

Time dependent problems: Two level systems in a harmonically varying external potential. Example of spin in an external sinusoidal magnetic field. Time evolution of spin vector. The Schroedinger, Heisenberg and Interaction pictures. Equations of motion.

Time dependent perturbation theory: Perturbation expansion. Formal solution of the Schroedinger equation in a time dependent perturbing potential. Harmonic perturbation. Fermi's golden rule. Atom-radiation interaction, dipole approximation. Spontaneous decay. Einstein A and B coefficients using Fermi's golden rule.

14 hours

Unit II

Time independent scattering theory: Scattering cross section. Boundary conditions. scattering amplitude and differential cross section. Born approximation, validity, example of Yukawa potential, Rutherford scattering formula.

Method of partial waves: Motivation, partial wave expansion, scattering amplitude, phase shifts, partial wave amplitude, differential and total cross sections for short range potentials. Optical theorem. Low and high energy scattering from a hard sphere. Low energy scattering from a potential well and bound states, scattering length. Resonance scattering and quasi-bound states.

14 Hours

Unit -III

Relativistic Quantum Mechanics: The Klein-Gordon(KG) equation. Plane-wave solutions. KG equation in an electromagnetic field. Continuity equation. Limitations of KG equation and its correct interpretation. Non-relativistic reduction of KG equation. Application to two-body problem of two spinless particles in a Coulomb potential.

Dirac Equation: The free particle Dirac equation. Pauli-Dirac representation. Continuity equation. Plane wave solutions of the Dirac equation in the Pauli-Dirac representation, Normalisation. Dirac equation in an electromagnetic field. Non-relativistic approximation. Spin in Dirac theory, Conservation of angular momentum. Helicity. Negative energy solutions and Hole theory. Covariant formulation of Dirac equation, Gordon decomposition of vector current. Brief discussion on application of Dirac theory to the hydrogen atom.

14 Hours

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MSE 510: MATERIALS IN ENERGY PRODUCTION -OPEN ELECTIVE-2 (3 Credits)

Objectives: Objective of the course is to impart a basic knowledge about global energy scenario, energy consumption in various sectors, renewable energy sources and energy production. The course gives brief idea on energy production with solar cells, fuel cells, etc. The course also provides basic knowledge on superconductivity and superconducting materials.

Expected course outcomes: The students should gain knowledge on global energy scenario such as production and consumption by various sectors. Students would have a basic knowledge about the solar cells and fuel cells for the energy production along with energy saving application like superconductors. Students are expected to learn to use energy resources effectively and efficiently.

Unit I

Global Energy Scene Energy consumption in various sectors, projected energy consumption for the next century, Definition and units of energy, power, forms of energy, conservation of energy, second law of thermodynamics. Solar Cells – Photovoltaic effect-light absorption- carrier generation and recombination, p-n junction: homo and heterojunctions, Metal-semiconductor interface; Equivalent Circuit of the Solar Cell, Analysis of PV Cells: Dark and illumination characteristics; solar cell- efficiency limits; variation of efficiency with band-gap and temperature- Efficiency measurements-high efficiency cells. Types of Solar cells. Solar cell fabrication technology. Recent developments.

14 hours

Unit II

Hydrogen energy – merits as a fuel – production of hydrogen – fossil fuels, electrolysis, thermal decomposition, photochemical and photocatalytic methods. Hydrogen storage – metal hydrides, metal alloy hydrides, carbon nanotubes, sea as source of deuterium. Fuel cells – introduction – difference between batteries and fuel cells, components of fuel cells, principle of working of fuel cell, performance characteristics of fuel cells, efficiency of fuel cell, fuel cell stack, fuel cell power plant: fuel processor, fuel cell power section, power conditioner, Advantages and disadvantages of fuel cell power plant. Types of fuel cells - Solid oxide fuel cells (SOFC), Molten carbonate fuel cells (MCFC), Phosphoric acid fuel cells (PAFC) Polymer electrolyte fuel cells. Application of fuel cells – Recent developments-commercially available fuel cells.

14 hours

Unit III

Superconductors - development in the field of superconductivity – properties of superconductors - perfect diamagnetism, Meissner effect – critical field and current – BCS theory. Types of superconductors - high T_c superconductors – properties - synthesis of high T_c superconductors. Applications of Superconductors in Energy, Superconducting wires and their characteristics, High field magnets for production of energy by magnetic fusion, Energy generation- Magnetohydrodynamics (MHD), energy storage, electric generators and role of superconductors. Large scale applications of superconductors. Electric power transmission, Applications of superconductor in medicine - Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI), Areas of applications, Superconducting Quantum Interference Devices (SQUID).

14 hours

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