

A Review of Laser Ablation- Synthesis of Nanoparticles: Concepts and the Principles

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Abstract

Laser technique is considered one to prepare different kinds of nano materials especially nano particles such as quantum dots, carbon nano tubes, nano wires, and core- shell nano particles. The current study review including nano particles which are prepared by pulsed -laser ablation . The growth procedure of nano particles by laser-ablation is focused in this study . The important parameters to control of nano particle size and the aims to nano particle preparation by pulsed-laser ablation- technology are then discussed.

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1. Introduction

Due to nanoparticles have a diversity of unique properties that are not found in bulk materials (Buzee et al., 2007). The important characteristic of nano particles is that the properties like electrical, optical, magnetic, and so on depend strongly on the size and size distribution of the particles (Kim et al., 2014). At room temperature the photoluminescence of silicon nano-particles are in visible region from electromagnetic wave (Kennmitsu, 1995; Yohida et al., 1998); the particle size of nan-materials are more important to control the wave length of the light emission (Orri et al., 2003). The titanium particles have many important in optoelectronic device (Organ and Gritzel, 1991) and photovoltaic application [1-8]. The photo-chemical properties of titanium nano particles have a strong dependence on the particle size and the crystal structure. there are several types of nano particles display behavior characteristics like ferro magnetism, para magnetism, pinned emission, fluorescence and spin quantum effect. at nano-scale (Zhang et al., 2004; Kum et al., 2014). nanoparticle preparation methods have been advanced with the bottom-up behavior in the liquid state like sol-gel and chemical reduction and vapor phase like physical or chemical vapor deposition [7,9-15]. The important Vapor phase processes at synthesizing with high purity nano particles by the continuous flow reactor. In both of liquid and gas bottom-up methods, solid nano particles are generated from the nucleation of super-saturated species. Pulsed- Laser ablation is a technique that uses laser beam as an energy pump for ablating solid target materials. this procedure, high energy laser is concentrated at a specific point on a solid surface target to evaporate light absorbing material. 'ablation' means removal the atoms from the surface target and it does not involve a single photon process the chemical bonds breaking but also multi-photon excitation thermal evaporation [16-25]. In study review, pulsed- laser ablation-originate in nanoparticle formation procedures and their mechanism process are discussed, then laser ablation techniques for synthesizing kinds of nano particles. Finally, developed laser ablation procedures for preparing nano- materials are introduced [26-30]

2. Previous Pulse Laser ablation (PLA) review work published

PLA was invented in the 1960s, before the pulsed ruby laser. Many subsequent studies have looked into pulsed-laser ablation in vacuum and dilute gases [31-35].

By adjusting the materials, back-ground gases, and the parameters of laser, many different kinds of thin films can be created for utilize in diverse fields, such as electrodes, wear resistant attachments (Mehssina 2011). Metals oxides, semi-conductors, high temperature super-conductors are examples of targets that can be used [36-41].

In 2011, authors (Ali and Raouf) created silver nanoparticles in distilled and deionized water using a pulse laser (Nd: YAG) with wavelength nm (1064), time ns (10) and energy 100-900 mJ. The nanoparticles were created. The resultant silver has a spherical form and a size of (5-50nm) [42-48].

Adawiya J. Haider et al. (2013) investigated TiO₂ TiCl₄ nanoparticles generated as precursors in an ambient atmosphere using a 1:10 ethanol solution and no additives. X-ray diffraction and electron microscopy (SEM) were used to analyze the nanoparticles' structure, shape, and size. A visible ultraviolet spectrophotometer was used to investigate optical characteristics. The results revealed that the anatase phase was only present in titanium dioxide powder up to a concentration of 500. The average size of TiO₂ nanoparticles was found to be between (3- 30) nm. TiO₂ particles produced at 10⁻⁵ and 10⁻³ concentrations shown improved antibacterial action against two kinds of bacteria, Escherichia coli (E-coli) and Staphylococcus aureus, respectively. TiO₂

nanoparticles are more potent antibacterial agents against *Staphylococcus aureus* than *E. coli* [49-55].

(2014) created colloidal titanium dioxide nanoparticles by laser ablation of titanium metal submerged in anionic water (Khashan and et al.). They used the ultraviolet (UV-Vis) spectrum, the Fourier transform infrared (FTIR), and the transmission electron microscope (TEM) to investigate the characteristics of suspended nanoparticles. The researchers described the creation of titanium oxide particles using (FTIR) analysis, and the results of (TEM) photographs revealed granular ranged 3-30 nanometer. The nanoparticles were tested for antibacterial activity against (*Staphylococcus aureus*) and (*Escherichia coli*). Bacterial inhibition has been demonstrated using titanium dioxide nanoparticles [56].

Lakshmi pathy and Nanda (2015) synthesized silver nanoparticles from gallic acid and investigated their biological applications. The UV-VIS spectra had a small peak with a maximum at 424nm. The FESEM micrograph shows a narrow size variation of AgNPs with sizes ranging from 30nm to practically spherical in form. AgNPs inhibited HEp-2 cell proliferation with an IC₅₀ of 1mg/mL concentration, accompanied by morphological changes and membrane degradation. Its toxicity is due to its great affinity for intracellular proteins and thiol production, which may be extended for many biological uses as a broad spectrum therapeutic agent [57].

Salman (2016) created nanoparticles of titanium oxide using pulsed-laser ablation by inserting with high-purity titanium 99.9% in (2) milliliter of de-ionized water and using a Nd:Yag laser at nm wave-lengths (1064,532) and a laser energy of mJ (500). The researcher investigated the properties of nanoparticles using X-ray diffraction; XRD, atomic force-microscopy; AFM, and the absorbance measurements UV/Visible, and the average diameter of the resulting particles ranged between nm (84.78 95.96) at nm wavelengths (532,1064), respectively [58]. Caroline and her colleagues (2017) created silver nanoparticles using a pulse laser ablation method with a wavelength of 1064 nano-meter and a pulse width of 35 nm, as well as distinct impacts of silver target radiation in different conditions. They discovered that the nanoparticles' visible UV-visible absorption spectra peak the absorption of the surface Plasmon resonance in the ultraviolet range. They measured the size and form of the nanoparticles using STEM and TEM micrographs. The results demonstrated that the diversity of the laser effect and the liquid medium had a considerable influence on the properties of the silver nanoparticles and their production rate. Various circumstances were used to create particles with diameters ranging from 2 to 80 nm. This work demonstrates promising studies [39]. Prahlad and his colleagues (2018) investigated the rise of plasmon bandwidth produced nanoparticles with increasing laser power on the silver target suggests a decrease in nanoparticle size [36]. In 2019, Billy and colleagues investigate the manufacture and characterisation of Au NPs by pulsed-laser ablation [38]. In 2020, Chen and colleagues will investigate ZnO colloids and ZnO nanoparticles generated by pulsed laser ablation of zinc granules in water in 2020. Structure and optical characterization of nanoparticles indicated the production of ZnO NPs.

Rasha Hamed Ahmed researched the influence of laser on the Al particles in (2021) [16]. Aluminum nanoparticles (AL NPs) were created in this study utilizing the ND/YAG - laser ablation method with the pumping wavelength 1064 nm, UV spectroscopy was used to investigate the optical properties for both the absorption and transmittance spectrums, as well as changes in laser power and wavelength.

Tahseen H. Mubarak and coworkers in 2022, investigated several physical properties of Al nanoparticles using the pulse laser ablation in liquid method (PLAL) [36].

In 2023, Alireza Ghasempour and et al highlight studying the properties of cadmium sulfide related to the bio-medical area such as bio-imaging, anti-bacteria and bio-sensors [37-39].

Many case studies on the production of NPs via ablation of laser approach have been described, however there is no -art review on parameters impacting NP production. The characteristics impacting the production of NPs via laser approach are summarized in Fig.1.

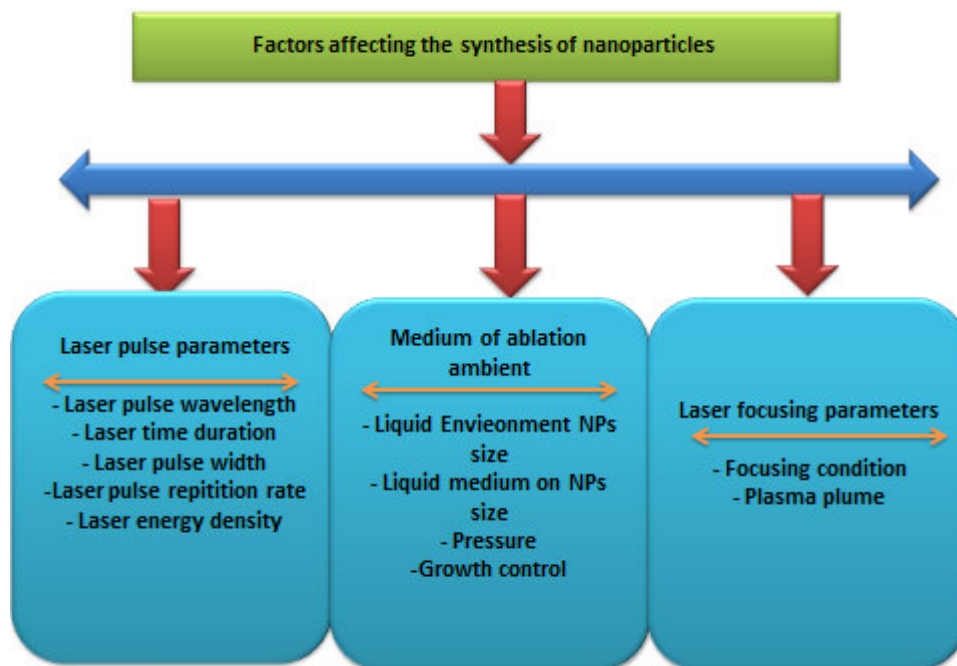


Fig. 1. the influencing parameters for particles production via laser system

3. Basic concept of laser ablation

The process of synthesis can be used to create several types of nanoparticles shown in Fig2.

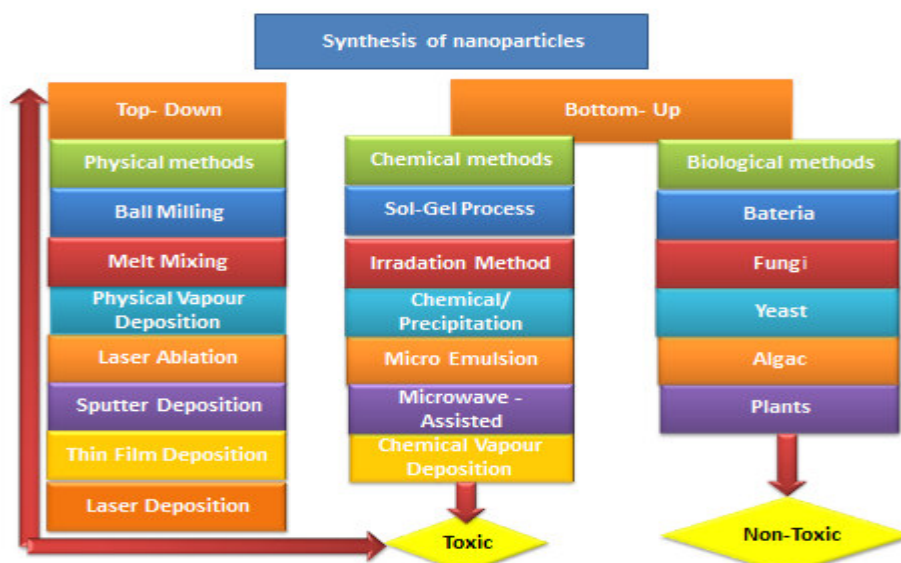


Fig.2. Different methods of synthesis nanoparticles

Using a (top-down) methodology, laser ablation technique has a more famous way to creating minerals. [40]. The ablation technique removes some materials off the surface as a result of the laser beam's interaction with the solid substance. Which is derived from the Latin term (Ablation) for elimination [41,42].

The equilibrium plasma plume produced by pulselaser ablation to prepare the nanoparticles can reach temperatures in the hundreds of degrees Celsius. The sample surface reflects some of the energy released by a laser pulse. It is important to remember that reflectivity is affected by both the material and the laser wavelength. The sample absorbs energy, which is transformed from optical photons to electrons and subsequently distributed through the material by the lattice [46]. Pulses of high energy bursts can produce photochemical reactions that take atoms and molecules off the surface. As the heated surface approaches the critical temperature, the vaporization process accelerates. The vaporization process results in plasma, which is composed of ioni, vaporized electrons. some of the incident laser energy is absorbed by the plasma cloud, allowing just a fraction of the laser energy to get through. Because of the variation in the link of the laser to the material in different time

ranges, the processes of laser ablation differ in both nanosecond and picosecond laser pulses, and pulsed laser ablation is characterized by nanoseconds (79 ns) of both thermal and non-thermal mechanisms [47].

The production of particles at nano-scale via laser-ablation shows in Figure 3. When laser radiation is focused on the material surface in the ambient media gas and liquid, the temperature of the irradiated spot rapidly increases, vaporizing the target material. The collisions between the evaporated atom or clusters and the surrounding molecules result in excitation of the electron state coupled with light emission and production of electrons and ions, forming a laser-induced plasma plume (Fig. 43). The target material, ambient media (liquid or gas), ambient pressure, and laser settings all influence plasma structures (plume size and emission spectrum).

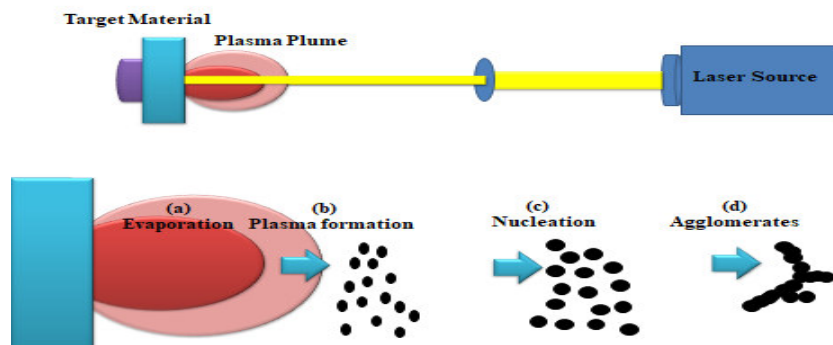


Fig. 3 Schematic of particle generation procedure in the laser ablation process.

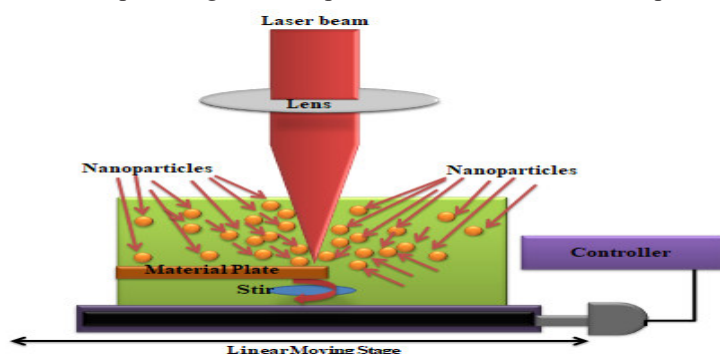


Fig. 4 Mechanism of Laser-induced plume of nanomaterials

4. Effect of laser pulse on nano-particles

4.1 The influence of laser pulse wavelength

The target material's different absorption at certain wavelengths leads in varied concentrations, which determine particlesizes. however, that the morphology of the resultant materials is unchanged (Chewshinda et al. 2013). Small- particle due to cause thermal fluctuations and form instability (Swirnkare al. 2011).

4.2 The influence of laser /pulse width variation on nano-particle

The pulse duration is an important element in the production of nanoparticles. When it is changed from nanoseconds (ns) to picoseconds (ps) and femto-seconds (fs), the ablation mechanism shifts from melting and thermal evaporation to phase explosion. A shorter pulse duration leads to a more effective ablation process, with immediate evaporation and a small heat-affected zone. Ablation was faster in picoseconds due to the metal's lower than ns threshold (Giorgetti et al. 2015a). It has also been noted that in the case of ultra-short laser pulses, the energy received by the target stays fairly low. As a result, using ultra-short laser pulse durations of ps/fs is advantageous since it may be used to many applications such as in biomedical, environmental and sensors application and so on[56-58].

5. pulsed – laser system

5.1 ND-YAG laser system

Neodymium-doped yttrium aluminum garnet is a lasing medium in solid-state lasers. A flash-lamp tube of laser diodes is used to optically pump the Nd:YAG laser. NDYAG lasers emit light at 1064 nm (infrared area)[43].

5.2 Laser excimer ablation

The active medium of an excimer laser is gas. The wavelength of the generated beam is between 193 and 351 nm.

In the late 1970s, the excimer laser was initially reported. Since then, many advances have been achieved in gas lifetimes, computer control electronics)[53,58].

6. Conclusion

This study includes information on laser puls parameters, laser fluence.

For creating NPs, the laser ablation technique is preferable and has few drawbacks. This technique can be used to create a wide variety of NPs. The shape, size, and dispersion of the for various targets are influenced by the liquid medium at room temperature, which also determines the NPs' composition.

The formation of thin films from practically any type of solid target material is thought to be possible using the gas medium of a solid target positioned in a vacuum chamber. The aim of the present review study is focusing on the developments in the synthesis of noble nanometals techniques and various their applications. like pulsed laser a technique . The current study addressed several importants sections: the first section dealt with the synthesis of gold and silver nanoparticles pulsed laser technique. The second section deals with studying the properties of nano materials ,these properties include the structural, morphological and optical properties of pre-products nanomaterials. Finally, the current review study included the important applications of siver nanoparticles and gold nanoparticles, some of which are used as adsorption materials in the treatment of pollutants in water as well as in anti bacterial and anti corrosion for some materials and so on.

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