

Exploring magnetic fluctuation effects in QED gauge fields: Implications for mass generation

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In this work, we calculate the one-loop contribution to the polarization tensor for photons (and gluons) in the presence of a classical background magnetic field with white-noise stochastic fluctuations. The magnetic field fluctuations are incorporated into the fermion propagator in a quasiparticle picture, which we developed in previous works using the *replica trick*. By focusing on the strong-field limit, here we explicitly calculate the polarization tensor. Our results reveal that it does not satisfy the transversality conditions outlined by the Ward identity, thus breaking the $U(1)$ symmetry. As a consequence, in the limit of vanishing photon four-momenta, the tensor coefficients indicate the emergence of an effective magnetic mass induced on photons (and gluons) by these stochastic fluctuations, leading to the interpretation of a dispersive medium with a noise-dependent index of refraction.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Understanding the properties of photons and gluons in thermal and magnetized media is essential for a proper interpretation of the observables arising from current high-energy experiments [1,2]. Recent studies on photon production in heavy-ion collisions (HIC) have revealed that photons originating from such scenarios exhibit an elliptic flow coefficient, denoted as v_2 , of similar magnitude to that measured in hadrons [3–5]. Various sources of photons have been proposed to characterize the observed spectrum. A significant photon yield is generated during the equilibrium stages of HIC, which is utilized to estimate the temperature of the colliding system [6]. On the other hand, direct photons are believed to be produced during the hadronization stages of HIC, where much of the v_2 is generated. Furthermore, prompt photons are identified as part of the low p_T spectra [7]. Despite the aforementioned identified sources of photons, there remains a discrepancy between the theoretical models developed to describe the photon spectra and the corresponding experimental measurements. In particular, an excess of low- p_T photons is obtained when comparing theory and experimental data [8].

In an effort to provide a more comprehensive description of the experimental data, recent studies have suggested that the production of prompt photons may be influenced by the intense magnetic fields generated during the initial stages of the collision [9–12]. These investigations propose that the background magnetic field induces gluon fusion and splitting processes for photon generation due to the high-density gluon occupation, referred to as the Color Glass Condensate [13–16]. Although this hypothesis leads to an improved description of the elliptic flow and yield, the kinematic restrictions arising from the vanishing mass of photons and gluons reduce the available phase space for the number of photons [17]. Therefore, any modification in the dispersion relations for gluons and photons induced by the medium may open up a richer physical scenario. For instance, it is well known that a thermalized medium can induce an effective photon/gluon mass [18,19]. Similar effects may in principle arise from a magnetized medium, described by a noisy background magnetic field, and this is the main focus of the present work.

Very intense magnetic fields are generated in semicentral HIC by the presence of spectator particles, but they rapidly decay [20,21]. This leads to an incomplete electromagnetic response in the effective medium formed at later times, such as the Quark-Gluon Plasma [22]. Consequently, the magnetic field is found to be particularly intense during the preequilibrium stage. Nevertheless, from a theoretical perspective, the screening effects from magnetized media do not modify the dispersion relation when a constant magnetic field is taken into account [23].

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The absence of an induced photon/gluon mass in a uniformly magnetized medium arises from symmetry considerations. In the context of the one-loop polarization tensor approximation, the $U(1)$ symmetry remains intact in a constant background magnetic field, as the Ward-Takahashi identity is still satisfied under such a condition [24]. As a consequence, the inverse propagator for gauge fields continues to exhibit a pole at $q^2 = 0$, thus implying the absence of an induced magnetic mass. Therefore, a physical condition that breaks such a symmetry may lead to the generation of a magnetic gluon/photon mass.

In two of our recent works [25,26], we investigated the implications of the classical background magnetic field, possessing stochastic fluctuations, on the properties of a QED medium. We model this scenario by assuming that the classical background magnetic field arises from a classical gauge field $A_{\text{BG}}^i(x) + \delta A_{\text{BG}}^i(x)$ with white-noise correlated stochastic fluctuations $\delta A_{\text{BG}}^i(x)$, as described by the statistical properties [25,26]

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \delta A_{\text{BG}}^i(x) \rangle &= 0 \\ \langle \delta A_{\text{BG}}^i(x) \delta A_{\text{BG}}^j(y) \rangle &= \Delta_B \delta_{ij} \delta(x-y). \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

By applying the so-called *replica trick* [27], we derived an effective interaction term for QED fermions in the presence of such a noisy magnetic field. This approximation leads, at the perturbative level, to a renormalization of the fermion propagator that now represents quasiparticles propagating in a dispersive medium [25]. On the other hand, when we apply our analysis at the mean field level, the emergence of vector currents is predicted [26]. Both perspectives point toward violations of $U(1)$ symmetry due to the presence of stochastic fluctuations in the background magnetic field.

In this work, we apply our results obtained in Ref. [25] to calculate the one-loop polarization tensor for photons and gluons, and we find that it is explicitly nontransverse in the sense of the Ward-Takahashi identity. This effect arises from the breaking of $U(1)$ symmetry due to the incoherent, stochastic nature of the classical background gauge field $A_{\text{BG}}^\mu(x) + \delta A_{\text{BG}}^\mu(x)$, thus resulting in the generation of a dynamical magnetic mass for the quantum gauge fields (photons and gluons).

II. THE PHOTON POLARIZATION TENSOR AT STRONG MAGNETIC FIELD

Our starting point is the one-loop contribution to the photon/gluon polarization tensor, which is depicted in Fig. 1 and is given by

$$\begin{aligned} i\Pi_{\Delta}^{\mu\nu} &= -\frac{1}{2} \int \frac{d^4 k}{(2\pi)^4} \text{Tr} \{ i q_f \gamma^\nu i S_{\Delta}^{(-)}(k) i q_f \gamma^\mu i S_{\Delta}^{(-)}(k-p) \} \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{d^4 k}{(2\pi)^4} \text{Tr} \{ i q_f \gamma^\nu i S_{\Delta}^{(+)}(-k+p) i q_f \gamma^\mu i S_{\Delta}^{(+)}(-k) \}, \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

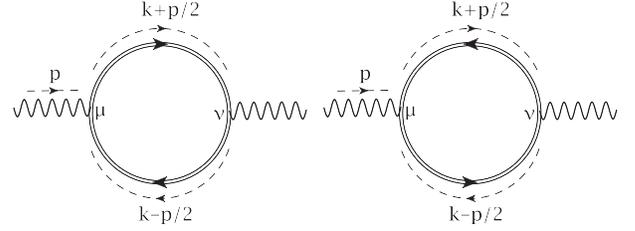


FIG. 1. Feynman diagrams that contribute to the one-loop photon polarization tensor. The arrows in the propagators represent the direction of the flow of charge, whereas the dashed arrows represent the momentum flux.

where q_f is the electric charge of the fermion in the loop, and the antiparticle or charge conjugated contribution has been taken into account.

Note that the only difference between the photon and gluon polarization tensors arises from the trace over color $SU(3)$ space, i.e.,

$$i\Pi_{\text{gluon}}^{\mu\nu} = \text{Tr} \{ t_a t_b \} i\Pi_{\text{photon}}^{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{2} \delta_{ab} i\Pi_{\text{photon}}^{\mu\nu}, \quad (3)$$

where $t_{a,b}$ are the generators of the color group in the fundamental representation.

To analytically compute Eq. (2), we will employ the renormalized fermion propagator in the presence of static (quenched) white noise spatial fluctuations, focusing on the regime of a strong external magnetic field [25,26]. Specifically, the effective fermion-fermion interaction arises as a result of averaging over the background magnetic noise, where we include the magnetic noise-induced interaction effects by dressing the Schwinger propagator with a self-energy, as shown diagrammatically in the Dyson equation depicted in Fig. 2. We remark that for this theory, the skeleton diagram for the self-energy is represented in Fig. 3, and the dressed propagator is provided by

$$iS_{\Delta}^{(\pm)}(p) = C(p) \left(m + \gamma_0 p^0 + \frac{\gamma_3 p^3}{z(p)} \right) \mathcal{P}^{(\pm)}(p), \quad (4)$$

where m is the fermion mass and

$$C(p) = i \frac{z(p) e^{-\mathbf{p}_{\perp}^2 / |q_f B|}}{p_{\parallel}^2 - z^2(p) m^2}, \quad (5a)$$

$$z(p) = 1 + \frac{3 \Delta |q_f B| e^{-\mathbf{p}_{\perp}^2 / |q_f B|}}{4 \pi \sqrt{p_0^2 - m^2}}. \quad (5b)$$

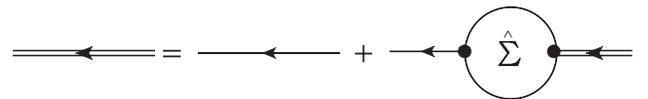


FIG. 2. Dyson equation for the “dressed” propagator (double line), in terms of the free propagator (single line) and the self-energy $\hat{\Sigma}$.

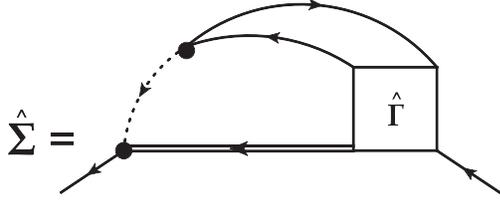


FIG. 3. Skeleton diagram representing the self-energy for the effective interacting theory. The dashed line is the disorder-induced interaction Δ_B , while the box $\hat{\Gamma}$ represents the 4-point vertex function.

$$z_3(p) = \frac{1}{z(p)} \left(1 + \frac{\Delta |q_f B| e^{-\mathbf{p}_\perp^2 / |q_f B|}}{4\pi \sqrt{p_0^2 - m^2}} \right), \quad (5c)$$

$$\mathcal{P}^{(\pm)}(p) = \frac{1}{2} [1 \pm \text{sign}(q_f B) i z_3(p) \gamma^1 \gamma^2]. \quad (5d)$$

As explained in Ref. [25], the fermion propagator self-energy was computed, as depicted by the diagram in Fig. 4, to order $\Delta \equiv q_f^2 \Delta_B$. Therefore, to maintain consistency with this level of approximation, we expand Eq. (4) as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} iS_\Delta^{(\pm)}(p) &= iS_0^{(\pm)}(p) + i\Delta \left(\frac{|q_f B|}{2\pi} \right) [\Theta_1(p) (\not{p}_\parallel + m) \mathcal{O}^{(\pm)} \\ &\quad - \Theta_2(p) \gamma^3 \mathcal{O}^{(\pm)} \pm \Theta_3(p) i\gamma^1 \gamma^2 (\not{p}_\parallel + m)] \\ &\quad + \mathcal{O}(\Delta^2), \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

where

$$iS_0^{(\pm)}(p) = 2i \frac{e^{-\mathbf{p}_\perp^2 / |q_f B|}}{p_\parallel^2 - m^2} (\not{p}_\parallel + m) \mathcal{O}^{(\pm)} \quad (7)$$

is the fermion propagator in the presence of an intense magnetic field, the spin-projection operator is given by

$$\mathcal{O}^{(\pm)} = \frac{1}{2} [1 \pm \text{sign}(q_f B) i\gamma^1 \gamma^2], \quad (8)$$

and we defined the functions

$$\Theta_1(p) \equiv \frac{3(p_\parallel^2 + m^2) e^{-2\mathbf{p}_\perp^2 / |q_f B|}}{(p_\parallel^2 - m^2)^2 \sqrt{p_0^2 - m^2}}, \quad (9a)$$

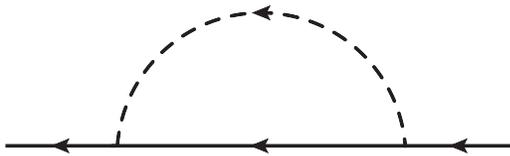


FIG. 4. Self-energy diagram at first order in $\Delta = q_f^2 \Delta_B$.

$$\Theta_2(p) \equiv \frac{3p_3 e^{-2\mathbf{p}_\perp^2 / |q_f B|}}{(p_\parallel^2 - m^2) \sqrt{p_0^2 - m^2}}, \quad (9b)$$

$$\Theta_3(p) \equiv \frac{e^{-2\mathbf{p}_\perp^2 / |q_f B|}}{(p_\parallel^2 - m^2) \sqrt{p_0^2 - m^2}}. \quad (9c)$$

Here, we separated the parallel (\parallel) from the perpendicular (\perp) Minkowski subspaces, as defined by their relative direction with respect to the background external magnetic field, by splitting the metric tensor as

$$g^{\mu\nu} = g_\parallel^{\mu\nu} + g_\perp^{\mu\nu}, \quad (10a)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} g_\parallel^{\mu\nu} &= \text{diag}(1, 0, 0, -1) \\ g_\perp^{\mu\nu} &= \text{diag}(0, -1, -1, 0). \end{aligned} \quad (10b)$$

The latter implies that for any four-vector

$$p^\mu = p_\parallel^\mu + p_\perp^\mu, \quad (11a)$$

we get

$$p^2 = p_\parallel^2 - \mathbf{p}_\perp^2, \quad (11b)$$

with

$$\begin{aligned} p_\parallel^2 &= p_0^2 - p_3^2 \\ \mathbf{p}_\perp^2 &= p_1^2 + p_2^2. \end{aligned} \quad (11c)$$

Hence, Eq. (2) takes the form

$$i\Pi_\Delta^{\mu\nu} = i\Pi_0^{\mu\nu} + i \frac{q_f^2 |q_f B| \Delta}{4\pi} \sum_{i=1}^3 T_i^{\mu\nu}, \quad (12)$$

where $i\Pi_0^{\mu\nu}$ is the one-loop polarization tensor in the strong-field limit and in the absence of fluctuations [28],

$$i\Pi_0^{\mu\nu} = \frac{i q_f^2 |q_f B|}{4\pi^2} e^{-\mathbf{p}_\perp^2 / 2|q_f B|} p_\parallel^2 \mathcal{I}_0(p_\parallel^2) \left(g_\parallel^{\mu\nu} - \frac{p_\parallel^\mu p_\parallel^\nu}{p_\parallel^2} \right) \quad (13)$$

so that (see Appendix A)

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{I}_0(p_\parallel^2) &= \int_0^1 dx \frac{x(1-x)}{x(1-x)p_\parallel^2 - m^2} \\ &= \frac{1}{p_\parallel^2} \left[1 + \frac{2m^2/p_\parallel^2}{\sqrt{1 - 4m^2/p_\parallel^2}} \log \left[\frac{1 + \sqrt{1 - 4m^2/p_\parallel^2}}{1 - \sqrt{1 - 4m^2/p_\parallel^2}} \right] \right], \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

and the tensors $T_i^{\mu\nu}$ are given by

$$T_1^{\mu\nu} \equiv 16i \int \frac{d^4k}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{e^{-\mathbf{k}_\perp^2/|q_f B|}}{k_\parallel^2 - m^2} \Theta_1(k-p) [(m^2 + k_\parallel \cdot (p_\parallel - k_\parallel))(g_\parallel^{\mu\nu} - g_\perp^{\mu\nu}) + (k_\parallel^\mu - p_\parallel^\mu)k_\parallel^\nu + k_\parallel^\mu(k_\parallel^\nu - p_\parallel^\nu)], \quad (15a)$$

$$T_2^{\mu\nu} \equiv 16i \int \frac{d^4k}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{e^{-\mathbf{k}_\perp^2/|q_f B|}}{k_\parallel^2 - m^2} \Theta_2(k-p) (k^3 g_\parallel^{\mu\nu} + k_\parallel^\mu \delta_3^\nu + k_\parallel^\nu \delta_3^\mu) \quad (15b)$$

and

$$T_3^{\mu\nu} \equiv 16i \int \frac{d^4k}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{e^{-\mathbf{k}_\perp^2/|q_f B|}}{k_\parallel^2 - m^2} \Theta_3(k-p) [(m^2 + k_\parallel \cdot (p_\parallel - k_\parallel))(g_\parallel^{\mu\nu} - g_\perp^{\mu\nu}) + (k_\parallel^\mu - p_\parallel^\mu)k_\parallel^\nu + k_\parallel^\mu(k_\parallel^\nu - p_\parallel^\nu)]. \quad (15c)$$

Further details are presented in Appendix B.

III. THE GAUGE FIELD MASS GENERATION BY MAGNETIC FLUCTUATIONS

To ascertain the role of the magnetic field fluctuations on the possible generation of mass in the gauge fields, we identify the poles of the propagator. From the Dyson equation, its inverse is

$$[D^{\mu\nu}(p)]^{-1} = [D_0^{\mu\nu}(p)]^{-1} - i\Pi^{\mu\nu}(p), \quad (16)$$

where

$$D_0^{\mu\nu}(p) = \frac{-ig^{\mu\nu}}{(p^2 + i\epsilon)} \quad (17)$$

is the “free” photon propagator, in the Feynman gauge. Furthermore, we shall approximate the polarization tensor up to one loop, by applying the results obtained in our previous calculations.

Following the approach outlined in Ref. [19], the poles associated with the dynamic mass emerge as the coefficients of $g_\parallel^{\mu\nu}$ and $g_\perp^{\mu\nu}$, respectively, when the limits $p_0 \rightarrow 0$ and $\mathbf{p} \rightarrow 0$ in $i\Pi^{\mu\nu}(p)$ are considered. Calculating those limits in Eq. (15), as described in detail in Appendix C, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{\substack{p_0 \rightarrow 0 \\ \mathbf{p} \rightarrow 0}} T_1^{\mu\nu} &= \frac{4i|q_f B|}{\pi m} \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \frac{dydx}{(2\pi)^2} \frac{(x^2 + y^2 - 1)g_\parallel^{\mu\nu}}{(x^2 + y^2 + 1)^3 \sqrt{y^2 + 1}} \\ &= -\frac{i|q_f B|}{32\pi m} g_\parallel^{\mu\nu}, \end{aligned} \quad (18a)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{\substack{p_0 \rightarrow 0 \\ \mathbf{p} \rightarrow 0}} T_2^{\mu\nu} &= -\frac{4i|q_f B|}{\pi m} \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \frac{dydx}{(2\pi)^2} \frac{x^2(g_\parallel^{\mu\nu} + 2\delta_3^\mu \delta_3^\nu)}{(x^2 + y^2 + 1)^2 \sqrt{y^2 + 1}} \\ &= -\frac{i|q_f B|}{2\pi m} (g_\parallel^{\mu\nu} + 2\delta_3^\mu \delta_3^\nu), \end{aligned} \quad (18b)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{\substack{p_0 \rightarrow 0 \\ \mathbf{p} \rightarrow 0}} T_3^{\mu\nu} &= \frac{4i|q_f B|}{3\pi m} \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \frac{dydx}{(2\pi)^2} \frac{1}{(x^2 + y^2 + 1)\sqrt{y^2 + 1}} \\ &\quad \times \left[\frac{1}{(x^2 + y^2 + 1)^2} g_\parallel^{\mu\nu} - g_\perp^{\mu\nu} \right] \\ &= \frac{i|q_f B|}{3\pi m} \left[\frac{1}{4} g_\parallel^{\mu\nu} - g_\perp^{\mu\nu} \right], \end{aligned} \quad (18c)$$

where the integrals are computed as explained in detail in Appendix B. An alternative decomposition into the standard tensor basis is presented in Appendix D. Then, after integration and by using the fact that

$$\lim_{\substack{p_0 \rightarrow 0 \\ \mathbf{p} \rightarrow 0}} i\Pi_0^{\mu\nu} = 0, \quad (19)$$

we can conclude

$$\lim_{\substack{p_0 \rightarrow 0 \\ \mathbf{p} \rightarrow 0}} i\Pi^{\mu\nu} = \frac{\alpha_{\text{em}} m^2 \mathcal{B}^2}{\pi} \tilde{\Delta} \left(\frac{43}{96} g_\parallel^{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{3} g_\perp^{\mu\nu} + \delta_3^\mu \delta_3^\nu \right), \quad (20)$$

where

$$\alpha_{\text{em}} \equiv q_f^2/4\pi, \quad \mathcal{B} \equiv \frac{|q_f B|}{m^2}, \quad \tilde{\Delta} \equiv m\Delta. \quad (21)$$

When these results are substituted into the Dyson equation, using $g^{\mu\nu} = g_\parallel^{\mu\nu} + g_\perp^{\mu\nu}$, we have that at low energies the inverse photon propagator is given by

$$\begin{aligned} [D^{\mu\nu}(p)]^{-1} &= ig_\parallel^{\mu\nu}(p^2 + iM_\parallel^2 + i\epsilon) + ig_\perp^{\mu\nu}(p^2 + iM_\perp^2 + i\epsilon) \\ &\quad + 3iM_\perp^2 i\delta_3^\mu \delta_3^\nu + \dots, \end{aligned} \quad (22)$$

or inverting this relation,

$$\begin{aligned} D^{\mu\nu}(p) &= \frac{-ig_\parallel^{\mu\nu}}{p^2 + iM_\parallel^2 + i\epsilon} + \frac{-ig_\perp^{\mu\nu}}{p^2 + iM_\perp^2 + i\epsilon} \\ &\quad - \frac{3M_\perp^2 \delta_3^\mu \delta_3^\nu}{(p^2 + iM_\parallel^2 + i\epsilon)(p^2 + i(M_\parallel^2 - 3M_\perp^2) + i\epsilon)}, \end{aligned} \quad (23)$$

where we defined the magnetic effective masses in both parallel and transverse projections by the coefficients

$$\begin{aligned} M_{\parallel}^2 &\equiv \frac{43\alpha_{\text{em}}\mathcal{B}^2\tilde{\Delta}}{96\pi}m^2, \\ M_{\perp}^2 &\equiv \frac{\alpha_{\text{em}}\mathcal{B}^2\tilde{\Delta}}{3\pi}m^2. \end{aligned} \quad (24)$$

We remark upon the physical interpretation of those effective masses by comparing with the poles of the photon propagator along each polarization, since

$$p^2 + iM_{\perp,\parallel}^2 = p_0^2 - \mathbf{p}^2 + iM_{\perp,\parallel}^2 \quad (25)$$

indicates an effective photon dispersion relation for each polarization direction

$$\omega_{\perp,\parallel}(\mathbf{p}) = \sqrt{\mathbf{p}^2 - iM_{\perp,\parallel}^2}, \quad (26)$$

where the corresponding effective mass is complex:

$$m_{\perp,\parallel} \equiv (-iM_{\perp,\parallel}^2)^{1/2} = \frac{1-i}{\sqrt{2}}M_{\perp,\parallel}. \quad (27)$$

While the real part represents, as usual, a damping effect, the imaginary part generates an oscillatory component. This picture is consistent with our interpretation of the presence of random magnetic fluctuations as generating an effective dispersive medium both for fermions and photons (or gluons) as well.

IV. SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

In this study, we computed the one-loop polarization tensor for photons (and gluons) propagating in a medium subjected to a strong magnetic field with white-noise fluctuations. To achieve this, we utilized the fermion propagator developed in our previous work [26], which is obtained through the application of the *replica trick* to average the fluctuations over the QED Lagrangian. This approach ensured the consistency of our calculations and allowed us to maintain perturbative accuracy up to order $\mathcal{O}(\Delta)$.

Our findings revealed that this tensor does not exhibit transversality in the Ward-Takahashi sense, resulting in the breaking of the system's $U(1)$ symmetry. Furthermore, by following the standard procedure involving the poles of the inverse gauge field propagator, we identified the emergence of magnetic masses generated solely by the fluctuations. Notably, these masses were observed to be distinct in both parallel and perpendicular spatial dimensions, indicating the presence of birefringence effects resulting from the violation of Lorentz symmetry.

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APPENDIX A: PROPAGATOR AT ORDER Δ AND POLARIZATION TENSOR Δ

We expand $C(p)$, $z_3(p)$, and $1/z(p)$ up to order Δ as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} C(p) &= i \frac{e^{-\mathbf{p}_{\perp}^2/|q_f B|}}{p_{\parallel}^2 - m^2} \\ &+ i\Delta \left(\frac{3|q_f B|}{4\pi} \right) \frac{(p_{\parallel}^2 + m^2)e^{-2\mathbf{p}_{\perp}^2/|q_f B|}}{(p_{\parallel}^2 - m^2)^2 \sqrt{p_0^2 - m^2}} + \mathcal{O}(\Delta^2), \end{aligned} \quad (A1)$$

$$z_3(p) = 1 - \Delta \left(\frac{|q_f B|}{2\pi} \right) \frac{e^{-\mathbf{p}_{\perp}^2/|q_f B|}}{\sqrt{p_0^2 - m^2}} + \mathcal{O}(\Delta^2) \quad (A2)$$

$$\frac{1}{z(p)} = 1 - \Delta \left(\frac{3|q_f B|}{4\pi} \right) \frac{e^{-\mathbf{p}_{\perp}^2/|q_f B|}}{\sqrt{p_0^2 - m^2}} + \mathcal{O}(\Delta^2), \quad (A3)$$

so that the propagator is Eq. (4)

$$\begin{aligned} iS_{\Delta}^{(\pm)}(p) &= \left[i \frac{e^{-\mathbf{p}_{\perp}^2/|q_f B|}}{p_{\parallel}^2 - m^2} + i\Delta \left(\frac{3|q_f B|}{4\pi} \right) \frac{(p_{\parallel}^2 + m^2)e^{-2\mathbf{p}_{\perp}^2/|q_f B|}}{(p_{\parallel}^2 - m^2)^2 \sqrt{p_0^2 - m^2}} \right] \left[(\not{p}_{\parallel} + m) - \Delta \left(\frac{3|q_f B|}{4\pi} \right) \frac{e^{-\mathbf{p}_{\perp}^2/|q_f B|}}{\sqrt{p_0^2 - m^2}} \gamma_3 p^3 \right] \\ &\times \left[2\mathcal{O}^{(\pm)} \mp i\Delta \left(\frac{|q_f B|}{2\pi} \right) \frac{e^{-\mathbf{p}_{\perp}^2/|q_f B|}}{\sqrt{p_0^2 - m^2}} \gamma^1 \gamma^2 \right] \\ &= \left[i \frac{e^{-\mathbf{p}_{\perp}^2/|q_f B|}}{p_{\parallel}^2 - m^2} + i\Delta \left(\frac{3|q_f B|}{4\pi} \right) \frac{(p_{\parallel}^2 + m^2)e^{-2\mathbf{p}_{\perp}^2/|q_f B|}}{(p_{\parallel}^2 - m^2)^2 \sqrt{p_0^2 - m^2}} \right] \left[2(\not{p}_{\parallel} + m)\mathcal{O}^{(\pm)} \mp i\Delta \left(\frac{|q_f B|}{2\pi} \right) \frac{e^{-\mathbf{p}_{\perp}^2/|q_f B|}}{\sqrt{p_0^2 - m^2}} (\not{p}_{\parallel} + m)\gamma^1 \gamma^2 \right. \\ &\left. - \Delta \left(\frac{3|q_f B|}{2\pi} \right) \frac{e^{-\mathbf{p}_{\perp}^2/|q_f B|}}{\sqrt{p_0^2 - m^2}} p_3 \gamma^3 \mathcal{O}^{(\pm)} + \mathcal{O}(\Delta^2) \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= iS_0^{(\pm)}(p) \mp i\Delta \left(\frac{|q_f B|}{2\pi} \right) \frac{e^{-2\mathbf{p}_\perp^2/|q_f B|}}{(p_\parallel^2 - m^2)\sqrt{p_0^2 - m^2}} (\not{p}_\parallel + m) i\gamma^1 \gamma^2 - i\Delta \left(\frac{3|q_f B|}{2\pi} \right) \frac{e^{-2\mathbf{p}_\perp^2/|q_f B|}}{(p_\parallel^2 - m^2)\sqrt{p_0^2 - m^2}} p_3 \gamma^3 \mathcal{O}^{(\pm)} \\
 &+ i\Delta \left(\frac{3|q_f B|}{2\pi} \right) \frac{(p_\parallel^2 + m^2)e^{-2\mathbf{p}_\perp^2/|q_f B|}}{(p_\parallel^2 - m^2)^2 \sqrt{p_0^2 - m^2}} (\not{p}_\parallel + m) \mathcal{O}^{(\pm)} + \mathcal{O}(\Delta^2), \tag{A4}
 \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
 iS_0^{(\pm)}(p) &= 2i \frac{e^{-\mathbf{p}_\perp^2/|q_f B|}}{p_\parallel^2 - m^2} (\not{p}_\parallel + m) \mathcal{O}^{(\pm)} \\
 \mathcal{O}^{(\pm)} &= \frac{1}{2} (1 \pm i\gamma^1 \gamma^2). \tag{A5}
 \end{aligned}$$

Let us define

$$\Theta_1(p) \equiv \frac{3(p_\parallel^2 + m^2)e^{-2\mathbf{p}_\perp^2/|q_f B|}}{(p_\parallel^2 - m^2)^2 \sqrt{p_0^2 - m^2}}, \tag{A6a}$$

$$\Theta_2(p) \equiv \frac{3p_3 e^{-2\mathbf{p}_\perp^2/|q_f B|}}{(p_\parallel^2 - m^2)\sqrt{p_0^2 - m^2}}, \tag{A6b}$$

and

$$\Theta_3(p) \equiv \frac{e^{-2\mathbf{p}_\perp^2/|q_f B|}}{(p_\parallel^2 - m^2)\sqrt{p_0^2 - m^2}}, \tag{A6c}$$

the propagator in Eq. (4) is

$$\begin{aligned}
 iS_\Delta^{(\pm)}(p) &= iS_0^{(\pm)}(p) + i\Delta \left(\frac{|q_f B|}{2\pi} \right) [\Theta_1(p)(\not{p}_\parallel + m)\mathcal{O}^{(\pm)} \\
 &- \Theta_2(p)\gamma^3 \mathcal{O}^{(\pm)} \pm \Theta_3(p)i\gamma^1 \gamma^2 (\not{p}_\parallel + m)] \\
 &+ \mathcal{O}(\Delta^2). \tag{A7}
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the polarization tensor at order $\mathcal{O}(\Delta^2)$ reads as

$$i\Pi_\Delta^{\mu\nu} = i\Pi_0^{\mu\nu} + i \frac{q^2 |q_f B| \Delta}{4\pi} \sum_{i=1}^{12} \int \frac{d^4 k}{(2\pi)^4} t_i^{\mu\nu}(k), \tag{A8}$$

where $i\Pi_0^{\mu\nu}$ is the one-loop polarization tensor in the strong field limit and in the absence of fluctuations [28], and

$$t_1^{\mu\nu} = \Theta_1(k-p) \text{Tr}\{\gamma^\nu iS_0^{(-)}(k)\gamma^\mu(k_\parallel - \not{p}_\parallel + m)\mathcal{O}^{(-)}\}, \tag{A9a}$$

$$t_2^{\mu\nu} = -\Theta_2(k-p) \text{Tr}\{\gamma^\nu iS_0^{(-)}(k)\gamma^\mu \gamma^3 \mathcal{O}^{(-)}\}, \tag{A9b}$$

$$t_3^{\mu\nu} = -i\Theta_3(k-p) \text{Tr}\{\gamma^\nu iS_0^{(-)}(k)\gamma^\mu(k_\parallel - \not{p}_\parallel + m)\gamma^1 \gamma^2\}, \tag{A9c}$$

$$t_4^{\mu\nu} = \Theta_1(k) \text{Tr}\{\gamma^\nu(k_\parallel + m)\mathcal{O}^{(-)}\gamma^\mu iS_0^{(-)}(k-p)\}, \tag{A9d}$$

$$t_5^{\mu\nu} = -\Theta_2(k) \text{Tr}\{\gamma^\nu \gamma^3 \mathcal{O}^{(-)}\gamma^\mu iS_0^{(-)}(k-p)\}, \tag{A9e}$$

$$t_6^{\mu\nu} = -i\Theta_3(k) \text{Tr}\{\gamma^\nu(k_\parallel + m)\gamma^1 \gamma^2 \gamma^\mu iS_0^{(-)}(k-p)\}, \tag{A9f}$$

$$t_7^{\mu\nu} = \Theta_1(-k) \text{Tr}\{\gamma^\nu iS_0^{(+)}(-k+p)\gamma^\mu(-k+m)\mathcal{O}^{(+)}\}, \tag{A9g}$$

$$t_8^{\mu\nu} = -\Theta_2(-k) \text{Tr}\{\gamma^\nu iS_0^{(+)}(-k+p)\gamma^\mu \gamma^3 \mathcal{O}^{(+)}\}, \tag{A9h}$$

$$t_9^{\mu\nu} = i\Theta_3(-k) \text{Tr}\{\gamma^\nu iS_0^{(+)}(-k+p)\gamma^\mu(-k_\parallel + m)\gamma^1 \gamma^2\}, \tag{A9i}$$

$$t_{10}^{\mu\nu} = \Theta_1(-k+p) \text{Tr}\{\gamma^\nu(-k_\parallel + \not{p}_\parallel + m)\mathcal{O}^{(+)}\gamma^\mu iS_0^{(+)}(-k)\}, \tag{A9j}$$

$$t_{11}^{\mu\nu} = -\Theta_2(-k+p) \text{Tr}\{\gamma^\nu \gamma^3 \mathcal{O}^{(+)}\gamma^\mu iS_0^{(+)}(-k)\}, \tag{A9k}$$

$$t_{12}^{\mu\nu} = i\Theta_3(-k+p) \text{Tr}\{\gamma^\nu \gamma^1 \gamma^2 \gamma^\mu(-k_\parallel + \not{p}_\parallel + m)iS_0^{(+)}(-k)\}. \tag{A9l}$$

We can add the similar terms:

$$\begin{aligned}
 t_1^{\mu\nu} + t_4^{\mu\nu} + t_7^{\mu\nu} + t_{10}^{\mu\nu} &= \Theta_1(k-p) \text{Tr}\{\gamma^\nu iS_0^{(-)}(k)\gamma^\mu(k_\parallel - \not{p}_\parallel + m)\mathcal{O}^{(-)}\} + \Theta_1(k) \text{Tr}\{\gamma^\nu(k_\parallel + m)\mathcal{O}^{(-)}\gamma^\mu iS_0^{(-)}(k-p)\} \\
 &+ \Theta_1(-k) \text{Tr}\{\gamma^\nu iS_0^{(+)}(-k+p)\gamma^\mu(-k+m)\mathcal{O}^{(+)}\} \\
 &+ \Theta_1(-k+p) \text{Tr}\{\gamma^\nu(-k_\parallel + \not{p}_\parallel + m)\mathcal{O}^{(+)}\gamma^\mu iS_0^{(+)}(-k)\}; \tag{A10}
 \end{aligned}$$

given that $\Theta_1(-p) = \Theta_1(p)$, we get

$$t_1^{\mu\nu} + t_4^{\mu\nu} + t_7^{\mu\nu} + t_{10}^{\mu\nu} = \left[\frac{2ie^{-k_\perp^2/|q_f B|}}{k_\parallel^2 - m^2} \Theta_1(k-p) + \frac{2ie^{-(k-p)_\perp^2/|q_f B|}}{(k-p)_\parallel^2 - m^2} \Theta_1(k) \right] \left[\text{Tr} \left\{ \gamma^\nu (k_\parallel + m) \mathcal{O}^{(-)} \gamma^\mu (k_\parallel - \not{p}_\parallel + m) \mathcal{O}^{(-)} \right\} \right. \\ \left. + \text{Tr} \left\{ \gamma^\nu (-k_\parallel + \not{p}_\parallel + m) \mathcal{O}^{(+)} \gamma^\mu (-k_\parallel + m) \mathcal{O}^{(+)} \right\} \right]. \quad (\text{A11})$$

Now, from the identities $[\gamma^\mu, \mathcal{O}^{(\pm)}] = 0$, and $\mathcal{O}^{(\pm)} \gamma^\mu \mathcal{O}^{(\pm)} = \mathcal{O}^{(\pm)} \gamma^\mu$, it is straightforward to show that

$$t_1^{\mu\nu} + t_4^{\mu\nu} + t_7^{\mu\nu} + t_{10}^{\mu\nu} = 8i \left[\frac{e^{-k_\perp^2/|q_f B|}}{k_\parallel^2 - m^2} \Theta_1(k-p) + \frac{e^{-(k-p)_\perp^2/|q_f B|}}{(k-p)_\parallel^2 - m^2} \Theta_1(k) \right] \\ \times \left[(p_\parallel \cdot k_\parallel - k_\parallel^2 + m^2) g_\parallel^{\mu\nu} + 2k_\parallel^\mu k_\parallel^\nu - p_\parallel^\mu k_\parallel^\nu - p_\parallel^\nu k_\parallel^\mu \right]. \quad (\text{A12})$$

Similarly, we can add the following tensors:

$$t_2^{\mu\nu} + t_5^{\mu\nu} + t_8^{\mu\nu} + t_{11}^{\mu\nu} = -\Theta_2(k-p) \text{Tr} \left\{ \gamma^\nu iS_0^{(-)}(k) \gamma^\mu \gamma^3 \mathcal{O}^{(-)} \right\} - \Theta_2(k) \text{Tr} \left\{ \gamma^\nu \gamma^3 \mathcal{O}^{(-)} \gamma^\mu iS_0^{(-)}(k-p) \right\} \\ - \Theta_2(-k) \text{Tr} \left\{ \gamma^\nu iS_0^{(+)}(-k+p) \gamma^\mu \gamma^3 \mathcal{O}^{(+)} \right\} - \Theta_2(-k+p) \text{Tr} \left\{ \gamma^\nu \gamma^3 \mathcal{O}^{(+)} \gamma^\mu iS_0^{(+)}(-k) \right\}. \quad (\text{A13})$$

In this case, from the fact that $\Theta_2(-p) = -\Theta_2(p)$

$$t_2^{\mu\nu} + t_5^{\mu\nu} + t_8^{\mu\nu} + t_{11}^{\mu\nu} = \frac{2ie^{-k_\perp^2/|q_f B|}}{k_\parallel^2 - m^2} \Theta_2(k-p) \left[\text{Tr} \left\{ \gamma^\nu \gamma^3 \mathcal{O}^{(+)} \gamma^\mu (-k_\parallel + m) \mathcal{O}^{(+)} \right\} - \text{Tr} \left\{ \gamma^\nu (k_\parallel + m) \mathcal{O}^{(-)} \gamma^\mu \gamma^3 \mathcal{O}^{(-)} \right\} \right] \\ + \frac{2ie^{-(k-p)_\perp^2/|q_f B|}}{(k-p)_\parallel^2 - m^2} \Theta_2(k) \left[\text{Tr} \left\{ \gamma^\nu (-k_\parallel + \not{p}_\parallel + m) \mathcal{O}^{(+)} \gamma^\mu \gamma^3 \mathcal{O}^{(+)} \right\} \right. \\ \left. - \text{Tr} \left\{ \gamma^\nu \gamma^3 \mathcal{O}^{(-)} \gamma^\mu (k_\parallel - \not{p}_\parallel + m) \mathcal{O}^{(-)} \right\} \right] \\ = 8i \left[\frac{e^{-k_\perp^2/|q_f B|}}{k_\parallel^2 - m^2} \Theta_2(k-p) + \frac{e^{-(k-p)_\perp^2/|q_f B|}}{(k-p)_\parallel^2 - m^2} \Theta_2(k) \right] \left(k^3 g_\parallel^{\mu\nu} + k_\parallel^\mu \delta_3^\nu + k_\parallel^\nu \delta_3^\mu \right) \\ - 8i \frac{e^{-(k-p)_\perp^2/|q_f B|}}{(k-p)_\parallel^2 - m^2} \Theta_2(k) \left(p^3 g_\parallel^{\mu\nu} + p_\parallel^\mu \delta_3^\nu + p_\parallel^\nu \delta_3^\mu \right). \quad (\text{A14})$$

The last group of tensors is

$$t_3^{\mu\nu} + t_6^{\mu\nu} + t_9^{\mu\nu} + t_{12}^{\mu\nu} = -i\Theta_3(k-p) \text{Tr} \left\{ \gamma^\nu iS_0^{(-)}(k) \gamma^\mu (\not{k}_\parallel - \not{p}_\parallel + m) \gamma^1 \gamma^2 \right\} - i\Theta_3(k) \text{Tr} \left\{ \gamma^\nu (\not{k}_\parallel + m) \gamma^1 \gamma^2 \gamma^\mu iS_0^{(-)}(k-p) \right\} \\ + i\Theta_3(-k) \text{Tr} \left\{ \gamma^\nu iS_0^{(+)}(-k+p) \gamma^\mu (-\not{k}_\parallel + m) \gamma^1 \gamma^2 \right\} \\ + i\Theta_3(-k+p) \text{Tr} \left\{ \gamma^\nu (-\not{k}_\parallel + \not{p}_\parallel + m) \gamma^1 \gamma^2 \gamma^\mu iS_0^{(+)}(-k) \right\}. \quad (\text{A15})$$

Because $\Theta_3(-p) = \Theta_3(p)$, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 & t_3^{\mu\nu} + t_6^{\mu\nu} + t_9^{\mu\nu} + t_{12}^{\mu\nu} \\
 &= \frac{2e^{-\mathbf{k}_\perp^2/|q_f B|}}{k_\parallel^2 - m^2} \Theta_3(k-p) \left[\text{Tr} \left\{ \gamma^\nu (k_\parallel + m) \mathcal{O}^{(-)} \gamma^\mu (k_\parallel - \not{p}_\parallel + m) \gamma^1 \gamma^2 \right\} - \text{Tr} \left\{ \gamma^\nu (-k_\parallel + \not{p}_\parallel + m) \gamma^1 \gamma^2 \gamma^\mu (-k_\parallel + m) \mathcal{O}^{(+)} \right\} \right] \\
 &+ \frac{2e^{-(k-p)_\perp^2/|q_f B|}}{(k-p)_\parallel^2 - m^2} \Theta_3(k) \left[\text{Tr} \left\{ \gamma^\nu (k_\parallel + m) \gamma^1 \gamma^2 \gamma^\mu (k_\parallel - \not{p}_\parallel + m) \mathcal{O}^{(-)} \right\} - \text{Tr} \left\{ \gamma^\nu (-k_\parallel + \not{p}_\parallel + m) \mathcal{O}^{(+)} \gamma^\mu (-k_\parallel + m) \gamma^1 \gamma^2 \right\} \right] \\
 &= \frac{e^{-\mathbf{k}_\perp^2/|q_f B|}}{k_\parallel^2 - m^2} \Theta_3(k-p) \left[8\epsilon_{ab} g_\perp^{a\mu} g_\perp^{b\nu} (m^2 + p_\parallel \cdot k_\parallel - k_\parallel^2) - i \text{Tr} \left\{ \gamma^\nu k_\parallel \gamma^1 \gamma^2 \gamma^\mu \gamma^1 \gamma^2 (k_\parallel - \not{p}_\parallel) \right\} \right] \\
 &+ i \text{Tr} \left\{ \gamma^\nu (-k_\parallel + \not{p}_\parallel) \gamma^1 \gamma^2 \gamma^\mu k_\parallel \gamma^1 \gamma^2 \right\} - 2im^2 \text{Tr} \left\{ \gamma^\nu \gamma^1 \gamma^2 \gamma^\mu \gamma^1 \gamma^2 \right\} \\
 &+ \frac{e^{-(k-p)_\perp^2/|q_f B|}}{(k-p)_\parallel^2 - m^2} \Theta_3(k) \left[-8\epsilon_{ab} g_\perp^{a\mu} g_\perp^{b\nu} (m^2 + p_\parallel \cdot k_\parallel - k_\parallel^2) - i \text{Tr} \left\{ \gamma^\nu k_\parallel \gamma^1 \gamma^2 \gamma^\mu (k_\parallel - \not{p}_\parallel) \gamma^1 \gamma^2 \right\} \right] \\
 &+ i \text{Tr} \left\{ \gamma^\nu (-k_\parallel + \not{p}_\parallel) \gamma^1 \gamma^2 \gamma^\mu k_\parallel \gamma^1 \gamma^2 \right\} - 2im^2 \text{Tr} \left\{ \gamma^\nu \gamma^1 \gamma^2 \gamma^\mu \gamma^1 \gamma^2 \right\}. \tag{A16}
 \end{aligned}$$

From the identity $\gamma^1 \gamma^2 \gamma^\mu \gamma^1 \gamma^2 = \gamma_\perp^\mu - \gamma_\parallel^\mu$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 t_3^{\mu\nu} + t_6^{\mu\nu} + t_9^{\mu\nu} + t_{12}^{\mu\nu} &= \frac{8ie^{-\mathbf{k}_\perp^2/|q_f B|}}{k_\parallel^2 - m^2} \Theta_3(k-p) \left[(m^2 + p_\parallel \cdot k_\parallel - k_\parallel^2) (g_\parallel^{\mu\nu} - g_\perp^{\mu\nu} - i\epsilon_{ab} g_\perp^{a\mu} g_\perp^{b\nu}) + 2k_\parallel^\mu k_\parallel^\nu - p_\parallel^\mu k_\parallel^\nu - p_\parallel^\nu k_\parallel^\mu \right] \\
 &+ \frac{8ie^{-(k-p)_\perp^2/|q_f B|}}{(k-p)_\parallel^2 - m^2} \Theta_3(k) \left[(m^2 + p_\parallel \cdot k_\parallel - k_\parallel^2) (g_\parallel^{\mu\nu} - g_\perp^{\mu\nu} + i\epsilon_{ab} g_\perp^{a\mu} g_\perp^{b\nu}) + 2k_\parallel^\mu k_\parallel^\nu - p_\parallel^\mu k_\parallel^\nu - p_\parallel^\nu k_\parallel^\mu \right]. \tag{A17}
 \end{aligned}$$

1. The integral $\mathcal{I}(p_\parallel^2)$

Here we present the details on the calculation of the integral

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{I}(p_\parallel^2) &= \int_0^1 dx \frac{x(1-x)}{x(1-x)p_\parallel^2 - m^2} \\
 &= \frac{1}{p_\parallel^2} \left[1 + \frac{m^2}{p_\parallel^2} \int_0^1 \frac{dx}{x(1-x) - m^2/p_\parallel^2} \right]. \tag{A18}
 \end{aligned}$$

The denominator of the remaining integral is a second-order polynomial in x , whose roots (poles) are

$$x = a_\pm = \frac{1}{2} \pm \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{1 - \frac{4m^2}{p_\parallel^2}}. \tag{A19}$$

Factorizing the denominator accordingly, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{I}(p_\parallel^2) &= \frac{1}{p_\parallel^2} \left[1 - \frac{m^2}{p_\parallel^2} \int_0^1 \frac{dx}{(x-a_+)(x-a_-)} \right] \\
 &= \frac{1}{p_\parallel^2} \left[1 - \frac{m^2}{p_\parallel^2(a_+ - a_-)} \int_0^1 dx \left(\frac{1}{x-a_+} - \frac{1}{x-a_-} \right) \right] \\
 &= \frac{1}{p_\parallel^2} \left[1 - \frac{m^2}{p_\parallel^2(a_+ - a_-)} \log \left[\frac{(1-a_+)a_-}{(1-a_-)a_+} \right] \right]. \tag{A20}
 \end{aligned}$$

Finally, substituting the definitions of a_\pm , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{I}(p_\parallel^2) &= \int_0^1 dx \frac{x(1-x)}{x(1-x)p_\parallel^2 - m^2} \\
 &= \frac{1}{p_\parallel^2} \left[1 + \frac{2m^2/p_\parallel^2}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{4m^2}{p_\parallel^2}}} \log \left[\frac{1 + \sqrt{1 - \frac{4m^2}{p_\parallel^2}}}{1 - \sqrt{1 - \frac{4m^2}{p_\parallel^2}}} \right] \right]. \tag{A21}
 \end{aligned}$$

APPENDIX B: MOMENTUM INTEGRALS

Let us define the following tensors:

$$T_1^{\mu\nu} \equiv \int \frac{d^4 k}{(2\pi)^4} (t_1^{\mu\nu} + t_4^{\mu\nu} + t_7^{\mu\nu} + t_{10}^{\mu\nu}), \quad (\text{B1a})$$

$$T_2^{\mu\nu} \equiv \int \frac{d^4 k}{(2\pi)^4} (t_2^{\mu\nu} + t_5^{\mu\nu} + t_8^{\mu\nu} + t_{11}^{\mu\nu}), \quad (\text{B1b})$$

and

$$T_3^{\mu\nu} \equiv \int \frac{d^4 k}{(2\pi)^4} (t_3^{\mu\nu} + t_6^{\mu\nu} + t_9^{\mu\nu} + t_{12}^{\mu\nu}). \quad (\text{B1c})$$

1. Computing $T_1^{\mu\nu}$

$$\begin{aligned} T_1^{\mu\nu} &\equiv \int \frac{d^4 k}{(2\pi)^4} (t_1^{\mu\nu} + t_4^{\mu\nu} + t_7^{\mu\nu} + t_{10}^{\mu\nu}) \\ &= 8i \int \frac{d^4 k}{(2\pi)^4} \left[\frac{e^{-\mathbf{k}_\perp^2/|q_f B|}}{k_\parallel^2 - m^2} \Theta_1(k-p) + \frac{e^{-(k-p)_\perp^2/|q_f B|}}{(k-p)_\parallel^2 - m^2} \Theta_1(k) \right] \left[(p_\parallel \cdot k_\parallel - k_\parallel^2 + m^2) g_\parallel^{\mu\nu} + 2k_\parallel^\mu k_\parallel^\nu - p_\parallel^\mu k_\parallel^\nu - p_\parallel^\nu k_\parallel^\mu \right]. \\ &= T_{1(a)}^{\mu\nu} + T_{1(b)}^{\mu\nu}, \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B2})$$

where

$$T_{1(a)}^{\mu\nu} \equiv 8i \int \frac{d^4 k}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{e^{-\mathbf{k}_\perp^2/|q_f B|}}{k_\parallel^2 - m^2} \Theta_1(k-p) \left[(k_\parallel \cdot (p_\parallel - k_\parallel) + m^2) g_\parallel^{\mu\nu} + (k_\parallel^\mu - p_\parallel^\mu) k_\parallel^\nu + k_\parallel^\mu (k_\parallel^\nu - p_\parallel^\nu) \right] \quad (\text{B3a})$$

and

$$T_{1(b)}^{\mu\nu} \equiv 8i \int \frac{d^4 k}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{e^{-(k-p)_\perp^2/|q_f B|}}{(k-p)_\parallel^2 - m^2} \Theta_1(k) \left[(k_\parallel \cdot (p_\parallel - k_\parallel) + m^2) g_\parallel^{\mu\nu} + (k_\parallel^\mu - p_\parallel^\mu) k_\parallel^\nu + k_\parallel^\mu (k_\parallel^\nu - p_\parallel^\nu) \right]. \quad (\text{B3b})$$

In the second expression for $T_{1(b)}^{\mu\nu}$, let us change the integration variable $k' = p - k$, such that $k = p - k'$ and $d^4 k' = d^4 k$,

$$T_{1(b)}^{\mu\nu} \equiv 8i \int \frac{d^4 k'}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{e^{-k_\perp'^2/|q_f B|}}{k_\parallel'^2 - m^2} \Theta_1(p - k') \left[((p_\parallel - k_\parallel') \cdot k_\parallel' + m^2) g_\parallel^{\mu\nu} + (-k_\parallel'^\mu) (p_\parallel^\nu - k_\parallel'^\nu) + (p_\parallel^\mu - k_\parallel'^\mu) (-k_\parallel'^\nu) \right]. \quad (\text{B4})$$

Finally, using the parity symmetry of the function $\Theta_1(p - k') = \Theta_1(k' - p)$, and removing the primes, we obtain

$$T_{1(b)}^{\mu\nu} \equiv 8i \int \frac{d^4 k}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{e^{-\mathbf{k}_\perp^2/|q_f B|}}{k_\parallel^2 - m^2} \Theta_1(k-p) \left[((p_\parallel - k_\parallel) \cdot k_\parallel + m^2) g_\parallel^{\mu\nu} + k_\parallel^\mu (k_\parallel^\nu - p_\parallel^\nu) + (k_\parallel^\mu - p_\parallel^\mu) k_\parallel^\nu \right], \quad (\text{B5})$$

to conclude that $T_{1(b)}^{\mu\nu} = T_{1(a)}^{\mu\nu}$, and hence $T_1^{\mu\nu} = 2T_{1(a)}^{\mu\nu}$.

For both tensors the integration over the perpendicular momenta is the same. For $T_{1(a)}^{\mu\nu}$,

$$\frac{e^{-\mathbf{k}_\perp^2/|q_f B|}}{k_\parallel^2 - m^2} \Theta_1(k-p) = \frac{3[(k-p)_\parallel^2 + m^2] e^{-\mathbf{k}_\perp^2/|q_f B|} e^{2(\mathbf{k}_\perp - \mathbf{p}_\perp)^2/|q_f B|}}{(k_\parallel^2 - m^2) \left[(k-p)_\parallel^2 - m^2 \right]^2 \sqrt{(k_0 - p_0)^2 - m^2}}, \quad (\text{B6})$$

where the factors in the exponential can be reduced as follows:

$$\mathbf{k}_\perp^2 + 2(\mathbf{k}_\perp - \mathbf{p}_\perp)^2 = 3\mathbf{k}_\perp^2 - 4\mathbf{p}_\perp \cdot \mathbf{k}_\perp + 2\mathbf{p}_\perp^2 = 3(\mathbf{k}_\perp - 2\mathbf{p}_\perp/3)^2 + 2\mathbf{p}_\perp^2/3. \quad (\text{B7})$$

Then, the suggested change of variables is given by

$$\ell_\perp^\mu \equiv \mathbf{k}_\perp^\mu - \frac{2}{3}\mathbf{p}_\perp^\mu, \quad (\text{B8})$$

so that the integration over perpendicular momenta is straightforward:

$$T_{1(a)}^{\mu\nu} = \frac{8i\pi|q_f B|}{(2\pi)^2} \exp\left(-\frac{2\mathbf{p}_\perp^2}{3|q_f B|}\right) \int \frac{d^2 k_\parallel}{(2\pi)^2} \frac{[(k-p)_\parallel^2 + m^2] [(p_\parallel \cdot k_\parallel - k_\parallel^2 + m^2) g_\parallel^{\mu\nu} + 2k_\parallel^\mu k_\parallel^\nu - p_\parallel^\mu k_\parallel^\nu - p_\parallel^\nu k_\parallel^\mu]}{(k_\parallel^2 - m^2) [(k-p)_\parallel^2 - m^2]^2 \sqrt{(k_0 - p_0)^2 - m^2}}. \quad (\text{B9a})$$

From the identity

$$\frac{1}{AB^2} = 2 \int_0^\infty \frac{\lambda d\lambda}{(\lambda A + B)^3}, \quad (\text{B10})$$

the denominator of $T_{1(a)}^{\mu\nu}$ is

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{(k_\parallel^2 - m^2)[(k-p)_\parallel^2 - m^2]^2} &= 2 \int_0^\infty \frac{\lambda d\lambda}{[(1+\lambda)k_\parallel^2 - 2p_\parallel \cdot k_\parallel + p_\parallel^2 - (1+\lambda)m^2]^3} \\ &= 2 \int_0^\infty \frac{\lambda d\lambda}{[(1+\lambda)(k_\parallel - \frac{1}{1+\lambda}p_\parallel)^2 + \frac{\lambda}{1+\lambda}p_\parallel^2 - (1+\lambda)m^2]^3}, \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B11})$$

which suggests that the shift in the parallel momenta must be

$$\ell_\parallel^\mu = k_\parallel^\mu - \frac{1}{1+\lambda}p_\parallel^\mu. \quad (\text{B12})$$

Similarly,

$$\frac{1}{[(k-p)_\parallel^2 - m^2](k_\parallel^2 - m^2)^2} = 2 \int_0^\infty \frac{\lambda d\lambda}{[(1+\lambda)(k_\parallel - \frac{\lambda}{1+\lambda}p_\parallel)^2 + \frac{\lambda}{1+\lambda}p_\parallel^2 - (1+\lambda)m^2]^3}, \quad (\text{B13})$$

so that

$$\ell_\parallel^\mu = k_\parallel^\mu - \frac{\lambda}{1+\lambda}p_\parallel^\mu. \quad (\text{B14})$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} T_{1(a)}^{\mu\nu} &= \frac{16i\pi|q_f B|}{(2\pi)^2} \exp\left(-\frac{2\mathbf{p}_\perp^2}{3|q_f B|}\right) \int_0^\infty \frac{\lambda d\lambda}{(1+\lambda)^3} \int \frac{d^2 \ell_\parallel}{(2\pi)^2} \frac{(\ell_\parallel - \frac{\lambda}{1+\lambda}p_\parallel)^2 + m^2}{\left(\ell_\parallel^2 + \frac{\lambda}{(1+\lambda)^2}p_\parallel^2 - m^2\right)^3 \sqrt{(l_0 - \frac{\lambda}{1+\lambda}p_0)^2 - m^2}} \\ &\times \left[\left(\frac{\lambda-1}{1+\lambda}p_\parallel \cdot \ell_\parallel + \frac{\lambda}{(1+\lambda)^2}p_\parallel^2 - \ell_\parallel^2 + m^2 \right) g_\parallel^{\mu\nu} + 2\ell_\parallel^\mu \ell_\parallel^\nu + \frac{1-\lambda}{1+\lambda} (p_\parallel^\mu \ell_\parallel^\nu + p_\parallel^\nu \ell_\parallel^\mu) - \frac{2\lambda}{(1+\lambda)^2} p_\parallel^\mu p_\parallel^\nu \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B15a})$$

By ignoring odd powers on ℓ_{\parallel} , and by using the fact that under the integral

$$\ell_{\parallel}^{\mu} \ell_{\parallel}^{\nu} \rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \ell_{\parallel}^2 g_{\parallel}^{\mu\nu} \quad (\text{B16})$$

the expressions reduce to

$$\begin{aligned} T_{1(a)}^{\mu\nu} &= \frac{16i\pi|q_f B|}{(2\pi)^2} \exp\left(-\frac{2\mathbf{p}_{\perp}^2}{3|q_f B|}\right) \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\lambda d\lambda}{(1+\lambda)^3} \int \frac{d^2 \ell_{\parallel}}{(2\pi)^2} \frac{1}{\left(\ell_{\parallel}^2 + \frac{\lambda}{(1+\lambda)^2} p_{\parallel}^2 - m^2\right)^3 \sqrt{(l_0 - \frac{\lambda}{1+\lambda} p_0)^2 - m^2}} \\ &\times \left\{ \left(\ell_{\parallel}^2 + \frac{\lambda^2}{(1+\lambda)^2} p_{\parallel}^2 + m^2\right) \left[\left(\frac{\lambda}{(1+\lambda)^2} p_{\parallel}^2 + m^2\right) g_{\parallel}^{\mu\nu} - \frac{2\lambda}{(1+\lambda)^2} p_{\parallel}^{\mu} p_{\parallel}^{\nu} \right] \right. \\ &\left. + \frac{2\lambda(1-\lambda)}{(1+\lambda)^2} (p_{\parallel} \cdot \ell_{\parallel}) \left[(p_{\parallel} \cdot \ell_{\parallel}) g_{\parallel}^{\mu\nu} - (p_{\parallel}^{\mu} \ell_{\parallel}^{\nu} + p_{\parallel}^{\nu} \ell_{\parallel}^{\mu}) \right] \right\}. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B17})$$

Now, under the integral we can replace

$$\begin{aligned} (p_{\parallel} \cdot \ell_{\parallel})(p_{\parallel} \cdot \ell_{\parallel}) &\rightarrow \frac{1}{2} p_{\parallel}^2 \ell_{\parallel}^2 \\ (p_{\parallel} \cdot \ell_{\parallel}) p_{\parallel}^{\mu} \ell_{\parallel}^{\nu} &\rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \ell_{\parallel}^2 p_{\parallel}^{\mu} p_{\parallel}^{\nu}; \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B18})$$

therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} T_{1(a)}^{\mu\nu} &= \frac{16i\pi|q_f B|}{(2\pi)^2} \exp\left(-\frac{2\mathbf{p}_{\perp}^2}{3|q_f B|}\right) \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\lambda d\lambda}{(1+\lambda)^3} \int \frac{d^2 \ell_{\parallel}}{(2\pi)^2} \frac{1}{\left(\ell_{\parallel}^2 + \frac{\lambda}{(1+\lambda)^2} p_{\parallel}^2 - m^2\right)^3 \sqrt{(l_0 - \frac{\lambda}{1+\lambda} p_0)^2 - m^2}} \\ &\times \left\{ \left(\ell_{\parallel}^2 + \frac{\lambda^2}{(1+\lambda)^2} p_{\parallel}^2 + m^2\right) \left[\frac{\lambda}{(1+\lambda)^2} (p_{\parallel}^2 g_{\parallel}^{\mu\nu} - 2p_{\parallel}^{\mu} p_{\parallel}^{\nu}) + m^2 g_{\parallel}^{\mu\nu} \right] + \frac{\lambda(1-\lambda)}{(1+\lambda)^2} \ell_{\parallel}^2 (p_{\parallel}^2 g_{\parallel}^{\mu\nu} - 2p_{\parallel}^{\mu} p_{\parallel}^{\nu}) \right\}, \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B19})$$

and $T_1^{\mu\nu} = 2T_{1(a)}^{\mu\nu}$.

2. Computing $T_2^{\mu\nu}$

$$\begin{aligned} T_2^{\mu\nu} &\equiv \int \frac{d^4 k}{(2\pi)^4} (t_2^{\mu\nu} + t_5^{\mu\nu} + t_8^{\mu\nu} + t_{11}^{\mu\nu}) \\ &= 8i \int \frac{d^4 k}{(2\pi)^4} \left[\frac{e^{-\mathbf{k}_{\perp}^2/|q_f B|}}{k_{\parallel}^2 - m^2} \Theta_2(k-p) + \frac{e^{-(k-p)_{\perp}^2/|q_f B|}}{(k-p)_{\parallel}^2 - m^2} \Theta_2(k) \right] (k^3 g_{\parallel}^{\mu\nu} + k_{\parallel}^{\mu} \delta_3^{\nu} + k_{\parallel}^{\nu} \delta_3^{\mu}) \\ &\quad - 8i \int \frac{d^4 k}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{e^{-(k-p)_{\perp}^2/|q_f B|}}{(k-p)_{\parallel}^2 - m^2} \Theta_2(k) (p^3 g_{\parallel}^{\mu\nu} + p_{\parallel}^{\mu} \delta_3^{\nu} + p_{\parallel}^{\nu} \delta_3^{\mu}) \\ &= T_{2(a)}^{\mu\nu} + T_{2(b)}^{\mu\nu} \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B20})$$

with

$$\begin{aligned} T_{2(a)}^{\mu\nu} &\equiv 8i \int \frac{d^4 k}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{e^{-\mathbf{k}_{\perp}^2/|q_f B|}}{k_{\parallel}^2 - m^2} \Theta_2(k-p) (k^3 g_{\parallel}^{\mu\nu} + k_{\parallel}^{\mu} \delta_3^{\nu} + k_{\parallel}^{\nu} \delta_3^{\mu}) \\ &= \frac{8i\pi|q_f B|}{(2\pi)^2} \exp\left(-\frac{2\mathbf{p}_{\perp}^2}{3|q_f B|}\right) \int \frac{d^2 k_{\parallel}}{(2\pi)^2} \frac{(k_3 - p_3)(k^3 g_{\parallel}^{\mu\nu} + k_{\parallel}^{\mu} \delta_3^{\nu} + k_{\parallel}^{\nu} \delta_3^{\mu})}{(k_{\parallel}^2 - m^2) \left[(k-p)_{\parallel}^2 - m^2 \right] \sqrt{(k_0 - p_0)^2 - m^2}} \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B21a})$$

$$T_{2(b)}^{\mu\nu} \equiv 8i \int \frac{d^4 k}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{e^{-(k-p)_\perp^2/|q_f B|}}{(k-p)_\parallel^2 - m^2} \Theta_2(k) ((k^3 - p^3) g_\parallel^{\mu\nu} + (k_\parallel^\mu - p_\parallel^\mu) \delta_3^\nu + (k_\parallel^\nu - p_\parallel^\nu) \delta_3^\mu). \quad (\text{B21b})$$

In the expression for $T_{2(b)}^{\mu\nu}$, let us change the integration variable $k' = p - k$, such that $k = p - k'$ and $d^4 k' = d^4 k$,

$$T_{2(b)}^{\mu\nu} \equiv 8i \int \frac{d^4 k}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{e^{-k_\perp'^2/|q_f B|}}{k_\parallel'^2 - m^2} \Theta_2(p - k') (-k'^3 g_\parallel^{\mu\nu} - k_\parallel'^\mu \delta_3^\nu - k_\parallel'^\nu \delta_3^\mu). \quad (\text{B22})$$

Finally, using the odd property of $\Theta_2(p - k') = -\Theta_2(k' - p)$, and removing the primes $k' \rightarrow k$, we finally obtain

$$T_{2(b)}^{\mu\nu} \equiv 8i \int \frac{d^4 k}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{e^{-k_\perp^2/|q_f B|}}{k_\parallel^2 - m^2} \Theta_2(k - p) (k^3 g_\parallel^{\mu\nu} + k_\parallel^\mu \delta_3^\nu + k_\parallel^\nu \delta_3^\mu) \quad (\text{B23})$$

$$= T_{2(a)}^{\mu\nu}, \quad (\text{B24})$$

and hence we conclude $T_2^{\mu\nu} = 2T_{2(a)}^{\mu\nu}$.

Introducing a Feynman parameter λ via the integral transformation

$$\frac{1}{AB} = \int_0^\infty \frac{d\lambda}{(\lambda A + B)^2}, \quad (\text{B25})$$

we have for $T_{2(a)}^{\mu\nu}$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{(k_\parallel^2 - m^2) [(k-p)_\parallel^2 - m^2]} &= \int_0^\infty \frac{d\lambda}{[\lambda(k_\parallel^2 - m^2) + (k-p)_\parallel^2 - m^2]^2} \\ &= \int_0^\infty \frac{d\lambda}{(1+\lambda)^2 [\ell_\parallel^2 + \frac{\lambda}{(1+\lambda)^2} p_\parallel^2 - m^2]^2}, \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B26})$$

where

$$\ell_\parallel^\mu = k_\parallel^\mu - \frac{1}{1+\lambda} p_\parallel^\mu, \quad (\text{B27})$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{(k_\parallel^2 - m^2) [(k-p)_\parallel^2 - m^2]} &= \int_0^\infty \frac{d\lambda}{[\lambda(k-p)_\parallel^2 - \lambda m^2 + (k_\parallel^2 - m^2)]^2} \\ &= \int_0^\infty \frac{d\lambda}{(1+\lambda)^2 [\ell_\parallel^2 + \frac{\lambda}{(1+\lambda)^2} p_\parallel^2 - m^2]^2}, \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B28})$$

where

$$\ell_\parallel^\mu = k_\parallel^\mu - \frac{\lambda}{1+\lambda} p_\parallel^\mu. \quad (\text{B29})$$

Therefore, by ignoring the odd powers on ℓ_\parallel and using that $p_3 p^3 = -p_3^2$

$$T_{2(a)}^{\mu\nu} = \frac{8i\pi|q_f B|}{(2\pi)^2} \exp\left(-\frac{2\mathbf{p}_\perp^2}{3|q_f B|}\right) \int_0^\infty \frac{d\lambda}{(1+\lambda)^2} \int \frac{d^2 \ell_\parallel}{(2\pi)^2} \frac{(-\ell_\parallel^3)^2 + \frac{\lambda}{(1+\lambda)^2} p_3^2}{\left(\ell_\parallel^2 + \frac{\lambda}{(1+\lambda)^2} p_\parallel^2 - m^2\right)^2} \sqrt{(l_0 - \frac{\lambda}{1+\lambda} p_0)^2 - m^2} (g_\parallel^{\mu\nu} + 2\delta_3^\mu \delta_3^\nu). \quad (\text{B30a})$$

3. Computing $T_3^{\mu\nu}$

$$\begin{aligned}
T_3^{\mu\nu} &\equiv \int \frac{d^4 k}{(2\pi)^4} (t_3^{\mu\nu} + t_6^{\mu\nu} + t_9^{\mu\nu} + t_{12}^{\mu\nu}) \\
&= 8i \int \frac{d^4 k}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{e^{-\mathbf{k}_\perp^2/|q_f B|}}{k_\parallel^2 - m^2} \Theta_3(k-p) \left[(m^2 + p_\parallel \cdot k_\parallel - k_\parallel^2) (g_\parallel^{\mu\nu} - g_\perp^{\mu\nu} - i\epsilon_{ab} g_\perp^{a\mu} g_\perp^{b\nu}) + 2k_\parallel^\mu k_\parallel^\nu - p_\parallel^\mu k_\parallel^\nu - p_\parallel^\nu k_\parallel^\mu \right] \\
&\quad + 8i \int \frac{d^4 k}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{e^{-(k-p)_\perp^2/|q_f B|}}{(k-p)_\parallel^2 - m^2} \Theta_3(k) \left[(m^2 + p_\parallel \cdot k_\parallel - k_\parallel^2) (g_\parallel^{\mu\nu} - g_\perp^{\mu\nu} + i\epsilon_{ab} g_\perp^{a\mu} g_\perp^{b\nu}) + 2k_\parallel^\mu k_\parallel^\nu - p_\parallel^\mu k_\parallel^\nu - p_\parallel^\nu k_\parallel^\mu \right] \\
&= T_{3(a)}^{\mu\nu} + T_{3(b)}^{\mu\nu}, \tag{B31}
\end{aligned}$$

where

$$T_{3(a)}^{\mu\nu} \equiv 8i \int \frac{d^4 k}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{e^{-\mathbf{k}_\perp^2/|q_f B|}}{k_\parallel^2 - m^2} \Theta_3(k-p) \left[(m^2 + k_\parallel \cdot (p_\parallel - k_\parallel)) (g_\parallel^{\mu\nu} - g_\perp^{\mu\nu} - i\epsilon_{ab} g_\perp^{a\mu} g_\perp^{b\nu}) + (k_\parallel^\mu - p_\parallel^\mu) k_\parallel^\nu + k_\parallel^\mu (k_\parallel^\nu - p_\parallel^\nu) \right], \tag{B32a}$$

and

$$T_{3(b)}^{\mu\nu} \equiv 8i \int \frac{d^4 k}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{e^{-(k-p)_\perp^2/|q_f B|}}{(k-p)_\parallel^2 - m^2} \Theta_3(k) \left[(m^2 + k_\parallel \cdot (p_\parallel - k_\parallel)) (g_\parallel^{\mu\nu} - g_\perp^{\mu\nu} + i\epsilon_{ab} g_\perp^{a\mu} g_\perp^{b\nu}) + (k_\parallel^\mu - p_\parallel^\mu) k_\parallel^\nu + k_\parallel^\mu (k_\parallel^\nu - p_\parallel^\nu) \right]. \tag{B32b}$$

We remark that the ‘‘skew’’ terms proportional to $i\epsilon_{ab} g_\perp^{a\mu} g_\perp^{b\nu}$ in the expressions above vanish upon integration when they enter in the combination $T_3^{\mu\nu} = T_{3(a)}^{\mu\nu} + T_{3(b)}^{\mu\nu}$. For this purpose, let us consider the expression for $T_{3(b)}^{\mu\nu}$, and perform the change of integration variables $k' = p - k$, such that $k = p - k'$ and $d^4 k' = d^4 k$,

$$T_{3(b)}^{\mu\nu} \equiv 8i \int \frac{d^4 k'}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{e^{-\mathbf{k}'_\perp^2/|q_f B|}}{k_\parallel'^2 - m^2} \Theta_3(p-k') \left[(m^2 + (p_\parallel - k_\parallel') \cdot k_\parallel') (g_\parallel^{\mu\nu} - g_\perp^{\mu\nu} + i\epsilon_{ab} g_\perp^{a\mu} g_\perp^{b\nu}) - k_\parallel'^\mu (p_\parallel^\nu - k_\parallel'^\nu) + (p_\parallel^\mu - k_\parallel'^\mu) (-k_\parallel'^\nu) \right]. \tag{B33}$$

Finally, we make use of the parity property of the function $\Theta_3(p-k') = \Theta_3(k'-p)$, and further removing the primes of the integration variable $k' \rightarrow k$ we obtain

$$T_{3(b)}^{\mu\nu} \equiv 8i \int \frac{d^4 k}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{e^{-\mathbf{k}_\perp^2/|q_f B|}}{k_\parallel^2 - m^2} \Theta_3(k-p) \left[(m^2 + k_\parallel \cdot (p_\parallel - k_\parallel)) (g_\parallel^{\mu\nu} - g_\perp^{\mu\nu} + i\epsilon_{ab} g_\perp^{a\mu} g_\perp^{b\nu}) + k_\parallel^\mu (k_\parallel^\nu - p_\parallel^\nu) + (k_\parallel^\mu - p_\parallel^\mu) (k_\parallel^\nu) \right]. \tag{B34}$$

Comparing Eq. (B34) with Eq. (B32a), we see that they are identical except for the opposite sign of the $i\epsilon_{ab} g_\perp^{a\mu} g_\perp^{b\nu}$ terms, that hence vanish upon adding them both, such that

$$T_3^{\mu\nu} = 16i \int \frac{d^4 k}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{e^{-\mathbf{k}_\perp^2/|q_f B|}}{k_\parallel^2 - m^2} \Theta_3(k-p) \left[(m^2 + k_\parallel \cdot (p_\parallel - k_\parallel)) (g_\parallel^{\mu\nu} - g_\perp^{\mu\nu}) + (k_\parallel^\mu - p_\parallel^\mu) k_\parallel^\nu + k_\parallel^\mu (k_\parallel^\nu - p_\parallel^\nu) \right]. \tag{B35}$$

After integrating with respect to perpendicular momenta, we employ the transformation of Eq. (B27) for $T_{3(a)}^{\mu\nu}$ and the transformation of Eq. (B29) for $T_{3(b)}^{\mu\nu}$. Then, ensuring the elimination of odd powers in ℓ_{\parallel} ,

$$T_3^{\mu\nu} = \frac{16i\pi|q_f B|}{3(2\pi)^2} \exp\left(-\frac{2\mathbf{p}_{\perp}^2}{3|q_f B|}\right) \int_0^{\infty} \frac{d\lambda}{(1+\lambda)^2} \int \frac{d^2\ell_{\parallel}}{(2\pi)^2} \frac{\left(m^2 - \ell_{\parallel}^2 + \frac{\lambda}{(1+\lambda)^2} p_{\parallel}^2\right) (g_{\parallel}^{\mu\nu} - g_{\perp}^{\mu\nu}) + \ell_{\parallel}^2 g_{\parallel}^{\mu\nu} - \frac{2\lambda}{(1+\lambda)^2} p_{\parallel}^{\mu} p_{\parallel}^{\nu}}{\sqrt{\left(\ell_0^2 + \frac{\lambda}{1+\lambda} p_0\right)^2 - m^2 \left(\ell_{\parallel}^2 + \frac{\lambda}{(1+\lambda)^2} p_{\parallel}^2 - m^2\right)^2}}. \quad (\text{B36})$$

APPENDIX C: INTEGRALS IN THE LIMIT $p_0 = 0, \mathbf{p} \rightarrow 0$

1. Computing $T_1^{\mu\nu}$

In the limit $p_0 = 0, \mathbf{p} \rightarrow 0$ we have

$$T_{1(b)}^{\mu\nu} = T_{1(a)}^{\mu\nu}, \quad (\text{C1})$$

so that

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{\substack{p_0 \rightarrow 0 \\ \mathbf{p} \rightarrow 0}} T_1^{\mu\nu} &= 2T_{1(a)}^{\mu\nu} \\ &= \frac{32i\pi|q_f B|}{(2\pi)^2} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\lambda d\lambda}{(1+\lambda)^3} \\ &\quad \times \int \frac{d^2\ell_{\parallel}}{(2\pi)^2} \frac{m^2(\ell_{\parallel}^2 + m^2)}{(\ell_{\parallel}^2 - m^2)^3 \sqrt{\ell_0^2 - m^2}} g_{\parallel}^{\mu\nu} \\ &= \frac{16i\pi|q_f B|}{(2\pi)^2} \int \frac{d^2\ell_{\parallel}}{(2\pi)^2} \frac{m^2(\ell_{\parallel}^2 + m^2)}{(\ell_{\parallel}^2 - m^2)^3 \sqrt{\ell_0^2 - m^2}} g_{\parallel}^{\mu\nu}. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{C2})$$

Let us define

$$\mathcal{M}_1 = \int \frac{d^2\ell_{\parallel}}{(2\pi)^2} \frac{\ell_{\parallel}^2 + m^2}{\sqrt{\ell_0^2 - m^2} (\ell_{\parallel}^2 - m^2)^3} \quad (\text{C3})$$

so that

$$\lim_{\substack{p_0 \rightarrow 0 \\ \mathbf{p} \rightarrow 0}} T_1^{\mu\nu} = \frac{16i\pi|q_f B|}{(2\pi)^2} m^2 \mathcal{M}_1 g_{\parallel}^{\mu\nu}. \quad (\text{C4})$$

To compute \mathcal{M}_1 , it is convenient to pass to the Euclidean space $\ell^0 \rightarrow i\ell^4$,

$$\mathcal{M}_1 = \frac{1}{m^3} \int \frac{dy dx}{(2\pi)^2} \frac{y^2 + x^2 - 1}{\sqrt{y^2 + 1} (y^2 + x^2 + 1)^3}, \quad (\text{C5})$$

where we have defined

$$x = \ell^3/m, \quad \text{and} \quad y = \ell^4/m. \quad (\text{C6})$$

If $\alpha_{\pm}^2 = y^2 \pm 1$,

$$\mathcal{M}_1 = \frac{1}{m^3} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{dy}{2\pi} \frac{1}{\sqrt{y^2 + 1}} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{dx}{2\pi} \frac{x^2 + \alpha_{-}^2}{(x^2 + \alpha_{+}^2)^3}, \quad (\text{C7})$$

we can perform the x integral of \mathcal{M}_1 in the complex plane, so that

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{dx}{2\pi} \frac{x^2 + \alpha_{-}^2}{(x^2 + \alpha_{+}^2)^3} &= \lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} \oint_{\mathcal{C}} \frac{dz}{2\pi} \frac{z^2 + \alpha_{-}^2}{(z^2 + \alpha_{+}^2)^3} \\ &= i \text{Res} \left[\frac{z^2 + \alpha_{-}^2}{(z^2 + \alpha_{+}^2)^3} \right]_{z=i\alpha_{+}}, \end{aligned} \quad (\text{C8})$$

where the integration contour \mathcal{C} is shown in Fig. 5(a).

Then, it is straightforward to show that

$$\mathcal{M}_1 = \frac{1}{16m^3} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{dy}{2\pi} \left[\frac{1}{(y^2 + 1)^2} + \frac{3(y^2 - 1)}{(y^2 + 1)^3} \right], \quad (\text{C9})$$

which can be easily computed with the contour of Fig. 5(b):

$$\mathcal{M}_1 = -\frac{1}{128m^3}. \quad (\text{C10})$$

By collecting the results,

$$\lim_{\substack{p_0 \rightarrow 0 \\ \mathbf{p} \rightarrow 0}} T_1^{\mu\nu} = -\frac{i|q_f B|}{32\pi m} g_{\parallel}^{\mu\nu}. \quad (\text{C11})$$

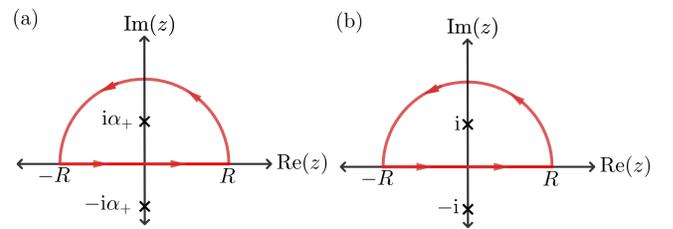


FIG. 5. Contours for (a) the x integration of \mathcal{M}_1 , (b) the y integration of \mathcal{M}_1 .

2. Computing $T_2^{\mu\nu}$

In the limit $p_0 = 0$, $\mathbf{p} \rightarrow 0$:

$$\lim_{\substack{p_0 \rightarrow 0 \\ \mathbf{p} \rightarrow 0}} T_{2(a)}^{\mu\nu} = \lim_{\substack{p_0 \rightarrow 0 \\ \mathbf{p} \rightarrow 0}} T_{2(b)}^{\mu\nu}, \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{\substack{p_0 \rightarrow 0 \\ \mathbf{p} \rightarrow 0}} T_{2(c)}^{\mu\nu} = 0; \quad (\text{C12})$$

then

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{\substack{p_0 \rightarrow 0 \\ \mathbf{p} \rightarrow 0}} T_2^{\mu\nu} &= -\frac{16i\pi|q_f B|}{(2\pi)^2} \int_0^\infty \frac{d\lambda}{(1+\lambda)^2} \int \frac{d^2\ell_\parallel}{(2\pi)^2} \frac{(\ell^3)^2}{(\ell_\parallel^2 - m^2)^2 \sqrt{l_0^2 - m^2}} (g_\parallel^{\mu\nu} + 2\delta_3^\mu \delta_3^\nu) \\ &= -\frac{16i\pi|q_f B|}{(2\pi)^2} \int \frac{d^2\ell_\parallel}{(2\pi)^2} \frac{(\ell^3)^2}{(\ell_\parallel^2 - m^2)^2 \sqrt{l_0^2 - m^2}} (g_\parallel^{\mu\nu} + 2\delta_3^\mu \delta_3^\nu). \end{aligned} \quad (\text{C13})$$

Passing to the Euclidean space and defining x and y like in Eq. (C6),

$$\lim_{\substack{p_0 \rightarrow 0 \\ \mathbf{p} \rightarrow 0}} T_2^{\mu\nu} = -\frac{16i\pi|q_f B|}{(2\pi)^2 m} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{dy}{2\pi} \frac{1}{\sqrt{y^2 + 1}} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{dx}{2\pi} \frac{x^2}{(x^2 + \alpha_+^2)^2} (g_\parallel^{\mu\nu} + 2\delta_3^\mu \delta_3^\nu), \quad (\text{C14})$$

so that using the integration contour of Fig. 5(a),

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{dx}{2\pi} \frac{x^2}{(x^2 + \alpha_+^2)^2} = \lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} \oint_C \frac{dz}{2\pi} \frac{z^2}{(z^2 + \alpha_+^2)^2} = i\text{Res} \left[\frac{z^2}{(z^2 + \alpha_+^2)^2} \right]_{z=i\alpha_+} = \frac{1}{4\alpha_+} = \frac{1}{4\sqrt{y^2 + 1}}; \quad (\text{C15})$$

therefore

$$\lim_{\substack{p_0 \rightarrow 0 \\ \mathbf{p} \rightarrow 0}} T_2^{\mu\nu} = -\frac{4i\pi|q_f B|}{(2\pi)^2 m} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{dy}{2\pi} \frac{1}{(y^2 + 1)} (g_\parallel^{\mu\nu} + 2\delta_3^\mu \delta_3^\nu), \quad (\text{C16})$$

and after using the contour of Fig. 5(b),

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{dy}{2\pi} \frac{1}{(y^2 + 1)} = \lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} \oint_C \frac{dz}{2\pi} \frac{1}{z^2 + 1} = i\text{Res} \left[\frac{1}{z^2 + 1} \right]_{z=i} = \frac{1}{2}, \quad (\text{C17})$$

so that

$$\lim_{\substack{p_0 \rightarrow 0 \\ \mathbf{p} \rightarrow 0}} T_2^{\mu\nu} = -\frac{i|q_f B|}{2\pi m} (g_\parallel^{\mu\nu} + 2\delta_3^\mu \delta_3^\nu). \quad (\text{C18})$$

3. Computing $T_3^{\mu\nu}$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{\substack{p_0 \rightarrow 0 \\ \mathbf{p} \rightarrow 0}} T_3^{\mu\nu} &= \frac{16i\pi|q_f B|}{3(2\pi)^2} \int_0^\infty \frac{d\lambda}{(1+\lambda)^2} \int \frac{d^2\ell_\parallel}{(2\pi)^2} \frac{(m^2 - \ell_\parallel^2)(g_\parallel^{\mu\nu} - g_\perp^{\mu\nu}) + \ell_\parallel^2 g_\parallel^{\mu\nu}}{(\ell_\parallel^2 - m^2)^2 \sqrt{l_0^2 - m^2}} \\ &= \frac{16i\pi|q_f B|}{3(2\pi)^2} \int \frac{d^2\ell_\parallel}{(2\pi)^2} \left[\frac{m^2}{(\ell_\parallel^2 - m^2)^2 \sqrt{l_0^2 - m^2}} g_\parallel^{\mu\nu} + \frac{\ell_\parallel^2 - m^2}{(\ell_\parallel^2 - m^2)^2 \sqrt{l_0^2 - m^2}} g_\perp^{\mu\nu} \right] \\ &= \frac{16i\pi|q_f B|}{3(2\pi)^2} \int \frac{d^2\ell_E}{(2\pi)^2} \left[\frac{m^2}{(\ell_E + m^2)^2 \sqrt{l_4^2 + m^2}} g_\parallel^{\mu\nu} - \frac{\ell_E^2 + m^2}{(\ell_E + m^2)^2 \sqrt{l_4^2 + m^2}} g_\perp^{\mu\nu} \right] \\ &= \frac{16i\pi|q_f B|}{3(2\pi)^2 m} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{dy}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{dx}{2\pi} \left[\frac{1}{(x^2 + y^2 + 1)^2 \sqrt{y^2 + 1}} g_\parallel^{\mu\nu} - \frac{x^2 + y^2 + 1}{(x^2 + y^2 + 1)^2 \sqrt{y^2 + 1}} g_\perp^{\mu\nu} \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{C19})$$

We have the following integrals:

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{dy}{2\pi} \frac{1}{\sqrt{y^2+1}} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{dx}{2\pi} \frac{1}{(x^2+\alpha_+^2)^2} = \frac{1}{4} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{dy}{2\pi} \frac{1}{(y^2+1)^2} = \frac{1}{16}, \quad (\text{C20a})$$

and

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{dy}{2\pi} \frac{1}{\sqrt{y^2+1}} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{dx}{2\pi} \frac{x^2+y^2+1}{(x^2+\alpha_+^2)^2} = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{dy}{2\pi} \frac{1}{y^2+1} = \frac{1}{4}. \quad (\text{C20b})$$

Therefore,

$$\lim_{\substack{p_0 \rightarrow 0 \\ \mathbf{p} \rightarrow 0}} T_3^{\mu\nu} = \frac{i|q_f B|}{3\pi m} \left(\frac{1}{4} g_{\parallel}^{\mu\nu} - g_{\perp}^{\mu\nu} \right). \quad (\text{C21})$$

APPENDIX D: PROJECTIONS ONTO THE STANDARD TENSOR BASIS

The tensors $T_i^{\mu\nu}$ can be written as

$$T_1^{\mu\nu} = \mathcal{I}_1(p) P_{\parallel}^{\mu\nu} + \mathcal{J}_1(p) g_{\parallel}^{\mu\nu}, \quad (\text{D1a})$$

$$T_2^{\mu\nu} = \mathcal{I}_2(p) (g_{\parallel}^{\mu\nu} + 2b^\mu b^\nu), \quad (\text{D1b})$$

$$T_3^{\mu\nu} = \mathcal{I}_3(p) P_{\parallel}^{\mu\nu} + \mathcal{J}_3(p) g_{\parallel}^{\mu\nu} + \mathcal{K}_3(p) g_{\perp}^{\mu\nu}, \quad (\text{D1c})$$

where we defined the 4-vector $b^\mu = (0, 0, 0, 1)$, the tensor

$$P_{\parallel}^{\mu\nu} = g_{\parallel}^{\mu\nu} - \frac{p_{\parallel}^{\mu} p_{\parallel}^{\nu}}{p_{\parallel}^2}, \quad (\text{D2})$$

and the integrals

$$\mathcal{I}_1(p) = \frac{64i\pi|q_f B|}{(2\pi)^2} p_{\parallel}^2 \exp\left(-\frac{2\mathbf{p}_{\perp}^2}{3|q_f B|}\right) \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^2 d\lambda}{(1+\lambda)^5} \int \frac{d^2 \ell_{\parallel}}{(2\pi)^2} \frac{(1-\lambda)\ell_{\parallel}^2 + \frac{\lambda^2}{(1+\lambda)^2} p_{\parallel}^2 + m^2}{\left(\ell_{\parallel}^2 + \frac{\lambda}{(1+\lambda)^2} p_{\parallel}^2 - m^2\right)^3 \sqrt{(l_0 - \frac{\lambda}{1+\lambda} p_0)^2 - m^2}} \quad (\text{D3a})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{J}_1(p) &= \frac{32i\pi|q_f B|}{(2\pi)^2} p_{\parallel}^2 \exp\left(-\frac{2\mathbf{p}_{\perp}^2}{3|q_f B|}\right) \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^2 d\lambda}{(1+\lambda)^5} \int \frac{d^2 \ell_{\parallel}}{(2\pi)^2} \frac{1}{\left(\ell_{\parallel}^2 + \frac{\lambda}{(1+\lambda)^2} p_{\parallel}^2 - m^2\right)^3 \sqrt{(l_0 - \frac{\lambda}{1+\lambda} p_0)^2 - m^2}} \\ &\times \left[\left(\ell_{\parallel}^2 + \frac{\lambda^2}{(1+\lambda)^2} p_{\parallel}^2 + m^2 \right) \left(m^2 - \frac{\lambda}{(1+\lambda)^2} p_{\parallel}^2 \right) - \frac{\lambda(1-\lambda)}{(1+\lambda)^2} p_{\parallel}^2 \ell_{\parallel}^2 \right], \quad (\text{D3b}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathcal{I}_2(p) = \frac{16i\pi|q_f B|}{(2\pi)^2} \exp\left(-\frac{2\mathbf{p}_{\perp}^2}{3|q_f B|}\right) \int_0^{\infty} \frac{d\lambda}{(1+\lambda)^2} \int \frac{d^2 \ell_{\parallel}}{(2\pi)^2} \frac{-(\ell^3)^2 + \frac{\lambda}{(1+\lambda)^2} p_{\parallel}^2}{\left(\ell_{\parallel}^2 + \frac{\lambda}{(1+\lambda)^2} p_{\parallel}^2 - m^2\right)^2 \sqrt{(l_0 - \frac{\lambda}{1+\lambda} p_0)^2 - m^2}}, \quad (\text{D3c})$$

$$\mathcal{I}_3(p) = \frac{16i\pi|q_f B|}{3(2\pi)^2} p_{\parallel}^2 \exp\left(-\frac{2\mathbf{p}_{\perp}^2}{3|q_f B|}\right) \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\lambda d\lambda}{(1+\lambda)^4} \int \frac{d^2 \ell_{\parallel}}{(2\pi)^2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{(l_0^2 + \frac{\lambda}{1+\lambda} p_0)^2 - m^2} \left(\ell_{\parallel}^2 + \frac{\lambda}{(1+\lambda)^2} p_{\parallel}^2 - m^2\right)^2}, \quad (\text{D3d})$$

$$\mathcal{J}_3(p) = \frac{16i\pi|q_f B|}{3(2\pi)^2} \exp\left(-\frac{2\mathbf{p}_\perp^2}{3|q_f B|}\right) \int_0^\infty \frac{d\lambda}{(1+\lambda)^2} \int \frac{d^2\ell_\parallel}{(2\pi)^2} \frac{m^2 - \frac{\lambda}{(1+\lambda)^2} p_\parallel^2}{\sqrt{(l_0^2 + \frac{\lambda}{1+\lambda} p_0)^2 - m^2 \left(\ell_\parallel^2 + \frac{\lambda}{(1+\lambda)^2} p_\parallel^2 - m^2\right)^2}},$$

$$\mathcal{K}_3(p) = -\frac{16i\pi|q_f B|}{3(2\pi)^2} \exp\left(-\frac{2\mathbf{p}_\perp^2}{3|q_f B|}\right) \int_0^\infty \frac{d\lambda}{(1+\lambda)^2} \int \frac{d^2\ell_\parallel}{(2\pi)^2} \frac{m^2 - \ell_\parallel^2 + \frac{\lambda}{(1+\lambda)^2} p_\parallel^2}{\sqrt{(l_0^2 + \frac{\lambda}{1+\lambda} p_0)^2 - m^2 \left(\ell_\parallel^2 + \frac{\lambda}{(1+\lambda)^2} p_\parallel^2 - m^2\right)^2}}. \quad (\text{D3f})$$

Let us assume that the full polarization tensor is written in the basis $\{P_\parallel^{\mu\nu}, P_\perp^{\mu\nu}, P_0^{\mu\nu}\}$, where

$$\begin{aligned} P_\parallel^{\mu\nu} &\equiv g_\parallel^{\mu\nu} - \frac{p_\parallel^\mu p_\parallel^\nu}{p_\parallel^2} \\ P_\perp^{\mu\nu} &\equiv g_\perp^{\mu\nu} + \frac{p_\perp^\mu p_\perp^\nu}{\mathbf{p}_\perp^2}, \\ P_0^{\mu\nu} &\equiv g^{\mu\nu} - \frac{p^\mu p^\nu}{p^2} - P_\parallel^{\mu\nu} - P_\perp^{\mu\nu}, \end{aligned} \quad (\text{D4})$$

so that

$$i\Pi_\Delta^{\mu\nu} = \Pi_\parallel P_\parallel^{\mu\nu} + \Pi_\perp P_\perp^{\mu\nu} + \Pi_0 P_0^{\mu\nu}. \quad (\text{D5})$$

Hence, given that

$$\begin{aligned} i\Pi_\Delta^{\mu\nu} &= i\Pi_0^{\mu\nu} + i\frac{q^2|q_f B|\Delta}{4\pi} \sum_{i=1}^3 T_i^{\mu\nu} \\ &= i\frac{q^2|q_f B|}{4\pi^2} \left\{ \left[e^{-\frac{p_\perp^2}{2|q_f B|}} p_\parallel^2 \mathcal{I}_0 + \Delta(\mathcal{I}_1 + \mathcal{I}_3) \right] P_\parallel^{\mu\nu} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \Delta(\mathcal{J}_1 + \mathcal{I}_2 + \mathcal{J}_3) g_\parallel^{\mu\nu} + \Delta\mathcal{K}_3 g_\perp^{\mu\nu} + 2\Delta\mathcal{I}_2 b^\mu b^\nu \right\}, \end{aligned} \quad (\text{D6})$$

it is straightforward to show that

$$\begin{aligned} \Pi_\parallel &= i\frac{q^2|q_f B|}{4\pi} \left[e^{-\frac{p_\perp^2}{2|q_f B|}} p_\parallel^2 \mathcal{I}_0 + \Delta(\mathcal{I}_1 + \mathcal{I}_3) - \frac{2\Delta p_0^2}{p_\parallel^2} \mathcal{I}_2 \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \Delta(\mathcal{J}_1 + \mathcal{I}_2 + \mathcal{J}_3) \right], \end{aligned} \quad (\text{D7a})$$

$$\Pi_\perp = i\frac{q^2|q_f B|}{4\pi} \Delta\mathcal{K}_3, \quad (\text{D7b})$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \Pi_0 &= i\frac{q^2|q_f B|}{4\pi} \left[-\frac{\mathbf{p}_\perp^2}{p^2} \Delta(\mathcal{J}_1 + \mathcal{I}_2 + \mathcal{J}_3) + \frac{p_\parallel^2}{p^2} \Delta\mathcal{K}_3 \right. \\ &\quad \left. + 2\Delta \left(\frac{p_0^2}{p^2} - \frac{p_3^2}{p^2} - 1 \right) \mathcal{I}_2 \right], \end{aligned} \quad (\text{D7c})$$

provided by the fact that the basis is orthonormal and

$$P_\parallel^{\mu\nu} g_{\mu\nu}^\parallel = 1 \quad (\text{D8a})$$

$$P_\parallel^{\mu\nu} b_\mu b_\nu = -\frac{p_0^2}{p_\parallel^2} \quad (\text{D8b})$$

$$P_\perp^{\mu\nu} g_{\mu\nu}^\perp = 1 \quad (\text{D8c})$$

$$P_0^{\mu\nu} g_{\mu\nu}^\parallel = -\frac{\mathbf{p}_\perp^2}{p^2} \quad (\text{D8d})$$

$$P_0^{\mu\nu} b_\mu b_\nu = \frac{p_0^2}{p_\parallel^2} - \frac{p_3^2}{p^2} - 1, \quad (\text{D8e})$$

and

$$P_0^{\mu\nu} g_{\mu\nu}^\perp = \frac{p_\parallel^2}{p^2}. \quad (\text{D8f})$$

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