

2. A point particle of mass  $m$  and electric charge  $q$  moves in a 3d harmonic oscillator potential with frequency  $\omega$  and a uniform electric field of strength  $\mathcal{E}$  pointing in the  $z$ -direction. The Hamiltonian is

$$H = \frac{\vec{p}^2}{2m} + \frac{m\omega^2 \vec{r}^2}{2} - q\mathcal{E}z.$$

- (a) What are the eigenenergies of this Hamiltonian?
- (b) Find an expression for the ground state wave-function.

Assume now that the system is described by the above Hamiltonian only for  $t < 0$ , and that at  $t = 0$  the electric field is suddenly turned off. For  $t < 0$ , the system is in its ground state.

- (c) What is the probability that the system will end up in the new ground state right after the electric field is turned off?
- (d) What is the expectation value of the electric dipole moment  $\vec{d} = q\vec{r}$  at some given time  $t > 0$ ?