



**WFU Physics Colloquium**

**TITLE:** The Dark Sector's First Minute

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**TIME:** Wednesday September 17, 2014 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**

There are two unknown actors on the cosmic stage: the dark energy that is accelerating the Universe's expansion and the dark matter that dominates galaxies and clusters. I will demonstrate how we can gain powerful insights into the nature of dark energy and dark matter by investigating their behavior in the most energetic environment ever realized: the early Universe. First, I will show that the early Universe exposes a critical flaw in chameleon gravity, which is a modified gravity theory that provides dark energy while mimicking general relativity within the Solar System. Second, I will describe how the abundance of dark matter microhalos probes the early Universe's own mystery: the origin of the initial density fluctuations that seeded cosmic structures. Finally, I will show that microhalos also provide a new window on the dynamics of the extremely early Universe and the origins of dark matter.

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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

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

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

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

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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 :

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

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

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

For this case, we also have  $m\dot{x} \equiv p_x$  and  $m\dot{y} \equiv p_y$

$$\Rightarrow E = \frac{p_x^2}{2m} + \frac{p_y^2}{2m} + \frac{1}{2}m\dot{z}^2 + V(z)$$

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Additional constant of the motion -- continued:

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

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

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

Example 2: Motion in a central potential

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

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

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

For this case, we also have  $m r^2 \dot{\phi} \equiv p_{\phi}$

$\Rightarrow E = \frac{p_{\phi}^2}{2m r^2} + \frac{1}{2} m \dot{r}^2 + V(r)$

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Other examples

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Other examples

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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

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

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


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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	$G(T, P, N) = E + PV$	$dG = -SdT + VdP + \mu dN$
Landau potential	$\Omega(T, V, \mu) = E - \mu N$	$d\Omega = -SdT - PdV - N d\mu$

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**Lagrangian picture**  
 For independent generalized coordinates  $q_\sigma(t)$ :  
 $L = L(\{q_\sigma(t)\}, \{\dot{q}_\sigma(t)\}, t)$   
 $\frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_\sigma} - \frac{\partial L}{\partial q_\sigma} = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow$  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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