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A General Theory for Gauge-Free Lifting¹ P.J. MORRISON, The University of Texas at Austin — Given a Hamiltonian set of orbit equations, defined on a phase space of arbitrary dimension, with ‘forces’ that depend explicitly on given electric and magnetic fields and possibly all of their derivatives, how does one lift to a Hamiltonian kinetic theory coupled to Maxwell’s equations? A general theory that answers this question will be presented. The theory produces magnetization and polarization effects in Maxwell’s equations via a Poisson bracket that generalizes that for the Vlasov-Maxwell system.² Several examples will be treated, including the generalized guiding-center kinetic theory of Pfirsch and the author,³ which relies on the introduction of redundant variables via Dirac constraint theory, and a theory that incorporates spin in the Vlasov context.⁴

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