General structure of gauge boson propagator and its spectra in a hot magnetized medium

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Abstract Based on transversality condition of gauge boson self-energy we have systematically constructed the general structure of the gauge boson two-point functions using four linearly independent basis tensors in presence of a nontrivial background i.e. hot magnetized material medium. The hard thermal loop approximation has been used for the heat bath to compute various form factors associated with the gauge boson’s two point functions both in strong and weak field approximation. We have also analyzed the dispersion of a gauge boson (e.g., gluon) using the effective propagator both in strong and weak magnetic field approximation. The formalism is also applicable to QED. The presence of only thermal background leads to a longitudinal (plasmon) mode and a two fold degenerate transverse mode. In presence of a hot magnetized background medium the degeneracy of the two transverse modes is lifted and one gets three quasiparticle modes. In weak field approximation one gets two transverse modes and one plasmon mode. On the other hand, in strong field approximation also one gets the three modes in Lowest Landau Level. The general structure of two-point function may be useful for computing the thermo-magnetic correction of various quantities associated with a gauge boson.

1 Introduction

The propagation of vector gauge bosons in a material medium in presence of a magnetic field produces many interesting observational effects. As for example the photons with different polarizations have different dispersion properties which lead to the Faraday rotation. This has also been observed for various astrophysical objects \cite{1,2,3,4} and in the millisecond pulsations of solar radio emission \cite{5}. In view of the theoretical perspective the general feature is associated with the propagation of a photon in an externally magnetized material medium. The subject of the propagation of photons in magnetized plasmas has been studied in large extent and also covered in standard electromagnetic theory \cite{6,7} and plasma physics \cite{8,9} books. However, in most cases it was assumed that the medium consists of non-relativistic and non-degenerate electrons and nucleons. This suggests a modification of theoretical tools in which a general formalism based on quantum field theory proves to be helpful \cite{10}. A quantum field theoretical formalism to calculate Faraday rotation in different kinds of media (hot magnetized one) have been done in Refs. \cite{11,12}. Also high-intensity laser fields are used to create ultrarelativistic electron-positron plasmas which play an important role in various astrophysical situations. Some properties of such plasma are studied using QED at finite temperature \cite{13,14}.

In the regime of Quantum Chromo Dynamics (QCD), nuclear matter dissolves into a thermalized color deconfined state Quark Gluon Plasma (QGP) under extreme conditions such as very high temperature and/or density. To probe different characteristics of this novel state, various high energy Heavy-Ion-Collisions (HIC) experiments are under way, e.g., RHIC@BNL, LHC@CERN and upcoming FAIR@GSI. Depending on the impact parameter of the collision, a relativistic HIC can be central or non-central. In recent years the non-central HIC is getting more and more attention in the heavy-ion community because of some distinct features which appear due to the non-centrality of the collision. One of those is the prospect of producing a very strong magnetic field in the direction perpendicular to the reaction plane due to the relatively higher rapidity of the spectator particles...
that are not participating in the collisions. Presently immense activities are in progress to study the properties of strongly interacting matter in presence of an external magnetic field, resulting in the emergence of several novel phenomena [15–32]. This suggests that there is clearly an increasing demand to study the effects of intense background magnetic fields on various aspects and observables of non-central heavy-ion collisions. Also experimental evidences of photon anisotropy, provided by the PHENIX Collaboration [33], have posed a challenge for existing theoretical models. This kind of current experimental evidences have prompted that a modification of the present theoretical tools are much needed by considering the effects of intense background magnetic field on various aspects and observables of non-central HIC. In a field theoretic calculation n-point functions are the basic quantities to compute the various observables of a system. With this perspective in very recent works, based on various symmetries of the system for a nontrivial medium like a hot magnetized one, the general structure of fermionic 2- and 3-point function [34], and 4-point function [35] were computed. Also the spectral representation of two point function [34] were obtained for such system. In this paper we consider gluon that propagates in a hot magnetized QCD plasma for which we aim at the general structure of the gauge boson self-energy, the effective propagator and its dispersion property. This formalism is also applicable to QED system. The general propagators for fermion obtained in Ref. [34] and for the gauge boson obtained here have already been used to compute the quark-gluon free energy for a hot magnetized deconfined QCD system in Ref. [36].

This paper has been organized as follows: in Sect. 2 the general structure of a gauge boson self-energy in a hot magnetized medium is discussed progressively. It includes two parts: a brief review of the general structure in presence of only thermal medium in Sect. 2.1 and then a generalization of it to a hot magnetized medium in Sect. 2.2. In Sect. 3 we discuss the general structure for the gauge boson propagator using the results of Sect. 2. Section 4 begins with the domain of applicability depending upon the scales (mass, temperature and the magnetic field strength) associated with the system. In Sects. 4.1 and 4.2 we elaborate compute the various form factors, Debye screening mass, dispersion relations within strong and weak field approximation, respectively. Finally, we conclude in Sect. 5.

2 General structure of a gauge boson self-energy

In this section we first briefly review the formalism of the general structure for a gauge boson self-energy by considering only thermal bath without the presence of any magnetic field in Sect. 2.1 and it will then be followed by a formalism for a magnetized hot medium in Sect. 2.2.

2.1 Finite temperature and zero magnetic field case

We begin with the general structure of the gauge boson self-energy in vacuum, given as

\[ \Pi^{\mu\nu}(P) = V^{\mu\nu} \Pi(P^2), \]

(1)

where the form factor \( \Pi(P^2) \) is Lorentz invariant and depends only on the four scalar \( P^2 \). The vacuum projection operator is

\[ V^{\mu\nu} = g^{\mu\nu} - \frac{P^\mu P^\nu}{P^2}, \]

(2)

with the metric \( g^{\mu\nu} \equiv (1, -1, -1, -1) \) and \( P^\mu \equiv (p_0, p^1, p^2, p^3) \). The self-energy satisfies the gauge invariance through the transversality condition

\[ P_\mu \Pi^{\mu\nu}(P) = 0, \]

(3)

and it is also symmetric

\[ \Pi^{\mu\nu}(P) = \Pi^{\nu\mu}(P). \]

(4)

The conditions in Eqs. (3) and (4) are sufficient to obtain ten components of \( \Pi^{\mu\nu} \).

The presence of finite temperature (\( \beta = 1/T \)) or heat bath breaks the Lorentz (boost) invariance of the system. In finite temperature one accumulates four-vectors and tensors to form a general covariant structure of the gauge boson self-energy. Those are \( P^\mu \), \( g^{\mu\nu} \) from vacuum and the four-velocity \( u^\mu \) of the heat bath, discreetly introduced because of the medium. With these one can form four symmetric basis tensors, namely \( P^\mu P^\nu, P^\mu u^\nu + u^\mu P^\nu, u^\mu u^\nu \) and \( g^{\mu\nu} \). These four tensors can be reduced to two independent mutually orthogonal projection tensors by virtue of the constraints provided by the transversality condition in Eq. (3). One uses them to construct manifestly Lorentz-invariant structure of the gauge boson self-energy and propagator at finite temperature which have been discussed in the literature in details [37–39]. Nevertheless, we briefly discuss some of the essential points that would be very useful in constructing those general structures for a magnetized hot medium.

We now begin by defining Lorentz scalars, vectors and tensors that characterize the heat bath or hot medium in a local rest frame:

\[ u^\mu = (1, 0, 0, 0), \]

\[ P^\mu u_\mu = P \cdot u = p_0, \]

(5a)

\[ \tilde{P}^\mu = P^\mu - (P \cdot u) u^\mu = P^\mu - p_0 u^\mu, \]

(5b)

\[ g^{\mu\nu} = g^{\mu\nu} - u^\mu u^\nu, \]

(5c)

\[ \tilde{P}^2 = \tilde{P}^\mu \tilde{P}_\mu = P^2 - p_0^2 = -p^2, \]

(5d)

where \( p = |p| \). We note here that one can only construct two independent Lorentz scalars as given in Eqs. (5a) and
One can further redefine four vector $u^\mu$ by projecting the vacuum projection tensor upon it as

$$\bar{u}^\mu = V^{\mu\nu} u_\nu = u^\mu - \frac{(P \cdot u) P^\mu}{p^2} = u^\mu - \frac{p^0 P^\mu}{p^2}. \quad (6)$$

which is orthogonal to $P^\mu$. Now one can construct two independent and mutually transverse second rank projection tensors in terms of those redefined set of four-vectors and tensor as

$$A^{\mu\nu} \equiv \tilde{g}^{\mu\nu} - \frac{\tilde{p}_\mu \tilde{p}^\nu}{\tilde{p}^2}, \quad (7a)$$

$$B^{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{\bar{u}^2} \bar{u}^\mu \bar{u}^\nu. \quad (7b)$$

Moreover, sum of these two projection operators lead to the well known vacuum projection tensor $V^{\mu\nu}$ as

$$A^{\mu\nu} + B^{\mu\nu} = g^{\mu\nu} - \frac{P^\mu P^\nu}{p^2} = V^{\mu\nu}. \quad (8)$$

So, the general (manifestly) covariant form of the self-energy tensor can be written as

$$\Pi^{\mu\nu} = \Pi_T A^{\mu\nu} + \Pi_L B^{\mu\nu}, \quad (9)$$

where $\Pi_L$ and $\Pi_T$ are, respectively, the longitudinal and transverse form factors. Eventually one can obtain these two form factors as

$$\Pi_L = -\frac{p^2}{\tilde{p}^2} \Pi_{00}, \quad (10a)$$

$$\Pi_T = \frac{1}{D-2} (\Pi^\mu - \Pi_L), \quad (10b)$$

where $D$ is the space-time dimension of a given theory. The above Lorentz-invariant form factors would depend on the two independent Lorentz scalars $p_0$ and $p = \sqrt{p_0^2 - \tilde{p}^2}$ as defined, respectively, in Eqs. (5a) and (5d) besides the temperature $T = 1/\beta$.

### 2.2 Finite temperature and finite magnetic field case

The finite temperature breaks the Lorentz (boost) symmetry whereas the presence of magnetic field breaks the rotational symmetry in the system. In presence of both finite temperature ($\beta = 1/T$) and finite magnetic field $B$, the four-vectors and tensors available to form the general covariant structure of the gauge boson self-energy are $P^\mu$, $g^{\mu\nu}$, the electromagnetic field tensor $F^{\mu\nu}$ and it’s dual $\tilde{F}^{\mu\nu}$, and the four velocity of the heat bath, $u^\mu$. As seen in Sect. 2.1 at finite $T$ the heat bath introduces a preferred direction that breaks the boost invariance. On the other hand, the presence of the magnetic field breaks the rotational symmetry in the system because it introduces an anisotropy in space. For hot magnetized system, one can define a new four vector $n^\mu$ which is associated with the electromagnetic field tensor $F^{\mu\nu}$. We define the electromagnetic field tensor as

$$F^{\mu\nu} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -B & 0 \\ 0 & B & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (11)$$

In the rest frame of the heat bath, i.e., $u^\mu = (1, 0, 0, 0)$, $n^\mu$ can be defined uniquely as projection of $F^{\mu\nu}$ along $u^\mu$,

$$n_{\mu} = \frac{1}{2B} \epsilon_{\mu\nu\rho\lambda} u^\nu F^{\rho\lambda} = \frac{1}{B} u^\nu \tilde{F}_{\nu\mu} = (0, 0, 0, 1), \quad (12)$$

which is in the $z$-direction. This also establishes a connection between the heat bath and the magnetic field.

Now for a hot magnetized case one has Lorentz vectors, $P^\mu$, $u^\mu$ and $n^\mu$ along with metric tensor $g^{\mu\nu}$, from which one can form seven symmetric basis tensors, namely $P^\mu P^\nu$, $P^\mu n^\nu + n^\mu P^\nu$, $n^\mu n^\nu$, $P^\mu u^\nu + u^\nu P^\mu$, $u^\mu u^\nu$, $u^\mu n^\nu + n^\mu u^\nu$ and $g^{\mu\nu}$. These seven tensors reduce to four because of constraints provided by the gauge invariance condition in Eq. (3). Below we obtain the four basis tensors.$^1$

We first form the transverse four momentum and the transverse metric tensor as

$$P_{\perp}^\mu = P^\mu - (P \cdot u) u^\mu + (P \cdot n) n^\mu$$

$$P_{\perp}^\mu = P^\mu - p_0 u^\mu + p_3 n^\mu = P^\mu - P_{\parallel}^\mu,$$ \quad (13a)

$$g_{\perp}^{\mu\nu} = g^{\mu\nu} - u^\mu u^\nu + n^\mu n^\nu = g^{\mu\nu} - g_{\parallel}^{\mu\nu},$$ \quad (13b)

where

$$P_{\parallel}^\mu = p_0 u^\mu - p^3 n^\mu, \quad (14a)$$

$$P_{\perp}^2 = P_{\parallel}^2 + P_{\perp}^2 = p_0^2 - p_3^2, \quad (14b)$$

$$g_{\parallel}^{\mu\nu} = u^\mu u^\nu - n^\mu n^\nu, \quad (14c)$$

$$P_{\parallel}^\mu P_{\perp}^\mu = P_{\perp}^2 = p_0^2 + p_3^2 = P^2 - P_{\parallel}^2 = -p_1^2, \quad (14d)$$

where $P^2 = P_{\parallel}^2 + P_{\perp}^2 = P_{\parallel}^2 - P_{\perp}^2$, $P_{\perp}^2 = p_0^2 - p_3^2$ and $p_1^2 = p_1^2 + p_2^2$. We further note that the three independent Lorentz scalars are $p_0$, $p_3$ and $P_{\perp}^2$.

We take $B^{\mu\nu}$ in Eq. (7b) as one of projection tensors in hot magnetized system. Now $A^{\mu\nu} A_{\mu\nu} = 2$ indicates that it is a combination of two mutually orthogonal projection tensors, which yields two degenerate transverse modes for gauge boson in heat bath. Projection of $A^{\mu\nu}$ along magnetic field direction $n^\mu$ is $\bar{n}^{\mu} = A^{\mu\nu} n_\nu$. So we can construct another second rank tensor orthogonal to both $P^\mu$ and $B^{\mu\nu}$ as,

$$Q^{\mu\nu} = \frac{\bar{n}^{\mu} \bar{n}^{\nu}}{\bar{n}^2}. \quad (15)$$

$^1$ We note here that a set of four different basis tensors were used in Refs. [40–42].
We, now, construct the third projection tensor \( R^{\mu \nu} \), with a constraint such that the sum of \( R^{\mu \nu} \), \( B^{\mu \nu} \) and \( Q^{\mu \nu} \) gives the vacuum projection operator \( V^{\mu \nu} \) as

\[
R^{\mu \nu} = V^{\mu \nu} - B^{\mu \nu} - Q^{\mu \nu} = A^{\mu \nu} - Q^{\mu \nu} = g^{\mu \nu} - \frac{P_\mu P_\nu}{P^2} .
\]  

(16)

It can be checked easily that all the projection tensors satisfy the following properties,

\[
P_\mu Z^{\mu \nu} = 0 ,
\]  

(17a)

\[
Z^{\mu \nu} Z^{\mu \nu} = Z^{\mu \nu} ,
\]  

(17b)

\[
Z^{\mu \nu} Z^{\mu \nu} = 1 .
\]  

(17c)

where \( Z = B, R, Q \). The three projection tensors are orthogonal to each other:

\[
Z^{\mu \nu} Y^{\mu \nu} = 0 ,
\]  

(18a)

where \( Z \neq Y \) and \( Y = B, R, Q \).

Now we construct the fourth tensor as

\[
N^{\mu \nu} = \frac{\bar{u}^\mu \bar{n}^\nu + \bar{n}^\mu \bar{u}^\nu}{\sqrt{\bar{u}^2} \sqrt{\bar{n}^2}} ,
\]  

(19)

which satisfies the following properties

\[
N^{\mu \rho} N_{\rho \nu} = B^\mu_v + Q^\mu_v ,
\]  

(20)

\[
B^{\mu \rho} N_{\rho \nu} + N^{\mu \rho} B_{\rho \nu} = N^\mu_v ,
\]  

(21)

\[
Q^{\mu \rho} N_{\rho \nu} + N^{\mu \rho} Q_{\rho \nu} = N^\mu_v ,
\]  

(22)

\[
R^{\mu \rho} N_{\rho \nu} = N^{\mu \rho} R_{\rho \nu} = 0 .
\]  

(23)

Now, one can write a general covariant structure of gauge boson self-energy as

\[
\Pi^{\mu \nu} = b B^{\mu \nu} + c R^{\mu \nu} + d Q^{\mu \nu} + a N^{\mu \nu} ,
\]  

(24)

where \( b, c, d \) and \( a \) are four Lorentz-invariant form factors associated with the four basis tensors. Note that Eq. (23) can also be expressed as

\[
\Pi^{\mu \nu} = b B^{\mu \nu} + c A^{\mu \nu} + (d - c) Q^{\mu \nu} + a N^{\mu \nu} ,
\]  

(25)

This particular decomposition of the self-energy in terms of four tensor basis is exactly same that has been used in Refs. [43,44] which, however were then applied for different perspectives.

The (00) components of the constituent tensors are given by

\[
B_{00} = \bar{u}^2 ,
\]  

(25a)

\[
R_{00} = 0 ,
\]  

(25b)

\[
Q_{00} = 0 ,
\]  

(25c)

\[
N_{00} = 0 ,
\]  

(25d)

\[
\Pi_{00} = b B_{00} = b \bar{u}^2 .
\]  

(25e)

Using these information, we obtain the form factors as

\[
b = B^{\mu \nu} \Pi_{\mu \nu} ,
\]  

(26a)

\[
c = R^{\mu \nu} \Pi_{\mu \nu} ,
\]  

(26b)

\[
d = Q^{\mu \nu} \Pi_{\mu \nu} ,
\]  

(26c)

\[
a = \frac{1}{2} N^{\mu \nu} \Pi_{\mu \nu} .
\]  

(26d)

In absence of the magnetic field by comparing with the known general form of finite temperature self-energy in Eq. (9), as

\[
\Pi_T A_{\mu \nu} + \Pi_L B_{\mu \nu} = b_0 B_{\mu \nu} + c_0 R_{\mu \nu} + d_0 Q_{\mu \nu} + a_0 N_{\mu \nu} ,
\]  

(27)

one can write

\[
b_0 = \Pi_L ,
\]  

(28a)

\[
c_0 = d_0 = \Pi_T ,
\]  

(28b)

\[
a_0 = 0
\]  

(28c)

where we used the fact that \( R_{\mu \nu} + Q_{\mu \nu} = A_{\mu \nu} \).

### 3 General form of gauge boson propagator in a hot magnetized medium

In covariant gauge the inverse of the gauge boson propagator in vacuum reads as

\[
(D^{0})_{\mu \nu}^{-1} = p^2 g_{\mu \nu} - \frac{\xi - 1}{\xi} P_\mu P_\nu ,
\]  

(29)

where \( \xi \) is the gauge parameter. From Eq. (16) one can write

\[
P_\mu P_\nu = P^2 [g_{\mu \nu} - (B_{\mu \nu} + R_{\mu \nu} + Q_{\mu \nu})] .
\]  

(30)

and using in Eq. (29), we get

\[
(D^{0})_{\mu \nu}^{-1} = \frac{p^2}{\xi} g_{\mu \nu} + \frac{p^2}{\xi} \frac{\xi - 1}{\xi} (B_{\mu \nu} + R_{\mu \nu} + Q_{\mu \nu}) .
\]  

(31)

The inverse of the general gauge boson propagator following Dyson–Schwinger equation reads as

\[
D_{\mu \nu}^{-1} = (D^{0})_{\mu \nu}^{-1} - \Pi_{\mu \nu} .
\]  

(32)

From Eqs. (31) and (23) we can now readily get

\[
D_{\mu \nu}^{-1} = \frac{p^2}{\xi} g_{\mu \nu} + (P_m^2 - b) B_{\mu \nu} + (P_m^2 - c) R_{\mu \nu} + (P_m^2 - d) Q_{\mu \nu} - a N_{\mu \nu} ,
\]  

(33)

where

\[
p_m^2 = p^2 \frac{\xi - 1}{\xi} .
\]  

(34)

The inverse of Eq. (33) can be written as

\[
D_{\mu \rho} = \alpha P_\mu P_\rho + \beta B_{\mu \rho} + \gamma R_{\mu \rho} + \delta Q_{\mu \rho} + \sigma N_{\mu \rho} .
\]  

(35)
along with

\[ g_{\mu v} = D_{\mu \rho} \left( D^{\rho \nu} \right)^{-1} \]

\[ = \frac{\alpha^2}{\xi^2} P_\mu P_\nu + \left[ \frac{\beta P_\mu}{\xi} + \beta (P_\mu^2 - b) - \sigma a \right] B_\mu^v \]

\[ + \left[ -\delta \frac{P_\mu^2}{\xi} + \delta (P_\mu^2 - d) - \sigma a \right] Q_\mu^v \]

\[ + \left[ -\gamma \frac{P_\mu^2}{\xi} + \gamma (P_\mu^2 - c) \right] R_\mu^v \]

\[ + \left[ -\delta \alpha + \sigma (P_\mu^2 - d) + \sigma \frac{P_\mu^2}{\xi} \right] \frac{\bar{u}_\mu \bar{n}_v}{\sqrt{\bar{u}^2 \bar{n}^2}} \]

\[ \times \frac{\bar{n}_\mu \bar{n}_v}{\sqrt{\bar{u}^2 \bar{n}^2}}. \]

The following conditions:

\[ \alpha = \frac{\xi}{P^4}, \]

\[ \frac{\beta P_\mu^2}{\xi} + \beta (P_\mu^2 - b) - \sigma a = 1, \]

\[ \frac{\delta P_\mu^2}{\xi} + \delta (P_\mu^2 - d) - \sigma a = 1, \]

\[ \gamma \frac{P_\mu^2}{\xi} + \gamma (P_\mu^2 - c) = 1, \]

\[ -\beta a + \sigma (P_\mu^2 - d) + \frac{\sigma p_\mu^2}{\xi} = 0, \]

\[ -\delta a + \sigma (P_\mu^2 - b) + \frac{\sigma p_\mu^2}{\xi} = 0. \]

Solving this get

\[ \alpha = \frac{\xi}{P^4}, \]

\[ \beta = \frac{p_\nu^2 - d}{(P^2 - b)(P^2 - d) - a^2}, \]

\[ \gamma = \frac{1}{p_\nu^2 - c}, \]

\[ \delta = \frac{p_\nu^2 - b}{(P^2 - b)(P^2 - d) - a^2}, \]

\[ \sigma = \frac{a}{(P^2 - b)(P^2 - d) - a^2}. \]

Now the general covariant structure of the gauge boson propagator in covariant gauge can finally be obtained as

\[ D_{\mu \nu} = \frac{\xi P_\mu P_\nu}{P^4} + \frac{(P^2 - d) B_{\mu \nu}}{(P^2 - b)(P^2 - d) - a^2} + \frac{R_{\mu \nu}}{P^2 - c} \]

\[ + \frac{(P^2 - b) Q_{\mu \nu}}{(P^2 - b)(P^2 - d) - a^2}, \]

\[ + \frac{a N_{\mu \nu}}{(P^2 - b)(P^2 - d) - a^2}. \]

We recall that the breaking of boost invariance due to finite temperature leads to two modes (degenerate transverse mode and plasmino). Now, the breaking of the rotational invariance in presence of magnetic field lifts the degeneracy of the transverse modes which introduces an additional mode in the hot medium. These three dispersive modes of gauge boson can be seen from the poles of Eq. (39). The poles \((P^2 - b)(P^2 - d) - a^2 = 0\), lead to two dispersive modes. We call one mode \(n^+\) with energy \(\omega_{n^+}\) and the other one \(n^-\) with energy \(\omega_{n^-}\). The pole \(P^2 - c = 0\) leads to the third dispersive mode \(c\) with energy \(\omega_c\). We will discuss about these dispersive modes in details later for both strong and weak field approximation.

When we turn off the magnetic field, the general structure of the propagator in a non-magnetized thermal bath can be obtained by putting \(b_0 = \Pi_L, c_0 = d_0 = \Pi_T\) and \(a_0 = 0\) as

\[ D_{\mu \nu} = \frac{\xi P_\mu P_\nu}{P^4} + \frac{B_{\mu \rho}}{P^2 - \Pi_L} + \frac{A_{\mu \rho}}{P^2 - \Pi_T}. \]

which agrees with the known result \([37–39,45]\).

### 4 Form factors

Before computing the various form factors associated with the general structure we note the following points:

1. The magnetic field generated during the non-central HIC is time dependent but is believed to decrease rapidly with time \([20,46]\). It would be extremely complicated to work with a time dependent magnetic field. Instead we work by considering a constant background magnetic field along with some limiting conditions so that the effect of magnetic field can be incorporated analytically. We note here that incorporation of magnetic field to the heat bath introduces another scale in the system. Beside the fermion mass \(m_f\) and the temperature \(T\), the additional scale is the strength of magnetic field \(B\). Below we would discuss the different domains of scales:

   a) **Strong Field Approximation**: At the time of the collision, the value of the magnetic field \(B\) is estimated up to the order of \(|eB| \sim 15m_f^2\) (where \(e\) is the electronic charge, \(m_f\) is the mass of a pion), which is very high compared to the temperature \(T\) and \(m_f\) in the LHC at CERN \([47]\). Also in the dense sector, neutron stars (NS), or more specifically magnetars are known to possess strong enough magnetic field \([48–50]\). The effect of this strong enough magnetic field can be incorporated via...
a simplified Lowest Landau Level (LLL) approximation in which fermions are basically confined within the LLL. In the Sect. 4.1 we will work on strong field approximation with a scale hierarchy, $m_f < T < \sqrt{|eB|}$, where the loop momentum $K \sim T$ within HTL approximation.

b) Weak Field Approximation: Furthermore, it is believed that the magnetic field generated in heavy-ion collisions decreases rapidly with time. This provides us a simplified situation where one can work in weak field approximation with a scale hierarchy, $\sqrt{|eB|} < m_f < T$ which will be discussed in details in Sect. 4.2.

2. We would consider $m_f = 5$ MeV for two light quark flavors $u$ and $d$.

3. We choose a frame of reference as shown in Fig. 1 in which one considers the external momentum of the vector boson in $xz$ plane\(^2\) with $0 < \theta_p < \pi/2$. So one can write

$$P^\mu = (p_0, p \sin \theta_p, 0, p \cos \theta_p),$$

and then loop momenta

$$K^\mu = (k_0, k \sin \theta \cos \phi, k \sin \theta \sin \phi, k \cos \theta).$$

4.1 Gauge boson in strongly magnetized medium

4.1.1 One-loop gluon self-energy

When the external magnetic field is very strong, $eB \rightarrow \infty$, it pushes all the Landau levels ($n \geq 1$) to infinity compared to the Lowest Landau Level (LLL) with $n = 0$. For LLL approximation in the strong field limit the fermion propagator reduces to a simplified form as

\[ P^\mu = (p_0, p_1, 0) \]

However, one can consider a general frame of reference $P^\mu = (p_0, p_1, p_2, p_3)$ and the result would be independent of the choice of reference frame. Because $p_1$ and $p_3$ are not in same footing due to the anisotropy caused by the external magnetic field along $z$ direction. But there is no distinction between $p_1$ and $p_2$. So, for simplicity of the calculation, we made a particular choice for the reference frame here.

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When the external magnetic field is very strong, $eB \rightarrow \infty$, it pushes all the Landau levels ($n \geq 1$) to infinity compared to the Lowest Landau Level (LLL) with $n = 0$. For LLL approximation in the strong field limit the fermion propagator reduces to a simplified form as

\[ P^\mu = (p_0, p_1, 0) \]

However, one can consider a general frame of reference $P^\mu = (p_0, p_1, p_2, p_3)$ and the result would be independent of the choice of reference frame. Because $p_1$ and $p_3$ are not in same footing due to the anisotropy caused by the external magnetic field along $z$ direction. But there is no distinction between $p_1$ and $p_2$. So, for simplicity of the calculation, we made a particular choice for the reference frame here.
with the tensor structure $S_{\mu\nu}^s$ that originates from the Dirac trace is

$$S_{\mu\nu}^s = K^\mu_{\nu} Q^\nu_{\nu} + Q^\mu_{\nu} K^\nu_{\nu} - g_{\mu\nu} \left( (K \cdot Q)_n - m^2 \right), \quad (46)$$

where the Lorentz indices $\mu$ and $\nu$ are restricted to longitudinal values because of dimensional reduction to $(1+1)$ dimension and for bids to take any transverse values. Now we use Eqs. (14a) and (14c) to rewrite $S_{\mu\nu}$ as

$$S_{\mu\nu} = (q_0 u_{\mu} - k_0 n_{\mu})(q_0 u_{\nu} - q_3 n_{\nu}) + (q_0 u_{\mu} - k_0 n_{\mu})(k_0 u_{\nu} - k_3 n_{\nu}) - (u_{\mu} n_{\nu} - n_{\mu} u_{\nu}) \left( (k \cdot q)_n - m^2 \right)$$

$$= u_{\mu} u_{\nu} \left( k_0 q_0 + k_3 q_3 + m^2 \right) + n_{\mu} n_{\nu} \left( k_0 q_0 + k_3 q_3 - m^2 \right) - (u_{\mu} n_{\nu} + n_{\mu} u_{\nu}) (k_0 q_0 + k_3 q_0). \quad (47)$$

### 4.1.2 Form factors and Debye mass

First we evaluate the form factors in Eqs. (26a), (26b), (26c) and (26d) in strong field approximation as

$$c = R^{\mu\nu}(\Pi^g_{\mu\nu} + \Pi^s_{\mu\nu}) = c_{YM} + c_s$$

$$= \frac{C_A g^2 T^2}{3} \left[ \frac{p_0^2}{p^2} - \frac{p^2}{p^2} T_F(p_0, p) \right] \quad \text{where} \quad c_s = 0. \quad (48a)$$

$$b = B^{\mu\nu}(\Pi^g_{\mu\nu} + \Pi^s_{\mu\nu}) = b_{YM} + b_s = \frac{C_A g^2 T^2}{3 u^2} \left[ 1 - T_F(p_0, p) \right]$$

$$- \sum_f \int \frac{dk_3}{2\pi} \frac{k_0 q_0 + k_3 q_3 + m^2}{(K^2_n - m^2)(Q^2_n - m^2)} \quad (48b)$$

$$+ \sum_f \int \frac{dk_3}{2\pi} \frac{k_0 q_0 + k_3 q_3 - m^2}{(K^2_n - m^2)(Q^2_n - m^2)} \quad (48c)$$

$$d = d_{YM} + Q^{\mu\nu}\Pi^{\mu\nu} = d_{YM} + d_s = \frac{C_A g^2 T^2}{3} \left[ \frac{p_0^2}{p^2} - \frac{p^2}{p^2} T_F(p_0, p) \right]$$

$$+ \sum_f \int \frac{dk_3}{2\pi} \frac{g^2 |q_f B| p_3^2}{2\pi^2} \quad (48d)$$

$$\times \sum_{k_0} \int \frac{dk_3}{2\pi} \frac{k_0 q_0 + k_3 q_3 + m^2}{(K^2_n - m^2)(Q^2_n - m^2)} \quad (48e)$$

$$a = \frac{1}{2} N^{\mu\nu}(\Pi^g_{\mu\nu} + \Pi^s_{\mu\nu}) = \frac{1}{2} N^{\mu\nu}(\Pi^g_{\mu\nu} + \Pi^s_{\mu\nu}) = \frac{1}{2} N^{\mu\nu}(\Pi^g_{\mu\nu} + \Pi^s_{\mu\nu})$$

where $\Pi^g_{\mu\nu}$ is the Yang–Mills (YM) contribution from ghost and gluon loop which remain unaffected in presence of magnetic field and can be written as

$$\Pi^g_{\mu\nu}(P) = -\frac{g v^2 T^2}{3} \int \frac{d\Omega}{2\pi} \left( \frac{p_0 \hat{k}_{\mu} \hat{n}_{\nu}}{K \cdot P} - g_{\mu0} g_{\nu0} \right). \quad (49)$$

Now, combining Eq. (48b) and the Hard Thermal Loop (HTL) approximation [51] one can have

$$b_s \approx -\sum_f \int \frac{dk_3}{2\pi} \frac{g^2 |q_f B|}{2\pi u^2} \left[ \frac{1}{(K^2_n - m^2)} + \frac{2 \left( k^2_3 + m^2 \right)}{(K^2_n - m^2)(Q^2_n - m^2)} \right]$$

$$\times \left[ \frac{n_f(E_{k3})}{E_{k3}} + \frac{n_f(E_{k3})}{E_{k3}} + \frac{p_3 k_3 \partial n_f(E_{k3})}{E_{k3}} \right] \quad (50)$$

Using Eqs. (48b), (50) in Eq. (25e) one also can directly calculate the Debye screening mass in QCD as

$$(m_D^2)_s = \frac{\bar{u}^2 b}{p_0 = 0, p \to 0} = m_D^2 + \sum f \left( m_D^2 \right)$$

$$= m_D^2 - \sum_f \frac{g^2 |q_f B|}{2\pi} \int \frac{dk_3}{2\pi} \frac{\partial n_f(E_{k3})}{E_{k3}}$$

$$= \frac{g^2 N_c T^2}{3} + \sum_f \frac{g^2 |q_f B|}{2\pi T} \times \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dk_3}{2\pi} n_f(E_{k3})(1 - n_f(E_{k3})). \quad (51)$$

which reduces to the expression of QED Debye mass calculated in Refs. [52, 53] without QCD factors where three distinct scales ($m_T^2$, $T^2$ and $eB$) were clearly evident for massive quarks.

Now using Eq. (51) in Eq. (50) along with $E_{k3} \sim k_3$, the form factor $b$ can be expressed in terms of $m_D$ as
where the expression for \((\Pi^\mu_\mu)_s^s\) is given in Eq. (B2) in Appendix B.

The form factor \(d_s\) can be calculated as

\[
d_s = Q^\mu_\nu \Pi^\nu_\mu,
\]

\[
\approx - \sum_f i e^{-p_f^2/2|q_f B|} \frac{g^2|q_f B|}{2\pi} p_f^2\frac{p_f^2}{p^2}
\times \int d^2K_\perp \left[ \frac{(k_0^2 + k_3^2 - m_f^2)}{(K_\perp^2 - m_f^2)(Q^2 - m_f^2)} \right],
\]

\[
\approx \sum_f e^{-p_f^2/2|q_f B|} \delta m_{D,f}^2 \frac{p_f^2}{p^2} \frac{p_f^2}{p_0^2 - p_3^2},
\]

for \(k_3 \sim E_k\). Now using (55) in (48a), the form factor \(d\) can be written as

\[
d \approx \frac{C_{A}g^2T^2}{3} \left[ \frac{p_0^2 - p^2}{p^2} T(p_0, p) \right]
\]

\[
+ \sum_f e^{-p_f^2/2|q_f B|} \delta m_{D,f}^2 \frac{p_f^2}{p^2} \frac{p_f^2}{p_0^2 - p_3^2},
\]

where \(p_3 = p \cos \theta_p\) and \(p_\perp = p \sin \theta_p\) as given in Eq. (41).

Also

\[
2a = N^\mu_\nu \Pi^\nu_\mu
\]

\[
\times \int d^2K_\perp \left[ \frac{-2 \bar{u} \cdot n \mu_\nu (E_k)}{\bar{u} \cdot n \mu_\nu (E_k)} + 4\delta n \mu_\nu (E_k) \right]
\]

\[
= \sum_f e^{-p_f^2/2|q_f B|} \frac{g^2|q_f B|}{2\pi \sqrt{u^2}} \frac{p_f^2}{\sqrt{n^2}}
\times \int d^2k_3 \left[ \frac{-2 \bar{u} \cdot n \mu_\nu (E_k)}{\bar{u} \cdot n \mu_\nu (E_k)} + 4\delta n \mu_\nu (E_k) \right]
\]

\[
\approx \sum_f e^{-p_f^2/2|q_f B|} \sqrt{\frac{n^2}{u^2}} \delta m_{D,f}^2 \frac{p_0 p_f}{p_0^2 - p_3^2}.
\]

\[
where \(n^2 = -p_\perp^2/p^2 = -\sin^2 \theta_p\) and \(u^2 = -p_\perp^2/p^2\).

Also in the strong field approximation, \(|eB| > T^2 > m_f^2\), one can neglect the quark mass \(m_f\), to get an analytic expression of Debye mass as

\[
(m_D^2)_s = \frac{g^2N_cT^2}{3} + \sum_f \frac{g^2|q_f B|}{2\pi T} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dk_3}{2\pi} n_F(k_3) (1 - n_F(k_3))
\]

\[
= \frac{g^2N_cT^2}{3} + \sum_f \frac{g^2|q_f B|}{4\pi^2}
\]

\[
= m_D^2 + \sum_f (\delta m_{D,f})_s,
\]

(58)

which agrees with that obtained in Ref. [53].

4.1.3 Dispersion

As discussed after Eq. (39), the dispersion relations for gluon in strong field approximation with LLL read as

\[
P^2 - c = 0,
\]

\[
(P^2 - b)(P^2 - d) - a^2 = (P^2 - \omega_n^+)(P^2 - \omega_n^-) = 0,
\]

(59a)

(59b)

with

\[
\omega_n^+ = \frac{b + d + \sqrt{(b - d)^2 + 4a^2}}{2},
\]

\[
\omega_n^- = \frac{b + d - \sqrt{(b - d)^2 + 4a^2}}{2},
\]

(60a)

(60b)

where the form factors are given, respectively, in Eqs. (48a), (52), (56) and (57).

The solutions of above three dispersion relations are named as \(c\)-mode, \(n^+\)-mode and \(n^-\)-mode with energies \(\omega_c\), \(\omega_{n^+}\) and \(\omega_{n^-}\), respectively. The dispersion plot for the three modes of gluon in strong field approximation is shown in Fig. 3 for \(|eB| = 20m_n^2\), \(T = 0.2\) GeV and for three propagation angles \(\theta_p = 0, \pi/4\) and \(\pi/2\). We have used both magnetic field and temperature dependent coupling constant [36] for the purpose. As found \(c_s = 0\) in Eq. (48a) which implies that the \(c\)-mode is unaffected by the magnetic field and propagates like HTL transverse mode irrespective of the propagation angle as shown in Fig. 3. The reason for which could be understood in the following way: in strong field approximation there is an effective dimensional reduction from \((3+1)\) to \((1+1)\) dimension in LLL. Fermions at LLL can move only along the direction of external magnetic field. The electric field corresponding to the \(c\) mode is always transverse to the external magnetic field irrespective of the prop-
agitation angle of gluon. Thus, the fermions are not affected by the gluon excitation [40] and the quark loop contribution \( c_s \) becomes zero.

Now we note that at \( \theta_p = 0 \) the form factor \( a = 0 \) as it is proportional to \( \sin \theta_p \cos \theta_p \). In this case both \( n^- \) and \( c \) modes are degenerate as the form factors coincide with the HTL \( \Pi_T \) without the quark loop contribution. This is because quark loop contribution in the form factor \( d \) in Eq. (56) is proportional to \( \sin^2 \theta_p \cos^2 \theta_p \). This makes \( n^- \) and \( c \) mode to coincide with the HTL transverse dispersive mode. This can be seen from the left panel of Fig. 3. It could also be understood in the following way: when gluon propagates along the direction of external magnetic field, i.e., \( \theta_p = 0 \), the two transverse modes become rotationally symmetric about the external magnetic field and become degenerate which is shown in the left panel of Fig. 3. The electric fields corresponding to the \( n^- \) and \( c \) modes are perpendicular to the external magnetic field. Thus two transverse electric fields can not excite the fermions whose movement are restricted to the direction of external magnetic field in LLL [40]. This makes the quark loop contribution zero as noted earlier. In addition to the two transverse modes \( n^- \) and \( c \), there is also a longitudinal excitation \( n^+ \) at \( \theta_p = 0 \). At any intermediate angle of propagation, e.g. \( \theta_p = \pi/4 \), the degeneracy of the transverse modes is lifted as shown in the middle panel of Fig. 3. Here both the transverse and longitudinal modes can excite the fermions as the corresponding electric fields are not orthogonal to the external magnetic field. As the propagation angle increases, the pole position corresponding to the \( n^- \) mode shifts from transverse channel and approaches the longitudinal channel [40]. At \( \theta_p = \pi/2 \), the form factor \( a \) in Eq. (57) and the quark contribution of the form factor \( d \) in Eq. (56) also vanish because of their \( \theta_p \) dependence. Thus, the \( n^- \) mode merges with HTL longitudinal mode whereas the \( n^+ \) mode merges with \( c \) mode. This is reflected in the right panel of Fig. 3.

4.2 Gauge boson in weakly magnetized hot medium

4.2.1 One-loop gluon self-energy

The fermion propagator in a weak magnetic field, i.e., \( \sqrt{eB} \ll (K \sim T) \) and \( m_f \), can be written up to \( O[(eB)^2] \) as

\[
i S_n^w(K) = i \frac{K + m_f}{K^2 - m_f^2} + i(\gamma_5(K \cdot n)\gamma - (K \cdot u)\gamma) + i(\gamma_5\gamma_2 m_f)
\]

\[
+ i \frac{2(q_f B)^2}{(K^2 - m_f^2)^2} \left[ \frac{(K \cdot u)(K - n)K - K}{(K^2 - m_f^2)^3} \right]
\]

\[
+ O[(eB)^3]
\]

\[
= S_0 + S_1 + S_2 + O[(eB)^3],
\]

where \( S_0 \) is the continuum free field propagator in absence of \( B \) whereas \( S_1 \) and \( S_2 \) are, respectively, \( O((eB)) \) and \( O[(eB)^2] \) correction terms in presence of \( B \). The contribution to the gluon self-energy due to the quark loop can be written from the Feynman diagram Fig. 4 as

\[
\Pi_{\mu \nu}^{\omega, q}(P) = \sum_f \frac{ig^2}{2} \int \frac{d^4K}{(2\pi)^4} \text{Tr} [\gamma_\mu S_n^w(K)\gamma_\nu S_n^w(Q)].
\]

We have suppressed the color indices here also for convenience. Using Eq. (61) the self-energy in weak field approximation up to an \( O[(eB)^2] \) and also adding pure YM contribution, total gluon self-energy in weak field approximation can be decomposed as

\[
\text{Gluon Self-Energy} = \text{HTL Self-Energy} + \text{Quark Loop Contribution} + \text{YM Contribution}.
\]
The order of \((eB)^2\) correction to the gluon polarization tensor \(\delta \Pi_{\mu \nu}^a\) in weak field approximation can be written as

\[
\delta \Pi_{\mu \nu}^a(P) = \sum_{f} \frac{ig^2}{2} \int \frac{d^4K}{(2\pi)^4} \text{Tr} \left[ \gamma_\mu S_1(K) \gamma_\nu S_1(Q) \right],
\]

where the first term \(\Pi_{\mu \nu}^a(P)\) is the YM contribution which is given in Eq. (49). The last three terms in Eq. (63) appear from the expansion of quark loop contribution to the gluon self-energy. The term \(\Pi_{\mu \nu}^0\), containing two \(S_0\), is the leading order perturbative term in absence of \(B\) whereas the remaining two terms are \((eB)^2\) order corrections as shown in Figs. 4 and 5. However, we note that \(\mathcal{O}[(eB)]\) vanishes according to Furry’s theorem since the expectation value of any odd number of electromagnetic currents must vanish due to the charge conjugation symmetry.

Now the second and third terms in Eq. (63) can be written as

\[
\Pi_{\mu \nu}^0(P) = \sum_{f} \frac{ig^2}{2} \int \frac{d^4K}{(2\pi)^4} \text{Tr} \left[ \gamma_\mu S_0(K) \gamma_\nu S_0(Q) \right],
\]

\[
\Pi_{\mu \nu}^b(P) = \sum_{f} \frac{ig^2}{2} \int \frac{d^4K}{(2\pi)^4} \left[ 8K_\mu K_\nu - 4K^2 g_{\mu \nu} \right]
\]

\[
\times \left( \frac{1}{K^2 - m_f^2} \right)^2 \left( Q^2 - m_f^2 \right)^2,
\]

where \(\delta \Pi_{\mu \nu}^a(P)\) is the weak field approximation comes out to be

\[
U_{\mu \nu} = 4(K \cdot u)(Q \cdot u)(2n_\mu n_\nu + g_{\mu \nu})
+ (K - n)(n_\mu n_\nu - g_{\mu \nu})
- 4[(K \cdot u)(Q \cdot u) + (K \cdot n)(Q \cdot u)]
\times (u_\mu n_\nu + u_\nu n_\mu) + 4m_f^2 g_{\mu \nu}
+ 8m_f^2 (g_{1\mu} g_{1\nu} + g_{2\mu} g_{2\nu}).
\]

The third term in Eq. (63) can be written as

\[
\delta \Pi_{\mu \nu}^b(P) = \sum_{f} \frac{ig^2}{2} \int \frac{d^4K}{(2\pi)^4} \text{Tr} \left[ \gamma_\mu S_2(K) \gamma_\nu S_0(Q) \right],
\]

\[
\times \left( \frac{X_{\mu \nu}}{(K^2 - m_f^2)^2} - \frac{(K^2 - m_f^2) W_{\mu \nu}}{(K^2 - m_f^2)^2} \right),
\]

where

\[
X_{\mu \nu} = 4(K \cdot u)(u_\mu Q_\nu + u_\nu Q_\mu)
- (K \cdot n)(n_\mu Q_\nu + n_\nu Q_\mu)
+ [(K \cdot n)(Q \cdot n) - (K \cdot u)(Q \cdot u) + m_f^2] g_{\mu \nu},
\]

\[
W_{\mu \nu} = 4(K \cdot Q_\nu + Q_\mu K_\nu) - 4(K \cdot Q - m_f^2) g_{\mu \nu}.
\]

### 4.2.2 Computation of form factors and Debye mass of \(\mathcal{O}[(eB)^0]\) term

In this subsection, we calculate the \(\mathcal{O}[(eB)^0]\) terms in the form factors \(b, c, d\) in the weak magnetic field limit which are denoted by \(b_0, c_0, d_0\), respectively.

The form factor \(b_0\) in absence of magnetic field can be written from Eq. (25e) as
\[ b_0(p_0, p) = \frac{1}{u^2} [\Pi^g_{00}(P) + \Pi^0_{00}(P)]. \]  

(69)

where

\[ \Pi^0_{00}(P) = \sum_f \frac{i g^2}{2} \int \frac{d^4 K}{(2\pi)^4} \left[ 8k_0^2 - 4K^2 \right] \times \frac{1}{(K^2 - m_f^2)(Q^2 - m_f^2)}. \]  

(70)

Using the hard thermal loop (HTL) approximation [38] and performing the frequency sum, one can write

\[ \Pi^0_{00}(P) = -2g^2 N_f \int \frac{k^2 dk}{2\pi^2} \frac{dn_F(k)}{dk} \left( 1 - \frac{p_0}{p \cdot k} \right), \]  

(71)

for \( m_f = 0 \).

Now the QCD Debye mass in the absence of the magnetic field can directly be obtained using Eq. (25e) as

\[ m_D^2 = \Pi^0_{00} \bigg|_{p_0 = 0} = \frac{u_0 b_0}{p_0} = \frac{N_c g^2 T^2}{3} \left( 1 - \frac{p_0}{p \cdot k} \right), \]  

\[ -2g^2 \int \frac{k^2 dk}{2\pi^2} \frac{dn_F(k)}{dk} = \frac{g^2 T^2}{3} \left( N_c + \frac{N_f}{2} \right). \]  

(72)

Using Eq. (72) in Eq. (71), we get

\[ \Pi^0_{00}(P) = \frac{N_f g^2 T^2}{6} \int \frac{d\Omega}{4\pi} \left( 1 - \frac{p_0}{p \cdot k} \right) = \frac{N_f g^2 T^2}{6} \left( 1 - \frac{p_0}{2p} \log \frac{p_0 + p}{p_0 - p} \right), \]  

(73)

where we use \( p = \sqrt{p_1^2 + p_2^2} \) as \( p \) lies in \( xz \) plane as shown Fig. 1. The form factor in Eq. (69) becomes

\[ b_0(p_0, p) = \frac{m_D^2}{u^2} \left( 1 - \frac{p_0}{2p} \log \frac{p_0 + p}{p_0 - p} \right), \]  

(74)

which agrees with the HTL longitudinal form factor \( \Pi_L(p_0, p) \) [38]. Similarly, we will calculate here the coefficients \( c_0 \) and \( d_0 \) explicitly.

\[ c_0(p_0, p) = R^{\mu\nu}[\Pi^g_{\mu\nu}(P) + \Pi^0_{\mu\nu}(P)] = (\Pi^g)^{\mu\nu}_{00}(P) + (\Pi^0)^{\mu\nu}_{00}(P) \]

\[ + \frac{1}{p_\perp} \left[ (p_0^2 - p_\perp^2)[\Pi^g_{00}(P) + \Pi^0_{00}(P)] \right. \]

\[ + p_\perp^2 [\Pi^g_{03}(P) + \Pi^0_{03}(P)] \]

\[ - 2p_0 p_3 [\Pi^g_{03}(P) + \Pi^0_{03}(P)] \]  

(75)

and

\[ d_0(p_0, p) = Q^{\mu\nu}[\Pi^g_{\mu\nu}(P) + \Pi^0_{\mu\nu}(P)] \]

\[ = -\frac{p_\perp^2}{p_\perp^2} \left[ (\Pi^g)^{\mu\nu}_{33}(P) + (\Pi^0)^{\mu\nu}_{33}(P) \right] \]

\[ - 2p_0 p_3 [\Pi^g_{03}(P) + \Pi^0_{03}(P)] \]

\[ + \frac{p_\perp^2}{p_\perp^2} [\Pi^g_{00}(P) + \Pi^0_{00}(P)]. \]  

(76)

Now from Eq. (49), we can write

\[ \Pi^g_{00}(P) = \frac{N_c g^2 T^2}{3} \left( 1 - \frac{p_0}{2p} \log \frac{p_0 + p}{p_0 - p} \right), \]  

(77)

\[ \Pi^g_{03}(P) = \frac{N_c g^2 T^2}{3} \frac{p_0 p_3}{p^2} \left( 1 - \frac{p_0}{2p} \log \frac{p_0 + p}{p_0 - p} \right), \]  

(78)

\[ \Pi^g_{33}(P) = \frac{N_c g^2 T^2}{3} \frac{p_3^2 - p^2}{2p^2} \left( 1 - \frac{p_0}{2p} \log \frac{p_0 + p}{p_0 - p} \right) \]

\[ + \frac{N_c g^2 T^2}{3} \frac{p_3^2 - p^2}{2p^2} \frac{p_0}{p_0 - p}. \]  

(79)

We note that 00 component from the quark contribution \( \Pi^0_{00} \) is already calculated in Eq. (73) and one needs to calculate the remaining two components of \( \Pi^0_{\mu\nu}(P) \) which are as follows:

\[ \Pi^0_{03}(P) = \sum_f \frac{i g^2}{2} \int \frac{d^4 K}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{8k_0^2 k_3}{K^2 Q^2} \]

\[ = -\frac{N_f g^2 T^2}{6} \int \frac{d\Omega}{4\pi} \frac{p_0 k_3}{p \cdot k} \]  

\[ = \frac{N_f g^2 T^2}{6} \frac{p_0 p_3}{p^2} \left( 1 - \frac{p_0}{2p} \log \frac{p_0 + p}{p_0 - p} \right). \]  

(80)

and

\[ \Pi^0_{33}(P) = \sum_f \frac{i g^2}{2} \int \frac{d^4 K}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{8k_3^2 + 4K^2}{(K^2 - m_f^2)(Q^2 - m_f^2)} \]

\[ = -\frac{N_f g^2 T^2}{6} \int \frac{d\Omega}{4\pi} \frac{p_0 k_3}{p \cdot k} \]

\[ = \frac{N_f g^2 T^2}{6} \frac{3p_3^2 - p^2}{2p^2} \frac{p_0}{p_0 - p} \left( 1 - \frac{p_0}{2p} \log \frac{p_0 + p}{p_0 - p} \right) \]

\[ + \frac{N_f g^2 T^2}{6} \frac{p_3^2 - p^2}{2p^2} \frac{p_0}{p_0 - p}. \]  

(81)

Using the results from Eqs. (73), (77)–(81), \( c_0(p_0, p) \) and \( d_0(p_0, p) \) become

\[ c_0(p_0, p) = d_0(p_0, p) \]

\[ = \frac{m_D^2}{2p^2} \left( p_0^2 - \left( p_0^2 - p^2 \right) \frac{p_0}{2p} \log \frac{p_0 + p}{p_0 - p} \right). \]  

(82)

which agrees with the HTL transverse form factor \( \Pi_T(p_0, p) \) [38].
This implies that the zero magnetic field contribution of the fourth form factor \( a \) should vanish. Below we obtain the same from Eqs. (26d) and (64) as,

\[
a_0 = \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{N}^{\mu \nu} \left[ \Pi_{\mu \nu}^g + \Pi_{\mu \nu}^0 \right]
= \frac{1}{2 \sqrt{u^2} \sqrt{n^2}} \left[ u \mu^\nu n + n^\mu u - 2 \frac{\bar{u} \cdot n}{u^2} \bar{u} \mu \nu \right]
\times \left[ \Pi_{\mu \nu}^g + \Pi_{\mu \nu}^0 \right]
= \frac{1}{2 \sqrt{u^2} \sqrt{n^2}} \left[ -2 \frac{\bar{u} \cdot n}{u^2} \left[ \Pi_{\mu \nu}^g + \Pi_{\mu \nu}^0 \right] + 2 \left[ \Pi_{\mu \nu}^g + \Pi_{\mu \nu}^0 \right] \right]
= 0
\hspace{1cm} (83)
\]

### 4.2.3 Computation of form factors and Debye mass of \( \mathcal{O}[(eB)^2] \) terms

In this subsection, we calculate the \( \mathcal{O}[(eB)^2] \) coefficients of \( b, c, d, a \) which are denoted by \( b_2, c_2, d_2, a_2 \), respectively. The form factor \( b_2 \), i.e., \( \mathcal{O}(eB)^2 \) term of the coefficient \( b \), has been computed in Eq. (E13) of appendix E1 as

\[
b_2 = \frac{1}{u^2} \left[ \delta \Pi_{\mu \nu}^0(P) + 2 \delta \Pi_{\mu \nu}^b(P) \right]
= \frac{\delta m_D^2}{u^2} + \frac{\sum f \g^2(qfB)^2}{u^2 \pi^2}
\times \left[ \left( g_k + \frac{\pi m_f - 4 T}{32 m_f^2 T} \right) (A_0 - A_2) \right]
+ \left( f_k + \frac{8 T - \pi m_f}{128 m_f^2 T} \right) \left( \frac{5 A_0}{3} - A_2 \right)
\hspace{1cm} (84)
\]

and also the Debye screening mass of \( \mathcal{O}(eB)^2 \) as obtained in Eq. (E8) of appendix E1 as

\[
\delta m_D^2 = - \sum f \frac{\g^2(qfB)^2}{3 \pi^2} \left[ \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial (m_f^2)} \right)^2 + m_f^2 \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial (m_f^2)} \right)^2 \right] \]
\times m_f^2 \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{l+1} \left[ K_2 \left( \frac{m_f l}{T} \right) - K_0 \left( \frac{m_f l}{T} \right) \right]
= \frac{\g^2}{12 \pi^2 T^2} \sum f \frac{(q f B)^2}{3 \pi^2} \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{l+1} l K_0 \left( \frac{m_f l}{T} \right)
\hspace{1cm} (85)
\]

We obtain \( \mathcal{O}(eB)^2 \) term of the coefficient \( c \) in Eq. (E15) of appendix E2 as

\[
c_2 = R^{\mu \nu} \left( \delta \Pi_{\mu \nu}^a + 2 \delta \Pi_{\mu \nu}^b \right)
= - \sum f \frac{4 \g^2(qfB)^2}{3 \pi^2} g_k
\]

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Fig. 6 Gluon dispersion curves for $\theta_p = \pi/3$ but with varying magnetic field strength $eB = m^2_\pi/2$, $m^2_\pi/10$ and $m^2_\pi/800(\sim 0)$ for $N_f = 2$ as there is no contribution of $\mathcal{O}[(eB)^2]$ from $a_2$ and it only starts contributing $\mathcal{O}[(eB)^4]$ onwards. Thus $a_2$ can safely be neglected in the weak field approximation. Now one can write the dispersion relation in weak field approximation as

$$P^2 - b = 0,$$
$$P^2 - c = 0,$$
$$P^2 - d = 0,$$  \hspace{1cm} (91)

where the respective dispersive modes are denoted by $b$-, $c$-, $d$-mode.

We note that the dispersion relations are scaled by plasma frequency of non-magnetized medium, $\omega_p = m_D/\sqrt{3}$ where $m_D^2$ is given in Eq. (72). As seen that there are three distinct modes when a gluon propagates in hot magnetized material medium. The magnetized plasmon mode with energy $\omega_b$ appears due to the form factor $b$ whereas two transverse modes with energy $\omega_c$ and $\omega_d$ are, respectively, due to the form factors $c$ and $d$. The presence of magnetic field lifts the degeneracy of the transverse mode found only in a thermal medium.

Now, the dispersion curves for gluon are displayed in Fig. 6 when it propagates at an angle $\theta_p = \pi/3$ with the direction of the magnetic field. We have chosen three different values of magnetic field $|eB| = m^2_\pi/2$, $m^2_\pi/10$ and $m^2_\pi/800(\sim 0)$; $m_\pi$ is the pion mass. For a given magnetic field strength, say $|eB| = m^2_\pi/2$, one finds two modes (viz., $b$ and $d$ mode) with vanishing plasma frequency and one mode (viz., $c$ mode) with finite plasma frequency. The zero plasma frequency for $b$ and $d$ modes could be the artefact of the weak field approximation used in the series expanded version of the Schwinger propagator, i.e. Eq. (61) where the propagator is expanded in a series of $eB$ by considering $eB$ as the lowest scale. This expansion constrains the arbitrariness of the value of $p$ as it is valid only when $p \gtrsim \sqrt{eB}$. Hence in the limit $p \rightarrow 0$ with finite value of $eB$ (however small), as $p$ then becomes the lowest scale and Eq. (61) is not valid. For $d$ mode with a very small magnetic field, the dispersion curve for $d$ at $p = 0$ jumps to zero abruptly. This is because, taking $p \rightarrow 0$ limit before taking $eB \rightarrow 0$ again violates the condition $p \gtrsim \sqrt{eB}$ and leaves behind a zero frequency mode. However, the situation is different while taking $eB \rightarrow 0$ limit first though, as in that case considering $eB = 0$, one gets back two HTL dispersive modes for gluon propagation. In Fig. 7 we have also displayed the dispersion of gluon when it propagates at an angle $\theta_p = \pi/6$. 

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5 Conclusion

In this article, we have constructed the general structure of two point functions (self-energy and propagator) of a gauge boson when it travels through a magnetized thermal medium. The Lorentz (boost) invariance is broken due to the presence of heat bath whereas rotational invariance is broken due to the presence of a background magnetic field. Based on gauge invariance and symmetry properties of the gauge boson self-energy, the general Lorentz structure of gauge boson two point functions is obtained by using four linearly independent basis tensors. We used the effective two point functions to study the dispersion spectra of a gluon in hot magnetized medium. In strong field approximation, one finds three modes which in limiting cases (propagation angle $\pi/2$) merge with the thermal modes. On the other hand in weak field approximation one also finds three distinct modes, viz., one magnetized plasmon, two transverse mode. The calculation for photon can trivially be obtained from this calculation. We further note that the effective propagator obtained here can conveniently be used to study various quantities in QED and QCD plasma. We, finally, note that in a following calculation [36], various thermodynamic quantities are computed using the general structure of the gauge boson here and fermions in Ref. [34] of a magnetized hot QCD plasma.

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Appendix A: Notation for frequency sum integral

In imaginary time formalism an integral over loop momentum can be replaced by a frequency sum and an integral over three momenta as

\[
\int \frac{d^4 K}{(2\pi)^4} = \sum_{k} = \left( \frac{e^{\gamma_E} \Lambda^2}{4\pi} \right)^{i T} \sum_{k_0 = 2\pi n \pi T} \int \frac{d^3-2\epsilon_k}{(2\pi)^3-2\epsilon_k},
\]

\[
\int \frac{d^4 K}{(2\pi)^4} = \sum_{\{k\}} = \left( \frac{e^{\gamma_E} \Lambda^2}{4\pi} \right)^{i T} \sum_{k_0 = (2n+1)\pi iT} \int \frac{d^3-2\epsilon_k}{(2\pi)^3-2\epsilon_k},
\]

where the loop integral is over Minkowski momentum \( K \). Now, the first one is for boson whereas the second one is for fermion. The integral over spatial momentum, in dimensional regularization, is generalized to \( d = 3 - 2\epsilon \) spatial dimensions and \( \Lambda \) is an arbitrary momentum scale. The factor \( (e^{\gamma_E}/4\pi)^{i T} \) is introduced so that, after minimal subtraction of the poles in \( \epsilon \) due to ultraviolet divergences, \( \Lambda \) coincides with the renormalization scale of the MS renormalization scheme.

Appendix B: Calculation of \( (\Pi^\mu_\nu)^4 \) in strong field approximation

Now combining Eqs. (45) and (47) and then contracting with \( g^{\mu\nu} \) one can obtain \( (\Pi^\mu_\nu)^4 \) as

\[
(\Pi^\mu_\nu)^4 \approx - \sum_f e^{-p^2_i/2|q_f B|} \frac{g^2|q_f B|}{2\pi} T \sum_{k_0} \int \frac{dk_3}{2\pi} \frac{2m_f^2}{(K_n^2 - m_f^2)(Q_n^2 - m_f^2)}.
\]

We note that the sum integration after Eq. (B1) is infrared divergent for \( m_f = 0 \) in the limit \( k_3 \to 0 \). Below we extract the finite part of it using HTL approximation and the method used in Ref. [54] as

\[
(\Pi^\mu_\nu)^4 \approx \sum_f 2m_f^2 e^{-p^2_i/2|q_f B|} \frac{g^2|q_f B|}{2\pi} \int \frac{dk_3}{2\pi} \left[ \frac{1}{2E_{k_3}^2} \left( \frac{n_F(E_{k_3})}{E_{k_3}} + p^2_3/k_3 \frac{\partial n_F(E_{k_3})}{\partial E_{k_3}} \right) \right] \times \left[ -\frac{\partial}{\partial (m_f^2)} \frac{n_F(E_{k_3})}{E_{k_3}} \left( 1 - \frac{p_0^2}{p_0^2 - p_5^2} \right) \right] + \frac{n_F(E_{k_3})}{2E_{k_3}^2} \frac{p_0^2}{p_0^2 - p_5^2} \right] = \sum_f 2m_f^2 e^{-p^2_i/2|q_f B|} \frac{g^2|q_f B|}{4\pi^2} \left[ -\frac{1}{2m_f^2} \left( \frac{p_5^2}{p_0^2 - p_5^2} \right) \right] + \left( 1 - \frac{\pi}{8m_f T} + \frac{7\zeta(3)}{8\pi^2 T^2} \right) \frac{p_0^2}{p_0^2 - p_5^2},
\]

where we have used Eq. (D10) and the following integrals

\[
\sum_{k_3} = \int d k_3 \frac{n_F(E_{k_3})}{E_{k_3}} = -\log \frac{m_f}{\pi T} - \gamma_E,
\]

\[
-\frac{\partial}{\partial (m_f^2)} \int d k_3 \frac{n_F(E_{k_3})}{E_{k_3}} = \frac{1}{2m_f^2},
\]

\[
\int d k_3 \frac{n_F(E_{k_3})}{2E_{k_3}^2} = \frac{1}{2m_f^2} - \frac{\pi}{8m_f T} + \frac{7\zeta(3)}{8\pi^2 T^2}.
\]

Now, using Eq. (56) we have

\[
d = \sum_f 2m_f^2 e^{-p^2_i/2|q_f B|} \frac{g^2|q_f B|}{4\pi^2} \left[ -\frac{1}{2m_f^2} \left( \frac{p_5^2}{p_0^2 - p_5^2} \right) \right] + \left( 1 - \frac{\pi}{8m_f T} + \frac{7\zeta(3)}{8\pi^2 T^2} \right) \frac{p_0^2}{p_0^2 - p_5^2},
\]

Appendix C: Simplification using HTL approximation

Now, based on HTL approximation we simplify the terms in Eq. (E1) as

\[
\frac{1}{\partial (m_f^2)} \left( K^2 - m_f^2 \right)^2 \left( Q^2 - m_f^2 \right)
\]

\[
= \frac{2}{(K^2 - m_f^2)^3 (Q^2 - m_f^2)} + \frac{1}{(K^2 - m_f^2)^3 (Q^2 - m_f^2)^2}
\]

\[
\approx \frac{3}{(K^2 - m_f^2)^3 (Q^2 - m_f^2)},
\]

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\[
\frac{\partial}{\partial \left( m_f^2 \right)} \frac{1}{(K^2 - m_f^2)^3 (Q^2 - m_f^2)} \\
= \frac{3}{(K^2 - m_f^2)^4 (Q^2 - m_f^2)} \\
+ \frac{1}{(K^2 - m_f^2)^3 (Q^2 - m_f^2)^2} \\
\approx \frac{1}{(K^2 - m_f^2)^4 (Q^2 - m_f^2)},
\]

\[
\frac{\partial}{\partial \left( m_f^2 \right)} \frac{1}{(K^2 - m_f^2)^4 (Q^2 - m_f^2)} \\
\approx \frac{1}{\partial (K^2) (K^2 - m_f^2)^4 (Q^2 - m_f^2)} \\
= \frac{1}{2k \partial k} (K^2 - m_f^2)^n (Q^2 - m_f^2).
\]

\[
\int \frac{d^4 K}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{1}{(K^2 - m_f^2)^3 (Q^2 - m_f^2)} \\
= -2 \int \frac{d^4 K}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{k^2}{(K^2 - m_f^2)^3 (Q^2 - m_f^2)} \\
= \frac{16}{5} \int \frac{d^4 K}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{k^4}{(K^2 - m_f^2)^4 (Q^2 - m_f^2)},
\]

\[
\int \frac{d^4 K}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{1}{(K^2 - m_f^2)^3 (Q^2 - m_f^2)} \\
= -\frac{8}{3} \int \frac{d^4 K}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{k^2}{(K^2 - m_f^2)^4 (Q^2 - m_f^2)}.
\]

Let us take \( m_f = yT \) and \( k = xT \).

\[
\frac{\partial}{\partial (m_f^2)} \int \frac{k^2 \, dk \, n_F(E_k)}{\sqrt{k^2 + m_f^2}} \\
= \frac{\partial}{\partial (y^2)} \int \frac{x^2 \, dx \, n_F\left(\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}\right)}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}
\]

The integrals can be represented by the well-known functions as,

\[
f_{n+1}(y) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(n+1)} \int_0^\infty dx x^n n_F\left(\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}\right)
\]

which satisfy the following recursion relation,

\[
\frac{\partial f_{n+1}}{\partial y^2} = -\frac{f_n}{2n}
\]
In the regime of HTL perturbation theory and weak magnetic field, one can use high temperature expansion for $f_1$ as,

$$f_1 = -\frac{1}{2} \ln \left( \frac{\gamma E}{\pi} \right) - \frac{1}{2} \gamma E$$

So,

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \left( m^2 \right)} \int \frac{k^2 d k \ n_F(E_k)}{2\pi^2 E_k}$$

$$= \frac{1}{8\pi^2} \left[ \ln \frac{m_f \gamma E}{\pi T} + \gamma E \right]$$

$$\times \int_0^\infty \frac{d k^2 k^2 n_F(E_k)}{2\pi^2} \int d\Omega \frac{p_0}{2E_k^3} \frac{4\pi P \cdot \hat{K}}{P \cdot \hat{K}}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{8\pi^2} \left[ 1 + \gamma E - \frac{m_f \pi}{4T} + \ln \frac{m_f}{\pi T} \right]$$

$$\times \int d\Omega \frac{p_0}{4\pi P \cdot \hat{K}},$$

$$\int \frac{d^4 K}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{1}{(K^2 - m_f^2)(Q^2 - m_f^2)}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{8\pi^2} \left[ \ln \frac{m_f}{\pi T} + \gamma E \right] \int d\Omega \frac{1 - \frac{p_0}{P \cdot \hat{K}}}{4\pi P \cdot \hat{K}}$$

$$-\frac{1}{8\pi^2} \left[ 1 + \gamma E - \frac{m_f \pi}{4T} + \ln \frac{m_f}{\pi T} \right] \int d\Omega \frac{p_0}{4\pi P \cdot \hat{K}}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{8\pi^2} \left[ \ln \frac{m_f}{\pi T} + \gamma E \right]$$

$$+ \frac{1}{8\pi^2} \left[ \frac{m_f}{\pi T} - 1 \right] \int d\Omega \frac{p_0}{4\pi P \cdot \hat{K}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{8\pi^2} \left[ - \ln \frac{m_f}{\pi T} - \gamma E + \left( \frac{m_f}{\pi T} - 1 \right) \int d\Omega \frac{p_0}{4\pi P \cdot \hat{K}} \right].$$

$$i \int \frac{d^4 K}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{k_0 k c}{(K^2 - m_f^2)(Q^2 - m_f^2)}$$

$$= -i \int \frac{k^2 d k}{2\pi^2} \frac{k c n_F(E_k)}{\sigma(m_f^2)} \int d\Omega \frac{1 - \frac{p_0}{P \cdot \hat{K}}}{4\pi}.$$  \hspace{1cm} (D9)

$$i \int \frac{d^2 K}{(2\pi)^2} \frac{1}{(K^2 - m_f^2)(Q^2 - m_f^2)}$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{d k_3}{2\pi}$$

$$\times \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial \left( m_f^2 \right)} \frac{n_F(E_k_3)}{E_k_3} \frac{p_3^2}{p_0^2 - p_3^2} + \frac{n_F(E_k_3)}{2 E_k^3} \frac{p_0^2}{p_0^2 - p_3^2} \right] .$$  \hspace{1cm} (D10)

$$i \int \frac{d^2 K}{(2\pi)^2} \frac{k_0 k c}{(K^2 - m_f^2)(Q^2 - m_f^2)}$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{d k_3}{2\pi} \frac{p_0 p_3 k_3^2}{2 E_k^3} \frac{n_F(E_k_3)}{\sigma(E_k_3)} \frac{1}{p_0^2 - p_3^2 k_3^2 / E_k_3}.$$  \hspace{1cm} (D11)

### Appendix E: Calculation of the form factors in weak field approximation

1. Calculation of the form factor $b_2$

$$b_2 = \frac{2g^2(q_f B)^2}{u^2} \int \frac{d^4 K}{(2\pi)^4}$$

$$\times \left[ \frac{K^2 + (1 + c^2)k^2 + m_f^2}{(K^2 - m_f^2)(Q^2 - m_f^2)} \right]$$

$$+ \frac{8(K^2 + k^2)}{(K^2 - m_f^2)^3(Q^2 - m_f^2)}$$

$$- \frac{8(K^2 + k^2)(K^2 + (1 - c^2)k^2 - m_f^2)}{(K^2 - m_f^2)^4(Q^2 - m_f^2)}.$$  \hspace{1cm} (E1)

where we write $k_3$ as $ck$ with $c = \cos \theta$. Using Eqs. (C1a), (C1b), (C1c), and (C1d) obtained in appendix C within HTL approximation, Eq. (E1) becomes

$$b_2 = \sum_f \frac{2g^2(q_f B)^2}{u^2}$$

$$\times \left[ \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial \left( m_f^2 \right)} + \frac{m_f^2}{2\pi} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \left( m_f^2 \right)^2} \right) \right]$$

$$\times \left[ \int \frac{d^4 K}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{1}{(K^2 - m_f^2)(Q^2 - m_f^2)} \right]$$

$$+ \left( \frac{m_f^2}{3\pi} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \left( m_f^2 \right)^2} \right)$$

$$\times \left[ \int \frac{d^4 K}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{1}{(K^2 - m_f^2)(Q^2 - m_f^2)} \right]$$

$$= \frac{4\pi (e^2 B)^2}{u^2}$$

$$\times \left[ \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial \left( m_f^2 \right)} + \frac{5m_f^2}{6} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \left( m_f^2 \right)^2} \right) \right]$$

$$\times \left[ \int \frac{d^4 K}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{1}{(K^2 - m_f^2)(Q^2 - m_f^2)} \right]$$

$$- \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial \left( m_f^2 \right)} + \frac{m_f^2}{2\pi} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \left( m_f^2 \right)^2} \right)$$

$$\times \left[ \int \frac{d^4 K}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{1}{(K^2 - m_f^2)(Q^2 - m_f^2)} \right]$$.
we obtain

\[ b_2 = \sum_f \frac{g^2(q_f B)^2}{a^2 \pi^2} \times \left[ \left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial (m_f^2)^2} + \frac{5m_f^2}{6} \frac{\partial^3}{\partial (m_f^2)^3} \right) \right] \times \int k^2 dk \frac{n_F(E_k)}{E_k} \int d\Omega \frac{p_0}{P \cdot \bar{K}} \left( -1 \right) \]

After performing the frequency sum as given in Appendix D, we obtain

\[ b_2 = \frac{g^2(q_f B)^2}{a^2 \pi^2} \times \left[ \left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial (m_f^2)^2} + \frac{5m_f^2}{6} \frac{\partial^3}{\partial (m_f^2)^3} \right) \right] \times \int k^2 dk \frac{n_F(E_k)}{E_k} \int d\Omega \frac{p_0}{4\pi P \cdot \bar{K}} \left( -1 \right) \]

\[ \times \left[ 1 - \frac{p_0}{4\pi} \right] - \frac{m_f^2}{2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial (m_f^2)^2} \]

\[ \times \int k^2 dk \frac{n_F(E_k)}{2E_k^3} \int d\Omega \left( \frac{1}{3} - c^2 \right) \frac{p_0}{P \cdot \bar{K}} \}

(\text{E3})

where in the second line we have rearranged the terms after using the expression of \( \delta m_D^2 \) obtained following Eq. (25e) as

\[ \delta m_D^2 = a^2 b_2 \bigg|_{p_0=0, p \rightarrow 0} = \left[ \delta \Pi_{00}^q(P) + 2\delta \Pi_{00}^b(P) \right] \bigg|_{p_0=0, p \rightarrow 0} \]

\[ = - \sum_f \frac{g^2(q_f B)^2}{\pi^2} \left[ \frac{2}{3} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial (m_f^2)^2} + \frac{2}{3} m_f^2 \frac{\partial^3}{\partial (m_f^2)^3} \right] \times \int k^2 dk \frac{n_F(E_k)}{E_k} \]

\[ = - \sum_f \frac{2g^2(q_f B)^2}{3\pi^2} \left[ \frac{\partial^2}{\partial (m_f^2)^2} + m_f^2 \frac{\partial^3}{\partial (m_f^2)^3} \right] \times \int k^2 dk \frac{n_F(E_k)}{E_k}. \]

(\text{E4})

There are two types of integrations that appear in Eqs. (\text{E3}) and (\text{E4}), namely,

\[ I_1 = \int k^2 dk \frac{n_F(E_k)}{E_k}, \quad \text{(E5a)} \]

\[ I_2 = \int k^2 dk \frac{n_F(E_k)}{E_k^3}. \quad \text{(E5b)} \]

Equation (\text{E5a}) can be evaluated in terms of Bessel function as done in Ref. [52] and can be obtained as

\[ I_1 = - \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{l+1} \int_0^\infty \frac{k^2 dk}{\sqrt{k^2 + m_f^2}} e^{-\frac{(l+1)^2}{k^2 + m_f^2}} \]

\[ = \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{l+1} \frac{m_f^2}{2} \left[ K_2 \left( \frac{m_f l}{T} \right) - K_0 \left( \frac{m_f l}{T} \right) \right]. \quad \text{(E6)} \]

The second integral in Eq. (\text{E5b}) can be evaluated using the procedure described in Ref. [54] and can be obtained at small quark mass as

\[ I_2 = - \frac{1}{2} \left[ 1 + \gamma E - \pi m_f \frac{4T}{\pi T} + \log \frac{m_f}{\pi T} \right]. \quad \text{(E7)} \]

Now, using the Eq. (\text{E6}), Eq. (\text{E4}) can be written as

\[ \delta m_D^2 = - \sum_f \frac{g^2(q_f B)^2}{3\pi^2} \left[ \frac{\partial^2}{\partial (m_f^2)^2} + m_f^2 \frac{\partial^3}{\partial (m_f^2)^3} \right] \]

\[ \times m_f^2 \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{l+1} \left[ K_2 \left( \frac{m_f l}{T} \right) - K_0 \left( \frac{m_f l}{T} \right) \right]. \]

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\[
\begin{align*}
&= \sum_{f} \frac{g^2}{12\pi^2 T^2} (q_f B)^2 \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{i+1} \frac{K_{0}\left(\frac{m_f}{T}\right)}{K_{0}\left(\frac{m_j}{T}\right)}, \\
&\quad \text{(E8)}
\end{align*}
\]
which agrees with Ref. [52].

Now, we can calculate all the \( k \)-integrations that appear in Eq. (E3) using the Eqs. (E6) and (E7) as

\[
\begin{align*}
\frac{m^2}{2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial (m_f^2)^2} \int k^2 d^4 k \frac{n_F(E_k)}{E_k} &= \frac{\pi}{64 T m_f} \\
\frac{m^2}{2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial (m_f^2)^2} \int k^2 d^4 k \frac{n_F(E_k)}{E_k} &= \frac{8 T - \pi m_f}{128 T m_f}, \\
\frac{m^2}{2} \frac{\partial^3}{\partial (m_f^2)^3} \int k^2 d^4 k \frac{n_F(E_k)}{E_k} &= f_k
\end{align*}
\]

\[
\begin{align*}
&= - \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{i+1} \frac{l^2}{16 T} K_{2}\left(\frac{m_f}{T}\right), \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{i+1} \frac{l}{4 m_f T} K_{1}\left(\frac{m_f}{T}\right). \\
&\quad \text{(E9)}
\end{align*}
\]

Next, we have to evaluate all the angular integrals of Eq. (E3). The results are given below,

\[
\begin{align*}
\int \frac{d^4 \Omega}{4 \pi} (1 - c^2) \left[ 1 - \frac{p_0}{p \cdot \hat{K}} \right] &= \frac{2}{3} - A_0 + A_2, \\
\int \frac{d^4 \Omega}{4 \pi} (1 - c^2) \frac{p_0}{p \cdot \hat{K}} &= A_0 - A_2, \\
\int \frac{d^4 \Omega}{4 \pi} \left( \frac{1}{3} - c^2 \right) \left[ 1 - \frac{p_0}{p \cdot \hat{K}} \right] &= \frac{-A_0}{3} + A_2, \\
\int \frac{d^4 \Omega}{4 \pi} \left( \frac{1}{3} - c^2 \right) \frac{p_0}{p \cdot \hat{K}} &= \frac{A_0}{3} - A_2,
\end{align*}
\]

where \( A_i \) is defined as

\[
A_n = \int \frac{d^4 \Omega}{4 \pi} \frac{p_0 c^n}{p \cdot \hat{K}}. \\
\quad \text{(E11)}
\]

\( A_0 \) and \( A_2 \) can now be evaluated as

\[
\begin{align*}
A_0 &= \int \frac{d^4 \Omega}{4 \pi} \frac{p_0}{p \cdot \hat{K}} = \frac{p_0^2}{2p} \log \left( \frac{p_0 + p}{p_0 - p} \right), \\
A_2 &= \int \frac{d^4 \Omega}{4 \pi} \frac{c^2 p_0}{p \cdot \hat{K}} \\
&= \frac{p_0^2}{2p^2} \left( 1 - \frac{3 p_0^2}{p^2} \right) \left( 1 - \frac{p_0 + p}{p_0 - p} \right) \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 - \frac{p_0^2}{p^2} \right) \frac{p_0 + p}{p_0 - p}.
\end{align*}
\]

Incorporating all these we finally obtain

\[
\begin{align*}
b_2 &= \frac{\delta m^2}{u^2} + \sum_{f} \frac{g^2 (q_f B)^2}{u^2 n^2} \\
&\quad \times \left[ \left( g_k + \frac{\pi m_f - 4T}{32 m_f T} \right) (A_0 - A_2) \\
&\quad + \left( f_k + \frac{8T - \pi m_f}{128 T m_f} \right) \left( \frac{5A_0}{3} - A_2 \right) \right]. \quad \text{(E13)}
\end{align*}
\]

2. Calculation of the form factor \( c_2 \)

In this appendix we calculate the \( \mathcal{O}(eB)^2 \) term of the coefficient \( c \) as

\[
c_2 = R^{\mu\nu} (\delta \Pi^a_{\mu \nu} + 2\delta \Pi^b_{\mu \nu}) \\
= \sum_{f} i g^2 (q_f B)^2 \int \frac{d^4 K}{(2\pi)^4} \\
\begin{align*}
&\times \left[ \frac{4k_0^2 - 4k_3^2}{(K^2 - m_f^2)^2 (Q^2 - m_f^2)^2} + \frac{4(k_3^2 - k_0^2 + 4m_f^2)}{(K^2 - m_f^2)^3 (Q^2 - m_f^2)} \\
&- \frac{4(k_3^2 - k_0^2) (8k_4^2 - 4K^2 + 4m_f^2 + 8(k \cdot p)_1^2/p_1^2)}{(K^2 - m_f^2)^4 (Q^2 - m_f^2)} \right].
\end{align*}
\]

Now, applying HTL approximations, Eq. (E14) can be simplified as

\[
\begin{align*}
c_2 &= \sum_{f} 2i g^2 (q_f B)^2 \int \frac{d^4 K}{(2\pi)^4} \\
&\quad \times \left[ \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} (1 - \cos^2 \theta) \cos^2 \phi + \frac{7}{4} \sin^2 \theta (1 + \cos^2 \phi) \\
&\quad - \frac{5}{4} \sin^4 \theta (1 + \cos^2 \phi) \right] \\
&\quad \times \frac{\partial}{\partial (m_f^2)} \left( K^2 - m_f^2 \right) (Q^2 - m_f^2) \\
&= \sum_{f} 2i g^2 (q_f B)^2 \int \frac{d^4 K}{(2\pi)^4} \\
&\quad \times \left[ \frac{1}{2} + 2 \sin^2 \theta \cos^2 \phi + \frac{7}{4} \sin^2 \theta \right]
\end{align*}
\]
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\[
\frac{5}{4} \sin^4 \theta (1 + \cos^2 \phi)\]

\[
\times \frac{\partial}{\partial (m_f^2)} \left( \frac{1}{(K^2 - m_f^2)(Q^2 - m_f^2)} \right)
\]

\[
= - \sum_j 4 g^2(q_f B)^2 \left( g_k + \sum_{m_f} m_f(q_f B)^2 \right)
\]

\[
+ \frac{g^2(q_f B)^2}{2 \pi^2} \left( g_k + \frac{\pi m_f^2}{2} \right) \left( Q^2 - m_f^2 \right) \]

\[
\times \frac{\partial}{\partial (m_f^2)} \left( \frac{1}{(K^2 - m_f^2)(Q^2 - m_f^2)} \right)
\]

\[
\times \left[ -7 \frac{p_0^2}{2} + \left( 2 + 3 \frac{p_0^2}{2} \right) A_0
\right.
\]

\[
+ \left( 3 + \frac{5}{2} \frac{p_0^2}{2} + \frac{3}{2} \frac{p_0^2}{2} \right) A_2
\]

\[
- \frac{5}{2} \left( 1 - \frac{p_0^2}{2} \right) A_4
\]

\[
= \frac{5}{2} \left( 1 - \frac{p_0^2}{2} \right) A_4
\]

\[
\times \frac{5}{2} \sum_{m_f} m_f(q_f B)^2 \left( g_k + \sum_{m_f} m_f(q_f B)^2 \right)
\]

\[
\times \left( \frac{1}{(K^2 - m_f^2)(Q^2 - m_f^2)} \right)
\]

\[
= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{m_f} \frac{g^2(q_f B)^2}{2 \pi^2} \left( \frac{p_0^2}{2} \right)
\]

\[
\times \left( \frac{1}{(K^2 - m_f^2)(Q^2 - m_f^2)} \right)
\]

where \( g_k \) is given in Eq. (E9) and \( A_1, A_3 \) and \( A_4 \) are obtained using Eq. (E11) as

\[
A_1 = \int \frac{d\Omega}{4\pi} \frac{c p_0}{p^2} = - \frac{5}{2} \frac{p_0}{2} \log \left( \frac{p_0 + p}{p_0 - p} \right)
\]

\[
A_3 = \int \frac{d\Omega}{4\pi} \frac{c^3 p_0}{p^4} = - \frac{5}{2} \frac{p_0}{2} \log \left( \frac{p_0 + p}{p_0 - p} \right)
\]

\[
A_4 = \int \frac{d\Omega}{4\pi} \frac{c^4 p_0}{p^6} = - \frac{5}{2} \frac{p_0}{2} \log \left( \frac{p_0 + p}{p_0 - p} \right)
\]

3. Calculation of the form factor \( d_2 \)

In this appendix we compute the form factor \( d_2 \) as

\[
d_2 = Q^{\mu \nu} (\partial \Pi_{\mu \nu}^{(2)} + 2 \Pi_{\mu \nu}^{(2)})
\]

\[
= - \sum \frac{2 g^2(q_f B)^2}{p_4^2} \int \frac{d^4K}{(2\pi)^4}
\]

\[
\times \left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial (m_f^2)} + k^2 \left( 1 - c^2 \right) \frac{\partial^3}{\partial (m_f^2)^3} \right)
\]

\[
\times \frac{k_0 k_c}{(K^2 - m_f^2)(Q^2 - m_f^2)}
\]
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$$2a_2 = N^{\mu\nu}(\delta \Pi_{\mu\nu}^a + 2\delta \Pi_{\mu\nu}^b)$$

$$= \sum_f \frac{ig^2(q_f B)^2}{2}$$

$$\times \int \frac{d^4K}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{N^{\mu\nu}U_{\mu\nu}}{(K^2 - m_f^2)^2(Q^2 - m_f^2)^2}$$

$$+ 4i(e^2 B)^2 \int \frac{d^4K}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{N^{\mu\nu}X_{\mu\nu}}{(K^2 - m_f^2)^3(Q^2 - m_f^2)}$$

$$\times \left[ \frac{(K^2 - m_f^2)(Q^2 - m_f^2)}{2} + 16i(e^2 B)^2 \right]$$

$$\times \int \frac{d^4K}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{1}{6 \frac{\partial}{\partial (m_f^2)}} - \frac{k^2(1 - c^2)}{3 \frac{\partial}{\partial (m_f^2)^3}}$$

$$\times \int d^4K \int d^4K \int d^4K \int d^4K$$

$$= \sum_f \frac{4g^2(q_f B)^2}{\sqrt{u^2 + n^2}} \int \frac{k^2dk}{2\pi^2} \int \frac{d\Omega}{4\pi} \frac{p_0p_3}{p^2}$$

$$\times \left[ \frac{(2}{3} - A_0 + A_2 \right] \frac{\partial^2}{\partial (m_f^2)^2}$$

$$\times \left\{ \frac{(2}{3} - A_0 + A_2 \right] \frac{\partial^3}{\partial (m_f^2)^3} \right\} \right\}$$

$$G_2 = - \sum_f \frac{8g^2(q_f B)^2}{\sqrt{u^2 + n^2}} \int \frac{k^2dk}{2\pi^2} \int \frac{d\Omega}{4\pi}$$

$$\times \left[ \frac{k^2}{6} \frac{\partial}{\partial (m_f^2)^2} - \frac{k^3(c - c^3)}{3 \frac{\partial}{\partial (m_f^2)^3}} \right]$$

$$\times \frac{\partial n_F(E_k)}{\partial (m_f^2)} \left( 1 - \frac{p_0}{P \cdot K} \right)$$

$$\times \left( -5A_1 + 4A_3 \right).$$

(E20)

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