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Reduced Landau collision operator suitable for gyrokinetic particle simulations¹ ALAIN BRIZARD, Saint Michaels College — Given the importance of the collisionless gyrokinetic formalism [1], the inclusion of self-consistent collisional effects in the neoclassical and collisionless (long-mean-free-path) regimes within the gyrokinetic formalism is of crucial importance in our ability to understand the complex nonlinear dynamics of magnetized fusion plasmas over long time scales. The exact energy-momentum conservation laws of a guiding-center Landau collision operator [2], which play an important role in monitoring the numerical accuracy of gyrokinetic particle simulations, are investigated for arbitrary magnetic-field geometry.

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