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Dear Professor Melikyan,

Thank you very much for your effort in managing the review process of our manuscript. We are also thankful for the reviewer comments, and believe the second version of the manuscript we submit herewith has been significantly improved by the constructive criticism we received. Additionally, the subsequent sections of this document discusses the reviewer comments and our responses to them.

Please note that in the following sections, the statements in **blue** are the comments of the reviewers. Our responses are shown in black letters and the modifications we have done to the manuscript are given in **red**.

General changes to the manuscript

- We have made minor changes in language and presentation to improve clarity, and to match the rest of the manuscript better to the changes done to address the reviewer's comments.
 - Section IV-A first paragraph -
We prepare the thermal reservoirs B_L and B_R so that the temperature T_L of B_L is significantly higher than the temperature T_R of B_R TLS.

Response to the comments of Reviewer 1

We would like to thank the reviewer for bringing the deficiencies of our manuscript to our attention and providing constructive feedback to improve the quality of our work. We have considered all of your suggestions seriously and revised our paper manuscript as described below.

Comment 1 - My concern is that the manuscript is heavily skewed towards a purely mathematical formulation of the problem. It has a minimal connection to realistic two-dimensional electron systems. The manuscript does not discuss how the results can be applied to understanding mechanisms of charge transport in nanoelectronic devices and can be used to optimize device performance. Without such discussion, the manuscript will have a minimal impact on the community working on developing nanoelectronics.

We strongly agree with the reviewer that a reasoning on our theoretical results and their application in current nanoelectronic devices would be essential to the reader. Therefore, we have made a discussion on physical significance of our theoretical results and their possible employments in the optimization of nanoelectronic device performance. We have inserted a new Section VII to incorporate the above discussion into the manuscript. The total content of the section is given below,

Physical significance of outcomes

With the realization of 2DEGs in Si-MOSFETs (Metal Oxide Semiconductor Field Effect Transistors) [1], Klitzing *et al.* [2] made the first transport measurements on such systems to reveal the quantum Hall effect. The empirical discovery of these unusual properties marked the beginning of a whole new realm in condensed matter physics that continues to produce phenomenal advancements in electronic systems. The quantum Hall effects in a 2DEG under a static magnetic field are described by plateaus quantized to integer values of the conductivity quantum (e^2/h) in the off-diagonal conductivity, with simultaneously peaks at inter-plateau transition for the diagonal conductivity [3]. This is due to the applied magnetic field and it changes the energy spectrum of 2DEG in a dramatic way. The magnetic field causes the density of states in 2DEG to split up into a sequence of delta functions, separated by an energy $\hbar\omega_0$, with ω_0 the cyclotron frequency which

depends on the applied magnetic field. However, experimental results demonstrate that these Landau levels are broadened and the main source of these broadening in low temperatures is the disorders in materials [4,5]. This behavior implies the oscillating behavior of the experimental measurement of longitudinal conductivity which is known as Shubnikov–de Haas (SdH) oscillations. [3,6].

Our theoretical analysis on longitudinal conductivity behavior of dressed quantum Hall system developed by considering low-temperature limit with gaussian impurity broadening assumptions. As illustrated in Fig. 4, we were also able to demonstrate the same SdH oscillations as experimental results [3,6] through our model. Under the undressed ($I = 0$) condition, our results overlap with the conductivity measurement for quantum Hall systems. However, from our results given in Fig. 5, we demonstrate that we can manipulate the broadening of these conductivity peaks using an external dressing field. In low temperatures, the principal cause of broadening of these conductivity peaks is impurity scattering and using an external dressing field we can suppress the scattering which results in shrinkage of both the scattering-induced broadening and the longitudinal conductivity.

Research on novel states of matter has driven the evolution of present-day nanoelectronic devices. In particular, controllable manipulation of material properties through a gate electric field has revolutionized the development of material science and technology [7,8]. The charge carrier concentration of a considering system is an imperative parameter that defines the conductivity properties of the system. We can manipulate that using the electrostatic field-effect mechanism and it is an ideal tool to control the conductivity in some specific systems. A 2DEG under static magnetic field with quantum Hall effects is an excellent example that the gate electric field can be used to manipulate the conductivity. A considerable number of researches have been performed using different types of 2D field-effect transistors (FETs) in magnetic fields to study the electronic transport in the quantum limit [6,9–11]. In the study done by Yang *et al.* [9], the authors have observed quantized Hall plateaus and Shubnikov–de Haas oscillations for longitudinal conductivity against gate voltage in black phosphorus FET under high magnetic fields in low temperatures. Since the Fermi level of the system can be altered with applied gate voltage, this behavior can be easily mapped into our results given in Fig. 4. However, the specialty of our outcomes is we owned the capability of manipulating the broadening of the conductivity regions using an external dressing field. Although Yang *et al.* [9], achieved this broadening manipulation by changing the temperature in a low range, in this study we present a general mathematical description to perform that using only a high-intensity electromagnetic field.

The realization of the underlying mechanism of 2D FETs in the quantum realm promises its potential in next-generation nanoelectronic applications. In a particular application that uses the switching operation of the above-discussed FETs with quantum Hall effects, we can achieve high and low output conductivities by changing the input gate voltage. As a result of manipulating the broadening of conductivity regions, we can shrink the broadening of conductivity peaks around Landau levels using a high-intensity dressing field. This will enhance the sensitivity of FETs which provides the ability to observe narrow changes in gate voltage. Based on these available nanoelectronic devices and their feasible optimization, we believe that our mathematical description offers great potential to realize advanced nanoelectronic devices. Furthermore, this theoretical model will help to develop simulation tools that will design the quantum effects in magnetotransport properties of 2D nanostructures.

Comment 2 - Moreover, this current research direction has a significant overlap with previous experimental and theoretical studies of quantum Hall systems that started with the observation of zero-resistance states in high mobility systems [Zudov et al, Phys. Rev. B 64, 201311 (2001), Mani et al, Phys. Rev. Lett. 92, 146801 (2004)] and gave rise to theoretical models for the phenomenon [Durst et al, Phys. Rev. Lett. 91, 086803 (2003), Dmitriev et al., Phys. Rev. B 71, 115316 (2005), Dmitriev et al, Phys. Rev. B 80, 165327 (2009)]. The present manuscript needs to connect to various known phenomena discussed earlier in the literature on quantum Hall systems.

We thank the reviewer for pointing out that the necessity of a comparison between the our theoretical model and previous discussions on transport properties of quantum Hall systems. Among the mentioned studies we can identify that experimental researches [12–15] are specifically aim on the unusual oscillations of the magnetoresistance induced by the microwave (millimeterwave) radiation in 2DEG quantum Hall systems. These oscillations are known as *microwave-induced resistance oscillations* (MIROs). To describe

these behaviors Durst *et al.* [16] introduced a simple theoretical model assuming that the experimentally observed oscillations are a consequence of photoexcited disorder-scattered electrons. However, later a novel model was proposed in Ref. [17–19] considering the changes of the electron distribution function done by the microwave field. These more generalized models [17–19] have successfully describe the behavior of MIROs in experimentally relevant temperatures which was missed in previous model [16]. Furthermore we can recognize that the underlying mechanism of all these models [16–19] is microwave photon absorption by electron in the considering system. However, in our theoretical model we consider higher frequencies than microwaves for the dressing field. Therefore we can clearly identify major dissimilarities between our system under the analysis and MIROs systems [16–19]. We listed these dissimilarities as follows for our comparison.

- The mentioned experiments on magnetoresistance oscillations on 2DEG quantum Hall systems [12–15] were performed in microwave frequency range (30–150 GHz). This leads to build the theoretical models presented in Ref. [16,17] by assuming that these oscillations are caused by photoexcited electrons. Since these models consider on relevant frequency range (microwave radiation), it will allow to acknowledge the photon absorption by electrons. In contrast to that, our consideration is only focus on the systems with high frequency range dressing fields which will not be associated to any photon absorption.
- The applied microwave radiation power on the MIROs experiments [13,14] are varies around 1 mW cm^{-2} range. However, in our analysis we take the dressing field as a high intensity field, where we can not address the dressing field as a perturbation to our considering system. This leads us to use recognize new Floquet states together with conventional Landau levels. As we mentioned in our results, we used high intensity dressing fields of magnitude around 100 W cm^{-2} range in our numerical calculations.
- These fascinating MIROs are only observed under the weak magnetic fields ($B < 0.2 \text{ T}$) in the experiments performed in Ref. [12–15]. In this range of weak magnetic fields we can only observe MIROs and Shubnikov–de Haas (SdH) oscillations reveal only on high intensity magnetic fields. In comparison to our analysis, we are interested in the SdH oscillations and manipulation of their characteristics. Therefore in our analysis we aim on the effects induced by high intensity magnetic fields ($B \sim 1 \text{ T}$).
- In our work, we analysed the 2DEG quantum Hall system with high-intensity dressing field which does not contribute to the energy exchange between a high-frequency dressing field and electrons. Therefore we have assumed the applied electromagnetic radiation as a purely dressing field. There are two possible absorption mechanism in 2DEG quantum Hall system namely electron transitions between distinct Landau levels and electron transitions between distinct states of a same broadened Landau level. To avoid these absorptions we have tuned the dressing field to a high frequency in our system under the analysis. Furthermore due to high intensity dressing field, it will restructure the entire electronic states of the conventional 2DEG quantum Hall systems. We have address these modifications through the Floquet theory. However, the MIROs models [16, 17] are based on low frequency case where the system is able to absorb low frequency photons from the field.

Examine above mentioned points, we can clearly identify that the high-frequency and low-frequency illumination of 2DEG quantum Hall systems leads to two particular natures of the magnetotransport properties. However, we identify that it is crucial to acknowledge these well-defined findings in MIROs and the their relationship to the our considered system. We have added this clarification in the manuscript.

- Section I - fifth paragraph (page 1):

In contrast, we can observe more exciting phenomena by simultaneously applying a dressing field to a quantum Hall system already under a non-oscillating magnetic field. Whilst there exist several leading theories for calculating conductivity tensor elements in quantum Hall systems [3, 20, 21], these studies have not been utilized to describe the optical manipulation of charge transport. Recently, an experimental research on the effect of microwave illumination of 2DEG systems revealed microwave induced resistance oscillations (MIRO) under weak magnetic fields [12–15]. This inspired investigations on the theoretical description of MIROs and several semiclassical and quantum kinetic equation formalisms have been proposed to address the underlying mechanism of MIROs [16–19]. These analytical formalisms provide a good explanation of the experimental characteristics of MIROs. However, these experimental and theoretical works have been linked to the photon absorption from low-frequency (microwave) fields. In contrast to that, high-frequency external illumination on 2DEG quantum Hall system need to be study as a purely dressing (nonabsorbable) field. The impacts induced by a purely dressing field on

magnetotransport properties of 2DEG quantum Hall system need to be described by a nonabsorption mechanism and it has escaped the researchers' attention before. Then, lately Dini *et al.* [22] have investigated the one-directional conductivity behavior of dressed quantum Hall systems for high-frequency case. However, they have not adopted the state-of-the-art model to describe the conductivity in a quantum Hall system. In their study, they used the conductivity models from Refs. [20, 21], and as mentioned in Endo *et al.* [3], those models predict a semi-elliptical broadening against Fermi level for each Landau level and provide less agreement with the empirical results.

- Section VI - fifth paragraph (page 8):

By comparing the theoretical [3, 20, 21, 23–26] and experimental [3, 6] studies on magnetoresistance of 2DEG quantum Hall systems under zero radiation with our results, we can identify that longitudinal conductivity oscillations in Fig. [4] are repetition of the Shubnikov–de Haas (SdH) oscillations. These SdH oscillations show $\hbar\omega_0$ periodicity with gate voltage and the periodicity of these oscillations are not affected by applied dressing field frequency. It is important to state that the difference between SdH oscillations and MIROs [12–15] by considering this frequency dependence on periodicity. In our case, the applied dressing field only changes the broadening of Landau levels and avoids any contribution towards the photon absorptions. This will clearly describe the crucial difference between low-frequency illumination and high-frequency illumination effects on 2DEG quantum systems.

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