

Gluon Wigner distributions in boost-invariant longitudinal position space

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The Wigner distributions (WDs) in boost-invariant longitudinal space for unpolarized, longitudinally polarized, and linearly polarized gluons within a proton are presented in the framework of the light-front gluon spectator model inspired by AdS/QCD. The boost-invariant longitudinal space defined by the coordinate $\sigma = \frac{1}{2}b^-P^+$, can be accessed through the Fourier transformation over skewness ξ to the gluon-gluon correlator of generalized transverse momentum dependent distributions (GTMDs). The model results for gluon WDs in σ -space show an oscillatory behavior analogous to the diffraction scattering of a wave in optics. The diffraction pattern is more sensitive to the momentum fraction x and passively varies with the total energy transfer to the electron-proton scattering $-t$, both of which are analogous to an effective slit width. The leading-twist gluon WDs in the impact-parameter space and their skewness sensitivity are investigated extensively for unpolarized, longitudinally polarized, and transversely polarized protons. The gluon spin-orbital angular momentum correlation is also reported and compared with existing models and lattice results.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Hadrons are bound states of quarks and gluons held together by the strong force governed by quantum chromodynamics (QCD), and understanding their internal partonic structure is crucial. The deep inelastic scattering (DIS) is one of the key processes for investigating hadrons structure measuring parton distribution functions. The parton distribution functions (PDFs) [1–4] provide one-dimensional momentum distribution with longitudinal momentum fraction x . The single spin asymmetry (SSA) measured in semi-inclusive DIS experiments [5–10] indicate a significant importance of the three-dimensional transverse momentum distribution (TMDs) [11,12] which provides transverse momentum $\mathbf{p}_\perp$ distribution of constituent parton along with the longitudinal momentum fraction x and give access to the spin-transverse momentum correlation, e.g., Collins asymmetry, Sivers asymmetry in a hadron [13,14]. The TMDs can be probed in semi-inclusive deep inelastic scattering (SIDIS) and the Drell-Yan process [15–19]. While, the three-dimensional phase-space distribution of constituent partons is given by generalized parton distributions (GPDs) [20–27], which can be probed through hard exclusive reactions like deeply virtual Compton

scattering (DVCS) or deeply virtual meson production (DVMP) [21,23,24,26]. In recent time, investigation of the spin and momentum structure of proton has drawn more attention aiming toward the Electron-Ion-Collider (EIC) experiment [28,29].

A more general six-dimensional momentum space distribution is the generalized transverse momentum distribution (GTMDs), which encodes complete information of the three momenta $(x, \mathbf{p}_\perp)$ of constituents as well as the momentum transferred $(\xi, \Delta_\perp)$ in the scattering process. At twist-2, there are sixteen GTMDs for quark and gluon in the nucleon respectively [30,31], with different polarization combinations of proton and its constituents. They are characterized by revealing different spin-orbit and spin-spin correlations between the nucleon and a parton inside the nucleon, for example, $F_{1,4}$ and $G_{1,1}$ give important information about the canonical orbital angular momentum (OAM) [32–35] and the spin-orbit correlations [36,37] of partons, respectively. In certain kinematical limits, GTMDs reduce to TMDs and GPDs. The quark GTMDs can be probed through the exclusive double Drell-Yan process [38].

The Fourier transformation with respective parameters gives different Wigner distributions (WDs), which are a quasiprobabilistic interpretation and reveal spin-spin, spin-orbital momentum correlations. Fourier transform of GTMDs with respect to the skewness variable $\xi = -\Delta^+/(2P^+)$ and the transverse momentum $\mathbf{D}_\perp = \Delta_\perp/(1 - \xi^2)$ provides access to the longitudinal coordinate space, defined by $\sigma = \frac{1}{2}b^-P^+$, and the impact parameter space $(\mathbf{b}_\perp)$ respectively. The Wigner distributions are the quantum-mechanical analogs of classical phase-space distributions, providing a

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unified description of both momentum and spatial information of partons inside hadrons, which is first introduced in Ji [39]. The quark sector have since been extensively studied to explore the multidimensional imaging of hadronic structure. The GTMDs and WDs for spin-1/2 composite particles are calculated using different theoretical models, such as the light-cone constituent quark model [32,40,41], the light-front dressed quark model [42–44], the chiral soliton model [32,40], light-cone spectator model [45], the light-front quark-diquark model [46–51], quark target model [52]. While for gluon sector GTMDs and Wigner distribution study is remain limited by impact parameter space in few models calculation [53]. Ref. [54] investigates gluon WDs in impact parameter space for unpolarized, longitudinally polarized and linearly polarized gluon in a target state consist of a quark dressed with a gluon at one loop [43,54,55]. Considering a two-body composite system of a spin-1 gluon g and a spin-1/2 three quark spectator, the impact parameter space gluon WDs are presented in the light-front gluon triquark model [56] and spectator model [57]. The $\mathbf{b}_\perp$ -space gluon WDs are also studied in the light-front gluon spectator model [58,59] for vanishing skewness ($\xi = 0$). The model prediction to non vanishing skewness dependency is very important as experimental measurement includes skewness. However, the WDs in the boost-invariant longitudinal space (σ -space) has drawn special attention in recent time as it completes the three-dimension position space information. For the quark sector, σ -space WDs shows an oscillatory behavior analogs to the diffraction pattern of single-slit diffraction in optics. The total energy transfer $-t$ and the longitudinal momentum fraction carried by the constituents x behave like an effective slit-width, that shows an inverse behavior to the width of the central maxima [60]. The analogy between optics and quantum field on the light cone was first explored in [61,62] where, a correspondence between paraxial wave optics and the light-cone dynamics of scalars are demonstrated. As longitudinal momentum and light-front position are Fourier-conjugate variables, a variation in the longitudinal momentum of the gluon leads to a variation in its light-front position. The change in the longitudinal light-front coordinate of the gluon is described by the variable $\sigma = \frac{1}{2}b^-P^+$.

In this work, the gluon sector of the σ -space WDs is presented for the first time. We use the framework of the light-front gluon spectator model [63], and calculate the Wigner distribution in both the boost-invariant longitudinal space σ and impact parameter space $\mathbf{b}_\perp$ for nonzero longitudinal momentum transferred ($\xi \neq 0$) for

unpolarized, longitudinally polarized and linearly polarized (R and L) gluon for the three configuration of proton: unpolarized, longitudinally polarized and transversely polarized. The gluon spin-OAM correlation is also discussed in brief.

The experiments probe nonzero skewness and it is important to dive deeper into Wigner distribution at non-zero skewness [55,56,60,64]. The gluon GTMDs are measurable in diffractive dijet production in deep-inelastic lepton-nucleon and lepton-nucleus scattering [65–68] and ultraperipheral proton-nucleus collisions [69], as well as in virtual photon-nucleus quasielastic scattering [70]. Recently, the leading-twist gluon and sea-quark generalized transverse momentum distributions (GTMDs) in the small- x is presented in the framework of eikonal, approximation at vanishing skewness $\xi = 0$ [71].

The paper is organized as follows: in Sec. II we briefly discuss the gluon spectator model, the Sec. III includes the model results of GTMDs with analytical expressions, Sec. IV covers the Wigner distribution in boost-invariant longitudinal space with detailed model results for all possible polarizations of the proton and their numerical plots. Section V contains the discussion on the variation of $\mathbf{b}_\perp$ -space Wigner distribution with skewness in transverse momentum and impact parameter plane, and we conclude in Sec. VI.

II. LIGHT-FRONT GLUON SPECTATOR MODEL

The minimal Fock-state description of the proton consists solely of valence quarks. Contributions from gluons and sea quarks arise when higher Fock sectors are taken into account. In the light-front gluon spectator model, the proton is described as a composite system comprising one active gluon and a on-shell spin- $\frac{1}{2}$ spectator [63,72,73] of effective mass M_X . The model considers an effective light-cone hadron tensor with a gluon-gluon correlator at $z^+ = 0$ [Eq. (5)].

The kinematics of the proton with longitudinal four-momentum P can be written as $P = (P^+, \frac{M^2}{P^+}, \mathbf{0}_\perp)$, where transverse momentum of proton vanishes. Whereas, the active gluon has momentum $p = (xP^+, \frac{p_\perp^2 + p^2}{xP^+}, \mathbf{p}_\perp)$ with longitudinal momentum fraction $x = p^+/P^+$ carried by the active gluon and the spectator system has momentum $P_X = ((1-x)P^+, \frac{M_X^2 + \mathbf{p}_\perp^2}{(1-x)P^+}, -\mathbf{p}_\perp)$. The proton state can be represented by spin projections as a two-particle Fock-state expansion $J_z = \pm \frac{1}{2}$ [74] as,

$$|P; \uparrow(\downarrow)\rangle = \int \frac{d^2\mathbf{p}_\perp dx}{16\pi^3 \sqrt{x(1-x)}} \times \left[\psi_{+1+\frac{1}{2}}^{\uparrow(\downarrow)}(x, \mathbf{p}_\perp) \left| +1, +\frac{1}{2}; xP^+, \mathbf{p}_\perp \right\rangle + \psi_{+1-\frac{1}{2}}^{\uparrow(\downarrow)}(x, \mathbf{p}_\perp) \left| +1, -\frac{1}{2}; xP^+, \mathbf{p}_\perp \right\rangle \right. \\ \left. + \psi_{-1+\frac{1}{2}}^{\uparrow(\downarrow)}(x, \mathbf{p}_\perp) \left| -1, +\frac{1}{2}; xP^+, \mathbf{p}_\perp \right\rangle + \psi_{-1-\frac{1}{2}}^{\uparrow(\downarrow)}(x, \mathbf{p}_\perp) \left| -1, -\frac{1}{2}; xP^+, \mathbf{p}_\perp \right\rangle \right], \quad (1)$$

where $|\lambda_g, \lambda_X; xP^+, \mathbf{p}_\perp\rangle$ denotes the two-particle state having light-front wave function $\psi_{\lambda_g \lambda_X}^{\lambda_N}(x, \mathbf{p}_\perp)$ with the helicity components of the active gluon λ_g , spectator λ_X , and proton helicity $\lambda_N = \uparrow(\downarrow)$. The light-front wave functions in Eq. (1) is inspired by the well-known structure of the physical electron wave function [74], which consists of a spin-1 photon and a spin- $\frac{1}{2}$ electron. The light-front wave functions for the Fock-state expansion of a proton with spin projection $J_z = +\frac{1}{2}$ can be written in the following form:

$$\begin{aligned}\psi_{+1+\frac{1}{2}}^\uparrow(x, \mathbf{p}_\perp) &= -\sqrt{2} \frac{(-p_\perp^1 + ip_\perp^2)}{x(1-x)} \varphi(x, \mathbf{p}_\perp^2), \\ \psi_{+1-\frac{1}{2}}^\uparrow(x, \mathbf{p}_\perp) &= -\sqrt{2} \left(M - \frac{M_X}{(1-x)} \right) \varphi(x, \mathbf{p}_\perp^2), \\ \psi_{-1+\frac{1}{2}}^\uparrow(x, \mathbf{p}_\perp) &= -\sqrt{2} \frac{(p_\perp^1 + ip_\perp^2)}{x} \varphi(x, \mathbf{p}_\perp^2), \\ \psi_{-1-\frac{1}{2}}^\uparrow(x, \mathbf{p}_\perp) &= 0,\end{aligned}\quad (2)$$

likewise, the proton with $J_z = -1/2$ has light-front wave functions

$$\begin{aligned}\psi_{+1+\frac{1}{2}}^\downarrow(x, \mathbf{p}_\perp) &= 0, \\ \psi_{+1-\frac{1}{2}}^\downarrow(x, \mathbf{p}_\perp) &= -\sqrt{2} \frac{(-p_\perp^1 + ip_\perp^2)}{x} \varphi(x, \mathbf{p}_\perp^2), \\ \psi_{-1+\frac{1}{2}}^\downarrow(x, \mathbf{p}_\perp) &= -\sqrt{2} \left(M - \frac{M_X}{(1-x)} \right) \varphi(x, \mathbf{p}_\perp^2), \\ \psi_{-1-\frac{1}{2}}^\downarrow(x, \mathbf{p}_\perp) &= -\sqrt{2} \frac{(p_\perp^1 + ip_\perp^2)}{x(1-x)} \varphi(x, \mathbf{p}_\perp^2),\end{aligned}\quad (3)$$

where M is the proton mass and M_X is the spectator mass. $\varphi(x, \mathbf{p}_\perp^2)$ represents the modified form of the soft-wall AdS/QCD wave function [75] shaped by introducing the parameters a and b of Eq. (4). The asymptotes of the

parton distribution functions for the small x region are based on the Regge trajectory predicted from high-energy scattering processes. For the large x region, the constraints are imposed from the power-counting rules for hard scattering [76,77]. The modified soft-wall AdS/QCD wave function $\phi(x, \mathbf{p}_\perp^2)$ is given by [63]

$$\begin{aligned}\varphi(x, \mathbf{p}_\perp^2) &= N_g \frac{4\pi}{\kappa} \sqrt{\frac{\log[1/(1-x)]}{x}} x^b (1-x)^a \\ &\times \exp \left[-\frac{\log[1/(1-x)]}{2\kappa^2 x^2} \mathbf{p}_\perp^2 \right],\end{aligned}\quad (4)$$

where a and b represent our model parameters. The model parameters a and b , along with the normalization constant N_g , are determined by fitting the gluon unpolarized PDF at the scale $Q_0 = 2$ GeV with NNPDF3.0 data [63]. We take AdS/QCD scale parameter $\kappa = 2.62$ GeV and $N_g = 0.32$ [78]. The stable bound state property of proton restricts the lower-bound of the spectator mass M_X , i.e., $M_X > M$ and in this model $M_X = 0.985$ GeV is considered.

III. GTMDS WITH NONZERO SKEWNESS IN LFGSM

We consider the DIS process where an electron is scattered by target proton of initial momentum P' and final momentum P'' . The energy transfer to the process is denoted by $-t$, via the exchange of a virtual photon carrying a four-momentum q , with virtuality $q^2 = -Q^2$. The average momentum of proton is $P = \frac{1}{2}(P'' + P')$ with total momentum transfer $\Delta = (P'' - P')$ and $t = \Delta^2$.

In this section we present a detailed calculation of the GTMDS within the light front gluon spectator model (LFGSM) [63]. At fixed light-cone time $z^+ = 0$, the gluon-gluon correlator from the Fig. 1, for GTMDS is defined as [31]

$$W_{\lambda'\lambda''}^{[\Gamma^{ij}]}(x, \xi, \Delta_\perp, \mathbf{p}_\perp) = \int \frac{dz^- d^2 z_\perp}{xP^+(2\pi)^3} e^{ip \cdot z} \times \langle P''; \lambda'' | \Gamma^{ij} G^{+i}(-z/2) \mathcal{W}_{[-z/2, z/2]} G^{+j}(z/2) | P'; \lambda' \rangle \Big|_{z^+=0}, \quad (5)$$

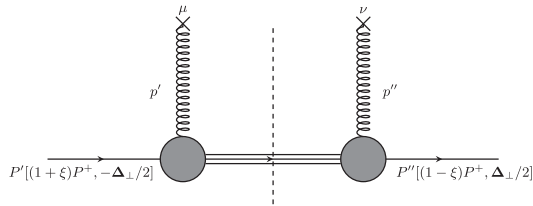


FIG. 1. Cut diagram for the calculation of gluon GTMDS. The triple line represents a on-shell spin- $\frac{1}{2}$ spectator. The gray blob represents the proton-gluon-spectator vertex.

where, $|P'; \lambda'\rangle$ and $|P''; \lambda''\rangle$ denote the initial and final proton states with helicities λ' and λ'' , respectively, and G^{+i} (G^{+j}) represents the gluon fields. The matrix Γ^{ij} corresponds to the leading-twist Dirac structures,

$$\Gamma^{ij} = \{\delta_\perp^{ij}, -ie_\perp^{ij}\}, \quad (6)$$

which describe unpolarized and longitudinally polarized gluons, respectively. Under light-front gauge $A^+ = 0$,

Wilson line $\mathcal{W}_{[-z/2, z/2]}$ becomes unity. Throughout this work, we adopt the convention $x^\pm = (x^0 \pm x^3)$, and the relevant kinematics are given by

$$P \equiv \left(P^+, \frac{M^2 + \Delta_\perp^2/4}{(1 - \xi^2)P^+}, \mathbf{0}_\perp \right), \quad (7)$$

$$p \equiv (xP^+, p^-, \mathbf{p}_\perp), \quad (8)$$

$$\Delta \equiv \left(-2\xi P^+, \frac{t + \Delta_\perp^2}{-2\xi P^+}, \Delta_\perp \right). \quad (9)$$

We choose the symmetric frame. In symmetric frame, the initial and final four momenta of the proton are given by

$$P' \equiv \left((1 + \xi)P^+, \frac{M^2 + \Delta_\perp^2/4}{(1 + \xi)P^+}, -\Delta_\perp/2 \right), \quad (10)$$

$$P'' \equiv \left((1 - \xi)P^+, \frac{M^2 + \Delta_\perp^2/4}{(1 - \xi)P^+}, \Delta_\perp/2 \right), \quad (11)$$

where, the skewness ξ is defined as $\xi = -\Delta^+/2P^+$. The transverse momentum of active gluon in the initial and final state is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{p}'_\perp &= \mathbf{p}_\perp - (1 - x') \frac{\Delta_\perp}{2}, \\ \mathbf{p}''_\perp &= \mathbf{p}_\perp + (1 - x'') \frac{\Delta_\perp}{2}, \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

with $x' = \frac{x+\xi}{1+\xi}$, and $x'' = \frac{x-\xi}{1-\xi}$. Using $\Delta^- = (P''^- - P'^-)$, relation between total energy transferred and the momentum transferred in longitudinal and transverse direction can be derived as

$$-t = \frac{4\xi^2 M^2 + \Delta_\perp^2}{(1 - \xi^2)}. \quad (13)$$

The bilinear decomposition of the fully unintegrated gluon-gluon correlator, Eq. (5), is expressed in terms of leading-twist GTMDs [79] as

$$W_{\lambda'\lambda''}^{[\delta_{ij}]} = \frac{1}{2M} \bar{u}(\mathbf{P}'', \lambda'') \left[F_{1,1}^g + \frac{i\sigma^{i+}\mathbf{P}_\perp^i}{P^+} F_{1,2}^g + \frac{i\sigma^{i+}\Delta_\perp^i}{P^+} F_{1,3}^g + \frac{i\sigma^{ij}\mathbf{P}_\perp^i\Delta_\perp^j}{M^2} F_{1,4}^g \right] u(\mathbf{P}', \lambda'), \quad (14)$$

$$W_{\lambda'\lambda''}^{[-i\epsilon_{ij}]} = \frac{1}{2M} \bar{u}(\mathbf{P}'', \lambda'') \left[-\frac{i\epsilon_{ij}\mathbf{P}_\perp^i\Delta_\perp^j}{M^2} G_{1,1}^g + \frac{i\sigma^{i+}\gamma_5\mathbf{P}_\perp^i}{P^+} G_{1,2}^g + \frac{i\sigma^{i+}\gamma_5\Delta_\perp^i}{P^+} G_{1,3}^g + i\sigma^{+-}\gamma_5 G_{1,4}^g \right] u(\mathbf{P}', \lambda'). \quad (15)$$

The explicit form of the spinors $u(k, \lambda)$ with the momentum k and the helicity $\lambda (= \pm)$ are given in the Appendix. In this model, the correlator $W_{\lambda'\lambda''}^{[\Gamma^{ij}]}$, can be written in terms of overlaps of the light-front wave functions (LFWFs), given in Eqs. (2), and (3) and reads for the unpolarized and longitudinally polarized gluon as

$$W_{\lambda'\lambda''}^{[\delta_{ij}]}(x, \xi, \Delta_\perp, \mathbf{p}_\perp) = \frac{1}{16\pi^3} \sum_{\lambda_g, \lambda_X} \psi_{\lambda_g \lambda_X}^{\lambda''\dagger}(x'', \mathbf{p}_\perp'') \psi_{\lambda_g \lambda_X}^{\lambda'}(x', \mathbf{p}_\perp') (\epsilon_{\lambda_g}^1 \epsilon_{\lambda_g}^{1*} + \epsilon_{\lambda_g}^2 \epsilon_{\lambda_g}^{2*}), \quad (16)$$

$$W_{\lambda'\lambda''}^{[-i\epsilon_{ij}]}(x, \xi, \Delta_\perp, \mathbf{p}_\perp) = -\frac{i}{16\pi^3} \sum_{\lambda_g, \lambda_X} \psi_{\lambda_g \lambda_X}^{\lambda''\dagger}(x'', \mathbf{p}_\perp'') \psi_{\lambda_g \lambda_X}^{\lambda'}(x', \mathbf{p}_\perp') (\epsilon_{\lambda_g}^1 \epsilon_{\lambda_g}^{2*} - \epsilon_{\lambda_g}^2 \epsilon_{\lambda_g}^{1*}), \quad (17)$$

respectively. While, the right-handed (R) and left-handed (L) linearly polarized gluon GTMDs correlators read as

$$W_{\lambda'\lambda''}^R(x, \xi, \Delta_\perp, \mathbf{p}_\perp) = \frac{1}{16\pi^3} \sum_{\lambda_g, \lambda_X} \psi_{\lambda_g \lambda_X}^{\lambda''\dagger}(x'', \mathbf{p}_\perp'') \psi_{\lambda_g \lambda_X}^{\lambda'}(x', \mathbf{p}_\perp') \epsilon_{\lambda_g}^R \epsilon_{\lambda_g}^{R*}, \quad (18)$$

$$W_{\lambda'\lambda''}^L(x, \xi, \Delta_\perp, \mathbf{p}_\perp) = \frac{1}{16\pi^3} \sum_{\lambda_g, \lambda_X} \psi_{\lambda_g \lambda_X}^{\lambda''\dagger}(x'', \mathbf{p}_\perp'') \psi_{\lambda_g \lambda_X}^{\lambda'}(x', \mathbf{p}_\perp') \epsilon_{\lambda_g}^L \epsilon_{\lambda_g}^{L*}, \quad (19)$$

with $\epsilon_{\lambda_g}^{R(L)} = \epsilon_{\lambda_g}^1 \pm i\epsilon_{\lambda_g}^2$ are the right and left-handed gluon polarization vectors, respectively. Using the LFWFs in Eq. (16)–(19) and the relations given in Eqs. (A1), (A2), we parametrize the correlators and obtain leading-twist GTMDs for gluon. The explicit analytical form of the gluon GTMDs in this model, are listed corresponding to the different polarization as (i) for unpolarized gluons with Dirac matrix structure $\Gamma^{ij} = \delta_{ij}$

$$F_{1,1}^g = \frac{2}{16\pi^3} \sqrt{1-\xi^2} \left[N_1(x') N_2(x'') + B(x', x'') \left(\mathbf{p}_\perp^2 - \frac{1}{2} ((1-x') - (1-x'')) \mathbf{p}_\perp \cdot \mathbf{\Delta}_\perp - \frac{1}{4} (1-x')(1-x'') \mathbf{\Delta}_\perp^2 \right) \right] \times \phi(x', \mathbf{p}_\perp'^2) \phi(x'', \mathbf{p}_\perp''^2), \quad (20)$$

$$F_{1,2}^g = \frac{2M}{16\pi^3} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-\xi^2}} \left(\frac{1}{x'} N_2(x'') \frac{1}{x''} N_1(x') \right) \phi(x', \mathbf{p}_\perp'^2) \phi(x'', \mathbf{p}_\perp''^2) - \frac{\Delta_\perp^2}{2M^2} \frac{\xi}{(1-\xi^2)} F_{1,4}^g, \quad (21)$$

$$F_{1,3}^g = \frac{-M}{16\pi^3} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-\xi^2}} \left[\frac{1-x'}{x'} N_2(x'') + \frac{1-x''}{x''} N_1(x') \right] \phi(x', \mathbf{p}_\perp'^2) \phi(x'', \mathbf{p}_\perp''^2) + \frac{1}{2(1-\xi^2)} F_{1,1}^g + \frac{\xi}{2(1-\xi^2)} \frac{\mathbf{p}_\perp \cdot \mathbf{\Delta}_\perp}{M^2} F_{1,4}^g, \quad (22)$$

$$F_{1,4}^g = \frac{M^2}{16\pi^3} \sqrt{1-\xi^2} B(x', x'') ((1-x') + (1-x'')) \phi(x', \mathbf{p}_\perp'^2) \phi(x'', \mathbf{p}_\perp''^2). \quad (23)$$

(ii) for longitudinally polarized gluons with Dirac matrix structure $\Gamma^{ij} = -i\epsilon_\perp^{ij}$

$$G_{1,1}^g = -\frac{M^2}{16\pi^3} \sqrt{1-\xi^2} B(x', x'') ((1-x') + (1-x'')) \phi(x', \mathbf{p}_\perp'^2) \phi(x'', \mathbf{p}_\perp''^2), \quad (24)$$

$$G_{1,2}^g = \frac{-2M}{16\pi^3} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-\xi^2}} \left[\frac{1}{x'} N_2(x'') + \frac{1}{x''} N_1(x') \right] \phi(x', \mathbf{p}_\perp'^2) \phi(x'', \mathbf{p}_\perp''^2) + \frac{\Delta_\perp^2}{2M^2} \frac{\xi}{(1-\xi^2)} G_{1,1}^g, \quad (25)$$

$$G_{1,3}^g = \frac{M}{16\pi^3} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-\xi^2}} \left[\frac{(1-x')}{x'} N_2(x'') - \frac{(1-x'')}{x''} N_1(x') \right] \phi(x', \mathbf{p}_\perp'^2) \phi(x'', \mathbf{p}_\perp''^2) - \frac{\mathbf{p}_\perp \cdot \mathbf{\Delta}_\perp}{2M^2(1-\xi^2)} G_{1,1}^g + \frac{\xi}{2(1-\xi^2)} G_{1,4}^g, \quad (26)$$

$$G_{1,4}^g = \frac{2}{16\pi^3} \sqrt{1-\xi^2} \left[N_1(x') N_2(x'') + C(x', x'') \left(\mathbf{p}_\perp^2 - \frac{1}{2} ((1-x') - (1-x'')) \mathbf{p}_\perp \cdot \mathbf{\Delta}_\perp - \frac{1}{4} (1-x')(1-x'') \mathbf{\Delta}_\perp^2 \right) \right] \times \phi(x', \mathbf{p}_\perp'^2) \phi(x'', \mathbf{p}_\perp''^2), \quad (27)$$

where,

$$\phi(x', \mathbf{p}_\perp'^2) \phi(x'', \mathbf{p}_\perp''^2) = A(x') A(x'') \exp(-a(x') \mathbf{p}_\perp'^2 - a(x'') \mathbf{p}_\perp''^2), \quad (28)$$

$$a(x') = \frac{1}{2\kappa^2(x')^2} \log\left(\frac{1}{1-x'}\right), \quad a(x'') = \frac{1}{2\kappa^2(x'')^2} \log\left(\frac{1}{1-x''}\right), \quad (29)$$

$$A(x') = N_g \frac{4\pi}{\kappa} \sqrt{\frac{\log(\frac{1}{1-x'})}{x'}} (x')^b (1-x')^a, \quad A(x'') = N_g \frac{4\pi}{\kappa} \sqrt{\frac{\log(\frac{1}{1-x''})}{x''}} (x'')^b (1-x'')^a, \quad (30)$$

$$B(x', x'') = \frac{1 + (1-x')(1-x'')}{x' x'' (1-x') (1-x'')}, \quad C(x', x'') = \frac{1 - (1-x')(1-x'')}{x' x'' (1-x') (1-x'')}, \quad (31)$$

$$N_1(x') = \left(M - \frac{M_X}{1-x'} \right), \quad N_2(x'') = \left(M - \frac{M_X}{1-x''} \right). \quad (32)$$

All the GTMDs are function of $(x, \xi, \mathbf{\Delta}_\perp^2, \mathbf{p}_\perp^2, \mathbf{\Delta}_\perp \cdot \mathbf{p}_\perp)$ and Fourier transform over ξ and $\mathbf{D}_\perp$ provides Wigner distribution in the boost-invariant longitudinal position space σ and transverse impact parameter $\mathbf{b}_\perp$. These analytical expressions of GTMDs of Eqs. (20)–(27) are used for further numerical investigations of WDs.

IV. WIGNER DISTRIBUTIONS IN σ -SPACE

The boost invariant longitudinal space σ , defined as $\sigma = \frac{1}{2} b^- P^+$, is Fourier conjugate to the skewness ξ and Fourier transform of correlator $W_{\lambda'\lambda''}^{[\Gamma^{ij}]}(x, \xi, \mathbf{\Delta}_\perp, \mathbf{p}_\perp)$ with respect to ξ provides WDs in σ -space. Here, we concentrate

on the gluon sector, and the Wigner distribution for gluons in boost invariant longitudinal (σ) space is defined as

$$\rho^{[ij]}(x, \sigma, \mathbf{\Delta}_\perp, \mathbf{p}_\perp) = \int_0^{\xi_{\max}} \frac{d\xi}{2\pi} e^{i\sigma\xi} W_{\lambda'\lambda''}^{[ij]}(x, \xi, \mathbf{\Delta}_\perp, \mathbf{p}_\perp), \quad (33)$$

where the upper limit of the integration is restricted by the energy transfer t to the system as

$$\xi_{\max} = \frac{-t}{2M^2} \left(\sqrt{1 + \frac{4M^2}{-t}} - 1 \right), \quad (34)$$

and

$$-t = \frac{4\xi^2 M^2 + \Delta_\perp^2}{1 - \xi^2}. \quad (35)$$

Depending on the different polarization states of the proton and gluon, we define the phase-space distribution ρ_{XY} , with X indicating the proton's polarization and Y indicating the gluon's polarization.

A. Unpolarized proton

The Wigner distribution for an unpolarized and longitudinally polarized gluon in an unpolarized proton can be expressed as a linear combination of the gluon correlators $W_{++}^{[ij]}$ and $W_{--}^{[ij]}$. These distributions are defined as

$$\rho_{UU}(x, \sigma, \mathbf{\Delta}_\perp, \mathbf{p}_\perp) = \int_0^{\xi_s} \frac{d\xi}{2\pi} e^{i\sigma\xi} \frac{1}{2} [W_{++}^1(x, \xi, \mathbf{\Delta}_\perp, \mathbf{p}_\perp) + W_{--}^1(x, \xi, \mathbf{\Delta}_\perp, \mathbf{p}_\perp)], \quad (36)$$

$$\rho_{UL}(x, \sigma, \mathbf{\Delta}_\perp, \mathbf{p}_\perp) = \int_0^{\xi_s} \frac{d\xi}{2\pi} e^{i\sigma\xi} \frac{1}{2} [W_{++}^2(x, \xi, \mathbf{\Delta}_\perp, \mathbf{p}_\perp) + W_{--}^2(x, \xi, \mathbf{\Delta}_\perp, \mathbf{p}_\perp)], \quad (37)$$

where, super script 1 and 2 corresponds to Dirac structures $\delta_\perp^{ij}$ and $-i\epsilon_\perp^{ij}$. The Wigner distributions corresponding to linearly polarized gluons (R and L) in an unpolarized proton can be constructed from linear combinations of the unpolarized and longitudinally polarized gluon distributions as [31]

$$\rho_{UT}^R(x, \sigma, \mathbf{\Delta}_\perp, \mathbf{p}_\perp) = \rho_{UU}(x, \sigma, \mathbf{\Delta}_\perp, \mathbf{p}_\perp) - \rho_{UL}(x, \sigma, \mathbf{\Delta}_\perp, \mathbf{p}_\perp), \quad (38)$$

$$\rho_{UT}^L(x, \sigma, \mathbf{\Delta}_\perp, \mathbf{p}_\perp) = \rho_{UU}(x, \sigma, \mathbf{\Delta}_\perp, \mathbf{p}_\perp) + \rho_{UL}(x, \sigma, \mathbf{\Delta}_\perp, \mathbf{p}_\perp). \quad (39)$$

Furthermore, the Wigner distributions ρ_{UU} and ρ_{UL} can be expressed in terms of the leading-twist GTMDs through a one-to-one correspondence using Eq. (A1) as

$$\rho_{UU}(x, \sigma, \mathbf{\Delta}_\perp, \mathbf{p}_\perp) = \int_0^{\xi_s} \frac{d\xi}{2\pi} e^{i\sigma\xi} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \xi^2}} F_{1,1}^g, \quad (40)$$

$$\rho_{UL}(x, \sigma, \mathbf{\Delta}_\perp, \mathbf{p}_\perp) = \int_0^{\xi_s} \frac{d\xi}{2\pi} e^{i\sigma\xi} \frac{-i}{M^2 \sqrt{1 - \xi^2}} \epsilon_\perp^{ij} \mathbf{p}_\perp^i \mathbf{\Delta}_\perp^j G_{1,1}^g. \quad (41)$$

The analytical results in Eqs. (36)–(41) are used for further numerical computation. All the WDs are functions of $\rho_{XY}(x, \sigma, \mathbf{\Delta}_\perp, \mathbf{p}_\perp)$, however, using the relation between the transverse momentum transfer $\mathbf{\Delta}_\perp$ and the invariant momentum transfer square $-t$, given in Eq. (35), these distributions can equivalently be expressed as $\rho_{XY}(x, \sigma, t, \mathbf{p}_\perp)$.

For the unpolarized proton, numerical results of gluon Wigner distributions ρ_{UY} , ($Y = U, L, T$) in σ -space are shown in the Fig. 2 at fixed values of $x = 0.2$, and $\mathbf{p}_\perp^2 = 0.3 \text{ GeV}^2$. The Wigner distribution is, in general, a complex-valued function; the vertical axis in Fig. 2 denotes its absolute value. The three plots in each figure are for different values of $-t = \{0.04, 0.20, 0.50\} \text{ GeV}^2$, represented by red, blue, and teal colors, respectively, and the corresponding $\xi_{\max} = \{0.1913, 0.3759, 0.5208\}$. For non-zero skewness, the DGLAP region $\xi < x < 1$ restricts the longitudinal coordinate to the interval $0 \leq \xi \leq \xi_s$, with

$$\xi_s = \begin{cases} \xi_{\max}, & \text{if } \xi_{\max} < x, \\ x, & \text{if } \xi_{\max} > x. \end{cases} \quad (42)$$

Where, $\xi_{\max}$ is determined by the momentum transfer $-t$ through Eq. (34). Accordingly, the upper limit of ξ integration in Eq. (33) is $\xi_s = 0.1913$ for $-t = 0.04 \text{ GeV}^2$, while for $-t = 0.20 \text{ GeV}^2$ and $-t = 0.50 \text{ GeV}^2$, the condition $\xi_{\max} > x$ leads to $\xi_s = x = 0.2$. All these four distributions involve GTMDs $F_{1,1}$, $G_{1,1}$. We chose $\mathbf{\Delta}_\perp$ and $\mathbf{p}_\perp$ to be mutually perpendicular, which reduces the contribution from the terms containing $\mathbf{\Delta}_\perp \cdot \mathbf{p}_\perp$. We observe that the distribution ρ_{UU} shows an oscillatory and symmetric behavior about $\sigma = 0$ that can be interpreted as a diffraction like pattern, analogous to single-slit diffraction in optics. This optical analog is based on the behavior of the Fourier transform of the GTMDs in the longitudinal light-front coordinate σ . In optical diffraction, the finite width of a slit is a necessary condition for the formation of a diffraction pattern. Analogously, in Eq. (33), the integration on ξ is performed over the finite range ($0 \leq \xi \leq \xi_{\max}$), that limited domain governed by $-t$ effectively acts as a slit of finite width. This provides the essential condition for the emergence of a diffraction pattern in the Fourier transform of GTMDs. Similar diffraction patterns in longitudinal position space have been reported in DVCS amplitudes [80,81], GPDs [82–88], and coordinate-space parton densities [89], and thus the emergence of such structures of WDs in σ -space is not unexpected. In Fig. 2(a), we also observe that the height of the central maximum decreases with increasing values of $(-t)$, accompanied by a

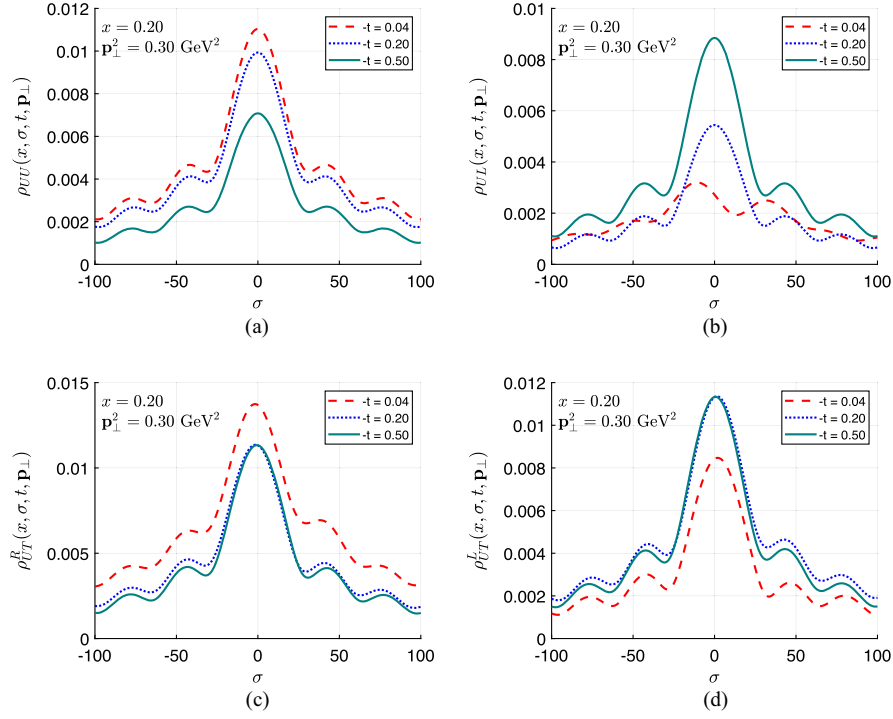


FIG. 2. The Wigner distribution ρ_{UY}^Z , ($Y = U, L, T$; $Z = R, L$) for unpolarized proton in the boost invariant longitudinal position space σ for different values of $-t$ in GeV^2 at fixed $x = 0.2$, $\mathbf{p}_\perp^2 = 0.3 \text{ GeV}^2$ and $\Delta_\perp \perp \mathbf{p}_\perp$.

gradual shift of the distributions toward lower values along the y-axes. A similar behavior is observed in light-front dressed quark model [90]. Figure 2(b) shows the Wigner distribution of longitudinally polarized gluons in an unpolarized proton, denoted by ρ_{UL} . The same color coding for the total momentum transfer $-t$ and the conventions used for ρ_{UU} are retained here for consistency. In contrast to ρ_{UU} , the distribution exhibits a complementary behavior as the value of $-t$ increases, the height of the central maximum also increases. Furthermore, the distribution corresponding to the smallest value of $-t = 0.04 \text{ GeV}^2$ shows a noticeable asymmetry, with the central peak slightly shifted toward negative values of σ , while the distribution observed in [90] is symmetric for all $-t$ values. Figures 2(c) and 2(d) display the Wigner distributions of linearly polarized gluons in an unpolarized proton, corresponding to right-handed (R) and left-handed (L) polarizations, denoted by ρ_{UT}^R and ρ_{UT}^L , respectively. For both cases, the distributions exhibit a slight asymmetry about $\sigma = 0$ for all considered values of $-t$. In the case of ρ_{UT}^R , the distribution shows a left-shift toward negative

values of σ . As $-t$ increases from 0.04 GeV^2 to 0.20 GeV^2 , the height of the central peak decreases. However, when $-t$ is further increased from 0.20 GeV^2 to 0.50 GeV^2 , the position of the peak remains unchanged, although a small shift in the secondary maxima along the y-axis is observed.

For ρ_{UT}^L , the distribution exhibits right-shift slightly toward positive values of σ . The height of the central maximum increases as $-t$ varies from 0.04 GeV^2 to 0.20 GeV^2 , while it remains nearly unchanged for $-t = 0.50 \text{ GeV}^2$, accompanied by a slight displacement of secondary maxima along the y-axis. It is also evident that, for both ρ_{UT}^R and ρ_{UT}^L , the peak positions are at same amplitude corresponding to $-t = 0.20 \text{ GeV}^2$ and $-t = 0.50 \text{ GeV}^2$.

B. Longitudinally proton

Similarly, for a longitudinally polarized proton, a linear combination of the gluon correlators $W_{++}^{[\Gamma^{ij}]}$ and $W_{--}^{[\Gamma^{ij}]}$ can be used to express the Wigner distribution for an unpolarized and longitudinally polarized gluon as

$$\rho_{LU}(x, \sigma, \Delta_\perp, \mathbf{p}_\perp) = \int_0^{\xi_s} \frac{d\xi}{2\pi} e^{i\sigma\xi} \frac{1}{2} [W_{++}^1(x, \xi, \Delta_\perp, \mathbf{p}_\perp) - W_{--}^1(x, \xi, \Delta_\perp, \mathbf{p}_\perp)], \quad (43)$$

$$\rho_{LL}(x, \sigma, \Delta_\perp, \mathbf{p}_\perp) = \int_0^{\xi_s} \frac{d\xi}{2\pi} e^{i\sigma\xi} \frac{1}{2} [W_{++}^2(x, \xi, \Delta_\perp, \mathbf{p}_\perp) - W_{--}^2(x, \xi, \Delta_\perp, \mathbf{p}_\perp)], \quad (44)$$

and the Wigner distributions corresponding to linearly polarized gluons (R and L) in a longitudinally polarized proton can be constructed from linear combinations of the unpolarized and longitudinally polarized gluon distributions as

$$\rho_{LT}^R(x, \sigma, \Delta_\perp, \mathbf{p}_\perp) = -\rho_{LL}(x, \sigma, \Delta_\perp, \mathbf{p}_\perp) + \rho_{LU}(x, \sigma, \Delta_\perp, \mathbf{p}_\perp), \quad (45)$$

$$\rho_{LT}^L(x, \sigma, \Delta_\perp, \mathbf{p}_\perp) = \rho_{LL}(x, \sigma, \Delta_\perp, \mathbf{p}_\perp) + \rho_{LU}(x, \sigma, \Delta_\perp, \mathbf{p}_\perp). \quad (46)$$

Additionally, the leading-twist GTMDs and the Wigner distributions ρ_{LU} and ρ_{LL} have a one-to-one correspondence from Eq. (A2) as follows:

$$\rho_{LU}(x, \sigma, \Delta_\perp, \mathbf{p}_\perp) = \int_0^{\xi_s} \frac{d\xi}{2\pi} e^{i\sigma\xi} \frac{i}{M^2 \sqrt{1-\xi^2}} \epsilon_\perp^{ij} \mathbf{p}_\perp^i \Delta_\perp^j F_{1,4}^g, \quad (47)$$

$$\rho_{LL}(x, \sigma, \Delta_\perp, \mathbf{p}_\perp) = \int_0^{\xi_s} \frac{d\xi}{2\pi} e^{i\sigma\xi} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-\xi^2}} G_{1,4}^g. \quad (48)$$

Figures 3(a), 3(b) present the Wigner distributions of unpolarized and longitudinally polarized gluons inside a longitudinally polarized proton, denoted by ρ_{LU} and ρ_{LL} , respectively. We observe that the overall behavior of the distributions ρ_{LU} and ρ_{LL} is similar to that of ρ_{UL} and ρ_{UU} , respectively. This similarity is expected due to the analogous structure of Eqs. (41), (47) and Eqs. (40), (48). The primary difference lies in the magnitude of the distributions: the height of the central peak for ρ_{LU} and ρ_{LL} is smaller than that of ρ_{UL} and ρ_{UU} for the considered values

of $-t$. Reference [90] reports a more pronounced distribution of ρ_{LU} than ρ_{UL} , while ρ_{LL} is suppressed relative to ρ_{UU} . Figures 3(c), 3(d) show the Wigner distributions of linearly polarized gluons (R and L) in a longitudinally polarized proton, denoted by ρ_{LT}^R and ρ_{LT}^L , respectively. The behavior of these distributions is also similar to that of ρ_{UT}^R and ρ_{UT}^L , respectively, which is expected from the similarity in the mathematical structure of the expressions for ρ_{UU} , ρ_{UL} , ρ_{LU} , and ρ_{LL} .

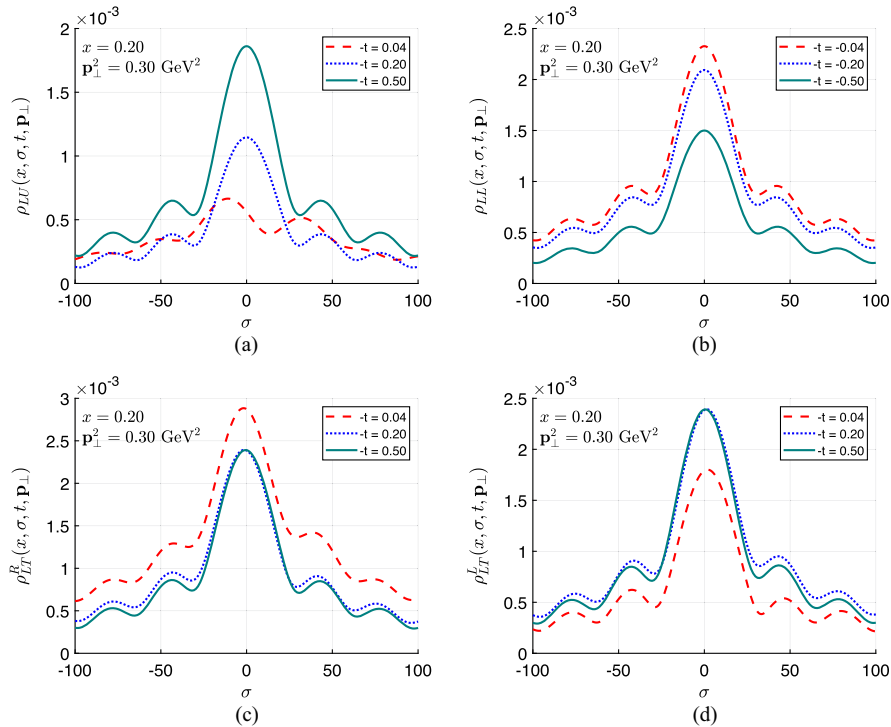


FIG. 3. The Wigner distribution ρ_{LY}^Z , ($Y = U, L, T$; $Z = R, L$) for longitudinally polarized proton in the boost invariant longitudinal position space σ for different values of $-t$ in GeV^2 at fixed $x = 0.2$, $\mathbf{p}_\perp^2 = 0.3 \text{ GeV}^2$ and $\Delta_\perp \perp \mathbf{p}_\perp$.

C. Transversely proton

For transversely polarized proton, the Wigner distribution for an unpolarized, longitudinally polarized and linearly polarized (R and L) gluon is given as

$$\rho_{TU}^x(x, \sigma, \mathbf{\Delta}_\perp, \mathbf{p}_\perp) = \int_0^{\xi_s} \frac{d\xi}{2\pi} e^{i\sigma\xi} \frac{1}{2} [W^1(x, \xi, \mathbf{\Delta}_\perp, \mathbf{p}_\perp, +\hat{S}_x) - W^1(x, \xi, \mathbf{\Delta}_\perp, \mathbf{p}_\perp, -\hat{S}_x)], \quad (49)$$

$$\rho_{TL}^x(x, \sigma, \mathbf{\Delta}_\perp, \mathbf{p}_\perp) = \int_0^{\xi_s} \frac{d\xi}{2\pi} e^{i\sigma\xi} \frac{1}{2} [W^2(x, \xi, \mathbf{\Delta}_\perp, \mathbf{p}_\perp, +\hat{S}_x) - W^2(x, \xi, \mathbf{\Delta}_\perp, \mathbf{p}_\perp, -\hat{S}_x)], \quad (50)$$

$$\rho_{TT}^{x[R]}(x, \sigma, \mathbf{\Delta}_\perp, \mathbf{p}_\perp) = \rho_{TU}(x, \sigma, \mathbf{\Delta}_\perp, \mathbf{p}_\perp) - \rho_{TL}(x, \sigma, \mathbf{\Delta}_\perp, \mathbf{p}_\perp), \quad (51)$$

$$\rho_{TT}^{x[L]}(x, \sigma, \mathbf{\Delta}_\perp, \mathbf{p}_\perp) = \rho_{TU}(x, \sigma, \mathbf{\Delta}_\perp, \mathbf{p}_\perp) + \rho_{TL}(x, \sigma, \mathbf{\Delta}_\perp, \mathbf{p}_\perp), \quad (52)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_{TU}^x(x, \sigma, \mathbf{\Delta}_\perp, \mathbf{p}_\perp) = \int_0^{\xi_s} \frac{d\xi}{2\pi} e^{i\sigma\xi} \frac{(2i)}{16\pi^3} \left[\mathbf{p}_\perp^2 \left(\frac{1}{x'} N_2(x'') - \frac{1}{x''} N_1(x') \right) - \frac{\mathbf{\Delta}_\perp^2}{2} \left(\frac{1-x'}{x'} N_2(x'') + \frac{1-x''}{x''} N_1(x') \right) \right] \\ \times \phi(x', \mathbf{p}_\perp'^2) \phi(x'', \mathbf{p}_\perp''^2), \end{aligned} \quad (53)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_{TL}^x(x, \sigma, \mathbf{\Delta}_\perp, \mathbf{p}_\perp) = \int_0^{\xi_s} \frac{d\xi}{2\pi} e^{i\sigma\xi} \frac{(-2)}{16\pi^3} \left[\mathbf{p}_\perp^2 \left(\frac{1}{x'} N_2(x'') + \frac{1}{x''} N_1(x') \right) + \frac{\mathbf{\Delta}_\perp^2}{2} \left(-\frac{1-x'}{x'} N_2(x'') + \frac{1-x''}{x''} N_1(x') \right) \right] \\ \times \phi(x', \mathbf{p}_\perp'^2) \phi(x'', \mathbf{p}_\perp''^2), \end{aligned} \quad (54)$$

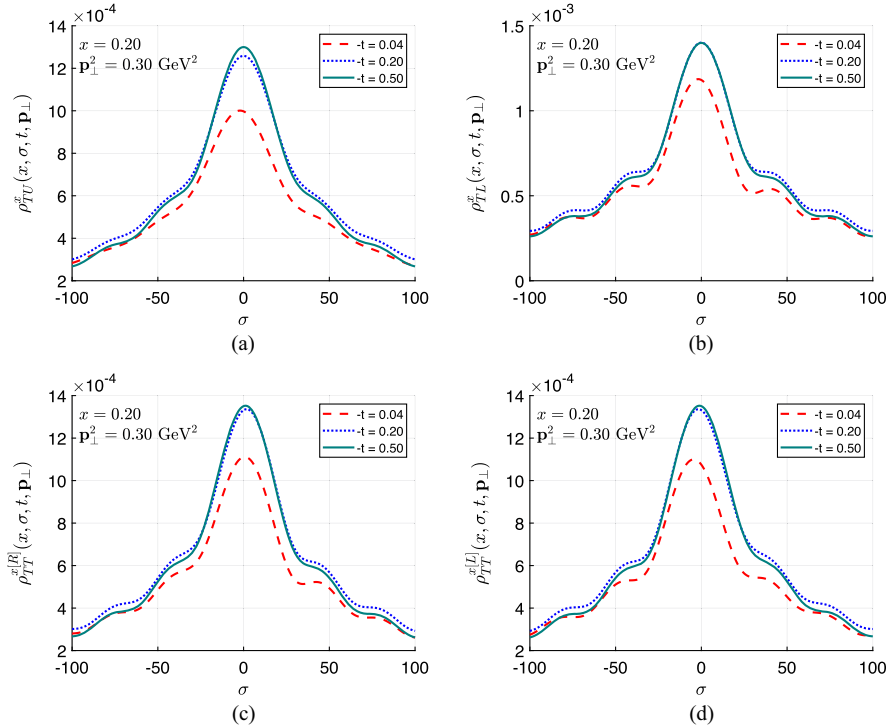


FIG. 4. The Wigner distribution ρ_{TY}^Z (Y = U, L, T; Z = R, L) for transversely polarized proton in the boost invariant longitudinal position space (σ) for different values of $-t$ in GeV^2 at fixed $x = 0.2$, $\mathbf{p}_\perp^2 = 0.3 \text{ GeV}^2$, and $\mathbf{\Delta}_\perp \perp \mathbf{p}_\perp$.

where $\hat{S}_x$ and $-\hat{S}_x$ denotes the proton's transverse polarization along the x -axis, represented as a linear combination of helicity states, $|\pm \hat{S}_x\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|\frac{1}{2}\rangle \pm |-\frac{1}{2}\rangle)$. In Fig. 4, we present the Wigner distributions of unpolarized, longitudinally polarized, and linearly polarized gluons (R and L) in a transversely polarized proton which are represented by $\rho_{TU}^x, \rho_{TL}^x, \rho_{TT}^{x[R]}$, and $\rho_{TT}^{x[L]}$, respectively. In Fig. 4(a), we show the distribution ρ_{TU}^x . While plotting ρ_{TU}^x , we make a choice of $\mathbf{p}_\perp$ and $\Delta_\perp$ as $\mathbf{p}_\perp \equiv (0, |\mathbf{p}_\perp|)$, $\Delta_\perp \equiv (0, |\Delta_\perp|)$ to get a nonzero contribution from both the terms involved in Eq. (53). We observe that the distribution ρ_{TU}^x is symmetric for higher $-t$ values but becomes asymmetric for low $-t = 0.04$ GeV², and is shifted toward the left of $\sigma = 0$. For ρ_{TL}^x , shown in Fig. 4(b), we choose $\mathbf{p}_\perp \equiv (|\mathbf{p}_\perp|, 0)$, $\Delta_\perp \equiv (|\Delta_\perp|, 0)$, to ensure that all the terms involved in Eq. (54) contribute nonzero values. The distribution shows a pattern similar to that of ρ_{TU}^x , but its magnitude is higher than that of ρ_{TU}^x for low $-t = 0.04$ GeV² and the peaks merge for higher values of $-t$. One can further observe that the shift in the distribution is relatively large for ρ_{TL}^x as $-t$ increases from $-t = 0.04$ GeV² to $-t = 0.20$ GeV² as compared to that of ρ_{TU}^x . In Fig. 4(c), 4(d) we present the distribution $\rho_{TT}^{x[R]}$ and $\rho_{TT}^{x[L]}$, respectively. In this case, the preferable choice is $\mathbf{p}_\perp \equiv (|\mathbf{p}_\perp|/\sqrt{2}, |\mathbf{p}_\perp|/\sqrt{2})$, $\Delta_\perp \equiv (|\Delta_\perp|/\sqrt{2}, |\Delta_\perp|/\sqrt{2})$ to get the contribution of all the terms involved in Eqs. (53) and (54). We observe that the distributions are asymmetric about $\sigma = 0$ for all values of $-t$ and magnitude of peak increases with increase in the values of $-t$. The only difference is that the distribution $\rho_{TT}^{x[R]}$ is shifted toward the right, while the distribution $\rho_{TT}^{x[L]}$ is shifted toward the left of $\sigma = 0$.

We also analyzed the sensitivity of the σ -space distributions on the spectator mass parameter M_X for the range $M_X = 0.94$ GeV–5 GeV. The lower limit of M_X is given by the stable bound state proton mass $M = 0.94$ GeV and the upper limit is chosen restricting gluon spin contribution to the proton spin approaches nearly 50% [91]. Figure 5 shows variation of σ -space distributions with M_X and σ at

the fixed values of $x = 0.05$, $t = -0.20$ GeV, and $\mathbf{p}_\perp^2 = 0.3$ GeV². Three plots are for unpolarized gluon in an (a) unpolarized, (b) longitudinally polarized, and (c) transversely polarized proton. For, different values of $M_X = \{0.94, 2, 3.5, 5\}$ GeV, corresponding set of the parameter value of a, b are determined by the fitting of the gluon PDF of NNNPDFnlo dataset. We observe that the distribution for the unpolarized proton ρ_{UU} is insensitive to M_X as the involved GTMD $F_{1,1}^g$ carries the dominating M_X independent second term of Eq. (20).

While, the longitudinally polarized distribution ρ_{LU} shows very small variation caused by the variation of the parameters a, b as the involved GTMD $F_{1,4}^g$ is independent of the spectator mass as evident from Eq. (47). The transversely polarized distribution ρ_{TU}^x displays a highly enhanced sensitivity, over the same range of spectator mass that can be understood from Eq. (53). Such a preference can be considered as an artifact of this model calculation governed by the two-particle light-front wave functions. However, in other model calculations, the mass of the spin-1/2 spectator is allowed to take a continuous range of values given by a spectral function [72,92].

We also observe that the gluon canonical orbital angular momentum (OAM), l_z^g [Eq. (76)], and the gluon spin-orbit correlation factor, C_z^g (Eq. (74), remain nearly unchanged over the spectator mass range $M_X = 0.94$ GeV–5 GeV. This behavior can be understood from the fact that the corresponding GTMDs, $F_{1,4}^g$ and $G_{1,1}^g$, are independent of the spectator mass parameter, as evident from Eqs. (23) and (24) respectively. In contrast, the gluon spin contribution to the proton spin is sensitive to the spectator mass parameter. In particular, for $M_X = 5$ GeV, we obtain $s^g = 0.2853$ ($x \in \{0.05, 1\}$) [Eq. (75)], indicating a substantial gluon spin contribution beyond this region.

D. Longitudinal momentum sensitivity of WDs in σ -space

All these plots 2-4 for different $-t$ show very passive sensitivity to the position of the first minima unlike quark

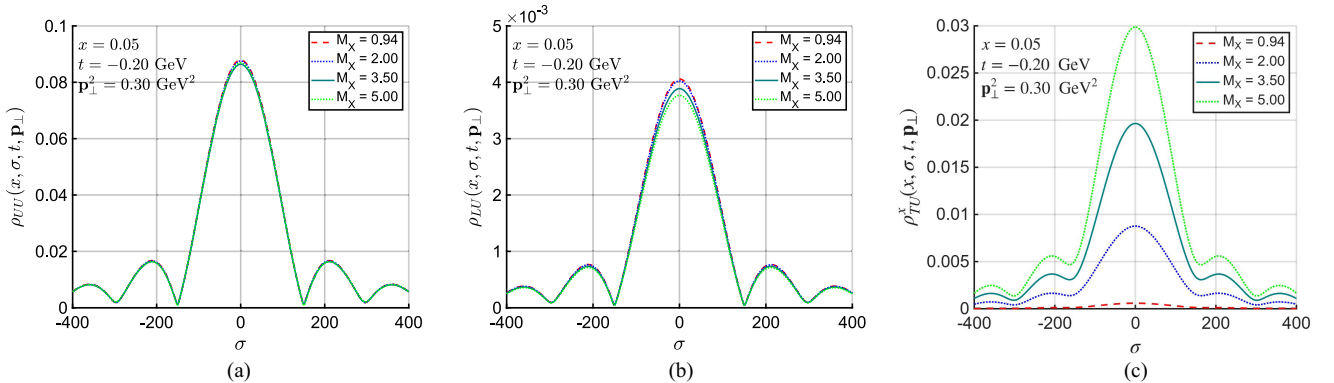


FIG. 5. Variation of Wigner distribution ρ_{UU} , ρ_{LU} , and ρ_{TU}^x in σ -space with spectator mass M_X for fixed values of $x = 0.05$, $t = -0.20$ GeV, and $\mathbf{p}_\perp^2 = 0.3$ GeV².

WDs [60], which leads to the importance of investigating the x dependency in the σ -space WDs for gluons. In Figs. 6–8, the three plots in each subfigure correspond to different values of the longitudinal momentum fraction, $x = \{0.05, 0.10, 0.30\}$, represented by red, blue, and teal colors, respectively, at fixed values of energy transfer $-t = 0.2 \text{ GeV}^2$ and transverse momentum $\mathbf{p}_\perp^2 = 0.3 \text{ GeV}^2$. In Fig. 6(a), the distribution of an unpolarized gluon in an unpolarized proton, ρ_{UU} , shows a symmetric behavior about $\sigma = 0$ for all values of x . It is observed that, the intensity of the central maxima decreases with increasing x . The width of the central maxima varies inversely with increasing x that indicates x can also be treated as effective slit width. Figure 6(b) shows the distribution of a longitudinally polarized gluon in an unpolarized proton, ρ_{UL} . A similar behavior is observed for lower values of x , but for higher x , an asymmetry appears in the peak, which shifts toward negative values of σ . Furthermore, Figs. 6(c) and 6(d) show the Wigner distributions of linearly polarized gluons in an unpolarized proton, corresponding to right-handed (R), ρ_{UT}^R , and left-handed (L), ρ_{UT}^L , polarizations, respectively. In both cases, the distributions exhibit a slight asymmetry about $\sigma = 0$ for all considered values of x . In the case of ρ_{UT}^R , the distribution is slightly shifted toward negative values of σ , while for ρ_{UT}^L , it is shifted toward positive values of σ . For both distributions, the peaks at $x = 0.05$ and $x = 0.10$ remain nearly identical.

Figures 7(a) and 7(b) show the Wigner distributions of unpolarized and longitudinally polarized gluons inside a

longitudinally polarized proton, ρ_{LU} and ρ_{LL} , respectively. The overall features of these distributions closely follow those seen in ρ_{UL} and ρ_{UU} . The main distinction appears in the magnitude of the distributions, where the central peak in ρ_{LU} and ρ_{LL} is comparatively lower than that of ρ_{UL} and ρ_{UU} for the chosen values of x . Figures 3(c), 3(d) show the Wigner distributions of linearly polarized gluons with right-handed (R) and left-handed (L) polarizations in a longitudinally polarized proton, denoted by ρ_{LT}^R and ρ_{LT}^L , respectively. These distributions follow a similar trend as ρ_{UT}^R and ρ_{UT}^L . This behavior can be traced to the close similarity among the expressions of ρ_{UU} , ρ_{UL} , ρ_{LU} , and ρ_{LL} .

Figures 8(a), 8(b) shows the Wigner distributions of unpolarized and longitudinally polarized gluons inside a transversely polarized proton, ρ_{TU}^x and ρ_{TL}^x , respectively. We observed that the peak of the distribution ρ_{TU}^x first increases with increasing momentum fraction x from 0.05 to 0.10, and the corresponding width of the central maxima decreases. Whereas, the peak of the distribution decreases significantly when the x value is further increased to 0.30 with a simultaneous decrease in the width of the distribution, resulting in the first minima shifting close to $\sigma = 0$. Additionally, for $x = 0.30$, the distribution ρ_{TU}^x is asymmetric and shifted to the left. The distribution ρ_{TL}^x exhibits similar behavior to that of ρ_{TU}^x . In Figs. 8(c), 8(d), the WD of linearly polarized gluons (R and L) inside a transversely polarized proton, $\rho_{TT}^{x[R]}$ and $\rho_{TT}^{x[L]}$, display analogous behavior to that of ρ_{TU}^x .

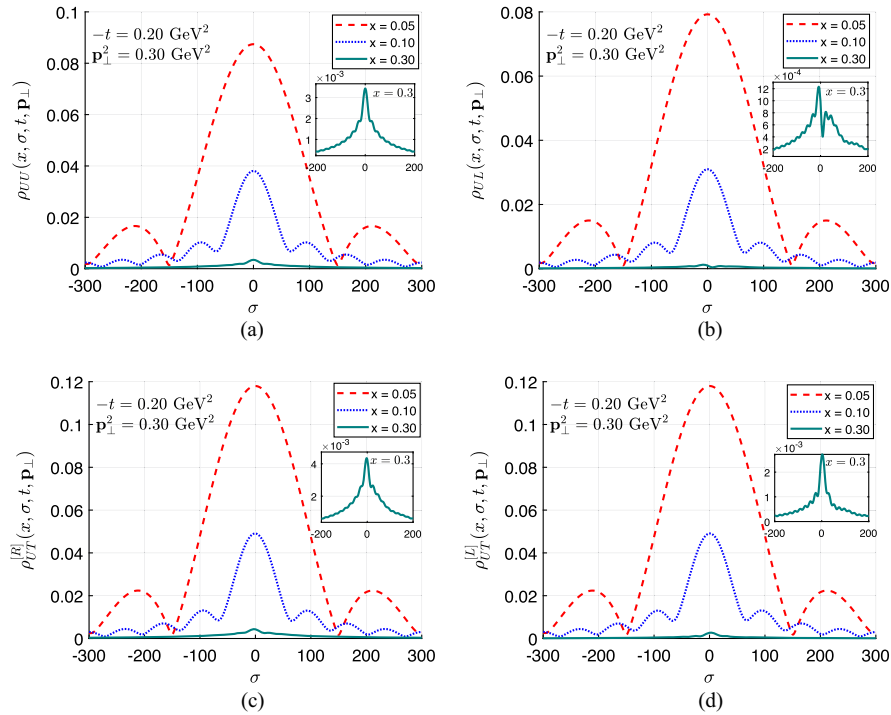


FIG. 6. The longitudinal momentum fraction (x) sensitivity to Wigner distribution ρ_{UY}^Z , ($Y = U, L, T$; $Z = R, L$) for unpolarized proton in the boost invariant longitudinal position space σ at fixed $-t = 0.20 \text{ GeV}^2$, $\mathbf{p}_\perp^2 = 0.30 \text{ GeV}^2$, and $\Delta_\perp \perp \mathbf{p}_\perp$.

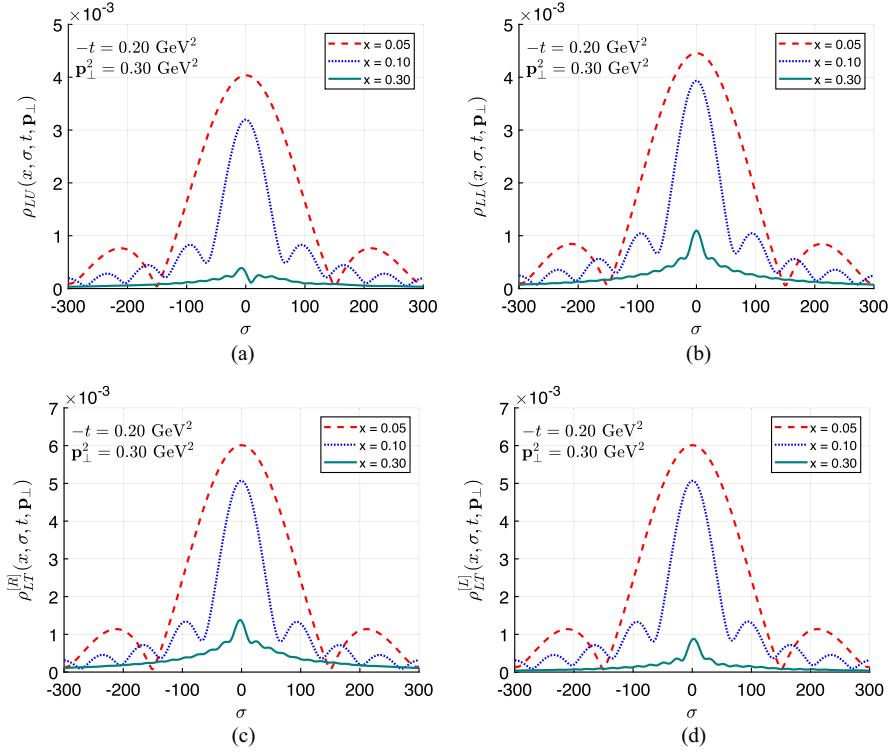


FIG. 7. The longitudinal momentum fraction (x) sensitivity to Wigner distribution ρ_{LY}^Z , ($Y = U, L, T; Z = R, L$) for longitudinally polarized proton in the boost invariant longitudinal position space σ at fixed $-t = 0.20 \text{ GeV}^2$, $\mathbf{p}_\perp^2 = 0.30 \text{ GeV}^2$, and $\mathbf{\Delta}_\perp \perp \mathbf{p}_\perp$.

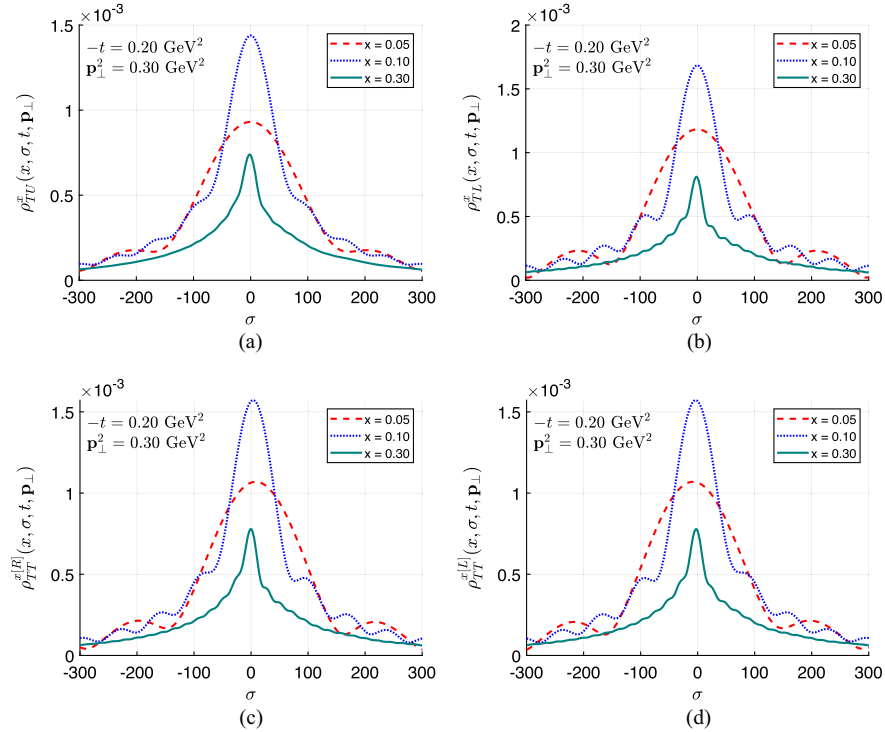


FIG. 8. The longitudinal momentum fraction (x) sensitivity to Wigner distribution ρ_{TY}^Z , ($Y = U, L, T; Z = R, L$) for transversely polarized proton in the boost invariant longitudinal position space σ at fixed $-t = 0.20 \text{ GeV}^2$, $\mathbf{p}_\perp^2 = 0.30 \text{ GeV}^2$ and $\mathbf{\Delta}_\perp \perp \mathbf{p}_\perp$.

For all the polarization states of the proton, in Figs. 6–8, we observe, as x increases the central maxima of the diffraction like pattern becomes narrower and the first-minima shifts toward the center significantly unlike $-t$ variation. This inverse power law indicates that x plays a role similar to the effective slit width. We also observe that for fixed x , the minima appear at integral multiples of the lowest minima of σ_n values, as in optical diffraction phenomena. This is consistent with the single-slit diffraction law for the n th minimum,

$$\sin \theta_n = \frac{\sigma_n}{\sqrt{D^2 + \sigma_n^2}} = \frac{n\lambda}{d}, \quad (55)$$

where λ is the wavelength and d is the slit width. The position of the n th minima σ_n can be obtained from $\sin \theta_n$ with the separation (D) between the slit and the detector. If the separation (D) is large compare to the σ_n one can map the longitudinal momentum fraction x to the dimensionless quantity d/D that leads to relation with σ_n as

$$x = \frac{d}{D} = n \left[\frac{A}{\sigma_n} + B\sigma_n \right], \quad (56)$$

where the subleading second term can be considered as a correction to the inverse variation between slit width and the position of the first minima found in single-slit diffraction in optics. The form of the parameters A and B can be extracted as $A = \lambda$ and $B = \lambda/2D^2$. These parameters are fitted with variation of x and σ_1 , corresponding to the location of first minima of the Wigner distribution ρ_{UU} for an unpolarized gluon in an unpolarized proton, where $A = 6.3552 \text{ GeV}^{-1}$ and $B = 3 \times 10^{-5} \text{ GeV}$. As we can see in Fig. 9, the red line represents the scaling of Eq. (56) that satisfies the first minima values of ρ_{UU} for different x . A similar variation is observed in all other Wigner distributions where Eq. (56) is applicable with the same value of the parameters A and B . A similar discussion

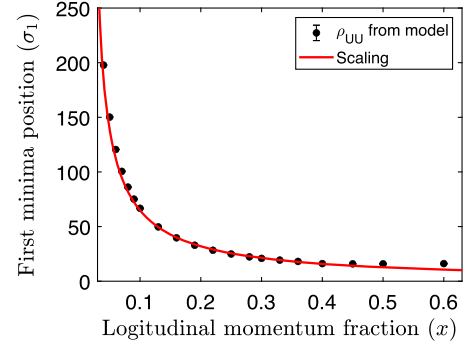


FIG. 9. Scaling from Eq. (56) for first minima σ_1 with respect to longitudinal momentum fraction x of Wigner distributions ρ_{UU} in σ -space.

is included for the DVCS amplitude in boost invariant longitudinal space in [81].

V. WIGNER DISTRIBUTION IN $\mathbf{b}_\perp$ -SPACE

The WDs in $\mathbf{b}_\perp$ -space is defined by the Fourier transform of gluon-gluon correlator $W^{[ij]}(x, \xi, \mathbf{D}_\perp, \mathbf{p}_\perp)$ with respect to $\mathbf{D}_\perp$, where, the impact parameter $\mathbf{b}_\perp$ is Fourier conjugate to the variable $\mathbf{D}_\perp = \mathbf{\Delta}_\perp / (1 - \xi^2)$. For $\xi \neq 0$, extensive studies of quark sector in the light-front spectator model and in dressed quark model have been performed in [60,64]. As experimental measurements provides skewness dependent results, it is very important to analyze distributions at $\xi \neq 0$. Here, we focus on the gluon sector, and the Wigner distribution for gluons in impact parameter ($\mathbf{b}_\perp$) space is defined as

$$\rho^{[ij]}(x, \xi, \mathbf{b}_\perp, \mathbf{p}_\perp) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{d^2 \mathbf{D}_\perp}{(2\pi)^2} e^{-i\mathbf{D}_\perp \cdot \mathbf{b}_\perp} W^{[ij]}(x, \xi, \mathbf{D}_\perp, \mathbf{p}_\perp). \quad (57)$$

For unpolarized proton, the Wigner distribution of unpolarized, longitudinally polarized and linearly polarized (R and L) gluons are defined as

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_{UU}(x, \xi, \mathbf{b}_\perp, \mathbf{p}_\perp) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{d^2 \mathbf{D}_\perp}{(2\pi)^2} e^{-i\mathbf{D}_\perp \cdot \mathbf{b}_\perp} \frac{1}{2} [W_{++}^1(x, \xi, \mathbf{D}_\perp, \mathbf{p}_\perp) + W_{--}^1(x, \xi, \mathbf{D}_\perp, \mathbf{p}_\perp)], \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{d^2 \mathbf{D}_\perp}{(2\pi)^2} e^{-i\mathbf{D}_\perp \cdot \mathbf{b}_\perp} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \xi^2}} F_{1,1}^g, \end{aligned} \quad (58)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_{UL}(x, \xi, \mathbf{b}_\perp, \mathbf{p}_\perp) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{d^2 \mathbf{D}_\perp}{(2\pi)^2} e^{-i\mathbf{D}_\perp \cdot \mathbf{b}_\perp} \frac{1}{2} [W_{++}^2(x, \xi, \mathbf{D}_\perp, \mathbf{p}_\perp) + W_{--}^2(x, \xi, \mathbf{D}_\perp, \mathbf{p}_\perp)], \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{d^2 \mathbf{D}_\perp}{(2\pi)^2} e^{-i\mathbf{D}_\perp \cdot \mathbf{b}_\perp} \left(-\frac{i}{M^2} \epsilon_{\perp}^{ij} p_{\perp}^i D_{\perp}^j (1 - \xi^2) \right) \frac{G_{1,1}^g}{\sqrt{1 - \xi^2}}, \end{aligned} \quad (59)$$

$$\rho_{UT}^R(x, \xi, \mathbf{p}_\perp, \mathbf{b}_\perp) = \rho_{UU}(x, \xi, \mathbf{p}_\perp, \mathbf{b}_\perp) - \rho_{UL}(x, \xi, \mathbf{p}_\perp, \mathbf{b}_\perp), \quad (60)$$

$$\rho_{UT}^L(x, \xi, \mathbf{p}_\perp, \mathbf{b}_\perp) = \rho_{UU}(x, \xi, \mathbf{p}_\perp, \mathbf{b}_\perp) + \rho_{UL}(x, \xi, \mathbf{p}_\perp, \mathbf{b}_\perp). \quad (61)$$

In a longitudinally polarized proton, the WDs for the unpolarized, longitudinally polarized, and linearly polarized gluons are defined as

$$\begin{aligned}\rho_{LL}(x, \xi, \mathbf{b}_\perp, \mathbf{p}_\perp) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{d^2 \mathbf{D}_\perp}{(2\pi)^2} e^{-i\mathbf{D}_\perp \cdot \mathbf{b}_\perp} \frac{1}{2} [W_{++}^2(x, \xi, \mathbf{D}_\perp, \mathbf{p}_\perp) - W_{--}^2(x, \xi, \mathbf{D}_\perp, \mathbf{p}_\perp)], \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{d^2 \mathbf{D}_\perp}{(2\pi)^2} e^{-i\mathbf{D}_\perp \cdot \mathbf{b}_\perp} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-\xi^2}} G_{1,4}^g,\end{aligned}\quad (62)$$

$$\begin{aligned}\rho_{LU}(x, \xi, \mathbf{b}_\perp, \mathbf{p}_\perp) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{d^2 \mathbf{D}_\perp}{(2\pi)^2} e^{-i\mathbf{D}_\perp \cdot \mathbf{b}_\perp} \frac{1}{2} [W_{++}^1(x, \xi, \mathbf{D}_\perp, \mathbf{p}_\perp) - W_{--}^1(x, \xi, \mathbf{D}_\perp, \mathbf{p}_\perp)], \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{d^2 \mathbf{D}_\perp}{(2\pi)^2} e^{-i\mathbf{D}_\perp \cdot \mathbf{b}_\perp} \left(\frac{i}{M^2} \epsilon_{\perp}^{ij} \mathbf{p}_\perp^i \mathbf{D}_\perp^j (1 - \xi^2) \right) \frac{F_{1,4}^g}{\sqrt{1-\xi^2}},\end{aligned}\quad (63)$$

$$\rho_{LT}^R(x, \xi, \mathbf{b}_\perp, \mathbf{p}_\perp) = -\rho_{LL}(x, \xi, \mathbf{b}_\perp, \mathbf{p}_\perp) + \rho_{LU}(x, \xi, \mathbf{b}_\perp, \mathbf{p}_\perp), \quad (64)$$

$$\rho_{LT}^L(x, \xi, \mathbf{b}_\perp, \mathbf{p}_\perp) = \rho_{LL}(x, \xi, \mathbf{b}_\perp, \mathbf{p}_\perp) + \rho_{LU}(x, \xi, \mathbf{b}_\perp, \mathbf{p}_\perp). \quad (65)$$

For transversely polarized proton, the Wigner distribution for an unpolarized, longitudinally polarized, and linearly polarized (R and L) gluon are given as

$$\rho_{TU}^x(x, \xi, \mathbf{b}_\perp, \mathbf{p}_\perp) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{d^2 \mathbf{D}_\perp}{(2\pi)^2} e^{-i\mathbf{D}_\perp \cdot \mathbf{b}_\perp} \frac{1}{2} [W^1(x, \xi, \mathbf{D}_\perp, \mathbf{p}_\perp, +\hat{S}_x) - W^1(x, \xi, \mathbf{D}_\perp, \mathbf{p}_\perp, -\hat{S}_x)], \quad (66)$$

$$\begin{aligned}&= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{d^2 \mathbf{D}_\perp}{(2\pi)^2} e^{-i\mathbf{D}_\perp \cdot \mathbf{b}_\perp} \frac{2i}{16\pi^3} \left(\mathbf{p}_\perp^{(2)} \left[\frac{1}{x'} N_2(x'') - \frac{1}{x''} N_1(x') \right] \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \frac{\mathbf{D}_\perp^{(2)} (1 - \xi^2)}{2} \left[\frac{1 - x'}{x'} N_2(x'') + \frac{1 - x''}{x''} N_1(x') \right] \right) \phi(x', \mathbf{p}_\perp'^2) \phi(x'', \mathbf{p}_\perp''^2),\end{aligned}\quad (67)$$

$$\rho_{TL}^x(x, \xi, \mathbf{b}_\perp, \mathbf{p}_\perp) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{d^2 \mathbf{D}_\perp}{(2\pi)^2} e^{-i\mathbf{D}_\perp \cdot \mathbf{b}_\perp} \frac{1}{2} [W^2(x, \xi, \mathbf{D}_\perp, \mathbf{p}_\perp, +\hat{S}_x) - W^2(x, \xi, \mathbf{D}_\perp, \mathbf{p}_\perp, -\hat{S}_x)], \quad (68)$$

$$\begin{aligned}&= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{d^2 \mathbf{D}_\perp}{(2\pi)^2} e^{-i\mathbf{D}_\perp \cdot \mathbf{b}_\perp} \frac{-2}{16\pi^3} \left(\mathbf{p}_\perp^{(1)} \left[\frac{1}{x''} N_1(x') + \frac{1}{x'} N_2(x'') \right] \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \frac{\mathbf{D}_\perp^{(1)} (1 - \xi^2)}{2} \left[\frac{1 - x'}{x'} N_2(x'') - \frac{1 - x''}{x''} N_1(x') \right] \right) \phi(x', \mathbf{p}_\perp'^2) \phi(x'', \mathbf{p}_\perp''^2),\end{aligned}\quad (69)$$

$$\rho_{TT}^{x[R]}(x, \xi, \mathbf{b}_\perp, \mathbf{p}_\perp) = \rho_{TU}^x(x, \xi, \mathbf{b}_\perp, \mathbf{p}_\perp) - \rho_{TL}^x(x, \xi, \mathbf{b}_\perp, \mathbf{p}_\perp), \quad (70)$$

$$\rho_{TT}^{x[L]}(x, \xi, \mathbf{b}_\perp, \mathbf{p}_\perp) = \rho_{TU}^x(x, \xi, \mathbf{b}_\perp, \mathbf{p}_\perp) + \rho_{TL}^x(x, \xi, \mathbf{b}_\perp, \mathbf{p}_\perp). \quad (71)$$

All the Wigner correlators are written in terms of $\mathbf{D}_\perp$, which is Fourier conjugate to impact parameter ($\mathbf{b}_\perp$) for $\xi \neq 0$ using the relation $\mathbf{D}_\perp = \mathbf{\Delta}_\perp / (1 - \xi^2)$. We plot the first Mellin moment of Wigner distribution, $\rho_{XY}^{[Z]}(x, \xi, \mathbf{b}_\perp, \mathbf{p}_\perp)$ ($X, Y = U, L, T; Z = R, L$) for unpolarized, longitudinally polarized, and linearly polarized (R and L) gluons for different polarization states of proton; unpolarized, longitudinally polarized, and transversely polarized. The first Mellin moment of WDs characterizes the transverse phase-space distribution of gluons in a proton. We present the variation of WDs with ξ . Figure 10 shows the projection of the Mellin moments of unpolarized gluon inside unpolarized proton $\rho_{UU}(\mathbf{b}_\perp, \mathbf{p}_\perp)$ on transverse momentum plane (upper row) with fixed $\mathbf{b}_\perp = 0.2$ fm along $\hat{y}$ and transverse impact parameter plane with $\mathbf{p}_\perp = 0.3$ GeV along $\hat{y}$. Three columns are for three different values of $\xi = 0, 0.1, 0.5$, respectively, and $\mathbf{p}_\perp$ is considered to be perpendicular to $\mathbf{\Delta}_\perp$. We observe that for all ξ values, the distribution is circularly symmetric with a negative maxima at the center ($\{p_x, p_y\} = \{0, 0\}$), and ($\{b_x, b_y\} = \{0, 0\}$) for the choice of $\mathbf{p}_\perp \perp \mathbf{b}_\perp$, which is expected as the average

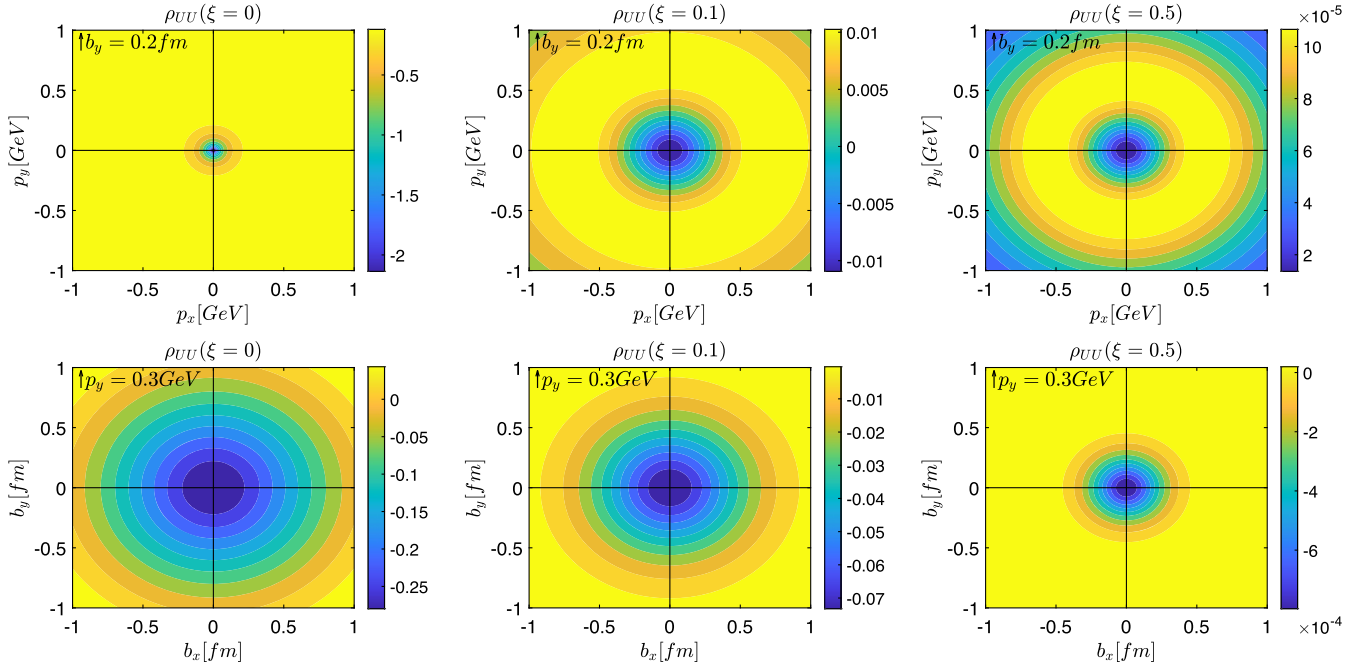


FIG. 10. The first Mellin moment of gluon Wigner distribution ρ_{UU} for different values of skewness parameter ($\xi = 0, 0.1, 0.5$) in transverse momentum space (upper panel) and impact parameter space (lower panel) for fixed $\mathbf{b}_\perp = 0.2 \text{ fm } \hat{y}$ and $\mathbf{p}_\perp = 0.3 \text{ GeV } \hat{y}$, respectively, with the condition $\mathbf{p}_\perp \perp \Delta_\perp$.

quadrupole distortions $Q_b^{ij}(\mathbf{p}_\perp)$ and $Q_p^{ij}(\mathbf{b}_\perp)$ for ρ_{UU} , defined as [32]

$$Q_b^{ij}(\mathbf{p}_\perp) = \frac{\int d^2 \mathbf{b}_\perp (2b_\perp^i b_\perp^j - \delta^{ij} \mathbf{b}_\perp^2) \rho_{UU}(\mathbf{b}_\perp, \mathbf{p}_\perp)}{\int d^2 \mathbf{b}_\perp \mathbf{b}_\perp^2 \rho_{UU}(\mathbf{b}_\perp, \mathbf{p}_\perp)}, \quad (72)$$

$$Q_p^{ij}(\mathbf{b}_\perp) = \frac{\int d^2 \mathbf{p}_\perp (2p_\perp^i p_\perp^j - \delta^{ij} \mathbf{p}_\perp^2) \rho_{UU}(\mathbf{b}_\perp, \mathbf{p}_\perp)}{\int d^2 \mathbf{p}_\perp \mathbf{p}_\perp^2 \rho_{UU}(\mathbf{b}_\perp, \mathbf{p}_\perp)}, \quad (73)$$

vanish for the Gaussian type form (over $\mathbf{p}_\perp$ and $\mathbf{b}_\perp$) of wave functions of soft-wall AdS/QCD model. However, for any other choice, the distribution would exhibit axial symmetry. While, for quarks, distributions are found with positive maxima [47]. However for gluon, the polarity of the distribution in this model shows qualitatively similar behavior as presented in [57] for both the transverse planes and dressed quark model results shows opposite polarity with distorted circular peaks [54]. In the transverse momentum space, the distribution decreases sharply around the center for $\xi = 0$, and in comparison, for $\xi = 0.1, 0.5$ the distributions are oscillatory with a positive secondary peak around $p_x = 0.5 \text{ GeV}$, and gradually increase for large p_x . One can also observe that as the skewness variable ξ increases from 0 to 0.1, the intensity of the peak is decreased by approximately 10-times, and for larger momentum transferred in the longitudinal direction $\xi = 0.5$, the peak value decreases by a large amount. In the impact parameter plane, as the skewness variable ξ is

increased from 0 to 0.5, the distributions become more concentrated at the center.

In Fig. 11, we present the Wigner distribution $\rho_{UL}(\mathbf{b}_\perp, \mathbf{p}_\perp)$, which describes the transverse phase-space distribution of longitudinally polarized gluons inside an unpolarized proton. The Wigner distribution $\rho_{UL}(\mathbf{b}_\perp, \mathbf{p}_\perp)$ exhibits a dipolar structure in both $\mathbf{p}_\perp$ and $\mathbf{b}_\perp$ planes due to the presence of the term $\mathbf{p}_\perp \times \mathbf{b}_\perp$ in Eq. (59). Notably, the polarity of the distribution in momentum space is opposite to that observed in impact-parameter space. A similar qualitative behavior is observed in other models for gluons [54,57] and also for quarks [47]. Moreover, [54] reports a distorted dipolar structure in $\mathbf{b}_\perp$ -space. As ξ value increases from $\xi = 0$ to $\xi = 0.1$, the peak magnitudes of the distributions decrease by about 10-times in both spaces, while for $\xi = 0.5$, the peak magnitude decreases by a larger amount. Furthermore, in transverse momentum space, the dipolar separation between the maxima and minima peaks shows oscillatory behavior over a change in ξ . For $\xi = 0$,

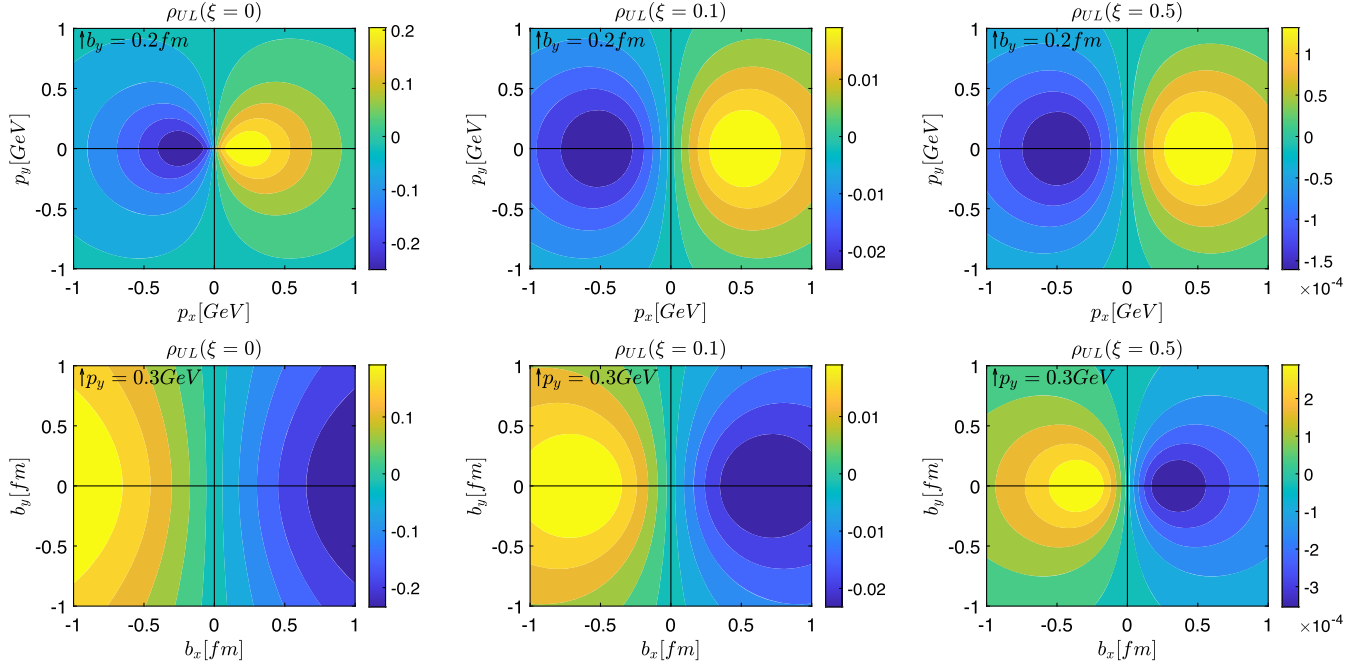


FIG. 11. The first Mellin moment of gluon Wigner distribution ρ_{UL} for different values of skewness parameter ($\xi = 0, 0.1, 0.5$) in transverse momentum space (upper panel) and impact parameter space (lower panel) for fixed $\mathbf{b}_\perp = 0.2 \text{ fm } \hat{y}$ and $\mathbf{p}_\perp = 0.3 \text{ GeV } \hat{y}$, respectively, with the condition $\mathbf{p}_\perp \perp \Delta_\perp$.

the distribution attains its maximum at $p_x \approx 0.19 \text{ GeV}$ and with increasing skewness, the peak shifts toward larger values of p_x , reaching $p_x \approx 0.49 \text{ GeV}$ for $\xi = 0.1$, which corresponds to an increase of about 157% whereas, slightly decreases toward the center to $p_x \approx 0.47 \text{ GeV}$ for $\xi = 0.5$. In contrast, in impact parameter space, the position of the maximum moves closer to the center with increasing ξ . In the case of $\mathbf{b}_\perp$ -plane, the dipolar separation gradually decreases with increasing ξ . The distribution attains its maxima at $b_x \approx 1.42 \text{ fm}$ for $\xi = 0$. As the skewness increases, the peak position shifts toward smaller values of b_x , reaching $b_x \approx 0.65 \text{ fm}$ at $\xi = 0.1$, corresponding to a decrease of approximately 54%, and further for $\xi = 0.5$, the separation is reduced by half to $b_x \approx 0.31 \text{ fm}$. One can also observe that the magnitude of peaks is approximately of the similar order in both the transverse momentum and impact parameter planes corresponding to the respective three ξ values. The distribution $\rho_{UL}(\mathbf{b}_\perp, \mathbf{p}_\perp)$ is related to gluon spin-orbit correlation, C_z^g , defined as

$$C_z^g = \int dx d^2\mathbf{p}_\perp d^2\mathbf{b}_\perp (\mathbf{b}_\perp \times \mathbf{p}_\perp) \rho_{UL}(x, 0, \mathbf{b}_\perp, \mathbf{p}_\perp) \quad (74)$$

within the forward limit $\Delta_\perp = 0$ and $\xi = 0$. The qualitative behavior of the spin-OAM correlation of the gluon can be analyzed by calculating C_z^g - the positive (negative) value of C_z^g indicates a parallel (antiparallel) configuration of the gluon spin to its OAM. In this model, we obtain $C_z^g = -15.6$, which is a bit larger in magnitude than the value $C_z^g \approx -10.05$ reported in [57], however, consistent in

the negative sign that indicates the gluon spin and gluon OAM are antialigned to each other. In this model, the strengths of the correlation for gluon spin-OAM exhibit a higher value than the other model prediction, that inherent model dependence may arise because of its sensitivity to transverse-momentum correlations or higher-twist operators that involve the quark-gluon interactions. The light-front quark-diquark (LFQDM) model shows quark spin and OAM are mutually antiparallel in a proton [47]; however, this correlation strength for gluon is found to be significantly dominating over quark.

In Figs. 12, 13, we show Wigner distributions of linearly polarized gluons (R and L) inside an unpolarized proton represented by $\rho_{UT}^R(\mathbf{b}_\perp, \mathbf{p}_\perp)$ and $\rho_{UT}^L(\mathbf{b}_\perp, \mathbf{p}_\perp)$, respectively. For ρ_{UT}^R , the distribution exhibits a distorted dipolar structure in both the transverse momentum and impact parameter space for all ξ values. For $\xi = 0$, a pronounced asymmetry in the dipole structure having a narrow higher negative peak near origin can be understood from Eq. (60) that contains the dominant term ρ_{UU} compare to ρ_{UL} as shown in Figs. 10 (first upper subfigure) and 11 (first upper subfigure). As the skewness increases, the second term ρ_{UL} of Eq. (60) dominates and the prominent dipole structures are observed for $\xi = 0.1$ and $\xi = 0.5$. However, the magnitude of peaks decreases rapidly, and the separation between poles is not significantly sensitive for larger ξ region. In the impact parameter space, with the increase of the skewness, the distribution becomes a distorted dipolar type with suppressed peak intensity and the negative pole approaches toward the origin.

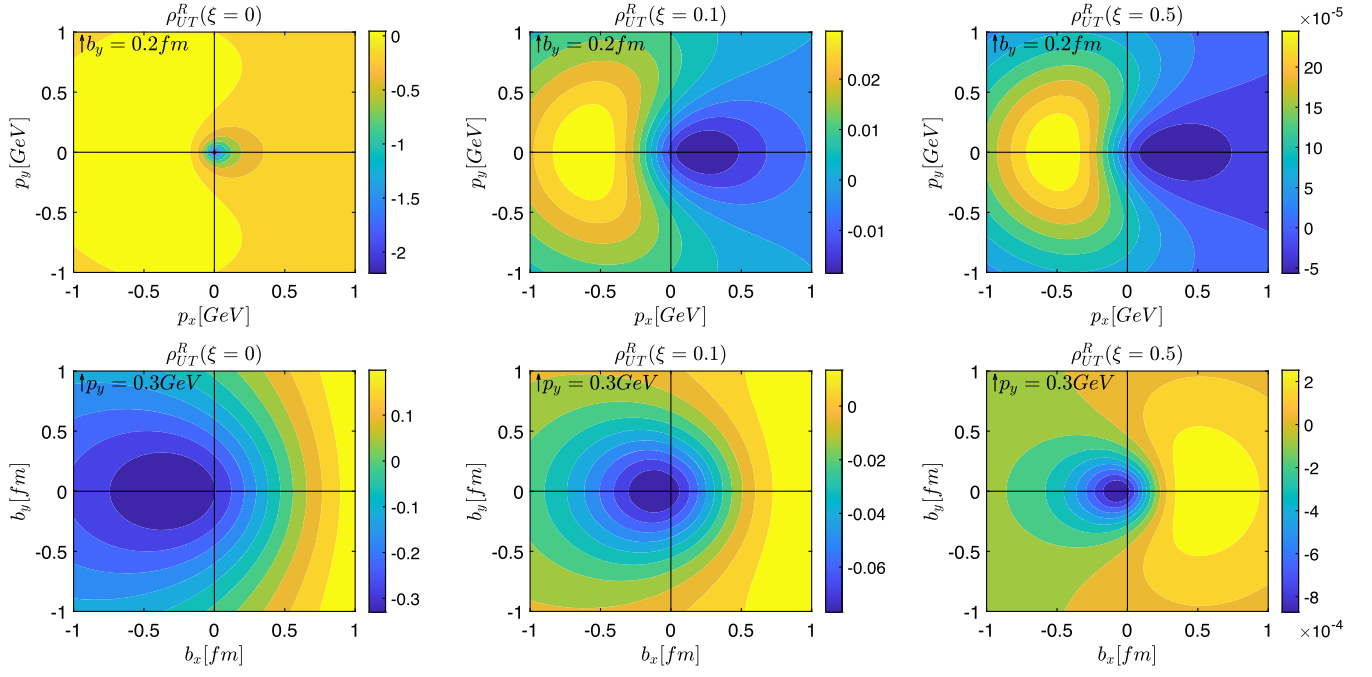


FIG. 12. The first Mellin moment of gluon Wigner distribution ρ_{UT}^R for different values of skewness parameter ($\xi = 0, 0.1, 0.5$) in transverse momentum space (upper panel) and impact parameter space (lower panel) for fixed $\mathbf{b}_\perp = 0.2 \text{ fm } \hat{y}$ and $\mathbf{p}_\perp = 0.3 \text{ GeV } \hat{y}$, respectively, with the condition $\mathbf{p}_\perp \perp \Delta_\perp$.

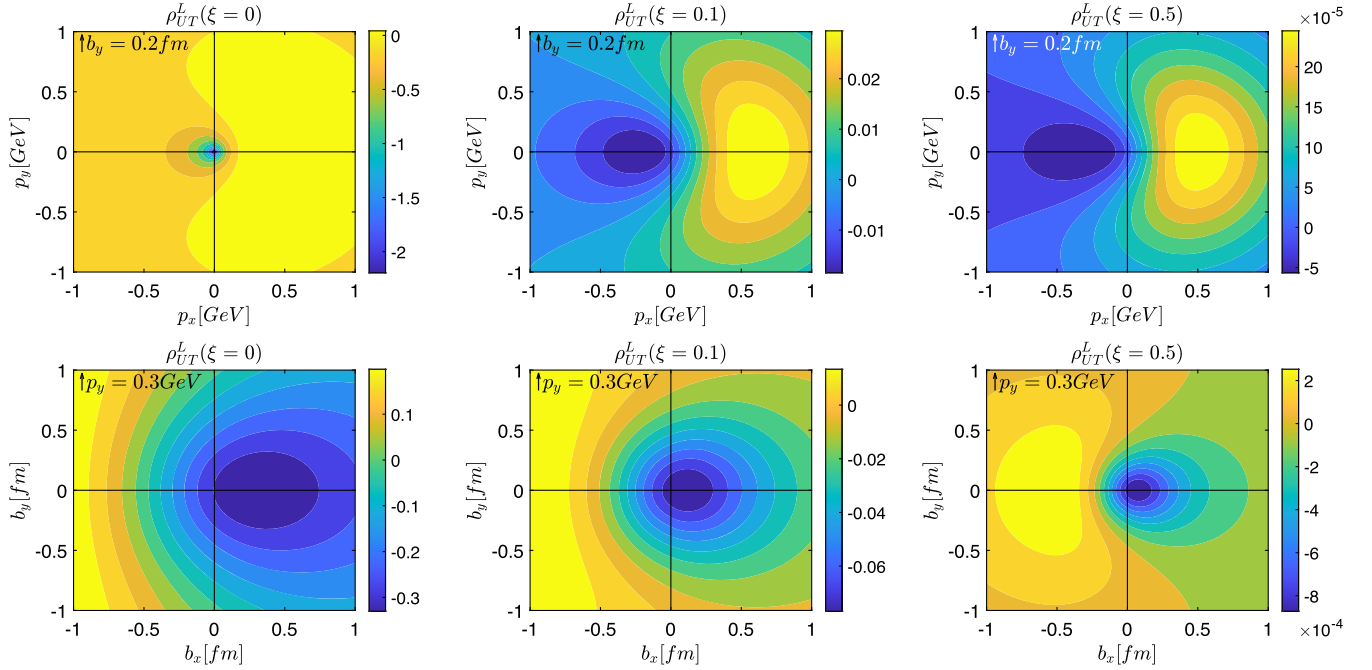


FIG. 13. The first Mellin moment of gluon Wigner distribution ρ_{UT}^L for different values of skewness parameter ($\xi = 0, 0.1, 0.5$) in transverse momentum space (upper panel) and impact parameter space (lower panel) for fixed $\mathbf{b}_\perp = 0.2 \text{ fm } \hat{y}$ and $\mathbf{p}_\perp = 0.3 \text{ GeV } \hat{y}$, respectively, with the condition $\mathbf{p}_\perp \perp \Delta_\perp$.

In Fig. 13, the left-handed linearly polarized gluon distribution ρ_{UT}^L exhibits the mirror image orientation of dipoles than the right-handed distribution ρ_{UT}^R which can be justified from the opposite helicity structure of

the right- and left-handed linearly polarized gluon states. An analogous behavior is observed in [54] with opposite polarity of dipoles. Figure 14 represents the WDs ρ_{LL} , where both proton and constituent gluons are longitudinally

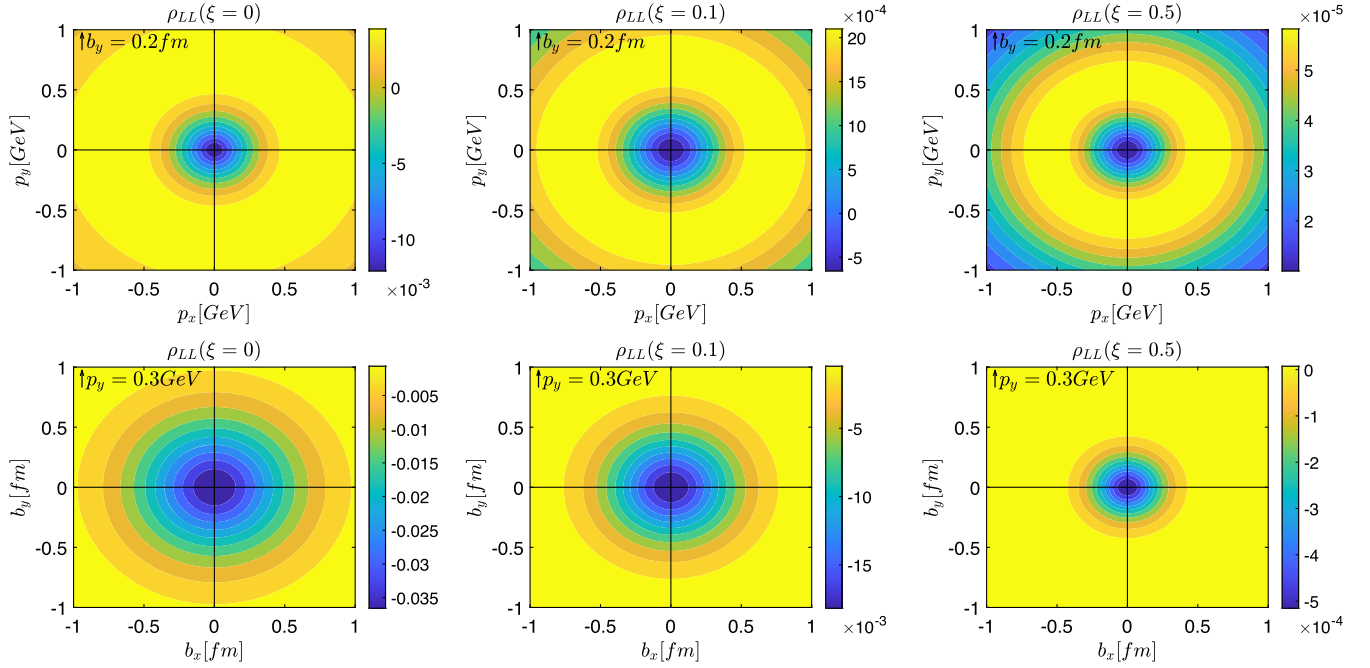


FIG. 14. The first Mellin moment of gluon Wigner distribution ρ_{LL} for different values of skewness parameter ($\xi = 0, 0.1, 0.5$) in transverse momentum space (upper panel) and impact parameter space (lower panel) for fixed $\mathbf{b}_\perp = 0.2 \text{ fm } \hat{y}$ and $\mathbf{p}_\perp = 0.3 \text{ GeV } \hat{y}$, respectively, with the condition $\mathbf{p}_\perp \perp \Delta_\perp$.

polarized. The distribution is axially symmetric in both $\mathbf{p}_\perp$ -plane and $\mathbf{b}_\perp$ -plane and shows opposite trend in the change of the peak width with increasing ξ . Our model results exhibits similar polarity as reported in [57], while opposite polarity is observed in [54]. This model result shows that, $\rho_{UU} > \rho_{LL}$. WDs ρ_{LL} has contribution from GTMD $G_{1,4}$ which encodes the spin contribution of gluons to the proton defined as

$$s^g = \frac{1}{2} \int dx d^2 p_\perp G_{1,4}^g(x, 0, \mathbf{p}_\perp^2, 0, 0), \quad (75)$$

at the forward limit $\Delta_\perp = 0$ and $\xi = 0$. In this model, $s^g = 0.215$ for the whole range of the integration limit over x . It is observed that, most of the gluon contribution comes from the lower x region. For the x -range $\{0.05 \rightarrow 0.3; 0.05 \rightarrow 0.2; 0.05 \rightarrow 1\}$, our model results $s^g = \{0.126, 0.103, 0.139\}$ significantly consistent to the other phenomenological results $s^g = \{0.10, 0.115, 0.095\}$ [93–95] respectively. A reasonably high gluon contribution to the proton spin is reported in [96,97]. The latest lattice prediction to the gluon total angular momentum contribution is $J_g = 0.187$ [98].

In Fig. 15, we show the longitudinal-unpolarized Wigner distributions $\rho_{LU}(\mathbf{b}_\perp, \mathbf{p}_\perp)$ which describe the unpolarized gluon phase-space distributions in a longitudinally polarized proton, which exhibits dipolar behavior qualitatively similar to that of ρ_{UL} because of the term associated to $\mathbf{p}_\perp \times \mathbf{b}_\perp$ in Eq. (63). A similar behavior is observed in

other models [54,57] for gluon. While for quarks, an overall opposite polarity is observed in [47] for both the planes. In both planes, the peak magnitudes and the dipolar separation are less sensitive to the change in $\xi = 0, 0.1$, and 0.5 , unlike ρ_{UL} . The model result shows that, $\rho_{UL} > \rho_{LU}$. The distribution ρ_{LU} encodes information on the correlation between canonical OAM of gluon and proton spin. The gluon canonical orbital angular momentum (OAM), l_z^g , in the forward limit, $\Delta_\perp = 0$ and at skewness $\xi = 0$ is given by

$$l_z^g = \int dx d^2 \mathbf{p}_\perp d^2 \mathbf{b}_\perp (\mathbf{b}_\perp \times \mathbf{p}_\perp) \rho_{LU}(x, 0, \mathbf{b}_\perp, \mathbf{p}_\perp). \quad (76)$$

The positive(negative) value of l_z^g indicates a parallel(antiparallel) configuration of the gluon OAM to the proton spin. In this model, we obtain a numerical value of $l_z^g = -0.378$, which is in good agreement with the result $l_z^g \simeq -0.33$ reported in [57]. The negative sign indicates that the gluon OAM is found to be antiparallel to the proton spin in this model. Whereas, in the case of quark, the quark OAM is reported parallel to the proton spin [47]. That can be justified from the sign flip polarity of the GTMDs $F_{1,4}$ to the $G_{1,1}$ for gluon [Eqs. (23), (24)].

Figures 16, 17 illustrate the Wigner phase-space distributions corresponding to linearly polarized right-handed and left-handed gluons in a longitudinally polarized proton, $\rho_{LT}^R(\mathbf{b}_\perp, \mathbf{p}_\perp)$ and $\rho_{LT}^L(\mathbf{b}_\perp, \mathbf{p}_\perp)$, respectively. In transverse momentum space, the two distributions exhibit distorted

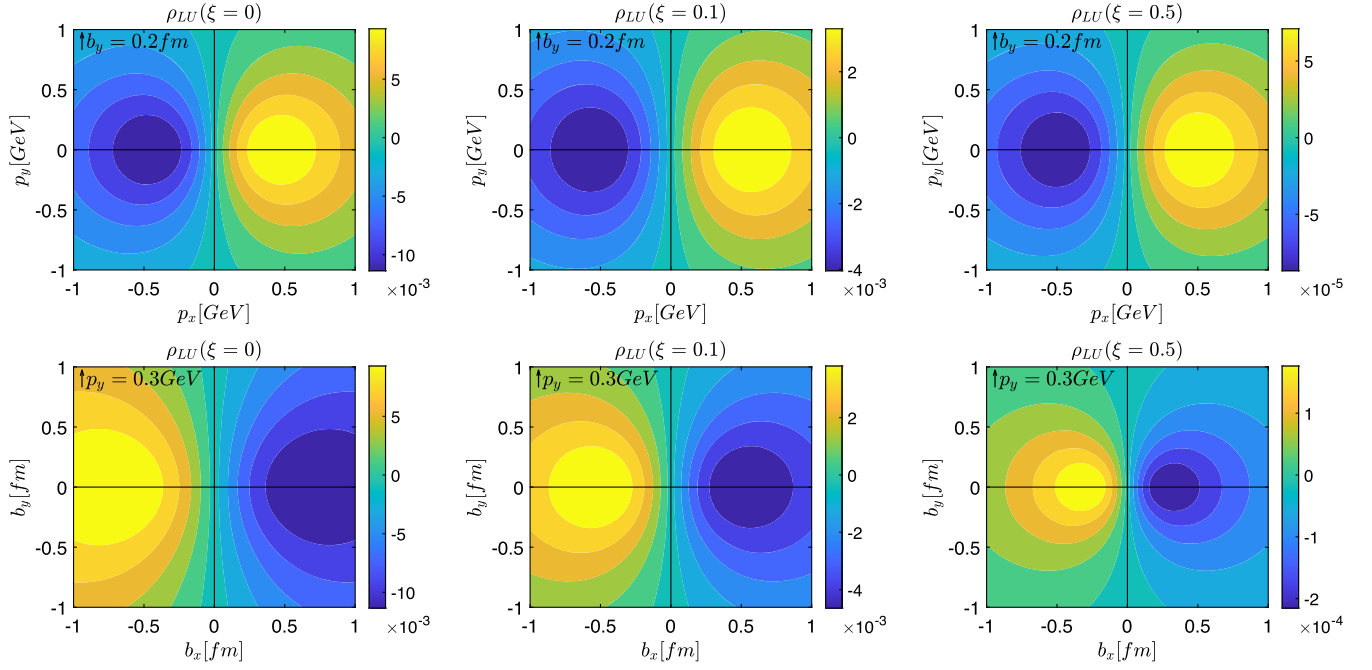


FIG. 15. The first Mellin moment of gluon Wigner distribution ρ_{LU} for different values of skewness parameter ($\xi = 0, 0.1, 0.5$) in transverse momentum space (upper panel) and impact parameter space (lower panel) for fixed $\mathbf{b}_\perp = 0.2 \text{ fm } \hat{y}$ and $\mathbf{p}_\perp = 0.3 \text{ GeV } \hat{y}$, respectively, with the condition $\mathbf{p}_\perp \perp \Delta_\perp$.

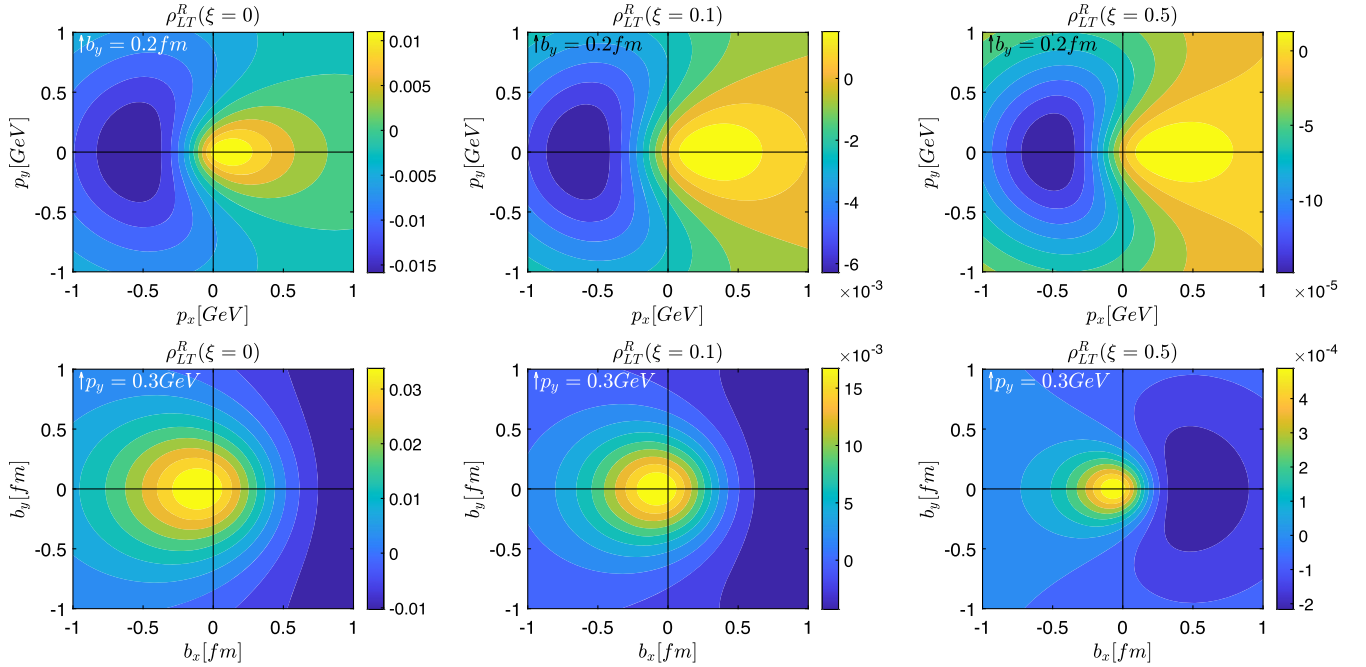


FIG. 16. The first Mellin moment of gluon Wigner distribution ρ_{LT}^R for different values of skewness parameter ($\xi = 0, 0.1, 0.5$) in transverse momentum space (upper panel) and impact parameter space (lower panel) for fixed $\mathbf{b}_\perp = 0.2 \text{ fm } \hat{y}$ and $\mathbf{p}_\perp = 0.3 \text{ GeV } \hat{y}$, respectively, with the condition $\mathbf{p}_\perp \perp \Delta_\perp$.

dipolar structures because of the dominance of the first term in the Eqs. (64) and (65). With increasing ξ , the position of maxima is shifting away from the origin by a larger amount compared to the negative peak, and the separation between

the poles gradually increases. In $\mathbf{b}_\perp$ -space, the distributions are circularly asymmetric due to the dominance of the second term in Eqs. (64) and (65). With increasing skewness parameter ξ , the distribution shows dipolar behavior

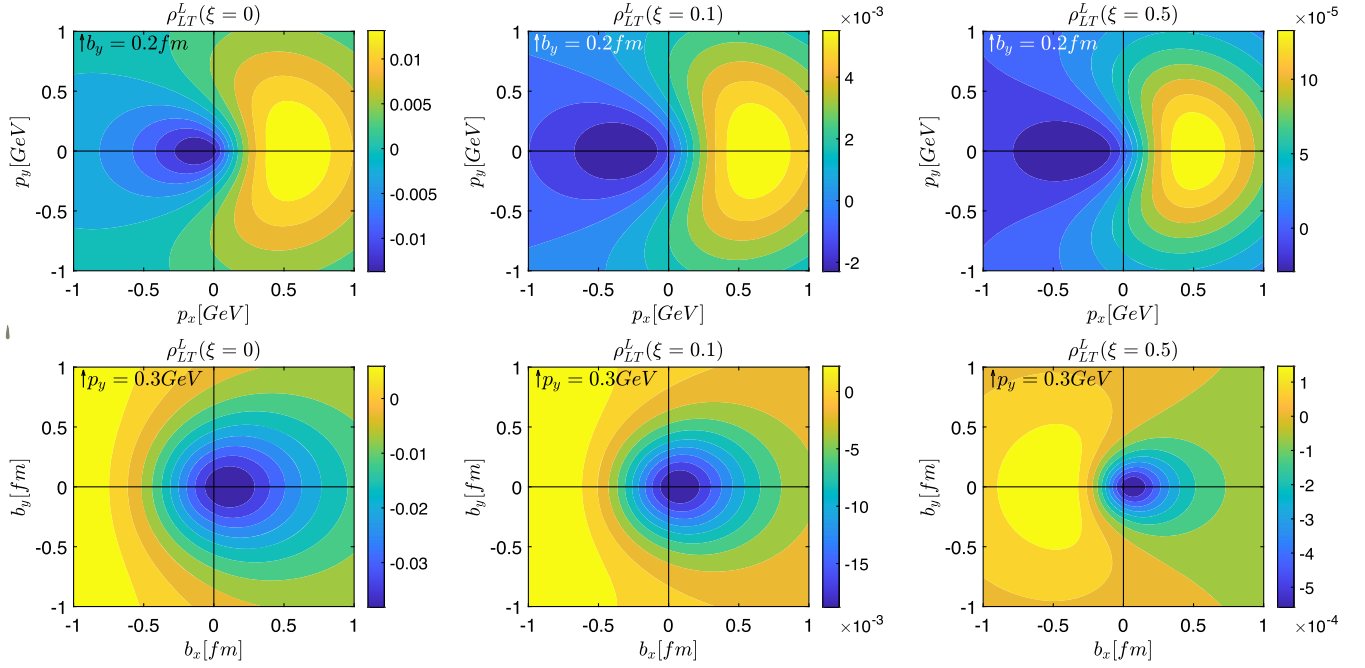


FIG. 17. The first Mellin moment of gluon Wigner distribution ρ_{LT}^L for different values of skewness parameter ($\xi = 0, 0.1, 0.5$) in transverse momentum space (upper panel) and impact parameter space (lower panel) for fixed $\mathbf{b}_\perp = 0.2 \text{ fm } \hat{y}$ and $\mathbf{p}_\perp = 0.3 \text{ GeV } \hat{y}$, respectively, with the condition $\mathbf{p}_\perp \perp \Delta_\perp$.

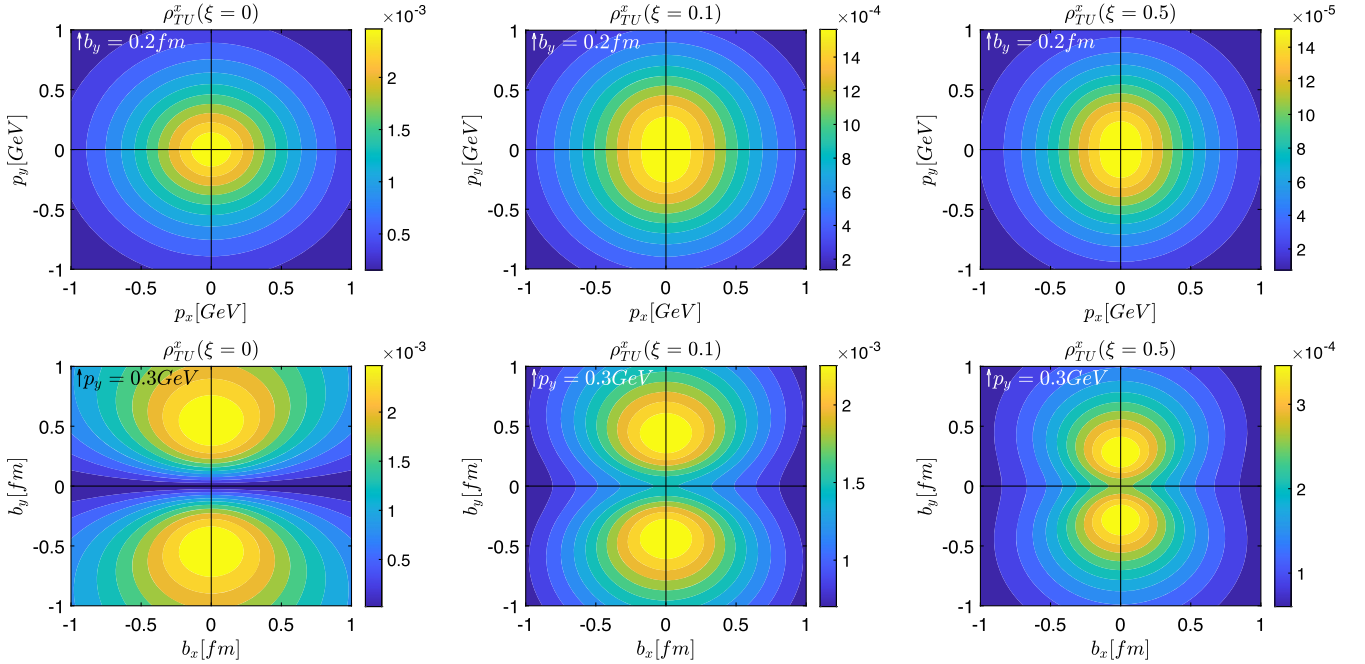


FIG. 18. The first Mellin moment of gluon Wigner distribution ρ_{TU}^x for different values of skewness parameter ($\xi = 0, 0.1, 0.5$) in transverse momentum space (upper panel) and impact parameter space (lower panel) for fixed $\mathbf{b}_\perp = 0.2 \text{ fm } \hat{y}$ and $\mathbf{p}_\perp = 0.3 \text{ GeV } \hat{y}$, respectively, with the condition $\mathbf{p}_\perp \perp \Delta_\perp$.

and the position of the maxima becomes progressively localized closer to the origin, accompanied by a simultaneous reduction in both intensity and width. The Wigner distribution ρ_{LT}^L exhibits magnitudes and structural features

identical to those of ρ_{LT}^R , differing only by an interchange of relative sign with a mirror symmetry along y -axis in both planes. In the dressed quark model [54], a dipolar behavior is reported with polarity flip for gluon.

For transversely polarized proton, Fig. 18 displays the distribution of unpolarized gluons $\rho_{TU}^x(\mathbf{p}_\perp, \mathbf{b}_\perp)$ in both the $\mathbf{p}_\perp$ and $\mathbf{b}_\perp$ -planes. We observe that in $\mathbf{p}_\perp$ -space, for $\xi = 0$, the distribution is circularly symmetric, having

positive maxima localized at the origin. While the dressed quark model shows a quadrupole behavior [54]. For non-zero skewness, the absolute value of $\rho_{TU}^x(p_x, p_y)$ shows elliptically symmetric behavior which becomes more

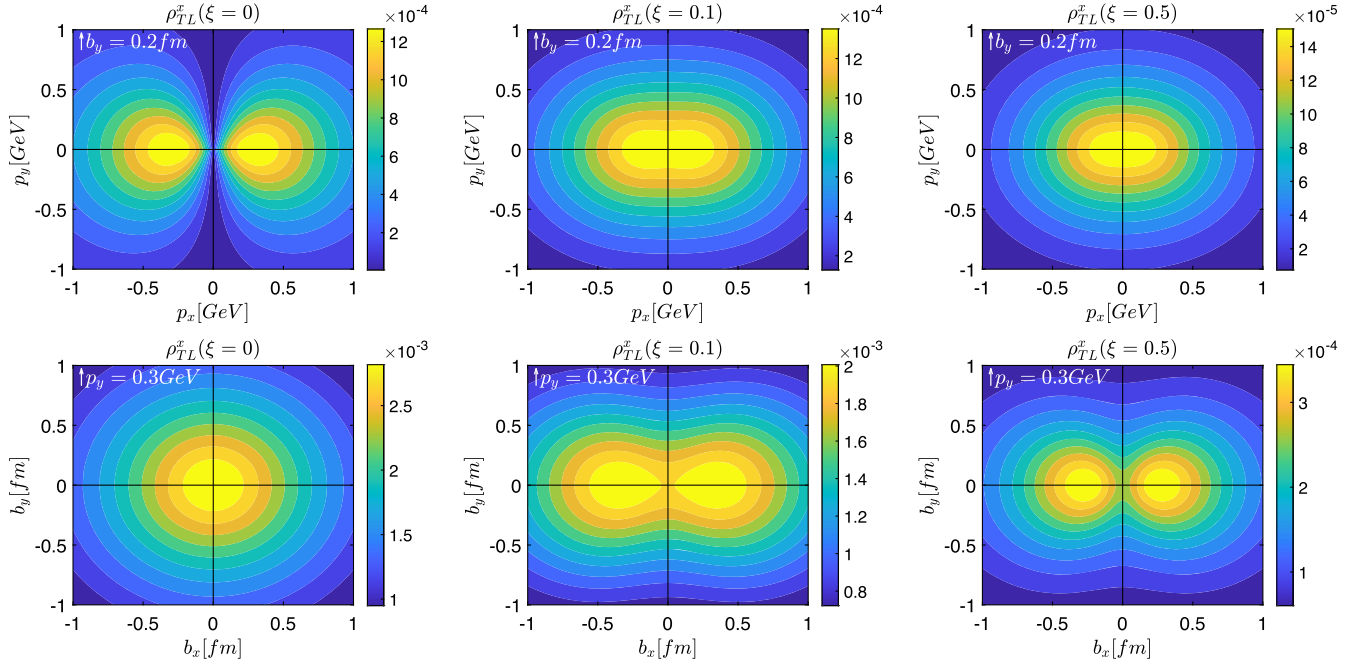


FIG. 19. The first Mellin moment of gluon Wigner distribution ρ_{TL}^x for different values of skewness parameter ($\xi = 0, 0.1, 0.5$) in transverse momentum space (upper panel) and impact parameter space (lower panel) for fixed $\mathbf{b}_\perp = 0.2 \text{ fm } \hat{y}$ and $\mathbf{p}_\perp = 0.3 \text{ GeV } \hat{y}$, respectively, with the condition $\mathbf{p}_\perp \perp \Delta_\perp$.

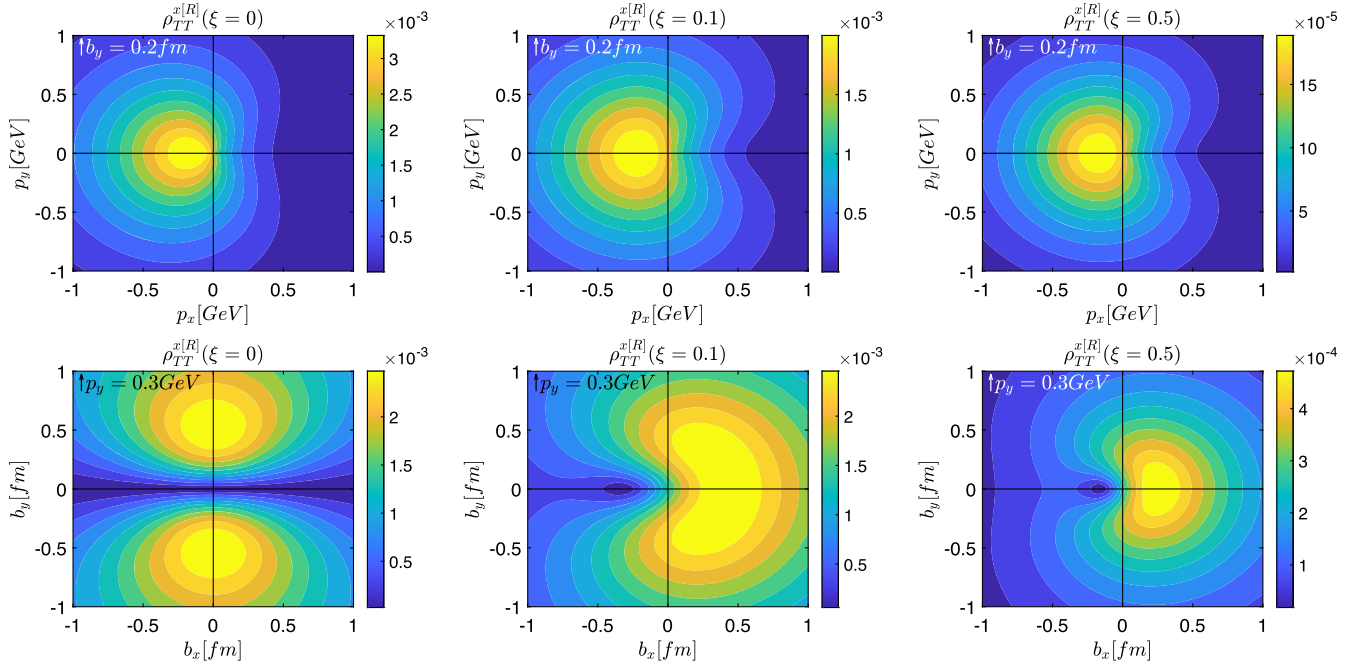


FIG. 20. The first Mellin moment of gluon Wigner distribution $\rho_{TT}^{x[R]}$ for different values of skewness parameter ($\xi = 0, 0.1, 0.5$) in transverse momentum space (upper panel) and impact parameter space (lower panel) for fixed $\mathbf{b}_\perp = 0.2 \text{ fm } \hat{y}$ and $\mathbf{p}_\perp = 0.3 \text{ GeV } \hat{y}$, respectively, with the condition $\mathbf{p}_\perp \perp \Delta_\perp$.

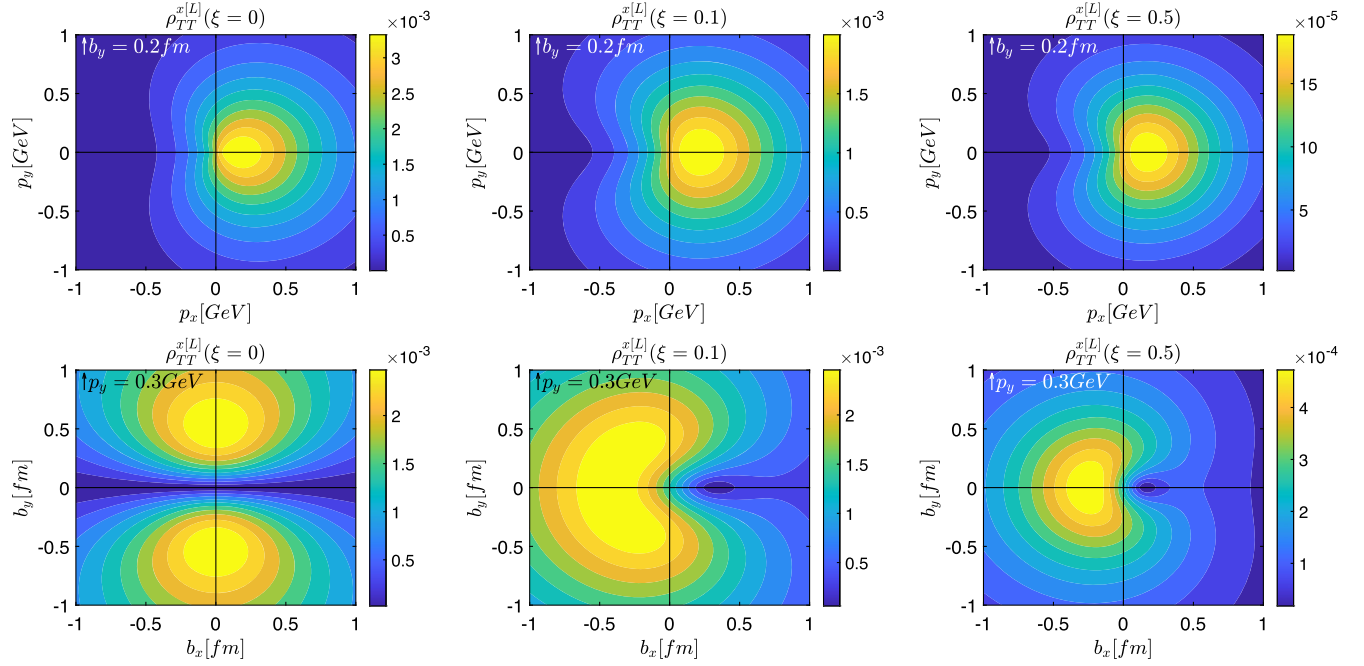


FIG. 21. The first Mellin moment of gluon Wigner distribution $\rho_{TT}^{x[L]}$ for different values of skewness parameter ($\xi = 0, 0.1, 0.5$) in transverse momentum space (upper panel) and impact parameter space (lower panel) for fixed $\mathbf{b}_\perp = 0.2 \text{ fm } \hat{y}$ and $\mathbf{p}_\perp = 0.3 \text{ GeV } \hat{y}$, respectively, with the condition $\mathbf{p}_\perp \perp \Delta_\perp$.

concentrated near the origin with an increasing skewness. In $\mathbf{b}_\perp$ -space, for $\xi = 0$, the distribution exhibits dipolar structure that is symmetric about y-axis caused by the presence of $\mathbf{b}_\perp^{(2)}$ -term in Eq. (67). A similar qualitative behavior is reported in the dressed quark model [54] with a flip in axis. The positive poles move closer to each other toward the origin for the increasing skewness. In Fig. 19, we present the distribution of longitudinally polarized gluons inside a transversely polarized proton $\rho_{TL}^x(\mathbf{p}_\perp, \mathbf{b}_\perp)$ in both the $\mathbf{p}_\perp$ and $\mathbf{b}_\perp$ -planes with fixed impact parameter $\mathbf{b}_\perp = 0.2 \text{ fm}$ along $\hat{x}$ and with fixed transverse momentum $\mathbf{p}_\perp = 0.3 \text{ GeV}$ along $\hat{x}$, respectively. In transverse momentum space, for $\xi = 0$, the distribution ρ_{TL}^x have dipolar configuration due to the presence of the term $\mathbf{p}_\perp^{(1)}$ in Eq. (69), while in impact parameter space, the distribution is circularly symmetric exhibit positive maxima at the center. An analogous behavior is observed in the dressed quark model for both the planes [54]. For nonzero skewness, the absolute value of the distribution $\rho_{TL}^x(p_x, p_y)$ becomes elliptical and the width of the central maxima decreases with increasing skewness. In Figs. 20 and 21, the linearly polarized gluon distributions $\rho_{TT}^{x[R]}$ and $\rho_{TT}^{x[L]}$ exhibits a distorted circularly distribution in $\mathbf{p}_\perp$ -space and a dipolar distribution in $\mathbf{b}_\perp$ -space at $\xi = 0$. However, [54] reported distorted dipolar distribution in $\mathbf{p}_\perp$ -space and a distorted circular behavior in $\mathbf{b}_\perp$ -space. For nonzero skewness, the absolute value of $\rho_{TT}^{x[R]}$ reveals a distorted dipolar pattern that becomes progressively more localized with increasing ξ . The distribution $\rho_{TT}^{x[L]}$ exhibits the same qualitative

features as $\rho_{TT}^{x[R]}$, but with an opposite dipole orientation. This demonstrates that $\rho_{TT}^{x[R]}$ and $\rho_{TT}^{x[L]}$ are related by a reflection symmetry in both transverse momentum and impact parameter spaces, arising from the opposite helicity structures of the corresponding gluon polarization states.

VI. CONCLUSIONS

We have investigated the gluon Wigner distributions for unpolarized, longitudinally polarized, and linearly polarized gluon within a proton, in the boost-invariant longitudinal space σ for the first time. The variable $\sigma = \frac{1}{2}b^-P^+$ provides information on the change in the longitudinal light-front coordinate of the constituent gluon in a proton. We use the light-front gluon spectator model for nucleon inspired by soft-wall ADS/QCD, where the momentum transfer is considered in both the transverse and the longitudinal directions. The model results for the skewness-dependent GTMDs are presented and WDs in σ -space as well as in $\mathbf{b}_\perp$ -space are extensively studied. For the numerical calculation, the finite limit of the Fourier integration over skewness is guided by the DGLAP region $\xi < x < 1$ and the upper limit ξ_{max} is governed by the energy transfer to the system $-t$. The gluon Wigner distributions in σ space are analyzed by varying the total energy transferred $-t$ at fixed x , as well as by varying the longitudinal momentum fraction x for fixed $-t$. The distributions exhibit a characteristic oscillatory pattern, analogous to single-slit optical diffraction. The width of the central maxima varies inversely with x and $-t$, those

can be considered as the effective slit width of the diffraction pattern. We observe that the position of the first-minima of gluon WDs shifts by large amount toward the center with increasing x , whereas the width of the central maxima is less sensitive to $-t$, unlike the quark WDs in a proton. A detailed investigation of the skewness sensitivity to gluon WDs in the impact parameter $\mathbf{b}_\perp$ -space is also presented in both the transverse momentum and impact parameter planes which would be useful for future experimental measurements. It is noticed that, the major part of the gluon spin contribution s^g comes from the low x region, as expected. The model result shows gluon canonical OAM-spin correlation factor $l_z < 0$, which indicates OAM of the gluon is found to be antiparallel to the proton spin which is opposite for the constituent quark. Whereas $C_z < 0$, which implies gluon spin and the gluon OAM are mutually antiparallel. The model results inspired by AdS/QCD wave functions shows significant dominating spin-OAM correlation for gluon over quark. These model dependent results seek for further experimental verification.

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APPENDIX: BILINEAR DECOMPOSITION OF THE GLUON-GLUON CORRELATOR AND GTMDS

The bilinear decomposition of the gluon-gluon correlator Eq. (5) is related to the leading twist GTMDs as [79]

$$\begin{aligned} W_{\lambda', \lambda''}^{[\delta_{\perp}^{ij}]} &= \frac{1}{2M} \bar{u}(\mathbf{P}'', \lambda'') \left[F_{1,1}^g + \frac{i\sigma^{i+} \mathbf{p}_\perp^i}{P^+} F_{1,2}^g + \frac{i\sigma^{i+} \Delta_\perp^i}{P^+} F_{1,3}^g + \frac{i\sigma^{ij} \mathbf{p}_\perp^i \Delta_\perp^j}{M^2} F_{1,4}^g \right] u(\mathbf{P}', \lambda') \\ &= \frac{1}{M\sqrt{1-\xi^2}} \left\{ \left[M\delta_{\lambda', \lambda''} - \frac{1}{2}(\lambda' \Delta_\perp^{(1)} + i\Delta_\perp^{(2)})\delta_{\lambda', -\lambda''} \right] F_{1,1}^g + (1-\xi^2)(\lambda' \mathbf{p}_\perp^{(1)} + i\mathbf{p}_\perp^{(2)})\delta_{\lambda', -\lambda''} F_{1,2}^g \right. \\ &\quad \left. + (1-\xi^2)(\lambda' \Delta_\perp^{(1)} + i\Delta_\perp^{(2)})\delta_{\lambda', -\lambda''} F_{1,3}^g + \frac{i\epsilon_{\perp}^{ij} \mathbf{p}_\perp^i \Delta_\perp^j}{M^2} \left[\lambda' M\delta_{\lambda', \lambda''} - \frac{\xi}{2}(\Delta_\perp^{(1)} + i\lambda' \Delta_\perp^{(2)})\delta_{\lambda', -\lambda''} \right] F_{1,4}^g \right\} \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A1})$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} W_{\lambda', \lambda''}^{[-i\epsilon_{\perp}^{ij}]} &= \frac{1}{2M} \bar{u}(\mathbf{P}'', \lambda'') \left[-\frac{i\epsilon_{\perp}^{ij} \mathbf{p}_\perp^i \Delta_\perp^j}{M^2} G_{1,1}^g + \frac{i\sigma^{i+} \gamma_5 \mathbf{p}_\perp^i}{P^+} G_{1,2}^g + \frac{i\sigma^{i+} \gamma_5 \Delta_\perp^i}{P^+} G_{1,3}^g + i\sigma^{+-} \gamma_5 G_{1,4}^g \right] u(\mathbf{P}', \lambda') \\ &= \frac{1}{M\sqrt{1-\xi^2}} \left\{ -\frac{i\epsilon_{\perp}^{ij} \mathbf{p}_\perp^i \Delta_\perp^j}{M^2} \left[M\delta_{\lambda', \lambda''} - \frac{1}{2}(\lambda' \Delta_\perp^{(1)} + i\Delta_\perp^{(2)})\delta_{\lambda', -\lambda''} \right] G_{1,1}^g + (1-\xi^2)(\mathbf{p}_\perp^{(1)} + i\lambda' \mathbf{p}_\perp^{(2)})\delta_{\lambda', -\lambda''} G_{1,2}^g \right. \\ &\quad \left. + (1-\xi^2)(\Delta_\perp^{(1)} + i\lambda' \Delta_\perp^{(2)})\delta_{\lambda', -\lambda''} G_{1,3}^g + \left[\lambda' M\delta_{\lambda', \lambda''} - \frac{\xi}{2}(\Delta_\perp^{(1)} + i\lambda' \Delta_\perp^{(2)})\delta_{\lambda', -\lambda''} \right] G_{1,4}^g \right\}, \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A2})$$

The spinors $u(k, \lambda)$ with the momentum k and the helicity $\lambda (= \pm)$ are given by

$$u(k, +) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2k^+}} \begin{pmatrix} k^+ + m_F \\ k^1 + ik^2 \\ k^+ - m_F \\ k^1 + ik^2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad u(k, -) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2k^+}} \begin{pmatrix} -k^1 + ik^2 \\ k^+ + m_F \\ k^1 - ik^2 \\ -k^+ + m_F \end{pmatrix}$$

with m_F being the mass of the fermion. Using the kinematics given in Eqs. (10), (11), one can find out the spinors $u(P', \lambda')$ and $u(P'', \lambda'')$ and compute the matrix elements of $\bar{u}(P'', \lambda'') \Gamma u(P', \lambda')$, where Γ represents the Dirac matrix structure.

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