



**WFU Physics Colloquium**

**TITLE:** Embedded metal nanoparticles as light-driven, localized heaters within polymeric solids

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**TIME:** Wednesday September 18, 2013 at 4:00 PM

**PLACE:** Room 101 Olin Physical Laboratory

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Refreshments will be served at 3:30 PM in the Olin Lounge. All interested persons are cordially invited to attend.

**ABSTRACT**

Metal nanoparticles strongly absorb specific wavelengths of visible/infrared light with no (or only a very weak) radiative relaxation by which to release this energy. As a result, the absorbed energy is efficiently converted to local heat (a photothermal effect). With an effective cross-section of up to 10 times its physical size, each particle acts as a "super-size" absorber even when embedded within a transparent material environment, resulting in dramatic heating originating at the particles. Thus, with spatially-uniform illumination, one can metaphorically reach inside the sample and apply heat to pre-selected subsets (e.g., causing them to dramatically change properties due to actuation, cross-linking, crystallization, or chemical reaction) without heating the surface or strongly affecting the remainder of the material. This is particularly true for solid, polymeric samples where moderate light intensities can result in dramatic heating. I'll discuss recent results demonstrating selective heating, measurement of average internal sample temperatures close to and far from particles, and how this temperature gradient changes as a function of radiation intensity.

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**Summary of Lagrangian formalism (without constraints)**

For independent generalized coordinates  $q_\sigma(t)$ :

$$L = L(\{q_\sigma(t)\}, \{\dot{q}_\sigma(t)\}, t)$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_\sigma} - \frac{\partial L}{\partial q_\sigma} = 0$$

Note that if  $\frac{\partial L}{\partial q_\sigma} = 0$ , then  $\frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_\sigma} = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_\sigma} = (\text{constant})$$

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**Examples of constants of the motion:**

Example 1: one-dimensional potential:

$$L = \frac{1}{2} m(\dot{x}^2 + \dot{y}^2 + \dot{z}^2) - V(z)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dt} m\dot{x} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow m\dot{x} \equiv p_x \text{ (constant)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dt} m\dot{y} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow m\dot{y} \equiv p_y \text{ (constant)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dt} m\dot{z} = -\frac{\partial V}{\partial z}$$

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Examples of constants of the motion:

Example 2: Motion in a central potential

$$L = \frac{1}{2}m(\dot{r}^2 + r^2\dot{\phi}^2) - V(r)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dt}mr^2\dot{\phi} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow mr^2\dot{\phi} \equiv p_\phi \text{ (constant)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dt}m\dot{r} = mr\dot{\phi}^2 - \frac{\partial V}{\partial r} = \frac{p_\phi^2}{mr^3} - \frac{\partial V}{\partial r}$$

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Recall alternative form of Euler-Lagrange equations:

Starting from:

$$L = L(\{q_\sigma(t)\}, \{\dot{q}_\sigma(t)\}, t)$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_\sigma} - \frac{\partial L}{\partial q_\sigma} = 0$$

Also note that:  $\frac{dL}{dt} = \sum_\sigma \frac{\partial L}{\partial q_\sigma} \dot{q}_\sigma + \sum_\sigma \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_\sigma} \ddot{q}_\sigma + \frac{\partial L}{\partial t}$

$$= \frac{d}{dt} \left( \sum_\sigma \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_\sigma} \dot{q}_\sigma \right) + \frac{\partial L}{\partial t}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dt} \left( L - \sum_\sigma \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_\sigma} \dot{q}_\sigma \right) = \frac{\partial L}{\partial t}$$

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Additional constant of the motion:

If  $\frac{\partial L}{\partial t} = 0$ ;

then:  $\frac{d}{dt} \left( L - \sum_\sigma \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_\sigma} \dot{q}_\sigma \right) = \frac{\partial L}{\partial t} = 0$

$$\Rightarrow L - \sum_\sigma \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_\sigma} \dot{q}_\sigma = -E \text{ (constant)}$$

Example 1: one-dimensional potential:

$$L = \frac{1}{2}m(\dot{x}^2 + \dot{y}^2 + \dot{z}^2) - V(z)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{1}{2}m(\dot{x}^2 + \dot{y}^2 + \dot{z}^2) - V(z) - m\dot{x}^2 - m\dot{y}^2 - m\dot{z}^2 \right) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -\left( \frac{1}{2}m(\dot{x}^2 + \dot{y}^2 + \dot{z}^2) + V(z) \right) = -E \text{ (constant)}$$

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Additional constant of the motion -- continued:

$$\text{If } \frac{\partial L}{\partial t} = 0;$$

$$\text{then: } \frac{d}{dt} \left( L - \sum_{\sigma} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_{\sigma}} \dot{q}_{\sigma} \right) = \frac{\partial L}{\partial t} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow L - \sum_{\sigma} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_{\sigma}} \dot{q}_{\sigma} = -E \quad (\text{constant})$$

Example 2: Motion in a central potential

$$L = \frac{1}{2} m (\dot{r}^2 + r^2 \dot{\phi}^2) - V(r)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{1}{2} m (\dot{r}^2 + r^2 \dot{\phi}^2) - V(r) - m\dot{r}^2 - m r^2 \dot{\phi}^2 \right) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -\left( \frac{1}{2} m (\dot{r}^2 + r^2 \dot{\phi}^2) + V(r) \right) = -E \quad (\text{constant})$$

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Other examples

Lagrangian for symmetric top with Euler angles  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$ :

$$L = L(\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \dot{\alpha}, \dot{\beta}, \dot{\gamma}) = \frac{1}{2} I_1 (\dot{\alpha}^2 \sin^2 \beta + \dot{\beta}^2) + \frac{1}{2} I_3 (\dot{\alpha} \cos \beta + \dot{\gamma})^2 - Mgh \cos \beta$$

Constants of the motion:

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \gamma} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{\gamma}} = 0 \quad I_3 (\dot{\alpha} \cos \beta + \dot{\gamma}) = p_{\gamma} \quad (\text{constant})$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \alpha} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{\alpha}} = 0 \quad I_1 \dot{\alpha} \sin^2 \beta + I_3 (\dot{\alpha} \cos \beta + \dot{\gamma}) \cos \beta = p_{\alpha} \quad (\text{constant})$$

$$E = \sum_{\sigma} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_{\sigma}} \dot{q}_{\sigma} - L$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} I_1 (\dot{\alpha}^2 \sin^2 \beta + \dot{\beta}^2) + \frac{1}{2} I_3 (\dot{\alpha} \cos \beta + \dot{\gamma})^2 + Mgh \cos \beta$$

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Other examples

$$L = \frac{1}{2} m (\dot{x}^2 + \dot{y}^2 + \dot{z}^2) + \frac{q}{2c} B_0 (-\dot{x}y + y\dot{x})$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial z} = 0 \Rightarrow m\dot{z} = p_z \quad (\text{constant})$$

$$E = \sum_{\sigma} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_{\sigma}} \dot{q}_{\sigma} - L$$

$$= m(\dot{x}^2 + \dot{y}^2 + \dot{z}^2) + \frac{q}{2c} B_0 (-\dot{x}y + y\dot{x})$$

$$- \frac{1}{2} m (\dot{x}^2 + \dot{y}^2 + \dot{z}^2) - \frac{q}{2c} B_0 (-\dot{x}y + y\dot{x})$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} m (\dot{x}^2 + \dot{y}^2 + \dot{z}^2)$$

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Other examples

$$L = \frac{1}{2}m(\dot{x}^2 + \dot{y}^2 + \dot{z}^2) - \frac{q}{c}B_0\dot{x}y$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial z} = 0 \Rightarrow m\dot{z} = p_z \text{ (constant)}$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial x} = 0 \Rightarrow m\dot{x} = p_x \text{ (constant)}$$

$$E = \sum_{\sigma} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_{\sigma}} \dot{q}_{\sigma} - L$$

$$= m(\dot{x}^2 + \dot{y}^2 + \dot{z}^2) - \frac{q}{c}B_0\dot{x}y$$

$$- \frac{1}{2}m(\dot{x}^2 + \dot{y}^2 + \dot{z}^2) + \frac{q}{c}B_0\dot{x}y$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}m(\dot{x}^2 + \dot{y}^2 + \dot{z}^2)$$

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Lagrangian picture

For independent generalized coordinates  $q_{\sigma}(t)$ :

$$L = L(\{q_{\sigma}(t)\}, \{\dot{q}_{\sigma}(t)\}, t)$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_{\sigma}} - \frac{\partial L}{\partial q_{\sigma}} = 0$$

$\Rightarrow$  Second order differential equations for  $q_{\sigma}(t)$

Switching variables – Legendre transformation

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Mathematical transformations for continuous functions of several variables & Legendre transforms:

$$z(x, y) \Leftrightarrow x(y, z) ???$$

$$z(x, y) \Rightarrow dz = \left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}\right)_y dx + \left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial y}\right)_x dy$$

$$x(y, z) \Rightarrow dx = \left(\frac{\partial x}{\partial y}\right)_z dy + \left(\frac{\partial x}{\partial z}\right)_y dz$$

But:  $\left(\frac{\partial x}{\partial y}\right)_z = -\frac{(\partial z / \partial y)_x}{(\partial z / \partial x)_y}$

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Mathematical transformations for continuous functions of several variables & Legendre transforms continued:

$$z(x, y) \Rightarrow dz = \left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}\right)_y dx + \left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial y}\right)_x dy$$

Let  $u \equiv \left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}\right)_y$  and  $v \equiv \left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial y}\right)_x$

Define new function

$$w(u, y) \Rightarrow dw = \left(\frac{\partial w}{\partial u}\right)_y du + \left(\frac{\partial w}{\partial y}\right)_u dy$$

For  $w = z - ux$ ,  $dw = dz - udx - xdu = udx + vdy - udx - xdu$

$$dw = -xdu + vdy \quad \Rightarrow \left(\frac{\partial w}{\partial u}\right)_y = -x \quad \left(\frac{\partial w}{\partial y}\right)_u = \left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial y}\right)_x = v$$

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For thermodynamic functions:

Internal energy:  $U = U(S, V)$   
 $dU = TdS - PdV$   
 $dU = \left(\frac{\partial U}{\partial S}\right)_V dS + \left(\frac{\partial U}{\partial V}\right)_S dV$   
 $\Rightarrow T = \left(\frac{\partial U}{\partial S}\right)_V \quad P = -\left(\frac{\partial U}{\partial V}\right)_S$

Enthalpy:  $H = H(S, P) = U + PV$   
 $dH = dU + PdV + VdP = TdS + VdP = \left(\frac{\partial H}{\partial S}\right)_P dS + \left(\frac{\partial H}{\partial P}\right)_S dP$   
 $\Rightarrow T = \left(\frac{\partial H}{\partial S}\right)_P \quad V = \left(\frac{\partial H}{\partial P}\right)_S$

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Name	Potential	Differential Form
Internal energy	$E(S, V, N)$	$dE = TdS - PdV + \mu dN$
Entropy	$S(E, V, N)$	$dS = \frac{1}{T}dE + \frac{P}{T}dV - \frac{\mu}{T}dN$
Enthalpy	$H(S, P, N) = E + PV$	$dH = TdS + VdP + \mu dN$
Helmholtz free energy	$F(T, V, N) = E - TS$	$dF = -SdT - PdV + \mu dN$
Gibbs free energy	$G(T, P, N) = F + PV$	$dG = -SdT + VdP + \mu dN$
Landau potential	$\Omega(T, V, \mu) = F - \mu N$	$d\Omega = -SdT - PdV - Nd\mu$

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**Lagrangian picture**For independent generalized coordinates  $q_\sigma(t)$ :

$$L = L(\{q_\sigma(t)\}, \{\dot{q}_\sigma(t)\}, t)$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_\sigma} - \frac{\partial L}{\partial q_\sigma} = 0$$

⇒ Second order differential equations for  $q_\sigma(t)$ **Switching variables – Legendre transformation**Define:  $H = H(\{q_\sigma(t)\}, \{p_\sigma(t)\}, t)$ 

$$H = \sum_\sigma \dot{q}_\sigma p_\sigma - L \quad \text{where } p_\sigma = \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_\sigma}$$

$$dH = \sum_\sigma \left( \dot{q}_\sigma dp_\sigma + p_\sigma d\dot{q}_\sigma - \frac{\partial L}{\partial q_\sigma} dq_\sigma - \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_\sigma} d\dot{q}_\sigma \right) - \frac{\partial L}{\partial t} dt$$

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**Hamiltonian picture – continued**

$$H = H(\{q_\sigma(t)\}, \{p_\sigma(t)\}, t)$$

$$H = \sum_\sigma \dot{q}_\sigma p_\sigma - L \quad \text{where } p_\sigma = \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_\sigma}$$

$$dH = \sum_\sigma \left( \dot{q}_\sigma dp_\sigma + p_\sigma d\dot{q}_\sigma - \frac{\partial L}{\partial q_\sigma} dq_\sigma - \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_\sigma} d\dot{q}_\sigma \right) - \frac{\partial L}{\partial t} dt$$

$$= \sum_\sigma \left( \frac{\partial H}{\partial q_\sigma} dq_\sigma + \frac{\partial H}{\partial p_\sigma} dp_\sigma \right) + \frac{\partial H}{\partial t} dt$$

$$\Rightarrow \dot{q}_\sigma = \frac{\partial H}{\partial p_\sigma} \quad \frac{\partial L}{\partial q_\sigma} = \frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_\sigma} \equiv \dot{p}_\sigma = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial q_\sigma} \quad \frac{\partial L}{\partial t} = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial t}$$

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