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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,

- Section VII (page 8):

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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].

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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 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 their relationship to 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 shows $\hbar\omega_0$ periodicity with gate voltage and the periodicity of these oscillations are not effected 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 change the the broadening of Landau levels and avoid 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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We thank the reviewer for pointing out the importance of these facts that will help to elevate the value of our work. As we mentioned in the comment 1, considering the importance of discussing physical significance of our results, we added a new section (Section VII) to address these facts.

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Comment 4 - The quantum Quantum Hall effect requires high mobility samples. In these samples, the structure of the disorder is usually complicated and combines both short-length potentials of impurities and long-length electrostatic inhomogeneities. The interplay of these components of disorder opens exciting questions about the transport properties of 2DEGs. What is the structure of disorder considered in the present manuscript and hidden in the notations for V_{imp} ? What are the conditions for validity of eq. (15)?

We thank the reviewer for raising this important question. In our previous manuscript, we have presented the detailed derivation of Eq. [15] with a discussion on models of disorder under the Appendix C. However we will discuss on our selection of disorder model and approximations made to derive the Eq. [15] here as well.

We modeled the effect caused by impurities in the considered system as a single perturbation potential. Analyzing the electric properties for a specific impurity configuration is a rather formidable task and is

not examined in this work since it is unlikely to have exactly the evaluated impurity configuration in an experiment. Therefore, in this study we consider on the statistically averaged properties of 2DEG over impurity configurations. In addition, we consider only the our considering static disorder corresponds to the situation in which the electrons scatter elastically. First, we adapt the Edwards model [27] to represent the randomly distributed impurities over the considering system and we approximate this into a Gaussian white noise.

Since we are presenting the the perturbation potential $V(\mathbf{r})$ by a group of randomly localized impurities, we take into account N_{imp} number of identical single impurity potentials distributed at randomly but in fixed positions \mathbf{r}_i . Thus, we can describe the scattering potential $V(\mathbf{r})$ as the sum of uncorrelated single impurity potentials $v(\mathbf{r})$

$$V(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{i=1}^{N_{imp}} v(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_i). \quad (1)$$

Furthermore, we model the perturbation $V(\mathbf{r})$ as a Gaussian random potential where one can choose the zero of energy such that the potential is zero on average. This model is characterized by the following two equations [27]

$$\langle v(\mathbf{r}) \rangle_{imp} = 0, \quad (2a)$$

$$\langle v(\mathbf{r})v(\mathbf{r}') \rangle_{imp} = \Upsilon(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'), \quad (2b)$$

where $\langle \cdot \rangle_{imp}$ represents the average over the impurity disorder and $\Upsilon(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}')$ is any decaying function depends only on $\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'$. In addition, this model assumes that $v(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}')$ only depends on the magnitude of the position difference $|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|$, and it decays with a characteristic length r_c . Since this study considers the case where the wavelength of radiation or scattering electron is much greater than r_c , it is a better approximation to make two-point correlation function to be

$$\langle v(\mathbf{r})v(\mathbf{r}') \rangle_{imp} = \Upsilon_{imp}^2 \delta(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'), \quad (3)$$

where Υ_{imp}^2 is a constant. A random potential $V(\mathbf{r})$ with this property is called white noise [27]. Then we can approximately model the total scattering potential as

$$V(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{i=1}^{N_{imp}} \Upsilon_{imp} \delta(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_i). \quad (4)$$

Then we calculate the Floquet-Fermi golden rule for a dressed quantum Hall system using this perturbative impurity potential. In the derivation we have defined the V_{imp} value which is constant in momentum space. It is a property of Gaussian white noise impurity distribution [27, 28]. However, throughout the derivation we use only the first order contribution (Born approximation) of the impurity potential. All the detailed step for the derivation of the Floquet-Fermi golden rule for a dressed quantum Hall system are included in Appendix C.

Since previous studies on Floquet-Drude conductivity [28], and magnetotransport properties in dressed quantum Hall systems [22] have used this particular Gaussian white noise potential, we also selected this particular impurity model to describe our system. This opens a path to compare our analytical outcomes with these previous models. As you have mentioned in the comment, consideration of other impurity disorder models and their impact on the magnetotransport properties of dressed quantum Hall system would be an interesting future research possibility.

Since we have not mentioned the validity conditions we used to derive the Eq. [15] in the main text of the previous manuscript, we have added validity conditions to the new manuscript.

- Section IV - first paragraph (page 4):

The Floquet-Fermi golden rule was proposed in Ref. [28] as an approach to analyze the transport properties of dressed quantum systems with impurities. However, this theory has not been applied for a dressed quantum Hall system in the previous studies. In this analysis, we use Floquet-Fermi golden rule to identify the effects induced by impurities on the magneto-transport properties. With the help

of $t - t'$ formalism [28–32] and applying Floquet states derived in Eq. (14), we can derive an expression for (l, l') -th element of the inverse scattering time matrix for the N -th Landau level as

$$\left(\frac{1}{\tau(\varepsilon, k_x)}\right)_N^{ll'} = \frac{\pi \hbar \varrho^2}{e^2 B^2} \delta(\varepsilon - \varepsilon_N) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} J_l\left(\frac{b\hbar}{eB}(k_x - k_1)\right) J_{l'}\left(\frac{b\hbar}{eB}(k_x - k_1)\right) \times \left| \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \chi_N\left(\frac{\hbar}{eB}k_2\right) \chi_N\left(\frac{\hbar}{eB}(k_1 - k_x - k_2)\right) dk_2 \right|^2 dk_1, \quad (5)$$

where $\varrho = \eta_{imp} L_x [V_{imp}/\pi]^{1/2}$, ε is a given energy value, $J_l(\cdot)$ are Bessel functions of the first kind with l -th integer order, and ε_N is the energy of the N -th Landau level. A more detailed derivation is given in Appendix C. We modeled the effect caused by impurities in the considered system as a single perturbation potential. Analyzing the electric properties for a specific impurity configuration is a rather formidable task and is not examined in this work since it is unlikely to have exactly the evaluated impurity configuration in an experiment. Furthermore, we assumed that our perturbation potential is formed by a group of randomly distributed impurities under the Edwards impurity model [27,28]. Thus, we represented the total scattering potential in the 2DEG as a sum of uncorrelated single impurity potentials $v(\mathbf{r})$. Then we approximate the impurity potential into a Gaussian white noise [27,28]. Here η_{imp} is the number of impurities in a unit area, $V_{imp} = \langle |V_{k'_x, k_x}|^2 \rangle_{imp}$ with $V_{k'_x, k_x} = \langle k'_x | v(x) | k_x \rangle$, and $\langle x | k_x \rangle = e^{-ik_x x}$. Moreover, in this analysis, $\langle \cdot \rangle_{imp}$ represents the average over the impurity disorder. In this derivation, we only considered the first order (the Born approximation) contribution from the impurity potential and

Comment 5 - If continuous illumination is applied to an electron system, the system will heat indefinitely. The distribution function is stabilized when the electron-electron and electron-phonon scattering mechanisms are included. What are the conditions of validity for eqs. (33-34)? The deviations of the distribution function from its equilibrium result in effects that can significantly overcome the equilibrium contributions, see Dmitriev et al, Phys. Rev. B 80, 165327 (2009). However, to capture these effects, a treatment within Floquet-Drude formalism is insufficient and a complete quantum kinetic equation has to be analyzed. Can the authors argue why their results still present some interest to the community even if they potentially disregard more significant contributions?

This is a good, valid question. First, we discuss the validity of the Eq. [33] and Eq. [34]. In our analysis we have derived the longitudinal conductivity of a dressed quantum Hall system without any partial distribution function specification until Eq. [31]. Then we selected an special scenario where we assumed that the system is under low temperature limit. Since previous theoretical studies on magnetotransport properties of 2DEG quantum Hall systems were derived under this assumption, we selected this conditions to provide a better comparison with their outcomes. In addition, as mentioned in previous experimental studies on SdH oscillations [13,14,33] in 2DEG undressed quantum Hall systems with increasing temperature, we can identify the decaying behaviour of SdH oscillations. Therefore, if we need to maintain a good oscillator behavior we need to work in low temperatures. Since in our analysis, we study the manipulation of SdH oscillations using a dressing field, we have extend our general derivation in given Eq. [31] into a simple expression for low temperature case. On the other hand, under the off-resonant condition, absorption of photons is avoided, and we can choose the the Fermi-Dirac distribution as our partial distribution function in Eq. [31] as given in Eq. [33]. Under low temperature assumption, we can assume that the derivative of the Fermi-Dirac distribution is sharply peaked around the Fermi energy as given mentioned in the Eq. [34]. Applying these two conditions, we can simplify our derivation into new expression that can be compared with previous studies on magnetotransport in dressed quantum Hall systems.

Yes, it is true that when we consider the experimental observations of a quantum Hall system a strong dressing field can increase the temperature of the sample. However, as mentioned in previous study by Dini *et al.* [22] and Kibis *et al.* [34], we can maintain low temperature by applying narrow pulses of a strong dressing field to observe the discussed phenomena.

Although we have extend our general derivation given in Eq. [31] into special consideration for comparison, we can improve our theoretical model into different type of partial distribution functions. As discussed by

Dmitriev *et al.* [18], a well-defined analytical discussion need to address the changes in distribution functions in our derived general longitudinal conductivity formula and this would be an interesting extension to our study.

Comment 6 - The authors presented the results for the conductivity tensor's xx- and yy-components. They seem to be identical, apart of a dimensional factor $(eB)^2$ in the denominator. The equality of these two components is expected for isotropic systems. Does the polarization of the electromagnetic field break the isotropy? Do the two components of the conductivity remain equal even for an arbitrary direction of a linearly polarized field? Is there a non-Hall contribution to the xy-component?

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