightarrow 210}$ using Eq (1).

However, $P_{100 \rightarrow 21, \pm 1} = 0$ since $\int_0^{2\pi} e^{\pm i\varphi} d\varphi = 0$

3) A 1D harmonic oscillator has spring constant suddenly reduced by a factor of 1/2. The oscillator is initially in ground state. Show that the oscillator remains in ground state with high probability?

$$H = \frac{p^2}{2m} + \frac{1}{2} m \omega^2 x^2 = \frac{p^2}{2m} + \frac{k}{2} x^2 \quad m\omega^2 = k$$

After sudden change $k \rightarrow \frac{k}{2}$

$$H' = \frac{p^2}{2m} + \frac{k}{4} x^2$$

$$\psi_0(x) = \left(\frac{m\omega}{\pi\hbar}\right)^{1/4} e^{-\frac{m\omega}{2\hbar} x^2} = \left(\frac{\sqrt{mk}}{\pi\hbar}\right)^{1/4} e^{-\frac{\sqrt{mk}}{2\hbar} x^2}$$

$$\psi'_0(x) = \left(\frac{\sqrt{mk/2}}{\pi\hbar}\right)^{1/4} e^{-\frac{\sqrt{mk/2}}{2\hbar} x^2}$$

$$|\langle \psi_0(x) | \psi'_0(x) \rangle|^2 = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left(\frac{\sqrt{mk}}{\pi \hbar} \right)^{1/4} \left(\frac{\sqrt{mk/2}}{\pi \hbar} \right)^{1/4} e^{-\frac{\sqrt{mk}}{2\hbar} x^2} e^{-\frac{\sqrt{mk/2}}{2\hbar} x^2} dx$$

Probability of
finding perturbed
system in ground
state

$$= \frac{2^{5/4}}{1+\sqrt{2}} \simeq 0.985$$

This is a Gaussian
integral & doable.