Ion friction in strongly coupled plasmas

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Crazy ideas, stupid things I say, potential future studies, previous work that you know about, relevance to ongoing research, uneducated or illogical statements, extensions of work I present, questions about experimental capabilities, etc.

I welcome your questions and impressions.

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192 Laser Beams, 2.15 million Joules (2018)



Focused to a tiny spot



Driving nuclear fusion



Dedicated 10 years ago, May 29, 2019

https://str.llnl.gov/2019-04/hurricane

Closing in on Burning Plasma



Our laser cooling lab

20 million atoms, 1 mm diameter

$T_e = 100 \text{ K}$ $n = 2 \times 10^{10} \text{ cm}^3$ $T_i = 2 \text{ K}$

One day a great big elephant and an itsy bitsy mouse went for a walk... Soon they came to a bridge [over a small stream]. And as they crossed the brook, the bridge trembled and shook under the weight of the elephant. "Gosh," squeaked the mouse when they were on the other side of the stream, "Didn't we make that bridge shake!"

















Rutherford scattering



• We have the idea of "cross section"



- An effective size of the scatterer
- Allows us to write collision rates as

 $\gamma_{ee} = n\sigma v$

• Allows us to think about things like mean free path, scattering probability, etc.

Rutherford scattering



• The Coulomb cross section diverges

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \left(\frac{Z_1 Z_2 e^2}{8\pi\epsilon_0 m v_0}\right)$$

$$\frac{1}{\sin^2(\theta/2)}$$

$$\sigma = 2\pi \int_0^\pi \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \to \infty$$

$$\sigma = 2\pi \int_{r_{\min}}^{r_{\max}} \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}$$



Rutherford scattering



 And there are other particles to worry about

 $\gamma_{ee} = n\sigma v \ln \Lambda$

 $\ln \Lambda = \left(\frac{\lambda_{\rm D}}{r_{\rm o}}\right) = \frac{1}{2}\ln\left(\frac{1}{3\Gamma^3}\right)$



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$$\begin{array}{c|c} & \underline{Slow} & \underline{Fast} \\ \hline \\ Electron-electron \\ \nu_s^{e|e}/n_e\lambda_{ee} & \approx 5.8 \times 10^{-6}T^{-3/2} \\ \nu_{\perp}^{e|e}/n_e\lambda_{ee} & \approx 5.8 \times 10^{-6}T^{-1/2}\epsilon^{-1} \\ \nu_{\parallel}^{e|e}/n_e\lambda_{ee} & \approx 2.9 \times 10^{-6}T^{-1/2}\epsilon^{-1} \\ \end{array} \xrightarrow{Fast} \\ \rightarrow 7.7 \times 10^{-6}\epsilon^{-3/2} \\ \rightarrow 7.7 \times 10^{-6}\epsilon^{-3/2} \\ \rightarrow 3.9 \times 10^{-6}T\epsilon^{-5/2} \end{array}$$

Electron-ion

$$\begin{split} \nu_{s}^{e|i}/n_{i}Z^{2}\lambda_{ei} &\approx 0.23\mu^{3/2}T^{-3/2} \longrightarrow 3.9 \times 10^{-6}\epsilon^{-3/2} \\ \nu_{\perp}^{e|i}/n_{i}Z^{2}\lambda_{ei} &\approx 2.5 \times 10^{-4}\mu^{1/2}T^{-1/2}\epsilon^{-1} \longrightarrow 7.7 \times 10^{-6}\epsilon^{-3/2} \\ \nu_{\parallel}^{e|i}/n_{i}Z^{2}\lambda_{ci} &\approx 1.2 \times 10^{-4}\mu^{1/2}T^{-1/2}\epsilon^{-1} \longrightarrow 2.1 \times 10^{-9}\mu^{-1}T\epsilon^{-5/2} \end{split}$$

Ion-electron

$$\begin{split} \nu_s^{i|e} / n_e Z^2 \lambda_{ie} &\approx 1.6 \times 10^{-9} \mu^{-1} T^{-3/2} \longrightarrow 1.7 \times 10^{-4} \mu^{1/2} \epsilon^{-3/2} \\ \nu_{\perp}^{i|e} / n_e Z^2 \lambda_{ie} &\approx 3.2 \times 10^{-9} \mu^{-1} T^{-1/2} \epsilon^{-1} \longrightarrow 1.8 \times 10^{-7} \mu^{-1/2} \epsilon^{-3/2} \\ \nu_{\parallel}^{i|e} / n_e Z^2 \lambda_{ie} &\approx 1.6 \times 10^{-9} \mu^{-1} T^{-1/2} \epsilon^{-1} \longrightarrow 1.7 \times 10^{-4} \mu^{1/2} T \epsilon^{-5/2} \end{split}$$

Ion-ion

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\nu_s^{i|i'}}{n_{i'}Z^2 Z'^2 \lambda_{ii'}} &\approx 6.8 \times 10^{-8} \frac{\mu'^{1/2}}{\mu} \left(1 + \frac{\mu'}{\mu}\right) T^{-3/2} \\ &\longrightarrow 9.0 \times 10^{-8} \left(\frac{1}{\mu} + \frac{1}{\mu'}\right) \frac{\mu^{1/2}}{\epsilon^{3/2}} \\ \frac{\nu_{\perp}^{i|i'}}{n_{i'}Z^2 Z'^2 \lambda_{ii'}} &\approx 1.4 \times 10^{-7} \mu'^{1/2} \mu^{-1} T^{-1/2} \epsilon^{-1} \\ &\longrightarrow 1.8 \times 10^{-7} \mu^{-1/2} \epsilon^{-3/2} \end{aligned}$$

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$\Gamma \to 1$



Evidence for Highly Charged Ion Coulomb Crystallization in Multicomponent Strongly Coupled Plasmas

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Let's design an experiment: Test $\text{ln}\Lambda$ in the strongly-coupled regime

- Momentum transfer
- **Г** = 2
- Yb⁺ and Ca⁺ (4:1 mass ratio)
- Use laser spectroscopy to measure the velocity distribution
- Simulate the experiment using a fluid code
- Use different formulations of the momentum transfer cross section
- Compare lab data and simulation data

Ultracold neutral plasmas

PRL 95, 235001 (2005)



Neutral calcium

Neutral ytterbium

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• Trap neutral atoms in the MOT

- Resonantly photo-ionize the atoms to create a plasma
- Excite laser-induced fluorescence in the plasma ions

Singly-Ionized Calcium



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- Excite laser-induced fluorescence in the plasma ions
- Measure fluorescence vs. time in repeated measurements at different laser frequencies

Signal is proportional to the number of ions Doppler-shifted into resonance at different times.



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- Horizontal cut

The velocity distribution broadens in time: A pure Ca plasma





M. Lyon, S. D. Bergeson, and M. S. Murillo Phys. Rev. E **87**, 033101 (2013)

Laha, et al., PRL 99, 115001 (2007)



- Atoms are initially randomly located in space
- Essentially zero atom-atom interaction
- Photoionization impulsively "hardens" the potential energy landscape
- Ions move to minimize their potential energy

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CMH in graphite

- Final ion temperature is independent of initial conditions
- Ti = 11 eV
- $\Gamma_{\rm eff}$ around 10 to 15



Let's think about a new experiment: Yb⁺ and Ca⁺ in a dual-species UNP expansion

Let's suppose you had Yb⁺ and Ca⁺ in a plasma. What would happen to the Ca⁺ velocity distribution as the plasma expands?

- A. It will broaden more quickly because the heavy Yb ions will maintain a larger field gradient for a longer time.
- B. It will uniformly broaden more slowly because of collisions with the heavier Yb+ ions.
- C. The inner "core" of Ca+ ions will be held back (confinement) while the outer shell of Ca+ ions will be accelerated outwards more rapidly

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A 1D fluid code simulation

- Density, Temperature, and Radial fluid velocity for each species
 - Convection, adiabatic expansion, pressure acceleration, ambipolar field, interspecies friction, Joule heating
 - Assume ideal gas law EOS
- $F_{ss'}$ represents the friction force
- $Q_{ss'}$ represents frictional species.
- Neglect:
 - viscosity
 - ion thermal conduction

al heating and temperature equilibration between

$$\frac{\partial n_s}{\partial t} + u_s \frac{\partial n_s}{\partial r} = -n_s \nabla \cdot (u_s \hat{r})$$

$$\frac{\partial T_s}{\partial t} + u_s \frac{\partial T_s}{\partial r} = -\frac{2}{3} T_s \nabla \cdot (u_s \hat{r}) + \frac{2}{3n_s k_B} Q_{ss'}$$

$$\frac{\partial u_s}{\partial t} + u_s \frac{\partial u_s}{\partial r} = -\frac{k_B}{n_s m_s} \frac{\partial n_s T_s}{\partial r} - \frac{k_B T_e}{n_s m_s} \frac{\partial n_s}{\partial r} + \frac{F_{ss'}}{m_s}$$

Effective potential kinetic theory for strongly coupled plasmas

AIP Conference Proceedings 1786, 130001 (2016); https://doi.org/10.1063/1.4967627

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• Average the collision cross section over the two flowing Maxwellian velocity distributions to get a friction force

$$F_{ss'} = -\frac{16}{3} \frac{\sqrt{\pi}e^4 n_{s'}}{(4\pi\epsilon_0)^2 m_{ss'} \bar{v}_{ss'}^3} \Xi(\Delta \overline{V}) (\mathbf{u_s} - \mathbf{u_{s'}})$$
$$\Xi(\Delta \overline{V}) = \frac{3}{16} \frac{1}{\Delta \overline{V}^3} \frac{1}{2} \int_0^\infty d\xi \,\xi^2 \,\frac{\sigma_{ss'}^{(1)}(\xi)}{\sigma_0} \,\mathcal{X}$$

 $\mathcal{X} = (2\xi\Delta\overline{V} + 1)e^{-(\xi + \Delta\overline{V})^2} + (2\xi\Delta\overline{V} - 1)e^{-(\xi - \Delta\overline{V})^2}$

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• Energy exchange and frictional heating

$$Q_{ss'} = -\frac{16\sqrt{\pi}n_s n_{s'}e^4 k_B}{(4\pi\epsilon_0)^2 m_s^2 \bar{v}_{ss'}^3} \tilde{\Xi} (\Delta \overline{V}) (T_s - T_{s'}) - \frac{v_{Ts}^2}{\bar{v}_{ss'}^2} n_s \Delta \mathbf{V} \cdot \mathbf{F}^{ss}$$
$$\tilde{\Xi} (\Delta \overline{V}) = \frac{1}{8\Delta \overline{V}} \int_0^\infty d\xi \,\xi^4 \, \frac{\sigma_{ss'}^{(1)}(\xi)}{\sigma_0} \left[e^{-(\xi - \Delta \overline{V})^2} - e^{-(\xi + \Delta \overline{V})^2} \right]$$

• The first momentum transfer cross section depends on the form of the ion-ion interaction potential

Molecular-Dynamics Simulations of Electron-Ion Temperature Relaxation in a Classical Coulomb Plasma

Guy Dimonte and Jerome Daligault Phys. Rev. Lett. **101**, 135001 – Published 23 September 2008

- The generalized Coulomb logarithm calculation is challenging (for us)
- MD suggests

$$\ln \Lambda = \ln \left(1 + \frac{C}{g} \right) \qquad g = \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{1}{\lambda_{De}k_{\rm B}T_e}$$
$$g = \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left[\lambda_D \left(\frac{1}{2} m_{ss'} \right) \left(\bar{v}_{ss'}^2 + \frac{2}{3} \left| u_s - u_{s'} \right|^2 \right) \right]^{-1}$$

• Liam G. Stanton and Michael S. Murillo, Phys. Rev. E 93, 043203 (2016)

$$\frac{1}{\lambda_D^2} = \frac{1}{\lambda_e^2} + \sum_i \frac{1}{\lambda_i^2} \left(\frac{1}{1 + (u_s - u_{s'})^2 / v_{th,i}^2 + 3\Gamma_i} \right)$$

lonic transport in high-energy-density matter

Liam G. Stanton and Michael S. Murillo Phys. Rev. E **93**, 043203 – Published 8 April 2016

• Yukawa interaction

$$\sigma_{ij}^{(1)} = 2\pi\lambda^2 \phi_1(w) \qquad \frac{1}{\lambda_D^2} = \frac{1}{\lambda_e^2} + \sum_i \frac{1}{\lambda_i^2} \left(\frac{1}{1 + (u_s - u_{s'})^2 / v_{th,i}^2 + 3\Gamma_i} \right)$$

$$\phi_n(w) \approx \begin{cases} \phi_n^{\text{SC}}(w), & w < 1\\ \phi_n^{\text{WC}}(w), & w > 1\\ \phi_n^{\text{SC}}(w) = \frac{c_0 + c_1 \ln(w) + c_2 \ln^2(y) + c_3 \ln^3(w)}{1 + c_4 \ln(w)} \\ + c_4 \ln(w) \\ \phi_n^{\text{WC}}(w) = \frac{n}{2w^4} \ln(1 + w^2) P(w) \end{cases}$$

After 2.5 µs expansio with increasing Yb+

As the Yb⁺ density increases...

- More Ca⁺ ions are confined in the center of the plasma
- Greater Ca⁺ acceleration in the wings of the distribution





- We recently developed the ability to measure a slice of the Ca⁺ density distribution
- The plasma expands for a time
- We flash on a pulse of laser light
- Compile images over a range of laser frequency detunings
- Add images to get the ion density distribution



Consider a dual-species plasma expanding into the surrounding vacuum. After 5 µs, the Ca+ spatial distribution clearly separates into two distinct spatial regions. Where will the ion temperature be the highest?

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D. Uniform everywhere



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Simulation results qualitatively agree with experimental measurements

- The ion temperature is highest in the gap heated by friction
- Inertial "confinement" of the Ca+ ions by the Yb+ ions
 - Confinement in phase space



Summary

- Ultracold neutral plasmas as HEDP simulators
- Momentum transfer in strongly-coupled multi-species plasmas
- Phase space confinement in UNPs
- Potential for measuring transport properties in strongly-coupled systems





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#### DIH in warm dense matter experiments





#### OPEN Evidence for a glassy state in strongly driven carbon

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## Strongly driven carbon



#### No crystallization observed

hydrodynamic times (typically tens of picoseconds), the dense plasma should have had enough time to evolve into a crystal, a process known as Wigner crystallization¹². However, our measurements show no indication of a crystalline structure which points to a state where the ions are locked to a fluid-like structure by strong forces. Given the pump-probe difference used, this state exists much longer than typical nucleation models predict.

In order to test the possibility of a crystalline state, we infer  $\Gamma \gtrsim 600$  at peak compression with  $\rho \gtrsim 4.5$  g/cm³ and  $T \sim 5,000$  K from the hydrodynamics simulations (see Figure 2). At such

## CMH - crystallographic mismatch heating



#### A relatively simple calculation

#### C⁴⁺ ions in graphite



#### C⁴⁺ ions in an FCC/HCP lattice



 $U_f = \frac{Z^2 e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 a_{\rm fcc}} \exp(-\kappa) = 23 \,\,\mathrm{eV}$