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**Collisional Relaxation and Heating in Multi-Ion Species Plasma<sup>1</sup>** MIKHAIL MLODIK, ELIJAH KOLMES, IAN OCHS, NATHANIEL FISCH, Princeton University, PPPL — Multi-ion species plasma that is immersed in a magnetic field features distinct collisional timescales when external forces are applied to it. We identify and explore intermediate timescales and describe metastable states of such a plasma. In particular, we identify and discuss the temperature gradients that arise in the plasma. We compare plasma to a neutral gas, where related physics, i.e. the piezothermal effect [1], are observed.

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