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**Parallel Slowing from Long-Range Collisions in a Magnetized Plasma**<sup>1</sup> DANIEL H.E. DUBIN, U. C. San Diego — This poster presents a new theory of the collisional drag rate  $\nu$  parallel to the magnetic field in a plasma for which  $r_c < \lambda_D$ , where  $r_c$  is the thermal cyclotron radius and  $\lambda_D$  is the Debye length.<sup>2</sup> In such a plasma, long-range collisions with impact parameters  $\rho > r_c$  make a dominant contribution to the drag. Such collisions are described by guiding centers moving in one dimension (1D) along the magnetic field. These 1D long-range collisions are not included in the classical collision rates. We show that such collisions separate into two classes: Boltzmann collisions where colliding particles can be treated as an isolated pair, and Fokker-Planck (FP) collisions where many weak interactions are occurring simultaneously. These collision classes are separated by a new fundamental length scale  $d$  where  $d^5 \equiv (e^2/T)^3(T/m)\nu^{-2}$  : FP or Boltzmann collisions dominate for  $\rho > d$  or  $\rho < d$  respectively. Furthermore, the drag due to Boltzmann collisions is enhanced by “collisional caging”: colliding charges are influenced by surrounding charges to diffuse in relative velocity, reversing their 1D motion and colliding several times while remaining correlated.

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