

What will happen if our system starts in one particular energy eigenstate at  $t=0$ , say  $|E_2\rangle$ , then we watch it for some time  $t$  – how do we write the state at time  $t$ ?

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- How will the probabilities associated with *any* observations of this state after time  $t$  differ from at  $t=0$ ?

What name might you give such an initial “pure” state to explain how it behaves with time?

If our initial state at  $t=0$  is  $a|E_1\rangle + b|E_2\rangle$ , what will be our state after some time  $t$ ?

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